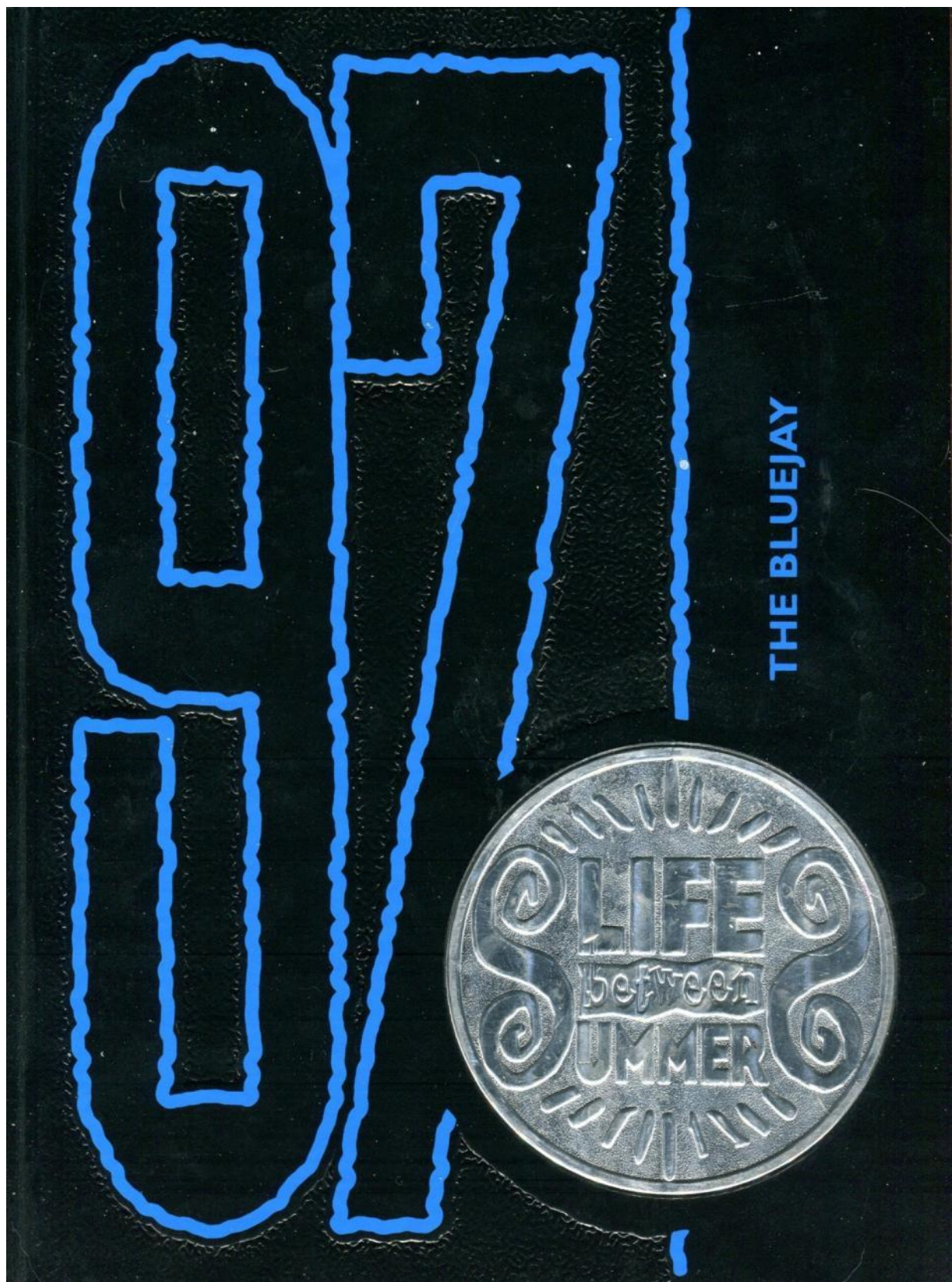


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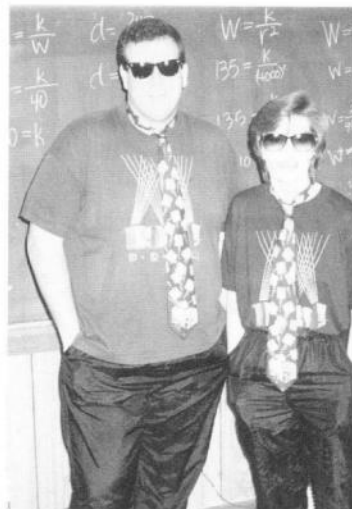
**1997 BLUEJAY**



Pictures (clockwise from right):  
 1) All dressed up, 2) Ms. Nook and Mr. DeVore—The Terrible 'Twins', 3) Tyson and Lane are showing Ms. Nook a little love, 4) NOW she's showing her true colors, 5) She LOOKS innocent, 6) Pretending to be busy at her daily station.

### *Dedication Miss Teresa Nook*

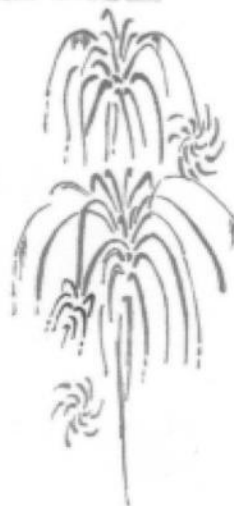
Villisca High School is proud to dedicate the 1996-1997 annual to Miss Teresa Nook. Ms. Nook has been an outstanding English teacher at Villisca for 14 years. In addition to her responsibilities as a teacher, she is also the speech coach at Villisca. Ms. Nook is respected by all the students, faculty, and administrators at VHS for her unsurpassed demonstration of leadership and her outstanding teaching abilities.







# LIFE BETWEEN SUMMERS



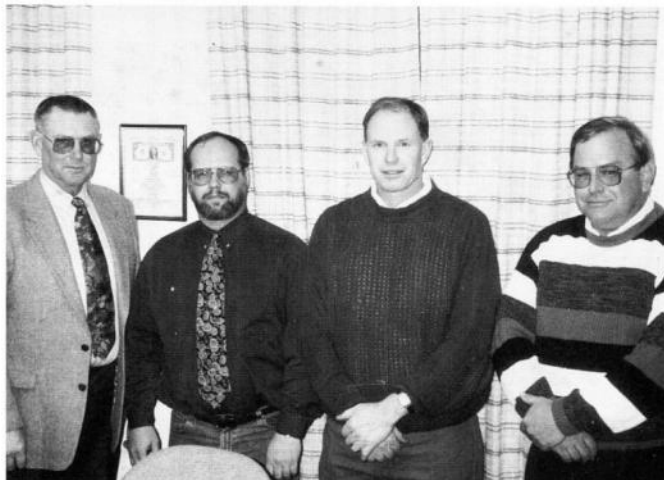
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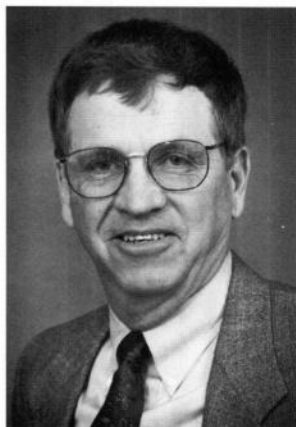
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## SCHOOL BOARD, ADMINISTRATION, AND SECRETARIES.

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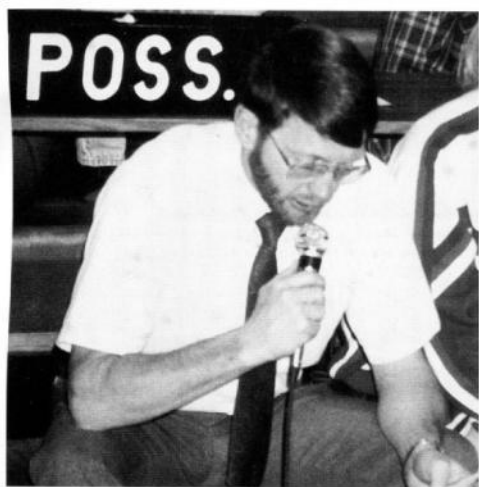
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Iowa Assoc. of School Boards



Shirley Maxwell, Board Secretary



Lee Haidsiak, Principal



Carol Greenfield  
Principal's Secretary



Carolyn Harris,  
Superintendent's Secretary

5: Cooks Janitors BusDrivers Schrader,Delores Ross,Terry Myers,Don Kasha,Ted Turner,Ray Johnson,Wayne Beedle,Kim Schrader,Darrell Wright,Dick Sunderman,Dean Schrader,Delores Bramble,Julie Currin,Marlis Watts,Joan

## The Support Staff Keeping VHS in Line



Custodians: Delores Schrader, Terry Ross, Don Myers, and Ted Kasha.



Bus Drivers: Ray Turner, Wayne Johnson, Kim Beedle, Darrell Schrader, Dick Wright



Our sympathy goes out to the Dean Sunderman family as we remember him. During his 17 years as a bus driver, Dean touched the lives of many students.



Cooks: Delores Schrader, Julie Bramble, Marlis Currin, and Head Cook Joan Watts.

# A day in the life of...



"Uhhhh....."



"I haven't eaten in DAYS!"



A done day in the trenches



"Bring it on DeVore!" she shouts. "It's go time."



Hmmm...Interesting. Don't you think so?.....Indeed.



This is how we Iowans flip pancakes. The child oohs and ahhs.



Ain't we glad the 60's 'er over?!



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



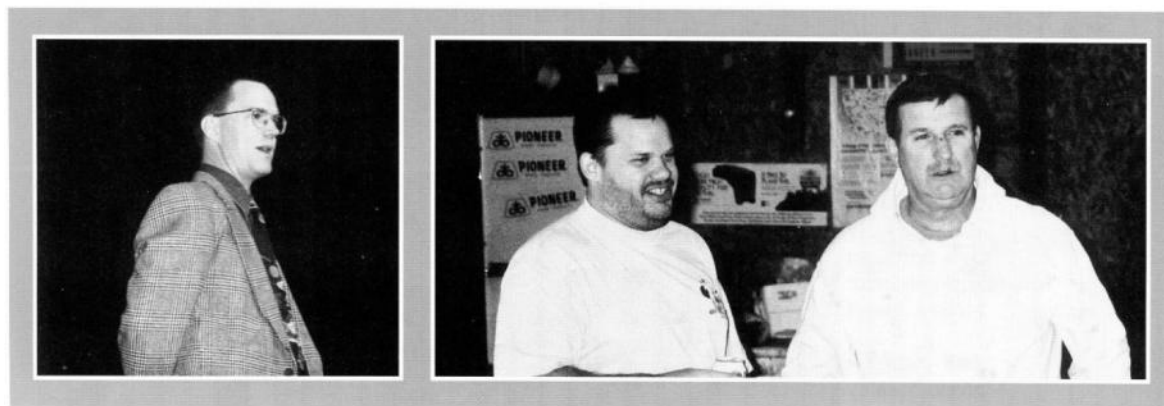
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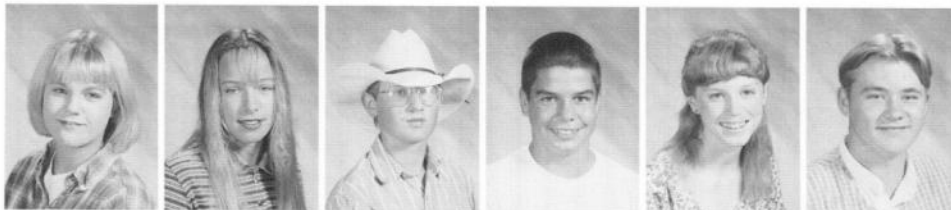


"And the monkey says to the guy . . ."

"I'm Batman." "No you're not! Sheesh! . . . I'M batman!"

8: Freshmen FreshmanClass Auten,Rachel Baldwin,Amanda Barr,J.W. Beedle,Kevin Bohn,Sheena Burgess,Doug Burton,Jeremiah Case,Jacob Clark,Kyla Fast,Trisha Figgins,Jeanette Fish,Jebb Garey,Tyrel Gibson,Nicole Gotschall,Sara Gray,Jessie Gray,Nick Guy,James Hausen,Erin Hawn,Abigail Jacobs,Daniel Kline,Eric Kline,Mark Larsen,Mark Leichty,Sara Lewis,Katrina Lindburg,Valerie McKinley,Kristy Mattson,Adam Moestchen,Jerod Muller,Michael Myers,Amber Nelsen,Sonja Newberg,Jessica O'Briant,Jesse Roberts,Stacey Robinson,Alicia Salway,Jessica Sorensen,Travis Sunderman,Amanda Sweet,Melissa Stanley,Marcelo

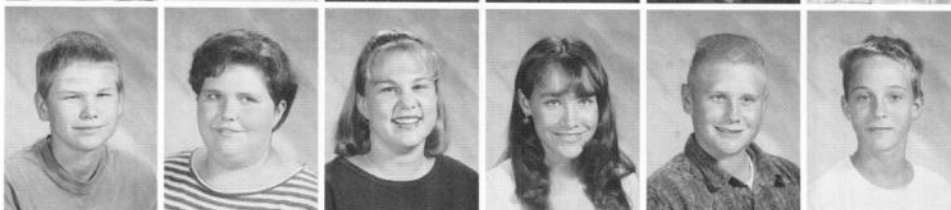
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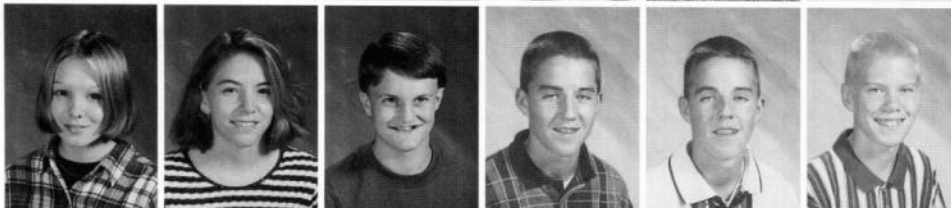
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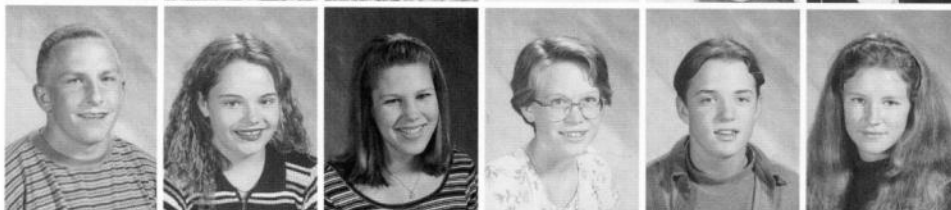
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Adam Mattson  
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Jessica Newberg  
Jessie O'Briant  
Stacey Roberts



Alicia Robinson  
Jessica Salway  
Travis Sorensen  
Amanda Sunderman  
Melissa Sweet



Not pictured:  
Marcelo Stanley



**Below clockwise:**

Class Officers: Class Representative, Trisha Fast; Secretary, Valerie Lindburg; Vice President, Nick Gray; President, Mark Kline; Treasurer, Sara Leichthy.

Jerod, Watch what your doing!

Rachel eating like always!

Doug, Where is the sun?

Look at the birdy!



## Freshman Start Life Between Summers!



**Below clockwise:**

Rachel with a smile on her face!

Smile for the camera!

Sonja helping out with the float!

Get out of my face!

Upsy-Daisy!

Amanda enthused about going to P.E.!





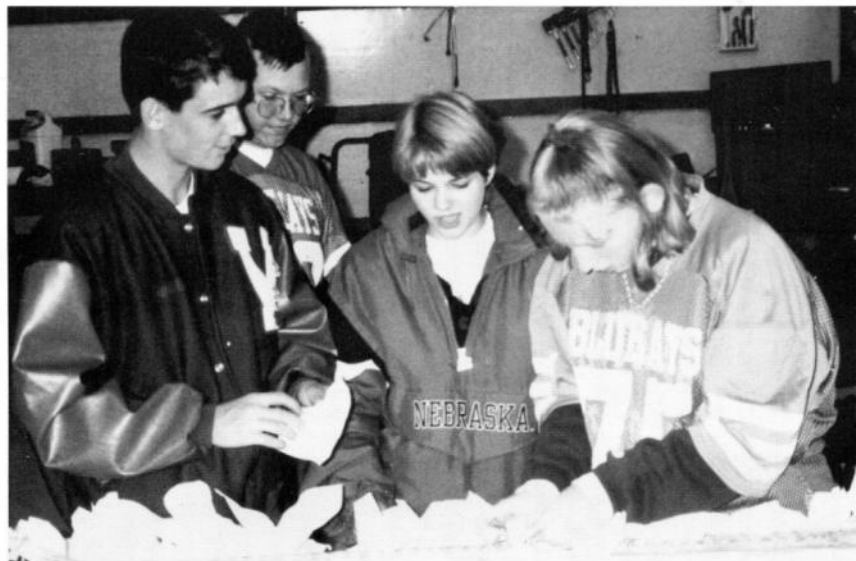
## *Sophomores are Everything Under the Sun!*

Right: Say Cheese!

