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The 1996 Bluejay

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Villisca High School

Villisca, Iowa

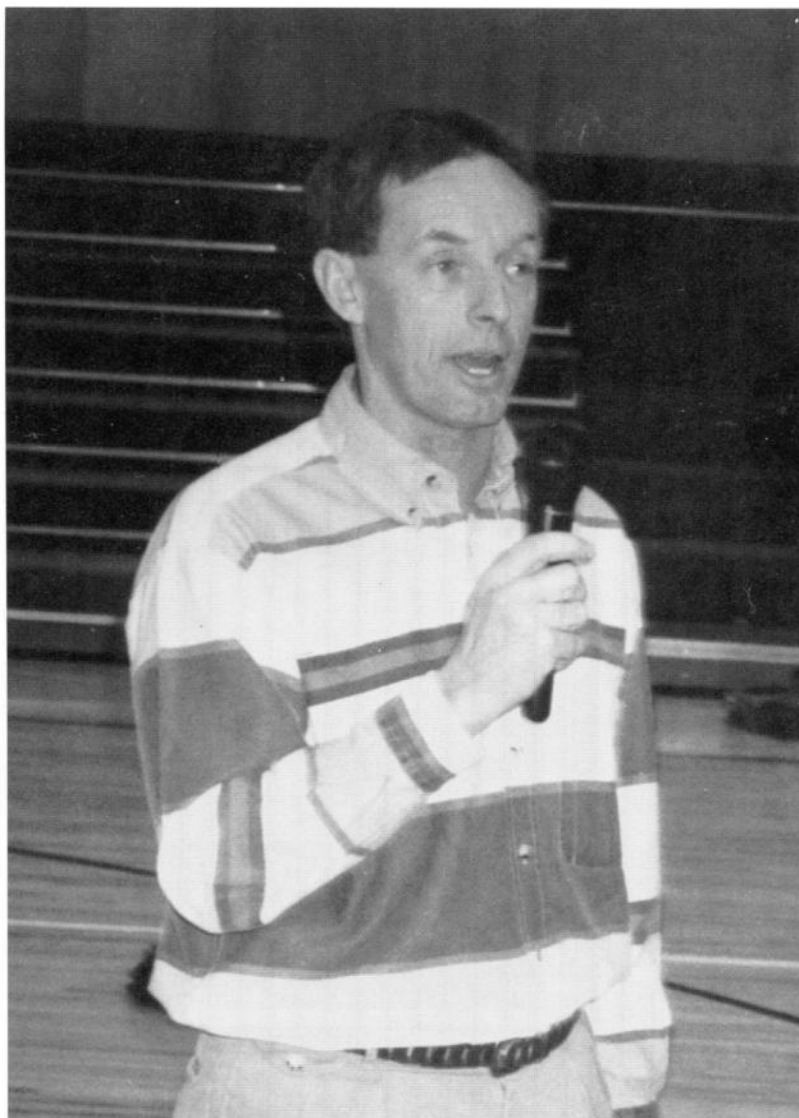


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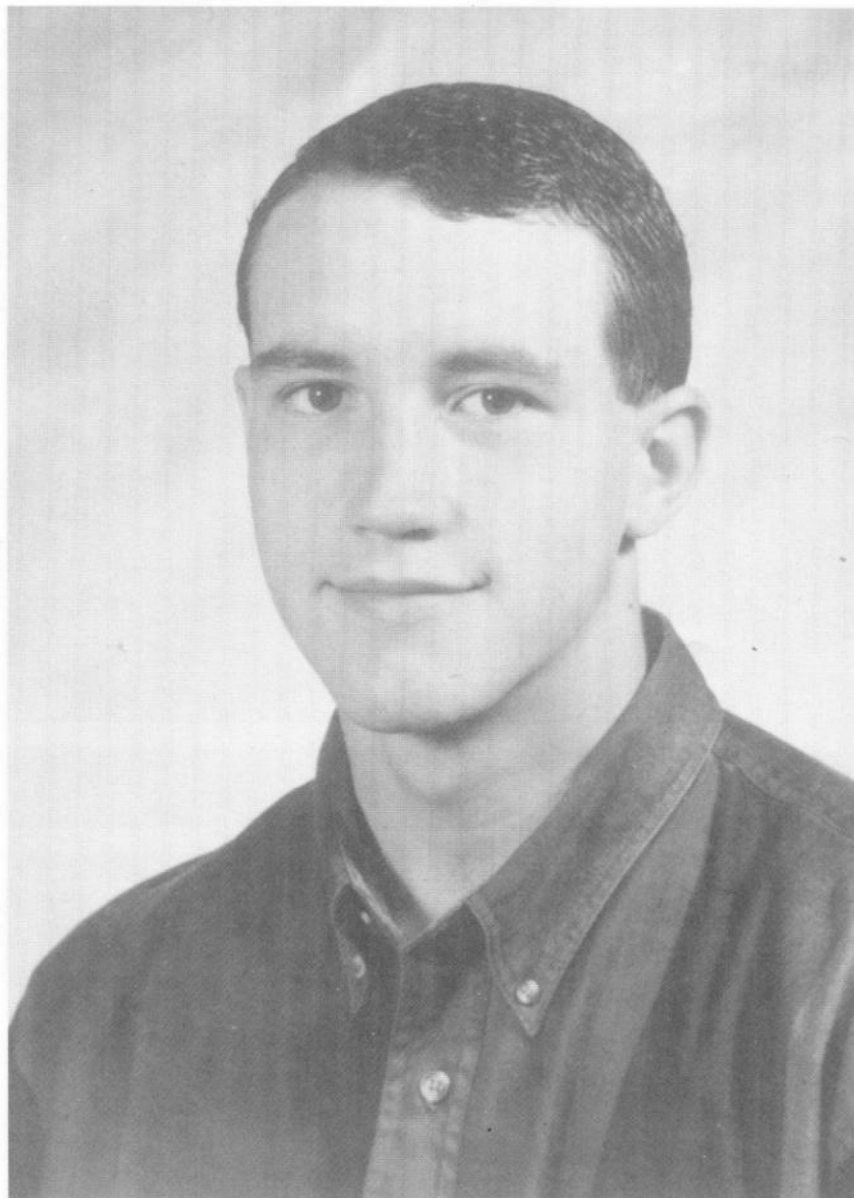
D E D I C A T I O N



Villisca High School is proud to dedicate the 1995-96 annual to Mr. Steve Wood. Mr. Wood has been an outstanding junior high math teacher for many years. As a coach, Mr. Wood is also respected by high school students. He has led many volleyball, boys' basketball, girls' track, and baseball teams through numerous successful seasons.

Coach Wood demonstrates great leadership and sportsmanship to his students and players. Thank you Coach Wood for all that you do for the academic and athletic aspects of Villisca High School.

In Memory of Justin Olenius

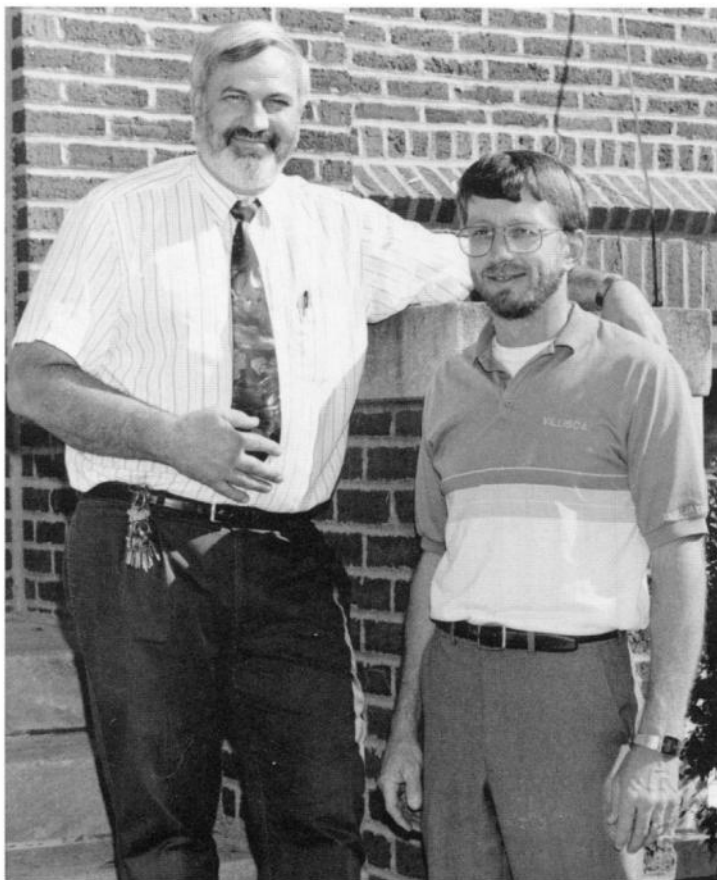


We all remember Justin in different ways, but we all remember. The memories that each of us shared with him will be forever treasured in our minds and in our hearts.

4: Administration Busch,Robert Haidsiak, Lee Shipley, Tom Posten, John Smith, Marvin Williams, Don Baker, John Janitors Schultz, Justin Myers, Don Schrader, Delores Ross, Terry

Robert Busch, Superintendent;
Lee Haidsiak, Principal.

On Guard!



School Board Members



School Board Members: Tom Shipley, John Posten, Marvin Smith, Don Williams, and John Baker.

Custodians



Custodians: Justin Schultz, Donnie Myers, Delores Schrader, and Terry Ross.

Administration and Support Staff



Shirley Maxwell, Board Secretary

Carol Greenfield, Principal's Secretary ;
Carolyn Harris, Superintendent's
Secretary.

Bus Drivers

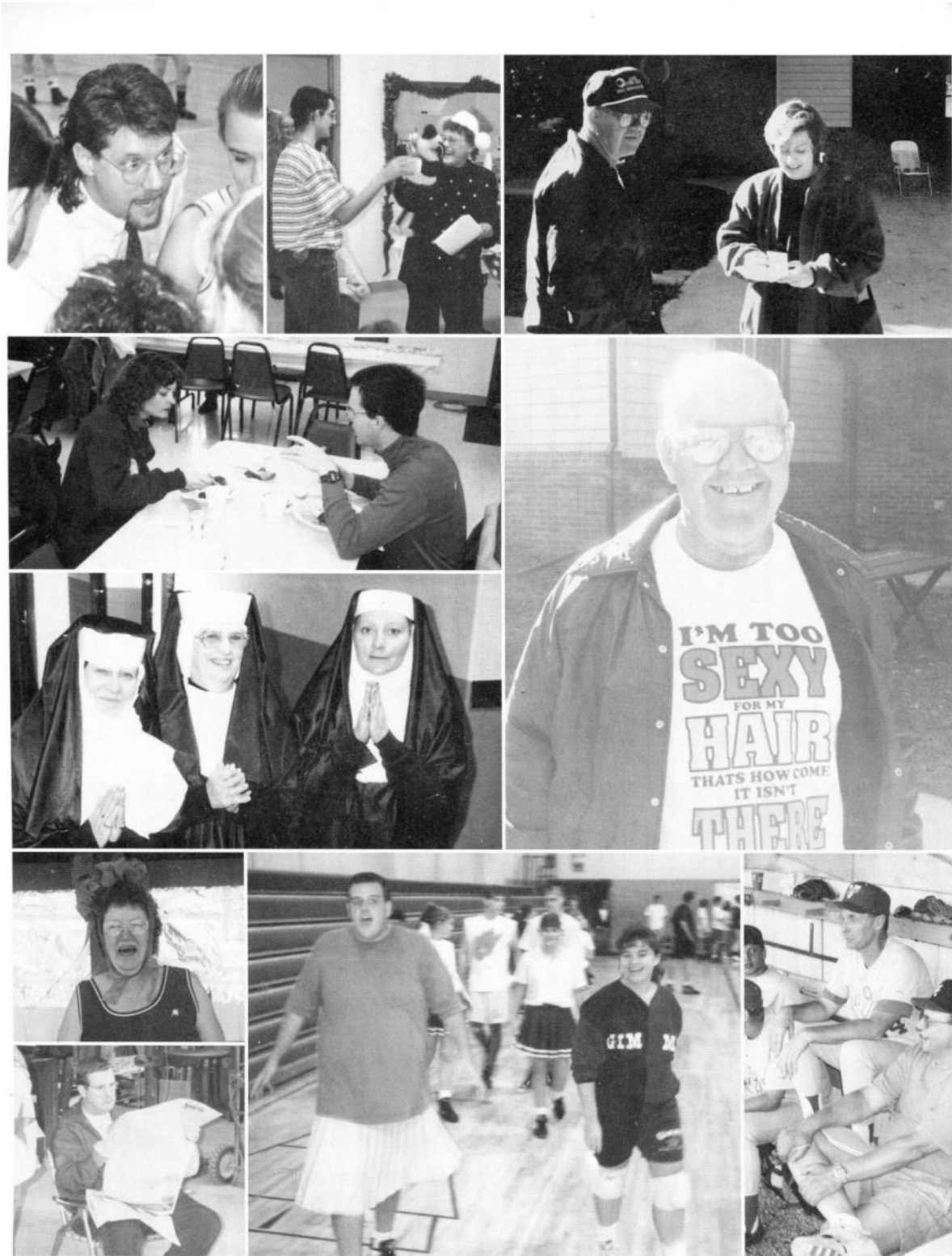
Cooks



Bus Drivers: Dick Wright, Darrell Schrader,
Twylla Dicks, Transportation Director
Raymond Winterstein, and Dean Sunderman.



Cooks: Linda Schafer, Head Cook Joan Watts,
and Gloria Baldwin.



7: Faculty Barker, Paul Bond, Craig Branan, Jim Brown, Deniece DeVore, Matt Else, Vince Fast, Kay Fulton, Alphonse Gillespie, Michelle Goracke, Judy Grant, Nancy Houchin, Deb Jacobs, Rachel Johnson, Carl Jones, Gloria Jones, Gordon Kennon, Marlene Kinrade, Craig Lehmkuhl, Martha Lonn, Linda Nook, Teresa Obermeier, Jim Shepherd, Marsha Sorensen, Lisa Southward, Faye Spencer, Dale Stewart, Susan Straight, James Wardenburg, Phil Wood, Steve

Leading the Way



Row 1: Paul Barker-Business, Craig Bond-Band, Jim Branan-Spanish, Deniece Brown-Librarian, Matthew DeVore-Math, Vince Else-Physical Education. Row 2: Kay Fast-Vocal, Alphonse Fulton-Coach, Michelle Gillespie-Cheerleader Sponsor, Judy Goracke-Home Economics, Nancy Grant-Jr. High, Deb Houchin-Jr. High and Elementary. Row 3: Rachel Jacobs-Nurse, Carl Johnson-Computers and Science, Gloria Jones-Jr. High, Gordon Jones-Jr. High, Marlene Kennon-Resource, Craig Kinrade-History. Row 4: Martha Lehmkuhl-Aide, Linda Lonn-Art, Teresa Nook-English, Jim Obermeier-Coach, Marsha Shepherd-Guidance Counselor, Lisa Sorenson-Resource. Row 5: Faye Southward-English, Dale Spencer-Vocational Agriculture, Susan Stewart-Librarian, James Straight-Science, Phil Wardenburg-Industrial Technology, Steve Wood-Coach.

8: Freshmen FreshmanClass Straight,James Anderson,Elishia Anderson,Luke Barber,Wendy Bengard,Sarah Bowman,Tina Case,Dan Dumler,Billie Dunn,Sally Fast,Tyson Focht,Andrew Forsythe,Will Frey,Michelle Fulton,AmandaL. Gulling,Marya Jackson,Jenny Kasha,Ted Kernen,Mandi Kernen,Matt Knowles,Toni Larsen,Cristin Marsh,Eric Newberg,Nathan Orr,Patsy

FRESHMEN ARE ON THEIR WAY!!



Far left:Our Christmas elves!?! Center:The new cowgirl on the block. Above: Mr. Straight! I'm not eating THAT!!

Elishia Anderson
Luke Anderson
Wendy Barber
Sarah Bengard
Tina Bowman
Daniel Case



Billie Dumler
Sally Dunn
Tyson Fast
Andrew Focht
Will Forsythe
Michelle Frey



Amanda Fulton
Marya Gulling
Jenny Jackson
Ted Kasha
Mandi Kernen
Matt Kernen



Toni Knowles
Cristin Larsen
Eric Marsh
Kaylon McClain
Nathan Newberg
Patsy Orr



9: Freshmen FreshmanClass Peterson,Kristin Philpott,Stacy Pullen,Rachael Salway,Natasha Sellergren,Nate Simmons,Chris Sunderman,Philip Taylor,Tony Tillman,Lauren Turpen,Carrie Wainwright,Adam Waldron,Jamie White,Ben Wilson,Steve Case,Dan Bengard,Sarah Jackson,Jenny



Above: Concentrate Cowboy!! We're watching you!



Above: Our Mighty President Dan Takes Charge.



Kristin Peterson
Stacy Philpott
Rachael Pullen
Natasha Salway
Nate Sellergren
Chris Simmons



Philip Sunderman
Tony Taylor
Lauren Tillman
Carrie Turpen
Adam Wainwright
Jamie Waldron



Ben White
Steve Wilson

Left: Freshman Class Officers:
Dan Case, President; Sarah Bengard, Vice president;
Philip Sunderman, Treasurer;
Jenny Jackson, Student Council Representative; Natasha Salway, Secretary.

10: Sophomores SophomoreClass Beedle,Courtney Bisbee,Brandi Bloom,Kari Branana,Andy Cook,J.R. Else,Jim Fast,Luke Freshour,Amy Garey,Justin Gaunt,Brian Graf,Josh Greenfield,Jeremy Haidsiak,Tara Jacobs,Katie Johnson,Kyle Johnson,Lane Jones,Tabitha Marsh,Jordan Means,Tyson O'Briant,Nikki Orr,Dean Petersen,Joel Rocha,Marshall Rupp,Dena Ryan,Patrick Shum,Jessie Simmons,Josh Sparks,Adam Sunderman,Ryan Taylor,BobL. Tener,John Wagaman,Jessica Winther,NormaRae Watts,Tonya Wood,Bryce Woods,Hilary Wright,Jeff Bartlett,Joseph Brownlee,Tony

Courtney Beedle
Brandi Bisbee
Kari Bloom
Andy Branana
Tony Brownlee
J.R. Cook



Jim Else
Luke Fast
Amy Freshour
Justin Garey
Brian Gaunt
Josh Graf



Jeremy Greenfield
Tara Haidsiak
Katie Jacobs
Kyle Johnson
Lane Johnson
Tabitha Jones



Jordan Marsh
Tyson Means
Nikki O'Briant
Dean Orr
Joel Petersen
Marshall Rocha



Dena Rupp
Patrick Ryan
Jessie Shum
Josh Simmons
Adam Sparks
Ryan Sunderman



Bobby Taylor
John Tener
Jessica Wagaman
Norma Winther
Tonya Watts
Bryce Wood



Hilary Woods
Jeff Wright



Not pictured:
Joseph Bartlett

Jordan Marsh, President; Jeff Wright, Secretary; Adam Sparks, Vice Pres.; Tony Brownlee, Class Representative; Jeremy Greenfield, Treasurer.





Below clockwise: That guilty smile again!, Do you feel left out Jordan?, Are your underwear crawling Norma?, What are you 3 so mad about?, Kyle (the one who thinks he's cool!)



Sophomores have been there - done that!



Below clockwise: What's wrong Ryan?, The good-lookin' class of '98'!, Jeff is smiling all over!, "Bryce, YOU ARE WIERD!", What a gorgeous smile Tony!, We always knew Adam was a little feminine!



