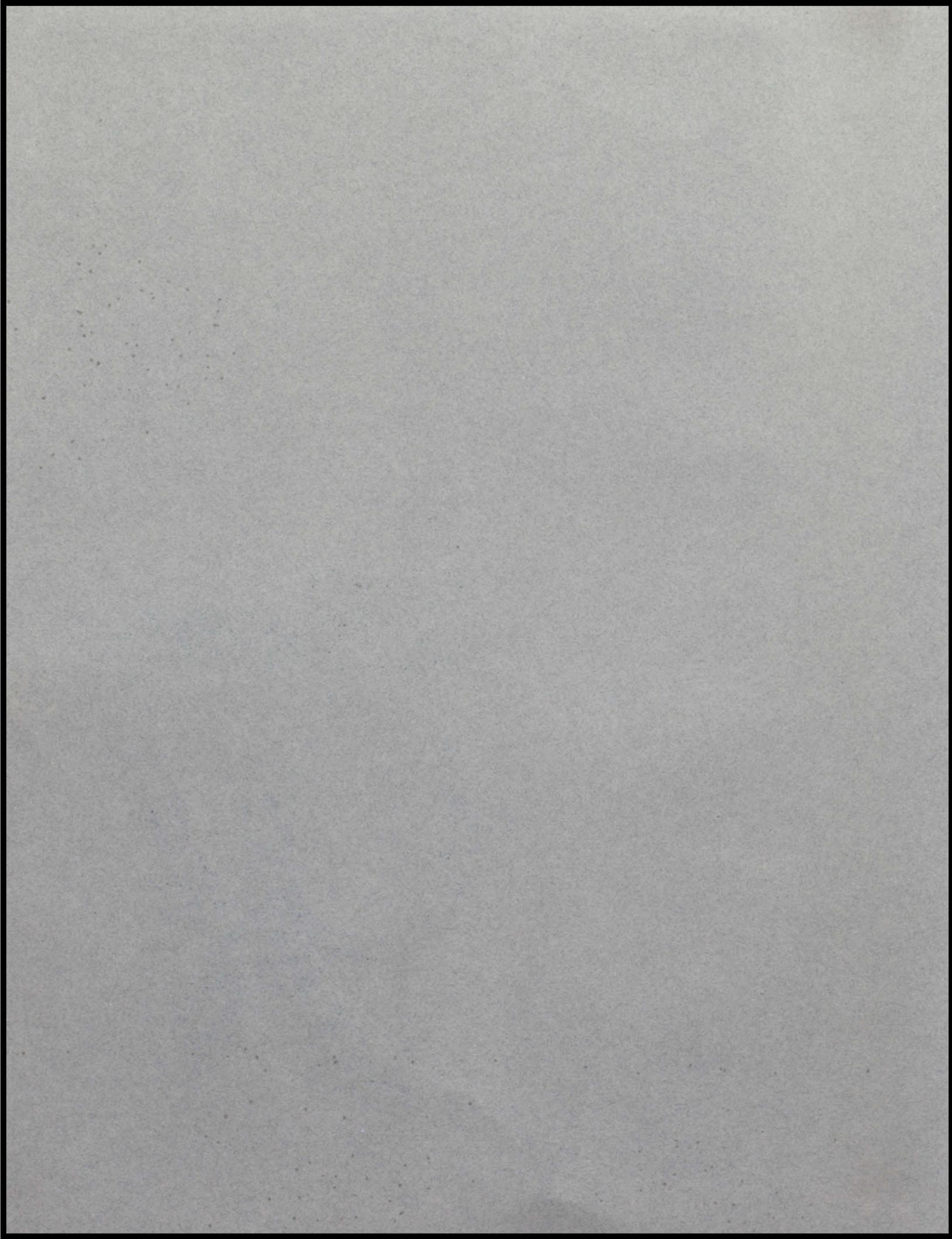


Moving To Our Own Beat



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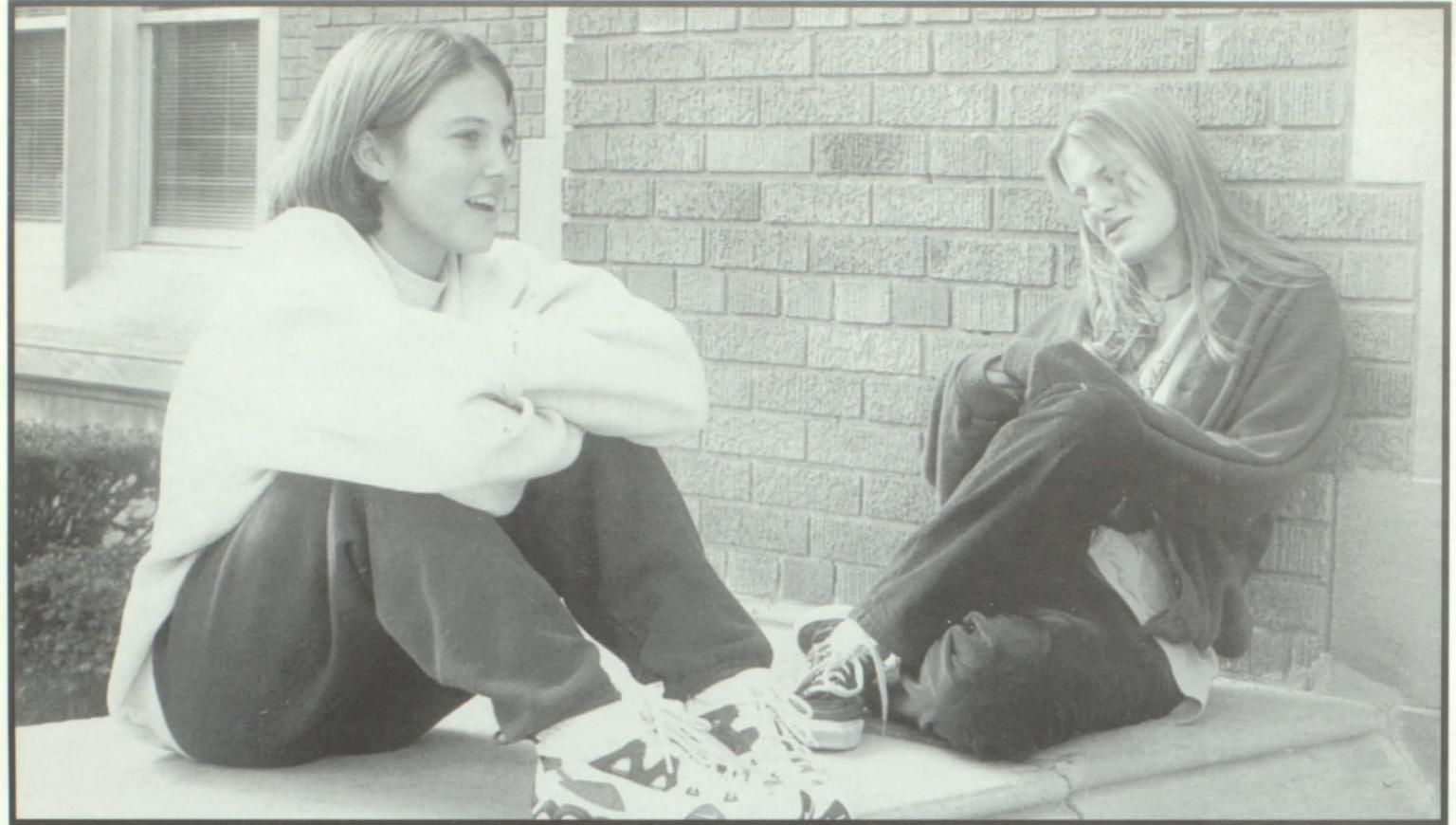
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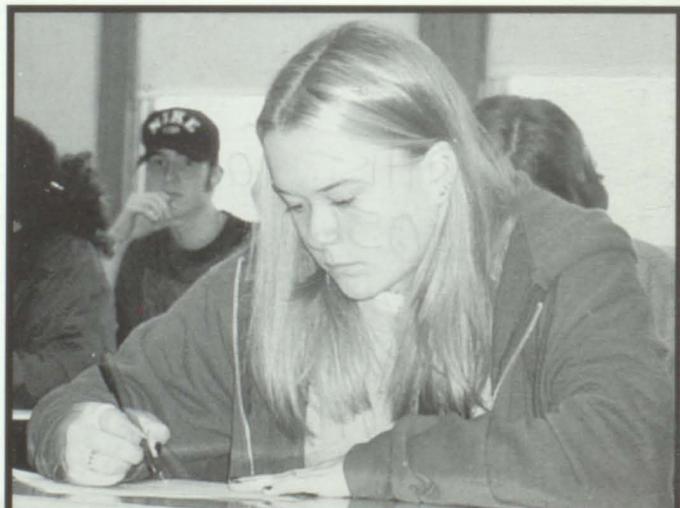
Through the years we have all grown and changed. Some ideas and beliefs that we may have held may drastically change as we go through high school.

I chose Movin' To Our Own Beat as a theme to reflect the diversity and uniqueness of our student body. From the style of clothes we wear and the sports we play to the classes we take, we choose to live our lives our own way. We do what we must to attain our goals and make our dreams come true.

Yet we have a common goal — something that bonds us together. High school is where we build the rest of our lives. How we choose to utilize the opportunities made available is up to us as individuals. But still we depend on each other to help us hear the music, to pick us up when we fall, and to applaud when we get the steps right. 912 of us gather everyday to work together, learn together and laugh together. We all hear the same tune, but we move to our own beat.



Above: Goofing around after a hard night in the senior concession stand are Seniors Mary Reilly, Elizabeth Reilly, Senior Advisor Mrs. Schultheiss, Michelle Gregory and Chris Rozman. Right: Melissa Basse (99) concentrates on her work in Mr. Walsh's class.

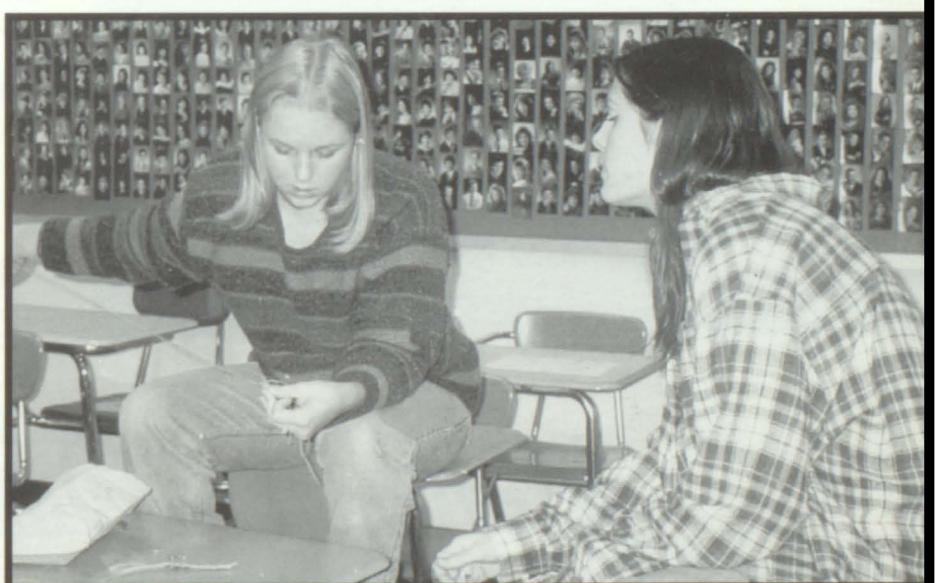
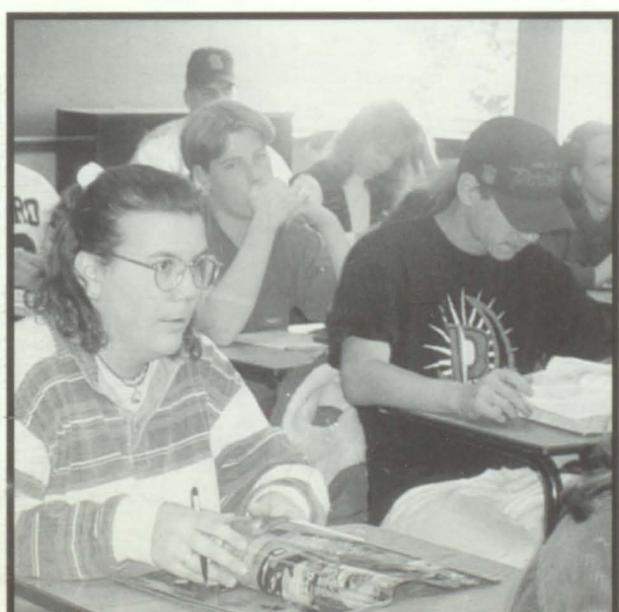
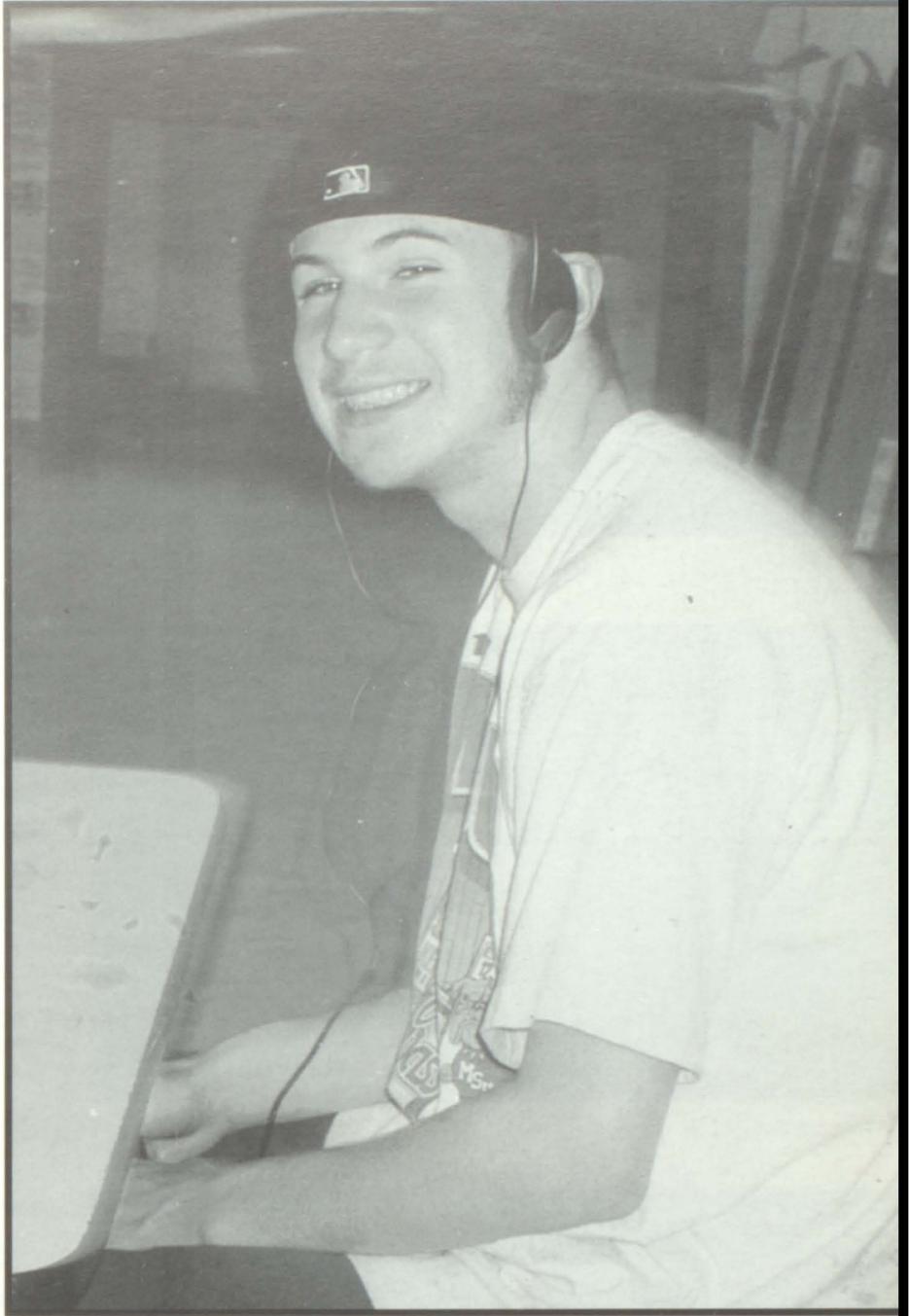




Top left: Jeni Ball and Marie Matthews (00) enjoy a beautiful day outside while waiting for their rides.

Above: Marching with a drum is hard work so Sarah Stanton (97) takes off her harness to relax and watch the game.

Below: Cyndi Osborne (97) pays more attention to her magazine than Mr. Snider's algebra class. Above right: Pat Sherman (98) moves to the beat on his walkman.



Above: Natalie Parker (97) watches carefully as Melissa Schwartz(99) teaches her how to make a hemp bracelet at lunchtime in the Senate room.



Student Life

takes a look at the whole high school experience. This section covers everything from Friday nights to Students For a Better Tomorrow. Due to a smaller book, we had to combine our Student Life section with the Careers and Clubs sections

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Sports

covers this years fall and winter sports. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we are unable to cover some of the spring sports. And, as usual, the "Outstanding Athletes" chosen by their coaches will be recognized in this section.

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Arts

includes all of Dondero's performing arts. In this section you will find symphony band, orchestra, color guard, drama club, concert band and many more. Pop concert and the spring and fall plays will also be covered in this section.

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Facademics

covers all of our administration and faculty here at Dondero. This section shows what it is like in the classrooms, around the halls, and in the office. The wonderful yellow chairs in the library and the helpful learning center are also included.



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Seniors

is one of the most memorable sections. On these pages you will find senior quotes, homecoming court, mock elections, outstanding seniors and class officers. There are also features such as best friends and unique fashions.



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Underclassmen

covers the juniors, sophomores and freshmen. Included are class officers for all three classes, many surveys, class favorites, and of course mugs. Some freshmen sports are also included.

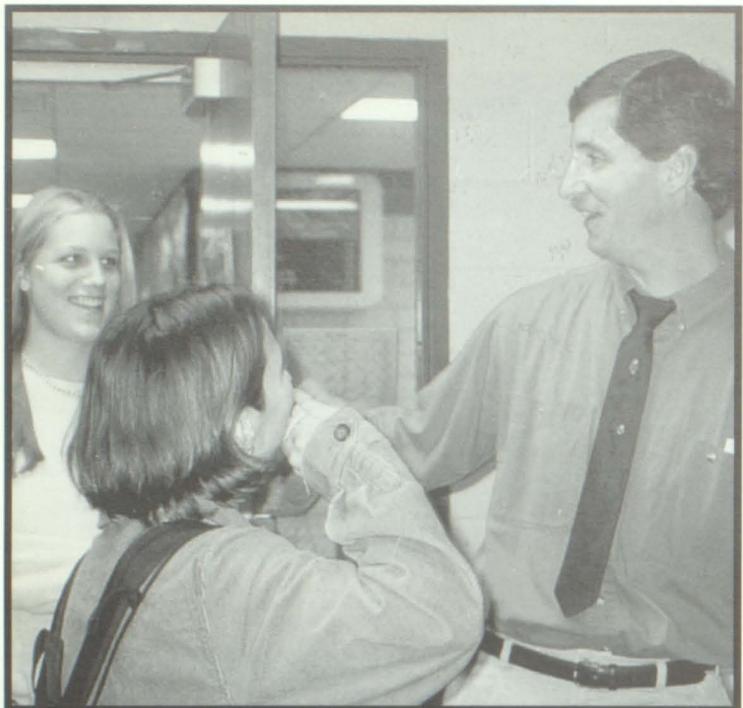


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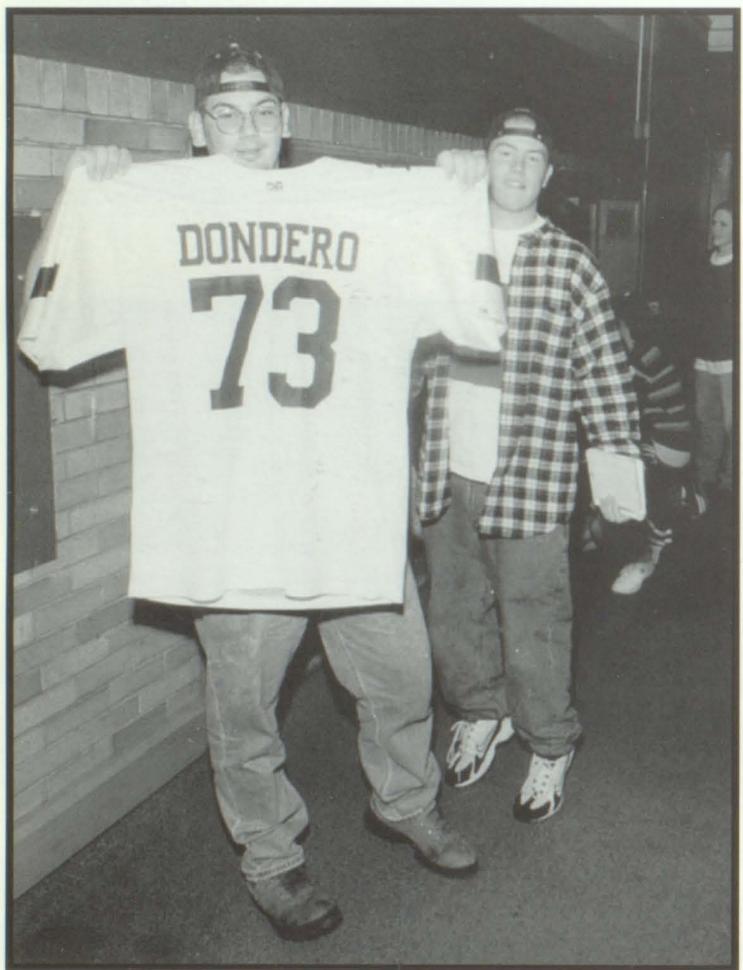
includes senior baby pictures, business ads, the index and the Oak staff page. We would like to thank all the parents, clubs and businesses that supported the 97' Oak.

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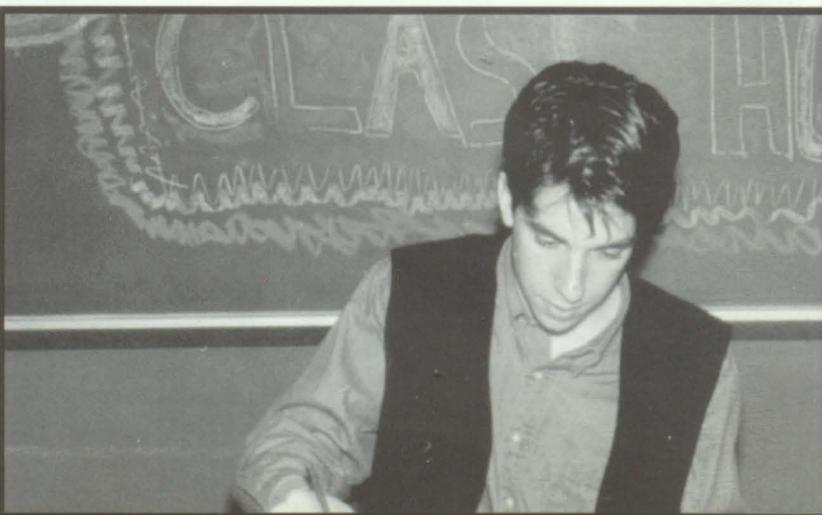
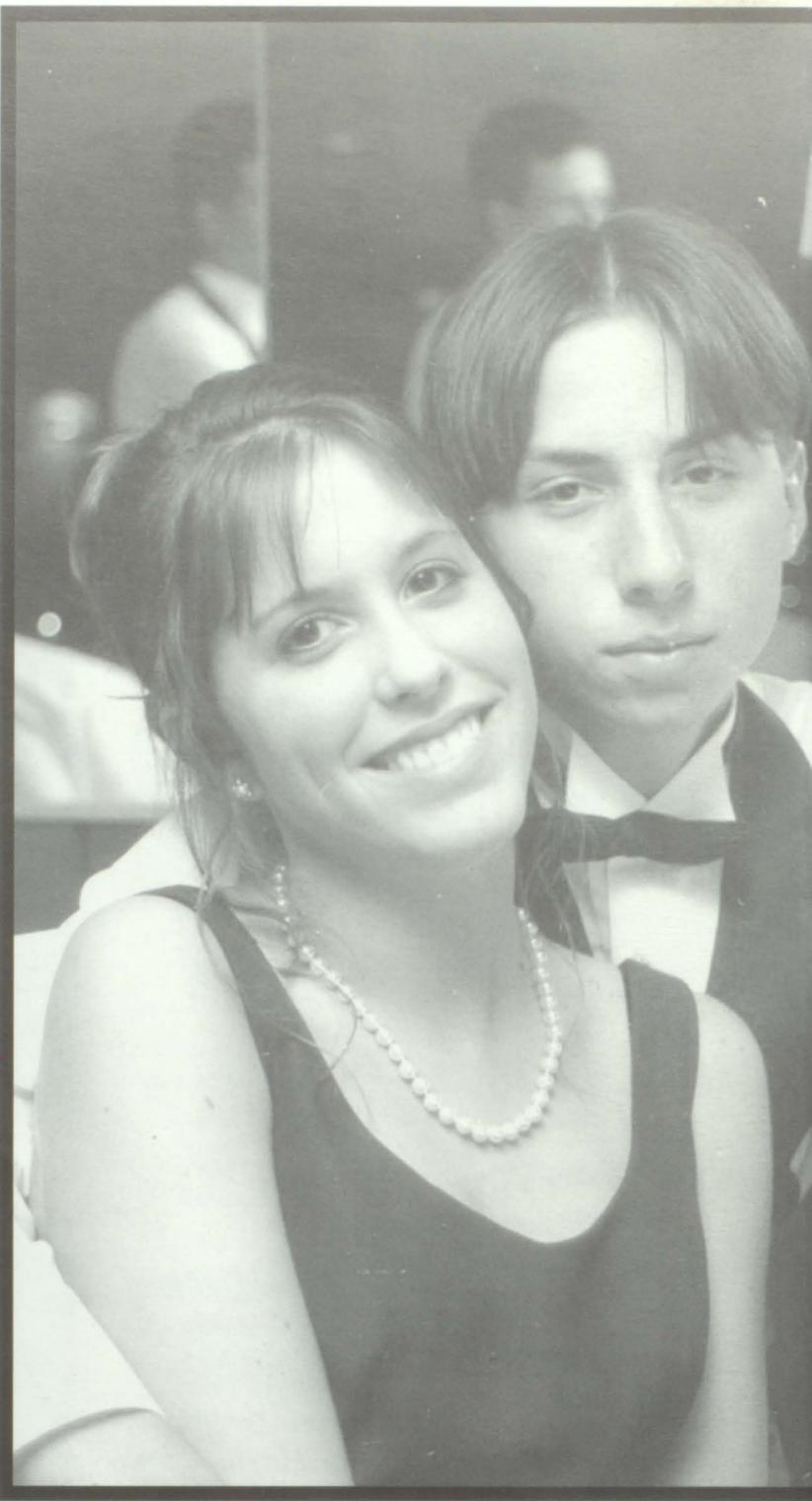


Above: Our lovable hall guard Francis, tries to bust Tanya Alter (98) and Megan Jones (00).

Right: Seniors Michelle Gregory and Matt Affeld sit this dance out and get a little closer. As a class officer, Michelle was required to attend Prom '96 at Gino's Surf.



Above: Dominic DeLuca (97) proudly displays his varsity jersey as Matt Dressler (99) tries to get himself into the yearbook. Right: Senior Class President Mike Brown is busy making arrangements for homecoming.



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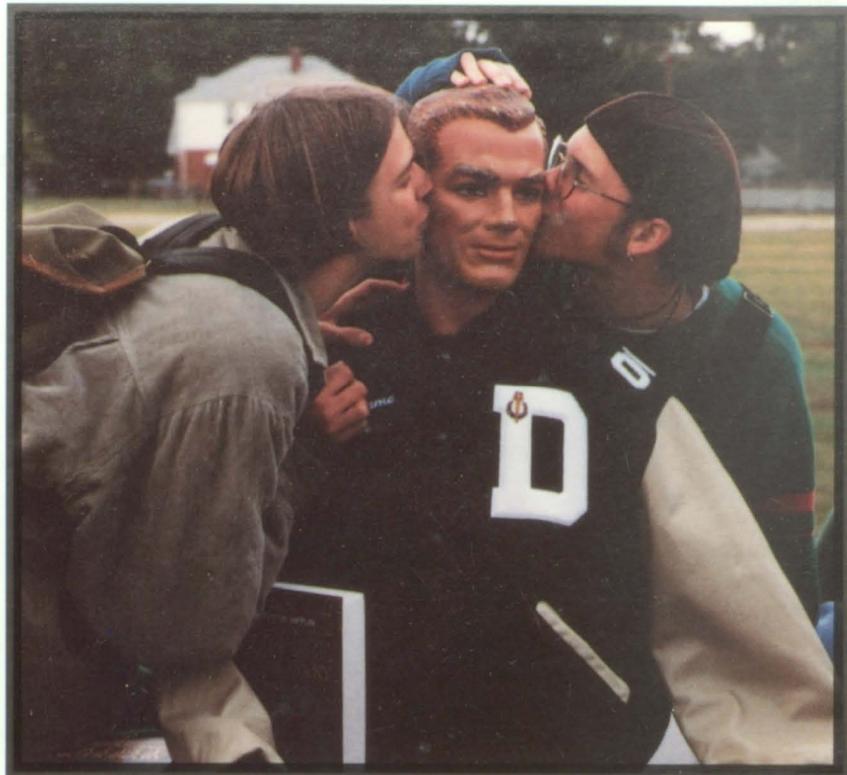
Alanis Morisette's Jagged Little Pill sold over thirteen million copies.

Madonna had her baby. A nine pound baby girl named Lourdes Maria Cicconi.



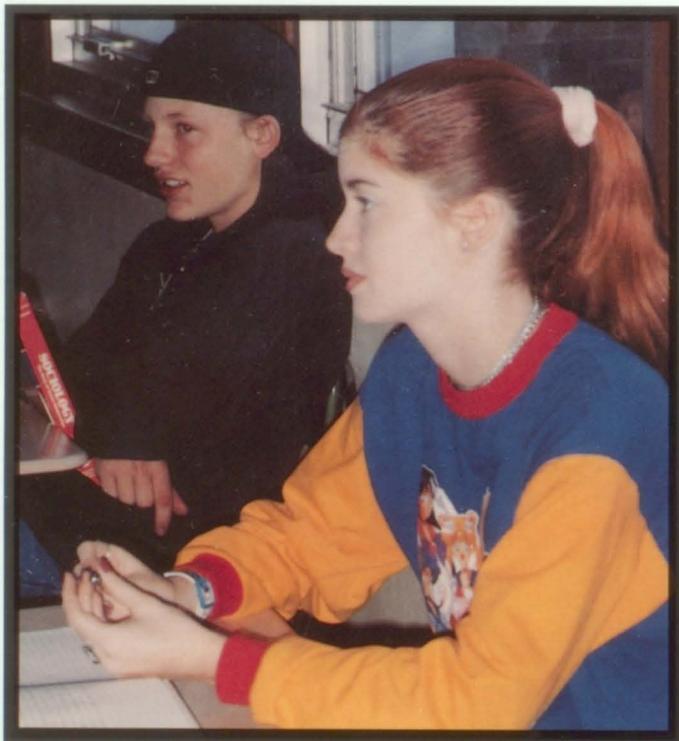
Above: Photographer for the Acorn, senior Sarah Schmidlin figures out which film to use for the October issue.
Left: Senior Bobby Grant and freshman Brigitte Peter-Lawsh take a break from their busy Senate work.

How We Move



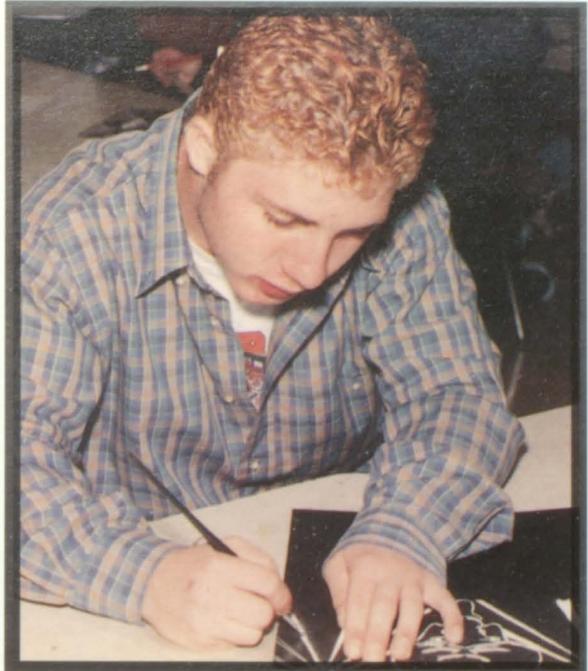
Above: Josh Gapes (97) and Brian White (97) show a dummy displaying a varsity jacket their affection.

Above left: German instructor, Herr Weathers, shares a little culture with his class.

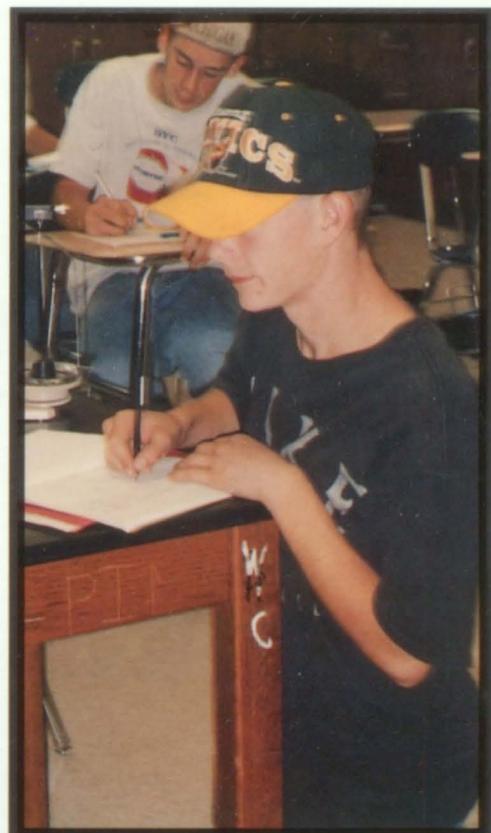


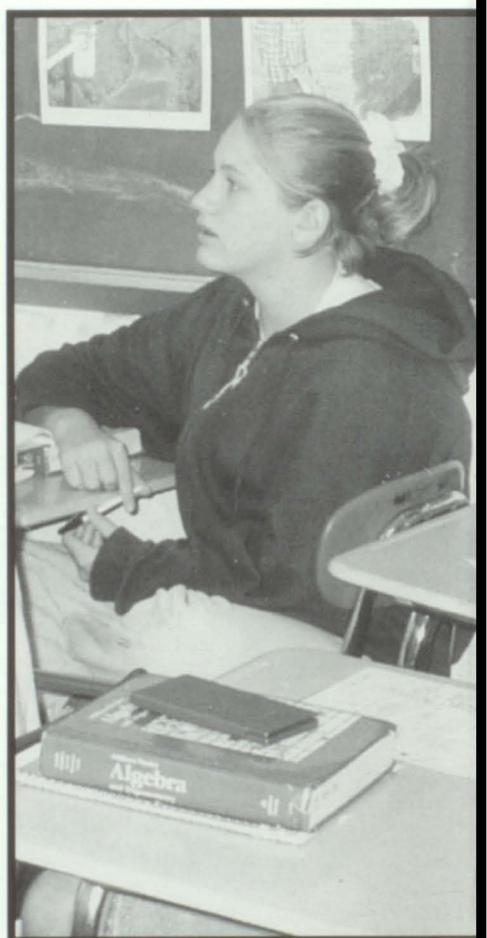
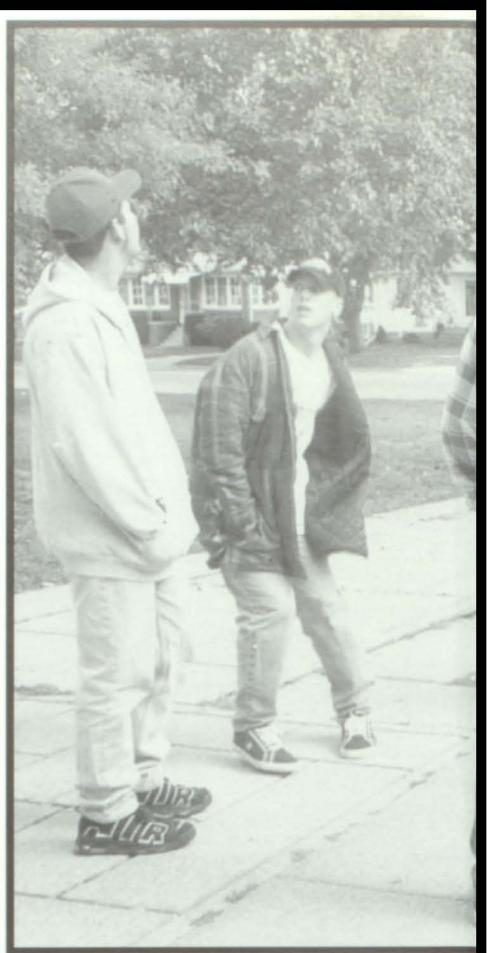
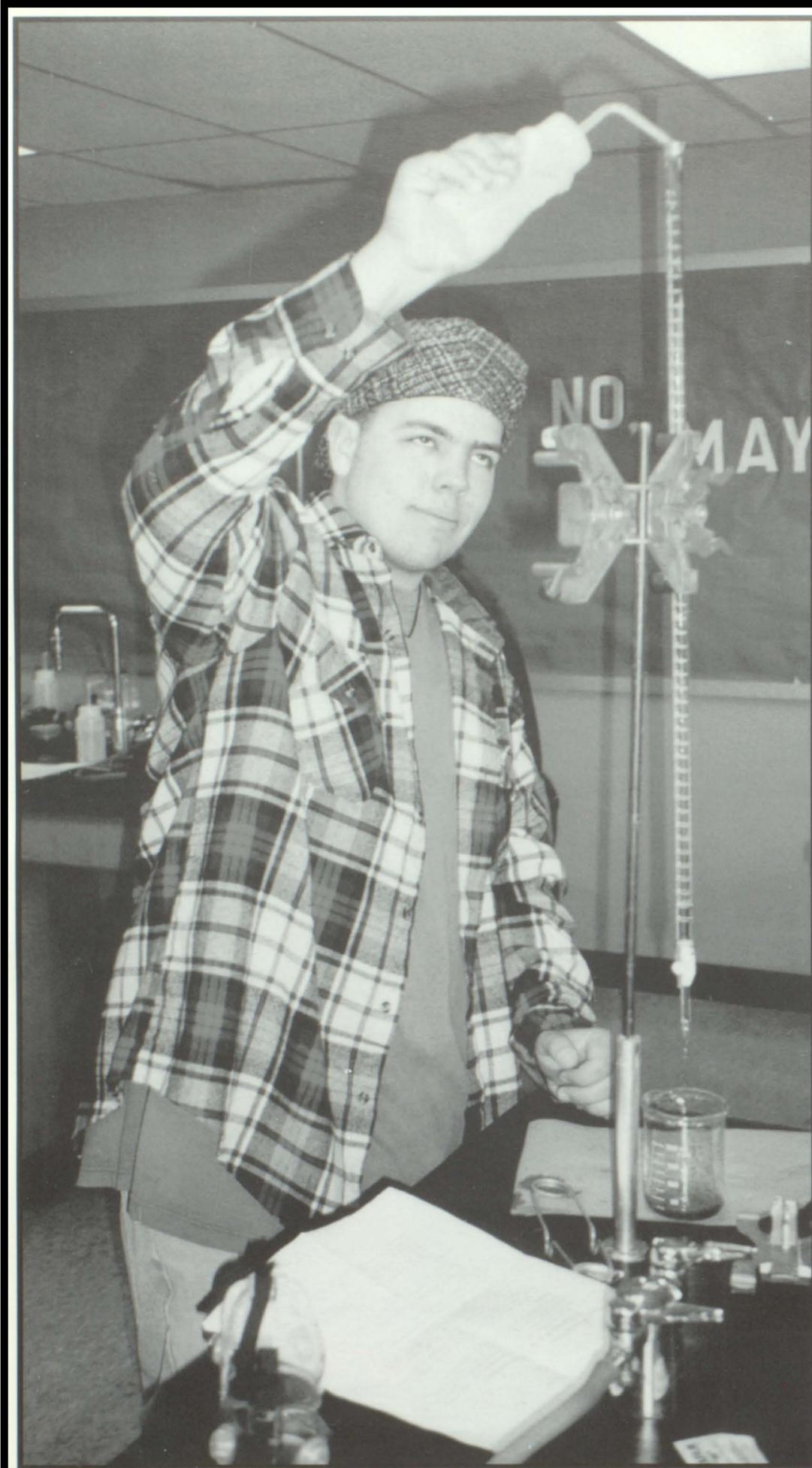
Above: Mr. Schultz has the attention of two of his sociology students — Courtney Sheedy (97) and Matt Cavanaugh (98).
Right: Katherine Cooney (00) concentrates on her music in orchestra.





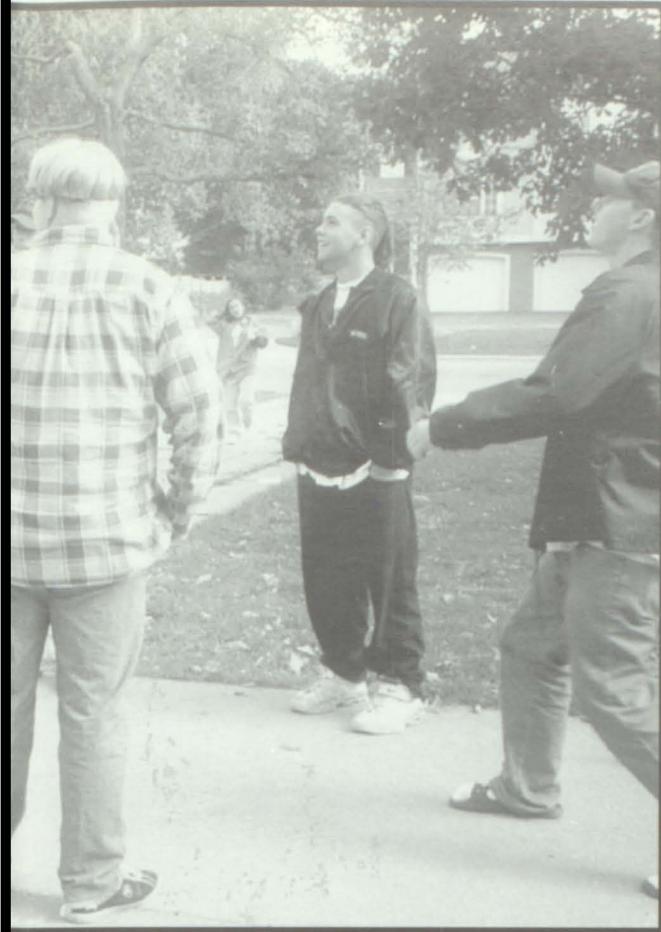
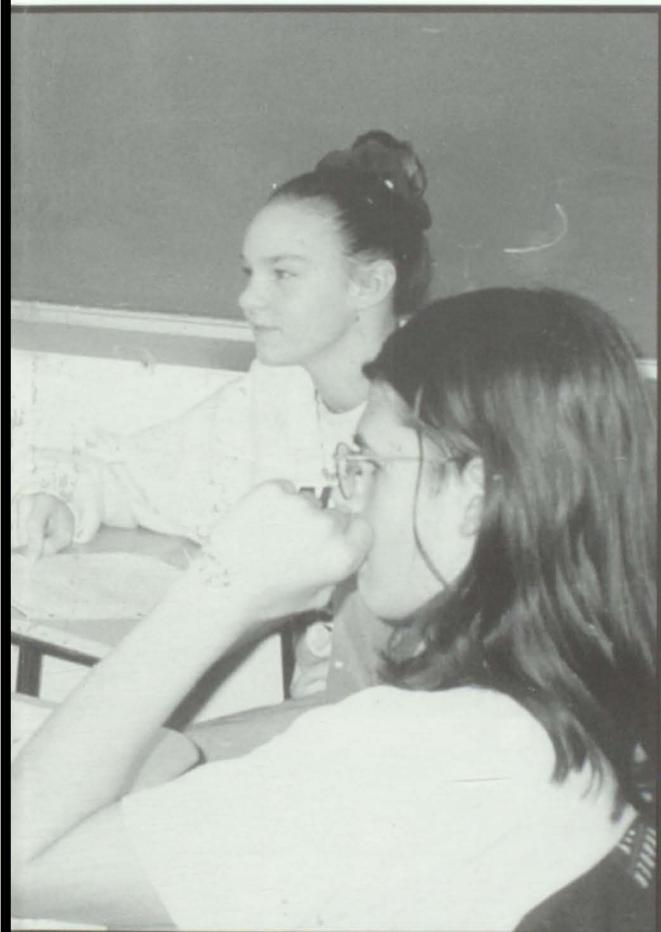
Left: Dave Lewis (97) scratches out a picture in Mr. Horn's art class. Below: Dave McCave (00) knows it is important to get his lab perfect.

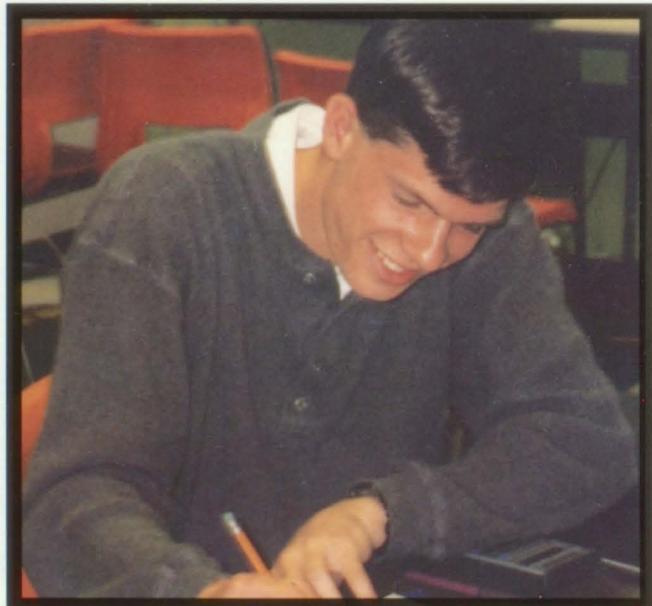
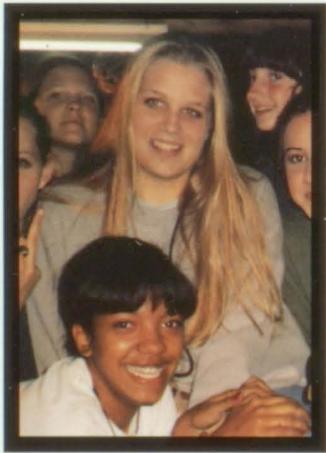


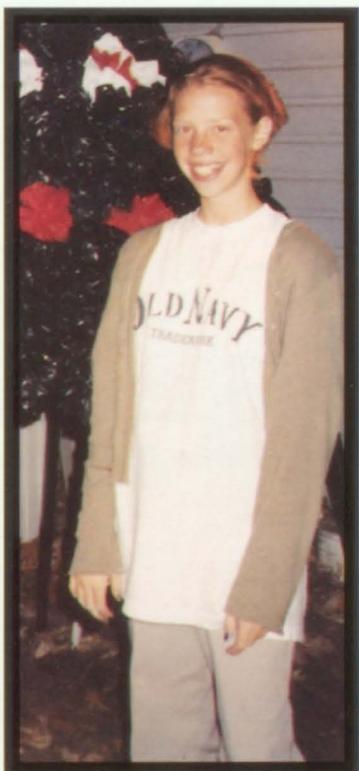
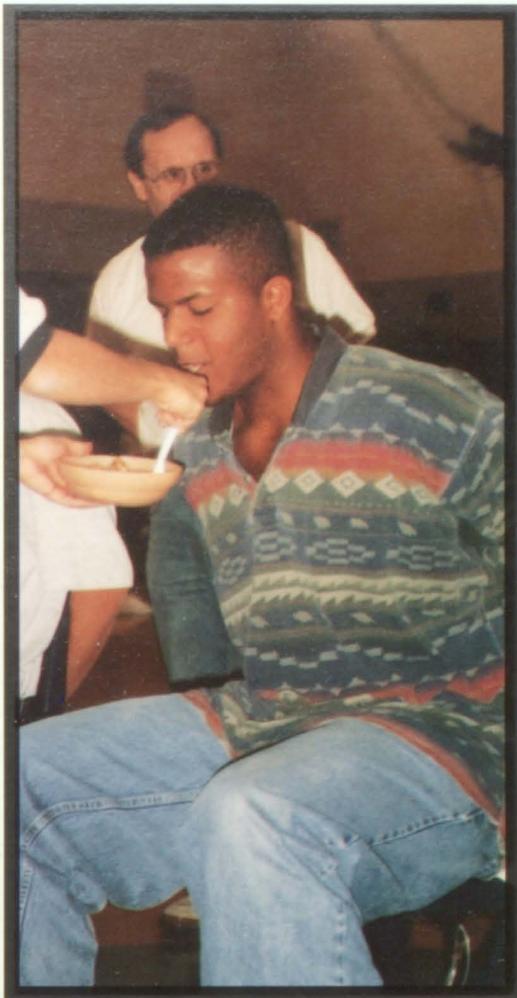
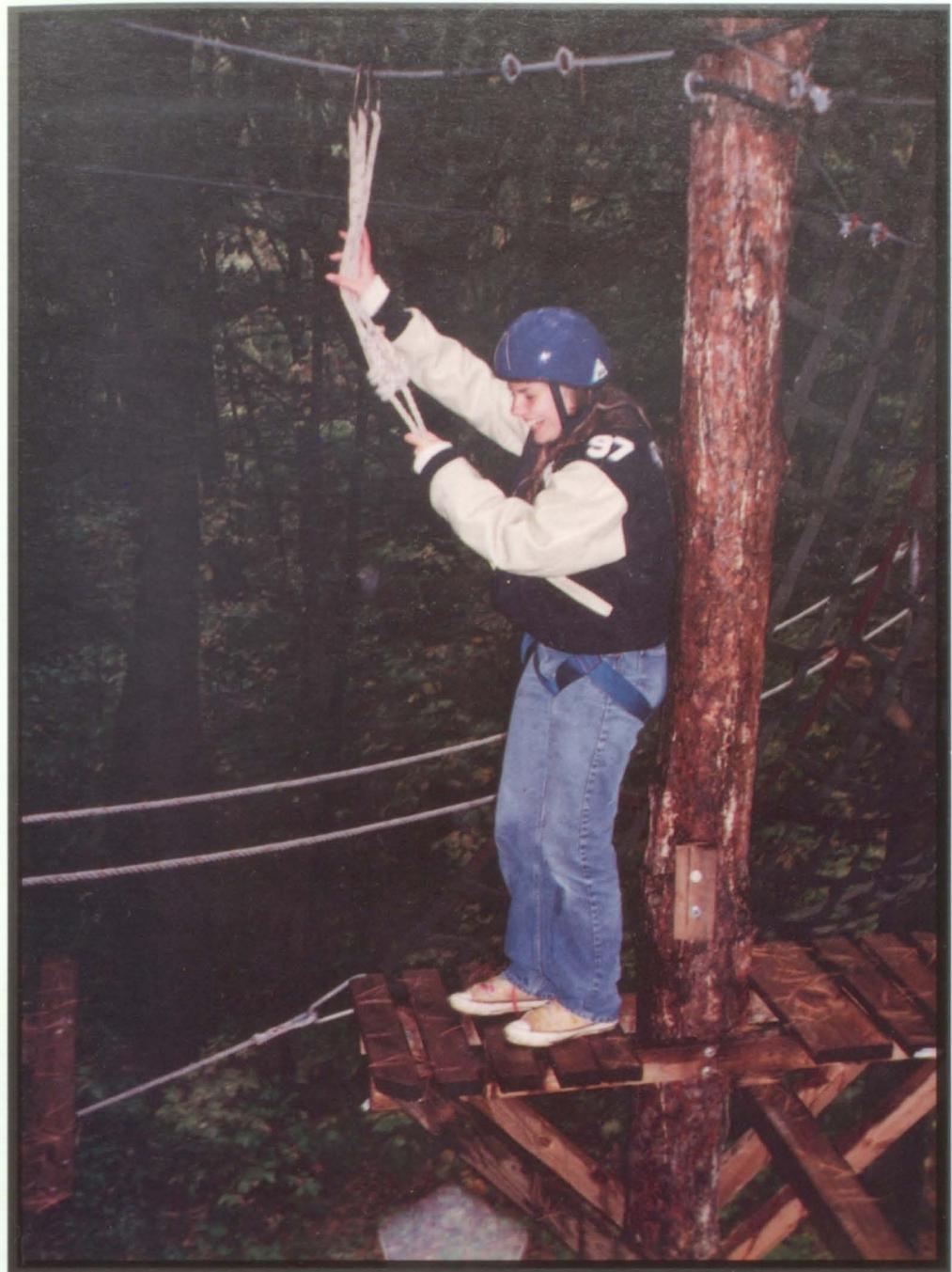


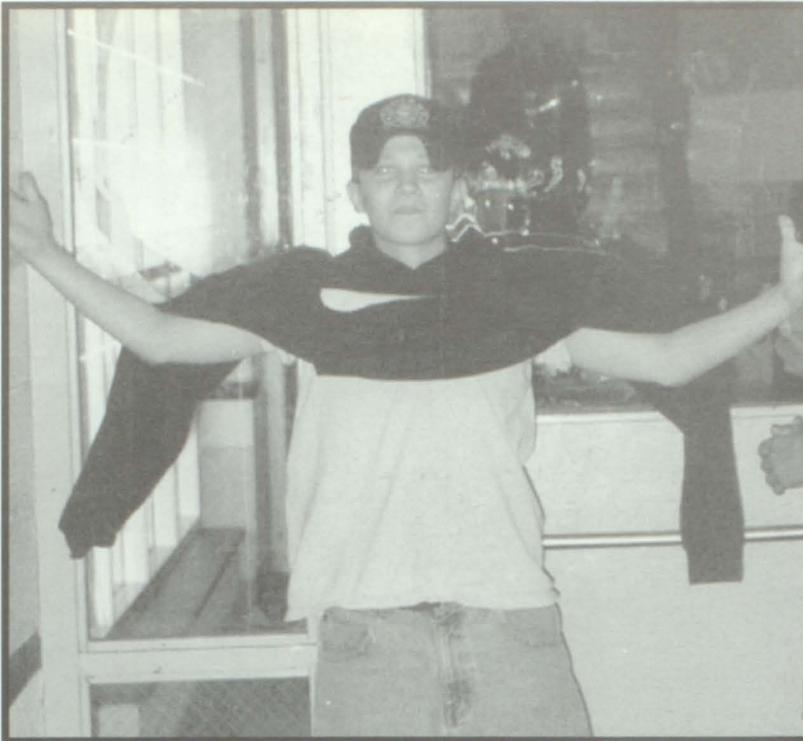
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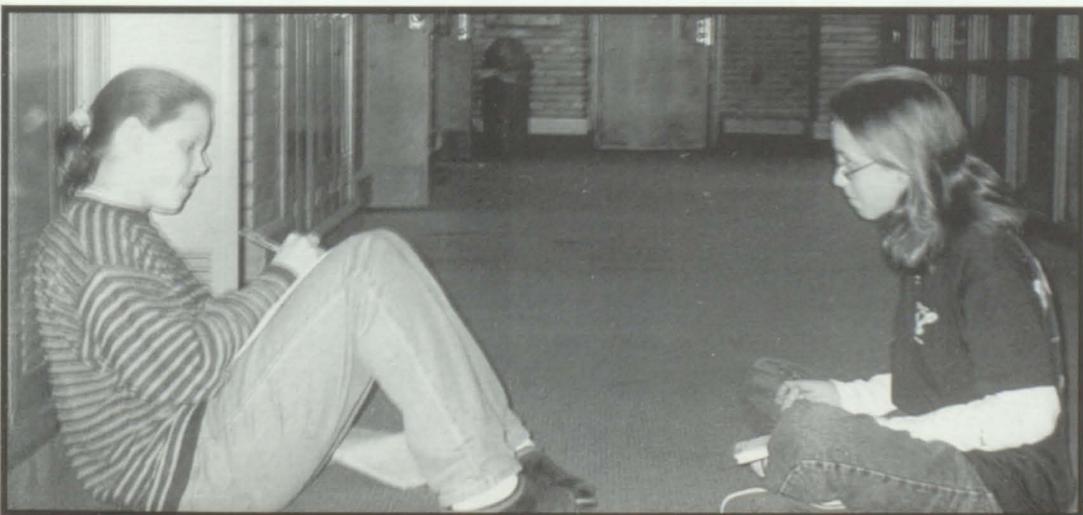
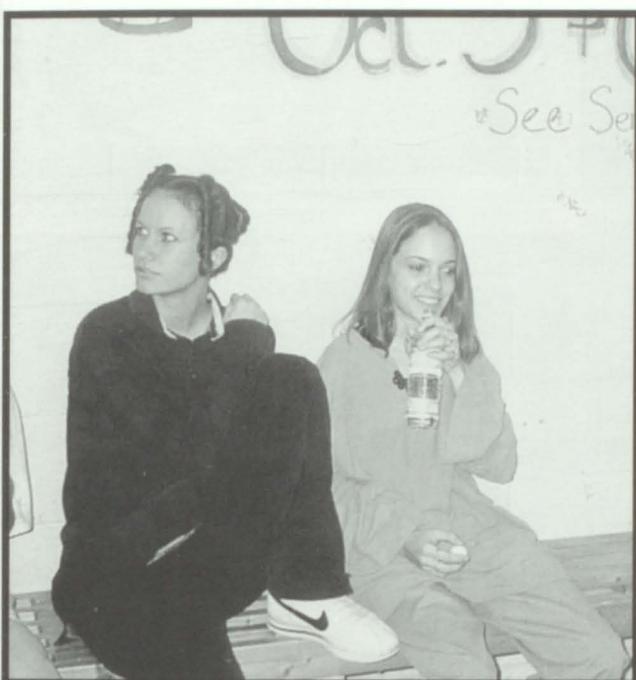
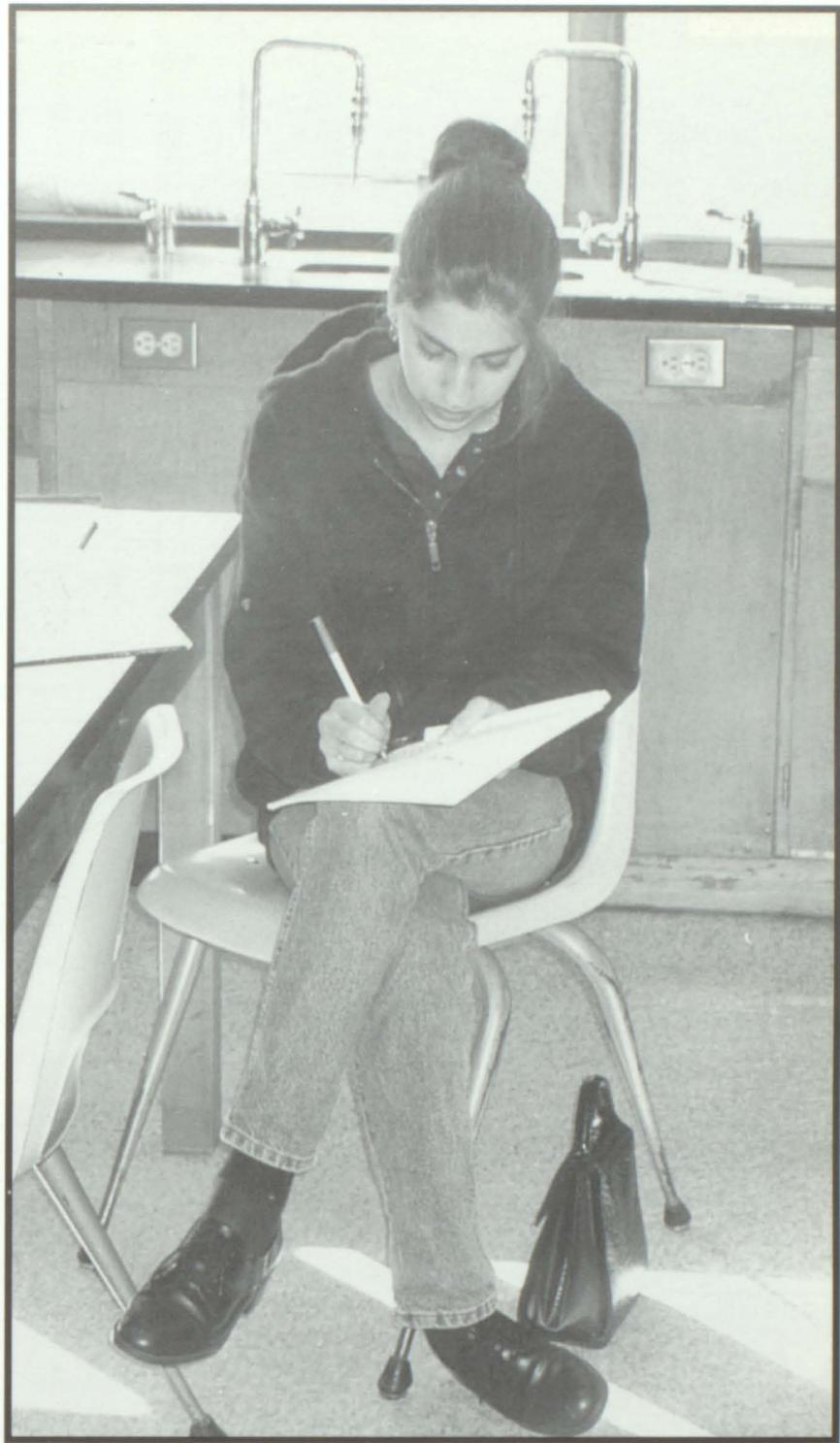
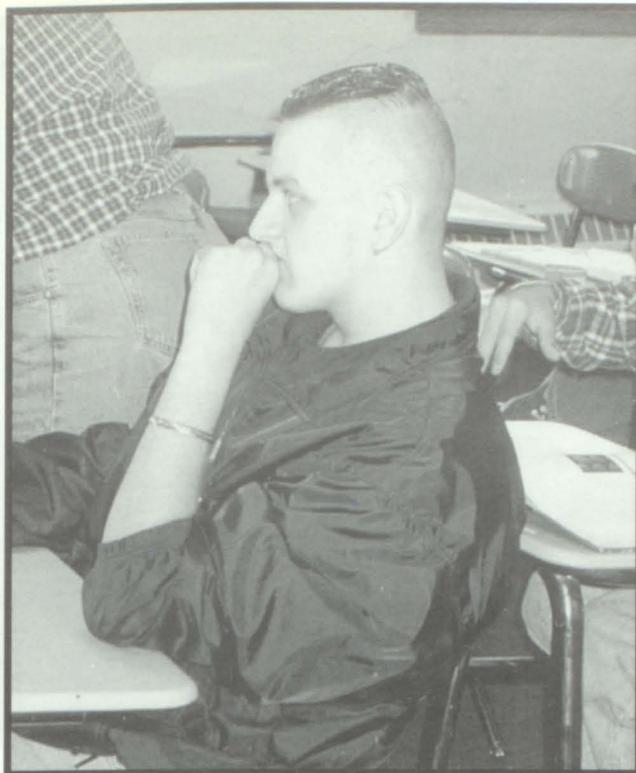
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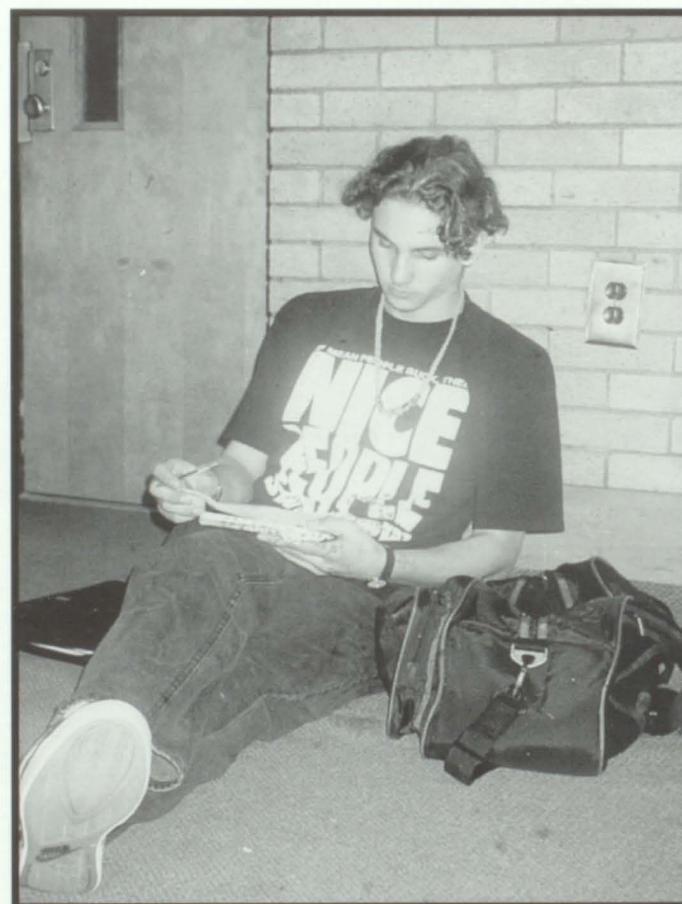
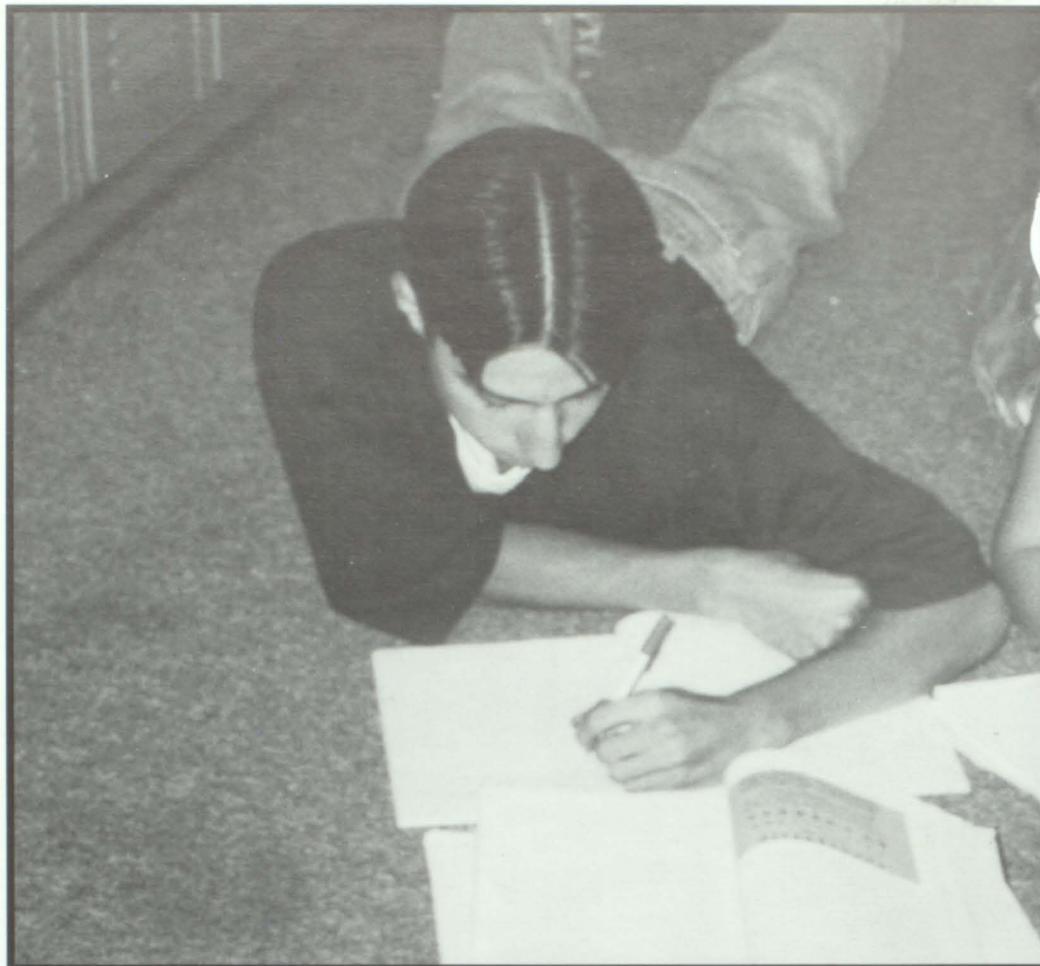


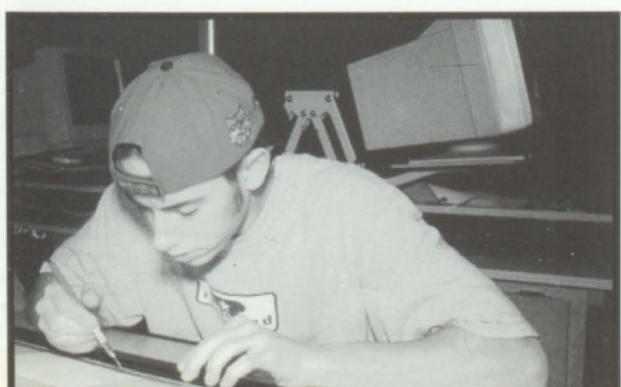
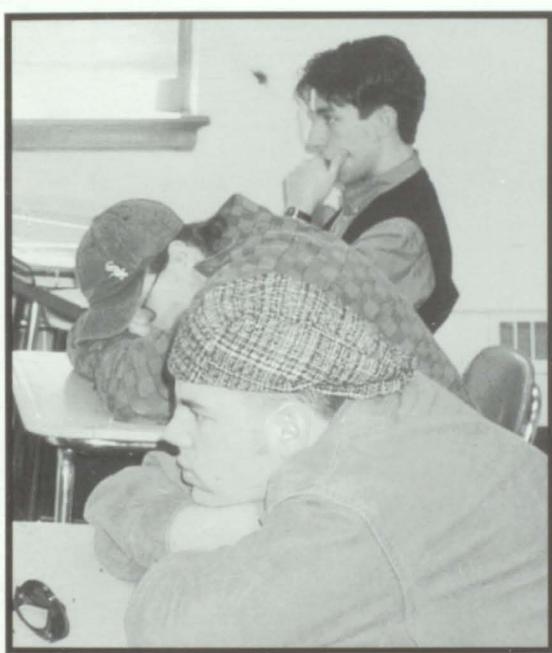














Rhonda Delaney and Adam McFall

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Section by: Jenny Barger and Adrienne Scott



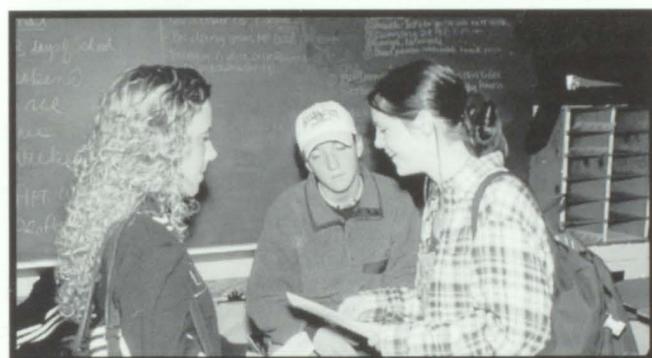
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Passing Time



Girls' Forestry Club



Senate



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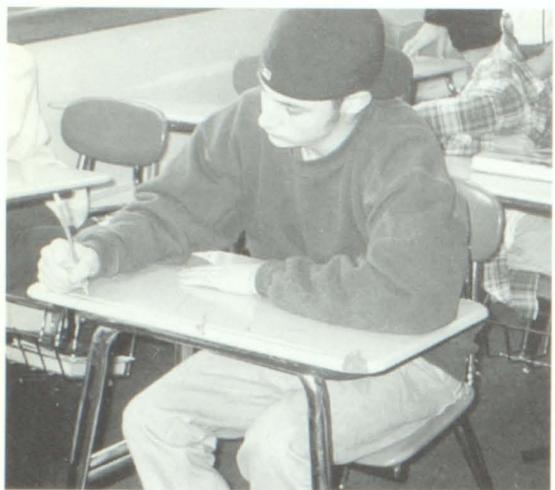
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Right: Senior, Traci Campbell and Juniors Candi Bauman and Jenni Park, enjoy an early lunch during 4th hour in the new commons.

