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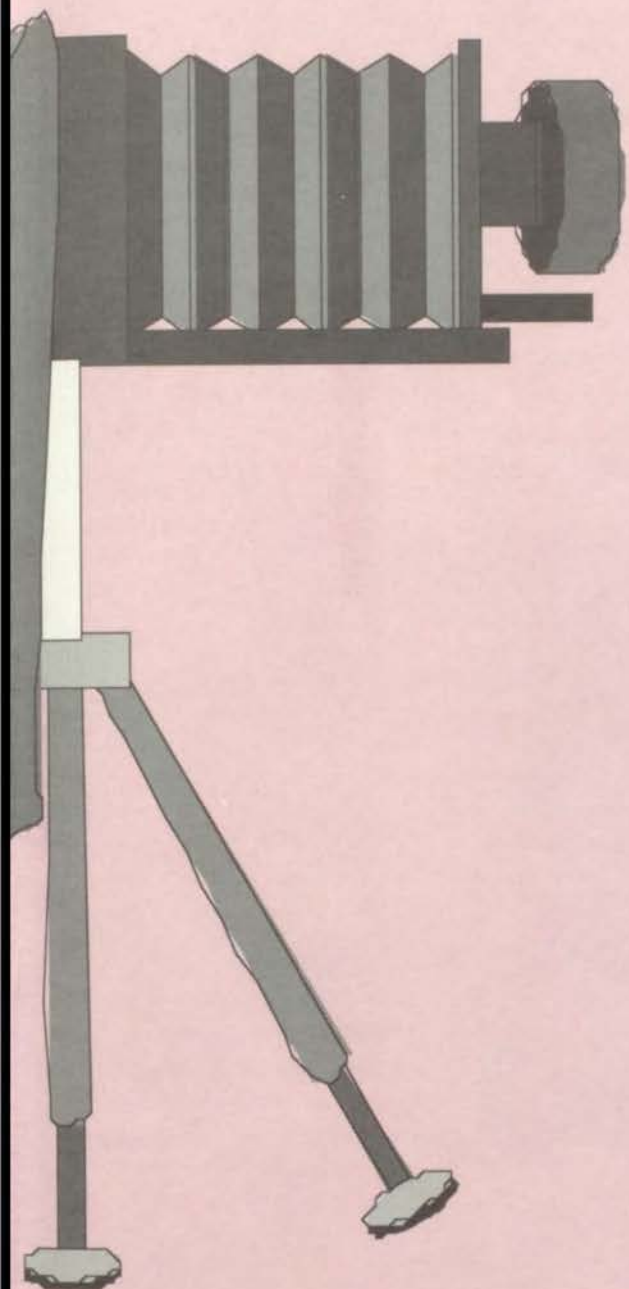
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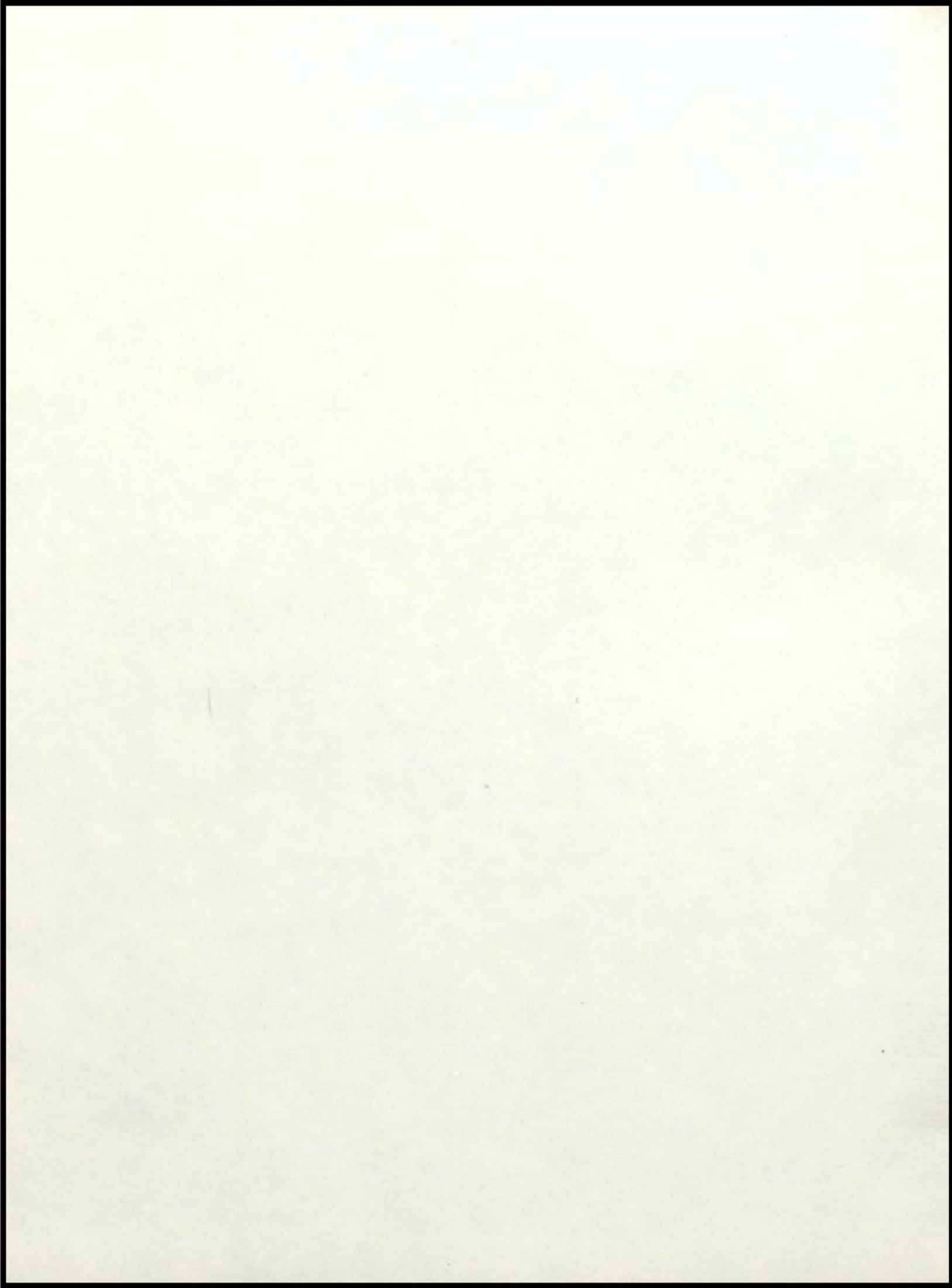
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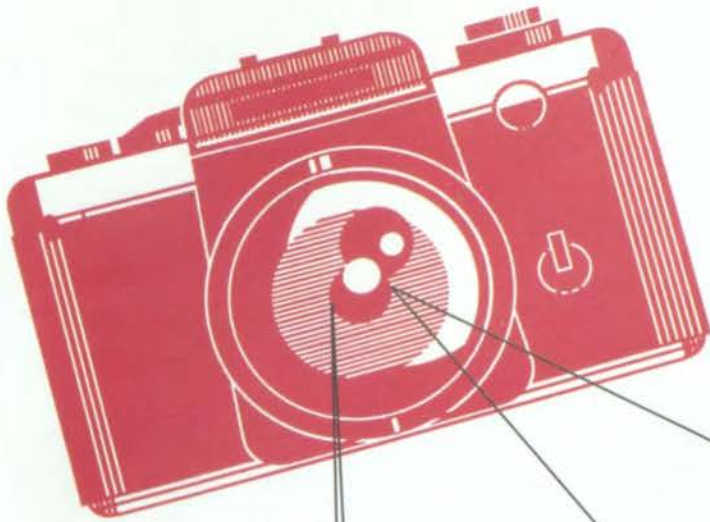
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The first thing you see when you pull into the parking lot every morning and the last thing you see when you leave is the newly designed Tonka sign. photo by Michia Sciartino

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Winnetonka always found those
Picturesque Moments

On September 3, 1996, Winnetonka's hall, once again, filled with hyper and enthusiastic Griffins. Each brought with him a unique personality and way of looking at things. **The Big Picture** clicked as many of us began the normal routines of student life.

With our student life, some of us added variety by competing in sporting events to be captured in **Motion Pictures**.

Yet others joined clubs and organizations



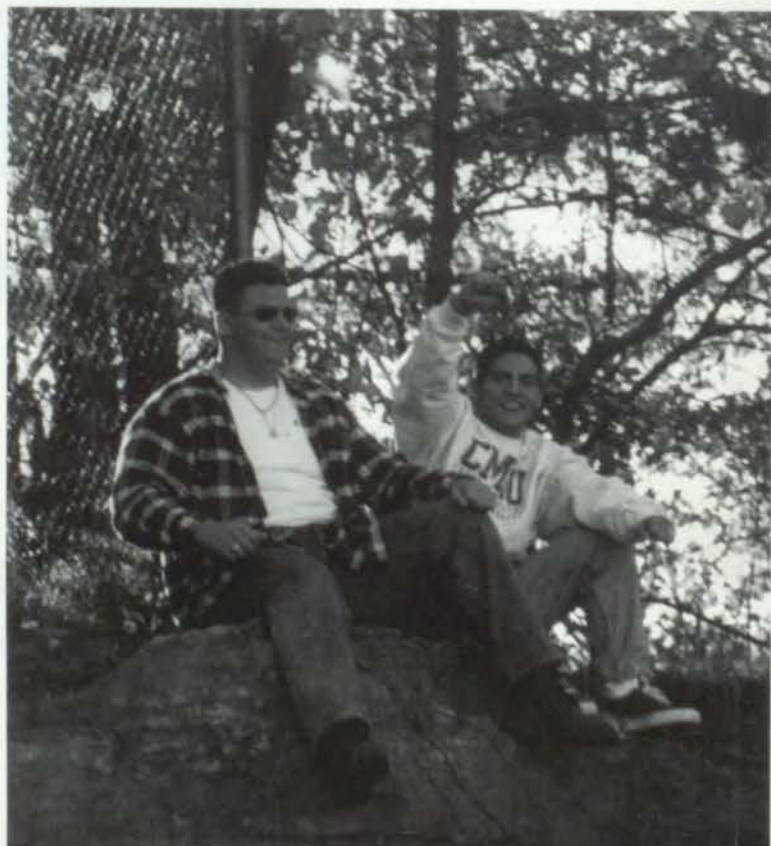
Susie Zimmerman (12) and Ammon Burch (11) celebrate after the last football game by dancing the night away at the Barn Yard Bash. *photo by Gino Bennett*

The Junior Class gets pumped for their third Homecoming and leaves a lasting impression on the girls softball team as they venture to Columbia to play in the state tournament. *photo by Tracy Edwards*



Joe Flex Martin (12) riles up the crowd as Lindsay Holwick (12) auctions off his jersey for the maximum price. *photo by Tracy Edwards*

Juniors Chucky Caccioppo and Chris Humphreys climb the wall to watch the girls softball team climb the ladder to state. *photo by Trevor Humphreys*





Ryan Sayles (12) sets the beat for the fall sports jersey auction. *photo by Tracy Edwards*

Freshman Jessica Salvatierra claps her hands to the beat of the music at the Barn Yard Bash. *photo by Susie Zimmerman*



Junior Ladies Rachel Windham and Christina Armato are captured in the moment as they enjoy the Barn Yard Bash. *photo by Susie Zimmerman*

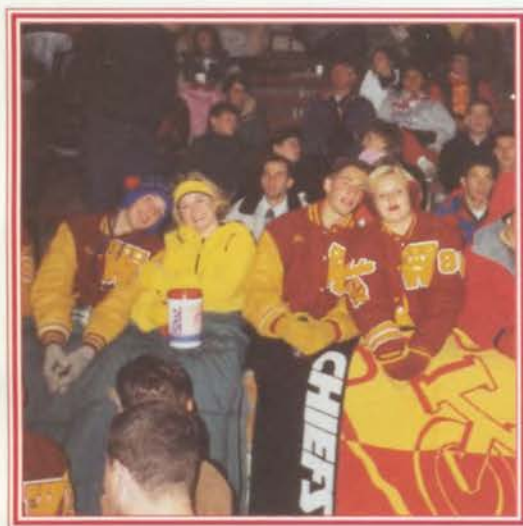
Senior Flag Corp member Gail Andregg stands at attention, waiting for her cue from the band to begin the routine. *photo by Tracy Edwards*

Sophomores Krista Bear and Jana Julian prepare to cheer the night away at the fall sports jersey auction. *photo by Tracy Edwards*



These junior girls show off their spirit through their personally designed spirit wear at the homecoming game. photo by Justin Bolsengo

Mindi Porter (12) and future Griffin, Jeffery Zimmerman, look on as preparations for the homecoming parade take place. photo by Susie Zimmerman



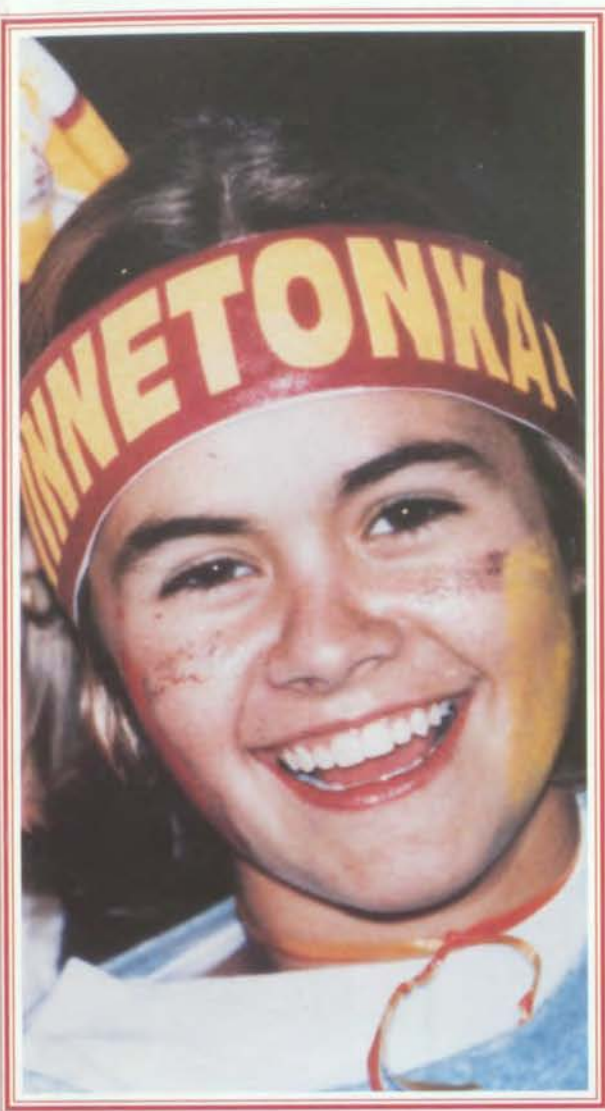
Juniors Justin Bolsengo, Jenna Jones, Mike Jiabia, and Cara Baker stay and watch the last football game through the cold and windy weather. photo by Michia Sciortino

Drum Major Eric Lembke (12) concentrates on calling out the beat of the march. photo by Jim Reed

Seniors Jodi Dobson and Emily Hunter show their Tonka spirit with a little facial flavor and paints. photo by Michia Sciortino



Nikki Neptune (9) proves that even freshmen start the year with that famous Griffin Spirit by decking out for her first Tonka Homecoming. photo by Jim Reed



Winnetonka always found those Picturesque Moments

— Continued

to *Picture The Possibilities* of each activity throughout the year.

Underclassmen found that they *Oughta Be in Pictures*, while seniors continued to be *Picture Perfect* in every regard. As Griffins, we were continually photographed, providing memories and experiences for all of us to share, remember, and enjoy. Winnetonka, these photos are for you. *Picture This.*

— By Rob Layne



Senior cheerleaders Jennifer Stanley and Michelle Burge do a quick pose between cheers. photo by Harriet Grindel

Alli Coats (12), Sarah Nyce (12), Mary Morrison (11), and Jennifer Bokay (12) come to life in cheers at Homecoming '96. photo by Jim Reed



The Big Picture

By Michia Sciortino

High school life is a full **mix** of academics, sports, fun, and stress. Yet there are certain **special** events in each individual's life that stand out to them. Through the course of a new year, possibly the last year, we all **experience** the happiness and sadness that comes with the territory.

It's getting together with your **friends** to make that famous **spirit** wear, shopping for that perfect dress to wear to the **dance**, choosing the right **candidates**, auditioning for *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Shorts XIII*, and *The Crucible*, travelling to State competitions, and sitting on the **cold** bleachers during the final football **games** or the district **soccer** game makes us who we are and what we want to be.

Finally the year starts to wind down, the **classes** seem to never end, and the **anxiousness** of leaving sets in. We finish the year with Prom, finals, graduation and **leave** with a book of **memories** to cherish for a **lifetime**. We see that our life as **Griffins** fits into

The Big Picture.

S T U D E N T





L I F E

This year's mascot was Linda Kinslow (11). The day I found out I made mascot, I felt totally honored. I get a major rush getting in front of a crowd and pumping them up. *photo by Michia Sciortino*



The Griffin

The griffin is a legendary monster of old Greek mythology portraying the combined features of a creature with the head and wings of an eagle and the lower body half of a lion. The animal-like ears are usually shown in the forward position denoting alertness and acute hearing. The creature is an art form derived from animism and had its origin in southwest Asia before 1000 B.C. The griffin was generally believed to be a ferocious monster of enormous size — so large that drinking cups could be made from its claws. Since the days of the Crusades (11th to 13th centuries), griffins could be found in the early heraldry of many western nations as a symbol of eternal vigilance. Its use was usually associated with acting as a guardian of treasure or of something to be valued.



These griffins braved the cold and windy conditions at the District Soccer game against Liberty to support the guys team. *photo by Michia Sciortino*

Senior Pommie Desirae Peel gets recognized at the final football game. *photo by Jim Reed*

Riding the Senior Float Sarah James waves hello or good-bye to our photographer. *photo by Michia Sciortino*

Valerie Connor (11) says Cheese to the camera. *photo by Jim Reed*

The cheerleaders make the way for the football team to finally bust through the sign. *photo by Harriet Grindel*

A Look Into Our History

By Michia Sciortino



WE HAVE SPIRIT!!



Sophomore Brent Garrison anxiously watches the football game against Lee Summit North.
photo by Jim Reed



The Senior class raises their arms and cheers as it is announced that the spirit stick is theirs. photo by Michia Sciortino

This colorful poster designed by Mindi Porter (12) outlines and prepares the student body for the upcoming spirit week. photo by Michia Sciortino

It was 30 years ago that a 6 million dollar multi-project bond issue made it possible for a new school to be built in the North Kansas City School District. The building at 48th Street and North Topping was estimated to cost 4.7 million dollars and would hold 2,000 students.

Yet, long before any of that could become a reality, a few visionaries had to set the wheels in motion. It was January of 1913 when Miss Mary Winn realized the importance of having better transportation in the area. Miss Winn donated land for the interurban line that ran nearby the future school's location. Children, in those days, came to school on foot because there were no sidewalks and few of the streets were paved. The men who built the line camped on her land and stored their equipment there.

When it came time to name the stop at the present I-35 and Brighton exit, the construction superintendent invited Miss Winn to help name the stop. The men had already decided to name it in her honor and wanted her approval. Many names beginning with Winn were suggested, but when Winnetonka was said, everyone immediately agreed this should be the name.

Finally in 1968 it came time to name the new high school located in this area. Dr. R. B. Doolin, Superintendent, selected a committee consisting of Dr. Dan Kahler, Oak Park Principal, Dr. Robert C. Howe, N.K.C. Principal, and Student Council Presidents, Jack Beers of OPHS and Mark Fain of NKCHS. The committee came up with Royalview, Hilltop, Hilldale, and Winnetonka.

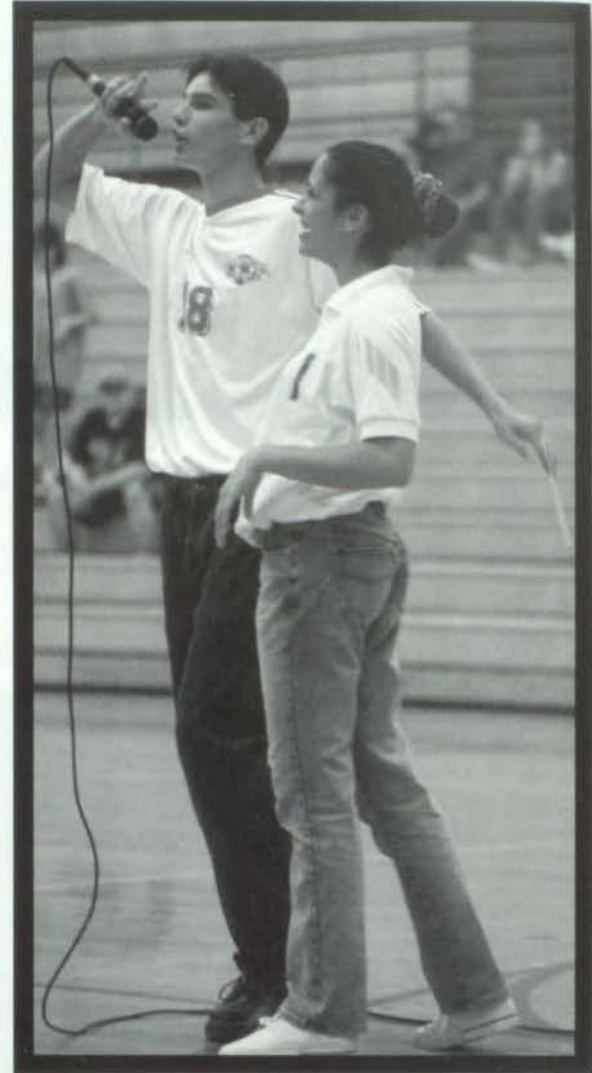
Winnetonka was favored because of the romantic Indian sound and the positive beginning of the name, WINnetonka. In October it was officially announced as Winnetonka. It would take over two years, through strike-plagued labor and split-shift schedules with Oak Park, to open the school.

Finally on March 1, 1971, 34 teachers, 2 administrators, 4 secretaries, and the nurse joined 600 sophomores to begin a journey that has trekked on for 27 years.

*T*hese Senior girls show-off their class spirit with a variety of spirit wear. *photo courtesy of Brenda Enkelmann*

*T*hese five Junior girls enjoy the Barn Yard Bash after the last football game. *photo by Susie Zimmerman*

*E*rik Anderson (12) raises the bid of Senior Allissa Jroff's Volleyball jersey on Wednesday of Homecoming Week. *photo by Tracy Edwards*



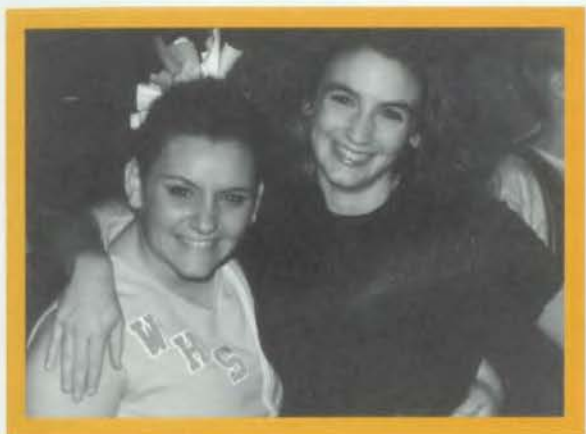
*T*hese Junior guys are always ready to strut their stuff for the camera. *photo by Susie Zimmerman*

*C*heerleaders Alexis Chambers (12), Suzie Zimmerman (12), Michelle Burge (12), and Jane Stevenson (10) caught that photo opportunity. *photo by Tracy Edwards*



Seniors All Coats and Brad Roberts show their spirit at the football homecoming game. *photo by Mindi Porter*

Sophomores Margaret Leocardi and Christina Strada take the opportunity to pose for a picture. *photo by Susie Zimmerman*



These Junior Gentlemen stand to see who it is that is bidding on the latest jersey. *photo by Tracy Edwards*

ALMA MATER

All praise and glory to thy name, our Alma Mater bold.
 May we as Griffins marching on defend our red and gold.
 The truth and honor for which you stand,
 Shall be our present guide.
 In word, in deed, in song, proclaim our Northland pride.
 All hail and praise forever, our Winnetonka High.

The promise of tomorrow, we are building here today.
 In the halls of Winnetonka, in a very special way.
 Through brotherhood and honor, true in what we say and do,
 Our promise for the future Winnetonka lies in you.
 All hail and praise forever, our Winnetonka High.



Senior couple Nicole Simmers and Joe Perez relax before the homecoming parade. *photo by Mindi Porter*

Senior Jennifer Stanley shows off those pearly whites while riding the Seniors Homecoming Float. *photo by Mindi Porter*

FIGHT SONG

We are Winnetonka Griffins—proud and strong and true.
 Our hearts are right. Our future bright in everything we do.
 Rah! Rah! Rah!

We are Winnetonka Griffins—young and free and bold.
 We play the game, we fight for fame, in cardinal and in gold.

Win, win, win, Winnetonka!
 Go, go, go, get-em, Griffins,
 Win, win, win, Winnetonka!
 Go, go, go, get-em Griffins,
 Win, win, win, Winnetonka! WIN!

Wonderful Week

Tonka shows spirit with week of events

By Jennifer Stanley

The theme for Homecoming '96 was "Wonderful Tonight". Homecoming week kicked off with Spirit Days, the first of which was Hat Day. College Sweatshirt Day and Wig-Out Day followed. On Wednesday the anxious Griffins turned out for an evening pep rally and jersey auction. Senior athletes had the choice to auction off their team jerseys. Pride band, flag corp, the cheerleaders, pom-pom, and A Capella performed to increase the students' excitement. Thursday was Dress-Up Day which worked out well for the eight queen candidates who were introduced at the formal assembly third hour. Football introductions were joined by the Varsity Softball team leaving for State Competition after a spirited Griffin Pep Assembly.

Later that afternoon, the traditional homecoming parade was led down the streets of Northtown by the Pride band. Face paintings, free food, and dancing pumped up the tailgating crowd. Although the Mighty Griffins lost to Lee's Summit North, we will always picture the memories of the 1996 homecoming in our minds.



Mike McCoy (12) is preparing balloons to tie around the stadium at the night's homecoming football game. photo by Michia Sciertino



Aboard the "Most Spirited Float," the class of '98 gals show that they are worthy of the award. photo by Michia Sciertino

Seniors Mindi Porter and Tracy Edwards team-up for a picture at their last homecoming. photo by Tammy Porter



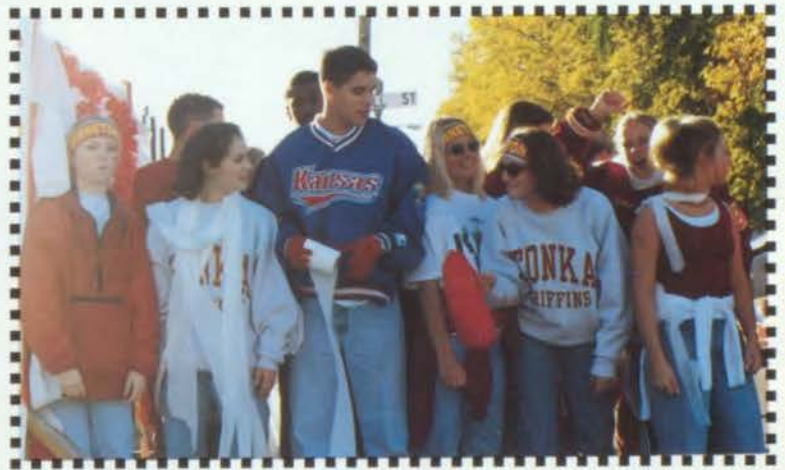
Justin Bolsengo (11) is all smiles as he proudly represents the many Junior Class men. photo by Mindi Porter

Being first to arrive at the pre-parade celebration is a good time for these eight seniors to pose for our photographer. photo by Rob Layne



Riding the A Capella float is a privilege for Rebecca Caster (11), Cyndy Bless (11), Shari Brizendine (12), and Kris Dornan (9) because they have the glory of all the bountiful balloons. photo by Michia Sciortino

Flush 'em Tonka" was the theme of this year's sophomore float, but, where's the toilet? photo by Michia Sciortino



All we can say is "be careful" to these three girls of the class of 2000. Don't fall off! photo by Michia Sciortino

The Marching Pride leads the way of the 1996 Homecoming Parade. photo by Michia Sciortino

As Seniors, the **class of 1997** finally got a chance to fully experience the magic of Homecoming weekend. The assembly, the parade, the game, and the dance all played a significant role in adding to the excitement felt by each Tonka Senior. Our spirits were high and the magic and memories from this **wonderful** night will surely remain in our hearts long after graduation.

—Sarah James

Well, it was one of the firsts of the last. That is, it was really the first memorable experience of our last year at Tonka.

—Alissa Jroff

It was a very memorable night with all my friends and Ali Coats as my date, since Mike got suspended.

—Ashley Baier

The dance was fun, my date should have won, and I jammed with the band until I saw the sun.

—Brian Bock

The beginning of the week was very stressful but when the night of the dance came I had a very wonderful time that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

—Brenda Enkelmann



Homecoming was really special and I'm sure everyone had a really good time.

—Jamie Matthys



It was a memorable last homecoming; spending time with all my friends.

—Sarah Garrison



It was very memorable. We all got there early to take our picture and to be in the parade, but it's still hard to believe that it was our last homecoming.

—Michael Hudson



Being in the parade with all my friends on the acapella float was the most memorable experience during Homecoming.

—Jeni Shavnore

The most memorable moment of homecoming for me was getting to share in all the fun with my friends.

—Lindsay Major



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It was fun but also very sad. It's so hard to believe this was our last Homecoming ever.

—Jodi Dobson



Dance goes, Andrea Rucker (11), Kyle Rau (12), Amanda Box (11), and Joe Bastob (12) practice the shine of those pearly-whites before they get their formal pictures taken. *photo by Gina Bennett*

Two of Tonka's cutest couples, Heather Bross (12), Zach Gray (12), Kyle Bryant (12), and Emily Hunter (12), enjoy a Wonderful Tonight slow dance. *photo by Gina Bennett*



Can you pick yourself out of this crowd shot? *photo by Gina Bennett*

These Senior Girls seem to be enjoying the evening of their last homecoming. *photo by Gina Bennett*

Two AFS students, Almar Bakkar (12) and Maria Pazmino (12), boogie the night away at their first All-American High School Dance. *photo by Gina Bennett*

Sophomore girls Missy Panis, Betsy Struxness, Amanda Westoven, and Cara Baudoin, do a quick pose together. *photo by Gina Bennett*

Brotherly and sisterly love shines through as sophomore Holly Blake poses with her big brother, Ryan (12), at his last Winnetonka Homecoming Dance. *photo by Gina Bennett*



Wonderful Tonight

Softball changes homecoming tradition and Winnetonka crowns Queen at dance

By Rob Layne

As the homecoming game came to an end, Tonka students went home to make plans for the next night. The theme of Homecoming was chosen as Wonderful Tonight, to give students the feeling of enchantment and excitement.

Many students were fearful that tradition would be thrown out the window because of the softball team traveling to State in Warrensburg. Although the trip did cause some scheduling problems, by the end of the night all issues were resolved with the crowning of the Queen and Princess at the closing of the dance.

Miss Lindsay Holwick was pronounced Queen, while Miss Lynne Biggs triumphed as Princess. Lindsay believes that, Everything worked out great because of the team work that our school has.

Ginny Goebel, a queen nominee, said, Even though we had to do something new, I was just excited about being there.



Sophomores Nick Vandendaele and Amanda Westoven enjoy a dance at their second homecoming. photo by Gina Bennett



Seniors Quandl Grady and Gina Dicavolo share a final dance. photo by Gina Bennett

Juniors Doug Pyle and Cara Baker take a break from the dance to pose for a picture. photo by Gina Bennett



Queen Lindsay Holwick

Lindsay served as Senior Class President and was a member of the Varsity Tennis Team. She has been involved in Leadership, Student Council, Basketball, Swimming, and Track while at Winnetonka. Outside of school Lindsay has participated in Junior Assembly North. Her future plans include attending the University of Missouri and majoring in pediatric nursing.

Princess Lynne Biffs

Lynne is currently the catcher for Winnetonka's District Champion Softball Team. She is a four-year letterman and has been named to the all-conference first team in softball. She is a member of DECA and has played Volleyball and Basketball. Lynne has been named in Who's Who Among American High School Students and plans to attend college, majoring in physical education.





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Campobasso

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Ginny
Goebel

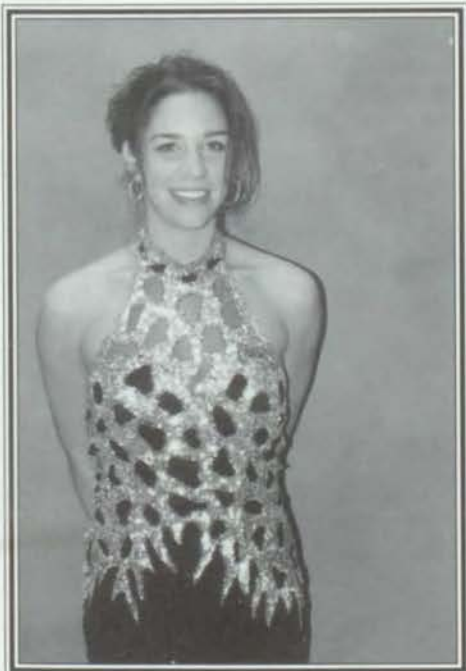
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Alissa
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O Halloran

Susie
Zimmerman



We Love You, Conrad

Sweet Apple, Ohio Comes to Winnetonka

By Harriet Grindel

We love you Conrad, oh, yes we do. We love you Conrad, and we'll be true, sang the teenage girls to Conrad Birdie as he was boarding the train. On November 20-23 Bye Bye Birdie came to the stage. This year's musical was a huge success with outstanding audience attendance at all four performances of the musical.

Sophomore Danny Parker who portrayed Conrad Birdie reflected that this was one of the best and most fun musicals at Winnetonka.

The musical begins in New York with Albert Peterson played by Rob Layne (12), receiving a phone call concerning the drafting of Conrad Birdie into the U.S. Army. Albert and Conrad then travel from New York to Sweet Apple, Ohio, so that Conrad can receive one last kiss from an All-American Girl.

While in Sweet Apple Albert finally lets his feelings for Rosie Alvarez show. He stands up to his mother and does what he feels important. Rosie and Albert leave at the end of the musical to get married.

*R*osie and Albert finally let their affection out in a big kiss after they decide to get married. photo by Chris Humphreys

*K*ids! Mr MacFee played by William Enochs (12) exclaims after his daughter Kim explains how kids are now. photo by Chris Humphreys



In anticipation of the kiss, Kim MacFee gazes into Conrad Birdie's eyes. photo by Chris Humphreys

Dancin In A Winter Wonderland

A Winter Dance To Cure The Winter Blues

By Gina Bennett

On December 14, many Tonka students put on their dancing shoes for the Winter Dance. Winter Wonderland was the first successful Tonka Winter Dance held in years. The success of this dance was due to advance advertising and the popularity of dances at our school.

The semi-formal dance held between Homecoming and Sweetheart, had a range of dress from formals to jeans. Since it was not a date type dance many people felt as if they have more freedom. Others, of course, preferred the date style.

I felt that it would be better if it was a date type dance, Senior Jim Wehmueller said.

The success of a winter dance will indeed show promise for the future. I thought it was good timing between Sweetheart and Homecoming for students to let go and have fun, without having to so fancy, said Beth Reuter (11).



We wonder if this guy has been worn out by all that dancing or all that punch. photo by Ammon Burch



*C*heerful Sophomore Sommer Lloyd grooves to the music with John Castenada (11). photo by Trevor Humphreys

*S*orry to everyone who still believes in Santa, but we want to thank Mr. Frederick for sweatin' it out in the big red suit. photo by Trevor Humphreys



Santa must think that Mike Jiobia (11) has been extra nice since he got two dates for the dance, Mary Morrison (11) and Candi Jones (11). photo by Trevor Humphreys

The first Winter Wonderland was a huge success to all of the school's dancers. photo by Trevor Humphreys

This group of Freshmen girls seem to be enjoying their first Winter Dance. photo by Ammon Burch

This best friend trio of Juniors Amalia Mendez, Mindy Duffett, and Valerie Connor put on huge grins for a photo. photo by Trevor Humphreys

The Junior Guys adopt Sal Artese (9) to join in on the quest for Santa. photo by Ammon Burch



This happy couple of Seniors Ginny Goebel and Jeff Cook are content just being together. photo by Trevor Humphreys

Seniors Candace Brueck, Ashley Baler, and Katie Winger pose before the dance. photo by Trevor Humphreys



Hear Them Roar

The women of drama direct Shorts

By Adam Martin

This year was the year of the woman in the Winnetonka drama department. There were at least a dozen people who auditioned to be directors, but the final call came down to six very talented and dedicated members of the drama team. All of the directors just happened to be girls.

They then spent great amounts of their time to pick out plays and held auditions to fill their cast lists. After long heart-filled hours of rehearsal, the time for the long awaited curtain call came on February 7th.

Did you say illegal cable, said Jamie Matthys (12), when asked to recall memories of her most memorable Shorts ever. She was the director that got to take her play, BUMS, to a one-act competition at the state-district level.

*R*ichie Henderson (11), Emily Drew (10), and Charles Silvertooth (11) give new meaning to main squeeze . photo by Gina Bennett

*S*ophia Sandquist (12) and Woody Bonds (10) pose mid-dance to stare at the camera. photo by Gina Bennett



*Careful Preparation And Consideration
Made This Year's Sweetheart . . .*
This Magic Moment

By Rochelle Frederick

On February 8, 1997 Griffins everywhere prepared for this year's Sweetheart Dance that they deemed This Magic Moment, during their lunch periods. They also anxiously awaited to see which of the eight king candidates, Erik Anderson, Jed Birdsong, Andy Hankins, Quandi Grady, Mike Mason, Mike McCoy, Ryan Morgan, and Kyle Rau, that the seniors had so carefully chosen, would become the 1997 king and prince.

After dinner, pictures, kicking off the shoes and a few magical dances the crowd was parted and each of the candidates, their date and their parents waltzed in and took their seats in hopes of being the lucky king or even the prince.

After the ballots had been counted, Jed Birdsong was crowned King and Quandi Grady was crowned prince.

*G*ina Bennett (12) and Ammon Burch (11) glimmer magestically in their short magic moment. photo by Susie Zimmerman





Seniors Andrea Lawler and Tim Caster enjoy this dance together, but Andrea still wonders why Tim is looking at his feet. photo by Gina Bennett

Tonka couples always seem ready to be pictured when there is a photographer around and these three couples demonstrate it. photo by Gina Bennett



This group of friends ham it up for the camera and wonders what exactly Mike Mason (12) is doing. photo by Gina Bennett

These gals, Melissa Maasen (12) and Amalia Mendez (11), get in touch with their ghetto side. photo by Gina Bennett

Some people are more enthusiastic than others about photos as Juniors Karla Tisor and Beth Reuter try to get their guys into it. photo by Gina Bennett

Seniors Erik Anderson and Tracy Edwards get weird reviews from the left for their picture moment. photo by Gina Bennett

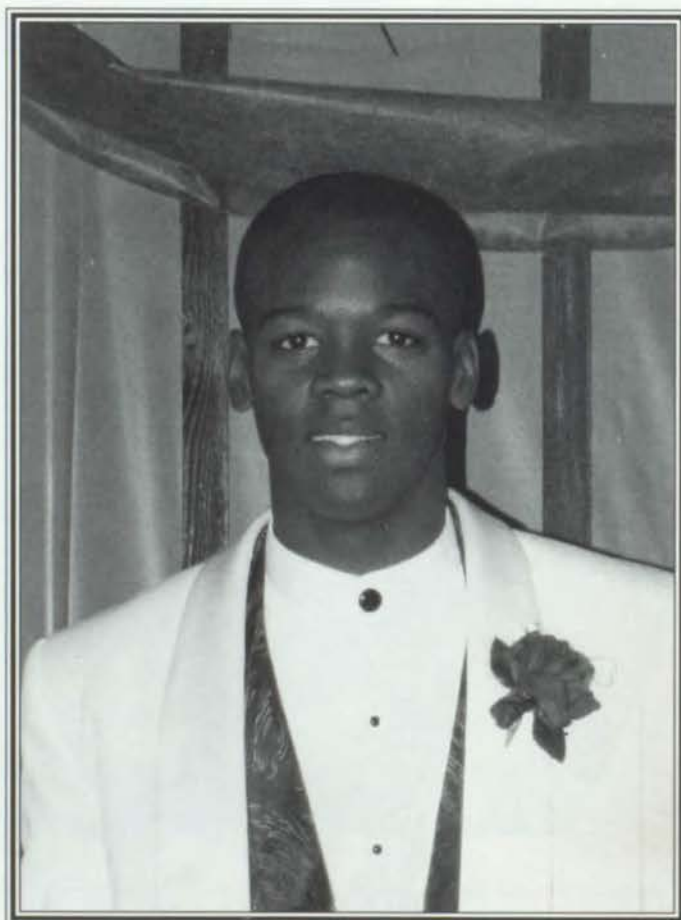


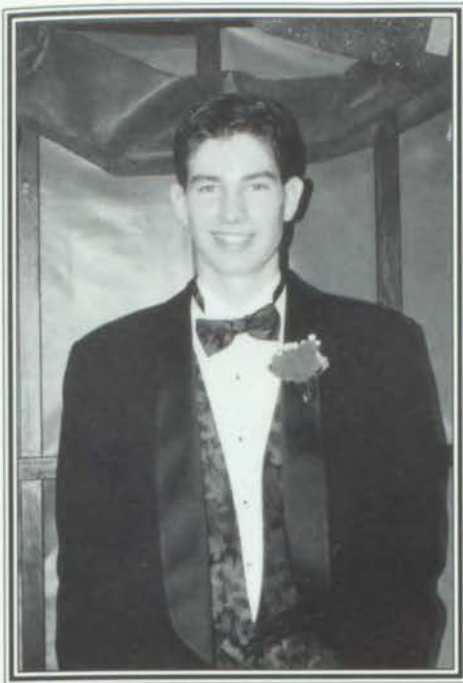
King Jed Birdson

Jed has played basketball for four years at Winnetonka and has lettered three times. He has also received many awards in art and art design including the Silver Key, the Mack Cain Hustle Award and has taken 1st in an art show held at CMSU. His future plans are going to KU, majoring in architecture or commercial design, and playing basketball as a Jayhawk. After graduation he plans to search for that special someone, unless he has already found her.

Prince Quandi Grady

Quandi has been active on several of Winnetonka's sports programs including football, basketball, and track. He has obtained several honors in each of these programs. He has been named All-Conference First Team in Football, All-Conference First Team in Track in the 110 high hurdles, triple jump, and the high jump. He has also lettered in basketball twice. His future plans include doing one of these three sports in college. He says if he were to look at the newspaper in ten years, we would definitely see him in the Sports section.