12: Juniors JuniorClass Allen,Cassie Baker,Lindsey Baldwin,Melody Barker,Julie Beals,Jamie Branan,Cinthy Bruce,John Casey,Rebecca Dickey,Deanna Dunn,Brianna Dunn,Molly Dunn,Robbie Elwood,Jamie Fulton,Laci Gage,Heather Gaunt,Connie Gulling,Megan Hammerstrom,James Hensley,Joe Langenfeld,Josh Leichthy,Faith Lindberg,Laura McCurdy,Keith Moestchen,Ryan Peterman,Adam Phelps,Chris Shipley,Kate Squires,Keri Tener,Amanda Williams,Mindy Wilson,Casey Wolfe,Adrian Raney,Doug

Cassie Allen
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John Bruce
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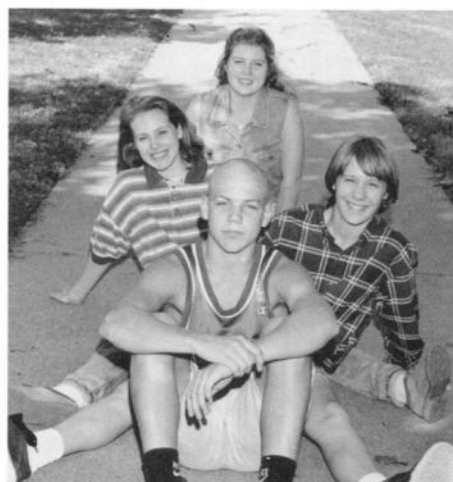
Joe Hensley
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Ryan Moestchen



Adam Peterman
Chris Phelps
Doug Raney
Kate Shipley
Keri Squires
Amanda Tener



Mindy Williams
Casey Wilson
Adrian Wolfe



Junior class officers: (front to back) Doug Raney,
Student Council Representative; Becca Casey,
Secretary/Treasurer; Lindsey Baker, President;
Deanna Dickey, Vice President

JUNIORS take it to the limits!



Ho! Ho! Ho!



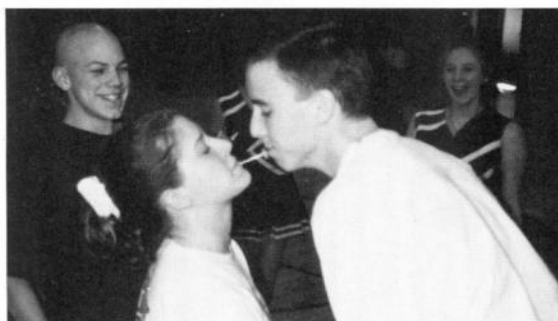
Riding through GUNSMOKE



The BAD boys of our class



All that brainpower is a little dangerous!



KISSY, KISSY!!



We take a little time to pray to the smoke Gods!



Everybody can chill on Rob's big red wagon!

Hey baby, what you got cookin'??

**Been
There
Done
That!**



Top: Student Council playing cooks for the day!

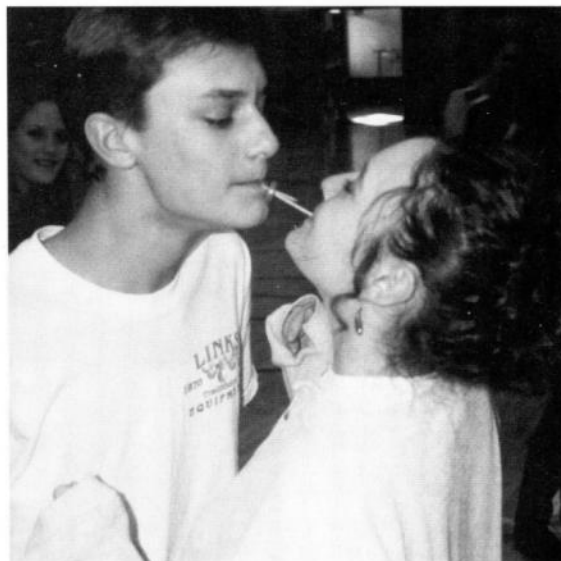
Bottom: Bryce is just so amused!



Right: Buying their sweethearts a Valentine's sucker!



Left: Those silly sophomores!
Below: A beauty in the making!



Above: Kiss me you fool!
Left: Hungry, girls?!

New senior,
Shelly Millhouse.



Too much health food,
Leigh Anne?



Putting together our class float.



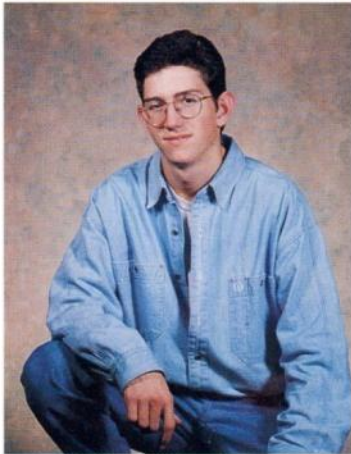
Above: Blow, Amy, Blow!

Right: Watch out world,
here we come!

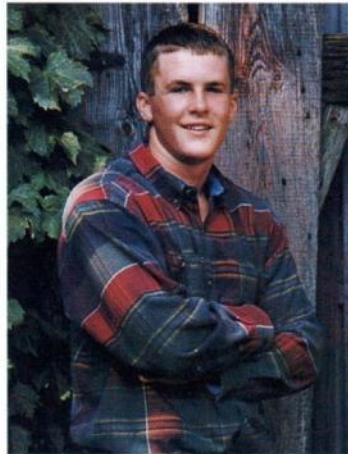


Been There and Moving On!

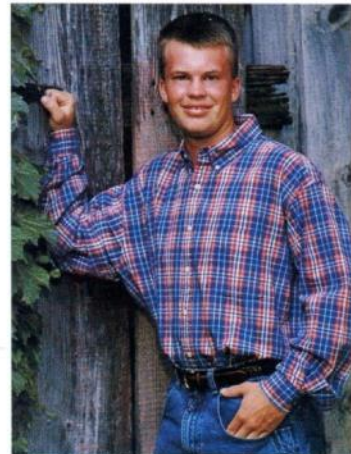
Class of 1996



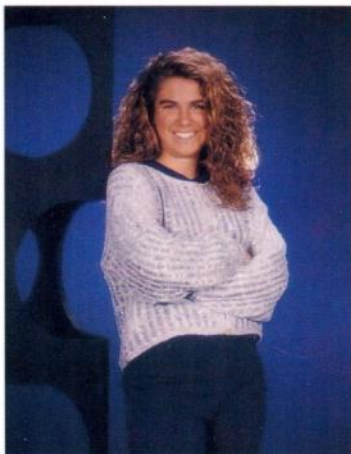
John Carey



Adam Fast



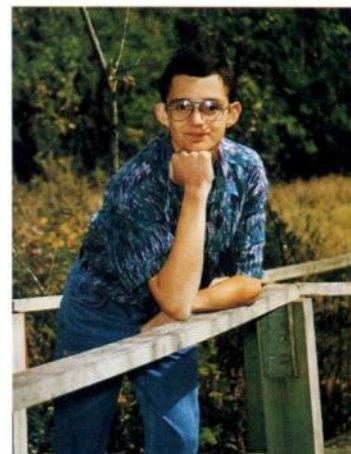
Dustin Fast



Ashley Fish



Matt Fulton



Curtis Gaunt

Class Motto: "We may not know what the future holds, but we know who hold the future."

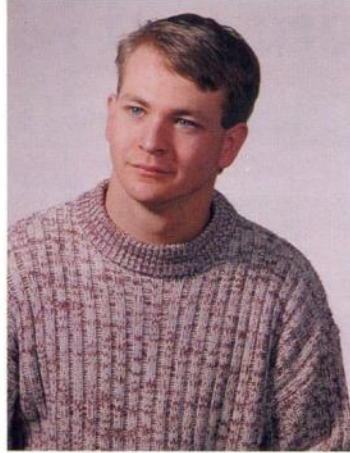
Class Flower: White rose tipped in blue

Class Colors: Navy and Ivory

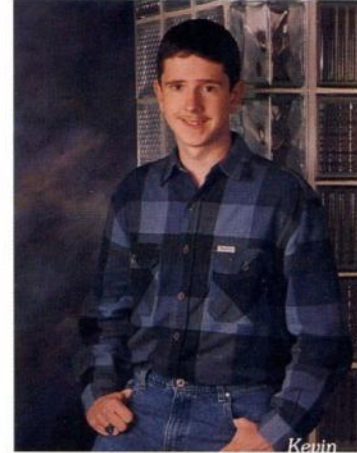
16b: Seniors SeniorClass Haley,JasonJ. Hanson,Matt Houchin,Kevin Jackson,Matt Johnson,Ariadne Kernen,Jeff Kline,Holly Longwill,Amy Marsh,Tyler



Jason Haley



Matt Hanson



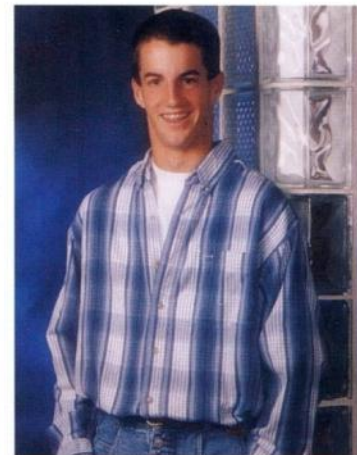
Kevin Houchin



Matt Jackson



Ariadne Johnson



Jeff Kernen



Holly Kline



Amy Longwill

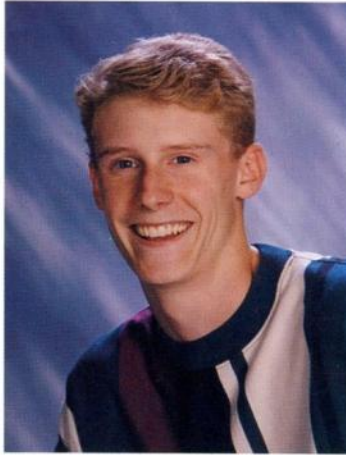


Tyler Marsh

16c: Seniors SeniorClass Muller,Annette Perrin,David Petersen,Jeff Poore,Dallas Poston,Whitney Robinson,Jodi Schultz,Justin Scott,Becky Scott,Carrie



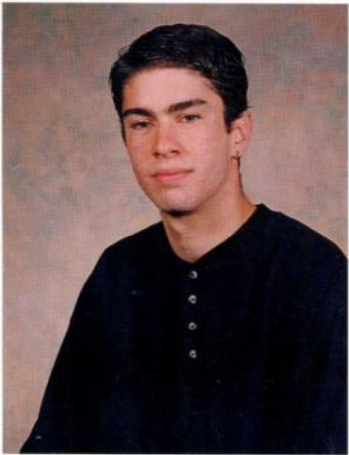
Annette Muller



David Perrin



Jeff Petersen



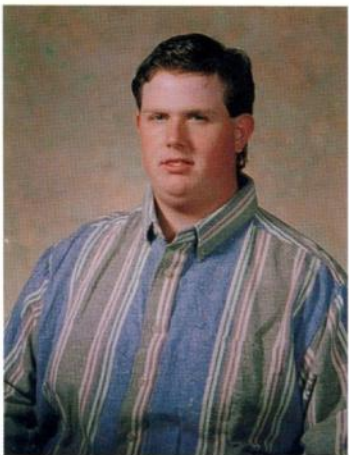
Dallas Poore



Whitney Poston



Jodi Robinson



Justin Schultz



Becky Scott

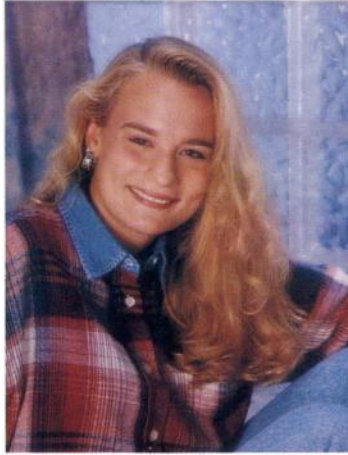


Carrie Scott

16d: Seniors SeniorClass Shadbolt,LaVonne Skahill,Jackie Sunderman,LeighAnne Taylor,Travis Waldron-Welch,Karla Wood,Ben Zrust,Gina Fast,Dustin Marsh,Tyler Petersen,Jeff



LaVonne Shadbolt



Jackie Skahill



Leigh Anne Sunderman



Travis Taylor



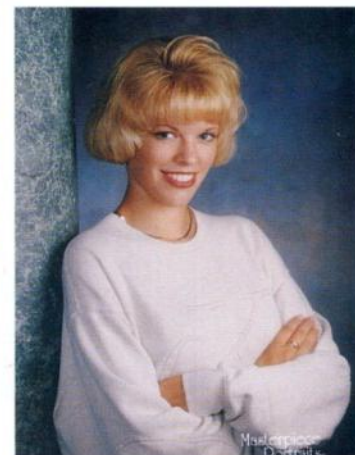
Karla Welch



Ben Wood



Class Officers: Dustin Fast, Treasurer; Leigh Anne Sunderman, Secretary; Tyler Marsh, President; Gina Zrust, Vice-President; & Jeff Petersen, Student Council Representative.

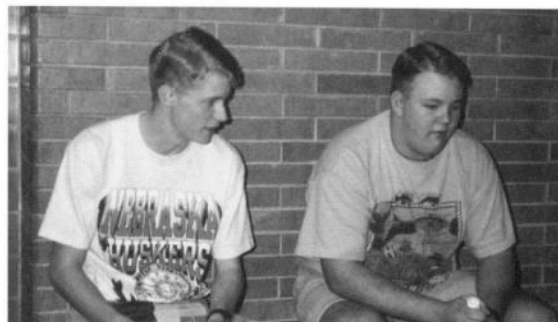


Gina Zrust

Below: Ben and his beautiful babes!

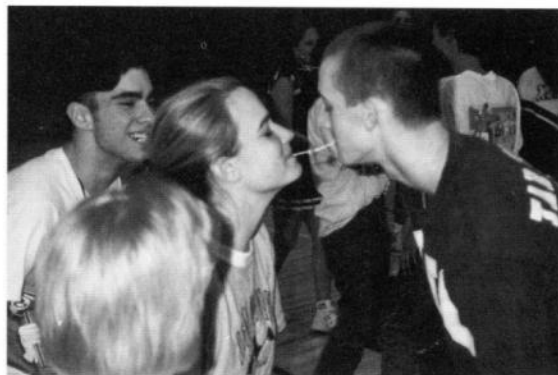


Above: Don't look so innocent, Kevin!



Above: Are you listening to me, Matt?

Above: Hanging out before the Homecoming parade.



Above: Pucker up Jackie, here comes Ben!

Above: What are we all laughing about?



Above: The three stooges!
Below: Don't work too hard!

Above: Hillbilly Keith
Below: Deep in concentration



Above: Aren't they cute?
Right: Sleeping Beauty?



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20: Baseball Softball Haidsiak, Jennifer Dunn, Molly Casey, Rebecca Wolfe, Adrian Branan, Andy Raney, Doug Petersen, Joel Case, Dan Johnson, Lane Graf, Josh Wood, Bryce Brownlee, Tony Kernen, Jeff Wood, Steve Wood, Ben Marsh, Tyler Fulton, Matt Olson, Craig Petersen, Jeff Peterman, Adam Gaunt, Curtis Marsh, Eric Cook, J.R.

Summer sports are hot!

The Bluejay Baseball Team posted an eight and twelve overall record and a five and four conference record. A highlight of the season was winning the Mt. Ayr tournament. Losing only one senior, the Jays will return next summer with a lot of experience. Several players received post-season Corner Conference honors, including 1st Team: Tyler Marsh, catcher. 2nd Team: Matt Fulton, first base; Jeff Kernen, outfield; Ben Wood, shortstop. Honorable Mention: Adam Peterman, pitcher and Jeff Petersen, outfield.

The Bluejay Softball Team improved from last year's season and ended up with a four and four split in Corner Conference games. The team will be losing two five-year players with a lot of experience, but all are hoping for success next season. Receiving post-season recognition were: All-Conference 1st Team: Jenny Haidsiak, utility. 2nd Team: Molly Dunn, right field and Becca Casey, third base. Casey also received Honorable Mention All-Southwest Iowa and Honorable Mention All State at shortstop.



Adam in action.



Typical behavior for Andy!!



Angels in the outfield.



	Us	Them
South Page	7	6
O-M	2	9
Nod. Valley	6	13
Southwest	0	10
Malvern	26	5
Diagonal	6	3
C. Academy	14	3
C. Academy	13	5
N. Valley	6	1
Farragut	4	8

	Us	Them
F-M	2	14
South Page	3	16
Bedford	3	6
Stanton	3	2
Bedford	2	9
Farragut	3	4
Essex	14	5
Stanton	12	13
Creston	3	7
Lenox	9	23



First row L to R: Adrian Wolfe, Andy Branan, Doug Raney, Joel Petersen. Second Row: Dan Case, Lane Johnson, Josh Graf, Bryce Wood, Tony Brownlee, Jeff Kernen. Third Row: Coach Wood, Ben Wood, Tyler Marsh, Matt Fulton, Craig Olson, Jeff Petersen, Adam Peterman. Not pictured: Curtis Gaunt, Eric Marsh, J. R. Cook.

21: Softball Casey, Rebecca Kline, Holly Haidisiak, Jennifer Skahill, Jackie Leichty, Faith Williams, Mindy Gage, Heather Dickey, Deanna Dunn, Molly Bloom, Kari Jacobs, Katie Winther, Norma Rae Rupp, Dena Marsh, Jordan Fulton, Alphonse Walter, Rejeanna Baker, Lindsey Wagaman, Jessica



Left: Bluejays are lined up in the dugout and ready to take the field!! Play Ball!!

Below: Hey--what are you guys looking at?? You look guilty to me!!



Far left: Must be an interesting game, the team seems captivated!!
Left: Coach gives some last minute pointers.



First row L to R: Becca Casey, Holly Kline, Jenny Haidisiak, Jackie Skahill, Faith Leichty. Second row: Mindy Williams, Heather Gage, Deanna Dickey, Molly Dunn. Third Row: Kari Bloom, Katie Jacobs, Norma Winther, Dena Rupp, Jordan Marsh. Fourth Row: Coach Fulton. Not pictured: Rejie Walter, Lindsey Baker, Jessica Wagaman.

Don't think about it too hard!



Conference Scores

	Us	Them
Bedford	19	17
Essex	1	4
Farragut	10	22
F-M	21	11
NV/M	15	6
Southwest	12	9
South Page	1	13
Stanton	0	11

22: Volleyball Orr, Patsy Bisbee, Brandi Shum, Jessie Larsen, Cristin Anderson, Elishia Winther, NormaRae Wagaman, Jessica Bloom, Kari Fulton, Amanda L. Williams, Mindy Dunn, Sally Frey, Michelle Barker, Julie Dunn, Brianna Haidsiak, Tara Gaunt, Connie Dickey, Deanna

It's
Spike
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Block
part
Pass
of the
Serve
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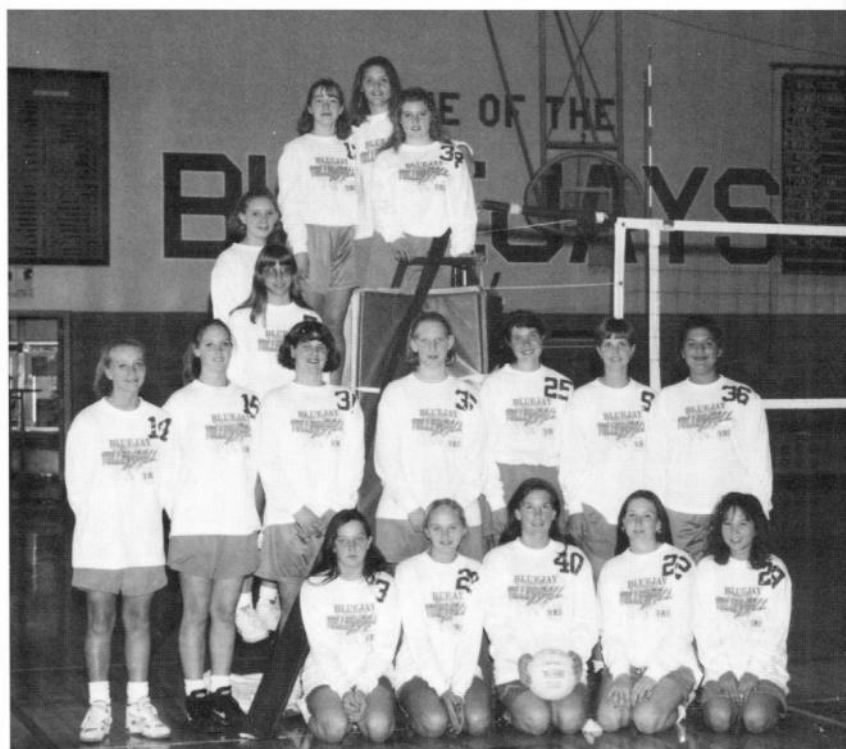
Right above: All smiles after winning the Bluejay Tournament for the first time in many years.