Above: To pass time, Senior, Nate Cavanaugh adds his own design to the otherwise bland desk.



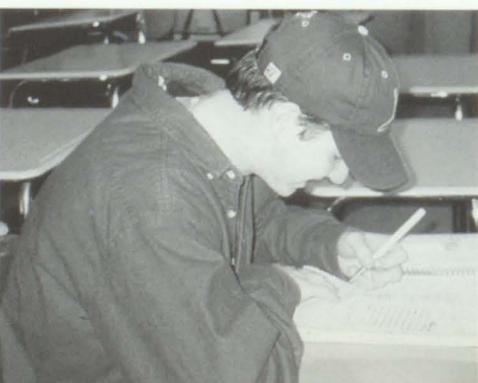
Below: Sophomore Chris Harris and Freshman John Lockman are just chillin' in the Media Center instead of working on their assignment.



Above: Amy Shepler, sophomore, concentrates on typing her paper in the 2nd floor Mac lab.



Right: Senior Dana Sizemore types away at the computer in an effort to finish before the bell.



Right: Senior Renn Moon smiles while writing "I Likes" in his 3rd hour communications class.

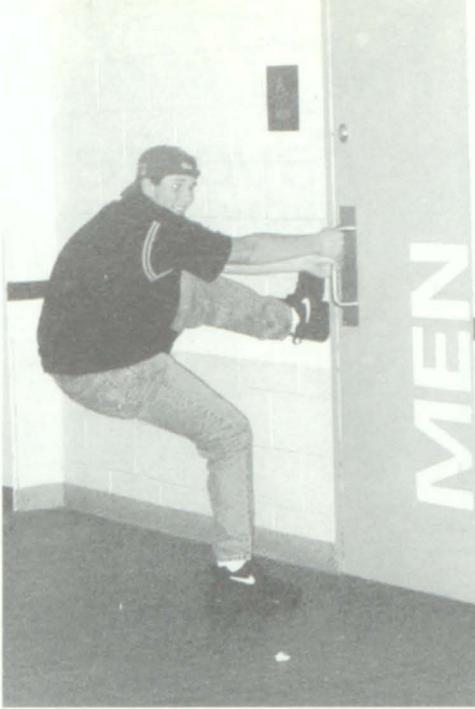


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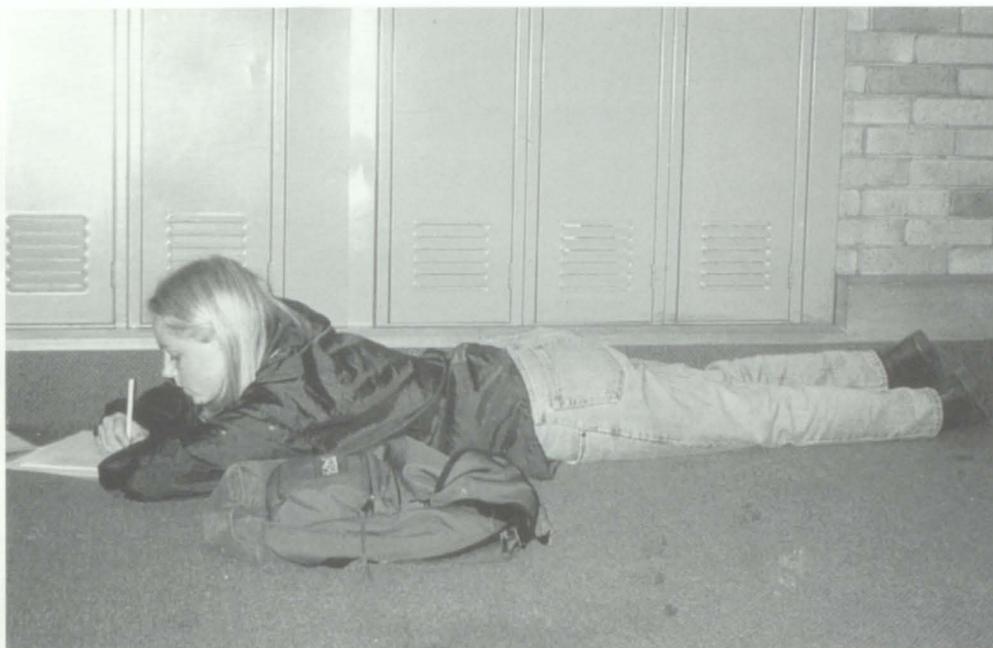
Though most students feel that their schedules are quite hectic, they all find time to relax. Whether it's fifteen of free time, or fifty-five minutes of independent study, people are fortunate enough to find ways to occupy their time. Some students feel time is best passed by sleeping, reading, talking to friends, working on homework, or various forms of meditation. For students who wish to leave the classroom, the Media Center, the new commons, and the hallways are a few places of choice. Others aren't content with remaining inside the school during their time off and leave campus. Popular places outside the school are McDonald's, Maxwell park, or their own home. Regardless of the place or reason, everybody finds ways to pass the time,



Above: Sophomore Kaili Rauf writes a fairy tale for her 4th hour Intermediate Composition class.



Above: Brian Anderson, junior, rushes to the restroom, but finds them locked due to smoking.



Above: Melissa Schwartz, sophomore, likes to lie down while doing her homework in the hallway 4th hour. Below: Freshman Andy Duvall glances over his assignment while sitting in the comfy yellow chairs.



Above: Senior Wendi Ward takes a minute out of her busy schedule to sit down and read a magazine. Left: Rachel Schumaker, sophomore, looks over her paper one final time before turning it in.



So What Do You Think of Dondero?

Favorite Class

Art

Gym

Choir

Composition

United States History

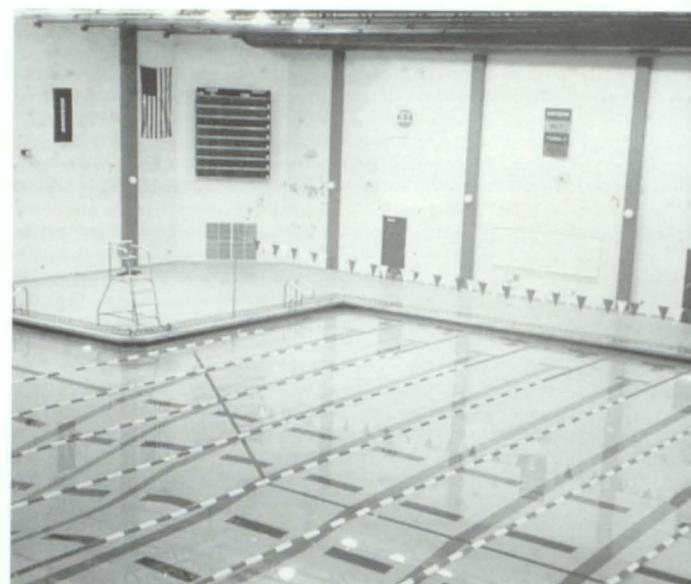
American Lit and the Arts

Favorite Thing About Dondero

— Students respect each other

— It's History

— The new commons area and the pool

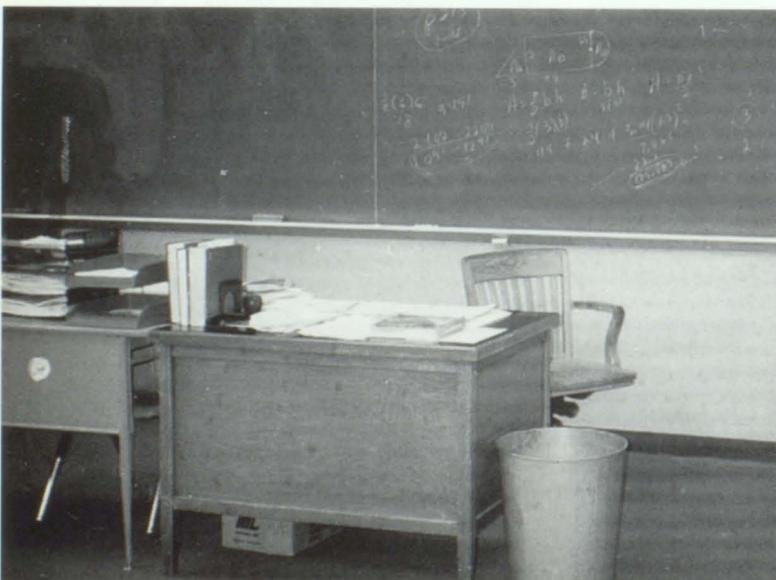


Biggest Complaint About School

— Smoking in the bathrooms

— Decorators are stuck in the 70's

— Close campus lunches



Food You Won't Touch In Dondero's Cafeteria

— Pizza

— Taco Bell

— Hamburgers

— Hotdogs

— Anything with sauce

Best Excuse to Get Out of Class

- "My father's having a baby!"
- "My hair hurts!"



Best Dondero Myths

— 4th Floor

- Elevator passes
- Fraggles live in the basement
- Freshman Friday



Favorite Excuse For Being Late

- "Aliens kept me awake all night."
- "Jimmy Hofs stopped me in the hall."
- "My locker tried to eat my fingers."

Most Disgusting Thing Ever Found In Your Locker

- A year old ham sandwich
- Smelly old gym socks
- A bottle of pop that was so old it lost its color

After Hours

The student life section not only covers school activities such as drama club and academics, but the many other aspects of a student's life. After school, students do a variety of different things such as after school sports, work, or just hanging out. Seniors Lisa Brzezinski and Kate Hannah not only have to battle with homework after school but they also have to give their all on volleyball court along with the rest of the volleyball team. All other students at Dondero seem to have the same problem with juggling school, work, and a social life, but the students always seem to cope.



Seniors Josh Sheppard and Rory Mallon hang out after a long day at school.



Juniors Carrie Presson, Sarah Miller, and senior Sara Bentley act a little silly after colorguard one Monday Night.



Sophomore Roy Laferte grabs a snack from the fridge to fight off the hunger from a hard day's work.



Sophomore Tim King practices his golf swing at an after school practice at Normandy Oaks Golf Course.



Seniors Mark Altman, Karen Maylone, and junior Ian Krist rehearse for "Sabriba Fair" in the auditorium.



Junior Emily Voorhees lightens the tension before the big meet as Coach Schurig gives a pep talk.



Seniors Jenny Basse, Sarah Schmidlin, and Thea Beemer smile for the camera during choir practice.

Exploring Foreign Languages

Many students found that by combining extracurricular activities with their studies, they not only learned more but also had fun. What better way to have fun than to join a foreign language club?

The German Club took their annual trip to Frankenmuth. They also had their annual gummi bear and advent calender sale. This year the French Club took a few field trips and had their annual Bon Bon sale. The Spanish Club spent the 1996-97 school year enjoying Spanish parties, candy, and tradition.



Senior Michelle Davis carries the Spanish Club banner while showing her club spirit.



Mrs. Sauers French class jumps in front of the camera for a goofy shot after a few performances of some French skits.



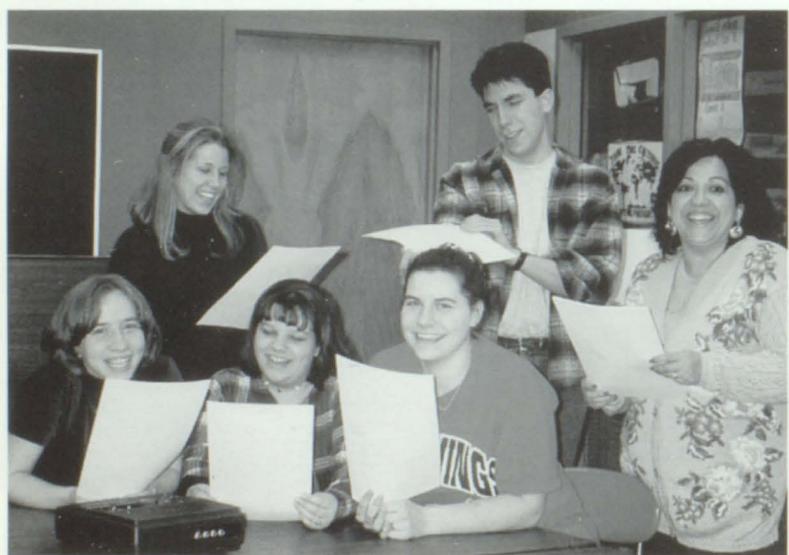
Mrs. Sauer and some foreign language students enjoy some good food at LaFondue in Royal Oak.



Herr Weathers, John Ede, and Dzenana Kurtovic sell gummi bears at the tailgate party before a football game one Friday night.



Mrs. Arribas and some Spanish club members whip up some Spanish goodies in the kitchen.



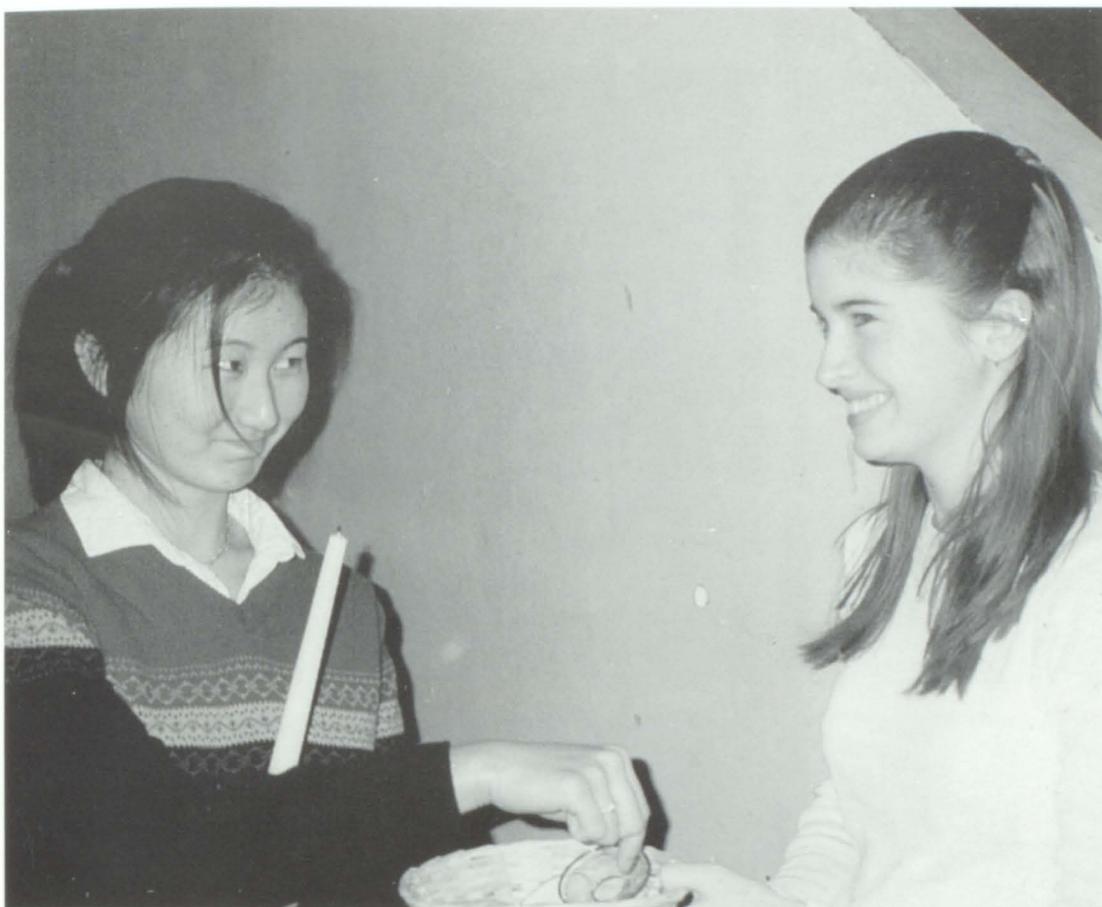
Mrs. Arribas leads the Spanish students in Christmas carols to get into the holiday season.



Herr Weathers enjoys good food and good company at a joint outing with all the foreign language clubs.



The 1996-97 members of the National Honor Society.



Senior Courtney Sheedy passes Junior Michelle Chen a candle holder as Michelle gets ready to be inducted into the 1996-97 NHS.

Headed For the Future

Representing the brightest achievers here at Dondero are the National Honor Society and Business Professional of America. To be eligibles for NHS, students must have a 3.2 G.P.A., demonstrate leadership qualities, and be involved in community service. Here at Dondero the NHS works in the homework place, math lab, and tutoring jr. high students after school. This year BPA had a lot of fun, activity, and travel. In March BPA went to a conference at the Westin Hotel and they also had their annual Poinsettia sale for Christmas.



Junior Janine Steele says heck with holding the banner, why not use it as a blanket to keep warm?



BPA advisors Mrs. Derminer, Mrs. Brewer, and Mrs. Marek throw in a few suggestions at this weeks meeting.



The members of the Dondero chapter of NHS sign up for a few of the service projects that pop up during the year.



BPA officers junior Rachel Davis and Seniors Mike Wiluz and Matt Riggs look for guidance from BPA advisors at their meeting during lunch.

Dondero's Brightest Challenge The Boundaries of Knowledge

For the students who felt a need for a challenge far beyond Dondero's difficult scholastic demand there is the intellectual challenge of Quizbowl and MUN. In Quizbowl students practiced every Monday and soon found that their hard work, practice, and stressful competition began feeding their hunger for knowledge. In practice and competition, students responded by buzzing in when they knew the answer. Questions pertained to current events, math, social sciences, music, law, and sports. Junior Sarah West said, "Quizbowl meets and practices are a place to go and not be ashamed to be a braniac."

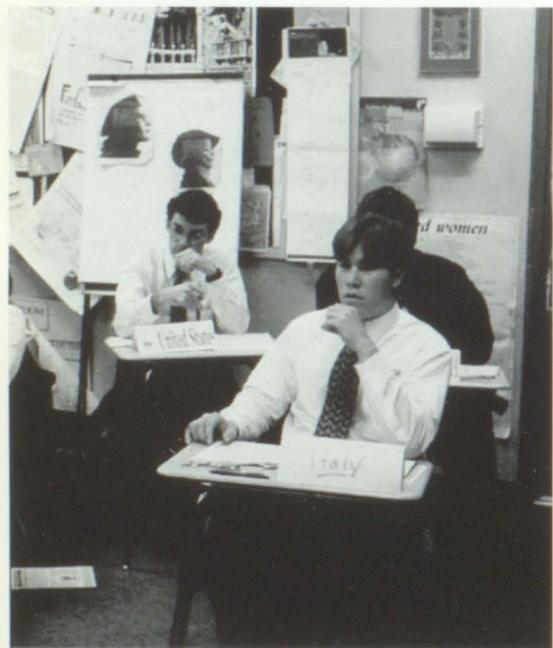
Also at Dondero we have the Model United Nations or DMUN. The purpose of the Dondero Model United Nations is to foster a spirit for a peaceful global community through an increased knowledge of and participation in activities of government, geography, law, culture, and social systems.



The 1996-1997 Model United Nations Members. D. Giroux, A. Shaw, K. Porter, M. Zuyeva, E. Rogers, L. Bonscour, J. Coen, J. Maroni, C. Somers, A. Steele, M. Beebe, B. Zuber, S. Chisnell, S. Sou, J. Carlson, J. Kendall, J. Tharp, J. Bairley, not pictured J. Thompson, J. Collom, E. Voorhees, A. Aldenbrand.



The 1996-1997 Quizbowl Team. K. Aulph, E. Bundo, S. Sou, K. McKenzie, J. Coen, S. West, M. Altman, V. Langdorf, E. Voorhees, J. Champange, J. Kelly, M. Parush.



Junior David Giroux and other delegates from other schools try to come to a compromise on solutions to the world's problems at the DMUN Conference.



Junior Socheat Sou, Jim Kelly, and Jessy Coen get ready to buzz in with the correct answers during the weekly Quizbowl meeting.

Creativity Shows Through

Small in size, but overflowing with fun, Photography Club members enjoy various field trips, plus the opportunity to learn film and picture developing. All this while perfecting their skill of seeking out and taking creative and interesting photographs. Adventures with the club included trips to Cranbrook, Yates Cider Mill, Greektown and developing film and pictures in the schools darkroom. Advisors Kevin Walsh and Coach Steele got students started and set the activities into action, while veteran members Sarah Schmidlin and Adrienne Scott were able to answer questions and guide members in the Darkroom.

In Art Club any member was able to use materials to express their creative genius. Students didn't need any amount of talent to join Art Club, just the will to express themselves through art. This year was Mr. Horn's last year at Dondero. Everyone wants to wish Mr. Horn the best of luck with his retirement.



Photography Club stops for a minute to pose for a group shot at Yates Cider Mill. S. Schmidlin, L. Walsh, Z. Reed, A. Parmenter, E. Blumer, A. Scott, C. Steele, K. Walsh.



The 1996-97 Dondero Art Club. K. Porter, L. Mayer, E. Wood, H. Zenesky, E. Stone, X. Taganova, P. Banker, E. Blumer, M. Mannella, V. Horn, A. Finley.



Sophomore Emily Wood glances up after giving sophomore Kelly Porter a few pointers on her art project.



Senior Sarah Schmidlin uses the photo enlarger in Dondero's darkroom.



Mr. Horn and Evynne Blumer fight over the possession of the black board eraser.

Sweatin' Through the Deadlines

The official school newspaper, the Acorn, had a successful year with advisor Ms. Maudlin, editor-in-chief and computer manager, Chris Rozman and assistant editor, Jessy Coen. Acorn's main goal is to inform the student population of current and past events at and around Dondero. The Acorn also serves as a forum for students to express their opinions about school events and activities.

The 96-97 Oak staff has worked many long and hard hours to put together the best possible yearbook. Under the leadership of advisor Mrs. Schultheiss, editor-in-chief Sara Ward, and copy editor Jennifer Matthews the yearbook staff charged through what seemed like endless deadlines and continuous responsibility.

Genesis, Dondero's creative writing magazine, is published once a year in June. Every year they hold a contest in search of short stories, essays, photography, and art work. It is the perfect opportunity to express yourself. This year's co-editors were Karen Maylone and Sarah Schmidlin and Mr. Walsh advisor.



The 1996-1997 Oak Staff: R. Orr, S. Schmidlin, L. Covell, M. VanDoorn, L. Brzezinski, C. Friedrick, C. Osbourne, J. Matthews, M. Baccus, M. McCave, J. Barger, J. Brilla, J. Schultheiss, S. Ward.



The 1997 Genesis Staff: S. Schmidlin, J. Grapes, W. Crewdson, J. Basse, P. Harlan, T. Parmentier, B. Carlson, S. Boerkel, J. Westenberg, L. Hutzley, K. Maylone, T. Beemer, S. Stanton, and not pictured: K. Vickers, and L. Mitchell.



The 1996-1997 Acorn Staff: D. Bos, C. Somers, N. Pauck, M. Day, D. Lewis, K. Vickers, C. Rozman, M. Pelker, B. Grant, M. Moran, M. Reilly, L. Moore, A. Maudlin, J. Coen, S. Schmidlin, J. Smolinski, V. Deluca.



Senior Josh Grapes gives Senior Jenny Basse advice on the title of her short story.



Senior Kate Vickers sorts through some papers to find an interview she did last week.



Junior Melissa Baccus and Senior Emily Bell sort through some sports pictures to find just the right ones.



Seniors Sarah Schmidlin and Karen Maylone and advisor Mr. Walsh argue over which pieces of art should go in this years magazine.



Seniors Lisa Moore, Bobby Grant, Don Bos, and Darin Lewis discuss some new ideas for stories to put in this months Acorn.



Seniors Lisa Moore and Don Bos talk awhile before the Acorn meeting begins.

Rollin' Down The Slopes

The ski club had a very active year. They went to Park City, Utah and took many trips on Fridays afterschool to Mt. Holly. They had fundraisers to raise money for their Utah trip and were very successful.

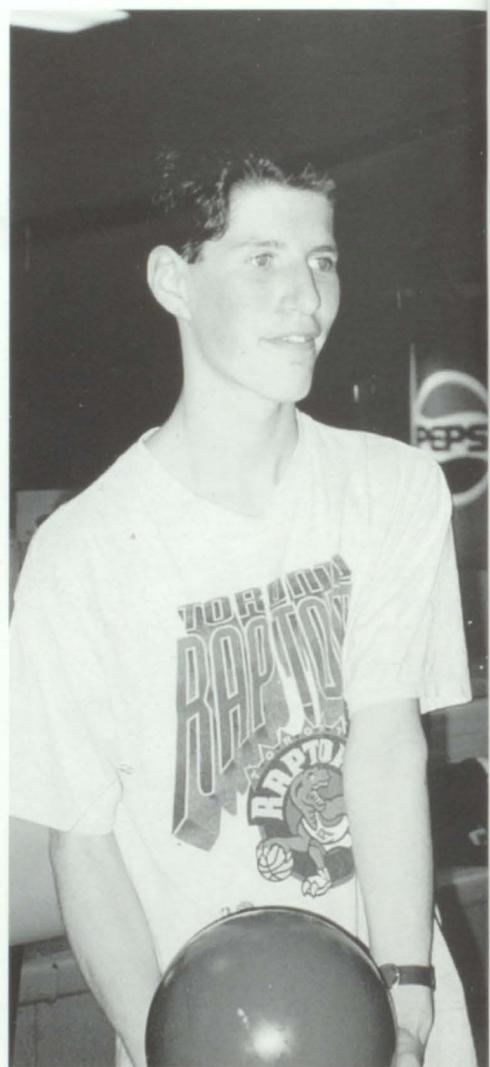
The Bowling Club also had a great year. Bowlers spent their time qualifying for the their tournament. Bowlers must have bowled three games and had top scores out of the students at Dondero. Dondero was able to send ten bowlers this year to the tournament.



Mr. Cicchini and Juniors Dave Giroux, Nick Eland, Jim Kelly, Senior Joel Nimety, Sophomore Josh Farr, Freshman Dylan Caddy, and a few others look down the road to see what's coming.



Junior Nick Eland shows his suave skiing techniques on the slopes in Utah.



Junior Pat Ostroth does a little showing off for the camera.



Junior James Pokorniki concentrates on the strategy for his next try at making a strike.

Sophomore Ben Eichhorn sets up to sail the ball down the lane for a strike.



The Boy's Forestry Club A. Lester, C. Adamczyk, D. DeLuca, R. Samhat, D. Rozman, P. Ostoth, K. Kidder, S. Lynch, J. Maroni, D. Giroux, M. Nole, S. Sou, J. Kelly, J. Smolinski, J. Champagne, J. Thompson.



The Girl's Forestry Club officers Junior Lara Pierce, Autumn Kniel, and senior Lisa Moore tell the club members about the club activities coming up.

Boys, Girls, and Sports

The Boy's Forestry Club had lots planned for this year. They planned camping trips, trips to basketball games, adopting highways, and planting trees. During February the BFC had a camp-a-thon and they raised money for the South Oakland Shelter and also raised money for their trip to the Smokey Mountains during spring break.

The Girl's Forestry Club seemed to be quite active this year also. They went to a Piston's game with the BFC, went camping, and planned a canoeing trip with the BFC. Along with all these activities they planned a progressive dinner for a little club togetherness.

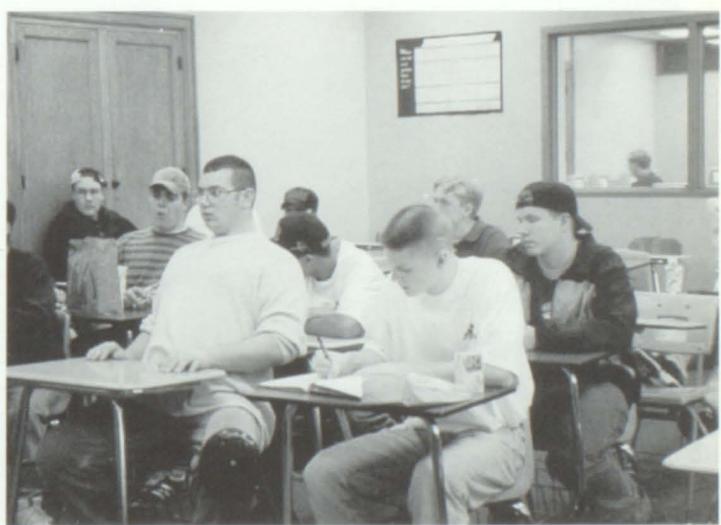
The Varsity Club isn't just a bunch of jocks, they are athletes, students, and they do a little for the community. This year they raised \$262 for Give-a-Christmas. They also give to numerous other charities and volunteer their time for community service.



Junior Lara Pierce and Katie VanGoethem laugh at something someone said at the GFC meeting.



The Varsity Club F. Kaiser, V. Humpherys, G. VanHagen, M. Wilusz, K. VanGoethem, S. Ward, J. Matthews, M. VanDoorn, D. Judge, M. Sou, A. Kneil, K. Klebba.



The members of BFC pay attention to Mr. Lynch as he talks about up coming events this month.

SADD and SFABT

Did you know that 8 teenagers a day die from drunk driving accidents in the U.S?

SADD or Students Against Driving Drunk is an organization that promotes awareness of the dangers of mixing alcohol and driving. The SADD chapter at Dondero had a much larger membership and as a result Junior Kristen Klebba said "We get more things accomplished."

In addition to SADD's annual "Red Week" and "Chain of Life", both which promote safety and sobriety, Dondero's SADD members were also involved in Peer Resistance training in the elementary schools.



Juniors Michelle Chen, Lori Torgerson, and Freshman Emily West work hard on putting the chain of life together.



Freshman Juile Bonscour, Paul Zuber and Eva Rogers carry the SFABT banner in the 1996 homecoming parade.

Another remarkable development SADD members were involved in, was setting up a hotline where teens could call for a ride home. As far as fundraisers, members sold Christmas Cards that not only raised money for SADD but also went to benefit M.A.E.D.C.



The 1996-97 Students for a Better Tomorrow. A. Maudlin, B. Raiden, E. Rogers, S. Sou, W. Ward, B. Zuber, M. Beebee, S. Grady, L. Pierce, M. Chen, M. Pelker, D. Drummond, and J. Somlinski.



The 1996-97 SADD Members. K. Dimeiner, K. Baldwin, E. Finlay, A. Hepner, A. Laster, D. Drummond, D. Judge, M. McLaren, F. Kaiser, E. Rogers, J. Bonscour, B. Barber, J. Matthews, R. Pritikin, B. Tinkham, P. Dean, A. Hickman, M. Sou, K. VanGoethem, F. Mudge, D. Bennet, B. Peter-Lawshe, A. Kneil, K. Vickers, M. Moran, and R. Grundy.



Juniors Denise Drummond and Lara Pierce get organized during the SFABT meeting.



Seniors Kim Bos and Dominic Deluca listen intently as someone in Senate brings up some good ideas.



Amy Shepler, Rachel Padgett, Beth Kennedy, Melissa Swartz, Dawn Figlan, and Briley Bowen head the Homecoming Parade with the Senate banner.

The leaders into the future

Student Senate started off the year bigger and better with an almost 50% increase in membership. Senate proved to be more active. At a leadership camp during the summer the officers learned new ways to get the student body involved. Class competitions, where members of each class earned points by going to sports activities, by winning the float competition, and all sorts of other class activities. But of course Senate still works hard on their annual programs, the canned food drive, blood drives, volleyball marathon, and focus hope.



Ken Muller, Jenny Trautmann and Amy Nassouri think about ideas they can bring up to the rest of the Senate.



The 96-97 Student Senate (left to right top to bottom). L. Streeter, E. Scott, J. Austin, N. Dixon, J. Palmer, A. McFall, T. Crank, R. Delaney, M. Dressler, S. Koski, B. Grant, S. Ward, D. Deluca, M. Zuyeva, A. Nassouri, E. Bell, S. Hanson, L. Ratio, K. Muller, M. Chen, L. Pierce, M. Klebba, R. Padgett, K. Bos, M. Parker, B. Kennedy, A. Shepler, T. Hood, L. Taurgerson, D. Figlan, A. Thompson, K. Klebba, K. Van-Goethem, L. Moore, A. Kniel, L. Bonscour, E. Rogers, C. Cunningham, M. Schwartz, B. Barber.

Careers

Working while going to Dondero is not an easy task. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication. Dondero students' jobs come in every shape and size. One job that some students have is a building Co-Op where they work with the rest of the Dondero staff to keep things running smoothly. Co-Op student have different jobs all over the school. Some students work in the Attendance Office; some students work in Mr. Barch's Office, the Athletic Office; and other students work in the Co-Op Office. A lot of students also put in many hours outside of school to earn their spending money. They work in a variety of places all over Royal Oak and other nearby cities. All of these students learn the responsibilities of working and the benefit of getting paid.



Senior Nicole McMullen works busily at her job in the Athletic Office during first hour.



Senior Sarah Morisette looks slightly bored while waiting for customers at Murry's Auto.



Senior Jeff Goodwin and his co-worker fool around after hours at Bruegger's.



Senior Lindsey Covell and Lauren Meier stop a second, from their busy day at Sunny Skies Day Care to take a picture.



Junior Corinne Vargo answers the phone as her co-worker jumps in the picture at KC's Place.



Junior Matt McCave cuts some bread for a customer at the Big Sky Bread Company.

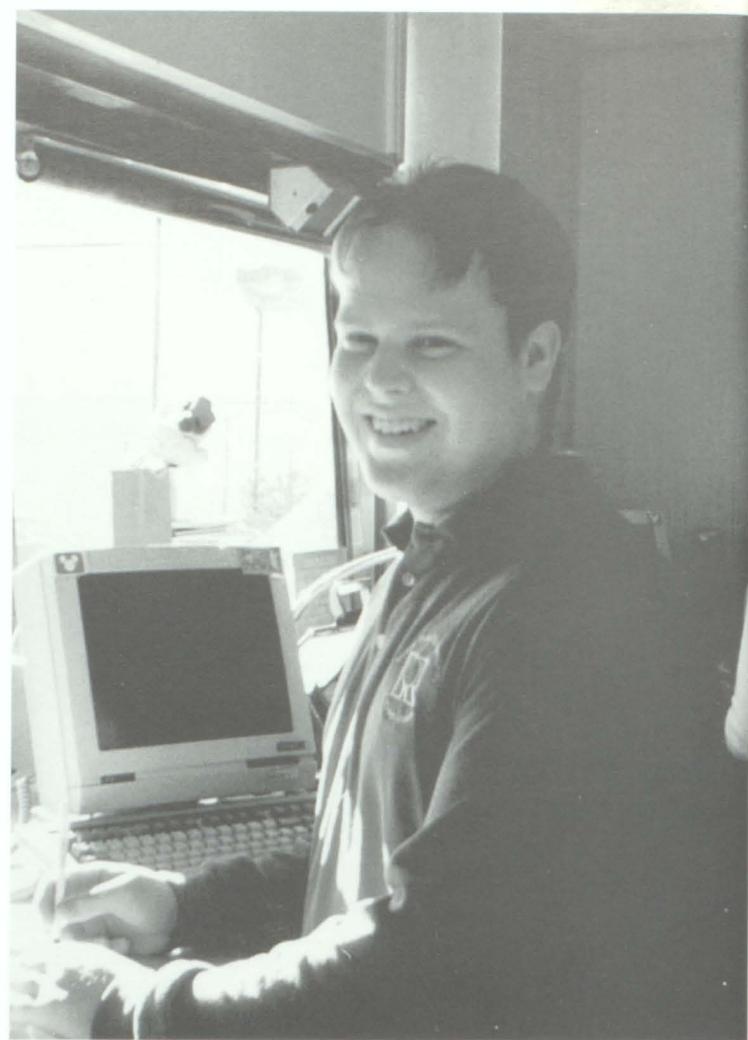
Senior Lance Mitchell jokes around with the knives at R&J Coffee Shop.



Seniors Rachel Orr, Aaron Prager, and Sara Ward have the perfect job; they work at Gayles' Chocolates and none of them is very fond of any kind of chocolate!



Senior Danielle Gladysz types in a few figures at Royal Oak Schools Credit Union.



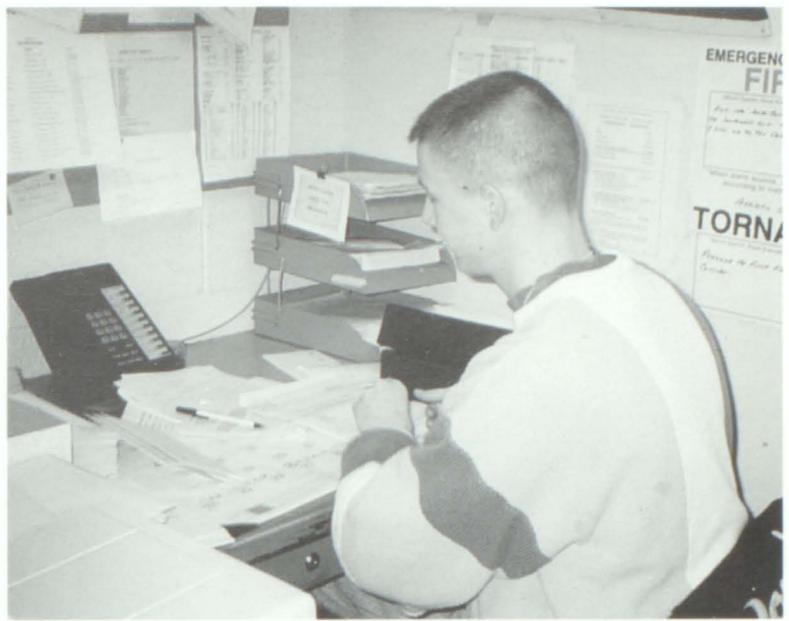
Senior Bill Jenkinson fills out a deposit slip for a costumer in the drive-thru at the Royal Oak Community Credit Union.



Senior Lisa Moore sorts through the late slips with Mrs. Scott in the attendance office.



Senior Amanda Gladysz takes a break from her job at Tel Star to take a picture.



Senior Chris Rozman stuffs envelopes for Mr. Barich in the athletic office during 5th hour.



Senior Michelle Kurkowski makes copy after copy for the counseling office during 5th hour.



Senior Elisa Barber gets her boss to jump in the picture at Jones Floor Covering.



Seniors Jennifer Barger, Sarah Stanton, and Junior Tanya Alter bear the screaming and yelling of little kids all day long at the Olive Branch Day Care.

RELIEF!

On a typical Friday at 2:55 the sound of hundreds of feet and fingernails tapping anxiously on desks and floors form one simultaneous beat. As each student, eyes fixed on the clock (wishing it would move faster), begin to feel surges of adrenaline with the anticipation of the weekend to come.

Just a few.... more.... seconds.... then.... HOORAY! Although students jump in unison at the sound of the bell, each will go off to something very different. Activities range from riding merry-go-rounds to hugging trees, or even just hanging out with friends. But however students spend their weekends it always spells out relief from the week of school just passed.



Mr. Horn proudly shows off his 5 pound Walleye, which he caught some weekend over the summer.



Sophomore, Beth Moser, experiments with new eyeglass fashions. "What do you think?"



Freshmen Frances Mudge, Amy Hepner, Vicki Roman, Kim Schwartz, Denese Bennett, and Samantha Rake show off their fancy attire after Homecoming.



Sophomore Matt Enochs, Juniors Alicia Smith, Jessica Coen, and Vince DeLuca squeeze together on the couch during a party over the weekend.



Senior Dawn Devine likes to relieve tension by hugging trees during her weekends.



Sophomore Kelly Danaher and friends decide to act like kids again and take a few turns on the merry-go-round.



Sophomores Kelly Danaher, Monica Banker, Lauren Meier, and junior Keith Hall, hang out on Saturday nights and call up others to come and join them.

Carpools

Carpools are becoming more popular. With the rising concern of air pollution, the cost of gas, and the lack of a car, carpooling seems to be the more logical way to get around. Students without cars need transportation. Most students seem to find it easier to hitch a ride with a friend than to buy their own car, or rely on their parents, especially if they are without a driver's license. Best of all, carpooling seems to be the means of transportation that's the most fun.

There's the famous carpools of Jennifer Spiteri, Katey Hancock, and junior Katie Ennis and senior Mark Altman and the Band. There's also the numerous lunch carpools such as: Alicia Smith, Pat Ostroth, Kyle Kidder, and sophomore Matt Wilson. There are also those few stragglers who search for a ride home after school such as juniors Shawn Pichler, and seniors Terry Parosac, Amy Kimmerly, and Jennifer Kosloski.



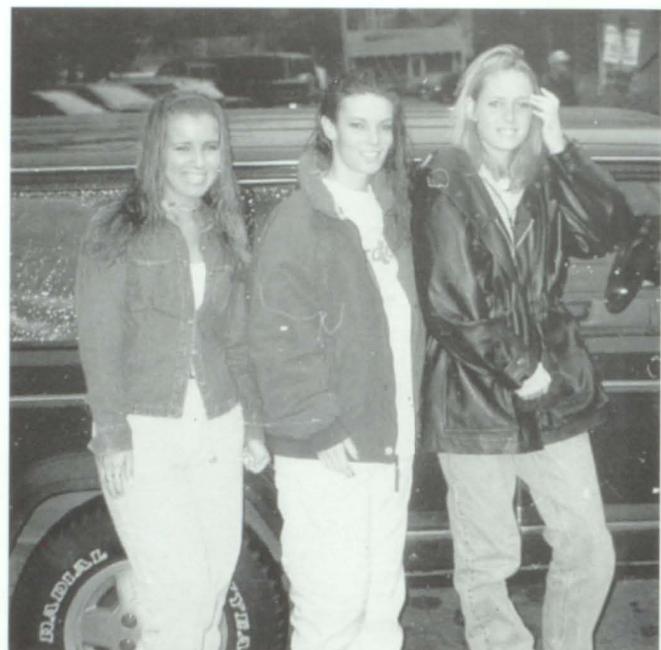
Senior Mark Altman may not have given all these people a ride home that day, but he has at one point.



Senior Jenny Spiteri wakes up a few minutes early each day to pick up her friends junior Katie Ennis and senior Katey Hancock.

Before Jenny Kosloski goes to work, she finds time to drop junior Shawn Pichler, and seniors Terry Parosac, and Amy Kimmerly off at home.

Senior Mark Altman, sophomore Julie Lauwaert, junior Nina Carlesimo, senior Brian Wright, freshman Elisabeth Scott, sophomore Laurie Cummings, sophomore Sarah Chaney, junior Sarah Miller, junior Bill Grigsby and seniors Joel Nimety, Noah Hebner, must look like clowns getting out of a Volkswagen at the circus when they exit Noah's Ford Escort.



Counter Clockwise from bottom left: Senior Joel Nimety, Freshman Elisabeth Scott, Junior Nina Carlesimo, Sophomore Laurie Cummings, Senior Mark Altman, Sophomores Sara Chaney and Amy Williams, Junior Kelly Aulph, Senior Brian Wright; Top: Sophomores Amy Aulph and Julie Louwaert all go to great lengths for a ride home!





Juniors Alicia Smith, Anna Skardoutos, Pat Ostroth, Kyle Kidder, and sophomore Matt Wilson spend much of their day together whether its after school or the occasional lunch period.

Junior Peter Taylors, senior Matt Music, and freshman Josh Hoff, and freshman Daniel Music were nice enough to stop the car, jump out, and pose for this picture on their way home from school.

This is the length junior Nina Carlesimo is willing to go for her ride home; today, senior Brian Wright is the lucky fellow she stopped.





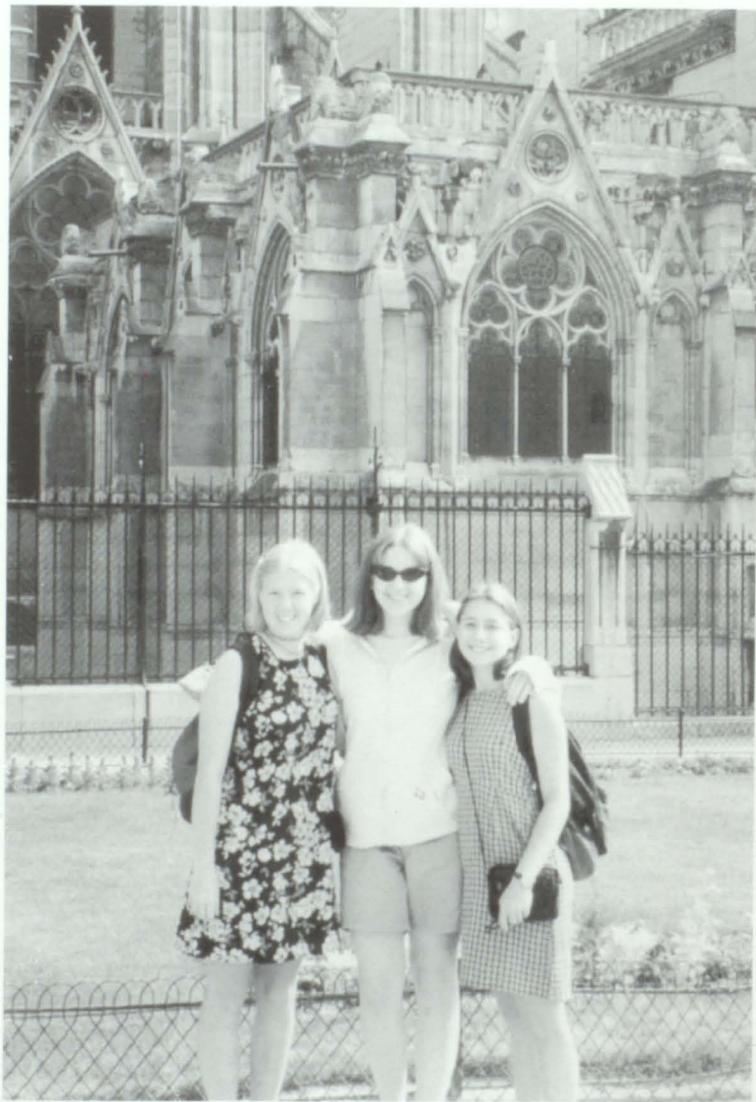
The Stemas family at the "Imax" in New Orleans, Louisiana.



Junior Melissa Baccus and Senior Roy Jacokes ride on Dumbo in Walt Disney World in Florida.



Seniors Julie Grimm and Shannon Blunden look their cutest in the gift shop at Walt Disney World in Florida.



Juniors Candi Bauman, Jessie Coen, and Kendra McKenzie explore the sights of Paris.

Senior Mary Reily, Mr. Hern, Sophomore Sara Krueger, and Seniors Rachel Orr and Michelle Gregory went sight seeing in Spain with the rest of the Spanish students during the summer.



Judy and Wade Schultheiss go golfing in Pinehurst, North Carolina.



Sophomore Melissa Beebe and her Great Aunt May take in the scenic views of Ireland while standing on the turf.



Senior Cyndi Osborne poses for the camera with Tiger at Walt Disney World in Florida.

Vacations

Over the summer and throughout the year many of the students and staff have gone far and wide to relax on a vacation. They've traveled to other states and even other countries. Students seemed to be bored with the traditional family camping trip up north. In the past year students and staff have gone to places such as Walt Disney World in Florida, golf courses in North Carolina, and the peaceful country side of Ireland. Wherever anyone went, they all seem to have fun and enjoyed the time they spent with friends and family.



Bobby Grant

Photo by: Sarah Schmidlin



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Section by: Jenny Brilla, Melissa Baccus, and Emily Bell

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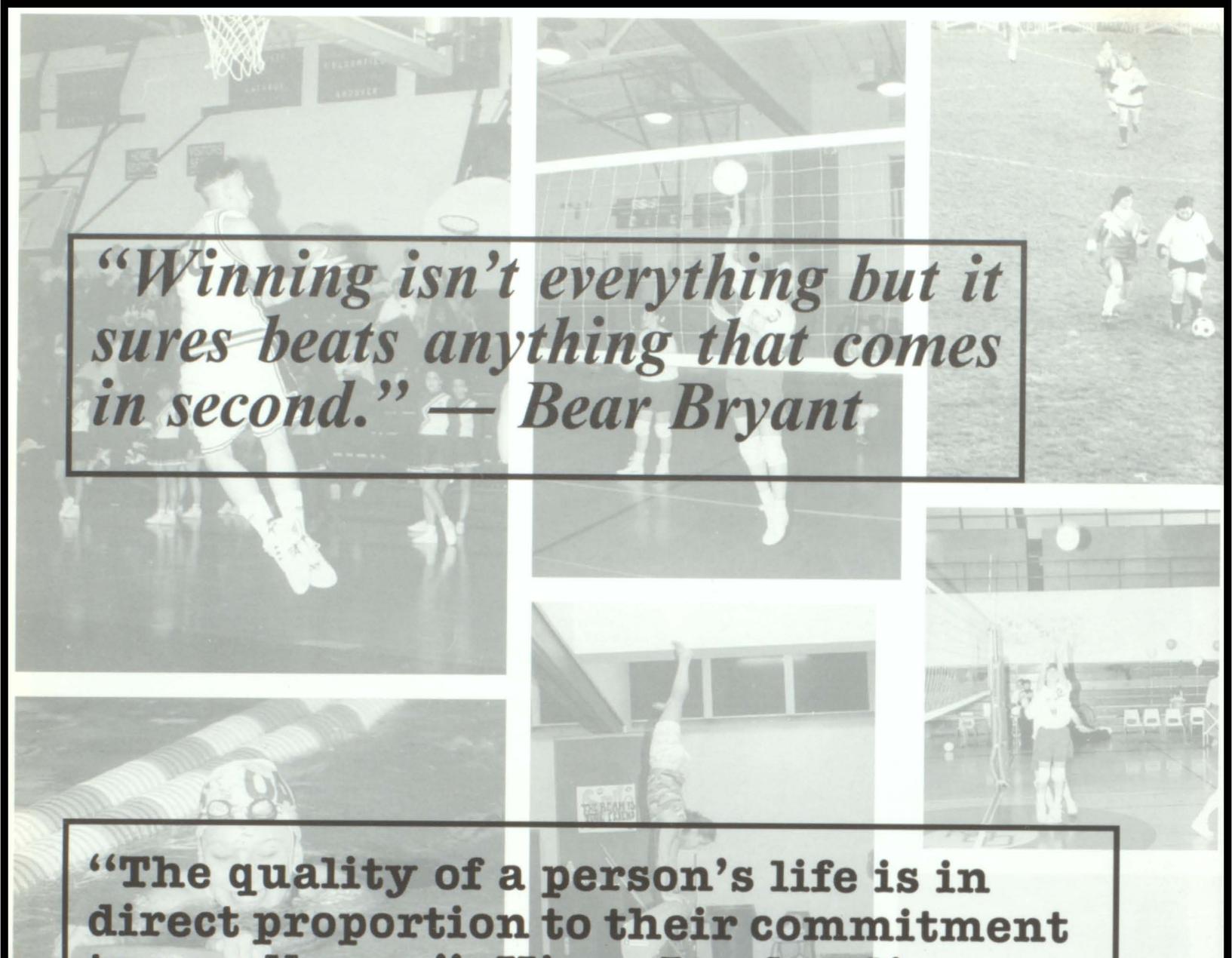


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Outstanding Athletes

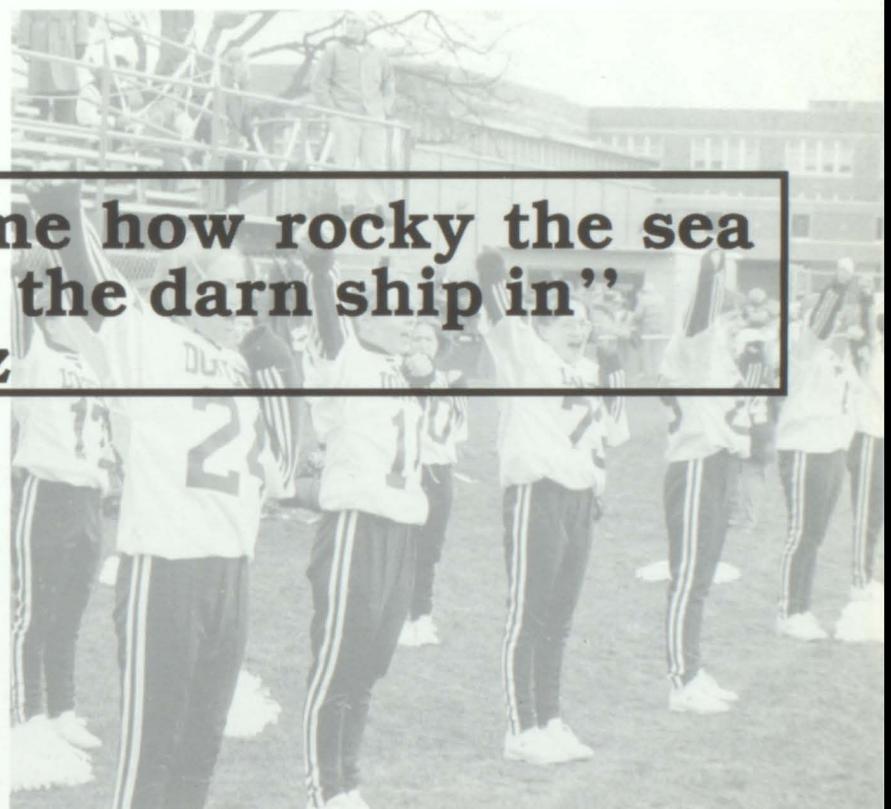
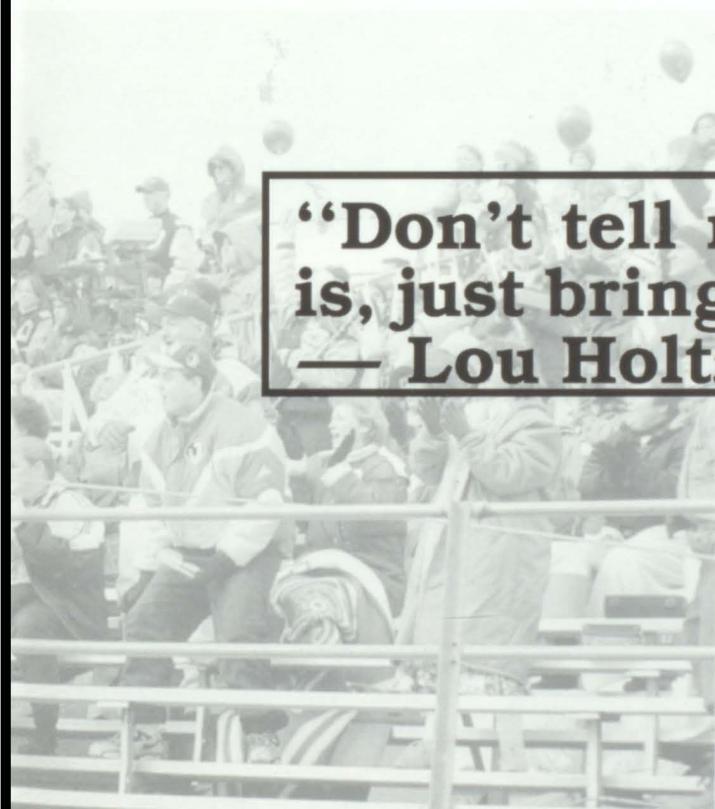
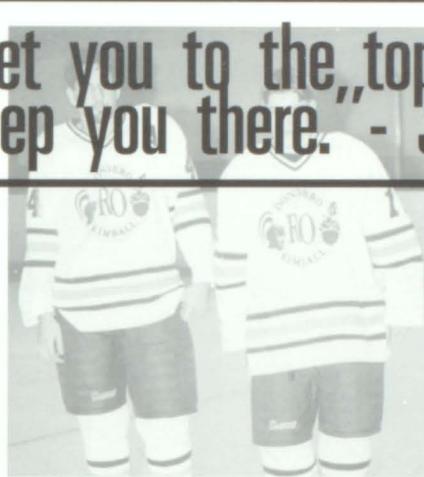
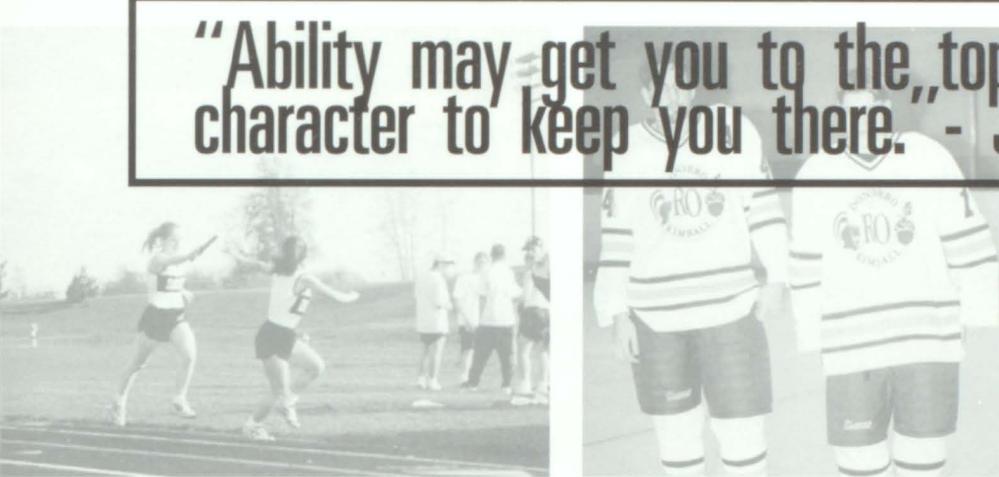
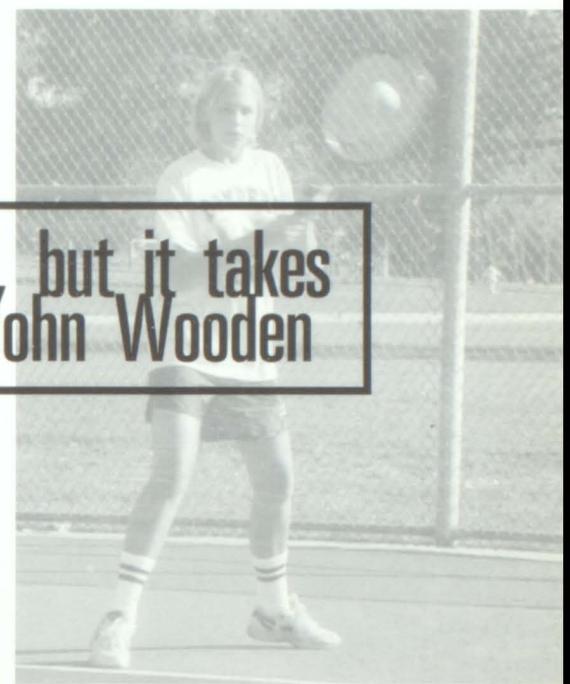
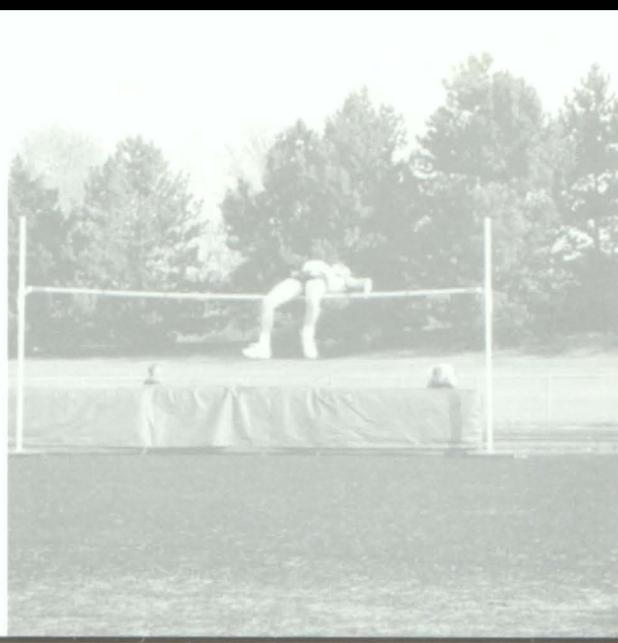
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“Winning isn’t everything but it sure beats anything that comes in second.” — Bear Bryant

“The quality of a person’s life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence.”- Vince Lombardi



“Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there.” - John Wooden

“Don’t tell me how rocky the sea is, just bring the darn ship in”
— Lou Holtz

Boys' Soccer, "Kick it."

This year's boys soccer team came away with 5 wins and 10 loses and 4 ties. The highlight of the season was beating Kimball 2-1. Derek Rupp was the leader in scoring, with 12 points. Seniors, Virgil Humphreys and Don Bos were voted as outstanding team members and all league. Humphreys was also All State. The team had a great season. They worked well together and performed well as a team. They hope to have another great season next year.



Senior, Nate Erwin, takes the ball outside to make a run up the line.

Right: Senior, Virgil Humphreys, really knows how to use his head in the game.

Bottom right: Junior, Kyle Kidder, places a hard shot on goal.



Scoreboard

Opponent	Us	Them
Waterford	2	2
Brandon	1	0
Clawson	2	1
Lake Orion	0	7
Berkley	0	3
Clarkston	1	4
Kimball	2	1



The lone freshman, Mike Klebba, keeps his eye on the ball as he advances past his opponent.



Junior, Tim Kelly, concentrates on the ball as he goes to volley it.



Junior, Raffi Bouladian, keeps the ball under control.



Varsity: top row; Coach Brennan, John Fergoson, Don Bos, Virgil Humphreys, Kevin King, Kyle Kidder, Coach Pertot. Middle row; Derek Rupp, Nate Erwin, Tim Kelley, Matt Dressler, Raffi Bouladian, Brent Ricamore, Nick Eland, Socheat Sou, Sovath Chhun.



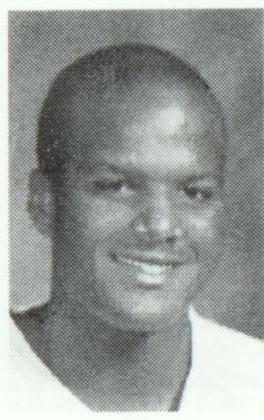
J.V.: top row; Coach Morgan, Karl Rosenzweig, Jeremy Mahrle, Kevin Smith, Joel Parks, Doug Wilcoxson. Middle row; Matt Wilson, John Balla, Ryan Beegan, Mike Klebba, Dave Tillison, Eric Seidl. Bottom row; Greg Barger, Jeff McIlvenna, Marc Hobart, Kevin Menzies, Jason Hoff.



Don Bos



Nate Erwin



Virgil Humphreys

Makin' a Splash

The girls swim team had a fabulous 96 season. They started out the season by winning The Lady Oaks Relays, for the first time ever. They continued to win throughout the season, and finished with an overall record of 7 and 3. 8 of the girls went on to compete in the Oakland County meet and Joy Aulph went on to compete in the state meet for the second year in a row, placing 17. The definite highlight of the year was beating 5 other teams to become League Champs, for the first time ever. Rookie of the year went to Lauren Boismier. Most improved was awarded to Kendra McKenzie and Heather Piana. Most dedicated was Emily Bell, and Joy Aulph and Megan Volk were the MVPs. This was one of the Lady Oaks best seasons.



Freshman, Rachel Schurig swims the 100 breast stroke with ease.



Amy Hepner Dives into the water with style.