Right: Talk about  
school spirit.!

Lower right: Where  
are we going to put all  
these napkins.

Below: For Mandi  
that's not unusual!

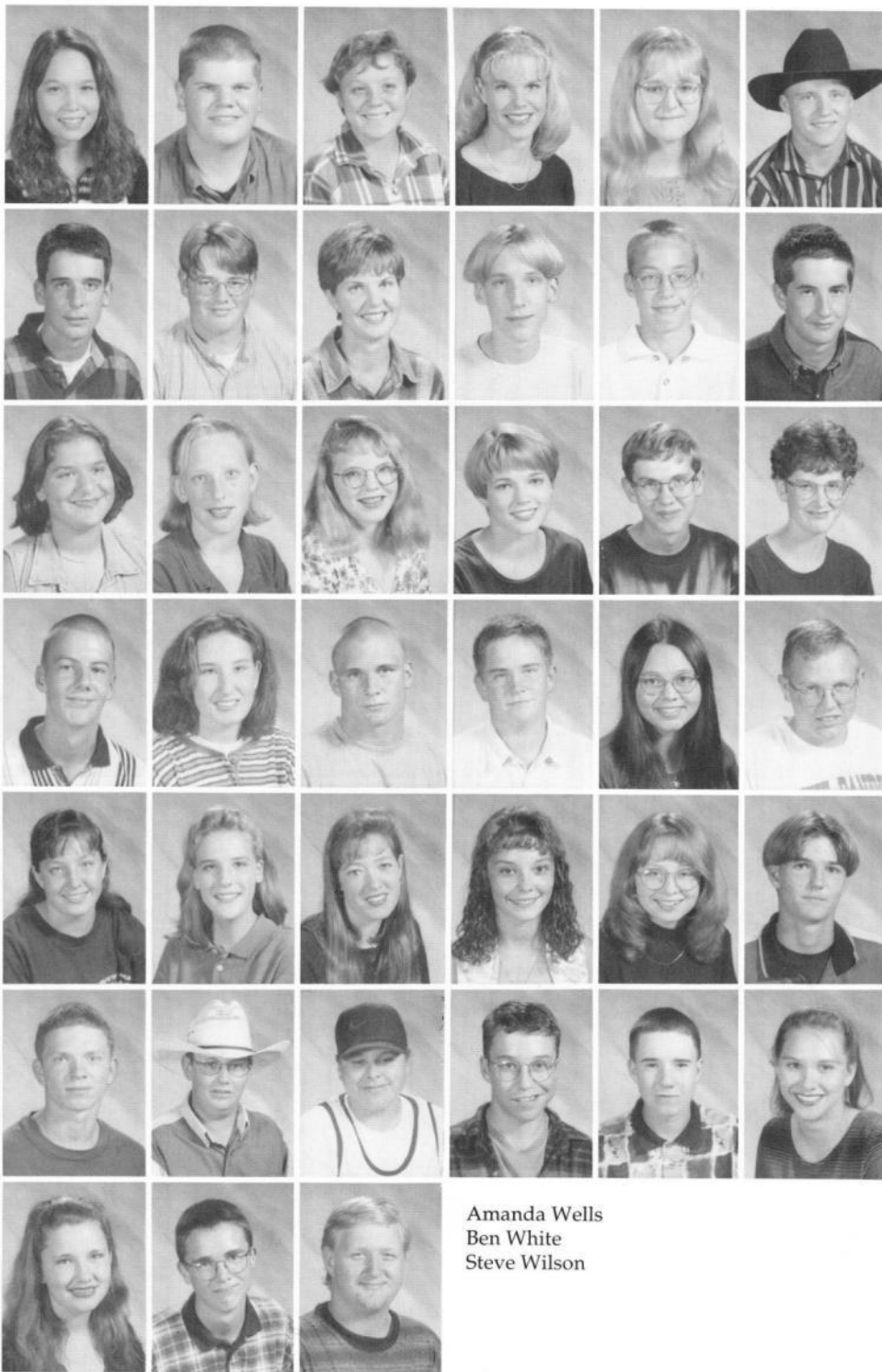


Above: Luke Anderson, master chef.

Right: The political class.



11: Sophomores SophomoreClass Anderson,Elishia Anderson,Luke Barber,Wendy Bengard,Sarah Bowman,Tina Brown,Doug 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 Larsen,Cristin Marsh,Eric McClain,Kaylon Morris,Florence Newberg,Nathan Orr,Patsy Peterson,Kristin Philpott,Stacy Pullen,Rachael Salway,Natasha Sellergren,Nate Simmons,Chris Sunderman,Philip Taylor,Tony Tillman,Lauren Wainwright,Adam Waldron,Jamie Wells,Amanda White,Ben Wilson,Steve



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12: Juniors JuniorClass Beedle,Courtney Bisbee,Brandi Bloom,Kari Branan,Andy Brownlee,Tony 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 Petersen,Joel Rupp,Dena Ryan,Patrick Shum,Jessie Simmons,Josh Sparks,Adam Sunderman,Ryan Taylor,BobL. Tener,John Wagaman,Jessica Watts,Tonya Winther,NormaRae Wood,Bryce Woods,Hilary Wright,Jeff Wyllie,Ryan

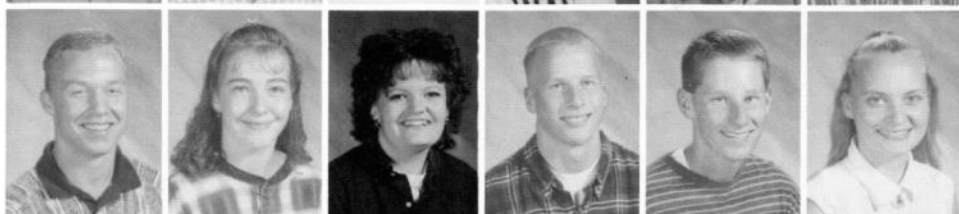
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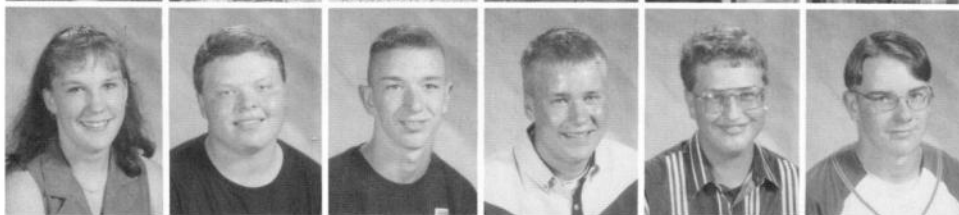
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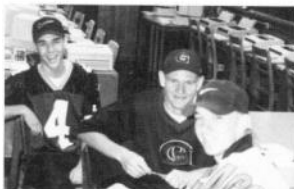
Ryan Wyllie



Tony Brownlee-  
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Jeff Wright-Secretary,  
Jordan Marsh-Vice  
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Woods-President,  
Luke Fast-Class  
Representative.



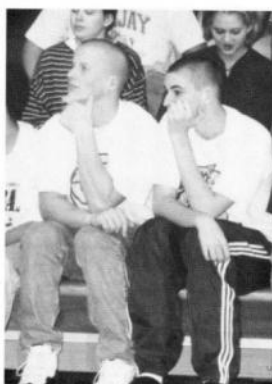




Below clockwise: Hi Tara! Where's your hat, Katie?  
No Jessie, it goes like this! Where are your women,  
boys? Smile pretty!!



## JUNIORS RULE THE LIFE BETWEEN SUMMERS AND BEYOND!!



Below clockwise: Junior and  
'old green' ready to roll!! A  
very attentive class meeting!?!  
Jim deep in thought!! It  
doesn't have to be perfect!  
Trying to look VERY sophisti-  
cated! "Getting a little  
banged-up lately, huh, John?"

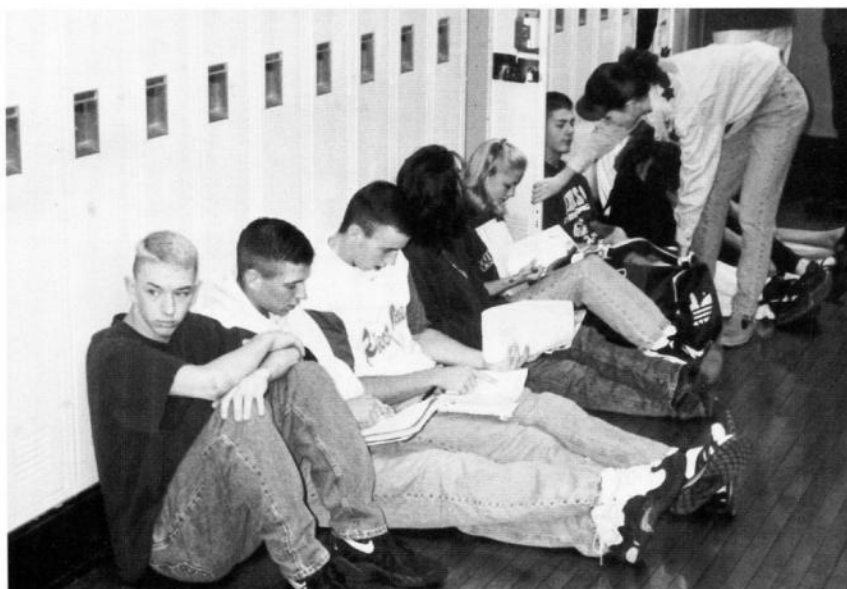


# The things we do

## *In Between Summers*

No one's quite awake in the mornings.

Doug is doing his FAVORITE thing . . . selling those student council suckers.



## VHS CHATTER



Heather and Cassie



Laura and Bri



Faith and Lindsey



Joe, Jeff, and Eric

OOooooooo...

REALLY!?!?

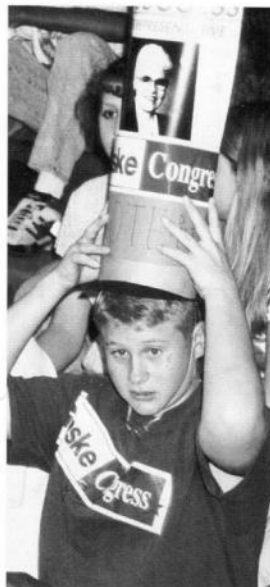
Yahhhhhh...

AHHHH!  
You have to  
be kidding  
me!??

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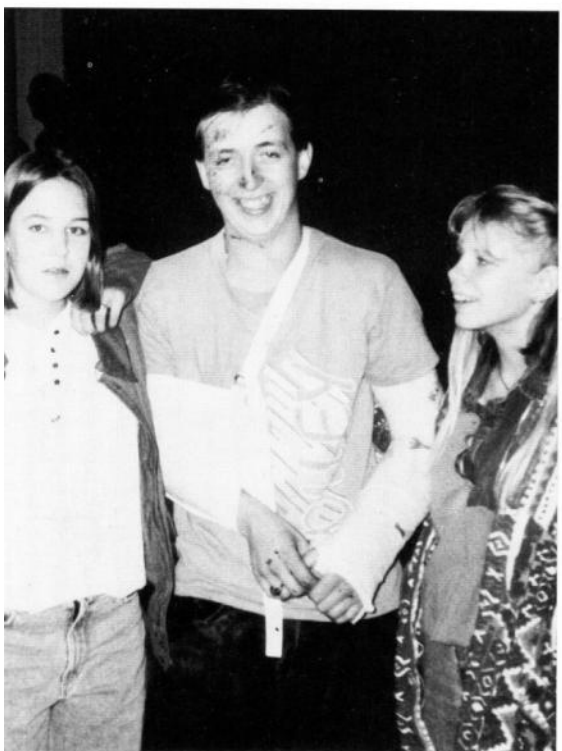


Girls, shouldn't you be focusing on volleyball?



Nic REALLY got into the '96 elections!

Sonja has the hippie look going for her.



Above: Jordan, Bri, and Laura once again not doing what they should be....



Rachel, you're in high school now. Give up the teddy bear.

Is school life that rough, Casey?

Our, once again, 1st Place Class Float

Our Own Clinton!

Feeling Okay, Deanna?



Above: Hey, Hot Rod!

Right: Our Last Home-coming! Sob! Sob! Yeah Right!







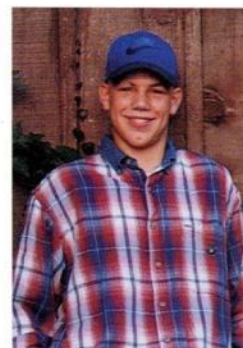
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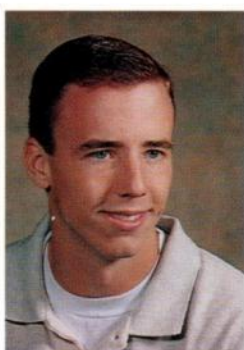
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Becca Casey  
Secretary/  
Treasurer



Doug Raney  
Student Council  
Representative



Adam Peterman  
Student Council  
Vice-President

# SENIORS '97 VHS



Deanna Dickey  
Student Council  
Secretary

**Class Motto: The way to predict our future is to create it!**

**Class Colors: Silver/Black**

**Class Flower: Fire and Ice Rose**

**Robe Colors: Red/Royal Blue**

16b: Seniors SeniorClass Allen,Cassie Baldwin,Melody Barker,Julie Branan,Cinthy Dunn,Robbie Gage,Heather Gaunt,Connie Hammerstrom,James McCurdy,Keith Phelps,Chris Shipley,Kate Tener,Amanda



Cassie Allen



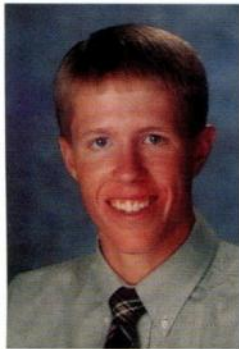
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Julie Barker



Cinthy Branan



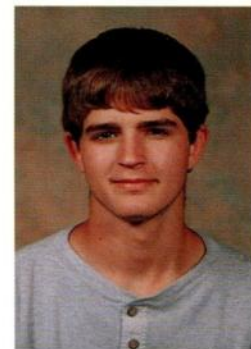
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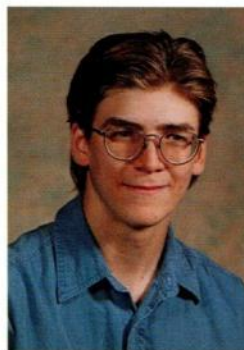
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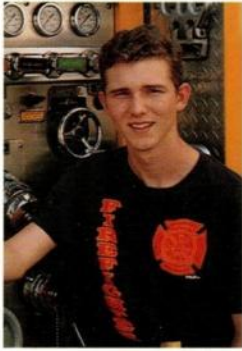
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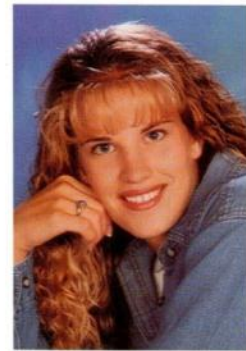
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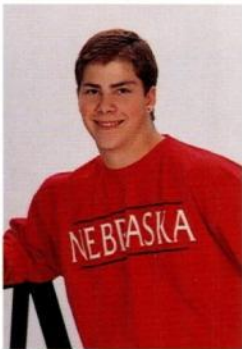
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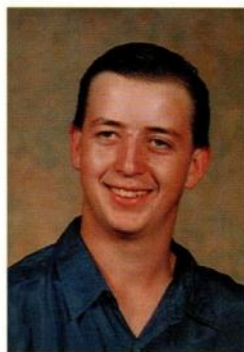
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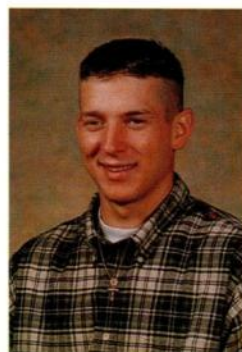
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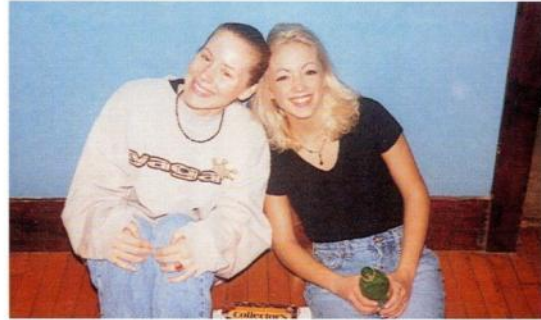
Adrian Wolfe



Right: Pre-class gossip in the morning.