Right below: Our so-called "pre-game warmup"

Below: Get her Jack! Grrrr!



Bluejay Junior Varsity team:
(1st row) Patsy Orr, Brandi Bisbee, Jessie Shum, Cristin Larsen, Elisha Anderson; (2nd row) Norma Winther, Jessica Wagaman, Kari Bloom, Amanda Fulton, Mindy Williams, Sally Dunn, Michelle Frey, (3rd row) Julie Barker, Brianna Dunn, Tara Haidsiak, Connie Gaunt, and Deanna Dickey



23: Volleyball Kline,Holly Skahill,Jackie Sunderman,LeighAnne Poston,Whitney Marsh,Jordan Bengard,Sarah Dunn,Molly Wood,Steve Fulton,Laci Casey,Rebecca Rupp,Dena Obermeier,Jim

Bluejay Varsity Team: (1st row) Holly Kline, Jackie Skahill, Leigh Sunderman, and Whitney Poston; (2nd row) Jordan Marsh, Sarah Bengard, Molly Dunn, and Coach Steve Wood; (3rd row) Laci Fulton, Becca Casey, and Dena Rupp. Not Present: Assistant Coach Jim Obermeier



Huddle Up Bluejays! Now Remember-15!

Season Wrap-up

This year the Bluejay Volleyball Team had its ups and downs. We got off to a great start by winning our own Bluejay Tournament. We were excited to start our season off right but it seemed that we just couldn't make it to the number fifteen. Our season ended in a 6-18-1 match record.

Despite our losing record, two players were named to the All-Corner Conference team. Becca Casey made second team and Laci Fulton made honorable mention. Casey was also named to the honorable mention, All-Southwest Iowa team.

The fans were greatly appreciated during our season. Although we will miss the seniors, we are looking forward to making our next season a winning season.



Named to the Bluejay All-Tournament team were Becca Casey, Laci Fulton, and Jackie Skahill

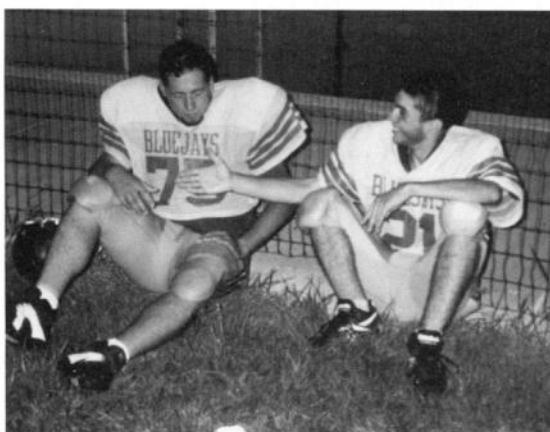


Awaiting for the arrival of the ball!

The 1995 Bluejay football team had an outstanding 6-3 record. A great deal of athletic ability and leadership by the players supplied the explosive defense and the determined offense. Coach Johnson obtained his 100th victory with the 14-12 win over Lenox. Players who received First Team offense are Adam Fast-back, Matt Fulton-line, and Jeff Kernen-end. Making First Team defense were Matt Fulton-end, Dallas Poore-kicker, and Tyler Marsh-Linebacker. Second Team Offense All District Honors went to Jeff Petersen-Line, Tyler Marsh-Back, and Adrian Wolfe-quarterback. Jeff Petersen and Dustin Fast made Second Team Defense. Receiving Honorable Mention was Rob Dunn-back for defense. With 1,178 yards rushing, Adam Fast led the team's rushing yards. Tyler Marsh led the team in tackles with 90. Tyler and Matt made the SWI first team. The Bluejays had a memorable season and will miss the seniors greatly.

Lined up and ready for some FOOTBALL!!!

We're #1!



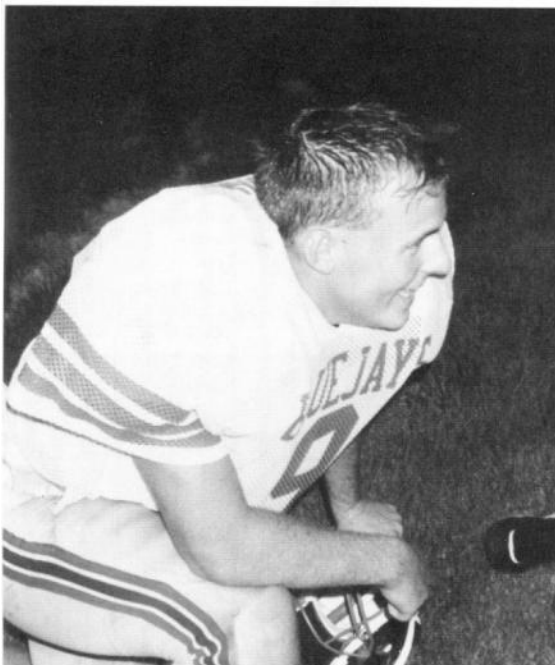
Great game !



A few laughs between halves.

25: Football Fast,Adam Fast,Dustin Haley,JasonJ. Marsh,Tyler Kernan,Jeff Fulton,Matt Petersen,Jeff Poore,Dallas Gaunt,Curtis Wolfe,Adrian Dunn,Rob Means,Tyson Sunderman,Ryan Marsh,Eric Hensley,Joe Sparks,Adam Simmons,Josh Johnson,Kyle Brownlee,Tony Fast,Luke Wright,Jeff Peterman,Adam Langenfeld,Josh Case,Dan Tener,John Petersen,Joel Ryan,Patrick Cook,J.R. Newberg,Nathan Dumler,Billie Greenfield,Jeremy Sellergren,Nate

A big smile after an awesome first half.



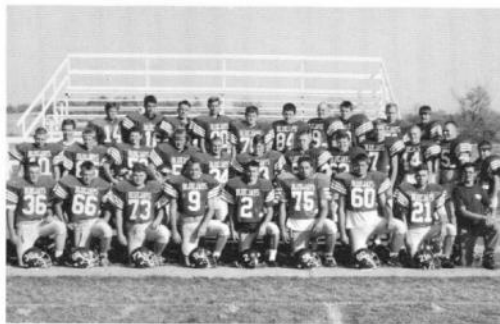
Luke is a bit thirsty after 'knockin' some guys down.

For the Record

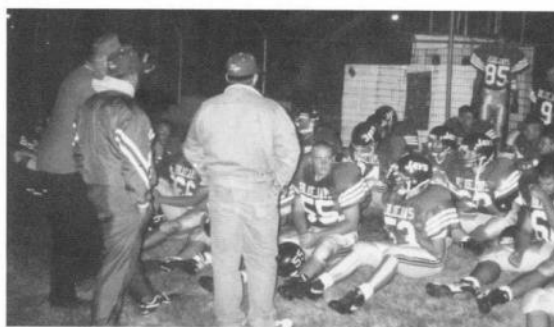
	Us	Them
Nishna Valley	0	12
Corning	27	0
Treynor	14	0
Malvern	9	12
South Page	34	14
Bedford	13	26
Lenox	14	12
C.Academy	36	20
Stanton	25	8



A work of art by the dads!



First Row-Adam Fast, Dustin Fast, Jason Haley, Tyler Marsh, Jeff Kernan, Matt Fulton, Jeffrey Petersen, Dallas Poore and Curtis Gaunt; Second Row-Adrian Wolfe, Rob Dunn, Tyson Means, Ryan Sunderman, Eric Marsh, Joe Hensley, Adam Sparks, Josh Simmons, Kyle Johnson, Tony Brownlee, Luke Fast, and Jeff Wright; Third Row-Adam Peterman, Josh Langenfeld, Dan Case, John Tener, Joel Petersen, Patrick Ryan, J.R. Cook, Nathan Newberg, Billie Dumler, Jeremy Greenfield, and Nathan Sellergren



Pumped and Ready to Play

26: Basketball, Girls Casey, Rebecca Bengard, Sarah Winther, Norma Rae Rupp, Dena Barker, Julie Dunn, Molly Kline, Holly Poston, Whitney Skahill, Jackie Fulton, Laci Gaunt, Connie Dickey, Deanna Wagaman, Jessica Leichty, Faith Fulton, Amanda L. Dunn, Sally Barker, Julie Gage, Heather Jacobs, Katie Bloom, Kari Orr, Patsy Watts, Tonya

Girls Basketball!



Varsity: Back row from left: Becca Casey, Sarah Bengard, Norma Winther, Dena Rupp, Julie Barker, Molly Dunn. Front row from left: Holly Kline, Whitney Poston, Jackie Skahill, Laci Fulton, Connie Gaunt, Deanna Dickey.

	Us	Them
Lenox	37	43
Griswold	37	57
South Page	57	43
Stanton	35	44
*Malvern	29	26
*Bedford	43	49
Corning	34	57
*Essex	47	58
Lenox	49	57
*Southwest	49	61
*Stanton	39	57
Southwest	69	72
*South Page	60	44
CAM	42	75
*NV	57	55
OM	43	31
*FM	68	45
*Farragut	32	42

Post Season		
Farragut	55	44
Essex	63	48
Treynor	28	69

8 wins and 13 losses
* means conference



JV: Back row from left: Jessica Wagaman, Faith Leichty, Sarah Bengard, Amanda Fulton, Sally Dunn, Julie Barker, Heather Gage. Front row from left: Norma Winther, Dena Rupp, Katie Jacobs, Kari Bloom, Patsy Orr, Tonya Watts.

	Us	Them
Corning	20	31
South Page	35	37
Lenox	14	18
Essex	48	38
Farragut	33	26
Bedford	28	19
Lenox	17	40
South Page	34	36
Stanton	28	31
Griswold	31	43
O-M	38	35
CAM	40	29

5 wins and 7 losses

27: Basketball, Girls Kinrade, Craig Rupp, Dena Poston, Whitney Dunn, Molly Dickey, Deanna Bloom, Kari Barker, Julie Straight, James Casey, Rebecca Fulton, Laci Gaunt, Connie Bengard, Sarah Skahill, Jackie Kline, Holly



Top left: Face it Laci, she doesn't want to give you a high five!



Top right: Be Quiet! We are thirsty!

Bottom left: Catch it girls!



Bottom right: Team huddle.



Molly is always doing some kind of stretch!



1996 District Champions!

Back row from left: Coach Kinrade, Dena Rupp, Whitney Poston, Molly Dunn, Deanna Dickey, Kari Bloom, Julie Barker, Coach Straight. Front row from left: Becca Casey, Laci Fulton, Connie Gaunt, Sarah Bengard, Jackie Skahill, Holly Kline.



The Three Seniors!



Common Scene (Right):

As you can see here, filling the seats was easy to do. During several games this season the gym was packed and in order to get a good seat—you had to be there early!



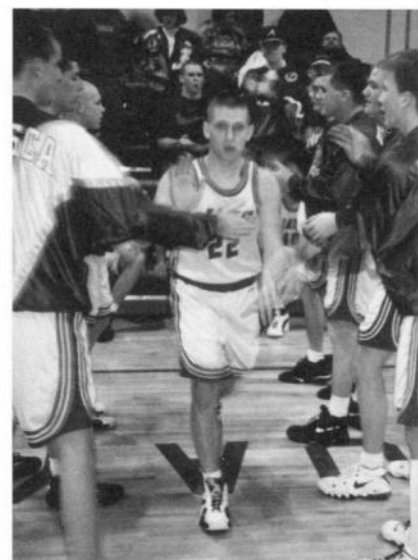
(Right) KJ is ready to play!

Sophomore Kyle Johnson shows enthusiasm before a game. He received several minutes of varsity this year and played well for the JV.

(Far Right): Junior Adrian Wolfe takes the floor.

Sweet Victory (Below):

Seniors Curtis Gaunt and Matt Fulton seem to be enjoying one of many sweet victories.



Bluejays Are Victorious!

The 1995-96 Bluejay basketball season was an exciting one!

The Jays came out with a 17-0 win streak and received the first #1 state-ranking in current coach Steve Wood's career, but ended the regular season with three straight losses to Griswold, Farragut, and Nodaway Valley. Part of the success included winning the Corner Conference Tournament for the first time in several years; the late-season loss to Farragut gave the Jays an eight and one conference record and a share of the Corner Conference title with Southwest.

Playing tough in tournament games, the Jays were District champions and reached the sub-state finals.

The game was close all the way, only to have Woodbine make a last-second shot to win, 56-54. The final record was 21-4, one of the best in school history. A great bunch of seniors will be missed, but the hard-working underclassmen have high hopes.

The JV squad did well this year, also. They ended the season with an eleven and three record.

Post-Season Honors included: 1st Team Corner Conference: Ben Wood, Jeff Petersen. 2nd Team: Matt Fulton. 1st Team All-Southwest Iowa: Ben Wood. Honorable Mention: Jeff Petersen, Matt Fulton. Wood was also 1st Team All-State.

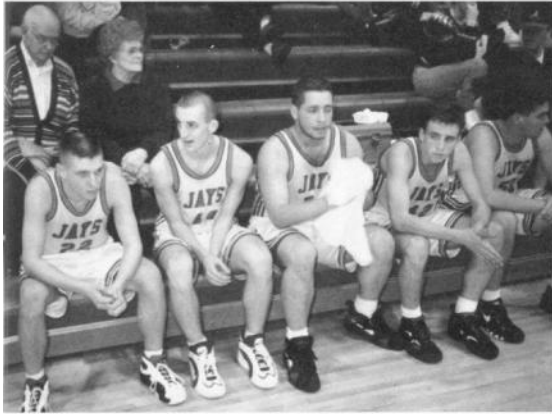
Us

Them

84	O-M	59
72	Stanton	64
59	Malvern	42
89	Bedford	77
74	Corning	53
88	South Page	62
93	Essex	47
53	Southwest	51
61	Stanton	46
94	South Page	53
75	Farragut	57
79	C. Academy	66
51	Southwest	46
69	South Page	53
77	F-M	37
68	Lenox	42
73	Nishna Valley	55
58	Griswold	69
58	Farragut	62



29: Basketball, Boys Wolfe, Adrian Peterman, Adam Fulton, Matt Wood, Ben Petersen, Jeff Fast, Adam Gaunt, Curtis Obermeier, Jim Case, Dan Johnson, Lane Graf, Josh Brownlee, Tony Johnson, Kyle Wood, Bryce Raney, Doug Petersen, Joel Wood, Steve Tillman, Lauren Taylor, Tony White, Ben Kernan, Matt Branan, Andy Focht, Andrew

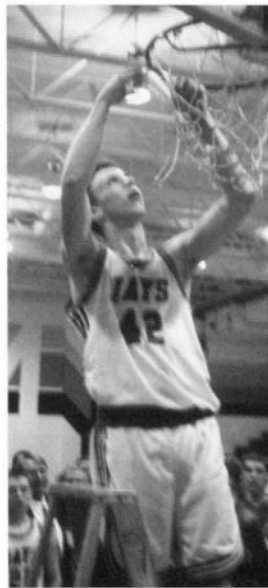


Left: This one must be in the bag! The starters take a break, a well-deserved one at that; these five guys led a very balanced Bluejay team.

Down and to the left: Junior Adam Peterman takes his turn cutting down the net after winning the Conference Tournament.

Down and to the left: Dreams come true as seniors Ben Wood and Matt Fulton accept the Corner Conference Tournament Trophy.

Below: Senior Adam Fast gives his parents a hug on Parent's Night. What a sweet guy!



WINS	LOSSES
21	4

Varsity:
(L to R) Front: Adrian Wolfe, Adam Peterman, Matt Fulton, Ben Wood, Jeff Petersen, Adam Fast, Curtis Gaunt. Back: Coach Obermeier, Dan Case, Lane Johnson, Josh Graf, Tony Brownlee, Kyle Johnson, Bryce Wood, Doug Raney, Joel Petersen, Coach Wood.

WINS	LOSSES
11	3

Junior Varsity:
(L to R) Front: Dan Case, Josh Graf, Tony Brownlee, Doug Raney, Kyle Johnson, Bryce Wood, Joel Petersen. Back: Coach Obermeier, Lauren Tillman, Tony Taylor, Ben White, Lane Johnson, Matt Kernan, Andy Branan, Andrew Focht, Coach Wood.

30: Track, Girls Barker, Julie Casey, Rebecca Sunderman, LeighAnne Skahill, Jackie Scott, Becky Dunn, Molly Wood, Steve Orr, Patsy Waldron, Jamie Larsen, Cristin Dunn, Sally Rupp, Dena Marsh, Jordan

Below: Sarah winding up for a throw.



Conference Champs Five Years Running!



Front: Julie Barker, Becca Casey, Leigh Anne Sunderman, Jackie Skahill, Becky Scott, Molly Dunn. Back: Coach Steve Wood, Patsy Orr, Jamie Waldron, Cristin Larsen, Sally Dunn, Dena Rupp, Jordan Marsh.



Above: We are number one!
Below: Cristin, this is no time for dancing!



The weather for the 1996 season was beautiful. The Jays were able to attend every scheduled meet with no postponements or cancellations. The Bluejays were able to capture two team trophies, one of which was the Corner Conference trophy. Also, the Jays sent two girls to state. Becca Casey finished sixth in the long jump with a school record-setting leap of 17 feet 5 1/4 inches and Julie Barker ran in the 100 meter dash.



Above: Hurry hurry, give me the baton!
Below: The Jays celebrate after winning their 5th Corner Conference title in a row.

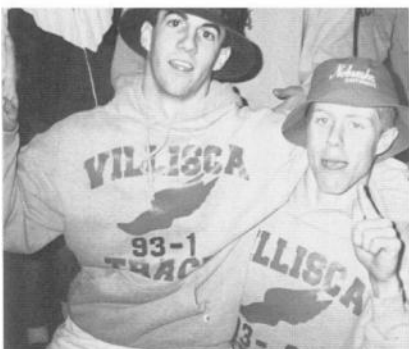


31: Track, Boys Sellergren, Nate Kern, Matt Brownlee, Tony Johnson, Kyle Marsh, Eric Wright, Jeff Raney, Doug Hensley, Joe Peterman, Adam Fast, Luke Wood, Bryce Dunn, Robbie Wolfe, Adrian Greenfield, Jeremy Gaunt, Curtis Fast, Adam Wood, Ben Fulton, Matt Petersen, Jeff Kern, Jeff Houchin, Kevin Johnson, Carl

Boy's track has been there and back!



Front: Nate Sellergren, Matt Kern, Tony Brownlee, Kyle Johnson, Eric Marsh, Jeff Wright. Middle: Doug Raney, Joe Hensley, Adam Peterman, Luke Fast, Bryce Wood, Robbie Dunn, Adrian Wolfe, Jeremy Greenfield. Back: Curtis Gaunt, Adam Fast, Ben Wood, Matt Fulton, Jeffrey Petersen, Jeff Kern, Kevin Houchin, Coach Carl Johnson.