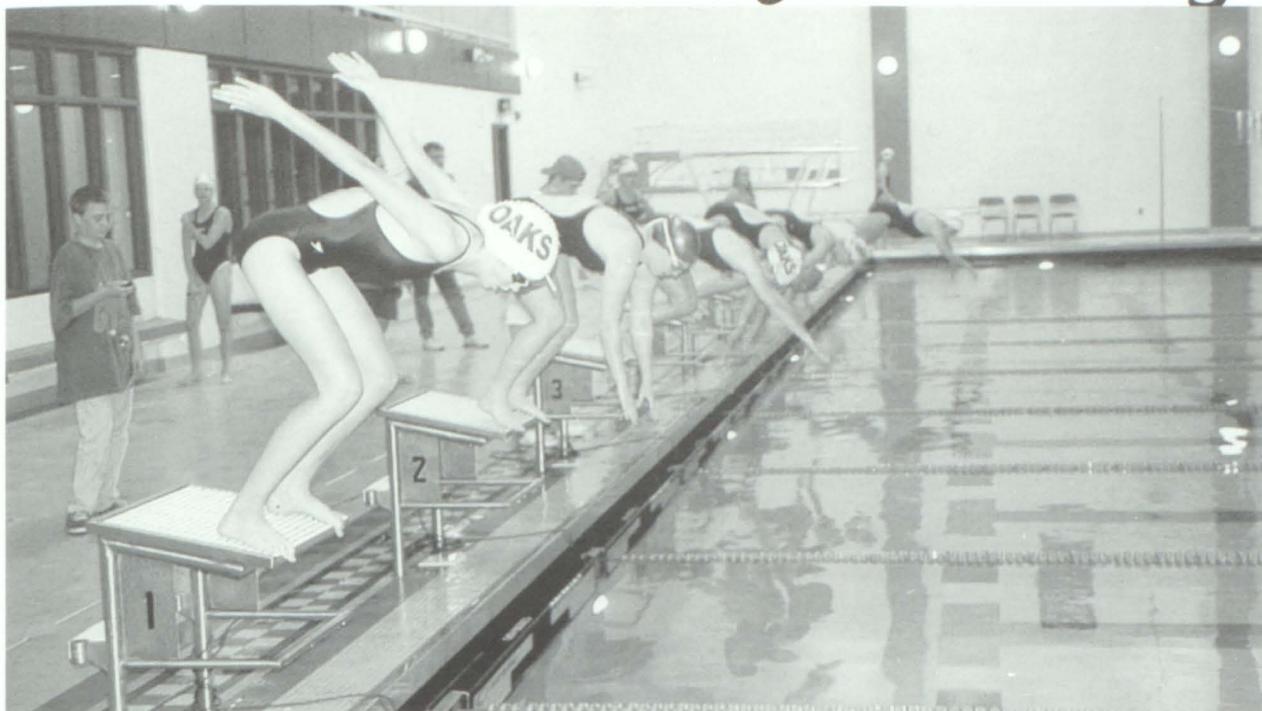
Top Row: Jessica Kasack, Rachel Schurig, Lani Dunaj-Ring, Sarah Chaney, Katie VanGoethem, Kendra McKenzie, Megan Volk, Lyudmila Zuyeva, Joy Aulph, Katie Wallace. Top Middle: Shannon Sargent, Cyndi Osborne, Coach Millar, Coach Schurig, Coach Ogonowski, Emily Bell, Liz Scott, Melissa Basse. Bottom Mid Lauren Boismier, Emily Voorhies, Nina Carlesimo, Denise Drummond, Lori Cummings, Heidi Herzberg, Kim Edgington. Bottom Row Amy Hubbarth, Amy Hepner, Heather Piana, Hannah Smith.

Scoreboard

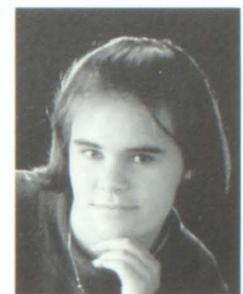
Opponent	Us	Them
Pontiac	136	39
Avondale	100	86
Hazel Park		70
Southfield	84	102
Lamphere	125	60

Girls Varsity Swimming

Co-Captains



The Girls swim team gets ready to win the race.



Emily Bell



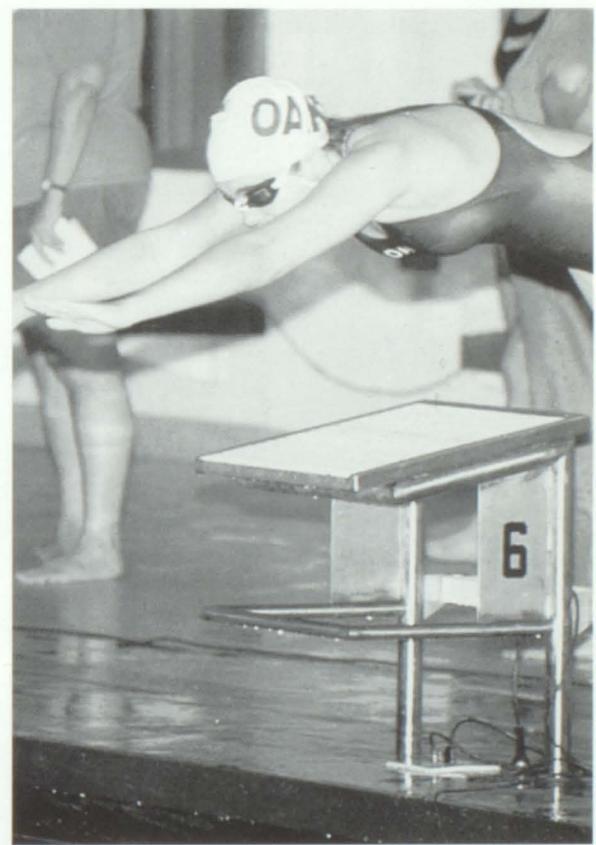
Denise
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Sophomore, Kim Edington, takes a breath before finishing the race.



Senior, Emily Bell gets some pointers from her coach after the race.



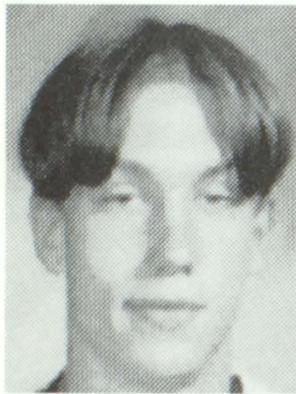
Junior, Nina Carlesimo gets a strong start.

The Tough Guys

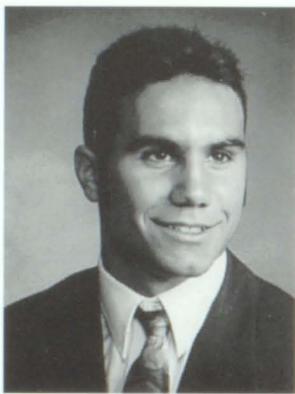
The Varsity Football Team had a great '96 season. This year it wasn't just about winning every game, although they did try their hardest, but about growing and working as a team. This years captains were Dominique Deluca, Bobby Grant, and Mike Nole. The three captains, along with Brian Bonscour, received all-league honors. Mike Nole was voted team M.V.P., and the defensive M.V.P. is Mike Lowther. Each captain wanted to leave something behind for this years team as well as next years. "Although we had a 3-6 record, there were still a lot of positives about the team. We were more of a family... The important thing is that we had fun. I want to thank the guys for sticking through this rough season. Good luck next year!"-Dominique "Heavy D" Deluca. Good Job.



Tri- Captains



Bobby Grant



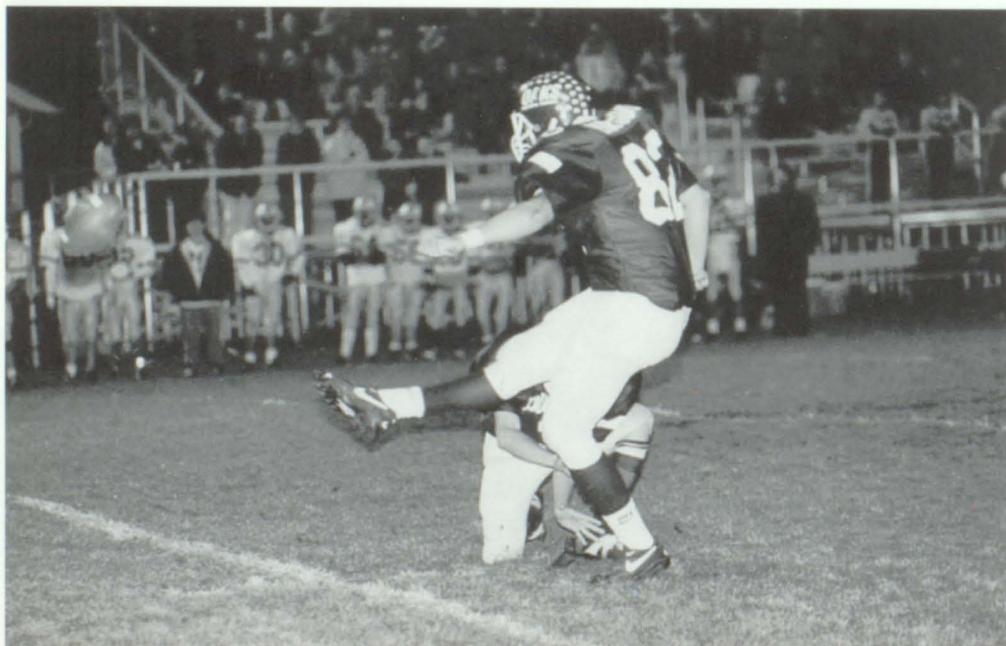
Mike Nole



Dominique Deluca



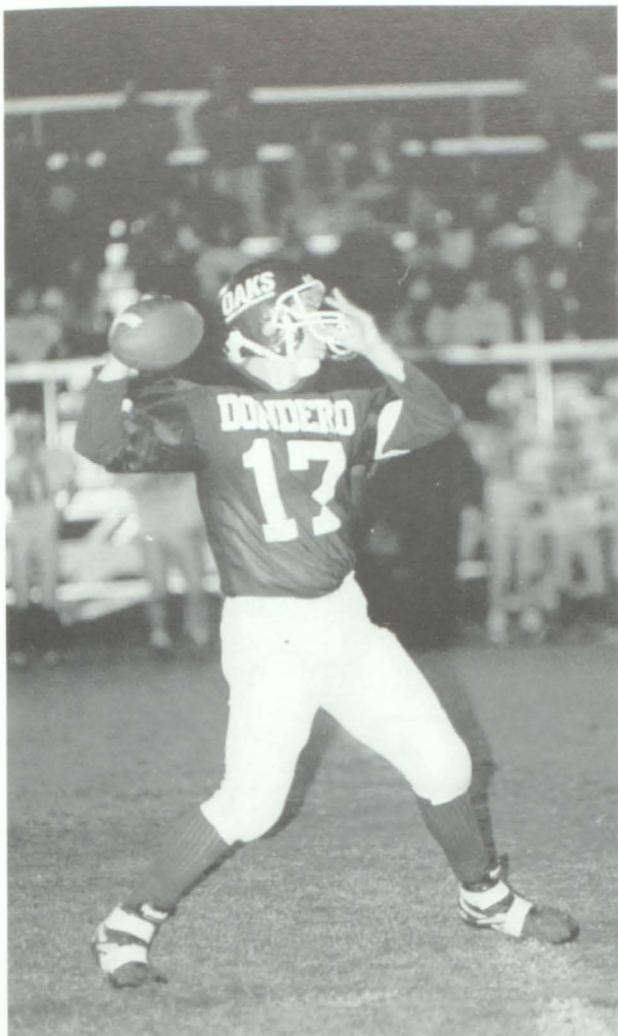
Coach McElroy gives his team some advice.



Senior Brian Bonscour Kicks a fieldgoal for three extra points.

Scoreboard

Opponent	Us	Them
Southfield	7	26
Madison	21	20
Brandon	30	35
Groves	16	37
Lamphere	7	6
Oak Park	23	20
Clawson	7	35
Andover	17	21
Kimball	7	34



Quarterback Bobby Grant gets ready to throw a pass.



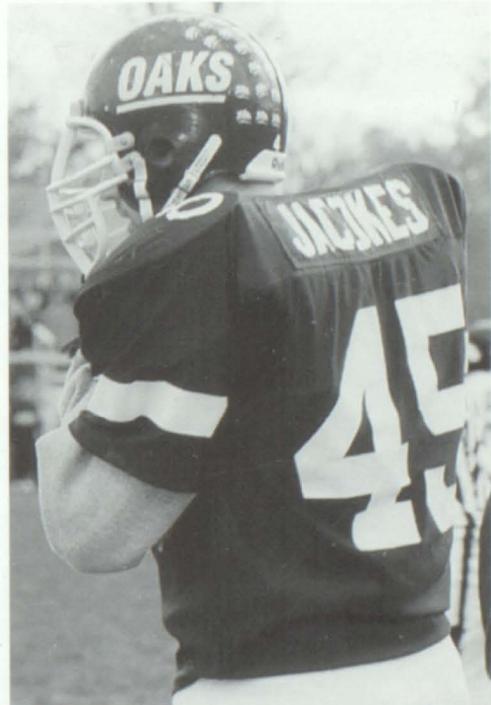
Senior, Mike Nole catches the ball and runs past his opponent.



The defensive line holds back Clawson from scoring a touchdown.



Top Row: Fred Kaiser, Ken Muller, Roy Jacokes, Tony Deluca, Justin Kaufman, Brian Bonscour, John Hartke, Domique Deluca, Paul Holland. 2nd Row: Dan Wazinski, Ed Perrault, Mike Lowther, Coach Hanoian, Coach Steele, Coach McElroy, Coach Calnen, Dan Judge, Bill Grigsby, Brian Elder. 3rd Row: Chris Hart, Matt Beroy, Mike Nole, Chris Adamzyc, Bobby Grant, Ramzey Samhat, Adam McFall, Mike Caraway, Jeff Goodwin. Bottom Row: Joe Scheid, Mike Mandley, John Belvedere, Josh Farr, Greg Glanze, Nathan Dixon, Joe Lowther, Nick Rosse.



Senior Roy Jacokes Cheers gets the team pumped.

O-A-K-S Keeping up school Spirit

Dondero's got school spirit thanks to our great Varsity Cheerleaders! Their hard work and determination is what this is about and they show it at all the games.

To get the guys pumped up for their games they decorated the locker rooms and made them treats. The cheerleaders have the longest season out of all the sports here at Dondero. Working well as a team is one rule of a successful cheerleading squad. The girls got along well. Kristen Klebba, one of the tri-captains, recaps the season by saying, "Fun, exciting, CRAZINESS!" Lauri Torgerson adds, "It was fun to hang out with friends."

Dondero's cheerleaders are an important part of Dondero and always keep up our school spirit. the Varsity Cheerleaders definatly create a large part of the spirit at Dondero. Good job girls!



Junior, Michelle Chen, cheers her team on.



The cheerleaders watch the football game with enthusiasm.



Back row-Elizabeth Courtney, Jessica Bairy, Ature Marcus, Tiffany Lewis, Margie Harrigan, Lori Torgerson, Christina Viers, Sara Hanson, Edna Marcus, Emily West. Middle row-Kristen Klebba. Bottom row-Laura Dillard, Sara Koski, Michelle Chen.

Tri-Captains



Sara Koski

"Take pride in what you do, cheerleading is a sport too."
Sara Koski '97



Michelle Chen



Kristen Klebba

Girls Varsity Cheerleading



Showing off their coordination the cheerleaders do a complicated mount at the pep assembly.



The varsity cheerleaders cheer to the crowd to get them excited.



The cheerleaders start their famous cheer O-A-K-S!



Senior, Sara Koski, trusts her squad when they lift her up in the air.

Shooting for Greatness

The girls varsity basketball team had an outstanding season. This year the girls won their first Division Championship in Dondero's history! Their Division record was 12-0. Their total wins in a season was an unbelievable 17 wins including 13 wins in a row. The girls led Oakland County in scoring defense. Coach John O'Brien was named Coach of the Year by the Division and the Daily Tribune. The team as a whole worked so hard that each player received an MVP award. The Most Improved player was Lisa Moore. Nicole McMullen received Heart and Hustle award and Michelle Hill was named Rookie of the Year.



Senior, Nicole McMullen, doesn't break under pressure.

Co-Captains



Nicole McMullen



Missy VanDoorn

"I think our six seniors really pulled through with their leadership and dedication to make our team such a success. We did it Oaks. Good luck next year. I'm sure you'll do great!"
Missy VanDoorn



The girls get ready to score again.



Top row-Heidi Rosenzweig, Missy VanDoorn, Kate Hannah. Middle row-Coach O'Brien, Michelle Hill, Sara Ward, Cheryl Ryskamp, Lisa Moore, Jenni Park, Jennifer Carlson. Bottom row-Kathy Shannon, Nicole McMullen, Nee Sou.



The girls get a pep talk from their coaches.

1996 Division Champs



You can't score on the Oaks defense.



The basketball players watch their teammates dominate the game.



Senior,Sara Ward, shows her defense skills.



Senior,Lisa Moore, is not going to let the ball get past her.



Coach O'Brien watches as his girls shoot some hoops.

Scoreboard

Opponent	Us	Them
Groves	47	31
Andover	49	15
Ferndale	41	29
Hazel Park	48	35
Madison	54	14
Lamphere	51	34
Groves	29	28



The girls stand proudly by the sign in front of the school.

Girls Tennis...



Above: Michelle Davis, senior, puts all her strength into hitting the ball.



Above: Junior, Lauri Torgerson, checks the line to make sure the ball isn't out.



Top Row: Kerri Scott, Dzenana Kurtovic, Lauri Torgerson, Coach Kevin Ryan, Jane Crewdson, Michelle Davis. Middle Row: Arisia Ward, Lara Pierce, Becky Renshaw, Michelle Armstrong, Sharon Kincannon, Nicole Pauck. Bottom Row: Michelle Chen Karen Parker, Xenia Taganova, Kaili Rauf.

Opponent	Us	Them
Clawson	2	6
Bishop Foley	5	3
Hazel Park	8	0
Avondale	6	2
Kimball	0	8
Ferndale	5	3

Courting Success



Above: Junior, Michelle Chen flies through the air to slam the ball down on her opponents side.

The girls' Varsity tennis team had a good season. They ended up with a record of 6 wins and 8 loses. The team started out slow, but had a great finish. The majority of the girls on the team were juniors that were the core of the team. There were also three seniors and a few sophomores and freshmen that added a lot of diversity to the squad. The captain of the 96' team was Michelle Davis. Michelle was also voted team MVP award for her excellent playing on the court.



"Tennis is the best sport at Dondero. There is no pressure from anyone to win. We all just give our best and had a great time" - Michelle Davis

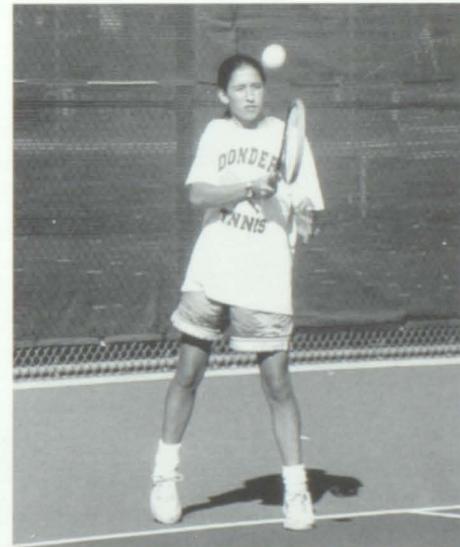
Captain- Michelle Davis



Above: Junior, Michelle Armstrong takes a swing at the ball.



Above: Everyone is scared of sophomore Jane Crewdson.



Above: Arisa Ward, junior, keeps her eyes on the ball.

Going the Distance

The girls cross-country team had an interesting season with five wins and three losses. The team M.V.P. was senior Mary Reilly. Sophomore Leslie Andrus was voted most dedicated, and freshman Lindsay Blackburn was voted most improved.



Seniors Mary Reilly and Heather Kelly watch another race take place.



Sophomore Leslie Andrus runs her heart out.



Top Row: Coach Deanna Skelcy, Heather Kelly, Jennifer Matthews, Mary Reilly, Coach Ed Reilly. Front Row: Leslie Andrus, Lindsay Blackburn, Mary Hornbacher.



Junior Jennifer Matthews sprints really hard to win the race.

Scoreboard

Opponent	Them	Us
Clawson	15	45
Hazel Park	37	19
Brandon	21	34
Ferndale	45	15
Lahser	27	28
Kimball	32	23
Lathrup	29	27
P. Central	40	15

Cross-Country



Brian White and Mark Hornbacher get in front of the competition.



Mike Wilusz



Ian Miller

"We had a small team, but had a good season. We finished 3rd in our league and Ian and I went to state meet. Good job guys." Mike Wilusz

The Boys Cross Country team had a winning season with 5 wins and 3 loses. They were led by Captains Mike Wilusz and Ian Miller. Senior Mike Wilusz was voted team M.V.P. Mike Wilusz was also All League, All County, All Region, and All State.



Top Row: Coach Mark Skelcy, Mike Wilusz, Greg VanHagen, Coach Ed Reilly. Mid Row: Mark Hornbacher, Andrew Blakemore, Ian Miller, Brian White, David Beber. Front Row: Devin Lester, Derek Wilcoxson, Jon Ede, Kevin Jones

Scoreboard

Opponent	Them	Us
Clawson	24	31
Hazel Park	23	37
Brandon	34	21
Ferndale	49	18
Lahser	26	30
Kimball	30	26
Lathrup	34	21
P. Central	43	17

Blades Dominate the Ice

The Blades Varsity Hockey team is made up of Dondero and Kimball. This year, Dondero only had two players go out for the hockey team, Roy Jacokes, senior assistant captain, and Dave Bull, sophomore. Both are key players and the Blades couldn't of been the team that they were and continue on to win Division Champs for the first time without Roy and Dave's strong leadership ability and Dondero's school spirit.

The Blades went on to playoffs where they unfortunatley lost in the first round against Birmingham. Roy Jacokes looks back on the last game of his high school career remembering, "...We were losing 2-0. We desperatley needed a goal to build morale. I shot it and it went in. We continued to play but we just couldn't come back and we lost 7-4."

For only being a team for 3 years, this Varsity Hockey team has gone a long way. Hard work and determination work well for the Blades.



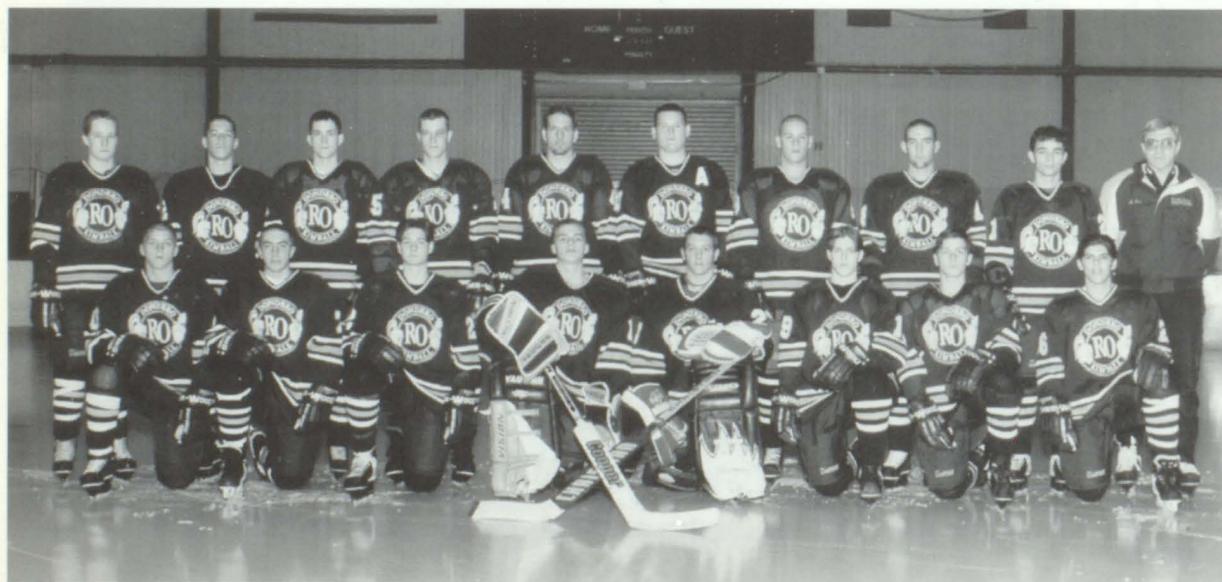
The Blades get ready for a face off.



Roy Jacokes, senior, gets ready to move up the ice.



Nobody can stop Dave Bull when he is on the attack.



Back row: Brent Stafford, Howie Drews, Jeff Shephard, Bradley Lupi, Roy Jacokes, Nicholus Lupon, Brian Mavrer, Scotty Schnadlar, Kevin Ayers, Dick Fox. Bottom row: Kyle Szarek, Damien Lewis, Jeff Misiak, Brandon Castanza, Josh Brandenburg, Dave Bull, Scott Fueling, John Farhat.



Dave Bull is ready to steal the puck from his opponent.

Roy Jacokes heads for the puck to score.



Assistant Captain
Roy Jacokes



Roy Jacokes shows off his stuff on the ice.



Dave Bull knows who is boss on the ice.



The lone Dondero players watch the game while resting on the bench.



Roy Jacokes takes a breath after he scored.

Girls Volleyball Bump, Set, Spike their way to Victory

The Girls Volleyball team had a pretty good season this year. Their record was 5-7 in league competition. The captains for this year's team were Senior Kate Hannah and Junior Nee Sou. These two girls did a great job at keeping the team's spirits up and helping everyone where help was needed. There were only three seniors on the team this year.

Co-captains



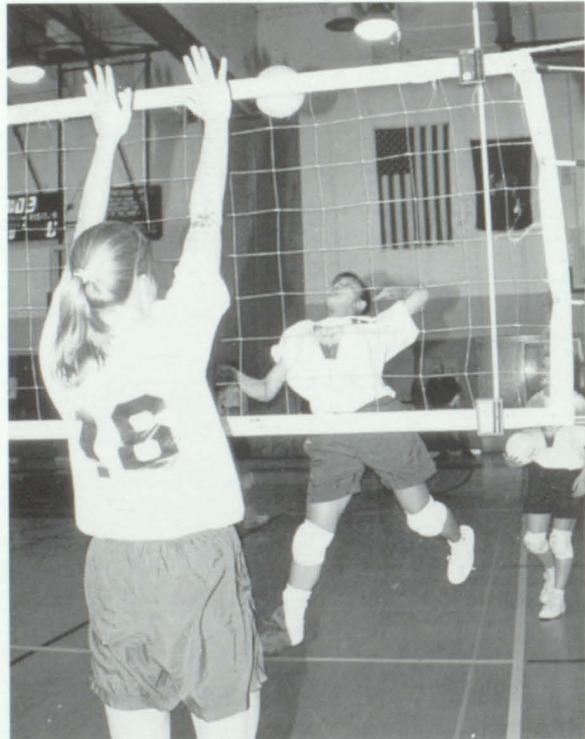
Kate Hannah

Nee Sou

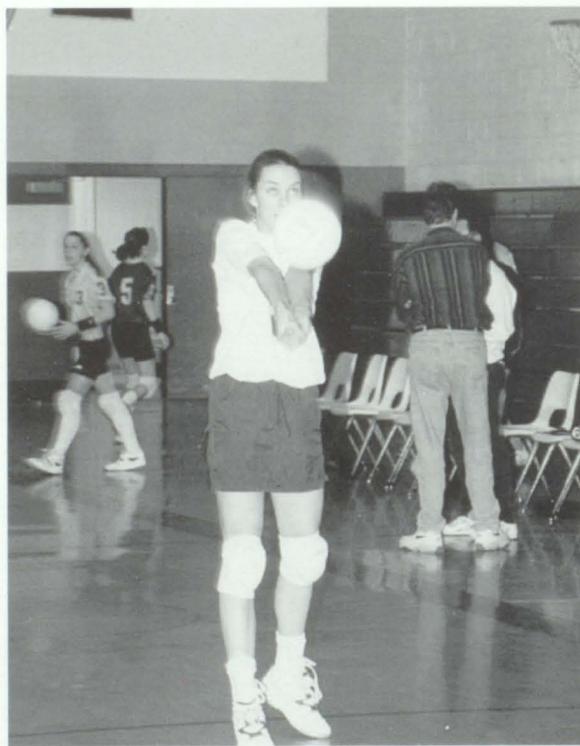
They were Hannah, Lisa Brzezinski, and Nicole McMullen. All three seniors had great seasons and will be missed next year. There were seven juniors and two sophmores on the team. Everyone on the team has talent and they should do well in Districts this year. The team is bound to have a bright season next year. Congratulations girls on a job well done.



The team lines up before every game to welcome their opponent.



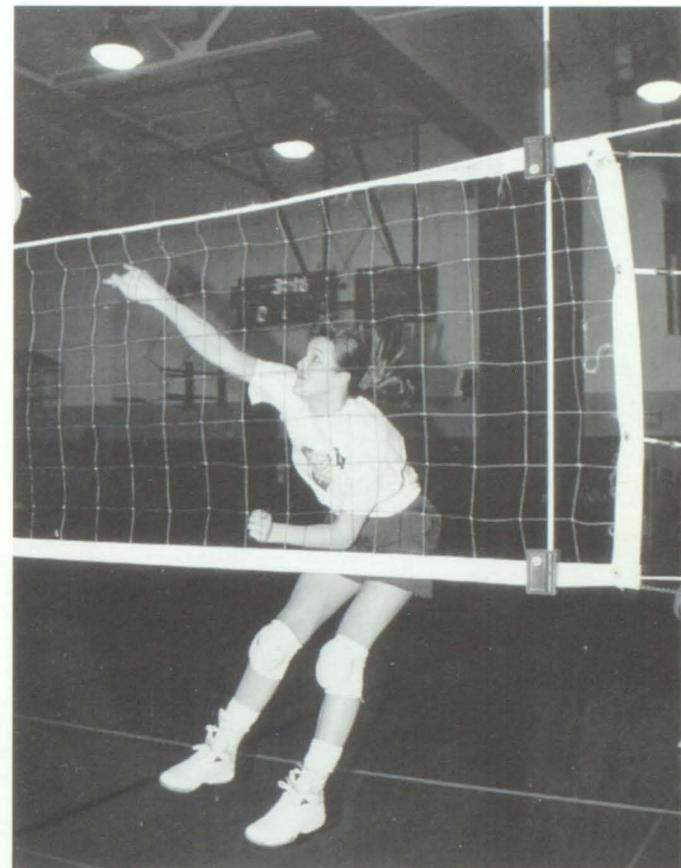
Nee Sou goes for a kill while Jane Crewdson tries to block it.



Jane Crewdson makes a perfect pass to her partner during warm-up.



Varsity. First row, T-B:Laura Ratio, Jennifer Matthews, Coach Cammie Millar. Second row:Kate Hannah, Vickie Langdorf, Nee Sou, Michelle Pelker. Third row:Candi Bauman, Jenny Brilla, Nicole McMullen. Fourth row:Lisa Brzezinski.



Kate Hannah makes a monster kill to get a point for the OAKS!

J.V. First row, T-B:Jane Crewdson, Jenni Park, Katie Evey, Coach Melissa Bodnar. Second row:Jessica Ksiazek, Mary Roman, Lara Pierce, Vicki Roman. Third row:Leslie Andrus, Sethea Chhunn, Nicole Tello.

Hoopin' it. Boys Basketball.

"He shoots, He scores." This was a common phrase spectators could hear while at a Boys Varsity Basketball game. This young team, with only three seniors and the rest juniors, played amazingly well.

The Boys Varsity Basketball Team was led by: Captain Greg Clark, junior; Captain Jeff Wright, senior; and Captain Don Bos, senior. These boys play every game like it would be a championship game.

Paul Roman remembers the "Game of my life" when they played Lamphere. The team as a whole played excellent in that game.

Greg Clark demonstrates leadership and captain ability. His favorite game was against Hazel Park when the Dondero Basketball team beat Hazel Park to tie for League Champs with Hazel Park.

Good job Boys Varsity Basketball team for your hard work.



Co-Captain
Greg Clark



Co-Captain
Jeff Wright



Co-Captain
Don Bos



Greg Clark demonstrates how to fly and shoot at the same time.



Back row:Dale Wagnitz, Brian Bonscour, Justin Kaufman, Greg Clark. Middle row:Chris Adamczyk, Jeff Wright, Dave Rozman, Nick Polemitis, Coach Bancroft, Coach Sebastian, Don Bos, Joe DeLeo, Paul Roman. Front row:Nate Dixon, Chris Hart.



Nate Dixon knows how to work the ball.



Dale Wagnitz "Hoops" it up.



Brian Bonscour never gives the ball up.



Jeff Wright races down the court and is unstoppable.

Boys Golf . . . Fore

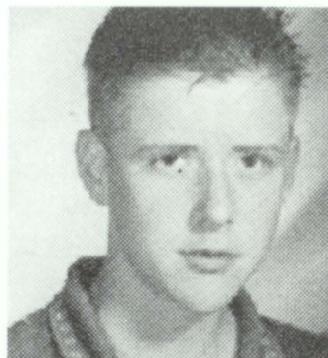


Senior, Adam Trebble, has a powerful swing.



The Boys Golf team poses for a picture on the course.

The Dondero Varsity Golf team had a good season finishing with a record of 4-4. They were led by Ryan Kelly. This years golf team had 3 all division selections; Ryan Kelly, Tim King, and Shawn Smith. Ryan Kelly and Jared Bilas were co-MVP's.



Captain- Ryan Kelly.

Scoreboard

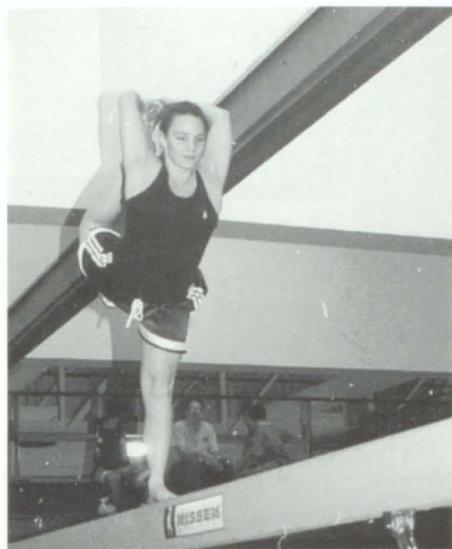
	Us	Them
Ferndale	14	10
Pontiac Central	9	15
Pontiac North.	17.5	6.5
Avondale	11.5	12.5
Hazel Park	14.5	9.5
Southfield	12.5	11.5



Back row, L-R: Jared Bilas, Ryan Kelly, Coach Eberhardt, Shawn Smith, Eric Whalen. Front row: Tim King, Mike Wildbur, James Palmer, Adam Trebble.

Girls Gymnastics, Beaming their way to the top.

These talented girls had a very improving season. Their team score improved greatly every meet. They had many new comers added this season, so it was a fairly young team. Their league record was 1-4 and they placed 4th in the league. The league medal winners were placed in the top ten finishers. These recipients were Nicole Beltchenko-vault, Kaili Rauf and Lauren Hutzley-bars, Jenn Carlson and Rachel Padgett-beam, and Lauren Hutzley for all around. The all league winner was Kaili Rauf. Regional qualifiers were Jenn Carlson and Rachel Padgett for beam. This years team was led by two dedicated captains, Mary Hornbacher and Lauren Hutzley. These girls have a lot to look forward to next season.



Erin Owens shows her skills on the balance beam.



Mary Hornbacher knows how to use her head.

Co-captains



Mary Hornbacher



Lauren Hutzley



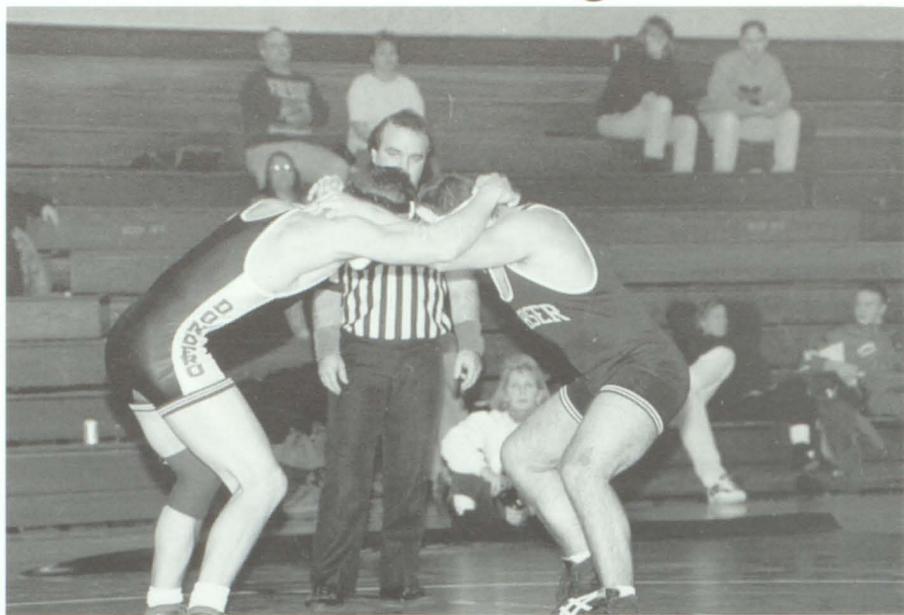
Jenn Carlson practices perfect form while her coach watches her.



Front row, l to r: Jenn Carlson, Erin Owens, Nicole Beltchenko, Mary Hornbacher, Rachel Padgett. Middle row, l to r: Coach Leigh Wilson, Melissa Basse, Kaili Rauf, Coach Rebecca Heitchue. Back row, l to r: Amy Hepner, Heather Piana, Ryan Combe, Brandy Riarden, Corissa Linson, Jennifer Courter, Karen Morris, Lauren Hutzley.

King of the Mats. Boys Wrestling.

This year the Boys Wrestling team had a great season. The 96-97 Captains were Adam McFall and Adam Klemp. The team won their league with a 10-0 record. They were very strong and worked great together. Adam Klemp was a state qualifier for his weight class. His record was 25-11. He had a great season. The seniors will be missed next year but the team will be just as strong.

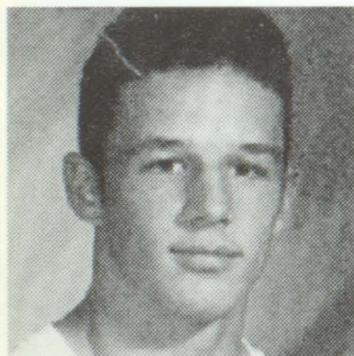


Adam McFall takes a breather before pinning his opponent.

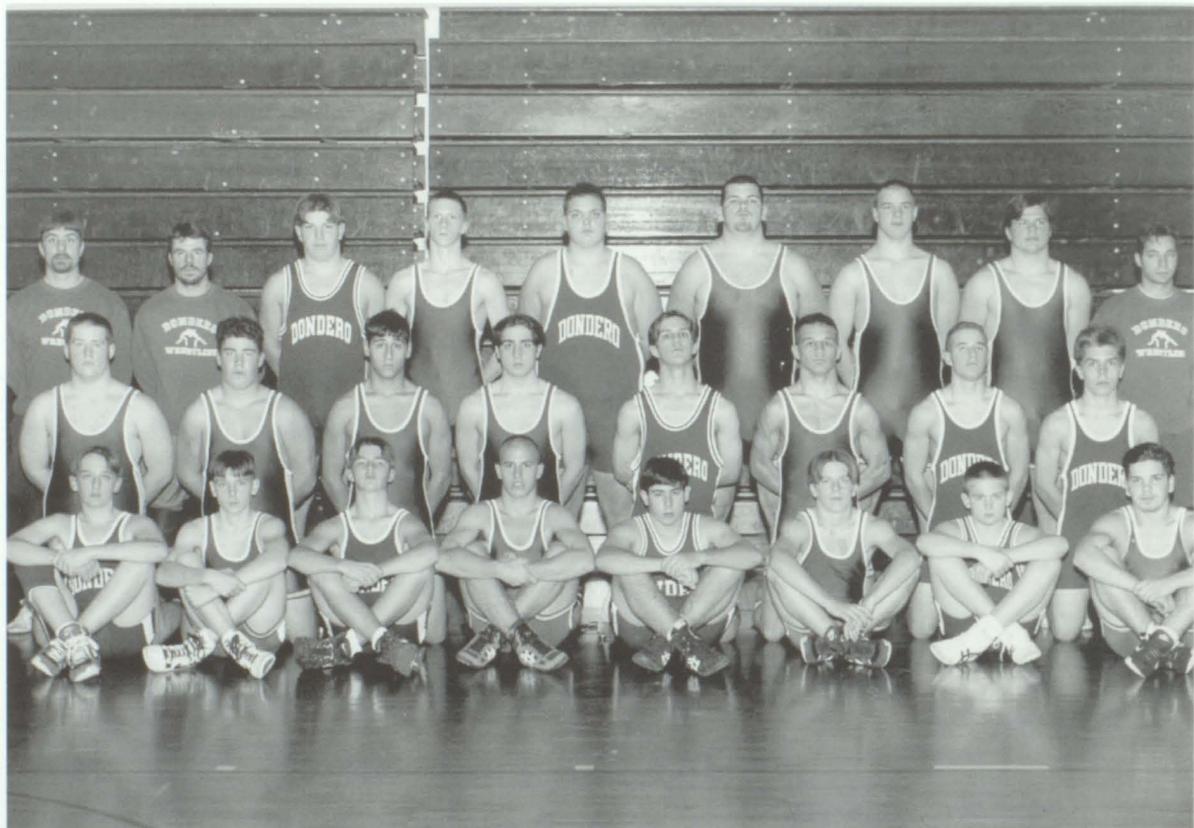
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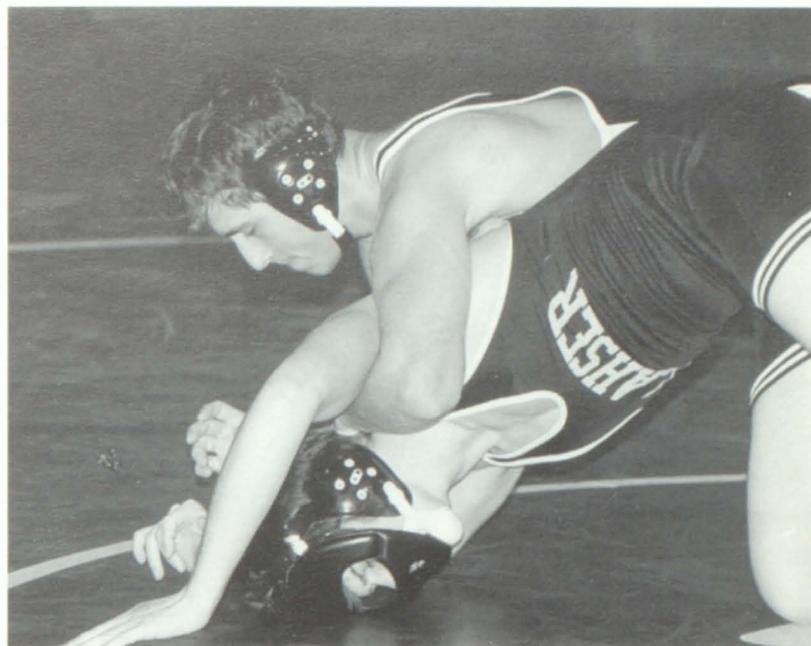
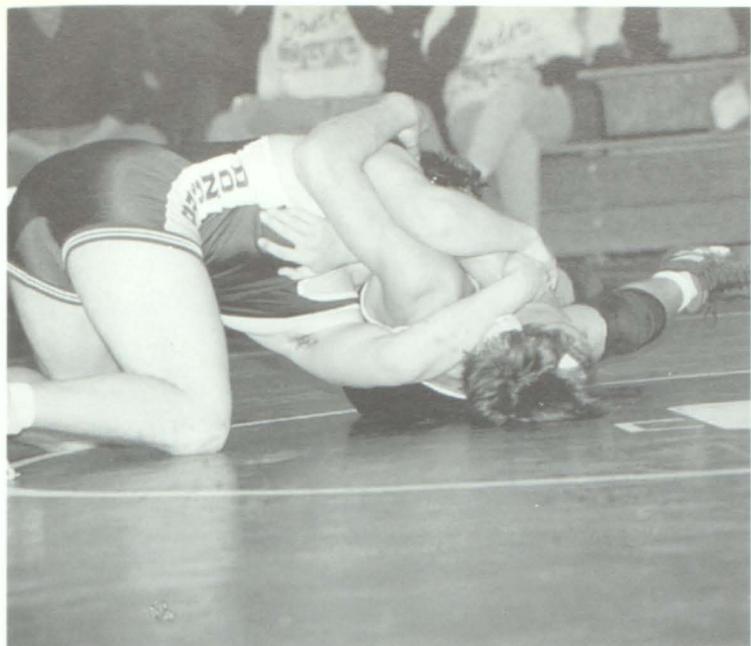
Adam Klemp



Adam McFall



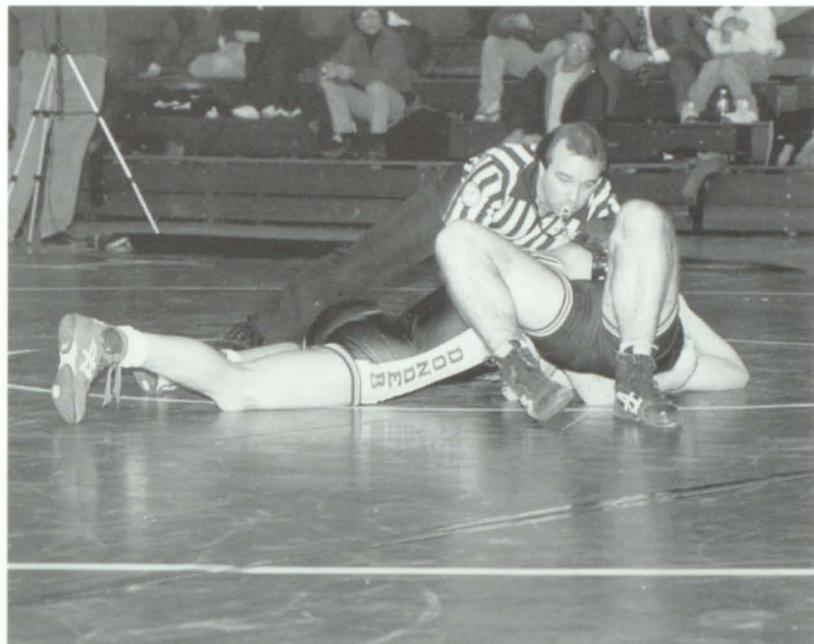
Back row, L-R:Assistant Coach Sebastian Grosbeck, Josh Farr, Brad Ennes, Mike Dilacovo, Dominic DeLuca, Kenneth Muller, Mike Lowther, Coach Lonnie Allen. Middle row:Steve Gove, David Eades, Ramzey Samhat, Andrew Blakemore, Dan Wasinski, Adam McFall, Mike Mandley, Joe Dear. Front row:Jim Figlan, Jesse Bane, Brandon Dear, Edward Wenzel, Nick Colvall, Adam Klemp, Phil Holloway, Olda Balek.



Above: Dondero Oaks show everyone who is "King of the Mat!"

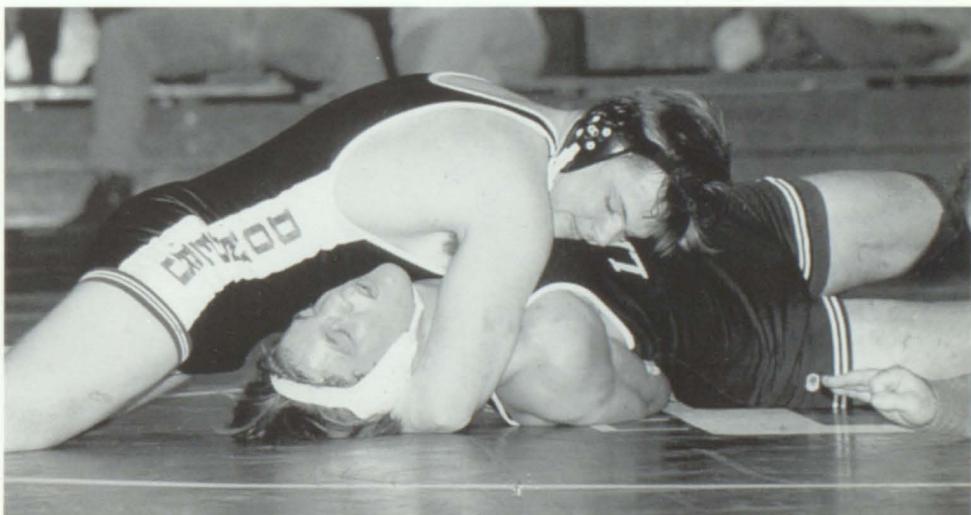
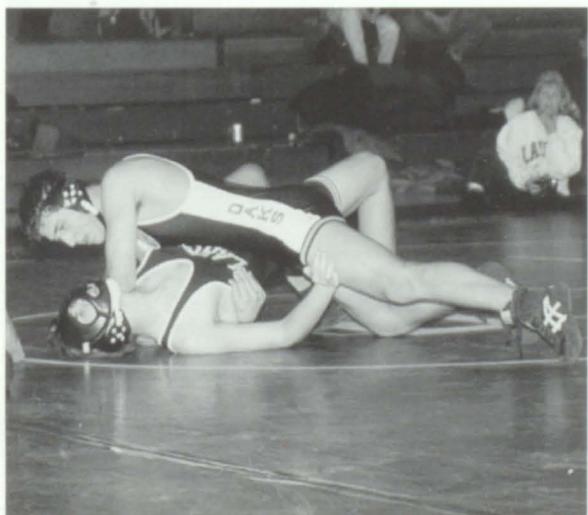
Right: Adam McFall thinks of his next move to put on his opponent before pinning him.

Below: Ramzey Samhat pins his opponent with great ease.



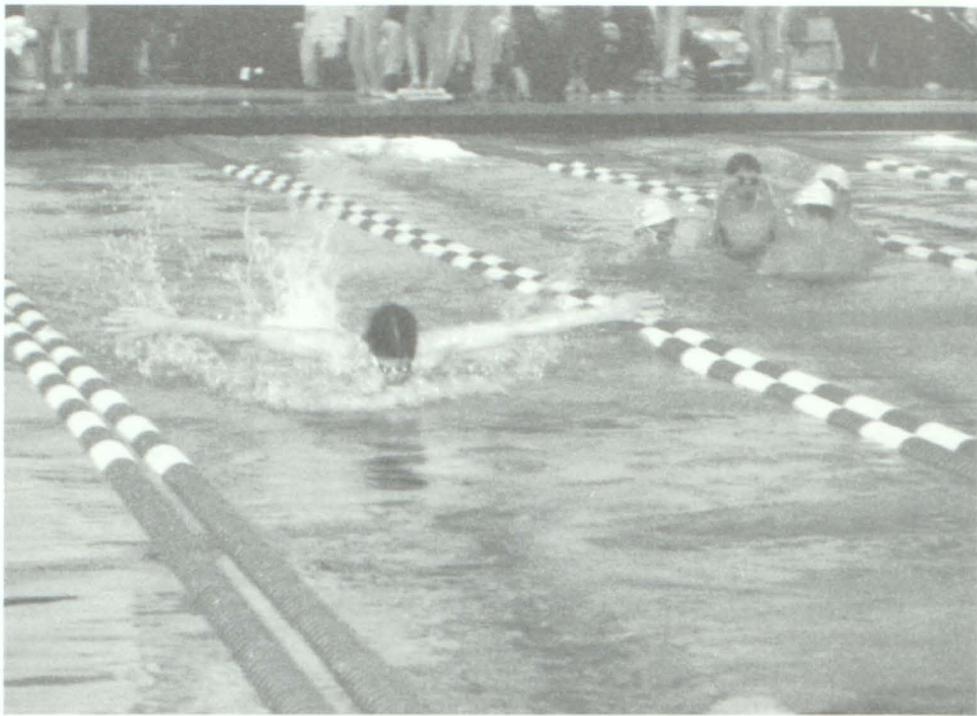
Above: Ramzey Samhat shows his opponent who's boss.

Below: Mike Lowther works hard to get his opponent's shoulder's on the ground. He is successfull at doing that.



The many laps pay off. Boys Swimming.

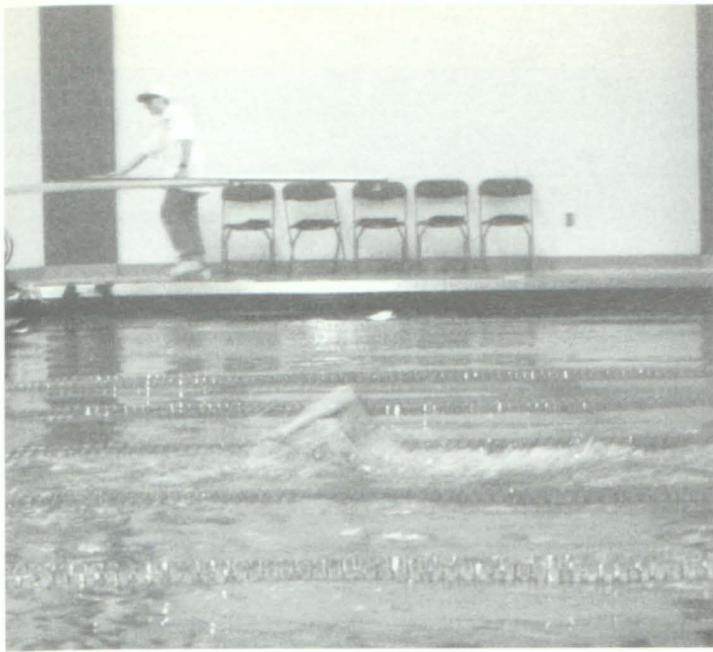
This year's swim team was small yet effective. Ask any of their opponents. Although this year's swim team had a total of seven swimmers, they were still dominators in the chlorine. The swimmers were young and inexperienced. No one on the team had been on it for more than two years. Five of the seven were Oakland County Qualifiers. Derek Schulte, Chris Selby, Shawn McIlvenna, Jeff Travis, and Jon Ede. They also made All-league. Shawn McIlvenna and Jeff Travis were the only team members to qualify for state's. Jeff Travis will compete in the 50-yard freestyle and Shawn McIlvenna will compete in the 100-yard freestyle. They were the only area swimmers who qualified to compete in the Class B-C-D state meet. This swim team packed with potential, dedication, and perseverance overcame all obstacles and ended their season with a record to be proud of.



Chris Selby practices his butterfly before a meet.

Back row, L-R: Assistant Coach Rich Hanson, Chris Selby, Coach Darrin Millar, Derek Schulte, Jeff Travis, James Costanzo. Front row: Jon Ede, Shawn McIlvenna, Zack Reed.





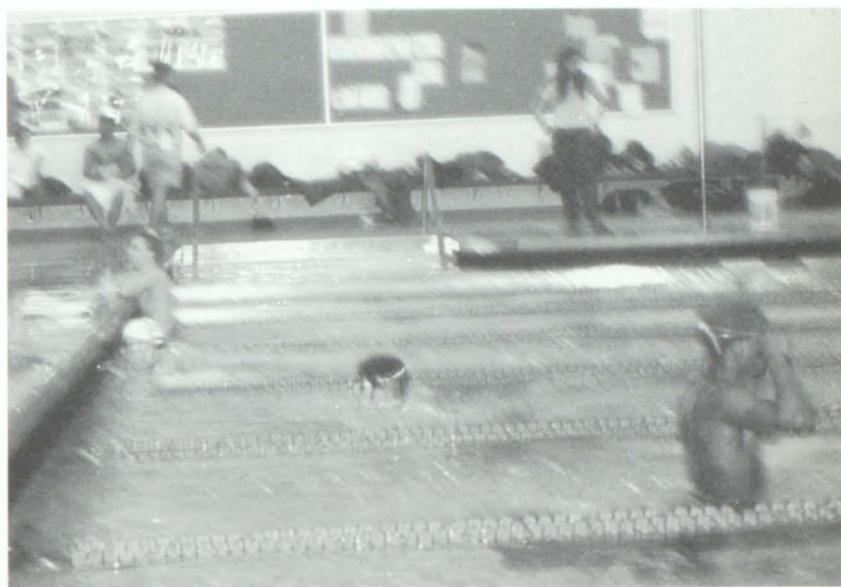
Derek Schulte works hard all the way across the pool.



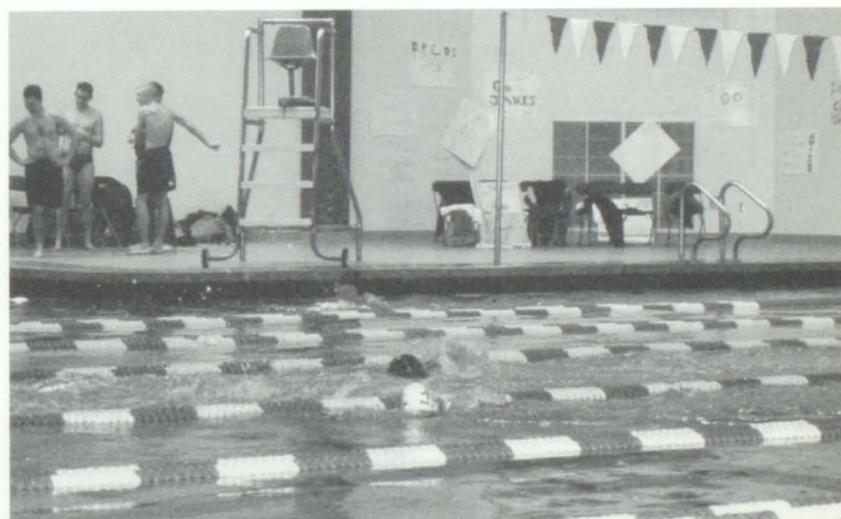
Dondero swimmers are so fast, that you can barely see them in the water.



The Dondero swimmers take a break after a strenuous warm-up.



Chris Selby watches to make sure he doesn't run into the wall.



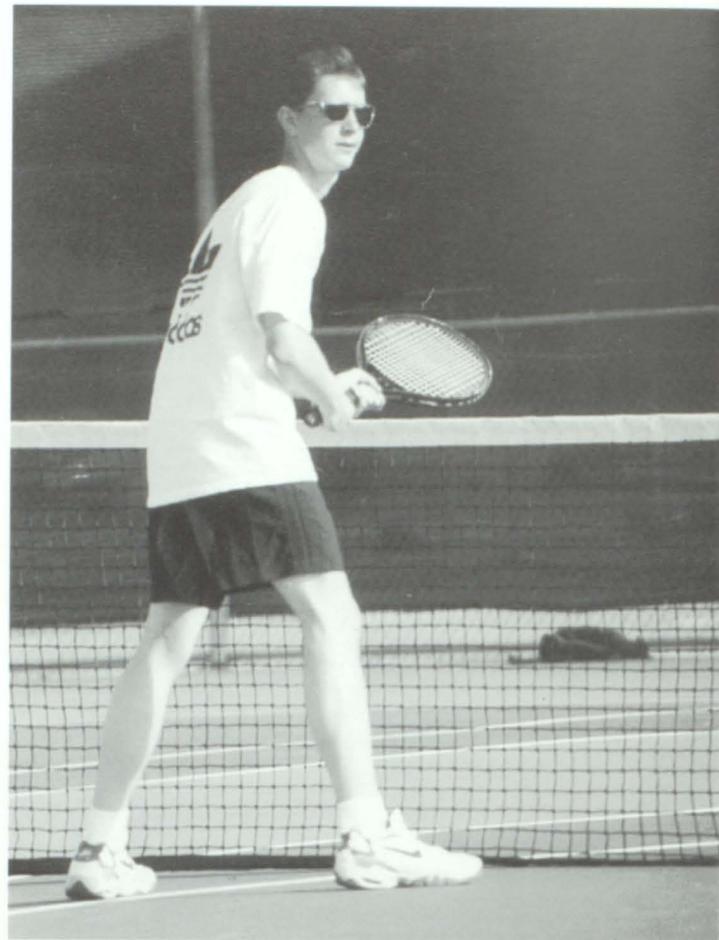
Chris Selby (without the cap) concentrates hard on his breast stroke.

Match Point

The Boys Tennis team had a very successful season this year. They finished with a overall record of 9-3. Their devision record was 4-1. They were O.A.A. Division IV champions for the second year in a row. This year the captains for the team were seniors Matt Stoll and Kurt Kennaugh. Kennaugh was also voted the team's Most Valuable Player. All League honors were awarded to: Kurt Kennaugh, Josh Green, Mark Altman, Jeff Derringer, Chris Rozman, Dave Rozman, and Tim Kelly. One of the highlights of the season was the teams victory over Kimball. Junior Chris Rozman quotes, "All of the guys should be commended for their dedication the entire season. In the end we were rewarded with a win over Kimball and another League Championship. This just goes to show that hard work pays off." Congratulations guys and good luck next year!

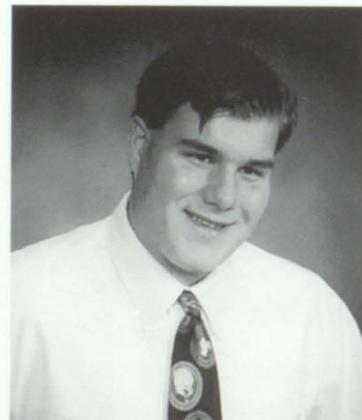
Scoreboard

Opponent	Us	Them
Waterford	4	3
Ferndale	3	5
Southfield	6	2
Bishop Foley	7	1
Hazel Park	5	3
Kimball	8	0
Berkley	6	2
Lamphere	0	8
Pt. Northern	4	3
Oak Park	8	0

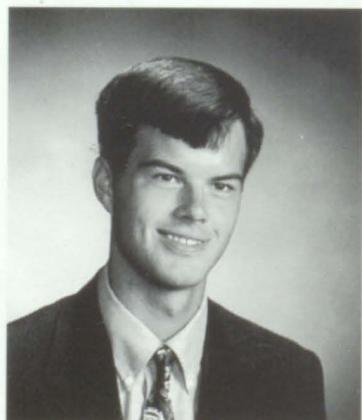


Chris Rozman looks cool in shades as he turns and watches his partner return the ball.

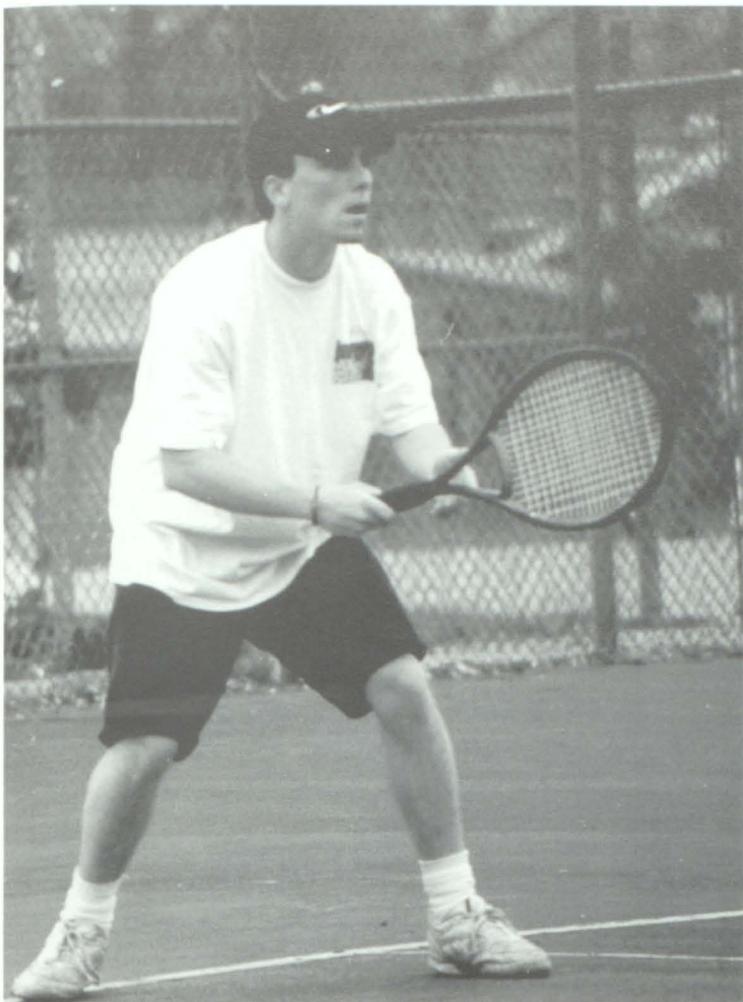
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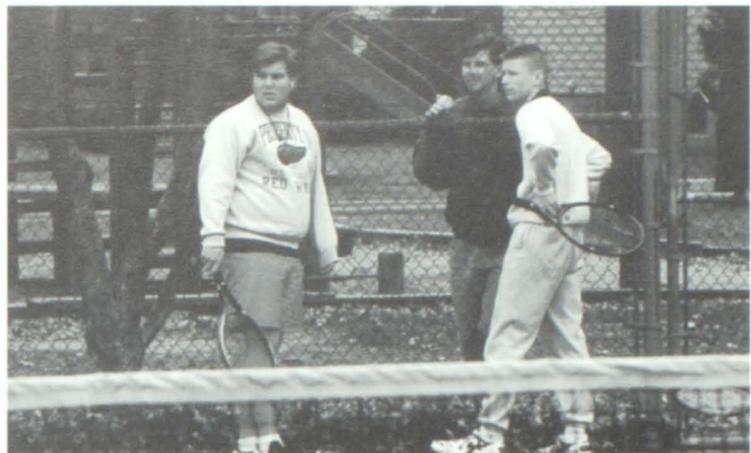
Matthew Stoll



Kurt Kennaugh



Senior Jeff Derringer eagerly awaits to return the ball.



Senior Matt Stoll and sophomore Dave Rozman get some advice from their coach at practice.



The Rozman brothers put aside family differences to play doubles together.



Top Row: Coach Sparks, Brad Sharpe, Pat Ostroth, Kurt Kennaugh, Jason Warhus, Chris Rozman, Dave Rozman, Mike Mandley. Mid Row: Socheat Sou, Matt Stoll, Tim Kelly, Matt Cavanaugh, Josh Green, Jeff Derringer, Mark Altman, Brian Carlson. Front Row: Brian Altman, Matt Wilson, Jim Kelly.

Goal Tending

The Girls' Soccer Team did a good job last season, coming away with a 4-11 record. The team was made up of 35 girls who did their best to win every game! The team's captains were seniors Traci Bogues, and Bonnie Brown. Anna Glenn, Jessica Kelley, and Kristy Schmidt received All Academic, and All State honors. Outstanding team members were senior Bonnie Brown, junior Lisa Moore, and junior Lisa Brzeninski.



Laura Ratio, Julie Lowart, Kristy Schmidt, Traci Bogues, Lisa Moore, Coach Ritter, Coach York, Coach Millar, Jamie Farr, Erin Owens, Jessy Coen, Anna Glenn, Jessica Kelley, Lisa Brzezinski, Kerri Preson, Bonnie Brown, Beth Kennedy, Thea Beemer, Candy Bauman, Lara Pierce, Jenny Brilla, and Michelle Davis.



Senior, Jessica Kelley, steals the ball from her opponent.

Captains

Scoreboard



Bonnie Brown



Traci Bogues

Opponent	Us	Them
Berkley	2	3
Groves	0	4
Shrine	0	3
Lathrup	5	0
Andover	2	0
Wat. Mott	2	1
Berkley	1	2
Groves	1	2
Lathrup	3	0
Waterford	0	1



Lara Pierce gives the ball a swift kick, while Anna Glenn watches on.



The Girls' Soccer Team looks on as the Referee makes a call.



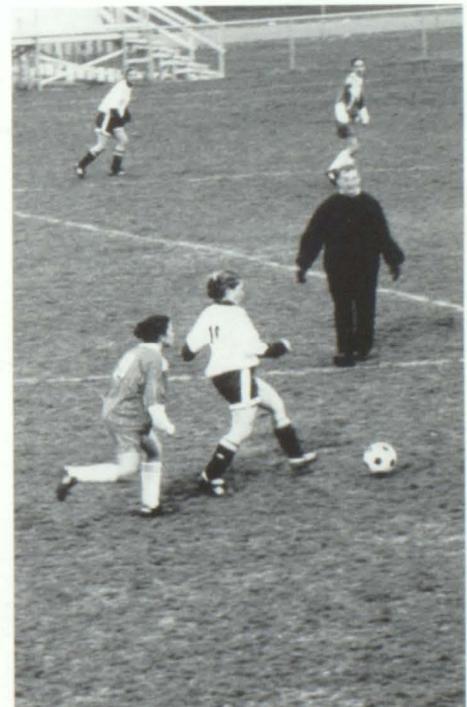
The Varsity team huddles around coach Cammie Millar, for a pep-talk before the game.



The team celebrates after a goal.



J.V.: Amy Thompson, Kelly Timm, Rachel Padgett, Nina Carlisimo, Katie Wallace, Shannon Grey, Jean Tharp, Alicia Smith, Kerri Scott, Kim Edgington, Nicole Pauck, Carol Spicer, Sarah Chaney, Michelle Armstrong, Lori Cummings, Arisa Ward, Sam Boerkel, Jamie Gunn, Coach Millar.



Lara Pierce and Thea Beemer run towards the ball.

Batter Up...

