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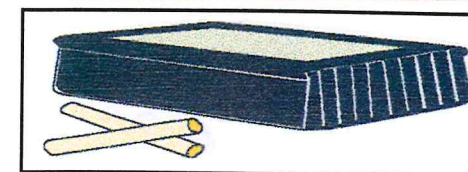
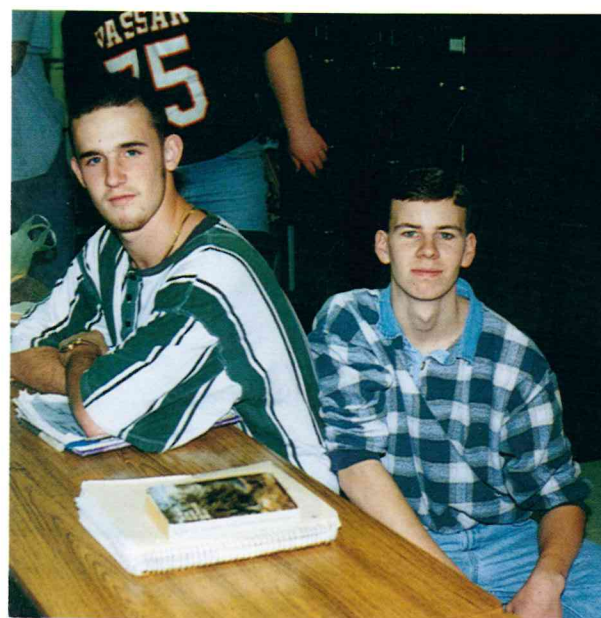
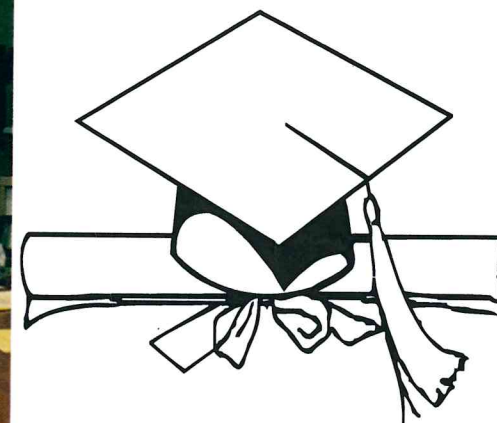
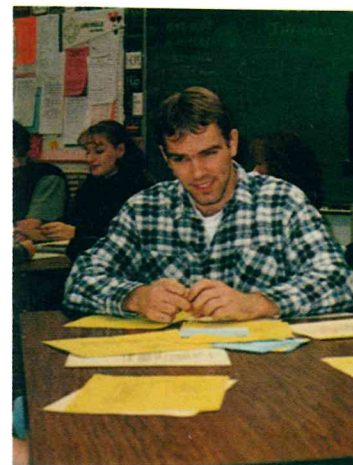
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The 1997 Senior Class Officers are: Treasurer Mindy Herzberger, Vice-President Ben Mihora, President Melissa Oliver. Missing: Secretary Sheri Sohn



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SENIORS COMPETE IN BPA COMPETITION

On March 7 through 9, two Vassar High School seniors competed and advanced in the State competition of the Business Professionals of America organization. The competition was held in the Renaissance Center of Detroit. Mike Krause and Erik Zempel competed in the C++ Programming Competition. They then advanced to state after placing first and second (respectively) in the regional competition.

The C++ Programming competition consists of two parts: a written and application section. The written part is a multiple choice test on computers and programming in general, while the application part requires a real-world use of the C++ programming language. Mike Krause finished in this with an impressive third place, and he also qualified for the National competition held in Orlando, Florida on April 25-29.

"The application part was easy; it was the test that hurt me," commented Krause. The test pulls questions from the entire scope of computing. Anything from networks to memory to the legality of copying software is covered. Erik Zempel, who also competed in C++ Programming, agreed. "I think the test throws off a lot of people. Even with a solid knowledge of C++, many of the questions on the test were very difficult."

Congratulations to both Mike and Erik on their success in the recent BPA competition.



Kristy Jayne Anderson



Rebecca Ann Babcock



Ryan Maxwell Baldwin



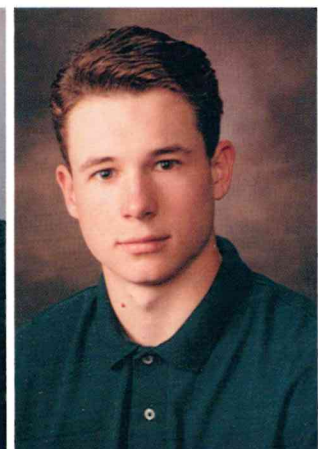
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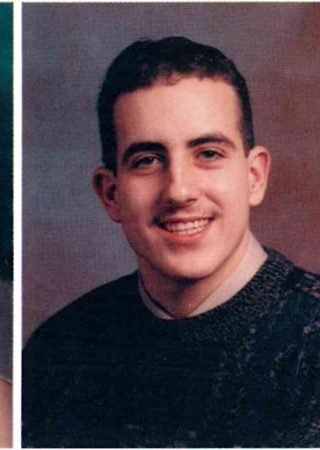


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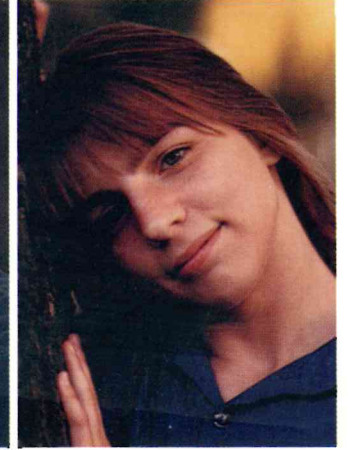
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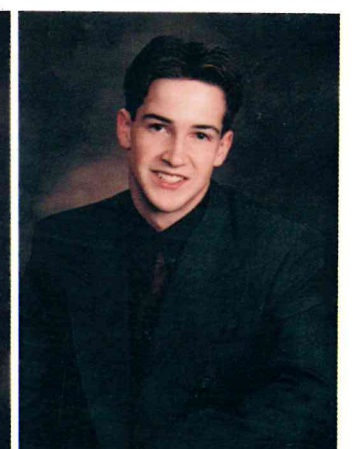
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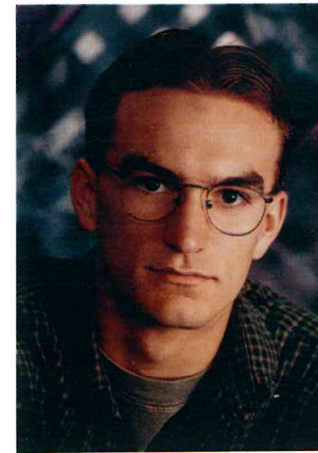


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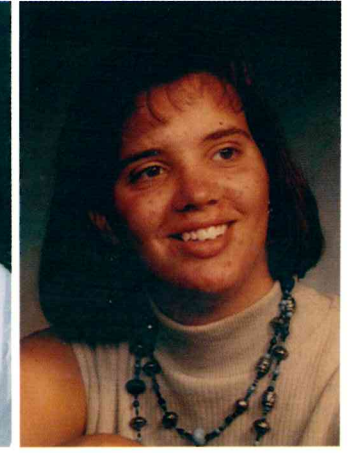
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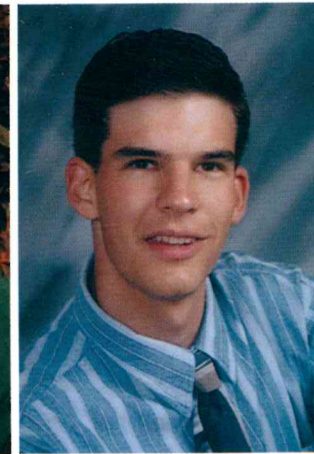
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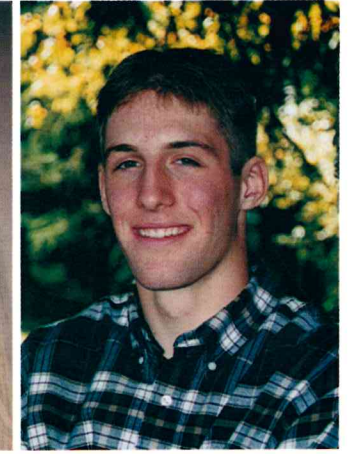
Tisha Suzanne Jones



Matthew Christopher
Kanyok



Tami Marie Kanyok



Dustin Ryan Kern

SINKO WINS SCHOLARSHIP TO GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

"Sometimes dreams do come true; mine did," said Amy Sinko who won \$20,000 per year in scholarship funds to George Washington University in Washington D.C. Amy plans to major in Political Communications.

"It has been my dream to attend George Washington University ever since I heard a prosecuting attorney in Saginaw talk about it," Amy said. Amy was actively involved in an Explorer's group that gave her a taste of the future when she started Mock Trial Competitions.

"GW also has a low student-faculty ration," she mentioned. "And that was important to me because I did not want to walk into a room of 300 people and try to be part of a class discussion."

She will be attending the Columbia School of Arts and Sciences, hoping to pursue a law degree.

Amy has worked for Congressman Jim Barcia and plans to intern there during the summer. She has also worked as a string reporter for KCQ, as well as edit the student paper at VHS.



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Jamie Lynn Kienitz



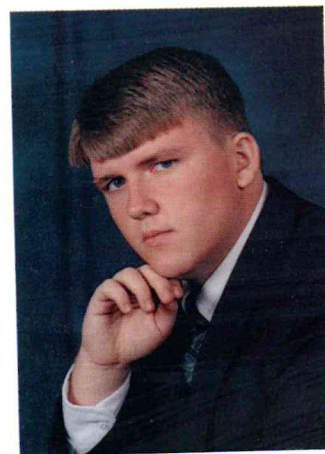
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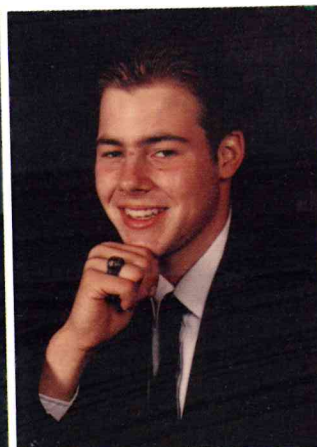
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Michael Hans Krause



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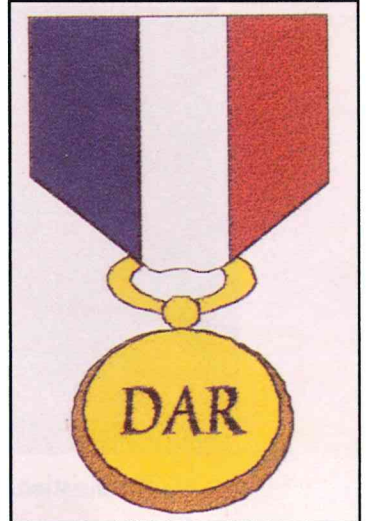
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NATALIE FRANKLIN SELECTED AS LOCAL DAR RECIPIENT

Congratulations are in order for Natalie Franklin, a senior here at Vassar High school. She was selected as the local winner of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award. She is the daughter of Tim and Muriel Franklin of Vassar.

The program, which is open to all senior class students, is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. Students selected for the honor must show dependability (which includes truthfulness, loyalty, and punctuality), service, leadership, and patriotism.

As the VHS winner, Natalie was honored at a reception given by the local chapter of the DAR in Saginaw. She also was eligible to participate in the DAR Good Citizen Scholarship Contest.



Crystal Leigh Manchester



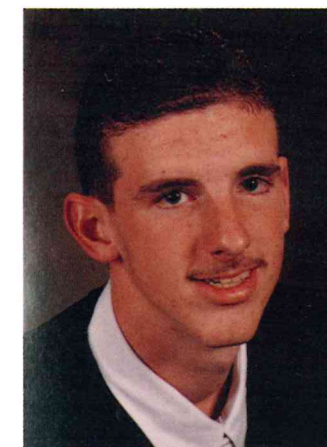
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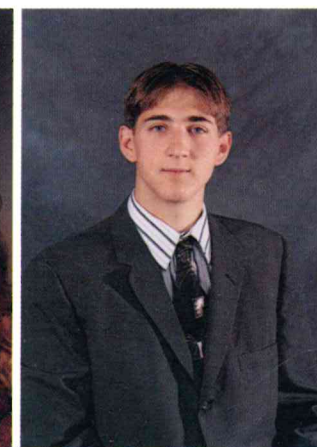
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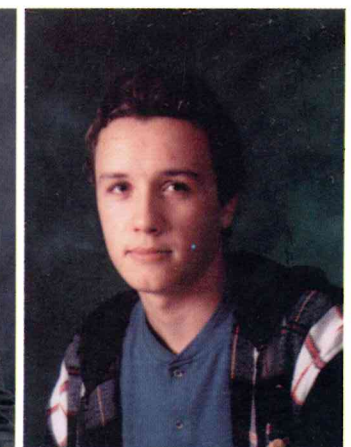
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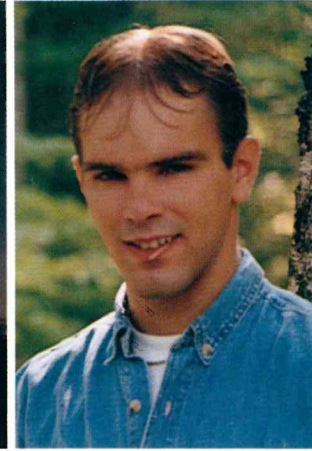
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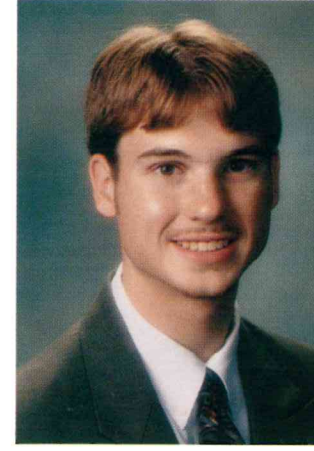
EATON EARNS SKILL CENTER HONORS

Justin Eaton earned a \$150 in U.S. Savings Bonds from Gamble's Hardware in Caro and ServiStar Coast to Coast. He was honored for his work at the tech center in Auto Body Repair as part of The All-American Vocational Student Awards Program., which recognizes students who achieve high standards of excellence in vocational and academic skills.

"The skill center is all hands on expereince." he said. "You do it yourself instead of having someone show you. I also like the tech center because you get to meet students from other schools. For myself, I think I will have a better chance of getting a job because of the work experience I am getting here."

One thing that Justin likes about auto body is that he gets to work on old cars with his father Terry Eaton. "Right now we are wroking on a '51 Ford Panel van. It's in pieces, but we hope to have it finished soon and enter it into car shows."

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Brian John Pepera



Deanna Lynn Purigroski



Lindsey Sue Raney



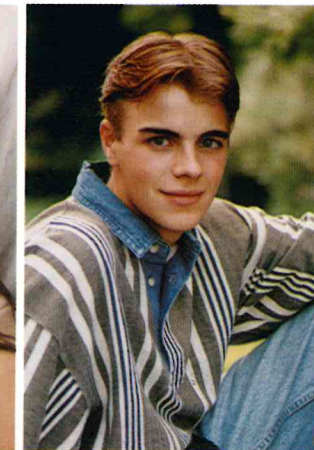
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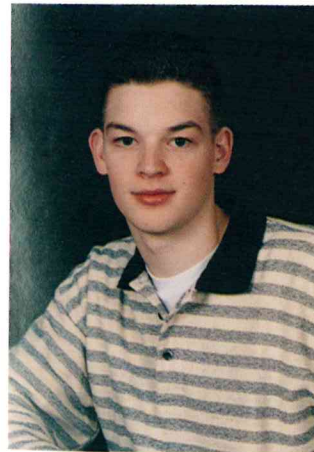
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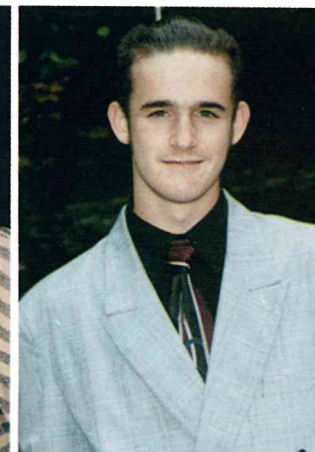
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Scott Wayne Sabo



Richard Allen Sage



Greg Alan Sayles II



Patrica Ann Scharff



Nathan William Schnell

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Sheril Susan Sohn



Edward Henry Specht Jr.



Tina Marie Stadler



Michele Lynn Stahl



Kimberly Susette Stange



Rachelle Lise Staple



Christy Jo Swartzendruber



Brandi Carol Taylor



Stacey Marie Templeton



Dennis James Thurston

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Jill Jennifer Torres



Gina Lynn Vassallo



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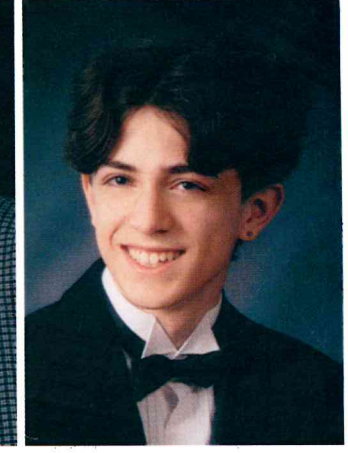
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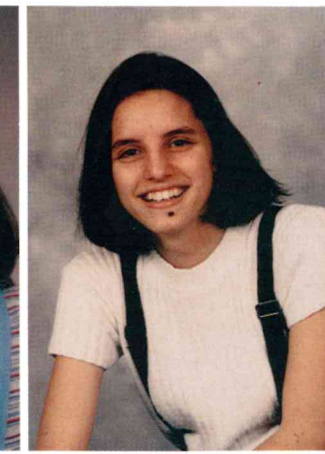
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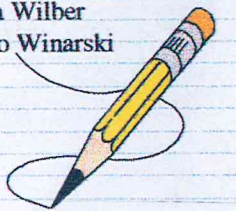
Valerie Germaine



Bridget Marie Putman

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Tara Finkbeiner	Andrea Warle
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Catina Swinton	



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*In Loving Memory Of
Brian Moul
1979-1989*

*Oft in the stilly night,
Ere Slumber's chain has bound me.
Fond memory brings the light
Of the other days around me:
The smiles, the tears,
Of boyhood years.
The words of love then spoken:
The eyes that shone
Then dimmed and gone.
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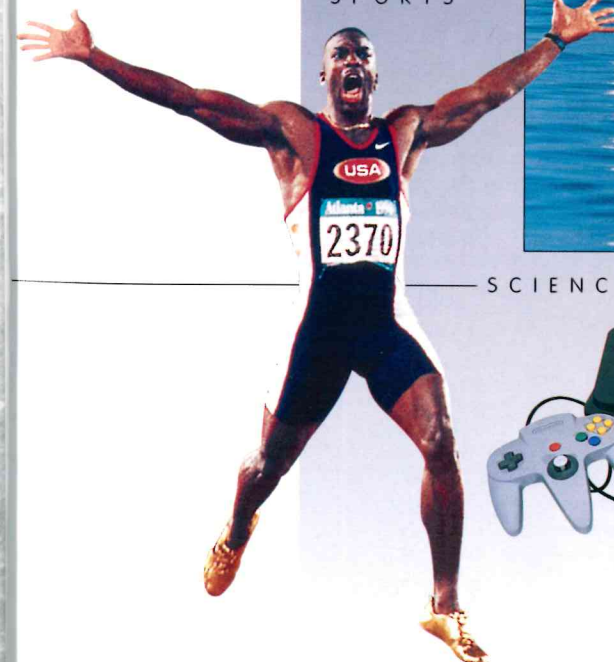
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In November, a hijacked Ethiopian airliner crashes after running out of fuel. The crash occurs near a resort beach in the Comoros Islands in the Indian Ocean. At least 123 of the 175 people on board die, including the hijackers.

After 36 years, Central America's longest civil war ends when Indian rebels and military leftists sign a truce in Guatemala.

British Telecommunications agrees to purchase MCI Communications for up to \$21 billion in November. The deal is the biggest foreign purchase of a U.S. company ever concluded.

A U.N.-negotiated treaty banning chemical weapons worldwide is set to take effect in the spring. The treaty prohibits the development, production, stockpiling or use of chemical weapons, and calls for the destruction of existing supplies. The treaty is signed by 160 nations, including the U.S.



AP/Wide World

Alija Izetbegovic, leader of Bosnia's Muslim Party of Democratic Action, is elected chairman of the country's new three-person presidency in September. The election is held in accordance with provisions of the U.S.-brokered Dayton peace agreement.

AP/Wide World



The Miss World beauty pageant, held in Bangalore, India in November, raises a storm of protests, some violent, including one by a group threatening to stage a mass suicide during the pageant's telecast. A new Miss World is crowned without incident.



Reuters/Archive Photos



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King Hussein of Jordan (right) visits the West Bank of the Jordan River in October to show support for the Palestinian-Israeli peace talks and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. It is Hussein's first visit since Jordan lost the territory to Israel in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War.

Demonstrators gather in Toronto, Canada on October 25 to protest cutbacks in social services by the Ontario government. Thousands of people march through the city during "Metro Days of Action," organized by labor and social activists.



AP/Wide World



Reuters/Archive Photos

Russian President Boris Yeltsin wins reelection in July, despite persistent health problems. After successful heart surgery in November he returns to work.

A pipe bomb explodes in Centennial Olympic Park after the first day of competition at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Flags fly at half-mast to mourn the 1 person killed and more than 100 injured.



AP/Wide World

Pope John Paul II undergoes surgery for an inflamed appendix in October. His chief surgeon, Dr. Francesco Crucitti, announces that the 78-year-old leader of the Roman Catholic Church is free from "previously undiscovered serious ailments."



AP/Wide World

In a group so large it could be tracked by satellite, hundreds of thousands of refugees abandon camps in Zaire in November and begin a journey home to Rwanda, which they had fled to escape a civil war. Closing of the camps forces the refugees to flee.



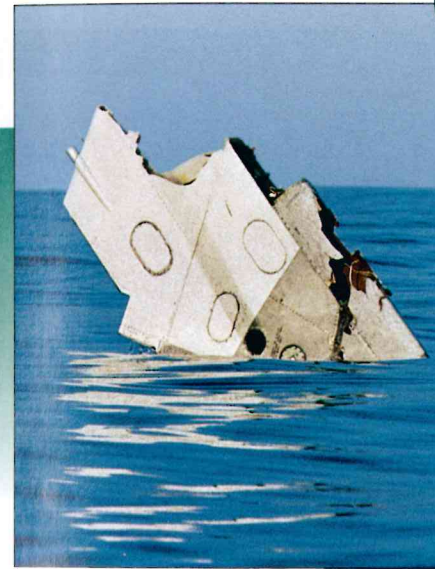
AP/Wide World

Mass graves containing the bodies of Muslims, allegedly murdered by Serbs in 1992 during the Bosnian civil war, are excavated in Bosnia-Herzegovina throughout the year as a shaky peace negotiated in 1995 continues.



Reuters/Archive Photos

On July 17, Trans World Airlines Flight 800 explodes 13,700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 230 passengers and crew members. The Boeing 747-100 was en route to Paris from New York. The cause of the explosion remains a mystery.



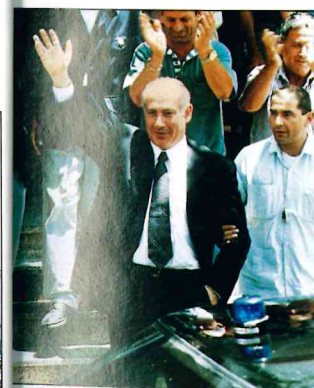
Agence France-Presse

Anti-American Saudi terrorists are blamed for a truck bomb that kills 19 U.S. service people on June 25 in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Mourners grieve at a memorial service held in Khobar, Saudi Arabia.



AP/Wide World

More than 300 Tutsi refugees in the African country of Burundi are slain by Hutus, a rival ethnic group. The covered bodies, mostly women and children, illustrate the ferocity of the conflict.



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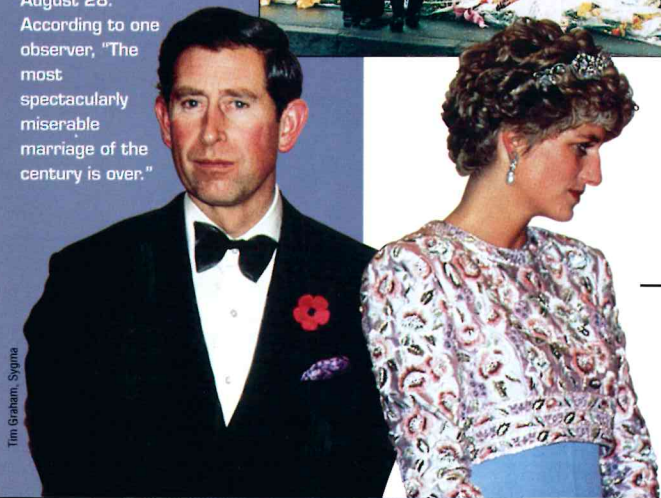
Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and Diana, Princess of Wales, are divorced on August 28. According to one observer, "The most spectacularly miserable marriage of the century is over."



Tim Graham, Sygma

Israeli right-wing leader Benjamin Netanyahu wins the May 1996 election for Prime Minister, defeating Prime Minister Shimon Peres, whom many Israelis think is making too many concessions to Israel's Arab neighbors.

Tim Graham, Sygma



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NATIONAL NEWS

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The U.S. Army issues strict new policies for drill instructors and female trainees, as hundreds of complaints of sexual harassment are revealed in November. Drill instructors are now required to leave their doors open if a female is inside, and women must travel in pairs.

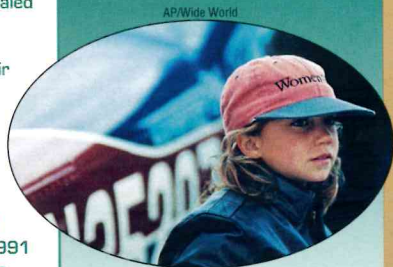
After thousands of veterans complain of illnesses since the 1991 Persian Gulf War, the Pentagon warns they may have been exposed to chemical weapons. The Pentagon reveals that up to two tons of sarin nerve gas may have been released.

Six-year-old beauty pageant queen JonBenet Ramsey is found murdered in the basement of her parents' Colorado home the day after Christmas. Her death raises a nationwide awareness of controversial youth beauty pageants.

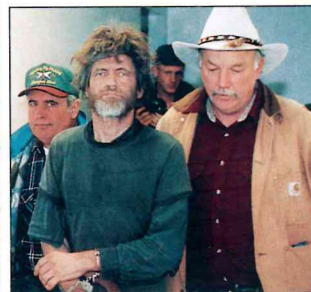
Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia) is fined \$300,000 in a bi-partisan vote after the House Ethics Committee's year-long investigation into alleged financial improprieties.



Former U.N. ambassador Madeleine Albright is nominated for Secretary of State by President Clinton on December 5. Confirmed in office in January 1997, Albright is the first woman to head the State Department.



Seven-year-old pilot Jessica Dubroff is killed when her Cessna airplane crashes shortly after take-off in bad weather from the Cheyenne, Wyoming airport. Her flying instructor and her father, the plane's two passengers, are also killed in the April 1996 crash.

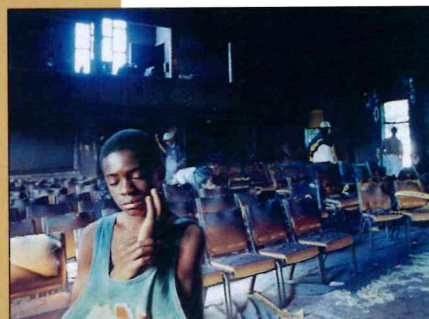


Theodore Kaczynski, alleged to be the "Unabomber," who killed 3 people and wounded more than 20 others with mail bombs since 1978, is arrested in Montana in April 1996. Information provided by Kaczynski's brother leads to the arrest.



Binti Jua, a gorilla at Chicago's Brookfield Zoo, becomes a hero when she rescues a 3-year-old boy knocked unconscious after falling 18 feet into the ape enclosure. The boy suffers brain contusions but soon recovers.

Arson against African-American churches, mostly in the South, is a serious problem in 1996, as hundreds of churches are burned down. Residents of Portland, Oregon survey the damage inside a church after a June fire.



One of the longest armed stand-offs in U.S. history occurs outside Jordan, Montana between the FBI and members of an anti-government group calling itself the Freemen. The 81-day siege ends peacefully in June.

On August 11, a boater rescues 10-year-old Taylor Touchstone from the snake- and alligator-infested waters of a Florida swamp 14 miles away from where he disappeared August 7. Although exhausted and badly scratched, the autistic boy recovers fully.



William Jefferson Clinton defeats Republican Bob Dole and Independent H. Ross Perot to become the 42nd president of the U.S. and the last president of the 20th century. Clinton is the first Democrat since Franklin Roosevelt to be reelected to a second term.



A civil jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson liable for the June 12, 1994 wrongful deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. In a unanimous verdict, the jury awards \$8.5 million in compensatory damages to Goldman's parents. The Brown and Goldman families are each awarded \$12.5 million in punitive damages.



Days of abnormally heavy rains in November undermine the roadbed of Oregon's Interstate 5, creating a 40-foot-deep sinkhole, into which two semitrailer trucks tumble.

The Citadel, South Carolina's traditionally all-male military academy, admits four women, including Petra Loventinska (left) and Jeanie Montavios. Montavios and another female cadet later drop out, citing harassment and "sadistic" hazing.



Topsail Beach, a town on an island off the coast of North Carolina, is one of many Eastern locations hit hard by Hurricane Bertha in July. Six powerful hurricanes, all with winds over 110 miles per hour, made 1996 a near-record year doing \$3.5 billion in damage in the U.S.



Nationwide, forest fires blacken more than twice the acreage lost to fires in an average year. California, Montana and Oregon are particularly hard hit.

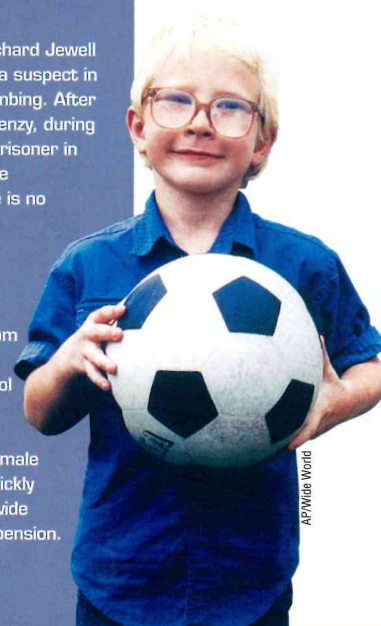


All 110 people aboard a ValuJet DC-9 are killed in May 1996 when a fire breaks out in the cargo hold. The plane, en route from Miami to Atlanta, crashes and disappears almost completely into the Florida Everglades, making it difficult for workers to retrieve wreckage.



Security guard Richard Jewell is investigated as a suspect in the July Olympic Park bombing. After three months of media frenzy, during which Jewell is a virtual prisoner in his home, the U.S. Justice Department admits there is no evidence against him.

Six-year-old first-grader Johnathan Prevette is suspended from his Lexington, North Carolina elementary school for violating the city schools' sexual conduct guidelines—he kissed a female classmate. Prevette is quickly reinstated after a nationwide controversy over the suspension.



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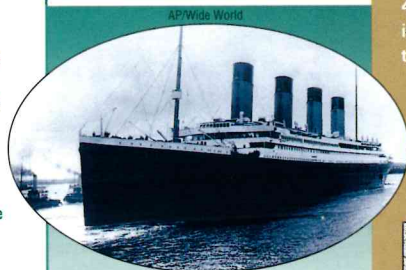
A 9,300-year-old skeleton discovered in July near Richland, Washington is the oldest and most intact set of human bones ever discovered in North America. Research is suspended, however, as the tribes from the Native American grounds where it is found claim the skeleton as an ancestor and want the bones buried.

Trauma Seal, a new medical adhesive that is applied like a lip-balm stick, is in clinical trials at 10 hospitals and health care institutions nationwide. The biodegradable adhesive could eliminate stitches and return visits.

New York Police Department canines begin wearing three-pound, infrared cameras, scouting out potentially dangerous areas before police officers enter the scene. Handlers are developing bullet-proof vests for the dogs to wear.

A new category of animal is discovered in the form of bacteria that live on the lips of lobsters. *Symbion pandora*, which lives on food scraps from lobster lips, is called "the zoological highlight of the decade."

Videogame giant Nintendo releases its long-awaited Nintendo 64, a new hardware system that draws players into the game and moves three times faster than any existing system.



An expedition to raise the *Titanic*, the legendary "unsinkable" ocean liner that sank on its maiden voyage in 1912, from its North Atlantic grave more than two miles deep, ends in failure in August due to rough seas.

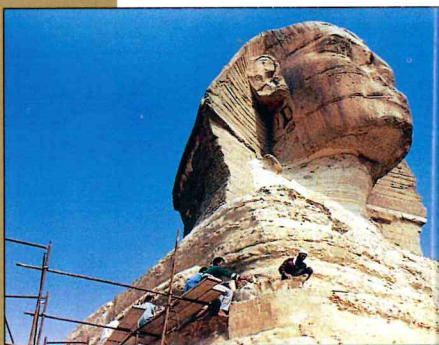


In August, scientists discover evidence of bacteria-like life on a meteorite found in 1984 and believed to be part of the crust of Mars 4.5 billion years ago. It is the first possible proof that life is not unique to Earth.



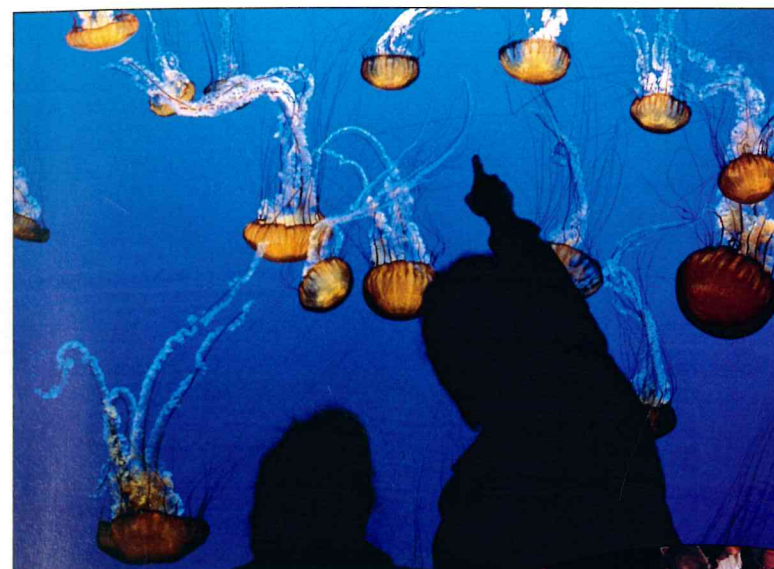
American astronaut Shannon Lucid (right) spends 188 days in space, breaking American space endurance records after joining the crew of the Russian space station *Mir*.

Egyptians begin work to preserve the Great Sphinx from the ravages of wind, pollution and time. The 4,500-year-old statue is located in Giza near the giant pyramids.