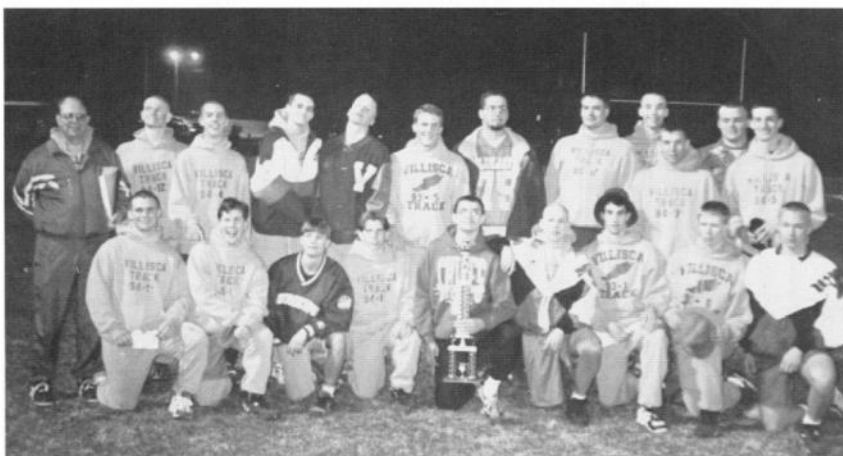
Man Doug, you just aren't very flexible!



Left: Jeff and Rob having their own celebration.

Center: Yes boys, we know you are #1!

Right: Adam is ready to take off.



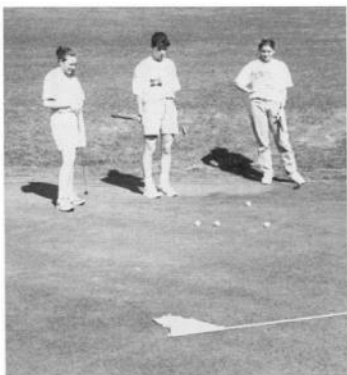
For the first time in many years, the Jays capture their own trophy at the Bluejay relays!

The 1996 Bluejays had a great season. With twenty-one guys out for track, they were a power house. The Jays managed to capture five team trophies by the end of the season. Also, the Jays sent nine guys to the state track meet in seven events. Ben Wood, a senior, placed 5th in the high jump. Earlier in the season, he set a school record at 6 feet 5 inches.

Golf

Counting your Score!

Our golf team was very young this year with many first-time players. Jodi Robinson and Lane Johnson were the overall team medalists. Both the girls and boys varsity teams won four matches. Both teams were playing their best golf at the end of the season.

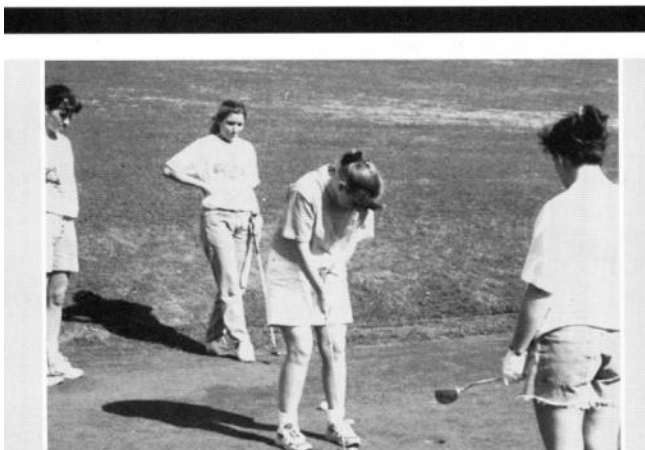
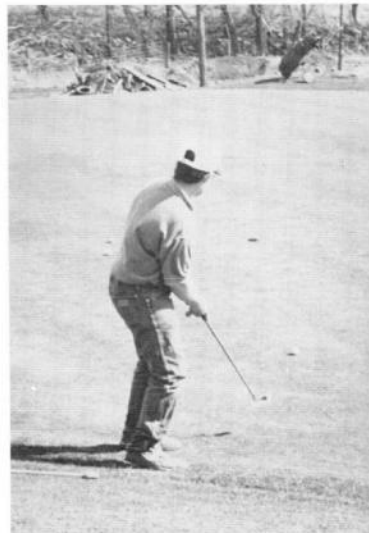


Above: Any idea which ball is mine?

Top Center: Keep your head down Heather and follow through.

Top right: Phil, the buff Greenmaster attempting a very difficult putt.

Right: I'm almost on the green... only one more shot.



Above: Guys, is this a spectators sport?

Left: Quiet on the putting green for this important putt.

33: Golf, Girls Golf, Boys Sunderman, Philip White, Ben Johnson, Lane Means, Tyson Else, Jim Graf, Josh Branan, Andy Petersen, Joel Jacobs, Katie Shipley, Kate Robinson, Jodi Jackson, Matt Muller, Annette Gage, Heather Lindberg, Laura McClain, Kaylon Bloom, Kari Taylor, Tony Focht, Andrew Frey, Michelle



This year's golf team included the following players: (Back Row) Philip Sunderman, Ben White, Lane Johnson, Tyson Means, Jim Else, Josh Graf, Andy Branan, and Joel Petersen. (Front Row) Katie Jacobs, Kate Shipley, Jodi Robinson, Matt Jackson, Annette Muller, Heather Gage, and Laura Lindberg. Not Pictured Kaylon McClain, Kari Bloom, Tony Taylor, Andrew Focht, and Michelle Frey.



Above: Go in the hole, ball; go in the hole! Please!

Left: Do you girls ever play golf or do you come to the course just to visit?



Above: What exactly were you doing over the fence, Matt?

Right: We are patiently waiting to play. Yes, we have been there and done that before!



X-Country Runners and their Coach: Mr. Kinrade (as the X) and Jordan Marsh, Matt Kernen, Curtis Gaunt, Cristin Larsen, Becca Casey, and Leigh Anne Sunderman (as the C).

Matt up front with Curt right behind. (Lenox)



Cross Country



For much of the season the weather tested their endurance. At Creston (above), though very cold, Leigh Anne placed 7th, Trina - 65th, Becca - 20th, Jordan - 16th, and Cristin finished with one shoe off and one shoe on - 101st. At Districts, Leigh placed 25 out of 123 participants. She has been a dedicated runner throughout high school and is going to be missed next season! Also at Districts, Becca placed 43rd, Cristin - 94th, and Jordan - 31st.

Cross-country for the above two consisted of a lot of hard work and determination. Matt ran at six meets, while Curtis ran at Districts and Lenox. Matt placed 46th at Districts and Curtis placed 26th. Both were frequently found at 7:00 a.m. running at Hacklebarney, the golf course, or Viking Lake with the other five runners. Matt's best time was 17:29. Curtis's was 18:01. At Creston (above), Matt ran for a 25th place. Curtis had a great last season of cross country!

35: Jaywalkers Poston, Whitney Kline, Holly Sunderman, LeighAnne Scott, Carrie Rupp, Dena Larsen, Cristin Zrust, Gina Jackson, Jenny Kernen, Mandi Peterson, Kristin Beals, Jamie Elwood, Jamie Dunn, Sally Longwill, Amy Woods, Hilary Dunn, Molly Southward, Faye Waldron, Jamie

Jaywalkers

This year marked the beginning of a new addition to VHS extracurricular activities. The Villisca Jaywalkers were formed. (Below) The first dance squad includes: (From left to right) Front row: Whitney Poston, Holly Kline, Leigh Anne Sunderman, Carrie Scott, and Dena Rupp. Second row: Cristin Larsen, Gina Zrust, Jenny Jackson, Mandi Kernen, Kristin Peterson, and Jamie Beals. Last row: Jamie Elwood, Sally Dunn, Amy Longwill, Hilary Woods, Molly Dunn and (not pictured) sponsor, Mrs. Faye Southward and Jamie Waldron. Jaywalkers would like to thank Mrs. Southward for the donation of her time and input which made this such a successful first year.



Carrie is smilin' pretty for the camera.



The Jaywalkers know the way to Sesame Street!



Some of the BEST athletes perform at half-time!!

VHS Cheerleaders



Above: Scary! What do they know?
Below: Yeah! Jays are #1!!



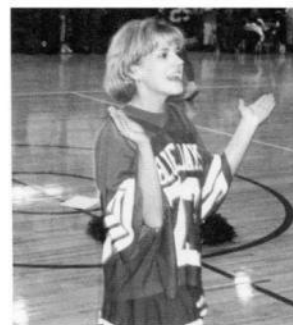
Above: Go Big Blue!



Basketball cheerleaders: (Bottom) Jessica Wagaman, Hilary Woods (co-captain), Brianna Dunn, (middle) Jessie Shum, Laura Lindberg (captain), and Carrie Scott.



The Mighty Captains with the Homecoming hoop!



Carrie and Laura with their mouths open??



Football cheerleaders: (Front) Jordan Marsh, Hilary Woods (co-captain), Brianna Dunn, (Back) Jessica Wagaman, Carrie Scott, and Laura Lindberg (captain)

B E E N

T H A T



T H E R E

D O N E

A C T I V I T I E S

38: Awards, Senior Fast, Adam Fast, Dustin Fish, Ashley Gaunt, Curtis Haley, Jason J. Jackson, Matt Kline, Holly Longwill, Amy Marsh, Tyler Muller, Annette Perrin, David Robinson, Jodi Sunderman, Leigh Anne Wood, Ben Skahill, Jackie Wood, Steve Petersen, Jeff Waddell, Troy Sunderman, Brandy Barker, Judy

Adam Fast: Sportsmanship Award, Villisca Teachers' Scholarship, Dusty Sunderman Memorial Scholarship, Robert Rusk Memorial Scholarship.

Dustin Fast: IWCC Foundation Scholarship, Montgomery County Pork Producer's Scholarship, Justin Olenius Memorial Scholarship, VFW Scholarship.

Ashley Fish: Wilma Nelson Memorial Scholarship.

Curtis Gaunt: Robert Rusk Memorial Scholarship, Inter-Church Council Scholarship.

Jason Haley: Villisca Chamber of Commerce Scholarship.

Matt Jackson: Inter-Church Council Scholarship.

Holly Kline: Valedictorian, Honor Graduate, President's Education Award, State of Iowa Scholar, Adam's County Soil and Water Conservation Scholarship, Senior Annual Staff Award, Sportsmanship Award, Y-teen Scholarship.

Amy Longwill: Honor Graduate, President's Education Award.

Tyler Marsh: Honor Graduate, President's Education Award, Herman Christie Memorial Scholarship, 18th Annual Senior Business Award, Villisca Schools' Departmental Scholarship.

Annette Muller: Honor Graduate, President's Education Award, Herman Christie Memorial Scholarship, Masonic Lodge Scholarship, Oscar Schroeder Scholarship, VFW Auxiliary Scholarship, Donna Patton Memorial Scholarship, Y-teen Scholarship.

David Perrin: Villisca Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, Villisca Schools' Departmental

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1996 Senior Awards



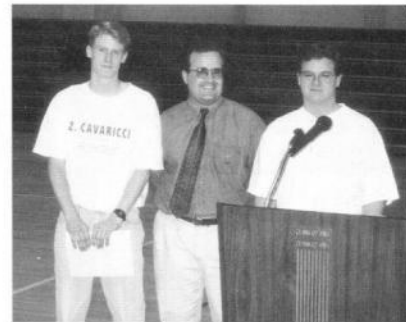
President's Education Awards were awarded to Tyler Marsh, Jodi Robinson, Amy Longwill, Leigh Anne Sunderman, Annette Muller, Ben Wood, and Holly Kline.



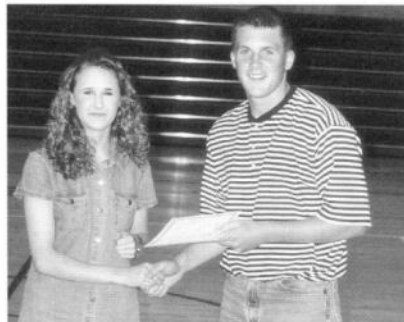
Holly Kline and Jackie Skahill awarded Steve Wood with a plaque stating the 1995-96 annual was dedicated to him.



The Bernie Saggau Award was awarded to Jeff Petersen, and Holly Kline and Adam Fast were awarded with sportsmanship awards.



Troy Waddell awarded David Perrin and Jason Haley with the Villisca Chamber of Commerce Scholarships.



Brandy Sunderman presented the Dusty Sunderman Memorial Scholarship to Adam Fast.



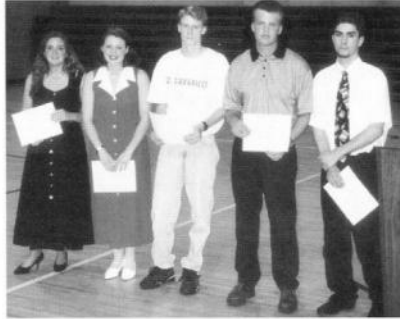
Ashley Fish was awarded the Wilma Nelson Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was presented by Judy Barker.

39: Awards, Senior Petersen, Jeff Poore, Dallas Poston, Whitney Robinson, Jodi Skahill, Jackie Sunderman, LeighAnne Taylor, Travis Wood, Ben Zrust, Gina Muller, Annette Kline, Holly Perrin, David Fast, Dustin Jackson, Matt Gaunt, Curtis Taylor, Travis Spencer, Dale Neal, Dana(presenter)

and Special Honors



Gina Zrust, Annette Muller, Whitney Poston, and Holly Kline received Y-Teen Scholarships.



The Justin Olenius Memorial Scholarships were given to Jodi Robinson, Whitney Poston, David Perrin, Dustin Fast, and Dallas Poore.



Receiving the Inter-Church Council scholarships were Matt Jackson, David Perrin, Curtis Gaunt, and (not pictured) Travis Taylor.



Dale Spencer awarded Travis Taylor with the FFA Scholarship.



Leigh Anne Sunderman and Ben Wood received the U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar and Athlete Awards.



Dana K. Neal awarded Jeffrey Petersen with the American Citizenship Award.

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Scholarship, Inter-Church Council Scholarship, Justin Olenius Memorial Scholarship.

Jeffrey Petersen: Honor Graduate, Student Council Scholarship, Stanton Farmers' Mutual Telephone Company Scholarship, DAR Recognition, American Citizenship Award, Bernie Saggau Award.

Dallas Poore: Justin Olenius Memorial Scholarship.

Whitney Poston: Honor Graduate, Robert Rusk Memorial Scholarship, Senior Business Award, Senior Annual Staff Award, Justin Olenius Memorial Scholarship, Y-teen Scholarship.

Jodi Robinson: President's Education Award, Honor Graduate, Villisca Schools' Departmental Scholarship, Justin Olenius Memorial Scholarship.

Jackie Skahill: Honor Graduate, Reifel-Elwood Scholarship, Villisca Farmers' Telephone Company Scholarship, Montgomery County Pork Producers' Scholarship, Business Award, SWCC Business Award.

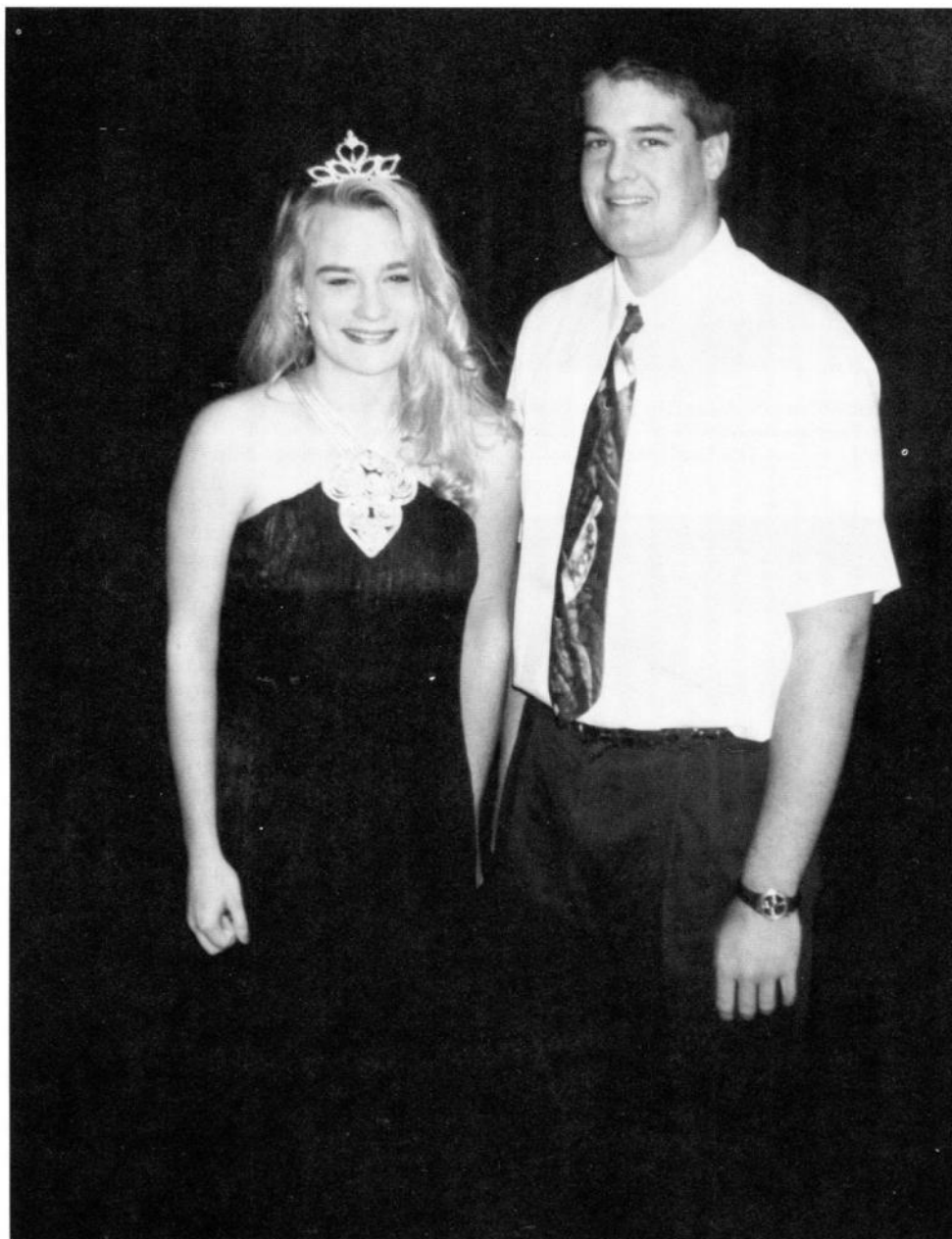
Leigh Anne Sunderman: Honor Graduate, President's Education Award, U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award, William Cochrane Memorial Scholarship, Villisca Lions' Club Scholarship, Senior Annual Staff Award, Villisca Farmers' Telephone Company Scholarship.

Travis Taylor: FFA Scholarship, Inter-Church Council Scholarship.

Ben Wood: Salutatorian, Honor Graduate, President's Education Award.

Gina Zrust: Y-teen Scholarship.

Homecoming Royalty 1995



Queen Jackie Skahill and King Jeff Petersen

41: Homecoming, Queen, King, Candidates Wood, Ben Zrust, Gina Marsh, Tyler Skahill, Jackie Petersen, Jeff Kline, Holly Fast, Adam Sunderman, LeighAnne Pafford, Tristan (crownbearer) Shadden, Jacy (flowergirl)



Ben Wood and Gina Zrust



Tyler Marsh and Jackie Skahill



Jeff Petersen and Holly Kline



Adam Fast and Leigh Sunderman, with crownbearer Tristan Pafford and flowergirl Jacy Shadden.

Bluejays Fight Black & White

Top Left: 1st place, Juniors-
Gunsmoke



Top Right: 2nd place, Seniors-
The Honeymooners



Bottom Left: 3rd place,
Sophomores-The Bluejay Oreo

Bottom Right: Freshmen- Roy
Rogers

Zone back to Earth, Kernen



Above: Our captains, Adam Fast,
Tyler Marsh, and Jeffrey Petersen,
are in for the toss.