Below: I am Cornholio!!!

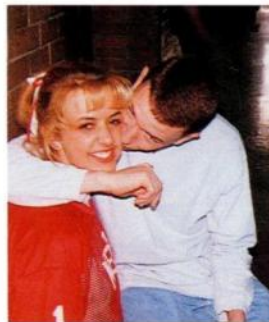
Below Right: Stress getting to you, Molly?



Above: Your secret crush is behind you, Kate!

Far Right: Can you say, LOSERS?

Right: Underclassmen SHOULD be kissing the Seniors!

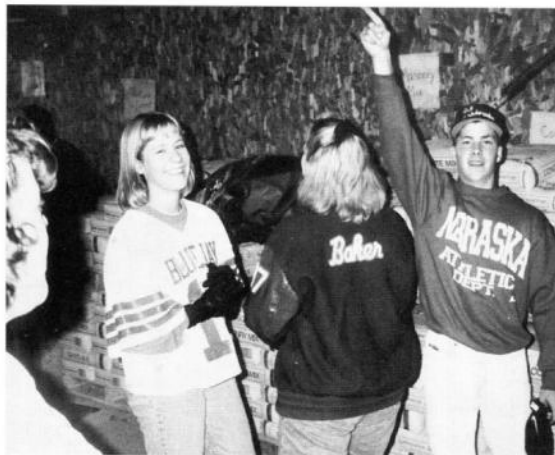
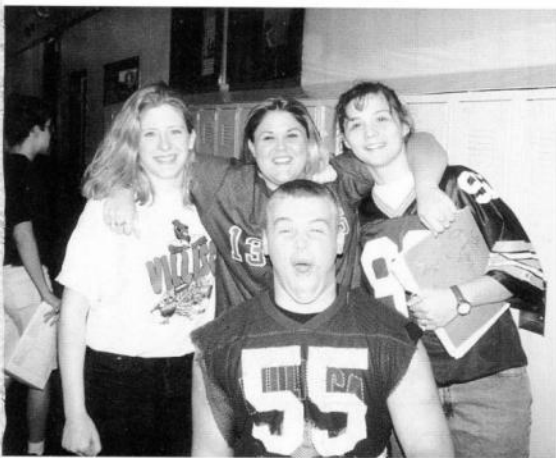


Right: Ew, Scary!





Below: What a group? Jr. is pretty lucky!



Above: Yeah, we know we are #1!



Above: We're Hungry, Seniors First!



Above: Seniors give the pep talk.



Above: Cuddling during a cold football game.

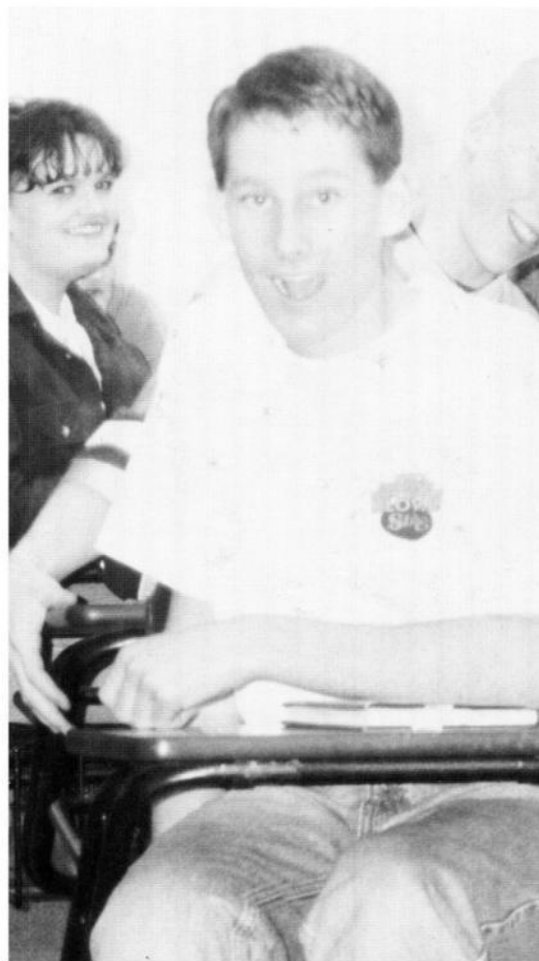


Above: Dumb and Dumber

Katie, Kyle, and Lane look as if they're having fun in study hall AND getting their picture taken.

Pointing isn't polite, Junior.

Don't look, Adrian. Mr. Barker is taking our picture.



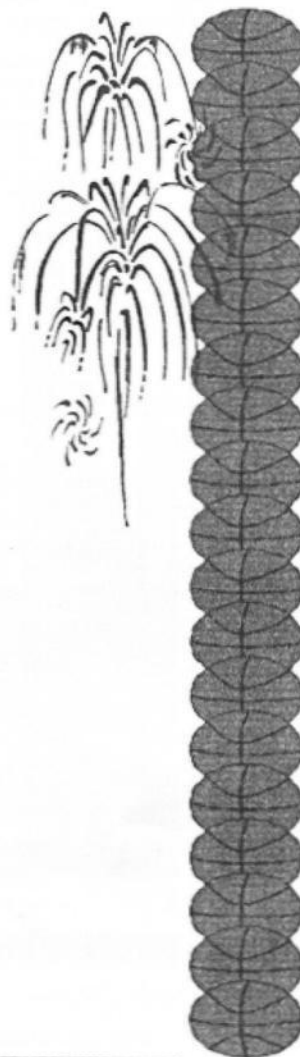
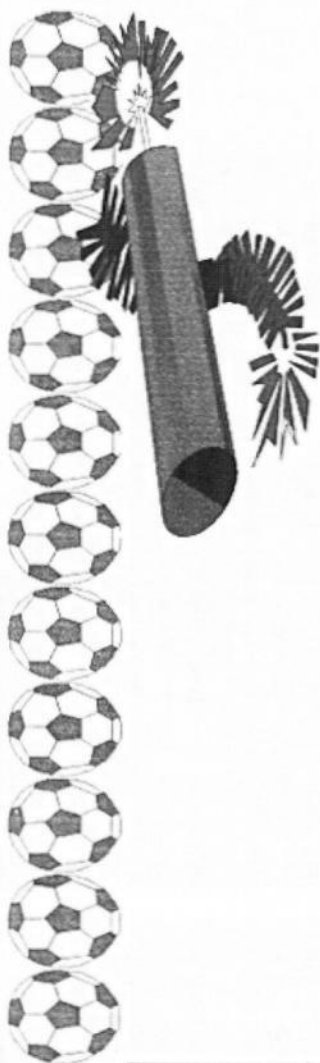
Who knows what Erin is doing?

Amanda, Mindy, Patrick, and John relaxing in study hall.





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**SPORTS**

20: Baseball Softball Wood, Steve Graf, Josh Branan, Andy Sparks, Adam Brownlee, Tony Marsh, Eric Wood, Bryce Dumler, Billie McClain, Kaylon Sellergren, Nate Case, Dan Kernan, Matt Raney, Doug Petersen, Joel Sunderman, Philip Peterman, Adam Focht, Andrew Wood, Ben Petersen, Jeff Fulton, Matt Marsh, Tyler Kernan, Jeff

## Summer Sports are Hot!

The Bluejay Baseball Team posted a twenty and six overall record and a five and four conference record. The Bluejays had an excellent season this year. For the first time they advanced to the state baseball tournament in Carroll. The Bluejays lost in the first round at the state tournament, but it was an honor to get to participate at all.

The Bluejay Softball Team ended up with a five and sixteen overall record and a three and five record in Corner Conference games. The team will be losing only one senior this year. With all the experience returning, the Bluejays will be hoping for a good season next year.



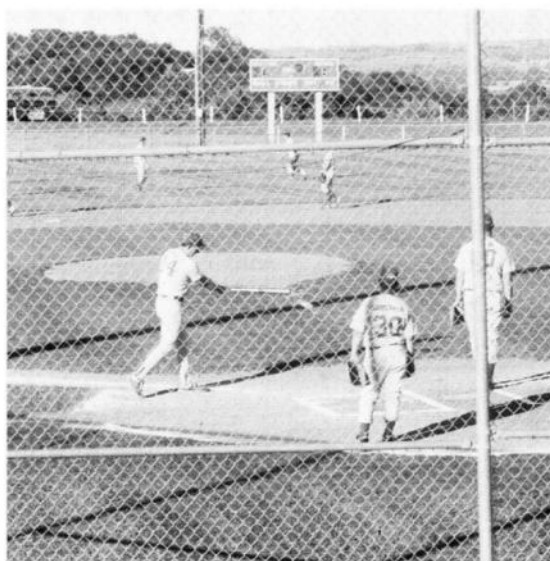
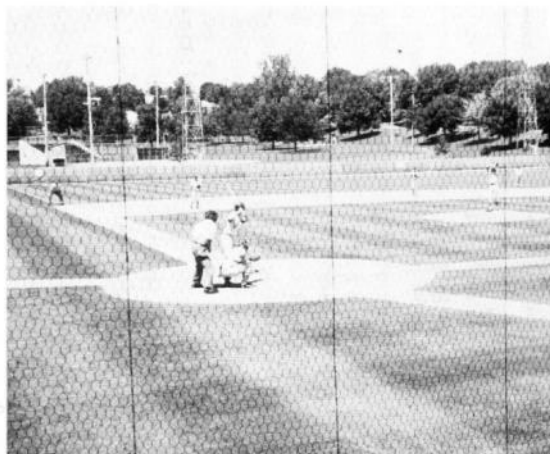
Coach Wood conferring with the ump.



Another homerun for Ben!



Go Get Em' Boys!



### All-Conference Recognition

#### First Team All-Conference

Matt Fulton - First Base  
Ben Wood - Shortstop  
Jeff Kernan - Outfield

#### Second Team All-Conference

Jeff Petersen - Outfield  
Adam Peterman - Pitcher

#### Honorable Mention All-Conference

Tyler Marsh - Catcher  
Doug Raney - Second Base  
Dan Case - Third Base



First row L to R: Josh Graf, Andy Branan, Adam Sparks, Tony Brownlee, Eric Marsh, Bryce Wood, Billie Dumler. Second Row : Kaylon McClain, Nate Sellergren, Dan Case, Matt Kernan, Doug Raney, Joel Petersen, Philip Sunderman, Adam Peterman, Andrew Focht. Third Row: Coach Wood, Ben Wood, Jeff Petersen, Matt Fulton, Tyler Marsh, Jeff Kernan



21: Softball Gage, Heather Dunn, Molly Kline, Holly Dickey, Deanna Casey, Rebecca Winther, NormaRae Rupp, Dena Marsh, Jordan Bengard, Sarah Orr, Patsy Dunn, Sally Williams, Mindy McKinley, Kristy Fulton, AmandaL. Wagaman, Jessica Bloom, Kari Frey, Michelle Obermeier, Jim



Left: Get ready Jays! Here it comes.

Below: Are you thirsty McKinley?



Far left: It can't be only the fourth inning. Left: Bases loaded, two outs, and the count is full...



First row: Heather Gage, Molly Dunn, Holly Kline, Deanna Dickey, Becca Casey. Second row: Norma Winther, Dena Rupp, Jordan Marsh, Sarah Bengard, Patsy Orr, Sally Dunn. Third Row: Mindy Williams, Kristy McKinley, Amanda Fulton, Jessica Wagaman, Kari Bloom, Michelle Frey and Coach Obermeier.



Holly, our team leader.

#### All Conference Recognition

First Team All-Conference  
Becca Casey - Third base

Second Team All-Conference  
Molly Dunn - Outfield

Honorable Mention  
All-Conference  
Holly Kline - Pitcher  
Sarah Bengard - Outfield

# 1996 POWER

## V O L L E Y B A L L

Right: Our dedicated coach. Far right: What Connie?!! Below left to right: Laci has hands on the ball again! Becca jumps high to dump it over the net. Dena serves the serve! Connie is on her knees and ready for the ball!



At Right:  
Troublemakers



The 1996 Volley-  
ball Squad.



Bluejay Varsity Team: Bottom: Dena Rupp. Up right side: Laci Fulton, Jordan Marsh, Heather Gage, Molly Dunn, Jessica Wagaman, Norma Winther. Up left side: Connie Gaunt, Deanna Dickey, Sarah Bengard, Becca Casey, Julie Barker, and Tonya Watts. Head Coach, Mr. Wood, on right and assistant coach, Mr. Obermeier on left.



What's so funny girls?!

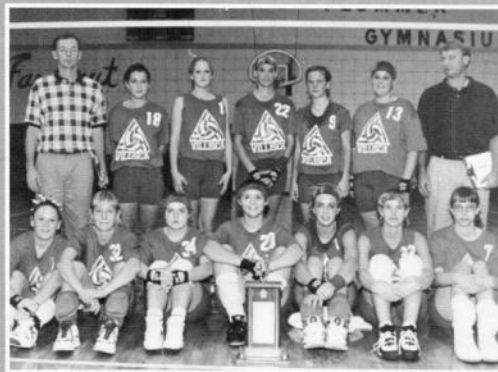
## Season Wrap-up

This year the Bluejay Volleyball Team had its ups and downs. We got off to a great start by winning our own Bluejay Tournament. Becca Casey, Laci Fulton, and Dena Rupp made the all tournament team.

We had an overall record of 47 wins and 19 losses. In conference play, we were 8 and 1. We came very close to winning the conference tournament, but ended up placing second.

Becca Casey and Laci Fulton both made 1st team all-conference with Sarah Bengard receiving 2nd team all-conference and Dena Rupp honorable mention. Becca Casey also received a special mention for all-state and Laci Fulton received Honorable Mention all-state.

Villisca was first in the conference for sportsmanship. The fans were wonderful and we greatly appreciated it. We will really miss the 1997 seniors, but we're looking forward to next year.



Ready for ACTION!

This year the Bluejay Football Team was in a new district and they had to travel a long way to play their games.



Here we go  
BLUEJAYS!



Lined up and  
ready to go.

Nice body Tener!!!!

What a man!!!!



What a hot guy!!



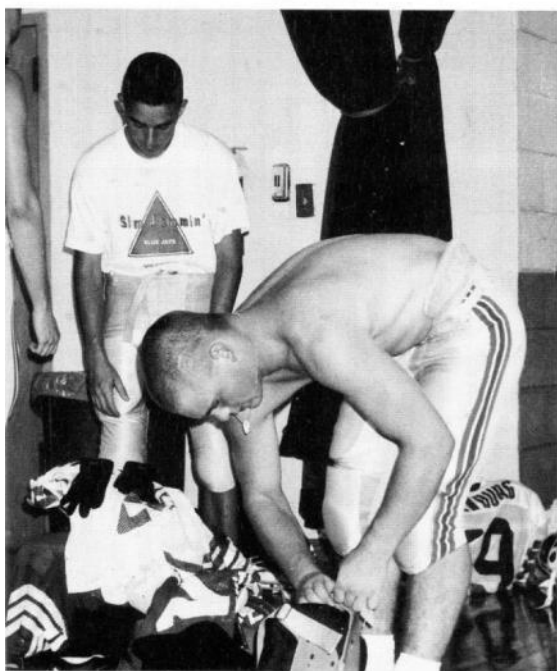
Tie it tight Rob!!



25: Football Burgess,Doug Dumler,Billie Ryan,Patrick Tener,John Wright,Jeff Sellergren,Nate Kline,Eric Guy,James Simmons,Chris Fish,Jebb Johnson,Carl Marsh,Eric Brownlee,Tony Johnson,Kyle Muller,Michael Cook,J.R. Newberg,Nathan Fast,Luke Sunderman,Ryan Beedle,Kevin Straight,James Simmons,Josh Case,Dan Petersen,Joel Hensley,Joe Dunn,Robbie Sparks,Adam Kline,Mark Greenfield,Jeremy

# Football

Are you sure Junior?!



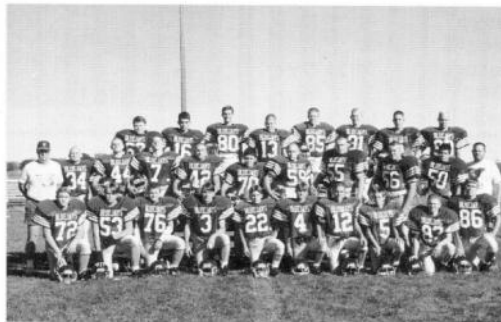
What a nice view!!