The Mars Surveyor Trolley, named Sojourner, is carried on-board *Mars Pathfinder*, an unmanned spacecraft launched in December. Sojourner, a free-roving probe the size of a child's wagon, will photograph the Martian surface and determine the composition of rocks on Mars.

Satellite dishes become one of the year's hottest-selling electronic consumer products. Owners find the savings of not paying for cable services cover the cost within a few months.



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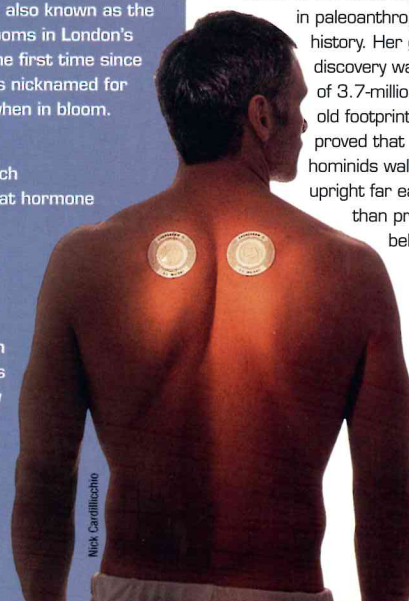


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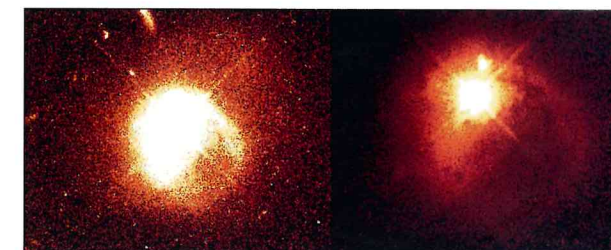
Steam and ash from Iceland's Loki volcano blast 33,000 feet in the air on October 9. Molten rock from the volcano's 5-mile-wide fissure melts through more than 2,000 feet of glacial ice, threatening the island with widespread flooding.

The world's largest flower, the Titan Arum, also known as the "corpse flower," blooms in London's Kew Gardens for the first time since 1963. The flower is nicknamed for its strong stench when in bloom.

New research suggests that hormone therapies can keep middle-aged men stronger and more youthful. A testosterone-releasing skin patch called Androderm is prescribed by many doctors to supplement the natural hormone.



Nick Cardillo/Photo



California's Monterey Bay Aquarium opens a new wing in March 1996. The million-gallon indoor ocean showcases the marine life of Monterey Bay, 5 to 60 miles offshore.

The Hubble Space Telescope captures new images of quasars, the universe's most powerful and baffling phenomena. Previously thought only to exist in colliding galaxies, new pictures indicate quasars can also exist in undisturbed galaxies—causing astronomers to revisit their theories.



© Spa Bar

An "oxygen bar" in Toronto, Canada allows patrons to pay \$16 to spend 20 minutes breathing pure oxygen. The owners of the O₂ Spa Bar claim the treatment is a healthy way to reinvigorate the body and offer fruit "flavors" to liven up the experience.



Smithsonian Institution

The Smithsonian Institution celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding with a nationwide tour of prize exhibits, including this stovetop hat worn by Abraham Lincoln.

Paleoanthropologist Mary Leakey, shown with husband Louis Leakey in a 1959 photograph, dies in December. Discoveries by the Leakeys throughout their careers are some of the most important in paleoanthropological history. Her greatest discovery was a trail of 3.7-million-year-old footprints, which proved that hominids walked upright far earlier than previously believed.



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Steven M. Falk/Gamma-Liaison

flash

Former NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle dies on December 6. Rozelle is credited with transforming professional football into America's top spectator sport, and with inventing the Super Bowl.

Basketball megastar Michael Jordan launches his own cologne: Michael Jordan Cologne. Demand for the fragrance is so high that manufacturer Bijan Frangrances limits sales to 12 bottles per customer.

The ever-present Cindy Crawford releases a book on applying make-up. *Basic Face* enjoys a long run on the best-seller lists.

The National Women's Hall of Fame opens in Seneca Falls, New York, inducting 11 women, including author Louisa May Alcott, and Oveta Culp Hobby, the nation's first female colonel.

Archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin dies of pancreatic cancer in November. Bernardin was known for being a reconciler in churches torn between tradition and modern culture, as well as for speaking out against physician-assisted suicide.

Mother Teresa, 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, suffers a heart attack in late December. It is the 86-year-old Roman Catholic nun's fourth serious illness in 1996.



AP/Wide World

In April 1996, singer Michael Jackson is seen escorting a woman later identified as Debbie Rowe, an employee of Jackson's plastic surgeon. In November, Jackson announces that he and Rowe are married and that she is carrying his child.



Steve Granitz/Rena



AP/Wide World

"The Late Show" host David Letterman (right), who had been hinting at retirement, re-signs his contract with CBS, keeping him at "The Late Show" through 2002.

Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, and Prince Andrew, Duke of York and son of Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, are divorced in May 1996. "Fergie" subsequently goes public with TV appearances and an autobiography.



AP/Wide World



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Regis Philbin appears with host Rosie O'Donnell on ABC's "The Rosie O'Donnell Show." The talk show, which premieres in 1996, gains quick popularity and respect.

Music megastar Madonna gives birth to Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon, a 6-pound, 9-ounce girl, on October 14. Madonna's big year continues when she wins a Golden Globe for her role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's on-screen rendition of the musical *Evita*.

In October, TV talk-show host Jenny Jones testifies during the Michigan murder trial of Jonathan Schmitz. Schmitz was accused of killing Scott Amedure, who revealed romantic feelings for Schmitz during a March 1995 taping of a "Jenny Jones Show."



AP/Wide World



Stephane Cardinale, Sygma

In a small, secret ceremony on an island off the coast of Georgia, John F. Kennedy Jr. marries Carolyn Bessette, a Calvin Klein publicist, in September. Kennedy, who dated Bessette for two years, had long been considered one of the world's most eligible bachelors.



John F. Kennedy Library

New York Yankees fan Jeffrey Maier interferes with a fly ball during game one of the American League Championship Series on October 9. The hit is ruled a home run, tying the game 4 to 4 in the eighth inning and making Maier New York's hero for a day.



AP/Wide World

Veteran comedian George Burns dies in March 1996, just weeks after reaching the age of 100. The legendary Burns won an Oscar, an Emmy and a Grammy Award in an illustrious career dating back to vaudeville.

Legendary heavyweight boxer Muhammad Ali is the final athlete to bear the Olympic torch, lighting the Olympic flame at the opening of the Centennial Summer Olympics in Atlanta on July 19.



AP/Wide World

More than 4,000 items owned by former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and President John F. Kennedy are auctioned off in April 1996, including a necklace of simulated pearls shown in this 1962 photograph. The fake pearls, valued at \$500 to \$700, sell for \$211,500, bringing the auction total to \$34.5 million.

Miss Kansas, Tara Dawn Holland, is crowned Miss America at the 1996 pageant on September 14.



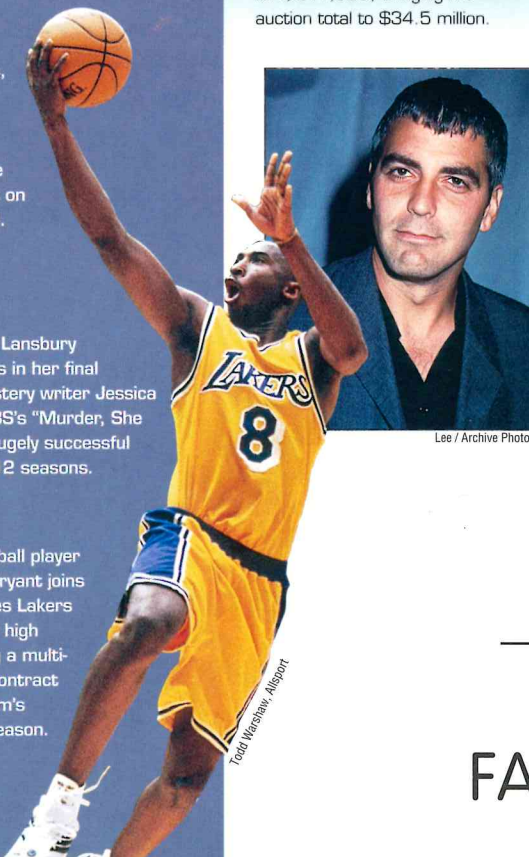
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Angela Lansbury appears in her final season as mystery writer Jessica Fletcher on CBS's "Murder, She Wrote." The hugely successful show ran for 12 seasons.



Universal City from Shooting Star

Basketball player Kobe Bryant joins the Los Angeles Lakers straight out of high school, signing a multi-million dollar contract during the team's 1996-1997 season.



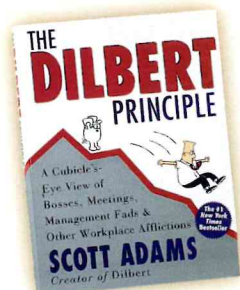
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Scott Adams' *Dilbert*, the comic strip about office politics, captures the nation's imagination. In book form, *The Dilbert Principle* becomes a national best-seller.

20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Tom Cruise stars in *Jerry Maguire*, a romantic comedy about a sports agent who decides to change his shallow ways, and spends the rest of the movie trying to regain his success. It is a breakthrough role for Cruise, who is normally depicted as a cocky winner.

To honor the 20th anniversary of its release, producer George Lucas issues a "remade" *Star Wars*, with new scenes, computerized special effects and souped-up animation. Lucas' grand plan calls for a nine-film cycle, including prequels.

English actor/director Kenneth Branagh plays Hamlet in his star-studded remake of Shakespeare's classic. Despite running four hours, the movie is a critical and box-office success.

NBC's Thursday night drama "ER" features television's first HIV-positive prominent character. Jeanie Boulet, a physician's assistant played by Gloria Reuben, is relatively open about her condition and helps confront the stigma of AIDS.

Sherry Stringfield, Dr. Susan Lewis on NBC's "ER," leaves the show at the peak of her character's popularity. In her final episode, when Dr. Mark Greene, played by Anthony Edwards, declares his love for Susan, the show garners its highest ratings ever.



Patrick Stewart (left) and Brent Spiner (right) star in *Star Trek: First Contact*, a movie featuring characters from the TV show "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

Paramount Pictures from Kobal

Drew Carey (left) finds TV stardom during the second season of ABC's "The Drew Carey Show," a zany sit-com about working-class characters in Cleveland, Ohio.



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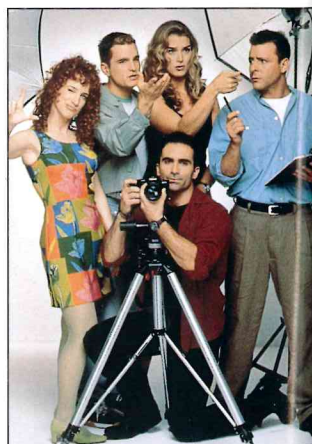
Academy Award-winning actor Tom Hanks' first effort at directing receives critical praise when *That Thing You Do!*, a movie about the meteoric rise and fall of a 1960s rock band, opens in October.



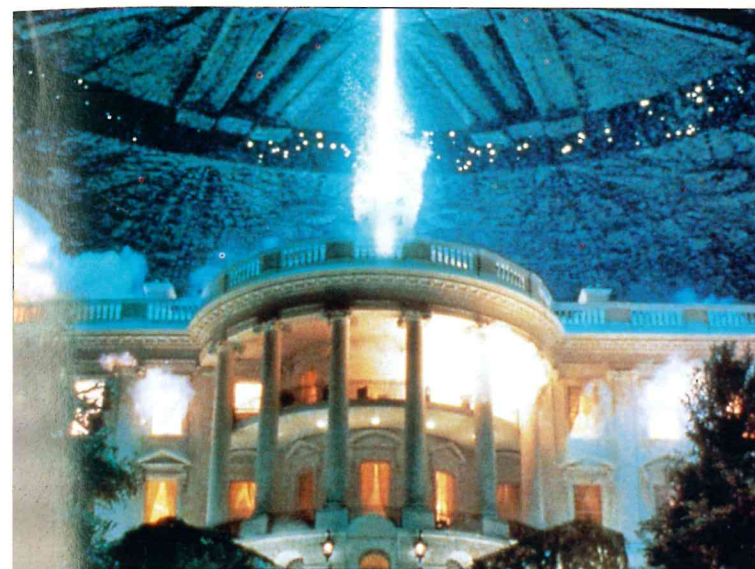
NBC from Shooting Star

Model Brooke Shields (center) moves to television in NBC's "Suddenly Susan," a sit-com premiering in September. Shields plays a columnist opposite magazine editor Judd Nelson (far right).

Author Michael Crichton publishes *The Lost World*, a sequel to *Jurassic Park*, the colossal novel and movie. The new book promises to generate just as much hype, with a movie already in the works.



NBC from Shooting Star



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Warner Bros. from Kobal

Explosive special effects rivet audiences to their seats as they watch *Independence Day*, one of summer's blockbuster movies.

Bugs Bunny and Chicago Bulls basketball star Michael Jordan share top billing in *Space Jam*, a partially animated feature film that opens in late November.



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

In September, Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes star as the classic star-crossed lovers in the film *Romeo and Juliet*.

Tom Cruise stars in *Mission: Impossible*, based on the 1960s and '70s television series of the same name. Despite critical put-downs, the movie is a huge box-office hit.

John Lithgow (front right) earns both an Emmy and a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Comedy Series in NBC's "3rd Rock From the Sun," a sit-com about a family of aliens living in contemporary America.

Actors Brad Pitt (left) and Jason Patric star in *Sleepers*, a film about four men and their extraordinary scheme to revenge the abuse they experienced as boys. The controversial movie also stars Dustin Hoffman, Robert De Niro and Kevin Bacon.



Warner Bros. from Kobal



CBS from Shooting Star

America's favorite sit-com father, Bill Cosby, enjoys the success of his new CBS show, "Cosby." In January 1997, however, tragedy strikes as Cosby's son Ennis is killed in Los Angeles in an apparent random robbery.



Warner Bros. from Shooting Star

Stars Bill Paxton and Helen Hunt flee a tornado of awesome proportions in *Twister*, another summer blockbuster, which tells the story of storm chasers highly devoted to studying the inner workings of tornadoes.

Michael J. Fox returns to television in September as a deputy mayor in ABC's "Spin City," a sit-com about the inner workings of New York's City Hall.



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Folk and blues artist Tracy Chapman returns to the scene in 1996 with the single "Give Me One Reason." Chapman receives five Grammy nominations in January 1997.

The artist formerly known as Prince releases *Emancipation*, a three-hour, three-CD album, in honor of his release from his Warner Bros. recording contract.

Guitarist Slash of Guns N' Roses forms his own band. His new group, *Slash's Blues Ball*, is a six-man blues band grounded in the blues-based hard rock of the 1970s.

Rocker Sheryl Crow joins the ranks of musicians who have had their albums banned from Wal-Mart. The retail giant objects to a lyric alleging that kids kill each other with guns they obtained from the store.

The Beatles' *Anthology 3*, the third and final album from the reunited remaining members of the band, is released in November. Following the example of their two previous anthologies, *Anthology 3* sells in record numbers.



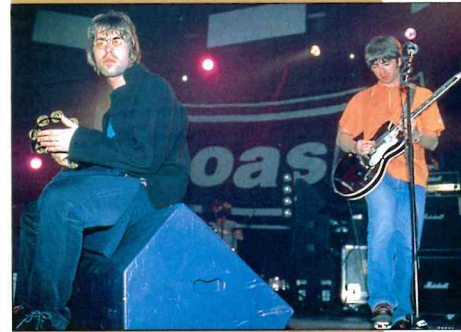
Gary Maierba, LGI

Kiss bass guitarist Gene Simmons strikes a familiar pose as the band kicks off a reunion tour with a June 28 concert in Detroit. The tour marks the first time the original members of the band perform together since 1979.



Tim Mossholder, LGI

Canadian pop artist Celine Dion tops the charts in 1996 with the album *Falling Into You*, which sells more than 16 million copies worldwide.



Kipa, LGI

Alternative-rock band Nirvana releases a new album, *From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah*, in October. The album contains 17 live tracks recorded between 1989 and the 1994 suicide of singer Kurt Cobain (right).



Jane Huntington, LGI



Stere Johnson, LGI

Bush, a British rock group with an American "grunge" sound, tours the U.S. to promote their album *Sixteen Stone*. They release another chart-topping album, *Razorblade Suitcase*, in the winter.



Steve Brannen, LGI

Heavy metal band Metallica is the headlining act for the summer concert Lollapalooza, traditionally an alternative-rock show. Metallica remains high-profile, winning an MTV award for the year's Best Hard Rock Video in September.

After 10 years of separation, members of the band Van Halen are reunited with their former lead singer, David Lee Roth (right), at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Roth later claims he thought he was rejoining the band, who chose a different lead singer.



Reuters/Archive Photos



Steve Jennings, LGI

British pop superstars Liam (left) and Noel Gallagher cancel the remainder of a U.S. concert tour in September amid rumors that their band, Oasis, is breaking up. Denying the reports, the brothers announce they will release a new album in the summer of 1997.



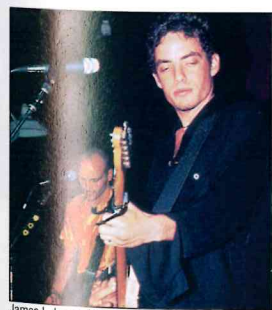
Tom Mossholder, LGI

The hit single "Where It's At" kicks off the new Beck album *Odelay*, which is released to popular and critical acclaim. *Spin* magazine awards Beck Artist of the Year.



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Alanis Morissette's *Jagged Little Pill* reigns the charts, becoming the all-time top-selling album by a female artist. Morissette also dominates the 1996 Grammys by winning four awards, including Best Album.



James L. Lance, LGI

R.E.M.'s 12th album, *New Adventures in Hi-Fi*, the group's first recording since 1994's *Monster*, is released by Warner Bros. in September.

The Wallflowers, with Jakob Dylan, son of legendary folk artist Bob Dylan, release *Bringing Down the Horse*, which features hit singles "One Headlight" and "6th Avenue Heartache."



Beck, LGI

No Doubt, fronted by lead singer Gwen Stefani, releases *Tragic Kingdom*, which includes such chart-toppers as "Just a Girl," "Spiderwebs," and "Don't Speak."

Counting Crows' second album, *Recovering the Satellites*, is released in October. The long-awaited follow-up to 1993's *August and Everything After* debuts at number one on the charts.



Mike Hashimoto/LGI from LGI



Adelle Starr, LGI

George Strait is honored by the Country Music Association in October with three major awards—Single of the Year for "Check Yes or No," Album of the Year for *Clear Blue Sky*, and Male Vocalist of the Year.



Lisa Leone, LGI

Toni Braxton's second album, *Secrets*, is released in summer 1996. Braxton wins R&B Single of the Year for "Let It Flow" at the *Billboard* Music Awards in the fall.



AP/Wide World

The music world is stunned in September by the death of rapper Tupac Shakur, killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas. Speculations as to the killer's motive abound, but the year ends with no answers and no arrests.

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Tennis pro Pete Sampras wins the eighth grand-slam title of his career at the U.S. Open in September. Steffi Graf wins the U.S. Open Women's title, beating Monica Seles.

Pro boxer Mike Tyson loses his Heavyweight Champion of the World title to Evander Holyfield in a November match. Holyfield, a former two-time world champion, reclaims his title in the surprise win.

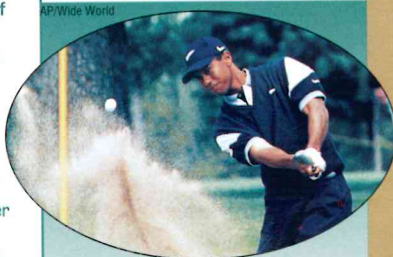
Chicago Bulls star Dennis Rodman furthers his controversial reputation by kicking a photographer in the groin during a game against the Minnesota Timberwolves in January 1997. Rodman is suspended for up to 11 games without pay, costing him more than \$1 million, in addition to a \$25,000 fine to the NBA, as well as a reported \$200,000 settlement with the photographer.

Baltimore Orioles second baseman Roberto Alomar is suspended for five games, deferred to the 1997 season, when he spits on an umpire during a heated argument over a questionable call in the National League play-offs. Controversy ensues over the leniency of the punishment.



Compress

Team USA wins the World Cup of Hockey, beating Canada 5-2 in the final. Eight teams from Canada, Europe and the U.S. participate in the World Cup, which replaced the Canada Cup.



AP/Wide World

Twenty-year-old golfing phenom Eldrick "Tiger" Woods turns pro in August, making the transition from exceptional amateur golfer to well-endorsed professional, including a deal with Nike worth an estimated \$40 million.



Craig Jones, Allsport



Al Bello, Allsport

In June, the Colorado Avalanche beat the Florida Panthers in the NHL Stanley Cup play-offs. The final game in the series remains scoreless until 1:05 a.m., when the Avalanche finally score the winning goal in the third overtime period.



Al Bello, Allsport



Reuters/Archive Photos

Paul Molitor of the Minnesota Twins becomes the 21st player in major league history to reach 3,000 career hits. The milestone is reached in September, when Molitor triples against Kansas City Royals rookie pitcher Jose Rosado.*



AP/Wide World

Race car driver Terry Labonte wins NASCAR's Winston Cup championship with a total of 4,657 points after finishing fifth in the final race, the Napa 500, at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Led by quarterback Brett Favre, the Green Bay Packers beat the New England Patriots 35-21 in Super Bowl XXXI at the Louisiana Superdome. It is the Packers' first Super Bowl since 1968.

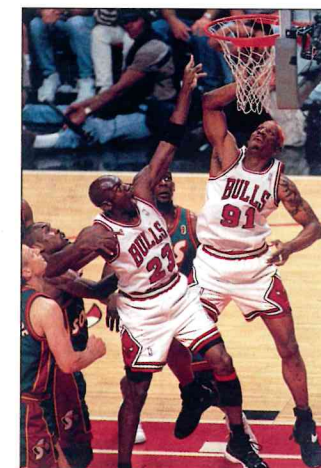
The New York Yankees win the World Series, beating the Atlanta Braves in a four-game sweep, after losing the first two games. It is the first series title for the Yankees since 1978.



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The U.S. women's gymnastics team takes the gold at the Summer Olympics. Kerri Strug, second from right, is the heroine of the competition, landing her final vault despite a dislocated left ankle.

U.S. swimmer Amy Van Dyken wins the women's 100-meter butterfly event at the Olympic Games with a time of 59.13 seconds. Van Dyken wins a total of four golds.



AP/Wide World

The Chicago Bulls win their fourth NBA championship in six years as they defeat the Seattle SuperSonics in game six of the NBA finals on June 16.



Al Bello, Allsport

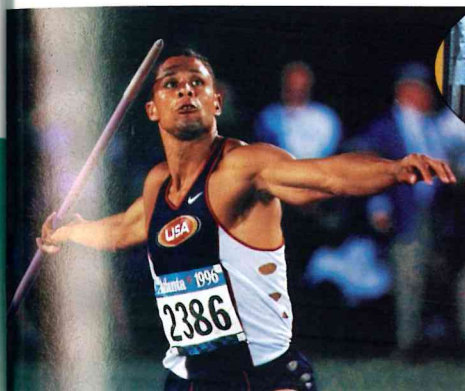
U.S. Olympian Dan O'Brien racks up 8,824 points to take the gold medal in the decathlon, a grueling, 10-event track-and-field competition.

April 1996 marks the 100th running of the Boston Marathon. More than 38,000 contenders participate.



AP/Wide World

Jean Driscoll (front right) of the U.S. takes the silver in the women's 800-meter wheelchair race, a demonstration sport, at the Summer Olympics. Driscoll, seven-time winner of the Boston Marathon, retires at the end of 1996, after setting several world records during her career.



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Olympic swimmer Tom Dolan captures another gold for the U.S. as he wins the 400-meter individual medley on July 21. Dolan wins with a time of 4:14.90.



Al Bello, Allsport



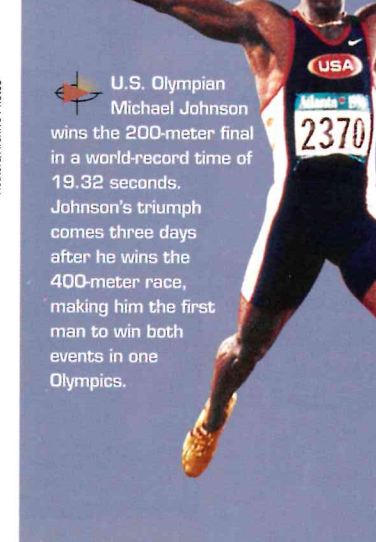
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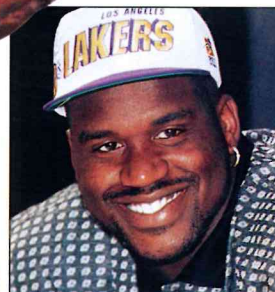
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Minnesota Twins star centerfielder Kirby Puckett announces his retirement from baseball in July. A serious eye ailment forces Puckett to give up the game, but he manages to maintain his upbeat attitude at press conferences and interviews.

U.S. Olympian Michael Johnson wins the 200-meter final in a world-record time of 19.32 seconds. Johnson's triumph comes three days after he wins the 400-meter race, making him the first man to win both events in one Olympics.



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Basketball star Shaquille O'Neal jumps from the Orlando Magic to the Los Angeles Lakers in July. The deal is the richest in NBA history, paying O'Neal \$120 million over 7 years.

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A "Sesame Street" stuffed toy causes panic among holiday shoppers. Tickle Me Elmo sells out in stores nationwide, and has shoppers fighting over scarce inventory and paying hundreds of times the toy's value.

flash

Helping consumers maintain privacy, marketers promote home AIDS tests. Consumers draw their own blood and then send it away to be tested confidentially.

Advancing technology means more options on telephones, including Caller ID, which becomes more common than ever in 1996. The display unit allows people to see the name and number of their caller before even answering the phone.

Authors Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider release *The Rules*, a controversial manual teaching women strategies for getting a man to propose marriage. While the book draws criticism from both sexes, it is a best-seller.

The U.S. Postal Service issues stamps commemorating Hanukkah, the first non-Christian religious holiday ever featured on a stamp.

Casual Fridays become more and more widespread in American work culture. Businesses allow employees who normally dress in professional clothing at work to wear more comfortable, casual clothing on Fridays.



The My Twinn Doll Company offers individually crafted dolls that replicate, from a photo, the eye color, hair and facial features of a living girl. Each doll comes with two matching outfits, one for the doll and one for the owner.



Nail polish colors get darker and funkier. Deep browns and blues are popular forms of expression and style.



The ongoing dance craze is the "Macarena," a Latin line dance. People of all ages participate in the dance, including Olympians, delegates and workers of the Democratic National Convention (above) and the New York Yankees grounds crew.



The minimum wage is raised to \$4.75 in October, and will increase again to \$5.15, effective September 1, 1997.



The beverage industry introduces a new concept—bottled water with caffeine! One bottle of the uncarbonated water contains as much caffeine as one cup of coffee.

Disney's 101 Dalmatians inspires an avalanche of promotional merchandise, filling stores with spotted toys, backpacks, games and other odds and ends.



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Rebecca Ann Babcock

Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Freshman Boy's Basketball Manager 4; Fall Play 1, 2; Drama Club 1, 2, 3, 4; YIG 2, 3, 4; Forensics 2, 3; NHS 2, 3, 4; Close-Up 2, 3, 4; SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; Viva Club 2, 3, 4; Top Ten Spanish 2, 3, 4; Cap & Gown Committee 3, 4; Top Ten 2, 3; Newspaper Staff 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Letter 3, 4; BPA 3, 4; BPA Secretary 3; Spanish I. Award 2; Varsity Club 4; Volleyball Co-Captain 4; Volleyball Coach's Award 3; Track Co-Captain 4; United Nations Trip 3; Who's Who... 4; Student Tutor 2, 3, 4; Photography Staff 4; Senior Edition Copy Editor 4.

Ryan Baldwin

Football 1; Basketball 1, 2; Baseball 1, 3; Golf 3.

Mandy Marie Beckman

Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3; NHS

3, 4; Viva Club 4; Prom Committee 3; Academic Letter 1, 3, 4; Varsity Letter 3, 4.

Timothy Boyce

Football 1, 2; Baseball 1; Viva Club 1; Academic Letter 1.

Susan Jane Briggs

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic Letter 3; Varsity Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech Award 3.

Autumn Lee Clinesmith

Track 2; Wrestling 3; Fall Play 1; Spring Musical 1, 2, 3; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD 1, 2, 3; Symphonic Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 2, 3, 4; Santa Band 1, 4; Solo/Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-County Honors Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Honors Choir 1, 4; French Club 3, 4; Newspaper Staff 4; Academic Letter 2, 3; Environmental Awareness Club 2, 3, 4; Student School Board Representative 3.

Connie Jill Colosky

Prom Committee 3; Natural Helpers 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Representative 3; Homecoming Court 4.

Melissa Ann Cunningham

Heather Catherine DeLand

Softball 1, 2; Cheerleading 1, 2, 3; Gymnastics 1, 2, 3, 4; Gymnastics Team Captain 4; Spring Musical 3; German Club 2, 3, 4; German Club Secretary 4; Cap &

Gown Committee 4; Student Senate 2, 3; Class Secretary 1; Newspaper Staff 4; Varsity Letter 1, 2, 3, 4.

Robyn Starr Eastham

Softball 1, 2, 4; Cheerleading 1; SADD 1, 2; German Club 1, 2, 3; Student Senate 1.

Mindy Ensign

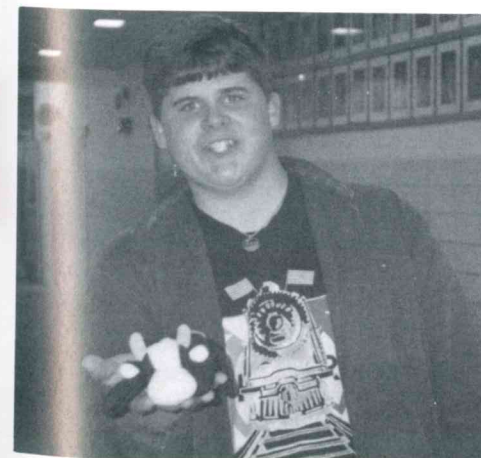
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Kendra Lynn Frampton

Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4; JV Baseball Manager 1, 2; Varsity Baseball Manager 3; Spring Musical 1; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Cap & Gown Committee 4; Technology Team Academic Games 3; Academic Letter 1; Varsity Letter 2, 3, 4; Camp Counselor 4; Freshman Football Cheerleading Captain; JV Basketball Cheerleading Captain; Varsity Football Cheerleading Co-Captain; Varsity Basketball Cheerleading Captain.

Natatie Jane Franklin

Spring Musical 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 2, 3, 4; NHS 2, 3, 4; Syphonic Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Colorguard 2, 3, 4; Colorguard Co-Captain 3; Colorguard Captain 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Solo/Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; State Solo/Ensemble 3, 4; Tre-Country Honors Band 2, 4; Choir 2, 3, 4; French Club 3, 4; Top Ten French 3; Prom Committee 3; Student Senate 2, 3, 4; Student Senate President 4; Student Senate Secretary 3; English Academic Games 3, 4; Top Ten 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Environmental Awareness



Chad Seney holds up Sobos, the mascot for many in the class this year. Sobos was Bridget Putman's pet cow, which spent a lot of time with Bridget and her classmates in AP English this year.

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Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Daughters of the American Revolution Award 4; French 1 Award 3; Outstanding Colorguard Award 3; Rotary Leadership Camp 3;

Autumn Lynn Gonzales

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 4; J.V. Boys Basketball Manager 1; Freshman Boys Basketball Manager 2, 3; Spring Musical 1, 2; Thespians 2, 3, 4; NHS 2, 3, 4; NHS Vice-President 4; SADD 2, 4; SADD President 4; Symphonic Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Cap/Gown Committee 4; Student Senate 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Senate Vice-President 4; Top Ten 1, 2, 3, 4; Yearbook Staff 3, 4; Yearbook Staff Editor 4; Newspaper Staff 3; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Letter 2, 3, 4; Natural Helpers 2, 3, 4; Varsity Basketball Captain 4.

Angie Griffis

Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4; Spring Musical 1; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; German Club 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Cap & Gown Committee 4; Student Senate 4; Math Academic Games 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Letter 3, 4.

John Herrington

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic Letter 1; Varsity Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; BPA 4; Track MVP 3; All Conference 3.

Mindy Herzberger

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; YIG 3, 4; YIG Treasurer 4; Symphonic Band 1, 2, 3; Marching Band 1, 2, 3; Pep Band 1, 2, 3; Solo & Ensemble 1; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Top Ten Spanish 3; Prom Committee 3; Class Treasurer 2, 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Natural Helpers 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Basketball Co-Captain 3, 4.

Elizabeth Caryn Hess

Academic Letter 2, 3.

Amanda Marie Jaruzel

18 Senior Roster



Tara Finkbeiner, Jamie Kienitz and Robyn Eastham were part of the lively crowd at the prom this year.

Valerie Johnson

Tisha Suzanne Jones

Softball Manager 1; Fall Play 3, 4; Drama Club 3, 4; Forensics 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD 2, 3, 4;

18 Senior Roster

Symphonic Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 2, 3, 4; Colorguard 2, 3, 4; French Club 2, 3, 4; Choir 2, 3, 4; Santa Band 4; Solo & Ensemble 4; Cap & Gown Committee 3; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3; Senior Representative D.A.R.E. 4.

Matthew Christopher Kanyok

Football 1, 2, 4; Basketball 3; Prom Committee 3; Cap & Gown Committee 3; Varsity Letter 4; Varsity Club 4; Perfect Attendance 1, 2.

Dustin Ryan Kern

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; YIG 3, 4; Close-Up 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD 2, 3, 4; SADD Treasurer 4; Symphonic Band 1; Marching Band 1; Solo & Ensemble 1; German Club 3, 4; Top Ten German 3, 4; Academic Tech Team 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Letter 3, 4; Icefest Court 4; Football Team Captain 2, 4.

Keturah "Kitty" Kilbourn

Softball 3; Baseball Manager 1; Basketball Manager 2; SADD 4; Choir 1, 2; Viva Club 1, 2; Prom Committee 3; Cap/

Gown Committee 4; Student Senate 1; Academic Tech Team 4; Homecoming Court 4; Homecoming Queen 4.

Bryon Killin

Football 1; Fall Play 3; Spring Musical 2, 3; Choir 2; Viva Club 2; French Club 3; Academic Letter 1, 4; Yearbook & Newspaper Staff 4; Art Docent 3, 4.

Pamela Kaye Legue

French Club 1; Academic Letter 1.

Tammy Luxton

Viva Club 1; German Club 2; Top Ten Spanish 1; Top Ten German 2; Top Ten 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; BPA 3, 4.

Crystal Leigh Manchester

Golf Manager 3; Fall Play 1; Drama Club 1, 2; SADD 2, 3, 4; Symphonic Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Solo & Ensemble 1, 2, 4; Tri-County Honors Band 4; Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 3, 4; Viva Club 2; English Academic Games 3; Environmental Awareness Club 2, 3, 4.