Right: The Grand Marshals in the
parade are Garth Haer and Alan
Wolfe.





Left (Bottom & Top): Students are always so enthused during Homecoming.

Spirit Days:

Monday: Black & White Day
 Tuesday: Twin Day
 Wednesday: Toga Day
 Thursday: Sports/Hat Day
 Friday: Blue & White Day



Left: Don't I look Fabulous?!!

Below: Some guys are totally into their game!



Above: Smile Pretty!

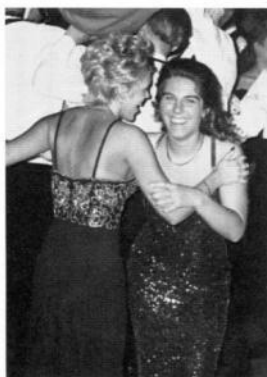
Left: Rob, Tony, and Junior are way to cool for our school.

Midnight Masquerade

A Stroll Down Bourbon Street

Right: Let's PARTEE!!!!!!!

Below: Oh my God, listen to this!!!!



Above: Bryce, Josh, Kyle, and Adrian enjoying the band.



Above Right: I don't THINK so!

Right: Waiting for the Grand March.





Far Left: 5-Dolla, 5-Dolla!

Left: Jamie in total concentration, scary!!!!!!

Below: 1996 Waiters and Waitresses: Nate Sellegren, Elishia Anderson, Dan Case, Kristin Peterson, Eric Marsh, and Sally Dunn



Oh come on Kate, please tell us!!!!



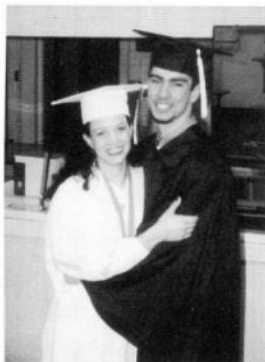
The 1996 Junior-Senior Prom was held April 20, 1996 with the theme of Midnight Masquerade. Things were done differently this year with pictures taken first, then the banquet, followed by a Grand March in the gymnasium which preceded the dance featuring "On the Fritz". After-prom activities were the same consisting of Casino Night. The Juniors would like to thank all those that contributed to a successful prom and especially to the junior class sponsors and parents for all their time and effort.

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT, AND NOW MOVING ON!

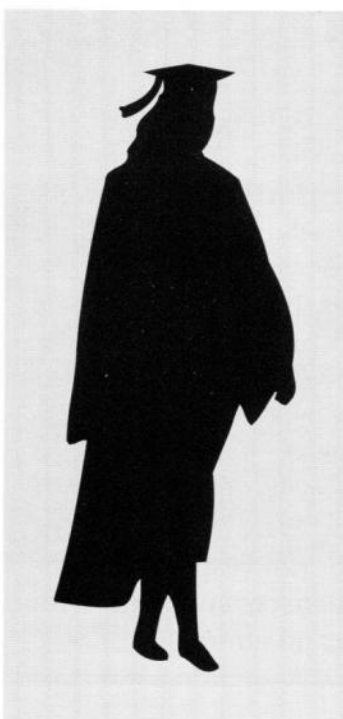
WE MAY NOT KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS, BUT WE KNOW WHO HOLDS THE FUTURE

The Graduating Class
of 1996!

Dallas giving his last of
many hugs!



SPEAKING OUT



Jackie Skahill



Jeff Kern



Gina Zrust



Jodi Robinson

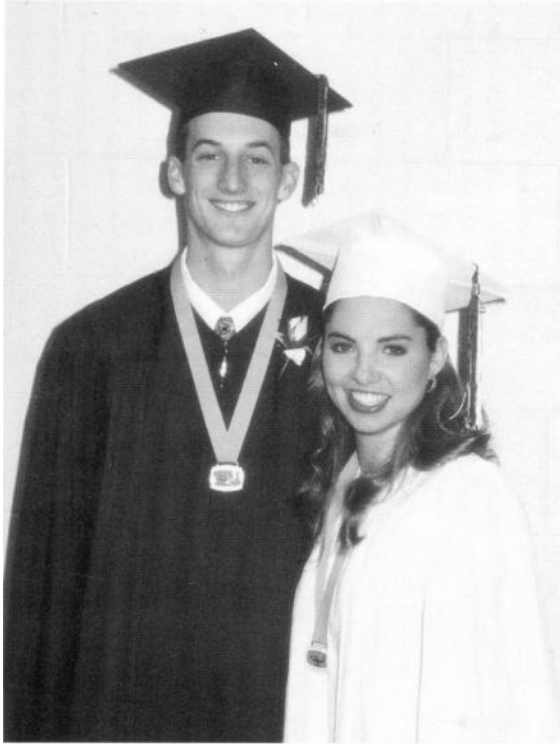


Tyler Marsh



Holly Kline

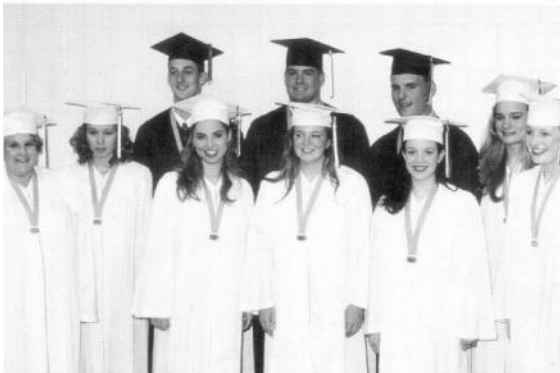
47: Graduation Wood, Ben Kline, Holly Nook, Teresa Muller, Annette Longwill, Amy Robinson, Jodi Sunderman, Leigh Anne Poston, Whitney Wood, Ben Petersen, Jeff Marsh, Tyler Skahill, Jackie Johnson, Carl



Salutatorian Ben Wood and Vale-dictorian Holly Kline



Left: Ariadne, you made it!
Below: Gimme some lovin'!
Far Below: What would I do without you Ms. Nook?



Honor Graduates: Annette Muller, Amy Longwill, Holly Kline, Jodi Robinson, Leigh Sunderman, Whitney Poston, Ben Wood, Jeffrey Petersen, Tyler Marsh, Jackie Skahill.
Waiting patiently for their diplomas!
Are we nervous girls?!

Coach Johnson says good bye to his "big guys."

Villisca Bluejay Band



Above: Our musical athletes.



Left: How should I know?



Above: Jazz Band



Right: Camera shy



Left: Annette Muller was the Honor Bandsman.



Above: Marching Band

Below: Concert Band



Above: I wonder what these girls are up to!



Above: Cooling down in the shade.



Treble Choir



Bass Choir

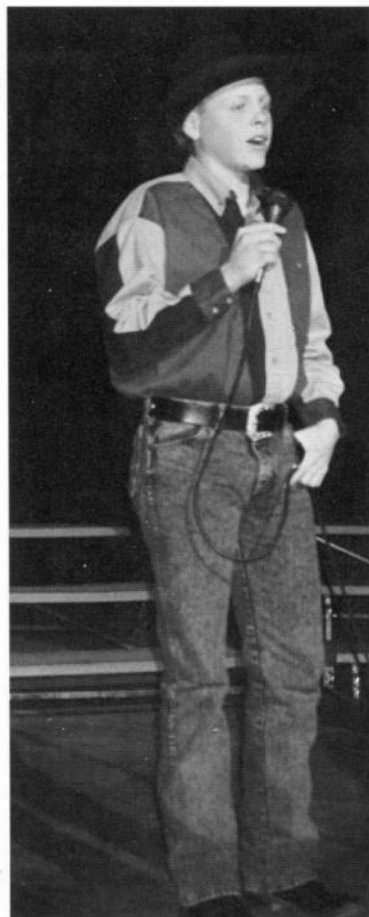


Mixed Choir

Been There and
Done That....



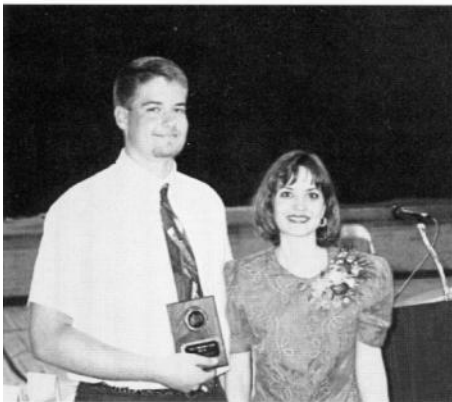
And got the Ratings
to Prove it.



Travis Taylor sings another one of
his country love songs.



Villisca High School Swing Choir



Outstanding Senior Vocalist Jeff Petersen
and director Kay Fast.



All-State Chorus Participants
Amy Longwill, Brianna Dunn, and Jeff Petersen.



Senior Members of the VHS Choir

The 1995-1996 Villisca High School Chorus had a spectacular year at the many contests that they participated in. The VHS Swing Choir was excellent as usual, and many honors were given to the VHS Swing Choir and its members. Not only did the choir have 5 of its members try out for the All-State choir, but after trying out, three of VHS's members made the choir. At State Small Group Contest, Villisca came home with 14 I ratings and 8 II ratings. When the VHS choir traveled to Treynor for State Large Group Contest, they came home with a I rating in the Bass Choir, a I rating in the Treble Choir, and a I rating in the Mixed Choir. It was a great year for the VHS choir and planning has started for next year.

52: Dramatics DramaClub Play Elwood, Jamie Larsen, Cristin Fulton, Amanda L. Frey, Michelle Muller, Annette Gaunt, Curtis Baker, Lindsey Kernen, Mandi Wilson, Casey Williams, Mindy Jackson, Jenny Dunn, Sally Dunn, Alaina Elwood, Jamie Anderson, Luke Phelps, Chris Shipley, Kate Woods, Hilary Longwill, Amy Fast, Tyson Dunn, Molly Southward, Faye

Drama Club Presents Cinderella

Far right: Everyday life around the set.

Right: Jamie Elwood loving, caring, evil stepmother.

Below: Tada!



Center right: A day in a village in France.



Play Cast

Seated: Cristin Larsen, Amanda Fulton, Michelle Frey, Annette Muller, Curtis Gaunt, Lindsey Baker, Mandi Kernen, Casey Wilson, Mindy Williams.

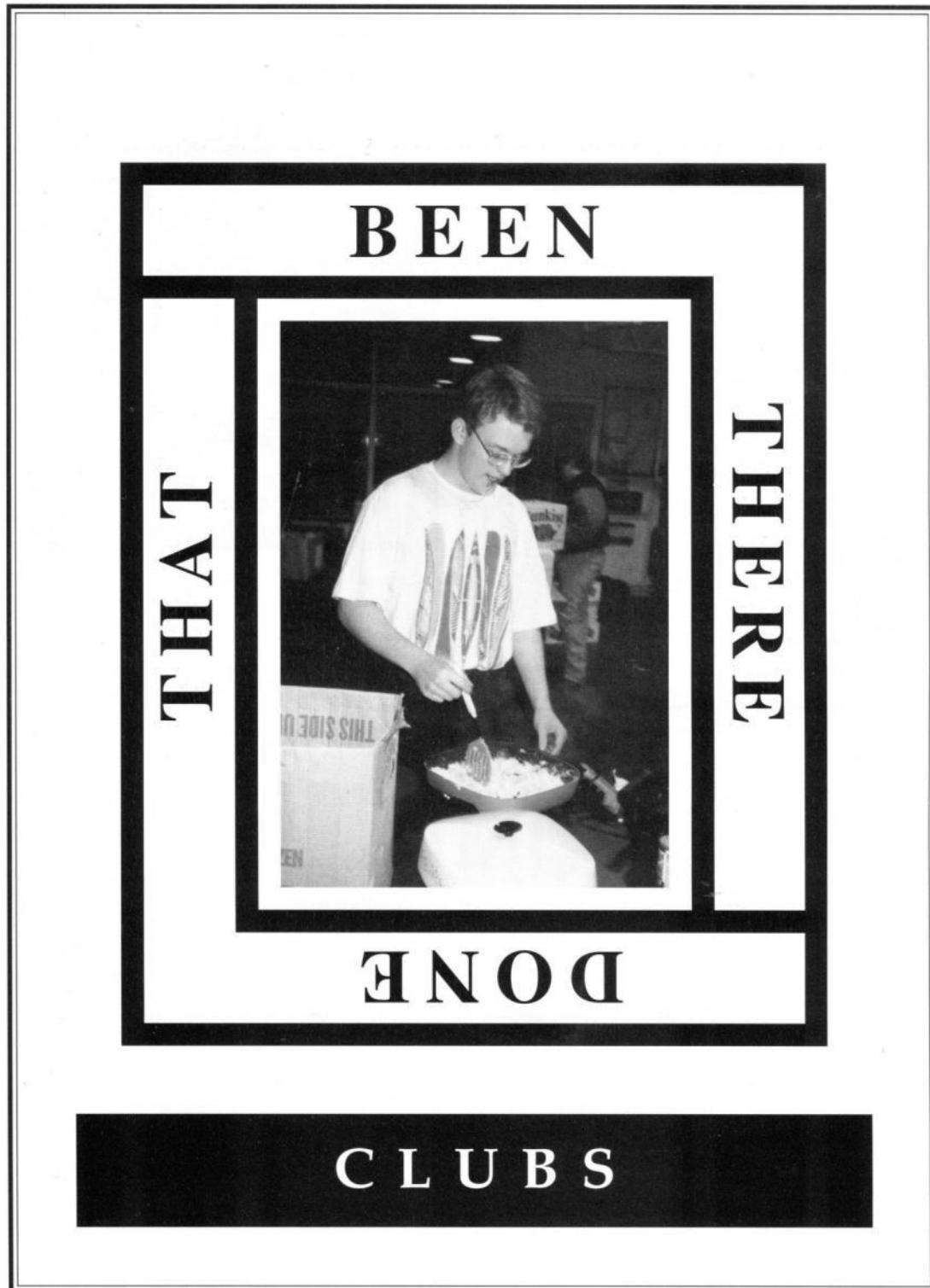
Standing: Jenny Jackson, Sally Dunn, Alaina Dunn, Jamie Elwood, Luke Anderson, Chris Phelps, Kate Shipley, Hilary Woods, Amy Longwill, Tyson Fast, Molly Dunn.



Directed By
Faye Southward

Right: Amy Longwill as Cinderella!





54: LibrariansClub Kernen,Mandi Shum,Jessie Baldwin,Melody O'Briant,Nikki Turpen,Carrie Tener,Amanda Gulling,Marya Simmons,Chris Gulling,Megan Shadbolt,LaVonne Williams,Mindy Wilson,Steve Philpott,Stacy Stewart,Susan Scott,Becky Wilson,Casey Branan,Cinthy ScienceClub Baldwin,Melody Muller,Annette Robinson,Jodi Leichty,Faith Baker,Lindsey Dickey,Deanna Elwood,Jamie Beals,Jamie Phelps,Chris Barker,Julie Squires,Keri Casey,Rebecca Dunn,Molly Kline,Holly Sunderman,LeighAnne Moestchen,Ryan Poston,Whitney Dunn,Brianna Lindberg,Laura Marsh,Tyler Petersen,Jeff Gaunt,Curtis Houchin,Kevin Peterman,Adam Fulton,Matt Wolfe,Adrian Raney,Doug Dunn,Robbie Wood,Ben Straight,James

Librarians Club

The Librarians Club this year held their annual Book Fair and sponsored the Design-A-Bookmark contest for kindergarten through eighth grade. Below: Curtis checks out a book from Librarian Mandi Kernen.



Science Club



The Science Club traveled to St. Louis for their annual trip. They also held their Science Fair where Cristin Larsen, pictured above, received first place recognition. Top five places also competed at the Corner Conference Science fair which was held at Sidney.



Row 1: Jessie Shum, Melody Baldwin. Row 2: Mandi Kernen, Nikki O'Briant, Carrie Turpen, Amanda Tener, Marya Gulling. Row 3: Chris Simmons, Megan Gulling, Lavonne Shadbolt, Mindy Williams, Steve Wilson, Stacy Philpott, Mrs. Stewart. Not pictured Becky Scott, Casey Wilson, Billie Dumler, and Cinthy Branan.



Row 1: Melody Baldwin, Annette Muller, Jodi Robinson, Faith Leichty, Lindsey Baker, Deanna Dickey, Jamie Elwood, Jamie Beals, Chris Phelps. Row 2: Julie Barker, Keri Squires, Becca Casey, Molly Dunn, Holly Kline, Leigh Sunderman, Ryan Moestchen, Whitney Poston. Row 3: Brianna Dunn, Laura Lindberg, Tyler Marsh, Jeff Petersen, Curtis Gaunt, Kevin Houchin. Row 4: Adam Peterman, Matt Fulton, Adrian Wolfe, Doug Raney, Robbie Dunn, Ben Wood, Mr. Straight.

55: Student Council Shepherd, Marsha Fast, Trisha Muller, Michael Case, Dan Jackson, Jenny Brownlee, Tony Marsh, Jordan Dickey, Deanna Raney, Doug Marsh, Tyler Skahill, Jackie Petersen, Jeff Zrust, Gina Poore, Dallas Spanish Club Beals, Jamie Elwood, Jamie Branan, Jim Wolfe, Adrian Kernen, Jeff Wood, Ben Fulton, Laci Fish, Ashley Shum, Jessie Barker, Julie Squires, Keri Casey, Rebecca Dickey, Deanna Dunn, Molly Kline, Holly Zrust, Gina Rupp, Dena Wagaman, Jessica Winther, Norma Rae Marsh, Jordan Woods, Hilary Jackson, Jenny Tillman, Lauren Muller, Annette Baker, Lindsey Leichty, Faith Dunn, Robbie Salway, Natasha Anderson, Elishia Peterson, Kristin Larsen, Cristin Dunn, Sally Skahill, Jackie Marsh, Tyler Gaunt, Curtis O'Briant, Nikki Fulton, Amanda L. Haidisiak, Tara Dunn, Brianna Peterman, Adam Case, Dan Lindberg, Laura Haley, Jason J. Perrin, David Houchin, Kevin Petersen, Joel Greenfield, Jeremy Johnson, Lane Simmons, Josh Marsh, Eric Branan, Andy Kernen, Matt Graf, Josh Johnson, Kyle Wood, Bryce Brownlee, Tony Fast, Luke Wright, Jeff

Student Council

Spanish Club



Pictured at left: Students enjoy watching the Christmas movie. At far left: Students crowd into the Community Center for Christmas Dinner. Are they trying to get out of the cold or are they crowding the lunch line as usual?

The Spanish Club held its annual Spanish Fiesta with a guest speaker and dancers. They went to Omaha to watch Spanish dancers at Boys Town. After that, they ate at La Fonda's Spanish Restaurant. Pictured below is the bus ride to Omaha.



The Student Council sponsored the Homecoming Parade, painting the streets, and the Homecoming Dance. For the second year, they treated the faculty and students to a Christmas dinner at the Community Building. The Senior Santa gave each senior a gift after which everyone watched the movie "The Santa Claus". In April, they sponsored a pizza party and showed the movie "Babe". They donated \$100 to the Sr. Citizens for Meals on Wheels and to The Advent Christian Church building fund.



Marsha Shepherd, Trisha Fast, Mike Muller, Dan Case, Jenny Jackson, Tony Brownlee, Jordan Marsh, Deanna Dickey, Doug Raney, Tyler Marsh, Jackie Skahill, Jeff Petersen, Gina Zrust, Dallas Poore.



