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As part of Spirit Week festivities, senior Suzanne Brill receives a daisy from senior Ryan Huff to add to her collection on Daisy Day. Photo by Brent Dugger



Decorating the face of a young Panther fan, freshman Heather Piland helps the Art Club raise funds. Photo courtesy Rev Breedlove



Posing as blood drops, sophomore Amy Brummet and senior Jeremy Carter provide entertainment for the Student Council sponsored Community Blood Center blood drive. Photo by Jared Doty

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Through it all...

*E*ducation in *Mountain Grove, Missouri*, has been a long journey of time honored *Tradition-Excellence*.

These two words are what encompass Mountain Grove education.

When the building we know as *MGHS* was built in 1966, a sign was placed above the entrance that proclaimed the words *Mountain Grove Public School* to the community of Mountain Grove.

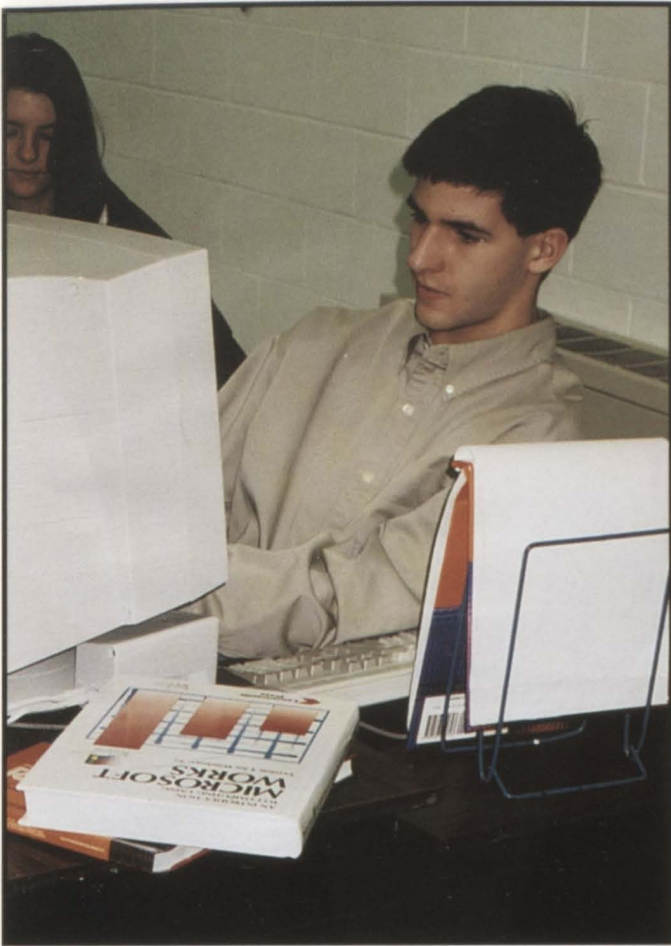
The sign seems simple but it tells much more than meets the eye. It says to the world *who we are*, what we

stand for and that through all the trials and tribulations *we have survived*.

When MGHS caught on fire in 1991, much of the school was destroyed by water, fire and smoke damage. Somehow, those who worked so diligently to restore our school managed to *preserve* our sign. A special effort was made to keep the sign safe so that it could be reused when the school was rebuilt.

After *all the changes* MGHS has gone through and all the changes *yet to come*, we have proven our *strength*.



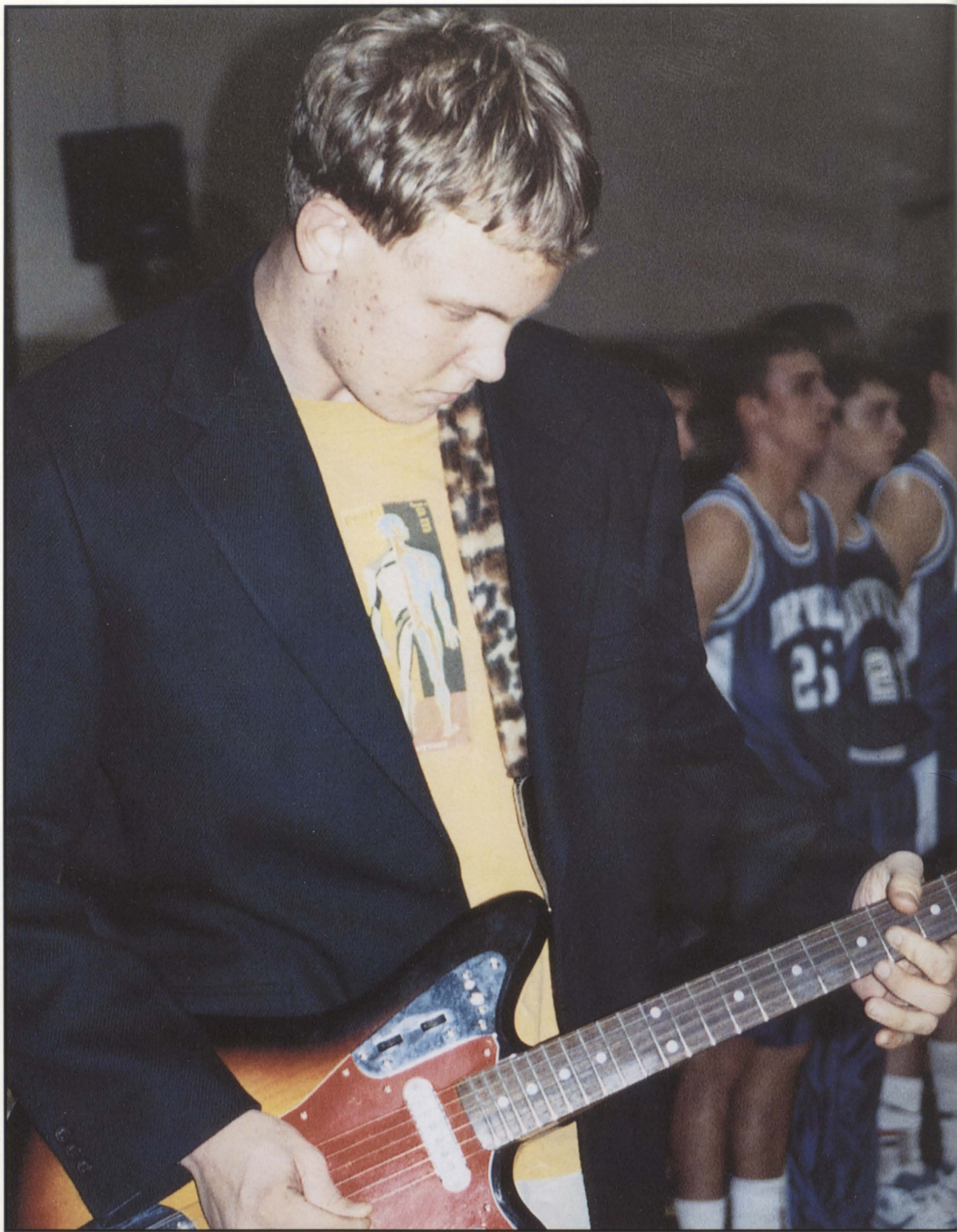


Showing off their Panther spirit "da boys," juniors Jerrod Stearnes and Brent Dugger and seniors Billy Thompson and Kevin Ramaeker, far left, cheer for the Panther basketball team decked out in retired team warm-ups and uniforms. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

Attempting to stay dry during band contest at SMSU, freshman Leah Gaddis, left dons a plastic rain bonnet to keep the drops away.. *Photo by Jakob Ellis*

In Keyboarding, a required class for graduation, freshman Brett Parker, above left, works diligently on his assignment. *Photo by Jesse Denison*

ROTC has become an important addition to the Homecoming festivities. Sophomore Jared Templeton, above, stands ready to perform his duties. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*



This year alone we have survived the deaths of *parents, friends and loved ones*. We, as students, managed to *pull together* in these times of need.

We rose to the occasion of a *bitter high school rivalry* with Houston as we pulled together once more.

This year we have caught more than the spirit of *learning, competition and caring*. We have learned what it means to *be part of something* valid and special.

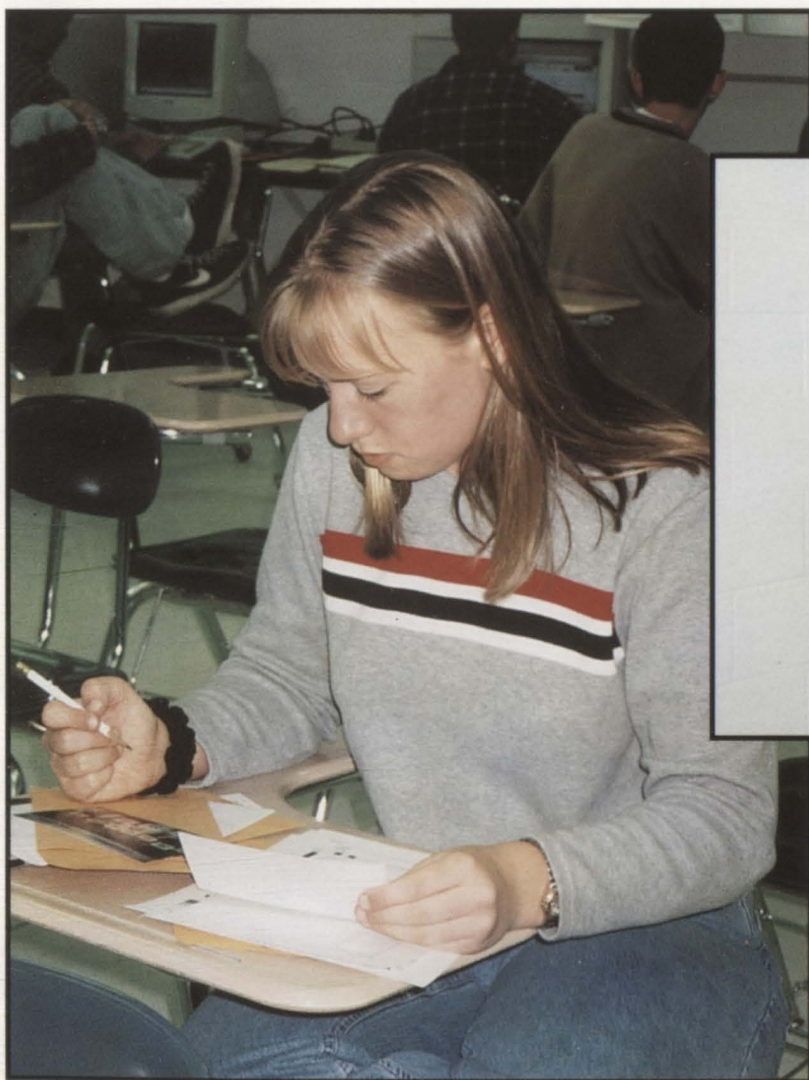
When we look back at our high

school years many *memories* will come back to us. And even as the years go by we will look at *our sign* and know two

things: we are looking at something that *reminds* us of our greatest *triumphs and tragedies* and we, like our sign, are...



Still Standing



*P*erforming the Star Spangled Banner prior to a basketball game during the Panther Classic tournament, junior Jesse Denison, opposite page, plays for anxious Panther fans. Jesse's performance was made possible by Student Council. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

*W*orking diligently on the yearbook, left, junior Angela Dunham finishes a spread. *Photo by Tara Shaw*

*C*hatting in the hall between classes, above, seniors Tamara Forrest and Mandy Roth portray the importance of friendship. *Photo by Tara Shaw*



*H*anging out on the square prior to the annual Homecoming parade, top, are junior football players Adam Shores, Jerrod Stearnes, Brent Dugger and Jesse Denison. *Photo by Tara Shaw*

*B*asketball games are one of the favorite times of students to get together with classmates. Juniors Angela Dunham and Heidi Sonnenschien, above right, take advantage of this opportunity. *Photo by Rachelle Douglass*

*V*isiting between classes, above, are juniors Karalin Hall, Faith Cornelius and Amy Moore. They portray the importance of friendship at MGHS. *Photo by Sarah Craig*

*B*rother and sister, senior Curtis Dennis and sophomore Samantha Dennis, horse around with each other at a Panther Pride Band fundraiser, right. *Photo by Jakob Ellis*



Social Scene

Students find ways to cope with busy lives while having fun along the way



Seniors Brent Lebaron and Jerred Yarger, above left, take a moment to chat between the high school and the vocational school. *Photo by Heath Housley*

Showing off their Panther Pride Band spirit in the halls of MGHS, above, are sophomore Jason Glenn and senior Jabon Ellis. *Photo by Tara Shaw*

Dressed from the orient for the Halloween costume contest, left, is junior Constance Beyerlein. *Photo by Angela Dunham*



Time to Kill...

Students challenged to find activities in MG

by Jessica Peterson

It's Friday night in Mountain Grove, Missouri, and once again you find you have absolutely nothing to do. You could cruise, rent a movie, or maybe, if you're feeling adventurous, make the 60 mile trip to Springfield. The thing is, you have done all of these things every Friday and Saturday night since you have gotten to high school. There has to be something better, right?

For years, students of MGHS have suffered from the lack of activities available to them. Cruising has always been a popular option, but after you've been around McDonald's, Sonic and the square 20

times, it starts to get old.

Senior Justin Jones said, "I usually spend time with my girlfriend on the weekends."

*"In my spare time, I like to do anything athletic and be with my friends."
-freshman Beth Shaw*



"We go to see movies in Cabool and stuff like that."

When a vehicle isn't available, it can become even more challenging to find

something exciting to do. Many underclassmen catch rides with older friends, but some can only sit at home, watching reruns of *South Park* and *The Simpsons*.

Concerts have also become popular in the last few years. With parents' permission, many teenagers make the trip to St. Louis, Kansas City or Springfield to see their favorite bands.

Some of the year's most popular venues have been Third Eye Blind and Smash Mouth in Rolla, Aerosmith in Kansas City and The Urge in Springfield.

It is a great challenge for students to find something to do in this little town, but somehow they do, and somehow they make their high school years more memorable.

Senior Tamara Forrest demonstrates the dance moves of John Travolta, right, as she plays the role of 60's legend Jimi Hendrix on the square Halloween night. Her costume was part of the band's Haunted House fund-raiser. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*



Ending an adventure, students who attended state FBLA competition, juniors Rachelle Douglass and Jessica Peterson, sophomores Lane Baldwin, Stacey Allen, and Richard McGowan, and seniors Bryan Williams, Billy Thompson, and Ryan Huff, far right, pose outside Big Bear's Quick Shop in Freeburg, MO, population 500, where they spent five hours because of a bus break down on the way to Columbia, MO. *Photo courtesy Jessica Peterson*



Taking a break from the wild party, below, juniors Heidi Sonnenschein, Carrie Stratton, Angela Dunham, sophomore Kayla Shannon, junior Tara Shaw, senior Suzanne Brill and junior Rachelle Douglass enjoy the Homecoming Dance. *Photo by Jerrod Stearnes*



Making the rounds at the Mountain Grove Christmas Parade, MGHS graduate Cammie Lathrom and senior Ryan Huff, far right, pause for a moment on the square. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*



What's your
favorite Mtn.
Grove hangout?



"The only place I like to 'hang out' is my boyfriend's apartment because no other place in Mtn. Grove appeals to me."

-junior Faith Cornelius

"I enjoy the friendly folks at Polly's Cafe."

-junior Steve Gates



"Every weekend we love to drive to the square and hang out. All my friends are there." -unknown

How do you spend your spare time?

16% Movies	12% Sports
18% Music	18% Parties
12% TV	10% Phone
8% Reading	6% Cruising

50 Students Polled

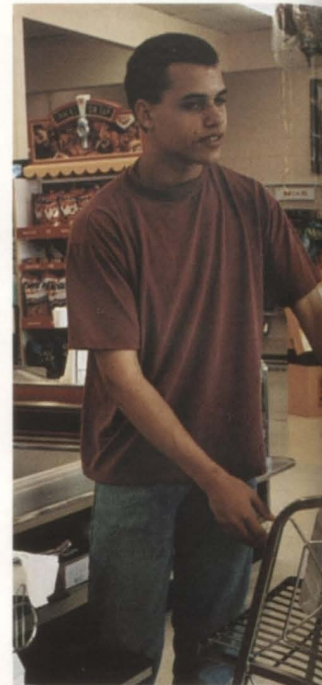
Chatting with friends at Mayberry Field, freshman Jaime Peterson, Ashley Emery, Jamie Raney, and Jaime Rogers, below, enjoy time together. *Photo by Rachelle Douglass*



Spending time on the lake is also a favorite for students at MGHS. Sophomores Richard McGowan, Stacey Allen, Chase Rogers, Al Dowden, Jeremy Looper, Amy Brummet, Jodi Chernowsky, Lane Baldwin, Amanda Berry, and Randy Sparks, left, enjoy each other's company. *Photo courtesy Stacey Allen*

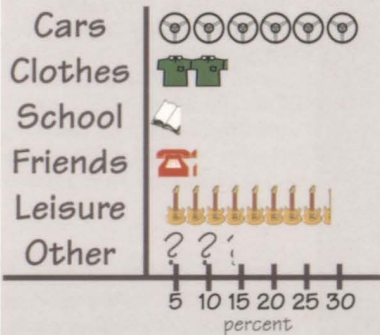


They do chicken right! Seniors Rosalie Kusior and Paul Traynor, above, take a break from their work at the new Kentucky Fried Chicken.
Photo by Jessica Peterson



Loading up the cart for the trip to the parking lot, sophomore Chris Mayberry, right, lightens the burden for customers at Richards Brothers Supermarket.
Photo by Jessica Peterson

Where does your money go?



ON THE JOB

Dollars go into pockets and to causes

by Rusty Lee

Many students at MGHS are involved in after school jobs and fund-raisers.

There are a variety of jobs available for students: a bag boy at a grocery store to an assistant at a travel agency. "I've worked at Emerald Travel for about one and a half years. I help people with hotels and package information on cruises. I am also a Disney World specialist. I had to pass a series of tests and be able to answer questions about Disney World," says senior Michelle Hawkins.

"I carry heavy groceries for [people]. I don't think of it as a job. I think of it as

giving back to the community," adds junior Jeff Moore.

Other types of jobs include working at fast food restaurants, body shops or family-run businesses.

Several clubs and organizations are doing fund-raisers this year for various reasons. Many MGHS clubs have annual fund-raisers just to have a little extra cash in their accounts. Whatever their purpose, students will usually prevail with their fund-raisers and jobs, and still find time to have a little fun.

WHAT'S YOUR DREAM CAREER?

"My dream job would be to sleep. If I could sleep and get paid, I'd be a rich woman."

-junior Cathy Smith



"I want to be my own boss and have the summers off."

-junior Tara Shaw

"I want to be a KFC cook for the rest of my life."

-senior Josh Bell



"To do absolutely nothing at all and get paid."

-sophomore Kayla Shannon

"I would like to become a Navy Seal."

-freshman John Sanford



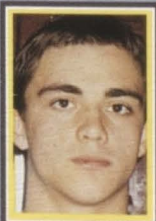


Finding her job at the new Take 2 Video Store sometimes hectic, senior Jodi Hickerson, left, may need to rent a movie herself to relieve some stress.

Photo by Jessica Peterson

Filling the order for a lucky recipient of a Richards Brothers balloon greeting, junior Tara Shaw, below, does away with the old pen and paper method.

Photo by Jessica Peterson



"I want to be an Olympic gold medalist."
-sophomore Simon Doroscan

"My dream career is to be a diabetic educator."
-senior Crystal Sheppard

STRIKE A POSE

MGHS fashion is 'Anything goes.'

by Allison Curry

What celebrity closet would you most want to raid?

*"I like how Ewan McGregor from Trainspotting dresses."
-junior A.J. Watson*

*"Rupaul's...think about it."
-senior Jeremy Carter*

*"I would most like to raid Alicia Silverstone's closet. After watching Clueless, I liked every one of her outfits. I probably wouldn't wear them to school, but I'd still like to have her clothes."
-junior April Shaw*

*"I would like to raid Neve Campbell's closet."
-freshman Tiffany Whitworth*

*"I want to raid Jeff Spicoli's closet from Fast Times at Ridgemont High."
-junior Nick Skyles*

*"I would like to raid Helen Hunt's closet from Mad About You."
-senior Crystal Sheppard*

Not counting those of you who fell prey to the Tommy Hilfiger takeover of 1998, Mountain Grove has seen a large variety of styles and trends. Perhaps the most fashionable thing about this year was the absence of the style conscience.

There were, of course, a few visible fads, like the comeback of the hugely popular khaki pants. Sweaters, Doc Martens, button-down shirts, cargo pants, and zigzag headbands were also hot items among MGHS students.

Despite the always changing sense of fashion, blue jeans have stood the test of time. The styles of many jeans today are quite different than they used to be. Designers have made them much roomier, and added more pockets.

Most likely the biggest factor in choosing clothing is still comfort. Stiletto heels might be popular in Hollywood, but they were no where to be seen on the way to class this year. Fads will continue to change, but MGHS will not always follow.



As sophomore Jodi Chernowsky looks on, freshman Tana Blanton and junior Heidi Sonnenschein, above, model their headwear as they observe the festivities at the fall band bar-be-que. Hat wearing in the building was banned during the 1995-96 school year.

Photo by Jessica Peterson

Pausing for a moment in the hall, MGHS students, right, demonstrate the wide variety of shoe styles seen on the feet of many this year.

Photo by Tara Shaw



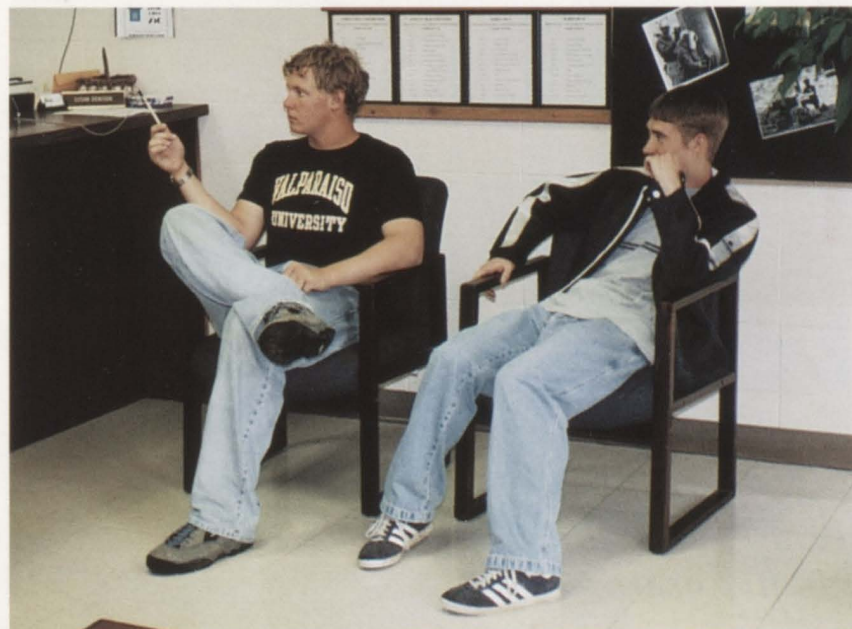


Spending a few relaxing moments on the atrium stairs before class, juniors Rachelle Douglass, Jerrod Stearnes, Penny Carmon, Brent Dugger, Jared Doty, and Angela Dunham, left, discuss their classic sense of fashion.

Photo by Allison Curry

Sporting the casual look as they wait in the vo-tech office are juniors Jesse Denison and Steven Gates, below. Jeans still remain the staple item to many wardrobes.

Photo by Tara Shaw



Utilizing the new pay phone in the office, senior Molly Manson, left, is a prime example of 90's fashion. Wire-rim glasses much like the pair Molly is wearing have made a big comeback in the past decade.

Photo by Rachelle Douglass

F•R•I•E•N•D•S

F *by Jessica Peterson*

riends are one of the most important things in a teenager's life. Teens count on friends to be around through the good times as well as the bad times, through panic attacks, broken hearts, big games and all of the most important events in a life. Junior Ronnie Lathrom said, "My friends mean quite a bit to me. True friends are hard to come by."

Friends also provide valuable memories. Junior Allison Curry recalls, "In sixth grade my friend was climbing a fence in her backyard when her dog suddenly attacked her in, how should I say, a very friendly way. It was the only fight we ever got into."

*"My friends mean quite a bit to me. True friends are hard to come by."
-junior Ronnie Lathrom*

She didn't appreciate how funny I thought it was."

Friends make life interesting and fun. When high school is many years behind us, we won't remember what we made on that chemistry test, but we will remember the love and support our friends provided us.

Proving that friends often do come in handy, seniors Amanda Adams and Jodi Hickerson, right, offer some assistance to each other in Miss Brixey's American Novels class.

Photo by Allison Curry



Friends freshman Tana Blanton and Erin Housley, above, enjoy a little snack time during the volleyball season.

Photo by Angela Dunham

Unwinding at the end of an FBLA meeting, seniors Billy Thompson and Tamara Forrest, right, take a much needed break.

Photo by Jerrod Stearnes



Where do you see your friends in five years?

"I see Heidi still cruising around Mtn. Grove looking for guys."

-junior Angela Dunham

"I see Tony Dawson posing for Calvin Klein's billboard in Times Square."

-your senior friends

"I see my friends pursuing their careers in college."

freshman Laura Strong

"I see myself coming back as an art professor and everyone else working at McDonalds or Sonic."

-junior Amy Moore

"I see Nick Skyles living in Portland, Oregon working as a professional fun-haver. I see Rachelle Douglass as a doctor studying the dangerous effects of mayonnaise on the human psyche. I see Billy Thompson as a lawyer, telling the judge where he can shove his verdict."

-junior Jessica Peterson

"I see Amy Brummet and Richard McGowan getting married. Jamie Raney and Al Dowden getting married, and Dacie Singleton as a bus driver."

-anonymous sophomore

"At the weekly Porsche convention."

-sophomore Sam Goin



Which 'Friend' is most like you?

Chandler 16% Phoebe 8%

Joey 14% Rachel 26%

Monica 12% Ross 24%

50 students polled



Wearing their matching dandelion hair accessories, friends Tara Shaw and fellow junior Allison Curry, left, pause for a moment by a tree overlooking Panther Stadium.

Photo by Jesse Denison

No lack of school spirit here. Juniors Jerrod Stearnes and Brent Dugger, below, play the part of crazed Panther basketball fans at a home game. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*



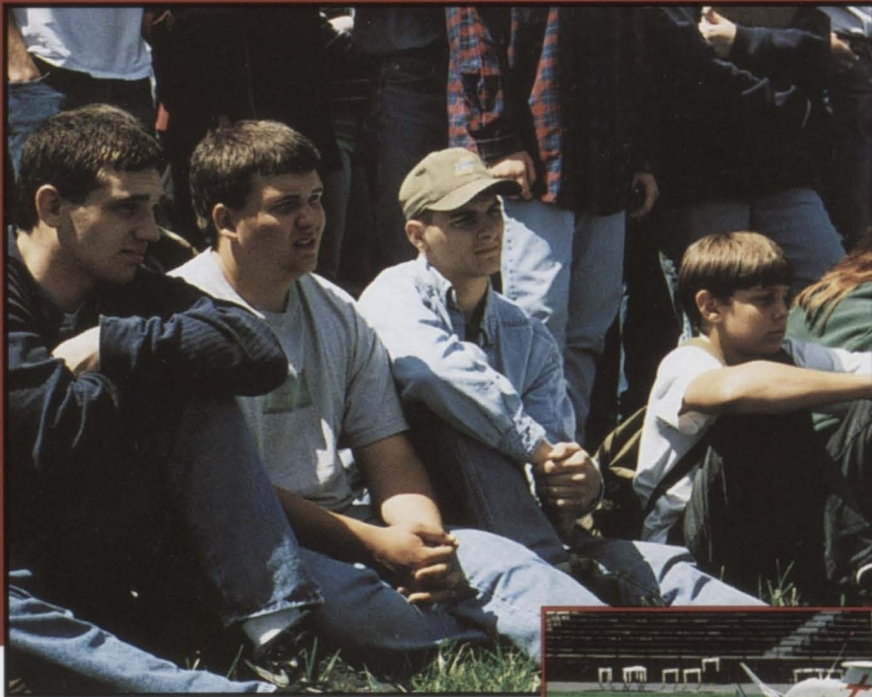
"Angie Whitworth: running the country, Curtis Dennis: conquering the world, Tabitha Todd: becoming a hermit, Hillary Spiva: joining the circus, Michael Kemper: living in a trailer park, and Jodi Sherrel: an escapee from a correctional facility."

-senior Jakob Ellis

A white sheet is drawn over the fatality, portrayed by senior Tamara Forrest. She is then zipped into a body bag and loaded into the coroner's wagon. County Coroner Lynn Hurtt, inset below right, makes final arrangements before departing with the body.



As they discover their friend has died, senior Ryan Huff and junior Rachelle Douglass, above, are in disbelief. Forrest's mother, inset right, is in agony.



Waiting for the helicopter to arrive, senior Paul Traynor, junior Michael Thompson, senior James Conway and freshman Lucas Flageolle, above, do not yet know the if the victims trapped in the car, portrayed by junior Angela Dunham and sophomore Al Dowden, upper right, will survive. Eventually they are extricated and Dunham is airlifted to the hospital, inset right.



A VIVID LESSON

Docudrama 'tells it like it is'

When students were called out of class by intercom Friday afternoon, April 24, they had no idea what awaited them on the sharp curve behind the high school.

As they watched the docu-drama unfold with their fellow students as key

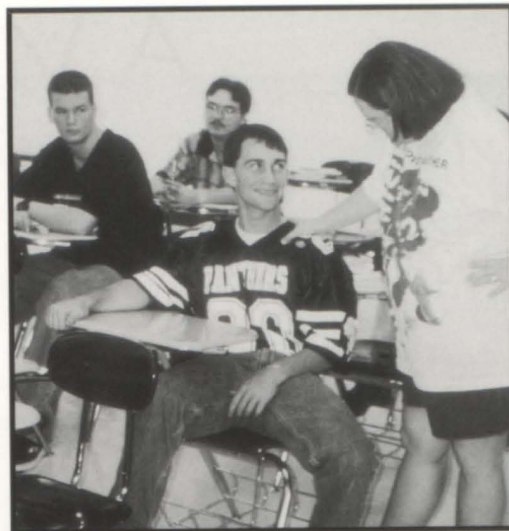
players, they realized they were being offered an opportunity to learn a valuable lesson before Prom night the following week.

The mock accident was sponsored by Community 2000.

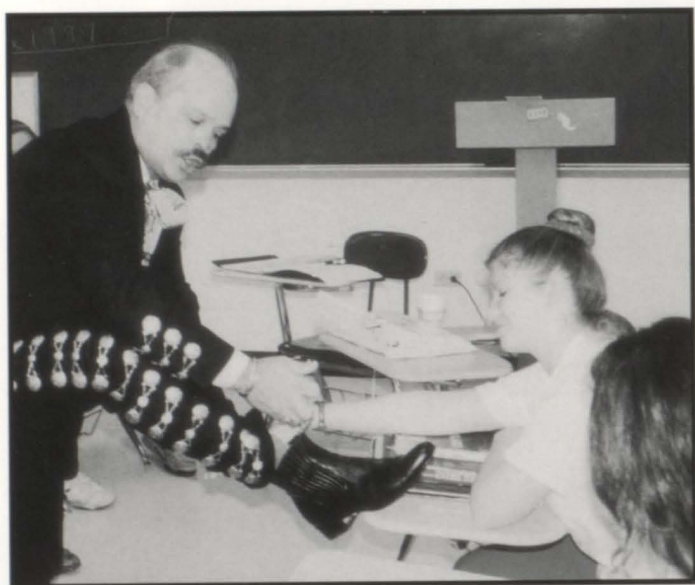
As rescuers from the fire department struggle to gain entrance to the wrecked auto so they can free the teens trapped inside, Highway Patrol officers approach the drunk driver. Friends and family hurry to the scene to discover the fate of their loved ones.



The drunk driver, portrayed by senior Billy Thompson, has been cuffed and waits in the patrol car to be transported to jail, left. An emotional Thompson, inset left, learns details of the accident and his arrest. Onlookers, seniors Brandie Lane, Jeremy Carter, Michelle Hawkins, Sara Johnson and Suzanne Brill, nervously wait to learn if there are any "survivors," above.



Teacher Bev Breedlove, left gives some helpful advice to sophomore Chase Rogers on his future prospects for the new school year. *Photo by Heath Hunsley*



Playing for the enthusiastic crowd at Panther Stadium, top, are seniors Mandy Roth and Michael Kemper. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

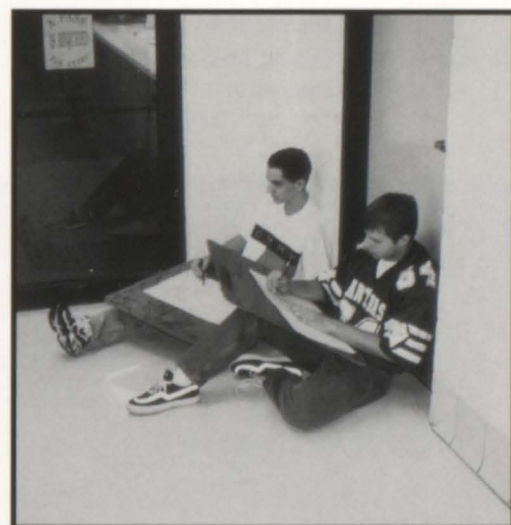
Displaying his Spanish cowboy costume, above, guest speaker Rafael Padilla shows Spanish III student, junior Leanna Wallace the unique detailing of his boot. *Photo by Sarah Craig*



A dislocated finger junior Jerrod Stearnes suffered as the result of a football injury cannot stop him from studying Anatomy with junior Rachelle Douglass, right, in Mrs. Breedlove's room prior to an Anatomy test. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

Still Studying

Academics thrive at
MGHS, continuing
Tradition-Excellence



Checking out the new technology in the chemistry lab, above left, seniors Bryan Williams, Billy Thompson, Michael Kemper, Curtis Dennis, Daniel Zid and Junior Jeremy Flores work on a Physics project.

Photo by Sarah Craig

Seniors Bryan Williams and Billy Thompson, above, concentrate intently on their subject as they work on an Art I project on perspective.

Photo by Jason Dney

Trying out the new advisor program, teacher Tom Hutchinson advises senior Katie Hubner, left, on preparing for her senior year and upcoming graduation.

Photo by Sarah Craig

A+ grant MGHS looks to 21st Century

by Jessica Peterson

This year MGHS was selected as a recipient of the A+ Program Schools Grant. The grant will enable the Mountain Grove school district to provide valuable equipment and services to district students.

In addition, in the years to come this program will hopefully provide financial incentives to certain students who plan to seek out post high school education.

In January of 1997 a group of MGHS staff met to discuss a proposal after receiving an A+ application. From these meetings the group formulated a list of things that needed to be addressed foremost.

Next, a grant was written by Mrs. Marcia Stumpff and the result was notification of funding which MGHS received on June 16th.

At this point MGHS has only

received a grant which means it is not an official A+ school. What this grant does mean is funding for new equipment. This year alone MGHS received new computers in all the communication arts classrooms.

"This program promises every student a piece of our nation's future."

--Marcia Stumpff,
A+ Coordinator

The purpose of all of this funding for new equipment is to make MGHS a more efficient school for the students. In three years MGHS will be evaluated. At

this time, if the district passes inspection, we will become an official A+ school.

This means two years of payed tuition, books, and fees to a public Missouri community college or vocational-technical school beginning with the sophomores of the 1997-98 school year.

This program is a very promising one that may open advancing doors not thought possible before.



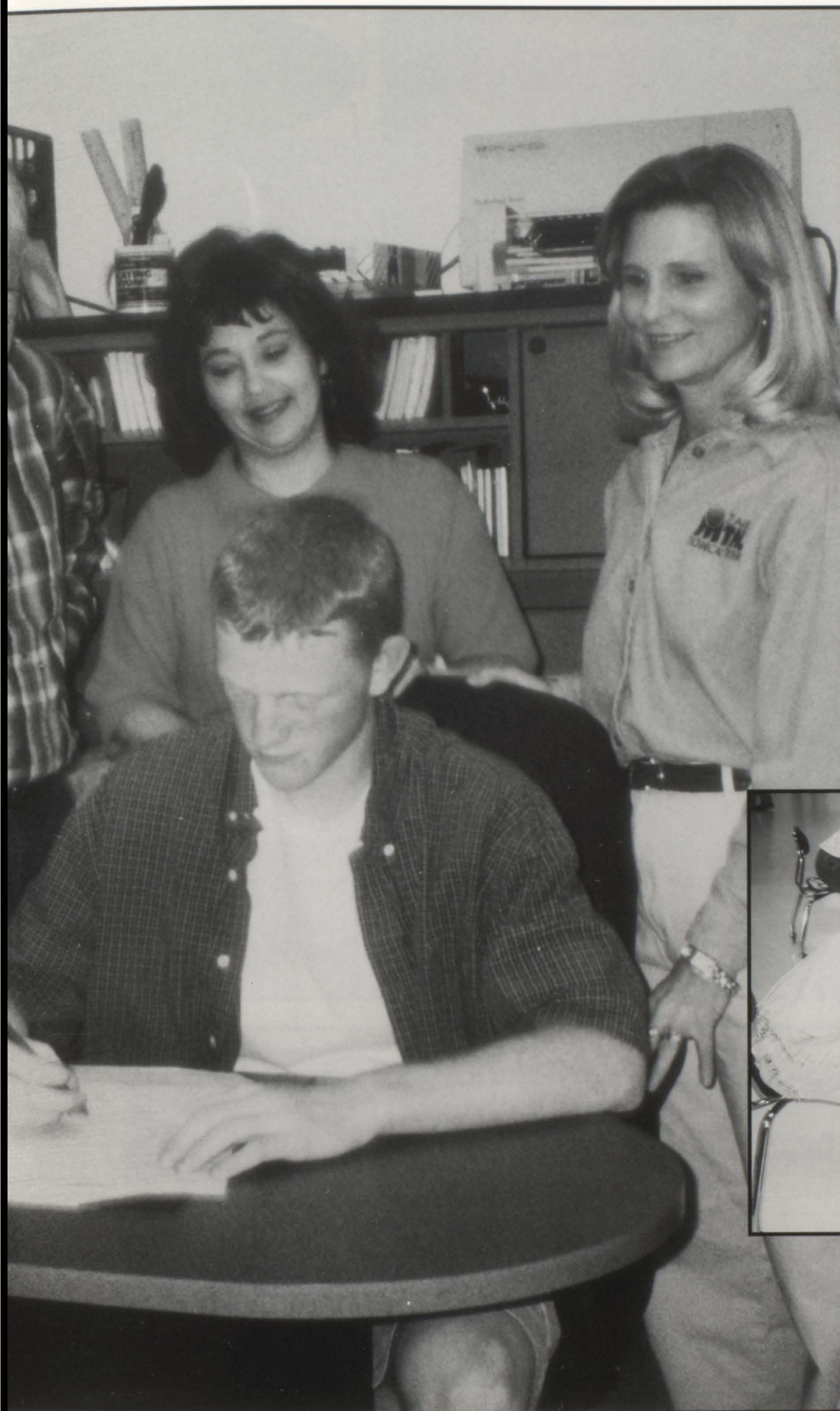
Preparing for her future as an entertainment journalist, junior Allison Curry, above, shadows the KY3 crew, including anchor Steve Grant, for the A+ program.

Photo courtesy Dave Daly

A+ GRANT QUALIFICATIONS

- * 2.5 or higher GPA on a 4-point scale
- * 95% attendance or better for four-year period
- * 50 hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring of younger students
- * Good citizenship
- * No record of unlawful drug use
- * Three consecutive years of attendance at an A+ high school
- * Have a signed financial agreement prior to high school graduation
- * Make a good faith effort to secure federal post-secondary student financial assistance funds





Signing his "A+ Student Financial Incentives Agreement," left, freshman Chet Douglass, with his mother Judy Douglass, advisor Walt Finney and A+ Coordinator Marcia Stumpff, enables himself to receive funding for college from the state of Missouri.

Photo by Sabon Ellis



Donating his time, junior A.J. Watson, above, helps to assemble packets for the A+ office. The sheets contained career planning information for MGHS students.

Photo by Carrie Stratton

SCA District Varsity Academic
First Team: John Tyrrell, Hillary
Spiva, Billy Thompson.

SCA
District
Varsity
Academic
Second
Team:
Mandie
Estes.



The highly successful varsity Academic Team members prove that practice pays off as they put in extra hours after school. Leading the way to second in District are seniors Jennifer Hodges, Hillary Spiva, junior Larissa Buchholz and senior Billy Thompson, below.

Photo by Carrie Stratton



Standing
Ovation!

Academic Team

Billy Thompson: Second Team
Conference, All District Team (Catholic)

John Tyrrell: First Team Conference, All
District Team

Hillary Spiva: All District
Team (Catholic)

Varsity won Norwood Tournament

Varsity placed second in districts at
Springfield Catholic

JV Academic Team

Jeremy Flores: All Tournament Team
(Houston)

Mandie Estes: All Tournament Team
(Salem), First Team Conference

Junior Varsity placed 4th in Houston
Tournament and SCA Conference Tourna-
ment at Mountain Grove

Junior Varsity won Norwood Tournament

Academic Team

Row 1: Hillary Spiva, Jennifer Hodges, Larissa
Buchholz. Row 2: Billy Thompson, John Tyrrell.



Team takes second in District

by Daniela Doroscan

Hours of practice, the sound of buzzers and seemingly endless questions filled the air in the north hallway of the high school as members of the varsity Academic Team practiced and successfully ended the year clinching second in the District.

Team members tackled math, science, history, art, music, sports, government and literature

"The best part was that my senior friends and I took second at District."

--John Tyrrell, senior

questions Tuesdays after school with the help of coaches Jan Townsend and Donna Moore.

They anticipated questions they would encounter at meets held throughout southern Missouri. Mtn. Grove hosted the SCA meet this year, March 21.



Local teachers help out during the MGHS meet. Kyle Roach is timer and Jennifer Brixey moderates, left. Freshman Kayla Buchholz keeps score.

Photo courtesy Donna Moore

Hands poised to buzz in, junior Larissa Buchholz and senior Billy Thompson, left, wait for the moderator to ask the next toss up question. Photo by Carrie Stratton



JV Academic Team

Row 1: Dara Wade, Kayla Buchholz, Mandie Estes. Row 2: Joslh Colson, Jennifer Coffman, Amber Bridges. Row. 3: Barry Gilley, JoInny Bell. Row 4: Nathaniel Barbe, Jeremy Flores.

Interscholastic Team

While senior John Tyrrell prepares for his meet on the computer, below, senior Billy Thompson and junior Trena Sheppard plan strategy just before going into competition, right.

Photos by Sarah Craig

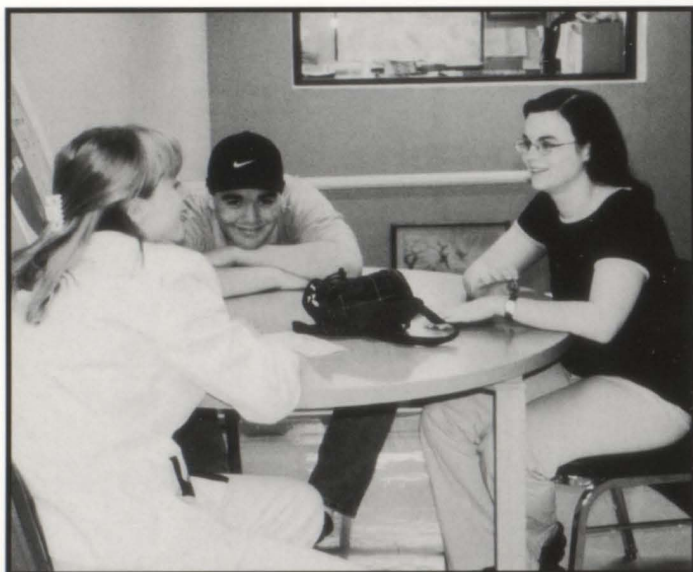


On their way to a meet, Interscholastic Team members and friends, seniors Hillary Spiva and Jodi Sherrell, below right, relax before the stressful questions begin.

Photo by Jessica Peterson

Reaching for an encyclopedia in the Media Center, senior Hillary Spiva, below, studies facts in the area of Psychology for the upcoming Interscholastic meet.

Photo by Sarah Craig



Waiting for the test to begin are sophomore Dara Wade, junior Jeremy Flores and sophomore Mandie Estes, above top, enjoy the "calm before the storm" in West Plains. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

Gathering before going to lunch, seniors Tabitha Todd, Curtis Dennis and junior Larissa Buchholz take a break from testing, above.

Photo by Jessica Peterson

standing ovation!

DIVISION 1

Ronnie Nix-3rd place-Agriculture
Mandie Estes-2nd place-Biological Science
Jennifer Hodges-1st place-Biological Science
Sara Johnson-2nd place-Bookkeeping & Accounting
John Tyrrell-3rd place-Computer Science, 3rd place Government
Larissa Buchholz-2nd place-English
Tracy Todd-2nd place-Geography
Allison Curry-1st place-Literature
Billy Thompson-3rd place-Algebra & Geometry
Hillary Spiva-2nd place-Psychology
Lori Thompson-1st place-Psychology

OVERALL 3 DIVISIONS

Mandie Estes-2nd place-Biology
Jennifer Hodges-1st place-Biology
Larissa Buchholz-3rd place-English
Sara Johnson-3rd place-Bookkeeping
John Tyrrell-3rd place-Government
Allison Curry-3rd place-Literature
Lori Thompson-3rd place-Psychology

Interscholastic Team



Row 1: Lori Thompson, Jodi Sherrell, Sara Johnson, Mandie Estes, Jessica Peterson. Row 2: Carrie Kelly, Hillary Spiva, Tabitha Todd, Jennifer Hodges, Allison Curry, Trena Sheppard, Heather Todd, Larissa Buchholz. Row 3: Dan Meierotto, Ronnie Nix, Matt Cl John Tyrrell, Curtis Dennis, Billy Thompson, Jeremy Flores, Kerry Burd, Wesley Long, Michelle Broos, Nathaniel Barbe, Amber Bridges, Barry Gilley, Tracy Todd, Dara Wade



Planet Hollywood attracts student journalists from around the world, including an MGHS group, to the National Journalism Education Assn. Convention in St. Louis, far left. *Photo courtesy Cindy Peterson*

On camera discussing Prom, junior Rachelle Douglass responds to questions from PTV reporter, senior Justin Jones, left.

Photo by Jessica Peterson



Pasting up their cartoon, "Montey Grover," junior Steven Gates and Jesse Denison, left, add their unique humor to the *Perspective*.

Photo by Tara Shaw

standing ovation!

Mo. Interscholastic Press Assn.

The Encore-- "Excellent" award

Mindy Lee-- "Excellent" award for newswriting

Language Arts Fair

The Panther Perspective---3rd place

News to students in print, on Ptv

by Ryan Make

This year Journalism was split. One class did an eight-page tabloid that was distributed free to the students. An "encore edition," a page in the town paper was produced by students taking Journalism as an independent study. The *Encore* was entered in MIPA competition, and some stories from the *Perspective* and *Encore* were entered in individual categories.

Senior Michelle Hawkins is the *Encore* editor. "This year has been a great year for the *Encore*," she said. "Our staff was small but we always got the job done. State contest is held once a year and this is the first for the *Encore*."

The *Panther Perspective* with only three returning journalists, started slowly.

"We had a whole new staff this year, but we started doing well towards the end of the year," said senior Rusty Lee, co-editor.

"I've gained leadership skills as an editor," explained junior Larissa Buchholz, co-editor. "We had to learn a lot of information in a hurry to get our first paper out."

The news was on the air, as well. "PTV (Panther Television) started this year with some equipment problems, but with the help from Key Club purchased a new camcorder. Other clubs helped out by donating \$25 to \$100 for the camera.

PTV, staffed with three independent study students, officially went back on the air Monday, Feb. 23. The first anchors were senior Katie Hubner and junior A.J. Watson.

Panther Perspective/Encore

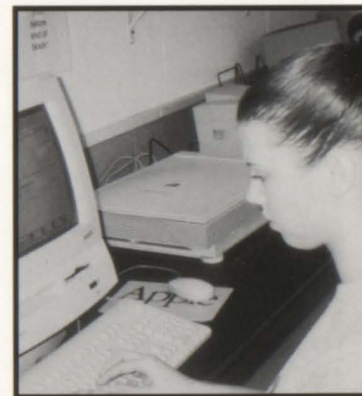


Row 1: Larissa Buchholz, Rusty Lee, Michelle Hawkins, Connie Killgore. Row 2: Mindy Lee, Lisa Leggins, Sarah Laird, Brent Dugger, Jerrod Stearnes, Rhiana Swopes. Row 3: Jessica Peterson, Sarah Craig, Justin Jones, Stephanie Gonzales, Shannon Mooney, Genny Gordon. Row 4: Tamara Ludlum, Heather Linton, Christina Flageolle, Amy Brown, Mike Delcour.



PTV

Allison Curry, Nick Skyles, Justin Jones.



Getting copy ready for the *Encore*, editor, senior Michelle Hawkins, above, makes another deadline. The *Encore* had a small staff including Hawkins and juniors Jessica Peterson and Sarah Craig, but they managed to make every deadline for this page which appears monthly in the local newspaper.

Photo by Tara Shaw

STAFF

members said...

"Being on the yearbook staff is a lot of fun but a lot of responsibility, also. You just have to get down to it."

--senior Katie Hubner

"The most enjoyable part of School Pub was the trip to the national JEA (Journalism Education Assn.) convention in St. Louis in November." --junior Allison Curry

"Even though Breedlove and Killgore wouldn't let us barbeque in our hotel room, we still enjoyed rearranging our room to fit all six of us in when we went to the St. Louis convention." --junior Brent Dugger

"Ordering movies from the TV late at night was a heck of good time in St. Louis and I'll never forget the stairs." --junior Jerrod Stearnes

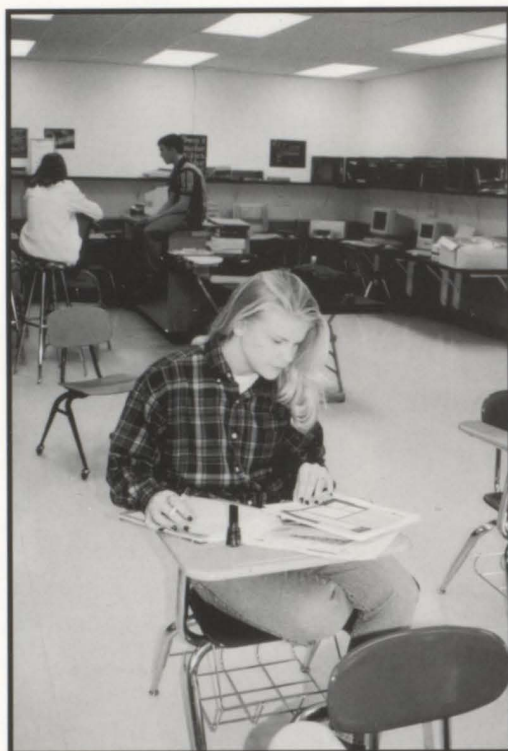
"I'll never forget the endless supply of towels at the Regal Riverfront in St. Louis." --junior Jesse Denison

As she considers photo placement for opening theme pages, yearbook editor-in-chief, junior Jessica Peterson, right, narrows the choice of photos supplied by classmates. In order to prepare for her year as editor, Peterson attended the Summer Media Workshop at the University of Missouri-Columbia and the national convention of the JEA and NSPA in St. Louis.

Photo by Brent Dugger

Editor of the senior section, senior Katie Hubner, finishes preparing her section for shipping. Hubner also assisted extensively with several other sections of the yearbook. During her junior year, Hubner was co-editor of the *Panther Perspective Encore* page in the *Mtn. Grove News Journal*.

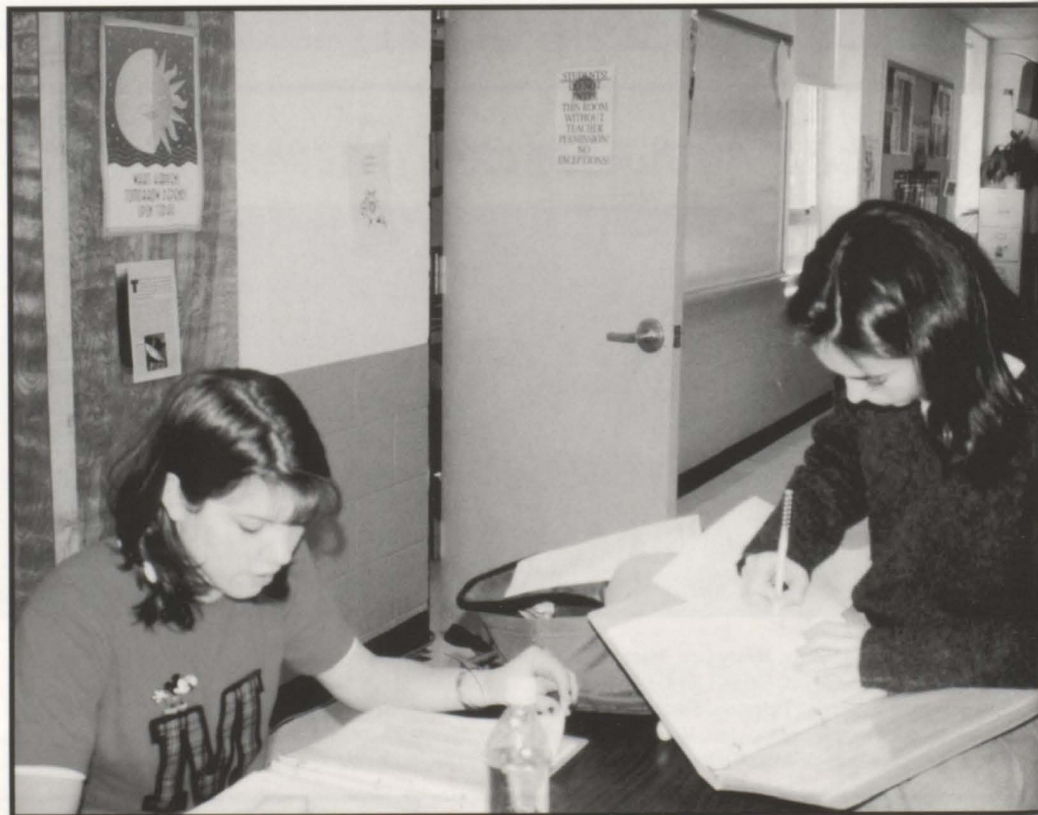
Photo by Brent Dugger



Making sure all names are spelled correctly, organizations section editor, senior Michelle Hawkins and business manager, junior Jaime Ramsey, scan the *MGHS Journalism Lab Manual* in the Macintosh computer lab.

Accuracy, attention to detail and personal responsibility are qualities highly prized in yearbook staff members.

Photo by Brent Dugger



School Pub and Photography join forces

by Michelle Hawkins

As students move through another year at MGHS, one particular group of students is hard at work recording the events of that year.

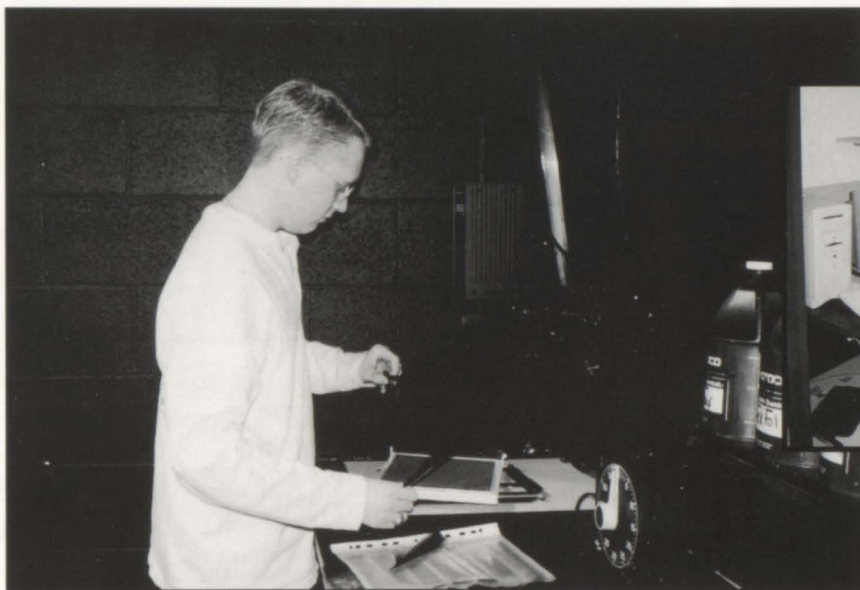
Leading that effort is yearbook editor-in-chief, junior Jessica Peterson. "Being editor of a project this large isn't always easy, but is rewarding," Peterson said.

School Pub and Photography classes joined to produce the yearbook.

What they piece together with their photos and words will be treasured.

Peterson and her staff sought a different look to this book. They utilized a grid rather than columnar design and emphasized incorporation of "white space."

Including as many students as possible by using quotes and lots of pictures was top priority, Peterson added.



Fine tuning the pages of advertising, business manager, junior Jaime Ramsey, prepares pages to ship to Jostens, left. Photo by Brent Dugger

Adjusting the settings on the enlarger, assistant photography editor, senior Jabon Ellis, left, reads a photo for the yearbook. Photo by Brent Dugger



Still Standing Staff

Row 1: photography advisor Bev Breedlove, Carrie Stratton, Jaime Ramsey, editor-in-chief Jessica Peterson, Allison Curry, yearbook advisor Connie Killgore. Row 2: Katie Hubner, Rachelle Douglass, Tara Shaw, Jason Duey, Brent Dugger. Row 3: Sunni Roth, Angela Dunham, Kayla Shannon, Lindsey Linton, Matt McMillan, Jerrod Stearnes, Michelle Hawkins. Row 4: Penny Carmon, Daniela Doroscan, Cheree Mings, Rusty Lee, Sarah Craig. Row 5: Ryan Mabe, Heath Housley, Scott Thornhill.

Working in their literature books in Judy Kemper's English II TP class, sophomores Levi Vaughan and Shane Blankenship, below, finish their assignments.

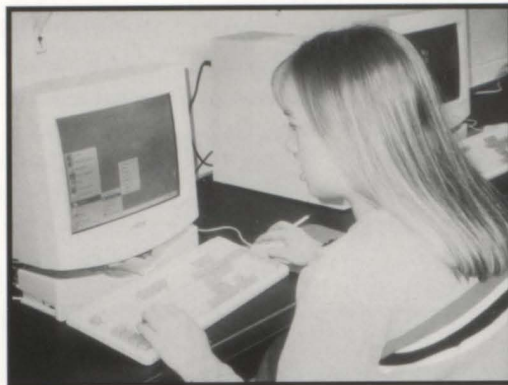
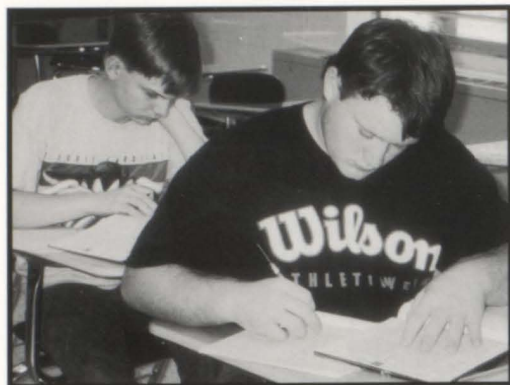
Photo by Brent Dugger

Presenting her speech on animal experimentation in Jennifer Brixey's Speech class, junior Tara Shaw, right, controls her stage fright to earn an A+.

Photo by Angela Dunham

Computers in the Communications Arts Dept. help students like junior Angela Dunham, bottom right, complete assignments more efficiently.

Photo by Tara Shaw



communication arts Cyberspace adds new dimension

by Penny Carmon

This was a very exciting year for the English department. The A+ Schools Grant provided each English classroom with a computer lab. Each classroom now has a minimum of six computers which may be

used for desktop publishing, word processing, or research. This will not only enhance the learning of each and every student in the high school, but prepare students for the twentieth century. The arrival of new achievement tests (MAP), which replaces the MMAT, emphasizes the need for better

English skills. Students are required to write out essays and problem answers on the test in all four core areas: social studies, science, math and communication arts.

"I am thrilled with the new computers provided by the A+ Schools grant. Research is so much more fun with so many sources at our fingertips."

--Judy Kemper, Department Head

Still Studying...

Bev Breedlove: English 1 TP, Advanced Photography, Literature of the West, English 1 CP

Jennifer Brixey: English 1 CP, Speech, American Novels

Judy Kemper: English 2 TP, World Literature, English 4 DE, American Literature

Connie Killgore: Technical Communications, School Publications, Journalism 1, Journalism 2, Desktop Publishing, Science Fiction/Mythology, Creative Writing/Word Study

Les Top: English 2 CP, English 4 CP, English Literature

Working to expand their vocabularies, students in Word Study including junior Ann Kaps, below, complete the "practice sets" before test time.

Photo by Tara Shaw



language arts fair

Students' work displayed at fair

*upon thy wings spread
splendid colors flash above
floating towards daybreak*

--junior Ann Kaps

standing ovation!

Row 1: Jessica Peterson- Journalism, Carrie Stratton- Long Rhymed Verse, Short Rhymed Verse. Row2: Allison Curry- Haiku, Short Rhymed Verse, Biopoem, Angela Dunham- Haiku, Diamonte, Larissa Buchholz- Journalism. Row 3: Barry Gilley- Long Rhymed Verse, Misti Gourley- Long Rhymed Verse, Long Free Verse, Jeremy Flores- Long Rhymed Verse, Kelly Williams- Short Story. Not Pictured: Ann Kaps- Tanka, Short Story, Haiku, Lisa Leggins- Short Story, Jesse Denison- Journalism, Jerrod Stearnes- Journalism, Steven Gates- Journalism, Davy Homer- Journalism, Mindy Lee- Journalism, Jared Doty- Journalism, Rusty Lee- Journalism



I Was King for a Moment

I was king for a moment
I was happy for a day
For a second the world was perfect
And everything went my way.

I was king for a moment
For a minute I stood tall
How was I supposed to know
That I was meant to fall?

But fall I did eventually
Oh, God, I still feel the pain
And all those days of sunshine
Were ruined by a day of rain.

And now the throne stands empty
And I do not have a thing
Except for all my memories
Of the moment I was king.

--junior Jeremy Flores



High School
Stressed, tired
Working, learning, bonding
Teachers, books - - - Friends, gowns
Laughing, crying, hugging
Excited, nervous
Graduation

--junior Angela Dunham

Juliet

*Strong, Brave, Young, Afraid
Lover of Romeo and warm nights on her balcony
Who feels owned by her parents
Who needs her nurse
Who gives poetic words and midnight kisses
Who fears her family's feud
Who would like to see the end of the fighting,
Tybalt alive, and life with Romeo
Resident of Fair Verona
Capulet*

--junior Allison Curry

You just turned and walked away
How could things possibly be
better this way
You just turned and said good-bye
Not even one tear fell from
your eye
Just like that you made me a player
of your game
I then realized it was never going to
be the same
You just turned and left me with all
the pain
Exactly what were you trying
to gain
You just turned and walked away
Maybe it is better this way.

--junior Carrie Stratton

THE IMPORTANCE OF REDUNDANCY

The importance of redundancy
In this our present world,
Is as great and grand and marvelous
As to forge a golden pearl.

For some shall never comprehend
The vastful need to know
Or the philosophical ideals
Which knowledge doth bestow.

So to make them understand
We inwardly believe
That bombarding them with
repetitions
Their mentality we'll retrieve.

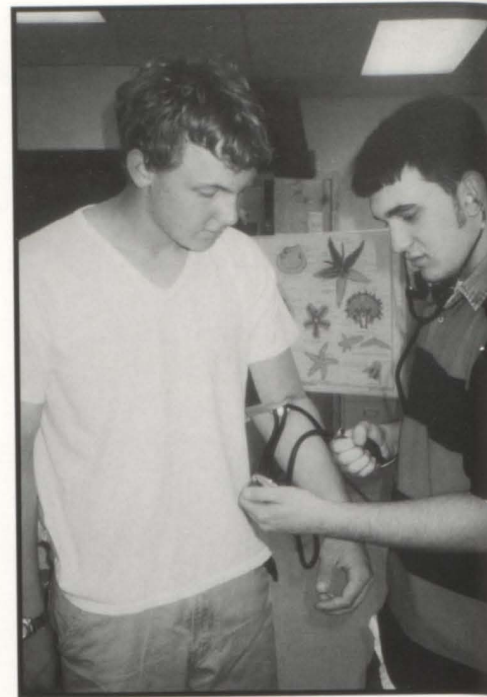
But they shall never care
Nor want to understand;
Because one's true intelligence
Is found in the reoccurring igno-
rance of man.

So as redundantly we state
Our minor, petty thoughts
Let us remember:
That if we were to relearn
Everything we presently know
It would be just as exciting,
frustrating,
And neoteretic as ever it was before,
and more.

