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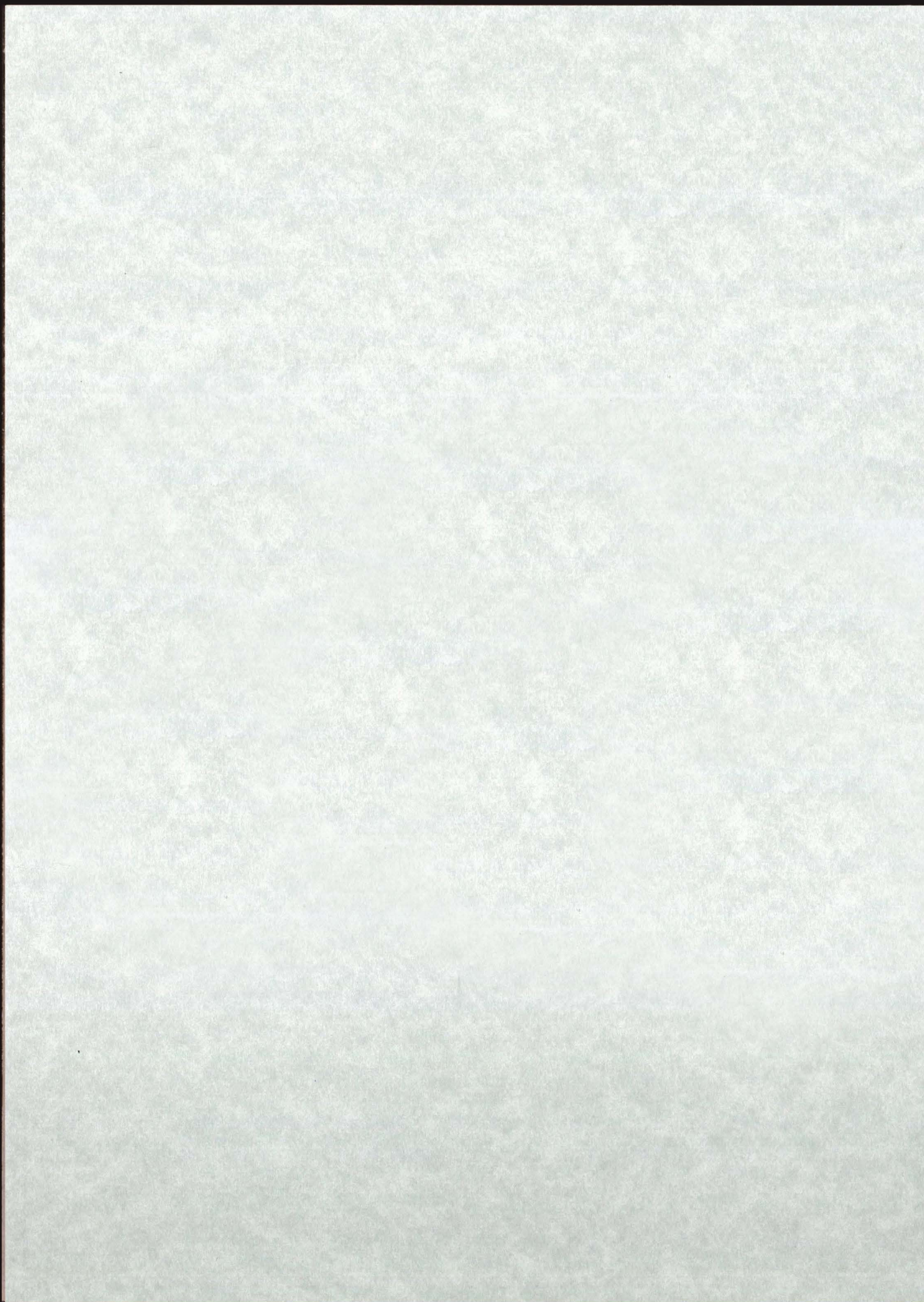


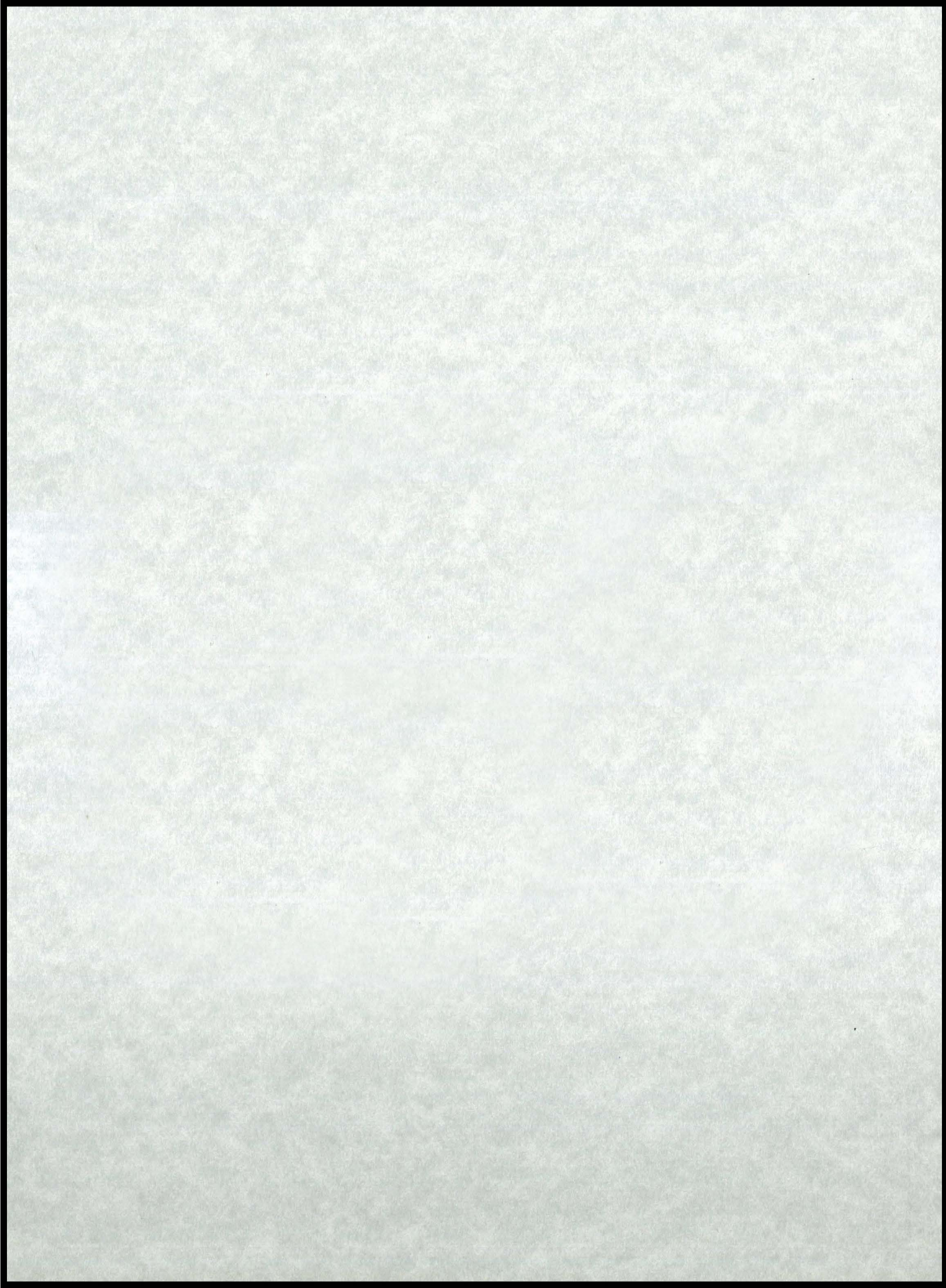
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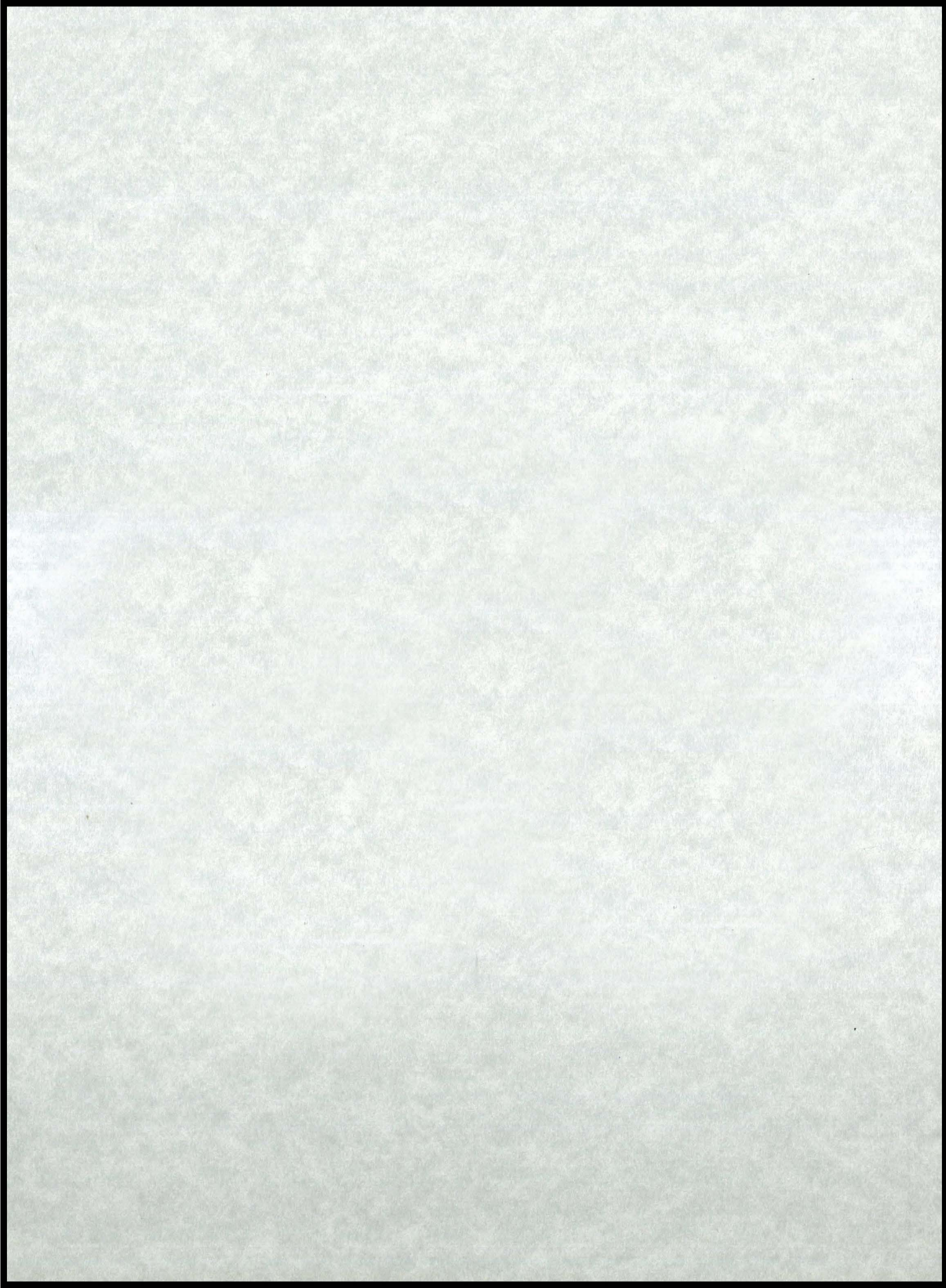
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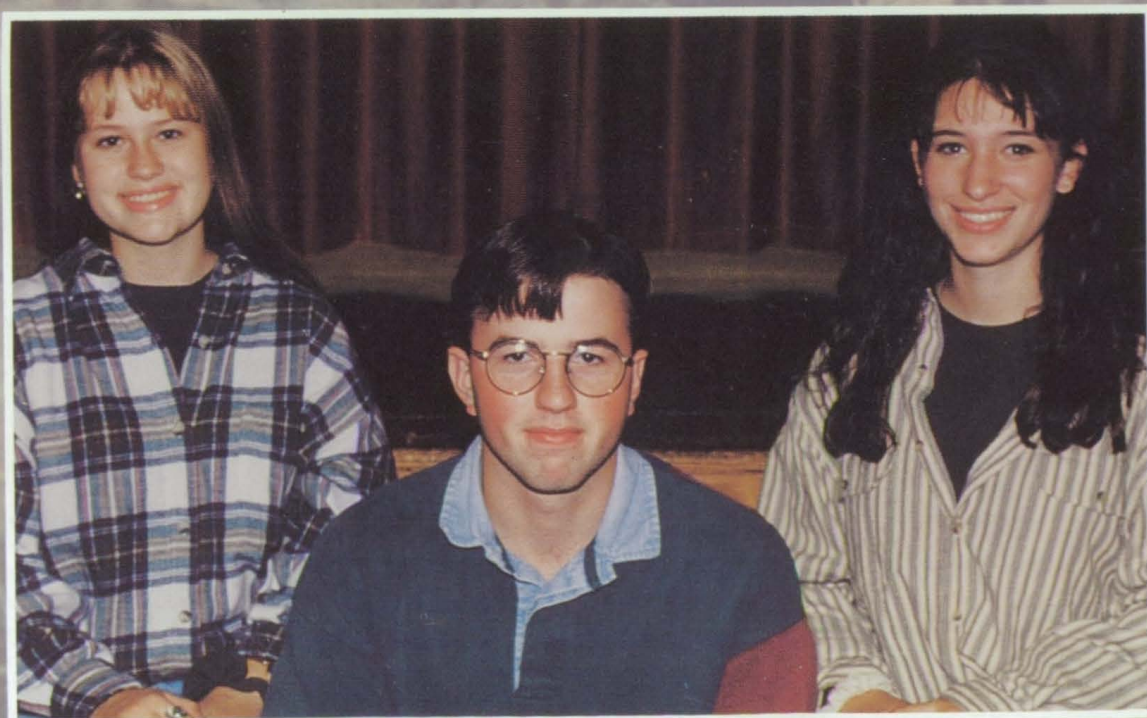
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1996-1997

Seniors

The Class



The 1995-'96 Senior class officers are (l. to r.): Vice President Heidi Kern, President Tavis Millerov, Secretary Anessa Kern. Missing from photo: Treasurer Jill Aldrich.

Homecoming of 1996



The senior class, joined by the Varsity Football Team and the Homecoming Court, is energized for the big game.

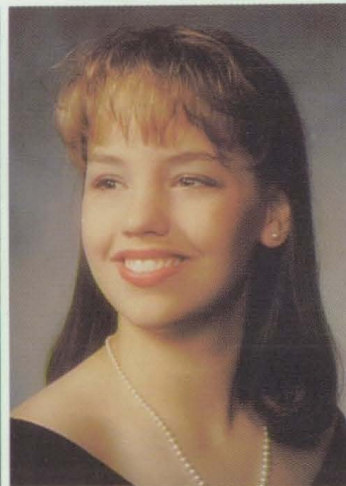
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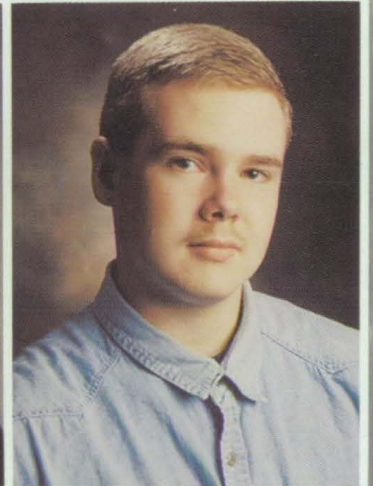
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Jill Marie Aldrich



Sarah Elizabeth
Alexander



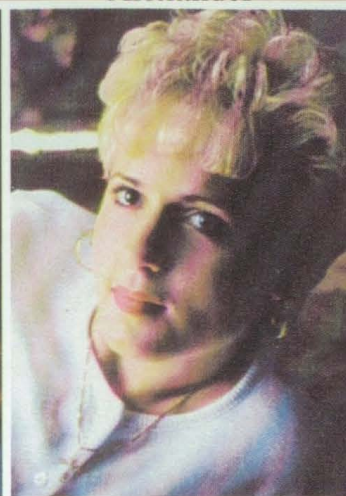
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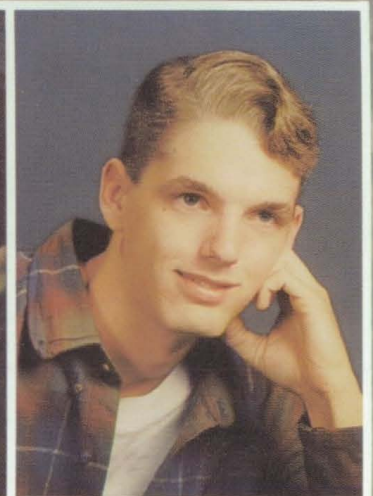
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Tracy Lynn Baldwin



Angela Lynn Baxter



Jay Erwin Beardslee

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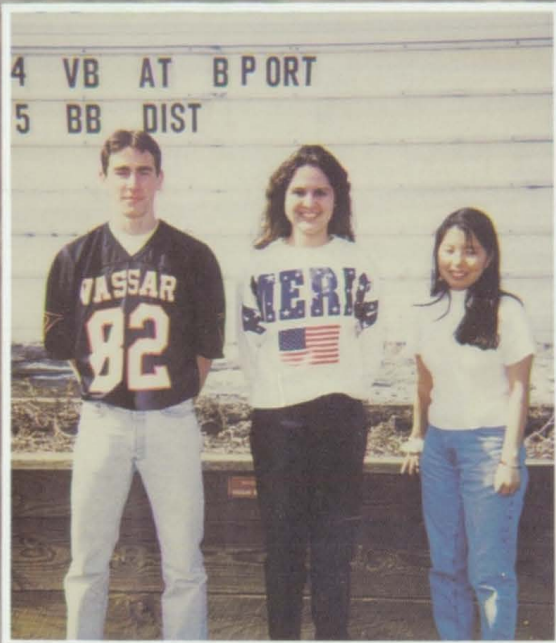
Exchanging Cultures

This year we at Vassar High have had the privilege of getting to know three exchange students from three different countries. Their names are Ryo Takamine from Japan, Marc Rolando from Switzerland, and Flávia Neves from Brazil.

Each have had their own unique surprises and experiences here in America, but all of them say that they have enjoyed learning more about our culture and our language, including all of the slang terms they don't teach you in school. One of these new experiences for Flávia is something we here in Michigan often take for granted- snow! "I went sledding in Frankenmuth, and it was the most unusual thing that I have ever done because I can't do that in Brazil!"

Every year, foreign exchange students have a chance to go on trips to sight see America. Marc went to Niagara Falls earlier in the year, and he described it as "beautiful." Flávia went to Chicago in March, and Ryo plans to go to Washington D.C. with the sixth grade class.

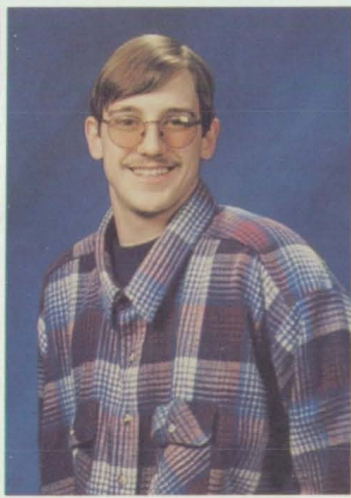
These foreign exchange students will teach many people how three totally different cultures can become linked between the circle of friends. As Ryo told us, "Let's become friends in many languages!"



Exchange students for the 1995-96 school year include; (l. to r.) Marc Rolando, Flávia Neves, and Ryo Takamine.



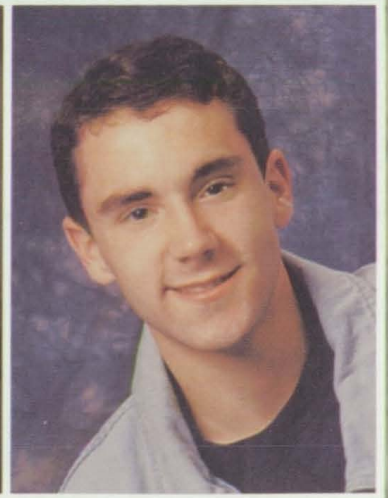
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Laura Lynn Blossom



Kevin Thomas Bohunsky



Kristy May Bohunsky



John Michael Chomos



Angela Lynne Clark

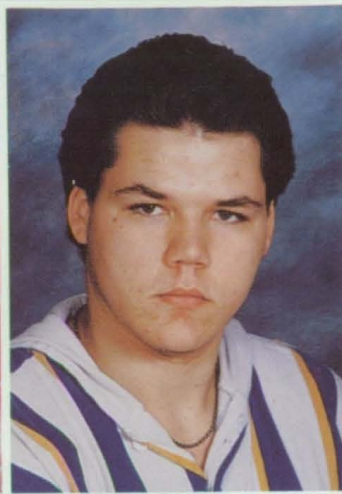


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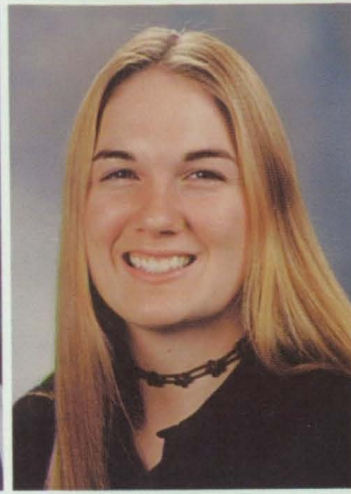
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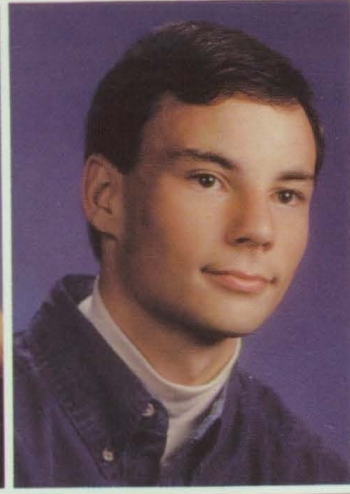
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Brian Keith Decker



Jessica Lynn DeMercy



Gabriel Adam
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Shannon Beth Diebold



David Nelson Drysdale



Valerie Duncan



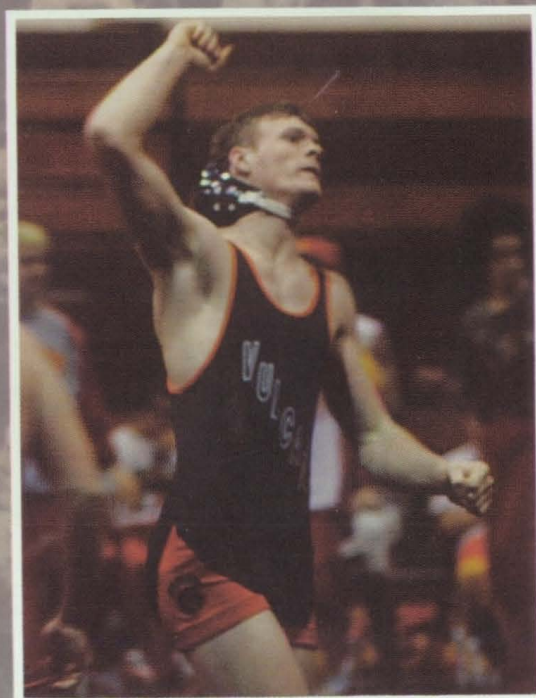
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Jonathan Ross Shattered Most Pins Record

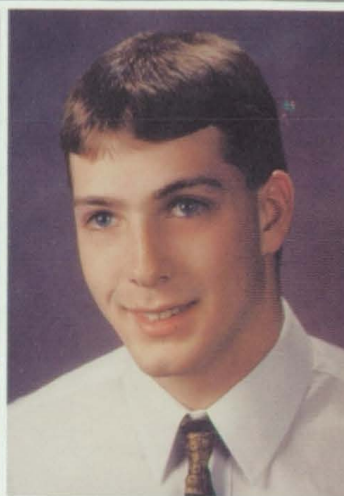
Jonathan Ross set the most pins record after a win against Bridgeport. He broke Ethan Shannon's record of 21 pins for a season. Ross not only beat Shannon's record by one, but he continually added pins to his record throughout the season for a final count of 26. When asked about this honor Ross replied, "It was a fun experience. I wish more people could participate in the sport." Ross' favorite memory was when he beat Mike Meyer from Mayville, someone who people said couldn't be beat.

Jonathan's final season also net him three more team records: Best Season Record, 33-12; Take Down Record, 35; and Team Points Record, 160

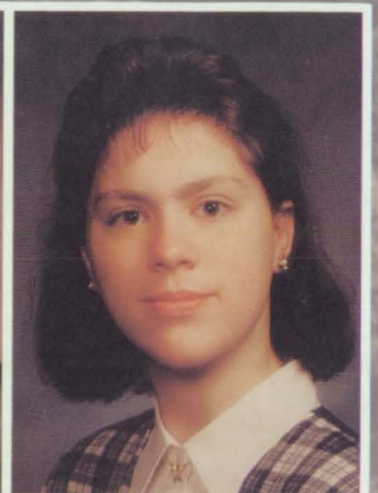
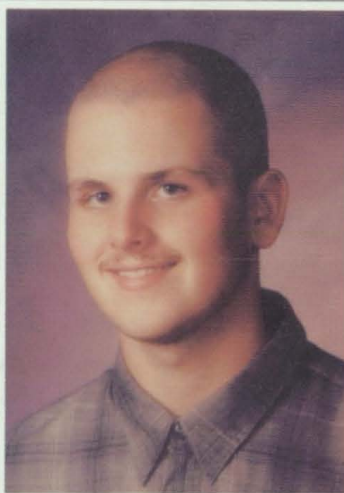
Ross is planing to attend ITT and enter the field of Robotics.



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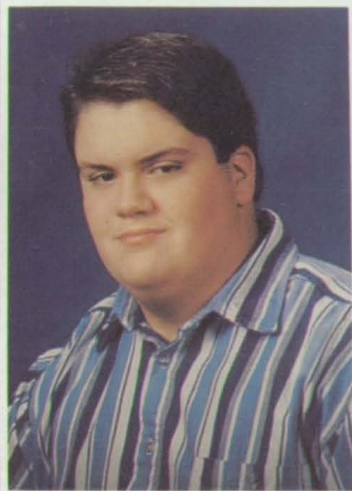
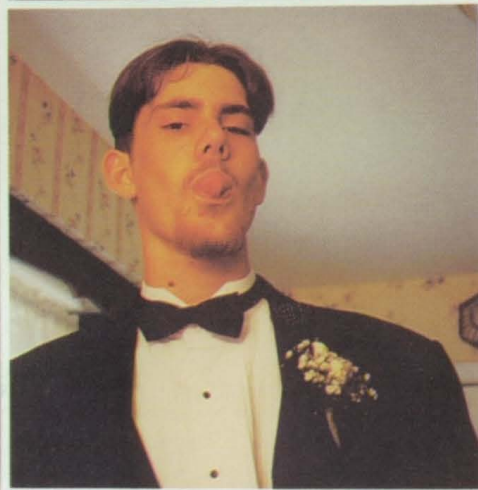
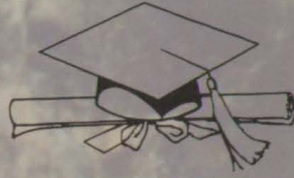
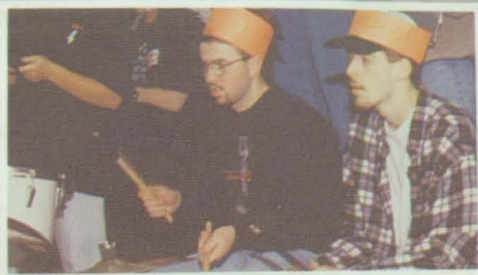
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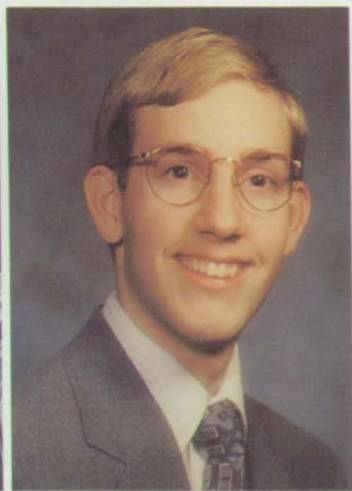
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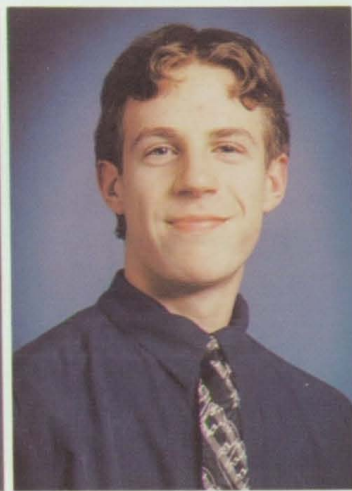
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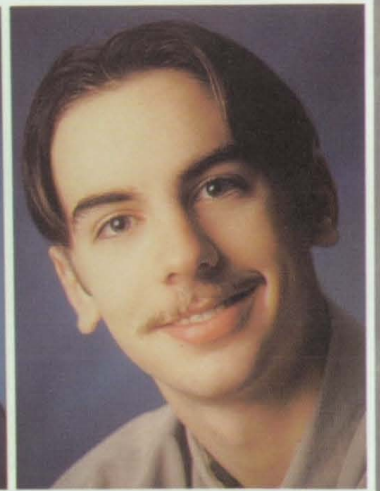
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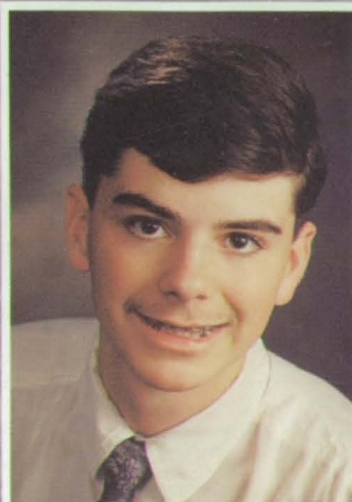
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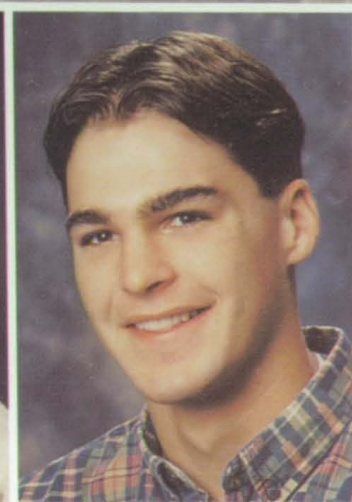
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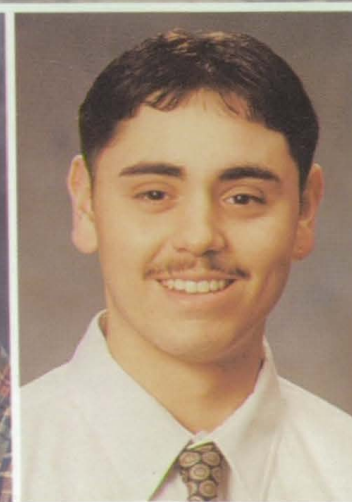
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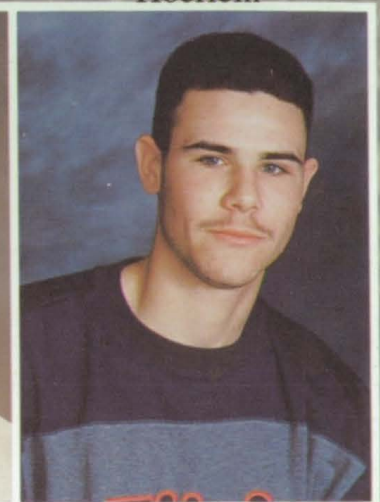
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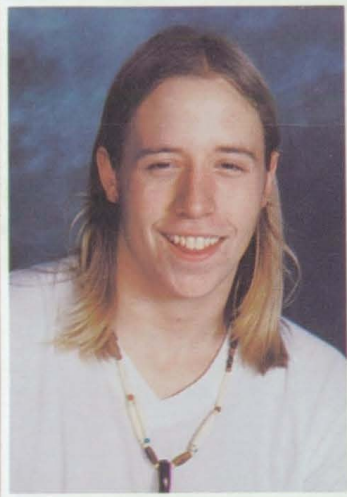
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Alexander Receives DAR Award

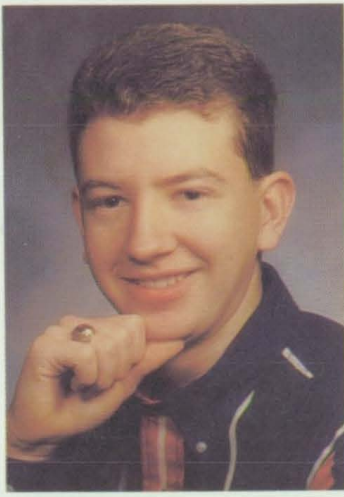


Sarah Elizabeth Alexander was chosen to be the recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Award. Sarah was selected by the Vassar High School faculty based upon her leadership qualities, dependability, public service, and patriotism. DAR is an organization that honors area high school students every year. "I was both shocked and honored when I had recieved the award," she commented.

Future plans for Sarah include going to Michigan State University to study medicine. During her high school years Sarah has been involved in a variety of activities and clubs. Included are: Cheerleading for football and basketball, treasurer of Youth In Government, two-year member of the National Honors Society, Business Manager and Co-Editor of the year-book, and many other school activities.



Tracy Robert Inches



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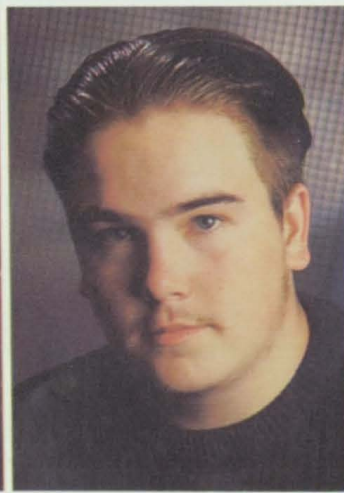
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Anessa Marie Kern



Heidi K. Kern



Timothy Joe Korpi, Jr.

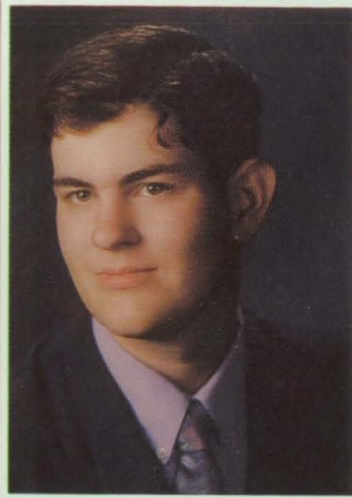


Jesse John Ketola



Tina Kosinski

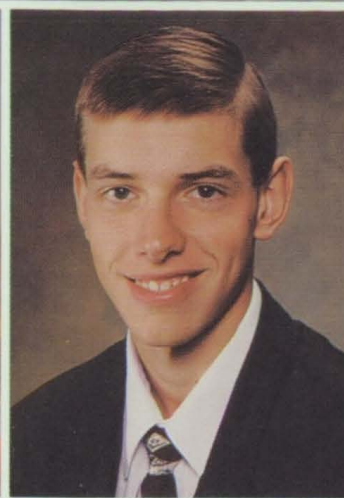
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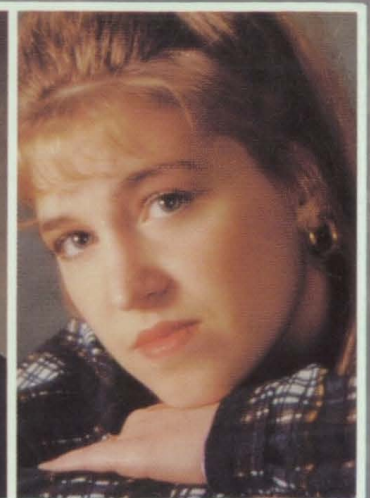
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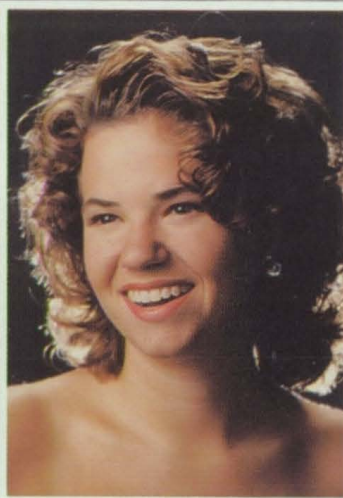
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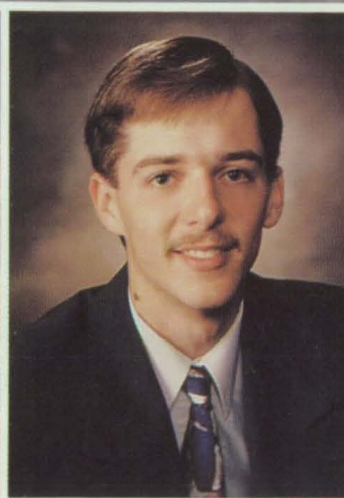
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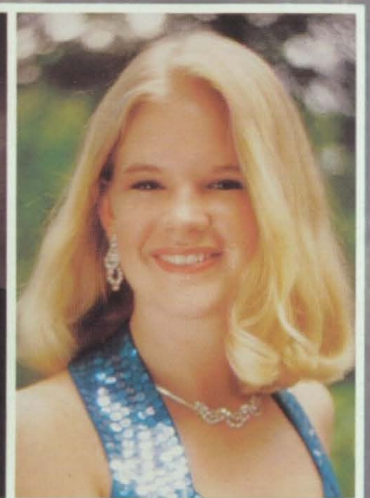
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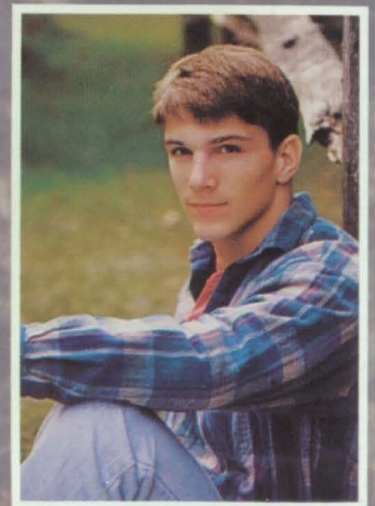


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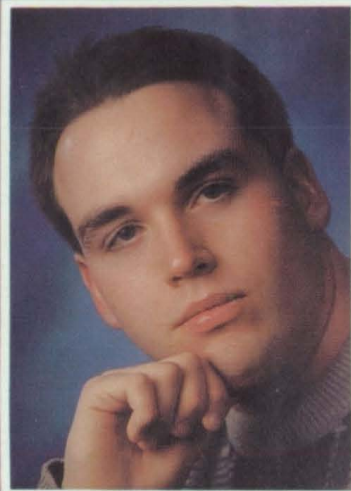
Shannon Accepted to West Point

Imagine hours of grueling physical exercises compounded by a load of homework. If you're like Dustin Garner Shannon you'd look forward to such a challenge. Shannon was accepted to the United States Military Academy at West Point in New York. "I understand it will be a long and difficult four years, but I believe it is all a matter of how resilient and determined one is, and I have confidence in my abilities to guide me through," he said about his future at West Point.

Once there Shannon plans on upholding the academy's code of honor, "to never lie, cheat, steal, or tolerate (those who do)". In fact, his overall character was taken into consideration for admission along with scholastic achievement, physical ability, leadership potential, and his physical health. Admission to West Point is very selective with around 10,500 applying, and only 1,012 actually admitted. Best of luck to Dustin at West Point and in whatever the future holds for him.



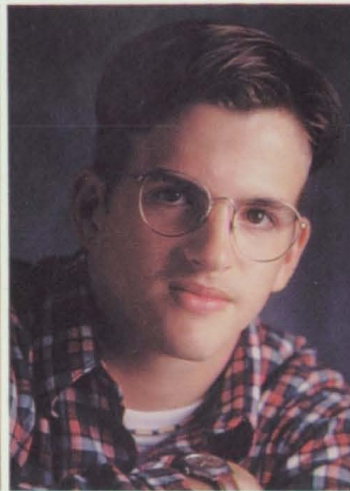
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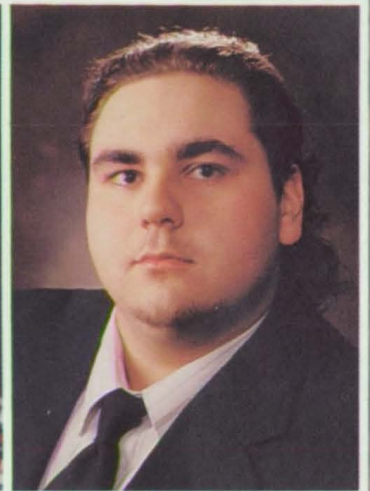
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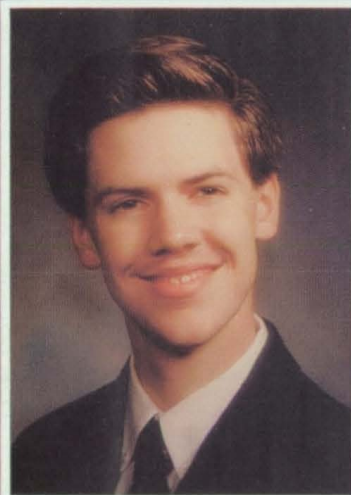
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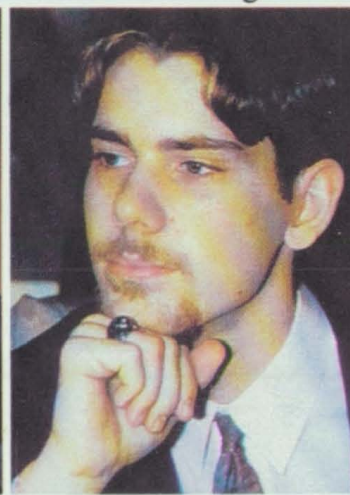
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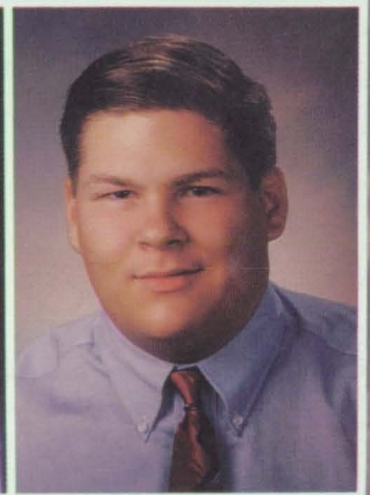
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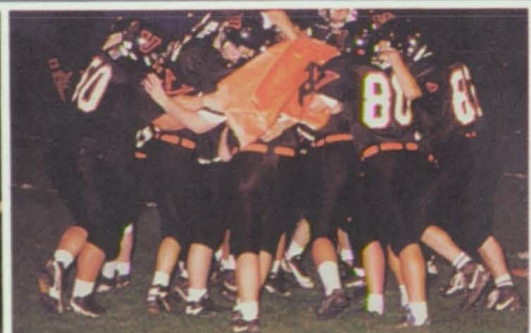
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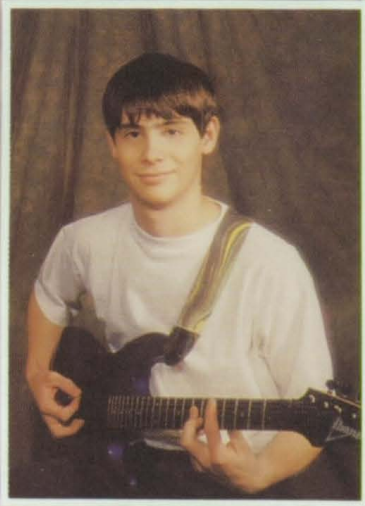


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In Loving Memory...



of our friend and classmate,

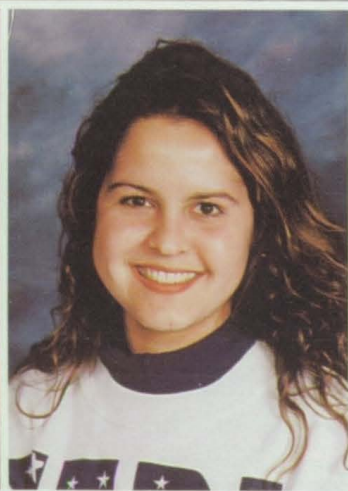
Anthony Vincent Oprea

February 2, 1978 - November 7, 1995

Though he's no longer with us, we will carry him in our hearts forever. His life has touched us all, and we will never forget that.