Row 1: Jamie Beals, Jamie Elwood, Mr. Branan, Adrian Wolfe, Jeff Kernen, Ben Wood, Laci Fulton, Ashley Fish, Jessie Shum. Row 2: Julie Barker, Keri Squires, Becca Casey, Deanna Dickey, Molly Dunn, Holly Kline, Gina Zrust, Dena Rupp, Jessica Wagaman, Norma Winther, Jordan Marsh, Hilary Woods, Jenny Jackson. Row 3: Lauren Tillman, Annette Muller, Lindsey Baker, Faith Leichty, Robbie Dunn, Natasha Salway, Elishia Anderson, Kristin Peterson, Cristin Larsen, Sally Dunn. Row 4: Jackie Skahill, Tyler Marsh, Curtis Gaunt, Nikki O'Briant, Amanda Fulton, Tara Haidisiak, Brianna Dunn, Adam Peterman. Row 5: Daniel Case, Laura Lindberg, Jason Haley, David Perrin, Kevin Houchin, Joel Petersen, Jeremy Greenfield, Lane Johnson, Josh Simmons. Row 6: Eric Marsh, Andy Branan, Matt Kernen, Josh Graf, Kyle Johnson, Bryce Wood, Tony Brownlee, Luke Fast, Jeff Wright.

56: Y-Teens Fish, Ashley Kline, Holly Muller, Annette Poston, Whitney Longwill, Amy Scott, Becky Scott, Carrie Shadbolt, LaVonne Skahill, Jackie Sunderman, Leigh Anne Zrust, Gina Robinson, Jodi Waldron-Welch, Karla Allen, Cassie Baker, Lindsey Baldwin, Melody Barker, Julie Beals, Jamie Branan, Cinthy Casey, Rebecca Dickey, Deanna Dunn, Brianna Dunn, Molly Elwood, Jamie Fulton, Laci Gage, Heather Gaunt, Connie Gulling, Megan Leichty, Faith Lindberg, Laura Squires, Keri Shipley, Kate Tener, Amanda Williams, Mindy Bisbee, Brandi Bloom, Kari Freshour, Amy Haidiak, Tara Jacobs, Katie Jones, Tabitha Marsh, Jordan O'Briant, Nikki Rupp, Dena Shum, Jessie Wagaman, Jessica Watts, Tonya Winther, Norma Rae Woods, Hilary Bengard, Sarah Bowman, Tina Dunn, Sally Fulton, Amanda L. Gulling, Marya Jackson, Jenny Kernan, Mandi Knowles, Toni Larsen, Cristin Orr, Patsy Peterson, Kristin Philpott, Stacy Pullen, Rachael Salway, Natasha Turpen, Carrie

The Y-Teens have done so much, what's next?! In September there was informal and formal initiation. October was the Fall Y-Teen Town and Country Conference. November was nut sales that fund special projects and collecting food for Thanksgiving baskets to be given to families. February was the FFA/Y-Teen Sweetheart Dance. March was the State Y-Teen Conference and serving the FFA banquet. In May the Y-Teen Tea was held with special guests honored.

Holly Kline speaking at the formal initiation.



Y-Teen Seniors: Ashley Fish, Secretary Holly Kline, Annette Muller, Whitney Poston, Amy Longwill, Becky Scott, Carrie Scott, Lavonne Shadbolt, Historian Jackie Skahill, President Leigh Sunderman, Gina Zrust, Vice-President Jodi Robinson, Karla Welch. Juniors: Cassie Allen, Lindsey Baker, Melody Baldwin, Julie Barker, Jamie Beals, Cinthy Branan, Becca Casey, Deanna Dickey, Brianna Dunn, Molly Dunn, Jamie Elwood, Laci Fulton, Heather Gage, Connie Gaunt, Megan Gulling, Faith Leichty, Laura Lindberg, Keri Squires, Kate Shipley, Amanda Tener, Mindy Williams. Sophomores: Brandi Bisbee, Kari Bloom, Amy Freshour, Tara Haidiak, Katie Jacobs, Tabitha Jones, Jordan Marsh, Nikki O'Briant, Dena Rupp, Jessie Shum, Jessica Wagaman, Tonya Watts, Norma Winther, Hilary Woods. Freshmen: Sarah Bengard, Tina Bowman, Sally Dunn, Amanda Fulton, Marya Gulling, Jenny Jackson, Mandi Kernan, Toni Knowles, Cristin Larsen, Patsy Orr, Kristin Peterson, Stacy Philpott, Rachael Pullen, Natasha Salway, and Carrie Turpen.



Y-Teens are here—Look what we've done!



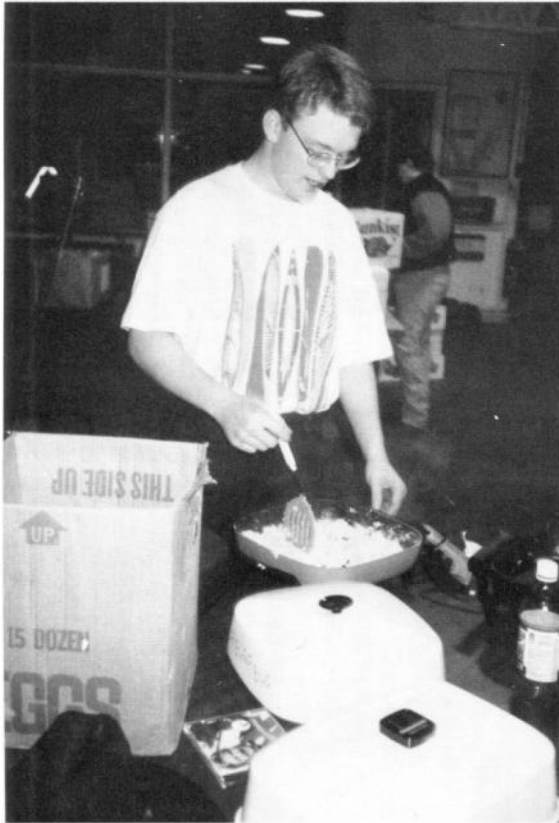
Above: The Y-Teen members playing duck-duck goose at the annual Kiddie Christmas Party. Some of the members had too much fun and got carried away!

Right: As a result of the fire at the Advent Christian Church, this was the last formal initiation to be held in that building.



57: FFA FFA,Sweetheart,King Sunderman,LeighAnne Taylor,Travis Spencer,Dale Bloom,Kari Moestchen,Ryan Taylor,Travis Sunderman,Ryan Jacobs,Katie Garey,Justin Petersen,Joel Taylor,BobL. Forsythe,Will Tener,John Focht,Andrew McClain,Kaylon Sunderman,Philip Newberg,Nathan Taylor,Tony Frey,Michelle Bengard,Sarah Bisbee,Brandi Watts,Tonya

FFA-Paving The Way



Left: What's in the eggs, Moose?
Below: What's so funny, Joel?!



The FFA had an eventful year!! They attended National Convention in Kansas City and the State Convention in Des Moines. They sponsored the annual FFA Banquet, which was wonderful as usual and sold fruit to many customers. FFA members competed in many different contests and were very successful. Travis Taylor served as Southwest Iowa's District President.



1st Row: Advisor Dale Spencer, Secretary Kari Bloom, Vice-President Ryan Moestchen, President Travis Taylor, Reporters Ryan Sunderman and Katie Jacobs. 2nd Row: Treasurer Justin Garey, Joel Petersen, Sentinel Bob Taylor, Will Forsythe, John Tener. 3rd Row: Andrew Focht, Kaylon McClain, Phil Sunderman, Nate Newberg. 4th Row: Tony Taylor, Michelle Frey, Sarah Bengard, Brandi Bisbee. Not pictured: Tonya Watts.



Y-Teen King-Travis Taylor, FFA Sweetheart Leigh Sunderman.



Don't get a ticket boys!!

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58: National Honor Society Robinson, Vickie (speaker) Muller, Annette Wood, Ben Petersen, Jeff Poston, Whitney Kline, Holly Robinson, Jodi Dunn, Molly Baker, Lindsey Sunderman, Leigh Anne Casey, Rebecca Marsh, Tyler Skahill, Jackie Fulton, Laci Barker, Julie Marsh, Jordan Johnson, Kyle

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society Induction ceremony was held on April 29, 1996, with six new members being inducted. Ms. Vickie Robinson, pictured at right, was the guest speaker.

Villisca students are eligible for consideration for membership into the National Honor Society on the basis of their cumulative grade point average, leadership, service, and character.



1995 National Honor Society Members.

Bottom: Annette Muller, Ben Wood, Jeffrey Petersen, Whitney Poston

Middle: Holly Kline, Jodi Robinson, Molly Dunn.

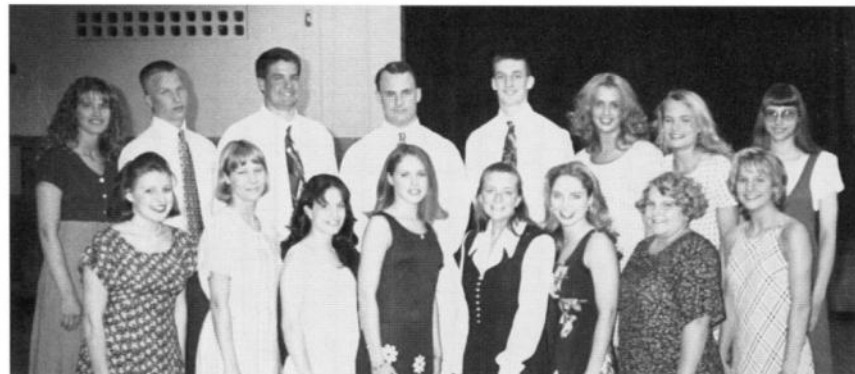
Top: Lindsey Baker, Leigh Anne Sunderman, Becca Casey.



Participants in the 1995-96 National Honor Society Volleyball Fundraiser.



New inductees included (Left to right): Tyler Marsh, Jackie Skahill, Laci Fulton, Julie Barker, Jordan Marsh, and Kyle Johnson.



Pictured above (Left to right): Molly Dunn, Kyle Johnson, Jeffrey Petersen, Tyler Marsh, Ben Wood, Laci Fulton, Jackie Skahill, Julie Barker, Whitney Poston, Becca Casey, Leigh Sunderman, Lindsey Baker, Jodi Robinson, Holly Kline, Annette Muller, and Jordan Marsh.

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59: Annual Yearbook Bluejay Bloom, Kari Marsh, Jordan Fulton, Laci Rupp, Dena Sunderman, Leigh Anne Frey, Michelle Casey, Rebecca Kasha, Ted Poston, Whitney Baker, Lindsey Jacobs, Katie Fast, Tyson Robinson, Jodi Kline, Holly Skahill, Jackie Woods, Hilary Barker, Paul Gage, Heather



Left: Working on the computers, Laci Fulton, Whitney Poston, and Jackie Skahill.

Below: Planning their pages for the 1996 yearbook. Becca Casey, Lindsey Baker, and Jackie Skahill.



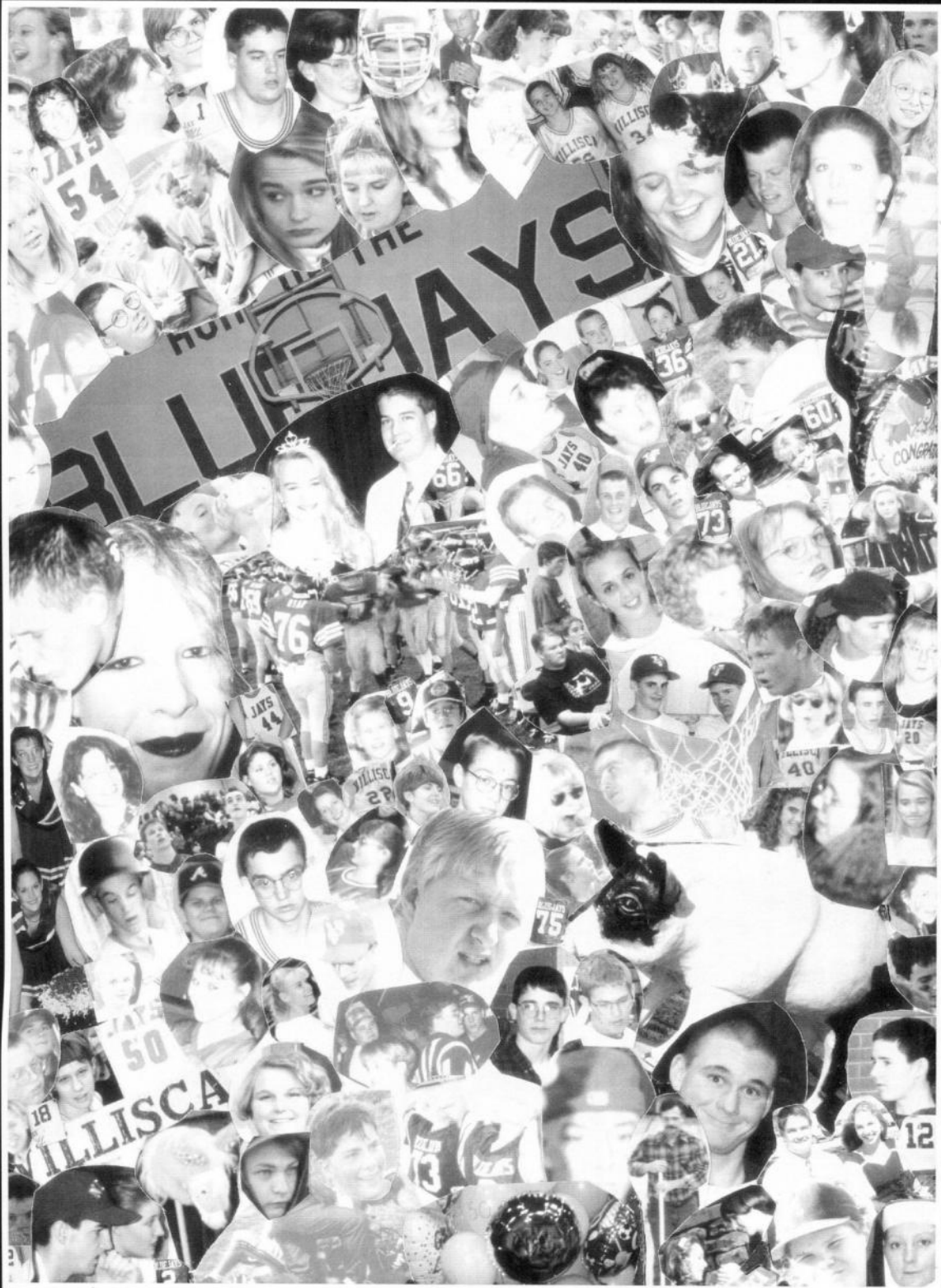
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Our 1995-1996 Yearbook Staff. First row Kari Bloom, Jordan Marsh, Laci Fulton, Dena Rupp, and Leigh Anne Sunderman. Second row, Michelle Frey, Becca Casey, Ted Kasha, Whitney Poston, Lindsey Baker, Katie Jacobs, and Tyson Fast. Back row Jodi Robinson, Holly Kline, Jackie Skahill, Hilary Woods, and our advisor Paul Barker. Not Present Heather Gage.




Preparing to sell ads for the yearbook, Whitney Poston, Leigh Anne Sunderman, Jackie Skahill, Holly Kline, and Dena Rupp.



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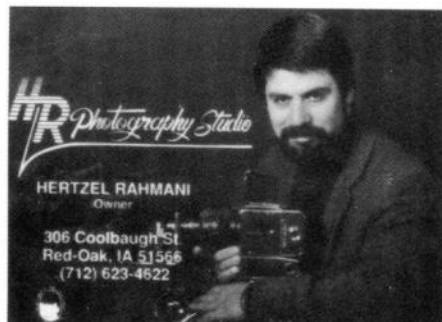
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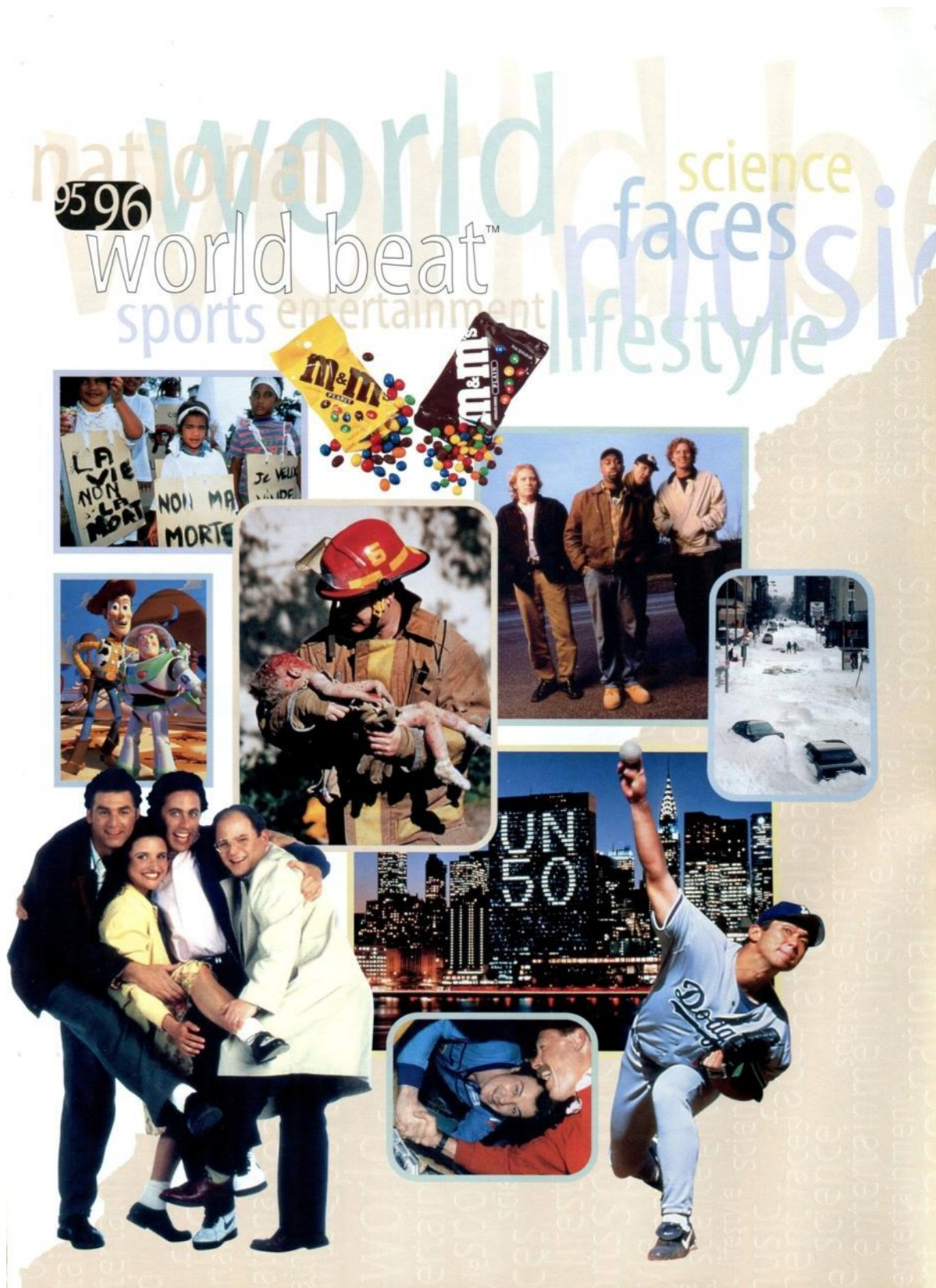
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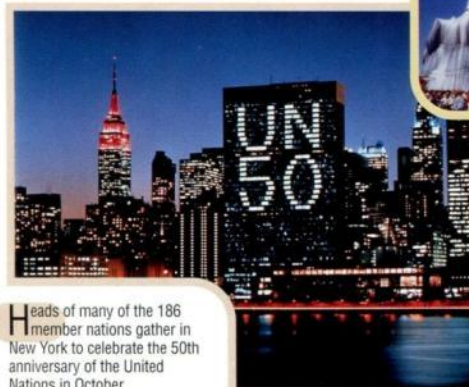


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Pope John Paul II visits New Jersey, New York and Maryland, and addresses the United Nations. He speaks out on social, economic, political and moral themes.



In late May, a doctor performs emergency surgery aboard British Airways flight 32 using a coat hanger, a knife and fork, and a scissors sterilized in brandy to save a woman whose life is threatened by a collapsed lung.