## For the Record

	Us	Them
Glidden	14	20
Guthrie	0	54
Adair	24	66
East Union	13	6
Manning	0	53
IKM	7	47
Exira	21	8
Lenox	0	54
Essex	31	6



Home of the Bluejays!



First Row: Doug Burgess, Billie Dumler, Pat Ryan, John Tener, Jeff Wright, Nate Sellergren, Eric Kline, Jim Guy, Chris Simmons, and Jebb Fish. Second Row: Coach Carl Johnson, Eric Marsh, Tony Brownlee, Kyle Johnson, Michael Muller, J. R. Cook, Nathan Newberg, Luke Fast, Ryan Sunderman, Kevin Beedle, and Coach James Straight. Third Row: Josh Simmons, Dan Case, Joel Petersen, Joe Hensley, Rob Dunn, Adam Sparks, Mark Kline, and Jeremy Greenfield.



Don't be too tough guys!

	Them	Us
CAM	67	51
Lenox	51	37
Griswold	51	34
Stanton	26	48
FM	23	57
Nishna Valley	33	65
South Page	46	54
Malvern	36	67
Essex	49	45
Bedford	54	51
Stanton	21	56
Southwest	29	48
Essex	46	57
Corning	48	45
South Page	40	48
Stanton	41	50
Farragut	51	61
Southwest	34	42
O-M	33	55
Lenox	61	59

## Varsity Girls Basketball



Front: Becca Casey, Faith Leichty, Deanna Dickey, Laci Fulton, Connie Gaunt, Molly Dunn, and Heather Gage. Back: Asst. Vince Else, Sarah Bengard, Dena Rupp, Kristy McKinley, Kari Bloom, and Head Coach Craig Kinrade.



Above Left to Right : After playing a hard game, the players wait for the trophy presentation...



then they go crazy when the trophy is finally theirs to keep!!!

## Great Success for Jays! Corner Conference Title Included

The girl's basketball team had a great season, which provided excitement right up to the end. Led by seven seniors, the team posted a thirteen and seven overall record that included an impressive seven and two conference record.

For the first time ever, the Jays won the Corner Conference Tournament! After defeating Stanton and Southwest, Villisca came up against state-rated Essex in the finals. Even though Essex had a late-game surge, the Jays ended up winning by eleven, upsetting the Trojans.

Stout Lenox was the opponent in the first round of Sectionals. The lead saw-sawed back and forth between both teams with Lenox ahead by two when time ran out.

Hard work and cooperation among team members complimented with ability furnished the Jays with the first winning record in several seasons. Post-season honors included seniors Laci Fulton and Becca Casey being selected to the Corner Conference 1st Team.

The JV squad ended up with a 4-6 record, but showed great improvement over the course of the season.

Below: Oh-you mean we have a game to play tonight?



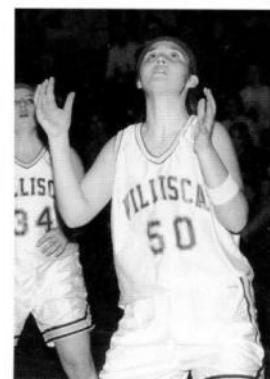
27: Basketball, Girls Bohn, Sheena Dunn, Sally McKinley, Kristy Jacobs, Katie Bloom, Kari Myers, Amber Else, Vince Leichty, Sara Larsen, Cristin Fast, Trisha Fulton, Amanda L. Lewis, Katrina Orr, Patsy Kinrade, Craig Gaunt, Connie

## Junior Varsity Girls Basketball



Front: Sheena Bohn, Sally Dunn, Kristy McKinley, Katie Jacobs, Kari Bloom, and Amber Myers. Back: Asst. Vince Else, Sara Leichty, Cristin Larsen, Trisha Fast, Amanda Fulton, Katrina Lewis, Patsy Orr, and Head Coach Craig Kinrade.

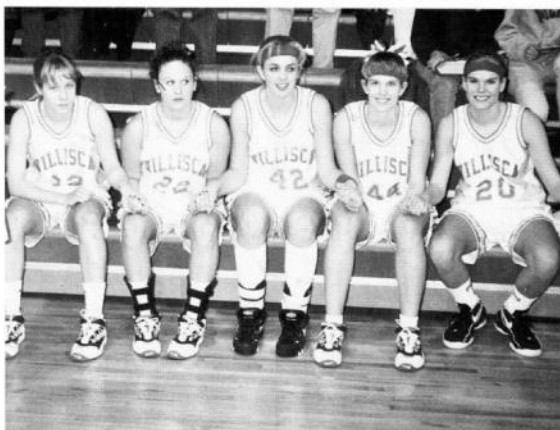
	Us	Them
CAM	33	36
Lenox	32	25
South Page	21	39
Griswold	21	58
Farragut	23	28
Bedford	26	22
Bedford	25	18
Essex	27	46
Stanton	21	32
O-M	34	28



Far Left: The team was glad to have Mr. Else offer to be the assistant this year-especially because he gave us gum before every game!!

Above Left: Sarah and Laci celebrate the championship.

Above: Connie Gaunt prepares to rebound.



These five girls started for the Jays for the majority of the season. It's obvious how important teamwork was to them.



Molly takes her turn cutting down the net.

28: Basketball, Boys Graf, Josh Johnson, Kyle Peterman, Adam Case, Jacob Wood, Bryce Brownlee, Tony Wood, Steve Case, Dan Branan, Andy Wolfe, Adrian Raney, Doug Fish, Jebb Petersen, Joel Obermeier, Jim Mattson, Adam Gray, Nick Kline, Eric Sparks, Adam Kline, Mark Kernan, Matt Focht, Andrew Muller, Michael Tillman, Lauren Guy, James

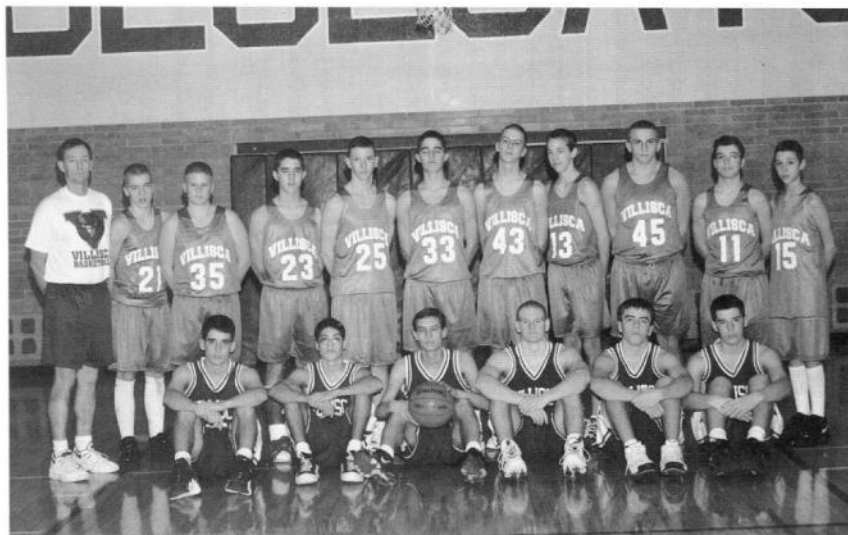
# Boys Basketball!



**Varsity:** Back row from left: Josh Graf, Kyle Johnson, Adam Peterman, Jake Case, Bryce Wood, Tony Brownlee, and head coach Steve Wood. Front row from left: Dan Case, Andy Branan, Adrian Wolfe, Doug Raney, Jebb Fish, Joel Petersen. Not pictured is assistant coach Jim Obermeier.

	Us	Them
C. Academy	68	63
O-M	94	37
Stanton	58	59
F-M	51	44
NV	41	52
South Page	67	55
Malvern	47	50
Essex	61	51
Bedford	56	58
Farragut	53	78
Corning	42	59
South Page	85	54
Stanton	46	58
Farragut	63	77
East Union	57	74
SouthWest	65	49
Griswold	59	62
Nod. Valley	43	57
Stanton	47	60

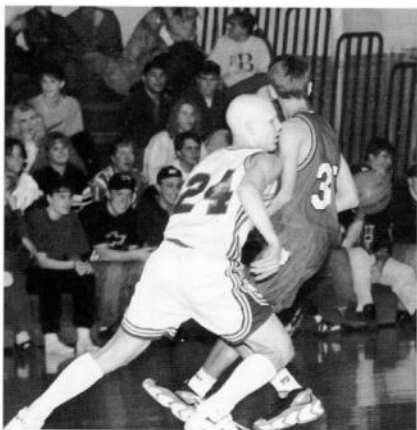
7 wins and 12 losses



**JV:** Back row from left: Head coach Steve Wood, Adam Mattson, Nick Gray, Eric Kline, Adam Sparks, Mark Kline, Matt Kernan, Andrew Focht, Michael Muller, Lauren Tillman, and Jimmy Guy. Front row from left: Dan Case, Andy Branan, Joel Petersen, Tony Brownlee, Jebb Fish, and Jake Case. Not pictured is assistant coach Jim Obermeier.

The varsity team ended the season with a record of 7 wins and 12 losses. Adrian Wolfe made first team All-Conference and first team All-Valley. Even though the team had a losing season, the players had a lot of fun. They played a state qualifying team, Stanton, three very close games. The boys all worked hard and deserve to be honored.



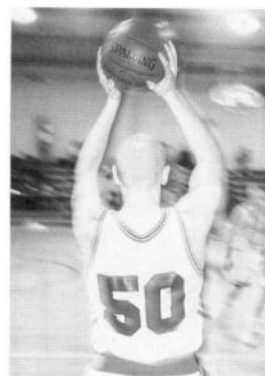
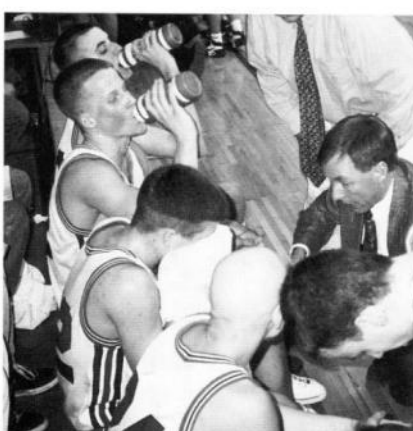
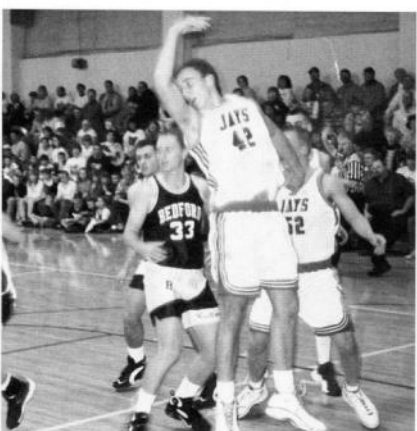


Far left: Doug is on the move!

Left: Team huddle.

Middle row left: Peterman jumps high!

Middle row center: Taking a quick time out!



Above: Tony is ready to pass the ball!

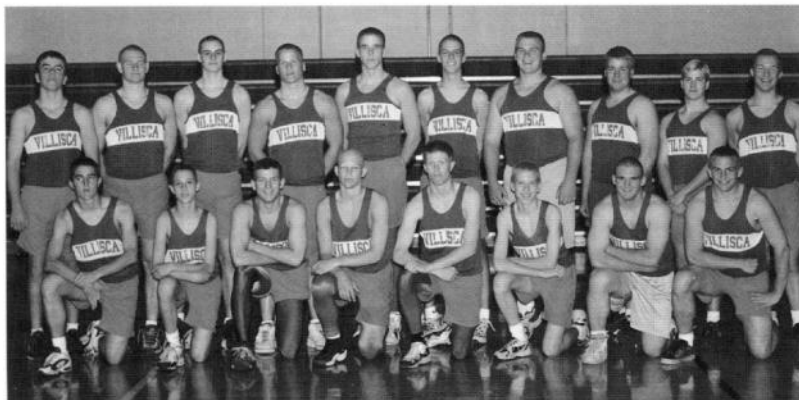


Adrian gets ready to blow by his opponent.



Adrian and Adam as team captains.

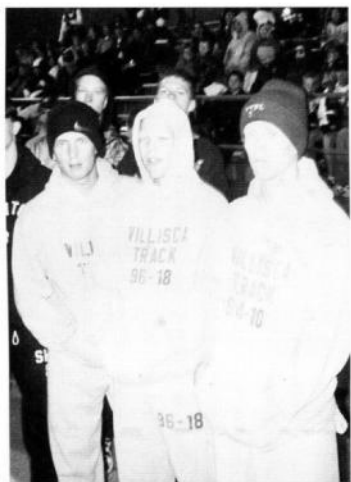
30: Track, Boys Kline, Eric Guy, James Wolfe, Adrian Raney, Doug Dunn, Robbie Larsen, Mark Marsh, Eric Muller, Michael Fish, Jebb Brownlee, Tony Wood, Bryce Johnson, Kyle Peterman, Adam Kern, Matt Fast, Luke Sunderman, Ryan Hensley, Joe Greenfield, Jeremy



## Boys Track

(L to R) Front Row: Eric Kline, Jim Guy, Adrian Wolfe, Doug Raney, Rob Dunn, Mark Larsen, Eric Marsh, and Michael Muller. Second Row: Jebb Fish, Tony Brownlee, Bryce Wood, Kyle Johnson, Adam Peterman, Matt Kern, Luke Fast, Ryan Sunderman, Joe Hensley, and Jeremy Greenfield.

Below: Adrian, Doug and Rob stay warm before a race.



Below: (L) Luke Fast and (R) Eric Marsh threw the shot this year.



Far Right: Tony Brownlee is set in the blocks.

Middle: Eric Kline makes a dash for the finish.

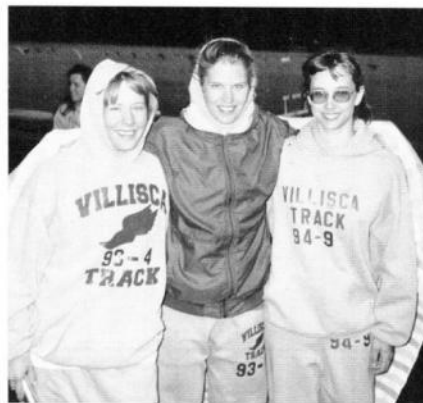
Right: Rob Dunn displays the famous Tape Ball.



The 1997 track season for the boys was very competitive. At the Corner Conference meet, Villisca came in 3rd place. Districts were held at Treynor where competition was especially tough. Tony Brownlee qualified for state in the open 200 by earning third place.

31: Track, Girls Rupp, Dena Barker, Julie Dunn, Molly Casey, Rebecca Marsh, Jordan Waldron, Jamie Bengard, Sarah Myers, Amber Lindburg, Valerie Fast, Trisha Orr, Patsy Sunderman, Amanda Hawn, Abigail Gray, Jessie Wood, Steve Dunn, Sally Hausen, Erin Roberts, Stacey McKinley, Kristy Bohn, Sheena

## The Beat Goes On for VHS Girls Track



Above: Becca, Molly and Julie were the three seniors on this year's team.

The team is shown here celebrating their sixth Corner Conference Championship in a row. (L to R) First Row: Dena Rupp, Julie Barker, Molly Dunn, Becca Casey, and Jordan Marsh. Second Row: Jamie Waldron, Sarah Bengard, Amber Myers, Valerie Lindburg, and Trisha Fast. Third Row: Patsy Orr, Amanda Sunderman, Abby Hawn, Jessie Gray, and Coach Steve Wood. Back Row: Sally Dunn, Erin Hausen, Erin Hausen, Stacey Roberts, and Kristy McKinley. Not Pictured is Sheena Bohn.



### Scenes from 1997



On this team, there was always someone there to pick you up at the finish line. Below: Sheena takes a break between races.



### Four New Records

After a cool and rainy start, the Jays had a great season. Not only did they win the Corner Conference for the sixth year in a row, but they also won the Malvern Invitational and the Mt. Ayr Class B team titles. The shuttle hurdle relay team consisting of Dena Rupp, Jamie Waldron, Sarah Bengard, and Patsy Orr set a new school record of 1:11.83. Jordan Marsh, Jessie Gray, Erin Hausen and Becca Casey broke the 4X400 and the 4X800 records in 4:19.80 and 10:08.90, respectively. Becca Casey broke the open 800 record by running 2:26.59. State Qualifiers for 1997 included the following: the previously listed 4X800 team-11th place, Becca-long jump-12th place and Becca-open 800-15th place.



Girls Golf Team: Michelle Frey, Kari Bloom, Heather Gage, Bri Dunn, Laura Lindberg, Katie Jacobs, Jessica Salway, and not pictured Sarah Gotschall.



If the ball won't move, I might hit it!



A little side-green coaching!