Christopher C. Manwell

Fall Play 2, 3, 4; Spring Musical 1, 2, 3; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 3, 4; German Club 3, 4; Newspaper Staff 4.

Benjamin Robert Mihora

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Spring Musical 1; Drama Club 1; YIG 1, 2, 3, 4; NHS 2, 3, 4; Close-up 1,

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2, 3, 4; SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; Symphonic Band 1; Marching Band 1; Jazz Band 1, 2; Choir 1, 2, 3; Viva Club 2; Cap & Gown Committee 4; Class Vice President 4; English Academic Games 2; Social Studies Academic Games 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 4; Varsity Letter 3, 4; Icefest Kings Court 4; Football Team Captain 1, 2, 4.

Lindsey Rebecca Parker

Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4; Fall Play 1, 2; Spring Musical 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespians 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 1, 2, 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 3, 4; Top Ten French 3; Student Senate 3, 4; Top Ten 3, 4; Varsity Letter 3, 4; Who's Who Award; Co-Captain of Cheerleading; Geometry Award

Lisa Palmer

Fall Play 4; Spring Musical 4; Symphonic Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Colorguard 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Solo/Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 2, 3, 4; French Club 4; English Academic Games 2, 3, 4; Top Ten 1; Academic Letter 1, 2, 4; Natural Helpers 1, 2, 3, 4;

Brian J. Pepera

Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Fall Play 1, 2, 3, 4; Spring Musical 1, 2, 4; Thespians 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 1, 2, 3, 4; YIG 1, 2, 3, 4; NHS 2, 3, 4; Symphonic Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Solo & Ensemble 1, 2, 4; Tri-County Honors Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Class President 1, 2, 3; English Academic Games 2, 3, 4; Top Ten 1, 2, 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Environmental Awareness Club 1, 2, 3, 4; EAC Officer 4; Natural Helpers 1, 2, 3, 4.

Deanna Purigroski

Viva Club 1; Cap & Gown Committee 4; Academic Letter 1; Perfect Attendance 1, 2.

Lindsey Sue Raney

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 4; Volleyball 1; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; YIG 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; German Club 3, 4; German Club Treasurer 4; Prom Commit-

tee 3; Yearbook Staff 4; Academic Letter 4; Varsity Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Natural Helpers 4; Homecoming Rep. 1; Homecoming Court 4; Basketball Captain 4; Varsity Club 4; Treasurer/Secretary of Varsity Club 4.

Samantha Anne Roedel

Cross Country Manager 1, 2, 3, 4; German Club 2, 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3; Varsity Letter 2, 3, 4; Environmental Awareness Club 3; Mathematics Award 2.

Jeannette Lee Roskamp

Junior High Track Manager 1; Fall Play 1, 2, 3, 4; Spring Musical 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespians 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Symphonic Band 1, 2, 3; Marching Band 1, 2, 3; Pep Band 1, 2; Santa Band 1, 2; Solo/Ensemble 2; French Club 3; Yearbook Staff 3, 4; Journalism Business Manager 4; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Edition Assistant Editor 3.

Tricia Scharff

Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 3, 4; Viva Club 2, 4; Viva Club Vice President 4; Varsity Letter 1, 3, 4.

Sheril Sohn

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleading 1; Close-Up 2; Choir 2, 3, 4; Viva Club 1, 2; Viva Club Secretary 2; Prom Committee 3; Cap & Gown Committee 4; Class Officer Secretary 2, 3, 4; Academic Letter 1, 2; Varsity Letter 3, 4; Varsity Club 4.

Edward Specht Jr.

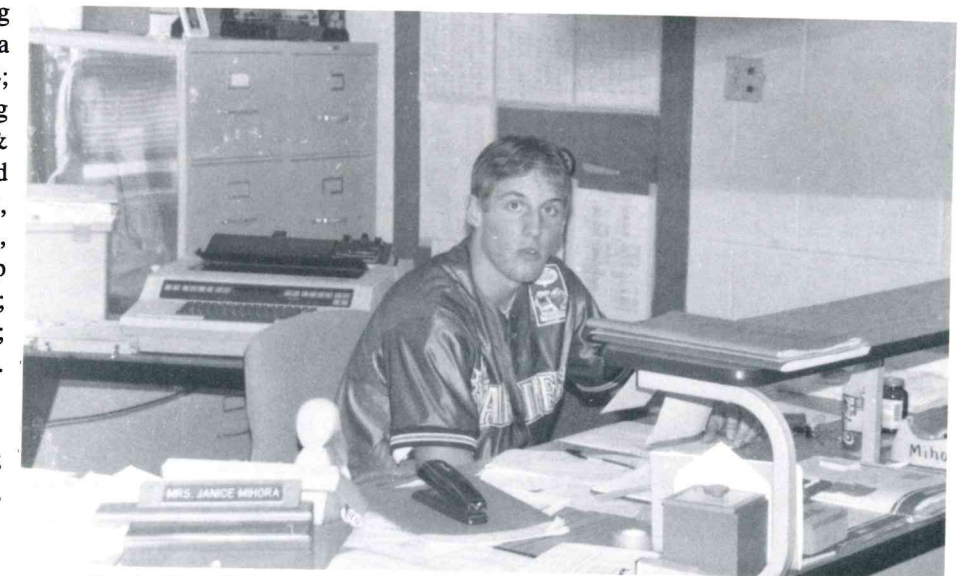
Track 1; Viva Club 1, 2; Academic Letter 1, 2.

Christy Swartzendruber

N.H.S 4; Football Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball Cheerleading 1, 2, 3;

Treasa Ann Swinton

Volleyball 1; Track 1, 2, 4; Cheerleading 1; Choir 2, 3.



Dustin Kern finds himself in one of his favorite spots, Mrs. Mihora's office.

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Dennis Thurston
Academic Letter 1, 2.

Korina L. A. Williamson
Cheerleading 2; Fall Play 1, 2, 3, 4; Spring Musical 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespians 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama Club President 4; Drama Club Vice-President 3; Drama Club Treasurer 2; Forensics 2, 3; NHS 2, 3, 4; Close-Up 1, 2, 3; SADD 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 4; French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club President 4; French Club Vice-President 2; Top Ten French 1, 2, 3, 4; Cap & Gown Committee 3, 4; Top Ten 4; Year-

book Staff 4; Newspaper Staff 4; Assistant Club Treasurer 3; YIG 1, 2, 3; Forensics 1, 2; Close-Up 1, 2, 3; SADD 1, 2; Viva Club 1; French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Top Ten French 3, 4; English Academic Games 3, 4; Newspaper Staff 4; Academic Letter 3; Recycling 2, 3, 4; BPA 2, 3, 4; Senior Edition Layout Editor 4; Assistant Layout Editor 4.

Franshon M. Wilson

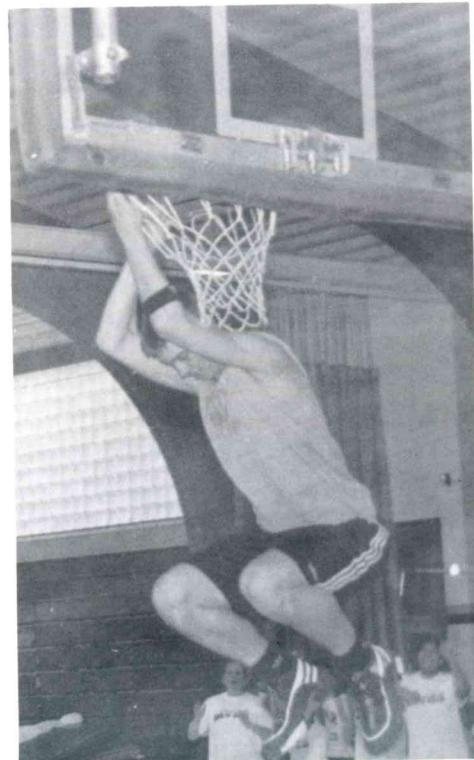
SADD 3; Symphonic Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 2; Solo & Ensemble 1; Choir 3, 4; Cap & Gown Committee 4.

Cameron Withers

Freshman Volleyball Manager 4; Fall Play 1, 2, 3, 4; Spring Musical 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespians 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama

Erik Randall Zempel

Track 1; Fall Play 1, 2; Spring Musical 1, 2; Thespians 1, 2; Drama Club 1, 2; YIG 1, 2, 3, 4; YIG Secretary 4; NHS 2, 3, 4; NHS Treasurer 4; Choir 2, 3, 4; German Club 1, 2, 3, 4; German Club Vice President 3; Class Treasurer 1; Math Academic Games 2, 3, 4; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Newspaper Editor 4; Academic Letter 2, 3, 4; Environmental Awareness Club 2; BPA 3, 4; BPA Vice President 4; DJ Club 2, 3, 4; HOBY Ambassador 2; HOBY Junior counselor 3; U.N. Trip 3; Honors Choir 2, 3, 4; School Board Rep. 3, 4.



Eric Johnson goes for the basket as well as the points during the Faculty/Student basketball game.



(above) Autumn Clinesmith performs with the band during a halftime show; (r.) class president Melissa Oliver gets down and messy as she tries to win one of the Comehome contests.



Seniors Sheri Sohn (l.) and Angie Griffis (r.) share a sweet moment with Junior Kim Baxter (c.)

SENIOR MOCK ELECTIONS

Quietest:

Male: Jason Kralik
Female: Natalie Franklin

Best Eyes:

Male: Matt Merry & Nathan Schnell
Female: Lindsey Raney

Best Smile:

Male: Earl Fabbro & Nathan Schnell
Female: Lindsey Raney

Best Body:

Male: Earl Fabbro
Female: Connie Colosky

Best Dressed:

Male: Craig McCloud
Female: Gina Vassallo

Most Musical:

Male: Brian Pepera
Female: Natalie Franklin

Class Flirt:

Male: Adam Hornung
Female: Mindy Ensign & Kim Stange

Loudest:

Male: Chad Seney
Female: Teresa Swinton

Most Daring:

Male: Eric Johnson
Female: Kim Stange

Best Looking:

Male: Earl Fabbro
Female: Kitty Kilbourn

Most Original:

Male: Erik Zempel
Female: Kim Stange

School Spirit:

Male: Chad Seney
Female: Christy Swartzendruber

Class Rebel:

Male: Erik Zempel
Female: Kim Stange

Best Dancer:

Male: Scott Putnam
Female: Natalie Franklin

Most Likely to Succeed:

Male: Brian Pepera
Female: Natalie Franklin

Most Likely to Become President:

Male: Mike Krause & Cameron Withers
Female: Amy Sinko

Most Likely to Become a Model:

Male: Earl Fabbro
Female: Kendra Frampton

Most Athletic:

Male: Earl Fabbro
Female: Autumn Gonzales

Class Comedian:

Male: Chad Seney
Female: Bridget Putman

Most Outgoing:

Male: Earl Fabbro
Female: Sheri Sohn

Best Legs:

Male: Erik Zempel
Female: Lindsey Raney

Most Artistic:

Male: Eric Johnson
Female: Crista Rowe

Class Partier:

Male: Matt Bradley & Adam Hornung
Female: Robin Eastham

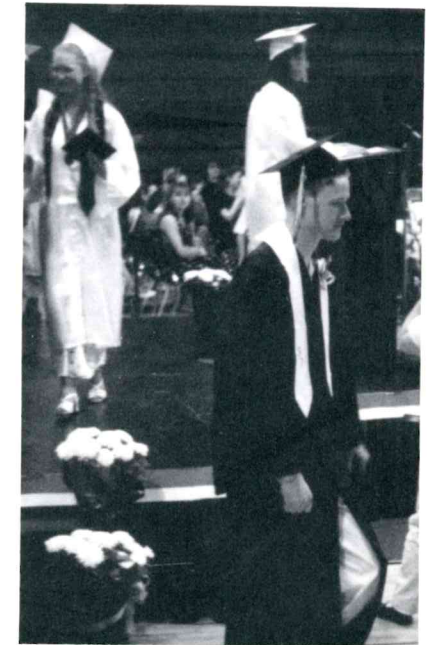
Best Actor/Actress:

Male: Brian Pepera
Female: Jeannette Roskamp

GRADUATION

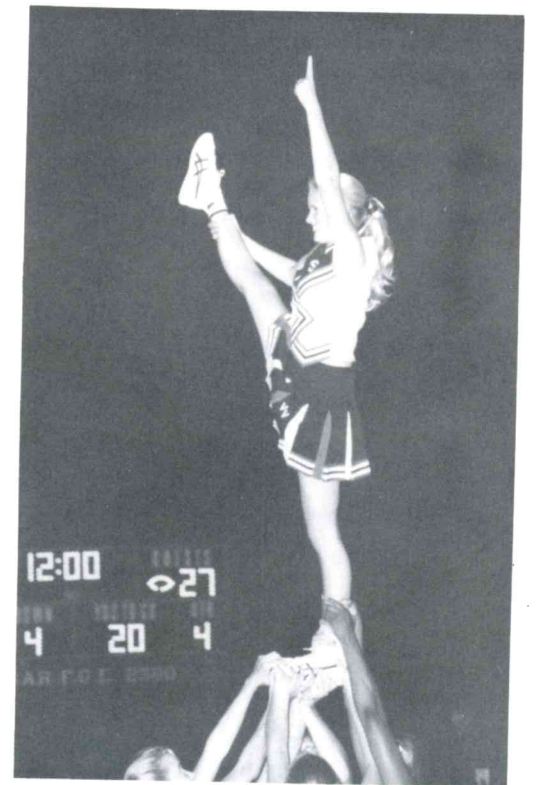
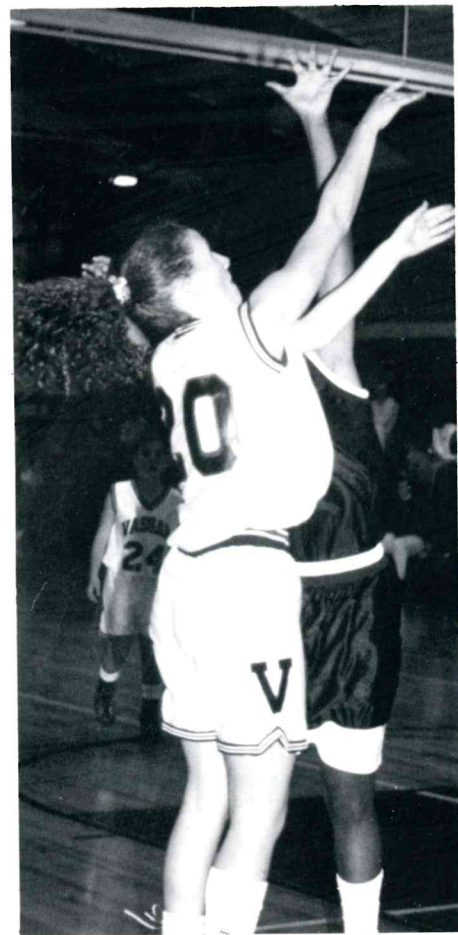


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(opposite top l.) Our exchange students receive recognition from Mr. Buchman; senior choir members join in for the last time; Co-Valedictorian Natalie Franklin gives her speech; time for celebration as things wind down, - what's up there, Bridget, Crista, Korina?, Tisha Jones, Amy Sinko, and Tammy Luxton proudly march on; Matt Bradley and Robin Eastham came casual; Pam Legue and Deanna Purigroski are ready for the ceremony; (this page top l.) Crista Rowe, salutatorian talks with the class; Co-Valedictorian Brian Pepera compared the years together to a song being written; seniors stand for their awards; Becky Babcock shows where her heart is; Mike Roebuck heads back while Jeannette Roskamp gets her diploma; the Graduating Class of 1977.

VASSAR ATHLETICS



VARSITY FOOTBALL



Members of the 1996 Varsity Football team include: (front l.) Bart Rittenburg, mgr., Matt Kanyok, Greg Mott, Steve Lesko, Josh Terry, Eric Barden, Dustin Kern, Ben Mihora, Jim Hill, Ken Herr, and Owen Roberts; (back l.) Walt Purigroski, coach, Ken Jones, Beau Jackson, Tom Kanyok, Scott Teschendorf, Dave Schmidt, Justin Bickel, Matt Bierlein, Dave Martin, Adam Hornung, Dallas Glady, Larry McGrandy, Bobby Yono, Mike Krause, Cory Creel, and Clyde Chapman, coach.



RECORD DOESN'T SHOW WHOLE PICTURE

Despite their record of zero wins and nine losses, the Vulcan Varsity Football Team showed much improvement and dedication under the new direction of head coach Clyde Chapman. With only a handful of seniors on this year's team, the juniors got a lot of playing experience, promising good things for next year.

However, there were many individual achievements. Senior Adam Hornung led the team in tackles, followed by Junior Ken Jones. Junior Cory Creel led the team in rushing, even though he only played half the year. Scott Teschendorf, brought up from the J.V. team, earned honors as the leading receiver for the Vulcans. Dustin Kern's efforts at center earned him All-Conference Honors and Josh Terry proved to be one of the best blocking backs in the league.

"Our record did not show how hard we played," says fullback Larry McGrandy, "because I believe that every time we went out there, we gave it our all. Eric Barden, our team captain, was a good inspiration for us. He was a great team leader. Whenever we were down, he always pulled us together and reminded us we still had a game to play."

Most Valuable Player: Adam Hornung
Most Improved Player: Justin Bickel and Bobby Yono
Coaches Award: Eric Barden
Second Team Defense: Steve Lesko
Defensive Honorable Mention: Ken Jones, Adam Hornung, and Greg Mott
Offensive Honorable Mention: Dustin Kern and Josh Terry

(photo r.) Team captain and quarterback Eric Barden leads the team against the Reese Rockets in the first game of the season; (l.) the Orange Crush run out ready to play on Homecoming Night.



J.V. & FROSH FOOTBALL



Members of the 1996 J.V. Football Team are: (back l.) Phil Martin, coach, Aldred Wilson, Jason Cunningham, Josh Kribs, Jeff Colosky, Jake Schlereth, Carl Petzold, Matt Manchester, Adam Lalko, Ben Torrey, Jason Tebedo, and Ernie Huizar, coach; (front l.) Mike Gillman, Clark Haley, Jacob Hecht, Kevin Moncman, Mike Blossom, Mike Piazza, Chad Baldwin, Luke Traver, Nick Fisher, and Jacob Delmotte.



Members of the 1996 Freshmen Football Team are: (back l.) Brandon Hornung, coach, T.J. Finkbeiner, Bill Germain, Jason Greenleaf, T.J. DeKett, Kevin Hecht, Matt Yono, Derek Wilcox, Justin Marsh, John Hoerlein, Wayne Williams, Jared Jackson, Josh Martin, Michael Spencer and Mark Dowe, coach; (front l.) Michael Keinath, Jason Masker, Jeremy Sharp, Levi Haley, Tim Wascher, Jason Chernenko, Jason Oliver, Aaron McCall, and Juwan Delorey.

VARSITY BASKETBALL



Members of the 1996 Varsity Girls' Basketball Team include: (l.) Kylie Vincent, Tami Kanyok, Lindsey Raney, Heather Cunningham, Autumn Gonzales, Mindy Herzberger, coach Mike Gohsman, Lynsey Martin, Sheri Sohn, Jodi Herrington, Susan Briggs, Renee Payea, and Tracy Estrada.



LADY CAGERS HOOP IT UP

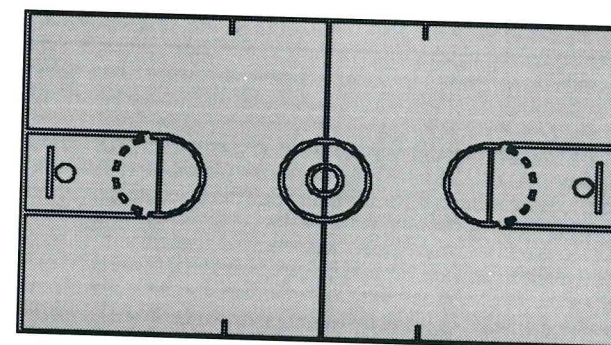
Despite a season in which only two wins resulted after three months of hard work, the Vulcans of Vassar showed many teams in the conference just how meaningless counting their wins and losses really was. Tied for last place in their conference, the players of the Crush never gave up hope that perhaps tonight would be their turn to show off in front of the home crowd. With losing six games by fifteen points or less, the Lady Vulcans showed that their passion for the game would never die no matter what the scoreboard said after time ran out. With all eyes on the underclassmen, the Lady Cagers rest up for season and think of ways to fill seven empty senior spots on the roster.

Most Valuable Player: Mindy Herzberger
Most Improved Player: Heather Cunningham
Coach's Award: Lindsey Raney
Tri Valley All Conference Honorable Mention: Mindy Herzberger and Autumn Gonzales

J.V. AND FRESHMEN BASKETBALL



Members of the 1996 J.V. Girls' Basketball Team include: (front l.) Katie Roedel, and Melissa Schnell; (middle l.) Mary Gorleski, Jackie DuBois, Lyndsey VanWormer, Lisa Waterman, Carrie Hecht, and Cherie Swaffer; (back l.) coach Joe Mason, Ronda Keinath, Anna Dowe, Heinlein

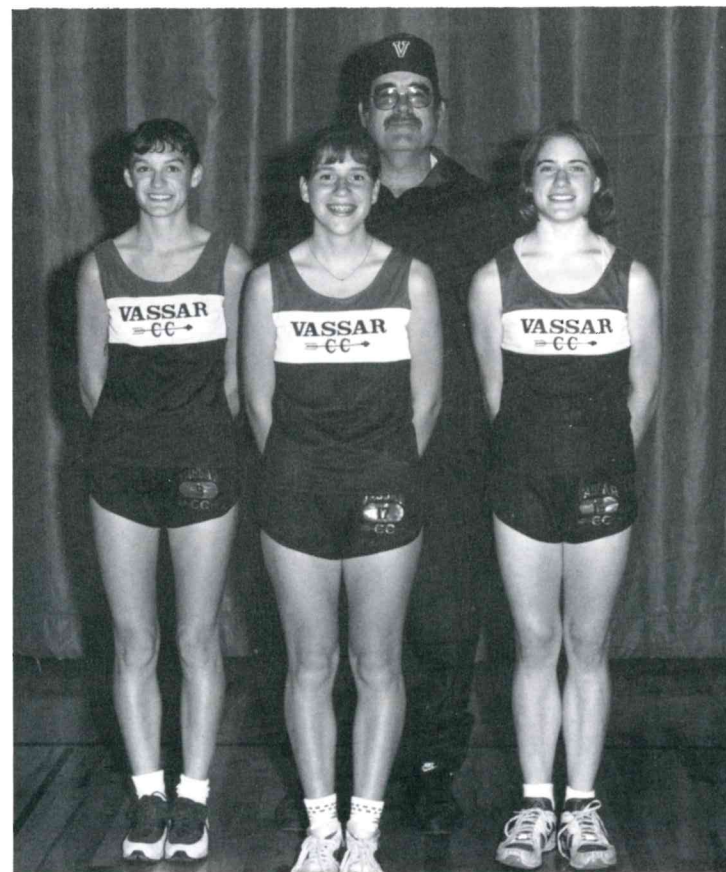


Members of the 1996 Freshman Girls' Basketball Team include: (front l.) Shawna Hall, Melissa Sullivan, and Nikki Meyer; (middle l.) Talisha Ward, Sarah Montgomery, Courtney Landscroner, Missy Gorleski, and Sarah Toyzan; (back l.) Nicole Zwerk, Sherri Callahan, Cindy Teschendorf, coach Holly DuBay, coach Janel Woodward, Suzanne Perrault, Crystal Ankey, and Sarah Gohsman

CROSS COUNTRY



Members of the 1996 Vassar Varsity Cross Country Team include: (front l.) Brandon Rose, Michael Stahl, Ryan Bissell, Justin Shepherd, Matt Merry, and coach Dan Johnson.



Members of the 1996 Girls Cross Country team include: (front l.) Kim Ross, Stacey Esterline, Nicole Sullivan and coach Dan Johnson.

CROSS COUNTRY SETS COURSE

Though small in number, the Cross Country team's competitive spirit allowed them to meet many personal goals while having fun doing it. Although as teams both had hoped for better things, many of its individuals experienced a lot of success. Among those to accomplish that success was Junior Kim Ross, who qualified for the State Cross Country Meet for the first time. Others who achieved individual success were Ryan Bissell, Nicole Sullivan, and Justin Shepherd who all earned Tri Valley Conference Honors also. Despite losing it's only Senior Matt Merry, the Vulcan Squad looks ahead to next seson's rivalry.

Most Valuable Player: Ryan Bissell and Nicole Sullivan
Most Improved Player: Justin Shepherd and Kim Ross
Coach's Award: Matt Merry and Stacy Esterline
First Team TVC East: Ryan Bissell
Second Team TVC East: Justin Shepherd, Nicole Sullivan, and Kim Ross
First Team All TVC: Ryan Bissell
Second Team All TVC: Nicole Sullivan
Third Team All TVC: Justin Shepherd and Kim Ross

GOLF



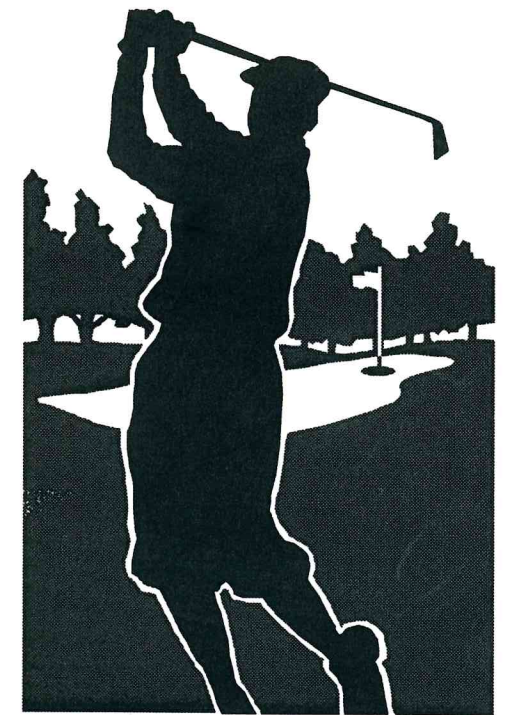
Members of 1996 Golf Team include: (front l.) Artie Best, Olivia Sanchez, Matt Bierlein, Matt Keinath, Richard Swartzendruber, Kevin Heinlein, and Josh Stacer; (middle l.) assistant coach David Grimshaw, coach Gerald Simpson, and manager Kristy Anderson; (back l.) Ben Hayes, Trent VanWormer, Brandon Lee, Terry Mocny, Dustin Mecham, Brian Cunningham, Ben McKinnon, Brad Stacer, Chris Hecht, Damien Sanchez, and Justin Whitney.



Junior Ben McKinnon and Sophomore Brandon Lee pose for the students of VHS and show them just how stressful the game of golf really is.

GOLF SWINGS AHEAD

Although the Vulcan Golf team didn't have a particularly good season, what they did have allowed them to be recognized throughout the Tri Valley Conference. Perhaps the best golfer in the conference, Junior Damien Sanchez led this Vulcan team in many tournaments in scoring throughout the year while earning First Team All Tri Valley Conference Honors. With more improvement yet to come, this young Vulcan team looks forward to the future and eager to build on the foundation it has laid this year.

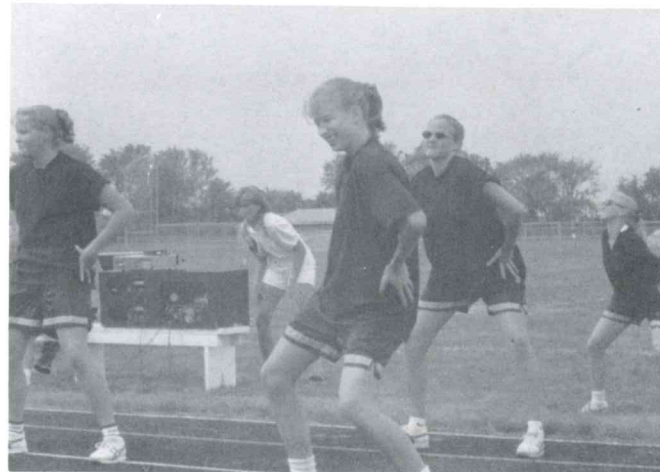


Most Valuable Player: Damien Sanchez
Most Improved Player: Matt Keinath
Coach's Award: Brad Stacer
First Team All Conference Honors: Damien Sanchez

VARSITY FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS



Members of the 1996 Varsity Football Cheerleading Squad include: (front l.) Miranda Dietrich, Gina Vassallo, Any Gierman, Kim Baxter, and Christy Swartzendruber; (middle l.) Kendra Frampton, Abby Leach, Arin Blossom, Susie Duncan, and Casey Olson; (back l.) Jolene Heidenberger, coach Melissa Koch, Tiffany Garner, Lindsey Parker, Angela Wilson, and Megan Buchinger.



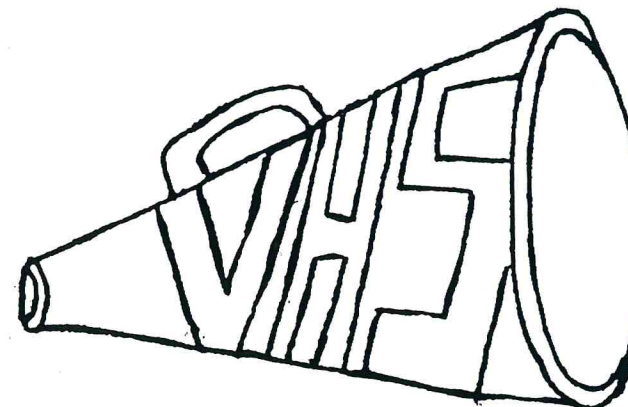
VHS SQUAD HAS SUCCESSFUL SEASON

This year's football season was nicely complemented with ten junior and five senior cheerleaders. The season started off with two weeks of practice to get ready for cheer camp. Led by coach Melissa Koch and captains Kendra Frampton and Angela Wilson, the squad was successful in accomplishing their goals at S.V.S.U. While there, the squad learned a lot of new techniques. After the four days, they were awarded many honors such as: Over-all Spirit Award, Cheer and Chant Awards, Stunting Smart Award, Team Award, and several All-American nominees. Through a lot of work and practice, this squad shined though the entire season.

J.V. AND FRESHMEN FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS



Members of the 1996 J. V./Freshmen Football Cheerleading Squad include: (front l.) Trisha VanWormer, Sibrina McClanahan, and Stephanie Heisner; (middle l.) Carrie Oginsky, Callie Olson, Melissa Boyke, Margaret Bentley, and Holly Sargent; (back l.) Amy Fall, Nicole Griffith, coach Melissa Koch, Cassandra Hembling, and Melissa Okorowski.

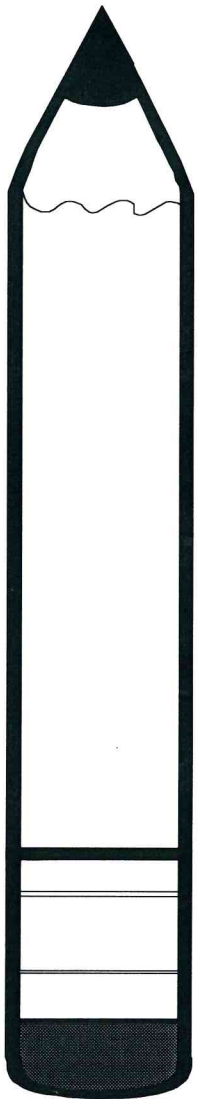
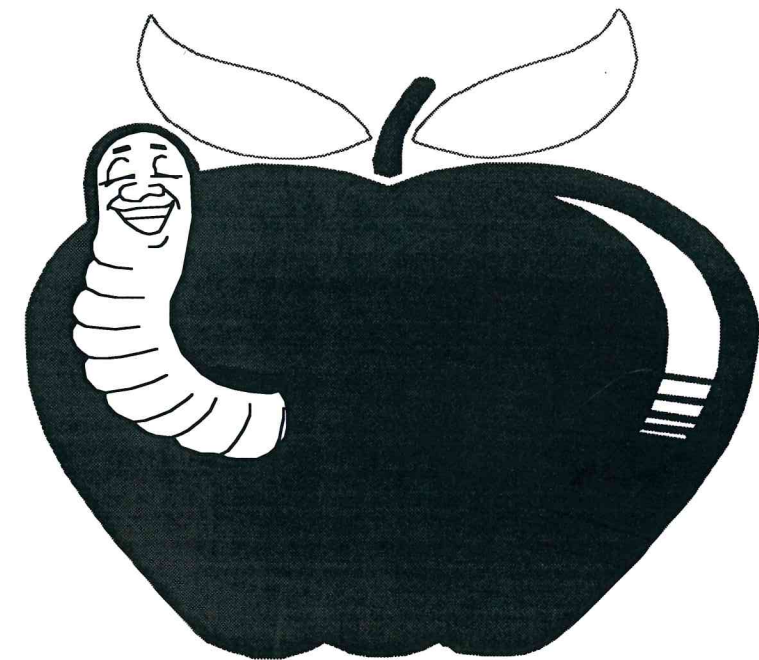


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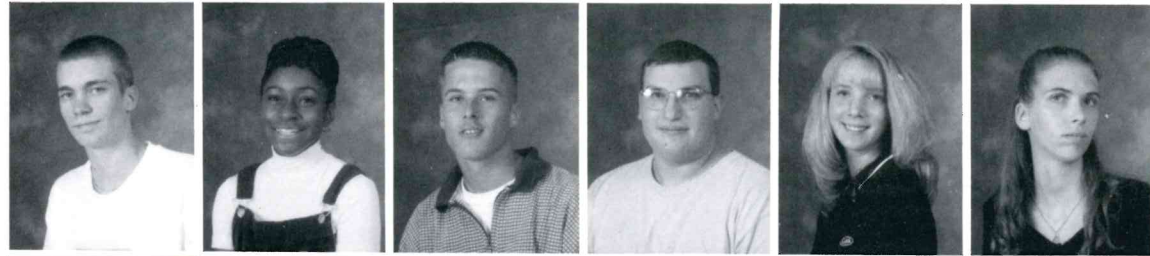


Junior Class Officers are (l.) Treasurer Lynsey Martin; Secretary Katy Welsh; Vice-President Rachel McCullough; and President Ben McKinnon.