The Girl's Softball Team had an awesome season, with a winning record of 21-10. The team captains were seniors Tracy Wallace and Remy Beemer. Junior Missy VanDoorn was voted MVP. District honors went to Missy and sophomore Nee Sou. Outstanding team members included Missy Van Doorn, Nee Sou, and Tracey Wallace. Their coaches Caroline Cole and Vickie Earnshaw praised the team's winning attitude and their good sportsmanship.



Tracy Wallace

Not
Pictured

Remy Beemer

Scoreboard

Opponent	Us	Them
Ferndale	11,12,11	0,4,0
Berkley	5,2,13	2,1,2
Hazel Park	10,12,	0,6
Groves	5,1,6	16,2,5
Kimball	5	7



Back Row: Coach Cole, Thresa Shepler, Tracy Wallace, Missy VanDoorn, Julie Olejniczak, Coach Earnshaw. Middle row: Nicole McMullen, Remy Beemer, Cheryl Ryskamp, Autumn Kniel, Susie Dinkelmann. Bottom row: Rhonda Delaney, Nee Sou, Kathy Shannon, Lacey Horning.



Top Row: Coach Chapman, Tricia Walls, Colleen Ryskamp, Jenni Park, Coach Melissa. Middle row: Sarah Kruger, Michelle Hill, Jenny Huebner, Jenny Scharver, Nicole Weston. Bottom row: Natasha Dixon, Amy Shepler, Leslie Andrus.

Hard Hitters



VARSITY Top Row: Coach White, Rich Reilly, Mike Hurd, Greg Clark, Jason Viers, Adam Conner. Middle Row: Bobby Grant, Matt Roberts, Shaun Owenes, Derek Smith, Shaun Gilbert, Ian Jones. Bottom Row: James Murray, Joe Dello, Rob Furwa, Mike Caroway

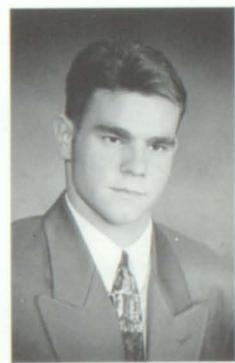


Top Row: Coach Bussy, Ryan Kelly, Dale Wagnitz, Tony Deluca, Coach McGee. Middle Row: Tony Crank, Kyle Kidder, David Giroux, James Pohornicki, Nick Eland, Bottom Row: Joshua Champagne, Matt Dressler, Jamie Forgash, Bill Hopkins.

The Boy's Varsity Baseball Team had an excellent season, winning the OAA League Championship for the second year in a row. Their record was 13 wins and only 9 losses with a League record of 7 wins and 1 loss. The 1996's team was lead by Senior Captains Derek Smith and Shaun Owens. Pitcher Mike Miziko received All District and All League honors. Other All League honorees were: Matt Roberts, Derek Smith, Shaun Gilbert, and Rob Furwa. The team's Most Valuable Player was Shaun Gilbert. Coach White's team continued the tradition of League Championship play.



Derek Smith



Shaun Owens

Scoreboard

Opponent	Us	Them
Andover	4	3
Pon. Cen.	9	0
Southfield	8	4
Brandon	9	1
Pon. Cen.	3	1
Southfield	5	4
Brandon	14	4
Andover	11	12(8)

Running The...

Last spring, the girls track team ran their way to a 3 and 5 record. They placed fourth in both the division and regional meets. Captains of the team were: Junior Heather Kelly, Junior Mary Reilly, and senior Courtney Newman. Heather Kelly was division champion in the 100 and 300 hurdles. She was also a State qualifier, where she placed third and sixth in the 100 and 300. Freshman Jane Crewdson, and sophomore Jennifer Matthews, were also State qualifiers. Outstanding athlete awards went to: Heather Kelly, Mary Reilly, Jane Crewdson.



Sophomore Jenny Matthews running her hardest in the half mile at the State meet.



Junior Heather Kelly takes the lead in the 300 hurdles at the State meet.



Top row-Kristen Klebba, Nicole Shefferly, Jane Crewdson, Kate Hannah, Jennifer Matthews, Heidi Rosenzweig, Mary Reilly, and Courtenay Newman. Middle row-Coach Skelcy, Cyndi Osborne, Heather Kelly, Jennifer Carlson, Sara Ward, Joy Aulph, Coach O'Brien. Third row-Any Hubbarth, Aimee Williams, Miranda Mayer, Sarah Miller, Priscilla Stringer, Xenia Taganova. Bottom row-Michelle Pelker, Lauren Hutzley, Rachel Sanders, Mary Hornbacher.

Tri-Captains



Heather Kelly



Mary Reilly



Courtenay Newman

Scoreboard

Opponent	Us	Them
Clawson	37	90
Kettering	68	59
Lathrup	47	81
Bishop Foley	93	35
Brandon	65	63
Seaholm	30	98
Kimball	60.5	67.5
Regional	4th place	

Extra Mile

The Boy's Track had a good season, with an overall record of 3-5. Captains of the team were; Seniors Aaron Blakemore and Doug Fleury. Aaron Blakemore was All League and MVP. Outstanding athletes went to Doug Fleury, Aaron Blakemore, and Mike Wilusz.



Junior Mike Wilusz moves ahead of his opponent at the State meet.



Front row-Fred Kaiser, Don Bos, Doug Fleury, Joe Tarlo, Justin Kaufman, Dominic DeLuca, Matt Steele, Aaron Blakemore, Mike Wilusz. Next row-Coach Skelcy, Coach McElroy, Jon Didyk, Mike Lowthere, Adam Laster, Kevin VanHagen, Dan Judge, Phil Maven, Coach Steele. Next row-Chris Wilusz, Jason Smolinski, Marc Hornbacher, Brian White, Ian Miller, Andy Blakemore, Randy Odgers, Chris Hart. Bottom row-Derrek Wilcoxson, Nathan Berube, Greg VenHagen, Josh Farr, Greg Giantz, Cole Beber.

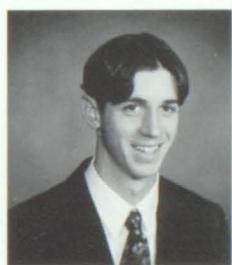
Scoreboard

Opponent	Them	Us
Clawson	75	53
S. Christian	30	96
Waterford	69	59
S. Lathrup	76	52
Bishop Foley	34	94
Brandon	44	83
Seaholm	77	51
Kimball	64.6	58.3



Senior Aaron Blakemore and Doug Fleury, Sophomore Fred Kaiser, Junior Mike Wilusz, and coach McElroy pose for a picture at the State meet.

Co-Captains



Top- Aaron Blakemore
Bottom- Doug Fleury



Dondero's Best...

Don Bos

is outstanding in Soccer. He was a two-year Varsity player and was co-captain of the team his senior year. Don's hard work resulted in All-League honors as a senior.

Lisa Brzezinski

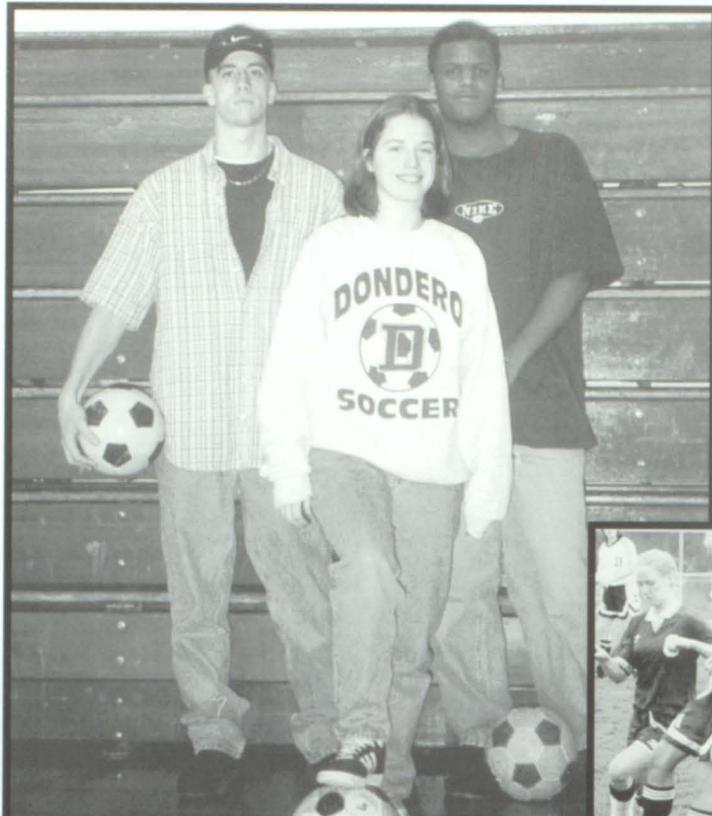
has been on Varsity soccer since her freshmen year. Lisa has maintained a high grade point average while playing soccer and has been a scholar athlete all four years. Lisa has received numerous awards, such as All-League and All-Area.

Virgil Humphreys

is outstanding in soccer. Virgil was M.V.P of the Varsity Soccer team and a co-captain his senior year. Virgil's many honors include: All-League, All-District and All-State. Virgil's dedication and skill made him a valuable asset to the Varsity for three years.

Lisa Moore

was chosen as an Outstanding Athlete because she put her all into every game. Lisa was a Varsity player for three years, earning such honors as: All-League, All-District, and All-Area.



Nee Sou

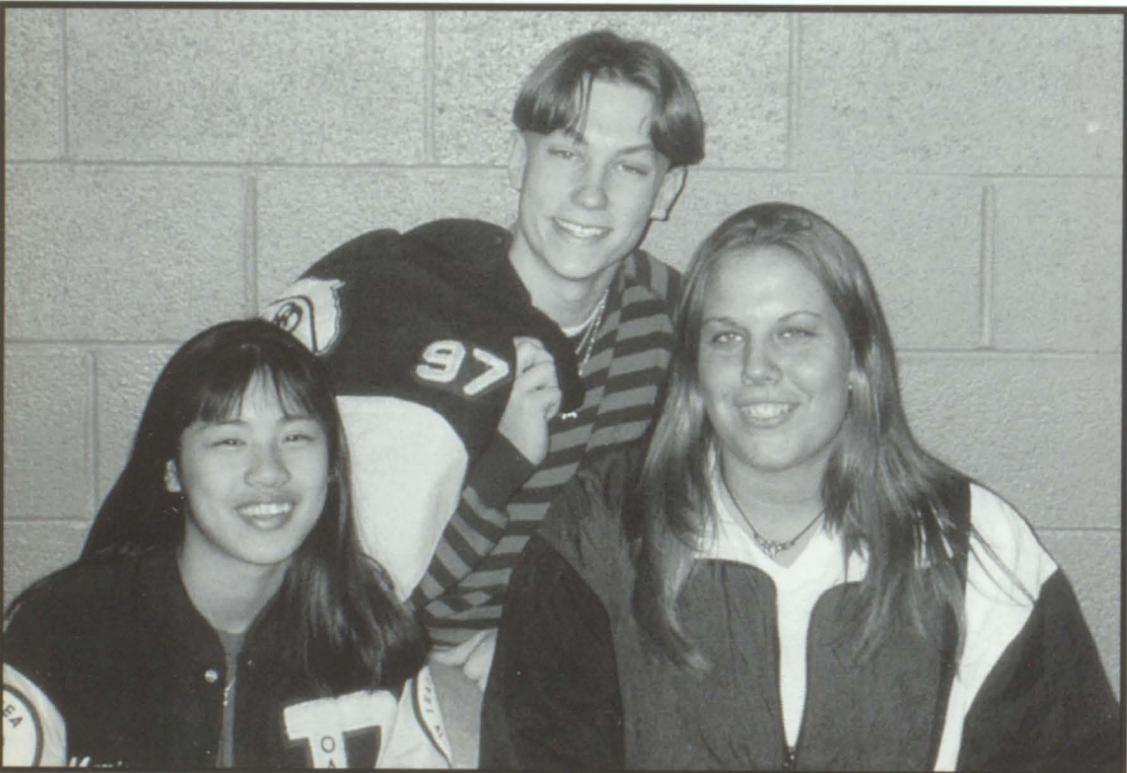
is outstanding in softball. Nee has been a Varsity player for three years. Nee was an Outstanding Athlete because of her sportsmanship and hard work. She has received All-Area and All-League for her talent in softball.

Bobby Grant

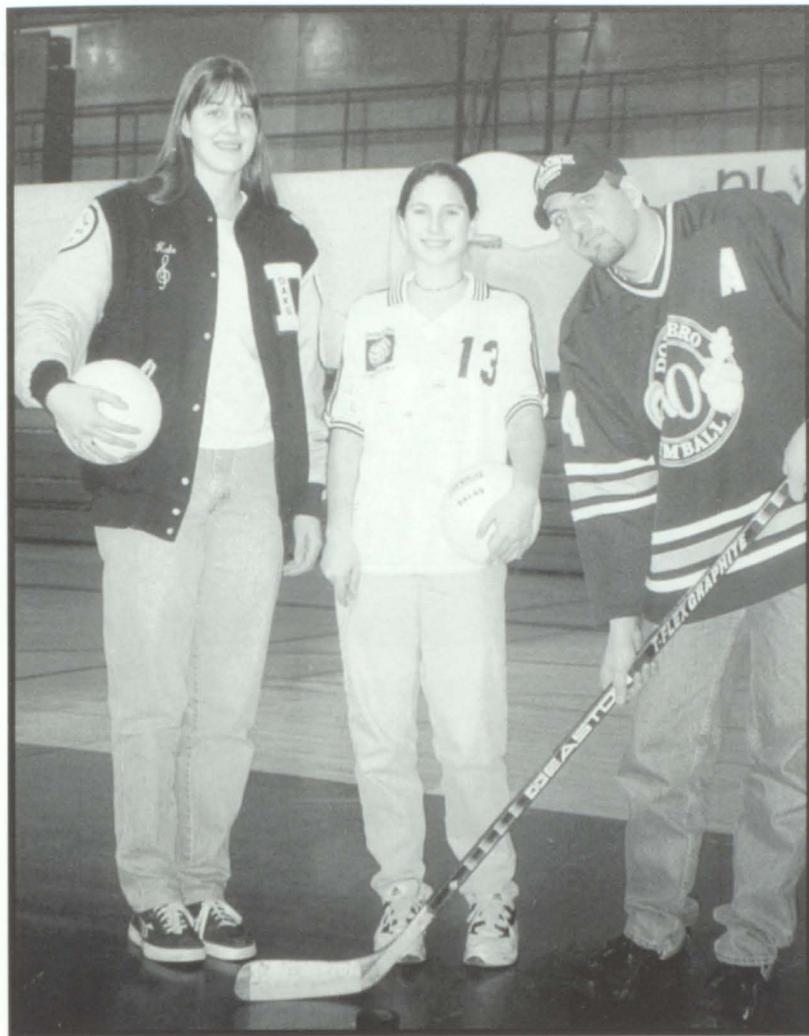
is an Outstanding Athlete in Varsity baseball. He has received All-League and All-District honors. Bobby was the captain of the team his senior year. Bobby was chosen outstanding for his leadership and talent.

Missy VanDoorn

is outstanding in softball. Missy was an integral part of the Varsity softball team for four years as their star pitcher. She received numerous awards including: All-League, All-Area and All-District. Missy's hard work also earned her the M.V.P. title.



Outstanding Athletes



Jeff Wright

is outstanding in basketball. Jeff was on the team for two years and captain his senior year. Jeff was chosen outstanding because he is a consistently solid player and always works his hardest.

Greg Clark

is outstanding in basketball. Greg made the Varsity team his freshman year and even started his first game! Greg showed his leadership skills as a co-captain his junior year. Greg is an asset to the team and a serious threat to any opponent.

Kate Hannah

has played on the Varsity basketball team for three years. During her senior season, Kate helped her team win the O.A.A. Division Championship for the first time in the school's history. Kate is outstanding because of her good attitude and hard work on the court.

Nee Sou

has played Varsity basketball for two years. She has received All-League and All-Area honors. Nee was chosen outstanding for her excellent ability on the court.

Nicole McMullen

is outstanding in basketball. Nicole was co-captain of the team and a model of sportsmanship. Her honors include: All-League and M.V.P. her junior year.

Kate Hannah

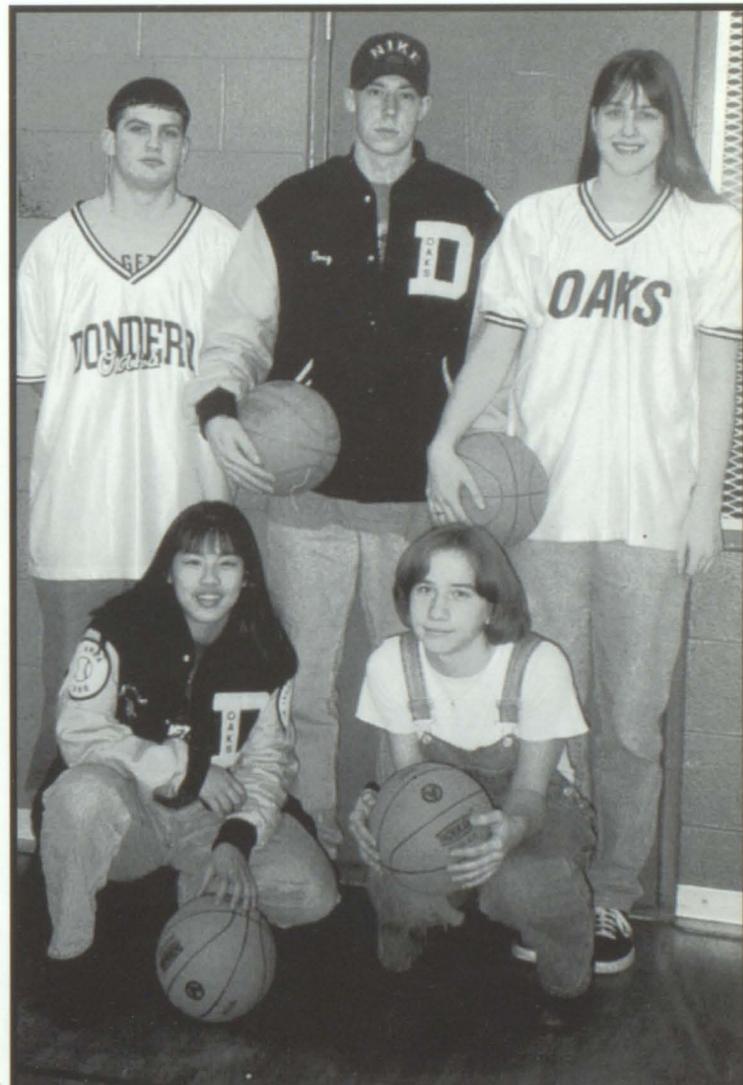
is outstanding in volleyball. Kate has been a key player on the Varsity volleyball team for three years as a front row hitter. Kate was a scholar athlete. Kate was awarded All-League and was captain of the team her senior year.

Jenny Brilla

was chosen outstanding in volleyball. She made varsity her sophomore year and has been working hard ever since. She is outstanding because of her talent and spirit on the court. Jenny received All-league honorable mention.

Roy Jacokes

is a member of the Royal Oaks Blades Hockey team. The team is made up of Kimball and Dondero students, Roy has been on the team since it started three years ago. Roy was captain his senior year. Roy was chosen outstanding because he always gives his all on the ice.



Best of the Best

Joy Aulph

is outstanding in swimming. Joy led the team as co-captain and was the only team member to qualify for the State Meet. At the State Meet, Joy placed seventeenth in the 100 meter breaststroke.

Chris Selby

was chosen Outstanding for swimming. Chris qualified for the County Meet at which he did very well.

Shawn McIvenna

is also Outstanding in boys' swimming. Shawn qualified for the County Meet as well. Shawn is an Outstanding Athlete because of his hard work and complete dedication.

Megan Volk

is an outstanding swimmer. Megan's hard work was rewarded with a co-M.V.P. award which she shared with Joy Aulph. Megan also was All-League in the 200yd freestyle and the 400yd free relay.



Ian Miller

is outstanding in Cross Country. Ian received many awards such as, All-League and All-Area third team. Ian's abilities also qualified him for the State Meet. He also led the team as a co-captain.

Fred Kaiser

is outstanding in Track & Field. Fred was an integral part of an All-League 4x400m team. Fred's outstanding attitude and work ethic made him a valuable asset to the team.

Mike Wilusz

is outstanding for Track & Field and for Cross Country. In Track, Mike was All-League and Regional Champion in the 400m. Mike was also All-County and he qualified for the State Meet. Mike was an over-achiever in Cross Country as well. In Cross Mike was All-League, Regional Champion and All-State.

Heather Kelly

is outstanding for Track & Field and Cross Country. In Track Heather was All-League for the 300m hurdles and the 100m hurdles. Heather was also the M.V.P. for three years in a row. Heather led the team as a captain.

Mary Reilly

is outstanding in Track & Field and Cross Country. In Track Mary was an M.V.P. and the Golden Oak award winner. Mary also qualified for the State Meet in the 800m. In Cross Mary was M.V.P. and All-League.



Mary Hornbacher

is outstanding in Cross Country. Mary earned All-League honors for the 1995 season and the 1996 season. Mary's dedication to the sport has made her an Outstanding Athlete.



Mark Altman

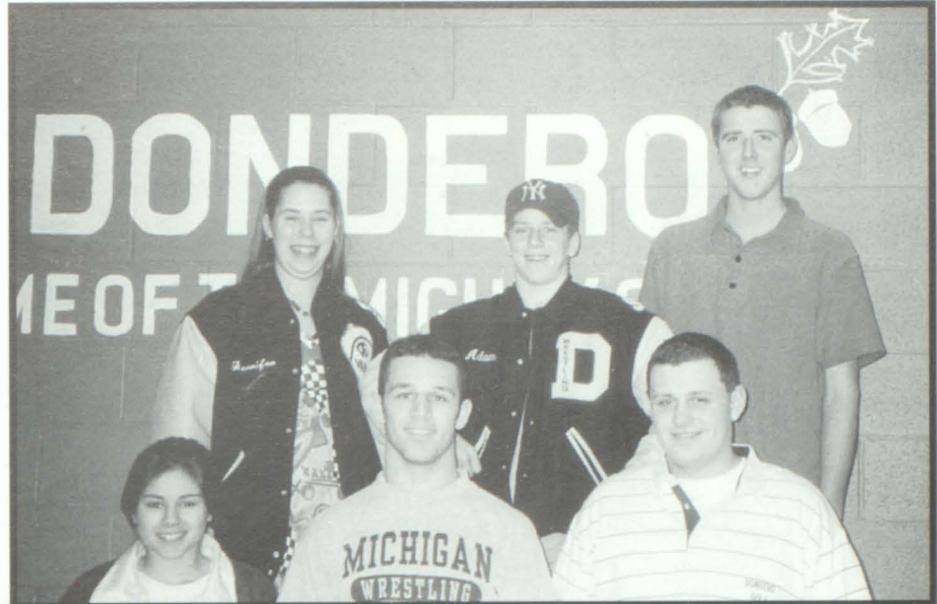
is outstanding in Tennis. Mark earned All-League honors as a result of his continuous hard work. Mark also led the team as a captain.

Michelle Davis

is an outstanding Tennis player. Michelle is a very versatile player that can play both singles and doubles successfully. Michelle was the captain of her team and earned All-League honors three years in a row.

Chris Rozman

is outstanding for Tennis. Chris is an exceptional athlete with the attitude to match. Chris was All-League and a team captain.



Mary Hornbacher

is outstanding in Gymnastics. Mary has been on the team for four years and has given her all everyday. Mary was a co-captain her Senior year.

Jenn Carlson

is outstanding in Gymnastics also. Jenn was a Regional qualifier. Jenn is a three year veteran of the team and knows what it takes to succeed.

Adam McFall

is an outstanding wrestler. Adam is a leader on the mat as a Senior and as a captain. Adam is very fast and effective when dealing with an opponent and gets the pin.

Adam Klemp

is outstanding in Wrestling. Adam has had a terrific season. He is an All-League wrestler and he took fourth in Regionals. Adam was one of sixteen wrestlers to qualify for the State Meet in his 112lb. weight class. Adam is an excellent wrestler who never backs down.

Jared Bilas and Ryan Kelly

are outstanding in Golf. Both Ryan and Jared are wonderful golfers who work hard everyday on the course. Ryan received All-League honors and was captain of the team.

Emily West, Laura Dillard and Michelle Chen

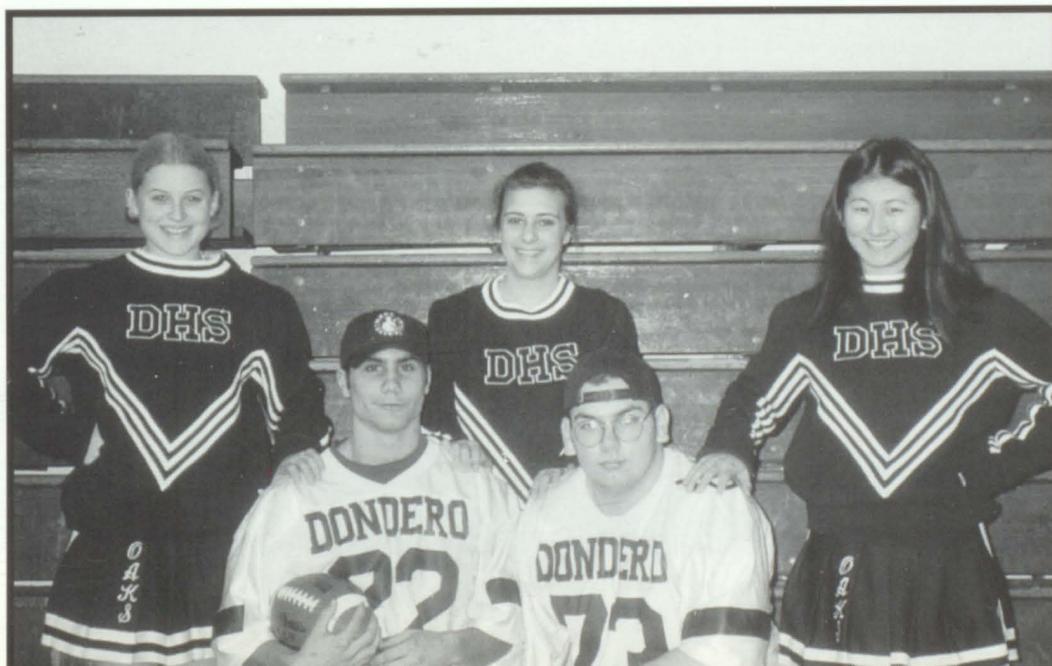
are outstanding Cheerleaders. These girls have a lot of spirit and dedication. They are always doing nice things for the football players like giving them candy and making them posters to keep them motivated. These girls exemplify the spirit of Dondero.

Mike Nole

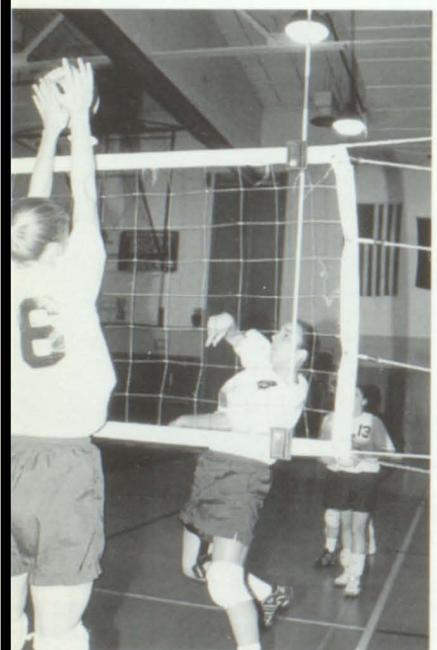
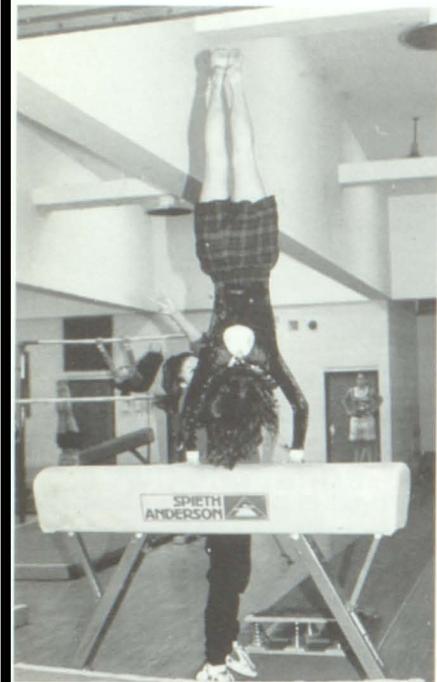
is outstanding in Football. Mike is a three year Varsity Football player who has made his presence felt every season. As a result of Mike's hard work, he has been awarded All-League and All-Area. Mike also led the team as the M.V.P. and a co-captain.

Dominic DeLuca

is an outstanding Football player. As a captain of the team, Dominic always keeps the team motivated and ready to play. Dominic is a strong force on the field and always gets the job done. Dominic has received All-League and All-Area honors. Dominic also earned the "Unsung Hero" award.



1997, A Year to Remember







Joel Nimety

Photo by: Prestige

Section By: Sarah Schmidlin and Cyndi Osborne



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First Year, First Step, Freshman Choir



Members of the Freshman Choir are waiting to sing.

Ninth graders of Dondero are placed in the Freshman Choir. These students work hard each day to prepare themselves for concerts and classroom tests. Hopefully they will advance to A Cappella Choir as a reward for their learnings. The Freshman Choir performs at the Winter and Spring concerts. Freshman choir is directed by Mr. Hartsoe. Below: David Jordon has to stand again because he was late.



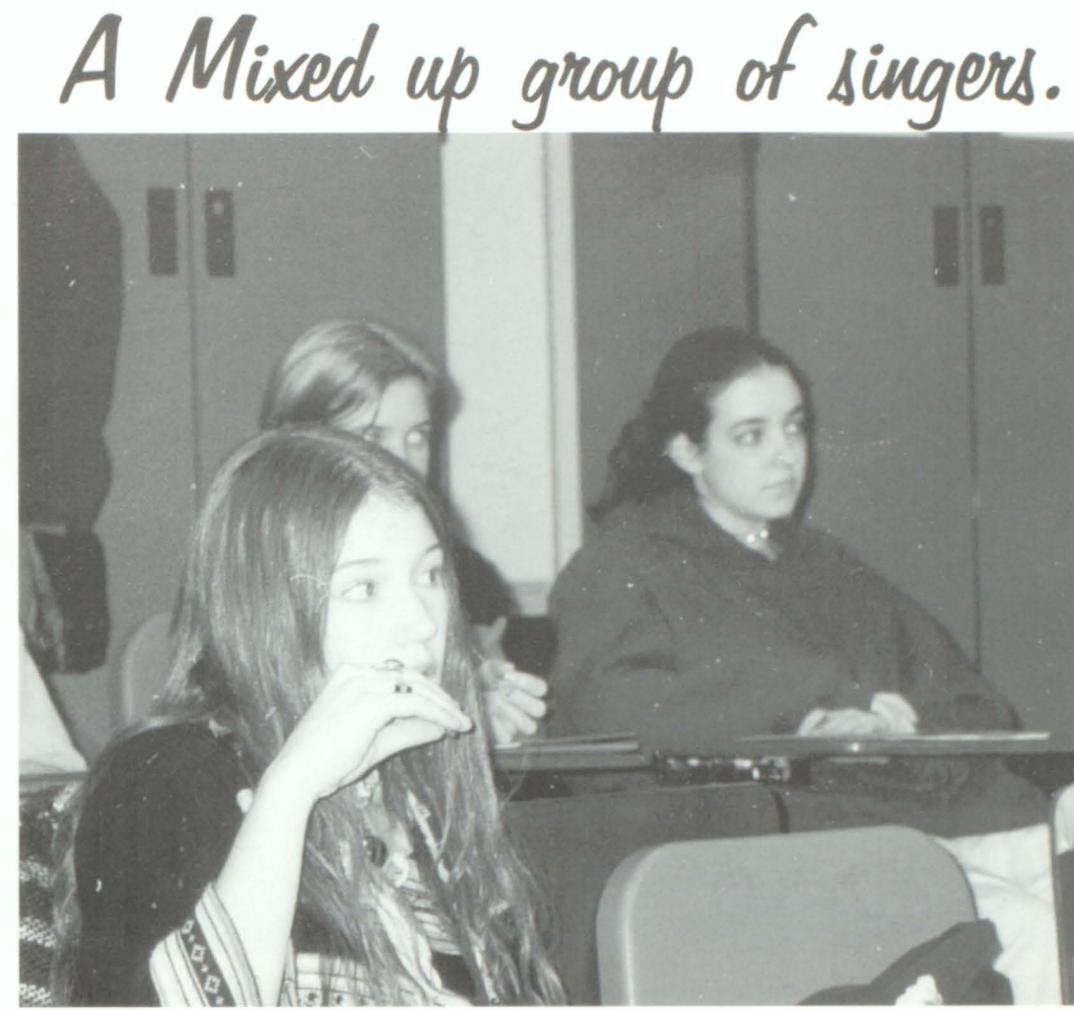
Francis Mudge, Katie Barker, Amber Holcomb, and Andrea Scobie listen closely.

Vicki Roman is singing with a smile.

Like Freshman choir, members of Mixed Choir study hard in hopes of passing the A cappella's 10 page test. This group performs at Winter and Spring Concerts and the Mini-pop Concert. Mixed Choir is made up of sophomores, juniors and seniors who choose to participate in the Dondero choirs. There is no audition, the only trick is getting the class on the schedule. This choir is directed by Mr. Hartsoe.



Jenny Willard and Gwen Kerr are relaxed while the alto section takes a break.



Janelle Vermiglio and Jackie Iannucci watch for the alto cue.



Cole Beber and Josh Campos are proud to be tenors.



Rachel Davis, Betsy Granda and Melissa Basse are three sopranos who are ready to work.

A cappella is at the top



A cappella altos sing the Halleluah Chorus.



Soprano Jamie McIntyre concentrates on her music.



Alto Sara Arbenowski is ready to perform.



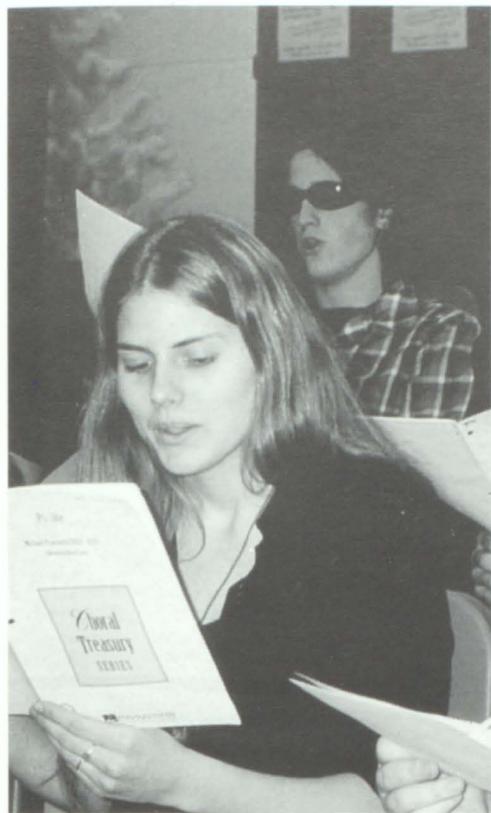
Andrew Lindblom looks worn out from too many Pop Concert rehearsals.



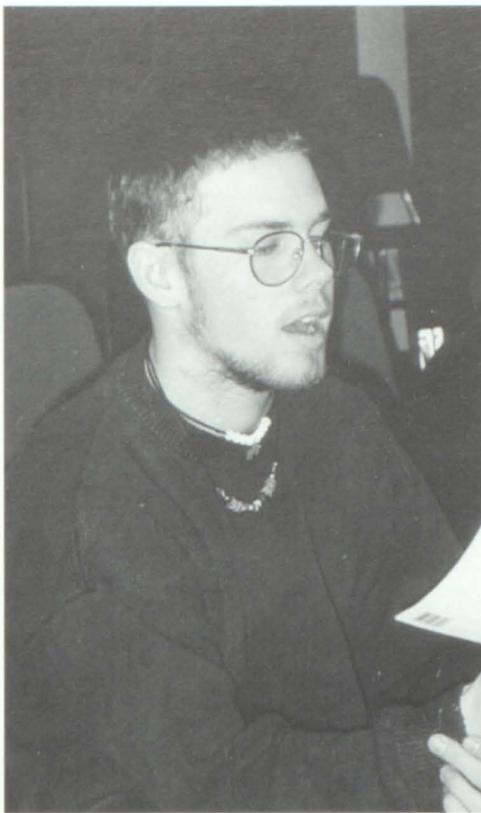
Joy Aulph takes a serious look at her music.

Some students achieve A cappella their freshman year while others study choral music through other choirs and audition to achieve A cappella level. No matter how long it took, they're proud of their success. A cappella choir performs at concerts all year long, ranging from in school shows to hospital visitations. A cappella choir also undertakes the task of putting on Dondero's "show of shows", the Pop Concert. A cappella choir is directed by Mr. Rick Hartsoe.

Beautiful voices from Musical Minority



Julia Westenburg sings strong.



Brian White has complete focus while he sings.

Musical Minority was made up of a unique group of students who were willing to pass a difficult tryout session and sacrifice some of their free time for practices. Yet, it was all worth the rehearsal time with Mr. Hartose for the actual successes of the the performances. For many choir students making it into Minority is one of a few goals they have set for their high school career.



Will Sweet and Lance Mitchell took a walk on the wild side before rehearsal started.



Is Musical Minority laughing at the music... or the director?



Karen Maylone knows how to stay serious.

Being top soloist as a member of A Cappella Choir is an honor. The choir votes to make all decisions and being voted number one is exhilarating. One might say that in A Cappella, nothing is more exciting... unless you talk to Sarah Cadieux. The third person in 27 years to be voted top soloist two years in a row.

#9 K. Brent & V. Keiser	"I Hate My Generation"
#8 Alan Rutter	"The Silent Man"
#7 Thea Beemer	"Three Babies"
#6 N. Brent & L. Mitchell	"Three Cool Cats"
#5 L. Mitchell & The A Cappella Guys	"My Wild Love"
#4 Nate Brent	"Satellite of Love"
#3 Ryan Parmenter	"Dead Superman"
#2 Brian White	"Wonderwall"
#1 Sarah Cadieux	"White Rabbit"
Encore	"Way Down"



(Above) Brian White, Alan Rutter and Josh are all dedicated Pop Concert musicians.

(Right) Josh Grahams is a hottie with a guitar in his hands.



Pop Concert

(Bottom left) Chris Szerdi playing bass for the fourth year at pop concert. Through countless hours of rehearsals this dedicated musician endured instruction from the "notorious" Mr. Hartsoe and will always be remembered.

(Below) The stage is always full of life at Dondero, but nothing compares with the extravagant decor and pulsating energy that comes hand in hand with Pop Concert.

(Below) Thea Beemer's nullifying voice puts the audience in a trance. Tranquility flows with ease throughout the auditorium, moving like waves, floating off the walls. And no one can breathe when her voice is not alive.



Ryan Parmenter, a mastermind behind a keyboard.

Band Working Hard

Dondero's symphony band is made up of Sophomores through seniors. These students meet every day first hour and rehearse with complete dedication. Being a member of a Dondero band requires nothing more than the most each student can give through the grueling hours of practice. The concert band is designed for incoming freshman. The class separates the ninth graders and gives them all a year to feel around a high school band class, getting prepared for symphony band. Selected first chair symphony band members form a group known as the jazz band. This band knows how to rock the house with its classic tunes topping off and band performances.



Above: Alicia Smith, my what a nice tuba you have.

Right: Sarah Stanton and Brian Elison masters of percussion.

Far right: Ian Krist with his drums.



Top right-Bill Grigsby makes beautiful music with his oboe
Above Nate Brent and Vince Deluca whale it with their trombones.





On the Field

Marching Band consists of symphony band and concert band playing together. Each year the band participates in three competitions. This year Dondero's Marching Band went to Novi on September 28, Lindon on October 12 and Durand on October 19. There were about 90 students in Marching Band this year and they were headed by Mark Altman and Lisa Brzezinski as the drum majors.



Below Ava Barbour leads the clarinets and flutes with complete perfection.



Top left: Mark Altman, drum major, concentrates as he conducts.
Top right: Lisa B conducts with positive energy.

Mid left: Candice Bauman dressed as a townsman for the band's performance of *The Musicman*.
Mid center: Mr Perkins directs, and he's all dressed up for the show.

Mid right: Joel Nimety plays with a passion.

Music To Doudero's Ears ...



Chamber; Back Row: K. Kidder, J. Kendall, J. Lodessen, E. West, K. Morris, K. McKenzie, B. Renshaw, M. Hornbacker, M. Riggs, H. Riggs, Mr. Milicevic, S. Kincannon, J. Woodbury, E. Rogers Front Row: E. Riley, M. Brown, E. Voorhees, L. Semivan, T. Kelly, J. Carlson, J. Kelly, S. West.



Back Row: Mr. Hartsoe, Nate Brent, Sarah Miller, Joy Aulph, Melissa Day, Lance Mitchell Front Row: Becky Renshaw, Meghan Moran, Sarah Arbenowski, Julia Westenburg, Julie Busch, Karen Maylone, Jan Stewart



Fiddle Ensemble: Front Row: Heather Riggs, Karen Morris, Jenny Kendall, Heather Kelly, Cristina Kelly Middle Row: Emily Voorhees Back Row: Mr. Milicevic, Eva Rogers, Elizabeth Reilly, Becky Renshaw, Kyrie Kidder, Mark Erwin, Tim Kelly, Lauren Semivan, Jim Kelly, Jim Woodbury, Steve Burns



A Capella Choir: Back Row: S. Schmidlin, S. Arbenowski, E. Bundo, C. Smith, K. Berger, J. Barely, M. Brent, B. White, K. Rosenzwig, L. Mitchell, A. Wood, A. Lindblom, M. Day, K. Vickers Middle Row: T. Beemer, J. Basse, E. Owens, R. Trivalino, S. Wing, C. Vargo, M. McCave, R. Allen, M. Donnelly, M. Wilson, H. Rosenzwig, K. Maylone, C. Sheedy Front Row: Mr. Hartsoe, M. Moran, S. Bradley, K. Scott, B. Renshaw, S. Miller, J. Aulph, J. Busch, K. Aulph, J. Westenburg, J. McIntyre, L. Walsh, J. Piasta, J. Stewart

The Special Sounds They Make



Back Row: I. Krist, B. Ellison, S. Bowen, J. Showers, S. Stanton, J. Reese
 Fourth Row: Mr. Perkins, J. Hartge, M. Brent, V. DeLuca, M. Enox, A. Skardoutous, A. Aldenbrand, C. Rosenzwig, A. Smith, J. Wildinson, J. Nimety, M. Altman, N. Carlesimo, K. Scott, S. Webb, K. Jones, B. Wright
 Third Row: J. Stern, E. Moore, N. Mandrup-Rouse, L. Ingle, A. Williams, M. Leasia, J. Louwaert, B. Tharp, L. Cummings, A. Pyott, J. Busch, H. Rosenzwig, A. Shaw, B. Eichhorn, M. Long, C. Berger, S. Miller, C. Presson, J. Barger
 Second Row: V. Langdorf, J. Hunter, J. Aulph, C. Sakkinnen, D. Linville, J. Huebner, L. Covell, C. Denard, M. Vansicle, E. Bundo, K. Edginton
 Front Row: K. Hannah, J. Allen, B. Grigsby, C. Bauman, J. Westenberg, A. Aulph, C. Louzenhouiser, K. Aulph, L. Brzezinski, A. Barbour



Symphony Orchestra: M. Brown, E. Reilly, H. Kelly, K. Morris, J. Carlson, T. Kelly, S. West, J. Kelly, M. Hornbacher, E. Voorhees, J. Lodessen, S. Burns, M. Mansfield, J. Woodbury, A. Kimmerle, M. Riggs, K. Kidder, S. Drummond, H. Wojuck, M. Basse, S. Kincannon, J. Kendall, S. Bradley, J. Stadola, K. McKenzie, B. Renshaw, K. Aulph, L. Brzezinski, A. Barbour, B. Grigsby, C. Bauman, J. Allen, K. Hannah, J. Barger, C. Berger, S. Miller, E. Shaw, H. Rosenzwig, J. Busch, M. Altman, J. Nimety, V. DeLuca, M. Brent, A. Smith, Mr. Milicevic, I. Krist, B. Ellison, S. Stanton



Concert Band: Back Row: J. S. Pattra, M. Anus, F. Rosenzwig, A. Duval, G. Perez, B. Arnold, C. Polecen, M. Hannah, K. Celverlie, T. Brown, M. Smith
 Mr. Perkins
 Front Row: K. Gibson, L. Scott, K. Daves, J. Swanson, A. Nassouri, J. Arscott, J. Rutter, M. Gignaig, K. Scott, K. Kolojetski



Concert Orchestra: Back Row: H. Smith, A. Vysniauskas, E. West, S. Seymour, K. Benedict, H. Seyger
 Front Row: L. Semivan, H. Wiggs, K. Spitzley, S. Fetco, K. Kelly, G. Barger, E. Rogers, M. Erwin, Mr. Milicevic

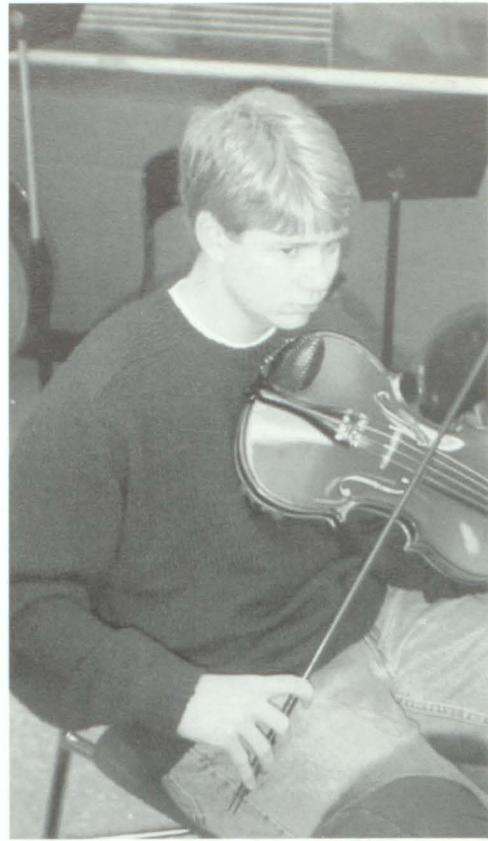
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



Above left: Becky Renshaw is up so early she didn't even remember to take off her coat.

Above center: Sarah West keeps in perfect harmony with her cello.

Below left: Mary Hornbacher listens to her instructions.



Above right: Tim Kelly concentrates as he tunes his instrument.

Below center: Kelly Beard plays her violin with careful precision.

Below right: Melissa Basse smiles beautifully—even at 8 o'clock in the morning.



THE STRINGS OF SYMPHONY

Below: Kelly Bennedict lets her imagination and creativity flow through her music.
Right: Lauren Semivan and Heather Riggs create sweet music together with their violins.



Below: Eva Rodgers listens intently for her cue.



The Dondero Symphony Orchestras are full of dedicated musicians. With each new year an orchestra student learns more. Incoming freshmen are automatically placed in Concert Orchestra, which is new this year. All of the returning members participate in Symphony Orchestra. The Symphony Orchestra competes in festivals and perform at the Winter Concert and at the Spring concert. Chamber orchestra is a group of orchestra members who are willing to dedicate their time to an even greater extent. One must try out to join this elite group. Fiddle Ensemble is also new this year. Members show up at rehearsals on a volunteer basis.



Middle bottom: Kelly Spitzley concentrates on perfection.
Below: Mike Brown and Liz Reilly, leaders of the violins in the Symphony Orchestra, take a well deserved break.



Oliver

The spring musical of the 1996 was "Oliver" based on the novel by Charles Dickens called Oliver Twist. A great deal of cooperation and determination as well as time was put in by many people to make "Oliver." Besides the scene where the set collapsed, the show was a complete success.

Ryan Parmenter played Bill Sykes

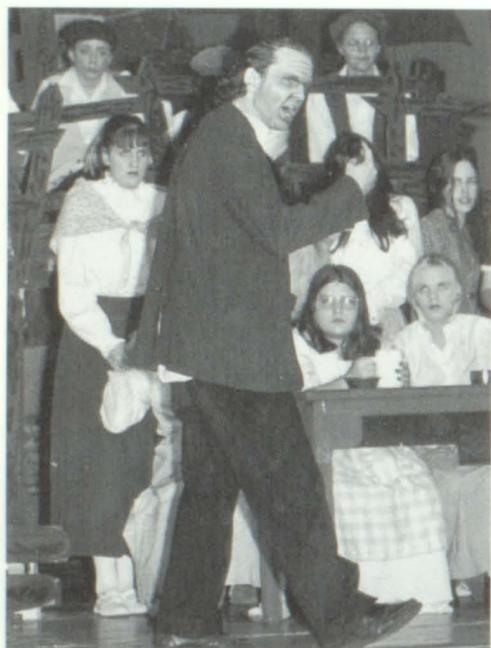
Matt Wilson played Oliver

Alan Rutter played Fagin

Sarah Cadieux played Nancy

Pat Ostroth played Mr. Bumble

Jamie Farr as the Widow



Above-Matt Wilson and Alan Rutter are exemplary actors without cracking a smile.

Left- Ryan Parmenter, stresses his emotion through his role of Bill Sykes.

Below right- The Set and Crew of Oliver.

Below left- The Cast of Oliver.



Color Guard

This 1996 season was one of the best for Dondero's color guard, in quite a few years. There are eighteen girls on the team including the two co-captains Jenny Barger and Sarah Miller. There is a lot of dedication involved because they are up practiceing with the band at 7:30 a.m. in the morning and occasionally in the evening. They danced to the theme of Music Man. A majority of the dancers marched wearing only dresses in Winter type weather. This year was excellent and definitely better than a hot dog.



Above- Dondero's 1996 Color Guard included Sarah Miller, Jane Allen, Danille Linville, Carolyn Berge, Aimee Williams, Carrie Presson, Heidi Herzburg, Melissa Beebe, Kelli Davies, Amy Nassoui, Lindsey Covell, Erica Moore, Kelly Porter, Jennie Barger, Alicia Smith, Lurielle Engle, Michelle Vansicle and Sara Bentley.
Left-Carolyn Berder concentrates hard as she follows her routine.

Co-Captains



Jennifer Barger



Sarah Miller

PLAYING OUR PART

Below- Mike Donnelly concentrates on his mood for the role of D'Argenson.



Below-Mark Altman, as Linus Jr., and Ian Krist, as David, contemplate the mystery of Sabrina Fair.

Above-Ian Krist, David, declares his love for Sabrina played by Thea Beemer.

Below- Kate Vickers and Matt McCave arrive ready to party.



DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS SABRINA FAIR

Drama club put a lot of hardwork and dedication into the fall play *Sabrina Fair*. As a result of all those long rehearsals, this one was good enough to be on Broadway. Ms. Whalin was the technical director, and Mrs. Marcus, was the casting director.



Jenny Huebner and Megan Gardner are in control.

Below- Ms. Whalin the technical director, and Mrs. Markus, the casting director, pose theatrically for the camera.



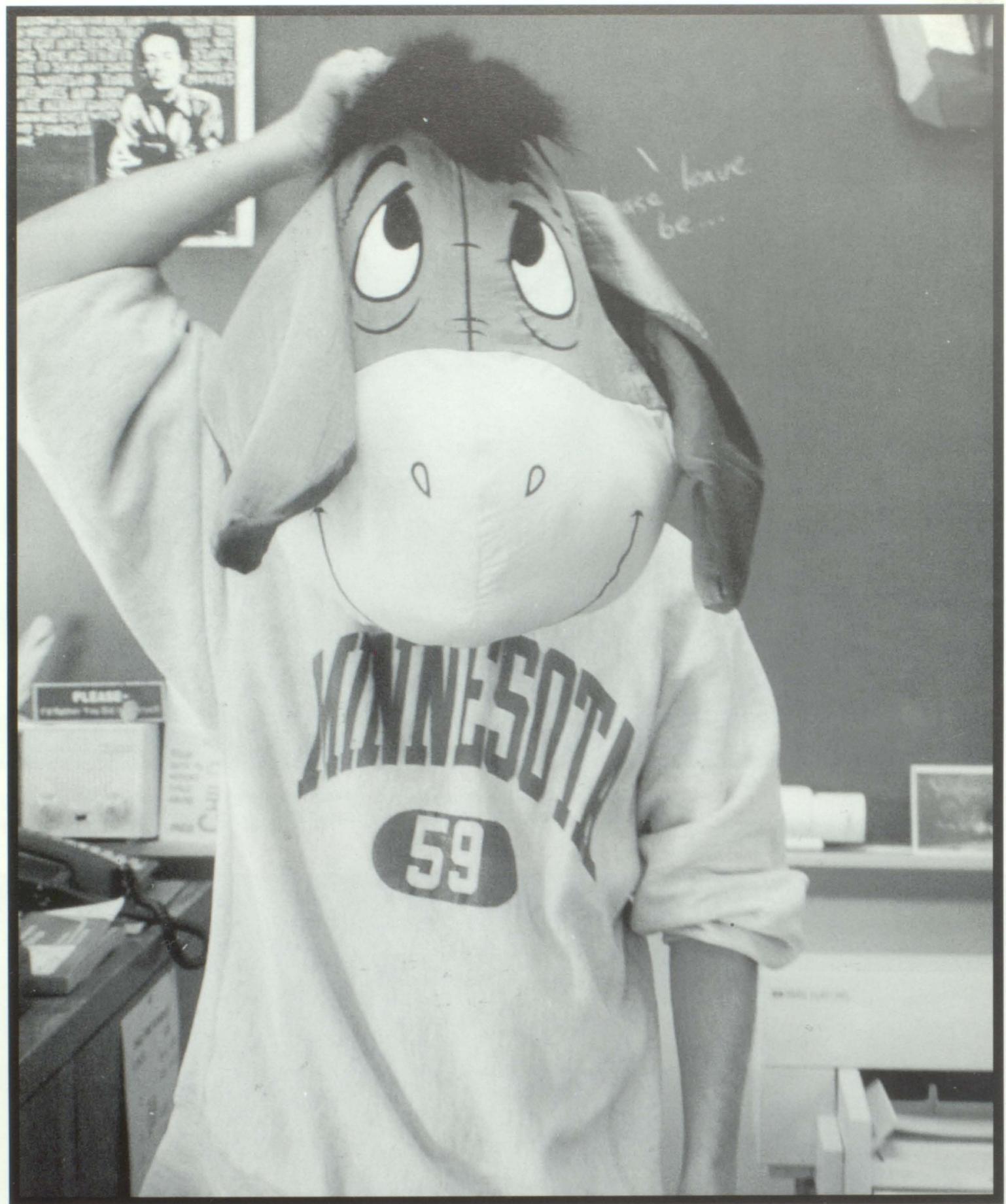
Above-Matt Enohs, as Linus Laraby Sr., contemplates his next plan of action.



Above-Kate Vickers, student director, takes an excited look at all of her hard work.



Above- Cast of *Sabrina Fair*: P. Ostroth, M. Donnelly, L. Walsh, K. Porter, K. Maylone, M. Moran, M. Enohs, J. Coen, M. Wilson, K. Vickers, M. McCave, M. Altman, T. Beemer, and I. Krist



Mr. Cicchini

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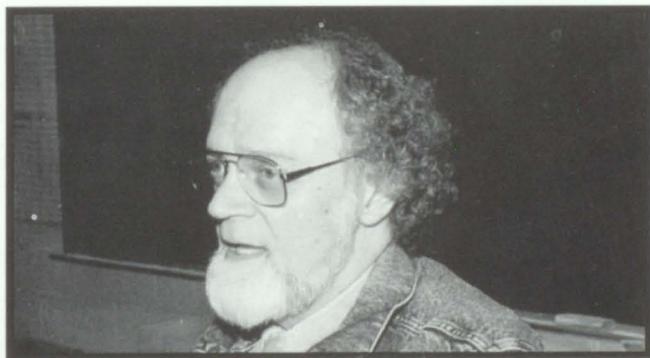
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Administration

Students assumed that the Administration and its front office were only for those students who were in some kind of trouble. Actually, that was only one of the responsibilities that our Administration had. Mr. Judge was our "front Man". It was his responsibility to deal with the media, communicate with parents and the community. Mrs. Nelson, his secretary, made sure that all went smoothly for him and those persons who needed his help. Mr. Chynchuk took care of all of Dondero's finances. All the budget work went through his office. He also oversaw any kind of construction or custodial work. He worked with Mr. Tiffin and Mrs. Joyce, the book-keeper. Mrs. Hayes, his secretary, was his constant support. Ms. Tinetti worked with all the departments on any kind of curriculum work. It was her responsibility to know all of the departments in the school. Mrs. Currie helped her with all the revisions to the schedule, calendar. Dondero's Administration was a key to another successful school year.



Mr. O'Brien grins at one of his nearly convicted students.



Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Scott look over the passes for students who need to see Mr. O'Brien



Kandace Tabor gets a whooping for skipping class.



Mr. Chynchuk shows how not to skip class.



Mrs. Strainavici goes over the list of students for the Saturday suspension.



Ms. Tinetti holds her furry friend.



Mrs. Bostwick discusses with Jenny Kendell about her future.



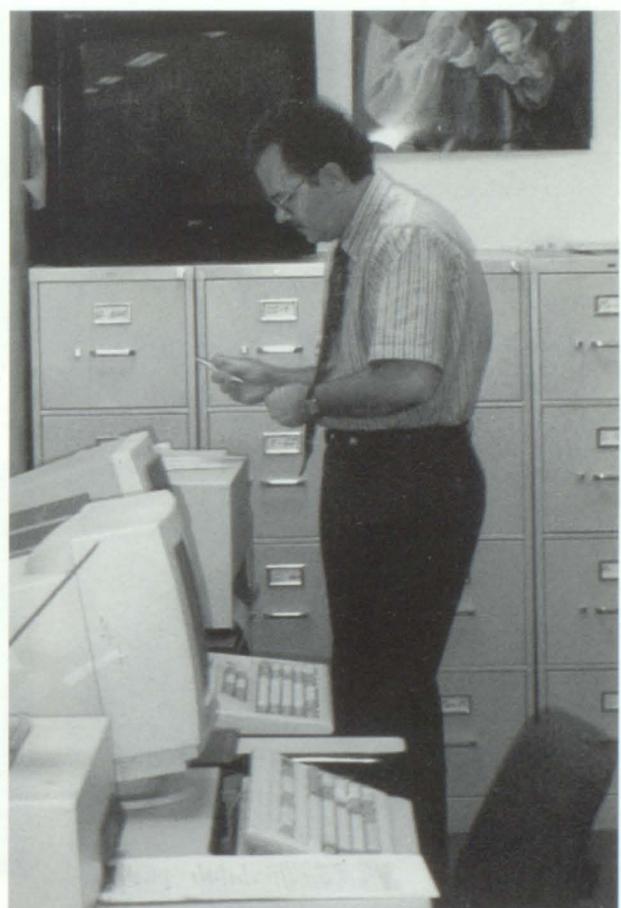
Mrs. Roberts is happy that she's finally done with college passes.



Mrs. DuBois stops her hard work to pose for a picture.

Counseling

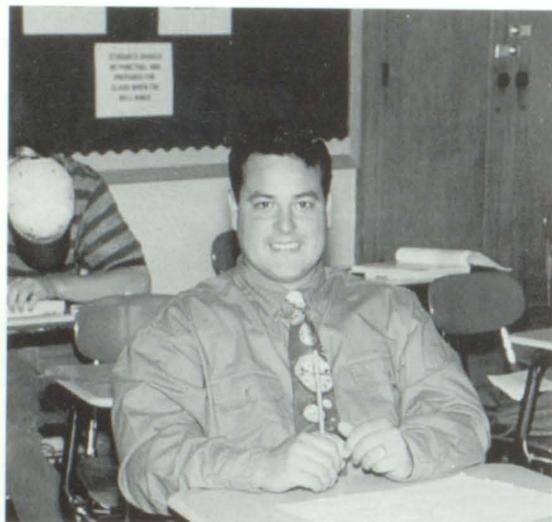
The counseling office is a place away from home. It's like a second home to some students, the counselors treat the students like their own. When students have a problem, they don't just chase them away. They talk things out with them and find solutions to their problems. They might make an appointment with the Social Worker, Mrs. Sutton, about a problem they have. Or, see Mrs. Stemas about scheduling concerns or career decisions. Mrs. DuBois might guide students to different counselors. Mrs. Bostwick works with those students who have special concerns of their own. Mrs. Roberts, the Counseling Secretary, is always ready to help students ... even if it means driving a Communications Class to Camp Tamarack. That's why they are known as the "fix it place". No matter how busy the counselors are, they always seem to find time. The counseling office is a place where you can find solutions.



Mr. Stemas looks over a pass for one of his students.

Social Studies

The Social Studies had a changeover of more than half its department. Three new hires were: Mr. Pontzious, Ms. Straith, and Mr. Schultz. Mr. Voegtler and Ms. Frei retired in January with new teachers hired in their positions. Mr. Pontzious and Ms. Straith quickly became involved in Dondero by sponsoring the freshmen and sophomore classes. Mr. Schultz was not new to Dondero; he had been a substitute for several years. The Social Studies Department also had a new Department Head, Mr. Stevens. He had been working in the Learning Center for a number of years. Ms. Khatchaturian had a new, thinner "look" this year. She continued to work with students and the study of Psychology. We regret Mr. Voegtler's and Ms. Frei's retirement and wish them all the best that life has to offer. They have done so much for the Dondero Community.



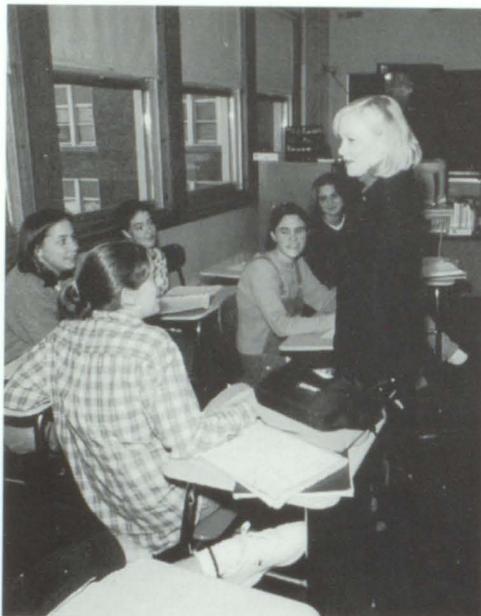
Is Mr. Schultz the student or the teacher?



Mr. Voegtler, known for his Egyptian artifacts, shows Julie Busch one of his favorites.



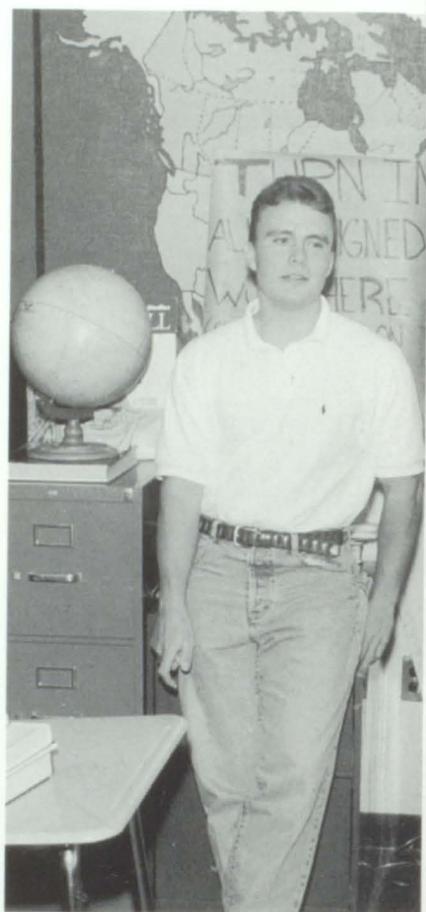
Mrs. Khachaturian holds an example of how the assingment should appear for her class' project.



Ms. Straith waits for Kendra McKenzie to finish her answer to an A.P. History question.



Ms. Frei chuckles at the thought of devouring her "evil" chocolate cupcake at the end of classtime



Mr. Pontzious adjusts to Dondero's "casual dress" Friday.

English

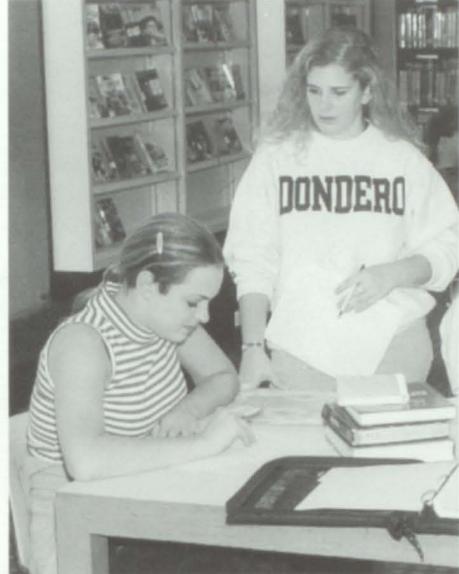
The English Department focused much of its efforts on preparing students for the High School Proficiency Test. This was the second year that the State required juniors to receive a passing score in order to receive a State endorsed diploma. The Department also worked on course revisions and the introduction of the Novel Class. Its Department Head, Mrs. Carol Pearce, spent time with the counselors in an effort to make the scheduling process easier. This was also the first year for Mrs. Marcus, whom along with Ms. Whalin, co-produces Dondero's plays.



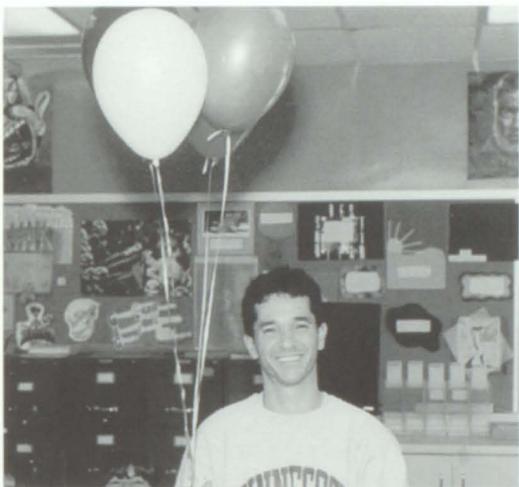
Senior Jenny Basse creates one of her famous boxes for Ms. Schultheiss



Mr. Chisnell oversees Roy Jacokes and his Advanced Comp. assignment.



Student Teacher, Patty Dean, helps Jennifer Wallish and Rebecca Radford with their speech assignment.



Mr. Cicchini shows off Kate Hannah's "Good Luck" basketball balloons.



"Streeter" chuckles at a Senator's attempt to poke fun at his favorite Mickey Mouse tie.



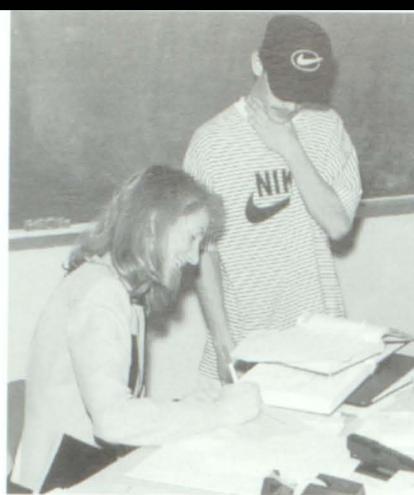
Ms. Whalin takes her place in line at the Media Center's copy machine.



Corinne Vargo watches as Ms. Maudlins's tale unfolds.

Math

The Math Department saw the return of Mrs. Plank and Mr. Phelan (for an hour), a transfer of Mrs. Derminer (formerly Ms. Chapman) from the Business Department, and the hiring of Mrs. Baldwin and Mrs. Booser. They joined current members Mr. Eberhardt, Mr. Barich, Mr. Lynch, and Department Head Mr. Snider. Like many of the other departments at Dondero, much of the time was spent working on preparation for the State Proficiency test. Class offerings ranged from entry level math classes such as General Math to Calculus.