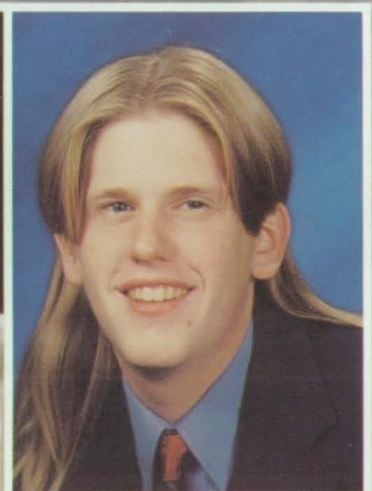
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Flávia Pereira Neves



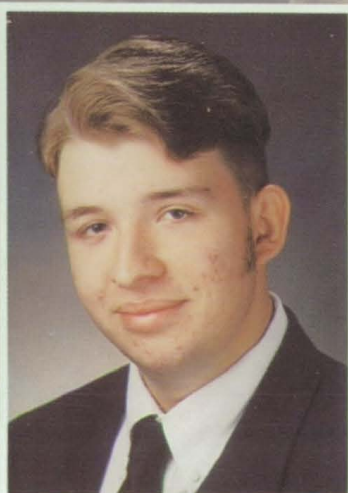
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Adam David Partridge



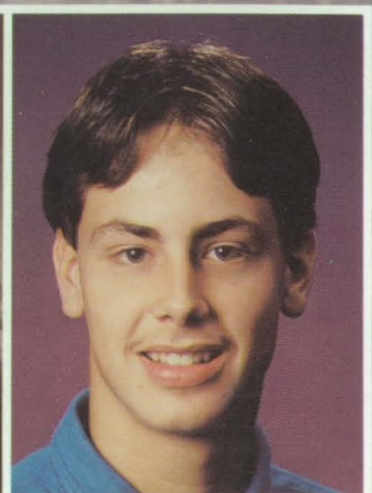
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William N. Petzold



Jennifer L. Piazza



Jeffrey David Pintar

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Fall Takes First in State

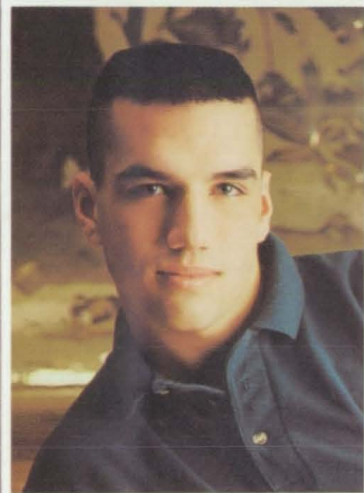


Congratulations to Kate Fall for finishing first at the State Cross Country meet. This was the second time in Kate's high school career she had taken State, the first time being her sophomore year.

"It's a relief to accomplish one of my goals," said Kate. State championship was not Kate's only accomplishment this school year. As captain of the girl's team, Kate also broke her own school record for the three mile run with a time of 18:48. For all these achievements, Kate was honored with First Team All Conference.

The daughter of Russell and Margaret Fall, Kate is pleased with what she has accomplished. "I feel very proud of it and also hope that the younger girls on the team will follow in my footsteps," she stated.

In the fall, Kate will be attending Saginaw Valley State University, where she will decide on a career and continue to run.



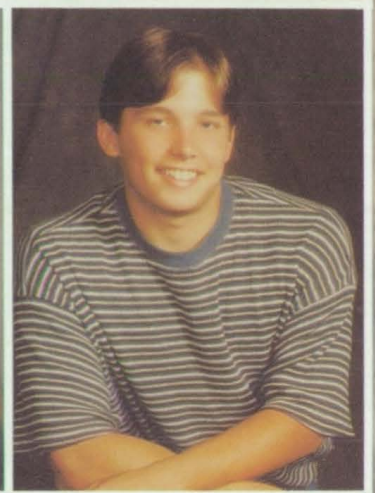
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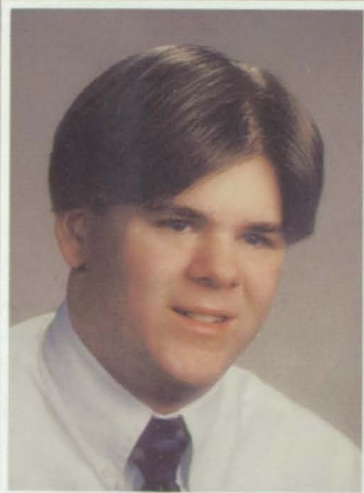
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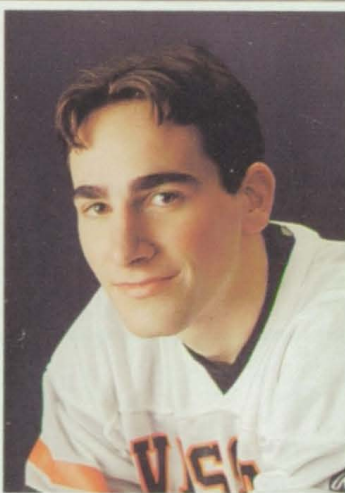
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Andrew Robert
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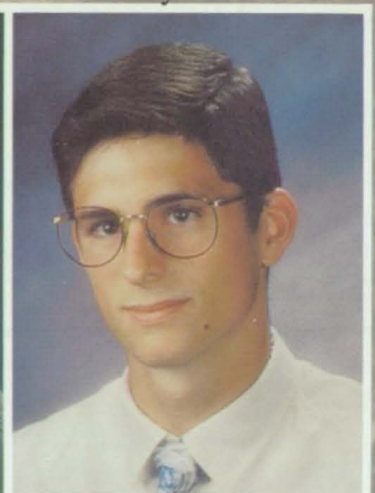
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Marc Rolando



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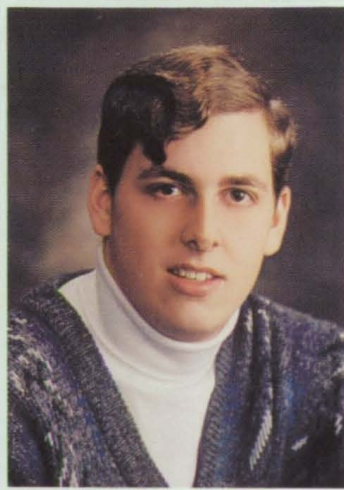


Ryan Ross

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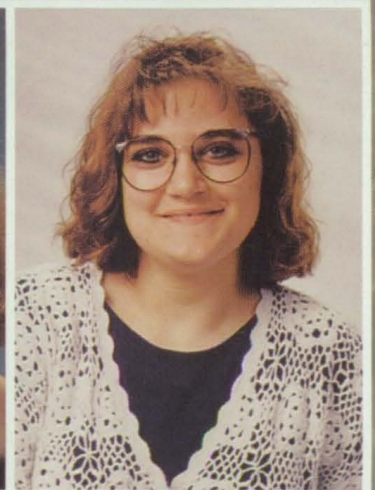
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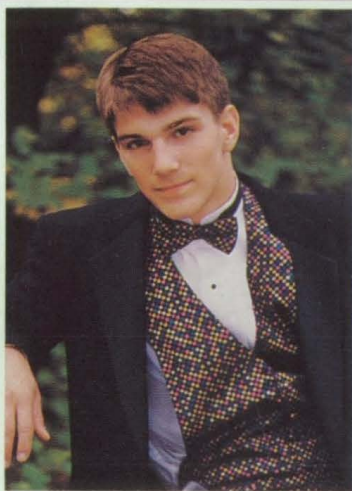
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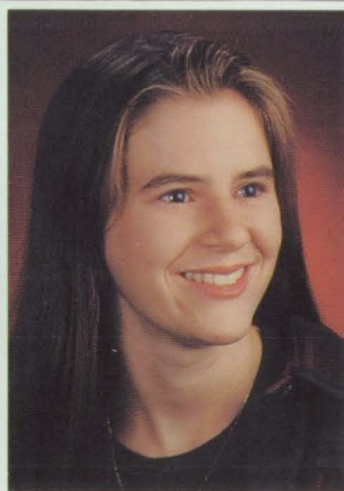
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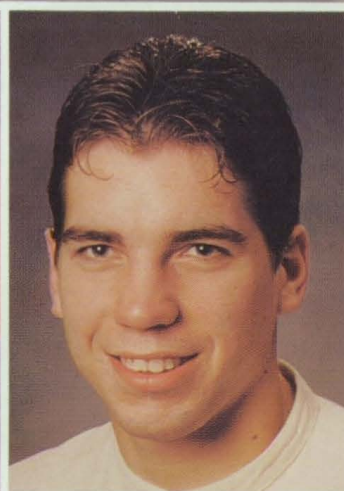
Autumn Sebert



Dustin Garner Shannon



Beth A. Simpson



Craig Smith



Heather Lynn Smith

Blossom Travels To Guatemala

From January 17th through the 28th, 1996, Senior Laura Blossom traveled to Guatemala for a missionary trip with her church. She went with a construction group and worked on a house belonging to a missionary from her church. Laura was influenced by her father and brother who had been on missionary trip in previous years.

Before her departure from the states, Laura and her father had to get vaccinations for polio and other diseases. Blossom stated, "The most difficult thing we had to do was get our passports, and with our government being shut down at the time, it was very difficult."

Although Blossom was in Guatemala to work construction, she experienced many cultural differences during the two weeks she was there. The poverty level is one factor that Laura commented on. "You see little children on the streets trying to bum money off of you or trying to sell you something. They will just beg and beg until you give in. Even though you don't know their language, you can feel how desperate they are for anything. I think that if I would have stayed down there much longer I would have had a total culture shock."

Although seeing the daily pain of the Guatemalan people, Laura also experienced some good feelings. "I was influenced the most by the appreciation the people show you. They are grateful for even the littlest thing."

"Because my brother and dad went before, I had heard all of the stories and seen all of the pictures, but you can't know what an experience like this is ever like until you experience it yourself."

Laura had found this trip to be a life changing experience, and felt that it would be the same for anyone else planning to attend this sort of trip.



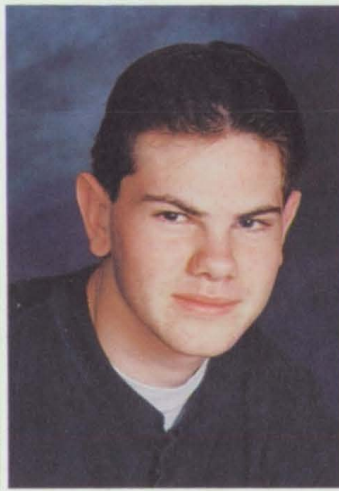
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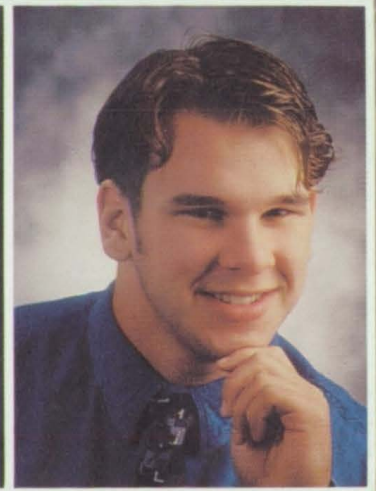
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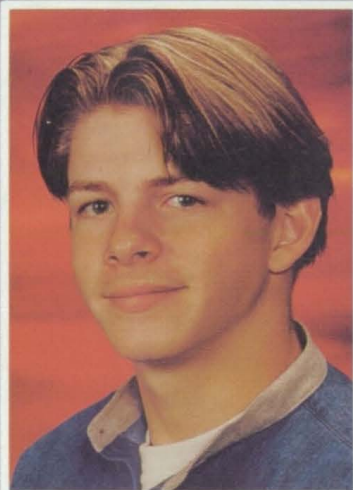
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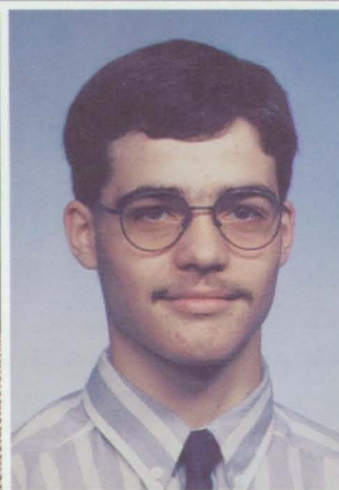
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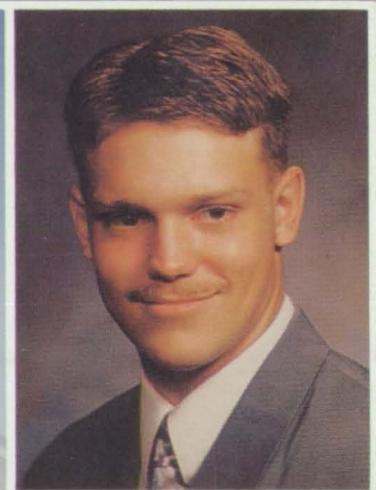
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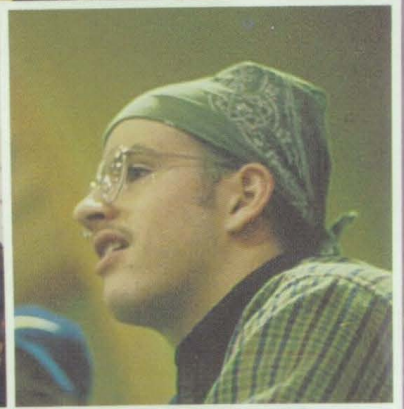
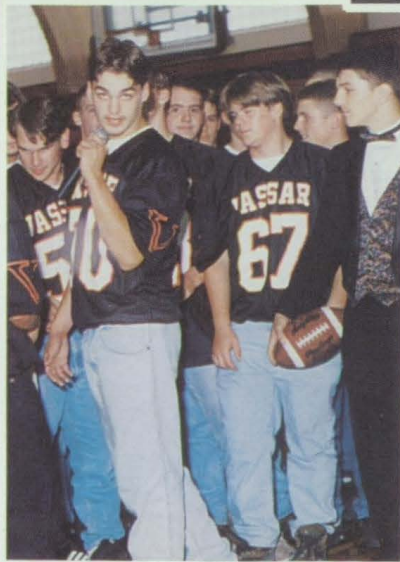
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 Cory Michael Mays
 Adam James McCormick
 Kealy Beth McKenzie
 Thomas Paul Meyer

Ryan Douglas Mitchell
 Matthew Michael Ostrander
 Daniel D.P. Peche
 Charlotte Mae Roebuck
 Gary Sharp
 Ryan Francis Shepherd
 Jason Daniel Strunk
 Timothy Lee Torrey

“Today is the first day of the rest of your life.”

- Unknown

A Day in the Life



Fall 1995 Sports



Assistant Coach Chapman and members of the Varsity Football Team set a play.



The J.V. Girls' Basketball Team warm up for a game.

'95 Football

All Out Effort

"The game didn't turn out like we hoped but there was a lot of effort from everyone and we will be sure to work harder in the future to pull out a win" said Quarterback Dustin Shannon. And that seemed to be the case all season, as the Vulcans ended the year with a 0-9 season. But it wasn't for lack of trying.

Throughout the season, individual team members played well, earning all conference honors. Johnathan Ross and Eric Hoyt earned **Second Team All-Conference** honors; while Shawn Swaffer, Dustin Shannon, and Matt Terry all earned **Honorable Mention All-Conference**.

This year's J.V. Team finished the season with a 1-8 record, while the Freshmen Team finished 0-8.

Coach Purigroski Recognized

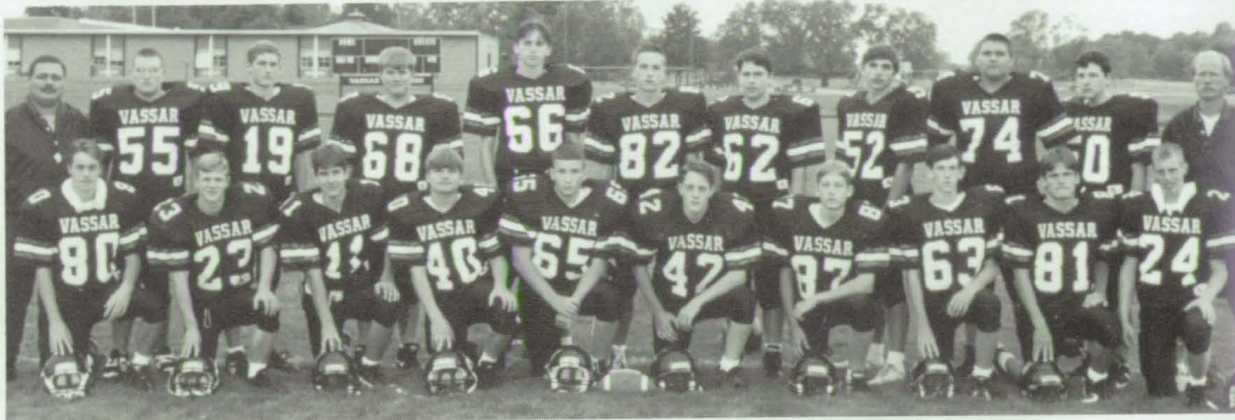
Coach Walter Purigroski received an award on January 3, 1996, for coaching football for over 25 years. The award was given by the Michigan Football Association.

"It is nice to be recognized for the 27 years I put in coaching football," Coach Purigroski said. He started coaching his second year at Vassar High School.

Head Coach Hurd and Assistant Coach Chapman together agree that Coach Purigroski has taught them a lot about coaching football over the years. Coach Chapman stated, "We have spent so much time together it is impossible to feel like an employee and employer."



Members of the 1995 Varsity Football Team are: (front 1.) Andy Reynolds, Eric Hoyt, Matt Terry, Steve McCullough, Ben Mihora, William Ricklefs, and Larry McGrandy; (middle 1.) Manager Bart Rittenburg, Dustin Kern, David Middlin, Eric Barden, Jonathan Ross, Shawn Swaffer, Tim Greenwood, Jamie Huizer, Adam Hornung, and Dustin Shannon; (back 1.) Coach Tony Hurd, Scott Briggs, Josh Terry, Greg Mott, Craig Smith, Tony Clark, Jeremy Fruk, Steve Lesko, Rondell Metro, Mark Rolando, Michael Krause, Teri Putman, Assistant Coach Walter Purigroski, and Assistant Coach Clyde Chapman.



Members of the 1995 Junior Varsity Football Team are: (front 1.) Chad Tedford, Cory Creel, Scott Teschendorf, Mike Wilkinson, Dave Martin, Tom Kanyok, Beau Jackson, Matt Bierlein, Dan Blossom, and Ken Jones; (back 1.) Coach Ernie Huizar, Josh Barns, Justin Bickel, Craig Proffer, Ken Hurr, Mike McCrumb, Kevin Fent, Kevin Jobson, Jim Hill, Mike Low, and Coach Mark Dow.



The Varsity Team members get themselves pumped up for the start of a game.



Members of the 1995 Freshmen Football Team are: (front l.) Jacob Hecht, Mike Cunningham, Tony Gates, Nick Fisher, Mike Jaques, Josh Ross, Josh Cunningham, Jeremy Riness, Trent Blakely, Ben Torrey, and Jamie Gamm; (middle l.) Matt Graham, Josh Morris, Justin Schlicker, Brent LaFramboise, Tom Middlin, Seth Martin, Kevin Moncman, Josh Kribs, Jacob DelMonte, Tony Sinko, and Chad Baldwin; (back l.) Coach Phil Martin, Luke Turner, ..., Jeff Colosky, Carl Petzold, Mitchel Kilbourn, Justin Schereth, Matt Manchester, Luke McKenzie, Adam Lesko, Mike Piazza, Manager Ricky Martin, and Coach Tim Greenwood.



Congratulations to these members of the team for the following awards:

Coaches Award: Dustin Shannon
Most Improved: Rondell Metro
Most Valuable: Shawn Swaffer and Eric Hoyt



(top l.) The Varsity Team decides on a play; (top r.) The Varsity defensive line gets ready to take on Brigdeport; (bottom l.) The Freshmen Team stops for a time out; (bottom r.) Mitchel Kilbourn takes a break.

'95 Fall Cheerleading

Spirit Explosion

Did you ever listen closely to the fight song? Do you remember the part that says "Cheer for ole' Vassar High"? Well, that's exactly what the cheerleaders did.

Whether the Vulcans were winning or losing; whether it was raining or snowing, the cheerleaders were always there to support the teams.

At games such as this year's match up with Garber, the cheerleaders endured the cold rain, as did the spectators. At camp this summer, they learned some new routines that added variety to their stunts.

"Football season was the best. There was more time and space to do mounts," said Senior Sarah Alexander.

A big thank you goes out to the 1995 Fall cheerleading squads for their enthusiasm and efforts!

(top l.) Members of the J.V. Squad pose for a picture; (left) Amy Reif shows off with the band; (right) J.V. Cheerleaders attempt to fire up the crowd.



Members of the 1995 Varsity Fall Cheerleading Squad are: (bottom l.) Lindsey Parker, Stacy McCloud, Angie Griffis, Amy Reif, Sarah Alexander, Miranda Dietrich, Laura Blossom, and Coach Melissa Koch; (top l.) Christie Betts, Kendra Frampton, Christy Swartzendruber, Gina Vassallo, Heather DeLand, Heidi Kern, and Valerie Duncan.



Members of the 1995 Junior Varsity Fall Cheerleading Squad are: (front l.) Coach Melissa Koch, Tiffany Garner, and Angela Wilson; (middle l.) Kim Baxter, Abby Leach, Andrea MacEachern, and Jolene Heidenberger; (back l.) Arin Blossom, Amy Gierman, Casey Olson, and Megan Buchinger.





The Varsity Cheerleading Squad shows off with one of their stunts.



(top) Varsity Cheerleaders greet the opposing crowd; (bottom) The Varsity Squad cheers along with the crowd.



Members of the 1995 Freshman Fall Cheerleading Squad are: (bottom l.) Michele Gilmore, Coach Melissa Koch, Shawna Wardell, Alycia Smeaton, and Stephanie Heisner; (top l.) Sara Geissler, Keri Land, and Trisha VanWormer.



The J.V. Cheerleaders smile big.

Congratulations to these members of the team for the following awards:

Coach's Award: Sarah Alexander
Most Improved Jumper: Tiffany Garner
Spirit Award: Alycia Smeaton



"V-I-C-T-O-R-Y
That's the Vulcan battle cry!"

'95 Girls' Basketball

Lady Vulcans Shine in 1995

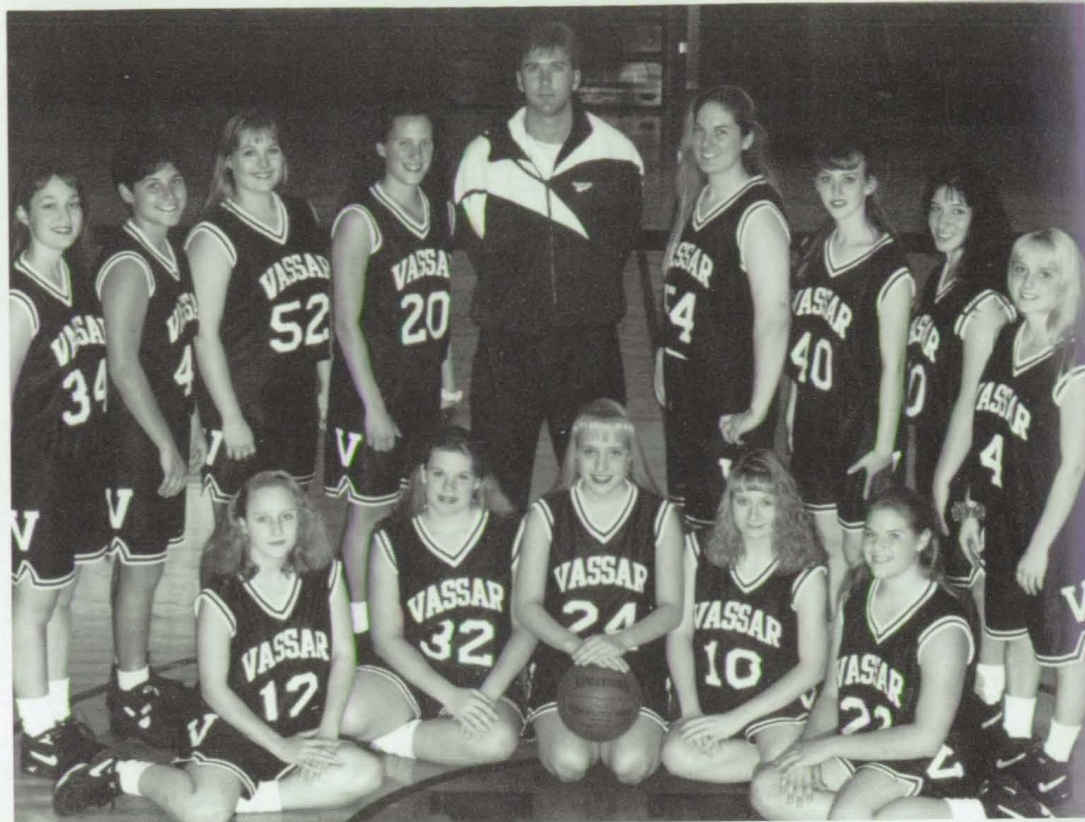
Under the new direction of former Junior Varsity Coach Mike Gohsman, the Varsity Lady Vulcans finished off the season 8-13, including District play, while proving their worth in key game situations.

Receiving TVC **Second Team All-Conference** honors this year was Jessica DeMercy, while **Honorable Mention All-Conference** honors were given to Mindy Herzberger.

In post season play, the TVC East District Finals were held at Frankenmuth High School, and for the third year in a row Vassar went head to head with the Frankenmuth Eagles. Despite their determination, the Vulcans were defeated 25-40. In earlier District play on November 15, the Vulcans slaughtered the Caro Tigers 44-26.

With the leadership of Coach Joe Mason, the J.V. Lady Vulcans ended the season a few games under five hundred. Sophomores Jennifer Kanyok and Heather Cunningham were given Most Improved Player awards and Sophomore Lynsey Martin was unanimously named the Most Valuable Player for the 1995 season.

While the Varsity and Junior Varsity were busy finding coaches, the Freshman Coaches Holly DuBay and Janel Keinath were busy trying to put a team together. Although the team did not win many games, the effort put forth by the young Lady Vulcans should pay off in years to come.



Members of the 1995 Girls' Varsity Basketball Team are: (front l.) Renee Payea, Sheri Sohn, Tami Kanyok, Susan Briggs, and Lindsey Raney; (back l.) Jenny Piazza, Autumn Gonzales, Dee Dee Martin, Mindy Herzberger, Coach Mike Gohsman, Jessica DeMercy, Heather Fisher, Anessa Kern, and Kylie Vincent.



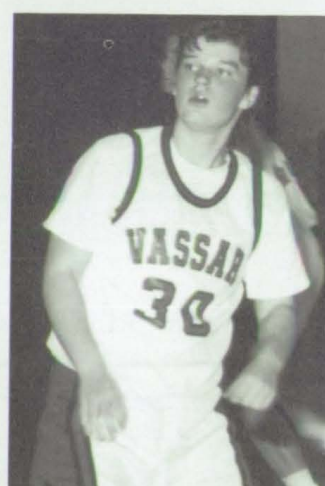
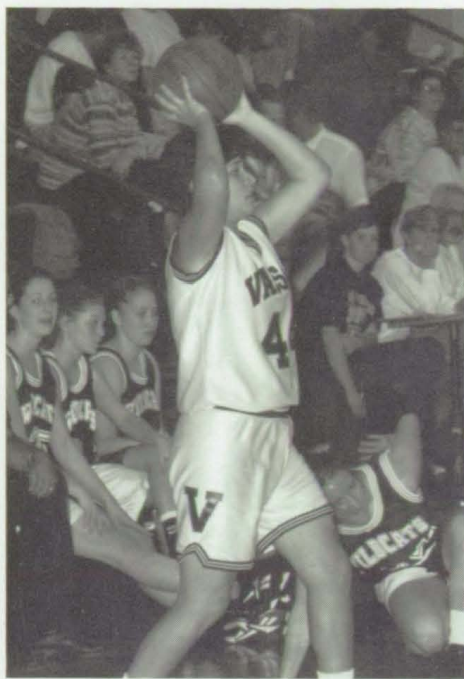
Dee Dee Martin awaits a free throw.



Lindsey Raney drives up the court.



Members of the 1995 Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball Team are: (front l.) Lynsey Martin, Carrie Hecht, Ronda Keinath, Manager Nikki Long, Tracy Estrada, Melissa Schnell, and Heather Cunningham; (back l.) Crystal Huizar, Jennifer Kanyok, Coach Mason, Carolyn Raney, Eric Long, and Pam Green.



(top l.) Jessica DeMercy powers up for a basket; (top m.) Autumn Gonzales inbounds the ball against Brigdeport; (top r.) Carolyn Raney checks for a teammate; (middle l.) The seniors on the team pose for a candid; (middle r.) Rhonda Keinath watches intently; (bottom) The team prepares to take the court.



Congratulations to these members of the team for the following awards:

Coaches Award: Anessa Kern and Heather Fisher
Most Improved: Autumn Gonzales
Most Valuable: Jessica DeMercy

Members of the 1995 Girls' Freshman Basketball Team are: (front l.) Angie Wolak, Katie Roedel, and Jackie Dubois; (middle l.) Courtney Owensby, Lyndsey VanWormer, Lisa Waterman, and Mary Gorleski; (back l.) Kim Hall, Coach Janel Keinath, Coach Holly DuBay, and Cherie Swaffer.

'95 Golf

A Season of Change

This year's Vulcan Golf Team finished sixth in the TVC East Conference with a record of 3-7. Although their record may not show it, the team improved in many ways throughout the year.

The team's stroke average improved to 195 after starting the year with an average of 212. The Vulcans three wins came from Millington, North Branch, and Bridgeport. Many close loses were suffered this year, such as Frankenmuth's victory by four strokes.

Damien Sanchez received **Second Team All Conference** honors with a stroke average of 46 for the year. Late in the season Damien commented, "We didn't have a very good start, but now we're starting to golf better and we're putting more guys in the 40's."

Congratulations to all of the Vulcan Golfers for their continued strong effort!



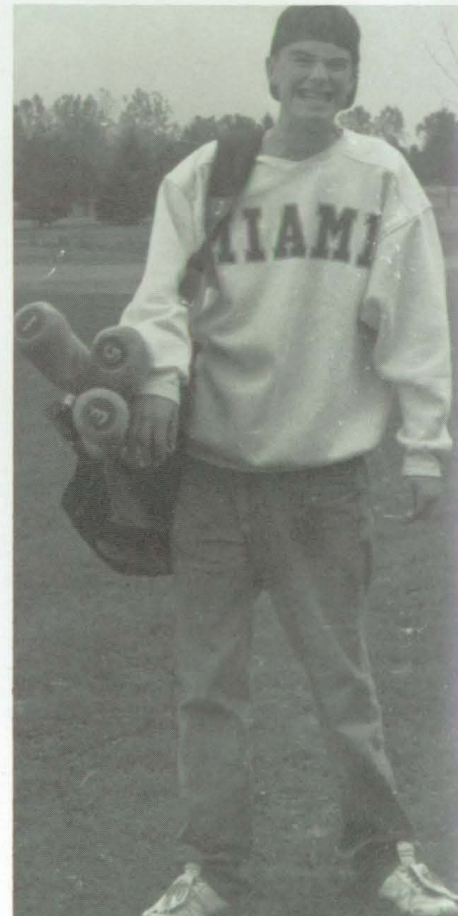
Members of the 1995 Golf Team are: (front l.) Manager Crystal Manchester, Bill Petzold, Ryan Baldwin, and Manager Kristy Anderson; (middle l.) Steve Maurer, Terry Mocny, and Bill Mills; (back l.) Ben McKinnon, Damien Sanchez, Mike Sykes, Brad Stacer, Matt Hogan, Coach Gerry Simpson, Captain Chris Hoerlein, Cory Mays, Tavis Millerov, Trent VanWormer, Kevin Heinlein, and Assistant Coach Scott Williamson.



Congratulations to these members of the team for the following awards:

- Coaches Award:** Steve Maurer, Tavis Millerov, and Matt Hogan
- Most Improved:** Chris Hoerlein
- Most Valuable:** Damien Sanchez

(right) Matt Hogan poses for the camera; (middle top) Mike Sykes tees-off at the Jerry Warner Invitational; (middle bottom) Bill Petzold and Matt Mocny enjoy a day at the country club; (left) Steve Maurer putts in for par on the third green.



'95 Cross Country

Making the Mark

Senior Kate Fall had an exceptional season in cross country this year, winning the state championship for the second time in her high school career. Nicole Sullivan (freshman), Ryan Esterline (senior), and Ryan Bissell (sophomore) also competed at state with strong showings in their events.

In addition to state, Kate also won the conference championship, breaking her own school record with a time of 18:48 in the 3-mile run. Kate was honored with **First Team All Conference** along with Ryan Esterline who earned **First Team All Conference**; Nicole Sullivan who earned **Second Team All Conference**; and Ryan Bissell who earned **Third Team All Conference** honors.

Coach Dan Johnson commented, "It's been a great season; the kids who came out for the team have done really well." Johnson had this to say about Kate Fall, "I've never had an athlete as good as Kate. She won every meet except two this year."

Congratulations to all the members of the 1995 Vassar Cross Country Team on a job well done!

Congratulations to these members of the team for the following awards:

Coaches Award: Kate Fall & Ryan Esterline
Most Improved: Nicole Sullivan & Ryan Bissell
Most Valuable: Kate Fall & Ryan Esterline



Members of the 1995 Boys' Cross Country Team are: (front l.) Justin Shepherd, Co-Captain Raymund Bissell, and Co-Captain Ryan Esterline; (back l.) Manager Crystal Foess, Ryan Ross, Gabe Denniston, Coach Dan Johnson, Ryan Bissell, Manager Cindy Kern, and Manager Samantha Roedel.



Members of the 1995 Girls' Cross Country Team are: (front l.) Manager Crystal Foess, Manager Cindy Kern, and Manager Samantha Roedel; (back l.) Nicole Sullivan, Kim Ross, Coach Dan Johnson, Co-Captain Kate Fall, and Co-Captain Stacy Esterline.

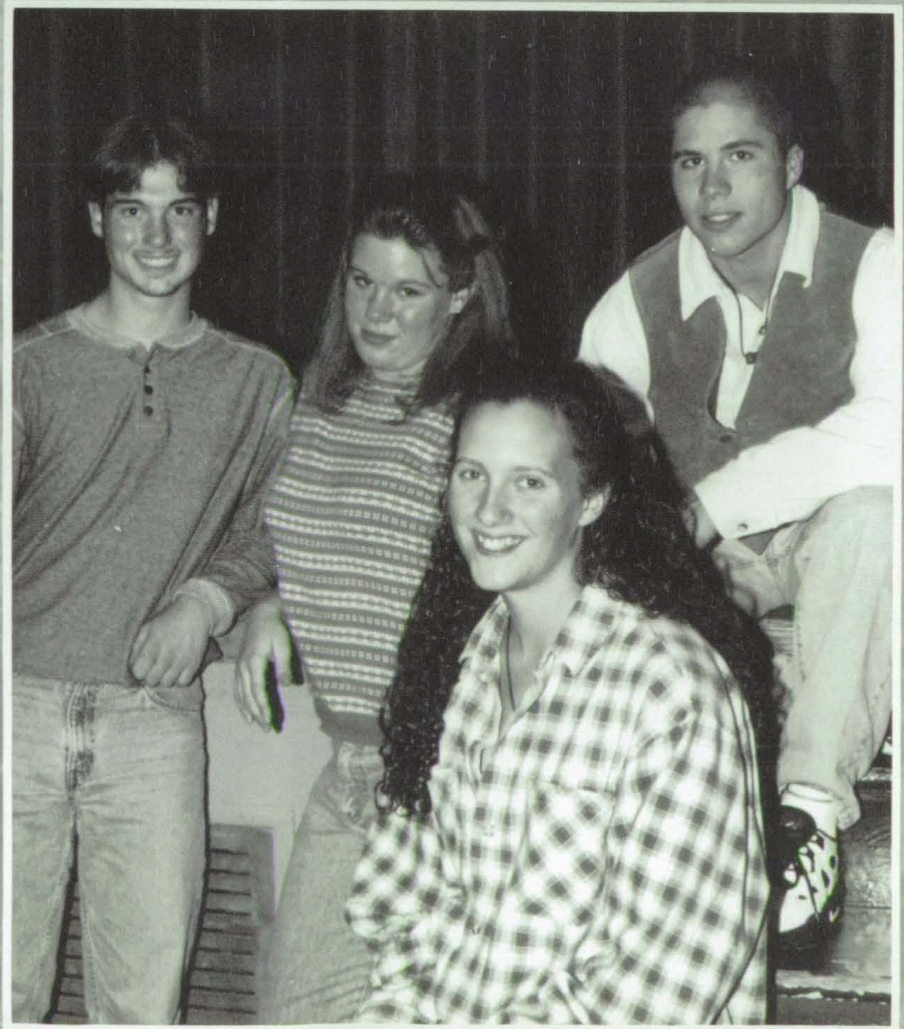


(top) Gabe Denniston and Ray Bissell practice hard; (left) The girls stretch before one of their meets; (middle) Kate Fall runs for the gold; (right) Ryan Ross heads for the finish line.



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The 1995-96 Junior class officers are: (l. to r.) Brian Pepera, Sheri Sohn, Mindy Herzberger, and Tim Booth.



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The classes

1997



The Junior Homecoming float received third place in the festivities.