Where's the BALL?



Josh Graf gives pointers.

The girls team was short in numbers this year with only eight girls participating. Their overall record was five wins and five losses. The Sectional tournament was held at Mt. Ayr and the girls finished fifth. Kari Bloom was fourth overall at the tournament.



Bri, I like your skirt.



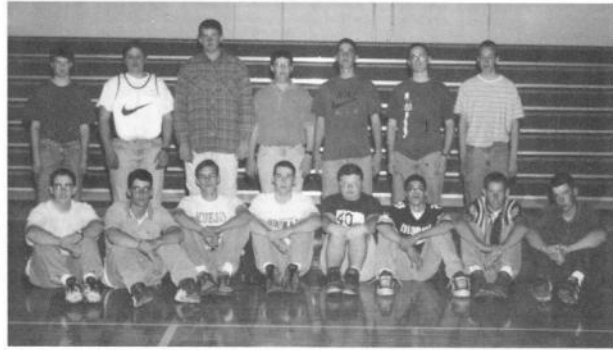
Kari in complete concentration.



## Golf Teams Improve—Have Successful Year



I guess I get my pick of clubs!



First Row: Jim Else, Dan Case, Joel Petersen, Josh Graf, Josh Simmons, Andy Branan, Lane Johnson, Jacob Case. Second Row: Daniel Jacobs, Tony Taylor, Kaylon McClain, Phil Sunderman, Mark Kline, Ben White, and Andrew Focht.



Laura addresses ball with mouth and club!



A rainy day prepractice session of which there were many.

The boys golf team had a very exciting year with a record of eight wins and three losses. The team won the first place trophy after a playoff at the Sectional Tournament which was held at the Villisca Golf Course. Josh Graf was runner-up medalist during the tournament. The team then traveled to Coon Rapids for District play and finished fifth out of ten teams. Dan Case took fourth place in individual scores. With no Seniors on this year's team, it should be bigger and better things for next year.

# Cross Country

## Running Between Summers

Catch those girls,  
Sheena!!



Cross Country participants:

Matt Kernen, Erin Hausen,  
Cristin Larsen, Stacey Rob-  
erts, Sheena Bohn, and Mark  
Larsen.



The 1996 season was a very successful one. The Villisca team made up of two sophomores and four freshman brought home no less than 18 medals and sent Matt Kernen to the state meet in Fort Dodge. This year's experiences, improved times, and running strategies make the future of Villisca cross country look promising.

### Best Times

Boys 3.1 mi. / Girls 2mi.

Matt Kernen	16:56
Mark Larsen	21:58
Stacey Roberts	13:43
Sheena Bohn	13:45
Cristin Larsen	15:55
Erin Hausen	14:41



Aren't you people  
supposed to be running?

35: Jaywalkers Wagaman, Jessica Woods, Hilary Lindberg, Laura Dunn, Molly Rupp, Dena Winther, Norma Rae Kern, Mandi Gray, Jessie Jackson, Jenny Peterson, Kristin Lewis, Katrina Robinson, Alicia Dunn, Sally Myers, Amber Waldron, Jamie Larsen, Cristin Orr, Patsy Sunderman, Amanda Leichty, Sara Baldwin, Amanda Southward, Faye Auten, Rachel

## Jaywalkers

This year marked the second year of the VHS dance team. . (Below) The dance squad includes: (From left to right) Front row: Jessica Wagaman, Hilary Woods, Laura Lindberg, Molly Dunn, Dena Rupp, and Norma Winther. Second row: Mandi Kern, Jessie Gray, Jenny Jackson, Kristen Peterson, Katrina Lewis, Alicia Robinson, and Sally Dunn. Last row: Amber Myers, Jamie Waldron, Cristin Larsen, Patsy Orr, Amanda Sunderman, Sara Leichty, and Amanda Baldwin (not pictured) sponsor, Mrs. Faye Southward and Rachel Auten. Jaywalkers would like to thank Mrs. Southward for the donation of her time and effort which made this such a successful year.



Jaywalkers concentrating hard before a performance.



*The Jaywalkers exhausted after a hard one minute performance.*



*The Jaywalker 7:15 a.m. practice. What a lively group they are!!*

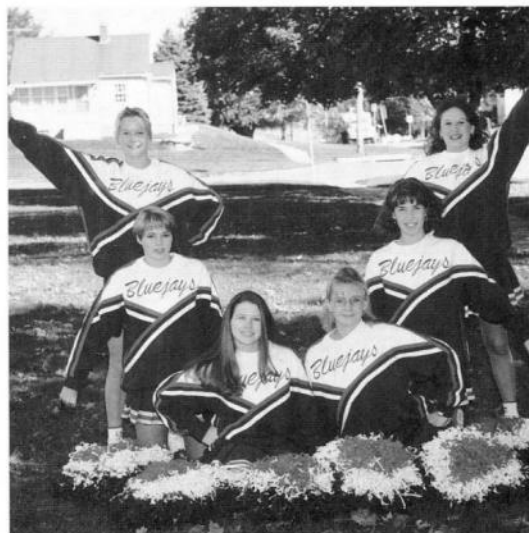
# VHS Cheerleaders



Above: Laura and her big mouth!!  
Below: Rowdy cheerleaders!



Above: The talented singing senior cheerleaders.



Football cheerleaders: (Sitting from left to right) Hilary Woods, Brianna Dunn. (Kneeling) Jenny Jackson, Laura Lindberg. (Standing) Jordan Marsh, Dena Rupp.



Above: Jays are #1!!



Above: Jessica with her mouth open wide!!

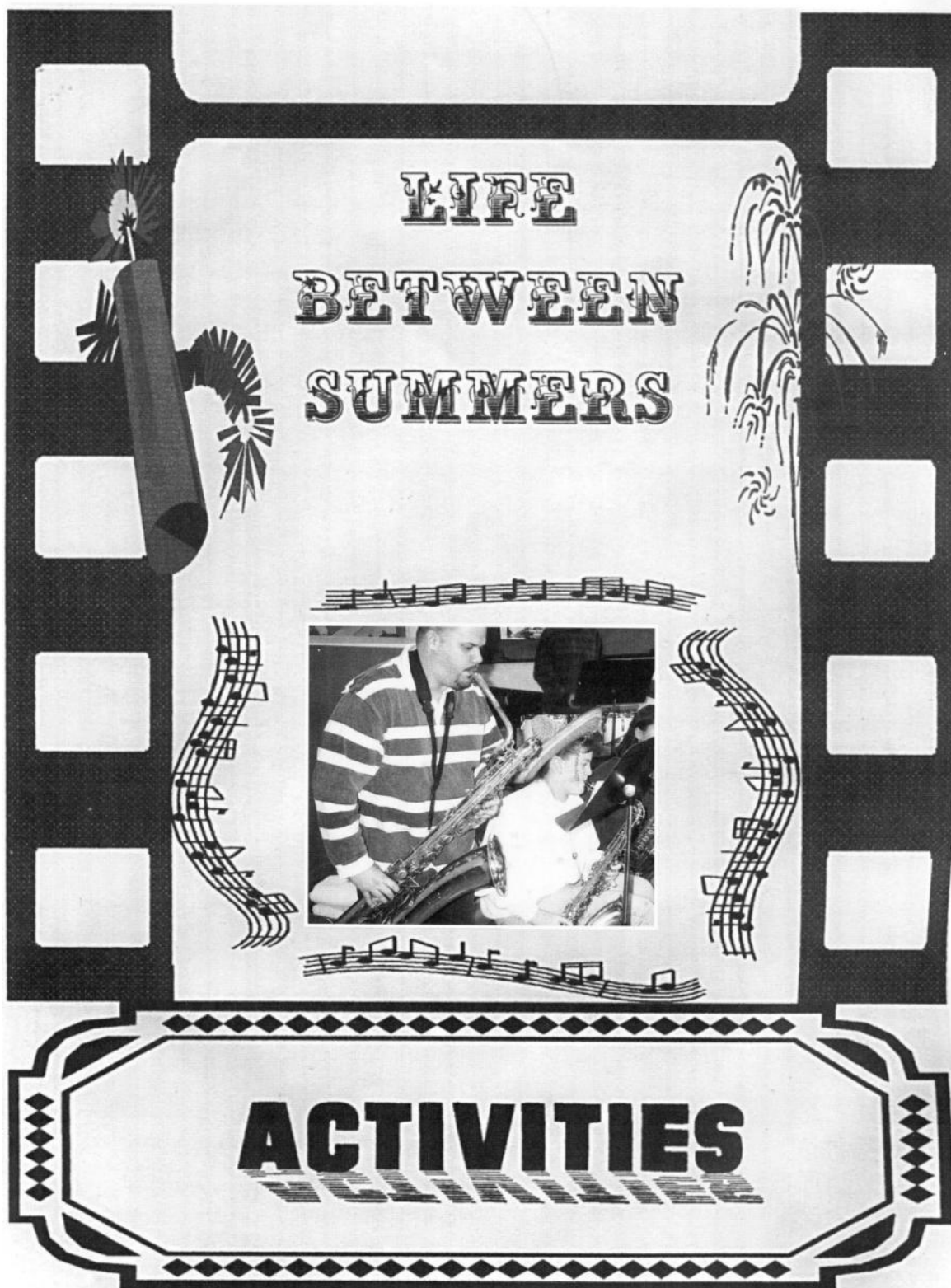


Above: Our dedicated and loving sponsor.



Basketball cheerleaders: (Bottom from L to R) Laura Lindberg, Brianna Dunn, Hilary Woods, Jessica Wagaman, Jenny Jackson. (On top) Kristen Peterson.





38: Awards, Senior Allen, Cassie Baker, Lindsey Barker, Julie Branan, Cinthy Casey, Rebecca Dickey, Deanna Dunn, Brianna Dunn, Molly Dunn, Robbie Fulton, Laci Gage, Heather Gaunt, Connie Hensley, Joe Lindberg, Laura Moestchen, Ryan Peterman, Adam Phelps, Chris Raney, Doug Shipley, Kate

# 1997 Senior Awards and Honors

Cassie Allen: Inter-Church Technical Scholarship

Lindsey Baker: Honor Graduate, VFW Auxiliary Scholarship, Y-Teen Scholarship, Annual Staff Award, Villisca Schools Departmental-Fine Arts, Wilma Nelson Memorial Scholarship, President's Education Award

Julie Barker: Valedictorian, Honor Graduate, Y-Teen Scholarship, 19th Annual Senior Business Award-2nd place, American Citizenship Award, State of Iowa Scholars, President's Education Award

Cinthy Branan: Y-Teen Scholarship, Inter-Church Technical Scholarship

Becca Casey: Salutatorian, Honor Graduate, Annual Staff Award, Service Learning Honor Cord, Reifel-Elwood Scholarship, State of Iowa Scholars, Corner Conference Scholarship, President's Education Award, Sportsmanship Award, Bernie Saggau Award

Deanna Dickey: Honor Graduate, Villisca Schools Departmental-Social Science, Villisca Farmers Telephone Company Scholarship, Robert Rusk Memorial Scholarship, Service Learning Honor Cord, Oscar Schroeder Scholarship, President's Education Award

Brianna Dunn: Thomas and Gail Nugent Music Scholarship, Villisca Teachers VEA Scholarship, Student Council Scholarship

Molly Dunn: Honor Graduate, Y-Teen Scholarship, Villisca Farmers Telephone Company Scholarship, Robert Rusk Memorial Scholarship, Service Learning Scholarship, Service Learning Honor Cord, DAR Award, Rose Ann Auxiliary of Alegant Health-Corning Scholarship, President's Education Award

Rob Dunn: Dusty Sunderman Memorial Scholarship, Villisca National Guard Recognition

Laci Fulton: Honor Graduate, 19th Annual Senior Business Award-1st place, Annual Staff Award, Villisca Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Heather Gage: VFW Scholarship, Donna Patton Memorial Scholarship, Y-Teen Scholarship, Annual Staff Award, Villisca Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, Villisca Lions Club Scholarship, Rose Ann Auxiliary of Alegant Health-Corning Scholarship

Connie Gaunt: Inter-Church Technical Scholarship

Joe Hensley: Inter-Church Technical Scholarship

Laura Lindberg: Honor Graduate, Sis Wright Memorial Scholarship

Ryan Moestchen: Inter-Church Technical Scholarship, FFA Scholarship, Pheasants Forever Scholarship, Montgomery County Pork Producers Scholarship, Sunbest-Papetti Farms Scholarship

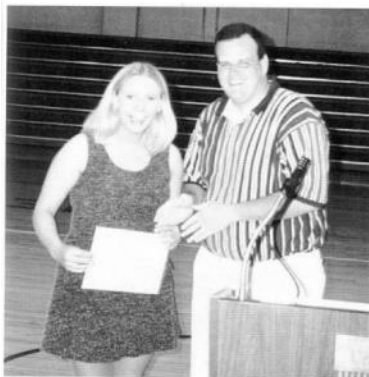
Adam Peterman: Service Learning Honor Cord

Chris Phelps: Villisca Farmers Telephone Company Scholarship, Herman Christie Memorial Scholarship

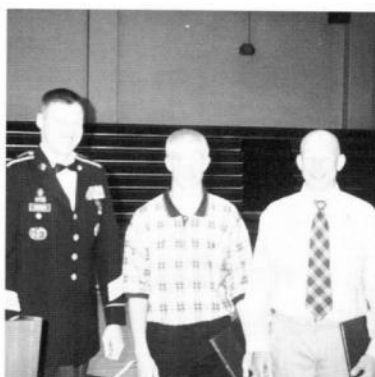
Doug Raney: Inter-Church Technical Scholarship, Villisca National Guard Recognition, Dean Sunderman Memorial Scholarship, Sportsmanship Award

Kate Shipley: Villisca Schools Departmental-Language Arts, Herman Christie Memorial Scholarship

39: Awards, Senior DeVore, Matt Dunn, Brianna Waters, Gary SFC(presenter) Dunn, Robbie Raney, Doug Shepherd, Marsha Lindberg, Laura Casey, Rebecca Raney, Doug Busch, Robert Gage, Heather Fulton, Laci Nook, Teresa Shipley, Kate Gaunt, Connie Moestchen, Ryan Branan, Cinthy Raney, Doug Allen, Cassie Hensley, Joe Dickey, Deanna Casey, Rebecca Barker, Julie Baker, Lindsey Peterman, Adam Dunn, Molly Dickey, Deanna



Mr. DeVore presented Brianna Dunn with the Student Council Scholarship.



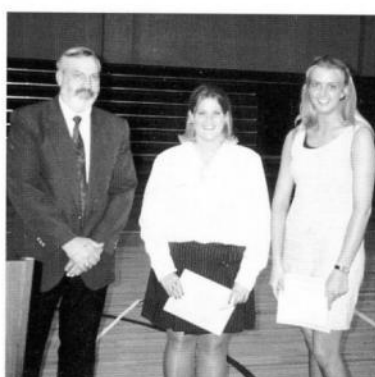
SFC Gary Waters presented Rob Dunn and Doug Raney with Villisca National Guard Recognition.



Marsha Shepherd presented Laura Lindberg with the Southwestern Foundation Scholarship.



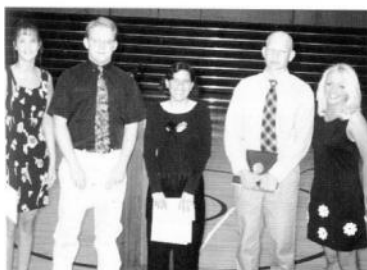
Becca Casey and Doug Raney were awarded the 1997 Sportsmanship Awards.



Mr. Busch presented the Villisca Chamber of Commerce Scholarships to Heather Gage and Laci Fulton.



Teresa Nook presented the Villisca Schools Departmental Scholarship of Language Arts to Kate Shipley.



Connie Gaunt, Ryan Moestchen, Cinthy Branan, Doug Raney, Cassie Allen, and Joe Hensley(not pictured) received the Villisca Inter-Church Technical Scholarship.



Molly Dunn, Deanna Dickey, Becca Casey, Julie Barker, and Lindsey Baker were presented with President's Education Awards.



Receiving Service Learning Honor Cords were Adam Peterman, Becca Casey, Molly Dunn, and Deanna Dickey.