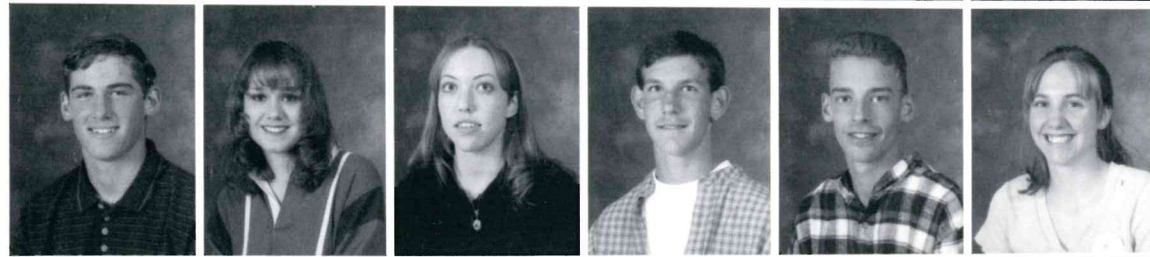


JUNIORS

Angela Bables
Gerald Balcer
Eric Barden
Josh Barnes
Kim Baxter
Miranda Bebertz



Justin Bickel
Constance Bidwell
Sara Bielert
Matt Bierlein
Ryan Bissell
Becky Bittner



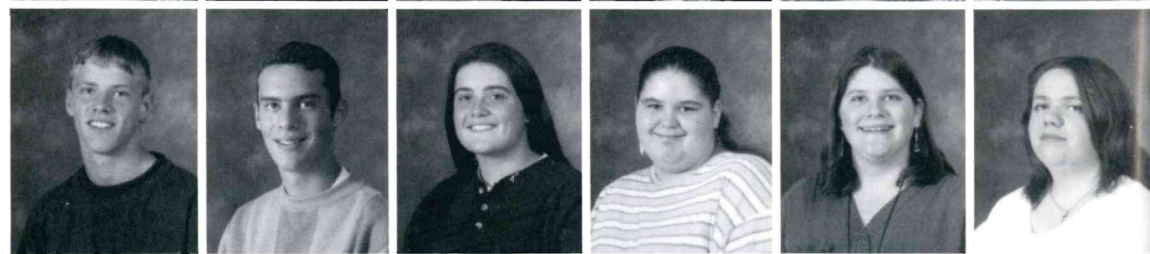
George Blasius
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Arin Blossom
Shannon Borton
Daniel Bowers
Penny Bradley



Scott Briggs
Megan Buchinger
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Jeremy Burton
Colleen Cameron
Carrie Clark



Cory Creel
Brian Cunningham
Heather Cunningham
Mary Decker
Jessica Dekett
Autumn Deming



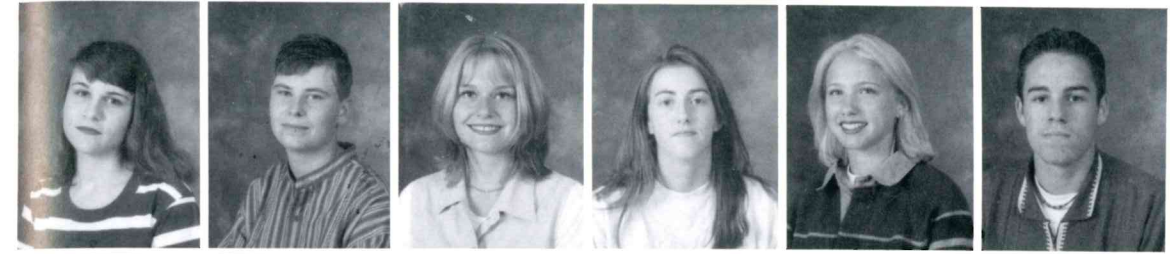
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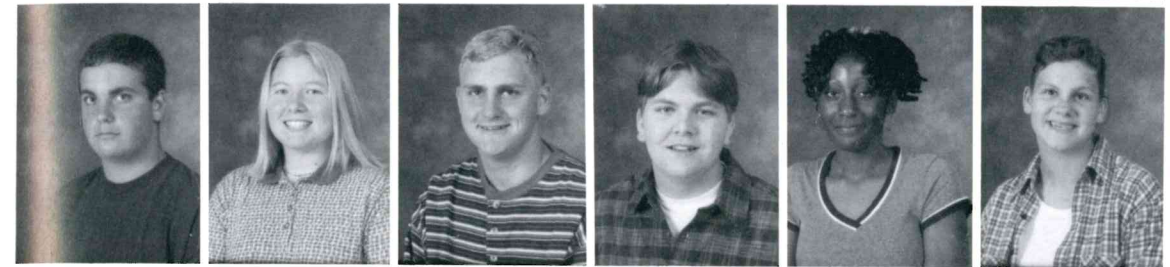
CLASS OF 1998



Velma Endert
Stacy Esterline
Kevin Fent
Crystal Foess
Matt Ford
Leeann Gamm



Dena Garlick
Dan Garner
Tiffany Garner
Monica Germain
Amy Gierman
Eric Gill



Dallas Glady II
Pam Green
Tim Greenwood
Greg Hall
Erica Harper
Gabrielle Harris



Justin Shepherd and Amy Gierman get close behind the scenes of the VHS production of "Meet Me in St. Louis".



Ryan Bissell watches his fellow classmates Brad Stacer and Kim Ross while competing in one of the Homcoming competitions.

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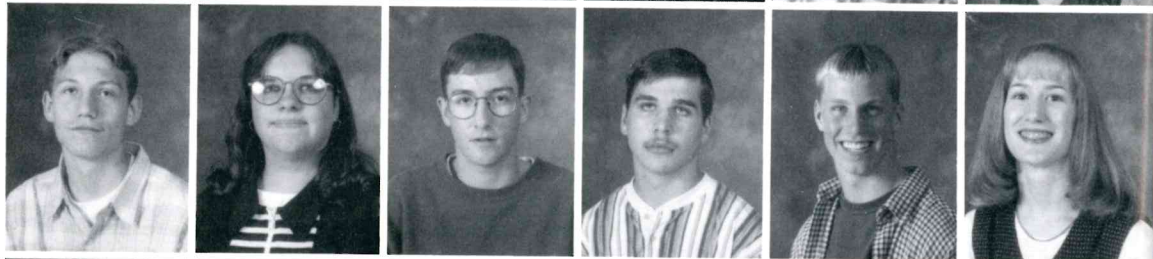
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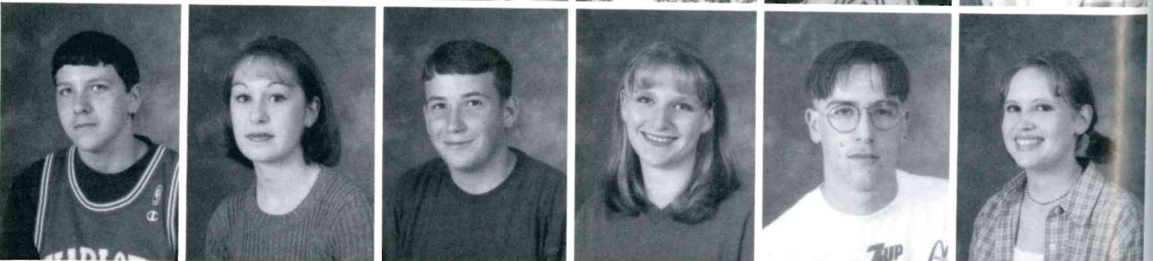
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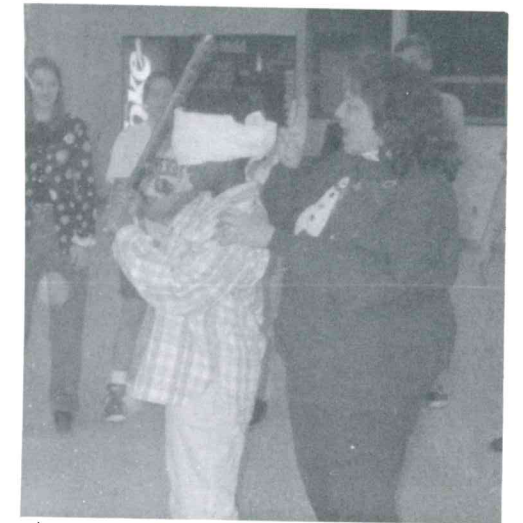
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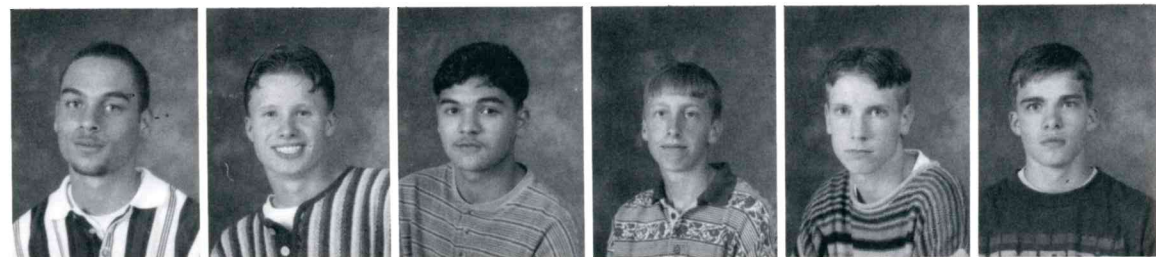
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WELSH HOSTS SHORT TERM EXCHANGE

In addition to our regular exchange student programs, Katy Welsh took part in a four week program hosting Nina Gromes of Pohheim Germany. Nina was part of a group sponsored by the Friendship Connection, based in Cleveland, Ohio. In the summer of 1998, Katy will spend four weeks in Germany visiting Nina and touring the countryside. Both girls agreed that the experience was wonderful. "I think I have found a friend for life," said Katy when asked about the exchange.

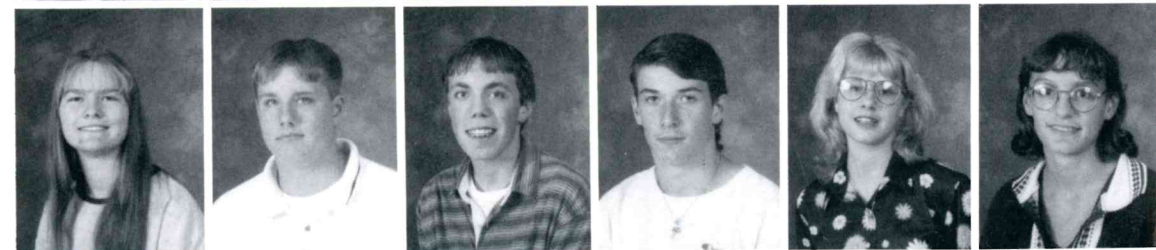
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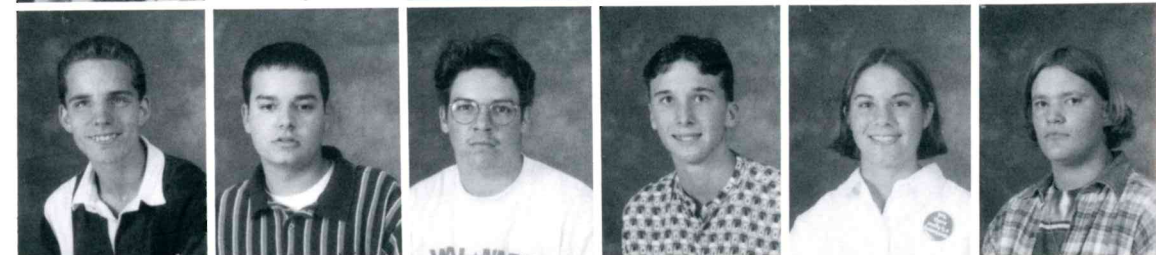
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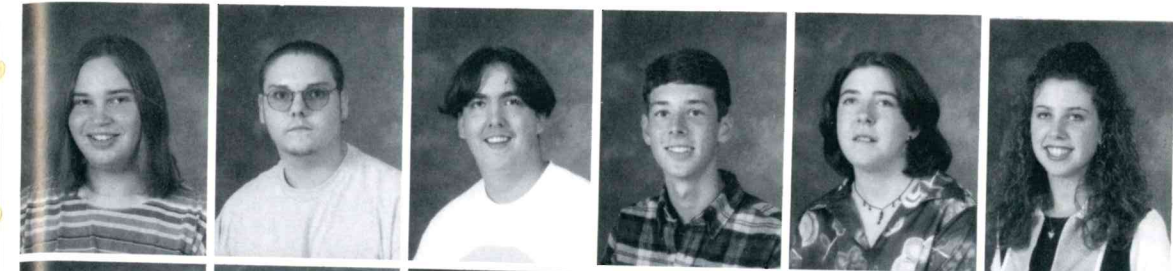
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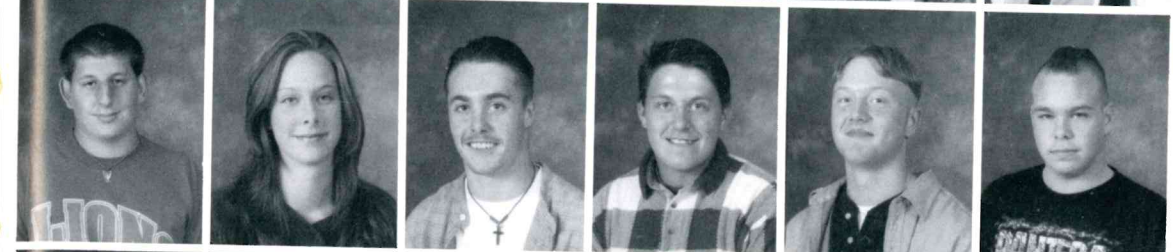
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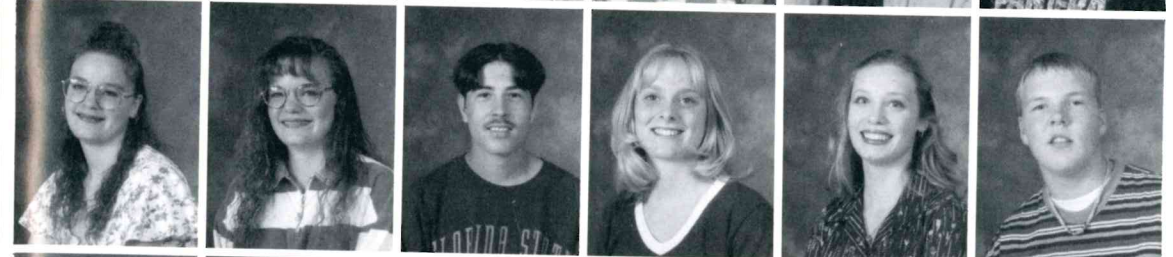
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Ken Sziber
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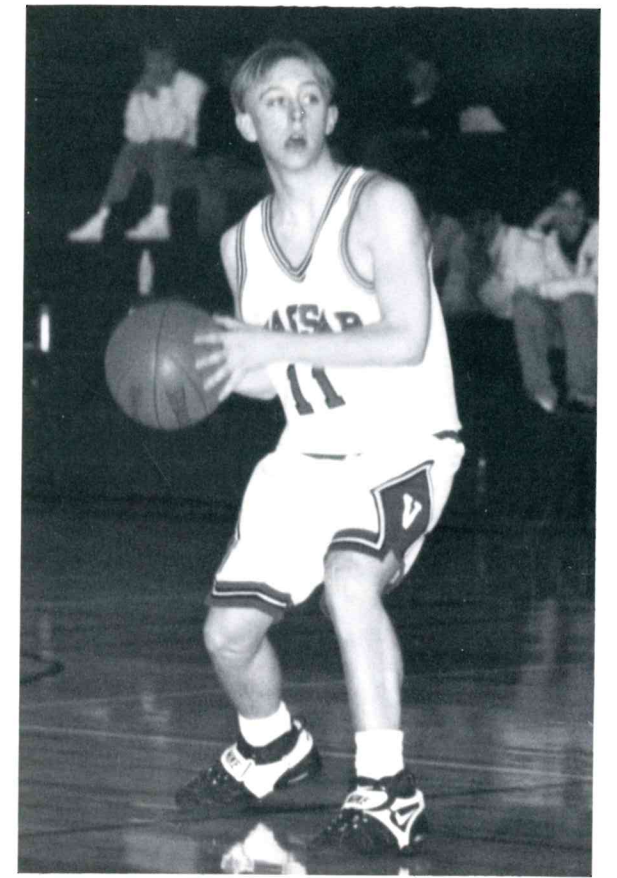
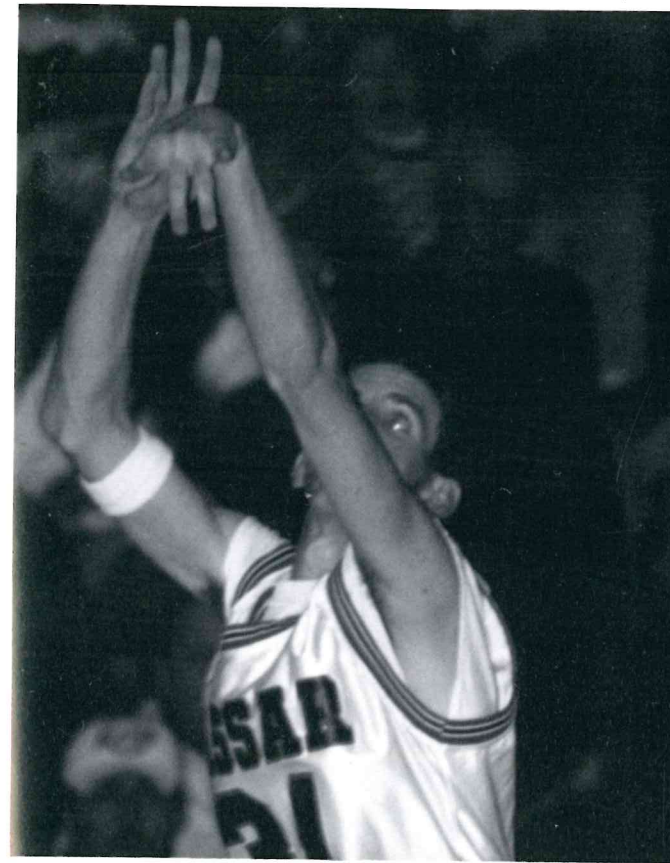
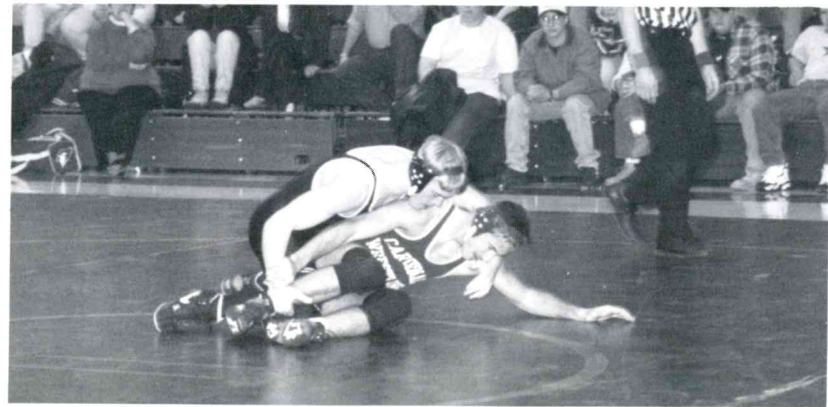
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WINTER SPORTS



VARSITY BASKETBALL

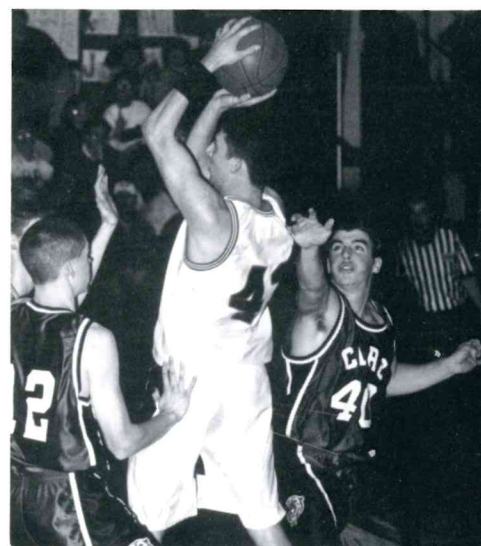


Members of the 1996-97 Varsity Boys' Basketball Team include: (front l.) Cory Creel, Chad Tedford, Eric Johnson, Craig McCloud, Earl Fabbro, and Jeremy Millerov; (back l.) assistant coach Tony Sevier, Justin Shepherd, Matt Merry, Steve Lesko, Ken Herr, John Herrington, Justin Bickel, Dustin Kern, and coach Robert Nowotny.

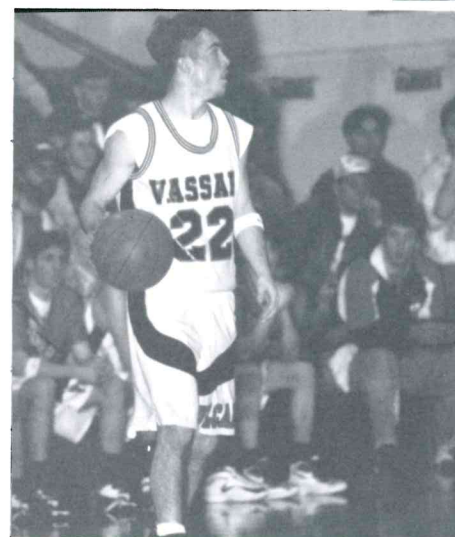


THE CRUSH IS BACK

With four returning starters and a very promising crop in the wings, the Orange Crush wasted no time in quickly becoming recognized by many teams in the Tri Valley Conference. Lead by returning captains Eric Johnson and Craig McCloud, the Vulcans defeated four of the seven teams in the TVC during the first month of play. Finishing with a record of ten wins and eleven losses, the Vulcans of Vassar brought back much of the respect and honor many athletic programs seem to lose while striving for victory.



Most Valuable Player: Eric Johnson and Craig McCloud
Most Improved Player: Ken Herr
Coach's Award: Matt Merry
Tri Valley All Conference Second Team: Eric Johnson and Craig McCloud
Tri Valley All Conference Honorable Mention: Ken Herr and Chad Tedford



J.V. & FROSH BASKETBALL



Members of the 1996-97 J.V. Boys' Basketball Team include: (front l.) Ben Hayes, Brandon Lee, Jon Hoerlein, Dustin Brunner, and Luke Traver; (back l.) coach Joe Grimshaw, Gerome Sayles, Mat Manchester, Carl Petzold, Mike Jaques, Jason Harper, and assistant coach Dave Grimshaw.



Members of the 1996-97 Freshmen Boys' Basketball Team include: (front l.) Matt Keinath, Mike Keinath, T.J. Finkbeiner, Bill Germain, Josh Hitsman, and Jason Greenleaf; (back l.) coach Gary Lasceski, Mike Stahl, Jason Chernenko, Brad Main, Justin Rapp, John Welsh, Jason Oliver, and Chris Allen.

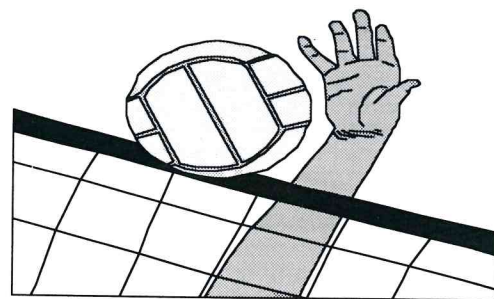
VARSITY VOLLEYBALL



Members of the 1996-97 Varsity Volleyball Team include: (front l.) Sheri Sohn and Trisha Scharff; (middle l.) Stacy Esterline, Melissa Schnell, Carrie Hecht, Velma Endert, and Lynsey Martin; (back l.) manager Tom Kennard, coach Sandy Kennard, Tina Stadler, Melissa Oliver, Becky Babcock, Autumn Gonzales, and assistant coach Matt Cox.

SPIKE IT!

Despite a record of twelve wins and sixteen losses, the Lady Vulcan's spirited team of six seniors, three juniors, and two sophomores never gave into the pressures of vigorous team play. The Orange Crush came out in the standings two and five in the conference, but never looked back on a match to study the mistakes of their opponents and themselves. Returning Junior Lynsey Martin and Senior Sheri Sohn both this year with tremendous hitting and digging ability between them and with and passion for the sport that just wouldn't quit. As the Lady Spikers look on to next year, the crop is ripe and it promises a sweet harvest.



Most Valuable Player: Lynsey Martin
Most Improved Player: Tina Stadler
Coach's Award: Sheri Sohn
Tri Valley Conference Honorable Mention: Lynsey Martin and Tricia Scharff

J.V. & FROSH VOLLEYBALL

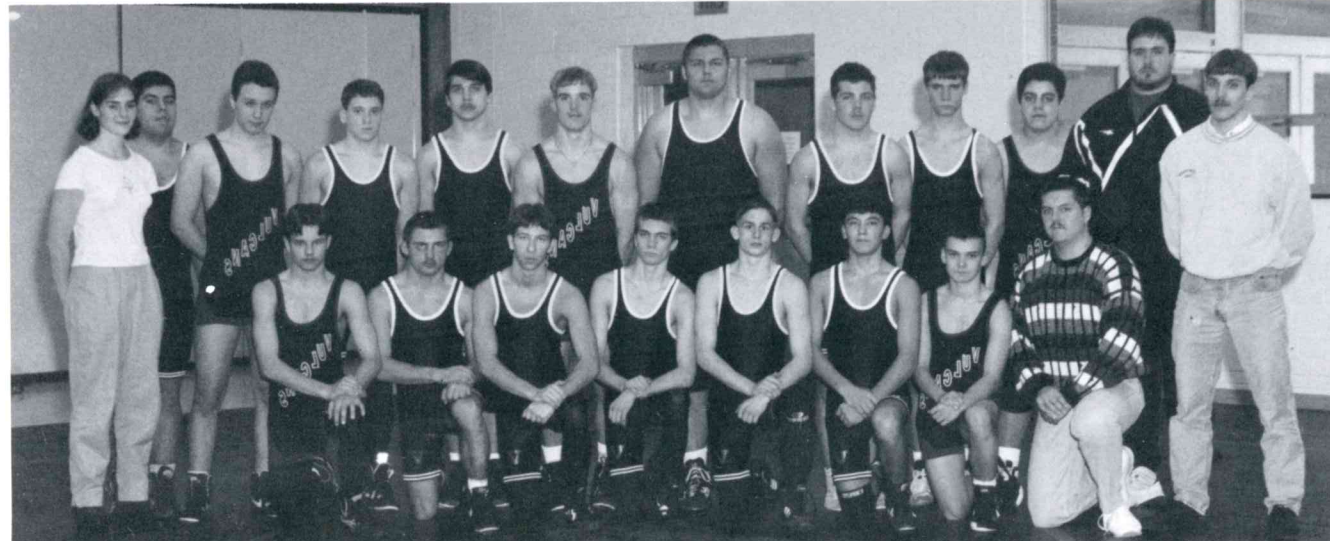


Members of the 1996-97 J.V. Volleyball Team include: (front) Ronda Keinath; (middle l.) Jackie Dubois and Mary Gorleski; (back l.) manager Richard King, Shelly Sherman, Katie Roedel, Heidi Eaton, coach Tessa King, Cherie Swaffer, Lyndsey VanWormer, and Jenna James.

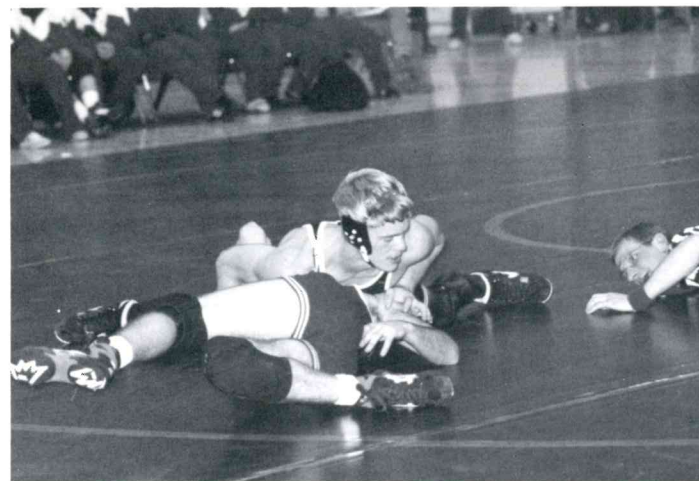


Members of the 1996-97 Freshmen Volleyball Team include: (front l.) Beth Waterman, Amanda Fackler, Melissa Sullivan, and Sarah Gohsman; (back l.) assistant coach Cameron Withers, Cassandra Hembling, Suzanne Hamood, Malissa Gorleski, and coach Tara Withers.

WRESTLING



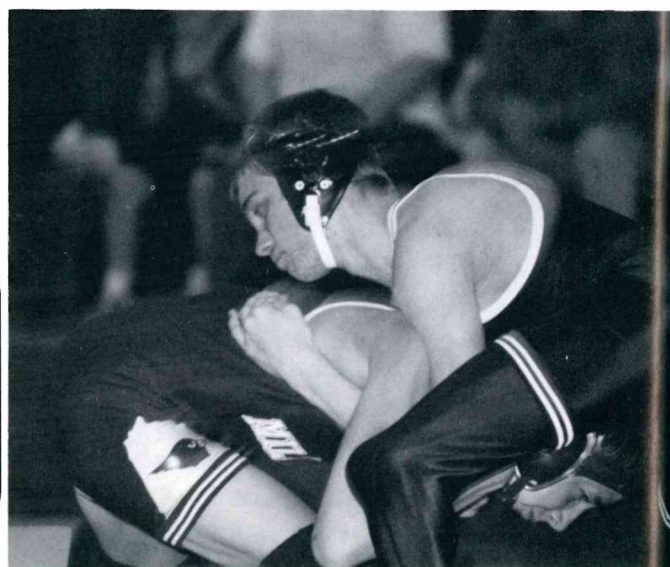
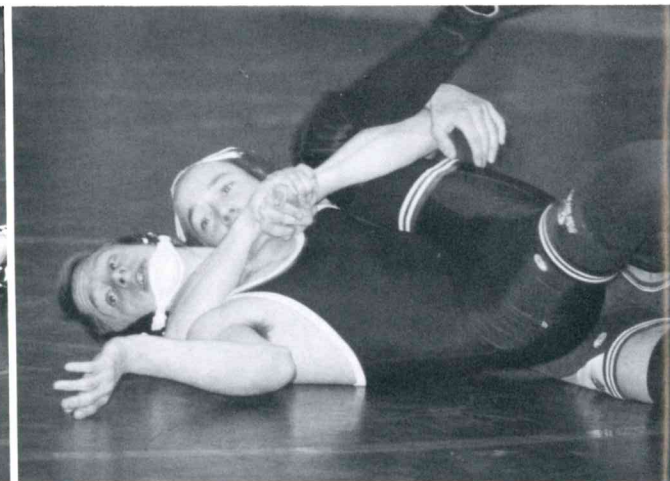
Members of the 1996-97 Wrestling team include: (front l.) coach Robert Smith, Wayne Williams, Anvar Mamaradjabov, Kevin Moncman, Gerald Balcer, Matt Bierlein, Scott Putnam, and Josh Kribs; (back l.) assistant coach Ethan Shannon, coach Jason Klink, Matt Yono, Mat Balcer, Wayne Withers, Jin Hill, Jake Schlereth, Kevin Jobson, Jason Tebedo, Dmitry Metelev, Bobby Yono, and manager Carolyn Raney; missing from the photo are coach Ernie Huzar and Dan Moncman.



PIN 'EM

With a team of seventeen, the 1996-97 wrestlers finished overall with a record of ten wins, eighteen losses, and one tie. In the Tri Valley Conference, the men finished with zero wins and five losses which allowed them to finish sixth. Congratulations to all from receiving conference awards to pinning someone for the first time. Good luck next season!

Most Valuable Player: Jim Hill
Most Improved Player: Kevin Moncman
Coach's Award: Jake Schlereth
First Team Tri Valley Conference East: Jake Schlereth
Honorable Mention All Conference: Jim Hill



GYMNASTICS



Members of the 1996-97 Gymnastics team include: (front l.) Janelle Behmlander, Katie Simpson, Heather DeLand, Nicole Sims, Rachel DeLand, Sara Geissler, Nicole Weber, and Kerri DeLand; (back l.) Nicole Sullivan, Cindy Teschendorf, coach Walt Purigroski, coach Andrea Legue, Tiffany Garner, and Jolene Heidenberger.



LADY VULCANS SOAR TO VICTORY

Finishing with a record of nine wins and three losses in the regular season, the Lady Vulcan team tumbled their way into also finishing seventh out of sixteen teams in the State Regional Finals. In addition to their success at State, the team also set a new point record of 136.25. Junior Nicole Weber set a new All Around individual record of 36.80 and also tied the Beam record set by Angie Dragich in 1993 of 9.55. Congratulations to the Lady Vulcan team and coaches Purigroski and Legue for their hard work.

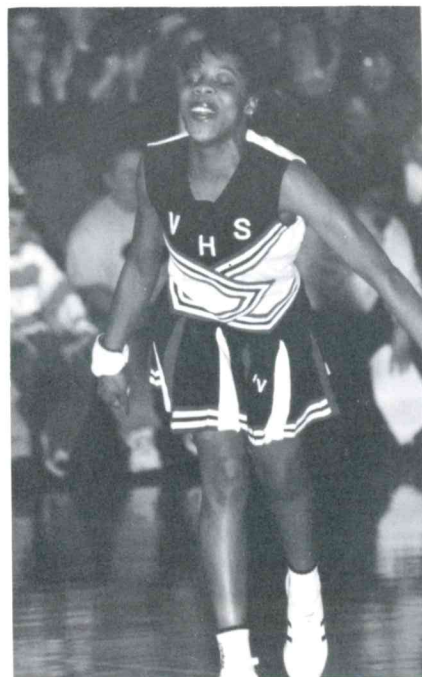


Most Valuable Player: Nicole Weber
Most Improved Player: Kerri DeLand
Coach's Award: Nicole Sullivan and Cindy Teschendorf
First Team All Tri Valley Conference: Nicole Weber

VARSITY BASKETBALL CHEERLEADING



Members of the 1996-97 Varsity Cheerleading Squad include: (front) Andria Suttle; (middle l.) Arin Blossom, Kendra Frampton, Angela Wilson, and Lindsey Parker; (back l.) Kim Baxter, Angie Griffis, coach Melissa Koch, and Tamil Lyles.



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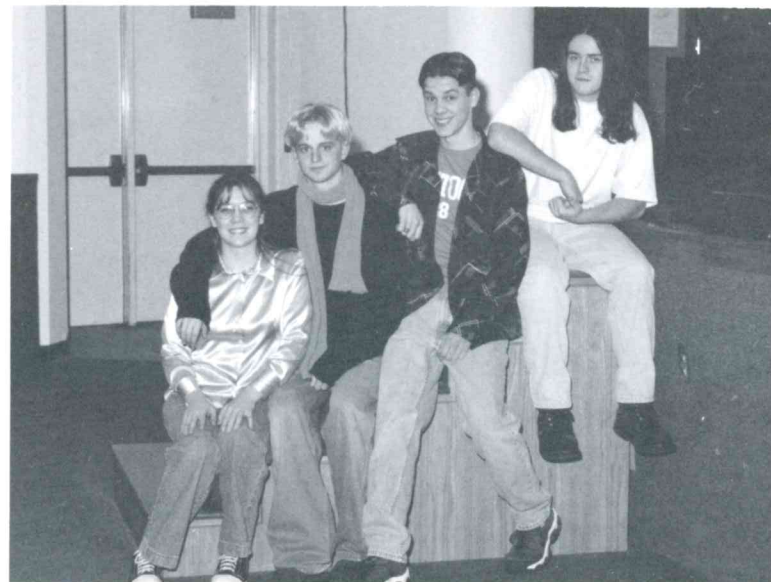


Members of the 1996-97 J.V. Cheerleading Squad include: (front l.) Margaret Bentley and Callie Olson; (middle l.) Jessica Gamm, Kim Hall, Stephanie Heisner, and Sibrina McClanahan; (back) coach Melissa Koch; missing from photo is Melissa Okorowski.