Juniors

THE JUNIOR CLASS POLL

Favorite T.V. Sitcom or Drama Show:

1. Home Improvement
2. E.R.
3. Friends
4. New York Undercover
5. Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

Favorite Movie Actress:

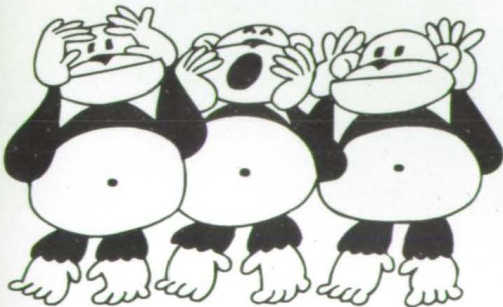
1. Julia Roberts
2. Sharon Stone
3. Demi Moore
4. Sandra Bullock
5. Michelle Pfeiffer

Favorite Movie Actor:

1. Keanu Reeves
2. Brad Pitt
3. Tom Hanks
4. Kevin Costner
5. Tom Cruise

Favorite Movie:

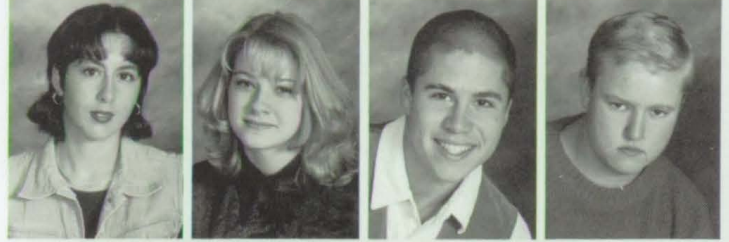
1. *Dangerous Minds*
2. *Speed*
3. *Seven*
4. *Casper*
5. *8 Seconds*



Kristy Anderson
William Anthony
Rebecca Babcock
Ryan Baldwin



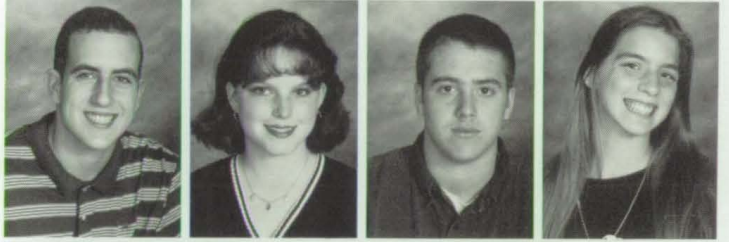
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Susan Briggs
Tamara Bruce



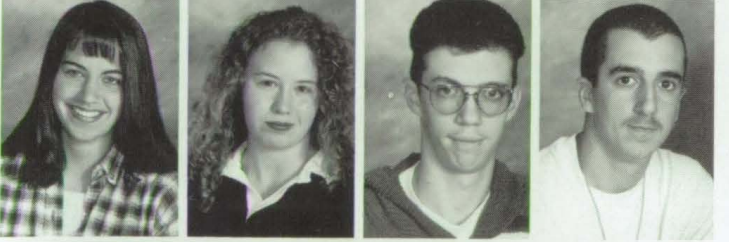
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Tony Clark
Autumn Clinesmith



Connie Colosky
Melissa Cunningham
Monica Cunningham
Heather DeLand



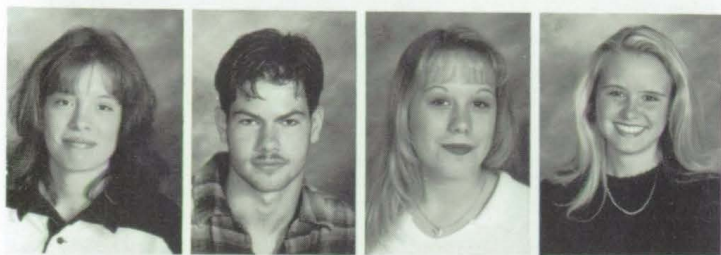
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Jeremy Drumb
Keith Drumb



Sarah Drysdale
Robyn Eastham
Justin Eaton
Mindy Ensign



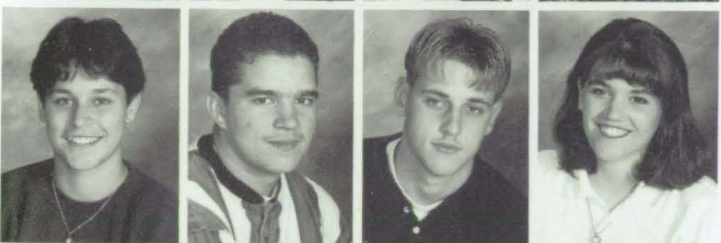
Class of '97



Tricia Estrada
Earl Fabbro
Tara Finkbeiner
Kendra Frampton



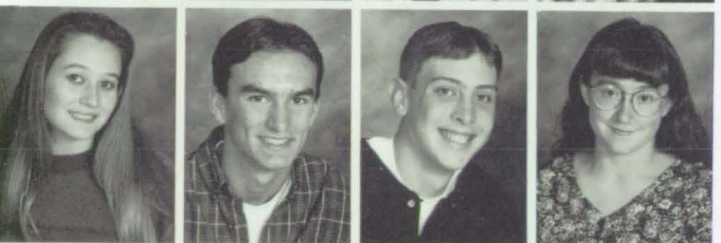
Natalie Franklin
Mandy Gamm
Erin Gillman
Justin Gohs



Autumn Gonzales
Billy Gouine
James Greenleaf
Angie Griffis



Jody Haynes
Melissa Haynes
John Herrington
Mindy Herzberger



Elizabeth Hess
Adam Hornung
Eric Johnson
Tisha Jones



Matt Kanyok
Tami Kanyok
Dustin Kern
Kitty Kilbourn



Bryon Killin
Jason Kralik
David Kuczynski
Pam Legue

THE JUNIOR CLASS POLL

Favorite Radio Station:

1. 98.1
2. 100.5
3. 101.7
4. 97.3
5. 92.7

Favorite Store:

1. Target
2. Wal-Mart
3. The Buckle
4. Spencers
5. J.C. Penney's

Favorite Food:

1. Pizza
2. Tacos
3. Lasagna
4. Spaghetti
5. Hamburgers

Favorite Fast Food Restaurant:

1. Taco Bell
2. McDonald's
3. Burger King
4. Wendy's
5. Subway

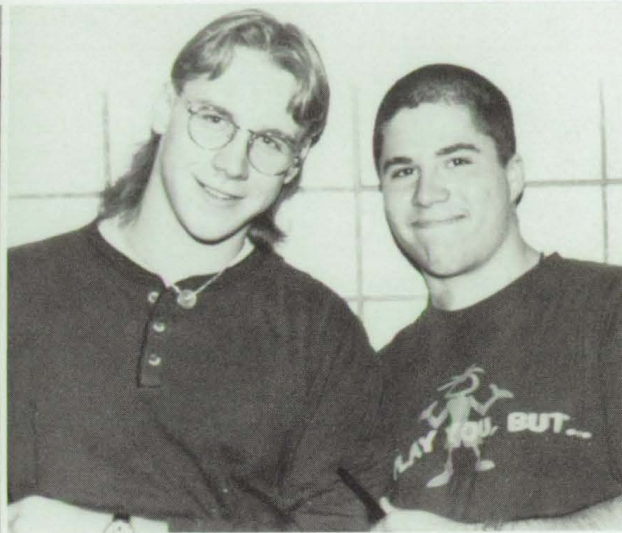
Favorite Class:

Art

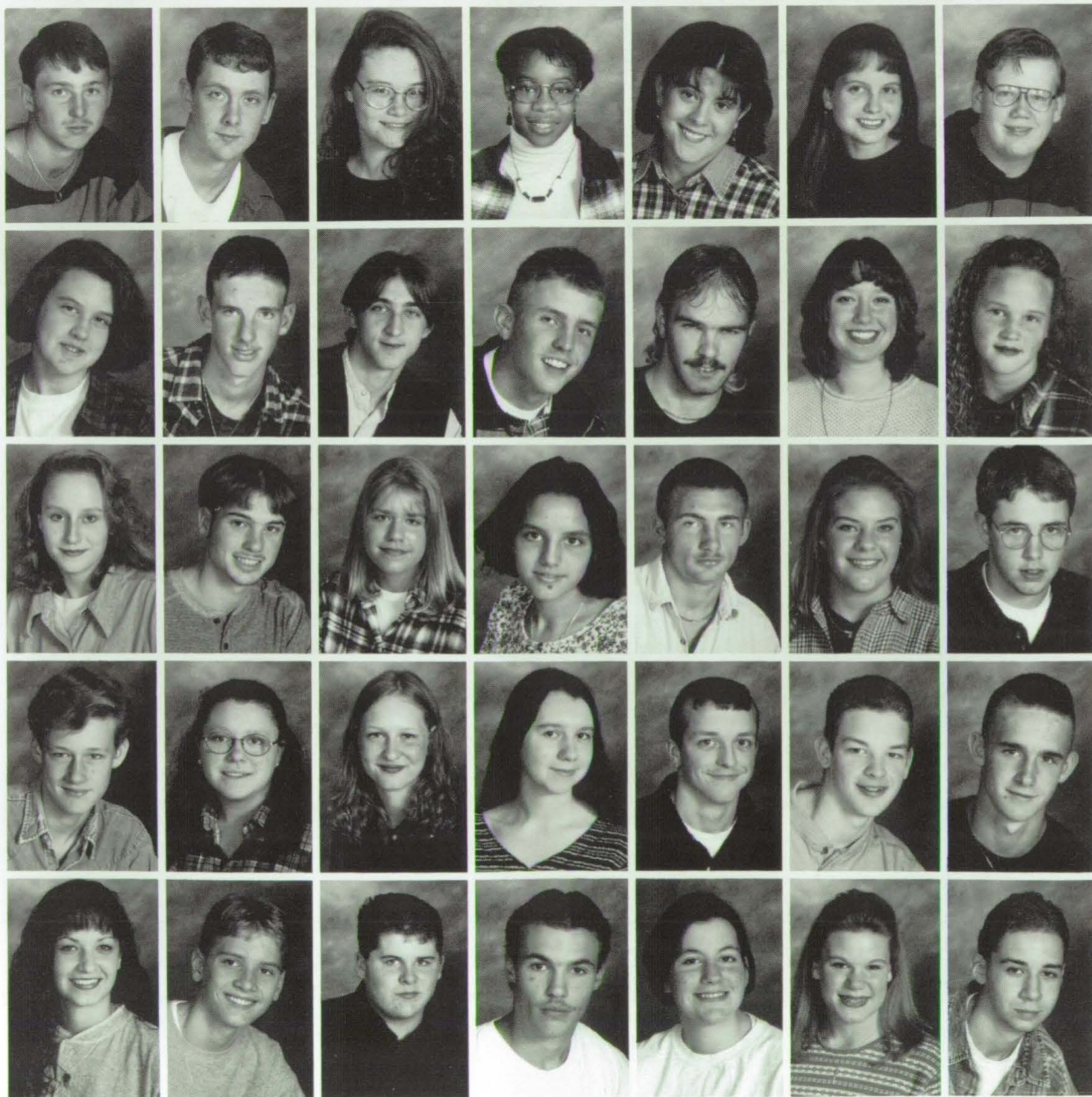
Favorite Type of Music:

Country

Juniors



Jeremy Lesko
 Daniel Littleton
 Tammy Luxton
 Tamil Lyles
 Crystal Manchester
 Tina Mansueto
 Christopher Manwell
 Keri Manwell
 Craig McCloud
 Matthew Merry
 Benjamin Mihora
 Marc Nickerson
 Melissa Oliver
 Lindsey Parker
 Renee Payea
 Brian Pepera
 Deanna Purigroski
 Bridget Putman
 Scott Putnam
 Lindsey Raney
 Owen Roberts
 Michael Roebuck
 Samantha Roedel
 Jeanette Roskamp
 Crista Rowe
 Scott Sabo
 Richard Sage
 Greg Sayles
 Patricia Scharff
 Nathan Schnell
 Chad Seney
 Andy Shelters
 Amy Sinko
 Sheril Sohn
 Edward Specht



Class of '97

Anderson May Go Abroad

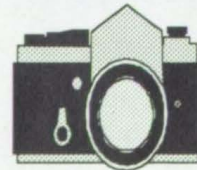
Junior Kristy Anderson is a semi-finalist in the Youth for Understanding program, which will award a scholarship sponsored by Nestles USA, to study and learn the culture of a different country. "I would go to a different country and stay there for most of the summer," Kristy said. "I don't really know which country I will be visiting. I hope to go to either Switzerland or France so that I can try out my French language which I have been studying in school for the past two years." Kristy hopes that she will learn many different things from this experience. "I'm looking forward to living in a different culture and meeting new people," commented Kristy. She will be staying with a host family while she is there and will be spending most of her time with them if she is able to go. What convinced Kristy to apply for this scholarship was that it sounded like a lot of fun. "I never thought I would make it to the semi-final round. I thought that it couldn't hurt to try," she explained.



Kristy was informed that she is the next runner up to participate in this program. "I believe anything is possible!" she exclaimed, as she prepares for a summer abroad.



Tina Stadler
 Michele Stahl
 Kimberly Stange
 Rachelle Staple
 Christy Swartzendruber
 Catina Swinton
 Treasa Swinton
 Amy Tablish
 Brandi Taylor
 Dennis Thurston
 Jill Torres
 Luke Turner
 Gina Vassallo
 Andrea Warle
 Deana Welch
 Suzanna Wilber
 Korina Williamson
 Franshon Wilson
 Mike Wilson
 Bobbi Jo Winiarski
 Cameron Withers
 Erik Zempel



Missing Photos:

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| Kelly Brown | Jamie Kienitz | Daniel Moncman |
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| Jennifer Donnelly | Meaghan Lenk | Amanda Peters |
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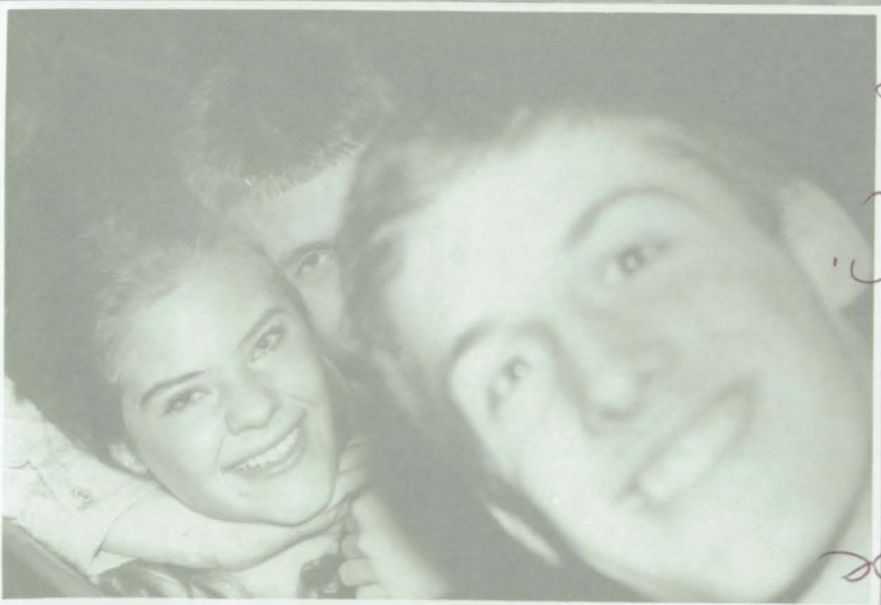


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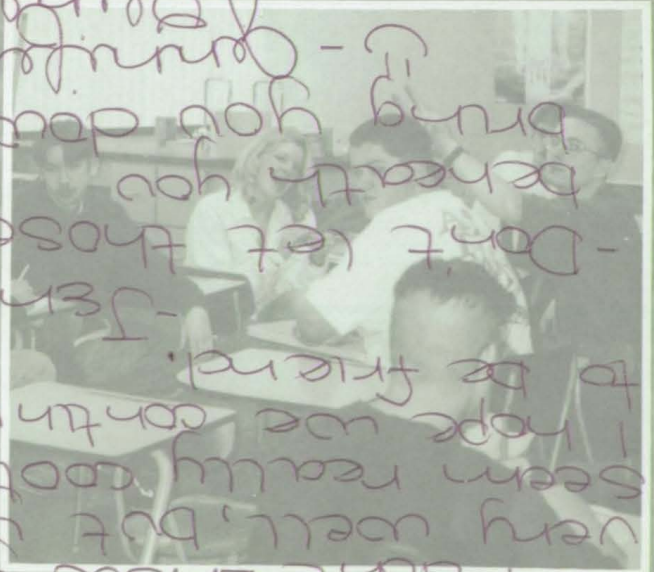




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I don't know you
 very well, but you
 seem really cool.
 I hope we continue
 to be friends.
 - Jen
 - Don't let those
 beneath you down.
 - Jennifer
 I love
 Endorf



*"A man is not
measured by
the number of
"W's" in his life,
his character and
heart are judged
by the number
of times he picks
himself up and
challenges the odds.*

*Class and pride
define a winner."*

-Coach Chapman

WIN SPORTS



Basketball

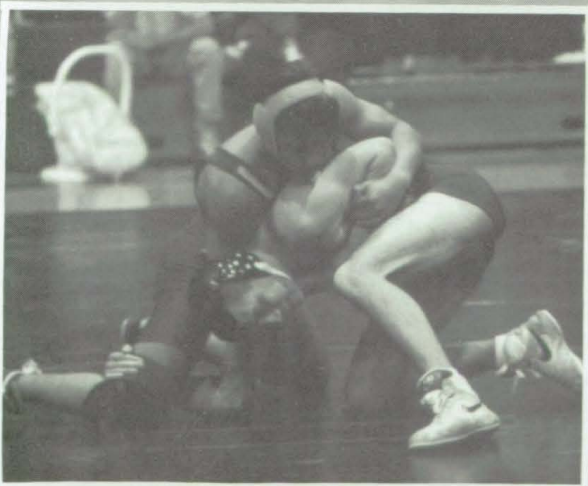


Volleyball

Inter Sports

teamwork (tēm-wərċ):
*acting together of a number
of people to make the work
of the group successful and
effective.*

athlete (ath-lēt): *a person
trained in exercises of physi-
cal strength, speed and skill,
especially in a game requir-
ing agility and stamina.*



Wrestling



Gymnastics



Cheerleading

'95-'96 Boys' Basketball

A Fight to The End

The Vassar Vulcans 1995-96 roller coaster lurched to a halt in Millington Tuesday, March 5. North Branch sent the Vulcans packing with a score of 73-34. Out-gunned from the start, the Vulcans fought desperately to keep their heads above water, but in the end they just couldn't do it.

Finishing the season with a record of 5 wins and 16 losses, the Vulcans limped across the finish line in seventh place in the TVC East. During a four game home winning streak, the team appeared to be on their way to a winning record.

However, the mighty gods of fire ran out of butane and were handily defeated in all but one of their remaining games. When asked if he was glad that the season was over, Coach Nowotny replied, "I wish we could play tomorrow."

This year's record has not dismayed the second-year coach. "I'm looking forward to next season," Nowotny said. "I think we'll do better. Six of our top seven players are coming back, but we've got a lot of work to do in the summer."

Saying a final good-bye to the team this year are seniors Chris Hoerlein, Jason Strunk, Bill Mills, Andy Reynolds, Matt Terry, and Dave Drysdale.



Members of the 1995-96 Varsity Boys' Basketball Team are: (front l.) Craig McCloud, John Herrington, Eric Johnson, Bill Mills, and Ken Herr; (back l.) Chad Tedford, Chris Hoerlein, Jason Strunk, Andy Reynolds, Adam Hornung, Matt Terry, Dave Drysdale, and Coach Nowotny.

Congratulations to these members of the team for the following awards:

Coach's Award: Ken Herr

Most Improved: Eric Johnson

Most Valuable: Craig McCloud

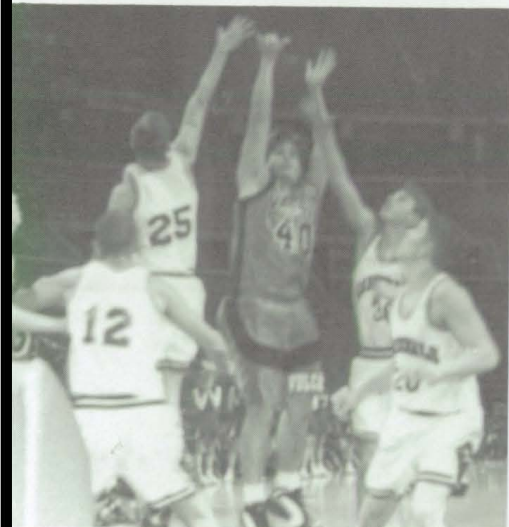


Members of the 1995-96 Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball Team are: (front l.) Ron Smith, Justin Shepherd, Brad Stacer, Cory Creel, Justin Bickel, Eric Barden, and Josh Terry; (back l.) Josh Ross, Steve Lesko, Coach Grimshaw, Josh Kennard, and Brian Cunningham.

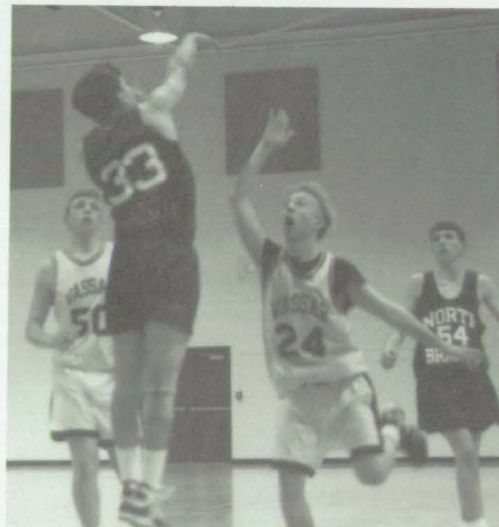


Winners
Winning is
Never
an attitude and
Quit
we all need
and
to work on
Quitters
our attitudes.
Never
- Coach Nowotny
Win.

Members of the 1995-96 Freshmen Boys' Basketball Team are: (front l.) Dan Blossom, Nick Fisher, Mike Piazza, Brandon Lee, and Scott Teschendorf; (back l.) Coach Minarcik, Josh Morse, Mike Jaques, Matt Manchester, Mitchell Kilbourn, Carl Petzold, Jake Schlereth, Luke Traver, and Jamie Gamm.



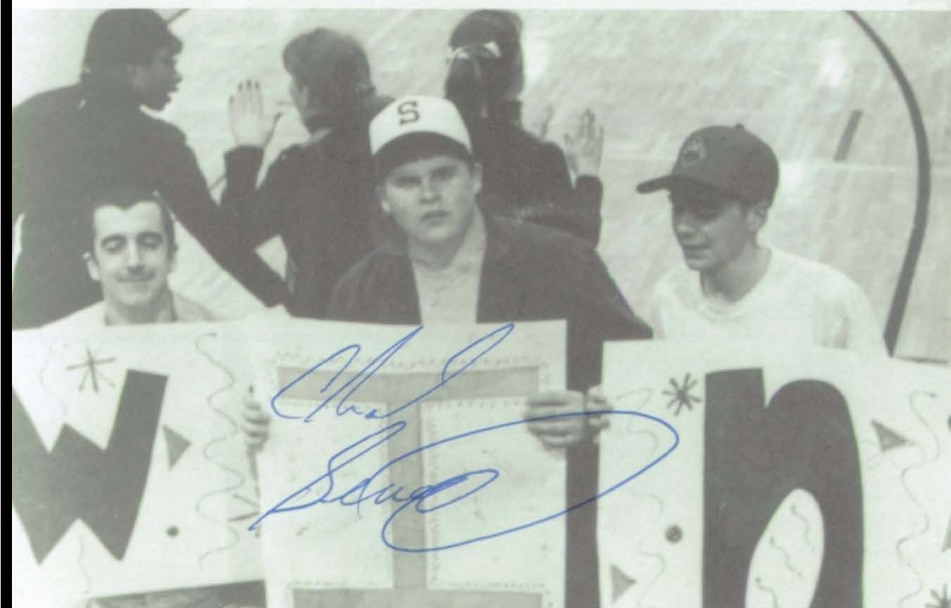
Senior Andy Reynolds shoots for two against Millington at the Palace of Auburn Hills.



Freshmen cagers Carl Petzold and Brandon Lee play defense against the North Branch Broncos.



Sophomore Ken Herr boxes out Bridgeport during the Icefest game at Vassar.



Seniors Keith Drumb, Chad Seney, and Senior Matt Hogan prove you don't have to be a cheerleader to support your home team.



The Vassar Vulcans leave the court for a time out at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

'95-'96 Winter Cheerleading

Keeping That Spirit Strong

Despite the disappointing record of this year's basketball team, the Vulcan Cheerleaders kept their school spirit going strong. Their enthusiasm radiated off the gym floor and inspired the crowd to join in and cheer for their team.

The highlight for the varsity squad this year was the opportunity to cheer for the Vulcans on the floor of the Palace of Auburn Hills. Chrisie Betts, who also recieved the **Coach's Award**, commented, "It wasn't as nerve-racking as I thought it would be. Cheering on such a big floor was different from what I expected. It was harder to get the crowd involved."

Whether they were cheering home or away, the cheerleaders gave it their all to keep the Vulcan crowd's spirit up. Sarah Alexander commented, "It's not an easy job, but somebody has to try to get the crowd involved."



Tamil Lyles, Lindsey Parker, Kendra Frampton, and Angie Griffis keep their spirits strong despite the loss.



Members of the 1995-96 Varsity Winter Cheerleading Squad are: (front l.) Laura Blossom, Angie Griffis, Coach Koch, Sarah Alexander, and Lindsey Parker; (second l.) Christy Swartzendruber, Heidi Kern, Chrisie Betts, and Valerie Duncan; (back l.) Tamil Lyles, Kendra Frampton, and Gina Vassallo. Missing: Stacy McCloud.



Members of the 1995-96 J.V. Winter Cheerleading Squad are: (front l.) Andrea MacEachern, Amy Gierman, and Kim Baxter; (second l.) Abby Leach, Casey Olson, and Arin Blossom; (back l.) Susie Duncan, Tiffany Garner, Angela Wilson, Coach Koch, and Megan Buchinger.



Members of the 1995-96 Freshmen Winter Cheerleading Squad are: (bottom l.) Dani Lyons, Alycia Smeaton, Stephanie Heisner, and Coach Koch; (top l.) Sabrina McClanahan and Jessica Gamm.



Gina Vassalo rides high in the air from her basket toss.



The varsity cheerleaders pose at half court on the floor of the Palace of Auburn Hills.



The Varsity, J.V., and Freshmen Squads perform a cheer for the Icefest pep assembly.



Megan Buchinger and Tiffany Garner chant for their team.



Go Team!

'95-'96 Volleyball

Volleyball Team Digs Deep

Although the 1995-96 season brought about changes in the coaching staff, the Vassar Varsity Volleyball Team was able to remain a constant threat to many teams in the Tri-Valley Conference.

The season started off on a good note for the Lady Vulcans with an excellent showing in a number of tournaments. In the Tuscola County Tournament, they defeated their bitter rivals, the Millington Cardinals, and ended with a second place finish.

Earning **2nd Team All Conference Honors** this year were Jenni Piazza and Dee Dee Martin, while Tracy Baldwin earned **All Conference Honorable Mention**.

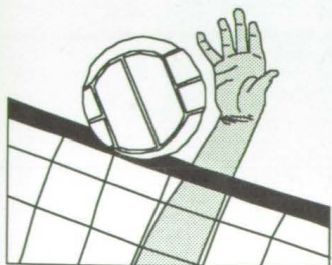
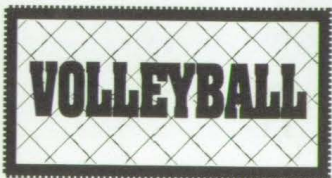
The records of the junior varsity and freshmen teams show promise for the years to come. The J.V. team's talent shined through this year as they finished their season with a perfect record of 7-0. The freshmen team ended their season with 5 wins and 5 losses.



Members of the 1995-96 Varsity Volleyball Team are: (front l.) Manager Tommy Kennard, Trisha Scarff, Tracy Baldwin, Jenni Piazza, Dee Dee Martin, Lynsey Martin, and Manager Craig Smith; (back l.) Asst. Coach DuBay, Becky Babcock, Sheri Sohn, Melissa Oliver, Tina Stadler, Flavia Neves, Tina Kosinki, Jill Torres, and Coach Kennard.



Members of the 1995-96 J.V. Volleyball Team are: (front l.) Carrie Hecht and Stacy Esterline; (second l.) Crystal Powers, Jackie Dubois, Velma Endert, Carolyn Raney, and Ronda Keinath; (back l.) Mary Gorleski, Melissa Schnell, Miranda Bebertz, Cherie Swaffer, Katie Roedel, and Coach King.



Jenni Piazza serves the ball to the opposing team.



Members of the 1995-96 Freshmen Volleyball Team are: (front l.) Lyndsey VanWormer, Candice Littleton, Natalie Love, and Kimberly Hall; (second l.) Jenna James, Courtney Owensby, Shannon Shepherd, and Lisa Waterman; (back l.) Angie Wolak, Coach Withers, and Shelly Sherman. Missing: Heidi Eaton.



Velma Endert, Cherie Swaffer, and Carrie Hecht prepare for the serve.



Tracy Baldwin dives for the ball.



Melissa Schnell focuses on the ball as her teammates back her up.

Congratulations to these members of the team for the following awards:

Most Improved: Tracy Baldwin
Most Valuable: Jenni Piazza and Dee Dee Martin

'95-'96 Wrestling

Grapplers Put Forth Effort

This year's Vassar Wrestling Team made the statement, "things aren't always as bad as they seem" come true. Their record of 1-22 doesn't look like much, but many good things came from the season.

Senior Johnathan Ross shattered the most pins in a season record, which was set two years earlier by Ethan Shannon.

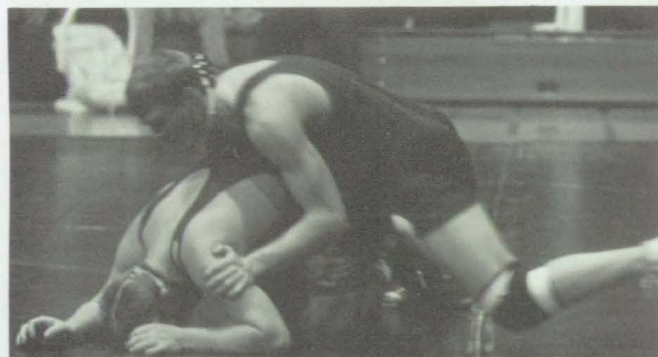
This year, one of the exchange students Marc Rolando was a member of the team. He did a great job.

For the first time here at Vassar, a female joined the team. Much credit goes to Junior Autumn Clinesmith who survived an entire season as a Vulcan Grappler.

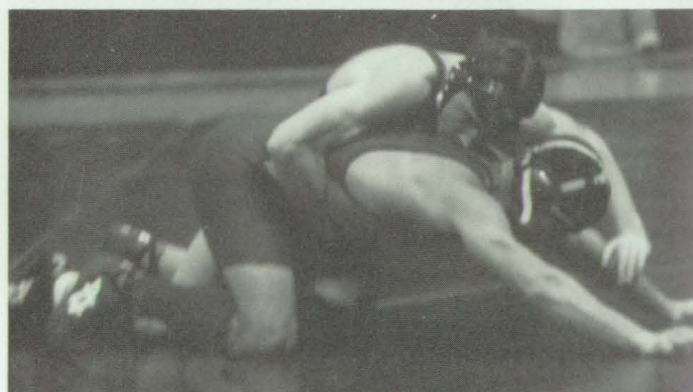
Much effort came from the wrestlers this year as they attempted to improve their conference standing. Captain Dustin Shannon commented, "Our record isn't because of those on the team. It's because of those we don't have on the team."



Members of the 1995-96 Wrestling Team are: (l. to r.) Coach Huizar, Autumn Clinesmith, Matthew Bradley, Captain Dustin Shannon, Johnathan Ross, Jim Hill, Chris Putman, Marc Rolando, Adam Levis, Kevin Moncman, and Coach Smith.



Jonathon Ross overcomes his opponent.



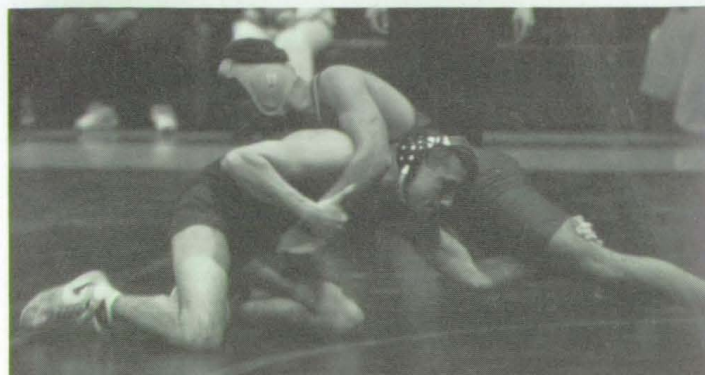
Mark Rolando takes control.



The Vulcan Wrestlers cheer on their teammate as Coach Smith gives some pointers.

Congratulations to these members of the team for the following awards:

Coaches Award: Dustin Shannon
Most Improved: Kevin Moncman
Most Valuable: Johnathan Ross



Chris Putman struggles to pin his competitor.

'95-'96 Gymnastics



Members of the 1995-96 Gymnastics Team are: (front l.) Coach Legue, Jolene Heidenberger, Amanda Opperman, and Coach Purigroski; (second l.) Nicole Weber, Janelle Behnlander, Kerri DeLand, and Nicole Sullivan; (back l.) Katie Simpson, Nicole Simms, Heather DeLand, Meaghan Lenk, and Sara Geissler.

Doing Their Best

The gymnastics team closed its season with only one first place finish, but with four second place finishes and many other close ones.

Represented as a team at regionals, the Vulcan Gymnastics Team finished 13th of the 17 schools they competed against.

Guest team member from Reese, Nicole Weber, had a great season. She qualified for Division I State Finals for her performance on the vault.



The Gymnastics Team relaxes before a meet.



Nicole Tait performs on the beam.



Meaghan Lenk concentrates on performing on the bars.



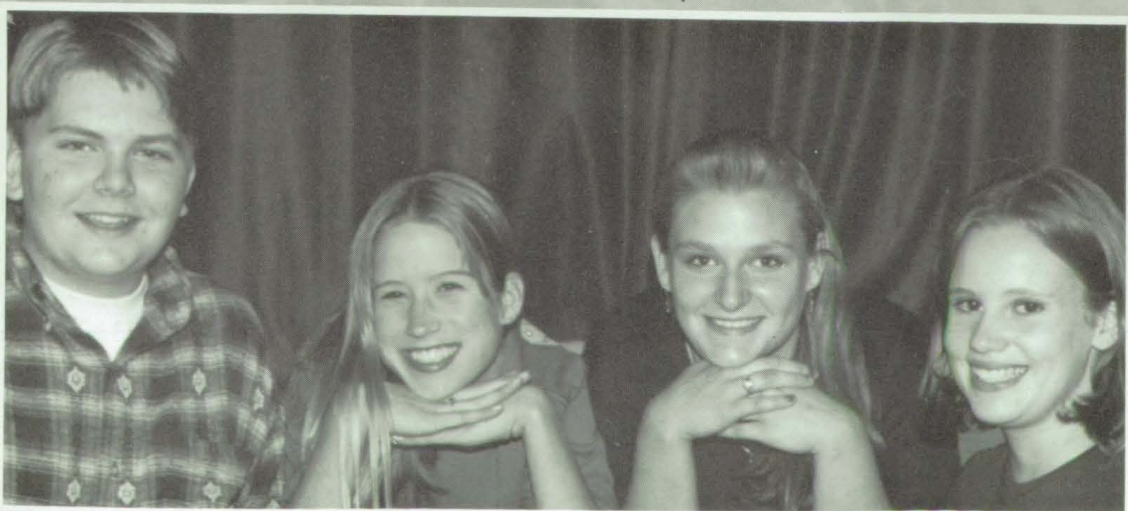
Katie Simpson shows good form on the beam.

Congratulations to these members of the team for the following awards:

Coaches Award: Amanda Opperman
Most Improved: Katie Simpson
Most Valuable: Nicole Weber

SOPHOMORE

The Class



The 1995-96 Sophomore class officers are: (l. to r.) President Greg Hall, Treasurer Jolene Heidenberger, Secretary Lynsey Martin, and Vice President Rachel McCullough.

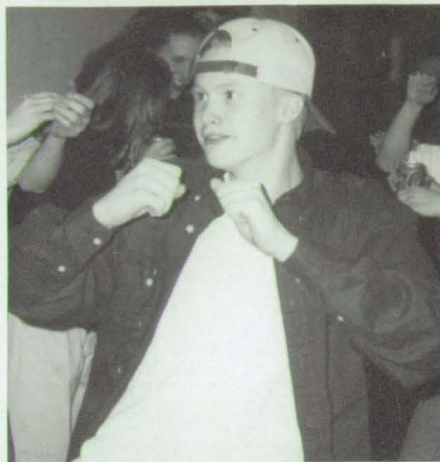
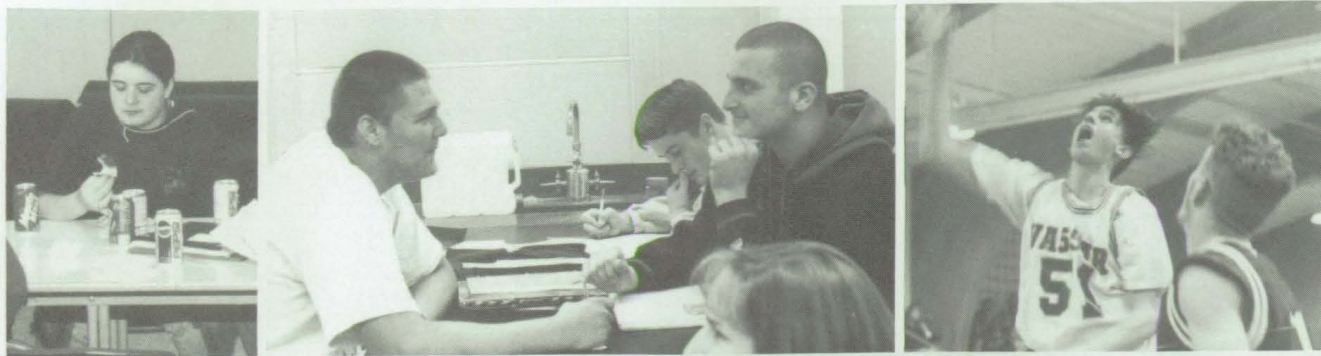
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Class of 1998

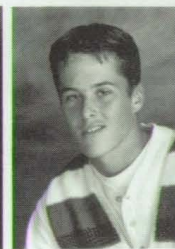
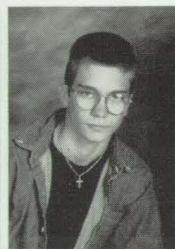
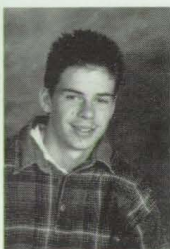


The Sophomore class shows their Vulcan Spirit.

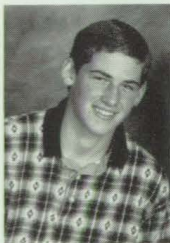
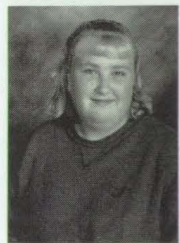
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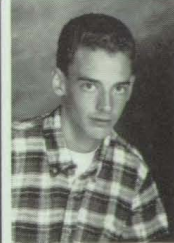
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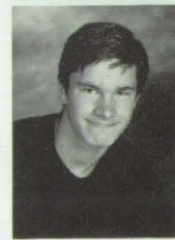
Alyssa Bedell
 Justin Bickel
 Constance Bidwell



Favorite Day of the Week:
 Friday
 "I get to go home."




Sara Bielert
 Ryan Bissell
 Rebecca Bittner
 Arin Blossom
 Shannon Borton
 Daniel Bowers

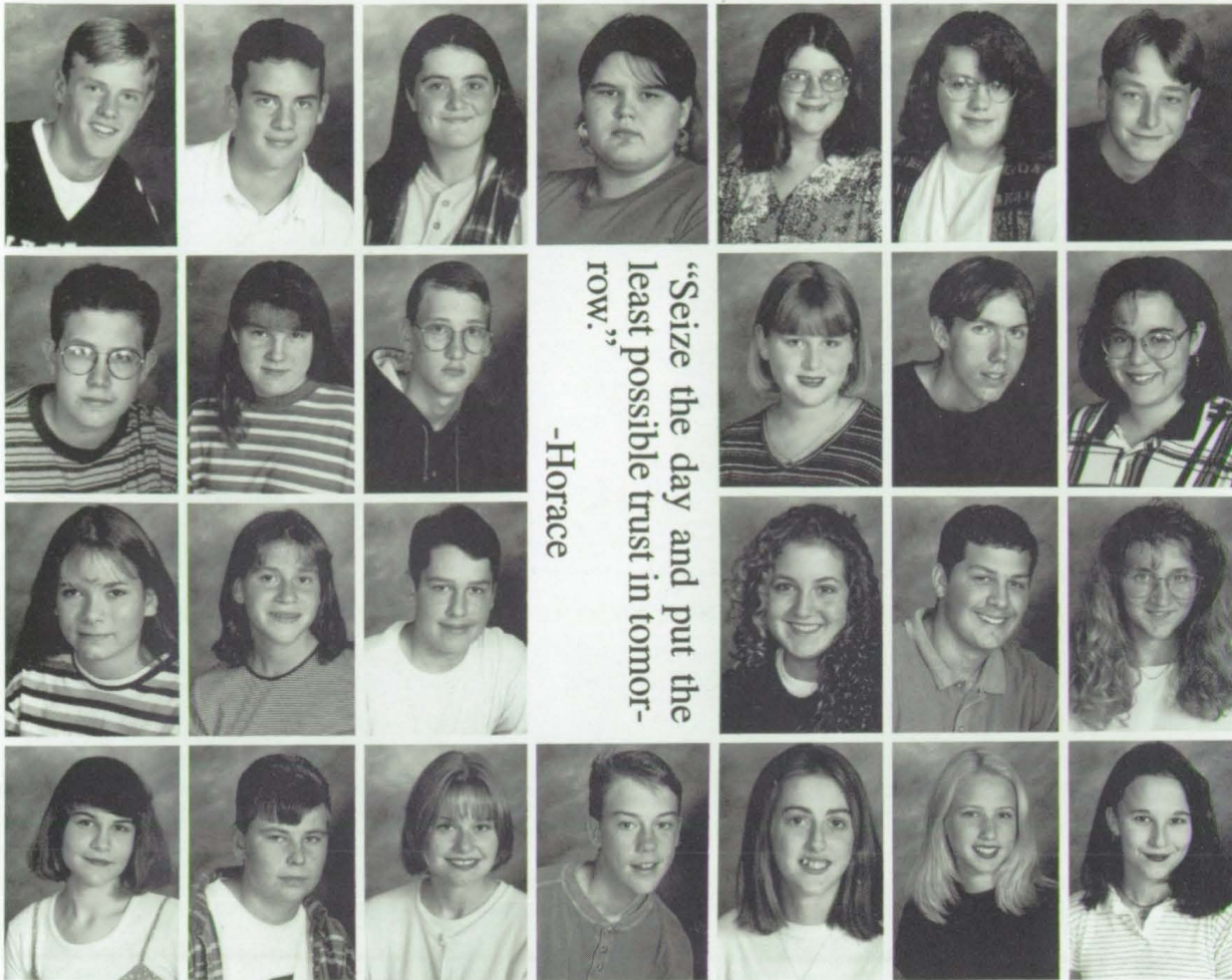


Nathan Bowman
 Penny Bradley
 Kristian Briggs

Scott Briggs
 Chad Brown
 Megan Buchinger
 Sara Buchinger
 Colleen Cameron
 Carrie Clark
 Amanda Covert



Class of '98



"Seize the day and put the
 least possible trust in tomor-
 row."
 -Horace

- Cory Creel
- Brian Cunningham
- Heather Cunningham
- Mary Decker
- Jessica Dekett
- Autumn Deming
- Steven Dickenson
- Joshua Dodd
- Jennifer Donnelly
- Brian Drayton

- Susan Duncan
- Christopher Duvernois
- Brandi Ellis
- Velma Endert
- Stacy Esterline
- Kevin Fent

- Crystal Foess
- Matthew Ford
- Leeann Gamm
- Dena Garlick
- Daniel Garner
- Tiffany Garner
- Gregg Geesey
- Monica Germain
- Amy Gierman
- Jill Gouine



Sophomore Ryan Bissell runs with Varsity teammate, Senior Kate Fall.



Sophomore Lynsey Martin (right) prepares for the serve with Varsity teammates (left) Sheri Sohn, junior, and (middle) Tracy Baldwin, senior.

Playing in the Big Leagues

As in years past, many Varsity teams once again called upon the talents of some Junior Varsity players. From cross country to volleyball, sophomores appeared frequently on the 1995-96 athletic teams.

The general consensus of the sophomores was that they were made to feel accepted by the upperclassmen. Scott Briggs, who played Varsity Baseball, said this, "At first they referred to me as 'sophomore', but after a few practices they called me by my name. They also tried hard to help me catch on."

Almost everyone agreed that the most valuable thing gained from their Varsity status was experience. "The experience I gained will help me become a better athlete in the future," commented Ken Herr, who played Varsity for both basketball and baseball.

However, Varsity football player Josh Terry felt he gained something far more valuable than experience. "I learned how to put trust in my teammates and that made me try not to let them down."

When asked if they would play Varsity again if their sophomore year was redone, the overwhelming answer was yes. Varsity Basketball player, Kylie Vincent summed up the whole experience, "In the long run, I believe it will help me. It was great!"