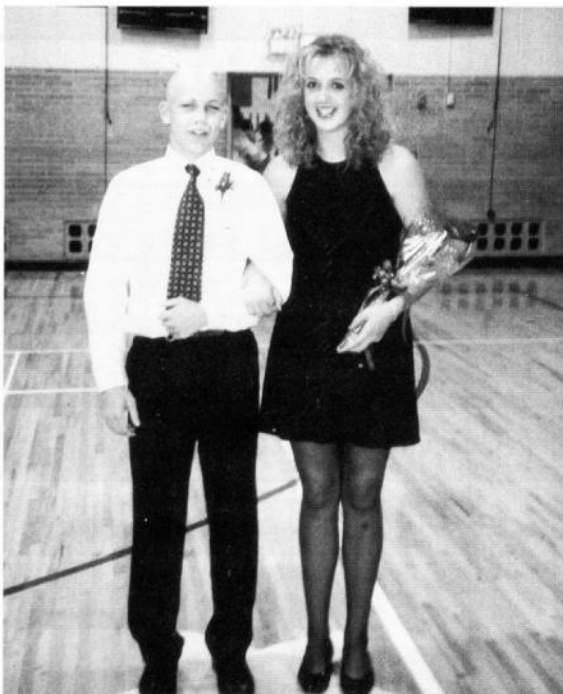
## Homecoming Royalty 1996



**King Rob Dunn and Queen Molly Dunn  
with flowergirl Aliana Dunn and  
crownbearer Johnny Beem.**



41: Homecoming, Queen, King, Candidates Raney, Doug Fulton, Laci Dunn, Robbie Dunn, Molly Wolfe, Adrian Lindberg, Laura Peterman, Adam Casey, Rebecca



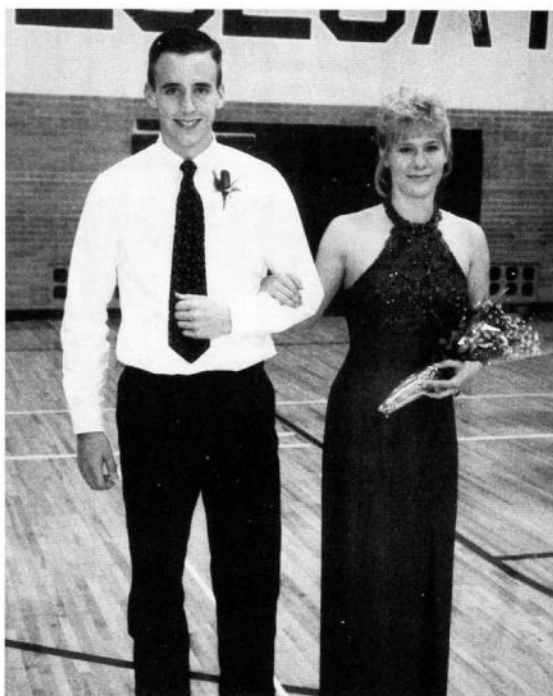
Doug Raney and Laci Fulton



Rob Dunn and Molly Dunn



Adrian Wolfe and Laura Lindberg



Adam Peterman and Becca Casey

# Now and Then

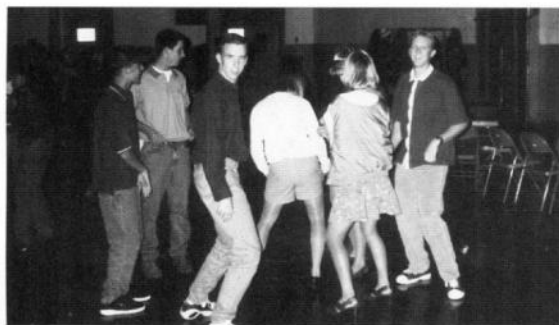
Top Left: Senior float

Top Right: Junior float

Bottom Left: Sophomore float

Bottom Right: Freshman float

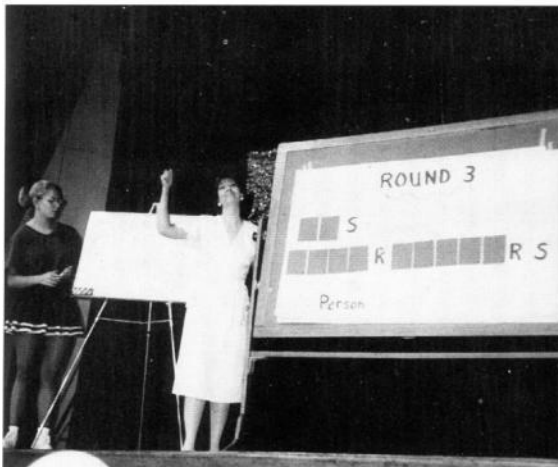
Homecoming Grand Marshals  
Gordon and Gloria Jones



Above: Oh boy, Dan! What are  
you looking at?

Right: Come on. Ride a train.





Top: Keep practicing Ms. Nook. Someday you'll be Vanna.

Left bottom: 1996 Homecoming candidates.



### Spirit Days:

Monday: Pajama Day  
Tuesday: Sports/Hat Day  
Wednesday: Hippy/Brady Bunch Day  
Thursday: Teacher Impersonation Day  
Friday: Blue & White Day

Left:  
Laci "I ain't paying no eight dollar cover charge."

Below:  
Finally, Marcello with school spirit.

Sally, don't scare the little kid.



Above:  
Senior pep talk

Left:  
Sophomore girls actually working?

Big money! Big money!

Take this parking spot and die.

# TROPICAL ENCHANTMENT

## 1997 JR.-SR. PROM

During the social hour, everyone rushed to get pictures taken. Thank goodness that the chaos was over by 9 so the dancin' could begin!

Josh worked so hard decorating the night before Prom. Here, he used his head when his hands were too full.



### Prom Snapshots



Chris, J.R., and Keith

These three guys are **STYLIN'** for the camera.



Mr. Peterson

After getting **DRAGGED** out to the dance floor, Mr. Peterson and his wife showed **EVERYONE UP!**



Heather and Faith

Heather is in the dancin' mood.



Laura, Becca, Laci, Cassie, and Lindsey

Smile **BIG** girls for the camera.





To the left: **The Senior Class of '97**



HOW  
DO  
I  
GET  
OUT  
OF  
HERE?!

Below: Putting the finishing touches on.



Above: **The Waiters and Waitresses**

From left to right: Michael Muller, Trisha Fast, Eric Kline, Jessie Gray, Jebb Fish, and Amanda Sunderman.



To the right: E-E-E--Tara is acting like a monkey AGAIN- what's new?



**Junior Girls Showing A Littl' Leg**  
After a stressful week of decorating, these junior gals finally got to have FUN! Oh, and by the way, Rupp, you don't have a garter on REMEMBER?!?!?!?!?

## The Graduating Class of 1997!

*The best way to predict  
our future is to create it!*



*Speaking of....*



**Julie Barker  
Valedictorian  
&  
Rebecca Casey  
Salutatorian**



**Deanna Dickey**



**Keith McCurdy**



**Rob Dunn**



**Molly Dunn**



**Kate Shipley**



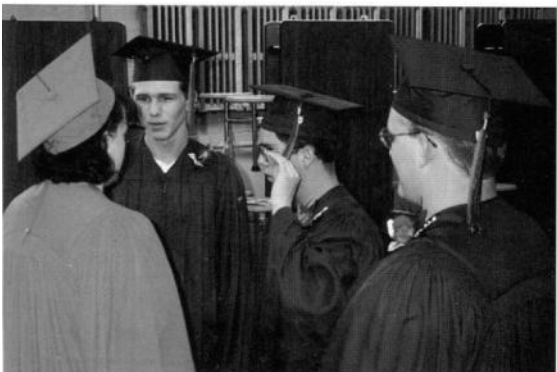
**Laci Fulton**



Left: Heather, Heather, Heather,  
what are we going to do with you?!



Left: Molly is looking irked!  
Below: "THANKS ALOT!!"  
John is finally getting out!



Honor Graduates: Deanna Dickey, Laura Lindberg, Julie Barker,  
Lindsey Baker, Laci Fulton, Molly Dunn, & Rebecca Casey.  
Waiting patiently for their departure!  
There is a group of trouble makers!!  
My, my, don't we look excited!

48: Music Band MarchingBand PepBand ConcertBand JazzBand Anderson,Luke Baker,Lindsey Barker,Julie Dunn,Brianna Dunn,Molly Dunn,Robbie Dunn,Sally Fast,Trisha Freshour,Amy Frey,Michelle Gibson,Nicole Gotschall,Sara Hausen,Erin Hawn,Abigail Jackson,Jenny Larsen,Mark Lindburg,Valerie McCurdy,Keith Moestchen,Jerod Muller,Michael Myers,Amber Petersen,Joel Peterson,Kristin Phelps,Chris Pullen,Rachael Roberts,Stacey Robinson,Alicia Robinson,Melissa Salway,Jessica Shipley,Kate Wainwright,Adam Wainwright,Anna Waldron,Jamie White,Ben Woods,Hilary

*There is a time for work, a time for play,  
and a time to conquer all!!*

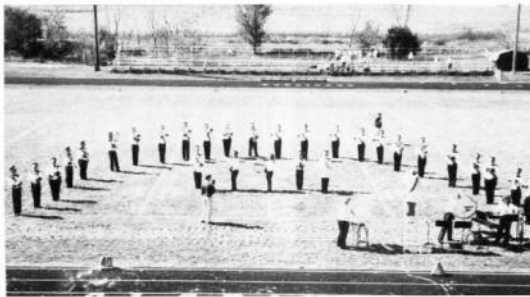
## The BlueJay Band!!

The Villisca High School Marching Band began their season by marching at the Corn Carnival and Homecoming Parades. October 5th, they marched to third place in the Class A field competition at the Clarinda Band Jamboree.

Since 1985,Villisca was unable to attain the goal of receiving a one rating at State Marching Band Contest. Until this year, when they earned a one and later that same day, went to Lenox Marching Madness and took the first place

trophy for their field show. Throughout the year, the Concert Band participates in many things such as: Veterans Day, Winter Concert, Parade of Bands, State Large Group Contest (II Rating), Honors Concert, Commencement, Memorial

Day, and Heritage Days. This year's Jazz Band was better than ever!! It received a II rating at State and participated at the SWCC Jazz Festival, as well as school concerts. The pep band kept things rockin' at all of the home games this year.



**MARCHING BAND**

This year's marching band included: Julie Barker, Amy Freshour, Jenny Jackson, Valerie Lindburg, Alicia Robinson, Abby Hawn, Chris Phelps, Stacey Roberts, Sara Gotschall, Nicole Gibson, Molly Dunn, Jessica Salway, Michelle Frey, Luke Anderson, Mark Larsen, Michael Muller, Adam Wainwright, Rachael Pullen, Keith McCurdy, Jerod Moestchen, Sally Dunn, Joel Petersen, Ben White, Kate Shipley, Lindsey Baker, Robbie Dunn, Erin Hausen, Amber Myers, Jamie Waldron, Anna Wainwright, Trisha Fast, and Melissa Robinson. Brianna Dunn was Drum Major.



**PEP BAND**

The Pep Band includes every member in the high school and junior high band willing to take the time and effort to entertain their audiences. It doesn't matter if it's a snowy, thirty below zero football game, a pep rally, or a basketball game, the pep band will be there to fire up the audience with their crazy shenanigans and rockin' music.



**CONCERT BAND**

Julie Barker, Amy Freshour, Jenny Jackson, Valerie Lindburg, Alicia Robinson, Brianna Dunn, Abby Hawn, Chris Phelps, Stacey Roberts, Hilary Woods, Sara Gotschall, Nicole Gibson, Molly Dunn, Kristin Peterson, Jessica Salway, Michelle Frey, Luke Anderson, Mark Larsen, Michael Muller, Adam Wainwright, Rachael Pullen, Keith McCurdy, Jerod Moestchen, Sally Dunn, Joel Petersen, Ben White, Kate Shipley, Lindsey Baker, Robbie Dunn, Erin Hausen, Amber Myers, and Jamie Waldron made this year's concert band outstanding.



**JAZZ BAND**

This year's Jazz Band had these cool kat's in it: Julie Barker,Piano; Jenny Jackson, Bass Guitar; Chris Phelps, Alto Sax; Stacey Roberts, Tenor Sax; Nicole Gibson, Tenor Sax; Molly Dunn, Alto Sax; Kristin Peterson, Alto Sax; Michelle Frey, Bari Sax; Luke Anderson, Trumpet; Mark Larsen, Trumpet; Michael Muller, Trumpet; Adam Wainwright, Trumpet; Keith McCurdy, Trombone; Jerod Moestchen, Trombone; Sally Dunn, Trombone; Ben White, Trombone; Kate Shipley, Tenor Sax; Lindsey Baker, Percussion; Robbie Dunn,Percussion; Amber Myers, Percussion.

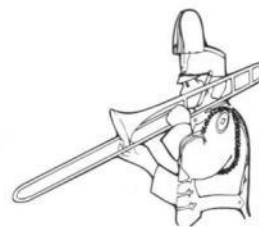


After a year of victories, we work on to improve ourselves.



Left: Your messin' with me, right?

Below: Oh my, Bri!! Look at what's following you!!!



Below: Blow hard, Molly!!!



Left: Now Jared, it's not nice to laugh at Brianna's outfit!!



Above: Drum roll, please! And the Honor Bandsman is . . . .  
LINDSEY BAKER!!!!

Left: You guys have way too much fun!!



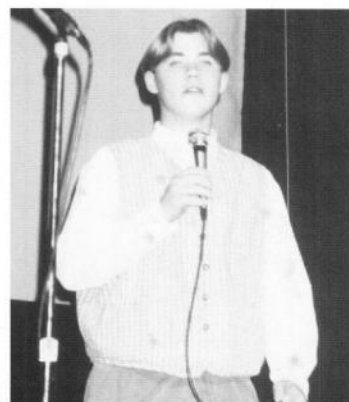
Girls Choir



Mixed Choir



Boys Choir



Brianna Dunn and Doug Burgess  
were both soloists at the Pops  
Concert.



Swing Choir

YMCA!!!!

Outstanding Senior Vocalist  
Lindsey BakerAll State Participants  
Lindsey Baker and Brianna Dunn

Above: Amy's just a little behind.

The 1996-1997 Villisca High School Chorus had a wonderful year at the many contests that they participated in. The VHS Swing Choir was excellent as usual and received a I rating at State contest for the first time ever. Not only did the choir have six of its members try out for the All-State choir, but two of VHS's members made the choir. At State Small Group Contest, Villisca came home with 10 I ratings and 12 II ratings. When the VHS choir traveled to State Large Group Contest, they came home with a II rating in the Bass Choir, a I rating in the Treble Choir, and a II rating in the Mixed Choir. It was a great year for the VHS choir and planning has started for next year.

52: Drama Kasha, Ted Dunn, Sally Fast, Tyson Moestchen, Jerod Wilson, Steve Marsh, Shelley Kernan, Mandi Dunn, Molly Woods, Hilary McCurdy, Keith Wagaman, Jessica Rusk, Tom Larsen, Cristin Barker, Julie Valentine, Tim Frey, Michelle Wiekert, Al Webb, Thomas Howard, Desirea Martin, Audra Frey, Stacey Haidsiak, Tara Moestchen, Jerod Dunn, Sally Woods, Hilary Kernan, Mandi Wagaman, Jessica

## VHS Drama

Presents

### Vaudeville '96

Pictured Below is the Entire Cast and Crew: (top) Ted Kasha, Sally Dunn, Tyson Fast, Jerod Moestchen, Steve Wilson, (middle) Shelley Marsh, Mandi Kernan, Molly Dunn, Hilary Woods, Keith McCurdy, Jessica Wagaman, Tom Rusk, Cristin Larsen, Julie Barker, (bottom) Tim Volentine, Michelle Frey, Al Wiekert, Tom Webb, Desirae Howard, Audra Martin, Stacey Frey, and (not pictured) Tara Haidsiak.



Above: Tyson Fast, our Masque of Tradgety and Ted Kasha, light man and "usher".

Above Center: Columbine, Jessica Wagaman and Pierrot, Keith McCurdy.

Above Right: Thyrsis, Sally Dunn and Corydon, Jerod Moestchen.

Right: VHS Vaudeville '96 cast call: From left to right: Jerod Moestchen, Jessica Wagaman, Hilary Woods, Al Wiekert, Sally Dunn, Keith McCurdy, Tyson Fast, Molly Dunn.



Below: Mistress of Ceremonies-Hilary Woods. Kate Shipley, Molly Dunn, and Mandi Kernan were only a few of the Spoon River Ghosts featured in our version of Spoon River Anthology.



Above: "Yet I dare say they are just as dead!". Jessica Wagaman and Keith McCurdy.

Right: "Oh can't you see how happy we could be..." Jessica Wagaman and Tim Volentine performing a song and dance act with Tara Haidsiak (not pictured).