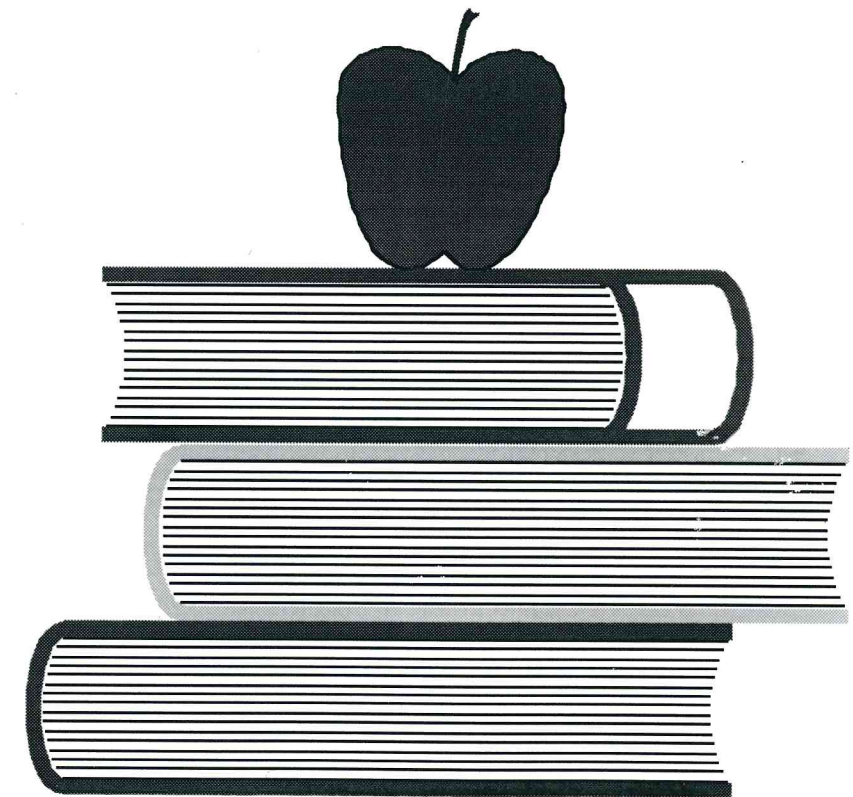
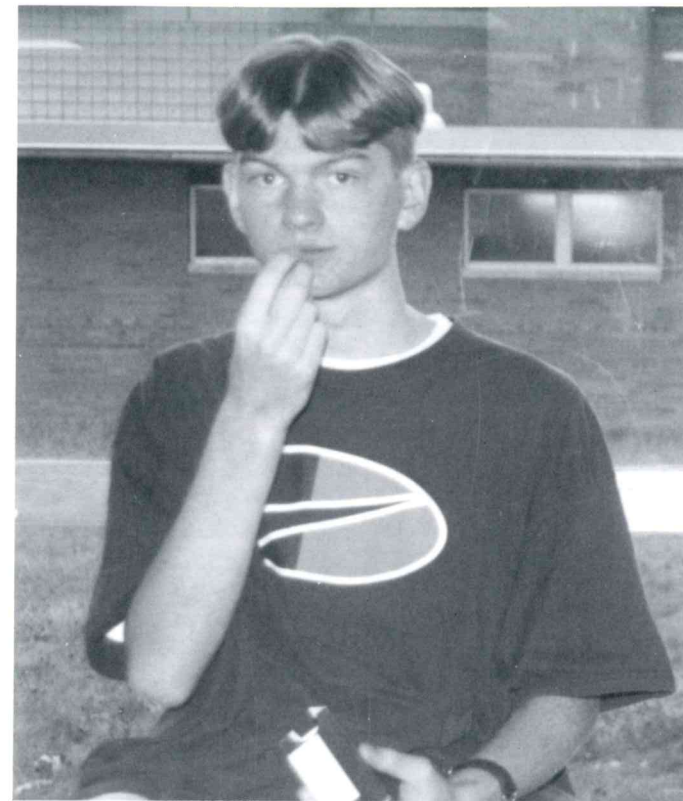


Members of the 1996-97 Freshmen Cheerleading Squad include: (front) Jessi Armstrong; (middle l.) Amy Fall, Sarah Fancher, Carrie Oginsky, and Holly Sargent; (back l.) coach Melissa Koch and Melissa Boyke; missing from photo is T.J. DeKett.

SOPHOMORES 1997



Sophomore Class Officers are (l.) Treasurer Kimberly Hall; Secretary Zac Fielbrandt; Vice-President Tom Middlin, and President Todd Zempel.



SOPHOMORES

In loving memory of...

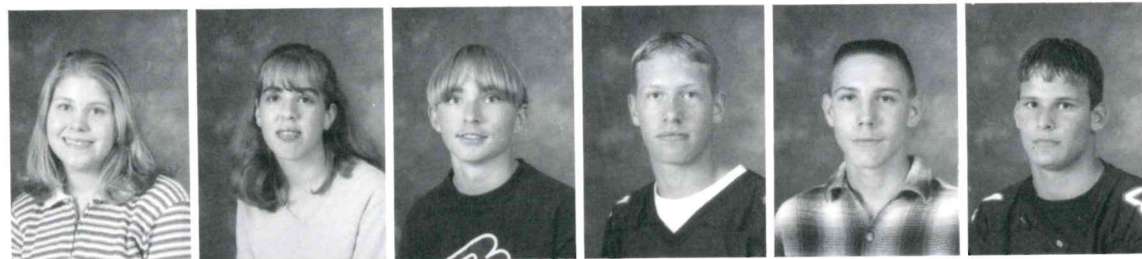
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August 13, 1980-July 27, 1996

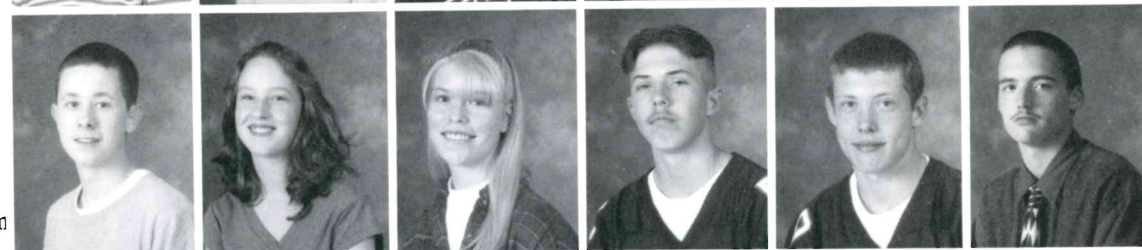
Even though Mitchell is no longer with us,
memories of him always will be.

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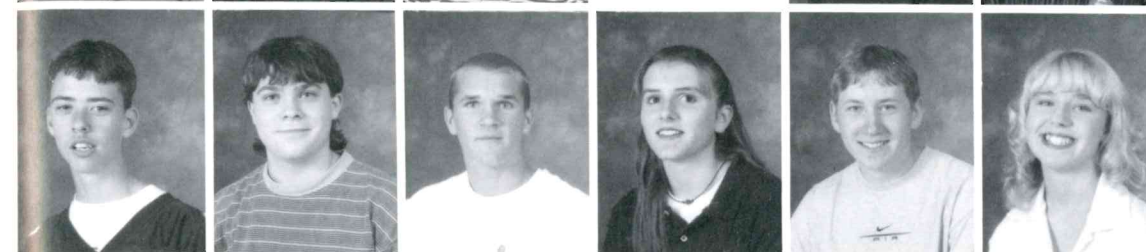
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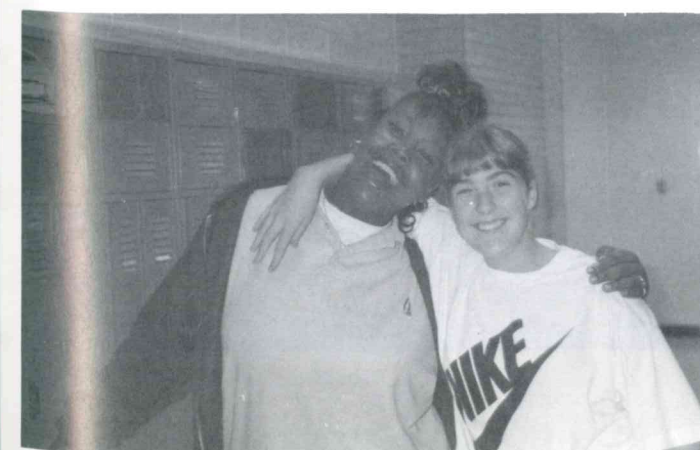
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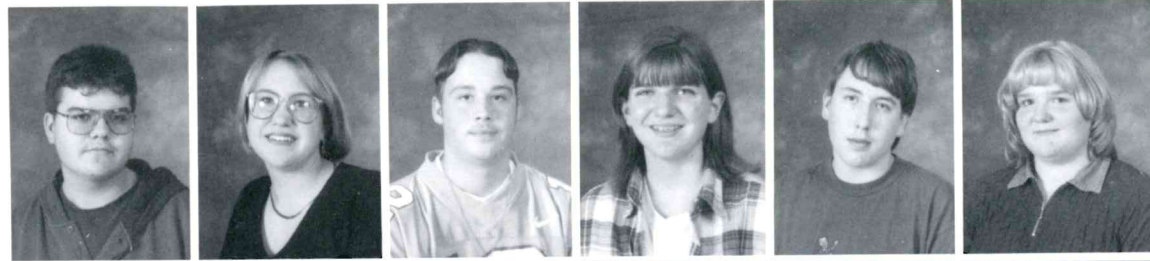
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Crystal Smith and
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with a little free time
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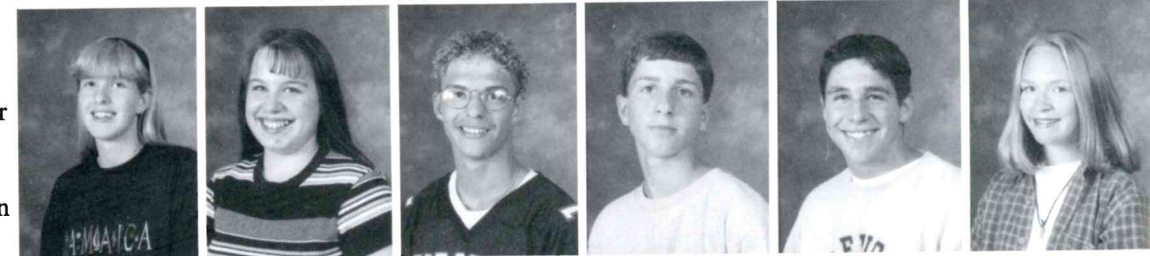
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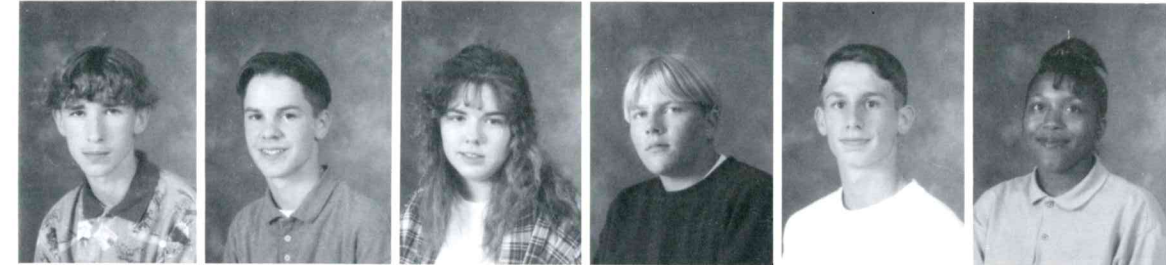
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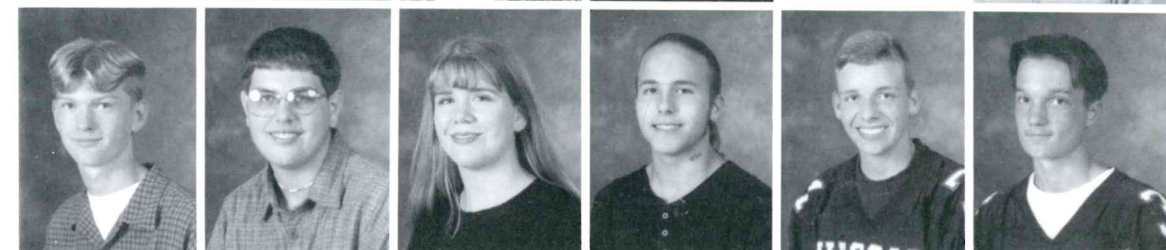
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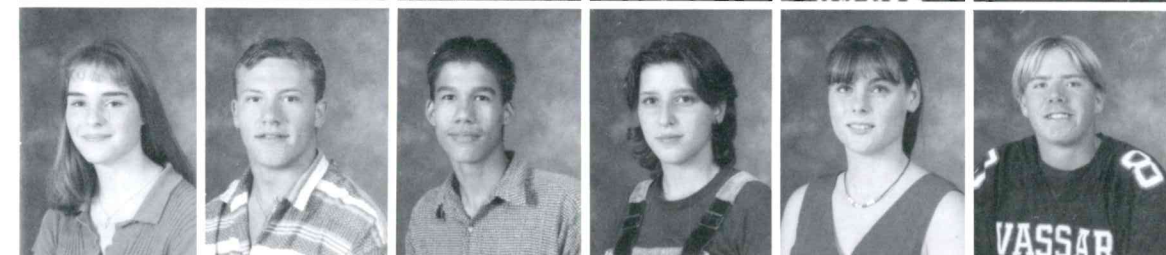
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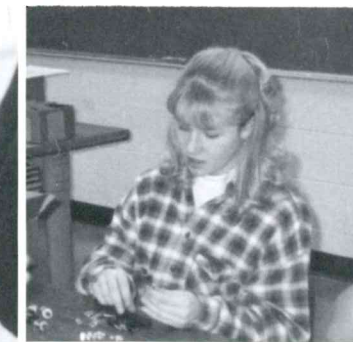
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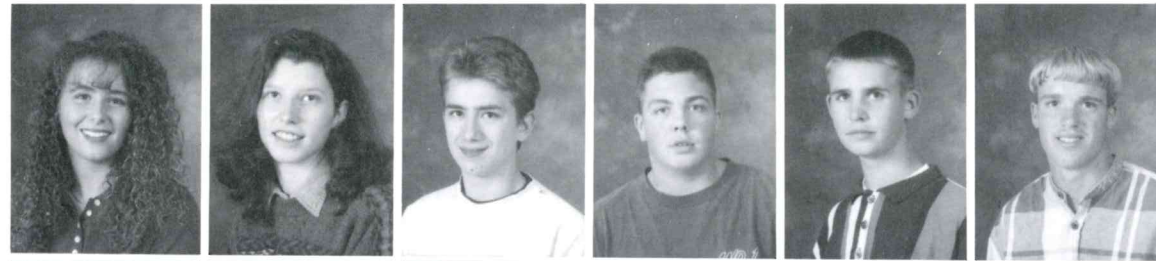


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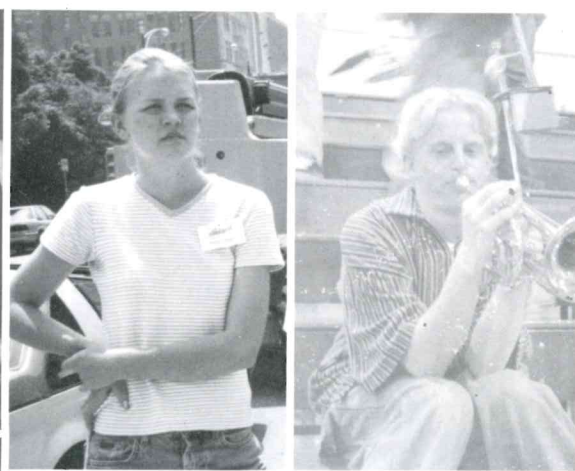
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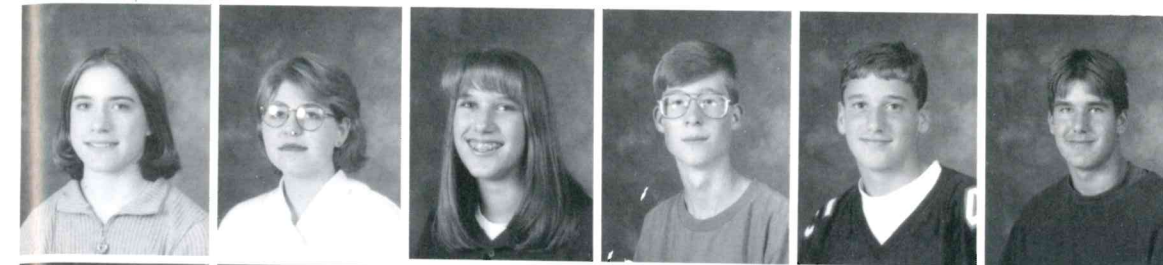
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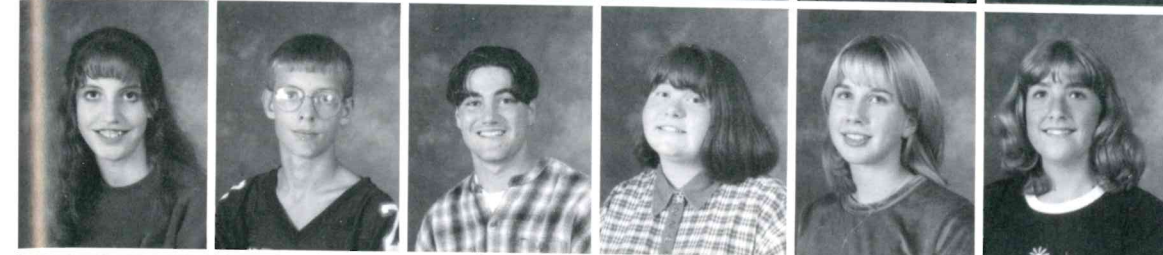
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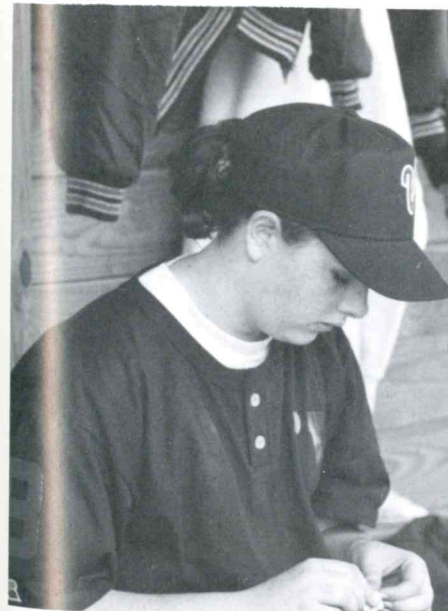
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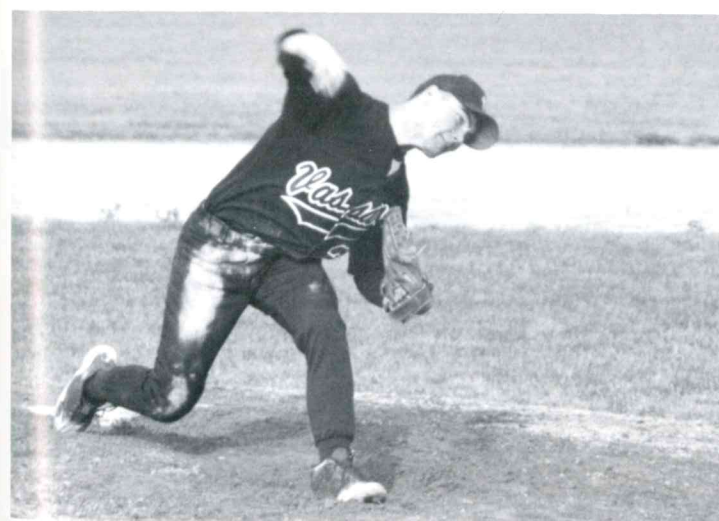
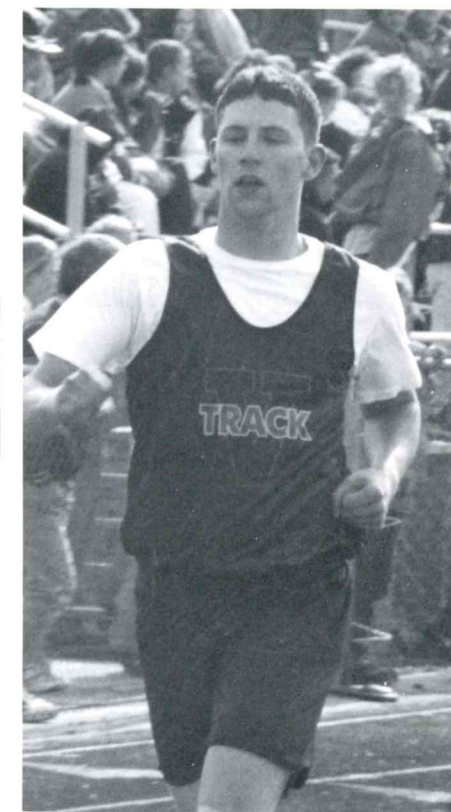
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SPRING SPORTS



VARSITY BASEBALL

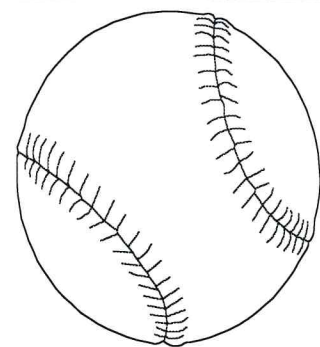
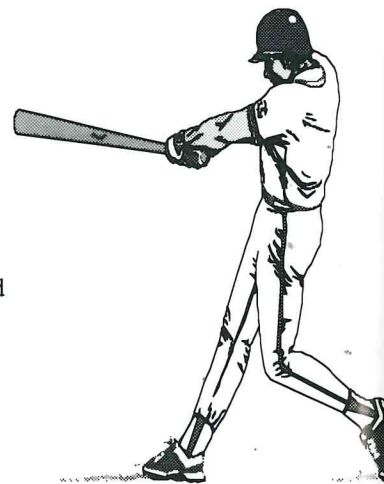


Members of the 1997 Varsity Baseball team include: (front l.) Beau Jackson, Dave Middlin, Ben Mihora, Ben Hayes, Earl Fabbro, and Justin Bickel; (back l.) coach Ted Gamet, Dustin Kern, Josh Terry, Ken Herr, Brad Stacer, Matt Merry, Scott Briggs, Jimmy Greenleaf, and coach Frank Szagesh.



RATTER UP!

Although much of the season's weather brought more rain than flowers, the mighty Vulcans fought hard and rounded out the season with seven wins and twenty eight losses. Disappointing? In asking a player the answer would be yes; but despite their record, the Vulcans had other reasons to stick out the tough times. With two three-year veterans and five others returning to Varsity, it was no suprise to Vassar when they defeated Frankenmuth 5-2 late in the season. Perhaps April showers do bring May flowers.



Most Valuable Player: Scott Briggs and Jimmy Greenleaf
Most Improved Player: Scott Briggs
Coach's Award: Matt Merry
Tri Valley Conference Second Team: Earl Fabbro
Honorable Mention All Conference: Scott Briggs



J.V. & FROSH BASEBALL



Members of the 1997 J.V. Baseball team include: (front l.) Chad Baldwin, Kevin Moncman, Jacob Hecht, manager Mary Gorleski, manager Cherie Swaffer, Mike Piazza, Jacob Delmotte, Josh Hitsman, and Jeff Colosky; (back l.) coach Brandon Hornung, Dallas Glady, Jason Harper, Matt Manchester, Carl Petzold, Jake Schlereth, Luke Traver, and Adam Lalko; missing from photo are Matt Ford and Gerome Sayles.



Members of the 1997 Freshmen Baseball team include: (front l.) Doug Kuczynski, Matt Vettraino, Levi Haley, Josh Kribs, Artie Best, Trent Blakely, Clark Haley, and coach Tim Grimshaw; missing from photo are T.J. Finkbeiner, Jason Greenleaf, and Jared Jackson.

VARSITY SOFTBALL

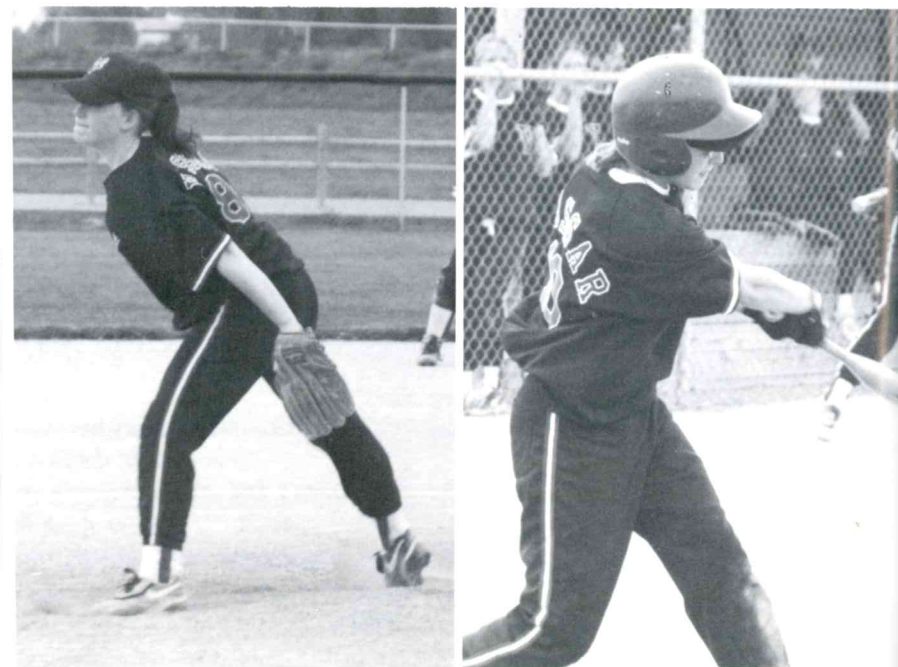


Members of the 1997 Varsity Softball team include: (front l.) Joy Torrey, Velma Endert, Connie Wickings, Stacey Carlisle, and Barb Torrey; (middle l.) Arin Blossom, Mandy Beckman, Sheri Sohn, Angie Griffis, and Heather Cunningham; (back l.) assistant coach Mike Riley, Mindy Ensign, Megan Buchinger, Autumn Gonzales, Lindsey Raney, and coach Jim Harper.



A GLIMPSE AHEAD

For the third time in four years the Varsity softball program has yet another coach in the dug out. Assisted by Mike Riley, head coach Jim Harper had high expectations for the season at Vassar, but a plague of injuries made the outlook bleak for the Vulcans and their new coach. Despite their luck the Lady Vulcans showed dramatic improvement from playing ability to attitude and found out what had to be done to be a team. Although Jim Harper's first season at Vassar wasn't quite what he'd expected, the future of Vassar softball looks bright.

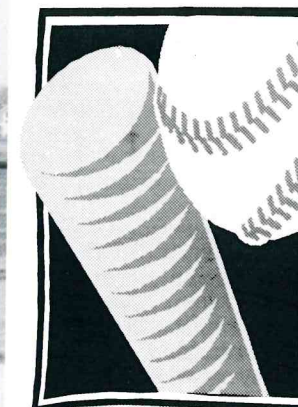
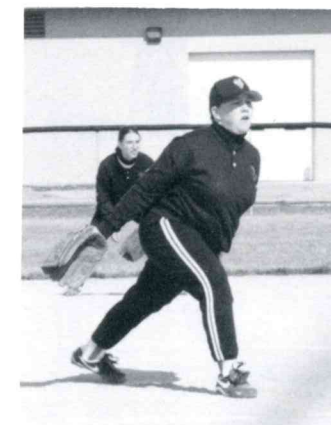


- Most Valuable Player:** Connie Wickings
- Most Improved Player:** Heather Cunningham
- Coach's Award:** Mandy Beckman and Autumn Gonzales
- TVC First Team:** Autumn Gonzales
- TVC Second Team:** Connie Wickings
- TVC Honorable Mention:** Mandy Beckman, Heather Cunningham, and Sheri Sohn

J.V. SOFTBALL



Members of the 1997 J.V. Softball team include: (front l.) Dani Lyons, Shawna Hall, Lyndsey VanWormer, Heidi Eaton, Tracy Estrada, Sibrina McClanahan, Kendra Stange, Kim Hall, and Suzanne Hamood; (middle l.) Chryscinda Foster, Sherri Callahan, Nicole Zwerk, Stephanie Heisner, Courtney Landskroener, Suzanne Perreault, Amy Schmitzer, and Sarah Toyzan; (back l.) Shelina Trudeau, Courtney Owensby, coach Bob Callahan, Shannon Sheperd, and Talisha Ward.



GIRLS' TRACK



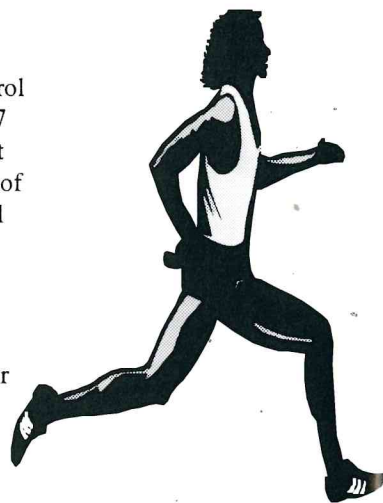
Members of the 1997 Girls' Track team include: (front l.) Megan Dempsey, Nikki Meyer, Rachel DeLand, Carolyn Raney, Stacy Esterline, Nicole Sullivan, Kim Ross, Ronda Keinath, and Jennifer Spencer; (back l.) coach Sandy Kennard, Katie Simpson, Erica Long, Jodi Herington, Becky Bittner, Jolene Heidenberger, Mindy Herzberger, Tricia Scharff, Susan Briggs, Lindsey Raney, Cindy Teschendorf, and coach Mike Carnes.



Most Valuable Player: Mindy Herzberger
Most Improved Player: Katie Simpson
Coach's Award: Lindsey Raney
 (TVC Honors unavailable)

TAKE YOUR MARK

Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Lady Vulcans, much of the 1997 track season was cancelled but it didn't seem to take the spring out of the step of the track team. Ending with an overall record of four wins and five losses, many of the individuals on the team contributed their time and ability to show the TVC what Vassar was truly capable of accomplishing. Due to their never failing effort, eight girls from Vassar qualified to go to the Meet Of Champions, and four earned medals.



BOYS' TRACK

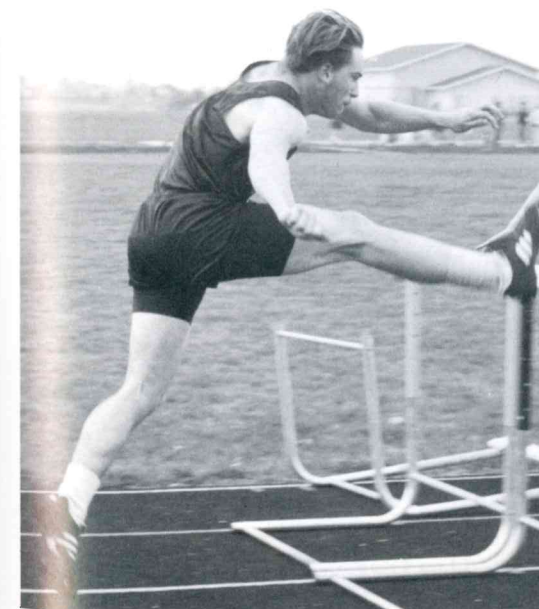


Members of the 1997 Boys' Track team include: (front l.) Brandon Rose, Jason Chernenko, Brian Pepera, Matt Bierlein, and Jason Masker; (middle l.) Scott Teschendorf, Tom McTaggart, Greg Sayles, Ryan Bissell, Jason Tebedo, Matt Bierlein, and Mike McCrumb; (back l.) coach Tony Hurd, Ken Jones, Dan Blossom, Greg Mott, John Herrington, David Martin, Justin Shepherd, Josh Barnes, and assistant coach Clyde Chapman..

GET SET...GO

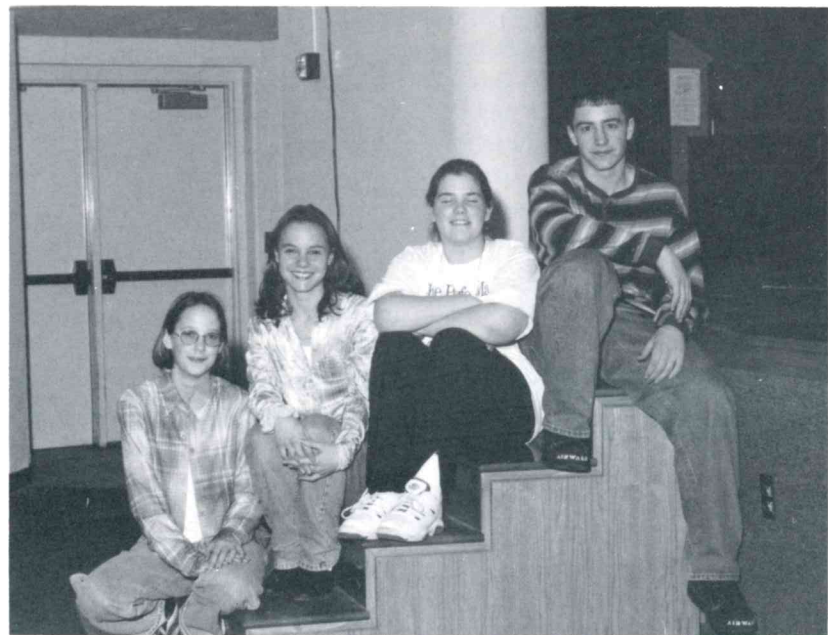
Although this season was very trying for most of the old track team members, it brought many new comers out to the sport. Over all, the Vulcan team placed seventh in the TVC with a record that doesn't do them justice. Two of the nineteen members of the team qualified for the Meet of Champions as well as earning medals in their events. With losing only three seniors, the team looks to be well on it's way to victory in the years to come.