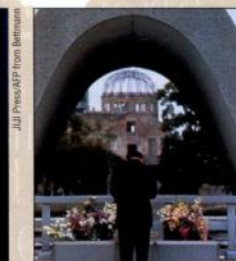
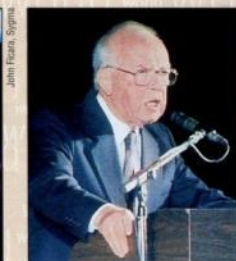
Schneider Pool from Gamma/Liaison

Heads of many of the 186 member nations gather in New York to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations in October.



Philippe Giraud, Sygma

Tahitian protests escalate into riots after France detonates a nuclear test device 750 miles from the South Pacific island. France's September resumption of tests after a three-year moratorium brings global condemnation.



In a powerful address to the U.N.'s Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China, attended by 30 000 women from 180 countries, U.S. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton declares, "Women's rights are human rights," to a desk-thumping, applauding audience.

Shock waves hit the Middle East when Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is shot and killed while leaving a peace rally in Tel Aviv November 4. His murderer, Jewish extremist Yigal Amir, fanatically opposes peace negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Marxist Cuban President Fidel Castro abandons his Havana cigar and military fatigues for a suit and tie on a diplomatic visit to New York in October, where he tries to convince the U.S. to lift its 33-year-old trade embargo on still-communist Cuba.

Madman Shoko Asahara, leader of the Japanese apocalyptic religious cult, Aum Shinrikyo, is arrested on May 16 and charged with the Tokyo subway nerve-gas attack that left 12 people dead and injured 5,500 more in March.

Fifty years after the end of World War II, Japan remembers those killed by the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima. A solitary building left standing after the blast, now a memorial called the Atomic Bomb Dome, symbolizes the horrors of war and the price of peace.

An earthquake kills 51 people on the resort-studded Pacific coast of Mexico. The quake measures 7.5 on the Richter scale and is felt 330 miles away in Mexico City.



AP/Wide World



J. Ferris Sygna

The first U.S. president to visit Northern Ireland, President Clinton receives a warm Christmas welcome for his show of support for peace between Irish Protestants and Catholics.

Hurricane Marilyn inflicts millions of dollars of damage in the Virgin Islands in September. Winds up to 127 miles per hour severely damage half the homes on St. Thomas.



G. Williams, Gamma Liaison

flash

In November, the Republic of Ireland narrowly passes a referendum calling for an end to the country's 1937 constitutional ban on divorce.

While competing in an international balloon race in September, two hot air balloonists, one English and one American, are shot down when their balloon floats off course over Belarus. The Belarussian army sees the balloon as a security threat and fires without warning. The balloonists fall to their death.

More than four years after Desert Storm, Iraq's President Saddam Hussein remains in power, though two of his sons-in-law defect to Jordan on August 8 and call for Hussein's overthrow.



AP/Wide World

Hope blooms for peace in Bosnia when Bosnia's President Izetbegovic (left) shakes hands with Serbia's President Milosevic on the opening day of the November cease-fire talks in Dayton, Ohio. Croatia's President Tudjman looks on. The ensuing Paris peace agreement of December sends 60,000 NATO peacekeeping troops to the war-torn country.



Brooks Kraft, Sygna

Quebec, Canada's largely French-speaking province, defeats an October referendum on Quebec independence by a margin of less than one percent.



Thomas R. Russell, Gamma Liaison

In July, without public explanations, Burma's military rulers free the country's most famous political prisoner, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of the pro-democracy movement and Nobel peace laureate, after six years of house arrest.



Clive Brunskill, Altopost

Russian figure skater Sergei Grinkov, 28, collapses and dies from a heart attack during practice with his wife-partner Ekaterina Gordeeva on November 20. The pair won two Olympic gold medals and four world pairs titles.



Gamma Liaison

Great Britain's Princess Diana shocks Buckingham Palace with a tell-all BBC interview. Defying royal protocol, she discusses her marriage to unfaithful husband, Prince Charles, her struggle with depression and bulimia, and an extramarital affair. The majority of English people express their support and sympathy.



AP/Wide World

Securities trader Nicholas Leeson is arrested in Germany in March 1995 for fraud, forgery, and breach-of-trust. Leeson racked up a \$1.32 billion loss that caused the collapse of Barings PLC, the 233-year-old British bank.

national news

A San Francisco sewer line bursts under pressure from battering rainstorms, creating a monster sinkhole that swallows a \$2-million house in the Sea Cliff district. One-hundred-mile-per-hour winds knock out power to tens of thousands of homes and nearly blow a truck off the Bay Bridge.



Brant Ward, San Francisco Chronicle/Gamma/Liaison

Three days of drenching rains in the Pacific Northwest swell rivers to overflowing, causing severe flooding in Washington in December. In the town of Carnation, a pastor conveys a woman to dry land with a wheelbarrow.



AP/Wide World



The federal government repeals the national 55-mile-per-hour highway speed limit, enacted in 1974 during the oil embargo. The legislation allows states to set their own limits. On Montana highways, speed limits are eliminated completely.



African-American men from across the country converge on Washington, D.C., for the Million Man March on October 16. The march, led by Nation-of-Islam minister Louis Farrakhan, promotes African-American unity, dignity, and family values.

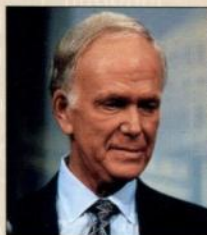


Larry Downing, Sygma



AFP/Bettmann

Air Force Captain Scott O'Grady (right) is rescued from pursuing Bosnian Serb forces by U.S. Marines on June 8, six days after his plane is shot down over Bosnia. O'Grady survived on insects, plants, and rainwater.



U.S. Senator Bob Packwood of Oregon resigns on September 7, the day after the Senate Ethics Committee voted unanimously to expel him for sexual misconduct, embarrassingly detailed in his diaries, which were made public.

The nation comes to a standstill on October 3 as more than 150 million people watch live TV coverage of the outcome of the nine-month-long trial of the century. After less than four hours of deliberation, the jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson not guilty of the murders of his ex-wife Nicole and her friend Ronald Goldman.



Illinois suffers a record heat wave in July, with temperatures as high as 104°. The heat takes the lives of 457 people statewide. At Wrigley Stadium, Jaime Navarro helps faithful Chicago Cubs fans stay cool.



After a year of fame as a conservative revolutionary, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich slumps in popularity, tainted by the government shutdown, his stalled Contract With America, and investigations into his political action committee and his financial affairs.



Two-thousand volunteer firefighters battle a raging wildfire in eastern Long Island, New York, for three days in August. The fire, following a 21-day drought, consumes 5,500 acres of pine barrens and damages a dozen homes. There are no injuries or fatalities.

The image of firefighter Chris Fields holding one-year-old Baylee Almon, who later dies, comes to symbolize the horror of the April 19 bombing of the Oklahoma City Federal Building that killed 150 adults and 19 children.



Charles H. Porter, IV, Sygma

As more Americans invest, Wall Street enjoys a bull market. In November, the Dow-Jones Industrial Average hits 5000, a milestone indicating healthy corporate profits and low interest rates.



Zielenbach, Chicago Tribune from Gamma/Liaison



On April 30, the adoptive parents of four-year-old "Baby Richard" comply with an Illinois court order to turn the child over to his biological parents.

flash

Despite Americans' doubts and fears, U.S. troops head for Bosnia in December. The 20,000 U.S. forces, serving under NATO command beside 40,000 European allies, face the task of keeping peace among the country's warring Serbs, Croats and Muslims.

The State of South Carolina sentences Susan Smith to life in prison for the drowning murder of her two young sons in 1994.

An anonymous donor sends St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis \$1 million in the form of a winning ticket from McDonald's November "Monopoly" sweepstakes game.

In the wake of a growing number of random attacks from assailants with knives and guns, White House security is forced to close Pennsylvania Avenue to traffic.

After allegedly ignoring federal pollution regulations for years, General Motors agrees under threat of an \$11-million fine to recall 500,000 Cadillacs at a cost of \$45 million.



The government shuts down for six days in November after the President and Congress fail to agree on how to balance the federal budget. The shutdown affects non-essential federal services, including the National Park Service. A longer shutdown follows in December.



A record snowfall paralyzes the East Coast in January 1996, stranding travelers and killing 100 people. Seven states, from Virginia to Massachusetts, declare emergencies. Philadelphia gets 30.7 inches of snow.



Warren E. Burger, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1969 to 1986, dies in June at age 87. Though appointed by President Richard Nixon, he ordered Nixon to turn over tapes in the Watergate hearings that effectively ended the president's career.



The Washington Post publishes a manifesto written by the unidentified killer known as "The Unabomber," at large since 1978 and wanted for 16 mail bombs that have killed 3 and injured 23. FBI agents scrutinize the article for clues to the bomber's identity.



A Chicago commuter train slams into the back end of a loaded school bus. The accident, allegedly caused by a poorly timed stoplight placed too near the tracks, kills 7 students and injures 28 on October 25.



American women celebrate the 75th anniversary of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which granted women the right to vote. Women's suffrage leader Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906) first organized the fight for suffrage in 1848.

science news

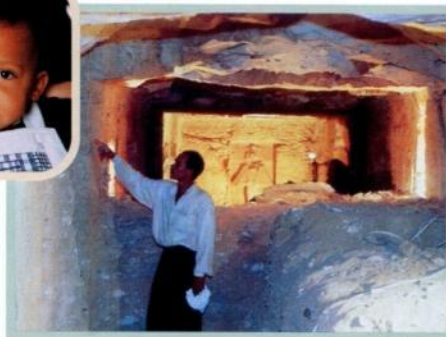
Wuboo De Jong/Het Parool from Sigma

As the result of an improperly cleaned test tube at a fertility clinic, a woman in the Netherlands gives birth to twin boys, each from a different father.



NASA

Astunning photograph from the Hubble Space Telescope captures a moment in the birth of a star in the Eagle Nebula, 7,000 light years from Earth. Light from the young star's nuclear furnace lifts towering pillars of hydrogen gas and interstellar dust.



AP/Wide World

In March, the Federal Drug Administration approves a chicken-pox vaccine. Rarely fatal, chicken-pox affects 3.7 million Americans annually.

Archaeologists discover a 3,000-year-old tomb in May that is believed to hold the remains of 52 sons of Ramses II, Pharaoh of Egypt.



Dr. Jeffrey Friedman, Gamma Liaison

Researchers announce that they have isolated a gene in mice linked to obesity. Mice with a mutated OB gene are injected with the hormone leptin, resulting in dramatic weight loss. The public is tantalized at the prospect of leptin as a slimming treatment for use in humans.



© Cincinnati Zoo

The world's first test-tube gorilla is born at the Cincinnati Zoo in October as part of an effort to save the western lowland gorilla, an endangered species that numbers fewer than 450 animals.



Fossils of a jawbone (left) and leg bone (right) found in Kenya in August reveal a previously unknown species of upright hominid that lived four million years ago, pushing the emergence of bipedalism back half a million years. Walking upright is a key adaptation that separates humans from apes.



Via Mazzanti/Chicago Tribune

Media attention focuses on melatonin, a naturally occurring hormone used to induce sleep and slow the effects of aging. Lauded as a wonder drug, a kilogram of synthetic melatonin sells for as much as \$10,000.



In a procedure known as tissue engineering, scientists grow a human ear under the skin of a laboratory mouse. Researchers hope the procedure will play an important role in the future of transplant surgery.



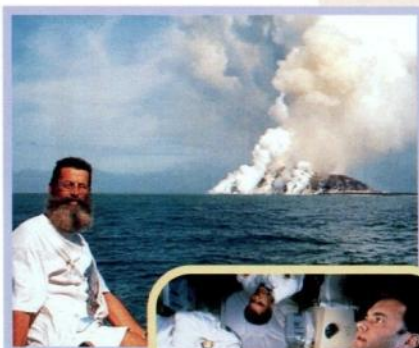
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As a protective measure against counterfeiting in the era of digital publishing, the Treasury Department redesigns U.S. currency bills, to be issued over the next five years, starting early 1996 with the new \$100 bill.

Former rivals in space become comrades in space after the historic docking of the U.S. space shuttle *Atlantis* and Russia's *Mir* space station on June 29. Astronaut Robert Gibson (in red) greets cosmonaut Vladimir Dezhurov.



In June, volcanic eruptions give birth to a baby island. A new member of the Tonga Islands emerges near New Zealand, 900 feet high and 140 feet wide.



AP/Wide World

flash

After a decade-long search, scientists isolate what may be the most important cancer-related gene. The defective gene known as ATM is associated with cancers of the breast, colon, lung, stomach, pancreas and skin, and may be carried by two million Americans.

Astronomers using the Hubble Space Telescope observe new moons orbiting the planet Saturn, adding at least 2 moons and possibly 4 to Saturn's previously known total of 18.

A team of French and British explorers believe they have found an ancient breed of horse previously unknown to scientists. In November, the four-foot high horse with a triangular head, which resembles the vanished horses of European Stone Age drawings, is named *Riwoche* for its home region in Tibet.

October satellite photographs show the recent rapid deterioration of the earth's ozone layer above Antarctica. Pollutants produced mostly by the U.S. cause the hole in the atmosphere's protective layer to increase to the size of Europe.

Buyers rush to stores for the new computer operating system Windows 95, spurred by Microsoft Corp.'s \$700-million publicity barrage and the promise of a friendlier interface.



A. Tannenbaum, Sygma

The movie *Apollo 13* opens in the summer after filming many of its scenes inside NASA's "zero gravity" plane, which mimics the weightlessness astronauts experience in space by diving into a 23-second freefall.



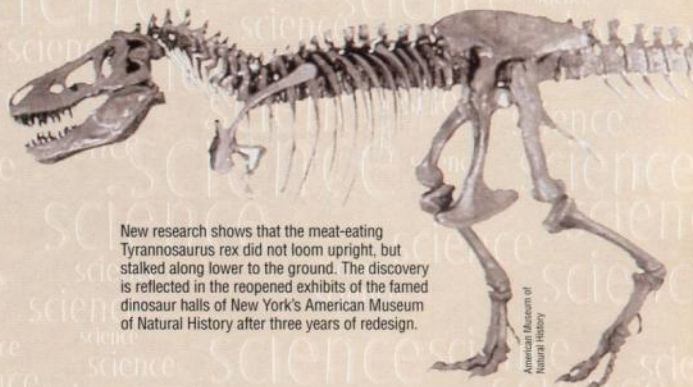
Gamma Liaison



In November, Visa introduces a cash-storage card that eliminates a pocketful of loose change. A chip in the plastic card tracks the amount of available cash, which is accessed with a reader at the place of purchase. The card can be taken to the bank and reloaded.



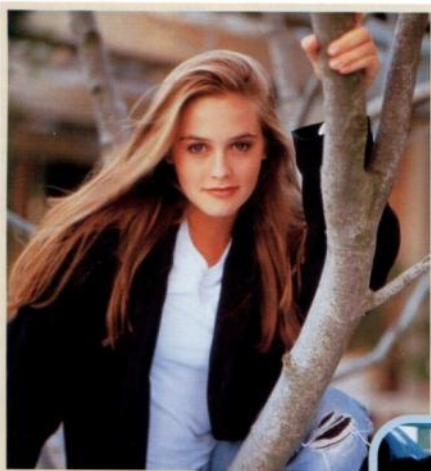
Now virtual reality comes in a handy travel size with Nintendo's latest, Virtual Boy, a portable 3-D video-game system with stereophonic sound.



New research shows that the meat-eating *Tyrannosaurus rex* did not loom upright, but stalked along lower to the ground. The discovery is reflected in the reopened exhibits of the famed dinosaur halls of New York's American Museum of Natural History after three years of redesign.

American Museum of Natural History

faces in the news



Already well known for her appearances in Aerosmith music videos, 19-year-old Alicia Silverstone achieves stardom with the 1995 summer movie hit *Clueless*.

Dana Fineman, Sygma



J.L. Bulcao, Gamma/Liaison

With \$150,000 saved during her 75 hardworking years as a washerwoman, Oseola McCarty establishes a scholarship fund for African-American students at the University of Southern Mississippi. For her selflessness, she is awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal.



Ron Davis, Shooting Star

Pamela Lee of "Baywatch" fame and husband Tommy Lee, Motley Crüe drummer, are the life of the party this year, frequently caught by the press engaging in public displays of affection.



Bill Jordan, Charleston Post Courier from Sipa Press

Trailblazer Shannon Faulkner (hand to head) withdraws from the Citadel after collapsing during "hell week." Faulkner singlehandedly attempted to bust the gender barrier at the all-male South Carolina military institution.



Frank Caputo/Sipa from Archive Photos

Millions of Americans tune in to Martha Stewart's TV show, subscribe to her magazine, and read her books. The popular cooking and home-decorating entrepreneur builds an empire by packaging a distinctive American nostalgic style.



Marc Deville, Gamma/Liaison

Bill Gates, founder and chairman of the computer giant Microsoft, becomes the wealthiest man in the world on the success of his company's software. His book *The Road Ahead* hits *The New York Times* best-seller list.



Ron Davis, Shooting Star

Hot actor Antonio Banderas falls in love with another screen sex-symbol Melanie Griffith during the filming of *Two Much*. Banderas will co-star with Madonna in the film version of *Evita* and will star in Steven Spielberg-produced *Zorro*.



Seventies superstar John Travolta's motion-picture comeback in the 1994 hit *Pulp Fiction* continues with starring roles in *Get Shorty* and *Broken Arrow*.



Fotofest from Shooting Star

Sandra Bullock follows up her star-making role in *Speed* with the gentle romance *While You Were Sleeping*. Bullock's fresh, wholesome image earns her an "Entertainer of the Year" nomination from *Entertainment Weekly* magazine.

America is disappointed in its high hopes for Colin Powell's 1996 presidential candidacy. At the close of his whirlwind book tour for *My American Journey*, the General and his wife Alma announce in November that he will not seek the Republican nomination.



Pete Souza, Gamma/Liaison



Stand-up comic and sitcom star Ellen DeGeneres makes the best-seller list with her book *My Point...And I Do Have One*.

flash

Calvin Klein's provocative CK Jeans campaign causes an uproar in August, bringing nasty headlines, threats of retailer boycotts and an FBI investigation. The scandal only seems to help sales.

Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley announce their divorce almost a year after their surprise marriage. The tabloids have a field day speculating about the reasons for the marriage (was it a cold-hearted career move?) as well as the causes for the break-up (was he after Elvis' fortune?).

Breaking the Surface, the autobiography of Greg Louganis, former U.S. Olympic gold-medal diver who revealed earlier that he has AIDS, debuts at No. 2 on the best-seller list.

Popcorn magnate Orville Redenbacher, who transformed popping corn into a gourmet item, dies on September 19 from heart failure.

Two Chinese women set a new Guinness world record in November by living in a room for 12 days with 888 poisonous snakes. The previous world record, set in Singapore in 1987, was 10 days with 200 snakes.

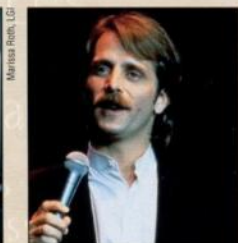


Sandra Johnson, Retna

Christopher Reeve, in a wheelchair and hooked up to a portable respirator, appears with his wife, Dana, at the American Paralysis Association's annual gala on November 9, less than five months after a fall from a horse left him almost totally paralyzed.

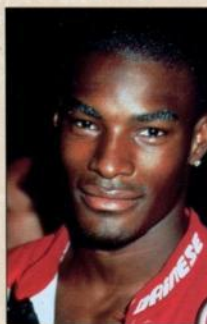
A 10-year-old St. Louis schoolboy, Larry Champagne III, becomes a hero by taking control of his school bus after the driver suffered a stroke. Champagne is later awarded a \$10,000 scholarship by the bus company.