--junior Barry Gilley

Listening for Jesse Denison's pulse, fellow junior Jerrod Stearnes, right, tries to get an accurate reading. Their Anatomy and Physiology class is studying the circulatory system and blood pressure.

Photo by Carrie Stratton



As she prepares to make her first incision, sophomore Christina Flageolle, right, learns to dissect a squid in Biology class. Students also dissected earthworms.

Photo by Scott Thornhill



science Students explore world's workings

by TARA SHAW

The science department offers a variety of courses. Students can take Conservation, Applied Biology and Chemistry, Biology I, Environmental Science, Laboratory Techniques, Physical Science and

Principles of Technology I. The weighted classes offered are Anatomy and Physiology, Chemistry I and Physics. Another weighted class is Chemistry II/ SMSU CHM 160 which is a dual credit class through Southwest Missouri State University in West Plains. These classes have kept students very busy this year.

One of the not so popular activities is dissection. Some of the lucky creatures to be "explored"

are earthworms, squid and fetal pigs. Most of the science students prefer less messy projects like National Mole Day

festivities, labs, "Newton" relays and taking blood pressure.

One addition to the science department is Jeannie Horton. She is the newest Physical Science and Biology teacher. She and

the other science teachers help students to understand the world around them.

Still Studying...

Walt Finney: Biology 1, Anatomy/Physiology, Environmental Science

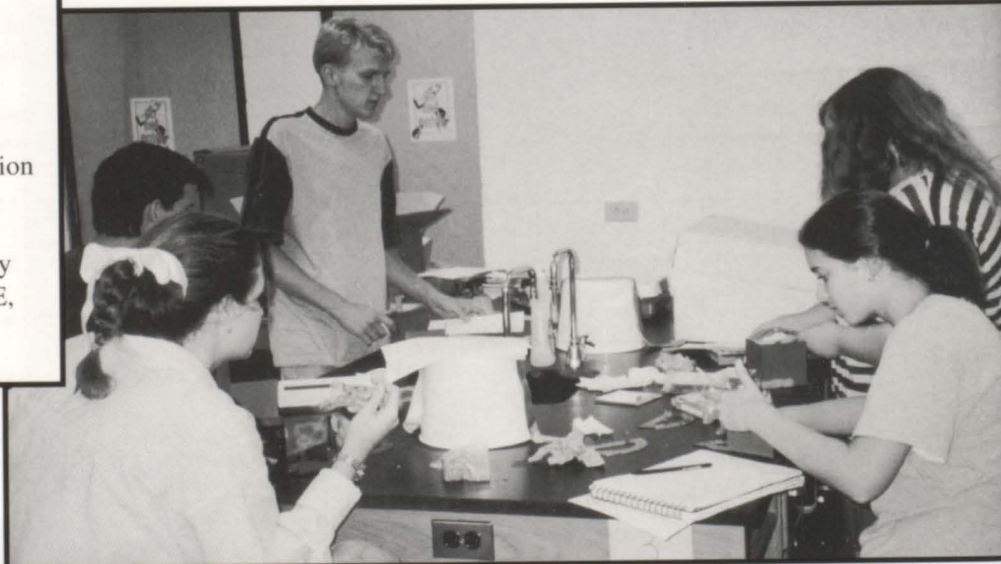
Jeannie Horton: Physical Science, Biology 1

Troy Marnholtz: Conservation ABC, Physical Science

Bonnie Peterson: Laboratory Technology, Chemistry 2 DE, Chemistry 1, Physics

One of many physics experiments offers hands-on experience for seniors Suzanne Brill, Bill Dobbs, Dan Meierotto and juniors Larissa Buchholz and Jaime Ramsey, right.

Photo by Sarah Craig



Science Olympiad offers challenges

Still studying...

by Allison Curry

Science Olympiad Team

Row 1: Barry Gilley, Amanda Gould, Mandie Estes, Lindsey Campbell. Row 2: Heather Todd, Sam Goin, Samantha Dennis, Tabitha Todd. Row 3: Jonny Bell, Kevin Ramaeker. Row 4: Daniel Zid, John Tyrrell.



The Science Olympiad Team competed in the regional competition held at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield Saturday, March 14.

The Science Olympiad is a team contest that involves competition with teams from other schools in events related to the various disciplines of science.

First place medals were earned by Jennifer Hodges and Amanda Gould in Redesigner Genes and Barry Gilley, Tabitha Todd and Mandie Estes in Experimental Design.

Third place medals were given in the following events: Chem Clue--John Tyrell and Tabitha Todd; Scrambler--Samantha Dennis and Lindsay Campbell; Don't Bug Me--Larissa Buchholz and Mandie Estes; Can't Judge a Powder--Tabitha Todd and Jennifer Hodges.



Science Olympiad sponsor Walt Finney explains what's happening in Biology to juniors Jesse Denison and Jerrod Stearnes, above.
Photo by Tara Shaw

On his way to Physics, junior Danny Bohnenkamp, left, stops at his locker for his book.

Photo by Tara Shaw

As he works his way through an assignment in science in teacher Troy Marnholz's room, junior John Bryant, above, concentrates on the book before him.

Photo by Jessica Peterson

Taking a break from his math work, freshman Shaun Mills, right, learns skills in his class that will last him the rest of his life.

Photo by Jesse Denison



Algebra II class offers sophomore Michelle Broos, right, advanced mathematics practice. Most colleges require several math credits for admission, so students like Michelle will be well prepared.

Photo by Sunni Roth



mathematics Math offers challenging program.

by Cheree Mings

Looking for a challenge? Many students find a variety of them in the Math Department. Classes range from Applied Math to Calculus.

Dual enrollement is for college bound students who wish to earn college and high school credit with Algebra III.

Still Studying...

Solomon Cornelius: Applied Mathematics, Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1

Marsha Forrest: Algebra 2, Trigonometry, Algebra 1, Intermediate Algebra

Randy Reed: Pre-Algebra, Algebra 2

Jan Townsend: Algebra 3 DE, Pre-Calculus, Geometry, Calculus

With new curriculum guides being written, teachers are putting more emphasis on showing work to prove answers than before. Changing Applied Math into Intergrated Algebra and offering Intergrated Geometry for the 1998-99 school year are some of the big changes that are beginning to take place.

According to Reta Tyrrell, a slower pace with more review is a change from last year in her class.

"A+ has been generous to our department with calculators, lab equipment, and computers."

--Randy Reed,
Department Head

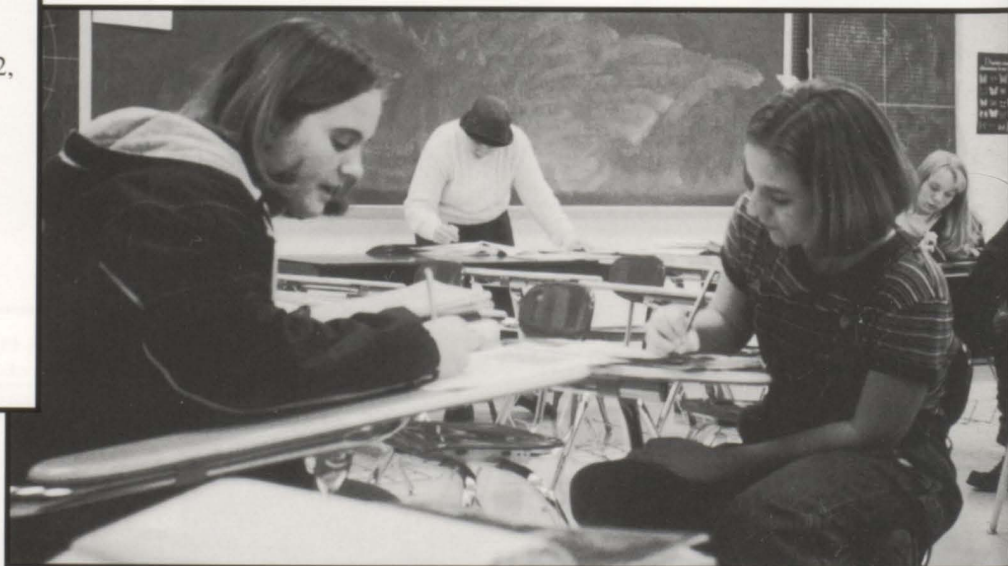
"Playing the radio at a low volume seems to get students to work harder while inside my class room," says teacher Solomon Cornelius.

Teacher Marsha Forrest added, "My Algebra students are learning to factor quicker than in previous years. Math teachers have been spending many hours after school tutoring students that need extra help and sponsoring

the Math and Science Club. They definitely stay busy."

Working together, freshmen Doti Smith and Danetta Lathrom, right, solve a complicated problem in Reta Tyrrell's Algebra I class.

Photo by Tara Shaw



Competition counts for math kids

by Tara Shaw

The Math Team traveled to two competitions this year. One was in Cabool March 13, and the other was held at College of the Ozarks on March 31.

"I compete in the 'open' because I like the variety and the challenge."

--Nathaniel Barbe, junior

The team did very well. "It was very satisfying to finish third in the SCA at the Math and Science contest. We normally are third or sixth," explained sponsor Randy Reed.

Cooperating as one force, seniors Billy Thompson and Jennifer Hodges, left, work hard to get the challenge problems done on time.

Photo by Rachelle Douglass



Concentrating on her calculations, junior Larissa Buchholz, far left, is determined to get the right answer.

Relaxing after their test are freshmen Nick Ramsey, Holly Bell and Aaron Hancock, left.

Photos by Rachelle Douglass

C of O Math Team



Row 1: Heather Todd, Mandie Estes, Kayla Buchholz, Aaron Hancock, Jason Glenn. Row 2: Jennifer Coffman, Amber Bridges, Jonny Bell, Nick Ramsey. Row 3: Jeremy Flores, Jon Marquis, Danny Bohnenkamp, Nathaniel Barbe.

SCA Math Team

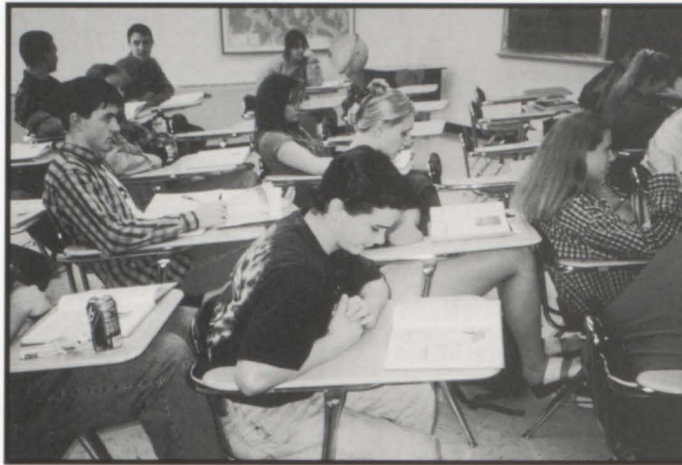


Row 1: Kim Blankenship, Callie Avery, Amanda Gould, Rachelle Douglass, Angie Whitworth, Lindsay Campbell. Row 2: Mandy Estes, Aaron Hancock, Jason Glenn. Row 3: Holly Bell, Heather Todd, Amber Bridges, Jonny Bell, Nick Ramsey. Row 4: Bryan Williams, Charity Gault, Jon Marquis, Weslee Long, Willie Allen. Row 5: John Tyrrell, Billy Thompson, Jeremy Flores, Danny Bohnenkamp, Jessica Bradshaw.

Answering chapter review questions, sophomore Junior Wilson, Jr., right, puts effort into his World History class.
Photo by Angela Dunham



Learning about his rights, junior Robert Pratt, right, looks over a Missouri Constitution book in American Government.
Photo by Jared Ryerly



social studies Students interpret world events

by Katie Hubner

The Social Studies Department has seen only a few changes since last year including receiving new books in the Government class, and teacher Kyle Roach

receiving a computer in his class.

All students are required to have three units of the following: World History, American History and Government. Students learn many

saw this happen a lot during our mock trial in American Government, and it's very scary

when you think about it, recalls junior Tara Shaw. Students also discover new things. Sophomore Cheree Mings says, "I was interested in learning about all of the different religions and how they evolved. It was also

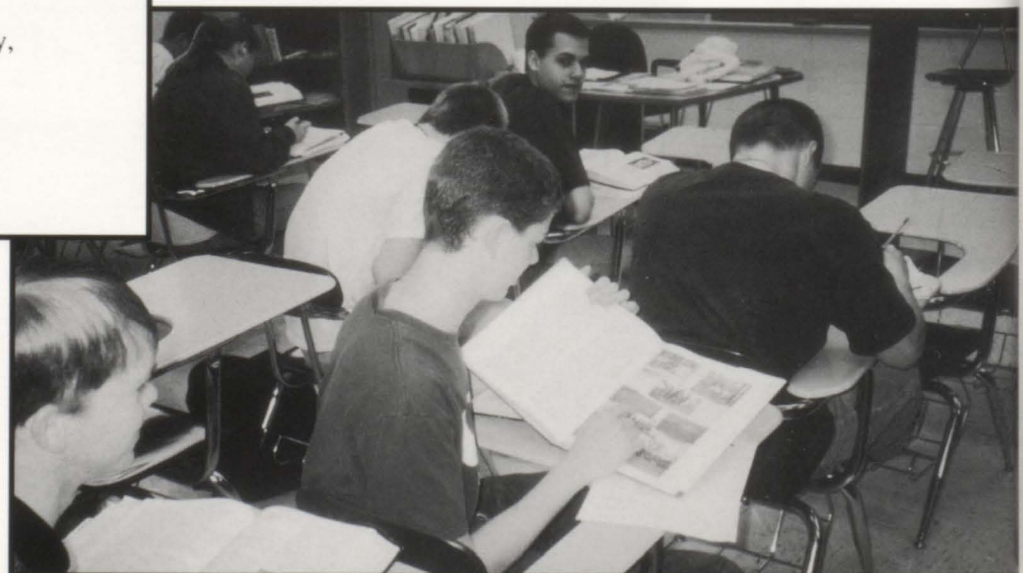
*"We look at the past so we can prepare better for the future."
 --Tom Hutchinson, Department Head*

interesting to see how European government affected how we govern the United States."

Still Studying...

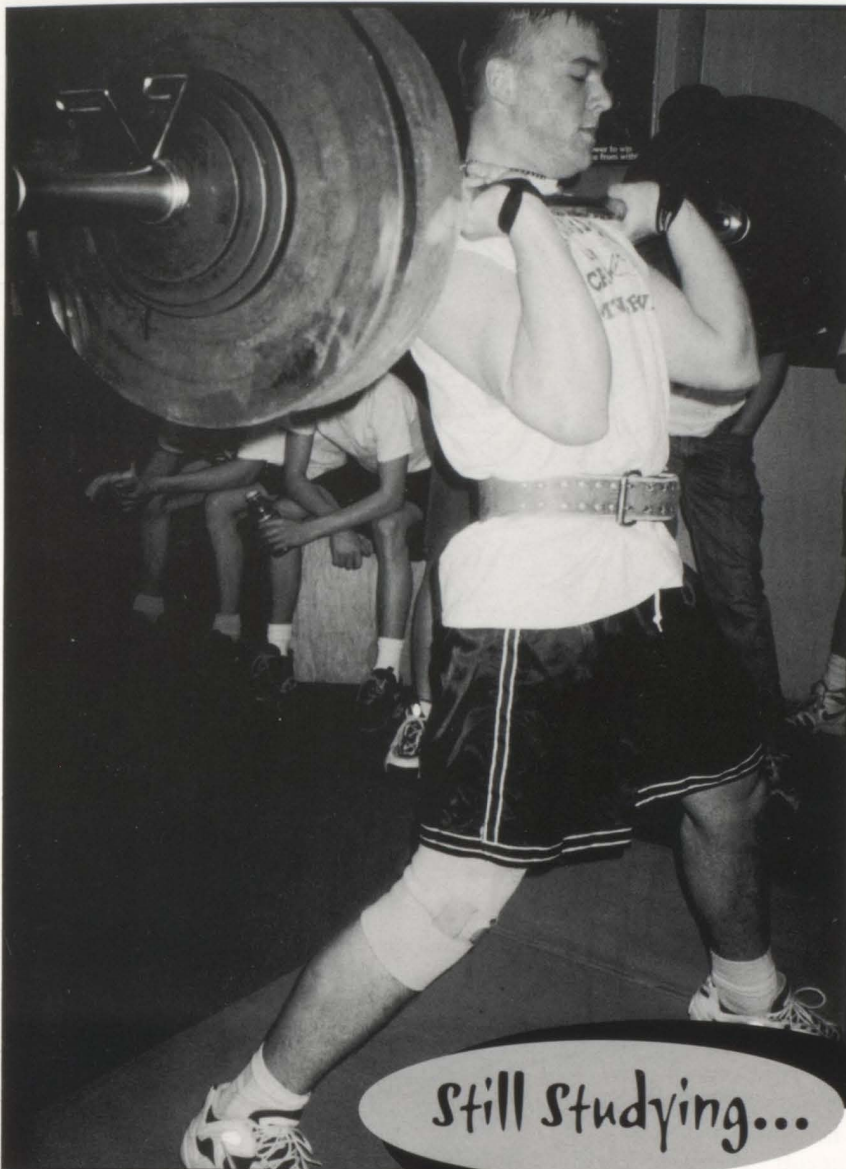
- Andy Frerking:** American History
- Tom Hutchinson:** World History, Psychology DE
- Kyle Roach:** World History, American History
- Bob Vandiver:** American Government, Psychology, Sociology

Entertaining himself with the past, sophomore Jeremy Looper, right, reads through a Civil War book.
Photo by Jared Ryerly

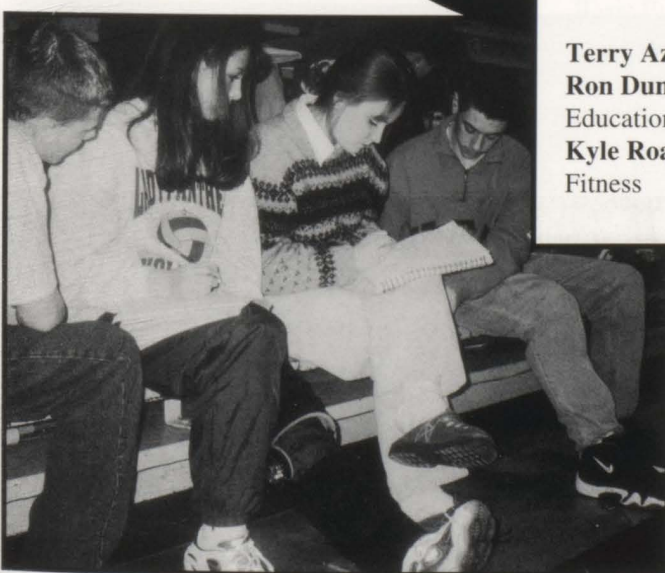


physical education Health, fitness emphasized in PE

by Katie Hubner



Still Studying...



Terry Azevedo: Physical Education
Ron Dunham: Physical Education, Health
Kyle Roach: Physical Education, Fitness

Looking for the strength to push the weight off his chest, junior Heath Housley, top, tries hard to develop his body. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

Freshmen Jamie Kutz, Leah Gaddis, LeAnna Gaston and Peter Anderson, left, work together on a Health assignment. *Photo by Tara Shaw*

Physical Education is a required class for all incoming freshmen. The class consists of many exercises and also health book work.

Other classes are also offered which help students stay in shape including Strength and Fitness and Fitness For Life, a dual enrollment class offered to high school students through SMSU.

"Enrollment has increased and our facility has taken on a new look with a rubber floor and tile ceiling," coach Kyle Roach said.

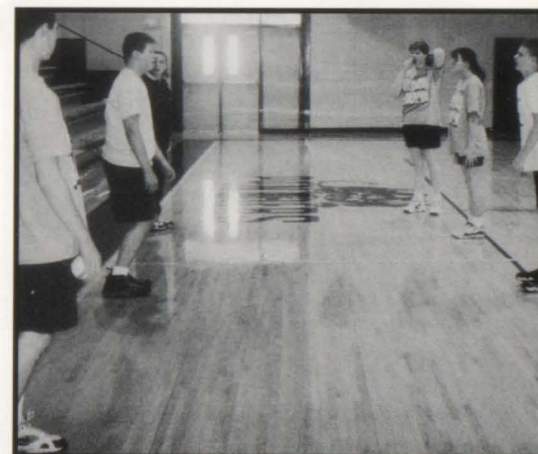
"Every year we make changes based on new and different methods and techniques we learn at clinics and periodicals," he added.

Not only do Physical Education Department participants get a good work out, but they also have a good time.

Sophomore Cheree Mings says, "There are four girls in Fitness where we do weightlifting. A lot of people wonder why we do this. I like it because it helps me keep in shape and have fun at the same time."

"Every year we make changes based on new and different methods and techniques..."

--Kyle Roach,
P.E. Department



Stretching and warming up, a P.E. class gets ready for a game of wiffle ball, above.

Photo by Jared Ryerly

Working on the class project,
sophomore Samantha Dennis, right,
papier mache her piñata
Photo by Jesse Denison



Displaying his traditional Spanish
attire, guest Senor Pedilla, right,
speaks with the Spanish III class.

Photo by Sarah Craig



foreign language Trip and piñatas highlight year

by Carrie Stratton

The Spanish classes offer students at MGHS an awareness of foreign cultures. Throughout the year, Senora Moore teaches the students about the different Spanish traditions along with the basics of the Spanish language. During the

school year students are able to take part in a number of hands on activities. For example Spanish III class went over to the elementary once a month to share Spanish with the fourth grade classes, and the Spanish II classes constructed pinatas of their choice. Senora Moore also offered a trip to Kickapoo High School to see the Alejandra Dondines Dancers to all of her Spanish classes.

The presentation contained dances from Mexico, Central America and South America.

"The study of foreign language helps students in other disciplines."

--Donna Moore,
Department Head

One of the most enjoyable projects, making pinatas, brings out the creative side of Spanish students in the springtime. Visitors to Senora Moore's

room will find the colorful papier mache shapes coming to life.

After completion, students take the pinatas home or the class bursts them open.

Still Studying...

Donna Moore: Spanish I, Spanish II, Spanish III

Showing off their work, members of the Spanish III class, left, hold their paintings up for all to see.

Photo courtesy Donna Moore



practical arts Classes offer workplace, life skills

by Angela Dunham

By definition, "practical" means usable, workable, useful and

sensible. Therefore, by taking a Business or Practical Arts class, one would become all of these things and more.

"What employer would not value an employee with these awesome qualities?" says business teacher Stacy Matherly.

"Practical arts allow students the opportunity to participate in competitive events and 'real world' activities."

--Michelle Lindsey,
Department Head

This year the Practical Arts Department had no major changes and offered the same courses as the preceeding year. However, the keyboarding lab received 14 new computers to enhance the students' education.

The teachers in this department strive to prepare their students for life.

Michelle Lindsey, department head, said, "Practical Arts is strongly supported by several organizations which allow students the opportunity to participate in competitive events and 'real world' activities."

Still Studying...

Michelle Lindsey: Keyboarding I

Stacy Matherly: Business Law, Basic Business, Business Communications

Shannon Nelson: Keyboarding I

Richard Nelson: Computer Information Systems, Systems Study

Listening to the speaker, top, Stacy Matherly's Basic Business class stands outside Wehr Motors for a presentation.

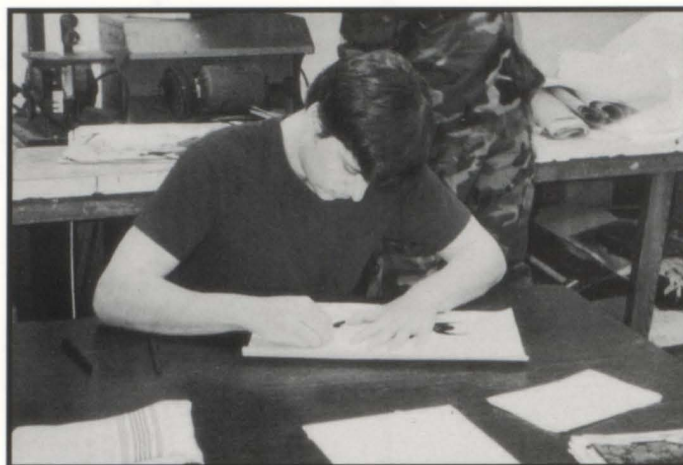
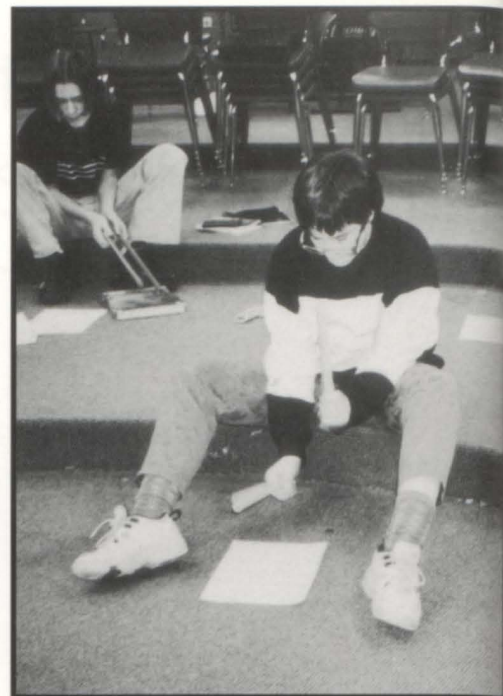
Photo by Angela Dunham

Concentrating on getting the assignment done, junior Micki McCune, left, rapidly continues to type. *Photo by Angela Dunham*



Presenting his case in the mock trial, senior Billy Thompson, above, speaks to the jury as judge, senior Jeremy Carter, listens to the evidence. *Photo by Jared Doty*

Keeping the beat, sophomore Connie Perkins plays her rhythm sticks in Music Appreciation. The students in this class learn to read and count different types of music.
Photo by Tara Shaw



Working on his newest drawing, junior Willie Allen, right, learns to sketch Gothic subjects.
Photo by Jesse Denison

fine arts Arts enhance students' experiences

by TARA SHAW

The Fine Arts Department consisted of Band, Choir, several art classes and Music Appreciation.

This is the department that allows students the opportunity to explore their

Still Studying...

Jim Dickey: Band, Jazz Band

Janet Payne: Choir, Honor Choir

Aaron Roten: Art I, Advanced Art

Shannon Wilkerson: Band, Music Appreciation

"creative sides" while also helping them to develop skills needed to plan and complete projects or performances. Students also begin to understand and appreciate the artists and musicians who contributed their great works to the world.

"Art is necessary for a civilized society. It also requires a tremendous amount of diligence."

--Aaron Roten,
Department Head

Many of the students enter competitions primarily in the Spring.

Even though they are not "core subjects," the classes offered in this department help students succeed in their other studies.

It's not all work, however. "The most memorable part about art was when Cathy, Jeff, A.J. and I brought home a souvenir

from Burger King on the funfilled Alpha Rho Tau show trip," recalls junior Allison Curry.

Putting the final touches on his art project, junior Jeff Moore, right, creates a gooey masterpiece.
Photo by Jesse Denison



special education Department focus is on life skills

by Lindsey Linton

The Special Education classes are busy learning for life," says teacher Lori Thornhill. In her class, students do many hands-on activities such as cooking and other "real life" skills to help them in the outside world.

A work-study program has been developed so that students can learn food service skills by working in the high school cafeteria, while others are working half-day off campus, and another is sweeping the hallways learning custodial skills.

"Adding a new teacher and computers made a big difference."

*--Nancy Doty,
Department Head*

In teacher Nancy Doty's class, students are enjoying the updated computers. "I like the computers because they are a reliable source of information," says sophomore Steve Zehner. The students can use the computers to gather information from places like the internet to help them out with their schoolwork.

Students from teacher Sheri Branson's class have written many creative stories and had contests on them. First place winners were Ron Kumpula, Steve Albritton and Andrew Wilson.

Still Studying...

Nancy Doty: Special Resource

Lori Thornhill: Special Resource
English, Special Resource History

Sheri Branson: Special Resource

Jamie Keys: Special Resource

Stirring her food project, sophomore Connie Perkins learns valuable skills, top.

Photo by Tara Shaw

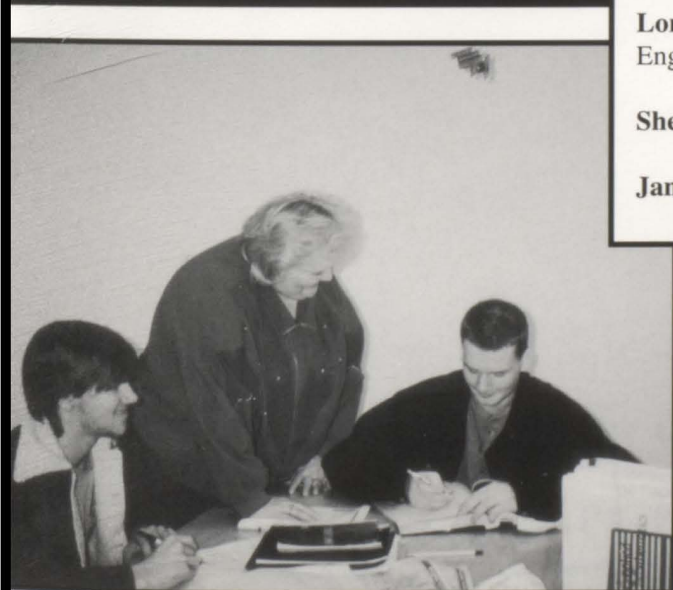
Special education teacher Nancy Doty helps senior Chuck Parsons and sophomore Steve Zehner with their assignments, left.

Photo by Tara Shaw



Special education teacher Sheri Branson looks over sophomore Steve Albritton's work, above.

Photo by Tara Shaw



jazz band Musicians reach high

by Kayla Shannon

The Jazz Band had a very successful year. Members attended three different contests where bands from the entire state gathered to compete.

The band placed 6th at Mineral Area College (MAC) Jazz Band Festival, 10th at SMSU Jazz Band Festival, and they went to the Drury Jazz Band Festival. At these contests the band members got to see a lot of good concerts.

Senior Michelle Hawkins said, "MAC Jazz was a great experience. Our band played the best it ever has played before. Also, the band became a little bit closer."

Dominated by upperclassmen, the Jazz Band trumpet section, right, lay down the funk at the Spring Concert.

Photo by Jason Dney

Under the direction of Jim Dickey, the Jazz Band, below, reaches new heights.

Photo by Michelle Hawkins



Still Playing...

Jim Dickey: Instrumental Music
Shannon Wilkinson: Instrumental Music, Music Appreciation



Gettin' jiggy with it senior Curtis Dennis, above, improvises a swingin' solo in the Spring Concert. Curtis received many outstanding soloist awards.

Photo by Jerrod Stearnes



Row 1: Nick Ramsey, Curtis Dennis, Suzanne Brill, Brandi Smith, Tamara Forrest, Jason Glenn, Michelle Hawkins, Director Mr. Dickey
Row 2: Daniel Hancock, Micki McCune, Vince Eaton, Nathaniel Barbe, Matt Thompson, Rusty Lee, Anthony Crisp, Nathan LaRue, Jason Evans
Row 3: Michael Kemper, Jeff Moore, Aaron Hancock, Jabon Ellis.



Jazz Band

marching band Band continues winning ways

by Jakob Ellis

New band directors Jim Dickey and Shannon Wilkinson brought a winning sound to the Panther Pride Marching Band. The band marched in the Sullivan Maple Leaf and Ozarko show band competitions receiving a one rating and best drum major in class 3A, Maple Leaf and fifth place in class 3A at Ozarko. Placing fifth at Ozarko

put the band in the finals for the first time in four years.

Unfortunately for the band, bad weather cancelled the final rounds at Ozarko. Despite this disappointment, senior Tamara Forrest said, "My greatest memory of marching band was making finals at Ozarko."



Locked and ready to rock, junior Nathaniel Barbe, left, "wows" the home crowd.

Photo by Jessica Peterson

Soaked to the bone senior drum major Curtis Dennis, above, saves the equipment from the rain.

Photo by Jakob Ellis

Firing up the band with a flashy horn move, junior Jeff Moore, above, spins his trumpet during the half time show.

Photo by Rachelle Douglass

Seniors leave their shoes behind, left, as they leave the field for the last time. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*



Panther Pride

The Panther Pride Marching Band at competition in Carthage, MO.

concerts & honors Musicians head for Washington

by Kayla Shannon

There were many changes in band this year including two new directors, Jim Dickey and Shannon Wilkinson.

The band received straight I ratings at State contest.

Band members worked hard to raise money to go to Washington D.C. pumping gas, taking Santa and Easter Bunny pictures, working at the Home and Garden Show, sponsoring the Homes Tour, selling pizzas and cookie dough and even selling fire-works. Their efforts paid off and they traveled to Washington May 24-29 where they performed at the Jefferson and Roosevelt Memorials.

They also visited Williamsburg, Virginia, and toured the Washington Monument and the Smithsonian. They also attended a dinner theater where they watched the play "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers."

"As a first year band director I couldn't have asked for a better group to work with," Dickey said.



Drum major junior Jaime Ramsey, left, struts her stuff as the band wins admirers who will help them achieve their goal of financing the trip to Washington D.C.

Photo by Jessica Peterson

Members of the senior class outfitted in their caps and gowns join the rest of the band to practice for graduation ceremonies. While seniors helped at practice, they did not actually play with the band at commencement. They were busy receiving their diplomas.

Photo by Jessica Peterson

Exchanging her flute for her piccolo, senior Angie Whitworth, top, joins in a march with fellow flautist, senior Amanda Benson.

Photo by Jerrod Stearnes

Standing Ovation!

Curtis Dennis- SCA Honor Band- District Honor Band- State Competition
 Genny Gordon- SCA Honor Band- District Concert Band
 Mandy Roth- SCA Honor Band- State Competition
 Jabon Ellis- SCA Honor Band
 Suzanne Brill- SCA Honor Band- State Competition
 Tamara Forrest- SCA Honor Band- State Competition
 Brandi Smith- SCA Honor Band
 Micki McCune- SCA Honor Band
 Jason Glenn- SCA Honor Band
 Nick Ramsey- SCA Honor Band
 Jason Evans- SCA Honor Band
 Dusty Lee- SCA Honor Band
 Rusty Lee- SCA Honor Band- District Concert Band- State Competition
 Nathaniel Barbe- SCA Honor Band- District Concert Band- State Competition
 Angie Whitworth- SCA Honor Band- State Competition
 Amber Bridges- SCA Honor Band- State Competition
 Barry Gilley- SCA Honor Band- State Competition
 Heather Todd- SCA Honor Band
 Kristi Weatherly- SCA Honor Band
 Ann Kaps- SCA Honor Band
 Julia Kuster- SCA Honor Band
 Elva Upshaw- SCA Honor Band
 Tabitha Todd- State Competition
 Aaron Hancock- State Competition
 Michael Kemper- State Competition



Making music at the Spring Concert, Greg Cantrell, above, gets a sweet sound on the timpani.
Photo by Jerrod Stearnes

Knowing he's "the man," senior Rusty Lee, left, participated in District Concert Band, SCA Honor Band and State Competition. Rusty played lead tuba in the band.
Photo by Jason Ducey

Under her umbrella and attempting to keep dry, senior Michelle Hawkins, left, attends a band contest. *Photo by Jabon Ellis*



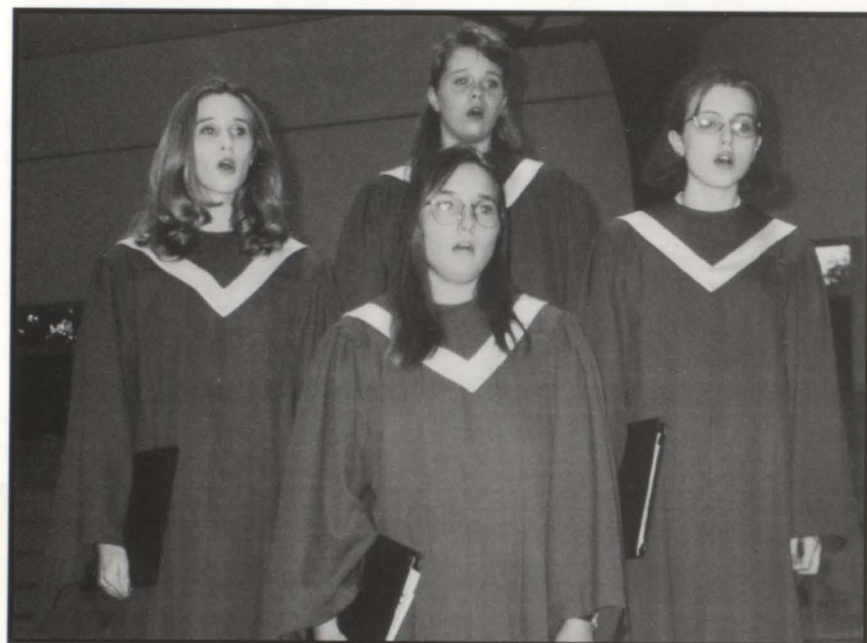
Singing "Flower Of Beauty," juniors Karalin Hall, Jaime Ramsey, Daniel Hancock, sophomore Chris Mayberry and freshmen Jesse Chandler, Aaron Hancock, Matt Thompson and Jared Harrison, opposite page, sing at the spring concert.

At the spring concert, Selectet members sophomores Amy Kelly and Tracy Shannon along with junior Regina Tooley and freshman Alesha Walker, below, sing "Away From the Roll of the Sea."

Photos by Jerrod Stearnes

Prior to a Panther Classic game, junior Micki McCune and sophomore Tracy Shannon, right, sing the Star-Spangled Banner.

Photo by Jessica Peterson



Standing Ovation

SMSU HONOR CHOIR:

Soprano-Micki McCune, Tamara Ludlum
Alto-Faith Cornelius, Angie Whitworth
Tenor-Mike Delcour
Bass-Chris Mayberry, Daniel Hancock

SCA HONOR CHOIR:

Soprano-Jaime Ramsey, Micki McCune, Tamara Ludlum
Tracy Shannon
Alto-Heather Todd, Jill Lakey
Bass-Daniel Hancock, Chris Mayberry, Aaron Hancock

STATE COMPETITION:

Daniel Hancock-Solo I
Angie Whitworth-Misc. Ensemble I-, Trio I
Micki McCune-Misc. Ensemble I-, Trio I, Solo II+
Faith Cornelius-Misc. Ensemble I-, Trio I, Solo II+
Tiffany Whitworth-Misc. Ensemble I-
Michelle McDaniel-Solo II+
Aaron Hancock-Misc. Ensemble II+
Matt Thompson-Misc. Ensemble II+
Jaime Ramsey-Misc. Ensemble II+
Mandy Roth-Misc. Ensemble II+
Heather Todd-Misc. Ensemble II+
Alesha Walker-Misc. Ensemble II+

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: Aaron Hancock

OUTSTANDING MUSICIAN: Micki McCune

OUTSTANDING SOLOIST: Daniel Hancock

CHORAL MERIT: Angie Whitworth



Row 1: Alesha Walker, Sarah Crisp, Angie Splain, Lea Ann Baldwin. Row 2: Tracy Shannon, Amy Kelly, Regina Tooley, Amy French. Row 3: Micki McCune, Jaime Ramsey, Angie Whitworth, Jill Lakey. Row 4: Faith Cornelius, Shannon Mooney, director Janet Payne.

Selectet



concert
Choir

Row 1: Michelle Hawkins, Courtney Rhodes, Kim Blankenship, Alesha Walker, Kristen Deeds, Andrea Rhodes. Row 2: Lisa Caine, Sarah Crisp, Sherrie Hurley, Shannon Mooney, Crystal Smith, Faith Cornelius. Row 3: Tracy Shannon, Amy Kelly, Jennifer Thompson, Regina Tooley, Amy French, Jesse Chandler, Aaron Hancock. Row 4: Jill Lakey, Christina Hudson, Tamara Ludlum, Mandy Roth, Daniel Hancock, Lester Burgard, Heather Todd, Karalin Hall, Lea Ann Baldwin. Row 5: Vonna Belt, Micki McCune, Jaime Ramsey, Mike Delcour, Chris Mayberry, Tiffany Whitworth, Angie Whitworth, director Janet Payne.

concerts & honors Singers end year with standing ovation

by Jaime Ramsey

Still singing...

Janet Payne: Vocal Music

Mixed Chorus allows anyone in the high school to participate.

Members are taught how to read music and sing as a group.

Concert Choir and Selectet are audition-only choirs. Selectet is for ladies only. This elite group meets after school two days a week.

The public has the pleasure of hearing these groups perform at winter and spring concerts. Teacher Connie Killgore said of the spring concert, "It was one of the finest moments for our high school choir. Their last song, 'He never Failed Me Yet,' was very spiritually moving. They received and deserved a standing ovation."

SCA competition was held early, and there was little time for the concert Choir and Selectet to prepare. Despite this, both groups were ready in time and tied each other for second place.

When spring time rolled around students had to get ready for District competition. Concert Choir and Selectet received I ratings from all four judges in both areas of competition.



Sisters, senior Angie Whitworth and freshman Tiffany Whitworth, left, wait in the lobby as the crowd gathers to hear the spring concert.

Photo by Jerrod Stearnes



mixed
Chorus

Row 1: Shawnie Strunk, Jeremy Edwards, Courtney Rhodes, Kristina Gittings, Stephanie Stigall. Row 2: Jenny Kramer, Andy Cantrell, Brandie Alexander, Crystal Sheppard, Angela Blain, Amanda Web. Row 3: Lisa Causey, Jennifer Thompson, April Finch, Shane Fair, Steve Abritton, Jessica Tyrrell. Row 4: Charles Rogers, Andrew Wilson, Jennifer Bealer, Gina Davidson, Becky Carter, director Janet Payne.



All-District
Choir

Row 1: Micki McCune, Angie Whitworth, Jill Lakey. Row 2: Aaron Hancock, Chris Mayberry, Matt Thompson, Daniel Hancock.

Why ROTC

"ROTC teaches self-discipline and respect for others and I believe it helps develop good leadership skills."

--junior Carl Beasley

"We have never had a class like ROTC before and I thought it would be a good experience."

--freshman Jared Harris

"I enjoy ROTC because of the long stories Major Miller tells about his experiences."

--senior Daniel Zid

"I like ROTC because Major Miller is the nicest person in the whole world."

--senior Terry Perkins

"ROTC teaches responsibility, integrity, how to survive, respect and things you wouldn't learn in other places such as discipline."

--sophomore Charity Gault

"ROTC has been good for me because Major Miller has taught me more than anyone ever has in school."

--junior Daniel Smith

"ROTC has helped me learn responsibility and leadership skills. I highly recommend ROTC to all students."

--Commanding Officer Ryan Nelson



Kicking up their heels at the ROTC Birthday Ball, sophomore Tommy Grimshaw hoists freshman T. J. Webb, right, enjoy the festivities.

Photo by Jaime Ramsey

Leading the Color Guard in the Homecoming Parade, sophomore Maxine Szura, below, and fellow cadets add a touch of patriotism.

Photo by Jerrad Stearnes





Conversing with party-goers during the ROTC Birthday Ball, Major James Miller shows everyone that being in the military isn't all work and no play.

Photo by Jaime Ramsey

Still Saluting...

**Maj. James Miller:
USMCROT
Commander**

rotc Cadets strive for excellence

by Sarah Craig and Daniela Doroscan

"Absolute performance is impossible," states Senior Marine Instructor, Major James Miller.

Human error will always exist; however, striving for excellence and ideas stimulates efforts to better oneself, which is the goal of Mountain Grove High School's USMCROT program.

This program also provides oppor-

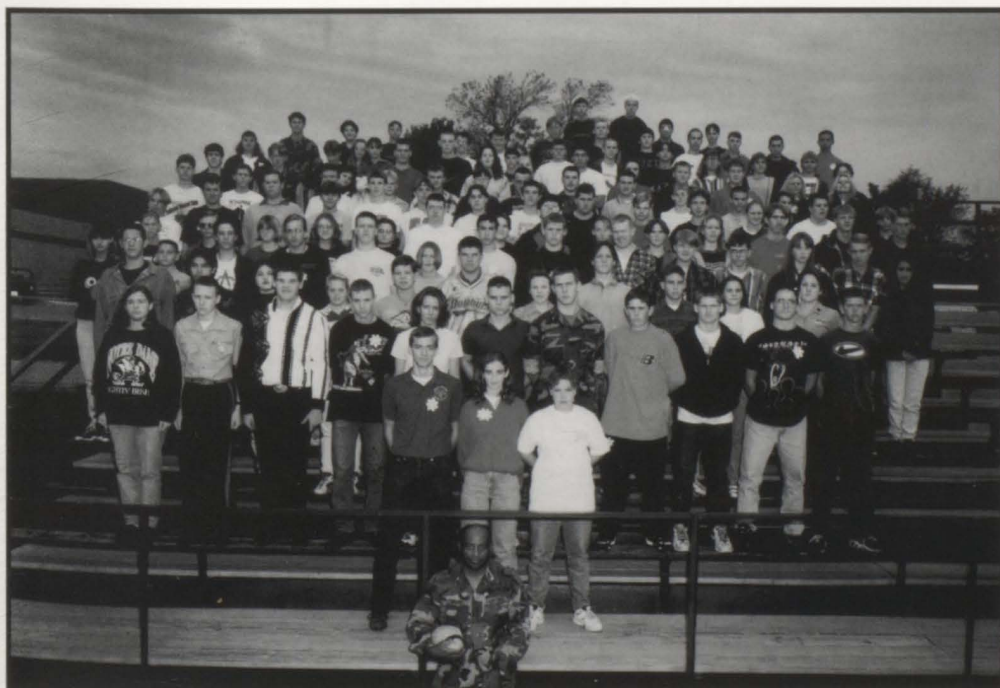
tunities for all students to become aware of his/her own potential as an American citizen.

The main goal, as in all learning institutions, is increased academic productivity. "MCROT teaches responsibility, integrity, how to survive, how to respect, and strong discipline, explains sophomore Charity Gault.

"I have learned things that many

would not have learned in a variety of places," she continues.

By Major Miller "telling stories of his many educational experiences," as one student describes it, he teaches many valuable lessons students can use in life to come. Many students agree that Major Miller has been the most influential teacher they have ever had.



ROTC

Senior Marine Instructor, Major James Miller. Row 1: Ryan Nelson, Mandy Benthall, Laurie Smart. Row 2: Stephanie Coble, Jared Templeton, Tommy Grimshaw, Carl Beasley, Kristi Merka, Ronnie Mace, David Emery, Matt Cline, Ron Kumpula, Chris Iott, Jeremy Cooper. Row 3: Brandon Prock, J. J. Vanderveg, Katrina Szura, Tracy Shannon, Daniel Smith, Matt Hurst, Tina Smart, Dustin Groat, Chris Emery, Amy Brown, Victoria Munday. Row 4: Anna Kelley, Luke Flageolle, James Todd, Rocky Hendrix, Jeremy Todd, Randy Gilbert, Adam Hull, Michael McIntosh, Jody Spanton, Jonathan Holt, Tommy Barnett, Ruffanna Wade, Chris Arquette, Daniela Doroscan. Row 5: Amanda Jones, Billy Graham, Kim Blankenship, Jolena Mitchell, Jamie Dake, Dustin Holt, Maxine Szura, Shaun Mills, Rachel Fitzner, Michael Chastain, Sarah Mabe, Josh Jones, Randy Marsa, Travis Davis. Row 6: Jared Harris, Ricky Emery, James Dodd, Brandon Prock, Michael Holycross, Jeremy Turner, T. Webb, Ben Leggins, Joey Dodd, Levi Vaughan, Marty McCollum, April Shaw, Daniel Moore, Shawn James. Row 7: Andrew Wilson, Amos French, Jesse Flower, Jamie Kutz, Philip Parson, Shane James, Scott Breeden, A. J. Watson, Blake Jordan, Jeannie Ratterree, Johnny Rogers, Amanda Webb. Row 8: Joe Kuster, Jeremy Roberts, Kevin Lawler, Steve Zehner, Charity Gault, Tanya Sapp, Travis Thompson, Brandie Alexander, Josh Evens, Casey Sartor, Diana Johansen, Heather Ratterree. Row 9: Christina Gittings, Keri Lindstrom, Cathy Smith, Chris Jorgensen, Jamie Wyrick, Heath Hicks, Michael Sapp, Devon Mikel, Bethany Holt, Justin Dake, Jason McGowan, Steve Albrighton. Row 10: Travis Spencer, Josh Merrit, Terry Perkins, Shane Blankenship, Landon Luckey, Cecil Sears, Robert Spoonmore, Brandon Stevenson, Dustin Shewbert. Row 11: Tim Wyrick, Junior Wilson, Ryan Zickmund, James Beal. Row 12: Jeremy Renfrow, Daniel Zid.

staff & faculty Staff works for students' benefit

by Katie Hubner

Continuing their efforts to make Mtn. Grove High School an A+ School, the staff and faculty worked to

"Working with such talented students this year was great."

--Bridget Williams,
Principal

reorganize, redefine, and even rewrite the curriculum to ensure that

this school would send its students into the 21st Century fully prepared and ready to enter the global economy.

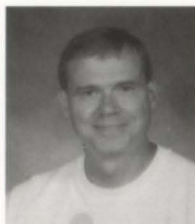
"I felt our students accepted many challenges both academic and extra-curricular this year. Through these experiences I've noticed growth and maturity among the students," assistant principal Mike Murphy said.

Principal Bridget Williams offers suggestions for improvement to students outside her office.

Photo by Jessica Peterson



Terry Azevedo, Physical Education
Sheri Branson, Special Education
Bev Breedlove, Communication Arts
Jennifer Brixey, Communication Arts
Shane Coffman, Detention Instructor
Solomon Cornelius, Mathematics



Jim Dickey, Instrumental Music
Director
Nancy Doty, Special Education
Ron Dunham, Physical Education
Walt Finney, Science
Marsha Forrest, Mathematics
Andy Frerking, Social Studies



Jeannie Horton, Science
Tom Hutchinson, Social Studies
Judy Kemper, Communication Arts
Connie Killgore, Communication Arts
Michelle Lindsey, Practical Arts
Troy Marnholtz, Science



Stacey Matherly, Practical Arts
James Miller, ROTC
Donna Moore, Foreign Language
Greta Myers, Counselor
Richard Nelson, Technology Director
Shannon Nelson, Practical Arts



Janet Payne, Vocal Music Director
Bonnie Peterson, Science
Darla Pierson, Nurse
Randy Reed, Mathematics
Kyle Roach, Social Studies, Fitness
Pat Robinson, Librarian



Aaron Roten, Fine Arts
Lori Thornhill, Special Education
Les Top, Communication Arts
Jan Townsend, Mathematics
Reta Tyrrell, Special Education
Bob Vandiver, Social Studies





R-3 Board of Education Row 1: Howard Hawkins, Tom Coats (president), Dwane Duke.
Row 2: Randy Gaddis and Kirk Pamperien, far left.

Dr. Ken Southard, Superintendent, left.



Bridget Williams, Principal
Mike Murphy, Asst. Principal
Marcie Stumpff, A+ Coordinator



Teresa Dowden, Special Programs Secretary
Nancy Littrell, Board Secretary
Debbie McGuire, Superintendent's Secretary
Nan Dunham, Registrar
Tammy Rogers, Secretary
Jana Neuroth, A+ Secretary



Working in one of the busiest offices in town, secretary Nan Dunham, left, answers the phone while finishing grade cards.
Photo by Sarah Craig

At an in-service workshop, teachers Stacy Matherly, Les Top, Judy Kemper and Lori Thornhill, above, look over a new curriculum. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*



Bus Drivers; Row 1: Lee Kuster, Les Moore, Helen Moore, Pauline Loney, Dennis Swopes, David Brame, Les Means, Bill Austin, Glen Kennedy, Virginia Kennedy, Paul Wyrick, John Davis, Bill Douglass and Penny Smart.



Cafeteria Staff; Row 1: Doris Nettleton, Beverly Coble, Susie Carroll, and Pam Hyde. Row 2: Ann Freeman, Sharon Hutsell, Donna Admundson, Linda Stillwell and Helen Clary



Custodial Staff; Row 1: Doc Johnson and Bob Pamperien. Row 2: Barb Cooper.



Watering plants in Horticulture, top, junior Heath Rodgers takes advantage of the vast array of classes available to students at the Ozark Mountain Technical Center. *Photo by Heath Hunsley*

Offering much need assistance to the Student Council sponsored Community Blood Drive, above, senior Emily Brown uses the training she has acquired in Health Occupations. *Photo by Jared Doty*

Moonlight Madness provided a chance for many clubs to raise money and become known in the community. Sophomore Jamie Raney assists Future Business Leaders of America, right, by dressing as a clown for their booth. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

Examining their car pieces during Mechanics class, above right, are seniors Steven Stephens and Dustin Shannon. *Photo by Scott Thornhill*



Serving Skills

Ozark Mountain
Technical Center
provides skills
valuable to careers



*T*imes have changed, especially in classes such as Family Consumer Sciences where freshman John Sanford and Jason Plummer, above left, learn trades once attributed only to women. *Photo by Scott Thornhill*

*J*unior Jerrod Stearnes, above, takes advantage of a sumo wrestling game on a DECA trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. *Photo by Brent Dugger*

*A*gricultural Construction provides a chance for junior Ralph Bashor to gain valuable skills. *Photo by Jason Dney*

Ozark Mountain Technical Center

Ozark Mountain Technical Center courses are designed to give the student specific instructions.

Through this instruction, the student gains sufficient job training to secure initial employment.

Students learn performance of skills in an occupation, related technical information, how to solve problems of personal and group relationships within the school and on the job, and how to develop work habits and attitudes essential to job success.

In addition, objectives of the OMTC staff for the students include developing responsibility for personal behavior and self-direction, offering occupational skills as well as job-seeking skills, offering opportunities to hone leadership skills, and instilling confidence to the student entering the workplace.

OMTC is available to students from Mountain Grove, Ava, Cabool, Mansfield, Norwood and Seymour. The "sending schools" pay the tuition for the students.

Agriculture studies certainly involve more than most people would think. Junior Bo Parker, right, works on an engine as part of his Ag Power class, a class that also focuses on the technology involved in agriculture.

Photo by Jesse Denison

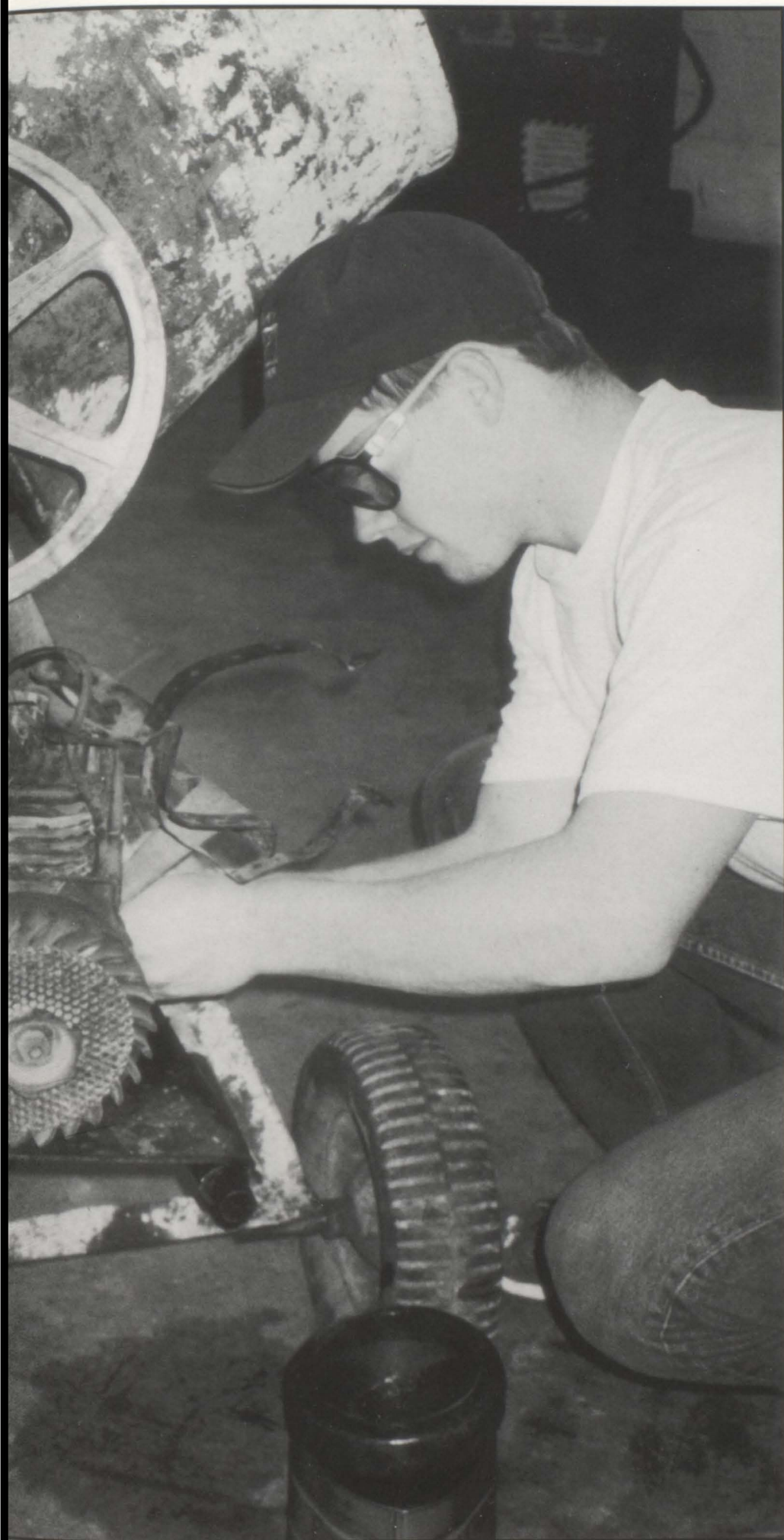


Using the technology in the OMTC computer lab, seniors Amanda Benson and Jamie Jones, above, work on assignments that will help them succeed in the workplace. Students in Donna White's classes practice computer and office technology. *Photo by Jason Dney*



Making adjustments under the hood of one of many automobiles that pass through OMTC's hands-on classes has junior Black Jordan, right, concentrating on the task at hand. OMTC offers classes in Auto Body and Automotive Technology. *Photo by Scott Thornhill*





What about OMTC
stands out most to
you?

"I have enjoyed OMTC because it has given me the opportunity of meeting people from other schools at DECA competition."
--senior Josh Linton

"OMTC is great because of all the new technology we get to use."
--sophomore Patty Thornhill

"I like the number of programs and classes OMTC has to choose from."
--junior Jared Doty

"I enjoy the variety of projects we do in my ag class."
--sophomore Jared Bradshaw

"I like competing in contests through OMTC."
--junior Ralph Bashor

"I like OMTC's programs because we get to use power tools."
--junior Willie Allen

"At OMTC I've learned the skills to build many things."
--junior Mike Weaver

"I like OMTC because of all the outstanding teachers."
--junior Ranee Hale

"Technology" is the buzzword for education in the 90's, and OMTC's faculty is prepared to meet the challenge of educating the area's students. As they work through their assignments, junior Stephanie Rich and classmates, below, make the most of the opportunity to use

the OMTC computer lab. Students learn to be responsible for their own learning and practice what they read in textbooks. They also have the opportunity to work together to solve problems.
Photo by Jason Diney



Earl Crofford, Director
Judy Douglass, Counselor
Susan Denison, Secretary



Kristy Burnett, Marketing
Oscar Carter, Agriculture
Elaine Duey, Family/
Consumer Science



faculty & staff
OMTC

Course Offerings

- ~Automotive Collision Technology
- ~Automotive Technology
- ~Building Trades
- ~Electronics Technology
- ~Electronics Surveying
- ~Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation, Refrigeration
- ~Welding Technology
- ~Agriculture Science I and II
- ~Agribusiness and Marketing
- ~Greenhouse Operation and Management
- ~Landscape and Turf Management
- ~Agricultural Power
- ~Accounting
- ~Microcomputer Applications
- ~Office Technology
- ~Marketing I and II
- ~Child Development
- ~Creative Construction
- ~Family/Individual Health
- ~Family Life Skills
- ~Family Living
- ~Fundamental Foods
- ~Housing and Interior Design
- ~World Foods
- ~Health Occupations
- ~Drafting
- ~Introduction to Technology
- ~Woods



As they discuss small engine repair, sophomore Dustin Ellis and teacher Oscar Carter, left, practice skills in Ag Power class.

Photo by Jesse Denison

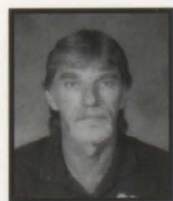


Taking a rare break in the office, counselor Judy Douglass and secretary Susan Denison, left, wait for students to arrive seeking their help.

Photo by Jesse Denison



George Duey, Auto Tech
Pat Edquish, Basic Skills
Tommy Gaston, Building Trades
Susie Heiss, Health Occ
David Higgins, Agriculture
David King, Electronics



Russell Lee, Auto Collision
Doug Loch, Industrial Arts
Dennis Marquis, Welding
Jane Parker, Resources
Marty Stigall, HACVR
Donna White, Computer

What about this organization makes it stand out from the others?

"I like DECA because I love all the food at the meetings."

--junior Sarah Craig

"In DECA, we get to go do a lot of things."

--senior Jeremy Carter

"The people in DECA are fun to be around."

--junior Misti Gourley

"Being DECA president has been a great opportunity to use the skills that I obtained through the National Leadership Academy. I hope future students will take part in this club and experience the life-shaping events it has to offer."

--senior Billy Thompson

DECA

Row 1: president Billy Thompson, vice-president Ryan Huff, secretary Sunni Roth, reporter Josh Linton, representative Emily Brown, representative Heath Rodgers, representative Jaime Ramsey, sponsor Kristy Burnett. Row 2: Nikki Howell, Jodi Sutherland, Carrie Stratton, Juan Coble, Justin Jones, Jason Duey, Matt McMillan. Row 3: Misti Gourley, Kristi Freeman, Stephanie Rich, Brent Dugger, Jessica Peterson, Sarah Craig. Row 4: Molly Manson, Melissa Kingery, Brandy Woodard, Rachelle Douglass, Jerrod Stearnes, Patricia Rodery.

Participants in the DECA conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, included (front row) sponsor Kristy Burnett, senior Emily Brown, junior Jessica Peterson, junior Brent Dugger, and (back row) junior Jerrod Stearnes, senior Billy Thompson and senior Josh Linton. The students attended this National Leadership Conference Nov. 21-23.



DECA student to Nationals

by Daniela Doroscan

District and State competitions and a leadership conference kept DECA, Distributive Education Clubs of America, students busy this year.

Not only were members successful at both the District and State levels, but senior Billy Thompson even made it to Nationals.

"Competing at Districts and State was a lot of fun, hopefully I can do even better next year" said junior Rachelle Douglass.

Club members traveled to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Nov. 21-23 for the National

Leadership Conference.

"The trip was a blast, I didn't want to leave. It was a very fun time" stated senior Josh Linton.

It was not all work, however. DECA students enjoyed many exciting times throughout the year.

"Meetings were always fun and the food made it all that much better" stated senior Justin Jones.

"I really enjoyed being in DECA this year. It really is a great club, I have learned many skills that will be valuable later in life" stated junior Jessica Peterson.



Members consider success

by Daniela Doroscan

FBLA members started the year early selling Panther mugs and manning a booth at Moonlight Madness on the town square in October.

"Moonlight Madness was very fun this year, I enjoyed helping out the club with the fundraising" said junior Brent Dugger."

Secretary Mandy Roth said the group held a gift exchange Dec. 12 and awarded a Valentines' gift basket on Feb. 13.

"At District competition, we were very successful by sweeping all the offices," both continued. Our chapter exhibit received second place."

More than 20 of the people participating placed in their categories of competition.

"Competition was very fun, I enjoyed competing and winning like I always do. It was fun winning so bad" stated senior John Tyrrell.

"The Christmas gift exchange was very exciting. It was a fun and friendly atmosphere," said junior Rachelle Douglass.

Also on the agenda was a booth at Mayfest May 16 and a toy drive in the spring.

"Every meeting was fun. I think we all had a great time," said senior Matt McMillan.

Junior Jerrod Stearnes agreed, "FBLA was great this year. All the activities and meetings were fun."



Enjoying Moonlight Madness, sophomores Jodi Chernowsky and Lindsay Campbell left, help FBLA raise funds for future club activities.

Photo by Jessica Peterson



What about this organization makes it stand out from the others?

"Having many members helped us become more involved in the community, raise needed funds and have more members active in competition. I hope our chapter will continue opening new doors."

--Pres. Billy Thompson

"This being my first year, I found it very fun."

--freshman Tiffany Whitworth

"I feel FBLA membership has risen to an almost ideal level. Everyone has helped make our chapter known in our district."