Erik
Anderson

Andy
Hankins

Mike
Mason

Sweetheart 97

Mike
McCoy

Ryan
Morgan

Kyle
Rau



Before the Melodies

It's A Lot Of Hard Work

By Ashley Daugherty

As we all know, behind the big night are weeks of preparation. Many Tonka students are found at the local tanning beds, hair and nail salons long before the dance and also at nearby flower shops the very day of the dance looking for that perfect corsage or boutonniere, if it exists.

All of this is not all for some students though. There is a committee that works on Prom preparations for months in advance. Everyone tries to make the night come together perfectly, but it certainly takes work.

Finding accessories and the perfect matching gloves from a variety of sizes, styles, and colors is one of the many tasks of getting ready for prom. *photo by Susie Zimmerman*



Senior Tracy Edwards searches through racks and racks of dresses looking for the perfect prom dress. *photo by Susie Zimmerman*



Senior Susie Zimmerman checks into shoes to match her dress. Many Tonka girls choose dyeables to get an exact match. *photo by Tracy Edwards*



The guys also must spend time searching for a tux that fits them and compliments their date's dress. *photo by Susie Zimmerman*

The Prom Committee, made up of Juniors Jenna Jones, Andy O'Brien, and Marcie Brookings, spent many hours preparing for prom.





AFS students Alex Prysch (12) and Maria Pazmino (12) pick nachos from the wide selection of food available. *photo by Gina Bennett*

Junior Kristen Crenshaw looks through the different colors of shirts to decide which one she wants. *photo by Gina Bennett*

Oops! We caught Stephanie VanKeirsblick (12) doing the ever-popular Granny-Style Bowling, but we wonder, is that legal? *photo by Gina Bennett*



Seniors Deborah Walden and Rob Layne seem to be having a fun time at their final After-Prom. *photo by Gina Bennett*



Brett Henderson (12) is very happy about that last strike he just bowled or is it just he's having such a great time with Kayla? *photo by Gina Bennett*

A Fun Alternative

After A Night of Dance

By Rochelle Frederick

Again PTSA put on a successful after-prom party at Gladstone Bowl. It was started to give teens an alternative to drinking after Prom.

There was Galactic Bowling, Karaoke, Black Jack, and tons of different snacks. There were also many donated doorprizes.

The cost was five dollars and everyone got a free T-Shirt and breakfast at Country Kitchen in Liberty.

I had an excellent time hanging out with my friends, and bowling was exciting. I even got a cool T-Shirt! said Jodi Dobson (12).

This cute couple, Nick Wood and Lindy Cain (12), sit at the table to take a break from their night full of dance. photo by Gina Bennett



Senior girls Jodi Dobson and Jennifer Stanley take a break from boogieing or maybe they re breaking from the boys. photo by Gina Bennett



Giving the crutches a rest, Pete Asta (12) and Brooke Porter (11) sit down before the next song begins. photo by Gina Bennett

Juniors Sarah Talbot and Mark McCoy pose for a quick picture before the dance at Finnigan s Hall begins. photo by Gina Bennett

Prom-goers Andrea Lawler (12) and Kevin Parker (11) groove the night away dancing at this year s prom. photo by Gina Bennett

Juniors Katy Waterman, Scott Zille, Sean Dooley, and Amandda Box pose before they go into the Hall to dance. photo by Gina Bennett

Senior Couple Scott Chandler and Angie Spano enjoy their last prom, dancing in each other's arms. photo by Gina Bennett



Wheat Williams (12) seems to be in complete heaven standing next to her date Jim Glaub (11). photo by Gina Bennett



And They Danced

To Unchained Melodies

By Rochelle Frederick

Finally, after months of matching vests to dresses, finding the perfect flowers, and making dinner reservations, the big night came. PROM!

As freshly washed cars pulled into Finnigan's Hall in North Kansas City, Dice Photography took formal prom pictures. After the stuffed prom-goers hammed it up they entered the ball room that was appropriately decorated with black and white piano keys, to go along with the theme Unchained Melodies.

As the music blared and Seniors enjoyed their last high school dance, a camera scanned the crowd and showed them on a big screen on the stage behind the DJ.

Jenna Jones, Junior Class President and one of the prom chairpeople, said, Prom planning didn't start in the months just prior to May 3. Fund-raising since Freshmen year and planning from the Spring of 1996 added to the huge success. Although there were a few last minute difficulties, the Junior Class's support and dedication led to a magical night for many Winnetonka Grifins.

This group of friends, Missy Panis (10), Jed Birdsong (12), Betsy Struxness (10), Matt Pugh (12), Nicole Simmers (12), Joe Perez (12), Jill Tischinski (12), and Jill's Boyfriend, spend Prom together. photo by Gina Bennett

Senior Paula Shost enjoys this slow dance with her boyfriend. photo by Gina Bennett

Chris Tate (11) and Amalia Mendez (11) decide that it's break time for them. photo by Gina Bennett



Reverend Samuel Parris played by Jim Glaub (11) leads Rebecca Nurse played by Beth Webb (11) in a discussion with the others. photo by Nicole Simmers

The community gathers to discuss the crisis that has arisen in their town. photo by Nicole Simmers



The respected men of the community gather to discuss the situation in hopes of finding a solution. photo by Nicole Simmers

The teenage girls surround the bed and recount the experience that brought on the charge of witchcraft. photo by Nicole Simmers

The Crucible

• Betty Parris	Jennifer Allen	Teens
• Reverend Samuel Parris	Jim Glaub	Michelle Allen
• Tituba	Melissa Thomas	Gail Andregg
• Abigail Williams	Lisa Magierowski	Ginny Brinkerhoff
• Susanna Walcott	Vicki Milano	Melissa Doll
• Mrs. Ann Putnam	Sara Crites	Emily Drew
• Thomas Putnam	Bryan Ball	Lurita McIntosh
• Understudy	Patrick Craft	Josephine Medallada
• Mercy Lewis	Grace Vaughan	Laura Milam
• Mary Warren	Lora Gray	Summer Pauley
• John Proctor	Richard Delgado	Jamie Palmesino
• Rebecca Nurse	Beth Webb	Bethany Schlueter
• Giles Corey	Dan Romig	Amy Stewart
• Reverend John Hale	Ryan Weaver	
• Elizabeth Proctor	Vanessa Wade	Townspeople
• Francis Nurse	Adam Martin	Rebecka Goins
• Ezekiel Cheever	Tim Caster	David Elkins
• John Willard	Joe Henley	Nate McCarther
• Martha Corey	Jamie Matthys	Anthony McCloud
• Judge Hathorne	Almar Bakker	Kato Schultz
• Deputy-Governor Danforth	Nick Webb	Nathan Stewart
• Sarah Good	Wheat Williams	Kris Wright
• Hopkins	Nathan Atkinson	



Gathering all details and facts takes the community much time. *photo by Nicole Simmers*

There's A Witch

The Crucible Comes To Tonka

By Rob Layne

"Do that which is good and no harm shall come to thee," said John Proctor during the 1997 spring play of *The Crucible*. John, played by Richard Delgado (11), is a local, respected farmer who's wife, Elizabeth, played by Vanessa Wade (12), is charged with the crime of witchcraft. The plot twist and turns leading the audience to the dramatic end.

"I think the play went well. We were like a big family. I'm glad I was a part of it," Delgado said.

The play was difficult for some of the cast members because they weren't used to the language and types of characters they were portraying.

"I played a meek character," said Wade. "I am definitely not meek."

Through it, each did their good and on opening night, no harm came to any of them, but applause.

Aimar Bakker (12) and Jamie Matthys (12) show our photographer what stage make-up looks like up close. *photo by Nicole Simmers*

John Proctor played by Richard Delgado (11) pressures for reasons of the witchcraft. *photo by Nicole Simmers*

Reverend Samuel Parris played by Jim Glaub (11) stares at the bed in thought. *photo by Nicole Simmers*

Reverend John Hale, Ryan Weaver (11), discusses solutions. *photo by Nicole Simmers*





A Night With The Stars

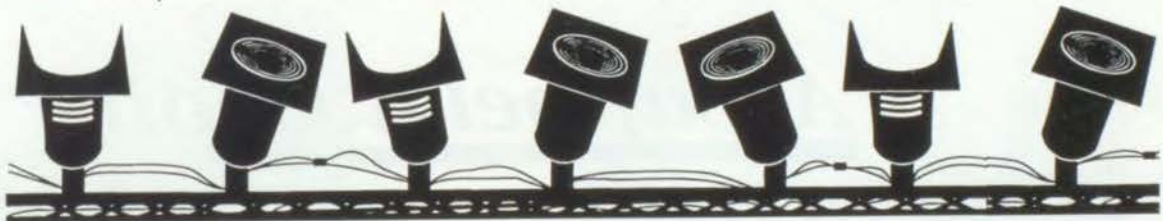
Tonka's 3rd Talent/Fashion, and Senior Oscars

By Amanda Box &
Jennifer Stanley

On April 25, 1997, Winnetonka held its third annual talent/fashion show and senior Oscars. With the theme A Night with the Stars, Winnetonka's students were shining bright. The proceeds of the show went to the senior class and DECA. The fashion show was done by Winnetonka's DECA. Members wore clothes from The Gap, Yours and Mine Formals, and County Seat. Many talented students came out to strut their stuff. There was dancing, singing, instrumental acts, acting and comedy. The show definitely lived up to its theme. With 25 categories, three guys and three girls were nominated in each category. The most controversial category was the best tattoo. When the candidates were asked how they felt about the category being removed they were full of things to say. Erik Moore(12) had this to say ...I think it's a school activity, the students should decide. Julia Larson(12) thought, It's a bunch of malarki. We're 18 and it's legal. Michelle Campobasso said, ...A tattoo is part of who you are and how you express yourself.

Performers

Noah Homola & George Overfield	<i>Wipe Out</i>
Cali Borland, Sydney Burford, Cindy Gay, & Missy Panis	<i>Space Jam</i>
Peggy Jewell	<i>Wind Beneath My Wings</i>
Tracey Turner	<i>The Light in Your Eyes</i>
Eric Schlueter	<i>Bubbly Mon</i>
	<i>It Must Be Love</i>
Betsy Struxness	<i>You Win My Love</i>
Julia Verquer	<i>Speed</i>
Beth Bourne & Tim Caster	<i>I Finally Found Someone</i>
Andrea Woody	<i>Orange Color Sky</i>
Marcie Brookings & Holly Blake	<i>Heart Breaker</i>
Jeff Kent	<i>Guitar</i>
Amber Kennedy	<i>On My Own</i>
Jamone Epps & Shawn Courter	<i>I Like</i>
Shari Brizendine	<i>Remember Me This Way</i>
Cara Baker & Haley Struxness	<i>Come Together</i>
Desirae Peel	<i>What Did I Have That I</i>
	<i>Don't Have Now</i>
Tim Caster	<i>Piano</i>
Mike McCoy	<i>Candle Player</i>





Prague, Czech Republik
June 30 - July 2



Vienna, Austria
July 3 - July 5



Innsbruck
July 6 - July 7



Venice, Italy
July 8 - July 10



Lucerne, Switzerland
July 10 - July 13



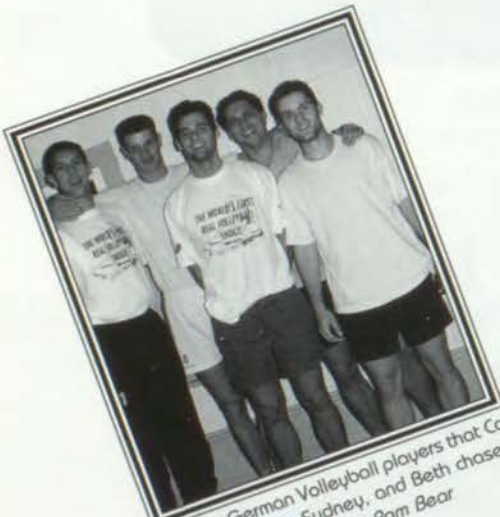
They said that all of the water fountains were safe to drink out of in Switzerland, so Kris Dornan helps Daniel Boyd taste it to make sure. photo by Kayla Bear



Something must've been really scary in this haunted house in Vienna. photo by Pam Bear



Prague encourages child bearing with bill boards of Bach and his twenty children. photo by Kayla Bear



Those German Volleyball players that Cara, Jane, Andrea, Sydney, and Beth chased in the hotel. photo by Pam Bear



Looks like something that might walk down Main Street in the States, huh? photo by Pam Bear



Look really close and you might see a topless girl at this nude beach in Venice. photo by Pam Bear

Just a Short

Ten Minute Walk

By Kayla Bear

Picture this: watching A Mirror Has Two Faces on a nine hour plane ride, walking on the Charles Bridge—the same bridge that Tom Cruise walked on in Mission Impossible, standing proud in crimson robes representing not only Winnetonka but the United States in cathedrals that are older than our country, walking along canals in Italy with Italian men all around, experiencing a nude beach in Venice, dancing in a gay and lesbian disco, and through it all, creating a new family with new lifetime friendships.

It's often just a dream to journey to the land beyond the seas. For two weeks during the summer of 1997, that dream came true for 41 people. On the afternoon of June 29, these 41 people boarded at KCI with the destination of Frankfurt Germany.

During the two week visit, the group traveled with Mirella and Thomas to such places as St. Vitus Cathedral, The Lion Monument, Terezin, and Mozarts birthplace. But let's not forget the reason they went and that was for the Austrian Invitational International Music Festival. They sang songs in English, German, and Latin in a Cathedral in Prague and one in Venice.

The two weeks ended way too soon but left each person with lasting memories and new friendships and families.



Before we were all corrupted by the gay and lesbian disco in Vienna. photo by Pam Bear



The Lion Monument in Vienna that Pam and Elaine got lost trying to find. photo by Pam Bear



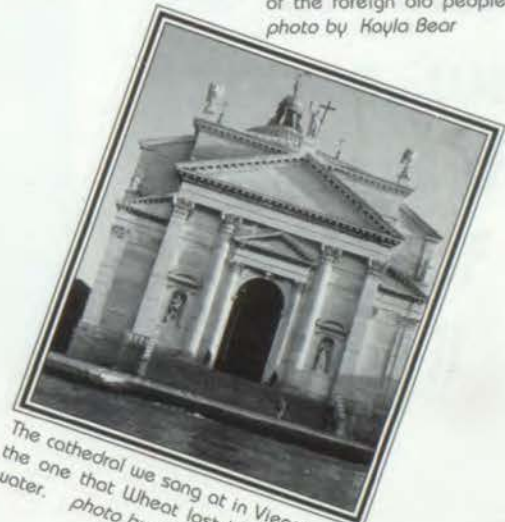
Mama Bear with Mama and Papa Dornan on a bridge in Venice. photo by Kayla Bear



The Italian Spice Girls that entertained all of the foreign old people in the lobby. photo by Kayla Bear



We want our picture taken with the cute waiters. photo by Kayla Bear



The cathedral we sang at in Vienna. And the one that Wheat lost her Doc in the water. photo by Pam Bear

P.A.T.H.S.

By Pam Bear

Winnetonka!?! How do you spell that? F4? D Quad? "A" wing? What are you talking about? What the heck is a scramble area? How will I find the right bus? Credits? For what?

These are just a few of the questions that incoming freshmen have each year as they feed into Winnetonka from Antioch, Eastgate, and Maplepark Middle Schools. Besides just the stress of fitting in and finding their way around a much larger building, they also have to learn to deal with other issues. Freshmen have to go back to being the "babies" of the school and how to handle the upperclassmen. They learn new words such as Frosh, Lettering, Pride, Varsity, Spectrum, and what the meaning of each of these words are.

One hundred and thirty two of our freshmen got a jump on learning what Winnetonka is all about when they joined eleven of our staff members in the P.A.T.H.S. program. This program was designed to provide incoming freshmen with the skills needed to be successful in high school by putting aside their fears associated with the transition from middle school to high school. P.A.T.H.S. also builds self confidence for personal success in high school.

What they did not get to experience until the rest of the freshmen joined them on the first day of school was what lunch and the scramble area was like. And just how hard it is to go from the south end of WHS to the north end in five minutes through all the students.

They succeeded! Let the Victory bell ring for these students!!





*Because of
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space, we
welcome the
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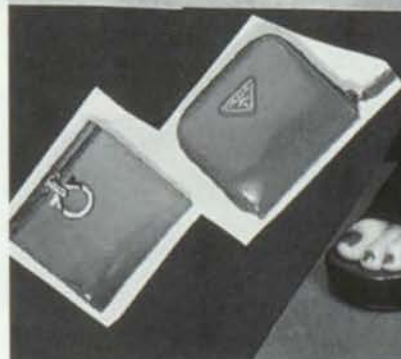
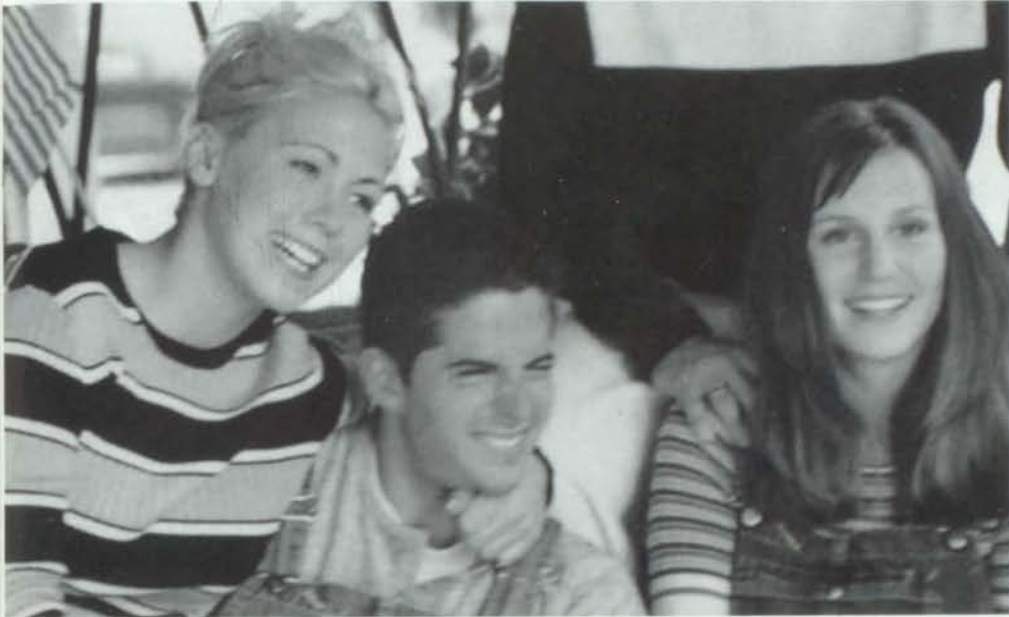
By Felicia Filippo

Some of the biggest styles of 1996-97 were Tommy Hilfiger, Calvin Klein, Doc Martens, Old Navy, and Dockers. Common outfits in the halls were khaki shorts, Doc Martens with no socks and a favorite tee. You could always see athletic favorites such as Nike, Adidas, Reebok, and Fila. Casual styles included jeans with torn and frayed bottom seams, tank tops and overalls.

Hair styles were cut short and dyed, bobs and boyish styles with highlights. Accesories were little plastic barrettes, sunglasses, ankle bracelets, and traditional hoop earrings.

No matter what styles are in and out, the key is just to be yourself and always be comfortable.





Motion Pictures

By Harriet Grindel

Every fall the school year starts for some before the first day of school. Students dedicate themselves to three months of hard practices and games for the fall season. After the fall season comes the winter sports season with those students who choose to participate in both finding that they may have little or no time for resting between seasons. As the school year goes on, winter sports come to a close and students prepare for spring sports.

As a school we support these athletes by going to the games and cheering them on. Sports involve a lot, not only the athletes, but also the fans and their support. The students at Winnetonka are what make it possible for our teams to have a successful season. It takes teamwork between the athletes and the fans.

The dedication and hard work of so many students, both on and off the field, make it possible to capture all of our fond memories made this year in

Motion Pictures.



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Record 2 — 8

OPPONENT	WIN	LOSS
Springfield Glendale		X
Oak Park		X
Raytown	X	
Hickman Mills		X
Grandview		X
St. Joe Lafayette	X	
Lee s Summit North		X
Fort Osage		X
Liberty		X
North Kansas City		X

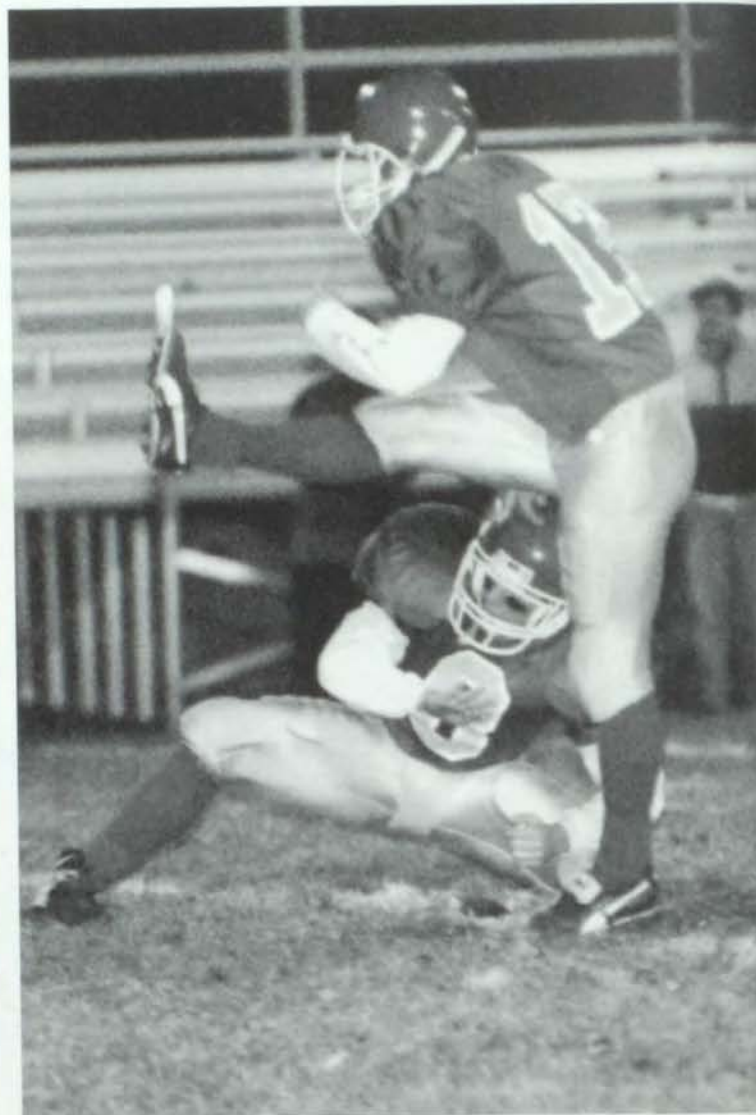
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Quarterback Jarrod Swoboda (12) looks right and yells out the count as Center Cassidy Kern (11) listens intently and prepares to hike the ball. *photo by Jim Reed*



The boys of Tonka football show their spirit by raising their helmets to cheer on and support their teammates. *photo by Jim Reed*

Senior Tony Velasquez holds the ball as kicker John Groves (12) successfully puts another one through the uprights in the Northtown game. *photo by Jim Reed*



Touchdown by Luis Olavarria (11) was a common cry heard this season. *photo by Jim Reed*

Quarterback Ryan Spotts (10) refuses to give up and fights off a defensive man of Lee s Summit North in an attempt to complete another pass. *photo by Jim Reed*



A Season of Building

Young Players Show Promise

By Harriet Grindel

This year wasn't as successful as we would have liked, but it was a year for building, reflected Quandi Grady (12) on his first football season. With seven underclassmen being named to All-Conference Teams, the younger players learned to be leaders.

Luis Olavarria (11) led the team in rushing and individual scoring. Olavarria had 1,028 yards in 188 rushes for 10 touchdowns. Grady was the leading receiver for the Griffins this year with 24 receptions for 489 yards and 4 touchdowns. Jarrod Swoboda (12) and Ryan Spotts (10) split the season at quarterback.

Outstanding defensive players were Swoboda, Mike McCoy (12), Mark McCoy (11), Scott Ziller (11), and Tommy Pittala (11).

•••••	First Team	
•	Quandi Grady (Off)	A
•	Todd Huntley (Off)	L
•	Jarrod Swoboda (Def)	L
•	Scott Ziller (Def)	C
•	Second Team	O
•	Mike McCoy (Off)	N
•	Luis Olavarria (Off)	F
•	Tommy Pittala (Off)	E
•	Honorable Mention	R
•	Tom Dunkin (Off)	E
•	Mark McCoy (Off & Def)	N
•	Chris Denk (Def)	C
•	Darrin Osborn (Def)	E

Senior players Tony Velasquez and Jarrod Swoboda rejoice as the team switches to extra-point-mode after a touchdown against Northtown. photo by Jim Reed

The McCoy Brothers, Mike (12) and Mark (11), work together and get airborne as they try to block the punt of the Northtown kicker. photo by Jim Reed



Ryan Fields (9) races toward the goal line while being closely followed by his opponent. photo by Ashley Daugherty



Mastering What It Takes

*Cooperation Boosts Tonka
Boys To The Top*

By Sarah James

This year, the JV, Sophomore, and Freshmen Football team members all mastered a very valuable concept . . . cooperation. Due to the lack of Senior Varsity players, many of the boys were forced to move from team to team, making for a very tough season, yet they put forth great effort while playing on different levels. They took what the Senior players had to offer and built on it.

Both teams were blessed with a plethora of excellent defensive players. Although the teams were all very young, they definitely have made many major improvements. Coach Lee assures us that these young men hold promise for the future of Tonka Football.

Rocky Defeo (9) gets his chance to tackle the runningback. photo by Ashley Daugherty



Mark Disharoon (9) looks around anxiously to see what awaits while James Renno (9), with a little help, blocks a NKC defender. photo by Ashley Daugherty

Chris Kelley (9) attempts to gain a few extra yards while being tackled. photo by Ashley Daugherty



Kicker Mark Shields (9) turns to escape the tackles of the opposing line after punting the ball. photo by Ashley Daugherty

Coach Tim Marshall gives a pep talk to the JV boys to keep their spirits up. photo by Ashley Daugherty



F O O T B A L L

OPPONENT	WHS	OPP
Junior Varsity Record 1 — 2		
Raytown	6	12
Hickman Mills	6	8
North Kansas City	12	6
Sophomore Record 4 — 0		
Smithville J.V.	14	12
Lee s Summit North	14	6
Park Hill	28	0
North Kansas City	28	6
Freshmen Record 4 — 3		
Oak Park	6	24
Raytown	12	0
Hickman Mills	12	12
Grandview	0	6
St. Pius X	24	0
Lee s Summit North	18	8
Fort Osage	20	0
North Kansas City	0	6

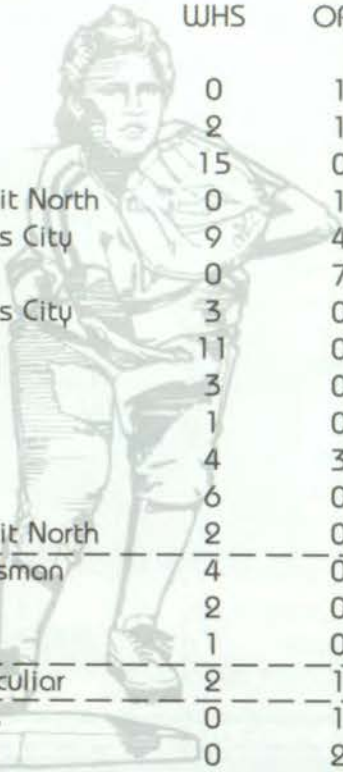


Front Row: Mark McCoy, Eddie Perez, Ben McAninch, Mike Kotes, Geoff Dustman, Jored Gregory, Justin Bolsengo, Tommy Pittala Row 2: Ryan Wattenbarger, Luis Olavoria, Jeremy Breshears, Sean Scantlin, Tony Wilkenson, Josh Baker, Dasch Disharoon, John Groves, Sam Gallizia, Ryan Wager Row 3: Tom Talley, John Grindel, Coach Hank Reese, Coach Bob Lee, Coach Don Giannola, Coach Carl Pelini, Coach Derek Howard, Coach Tim Marshall, Coach Taron Johnson, Christina Strada, Ashley Reynolds Row 4: Brian Rasmussen, Rob Liebesch, Loren Hurlbert, Rus Gibson, Brett Hall, Mike McCoy, Dustin Miller Row 5: Chris Denk, Cassidy Kern, Woodie Bonds, Ryan Spotts, Eric Neverve, Ron Graves Row 6: Jeff Beaber, Tony Velasquez, Scott Ziller, Derrick Barnes, Mike Mason, Darrin Osborn, Jarrod Suaboda Row 7: Todd Huntley, Lalo Hernandez, Curtis Evans, Mike Braun, Tom Dunkin, Dave Ballard, Phil Herrera, Quandi Grady; Not Pictured: Joe Martin, Nathan Brooks



Freshmen: Front Row: Rocky Defeo, Nick Cole, Kris Fields, Damien Duncan, Richard Gonzales, Ronald McCall, Matt Stern, James Renno, Darrell Warner Row 2: Coach Tim Marshall, Carl Clubine, Ryan Thayer, Sal Artese, Dustin Quackenbush, Gabe Cusamano, Shaun Eichelberger, Matt Hillman, Matt Moburg, Noah Curtis, Mark Shields, Blaine Verguth, David Sumler Row 3: Chris Kelly, Wesley Smith, Nathan Prather, Dustin White, Robert Allen, Chad Tyra, Shawn Price Row 4: Milo Daub, Richard Bland, Joe Jrolf, Josh Roach, Mark Disharoon, Tim Simsuiser Row 5: Joe Strada, Chad Helmers, Ryan Fields, Chase Abbott, Gary Villeneuve, Brad Ablen, Brandon Crowley, Nick Alunbaugh

OPPONENT	WHS	OPP
Raytown	0	1
Liberty	2	1
Grandview	15	0
Lee s Summit North	0	1
North Kansas City	9	4
Raytown	0	7
North Kansas City	3	0
Grandview	11	0
Ft. Osage	3	0
Ft. Osage	1	0
Liberty	4	3
Oak Grove	6	0
Lee s Summit North	2	0
William Chrisman	4	0
Liberty	2	0
Raytown	1	0
Raymore-Peculiar	2	1
Blue Springs	0	1
Fox Warriors	0	2



V A R S I T Y

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Senior, Noreen Kraus, takes to the ground as she dodges another wild pitch from her Liberty opponent. *photo by Gina Bennett*

Candice Brooks (11) lets the ball fly as she pitches full-strength in the State Campship game. *photo by Trevor Humphreys*



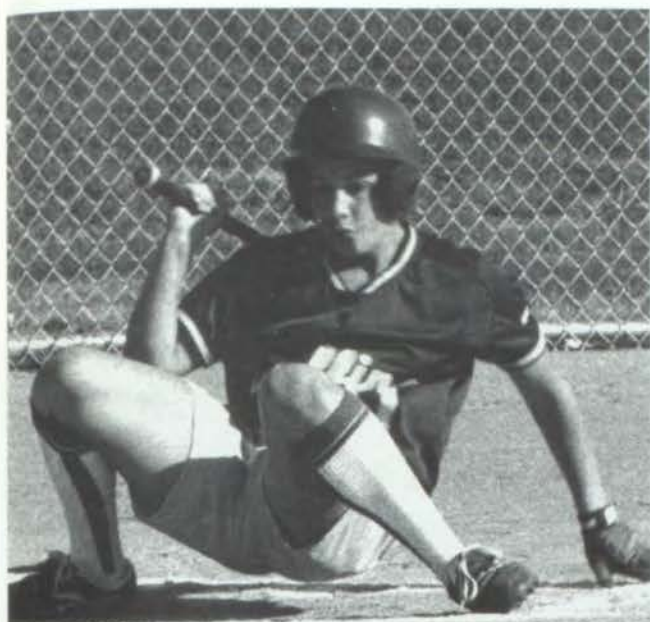
Melissa Martallaro, Andrea Cuda, Heather Bowman, Angie Spano, Ginny Goebel, Beth Bowman, Candice Brooks, Coach Bill Lindsay, Lynne Biggs, Melissa Fleming, Noreen Kraus, Dana Goebel, Courtney O Halloran, Christina Armato, Gina Bennett



Mr. Bill gives Senior Courtney O Halloran some helpful pointers on how to play the game. *photo by Gina Bennett*

Senior sweeties Courtney O Halloran, Beth Bowman, Ginny Goebel, and Lynne Biggs watch in disgust as the umpire makes a bad call. *photo by person*





*P*reparing herself for a ground ball, Senior Angie Spano takes her position and remains poised. photo by Gina Bennett



Switching Seasons

Giving Softball A Fighting Chance

By Jennifer Stanley

"This has been the most memorable year because we've had the privilege to go through districts, sectionals, and state." This is how catcher, Lynne Biggs (12), characterized the year. Through all the ups and downs the team came out on top placing fourth at state.

No matter how bad things got we always came back, said Coach Bill Lindsay.

Contributing to Varsity Softball Team's success, family played a unique role for a few players. Senior Ginny Goebel remarked,

This year was special because I got to share the victory of districts and sectionals with my little sister.

*H*it, Hit, Hit! screams the girls as they pump the rest of the team for another victory. photo by Mindi Porter

Swinging to Victory

Switching To Fall Was No Problem For These Ladies!

By Gina Bennett

The Junior Varsity team had a highly successful season. The team is mostly composed of sophomores with the occasional freshman being brought up for some games.

With a 9 and 1 record, the softball team has a promising future.

The JV team leaders were sophomores Shannon Osborn and Brooke Spotts. Osborn, the team's pitcher had an outstanding record losing only one game.

The freshman team had a rocky start, but improved to finish with a 6-5 record. Strong leadership came from Sherri Boss (9) and Dawn Anderson (9).

The girls progressed a long way. It took a bit of time to get used to high school, commented Coach Quijano.



Cathy Alden (10) prepares to hit another ball into the outfield, against the Liberty Bluejays. photo by Valerie Broten

After making the third out, Trisa Inzerillo (10) walks towards the dugout. photo by Valerie Broten



After easily catching another fly ball Amy Frazier (10) returns it to the mound. photo by Valerie Broten



Trisa Inzerillio (10) drives the ball for another base hit, against her Fort Osage opponent. photo by Daphne McDaniel

Autumn Huston (10) hustles to first base after another successful hit, against the Northtown Hornets. photo by Daphne McDaniel

Outfield champions Deana King (10), Autumn Huston (10), and Samantha Goldenstein (10) celebrate another win in the outfield. photo by Valerie Broten



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OPPONENT	Win	Loss
Raytown	X	
Liberty	X	
Lee s Summit North	X	
Northtown	X	
Fort Osage	X	
Raytown	X	
Liberty	X	
Lee s Summit North		X
Northtown	X	
Fort Osage	X	

Individual Statistics

- Brooke Spotts - highest batting average - .398, and on base percentage - .479
- Nichole Herro - most stolen bases 9
- Shannon Osborn - 47 strikeouts, walked 11, and 1.16 ERA
- Amy Frazier - 43 attempts with 3 errors



Junior Varsity: Front Row: Christina Campobasso, Autumn Huston, Trisa Inzerillio, Nichole Herro Row 2: Amy Frazier, Deana King, Jenny Vancamp, Brooke Spotts Third Row: Shannon Osborn, Samantha Goldenstein, Courtney Farmer, Cathy Alden



Freshmen: Front Row: Dawn Anderson, Nicole Long, Cecilia Sanchez, Coach Theresa Quijano Row 2: Nicole Wells, Jackie Willsie, Sherri Boss, Jennifer Timberlake, Jennifer Unger Row 3: Perri Burch, Sabrina Sanchez, Stacy Moore, Laura Falcone, Shenna Cadue

OPPONENT	Score	W or L
Fort Osage	15 - 9 15 - 11	W
Hickman Mills	15 - 3 15 - 10	W
North Kansas City	15 - 0 15 - 2	W
Liberty	10 - 15 3 - 15	L
Raytown	15 - 2 15 - 4	W
Grandview	15 - 7 6 - 15 15 - 11	W
Lee s Summit North	14 - 16 3 - 15	L
Fort Osage	11 - 15 6 - 15	L
North Kansas City	15 - 7 12 - 15 15 - 10	W
Liberty	2 - 15 6 - 15	L
Raytown	16 - 14 15 - 5	W
Grandview	15 - 0 15 - 8	W
Lee s Summit North	9 - 15 10 - 15	L

VARSITY

Tournaments

Winnetonka Invitational 5-0
 Lee s Summit North Invit. 3-3
 Truman Invitational 0-4



Varsity: Front Row: Karla Tisor, Brooke Porter, Kim Fisher, Jenna Jones Row 2: Harriet Grindel, Holey Struzness, Jennifer Neptune, Stephanie VanKeirsbilck Row 3: Ashley McClain, Lindsay Bross, Heather Bross, Alissa Jrolf, Beth Reuter, Marcie Brookings, Coach Conette Catlett



The varsity volleyball team is set to hustle and use their muscle to win their last home volleyball game for the 1996 season. *photo by David Bennett*

Karla Tisor (11) sets up the ball for another spike as the crowd cheers for the girls throughout the game. *photo by David Bennett*

Alissa Jrolf (12) prepares to drive the ball into the opponents' territory at the Lee's Summit North district game. photo by David Bennett

Heather Bross (12) cocks her arm and concentrates on aggressively serving the ball over the net to her opponents. photo by David Bennett

Net Play

The Girls Volleyball Team Comes Together

By Andrea Lawler

The Varsity Volleyball Team had a good season filled with many lasting memories.

Jenna Jones (11) said, "My most memorable moment was taking first place in The Winnetonka Invitational Tournament."

Heather Bross and Alissa Jrolf were the only two seniors on the squad this year and both served as co-captains. They proved their leadership and worked to get the team pumped for every game.

Heather Bross (12) said, "There wasn't really one particular moment that I will remember during the season. The way we finally came together as a team and had a successful season is the most memorable to me."



Lindsay Bross (10) and Beth Reuter (12) both jump to the net to get the spike needed for a point. photo by David Bennett



Hustle, Hustle! Use your muscles! GO, Fight, Win! The varsity volleyball team prepares to fight their last fight at home for the 1996 season! photo by David Bennett

Set Into Action

Girls Bonding Sessions Pay Off In The Long Run

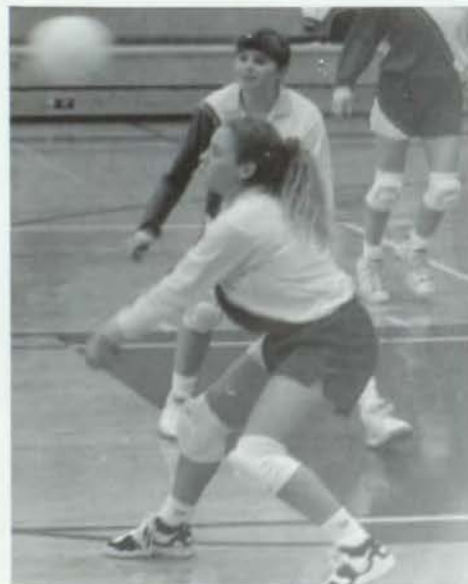
By Kerry Hennessy

The Winnetonka Lady Griffins volleyball team has really set their season into action. This year was a big bonding year. They had many activities, including the freshmen initiation where they had a fashion show put on by Juniors Jenna Jones and Jennifer Neptune.

Together the girls successfully won 7 out of their 20 games. They discovered there were more important things than winning every game. They learned how to be a real team; they had real togetherness this year. We really learned how to depend on each other, said Jennifer Neptune (11).

Freshmen girls were in the Winnetonka and Northtown tournament and played very well. Both JV and freshmen girls got new coaches this year. The JV coach was Coach Francis and the freshmen coach was Coach Carter. Coach Carter was a student teacher here last year and came back to coach the team. The freshmen placed fourth place at the Northtown and Winnetonka tournament. JV also received fourth place at the Fort Osage tournament. Overall the girls had a great season full of fun.