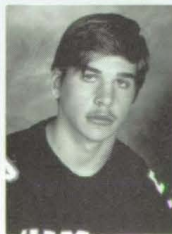
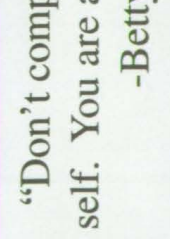
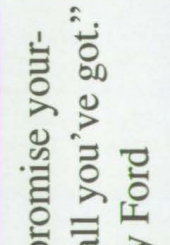
Sophomores



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- Gabrielle Harris
- Donald Harroun
- Brianne Hatfield
- Christopher Hecht
- Heather Hecht
- Jolene Heidenberger
- Kevin Henry

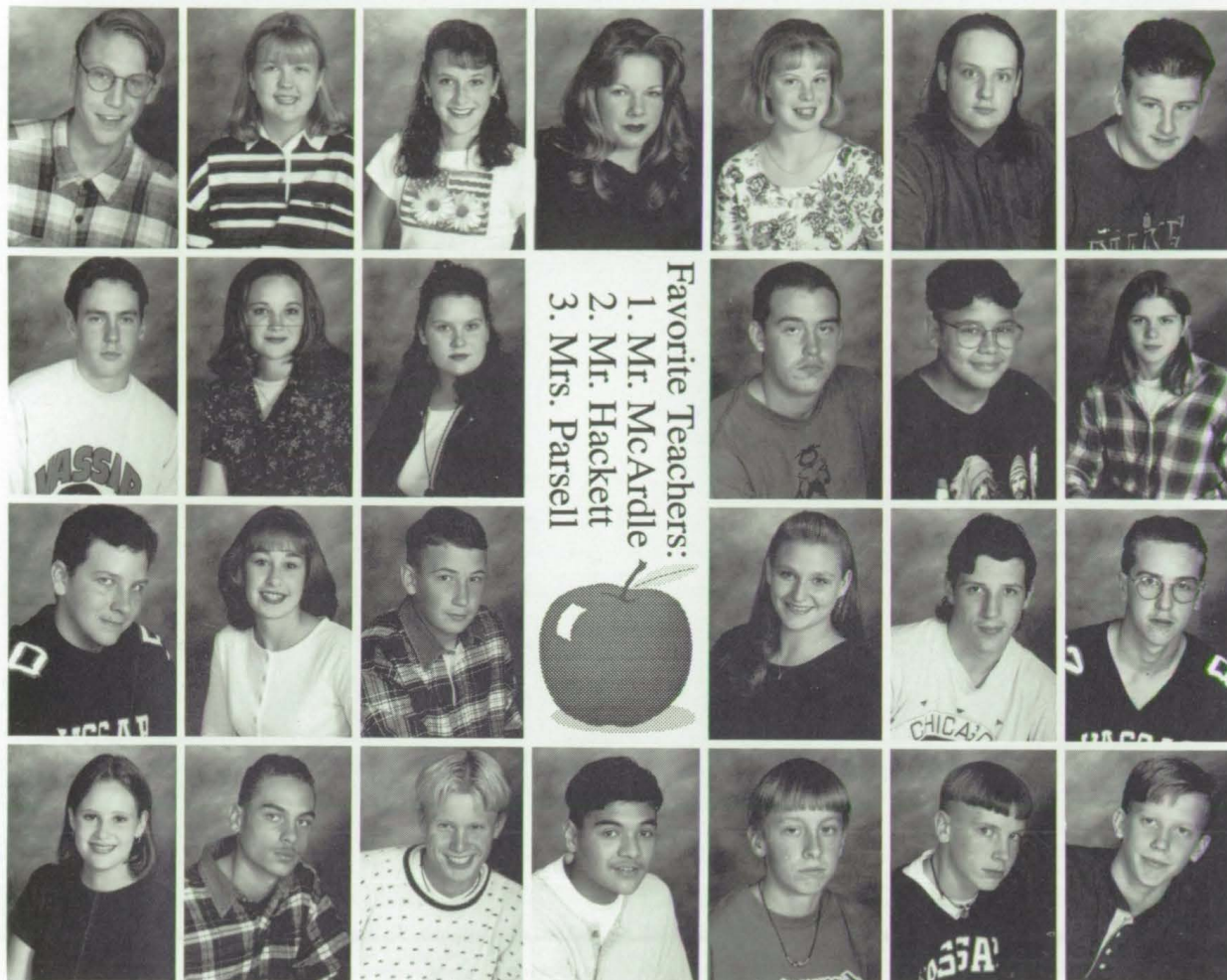
- Kenneth Herr
- Jodi Herrington
- Caelin Hervert
- Christina Herzberger
- James Hill
- Crystal Huizar

- Shane Huizar
- Tarena Hutchinson
- Beau Jackson
- Stefanie Janowski
- Mitchell Jaynes
- Kevin Jobson
- Kenneth Jones
- Jennifer Kanyok
- Tom Kanyok
- John Keipinger

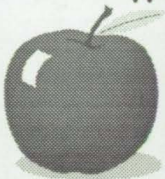


"Don't compromise yourself. You are all you've got."
-Betty Ford

Class of '98



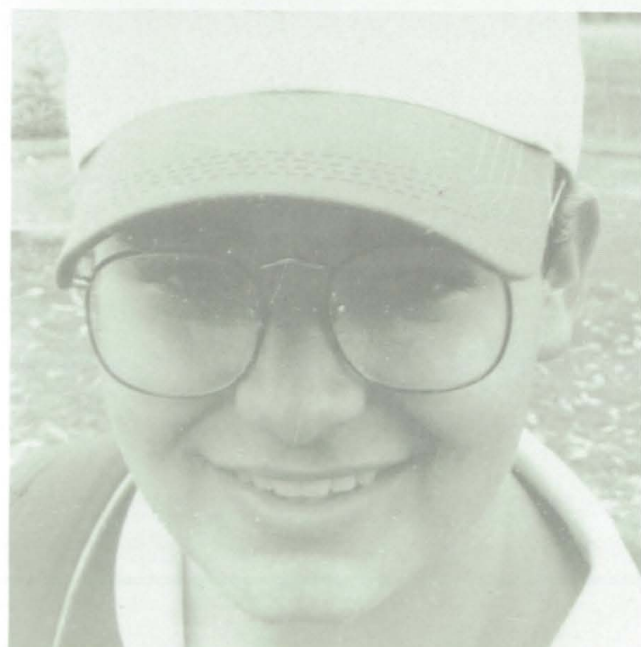
Favorite Teachers:
 1. Mr. McArdle
 2. Mr. Hackett
 3. Mrs. Parsell



Joshua Kennard
 Cindy Kern
 Stacey Kern
 Lisa Kime
 Wendy Kischnick
 Adam Kollman
 Fredrick Laframboise
 Jeremy Lawrence
 Abby Leach
 Tenya Leach

Steven Lesko
 Adam Levis
 Erica Long
 Michael Low
 Andrea MacEachern
 David Martin

Lynsey Martin
 Douglas Mathews
 Mikel McCrumb
 Rachel McCullough
 Larry McGrandy
 Benjamin McKinnon
 Thomas McTaggart
 Dustin Mecham
 David Middlin
 Jeremy Millerov



Sanchez Earns Golfing Honors

Congratulations to Damien Sanchez for earning Second Team All-Conference Honors in Golf. The son of Catherine and Ricardo Sanchez, Damien led the Vulcan golfers consistently all season keeping his average in the mid 40's.

"Golf is a lifetime sport. I've played for two years and I think it's a great sport for people of all ages," said Damien. He plans to continue playing golf throughout high school, with hopes of earning First Team All-Conference Honors.

Damien is proud of his Varsity status on the Vulcan Golf Team. "The best part of playing a Varsity sport is the recognition you receive from your teammates," Damien said, "Playing Varsity means you are leader and the other players admire you."

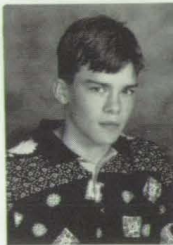
Despite this admiration, Damien felt that the down side of playing a Varsity sport was that, "being in the number one spot on your team meant that you were expected to do real well all of the time."

Damien feels that, by playing golf, he has "gained patience, the value of teamwork, and doing what's good for the team."

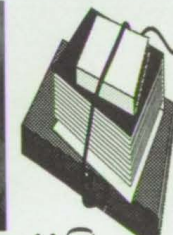
Sophomores



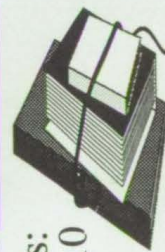
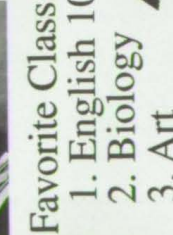
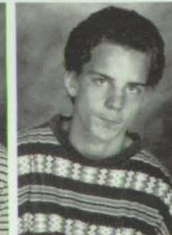
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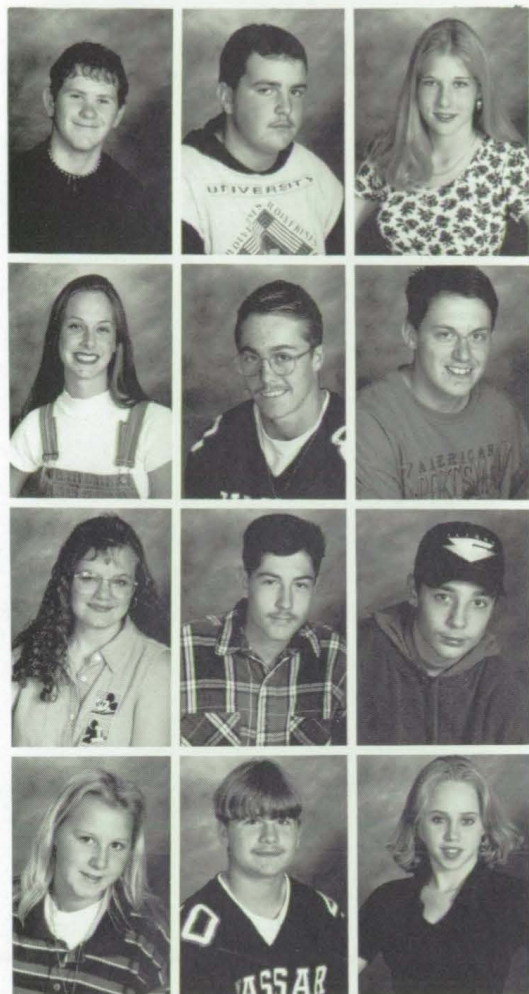


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 Darin Sousa

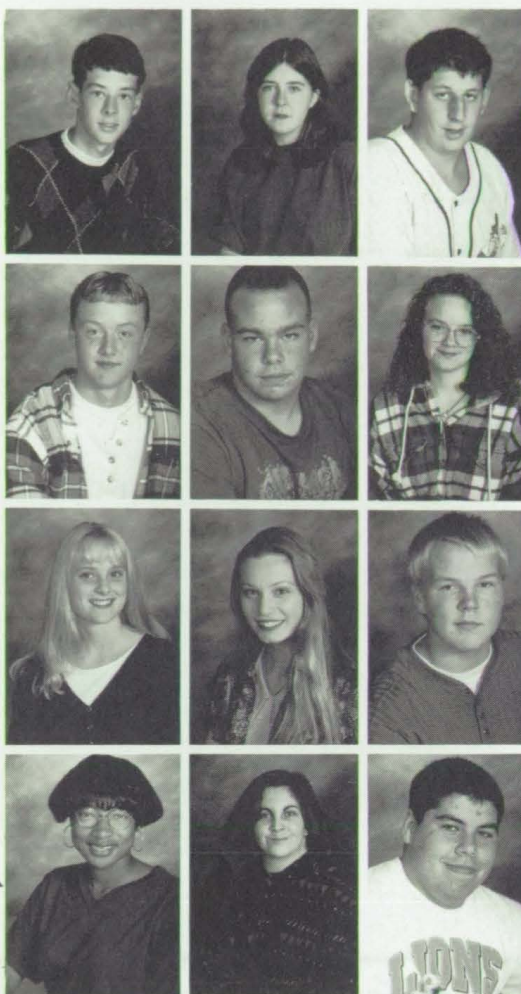


Favorite Class:
 1. English 10
 2. Biology
 3. Art

Class of '98



“Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work, so most people don't recognize them.”
-Ann Landers



Joshua Southwell
William Spencer
Donna Spoon

Bradley Stacer
Erica Stadler
Kenneth Sziber
Nicole Tait
Chad Tedford
Thomas Templeton

Joshua Terry
Paul Thomas
Barbara Torrey
Joyce Torrey
Trent Vanwormer
Joe Vermillion

Kylie Vincent
Kathryn Welsh
Shayne Wesley
Connie Wickings
Michael Wilkonson
Trisha Wilkonson

Angela Wilson
Sarah Wyman
Robert Yono



Favorite Actor:

1. Brad Pitt
2. Jean-Claude Van Damme
3. Jim Carrey



Favorite Actress:

1. Sandra Bullock
2. Pamela Anderson
3. Demi Moore



Favorite Movie:

1. Casper
2. Lion King
3. Clueless
Pulp Fiction
Seven

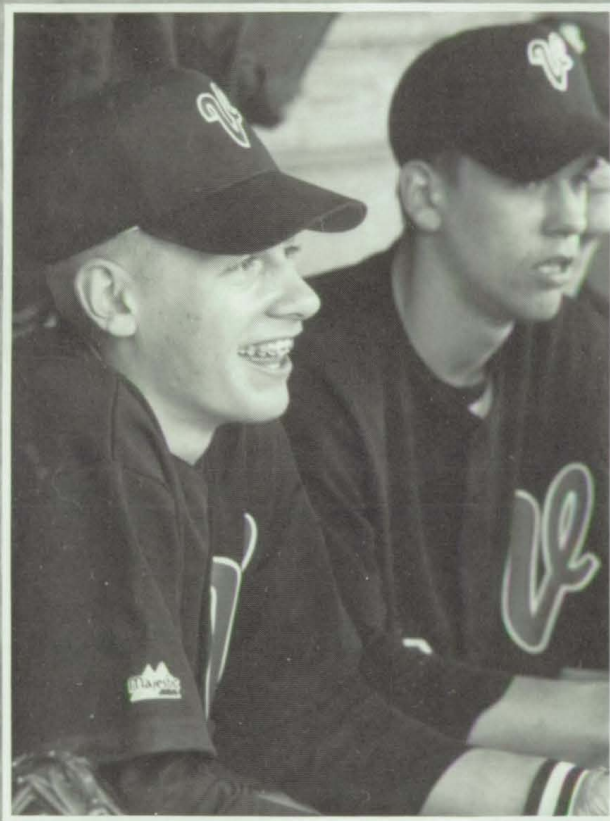
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Casey Esterline	Alice Martin	Justin Young
Jeremy Fruk	Katherine Minicky	
Pamela Green	Nathaniel Newbold	

Spring Sports



Senior Andy Reynolds prepares himself for his event.



Freshmen Chad Baldwin and Josh Ross watch the game from the dugout.



Freshman Tracy Estrada and Sophomore Velma Endert await a hit.

1996

'96 Meet of Champions

Going for the Gold

Congratulations to those members of Vassar's Track Team who participated in this year's Meet of Champions. They were Kate Fall, Ryan Esterline, Andy Reynolds, Ronette Germain, Raymund Bissell, Ryan Ross, John Herrington, Mindy Herzberger, Kim Ross, Becky Bittner, Ryan Bissell, Nicole Sullivan, and Carolyn Raney.

Vassar took first in five events and placed in the top six in twelve of the thirty-three events. Big winners this year were Kate Fall, Ryan Esterline, and John Herrington.

Kate Fall finally won, not one, but two gold medals this year. She won the gold in the 1600m and 3200m run. She also received a silver medal

from the girls' 3200m relay team. Kate's performance earned her the **Female Athlete of the Meet**.

Ryan Esterline won his gold medal in the boys' 3200m run, beating his competition by nearly five seconds. His teammate, John Herrington was able to hold off his competitors and won two gold medals in the 100m and 200m dash.

The results for Vassar were:

Girls'

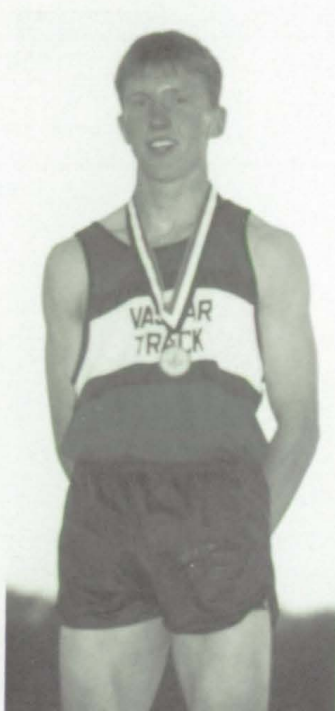
1600m Run- 1st, Kate Fall
 3200m Run- 1st, Kate Fall
 800m Run- 3rd, Kate Fall
 1600m Relay- 4th, Girl's Relay Team
 3200m Relay- 2nd, Girl's Relay Team
 Long Jump- 4th, Nicole Sullivan

Boys'

100m Dash- 1st, John Herrington
 200m Dash- 1st, John Herrington
 1600m Run- 6th, Ryan Esterline
 3200m Run- 1st, Ryan Esterline; 5th, Ryan Bissell
 3200m Relay- 6th, Vassar



Kate Fall smiles after finally winning a gold medal at the Meet of Champions.



Ryan Esterline with his gold medal from the 3200m run.



John Herrington smiles after receiving his gold medal.



Mindy Herzberger, Ronette Germain, Kim Ross, and Kate Fall pose with their baton and silver medals.



Ryan Ross strives for the finish.



John Herrington pushes himself to win.

Congratulations!

'96 Track

From Start to Finish

A small team was no deterrent to success for the boys' track team, which sent several members to both the State Track Meet and the Meet of Champions.

"I think we did really well this season," noted Coach Hurd. "We finished the season with twelve members, but they were successful."

It was a good season individually for both John Herrington and Ryan Esterline. Each qualified for both the State Track Meet and the Meet of Champions. John qualified in the 100m and 200m run, which earned him **All Conference Honors**.

Ryan qualified in the 1600m and 3200m run.

Other qualifiers for the Meet of Champions were Andy Reynolds, for shot put, and the 3200m relay team, Ryan Esterline, Raymund Bissell, Ryan Bissell, and Ryan Ross.

For the girls' track team, Kate Fall and running seem to go together. Receiving **1st Team All Conference Honors**

and winning race after race this year, she proved to be an instrumental player on the girls' team this year. Support from Jessica DeMercy, Ronette Germain, Carolyn Raney, and Nicole Sullivan, plus the strength of the relay team, helped keep the girls' team on the winning side.

At the Meet of Champions, Kate was chosen as **Female Athlete of the Meet**, for winning both the 1600m and 3200m race and taking third in the 800m. The relay team of Kate Fall, Ronette Germain, Mindy Herzberger and Kim Ross took second place at the Meet of Champions and earned **2nd Team All Conference Honors**.

"It was a great season. I thoroughly enjoyed the girls. It was the most fun I've had in eight years," commented Coach Carnes. "I was pleased over all, especially with the performance of the freshmen."



Members of the 1996 Boys' Track Team are: (front l.) Brian Pepera, Ryan Ross, and Chris Putman; (second l.) Larry McGrandy, Raymund Bissell, Ryan Esterline, and Josh Lasceski; (back l.) Andy Reynolds, Jeff Pintar, John Herrington, Ryan Bissell, Ron Smith, Mike McCrumb, and Chris Duvernois. Missing: Coach Hurd and Coach Huizar.



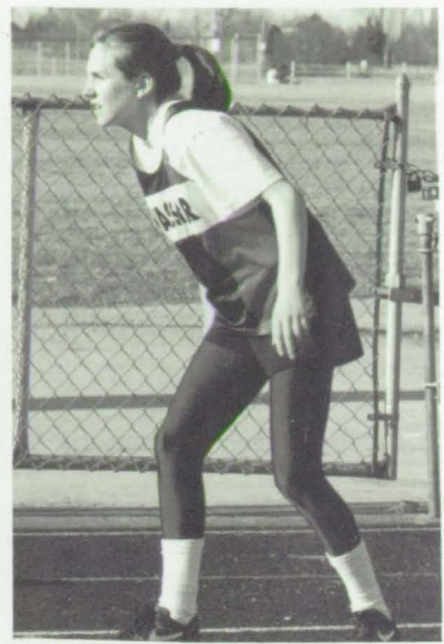
Members of the 1996 Girls' Track Team are: (front l.) Trisha Wilkinson, Ronda Keinath, Becky Bittner, Katie Simpson, Stacy Esterline, and Kate Fall; (second l.) Jennifer Spencer, Carolyn Raney, Mindy Herzberger, Nicole Sullivan, Susan Briggs, Lindsey Raney, and Carrie Clark; (back l.) Becky Babcock, Coach Carnes, Tricia Scharff, Ronette Germain, Jessica DeMercy, Coach Kennard, and Jodi Herrington. Missing: Tiffany Garner, Carrie Hecht, Jolene Heidenberger, and Kim Ross.



Nicole Sullivan pulls ahead of the competition.



Ronda Keinath helps Jennifer Spencer prepare for the race.



Becky Bittner eagerly waits for the baton.



Stacy Esterline strives to pull ahead of the rest.



Congratulations to these members of the team for the following awards:

Coaches Award: Ryan Esterline and Ronette Germain

Most Improved: Ryan Bissell and Mindy Herzberger

Most Valuable: John Herrington and Kate Fall



Jeff Pintar and Larry McGrandy relax for a bit while they wait for their events.



Raymund Bissell (right) races to catch his brother, Ryan Bissell (left).

'96 Baseball

Team has a Difficult Season

Playing in snow in the first game of the season didn't stop a Vulcan win as the team defeated Cass City 10-5. But beginner's luck didn't carry over into the full season as the team ended with a 10-18 record overall, and a 2-12 in league play.

But a losing record doesn't say it all. Some pretty high scoring games in the season showed what the team could do. Wins of 27-5 and 11-1 over Kingston helped keep the team alive. In the two game match, Bill Petzold had two hits and three RBI's and Will Ricklefs racked up two hits and five RBI's.

The team had a lot of support from its players including Scott Briggs, who hit a grand slam against Millington in the Tuscola County Tournament; Jamie Huizar pitching against Carrollton, giving up only 2 runs, and Earl Fabbro, also pitching against Carrollton, who gave up only one hit with 12 strike outs in his game.

Receiving **All Conference Team Honors** this year were: Earl Fabbro, Ken Herr, Jamie Huizar, and Jimmy Greenleaf.

The Junior Varsity Team didn't fare much better, ending its season with a 6-12-1 record overall and a 3-8 in league play. The Freshmen Team, however, kept itself on the winning side with a 10-9 for the season to earn third place in the conference.



Members of the 1996 Varsity Baseball Team are: (front l.) Russel Deming, Scott Briggs, Matt Terry, Steve McCullough, Ben Mihora, Will Ricklefs, Dustin Kern, and Matt Merry; (back l.) Ken Herr, Bill Petzold, Ryan Baldwin, Shawn Swaffer, Coach Gamet, Coach Szagesh, Dustin Shannon, Jamie Huizar, Earl Fabbro, and Manager Kendra Frampton. Missing: Manager Tricia Estrada.

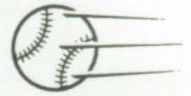


Members of the 1996 J.V. Baseball Team are: (front l.) Brad Stacer, Eric Gill, Luke Traver, Beau Jackson, Chad Baldwin, Scott Teschendorf, and Mike Wilkinson; (back l.) Josh Barnes, Gregg Mott, Tim Greenwood, Paul Thomas, Josh Ross, Dave Middlin, Ben McKinnon, Jeremy Fruk, and Coach Brian Minarcik.





Members of the 1996 Freshmen Baseball Team are: (front l.) Jacob Delmonte, Kevin Moncman, Clark Haley, Mike Piazza, Trent Blakely, Jacob Hecht, and Gerome Sayles; (back l.) Coach Brandon Hornung, Doug Kuczynski, Jeff Colosky, Adam Lalko, Jake Schlereth, Mathew Manchester, Carl Petzold, Jamie Gamm, and Brent LaFrambois. Missing: Ken Stack.



Greg Mott watches for a sign from his coach.



The Varsity Team leaves the field.



Josh Barnes is at bat.



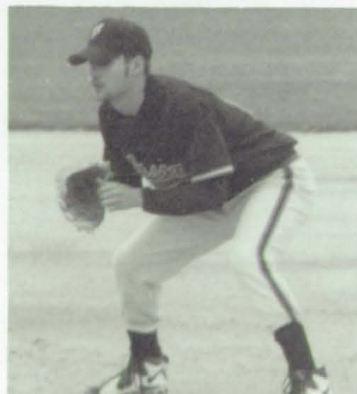
Scott Briggs prepares for the pitch.



Brad Stacer leads off third base.



Shawn Swaffer suits up.



Earl Fabbro anticipates the ball.

Congratulations to these members for the following awards:

Coaches Award: Matt Terry
Most Improved: Jamie Huizar
Most Valuable: Jimmy Greenleaf



V.H.S.

'96 Softball

Rock On

Although the record of this year's Lady Vulcan Softball team only shows 4 wins and 22 losses, the personal victories gained during the season were far greater.

Throughout the season the leadership of Tracy Baldwin and Heather Fisher enabled the Lady Vulcans to triumph over their bitter rivals, the Millington Cardinals and the Caro Tigers. Showing the team that it was possible to remain focused during tough games against the Frankenmuth Eagles and Garber Dukes were Jenni Piazza and Dee Dee Martin.

Each earning TVC honors for their contribution to the pitching staff this year were Stacey Templeton, **2nd Team All Conference**; and Mandy Beckman, **All Conference Honors**.

Other team members earning TVC recognition were Jenni Piazza, **2nd Team All Conference**; Tracy Baldwin, **All Conference Honors**; and Heather Fisher, a member of both the **2nd Team All Conference** and **All District 1st Team**.

At the banquet, Tracy Baldwin and Jenni Piazza received the Hitting Award for their good hitting, while Dee Dee Martin received the Golden Glove for her good fielding.

The Junior Varsity Softball Team's record also failed to reflect their true talent. Their final record was 3 wins, 10 losses, and 1 tie.



Members of the 1996 Varsity Softball Team are: (front l.) Autumn Gonzales, ..., Angie Griffis, Melissa Oliver, Mandy Beckman, and Sherri Sohn; (second l.) Stacey Templeton, Heather Fisher, Jenni Piazza, and Dee Dee Martin; (back l.) Anessa Kern, Coach Mason, and Tracy Baldwin. Missing: Kitty Kilbourn and Manager Tavis Millerov.



Heather Cunningham catches the ball.



Tracy Baldwin gets ready to run.



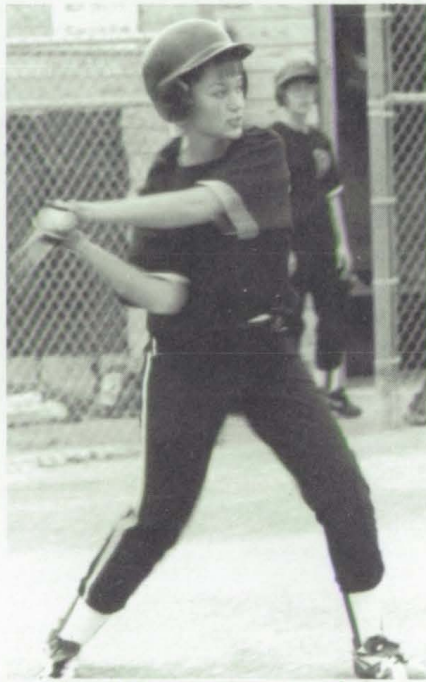
Lisa Kime and Kimberly Hall watch the game.



Members of the 1996 J.V. Softball Team are: (front l.) Heidi Eaton, Joy Torrey, Barb Torrey, Kimberly Hall, and Lyndsey VanWormer; (middle l.) Crystal Powers, Sabrina McClanahan, Velma Endert, Connie Wickings, Tracy Estrada, and Sara Geissler; (back l.) Colleen Cameron, Megan Buchinger, Arin Blossom, Pamela Green, Coach Maleck, Lisa Kime, Heather Cunningham, Shannon Shepherd, and Coach McClanahan.



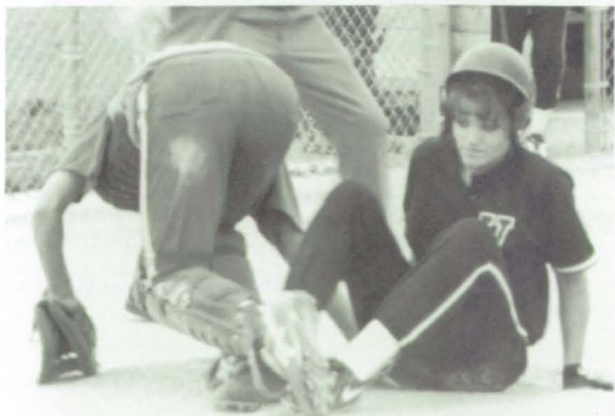
Velma Endert and Heidi Eaton take the field.



Jenni Piazza swings at a pitch.



Stacey Templeton pitches the ball.



Angie Griffis slides into home base.

Congratulations to these members of the team for the following awards:

Coaches Award: Mandy Beckman and Dee Dee Martin

Most Improved: Anessa Kern and Angie Griffis

Most Valuable: Jenni Piazza



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The Class

1999

WELCOME

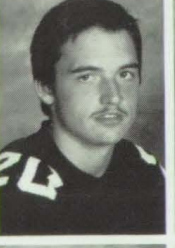


The 1995-96 Freshmen class officers are: (front l.) Vice President Kim Hall and President Angie Wolak; (back l.) Secretary Alycia Smeaton and Treasurer Zac Fielbrant.

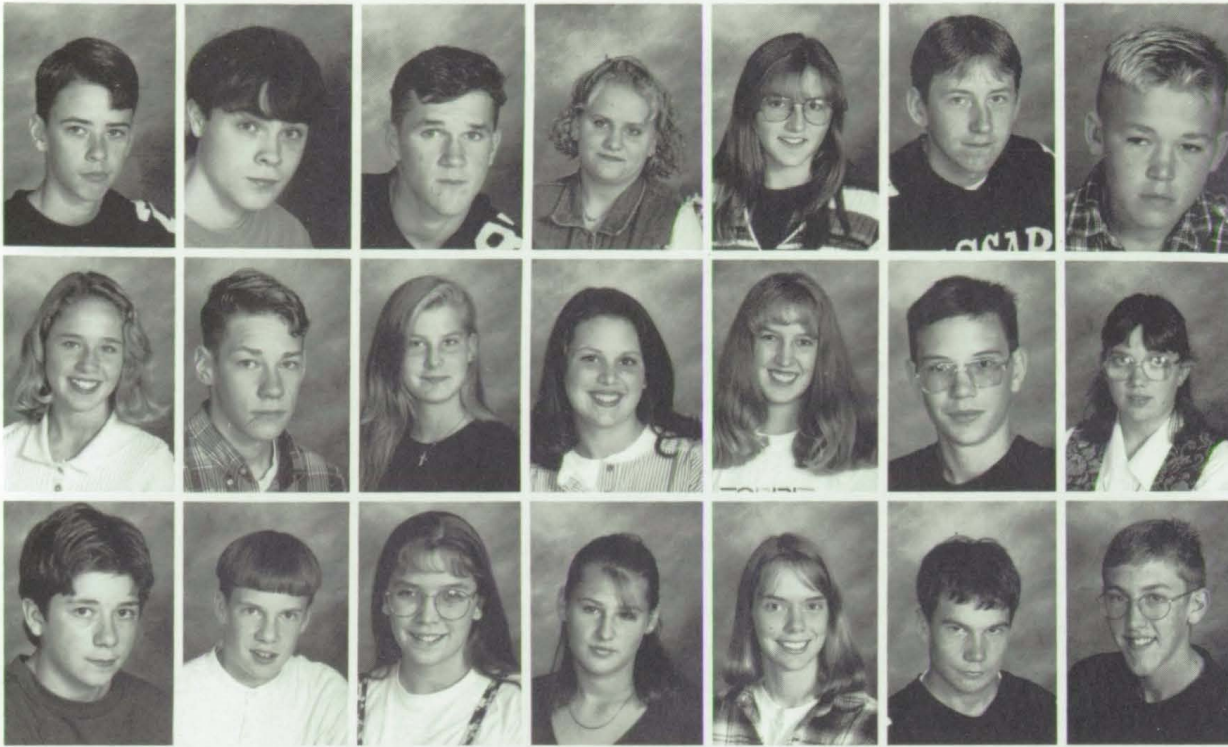
Freshmen



Kelly Anderson
 Crystal Ankeny
 Joshua Bailey
 Chad Baldwin
 David Berlin
 Trent Blakeley
 Daniel Blossom
 Dustin Brunner
 Leah Bumbarco
 Janine Chernenko
 Jeffery Colosky
 Jason Cunningham
 Michael Cunningham
 Kerri DeLand
 Jacob Delmotte
 Jackie DuBois
 Heidi Eaton
 Tracy Estrada
 Theresa Ewing
 Rebekah Fancher
 Zachary Fielbrandt



Class of '99



Nickolas Fisher
 Matthew Franko
 Jamie Gamm
 Jennifer Gamm
 Jessica Gamm
 Anthony Gates
 Michael Gauthier
 Sara Geissler
 Michael Gillman
 Melissa Gilmore
 Michele Gilmore
 Mary Gorleski
 Matthew Graham
 Michelle Gray
 Peter Hagadorn
 Clark Haley
 Kimberly Hall
 Mindy Haynes
 Carrie Hecht
 Jacob Hecht
 Kevin Heinlein



FRESHMEN POLL

Favorite Actress:

1. Michelle Pfeiffer
2. Sandra Bullock
3. Cindy Crawford
Pamela Lee

Favorite Movie:

1. *Forest Gump*
2. *Dangerous Minds*
3. *Casper*

Favorite Food:

1. Pizza
2. Tacos
3. Spaghetti

Favorite Actor:

1. Jim Carrey
2. Brad Pitt
3. Keanu Reeves

Favorite Television Show:

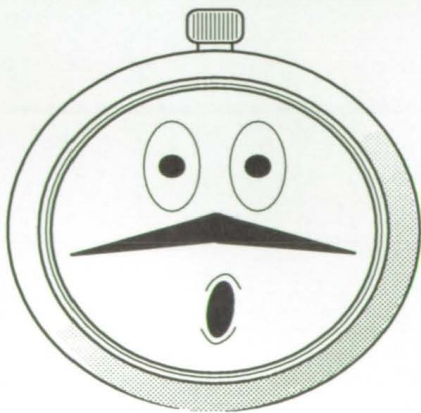
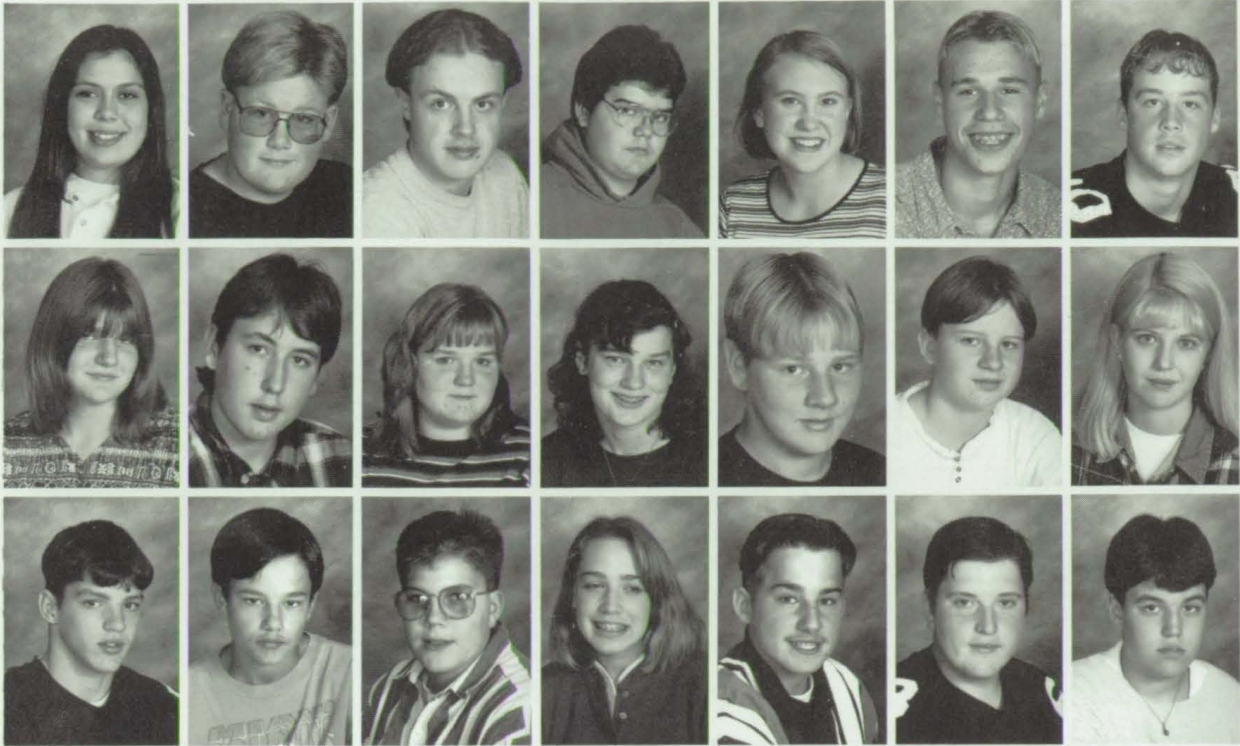
1. *Friends*
2. *Home Improvement*
3. *Fresh Prince of Bel Air*

Favorite Past Time:

1. Play Sports
2. Be with Friends

Freshmen

Stephanie Heisner
 Damion Hess
 Aaron Hicks
 Carl Hudeck
 Courtney Hunkins
 Troy Inches
 Michael Jacques
 Jenna James
 Joshua Kamrad
 Stacey Keeney
 Ronda Keinath
 Paul Keipinger
 Erik Kennard
 Shannon Kennison
 Mitchell Kilbourn
 Joshua Kribs
 Douglas Kuczynski
 Athena Kurtz
 Brent LaFramboise
 Adam Lalko
 Nicholas LaPratt



WHAT WAKES YOU UP?

- 44% Said Alarms*
- 30% Said Parents*
- 16% Said Radio*
- 10% Said Other*

Class of '99

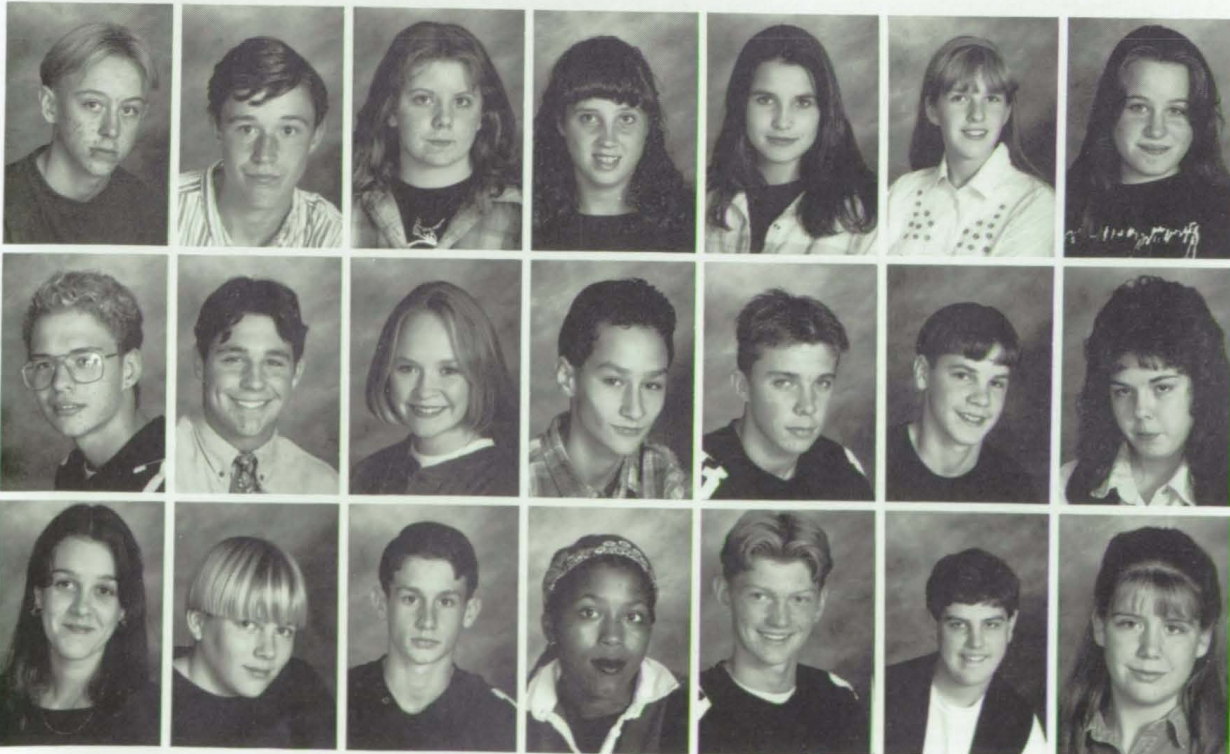
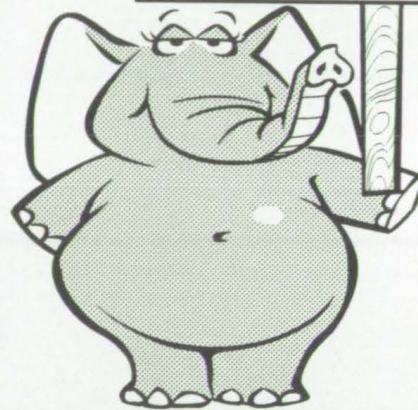


WHAT WILL YOU MISS ABOUT NOT BEING A FRESHMAN NEXT YEAR?