--senior Suzanne Brill

FBLA

Row 1: sponsor Michelle Lindsey, president Billy Thompson, vice-president Suzanne Brill, secretary Sunni Roth, PR Patricia Rodery. Row 2: Stacey Allen, Amanda Berry, Tana Blanton, Lindsay Campbell, Amanda Cash, Jodi Chernowsky, Rachelle Douglass, Al Dowden. Row 3: Jeremy Emery, Tamara Forrest, Nathan Fry, Ryan Huff, Joe Kuster, Sarah Laird, Josh Linton, Jeremy Looper, Richard McGowan. Row 4: Jessica Peterson, Jamie Raney, Stephanie Rich, Chase Rogers, Jaime Rogers, Mandy Roth, Randy Sparks. Row 5: Doti Smith, Jerrod Stearnes, Laura Strong, Jon Tyrrell, Tiffany Whitworth, Brandon Winfrey, Jared Templeton. Row 6: Crystal Sheppard, Nikki Howell, Jodi Sutherland, Rayna Blair, Jason Duey, Brent Dugger, Jaime Peterson, Matt McMillan.

What about this organization makes it stand out from the others?

"FFA has taught me that if you work hard and are dedicated, you will get what you deserve in life."

--senior Amanda McSpadden

"Leadership skills and responsibility learned in FFA gives you the opportunity to apply your knowledge to real life."

--senior Ronnie Nix

"The thing that I like most about FFA is that most members are some of my best friends."

--senior Dawn Oxley

"FFA is active with both the community and school."

--junior LeAnn Hicks

FFA

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Lori is Barnwarming Queen

by Betsy Wade

In 1928 the Future Farmers of America was established in Kansas City, Missouri. This well rounded club has carried on its traditions for 70 years now. Even though it is not the same as when it was started, it still stands for hard work and dedication to the agricultural work we depend upon.

The Mtn. Grove chapter has seen many accomplishments in its day. Members keep this winning tradition alive. The Ag advisor, David Higgins, said, "Our chapter continues to grow not only in membership but in participation and activities as well."

Oscar Carter, the other Ag advisor,

said the dairy team made it to Nationals and received a silver medal there.

The club received an agricomputer this year which gave students more information about various subjects.

This year a major change took place in this male dominated club as nine out of ten officers elected were girls with only one boy elected.

Senior Lori Thompson was crowned Barnwarming Queen in the annual event. Jeremy Looper was her escort.

The year was filled with many activities and successes. Mtn. Grove FFA carried its colors very well, advisors said.

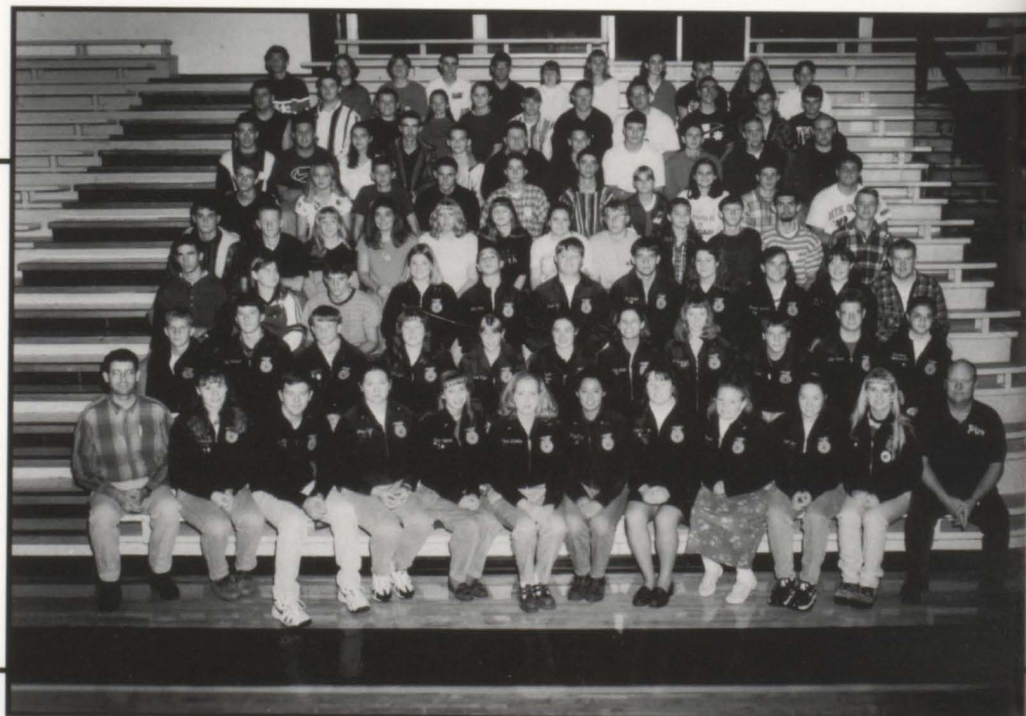


Explaining the parts of a small engine to elementary students is the challenge for junior Heath Rodgers, above.

Photo by Brent Dugger

Dancing the night away is Barnwarming Queen Lori Thompson with her escort Nathan Looper, right.

Photo by Betsy Wade





The annual craft fair, left, is just one of the many FHA events.

Helping out at the craft fair, below, are juniors Krystal Moore and Amy Oaks, and senior Lisa Causey.

Photos courtesy Elaine Duey



What about this organization makes it stand out from the others?

"With meetings like National, you can meet people from different states and find that although they live in a different environment, we have so much in common. In FHA, you can learn leadership skills and reach your goals."
--Pres. Andrea Boyd

"I enjoy meeting people and getting involved with community activities."
--sophomore Christina Gittings

"You get to help the community and join in fun activities as well as travel to other states."
--junior Raneer Hale

"It's not what everybody thinks it is, like cooking and sewing. There's much more to it."
-- junior Regina Tooley

FHA

Row 1: Pres.-Andrea Boyd, V.P.-Lisa Causey, Secretary-Amy Oaks, Reporter-Andrea Rhoads, Rec. Leader-Regina Tooley, Rec. Leader-Juan Coble, Sponsor Elaine Duey. Row 2: Amanda Hicks, Tina Smart, Tyler Hensley, Amy French, Krystal Moore, Laurie Smart. Row 3: Steven Causey, Dustin Shewbert, Raneer Hale, Lisa Smith, Sunni Roth, Rachel Homer, Clarice Kluey. Row 4: Kristina Gittings, Tanya Sapp, Maryann Robertson, Andrea Shannon, April Finch, Kristie Tumlinson. Not Pictured: Treasurer-Jennifer McClure

'Body Walk' tops agenda

by Sarah Craig & Nick Skyles

FHA offers members activities including helping the community, traveling to different places and the Body Walk.

The Body Walk consisted of FHA members speaking on the importance of various parts of the body and the role that nutritious foods play in keeping the body healthy.

Other activities included an Officer Training Workshop held at Thayer, Missouri.

Eleven members also attended a Cluster Meeting held at Birmingham, Alabama, the Star Event Competition, and they also attended a State Leadership Conference held at the University of Missouri, Columbia.

FHA saved pop cans and tabs to support the Ronald McDonald House and provided community service which included a community phone survey for the hospital proposal and more.

"FHA helps students to develop personal leadership, to understand themselves and their relationships with others, to prepare for community living as a responsible citizen, to experience the satisfaction of helping others, to improve home and family life, to identify concerns, make decisions, carry out activities, to have fun through shared group activities, and to gain recognition for their accomplishments," sponsor Elaine Duey explained.



What about this organization makes it stand out from the others?

"We worked a lot harder for competition to make it to Nationals."

--senior Betsy Wade

"VICA allows me to apply my vocational taught skills."

--senior Rocky Coonts

"In VICA, I can put to use what I've learned."

--senior Jerred Yarger

"VICA gives the skills to compete in the real world."

--senior Jason Evans

"VICA is great because of all the special projects."

--junior John Bryant

VICA

Row 1: president Jeremy Lehman, vice-president Roy Eagle, secretary Amy French, treasurer Chris Katara, parliamentarian Jennifer Bartlett. Row 2: president Rocky Coonts, vice-president Emily Brown, reporter Betsy Wade, secretary Teasha Turner, parliamentarian Ronnie Lathrom, historian Jerred Yarger, sponsor Tommy Gaston. Row 3: Dustin Shelton, Michael Weaver, Ralph Bashor, Jason Evans, Jenny Long, sponsor Dennis Marquis. Row 4: John Bryant, Dustin Pettit, Justin Blackwell, Greg Cantrell, Mike Thompson, Jay Michael. Row 5: Steven Causey, Justin Duke, Chris Tinsley, Sarah Bulley, Jennifer Kelly.

VICA members receiving recognition at the OMTC awards night, below, included MGHS students, Dusty Shelton, Kristi Merka, Emily Brown, Betsy Wade, Jason Evans, Jerred Yarger and Teasha Turner. *Photo courtesy Betsy Wade*



VICA takes rocket to Nationals

by Jason Duey & Heath Housley

Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, also known as VICA, has been very busy this year. The year started with a fish fry to raise money for club activities throughout the year.

VICA is a combination of various vocational classes. The club is sponsored by teachers Tommy Gaston and Dennis Marquis.

In November members traveled to Houston to attend a State Leadership Conference.

Members have also competed in District and State competitions.

Throughout the year the students have been working on a rocket to take to competitions. The rocket took first in the state and made it to Nationals.



Chair project leads to State

by Jason Duey & Matt McMillan

Looking for a useful trade? Then Industrial Arts has what you need. Sponsor of this club is teacher Doug Loch.

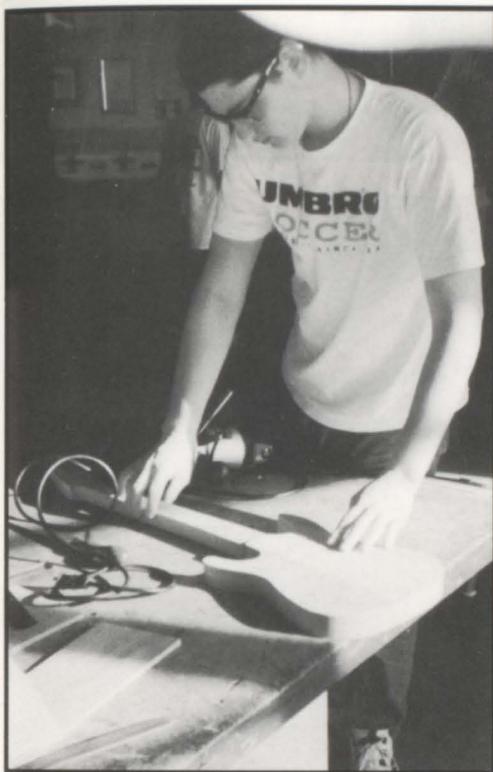
To help raise money for trips and activities at the beginning of the year, members built chairs to sell to the community.

Members even entered one of the chairs in District competition where it won

and thus qualified for State.

Using the money earned from the chairs, the students took a trip at the end of the year to St. Louis to tour the Chrysler plant and attended a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game.

The club meets monthly on Vo-Tech Club Day to discuss activities and work on projects.



Putting the final touches on his project, sophomore Jeremy Emery, above, sands away.

Working hard, sophomore Aaron Cooley left, completes his project.

Photos courtesy Doug Loch



What about this organization makes it stand out from the others?

"The time and energy it takes to build quality projects make this club one of the best."

--freshman Dustin Cain

"It's good because of all the hands-on work."

--freshman Anthony Massey

"Lots of fun and enjoyment make the Industrial Arts Club great. I recommend joining."

--senior Tony Dawson

"All of the fun trips make Industrial Arts Club exciting."

--freshman Richard Turnbull

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Row 1: president Nathan Fry, vice-president Jeremy Emery, secretary Nathan Jarret, treasurer Dustin Cain, sergeant-at-arms Chet Douglass. Row 2: Darrell Bolin, Michael Pope, Jason Evans, Benjie Poe, Bobby Barnes, Jamie Kutz. Row 3: Tommy Cooper, Anthony Massey, Josh Mackey, Richard Turnbull, Josh Meierotto, Shane Fair.

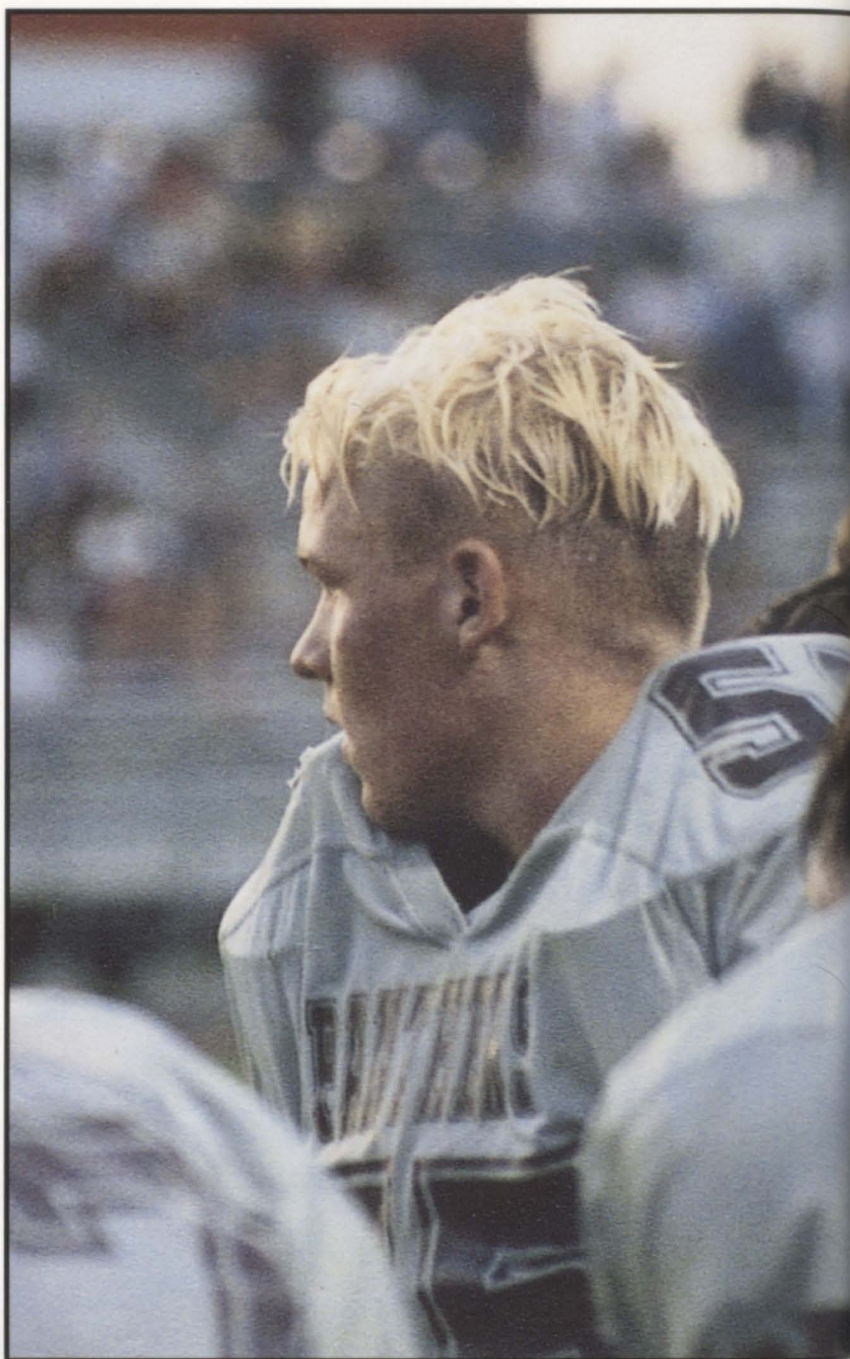


Discussing the events of the school day before volleyball practice, top above, are sophomores Kayla Shannon, Lyndse Robertson, Jamie Raney, Stacey Allen, Amy Brummet and Sarah Laird. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

Junior Penny Carmon shows her support for senior Sara Johnson, above right, on girls basketball senior night. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

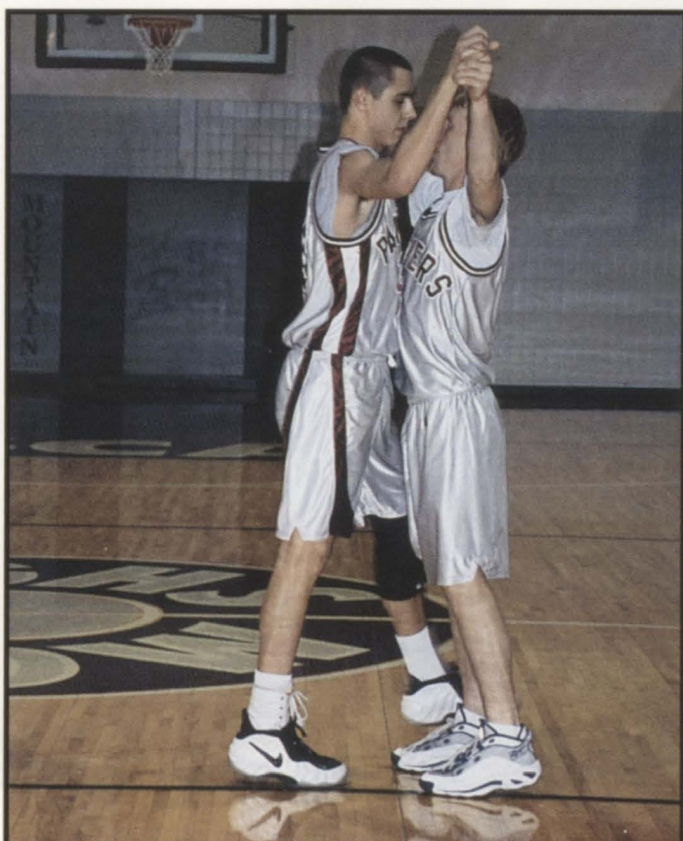
Representing the MGHS football team prior to the Mountain Grove versus Willow Springs game are, above, senior team captains Jerred Yarger and Billy Thompson. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

Taking a rest while preparing for the next match at the Branson Football Jamboree, right, is junior Heath Housley. The jamboree, a new experience to the squad, allowed the team to play a quarter against another area team prior to the start of the season. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*



Striving for Success

Athletes take
MGHS to new levels
as they try to build
on the past, today



Team unity is important to the JV volleyball team, above left, as players encourage each other on the court. *Photo by Angela Dunham*

Entertaining the crowd, above, Panther mascot and senior Betsy Wade performs her state competition routine for the fans at Panther stadium. Betsy's performance to the tune of "Men In Black" won her third place at NCA State Competition. *Photo by Rachelle Douglass*

Giving each other encouragement as they prepare for a game, left, are junior Jacob Scott and senior Jerred Yarger. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

They've got spirit

Fans support teams, keep traditions alive

by Jessica Peterson

Spirit is a large part of the success achieved by Panther teams.

Fan support inspires athletes to go the extra mile, not only for themselves and their team, but for their school.

Fans show love for MGHS teams in many unique ways. The most popular of these is wearing maroon and grey from head to toe.

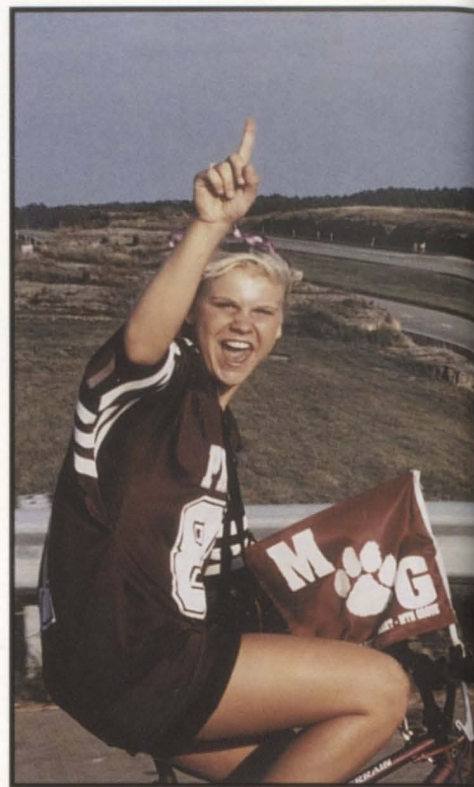
Senior girls showed their support with the annual senior bike ride followed by cheering at a Panther football game in Cabool. The girls also borrowed football jerseys from several Panther football team members in order to further proclaim their support

Spirit Club sponsored two spirit weeks, one during football season and one

during basketball season. Spirit Club also sponsored numerous pep assemblies where fans were entertained by humorous skits, "Panther Boy" played by the band and competitions between classes.

Other fans showed their support by making signs to decorate Panther stadium and the gymnasium, dressing oddly and screaming and cheering at games.

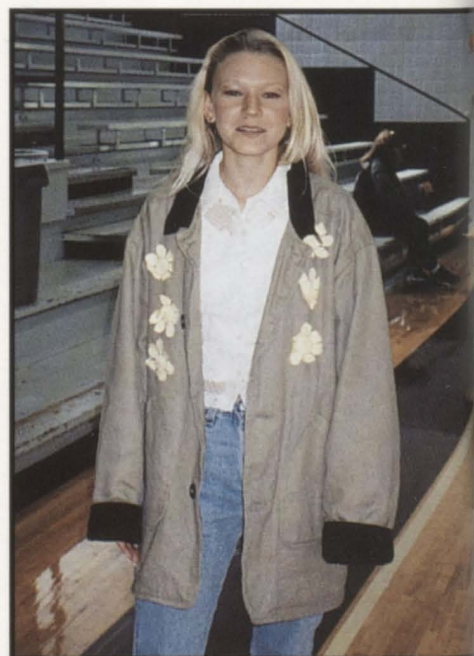
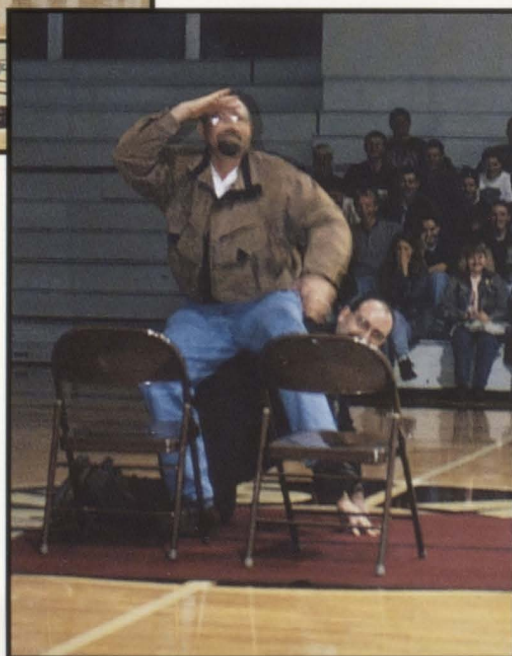
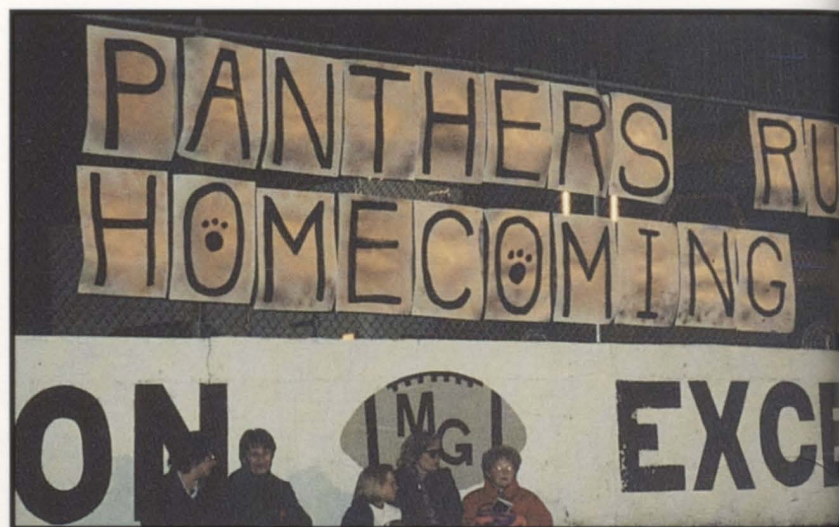
Obviously, Panther fans have proven their importance by their invaluable efforts to bring MGHS to new levels.

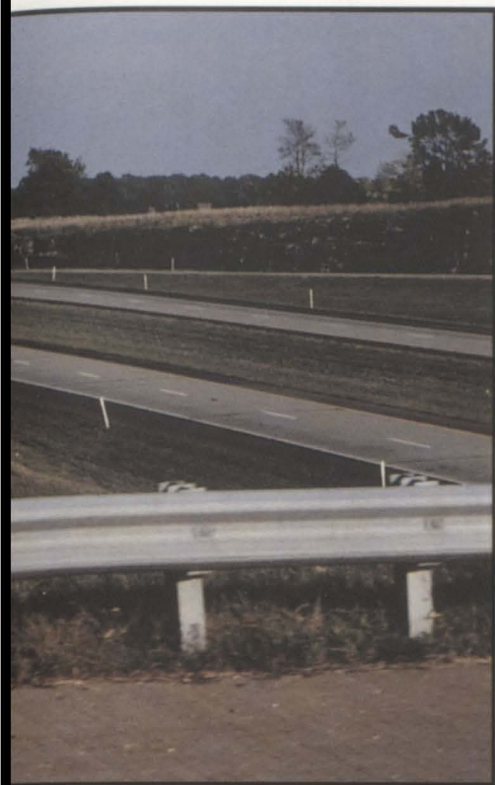


Senior Tamara Forrest, above, teacher Les Top and assistant principal Mike Murphy, right, participate in a humorous activity at one of many pep assemblies.

Photos by Angela Dunham

Several banners and signs decorated Panther stadium for the Homecoming game, including this one, above right, that stands proudly overlooking the field. *Photo by Angela Dunham*





Showing their support for the Panthers, sophomore Lane Baldwin and senior Michelle Hawkins, left, wear maroon and grey through the halls of MGHS. Photo by Tara Shaw

Cheering on the Panthers at a basketball game, top, sophomore Randy Sparks, freshman Toby Thompson and Jaime Peterson and juniors Carrie Stratton and Heidi Sonnenschein yell for their team. Photo by Rachelle Douglass

Proclaiming the status of the Panthers, senior Katie Hubner, above left, travels by bike to Cabool for the annual senior run. Photo by Michelle Hawkins

Sporting a collection of paper daisies, junior Rachel Homer, far left, participates in Spirit Week Daisy Day. Photo by Brent Dugger

Sophomore Jodi Chernowsky, left, participates in Spirit Week as she poses in her 'spirited' attire. Photo by Tara Shaw

SCRAPIN' PANTHERS PERSEVERE

A tough schedule, a tough team

by Jesse Denison and Jerrod Stearnes

The fighting Panthers had their share of good times and bad times. With a young squad, the Panthers played some tough teams, including state 2-A champions, Springfield Catholic.

The Panther crew suffered many injuries that haunted them throughout the season.

Junior Adam Shores broke his hand at mid-season and left his spot on both offense and defense open. "I would have liked to help the team," Shores said. "I'm lucky I'm a junior and have next year to focus on."

"People who took my spot really did a nice job. I just wish I could have contributed more," said junior running back Brent Dugger. Dugger suffered a shoulder injury during the match against Cabool that hampered him for the next six games.

Junior running back Christopher Tinsley was out with a bruised knee for a game, leaving the lone running back sophomore Kevin Beck to fill the big shoes of a Panther running back.

With a season plagued with injuries, the Panthers did all they could do.

All players and coaches would have liked to win more games, but many of the players had some memorable moments.

"I love the inside reverse. I was able to plow over some people. That was cool," senior Jerred Yarger said.

"When I ran for over 100 yards against Houston, I made some moves and created my own holes, sometimes," remembers senior Wendall Shrock.

"When I hit the ball carrier on the one yard line in triple overtime to cause a fumble and we went on to beat Liberty," said senior Billy Thompson.

"I wish we could have played a few more games, because it seemed like we were starting to play better at the end of the season," said senior Brent Lebaron.

Many starters will return next year and they will no doubt be a threat in the district once again.



VARSITY AND JV FOOTBALL. Row 1: Chase Rogers, Cody Knaak, Robby Pratt, Billy Thompson, Jamie Wyrick, Eric Lueck, Jeremy Emery. Row 2: Shane Blankenship, Loren Eilenstine, Jeremy Looper, Michael Thompson, Brent Dugger, Jared Doty, Nathan Fry, Jared Bradshaw, Dustin Ellis, Josh Colson. Row 3: Josh Kumpula, Chris Iott, J.D. House, Jerrod Stearnes, Brent LeBaron, Heath Rodgers, Justin Foster, Darrel Bolin, Ron Kumpula. Row 4: Jared Bylerly, coach Jim Breedlove, coach Jon Pilcher, coach Andy Frerking, coach Kyle Roach, coach Bob Vandiver, coach J.T. Hale, Jerred Yarger. Row 5: Kevin Beck, Nathan Jarrett, Dustin Sheppard, Bo Parker, Chris Tinsley, Roy Eilenstine, Richard McGowan. Row 6: Ronnie Lathrom, Wendall Schrock, Heath Housley, Jon Marquis, Danny Bohnenkamp, Josh Turner. Row 7: Travis Thompson, Jesse Denison, Adam Shores, Rodney Thompson, Josh Linton.

Junior #9 Jesse Denison, top, shows his Panther-like reflexes by jumping for the ball. Photo by Matt McMillan

Junior running back #32 Brent Dugger, middle, makes sure Willow Springs knows he came to play hard. Photo by Jessica Peterson

Honors

Jerred Yarger-
 2nd Team SCA defensive back
 1st Team All-District defensive
 back
 Justin Foster-
 Honorable Men. SCA QB
 Roy Eilenstine-
 Honorable Men. SCA
 defensive LB
 Heath Rodgers-
 2nd Team SCA defensive line
 2nd Team All-District
 defensive line
 Jesse Denison-
 2nd Team SCA offensive TE
 1st Team All-District
 offensive TE



Kicking for the points, left, junior #62 Heath
 Rodgers puts up a extra point while junior #89 Ronnie
 Lathrom makes a block. *Photo by Jason Dney*

Walking down the hill, below, seniors #39 Wendal
 Schrock, #64 Billy Thompson, #54 Roy Eilenstine and
 the rest of the panther crew get ready to kill. *Photo by*
Matt McMillan



Dismantling Willow Springs, opposite bottom, senior
 #54 Roy Eilenstine and junior #55 Heath Housley make
 great tackle. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

Breaking the tackle, above, senior #5 Jerred Yarger
 makes an outstanding play. *Photo by Matt McMillan*



Scoreboard

MG vs Catholic.....	20-46
MG vs Salem.....	7-40
MG vs Cabool.....	7-29
MG vs Liberty.....	20-14, 3 - O.T.
MG vs West Plains.....	0-14
MG vs Log. Rogersville.....	0-20
MG vs Willow Springs.....	33-3
MG vs Reed Spring.....	14-18
MG vs Ava.....	7-32
MG vs Houston.....	23-16

Record - 3-7

Youngsters sharpen skills

Underclassmen prepare for Varsity

by Jared Byerly

JV and freshman football is like a knife on a stone, sharpening skills so the players can make that final step in becoming hard core gridiron athletes.

The two teams had had a promising season when it came to finding players to fit into next year's varsity team. With the help of coach Kyle Roach's weightroom and hard training maybe more players will be considered in the roster.

The JV Panthers ended the season with a 3-4 record. The best all-around game was the revenge win over the Ava Bears who had served the Panthers an earlier loss.

The JV team only practiced once a week, scrimaging against the freshmen.

"I thought we made a great deal of progress throughout the year and will have several players ready to step up to varsity roles, either as starters or on special teams," coach Andy Frerking said. "The guys played hard, were enthusiastic and learned what it takes to be successful on the varsity level."

"We had a pretty rough season this year. We didn't win a lot of games, but we worked hard and had a lot of fun," said

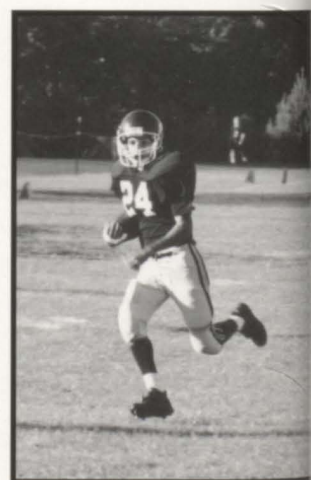
sophomore quarterback Chase Rogers.

Junior wide receiver Dustin Sheppard agreed, "I enjoyed playing JV football this year. The young players stepped up and we had a good season."

The freshman team ended with the record showing 5-1. They got the chance to play some good competition such as Salem and Springfield Catholic and know what to look forward to next year. "The season started off a little rocky, but as we played more games we progressed," freshman Chet Douglass said.

With coach Jon Pilcher's help the freshmen learned teamwork and new strategies on the field. The coaching staff did a good job with the younger players trying to give them more experience.

Both teams had the chance to play an additional game or two for more experience.



Breaking a tackle by the Cabool defense, top, freshman #24 Brett Parker, attempts the reverse.

Photo by Sarah Craig

Shedding a tackle by a Cabool defender, middle, #36 Chet Douglass breaks for more yardage.

Photo by Matt McMillan

Launching the ball, sophomore #20 Chase Rogers, bottom left, passes to an open receiver.

Out maneuvering the Houston defense, bottom right, freshman #24 Brett Parker, looks for a touchdown.

Photos by Jessica Peterson



Freshman Football: Row 1: Josh Mackey, Tyler Owens, Grant Watson, Kevin Taylor, Jesse Flower, Mark Short, Jared Harris. Row 2: Benjie Poe, R.J. Turnbull, Rickey Emery, Matt Wade, Bobby Barnes, Dustin Cain, Dustin Hawkins, John Sanford. Row 3: Brandon Shannon, Tim Sparks, Heath Jarrett, Chet Douglass, Brett Parker, Peter Andersen, Jeremy Turner. Row 4: coach Jon Pilcher, coach J.T. Hale.



Preparing the team for action against the Ava Bears, left, sophomore quarterback #20 Chase Rogers counts down for the snap.

Photo by Jason Ducey

Pulling through for the team, below, freshman #22 Tyler Owens busts through the Houston defense to put six up on the board.

Photo by Jason Ducey



Trying out the tailback position, middle, junior #85 Dustin Sheppard slips through the arms of an Ava defendant for a touchdown. Dustin

also helped out on the Varsity kickoff and kick return teams.

Photo by Jason Ducey



Scoreboard

Junior Varsity

MG vs Salem.....	6-32
MG vs Catholic.....	6-24
MG vs Houston.....	16-7
MG vs Ava.....	8-20
MG vs Liberty.....	26-14
MG vs Ava.....	24-6
MG vs West Plains.....	6-14

Freshmen

MG vs Salem.....	6-26
MG vs Catholic.....	45-0
MG vs Houston.....	33-0
MG vs Ava.....	33-8
MG vs Cabool.....	22-8
MG vs West Plains.....	18-14

J.V./Freshmen

MG vs Willow Springs.....	8-14
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Young team plays to learn

A new coach, a new philosophy, a new season

by Angela Dunham

The Lady Panther team started off the season with a new head coach, Nico Westfall, and tons of heart and desire. The team may have lacked height and experience, but with hard work and dedication, they soon filled the gap.

With only a 8-17-5 record, the Panthers could have dropped their heads at any time, but they held their heads high and continued their game.

"We had a lot of fun and I felt our record did not reflect the talent and success we had this season," Coach Westfall said.

"We were a young team without a tremendous amount of height, but we did an excellent job at two of our tournaments and we went three games with several of our tough opponents. I was very fortunate to be able to coach this year's squad," she continued.

The club went to the Willard Tournament early in the season and returned home with a 4th Place trophy. They also earned a consolation trophy in the Licking Tournament.

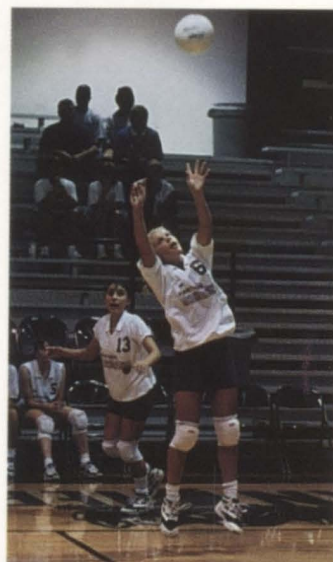
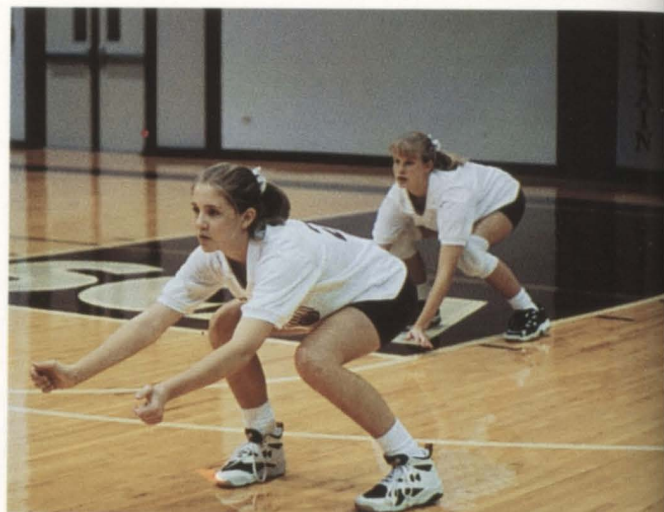
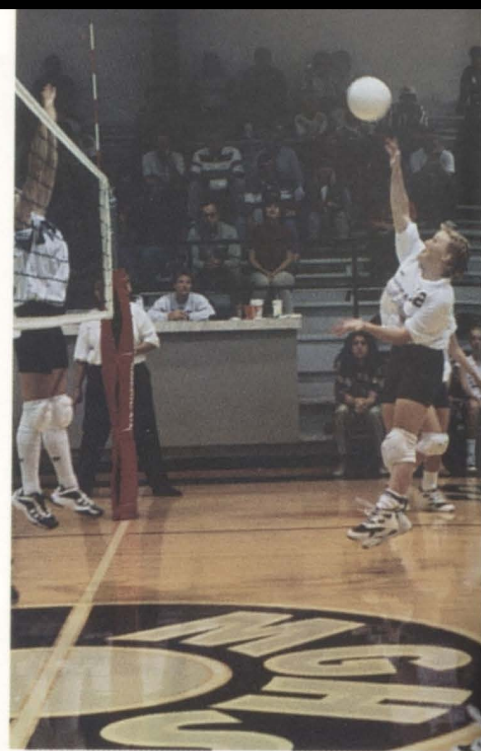
The Mountain Grove team lost five seniors to graduation last season, four of whom were starters, so the Lady Panthers

returned with only two starters. The two seniors on this year's team, Katie Hubner and Lori Thompson, had to step up and show a tremendous amount of team leadership and give encouragement to the four who moved up to the varsity level.

Sophomore Kayla Shannon said, "When I first got moved up to varsity, I was a little nervous, but after a few games, I got used to playing with the girls and had a blast."

Next year, the Panther team will return with five starters and expectations are high. They will have gained experience and talent and will come back next year ready to win.

Junior Carrie Stratton added, "Coach Westfall taught us how to have fun and what it really meant to love the game. We gained a lot of experience this year and I think we will be much better next year."



Varsity Volleyball Team Row 1: Jamie Raney, Rachelle Douglass. Row 2: Carrie Stratton, Lori Thompson. Row 3: Stacey Allen, Coach Christy Holland, Coach Nico Westfall, Beth Shaw. Row 4: Katie Hubner, Angela Dunham, Heather Linton, Kayla Shannon.

Going up against a Houston block, above top, junior Rachelle Douglass #12 charts another kill.
Photo by Jessica Peterson

Concentrating on the opponent serve, above middle, sophomores Kayla Shannon #26 and Stacey Allen #9 get down on defense.
Photo by Jessica Peterson

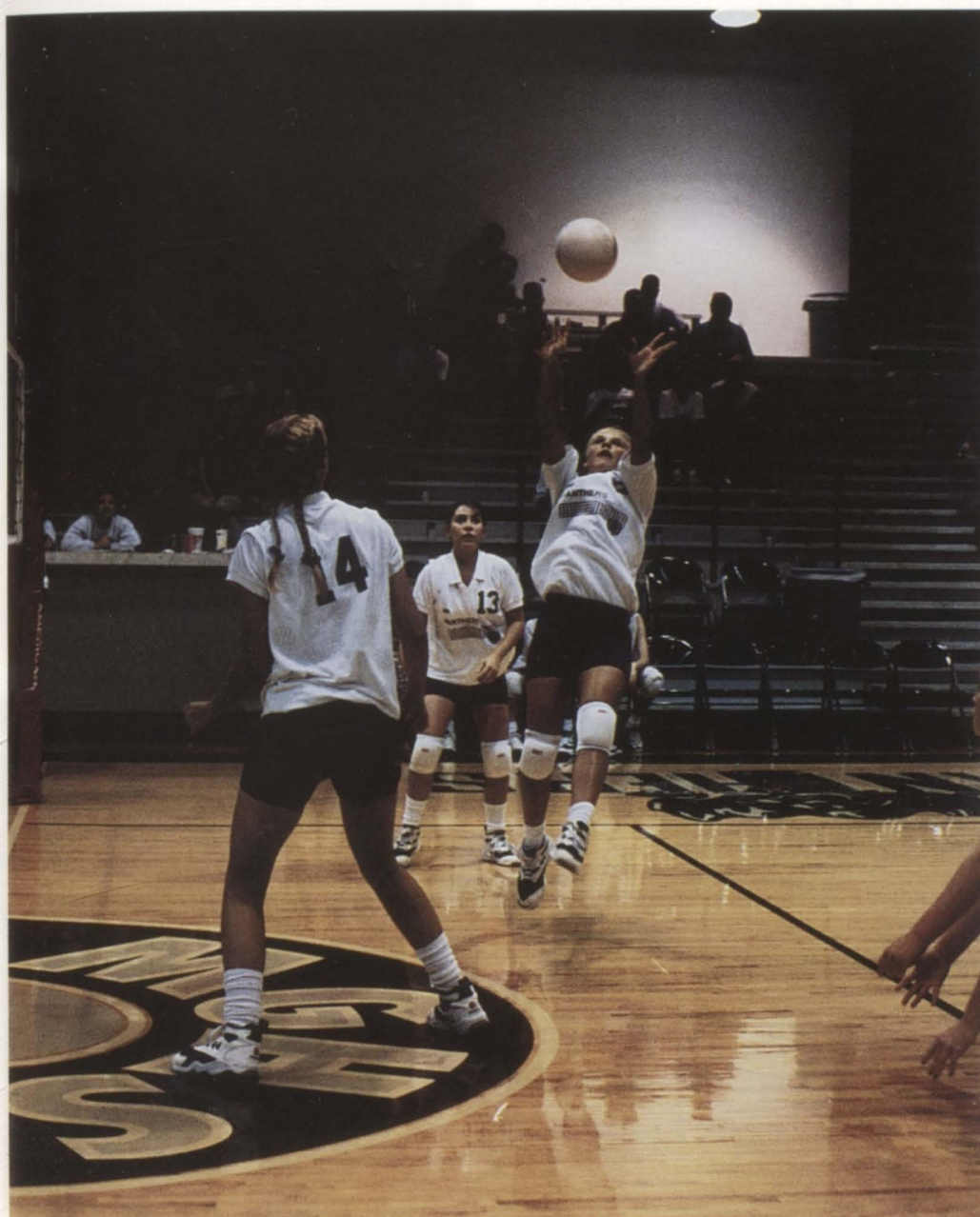
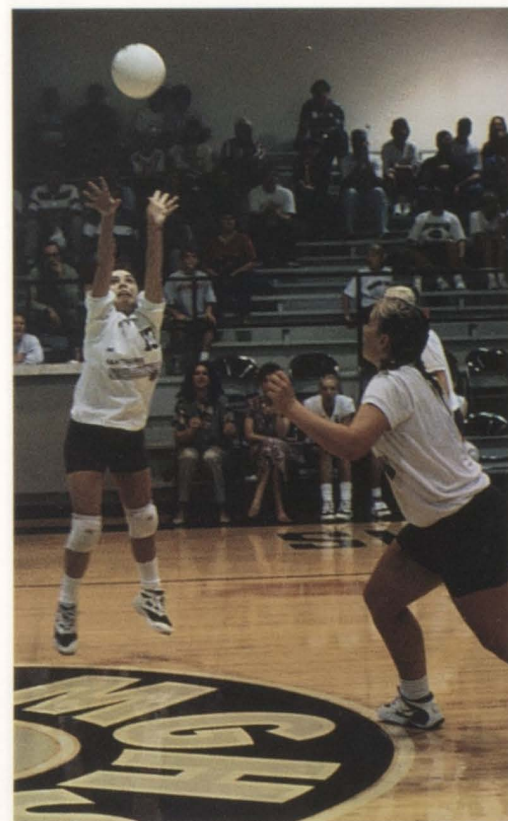
Honors

Katie Hubner-
2nd Team SCA
MVP Award
Most Kills
Most solo and double blocks
Lori Thompson-
Most Heart Award
Angela Dunham-
Honorable Mention SCA
Best Offensive Award
Most Digs
Highest Kill Percentage
Rachelle Douglass-
Best Deffensive
Best Service Percentage
Carrie Stratton-
Most Assists
Stacey Allen and Samantha Dennis-
Hustle Award



Getting it together, left, the fighting Lady Panthers review their game strategy. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

Receiving a good pass, below, junior Carrie Stratton #13 sets up the play as team member Angela Dunham #11 gets ready for the kill. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*



Setting up the play, far left, senior Katie Hubner #6 gains yet another assist. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

Leaning in for a pass, left, senior Lori Thompson #7 begins the rally. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

Airborne, senior Katie Hubner #6, above, sets the ball as junior Carrie Stratton #13 anticipates the kill. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

Scoreboard

MG vs. Fordland.....	15-0	15-3
MG vs. Rogersville.....	12-15	12-15
MG vs. Ava.....	13-15	2-15
MG vs. Houston.....	14-16	15-11 10-15
Willard Tournament.....	4th Place	
MG vs. Mtn. View.....	15-12	15-5
MG vs. Licking.....	8-15	8-15
MG vs. Plato.....	15-12	15-7
MG vs. Willow Springs.....	12-15	15-1 11-15
MG vs. Mansfield.....	12-15	7-15
MG vs. Cabool.....	15-8	15-10
MG vs. Thayer.....	15-0	15-9
Logan Rogersville Tournament.....		
Licking Tournament.....	Consolation	
MG vs. Salem.....	2-15	6-15
MG vs. West Plains.....	15-12	7-15 7-15
MG vs. Hillcrest.....	3-15	13-15
MG vs. Willow Springs.....	8-15	8-15
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MG vs. Marshfield.....	1-15	4-15

Team welcomes new coach

Adjustments made by talented team

by Lindsey Linton

The season brought many changes for the Freshmen and Junior Varsity volleyball teams. With a few returning JV players moving up to Varsity, a new coach, and nine freshmen ready to take on the high school challenge, many new ideas were brought forward and adjustments had to be made.

New coach, Nico Westfall, said, "I feel that the girls adjusted very well to the many changes that were made throughout the season. They really played hard, and hopefully next year our record will prove just how much talent our team really has."

Returning JV coach, Christy Holland, said, "I thought we had a pretty good season this year. The girls improved a lot from the first practice to the very end, and hopefully things will keep getting better."

The players' love for volleyball showed in the games as well as in practices. They pushed themselves through every practice hoping to be the best. "We had our ups and downs, but we pulled through as a team. I wish we would have had a better record than we did, but I feel like we played hard and had a lot of fun this season," said sophomore Jessica Klingensmith. The JV team ended their season with a 6-11-1

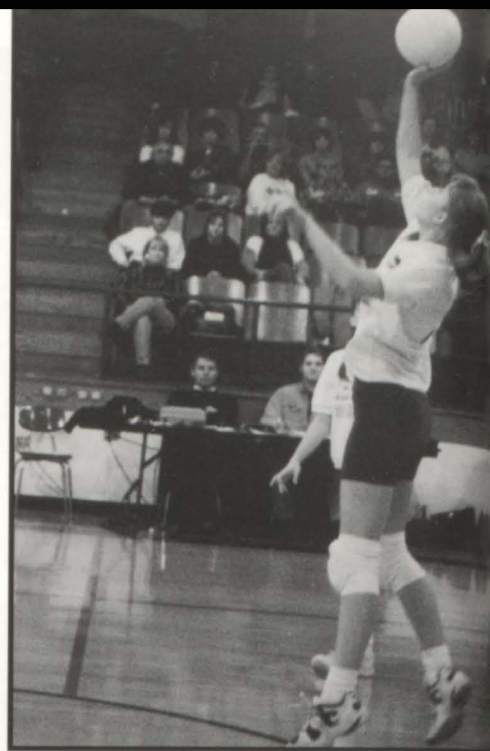
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The Freshmen made a big step from junior high to high school volleyball. It was a new and exciting experience for them and they were all ready for it. "This year being my first year in high school, I thought the season turned out good. We had a couple of difficulties, but we always seemed to work them out," said freshman Jaime Rogers. The Freshmen team didn't play many games, but when they did, they gave it all they had.

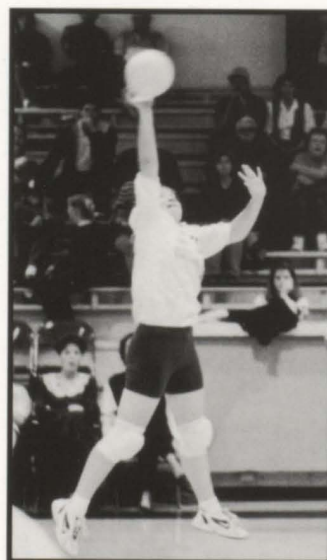
Their record may not show it, but on the court you could see that they were determined to play their best. They ended their season with a 0-5 record.

The future looks very successful for the Lady Panther volleyball team.

"We will be working extremely hard during off-season, so next year we'll be a lot tougher and a lot more ready than we were this year. Hopefully we'll make it to state!" said Coach Westfall.



Junior Varsity and Freshmen Teams: Row 1: Leah Gaddis, Amy Brummet, Beth Shaw, Jessica Klingensmith, Lindsey Linton, Samantha Dennis, Erin Housley. Row 2: Jaime Peterson, Leanna Gaston, Tana Blanton, Sabrina Strong, Laura Strong, Jaime Rogers, Lindsay Campbell.



Attempting to spike the ball in the right spot, freshman Beth Shaw, above, tries to add another point. Photo by Brent Dugger

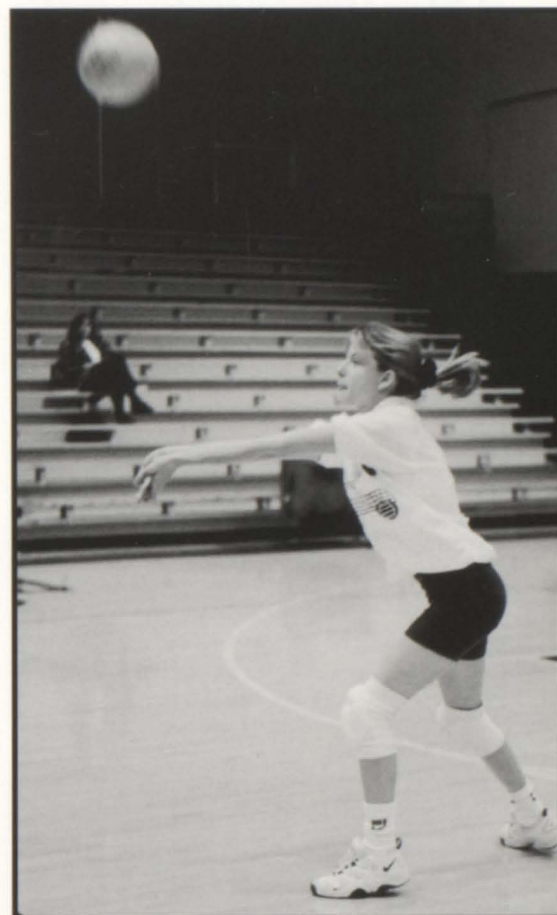


Going low for a perfect dig, sophomore Lindsay Campbell, above, makes an excellent pass to the setter. Photo by Rachelle Douglas



During a time out at the West Plains tournament, Coach Westfall, left, gives the girls a word of encouragement. *Photo by Angela Dunham*

Reaching high for a good pass to the setter, freshman Jaime Peterson, below, tries to build momentum for the Lady Panthers. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*



Going up for the tip against Willow Springs, sophomore Amy Drummet, opposite top, tries to get the ball back for her team. *Photo by Rachelle Douglass*

Diving for the save, sophomore Lindsey Linton, opposite middle, works to lead her team to a victory. *Photo by Rachelle Douglass*

Spiking the ball over the net, above, freshman Tana Blanton attempts to score a point for her team at the West Plains tournament where MGHS went 3-5, winning them 4th place. *Photo by Angela Dunham*

Scoreboard

JUNIOR VARSITY

MG vs Fordland.....	15-7, 15-5
MG vs Rogersville.....	6-15, 9-15
MG vs Ava.....	15-7, 15-1
MG vs Houston.....	11-15, 12-1
MG vs Mtn. View.....	15-12, 15-6
MG vs Licking.....	12-15, 15-5, 8-15
MG vs Plato.....	15-3, 15-1
MG vs Willow Springs.....	3-15, 8-15
MG vs Cabool.....	7-15, 9-15
MG vs Thayer.....	15-1, 15-0
MG vs Salem.....	10-15, 13-15
MG vs West Plains.....	4-15, 7-15
MG vs Hillcrest.....	13-15, 4-15
MG vs Willow Springs...	15-6, 8-15, 13-15

West Plains JV Tourney

MG vs Willow Springs.....	11-8, 5-11
MG vs Liberty.....	11-8, 11-3
MG vs West Plains.....	6-11, 8-11
MG vs Houston.....	2-11, 5-11

FRESHMEN

MG vs Rogersville.....	12-15, 9-15
MG vs Ava.....	4-15, 15-11, 12-15
MG vs Cabool.....	9-15, 8-15
MG vs Salem.....	9-15, 4-15
MG vs West Plains.....	7-15, 2-15

Team sends runner to State

Goin captures All-District on way to state

by Matt McMillan and Daniela Doroscan

This cross country season took a lot of hard work and motivation. In the beginning the team consisted of seven boys and six girls. Injuries claimed three runners. Despite these obstacles the team had a positive outlook. "A true team stays a team no matter what the challenges. It took me four years to figure this out. Long live the Swedish Stallions," said senior Kevin Ramaeker.

One of the runners did exceptionally well, however, and made it to State. In Jefferson City sophomore Sam Goin placed 76th, and said, "I felt very fortunate making it to State in only my second year running. I hope to letter in the next two years." Goin also recieved 2nd team All-District.

It was a challenging year for the younger runners. "I had fun and I will always remember the bus ride home from SMSU," said first year runner sophomore Michelle Zid.

"I loved this year because it was fun. I enjoyed running with the seniors and will miss doing so. I hope next year is as much fun as this year has been," junior Julia Kuster added.

The new runners have the opportunity to look forward to the years to come

"This year was fun and I hope next year will be too. I will miss the seniors." freshman Heather Todd said.

As the other runners look to the future the seniors glimpse the past. "Even though our races didn't show it, I felt that Coach Azevedo coached us better than he ever has," said senior Daniel Zid.

Wishing luck to fellow runners senior Tabitha Todd said, "We ran as a team this year. I liked that. I hope next year's runners will remember all the things we've passed down."



In one of her final meets, senior Tabitha Todd, top, shows strong determination all year.

Showing perserverance through four years is senior Daniel Zid, middle left.

The boys team, a.k.a. "Swedish Stallions," middle, get psyched.

Striving to be the best, senior Kevin Ramaeker, bottom left, shows his incredible stamina.

As the course gets shorter, bottom right, junior Julia Kuster's strides get longer in one of the final meets of the year.

Photos courtesy Jack Hollan



Cross Country Team Row 1: Jonny Bell, Tabitha Todd, Sam Goin, Daniela Doroscan, Julia Kuster, Simon Doroscan. Row 2: Daniel Zid, Shawn Clements, Heather Todd, Michelle Zid, Kevin Ramaeker. Row 3: Coach Terry Azevedo. Not Pictured: Iosif Doroscan.

Honors

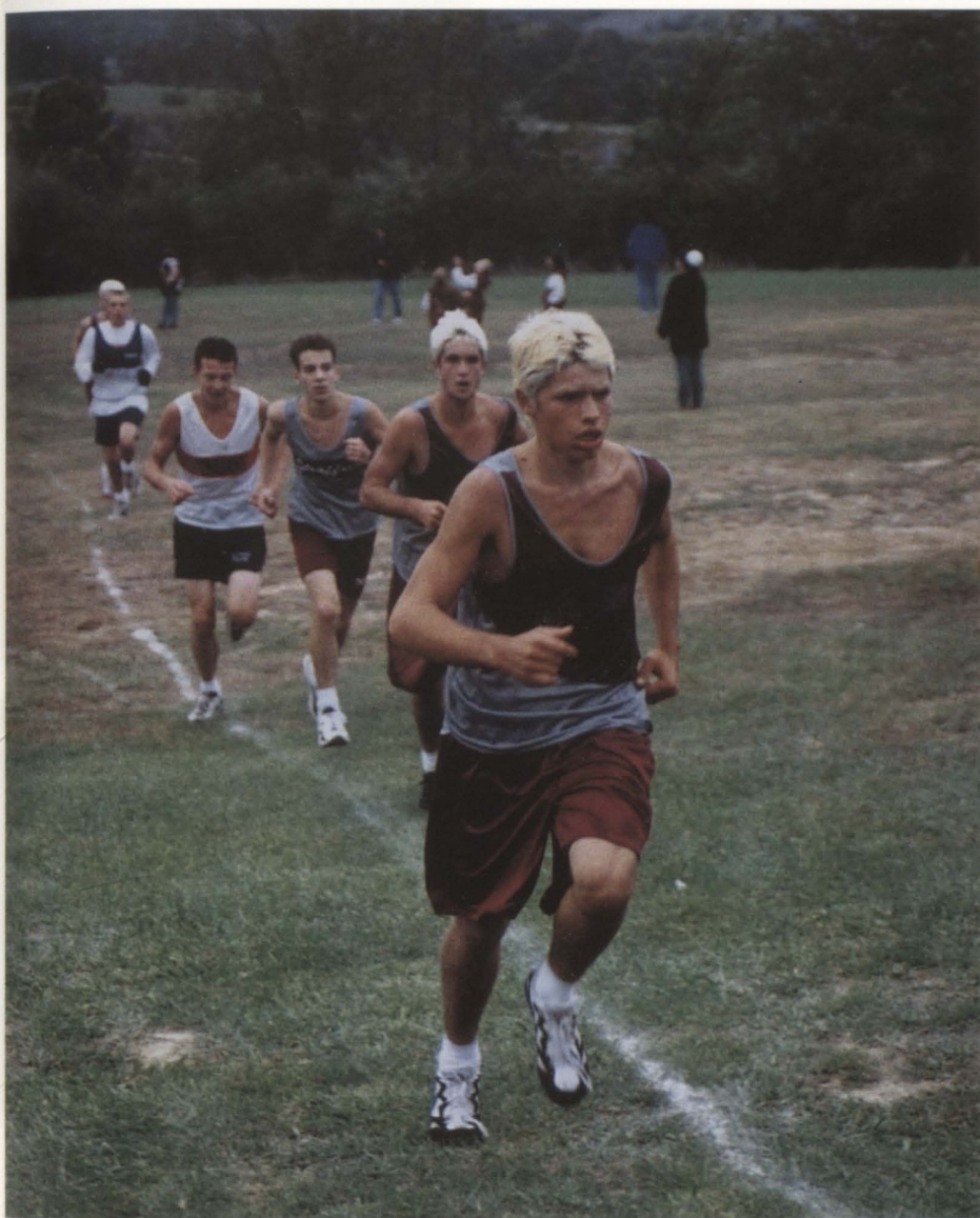
Sam Goin-
2nd Team All-District
State Qualifier
Julia Kuster-
All-District
Honorable Mention



Showing a little team spirit before a meet, left, the girls try to build motivation.

Pushing herself toward the finish line, below, senior Daniela Doroscan, fights for a better position.

Photos courtesy Jack Holland



As the team's only representative at State, sophomore Sam Goin, above, shows strong endurance as he

finishes his race. Sam placed 76th at State.

Photo courtesy Jack Holland



Scoreboard

Willow Springs Sept. 11
boys 3rd Place, girls 5th Place
West Plains Sept. 19
boys 3rd Place, girls 4th Place
Plato Sept. 22
boys 1st Place, girls 3rd Place
Mansfield Sept. 28
boys 1st Place, girls 1st Place
Catholic Oct. 9
boys 4th Place, girls 4th Place
Mtn. Grove (Inv.) Oct. 13
boys 3rd Place, girls 3rd Place
Mansfield (Inv.) Oct. 23
boys 3rd Place, girls 1st Place
Nixa (District) Nov. 1
boys 7th Place

Eight seniors lead team

Team finishes with 11-12 record

by Jason Duey and Jared Doty

With only four returning varsity players, the fans' expectations were lower than the players' for the upcoming basketball season.

With many players facing the experience of varsity basketball for the first time, the whole team responded for an 11-12 overall record and a 4-4 conference record.

"This year was a lot of fun and a good experience. I wish I would have played all four years," said senior Jason Duey.

Facing a tough schedule and several nagging injuries, the leadership of the eight seniors was instrumental in pulling the team through the long season.

"It was an experience that I will always remember, especially the last few days of practice," said senior Jerred Yarger.

"I will never forget the fun we had throughout the long season," added senior Tim Short.

Though losing in the first round of districts, the Panthers still enjoyed a successful season with a second place finish in the Mountain Grove Panther Classic.

With the loss of eight seniors to graduation, many younger players will have to step up next year to continue the success of those who played before them.

"The hard work and the friendships

made us a complete and productive team that I was proud to be a part of," said senior John Tyrrell.

With eight seniors, it is hard to find playing time for everybody but the Panthers never let that detour them from their goal of being as good a team as they could be.

"I am looking forward to working hard in the weight room this summer so I can bulk up and put on some weight. I want to take what I learned this year and put it to good use," said junior Jacob Scott.

"The guys played hard which made them fun to work with. Their hard work and dedication gave us a good competitive season," commented coach Mike Mallow.

"Basketball was one of the highlights of my senior year," commented senior Todd McGlamery.

The graduation of eight Panthers will make room for new faces on the varsity as JV players get the opportunity to move up and show what they have to offer to the Panther basketball program.



Varsity Boys Basketball Team: Row 1: Bryan Williams Row 2: Ryan Huff, Tony Dawson, Jared Doty, Jerred Yarger, Jacob Scott Row 3: coach Mike Mallow, John Tyrrell, Jason Duey, Tim Short, Todd McGlamery, coach Andy Frerking

Senior #13 Bryan Williams, top, launches a three pointer over a Fordland defender. *Photo by Jerred Stearnes*

An important free throw is shot by senior #42 Todd McGlamery, middle, in the Mountain Grove Panther Classic. *Photo by Brent Dugger*

Honors

Todd McGlamery-
SCA 1st Team
Most Rebounds
Most Points
Jacob Scott-
SCA Honorable Mention
Most 3 Point fg
Tim Short-
SCA Honorable Mention
Jason Duey-
Most Blocks



The Panthers make their way onto the court, left, the night of Hoop Queen. The team is led by junior #11 Jared Doty, senior #13 Bryan Williams and senior #22 Tony Dawson. *Photo by Jerrod Stearnes*

Preparing to score another point for the Panther squad, below, senior #44 Tim Short concentrates on the basket. *Photo by Rachelle Douglass*



Scoreboard

MG vs. Gainesville.....	80-74
MG vs. St. James.....	66-69
MG vs Houston J.V.	81-24
MG vs Houston.....	63-82
MG vs Fordland.....	50-75
MG vs Willow Springs.....	70-57
MG vs Cabool	68-49
MG vs Hartville.....	49-95
MG vs Republic.....	58-60
MG vs Norwood.....	48-40
MG vs West Plains.....	60-75
MG vs Mansfield.....	68-66
MG vs Catholic.....	31-64
MG vs Ava.....	68-62
MG vs Hartville J.V.	67-65
MG vs Cabool.....	42-29
MG vs Thayer.....	56-58
MG vs Salem.....	64-83
MG vs Thayer.....	59-56
MG vs Hartville.....	54-85
MG vs Liberty.....	72-78
MG vs Houston.....	80-83
MG vs Summersville.....	91-57

Seniors #24 Jason Duey and #5 Jerred Yarger, opposite page far left, meet at midcourt before the game. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

Junior #11 Jared Doty pulls up for a jumper against Summersville, opposite page left. *Photo by Rachelle Douglass*

Winning the tip, senior #42 Todd McGlamery skies over an opponent, above. *Photo by Rachelle Douglass*

Youngsters improve for future

JV, freshmen end season with only win

by Brent Dugger and Matt McMillan

Both the JV and freshmen boys' teams had a tough year. However, the boys gained valuable experience that will help them in the years to come.

The JV was a very young team. Four freshmen started most of the games and played against sophomores and juniors from other schools. The JV finished the season with a 1-16 record.