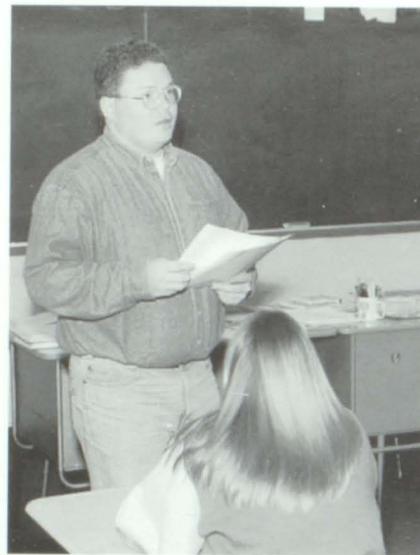
Mrs. Baldwin fills out a Learning Center pass for one of her Extended Algebra students.



Mrs. Booser uses her overhead to help explain the steps needed to complete the problem.



Mr. Snider protects the apple on his desk.



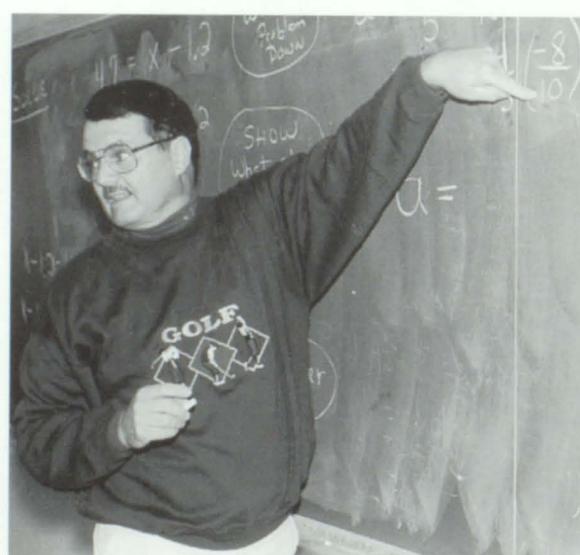
Mr. Lynch is amazed by the answer he just heard.



No matter what Bree Stills says, Mrs. Derminer has a smile on her face.



Mr. Barich explains what needs to be done on the chapter test.



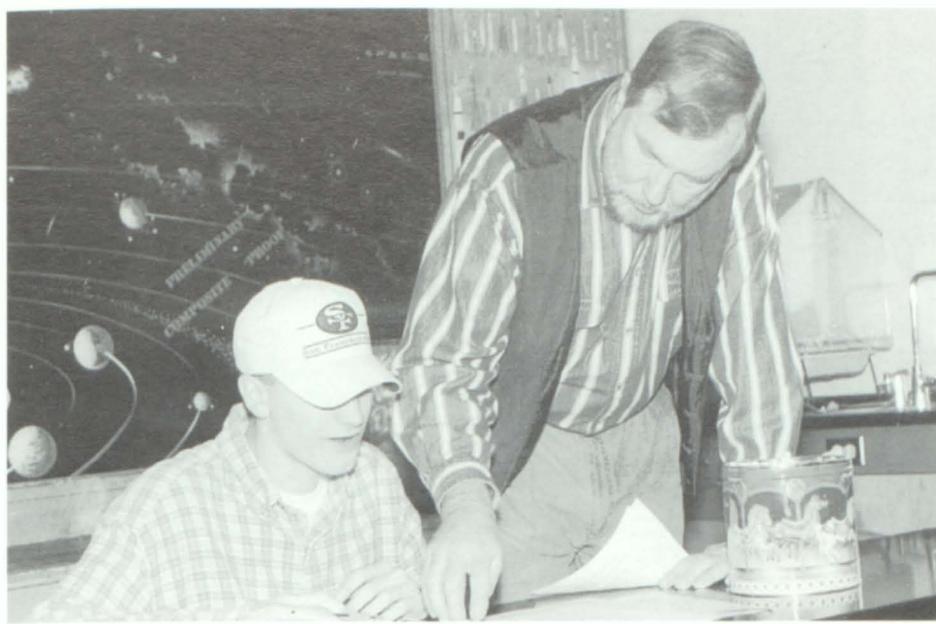
Even though he teaches Math, we all know what Mr. Eberhardt's true love is...golf!



Mrs. Plank is caught off guard at an afternoon faculty meeting.

Science

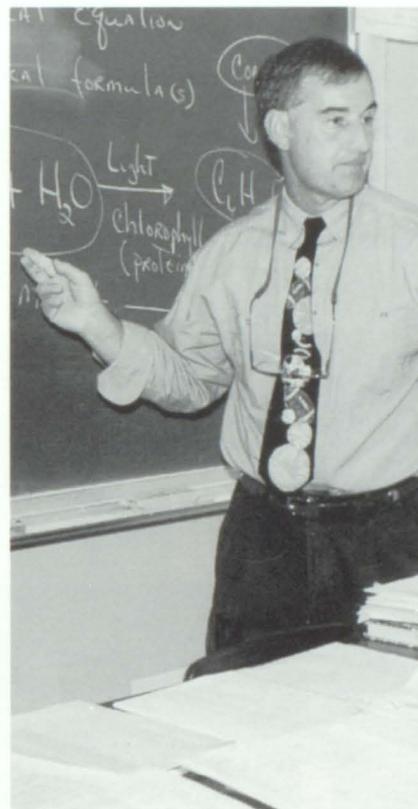
Like several other Departments at Dondero, the Science Department worked on preparing its juniors for the State Proficiency Test. Now that the graduation requirements have changed, there is a need for a larger selection of classes for the students to take. They ranged from Mr. Bratton's IPS to Mr. Weiss' Advanced Placement Chemistry. Mrs. Caulkins, previously in the In-House Room, was a new addition to the Department, teaching Life Science and Biology.



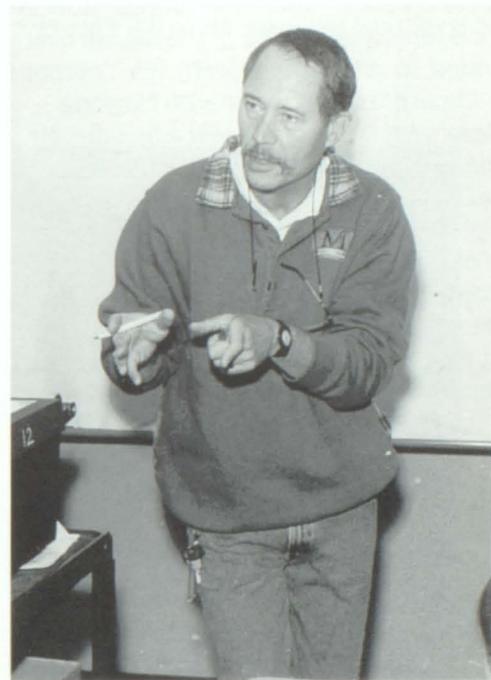
Mr. Smits shows Jeff Goodwin an alternative way of answering a question.



Mr. Weiss is always smiling, especially on a Friday.



Mr. McElroy asks for the solution to this formula.



Wonder if Mr. Bratton can teach without using his hands?



Mrs. Caulkins proof-reads Joe Dear's work.

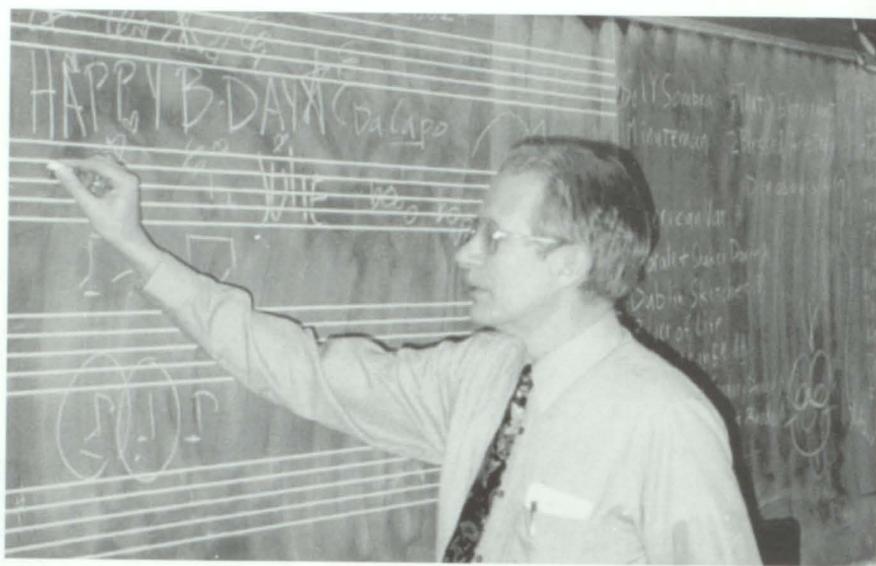
Music And Art

Dondero's Music Department continued to excel. Under the direction of Mr. Perkins, Marching Band competition began in September and continued until the beginning of November. Remember the snow before the Kimball/Dondero game? Once Marching season was over, Concert and Symphony Bands were involved in Solo and Ensemble, the District Festival, and the many school concerts. This year's Drum Majors for Marching Band were Mark Altman and Lisa Brzezinski. This year's Symphony Orchestra was one of the largest and most talented that Mr. Milicevic conducted; Mike Brown was its Concert Master. This year's Concert Master for Chamber Orchestra was Elizabeth Reilly. Likewise, the A capella Choir had a successful year. Who'll forget this year's "song and dance" routine at Winter Concert? Pop Concert had ten solos instead of the usual nine. Mr. Hartsoe continued to dazzle choir with his "humor" and wardrobe. Choir President was Karen Maylone.

Dondero's Art Department lost a favorite. Mr. Horn retired in June. Who can forget the determination he used chewing his gum. His appreciation for his students' work and genuine interest in their doing well made his Art Classes some of Dondero's favorites. No matter a student's talent Mr. Horn welcomed new students. Many of his students continued their interest in art after their graduation. Entering Mr. Horn's classroom was always a unique experience. One never knew what would be playing on the radio nor the different activities that the students would be working on.



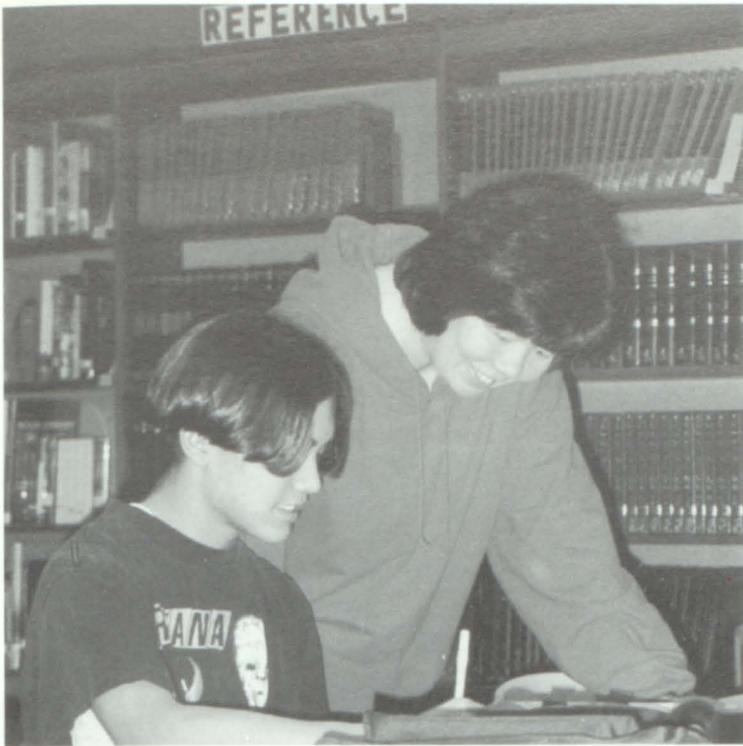
"Mr. M" conducts the Symphony Orchestra in his "Casual Friday" look.



Mr. Perkins reviews the scale with Concert Band.



Above: Mr. Hartsoe reminds A capella Choir about the Pop Concert rehearsal that night. Left: Mr. Horn tries to explain to Dawn Devine and Keith Hall the principals of working with plaster of paris.



Mrs. Bordy is curious to discover the answer to Cole Beeber's question.



Mrs. Sage chuckles at the latest request from the paperback publisher.

Media Center

The Media Center became an All Female Operation this year when Mrs. Ong's moved from the Business Department. Because Oak Avenue set up an early morning "Coffee House", there was a lot of staff traffic to the Media Center for something other than the Xerox machine, which continued its usual breakdowns. Mrs. Bordy and Mrs Sage were a big help to the students and the staff. It was not unusual for Mrs. Bordy to seek further information on something that a student had asked her about. There were additional computers for the students to use as well as an Internet Connection. Announcements were televised via the mini TV studio. Likewise, more and more language classes used the various conversational programs set up on the Apple computers. The Media Center continued to be a place where students and staff did more than just look for a book.



Mrs. Ong explains to Michael Szpahowshi what "Abstract" means on the NewsBank.

Special Education

Special Education teachers are a "unique breed". It's their responsibility to help their students with their academic classes. This might entail specific classes in difficult subject areas, such as math and history, as well as individualized help on a one-to-one basis teacher to student. Mrs. Pastorino taught classes in history and math, and Mrs. DuBois worked with her students on additional special assignments. This year her class also had a surprise with the birth of five bunnies. Mr. Asch, Mrs. Banat, and Mrs. Sweet worked with their students on individual projects for different classes. Oftentimes, through the Special Education teacher, a student is able to receive an alternative assignment that might make the classwork more understandable. This was Mrs. Banat's first year at Dondero. Previously, she had been a teacher at Churchill Jr. High.



Mr. Asch explains to Jeff Barkume why he needs to approach his history assingment as a settle rather than a student.



Mrs. DuBois watches to be sure the directions are being followed.



Amanda Drake listens to Mrs. Banat interpret a passage from Amanda's assinged novel.



Mrs. Pastorino shows how underlining in a text can help a student better understand the reading.



Mrs. Sweet double checks her students' schedules to be sure they have the required six hours.



"Francis" Renou asks senior Adam Trebble "Where's your planner?"



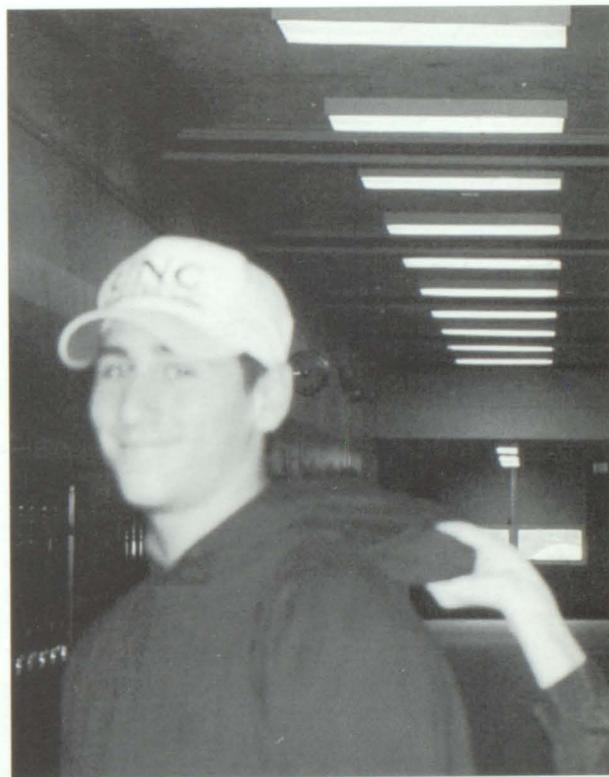
Mr. McGee protects the fire alarm from those dreaded "winter false alarms".



Mrs. Moore uses any possible method to get Natasha Nixon and Rachel Padgett into the office.

Hall Guards

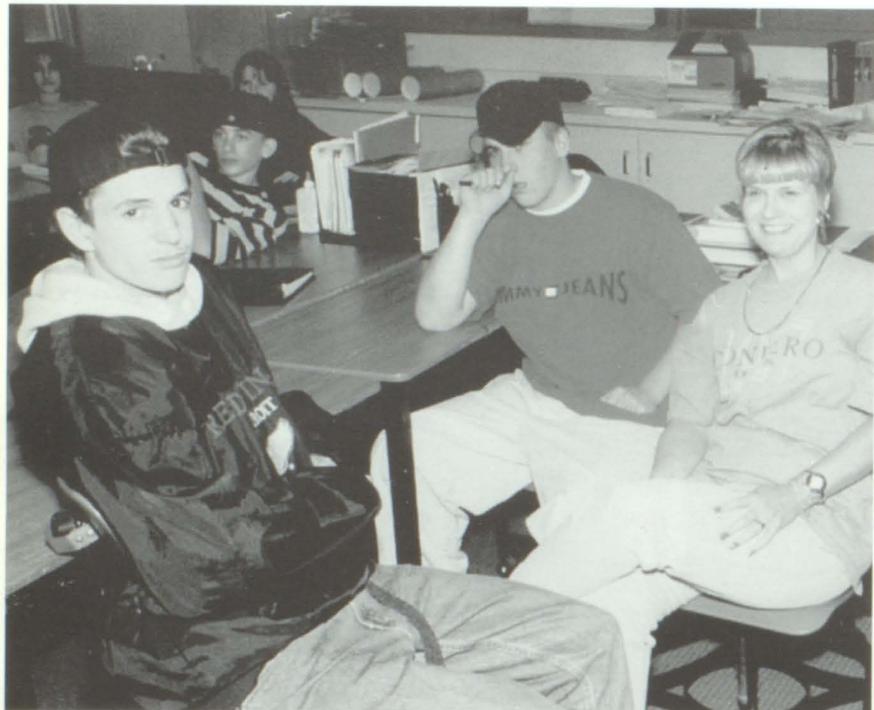
Dondero's Hall Guards have taken new responsibilities in their busy schedules. Because of the smoking in the lavatories their hourly trips for the attendance sheets are interrupted to make sure that the lavs are clear of smokers. This is a further inconvenience for everyone because all of the lavs are closed during lunch except the two on the first floor. They also keep close tabs on the freshmen and sophomores to be sure they obey the school district's closed campus for underclassmen. Mr. Jerry McGee, Mrs. Jean Moore, Mr. Francis Renou, and Mrs. Barb Shaughessy are not only visible during the school hours; oftentimes, they help with evening activities such as dances and concerts. The hall guards are a help to many students providing the necessary feeling of security that many of us need.



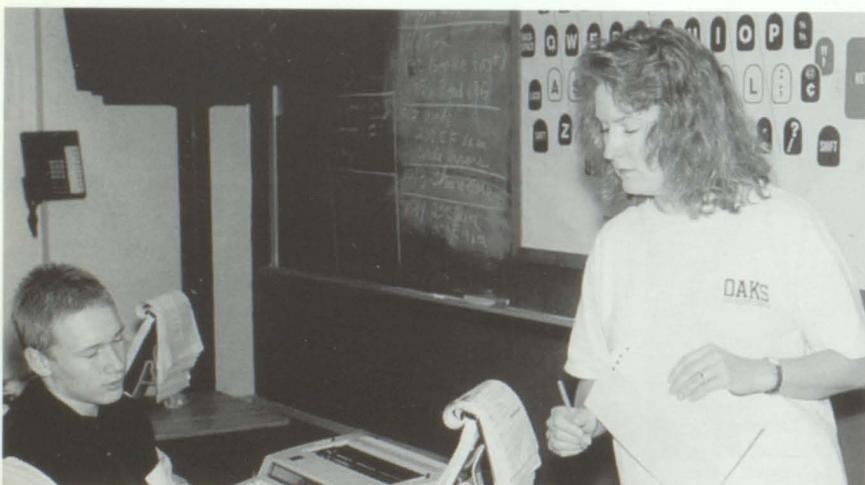
Mrs. Shaughessy catches Ramzey Samhat in the act!

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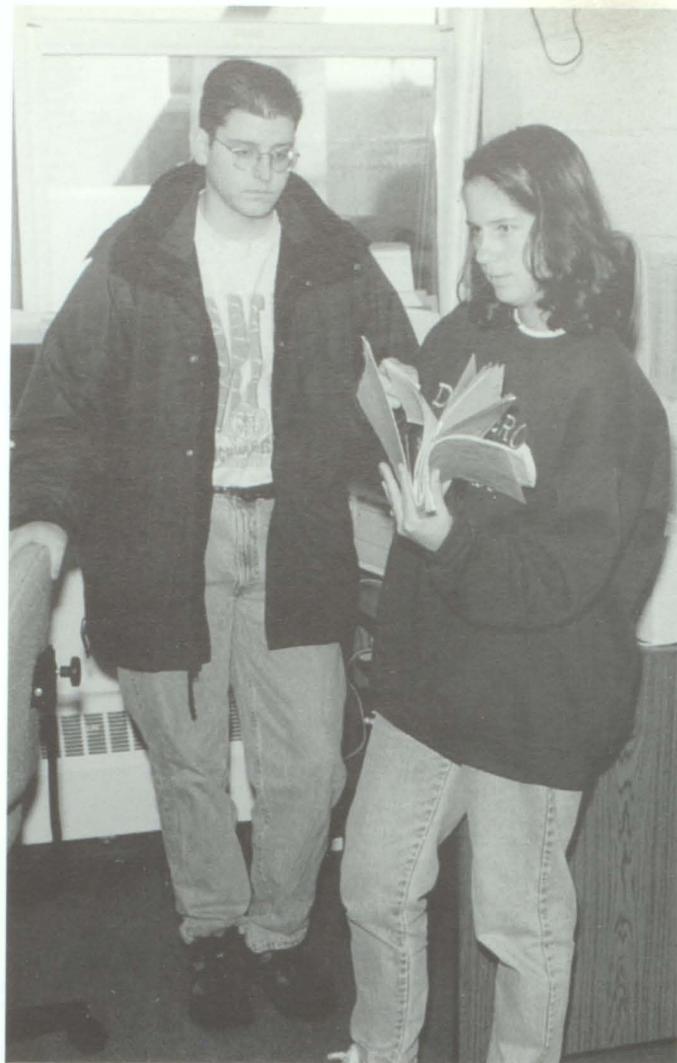
This year the Business Department was made up of all female teachers. With Mrs. Derminger's transfer to the Math Department there was a decrease in staff, but the same amount of work needed. Mrs. Boatright worked with the Marketing students in Oak Avenue, Mrs. Brewer and Mrs. Marek continued to oversee the efforts of the senior Co-Op students. They also encouraged the Business Professionals of America members in their different state competitions. Sara Aulph helped to lighten some of the clerical load in the Co-Op Office.



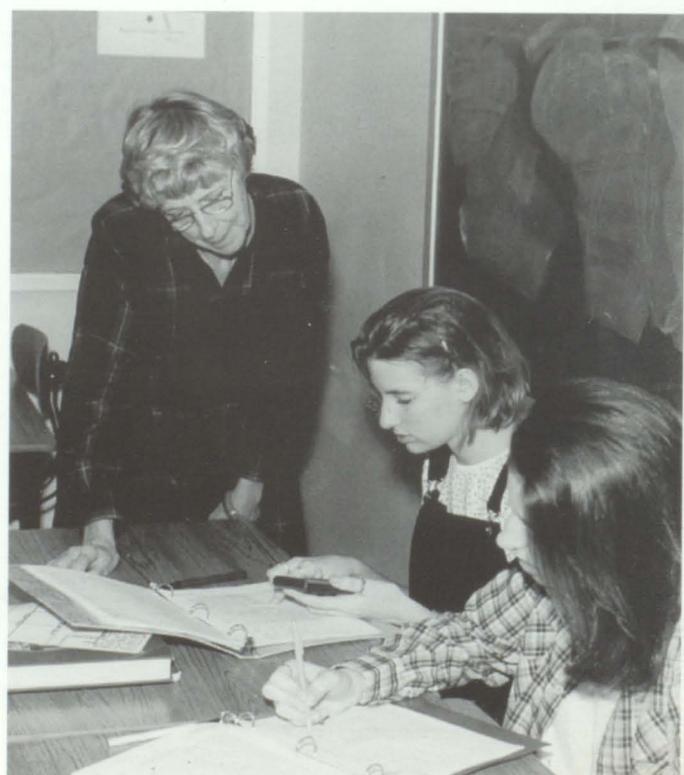
Mrs. Marek "chills" with David Bennis, Matt Hancock, and Pierrie Adams at the end of class.



Mrs. Renkert questions Derek Schulte's understanding of the assignment.



Mrs. Boatright checks with Brian Wright on some increased consumer prices.



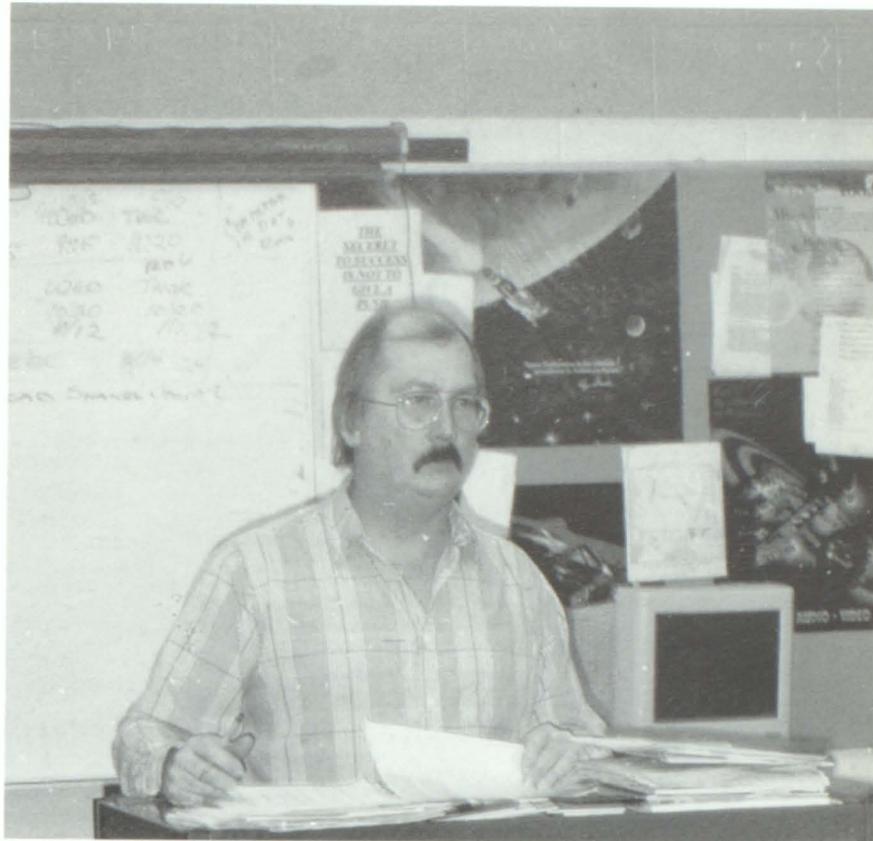
Mrs. Brewer double checks Jessica Baker's and Heather Campbell's calculations for Accounting.

Pre Engineering Program

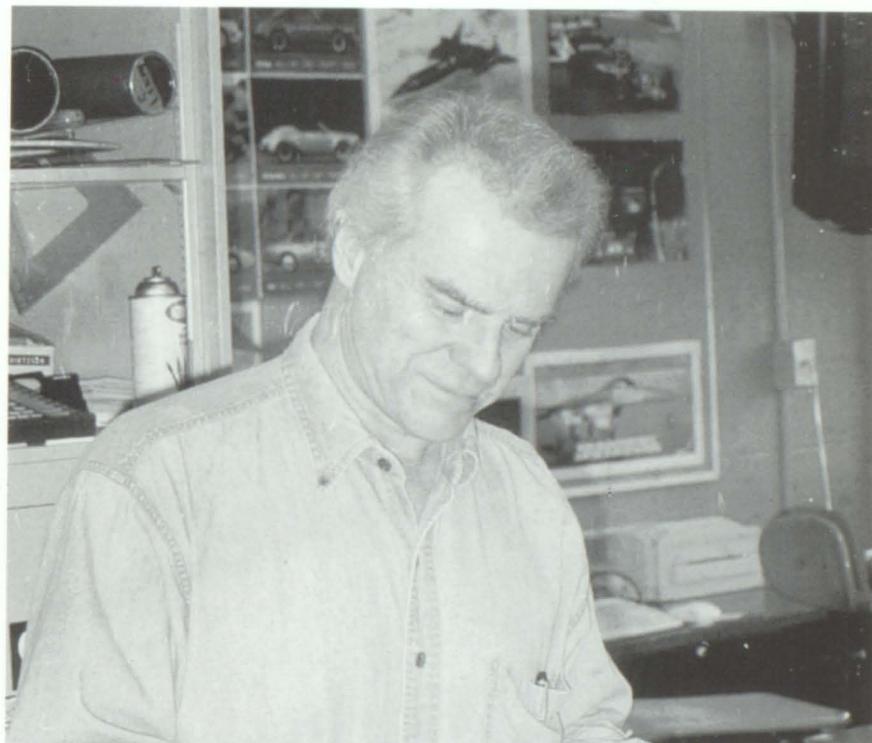
A new club was formed within the Pre-Engineer Program called "The Junior Engineering Club." It has students competing outside of school in National Robotic competitions. The students work with corporate sponsors throughout the year to build robotic devices. The work will begin in the fall with teams traveling as far away as Connecticut and Florida. This year the team entered Chrysler's Design Vehicle Competition which asked students to build their own dream car. Teaching design has been the focus of Pre Engineering Department.



Mr. Godzinski explains all the requirements needed for the electric car competition.



Mr. McCrumb listens to an answer from the back of the room.



Mr. Jaskae checks some of his Architectural Drafting students' drawings.



Melissa Mansfield

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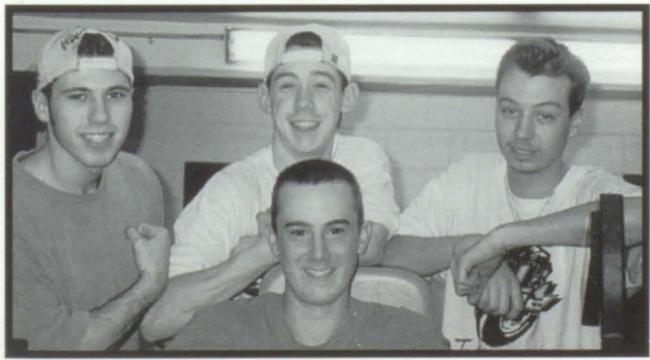
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Outstanding

A "brief" statement for Elizabeth Reilly and Becky Renshaw is difficult considering how many facets of the music program employ the talents of both Becky and Elizabeth. These two young women are heavily involved in all aspects of the Orchestral program and then some including the following: Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Fiddle Ensemble, Pit Orchestra(going on four years each), Pop Concert, Collage Concert(appearing as feature small ensembles), not to mention their fair share of participation in MSBOA solo and Ensemble Festivals both District and State. In my seven years at Dondero, I personally have never seen complete dedication to total involvement as in both Becky Renshaw and Liz Reilly.



Ava Barbour has been a member of the Symphony Band and Symphony Orchestra for three years, the Marching Band for four years, the Jazz Band for three years, and the Pep Band for two years. She has been first chair flute in Symphony Band and Symphony Orchestra for the past three years. She has played in the Pit Orchestra for two Dondero musicals and has participated successfully for four years in the District and State Solo and Ensemble Festivals. Ava has performed solos on the collage concerts and was a featured soloist on the 1997 Spring Band Concert.

Joel Nimety has been a member of the Symphony Band and Symphony Orchestra for three years, the Marching Band for four years, the Jazz Band for three years, and the Pep Band for three years. He has been first chair trumpet in the Symphony Band and Symphony Orchestra for the past two years. Joel has played in the Pit Orchestra for three Dondero musicals and had participated successfully in the District Solo and Ensemble Festival. He has performed in ensembles on the Collage Concerts and was a featured soloist in the 1996 Marching Band show. This year Joel is serving as the President of Symphony Band.

Nate Brent is a leader in both A Cappella choir and musical minority. He is capable of singing both Bass and Tenor (a rare gift) and has a unique personality to go with it-as evident in his solo performances in Pop Concerts and Collage.

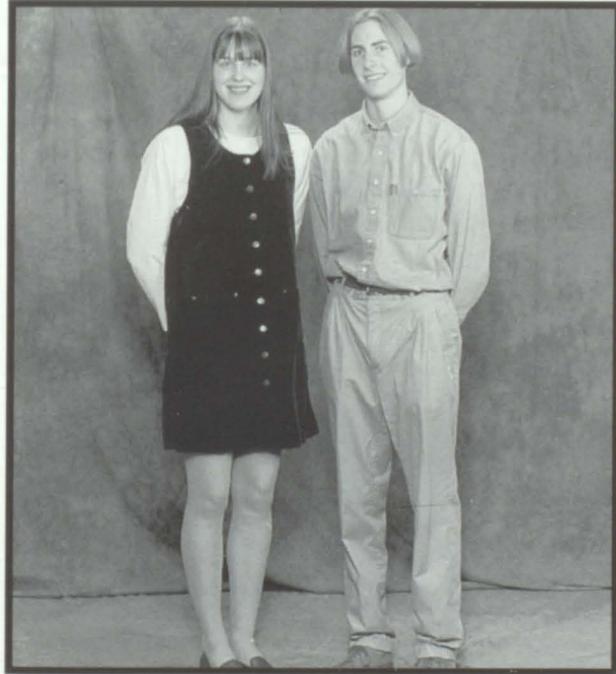
Lance Mitchell is a good example of someone who had to work hard to gain the level of musicianship he now has. Giving a special twist to everything he does. Karen Maylone- few singers are ready for A Cappella choir as freshman, so Karen is in rare company as a fourth year senior. She is the current President.

Seniors

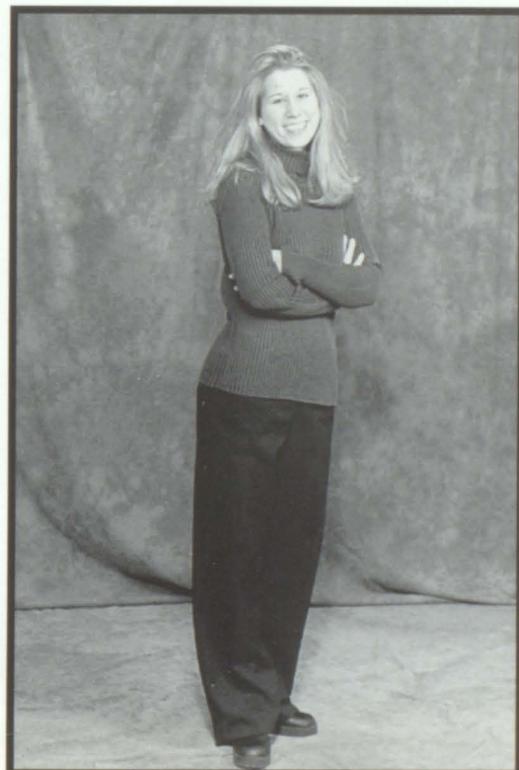


Graham Semivan has multi talents in all areas of our Industrials Tech. Ed. program. Graham has focus and always gets the job done correctly. Scot Butash- his concern for quality and excellence has made Scot an outstanding Arch. and Tech. Ed. student. Adam McFall has taken almost every course in the Drafting and Design Department. He is extremely responsible and this year he is our departmental assistant. Bob Simmons- being on task and getting the job done is Bob's trademark. He is the student to compete with if you are pushing for that "A" grade.

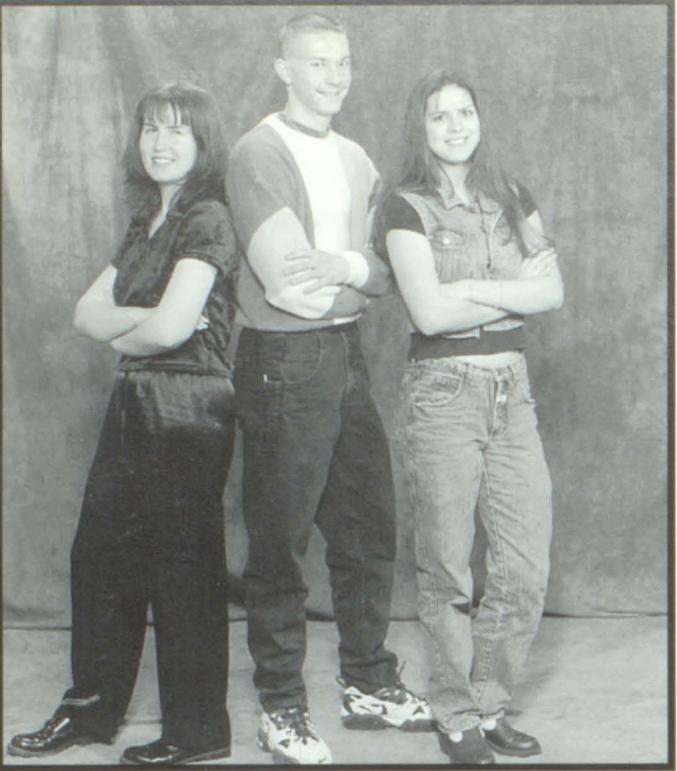
Mike Brown has taken Spanish for four years. He does very well in class. Mike is very enthusiastic and speaks Spanish whenever he has an opportunity. He traveled to Spain and had a very good experience. He is a hard-working and conscientious student. He was always willing to help others who had difficulties learning the language. He has been a Spanish club officer and a tutor in the Spanish Lab and did a good job in both. Mark Altman, Thea Beemer, and Kate Hannah have consistently been outstanding students of German for four years. It is too difficult to choose just one for recognition.



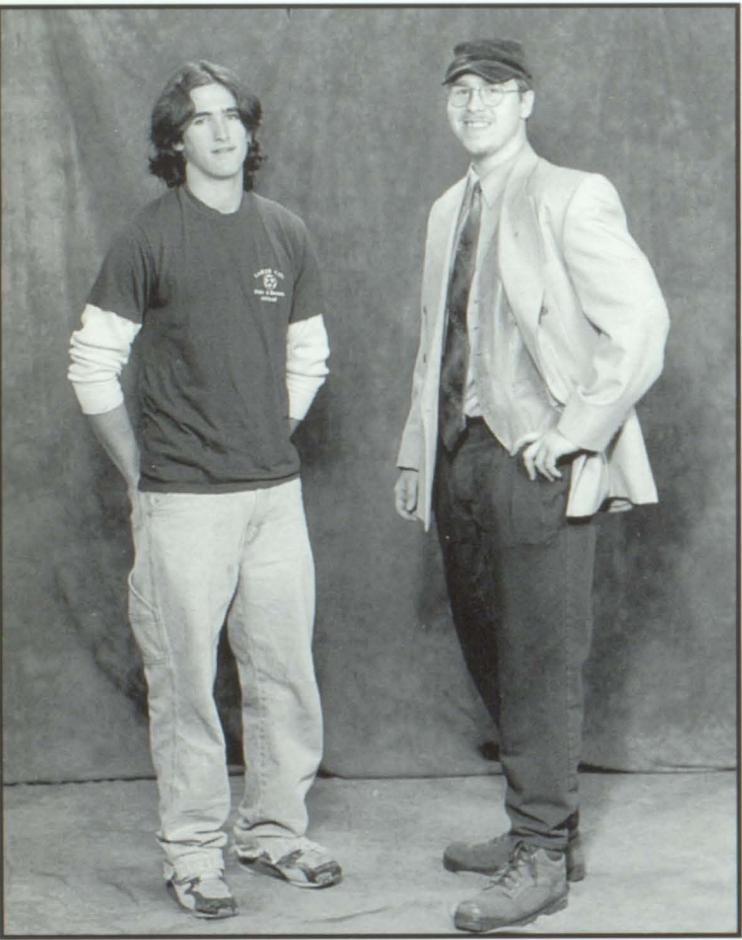
Kate Hannah and Joel Nimety are outstanding in Math. Both Joel and Kate have academic excellence and are leaders with wonderful personalities. They are looked up to by their peers and have powerful abstract thinking skills.



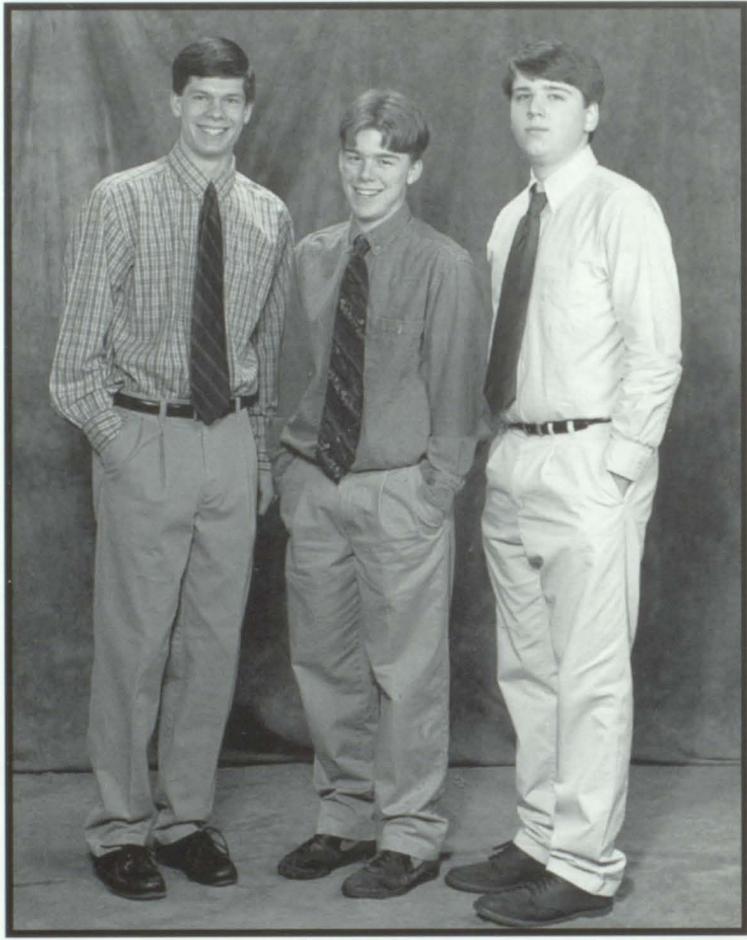
Kim Bos is definitely one of those special students whom teachers remember fondly after graduation. Over the past four years I have had different circumstances with Kim which have allowed me to know her better than the usual teacher/student relationship. Kim's leadership skills are outstanding. She projects enthusiasm and energy into just about everything she tackles. Her self-confidence, ability to communicate and her organizational skills cause many of her peers to look to her for leadership in and out of the classroom. Along with all of her school involvement, Kim has managed to contribute many hours of community service. She is truly a remarkable young woman. I can honestly say that she will be missed next year- she has made my life as Activities Director and Student Council Advisor that much easier during her four year career at Dondero.



Chris Rozman has demonstrated extraordinary commitment and effort as a student journalist for the past two years. As ACORN's Editor-in Chief, Chris has devoted his efforts toward the successful production and distribution of Dondero's school newspaper. He has participated in several journalism conferences through the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association and was actively involved in MSU's Summer Journalism Program in 1995. Chris is a talented writer and an innovative thinker. His writing reflects a strong voice and intense commitment to the coverage of important issues. He works tirelessly on the paper after school, and has clearly made ACORN a top priority. Above all else, Chris is a stabilizing force in the classroom. He has established himself as a positive and energetic leader who has earned the respect of his fellow ACORN staff members. Chris is a responsible journalist in and his efforts as a reporter and editor have certainly contributed to ACORN's increased readership during the last two years. Kate Vickers's efforts as ACORN's Business Manager/Design Editor have allowed her to emerge as an outstanding leader and student journalist. During the last two years, Kate has demonstrated her talent as a writer and her authentic interest in covering news in a manner that is both responsible and effective. She has proven herself to be an honest and thoughtful writer whose style appears quickly to readers. In addition to her duties as a reporter, Kate has devoted a tremendous amount of time and energy towards insuring that her communications with local businesses have been both timely and positive. As Business Manager of ACORN, Kate is often swamped with paperwork and tasks that are tedious, but absolutely necessary to the successful production of a paper. In spite of these factors, she remains cheerful, upbeat, and attentive to details that would make most people crazy. Kate's warmth, friendliness and honesty have proven to be tremendous strengths which are reflected in her interactions with people on all levels. She is a shining example of dedication and commitment, and will undoubtedly experience further success as she continues her study of journalism next fall at Central Michigan. Sara Ward has taken on double duty this year as OAK's Business Manager and Editor-in-Chief. This has required her to design layouts, edit other staff members's work, develop a theme, keep track of all the financial responsibilities AND much, much more. This has meant that she has had to stay late, arrive early and even work on Saturdays. This was all because she had set certain goals for this year's OAK...in particular, to have a book that the seniors would enjoy and that it would arrive in plenty of time before the end of the school year. One of Sara's strengths was her organization. Besides being an athlete, working on Senate, and having a job outside of school; she was able to keep each part of her life separate. She always knew what each staff member was working on and at what point he/she was in terms of meeting a deadline. Even though this could have been an overwhelming task, Sara was able to manage it all well. Although the pressure of deadlines were always there, Sara was able to make the production of 1997 OAK fun and something to be proud of.



WOAK Telecommunications student Will "Wheat" Sweet is the selection for Outstanding Oak. He has demonstrated composure and charm as host for WOAK Live. His news gathering segment on "superstitions" had humor and flare. He created his own computer designed "Wheaties" box featuring himself on the cover. Capable and willing to help, Wheat is an asset to the WOAK crew. Matthew Music has studied art for four years with great success. His consistently high quality artwork has been exhibited far and wide. His personality, attitude, and citizenship make him a very positive addition to the classroom atmosphere.



Mike Wilusz, Andy Drummond, and Jim Collom have been studying fourth year French independently this year. They have been very cooperative, patient, and diligent in completing their assignments and tasks this year. They are making excellent progress in their French studies under somewhat adverse conditions. They have dealt well with some advanced and tedious material in French. Mike, Andy, and Jim have been a pleasure to have in my classes during the past four years.



Meghan Moran, and Mark Altman have made many valuable contributions to the Drama Club and its productions during their four years here. Meghan is a four-year veteran in Drama Club and has participated in all eight productions while she was here. She started with an ensemble role in *Auntie Mame*. As a sophomore, she landed a role in *Done to Death*. She also appeared in the chorus of *Carousel* and *Brigadoon*. In her junior year, Meghan played Ellie Banks in *Father of the Bride*, and Mrs. Sowerberry in *Oliver!* Meghan continued her high school Drama Club commitment with a lead role in *Sabrina Fair* her senior year. Meghan was also selected by the directors to be the Student Director for the spring musical, *My Fair Lady*. Mark joined Drama Club as a freshman when he was a dancer and member of the chorus of *Carousel*. As a sophomore, Mark worked on the Set and Sound crews and played Harry Beaton in *Brigadoon*. In his junior year, Mark assumed the duties of the Patron Crew Head and was responsible for the major fundraising efforts of the club. He continued working on Set crew and played Charlie Bates in *Oliver!* This year, the members of Drama Club recognized Mark's leadership skills by electing him president of the Drama Club. He capped off his high school theater career with the lead role in the fall production *Sabrina Fair*, and the role of Freddy Eynsford-Hill in the spring musical, *My Fair Lady*. The Drama Club and its directors wish to thank these two young people for their contributions, to congratulate them on their success, and to wish them well in their future endeavors.



Sarah Schmidlin and Karen Maylone have shown excellent leadership and organizational skills in preparing this year's *Genesis* creative writing magazine. Both have the respect and cooperation of their peers and the building staff with whom they work.



Kate Hannah has maintained a 4.0 grade point average in eight semesters of science. Besides her obvious academic prowess, her refreshing attitude, effort, and school involvement makes her a model student and a pleasure to know. She has elevated the overall academic atmosphere in the classroom and has raised the level of enthusiasm. Meghan Moran is an intelligent, hard working, serious student. She displays an understanding of her studies that allows her to apply the concepts she is dealing with to her own life and the lives of her peers. She improves the learning environment at Dondero.



We were honored to have three exchange students with us this year. They were Mila Zuyeva from Russia, Nina Bischoff from Germany, and Jessi Masuda from Japan.

Unique

Clothing, Tattoos, and Piercings

You may have noticed that in the class of '97 there are many students who find different ways to express themselves. Whether it be a tattoo, an unusual body piercing, or a pair of pink go-go boots, they are defining themselves as individuals. The trend seems to be the more daring you are the more attention you get. People whom you may have thought would never get a tattoo or pierce their belly button are making trips to Royal Oak Tattoo. Most parents are unaware of their child's new fashion statement. A lot of people purposely get their tattoos or piercings in difficult to see places to keep themselves from getting grounded. Some parents, though, don't object and even pay or take their child to have the tattoo or piercing done.

Over the years the style of clothes have been a reflection of the times. The sixties and seventies saw the introduction of the casual dress, with comfortable shirts and bell bottom, hip hugging pants. Today that look has made a huge comeback. Once again, students are sporting the look of the sixties and seventies. Only now they are finding their clothes in their parents' attics or buying them at the Salvation Army or Value Village. Other students are creating their own look. They're designing their own clothing. For instance, Adrienne Scott designed her own "Rastafarian" look for her friends. Other seniors like Becca Hughes, Courtney Sheedy, Karen Maylone, Josh Grapes, and Will Sweet created their own look. Who knows what the look of the year 2000 will be?



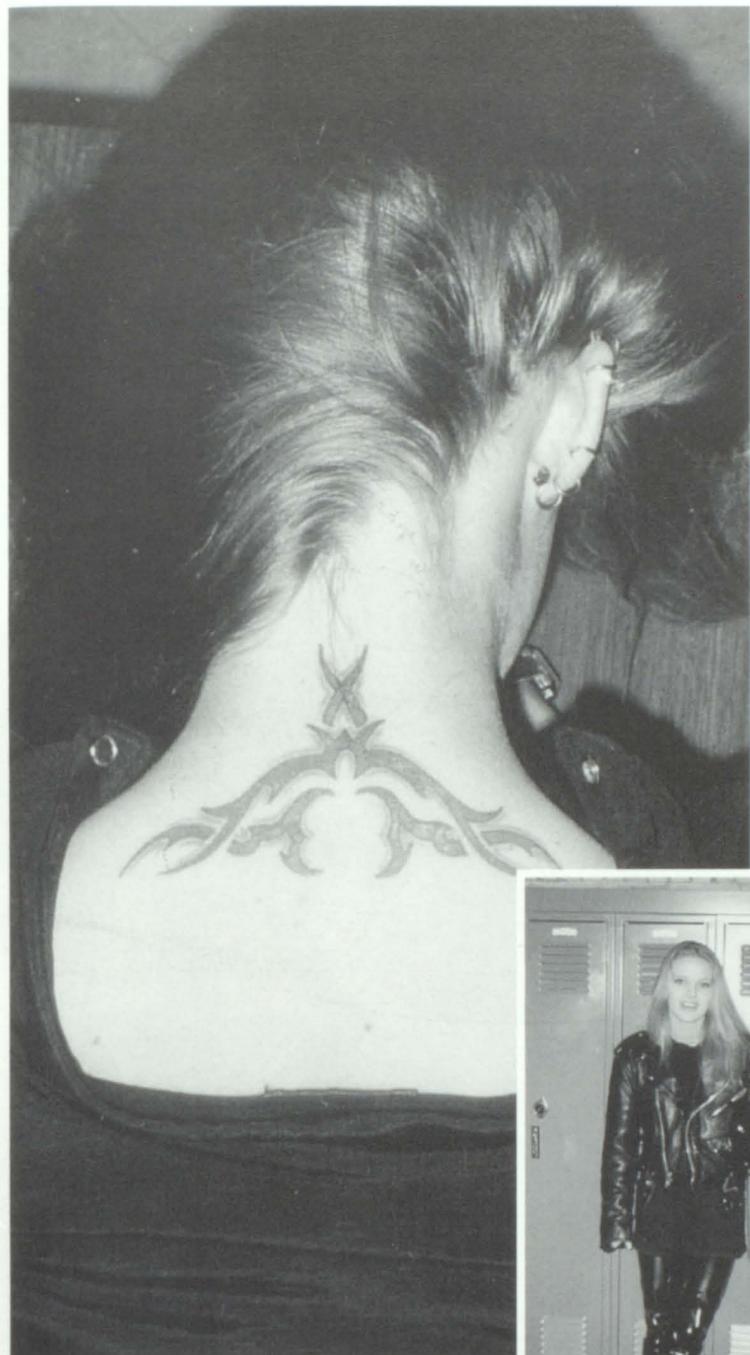
Will Sweet, Karen Maylone, Josh Grapes, Willow Crewdson, and Courtney Sheedy all have a style of their own.



Above: Eric Hodge, Audrey McQuade, Gwen Kerr, and Becca Hughes are happy to display their funky, stylish clothing.
Below: In order to get a nose or tongue ring you must have a high pain tolerance like Ryan Allen and Sara Arbenowske.



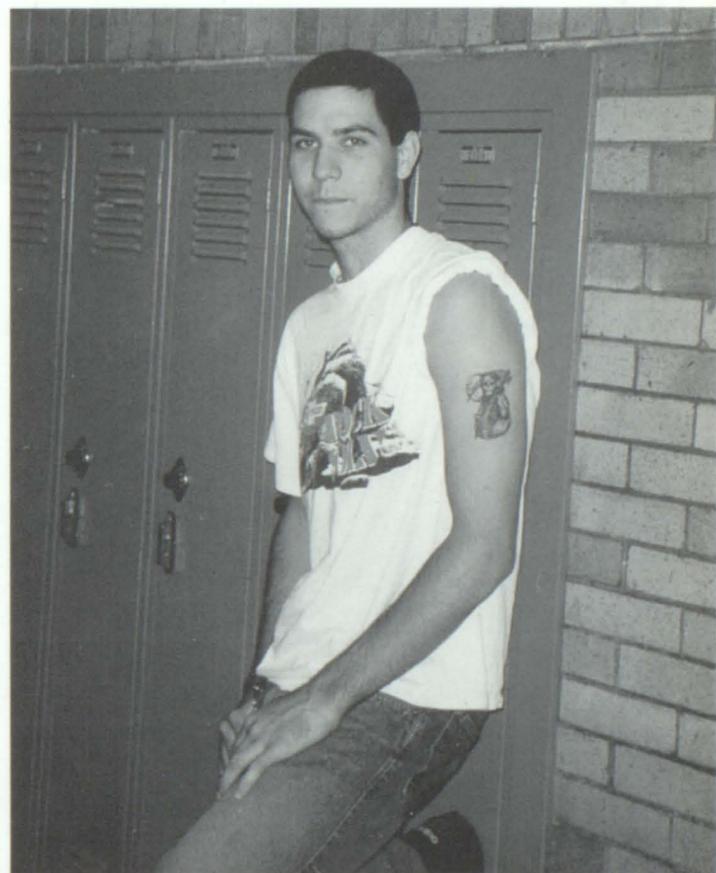
Fashion



Elisa Barber shows off her tattoo, but as you can see she's unique from head to toe.



The diversity of the class of '7 can be seen in Adrienne Scott, Sarah Schmidlin, Janelle Vermiglio, and Rick Carney.



Thom Herzberg shows he has no fear of death with his new Grimm Reaper tattoo.

FLOAT PARTIES

The theme of this year's Homecoming was bugs. The Senior Class decided to try something different and unique this year by creating a preying mantis. We knew we could pull it off with the help of Matt Music and his clever ideas. The float parties were held at Sara Koski's house which turned out to be a huge success. There were a variety of seniors that came to help out and it was a true bonding experience for everyone. The Senior Class would like to thank Sara Koski's family for the use of her garage and all their help. We can't forget about Matt Music's desire and imagination over the past four years. Without him we couldn't have pulled it off. We hope the underclassmen (juniors) don't have any hard feelings, the seniors just have a thing for toilet paper and houses!



Rachel Orr, Lisa Moore, and Missy Van Doorn take time out for a quality picture.



Rhonda Delaney became quite attached to this year's float.



Dana Sizemore, Nate Cavanaugh, and Shannon Blunden show how fun senior parties are.



Offer free pizza and everybody will come!



The Senior classes preying mantis was one of the few that survived the wind and rain of the Homecoming parade.

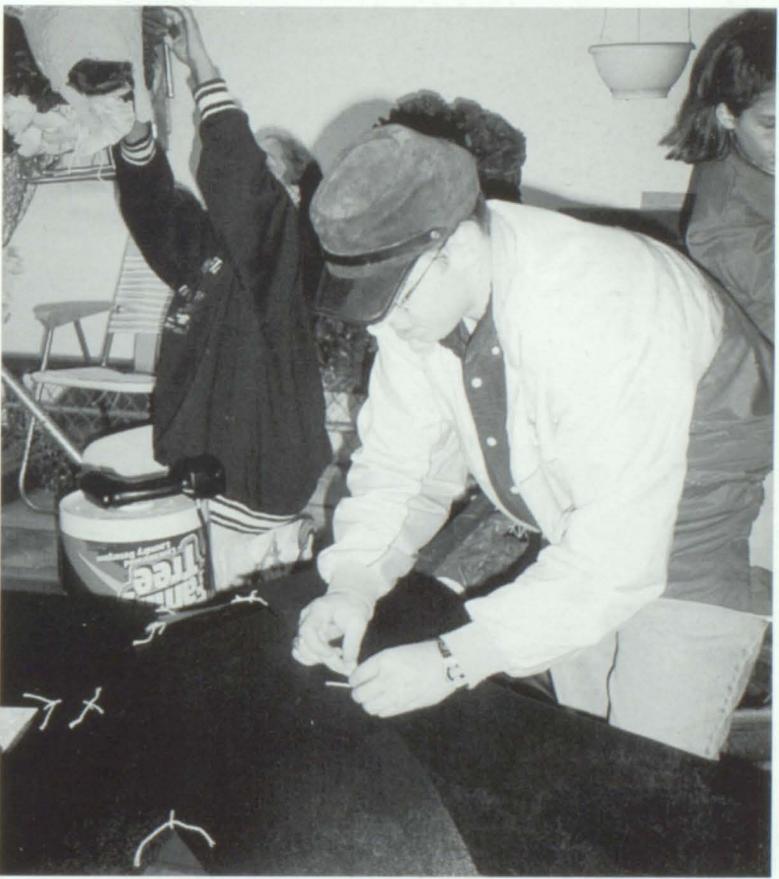
BUGGIN OUT...



Aaron Prager put a lot of time into this year's float.



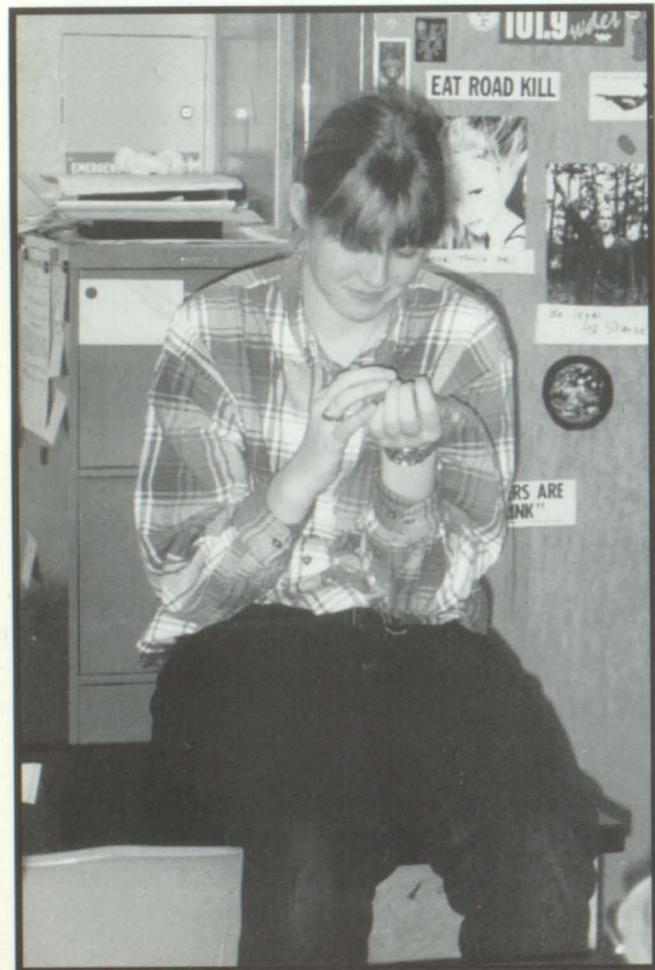
Sarah Aulph shows us her best preying mantis face.

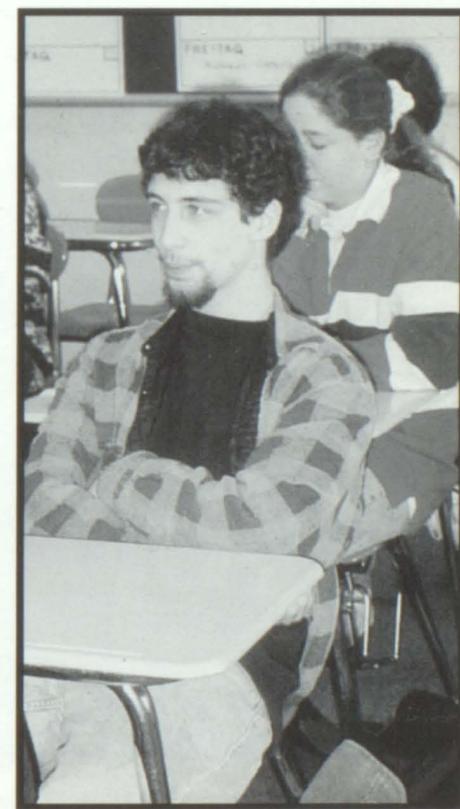
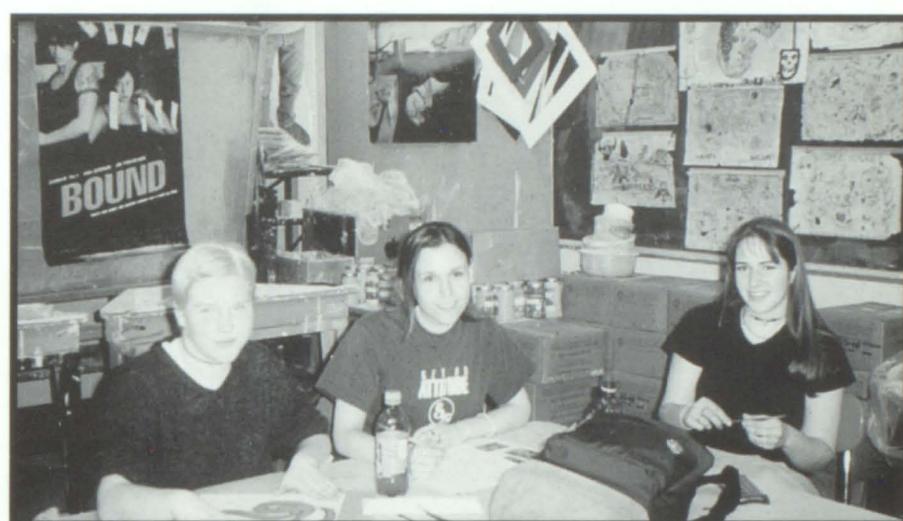
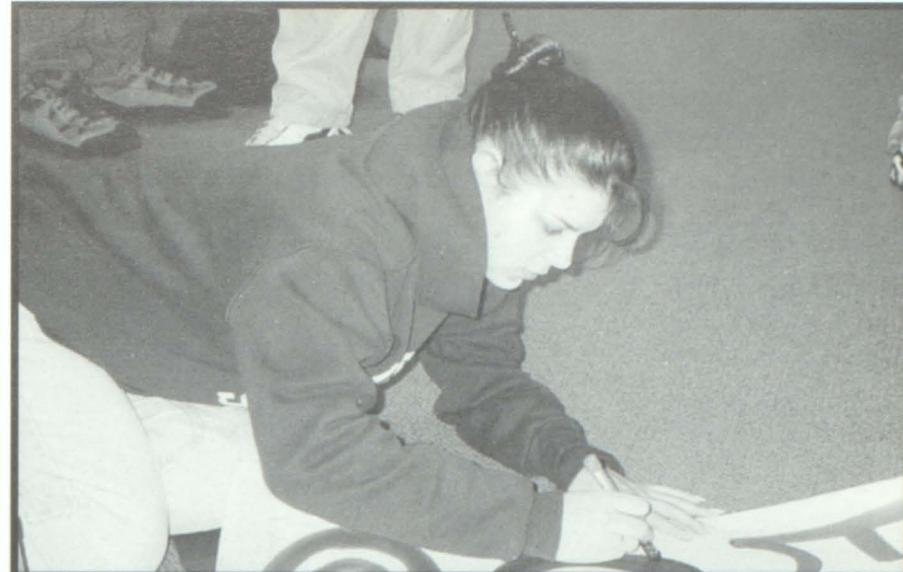


This group of seniors take a break during a hectic float party.

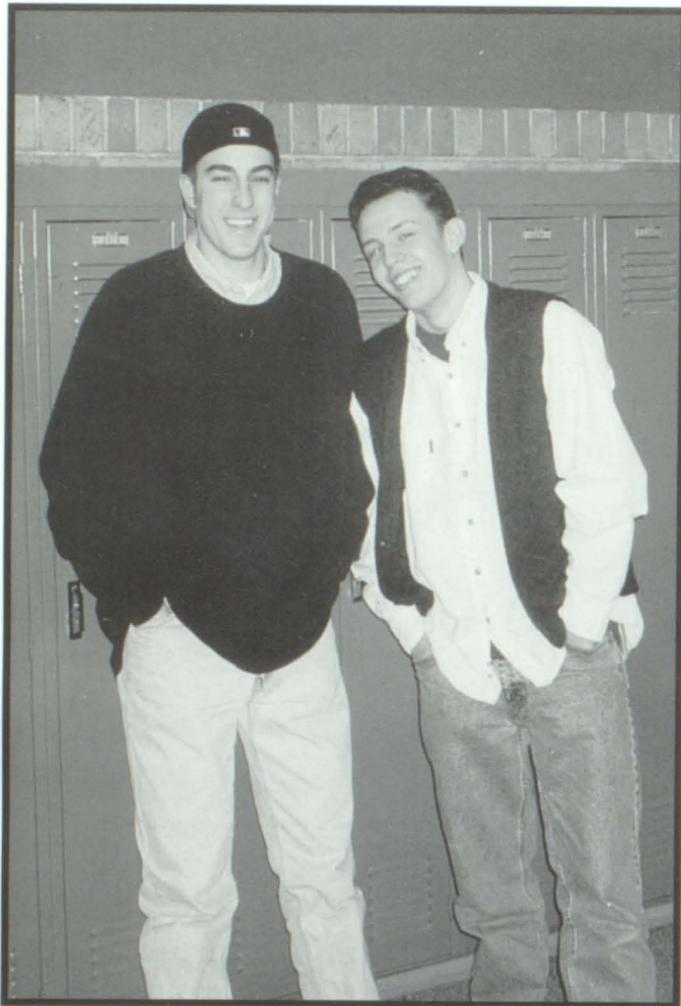
Without all of Matt Music's hard work and dedication we never could have pulled off such a great float.

JUST ANOTHER DAY





Senior Best Friends



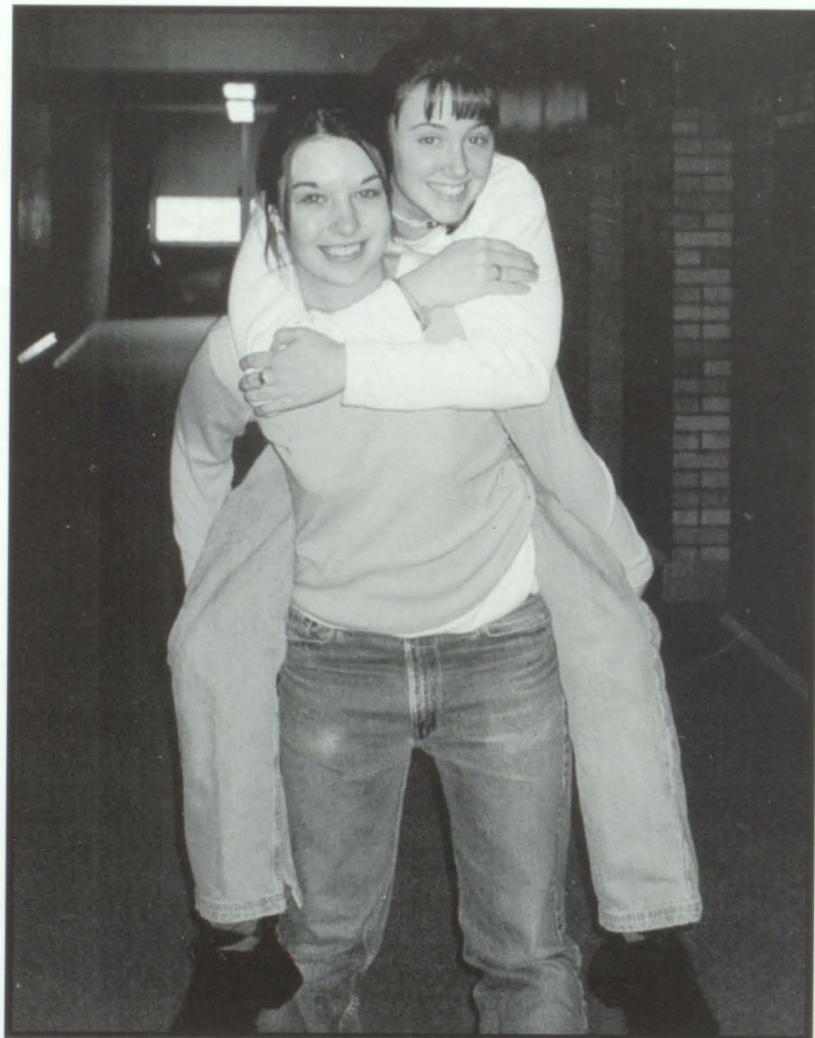
Corey Friedrich and Darin Lewis



Nate Brent and Lance Mitchell



Lacy "Forrest" Horning and Sara Bentley



Amy Kimmerle and Melissa Mansfield

Through all the hard times and the great memories, they've remained...