*J*unior Amanda Westoven bumps the ball as Sophomore Andria Orth looks to assist. *photo by Harriet Grindel*

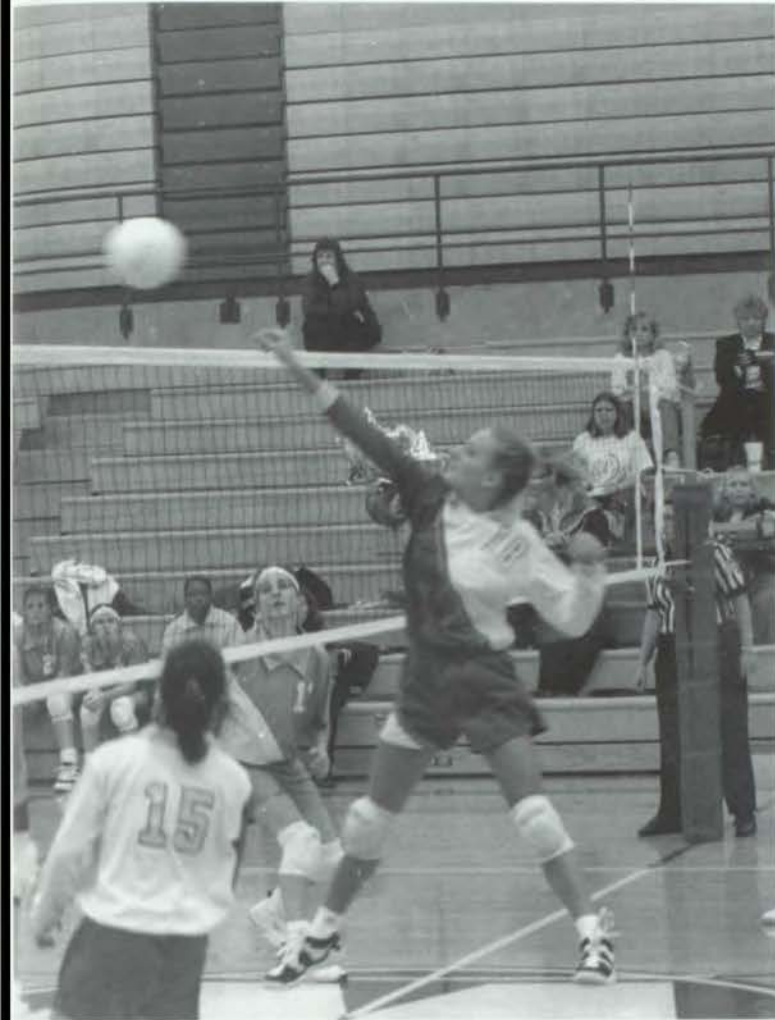


*J*unior Ashley McClain serves another perfect ball in the game against Fort Osage. *photo by Harriet Grindel*



Ashley McClain (11) gets a little net play and leaps into the air to send the ball right back across the net. photo by Harriet Grindel

Jenna Jones (11) successfully serves the ball across the net. photo by Harriet Grindel



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Fort Osage	4-15	5-15	
Hickmen	15-3	15-4	
NKC	15-4	15-12	
Liberty	3-15	6-15	
Raytown	15-8	15-13	
Grandview	6-15	15-12	15-4
Lee s Summit	1-15	7-15	
Ray Rec	15-9	13-15	
Fort Osage	14-16	7-15	
Excelsior Springs	15-10	9-15	15-7
Fort Osage	8-15	6-15	
Blue Springs	1-15	7-15	
Lee s Summit North	5-15	11-15	
Fort Osage	13-15	10-15	
NKC	15-6	15-11	
Raytown	15-11	15-13	
Grandview	2-15	16-14	15-4
Oak Park	5-15	5-15	
Warrensburg	15-9	11-15	
Liberty	3-15	8-15	
Raytown	15-11	15-13	
Platte County	2-15	1-15	
Excelsior Springs	4-15	8-15	
Kearney	4-15	2-15	
Grandview	2-15	16-14	15-7



Junior Varsity: Front Row: Amanda Westhoven, Cara Boudoin, Lisa Smith, Lindsay Harper Row 2: Coach Kristina Francis, Andria Orth, Haley Struxness, Ashley McClain, Jenna Jones, Jennifer Neptune, Beth Bourne



Freshmen: Front Row: Stephanie Searle, Melissa Riehl, Emily Holm, Mary Ramsey, Tara Pugh Row 2: Jessica Vandivort, Shannon Stein, Jennifer Biggerstaff, Rosemarie Mussorici, Lauren Swercinski Row 3: Sarah Johnson, Jamie Palmesino, Leia Graham, Beth Carnie Row 4: Coach Debbie Carter, Angela Abbott, Nikki Neptune, Lindsay Meher, Jennie Durst, Melissa Sanders, Rachael Sloan

OPPONENT	WHS	OPP
Truman	2	0
Kearney	1	5
Belton	0	2
Liberty	0	8
Grandview	2	1
NKC	1	3
Raytown	3	1
Lee s Summit North	1	3
Raytown South	0	3
Fort Osage	1	1
Liberty	0	5
Grandview	0	1
NKC	2	3
Kearney	2	3
Raytown	0	3
Lee s Summit North	3	2
Fort Osage	1	0
St. Joe Central	3	0
Park Hill	3	0
Liberty	1	0
Blue Springs	1	3

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Junior Mike Jiobia weaves past two defenders and dribbles the ball down the field to SCORE!!!! photo by Susie Zimmerman

With ease, Erik Anderson (12) stops his opponent with his great defensive ability. photo by Susie Zimmerman

After an impressive kick, Adam Henessey(9) soars over his opponent's head. photo by Nicole Simmers



Varsity: Front Row: Kevin Parker, Adam Hennessy, Jared Ryan, Mike Jiobia, Frankie Ferrara, Rich Wisdom, Jim Mills. Row 2: Chris Camacho, Andy O'Brien, John Groves, Kyle Bryant, Erik Anderson, Zach Schlobohm, Justin Bolsenga, William Dodson Not Pictured: Kyle Rau



Junior Varsity: Front Row: Mike Mikkelsen, Rion Janzen, Chris Molina, Philip Soule, Sean Harrison, Scot Thomson, Eric Stitt, Justin Francis. Row 2: Joe Leone, Jeremy Ohmstede, Trenton Baier, Robbie Moore, Jesse Shea, Kris Dornan, Chad Bryant, Nick Trickey, Adam Worley, Joshua Wilcutt, Brett Normandin

Boys Soccer Kicks...

*Team Comes Through With
Overtime Win To Take Title*

By Rob Layne

As soccer season wound down the Boys Varsity season wound up. They surprised everyone with a 1-0 win over Liberty that allowed them to grasp the District Championship. This hard fought victory came after three different overtimes in bone chilling weather.

Strong team leadership came from Andy O'Brien (11), Kyle Rau (12), Kyle Bryant (11), and Mike Jiabia (11). Frankie Ferrara (11) did consistently well as goalie, shutting out all attempts to score by opposing teams during district playoffs.



As Senior William Dobson manuevers the ball around his team's rivals and looks for an open team mate. photo by Nicole Simmers

With great pride Frankie Ferrara (11) saves the could be goal against Liberty during Districts. photo by Susie Zimmerman



Kyle Bryant (12), with a look of determination strides to retrieve the ball. photo by Nicole Simmers



OPPONENT	WHS	OPP
Blue Springs South	3	6
Fort Osage	9	0
North Kansas City	9	0
Liberty	2	7
Lee Summit North	6	3
Grandview	8	1
Ft. Osage	6	0*
Sion	2	7
N.K.C.	6	3
Liberty	1	8
Truman	7	2
Lee Summit North	6	2**
Oak Park	4	5
Park Hill	6	3
Grandview	7	2

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*match halted due to rain

**match not completed due to darkness



Front Row: Coach B.J. Hair, Tracy Edwards, Andrea Lawler, Dana Dehart, Vanessa Wade, Coach Dennis Krouse Row 2: Tasha Carter, Theresa Timberlake, Lori Jones, Lauren Tischer, Katy Waterman, Kristen Wages, Stacy Friend, Julie Shannon Row 3: Jennifer Jester, Cassandra Wisdom, Amanda Backenstoss, Jessica Le, Andrea Baldwin, Christina Gott, Susan Nixon



With ease, Sophomore Cassandra Wisdom lobs the ball to her opponent at an Oak Park match. *photo by Chris Humphreys*

Lauren Tischer (11) makes a mad dash to save her ball from a sudden death and make her singles record 10-5. *photo by Chris Humphreys*



Lindsay Holwick (12) is set to slam the ball and win her match. Her overall wins in singles matches was 8-5. Lindsay took second place in singles at the Winnetonka tournament. *photo by Chris Humphreys*

The varsity tennis team hams it up before taking off to St. Joe. Back row: Lauren Tischer (11), Katy Waterman (11), Lindsay Holwick (12), Andrea Baldwin (10). Front row: Tracy Edwards (12), Cassandra Wisdom (10). *photo by Chris Humphreys*

With a hop in her step, Tracy Edwards (12) returns the ball to her opponent and wins her tenth singles match. She also took seventh in the St. Joseph tournament. *photo by Chris Humphreys*



All That Racquet

Girls Tennis Swings Into Action

By Rochelle Frederick

Our opponents had a lot of love this year, and helped make the Varsity Girls record 10-5. At the Suburban Middle Conference they held their heads high by bringing home second place. Junior Varsity record was 6-8-1. The Novice team was 4-2.

Andrea Lawler (12) said, It seemed as if everyone worked really well this season, and nobody was excluded because we all worked together like a family.

Coach B. J. Hair felt that, The success we had . . . was a direct correlation to the hard work and dedication that each of the girls tennis players demonstrated.



Andrea Baldwin (10) concentrates on a forceful backhand. She finished in fourth place in singles at the conference tournament. *photo by Chris Humphreys*

Katy Waterman (11) gently volleys the tennis ball to the other side of the net. *photo by Chris Humphreys*



The Feel of the Finish

Crossing The Finish Line Together

By Sarah Garrison

Team unity was obvious among the Cross Country runners this year. It was a building season with each runner working to reach their personal goals. Cindy Twibell (12) remarked, I run for the feeling of accomplishment I get after finishing a race.

The team unfortunately suffered many injuries but worked hard and hope to come back stronger next year. Despite injury Junior Doug Pyle finished the season successfully. He said, We have a winning team and I look forward to working with them next year. They re great!

At the end of the season success struck the team again when Rebecca Kuklenski (10) was awarded All-Conference, finishing 10th in the Conference meet.

The team is going to be losing two of there most dedicated runners and friends. One them is Patrick Pierce (12) and the other is Cindy Twibell (12). They will be dearly missed by the team and the coaches. The team would like to say good luck to the Seniors and wish them the best futures possible.



The girls gather at the starting line before the beginning at the race. photo by Amanda Box

Freshmen Tim Davis fights with everything he has to continue running the race. photo by Amanda Box

Freshman Grant Barker keeps pace with the runners surrounding him and thinks of a way to pass them. photo by Amanda Box

Runner Rebecca Kuklenski (10) concentrates on the rest of the course and how she will finish. photo by Amanda Box



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1996 Mid-Seven Conference Results

Boys Varsity Teams

1.	Liberty	44
2.	NKC	62
3.	LSN	83
4.	Raytown	86
5.	Grandview	99
6.	Winnetonka	137
7.	Fort Osage	199

Girls Varsity Teams

1.	Liberty	25
2.	LSN	50
3.	Raytown	82
4.	Winnetonka	117
5.	Fort Osage	144
6.	Grandview	145
7.	NKC	165

Boys Individuals

16.	Mark Terwilliger
31.	Dan Robertson
33.	Doug Pyle
34.	Dan Wehmueller
43.	Kyle White

Girls Individuals

10.	Rebecca Kuklenski
20.	Amanda Christenson
33.	Sarah McArthur
35.	Kerry Hennessey
36.	Melissa Apple
37.	Cindy Twibell
48.	Jennie Garrison



Front Row: Kerry Hennessey, Rebecca Kuklenski, Jennie Garrison, Amanda Christensen, Cindy Twibell, Cyndy Bless, Melissa Apple, Sarah McArthur Row 2: Coach Tom Baker, Renee Goodell, Mike Sherman, Josiah Bechthold, Adam Boyd, Brian Holst, Shannon Ogle Row 3: Phil Carver, Kyle White, Jason Perry, Tim Davis, Doug Pyle, Matt Bertrand, Dan Wehmueller, Dan Robertson, Grant Barker, Ben Elkins, Mark Terwilliger, Coach Wes Whaley Not Pictured: Patrick Pierce



The crowd running each race is tremendous and all wait in anticipation of the start. photo by Amanda Box

Sarah McArthur (10) leads the group of girls up a hill giving it all she as to finish the race. photo by Amanda Box

Pom Pon Sweeps State

Pom Pon Takes Over All Sweepstakes

By Gina Bennett

The pom squad had a very busy and successful year. They started out this year by winning a bid to the NCAA National Dance Championships.

Throughout the school year the pom ladies performed during football halftimes, selected boys and girls basketball games, and the wrestling tournaments. This year was the first time in many years that the poms performed the entire halftime show with the band.

These ladies ended the year with superior ratings in all three dance routines; mix choreographed by Andrea Rucker (Captain, 11), pom choreographed by Cara Baker (Co-captain, 11), and novelty taught by Holly Blake (10). The three superior ratings help them win one of the few sweepstakes awards.



Front Row: Cara Baker, Cali Borland, Sydney Burford, Cindy Gay Row 2: Kellie Crayton, Leslie Neilson, Shannon Rodenburg, Holly Blake Row 3: Nikki Gross, Jennifer Blount, Desiree Peel, Andrea Rucker, Andrea Woody



Three pom girls, Cali Borland (10), Jennifer Blount (11), and Holly Blake (10), perform at the final football game. photo by Jim Reed

Desiree Peel (12) and Nikki Gross (11) pose before performing at the Homecoming game. photo courtesy of Pom Pon



Squad captains lead the girls in practice before they perform at a Winnetonka game. *photo courtesy of Pom Pon*

The Pom Pon squad performs the kick routine in perfect unison at State competition. *photo courtesy of Pom Pon*



At one of our pep assemblies Call Borland (10), Cara Baker (11), and Andrea Rucker (11) perform their routine. *photo courtesy of Pom Pon*

Junior pommie Shannon Rodenburg dances the Spirit Dance at the Jersey auction during Homecoming Week. *photo courtesy of Pom Pon*



Halftime at a Basketball game gave Pom the perfect opportunity to show off their new referee uniforms off. *photo courtesy of Pom Pon*

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David Bennett (12) reaches higher while Jerid Salsbury (12) and Brett Vuagniaux (12) go in just in case they need the rebound. *photo by Rochelle Frederick*

Ryan Morgan (12) jumps into the game against Fort Osage. *photo by Rochelle Frederick*



Front Row: Kyle Bryant, Coach Dennis McClain, Richie Robinson Row 2: Jed Birdsong, Matt Pugh, Ryan Morgan, Quandi Grady, Jerid Salsbury, Jason Nez, David Bennett, Nathan Livingston, Brett Vuagniaux, Sean Dooley



The Varsity Team concentrates on pulling it together and coming out on top against St. Pius. *photo by Rochelle Frederick*

Matt Pugh (12) looks on as Ryan Morgan jumps in the crowd to fight for the rebound. *photo by Rochelle Frederick*





Winnetonka's Biggest Click is Basketball

By Staff

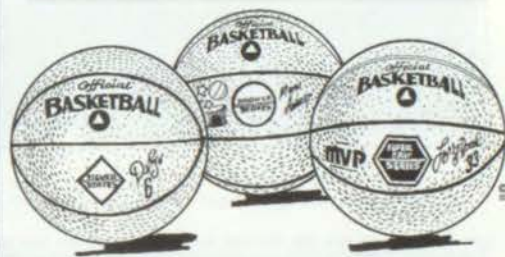
Coach Denny McClain and the varsity basketball team opened their 1996 season with a bang of a new school record and visions of blowing up the conference when they absolutely destroyed locally ranked Belton 112 to 57. Senior, Ryan Morgan said, "It was like a dream game. Everything we threw up went in! EVERYTHING!"

And what a beginning for retiring coach Dennis McClain who wrapped up 21 years of high school basketball by leading this great bunch of guys to a 3rd place conference finish and a 12 and 14 record overall. After 17 years as head basketball coach, starting in 1980, Coach McClain has had his share of lean years and successes. McClain coached Winnetonka at the State Championships in 1986 and 1987. It was the first and only times Winnetonka has won a district championship, Coach McClain said, those were a couple of memorable teams. But there have been other good teams as well, he finished, and some years are just more fun than others.

Coach Dennis McClain, the Winnetonka Griffins salute you and the fine tradition of excellence you helped to establish.



Quandi Grady (12) sprints down the court toward the goal for victory. photo by Rochelle Frederick



Junior Sean Dooley searches for a good spot and puts the ball back in play. photo by Rochelle Frederick

The Boys Learn

*And Try To Have Fun
With High Expectations*

By Sarah Garrison

The underclassmen boys basketball teams suffered a disappointing season. The Freshmen Team showed a lot of dedication through their season. As the year went on each player showed their own individual improvements.

Freshman Joe Strada reflected, "Despite our losing season, I learned a lot from Coach Hair and had fun with all the guys."

The Sophomore team had a losing record even though they put out 100% the entire season.

"The team had a lot of fun even though we had a losing record," Craig Howard (10) said.

The Junior Varsity team won more games this year than they have for years. Next year's varsity team will have a lot of potential.

"We have a lot of great players moving up next year so our expectations are high," said Anthony Villanueva (10).

The most important thing to say about boys basketball is that there is a lot of dedication!



Craig Howard (10) shoots and scores 3 points.
photo by Mindi Porter

Sophomore Zach Schlobohm watches the ball to time his steps and receive the pass. photo by Mindi Porter

Freshman Joe Jrolf does his best to block the opponent's pass and steal the ball. photo by Mindi Porter



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Freshmen

A Team 7 - 13

B Team 1 - 11

Top Scorer

Joe Strada 121 points

Sophomore

2 - 14

Top Scorer

Brett Hall 121 points

Junior Varsity

7 - 14

Top Scorer

Jeff Wichman



Junior Varsity: Shawn Gains, Tate Wright, Brent Garrison, Brian Anderson, Bryce Henderson, Jeff Wichman, Anthony Villeneuve, Doug Pyle, Andy O'Brien, Justin Knabe, Justin Bolsenga



Sophomores: Jeremy Ohmstead, Vance Hudnall, Brett Hall, John Young, Jeremy Lafferty, Derrick White, Craig Howard, Eric Heiting, Philip DiGiovanni, Mark Terwilliger, Coach Tim Marshall



Freshmen: Front Row: Chris Molina, Garrett Kingston, Trenton Baier, Andy Hughes, Joe Jrolf, A.J. Clay, Chris Rau, Chuck Cuda Back Row: Brad Allen, Richard Bland, Matt Czech, Dustin Boswell, Bryan Sutphin, Wind Williams, Joe Strada, Coach B.J. Hair "Roy Williams"



Front Row: Melissa Fleming, Ashley McClain Row 2: Coach Teresa Quinjaro, Lauren Tischer, Jodi Dobson, Beth Reuter, Coach Joe Wendt Row 3: Elise Hull, Andrea Cuda Row 4: Dana Goebel, Ginny Goebel

Shooting Hoops

Lady Griffins Shoot To Win

By Kerry Hennessy

The team has had to face their fair share of problems this year. They used their laughter to help them get through the hard times. Their experience brought them closer and made them a stronger team.

Unfortunately the team is going to lose two of their most dedicated players this year. Ginny Goebel and Jodi Dobson have been playing basketball for all four years. They will truly be missed next year.

Everyone on the team stepped up and contributed. Every game was a total team effort. After losing only two seniors, next year's squad should have a lot more experience. Thanks for the memories! remarked Jodi Dobson (12).

Hard work and dedication are the qualities we will need from everyone to make the future years successful. I'll be looking forward to outstanding seasons in the year to come, hopes Junior Andrea Cuda.

Fighters 'Til The End

Where Losing Was Never
An Option

By Andrea Lawler

The Freshman Girls Basketball Team truly showed what it takes to make a winning team this season. The team learned many things through their highs and lows as the year progressed and they grew as a team as well as basketball players.

The Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Team had a rocky start, but as the season progressed so did they. Their leading offensive players were Lisa Smith (10) and Christina Strada (10).

The leading defensive player on the team was Rebecca Caster (11) who said, "The beginning of the season was harder because we had to adjust to all the new players towards the end we really picked things up and worked as a team. I think next year's teams will have great seasons."



She looks for the ball and blocks her Grandview opponent. photo by Candace Bueck

Christina Strada tries to block the pass in the Northtown game. photo by Candace Bueck



The Winnetonka team scrambles for the ball and looks for the pass. photo by Candace Bueck



She reaches and attempts the 3 point shot in the Grandview game. photo by Candace Brueck

She scrambles for the ball and reaches it before her opponent does. photo by Candace Brueck

Nikki Neptune (9) looks around for the pass and finds someone. photo by Candace Brueck



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Junior Varsity: Front Row: Coach Teresa Quinjaro, Sarah Talbott, CJ Hoke, Cassandra Wisdom, Coach Joe Wendt Row 2: Erica Walley, Lisa Smith Row 3: Rebecca Caster, Cristina Strada



Freshmen: Front Row: Coach Bill Lindsay Second Row: Sejal Sheth, Maria Stevenson, Courtney Wilson, Loren Suerzinsky, Nikki Neptune, Stacy Moore, Valerie Phillips, Lindsay Mehrer, Rachel Sloan, Dana Sissom, Tamra Moffett, Pamela Cangelosi, Heather Bowman, Natalie Riggs, Shaena Cadue

OPPONENT	WHS	OPP
Raytown	35	48
Liberty	14	54
Grandview	42	34
NKC	35	40
Oak Park	16	56
Lee s Summit North	24	45
Park Hill	27	50
Harmon	56	15
Fort Osage	15	59

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All Conference

First Team

140 lbs. Trevor Humphreys
275 lbs. Phil Herrera

Second Team

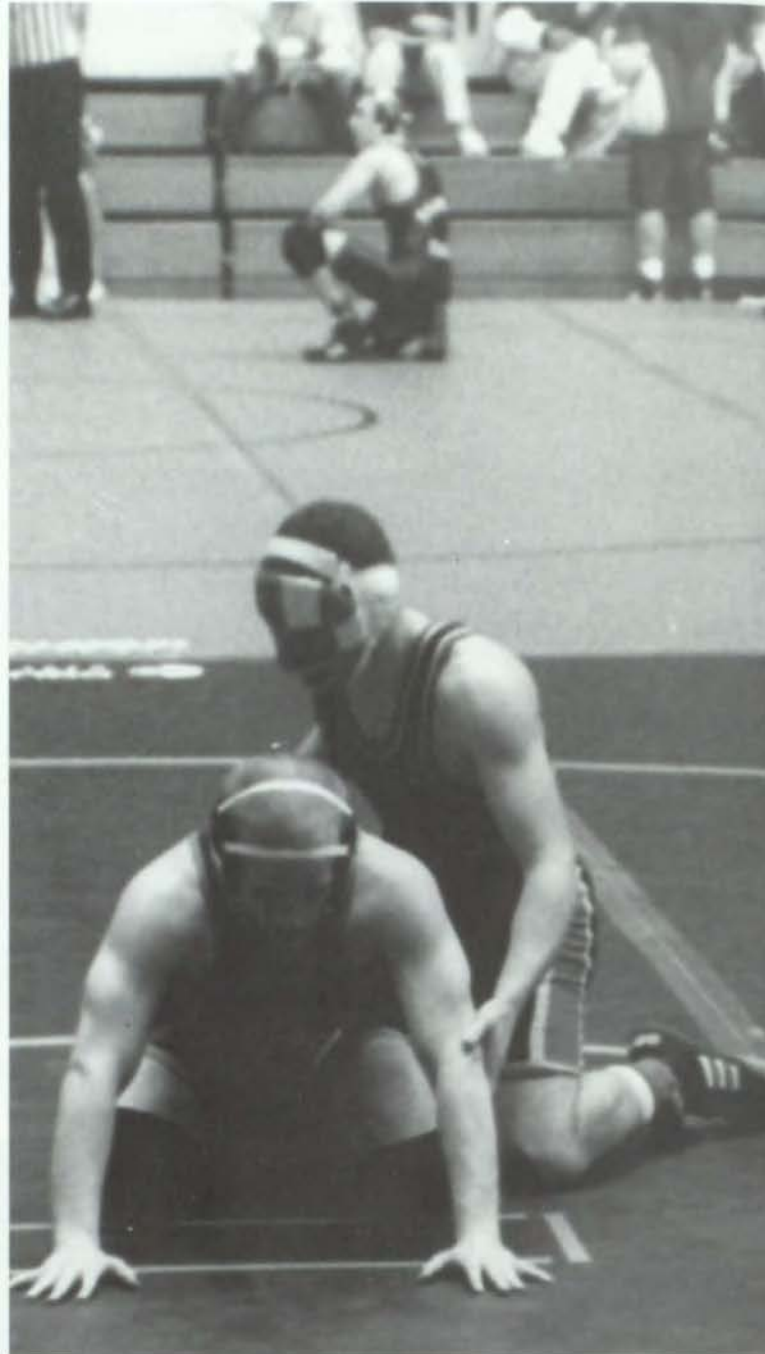
145 lbs. Chris Humphreys

Honorable Mention

119 lbs. Brian Bock
152 lbs. Jarrod Swaboda
152 lbs. Jason Merrill
160 lbs. Dustin Mille



Front Row: Brian Bock, Chris Humphreys, Rion Janzen, Trevor Humphreys, Steve Teschke
Row 2: Carlos Colen, Andy Fronk, Nick Thomas, Brian Rasmussen, Shawn West, James Renno
Row 3: Coach Steve Painter, Dustin Miller, Dasch Disharoon, Phil Herrera, Jarrod Swaboda, Jason Merrill, Coach Glenn Rosario



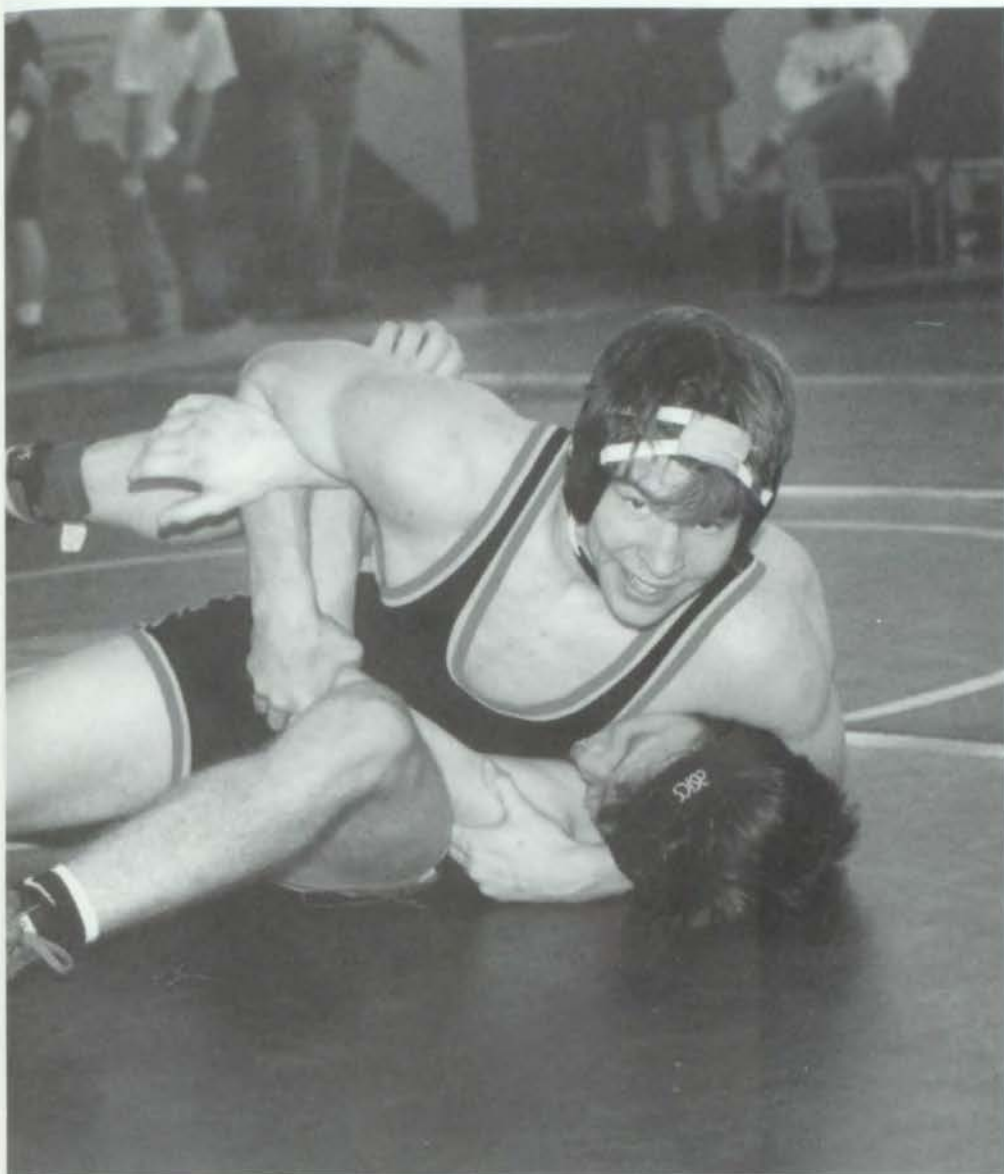
Sophomore Dasch Disharoon puts his opponent in a no win situation. photo by Tracy Edwards

Trevor Humphreys (11) gives all he can to pin his opposing wrestler. photo by Tracy Edwards



Chris Humphreys (11) readies to rumble. photo by Tracy Edwards

Senior Jarrod Swoboda sneaks a smile while pinning his opponent. photo by Tracy Edwards



Twins Take It to State

Trevor and Chris Humphreys travel to Columbia

By Harriet Grindel

Winnetonka's Varsity Wrestling team said good-bye to five Seniors this year, two of whom made it to Sectional Competition. Juniors, Chris and Trevor Humphreys, joined them and made it past Sectionals to State where they both put in a worthwhile effort to advance, although neither made it past the second round.

Reflecting on his trip to State, Chris said, "It was an accomplishment to make it, after having knee surgery, but I wish that I would have done better." Chris finished the season with a 21-7 record, the best on the team.

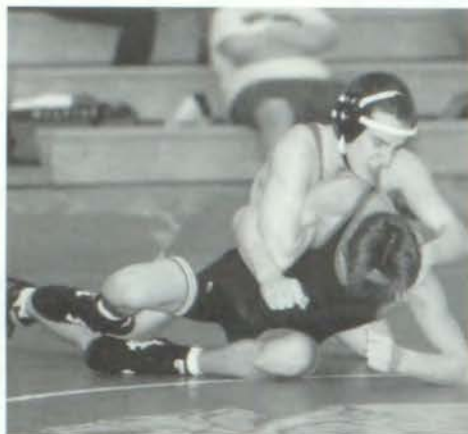
An individual season record was set by Dustin Miller (10) for escapes with 57.



Shawn West (10) pressures his opponent to the mat. photo by Tracy Edwards

Senior Brian Back works hard to stick his opponent. photo by Tracy Edwards

Junior Mike Sherman puts his opponent in an unescapable hold and prepares to pin. photo by Tracy Edwards



Down For The Count

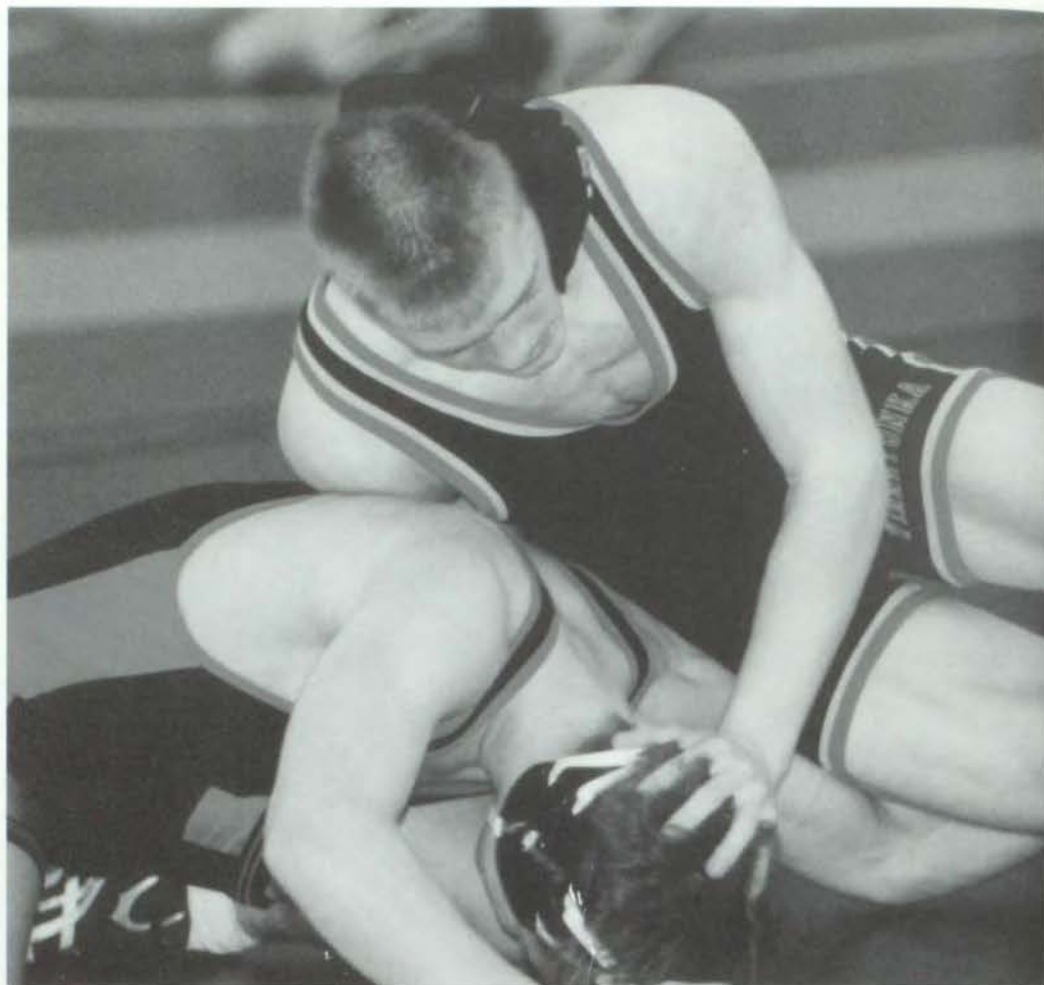
The Junior Varsity Team Steps Up To The Challenge

Coach Glen Rosario is proud of Winnetonka's Junior Varsity and Freshmen teams this year. Though their record wasn't the greatest, they wrestled with a lot of heart and showed tremendous promise for the future of wrestling at Griffin Land. Coach Rosario said, "The JV did well, and the freshmen team had a few bright spots despite the smallest class we've ever had."

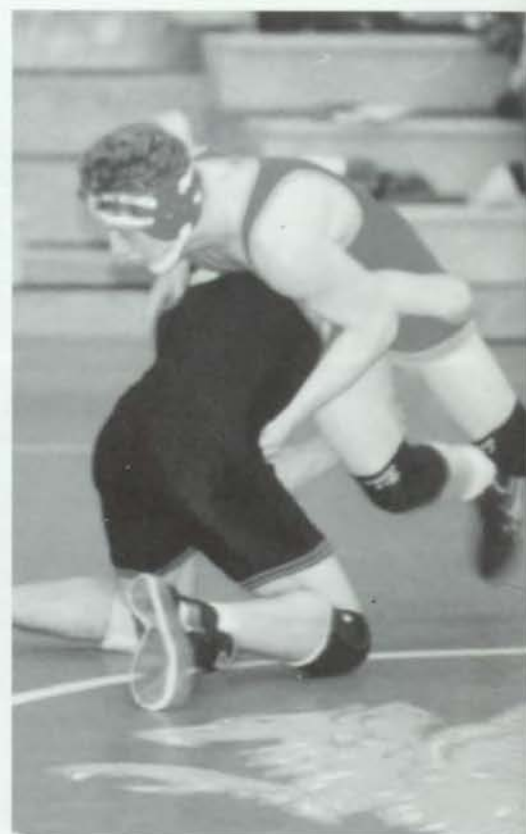
Including individual freshmen wrestlers who led all JV and freshmen by placing in every tournament at 171 pounds; Ryan Grisham and Nathan Prather. The freshmen team finished with a 14-3 overall record. Brian Rasmussen (10) exhibited a lot of team leadership and posted a 9 wins against only 3 losses record in the 145 pound class. Additionally, Brian stepped up and temporarily filled in for state qualifier, Chris Humphreys in the Oak Park tourney and placed third overall.

Coach Rosario said, "we're a really young team comprised of mostly of Sophomores, but we're looking for a lot of improvement next year."

David Saddler (11) looks for the opportunity to get his opponent in the position he needs him in. photo by Tracy Edwards



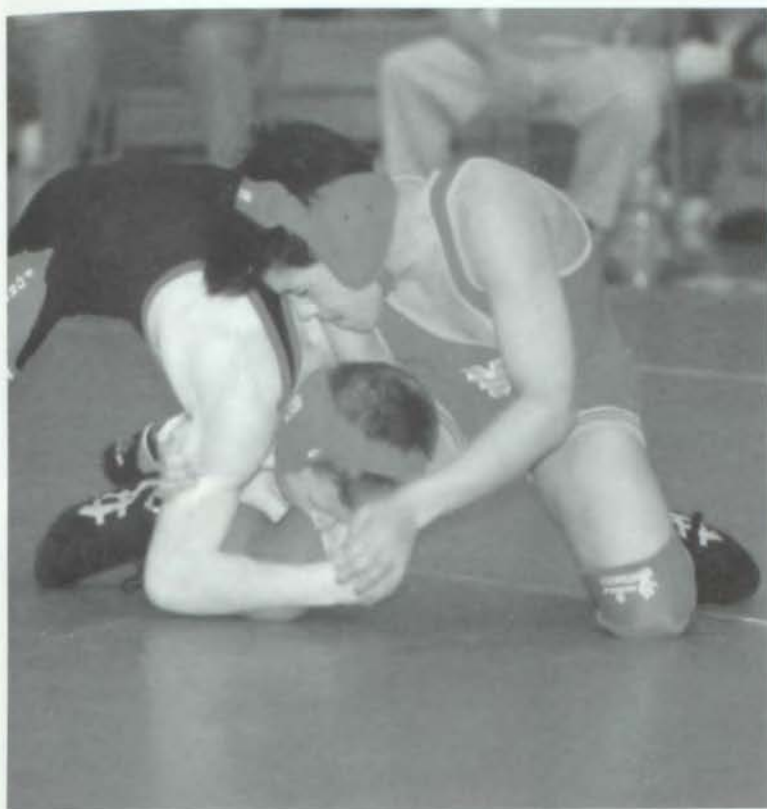
Freshman Nathan Prather holds on as best as he can before the flip onto the mat. photo by Tracy Edwards



Ryan Grisham (9) holds his opponent to the mat and awaits his next move in order to score. photo by Tracy Edwards

Sophomore Brian Rasmussen shoves his opponent's head into the mat and uses brute strength to over-power him. photo by Mr. Rosario

Sal Artese (9) gives his all to over-power his opponent and get the pin. photo by Tracy Edwards



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Junior Varsity: Front Row: Mike Sherman, Chris Haglen, James Muschietty, Sal Artese, Shawn Collins, Brian Rasmussen Row 2: Carlos Colen, Andy Frank, David Saddler, Joey Sullivan, Ryan Grisham, James Renno Row 3: Coach Steve Painter, Brian Pearson, Joe Martin, Derrick Barnes, Nathan Brooks, Curtis Evons, Mark Disheroon, Coach Glenn Rosario



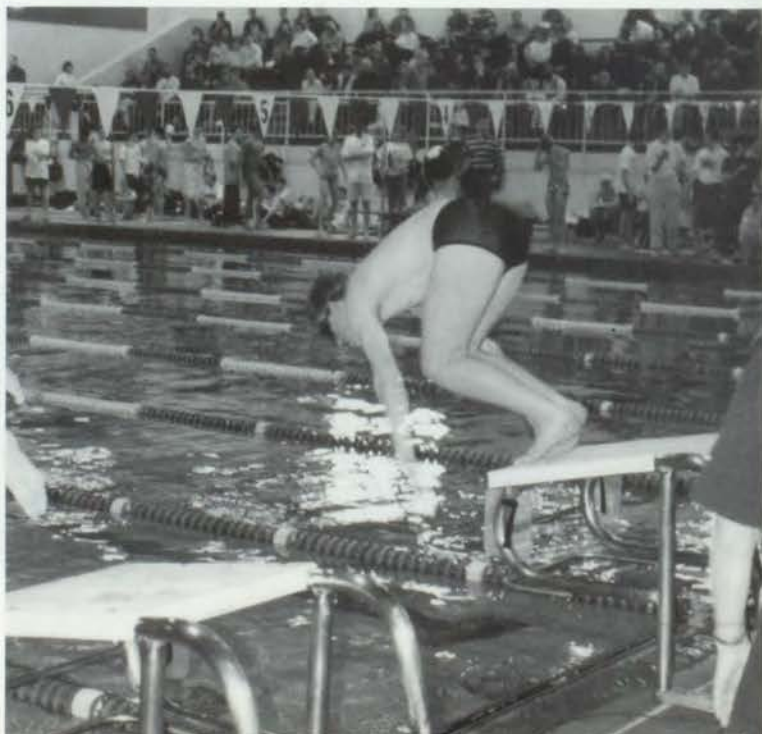
Mat Maids: Front Row: Nikki Gross, Christina Lanfranco, Mindy Duffett Row 2: Coach Painter, Tracy Edwards, Shannon Stein, Angelo Abbott, Nicole Showalter, Jamie Palmesino, Coach Rosario Not Pictured: Ashley Daugherty, Ali Coats



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*T*onka Swimmer Ben Vankirk (10) launches off of the platform and into the water. *photo by Coach Jack Bell*

*S*enior Zach Gray prepares to dive into the water in his event. *photo by Coach Jack Bell*



Front Row: Ben Vankirk, Adam Boyd, Zach Gray Row 2: Coach Jack Bell, Jay Christensen, Jesse Shea

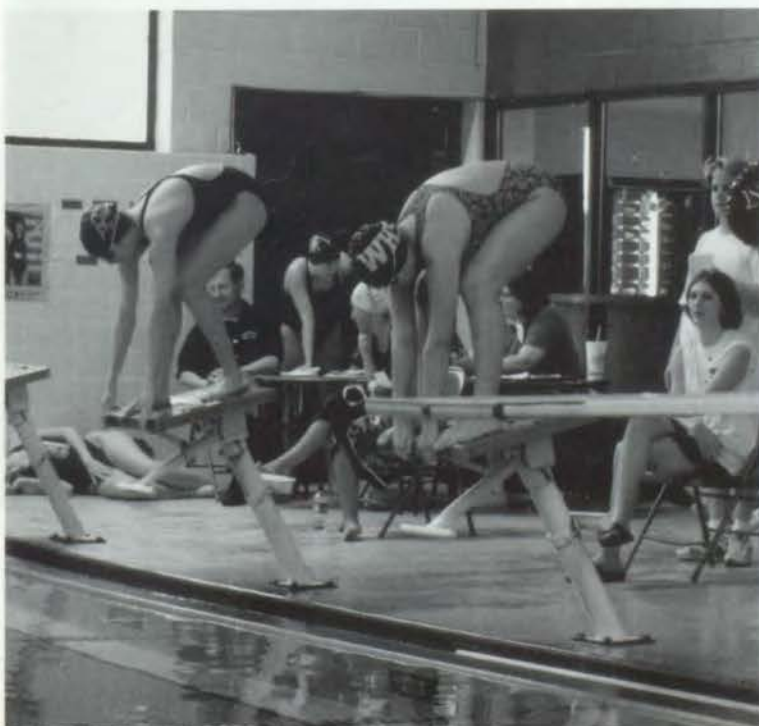
Boys Swimming

Makes A Splash

*S*enior Swimmer Jay Christensen simultaneously dives off the platform and prepares to fire up the water. *photo by Coach Jack Bell*

Freshman Natalie Riggs reaches for the next stroke in her back stroke competition. *photo courtesy of Beth Bourne*

Beth Bourne (11) pops up for a breath in the butterfly competition. *photo courtesy of Beth Bourne*



Girls Swimming

Reaches New Numbers

By Michelle Burge

The girls swim team had about twelve girls on the team, which is the biggest number of girls swimming has ever had. Even though there were no serious on the team, the girls really stuck together. Miss Jennifer Duncan was the swimming coach, and always kept the girls informed about everything from meets to tournaments, even though she taught at North Kansas City High School.

The girls usually practiced from 3:00 to 4:15 at Clay Platte YMCA along with NKCHS and OPHS. Upon reflecting her first year on the girls swim team, Freshman Natalie Riggs replied, It s fun, but a lot of hard work and the girls really stick together.

The most outstanding swimmer of the season was Junior Beth Bourne. She placed fifth at conference overall which was located at Bridger. She then travelled to state competition at MU to perform the 500 and 200 freestyle.

Freshman Lauren Swercinski also was a consideration for state competition. With such a great season this year, the young swim team plans for next year to be even more exciting.