Coach Andy Frerking commented about the young team, "I was pleased with the improvement the guys made. We were a young team, but showed improvement and a willingness to work hard."

JV basketball was a great experience, and I look forward to next year," sophomore Ray Sutton said.

"The change from the Christian Academy was difficult. The competition was much tougher and the games more intense, which helped me develop my game," commented junior Andrew Dale.

Freshman Dustin Hawkins who played on the JV added, "We improved a lot and will be fine next year."

Freshman Chet Douglass agreed, "We improved over the season, which will make us more competitive. We have gained valuable experience which will help us have

a winning season next year."

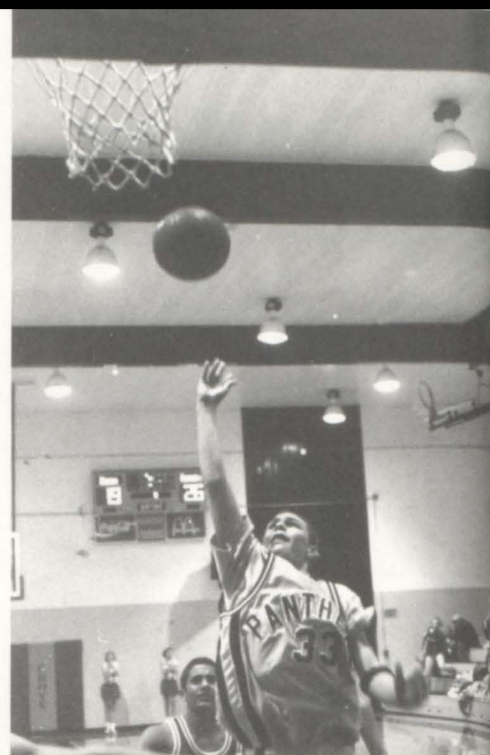
The freshmen team also got off to a rocky start and ended with a 1-13 record.

"I feel like we improved a lot over the year and gained a lot even though we did not win much," commented freshman John Sanford.

The freshman squad was under the leadership of a new coach, John Pilcher who commented, "My freshmen squad won only one game, but I was impressed with the hard work that they put in for me and the team this year. They improved throughout the year, and had a never quit attitude that impressed me as well as the opposing coaches."

Pilcher continued, "If they can build on what they learned this year and continue to work hard they will have a very successful career here at MGHS."

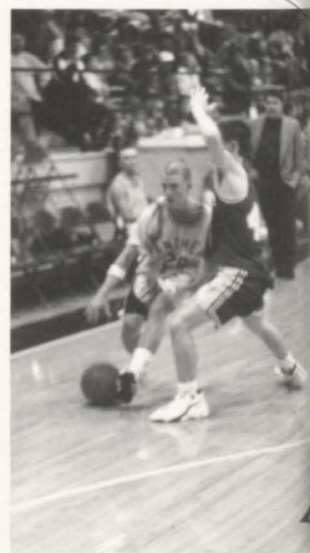
The varsity squad lost eight seniors to graduation. With only two returning lettermen, a lot of JV players will have to step up and play varsity ball.



Junior Varsity Basketball Team: Row 1: Dustin Hawkins, Andrew Dale, Ray Sutton, Benjie Poe. Row 2: coach Mike Mallow, Chet Douglass, 2 coach Mike Mallow, Chet Douglas, Brett Parker, Michael Holycross, coach Andy Frerking.



Laying the ball up, above top, sophomore, Darrell Bolin, gets two for the Panthers. *Photo by Angela Dunham*



Freshman, Benjie Poe, above left, uses excellent defensive technique to defend against the Houston Tigers. *Photo by Jerrod Stearnes*



Sophomore Ray Sutton, far left, shoots a quick jump shot against Ava on Hoop Queen night. *Photo by Jerrod Stearnes*



Freshman Dustin Hawkins, left, takes baseline against Norwood, looking to score for the JV Panthers. *Photo by Jesse Denison*



Freshman Chet Douglass, below, powers his way inside to get another basket against Norwood. *Photo by Jesse Denison*

Scoreboard

Junior Varsity

MG vs. Gainsville.....	28-37
MG vs. Fordland.....	19-58
MG vs. Willow Springs.....	29-73
MG vs. Cabool.....	33-47
MG vs. Republic.....	23-45
MG vs. Norwood.....	28-60
MG vs. West Plains.....	31-67
MG vs. Catholic.....	52-54
MG vs. Ava.....	24-52
MG vs. Salem.....	29-52
MG vs. Thayer.....	32-40
MG vs. Hartville.....	39-72
MG vs. Liberty.....	42-55
MG vs. Houston.....	35-65
MG vs. Summersville.....	58-51
MG vs. West Plains.....	41-68
MG vs. Alton.....	32-62

Freshman Brett Parker, far left, shoots a free throw for the the JV Panthers at home, using perfect form. *Photo by Angela Dunham*

Sophomore Michael Pope, left, uses his speed and ball handling skills to get around a Cabool defender. *Photo by Rachelle Douglass*

Junior Andrew Dale, above, makes his way through the lane using his speed to get past the Ava defenders during a home game. *Photo by Jerrod Stearnes*

It's a girls game

Girls finish with 11-12 record

by Penny Carmon

The Varsity Lady Panthers began their season with high expectations. They started their season out with a bang, winning their first game of the season against the Bakersfield Lions 74-50. They then lost a close one to the Rogersville Wildcats, 50-55. Things went down hill from there as they fell on hard times later in the season and ended with a disappointing 11-12 overall record and a 3-5 record in the conference.

They lost early conference games to Houston, 42-49, and Salem, 28-46. From there on out each game was a battle for the Lady Panthers.

The Lady Panthers won third in the Mansfield Tournament and fourth in the Rogersville Tournament, but fell in the opening game of the District tournament at Mountain Grove.

"The season really didn't go like I expected it to, but I didn't let myself get down. I tried to let the bad things go by and just play basketball," said senior Katie Hubner.

Throughout the season the Lady Panthers battled back and enjoyed being together and working as a team.

Senior Sara Johnson said, "All my teammates made my senior year a lot of fun and definitely one to remember. This season

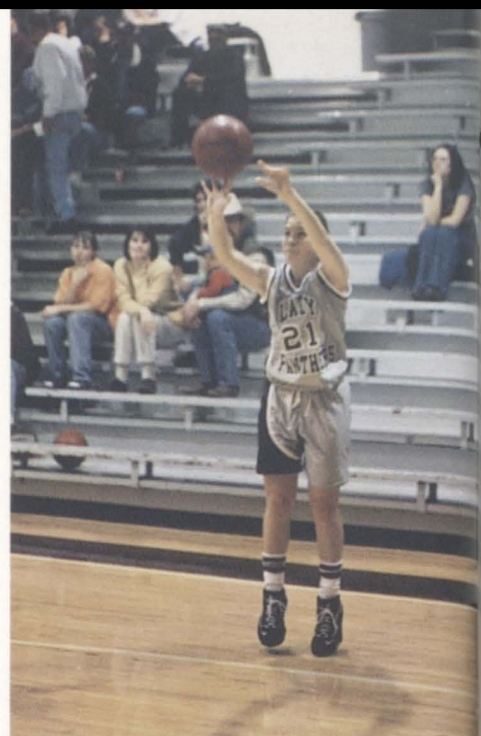
taught me all good things do come to an end."

"Although we only had two seniors, they showed good leadership and made practices fun," commented junior Rachelle Douglass.

"The girls battled through a difficult schedule to finish with a very respectable record. Throughout the year the girls showed a lot of heart and determination," said coach Quentin Albrecht who resigned after the District loss.

Some of the girls are already looking forward to next year; for example, Angela Dunham said, "I am very excited about next season! We lost a couple of key players, but I feel that the ones of us who are back will step up and be leaders for the team. I'm expecting a winning season."

With enthusiasm among returning players running high and several lettermen coming back, next year should be an exciting one for Lady Panther basketball.



Varsity Girls Basketball Team: Row 1: Rachelle Douglass, Sara Johnson, Penny Carmon Row 2: Katie Hubner, Samantha Dennis, Tracy Todd, Sarah Craig Row 3: coach Quentin Albrecht, Angela Dunham, Stacey Allen, coach Solomon Cornelius. Not pictured coach Nico Westfall.

Releasing her shot, senior Sara Johnson #21, top, attempts another try for the team *Photo by Brent Dwyer*

Passing to her teammate, junior Rachelle Douglass #22, middle, makes yet another valuable play for the Lady Panthers. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

Honors

Katie Hubner-
Captain
Leading Rebounder
Sara Johnson-
Captain
Leader in assists
Penny Carmon-
2nd Team SCA
Leader in Points
Field Goal % Leader
Free Throw % Leader
3 point Leader
Leader in steals
Angela Dunham-
Honorable Mention SCA
Leading Rebounder
Hustle Award
Stacy Allen-
Coach's Award



Concentrating on the task ahead, junior Penny Carmon #23, left, prepares to score from the free throw line. *Photo by Jared Doty*

Soaring through the lane, junior Sarah Craig #34, below, shoots to score against the Willow Springs Bears during the Mansfield Tournament. *Photo by Jared Ryerly*



Flying out her opposition, junior Angela Dunham #50, far left, prepares to burn her defender as she goes to the hole. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

Flying high, senior Katie Hubner #42, above, goes up to score two for the Lady Panthers. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

Scoreboard

MG vs. Bakersfield.....	74-50
MG vs. Rogersville.....	50-55
MG vs. Salem.....	28-46
MG vs. Houston.....	42-49
Mansfield Tournament.....	3rd Place
MG vs. Mansfield.....	59-38
MG vs. Thayer.....	51-39
MG vs. West Plains.....	46-54
MG vs. Hartville.....	39-53
MG vs. Gainesville.....	53-40
MG vs. Ava.....	33-48
MG vs. Plato.....	54-40
MG Tournament.....	3rd Place
Rogersville Tournament.....	4th Place
MG vs. Nixa.....	57-75
MG vs. Willow Springs.....	34-42
MG vs. Cabool.....	61-33
MG vs. Mtn. View.....	58-38
MG vs. Catholic.....	62-50
District Tournament	
MG vs. Houston.....	42-45

JV achieves mental success

Girls in uniform strive for new heights

by Katie Hubner

The JV Lady Panthers played tough during the season, ending with a record of 7 wins and 11 losses.

Although their record did not show great success, the Ladies gained a season full of experience and improved a great deal along the way. They learned many new team strategies they can use next year.

"Playing on the JV gave me a lot of playing time and experience for varsity next year," said sophomore Stacey Allen.

Freshman Jaime Rogers agreed, "Playing on the JV was a great learning experience."

The team consisted of freshmen all the way up to juniors, but had a total of only nine players. Girls moved back and forth between varsity and JV making it somewhat confusing for the players to get used to playing as a team.

The girls played against some outstanding teams and were challenged at many times, but still gave it their all.

"The ladies on the JV squad did an excellent job maintaining positive attitudes and hard work ethics throughout the entire year," said coach Solomon Cornelius.

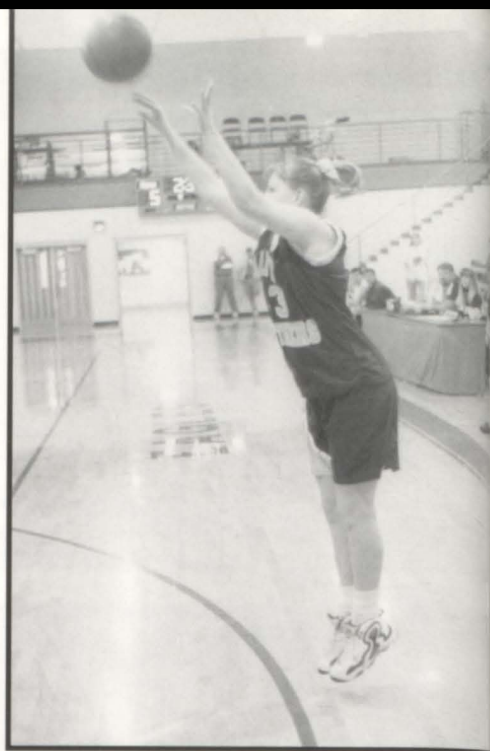
Not having enough players, the freshmen did not have a separate team but did play in the West Plains Tournament where they performed well.

In their first year as high school players this year's freshmen defeated West Plains. This was a tribute to their hard work and dedication," Cornelius said.

Every year an athletic banquet is held to honor athletes for their outstanding achievements. This year, freshman Beth Shaw received an award for her hard work and dedication during the preceding year's summer program.

The girls who will be returning next year will have a lot of experience and come back even stronger.

"This year was a lot of fun but next year will be even better. My goal is to improve and win more games," sophomore Taffie Miller said.



Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Team Row 1: Beth Shaw, Megan Stallcup, Taffie Miller, Samantha Dennis. Row 2: coach Quentin Albrecht, Jaime Rogers, Amy Moore, Danetta Lathrom, Tracy Todd, Stacey Allen, and coach Solomon Cornelius. not pictured coach Nico Westfall



Shooting a trey to help narrow the margin, sophomore Tracy Todd, top, scores once again. *Photo by Angela Dunham*

Preparing to box out, sophomore Stacey Allen, middle, watches the shot go up. *Photo by Angela Dunham*



Reaching over her opponent, freshman Beth Shaw, far left, grabs the rebound. *Photo by Angela Dunham*

Calling out a play, coach Quentin Albrecht, below, jumps up as the bench looks on. *Photo by Penny Carnon*

Playing keep away, freshman Jaime Rogers, left, stops quickly to make a pass. *Photo by Penny Carnon*



Driving into the lane, sophomore Taffie Miller, far left, concentrates on beating her opponent. *Photo by Angela Dunham*

Looking for the open teammate, sophomore Samantha Dennis, above, prepares to get the ball inside the paint. *Photo by Angela Dunham*



Scoreboard

MG vs. Bakersfield	38-14
MG vs. Rogersville	30-43
MG vs. Salem	27-35
MG vs. Houston	42-30
MG vs. Thayer	27-23
MG vs. West Plains	32-56
MG vs. Hartville	26-36
MG vs. Gainesville	37-30
MG vs. Ava	32-26
MG vs. Plato	35-37
MG vs. Cabool	22-14
MG vs. Willow Springs	23-34
MG vs. Houston	21-39
MG vs. Nixa	41-49
MG vs. Willow Springs	38-45
MG vs. Cabool	25-29
MG vs. Liberty	40-17
MG vs. Catholic	43-59

Cheerleaders carry on *Honors*

Spirit leaders overcome obstacles

by Betsy Wade and Jessica Peterson

Cheerleading has always been a big part of the spirit department at MGHS, where Spirit Club and the cheerleaders work hand in hand.

The cheerleaders worked diligently with Spirit Club to make pep assemblies and games enjoyable for fans and athletes.

For the second year in a row the Mountain Grove cheerleaders qualified for state competition. At state competition Smokey, the mascot portrayed by senior Betsy Wade, took third place.

Wade was also an All-American nominee, at cheer camp during the summer,

along with cheerleaders junior Clarice Kluey and sophomore Brandie Young.

The cheerleaders worked hard year round. Practice and training began soon after the new cheerleaders were chosen for the 1997-98 squad. Preparation also included fund-raising so that it was possible for them to buy new uniforms. The new uniforms included the popular flyaway skirts.

The cheerleaders saw the end of an era with sponsor Michelle Lindsey and will be headed up next year by new counselor Libby Bowie.

Betsy Wade-
3rd place at State
Mascoting Competition

Performing at one of many pep assemblies, below, junior Rachel Homer gets the crowd excited for the game. *Photo by Angela Dunham*

Riding in the Homecoming Parade junior Ann Kaps, sophomore Crystal Smith, sophomore Jennifer Thompson, and senior Betsy Wade, right, cheer on the Panthers. *Photo by Tara Shaw*



Cheerleaders display the Homecoming banner, above, just before the Panther team runs through it prior to the game. *Photo by Angela Dunham*



Junior Varsity Football Cheerleaders Row 1: Misty Nungesser, Leanna Wallace Row 2: Mindy Lee, Misti Gourley Shannon Nettleton Row 3: coach Michelle Lindsey, Shawna Kennedy



Showing off at the football scrimmage, left, varsity football cheerleaders pull out all the stops for the Panther crowd. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

Junior Clarice Kluey, below, cheers on the basketball team along with a few smaller Panther fans. *Photo by Jerrod Stearnes*



Varsity Football Cheerleaders Row 1: Rachel Homer, Brandie Young Row 2: Lisa Leggins, Crystal Smith Row 3: Jennifer Thompson, Ann Kaps, Holly Bell:



Varsity Basketball Cheerleaders Row 1: Lisa Leggins, Rachel Homer, Shawna Kennedy Row 2: Jennifer Thompson, Holly Bell Row 3: Clarice Kluey, Besty Wade



Senior Betsy Wade, above, competes at state competition as the Panther mascot. *Photo courtesy Michelle Lindsey*

Team achieves success

Panthers exceed expectations

by Brent Dugger

The diamond Panthers got off to a slow start losing 3 of their first 4 games. But determined to prove everyone who said that it would be a rebuilding year wrong, the Panthers won 10 of their next 11 games and finished with 15 wins and 6 losses. They ended with a 7-1 conference record.

The pitching improved and the bats got hot as the team won the championship of the annual Mtn. Grove Tournament and finished second in the conference.

The team hit an astounding .346, one of the best hitting records in Panther baseball history, and finished with a .902 fielding percentage.

With Cabool and Willow Springs adding teams to the SCA for the first time, the nine team conference was won by West Plains who gave the Panthers their only conference loss.

Ten of the Panthers won SCA honors and coach Jim Breedlove was named conference Coach of the Year. The team handed coach Breedlove his 350th career varsity victory as Panther head baseball coach.

The Panthers were seeded second behind Ozark in the district tournament, but

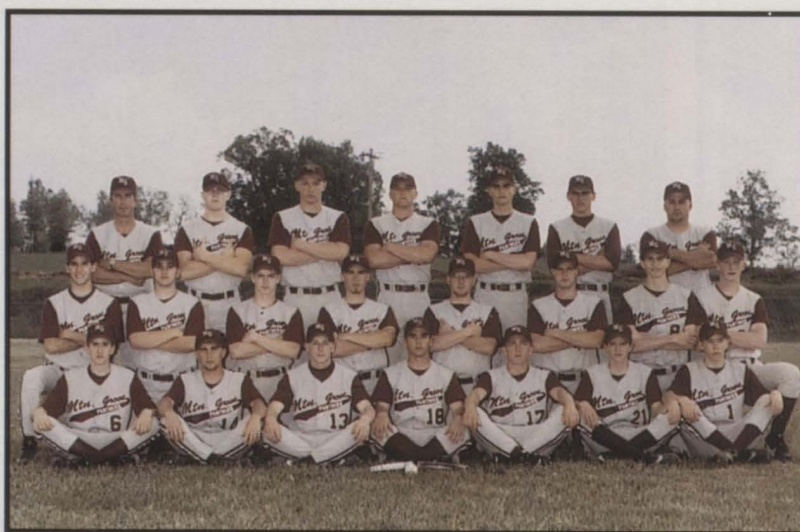
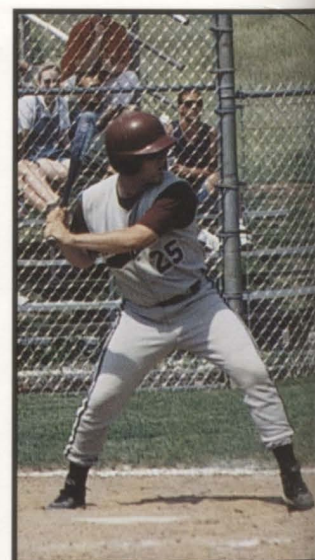
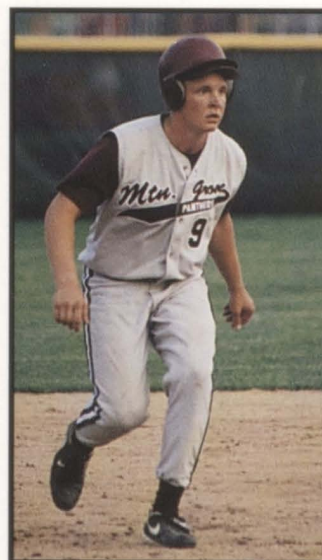
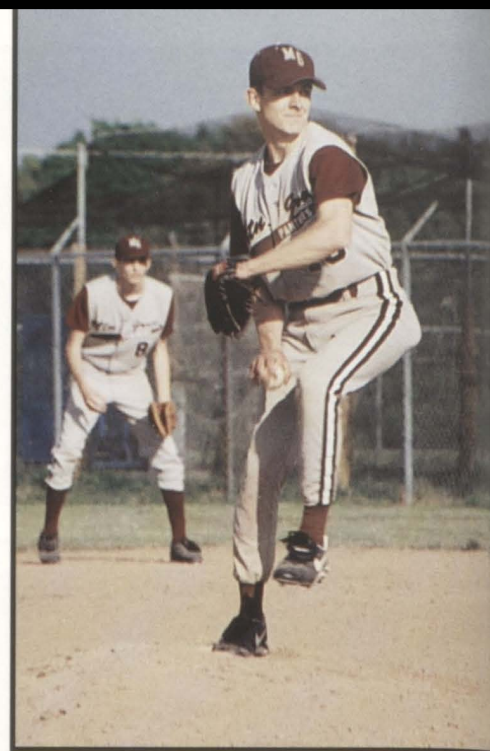
fell in the semi-final game to the Ava Bears, whom the Panthers had ten run ruled in the conference match earlier in the year.

The team was led by 5 seniors with valuable contributions coming from several underclassmen.

"At the end of last season, I made up my mind that this year's team would have strong leadership from the seniors and we did," commented senior Scott Thornhill. "I was really disappointed to miss the last game after getting hit by a pitch in the first game of districts," he added.

"I felt bad for the kids when the season ended with the loss to Ava," said coach Breedlove. "They had worked really hard and I was proud of them. They were a much better team than anyone thought they would be when the season began," continued Breedlove.

With 5 returning starters and several returning lettermen, expectations are running high for 1999.



Varsity Baseball Team: Row 1: Nick Skyles, Chase Rogers, Randy Sparks, Brent Dugger, Jared Doty, Benjie Poe, Ray Sutton. Row 2: Brett Parker, Jerrod Stearnes, Justin Foster, Tony Dawson, Ronnie Nix, Scott Thornhill, Jason Duey, Chet Douglass. Row 3: coach Jim Breedlove, Kevin Beck, Jesse Denison, Heath Housley, Al Dowden, Aaron Volk, coach Andy Frerking.

Striding to the plate, senior Justin Foster #16, top, delivers another pitch. Foster had a 1.87 ERA with a 7-1 record from the mound.

Driving in another run, junior Heath Housley # 24, above middle, adds to his RBI total. He finished with 24 to lead the team.

Honors

Jason Duey-
1st team SCA utility
Team defense award

Justin Foster-
1st team SCA pitcher
Team pitching award

Jesse Denison-
1st team SCA outfielder
Team batting % award

Brent Dugger-
1st team SCA infielder
Team stolen bases award
Team runs scored award

Heath Housley-
2nd team SCA infielder
Team RBI award

Scott Thornhill-
2nd team SCA outfielder

Jared Doty-
2nd team SCA infielder

Kevin Beck-
2nd team SCA catcher

Tony Dawson-
Honorable Mention SCA

Ronnie Nix-
Honorable Mention SCA

Coach Breedlove-
SCA Coach of the Year
500th Panther game
350th Panther victory

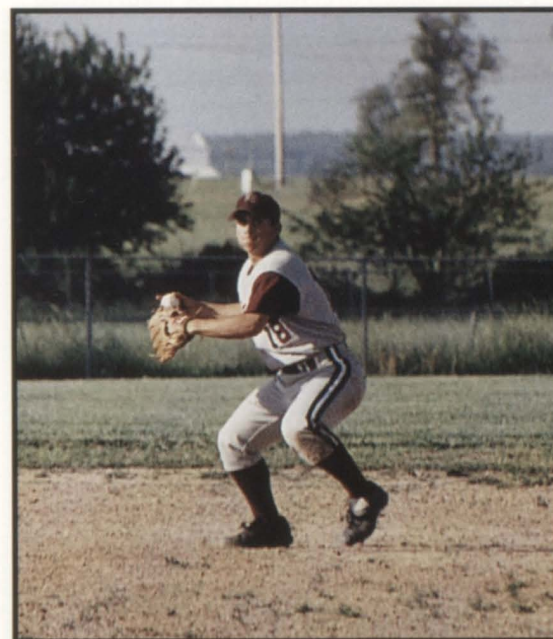


Hoping to add to the Panther lead, junior Jared Doty #17, far left, waits for the Ava pitcher to deliver a fastball.

Getting a lead off first, senior Tony Dawson #3, left, looks to steal second base.

Holding the runner at first, senior Jason Duey #8, middle left, gets in position to field the ball. Duey was invaluable to the team as he played every position on the infield at different times during the season. He also had the highest fielding percentage with a .974.

After fielding the ball at second, junior Brent Dugger #18, below, throws the runner out at first. Dugger led the team in runs scored and stolen bases with 31 runs and 28 steals.



Watching the pitcher carefully, junior Jesse Denison #9, far left, gets a lead off second. He led the team with a .439 batting average.

Pinch hitting, senior Ronnie Nix #25, left, tries to drive the ball. As a pinch hitter he got several key hits that contributed to the team's success.

Getting down and dirty, senior Scott Thornhill #4, above, slides into second base for a steal against Marshfield. He provided strong senior leadership to the team.

Scoreboard

MG vs Licking.....	5-7
MG vs Fordland.....	12-4
MG vs Eminence.....	3-5
MG vs West Plains.....	1-6
MG vs Willow Springs.....	14-4
MG vs Ava.....	15-2
MG vs Cabool.....	19-1
MG vs Cardinal HS (Ohio).....	11-19
MG vs Thayer.....	10-3
MG Tournament- 1st place	
MG vs Houston.....	11-1
MG vs Licking.....	17-5
MG vs Salem.....	4-3
MG vs Houston.....	14-1
MG vs Liberty.....	10-2
MG vs Plato.....	12-0
MG vs Marshfield.....	4-7
MG vs Conway.....	5-1
MG vs Seymour.....	13-5
MG vs Norwood.....	9-0

District Tournament

MG vs Houston.....	18-6
MG vs Ava	3-5

Team wins tourney

JV Panthers finish strong

By Brent Dugger

The JV baseball team finished the season with a 12-6 record and a first place finish in the Mtn. Grove JV Tournament.

The 17 man roster included 15 sophomores and freshmen who many times faced players that had played varsity in the first game. This along with the fact that the Panthers batted everyone on the team instead of just the best nine, makes their accomplishments very impressive.

Going into the tournament their record was 5-5 which made their chances in the tournament doubtful.

However, they began the tournament with a 14-3 thrashing of the Seymour Tigers who played most of their varsity team. They then won the championship by defeating the Ava Bears 6-4. That victory was especially memorable as it was sweet revenge for an earlier defeat by Ava in extra innings.

"I was really suprized at the performance of the JV in the tournament, said coach Jim Breedlove. "The freshmen really stepped up and played well. I was extremely proud of the whole team" he continued.

The tournament seemed to be the turning point for the team, as they won 5 of

their last 6 games.

"We played well in the tournament and toward the end of the season," commented sophomore Chase Rogers.

Several JV players also saw playing time on the varsity level. Two of those players had varsity pinch hit home runs.

Junior Jerrod Stearnes explained, "I had a full count. It was a high, inside pitch and I just couldn't lay off of it."

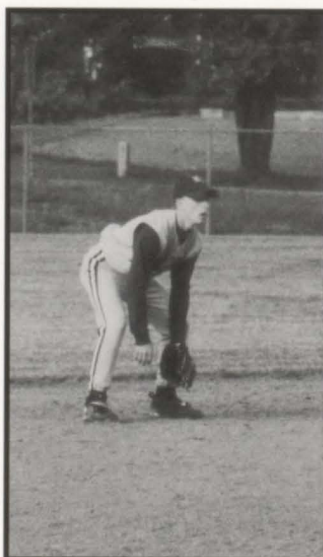
Freshman Chet Douglass also had success with the long ball in his first varsity at bat. "I was so nervous up there. I was shaking the whole time," commented Douglass. He had a good day with his second home run of the day coming in the JV game.

Coach Breedlove was assisted for the second year by coach Andy Frerking who accepted a head football coaching position for next year and left the Panthers at the of the season.

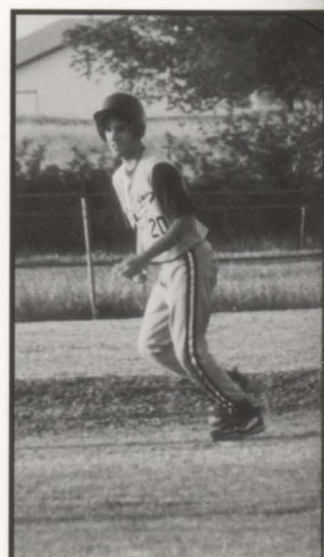
Frerking was always enthusiastic and hard working, he will be missed.



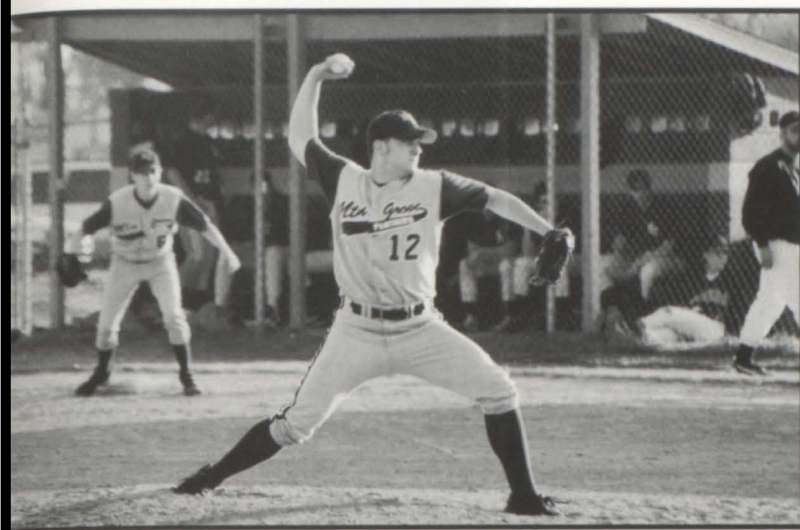
JV Baseball Team: Row 1: Josh Mackey, Dustin Cain, Chase Rogers, Randy Sparks, Matt Jones, Grant Watson. Row 2: Peter Anderson, Benjie Poe, Brett Parker, Ryan Duey, Ray Sutton. Row 3: coach Jim Breedlove, Dusty Lee, Chet Douglass, Al Dowden, Aaron Volk, coach Andy Frerking.



Looking in at the plate, above top, freshmen Brett Parker waits for his chance to advance to third base at Seymour. Photo by Jared Doty



Sophomore Randy Sparks, above middle, gets down and ready as the pitch is delivered to the plate. Photo by Angela Dunham

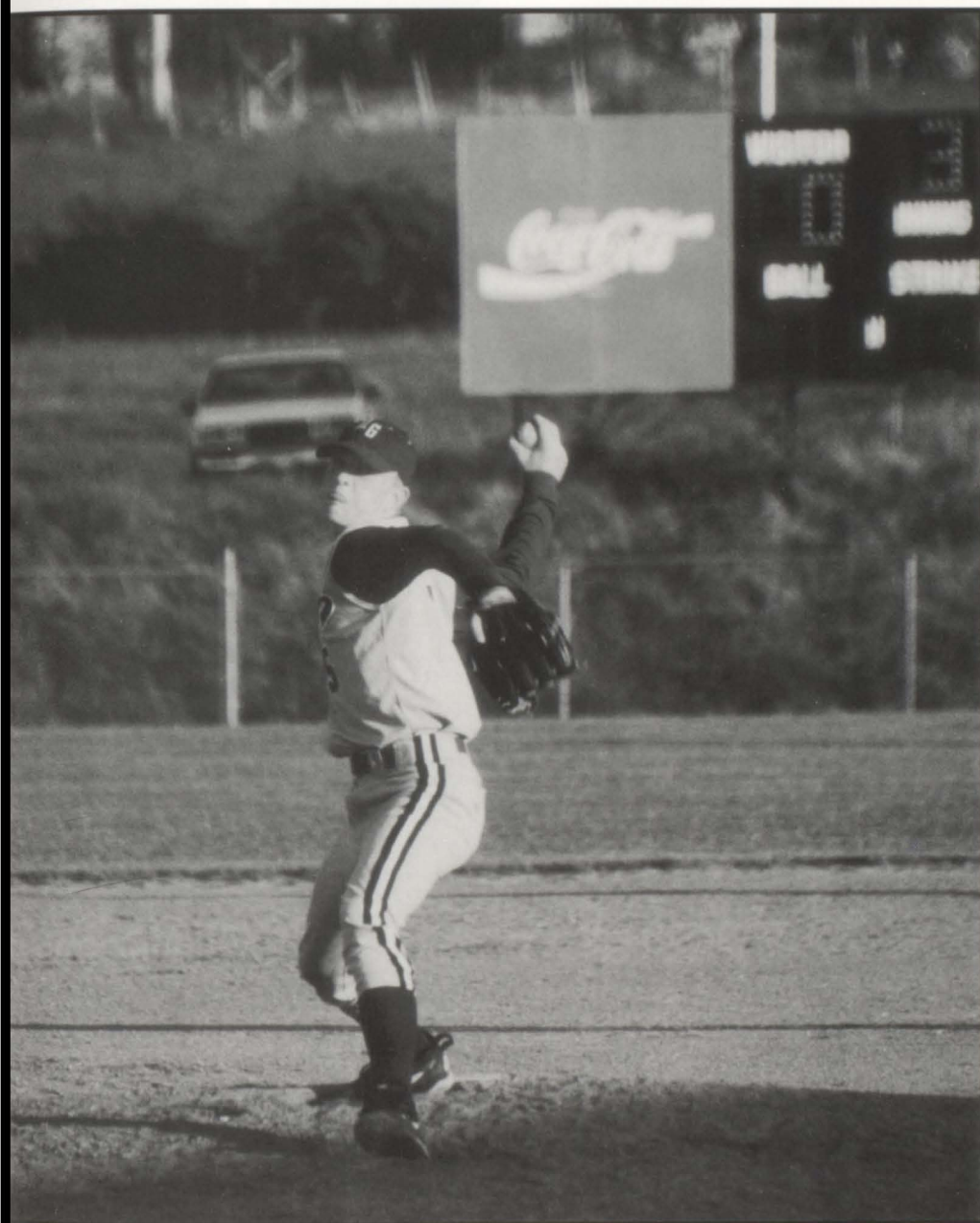


Junior Jerrod Stearnes, left, delivers his signature curveball. Stearnes saw some action on the varsity and enjoyed successful outings during JV competition.

Photo by Jared Doty

Taking a lead at second base, below, sophomore Chase Rogers, looks to steal third base. Rogers saw varsity action as a courtesy runner.

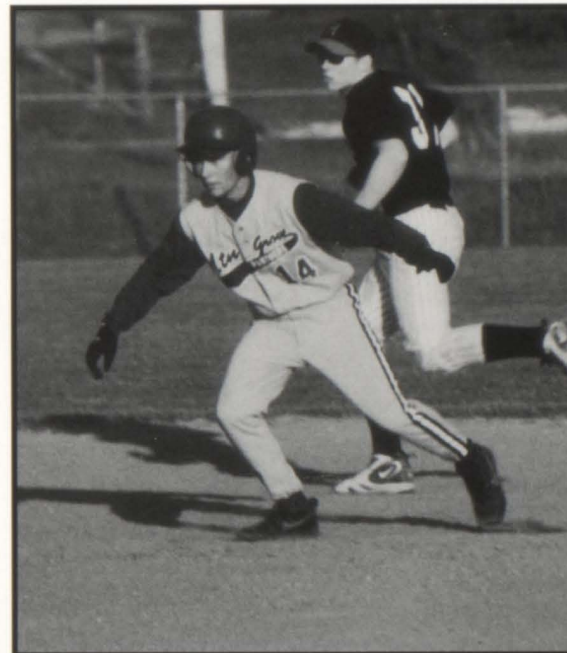
Photo by Angela Dunham



Taking his place at first base, far left, junior Nick Skyles, waits for his chance to make a tag on a runner. Skyles was a part time starter on varsity and JV. *Photo by Michelle Douglass*

Making the catch at first base, left, sophomore Al Dowden, continues his solid play. *Photo by Carrie Stratton*

Striding to the plate, above, freshmen Chet Douglass, fires a pitch to the plate. *Photo by Angela Dunham*



Scoreboard

MG vs Licking.....	4-5
MG vs Eminence.....	8-0
MG vs West Plains.....	0-9
MG vs Willow Springs.....	7-5
MG vs Ava.....	8-9
MG vs Cabool.....	9-3
MG vs Cardinal HS (Ohio).....	9-4
MG vs Thayer.....	4-5
MG vs Salem.....	7-8
MG vs Houston.....	6-5
MG JV Tournament - 1st Place	
MG vs Seymour.....	14-3
MG vs Ava.....	6-4
MG vs Liberty.....	5-0
MG vs Plato.....	9-0
MG vs Marshfield.....	6-7
MG vs Conway.....	5-3
MG vs Seymour.....	13-3
MG vs Norwood.....	10-0

Track popularity grows

Boys track swells to 18 members

by Katie Hubner

The boys track team had a different look this year. Expanding to 18 members, the boys team is coming out strong.

"We had more kids this year than we have had in a while," commented coach Terry Azevedo. "Also, I hope we can keep building to make the team stronger for the upcoming years."

The team got a good start in Rogersville where it placed 14th overall. Rogersville provides the team with an opportunity to meet many teams they will not meet again during the season.

The boys' next meet took them to Hillcrest to an all boys' meet and tough competition. Looking forward to Salem Relays they placed in a good spot at 9th, moving their way up to the top.

Traveling to West Plains to compete with 11 other teams the boys had some individual wins. About half of the team qualified for competition at the SMSU Relays. The boys gained a lot of experience and some practice too.

The boys' two mile relay placed 5th in the Mtn. Grove meet then went to one of the biggest meets of the year, the SCA. All the conference teams compete for 1st,

2nd and honorable mention teams. The weather was good but the boys' two mile relay fell short of their conference win.

After conference the boys prepared themselves for Districts, no one qualifying for sectionals. Senior Daniel Zid came close running 6th at the end in the 800m run. Junior Heath Rodgers was another top finisher placing 7th in the shot put with a throw of 40'7".

The boys ran their second fastest time in the 3200 m relay with a time of 8:57 but couldn't make the qualifying time.



Boys Track Team: Row 1: Jonny Bell, Edward House, Anthony Massey, Richard McGowan, Dustin Sheppard. Row 2: Jesse Flowers, Jason Glenn, John Sanford, Jeremy Turner. Row 3: Sam Goin, Tyler Owens, Anthony Mello, Heath Rodgers. Row 4: Kevin Ramaeker, Simon Doroscan, Ronnie Lathrom, Shane Blankenship. Row 5: Rusty Lee, coach Terry Azevedo.



Sophomore Sam Goin strides out as he picks up the pace on his leg of the relay, above top. *Photo courtesy Jack Holland*

The 3200m relay team, above middle, prepares to run its race at West Plains. *Photo by Kayla Shannon*

Honors

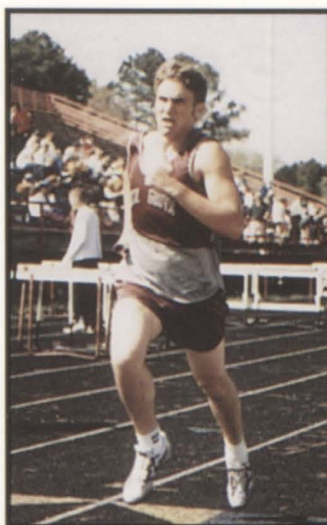
All Conference Team

Daniel Zid

Kevin Ramaeker

Sam Goin

Jonny Bell



Senior Daniel Zid kicks it in to keep the lead at the West Plains meet, far left. *Photo Courtesy Jack Holland*

Sophomore Jonny Bell keeps his pace at the West Plains meet as he attempts to win his relay team a conference medal, left. *Photo Courtesy Jack Holland.*

Junior Ronnie Lathrom reaches back to get the extra strength he needs to throw the discus, below. *Photo by Jaime Ramsey*



Scoreboard

Rogersville Relays.....	14th
Hillcrest Relays.....	---
Salem Relays.....	9th
West Plains Relays.....	12th
SMSU Relays.....	---
Ava.....	4th
Mtn. Grove Relays.....	5th
SCA Meet.....	5th
Mtn. Grove.....	3rd
West Plains-Pre District.....	---

Taking a deep breath before releasing the discus at the Mtn. Grove meet, junior Heath Rodgers, left, concentrates on his throw. *Photo Courtesy Jack Holland*

Sophomore Richard McGowan stretches for those extra inches to place in the long jump, above. *Photo Courtesy Jack Holland*

Rain delays season

Girls steadily improve to post fine season

by Sarah Craig

The girls track season got off to a late start and with cold, rainy weather the team didn't get many good practices before its first meet. In fact, the first meet was cancelled because of the rain.

The girls eventually traveled to Rogersville for their first actual meet where they placed 11th.

As they continued to improve, they posted a 6th overall at Salem followed by a 7th at West Plains.

About half of the girls qualified to attend the SMSU Relays. They spent the day in Plaster Stadium competing against strong opposition from around the region. While they did not place well, they did gain experience to carry over to the rest of their meets.

Their next meet would take the girls to Ava where they placed 4th. Then they performed at home and with the home crowd behind them they took 3rd place overall.

The following meet would take the girls back to West Plains for the SCA meet. SCA is one of the biggest meets of the year because of the traditional conference rivalry of area schools.

The girls had a good showing with a 5th overall place.

Up next the girls had the Mountain Grove open meet. The girls took advantage of the home crowd once again with 2nd place overall.

They traveled to West Plains one last time for a tune up before district competition. At the pre-district meet the girls had a good chance to prepare for their district at Osage Beach.

In Osage Beach no one qualified for State, but all the girls had a good showing.

"Even though none of us qualified for State, we still feel we had a good year," said senior runner Katie Hubner.

"At Conference, our 4-by-1m relay team pulled off making honorable mention at the finish line. That was one of the most exciting moments of the year for the team," she continued.

Burning up the track at West Plains, senior Katie Hubner, right, places 3rd in the 400m.

Just before they compete in the 3200m relay, below, sophomore Heather Todd, junior Julia Kuster, sophomore Michelle Zid and senior Tabitha Todd take five.

Photos courtesy Jack Holland.



Row 1: Julia Kuster, Tabitha Todd, Kerry Burd. Row 2: Amanda Cash, Beth Shaw, Kayla Shannon, Stacey Allen. Row 3: Heather Bressie, Misti Gourley, Megan Stallcup, Michelle Zid, Jaime Rogers. Row 4: Katie Hubner, Heather Todd, Samantha Dennis, Sara Johnson. Row 5: coach Terry Azevedo.

Bounding ahead of the competition in the 3200m relay at West Plains, senior Tabitha Todd, above, strives to pass the baton for a good finish.

Photo courtesy Jack Holland

Vaulting to a respectable finish at the first Mtn. Grove meet, sophomore Samantha Dennis clears the bar in the pole vault.

Photo courtesy Jack Holland

Honors

All Conference Team

Katie Hubner

Sara Johnson

Samantha Dennis

Amanda Cash

Beth Shaw



High jumper, sophomore Kayla Shannon, left, clears the opening height of more than 4 feet at Mtn. Grove. Shannon qualified for the SMSU Relays.

Hitting the sand in the long jump, sophomore Stacey Allen, below, proves human flight is possible, at least for track team members.

Photos courtesy Jack Holland



Scoreboard

Rogersville Relays.....	11th
Salem Relays.....	6th
West Plains Relays.....	7th
SMSU Relays.....	---
Ava.....	4th
Mtn. Grove Relays.....	3rd
SCA Meet.....	5th
Mtn. Grove.....	2nd
West Plains-Pre District.....	---

Attempting to qualify for finals in the 100m hurdles, senior Sara Johnson, above, is successful as she easily clears the top. Johnson, a veteran hurdler, qualified for

SMSU Relays three years. She also competed as part of two relay teams.

Photo courtesy Jack Holland

Lifters prove formidable

Rodgers garners three 'firsts'

by Matt McMillan & Jesse Denison

The weight lifting team was a large and powerful crew. The members had the strength and stamina to survive in the toughest of meets.

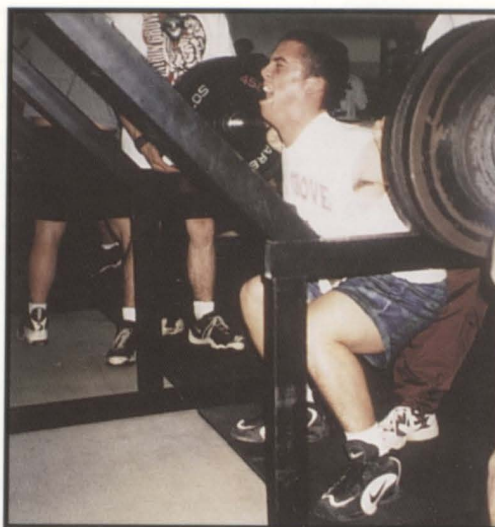
The team competed in meets at Branson, Cabool and Mtn. Grove.

The Mtn. Grove meet was the Panther's key meet. They won first place with a total of 8 gold medals. Junior Heath Rodgers was the second strongest athlete competing in this meet.

The Panther lifters also took first place at Branson in the 211 pound and up class. Rodgers and junior Jesse Denison took first and second place.

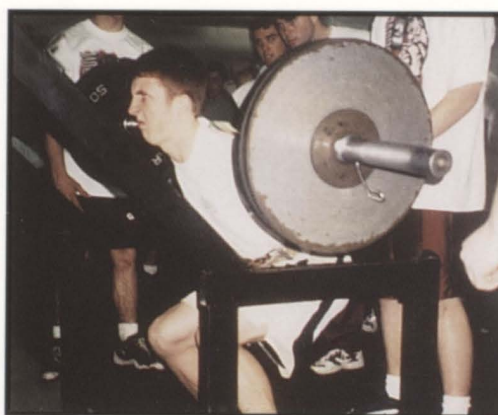
The Cabool meet was another strong showing for the Panthers. Rodgers proved his strength once more as he took first place. Junior Heath Housley earned the bronze.

One of the primary aims of weight lifting is to help athletes gain strength and stamina.



Honors

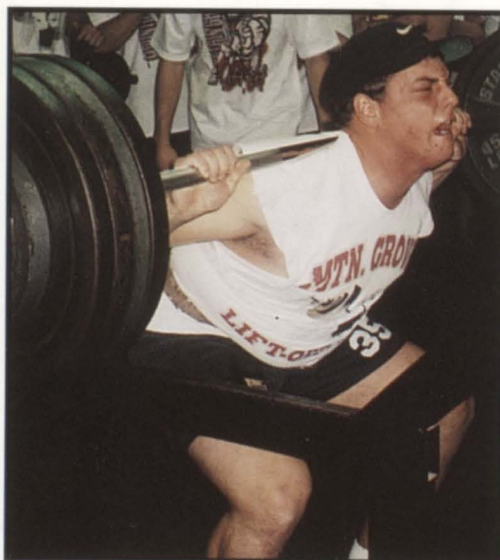
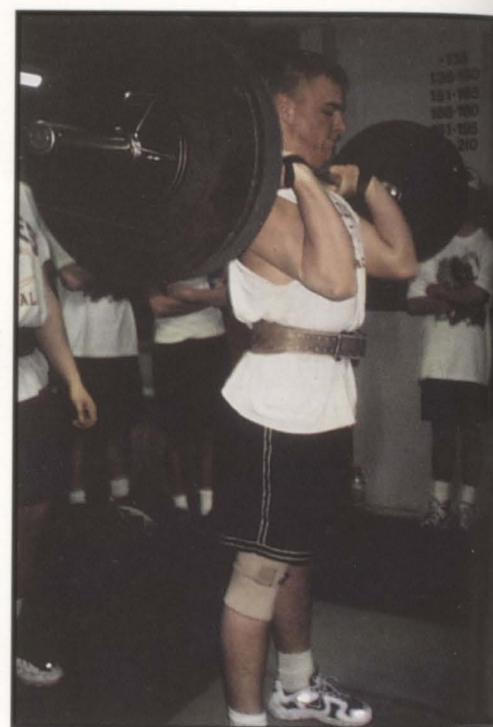
Heath Rodgers-
1st place-Power Clean
2nd place-Squat
1st place at Branson meet
Heath Housley-
2nd place-Bench Press
2nd place-Power Clean
Brent Dugger-
1st place-Squat
2nd place-Power Clean
Jared Doty-
3rd place-Bench Press
Jesse Denison-
2nd place at Branson meet



Junior Brent Dugger, top, gives more than 100% at the Mtn. Grove Weight meet. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

Senior Dan Zid, above, grunts in extreme pain as he squats up the weight. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

Junior Heath Housley, right, easily cleans over 230 pounds. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*



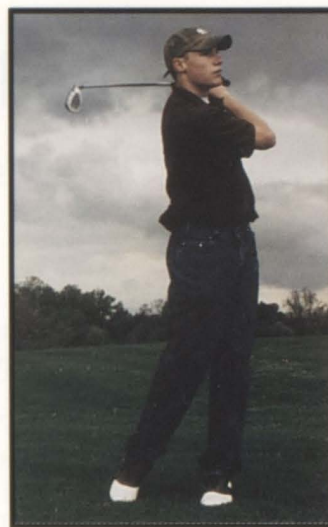
Junior Heath Rodgers, above, shows the reason why he has been so successful at weight lifting meets. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*



Weight Lifting Team: Row 1: Mike Thompson, Katie Hubner, Heath Housley, Jarred Yarger, Bo Parker, Chris Tinsley, Chet Douglass, Chase Rogers. Row 2: Heath Rodgers, Adam Shores, Ronnie Lathrom, Randy Sparks, Joshua Mackey. Row 3: Jared Doty, Brent Dugger, Jerrod Stearnes, Eric Lueck. Row 4: Shane Blankenship, Chris Iott, Nathan Fry, Jeremy Emery, Kevin Beck, Rusty Lee. Row 5: Tim Sparks, John Sanford, Richard McGowan, Kevin Ramaeker. Row 6: Jared Byerly, Josh Kumpla, Jonny Bell, Dusty Lee, Danny Bohnenkamp.

Honors

Todd McGlamery-
1st Team SCA
All District
Curtis Dennis-
2nd Team SCA
All District
Adam Shores-
Honorable Mention SCA
Josh Linton-
All District



This could make or break him, senior Matt McMillan, far left, aims his putt. *Photo by Jakob Ellis*

Gazing into the distant horizon, senior Todd McGlamery, left, pitches the ball softly onto the green. *Photo by Jakob Ellis*



Placing second out of more than 20 teams, far left, the stout crew poses for a group picture. *Photo courtesy Fort Wood School*

Senior Curtis Dennis, middle right, is undoubtedly walking to the green for a chance at a birdie. *Photo by Jakob Ellis*



Golf Team: Row 1: Anthony Crisp, Dustin Hawkins, Matt McMillan, Justin Jones. Row 2: Todd McGlamery, Josh Linton, Adam Shores, Curtis Dennis.

Golfers qualify

Team returns to state

by Matt McMillan

With high expectations of making it to State for the 2nd year in a row, the golf team started off the season with the same form that they finished with last year.

The team finished 2nd at the Waynesville meet and also did very well at Lebanon. They finished 2nd at Districts, which qualified them for State. Coach Williams and the rest of the team looked forward to competing well at State.

Leading the way Curtis Dennis shot a 156, Adam Shores a 169, Josh Linton a 171, Justin Jones a 176, and Todd McGlamery a 196. Unfortunately the team had a disappointing showing at state.

A chance of a lifetime *Honor*

Sporting chance makes a difference

by Penny Carmon

The intensity is every bit as strong as it is at the international Olympic games when students gather to compete in "A Sporting Chance."

"A Sporting Chance" is designed to give students with disabilities a chance to compete at their own level of play at no cost. All expenses are paid by the Development and Disability Board of Wright County.

"A Sporting Chance gives my students a chance to succeed outside of the classroom," explains teacher Lori Thornhill.

Students participated in District Bowling Tournament Oct. 17 in Springfield. State Meet was Nov. 7 in Springfield.

Sophomore Robbie Winstead said, "My favorite thing about Sporting Chance is Bowling." Robbie's highest this year was 100. On Sundays, students bowl at Mountain Grove with Mansfield for fun.

After bowling comes track. District track was held April 25 at Kennedy High School in Springfield. State Track Meet was May 17 in Cedar Ridge, Mo. Junior Roberta Burdick said, "Being in Sporting Chance gives me a chance to meet new people."

Senior Terry Perkins said, "I'm going to miss being a part of Sporting Chance and will miss all my friends."

Senior Terry Perkins proudly displays a medal he won at competition. *Photo courtesy Lori Thornhill*



Track and Field

Annette Creed-
100m-Silver
Shot Put-Silver
Joey Dodd-
100m-Silver
Shot Put-Silver
Jeremy Edwards-
Wheel Chair Race-Gold
Shot Put-Gold
Tommy Grimshaw-
100m-Gold
Shot Put-Bronze
Running Long Jump-Gold
Tyler Hensley-
200m-Silver
Shot Put-Gold
Running Long Jump-Gold
Velma Holt-
Running Long Jump-Bronze
Ben Leggins-
100m-4th
Shot Put-Bronze
Running Long Jump-Gold
Connie Perkins-
100m-Bronze
Shot Put-Gold
Running Long Jump-Gold
Robert Pratt-
200m-Gold
Shot Put-Silver
Running Long Jump-Gold
Robert Spoonmore-
200m-Silver
Shot Put-4th
Running Long Jump-Silver
Roger Spoonmore-
100m-4th
Shot Put-Silver
Running Long Jump-4th
Brandon Stevenson-
200m-Gold
Shot Put-Silver
Running Long Jump-4th
Bobbie Winstead
100m-Gold
Shot Put-Bronze
Running Long Jump-Bronze

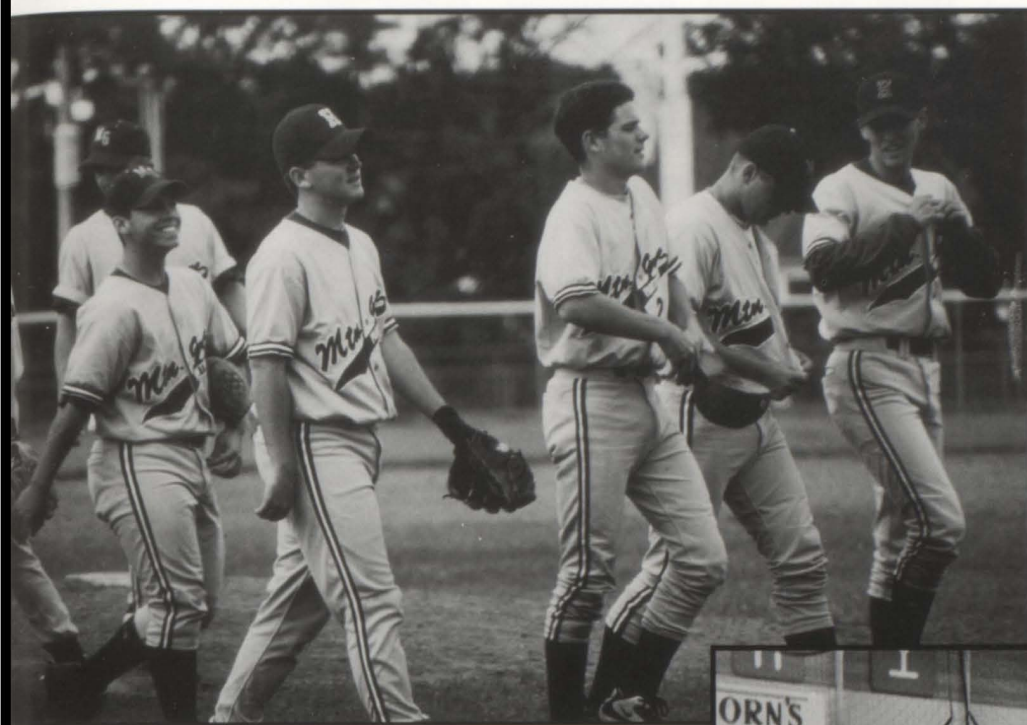


Row 1: Connie Perkins, Annette Creed, Roberta Burdick, Jeremy Edwards Row 2: Velma Holt, Roger Spoonmore Row 3: Live Vaughan, Robert Spoonmore, Brandon Stevenson, Ben Leggins, JoeyDodd, Robbie Winstead



Competing in the wheel chair race, sophomore Jeremy Edwards, above, strives to win the race. *Photo courtesy Lori Thornhill*

Members of the Mountain Grove varsity American Legion team walk across the Lebanon baseball field after a successful game. The team consists of players from Mountain Grove, Hartville, Willow Springs and Morford which allows the boys to form lasting friendships with players from other towns. Pictured below are juniors Brent Dugger and Heath Housley along with several teammates from Hartville. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

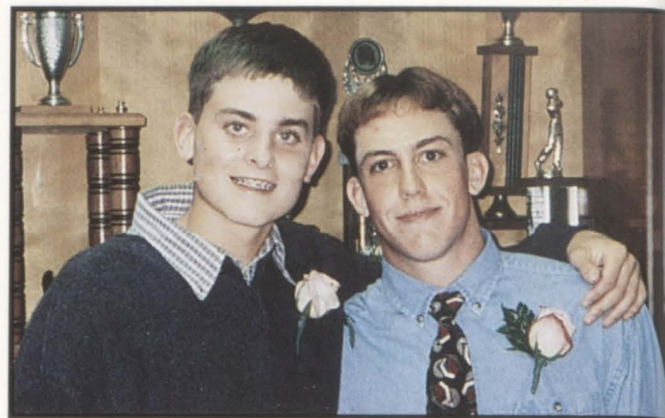


Juniors Rachelle Douglass and Carrie Stratton, below, pose for a picture in a gym in New Orleans, Louisiana where they go every year to play volleyball. *Photo courtesy Rachelle Douglass*



SBU Team Camp is very important to the success of the girls basketball program. Above, members of the girls varsity squad who attended the camp proudly display an award they won. Row 1: sophomore Stacey Allen, senior Sara Johnson, sophomore Samantha Dennis Row 2: Coach Quentin Albrecht, senior Katie Hubner, junior Penny Carmon, junior Angela Dunham, junior Sarah Craig. *Photo courtesy Stacey Allen*





Encouraging senior Homecoming attendant, Katie Hubner, top, are juniors Carrie Stratton, Angela Dunham and Penny Carmon. Photo by Rachelle Douglass

Giving each other a friendly hug at Net King ceremonies, above right, is sophomore attendant Al Dowden and senior candidate Ryan Huff. Photo by Brent Dugger

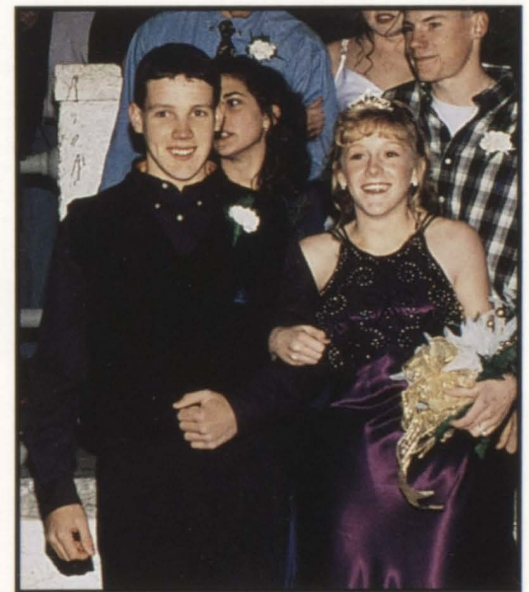
Preparing to step out onto the gym floor for Net King ceremonies, above, are juniors Carrie Stratton and Heath Rodgers. Photo by Brent Dugger



Taking time to chat before Hoop Queen ceremonies, above, are fellow members of the Hoop Queen court, senior escort Jason Duey and sophomore attendant Samantha Dennis. Photo by Jessica Peterson

Standing in the spotlight

Kings, queens, royal courts shine at MGHS functions



Looking at her flower prior to Hoop Queen ceremonies, above left, is senior candidate Heather Bressie as her friend, Luke Davis from Nixa, looks at her. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

After being crowned 1997 Miss Merry Christmas, sophomore Jamie Raney, above, descends from the gazebo on the Mtn. Grove square with escort Jeremy Emery. *Photo courtesy Ronnie Emery*

Smiling and trying to keep warm, left, is junior Hoop Queen attendant, Jaime Ramsey. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*



Homecoming queen crowned

Daniela thrilled with her new role

by Kayla Shannon

Oct. 17, 1997, was a chilly day full of excitement. It was Homecoming once again. The theme "Push 'Em Around" set the mood for the parade.

The hard work put into the floats showed as the sophomores took first place, the seniors second and the freshmen third. The band played "Panther Boy" to get the crowd excited for the big game.

If the fans thought the parade was good, then they thought the game was even better as the Panthers destroyed the Willow Springs Bears 33-3. Halftime was full of excitement as the candidates and escorts took the field.

When asked what he was thinking as he walked onto the field, senior Ryan Huff said, "I was thinking of how much fun high school is, and how much I'm going to miss it. Walking down the field with a beautiful woman, and hearing the crowd scream was my most memorable moment of Homecoming."

A sentimental twist was added to the crowning as returning Queen Mirela Doroscan crowned her sister Daniela Doroscan. Daniela said, "I was excited and happy to share that special moment with my

sister."

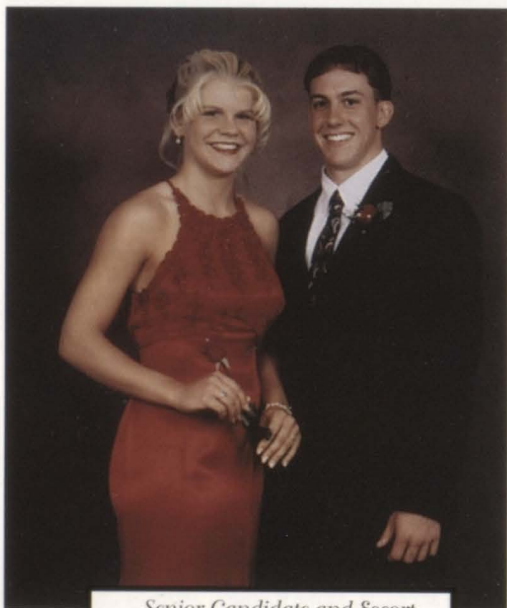
The evening ended with the Homecoming Dance. Sophomore Lyndse Robertson said of the dance, "I liked being there with my boyfriend and having a blast with all my goofy friends, especially teaching them how to dance."

Black Jack Lighting and Sound, a favorite for student dances, lit up the dance floor for the special night.