Buds For Life



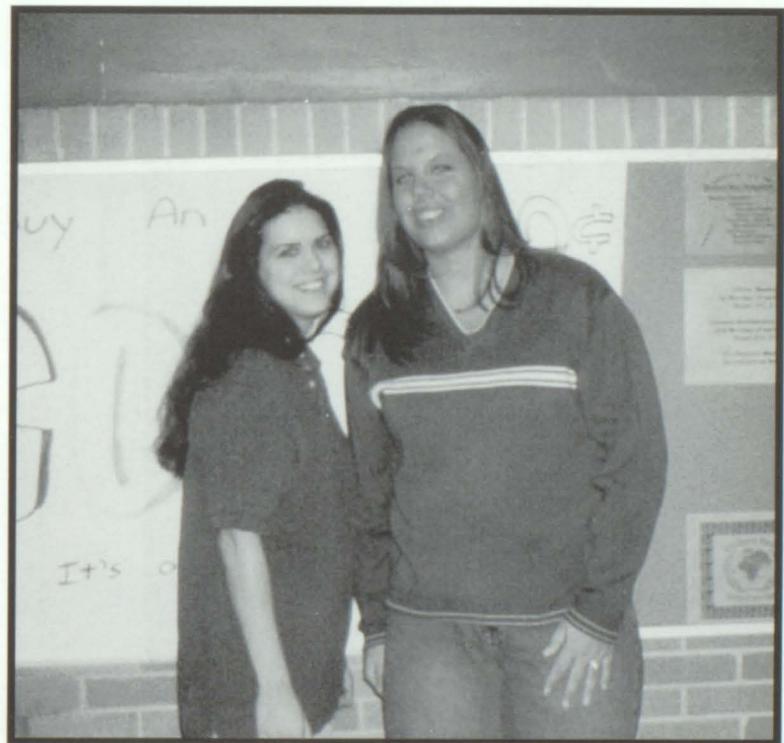
Thea Beemer and Jenny Basse



Mark Altman and Joel Nimety



Courtney Sheedy, Karen Maylone, and Sarah Stanton

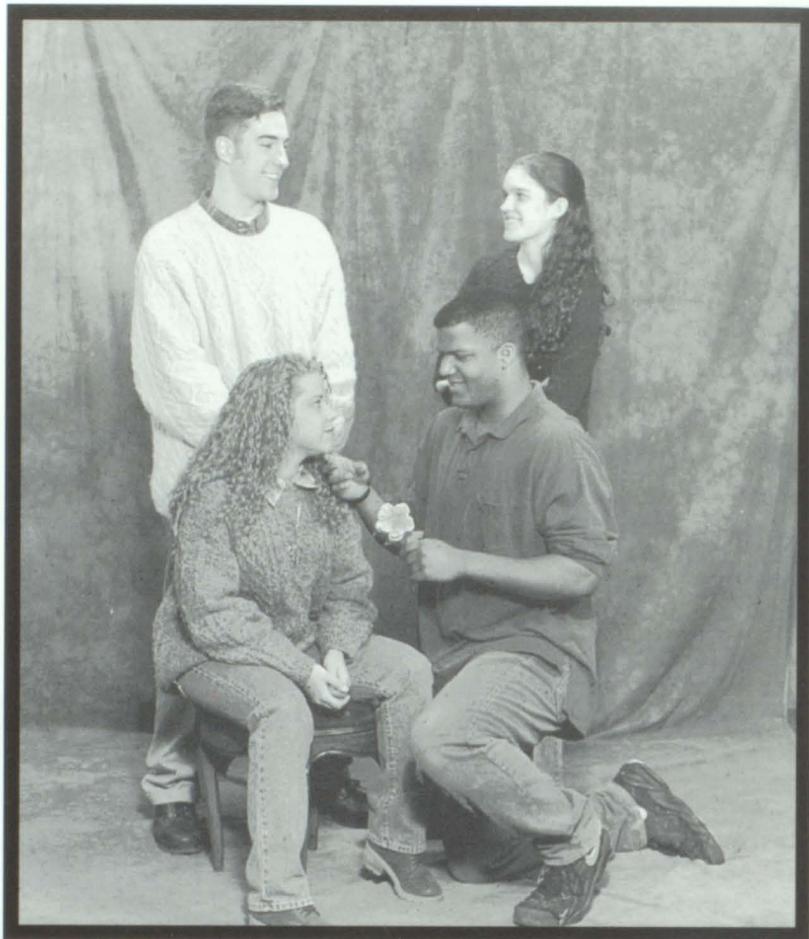


Sara Ward and Missy Van Doorn

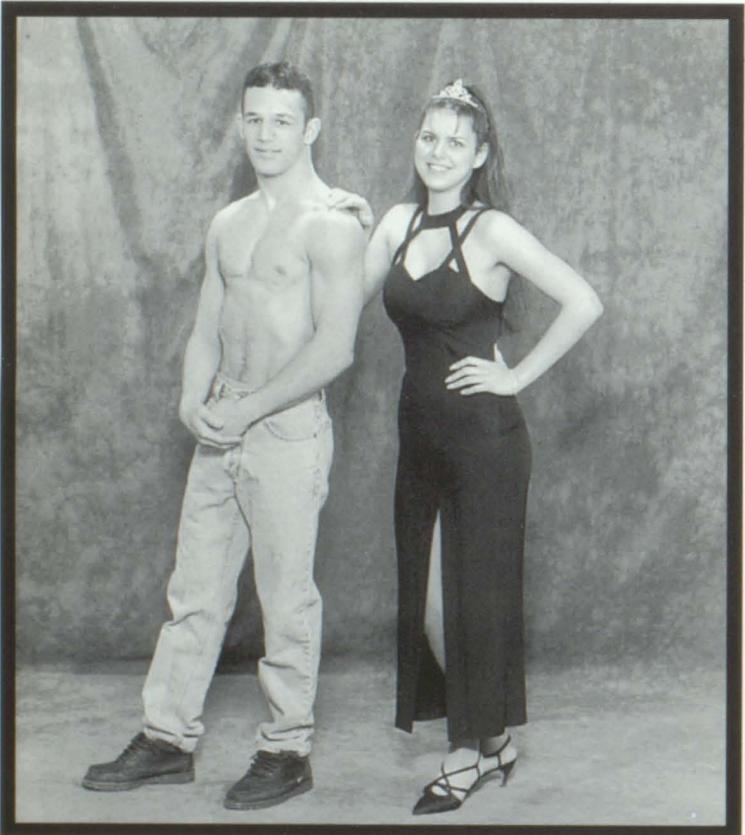
Senior



Mr. GQ- Darrin Lewis
Miss Vogue- Amanda Gladysz



Most Eligible Bachelor- Corey Friedrich
Most Eligible Bachelorette- Rachel Orr
Class Flirts- Rhonda Delaney and
Virgil Humphreys



Mr. Universe- Adam McFall
Miss America- Sara Ward

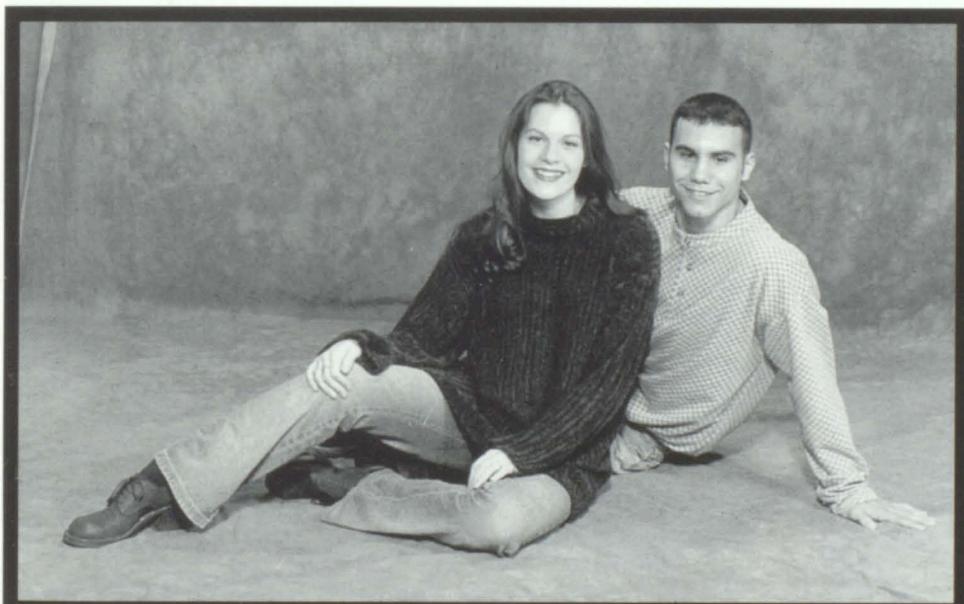
Mock Elections



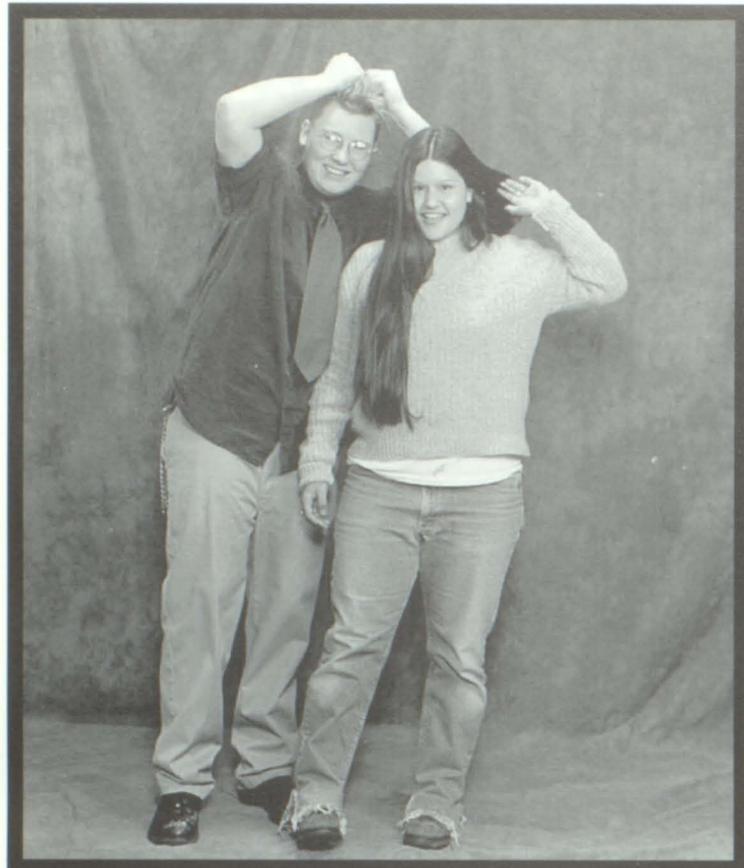
Class Clowns- Matt Affeld and Lisa Moore



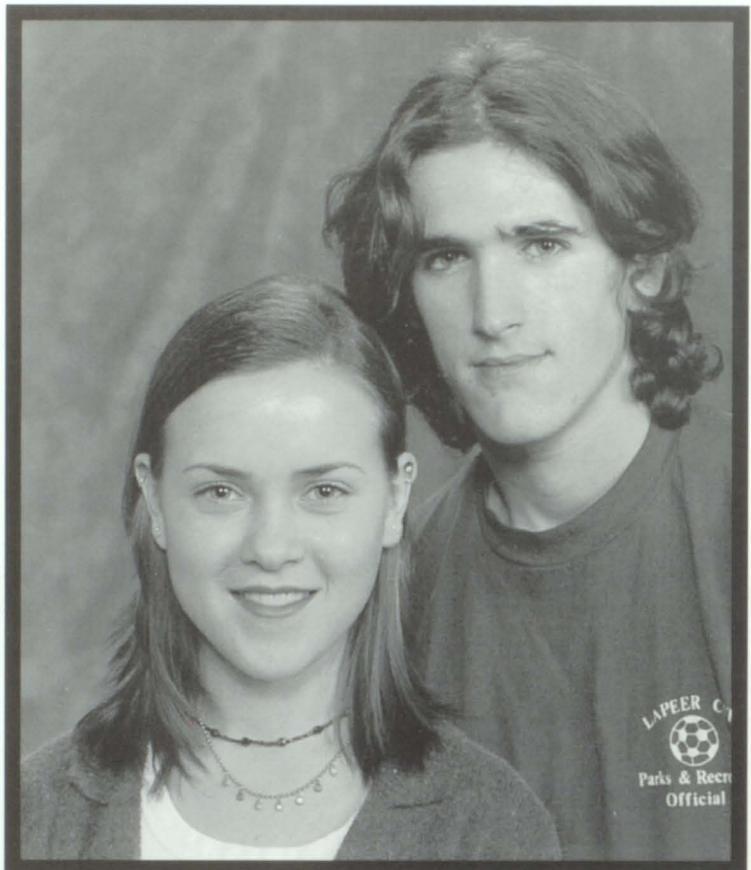
Most Spirited- Dominic Deluca and Kim Bos
Most Athletic- Missy Van Doorn and Bobby Grant



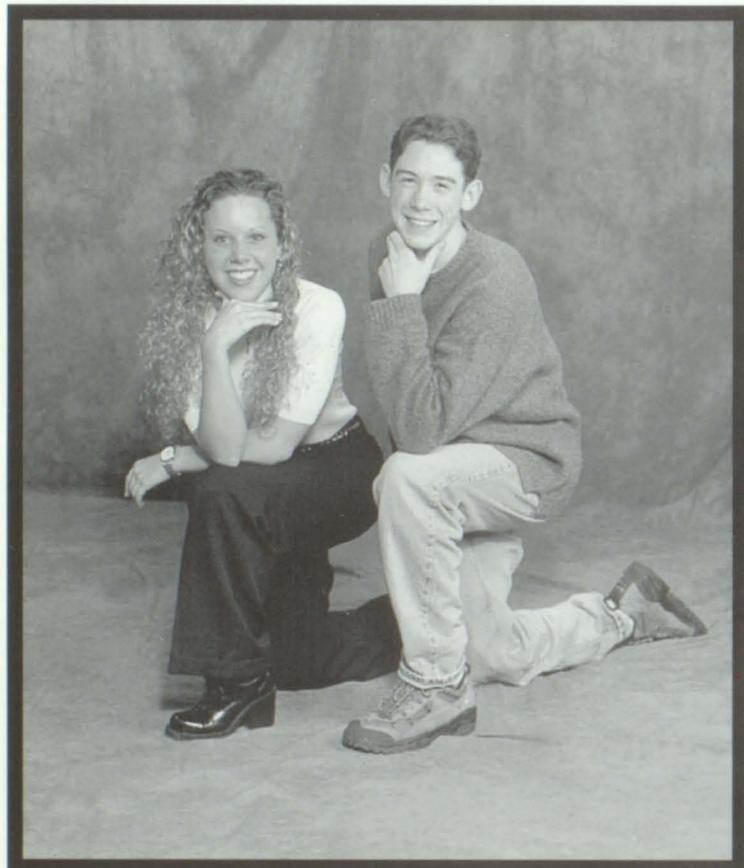
Best Personality- Natalie Parker and Mike Nole



Prettiest Hair- Erik Hodge and Wendi Ward



Prettiest Eyes- Maureen Campion and Will Sweet



Best Smile- Sara Koski and Aaron Prager



Most Likely to Win an Oscar-
Meghan Moran and Mark Altman



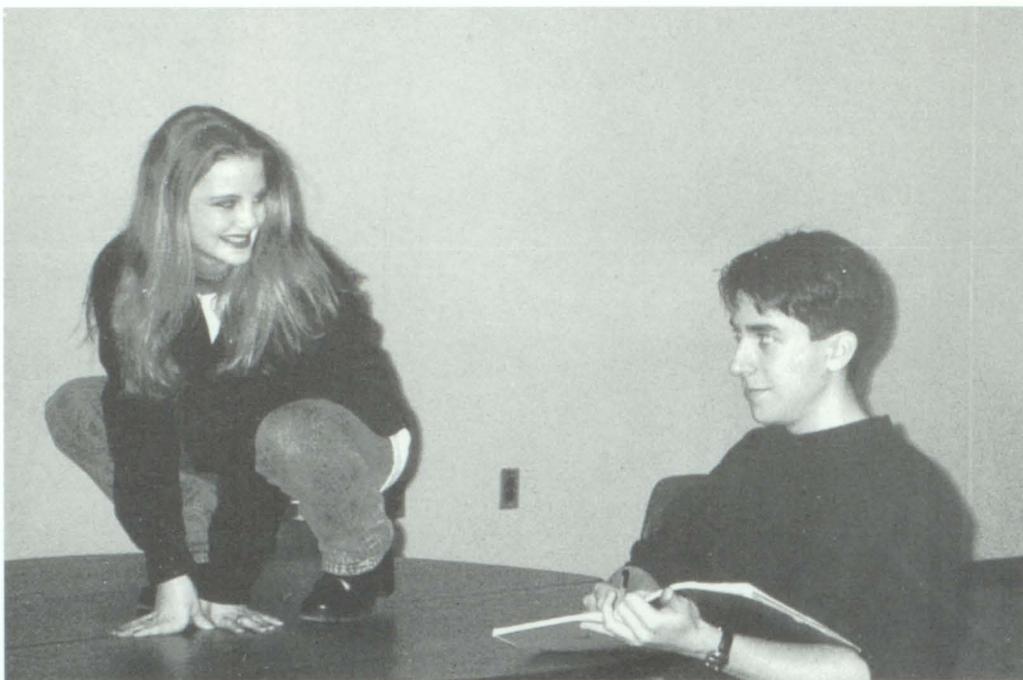
Most Musically Inclined- Josh Grapes and
Thea Beemer



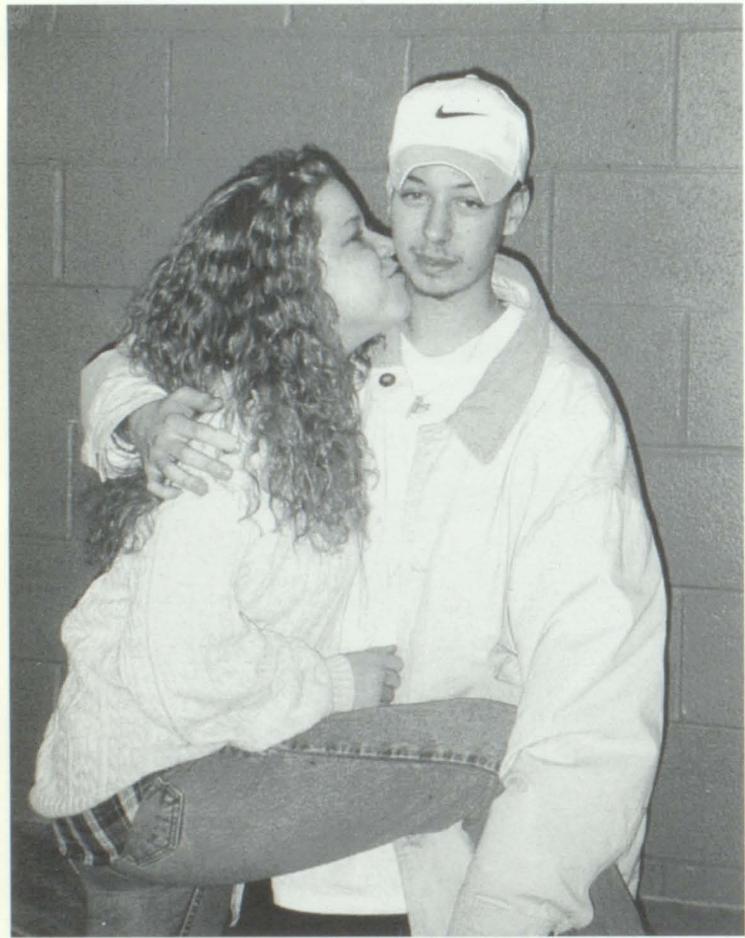
Most Artistic- Matt Music and
Lynn Ennes (not pictured)

Are You For Real?!

There are many people in the senior class that you could see dating, but this page focuses on seniors that you would never imagine going out. These couples were chosen by the senior class not based on looks, but on their clashing personalities. The couples on this page are the class favorites-you never know, maybe they'll surprise us at our ten year reunion.



Elisa Barber smiles seductively at Mike Brown. He is tempted, but hard at work.



Between classes Rhonda Delaney and Jason Hair just can't seem to get enough.

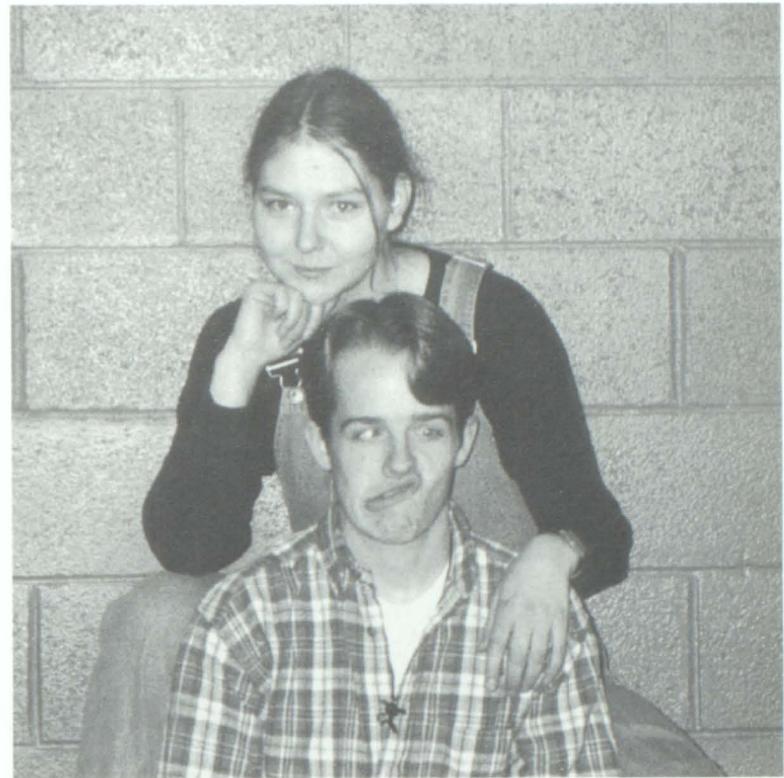


Bobby Grant checks his pager as Sara Arbenowski smiles at the camera.

Odd Couples



Dominic DeLuca sweeps Maureen Campion off her feet.



Sarah Schmidlin poses while Mark Altman brings humor to the relationship.

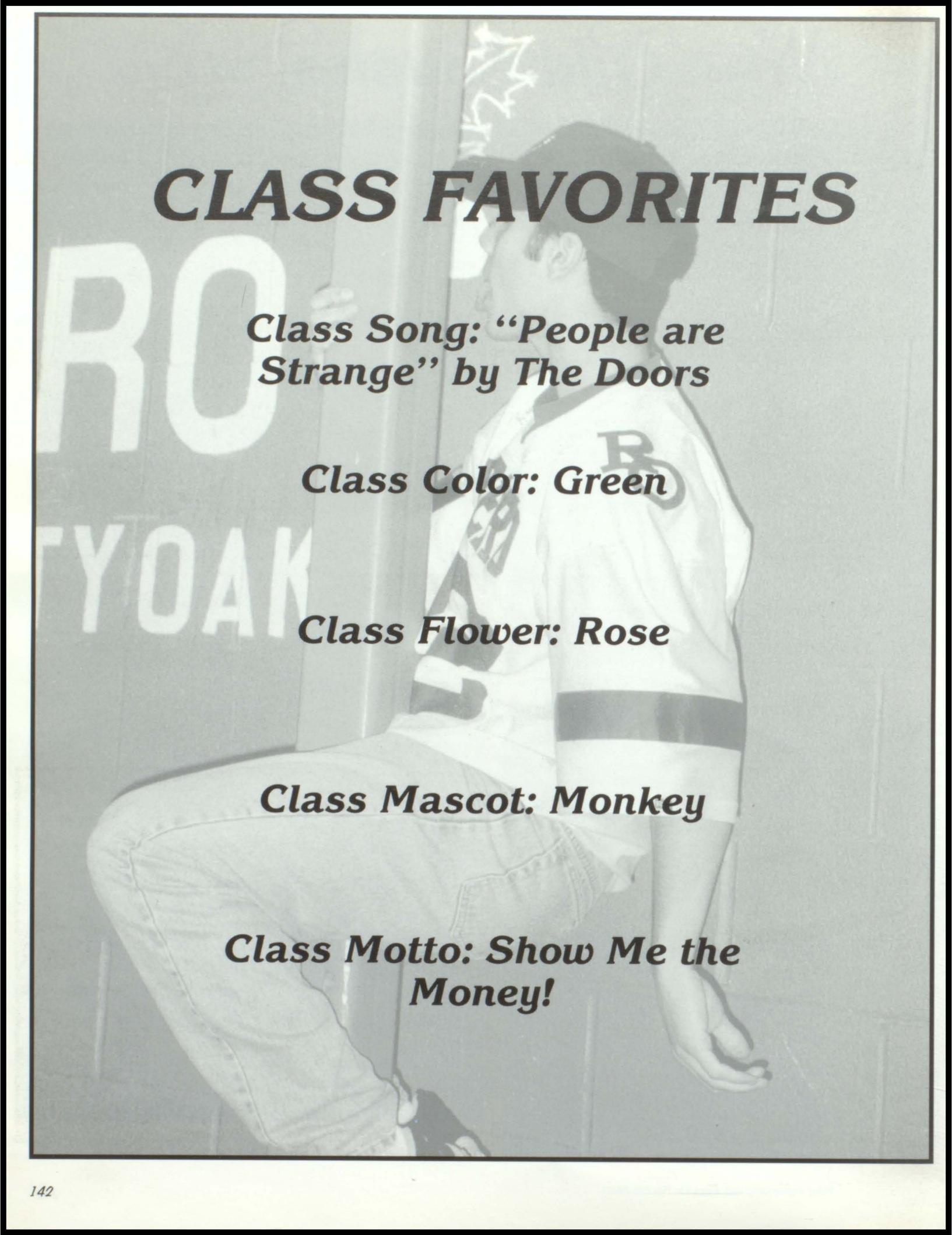


Mike Yerke only has eyes for Rachel Allen



Lance Mitchell puts all the right moves on Sarah Aulph.

CLASS FAVORITES



Class Song: "People are Strange" by The Doors

Class Color: Green

Class Flower: Rose

Class Mascot: Monkey

Class Motto: Show Me the Money!

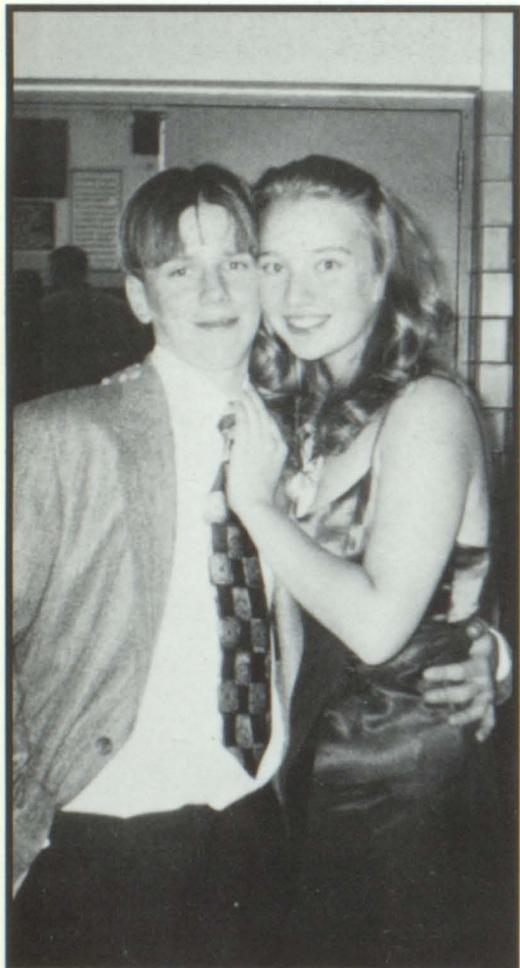
More Of The Things We Love



Keith's interesting personality makes him a class favorite.

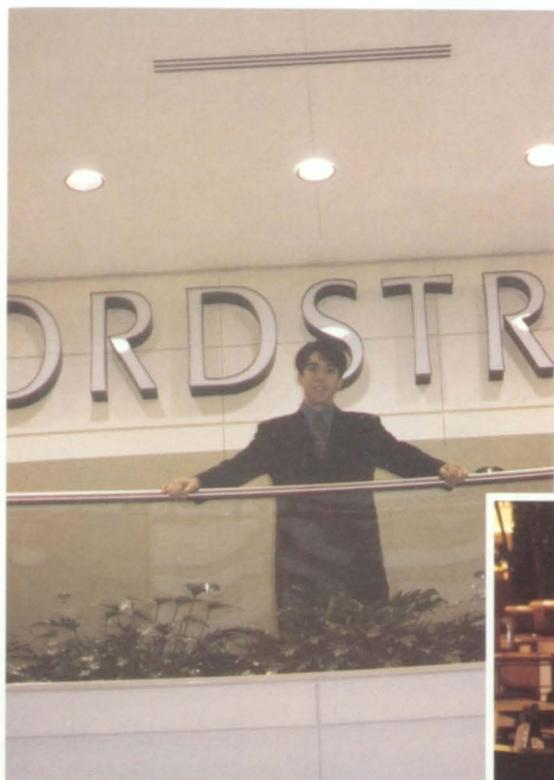


A Night To Remember



Senior Class Officers

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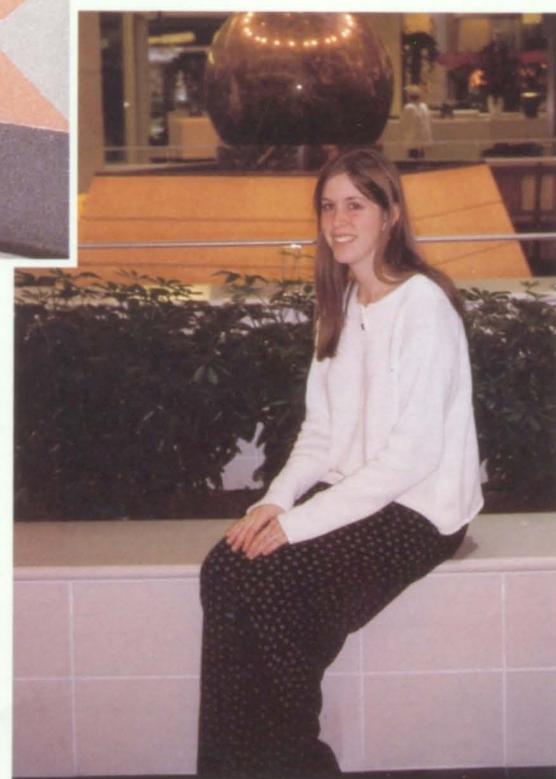
Cyndi Osborne

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Mary Reilly

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Michelle Gregory

HOME COMING

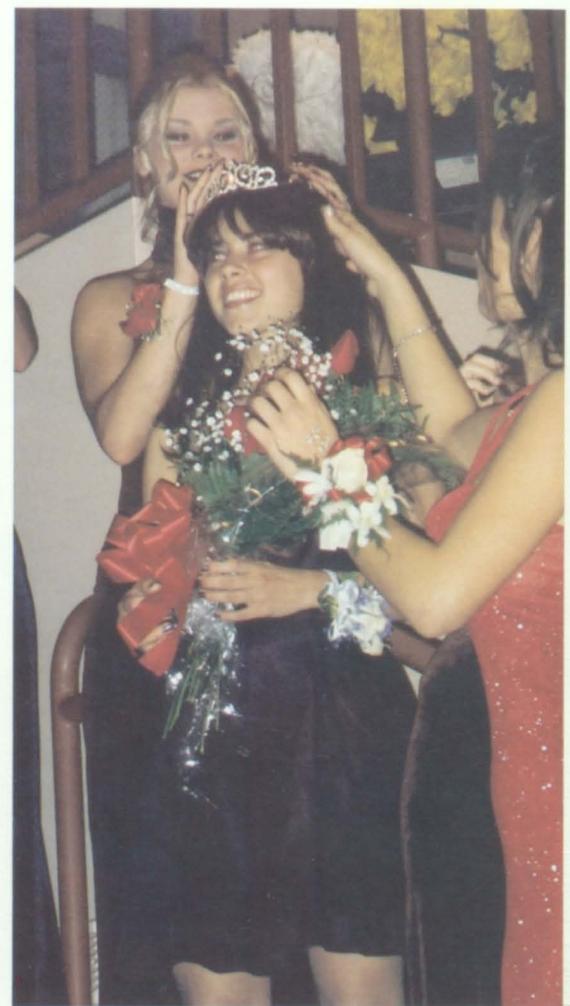
1996



Homecoming Court- Vigil Humphreys, Kim Bos, Mike Nole, Sara Ward, Mark Altman, Mary Hornbacher, Amanda Gladysz, Bobby Grant, Natalie Parker, and Adam McFall.



Mark Altman smiles with excitement as Renee Clark crowns him this years homecoming king.



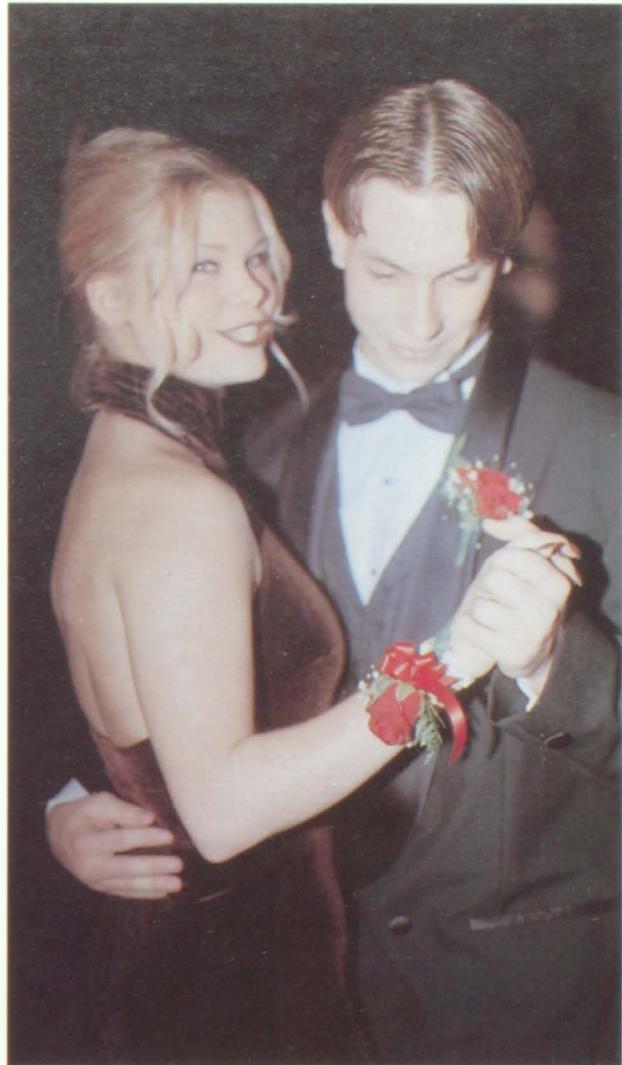
Mary Hornbacher is in the spotlight as she is crowned the 97' homecoming queen.



Mary Hornbacher, Sara Ward, Amanda Gladysz, Kim Bos, and Natalie Parker.

"The Flowers smelled nice. I saw some screaming maniacs in the crowd." Mary commented after the dance.

"Everyone was loud and the crown wouldn't stay on my head." Mark quoted after being crowned.



Bobby Grant blushes while Amanda Gladysz whispers sweet nothings in his ear.



Virgil Humphreys, Bobby Grant, Mark Altman, Adam McFall, and Mike Mole.



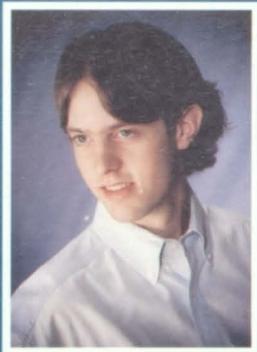
Matthew Affeld
Elementary Teacher



Jane Allen



Rachel Allen
Gas Station Attendant



Ryan Allen
Chemical Engineer



Mark Altman
Engineer



Melissa Aughe
Nurse



Sarah Aulph
Comedian



Jessica Baker
Bartender



Elisa Barber
Communications



Jennifer Barger
Medical Technologist



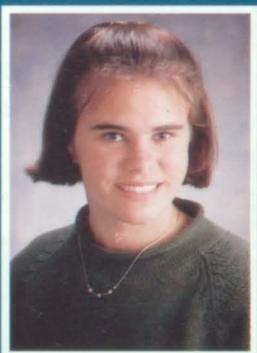
Jennifer Basse
Vet



David Beber
President



Thea Beemer
FBI Agent



Emily Bell
Peace Corps



Sara Bentley
Kindergarten Teacher



Nina Bischoff



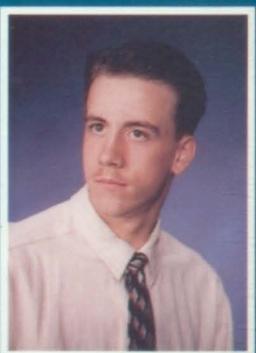
Shannon Blunden
Kindergarten Teacher



Michael Bolf



Brian Bonscour
Police Officer



Donald Bos
Bat Boy



Kimberly Bos
Social Psychologist



Jeffery Broaddus
Police Officer



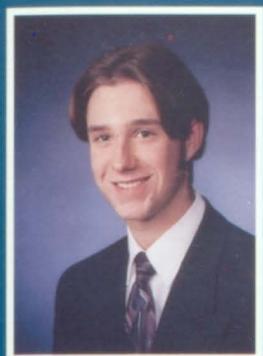
Michael Brown
World Dominator



Lisa Brzezinski
Physical Therapist



Bryce Burden



Scot Butash
Architect



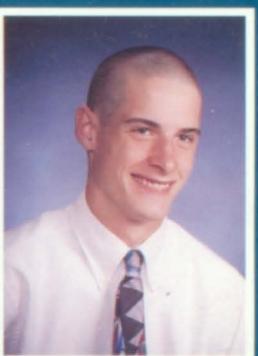
Heather Campbell



Maureen Campion
Exotic Dancer



Richard Carney
Draftsman



Branden Carpenter
Computer Specialist



Nathan Cavanaugh
Detective



James Collom
Geriatric Physician



Lindsey Covell
Elementary Teacher



Willow Grewdson



Michelle Davis
Nurse



Melissa Day
Historian for Ancient
Cultures



Rhonda Delaney
Belly Dancer



Dominic Deluca
Male Stripper



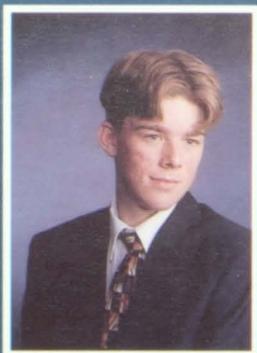
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Myself



Jessica Doyen
Arts Critic



Sara Drewek
Business



Stephen Drummond
Business



Dawn Figlan
Teacher



J. Corey Friedrich
Technical Engineer



Kevin Giraud
Gynecologist



Amanda Gladysz
Computer Tech.



Danielle Gladysz
Teacher



Jeff Goodwin
Teacher



Joshua Grapes
Flight Attendant



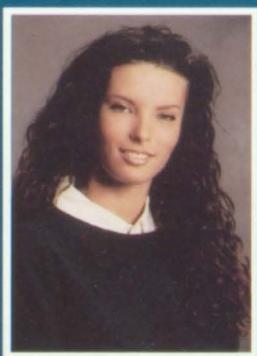
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Julie Grimm
Model



Jason Hair
Actor



Kately Hancock
Business



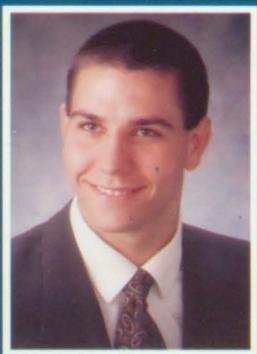
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Biologist



Philip Marlan
Teacher



Noah Hebner
Criminal Justice



Thomas Herzberg



Mary Hornbacher
Screenwriter



Lacey Horning
Poster Child for Nike



Jessica Howell
Manicurist



Kevin Hyatt
Burn on Main Street



Roy Jacokes
Architect



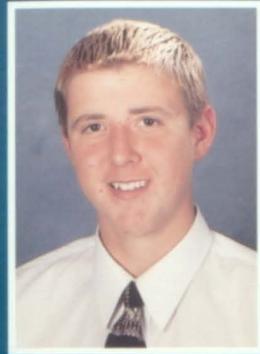
Lee Jenkins
Motorcycle Test Rider



William Jenkinson
Business



Heather Kelly
Physical Therapist



Ryan Kelly
Head Roadie for Van Halen



Gwen Kerr
Music



Amy Kimerrie
Snake Charmer



Sharon Kincannon
Ostopathic Physician



Kevin King
Joker



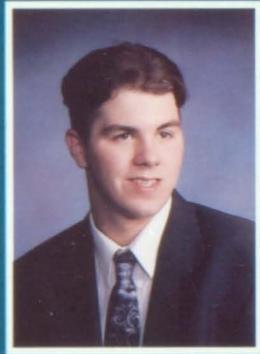
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International Business



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Criminal Psychologist



Jennifer Koslosky
Masonistic Priestess



Luke Kremer
Hall Guard



Gary Ksiazek



Crystal Kuchulan
Medical Science



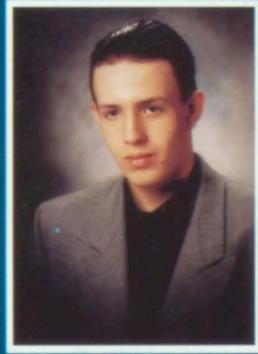
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Farmer



Michelle Kurkowski
Business Executive



Mindy Kwiatkowski
Jeweler



Darin Lewis
Journalist



Melissa Mansfield
Lunch Lady



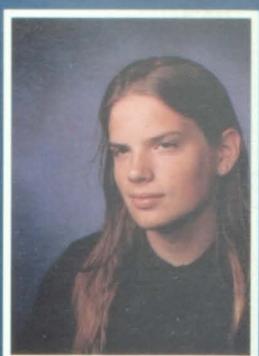
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Auto Mechanic



Karen Maylone
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Nurse



Douglas Messana
Electrician



Carrie Meyer



Lance Mitchell
Philosopher



Michelle Mooney



Lisa Moore
Teacher



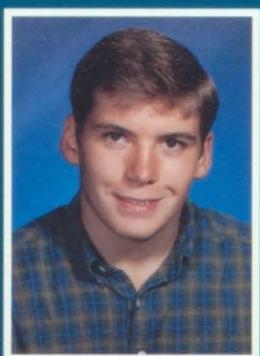
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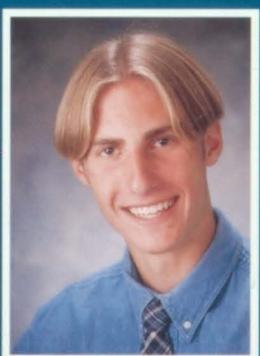
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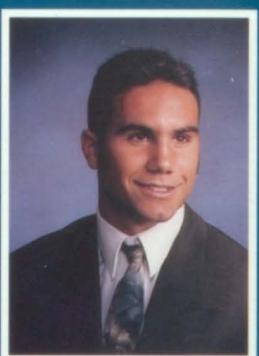
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Aaron Neilson
Mechanic



Joel Himitz
Eddie Bower Salesman



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Interior Decorating



Natalie Parker
People Person



Teresa Perosak



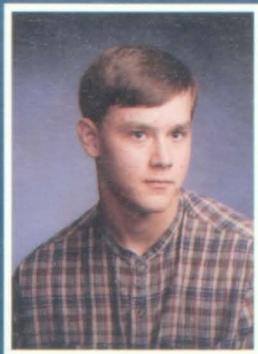
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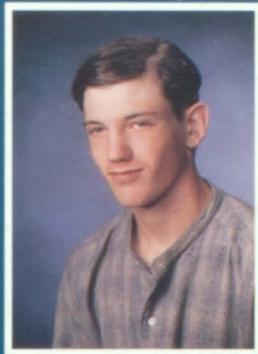
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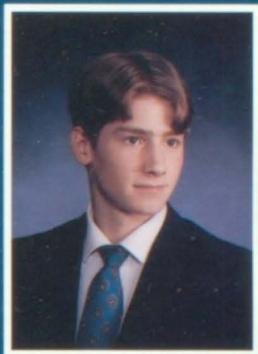
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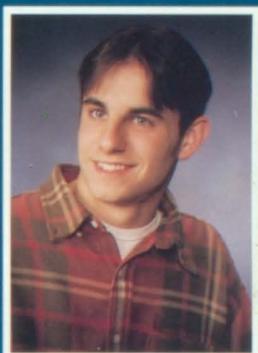
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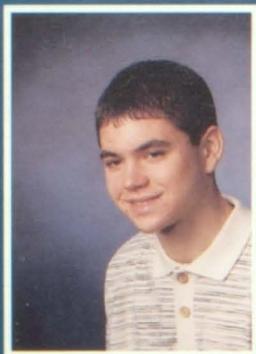
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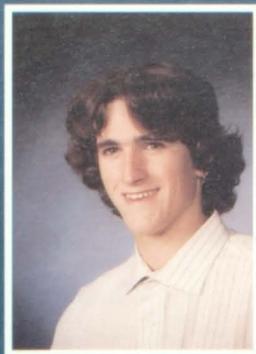
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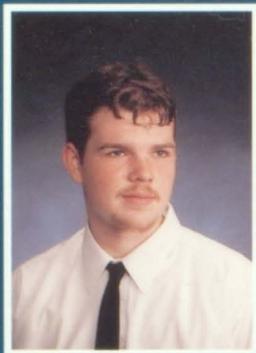
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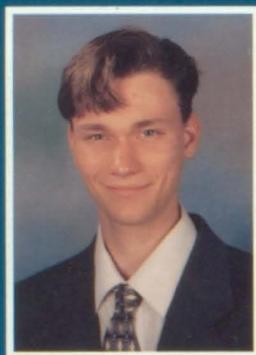
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Adam Trebble
Golf Pro



Rebekah Trivilino



Robert Turner
Master Draftsman



Gregory Van Hagen
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Sara Ward
Aviator



Kandyce Weiland



Brian White
Creative



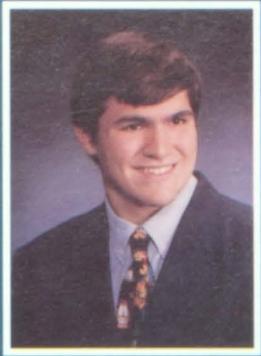
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Lawyer



Brian Wright
Military Police



Lyudmila Zuvena



Michael Yerke



Adam Conner

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Sara Arbenowske
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Jamie Barber
Ava Barber
Nathaniel Brent
Tracie Campbell
Michael Caroway
Jacob Davidson
Jonathan Didyk
Lynn Ennes
Nathan Erwin
Benjamin Fisher
Fabricio Gerardi
Anthony Girard
Robert Grant
Sarah Grundy
David Hill
Erik Hodge
Rebecca Hughes
Virgil Humphreys
Daniel Johnson
Jason Karwowski
Stephen Langdon

David Lewis
Rory Mallon
Shawn McCready
Nicole McMullen
Shalyn McMaughton
Mark Merantza
Renn Moon
Donald Murphy
Mark Nowak
Rebecca Renshaw
Jeremy Rudel
Adriene Scott
Andrew Smith
Thomas Stark
Jason Tansley
Thomas Thompson
David Thorson
Miles Vankeersblick
Wendimarie Ward
Julia Westenberg
Steven Whiteside
Jeffrey Wright





SENIOR QUOTES

Where's DeLeo,
where's Till ?



" Now I know why they call it high school." - Mike Nole

" Cross Country runners do it longer." - Heather Kelly

" What is this monstrosity?" - Melissa Mansfield

" The best is yet to come." - Mike Wilusz

" Don't go through life just existing!" - Sharon Kincannon

" Ya know what I'm sayin'!" - Mindy Kwiatkowski

" Stubby." - Danielle Gladysz

" Yeah, yeah, yeah!" - Adam Klemp

" No, no, no!" - Dawn Figlan

" Tonka time is now!" - Dawn Devine

" Come here to learn, go forth to be stupid." - Kevin Girard

" Obstacles are what you see when you take your eyes off the goal." - Chris Rozman

" Is that what the kids are calling it these days?" - Kate Vickers

" Get off the tracks when the train is coming!" - Wendi Ward

" If high school was really supposed to be the best four years of my life, I would rather have been dead four years ago!" - Brian White

" All life is a 'Will to Power', that is, eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we all die." - Lance Mitchell

"The ones that think they know it all are annoying to the ones that do." - Jess Perreca Jr.

" Hey Goodwin, you ungrounded yet?" - Mike Caroway

" Speed is what I need." - Scot Butash

" Enjoy your bananas (H.M.)" - Sara Bentley

" To believe, to reach, to strive, is to keep a dream alive." - Jane Allen

" Pass it over here." - Jeff Goodwin

" I'm Batman!" - Mark Altman

" It's all good." - David Beber

" You get out of life what you put in." - Don Bos

" What up Jaggy?" - Lisa Moore

" Come on Rocks we gotta go." - Rhonda Delaney

" Life is a bed of roses, just watch out for the pricks." - Sara Koski

" Here I come to pave the way!" - Heidi Rosenzweig

" Go high school. Woo hoo." - Sarah Stanton

" I need a nap." - Sara Ward

" The reward to patience is patience." - Rebecca Hughes

" The grass is greener on the other side." - Lee Jenkins

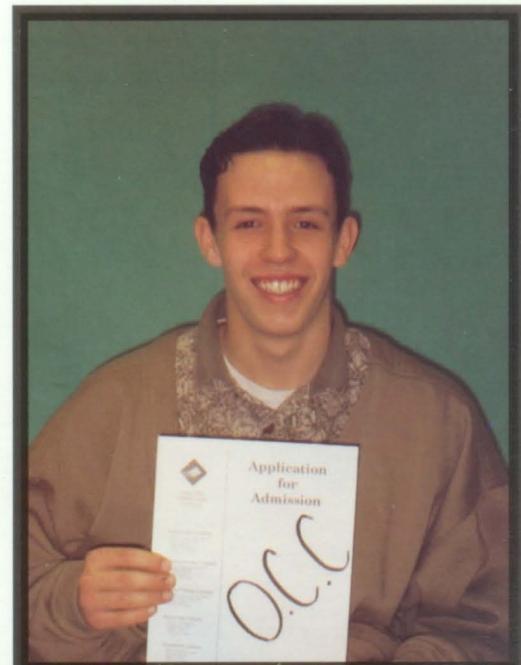
" Don't judge a book by its cover." - Cyndi Osborne

" I love Steve, my Maine man!" - Julie Grimm

" Just do it Oaks!" - Lacey Horning (Forest)

" Why?" - Kevin Hyatt

" Rock on!" - Ryan Kelly





Franklin
Posse will
continue...

" What did I miss?"- Kevin Pollack

" Suck my grapes!"- Josh Grapes

" Geez Louise."- Amy Kimmerle

" It's time for the Superbowl."- Matt Riggs

" Get in where you fit in."- Graham Semivan

" What is this garbage?"- Jenni Koslosky

" Don't forget to think. Life is a complicated thing."- Karen Maylone

" Life can be shocking."- Doug Messana

" It's the bomb! Yeah, yeah! It's the whip!"- Joel Nimety

" I took the road less traveled by and that has made all the difference."- Maureen Campion

" The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest."- Jeanette Piasta

" Through faith, personal drive, and self-belief, anyone can become whatever they want to be!"- Adam Szymanski

" Make happy those who are near; and those who are far will come."- Theresa Shepler

" Life's a dance you learn as you go. Sometimes you lead, sometimes you follow."- Shalyn McNaughton

" Put your past behind you, deal with it now, and explore your future! Love Forever!"- Amanda Gladysz

" I had something to say about the difference between American and European cities...but I forgot what it was. I have it written down at home somewhere."- Nate Brent

" You are what you make yourself and you can be whatever you let yourself be."- Elisa Barber

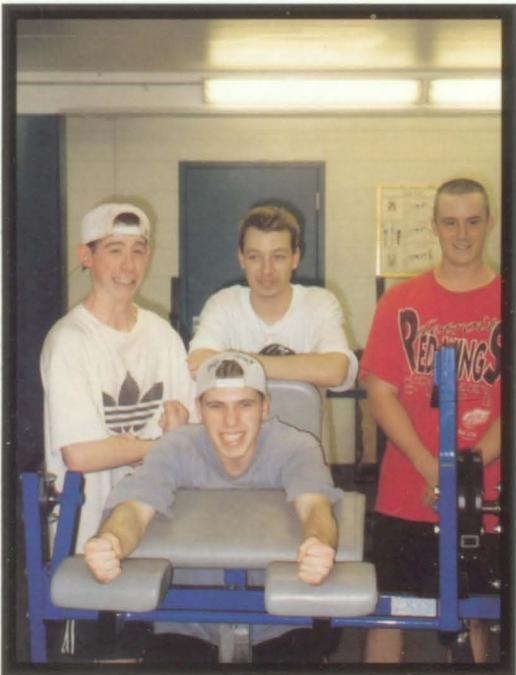
Muscles
till we die!

" Blessed are the losers, for they determine the winners."- Noah Hebner

" It's the whip"- Melissa Day

" Rock on!"- Stephen Langdon

" Dipstick!"- Lindsey Covell



Don't PH on
the PDA!

" Jimmy Crack Korn!"- Erik Hodge

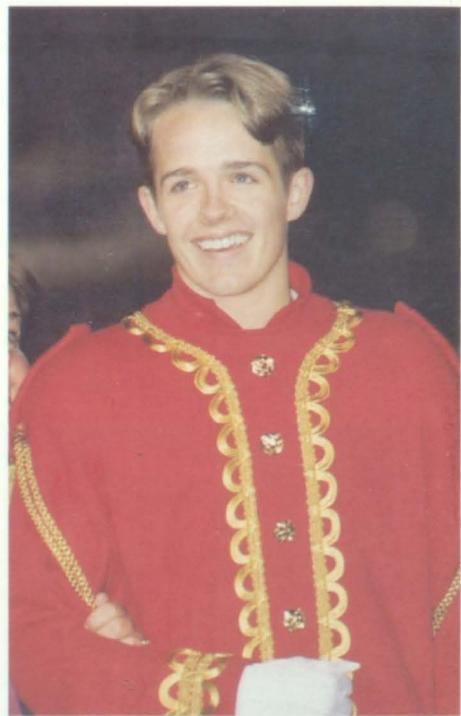
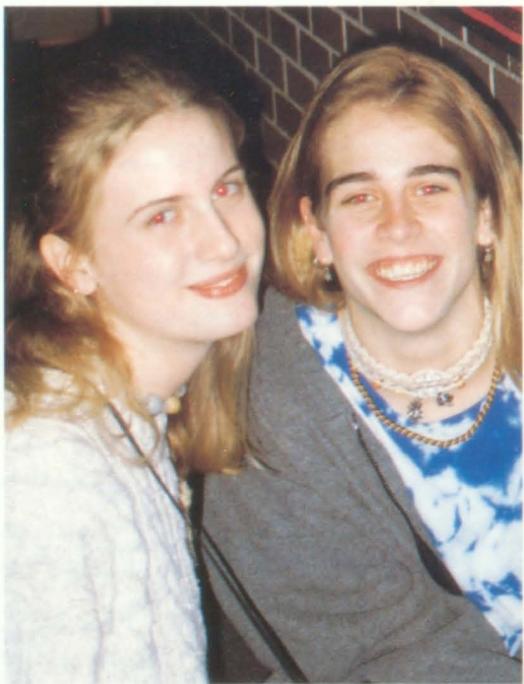
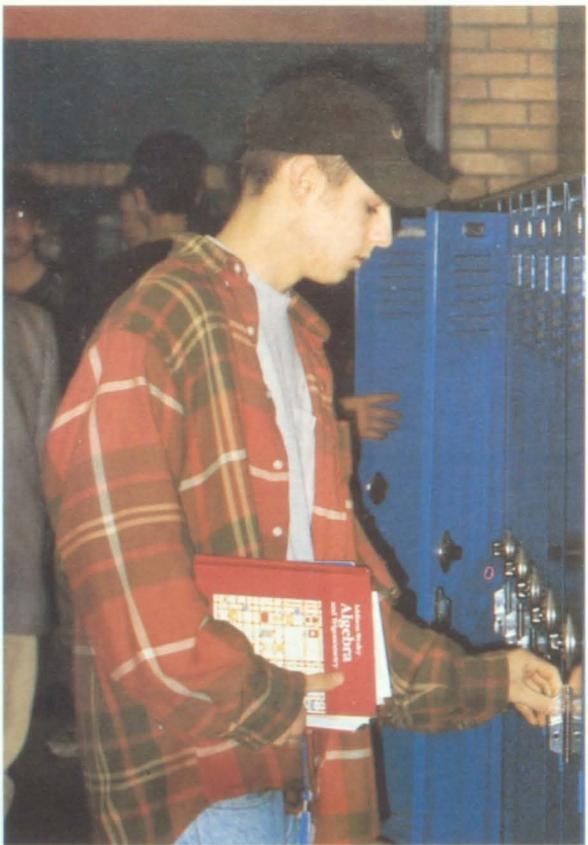
" Beware the pickles!"- Becky Renshaw

" That's so ghetto!"- Missy VanDoorn

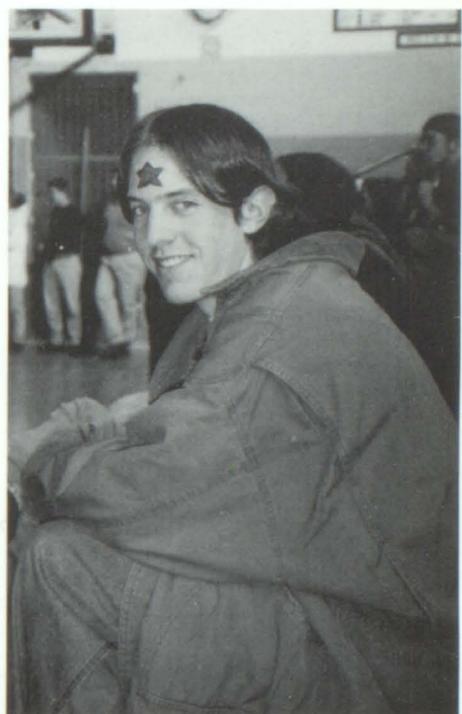
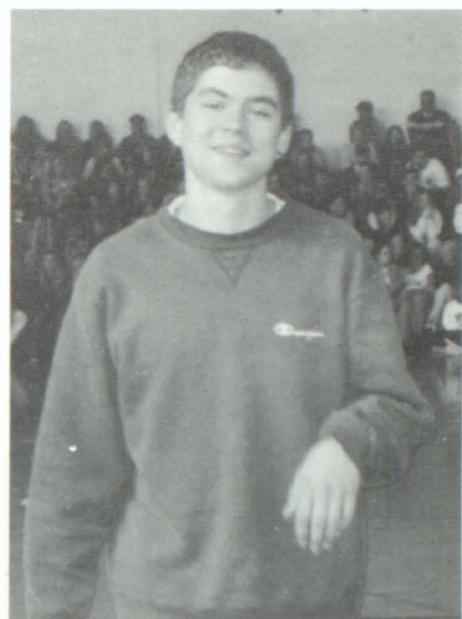
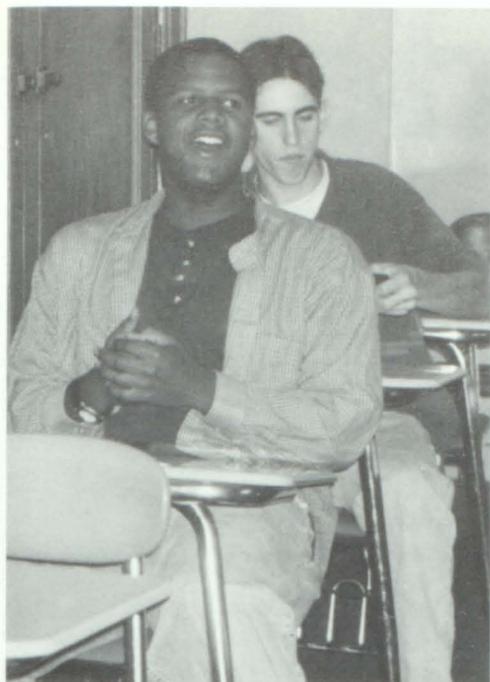
" I'm the Chief"- Bob Simmons

" Normal people worry me."- Katie Rutter



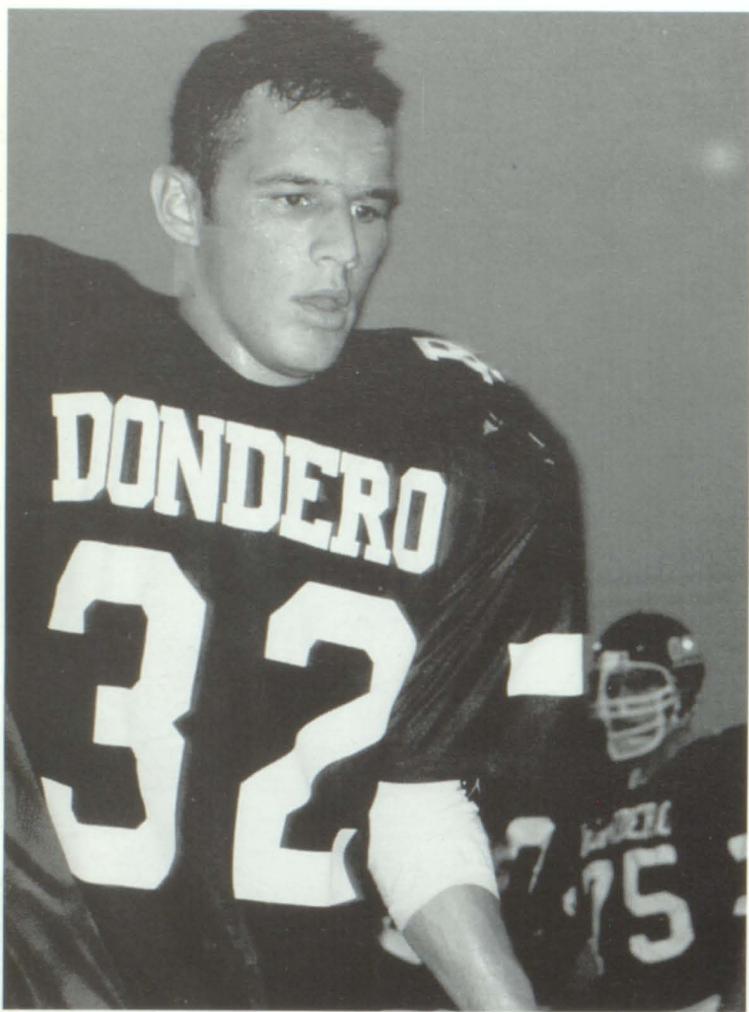


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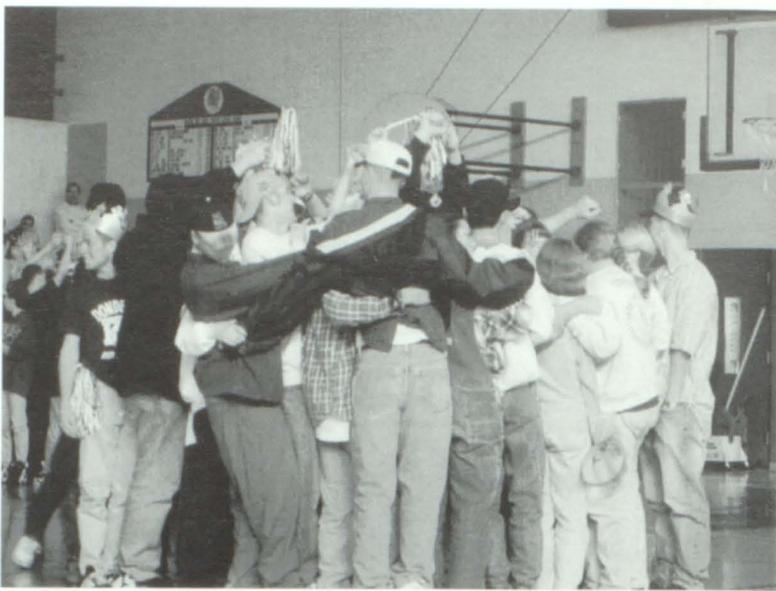


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Senior Pride...



Adan McFall and the rest of the senior football players, gave us their all this year and made the seniors proud.



Class of 1997 pulls together for a group hug.

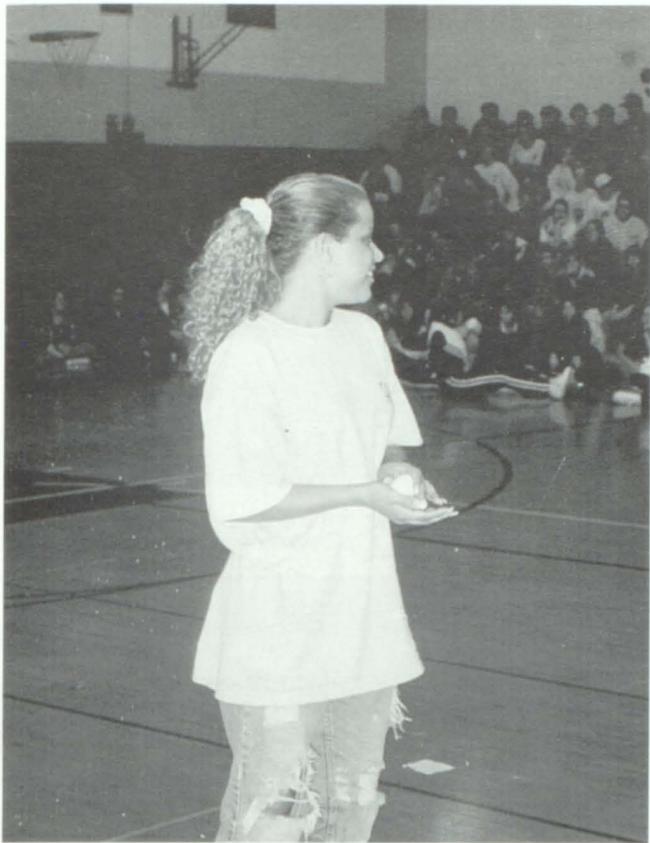


Cyndi Osborne marches proudly with this years float.



Virgil Humphreys is one of Dondero's number one fans.

'97 Dominates



Rhonda Delaney leads the senior class at the Pep Rally.



This group of senior girls could be found at almost every basketball game this year.



Natalie Parker, Kim Bos, and Sara Ward were happy to be chosen by the senior class for this years homecoming court.



Nate Cavanaugh and Dana Sizemore watch with interest.