Most Valuable Player: Ryan Bissell
Most Improved Player: Jason Masker
Coach's Award: Jason Tebedo
 (TVC Honors unavailable)

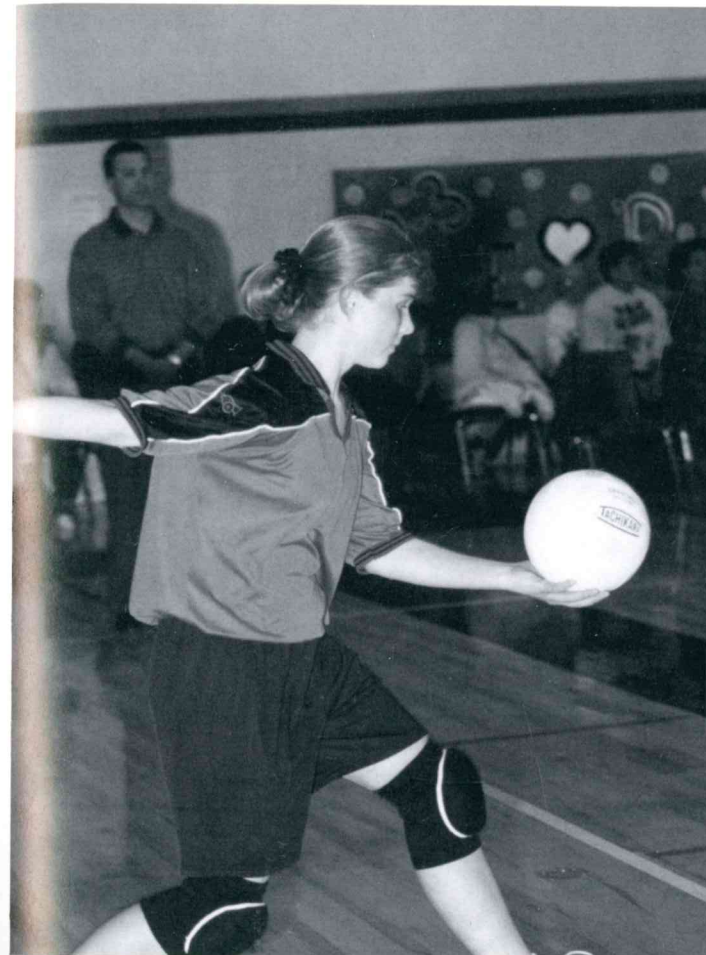


FRESHMEN

1997



Freshmen Class Officers are (l to r): Treasurer Kendra Stange; Secretary Margaret Bentley; Vice-President Jennifer Korpi; President Levi Haley
President Todd Zempel



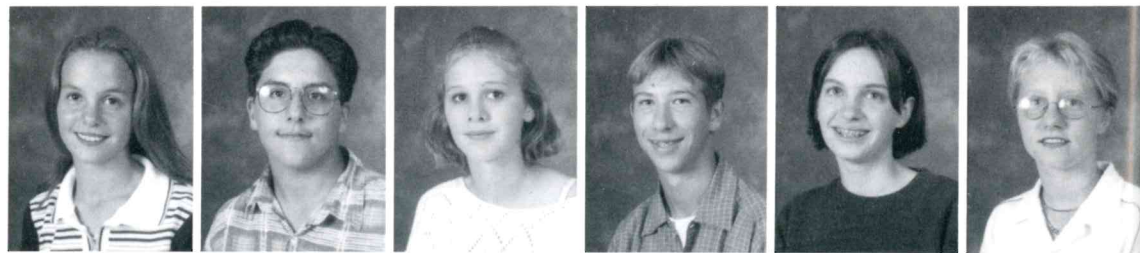
FRESHMEN CLASS OF '00



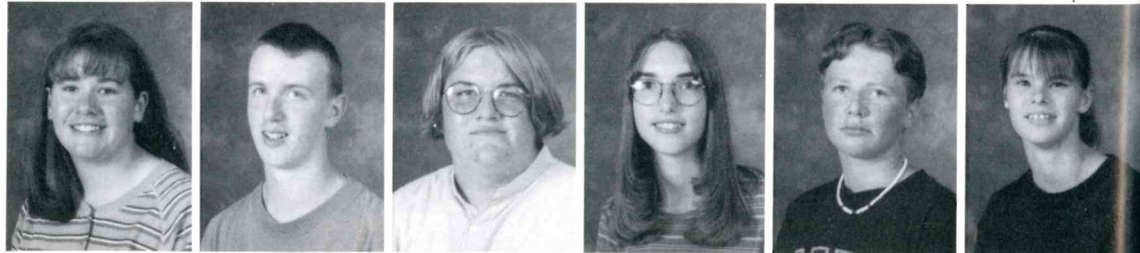
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Margaret Bentley
Artie Best
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Angela Boyer



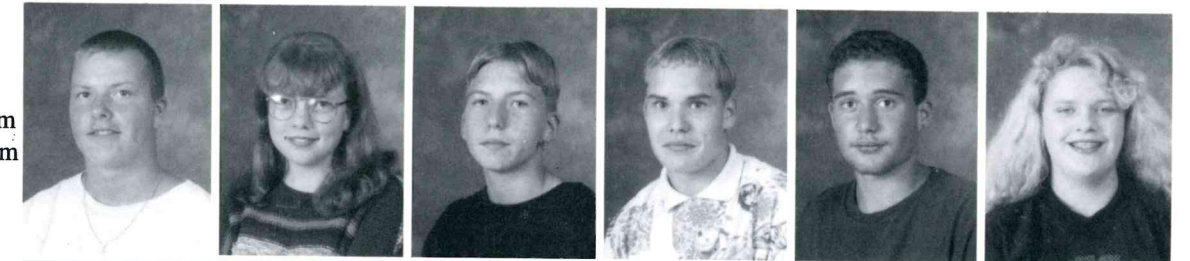
Melissa Boyke
Joshua Briggs
Tyler Cady
Sherri Callahan
Dan Carll
Kimberly Carter



Freshmen Class Quote:
"Whatever!"

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Jason Chernenko
Tiffany Cody
Jeffrey Cunningham
Jeremy Cunningham
John Curtis
Maryellen Dalton



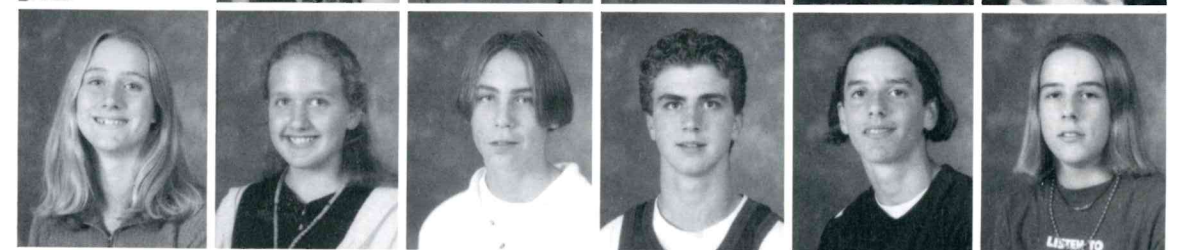
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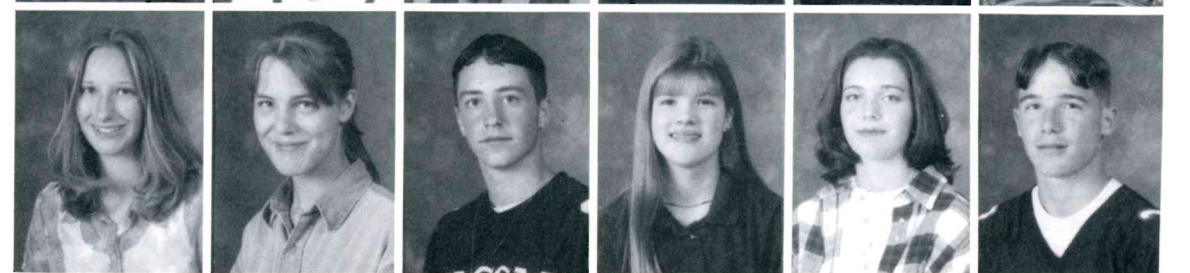
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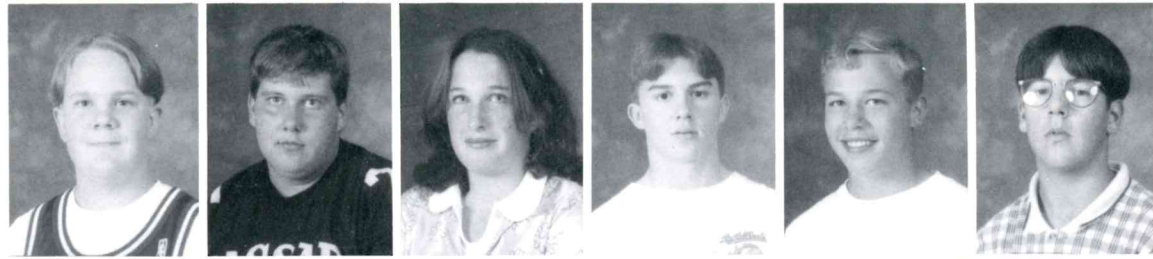
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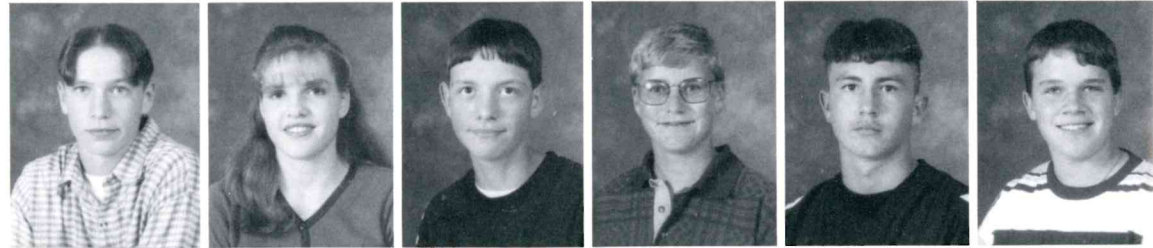
Freshmen Class Quote:
"Giddy up"

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Joshua Hitsman
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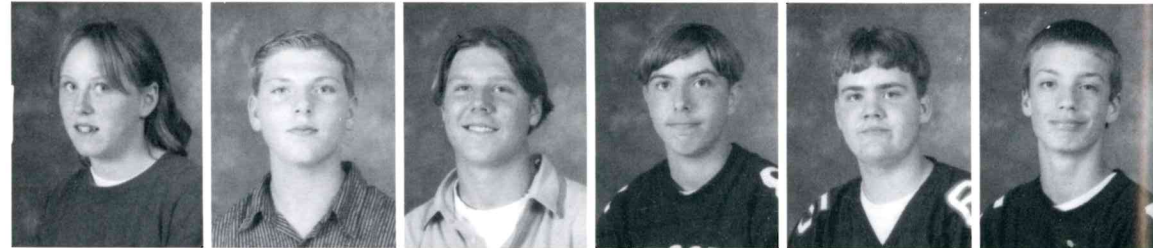
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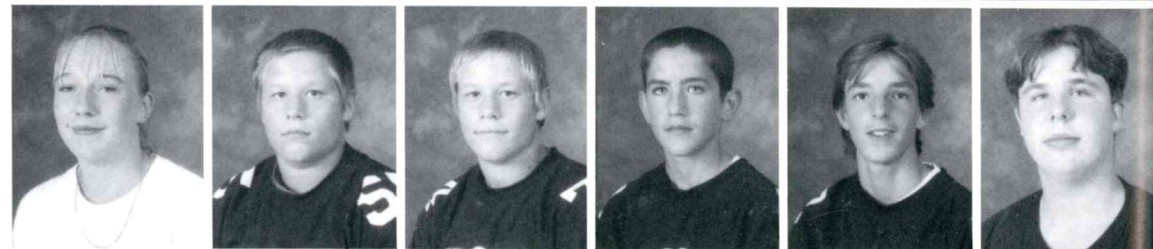
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Landskroener
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Courtney Lee
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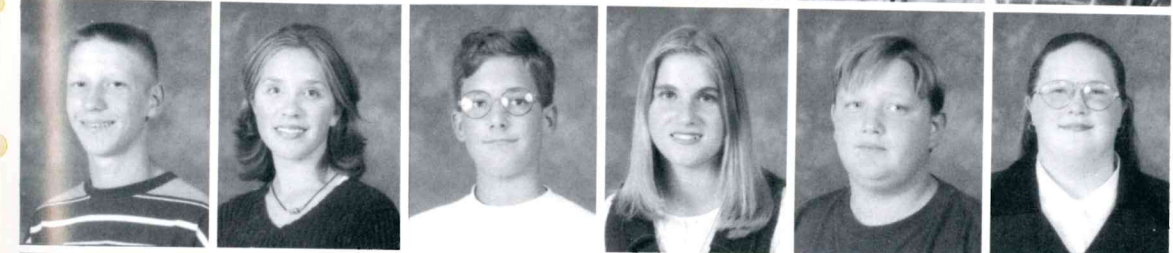
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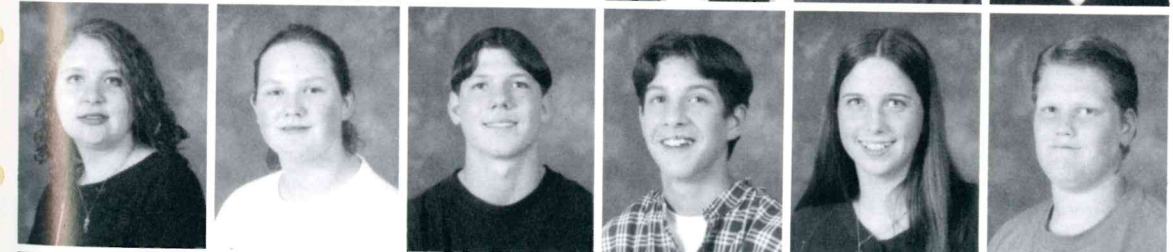
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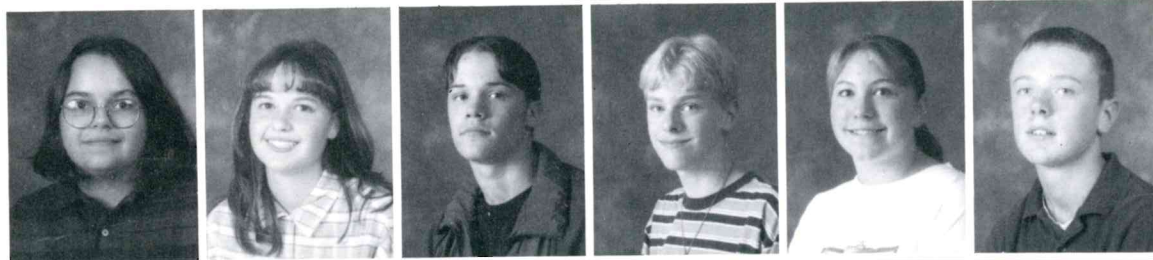
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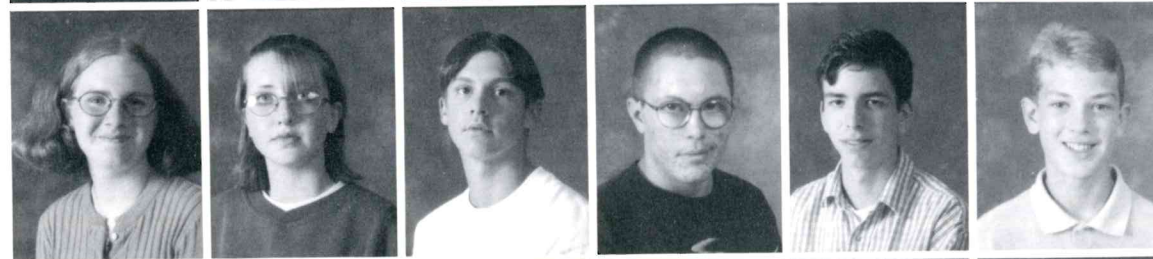
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Justin Rapp
Alan Richards
Julie Ridley
Lisa Robinson
Brandon Rose

FRESHMEN

Olivia Sanchez
Holly Sargent
Joshua Savage
Seth Schindehette
Amy Schmitzer
Jeremy Sharp



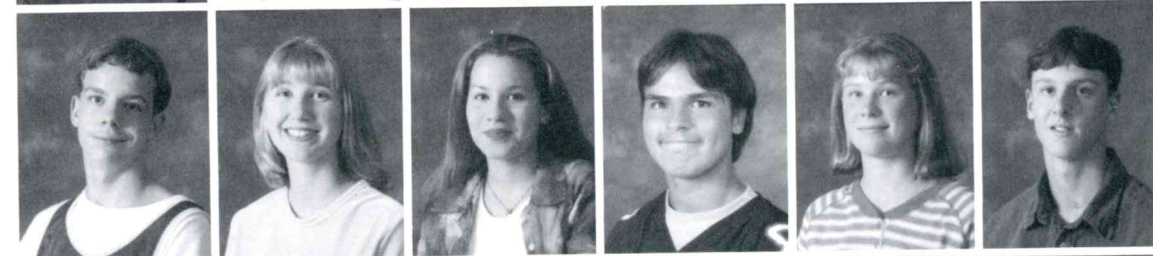
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Michael Stahl
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Cindy Teschendorf



Stephen Torrey
Sarah Toyzan
Shelina Trudeau
Timothy Wascher
Bethanie Waterman
John Welch



Jessica White
Justin Whitney
Dereke Wilcox
Ikan Williams
Wayne Williams
Matthew Yono



Nicole Zwerk



Missing Photos

Jeffery Delong	Ronald Leach
Cory Randall	Rachell Rhode
Joshua Rosas	Melissa Okorowski
Larry Rose	Sarah Rose
Frank Searles	Jennifer Tebedo
Talisha Ward	Antonio Wilson

CANDIDS CLASS OF '00

Freshmen Class Polls:

1. Favorite Movie:
a. Scream
b. Romeo and Juliet
c. Dazed and Confused

Favorite Band:

1. Marilyn Manson
2. Verve Pipe
3. Bush

Best Memory from Freshmen Year:

- " Cruising"
Battle of the Bands
Youth in Government

Favorite Teacher:

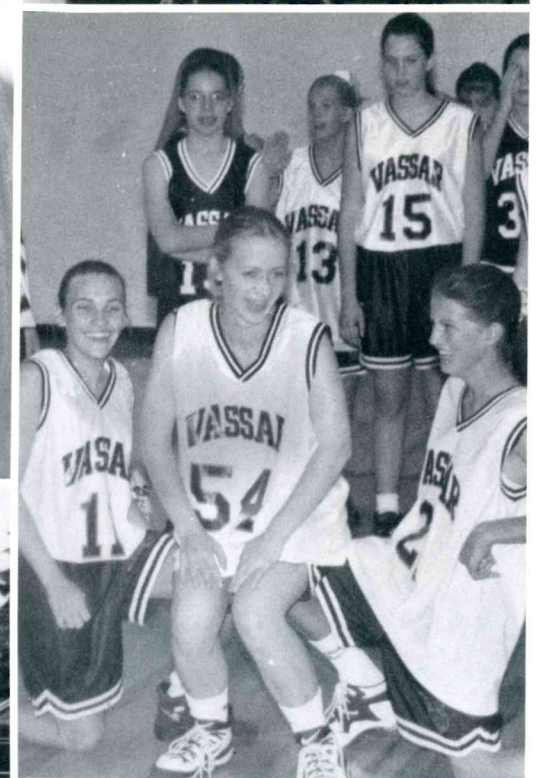
1. Mrs. Kimmerly
2. Mrs. Parsell
3. Mrs. Whyte/
Mrs. Warren-Gross

Favorite Songs:

1. Freshmen
2. Sweet Dreams
3. One Head Light

Favorite Class:

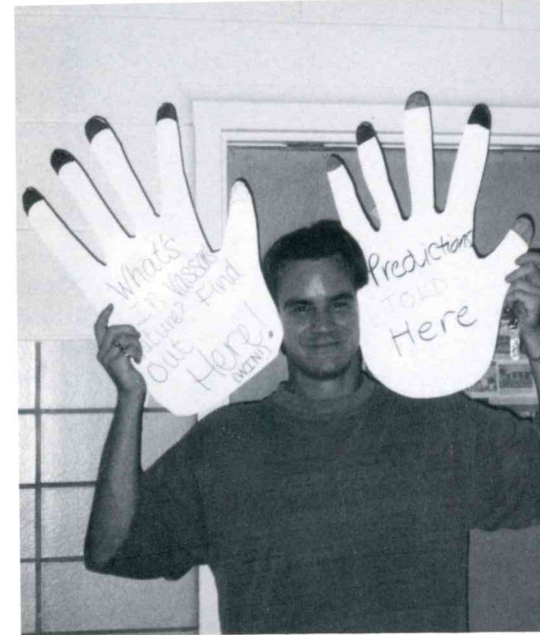
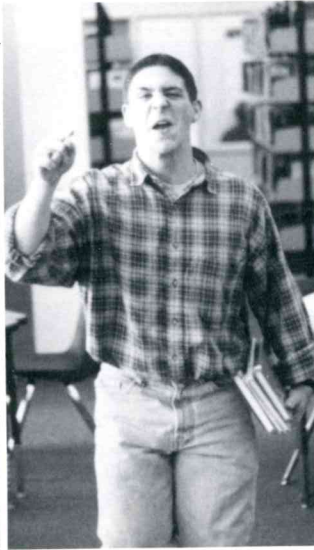
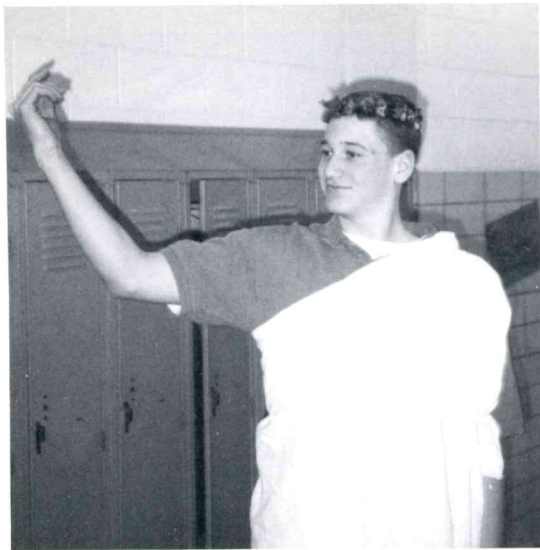
1. Global Studies
2. Weightlifting
3. Spanish



Freshmen Class Quote:

" If at first you don't succeed try, try again. Then give up. There is no point in making yourself look stupid."

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ORGANIZATIONS

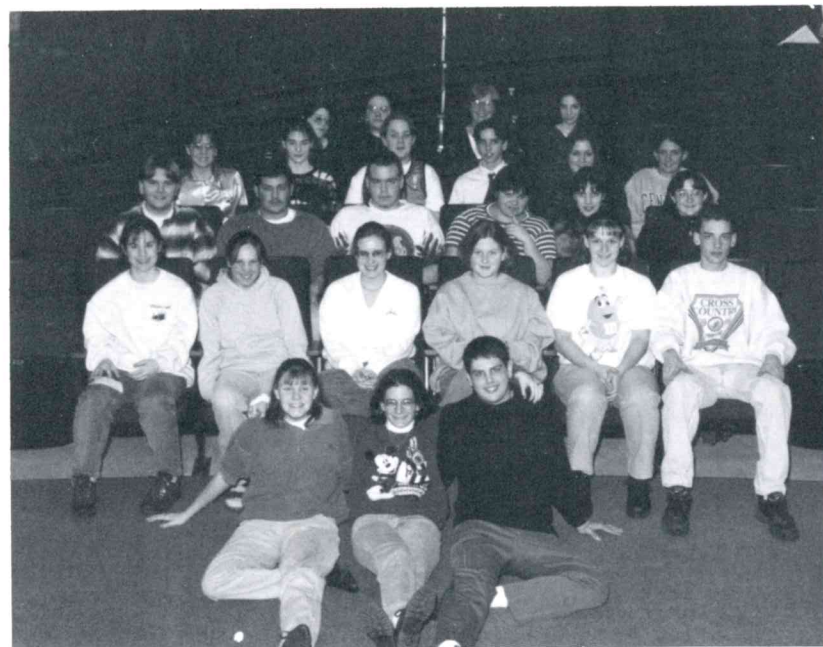


CHOIR



Throughout the year, the Vassar High School Choir entertains both the school and the community with its various programs. Students perform for two concerts open to the public and entertain at the annual senior citizens breakfast, where they are always a big hit. Additionally, smaller groups from within the choir, like the boys' quartet, also perform at special events both in Vassar and other communities. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Pat Middlin, does much to showcase the varied talents of our students. (top l.) Mindy Herzberger shows off her acting and singing abilities at the Spring Concert; Dave Middlin, Justin Shepherd, Greg Hall, and Brian Pepera in their farewell performance as a quartet as Brian graduated this year; Rachel McCullough, Lindsey Parker and Katy Welsh are caught up in their performance; Mindy Ensign was Leroy The Red-Necked Reindeer during the Christmas Concert, a role that the audience enjoyed; singing and dancing go hand in hand, with the choreography being done by the several of the students; the choir in its final number during its Christmas Concert; and the senior boys join in for their last number at graduation.

FRENCH AND GERMAN CLUBS



French Club Members for 1997 are: (front l.) Kristy Anderson, Korina Williamson, and Adam Mumy; (second l.) Katie Simpson, Becky Bittner, Rachel McCullough, Susie Duncan, Lynsey Martin, and Ryan Bissell; (third l.) Greg Hall, Matt Ford, Paul Thomas, Alicia Smeaton, Bethen Gladly, and Tisha Jones; (fourth l.) Kim Hall, Carolyn Raney, Erik Hatfield, Bill Germaine, Crystal Foess, and Colleen Cameron; (back l.) Jessie DeKett, Autumn Deming, Mrs. Hackett, advisor, and Natalie Franklin.



German Club Members for 1997 are: (front l.) Lisa Kime, Melissa Wilson, and Matt Vettrano; (second l.) Kim Ross, Justin Perry, Lindsey Raney, and Brandon Lee; (third l.) Mrs. Russell, advisor, Matt Bierlein, Cindy Kern, Dustin Kern, and Samantha Roedel, (fourth l.) Gene Tanke, Velma Endert, Zac Fielbrandt, Pam Green, Erik Zempel, and Katy Welsh; (back l.) Stacey Kern, Megan Buchinger, and Jennifer Kanyok.

SADD/NEWSPAPER STAFF



Members of Students Against Drunk Drivers (SADD) for 1997 are: (front l.) Mindy Ensign, Crystal Manchester, Kristy Anderson, Tisha Jones, and Korina Williamson; (second l.) Dustin Kern, Lindsey Raney, Kitty Kilbourn, Ben Mihora, Melissa Oliver, and Becky Babcock; (third l.) Jamie Gamm, Jackie Dubois, Mary Gorleski, Sibrina McClanahan, Dan Cavalier, Shawna Wardell, and Candice Morrison; (fourth l.) Wendy Kischnick, Chad Brown, Kelly Anderson, Courtney Hunkins, Kim Hall, Lyndsey VanWormer, and Jennifer Spencer; (fifth l.) Jennifer Patrick, Jesse Simpson, Amy Schmitzer, Christy Herzberger, Crystal Denniston, Mrs. Mihora, advisor, and Paul Thomas; (back l.) Matt Bierlein, Angie Wolak, Ryan Bissell, Greg Hall, and Katy Welsh; missing Autumn Gonzales.



Members of *The Vulcan Voice* Staff for 1997 are: (front l.) Jason Smith, Larry McGrandy, Matt Ford, Chris Manwell, Becky Babcock, and Erik Zempel, co-editor; (second l.) Dena Garlick, Amy Sinko, co-editor, Cameron Withers, Justin Shepherd, Ryan Bissell, and Korina Williamson; (stage l.) Rachel Perry, Bryon Killin, Tisha Jones, Kevin Fent, photo editor, Megan Buchinger, and Arin Blossom.

YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT



Members of Youth in Government for 1997 are: (front l.) Mindy Herzberger, Mike Krause, Brian Pepera, and Erik Zempel; (second l.) Mr. Lasceski, advisor, Josh Stacer, Kendra Stange, Suzanne Perreault, Katy Welsh, Lindsey Raney, Melissa Oliver, Ryan Bissell, and Matt Merry; (third l.) Jolene Heidenberger, Olivia Sanchez, Kim Hall, Margaret Bentley, Katie Roedel, Carrie Heckt, Dave Middlin, Angie Wolak, Brad Stacer, and Greg Hall; (fourth l.) Nick LaPratt, Nathan Schnell, Lynsey VanWormer, Ben McKinnon, Dustin Kern, Josh Terry, Ben Mihora, Todd Zempel, Amy Sinko, and Becky Babcock.

(photo l.) Lindsey Raney, Melissa Oliver, Suzanne Perreault, Ryan Bissell, and Mindy Herzberger campaign for Brian Pepera for Youth Governor; Becky Babcock argues her case; (bottom l.) Brian Pepera seeks the office of Governor; and Matt Merry, Erik Zempel, Kim Stange, and Mike Krause get their case ready for review.



CLOSE-UP/STUDENT SENATE



Members of Close-Up for 1997 are: (front l.) Melissa Oliver, Ben Mihora, Dustin Kern, and Mike Krause; (second l.) Carrie Hecht, Heidi Eaton, Katie Roedel, Shelly Sherman, Kim Hall, Melissa Schnell; (third l.) Zac Fielbrandt, Shawna Wardell, Amy Schmitzer, Crystal Denniston, Jennifer Beaujean, and Amanda Schrader; (fourth l.) Stacey Kern, Cindy Kern, Angela Wilson, Ben McKinnon, Arin Blossom and Matt Ford; (fifth l.) Becky Babcock, Alicia Smeaton, Courtney Owensby, Courtney Hunkins, Lyndsey VanWormer, and Melissa Wilson. (Advisors for the group are Mrs. Kimmerly and Mrs. Stacer.)



Student Senate Members for 1997 are: (front l.) Adam Mumy, Megahan Dempsey, Nikki Meyer, and Libby Bittner; (second l.) Treasa Ewing, Miranda Dietrich, Sarah Toyzan, Amy Gierman, Katie Simpson, and Becky Bittner; (third l.) Angie Griffis, Justin Shepherd, Natalie Franklin, Ryan Bissell, and Cindy Teschendorf; (back l.) Dave Middlin, Lindsey Parker, and Seth Martin; missing Autumn Gonzales. (Advisors for the group are Mrs. Whyte and Ms. Schattmaier.)

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS



Members of the Environmental Awareness club include: (f.) Sibrian McClanahan; (second l.) Chad Brown, Natalie Franklin, Brian Pepera, Ryan Bissell, and Kristy Anderson; (second l.) Ben McKinnon, Jolene Heidenberger, Crystal Manchester, and Kelly Anderson; (third l.) Christy Herzberger, Greg Hall, and Tiffany Garner; (back l.) Mindy Ensign, Paul Thomas, Jason Smith, Eric Snover, Nick LaPratt, and Kim Ross. (Missing is Mrs. Pepera, the group's advisor.)

NATURAL HELPERS

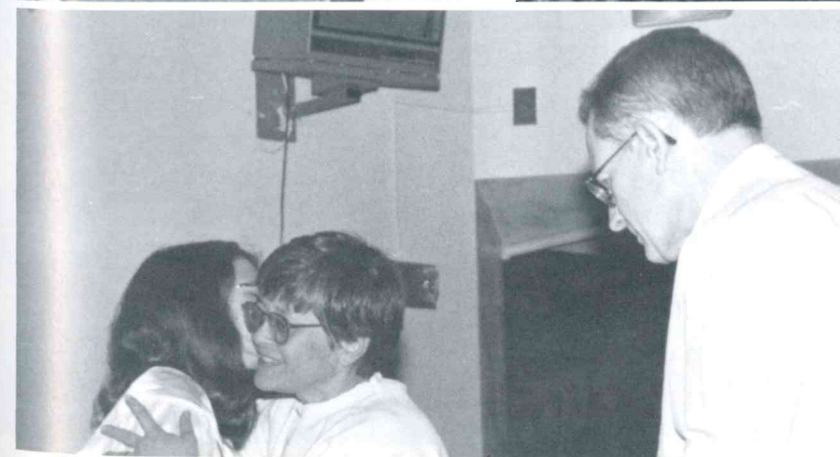


Natural Helpers for 1997 are: Dave Middlin, Cherie Swaffer, Eric Johnson, and Tracy Estrada; (second l.) Suzanne Hamood, Courtney Lee, Jennifer Patrick, Trisha VanWormer, and Sarah Toyzan; (third l.) Mrs. Franko, advisor, Brandi Ellis, and Kim Hall; (fourth l.) Mrs. Parsell, advisor, Lindsey Raney, Ryan Bissell, Brian Pepera, Mindy Herzberger, Paul Thomas, Lisa Palmer, and Bridget Putman; (back l.) Brandon Lee, Pam Green, Stacey Keeney, and Jennifer Korpi; missing Autumn Gonzales.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



National Honor Society Members for 1997 include: (front l.) Mike Krause, Melissa Oliver, and Erik Zempel; (second l.) Korina Williamson, Mindy Ensign, Ryan Bissell, Lindsey Parker, Miranda Dietrich, and Ben Mihora; (third l.) Matt Merry, Stacey Templeton, Greg Hall, Becky Babcock, Kristy Anderson, Natalie Franklin, Brian Pepera, and Mr. Wojno, advisor; (back l.) Autumn Deming, Amy Sinko, Lynsey Martin, Rachel McCoullough, Katie Simpson, Damien Sanchez, and Colleen Cameron; missing Autumn Gonzales.



(middle l.) Melissa Oliver, NHS president, welcomes everyone to the Induction Ceremony; As is our custom at VHS, parents of NHS seniors present the academic cords worn at graduation to their student. Here Korina Williamson is hugged by her mom as her father waits to present her with the NHS cord; new members of the National Honor Society take their oath to uphold the laws of the organization.

BAND



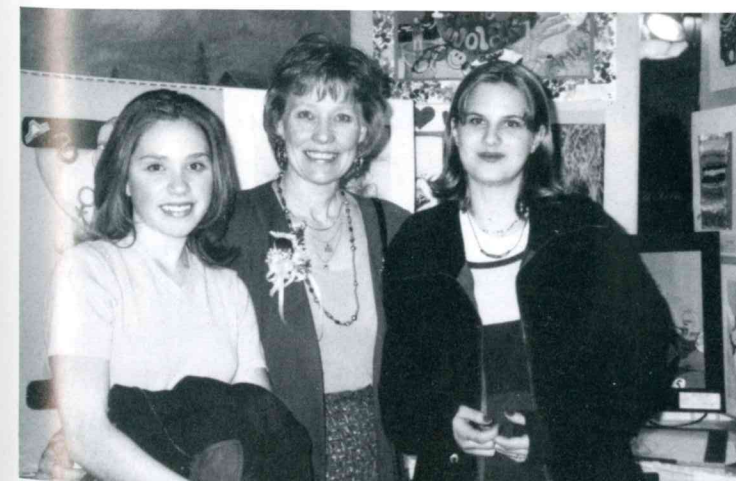
The Vassar High School Marching Band, directed by Ms. Stacey Kohl and Ms. Misty Mutch.



(middle l.)The Marching Band, which entertains at half-time during football season, leads the Homecoming Parade; the Pep Band keeps the spirit alive during basketball home games; Jessica Dodd and her mom at Parents' Night; Autumn Clinesmith prepares for her solo; Kim Hall and Becky Bittner read the "Night Before Christmas" at the Christmas Concert; and Brian Pepera in his final performance as a high school percussionist.