Queen Daniela Doroscan and 1996 Queen Mirela Doroscan, right, with the court: attendants Amy Brummet, Amanda Berry, Katie Hubner, Kristi Merka, Rachel Homer. Escorts Randy Sparks, Chet Douglass, Ryan Huff, Scotty Thornhill, Jeremy Crewse, Vince Eaton, Matt Hurst. Jordan Mitchell and Ryan Forrest, front. Photo courtesy Krizan



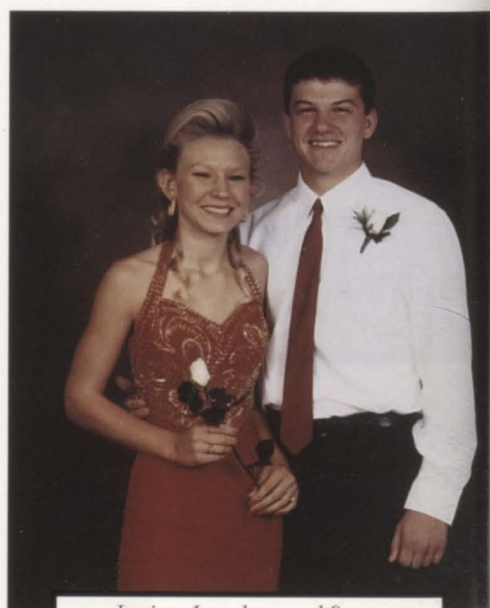
After the crowning, below, senior Scotty Thornhill plants the traditional kiss on Queen Daniela. Photo courtesy Krizan



Senior Candidate and Escort
Katie Hubner and Ryan Huff

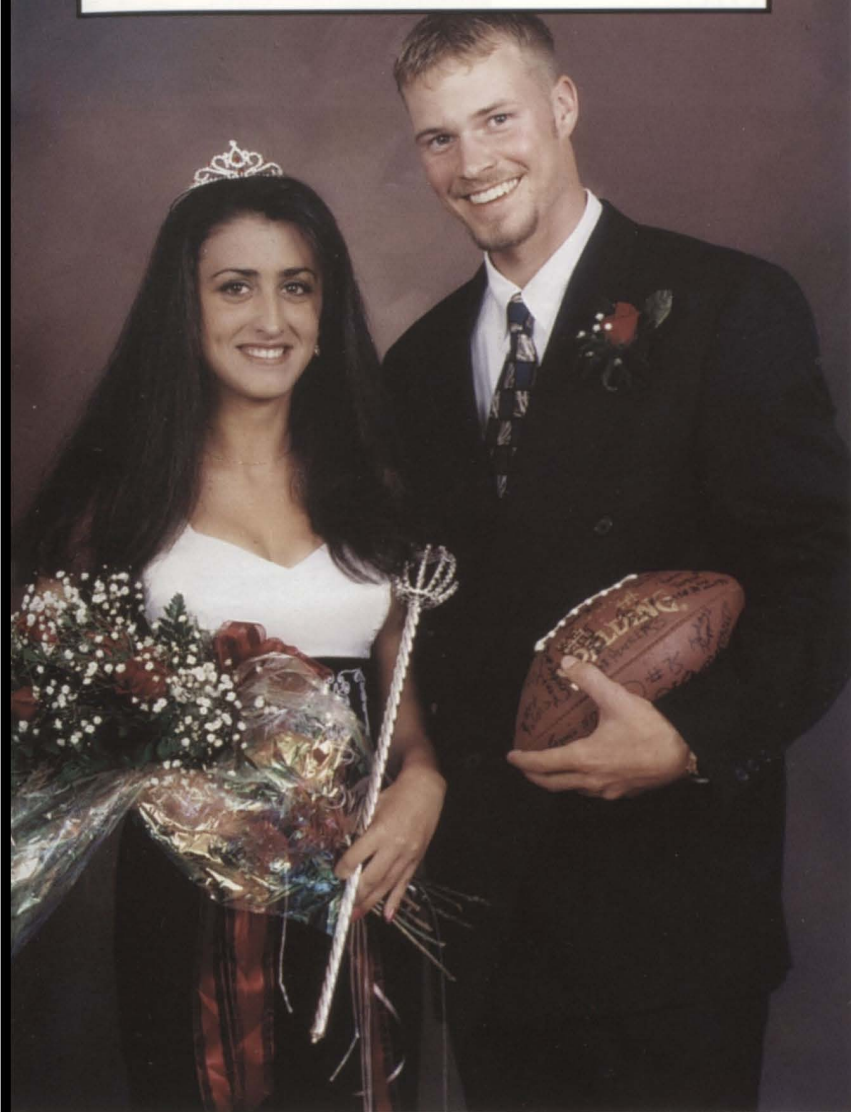


Senior Candidate and Escort
Kristi Merka and Vince Eaton



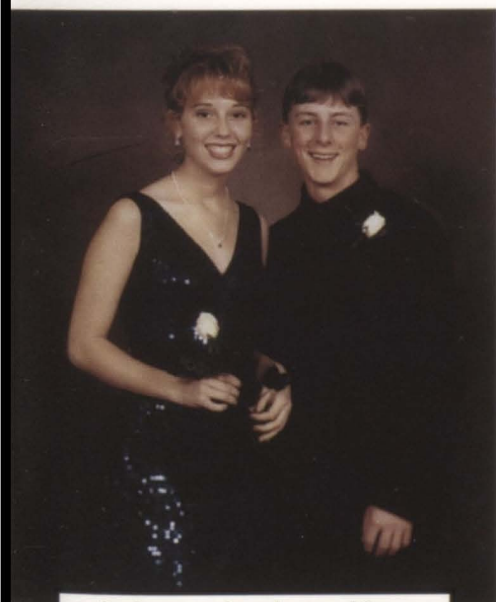
Junior Attendant and Escort
Rachel Homer and Matt Hurst

Queen and Escort
Daniela Doroscan and Scotty Thornhill

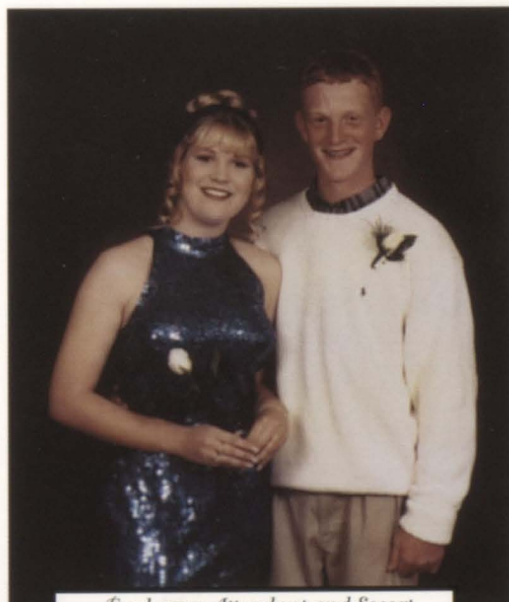


Making the crowning even more special was the fact that returning Queen Mirela, below, crowned her sister Daniela.
Photo courtesy Krizan

Panthers get psyched to "push" the Bears around, middle, as the sophomore class float makes its way through town in the parade.
Photo courtesy Brenda Shannon



Sophomore Attendant and Escort
Amy Brummet and Randy Sparks



Freshman Attendant and Escort
Amanda Berry and Chet Douglass



Flower Girl and Crown Bearer
Jordan Mitchell and Ryan Forrest

King reigns over victory

Billy thrilled with new role

by Carrie Stratton

On the night of Sept. 30, 1997, excitement filled the air; it was a special night for the Net King royalty along with the Lady Panther volleyball team.

The Lady Panthers played tough and came out with a win. Before the defeat of the Cabool Bulldogs the Net King royalty took the floor.

While waiting for the king to be crowned, many of the attendants appeared to be nervous. Senior Katie Hubner commented, "It was fun to watch the guys worrying about 'the kiss.'"

At last the big moment came, with all the candidates nervously lined up across the gym floor. Billy Thompson's name was burst from the microphone. As former royalty Lance Jones crowned the new king, Billy Thompson, a few of the escorts were relieved.

"I was nervous about kissing someone in front of a lot of people, so I was relieved when they called Billy's name as Net King," senior Lori Thompson confessed.

At last it was time for the big kiss. King Billy said, "It was a great night, but I'm pretty sure Tabitha wasn't ready for the kiss."

Overall, the night was full of fun

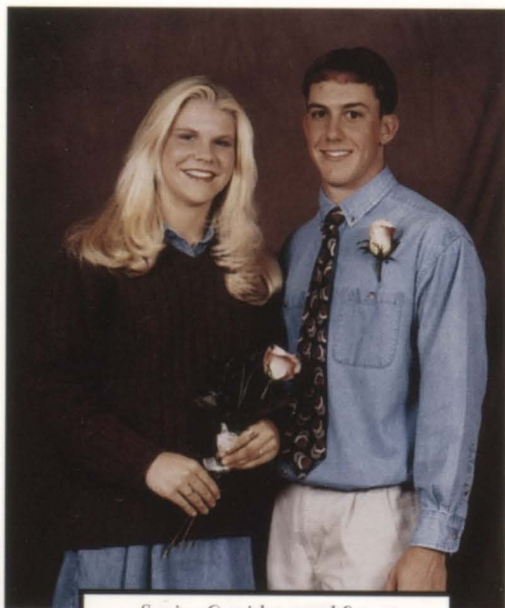
and memories. "The most memorable thing was Billy kissing Tabitha's chin," Huff said.

Senior candidates Ryan Huff and Billy Thompson, right, show their enthusiasm before the big moment.

Photo by Brent Dugger

Freshmen Dusty Finch and Jaime Rogers, junior Heath Rodgers and Carrie Stratton, seniors Ryan Huff and Katie Hubner, alumni Lance Jones and Alicia Douglass, king Billy Thompson and escort Tabitha Alsop, seniors Tony Dawson and Lori Thompson, sophomores Al Dowden and Kayla Shannon.

Photo by Jessica Peterson



Senior Candidate and Escort
Ryan Huff and Katie Hubner



Senior Candidate and Escort
Tony Dawson and Lori Thompson



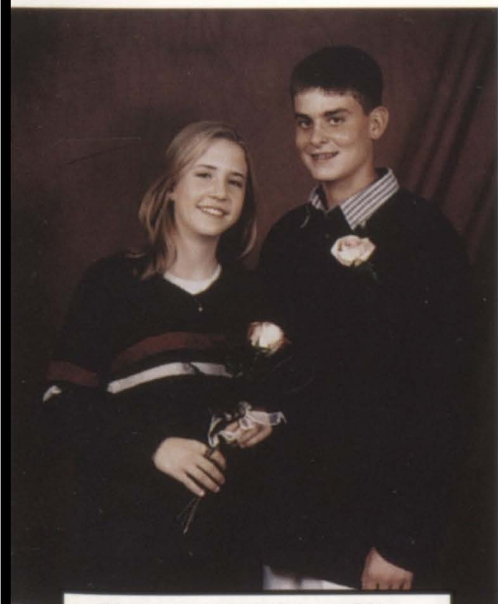
Junior Attendant and Escort
Heath Rodgers and Carrie Stratton

*King and Escort
Billy Thompson and Tabitha Alsup*



Reigning king Billy Thompson and his escort, Tabitha Alsup, below, celebrate their victory.

Photo by Jessica Peterson



*Sophomore Attendant and Escort
Al Dowden and Kayla Shannon*



*Freshman Attendant and Escort
Dusty Finch and Jaime Rogers*

After the announcement of the 1997-98 Net King, senior Billy Thompson, above, moves in for the unexpected kiss.

Photo courtesy Krizan

Holidays feature crowning

Miss Merry Christmas on Town Square

by Cheree Mings

Clear skies and moderate temperatures along with a bright full moon produced near perfect conditions for Mtn. Grove's annual Christmas parade and crowning of the new Miss Merry Christmas.

The night of Dec. 13 was full of excitement as the candidates awaited the big moment. Which young lady would the 1996 Miss Merry Christmas, Tara (Nunn) Emery pass her crown down to? As the anticipation rose the announcer called the name of sophomore Jamie Raney escorted by Jeremy Emery.

"I was very surprised and excited when they announced that I had won. It was a great honor that I will never forget. I am also looking forward to crowning the new queen next year," said Jamie.

Freshman Amber McCullum has fond memories of the evening, "I was spellbound and really, really happy. It was the best night of my whole life especially Evonne's party afterwards."

Junior Faith Cornelius had a memorable night too. "It felt really weird riding in the parade and having every one looking at me. Even though I was cold and nervous it was very fun," she said.

FBLA members warmed up the night with their sale of hot chocolate during the parade. "It was very cold, but I had fun because I knew it was for a good cause," sophomore Stacey Allen said.

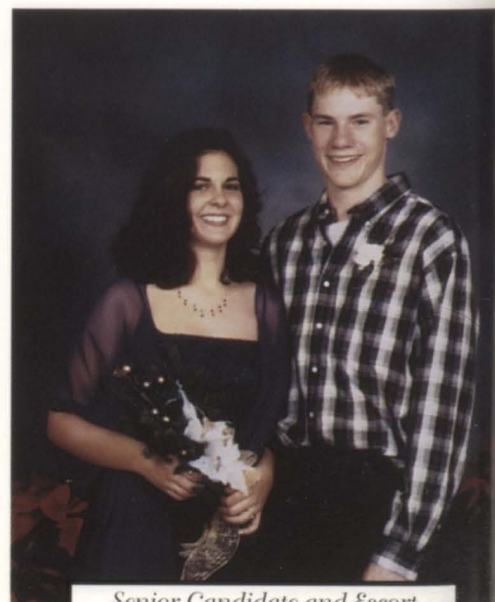
Staying warm, right, sophomore Stacey Allen fills cups with hot chocolate for parade goers.
Photo by Rachelle Douglass

The royal court lines up in the gazebo on the town square waiting for the announcement of Miss Merry Christmas. Waiting are Kevin Taylor, Amber McCollum, Ronnie Lathrom, Faith Cornelius, Rayna Blair, Todd McGlamery, Jeremy Emery, and Jamie Raney.
Photo courtesy Ronnie Emery



Posing for a picture before the parade, right, are sophomore Jamie Raney and junior Faith Cornelius.

Photo by Rachelle Douglass



Senior Candidate and Escort
Rayna Blair and Todd McGlamery

Miss Merry Christmas
Jamie Raney

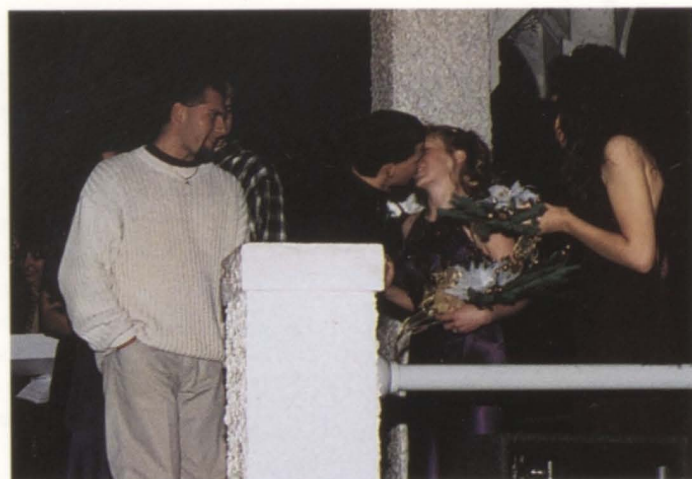


Approaching for the traditional kiss, below, Jeremy congratulates Jamie on her new title.

Photo courtesy Ronnie Emery

Newly crowned Miss Merry Christmas, Jamie Raney and her escort Jeremy Emery, leave the gazebo with nothing but smiles, bottom.

Photo by Rachelle Douglass



Junior Candidate and Escort
Faith Cornelius and Ronnie Lathrom



Sophomore Candidate and Escort
Jamie Raney and Jeremy Emery



Freshman Candidate and Escort
Amber McCollum and Kevin Taylor

Panthers hoop it up

Alsup rejoices in her victory

by Kayla Shannon

January 23 was a day filled with excitement for students at Mountain Grove High School. It was Hoop Queen time once again. It was a hectic and busy time for candidates, escorts, and attendants, beginning with rehearsal at 8:00 a.m. The day was filled with hair appointments, pictures, a pep assembly, and finally the coronation ceremony.

During the afternoon pep assembly the senior boy basketball players imitated the cheerleaders in an effort to get everyone pumped for the game.

At game time, the gym was full of excited fans who watched the Panthers "Hoop it Up" against the Ava Bears defeating them 68-62.

Magic filled the air as the halftime ceremony began.

When asked what her most memorable moment was sophomore Samantha Dennis replied, "When Lane started to speak, but Darrell wasn't with me. I thought I would have to go by myself."

Finally, the moment had arrived, "and your new 1998 Hoop Queen is... Miss Tabitha Alsup," echoed through the gym, as assistant public relations officer sophomore Lane Baldwin announced the winner.

When asked how she felt when her name was called, Queen Tabitha said, "Grrreat."

Senior Bryan Williams said, "It was hilarious when Tabitha tried to

swallow Todd."

Tabitha also commented, "Todd tried to get away with a peck, but I wasn't about to let him."

The night ended with chocolate syrup and sprinkles courtesy of the Spirit Club and Student Council who sponsored a dance and ice cream social after the game.

The Hoop Queen royal court: Amanda Berry, Dustin Cain, Jaime Ramsey, Jacob Scott, Heather Bressie, Jason Duey, Cassie Roth, Chad Sigman, Mikaela Thompson, Geoffrey Payne, Tabitha Alsup, Todd McGlamery, Tamara Forrest, Bryan Williams, Samantha Dennis, Darrell Bolin.

Attempting to relax before the coronation ceremonies, senior Tamara Forrest and alumnus Cassie Roth, below, discuss the procedure for the night's event.
Photo by Jessica Peterson



Senior Candidate and Escort
Tamara Forrest and Bryan Williams



Senior Candidate and Escort
Heather Bressie and Jason Duey



Junior Attendant and Escort
Jaime Ramsey and Jacob Scott

Hoop Queen and Escort
Tabitha Alsup and Todd McGlamery

All smiles, alumnus Cassie Roth, below passes on her Hoop Queen title to senior Tabitha Alsup. Photo courtesy Krizan

Always a crowd pleaser, a kiss is shared between seniors Todd McGlamery and Tabitha Alsup, bottom. Photo courtesy Krizan



Sophomore Attendant and Escort
Samantha Dennis and Darrell Bolin



Freshman Attendant and Escort
Amanda Berry and Dustin Cain



Flower Girl and Crown Bearer
Mikaela Thompson and Geoffrey Payne



PROM NIGHT IS... *Enchanted*

Windy but otherwise a pleasant evening, April 25 was an enchanted Saturday night. Twinkling lights, a knight in shining armor, cobblestone walks and castle walls led students into a magical, medieval world for Prom 1998...



The Grand March is underway, above right, as principal Bridget Williams announces the names of seniors Heather Bressie and Amanda Adams and their dates.



Just inside the atrium doors, junior Heath Housley and freshman Tana Blanton, above, are greeted by faculty host Marcie Stumpff, before they enter the courtyard outside the "castle" ball room (cafeteria).

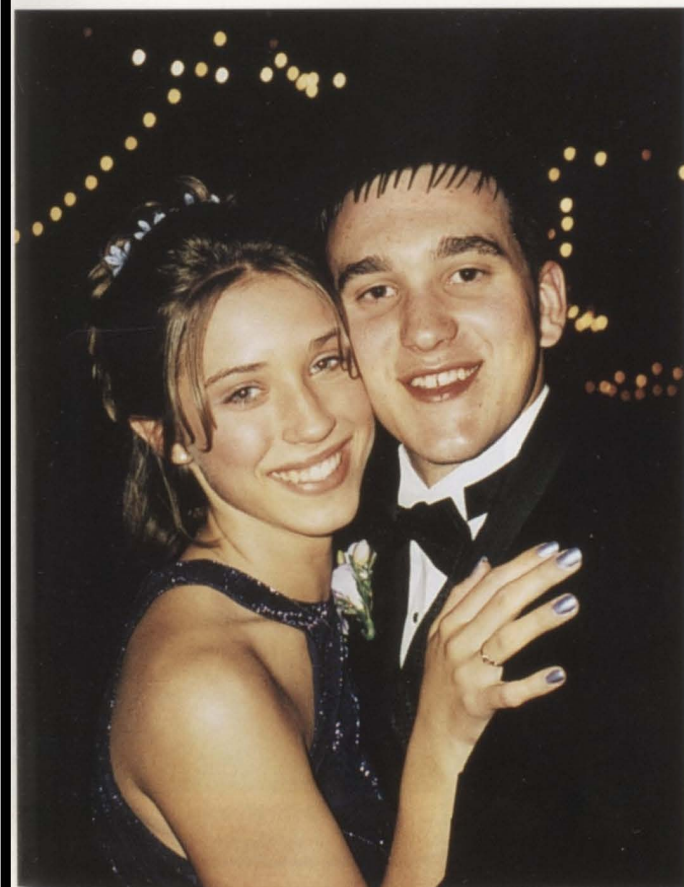
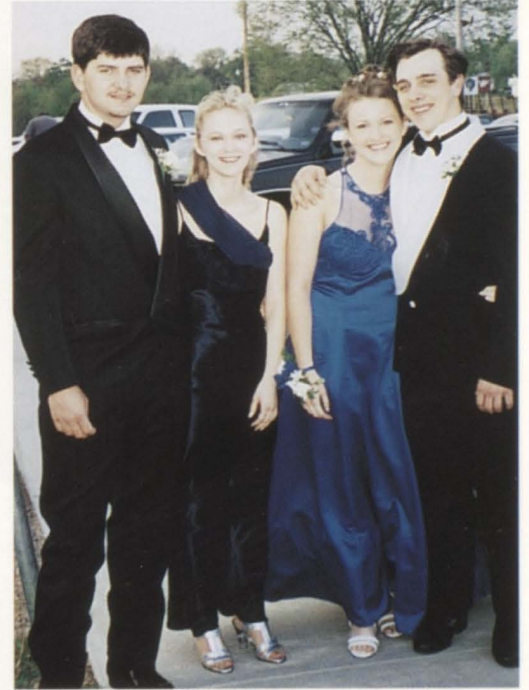
In the "courtyard" junior Leann Hicks and her date enjoy the sound and touch of water trickling from a lion's mouth into a basin, right.



Photos courtesy Connie & Laurel Killgore

As senior Angie Whitworth signs the guestbook in the atrium, left, junior Dustin Sheppard and freshman Beth Shaw make their way through the hall.

Grabbing some fresh air on the way from the Grand March to the dance, senior Luther Rhodes, junior Marla Bailey, sophomore Shannon Nettleton and former student James Proctor begin their "enchanted" evening.



The dance floor is the place for smooth moves as demonstrated by junior Jerrod Stearnes and freshman Tiffany Whitworth, left, senior James Conway and his date, above, and senior Danielle Stowers and her guest, inset above.

Curtis, Jodi rule over Jr-Sr Prom



Congratulating each other on their nominations, seniors Scott Thornhill and Curtis Dennis shake hands at the coronation, above.

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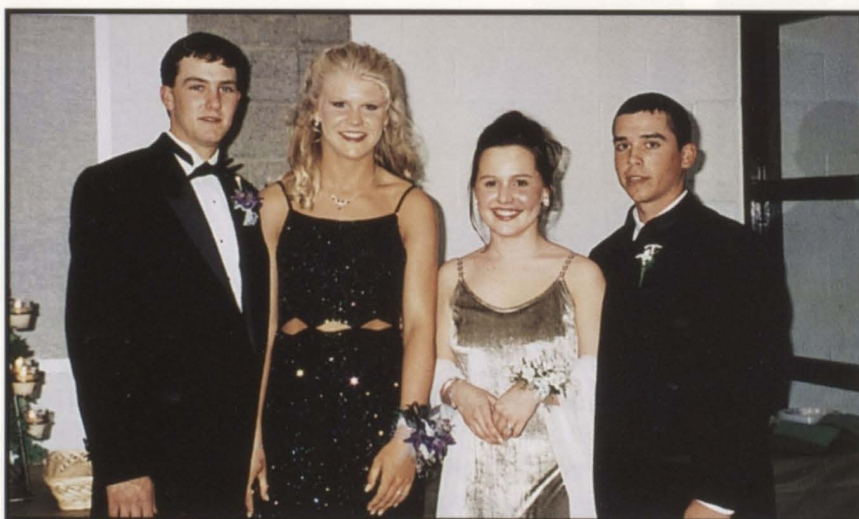


Newly crowned King and Queen, top right, Curtis gives Jodi a friendly congratulations kiss.

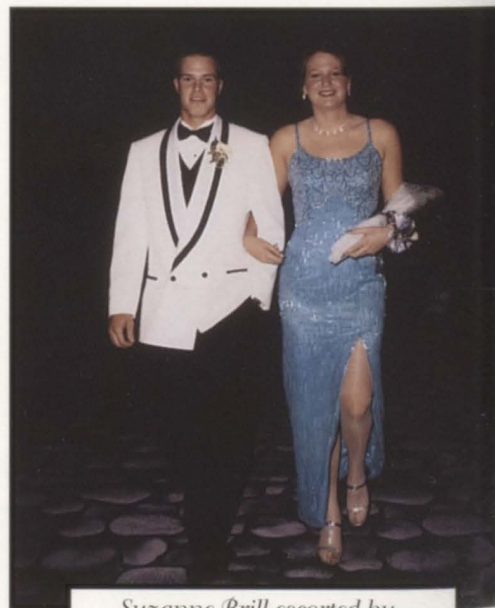
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From Royalty, right, Mandy Roth, Jeremy Carter, Suzanne Brill, Ryan Huff, King Curtis Dennis, Queen Jodi Sherrell, Scott Thornhill, Amanda McSpadden, Bryan Williams, Angie Whitworth.

Photo courtesy Krizan



Pausing for a picture, graduate Chad Watson, senior Katie Hubner, juniors Jessica Peterson and Brent Dugger, above, smile for the camera before entering Prom. *Photo courtesy Connie Killgore*

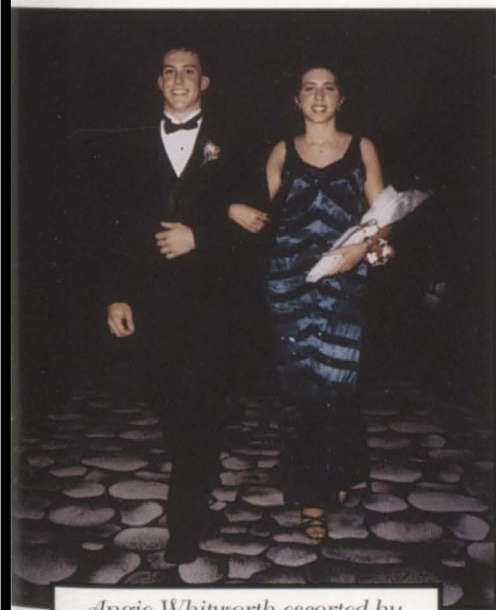


Suzanne Brill escorted by Scott Thornhill

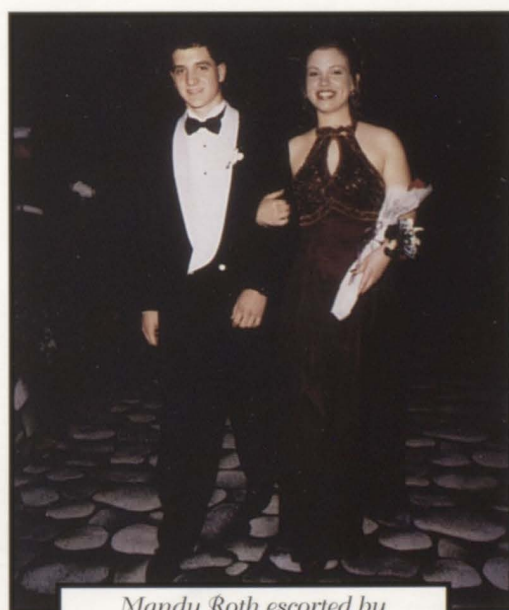
Prom King and Queen
Curtis Dennis and Jodi Sherrell

Smiling happily, Jodi Sherrell, below, receives her crown from returning Queen, alumna Jennifer Stearnes. Photo courtesy Krizan

Handing over his scepter, alumnus Justin Dowden, returning King, bottom, shakes hands with new King Curtis Dennis. Photo courtesy Krizan



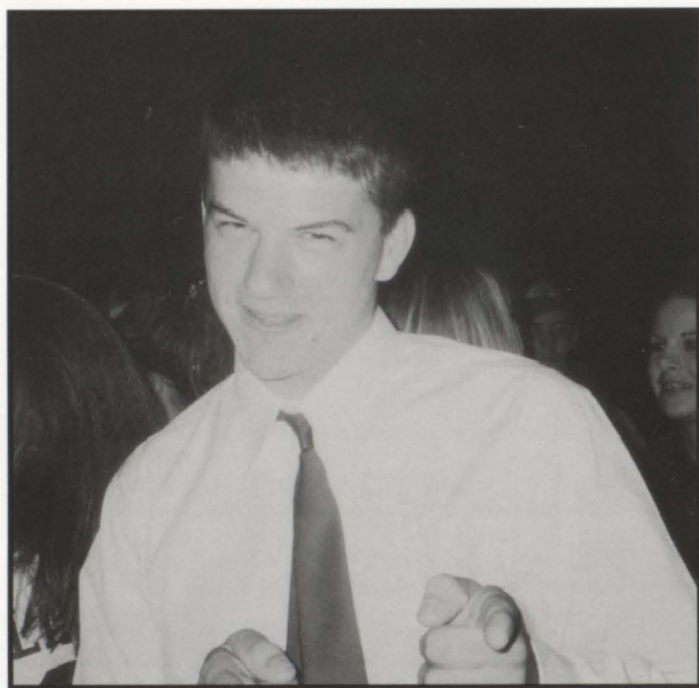
*Angie Whitworth escorted by
 Ryan Huff*



*Mandy Roth escorted by
 Bryan Williams*



*Amanda McSpadden escorted by
 Jeremy Carter*



Junior Greg Cantrell, top, displays his chief headdress, providing entertainment to Panther Pride Band members on one of many trips to competition. *Photo by Jakob Ellis*

Getting into the spirit of Homecoming, above, junior Matt Hurst unwinds at the Homecoming dance after fulfilling his duties as junior attendant Rachel Homer's escort. *Photo by Jerrod Stearnes*

Relaxing in the hall outside the lunch room during lunch, above right, junior Jerrod Stearnes hangs out with his freshmen friends, Laura Strong, Mark Short, Benjie Poe and Tiffany Whitworth. *Photo by Sarah Craig*

The annual booster barbeque and football scrimmage is a good time for freshmen Brett Parker and Benjie Poe to get together and contemplate the success of the upcoming football season. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*



Setting Standards

Underclassman set
new standards for
future students



Getting in touch with his "feminine side", junior Carl Beasley, above left, gets cozy with sophomore Loren Eilenstine as part of his Halloween costume. *Photo by Tara Shan*

Junior Ann Kaps applies a finishing touch to her color guard routine, above, as part of halftime football entertainment. As a cheerleader and band member, Ann served double duty at Panther games. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

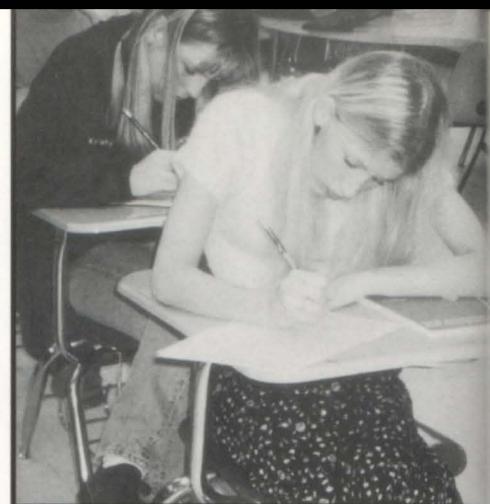
Singing "Panther Boy", left, is sophomore Ashley Emery as she leads her class in a pep assembly contest. Although her efforts were strong the contest was won by the junior class. *Photo by Carrie Stratton*

Using the technology in teacher Andy Frerking's room, Beth Shaw, right, completes her assignment in cyberspace.

Photo by Sarah Craig

Concentrating on their test papers, Lisa Smith and Kristy Tumlinson, far right, fill in the answers.

Photo by Sarah Craig



Freshman Class



"If my kids went here the tradition I would want to still be here is Miss Merry Christmas and fun stuff like that."
--Vice Pres. Tana Blanton



Officers

"If my kids attend MGHS, traditions that I would like to still be here are the extra curricular activities."
-- President Beth Shaw



"A tradition I would like my kids to be able to do is play as many sports as they would like."
--Secretary Danetta Lathrom

Alicia Adrian
Ruben Altamirano
Peter Andersen
Callie Avery
Adelle Barbe
Bobby Barnes



James Beal
Jennifer Beeler
Holly Bell
Amanda Berry
Kim Blankenship
Blake Bosse



Stephanie Boykin
Jessica Bradshaw
Scott Breeden
Brooke Bressie
Kayla Buchholz
Onna Bushong



Landon Buttram
Myranda Cantrell
Amanda Cash
Jesse Chandler
Joseph Chastain
Tommy Cooper





With a Coke and a smile, Jaime Peterson, Jaime Rogers and Tana Blanton take a lunch break during a volleyball tournament in West Plains, far left.

Photo by Angela Dunham

Strolling down the hall to their next classes are Tommy Cooper and Josh Meierotto, left..

Photo by Jared Doty



"I would like people to attend dances and activities after Homecoming and other special occasions."
--Girl Rep. Jaime Rogers



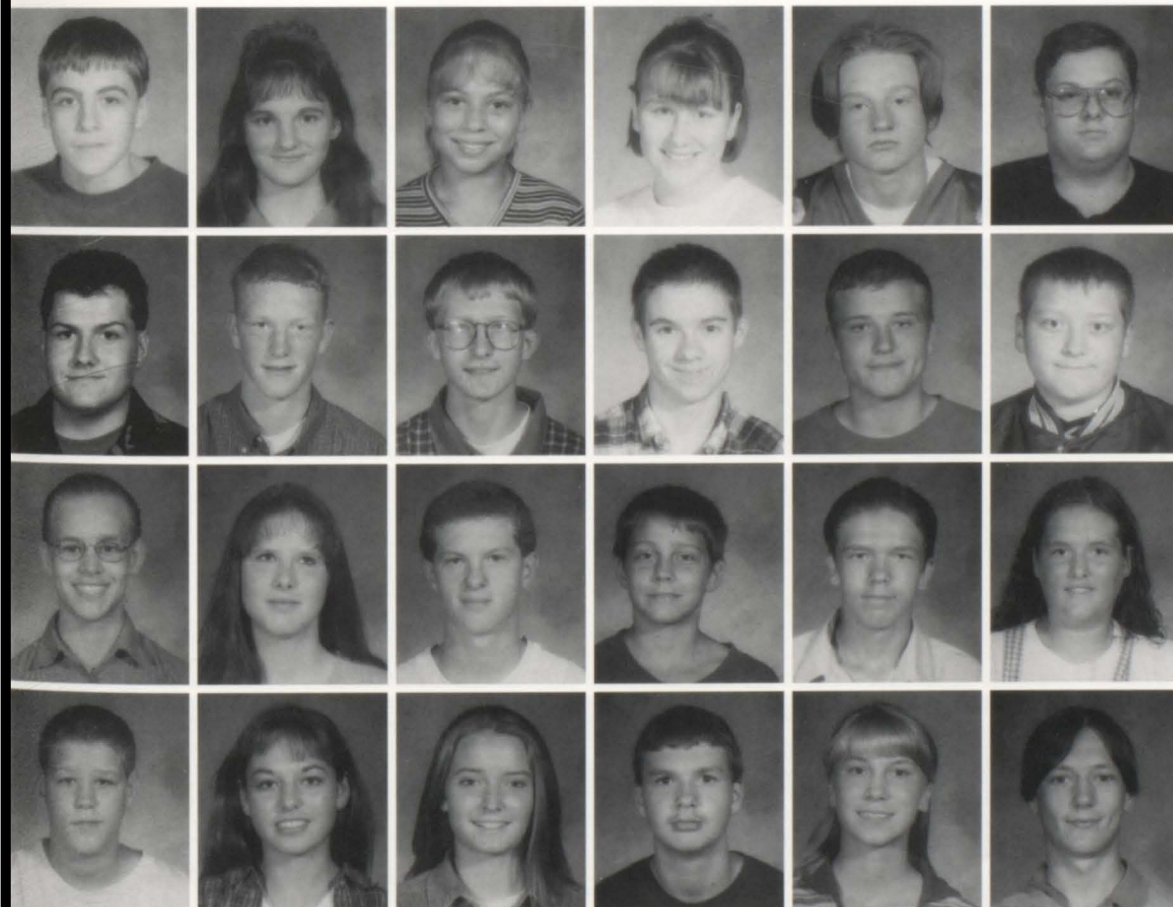
Standing

"I would like my kids to do the extra-curricular activities that are available to me now."
--Treasurer Tiffany Whitworth



"I would want my kids to still attend all of the games and dances."
--Boy Rep. Dustin Cain

Tall



Justin Dake
Kristen Deeds
Anneliese Delcour
Sarah Delcour
Mark Dinning
James Dodd

Joey Dodd
Chet Douglass
Ryan Duey
Jeremy Edwards
Ricky Emery
Joshua Evans

Shane Fair
April Finch
Dusty Finch
Luke Flageolle
Jesse Flower
Candace Fox

Amos French
Leah Gaddis
Leanna Gaston
Jason Gonzales
Amanda Gould
Dustin Groat

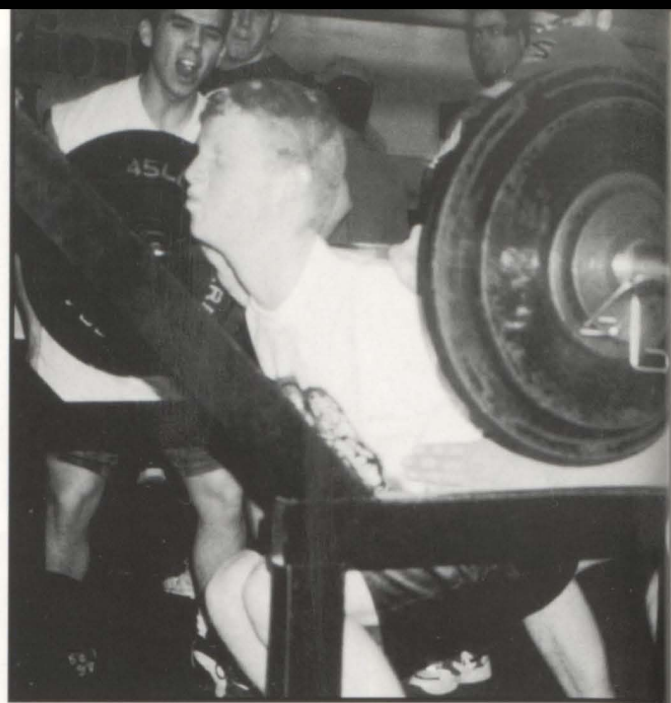
Cadet, Tracy Webb, enjoys himself
at the JROTC Marine Corps
Birthday Ball.

Photo by Jaime Ramsey



Struggling against the force of solid
weights, Chet Douglass seeks to
develop his physical strength and
stamina in the weight room, far
right.

Photo by Jessica Peterson



Enjoying a Panther basketball
game, Brett Parker and Michael
Holycross support the hometown
team, right.

Photo by Jessica Peterson



Learning keyboarding skills to help
get them through high school and
life are Alesha Walker and Laura
Strong, far right.

Photo by Sarah Craig



Aaron Hancock
Jared Harris
Jarred Harrison
Dustin Hawkins
Kristie Hensley
Samantha Hensley



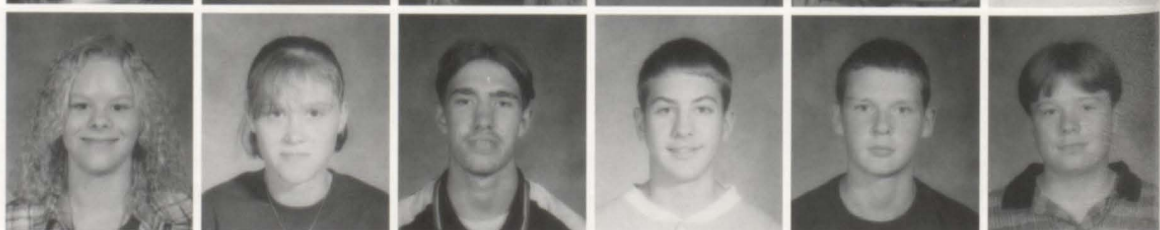
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Amanda Hicks
Darla Hicks
Heath Hicks
Bethany Holt
Michael Holycross



Erin Housley
Destiney Hutsell
Hailey Ivy
Shane James
Shawn James
Heath Jarrett

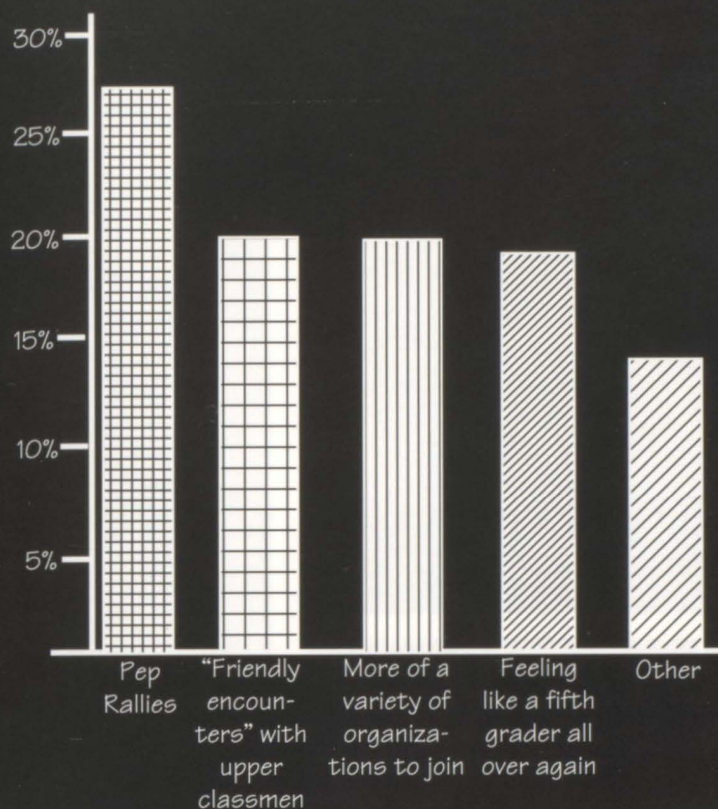


Diana Johansen
Amanda Jones
Josh Jones
Matthew Jones
Chris Jorgensen
Robbie Kahler



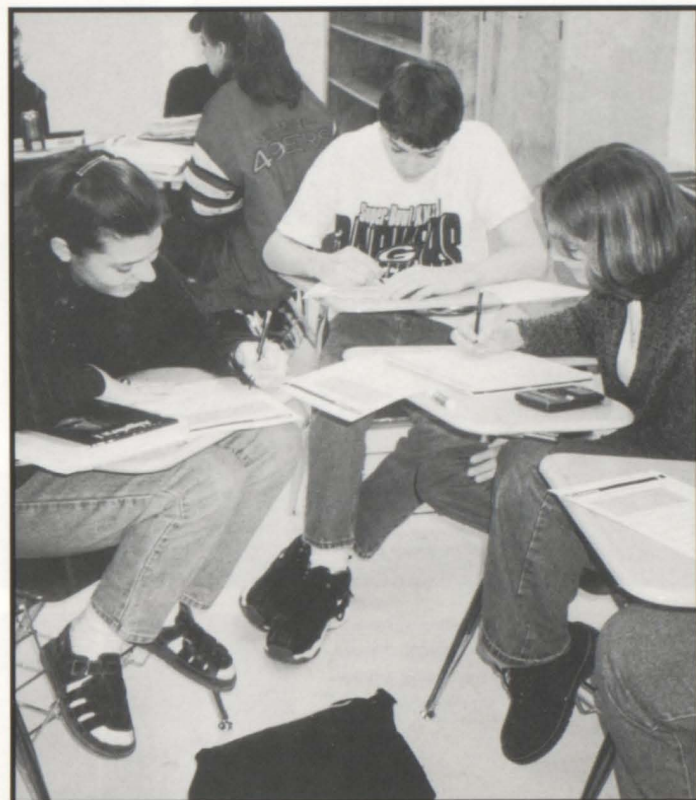
Freshman Class Survey

What do you enjoy most about being in the high school?



As they attempt to get the answers below, Nicole Morris, Michael Holycross and Kayla Buchholz concentrate during Algebra I class, below.

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Anna Kelley
Amy Kelly
Dustin Kennedy
Shawna Kennedy
Kim Kildow
Jenny Kramer

Staci Krider
Jamie Kutz
Vickie LaCroix
Nathan LaRue
Danny Lawson
Keri Lindstrom

Richard Litchfield
Landon Luckey
Colleen Lynch
Sarah Mabe
Josh Mackey
Randy Marsa

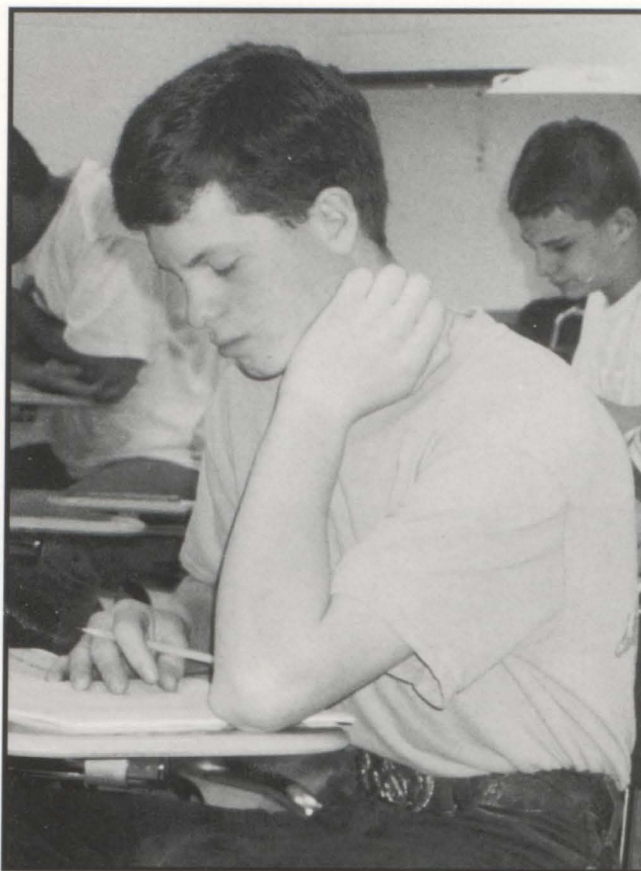
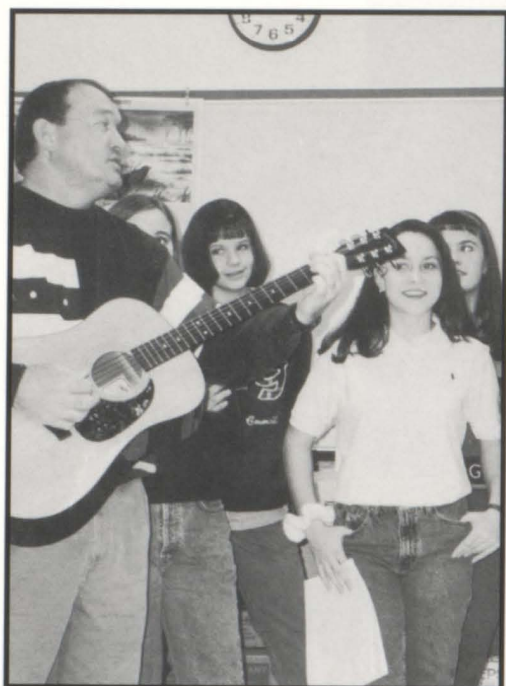
Anthony Massey
Amber McCollum
Marty McCollum
Jason McGowan
Josh Meierotto
Jason Metty

Serenading in the spirit of Christmas, members of Ron Dunham's PE class, below, take a break from the gym.

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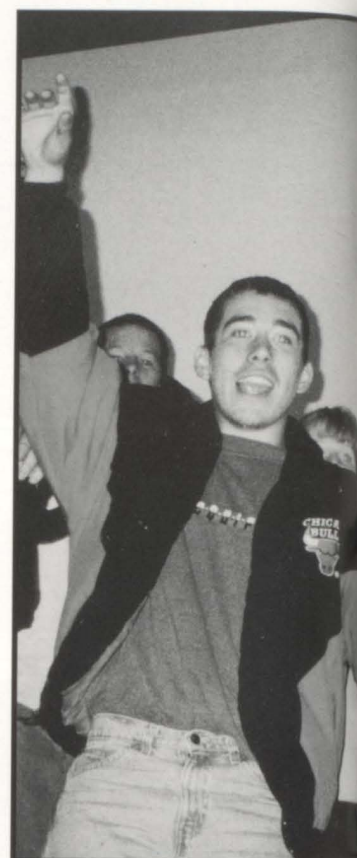
His MMAT test in front of him, Dusty Finch, right, prepares to answer the first of many questions.

Photo by Jaime Ramsey



Getting into the spirit during one of their first high school pep assemblies delights Brandon Stevenson and Shane James, below. Freshmen learn the routines--spirit sticks, "Battle Cry," etc.--early in the year.

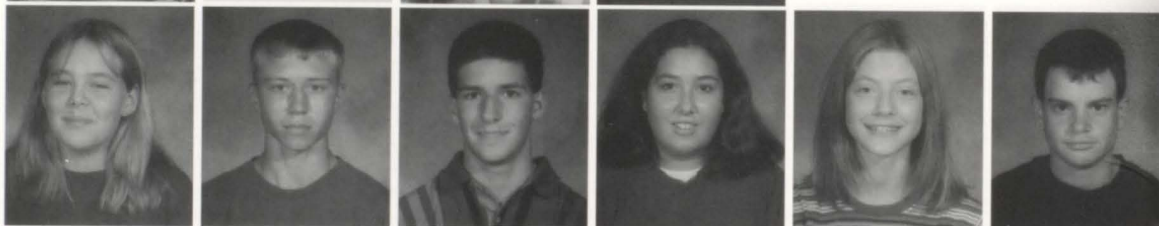
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Jolena Mitchell
Daniel Moore
Nicole Morris
Jerrod Newberry



Misty Nungesser
Tyler Owens
Brett Parker
Evonne Perez
Jaime Peterson
Jason Plummer



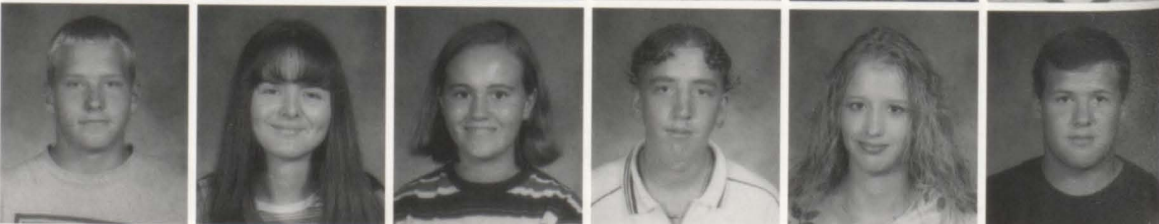
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Charles Rogers



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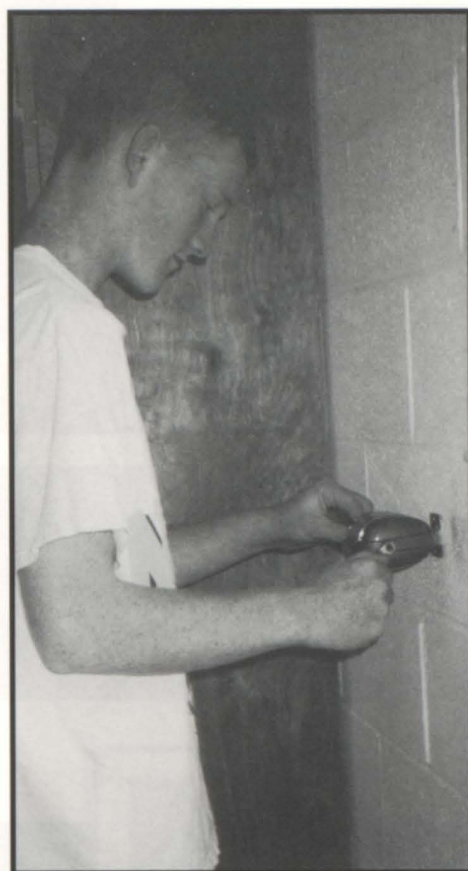


Mark Short
Brandi Smith
Doti Smith
Jerimiah Smith
Lisa Smith
Timothy Sparks



sharpening his pencil in anticipation of taking his MMAT test, Chet Douglass, right, prepares for the upcoming challenge.

Photo by Tara Shaw



Learning about health as part of their P.E. class, Ruthanna Wade and Kim Kildow, below, work with the books instead of the nets in the gym.

Photo by Sarah Craig



Travis Spencer
Angela Splain
Robert Spoonemore
Megan Stallcup



Brandon Stevenson
Stephanie Stigall
Laura Strong
Sabrina Strong
Vanilyn Tapp
Kevin Taylor



Matthew Thompson
Toby Thompson
Lacey Tooley
Kristy Tumlinson
R.J. Turnbull
Jeremy Turner



Evan Tyrrell
Jessica Tyrrell
Jason Vandivort
Matthew Wade
Ruthanna Wade
Alesha Walker



Grant Watson
Tracy Webb
Holly Whanger
Andrew Wilson
Steve Zehner
Ryan Zickmund

Friends Stacy Allen and Jodi Chernowsky, right, take a break during English II class.
Photo by Kayla Shannon



Just before the Kansas City Chiefs took the floor against the local coaches, Lane Baldwin, Leslie Sheppard and Ashley Emery, far right, complete signs to be used during this sophomore fundraising event.

Photo by Kayla Shannon

Sophomore Class Officers



"I hope that we will still have traditons like Homecoming and Senior Skip Day."
 --President Kayla Shannon

"I hope we keep the traditons that we have now, but I hope new ones are made."
 --Vice President Ashley Emery



"Well, I hope there are new traditions still standing because we're losing them all very fast."
 --Secretary Jodi Chernowsky

Steve Albritton
 Stacey Allen
 Chris Arquette
 Lane Baldwin
 Kevin Beck
 Jonny Bell



Shane Blankenship
 Jared Bradshaw
 Amber Bridges
 Michelle Broos
 Amy Brown
 John Bryant

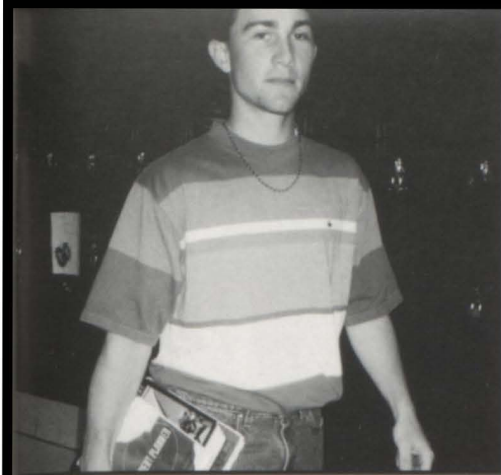


Kerry Burd
 Lester Burgard
 Lindsay Campbell
 Melissa Carder
 Stefanie Coble
 Jennifer Coffman



Josh Colson
 Aaron Cooley
 Annette Creed
 Anthony Crisp
 Cindy Curran
 Mike Delcour





Books in hand, Chase Rogers, far left, makes his way to his next class.

Photo courtesy Rev Broedlove

Looking over magazines in the Media Center helps keep Cindy Curran, Victoria Munday and Dacie Singleton abreast of current events and fashions, left.

Photo by Kayla Shannon



"I hope some traditions like senior parking are brought back, and we keep the ones we have now."

--Girl Rep. Jamie Raney



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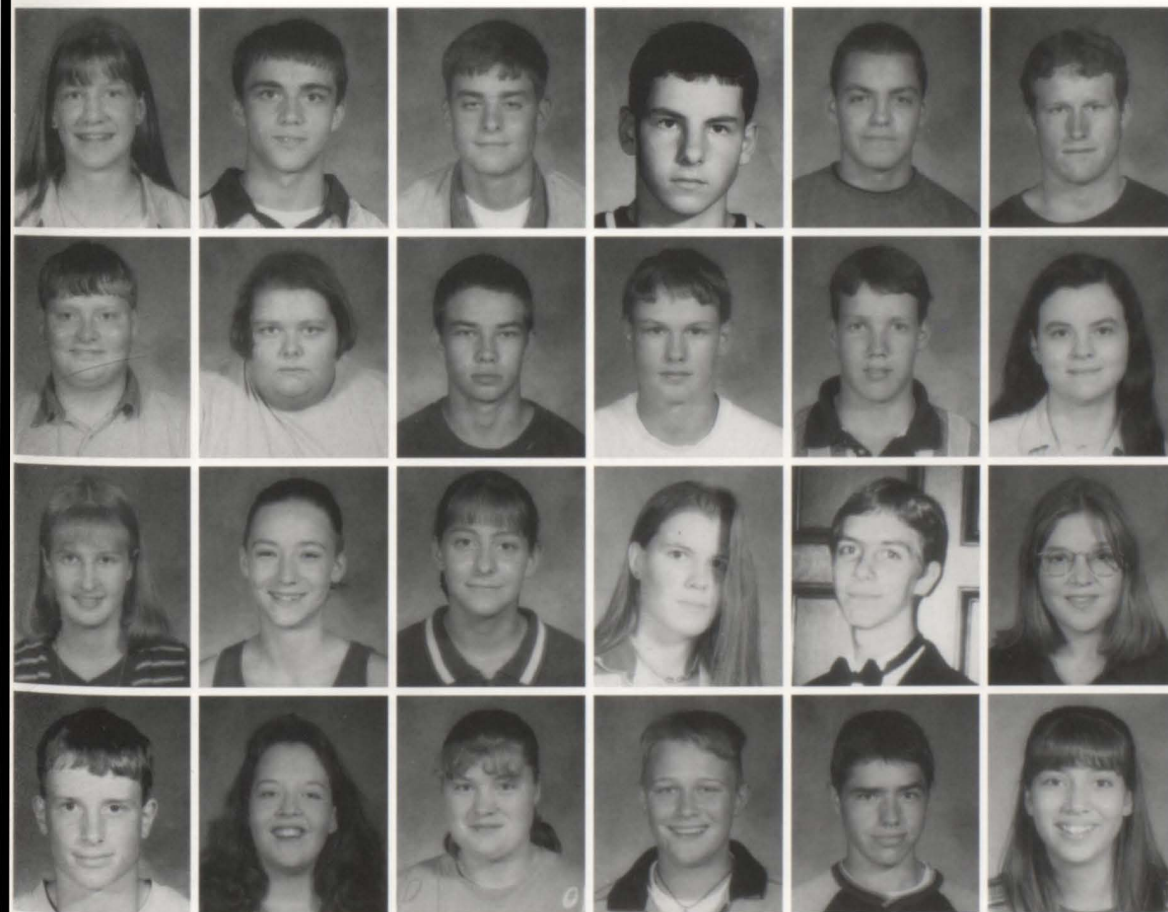
"I hope all the old traditions stay and new ones are added."

--Treasurer Amy Brummet

"What traditions?!"

--Boy Rep. Darrell Bolin

Tall



Samantha Dennis
Simon Doroscan
Al Dowden
Barry Dowden
Rocky Eaton
Loren Eilenstine

Dustin Ellis
Nathan Ellis
Chris Emery
Jason Emery
Jeremy Emery
Mandie Estes

Lisa Finch
Rachel Fitzner
Christina Flageolle
Brittnee Freeman
Nathan Friend
Danielle Fry

Nathan Fry
Charity Gault
Christina Gittings
Jason Glenn
Sam Goin
Stephanie Gonzales

Sharing a hug between classes, Jamie Raney, Kayla Shannon and Lindsay Campbell, right, find a few precious minutes to catch up on the day's news.

Photo by Tara Shaw

Catching up on some homework in the hall before class is a breeze for

Lindsay Campbell, Christina Flageolle and Junior Wilson, far right.

Photo by Tara Shaw



As they wait for an invitation to dance, Al Dowden, Randy Sparks and Chase Rogers, right, relax at the Christmas Dance.

Photo by Jerrod Stearnes

Hot dogs, anyone? Hungry spectators at the Kansas City Chiefs fundraiser game receive service from Jennifer Coffman and Amber Bridges, far right.

Photo by Donny Anderson



Genny Gordon
Billy Graham
Tommy Grimshaw
J.D. House
Jammie Hurley
Matt Hurst



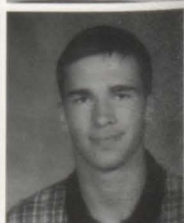
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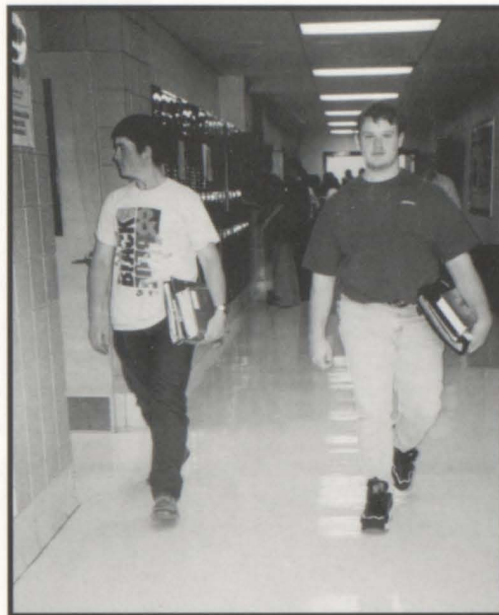
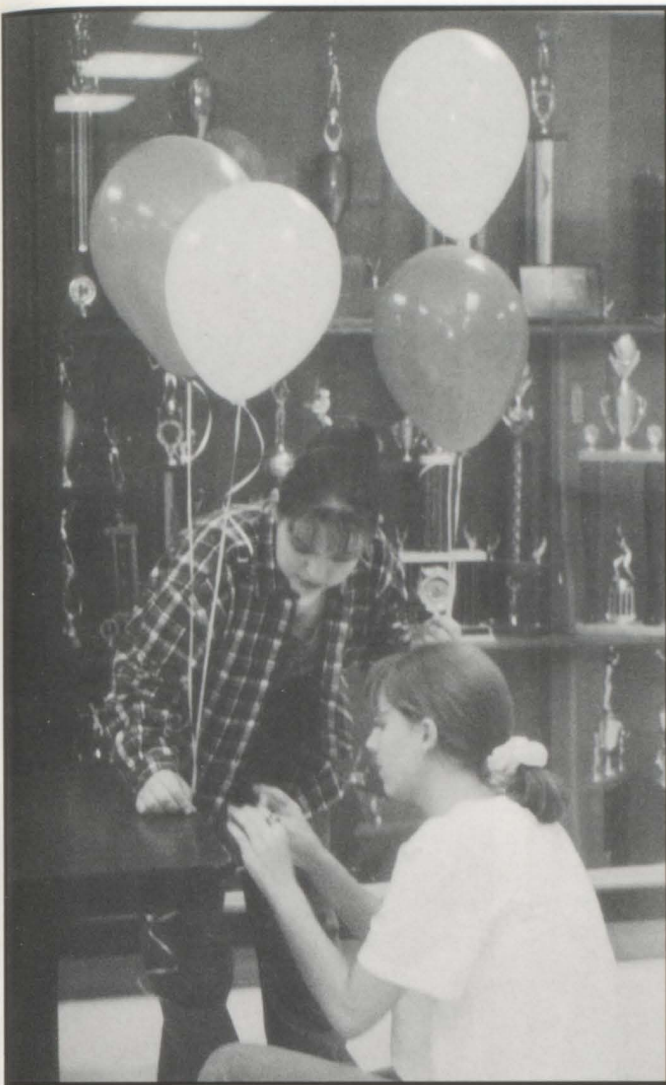


Jillanea Lakey
Kevin Lawler
Dusty Lee
Ben Leggins
Heather Linton
Lindsey Linton



Jeremy Looper
Jon Marquis
Chris Mayberry
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Renante McConnell
Richard McGowan



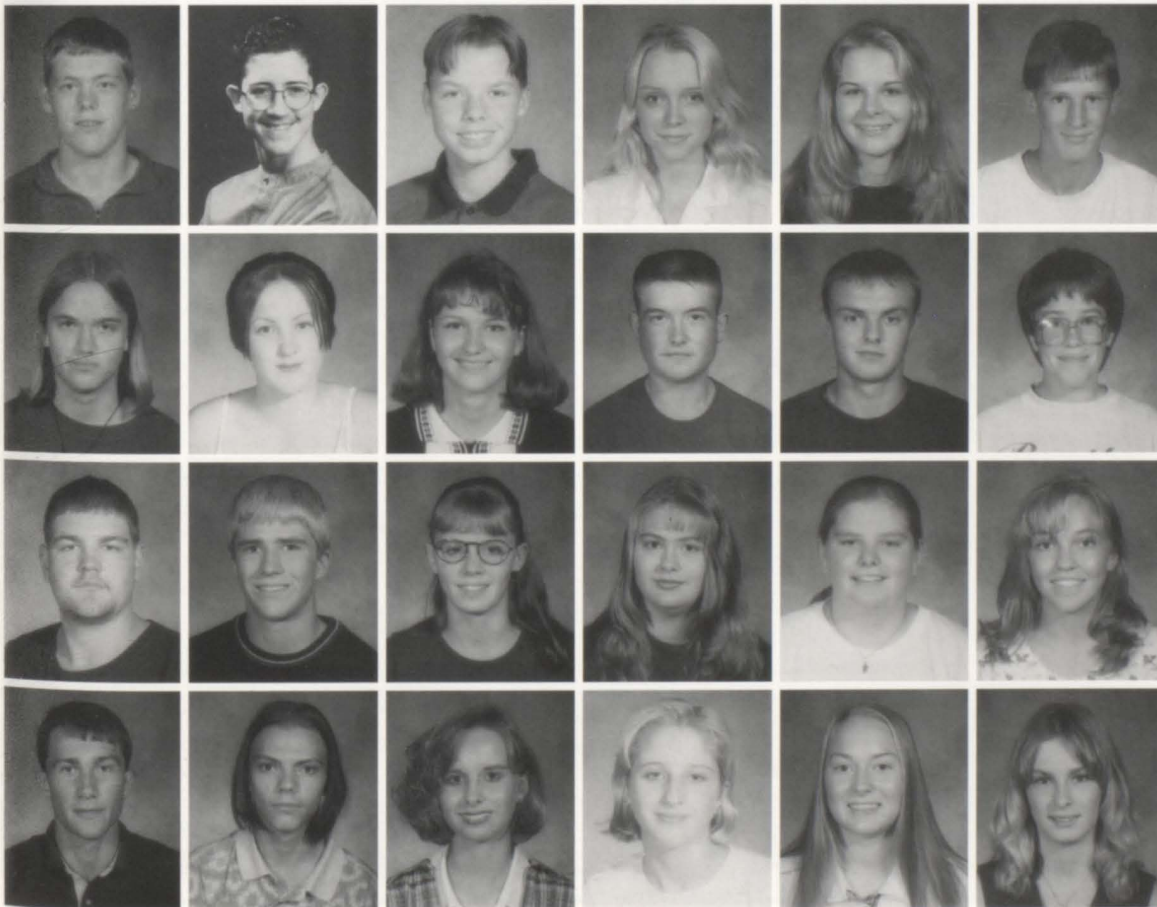


With only five minutes between classes, Roy Oliphant and Shane Blankenship, left, have to hurry down the freshman hall to get to class on time.
Photo courtesy Rev Breedlove



The "Gridiron Barbecue" provides a relaxing evening for Chase Rogers and Stacey Allen, left.
Photo by Jessica Peterson

Balloons add an air of celebration to the gym lobby in anticipation of the Kansas City Chiefs fundraising ball game. Jessica Klingensmith and Amy Brummet, far left, anchor the decorations to the table.
Photo by Kayla Shannon



Michael McIntosh
Anthony Mello
Josh Merritt
Taffie Miller
Cheree Mings
Jared Mings

Mathew Morris
Victoria Munday
Shannon Nettleton
Roy Oliphant
Philip Parson
Connie Perkins

Dusin Pettit
Michael Pope
Jeannie Ratterree
Andrea Rhodes
Courtney Rhodes
Lyndse Robertson

Chaseton Rogers
Johnny Rogers
Bethany Roy
Tanya Sapp
Leslie Sheppard
Dacie Singleton

Painting signs for the Chiefs game
uses the talents of Richard
McGowan, Leslie Sheppard,
Kayla Shannon, Donny Anderson,
Stacey Allen and Lane Baldwin,
right.