54: ScienceClub Wolfe,Adrian Gage,Heather Baker,Lindsey Casey,Rebecca Fulton,Laci Dunn,Molly Watts,Tonya Wagaman,Jessica Rupp,Dena Winther,NormaRae Straight,James Shipley,Kate Dickey,Deanna Leichty,Faith Petersen,Joel Cook,J.R. Marsh,Jordan Dunn,Brianna Means,Tyson Simmons,Josh Wright,Jeff Fast,Luke Greenfield,Jeremy Phelps,Chris Else,Jim O'Briant,Nikki Haidsiak,Tara Beedle,Courtney Graf,Josh Brownlee,Tony Wood,Bryce Johnson,Kyle Branan,Andy Dunn,Robbie Raney,Doug Peterman,Adam LibrariansClub Woods,Hilary Tener,Amanda Allen,Cassie Leichty,Faith Williams,Mindy Stewart,Susan Baldwin,Amanda O'Briant,Nikki Shum,Jessie Clark,Kyla Pullen,Rachael



Row 1: Adrian Wolfe, Heather Gage, Lindsey Baker, Becca Casey, Laci Fulton, Molly Dunn, Tonya Watts, Jessica Wagaman, Dena Rupp, Norma Rae Winther.  
Row 2: Mr. Straight, Kate Shipley, Deanna Dickey, Faith Leichty, Joel Petersen, J. R. Cook, Jordan Marsh, Brianna Dunn.  
Row 3: Tyson Means, Josh Simmons, Jeff Wright, Luke Fast, Jeremy Greenfield, Chris Phelps, Jimmy Else, Nikki O'Briant, Tara Haidsiak, Courtney Beedle.  
Row 4: Josh Graf, Tony Brownlee, Bryce Wood, Kyle Johnson, Andy Branan, Rob Dunn, Doug Raney, Adam Peterman.

## Science Club

The Science Club traveled to Chicago for their annual trip where they visited the Alder Planetarium, Shedd's Aquarium, the Natural History Museum, and the Science and Industry Museum. They also attended the Corner Conference Science Fair where Mark Larsen won third place and had the best technology project. Below: Mark Larsen is pictured with his science fair project.



Front: Hilary Woods.

First Row: Amanda Tener, Cassie Allen, Faith Leichty, Mindy Williams.

Second Row: Mrs. Stewart, Amanda Baldwin, Nikki O'Briant, Jessie Shum, Kyla Clark, Rachael Pullen.

## Librarians Club

This year The Librarians Club held their annual Book Fair and sponsored the Design-A-Bookmark Contest for kindergarten through eighth grade. Club members also help with library duties on a daily basis. Below: Mrs. Stewart, Mandi Kernen, Hilary Woods, Cassie Allen, and Faith Leichty display some of the many books from their Book Fair.



55: SpanishClub Anderson, Elishia Salway, Natasha Bengard, Sarah Gage, Heather Casey, Rebecca Fulton, Laci Lindberg, Laura Watts, Tonya Wagaman, Jessica Rupp, Dena Winther, Norma Rae Myers, Amber Shipley, Kate Dickey, Deanna Leichty, Faith Dunn, Molly Lindburg, Valerie Leichty, Sara Peterson, Kristin Lewis, Katrina Gotschall, Sara Branan, Jim Kernen, Matt Wright, Jeff Fast, Luke Greenfield, Jeremy Gray, Nick Gray, Jessie Sunderman, Amanda Branan, Cinthy Kline, Eric Graf, Josh Brownlee, Tony Wood, Bryce Johnson, Kyle Branan, Andy Fish, Jebb Peterman, Adam Marsh, Jordan Kline, Mark Tillman, Lauren Gibson, Nicole Roberts, Stacey Means, Tyson Baker, Lindsey Sellergren, Nate Guy, James Hawn, Abigail Kernen, Mandi Barker, Julie TOUCH Marsh, Jordan Casey, Rebecca Robinson, Alicia Fast, Luke Anderson, Luke Raney, Doug Jacobs, Jeff Larsen, Mark Orr, Patsy Dunn, Deidra Case, Kelli Fast, Tyson Kinrade, Craig Lindburg, Kyle

## Spanish Club

The Spanish Club held its annual Spanish Fiesta serving Spanish/American food and the public was invited. After the meal, students took part in the breaking of a pin~ata. Spanish Club students, also, performed their annual Mexican hat dance, as shown in the picture below.



Row 1: Elishia Anderson, Natasha Salway, Sarah Bengard, Heather Gage, Rebecca Casey, Laci Fulton, Laura Lindberg, Tonya Watts, Jessica Wagaman, Dena Rupp, Norma Rae Winther.

Row Two: Amber Myers, Kate Shipley, Deanna Dickey, Faith Leichty, Molly Dunn, Valerie Lindburg, Sara Leichty, Kristin Peterson, Katrina Lewis, Sara Gotschall.

Row Three: Mr. Branan, Matt Kernen, Jeff Wright, Luke Fast, Jeremy Greenfield, Nick Gray, Jessie Gray, Amanda Sunderman, Cinthy Branan.

Row Four: Eric Kline, Josh Graf, Tony Brownlee, Bryce Wood, Kyle Johnson, Andy Branan, Jebb Fish, Adam Peterman, Jordan Marsh, Mark Kline, Lauren Tillman.

Row Five: Nicole Gibson, Stacey Roberts, Tyson Means, Lindsey Baker, Nate Sellergren, James Guy, Abigail Hawn, Mandi Kernen, Julie Barker.

## T.O.U.C.H.

This year The T.O.U.C.H. team went to their second annual peer prevention training in Creston where they participated in games and activities dealing with the type of problems concerning their peers.

Below: Jordan Marsh, Luke Fast, Jeff Jacobs and Mr. Kinrade rest during lunch.



Row 1: Jordan Marsh, Becca Casey, Alicia Robinson, Luke Fast, Luke Anderson, Doug Raney.

Row 2: Jeff Jacobs, Mark Larsen, Patsy Orr, Deidra Dunn.

Row 3: Kelli Case, Tyson Fast, Mr. Kinrade, Kyle Lindburg.

## Student Council

The Student Council sponsored the Homecoming parade, painted the streets, and the Homecoming Dance. For the third 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 students names were drawn out to receive a Christmas gift.



Right: Doing a great job, Deanna!



1996 - 97 Student Council

Bottom: Deanna Dickey, Lindsey Baker, Trisha Fast  
Middle: Adam Peterman, Jordan Marsh, Mark Kline,  
Doug Raney, Sally Dunn, Dan Case, Luke Fast, Hilary Woods



Laci and Heather like always a smilin!



Don't fall asleep Kline!



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# And the Survey Says...

The Senior Class Leaves with the memories of who fits the category.

## Most Likely to Succeed

Molly Adam  
Becca Adrian

## Blonde Award

Cassie Rob  
Laci Adam

## Best Athlete

Becca Adam  
Laci Adrian

## Most Organized

Molly Chris  
Julie Ryan

## Most Musical

Lindsey Rob  
Bri Keith

## Best Dressed

Molly Adrian  
Laura Adam

## Class Clown

Faith Rob  
Connie James

## Most Argumentative

Deanna Rob  
Bri Adam

## Most Likely To Marry Rich

Cassie Doug  
Heather Adrian

## Friendliest

Laura Ryan  
Laci Doug

## Loudest

Heather Adam  
Connie Joe

## Most Sportsmanship

Laci Adrian  
Becca Doug

## Class Leaders

Molly Adrian  
Lindsey Doug

## Most Senioritis

Bri Rob  
Cassie Doug

## Best Hair

Molly Adrian  
Laura Adam

## Class Rowdies

Laci Rob  
Deanna Doug

## Best Sense of Humor

Faith Doug  
Lindsey Adrian

## Best Story Teller

Faith John  
Heather Adam

## Most School Spirit

Laura Rob  
Bri Adrian

## Class Brains

Julie Chris  
Becca Adam

## Most Serious

Julie Chris  
Becca Ryan

## Best Laugh

Connie Doug  
Chris Adam

## Class Flirts

Cassie Rob  
Laura Joe

## Most Likely to End Up In Jail

Chris James  
Faith Casey

## Most Likely to Wreck a Car

Cassie James  
Laura Casey

## Most Likely To Help You Out

Laci Ryan  
Lindsey John

## Most Likely To Charge You For Your Help

Heather Rob  
Faith James

58: FFA, Sweetheart, King Fulton, Laci Moestchen, Ryan Bloom, Kari Garey, Justin Taylor, Bob L. Jacobs, Katie Frey, Michelle Sunderman, Ryan Taylor, Tony Bengard, Sarah Gray, Nick Watts, Tonya Petersen, Joel Guy, James Franzen, Josh Stanley, Marcelo Hausen, Erin Bisbee, Brandi Sunderman, Amanda Robinson, Alicia Barr, J.W. McClain, Kaylon Jacobs, Daniel Larsen, Cristin Garey, Tyrel Roberts, Stacey Forsythe, Will

## FFA!! Racing towards a Vision!!

Right: The 1996-97 Reno Smith FFA Chapter includes L to R: First Row: Kari Bloom-Vice-President, Justin Garey-Reporter, Bob Taylor-Treasurer, Ryan Moestchen-President, Katie Jacobs-Secretary, Michelle Frey-Reporter. Second Row: Ryan Sunderman-Vice-President, Tony Taylor, Sarah Bengard, Nick Gray, Tonya Watts, Joel Petersen-Sentinal. Third Row: Jimmy Guy, Josh Franzen, Marcello Stanley, Erin Hausen, Brandi Bisbee, Amanda Sunderman, Alicia Robinson. Fourth Row: J.W. Barr, Kaylon McClain, Dan Jacobs, Cristin Larsen, Tyrel Garey, Stacey Roberts, Will Forsythe.



Above: This year's FFA Sweetheart was Laci Fulton. Y-Teen King was Chapter President Ryan Moestchen.

Right: Our Fearless leader Ryan commands the new Freshman.

Below: Omigosh! Sarah is WORKING?



Above: Girls! Leave that poor boy alone.



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59: FFA, Sweetheart, Candidates Gage, Heather Shipley, Kate Fulton, Laci Casey, Rebecca Jacobs, Daniel Moestchen, Ryan Focht, Andrew Garey, Tyrel

Y-Teens Rupp, Dena Allen, Cassie Baker, Lindsey Dunn, Molly Baldwin, Melody Salway, Jessica Kennon, Marlene O'Briant, Nikki Nelson, Sonja Lewis, Katrina Myers, Amber Dunn, Sally Kern, Mandi Baldwin, Amanda Clark, Kyla Gotschall, Sara Robinson, Alicia Hawn, Abigail Leichty, Sara Jacobs, Katie



Left: Once again, Mrs. Kennon loans the Y-Teens her musical abilities for the Freshman initiation.

Below: These two look like trouble!!!



Attending this year's conference in Des Moines were: First Row: Dena Rupp, Cassie Allen, Lindsey Baker, Molly Dunn. Second Row: Melody Baldwin, Jessica Salway, Mrs. Kennon. Third Row: Nikki O'Briant, Sonja Nelson, Katrina Lewis, Amber Myers, Sally Dunn. Fourth Row: Mandi Kern, Amanda Baldwin, Kyla Clark, Sara Gotschall, Alicia Robinson, Abby Hawn, and Sara Leichty.



Katie Jacobs ushers in new member Alicia Robinson at the Formal Freshman Initiation, held at the Methodist Church.

## Y-Teens are making it happen!!



Above: Molly and Dena are livin' it large at the FFA Sweetheart dance!

Below: Sweetheart Candidates were Heather Gage, Kate Shipley, Laci Fulton, Becca Casey. Escorts were Dan Jacobs, Ryan Moestchen, Andrew Focht, and Tyrel Garey.



60: National Honor Society Baker, Lindsey Barker, Julie Marsh, Jordan Johnson, Kyle Dunn, Molly Casey, Rebecca Fulton, Laci Brownlee, Tony Branan, Andy Lindberg, Laura Jackson, Jenny Dickey, Deanna Anderson, Luke Woods, Hilary Wyatt, Justin (speaker) Kinrade, Craig

## National Honor Society

National Honor Society members include: (from left) Laura Lindberg, Andy Branan, Luke Anderson, Jenny Jackson, Tony Brownlee, Julie Barker, Laci Fulton, Deanna Dickey, Kyle Johnson, Lindsey Baker, Molly Dunn, Jordan Marsh, Becca Casey, Hilary Woods.



Pictured at left National Honor Society members: Lindsey Baker, Julie Barker, Jordan Marsh, Kyle Johnson, Molly Dunn, Becca Casey, Laci Fulton.

New Inductees at right: Tony Brownlee, Andy Branan, Laura Lindberg, Jenny Jackson, Deanna Dickey, Luke Anderson, Hilary Woods



The National Honor Society induction was held the twenty-first of April with seven new members being inducted. Mr. Justin Wyatt was the guest speaker at the ceremony. Villisca students are eligible for membership in National Honor Society on the basis of cumulative grade average. All 10th-12th grade students with a B (3.00) average meet the scholarship requirement. A five member council then evaluates and selects members for the Honor Society basing their evaluations on leadership, service, and character.



Pictured above: (beginning at the far left) Mr. Craig Kinrade, National Honor Society Sponsor; Mr. Justin Wyatt, guest speaker; Tony and Andy—the philosophers of the group; Laura and Molly smiling pretty for the camera!

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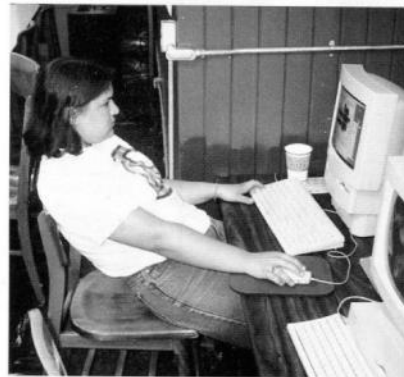


The 1996-97 Annual Staff would like to thank the subject of our book-- the student body. In addition, we want to thank all the people who bought books and all the businesses who purchased ads. Without all of you, this yearbook would not be possible.

This year's Annual Staffers include (top to bottom:) Becca Casey, Jordan Marsh, Laci Fulton, Dena Rupp, Heather Gage, Ted Kasha, Tyson Fast, Katie Jacobs, Trisha Fast, Hilary Woods, Sara Leichty, Michelle Frey (only in right picture), Lindsey Baker.



Right: Michelle is really working it!



Above: Dena and Jordan are hard at work.



Left: The Annual Staff display found in the lobby of the gymnasium.





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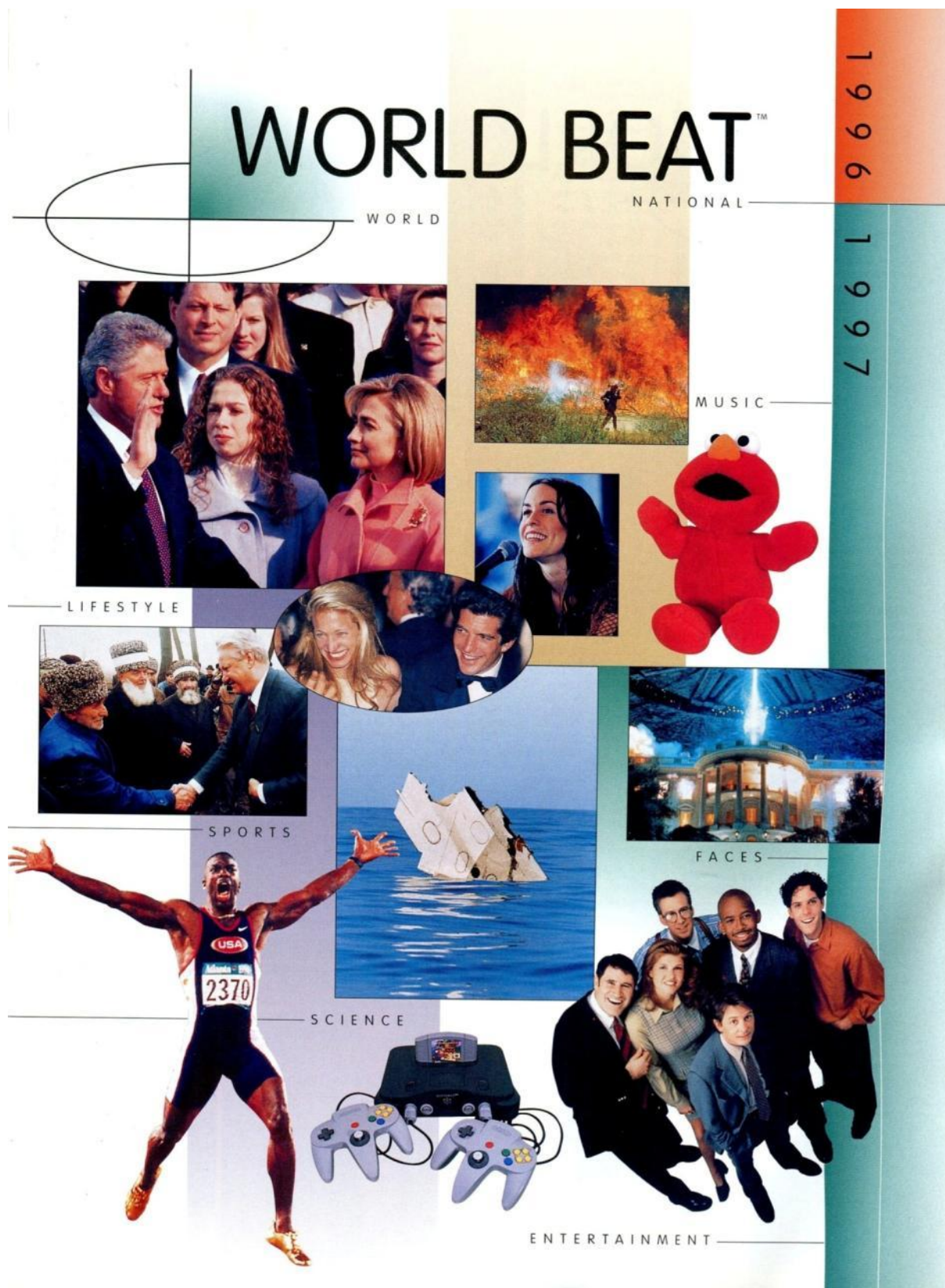
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# WORLD

## WORLD NEWS

### flash

In November, a hijacked Ethiopian airliner crashes after running out of fuel. The crash occurs near a resort beach in the Comoros Islands in the Indian Ocean. At least 123 of the 175 people on board die, including the hijackers.