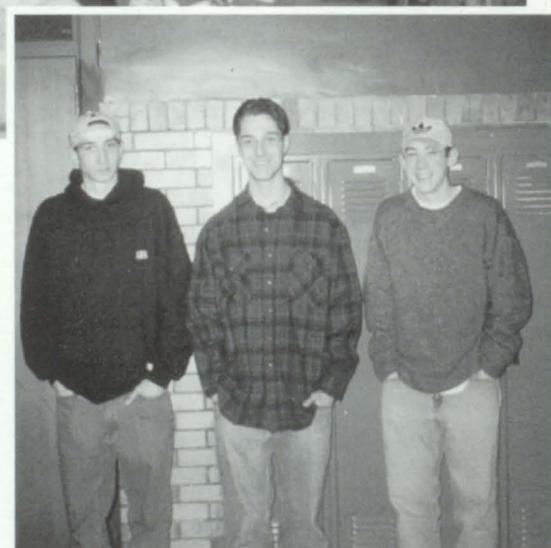
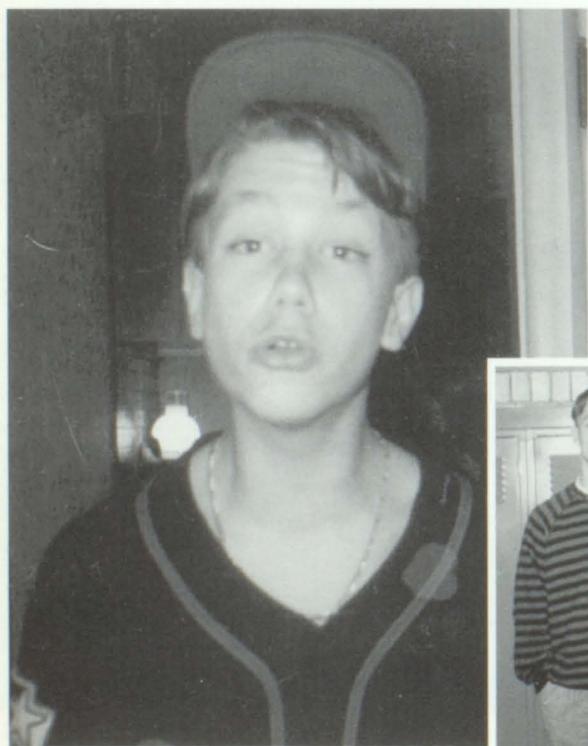
FROM ELEMENTARY TO HIGH SCHOOL...



Lindsey Covell, Jenny Barger, Heather Kelly, Michelle Mooney, Mary Hornbacher, Jane Allen, and Sarah Stanton.



Jeremy Thompson, Scot Butash, and Aaron Prager are still just as cute as they were in the third grade.

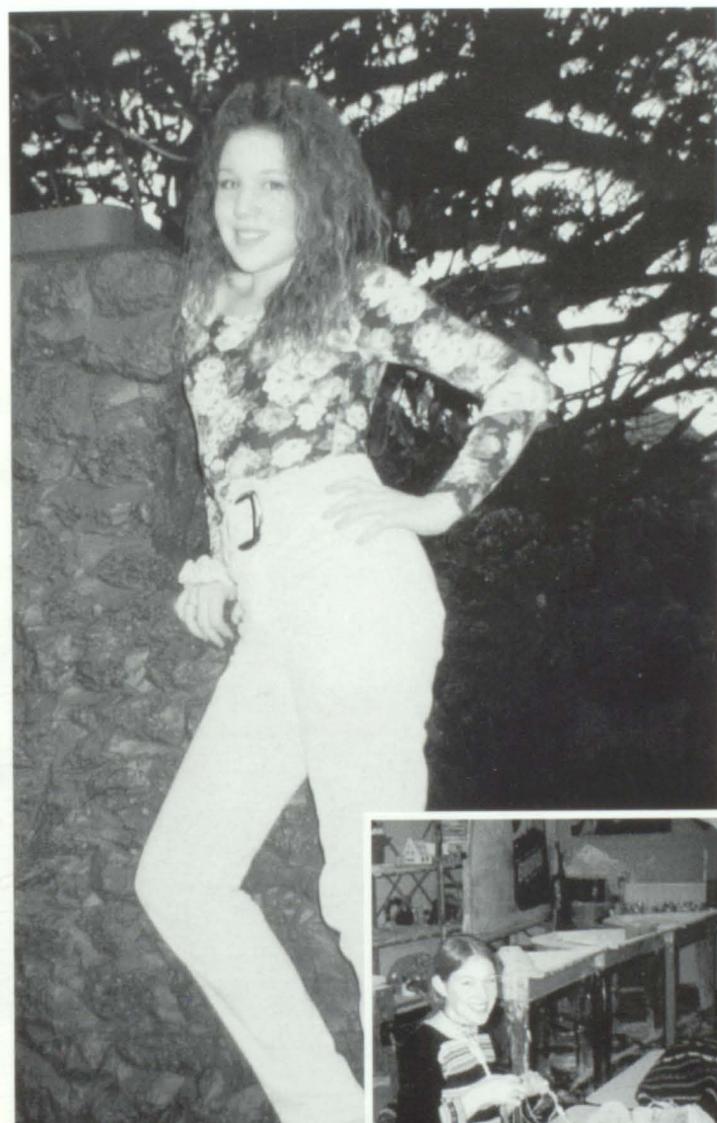


Bobby Grant went from a baggy jeans know-it-all, to a preppy athlete.

LOOK HOW WE'VE GROWN



Nate Erwin, Aric Piercy, Matt Affeld, Jeff Goodwin, Brian Bonscour, Bobby Grant, Jess Perreca, Adam Conner, Joe Ledbetter, and Phil Marlin.



Janelle Vergilimo has changed so much, it's hard to tell that they're the same person.



Sara Koski, Rhonda Delaney, and Natalie Parker are still friends after all these years.



Dawn Devine, and Dave Hill...what a great couple they were.

Rachel Allen, and Don Bos share many childhood memories together.

WHAT'S HOT!!



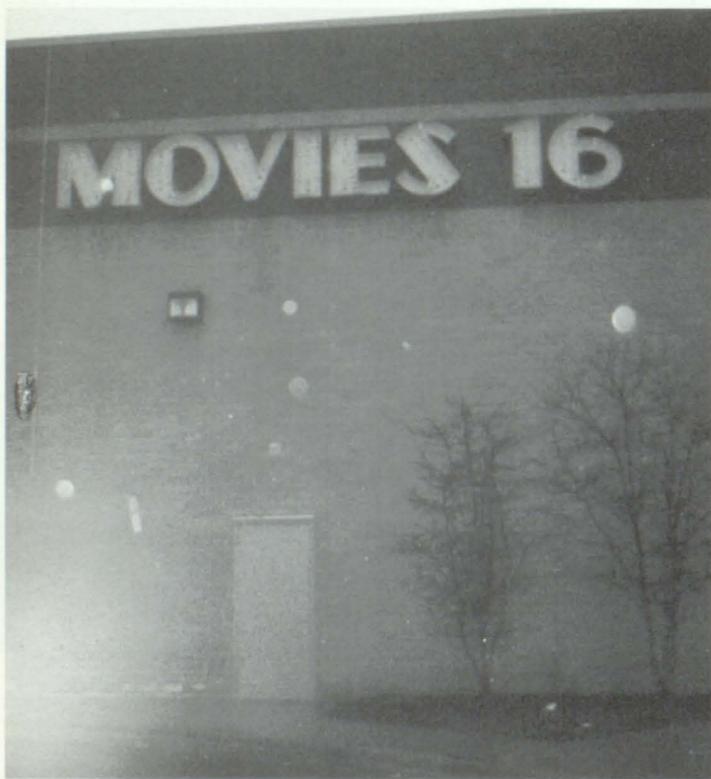
Jerry's has lots of bargains and just about serves everyone.



Old Navy has lots of Dondero's seniors' money.



After a party, Coney is the place to be.



The cheap movies fit seniors' budgets



Citgo is not only a place to get your gas, but was also where most seniors' plan their nights.



These guys have put a damper on many senior nights.

WHAT'S NOT!!



Universal just doesn't have the stores to attract us anymore.



Contempo has gone way overboard on trying to fit in with the new trend.



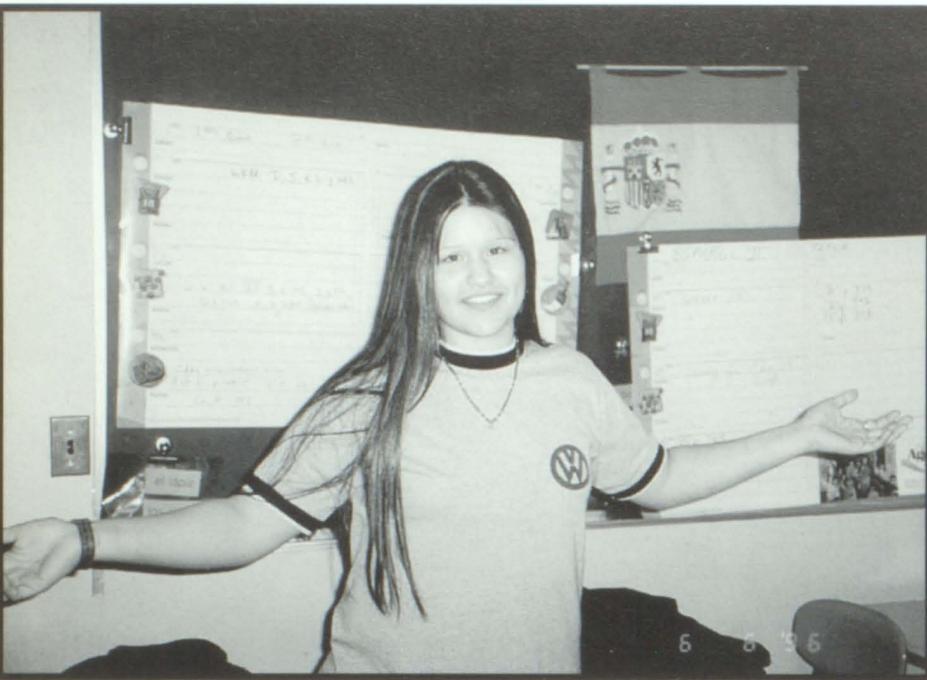
Kimball — enough said.



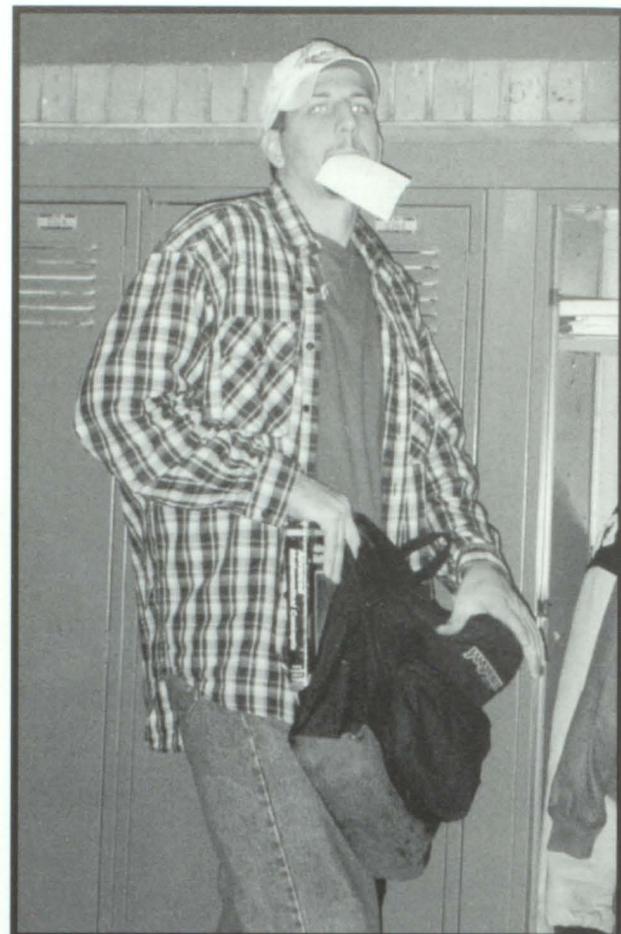
Dairy Mart's prices are just too high and they're not as friendly as they used to be.

When you just can't take it anymore, your grades are slipping, and graduation is the only thing on your mind- you know you've got...

SENIORITIS



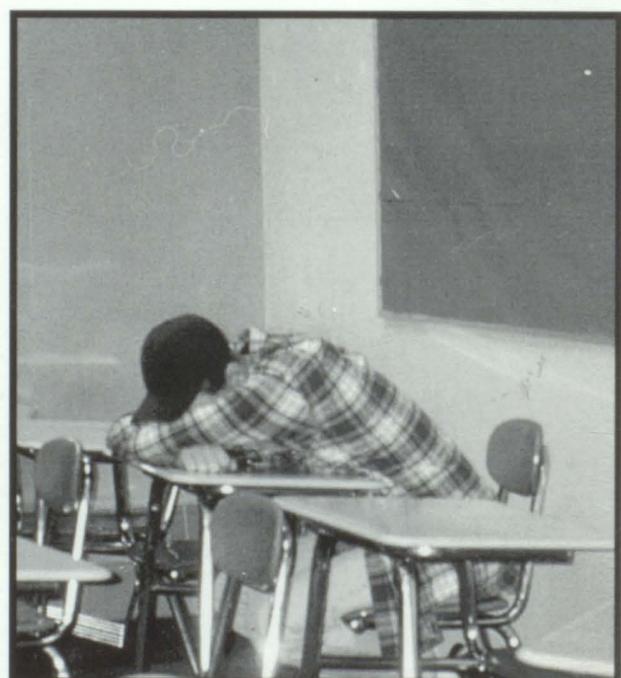
Wendi Ward is just as fed up with school as the rest of us.



Roy Jacokes is Mr. O'Brien's favorite customer.



Where do you think you're going? I don't think Sarah Aulph and Amy Kimmerle know that school isn't over until 3:00.

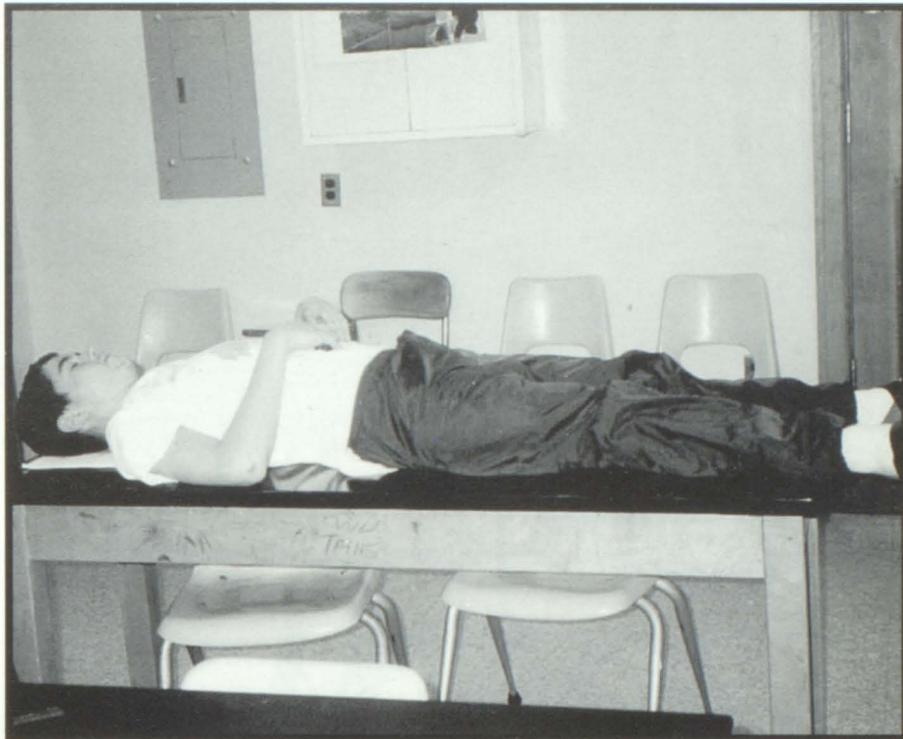


Aric Piercy is so thrilled he just can't stay awake.

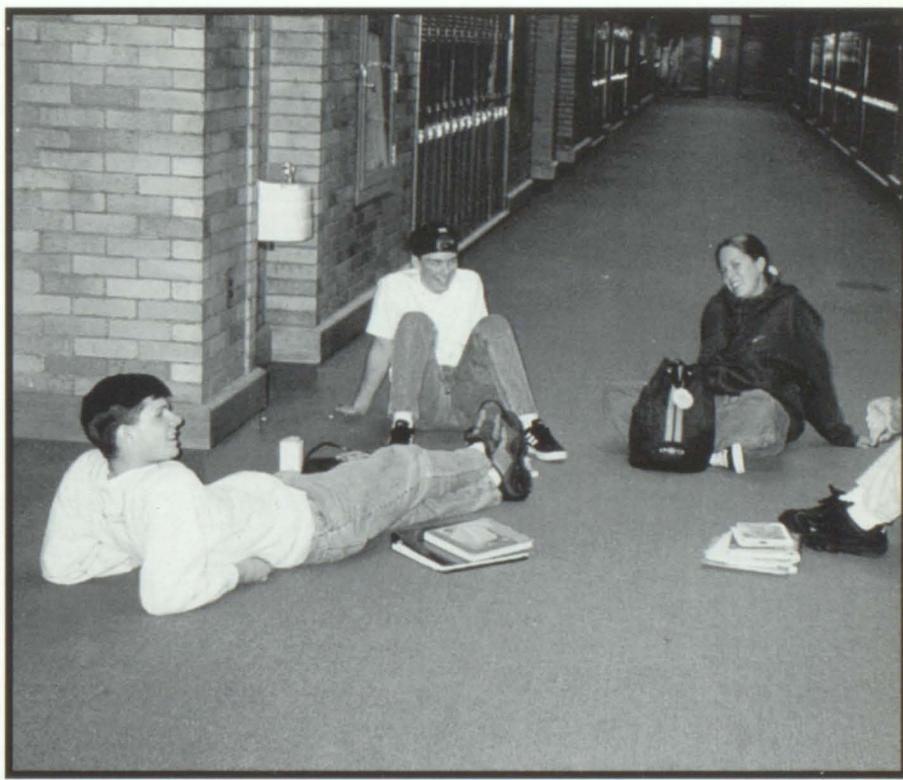
COUNTIN' DOWN!!



Nate Cavanaugh skips class "Just for the taste of it".

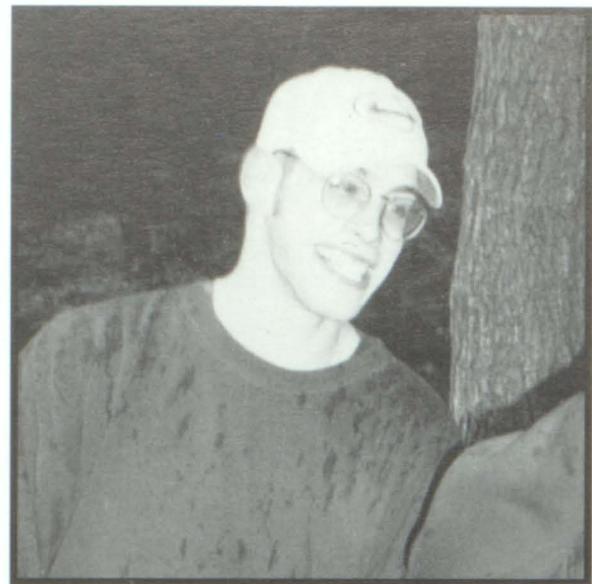


Some people just put their head down, but Jason Smolinski goes all out.



Mike Wilusz, Andy Drummond, and Nina Bischoff are hard at work in the hallway.

Meet up
at the
football
game



Get a hotel
room with
a bunch of
friends

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everyone we
know.

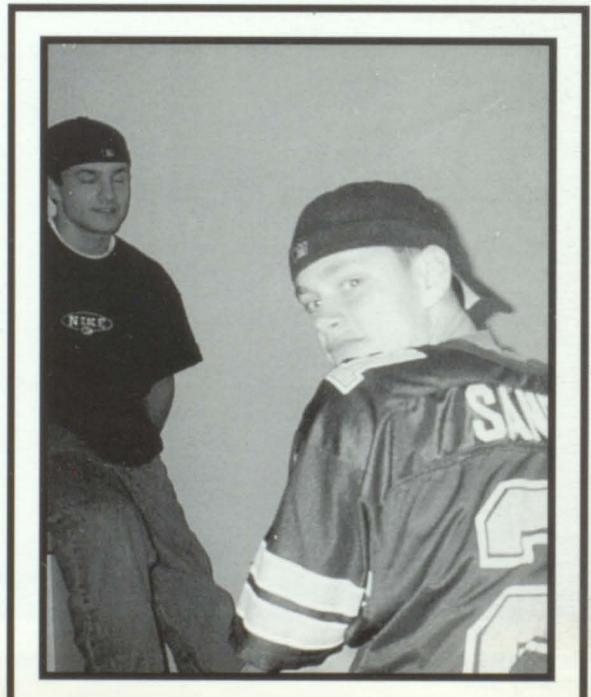
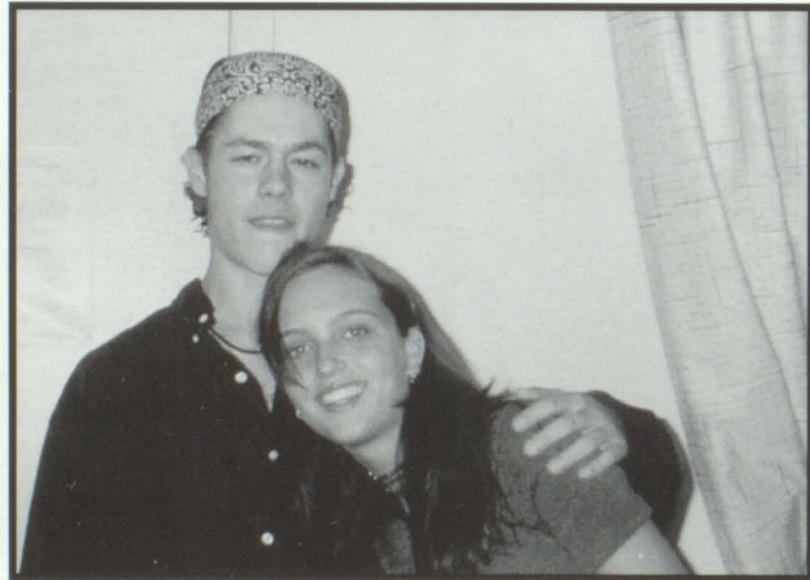
Avoid the
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Those Crazy but Memorable Nights.

What we do on Friday nights

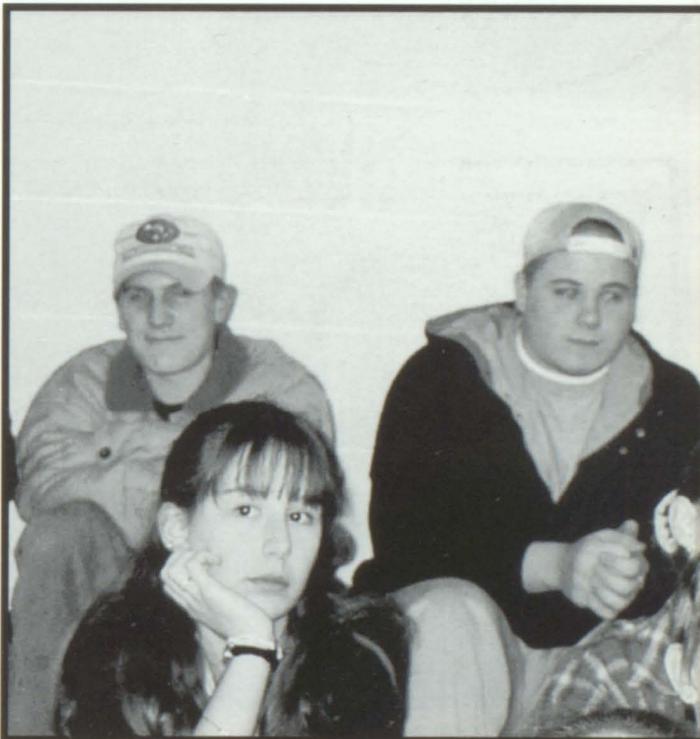
Drive
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Rent
movies





LETIN' LOOSE





Jessy Coen, Emily West, Vince DeLuca and Kristen Calverly

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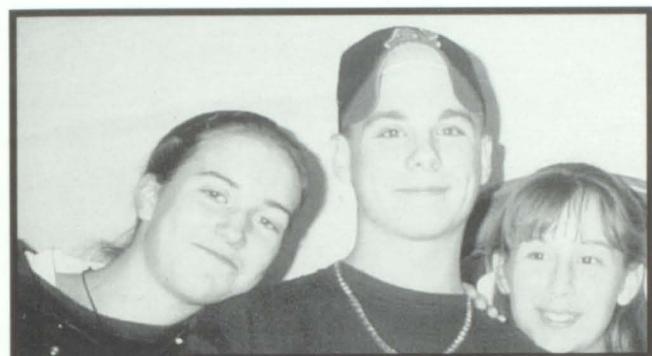


Movin' Up



Juniors

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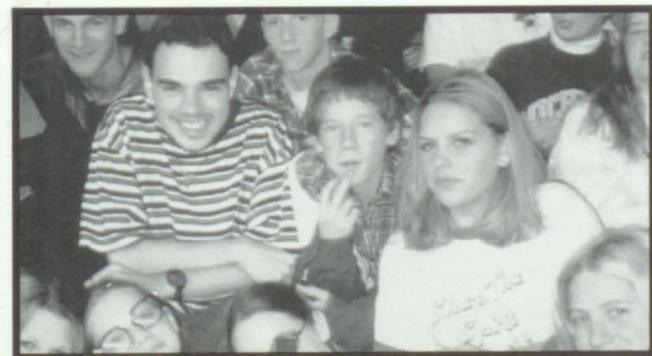
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I am David Rozman and I am President of the Class of 1998. As a class officer I have had many wonderful experiences, from collecting cans to building a float with a bunch of friends. I have also had the pleasure of working with some very great people over the past couple of years. I've had great fellow officers, wonderful advisers, and excellent support and enthusiasm from classmates. I have grown to love our class and I take much pride in helping the class and everyone in it. I have great expectations for our class and believe that we can go in any direction we wish. We have come this far together, and I believe that we can make it even further together. I hope to continue to play a key role in our final years here at Dondero. We have all learned that if we aim higher, we will achieve more.

David Rozman
President of the Class of 1998



My name is Patrick Ostroth and I am Treasurer for the Class of '98. Being an officer is a very new experience for me. I find it fun and hope to help the class out next year too. I have had many good experiences with the other class officers, Ms. Chapman and Miss Dean. I hope that they will continue. My expectation as an officer for the class is to continue to support our class to make it possible to have a wonderful senior year.

Patrick Ostroth
Treasurer of the Class of 1998



As Vice President of the Class of 1998, I'd like to say thank you for all your participation and tell you how proud I am of our class. Right now, I hope we can look forward to winning this and next year's Homecoming float contests. We can also look forward to the fabulous prom you have enabled us to plan and finance. If we keep our positive attitudes towards life, and keep smiling we're sure to be a success as seniors and in life.

Jenn Carlson
Vice President of the Class of 1998



Being the Secretary of the Class of 1998 has been a really fun experience. I enjoy helping and working with other members of our class to help it fulfill its potential. I expect my senior year to be just as rewarding as this one. I know our class will continue to strive for excellence in all that we work for. We will continue with fundraisers and various activities that we have done throughout the past three years.

Michelle Armstrong
Secretary of the Class of 1998



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Aldenbrand, Andrea
Allen, Keisa
Alter, Tanya



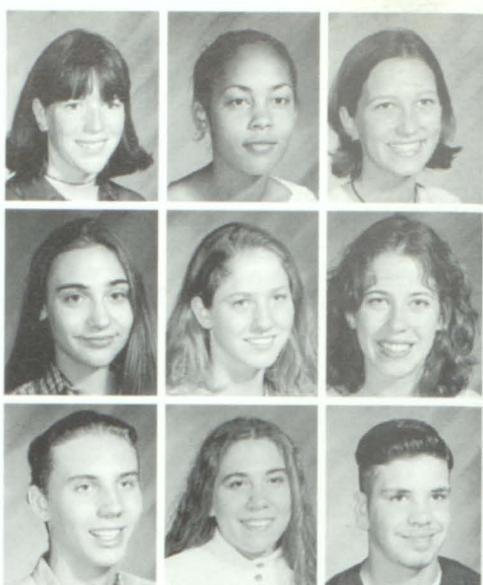
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Armstrong, Michelle
Aulph, Joy
Aulph, Kelly



Baccus, Melissa
Bagnall, Benjamin
Bairley, Jessica
Balek, Oldrich



Chris Terry points to the computer, telling Jason Czerwinski where to find the information.



Barkume, Geoffrey
Bauman, Candice
Beard, Kelly
Belevedere, Giovanni
Berube, Nathan



"If it don't make dollars it don't make sense." — Dan Judge

Bilas, Jared
Billis, Brooke
Blakemore, Andrew
Boerkel, Samantha
Bouladian, Raffi



"I got stuck in the fire escape stairway." — Justin Wiles

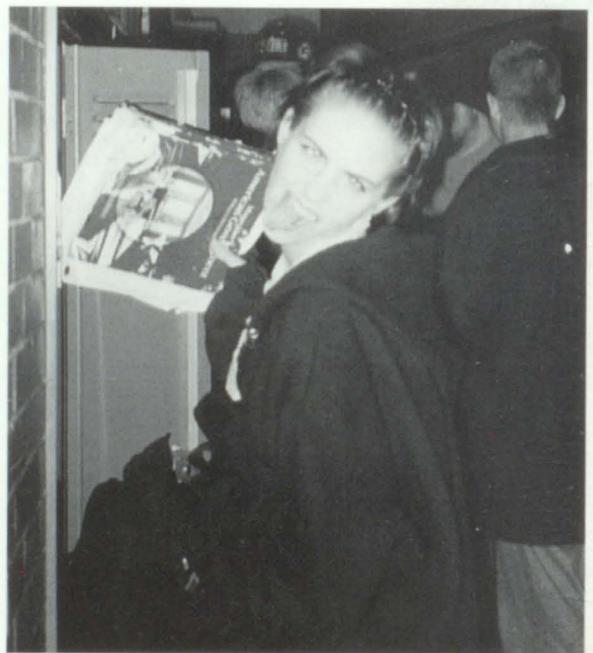
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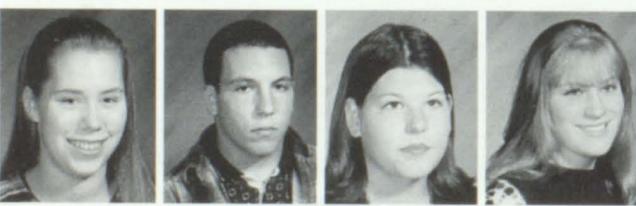
"If there is a car named a beetle why isn't there a beetle named car." — Andrea Aldenbrand



Here is proof that
Dave Rozman has
more then one
friend.



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Carolin, Cliff
Carr, Amy
Carver, Rita



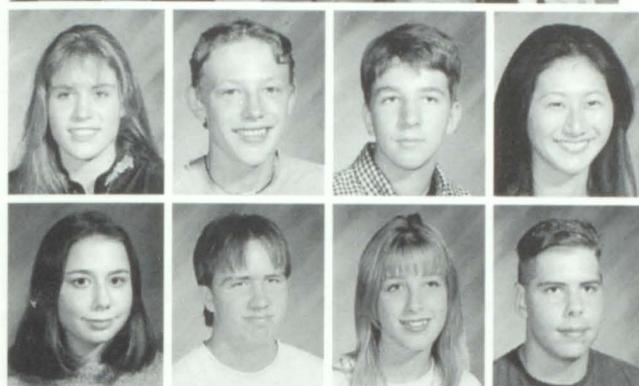
Corinne Vargo shows us how excited she is to go to her next class.



Jessica Coen, Emily Voorhees, and Sarah West show their school spirit at the homecoming parade.



Junior Raffi Bouladian, and Senior Bob Simmons, concentrates on their drafting work.



Carver, Roxanne
Cavanaugh, Matthew
Champagne, Joshua
Chen, Michelle
Chhun, Pholunksova
Cieslinski, Michele
Clark, Gregory
Clark, Lauren
Coen, Jessica
Coker, Chad
Conklin, Nicole
Cordes, Brian
Crank, Anthony
Czerwinski, Jason
Davidson, Beverly
Davis, Rachel



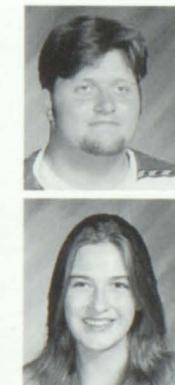
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Deluca, Vince
Denard, Candice
Dillard, Laura



Dixon, Nathan
Donnelly, Michael
Drummond, Denise
Dyer, Matthew



Ian Krist makes a quick stop at his locker between classes.



Edington, Douglas
Eland, Nicholas
Ennes, Katie
Ferguson, John



Finlay, Elizabeth
Foster, Erin
Freeman, Alan
Friedrich, Katie

Gardner, Meggan
Geddis, James
Geddis, Jennifer
Giroux, David
Granda, Elizabeth
Gray, Shannon
Grigsby, William
Gutierrez, Krystal



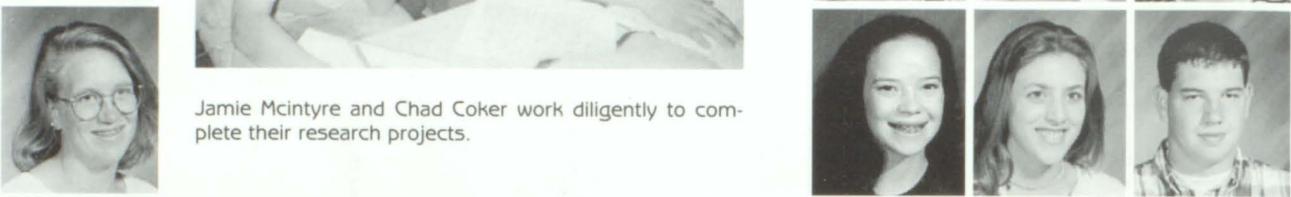
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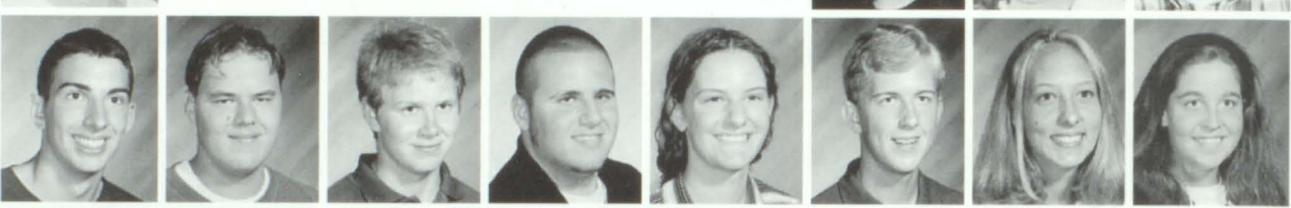
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Kelley, Timothy
Kelly, James
Kendall, Jennifer
Kidder, Kyle
Klebba, Kristin
Kniel, Autumn



Kovacs, Jason
Krist, Ian
Lace, Jason
Langdorf, Victoria
Laster, Adam



Lau, Nicholas
Lauzon, Kathleen
Layou, Dana
Lew, Eric
Lindblom, Andrew



Lung, Matthew
Macvean, Lauren
Marley, Elizabeth
Maroni, Joseph
Martinez, Lee



Matthews, Jennifer
Maven, Phillip
Mayer, Miranda
McCave, Matthew
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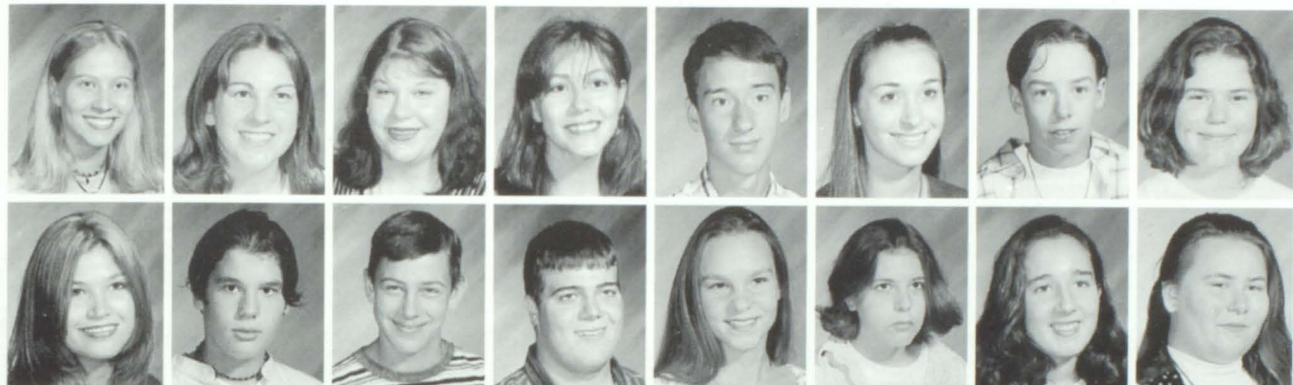
Jamie McIntyre and Chad Coker work diligently to complete their research projects.



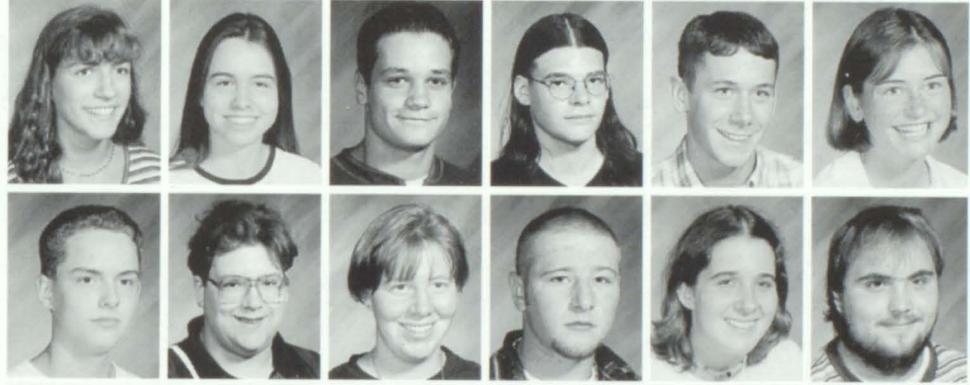
Greg Clark and Chris Smith work away on their Drafting projects.



Amy Car looks surprised as the alarm in the library screams out.



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McKenzie, Kendra
Merian, Jennifer
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Miller, Ian
Miller, Sarah
Morris, David
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Navetta, Nina
Ochelski, Norman
Odett, Nicholas
Ostroth, Patrick
Owens, Erin
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Park, Jennifer
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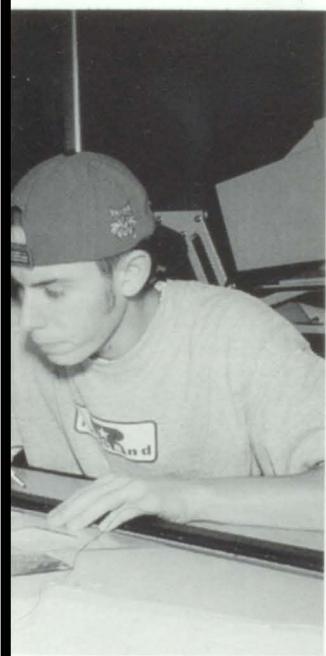
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Pierce, Lara



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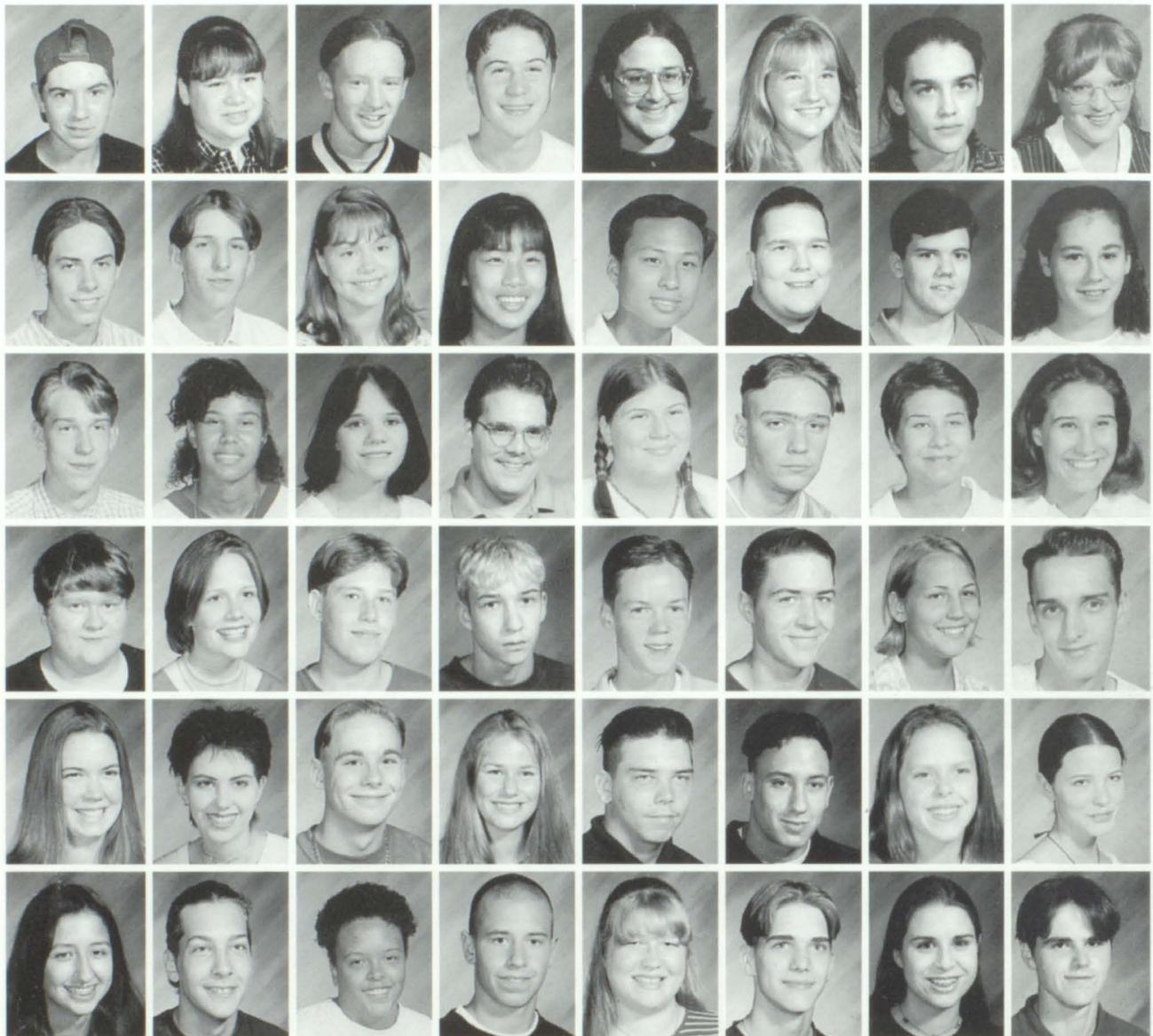
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Scott, Kerri



Juniors and Their Cars!

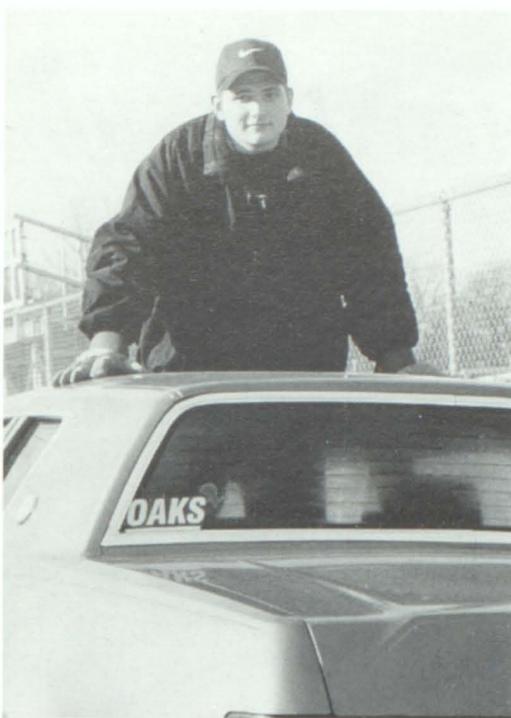
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Spielbusch, Trevor
Steele, Aaron
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Taylor, Peter
Terk, Laurel
Terry, Christopher
Tharp, Barbara
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Thompson, Amy
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Torgerson, Lauri
Turini, Timothy
VanGoethem, Katherine
Vargo, Corinne
Vest, Robert
Voorhees, Emily
Waananen, Richard
Wagnitz, Dale
Wallace, Katie
Walsh, Lora
Ward, Arisia
Warhus, Jason
Washington, Mary
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West, Sarah
Wilkinson, Andrew
Willard, Jennifer
Wiseley, Ethan





Candi Bauman, exactly how do you reach the pedals driving like that?



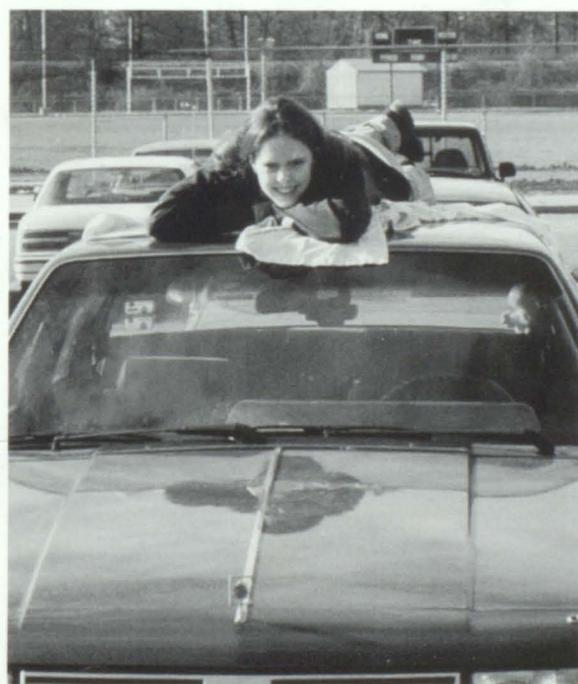
Matt Lung enjoys one of his favorite features on his car, the moon roof.



Sam Boerkel smiles as she shows off her car and her fuzzy dice.



Kyle Kidder prepares for the rest of his life when he will be "living in a van down by the river."



Matthew McCave sulks as he remembers his car... after the ACCIDENT!

Katie Wallace poses on top of her most prized possession.

During the Fall Field Day assembly, the juniors show off their school spirit.



Right: "Go Juniors!" these juniors cheer for their first-place float

Amy Thompson and Ramsey Samhat look perfect for eachother.



Juniors ,Jessy Coen, Vince DeLuca, Anna Skardoutas and sophomore Brian Elison make a sad attempt at a pose.



In Mr. Perkins bandroom, Sarah Miller play dilligently on her bassoon.

Left: Corin Vargo and her date show off their exotic outfits at an unforgettable Homecoming.

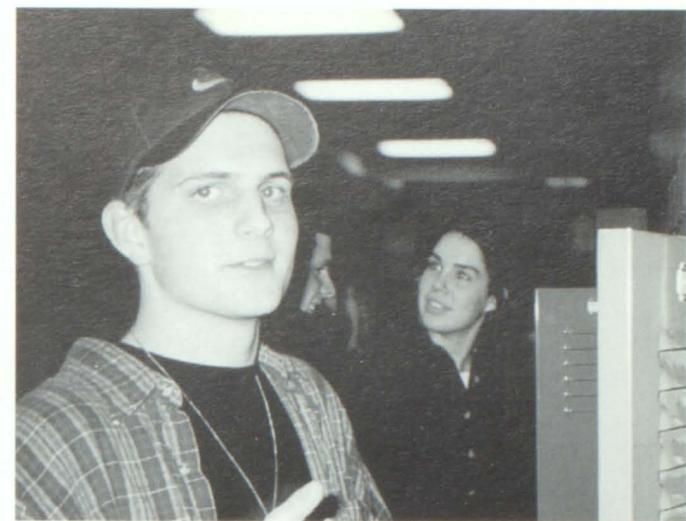


Right: Here are just a few juniors showing off the float at Josh Champagne's house.



Emily Vorhees gives orders to the rest of the crew on her headset.





Above: Matt Lung gestures his feelings, "get away from me!"

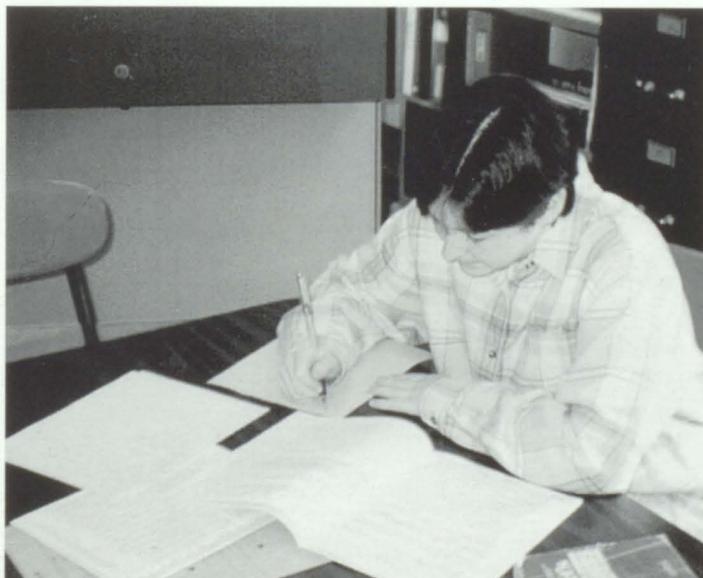
Left: The great junior float stands proud and tall as it wins the blue ribbon.



Emily Vorhees, Kendra McKenzie, and Vince DeLuca show us how hard set crew works for the play.



Hee Sou and Jenny Brilla giggle in Mr. Smits Environmental Science class as they try to get their work done.



Lara Pierce gets some work done in the quiet atmosphere of the Learning Center.



Autumn Kniel, escorts the junior float down Washington Ave. during the Homecoming parade.



Michelle Chen shows off her beautiful dress to Mrs. Schultheiss.

Class of 1998's

Fears!



Jenny Brilla's major fear is the freshmen class taking over the school.



What is wrong Lara Pierce. Are you afraid of worms?



Poor Michelle Pelker, she is living her nightmare, failure



This is a fatal dream for both Emily Voorhees and Jessy Coen. Jessy is afraid to impale Emily and Emily is afraid of being impaled.



Amazing enough, Anna Skardoutos is afraid of Oats.

Class Favorites

Favorite Color

Blue

Favorite Cartoon

Animaniacs

Favorite Restaurant

Taco Bell

Favorite Gum

Winterfresh

Favorite Teacher

Mr. Horn

Favorite Pop

Coke

Favorite Super Hero

Superman

Favorite Movie

Independence Day

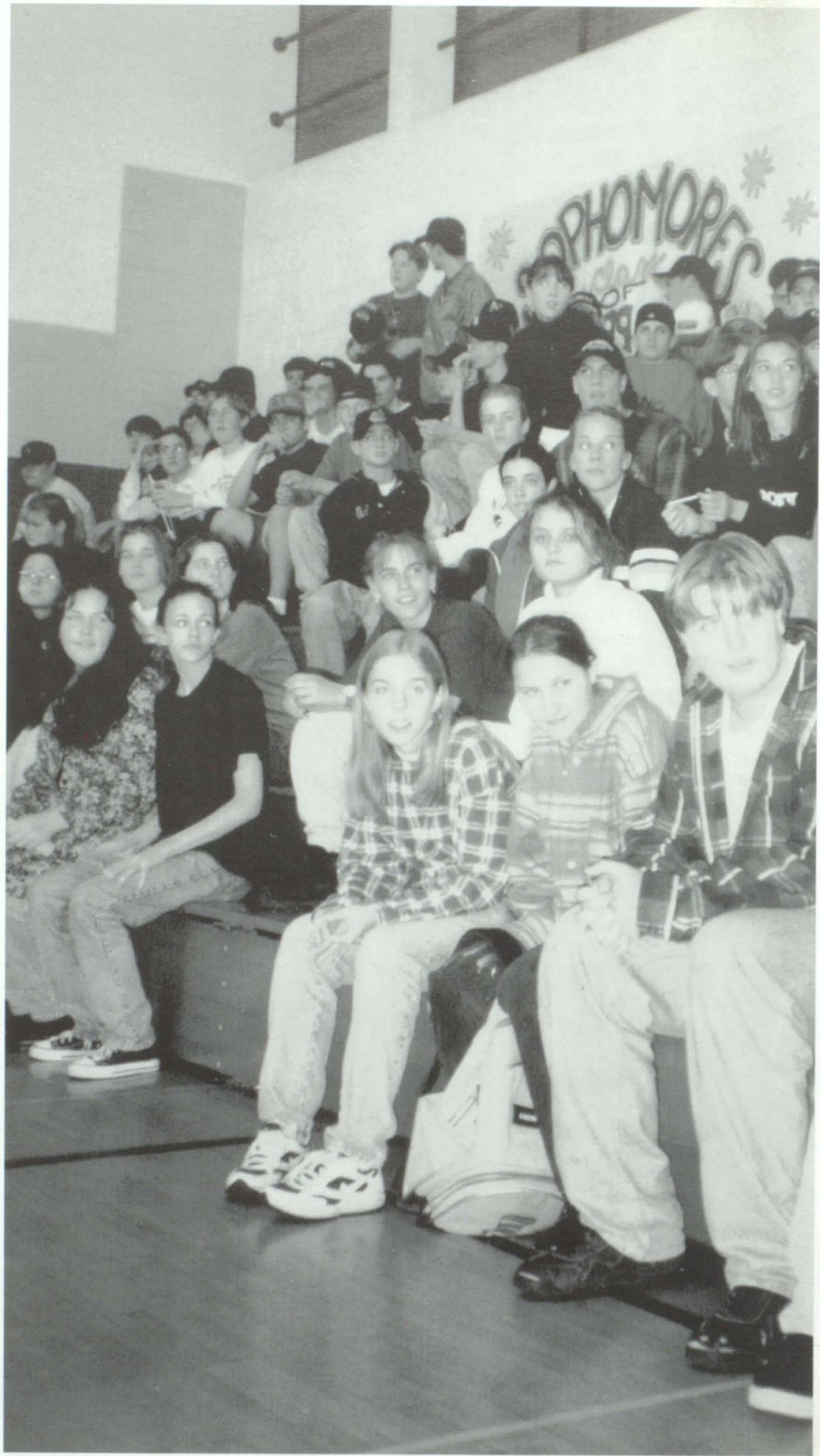
Favorite Radio Station

97.9

Favorite Candy Bar

Snickers

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Being Class President is a lot like I expected it to be. I had hoped it would be a fun experience, and it has been. Being an officer requires that I work well with others, and that I take more responsibilities. I enjoy working with my fellow officers towards a common goal: to raise money for our class. I really enjoy taking charge and seeing ideas become realities. When I begin something, I like to follow through to the end. Being president enables me to do this in different ways. The fundraisers are a great way to raise money and to have fun, too. Most of all, I am happy that I get to meet new friends and intermingle with people whom I otherwise would not see. Being President of the class of '99 is a valuable experience and a lot of fun.

Michelle Giorlando
Sophomore Class President

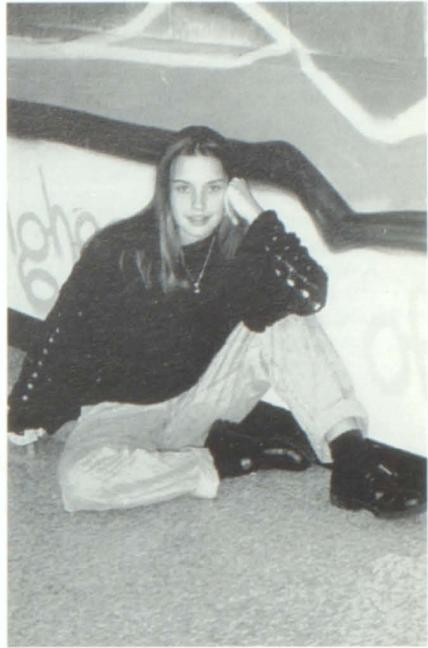
I am very excited about being secretary this year. So far it's been a great experience. Working with Miss Straith and the other three officers has been a real pleasure! I have many expectations for this year. We have had many fundraisers planned throughout the year, that will hopefully benefit our class greatly. This year is going to be a lot of fun and work, but I am dedicated to help the class of '99 in any way possible.

Melissa Basse
Sophomore Class Secretary



Well, what can I really say about being a class officer? Not much, I guess. All I know is that I plan on doing a great job along with my class officers. I can already tell that this year is going to be lots of fun. I really like the other officers that I get to work with as well as Ms. Straith. We all come from different groups of friends and all able to contribute in many different ways to our one main objective, to have fun this year. I am really pumped about the activities we have planned for our class this year. I think that is the best part about being an officer. I can already tell that the year is only going to get better. I just hope for some more class participation and an excellent sophomore year!

Leslie Andrus
Sophomore Class Treasurer



It's a great privilege to represent my peers of the sophomore class. I've met four great people I will never forget, Melissa, Leslie, Michelle, and Ms. Straith. As vice president one of my top priorities is to lift our school spirit and make school activities a fun thing to do for everyone. I also plan to make as much money as possible for a great prom and class trip. We really need more help to get started, but we can do it. The sophomore class is awesome; we just need to work together and that's what I plan to accomplish for the class of 99.

Jennifer Hutt
Sophomore Class Vice President



Adams, Pierre
Allen, Justin
Allen, Mike
Altman, Brian



Andrus, Leslie
Arnold, Jennifer
Aulph, Amy
Baker, Sarah



Bane, Jesse
Banker, Monica
Banwarth, Ryan
Barber, Brooke



Basse, Melissa
Beardsley, Erin
Beber, Cole
Beebe, Melissa
Beegen, Ryan
Begin, Christopher
Bennis, David
Bentley, Kathleen
Berger, Carolyn
Blumer, Evinne
Bogues, Michael
Browe, Stephanie
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Byrnes, Steven
Campos, Joshua



Cantwell, Leeann
Cardinas, Samantha
Caroway, Aaron
Carpenter, Cliff



Carrier, Amy
Chaney, Sarah
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Comby, Melissa



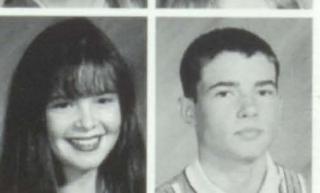
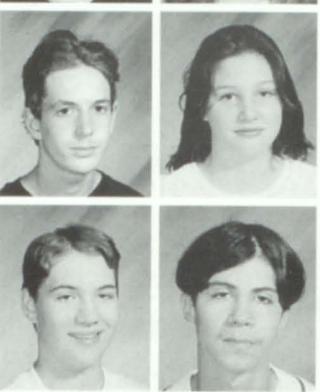
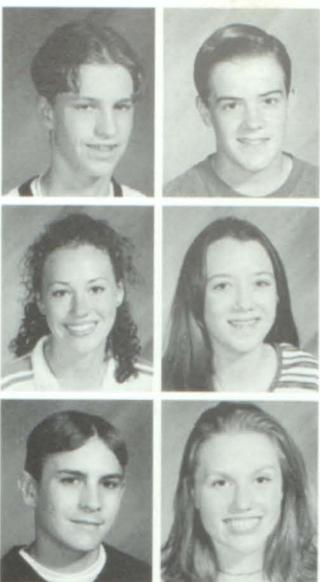
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Dembowski, Ronald
Dixon, Natasha
Dockery, David



A group of sophomores squish together for a picture during the pep assembly.



I love being at Dondero. I went to Kimball my freshmen year and I'm glad I switched. Everyone here is very open. There aren't any clicks, and people seem happier. The school building itself has a lot more character.

Amy Aulph

A big thing that's happened to me here at Dondero was making varsity soccer my freshmen year. It was a very great experience and I had tons of fun. Even though our season wasn't that great the people on the team made everyone feel comfortable. I hope this year is just as fun.

Anonymous



Dowding, William
Dressler, Matthew
Du, Paul
Dunaj - Ring, Lani
Ede, Jon
Edginton, Kimberly
Eichhorn, Benjamin
Elder, Brian
Ellison, Brian
Engel, Lorielle
Enochs, Matthew
Erpelding, John
Evans, Brandon
Faber - Bermudez, Sandro
Fanzone, Frank
Farr, Joshua



Ferguson, Amanda
Fisher, Julia
Fleury, Gena
Forgash, Jamie
Fresard, Matthew



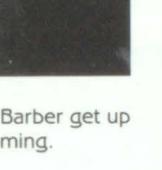
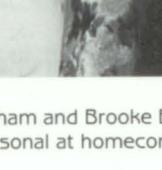
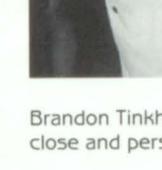
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Green, Lisa



Grimm, John
Grundy, Ruthann
Gulley, Autumn
Gunn, Gary
Gunn, Jamie



Gunsch, Michael
Hall, Erin
Hall, Samantha
Halley, Brian
Hanson, Sara



Harley, Heather
Hartge, Jon
Hauser, Ryan
Hendrickson, Rebecca



Herzberg, Heidi
Hickman, Amanda
Hillawi, Basil
Hobart, Marc



Hornbacher, Mark
Hornung, Jaclynn
Howay, Elizabeth
Hubbarth, Amy



Brandon Tinkham and Brooke Barber get up close and personal at homecoming.



Amy Hubbarth, Tiffani Lewis, and a guest try to decide on the prefect package for their homecoming pictures.

Hughes, Harold
Hunter, John
Huttu, Jennifer
Iannucci, Jacqueline
Jacokes, Nicole



Jones, Akila
Jones, Brian
Jones, Kevin
Jones, Shauna
Karabelski, Carolyn



Kennedy, Christina
Kennedy, Elizabeth
Kime, Christopher
Kincannon, Brian
King, Timothy



Kowal, Adam
Krueger, Sarah
Ksiazek, Jessica
Kumer, Kimberly
Kurtovic, Dzenana
Laga, Tina
Langley, Jason
Lara, Ian
lathers, Scott
Lautzenheiser, Kari
Leasia, Matthew
Lester, Damon
Lewis, Tiffani
Lindley, Michael
Linville, Danielle
Lodeesen, Jennifer



Louwaert, Julie
Lowther, Michael
Mahrle, Jeremy
Mandley, Michael



Mandrup-Poulsen,
Nathaniel
Mann, Jeremy
Mannella, Maria
Martz, James



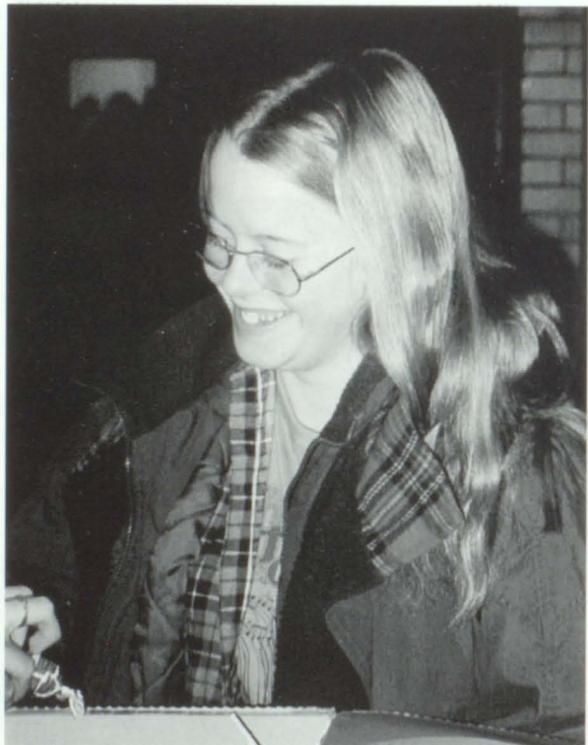
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Mongeon, Rebekah
Moore, Erica

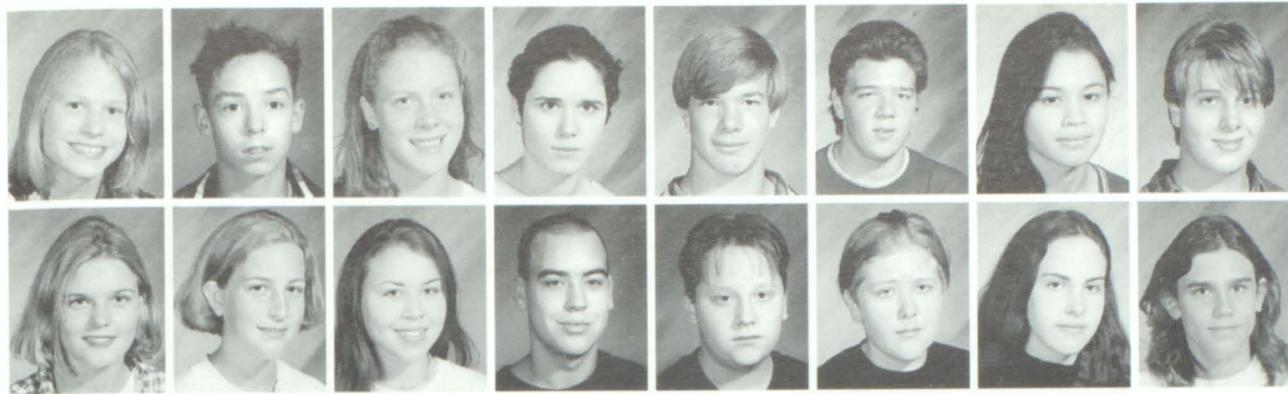


Rebekah Mongeon makes a quick stop at her locker before her next class.



Michelle Giorlando walks cheerfully down the halls of Dondero selling blow pops to anyone who walks by.





Morgan, Chandra
Mooris, Jeremy
Moser, Elizabeth
Mudge, Raphael
Muller, Kenneth
Nankervis, Edward
Nixon, Heather
Ostroth, James
Padgett, Rachel
Parker, Karen
Parmenter, Andrea
Patterson, Terry
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Portesta, Michael



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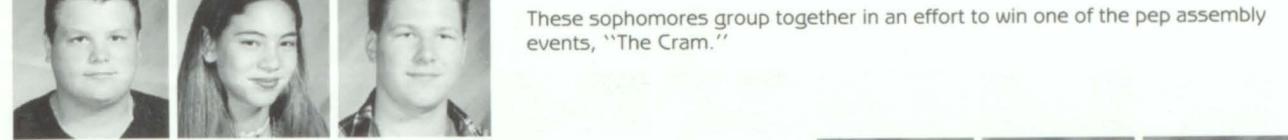


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Reese, James
Reichelt, Eric



Rivard, Adam
Rooney, Jami
Rosenzweig, Karl

These sophomores group together in an effort to win one of the pep assembly events, "The Cram."



Rossi, Nicholas
Ryan, Melissa
Ryskamp, Colleen
Sakkinen, Christina



Sanders, Rachel
Scharver, Jennifer
Scheid, Joseph
Scheid, Todd



Schumaker, Rachel
Schwartz, Melissa
Selby, Christopher
Shaw, Alia

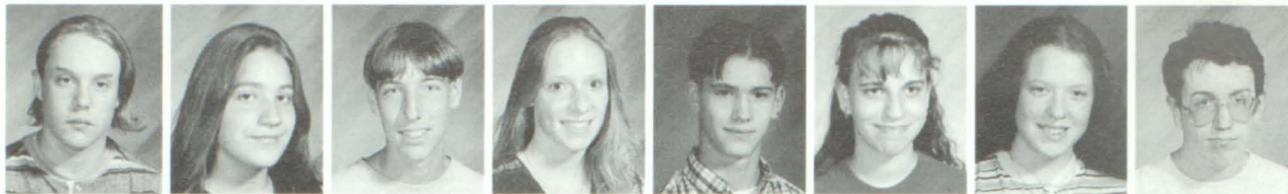


Shefferly, Nicole
Shepler, Amy
Sherwin, Justin
Showers, Jennifer

Sophomore, Jane Crewdson and sister Willow Crewdson from the class of '97" battle it out to see who is the best artist in Mr. Horns art class.