1. Nothing
2. Teachers
3. Sports

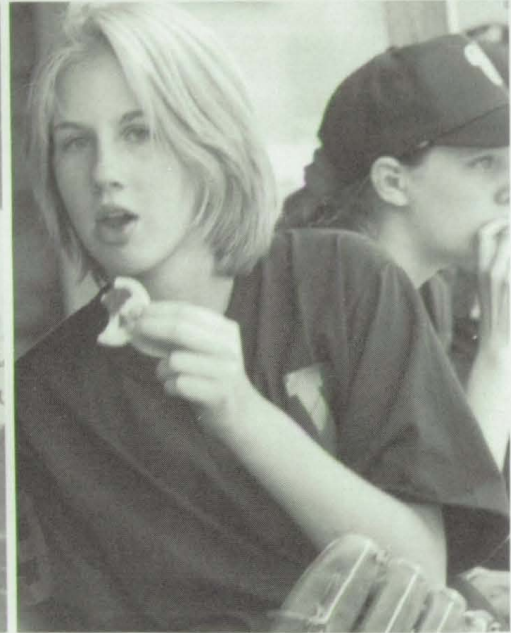
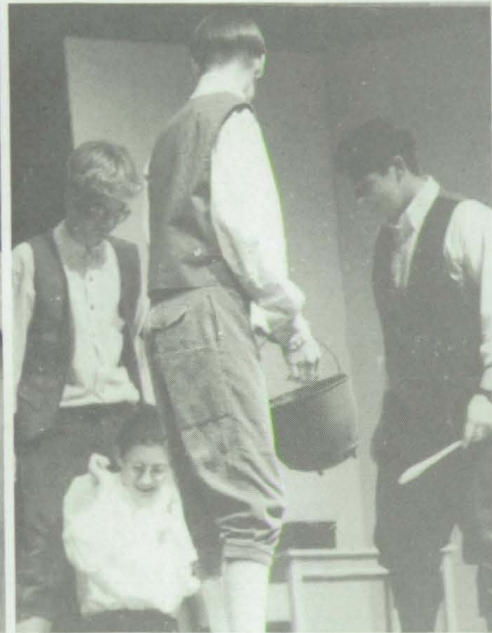
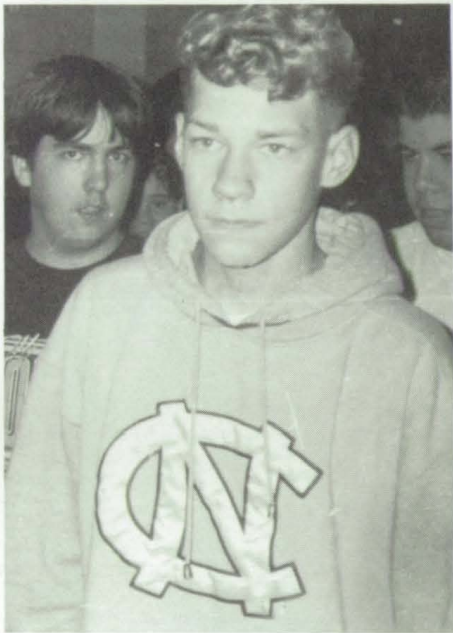
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2. Don't stop in the middle of the hall!!!

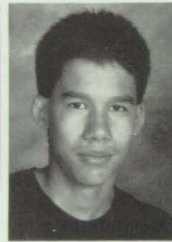


Brandon Lee
 Ryan Lichnovsky
 Candice Littleton
 Natalie Love
 Tina Lowell
 Kimberly Loy
 Dani Lyons
 Mathew Manchester
 Seth Martin
 Sibrina McClanahan
 Anthony McClara
 Lucas McKenzie
 Thomas Middlin
 Rochelle Miller
 Dezarae Mitchell
 Terry Mocny
 Kevin Moncman
 Candice Morrison
 Joshua Morse
 Adam Mumy
 Courtney Owensby

Freshmen



Justin Perry
 Carl Petzold
 Michael Piazza
 Carolyn Raney
 Zachariah Ray
 Joseph Reyna
 Jeanine Ridley
 Jeremy Riness
 Sharon Robinson
 Kathryn Roedel
 Joshua Ross
 Jeremy Rushford
 Chad Sabo
 Gerome Sayles
 Jacob Schlereth
 Justin Schlicker
 Melissa Schnell
 Amanda Schrader
 Samara Shaw
 Shannon Shepherd
 Shelley Sherman



Class of '99



Korin Siel
 Anthony Sinkel
 Alycia Smeaton
 Alina Smith
 Crystal Smith
 Larry Smith
 Jennifer Spencer
 Kenneth Stack
 Nicole Sullivan
 Ivy Summerfield
 Cherie Swaffer
 Eugene Tanke
 Scott Teschendorf
 Benjamin Torrey
 Luke Traver
 Tiffany Tuthill
 Lyndsey VanWormer
 Trisha VanWormer
 Thomas Vassallo
 Shawna Wardell
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 Angie Wolak
 Todd Zempel

WHAT DO YOU CARRY FOR GOOD LUCK?

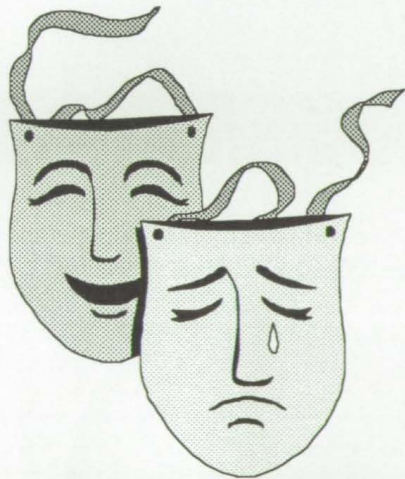
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BUNNY MITTENS - JOSH MORSE
TAZ BOXER SHORTS - MELISSA GILMORE
PITTSBURG STEELERS CHARM - JACOB DELMONTTE
RABBIT'S FOOT - JENNIFER GAMM
A NECKLACE - NATALIE LOVE
NOTHING - SETH MARTIN



Missing Photos:

Michael Bellinger Rachel Eskelson William Rice
 Tessa Burks Wayne Mansueto Duane Roupe
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Clubs



**DRAMA AND
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and



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**NATURAL
HELPERS**



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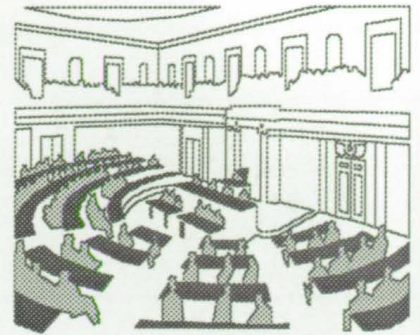
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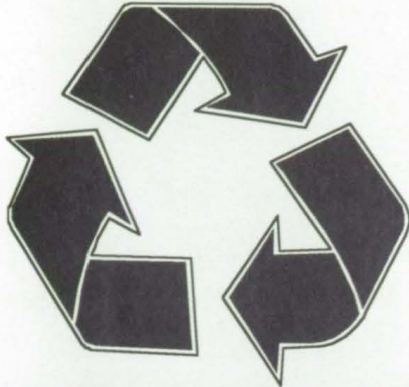
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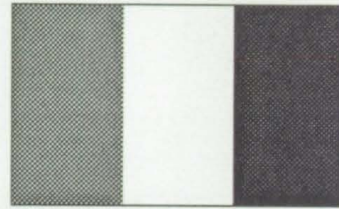
**YOUTH IN
GOVERNMENT**



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**ENVIRONMENTAL
AWARENESS CLUB**



FRENCH CLUB



VIVA CLUB



CLOSE-UP



**NATIONAL
HONOR SOCIETY**



GERMAN CLUB

Organizations

'95-'96 Language Clubs



Members of the 1995-96 Viva Club are: (front l.) Sarah Wyman, Jody Haynes, Paul Middlin, Courtney Owensby, Michelle Stall, Jenny Piazza, Heidi Kern, Sarah Alexander, Heather Fisher, and Matt Terry; (second l.) Justin Bickel, Chad Tedford, Ryan Esterline, Josh Kennard, Ken Herr, Shannon Borton, Tiffany Garner, Angie Bables, Melissa Oliver, Jessica DeMercy, Valerie Duncan, Amy Gierman, and Steve McCullough; (back l.) Scott Briggs, Josh Terry, Eric Barden, Brian Heinlein, Wendy Kischnick, Becky Babcock, Amy Sinko, Adam Partridge, Matt Merry, Mike Krause, and Damien Sanchez.

Piñata Culture

Just about every student at Vassar takes a foreign language, but not every student takes the initiative to participate in their language club. The three clubs (French, German, and Spanish) all do different activities involving the culture of their language in some way. All of the clubs had a Christmas party, serving their favorite cultural dishes. The members of the Viva (Spanish) Club even had a shot at smashing a piñata. The German Club performed several cheers for other classes during Homecoming week to sharpen their skills. The French club got involved in the French culture by learning dances to classic music from France.



Members of the 1995-96 German Club are: (front) Andy Reynolds; (second l.) Samantha Roedel, Jodi Herrington, Sacey Kern, Kim Ross, Dustin Kern, and Mary Decker; (third l.) Robyn Eastham, Earl Fabbro, and Lindsey Raney; (fourth l.) Jeff Pintar, Tracy Baldwin, Anessa Kern, Cindy Kern, and Tammy Luxton; (fifth l.) Bill Petzold, Ryan Mitchell, Erik Zempel, Kim Baxter, Casey Olson, Megan Buchinger, and Angie Griffis; (back l.) Brian Cunningham, Heather DeLand, Will Ricklefs, Matt Bierlein, and Mike Low.



Members of the 1995-96 French Club are: (front l.) Lindsey Parker, Tamil Lyles, Natalie Franklin, Becky Cunningham, Beth Simpson, Kristy Anderson, Tisha Jones, and Wayne Hicks; (second l.) Cameron Withers, Chris Duvernois, Matt Ford, Brad Stacer, Kendra Frampton, Miranda Dietrich, Abby Leach, Rachel McCullough, and Katie Simpson; (back l.) Brian Decker, Korina Williamson, Adam Mummy, Alycia Smeaton, Stacey Templeton, Amy Nephew, Greg Hall, Crystal Foess, Bryon Killin, Ryan Bissell, Dave Middlin,...., Nathan Schnell, Sara Geissler, Adam Partridge, Autumn Clinesmith, Chrisie Betts, and Dee Dee Martin.



Matt Hogan and Jody Haynes cheer on Justin Bickel as he takes a swing at the Piñata.



No fair peeking, Heather Fisher!



The Christmas piñata after the Viva Club got done with it.



German Club members sing to practice their German cheers during Homecoming Week.

'95-'96 Thespians/Drama Club



Members of the 1995-96 International Thespian Society are: (front l.) Chad Brown and David Middlin; (second l.) Natalie Franklin, Brian Pepera, Paul Middlin, Sarah Alexander, Korina Williamson, Joelle Patrick, Mindy Ensign, Stacey Templeton, and Autumn Gonzales; (third l.) Jolene Heidenberger, Lindsey Parker, Jennie Martin, Steve Maurer, Kristy Anderson, Wayne Hicks, Tavis Millerov, Andy Reynolds, and Steve McCullough; (back l.) Katie Simpson, Justin Shepherd, Jeanette Roskamp, Brian Schultz, Amy Sinko, Cameron Withers, Adam Partridge, Autumn Clinesmith, Bill Petzold, and Greg Hall.

The International Thespian Society is a selective organization whose members are honored by their induction to the society. The society requires each student to have been involved in at least two full length productions, and have a least ten 'thespian points'. Points are earned for such things as being in plays, being on stage crew, or even watching a professional production. Different amounts of points are awarded for the different roles, for instance the lead actor would receive more points than a supporting actor. After the initial induction, stars are awarded for each additional ten points earned, and an honor bar is awarded for earning 60 points.



Members of the 1995-96 Drama Club are: (front l.) Cameron Withers, Alycia Smeaton, Chad Brown, Becky Cunningham, Natalie Franklin, Brian Pepera, Paul Middlin, Sarah Alexander, Korina Williamson, Joelle Patrick, Autumn Deming, Jessica Dekett, and Stacey Templeton; (second l.) Adam Mumy, Lindsey Parker, Beth Simpson, Jennie Martin, Steve Maurer, Keri Manwell, Wayne Hicks, Jason Smith, Andy Reynolds, Amy Gierman, Steve McCullough, Greg Hall, and Katie Welsh; (third l.) Becky Bittner, Angela Clark, Justin Shepherd, Patricia Welsh, Angie Wolak, Zack Fielbrandt, Becky Babcock, Amy Sinko, and Adam Partridge; (back l.) Susie Duncan, Jolene Heidenberger, Katie Simpson, Melissa Haynes, Jeanette Roskamp, Dave Middlin, Tisha Jones, Ryan Bissell, Brian Schultz, Autumn Clinesmith, Kristy Anderson, Amy Nephew, Tavis Millerov, Paul Thomas, and Mindy Ensign.

'95-'96 Forensics



Members of the 1995-96 Forensics team are: (front l.) Korina Williamson, Amy Sinko, Tisha Jones, and Jason Smith; (second l.) Mr. Bates, Wayne Hicks, and Becky Babcock; (back l.) Joelle Patrick, Zack Fieldbrandt, Angie Wolack, and Patricia Welsh.

Speaking Up

Forensics is a public speaking contest which has many categories. The meets are run like a Academic Track meet, and there are many events like Radio Broadcasting, Impromptu Speaking, Duo Interpretation, and Dramatic Interpretation.

At the Beaverton meet veteran member Tisha Jones reached semi finals in Radio Broadcasting for her first time in three years. "Tisha has been a diligent worker for three years and that work has finally paid off," states Becky Babcock first year member of the Forensics team. Also veteran team member, Amy Sinko went to finals and received fourth place in Impromptu Speaking.

Korina Williamson, Wayne Hicks, Tisha Jones, and Amy Sinko participated in the Western Michigan/Frankenmuth Invitational. The Duo Interpretation pair of Korina

Williamson and Wayne Hicks were surprised to reach semi-finals in their first meet. "It was a great surprise, but I knew we could do it," stated Korina Williamson. "I was shocked that for being the first time ever performing our piece that we made it to semi finals," Wayne Hicks, Duo Interp. Amy Sinko also received semi-finals in the Western Michigan/Frankenmuth Invitational in Impromptu Speaking.

This year the Forensics team has many new additions. Junior Chris Manwell is performing in Sales where the competitor has eight minutes to perform an infomercial on their product. Vassar has not had someone perform in Sales competition since Josh Gonzales. Joelle Patrick is performing in Storytelling this year, and her story is "Baby Bunny Gets His New Shoes." Freshman Angie Wolak is one of our new Radio Broadcasters this year along with Becky Babcock.

Behind the Scenes

The Drama Club is a very essential part of putting on a production. They are responsible for a part in the publicity, ticket sales, and other "behind the scenes" essentials in the production. The Drama Club also has the opportunity to attend major and minor productions put on elsewhere. This year, they went to see *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Crucible*, and *West Side Story*. Some of the members also attended a workshop after seeing *The Crucible* in Alma.

The officers this year are: Wayne Hicks, President; Korina Williamson, Vice President; Mindy Ensign, Secretary; and Cameron Withers, Treasurer.



Drama Club and Thespian members (l. to r.) Brian Schultz, Zack Fielbrandt, Wayne Hicks, Patricia Welsh, and Meaghan Lenk admire Wayne's boxers.

'95-'96 Youth In Government

Playing 'House'

Youth in Government is a mock government program run by the Young Men's Christian Association. Now in its 48th year, YIG encompasses each branch of the state government. Based in the Radisson Hotel in Lansing, student Representatives and Senators attend sessions in the Senate and House chambers of the Capitol building. Meanwhile, at Cooley Law School, teams of student lawyers act as prosecution and defense in a fictitious murder trial heard by actual Michigan judges.

Participants are involved in all aspects of our state government—everything from parliamentary procedure to the election of a state governor. Every student must write up his or her own bill, which will in turn be sent into committee, and possibly even be presented to be passed before the House and Senate. If the bill is passed by both houses, it is given to the governor, and if the bill is still alive, it will be sent to the real state legislature for review.

Youth in Government provides interested students a good way to learn more about our state government and become involved in the process by which we are represented. It's also a good, fun escape. As Junior Erik Zempel stated, "I feel that this year's YIG program was the best one yet."

Matt Terry Voted State Governor

What are the qualities of a good leader? To the students attending the spring conference of Michigan Youth in Government, Matt Terry (picture: bottom l.) possesses these qualities; a man of the people who has the ability to take on the responsibility of the Governor of Michigan. In his own words: "A leader is not necessarily someone who knows everything and uses all the big words. I believe a leader is someone who cares and down deep knows how to get things done. A leader listens."

During his brief tenure, Terry passed 11 pieces of legislation written by students attending the conference. These bills will be sent to the actual Michigan Congress for consideration and could possibly end up as laws. As bills were discussed and voted on, Terry stressed the importance of a close relationship between the elected members and the voting delegates. "Working together will allow the best ideas to come out," Terry said. "Everyone worked together and benefited from this great opportunity that we had."



Members of the 1995-96 Youth In Government are: (front l.) Cameron Withers, Chrisie Betts, Dustin Shannon, Sarah Alexander, and Nick LaPratt; (second l.) Mr. Lasceski, Katy Welsh, Brian Pepera, Valerie Duncan, Ben McKinnon, Tavis Millerov, Erik Zempel, and Kim Stange; (third l.) Greg Hall, Lindsey Raney, Mindy Herzberger, Dave Middlin, Nathan Schnell, Jennie Martin, Brad Stacer, and Amy Sinko; (back l.) Kim Hall, Lyndsey VanWormer, Becky Babcock, Melissa Oliver, Stacy Templeton, Mike Krause, Angie Wolak, Matt Merry, Ryan Bissel, Dustin Kern, Ben Mihora, and Bill Petzold.



'95-'96 Student Senate

Our Voice

One group of dedicated students that often goes unnoticed is the Student Senate. Without this organization, Vassar High School would have to go without special events such as Homecoming, Icefest, or the Students vs. Faculty basketball game. This organization gives students a chance to have a voice in the way our school is run. They are able to influence one of the most important aspects of Vassar High- our school spirit. Without the well planned and inspiring Homecoming and Icefest activities put on by our Student Senate, this year would have been far less exciting. I'm sure all of the students would agree.

The young adults elected to Student Senate must have at least a 3.0 grade point average and be

chosen by their fellow classmates. This past year, Student Senate had a total of 21 senators and representatives, people added to the team to represent their class. Mrs. Becker, the group's advisor, held meetings every Thursday during homeroom for the members to plan and discuss upcoming events. Officers for the year were: President, Beth Simpson; Vice-President, Dustin Shannon; Treasurer, Matt Terry; and Secretary, Melissa Oliver.

'95-'96 Close-Up

"We need money, and that's what we're doing right now, fund-raising," states Close-Up member Becky Babcock. The Close-Up members are doing a battery of fund-raisers so they can participate in a week long trip to Washington D.C.

"I can't wait for the week off from school and the educational experience I will gain from the trip," remarks Junior Korina Williamson, "also it is possible that when we are in Washington next year that we will see or perhaps be able to speak to the next president." The Close-Up program is much more than sight seeing in Washington D.C. This is an interactive program where you learn government policies by debate with Close-Up members from all parts of the country.

While the students are in Washington, they can come into contact with some very influential people. Vassar students had a question and answer session with Representative Barcia's Chief of Staff, Roger Seismaraj, and a small group of Close-Up students even got a glimpse of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, William Rehnquist.

The group will be attending the Close-Up Washington Program next year, so it's not too late to sign up!

Student Senate & Close-Up 75



Members of the 1995-96 Student Senate are: (front r.) Miranda Dietrich; (second l.) Becky Bittner and Amy Gierman; (third l.) Mrs. Becker, Theresa Ewing, Dave Middlin, Beth Simpson, and Justin Shepherd; (fourth l.) Ryan Bissel, Katie Simpson, Lindsey Parker, Todd Zempel, Seth Martin, Melissa Oliver, and Autumn Gonzales; (back l.) Heather DeLand, Dee Dee Martin, Matt Terry, Steve McCullough, and Dustin Shannon.

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Members of the 1995-96 Close-up are: (front l.) Melissa Oliver and Ben Mihora; (second l.) Nathan Schnell and Kim Baxter; (third l.) Cameron Withers, Becky Babcock, Korina Williamson, and Lisa Kime; (fourth l.) Amy Sinko, Zack Fielbrandt, Mike Krause, Matt Merry, and Dustin Kern; (fifth l.) Carrie Hecht, Stacey Kern, Cindy Kern, Kim Ross, and Greg Hall; (last l.) Katie Simpson, Angela Wilson, and Ben McKinnon.

'95-'96 SADD/Natural Helpers

Student Organizations Help Vulcans

Students Against Drunk Drivers (SADD) is an organization that sponsors activities devoted to keeping the students at Vassar High safe from the dangers of drinking and driving.

One such activity is "The Chain of Life". Each student willing to pledge not to drink and drive had his or her name written on a link of the chain, and the motto was "Don't

Break The Chain". The SADD organization also brought in the Vassar Fire Dept. to do a live demonstration of the Jaws of life. SADD officers include: Dee Dee Martin, president; Tracy Baldwin, vice-president; Anessa Kern, secretary; and Matt Hogan, treasurer.

The second organization dedicated to the well-being of Vassar students is the Natural Helpers group. These students, chosen by their peers, are trained to deal with student problems. They attend seminars and even have a 3-4 day getaway trip to sharpen their counseling skills.



Members of SADD for 1995-96 are: (bottom l.) Lee Ann Gamm, Korina Williamson, Krsity Anderson, and President Dee Dee Martin; (second l.) Franchon Wilson, Stacy Templeton, Jessica DeKett, Miranda Bebertz, Gabrielle Harris, Mindy Ensign, Paul Thomas, Dustin Kern, and Sarah Alexander; (third l.) Becky Bittner, Melissa Oliver, Rachel McCullough, Ryan Bissell, Cindy Kern, Chad Brown, Tisha Jones, Josh Lasceski, Wayne Hicks, Ben Mihora, Steve McCullough, and Vice-President Tracy Baldwin; (fourth l.) Advisor Mrs. Mihora, Katie Welsh, Lynsey Martin, Susan Duncan, Angela Wilson, Kelly Anderson, Jennifer Spencer, Angie Wolak, Autumn Clinesmith, Adam Partridge, Jeremy Rushford, Tavis Millerov, Chrisie Betts, and Becky Cunningham; (back l.) Greg Hall, Shannon Diebold, Secretary Anessa Kern, and Heidi Kern.



Members of the Natural Helpers for 1995-96 are: (front l.) Pam Green and Brandi Ellis; (second l.) Kelly Stilson, Anessa Kern, Becky Cunningham, Angela Clark, Mindy Herzberger, Advisor Mrs. Becker, Advisor Mrs. Frnko; (back l.) Sarah Alexander, Tracy Baldwin, Tracy Estrada, Cherie Swaffer, Autumn Gonzales, Trisha VanWormer, and Brian Pepera; (fourth l.) Dee Dee Martin, Tim Booth, Melonie Bell, Connie Colosky, Kim Hall, Kim Ross, and Eric Johnson; (back l.) Dustin Shannon and Paul Thomas.

'95-'96 Environmental Awareness Club



Members of the 1995-96 Environmental Awareness Club are: (front) Becky Bittner; (second l.) Kristy Anderson, Crystal Manchester, and Sibrina McClanahan; (third l.) Tiffany Garner, Autumn Clinesmith, and Heidi Eaton; (fourth l.) Susie Duncan, Dave Middlin, Kim Ross, Natalie Franklin, and Kelly Anderson; (fifth l.) Ben McKinnon, Paul Thomas, Jolene Heidenberger, Rachel McCullough, Brian Pepera, and Greg Hall; (sixth l.) Chad Brown, Katie Simpson, Eric Snover, Ryan Bissell, Miranda Bebertz, and Constance Bidwell.

Cleaning Up

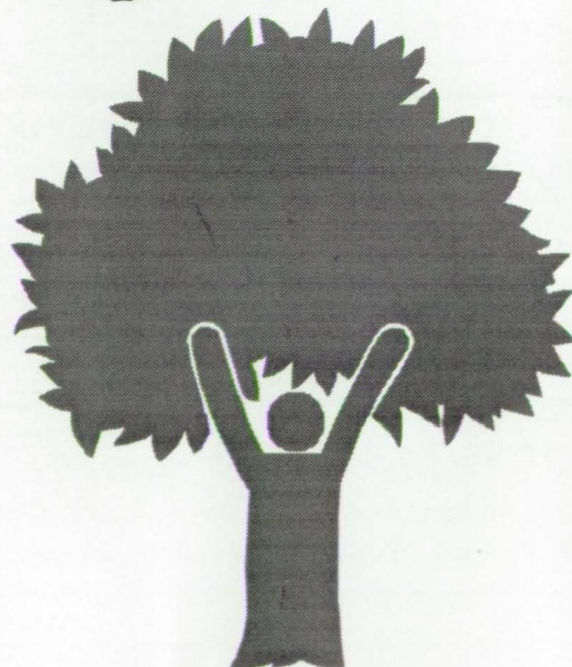
The Environmental Awareness Club is an organization dedicated to the conservation and improvement of our environment. The most commonly known function of the club is the recycling of paper products. Paper is collected and recycled in the high school, junior high, and Townsend North Schools by the club.

They have also built an arboretum (picture bottom l.) outside of Mr. Hackett's room. The arboretum has shrubs, flowers, and a bird feeder to attract wildlife. The club plans on gradually adding to the arboretum, along with planting in other areas.

The co-presidents are Brian Pepera and Paul Middlin, and the club's advisor is Mrs. Pepera.



One of the many improvements made to the landscape of the school by the club.



'95-'96 Choir/DJ Club



Members of the 1995-96 Choir are: (front l.) Mindy Ensign, Natalie Franklin, Stacey Templeton, Christy Herzberger, Autumn Deming, Becky Bittner, Rachel McCullough, Matt Franko, Aaron Hicks, Seth Martin, Tom Middlin, Mike Gillman, Zack Fieldbrandt, Jeremy Rushford, Lisa Palmer, Angela Clark, Michelle Gray, Caroline Raney, Tisha Jones, and Korina Williamson; (second l.) Autumn Clinesmith, Sarah Drysdale, Tiffany Meyer, Tracy Baldwin, Heidi Kern, Dee Dee Martin, Patricia Welsh, Ryan Baldwin, Ben Mihora, Brian Pepera, Dave Middlin, Nathan Schnell, Erik Zempel, Sarah Alexander, Kendra Frampton, Kitty Kilbourn, Alena Smith, Melissa Schnell, Crystal Manchester, Kristy Anderson, and Tenya Leach; (third l.) Mrs. Middlin, Joelle Patrick, Jolene Heidenberger, Lynsey Martin, Autumn Gonzales, Lindsey Raney, Lindsey Parker, Sherry Sohn, Paul Middlin, Will Ricklefs, Greg Hall, Ryan Bissell, Dave Martin, Andy Reimus, Tammy Sayles, Chrisie Betts, Angie Bables, Candice Morrison, Shawna Wardell, Shelly Sherman, Courtney Owensby, and Cindy Kern; (back l.) Amy Searles, Franshon Wilson, Erica Harper, Crystal Powers, Kim Hall, Jennie Martin, Mindy Herzberger, Steve McCullough, Andy Reynolds, Adam Partridge, Wayne Hicks, Chad Seney, Brian Schultz, Tavis Millerov, Justin Shepherd, Susie Duncan, Amy Geirman, Meagan Buchinger, Tiffany Garner, Becky Cunningham, Angela Wilson, Kim Baxter, Angie Griffis, Katie Welsh, Crystal Foess, Kim Ross, and Miranda Bebertz.

The "Early Bird" Gets the Note

The high school choir meets as an "early bird" class twice a week. This year's group had 93 members! One-third of the group was sopranos, one-third altos, and one-third men. The group was under the direction of Mrs. Patricia Middlin.

The choir entertained the school and community in three concerts this year. In December, they participated in the Community Choir Festival, sponsored by area businesses. They also presented a joint winter concert along with the high school band, receiving rave reviews. The final concert was held in May, with a program of widely varied styles.

At graduation, the choir sang the class song, "Imagine", and another farewell song, "Wherever You Go". Twenty-one seniors with exceptional talent will be left the group this year. We wish them well, and may they always "carry a part of us with them"!

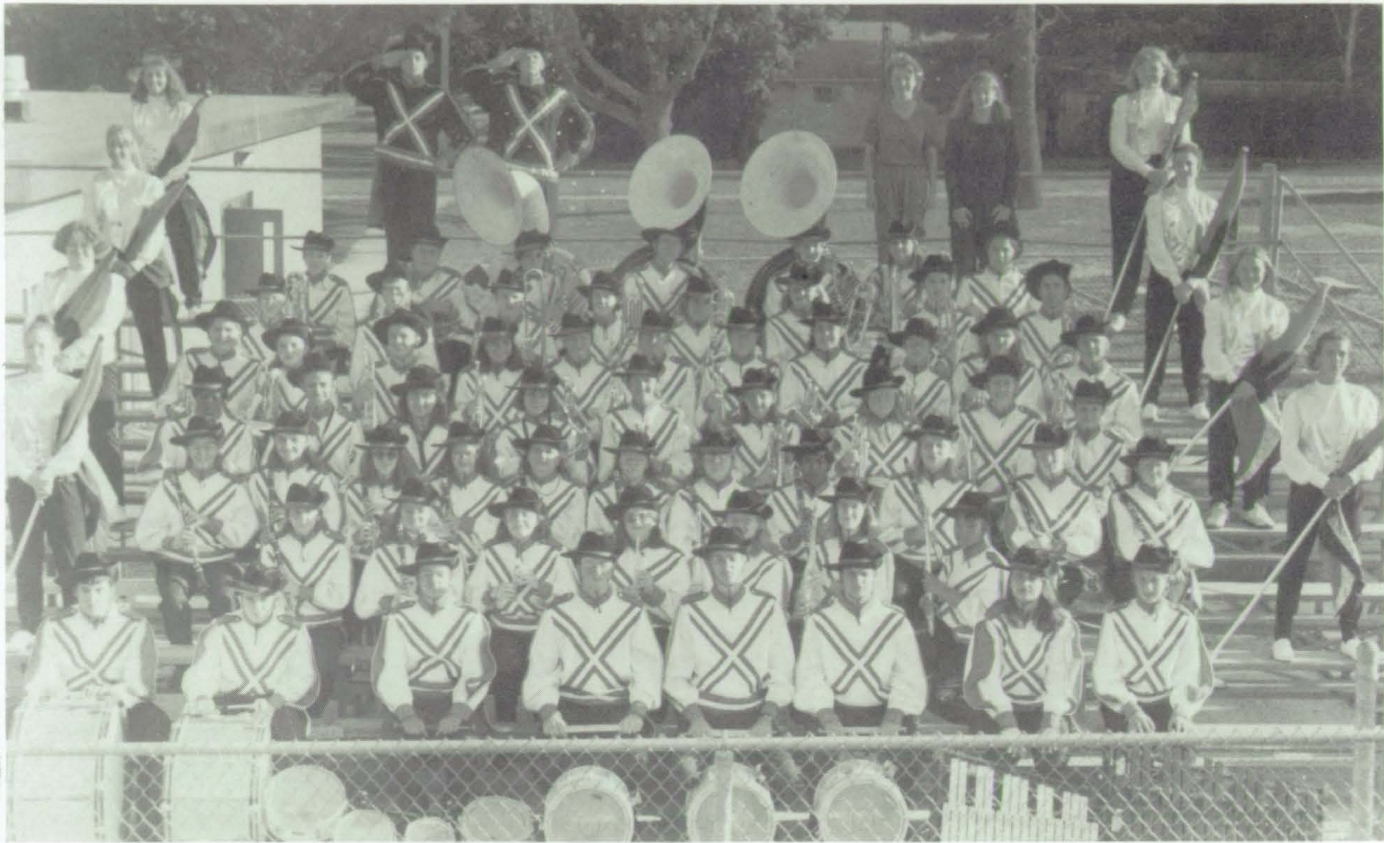
Dancin'

The DJ Club is a group of students willing to help out in the organization and playing of the music at our high school dances. The school has purchased new equipment from these dances, and a fee is charged for the expansion and repair of the equipment. This price is quite small in comparison to the price of a professional DJ service.



Members of the 1995-96 DJ Club are: (front) Josh Southwell; (back l.) Eric Snover, Jonathan Woolworth, Todd Zempel, and Erik Zempel.

'95-'96 Band



Members of the 1995-96 Band are: (front l.) Nick LaPratt, Matt Franko, Damien Sanchez, Tavis Millerov, Steve Maurer, Autumn Gonzales, Kelly Stilson, and Lindsey VanWormer; (second l.) Becky Bittner, Joy Torrey, Kristy Anderson, Jessica Dekett, Pam Green, Jennifer Kanyok, and Alina Smith; (third l.) Mindy Ensign, Kim Hall, Jennifer Spencer, Penny Bradley, Holly Diebold, Joelle Patrick, Barb Torrey, Autumn Deming, Candice Morrison, Patricia Welch, Jessica Dodd, Tisha Jones, and Carrie DeLand; (fourth l.) Franshon Wilson, Ryan Bissell, Angie Wolak, Dena Garlick, Mindy Herzberger, Colleen Cameron, Angie Clark, Brian Heinlein, and Rachel McCullough; (fifth l.) Lisa Palmer, Greg Hall, Stacey Carlisle, Nathan Schnell, Shannon Sharrow, Jeanette Roskamp, Zack Fielbrandt, Jeremy Rushford, Stephanie Heisner, Nicole Sullivan, Jenna Fames, Fames Dalton, and Sibrina McClanahan; (sixth l.) Jolene Heidenberger, Brian Drayton, Gene Tanke, Aaron Hicks, Keri Manwell, Crystal Manchester, Susie Duncan, Paul Middlin, Kevin Bohunsky, and Natalie Franklin; (seventh l.) Valerie Duncan, Sara Bielert, Chris Hecht, Matt Withers, Eric Snover, Adam Partridge, Autumn Clinesmith, Justin Perry, and Amy Searles; (back l.) Drum Majors Brian Pepera and Dave Middlin, and Directors Misty Much and Stacey Kohl.

The Show Must Go On

Vassar welcomed two new directors to our band program this year, Misty Mutch and Stacey Kohl. They operated in a co-directorship of the band. This, of course, meant some adjustment and learning for both the band and the directors, but everyone pulled through in the end.

There are four different bands that students have the opportunity to participate in- the symphonic Band, marching band, jazz

band, and pep band. The symphonic band and pep band are open to anyone, and all members of the symphonic band are also part of the marching band, unless a member is also on the Varsity Football Team or Varsity Cheerleading Squad. The members of the Jazz Band are invited to membership by the director.

This year the Symphonic Band had the opportunity to compete not only at the District Band Festival, but also the State Band

Festival. They received a I rating at the district level, on a scale of five, one being the best. At the State level, they received a II rating.

The jazz band also has a festival competition, but there is no state level. They received a II rating this year.



'95-'96 National Honor Society

National Honor Society (NHS) is a selective organization established in order to honor the individuals chosen, as well as to help the community. It is a great privilege to be selected as one of the outstanding individuals of the society, due to it's nationwide recognition and rigorous selection process.

NHS provides many services, such as the blood drive and the Senior Citizen Prom. In fact, each member is required to spend a minimum of 30 hours doing some type of community service to remain a member of the society.

The community service hours are merely a small part of the requirements to become a member of NHS. Each student must maintain a 3.2 grade point average, have three letters of recommendation, and five evaluations from teachers. Members are also chosen for their character and leadership qualities. The applications are reviewed by a panel of teachers, who then decide who's in and who's out.

The activities NHS sponsors vary, and are often times very fun. The society even managed to get a hold of Santa Claus himself for the Christmas Brunch (picture: bottom l.).

Congratulations to the new Senior inductees this year: Tracy Baldwin, Wayne Hicks, Tina Kosinski, and Adam Partridge.



Members of the 1995-96 National Honor Society are: (front l.) Brian Pepera, Natalie Franklin, Beth Simpson, Miranda Dietrich, Autumn Gonzales, Melissa Oliver, and Becky Cunningham; (second l.) Valerie Duncan, Stacey Carlisle, Josh Lasceski, Brian Heinlein, Bobbi Abbot, and Kate Fall; (third l.) Steve McCullough, Matt Terry, Dee Dee Martin, Tavis Millerov, Sarah Alexander, Dustin Shannon, and Heidi Kern; (fourth l.) Ben Mihora, Bill Petzold, Erik Zempel, Kelly Stilson, Paul Middlin, and Steve Maurer; (back l.) Mike Krause, Mindy Ensign, Becky Babcock, Amy Sinko, and Kristy Anderson.



Andy Reynolds supports Tricia Scharff in donating some unneeded blood.



Santa and his 'little helpers' lead the senior citizens in a Christmas carol.



Paul Middlin 'cuts a rug' with Agnes DeCora at the Senior Citizen Prom.

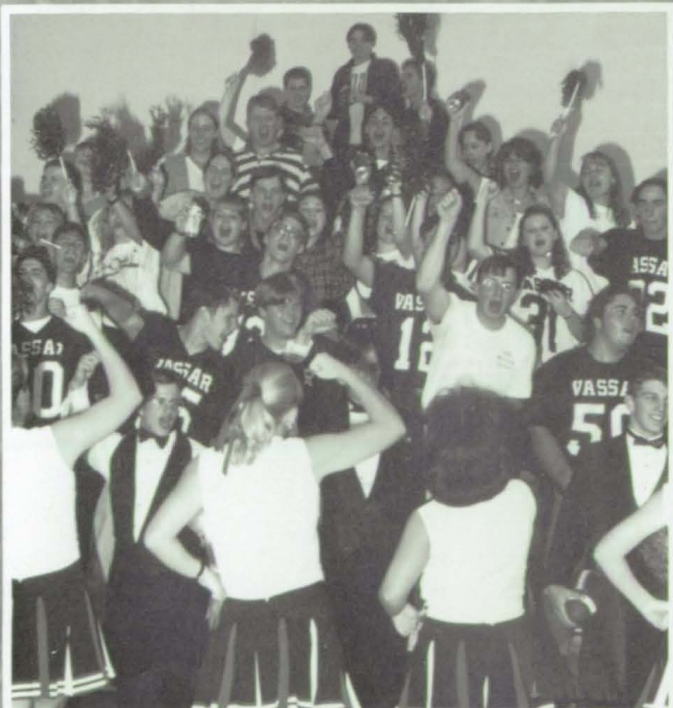


Justin Shepherd, Meghan Lenk, and Seth Martin dance along at the fall play.



Bill Mills and Dave Strunk get into the spirit of things with spirit pomps.

Special Events



Senior spirit shines out as they join in for the spirit jug at a pep assembly.



Pictured here is the pep band giving the crowd a few tunes to jam to before a pep assembly started.

'95 Homecoming



The Junior Class held the second place position for the float building during homecoming. Their theme was "Exterminate the Dukers."



The Varsity Football Team follows Eric Hoyt off from the gym floor after he made a speech to pump up the student body.



Third place for the float competition was the Sophomore Class. Their theme was "Don't Get Stung!"



The fourth place for the float competition was the Freshman Class. Their theme was "Zap Those Pesky Dukers!"



The 1995 Homecoming Representatives are: (front l.) Melissa Schnell, Amy Gierman, and Connie Colosky. Their escorts are: (back l.) Chad Baldwin, Dan Blossom, and Earl Fabbro.



Candice Barnes, 1994 Homecoming Queen, passed on the crown to Heidi Kern.



Cindy Kern congratulated her sister Heidi Kern on becoming the Homecoming Queen.



Ben Torrey gets into the school spirit with a hat that says "Vassar Vulcans" in Spanish.

School Infested by Bugs

On September 28th, Vassar High School was invaded by "bugs". That was the theme that the student senate decided on for homecoming. Walking through the halls you could find spiders, bug spray, swamps, and bees. The students' spirit came shining through at the pep assembly when the many games were played and when the spirit poms were shaking throughout the gym.

The students showed their spirit all week long at school. The festivities started off with a bang on Monday with "Wish It Were Summer Day". Students paraded around in their shorts and sandals in near 60-degree weather. Tuesday was declared "Class Color Day". Using pipe



The seniors took first place in the float building competition this year. Their theme was "Dukes Caught In The Vulcan Web."

cleaners and aluminum foil, students showed their spirit on Wednesday, "Antenna Day". Thursday, pupils wore bandages as symbols of school pride. Spirit week ended with the traditional "Orange and Black Day".

This year the senior class was the overall winner for the homecoming games and contests. They took first place in the floats, the halls, the tug of war, and the spirit jug. The juniors took first place in the spirit links, second place in the halls, and third place in the floats and tug of war. Sophomores placed third in the halls, fourth in the float competition and were disqualified in the tug of war event. The freshman placed fourth in the halls, second in the floats and second in the tug of war.

During the halftime show, Heidi Kern was crowned Homecoming Queen. She was escorted by Tyson Gilmore. The Queen's Court included: Sarah Alexander, escorted by Steve McCullough; Anessa Kern, escorted by Eric Johnson; Tracy Baldwin, escorted by Dustin Shannon; and Beth Simpson, escorted by Steve Maurer.

Class representatives were Junior Connie Colosky, escorted by Earl Fabbro; Sophomore Amy Gierman, escorted by Daniel Blossom; and Freshman Melissa Schnell, escorted by Chad Baldwin.

The Vulcans suffered a heartbreaking loss with a score of 21-34 that night, but students and band members were there to back the team up with cheers and spirit.

The students took advantage of the opportunities that were given to them and enjoyed homecoming with the help of their teachers. Over all the homecoming events were "crawling" with fun for fans of all ages and were a great success.

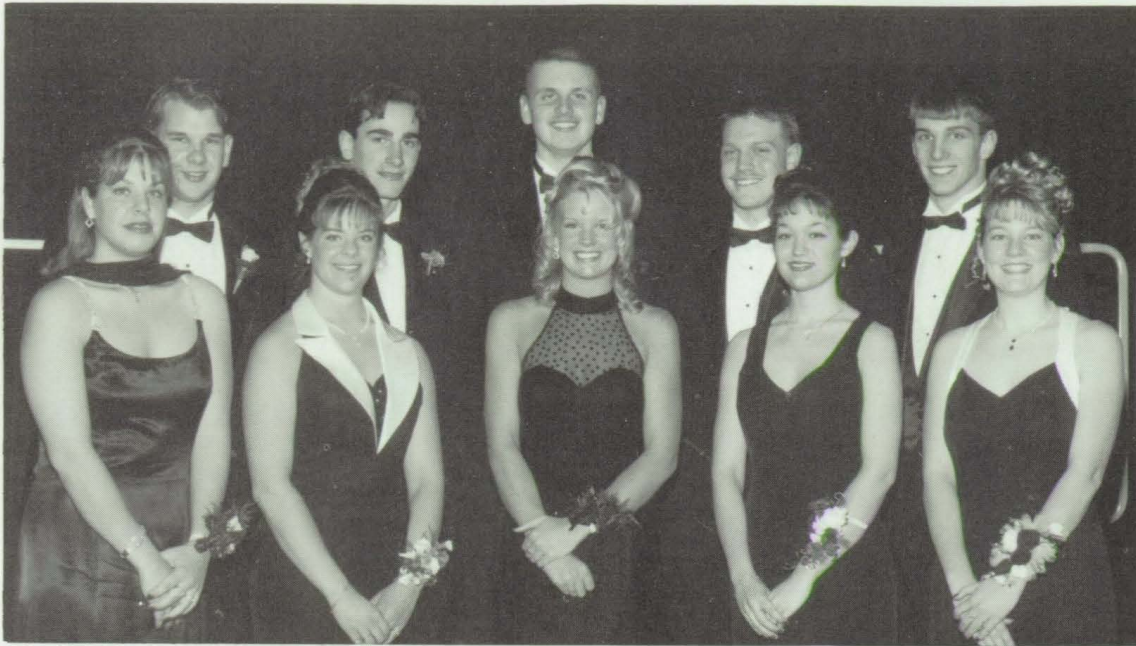


Tony Clark and Earl Fabbro help to lead the students in the spirit jug.