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

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

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



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

AP/Wide World



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



Reuters/Archive Photos



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



AP/Wide World



Reuters/Archive Photos

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



AP/Wide World

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

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

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





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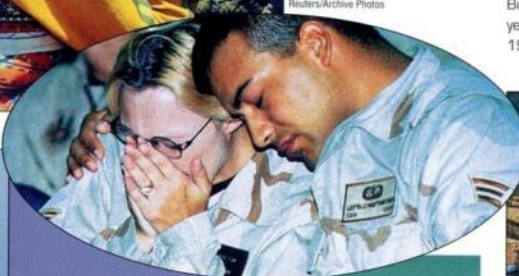
In a group so large it could be tracked by satellite, hundreds of thousands of refugees abandon camps in Zaire in November and begin a journey home to Rwanda, which they had fled to escape a civil war. Closing of the camps forces the refugees to flee.

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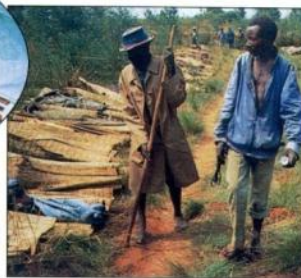
Mass graves containing the bodies of Muslims, allegedly murdered by Serbs in 1992 during the Bosnian civil war, are excavated in Bosnia-Herzegovina throughout the year as a shaky peace negotiated in 1995 continues.



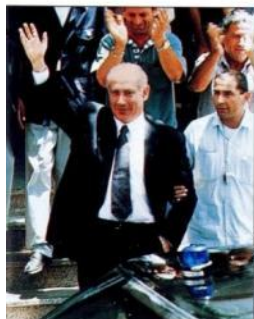
Agence France-Presse

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

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



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



Reuters/Archive Photos

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



Tim Graham, Sygma

A lone gunman kills 16 kindergartners, their teacher, and then himself, at a Dunblane, Scotland school in March 1996. A month after the tragedy, officials tear down the school gymnasium in which the shootings occurred.

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



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WORLD



## NATIONAL



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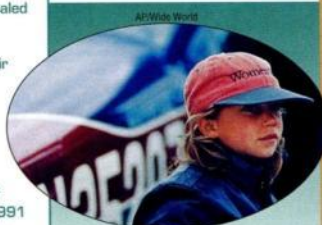
Former U.N. ambassador Madeleine Albright is nominated for Secretary of State by President Clinton on December 5. Confirmed in office in January 1997, Albright is the first woman to head the State Department.

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

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

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

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



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

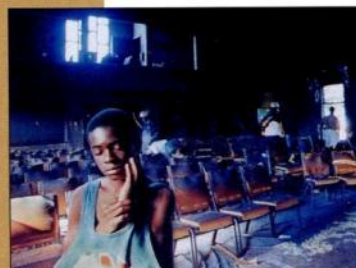


Theodore Kaczynski, alleged to be the "Unabomber," who killed 3 people and wounded more than 20 others with mail bombs since 1978, is arrested in Montana in April 1996. Information provided by Kaczynski's brother leads to the arrest.



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

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



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

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







Reuters/Archive Photos

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



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



AP/Wide World

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



AP/Wide World

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



Kurt Miller, The Press-Enterprise

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



AP/Wide World

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

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



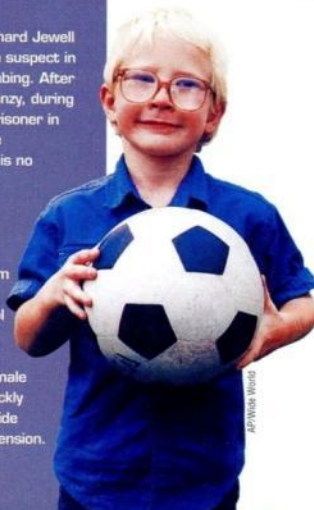
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Schwarz, Gamma-Liaison

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

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



AP/Wide World

NATIONAL



# SCIENCE

## flash

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

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

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

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

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



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

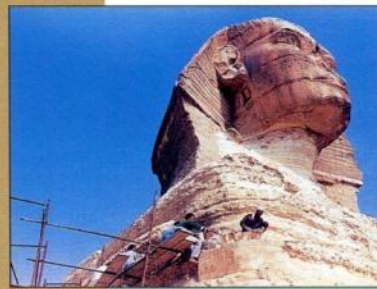


In August, scientists discover evidence of bacteria-like life on a meteorite found in 1984 and believed to be part of the crust of Mars 4.5 billion years ago. It is the first possible proof that life is not unique to Earth.



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

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



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

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



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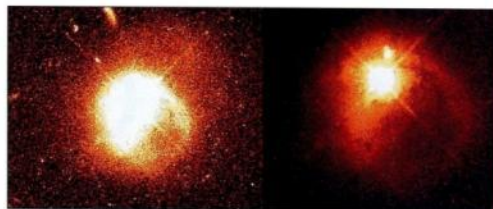


Image courtesy of Hubble Space Telescope and NASA

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

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



AP/Wide World

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



AP/Wide World

An "oxygen bar" in Toronto, Canada allows patrons to pay \$16 to spend 20 minutes breathing pure oxygen. The owners of the O<sub>2</sub> Spa Bar claim the treatment is a healthy way to reinvigorate the body and offer fruit "flavors" to liven up the experience.



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



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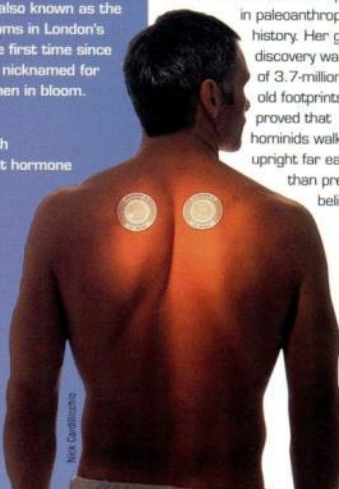
The world's largest flower, the Titan Arum, also known as the "corpse flower," blooms in London's Kew Gardens for the first time since 1963. The flower is nicknamed for its strong stench when in bloom.

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

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



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SCIENCE



# FACES

## FACES

### flash

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

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

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

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

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



Steven M. Fink, Gamma Liaison

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



AP/Wide World

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



Steve Granitz, Media



AP/Wide World

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



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

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



AP/Wide World

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





Stephane Cardinale, Sygma

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



AP/Wide World

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



AP/Wide World

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



John F. Kennedy Library

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



AP/Wide World

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



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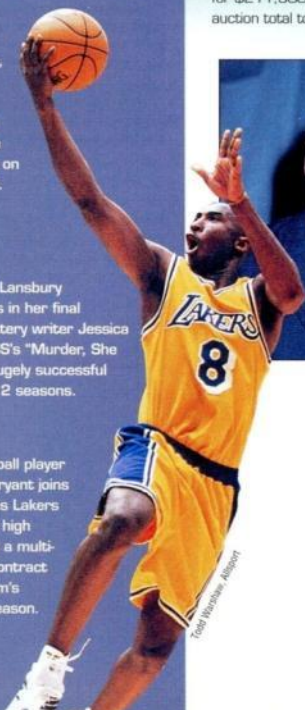
Miss Kansas, Tara Dawn Holland, is crowned Miss America at the 1996 pageant on September 14.

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



Universal City from Shooting Star

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



Todd Heston, Allsport



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As a stand against the invasion of his privacy, George Clooney, star of NBC's "ER," boycotts Paramount's "Entertainment Tonight" after its sister show "Hard Copy" runs unauthorized footage of the actor's private life.

FACES



# ENTERTAINMENT

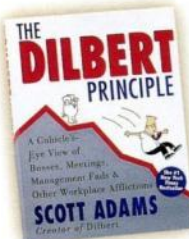
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Tom Cruise stars in *Jerry Maguire*, a romantic comedy about a sports agent who decides to change his shallow ways, and spends the rest of the movie trying to regain his success. It is a breakthrough role for Cruise, who is normally depicted as a cocky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

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

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

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



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

20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Actors Winona Ryder and Daniel Day-Lewis star in *The Crucible*, which opens in December. The screen adaptation of Arthur Miller's famous play about the Salem witch trials is written by Arthur Miller himself.



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



Paramount Pictures from Kobal

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

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



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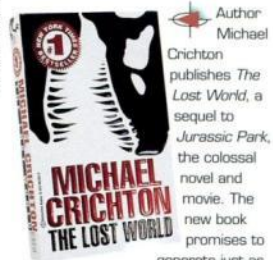
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Academy Award-winning actor Tom Hanks' first effort at directing receives critical praise when *That Thing You Do!*, a movie about the meteoric rise and fall of a 1960s rock band, opens in October.

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



NBC from Shooting Star



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





20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Warner Bros. from Kozal

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

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



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



Paramount from Shooting Star

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



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

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



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

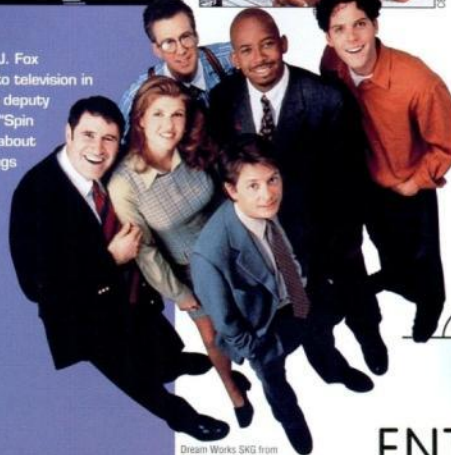
CBS from Shooting Star



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

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



Dream Works SKG from Shooting Star

ENTERTAINMENT



# MUSIC

MUSIC

## flash

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

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

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

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



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



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

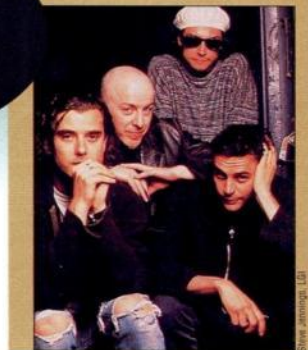


Canadian pop artist Celine Dion tops the charts in 1996 with the album *Falling Into You*, which sells more than 16 million copies worldwide.



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

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



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

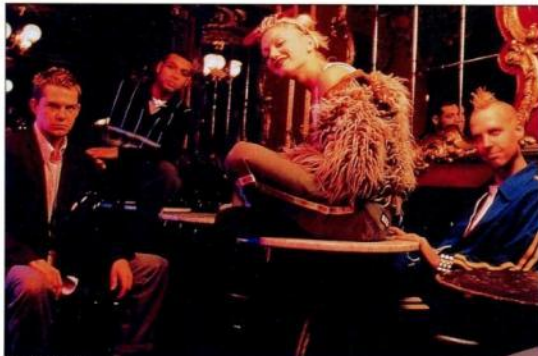


Heavy metal band Metallica is the headlining act for the summer concert Lollapalooza, traditionally an alternative-rock show. Metallica remains high-profile, winning an MTV award for the year's Best Hard Rock Video in September.



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





Steve Jennings, LGI

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



Agnie Stone, LGI

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

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



Tom Moenfelder, LGI

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



Mike Hashimoto/NGI from LGI



Lisa Loring, LGI

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



Reuters/Archive Photos

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



Neil Preston, AP/Wide World

Death Row Records co-founder Dr. Dre, often dubbed the "godfather of 'gangsta' rap," begins distancing himself from hard-core rap. "Been There, Done That," his break-away anthem, premieres on MTV in September.



Agnie Stone, LGI

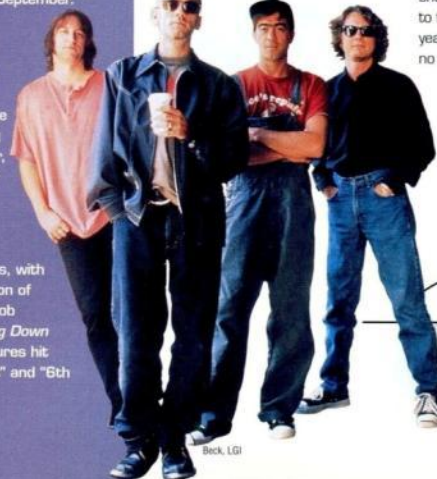
Fourteen-year-old singing sensation LeAnn Rimes is nominated for the Country Music Association's Horizon Award after the breakthrough success of her single "Blue." The popular new star is often compared to country music legend Patsy Cline.



AP/Wide World

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

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



Beck, LGI

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



James L. Lance, LGI

MUSIC



## SPORTS

## flash

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

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

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

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



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



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



Craig Jones, Allsport



Al Bello, Allsport

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



Al Bello, Allsport



Reuters/Archive Photos

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

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



AP/Wide World

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

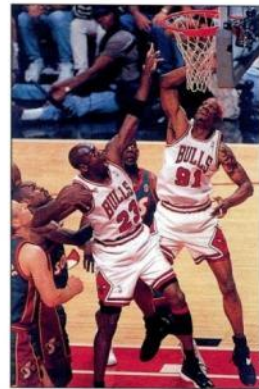




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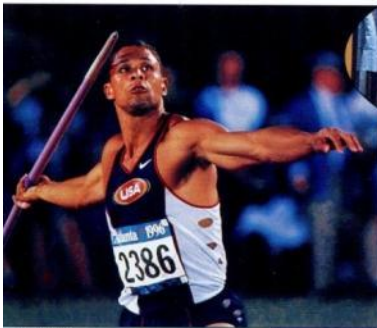
The U.S. women's gymnastics team takes the gold at the Summer Olympics. Kerri Strug, second from right, is the heroine of the competition, landing her final vault despite a dislocated left ankle.

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



AP/Wide World

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



AP/Wide World

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



Al Bello, Allsport

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



AP/Wide World

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



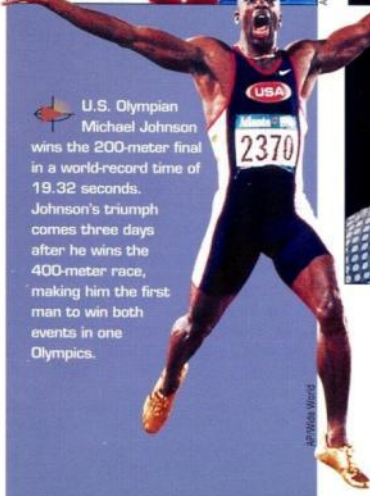
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Minnesota Twins star centerfielder Kirby Puckett announces his retirement from baseball in July. A serious eye ailment forces Puckett to give up the game, but he manages to maintain his upbeat attitude at press conferences and interviews.



Al Bello, Allsport

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



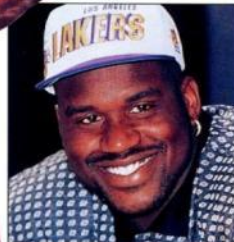
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Jean Driscoll (front right) of the U.S. takes the silver in the women's 800-meter wheelchair race, a demonstration sport, at the Summer Olympics. Driscoll, seven-time winner of the Boston Marathon, retires at the end of 1996, after setting several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

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



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SPORTS



## LIFESTYLE



## flash

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

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

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

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

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

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

My Twinn Doll Company



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



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



Monica Almeida, NYT Photo

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



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



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



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



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