AP/Wide World



Actress Demi Moore becomes the highest paid woman in Hollywood, able to command \$12.5 million per movie, even after this year's flop at the box office *The Scarlet Letter*, loosely based on Hawthorne's classic.

Favorite of America's heartland for his *You Might Be A Redneck If...* jokes, Georgia-born stand-up comic and author Jeff Foxworthy gets his own ABC sitcom in which he plays himself.



Model Beckford Tyson, singled out by Ralph Lauren for his all-American looks, signs an exclusive contract with the fashion designer in 1995.



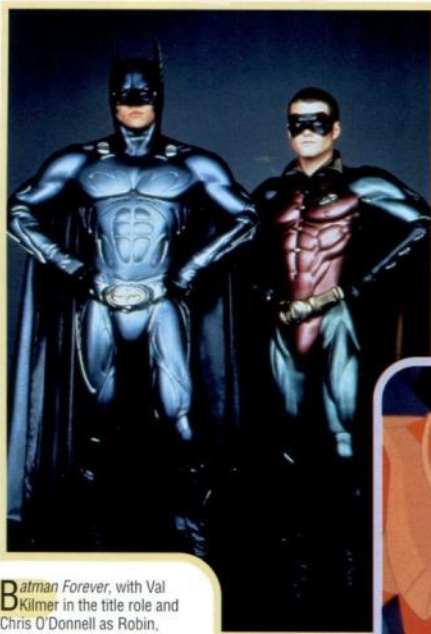
Miss Oklahoma Shawntel Smith is crowned Miss America on September 16. During the broadcast of the 75th pageant, viewers phone in their votes to retain the swimsuit competition.



John F. Kennedy, Jr., is cofounder and editor-in-chief of *George*, a glossy new magazine covering American politics. Hounded all his life by the press, Kennedy joins their ranks, contributing a feature interview to each issue.

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Batman Forever, with Val Kilmer in the title role and Chris O'Donnell as Robin, becomes the third Batman movie and the summer's top-grossing film.

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United Artists from Shooting Star

The fifth actor to play 007 in the enduring film series begun in the 1960s, Pierce Brosnan abandons his Aston Martin for a BMW Z3 Roadster in *Goldeneye*, the latest and, some say, best James Bond movie.

Three 1995 movies bring Jane Austen classics to the silver screen: *Clueless*, based on Austen's novel *Emma*, and *Sense and Sensibility* and *Persuasion*.



Disney Pictures from Shooting Star



Disney Pictures continues its line of animated blockbusters with the Native American legend *Pocahontas*. The picture previews in New York's Central Park to an outdoor audience of 200,000.



M. Gorman, L. Lai

After an unpromising start, Conan O'Brien quietly gains popularity as host of NBC's "Late Night," a slot previously filled by David Letterman. Letterman's current show on CBS slowly loses viewers.



Yvonne Kahana, Shooting Star

Whitney Houston stars in the December film release, *Waiting to Exhale*, adapted from Terry McMillan's best-selling novel about the lives of four middle-class African-American women. Houston sings the title song for the movie soundtrack, which enjoys brisk sales.



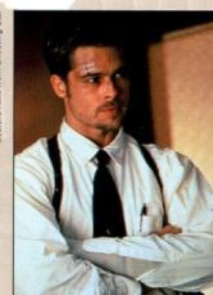
Ron Davis, Shooting Star

Denzel Washington, critically acclaimed for his performances in films *Crimson Tide* and *Devil in a Blue Dress*, receives highest praise from the City of Los Angeles, which honors him with the Martin Luther King, Jr., Award for his philanthropic work on behalf of children.

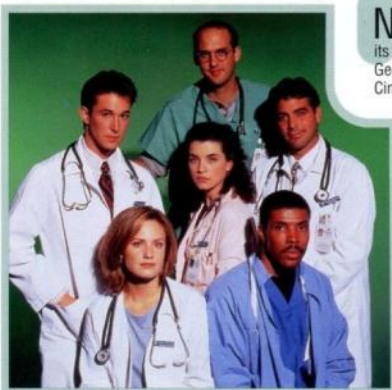


Bedford Falls from Shooting Star

Although ABC cancels her TV series "My So-Called Life," 17-year-old Claire Danes hits the big screen in *How to Make an American Quilt*, *To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday*, and *Romeo and Juliet* with Leonardo DiCaprio as her co-star.



In the suspense-thriller *Seven*, heartthrob Brad Pitt attracts a wide male audience with his performance as a detective on the trail of a serial killer whose murders are based on the seven deadly sins.



Jeff Katz, Gamma/Liaison

NBC's hospital drama "E.R." continues to draw high ratings throughout 1995 thanks to its dramatic realism and the appeal of handsome George Clooney (middle right), supermodel Cindy Crawford's latest date.

Disney Pictures from Shooting Star



Disney Entertainment spends \$19 billion to purchase the ABC television network in July.

Toy Story is the world's first entirely computer-animated film. Released by Disney during the Christmas season, it features the voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, and Don Rickles.



Pete, LGI

MTV introduces "Singed Out," an over-the-top dating game show where contestants ask random, pointless questions of a crowd of suitors, sight unseen, until the zany answers have eliminated all but that one perfect love match.

According to a Roper Youth Poll, the two hottest TV shows among teens this season are the daytime soap "Days of Our Lives" and the evening soap "Melrose Place."

"The Jon Stewart Show," a late-night talk show aimed at Generation X, fails to catch on. During the final taping, host Stewart says, "To all those people who said my show wouldn't last, I have only one thing to say. Good call."



Sam Jones, Gamma/Liaison

Jim Carrey earns \$20 million for the starring role in the comedy *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls*, a sequel to the extraordinarily popular *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*.

The popular NBC TV series "Friends" returns for a second highly rated season. Its runaway success inspires less successful imitations by other networks.



Ten years after creating the popular comic strip "Calvin and Hobbes," cartoonist Bill Watterson retires in December.



Horror-fiction author Stephen King signs a deal with Signet books to release his upcoming story, *The Green Mile*, as a paperback series.



Fox from Shooting Star

Fox TV's "The X-Files" stars David Duchovny as an FBI agent who investigates supernatural phenomena. The show becomes a surprise hit, giving millions of viewers reason to look forward to staying home on a Friday night.



Devoted fans will not be denied another season of NBC's sitcom "Seinfeld" after all. Creator Jerry Seinfeld decides to keep his "show about nothing" going for an eighth season.

AP/Wide World

music news



John Chaisson, Gammal/Liaison

Their down-to-earth style and soulful pop songs make Hootie and the Blowfish popular favorites. Their debut album *Cracked Rear View* sells over 5 million, and the group is named Best New Artist at the MTV Music Awards in September.



Pacha, LGI

Blues Traveler emerge from the underground scene to widespread popularity with their album *Four* and the single "Run-Around."



Shawn Grant, Roma

Cleveland-based rap group Bone Thugs-n-Harmony vault to the top of the charts with some old-fashioned harmonizing on the album *E. 1999 Eternal*.



AP/Wide World

Rocker Melissa Etheridge follows top-selling *Yes, I Am* with her fifth album, *Your Little Secret*.



John Bettisano, LGI



Tim Mosenfelder, LGI

Twenty-year-old Canadian newcomer Alanis Morissette raises some eyebrows with her up-front, aggressive lyrics and attitudes. Nevertheless, her album *Jagged Little Pill* goes double platinum.



Tolra from Shooting Star

Sixties icon Jerry Garcia, guitarist of The Grateful Dead, dies of a heart attack on August 9 at age 53. Garcia's musical roots in blues, country and folk are apparent in hits like "Truckin'." Legions of Deadheads mourn his passing.



Todd Gray, LGI

Brandy, whose self-titled platinum album and single "I Wanna Be Down" hit high on the R&B charts, sweeps the first Soul Train Music Awards in August. The 16-year-old singer wins Best New Artist, among other awards.



Bettmann

Beatlemania returns in 1995 with ABC's six-hour documentary *The Beatles Anthology*, the video releases of *A Hard Day's Night* and *Help!* and the album collection *Anthology*, featuring previously unreleased material.



Dale White, Roma

The chart-topping movie soundtrack *Dangerous Minds* features Coolio's rap anthem "Gangsta's Paradise," the number-one single of the year according to *Billboard* magazine.

Live dedicate their single "Lightning Crashes" to victims of the Oklahoma City bombing. The rock band's *Throwing Copper* album yields three hit singles; Billboard Music Awards names them Rock Artist of the Year.



Joe Garra, L&I



Mark Hauser, L&I

The Chicago-based rock band Smashing Pumpkins release their epic double album *Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness* to critical and public acclaim.



Ronnie Wright, L&I

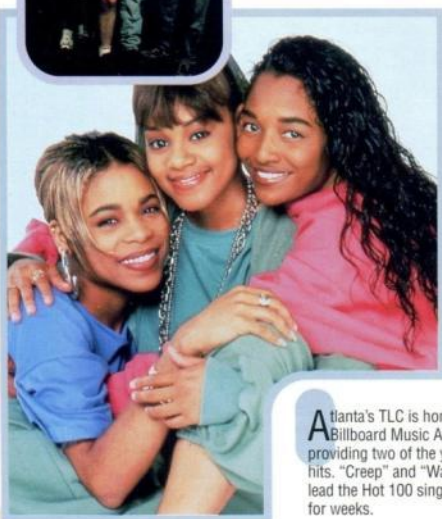
Mariah Carey's *Daydream* sells over 5 million copies, taking number-one spot on the *Billboard* album chart. Carey performs with Boyz II Men on the hit single "One Sweet Day."

flash

R.E.M.'s summer tour is interrupted by medical emergencies for three of the band's four members. The tour, their first in five years, is eventually completed with all members in good health.

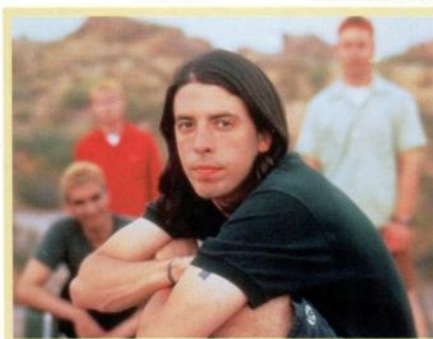
In October, David Bowie and Nine Inch Nails wrap up the U.S. portion of Bowie's world tour. At each show, Bowie and Trent Reznor's band play a set together. In December, Bowie tours Europe with Morrissey as his opening act.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers tone down their trademark bawdiness in their newest album, *One Hot Minute*.



Jeffrey Scates, L&I

Atlanta's TLC is honored at the *Billboard* Music Awards for providing two of the year's biggest hits. "Creep" and "Waterfalls" both lead the Hot 100 singles charts for weeks.



Steve Double, Rima

Former Nirvana drummer Dave Grohl plays a new sound as guitarist and lead singer in the Foo Fighters, an alternative rock band that enjoys three singles off their self-titled debut album in 1995.



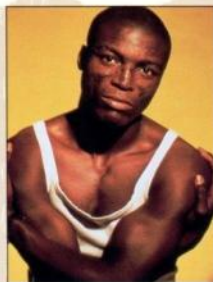
Ron Davis, Shooting Star

A hard-luck story turns into overnight success in the case of Canadian Shania Twain, born in poverty to an Irish mother and an Ojibway Indian father. Twain's 1995 hits include "Whose Bed Have Your Boots Been Under?," "Any Man of Mine" and the title tune to her 3-million-selling album *The Woman In Me*.



Steve Simons, Shooting Star

Success doesn't mellow the style of alternative rock band Green Day, who release their anxiously awaited fourth album *Insomniac*, their fastest and darkest album to date.



Steve Jennings, L&I

Seal's hit off the *Batman Forever* movie soundtrack, "Kiss From a Rose," is all over the summer playlists. The single propels the artist's self-titled album to the double-platinum mark.



Mark Morrison, Shooting Star

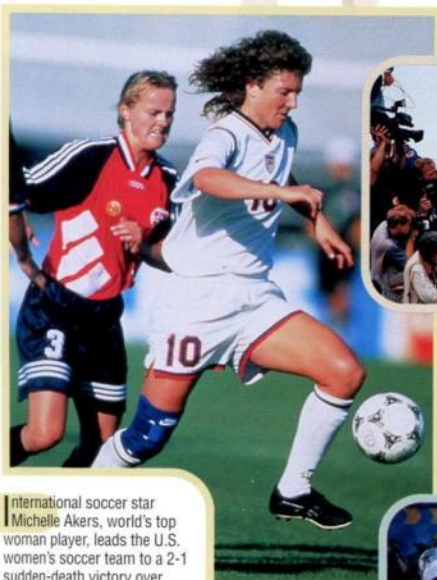
With the record-setting sales of his album *Fresh Horses*, only three musical acts in U.S. history outsell country music icon Garth Brooks: the Beatles, the Eagles, and Billy Joel.



Smith, Guinness/Lascon

Selena, the 23-year-old Tejano music queen, is gunned down in Corpus Christi in March 1995 by Yolanda Saldivar, former president of her fan club. The July release of a collection of Selena's hits, *Dreaming of You*, sees some of the fastest sales in music history.

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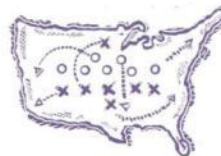
International soccer star Michelle Akers, world's top woman player, leads the U.S. women's soccer team to a 2-1 sudden-death victory over Norway in the U.S. Cup title game in August.

Chris Cole, Allsport



Focus on Sports

The New Jersey Devils win the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup, beating the heavily favored Detroit Red Wings in four straight games.



The most controversial moves are off the field this season as the Cleveland Browns NFL franchise announces its move to Baltimore and the Houston Oilers announce their move to Nashville.



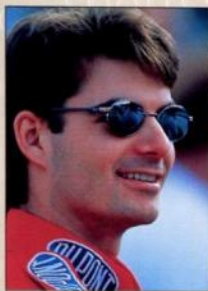
Clark Campbell, Sipa Press

In May 1995, Peter Blake's Team New Zealand in "Black Magic 1" defeats Dennis Conner's team in "Young America" in the first 5-0 sweep in the 144-year history of the America's Cup.



AP/Wide World

In Super Bowl XXX, the heavily favored Dallas Cowboys beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 27-17. Dallas cornerback Larry Brown ices the game for the Cowboys with the second of his two interceptions, and is named MVP for his heroics.



David Taylor, Allsport

Jeff Gordon, 24, dominates the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing's Winston Cup, winning 7 of NASCAR's 31 races and earning \$4.3 million in 1995, a record for the sport.



AP/Wide World

The University of Nebraska demolishes the University of Florida, 62-24, in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl to win their second consecutive national college football title and cap Cornhuskers coach Tom Osborne's 23rd season.



Reuters/Sutton

The Houston Rockets, led by center Hakeem Olajuwon, win their second consecutive National Basketball Association championship in June, sweeping the series with the Orlando Magic in four games.



Steve Berman, Gamma Liaison

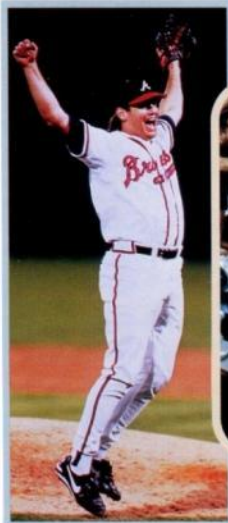
Twenty-one-year-old tennis champ Monica Seles, returning to competitive play two years after being stabbed at a tournament in Germany, wins the 1995 Australian Open.



Archive Photos

Hall-of-Famer Mickey Mantle, a switch-hitter and one of the great sluggers in baseball history, dies of cancer on August 13. Mantle hit 536 home runs in his 18-year career and compiled a lifetime batting average of .298.

The Atlanta Braves edge the Cleveland Indians 1-0 in game six to win the World Series on October 28. Closing pitcher Mark Wohlers leaps for joy.



Ric Stewart, Allsport



Vincent Laforet, Gamma/Liaison

The National Basketball Association fines the Chicago Bulls \$25,000 when Michael Jordan wears his previously retired number 23 jersey for luck during championship playoffs against the Orlando Magic in May 1995.



Chris Bromski, Allsport

flash

Former L.A. Lakers point guard Earvin "Magic" Johnson announces a return to basketball in January 1996. Johnson retired in 1991 when he discovered he was HIV positive.

The Northwestern University Wildcats—long a gridiron laughingstock—pile up ten victories in 1995 and go to the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1949.

In his first fight in four years, former world heavyweight champ Mike Tyson disposes of challenger Peter McNeeley in 89 seconds. Tyson, who in March finished a three-year jail term for a rape conviction, earns \$25 million for the August boxing match.

Pete Sampras, winner of the 1995 men's singles championships at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, ends the professional tennis season with a number-one world ranking.

German tennis star Steffi Graf, who won three of five Grand Slam titles in 1995, ends the professional tennis season ranked number one in the world.

National Basketball Association referees strike against the league for much of the autumn. Fill-in officials spark complaints of substandard refereeing.

Doug Pensinger, Allsport



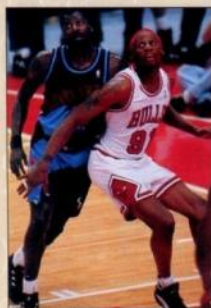
In September, Baltimore Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken, Jr., achieves a record-setting 2,131 consecutive games.



Master of the sinking fastball and still learning to speak English, L.A. Dodgers pitcher Hideo Nomo, formerly with the Kintetsu Buffaloes in Japan, is named Rookie of the Year. Nomo is the second Japanese-born player to join the U.S. major leagues, and the first All-Star.



Jeff Christensen, Gamma Liaison



AP/Wide World

Known for his temperamental personality, his many tattoos and his aggressive playing style, basketball center Dennis Rodman (91) debuts with the Chicago Bulls after his trade from the San Antonio Spurs.



Walter Proulx, Allsport

For a record fifth straight time, Miguel Indurain of Spain wins the 22-day, 2,270-mile Tour de France, the world's premier bicycle race. On the 15th day of the race, Italian road-race champ Fabio Casartelli is killed in a seven-man crash.



Focus on Sports

Betsy King wins her 30th tournament on June 25 and gains entry to the Ladies' Professional Golf Association's Hall of Fame, one of the most difficult attainments in sports.



Scott Halpern, Allsport

Quarterback Dan Marino of the Miami Dolphins sets four life-time passing records during the 1995 football season: 47,003 yards, 342 touchdowns, 3,686 completions and 6,467 attempts.

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The most recent fad in purses takes the form of small backpacks.

Designer water spreads to the pet world. Doting pet owners buy tuna-flavored bottled water for Fluffy and beef-flavored bottled water for Spot.

Diners are treated to variations on theme cafes, as Hard Rock Cafe is joined by Fashion Cafe, Planet Hollywood, Harley-Davidson Cafe, and London's Cyberia Cafe where patrons sip coffee and surf the Internet.

A first in the long, popular history of M&M's candies: a new blue M&M joins the colorful candy-coated mix.

Americans consume culture and history as attendance at America's 8,000 museums climbs to 600 million people per year, more than movie, theater, and sports attendance combined.

Logo-wear reaches a new level of sophistication. Among the reigning makers of athletic wear, only Nike can spark recognition without the use of its name.

Girly things enjoy a surge in popularity with young women, who wear baby barrettes, knee socks, tiny t-shirts, little jumpers, and funky Maryjanes, and kid around with "Hello Kitty" accessories.

Taking her place among controversial talk-show hosts as the "Oprah for the junior set," Ricki Lake speaks to such concerns as, "Mom, when my boyfriend gets out of jail, I'm taking him back."

The angel message of "fear not" strikes a deep chord with Americans' yearning for spiritual growth and comfort in a stressful time. People enjoy angel collectibles, angel sites on the Internet, and angel books and magazines.

"Some pretty cool people drink milk" is the message carried by a high-profile ad campaign featuring a raft of popular celebrities sporting a white upper lip on behalf of the healthy beverage. The milk-moustache effect is created with latex, a rubber-based paint.