Members of the 1995 Homecoming Court are: (front l.) Beth Simpson, Tracy Baldwin, Anessa Kern, Sarah Alexander, and Heidi Kern; their escorts are: (back l.) Steve Maurer, Dustin Shannon, Eric Johnson, Steve McCullough, and Tyson Gilmore.

'96 Icefest



The 1996 Icefest King's Court escorts are: (front l.) Laura Blossom, Lindsey Raney, Stacy McCloud, Jenni Piazza, and Tracy Baldwin. Members of the King's Court are: (back l.) Shawn Swaffer, Marc Rolando, Tyson Gilmore, Matthew Terry, and Dustin Shannon.



Rachel Geissler and Brian Peparar participate in the pep assembly games.



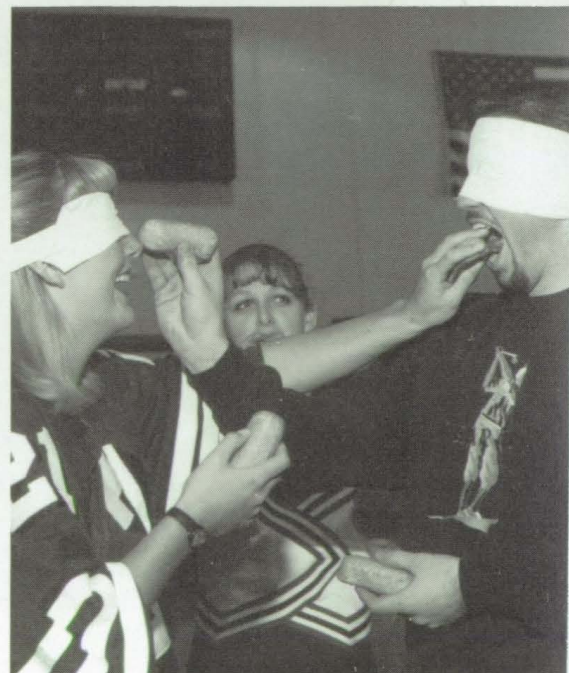
Chris Hoerlein aimed high for two points against the Bridgeport Bearcats.



Eric Johnson showed his spirit at the pep assembly as he scooted across the floor on a skateboard for a game.



Pictured here is the Sophomore float driven by Ken Jones. The sophomores received first place.



Amanda Opperman and Tavis Millerov stuffed each other with twinkies while blindfolded for the Icefest festivities.

A Splash of Spirit

Icefest week this year was as exciting and fun as ever. The hard playing Vassar Vulcans suffered a heart-breaking loss to the Bridgeport Bearcats, but they didn't let that dampen their spirits.

The festivities started off with a bang on Monday with "Shorts Day". Students paraded around in their shorts and T-shirts in near 20 degree weather. Tuesday was declared "Tie Day". Reliving the past, students wore bellbottoms and tie-dyes on Wednesday's "70's Day". Thursday, pupils adorned Red and Yellow, Bridgeport's colors, as a symbol of school pride and good sportsmanship. Spirit week ended with the traditional "Orange and Black Day".

The Student Senate selected cartoons as the theme for Icefest this year. Although all of the classes participated in the festivities, one class stood out a little bit more than the

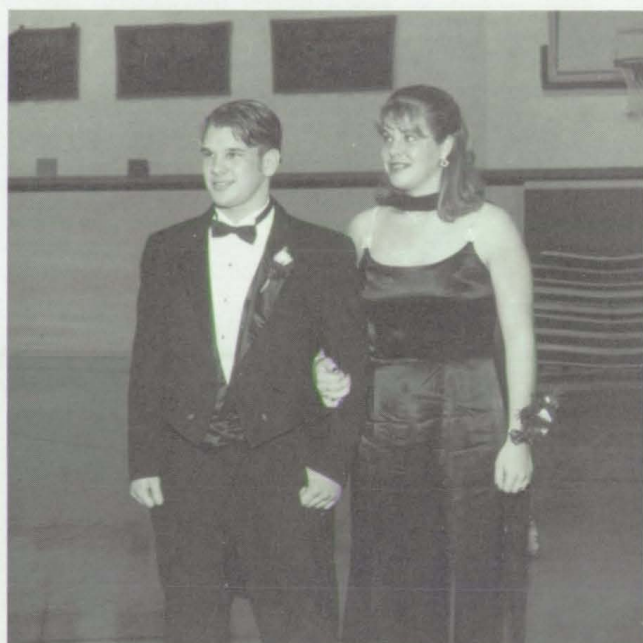
others. The sophomores held their heads high with pride as they were awarded first prize for the mini wagon float competition and the spirit jug. Walking through their hall, you could see the effort put into making Vassar School become Gotham City. The effort payed off with a first prize in the hall competition also.

During the Pep Assembly on Friday, Shawn Swaffer was crowned Icefest King. He was escorted by Laura Blossom. The King's court included: Dustin Shannon, escorted by Tracy Baldwin; Tyson Gilmore, escorted by Stacy McCloud; Matt Terry escorted by Jenni Piazza; and Marc Rolando, escorted by Lindsey Raney.

Sophomore and Freshmen class representatives were sophomore Josh Terry, escorted by Megan Buchinger; and Freshman Luke Traver, escorted by Cherie Swaffer. There was a tie for the Junior class representative position, with both Nathan Schnell, escorted by Heidi Kern and Adam Hornung, escorted by Kitty Kilbourn.



The 1996 Icefest Representatives were escorted by: (front l.) Cherie Swaffer, Meghan Buchinger, Heidi Kern, and Kitty Kilbourn. The Icefest Representatives are: (back l.) Luke Traver, Josh Terry, Nathan Schnell, and Adam Hornung.



The 1996 Icefest King, Shawn Swaffer, and his escort, Laura Blossom.



One of the Icefest pep assembly games left Angela Bables taped up.



Jason Strunk looked on as Chris Hoerlein spoke on behalf of the Varsity Basketball Team.

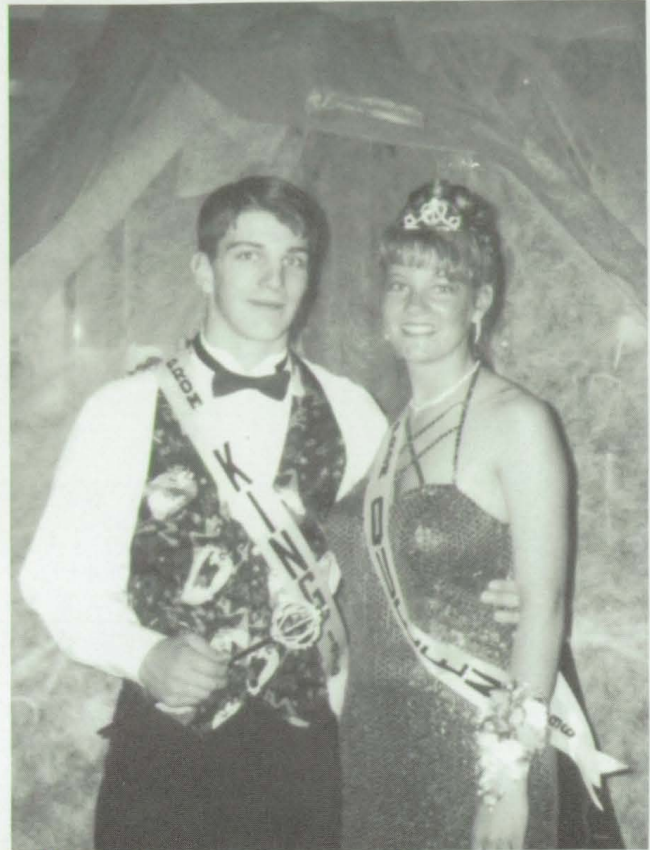
'96 Prom

Glistening Under the Stars

On May 4th, a number of high school students traveled to the Affairs to Remember hall in Flint for the 1996 prom. The hall, decorated with silver and blue streamers and stars, reflected the theme of the evening, "Glistening Under the Stars".

The evening began with a buffet style meal at 6:30. After dinner, the junior class presented each attending senior with an award that was suited to them in one way or another. After the awards ceremony, the 1996 Prom King Dustin Shannon and Queen Tracy Baldwin were crowned. The king and queen then danced to the first song of the night and kicked off the second portion of the evening.

Afterwards, the promgoers danced until midnight. Although the prom ended at midnight, the festivities did not end. Some attended parties, bowled, or just cruised. However, a few prom couples added a unique memory to their night by going to watch a laser light show at the Flint Longway Planetarium.



1996 Prom King Dustin Shannon and Queen Tracy Baldwin.



Promgoers on the dance floor sway to the music of a slow song.



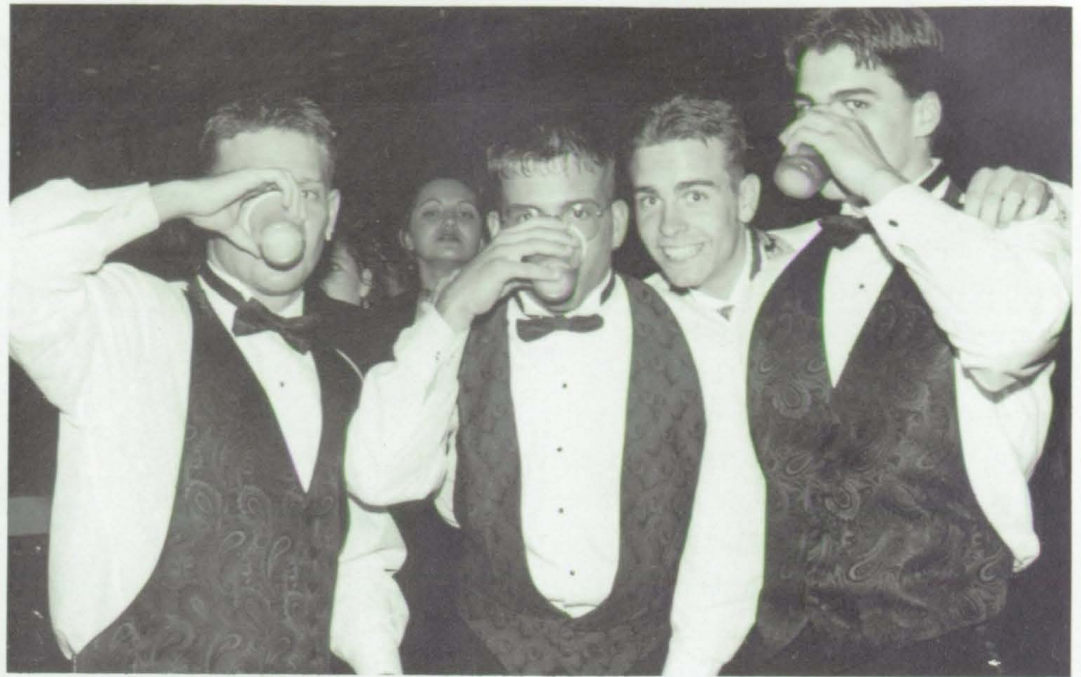
Chad Seney enjoys the meal at prom, but takes special caution not to drop any food on his tuxedo.

Promgoers pick up the pace with a fast song.





Kim Stange (left) and Kitty Kilbourn (right) listen to Senior Class President, Tavis Millerov, speak.



Matt Terry, Steve McCullough, Nathan Ross, and Eric Hoyt enjoy their glasses of punch.



Cameron Withers, Keri Manwell, Josie Dalton, and Dennis Smeaton sing along with the music.



Greg Sayles and Tina Lowell smile in anticipation of attending the prom.



Valerie Germain and Sara Geissler pose for a picture with Lindsey Raney.



Bridget Putman and Luke Turner relax at their table.

Graduation '96

A Final Farewell

"Today we accomplish one of our dreams and reach one of our goals," said Salutatorian Beth Simpson during her speech. On June 2nd, ninety-eight Vassar seniors received their high school diploma and reached a goal.

During the ceremony, Valedictorian Brian Schultz and Salutatorian Beth Simpson gave their speeches and received recognition for their place in the class.

The Senior Alpha Beta award was given to Dustin Shannon. Also receiving special recognition was John Chomos and Steven Maurer for their perfect attendance throughout their four years of high school.

A final farewell was given to the three foreign exchange students who would soon be heading back to their homelands. They were Flávia Neves from Brazil, Ryo Takamine from Japan, and Marc Rolondo from Switzerland. Each were

given a sweatshirt and baseball cap to remember their times in Vassar.

Afterwards a reception was held in the high school cafeteria. There the graduates picked up their diplomas and received congratulations from all.



Dustin Shannon received the Senior Alpha Beta Award from Mr. Wojno.



Laura Blossom and Stacy McCloud smile after receiving their diplomas.



Seniors move their tassels as a sign that they have graduated.



Heidi Kern and Matt Terry make their way down the aisle.

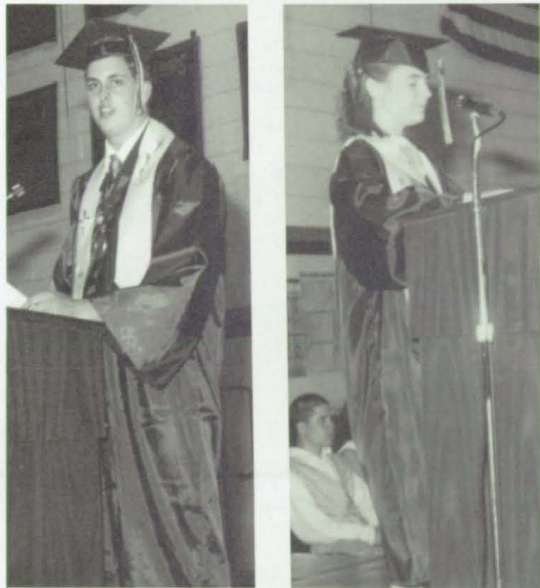


Foreign exchange student, Flávia Neves, poses for a picture with her friends, (left) Jennie Martin, Amy Nephew, and Becky Cunningham.

Vassar's 125th Graduating Class



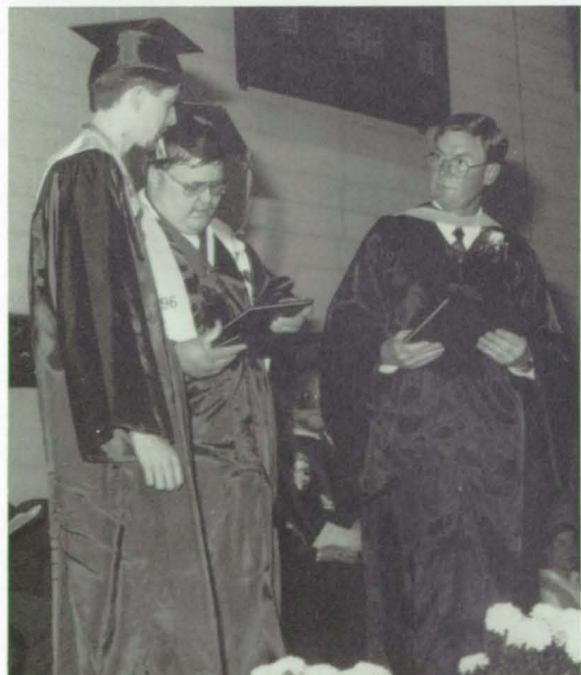
Jill Aldrich waves to the crowd.



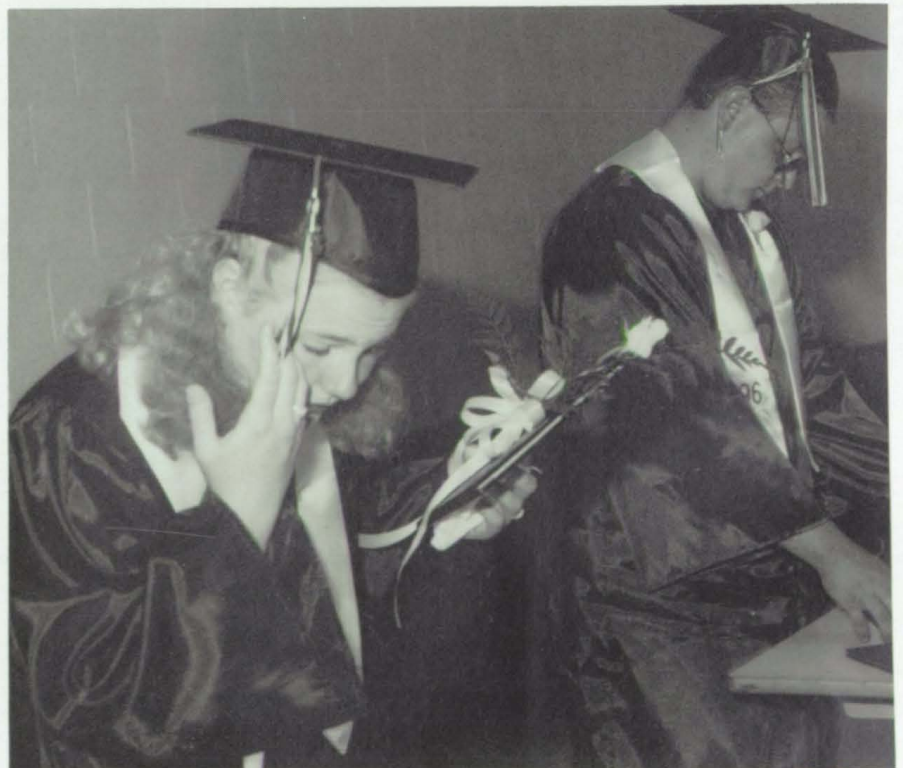
Valedictorian Brian Schultz (left) and Salutatorian Beth Simpson (right) give their speeches.



Shawn Swaffer places his diploma in its cover for safe keeping.



Steven Maurer and John Chomos received their awards for perfect attendance from Mr. Buchman.



Amy Nephew, with teary eyes, and Adam McCormick look for her diploma.

'96 Awards

Students Honored

Top performers at Vassar High School were honored at the 13th Annual Awards picnic held on Monday, May 20. The Alpha Beta Awards, presented to one student in each grade who has made the greatest contribution to the school for that year, were given to Junior Brian Pepera, Sophomore Ryan Bissell, and Freshman Angie Wolak. The Senior Alpha Beta Award was given at graduation to Dustin Shannon. In a special presentation at the banquet, Col. Paul Begick, U.S. Army Ret., presented Dustin Shannon with his commission to West Point.

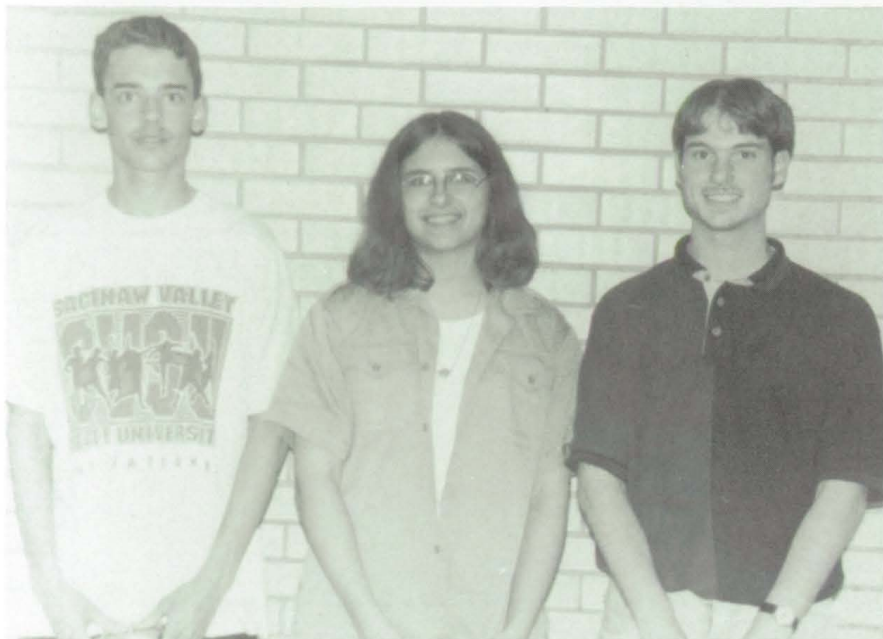
Congratulations to the Top Ten in each class for their academic performance for the 1995-96 School Year. **Top Ten Seniors** are: Brian Schultz, Beth Simpson, Matt Terry, Paul Middlin, Heidi Kern, Brian Heinlein, Bobbi Abbott, Becky Cunningham, Dustin Shannon, and Steve Maurer. **Top Ten Juniors** are: Natalie Franklin, Brian Pepera, Crista Rowe, Keri Manwell, Melissa Oliver, Stacey Templeton, Tammy Luxton, Autumn Gonzales, Lindsey Parker, and Becky Babcock. **Top Ten Sophomores** are: Ryan Bissell, Scott Briggs, Colleen Cameron, Rachel McCullough, Brad Stacer, David Middlin, Lynsey Martin, Kimberly Ross, Jennifer Kanyok, and Damien Sanchez. **Top Ten Freshmen** are: Kelly Anderson, Matt Franko, Katheryn Roedel, Cherie Swaffer, Lyndsey VanWormer, Thomas Vassallo, Patricia Welsh, Angie Wolak, Kimberly Hall, Melissa Schnell, and Shelley Sherman.

English Award: Brian Schultz; **German I Award:** Matt Bierlein; **German II Award:** Kimberly Ross; **Journalism Award:** John Chomos; **French I Award:** Natalie Franklin; **French II Award:** Beth Simpson; **French III Award:** Josie Dalton; **French IV Award:** Bobbi Abbott; **French Special Recognition:** Bobbi Abbott.



(photo top r.) Congratulations to Bill Petzold who was named Senior Artist. He is shown here with Mrs. Parsell, his art teacher; (middle photo) Congratulations to the Top Ten Seniors (front l.) Bobbi Abbott, Heidi Kern, Paul Middlin, Becky Cunningham, and Beth Simpson; (back l.) Brian Heinlein, Matt Terry, Steve Maurer, Brian Schultz, and Dustin Shannon; (bottom photo) Congratulations to the Freshmen Top Ten (front l.) Kimberly Hall, Matt Franko, Kelly Anderson, and Tom Vassallo; (back l.) Angie Wolak; Lindsey Van Wormer, Cherie Swaffer, Katheryn Roedel, Shelley Sherman, and Patricia Welsh.



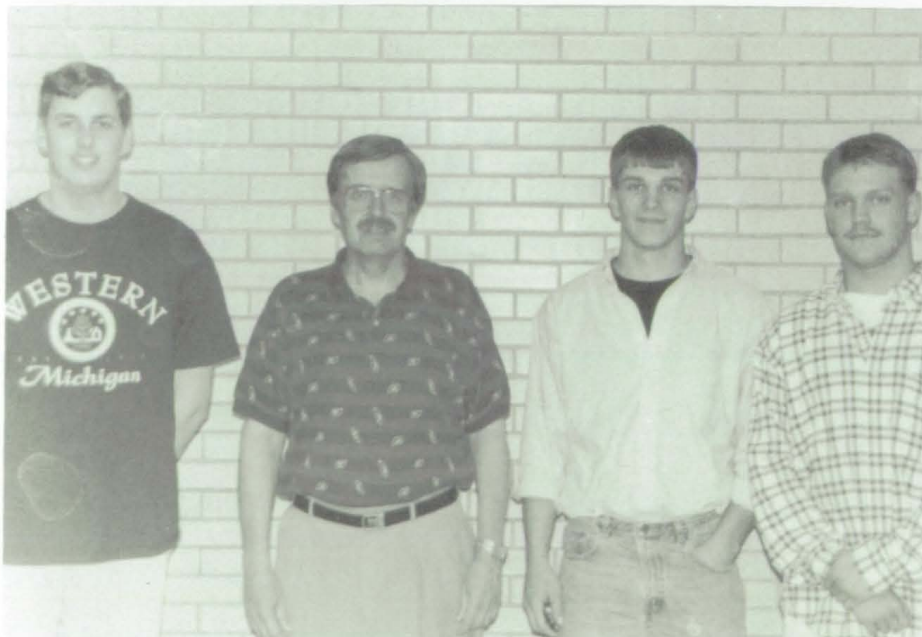


tion: Korina Williamson and Gabe Denniston; **Spanish I Award:** Carrie Hecht; **Spanish II Award:** Mike Krause; **Spanish III Award:** Heidi Kern; **Spanish IV Award:** Heather Fisher; **Math Award:** Paul Middlin; **Air Force Award in Math and Science:** Paul Middlin and Brian Schultz; **Speech Awards:** Lynsey Martin and Susan Briggs; **Senior Artist Award:** Bill Petzold; **Senior Science Award:** Brian Schultz, Matt Terry, and Dustin Shannon; **Xerox Award:** Mike Krause; **Social Studies Award:** Matt Terry; **Golden Hammer:** Josh Laceski and Dustin Shannon; **Business Award:** John Chomos; **Thespians Award:** Korina Williamson and Wayne Hicks; **Life Skills Award:** Heather Smith; **National School Choral Award:** Paul Middlin; **Tri-Valley Academic All-League:** Brian Schultz, Matt Terry, and Paul Middlin.



Athletic Awards presented included: **Detroit Free Press Scholar:** Dustin Shannon; **U.S. Army Reserve Scholar Athlete Awards:** Kate Fall and Dustin Shannon; **USMC Distinguished Athlete:** Matt Terry and Dee Dee Martin; **Male MVP:** Dustin Shannon; **Female MVP:** Jenni Piazza; **Dr. Barbour Award:** Dustin Shannon; **Mrs. Barbour Award:** Kate Fall; **Male Sportsmanship Award:** Dustin Shannon; **Female Sportsmanship Award:** Jenni Piazza.

Scholarship Awards presented included: **Gulliver Family Scholarship:** Kate Fall; **Moose Galloway Scholarship:** Bill Petzold and Anessa Kern; **Little Caesar's Scholarship:** Tina Kosinski; **Delta Scholarship for Humanities Study:** Christy Gray; **Vassar Schools Scholarship:** Matt Terry, Steve McCullough, Josh Laceski, and Heidi Kern; **Martin Hecht Memorial Scholarship:** Brian Heinlein; **Vassar Masonic Lodge Scholarship:**



(photo top) Congratulations to the underclassmen who earned Alpha Beta Honors (l. to r.) Ryan Bissell, Angie Wolak, and Brian Pepera; (middle photo) Congratulations to the Sophomore Top Ten (front l.) Colleen Cameron; Rachel McCullough, Kimberly Ross, and Lynsey Martin; (back l.) Jennifer Kanyok, Scott Briggs, Brad Stacer, and Ryan Bissell. Missing from photo are: David Middlin and Damien Sanchez; (bottom photo) Congratulations to the Senior Science Award Winners (l. to r.) Brian Schultz, Mr. Hackett, who presented the awards, Dustin Shannon, and Matt Terry.

'96 Awards

Dustin Shannon; **Means Scholarship:** Amy Reif; **Killian Fine Arts Scholarship:** Tina Kosinski; **American Legion Scholarship:** Kristy Bohunsky.

Natural Helpers Seniors honored were: Sarah Alexander, Tracy Baldwin, Angela Clark, Becky Cunningham, Tyson Gilmore, Anessa Kern, Dee Dee Martin, Dustin Shannon, and Kelly Stilson. **Natural Helpers Recognition:** Melonie Bell, Tim Booth, Connie Colosky, Autumn Gonzales, Mindy Herzberger, Eric Johnson, Lisa Palmer, Bridget Putman, and Brian Pepera, all juniors; Brandi Ellis, Pam Green, and Paul Thomas, all sophomores; Tracy Estrada, Kim Hall, Cherie Swaffer, and Trisha VanWormer, all freshmen.

Student Tutor Recognition was given to: Becky Cunningham, Paul Middlin, Becky Babcock, Cameron Withers, Amy Sinko, Korina Williamson, Wayne Hicks, Dustin Shannon, Adam Partridge, Kim Ross, Tiffany Garner, Greg Hall, Autumn Clinesmith, Katie Simpson, Amy Gierman, Ryan Bissell, and Mindy Ensign.

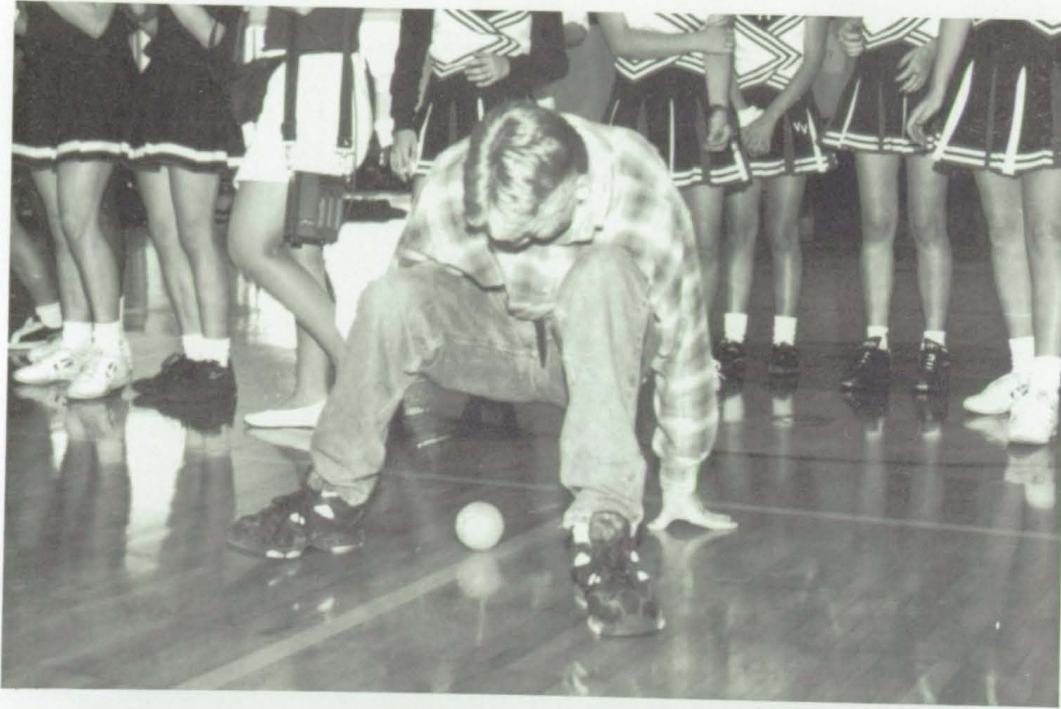
Band Awards (presented at the Awards Banquet held May 15) included: **First Division State Solo and Ensemble:** Keri Manwell; **Second Division State Solo and Ensemble:** Autumn Clinesmith; **Outstanding Freshman Plaque:** Jeremy Rushford, Lyndsey VanWormer, Patricia Welsh, and Angie Wolak; **Outstanding Colorguard:** Natalie Franklin; **Outstanding Marcher Plaque:** Ryan Bissell; **Best Contributors:** Brian Drayton, Kristy Anderson, Brian Heinlein, and Brian Pepera; **Louis Armstrong Jazz Award:** Paul Middlin; and **John Philip Sousa Award:** Brian Heinlein.



(photo top) Special recognition was given from the Army to Jason Arnett and Craig Smith, shown here with an oversized check for \$30,000 towards their college educations once they have completed their service requirements; (middle photo) Scholarship winners for this year included: (front l.) Kate Fall, Christy Gray, Anessa Kern, Amy Reif, and Heidi Kern; (back l.) Steve McCullough, Josh Lasceski, Bill Petzold, Matt Terry, and Tina Kosinski; (bottom photo) Athletic Awards winners were: (l. to r.) Dustin Shannon - Detroit Free Press Scholar, U.S. Army Reserve Scholar Athlete, Male MVP, Dr. Barbour Award, and Male Sportsmanship; Matt Terry - USMC Distinguished Athlete; Dee Dee Martin - USMC Distinguished Athlete; and Jenni Piazza - Female MVP and the Female Sportsmanship Award. Missing from photo is: Kate Fall who received the U.S. Army Reserve Scholar Athlete Award and the Mrs. Barbour Award.



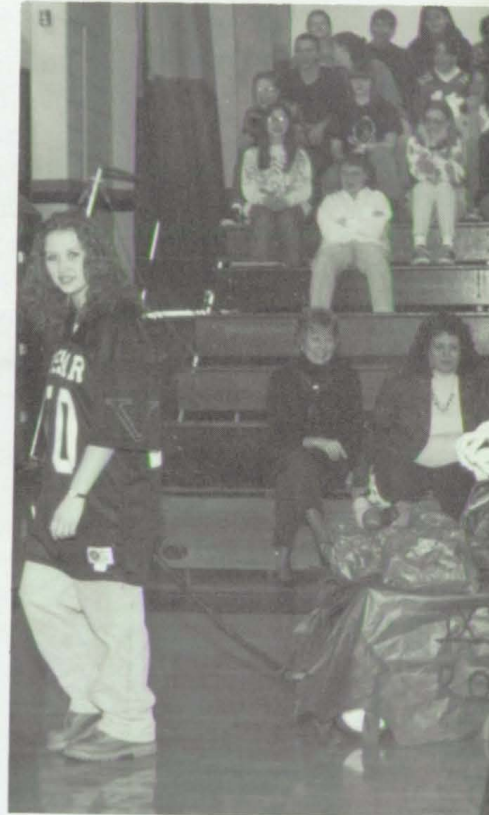
'95-'96 Pep Assemblies



Keep the Spirit

Almost everyone has fond memories of a special pep assembly. They may have been involved in one or honored at one as a member of a team. Pep assemblies help us keep our spirits up, no matter what the team may be doing in its season. They are also a way for all of us to release that pent up energy that seems ready to burst on a Friday afternoon.

This year all our pep assemblies had a theme, such as The Battle of the Sexes, and were sponsored by groups such as the cheerleaders and the Student Senate. Setting up games at the assemblies helped get everyone involved.



'96 Academic Teams

Academic Teams Hold Their Own in Competitions at Both SVSU and Delta

The annual Academic Teams Competition was held at Saginaw Valley again this year. Vassar was represented by four teams: Math, Science, Social Studies, and Technology.

This year was Mrs. Russell's first year as advisor of the English Academic Team. "I was very proud of the team because they did so well, bringing home a trophy. The first round against Caro was a good test for them - and they carried it off well," she said.

The Social Studies team took a second place trophy again, losing to Reese in the final round. Mr. Laceski (co-advisor of the Social Studies Team) stated, "I believe that next year will be the year." In mid-May, the team competed in the annual Sci-Q Competition held at Delta College. Even though they were rookies in this meet, the team shocked the competition by advancing to the final round. They were narrowly defeated by Midland, the favorite of the competition, and would up in second place. This finish, however, gave the school a scholarship to Delta College, which was awarded to Christy Gray.

The Technology Team had a large task to overcome during the Academic Games at SVSU. Each team had to build a flotation device out of cardboard and duct tape. There was a few catches, though. The flotation device had to transport two team members across the Olympic size pool. The team members had to have their heads above the water to make it. Vassar had two teams entered in the race. One team tied for first place and the other team tied for second place.



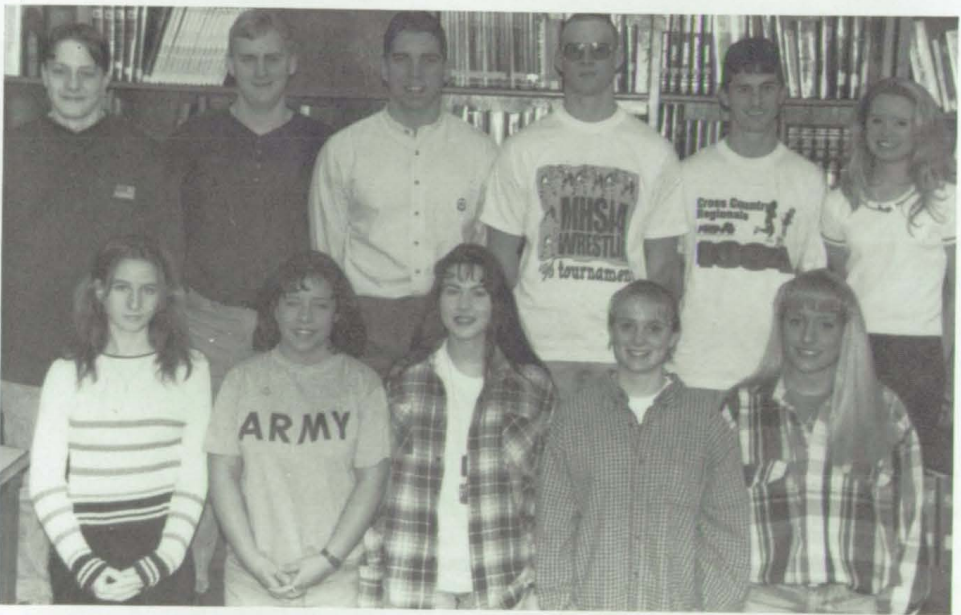
Members of the 1996 English Academic Team are: (front l.) Lisa Palmer, Krist Anderson, and Crystal Manchester; (back l.) Brian Pepara, John Chomos, and Natali Franklin. Missing from photo is Mrs. Russell, coach



Members of the 1996 Mathematics Academic Team are: (front l.) Erik Zempel, Pat Middlin, and Becky Cunningham; (back l.) Matt Merry, Steve Maurer, Dave Middlin and Mr. McArdle, coach.



Members of the 1996 Social Studies Academic Team are: (front l.) Damien Sanchez, Matt Franko, Ben Mihora, Zachary Fieldbrant, and Seth Martin; (back l.) Matt Terry, Jason Arnett, Bill Petzold, Scott Briggs, Mike Krause, and Mr. Lasceski, coach. Missing from photo is Mrs. Kimmerly, coach.



Members of the 1996 Technology Team are: (front l.) Kate Fall, Amy Reif, Kim Stange, Kylie Vincent, and Tammy Kanyok; (back l.) Tom Kanyok, Tim Greenwood, Craig Smith, Jonathan Ross, Ryan Ross, and Kendra Frampton. Missing from photo are Mr. Wojno and Mr. Killian, coaches.



Members of the 1996 Science Academic Team are: (front l.) Dustin Shannon, Brian Schultz, Paul Thomas, and Greg Sayles; (back l.) Jennie Martin, Mindy Ensign, Kelly Stilson, and Mr. Hackett, coach.

'95 Fall Play

Acting It Out

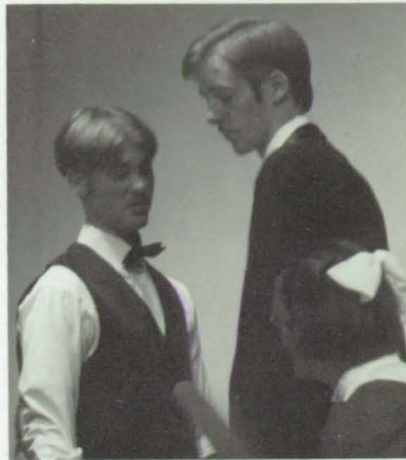
This year's fall play, *Nicholas Nickleby*, was a great success. Unlike many fall plays of the past, *Nicholas Nickleby* offered a number of speaking parts. Advisor and Director Mrs. Diane Hackett commented, "I chose *Nicholas Nickleby* because it had several nice parts for a lot of acting styles. We were able to give stage time to different people this time instead of only two or three main characters. Vassar has so many talented young actors and actresses that it's hard to find a play that will showcase them all. *Nicholas Nickleby* allowed this to happen."

And the talent shined through. From whiny schoolboys to bitter businessmen, and nasty schoolmasters to wicked stepmothers, there was a part for everyone. It was the variety of characters which held the interest of the audience.

"My favorite part was when Bill Petzold appeared. He only came out once in awhile, but he really scared the audience," said Bill Mills after watching the play.

Velma Endert added, "Some parts were really funny and some I didn't understand. As the play progressed, however, I began to understand more. All in all it was a great play."

Once again, the annual fall play was a success, receiving praise from all who viewed it. Congratulations to those who participated in the play on a job well done.



Brian Pepera and Steve Maurer face off.



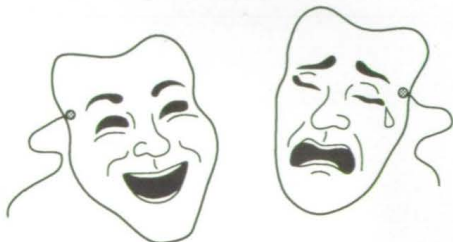
Bill Petzold enters the scene.



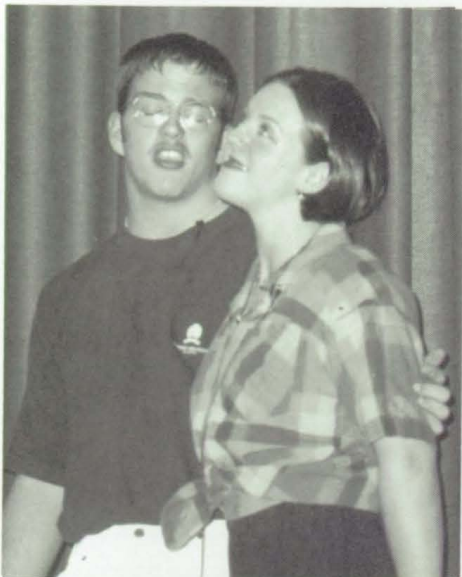
Lindsey Parker, Paul Middlin, Mindy Ensign, Ryan Bissell, Tavis Millerov, and Kristy Anderson enjoy the married life.



Keri Manwell makes a deal with Wayne Hicks.



'96 Spring Musical



Steve McCullough flatters Meaghen Lenk.



Jeannette Roskamp (right) denies that she is in love as Mindy Ensign (left) listens.

Sing a Little Song

The classic struggle between labor and management was vividly portrayed March 28-30 by the VHS Thespians who presented "The Pajama Game." Set in the Sleep-Tite pajama factory, the play also had the traditional love match between Sid Sorokin (played by Brian Schultz) and Babe Williams (played by Jeannette Roskamp).

"It was a great learning experience," noted Jeannette "I got to know a lot of people who I didn't know before. It wasn't hard to sing because it was so easy with someone I knew."