Front Row: Stacie Carlack (Mgr.), Angela Shepard, Natalie Riggs, Dawn Rupp, Lauren Swercinski, Emily Holmes, Tatha Townsend, Beth Bourne, Vanessa Evans, Andrea Purviance, DeAnn Heiman, Jennifer



Freshman Lauren Swercinski prepares to dive in the pool for her competition. *photo courtesy of Beth Bourne*



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Junior Sean Dooley catches the ball on the pick-off attempt at first. photo by Chris Humphreys

Chris Tate (11) pitches another strike against his opponent to get him out. photo by Chris Humphreys



Front Row: Cory Platz, Scott Gordon, Beth Bowman (mgr.), Lynne Biggs (mgr.), Bryan Flynn, Joe Devine Row 2: Jared Ryan, Mark McCoy, Coach Jeff Strickland, Coach Don Gianola, Coach Terry Stevens, Ben Kern, Tony Velasquez Row 3: Justin Bolsengo, Darrin Osborn, Erik Anderson, Sean Dooley, Ryan Morgan, Erik Moore, Chris Tate, Mike McCoy, William Dodson



Junior Joe Devine turns to meet the ball for a base hit. photo by Chris Humphreys

Ryan Morgan (12) jumps up to catch a towering fly ball. photo by Chris Humphreys

Inconsistency Takes It's Toll

*The record re-sawed back
and forth*

By Gina Bennett

The 1997 baseball team had a rough, regular season with an 8-13 record.

The boys played North Kansas City in their first game of districts. They won 6-4, but ended their season with a loss against Fort Osage in the district championship game.

It's been pretty exciting even though we've been really inconsistent in our games. We win some that people think that we shouldn't and lose some that we could've won, Senior Tony Velazquez said.

This year's standout players were Seniors Tony Velazquez, Ryan Morgan, Erik Anderson, Junior Chris Tate, and Sophomore Jared Ryan.

Coach Don Gianola comment on the season was, A little disappointing record wise, but on the whole, individually, I am happy with the players.



Senior Tony Velazquez pitches a curve against his Northtown opponent. photo by Chris Humphreys



After a difficult catch Justin Bolsenga (11) checks out the runners, before the throw. photo by Chris Humphreys

Keep It Swinging

Boys Baseball Has An Outstanding Season

By Andrea Lawler

"The Junior Varsity Boys Baseball Team had an outstanding season this year!" said Coach Strickland.

The team worked well together and wouldn't settle for anything but the best. Jason Tower, Shaun West, Josh Samples and James Miller really showed some outstanding pitching abilities throughout the season.

The team was led in defense by Zach Scholobohm, Nick Vandendaele, Shaun Goins, and Vance Hudnall.

In offense they were led by Vance Hudnall, Zach Scholobohm, and Shaun Goins.

The team had many highlights through the season. The most memorable was beating their longtime rival Liberty. The team really showed what it takes to be the best and did just that by ending the season on a winning record.

The Freshman Boys Baseball Team put forth a great effort this season and really worked hard to make it a good year. Joe Strada and Chuck Cuda were just a few of the outstanding players for the team this season, and they led the team well. The freshmen took charge and had an outstanding season, by ending on a winning note.



Jason Tower (11) winds up another strike against his Liberty opponent. photo by Tracy Edwards

Second Baseman Dustin Miller (10) gets ready for an out. photo by Tracy Edwards

Shawn Goins (10) takes his stance as he prepares for a line drive. photo by Tracy Edwards

Sophomore Zach Schlobohm prepares for a big hit in the warm up area. photo by Tracy Edwards

All eyes of the Junior Varsity Team are on a high pop fly. photo by Tracy Edwards



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OPPONENT	Win	Loss
Raytown	13	4
Oak Park	2	4
North Kansas City	13	3
Grandview	11	2
Fort Osage	10	2
North Kansas City	6	5
Liberty (8 innings)	4	5
Lee's Summit North	10	0
Fort Osage	4	5
Liberty	5	3
Lee's Summit North	3	5
Raytown	5	6
Grandview	15	7



Junior Varsity: Front Row: Jason Tower, Brent Garrison, Dustin Miller, Vance Hudnall, Shawn West, Shawn Goins, James Miller Row 2: Jared Ryan, Nick Vandendaele, Jarred Slama, Ryan Wager, Cole Morgan, Josh Samples, Ryan Wattenbarger, Coach Jeff Strickland



Freshmen: Front Row: Damian Duncan, Nate Prother, Grant Barker, Dustin Quackenbush, Nick Cole, Garrett Kingston, Mark Disharoon Row 2: Chuck Cuda, Robert Allen, Carl Clubine, Shane Porter, Ryan Fields, Kris Dornon, Joe Strada, Rich Bland, Coach Terry Stevens

Kicking Some Grass

*Young Team Learns Teamwork
And Dedication.*

By Felicia Filippo

Despite their record, the girls soccer team had a greatly improved year.

This year's record was 3-14-5. The potential was definitely there, but it has all come down to a question of dedication, the will to win, the hours of practice, training, sweating, and more practice.

Co-Captain Jenna Jones (11) comments, "Although our record doesn't show it, we've improved since '95."

Things have started to look up for the young team: gaining experience, bonding together as a team, and the will to win.

Amy Voiles (12) comments, "I've played for the Tonka's girls soccer team for the three years it's been around. This year we've improved skill-wise and were able to move the ball around the field better than before. I had a lot of fun and I made more friends with girls from both teams."

The future of the Griffins Soccer team is looking up. With fourth year players returning next year, the team will have leadership, experience, and the motivation to succeed.



Varsity: Front Row: Andrea Orth, Toni Shaynore Row 2: Jenno Jones, Christy Winger, Michelle Campobasso Row 3: Kellie Crayton, Jennifer Blount, Julie Ash, Jennifer Neptune Row 4: Brooke Porter, Missy Panis, Cassandra Wisdom, Sarah Talbot, Angela Neilson Row 5: Coach David Flynn, Jessica Vandivort, Lindsay Allison, Amy Voiles, Rachel Walsh, Coach Matt Callahan



Junior Varsity: Stacey Friend, Sherri Boss, Sofia Sandquist, Kim Nutt, Nikki Neptune, Julie Cleveland, Sarah Johnson, Lyndsee Arn, Maria Stevenson **Back Row:** Maria Pazmino, Alex Prysch, Shannon Stein, Angela Abbott, Rachel Sloan, Jennifer Meinhardt, Marcy Disharoon, Scottie Thomson **Middle:** Coach Matt Callahan



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Young Team

Promises Winning Future

By Kevin David

Led by Senior Captain Andy Hankins and No. 1 player Andy O'Brien, the Winnetonka Boys' Tennis Team compiled a 6-10 record in 1997. Outstanding varsity performances were also contributed by Ryan Spotts (10), Craig Howard (10), Pete Asta (12), Brett Hall (10), and Phil DiGiovanni (10).

The Winnetonka Griffin Boys' Tennis Team boasted one of the top doubles combinations in the Northland as well. In addition to other accolades, Ryan Spotts and Andy O'Brien placed third at the Mid Conference Tournament at Lee's Summit this year.

Seniors Jeff Cook and Dave Arnold, Juniors Brian Heiting and Norbert Kazmarczyk, and freshman Brad Allen also lettered.

Coach John Morris was pleased with his team's overall performance, but "we're already looking forward to next year as being even more successful," he said. "Our varsity team is so young that the successes we enjoy this year are simply building blocks for many more to come."

Looking at the roster of Sophomore players who have two more years to play tennis at Winnetonka should make the Griffins opponents take notice. Tennis anyone?



Winnetonka No. 1 Doubles Team of Ryan Spotts and Andy O'Brien placed third at the Mid Conference at Lee's Summit North. photo by Scott Wogamon



Front Row: Andy Hankins, David Arnold, Francis Pettit, Jeff Cook, Pete Asta Second Row: Joe Leone, Phil Digiovanni, Craig Howard, Brian Heiting, Ryan Spotts, Brett Hall, Paul Edinger, Brad Allen, Nathan Stuart Back Row: Coach John Morris, Max Arzate, Norbert Kazmarczyk, Waylon Arndt, Andy O'Brien, Matt Bertrand, Jesse Shea, Matt Knowles, Jim Mills

Griffin Golfers

Go For Gold

By Staff

For the first time in Winnetonka's twenty-eight year history, the entire 1996 Golf Team qualified for state! Coach Harold Harbaugh's pride could barely be contained when asked how he felt about this year's finish. "The whole team was simply outstanding," Harbaugh said, "and I can't really single anyone out as the 'best' player, but I am proud of all of them. They're a great bunch of champions."

Winnetonka's Varsity Golf Team made up of Kyle Bryant (12), Tommy Pittala (11), Brent Carver (12), Brett Vuagniaux (12), and Ryan Blake (12), compiled quite an impressive record in 1997 with a Dual Record of 5 wins and 0 losses. The Golfing Griffins won the William Jewell Tournament consisting of twenty teams, and they took first place in their own Northland Tourney consisting of 10 teams.

Winning the District Sixteen Tournament and becoming District Champions was one of this year's accomplishments that thrilled the mostly senior team. But Junior, Tommy Pittala was absolutely thrilled, "We've gone further and done more than anyone thought we could," he said, "and going to state was a lifetime dream!" Taking Second Place in the Suburban Conference was the "coup de gras" for the Griffin Golfers and qualified the entire team for the state meet. Senior Brett Vuagniaux actually medalled and finished in the State's Top Ten Golfers.



Tommy Pittala, Ryan Blake, Brett Vuagniaux, Kyle Bryant, Scott Chandler, Brent Carver



Rocky Defeo, Scott Stith, Bryce Henderson, Eric Nerverve, Vince Rockford, Justin Frazier, Gorrett Roe



Cyndy Bless (11) digs deep down inside to pull out her strength to finish the race. photo by Mindi Porter

Senior Alissa Jrolf soars over the bar attempting to clear the set height. photo by Jim Jrolf



Front Row: Amber McEnroe, Christina Gott, Christina Para, Nicole Herro, Trisha Inzerillo, Cara Baudion, Cristina Strada, Christina Campobasso, Lisa Smith, Lindsay Bross, Amy Debacker Row 2: Kate Hott, Felicia Filippo, Stacy Burditt, Shannon Ogle, Jessica Le, Dana Goebel, Rebecca Caster, Cyndy Bless, Amy Cole, Samantha Goldenstein, Amanda Christensen, Sarah McArthur, Stephanie Searle Row 3: Pam Busch, Annie Sinnett, Jennifer Bifferstaff, Coach Tom Baker, Coach Wes Waley, Coach Dennis McClain, Coach Derek Howard, Coach Diane Brozovich, Coach Janette McKiddie, Coach Adams, Coach Jim, Coach Painter, Alissa Jrolf, Harriet Grindel, Courtney Higgins Row 4: Elizabeth Harris, Ola Orchezkowski, Amanda, Melissa Apple, Rebecca Kuklenski, Jenny Garrison, Cindy Twibell, Kerry Hennessey, Haley Struxness, Ashley McClain, Marcie Brookings, Melissa Fleming, Mary Morrison, Lindsey Mehrer



Haley Struxness (11) strides in the middle of her triple jump. photo by Mindi Porter

Sophomore Rebecca Kuklenski finishes her race well to advance to districts. photo by Mindi Porter





Year of Victory

Young Team Makes An Impression

By Kerry Hennesy

Girls track had a successful season. Rebecca Kuklenski (10) beat the school record for both the mile and the two mile. Rebecca felt the team did a real good job this year and has a promising future. The girls leaders was Cindy Twibell (12) who has been a dedicated runner for four years. When asked what she thought of the year. She said, It was a lot of fun, it is my favorite season. The team recruited a lot of new under classmen. The team really shined this year even though there team was unexperienced. The girls walk away with a year full of victorys. The team turned a lot of heads and has a lot of schools scared for next year.



Amanda Christensen (11) pushes herself to finish the race. *photo by Mindi Porter*

Dana Goebel (10) shortens the distance between her opponent near the finish line. *photo by Harriet Grindel*









***Coaches, we
appreciate
you!!!!***



Reaching for the stars, the Varsity Cheerleaders wish their opponents good luck. photo courtesy of Michelle Burge

For the last time ever the Seniors of 97 build the pyramid with perfection. photo courtesy of Michelle Burge



Tonka Cheer warms the crowd with spirit as they themselves try to keep warm. photo courtesy of Michelle Burge

Cheesel Jill Tischinski (12) and Mrs. Rastorfer (Crazy Lady) faces capture the excitement on bus headed for state. photo by Michelle Burge

At Pack The House Varsity Cheer completes another chant full of spirit. photo by Candace Brueck

Sophomore Jane Stevenson and Seniors Michelle Burge and Lisette Auld are tested for their ability by the UCA instructor. photo courtesy of Michelle Burge



Cheer Has Spirit

And Demonstrated It Throughout The Year

By Michelle Burge

There s no doubt that the 1996-97 Varsity Tonka Cheer had a year full of fun! The year started earlier than usual when a new tradition began. Initiating the new recruits!

The 6 new recruits consisted of 2 juniors and 4 sophomores. The Babies, as the 11 Seniors like to call the underclassmen, worked really hard to find their place on the squad, said Christina Newton (12).

Although it was only her first year, Miss Campobasso helped the Varsity Squad perform their best. Accomplishments for the year included: 3rd place at regional competition, qualifying for state and 3 All-Stars: Lisette Auld, Michelle Burge, and Christina Newton.



Front Row: Nicole Simmers, Susie Zimmerman, Mindi Porter, Melissa Maasen, Christina Newton Row 2: Jill Tischinski, Michelle Burge (Co-Captain), Lisette Auld, Jennifer Stanley, Alexis Chambers Row 3: Krista Bear, Allison Keilbey, Valerie Connor, Amalia Mendez, Jana Julian Not Pictured: Tammy Fleming (Co-Captain) & Jane Stevenson



Junior Valerie Connor, Sophomores Krista Bear, Allison Keilbey, Jane Stevenson, and Junior Amalia Mendez pose for the first Cheer initiation. photo by Michelle Burge

Missy Panis (10) smiles at the camera as she finishes another spirited cheer. photo by Susie Zimmerman



We Have The Spirit

Young Talent Pumps Up The Crowd

By Felicia Filippo

The JV/freshman cheerleading squads started their season off great with an elite camp held here at Winnetonka. Although they didn't go to any competitions, five girls made All-American. Both squads cheered for football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, and wrestling. They also participated in homecoming by planning the breakfast and decorating for the dance. Throughout the year they worked on cheers as well as stunts, such as pyramids, partner stunts and also some gymnastics. Missy Panis, captain, and Miss Campobasso agree that every girl on the squad improved since camp, making this year's JV and freshman cheerleading squads the best they've been in years.

Melanie Knowles (10) and Jessica Chronister (10) perform their half-time cheer at a Boys Basketball game. photo by Mindi Porter



Junior Jill Cantu puts on that famous cheesy smile while her bases extend her into the air. photo by Mindi Porter

Freshmen Cheerleaders Mary Ramsey, Carrie King, Stephanie Searle, and Jennifer Chmelicek execute the perfect prep. photo by Mindi Porter





Junior Varsity: Front Row: Kelly Dornan Row 2: Missy Panis, Jill Cantu Row 3: Margaret Leocardi, Amber Heimann Row 4: Tiffany Kouzlarich, Deann Heimann, Jennifer Bokay, Jessica Chronister, Hristen Lemke, Mary Morrison, Gina King, Melanie Knowles



Freshmen: Front Row: Carrie King Row 2: Chrissy Carlson, Kim Nutt, Stephanie Searle Row 3: Mary Ramsey, Dawn Rupp, Marcy Disharoon Row 4: Lindsay Kolbac, Teressa Guastello Row 5: Jennifer Chmelicek, Alyssa Shoemaker

Margaret Leocardi (10), Deann Heimann (10), Jill Cantu (11), and Mary Morrison show off their school spirit at the Homecoming Assembly. *photo by Tracy Edwards*



Freshmen girls Alyssa Shoemaker, Kim Nutt, Teressa Guastello, and Marcy Disharoon pose with Senior Tammy Fleming for a picture before catching a bus for a basketball game. *photo by Mindi Porter*



Picture the Possibilities

By Rob Layne

Virtually every Tonka student had an activity. Each activity had a student. The Organizations of Tonka were numerous, ranging from art to science, drama to prayer. Winnetonka's day started many minutes before 7:40 A.M. and lasted many hours after 2:30 P.M.. With those extra hours and minutes students practiced, perfected, & pictured their successes in each of their designated activities.

Success was found in every aspect of Winnetonka activity. Organizations such as StuCo lead the way in providing successful dances and innovative solutions to difficult problems at hand. Art club had several stand-outs that created a successful world of art. Honor Society provided some students with the opportunity to help the world around us, while Drama Club made us believe in our friendships that were meant to last.

Winnetonka has provided us with a world of opportunities, a world of possibilities. Each opportunity led us to make a decision, allowed us to reach a goal, made us who we are. Where would we have been without the clubs and organizations? Somewhere. Anywhere. Nowhere. Those were the situations. Face it Tonka, we were given the great opportunity to

Picture the Possibilities

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Tonka Pride Provides For The School

Promoting Spirit Through Music

By Rochelle Frederick

You see them marching in parades and every home football game. They provide a good beat and lots of spirit for the crowd. They are the pride and concert band. Many students only see the band at the football games, but they do much more than that.

Every year pride and concert band performs at different competitions around the state. This year the pride went to St. Joe and competed in Missouri Western State University's marching band competition. They played three songs, which won the band second place and best musical performance.

Another big competition is at William Jewell College for state competition. The concert band played "Variations of a Korean Folk Song" and "Coventry Variant". They received all ones, the best rating you can get, in the categories of sight reading, unity, rhythm, balance, appearance, tone, and clarity.

Concert band took advantage of their time off from school during spring break to take a trip to Warrenton and St. Louis, Missouri. In Warrenton they played for Warrenton High School, where a former student of the Winnetonka Pride Band teaches. They then continued their two day-one night journey to St. Louis for a little sight-seeing, before returning home to K.C.

While the band will continue to do their best, we will all have PRIDE in our school and enjoy the rhythm and spirit they provide for us.

*T*rombonist William Hensley (12) plays out loud and clear and the final home football game. photo by Jim Reed

*D*rum Line Members Marcus Shivers (10), George Overfield (10), and Andy Frank (10) must keep the beat for the rest of the band. photo by Jim Reed



Front Row: Sarah Hook, Stephanie Benedict, Garrett Roe, Tara Pugh, Jill McNaughton, Deanne Walters, Christain Saphire, Anna Kasparian, Debbie Coonce, Rachel Walsh
Row 2: Nicole Rupe, Kristi Gartner, Misty Smith, Bethany Volkman, Melissa Hinsley, Jade Hemstead, Carrie Epperson, Daniel Kurzava, Samantha Goldenstein, Sara Schmidt, Joshua Summers, Eric Lemke, Rick Stark, Brian Holst, Charity Foreman, Veronica Copenhaver
Row 3: Heidi Koehnle, Matt Pugh, Jim Mills, Jason Thurston, Brett Henderson, Matthew Long, Jesse Turner, Brett Normandin, William Enochs, William Dodson, David Bennett, John Jensen, William Hensley, Matt Knowles, Kevin Dworshak, Jesse Shea, Shey VanKeirsbilck
Row 4: Ms. Pat Setser, Krista Bear, Jennifer Allen, Andy Frank, Jared Garcia, George Overfield, Ryan Sayles, Eric Mailhot, Charese Gaddis, Shannon Handrahan, T.J. Templeton, Jason Wimberly
Not Pictured: John Mendon, Marcus Shivers, Mr. Ron Fortune



Pride members Kristi Gartner (11) and Misty Smith (11) march in step with the rest of the band. photo by Jim Reed

The Golden Variety Band performs at Basketball games and other Winnetonka functions.



Playing the Tunes With A Little Variety

GVB Plays To Support Their School

By Harriet Grindel

At the basketball games, you might hear them down at the end playing their support for the team. They are the Golden Variety Band.

Not only do they play at the basketball games, they also play for many community group including playing for retirement homes and at MU. GVB plays in spaces where the full band will not be able to fit.

Senior William Enochs said that being in GVB "has been a great way to meet new people and develop friendships with people I would not have met otherwise."

GVB provides new experiences for students in music.



Front Row: Carrie Epperson, Marcus Shivers, Melissa Hinsley, Shey VanKeirsbilck, Brian Holst, Matt Long Row 2: Brett Normandin, Sara Schmidt, Chris Andregg, Kevin Duorshak, Billy Foreman, Garrett Roe, Shannon Handrahan, George Overfield, Christain Saphire Row 3: Jason Wimberly, John Jensen, Rick Stark, Rachel Walsh, Charity Foreman, Heidi Koehnle, Cheryl Waltz, Joshua Summers, Kristi Gartner, Sarah Hook, Stephanie Benedict, Lorenthia Daniel Row 3: Jared Garcia, Jim Mills, William Enochs, Brett Henderson, Andy Frank, William Hensley, Jason Thurston, Jesse Shea, Ryan Sayles, Eric Lemke



GVB members William Hensley (12) and Shey VanKeirsbilck (10) play in Parkville. photo courtesy of Stephanie VanKeirsbilck

The Plaza gets a listen of what GVB has to offer. photo courtesy of Stephanie VanKeirsbilck

These violinists concentrate on the music they are playing. photo by Chris Humphreys

Playing her viola in Chamber Orchestra seems to be a joy. photo by Chris Humphreys



Celloist Richie Henderson (11) plucks his music piece with emphasis. photo by Chris Humphreys



The Chamber Is Full

Winnetonka's Full And Chamber Orchestra

By Adam Martin

Full and Chamber Orchestra s had a pretty good go at things this year. At contest Full Orchestra took a number one rating, and the 48th Street Players Orchestra (that's the Chamber Orchestra) took a number two rating. The orchestras get the entire first semester to work alone and perfect their tunes, then in the second semester the band meets with them.

"The orchestra has made an outstanding improvement from first semester," says Mark Benmuvhar (12), "The 'Downland Suite' was nearly perfect. This was perhaps one of the finest groups that I have played with during the last four years."

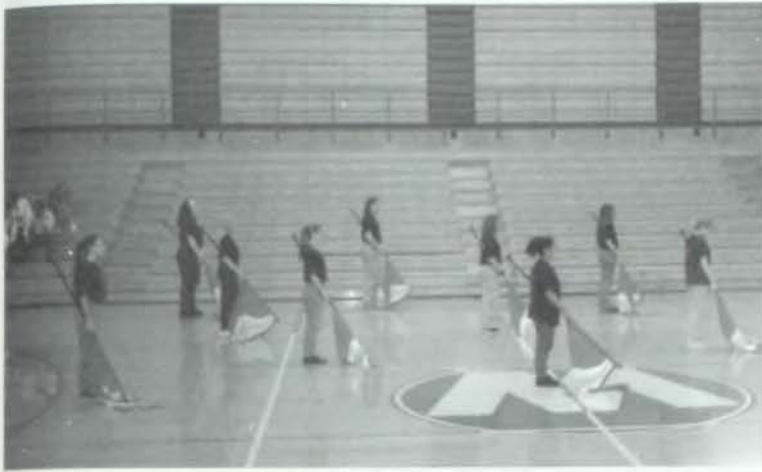
The group has worked together to accomplished the goal of performing great music together. The group functions as marvelous life like stereo.



Front Row: Mrs. Deborah Wasko, Jennifer Ainsworth, Helena Jonsson, Shannon Sicks, Gina Bennett, Beth Webb, Anna James, Ola Orzechowski, Bryan McIntyre
 Row 2: Melanie Burns, Kristen Crenshaw, Susan Nixon, Lindsay Allison, Amber Heiman, Nicole Long, Dana Dehart, Stephanie Smith, Chris Best
 Row 3: Becky Williams, Toshia Carter, Sarah Holle, Melissa Sanders, Allysn Moore, Adam Lewokosky
 Row 4: Cathy Lovell, Keri McQuerry, Rosa Powell, Jenny Durst, Lorena Carrier, John Bish
 Back Row: Beth Rueter, Mark Benmuvhar, Kyle Lakin, Sodaf Zaki, Michael Mallico, Richie Henderson
 Not pictured: Michael Brown, Amanda Chmelicek, Jared Garcia, Meagan Luallen, Kristin Stretesky, Chad Marley, Mr. Jamerson

Flag Corp performs at the Jersey Auction and Pep Assembly before the Homecoming Game. *photo by Michia Sciortino*

Flag members Gail Andregg (12) and Tamara Wade (9) wait for the signal to begin. *photo by Tracy Edwards*



Flaging Down the Victory

Flag Corps Encourages Teams

By Gina Bennett

Watching the halftime show many people notice the flag Corps adding to the visual effects of the band. These ladies start out their year at Band Camp where they learn how to march and how to perform the many flag routines used throughout the year.

"Flags is a fun way to meet new people and expand your ability to do more than one thing at a time," commented Melanie Burns.

Not only did they perform during halftime shows, they performed at MoWest, and marched in the Gladfest and American Royal parade. The group as a part of the band received first place for marching during the Missouri Western Marching Band Contest.

"You never realize how hard it is until you start to march," Senior Gail Andregg.



Miranda Owen, Melanie Burns, Dana Linn, Amanda Enochs, Gail Andregg, Summer Pauley, Tamara Wade, Tiffany Wood, Amanda Felton Not Pictured: Maria Garcia, Natalie Riggs, Grace Vaughn, Director Amy Gimlinger



Seniors Marie Garcia and Amanda Felton wave their flags. *photo by Tracy Edwards*

Flags march in unison during the Homecoming Parade. *photo by Michia Sciortino*

Lights, Camera, Action

Drama Club... Where stars are born

By Andrea Lawler

What do you think of when people say the Drama Club? Do you think of a group that gets together to support school spirit and who supports the musical and other plays during the year? Well, if guessed all of those you are right. The Drama Club, sponsored by Mrs. Kall, is more than just a club it is a family that works together to enhance each others acting skills and to expand on their knowledge of the acting world. it helps them to grow as an actor and to venture into new worlds to strive to be the best maybe even the next Jim Carey or Robin Williams.

When asked what the Drama Club meant to Senior member, Wheat Williams, she said, "Two Words...Jim Glaub!"



WWER The New Pro- fessional Look

The Best Way To Catch The Latest Info

By Gina Bennett

The new look for WWER is the cramped tiny room they have been assigned to this year because their old room has now become the learning lab. The lack of space does have many disadvantages, but the news crew works diligently through third hour to pass on the news of Tonka to the students.

This year WWER has tried a more professional upbeat way of delivering the news of the day. Each student rotates their jobs for experience on both sides of the camera, as well as to make the class more interesting. Making the class more like a journalistic news style, each person has to take telecommunications and then be selected by an audition tape.

"It is a hard job, and people do not realize how tough it is," Mrs. Lori Kall said.



Takin' Care Of Business

Business Club Displays Etiquette

By Rochelle Frederick

Business Club is not just any club. It is headed up by a board of directors made up of ten Seniors, David Arnold, Pete Asta, Brian Bock, Lindy Cain, Brenda Enkelmann, Mike Fangmann, Ben Kern, Noreen Kraus, Jace Shea, and Jessica Straub. They also have assistance from one lone secretary, who attempts to keep the minutes, Michia Sciortino (12).

This elite group is brought together for their annual meeting to discuss business etiquette and **morals** that is sometimes overlooked in many of our fine business classes such as the firm handshake and wearing your nametag on the right side.

Business Club also competes at District and State Business Competitions with area schools. This year there were nine students that qualified and competed at State in Jefferson City.

Shades of Color

Shares Experiences with Society

By Felicia Filippo

Shades of Color is a very close group of diverse people. Although everyone is welcome to join, the group consisted entirely of women. Meetings are held once every two weeks where topics are discussed and events are planned. One of the activities included a field trip with Teens Helping Teens to the corridor at Crown Center where they watched a play about civil rights movements. The group is basically just to relax and talk about culture and how different races are affected in our society. Candi Jones (11) says, "it's a chance to get to know people of different backgrounds and learn new views and share experiences that different races go through."



Singing from within, William Enochs (12) displays his vocal talent. photo by Susie Zimmerman

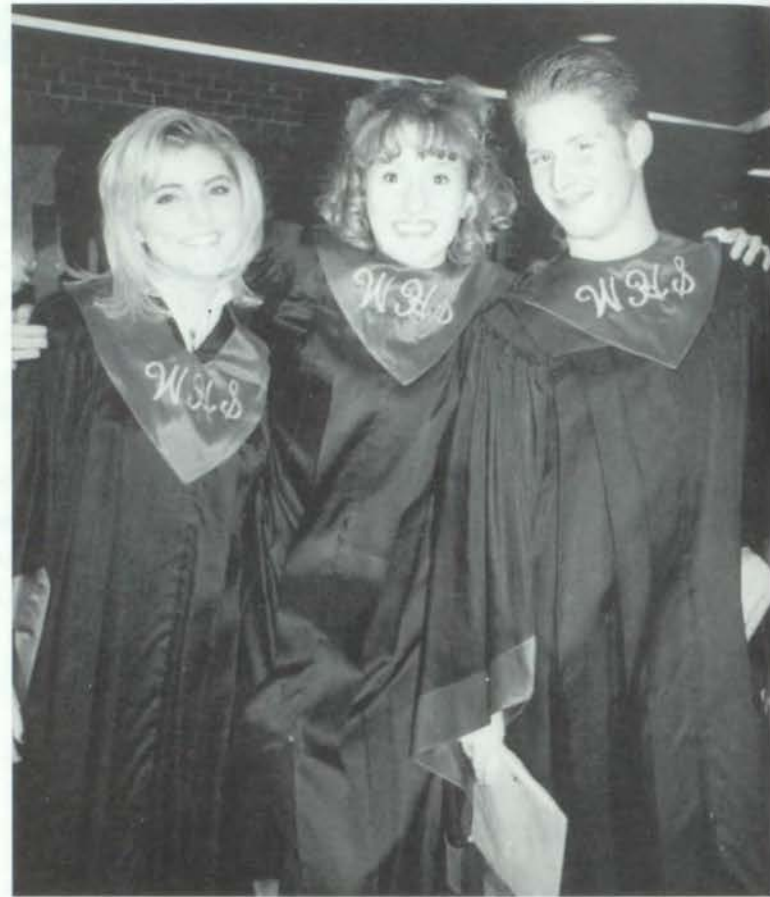


Senior Laura Smith prepares to contribute to the choir's harmony. photo by Susie Zimmerman



Capella raises their Valentine Bags with joy at all the candy they received. photo courtesy of Jennifer Helmers

After the concert Tracey Turner (12), Missy Martens (11), and Tim Caster (12) take time to pose together. photo by Susie Zimmerman



Jamone Epps (12) serenades the school at the homecoming assembly with a love song. photo by Trevor Humphreys



Nick Thomas (12), Shawn Eichelberger (12), and David Seifers (10) show their spirit on the A Capella float during the homecoming parade. *photo courtesy of A Capella*

Senior Andrea Lawler sings a sweet melody during A Capella class. *photo by Susie Zimmerman*



Talented Singers "Take One"

A Capella Is One Big Family

By Gina Bennett

Imagine a class where everyone is so close they are practically family. The class is A Capella, a select group of talented singers who auditioned for the class the spring before. This ensemble not only sings at the football game, pep rallies, assemblies and concerts, they also go out into the community and help, especially during the Christmas season. They go caroling and give Christmas stockings, to under-privilege children.

A Capella is also an organization with class officers, they are President Tracey Turner (12), Vice-president Daniel Boyd (12), Secretary Jennifer Helmers (12), and Mascot Tim Caster (12).

"A Capella is like a big family if you've had a bad day, fifth hour will always cheer you up. It is one hour that allows you to relax and have fun," Dan commented.

At contest A Capella received a one rating for the songs, "The Awakening", and the "Contique".

"The performance they gave was one of the highlights of the year. One ratings are great but 'getting the feeling' after the performance is what it is all about," said Alan Bunch A Capella director.

"A Capella is about people who like to sing and want to be a part of something bigger than themselves, and ensemble," Tim Caster.



Front Row: Stephanie VanKeirsbilck, Amber Kennedy, Marissa Meeks, Tracey Turner, Andrea Lawler, Shawn McLane, Phil Eichelberger, Shaun Schneikart, Jason Wimberly, Krista Bear, Vanessa Wade, Andrea Purviance, Cara Baudoin
Row 2: Laura James, Lora Gray, Jennifer Schmall, Andrea Woody, Kelly Dornan, Nick Sindorf, Tim Caster, Todd Lewis, David Saddler, Jared West, Ryan Weaver, Laura Smith, Missy Panis, Betsy Struxness, Julia Larson
Row 3: Shari Brizendine, Peggy Jewell, Ginger Yates, Candace Ostdiek, Woodie Bonds, Jamone Epps, Alex Canapa, Geoff Dumone, Scott Kennedy, Grant Barker, Cyndy Bless, Grace Vaughan, Missy Martens, Amber Davis
Row 4: Beth Bourne, Jennifer Helmers, Sydney Burford, Ruth Vivona, Stephanie Benedict, Bobby Martin, Shawn Carroll, Almar Bakker, Daniel Boyd, Daniel Seifers, Danny Parker, William Enochs, Susan Smoldt, Jason Perry, Desirae Peel, Deborah Walden, Toni Shavnore

More Than Just A Choir . . .

A Family Striving To Do The Best

By Andrea Lawler

Spectrum is more than just a show choir it is a group that works together to accomplish one goal, "To Be The Best."

Spectrum consists of about 16 - 24 students who audition for a place on the top choir at Winnetonka High School. They perform at one or more competitions through the year, as well as, 40 performances throughout the year for the community.

For some members Spectrum is more than just a choir it is a major part of their life.

"I was determined to be in Spectrum ever since I saw them my eighth-grade year," said Tim Caster (12).

"My brother, Andy, and his friends Ryan Ragone and Ryan Oldham were in Spectrum and they are the ones who inspired me to get involved!" said Junior Missy Martens.

Some may think that a great dancing ability is needed. As long as you try your best, everyone can be an entertainer.

"It meant a lot to me being able to sing in the group Spectrum of Sound. The group pushes you to the top of your singing abilities while having fun. It was an honor to sing with the top choir group," said Sophomore Danny Parker.

"I think that Spectrum this year was a fun experience and can't wait until next year. The Senior friends I made will be missed," said Sophomore Mike Dustman.

Front Row: Shaun Schneikart, Jared West, Ryan Weaver, Andrea Woody, Vanessa Wade, Deborah Walden Row 2: David Saddler, Phil Eichelberger, Shawn McLane, Laura James, Tracey Turner, Sydney Burford, Melinda Vandendaele Row 3: Geoff Dustman, Danny Parker, Shawn Carroll, Tim Caster, Bobby Martin, Ruth Vivona, Beth Bourne, Desirae Peel, Missy Martens, Shari Brizendine



Spectrum lines up and sings at the Homecoming Assembly. photo by Trevor Humphreys

Sydney Burford (10) and Melinda Vandendaele (12) smile as they pose for a picture after their concert. photo courtesy of Sydney Burford



*S*pectrum of Sound sings as part of the Homecoming Assembly. photo by Trevor Humphreys



*S*enior Tim Coster sings to the school during the Homecoming Assembly. photo by Trevor Humphreys



*T*he girls of Spectrum smile while getting ready for the concert. photo by Desirae Peel



*S*ophomores Sydney Burford and Beth Bourne are pleased with their performance at the concert they just finished. photo courtesy of Sydney Burford



*S*pectrum doubles up for a love song at Homecoming. photo by Trevor Humphreys

*S*enior Shaun Schneikart listens for his cue to begin the next verse. photo by Trevor Humphreys

Our Leaders And Their Goals

For Our Past, Present, and Future

By Kerry Hennessy

Winnetonka's Student Council's main goal this year was to promote pride and unity in the halls of Winnetonka. They have many different groups that make up student council. Each one of them helps it run smoothly.

One of the bigger groups is Leadership. It is a seventh hour class whose main concern is you, the school. The other groups are representatives, officers, and chairpersons.

Ginny Goebel, President of Student Council, helped to keep everyone working hard throughout the year. She organized a fun and successful year.

Student Council, as a whole, organized many different events this year to help the school as well as the community. They helped to hold dances after football and basketball games to promote spirit. They organized our pep assemblies, where they even went as far as to put on funny skits before the assemblies to keep the crowds entertained. They also put together another successful Annual Tea Dance which was broadcasted on Channel Five.

Their big project for next year is to give the school a whole new look, which they hope will cause students to take pride in their school after it gets its makeover.

If you think Student Council is done well, you are wrong. Student Council is never done. They are having a big clean-up day with the other clubs at our school were they will be spring cleaning the halls of Tonka.



Student Council: Front Row: Mike Jlabia, Mary Morrison, Brenda Enkelman, Kyle Rau, Courtney O Halloran, Michele Dicavolo, Susie Zimmerman, Lindsay Holwick, Andy O Brien Row 2: Mrs. Jackie Russell, Erik Anderson, Jenna Jones, Marcie Brookings, Ginny Goebel, Cindy Twibell, Mike McCoy, Andrea Lawler, Lindsay Bross, Mark McCoy Row 3: Tracey Turner, Sara Crites, Cali Borland, Dana Goebel, Holly Blake Row 4: David Arnold, Jim Wehmuller, Ryan Blake, Haley Struxness, Carla Tisor, Michelle Smith Row 5: John Mendon, Chris Tate, Jill Cantu, Almar Baker, Beth Reuter, Ashley McClain, Dawn Rupp, Rob Layne

These six StuCo members take time out from the retreat to pose for a picture. photo courtesy of Jill Cantu

Lindsay and Maria model the new ice cream styles. photo courtesy of Jill Cantu

Jim Gloub makes everyone laugh at the annual gong-show at the retreat. photo courtesy of Jill Cantu



Our auctioneer, Erik Anderson (12), tries to get the bid on Lindsay Holwick's (12) tennis jersey to go up. *photo by Tracy Edwards*

Senior Sara Crites puts up posters before the Homecoming Game. *photo by Jim Reed*



This group of Juniors is working hard to come up with new ideas at the retreat. *photo courtesy of Jill Cantu*

Sophomores savour the ice cream that didn't end up on the floor. *photo courtesy of Jill Cantu*



Leadership: Front Row: Mrs. Jackie Russell, Lindsay Holwick, Brenda Enkelman, Cindy Twibell, Ginny Goebel, Courtney O'Halloran, Michelle Campobasso, Michele D'icavolo, Mike McCoy, Sara Crites Row 2: Jenna Jones, Marcie Brookings, Haley Struxness, Tracey Turner, Jill Cantu Row 3: Andy Hankins, Erik Anderson, Ryan Blake, Chris Tate, Cala Tisor, Mike Brown Row 4: Tony Velasquez, Jim Wehmuller, John Mendon, David Arnold Not Pictured: Almar Bakker, Mary Morrison

DECA, Another Year Of Marketing

With New Leadership

By Amanda Box

The Winnetonka DECA organization had a year full of learning experiences. "Mrs. Green was very dedicated and experienced with DECA. She brought creative ideas for us to work with and build on, giving us a different and exciting year," Senior Michelle Campobasso replied about the year overall.

Mrs. Green, the 96-97 DECA Advisor and President of the State Board of Directors of DECA, brought her experiences to Winnetonka.

"Since this is my first year, I feel like we have done a good job of laying a foundation of where we want to go in the future and I think the students have had an opportunity to experience a little of what DECA really has to offer. I have great expectations for next year," Mrs. Lois Green said.



Front Row: Michelle Campobasso, Kelli Crayton, Andrea Cuda, Christina Armato, Amanda Box, Jolyn Mortallo, Melissa Mortallo Row 2: Mrs. Lois Green, Michele Dicavolo, Katy Waterman, Michelle Burge, Julie Taylor, Whitney Dew, Misty Charlow Row 3: Desere Peel, Andrea Rucker, Kyle Rau, Shannon Rodenberg, Christina Lanfranca, Melanie Smith, Paula Shost, Jamie Stumph, Andrea Dickson, Sarah Gardner, Anne Skinner Row 4: Chris Tate, Rachel Winham, Angela Neisen, Jennifer Neptune, Tim Coons, Christy Winger, Lynne Biggs, Kennedy Tapp, Sarah Nyce, Katie Winger, Sarah James, Tommy Ferrante, Jason Merrill Row 5: Ryan Morgan, Chuck Cacioppo, Brent Carver, Dustin Dale, Ryan Wood, Jasper Cangelosi, Eric Lemke, Matt Herrell, Ryan Sayles, Tony Wilkinson



Raggedy Ann and Andy, Courtney O'Halloran (12) and Michelle Campobasso (12), entertain the children at the Halloween Party and Haunted House sponsored by Leadership Class. photo by Mrs. Green

DECA members make advertisements for the fashion show. photo by Mrs. Green

Senior Desirae Peel wins at District Competition and qualifies to attend State DECA competition. photo by Mrs. Green

Making Tonka's Halls A Little Brighter

Through Art Club Creations

By Ashley Daugherty

By uniting artistically minded people, the Art Club fulfilled its purpose and uses it to its full advantage. The club spends every Monday and sometimes Wednesdays evaluating, looking at, and, also, making art.

They painted murals on the art and weight rooms and have also gone to several competitions throughout the year. They have been to many theme drawing competitions, which they are very proud of. The award winners from the competitions have been featured on WWER.

In addition to competitions outside of school, the Art Club displays their works throughout the school, adding color to the walls and making a display of talent for all to see.



Front Row: Brie Townsend, Allyson Moore, Jeff Turner, Sarah Holle, Mr. Gorman Row 2: Eric Schlueter, Josh Smith, Sarah Lockwood, James Hendrick Row 3: Jimmie Pippin, Josh Neff, Alex Canapa, Anna James



Debate and Forensics: Front Row: Alysn Moore, Jennifer Garrison, Meghann Meek, Lacy Tatom, Julie Richison, Pam Rusch, Vanessa Evans, Candice Cordwell, Kris Wright, Bethany Clark Row 2: Eric Graves, Frank Larson, Jason Sloderbeck, Betsy Hermann, Alex Canapo, Rob Layne, Sirena Cardwell, Dana Dehart, Mr. John Ham Row 3: Russel Gibson, Chrissy Carlson, Carly Clayton, Dawn Rupp, Jesse Shea, Matt Knowles
Not pictured: Cindy Twibell

Spoken Elegantly And Awarded

Forensics Has Successful Year

By

Forensics students put emotion into words and actions. "It's time to stand tall." That is how Rob Layne (12) started off his original oratory which took him all the way to state and also qualified him for nationals.

Mr. Ham, Forensics Teacher, said, "This year we did very well. We have more people qualifying for state than in the past ten years."

Pam Rusch (storytelling), Dana Dehart (duet acting and storytelling), and Jason Sloderbeck (team debate) also qualified for state.

From storytelling to duet acting to various speech events, this year's forensics team participated and succeeded in many areas.

By John Ham

On one of those beautiful October Indian Summer days that typify autumn, the 1996-97 debate and forensics season began in Blue Springs. That day Robert Layne won third place in Oratory. It was a sign of more good things to come. More tournaments--more experiences--more trophies in a season led by veterans and saw rising newcomers.