Photo courtesy Brenda Shannon

As he reads, Ben Leggins, far
right, considers possible answers
posed in his textbook.

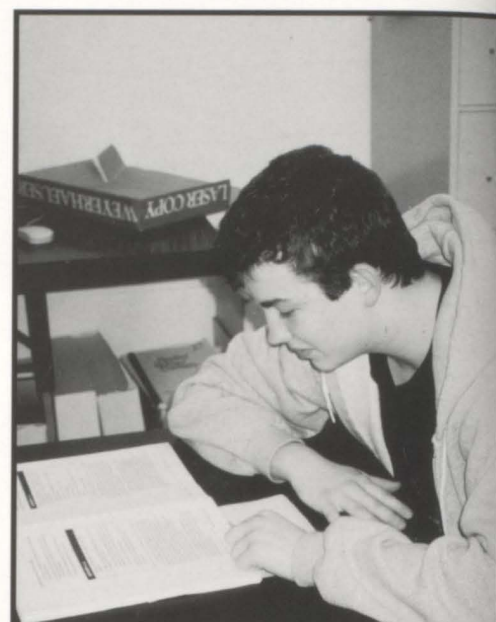
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Nachos are a
prime pick from
the menu at the
Chiefs
fundraiser.

Lindsay
Campbell,
right, reaches
deep for the
next order at
the concession
stand.

*Photo by Donny
Anderson*



Christina Smart
Laurie Smart
Cathy Smith
Crystal Smith
Randy Sparks
Donnie Strunk



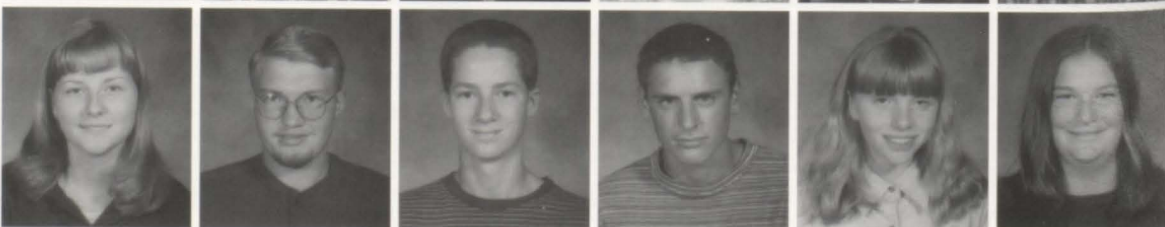
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Jared Templeton
Crystal Thompson



Jennifer Thompson
Eric Thornhill
Patti Thornhill
Heather Todd
James Todd
Jeremy Todd



Tracy Todd
Josh Turner
Ryan Turner
Aaron Volk
Dara Wade
Kristie Weatherly



Members of the sophomore class visit with Kansas City Chiefs football players who left the gridiron for the hardwoods in a benefit basketball game against area

coaches. The Chiefs visit schools to offer both entertainment and a drug free message to spectators. They gave autographs to fans during halftime of the game,

March 27. One of the highlights of the game was bringing youngsters from the bleachers onto the floor for some fun with the pros.

Photo courtesy Michelle Lindsey



Junior Wilson
Brandon Winfrey
Robert Winstead
Jamie Wyrick
Brandy Young
Michelle Zid

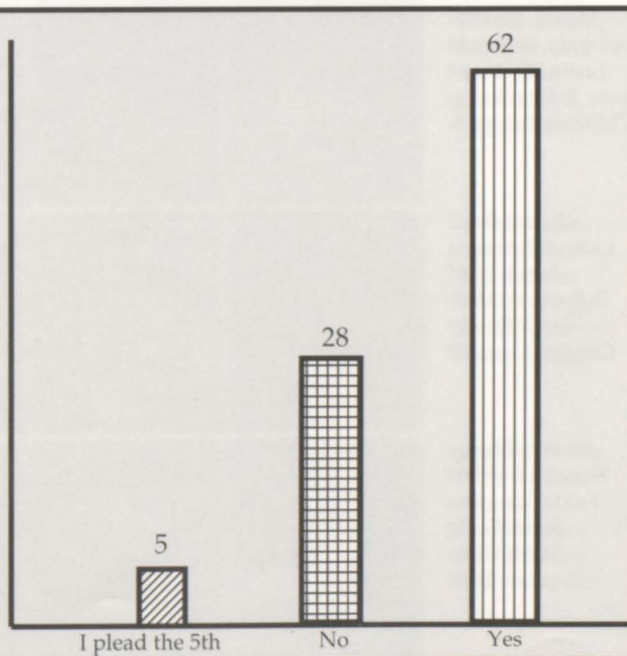
Have you ever
been in a
car accident?

Lane Baldwin and
Leslie Sheppard change
a flat before an accident
"happens"...

Photo by Kayla Shannon

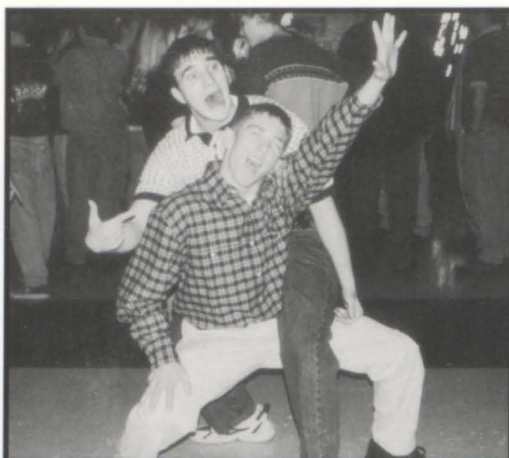


Number of People



Off in another world, publications students juniors Brent Dugger, Jessica Peterson and Larissa Buchholz, far right, enjoy dinner at Planet Hollywood in St. Louis during the National Journalism Education Assn. convention.
Photo courtesy Rev Breedlove

School dances can be fun as juniors Jerrod Stearnes and Jared Doty, right, bring some unique dance moves to the Homecoming event following the game.
Photo by Tara Shaw



Junior Class



"I hope the band continues to play 'Panther Boy' as the crowd sings in support of MGHS students."
 --Vice President Jessica Peterson



Officers

"Pizza on Fridays!"
 --President Jaime Ramsey



"I hope Smokey still comes to all of the games."
 --Secretary Allison Curry

Toby Alcorn
 Willie Allen
 Marla Bailey
 Nathaniel Barbe
 Travis Barnes
 Ralph Bashor



Carl Beasley
 Mandy Benthall
 Constance Beyerlein
 Justin Blackwell
 Danny Bohnenkamp
 Christina Bolerjack



Andrea Boyd
 Larissa Buchholz
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 Roberta Burdick
 Jared Byerly
 Gregory Cantrell

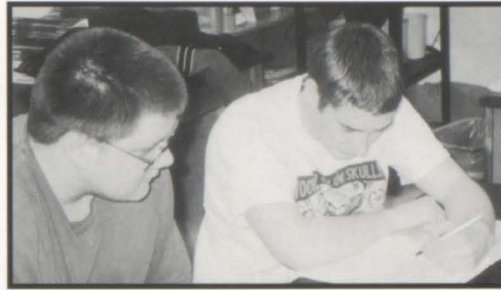


Steven Causey
 Shaun Clements
 Faith Cornelius
 Sarah Craig
 Sarah Crisp
 Andrew Dale





Selling Prom glasses during lunch in the cafeteria is one of the contributions to their class Angela Dunham and Tara Shaw, left, make.
Photo by Jaime Ramsey



As they work through their assignment in Troy Marnholtz' science classroom, Rodney Thompson and Steven Gates, left, add to their knowledge of biology and chemistry in ABC.
Photo by Jesse Denison



"I hope that the junior and senior classes continue to torment the freshman class."
--Girl Rep. Penny Carmon



Standing



"I hope my kids have the opportunity to experience the great school spirit I have in years past."
--Treasurer Rachelle Douglass

"I would want the academic tradition to remain strong and become greater for the future students."
-- Boy Rep. Barry Gilley

Tall



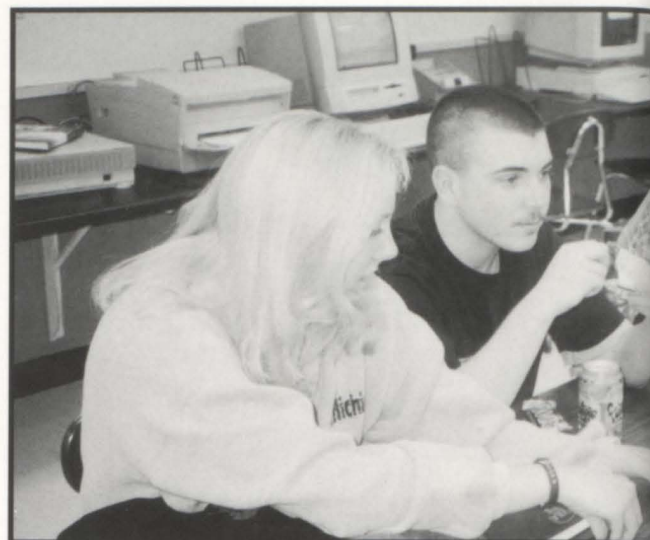
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Angela Dunham
David Emery

Jeremy Flores
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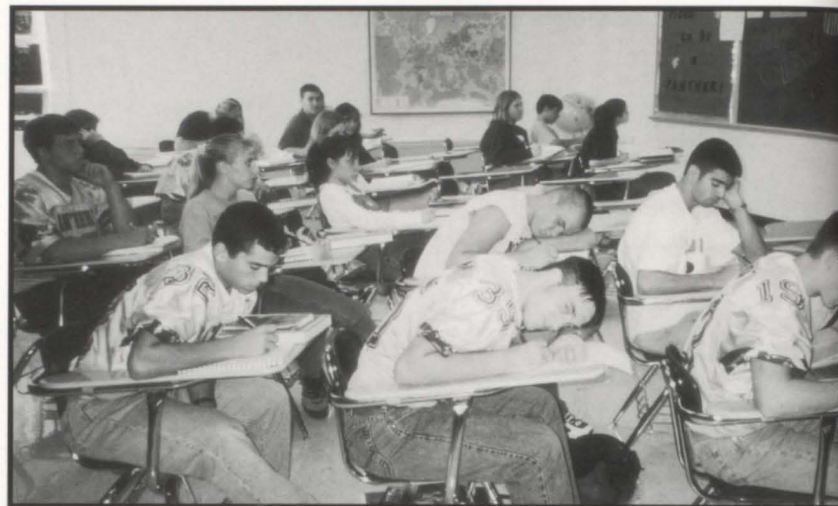
Sherrie Hurley
Blake Jordan
Ann Kaps
Clarice Kluey
Tanna Krider
Ron Kumpula

After finishing their assignments eighth block, Sarah Craig and A. J. Watson, far right, take a break at the end of a long day.
Photo by Jesse Denison



As they practice speaking Spanish, Lisa Leggin and Julia Kuster, right, try to understand each other during an oral assignment.
Photo by Brent Dugger

A room full of juniors, far right, tackle important issues in Bob Vandiver's Government class.
Photo by Sarah Craig



In a visit to the Media Center, Jesse Denison, right, looks up information he will need for one of his classes.
Photo by Jakob Ellis

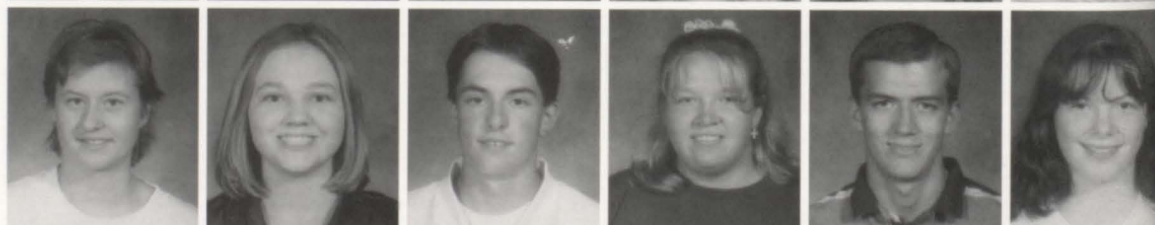
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Julia Kuster
Ronnie Lathrom
Melinda Lee
Lisa Leggin
Weslee Long



Eric Lueck
Ronnie Mace
Jeremy Mackey
Betsey Matthews
Jennifer McClure
Michelle McCune



Toni Miller
Amy Moore
Jeffery Moore
Krystal Moore
Ryan Nelson
Amy Oaks



Bo Parker
Robert Pratt
Heather Ratterree
Jeremy Renfrow
Stephanie Rich
Maryann Robertson



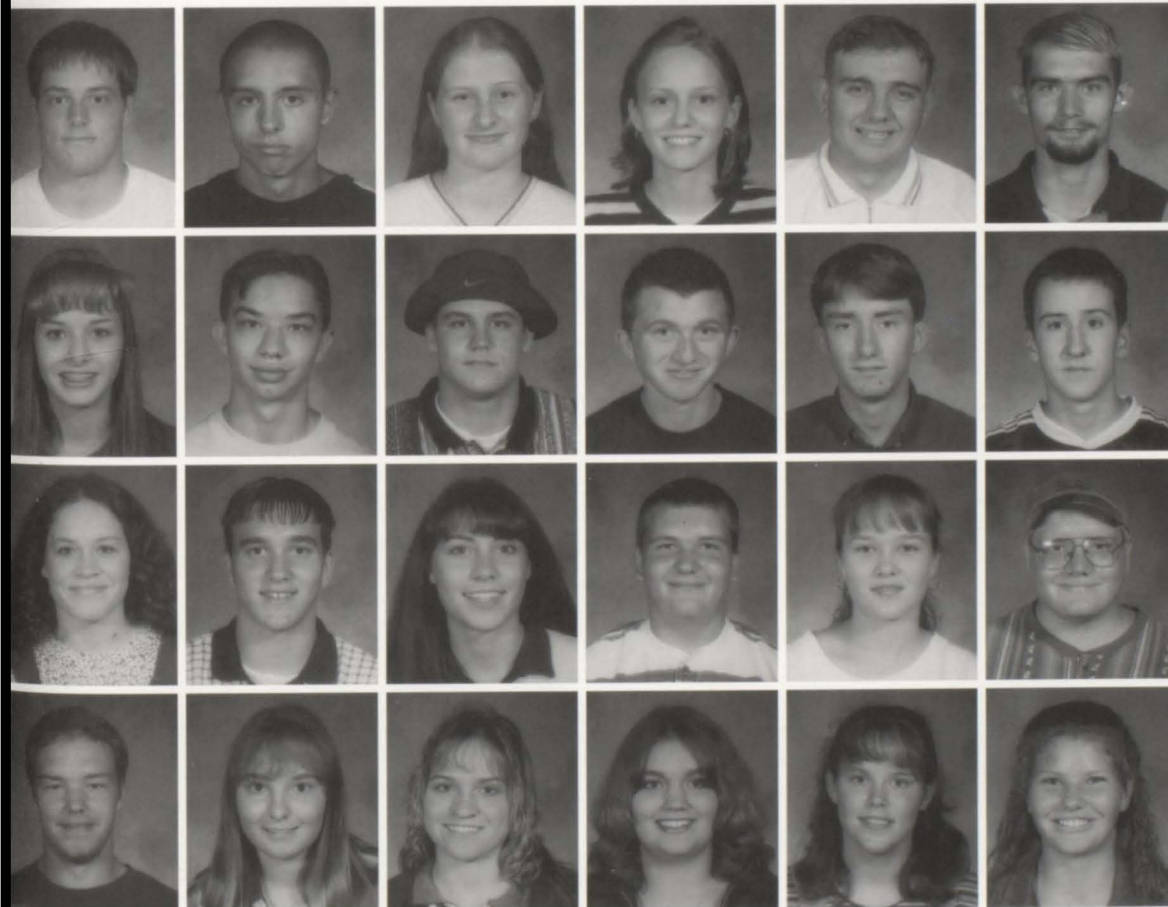
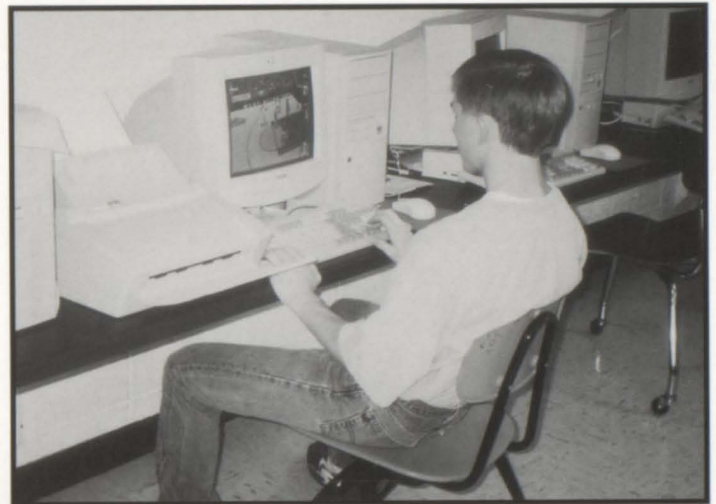


As she begins to work on the form she has created for her pinata, Misti Gourley, left, learns about culture as well as language in Spanish class.

Photo by Brent Dugger

New computers in English teacher Les Top's classroom help students like Eric Lueck, below, complete writing assignments from rough draft to final paper.

Photo by Jaime Ramsey



Heath Rodgers
Jacob Scott
April Shaw
Tara Shaw
Dustin Shelton
Dustin Sheppard

Trena Sheppard
Dustin Shewbert
Adam Shores
Douglas Simpson
Robert Singleton
Nick Skyles

Heidi Sonnenschein
Jerrod Stearnes
Carrie Stratton
Michael Thompson
Monica Thompson
Rodney Thompson

Chris Tinsley
Regina Tooley
Nocona Tumlinson
Teasha Turner
Elva Upshaw
Leanna Wallace

Catching the breeze in Bev Breedlove's room, Jared Doty and Heath Housley take a break from working on the yearbook, below.

Photo by Jesse Denison

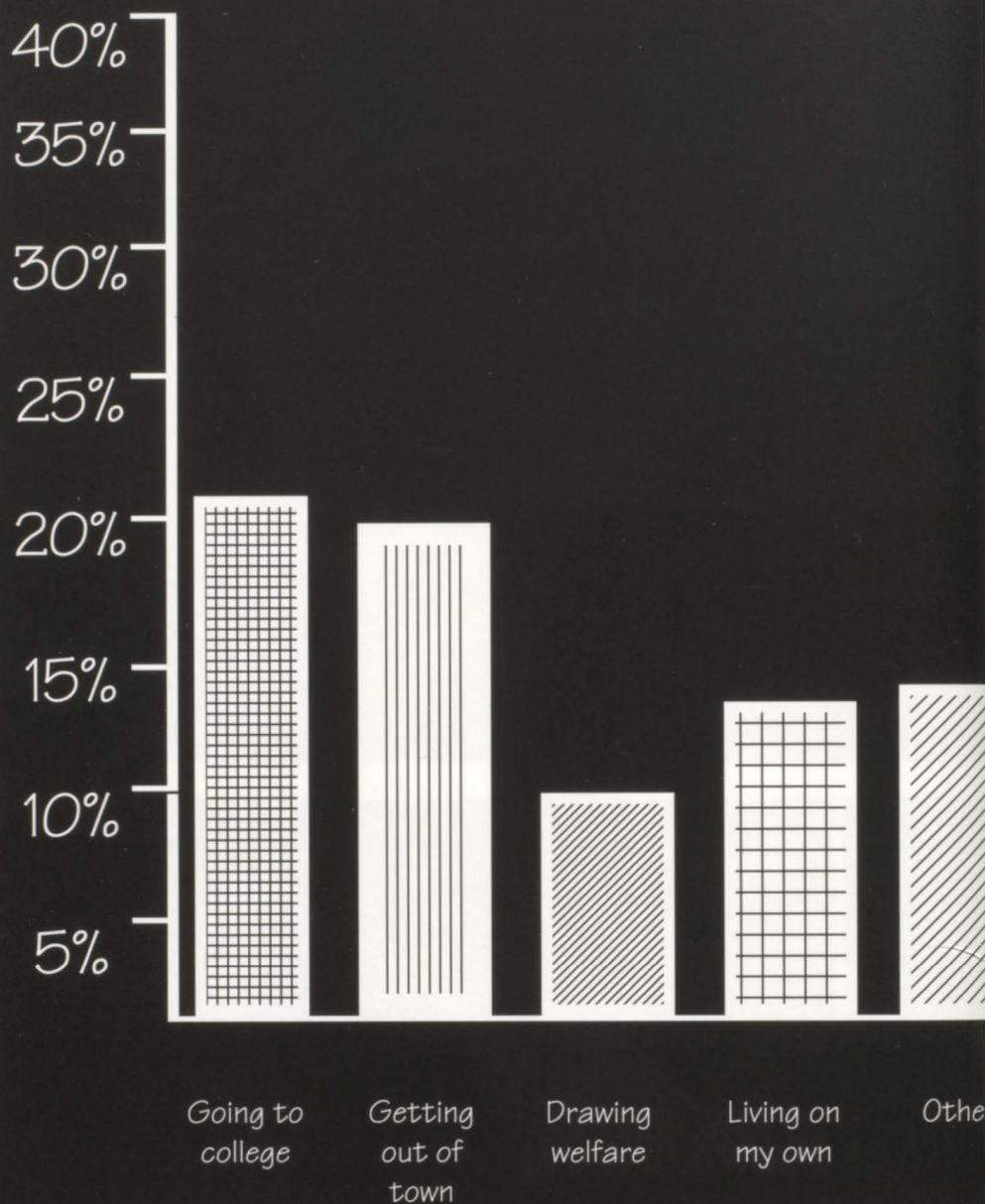


As Prom night rapidly approaches, Jessica Peterson and Brent Dugger put the finishing touches on the decorations, above.

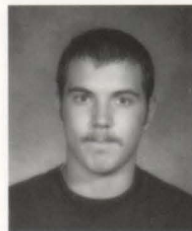
Photo by Jerrod Stearnes

Hey, juniors...

What do you look forward to most about becoming a senior next year?

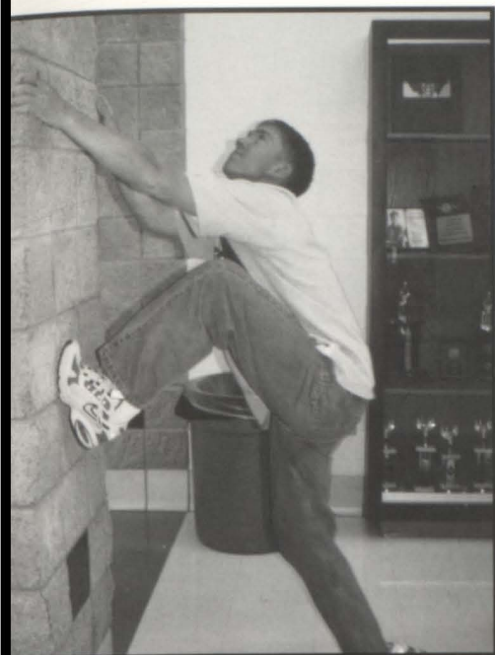


Adam Watson
Mike Weaver
Amanda Webb
Amanda White



Kelly Williams
Raymond Yescas





Climbing the walls in the atrium, Jared Doty demonstrates his athletic abilities in a unique fashion, far left.

Photo by Brent Dugger

With Panther spirit in the air, Ann Kaps and Leanna Wallace, left, dress in their best maroon and gray for Homecoming festivities later in the evening.

Photo by Tara Shaw



The table overlooking Panther Stadium is a perfect place for Jesse Denison and Steven Gates, above left, to play cards on a warm spring day.

Photo by Tara Shaw



Visiting her locker between classes, Rachel Homer, left, gathers the books she will need.

Photo by Jaime Ramsey

In the art room, Cathy Smith and Faith Cornelius, above, look over another student's project before beginning work on their own.

Photo by Jesse Denison

Preparing the backdrop for Prom pictures and the coronation ceremony, Tara Shaw, above, assembles one of several trees next to a cobblestone walkway.

Photo by Angela Dunham

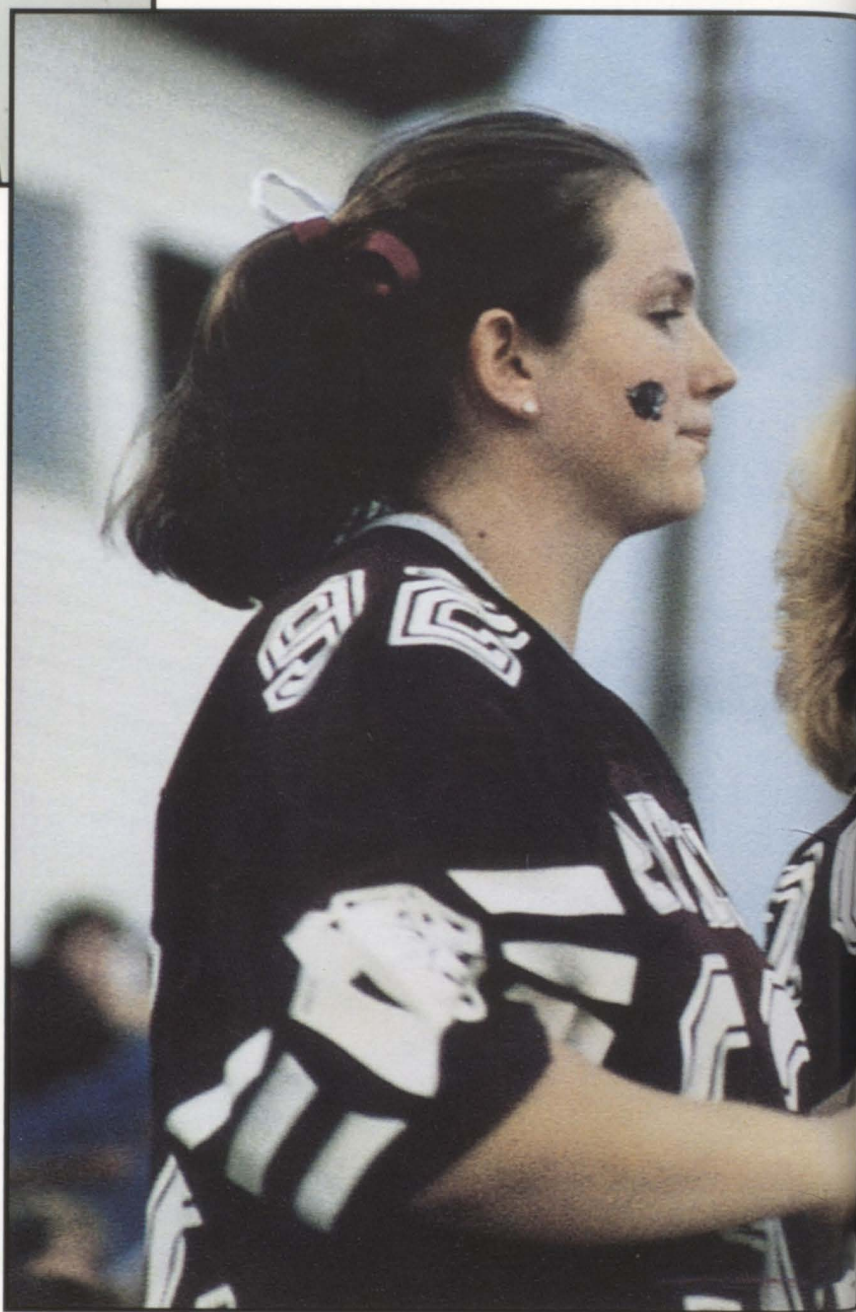


Senior Michael Kemper, left, prepares to step onto the football field for senior night and be recognized for his accomplishments in band. Photo by Jessica Peterson



Seniors Katie Hubner and Scott Thornhill, top left, portray a special senior friendship. Photo by Jerrod Stearnes

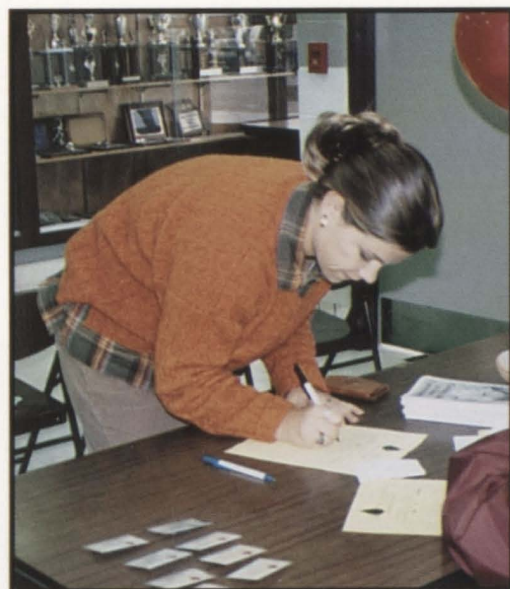
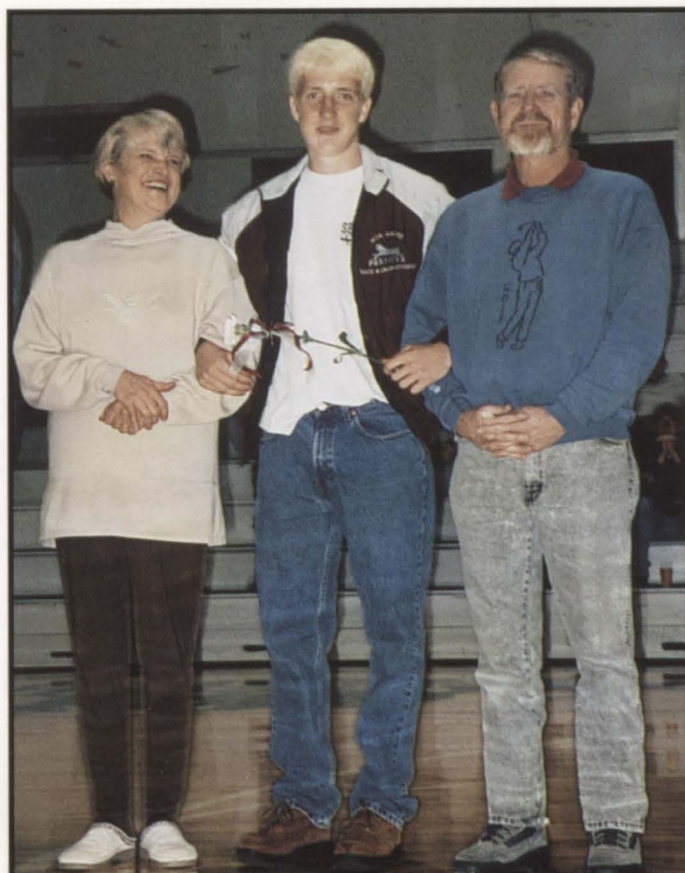
Attempting to put on her marching band uniform before contest, above, is senior Tabitha Todd. Tabitha was a valuable addition to the Panther Pride Band, playing the trombone for four years. Photo by Jakob Ellis



After completing the traditional senior girls bike ride to Cabool, above, seniors Betsy Wade and Amanda McSpadden enjoy the football game as they cheer on the Panthers. Photo by Rachelle Douglass

Suddenly Seniors

Seniors find that
their days at MGHS
have passed quickly



Seniors Jason Duey and John Tyrrell, above left, spend some of their final times together as classmates at MGHS. *Photo by Carrie Stratton*

Giving blood is important to senior Mandy Roth, above, as she signs up to give blood at the Student Council sponsored Community Blood Drive. *Photo by Jared Doty*

Escorting his parents onto the gym floor, left, is senior Daniel Zid as he is recognized for his cross country accomplishments on senior night. *Photo by Rachelle Douglass*

Looking back... Suddenly Seniors

One day you're walking into kindergarten, meeting people you've never seen before, each of you scared to death. Then suddenly you find yourself on a football field with the band playing "Pomp and Circumstance." Even now that you know everybody, you are again scared to death as you contemplate your new life.

As you look back, you remember playing on the playground, the boys chasing girls, singing in music class, playing kick ball and crab soccer in P.E.

The year the high school burned, you were in the fifth grade and sent back to the elementary school for a time. You returned to the middle school and were the first to reach the end of your eighth grade year in the "new" middle school.

Being a freshman was a rough experience, but as the years went on you had more fun and came to know what high school was all about.

Now suddenly you are the senior and the oldest. You have grown with you classmates and realize that friendship really matters. Your friends will last forever.

You will never forget what you went through to get here today. It was not always fun, but you survived.

As you look back to the good times with friends and teachers, you sadly say goodbye. Although you know goodbyes are not forever they seem like it now.

The class of 1998 will always have memories of setting new standards for years to come.

What was your goal as a senior when you suddenly realized you were, indeed, a senior?

"To learn as much as I could to prepare myself for college." - Bill Dobbs

"To have a lot of fun." - Kristi Freeman

"To cause as much mischief as I could when it was still legal." - Scott Thornhill

"To make the most of it so I can always look back on it in the future." - Carrie Kelly

"To score as many times as I could." - Daniel Zid

"To make new traditions and old traditions come alive." - Katie Hubner

"My goal is just to get out of school." - Davy Homer

"To not let the freshman pick on me." - Daniela Doroscan

"To make some of my last times in high school fun with my friends." - Mandy Roth

"To make up with old friends and not to leave any doors unopened." - Michelle Hawkins

"To prepare for college and have fun." - Rusty Lee

"To be as mean as possible to the freshmen! I think my goal was to know where I was going to college and be accepted by the end of the year, spend time with my senior friends and have fun, all without going to jail." - Suzanne Brill

"To spend quality time with my friends and stress less." - Tamara Forrest

Cabool



The Senior Run attracts a crowd of girls for the annual event, above. The ladies biked from Mtn. Grove to Cabool
Photo by Patricia Rodery

Not to be outdone, the senior boys, right, enjoy some final year comradery, as well..
Photo by Jaime Ramsey



'98 Class Officers

President Lori Thompson and
Vice-President John Tyrell, left
Secretary Emily Brown, Treasurer
Kevin Raemaker, Girl Rep Sunnie Roth,
and Boy Rep Ryan Huff, below

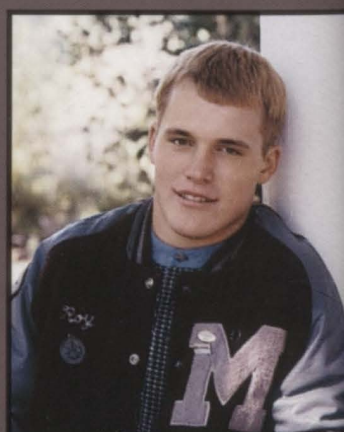
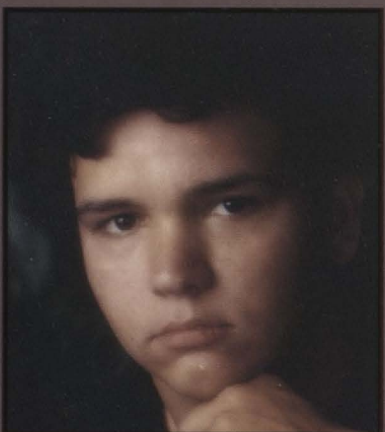
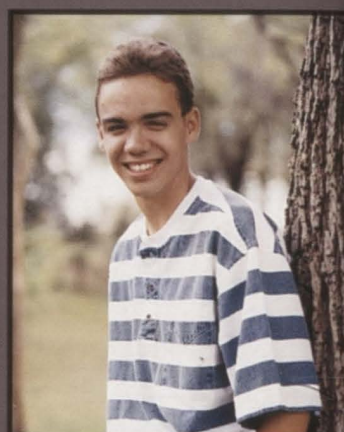
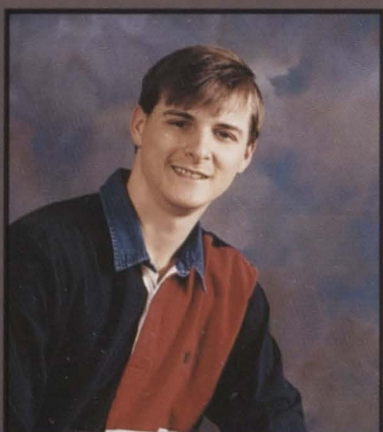
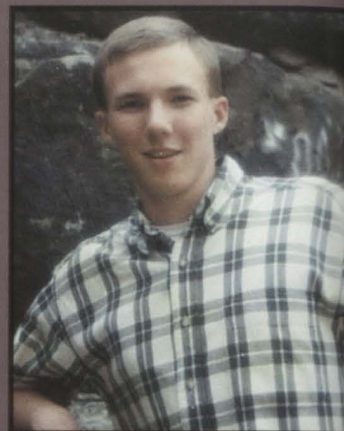
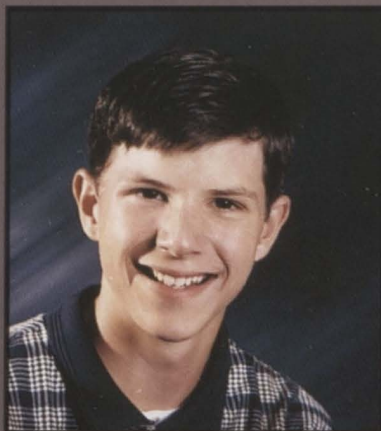
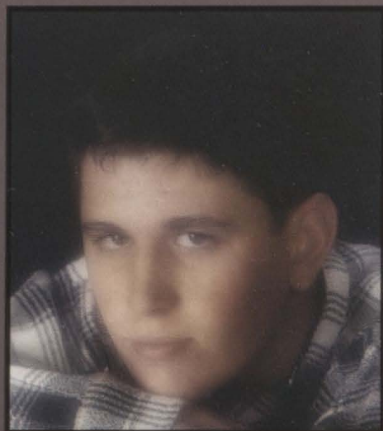


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Tabetha Alsup

Lea Ann Baldwin
Joshua Bell

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Rayna Blair

Heather Bressie
Suzanne Brill

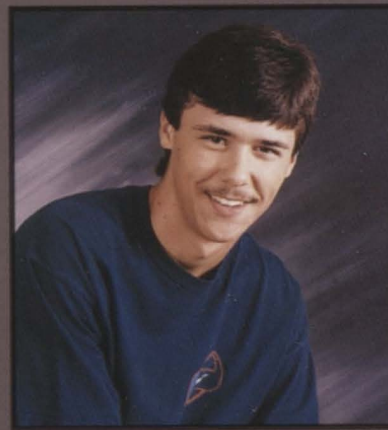
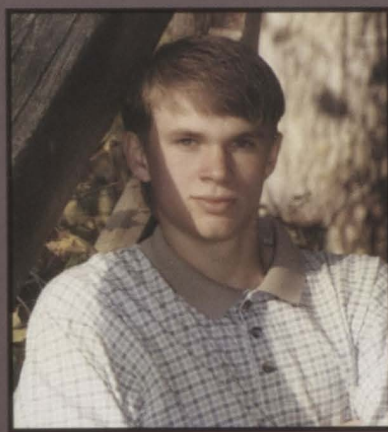


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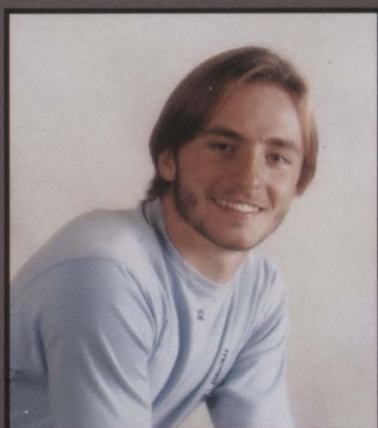
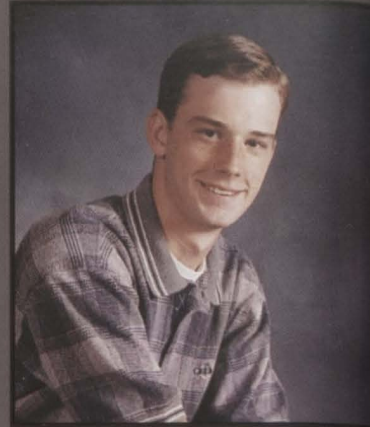


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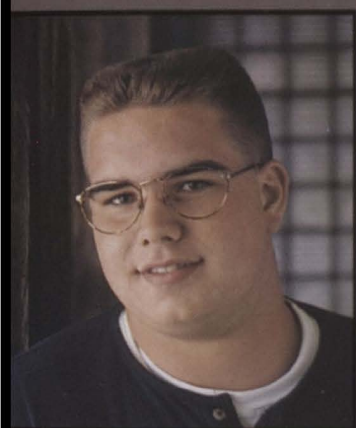
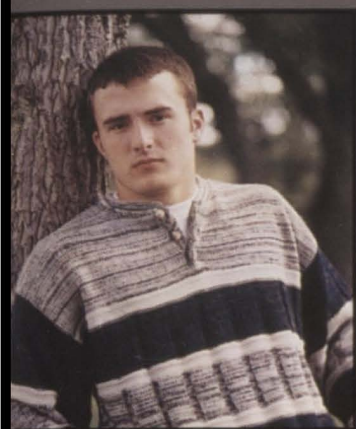


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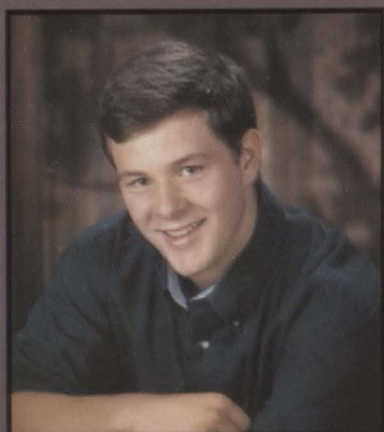
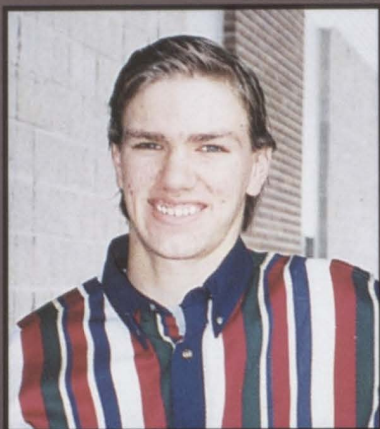
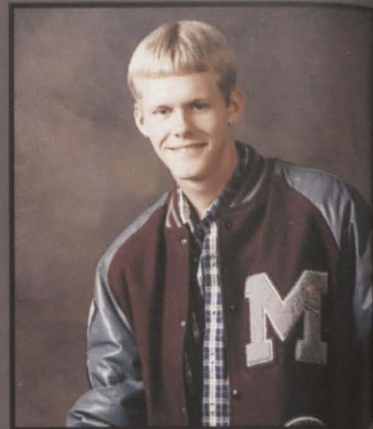


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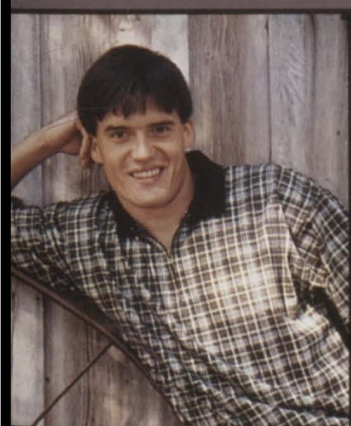


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Paul Traynor
 Betsy Wade
 Angie Whitworth
 Bryan Williams

Brandy Woodard
 Carrie Yarker
 Jerred Yarger
 Daniel Zid

Stading tall for the Panthers, seniors Katie Hubner, Michelle Hawkins and Mandy Roth give a yell for the football Panthers as they watch the Cabool rivalry, right.

The senior girls, resh from the annual senior bicycle ride to Cabool, gather in the Cabool Stadium just before kick-off.

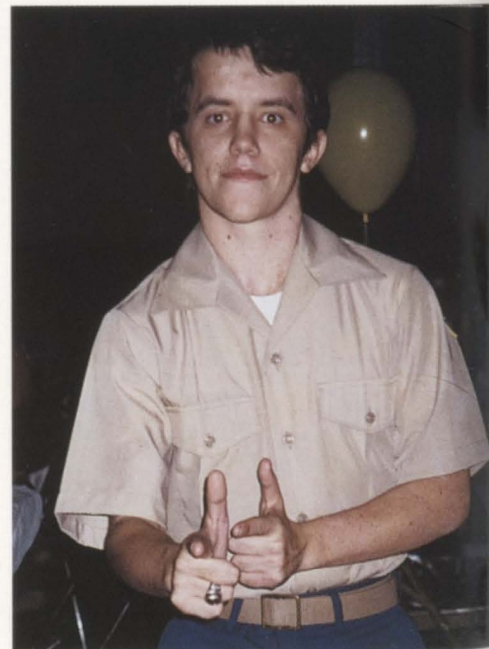
Photos by Patricia Robery



Opting to run, not bike, to Cabool seniors Tabettha Alsop, Melissa Kingery, and Daniela Doroscan, right, show their Panther spirit.

One of several students who donated blood, far right, senior Matt McMillan donates at the annual drive.

Photo by Tara Shaw



Wearing her characteristic smile during the annual senior bike ride to Cabool senior Jodi Sutherland, above, demonstrates once again why she was the popular choice for "funniest laugh." *Photo by Michelle Hawkins*

In the green house seniors Jamie McGowan and Rusty Lee, above, help turn seedlings into super plants. In the spring students sell the plants as a fundraiser. *Photo by Heath Housley*

It's thumbs up for another great year for senior Terry Perkins. Terry was responsible for getting detention lists to all the teachers. *Photo by Sabon Ellis*

One last stand...

a collection of still photographs of the class of '98

Showing their senior pride and friendship, seniors Ryan Huff and Scott Thornhill sit on the sign in front of the school, left.
Photo courtesy of Bev Breedlove



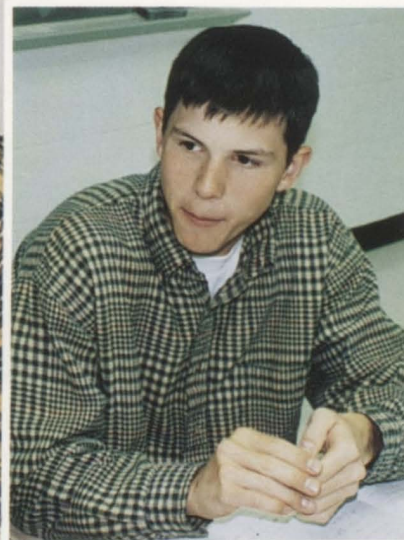
No laughing matter, the mock accident staged for students in April has a sobering effect on seniors, Sunni Roth, Emily Brown and Crystal Sheppard, left.
Phot by Jessica Peterson



All smiles on Senior Night, above senior Tamara Forrest and her mom Vicki Forrest wait for their turn to walk on the football field for the last home game. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*



Making a statement senior Suzanne Brill, above takes time out of class to voice her opinion as senior Matt McMillian listens closely. *Photo by Brent Dugger*



A pensive senior Curtis Dennis spends a quite moment in teacher Marsha Forrest's class room. Curtis was in the top 10 and also a avid golfer.
Photo by Jesse Denison

Class of '98...

NOTABLES



Wildest Fashion Sense
Josh Bell & Jodie Hickerson

Craziest Personality
Daniel Zid & Jodi Sherrell



Best Legs
Tony Dawson & Katie Hubner

Biggest Flirt
Scott Thornhill tie Ryan Huff & Tabitha Todd



Best Singer
Brent LeBaron & Angie Whitworth

Best Musician
Curtis Dennis & Mandy Roth



Most Studious
John Tyrrell & Angie Whitworth tie Jennifer Hodges

Most Outgoing
Billy Thompson & Lori Thompson



Most Talkative
Jeremy Carter & Suzanne Brill

Class Clown
Kevin Ramaeker & Jodi Sherrell



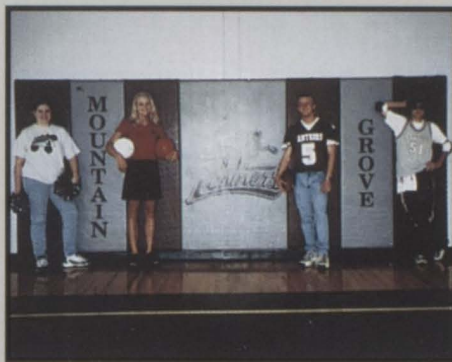
Best Artist
Curtis Dennis & Jodi Sherrell

Best Actor/Actress
Jeremy Carter & Jodie Hickerson



Most Likely to Succeed
Billy Thompson & Angie Whitworth

Most Likely to Receive E-Mail
Daniel Zid & Tabitha Todd



Most School Spirit
Kevin Ramaeker & Betsy Wade

Most Athletic
Jerrod Yarger & Katie Hubner



Best Smile
Billy Thompson & Rayna Blair

Prettiest Eyes
Bryan Williams & Angie Whitworth



Best Dressed
Scott Thornhill & Katie Hubner

Best Looking
Tony Dawson & Heather Bressie



Best Hair
Scott Thornhill & Lori Thompson

Funniest Laugh
John Tyrrell & Jodi Sutherland



Most Popular
Billy Thompson & Katie Hubner

Friendliest
Justin Jones & Kristi Freeman



Best Car/ Truck
Brent LeBaron & Lori Thompson



Class Couple:
Wendal Schrock & Jennifer Hodges

Most Outspoken
Billy Thompson & Suzanne Brill

Class of '98 Album...

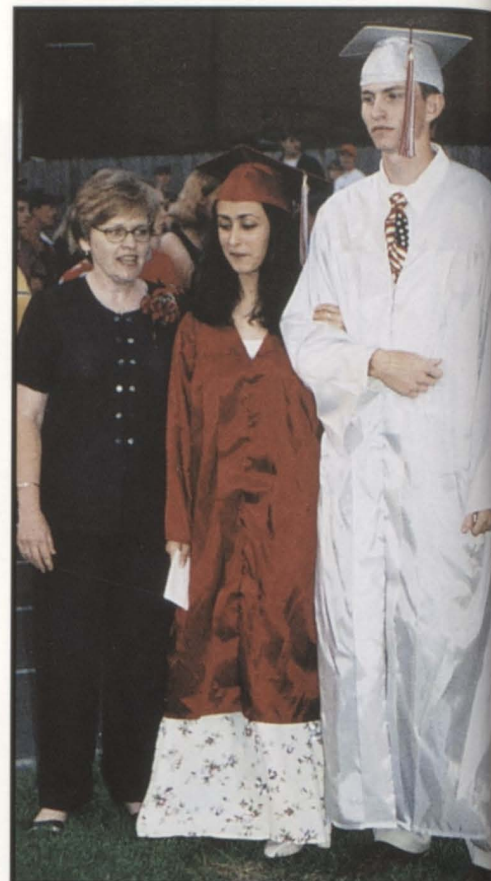
Graduation Night, May 15, Panther Stadium

Lining up after entering the stadium, Amber Slankard, Justin Duke, Brad Moray, Dustin Holt, Ryan Mabe and Katrina Szura, right wait for the ceremonies to end.

*Photo courtesy
Connie Killgore*

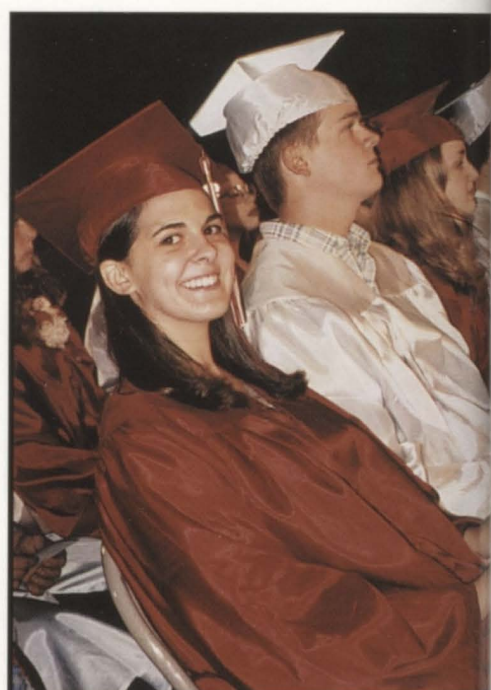


Senior sponsor Judy Kemper gives Daniela Doroscan and Jason Duey, below, last minute instructions before they walk onto the field to their seats for commencement exercises. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

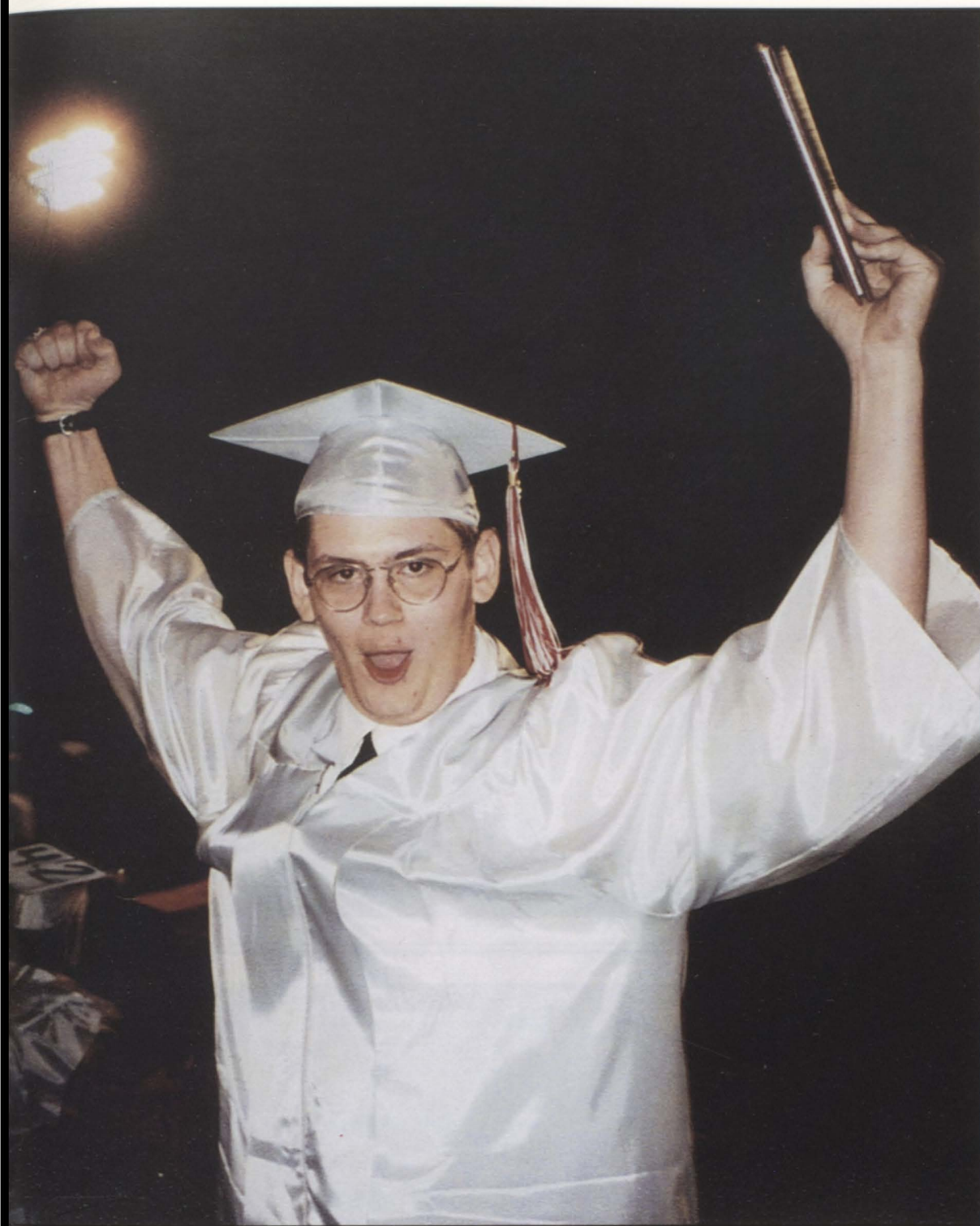


Their voices harmonizing through the microphones set up on the Panther Stadium field, senior choir members entertained classmates and spectators with "Circle of Friends." Offering a solo part in the performance is Mandy Roth, inset right.

Photos by Jessica Peterson

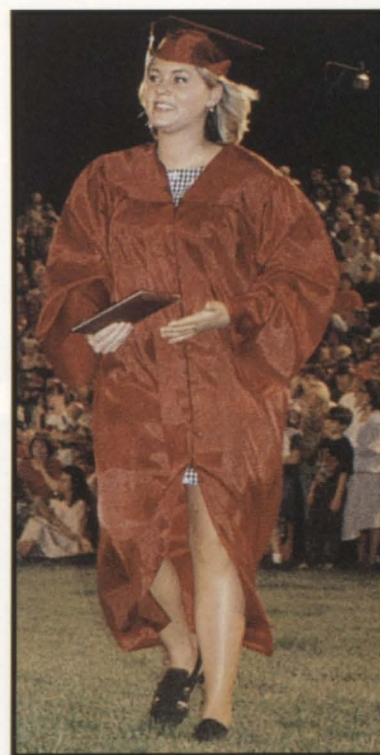


At the end of her row, Rayna Blair, above, has a good seat to watch the crowd as the crowd watches the graduation ceremony. Seated next to Rayna are Matt McMillan and Jennifer Hodges. *Photo courtesy Connie Killgore*



He's the man. The man with a diploma triumphantly raised high in the air is Jason Evans, left, whose actions speak for many of the seniors who bid MGHS farewell May 15. *Photo courtesy Connie Killgore*

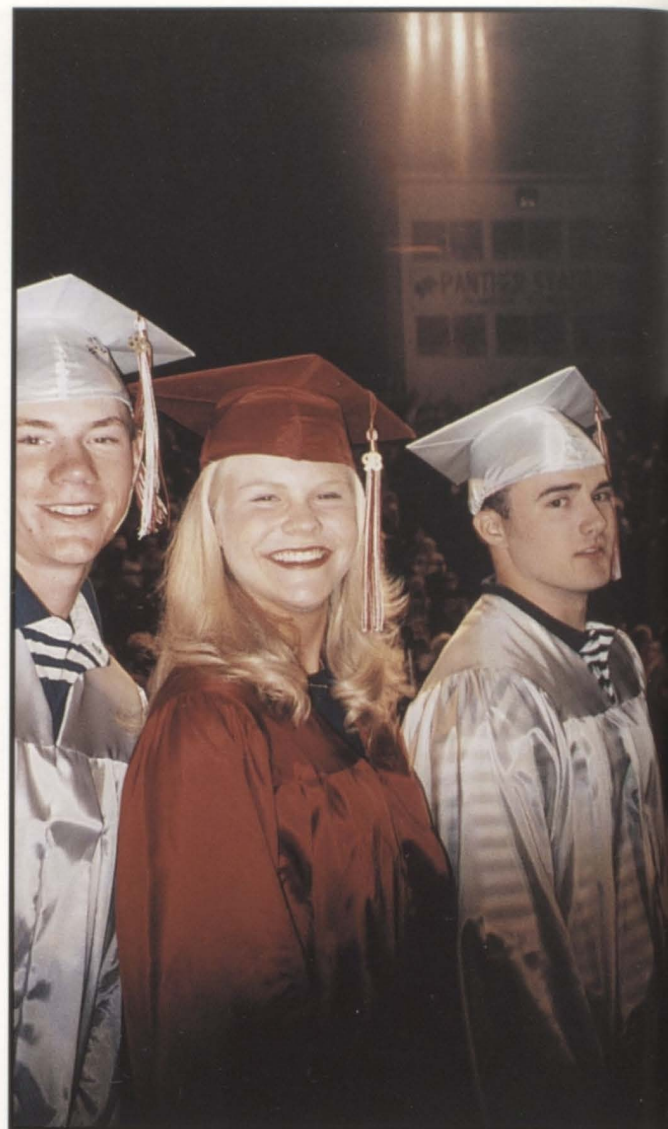
Her maroon cap and gown framed by the now dark sky, Crystal Sheppard, below, makes her way back to her seat after school board president, Howard Hawkins awards her a diploma. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*



Speakers...

Tabitha Todd,
Valedictorian
Angie Whitworth,
Salutatorian
Lori Thompson,
Class President

A beaming
Amanda
McSpadden
leaves the
platform with
diploma in
hand, right.
Waiting to
receive their
diplomas are
Heather
Bressie,
Amanda Adams
and Brandi
Lane, middle
right.
*Photos by
Jessica Peterson*



Their pride and
happiness
showing, Billy
Thompson,
Tamara Forrest,
Bryan
Williams,
Suzanne Brill
and Ryan Huff,
above, gather in
a line one last
time during
their school
careers. *Photo
courtesy Connie
Killgore*



As he clutches his new diploma in
his hand, Curtis Dennis, above, who
was one of the band's drum majors,
"marches" a final march in Panther
Stadium. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*



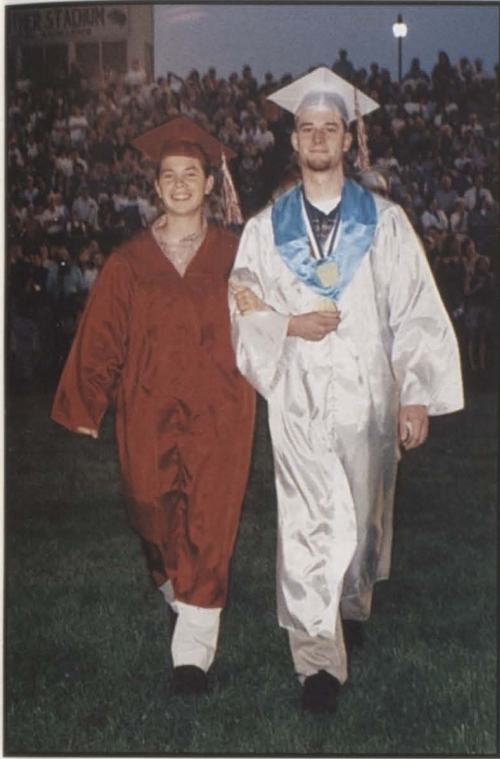
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Class of '98 Album... It's over...

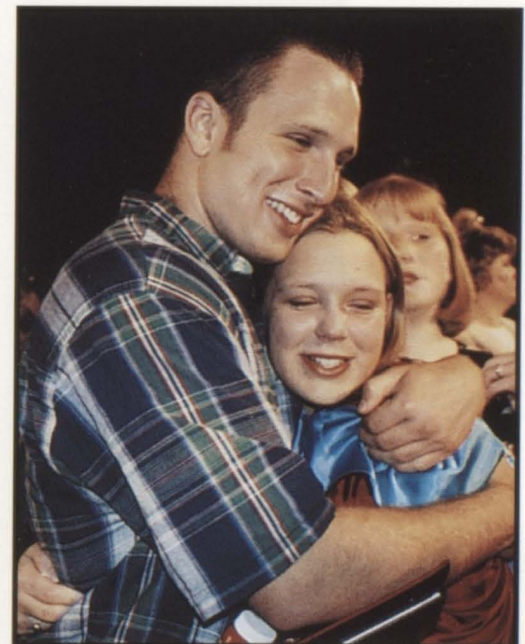
Spending a final few moments together, Todd McGlamery, Katie Hubner and Brent LaBaron prepare to greet well-wishers in Panther Stadium, opposite page left. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

With the crowd in the background, Sara Johnson and Michael Kemper, below, smile as they make their way to their seats for the commencement ceremony. *Photo courtesy Connie Killgore*

Jubilant graduates toss their caps into the air, a tradition in Panther Stadium



Top Ten Percent Row 1: Curtis Dennis, Dawn Oxley, Michael Kemper, Angie Whitworth, Kevin Ramaeker, Tabitha Todd, John Tyrrell, Jennifer Hodges, Bill Dobbs, Lori Thompson, Billy Thompson.