Several players noted that Wayne Hicks is a great character actor, playing a role he has played several times before, a crusty yet lovable character. Typecasting? "Maybe," said Wayne with a grin, "it's one of the parts I most often get." Hicks doesn't plan on a career in acting, although he does hope to be a part of the stage life at SVSU.

"It was one of funniest plays I've ever been in, says Junior

Meaghen Lenk.

"Everyone had a lot of energy and I really liked my part of Gladys."

The play was directed by Mrs. Dianne Hackett, with music directed by Mrs. Pat Middlin.

C o n - gratulations to all who participated in the spring musical.



Wayne Hicks takes conducts a throwing demonstration for the crowd.



Christy Herzberger and Jolene Heidenberger fold the pajamas.



The workers in the pajama factory picket their employer for a raise.



Brian Schultz sings of his dilemma and thinks of a solution.



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Mrs. Heidenberger
Secretary

*A Teacher
affects eternity,
no one can tell
where his
influence ends.*



-Henry
Adams



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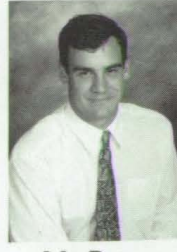
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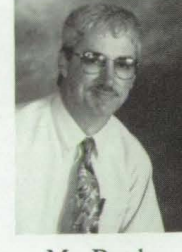
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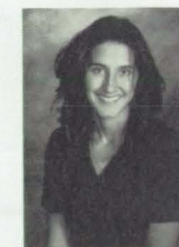
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Math, Physics



Mrs. Schury
English



Mr. Schury
Speech, World
History



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English



Mrs. Stockton
English



Mrs. Hecht, Mr. McArdle and Mrs. Peplinski participate in the Blue Jeans for Babes fundraiser.



Mr. Voss
Science



Mrs. Whyte
Math



Ms. Dick
Alt. Ed.



Mrs. Tenney
Alt. Ed.

Missing Photos:

Mrs. Griesing
Mrs. Harrod
Ms. Kohl

Mrs. Middlin
Mrs. Pnacek
Ms. Ramer

Juniors!

1995



Studying hard!



Hanging out by the lockers and posing for a picture.



Matt Keinath impersonates Jim Carrey from *The Mask*.

High 96



The devil and Mickey Mouse made an appearance at the junior high activity night.



A group of students enjoy the activity night.



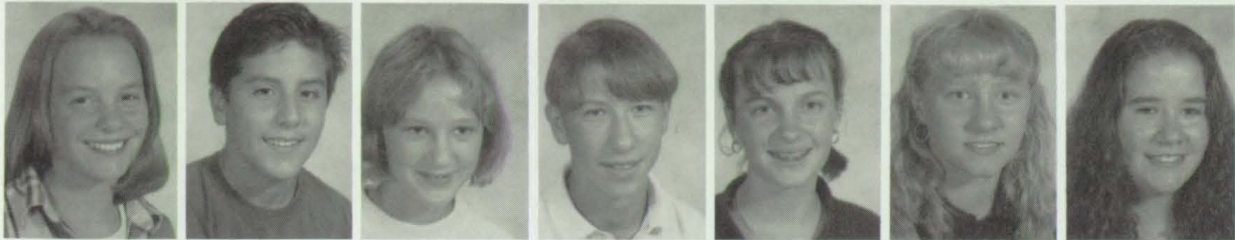
Rachel DeLand stops for a quick candid.

Eighth Grade

Christopher Allen
 Jessica Armstrong
 Jamie Arnett
 Patti Ayres
 Matthew Balcer
 Julie Bark
 Jennifer Beaujean



Margaret Bentley
 Artie Best
 LaDesta Bidwell
 Matthew Bierlien
 Elizabeth Bittner
 Angela Boyer
 Melissa Boyke



Courtney Brewton
 Joshua Briggs
 Tyler Cady
 Sherri Callahan
 Daniel Carll
 Jason Chernenko
 Christopher Clark



Jeffery Cunningham
 Jeremy Cunningham
 John Curtis
 Maryellen Dalton
 Richard Davidson
 Rebecca Decker
 Timothy DeKett



Rachel DeLand
 Megan Dempsey
 Crystal Denniston
 Melissa Eckert
 Takia Ervin
 Amy Fall
 Sarah Fancher



Priscilla Figard
 Troy Finkbiner
 Sarah Ford
 Chrystinda Foster
 Joshua Fruk
 Dawn Gardner
 Bill Germain



Sarah Gohsman
 Kenneth Gorecki
 Malissa Gorleski
 Troy Goss
 Jason Greenleaf
 Nichole Griffith
 Christina Gruno



Class of '00



Josh Hitsman decides to face it all and show his master strategy skills at an activity night sponsored by the Junior High Student Senate.



Eighth grade students enjoy a game of basketball while at the activity night.



Bonnie Guilfoil
Levi Haley
Shawna Hall
Suzanne Hamood
Jason Harper
Erik Hatfield
Gary Haynes

Cassandra Hembling
Josh Hitsman
Bill Huziar
Jeremy Huziar
Jared Jackson
Lynn Jackson
Aaron Johnson

Matthew Keinath
Travis Keller
Kenny Kern
Jennifer Korpi
Sarah Kratz
John Kuzma
Justin LaCount

Nicole LaFramboise
Josh Larkin
Ron Leach
Courtney Lee
Aaron Lenk
Dustin Letts
Ben MacArthur

Eighth Grade

Brad Main
Stacey Marquand
Joshua Marsh
Justin Marsh
Richard Martin
Jason Masker
Theron Matuszak



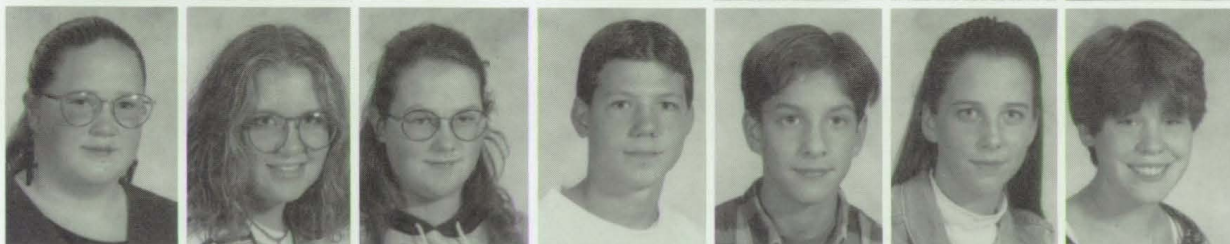
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Amber Morrison
Brooke Moshier
Melissa Muller



Michael Nickerson
Carrie Oginsky
Melissa Okorowski
Jason Oliver
Callie Olson
Steven Owens
Kelly Page



Leah Parker
Jennifer Patrick
Dawn Peabody
Jason Peche
Josh Perez
Suzanne Perreault
Courtney Rae



Corey Randall
Justin Rapp
Rachelle Rhodes
Alan Richards
Julie Ridley
Lisa Robinson
James Rodgers



Josh Rosas
Brandon Rose
Olivia Sanchez
Holly Sargent
Josh Savage
Amy Schmitzer
Jeremy Sharp



Jeff Shelters
Jessica Simpson
Jennifer Slone
Brian Smith
Michael Spencer
Lester St. Clair
Joshua Stacer



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Eighth Grade Band Makes the Mark



The Eighth Grade Band smiles after receiving a Division I rating at District Festival.

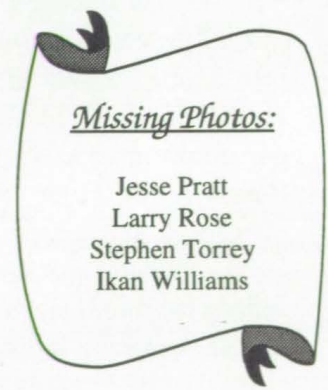
The Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association hosted the Junior High Band Festival this past spring at several different schools around the state. Vassar's junior high students participated at the District Three festival at Laker High School. At the festival, the thirty-one member eighth grade band returned home with an overall rating of I that is equivalent to an "A". Misty Mutch, eighth grade director commented, "I am very proud of this group. They've been working very hard and have made great progress this year."



Michael Stahl
Kendra Stange
Chasity Stutler
Melissa Sullivan
Lillie Summerfield
Richard Swartzendruber



Christal Taylor
Jennifer Tebedo
Cindy Teshendorf
Bethany Thureau
Sarah Toyzan



Missing Photos:

Jesse Pratt
Larry Rose
Stephen Torrey
Ikan Williams



Shelina Trudeau
Talisha Ward
Bethanie Waterman
John Welch
Justin Whitney



Dereke Wilcox
Wayne Williams
Burt Wilson
Rhonda Woolworth
Matt Yono

'95-'96 J.H. Choir



Members of 1995-96 Junior High Choir are: (front l.) Monica Hoornstra, Stephanie Beutel, Jamie Osmon, Kristyn Van Wormer, Adam Reimus, Jason Pintar, Jason Spencer, Leo Zarko, Sarah Worth, Anna Tanke, Cara Rowe, Sarah Rose, and Cassie Clark; (second l.) Erica Germain, Jill Smith, Kelly Herzberger, Patricia Bertelsmeyer, Ryan DeClute, Matt Booth, Jeremy Poulos, Heidi James, Elizabeth Withers, Florence Stakalosa, Stacy Goodman, Jessica Goodman, and Sheryl Powers; (back l.) Angela Legue, Amanda Jerome, Krystal Maybank, Tricia Templeton, Troy Zwerk, David Northern, Robert Watkins, Scott Buchman, Hannah Espinoza, Courtney Karr, Wendy Wilson, Jessica Weber, Carrie Swaffer, Mandy Bess, and Erika Pulley.

One Accident That Didn't Turn Ugly

"I was scared. All I remember is that my face turned purple," Steve Gilbert commented, "Then Dante jumped over the table to help me." On May 4, 1996, Vassar Junior High student, Steve Gilbert began choking on a piece of chicken during lunch, and fellow Junior High student Dante DeLorey jumped over the lunch table to save Gilbert's life.

"I was just helping a friend, and at my old school we had Heimlich training every month." Before the choking incident Gilbert and DeLorey were close friends, but since DeLorey saved Gilbert, Dante thinks that their friendship has grown even stronger. "The only way I could have saved him was thinking that he was one of the practice dummies, because I couldn't think of my friend in pain," DeLorey replied.

"If I have learned anything from this experience, it would be to not eat chicken and chew everything well before swallowing," replied Gilbert.



"Tin Foil Day" goes over well with the students.

When Someone you love becomes a memory,



Kindergarten



First



Second



Third



Fourth



Seventh



Sixth



Fifth

*The memory becomes a treasure,
Christopher W. McInnis
1982-1995*

Seventh Grade

Tom Allen
 Andy Apsey
 Nick Apsey
 Rachel Austin
 Bradley Aymer
 Scott Aymer
 Adam Baker



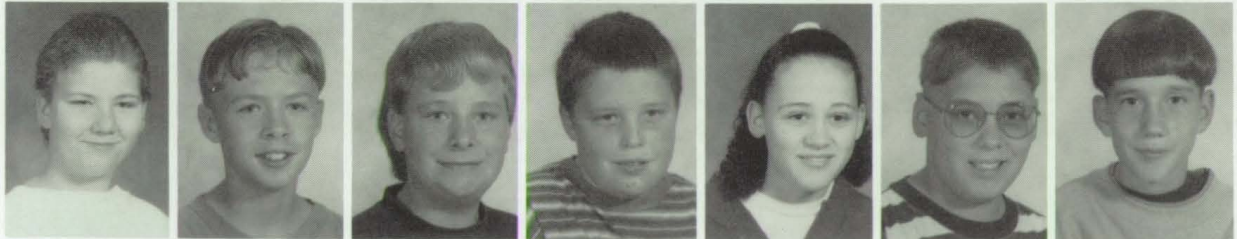
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 Andria Bowman



Scott Buchman
 Billie Burley
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Dustin Clark
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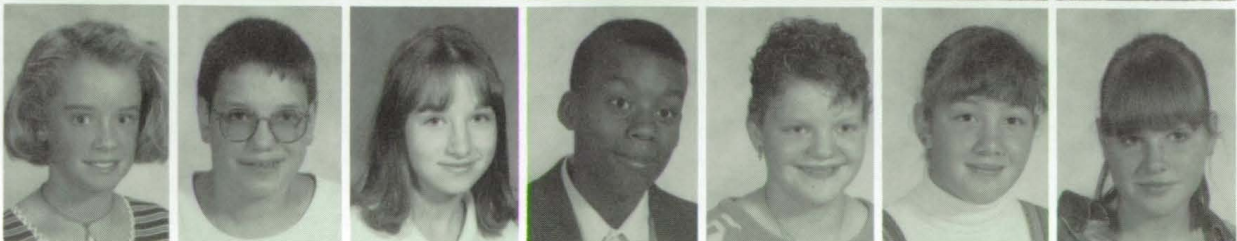
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Hannah Espinoza
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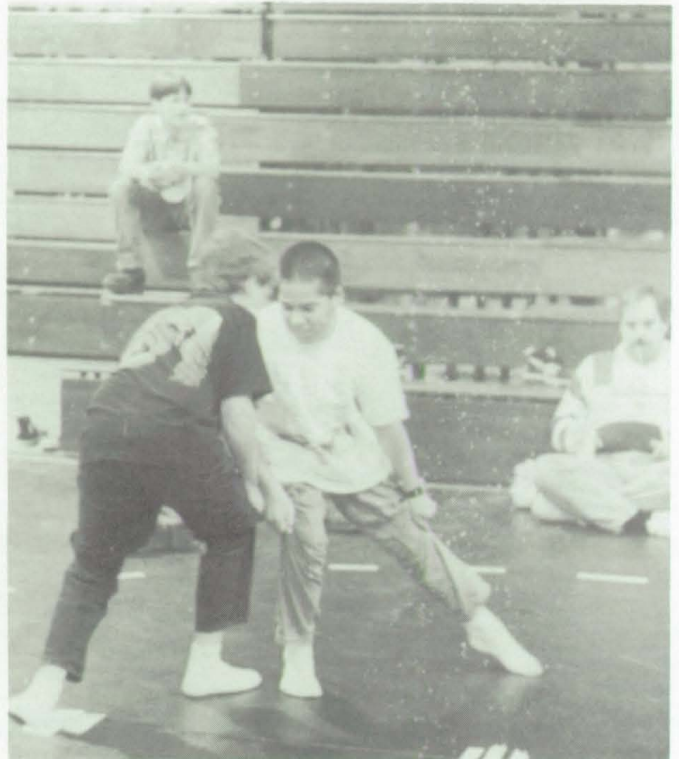
Stacy Goodman
 Mark Graham
 Samantha Griffith
 Tommy Harper
 Teeia Harris
 Teleatha Harris
 Jennifer Haynes



Class of '01



Congratulations to Amanda Jerome who scored high enough in the Center for Talent Development Test to earn a trip to Northwestern University for an awards ceremony. Other students who qualified in the competition were: Matt Keinath, Angie Legue, Sarah Rose, Jennifer Safford, and Kristen VanWormer.



During one of the year's activity nights, Matthew Booth and Dan Carl participated in a wrestling match.



Ron Haynes
Daniel Hecht
Jenny Herzberger
Kelley Herzberger
Jacob Hill
Monica Hoorstra
Amanda Jerome

Jason Johnson
Tom Johnson
Heidi Jones
Kris Kaatz
Courtney Karr
Joey Kata
Sherril Keener

Matt Keller
Eugene Kelley
Mike Kelly
Carrie Kern
Michael Kern
Adam Killian
Beth Kollman

Seventh Grade

Kerri Krause
Jason Kribs
Gary Law
Angie Legue
Carrie Legue
Michael Mallets
Jeremy Martin



Krystl Maybank
Ryan McKendree
Jonathan Merry
Jennifer Moncman
Tony Morgan
Nic Morley
Kris Nearing



Tera Newton
David Northern
Kassie Orvis
Jamie Osmon
Kacy Pagy
David Palmerton
Michael Petty



Joe Phillippi
Jason Pintar
Tonya Plummer
Jeremy Poulos
Sheryl Powers
Erika Pulley
Steven Rapp



Mandi Raymond
Adam Reimus
Aaron Ring
Matt Rogers
Jackie Rondo
Sarah Rose
Greg Rosencrants



Cara Mea Rowe
Jennifer Safford
Lonnie Scharff
Becky Schnepf
Kevin Schultz
Luke Sebert
Nick Seney



Chris Senior
Nathan Shepherd
Joseph Smeaton
Jake Smith
Jill Smith
Christina Spencer
Jason Spencer



Class of '01



Congratulations to the Junior High Boys' Track Team for their win at the Reese Invitational. They brought home a first place trophy, scoring 153 points to beat out five other teams.



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Missing Photos:

Christopher Berlin
Richard Bigelow
Kevin Borton
James Kuntzman
Kyle Mummy



Charles Stadler
Flo Stakolosa
Gene Stroup
Billy Sulicki
Keri Swaffer
Anna Tanke
Dustin Taylor

Trisha Templeton
Thurman Tucker
Kristen VanWormer
Tiffany Wakefield
Amanda Warian
Robert Watkins
Jessica Weber

Andrea Wickings
Wendy Wilson
Elizabeth Withers
Sarah Worth
Leo Zarko
Troy Zwerk

'95 J.H. Girls' Basketball

Members of the 1995 Girls' Seventh Grade Basketball Team are: (front 1.) Kristyn Van Wormer, Stacy Goodman, Hannah Espinoza, Jolyn Datz, and Teleatha Harris; (second 1.) Stephanie Beatle, Sarah Worth, Andrea Wickings, Keri Swaffer, Jill Smith, Samantha Griffin, Jennifer Moncman, and Kerri Krause; (back 1.) Mandy Bess, Jamie Donnelly, Erica Germain, Crystal Donnelly, Jackie Rondo, Christina Spencer, Courtney Karr, and Coach Kennard.



Member of the 1995 Girls' Eighth Grade Basketball Team are: (front 1.) Lynn Jackson, Suzanne Hamood, Margaret Bentley, Missy Gorleski, Callie Olson, Sarah Gohsman, Talisha Ward, and Shawna Hall; (second 1.) Mellisa Sullivan, Chrystinda Foster, Sarah Toyzan, Meghan Dempsey, Cindy Teschendorf, and Sherri Callahan; (back 1.) Suzanne Perreault, Jennifer Tebedo, Coach Lasceski, Manager Chris Allen, Rachel DeLand, Kendra Stange, Chasity Stuttler, and Nikki Meyer.

'95-'96 J.H. Boys' Basketball



Members of the 1995-96 Seventh Grade Boys' Basketball Team are: (front l.) Tom Harper, Jeremy Dembowski, Dustin Taylor, Troy Zwerk, Leo Zarko, Greg Rosenkraants, Matthew Booth, Kris Nearing, Tony Morgan, and John Mansueto; (second l.) Gary Law, Aaron Ring, Eugene Kelley, Charles Stadler, Jason Spencer, Richard Bigelow, and Scott Buchman; (back l.) Adam Baker, Tom Johnson, Bobby Germain, Nick Seney, Chris Berlin, and Kyle Mumy.



Members of the 1995-96 Eighth Grade Boys' Basketball Team are: (front l.) Josh Stacer, Jason Greenleaf, Matt Keinath, Ricky Martin, Brandon Rose, T.J. Finkbeiner, Chad Germain, and Ben MacArthur; (back l.) Coach Rose, Josh Hitsman, Jeremy Sharp, Bill Germain, Chris Allen, Jason Harper, Jason Oliver, Jason Chernenko, Brad Main, and Travis Keller.

'95-'96 J.H. Cheerleading

Members of the 1995-96 Eighth Grade Cheerleading Squad I are: (front l.) Carrie Oginsky and Holly Sargent; (second l.) Nicole Griffith and Coach Becky Minarcik; (back l.) Jennifer Patrick, Courtney Lee, Sarah Fancher, Cindy Teschendorf, Margaret Bentley, and Melissa Okorowski.



Members of the 1995-96 Eighth Grade Cheerleading Squad II are: (front l.) Lisa Robinson and Sherri Callahan; (second l.) Chryscinda Foster, Melissa Sullivan, Coach Becky Minarcik, and Jessica Armstrong; (back l.) Cassandra Hembling, Callie Olsen, Melissa Boyke, Jennifer Korpi, Rachel DeLand, and Amy Fall.



Members of the 1995-96 Seventh Grade Cheerleading Squad are: (front l.) Samantha Griffin and Sarah Worth; (second l.) Stacy Goodman and Crystal Donnelly; (kneeling l.) Coach Becky Minarcik, Jamie Donnelly, Andrea Wickings, Jessica Goodman, Courtney Karr, Keri Swaffer, Jennifer Moncman, Mandy Bess, and Nicole Davis; (standing l.) Jackie Rondo and Christina Spencer.



'95-'96 J.H. Volleyball



Members of the 1995-96 Eighth Grade Volleyball Team are: (front 1.) Missy Gorleski, Nikki Meyer, and Margaret Bentley; (second 1.) Shawna Hall, Melissa Sullivan, Chrissie Foster, and Callie Olsen; (back 1.) Suzanne Hamood, Sarah Gohsman, Coach Mike Rose, Nicole Griffith, and Rachel DeLand.

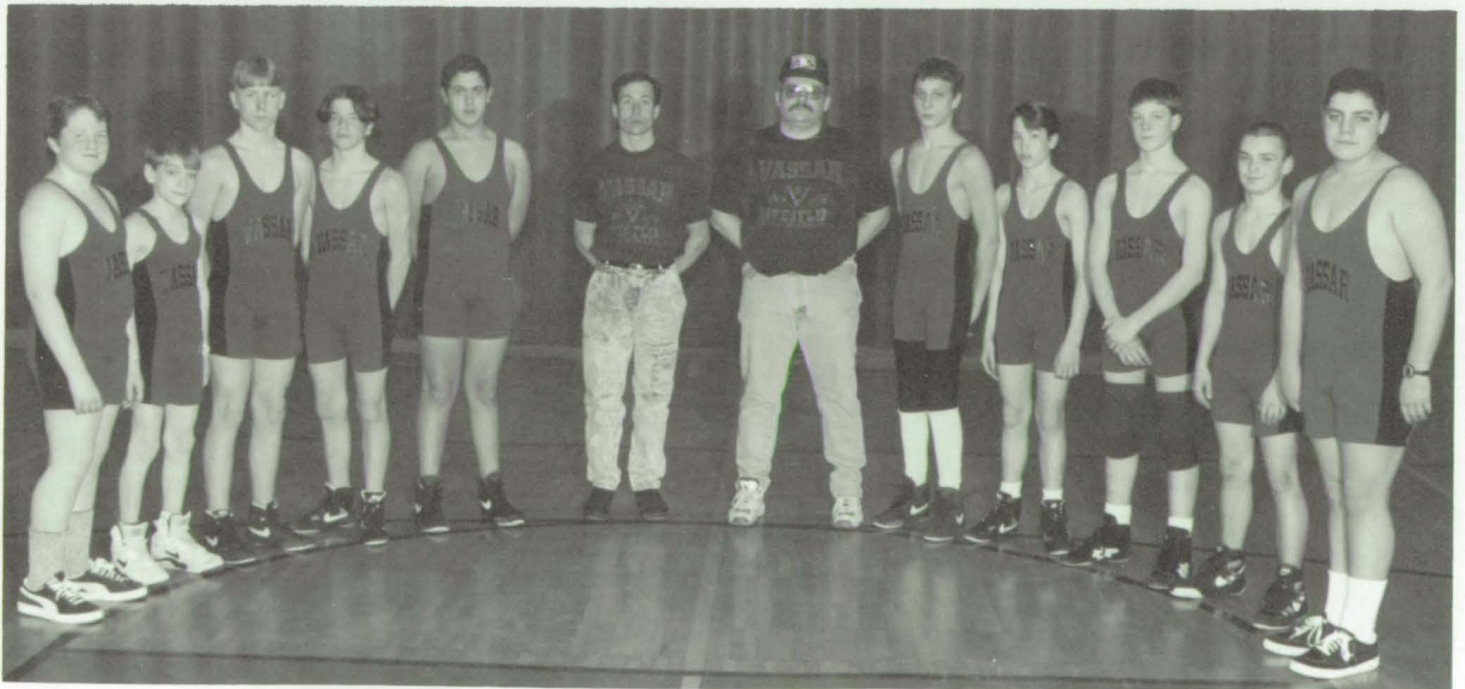


Members of the 1995-96 Seventh Grade Volleyball Team are: (front 1.) Kerri Krause, Keri Swaffer, and Hannah Espinoza; (second 1.) Stephanie Beutel, Carrie Legue, Mandy Bess, Jamie Donnelly, and Kristyn VanWormer; (back 1.) Andrea Bowman, Teleacha Harris, Coach Lindner, Jo Lynn Datz, Jackie Rondo, and Courtney Karr.

'95-'96 J.H. Cross Country/Wrestling



Members of the 1995 Junior High Cross Country Team are: (front l.) Jared Jackson, Monica Hornstra, and Jack Merry; (back l.) Manager Crystal Foess, Manager Cindy Kern, Michael Stahl, Greg Rosencrants, Nick Seney, Coach Johnson, and Manager Samantha Roedel.



Members of the 1995-96 Junior High Wrestling Team are: (l. to r.) Nathan Sheperd, Thomas Caine, Chad Germain, Tony Morgan, Jeremy Huizar, Coach Zarko, Coach King, Jack Merry, Leo Zarko, Brent Cascadden, Wayne Williams, and Matt Yono.

'96 J.H. Track



Members of the 1996 Boys' Junior High Track Team are: (front l.) Levi Haley, Matt Keinath, Greg Rosencrants, Jason Pintar, Matt Booth, Brandon Rose, Ricky Martin, Bill Germain, Jason Reif, Matt Bierlein, and Gary Law; (back l.) Josh Hitsman, Tony Morgan, Jason Spencer, Michael Stahl, Jason Peche, Jack Merry, Coach Lasceski, Dereke Wilcox, Kyle Mumy, Bobby Germain, Nick Seney, Scott Buchman, and Jason Masker. Missing from photo: Ken MacArthur, Jason Oliver, and Chris Senior.



Members of 1996 Girls' Junior High Track Team are: (front l.) Elizabeth Bittner, Melissa Sullivan, Nikki Meyer, Kendra Stange, Rachel DeLand, Suzanne Perreault, Sarah Worth, Jessica Goodman, and Kristyn VanWormer; (second l.) Jackie Rondo, Jennifer Beaujean, Mandy Bess, Sarah Tozan, Christina Spencer, Erica Germain, Cassie Clark, and Crystal Donnelly; (back l.) Meghan Dempsey, Coach Heather Bissell, and Cindy Techendorf.

'76... '86... '96... *Waterlogged Again*

As in years past, the community of Vassar pulled together to weather the storms. In late May, flooding created a surprise vacation for students and staff, hitting on the last two days of school for seniors. Again in late June, the community flooded, but this time the school flooded as well because of the torrential downpours. Our advice for the class of 2006 -buy some waders!



Parent Ads

Senior Roster

Ads

1995-96

Class Roster

Bobbi Lee Abbott

Girls Track Manager 2; Close-Up 2, 3; French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Top Ten French 1, 2, 3, 4; Cap/Gown Committee 3, 4; Top Ten 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4.

Jill Marie Aldrich

Softball 1, 2, 3; Cheerleading 1, 2; Fall Play 1, 2; Spring Musical 1; Thespians 2; Drama Club 1, 2; SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; German Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 3; Class Treasurer 2, 3, 4; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Varsity Letter 3; Academic Letter 4; BPA 4; BPA President 4; Photography, Darkroom 3, 4.

Sarah Elizabeth Alexander

Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4; Fall Play 1; Spring Musical 3; Thespians 3, 4; Drama Club 3, 4; YIG 3, 4; YIG Treasurer 4; NHS 3, 4; SADD 3, 4; Symphonic Band 1; Marching Band 1; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Viva Club 3, 4; Top Ten Spanish 3; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 3, 4; Top Ten 1; Yearbook Staff 3, 4; Yearbook Co-Editor 4; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Varsity Letter 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Natural Helpers 4; Homecoming Court 4; D.A.R.E. Role Model 4; Cheerleading Co-Captain 4; Perfect Attendance 1; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Coach's Award for Football Cheerleading 4; Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) Rep-



*To Tammy
Sayles,
Congratulations! We are very
proud of you.
May God con-
tinue to bless and
guide you in your plans for the future.*

Love,

*Mom, Dad, Bryan,
Adam, Jenni, and Family*

representative 4; Student Tutor 2.

Jason Scott Arnett

Patrick Raymond Arnold

Tracy Lynn Baldwin

Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleading 2, 3; NHS 4; SADD 4; SADD Secretary 4; Choir 4; German Club 2, 3, 4; German Club President 4; German Club Vice-President 3; Top Ten German 2, 3; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 3, 4; Yearbook Staff 3, 4; Yearbook Co-Editor 4; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Varsity Letter 2, 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 3, 4; Natural Helpers 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Court 4; Softball Co-Captain 3, 4; Volleyball Co-Captain 4; D.A.R.E. 4; Honorable Mention All-Conference Softball 2; Honorable Mention Conference Volleyball 4; Volleyball Most Improved Player 4; All District Softball 3; Perfect Attendance 1, 2, 3, 4.

Angela Lynn Baxter

Jay Erwin Beardslee

Christina Marie Betts

Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4; YIG 3, 4; YIG Secretary 4; SADD 3, 4; Choir 2, 3, 4; Viva Club 3, 4; French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Yearbook Staff 3, 4; Yearbook Co-Editor 4; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Varsity



To Jennie Martin,

*Congratulations! We wish you the
best in everything you do. Go for the
Gold!*

*With all our love,
Mom and Dad*

Parent Ads



*To Tracy Baldwin,
Best wishes
for a happy and
successful future.
Always do your
best in everything,
trust in God's guid-
ance, and know that he will always be
there for you.*

*Love,
Mom and Dad*

Letter 3, 4; Academic Letter 1.

Raymund Matthew Bissell

Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 3, 4; Varsity Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4.

Laura Lynn Blossom

Softball 2; Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4; Fall Play 1; Choir 2; Viva Club 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 3; Varsity Letter 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleading Captain 1, 2; Cheerleading Co-Captain 3, 4; Camp Hartley Counselor 4.

Kristy May Bohunsky

Basketball 1; Volleyball 2; Symphonic Band 1, 2; Marching Band 1, 2; Colorguard 2; Solo/Ensemble 1; Viva Club 1, 2; Top Ten Spanish 1; Academic Letter 1, 2; Perfect Attendance.

Kevin Thomas Bohunsky

James Earl Brink

John Michael Chomos

Academic English Team 4; Newspaper Staff 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Perfect Attendance 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Angela Lynne Clark

Fall Play 1; Drama Club 1, 4; Symphonic Band 1, 2, 3, 4;

Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Solo/Ensemble 1, 2, 3; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Viva Club 1; French Club 4; Cap/Gown Committee 3, 4; Academic Letter 1; Natural Helpers 2, 3, 4; Honors Choir 1, 2, 4.

Rebecca Marie Cunningham

Basketball 1, 2; Spring Musical 4; Drama Club 4; NHS 2, 3, 4; NHS President 4; SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 2, 3, 4; French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Top Ten French 1, 2; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 4; Academic Math Team 3, 4; Top Ten 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Recycling 2, 3; Natural Helpers 3, 4; Honors Choir 2, 3; Student Tutor 2, 3, 4.

Josephine M. Dalton

Fall Play 2, 4; Spring Musical 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD 1, 2; Symphonic Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 2, 3, 4.

Brian Keith Decker

Jessica Lynn DeMercy

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1; Volleyball 1, 2; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD 3, 4; Viva Club 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 3, 4; Top Ten French 3; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 4; Varsity Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; 2nd Team all Conference Shot Put 2; 2nd Team all Conference Basketball 4; 2nd Team all Conference Area Basketball 4; 2nd Team all County Basketball 4; MIP Track 3; MVP Basketball 4; Co-Captain Basketball 4; Co-Captain Track 4; French Award 3.

Russel James Deming

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Viva Club 3; Varsity Letter 3, 4; Academic Letter 1.

Gabriel Adam Denniston

Shannon Beth Diebold

David Nelson Drysdale

Valerie Duncan

Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4; YIG 3, 4; Symphonic Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Colorguard 2, 3, 4; Solo/Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Viva Club 3, 4; Viva Club Treasurer 4; Academic Letter 1, 3, 4; Varsity Letter 3; Color Guard Captain 3, 4.

Ryan M. Esterline

Basketball 1; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 3, 4; Varsity Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic Letter 4; Cross Country MVP 3, 4; Cross Country Captain 3, 4; Track Most Improved 2; Track Captain 3, 4.

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*To Jessica
DeMercy,*

*We have
watched you grow.*

*From child, to
student athlete, to
a fine young*

*woman. Always follow your dreams and
reach for the stars.*

Paul and Jan DeMercy

Volleyball 2; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Cross Country 2, 3; French Club 2; Varsity Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Co-Captain 4; MVP Track 2; 2nd Team All-Conference Cross-Country 2, 3; 2nd Team all Conference 2; Broke School Record 2.

Jeremy Gilmore

Football 1; Baseball Manager 1; Yearbook Staff 4; Newspaper Staff 4.

Tyson Daniel Gilmore

Christy M. Gray

Volleyball Manager 1, 2; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4.

Matthew Don Hall

Brian J. Heinlein

NHS 2, 3, 4; Symphonic Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 2, 3, 4; Solo/Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Viva Club 3, 4; Top Ten Spanish 3; Top Ten 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Math Award 2, 3; Who's Who Among American High School Students 4.

Kate Fall

Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling Manager 1, 2, 3; Class Treasurer 1; NHS 2, 3, 4; Alpha Beta Award 1, 2; German Club 2; Top Ten 1, 2; Prom Committee 3; Academic Tech Team 2, 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; German I Award 2; Rotary Leadership camp 3; Cross Country State Champion 2, 4; Coach's Award 4; All-State 1, 2, 3, 4; MVP 1, 2, 3, 4; Track MVP 2, 3; Varsity Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Track State Qualifier 1, 2, 3; Cross Country Record; Track 2 mile record.

Heather Renae Fisher

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 2, 3, 4; Viva Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Viva Club Vice-President 4; Top Ten Spanish 1, 2, 3; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Letter 3, 4.

Justin William Forsyth

Candi Suzanne Gawne

Rachel Geissler

Basketball 1, 2; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleading 2, 3; SADD 2, 3; Close-Up 3; French Club 3, 4; French Club Secretary 3; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 4; Class Vice-President 1; Varsity Letter 3, 4; BPA 4; BPA Treasurer 4.

Ronette Germain



*To Heidi Kern,
Hurray*

*Heidi Kern, we
are so proud of
you and all that
you've accom-
plished. Keep
reaching for your*

*dreams and make them happen. We'll
be cheering you on! Best of Luck!*

Love,

Mom, Dad, and Cindy

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Wayne Hicks

Fall Play 2, 3, 4; Spring Musical 2, 3, 4; Thespians 3, 4; Drama Club 2, 3, 4; Drama Club President 4; Drama Club Vice-President 3; Forensics 4; SADD 4; Solo/Ensemble 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Viva Club 2, 3; French Club 4; Top Ten Spanish 1; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4.

Christopher Hoerlein

Matt Hogan

Golf 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD Treasurer 4; Viva Club 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 4; Varsity Letter 4; Academic Letter 1; BPA 4; Golf Coach's Award 4; Who's Who Among America High School Students 4; D. A. R. E. Role Model 4.

Christoper Houghteling

Eric Noel Hoyt

Jamie Ryan Huizar

Scott Michael Huyghe

Tracy Robert Inches

Matthew Scott Keinath

Allison June Kern

Anessa Marie Kern

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1; SADD 2, 3, 4; SADD Vice-President 4; SADD Treasurer 3; Viva Club 2; German Club 4; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 4; Class Secretary 2, 3, 4; Yearbook Staff 3; Yearbook Co-Editor 4; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Varsity Letter 3, 4; Academic Letter 3, 4; Recycling 3, 4; Sophomore Homecoming Representative 2; Home Coming Court 4; Hobby Ambassador 4; Girls State 4; D. A. R. E. Role Model 4.

Heidi K. Kern

Softball 2; Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4; Fall Play 1, 2; Spring Musical 1; Thespians 1, 2; Drama Club 1, 2; NHS 2, 3, 4; NHS Secretary 4; SADD 2, 3, 4; Close-Up 2, 3; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Viva Club 2, 3, 4; Viva Club President 3, 4; Top Ten Spanish 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 3, 4; Class Vice-President 2, 3, 4; Class Secretary 1; Top Ten 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Letter 2, 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Freshman Representative 1; Homecoming Court 4; Homcoming Queen 4; Camp Hartley Counselor 4; Student Tutor 2; Cheerleading Captain 3.



To Jenni

Piazza,

*You've
come a long way,
Jenni, and we're
proud of you.
We will always
be there for you.
Keep your faith.*

Love,

Mom, Dad, Mike, and Anna

Jesse John Ketola

Timothy Joe Korpi

Tina Kosinski

Swimming 1; Volleyball 1, 2, 4; Track 3, 4; Cheerleading 2, 3; NHS 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Varsity Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic Letter 2, 3, 4; Art Awards 2, 3, 4; Art Train 3; Attendance Council 2; Debate 1.

Wayne Carl Krumnauer

Tammy LaCount

Viva Club 2; Academic Letter 3; Perfect Attendance 2.

Rebecca Ann Lahar

Joshua D. Lasceski

Track 1, 2, 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; SADD 4; Symphonic Band 1; Marching Band 1; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 2, 3, 4; French Club 3, 4; Top Ten French 3; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Letter 4.

Vicki Jo Marker

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*To Jay Beardslee,
Remember The Old In-
dian. He will always be there to
guide you.*

Alice Beardslee

Dee Dee Martin

Basketball 1, 2, 4; Softball 1, 2, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Co-Captain Volleyball 4; Track 3; Manager of Junior High Basketball 3; NHS 3, 4; SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD President 4; SADD Secretary 3; Choir 3, 4; French Club 3, 4; French Club Secretary 4; Top Ten French 3; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 3, 4; Yearbook Staff 3, 4; Yearbook Co-Editor 4; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Varsity Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Natural Helpers 3, 4; Perfect Attendance 1, 2; MVP Volleyball 4; Student Senate 3, 4; 2nd Team All-Conference; D.A.R.E. Role Model 4.

Jennie Rebeccah Martin

Fall Play 1, 2, 3, 4; Spring Musical 1, 2, 3; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 1, 2, 3, 4; YIG 2, 3, 4; SADD 2, 3; Symphonic Band 1, 2; Marching Band 1, 2; Pep Band 1; Solo/Ensemble 1, 2; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 3, 4; French Club President 4; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 4; Academic Science Team 2, 3, 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Newspaper Staff 4; Academic Letter 2, 3; Recycling 3; Student Director of Fall Play 2; Honors Choir 3.

Steven Michael Maurer

Golf 2, 3, 4; Fall Play 2, 3, 4; Thespians 3, 4; Drama Club 4; NHS 3, 4; Symphonic Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Top Ten Spanish 3; Academic Math Team 2, 3, 4; Top Ten 4; Yearbook Staff 3, 4; Yearbook Co-Editor 4; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Varsity Letter 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Camp Hartley Counselor 4; Perfect Attendance 1, 2, 3, 4; Coach's Award Golf 4; Math Award 1; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Cory Michael Mays

Stacy Lynn McCloud

Softball 2; Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD 1; Choir 1, 2; Viva Club 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Varsity Letter 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2; Camp Hartley Counselor 4; Cheerleading Captain 1, 2, 3, 4; Coach's Award 3; Cheerleading Co-Captain 3.

Justin James McClure

Adam James McCormick

Deanna Marie McCrumb

Stephen Timothy McCullough

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Fall Play 1, 3; Spring Musical 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespians 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 1, 2, 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; SADD 2, 3, 4; Close-Up 2; Symphonic Band 1; Marching Band 1; Pep Band 1; Jazz Band 1, 2; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Viva Club 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 4; Yearbook Staff 3, 4; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Photography Co-Editor 4; Varsity Letter 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Football Captain 4; Baseball Most Improved 3; Student Tutor 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Tutor 2, 3; Honors Choir 2, 3, 4; Ski Club 3, 4; Announcements 3, 4.

Kealy Beth McKenzie

Rondell Metro

Baseball 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 3; Varsity Letter 3; Academic Letter.

Thomas Paul Meyer

Paul W. Middlin

Fall Play 1, 2, 3, 4; Spring Musical 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespians 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 2, 3, 4; NHS 2, 3, 4; NHS Treasurer 4; Symphonic Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 3, 4; Solo/Ensemble 2, 3, 4; Tri-County Honors Band 3, 4; Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Viva Club 4; Top Ten Spanish 3; Academic Math Team 2, 3, 4; Top Ten 3, 4; Yearbook Staff 3, 4; Yearbook

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Co-Editor 4; Newspaper Staff 3; Band Letter 3; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Recycling 3, 4; Honor Thespian 3, 4; Best Thespians 3; Honors Choir 1, 2, 3, 4.

Tavis Millerov

Golf 1, 2, 3, 4; Manager of Girl's Varsity Softball 4; Fall Play 2, 3, 4; Spring Musical 1, 2, 3; Thespians 2, 3, 4; YIG 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; SADD 1, 3, 4; Symphonic Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 4; Class President 4; Yearbook Staff 3, 4; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Photogaphy Co-Editor 4; Varsity Letter 4; Academic Letter 2, 3, 4; Camp Hartley Counselor 4.

William G. Mills

Baseball 1, 2; Football 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Cross Country 1; Golf 3, 4; Spring Musical 1; Newspaper Staff 4; Varsity Letter 3, 4; Coach's Award Basketball 3.

Amy Lou Nephew

Spring Musical 4; Drama Club 4; SADD 3, 4; French Club 3, 4; Cap/Gown Committee 4.

Flavia Perecira Neves

Exchange Student 4; Volleyball 4; Track 4.

Amanda Opperman

Matthew Michael Ostrander

Adam David Partridge

Track 3; Fall Play 3, 4; Spring Musical 3, 4; Thespians 3, 4; Drama Club 3, 4; SADD 4; Symphonic Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 2, 3, 4; Solo/Ensemble 3, 4; Tri-Country Honors Band 3, 4; Choir 4; Viva Club 3, 4; French Club 4; Academic Letter 2, 3, 4; Student Tutor 1, 4; Tuba Christmas Concert 2, 3, 4; Half Crazy Walk/Run Pep Band 4; State Solo/Ensemble 4; Perfect Attendance 2, 3, 4; Set Chairman Fall Play 3.

Joelle Marie Patrick

Fall Play 1, 2, 3, 4; Spring Musical 4; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Forensics 4; Symphonic Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Solo/Ensemble 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Band Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; BPA 4; Student Director 4.