In March, at the district tournament in St. Joseph, Winnetonka had four entries qualify for the state tournament at MU in Columbia. Pam Rusch qualified in storytelling. Robert Layne qualified in Original Oratory and also in duet acting with his partner Dana Dehart. Jason Sloderbeck and Robert qualified in team debate with a 7-1 record.

Also in March Robert Layne qualified to the NFL national tournament in both original oratory and student congress. That tournament will be June 15-21 in Minneapolis, MN.

A successful year--good times--good friends.

Helping The School And Community

Honor Society Exists to Serve

By Rochelle Frederick

"We didn't accomplish everything we wanted, but we did get a lot done," was how Honor Society President Michia Sciortino (12) summed up the year.

Honor Society's purpose is to serve the school and community. This year they participated in many events including collecting food for Harvesters, Walk America, the school clean-up and providing study help for any students, as well as Senior Honors Night and Baccalureate.

Honor Society's Officers were President Michia Sciortino, Vice President Heather Bross, Secretary Harriet Grindel, Treasurer Ginger Yates, and Historian Joanna Bayer.



Front Row: Michia Sciortino, Harriet Grindel, Ginger Yates, Joanna Bayer, Jennifer Garrison Row 2: Sarah Garrison, Lindy Cain, Allison Heilbey, Melissa Hinsley, Jessica Le, Gina Bennett, Sarah McArthur Row 3: Shannon Sicks, Lindsay Major, Amy Voiles, Rochelle Frederick, Mrs. Peggy Mosbacher, Sara Crites, Anna Kasparian, Nicole Showalter, Kristi Gartner Row 4: Brooke Porter, Marissa Meeks, Dawn Rupp, Cindy Twibell, Jessica Straub, Melissa Moran, Julie Letsinger, Brian Anderson, Richie Henderson



Honor Society members discuss new ideas of things to do. photo by Rochelle Frederick

President Michia Sciortino (12) plans the upcoming Walk America. photo by Rochelle Frederick

Members plan and detail the upcoming fundraiser of selling candy bars. photo by Rochelle Frederick

Honor Society Sponsor Peggy Mosbacher writes down volunteer's names to work at Seniors Honors Night. photo by Rochelle Frederick



Senior Jamie Matthys leads group discussion during the Teen Forum. photo by Trevor Humphreys

Courtney O'Halloran (12) leads the group of middle school students. photo by Trevor Humphreys

Just A Matter Of Helping

Teens Helping Teens Does All They Can

By Staff

Teens Helping Teens is a community serving club as well as a club that helps promote school spirit. Teens Helping Teens participated in many activities this year including: painting faces at the homecoming tailgate party and at the Halloween Haunted House.

Teens Helping Teens also helped as leaders at the Teen Forum held twice a year. Eighth grade orientation is also a major activity for the club, having to make approximately 800 buttons.

Mrs. Keith summed up the year by saying, "The best thing about this year was the enthusiasm of the members and their willingness to participate in projects that benefit others."



Front Row: Jennifer Ainsworth, Jill Tischinski, Christino Newton, Lissette Auld Row 2: Serenitee Thornton, Mrs. Penny Keith, Michelle Burge, Tammy Fleming, Valerie Connor, Jennifer Stanley Row 3: John Costaneda, Pam Rusch, Jennifer Dowson, Kari Puzer, Toni Shavnore, Kerri, Amber Davis



The Teen Forum group munches on snacks while on break. photo by Trevor Humphreys

Jill Cantu (11) and Toni Shavnore (12) pose once they spy our camera man. photo by Trevor Humphreys

Fighting For Their Rites

To Publish The School News

By Felicia Fillippo

Putting out a paper every three weeks requires more than just writing. Getting information, taking pictures, and writing copy are just a few of the things. It all starts with preparation, then investigating, and finally, making sense of a wordy mess that have been quickly scribbled during an interview.

This year marked the end of one newspaper tradition – The April Fool's Edition. Due to external pressure, based on the premise that "it isn't academic enough and has no educational purpose," it was not printed.

The effort of this year's newspaper staff has been shown throughout the year. Advisor, Mr. Mark Voitenko comments, "This has been the most professional looking paper we've put out at Winnetonka, because of the dedication of Andy and all the other staff members."



Front Row: Cassie Baxter, Ginny Goebel, Gina Bennett Row 2: Sarah Hook, Rebecca Davidson, Rochelle Frederick, John Groves, Michia Sciortino, Rob Layne, Karla Tisor Row 3: Nick Webb, Erik Moore, Kristen Crenshaw, Andy Hankins, Mindi Porter, Mr. Mark Voitenko Row 4: Dana Dehart, Frank Larson



Erik Moore (12) and Cassie Baxter (12) type their stories on the computer. photo by Rochelle Frederick

Photo Editor John Groves (12) selects photos to use in the next issue. photo by Rochelle Frederick

Mike Buckley (11) reads over and corrects his story in order to finalize it. photo by Rochelle Frederick



Business Managers Michia Sciortino (12) and Rochelle Frederick (12) critique the ad that they are working on. photo by John Groves



Senior Heather Bross talks with her group from Maplewood. *photo by Rochelle Frederick*

The kids from Maplewood love gathering around their HI-STEPper, David Bennett (12). *photo by Rochelle Frederick*



Where Making An Impact . . . Lasts A Lifetime

By Andrea Lawler

HI-STEP isn't just another club. It's a club that makes an impact on the lives of young children for the rest of their lives. What HI-STEP does is allow us the high school students to venture out to the different elementary schools around the area and teach the children about the pressures and worries of drugs and alcohol.

Getting involved includes filling out a questionnaire and interview about yourself and working with children.

President Amber Kennedy said, "To make an impact on a child is an amazing accomplishment. Every time I look into a child's face, that is learning from me. I know I've made a difference."



Front Row: Andrea Rusch, Natilie, Riggs, Stephanie Vankeirsbilck, Lisa Anderson, Rochelle Frederick Row 2: Rachel Gillespie, Sarah Garrison, Andrea Lawler, Nicole Acton, Elizabeth Himes, Michael Hudson, Courtney Higgins Row 3: Valerie Connor, Lindsay Major, Amy Voiles, Marisso Meeks, Amber Kennedy, Melissa Moran, Nikki Sowell, Kim Cline Row 4: Melissa Henson, Troy Hott, Julie Cleveland, April Lancaster, Stephanie Benedict, Michelle Allen, Melisso Ruhl, Mrs. Nancy Hudson



Amy Voiles (12) and Valerie Connor (11) discuss the current topic with the students. *photo by Rochelle Frederick*

Senior William Enochs takes time to write in his 4th Graders' journals. *photo by Rochelle Frederick*

Peer Helpers



La La La

By Staff

The busy treble choir still has time to do out of school events and to have fun at the same time. The all female choir participates in all concerts, they sing at the plaza during Christmas time, and also perform at the Renaissance Festival. Every year the choir has recieved one's (the best score possible) at districts and has gone on to state. Each summer the new members are invited to go to the park for their initiation. To get into the choir you must know how to sight read, know what key a song is in and also sing notes back to the instructor after they are played for you. Treble choir hopes to teach its participants how to control and project their own voices and also teach them to blend their voices with others.

French Club

Plans the Year Ahead

By Sarah McArthur



The 1996 French Club started off great. The first meeting was spent discussing fun ideas and neat trips that could be taken. We elected officers, planned a Christmas gift exchange and holiday party. Then for the spring we planned a hot dog party. French Club was mostly, however, surrounded by the upcoming and anticipated Paris trip in the spring. Mrs. Barmann, the organizer, was very excited about the trip. Most French Club members went to Paris. Talk was also excited over a great outing to a French pastry shop on the Plaza.

Der Klub Mach Spass!!

By Jason Tower

There was fun, there was food, and there was frau. The 1996-97 German Club, or Deutsch Klub as it is often referred to, served as a meeting place for a diverse yet elite group of individuals. The Deutsch Klub met at Godfathers Pizza one Tuesday a month to eat pizza and have fun. Co-presidents were Stefan Wettlaufer (11) and Norbert Kaczmarczyk (11), vice president was Nick Webb (12), Sarah Crites (12) was Secretary and William Enochs (12) was treasurer. "Everybody loves German Club," says Wettlaufer, "it's da bomb." "It was an enjoyable club with fun people, because German is cool," says Jared Gregory (11). In the famous words of Frau Enow, "Der Klub mach Spass!!"



B-flat? B-natural?

What the Heck is That?

By Margaret Leocardi

The great thing about mixed choir is you could walk in to F4 without knowing a thing about music, notes, sound, or reading music and Mr. Bunch and Miss Brenner could teach everything you need to know and make it sound great. Everyone works together and tries to make sound seem so easy and powerful. The 90 to 100 people practice everyday first and sixth hour. They read thier notes and continue to practice until it's just right and sounds great. Anyone starting in music should consider mixed choir before working their way up.





Freshmen Choir



Working With Children

In Order To Learn More About Development

By Jennifer Stanley

For two hours each day, Monday - Thursday, the Child Development Lab Class traveled to elementary schools, preschools, and daycares to work with children.

Child Development, however, is not just a class. Child Development Lab helps students who are thinking about a career working with children. Child Development Lab not only touches the hearts of the students in the class, but, also, changes and influences the lives of both the students and the children.

Senior Emily Hunter instructively corrects her student's errors on the chalkboard. photo by Mindi Porter



Front Row: Jennifer Helmers, Tammy Fleming, Christina Newton, Lynne Biggs Row 2: Mrs. Joni Burgess, Jennifer Stanley, Emily Hunter, Jill Tischinski, Crissy Higby, Melissa Jennings Row 3: Rebecca Arnone, Holly Miller, Nicole Dollinger, Nicole Acton



Junior Kim Fisher congratulates her little youngster after he mastered his building skills. photo by Mindi Porter

Chrissy Higby (12) watches over her 5th grade students as they work. photo by Mindi Porter

Beth Webb (11), Joe Henley (10), and Jennifer Allen (9) warm-up for their skit before practice. photo by Susie Zimmerman

Sophomore Joe Henley and Freshman Jennifer Allen demonstrate spirit techniques for their skit. photo by Susie Zimmerman



Whether Spontaneous Or Rehearsed

The 48th ST Players Entertain



Front Row: Grace Vaughn, Bethany Schlueter, Laura Milam, Sara Crites Row 2: Adam Martin, Rob Layne, Bryan Ball, Jennifer Allen, Joe Henley, Lora Gray, Jamie Matthys Back Row: Vicki Milano, Richie Delgado, Jim Glaub, Beth Webb, Nick Trickey, Mrs.



Jennifer Allen (9) and Beth Webb (11) demonstrate, in skit, to Adam Martin (10) how to play the game. photo by Susie Zimmerman

Rebecka Goins (11) and Jamie Matthys (12) watch to learn the game's rules. photo by Susie Zimmerman

Scholar Bowl



Chess Club



Science Olympiad



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Helping To Adapt To A New Land

And Learning To Feel At Home

By Amanda Box

Do you ever dream of visiting a foreign country? Winnetonka has five examples of that this year alone. The 96 - 97 school year's foreign exchange students are Maria Pazmino from Ecuador, Alex Prysch from Switzerland, Sophia Sanquist, Francis Pettit from New Zealand, and Almar Bakker from Holland. These five students chose to leave their way of life for a year to move to America. The AFS club is a group at Winnetonka that help make the U.S. feel more like home.

AFS goes to a restaurant once a month for their meetings. They also have frequent outings to such places as the Renaissance Festival, baseball games, and are planning a picnic. This is all to become friends with the new students and get them familiar with Winnetonka, the community, and the country.



Front Row: Sara Crites, Alex Prysch, Maria Pazmino, Sophia Sandquist, Anna James
Row 2: Deborah Walden, Almar Bakker, Francis Pettit, Nick Webb



AFSers Alex Prysch and Francis Pettit enjoy the Sweetheart Dance. photo courtesy of Maria Pazmino

Emily Hunter (12) gets a piggy-back ride from Almar Bakker (12). photo courtesy of Almar Bakker

Maria Pazmino and Alex Prysch enjoy celebrating New Year's Eve. photo courtesy of Maria Pazmino

Almar Bakker, Maria Pazmino, Kurt from the Netherlands, and Alex Prysch enjoy an evening of relaxing and movies. photo courtesy of Maria Pazmino



Almar shows off the face painting of a dragon and flag for New Year's. photo courtesy of Almar Bakker

Seniors Almar Bakker, Maria Pazmino, Emily Hunter, and Alex Prysch enjoy the AFS picnic. photo courtesy of Almar Bakker



Life In America

By Almar Bakker

Hello fellow Winnetonka students. My name is Almar Bakker and I am an AFS student from the Netherlands. I am a Senior here at Winnetonka.

When I first came here in the United States on August 7, 1996, I didn't know anyone. All new people, a new place to live and new customs were sometimes not really easy.

That changed pretty fast. I got used to the different customs, started to get to know my host family (I live with the Malone Family. Mrs. Malone is a Science Teacher at Winnetonka.) and met new people.

It really changed when I started school here. I met so many new people. They asked me to go to parties and after a few weeks I already had nice friends.

What I like best here is that the people are so nice and friendly in Kansas City. I like Winnetonka very much. The atmosphere is good and there is a lot of courses to take. I like that very much because in the Netherlands you can only take academic classes.

There are a lot of things to do after school. I was involved in Drama, A Capella, and Student Council. I like it that students really have influence in school affairs. I loved doing Shorts, The Crucible, and singing with the Jewell-8 ensemble.

Well, you can probably guess which courses I liked best. Yes, Drama with Mrs. Kall and A Capella with Mr. Bunch.

This AFS-year meant so much for me. I learned to be more independent, self-confident, to adapt to many situations, and how far I will be away after this year.

I will never forget Winnetonka and my friends and how they added something special to my life.

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*D*isplaying a gift from his grandmother, Almar enjoys Christmas with his family. photo courtesy of Almar Bakker

*A*lmar enjoys laying on the floor with his cat. photo courtesy of Almar Bakker

2nd hour DECA members, Anne Skinner, Kennedy Tapp, Katie Winger, and Brent Carver collect mittens for Gillis Community Center during January.

Desiree Peel (12) and Sydney Burford (10) pose for a quick pic at their last concert together.

GVB members caroling at Antioch Center



The senior members of the Bye Bye Birdie cast.

Krista Bear (10) plays the bells at one of Tonka's home football games.





Matt Pugh (12) holds his trumpet with PRIDE at the first home game of the season.

Heather Bross (12) and David Bennett (12) lead an elementary class at a Hi-Step outing.



DECA members are ready for District I DECA competition at Metro North Mall in February 1997.

Krista Bear (10), Andrea Purviance (11), and Cara Boudoin (10) sing at a practice performance before going to Europe.



Jared West (10) grins knowing that it's the last day of school.

GVB poses before a performance at a Basketball game.

After the Sweetheart assembly, the court gathers for a group photo.

Freshmen Carrie King and Marcie Disharoon look cute for a picture.

The Junior guys do what they do best...get crazy!!!



The Class of 1999 girls group before the last day of their sophomore year.

The Winnetonka Griffin excites the crowd at a game.





Andrea Cuda (11) congratulates Tracy Edwards (12) on winning Best Hair at the Senior Oscars.

The Junior Guys show their enthusiasm as they get ready for the summer.



The Varsity Volleyball team gets together at the homecoming dance for a picture.

During a Football game, senior Mike Mason gives Sophomore, Cristina Strada a hug.



Friends Allison Heilbey and Brandon Capps smile on their road to juniors.

Freshmen Stacy Friend, Marcie Disharoon, and Tereasa Guastillo, stop in the hall for a photo opportunity.

Sophomores, Lisa Smith, Cristina Strada, and Sarah Tai-
bot turn to smile as they are caught fighting over a bas-
ketball before a game.



Justin Bolsenga hops on Ammon Burch's shoulders and
gets wild during a song at a dance.



Cristina Strada and Allison Keilbey show their friendship
with a smile.

The fans of Winnetonka Basketball show their support
for Senior basketball player, Morgan.



The Junior girls squeeze together on their last day of
being Juniors.

Trevor Humphreys gets a free ride on the shoulders of
friend Ammon Burch.





Some of the Sophomores smile for one last class memory.

Some of the Freshmen get prepared for one of their first experiences with high school dances.



The Varsity Cheerleading squad show off their awards at camp.

Some of the Juniors say goodbye to homework and books for the summer.

Haley Struxness, Kim Fisher, Karla Tisor, and Marcie Brookings get all fired up before the homecoming game.



Thank you to the following people for contributing pictures for pages 134-139:

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 Haley Struxness

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Roe and Teresa lack funness at fun Winnetonka.

Chris Humphreys shows his funniness with a wink.



The Junior girls get down and get ready for a fun filled summer.

Ryan Weaver and Beth Bourne share a fun moment.



Three of the sophomore girls share a little bit of their fun side with two of the sophomore guys.

Betsy Struxness and Cindy Gay show their funny smiles.





Juniors Chris Denk, Scott Ziller, Kevin Parker and Mark McCoy get together for a happy picture.

Darin Osborn and Call Borland happily embrace as they get ready for a happy picture.

Five freshmen show their happiness at a happy dance.



Seven Juniors happily smile after the parade at the happy homecoming.

Tracy Edwards and Trevor Humphreys share a happy moment at the Sweetheart assembly.

You Oughta Be In Pictures

By Rob Layne

Each picture that is taken has a story, a message, a secret, an emotion. Pictures tell us who won, who lost, who we are, and what we do. As we do every year, pictures are taken of Winnetonka's underclassmen. Each person's picture holds that moment that they can never relive, but can always remember.

A freshman's picture holds anxiety and eagerness just the way most freshmen feel their first year. Almost everything and everyone is new. That picture tells us a story of how a freshman joined clubs, ran for office, and made new friends.

A photo of a sophomore tells us of confidence. A sophomore jingling precious key to a car. A tenth grader, who has made friends, been through the system, knows the people, and has seen the teachers. Each picture lets us know what has happened and what might be.

A junior's photograph is a story of waiting. Waiting to be at the top, to be a Senior, to have their own locker. An eleventh grader has more opportunities, more freedom, and more responsibility. A photo tells us of the fun of finally going out for lunch.

Each picture's story has a star. Each star has a story to be told. We tell that story. And that is why

You Oughta Be In Pictures.



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Sal Artese
Naheed Babaei
Amanda Backenstoss
Trenton Baier
Allen Bailey



Jason Baldwin
Lisa Balentine
Grant Barker
Ryan Barnes
Tara Baxter
Mark Beach
Josh Bell



Alike, Yet Different

By Amanda Box



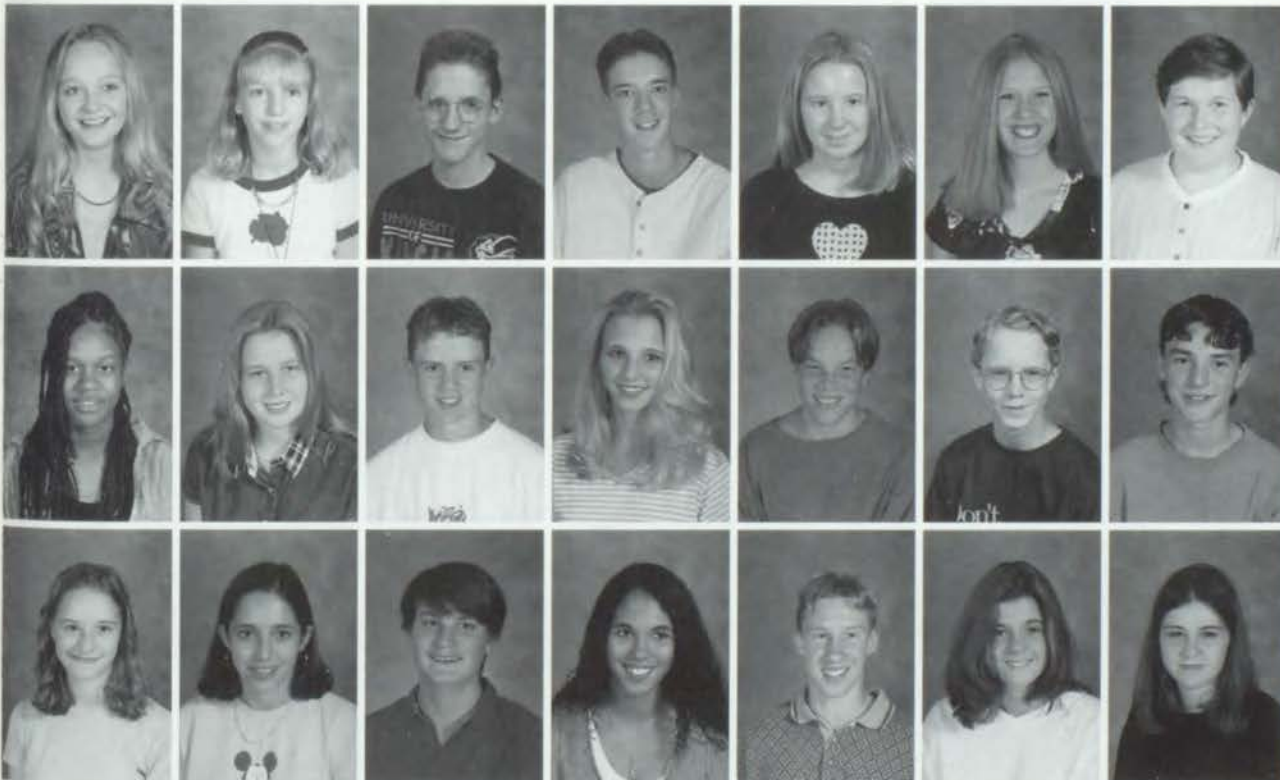
What are two people that can be so alike, yet so different? Nothing other than a set of twins of course! Twins are probably something you see at Winnetonka a lot more often than you think. Whether they are identical or look totally opposite, the number of twins in Winnetonka is on a rise. This year there were around fourteen sets of twins. There are many opinions on what it is actually like having a twin brother or sister.

According to Travis Wright (11), having an identical twin brother has its advantages and disadvantages. "The fact that there are more clothes," he mentioned, is something that is good about having Tate as a twin brother. One of the things I don't like is when people get us mixed up."

When asking Jolynn and Melissa Mortallaro (11) about being twins, they both agreed that they liked it. They love always having someone to talk to about anything. One of the disadvantages Melissa mentioned was having to act as a kind of "parent" to each other, protecting one another is a big part of being a twin.

Being a twin might not always be the best, but to having a brother or sister that is your best friend is something that every twin cherishes.

*T*win brothers Matt and Mike Mason (12) are just one of the many sets of twins attending Winnetonka. photo by Tracy Edwards



Nicole Berkley
Lisa Bernhardt
James Berry
Matt Bertrand
Jennifer Biby
Jennifer Biggerstaff
Johnathon Bish

Martine Booker
Sherri Boss
Dustin Boswell
Heather Bowman
Adam Boyd
Craig Brady
Richard Breeze

Andrea Brennan
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Gabriele Cusumano
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Leslie Delay
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Workin Up A Sweat



By Gina Bennett

Many of our fellow students lead very active lives. Some play two different sports at the same time, and others work in some form of other exercise into their busy schedules.

Tennis player Pete Asta (12), baseball player Erik Moore (12), and soccer player Robbie Moore (10) get together and play roller hockey in an out-of-school league. Luckily for them their outside sports do not interfere with their school sports but sometimes problems do occur.

"It doesn't give me a lot of time to do my homework," said Erik Moore.

For others there is a conflict between school sports and outside sports. Brooke Porter (11) adjusts her schedule, for example: her Tuesday schedule consists of soccer practice right after school, and then she goes to volleyball practice afterwards.

"For now, it keeps me busy and I'm not bored," Brooke said.

It is not just active sports that students participate in, they also exercise or do aerobics.

"I do aerobics for exercise as well as fun, and I feel better afterwards," says senior Tracy Edwards.

Senior Phil Eichelberger takes advantage of the school's weight room to work out. *photo by Tracy Edwards*



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Renee Estrada
Vanessa Evans
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Dustin Farmer

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Ryan Fields
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Heith Hailey
Kyra Hall
Heidi Harkrider
Sean Harrison



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Lacy Hawn
Mary Helbock
Chad Helmers
Jordan Henderson
Adam Hennessy
Houston Hensel



Mark Herring
Maria Hiles
Matt Hillman
Sara Hobbs
Corey Hogan
Emily Holm
Eric Homan



Kathy Hott
Misty Houston
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Christina Huff
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Tonka Goes High-Tech, After Bond

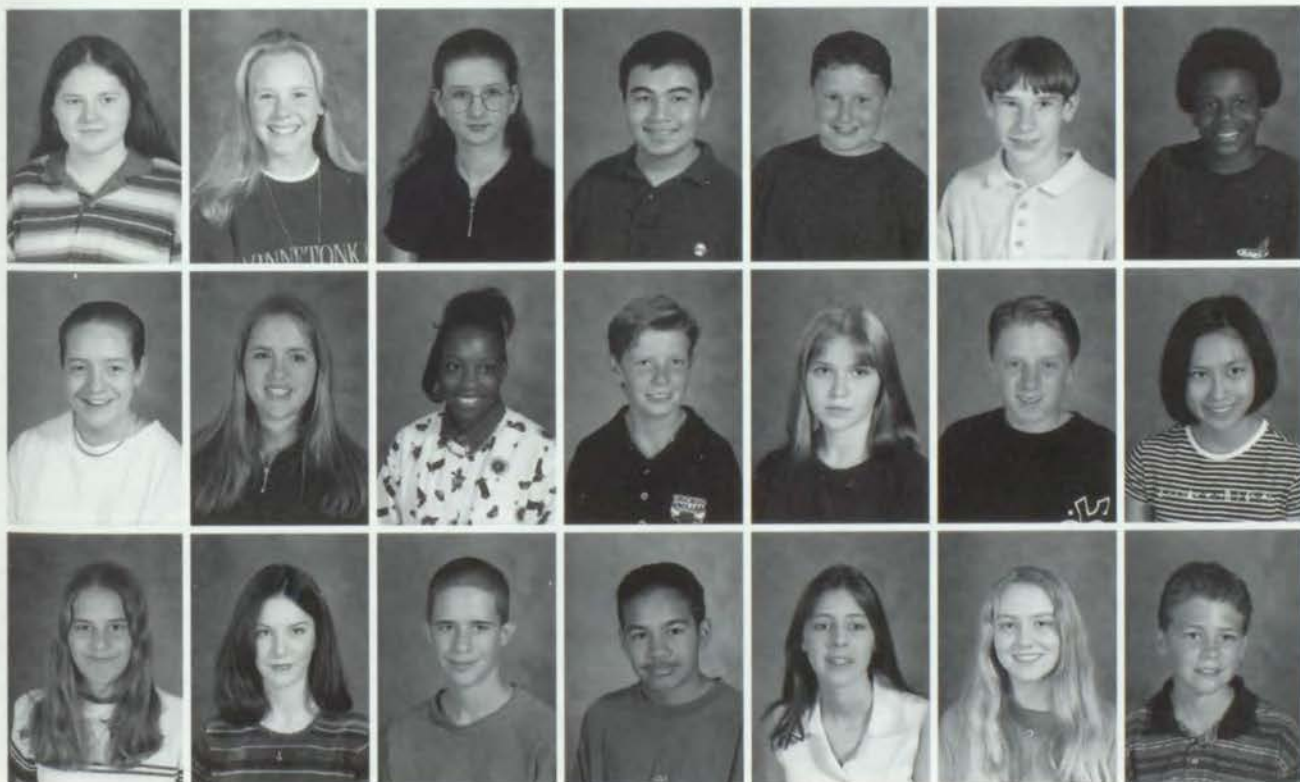


By Rob Layne

When the bond was approved by voters in April of 1996, Winnetonka gained significant amounts of new technology. Computer labs in the school were given new computers. The Curriculum Lab, that was running with virtually old computers, received thirty, new Compaq Presario's with Internet access and CD-ROM drives. It was a substantial improvement for the lab. The Curriculum Lab was not the only place that received upgraded computers. The Business Department was allotted new desks and was also given more computers to help with increased standards of the business department education.

Students in our school were affected not only through the addition of new equipment, but also through employment. Jay Christensen (12) was one of the students given a job to help maintain the computers in the school and in the district. Without assistance from some of the high school students we probably would have the computer system down half of the time. Students, such as Jay, help out each of the schools and make sure that they run problem free, most of the time. Without the bond, most of our schools would be behind in technology.

Student technician Jay Christensen (12) works during the second half of the day on the school's equipment. photo by Michia Sciortino



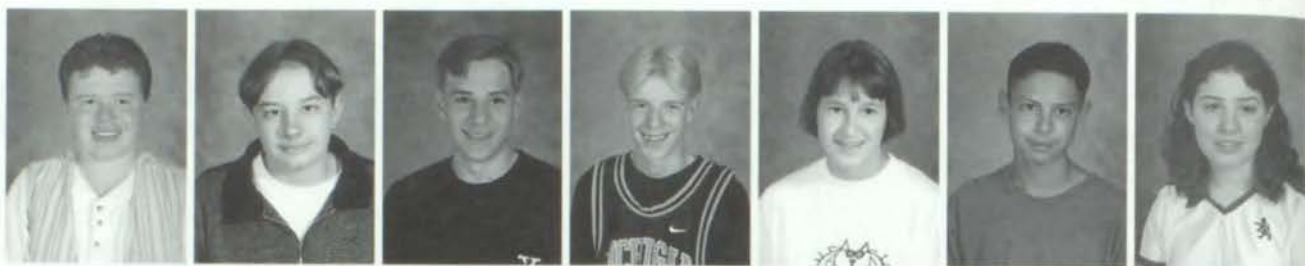
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What To Do For Fun Headline



By Felicia Filippo

You can find fun anywhere if you're with friends. At least that's what most Tonka students say. Whether it's going to the mall, out to eat, to a party, or just hanging out, it's always better with friends you enjoy being around.

So what are all the Tonka students doing for fun? Parties and hanging out with friends seem to be the things to do. There's nothing better than being with a crowd of happy people and just watching movies, talking and dancing.

There are always the old standby's: mall, movies, or bowling. Other things include dance clubs, sporting events, concerts, and high energy activities such as aerobics and other sports.

Many students get a car load and end up just driving around, whether it be just cruising that long stretch of road or going until there is something to do. Cars and trucks are a major factor in what Griffins do for fun. Without them many students don't know what to do.

It's up to each person to find some good friends and have some real fun!

*T*wo of Tonka's Seniors, Courtney O'Halloran and Brenda Enkelmann, enjoy a Winnetonka baseball game. *photo by Gina Bennett*



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Crystal Resch
Amanda Rhoades
Malissa Riehl
Natalie Riggs
Corey Roberts



Kiara Robinson
Garrett Roe
Nikole Rogers
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Kerrie Runyan
Dawn Rupp
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Alisha Sisney



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Phillip Soule
April Spiwak
Bryan Spragg
Ryan Srack



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Shannon Stein
Matthew Stern
Maria Stevenson
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Nathan Stewart
Scott Stith



Eric Stitt
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Amanda Summers
Bryan Sutphin
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Lauren Swercinski



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Christopher Thayer
Amy Thompson
Scot Thomson
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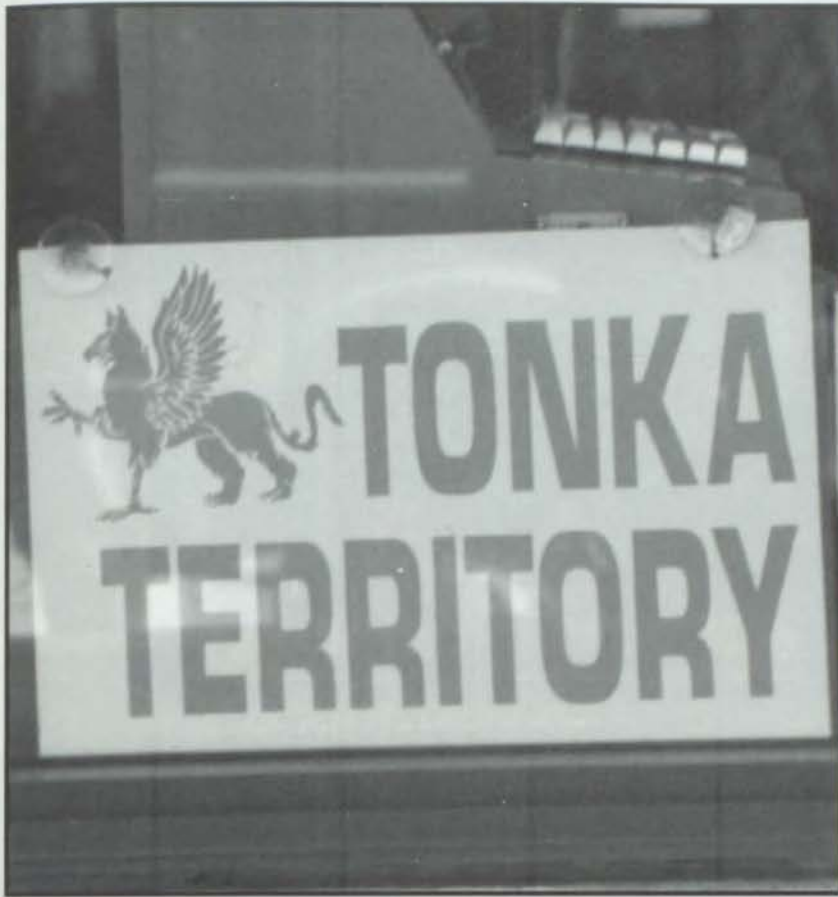


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Businesses That Care

By Gina Bennett



Tonka Territories are the businesses in the area that donate money to help improve our school. This is one of the best investments that a business can make, an investment of the future.

The territories are divided into three levels, the Patron level, the Cardinal level, and the Gold level, the level that they are in is based on the amount of the donation.

The Patron level is one hundred dollars donation, Cardinal level is five hundred dollars, and the Gold level is one thousand dollars. The Gold level donators are: Worlds and Oceans of Fun, Bill Woods Ford, Interstate Bakeries Corp., St. Luke's Northland Hospital, Texaco, FastSigns, Farmland Industries, and Shaw Electric.

These companies not only donate money to the school they also employ some of the Tonka student body. Who knows they way they are investing into our future, maybe some of us will be the CEO's of their companies.

It is good that the community wants to get involved and help make Winnetonka a better place to go to school, said Senior Andy Hankins.

Signs like this one that hangs in the Dry Cleaners at Antioch identify the Tonka Territories Businesses. *photo by Tracy Edwards*



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Anna Wilson
Courtney Wilson
Pam Wilson
Brandon Wilt

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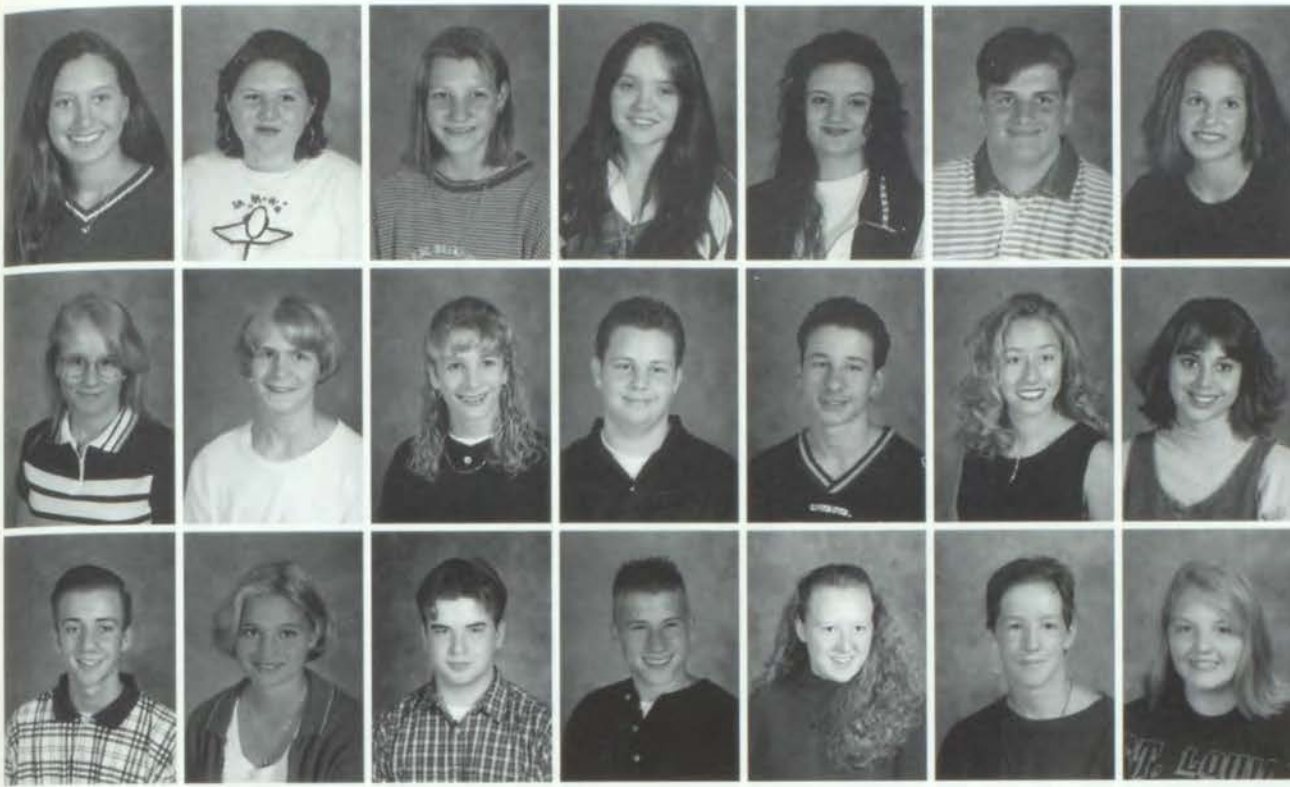


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Mike Bukovac
Sydney Burford
Mary Burke

Grant Burnfin
Christina Campobasso
Alex Canapa
Brandon Capps
Stacie Carlock
Shawn Carroll
Tosha Carter

Driving For The First Time



By Felicia Filippo

For most sophomores the highlight of their year is getting their driver's license. It is the chance of gain more freedom, more power, and, of course, more responsibility. At 15 1/2 most students have the opportunity get their permits, which allows their first "legal" drive with their parents. Then six months to practice and you get the real thing, with a car driving test.

But there are downsides to getting a license: car payments, gas money, insurance, repairs, and the dreaded tickets, sideswipes, fender benders, or worse. Some students are forced to get after school jobs to pay for all their car expenses. Others rely on parents or good-grade insurance discounts. Many can not get enough advice about driving.

Tonka driving expert, Mr. Baker, shares his great driving experiences and advice. My worst driving experience with a student was on ice. We did a few 360s, ended up sideways just as a semi passed by. Another Baker Tale was when he was riding home at night with a friend who fell asleep at the wheel and crashed into a guard rail. So take it from Mr. Baker, don't drive at night when you're tired, on ice, in bad weather or when you're in a hurry.

While driving has its ups and downs, getting the car you love is a big plus as Harriet Grindel (12) knows. photo by Tracy Edwards

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Theresa Chavez
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Nathan Clifton



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Chris Collins
Shawn Collins
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Matt Daniels
Russell Darr



Jennifer Davidson
Eric Davis
Jon Davis
Kristin Davis
Robert Davis
Rebecca Day
Philip Digiovanni



Dasch Disharoon
Jacque Dodd
Jessica Dome
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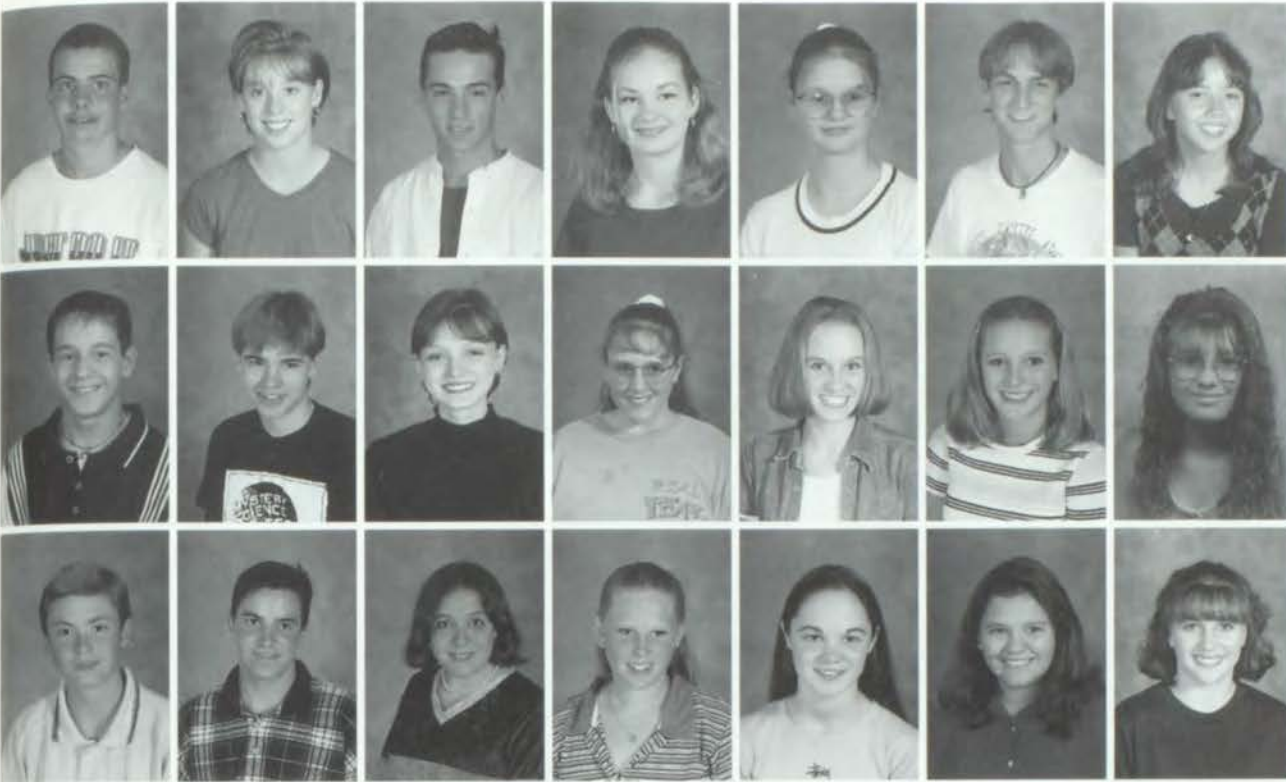


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After The Bell, It s Off To Work

By Sarah Garrison



High school students don t spend all of their time having fun. Once the bell strikes 2:30, Winnetonka students rush off to practices, meetings, community service, and jobs, yes, jobs. WORK!

If you were to walk into local shopping malls, grocery stores, and restaurants you would be sure to find some hard-working Winnetonka students there. And many Tonka students work together or work at a particular place because one of their friends works there already.

Not only do these teens put in a full day at school, but they also put in a good six hours at work. Of course, they have to leave some time to study, eat, sleep, and have a little bit of fun.