Receiving a big hug from big brother, Tim, Tamara Forrest sheds tears of joy following graduation ceremonies. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

Class of '98 Album...

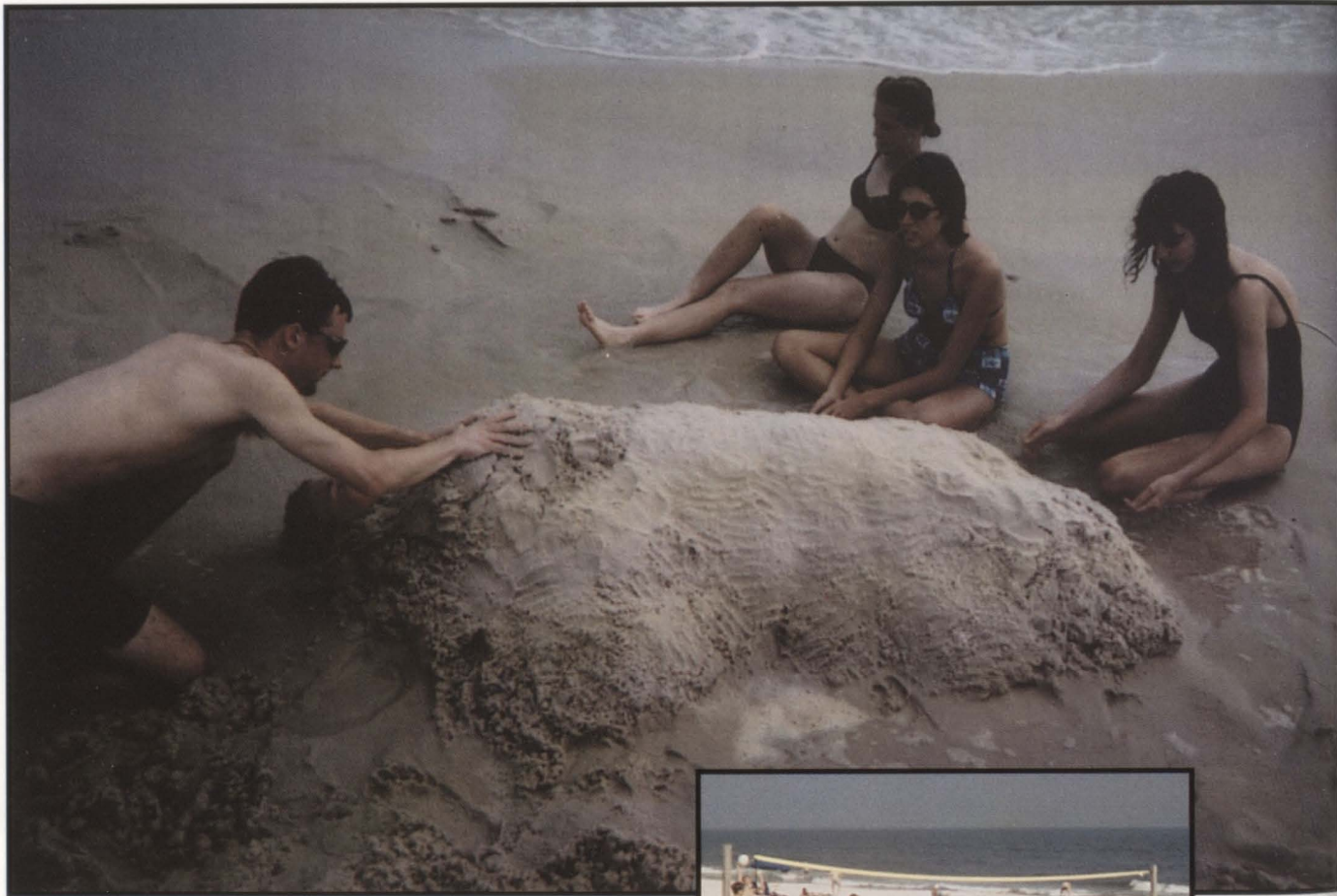
Senior Trip

Gulf Shores, Alabama

Midnight, Sunday, May 31: Sixty-one graduates along with parent chaperones board two busses and head south. After water fights, tattoos, sunburns, mopeds, hours on the beaches, pizza, shopping and sand volleyball, they board their busses once again arriving home Wednesday, June 3, 1:30 a.m. They looked a bit different than they did when they left...

It's pizza time for Terry Perkins and Justin Foster, below, as they prepare to break open a box just outside

their beachfront hotel room in Gulf Shores. Photo by Katie Hubner



Burying buddy Jabon Ellis in the sand, above, Michael Kemper, Kristi Freeman, Angie Whitworth and Tabitha Todd enjoy the beach. Photo by Curtis Dennis

Sand volleyball, inset right, attracted many seniors looking to enjoy some physical activity during the Gulf Shores trip. Photo by Katie Hubner





Enjoying a bit of shade under a Gulf coast palm tree, Hillary Spiva, Angie Whitworth, left, and Tabitha Todd cool off after a day at the beach. *Photo by Jakob Ellis*

Many seniors, including Andrew Cardin and Rayna Blair, below, enjoyed a ride in an "elevation seat" which hurtles passengers high into the air, then bounces them around before stopping. *Photo by Katie Huhner*



The sea is full of many surprises. Sunni Roth, inset below, discovers as she displays her "catch of the day." While it looks like special effects props from some alien movie, it is probably just a jellyfish, common in the Gulf area. *Photo by Katie Huhner*

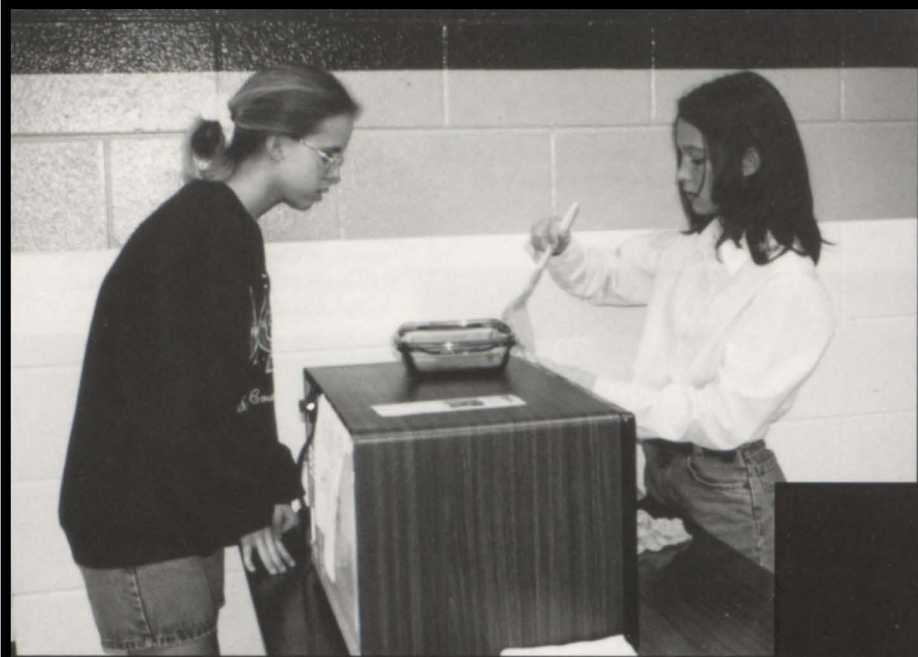


Grimacing while receiving a butterfly tattoo, Amanda McSpadded, left, is comforted by a fellow senior as Jodi Sherrell watches the procedure. Tattoos were a popular activity on the senior trip. *Photo by Jakob Ellis*



Opting for an eagle tattoo on his back, Ryan Huff, above left, at least acts as if the procedure is painless. *Photo by Katie Huhner*

Enjoying pizza and an evening breeze coming off the Gulf, Betsy Wade and Amber Slankard, left, dry off after a day at the beach and pool. *Photo by Katie Huhner*



*P*reparing nachos at the Kansas City Chiefs vs. area coaches fundraiser, top, sponsored by the sophomore class are sophomores Jodi Chernowsky and Lindsay Campbell. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

*P*reparing a drinks for blood donors, top right, freshman Tiffany Whitworth works diligently at the Student Council sponsored Community Blood Drive. The blood drive was a huge success for MGHS, as 62 units of blood were collected. *Photo by Tara Shaw*

*I*nspiring attendants of the Wright County Children's Home dinner-auction, above, sponsored by START is senior Tamara Forrest. *Photo by Brent Dugger*

*E*very twenty-two minutes someone dies from a drug or alcohol relates accident. During White Out Day, sponsored by OSA during Red Ribbon Week, a student is whited out every twenty-two minutes to illustrate the number of deaths that occurred while students are at school. OSA President, junior Rachelle Douglass, freshman Chet Douglass, and freshman Shane Fair, right listen attentively to the assembly on drug and alcohol use.

Photo by Jessica Peterson



Successful Societies

Groups strive to make differences while having fun



Getting ready to distribute spirit sticks to Panther fans during a Spirit Club sponsored pep assembly, left, are sophomores Ashely Emery and Cindy Curran. Photo by Carrie Stratton



Junior Tara Shaw, left, delivers a carnation to junior Andrew Dale as part of a National Honor Society fundraiser. Photo by Angela Dunham

StuCo keeps traditions alive

by Kayla Shannon

How many of you know who it is that makes some of Mountain Grove's greatest traditions such as Homecoming, Hoop Queen and Net King possible?

It is none other than Student Council. Not only does StuCo make these traditions possible, but also members perform community services.

They spend hours popping hundreds of bags of popcorn so fans have something to munch on at basket-

ball games.

Members also organize school dances and sponsor an annual blood drive.

StuCo's primary responsibility is to represent students. For example, members asked for and received bottled water at every lunch.

They also keep the school up to date on current events with the calendar of events hanging in the atrium.

Tabitha
Todd,
President
StuCo



"I liked how our membership grew with the addition of organization presidents and the freshmen participation was great."

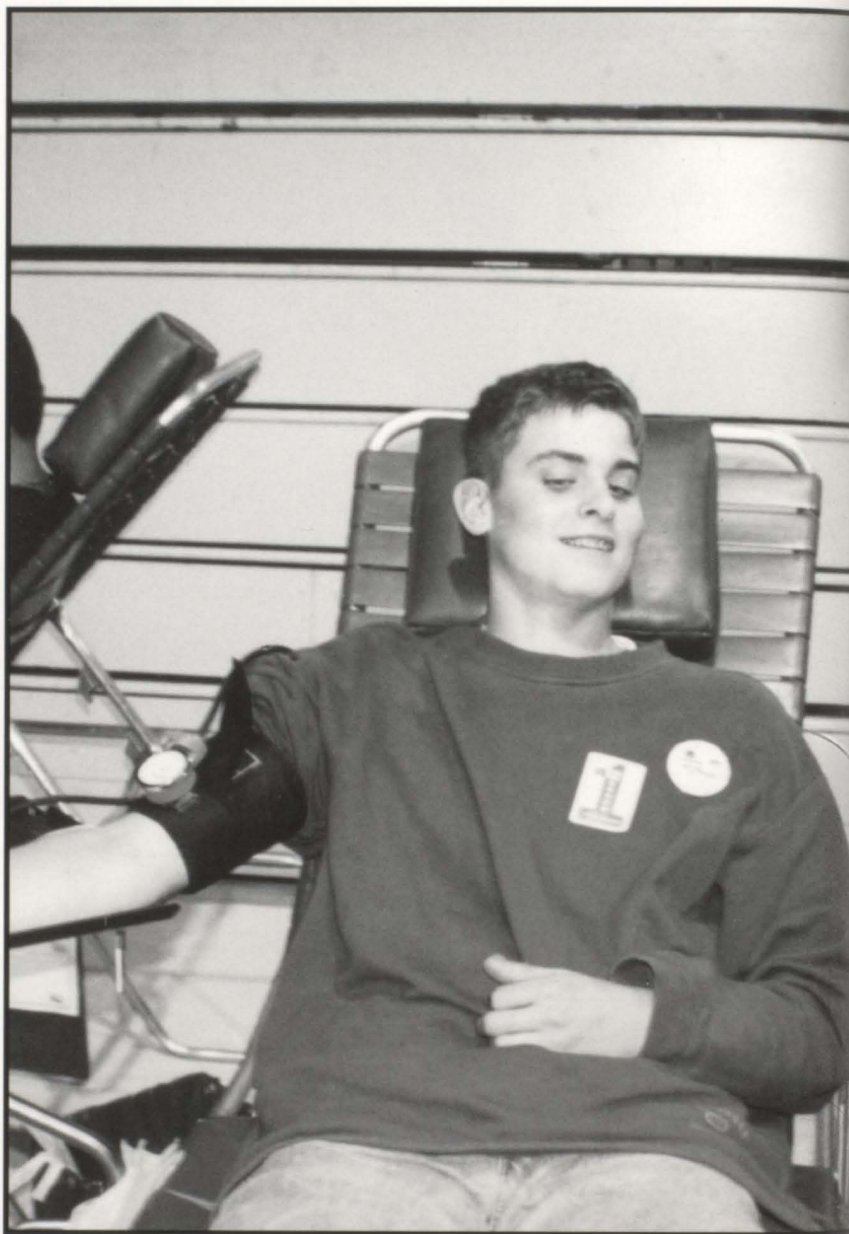


Checking people in at the blood drive, top, sophomore Jamie Raney fulfills one of her roles as a student council member.

Photo by Tara Shaw

Making signs for the Homecoming parade, above, sophomore Jodi Chernowsky adds a little extra sparkle to the poster while Sara Laird looks on.

Photo by Angela Dunham



Sick at his stomach sophomore Al Dowden, right, gives blood at the community blood drive run by the student council.

Photo by Tara Shaw



Angie
Whitworth,
President
NHS

"Being in National Honor Society is really an honor and I was happy to have been president of such a wonderful organization."



NHS helps Community

by Kayla Shannon

National Honor Society, sponsored by Tom Hutchison, is a club that rewards academic excellence. The club looks at sophomores and juniors with a GPA of 3.6 and above.

All students meeting these requirements are given an application. Membership is not based on grades alone, however. NHS members must be actively involved in their school and community.

Members are chosen by a committee of faculty members. This committee looks at qualities such as leadership, service, and character. This year, 33 students met these requirements.

NHS is a service organization. Members volunteer their time to help the community. They rake leaves for the elderly on Sunday afternoons and pick up trash along the highway.

They do other random acts of kindness for members of the community, as well, and sell carnations during the week of Homecoming.



NHS members Ryan Huff, Brooke Thornhill, and Kristi Freeman join in the fun picking up trash around town.

Photo by Tara Shaw

As one of their community services NHS members, above, prepare to pick up trash along Hwy 95.

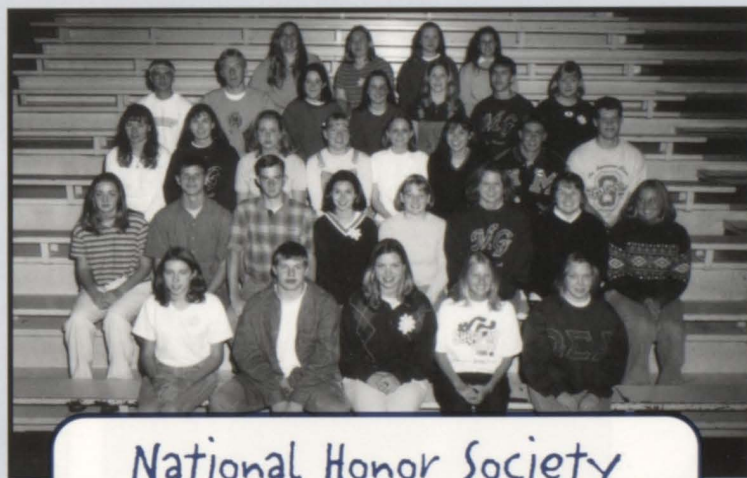
Photo by Jessica Peterson

Receiving his National Honor Society stole senior Billy Thompson walks back to his seat at the induction ceremony.

Photo courtesy Cindy Peterson



Student Council



National Honor Society

Row 1: Tabitha Todd, Mandy Roth, Kristi Freeman, Tara Shaw, Tamara Forrest, Lane Baldwin.
Row 2: Lori Thompson, John Tyrell, Emily Brown, Kevin Raemaker, Sunni Roth, Ryan Huff.
Row 3: Jaime Ramsey, Jessica Peterson, Allison Curry, Rachelle Douglass, Penny Carmon, Barry Gilley.
Row 4: Kayla Shannon, Ashley Emery, Jodi Chernowsky, Amy Brummet, Jamie Raney, Darrell Bolin.
Row 5: Beth Shaw, Tana Blanton, Danetta Lathrom, Tiffany Whitworth, Jaime Rogers, Dustin Cain.
Row 6: Angie Whitworth, Suzanne Brill, Billy Thompson, Jerrod Stearnes, Rusty Lee, Katrina Szura.
Row 8: Curtis Dennis, Ann Kaps.

Row 1: Angie Whitworth, Billy Thompson, Mandy Roth, Tabitha Todd, Tamara Forrest.
Row 2: Hillary Spiva, Lori Thompson, Suzanne Brill, Rachelle Douglass, Jaime Ramsey, Michael Kemper, Curtis Dennis, Jennifer Hodges.
Row 3: Danny Bohenkamp, Ryan Huff, Carrie Stratton, Tara Shaw, Angela Dunham, Amanda McSpadden, Kristi Freeman, Dawn Oxley.
Row 4: Karalin Hall, Barry Gilley, Betsey Matthews, Jessica Peterson, Allison Curry, John Tyrell, Kevin Raemaker.
Row 5: Ann Kaps, Faith Cornelius, Sherrie Hurley, Larissa Buchholz.

Key Club benefits community

by Jerrod Stearnes

Key Club members help both the community and the environment. They also help teachers with all kinds of work.

Key Club has been a great experience for all students.

"Being in Key Club for three years has been a lot of fun. I have done a lot of things in Key Club that I wouldn't have the opportunity to do normally. I believe in the value of community service and that is what Key

Club is. It's one of the biggest clubs in our high school and we have an awesome sponsor so that's why it is so much fun," senior Suzanne Brill explains.

One goal for Key Club this year was to help raise money to purchase a camcorder for PTV. With matching funds, they accomplished their goal.

Members also work with the Kiwanis Club to host the annual "Pancake Day" in the high school cafeteria.

Billy Thompson,
President
Key Club

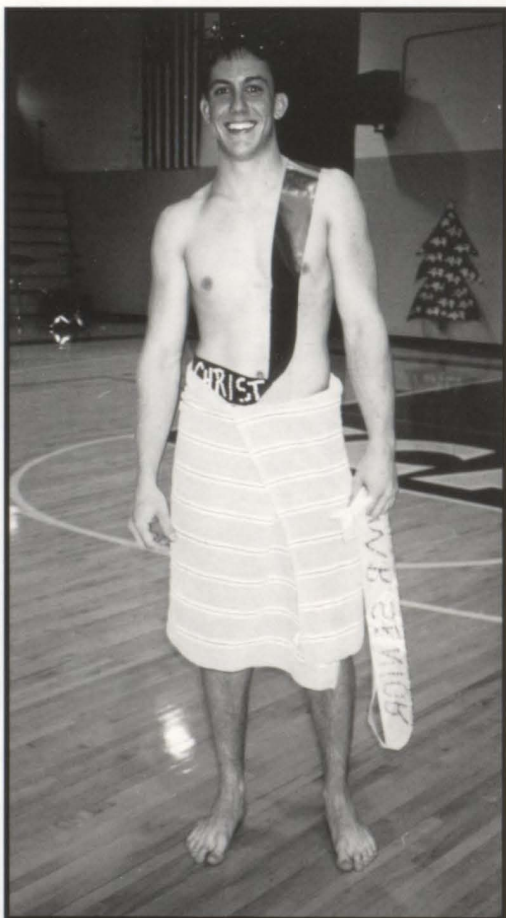


"Key Club's membership grew tremendously this year. We were able to accomplish many of our goals as a result."

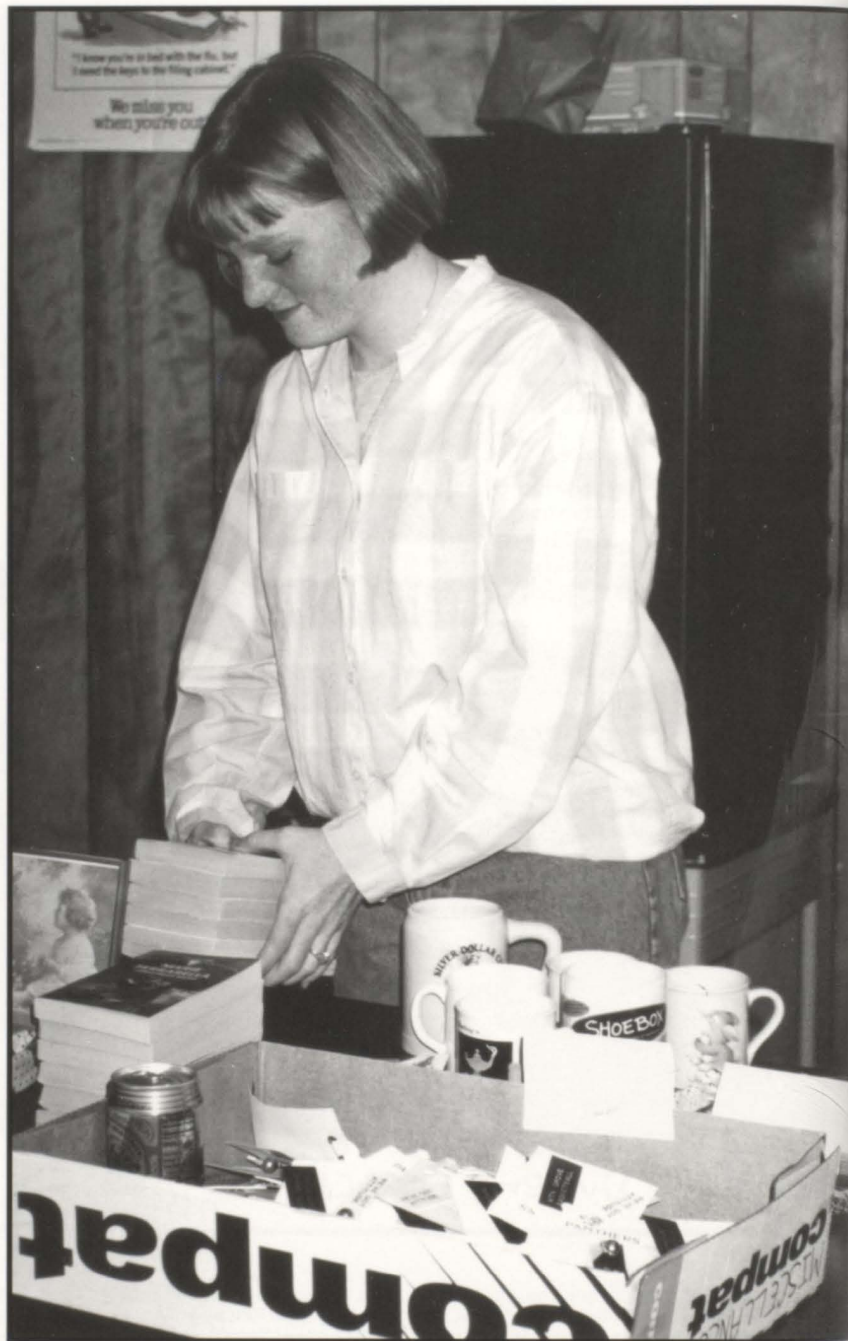


Checking out the Key Club board on sponsor Stacy Matherly's wall, junior Angela Dunham, junior Ann Kaps and sophomore Jessica Klingensmith, above, decide what activities to participate in.

Photo by Jessica Peterson



Named Mr. Merry Christmas 1998, senior Ryan Huff earned the honor by collecting the most money during a Key Club fundraiser which led to the purchase of a new camcorder for PTV. Photo by Brent Dugger



A "garage sale" in the teachers' workroom organized by Key Club members like junior Rachel Douglass, above, helps raise money

for Panther Television. The money was matched by the Technology Dept. and PTV went back on the air. Photo by Tara Shaw



Lori
Thompson,
President
START

"It was great when START was named the state champion MCBA youth group for the second year in a row."



Senior members of START, top, enjoy their last Community Betterment Banquet in Columbia.
Photo courtesy Bridget Williams

Senior Kristi Freeman and sophomore Sarah Laird take bids for the auction, above.
Senior Billy Thompson, left, enjoys his meal at the silent action benefit. *Photos by Brent Dugger*

START group tops in state

by Michelle Hawkins & Betsy Wade

This was a great year for START members. It started out with a bang and never let up.

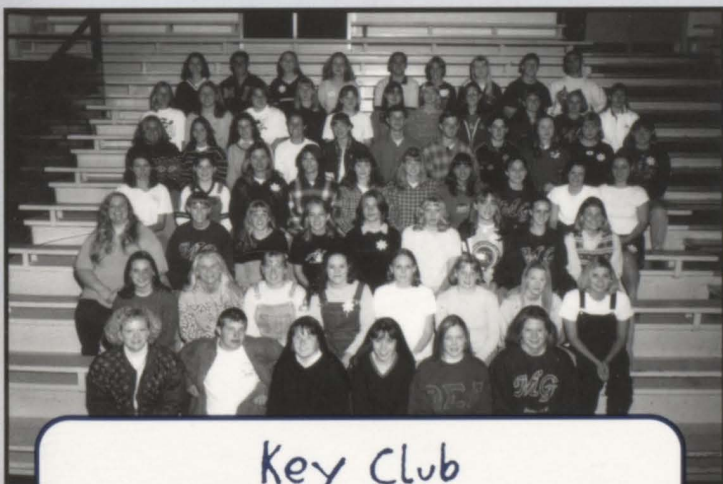
Every year the state of Missouri holds a Community Betterment Conference in Columbia. Several members were able to attend this convention.

START was nominated for "The Greater Downtown and Youth Group of South Central Missouri." START was rated number one in Missouri for the second year in a row.

President Lori Thompson accepted the award from Governor Mel Carnahan in Columbia.

START members worked hard to keep the community clean by having trash pick-ups. During the busy Christmas season all START members rang bells for the Salvation Army.

START also held a dinner auction to raise funds for the Wright County Children's Home. "Assisting in organizing the auction was hard work but very gratifying to help such a good cause," junior Jessica Peterson said.



Key Club

Row 1: sponsor Stacy Matherly, Billy Thompson, Lori Thompson, Carrie Stratton, Tamara Forrest, Suzanne Brill. Row 2: Jessica Peterson, Katie Hubner, Heidi Sonnenschein, Tara Shaw, Rachelle Douglass, Nikki Howell, Crystal Sheppard. Row 3: Larissa Buchholz, Amy Brummet, Jamie Raney, Lyndse Robertson, Amber Bridges, Jennifer Coffman, Rhiana Swopes, Jodi Chernowsky, Lane Baldwin. Row 4: Angie Whitworth, Jessica Klingensmith, Mandy Roth, Michelle Hawkins, Lindsey Linton, Stacey Allen, Stephanie Gonzales, Jaime Rogers, Tana Blanton, Laura Strong. Row 5: Hillary Spiva, Lindsay Campbell, Ann Kaps, Heather Todd, Samantha Dennis, Curtis Dennis, Michael Kemper, Jeff Moore, Faith Cornelius, Karalin Hall, Beth Shaw. Row 6: Tabitha Todd, Sarah Laird, Mindy Lee, Michelle Zid, Callie Avery, Brandi Smith, Amanda Gould, Vickie Lacroix, Onna Bushong, Danetta Lathrom, Penny Carmon. Row 7: Jaime Ramsey, Ryan Huff, Kayla Shannon, Amanda McSpadden, Jerrod Stearnes, Tiffany Whitworth, Amanda Berry, Randy Sparks, Brent Dugger.



START

Row 1: Lori Thompson, Jaime Ramsey, Jessica Peterson, Kristi Freeman, Hillary Spiva, Jerrod Stearnes. Row 2: Ryan Huff, Michelle Hawkins, Michael Kemper, Betsy Wade, Dawn Oxley, Jamie Jones, Ann Kaps. Row 3: Billy Thompson, Tabitha Todd, Heather Todd, Amanda McSpadden, Jennifer Coffman, Rachelle Douglass, Allison Curry. Row 4: Suzanne Brill, Jamie Raney, Lindsay Campbell, Brent Dugger, Betsey Matthews, Amy Moore. Row 5: Scotty Thornhill, Mandy Roth, Emily Brown, Angie Whitworth, Kayla Shannon, Tamara Forrest, Curtis Dennis. Row 6: sponsor Bridget Williams, sponsor Mike Murphy.

'Drug-free' is goal of OSA

by Michelle Hawkins

OSA (Operation Stay Alive) is for all high school students. This organization helps to teach high schoolers about drunk driving and drug abuse.

"White Out Day" and an assembly highlighted Red Ribbon Week. To illustrate the statistic that every 20 minutes one teenager dies from a drug or drinking accident, students are "whited out" and not allowed to speak with anyone the rest of the day.

An activity that had a profound impact on students was a "mock accident." An accident was simulated behind the high school.

Students played the parts of driver and victims, while actual rescue personnel worked the accident as if it were the real thing.

"The wreck was almost too real and it really made people think," senior Jeremy Carter said.

Rachelle
Douglass,
President
OSA

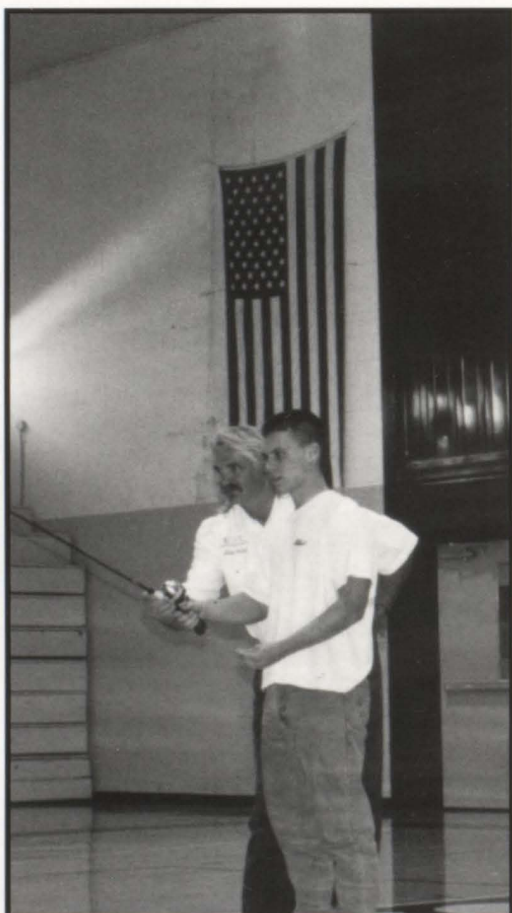


"This year we really tried to get students to understand the problem with drugs and alcohol. I think OSA accomplished this goal."



Members of OSA, above, participate in "White Out Day" by learning about real life.

Photo by Jamie Ramsey



Junior Ronnie Mace tries to win a game of fishing, above, as sophomore Chase Rogers watches.

Photo by Jamie Ramsey



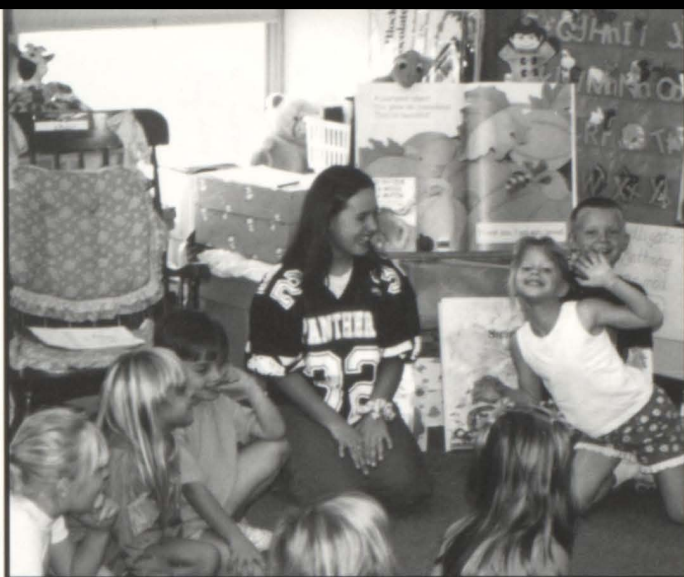
During an OSA assembly junior Jessica Peterson, above, introduces a motivational speaker.

Photo by Carrie Stratton



Penny Carmon,
Member of
Hi-STEP

"I like being a member of Hi-Step because it gives me a chance to be a role model for the younger kids. It gives them someone to look up to."



Hi-STEP aids youngsters

by Michelle Hawkins

Hi-STEP is a club whose members reach out to students at the elementary and middle schools.

This year members had new equipment to teach with including eye goggles that make the wearer feel he or she is walking drunk and can't see straight. This teaches kids about drunk driving and the effects of drinking.

Members also used new billboards about smoking and the effect of tobacco. The board shows side effects of smoking and chewing.

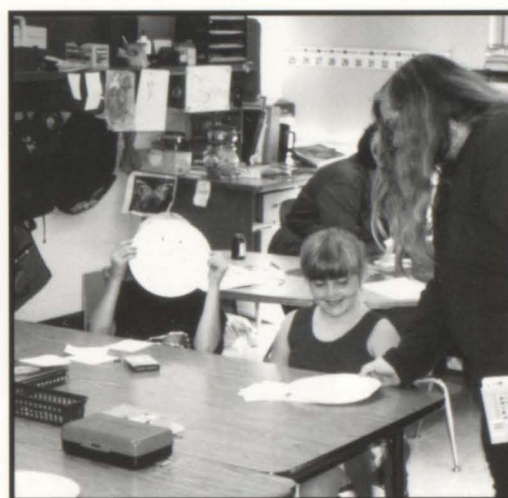
There are several things that Hi-STEP members must do to enter the club. They must stay drug free--no tobacco products, no drinking, etc.

"Mr. Vandiver is great to work with," says junior Jaime Ramsey, "and the kids always make me smile."

"Hi-STEP is one of the best ways to let high schoolers teach youth about the dangers of drugs and alcohol," sophomore Jessica Klingensmith said.



Junior Jessica Peterson, above right, interacts with her Hi-STEP class. Photo by Heath Housley



Teaching a lesson about feelings, junior Larissa Buchholz, above, helps students draw their feelings on paper plates. Photo by Heath Housley

After doing a project with their Hi-STEP class, above, juniors Carrie Stratton and Rachelle Douglass help with clean up. Photo by Heath Housley



OSA

Sponsor Shannon Nelson. Row 1: Rachelle Douglass, Jessica Peterson, Jaime Ramsey, Sunni Roth, Kevin Ramaker. Row 2: Katie Hubner, Penny Carmon, Tara Shaw, Angela Dunham, Kayla Shannon, Suzanne Brill, Brandy Young, Tracy Todd, Lindsay Robertson. Row 3: Mandy Roth, Kristi Freeman, Jodi Sherrell, Sarah Laird, Chase Rogers, Ryan Huff, Justin Foster, Jonny Bell, Josh Jones. Row 4: Jerrod Stearnes, Brent Dugger, Tamara Forrest, Jodi Chernowsky, Rachel Homer, Tim Short, Scotty Thornhill, Clarice Kluey, Danny Bohnenkamp. Row 5: Erin Cooley, Misti Gourley, Ona Bushong, Amanda Berry, Chet Douglass, Erin Housley, Tana Blanton, Laura Strong, Carrie Stratton, Patricia Rodery. Row 6: Bill Dobbs, Jason Duey, Matt McMillan, Josh Linton, Doti Smith, Samantha Dennis, Cheree Mings, Allison Curry, Lindsey Linton. Row 7: Karalin Hall, Daniel Zid, Justin Jones, Heather Linton, Christina Flageolle, Rachel Fitzner, Alisha Walker.



Hi-STEP

Row 1: Lisa Stillwell, Katie Hubner, Emily Brown, Tamara Forrest, Tara Shaw, Rachelle Douglass, Jessica Peterson, Brent Dugger, Jerrod Stearns. Row 2: Sunni Roth, Patty Thornhill, Jennifer Coffman, Amy Brumett, Lindsey Linton, Carrie Stratton, Angela Dunham, Penny Carmon, Ronnie Nix, Michelle Zid. Row 3: Dawn Oxley, Amanda McSpadden, Betsy Wade, Jessica Klingensmith, Jamie Raney, Cindy Curly, Rusty Lee, Sam Goin, Tracy Todd, Sarah Craig. Row 4: Heather Todd, Jennifer Hodges, Kristi Freeman, Leanne Hicks, Ann Kaps, Micki McCune, Samantha Dennis, Barry Gilley, Larissa Lacroix. Row 5: Tabitha Todd, Sarah Laird, Kayla Shannon, Lindsey Cambell, Jaime Ramsey, Kristi Weatherly, Tamara Ludlum Mindy Lee, Sherrie Hurley. Row 6: Amber Bridges, Ryan Huff, Scotty Thornhill, Mandy Roth, Hillary Spiva, Angie Whitworth, Christina Hudson, Brandie Lane.

Committees spread spirit

The Spirit Club members showed off their Panther spirit by coming out and cheering for every Panther sport.

Even though Spirit Club is made up of many members, sponsor Michelle Lindsey offered each individual the opportunity to join a committee. The committees were called "Motivation," "Fundraising," "Homecoming," "Pep Assembly" and "Spirit."

Each committee was successful. "I have really enjoyed our Spirit Club this year,"

by Penny Carmon

Lindsey said.

"The students have great commitment, organization and the ability to work together to achieve a group goal. Numerous students contributed to team motivation, fundraising, Homecoming, and Senior Night activities, just to name a few," she continued.

"I was impressed with the students' ability to work as a team toward our common goal of promoting positive school spirit," she added.

Billy Thompson,
President
Spirit

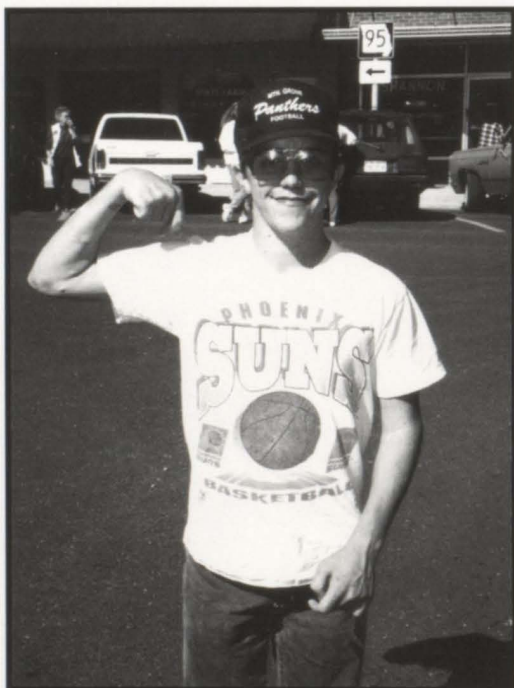


"This year was the best because of the increase in membership, and everyone did a great job."



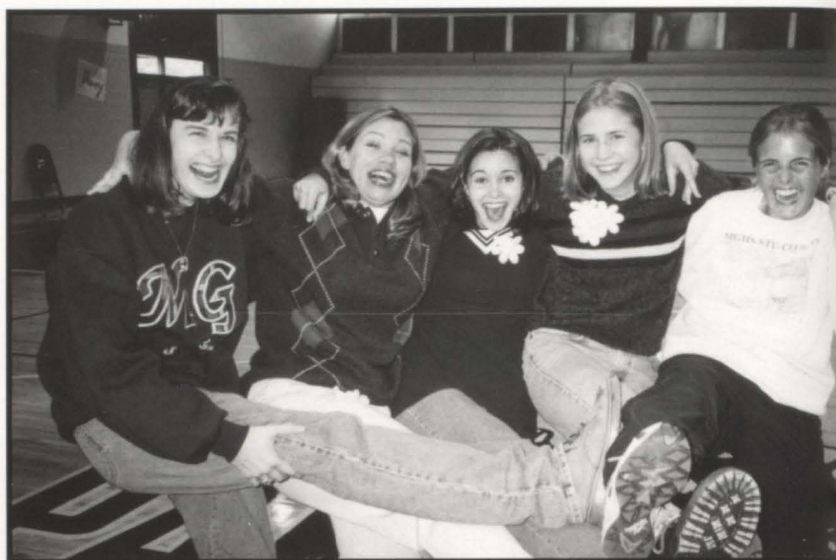
The S.T.A.R.T. banner hangs proudly on the fence surrounding Panther Stadium after winning the Spirit Club Sheet Contest.

Photo by Angela Dunham



Getting pumped up for the game, senior Terry Perkins, above photo, attends the annual Homecoming parade.

Photo by: Jerrod Stearnes



Kristi Freeman, Mandy Roth, Jaime Ramsey, Kayla Shannon and Heather Todd, top right photo, show off their spirit and daisies during spirit week.

Photo by Jessica Peterson



Juniors Angela Dunham, Rachelle Douglass, Carrie Stratton, Penny Carmon along with senior Billy Thompson work diligently to prepare spirit posters for the athletes, above. *Photo by Jared Doty*



Barry
Gilley,
President
SHINE

SHINE is a real joy for everyone because there is no pressure, and students feel free to talk about and express their feelings concerning their spiritual life."



SHINE offers Fellowship

by Jaime Ramsey

SHINE is a club that meets every Wednesday during both lunches in sponsor Nancy Doty's classroom. It allows members to fellowship and grow closer to God.

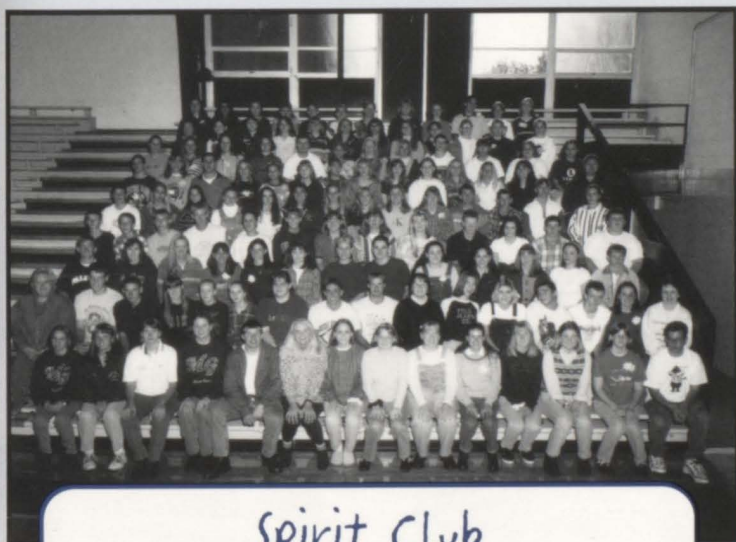
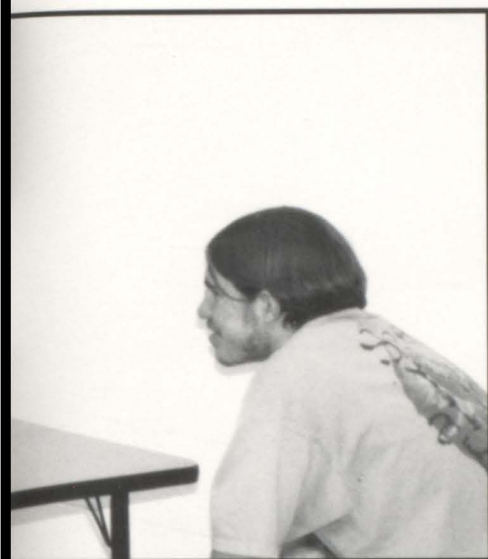
During these weekly meetings, a student will lead a short devotion and read scripture. Sponsor Randy Reed says, "This group is unique in that it is basically run by the students. It is totally voluntary, and has a fine group of Christian kids in it."

When SHINE members discovered that 100 Romanian orphan boys went to bed hungry every night surviving on only tea and bread on the week-end, they went to work. A missions team called the Christian Evangelism In Frontier Areas, also known as C.E.I.F.A., has a new program to help feed these little boys. For \$15 a month, SHINE provides hot meals every week for a child through this organization. Members donated \$1 every week until the end of school for this mission.



As they enjoy fellowship and lunch, freshmen Callie Avery and Jessica Bradshaw, sophomore Josh Jones and junior Daniel Hancock, top photo sophomores Kayla Shannon and Heather Todd above photo, and sophomore Daniel Hancock, left photo, relax in sponsor Nancy Doty's room.

Photo by Jaime Ramsey



Spirit Club

Row 1: Danetta Lathrom, Onna Bushong, Penny Carmon, Suzanne Brill, Billy Thompson, Katie Hubner, Tara Shaw, Rachelle Douglass, Angela Dunham, Ann Kaps, Michelle Zid, Lane Baldwin, Kim Blankenship, Mike Delcours Row 2: Mrs. Doty, Danny Bohnencamp, Aaron Volk, Lacey Tooley, Nikki Lee, Tanya Sapp, Jenna Davidson, Ryan Huff, Scott Thornhill, Lori Thompson, Jodi Sherrell, Crystal Sheppard, Brent Dugger, Justin Foster, Jessica Peterson, Mrs. Lindsey Row 3: Jared Doty, Kristi Freeman, Sarah Craig, Stephanie Gonzales, Stephanie Rich, Lindsey Linton, Misti Gourley, Aaron Cooley, Heidi Sonnenschein, Jaime Rogers, Erin Housley, Laura Strong, Nathan Fry Row 4: Grant Watson, Dustin Hawkins, Tyler Owens, Tim Short, Patricia Rodery, Amy Brummett, Beth Shaw, Darla Hicks, Amanda Berry, Chet Douglass, Tana Blanton, Jeremy Emery, Jammie Hurley Row 5: Josh Mackey, Sunni Roth, Lindsey Campbell, Tana Krider, Brandy Young, Ashely Emery, Jodi Chernowsky, Jamie Raney, Sarah Laird, Stacey Allen, Chase Rogers, Jeremy Looper, Jeremy Turner, LeaAnn Baldwin Row: Stephanie Coble, Rhiana Swopes, Josh Linton, Lyndse Robertson, Bethany Roy, Tracy Todd, Christina Flageolle, Lisa French, Heather Linton, Jennifer Thompson, Clarice Kluey, Rachel Homer, Carrie Stratton, Tamara



SHINE

Row 1: Barry Gilley, Jaime Ramsey, Heather Todd, Kayla Shannon, Michelle Hawkins Row 2: Amy Moore, Jessica Bradshaw, Daniel Hancock, Kristi Freeman, Mandy Roth, Tiffany Whitworth Row 3: Vickie LaCroix, Amanda Gould, Brandi Smith, Nicole Morris, Carrie Kelly, Angie Whitworth Row 4: Josh Jones, Callie Avery, Becky Carter, Daniela Doroscan, Tabitha Alsop, Tabitha Todd

Spirit Club (continued)

Ludlum Row 7: Cindy Curran, Cheree Mings, Charity Gault, Kim Kildow, Justin Jones, Anneliese Delcours, Vanilyn Tapp, Stephanie Boykin, Mike Holycross, Brandon Prock, Mindy Lee, Brandie Alexander Row 8: Leslie Sheppard, Jessica Klingensmith, Kerry Burd, Shannon Nettleton, Dara Wade, Holly Bell, Shawna Kennedy, Leanna Wallace, Amanda Webb, Jeannie Ratterree, Alonda Elliot Row 9: Betsy Wade, Daniella Doroscan, Jessica Tyrrell, Becky Carter, Rachel Fitzner, Misty Nungesser, Kevin Taylor, Karalin Hall, Alesha Walker, Jerrod Stearnes, Tiffany Whitworth, Kayla Shannon

Math & Science go for gold

by Michelle Hawkins

Math and Science Club is an organization for students with very focused interests. Members work on math contests and take a trip out of town.

Another project is computer matching students. Students fill out questionnaires and are matched to others who do the same.

Another fundraiser is the Middle School Math Tournament.

Math and Science Club gives \$200 yearly to a senior going in to the Math or Science field.

This year's goal was to make enough to contribute to scholarships, to fund a trip, to have a successful year at contest, and to encourage Middle School students to enjoy math and science. Sponsors are Bonnie Peterson and Janet Townsend

Angie
Whitworth
President
Math &
Science



"The club worked very well together to meet their deadlines for the Math contest"

During the bus ride to St. Louis, juniors Micki McCune and Ann Kaps, right, express delight as they anticipate the day away from school. During this trip, the bus the students were riding was subjected to a search as law officers were looking for escaped prisoners.

Photo courtesy Vicki LaCroix



At the St. Louis Science Center, freshman Vicki LaCroix, right, interacts with one of the exhibits. Students also visited Grant's Farm, the Imax Theater and a shopping mall.

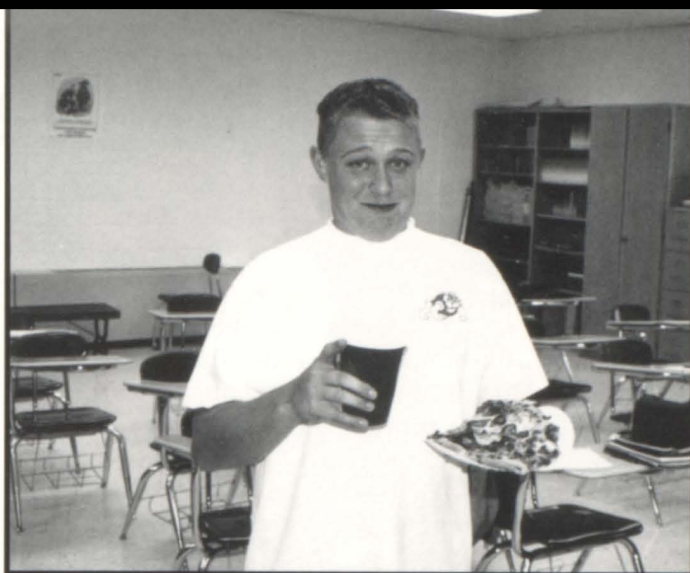
Photo by Amanda Gould





Rusty Lee
President
FTA

"FTA is an enjoyable club to be in. When you go over to help the classes, the kids are very enthused to see you."



Teachers touch future

by Michelle Hawkins & Rusty Lee

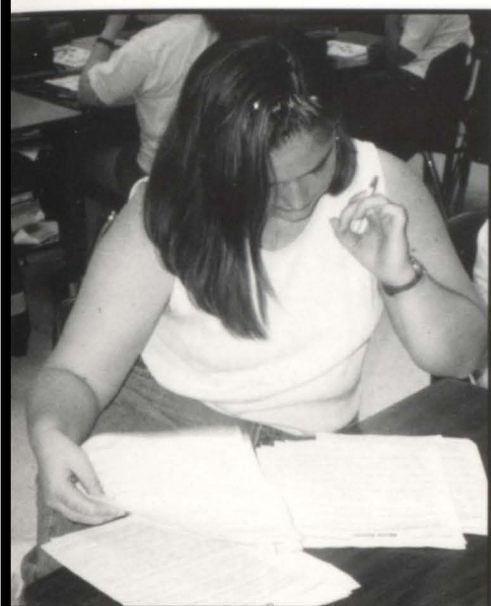
Become a teacher? Who would want to become a teacher? Actually, some students look forward to becoming teachers and are involved in Future Teachers of America.

FTA gives teachers an extra hand running copies, grading papers, helping teach lessons, reading with and to the students, and much more. It gives students the opportunity to have hands on experience working with the kids in the lower grades.

"The children love it when we come over because we always try to have fun with them. Also it is great to know that they are looking up to me," senior Rusty Lee said.

"It is some of the best job shadowing experience you can get. Students may participate during all high school years," said sponsor Les Top.

Every month this group gathers to choose the "Teacher of the Month." This teacher is chosen because of their hard work.



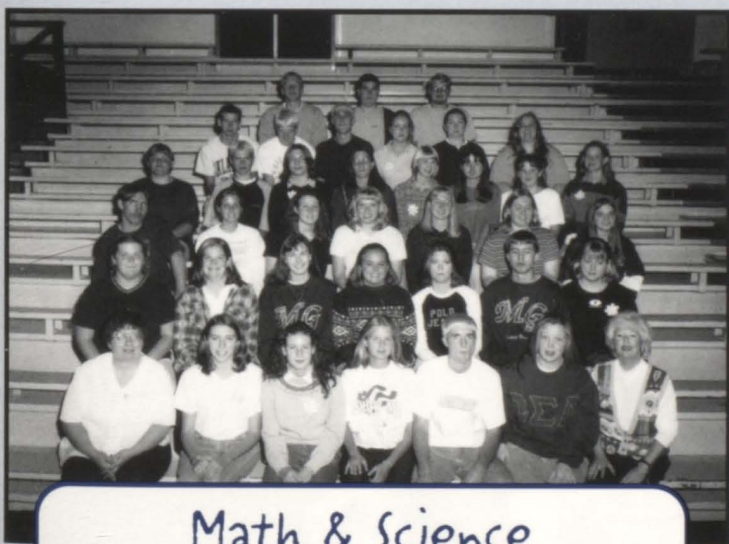
Sophomore Jason Glenn, top, loads his plate with pizza during the FTA pizza party.

Photo by Rusty Lee

Cadet teaching at the Middle School, above, sophomore Jamie Raney grades papers with the help of eighth grader Kane Roth. *Photo by Jared Doty*

Grading papers, sophomore Kristi Weatherly, left, does her cadet teaching.

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They take art to the people

by Rusty Lee

Taking their art to the people was a priority for Art Club members as they painted faces of children at football games and decorated business windows around town for the judging by the Mo. Community Betterment Assn.

Members worked on a permanent "run-through," a banner for football players to crash through at the beginning of each home game. They

expect to have it ready for the first game of the 1998-99 season.

Members worked on entries for the annual Alpha Rho Tau art show April 24-25 at West Plains. The show hosts approximately 10 schools from around the region.

Students here submitted approximately 75 pieces of work for the competition.

Nathan
Ellis
President
Art Club



"Art classes are great, and if you have the chance, you should take one or two."



As her subject sits perfectly still, junior Amy Moore, above, adds some face painting to show off a young Panther fan's spirit at a football game.

Photo by Carrie Stratton

The low concrete wall around one end of Panther Stadium becomes a canvas for artist, junior Nathan Ellis, as he offers his version of Munch's "The Scream" in pastels.

Photo by Allison Curry



Carefully applying paint to a young man's face, sophomore Jonny Rogers helps the Art Club raise

funds by decorating fans' faces with panther paws, numbers, flowers, etc. The money earned

helped pay for a field trip to visit art exhibits in Springfield.

Photo by Carrie Stratton



Faith
Cornelius,
President
Foreign
Cultures

"Foreign Cultures is an exciting club that lets you experience many different cultures."



Busy club wins holiday door contest

by Ryan Make

Foreign Cultures Club members started the year by deciding "two heads were better than one" and electing two vice presidents.

The meetings and activities provided both fun and information about the world all year.

Members sponsored a Thanksgiving food drive, donated Christmas gift baskets and enjoyed their annual International Dionne and gift exchange.

This club won first place in the Christmas Door Decorating Contest and planned a spring trip to Ste. Genevieve, Mo.



Bringing foreign culture into the classroom, visitor Raphael Padillo, left, models native clothing for students.
Photo by Sarah Craig

Club members and sponsor Senora Moore, top, enjoy spending some time together for a Christmas party.
Photo courtesy Donna Moore

Winner of the Spirit Club's "Best Decorated Door Award" goes to the Foreign Cultures, left.
Photo courtesy Donna Moore



Art Club

Row 1: sponsor Aaron Roten, Faith Cornelius, Amy Moore. Row 2: Toby Alcorn, Josh Bell, Constance Beyerlein, Allison Curry, Adelle Barbe, Mandy Benthall. Row 3: Jonny Rogers, Renante McConnell, Daniella Fry, Steve Zehner, Jody Spanton, Justin Foster, Nathan Fry. Row 4: Simon Doroscan, Cathy Smith, Jeff Moore, Chris Jorgensen, Nathan Friend, Amber McCollum, Evonne Perez, Holly Wagner.



Foreign Cultures

Row 1: Katrina Szura, Faith Cornelius, Micki McCune, Sherrie Hurley, sponsor Donna Moore. Row 2: Amanda Webb, Leanna Wallace, Amy Moore, Ann Kaps, Larissa Buchholz.

Sponsor calls year 'challenge'

by Nick Skyles

Drama Club, sponsored by Jennifer Brixey, set out full steam ahead into the new year. With constant fundraising, the Drama members had thier eyes on many plays. Junior Allison Curry says, "I enjoy the non-stop fundraising that is Drama Club."

Although the Drama Club plays were cancelled because of lack of participation from the members, many still enjoyed other club activities. "Drama Club is a fun club, although we never followed through

with the plays, we enjoyed it," says junior Cathy Smith.

"Sponsoring Drama Club has been very challenging," Brixey said about the fact that the students' talents were never brought to the stage.

"I've enjoyed working with the students anyway," she added.

Students continued to meet during regular club meeting day throughout the year.

Jodi
Hickerson,
President
Drama



"I love Drama Club because it gives everyone the chance to be someone else. I'm president so that I can boss everyone around."



Hardly recognizable in the clown costumes, seniors Amanda Adams and Heather Bressie, above, walk ahead of sponsor Jennifer Brixey in the Homecoming parade.

Photo by Tara Shaw

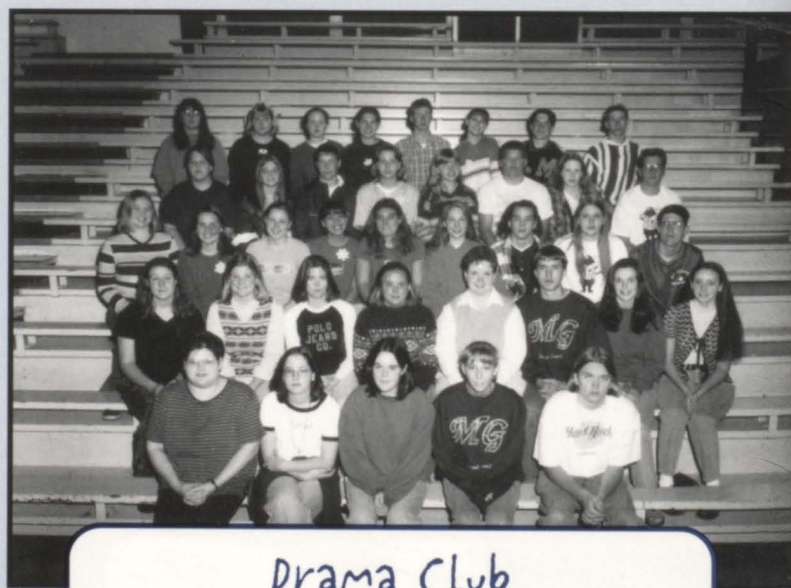
Members of Drama Club, above right, gather in their costumes as they prepare to walk the Homecoming parade route.

Photo by Tara Shaw



Gathering her balloons in a colorful bunch, freshman Ruthanna Wade, above, is ready to make children laugh and smile during the Homecoming parade.

Photo by Tara Shaw



Drama Club

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Clubs offer friendship, fun times

Regardless what organization it is, each group offers students an opportunity to make new friends with similar interests and share some enjoyable activities.

Each club may "stand" for several very worthy ideals, but the bottom line is, they are still standing because they are popular with the students.

Clowning around before the Homecoming parade, sophomore Josh Merritt represents the Drama Club in the annual event, left.

Photo by Michelle Hawkins



As she enjoys a refreshing drink, junior Penny Carmon, above, attends a spirit club party at Pizza Hut. Penny was one of several students named "high spirited members" who was rewarded with the outing.

Photo by Tara Shaw



His plate of pizza in jeopardy, sophomore Dusty Lee is unaware of sophomore Jason Glenn's attempt to lighten his load at an FTA party.

Photo by Rusty Lee

A beautiful day beckons members of OSA to the school's front lawn to enjoy a sunny picnic lunch.

Photo by Michelle Hawkins

Growth calls for changes

MG continues to improve rapidly

by Cheree Mings and
Jessica Peterson

Mountain Grove is known as one of the fastest growing communities in southern Missouri. This reputation shows throughout the town.

Several new developments in the community over the past few months attest to this.

Ranging from stores to restaurants, among the most popular of the newcomers are KFC, Blimpie, Otts Pasta, Take Two Video and Stage.

Although there are many new businesses already here, Mountain Grove has discussed growing in other ways.

Because of the town's continuous growth and development, a proposal to consider building a hospital was developed. The proposal was defeated in the polls.

Even though this idea was defeated, several others remain for the people of

Mountain Grove to consider.

Along with a growth of industry came a growth in population which led to problems with traffic conditions. The Missouri Department of Transportation along with the city took notice of this. With assistance from MODOT the town was able to come up with enough funds to widen Highway 95 from China Grove (17th Street) to Wal-Mart.

The YMCA has also undergone many changes in the past year. The Twin Cities YMCA is now known as the Ozarks Family YMCA and includes Mountain Grove, Cabool and Willow Springs. New equipment has also reached our Y building thanks to donations from local businesses.

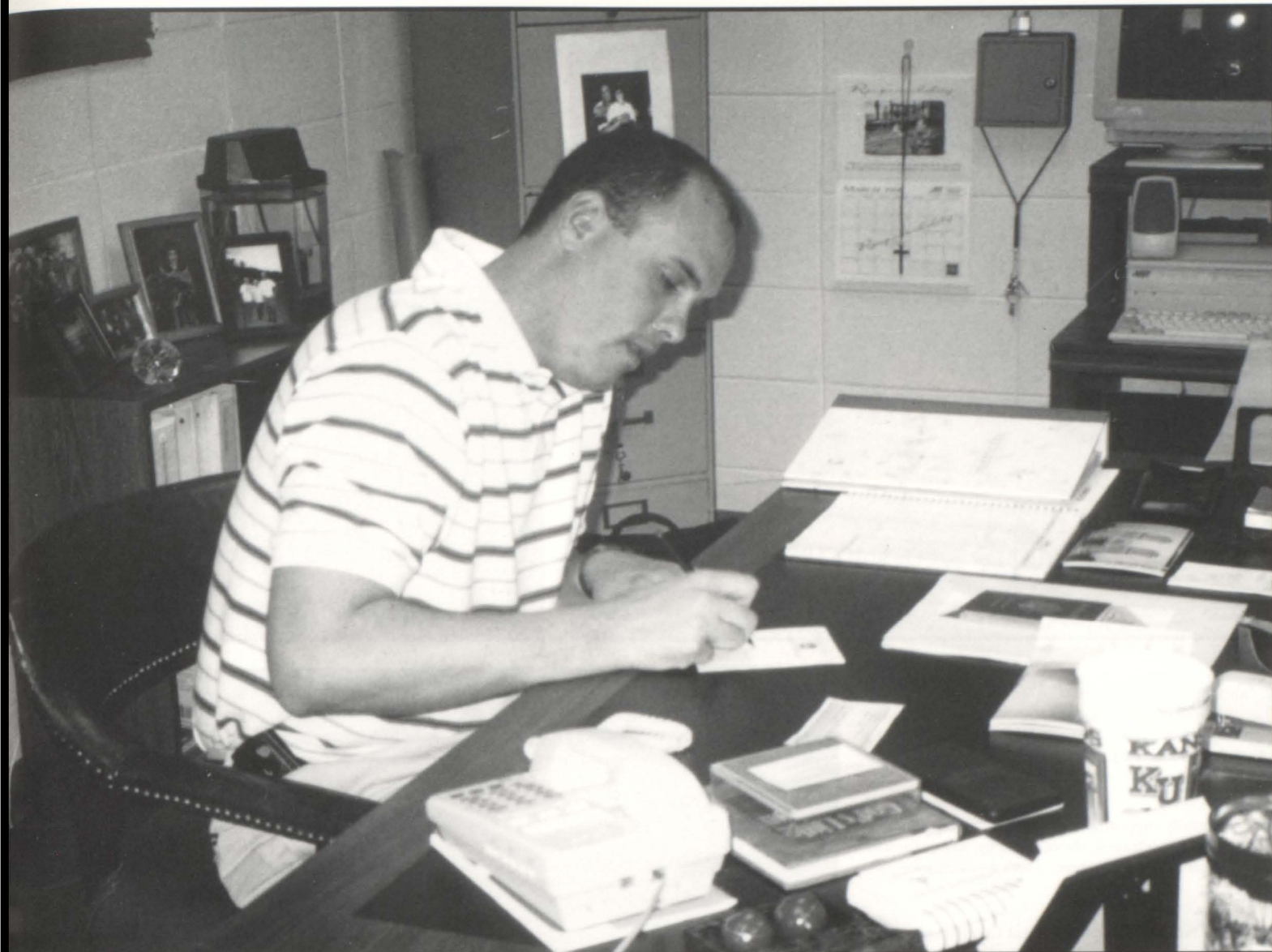
As Missouri grows, Mountain Grove grows and shows no sign of slowing down.