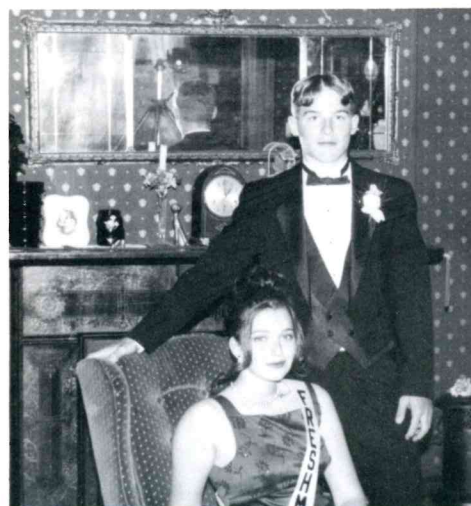
SPECIAL EVENTS



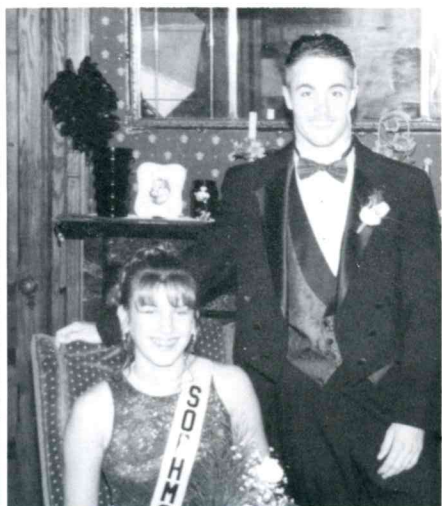
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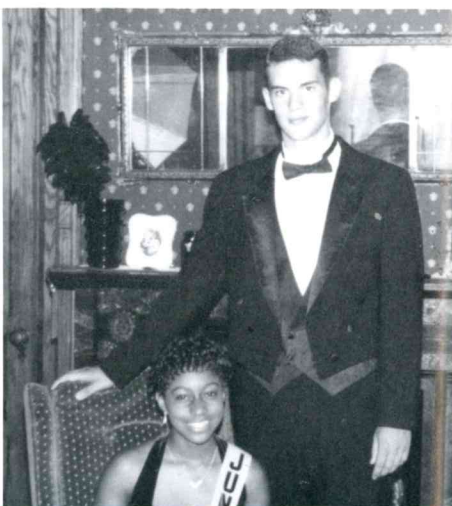
Homecoming Queen candidates include: (l.) Miranda Dietrich, escorted by Ben Mihora; Lindsey Raney, escorted by Matt Merry; Tricia Scharff escorted by Owen Roberts; Connie Colosky, escorted by Earl Fabbro; and Kitty Kilbourn, escorted by Adam Hornung.



Freshman Representative Suzanne Hamood escorted by Jason Harper.



Sophomore Representative Cherie Swaffer escorted by Chad Tedford.



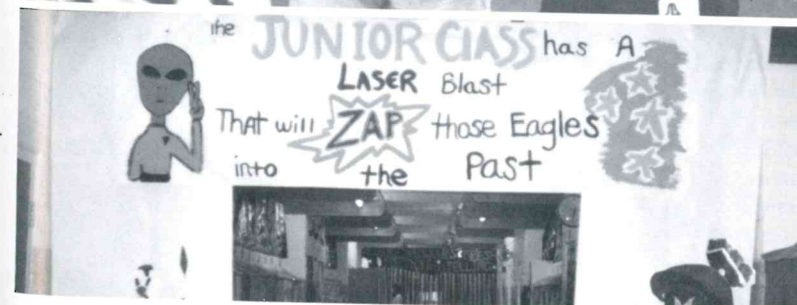
Junior Representative Angie Bables escorted by Brian Cunningham.



HOMECOMING

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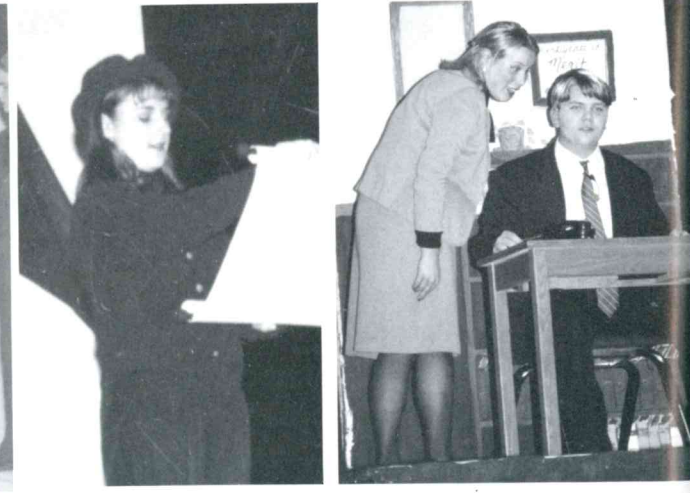
With the sudden uproar of movies during the summer dealing with the supernatural, the VHS Student Senate felt that it would only be appropriate for the theme of the Homecoming activities to be named accordingly, so our theme for the week was Unexplained Phenomena. Ghost Day saw students paint their faces white; on Tuesday, triplets roamed the halls; monsters (stuffed animals) accompanied their owners to school on Monster Day; and students wore Bermuda shorts and triangles to connect with their Vulcan Spirit on Bermuda Triangle Day. Friday, of course, was Orange and Black Day, with most people decking themselves out in Vulcan Pride. The freshmen won the float contest with the theme of fortune telling blazing the message "We have the Eagles in the palm of our hand." Juniors won second place; seniors, third; and the sophomores, fourth. The success of the freshmen with their float translated over to the halls, as they also took first place in hall decorations. Seniors took second; sophomores, third, and the juniors fourth.



FALL PLAY

THE PLOT THICKENS

The tiny little country of Grand Fenwick needs an instant fix so what better way to do it than declare war on the United States, lose the war and get foreign aid? That's the idea behind the play *The Mouse That Roared*, the fall production of the VHS Thespians. The lead roles were played by Justin Shepherd as Tully Bascom, the shrewd by somewhat innocent protector of the realm, and Korina Williamson as Gloriana, the ruler of the kingdom whose concern for her people leads to the outrageous plan.



(top) The Americans (Mindy Ensign, Brian Pepera, and Katy Welsh) are informed by the mad scientist (Matt Franko) that a bomb does exist, while the leaders of Fenwick (Tom Vassallo and Jason Smith) observe; Gloriana (Korina Williamson) convinces Tully (Justin Shepherd) that they should get married as Mrs. Bascom (Jeannette Roskamp) supports them; the president (Greg Hall) gets the message from his secretary Miss Wilkins (Patricia Welsh) that someone has declared war on the United States; the Page from Grand Fenwick (Jennifer Spencer) reads the declaration of war; Tully vows allegiance to Grand Fenwick and Gloriana; and Tully attempts to convince American tourists played by Jolene Heidenberger, Christy Herzberger, Kendra Stange and Katie Simpson that Grand Fenwick is a wonderful country to visit.



THE MOUSE THAT ROARED

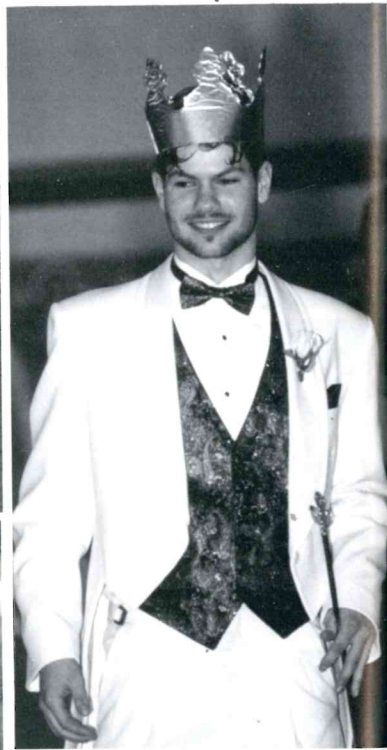


(top l.) The president gets some advice from his Secretary of State (Ryan Bissell); General Snippet (Brian Pepera), who is outraged that his hat has been hit by an arrow from the invading forces of Grand Fenwick, argues with Tully; Tully listens to the scheme proposed to solve the problem; (middle l.) the invading army (Seth Martin, Carl Petzold, Tom Middlin, Chris Manwell, and Zack Fieldbrandt), using ancient weapons, outsmarted the Americans and took them captive; the invaders make off with the bomb; but everything turns out all right in the end as the people of Grand Fenwick celebrate.

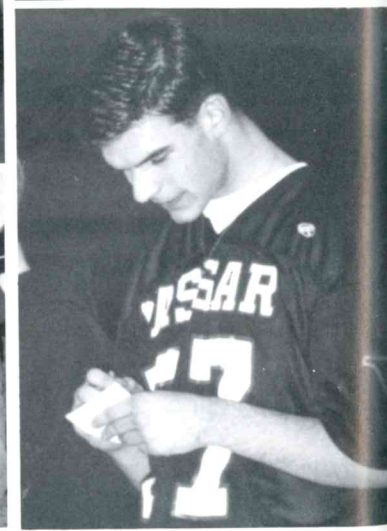
ICEFEST 1997

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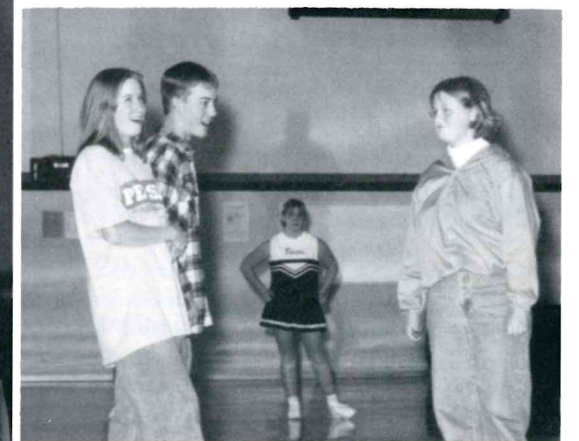
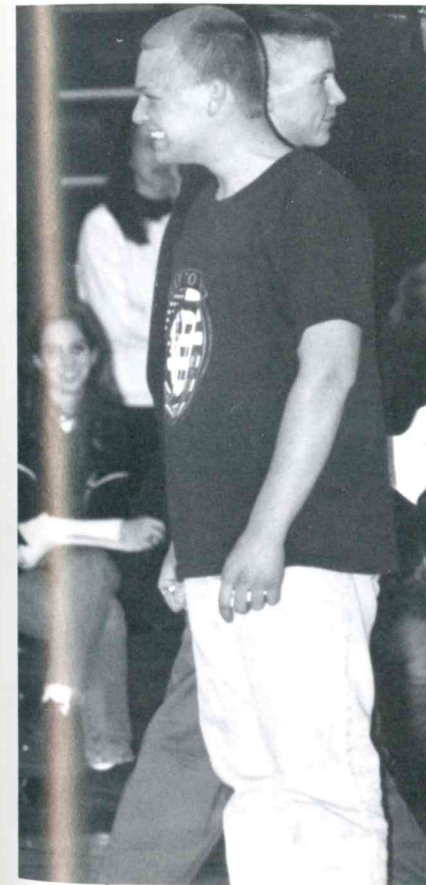
Earl Fabbro did not let the winter ice and snow stop him from becoming the 3rd annual Icefest King. "I was very surprised that I was chosen" he said, "I guess I didn't know that I had that many friends." This year's Icefest had an added twist to the celebration of sports as it became a celebration of winter. Spirit Days were interrupted by two snow days right after the juniors had a chance to dazzle us with "Dress Professional" Day. Minds were *Boggled* by this year's theme of boardgames, as each class had to figure out what game would boost VHS pride and spirit. The freshmen decided to *Splat* the competition, but the sophomores thought the Vulcans would rise to the top with *Chutes and Ladders*. The juniors figured that a Vulcan win meant *Pay Day* and the seniors hoped to *Scrabble* the minds of our opponents. In the float competition, the seniors rounded out with fourth place; the freshmen took third; the juniors fell into second, and the sophomores were flying high with first place. During the week the Student Senate, which sponsored the Icefest, ran a Penny Drive which served as a fund raiser for the group. The sophomores won here also. Along with the games at the pep assembly, there was a little rivalry between coach and players as senior Craig McCloud competed against Coach Nowotny in a three-point shootout. "I thought I was going to lose because coach is a great player," said McCloud, but he really didn't have a thing to worry about as each player had to wear ski gloves to even the playing field. It was a fun week, especially for the sophomores who won the Spirit Week Competition, the second year in a row for this class.



(top) Members of King's Court for the 1997 Icefest are: (l.) Levi Haley, escorted by Callie Olson; Carl Petzold, escorted by Jackie DuBois; Paul Thomas, escorted by Lynsey Martin; Connie Colosky who escorted Earl Fabbro; Dustin Kern, escorted by Kendra Frampton; Ben Mihora, escorted by Miranda Dietrich; and Bridget Putman who escorted Luke Turner; Earl Fabbro is crowned King; Matt Kanyok tries his hand at *Candyland* questions; Theresa Swinton and Robin Eastham lead the seniors in getting rowdy; and Kim Ross drives the junior float around the gym.



ICEFEST 1997



(top) Dave Middlin's question causes Nicole Zwerk to grimace as she tries to win for her class; Craig McCloud wasn't hampered by ski gloves as he beat out Mr. Nowotny in the three-point contest; Kendra Stange, Amy Schmitzer, Jason Harper, and Ben Macarthur entertain the crowd with their improv.; Alina Smith tries to pump up the Vulcans; although James Dalton got the question wrong, he won for the Sophomore Class with his handstand; and Jolene Heidenberger, Steve Geesey, and Susie Duncan aren't *Sorry* they were chosen.

ACADEMIC GAMES

SOCIAL STUDIES TEAM TAKES FIRST

The Academic Games held at Saginaw Valley University on February 22 proved quite successful for the Vassar teams. After several years of coming in at second place, the Social Studies Team beat Caro in a well-earned victory, coming home with the only First Place Trophy of the meet for the Vulcans. It was a wonderful victory for a team that has worked hard for four years to defeat Caro. Team Captain Mike Krause simply said "It felt good to win." For some team members it was a difficult night as several had to be back in town in time for the spring musical, so they missed the awards ceremony. But one member Seth Martin, stayed on. He commented "I watched my sister try to beat Caro when she was a member of this team. I was determined to be on that stage if we won it and I was." But their success didn't end there. Early in the Spring, the team competed at the Social Studies Quiz Bowl at Delta College. Here they competed against some very strong teams from Saginaw and Midland counties. The came away with a second place win, earning a scholarship for one lucky student from Vassar who plans to attend Delta College. Other victories for the Vulcans at the Academic Meet included a second place win for the Technology Team, a second place for the Math Team and a third place for the Science Team.



(photo above l.) Members of the Social Studies Academic Team are: ((front l.) Bethen Glady, Matt Bierlein, and Amy Thompson; (middle l.) Matt Franko, Seth Martin, and Greg Hall; (back l.) Mrs. Kimmerly, coach, Tony Daggett, assistant coach, Mike Krause, team captain, Ben Mihora, and Mr. Lasceski, coach; (photo above r.) members of the Math Team are: (front l.) Angie Griffis, Dmitry Metelev, and Angie Wolak; (back l.) Matt Merry, Dave Middlin, and Mr. McArdle, coach; (photo l.) members of the English team are: Kristy Anderson, Lisa Palmer, co-captain, and Natalie Franklin; (middle l.) Zac Fielbrandt, Cameron Withers, and Brian Pepera, co-captain; (back l.) Autumn Deming, Adam Mumy, and Crystal Foess. The English Team was coached by Mrs. Russell.



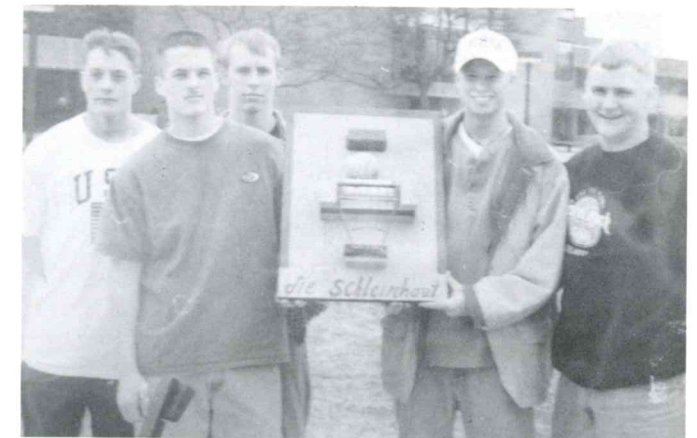
ACADEMIC GAMES



Members of the Science Team are: (front l.) Rachel McCullough, Katie Simpson, and Carrie Hecht; (back l.) Mr. Hackett, coach, and Greg Sayles. (Missing are Paul Thomas, Mindy Ensign, and Bill Germain.)



Members of the Technology Team are: (front l.) Eric Barden, Kylie Vincent, Tami Kanyok and Cherie Swaffer; (back l.) Tim Greenwood, Jimmy Greenleaf, Ben McKinnon, and Scott Briggs. (Missing: Mr. Killian, coach)



Technology Team members had to build a catapult. Their efforts earned them a second place at the Academic Meet. Here they proudly display their catapult.

MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS

Musical Lights Up the Stage

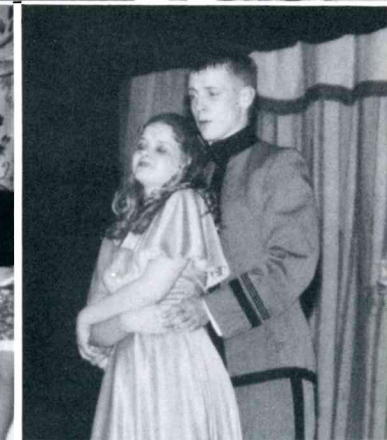
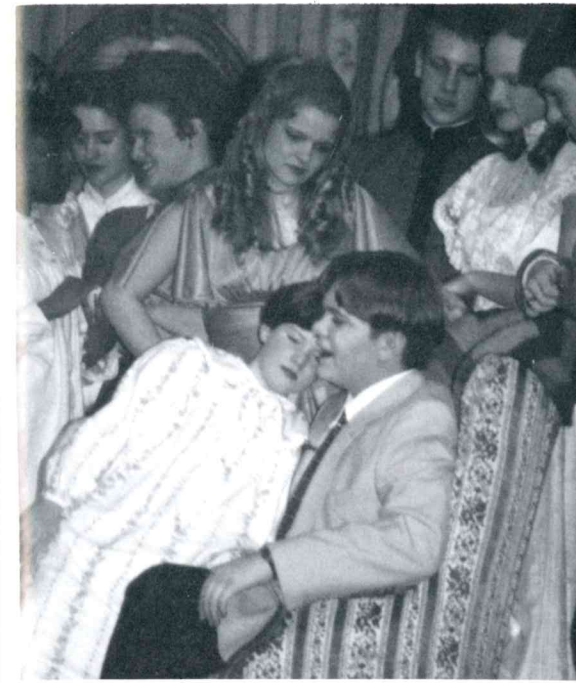
The spring musical showcased the talents of several VHS students. The story, centered around a family that plans to move from St. Louis to New York just as the World's Fair is set to open, starred Brian Pepera, Katy Welsh, Mindy Ensign, Chad Brown, Korina Williamson, Dave Middlin, and Jeannette Roskamp. The family resists the idea and finally convinces Mr. Smith that staying in St. Louis is the right move for them. It was directed by Mrs. Hackett, Mrs. Middlin and Mrs. Piske, who were assisted by Angie Wolak as student director.



(top) Two of the young people at the Christmas Dance (Natalie Franklin and Ryan Bissell) enjoy the music; success comes in paying attention to the details as Amy Gierman helps Susie Duncan with her makeup; John Truitt (Brian Pepera) chats with Esther (Katy Welsh); Katie (Jeannette Roskamp) listens in on Rose's (Mindy Ensign) conversation; Lon Smith (Greg Hall) courts Lucille Ballard (Lindsey Parker); Kristy Anderson(r.) and Mrs. Piske, one of the co-directors of the play, enjoy a moment of peace and quiet during a break in the production.

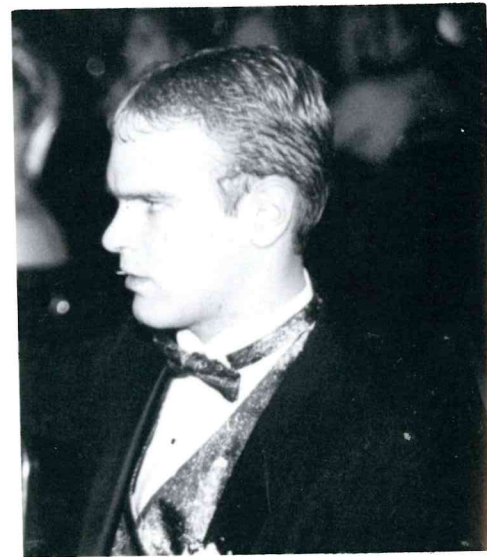


SPRING PLAY



(top l.) Mr. Smith (Chad Brown) comforts his daughter Tootie (Ellie Frazier) as Rose (Mindy Ensign) looks on; Esther (Katy Welsh) sings about the boy next door; a holiday celebration at the Smith's gets everyone into the act; Esther informs her parents (Chad Brown and Korina Williamson) that John Truitt has hurt Tootie; Rose is serenaded by her love interest Doug Moore (Dave Middlin); Rose and Doug enjoy the party.

PROM



PROM



Queen Lindsey Raney turns and smiles at King Earl Fabbro as they get ready to dance to their prom song "Unchained Melody".

TIMELESS

As a tradition at Vassar High, the 1997 Prom was held in Bridgeport at the Candlelight Dining Hall. This year's Juniors decided to pay tribute to the Seniors with certificates describing the Senior or what they would most likely become. Some of the awards included Miss Basketball, Class Comedian, and Prettest Nails. The Senior Class would like to extend their thanks to the Junior Class Officers, the Prom Committee, and the the Junior Class advisers for all their hard work in making the Prom a success



AWARDS BANQUET

Congratulations to the Vassar High School students honored at the 14th Annual Awards Picnic held on Monday, May 19.

The Alpha Beta Awards, given to one student in each grade who has contributed the most to the school, went to Matthew Keinath, Freshman; Angie Wolak, Sophomore; and Ryan Bissell, Junior. The Senior Alpha Beta was presented at graduation to Natalie Franklin.

Awards were presented to:

Top Ten Seniors: Natalie Franklin, Brian Pepera, Crista Rowe, Keri Manwell, Tammy Luxton, Stacey Carlisle, Korina Williamson, Melissa Oliver, Lindsey Parker, and Michael Krause.

Top Ten Juniors: Ryan Bissell, Scott Briggs, Bradley Stacer, Rachel McCullough, Damien Sanchez, Jennifer Kanyok, Lynsey Martin, Matthew Bierlein, David Middlin, and Kimberly Ross.

Top Ten Sophomores: Matthew Franko, Amy Thompson, Lyndsey VanWormer, Angie Wolak, Carrie Hecht, Ronda Keinath, Thomas Vassallo, Kelly Anderson, Shelley Sherman, Katheryn Roedel, and Cherie Swaffer.

Top Ten Freshmen: Matthew Keinath, Jason Masker, Erin Millikin, Crystal Moncman, Callie Olson, Suzanne Perreault, Olivia Sanchez, Amy Schmitzer, Jessica Simpson, Joshua Stacer, Cindy Teschendorf, and Bethanie Waterman.

English: Natalie Franklin.

German Awards: Matthew Bierlein, German II; Jennifer Kanyok, German I.

French Awards: Kim Hall, French I; Lynsey Martin, French II.

Spanish Awards: Angela Wolak, Spanish I; Damien Sanchez, Spanish II; and Angela Bables, Spanish III.

Speech Awards: Jennifer Donnelly, Advanced Speech; Amy Gierman, First Semester Speech; and Kelly Anderson, Second Semester Speech.

Science Award: Mike Krause.

Social Studies Award: Mike Krause and Brian Pepera.

Xerox Award: Ryan Bissell.

Life Skills Award: Tricia Estrada.

Business Award: Elizabeth Hess.



Congratulations to Damien Sanchez (l.) for winning the Spanish II Award and to Angie Wolak for Spanish I. They are shown here with Mrs. Kimmerly, the Spanish teacher.

Math Awards: Mike Krause, Matt Merry and Dmitry Metelev, Calculus; Ryan Bissell, Kimberly Ross, and Scott Briggs, Trigonometry.

Golden Hammer: James Greenleaf.

National School Choral Award: Brian Pepera

Honor Thespians: Brian Pepera, Korina Williamson, Cameron Withers, and Kristy Anderson.

Best Thespians: Kristy Anderson and Cameron Withers.

Senior Artists: Brian Pepera and Crista Rowe.

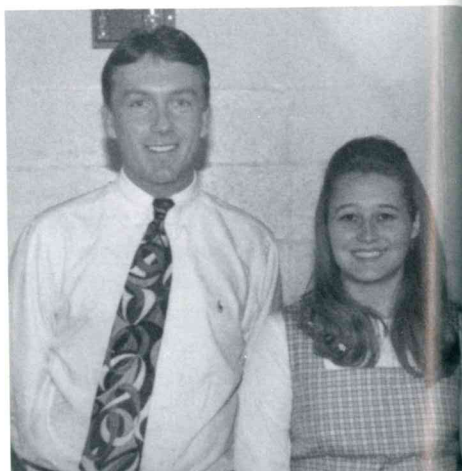
Band Awards: Natalie Franklin, John Philip Sousa Award; Brian Pepera, Louis Armstrong Jazz Award.

Tri-Valley Academic All Leauge: Mike Krause, Keri Manwell, and Crista Rowe.

Special Recognition was given to the following students:

Student Senate: Ryan Bissell, Libby Bittner, Becky Bittner, Meghan Dempsey, Miranda Dietrich, Theresa Ewing, Natalie Franklin, Amy Gierman, Autumn Gonzales, Angie Griffis, Seth Martin, Nicole Meyer, David Middlin, Adam Mumy, Lindsey Parker, Justin Shepherd, Katie Simpson, Cindy Teschendorf, and Sarah Toyzan.

Natural Helpers: Melonie Bell, Connie Colosky, Autumn Gonzales, Mindy



Senior Elizabeth Hess, shown with Mr. DuPont, the Business teacher, won the Business Award

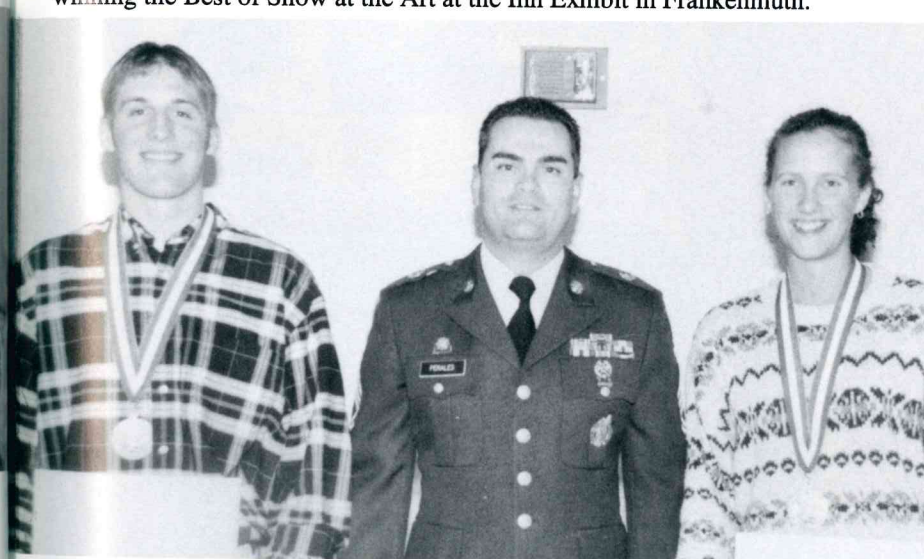
Herzberger, Eric Johnson, Lisa Palmer, Bridget Putman, Brian Pepera, and Lindsay Raney.

Scholarship Awards: Mike Krause, Masonic Lodge and the Air Force Academic Award; Matt Merry, Air Force Academic Award and Michigan Tech University Room Scholarship; Becky Babcock, Vassar Schools Scholarship; Lindsey Raney, Vassar Schools Scholarship; Samantah Roedel, Vassar Schools Scholarship; Natalie Franklin, Gulliver Scholarship; Lisa Palmer, American Legion Scholarship; Matt Kanyok, Killian Family Scholarship; Korina Williamson, Galloway

AWARDS BANQUET



Mrs. Parsell is proud of her senior artists this year, Crista Rowe (r.) and Brian Pepera. Both students did outstanding work throughout the year, with Crista winning the Best of Show at the Art at the Inn Exhibit in Frankenmuth.



Sgt. Perales (c.) of the U.S. Army proudly presented the U.S. Army Scholar Athlete Awards to Dustin Kern and Mindy Herzberger.



Congratulations to the Math Award winners shown here with Mr. McArdle: Mike Krause, Matt Merry, Kim Ross, Dmitry Metelev, Scott Briggs, and Ryan Bissell.

Cook's Superstore Scholarship Award; Miranda Dietrich, Frances Peterson Memorial Scholarship Award; Melissa Oliver, Cook's Superstore Scholarship Award and the Frances Peterson Memorial Scholarship Award; Ben Mihora, Little Caesar's Scholarship; Autumn Gonzales, Hecht Memorial Scholarship; Dustin Kern, MEANS Industries Scholarship; Kristy Anderson, Vassar Women's Club Scholarship; Sarah Drysdale, Vassar Women's Club Scholarship; and Elizabeth Hess, Delta Scholarship.

Athletic Awards: Autumn Gonzales, Detroit Free Press Scholar/Athlete Award, the Sportsmanship Award, and the Mrs. Barbour Scholar Athlete Award; Dustin Kern, U.S. Army Reserves Scholar Athlete Award and the Male MVP Award; Mindy Herzberger, U.S. Army Reserves Scholar Athlete Award and MHSAA Scholar Athlete; Ben Mihora, U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete; Becky Babcock, U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete; Matt Merry, MHSAA Scholar Athlete, The Sportsmanship Award, and the Dr. Barbour Scholar Athlete Award; Becky Babcock, MHSAA Scholar Athlete; Stacey Carlisle, MHSAA Scholar Athlete; and Lindsey Raney, Female MVP.

The band students honored at an earlier award ceremony are:

Honor s Band Certificates: Autumn Clinesmith, Brian Pepera, Autumn Deming, Zac Fielbrandt, Natalie Franklin, Matt Keinath, Crystal Manchester, David Middlin, and Matt Yono.

Outstanding Freshmen: Matt Keinath and Matt Yono.

Outstanding Sophomore: Lyndsey VanWormer.

Outstanding Junior: Colleen Cameron.

Outstanding Color Guard: Mindy Ensign and Lisa Palmer.

Outstanding Marcher: Crystal Manchester and Gene Tanke.

Best Contributor: Keri Manwell.

MEET OF CHAMPIONS



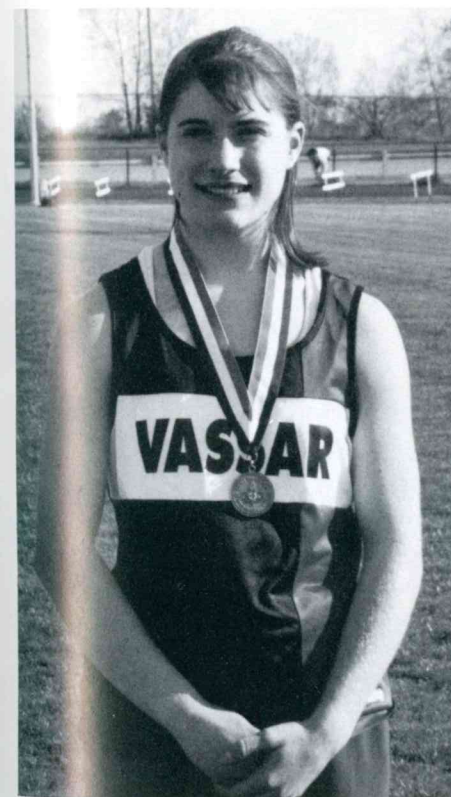
25 YEARS OF TRADITION

For twenty five years the Meet of Champions has been an honored tradition that only the finest young athletes attend, and this past year Vassar was fortunate enough to have seven of those athletes. From high jump to the Mile run men and women alike competed for a chance to prove that they were the best. After the presentation of colors and lighting of the torch, Vassar local Dr. D.D. Martin received the Meet of Champions *Thumb Friend of Youth Award* for his years of friendship and service to the youth of the area. Once the formalities of the meet were over the only thing left to say was, "Let the games begin!"

MEET OF CHAMPIONS



Members of the Third Place 400 meter Relay team include: (l.) Susan Briggs, Lindsey Raney, Carolyn Raney, and Nicole Sullivan.



Nicole Sullivan also received a second place medal for her efforts in long jump.

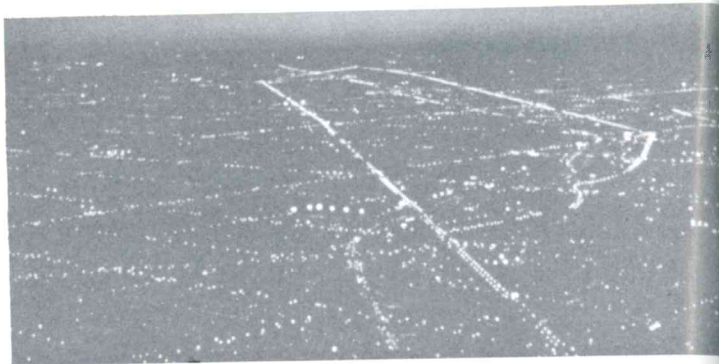


Participants in the 1997 Meet of Champions include: (front l.) John Herrington and Ryan Bissell; (back l.) Nicole Sullivan, Carolyn Raney, Susan Briggs, Lindsey Raney, and Mindy Herzberger.

A TRIP TO CHICAGO...

FINE ARTS STUDENTS LOVE CHICAGO

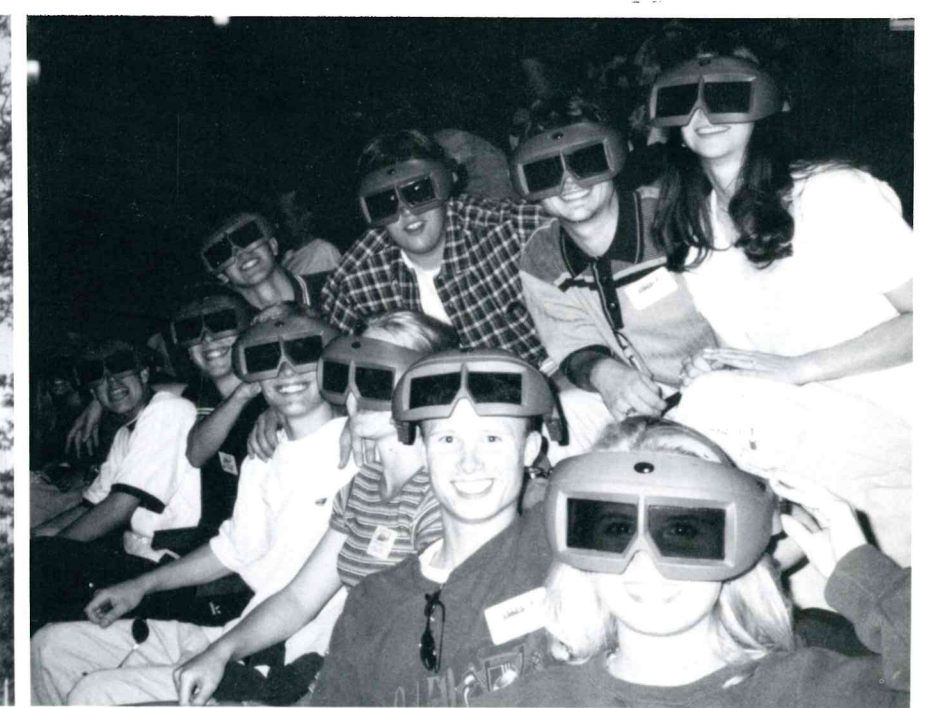
A vacation in Chicago was just the thing for 64 students and chaperones who participated in the Fine Arts trip this year. The students, treated to a tour of the city's best museums, viewed such things as Monet paintings at the Chicago Art Institute, an Egyptian and an American Indian display at the Museum of Natural Sciences, and a dolphin show at the Shedd Aquarium. Other entertainment included participating in a jazz set at one of the local jazz clubs, a musical performance called *Forever Plaid* (which Mrs. Middlin also played in), a murder mystery called *Shear Madness* (ask Dave Middlin about that one, he has a story to tell!), and *George M*, a musical about the life of American composer George M. Cohan. It was a good time, with good company, good food and lots of shopping! If you go, check out Ed Debevic's, and for you Mel Gibson fans, don't miss Planet Hollywood! (P.S., It's called the windy city not because of the wind coming up from Lake Michigan but because of a politician who liked to talk too much.)