Lindy Cain (12), who works at Hot Line in Antioch Shopping Center, says that even though it is really hard keeping up on my school work, it s worth it because I meet a lot of different people and get an awesome discount on my shoes.

The variety of jobs that students hold range greatly, but for most students, having a job isn t all bad. It teaches responsibility, trust, and gives money for a job well done.

One of the most popular Tonko Students Stop is QuikTrip who happens to employ Senior David Bennett among other Tonka students. photo by Gina Bennett

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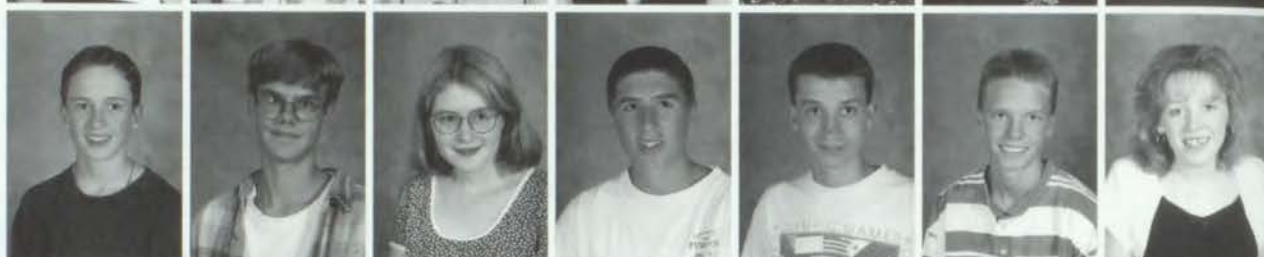
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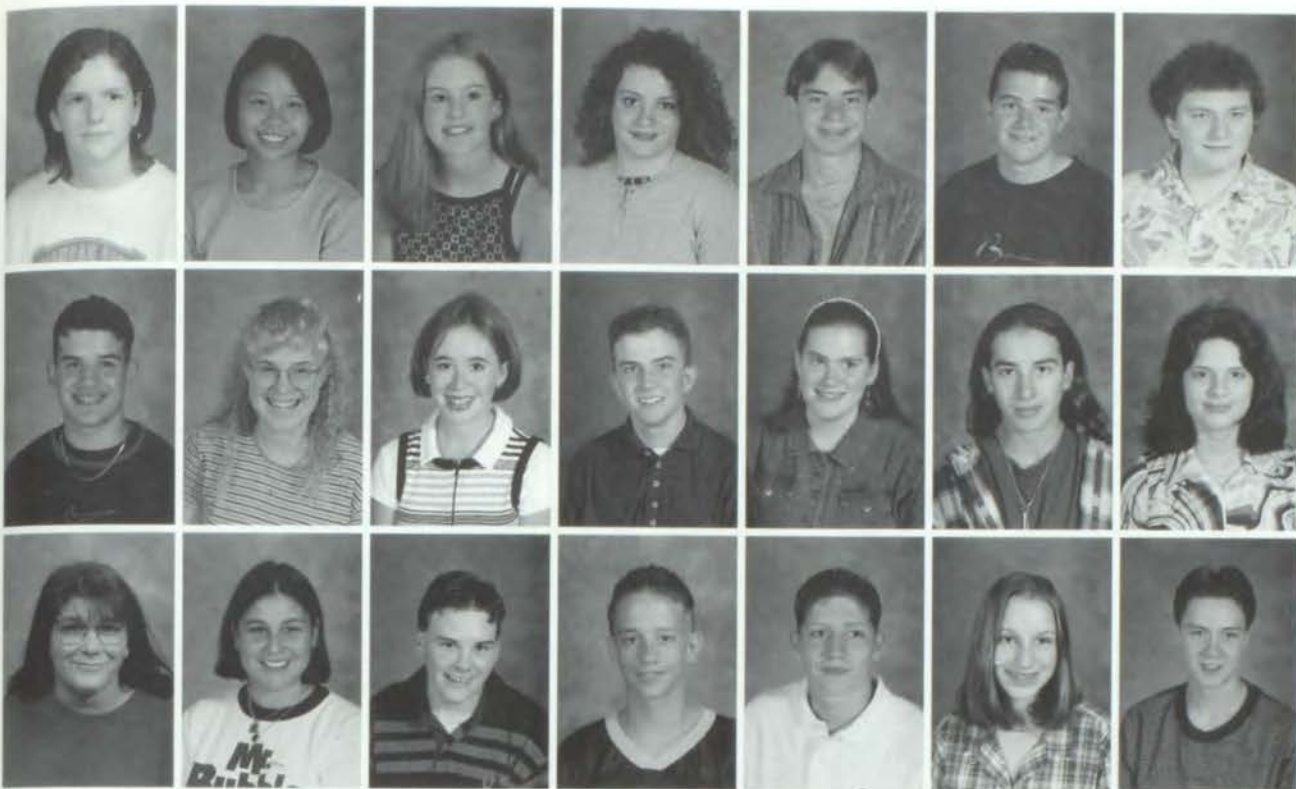


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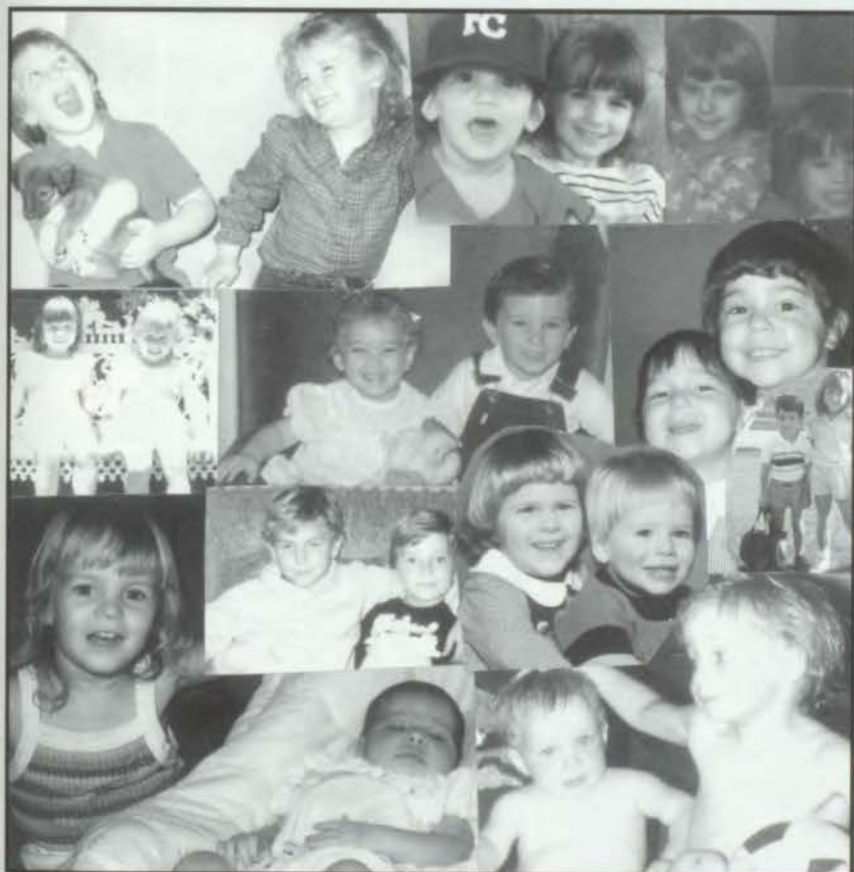
Burden or Gift?

By Kerry Hennessy

The expression blood is thicker than water is a very true statement at Winnetonka. In Tonka's halls, siblings are everywhere. The siblings might not appreciate the fact that someone says they look or act alike, but many, especially the younger ones, secretly enjoy it. The bond they share is strong for they have grown up and watched each other change and grow on the road to adulthood, each being a great support for the other.

For most of your life, having a sibling has been a burden. Then one day you are walking the halls of Winnetonka, you turn around and you see a fellow Griffin. This person turns and says, "Hi sis!" or "Hey bro!" Who is that you think? Could that be that twirp you grew up with? A smile comes over and you realize that this person is not a burden but a gift. This Griffin is your best friend for the rest of your life. It is a wonderful feeling that you shared some of your time at Winnetonka with them.

Some of Tonka's siblings: Row 1: Brent & Sarah Garrison, Joe & Cristina Strada, Ginny & Dana Goebel Row 2: Janice & Jill Tischinski, Holly & Ryan Blake, Chuck & Andrea Cuda Row 3: Mike & Mark McCoy, Kerry & Adam Hennessy, Trenton & Ashley Boier Row 4: Heather & Lindsay Bross, Chris & Kyle Rau. photo collection by Kerry Hennessy



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Amy Bonnie
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Cole Morgan



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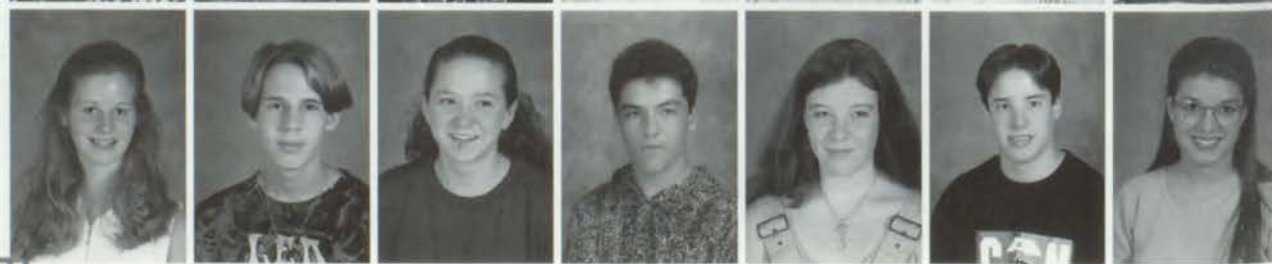
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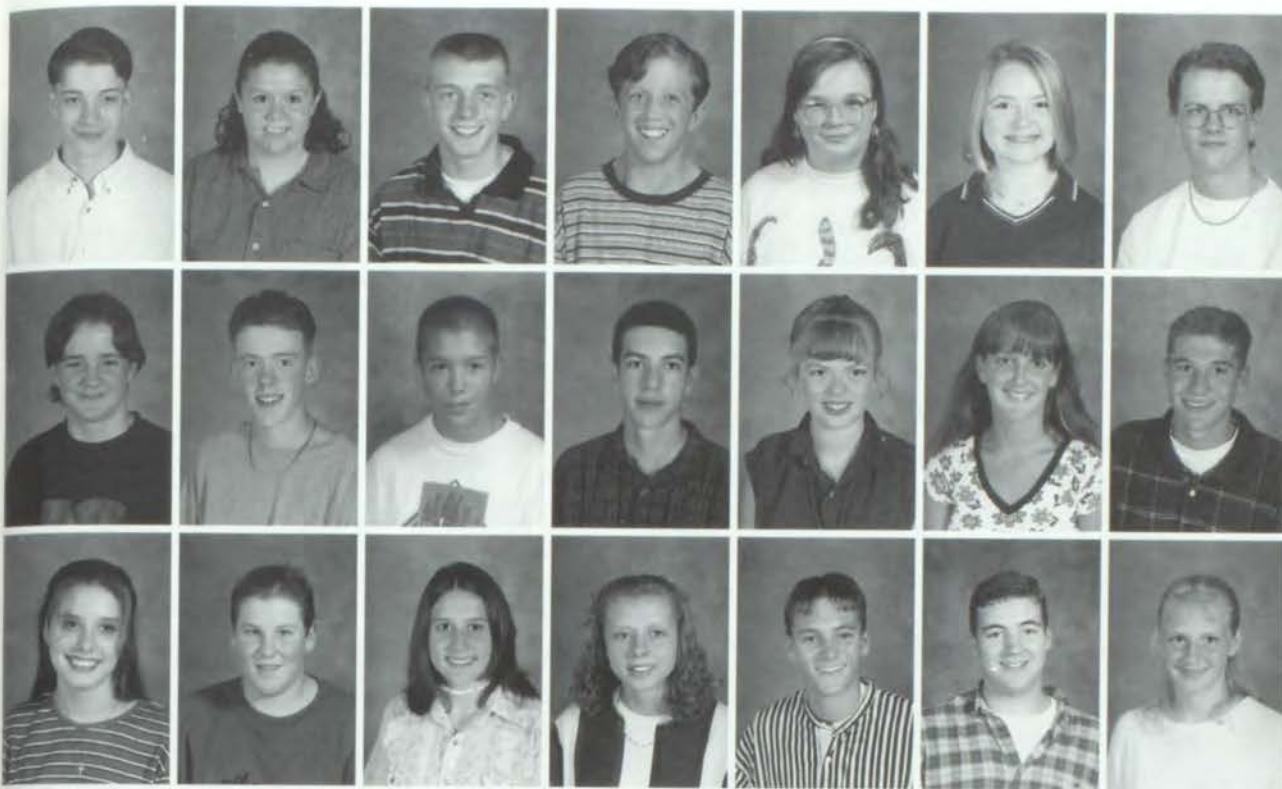


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Nicole Rupe
Jared Ryan

Tabitha Ryan
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Christain Saphire
Melissa Scherette
Zach Schlobohm
David Seifers
Julie Shannon

Is it Just a Blowoff Hour?



By Jennifer Stanley

T.A.? Teacher Advisement? Tell All? Temperature Adjustment? Although T.A. could stand for any of these examples, T.A. is short for Teacher Assistant.

Whether you T.A. for the main office, the counseling office, a teacher, a faculty member, or even the nursery, each Teacher Assistant has a different job or different responsibilities.

T.A.s duties range from grading papers, taking attendance, sorting papers, folding, stapling, and labeling the parent newsletter, Tonka Talks to Parents, delivering passes, and collecting attendance. That's not to mention various other things that faculty members come up with to do.

Most T.A.s, however, have mastered the complex task of roaming the hall and what classroom is where. It seems everytime you're in the hallway you hear people asking where the NW classroom is.

We make appointments and write passes for counseling appointments and do paperwork for teacher advisement, commented Tammy Fleming (12) about her responsibilities.

The most important thing a T.A. must never forget is: Don't leave the room or office without your TA. Pass!

Three students help Mrs. Ryan during their T.A. hour. photo by Tracey Edwards

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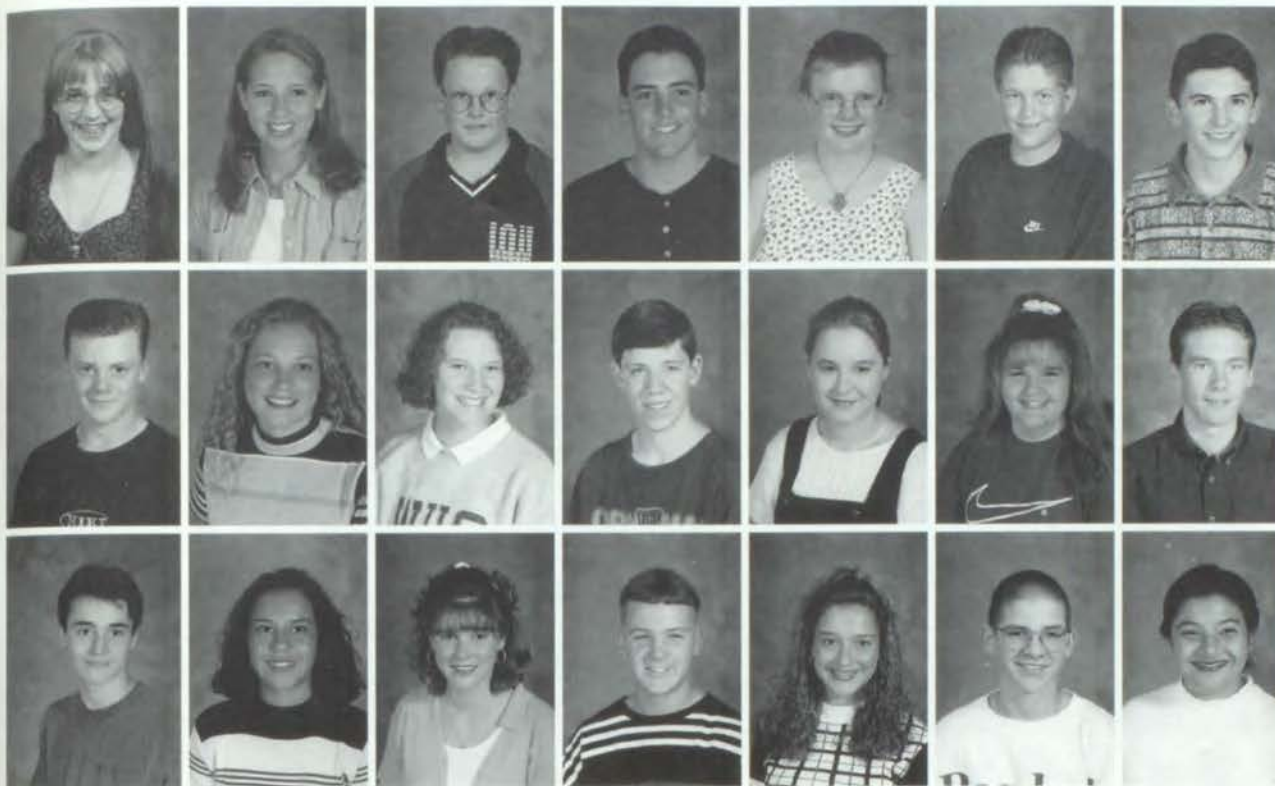


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A Happy Medium?



By Rochelle Frederick

It's that point when you feel you can't go on. You feel like pulling your hair out, literally. You just want to scream. But what is the cause of your pain.

STRESS!!!

"I'm so stressed out! I can't take it anymore! Make it all go away!"

More than once in our lives we have all said these things. And we are all told more than once to reduce the stress in our lives. But how?

Stress relievers are hot on the market this year. From the squeezable heads to relaxing nature music, there are a variety of solutions. And for many the mere presence of their friends helps to calm them down.

Stress and teenage life seem to go hand in hand. It is brought on by involvement in school, clubs, sports, studies, work, entertainment, homelife, and dating. The balanced combination of these is often hard to find.

"I have so many things going on at once. Between school, work, and fun, finding a happy medium is hard," commented Michia Sciortino (12).

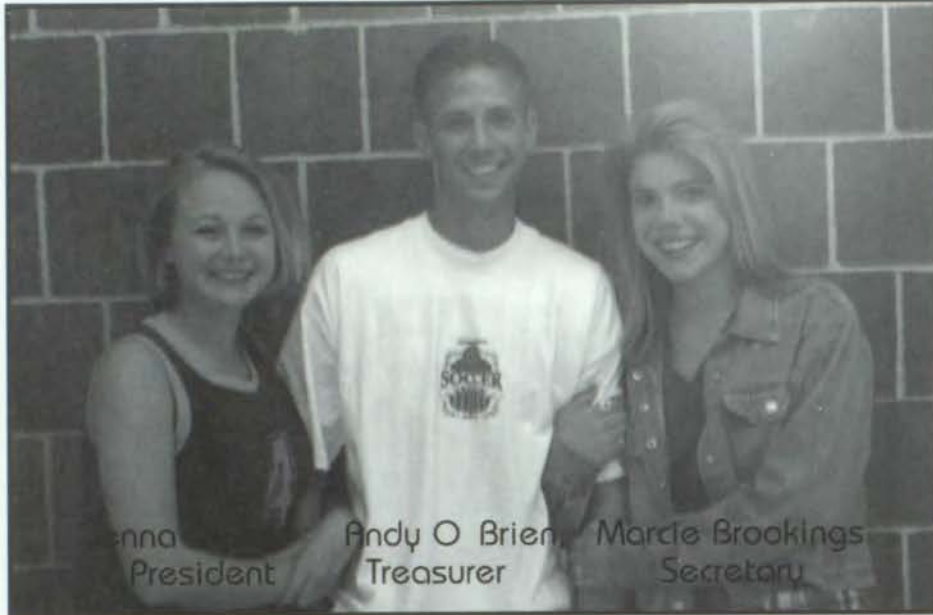
Every person has a different level of stress and every person finds a different way to relieve that stress, but it's something that we all have in common.

Serving various school clubs and organizations offices along with the day to day stress of life, Senior Michia Sciortino knows what stress is. *photo by Tracy Edwards*

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They Just Wanna Rock

By Michia Sciortino



Some high school students form bands in order to have fun with their friends and to do the thing that they love. One of Tonka's major bands is Pinion.

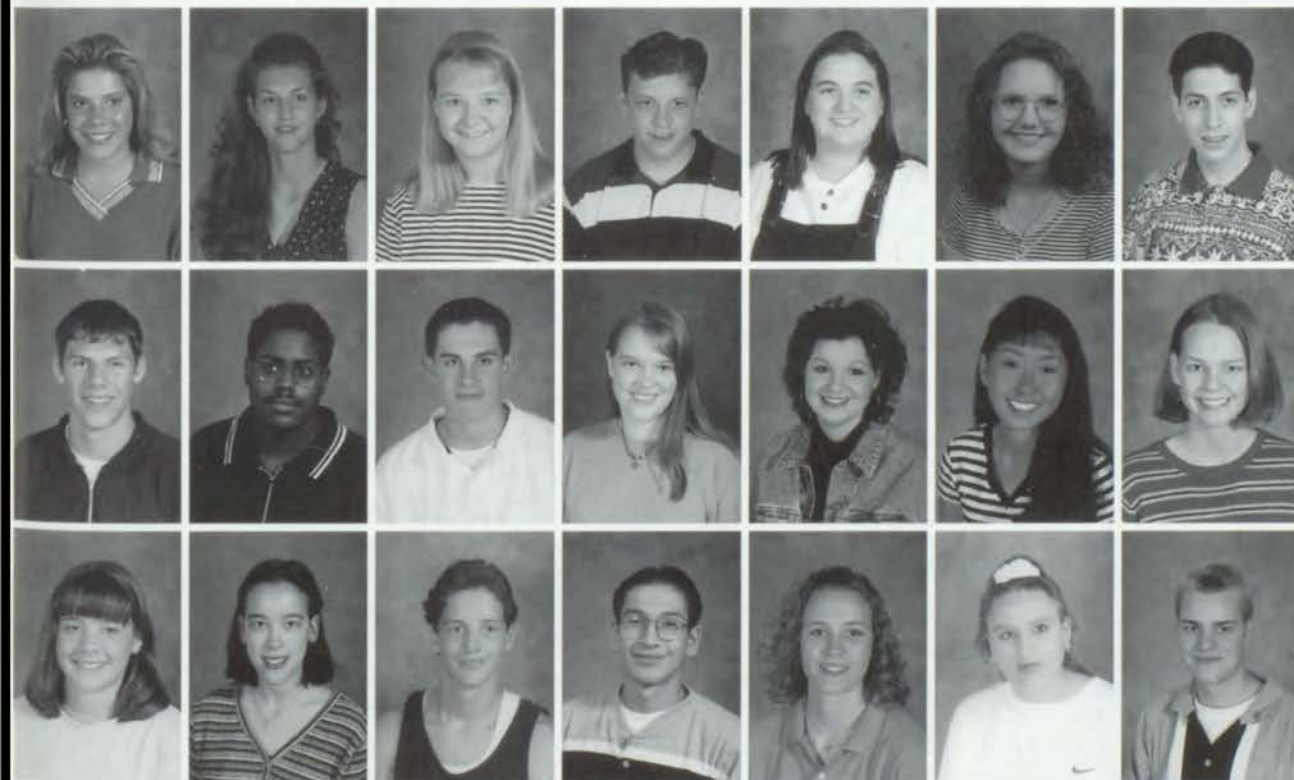
Band members are Seniors Jim Wehmueller, John Mendon, and Trent Larson. It was the Fall of '94 when John and Trent started their search for a drummer.

When the first one didn't work out it was time to find a bassist. After some splits in the band and overcoming many complications they have come to the point where they are today; a band of three playing many gigs.

They perform songs by Nirvana, Smashing Pumpkins, and Metallica as well as writing their own music. They describe their music as heavy grunge comparable to Helmet.

Although not the only band at Winnetonka, they are the most well known. Students flock to their concerts and enjoy the performance they put on.

*B*and members Jim Wehmueller (12), John Mendon (12), Trent Larson (12) make up Pinion. *photo courtesy of Pinion*



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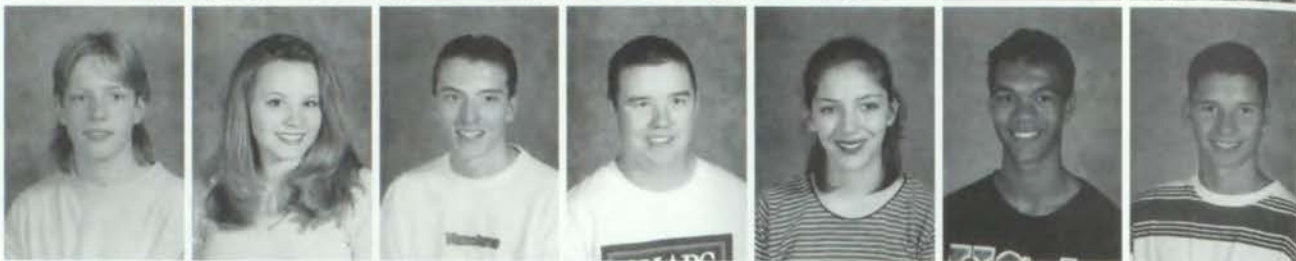
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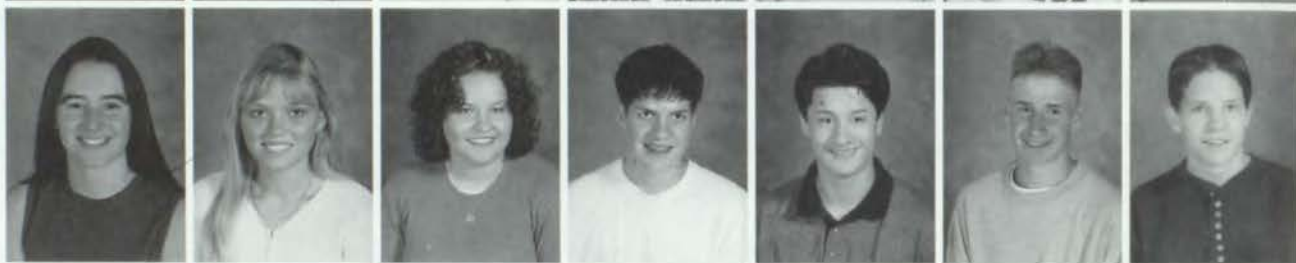
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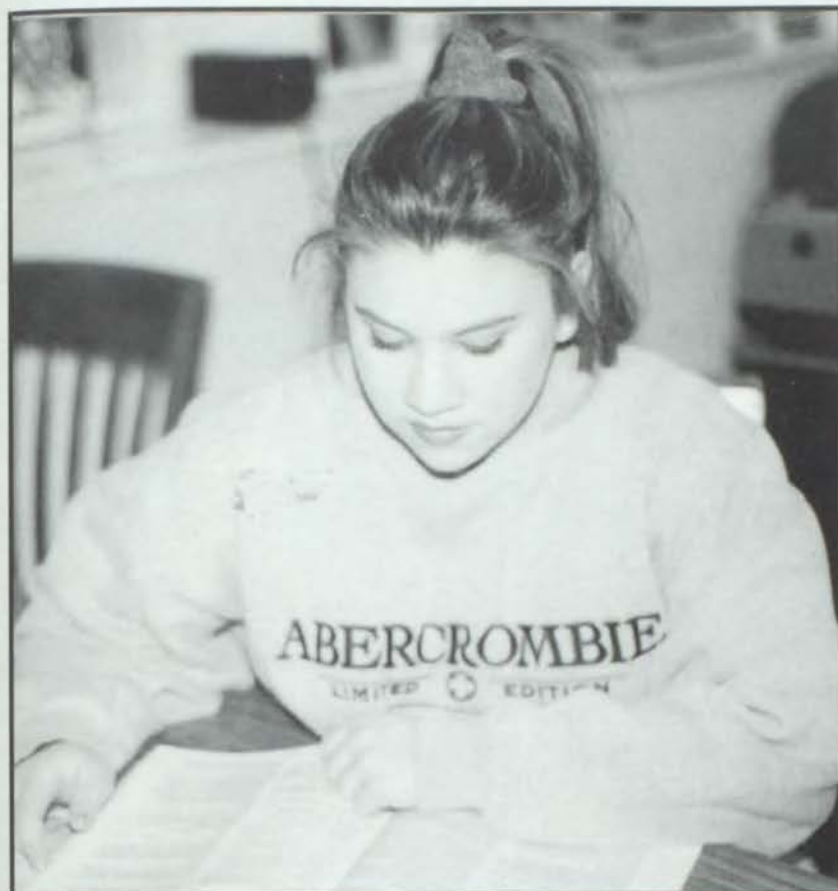


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What To Do After High School

By Michelle Burge

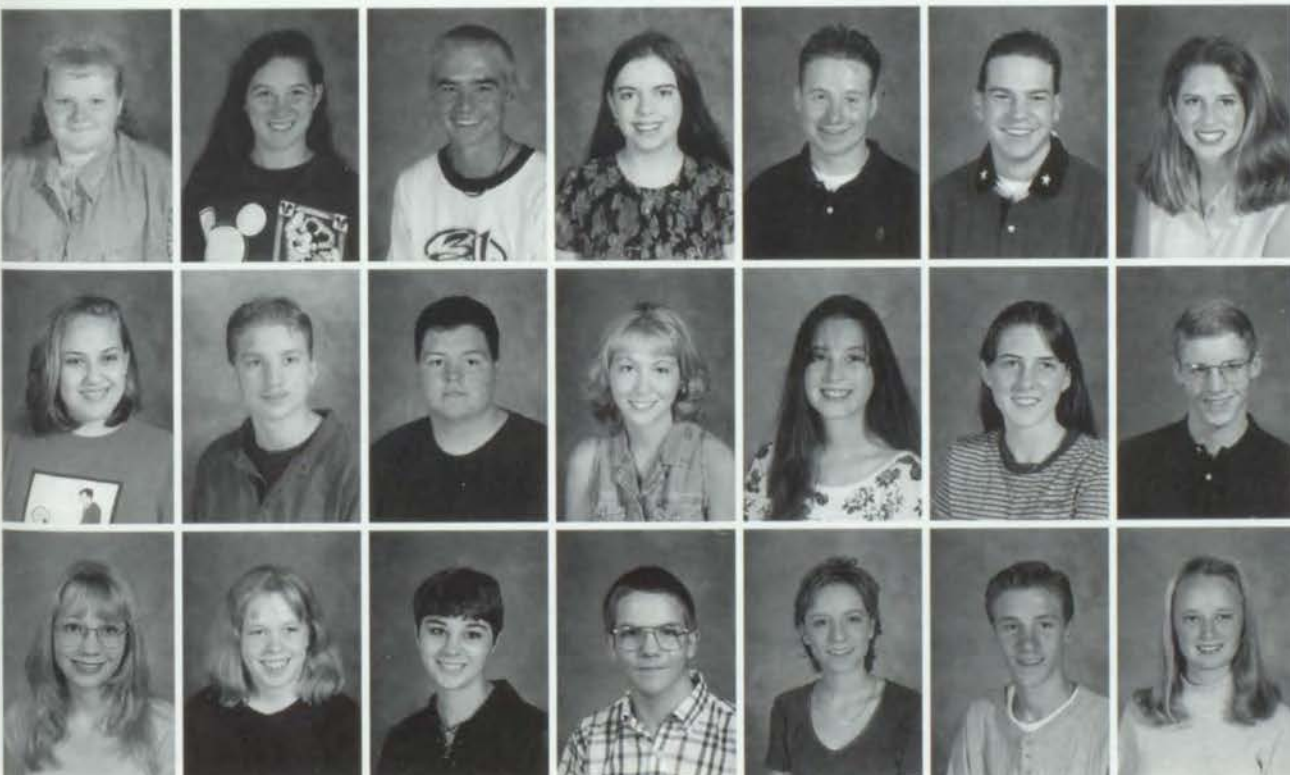


As a student's high school career keeps getting shorter, one begins to picture what the future has in store for them. Many students predict their own lives by saying they will be rich and famous, other students speak of true love and happiness. But, the most popular response to "what are you going to do after high school?" is going to college. Yet, these same college bound students have no idea where that college might be or how it is going to cost.

Looking through college catalogs and view books is only the beginning of the stressful whirlwind. Trying to choose between the many private and community colleges is the biggest decision many students have ever tried to make. Finding a college that compliments one's future remains to be mind-boggling and difficult, since it will have the greatest impact on the journey of life.

With help of thoughtful teacher, knowledgeable classmates and helpful parents, we may all find a school that is the perfect choice for us. Then maybe, life after high school, will be where we discover our hidden talents and pursuit of happiness. Then everything we learned growing up will fall into place and we will turn into what we always wanted to be.

*J*unior Christina Lanfranca looks through one of the many college catalogs available in the counseling office. *photo by Michia Sciartino*



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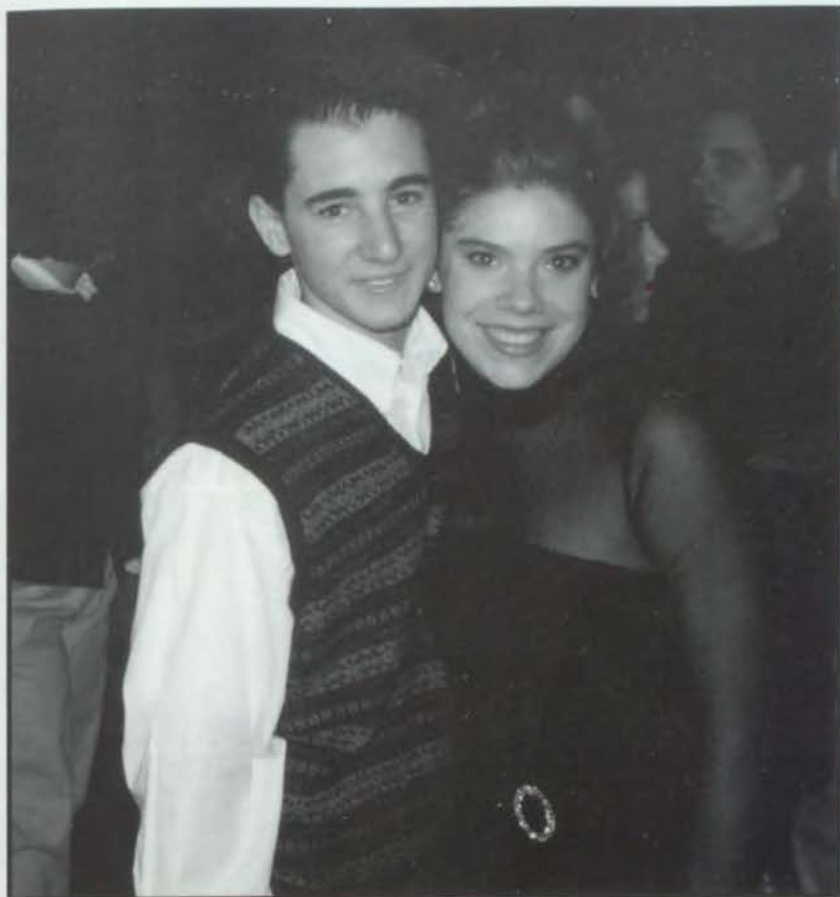


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All's Fair In Love And . . . Dating

By Rochelle Frederick

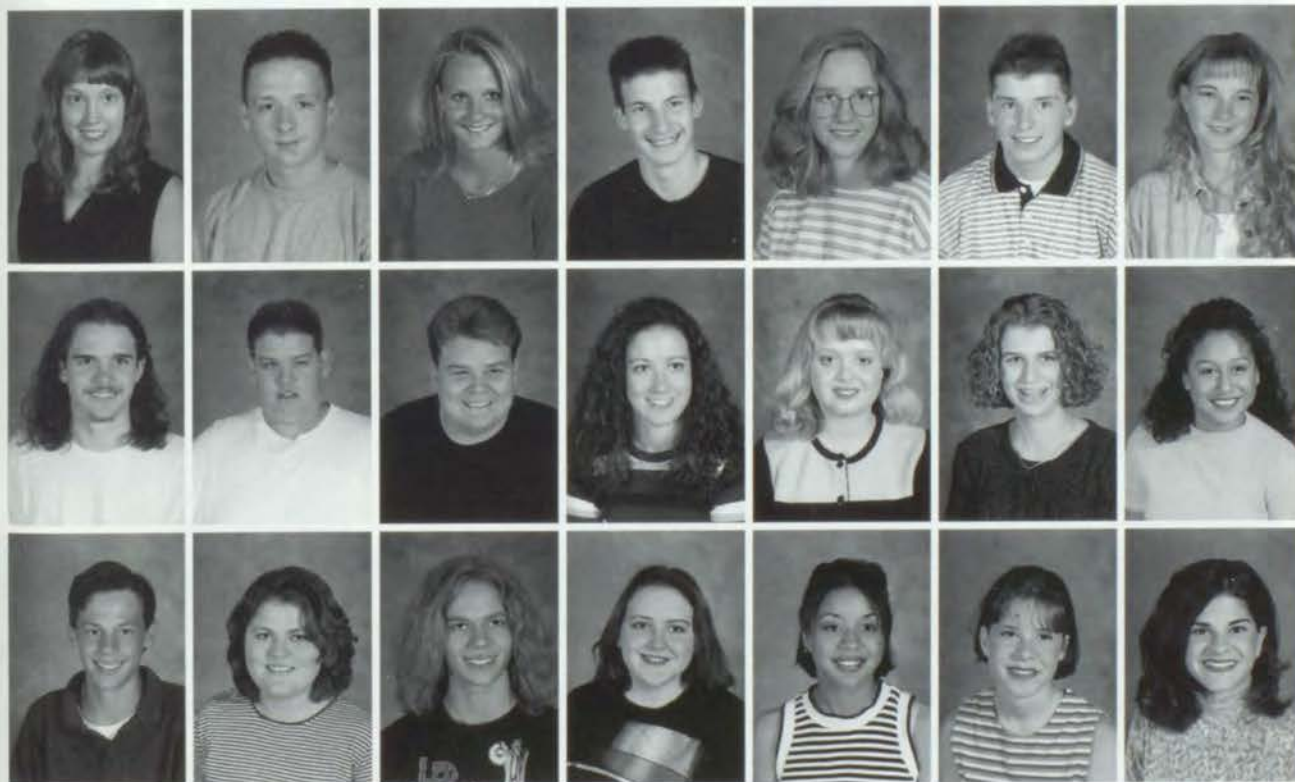


Love, hate, tears, and smiles. These are just a few of the things that go along with dating. Everyone has had their experience with dating. It is one of the toughest things to go through in high school. Like you don't already have enough to worry about, then you have the fear of asking your crush out, and what their answer will be, and where will you go, and who will pay, how much will it cost?! AHHHH! Take a deep breath, sit back and relax, it will be okay. Things do work out.

There is the date that the perfect guy asks you out on and it went so great, you just know this is the one. Then you get to school on Monday and everyone whispers and laughs as you walk by. You are crushed! But then you have the day when the guy who sits a row over in you algebra class nervously asks you to homecoming and you think, "Well, okay. He is kinda cute. What's one date?" Then one date turns into many and before you know it you have been going out for over a year and you are the happiest you have ever been.

These are just a couple of scenarios of what happens as we all try to reach maturity and find our soulmate, the one we want to spend the rest of our lives with, but rarely find while we are in high school.