The new KFC sign stands proudly on Highway 95, below. Photo by Jason Dney



Future business leaders of Mountain Grove, seniors Billy Thompson, Suzanne Brill, and Ryan Huff pose for the camera at district FBLA competition, above. Photo by Jessica Peterson

Blimpie and Otts Pasta are two of the new and most popular restaurants in Mountain Grove. Photo by Jason Dney



Ozarks Family YMCA director, Brian Mitchell, above, works at his desk in the YMCA building. *Photo by Jason Daey*



Stage, a new clothing store in Mountain Grove, left, portrays the towns immense growth. *Photo by Jason Daey*



Enjoying their involvement in the Kansas City Chiefs vs. area coaches basketball game presented by the sophomore class, above, are sophomore Samantha Dennis and teacher Les Top. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

Community support is an important factor in MGHS athletics, as portrayed, above right, by young Panther fans to senior Jerred Yarger. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

Giving blood at the Student Council sponsored community blood drive is junior LeAnn Hicks. *Photo by Jared Doty*

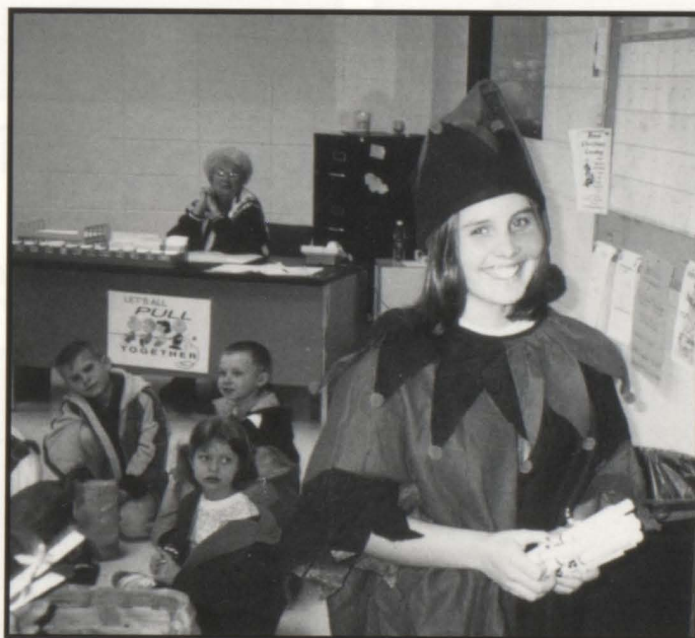


Something special

Community support
proves invaluable to
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MCHS is used for several purposes, including voting. Here a poller poses with Wright County Clerk, Tony Dugger during school board elections. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*



Volunteering is always important in the community. Junior Jessica Peterson demonstrates this as she assists the Ozark Family YMCA with a Christmas project. *Photo by Heath Hunsley*

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Jodi Sutherland



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Mom & Justin



Rayna Blair



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Mom, Glenn
& Robert



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Justin Jones



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Mom & Dad



Senior Stories

"I remember watching Billy beat Todd up my sophomore year and Mrs. Lindsey trying to break it up and getting hit on the head." Justin Jones

"My favorite memories are of the annual football tournaments." Davy Homer

"I won't forget putting Ralph in the corner." Matt Cline

"I remember when Mrs. Moore fell out of the chair and the day she sprayed Lysol all over the room because one of the guys..." Scott Thornhill

"I'll never forget all the long pep talks with Coach Roach and the inspiration he gave me." Todd McGlamery

"One of my 'favorite' memories is being ejected from the football game and escorted off by men in tights." Dusty Kincaid

"I'll never forget the first day of my freshman year; I was so scared." Brandie Lane

Billy Thompson

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Ray,
Ray Ray

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accomplishments!
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Angie Whitworth

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Mom, Dad, Tiff and Zack



Senior Stories

"My junior year, a bunch of my friends went to Hammonds Camp and had a bar-b-que and jumped in Blue Hole." Katie Hubner

"One of my favorite memories is when Mr. Finney fell out of his chair." Paul Traynor

"On the senior bike ride, we lost the flag on the highway and a bunch of cars ran over it." Jodi Sutherland

"I remember my boyfriend taking me to the park after the '96 Prom and swinging on the swings." Carrie Kelly

Justin Foster



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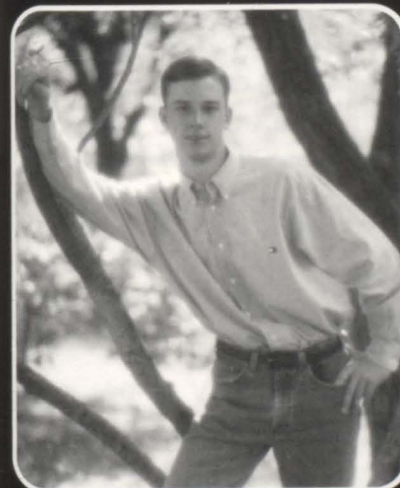
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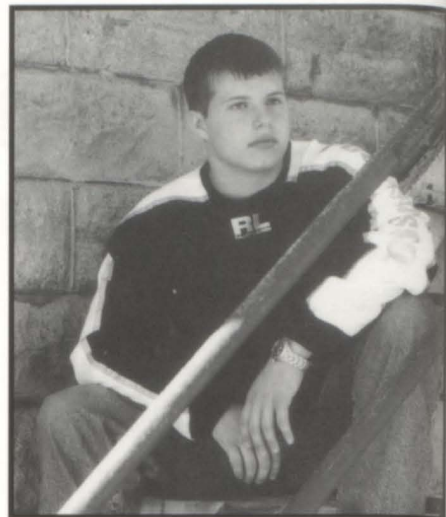
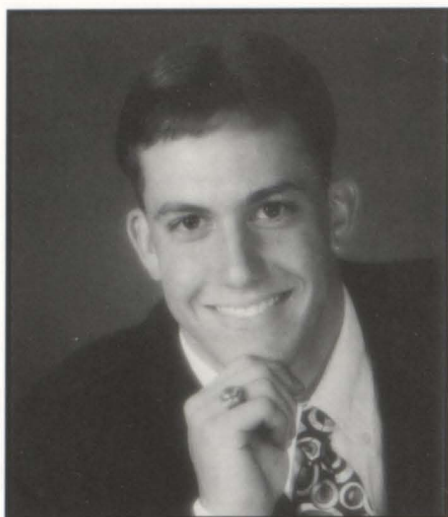
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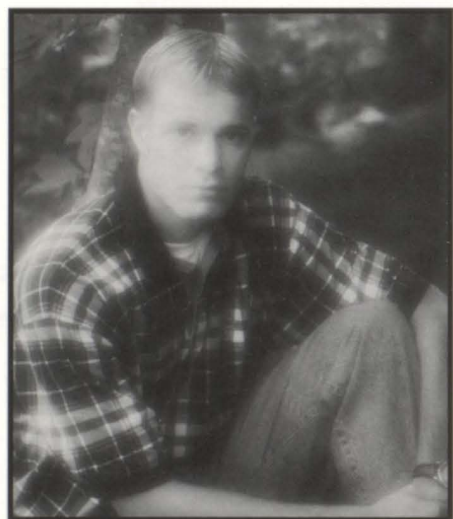
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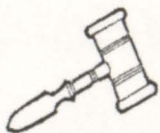
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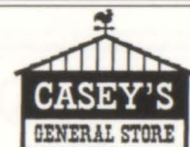
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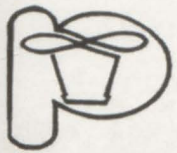
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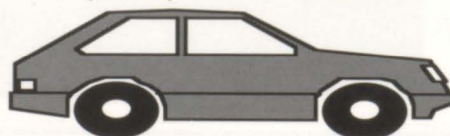
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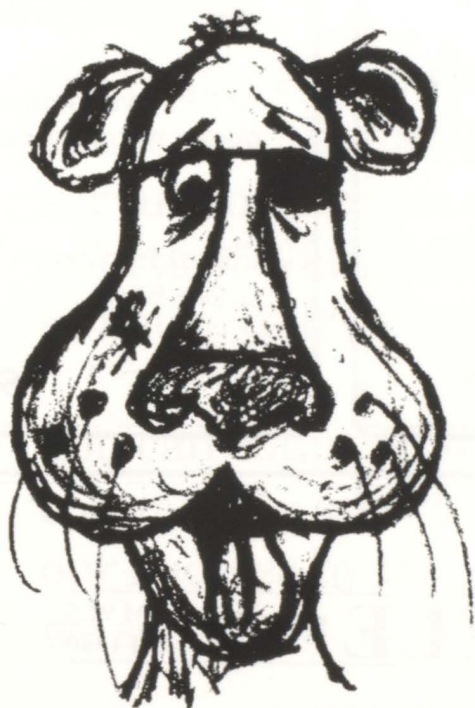
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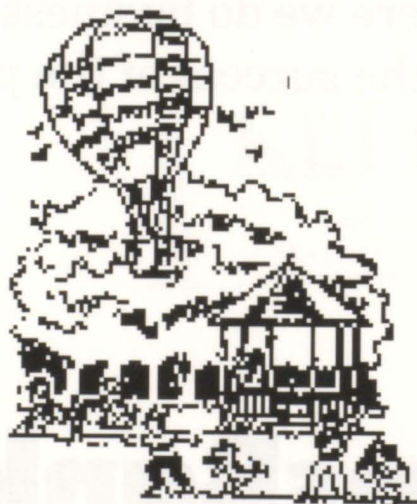
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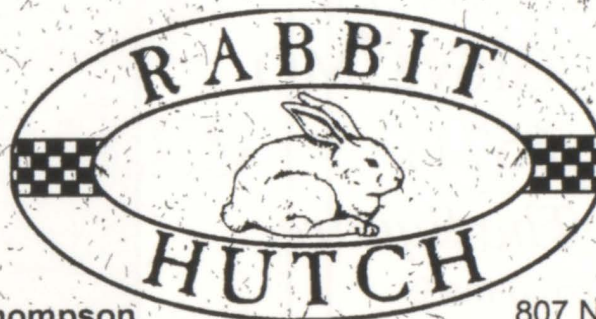
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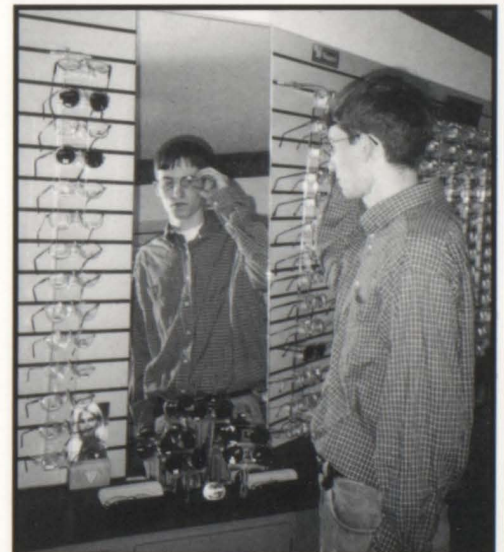
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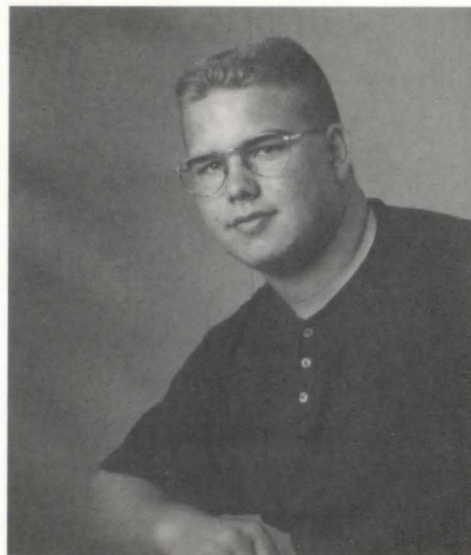


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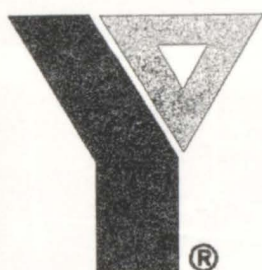


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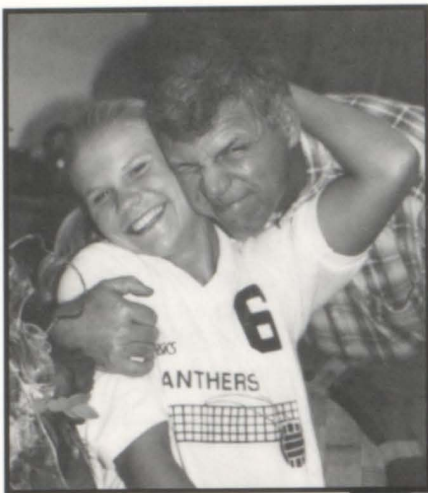
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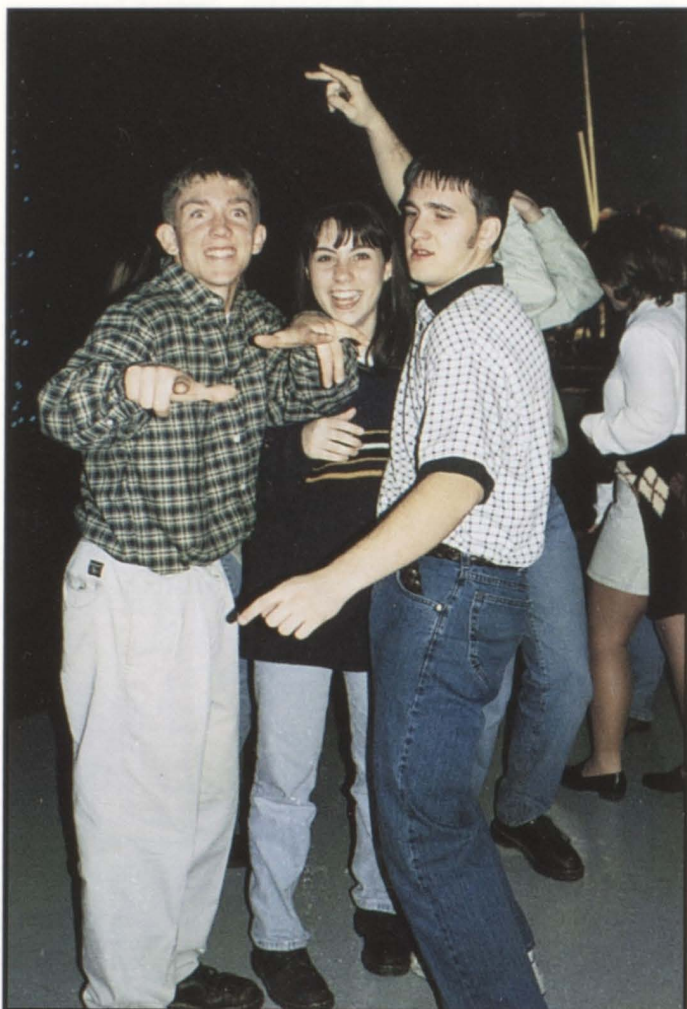
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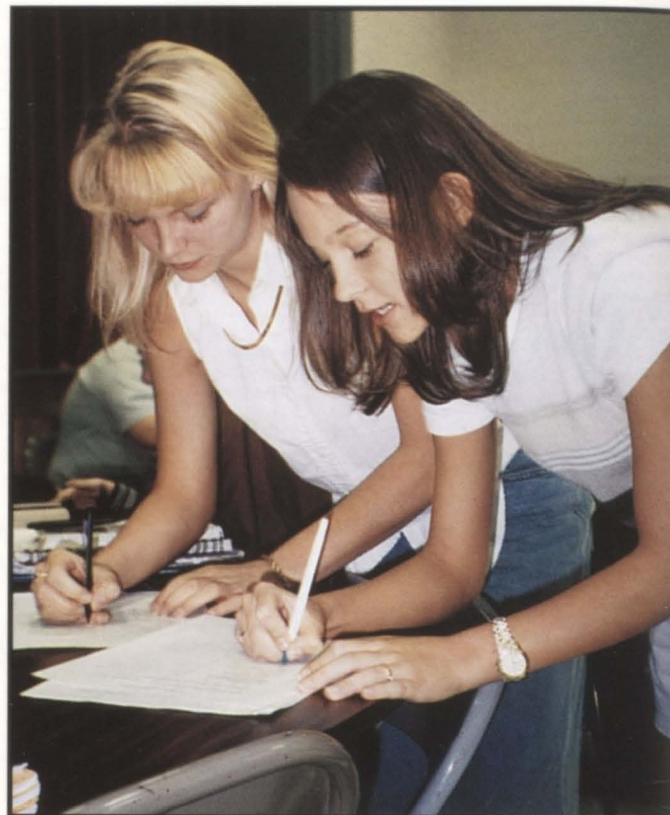
Enjoying the festivities at the Christmas dance juniors Jared Doty, Jerrod Stearnes and Carrie Stratton dance the night away. Photo by Jaime Ramsey



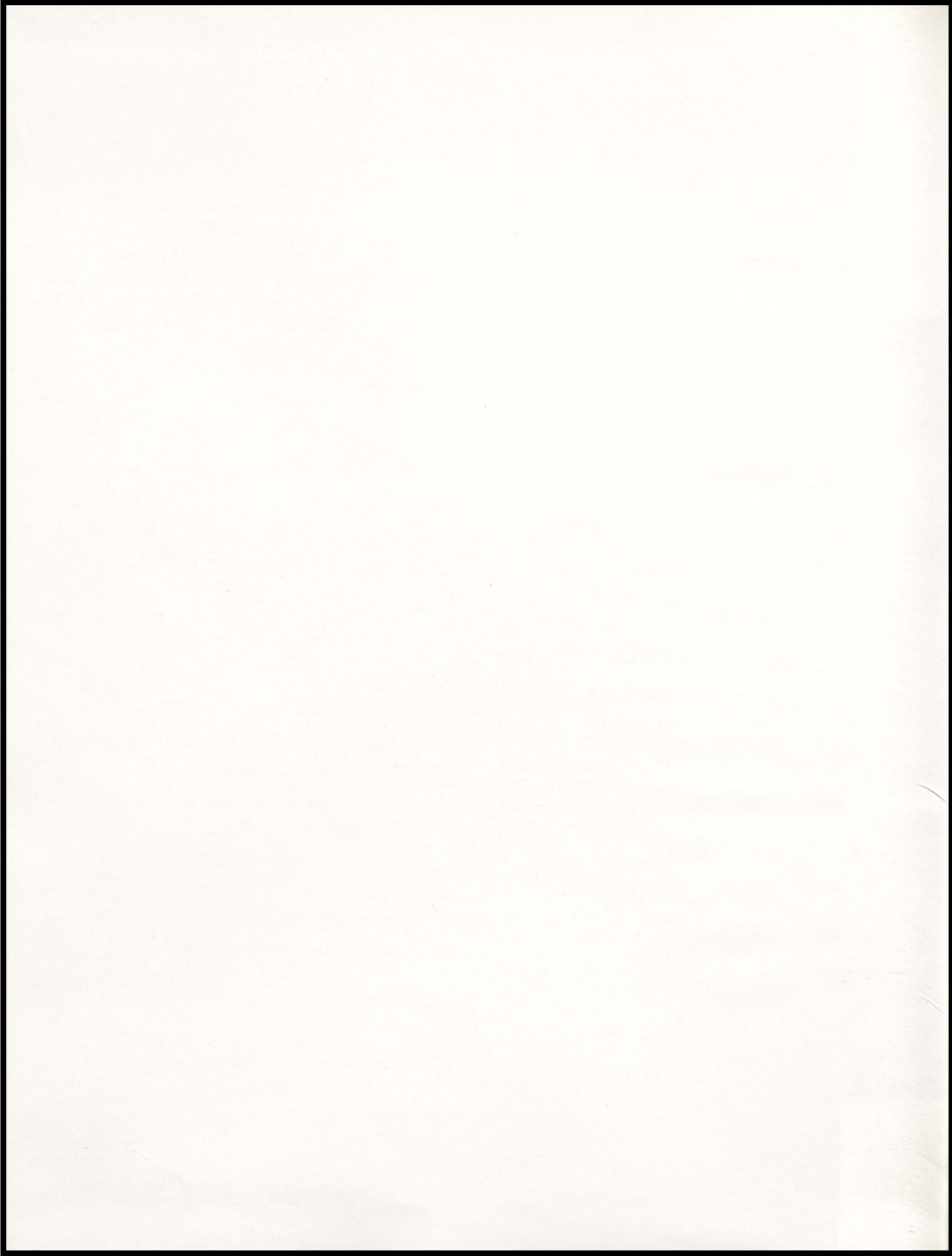
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Still Handing

Signing petitions for student council elections near the close of school, below, sophomores Taffie Miller and Lindsay Campbell play an important part in the election process. Photo by Tara Shaw



Participating with elementary students, above, senior Lori Thompson shows children a rabbit as part of an agriculture service project to the community. Photo by Brent Dugger





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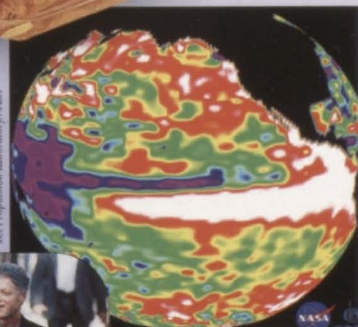
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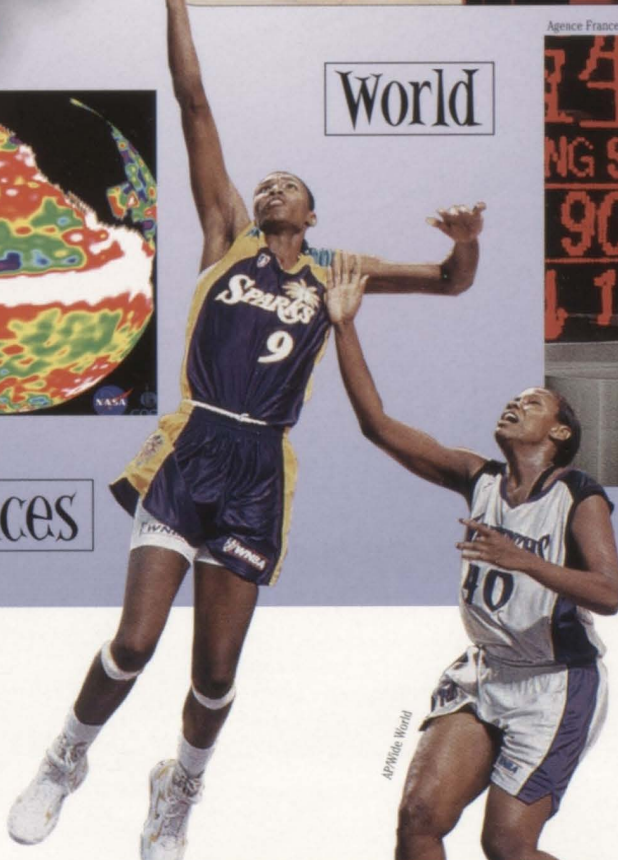


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World news



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- ▶ A 15-day school strike in Ontario, Canada, affects 2.1 million students. Late in October, 128,000 teachers walk out to protest a controversial bill that would alter educational funding and centralize government control of education.

- ▶ Asian economic turmoil triggers global unrest. In October, Hong Kong's stock market crashes. Asian countries receive billions in bailout dollars from the International Monetary Fund.

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- ▶ Hong Kong reverts to China at 12:01 a.m., July 1, after 156 years of British colonial rule. China says Hong Kong will continue its Western way of life and free-market economy.



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- ▶ Powerful earthquakes in central Italy kill 11 people and damage art treasures, including centuries-old frescoes by Italian Renaissance painters, in the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.

- ▶ Montserrat, once called "the Emerald Isle of the Caribbean," is devastated by ongoing eruptions from a volcano that had been dormant for 400 years. Two-thirds of the populace evacuates.



Savino, Sipa

flash

Change sweeps Great Britain as Labor Party leader Tony Blair's landslide election in May 1997 ousts the Conservatives and makes Blair, at 44, Britain's youngest prime minister in 185 years.

Hurricane Pauline slams into Mexico's Pacific coast in October, causing flash floods, landslides and at least 200 fatalities.

The resort city of Acapulco is heavily damaged.



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- ▶ The remains of Ernesto "Che" Guevara, martyred Marxist revolutionary, are laid to rest in Cuba in October, 30 years after his execution in Bolivia, where his bones recently had been found.



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- ▶ After 32 years of autocratic rule, President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire is deposed in May 1997 and later dies in exile. His successor, Laurent Kabila, changes Zaire's name to Democratic Republic of the Congo.



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- ▶ Halloween fever seizes France. At the base of the Eiffel Tower in Paris 8,000 pumpkins are displayed, and French children participate in an American-style Halloween celebration.

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- President Jiang Zemin of China meets for summit talks with President Bill Clinton in October, the first visit in 12 years of a Chinese leader to the U.S. During his stay, demonstrators protest China's treatment of Tibet.



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Tim Graham, Sygma

- The death of "the people's princess" generates an emotional outpouring of love and grief, evidenced by floral tributes heaped at Diana's Kensington Palace home.

- Diana, Princess of Wales, one of the world's most famous and admired women, dies at 36 in a violent car crash in Paris on August 31.



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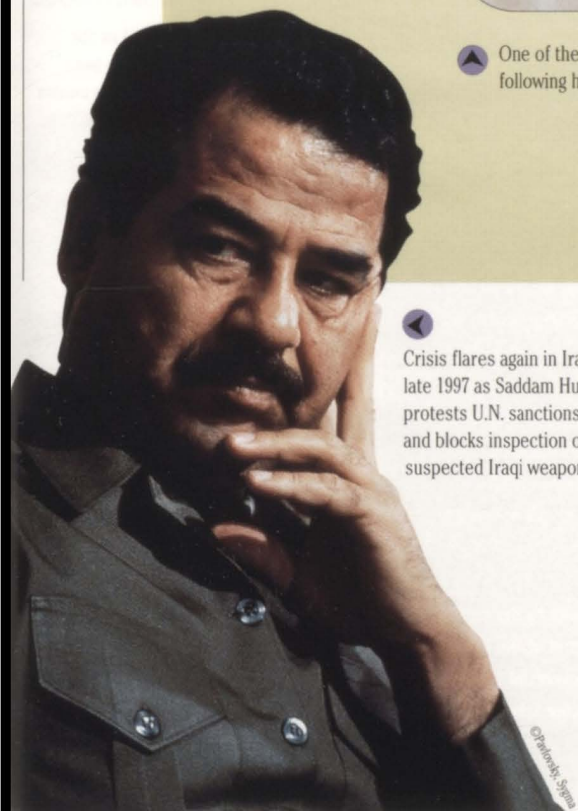
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- One of the most poignant images of Diana's funeral: her young sons following her coffin into Westminster Abbey.

- At the funeral, Elton John performs "Candle in the Wind 1997," rewritten in tribute to Diana. The recording quickly sells more than 35 million copies, becoming the best-selling single of all time. Sales proceeds benefit the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.



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- Crisis flares again in Iraq in late 1997 as Saddam Hussein protests U.N. sanctions and blocks inspection of suspected Iraqi weapon sites.

flash

Floods, drought and mismanagement in North Korea create a severe famine. As many as a million North Koreans die of starvation.

Pope John Paul II visits Communist Cuba in January 1998, the first time a pope has done so. During his five-day visit the pope celebrates public masses and meets privately with President Fidel Castro.



AP/Wide World

- In June, shortly before Diana's death, an auction of 79 of her evening gowns raises \$3.26 million for AIDS and cancer charities. Top price paid for a single gown: \$222,500.

National news



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On July 23 suspected murderer Andrew Cunanan, 27, commits suicide in Miami Beach. Cunanan was the prime suspect in a cross-country killing spree that left five dead, including fashion designer Gianni Versace.

Once-mighty Apple Computer is close to failure when arch-rival Bill Gates of Microsoft "rescues" it with a \$150 million bail-out in August. The event opens a new era of cooperation between formerly fierce competitors.



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Americans join "Stop the Violence" campaigns nationwide in an attempt to generate awareness of and solutions to the problem of violence in America.

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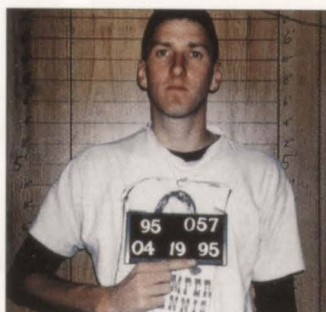
Theodore Kaczynski admits he is the Unabomber responsible for killing 3 people and injuring 29 others in an 18-year bombing campaign. His January 1998 guilty plea spares Kaczynski the death penalty but condemns him to life in prison with no possibility of release.

UPS workers take to the picket lines in an August strike lasting 15 days. The eventual settlement is seen as a major labor victory.



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British nanny Louise Woodward, 19, is convicted in Massachusetts of murdering a child in her care. The judge later reduces the charge to involuntary manslaughter and releases her.



AP/Wide World

Timothy McVeigh is convicted of murder and conspiracy in June for the April 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. McVeigh is later sentenced to death.

Brooks Kraft, Sigma



In April 1997, floods ravage the entire Red River Valley between Minnesota and the Dakotas. Ninety percent of downtown Grand Forks, North Dakota, is under water.



Jonathan Elderfield, Gamma/Liaison

Joe Camel is snuffed out as the Federal Trade Commission bans tobacco advertising aimed at minors and institutes sweeping tobacco advertising restrictions.



Patrick Hagerth, Sigma

First Lt. Kelly Flinn accepts a general discharge from the Air Force, avoiding court-martial for lying about an affair and disobeying orders. Flinn had been the first and only female B-52 pilot in the service.

▶ A rare urban tornado prowls through Miami on May 12, uprooting trees, shattering windows and snapping power lines. Fortunately, the storm inflicts only minor injuries.

Arthur Harvey, The Miami Herald



Reuters/Archive Photos



▶ Attorney General Janet Reno refuses to name an independent prosecutor to investigate Clinton administration fundraising, causing friction with FBI Director Louis Freeh.



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▶ Terry Nichols is found guilty of conspiracy and manslaughter in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. Nichols is spared a federal death sentence in January 1998, but still faces Oklahoma state charges.

▶ UFO enthusiasts gather in Roswell, New Mexico, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the alleged UFO crash there in July 1947.



AP/Wide World

▶ Bobbi McCaughey, Carlisle, Iowa, gives birth November 19 to seven babies, the U.S.'s first living septuplets. McCaughey and her husband Kenny now have eight children.

Reuters/Archive Photos



▶ At the Internet/Online Summit in December, Vice President Al Gore announces government initiatives to protect young Internet users from online pornography.

flash

The all-male Promise Keepers movement inspires praise and controversy for its message of spiritual revival and personal responsibility for men. In October, the group holds a giant rally in Washington, D.C.

Once-secret tape recordings of former presidents Kennedy and Nixon are released publicly. The tapes provide an unvarnished, glimpse into the two presidents' actions and conversations in the White House.



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▶ On October 25, at least 300,000 African-American women gather in Philadelphia for the Million Woman March. Winnie Madikizela-Mandela is one of the speakers.

news

National



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▶ Fast-food giant Burger King is forced to stop serving burgers when supplier Hudson Foods recalls 25 million pounds of hamburger suspected of contamination with *E. coli* bacteria. It is the biggest beef recall in U.S. history.

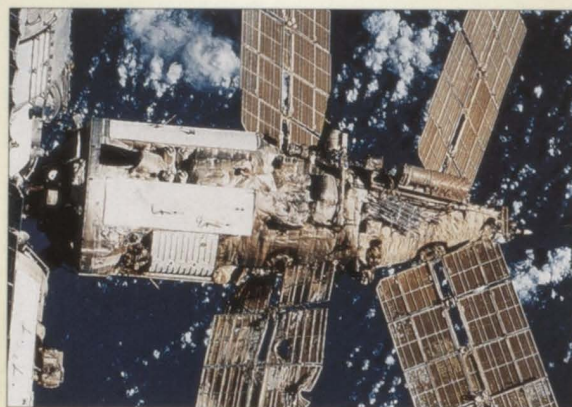
Science news



NASA

- ▶ Viewers worldwide see the first-ever high-resolution color pictures of Mars when the *Pathfinder* spacecraft lands July 4. The lander and its rover, Sojourner, collect and transmit extraordinary data for three months.

▶ Russia's aging *Mir* space station collides with an unmanned supply vehicle in June and is seriously damaged. This is only one in a series of crises casting doubt on the viability of the station.



NASA



Reuters/Archive Photos

- ▶ In September, CAT scans of petrified dinosaur eggs found in China reveal a dinosaur embryo.

- ▶ For \$8.36 million, Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History buys "Sue," the most complete *Tyrannosaurus rex* fossil yet discovered. The sale occurs October 4 at Sotheby's in New York.



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- ▶ Scottish scientists in February 1997 announce the world's first cloning of an adult mammal. The sheep, named Dolly, fuels controversy over possible misuse of the technology.

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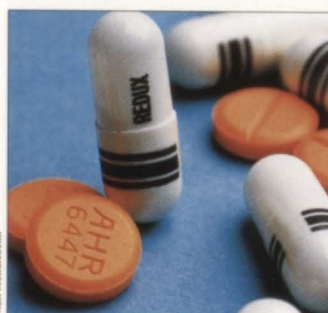
Fuel cells that convert a fuel's energy directly into electricity are being developed for use in cars, making possible an efficient, low-emission car of the future.

The first prescription pill for male-pattern baldness is approved by the Food and Drug Administration in December. The drug Propecia is made by Merck and Company.



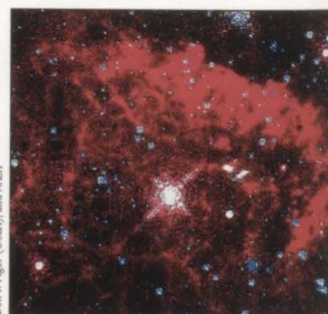
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- ▶ Research produces medical breakthroughs, including a genetically engineered "bullet" molecule being tested to fight cancer and new drugs to control or prevent Parkinson's disease, osteoporosis and congestive heart failure.



Matt Meadows

- ▶ The popular diet regimen fen-phen is pulled off the market in September. The combination of fenfluramine and phentermine is shown to cause heart valve disorders, as is the diet drug Redux, also recalled.

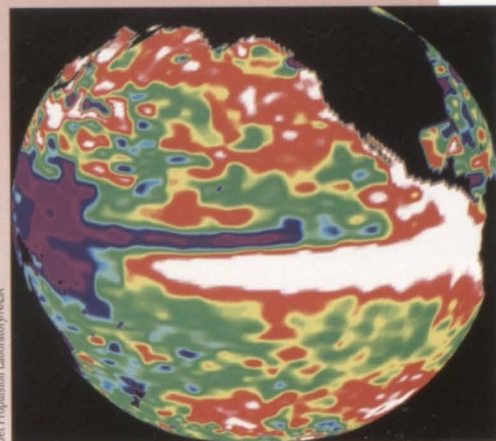


Don F. Figer (UCLA) and NASA

- ▶ Aided by the Hubble Space Telescope, astronomers discover the Pistol Star—the brightest star yet observed in the Milky Way. The Pistol Star is 25,000 light years from Earth.

- Comet Hale-Bopp captures imaginations worldwide as it streaks past Earth for the first time in 4,200 years—or, since 2203 B.C. Hale-Bopp next returns in 4397.

AP/Wide World



Jet Propulsion Laboratory/NASA

- On October 13, the British jet car *Thrust SSC* becomes the first vehicle to break the sound barrier on land, traveling 766.6 miles per hour in the Nevada desert.



Reuters/Archive Photos

- El Niño stirs up global weather patterns. Caused by warmer-than-normal water temperatures in the equatorial Pacific, the '97 El Niño is blamed for storms and weather problems worldwide.



Reuters/Archive Photos

- Protesters unsuccessfully attempt to prevent the October launch of NASA's *Cassini* spacecraft to Saturn, fearing an accident could shower the Earth with the rocket's radioactive plutonium.

- In December, 159 nations gather in Kyoto, Japan, and negotiate a climate treaty to combat global warming by reducing greenhouse gases.

- The Food and Drug Administration approves a dental laser for treating cavities. Unlike traditional dental drills, the laser in most cases causes virtually no discomfort.



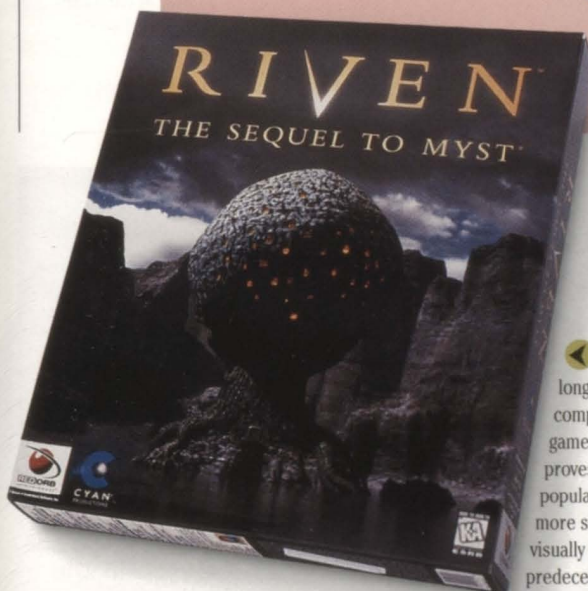
Premier Laser Systems, Inc.

flash

Hong Kong authorities in December order the slaughter of more than a million chickens in an effort to halt the spread of a bird flu virus that killed six people.

The space shuttle *Columbia* releases the errant *Spartan* satellite in November. U.S. astronaut Winston Scott and Takao Doi, the first Japanese astronaut to do a space walk, retrieve the satellite for return to Earth.

- Riven, the long-awaited computer adventure game sequel to *Myst*, proves to be just as popular and even more sophisticated visually than its predecessor.



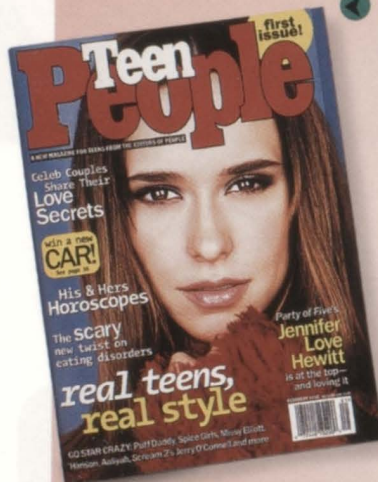
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- French oceanographer and award-winning filmmaker Jacques Cousteau dies in June at 87. His work gained renown through the popular television series "The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau."

NEWS

Science

Lifestyle



Teen People, a savvy monthly magazine for and about teenagers, premieres in February 1998.



Fashion advertising and clothing trends inspire the popularity of the color orange, which replaces neon green as the fad color of the year.



In October, a cyberfashion show at the M.I.T. Media Lab Wearable Symposium features fashions with built-in computer devices and electronic hardware. M.I.T. students designed the high-tech fashions.



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Fashion looks to the Far East. The stick-on bindi, a tiny decorative accent worn in the middle of the forehead, is popularized by Gwen Stefani, lead singer of the band No Doubt.



AP/Wide World



Princess Diana tribute merchandise abounds, including a double CD set and a new Beanie Baby named Princess, a royal purple bear adorned with a rose. Profits benefit the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.

flash

Nike introduces a new "I Can" advertising campaign on New Year's Day. The company does not plan to abandon its "Just Do It" slogan, introduced in 1985, which will continue to appear on T-shirts and posters.

Diet Scent Patches are introduced in June by Slimline, a British company. Designed to help people diet successfully, the small arm stickers produce an unpleasant odor to discourage the wearer from eating sweets.



©Dorcas & Starr Inc., Gamma Liaison

Platform shoes, a fashion statement during the disco '70s, make a style comeback in a big way in 1997, inspiring even platform sneakers.



AP/Wide World

"Two Fat Ladies" becomes the Food Network's hottest new cooking show in the U.S., attracting fans with its unconventional British stars, two overweight, middle-aged women.



Christian Dior

This year's look in cosmetics is glimmering, sparkling and colorful. Riding this wave, cosmetics giant Christian Dior introduces Mascara Flash, temporary hair color in a variety of outrageous tints.

- ▶ The Chevrolet Corvette is named *Motor Trend* magazine's 1998 Car of the Year.

General Motors



- ▶ A new \$50 bill featuring a larger, off-center portrait of President Ulysses S. Grant is unveiled in October. Design details make the bill more difficult to forge.



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Softer Hairstyle

Smaller Chest

Larger Waist

Smaller Hips



- ▶ After nearly 40 years, Mattel's Barbie doll takes on a more realistic face and body shape than the Barbie of the '60s. The new doll will begin to appear in stores in early 1998.



AP/Wide World

- ▶ Mattel introduces Share a Smile Becky in May 1997. Seated in a bright pink wheelchair, the doll is marketed as a friend to the traditional Barbie.



Karl Steinbrenner

- ▶ Mehndi, intricate designs painted on the body with henna dye, is a popular expression of the fashion trend toward Eastern themes and patterns.



- ▶ Digital "pets" are a 1997 toy craze. These virtual critters keep their owners busy by beeping when they need care or feeding. If ignored, they "die."

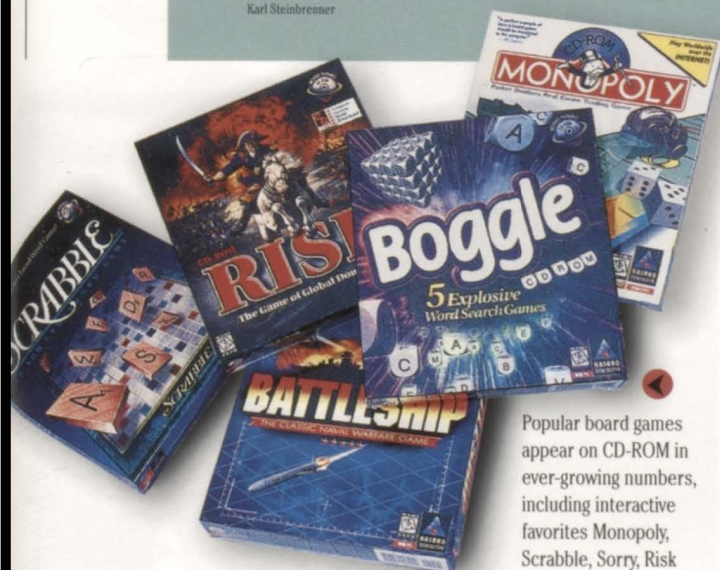
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As many as 700 school districts nationwide teach "emotional intelligence," aiming to develop children's values and people skills as well as their minds.

Beepers are a status symbol and a lifestyle must-have for many teens juggling school, jobs and after-school activities. More than 40 million beepers are carried in the U.S., an estimated 25 percent of them by people between the ages of 12 and 24. In some schools, beepers are forbidden as disruptive.



- ▶ Canada issues a Superhero postage stamp series that includes a 45-cent stamp featuring the colorful, comic-book image of Superman.



Popular board games appear on CD-ROM in ever-growing numbers, including interactive favorites Monopoly, Scrabble, Sorry, Risk and Boggle.

Entertainment news

ABC from the Kobal Collection



- ABC's gritty police drama "NYPD Blue" remains one of the most popular one-hour dramas on television in 1997, capturing four Emmy Awards.

- The Lost World*, Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park* sequel, breaks summer box-office records everywhere. It earns \$229 million in the U.S.



Universal Studios, Inc., from Shooting Star



Gino Mifsud, Shooting Star

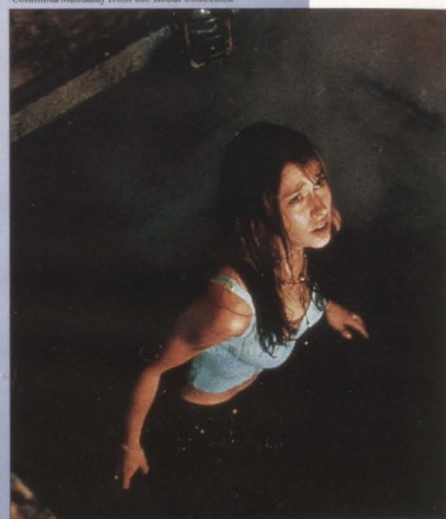
- Jerry Seinfeld, creator and star of the NBC hit "Seinfeld," announces in December that the 1997-1998 season is the show's last. The final episode airs in May, ending the popular show's nine-year run.



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- Comedian Chris Farley dies at 33 of a drug overdose on December 18. He starred in NBC's "Saturday Night Live" and movies including *Tommy Boy* and *Beverly Hills Ninja*.

Columbia/Mandaly from the Kobal Collection



- Horror films draw teenagers to the box office. *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, starring Jennifer Love Hewitt and Sarah Michelle Gellar, is one of the year's biggest attractions.

flash

In its second season, the WB's campy sitcom "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" blossoms into a huge favorite with many viewers.

Jenny McCarthy stars in a new fall NBC comedy "Jenny" that, in January 1998, goes into hiatus only a few months into its first season. McCarthy had been an MTV personality before moving to the network.



Fox from Shooting Star

- Fox network launches "King of the Hill," an animated show that focuses on the lives of a propane dealer from Texas and his family. The show goes on to become a smash hit.



Dimension Films from the Kobal Collection

- Scream 2*, the chilling hit sequel to *Scream*, is a wildly successful mix of carnage and comedy starring Neve Campbell, Jerry O'Connell, Tori Spelling, Jada Pinkett and a host of other stars.



Dreamworks Pictures from Shooting Star

- Critically acclaimed *Amistad*, directed by Steven Spielberg, tells the story of an 1839 slave ship mutiny. The film culminates years of effort by producer Debbie Allen to bring the story to life.

- ▶ Religion is a common theme on eight fall-season network TV shows inspired by the success of CBS's "Touched by an Angel" starring Roma Downey, Della Reese and John Dye. New programs include ABC's "Nothing Sacred" and "Teen Angel."

CBS Entertainment from Shooting Star



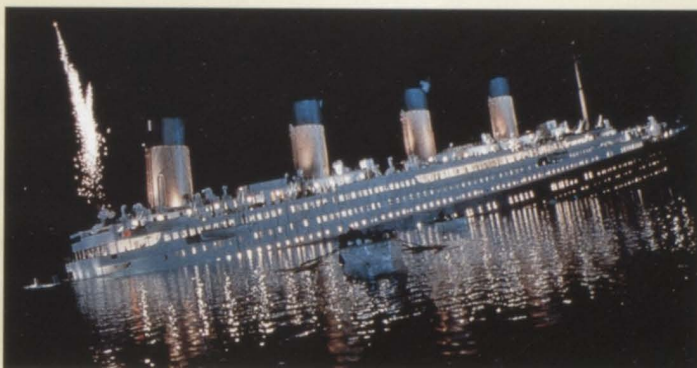
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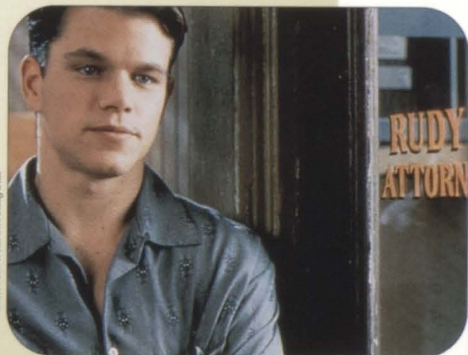
- ▶ Michael Flatley's pulsating show "Lord of the Dance" fuels the extraordinary popularity of Irish dance. The show tours 15 cities in the U.S. through October.

- ▶ *Titanic* is a huge critical and box-office success. The movie event of the year, this \$200 million picture is the most costly in history. After 45 days in the theaters, *Titanic* had earned \$308 million.



Fox/Paramount from Shooting Star

- ▶ *Star Wars* captures a new generation of fans when George Lucas re-releases the film trilogy 20 years after the first film was shown. In Washington, D.C., the National Air and Space Museum mounts a huge exhibition of now-historic *Star Wars* artifacts.



Paramount from Shooting Star

- ▶ In the fall, Fox debuts "Ally McBeal," a comedy/drama starring Calista Flockhart as a young Boston attorney. The show captures a Golden Globe Award in January 1998 for best series/musical or comedy.



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- ▶ Matt Damon stars as an attorney in *The Rainmaker*, a movie based on the John Grisham novel. Damon's successes also include the film *Good Will Hunting*.



Columbia TriStar from Shooting Star

- ▶ Summer blockbuster *Men in Black* grosses more than \$500 million worldwide to become 1997's biggest hit. The sci-fi comedy stars Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones.

flash

The Wonderful World of Disney presents its adaptation of "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella" on ABC, starring Brandy as Cinderella and Whitney Houston as the Fairy Godmother.

Tomorrow Never Dies, starring Pierce Brosnan as 007, is a holiday box-office hit and confirms the enduring popularity of James Bond movies.



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- ▶ The 1997 season premiere episode of "ER" is broadcast live and draws 42.7 million viewers for NBC, including those who watch it on a giant screen in Times Square.

news

Entertainment

Music News



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- ▶ Fiona Apple, 20, one of rock's female superstars, is named MTV's Best New Artist in a Video. Her single "Criminal" soars to the top of the charts.

- ◀ Chumbawamba's hit single "Tubthumping" brings long-awaited success to this British band. The song becomes popular at pro sports events, kicking off games for several teams.



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- ◀ With their hit single "MMMBop," three young brothers from Tulsa become one of the biggest breakthrough acts of 1997 as the band Hanson.

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- ▶ Rap artist the Notorious B.I.G. is killed in a March 1997 drive-by shooting in Los Angeles. He is posthumously awarded MTV's 1997 Best Rap Video Award for "Hypnotize" and is named *Spin* magazine's Artist of the Year.



Jay Blakesberg, Retna

- ▶ Lilith Fair, an all-female summer rock concert, draws large crowds on its 37-stop tour. Canadian singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan masterminds the festival and releases a hit album, *Surfacing*.

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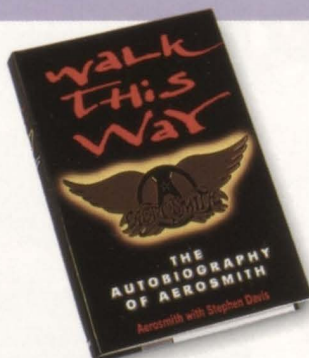
Drummer Bill Berry leaves R.E.M. after 17 years with the popular rock group. R.E.M. plans to continue as a trio.

Kenny G. enters the *Guinness Book of World Records* for holding the longest musical note—45 minutes, 47 seconds—on his saxophone.

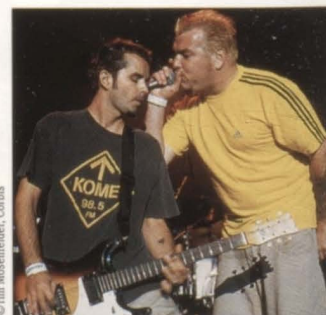


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- ▶ Country music superstar Garth Brooks releases *Sevens*, his first album in two years. The album sells 800,000 copies the first week.



- ▶ *Walk This Way: The Autobiography of Aerosmith* chronicles the long career of the band notorious for its excesses in the '70s and '80s. The group's new album *Nine Lives* is nominated for a 1998 Grammy.



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- ▶ Smash Mouth popularizes a genre of alternative rock known as neo-ska with its hit single "Walkin' on the Sun" and debut album *Fush Yu Mang*.

- British pop phenomenon, the Spice Girls, makes millions with mega-hits such as "Wannabe" and sells 14 million albums and 10 million singles.

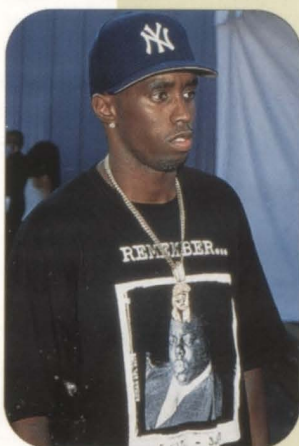
Ron Davis, Shooting Star



- Adam Yauch of the Beastie Boys engineers the second Tibetan Freedom Concert, held in June in New York, offering 27 music acts and a free-Tibet political message.



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- The album *No Way Out* by Puff Daddy & the Family goes multiplatinum. Puffy's single "I'll Be Missing You," an elegy to his friend the Notorious B.I.G., also tops the charts.

- Sixteen-year-old R&B phenom Jonny Lang opens for the Rolling Stones' fall tour and spends 16 weeks at No. 1 on *Billboard's* blues chart with his album *Lie to Me*.



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- Third Eye Blind, after several years in San Francisco's underground music scene, goes big time in 1997. Their song "Semi-Charmed Life" is listed as the top-selling modern rock single for 1997 in *Billboard* magazine.

AP/Wide World



- At 15, country music sensation LeAnn Rimes sells more than 12.5 million recordings in the U.S. in 1997 and is named *Billboard* Music Awards Artist of the Year. Her single "How Do I Live" is one of the year's best sellers.

flash

Metallica releases a seventh album, *Re-Load*, that confirms its position as the premier heavy-metal band in the music world.

Radiohead is *Spin* magazine's Band of the Year. Critics praise Radiohead's album *OK Computer*, variously described as haunting, revolting, inscrutable, stunning and gorgeous. The album receives a 1998 Grammy nomination for Rock/Pop Album of the Year.

Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds, superstar producer songwriter singer, receives more 1998 Grammy nominations than any other artist, including one for his album *The Day*. Edmonds and wife Tracey also produce the film *Soul Food* in 1997.

NEWS

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Sports News



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- ▶ In July, 16-year-old Swiss tennis star Martina Hingis becomes the youngest Wimbledon champion since 1887. Hingis wins three of the four 1997 Grand Slam events.



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- ▶ The Florida Marlins are baseball's 1997 World Series champs and the first team ever to win the Series without winning its league pennant. The Marlins defeat the Cleveland Indians in seven games.

- ▶ Quarterback John Elway leads the Denver Broncos to a 31-24 victory over the Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl XXXII in San Diego, January 25, 1998. It is Elway's first Super Bowl win in four appearances.



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- ▶ Tiger Woods, 21, becomes the youngest golfer ever to win the Masters Tournament. His 18-under-par score sets a Masters record. Woods wins 3 other tournaments and sets a PGA Tour earnings record of \$2.1 million for the season.



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- ▶ Mike Tyson bites off part of Evander Holyfield's ear and is disqualified in the WBA Heavyweight rematch in June 1997. Tyson is fined nearly \$3 million and his boxing license is revoked.

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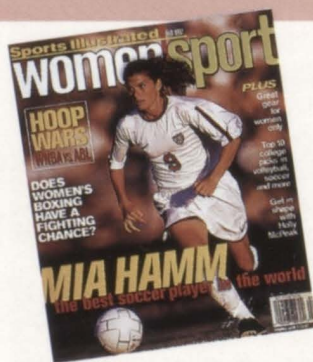
Swedish golfing phenomenon Annika Sorenstam, 26, tops the LPGA earnings list in 1997 with a record \$1,236,789.

Professional sports salaries keep skyrocketing. One of the most publicized of 1997 is Kevin Garnett's \$126 million contract to play basketball for the Minnesota Timberwolves.



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- ▶ Pittsburgh Penguins' Mario Lemieux retires in April 1997 after a spectacular comeback from Hodgkin's disease and injury. Lemieux is elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in September.



- ▶ In April 1997, the premier issue of *Sports Illustrated Women's Sport* hits the newsstands. The magazine reflects the explosive growth of female participation in sports.



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- ▶ Charles Woodson, Michigan's versatile junior cornerback, becomes the first primarily defensive player to win the Heisman Trophy, awarded in December.

- ▶ Jeff Gordon, at 26, wins the 1997 NASCAR Winston Cup, his second Winston Cup point title in three years. Gordon's 1997 points total 4,710.

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Detroit Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman powers his team to the 1997 Stanley Cup championship, its first in 42 years, by sweeping the Philadelphia Flyers in four games.

- ▶ The Chicago Bulls beat the Utah Jazz in June 1997 for their fifth NBA championship in seven years. Michael Jordan is chosen Finals MVP a record fifth time.

Scott Cunningham, NBA/Allsport



- ▶ When the college football season ends, two teams share the national championship. Michigan (12-0) is named No. 1 by the sports writers' poll, and Nebraska (13-0) by the coaches' poll.

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flash

Women officiate in an all-male professional sports league for the first time. The pioneers, Dee Kanter and Violet Palmer, are referees in the NBA.

Mark McGwire, of the St. Louis Cardinals, slams 52 homers in 1996 and 58 in 1997. McGwire becomes only the second player in baseball history with back-to-back, 50-home-run seasons, the other being Babe Ruth.



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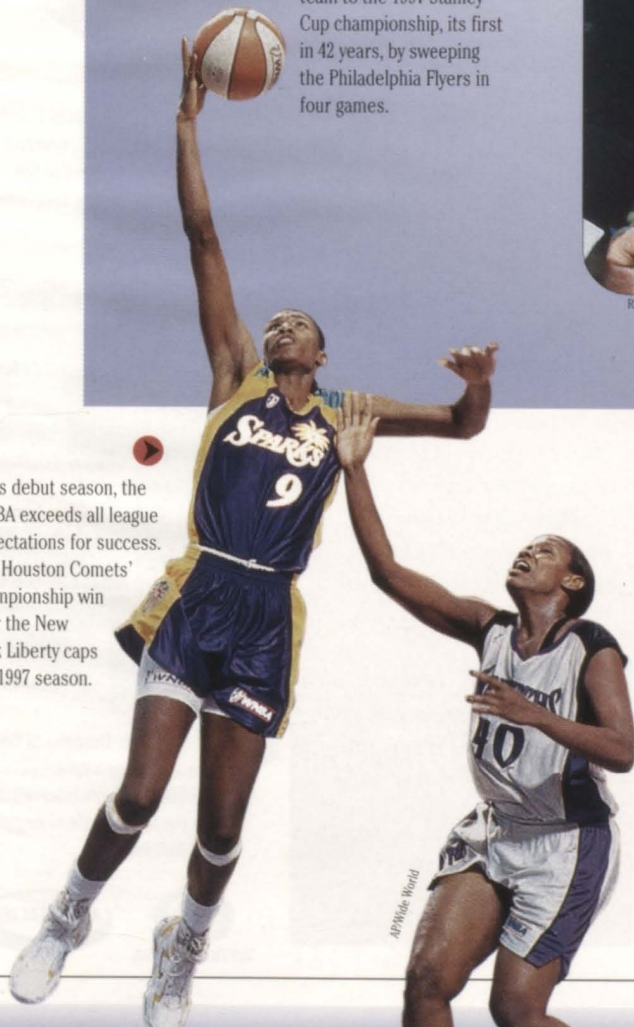
- ▶ Dean Smith, winningest coach in college basketball history, retires in October after 36 seasons at North Carolina. *Sports Illustrated* names him 1997 Sportsman of the Year.



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- ▶ Nagano, Japan, hosts the 1998 Winter Olympic Games during February. Three new medal sports make their Olympic debut: curling, snowboarding and women's ice hockey.

In its debut season, the WNBA exceeds all league expectations for success. The Houston Comets' championship win over the New York Liberty caps the 1997 season.



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Faces news



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Miss Illinois, Katherine Shindle, is crowned Miss America 1998. For the first time in its 77-year history the pageant allows contestants to wear two-piece swimsuits in competition.

Chelsea Clinton begins her freshman year at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. Despite security measures, she reportedly will lead as normal a college life as possible.



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Shooting Star



Beloved actor Jimmy Stewart dies in July at 89. Stewart's enduring nice-guy popularity is exemplified by *It's a Wonderful Life*, his 1946 movie that is now an American cultural icon.



J.T. MacMillan, San Diego Union-Tribune

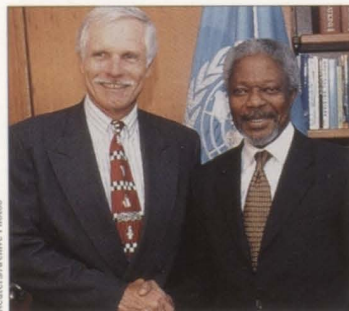
For the first time, a computer beats a world chess champion when IBM's Deep Blue beats Russian Garry Kasparov in a six-game match in May 1997.

Roman Catholic nun Mother Teresa of Calcutta dies September 5 at the age of 87. Revered for a lifetime of helping the poorest of the poor, her many honors include the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize.



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American Jody Williams and the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines are awarded the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize in October. The U.S. and China refuse to sign an international treaty that would ban land mines.



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Ted Turner, vice chairman of the Time Warner media empire, pledges \$1 billion to United Nations programs. It is the largest single gift in philanthropic history.

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Former leader of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev films a TV commercial for Pizza Hut. He reportedly earns \$1 million for the appearance, money he plans to use to benefit his Gorbachev Foundation.

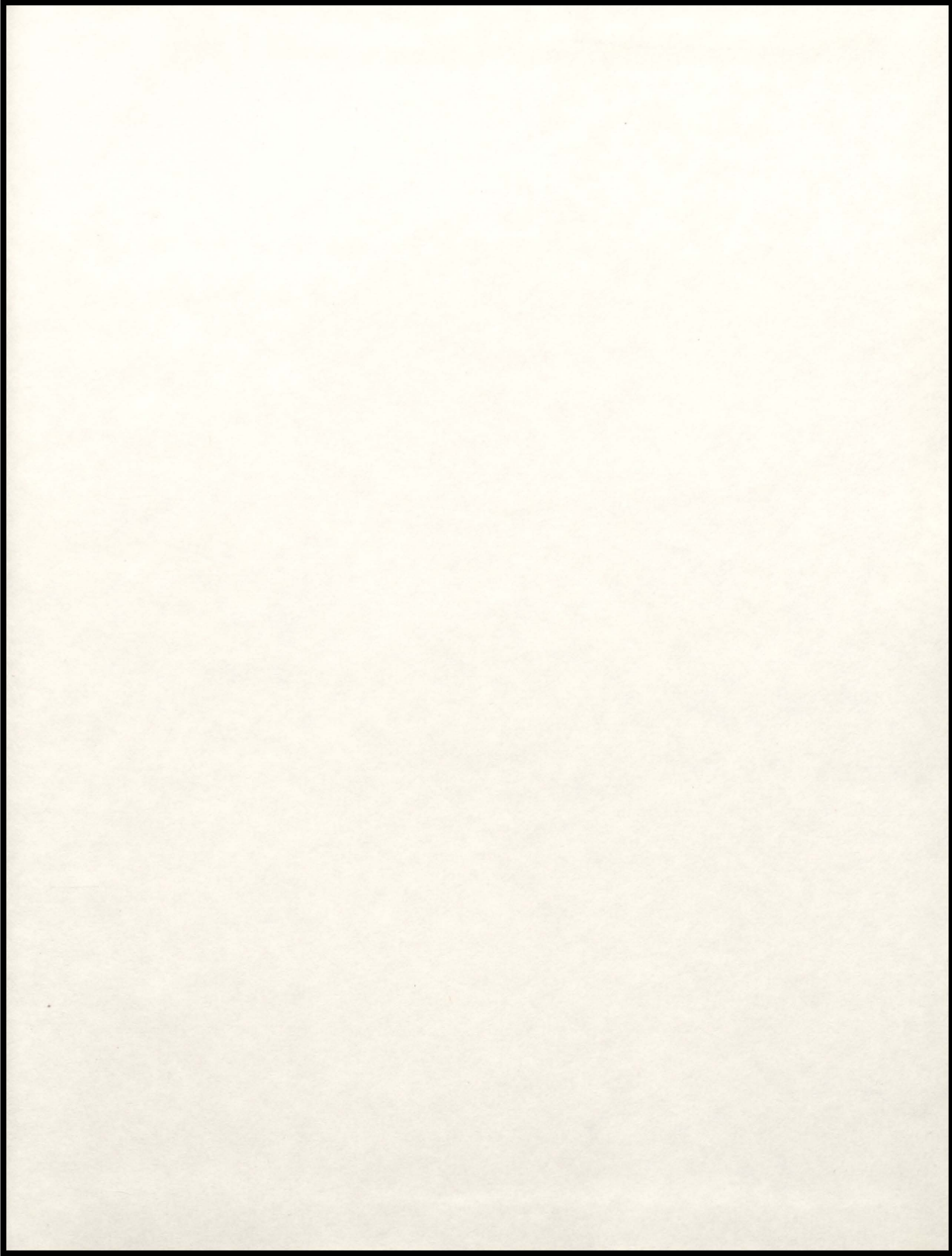
Singer John Denver dies in October at 53 when the experimental plane he is piloting crashes into California's Monterey Bay.



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Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, appears in ads as a spokesperson for Weight Watchers International. She is the former wife of England's Prince Andrew.





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