...THE WINDY CITY



(opposite page 1.) A good shot of Michael Jordan's restaurant (Just think we were in Chicago when the Bull's won their fifth series' title); Saks Fifth Avenue was a trendy place to shop; we were treated to a terrific jazz show by a local musician; and there was lots of time for some good eating; (this page top) the Chicago skyline taken from the Shedd Aquarium; (middle l.) most of us went to the top of the Sears' Tower, one of the tallest buildings in the world, which gave us a great view of the city at night; one of our trips was to the Navy Pier where we watched a movie in 3-D, notice the weird glasses; the Skydeck at the Sear's Tower.



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 Bob Nowotny Counselor
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 Anne Hecht Secretary



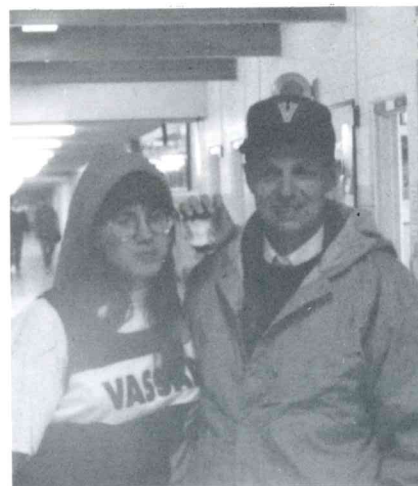
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STAFF TAKES TIME OUT

From football to hockey, many of our staff members take time out of their busy schedule to either coach or be an adviser to one of the various extra curricular activities here in the Vassar community. Male or female, young or old, paid or volunteer, it makes no difference to them. As long as the students at Vassar learn from the example set by these individuals, others will be inspired to do the same.



Robert Killian Technology
 Elaine Kimmerly Span., Geog.
 Stacy Kohl Music



Gary Lasceski Eng., Govt.
 Joe Mason Technology
 Marty McArdle Math



Carol Miller Computers
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 Lois Parsell Art
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VHS STAFF ENVIRONMENTALLY AWARE

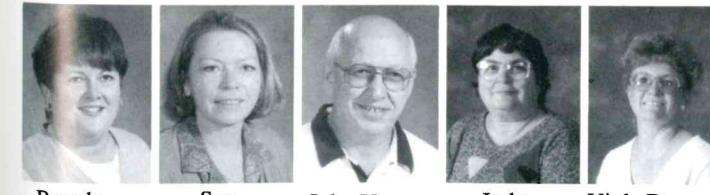
The Vassar High School Environmental Awareness Club, under the direction of Mrs. Dawn Pepera, won a \$4,000 grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation this past school year. The grant will be used to beautify the area situated behind the Life Skills room and the Journalism room. "I was overjoyed when I received the letter from the Wal-Mart Foundation," Dawn Pepera said. "\$4,000 was far more than I ever hoped to receive." "This is a wonderful thing for our students and Mrs. Pepera," noted Paul Wojno the principal of VHS. "Dawn has done an outstanding job in promoting environmental awareness." A special thanks is extended from the students of VHS to E.A. Club and Mrs. Pepera for all their hard work and dedication to the planet and VHS.



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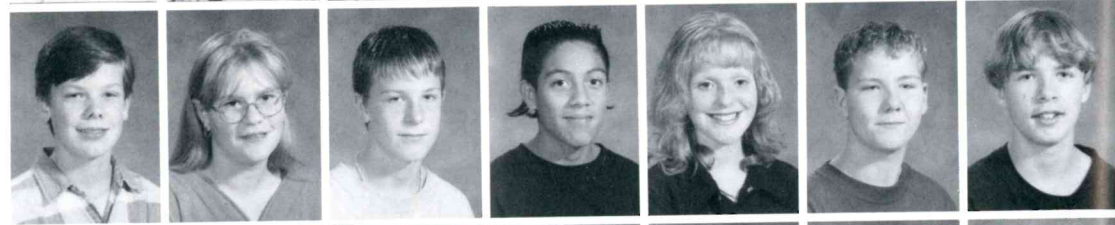
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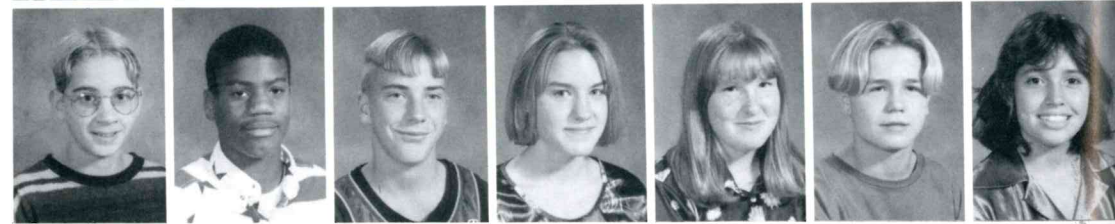
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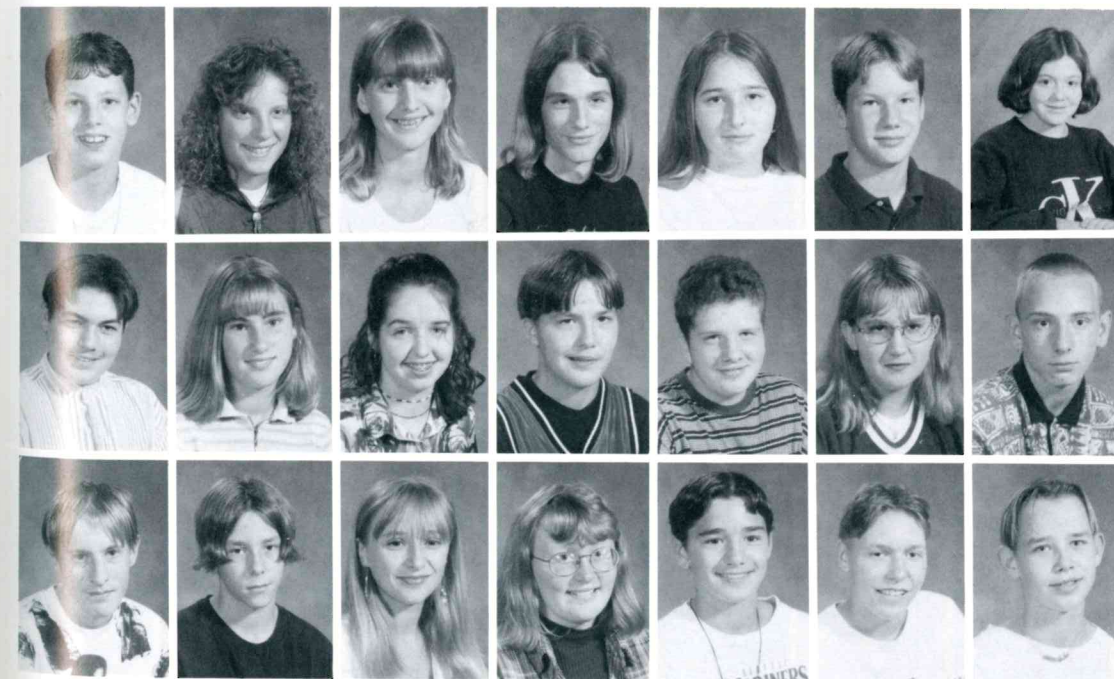


JUNIOR HIGH LOCK-IN

By: Abbey Wojno

Friday, March 15, 1997 through Saturday morning, March 16 1997, some Vassar JuniorHigh School students were locked in for the night at Saginaw Valley State University's Ryder Center. The lock-in was organized by the 7th and 8th grade student council. There was an admission charge of \$10.00 for each student. The charge covered the use of the Ryder Center and a midnight snack of pizza and pop. All night long students swam, ran around the track, played volleyball, basketball, raquet ball and wallyball.

The 7th and 8th grade class extend a very special thanks to Mrs. Butts, Mrs. Kennard, and the parents and teachers who chaperoned the event.



Daniel Hecht
Jennifer Herzberger
Kelley Herzberger
Jacob Hill
Amanda Jerome
Thomas Johnson
Heidi Jones

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Courtney Karr
Sherril Keener
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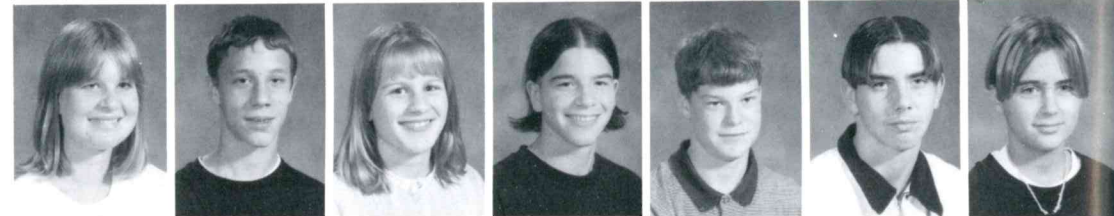
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Sara McColl



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Jennifer Moncman
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Kyle Mumy
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Jacquelyn Rondo
Sarah Rose
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Cara Rowe



Jenny Safford
Lonnie Scharff
Becky Schnepf
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Christopher Senior
Nathan Shepherd



Joseph Smeaton
Jake Smith
Jill Smith
Christina Spencer
Jason Spencer
Charles Stadler
Florence Stakolosa



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POLL OF 8TH GRADE FAVORITES:

FAVORITE MOVIE

1. TWISTER
2. INDEPENDANCE DAY
3. HAPPY GILMORE

FAVORITE TEACHER

1. MR. COLBURN
2. MRS. KENNARD
3. MS. MEIER

FAVORITE CLASS

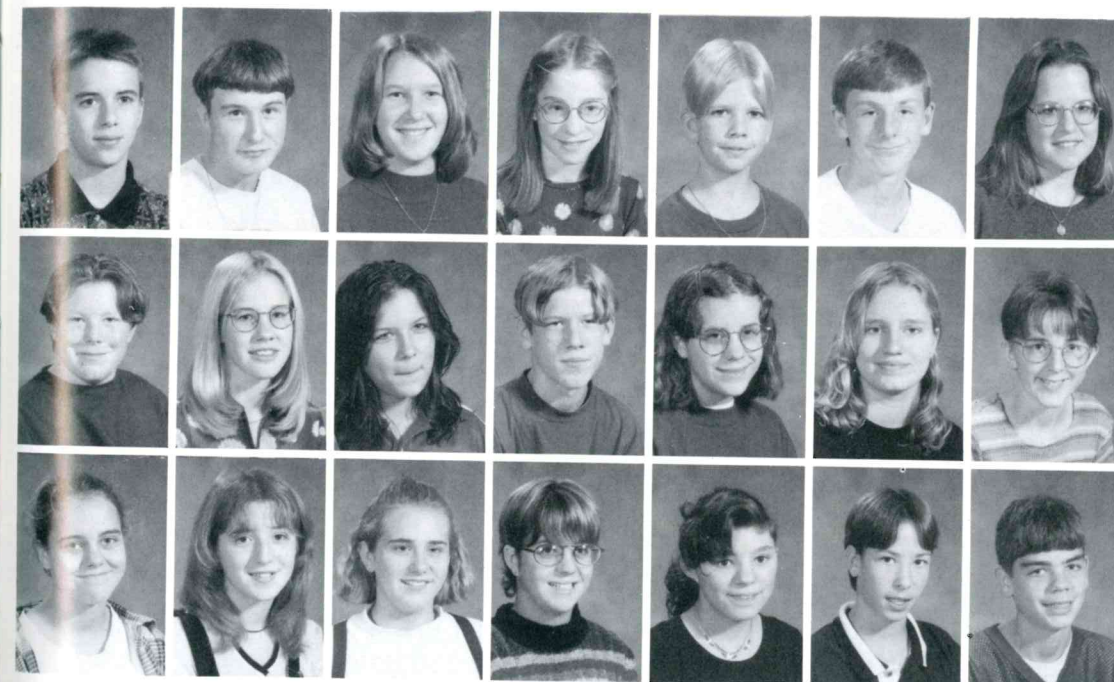
1. MATH
2. SCIENCE
3. HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

FAVORITE SPORT

1. BASKETBALL
2. FOOTBALL
3. BASEBALL

FAVORITE MUSIC

1. ROCK
2. RAP
3. ALTERNATIVE



Gene Stroup
Bill Sulicki
Keri Swaffer
Anna Tanke
Dustin Taylor
Matthew Taylor
Trisha Templeton

Thurma Tucker
Kristin VanWormer
Tiffany Wakefield
Richard Walker
Amanda Warian
Jessica Weber
Andrea Wickings

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Wendy Wilson
Elizabeth Withers
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Leo Zarko
Troy Zwerk

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Stacey Allen
Nicole Arnold
Kaleena Atwood
Melissa Aulbert
Kara Barden
Neil Bekemeier



Michelle Beaujean
Dairick Best
John Beulla
Dana Blasius
Jessica Brink
John Buckley
Carrie Bryce



Brad Buckner
Matt Bulko
Larey Burrows
James Cain
Fallon Cody
Jason Colosky
Amanda Cooper



Amy Cooper
Wayne Craycraft
Ryan Davidson
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Yvonne Donnelly
Casondra Empey



Zeke Espinoza
Dan Ford
Shannon Franklin
Megan Franko
Brett Frazier
Rick Fultz
Trevor Gamet



Jennifer Germaine
Jessica Germaine
William Gilbert
Elisha Gill
Pete Gonzales
Jamie Green
Christi Griffis



Nolan Haley
Mike Harper
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Gareth Harris
Christine Harvey
Lydia Hendricks
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CLASS OF 2002

J.H. HONORS BAND



Band directors from all around the Huron Area recently selected top junior high instrumentalists for the Huron Area Junior High Honors Band.

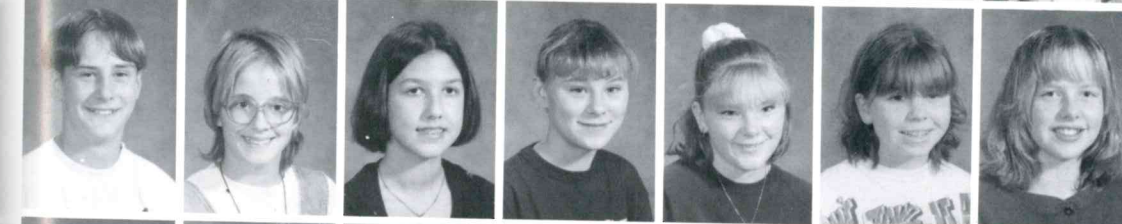
Vassar Junior High members are: flute, Michelle Beaujean; clarinet, Stacey Allen, Hannah Espinoza, Elisha Waterman, Wendy Wilson, and Abbey Wojno; bass clarinet, Jennifer Beckman; alto saxophone, Ken Robinet; trumpet, Jessica Irvine; trombones, Josh Illian; and percussion, Kristyn VanWormer.

There are various junior high schools from all around the area that are participating in the band: Bad Axe, Caseville, Harbor Beach Community Schools, Pigeon Laker, Millington, Meachum, Owendale- Gagetown, Uby, and Vassar.

As a whole, the band consists of 75 to 85 members. Participating directors and the band rehearsed on November 9, 1996. The concert was performed in its entirety at Caseville High School on November 10th, 1996.



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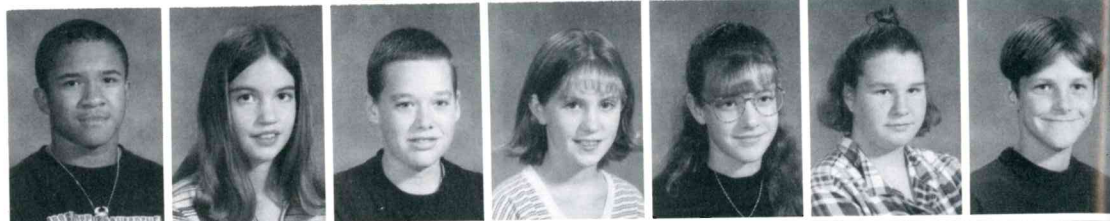
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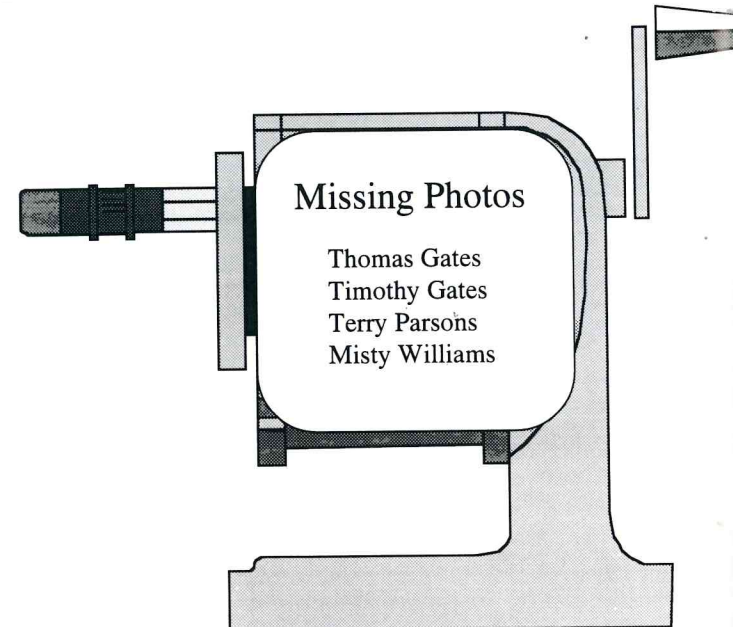
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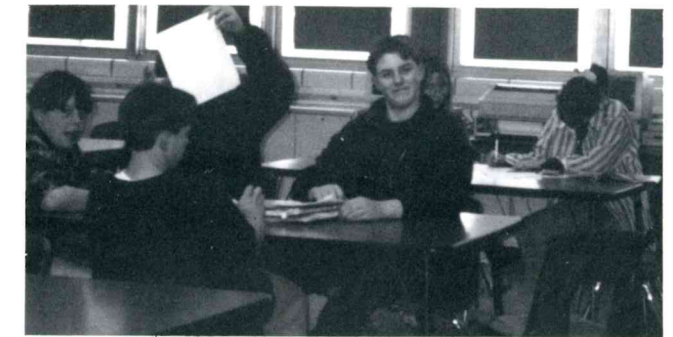
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GIRLS' BASKETBALL



Members of the 1996 8th Grade Girls' Basketball team are: (back l.) Erica Germain, Kristyn VanWormer, Mandy Bess, Courtney Karr, Teleatha Harris, Jolyn Datz, Kelley Herzberger, Veronica Wilson, and Coach Gary Lasceski; (middle l.) Jamie Donnelly, Hannah Espinoza, Kerri Krause, Andria Bowman, Jennifer Moncman, Carrie Legue, and Andrea Wickings; (front l.) Keri Swaffer, Crystal Donnelly, Jacki Rondo, and Christina Spencer.



Members of the 1996 7th Grade Girls' Basketball team are: (front l.) Jessica Germaine, Lea Masker, Jasmine Lakowski, Abbey Wojno, Elisha Gill, and Yzonne Donnelly; (middle l.) Christie Griffis, Jennifer Ziegler, Eve Partridge, Megan Franko, Tiffany McClanahan, Shannon Franklin, Michelle Nowotny, Jessica Irvine, and Cassandra Empey (back l.); Shannon Wilkinson, Christie Labean, Kayla Hitsman, Blair Lee, Kaleena Atwood, Kara Barden, Julia Nobles, Amanda Cooper, and Rachel Olson.

BOYS' BASKETBALL



Members of the 1996-97 8th Grade Boys' Basketball team are: (front l.) Dustin Taylor, Greg Rosencrants, and Kris Nearing (middle l.) Chris Senior, Jeremy Dembowske, Leo Zarko, Jason Spencer, Tony Morgan, Kevin Schultz, and Mike Mallets (back l.) Eugene Kelley, Troy Zwerk, Dante DeLorey, Chris Berlin, Nic Morley, Jack Merry, Bobby Germain, Brent Cascadden, Jason Kribs, Scott Buchman, and Coach Mike Rose.



Members of the 1996-97 7th Grade Boys' Basketball team are: (front l.) Danny Kischnick, Dan Ford, James Perrault, Zeke Espinoza, Sam Nobles, and Josh Miller (back l.); coach Chuck Fabbro, Josh Illian, Ben Roedel, Mike Harper, Terrance Cain, Josh Shepherd, Kevin Whaley, and Derrick Best; missing from photo coach Matt Koch.

VOLLEYBALL



Members of the 1996-1997 8th Grade Volleyball team are: (front l.) Hannah Espinoza, Keri Swaffer, and Jackie Rondo; (middle l.) Stephanie Beutel, Jamie Donnelly, Kerri Krause, Jennifer Moncman, Carrie Legue, Kristyn VanWormer, and Cassie Clark; (back l.) Jolynn Datz, Courtney Karr, Mr. Rose, Teleatha Harris, Amanda De Caire, and Andria Bowman.



Members of the 1996-1997 7th Grade Volleyball team are: (l.) coach Susan Lindner, Becky Stadler, Leah Masker, Yvonne Donnelly, Abbey Wojno, Jennifer Ziegler, Blair Lee, Michelle Nowotny, Megan Franko, Mackenzie Ainsworth, Amanda Rodammer, and Christy LaBean.

CHEERLEADING



Members of the 1996-1997 8th Grade Cheerleading Squad are: (front l.) Samantha Griffith, coach Jennifer Warian, and Mandy Bess; (middle l.) Sarah Worth, Jackie Rondo, Courtney Karr, Amanda DeCaire, and Nicole Davis; (back l.) Keri Swaffer, Jamie Donnelly, Cassie Clark, Andria Bowman, Crystal Donnelly, Jessica Goodman, and Andrea Wickings.



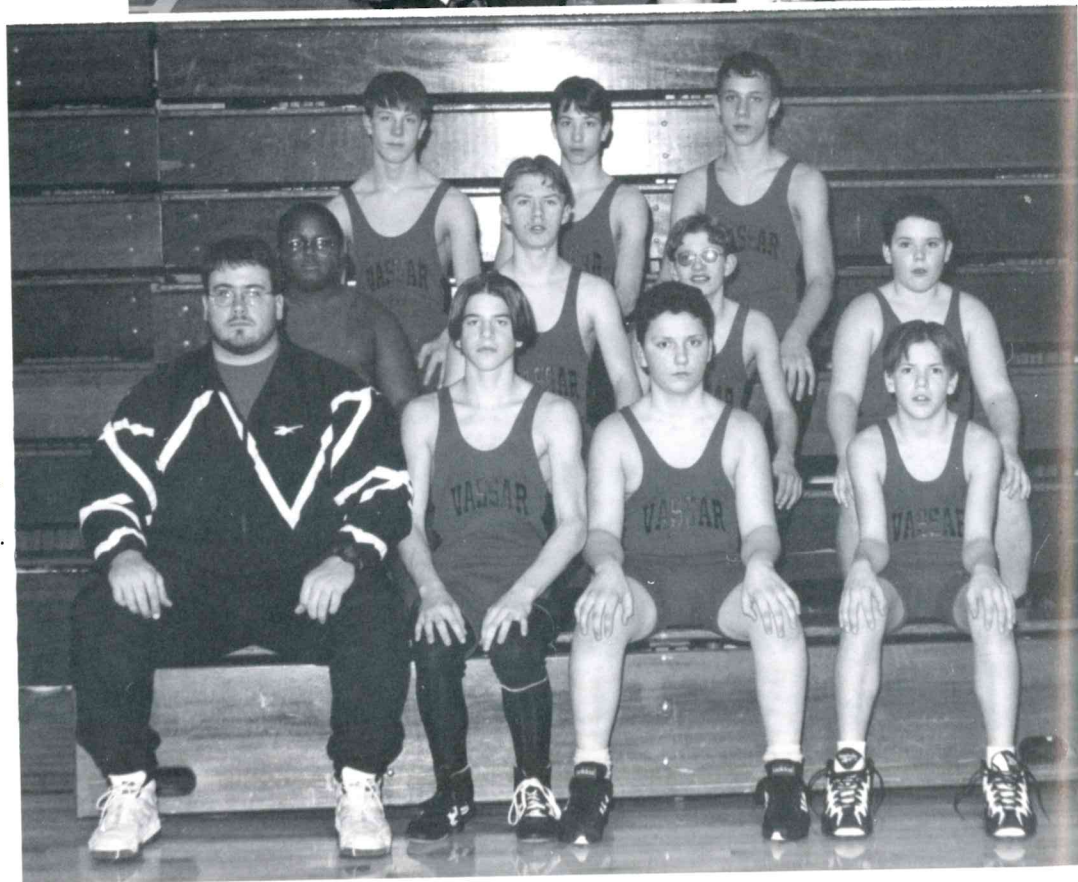
Members of the 1996-1997 7th Grade Cheerleading Squad are: (front l.) Shannon Wilkinson, Shannon Owens, Elaine Kennard, and Kayla Hitsman; (middle l.) Dana Blasius, Tiffany McClannahan, Kaleena Atwood, and Blair Lee; (back l.) Yvonne Donnelly, Jennifer Zeigler, Amy Cooper, Julia Nobles, and Cassondra Empey; missing from photo is coach Jennifer Warian.

CROSS COUNTRY & WRESTLING

Members of the 1996 J.H. Cross Country team are: (front l) Nick Seney, and Jack Merry ;(back l) Gregory Rosencrants, Coach Dan Johnson, and Jason Spencer.



Members of the 1996-97 J.H. Wrestling team are: (front l.) Coach Jason Klink, Tony Morgan, Nolan Haley, and Ryan Ratcliff; (middle l.) P.J. Morrison, Andy Coffey, Cory McInnis, and Kevin Whaley; (back l.) Brent Cascaden, Leo Zarko, and Jack Merry; missing from photo is photo Ben Riedel.



J.H. TRACK



The Members of the 1997 Boys' Track Team are: (front l.) Neil Beckemeier, Charles Stadler, Kris Nearing, and Danny Kischnick (middle l.) Joshua Illian, Troy Zwerk, Chris Senior, Josh Main, Zeke Espinoza, Jason Pintar, Aaron Ring, and Tony Morgan; (back l.) Coach Lasceski, Nick Seney, Ben Riedel, Scott Buchman, Jack Merry, Bobby Germain, Jason Spencer, Brett Frazier, Leo Zarko, Wayne Craycraft, and Dairick Best. (Missing: Tom Harper, Nic Morley, James Perreault, and Greg Rosencrants.)



The Members of the 1997 J.H. Girls' Track team are: (front l.) Christina Spencer, Hannah Espinoza, Mandy Bess, Crystal Donnelly, and Jackie Rondo (middle l.) mgr. Sarah Worth, Blair Lee, Tiffany McClanahan, Amanda Cooper, Flo Stackolosa, Andria Bowman, Rachel Olson, Erica Germain, and Carrie Legue (backl.) Leah Masker, Abbey Wojno, Yvonne Donnelly, Michelle Nowotny, Kara Barden, and Lydia Hendricks.

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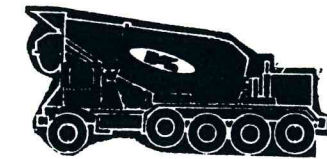
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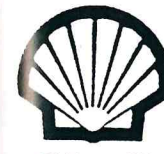
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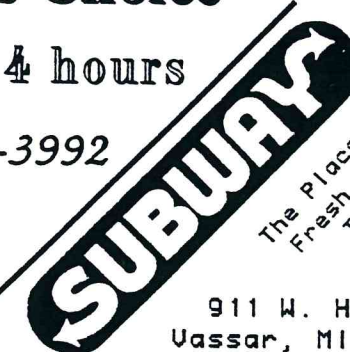
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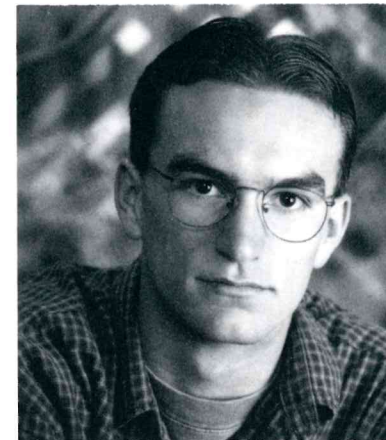
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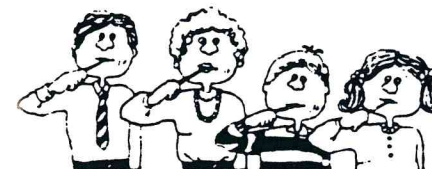


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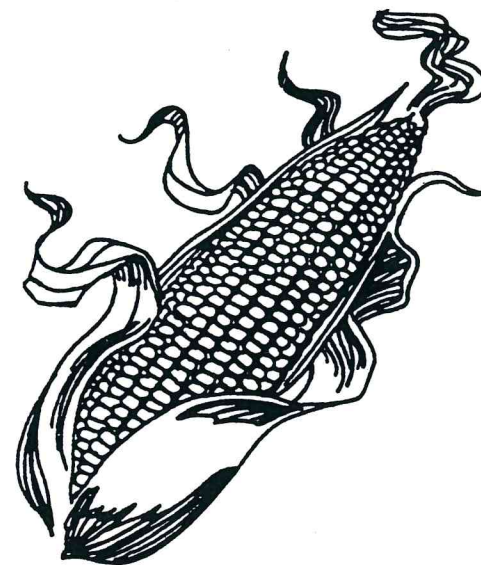
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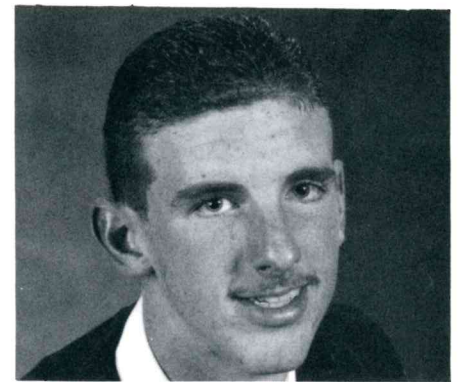


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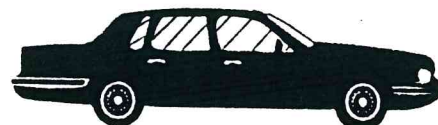
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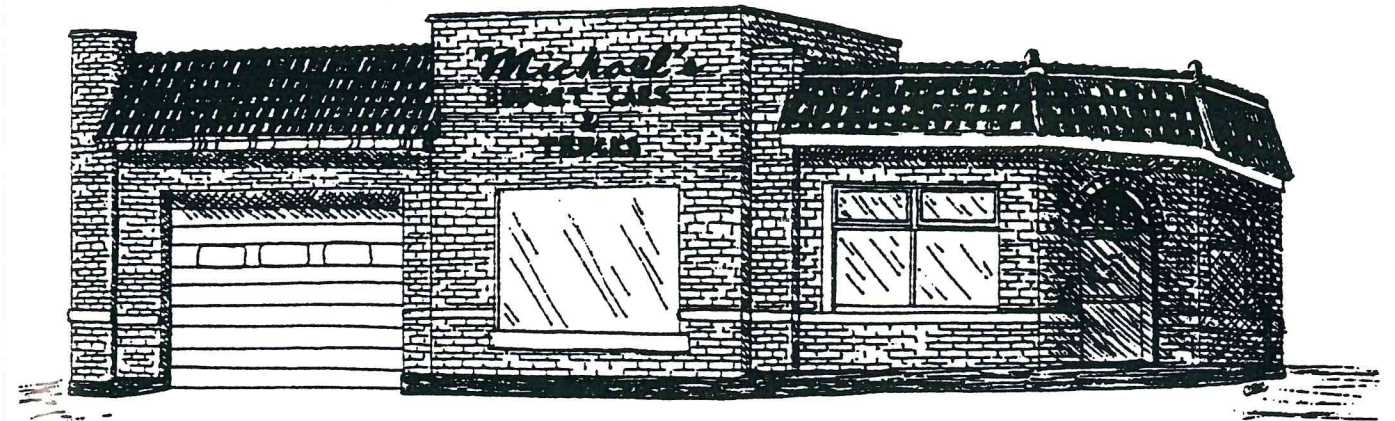
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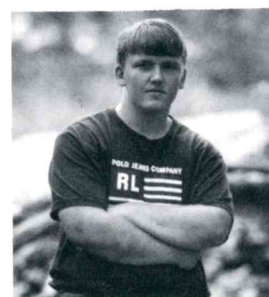
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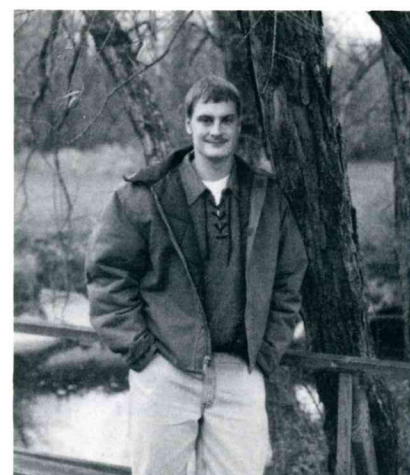
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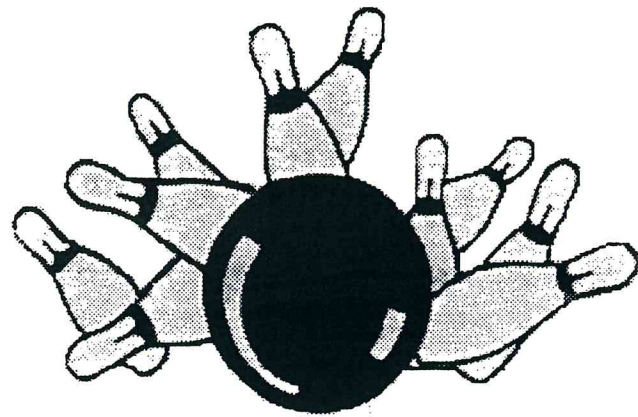
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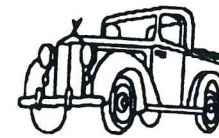
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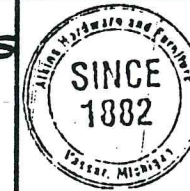
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