*R*yan Blake (12) and Marcie Brookings (11) are just one of the many couples at Tonka. photo by Tracy Edwards



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Jason Perry
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Tommy Pittala



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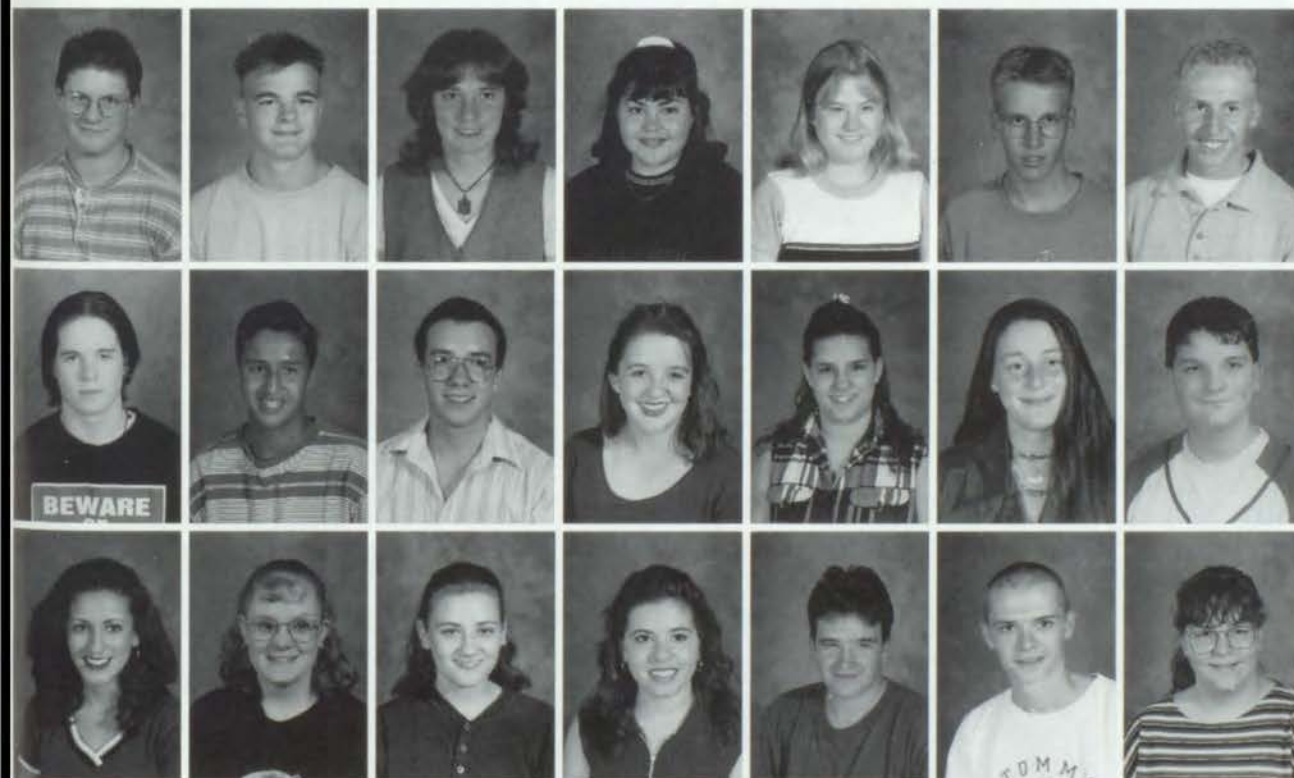
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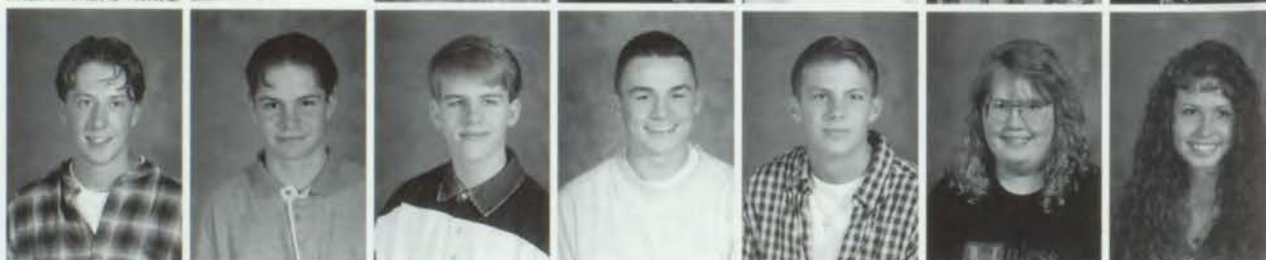
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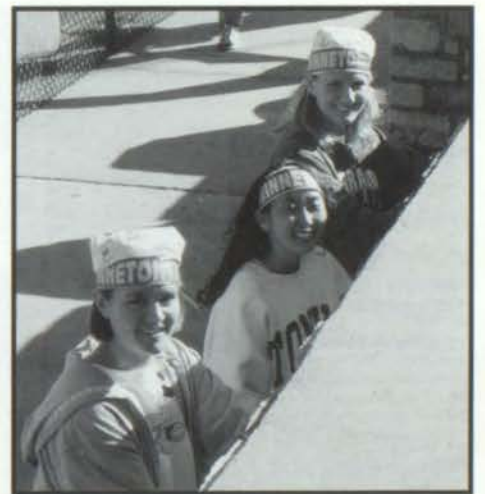
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Kossie Bird, Mathematics
Marlo Bixler, Business
Sandy Bock, Counseling Secretary
Ann Brown, Business
Diana Brozovich, Physical Education



Allan Bunch, Vocal Music
Joni Burgess, Fam. & Consum. Sciences
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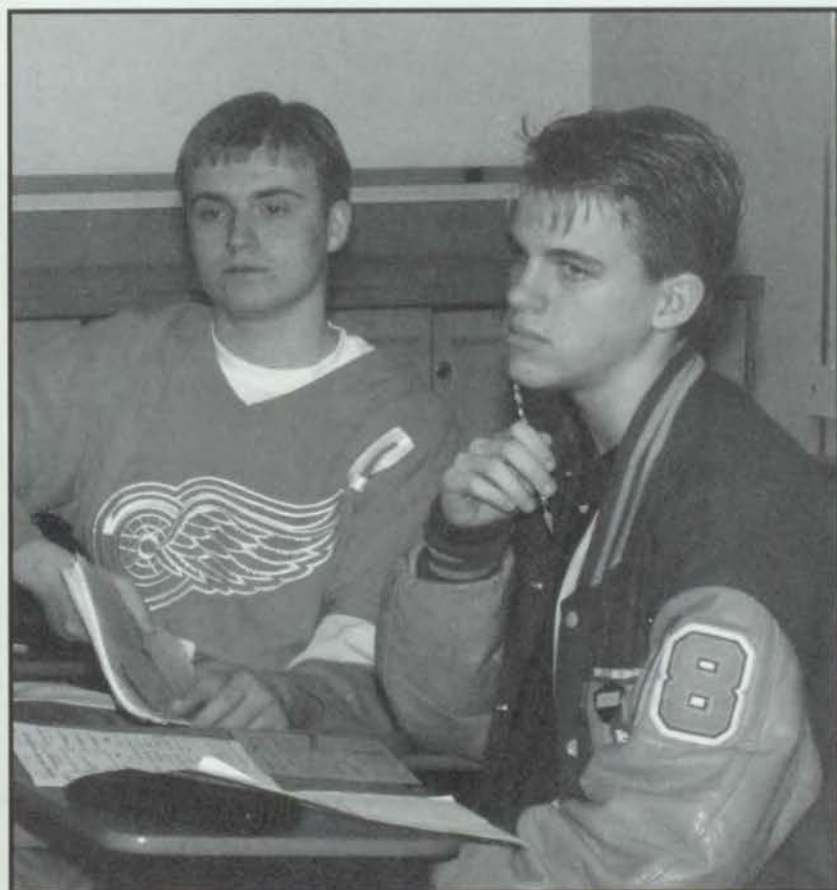


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 Marjorie Enos, Garmon

Linda Fielder Bey, Spanish / Comm. Arts
 David Flynn, Social Studies
 Dewey Fortner, Security
 Kristi Francis, Mathematics
 Linda Freeman, Library Secretary
 John Fricke, Security
 Mary Garrison, Mathematics

Don Giannolo, Social Studies
 Angie Gibson, Instructional Assistant
 Steve Garman, Art
 Lois Green, C.O.E.
 Pete Hager, Physical Education
 B.J. Hair, Science
 Carol Hokes, Health room assistant

One-On-One With Your Advisor



By Michia Sciortino

Winnetonka implemented a new program this year. Teacher Advisory. Its purpose, as we understand it, is to provide each student with at least one faculty member that they can feel comfortable going to with any problems or questions they may have and a one-on-one situation for enrollment.

Like anything, Teacher Advisory met with mixed emotions on the part of both students and faculty alike. Within the realm of students, opinions seemed to be based on grade level. Underclassmen felt that the program did give them someone to break them into high school and was beneficial when enrolling. But upper classmen, who have not been through four years of advisement, agreed that the program would be good for those just starting high school, but this year it did not affect them or help them much.

Many seniors felt that the time set aside for advisement, especially during enrollment, would have better benefited them as a class meeting.

Once the kinks have been worked out of the program it will surely be beneficial to all students, especially once all grade levels have been through it every year of high school.

Juniors Norbert Kasmarchek and Kyle White fill out next year's enrollment cards with their Advisor's help. photo by Tracy Edwards

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Annie Hale, Instructional Assistant
John Ham, Commun. Arts / Debate
Toni Hargrove, Fam. & Consum. Sciences
Dennis Hector, Science
Susan Hevalow, Special Services
Derek Howard, Health / Phy. Ed.
Nancy Hudson, Mathematics



Ruth Imhoff, Fam. & Consum. Sciences
Angela James, Special Services
Loren Jeffers, Science
Jennifer Johnson, Counselor
Cheryl Jones, Mathematics
Lori Kall, Speech / Drama
George Kapral, Communications Arts



Penny Keith, Phy. Ed. / Comm. of Caring
Mario Killough, Custodian
David Krouse, Social Studies
Carla Lane, Communications Arts
Nancy Lamer, Communications Arts
Robert Lee, Science
Linda Levin, Communications Arts



Bill Lindsay, Science
Bobbie Lynch, Counselor
Janis Maddox, Commun. Arts / Speech
Glenda Moddick, Business
Jonis Malone, Computer Tech.
Debbie Marlott, Computer Tech.
Tim Marshall, Special Services



Evelyn Matthus, IMPACT
Dennis McClain, Phy. Ed. / Health
Grace Miller, Counselor
Jim Mills, Custodian
John Morris, C.O.E.
Peggy Mosbacher, Communications Arts
Dale Orr, Science



Mary Owens, Office Secretary
Joanne Pearson, Office Secretary
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Theresa Quijano, Social Studies
Anne Rostafer, Reading / Intercept
Susan Regier, Instructional Assistant
Nancy Richards, Communications Arts



James Root, Instructional Assistant
Glenn Rosario, Industrial Technology
Denise Rueschhoff, Special Services
Jackie Russell, Mathematics
Janet Ryan, Business
Judy Sander, A.V. Librarian
Candy Scott, Communications Arts





Therese Seorie, Communications Arts
 Pat Setser, Instrumental Music
 Maria Sisk, Spanish
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 Terry Sterrett, Attendance Secretary
 Terry Stevens, Social Studies

Betty Sulzen, Counselor
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 Mark Voltenko, Commun. Arts / Journ.
 Maria Walker, Business
 Brenda Wendling, Nurse
 Joe Wendt, Social Studies
 Karon Wheat, Pre-Vocational

Georgia Winship, Librarian
 Angie Wjolen, IMPACT
 Betty Woodring, Mathematics
 Larry Wright, Spanish / Commun. Arts

Your Mom Is Who?



Senior Brian Bock and Mom, Sandy Bock, Counseling Office Secretary, enjoy having each other at school. photo by Tracy Edwards

By Harriet Grindel

Have you ever had a teacher who is your friend's mom or dad? Believe it or not, this happens quite often at Tonka. There are many sets of teachers and students who are related including, Coach McClain and Ashley, Mrs. Searle and Stephanie, Mrs. Haggard and Jennifer, Mrs. Ryan and Jared, Mrs. Anderson and Brian, as well as Mrs. Malone and her exchange student Almar.

The occurrence is not limited to teachers and students, but to other faculty members. Some of the office staff have children attending Winnetonka this year are Mrs. Bear and Krista, Mrs. Pearson and Brian, and Mrs. Bock and Brian.

The situation can be awkward for all involved, but some times it is advantageous. If you are the student, you can always go to ask for money if you forget it and if you're the parent, you can check up on your child's grades or even talk to your fellow faculty members about your child's behavior in class.

There are disadvantages. For the student, it may feel as if your parent is watching over you constantly, and you can't get away with anything. And for the parent, well, they may find things out that they don't really want to know.

Not only do we have parents and students here at Tonka, but we are also graced with the presence of siblings, one on staff here and the other a student. Mr. Flynn and his younger brother Bryan have been here for two years now.

Next time you walk into class and your teacher has the same last name as one of your fellow classmates, don't be afraid to ask if they're related.

Picture Perfect

By Michia Sciortino

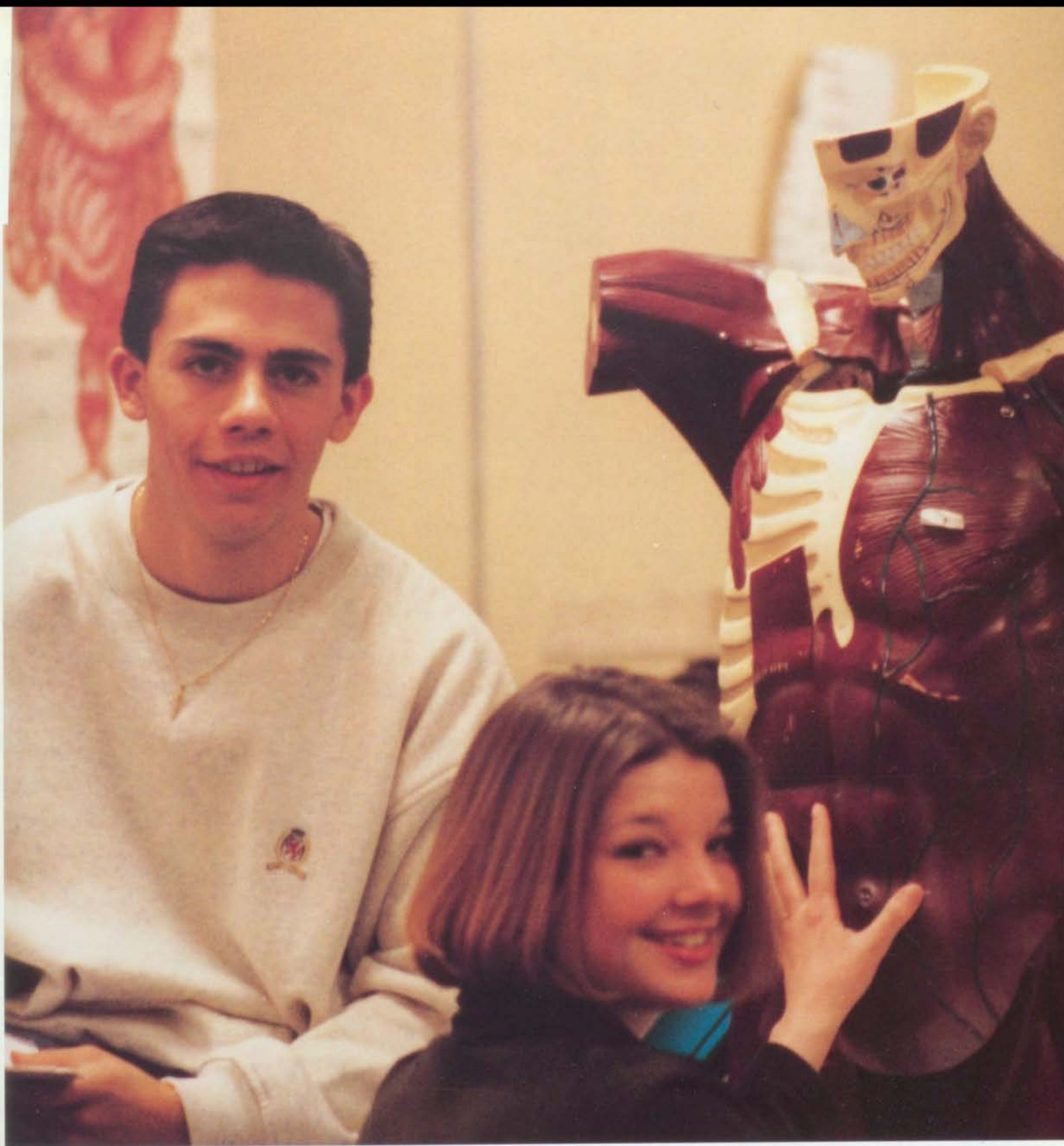
As Seniors we have traveled the journey for over twelve years and have learned that you may start at the bottom, but eventually you will get to the top. Over time we've grown *with* each other and *away from* each other. We've met and lost a multitude of people. People who we have grown up with, our friends, have moved away. Yet, we promise to remain in contact. We try to make the most of the final year. It's a year of reflection, memories, and a look to the future. We started high school only dreaming of a time when we would be Seniors. Our Sophomore Year came and we bought our class rings. Our Junior Year was full of next years and anxiousness. But finally that Senior Year has come and our purchases only began. From senior pictures to graduation preparations, your parents begin to wonder if they can afford this. That is until it's time to pick your college or to decide what you're going to do once you *escape*. Then they know they can't. We cram in all that we can and still have fun.

It's something that can't be explained or prepared for. It's something that you'll never experience again. It's almost not real, until one day you finally begin to realize, I am one of those Seniors, and those Seniors are

Picture Perfect.



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Nicole Renee
Acton



Erik R. Anderson

Erik R.
Anderson



Gail Marie Andregg

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David Sterling Arnold

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Rebecca Jean Arnone

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Peter Joseph
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Lisette Auld

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Joshua David Ayers

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Ashley Baier

Ashley Marie
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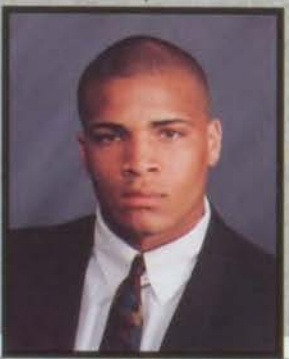
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Heather Danielle
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Brett Robert
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Kyle Bryant

Michelle Burge

Lindy L. Cain

Jasper Calcara

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Kyle Christopher
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Jay J. Christensen

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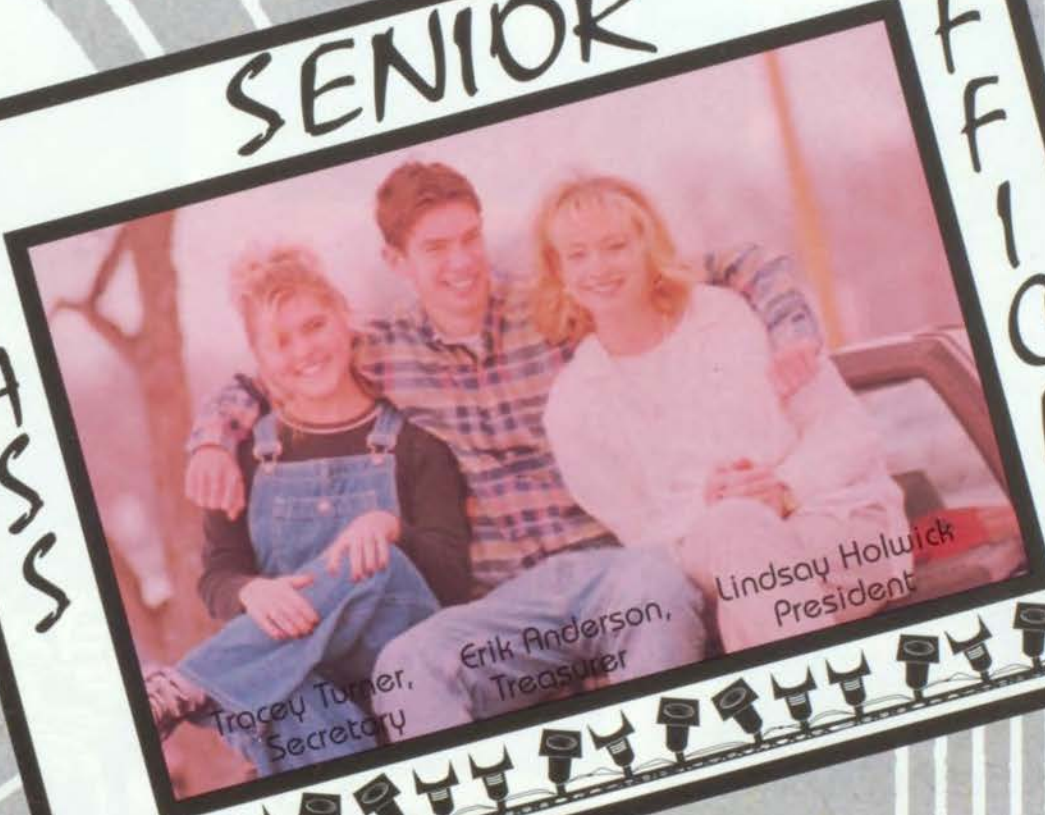
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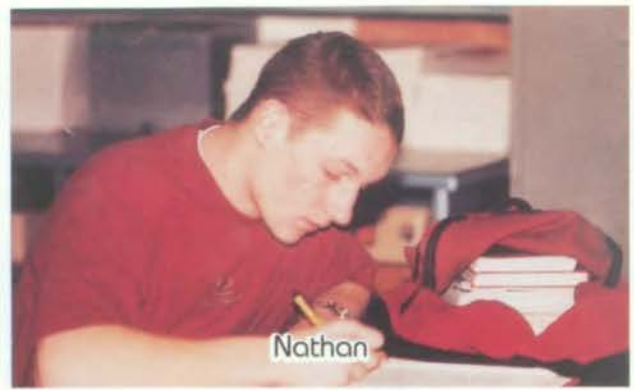
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Jessica, ?, Jill, & Jason



Matt



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4 Years of This

Nicole Acton - HI-STEP, Teens Helping Teens, Community of Caring, Treble Choir, Peer Helpers, German Club, S.A.V.E.

Brian Alpers

Misty Alspach

Erik Anderson - Soccer, Basketball, Baseball, JA, Honor Roll, Business Club, Sweetheart Candidate, Leadership, Student Council, Big W

Gail Andregg - Flag Corps, Winterguard, Honor Roll, "Oklahoma!", Shorts X, XII, & XIII, "Bye Bye Birdie", "The Crucible", Student Art Director for "Little Shop of Horrors", "The Butler Did It"

David Arnold - Tennis, Honor Roll, Business Club Board Member, Who's Who, Leadership, Student Council, Greater Kansas City Business Districts Champ & State

Rebecca Arnone - Honor Roll 4 years, Mixed Choir 4 years, Child Dev. Lab 2 years

Pete Asta - Cross Country, Track, Basketball, Tennis, Business Club Board Member, Honor Roll, Who's Who, JA, Greater Kansas City Business Districts & State

Lisette Auld - Cheerleading, Track, Teens Helping Teens, Student Council, Honor Society, Soccer, A+ Advisory Committee

Josh Ayers

Ashley Baier - Basketball 1 year, Softball 1 year, Tennis 2 years, Volleyball 1 year, JA, STUCO 1 year, DECA 1 year

Almar Bakker - AFS club, "The Crucible", Shorts, William Jewell 8 Ensemble, A Cappella, Student Council, Leadership, Honor Roll, Griffin Rites, Drama Club

Joe Bastob

Cassie Baxter - Newspaper

Joanna Bayer - Honor Society member & officier, Drama Club, Shorts XI & XII, Honor Roll

Mark Benmuvhar - Missouri Scholars Academy 1995, American Legion Boys State 1996, Orchestra, Site-Based Council, District Student Advisory Committee, "Oklahoma!" Pit, "Sound of Music" Pit, "Bye Bye Birdie" Pit, Scholar Bowl, Science Olympiad, Honor Society, "Imagine" Shorts XII, "Miss Lonely Heart" Shorts XIII, All-District Orchestra 94-97, Tennis, Track, Honor Roll

David Bennett - Freshmen Football, Basketball, Track 4 years, Pride Band, Big W Nominee, HI-STEP, German Club

Gina Bennett - Honor Roll, Orchestra, Griffin Rites Photo Editor, Yearbook, Honor Society, Softball 4 yrs. 2 Varsity

Lynne Biggs - Softball 4 years, Baseball Manager, Basketball 2 years, Volleyball 2 years, DECA 2 years, Homecoming Princess, Honor Roll

Wes Bingham - Community of Caring, COE

Jed Birdsong - Basketball, Honor Roll, NES, Sweetheart King

Ryan Blake - Frosh Basketball, Varsity Golf, Student Council, Leadership, Who's Who, Honor Roll, JA

Brian Bock - 4 years Wrestling, Honor Roll, Honor Society, Business Club Board Member, Student Council, Greater Kansas City Business Districts

Jennifer Bokay

Beth Bowman - Softball, Baseball, Basketball, Volleyball, JA, Honor Roll

Daniel Boyd - A Cappella Vice President, JA, Honor Roll, Academic Letter, Basketball, Tennis, Football

Kelley Bramble - Writers Club, Community of Caring, Shades of Color

Shari Brizendine - "Flowers for Algernon", "Shorts XI: A New Decade", "The Sound of Music", Who's Who, Orchestra, SADD, "Bye Bye Birdie", A Cappella, Treble Choir, Spectrum of Sound

Heather Bross - Volleyball, Honor Society, French Club, HI-STEP, Who's Who, JA, Honor Roll

Donovan Broussard

Brett Brown

Candace Brueck - Yearbook

Kyle Bryant - Soccer, Basketball, Golf, Who's Who, Honor Roll, JA

Michelle Burge - Cheerleading - 4 years, Teens Helping Teens - 2 years, DECA - 1 year, Yearbook - 1 year, French Club, Honor Roll, Who's Who

Lindy Cain - Honor Society, HI-STEP, Business Club Board Member, French Club

Jay Calcara - Honor Roll, Track (2 yrs.)

Stacey Cambiano

Michelle Campobasso - Volleyball 1 year, Pom Pon 1 year, Basketball 2 years, Soccer 3 years, Softball 2 years, Homecoming Candidate, Student Council 4 years, Leadership Class, DECA 3 years, JA

Jasper Cangelosi - DECA 1 year

Sirena Cardwell

Brent Carver - Basketball 2 years, Golf 4 years, DECA, Honor Roll, JA

Tim Caster - A Cappella, Spectrum of Sound, JA, Drama, Musicals, Plays

Angela Cavazos

Julie Caylor - Volleyball 1 year, DECA 1 year

Louis Cervantes

Alexis Chambers

Scott Chandler - Baseball 1 year, Golf 3 years, JA

Michelle Chapman - DECA, COE

Misty Charlow - SADD, DECA

Dustie Cherkas

Jay Christensen - Swimming, Greater Kansas City Business Districts, Computer Tech intern

Alison Coats - Volleyball, Softball, JA, Community of Caring

James Coleman - SADD 3 years

Carlos Colon - Football Manager, Track, Mixed Choir, Wrestling Manager

Joshua Collins

Jeff Cook - Business Club, Tennis - 4 years

Debbie Coonce - Pride Band - 4 years, GVB

- freshman, Full Orchestra 1 year, "Bye Bye Birdie", WWER 1 year, Senior Slide Show

Timothy Coons

Veronica Copenhaver - Lettered in Band 4 years, Lettered in Track 1 year, Girls State, COE 1 year, Who's Who

Sara Crites - Honor Society, Drama, Forensics, Who's Who, Student Council, AFS club, German Club, Community of Caring, NO TAODS, WWER News Team, Leadership, Principal's Honor Roll, Chess Club

Cheryl Crouthamel

Greg Curlett - Art Club

Dana Dahlquist

Dustin Dale

Jacob Davidson

Rebecca Davidson - Honor Society, AFS club, DECA, Honor Roll, Who's Who, Newspaper, Greater Kansas City Business Districts & State

Amber Davis - Fresh - Mixed Choir; Soph - Teens Helping Teens, Treble Choir; Junior - Treble Choir, Teens Helping Teens, Honor Roll; Senior - Treble Choir, A Cappella, Teens Helping Teens officier, Honor Roll

Dana Dehart - Flag Corp., Tennis, Orchestra, Forensics, Student Council, "Bye Bye Birdie", Shorts, Griffin Rites, Drama Club, Best of Drama State Qualifier in Duet Acting 1997, HI-STEP

Jennifer Derringer

Matt Devine

Whitney Dew - DECA, COE, A Cappella

Gina Dicavolo - Mat Maid 2 years

Michele Dicavolo - Softball, Student Council, Leadership, Honor Roll, Who's Who, Sun Club, DECA, Senior Slide Show

Andrea Dickson - DECA, Tennis, Softball, HI-STEP, Peer Helpers

Jodi Dobson - Basketball

William Dodson - Baseball, Soccer, Band

Nicole Dollinger

Jennifer Eapmon-Holder - DECA, COE

Rachel Edmondson - DECA, COE, Art Club 2 Years, Basketball 1 year

Tracy Edwards - Tennis (4), Soccer (1), Track (1), HI-STEP (2), Honor Society (1), French Club (4), Yearbook (2), Academic Letter (2), Honor Roll (4), Senior Slide Show (1)

Philip Eichelberger

Corie Elliott

Brenda Enkelmann - Volleyball, Basketball, HI-STEP, Honor Society, Student Council, JA, Honor Roll 8 semesters, Homecoming Candidate, Business Club Board Member, French Club, Academic Letter, DECA

William Enochs - Pride Band, GVB

Eric Epperson - Business Club

Jamone Epps

Amanda Evans

Mike Fangmann - Golf, Business Club Board Member, Greater Kansas City Business Districts & State

Amanda Felton

Thomas Ferrante - DECA, COE

Sara Fisher - DECA, COE

Tammy Fleming - Tennis, Track, H.E.R.O.,

Teens Helping Teens, Cheerleading, Principal's Honor Roll, Who's Who, Community of Caring

Brian Flores

Charity Foreman - Pride Band, GVB

Rochelle Frederick - FHA (9), United Way Club (9), German Club (10, 11, 12) President (11), Historian (12), Honor Society (11, 12), S.A.V.E. Secretary (11), Yearbook (12), Newspaper Business Manager (12), Who's Who, Academic Letterperson, 3 years Honor Roll, Senior Slide Show, Winter Wonderland Coordinator (12)

Duane French

Charese Gaddis - Pride Band, GVB

Jason Gannon

Maria Garcia - Flag Corp. 4 years, Tennis 2 years, Band 4 years

Brad Gardner - Soccer - 3 years

Sarah Gardner - Honor Roll, Honor Society, Art Club, Tennis, Drama, DECA, COE

Sarah Garrison - French Club, Yearbook

Ginny Goebel - Basketball, Honor Roll, Home-

coming Candidate, Student Council President, French Club, JA, Griffin Rites, Who's Who, Softball-State Qualifier 1996, Girls State Alternate, Big W Finalist

Brechelle Gordon - Multicultural Club

Luke Gott - Honor Society, Football (soph), Track, Science Olympiad, Scholar Bowl

Joanna Goulart

Quandi Grady - Football, Basketball, Track, German Club

Zach Gray

Barry Green - Freshman & Sophomore Baseball

Ryan Green - Who's Who, Principal's Honor Roll, Business Club, Teen Forum, Greater Kansas City Business Districts

Harriet Grindel - Volleyball, Track and Field Thrower, Honor Society - Secretary, HI-STEP, S.A.V.E., French Club, Yearbook, Who's Who, Principal's Honor Roll, Peer Helpers, Academic Letter, Winter Wonderland Committee

Melissa Grosko

John Groves - Newspaper, Soccer, Football, German Club, All-District Honorable Mention Soccer, All-Conference Honorable Mention Soccer, Honor Roll, JA

Eric Hall

Naomi Hall - DECA, Honor Roll, Select Choir, Color Guard

Andy Hankins - Basketball, Varsity Tennis 4 years, Student Council, Leadership, JA, Newspaper Editor, Sweetheart Candidate, Business Club

Chad Harrington

Chuck Harrington

Tonia Harris - Treble Choir, Teens Helping Teens, "Oklahoma!", "Sound of Music", "Bye Bye Birdie", Pops Concert 1994, Principal's Honor Roll, Honor Roll

Katie Hayes

Jennifer Helmers - A Cappella Secretary, Basketball, Honor Society, Who's Who, "Oklahoma!", "Bye Bye Birdie", Honor Roll, Freshman Choir

Brett Henderson - Pride Band, Basketball, Baseball, JA, Honor Roll, "Bye Bye Birdie" Pit, All-District Band, Full Orchestra, GVB

William Hensley - Freshmen Football, Pride Band - 4 years, JV Football, NKC Honors Band, Orchestra, "Bye Bye Birdie" Pit

Nathan Henson - Wrestling, Track

Lalo Hernandez

Matt Herrell - Frosh Football

Phil Herrera - Wrestling 4 years, Track 1 year

Matt Herring

Christina Higby

Jennifer Hoglen

Lindsay Holwick - Tennis, Student Council, Track, Basketball, Honor Roll, Homecoming Queen, Senior Class President, French Club, JA, Big W

Troy Hott - Track, HI-STEP, French Club

Michael Hudson - Teens Helping Teens, HI-STEP, Honor Roll

Emily Hunter - Track, Honor Society, FHA, H.E.R.O., Community of Caring, Teens Helping Teens, Peer Helpers, Tennis, Student Me-

diation, AFS club, Art Club, Who's Who

Todd Huntley

Andrew Ingles

William James

Melissa Jennings

Peggy Jewel - Treble Choir, A Cappella

Allissa Jrolf - Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Student Council, Honor Roll, JA, French Club, Track

Anna Kasparian - Pride Band, Honor Society, Honor Roll, Orchestra

Erica Kelly

James Kendrick

Amber Kennedy - Treble Choir, A Cappella, HI-STEP, Peer Helpers, Honor Roll, Honor Society, Youth In Government, "Oklahoma!", "Sound of Music", Music of the Night

Jeff Kent

Ben Kern - Business Club Board Member, Baseball, German Club, Spanish Club, Honor Roll

Lisa Ketron

Stephanie Kivett - Impact (9), Mixed Choir
Heidi Koehle - Track, Full Orchestra, Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Golden Variety Band, "Sound Of Music" Pit, "Bye Bye Birdie" Pit, Who's Who, Honor Roll, NKC District Band, Solo at State Comp. - got a 1

Noreen Kraus - Volleyball, Softball, Basketball, DECA, Who's Who, Honor Society, Business Club

William Larocca

Karen Larrabee

Julia Larson - Volleyball, Softball, HI-STEP, Cheerleading 3 years, Student Council, Choir 4 years, Orchestra 3 years, JA

Kelly Larson

Trent Larson - Football, Cross Country, Business Club, Honor Roll

Andrea Lawler - HI-STEP 3 years, Student Council for 4 years, Tennis 3 years, JV Cheerleading 1 year, Honor Roll 4 years, Treble Choir, A Cappella Yearbook

Rob Layne - National Forensics League President & 1000 point earner, Student Council, Drama Club, Honor Roll, Who's Who, "Bye Bye Birdie", Debate, Forensics, Yearbook, Newspaper, Orchestra, WWER, National Qualifier Student Congress 96, Student Congress and Oratory 97, State Qualifier Duet Acting and Oratory 96, Team Debate, Oratory, & Duet Acting 97, American Legion Boys' State, 48th ST Players Co-Captain, A+ Lab T.A., All-District Debate, SADD, Big W Finalist

Richard Lee - Basketball Manager

Eric Lemke - Band

Adrienne Leone

Mike Letsinger - Track

Luke Lindstrom

Nathan Livingston - Basketball

Tina Logan

Cathy Lovell

Melissa Maasen - Varsity Cheer, Teens Helping Teens

Shaun -

To someone who was there for me through thick and thin. To someone who has proven himself to be my bestfriend. To the man I love and cherish the most. To the one love and only love of my life.

Congratulations on graduation!!

Love always,

Aimee June DeBacker

P.S. You unbroke my heart!



Jim,

I love you with all my heart. I never knew what "love" was or what the words "Best Friend" meant until you became a part of my life. You touched my heart and you took my breath away. You have me in mind, body, and soul. You complete me!

With all my love,
Wheat

Anthony Mabbott
 Jacob Mabry
 Eric Mailhot - Marching Band, Symphonic Band
 Lindsay Major - Honor Society, Honor Roll, HI-STEP, Who's Who, D.A.R.E. Role Model, Choir
 Chad Marley - Orchestra, Honor Roll
 Danny Martin
 Joe Martin - Football 4 years, Wrestling 4 years, Track 3 years, Freshmen & Mixed Choirs
 Matthew Martin
 Matt Mason - Basketball, Golf
 Mike Mason
 Jamie Matthys - Drama Club, Shorts XIII Director, 48th ST Players, JA, Who's Who, District One-Act Competitor, "The Crucible", HI-STEP, Shorts X - XIII, "The Butler Did It", JV Cheerleader, Honor Society, Community of Caring, German Club, Honor Roll
 Nathan McCarther
 Sabrina McCloud
 Mike McCoy - Football, Basketball, Baseball, Class President - Fr. - Jr., Student Council Vice-President, Honor Society, Who's Who, JA, Sweetheart Candidate, Principal's Honor Roll, A+ Committee, Leadership, Community of Caring, Big W
 Terry McCrery
 Daphne McDaniel
 Brian McEnroe
 Shawn McLane - Spectrum of Sound, A Cappella, "Sound of Music"
 Gina McLaughlin
 Amy McQueen - DECA, COE
 Keri McQuerrey - Orchestra (lettered Freshman Year), Honor Roll
 John Mendon - Cross Country, Track, Student Council, Leadership, Business Club, Honor Society, Honor Roll, Pride Band
 John Mendoza
 Jason Merrill - DECA, Wrestling
 Frank Milano - DECA, COE
 Holly Miller
 Erik Moore - Freshman Football, Baseball, French Club, JA, Honor Roll, Who's Who, Griffin Rites
 Jaime Moore - H.E.R.O., DECA, Who's Who, Honor Roll
 Ryan Morgan - Basketball 4 years, Baseball 3 years, Honor Roll, JA, DECA 1 year, Sweetheart Candidate
 Emily Necker - Shorts, C.O.E.
 Christina Newton - Cheerleading, Track, Honor Roll, JA, Teens Helping Teens, CDL, Honor Society, Who's Who, Community of Caring
 Tan Nguyen
 Tien Nguyen
 Tue Nguyen
 Joseph Nixon - DECA, COE, A Cappella
 Antoinette Norwicki
 Sarah Nyce
 Joseph Occhipinto
 Courtney O'Halloran - Leadership, Student Council, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, HI-

STEP, French Club, Community of Caring, Honor Roll, Homecoming Candidate, Senior Slide Show, Sun Club, DECA, Sweetheart Coordinator, Honor Society, NO TAODS
 Jessica Oneth
 Gregory Osiek
 Candace Ostdiek - A Cappella, "Oklahoma!", "Sound of Music", "Bye Bye Birdie", "Ms. Lonelyheart", Flag Corp, Drama Club
 Lettisha Parra
 Maria Pazmino - Exchange Student from Ecuador, AFS Club, Honor Roll, Soccer (JV) #24
 Desirae Peel - Frosh Volleyball, Frosh Basketball, Frosh Softball, Soph. Track, Poms 2 years, Frosh Choir, A Cappella 3 years, Spectrum 3 years, "Oklahoma!", "Sound of Music", "Bye Bye Birdie", DECA 2 years, JA, HI-STEP, Teens Helping Teens
 Larry Pennington
 Joe Perez
 Francis Pettit - AFS club, Tennis (JV)
 Patrick Pierce - Track, Cross Country
 David Pitts
 Cory Platz - Baseball, Basketball
 Mindi Porter - Basketball, Cheerleading, Track, STUCO, DECA, Yearbook, Newspaper, Who's Who
 Jennifer Post
 Troy Pratt
 Susan Propst
 Alexandra Prysich - AFS Club, Honor Roll, Soccer (JV)
 Matt Pugh - Honor Roll, Basketball 4 years, Baseball 1 year, Pride Band 4 years, Who's Who
 Dawn Raney - Orchestra Freshman Year, Freshman Choir, German Club 4 years, Honor Roll
 Kyle Rau - Soccer, Basketball, Honor Roll, DECA, NO TAODS, Homecoming Escort, Sweetheart Candidate
 Zach Reade
 Dana Redenbaugh
 Donald Roberson
 Brad Roberts
 Richie Robinson
 Rebecca Rodriguez - Treble Choir, Honor Society, AFS
 Brian Rohde
 Daniel Romig
 Jerid Salisbury - Basketball, Honor Roll, Who's Who
 Curtis Samer - Football, Track, Honor Roll
 Leslie Sann
 Jillian Sampson - DECA, COE
 Sofia Sandquist - Exchange Student from Sweden, Soccer #23
 Ryan Sayles - Drama, Pride Band 4 years, GVB 4 years, All-District Honors Band 4 years, HI-STEP 2 years, Peer Helpers 1 year
 Shaun Schneikart - Football, Track, Teens Helping Teens, Spectrum, A Cappella, Orchestra, Drama, Business and Partnership with Schools
 Michael Schulte

Michia Sciortino - Yearbook Editor-in-Chief, Honor Society President & Historian, Griffin Rites Business Manager & Copy-Reader, Business Club Secretary, Greater Kansas City Business Districts & State, Science Olympiad, Scholar Bowl Manager, Academic Letterer, Who's Who, Principal's Honor Roll, Honor Roll, Big W Finalist
 Toni Shavnore - Frosh Cheerleading, Honor Roll, Frosh Choir, FCA, Teens Helping Teens, "Oklahoma!", 1st Girls Varsity Soccer Team, Boys Soccer Manager, Varsity Boys Basketball Manager, Treble Choir V.P., Treble Choir Prez., A Cappella, Drama Club, "Bye Bye Birdie", JA
 Jace Shea
 Paula Shost - DECA, COE, Soccer, Track, Honor Roll
 Curtis Sickman
 Shannon Sicks - Honor Society, Orchestra, Soccer, Honor Roll
 Nicole Simmers - Varsity Cheer, Yearbook
 Anne Skinner - DECA



Shaun -
 I'm as proud of you as you
 were me.
 Love, Tim



Ryan,
 Thanks for making the past three
 years memorable. No matter where life
 takes us, I'll always remember the times
 we've shared together.
 Love,
 Marcie

Laura Smith - Freshman - Shorts; Sophomore - Shorts; Junior - Teble Choir, Shorts; Senior - A Capella, Shorts Director, "The Crucible", WJEA, Honor Roll, Drama Club
 Vanessa Sorenson
 Angie Spano
 Jason Stanley
 Jennifer Stanley
 JA "Baby Huey" Stanley - Football, Track, Art Club
 John Stewart
 Kyle Stinson
 Jessica Straub - Honor Society - Treasurer, Who's Who, Science Olympiad, Pride Band, Honor Roll, Business Club Board Member
 Jamie Stumpf - DECA, Honor Roll
 Jamie Summers
 Jarrod Swoboda
 Thomas Talley
 Kennedy Tapp - DECA 3 years, Who's Who, Honor Roll
 Mark Taylor - Honor Roll
 Nicholas Thomas - Wrestling, A Cappella
 Kevin Thompson
 Jason Thurston - Pride Band - 3 years, GVB - 2 years, All District Band 1 year, Full Orchestra - 1 year
 Jill Tischinski - Frosh Volleyball, Cheerleading 4 years, H.E.R.O., Community of Caring, Teens Helping Teens, HI-STEP, Honor Roll, Who's Who
 Nick Trickey - Soccer, Drama, Community of Caring, 48th ST Players, Honor Roll
 Tracey Turner - A Cappella, Spectrum of Sound, Student Council, Drama, Who's Who, JA, HI-STEP, All-District Choir
 Cindy Twibell - Track, Cross Country, Frosh Basketball, Frosh Volleyball, Honor Society, French Club, HI-STEP, Debate, Who's Who,

Honor Roll, STUCO, JA, Leadership, AFS
 Kathryn Tyler - Honor Roll, Scholar Bowl, Science Olympiad
 Casey Upton
 Melinda Vandendaele - Spectrum of Sound 10-12, Acapella 10-12, Treble Choir 9, Musicals 9-11, Honor Roll 4 years
 Stephanie Vankeirsbilck - Volleyball, Track, A Cappella, Honor Roll, JA, HI-STEP, Peer Helpers, Honor Roll, Musical
 Tony Velasquez - Baseball, Football, JA
 Ruth Vivona - Spectrum of Sound, A Cappella 11, 12, Drama Club, Shorts, musicals, plays, Principal's Honor Roll 4 years
 Amy Voiles - Soccer, Honor Society, HI-STEP, French Club, Peer Helpers, Volleyball, Greater Kansas City Business Districts & State, Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance - 4 years (since 4th grade), International Foreign Language Award, Academic Letters
 Bethaney Volkman - Pride Band, Honor Roll
 Brett Vuagniaux - Basketball, JA, Who's Who, Honor Roll, State and All-Metro Golfer
 Vanessa Wade - Drama Club, Tennis, A Cappella, Spectrum of Sound, German Club, All Plays, HI-STEP, Student Mediation
 Deborah Walden - A Cappella, Spectrum of Sound, "Oklahoma!", "Sound of Music", "Little Shop of Horrors", "Bye Bye Birdie", Drama Club, AFS Club President
 Cheryl Waltz - Octagon Club, Sign Language Club, Orchestra, Who's Who, "Flowers for Algernon", HI-STEP, Pride Band, GVB, MO Teen Leadership
 Nick Webb - Scholar Bowl, Science Olympiad, Chess Club, Shorts, "The Crucible", "Sound of Music" Pit, German Club, AFS club, Honor Society, Orchestra
 Jim Wehmuller - Cross Country, Track, Busi-

ness Club, JA, Griffin Rites, Honor Roll, STUCO, Leadership Class
 Lonnie Wells
 Jason Westpfahl - Freshman & Sophomore Letter in Track, Football, Peer Helpers, German Club, Honor Roll
 Kimberly White
 Damon Whitesell
 Anthony Wilkinson - Football 3 years, Freshmen Wrestling, Weight Lifting, Track Shot/Disc 1 year
 Wheat Williams - "Oklahoma!", Shorts X & XI, Drama Club, "Sound of Music", "Black Comedy", Orchestra, A Cappella, "The Crucible", "Roomers", "Bye Bye Birdie", Soccer, "Little Shop of Horrors", "The Patient", "Juvie"
 Danny Wilmot - Sign Language Club, Mixed Choir
 Jason Wimberley - Pride Band 4 years, "Sound of Music", "Little Shop of Horrors", "Bye Bye Birdie", Shorts X-XII, A Capella, Full Orchestra 1 year
 Donald Winders
 Christina Winger - Volleyball 2 years, Basketball 1 year, Track 1 year, Varsity Soccer 3 years, DECA
 Katie Winger - COE, Soccer, DECA
 Rich Wisdom - DECA, COE, Varsity Soccer 3 years, Tennis, Wrestling 1 year, Basketball 2 years
 Michael Womack
 Ryan Wood
 Genger Yates - HI-STEP, Honor Society, AFS Club, French Club, A Cappella Choir, Principal's Honor Roll, Who's Who
 Susie Zimmerman - Cheerleader 4 years, Track 2 years, Student Council 3 years, JA, Yearbook, Who's Who, Homecoming Candidate, DECA, Honor Roll