William N. Petzold

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Golf 3, 4; Football Manager 2; Fall Play 3, 4; Spring Musical 2, 3; YIG 1, 2, 3, 4; Forensics 2; NHS 2, 3, 4; NHS Treasurer 3; SADD 3; German Club 3, 4; Top Ten German 3; Chairman Gap/Gown Committee 4; Academic Social Studies Team 2, 3, 4; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Newspaper Editor 4; Varsity Letter 3, 4; Academic Letter 2, 3, 4; BPA 4; Student Spotlight 4;



*To Dee Dee,
You are
unique of all
God's creations,
nothing can re-
place you. Also
remember, quit-
ters never win
and winners never quit. O.S.L.B.*

*We love you!
Dad, Mom, Lynsey, Kris,
Marilyn, and Amy*

Thespians 3,4.

Jennifer L. Piazza

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Viva Club 2, 3, 4; Cap/Gown Committee 3, 4; Varsity Letter 1, 2, 3, 4.

Jeffrey David Pintar

Christopher Putman

Football 3; Track 1, 2, 4; Wrestling 2, 3, 4; Varsity Letter 2, 4; Cross Country 2.

Amy Ruth Reif

Cheerleading 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; Choir 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Academic Games 4; Varsity Letter 3, 4; Academic Letter 3, 4.

Tracy Ann Respecki

Viva Club 3; French Club 2; Academic Letter 1.

Andrew Robert Reynolds

Baseball 1; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Football Captain 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball Captain 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Track Captain 4; Fall

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To John
Micheal Chomos,
We can't
believe how much
time has past!
You've grown up
so fast! We are
proud of you!

Good luck at Northern Michigan.
Remember to pack your long underwear!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Play 1, 2; Spring Musical 1, 2, 3; Thespians 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Viva Club 1; German Club 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 3, 4; Class President 2; Varsity Letter 2, 3, 4.

William Frederick Ricklefs III

Football 1, 2, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Coach's Award Baseball 3; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; German Club 3, 4; Secretary German Club 4; Cap/Gown Committee 3, 4; Newspaper Staff 4; Varsity Letter 3, 4; D.A.R.E. Rolemodel 4.

Charlotte Mae Roebuck

SADD 3; Viva Club 3; German Club 4.

Marc Rolando

Football 4; Track 4; Wrestling 4; Icefest King's Court 4; Exchange Student 4; Varsity Letter 4.

Johnathon Ross

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3; Wrestling 2, 3, 4; Captain of the Wrestling Team 4; Academic Games 4; Varsity Letter 2, 3, 4; Pin Record Wrestling 4.

Nathan Parker Ross

Ryan Ross

Football 1, 2; Basketball 2; Track 1, 3,

4; Cross Country 3, 4; Basketball Manager 1; Academic Tech Team 4; Varsity Letter 1, 3, 4; Academic Letter 1.

Tammy Lynn Sayles

Cheerleading 1; SADD 1; Choir 3, 4; Viva Club 1; French Club 3; Prom Committee 3; Academic Letter 1, 4.

Brian Joseph Schultz

Fall Play 3, 4; Spring Musical 2, 3, 4; Thespians 3, 4; Drama Club 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech Award 2; French Club 4; French Club Vice President 4; German Club 3, 4; Top Ten German 3; German Award 3; Top Ten French 4; Academic Games 3, 4; Top Ten 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Counselor at Camp Hartley 4.

Amy Norine Searles

Spring Musical 2; Drama Club 2; Symphonic Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Colorguard 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 4; French Club 3; Varsity Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Band Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2.

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Academic Letter 1, 3; Perfect Attendance 1, 2.

Dustin Garner Shannon

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball Captain 4; YIG 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Football Captain 4; Honorable Mention All Conference Football 3, 4; Coach's Award Football 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling Captain 3, 4; MVP Wrestling 3; NHS 3, 4; NHS Vice President 4; German Club 3, 4; Top Ten German 3; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 3, 4; Academic Science Team 3, 4; Captain Science Academic Team 4; Top Ten 2, 3, 4; Student Senate 2, 3, 4; Student Senate Vice President 4; Varsity Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Natural Helpers 1, 2, 3, 4; D.A.R.E. Role Model 4; Student Tutor 1, 4; Class Representative Ice Fest 3; King's Court Ice Fest 4.

Ryan Francis Shepherd

Beth Simpson

Basketball 1, 2; Volleyball 1; Spring Musical 3, 4; Drama Club 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; French Club 3, 4; French Club Treasurer 3, 4; Top Ten French 3; Cap/Gown Committee 4; Top Ten 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Senate 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Senate Vice President 3; Student Senate President 4; Homecoming Court 4.

Craig Smith

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball Manager 3, 4.

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Heather Smith

Sondra Ellen Smith

Kelly Stilson

Volleyball 1; NHS 2, 3, 4; Close-Up 3; Symphonic Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 2; Solo/Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-County Honors Band 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 4; Cap/Gown Committee 4; Academic Science Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Top Ten 1, 2, 3; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Natural Helpers 1, 2, 3, 4.

David Allen Strunk

Jason Daniel Strunk

Shawn Thomas Swaffer

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball Co-Captain 4; MVP Baseball 2, 3; Honorable Mention All Conference Baseball 3; Football 1, 2, 4; MVP Football 4; Honorable Mention All Conference Football 4; German Club 3, 4; Varsity Letter 3, 4; IceFest Court 4, IceFest King 4.

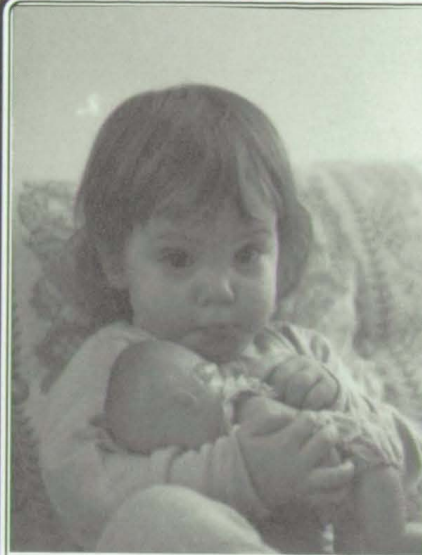
Ryo Takamine

Symphonic Band 4; Pep Band 4; Solo/Ensemble 4; Exchange Student 4.

Kristoffer R. Terbush

Matthew Terry

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Football Captain 4; Honorable Menton All Conference Football 3, 4; First Team Academic All State Football 4; Tri-Valley Conference Academic Football 4; Tuscola County Advertiser Honorable Mention Football 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 4; Baseball 1, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; YIG 2, 3, 4; YIG President 4; YIG Youth Governor 4; NHS 2, 3, 4; Viva Club 2, 3, 4; Viva



*To Sarah,
Secret is
out... Sarah
Elizabeth
Alexander does
not smile all
the time... Just
99.9% of it!*

May all your dreams come true.

*Our love always,
Mom and Dad*

Club Vice President 3; Viva Club Secretary 2, 4; Top Ten Spanish 2, 3; Spanish II Award 3; Trigonometry Award 3; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 3, 4; Social Studies Academic Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain Social Studies Academic Team 3, 4; Xerox Social Studies Award 3; Top Ten 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Letter 2, 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Natural Helpers 4; Tutor 1, 2; IceFest Court 4.

Michelle Lee Waterson

Angie Irene Welch



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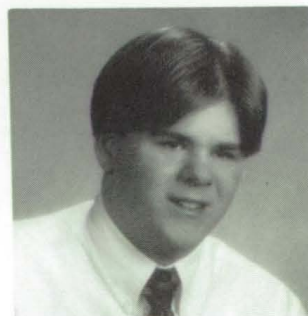
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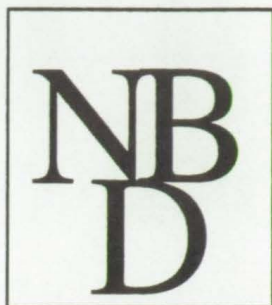
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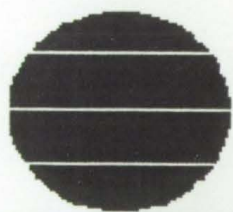
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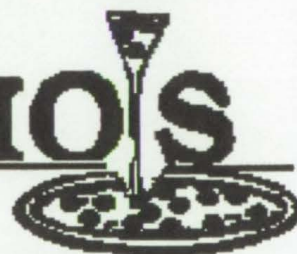
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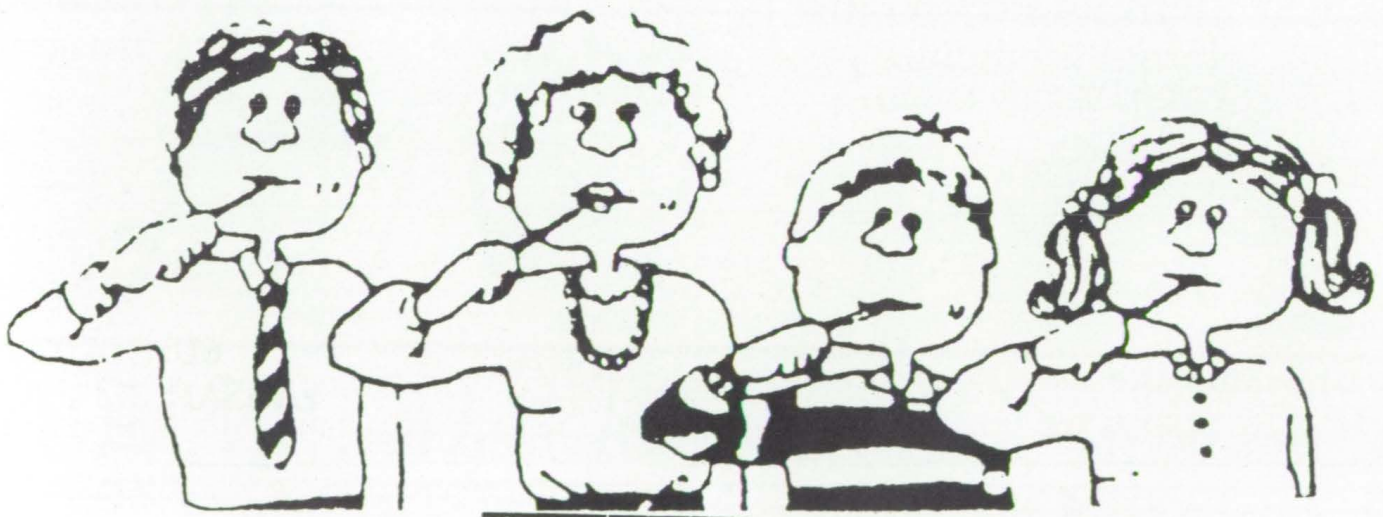
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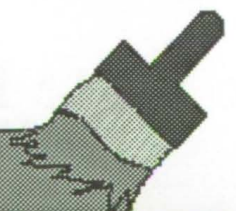
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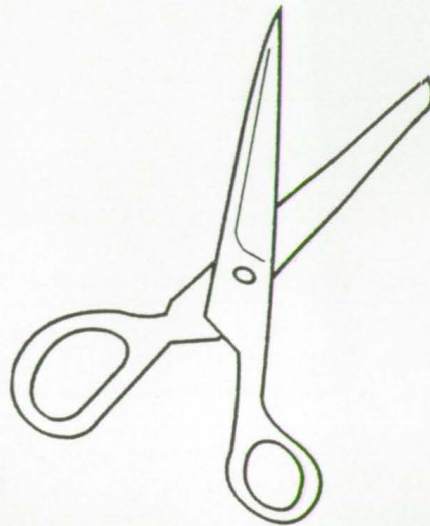
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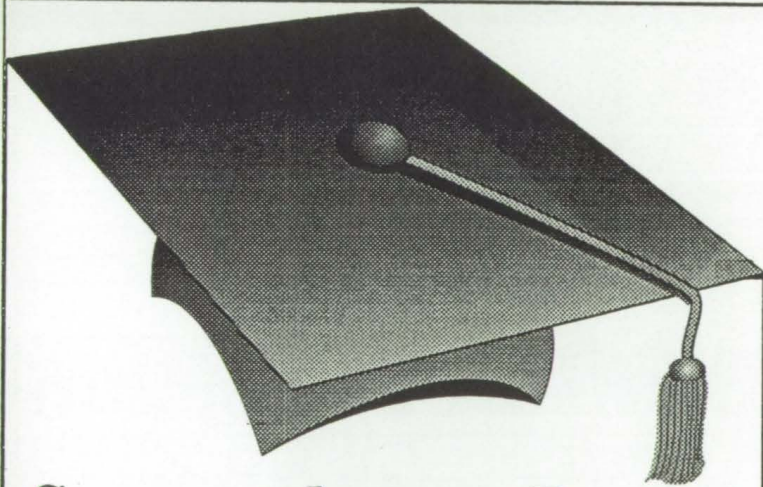


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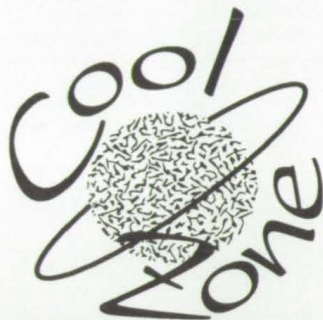
An exciting trip to New York was in store for 95 Vassar students and parents (picture top opposite page) as they made their way to the Big Apple for the four-day Fine Arts Trip.

First stop was Niagara Falls, where the group took a journey on the Maid of the Mist excursion boat (this page top photo). Joelle Patrick and Wayne Hicks (top right this page) were just two of the many students who toured the Canadian side of the Falls. From there it was a trip through New York state on their way into the city. Once there, the group visited Central Park (photo this page center), Chinatown (this page bottom), NBC Studios at Rockefeller Center (opposite bottom l.), the Statue of Liberty, (opposite bottom r.), Ellis Island, SoHo, Harlem and the Apollo Theater, Wall Street, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and Radio City Music Hall. They saw two Broadway plays, *Cats* and *Showboat*, and had the chance to shop at Macy's and FAO Schwartz.

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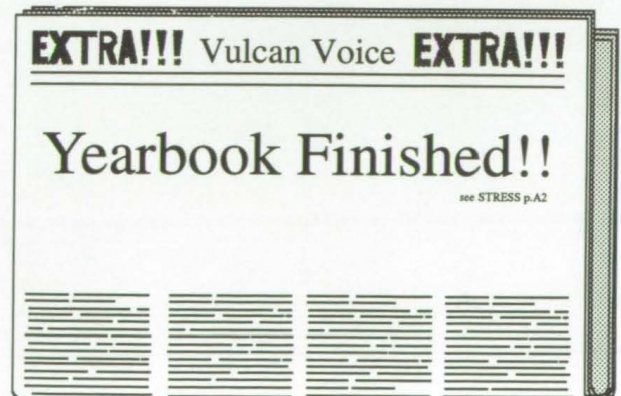
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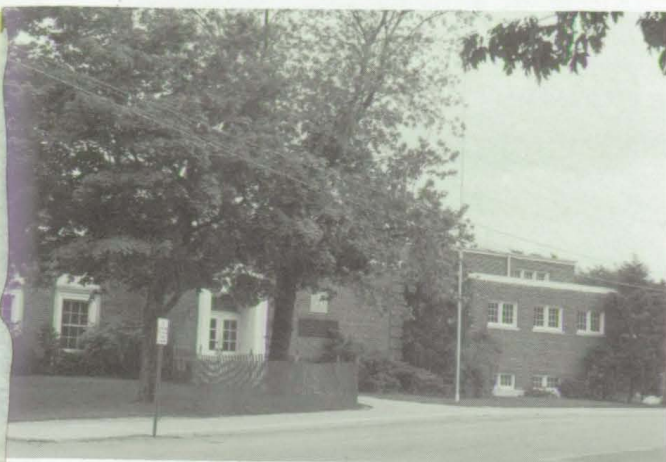
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125 Years History of Vassar Schools 125 Years 1871-1996



Central Elementary, recently torn down, was originally the high school building.

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The Townsend North building served as the early elementary building.



The "Curtis Shanty" was used as a school building for the first session of Vassar Public Schools.



Miss Augustus Slafter was the first teacher for Vassar Schools.



Vassar High School, as it stands today, has recently undergone renovation.

Fight Song

*Cheer, Cheer for ole Vassar Fligh,
Shake down the echoes calling her
name*

*While all classes cheer on high Shake
down the thunder from the sky
What though the odds be great or
small*

*Old Vassar Fligh will win over all
While her loyal sons are marching
onward to Victory!*

Courses of Study

Things have changed in Vassar's education policies over time. Many courses have been added as well as taken away.

In 1904, there were two main areas of study, language and general. It was required to take four years of a foreign language as well as Latin and English. The general classes consisted of English, mathematics, history, and science. Only two half-year classes were taught- commercial arithmetic and bookkeeping.

The first elective classes offered by the school were music and art, similar to today's offerings. Physical education was started as an elective class but is now a requirement for today's students.

Some examples of classes that the school offers now that they did not offer then are computers, foreign languages, and advanced placement. Classes offered then but not now include Latin, sewing, and agriculture.

Although elective courses have become more important these days than in the past, it is the academic program that still holds a very important role in education.



Things haven't changed much in the band room from then to now, except in the areas of technology and music selection.



The 1961-62 biology class in session.



Vassar has gone from standardized typewriters to electric typewriters to computers. Here Mr. Barnett, who retired in 1994, shows one of his students the correct page layout.



Until several years ago Vassar High offered sewing classes, but on more modern machines than these which are from the early sixties.



A geography class in session at the old McKinley School.

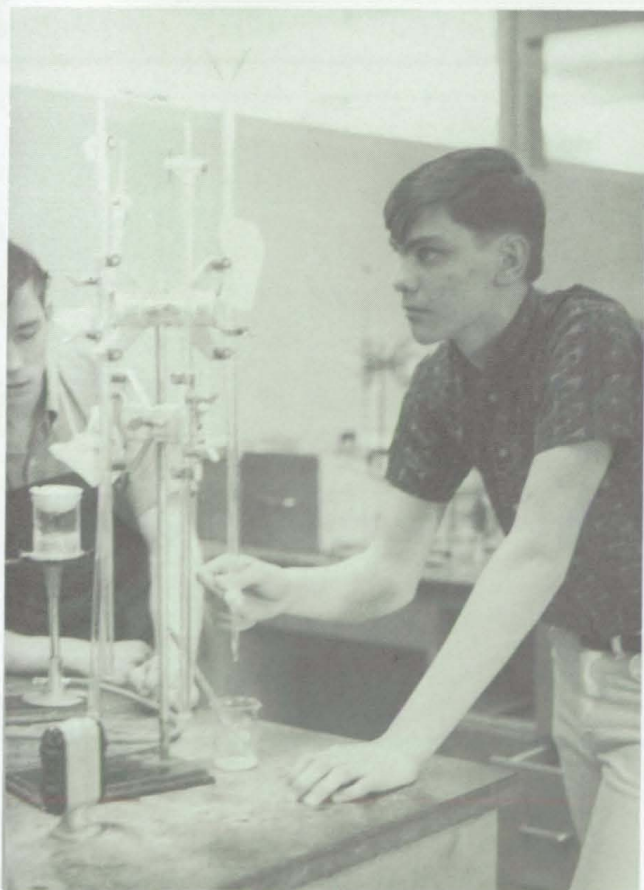
Interesting Facts

* In 1916, there were only 14 teachers employed.

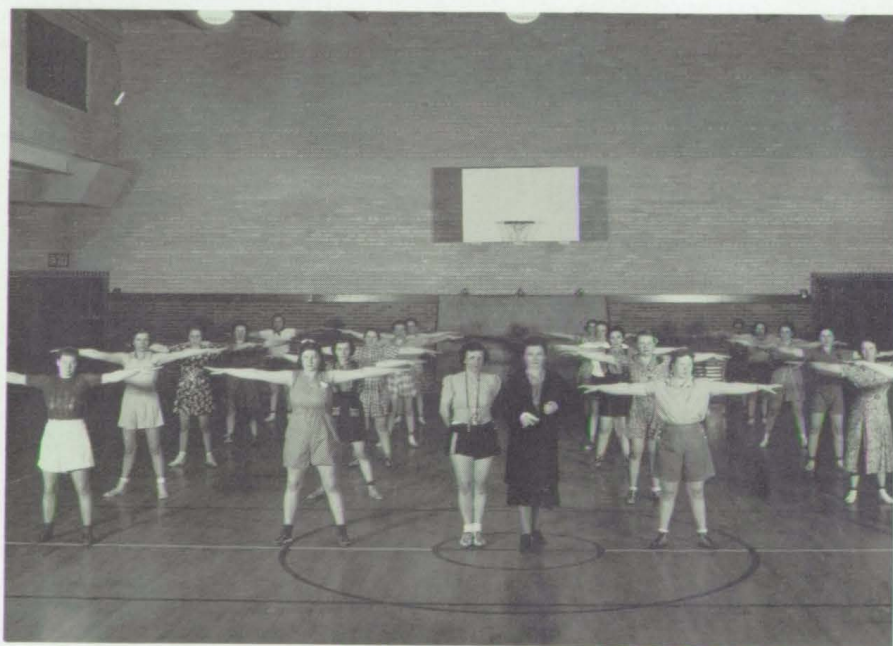
* In 1861, Mildred Padman, who was the primary education teacher, earned \$3.50 a week. In that same year, the janitor, William Lee, Jr., earned \$6.00 a week.

* Back when the Commercial Department was offered, many of those who had taken commercial courses were immediately employed without further training.

* 1871 was the first year Vassar Schools offered a diploma.



Chemistry was an important subject for study then and now. Experiments may not have changed too much, but the modern day classes work in a newly renovated lab.



Gym students work out in the old Central Gym, which is still in use today.

Did you know-

On February 13, 1940, Vassar held a Father and Son Banquet in the Vassar High School Auditorium where 575 fathers and sons gathered to hear Judge Thomas Cotter of Detroit, Jo Jo White and Billy Rogell of the Detroit Tigers, and Judge Crampton of Caro explain the need for greater cooperation between fathers and sons.

The Historical Side of Sports

In 1904 Vassar Public Schools was not in favor of extra curricular activities because of the amount of time that these activities distracted the students from their study time. However, as time went on extracurricular activities were added. First offered were art and band. Soon there were clubs, and eventually sports became an important part of the school.



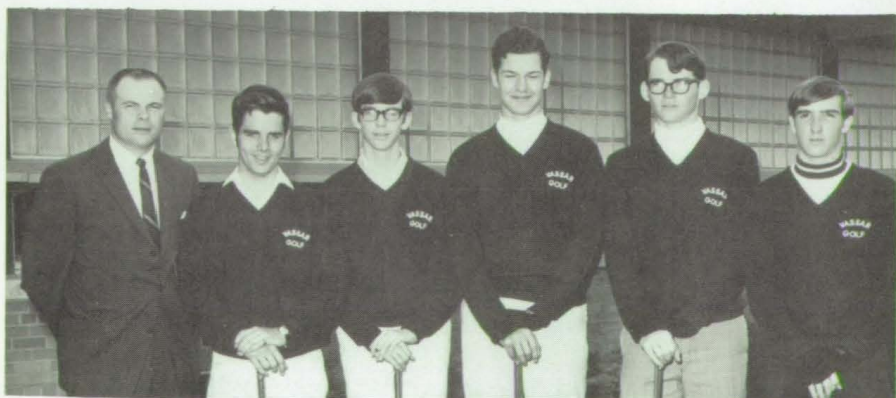
One of the early baseball teams shown in front of Central when it was the high school.



The old stands and track give a different look to the stadium. Today's athletes compete on a modern track.



Pictured here is one of the girls' softball teams from the seventies getting a pep talk from their coach, Jamie Smith, who now teaches at East Jordan.



Golf has always been a popular sport with the Vulcans.



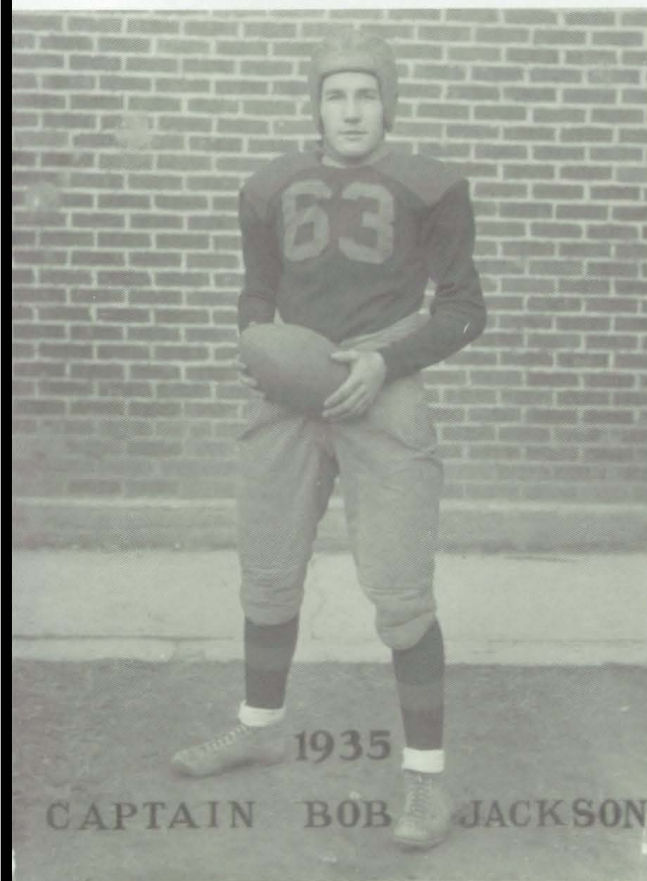
Vassar people love basketball and the crowds came then just as they do now.



A young Vassarite competes in the high jump during the Vassar Rural Play Festival in 1940.



The Vassar Vulcans line up to give their all in a great play.



Captain of the 1935 football team, Bob Jackson.



Pictured here is a group of wrestlers from a decade ago giving it all to take the other down to the mat.



The concession stand was a little different looking and so are the prices - a dime would get you a hot dog and a treat then.

-Students of the past could play in such sports as: football, basketball, baseball, track, tennis, and other intramural sports.

Special Events from the Past



The Homecoming King and Queen from 1961-62.



Formal dances were always a part of Vassar history.

Did you know-

The Parent-Teachers Association was organized in 1925 as a way to "bind the ties more closely between pupils, teachers, and parents." Today, in each building of the school, parents still work for the good of the school.

Blast from the Past

The first graduating class of Vassar Schools had three members. They were:

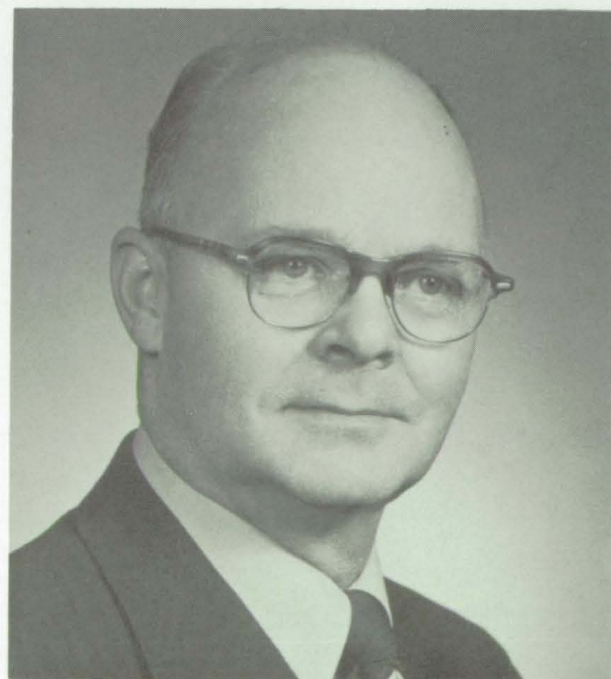
* F.S. Lewis- became a physician and later was elected Postmaster of Port Angeles, Washington.

* James A. Smith- became a professor and was a principal in schools in both Michigan and Colorado.

* Hiram A. Sturgis- became a lawyer in Omaha, Nebraska.



Prom has always been an exciting time for Vassar students.



The high school gym in the new building is named after Lloyd C. Miller, former coach and teacher.

Events in the Past of Vassar Schools



The Homecoming Parade was always an important social event in the town of Vassar. Here the band is shown marching for the parade.

One thing has always been important to Vassar High School. That has been getting the students involved.

Throughout Vassar's history, the school has always tried to give the students something positive to become involved in. Mostly in the beginning of the school system, dances were given as a reward for the abilities and accomplishments that the students had made in their efforts of school work. But, eventually the school system began to offer more than just dances.

In time parades, sports, clubs and other organizations were added to interest the students in further learning. To this day the system still offers the students these special privileges. In a sense, they have become tradition to the students in Vassar Schools.

Students still look forward to the parades, Homecoming and Icefest activities (Icefest used to be known as Comehomeing), and many of the other activities that are offered to the students.



This production of *Tea House of the August Moon* was produced in 1968 and performed on the stage in the old Central gym. Plays have always been an integral part of Vassar school history.

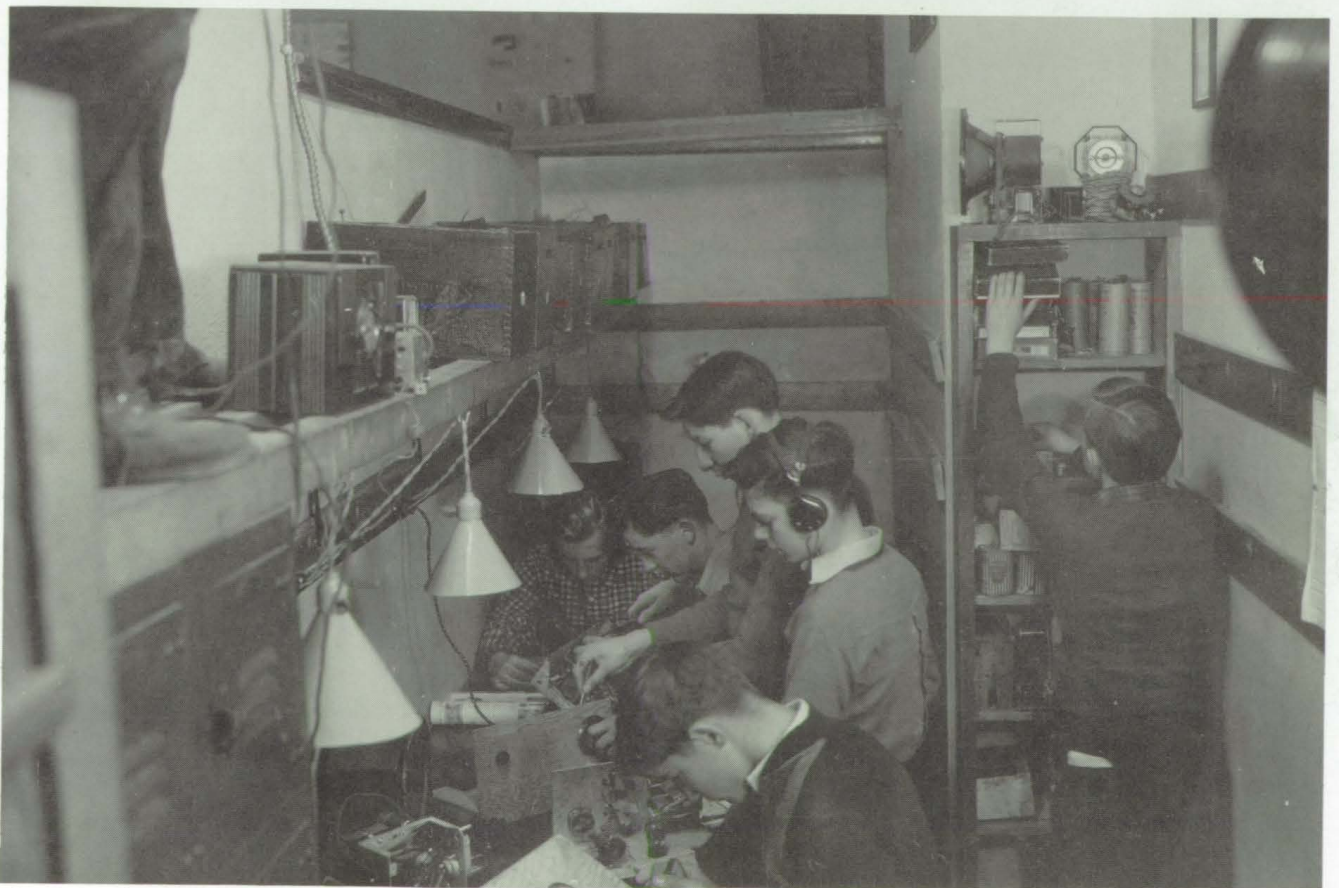


The cheerleaders hold the flag during The National Anthem.

Clubs and Organizations...



Students often received books from the Book Loan Store.



Members of the Radio Club work to finish a short-wave receiver built for the club's amateur station. The sponsor of the club was Mr. Donald Yonker.

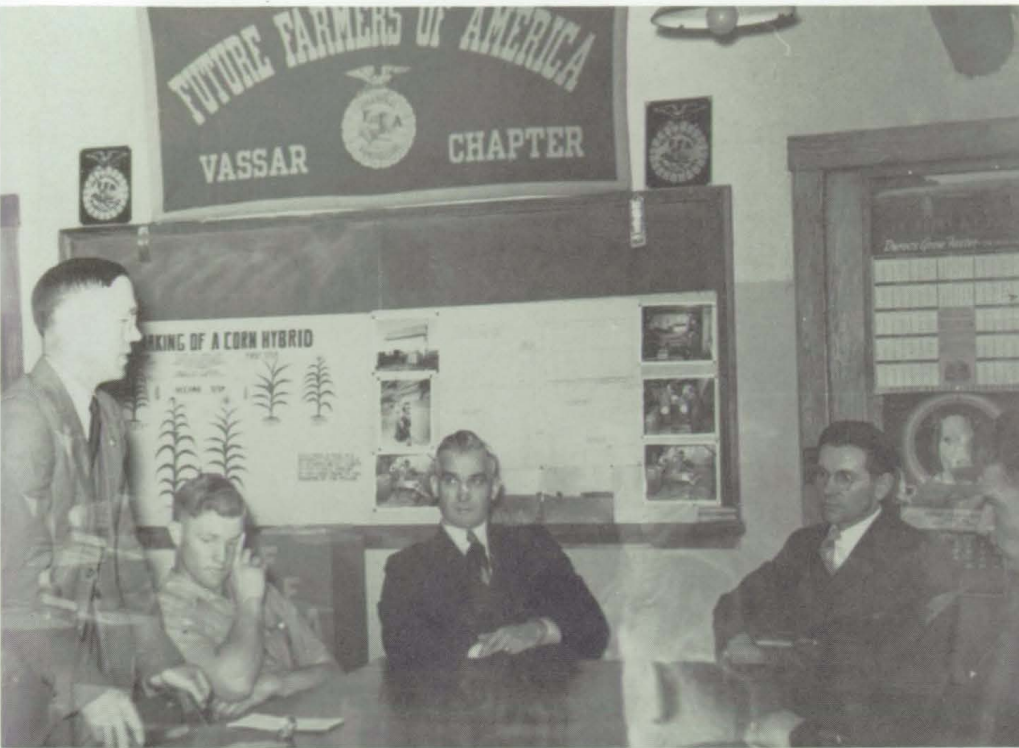
...From the Past

Vassar schools had a lot of clubs and organizations that would be astonishing to the people of the '90's to think had ever existed. Yet, they were proper for the time.

Just as sports were frowned upon in the earlier days of the school, so were these organizations. Many believed that the extra time the students had should be spent on studying instead of these activities. Eventually, it became known that these activities taught the students many social skills that academics alone couldn't have taught them. Among the organizations were: Intramural Athletics, Band, Boys' and Girls' Glee Club, Dramatics, Debate, Radio/Camera Club, and Girl Reserves.

Interesting Clubs and Organizations

- * Vassar School Bank
-buy war stamps and bonds
- * The Homemaking Girls
-interior design, etc.
- * Future Farmers of America
-serve community, clean grain
- * The Radio Club
-operate an amateur radio station
- * Girls' Bowling League
-formed in 1949



The Future Farmers of America Club.



The Vassar High School Service Club became an organization to greet visitors, act as hall monitors, usher at school events, sell tickets at school functions, and more. Pictured above is Jackie Miller.

A Look at the Past

In 1851, just two years after the town of Vassar was formed, Townsend North, the founder of the town, began to petition for a school system. That summer the "Curtis Shanty" which was located on South Main Street served as a school house.

Miss Augusta Slafter taught Vassar school that summer. She was paid \$1.50 a week, and she received free boarding from the parents of her pupils.

The following year a frame school house was built. The school system consisted of a total of three teachers, D.G Wilder, Charles Fonda, and A.J. Leach.

In 1860, a new school was built where the former Central School was torn down this year. This building was ruined by fire in 1917. The first principal of this brick building was Mr. Keyes. Although the school was inspected and graded in 1864, it did not grant diplomas until 1871.

A small school was built in 1869 on Maple Street. This building (known then as Townsend North) was made into a home later. Another school building was built on the east side of the river. This building was named McKinley in honor of President McKinley.

Things will continue to change throughout history, but the Vulcans will continue to hold their spirits high.



The message was the same for the darkroom then as it is now - "Keep the Dark Room Clean".



A scene from the Junior Class Production of "Spring Fever" held in April 1940. The production was directed by Miss Woodman.

Vassar's 1921 graduating class was the first class to graduate from the newly built high school, which became the Central School. This class started in the new building because of the a fire that burned their previous school. The class was farmed out in church basements and halls for the year the new school was being built.

Members of the Class of 1921 included: Martha Dick, Mable Miller, Nora Cook, Marion Gohsman, Ruth Garner, Agnes Long, Sadie Craig, Inez Parry, Maggie Dear, Helen Garner, Matilda Pecure, Dois Pinkerotn, Mildred Parry, Viola Renner, Arletta Troop, Fred Tinglan, Carl DeCoe, Lamar Wood, Cecil McKeen, Paul McKeen, Cleo Everts, Leslie Dodd, Paul Longhurst, and George Service.



Miss Bieri's 1939-40 class plays in a house which they built themselves.

"If I had the time to find a place
and set me down full face to face
With my better self, that stands no show
In my daily life that rushes so,
It might be then I would see my soul
Was stumbling still toward the shining goal-
I might be nerved by the thought of sublime,
If I had the time."

G. W. STARK, Class of 1902



After completing study on baking, Miss Penner's class donned baker's hats and aprons. They also enjoyed the special bakery treats in the showcase and learned how to make a sale using the cash register atop the bakery case.

A Look at the Past



The 1936-37 Board of Education included: (l. to r.) William Dierck, trustee; Oscar Curell, trustee; Ralph Brant, superintendent; Ray Kriseler, president; Rex Gunnell, treasurer; Walter Furman, secretary; and Lee Sevenser, trustee.



The 1940-41 Vassar High School Band in their new uniforms.



Mr. Donald Yonker, senior class sponsor, and Mr. Brant, proofread the 1938 "Echo".

Dear Class of 1916:

The Class of 1895 extends to you a hearty greeting and a wish that you may share in all the good and great things the future holds.

Sincerely yours,
GRACE HUSTON
WOODRUFF



My Dear Miss Lovejoy:

Your letter concerning the Vassar High School Class Book was received. I thank you for the honor of representing my class and take pleasure in responding to your request. It seems remarkable even to be remembered in connection with the Vassar High School after all these years.

Our Class celebrated the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by graduating from school. The date, however, was doubtless more interesting to the Nation at large than was our celebration of it. In another year we shall have been "out in the wide, wide world" a quarter of a century.

We were fortunate to have been under the regime of Ira L. Forbes and of his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Forbes, during our High School experiences. We remember them both happily and gratefully.

Mr. P. L. Varnum and Mr. J. A. Trotter were president and secretary of the school board that granted our diplomas.

We extend greetings to the Class of 1916 and wish for them many years of success and prosperity.

Sincerely yours,
MARY GRAY CAINE

The 1936 Sub-District Speech Contest Winners included: (front) Mr. Ray Hamilton; (back l.) Alice Mary Furman, Agnes Blaylock, and Alice Garner.



Vassar Public Schools Seniors of 1901 are: (top l.) Clayton Stephen, William Beecher, Louis Elsworth, Harold Adams, and Orra Thompson; (second l.) Grow Schoff, Earl Oversmith, Harold Gaunt, Ola Smith, Mr. Kendrick (teacher), Hattie Aldrich, Lew Whitcomb, and Roy Bodimer; (third l.) Ethel Cottrell, Ella Bates, Miss Dewey (teacher), Mr. Wilbur (Supt.), Miss McArthur (teacher), Mae Smith, and Helen Husted.

March 10, 1916

To the Members of the Class of 1916,

I am pleased to have the privilege of extending greetings from the class of 1901. A decade and a half has gone since my class passed out of Vassar High School, and yet it seems but yesterday. The members of my class are scattered out over the world, but the memories of high school days are precious to us all. The influences on our lives by such splendid teachers as Professor A. E. Wilber, Miss Grace Dewey, and Miss Belle MacArthur will abide with us forever. As the years go on, we can appreciate more the lessons, not only lessons from the books, but the lessons from life that we learned at their feet.

Success to the Class of 1916 in their enterprise in the field of publication. The effort is to be highly commended.

With best wishes and fraternal greetings,

Very sincerely yours,
 (Rev.) Harold Garfield Gaunt
 Class of 1901



The Vassar Public Schools Community Canning Center was located in the basement of the McKinley School. Approximately 200 families made use of the center yearly. Pictured are Mrs. Walter Furman, Mrs. Lee Myers, instructor, Nellie Russell, high school student, Mrs. Ernest Waterhouse, Mrs. Mae Sage, and Mrs. R. D. Stacer.



The Thumb Champions of 1910 are: (top l.) J. K. Oagerby, Supt., William Rifenburg, Otto Vergeon, Edward Sutherland, Samuel Throop, and Barren Wetherby, coach; (second l.) Fred DeCou, Earl Willer, Ernest Grover, Otto Hes; and Carl Mott.; (bottom l.) Leonhardt Schupbach, James Caldwell, captain, George Butchter, and Lawrence Elliston..

Alma Mater of Vassar Schools

*Although Yale has always favored the violets dark blue
And the many sons of Harvard to the crimson rose are true.*

*We will own the lilies slender, no honor shall they lack
While Vassar stands defender of the Orange and the Black.*

*Through the four long years of school life midst the scenes we know
so well*

As the mystic charm to knowledge we vainly seek to spell.

*We will win athletics vict'ries on the football field or track,
Still we work for dear old Vassar and the Orange and the Black.*

*When the cares of life o'er take us, mingling fast our locks with gray
should our dearest hopes betray us, False fortunes fall our way,
Still we'll banish care and sadness as we turn our memories back
And recall those days of gladness 'neath the Orange and Black.*