Simmons, Matthew
Smith, Crystal
Smith Kevin
Spicer, Carol
Steele, Jody
Stern, Jennifer
Stills Bree
Szpakowski, Michael



Tanori, Francisco
Tarlo, Joseph
Taylor, Darrell
Tello, Nicole



Terk, Nicole
Timm, Kelly
Tinkham, Brandon
Trombley, Shane



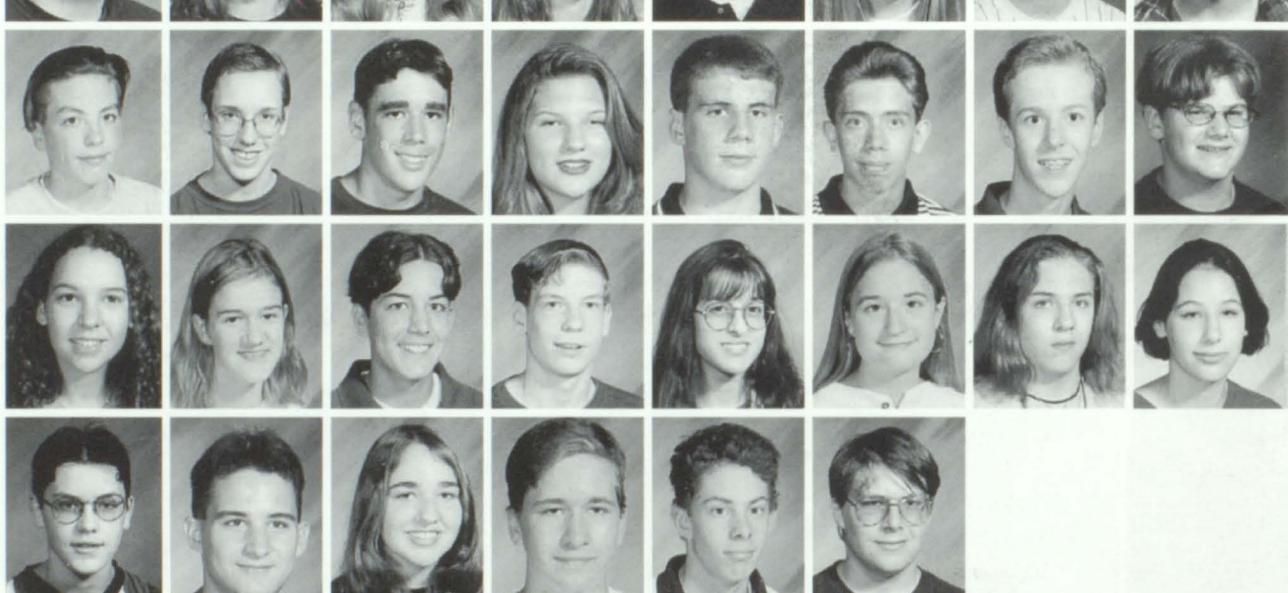
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Vance, Eric



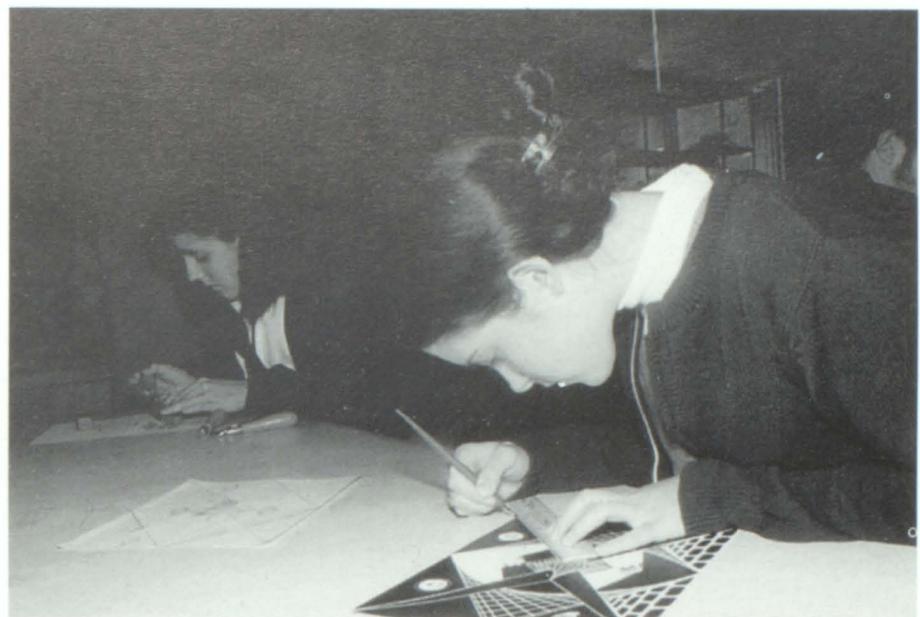
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Wargo, Ryan
Wasinski, Daniel
Wease, max
Webb, Paul
Webb, Steven
Weston, Nicole
Whalen, Eric
Wilcoxson, Derek
Wildbur, Michael
Wilkinson, Jon
Williams, Aimee
Williams, Sarah
Wilson, Matthew
Wilusz, Christopher
Wing, Sarah
Wojcik, Heather
Wood, Andrew
Wood, Emily



Woodbury, Jim
Wright, Jeremy
Yerke, Melody
Yount, Michael
Zadorsky, Mark
Zuber, Robert

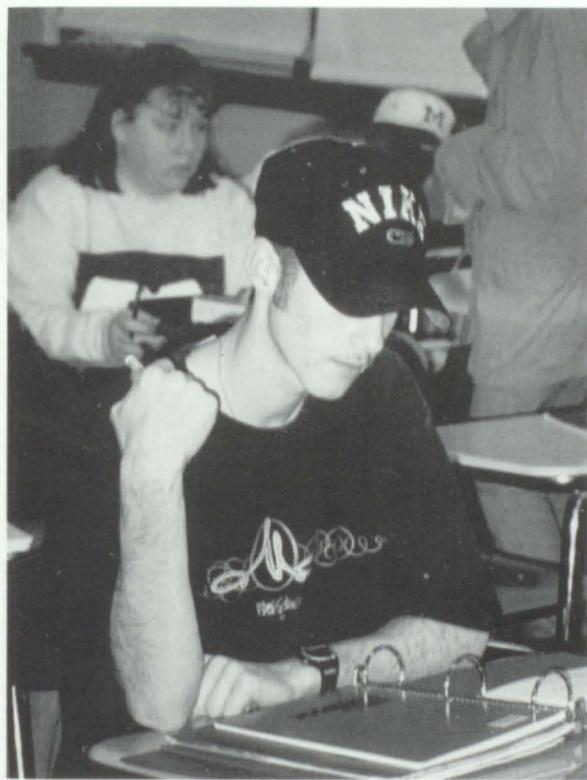


Julia Fisher and Amanda Hickman unsuccessfully try not to look at the camera.



Left - Will Lori Cummings ever learn to pay attention in class?

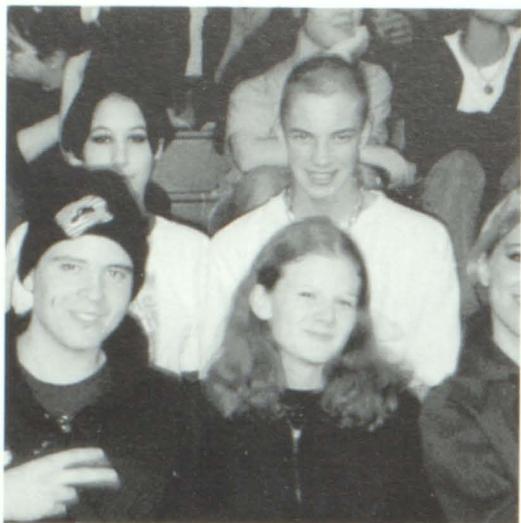
Above - Kelly Porter is hard at work on her scratch board in Mr. Horns art class.



Frank Fanzone is working on organizing his folder during class.



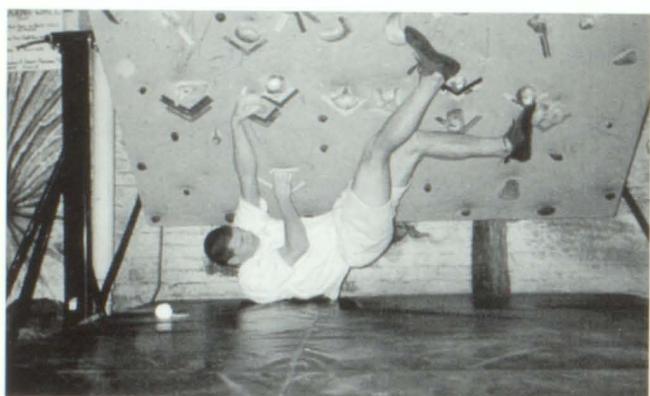
Katie McKellar and Andrea Parmenter take notes and listen to Mr. Barich at the same time.



A few sophomores crack a smile for a quick picture.



Brian Ellison and Matt Enochs make a quick pit stop at their lockers.



Above, Jon Hartge spends time on one of his favorite activities, rock climbing.



Right, David Morris smiles while he rummages through his locker.



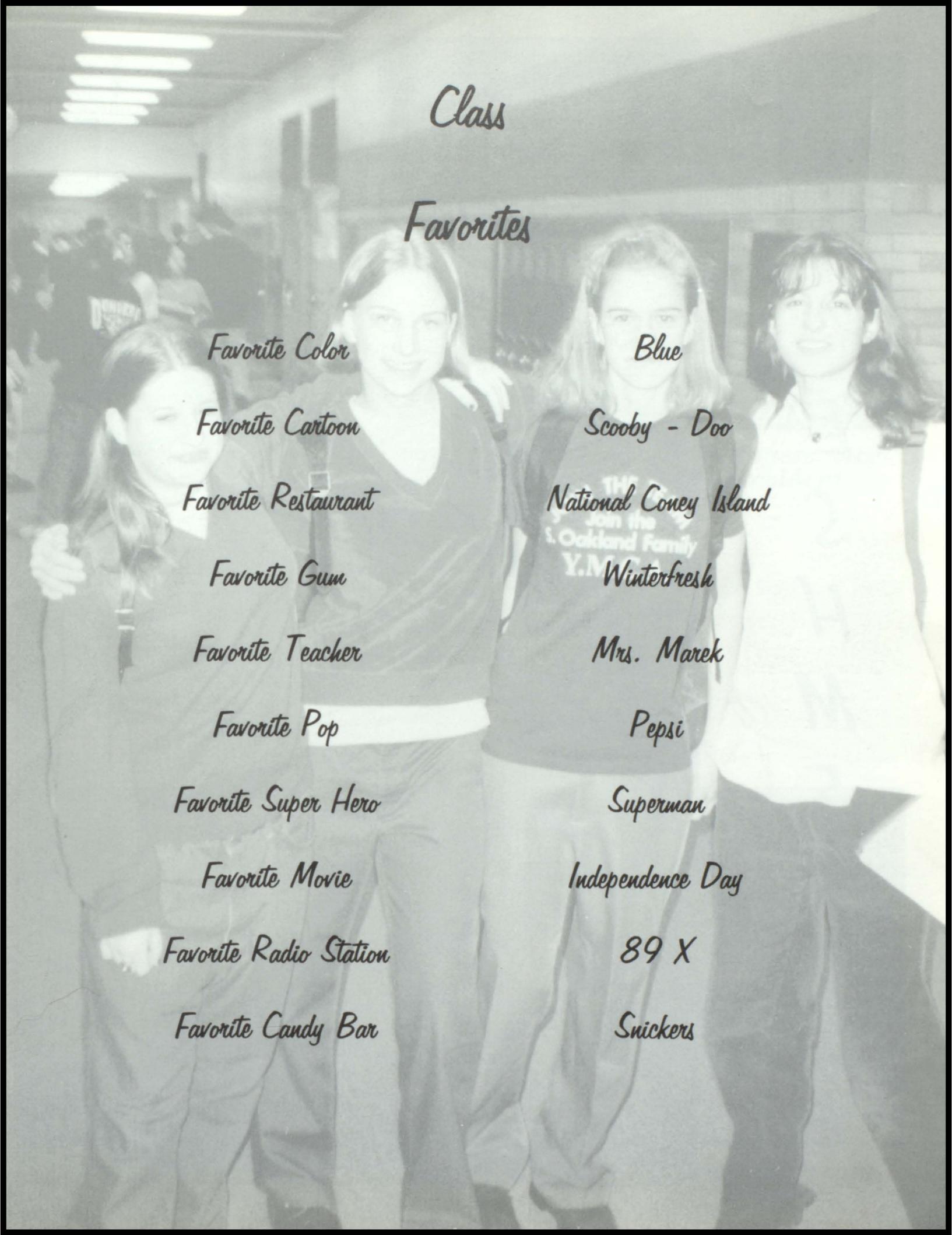
The sophomore class float inches their way to fourth place.



Left, Sophomores, Kim Curtis, Heather Harley, and Faith Good work diligently to get their work done in the computer lab.



Right, Jennifer Lodeesen, Julie Louwaert, and Erin Beardsley show their great smiles in Ms. Maudlin Intermediate Composition class.



Class

Favorites

Favorite Color

Blue

Favorite Cartoon

Scooby - Doo

Favorite Restaurant

National Coney Island

Favorite Gum

Winterfresh

Favorite Teacher

Mrs. Marek

Favorite Pop

Pepsi

Favorite Super Hero

Superman

Favorite Movie

Independence Day

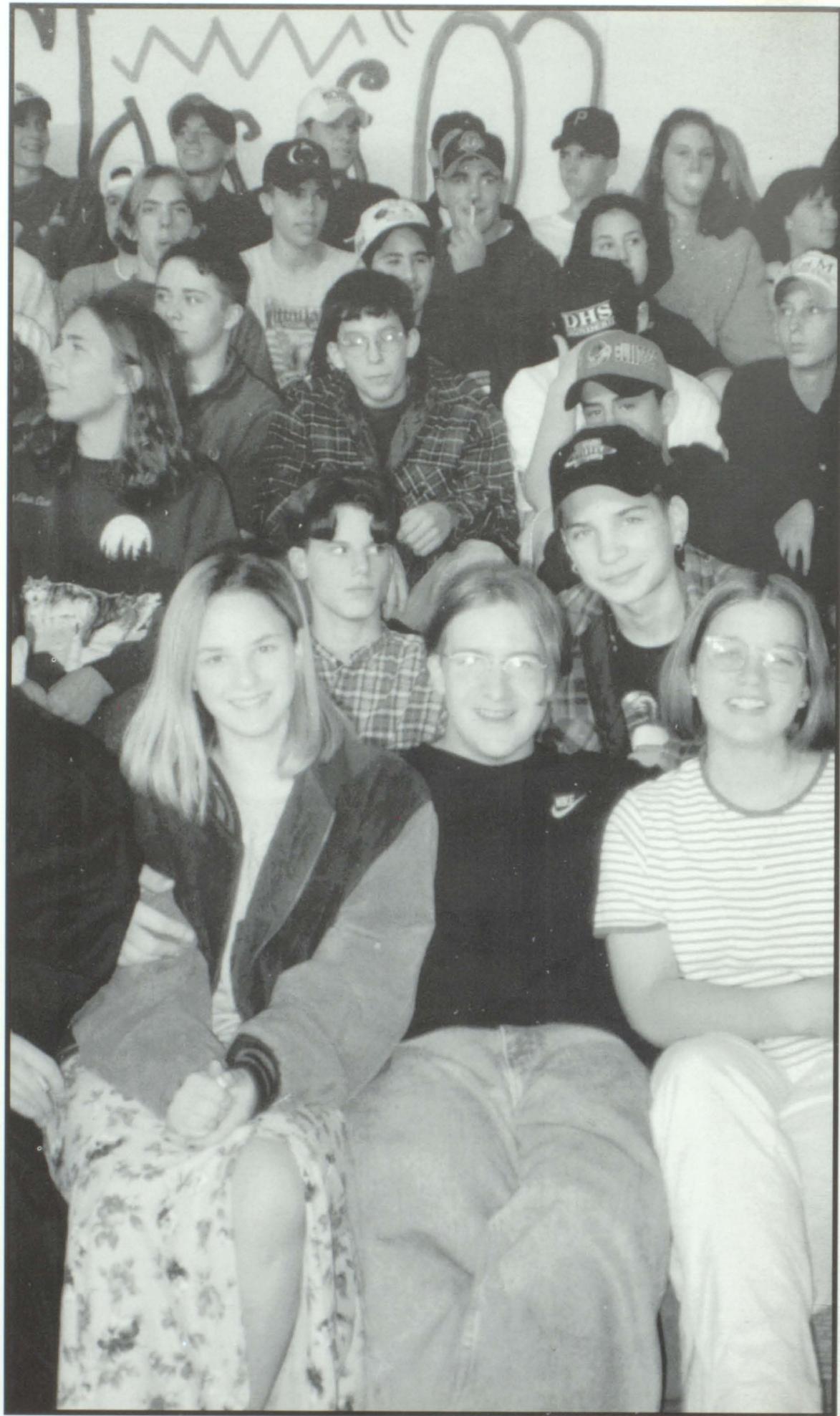
Favorite Radio Station

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Favorite Candy Bar

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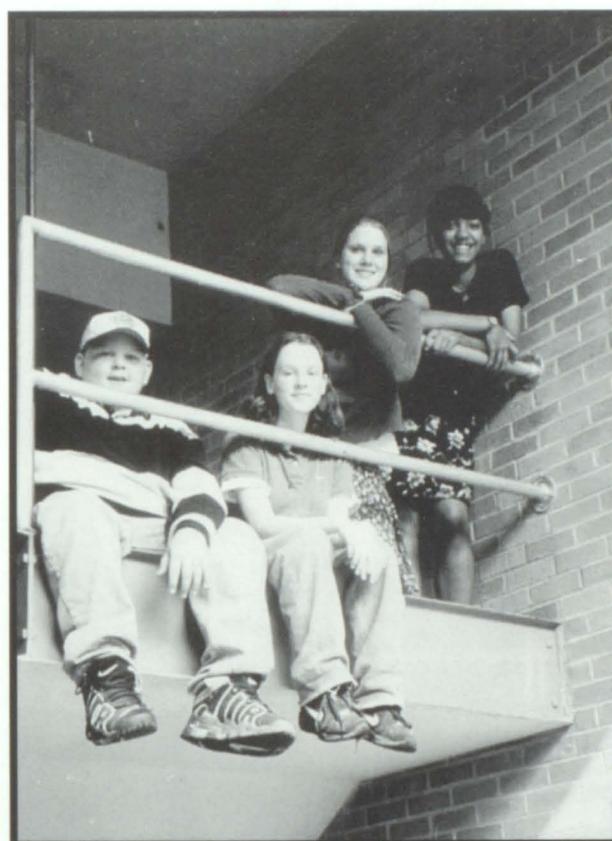
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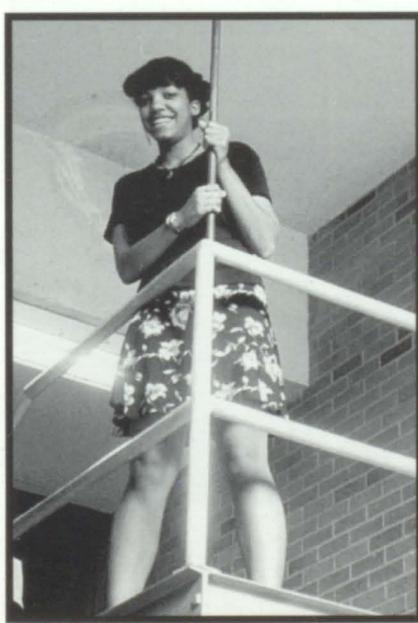
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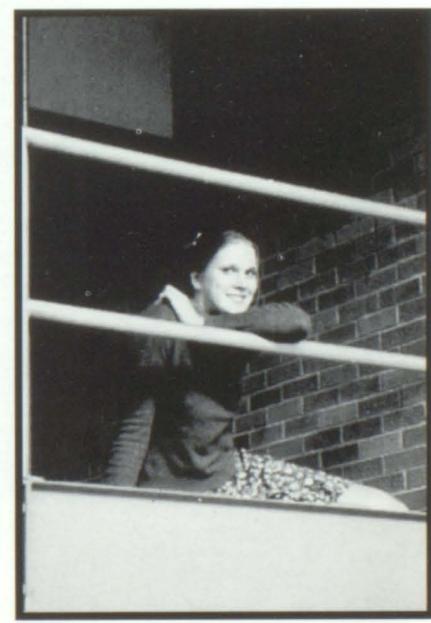
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The 2000 Class Officers

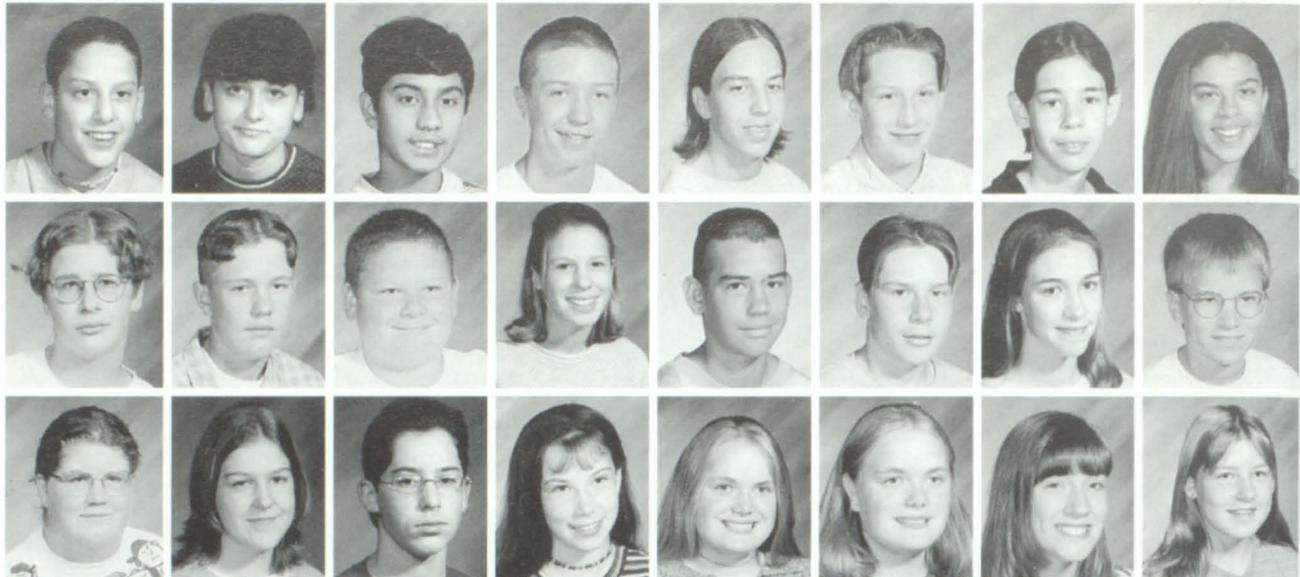


**Tiana Hood,
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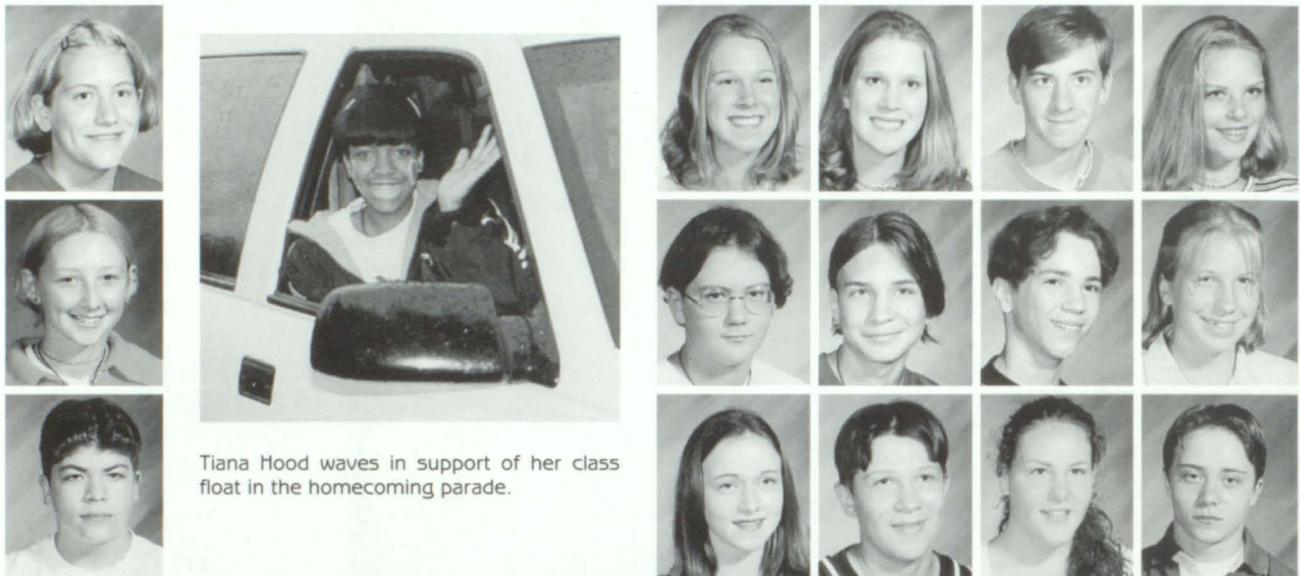


**Laura Bonscour,
Treasurer**

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Adkins, Pam
Ahmed, Misbah
Allen, Gregory
Allen, Jason
Any, Nicholas
Arnold, Brian
Arscott, Jessica
Asher, Benjamin
Atkins, Timothy
Austin, Jason
Ayers, Jackie
Balla, John
Bane, Barry
Banker, Paula
Barger, Gregory
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Bennet, Denise
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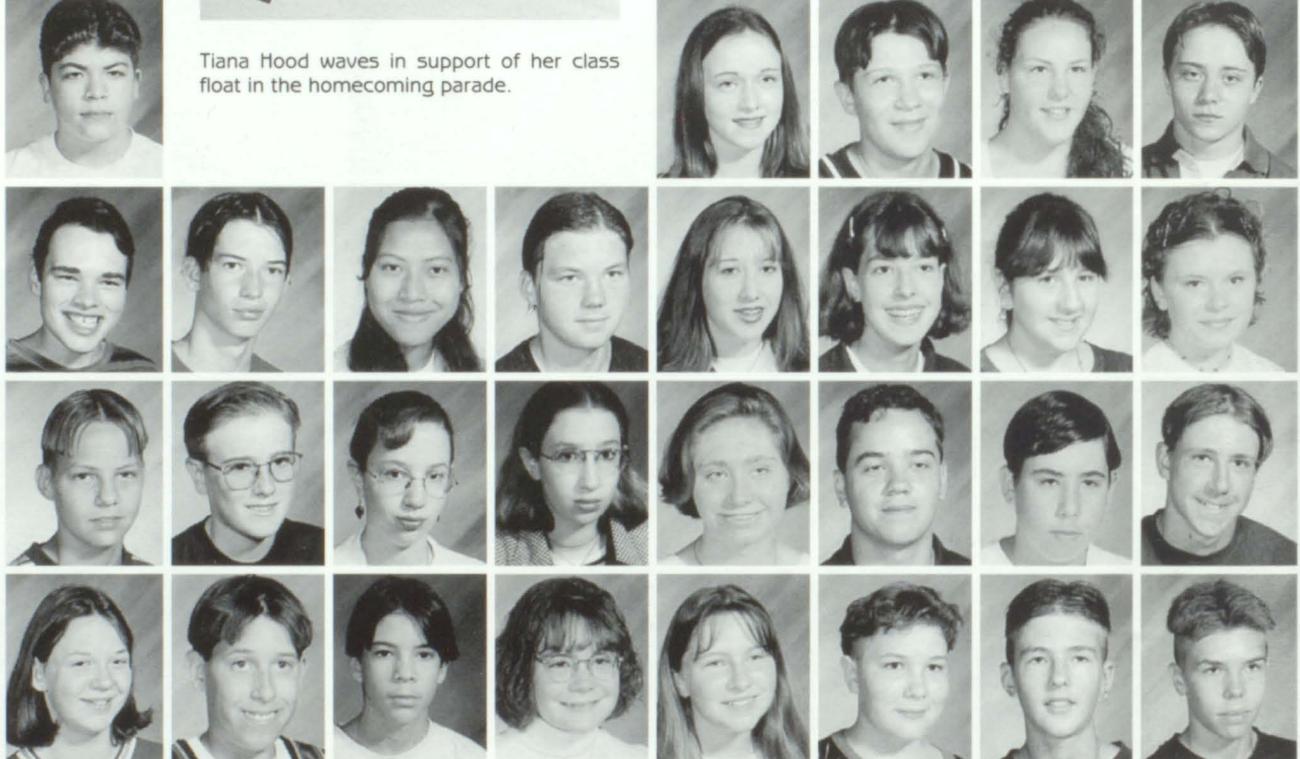


Boismier, Lauren
Bonscour, Julie
Bonscour, Laura
Brown, David
Brown, Jennifer



Tiana Hood waves in support of her class float in the homecoming parade.

Brown, Trish
Burke, Brian
Burks, Matthew
Caddy, Dylan
Calverley, Kristen

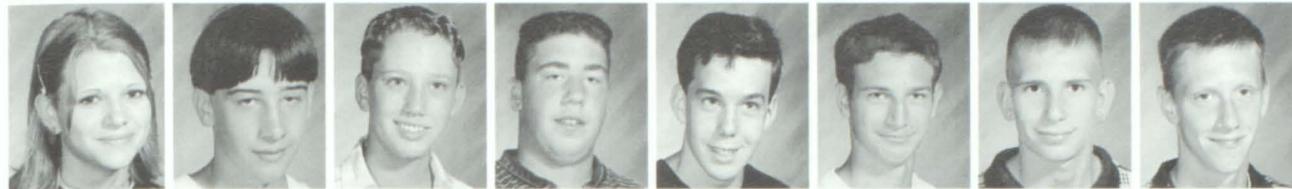


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Campos, Manuel
Carolin, Tamara
Carpenter, Jason

Cato, Thomas
Chaney, Matthew
Chhun, Vittousseth
Coker, William
Collom, Kelly
Combe, Ryan
Conner, Amanda
Cooney, Kathryn
Cordes, Bradley
Costanzo, James
Courter, Jamie
Courter, Jennifer
Courtney, Elizabeth
Covell, James
Covell, Nicholas
Creasey, Adam
Cunningham, Courtney
Czarnowski, Gregory
David, Wes
Davies, Kelli
Davis, Amanda
De Boer, Ryan
Dear, Brandon
Dear, Joseph



Deleo, Timothy
Devlaminck, Nicole
Devlaminck, Robert
Diliacovo, Michael
Dill, Nathan
Dixon, Brandon
Drake, Amanda
Draybuck, David
Dresden, Stacie
Dumas, John
Duval, Andrew
Eades, David
Edington, Christopher
Elias, Daniel
Elrod, Christopher
Ennes, Bradley



What do you think of Dondero?

Big. — Nathan Dill

Smooth. — John Lochman

It's big because I'm short.
Megan Salva

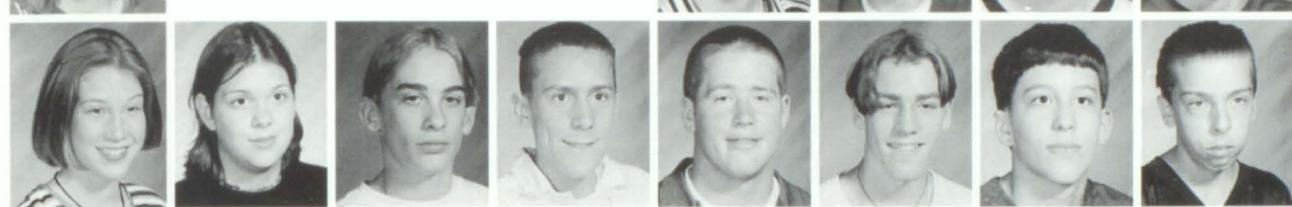
Not bad for school
Chris debour



Erwin, Mark
Evey, Kathryn
Ferguson, De' Ante
Fetsco, Sara
Figlan, James



Finney, April
Freeman, Lisa
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Frizzell, Rachel
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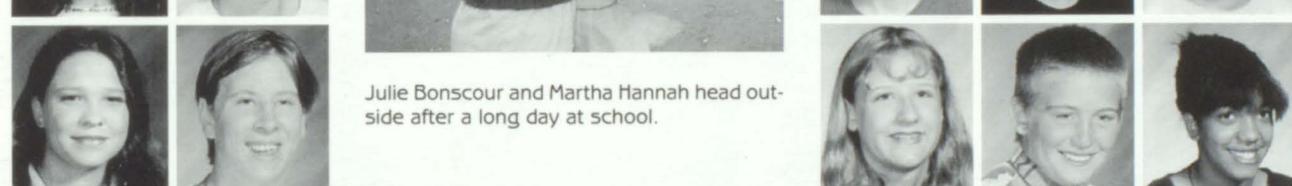
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Gregory, Eric
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Hannah, Martha
Harrington, Jeremiah
Harris, Chris
Hebner, Matthew
Hepner, Amy



Hickling, Julia
Hill, Andrew
Hill Andy
Hill Dan
Hoff, Jason



Holcomb, Amber
Holland, Michael
Holloway, Leanna
Holloway, Phillip
Hood Tiana



Horvet, Jennifer
House, Raina
Howell, Aarin
Irla, Rebecca
Iveson, Sarah
James, Neil
Johnston, Aaron
Jones, Brian

Jones, Megan
Jordan, David
Kaiser, Rebecca
Kelly, Christina
Kemp, James



Kennedy, Bridget
Kerr, Colleen
Kesner, Danielle
Kirkman, Timothy
Klebba, Michael



Kolodziejksi, Kym
Kowal, Matthew
Kuhlmann - Chance,
Lennen
Lapointe, Cecelia
Lathrop, Eric



Lester, Devin
Liles, Courtney
Linson, Corissa
Lockman, John
Lundberg, Elizabeth



Luxon, Shane
MacPherson, Alan
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Christian
Maniaci, Kathrine
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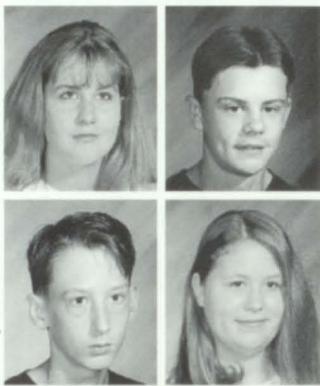


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Maylone, Susan
McBain, Amanda
McCave, David



Jeanie Rutter and Greg Czarnowski dance the night away at this year's Homecoming.

McIlvenna, Jeffrey
McQuade, Richard
Menzies, Kevin
Merian, Candia



Micallef, Jeremiah
Michael, Robert
Mudge, Frances
Murie, Erin



Murphy, Bridget
Music, Daniel
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Palmer, James

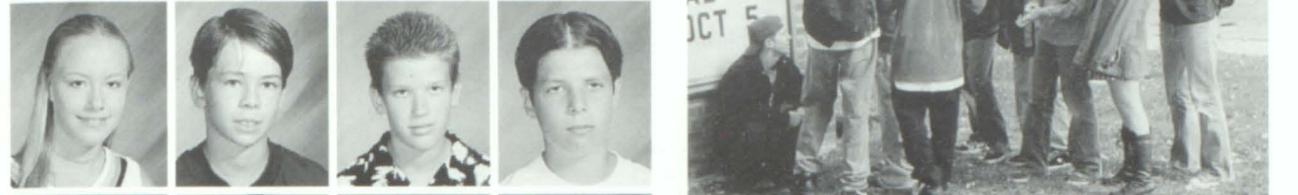




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Patra, Stephen
Perkins, Natalie
Peter - Lawshe, Brigitte
Piana, Heather
Pichler, Christen
Pichler, Corey



Poffenbarger, William
'Polanski, Anthony
Polemitis, Chris
Raider, Brandy



Rake, Samantha
Ravary, Christopher
Reed, Zachary
Rennie, Michael



Richardson, Markus
Riggs, Heather
Riggs, Melissa
Rogers, Eva



Roman, Mary
Roman, Victoria
Rosenzweig, Franz
Ruebelman, Renee
Rutter, Jeanie
Salva, Megan
Sargent, Shannon
Schell, Tymias



Schermerhorn, Lorek
Schneider, Douglas
Schroeder, Carla



Schurig, Rachel
Scobie, Andrea
Scott, Elizabeth



Scott, Katie
Segler, Honey
Seidl, Erik



Semivan, Lauren
Seymour, Sarah
Sidelinker, Daniel

Alicia Tabor and Tiana Hood "groove" during the homecoming dance.

Sidell, Holly
Sizemore, Carie
Smith, Hannah
Smith, Michael
Snider, Casey
Spiteri, Ryan
Spitzley, Kelly
Steed, Aimee
Stock, Yvonne
Stone, Emily
Stoops, Adam
Stormer, Renate
Stortz, Matthew
Streetman, Anthony
Stubbs, Tiffany
Swanson, Elizabeth



Swanson, Jessica
Swanson, Jody
Tabor, Alicia
Tabor, Kelli



Terry, Joshua
Thayer, Kimberly
Thompson, Renee
Till, Patrick



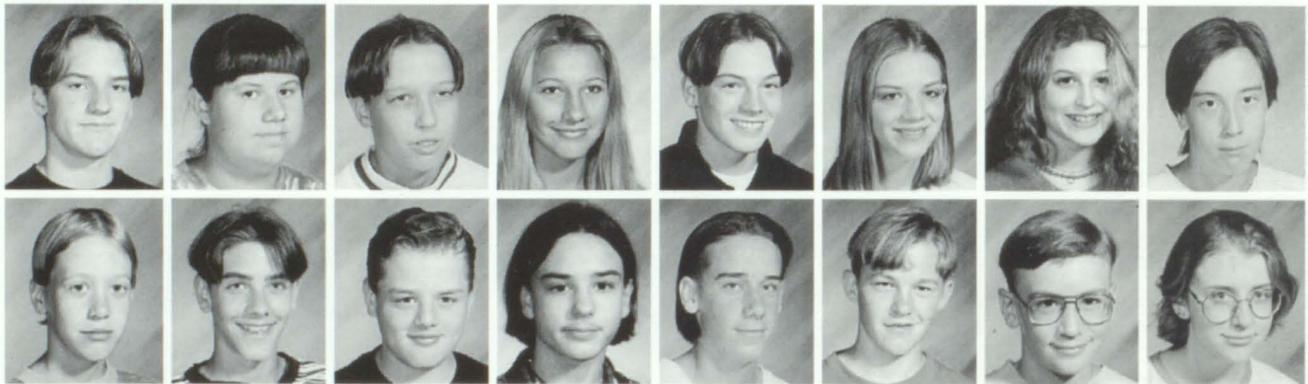
Susan Maylone, Kristen Calverley, Trish Brown, Lauren Bismier, and Emily West, get wild 'n' crazy during lunch.



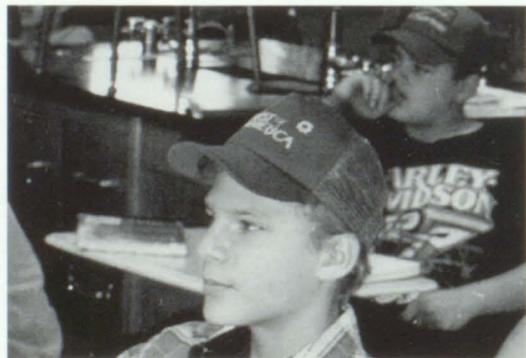
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Trautmann, Jennifer



Travis, Jeffrey
Tysklind, Holly
Van Hagen, Timothy
Vysniauskas, April
Ward, Derek
Watson, Emily
West, Emily
Wiedner, Thomas
Wilcox, Glenn
Wilcoxson, Douglas
Willhite, Christopher
Williams, Brandon
Witkowski, Jason
Wlakowski, Michael
Wojcik, Ronald
Zenesky, Heather



Zuber, Paul



Paul Zuber and Chris Willhite pay very close attention to Mr. Bratton.



Freshmen Jason Carpenter and sophomore Ben Piercy work diligently on the computers in the second floor mac lab.

What Was Your First Impressions Of Dondero?

The overall atmosphere is great. Everyone knows each other and we are connected in little groups by other people.

Liz Scott

I was expecting a lot of disrespect as a freshman, but I met a lot of super cool people, including upper classmen.

Trish Brown

I heard it was going to be horrible, but when I got here it was better than Junior High.

Anonymous

Before I came to Dondero, I was under the impression that all upper classmen picked on the freshmen, but after I got here I realized that most upper classmen are nice to me.

Mike Smith

What did I think of Dondero before I was a student here? Gosh, I can not even think back that far. All I know is that I like a lot of people here and I love being involved in the things that I'm in.

Martha Hannah

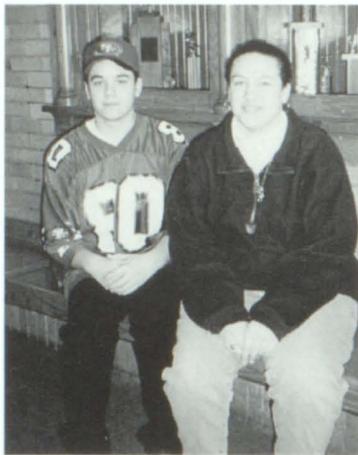
I thought it was cool then, and now I think it is even better.

James Costanzo

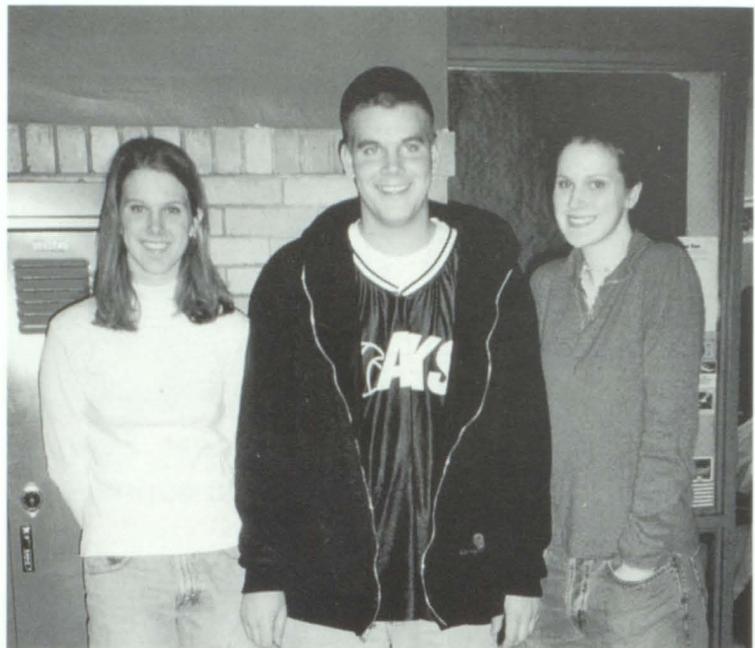
Freshmen and their Senior Siblings



Senior, Corey Friedrich explains to his little brother, James Friedrich what the benefits are for being the most eligible bachelor.



Lindsey Covell and her freshmen brother James Covell pose by the trophy case with great smiles.



Eventhough freshmen Julie Bonscour and Laura Bonscour stand around six feet tall, their brother Brian Bonscour still stands taller.



Freshmen Sue Maylone snuggles up to her older sister Karen Maylone.

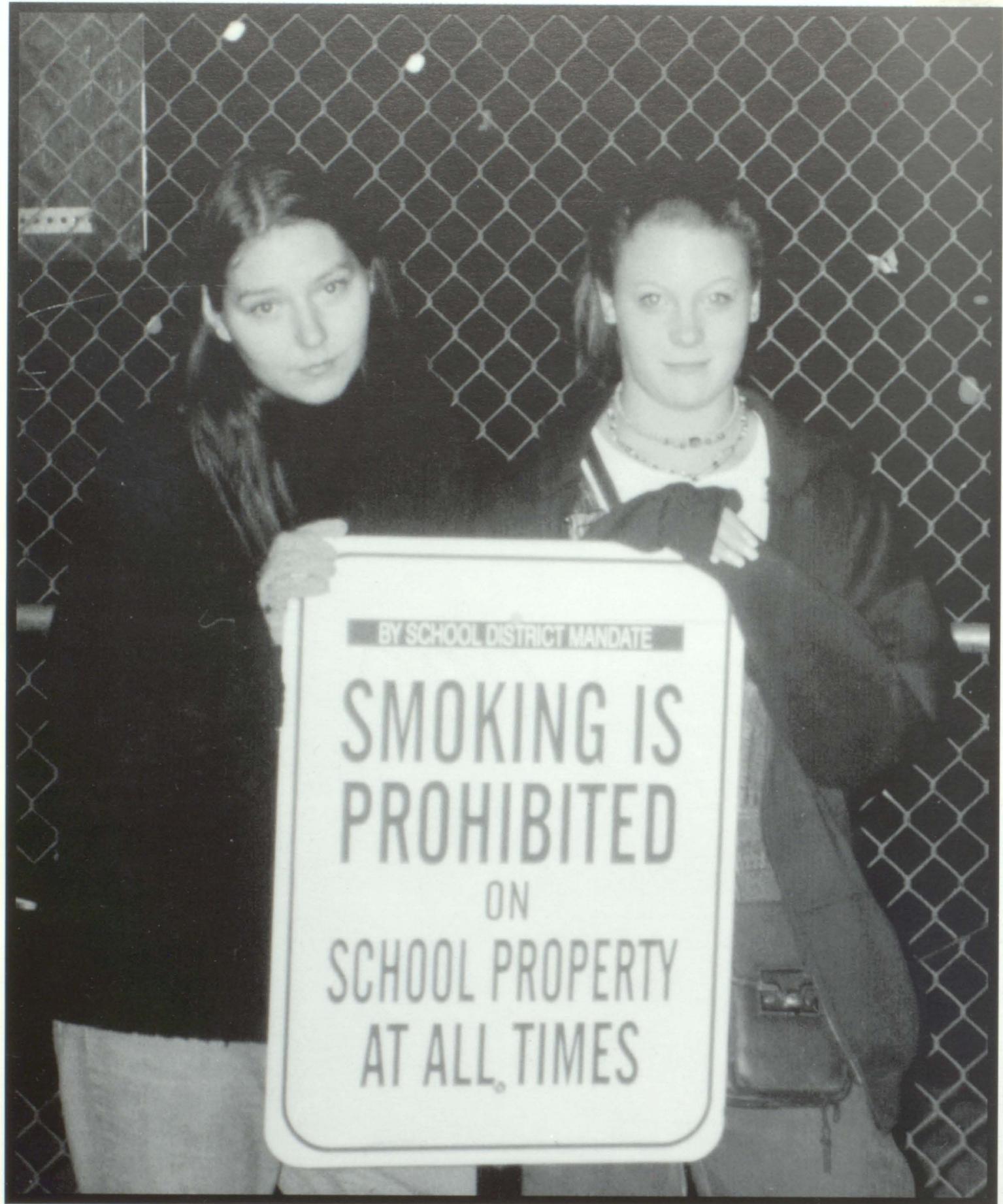


Freshmen Martha Hannah and Kate Hannah show their sisterly love for each other.



Jennie Barger mumbles to her little brother, Greg Barger, "Make a move and I will hurt you."





Sarah Schmidlin and Beth Moser.



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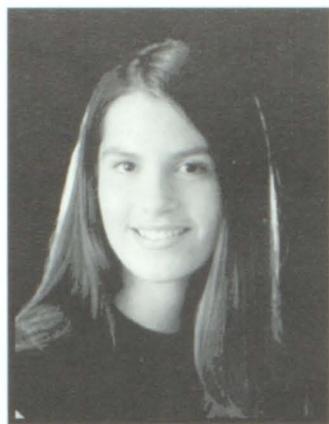
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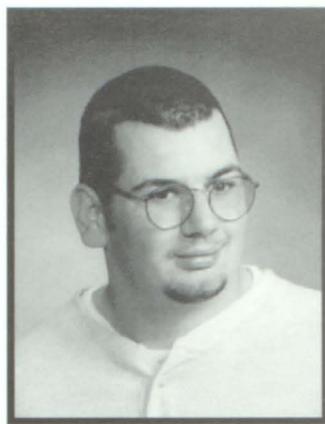
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Natalie Parker



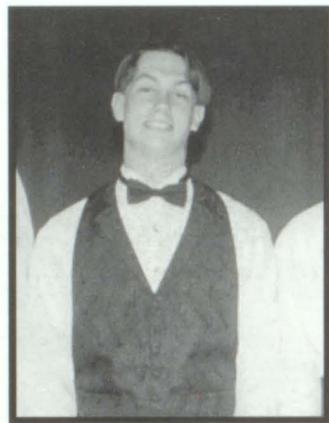
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Rhonda Delaney



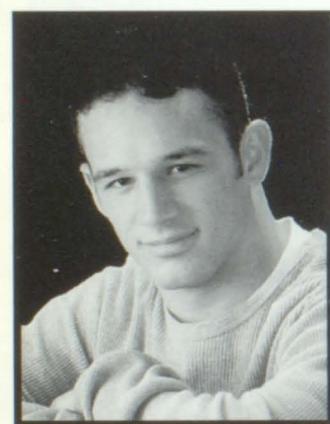
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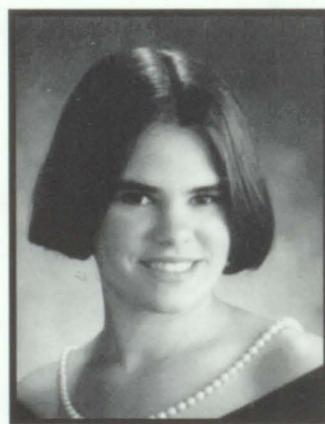
Adam McFall



Lisa Moore



Mila Zuyeva



Emily Bell

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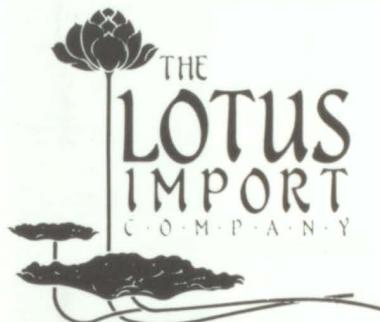
Dave
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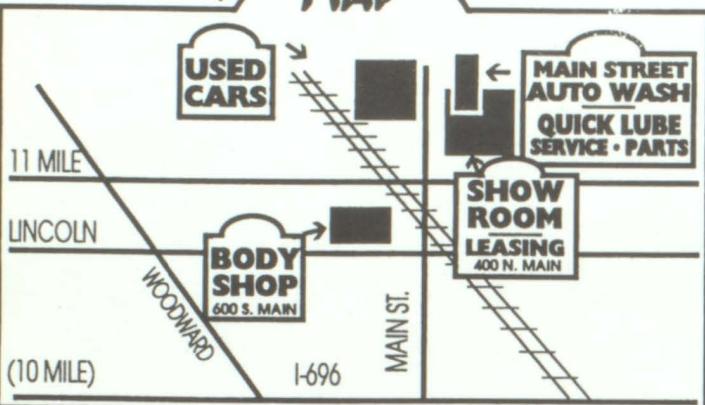
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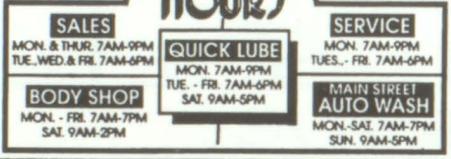
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Love, Mom & Dad



Emily, Good luck, I'll always be there for you. Love, Karly



Chris, Spread your wings and soar, and you will reach your dreams! Good Luck! Love, Mom, Dad & David



Keep your bright glow, Dana, and you'll shine wherever you go. Keep smiling! Love, Mom, Dad & Carrie



Dear Santa, Please give me long, blonde, curly hair!



I love you so very much Gwen. I'm so very proud of all you've become and all you've overcome. Make your dreams a reality sweetheart, I know you can. "In my life I love you more." Love, Mom & Colleen



Dear Brian, You have grown up to be a fine young man. We are very proud of you, and look forward to being part of all your future accomplishments. Love, Mom, Dad, Lisa, Laura & Julie



Jeff, Congratulations and may this be only the beginning of great and wonderful things ahead for you. We wish you peace and happiness always. Love, Mom, Dad & Justin



When I look at you, I can't believe my good fortune. You have grown into a loving, caring, intelligent human being. No one could ask for more. The world will be a better place with you in it. With love & a great deal of pride, Mom



Congratulations Kate! You're still just as lovable as you were then. We are very proud of you. Love, Mom, Martha & Elaine



Heidi Renee, you will always reach for the stars and we have no doubt that someday you will touch them. We are proud of you and we love you. Keep on smiling! Love, Mom, Dad, Karl, Franz & Kat



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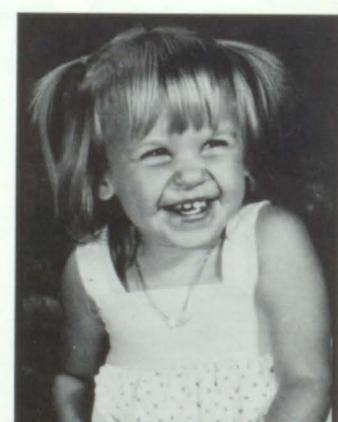
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Congratulations "Princess", we are so proud of you. Always believe in yourself as much as we do and all your dreams will come true. Love, Mom, Dad, Jamie & Toby

Congratulation Missy! We are very proud of you and we love you very much. Love, Mom, Dad, Bruce & Angie.

Sara, your smile lights the world. You've made us proud in everything you do. Congratulations on your graduation and your next adventure. Love, Mom & Dad

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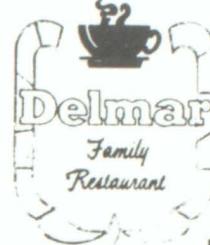
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Hmmm what can I say about a boss without putting myself in jeopardy? ...I've worked for him since December 1987 and must say ten years of fairly easy sailing ... it's hard to get Mr. C angry or made, ruffled, yes. He is the only person I know that can remember your name from the time he meets you — he rarely forgets a name/face. I could not ask for a better person to work for...May you have many happy years ahead of you in retirement...You'll probably be busier in retirement than you were in your career. That's just the quality person you are, Mr. Chynchuk.

Cathie Joyce
Dondero Bookkeeper

Fred-

You have always been a class gentleman. I hope you always remember the impact that you have had on the students and staff at Dondero. Don't forget the "pickle soup" and to take that "Limo ride".

Best Wishes,
S. Asch

"Oh that this too, too solid flesh would melt ... " after lunch at Stratford.

Carol Pearce

I'll always remember calling that Paris Hotel from your office. Bon Voyage! Bon Appetit! I hope your travels take you back to another small hotel in Paris.

Marty Sauer

Hi Fred, I saw this new "super-duper gizmo". I wonder if there is any money in the budget.

Thanks for always listening to our requests and trying to squeeze every cent you could out of the budget.

Ken Weiss
Science Department Head

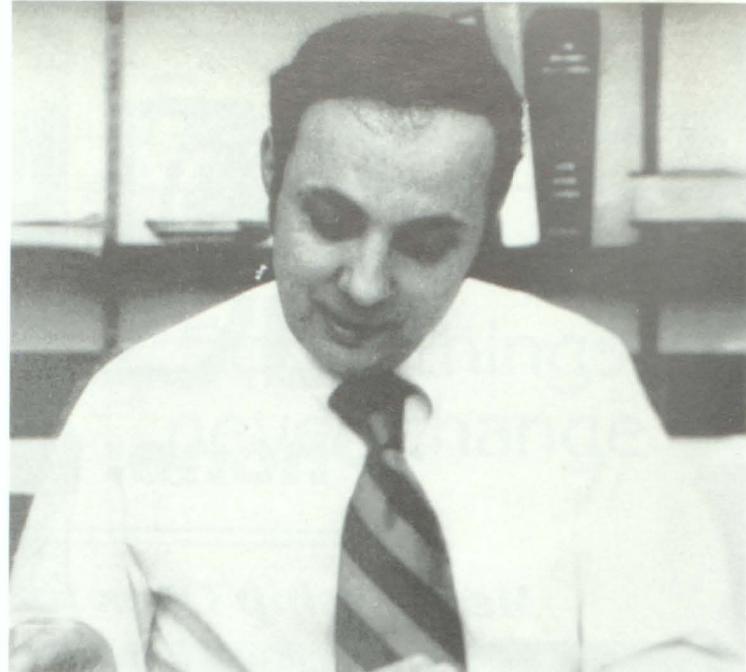
I remember a freshmen assembly. Fred greeted each by name. One boy asked, "How'd he know our names?" I ... responded, "He's a witch!" You should have seen their faces. It also is my belief that Fred "Stairmaster" Chynchuk doesn't know the inside of the elevators. I like the way Mr. C. gives out "attaboy" to students during passing time. He always made a point of knowing many of the good things that students did and then let them know it publicly. "Attaboy, Mr. C." Mike Miller, Audio Visual

It's difficult to put into words what it means to have worked with Fred Chynchuk. When I came to Dondero in 1975, he'd already been a principal here for a few years. Since then he has come to personify all that is right about education. First and foremost was his interest and involvement with students, followed closely his resolute support of the staff. Everyone knows that he consistently greeted students by name in the hallways and that he hardly ever missed a performance of the bands, orchestras, choirs, or drama club. He has been the epitome of good taste and integrity in everything he has done. He has been the guardian of this building, the people who have passed through it, and the mission of its motto: "Enter here to learn; go forth to serve." We will all surely miss him.

Leslie Whalin
English and Drama

Mr. Chynchuk is knowledgeable outside the halls of Dondero as well as inside them. He has been a caring friend to me and my family for many years. There isn't an upscale restaurant he hasn't sampled the menu and readily makes a recommendation to others when asked. He has been a great resource and listener to me during my years of teaching. Thank you, friend. I wish you the best of Luck and Happiness.

Diane DuBois and Family
Special Education



Mr. Chynchuk, 1975

When I was first hired into the Dondero Social Studies Department, Mr. Chynchuk was the Chairman. We held a school wide mock political convention in the spring of the presidential election. In 1972 the school held a mock Democratic Party convention. Ted Kennedy, the Senator from Massachusetts, was a dark horse possibility to run against President Nixon. Students played the part of all possible candidates and over 100 students acted as delegates. Teachers brought their classes to the gym to witness the speeches, view the banners and balloons, and to cheer their candidates. To this day, I can see Mr. Chynchuk sitting in the stands with a "Draft Kennedy" sign chanting "We Want Kennedy". In those days he was a die hard Kennedy supporter. To those of us who lived through the assassination of Jack Kennedy, letting go of the magic of that time in American history was very difficult. I often wonder, and I bet Mr. Chynchuk does too, what the country would have been like if Kennedy had been nominated and won in 1972.

Bob Stevens

Social Studies Department Head

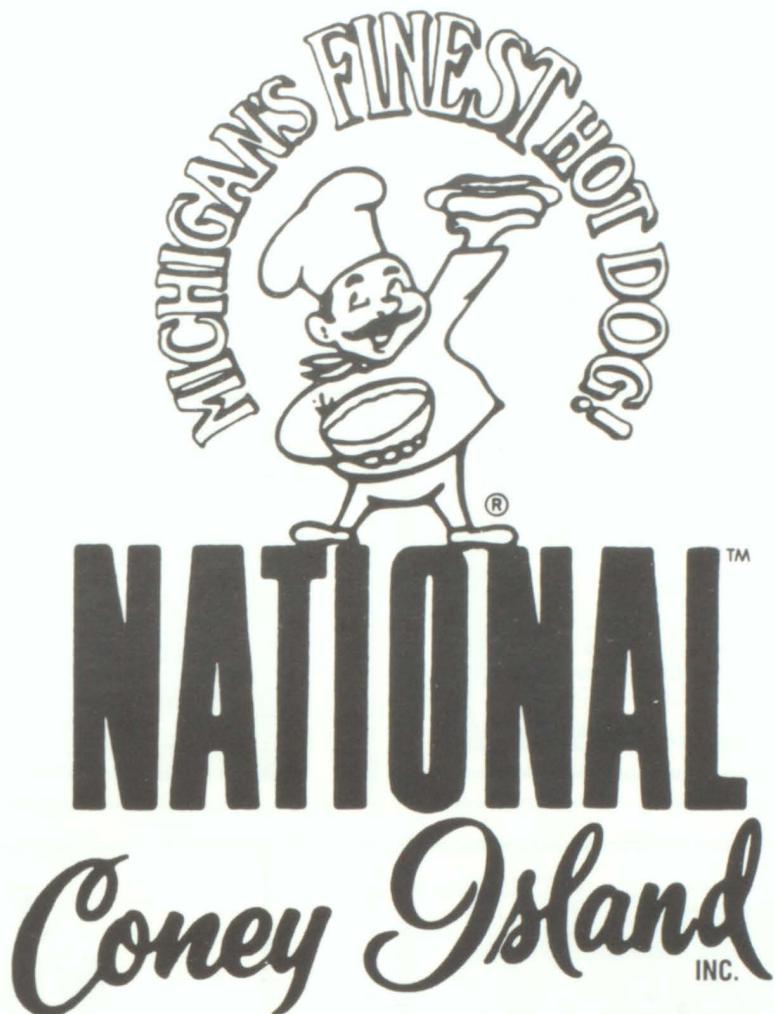
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Mr. Chynchuk with retired Dondero Principal George Martin



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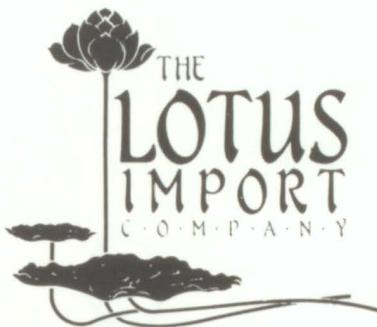
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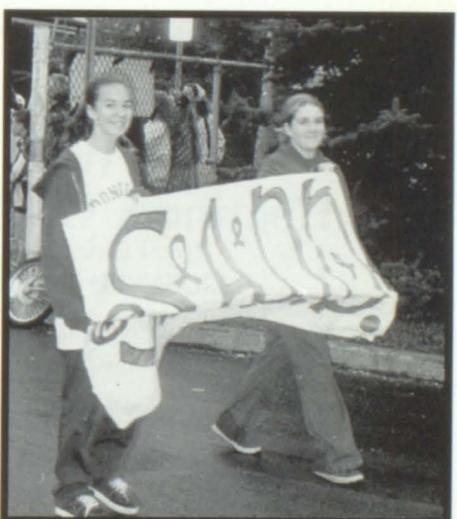
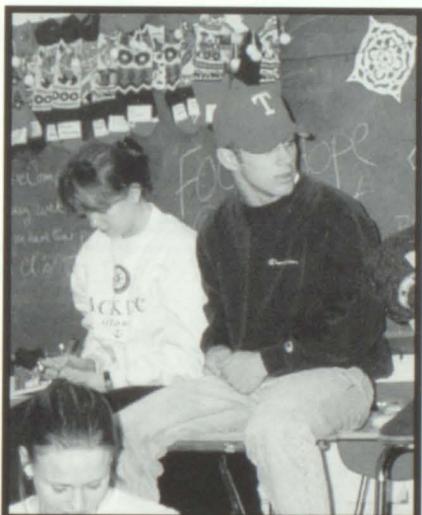
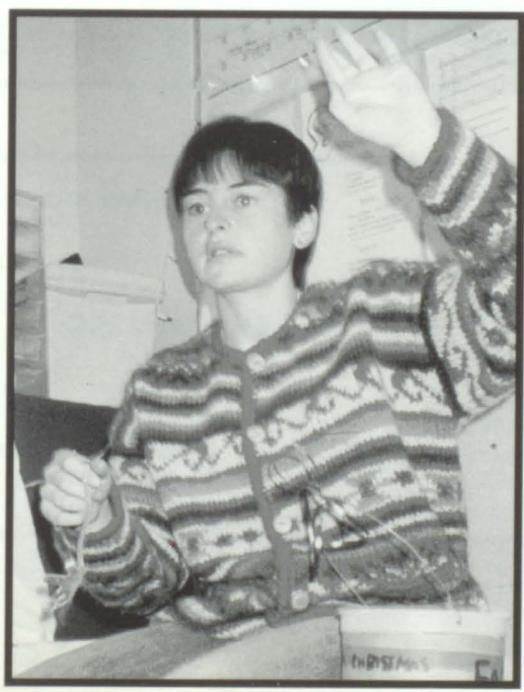
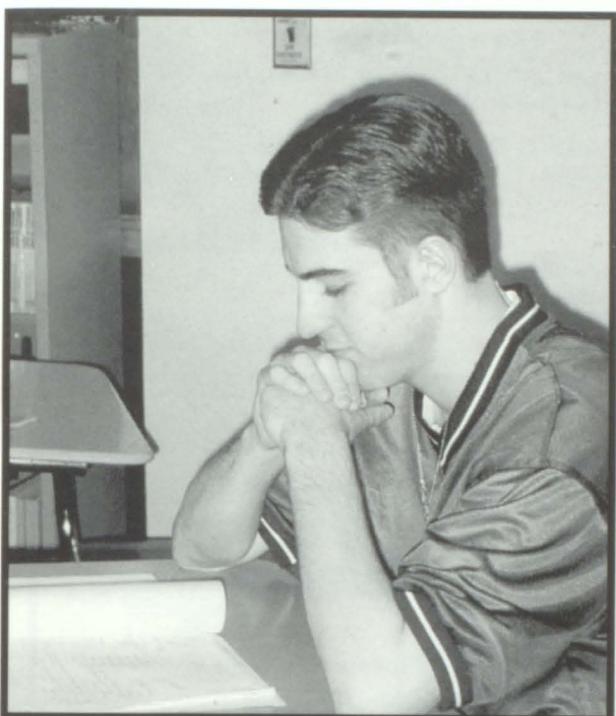
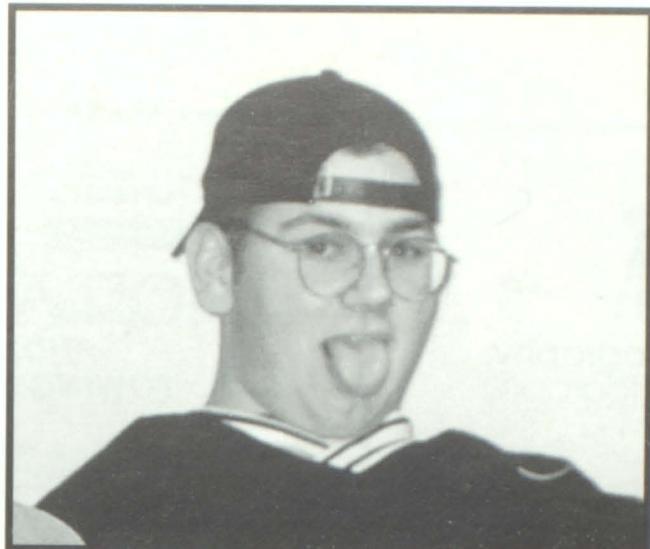
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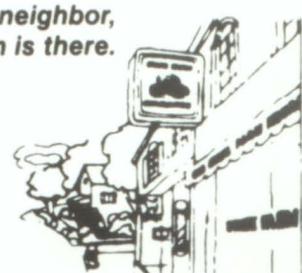
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This has been a year wrought with difficulties. We had computer breakdowns every week and a new crisis everyday. There were times when I thought this yearbook would never get done. This year's staff has worked so hard to make this a memorable book for all of us, and I think they've done a wonderful job. Despite all of our troubles, we were determined to do the best that we could. There were numerous obstacles to overcome, yet we came together as a staff and were able to succeed in our goal. There were nights when we didn't leave the office until nine o'clock at night, but it was worth all the time and effort we put forth to create something so important. I hope that you will see this book as a recording of your highschool years and cherish the memories it holds inside.

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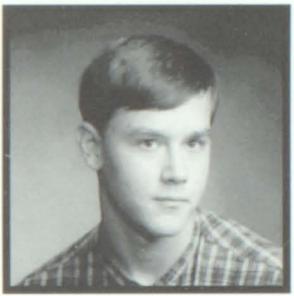
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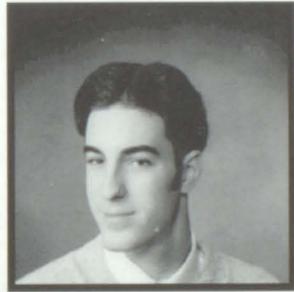
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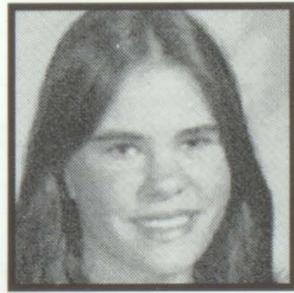
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We're all here listening to the same tune, but moving to our own beat.