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Senior Oscars



Cutest Couple

David Bennett & Rochelle Frederick

Other Nominees:
 Brent Carver & Kennedy Tapp
 Zach Gray & Heather Brass



Most Likely to Succeed

Nick Webb & Lindsay Holwick

Other Nominees:
 Rob Layne
 Mark Benmuvhar
 Cindy Twibell
 Michia Sciortino

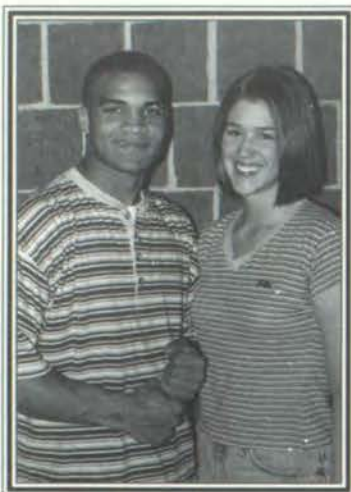


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Best Legs

Nathan Hensen & Lynne Biggs

Other Nominees:
 Kyle Rau
 Luke Gott
 Mindi Porter
 Alissa Jroff



Best Artist

Jed Birdsong & Emily Hunter

Other Nominees:

Jim Wehmuller Michelle Burge
Greg Curlett Emily Necker

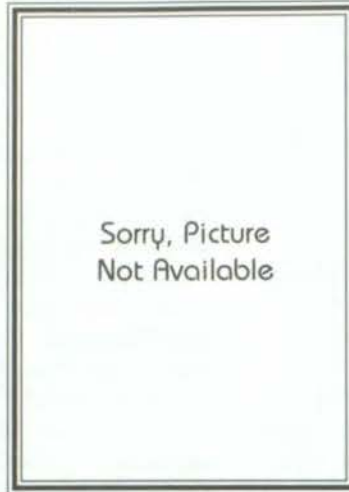


Most Alternative

Trent Larson & Julia Larson

Other Nominees:

Jim Wehmuller Emily Necker
Greg Curlett Sarah Gardner



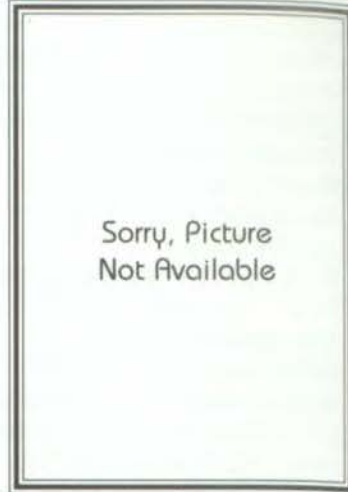
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Best Instrumental Musician

Matt Pugh & Heidi Koehnle

Other Nominees:

William Enochs Charity Foreman
John Mendon Gina Bennett



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Most Spirited

Carlos Colen & Michelle Burge

Other Nominees:

Jay Christensen Wheat Williams
Brett Brown Courtney O'Halloran

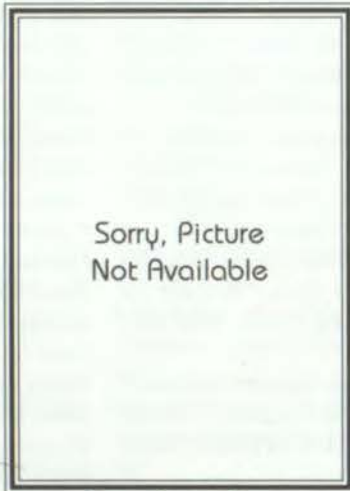


Biggest Flint

Jerid Salsbury & Brenda Enkelmann

Other Nominees:

Tony Velasquez Ali Coats
Brad Roberts Melissa Maasen



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Teacher's Pet

Jay Christensen & Sara Crites

Other Nominees:

Mike McCoy Melissa Maasen
Mark Benmuvhar Harriet Grindel



Class Clown

Andy Hankins & Wheat Williams

Other Nominees:

Quandi Grady Ashley Baier
Richie Robinson Courtney O'Halloran



Best Dancer

Quandi Grady & Sarah Nyce

Other Nominees:

Tim Caster Michele Dicavolo
Jed Birdsong Desirae Peel

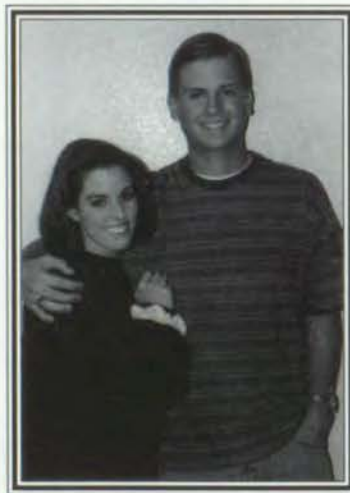


Best Personality

Erik Anderson & Cindy Twibell

Other Nominees:

Andy Hankins Ginny Goebel
Rob Layne Lissette Auld

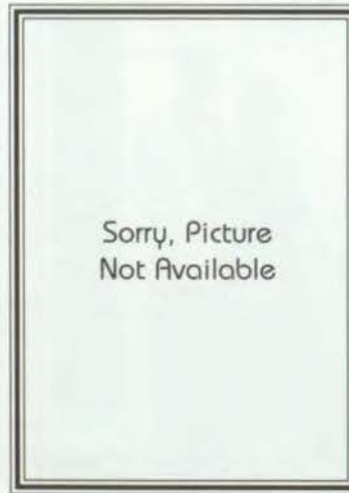


Best Sense of Humor

Brent Carver & Courtney O'Halloran

Other Nominees:

Andy Hankins Wheat Williams
Jeff Cook Jamie Matthys



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Most Outgoing

Jeff Cook & Gina Dicavolo

Other Nominees:

Mike McCoy Lindsay Holwick
Pete Asta Ginny Goebel



Best Actor / Actress

Rob Layne & Jamie Matthys

Other Nominees:

Tim Caster Tracey Turner
William Enochs Vanessa Wade

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Best Singer

Tim Caster & Tracey Turner

Other Nominees:

Trent Larson Mindy Vandendaele
Shaun Schneikart Julia Larson

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Best Smile

Brian Bock & Sarah Garrison

Other Nominees:

Pete Asta Candace Brueck
Zach Reade Nicole Simmers



Most Athletic

Ryan Morgan & Alissa Jroff

Other Nominees:

Quandi Grady Jennifer Bokay
Joe Martin Beth Bowman



Best Leader

Mike McCoy & Ginny Goebel

Other Nominees:

Erik Anderson Lindsay Holwick
Ryan Morgan Michia Sciortino

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Best Body

Luke Gott & Mindi Porter

Other Nominees:

Ryan Morgan Brenda Enkelmann
Jed Birdsong Sarah Nuce

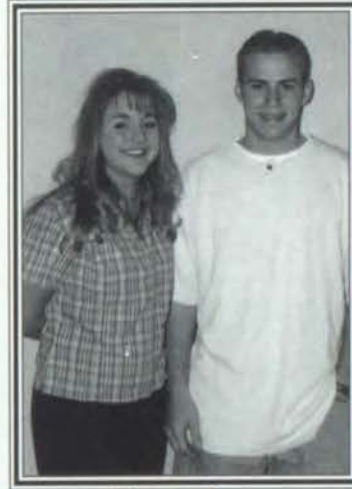


Best Dressed

Dan Boyd & Michelle Campobasso

Other Nominees:

Brian Bock Brenda Enkelmann
Erik Anderson Andrea Lawler

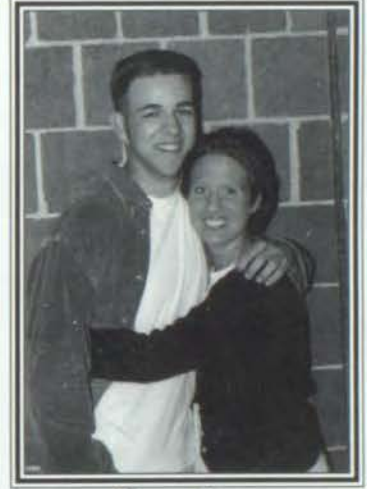


Best Hair

Kyle Rau & Tracy Edwards

Other Nominees:

Ryan Blake Lynne Biggs
Nick Webb Sarah Garrison

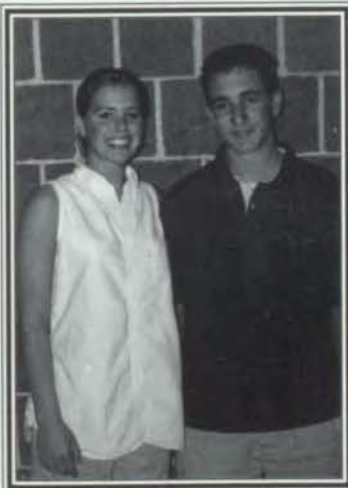


Best Eyes

Tony Velasquez & Michele Dicavolo

Other Nominees:

Ryan Blake Jennifer Bokay
Brent Carver Gina Dicavolo



Best Looking

Ryan Blake & Candace Brueck

Other Nominees:

Kyle Rau Susie Zimmerman
Jasper Cangelosi Lynne Biggs



Worst Driver

Troy Hott & Tammy Fleming

Other Nominees:

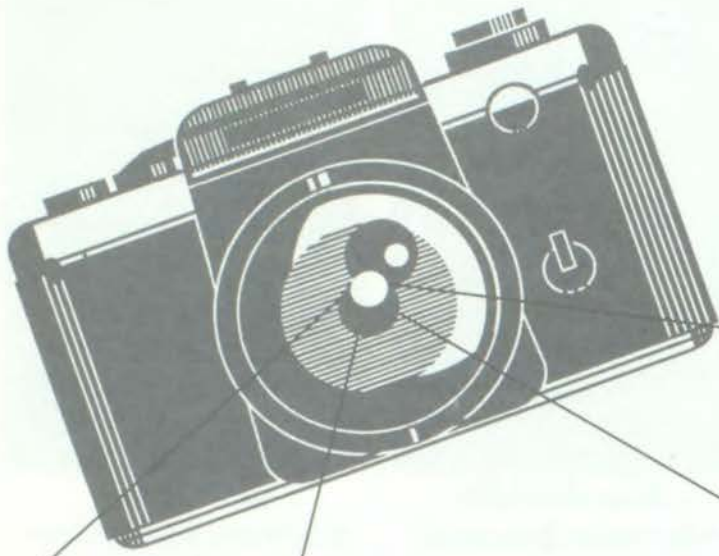
Brad Roberts Noreen Kraus
John Groves Lindy Cain



Best Tattoo

J.R. Stanley
Brian Bock
Erik Moore

Julia Larson
Michelle Campobasso
Kelly Larson



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*Winnetonka
Senior Class*

Picture Perfect

Seniors



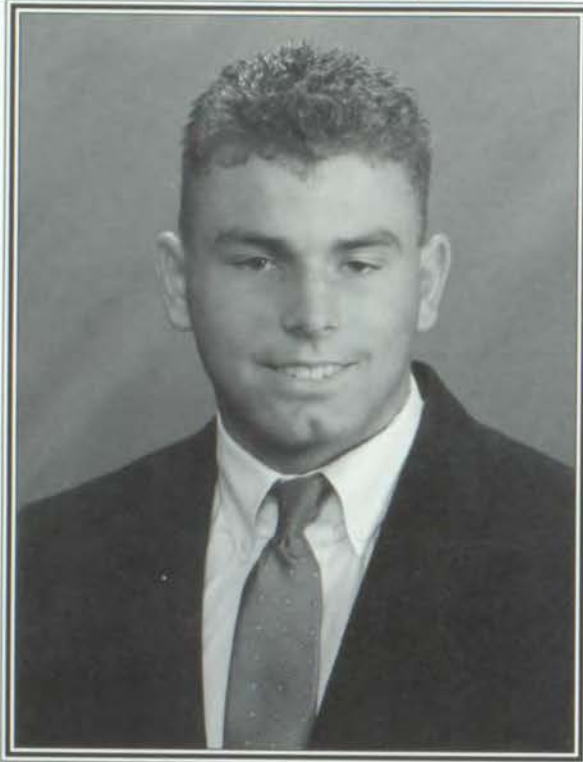
High School
of 1997

Heart of America
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Senior Class 201

Big W

Michael McCoy



Lindsay Holwick



Erik R. Anderson
Sara Beth Crites

Valedictorians

Michael Lee McCoy
Cynthia Jean Twibell

Nicolas Anthony Webb
Ginger Michele Yates

Salutatorian

Ruth Margaret Vivona

Griffin Gold Scholastic Award

Erik R. Anderson
Sara Beth Crites

Michael Lee McCoy
Cynthia Jean Twibell

Nicholas Anthony Webb
Ginger Michele Yates

Griffin Silver Scholastic Award

Gail Marie Andregg
Mark Richard Benmuvhar
Tammy Annette Fleming
Harriet Rae Grindel

Jennifer Lynn Helmers
Heidi Lynn Koehnle
Noreen Ann Kraus
Michia Renee Sciortino

Anne Elizabeth Skinner
Ruth Margaret Vivona

Griffin Bronze Scholastic Award

David Sterling Arnold
Peter Joseph Asta
Gina Irene Bennett
Heather Danielle Bross
Lindy Loraine Cain
Rebecca Mae Davidson

Tracy Karine Edwards
William Raymond Enochs
Emily Kay Hunter
Julia Larson
Robert Bailey Layne II
Shawn McLane

John Michael Mendon
Christina Marie Newton
Jennifer Anne Stanley
Jessica Suzanne Straub
Kathryn Elaine Tyler

1997 Senior Honors

DAR Good Citizens Award
Michael McCoy

American Business Women's Scholarship
Gail Andregg

Community of Caring Awards
Tonia Harris & Jennifer Stanley

Journalism Award
Andrew Hankins

Yearbook Awards

Michia Sciortino, Tracy Edwards, Robert Layne,
Gina Bennett, & Rochelle Frederick

Instrumental Music Awards

Outstanding Orchestra Mark Benmuvhar
Outstanding Band Eric Lemke

Band Above and Beyond Heidi Koehnle
William Hensley,
Brett Henderson,
Jason Wimberly,
& Ryan Sayles

Outstanding Flags Gail Andregg
Maria Garcia

Outstanding Science Awards

Broadstone Harriet Grindel
Monager Nicholas Webb

Math Excellence Awards
Sara Crites & Ginger Yates

Family & Consumer Science Awards

Jennifer Helmers, Sofia Sandquist, Dana
Dahlquist, & Tammy Fleming

Outstanding Senior Business Student
Michia Sciortino

Outstanding Social Studies Award
Sara Crites

**Rose Anne Sherar Award for
Excellence in English**
Mark Benmuvhar & Sara Crites

Winnetonka Honor Society Scholarships

Sara Crites, Sarah Garrison, Shannon Sicks,
Cynthia Twibell, & Ginger Yates

Foreign Language Awards

French Heather Bross
Spanish Benjamin Kern
Richard Wisdom

Art Achievement Award

Gail Andregg, Jedidiah Birdsong, Kyle Bryant,
Michelle Burge, Greg Curlett, Rebecca
Davidson, Rachel Edmondson, Sarah Gardner,
Harriet Grindel, Emily Hunter, Todd Huntley,
Jeff Kent, Lisa Ketron, Heidi Koehnle, Trent
Larson, Cathy Lovell, Christina Newton,
Alexandra Prysich, Rebecca Rodriguez, Anne
Skinner, JR Stanley, Kathryn Tyler, & James
Wehmueller

Special Recognition
Carlos Colen

Drama-Thespian & Acting Awards

Timothy Caster, Vanessa Wade, & Wheat Wil-
liams

Vocal Music Awards

Male Vocalist Timothy Caster
Female Vocalist Tracey Turner
Above and Beyond Jennifer Helmers

National Forensics Awards

Robert Layne & Cynthia Twibell

Danner Youth Award
Ginny Goebel

U.S. Army Reserve Scholar Athletes
Noreen Kraus & Michael McCoy

Kansas City Star Scholar Athlete
Michael McCoy

Bill Rookstool Memorial Award

Cynthia Twibell, Erik Anderson, & Michael
McCoy

William Sobbe Jr. Memorial Award
Ryan Morgan

Tim Painter Memorial Award
Joseph Martin

Female Senior Athlete of the Year
Alissa Jroff

Male Senior Athlete of the Year
Ryan Morgan

Touchdown Club Scholarship
Michael McCoy

Heritage Environment Service
Brett Henderson

Superintendent's Leadership Grant

Tammy Fleming, Brett Henderson, & Christina
Newton

North Kansas City Kiwanis Club

William Enochs, Ruth Vivona, & Ginger Yates

U.S. Marine Corp Awards

Jason Thurston, Erik Anderson, & Ginny Goebel

Gladstone Rotary Club

William Enochs & Vanessa Wade

Virginia Whitsitt Memorial Scholarship

Shannon Sicks

Northland Optimist Club

Sara Crites & Cynthia Twibell

Cathy Ann Cooms Memorial Scholarship

Shannon Sicks

R.B. Doolin Scholarship

William Hensley, Shannon Sicks, & Ruth Vivona

PTSA Scholarship

Amy Voiles

Perfect Attendance Awards

David Arnold, Amy Voiles, Ginger Yates, &
Carlos Colen

A+ Schools Scholarships

Rebecca Amone, David Bennett, Daniel Boyd,
Julie Caylor, Jay Christensen, Rebecca Davidson,
Dana Dehart, William Dodson, Mike Fangmann,
Amanda Felton, Tammy Fleming, Rochelle
Frederick, Brett Henderson, Emily Hunter, Ben-
jamin Kern, John Mendon, Emily Necker, Chris-
tina Newton, Richard Robinson, Rebecca
Rodriguez, Ryan Sayles, Jace Shea, Nicole Sim-
mers, Jennifer Stanley, Jill Tischinski, & Cynthia
Twibell

1997 President's Award For Educational Excellence

Erik Anderson, Gail Andregg, Mark Benmuvhar,
Sara Crites, Rebecca Davidson, Harriet Grindel,
William Enochs, Brenda Enkelmann, Alissa Jroff,
Benjamin Kern, Heidi Koehnle, Robert Layne,
Michael McCoy, John Mendon, Kathryn Tyler,
Nicholas Webb, James Wehmueller, & Ginger
Yates

End of The Roll

By Kevin David

Standing her in a red robe and square hat (I worry about looking off in all those pictures my parents are taking), waiting my turn to climb the stage steps (I worry about stumbling up the stairs), to hear my full name read aloud over the P.A. system (I worry it will be mispronounced), to make my one grand entrance crossing the stage and shaking some V.I.P.'s hand (I worry about missing the hand-off and dropping the diploma), and then to try and step down gracefully while my Uncle Bill is taking all those flash pictures (will I be blinded and miss a step?!).

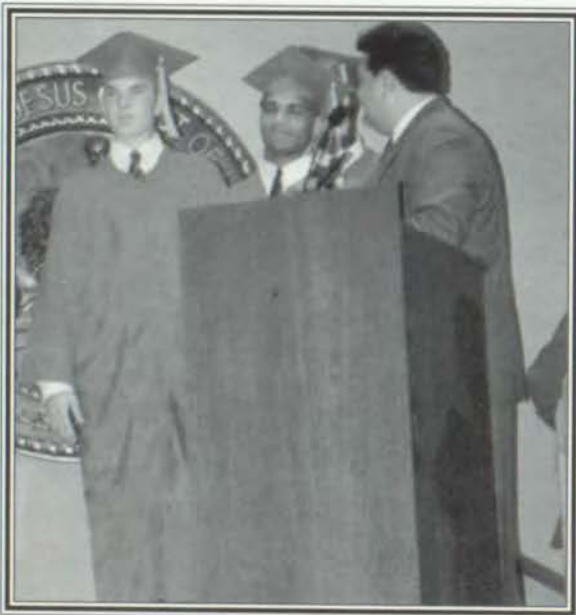
My thoughts are racing as I stand in the beautiful RLDS auditorium. Wow! This huge auditorium is nearly packed with people: family, friends, friends of friends, all here to witness us actually graduate (as if they can't believe it and have come to see for themselves). Suddenly, my thoughts take a turn. I glimpse an old elementary school friend out of the corner of my eye. He's just sitting there, waiting like me. Where has time gone? He used to be one of my closest friends in fifth grade. But we started drifting apart in junior high, and now, I guess I haven't even spoken to him other than to say hello for two years. I thought time had been going by so slowly...

Then it hit me. This was it. There would be no more "see ya tomorrows" with my pals. No more high school dances. Have I taken my high school experiences for granted? No, I've tried to make every moment count. I've been involved in as many activities, made as many friends, struggled for the highest grades I possibly can. But, it's over. And life goes on. And tomorrow? Well, tomorrow will come and go like all the tomorrows and yesterdays always have. Always will.

But I've come to the end of this roll of life's film. And now it's time to move up the stage and graduate to the next level. Mrs. Searle's reading my name. No time to worry. It's my turn!



Senior Class President, Mike McCoy addresses the class of 1997 one last time.



Matt Pugh stands proud while waiting for his name to be announced as a 1997 graduate.



Tracy Edwards looks back to her friends and family for one last high school picture.

A Cappella sings together as a group for the last time ever.



Cindy Twibell grins as she crosses the stage at ALDS to receive her long-awaited diploma.



Eric Mailhot, Chad Marley, and Mark Benmuvhar rise to exit the auditorium after graduating.



Tony Shavnore proudly crosses in front of the stage to climb the steps of graduation.



Susie Zimmerman waves as she walks with her friends for one last class event.

Growing Up in Pictures

By Michia Sciortino

For some 18 years now, our parents have supported us in *almost* everything that we have done. They have been there in more ways that we can count and they have been the ones writing the big checks, especially this year, our Senior year. It started very early for some of us. From the family van that seemed to be a taxi taking us and the neighborhood kids on various trips to the store, the mall, ballet class, soccer practice, the local amusement parks, the pool, and the park, to helping us get our *own* car, they never believed they could travel so many miles. And they were never so happy as when they could hand over the car keys so we could take over the ritual for younger siblings or get that loaf of bread they forgot to pick up at the store, even though this brought its own worries. But through it all they never stopped loving us, no matter how difficult we made it on them and we did make it difficult. They have been the ones that captured all those precious and not so precious moments on film through the family video camera and the family photo album. So all of our thanks and gratitude go to them for 18 years of dedication and for just being there. As we move on from this part of our lives and venture into *real life* we take with us the things they have taught us, the *experience* they have given us, the support they never took away, and the love they will always share with us. We set this section out for them to put in their favorite memories and to leave their lasting words and hopes for the future because they are the ones that have been watching us as we were

Growing Up in Pictures.

P A R E N T S



Row 1: Gina Bennett, Susie Zimmerman, Mindi Porter, Rob Layne, David Bennett Row 2: Harriet Grindel, Andrea Lawler, Michia Sciortino, Rochelle Frederick Row 3: Michelle Burge, Jennifer Stanley, Nicole Simmers, Candace Brueck, Tracy Edwards

T A D S

Keep reaching for
the stars . . .
but remember
to enjoy the ride



We love you and
are so very proud
of you!

Love always,
Mom & Dad

Erik Moore



Ryan,

As you begin your journey
in life. Remember we are al-
ways here for you! We are so
proud of all you have accom-
plished.

Love, Mom & Dad

Ryan Blake

Congratulations!

We're very proud of you, Jay.
We're sure you'll go far

*-Keep working
toward your
goals.*

*Love,
Mom, Dad, & Elaina*

Jay Calzara



Ruth -

Never stop striving
for your dreams. Seize
each moment and
believe in yourself.



Your journey has
just begun.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
John, & Joe

Ruth Vivona

Tracey,

You are very special to us
and we are so proud of you!
Not only for the many
things you've accomplished
but more importantly we are
proud of the wonderful,
caring young woman you have

become.

Your life's journey is just
beginning and we wish you
happiness, love, friendship,
and success in all you do.
Reach for the stars, follow
your dreams, and keep God
in your heart.

Love always,
Mom & Dad
& Presten too!

Tracey Turner



Congratulations Heather!



You are a smart, beautiful, and caring young lady and we are very proud!

*Love,
Mom, Dad, & Lindsay*

Heather Bross

Troy,

May all your dreams become reality as you continue to reach for your goals. We are very proud of you.

Love,
Dad, Mom, & Kathy



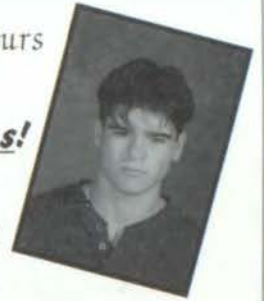
Troy Hott

Tony,

The future is yours to grab!

Congratulations!

We're so proud of you!



Love, Mom & Dad

Tony Wilkinson

Michelle,



High School has been a time of choices and we are so proud that through it all you have remained the type of person that you are.

You are a sweet, kind, and compassionate girl.

You have charm and grace and always handle yourself

with class. Never underestimate what you can do, what you can have, what you can become. Reach for the stars! God bless you with a happy and successful future.

Always our love,
Mom & Dad



Michelle Campobasso



Nick,

Nick,

Mom says keep it short, so I'll try it once. I've told you a million times that I'm proud of you. I have ended every conversation we have ever had with "I LOVE YOU", but now I want to add a few comments. Imagine that!

Thank you . . . for always doing and being better than we asked you too. I set some tough rules but you always surpassed them with goals of your own.

I like the person you have become . . . you're everything I ever wanted in a daughter and more. You are also a great friend.

Congratulations on your grades, cheering, work, goals, and everything in between. I'm impressed. You make being a dad a cool job to have!

I Love Ya!
Dad



Nicole Stimmers

Now comes the fun part, what to do with the rest of your life? The older you get the faster time flies by, so take time for yourself and have fun. Remember the people who love you only want the best for you. Hold your head high and be proud of who you are.

Love always,
Mom



Cindy

A little girl is only a little girl, so long. You have grown into a beautiful young woman, too soon. We know you will succeed in whatever you do!

*Love you forever and always!
Mom, Dad, & Jon*

Cindy Twibell



Congratulations!

WES,
We have had the honor and the privilege of watching you grow into a loving, ambitious and intelligent young man.

We think your thirst for life is going to take you far . . . Your Dad and I wish you health, happiness, and continued success. We are so proud to

call you Son.

We Love You,

Mom & Dad

Wes Bingham



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Great Job!

You are a real blessing to us. We love you.

MOM ~ DAD
MEL ~ CHAD ~ PJ

Jennifer Helmers





Jacob Davidson Age 6

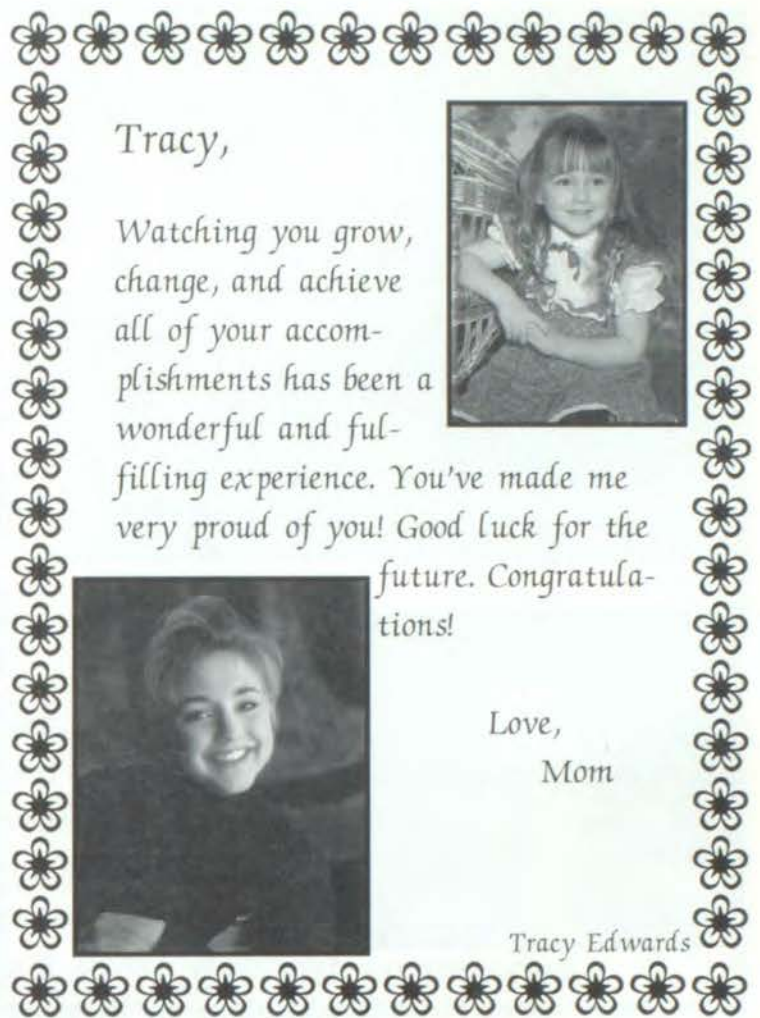
Jake,

Reach for the stars
and never give up!
We love you very
much.

Love,

*Mom, Dad,
Becky, Jenny,
& Rachel*

Jacob Davidson



Tracy,

Watching you grow,
change, and achieve
all of your accom-
plishments has been a
wonderful and ful-
filling experience. You've made me
very proud of you! Good luck for the



future. Congratula-
tions!



Love,
Mom

Tracy Edwards

Congratulations Vanessa!



Our love and pride
are with you always.

**Love,
Mom, Dad,
and Brandi**

Vanessa Sorenson



Becky Davidson Age 5

Becky,

Follow your dreams
and never stop be-
lieving that you can
do it.

Love,

*Mom, Dad,
Jake, Jenny,
& Rachel*

Becky Davidson



Brenda,

As you move on to college life, keep making others happy with your wonderful personality. You've really brightened our lives and we'll miss having you around. We're so proud of you.



*Love,
Mom
& Dad*

Brenda Enkelmann



Lindsay,

You have turned your challenges into positive expressions through



perseverance, love, compassion, and a wonderful sense of humor. May your life be filled with as much joy and happiness as you give to others. We love you.

Mom & Dad

Lindsay Holwick

*Susie,
Congratulations on your graduation. We are so proud of you and wish you the best of luck in your future goals.*



*We love you,
Mom & Dad*



Susie Zimmermann



*Jillian
Sampson*



You are a shining example of what a daughter should be. May all your dreams come true. We are very proud of you.

*Love always,
Dad, Mom, and Kristin*

Jillian Sampson

**Wheat,
Life's road is sometimes rocky
and has many different turns.
We're hoping you find peace
and happiness at the end of
every curve . . . We love you!**

Dad, Sky, and Esther



**Wheat,
You're the daughter I always
dreamed of having. You're
compassionate, funny, and
there when I need you. Wish-
ing all your dreams come true
. . . I love you Mom ❁**



**Wheat,
Thanks for giving me a shoul-
der to lean on . . .**

Your Brother Wind



Wheat Williams

Desirae,

My pride and joy!!!! You always amaze me with your dedication, strength, and determination.



You have never given up on anything and always set your goals high. You have made your life a fascinating adventure and have always shared them with me. Sing a song, dance a jig, slide in home, turn on the catwalk, and always remember, I'm your #1 fan!!!!

I Love You,
Mom

Desirae Peel



Congratulations, Michael!



How proud we are of you. You have maintained the highest standard of personal integrity, moral character, and academic excellence. We love you!

Love, Mom, Dad,
& Mark



Mike McCoy



*That's the way to
show them, Lonnie!*

Love,
Mom, Dad,
and Family

Lonnie Wells

Ryan,

**Thanks for
18 years of tuxedo
memories.**



Love,

Mom & Dad

**Continue to
"Reach Higher".**



Ryan Morgan



Tony,

Time has flown by so fast. It's time, I guess, that you move on and go your separate way. I'll miss you like crazy! We've shared lots of good times and, well, I'll miss the little

fights too. I'll miss you being around!

Love always,

Your Little
Sis,
Sandy

Tony Wilkinson



Erik,

You will always be our hero. We are so proud of you and we know you will continue to be successful in the future.

Love,

Mom, Dad,
and Laura

Erik Anderson



Charity (JEANIE) Daughter



You have been and always will be the sunshine in our lives. Continue to tell it like it is and you will be the successful person you already are.

All our love,
Dad, Mom, & the gang

Charity Foreman

Michelle (Mis),

As your little sister it's my job to wish you good luck in the future! We've taken on things as a team for sixteen years, but college is something you'll have to do without me! Of course, if you ever need help or just a good laugh, you can count on me! Best Wishes!

Love,

Christina (Tina Beans)

P.S. What does poop spell backwards?

Michelle Campobasso



Brenda & Candace

We've watched you grow up together from "cuties" to "beauties". We hope you always stay close cousins/ friends.

Congratulations &
Happy Future!

Much Love,

Mom & Dad
(Aunt Diane & Uncle Larry)

Brenda Enkelmann
& Candace Bruech



**When you were 5 you were adorable
and intelligent with a great future
ahead of you.**



**Nothing has changed.
Congratulations!**

Mom, Dad, Joseph, and Melissa

Amanda Felton

Except your future with open arms and
you can achieve anything.



Love always,
Mom, Dad, and Shane

Mindi Porter



Jennifer,

**We are so proud of you. Con-
gratulations and good luck
in the future.**

Love,

Mom & Dad

Jennifer Stanley



Christina,

**Our little "Teeny Bob", you
are the light of our lives. We
are so proud of you. May the
future hold for you as much
happiness as you have given
to us.**

**All our Love,
Dad, Mom, & Jason**



Christina Newton



Michia,

You've come a long way baby. We know that you have worked very hard to get where you are today and what you have achieved. We're very proud of you. You were a wonderful child; Keep your morals and values and we know you will be a wonderful adult.

Love, Mom & Dad

Michia Sciortino



Fatty,

I hope you know how much you mean to me. I love you very much, and I'm very proud of you.

Andrea

Nicole Simmers

Andrew -

Congratulations for now -
Good luck for the future -
and our love always!
Mom and Kate



Andy Hankins, Ryan Morgan, Ryan Blake, Eddie Ibarra, Chace Ramey, Erik Anderson, Brent Carver

Andy Hankins

Courtney -



May your passion for life and family, loyalty to friends, sense of commitment - along with your zany sense of humor - continue to influence

your future. May God bless you with health and happiness and may all your dreams come true. We are very proud of you.



Love,
Mom, Daddy,
Brent, and Kathleen

Courtney O'Halloran



Andy -

The poet Wordsworth said:

"The Child is Father of the Man."

I know what he meant in a little different way because I have learned much from you in the last 18 years.

Thanks and love
- Dad

Andy Hankins



*Chere Harriet:
Quelle annee pour toi! La France . . . beaucoup de memoires. Nous savons que tu as beaucoup travaille pour gagner de l'argent pour le voyage. Ta derniere annee a Winnetonka etait extraordinaire. Nous sommes si fiers de toi et nous esperons que tu le sais. Tu as accepte les defis cette annee avec confinement et puissance. Ton avenir sera ce que tu voudras. Tu peux faire tout ce que tu veux faire. Noust'aimons beaucoup. Felicitations! Nous meilleurs souhaits.*



*Nous t'embrassons
tendrement,

Dad, Mom, Clifford,
Karl, and John
XXXXXXXXXXXX*

Harriet Grindel

John Groves
 You are one of the few, the proud . . . and so are we.

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1997
 Mom, Dad, & Amy

John Groves



*Congratulations,
 Joe!*

*Remember, precious
 and few are the
 moments -- so take
 them all in.*

*Love,
 Mom, Dad, Adam,
 Grandma, and
 Grandpa*

*We're so proud of
 you!!!*

Joe Martin



Rochelle,

*CONGRATULATIONS! You did
 a good job, our little butterfly.
 Looking forward to your success
 in college.*

*Love,
 Mom, Dad, John, Steph, Marty,
 Dennis, Jim, and the rest of the
 animals!*



Rochelle Frederick

To My "American Friends"

It was on August 8th when my life changed. I was in the airport watching my family and friends crying. I was sad because I knew that I wouldn't see them again for 1 year.

I arrived in Kansas City and my new American Family was waiting for me. That day I had to begin to learn a new culture, new language, and learn to survive by myself. Everything was different to me!

Everyday was a great experience. I had many hard moments, but that's what makes me feel proud now. Today I see that time went so fast and it's time to leave all of you guys and go home again.

I think it's harder for me, because when I left Ecuador, I knew I'd be back, but now, when I leave K.C., I don't know when I'm going to see you again. I just can't believe I have to say good-bye to Winnetonka, Kansas City, and all of you, my "American Friends". I never will forget you. Thanks for making this year, the best year of my life!

Remeber, all of you, that little country in South America called Ecuador, because I will think about you everyday.

I'll miss you,
Maria Pazmino
(Ecuador)



It was in June when I finally got the letter from AFS and they told me that I'm going to stay with a family in Kansas City. I was excited to see a different part of the world and learn about their culture, school, and people. I had a lot of fun with my host family and friends, and hard for all of us . . . but still, this year was my best year in my life . . . so far. And I can't believe it's already over.

I'm excited to go back and see all my friends and my family again, but I'm also sad that I have to leave all these nice people here. I'll always remember Winnetonka, the soccer team, and my friends.

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Alexandra Prysch
(Switzerland)

To the Senior "Cheerleaders"

The road we began to walk as Freshmen has given us many memories and experiences that we will always treasure. We believed in ourselves and the fact that we are champions. Don't forget the feeling of pride you held as you performed at your greatest measure. Those feelings are what will get you through life and the hard times. No matter what you face we always remain to be that of a cheerleaders, you guys will always be the most dedicated, talented, and beautiful people to me. It's not the skirt that makes you a "cheerleader" in my mind. It's the times where friendship, teamwork, and the will to win during the 6 am practices. I will always remember us as the girls who really took first. I mean do we really need a trophy to believe that we were the best. I don't think so! I love you girls.

Your biggest fan, Michelle Burge



Ryan,

Thanks for making this year so special. You have given me many memories to hold on to.

Whether we were going to dances, to the movies, or just hanging out. I love you.

**Love,
Andrea**

Ryan Morgan



Headquarters,

We are going to miss you guys. We will have many memories but it won't be the same without you. We wish you the best of luck with your future plans.

Love,

Andrea, Brooke, Cara, Ginny, Haley, and Marcie



Dear Michelle,

Well, well. I can't believe you'll be leaving me! I will miss you so much. You are a very special person and deserve so much more than you'll ever know. I'm so glad we have gotten to be such close friends. I wish you the best of luck in your life. I know you'll be successful because of your easy going personality and just for you being you! Gosh. I'll miss seeing your stylish one of a kind outfits and big smile. When you come home to visit we will go shopping at our store Express.

Well, I could go on with this sad good-bye forever, but, I gotta cut it short. But, before, I go I have to tell you, don't ever forget, if you need to talk about anything, I'm always here for you. No matter how dumb it might seem and Thanks for being such a trustworthy and understanding friend.

Love ya Always,
(Yo Shopping Partner)
Mary Morrison



Michelle Campobasso

CARDS Chelle & Mee-Sha INSIDE JOKES

Grab A Backpack → Europe

Chelle,

There's just not enough room for me to say everything here. That's why we used so many cards over 3 years. We've been through so much and nothing's ever the same after we get a hold of it. Double-Staffing, Running the Show, Mall Going, Making Sense to No One, All-Around Goodies, but ourselves, is all we'll ever be and that suits me fine. We're two of a kind, never to be duplicated and I love you for it.

Freaks Old Music Pooh DDE



Which Way → Do We Go George

Michia- lini,

It's been a great year. We finally made it through men and school and every other obstacle! You are one of my best friends. Think! Think!

Love ya ~
Rochelle

Always and Forever,
Mee-Sha

When you're done reading this, call me --
We'll Do CHOCOLATE

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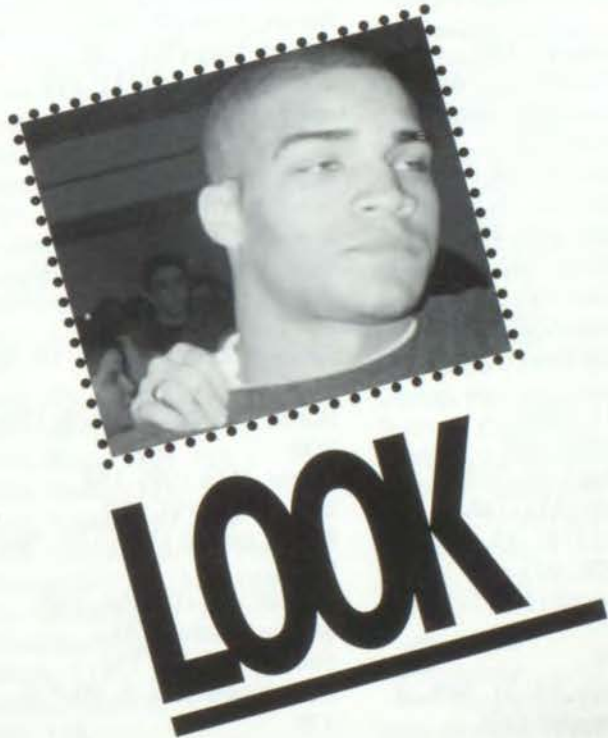


Closing The Cannister

PICTURE THIS! started out as a great theme for this year's book, but as the year progressed we began to wonder whether we would be able to picture anything at all! What a time we had! In addition to all of the "regular stuff" that happens every high school year, we've had to deal with broken cameras, a fire burning down the photography shop we do business with and had equipment stored at, computer failures, fatal errors, and a UPS strike. If we could be challenged any further, I fail to see how. The challenges became exhausting, and then one of our chief staff members suffered an unexpected loss in her family.

But there are no excuses. With huge help from some former yearbook staffers, primarily former editor Kayla Bear, who has given up about six weeks of her own time because of her love for Winnetonka, we have salvaged a great book from the embers of disappointment. Kayla, Winnetonka's class of '97 thanks you from the bottom of our hearts.

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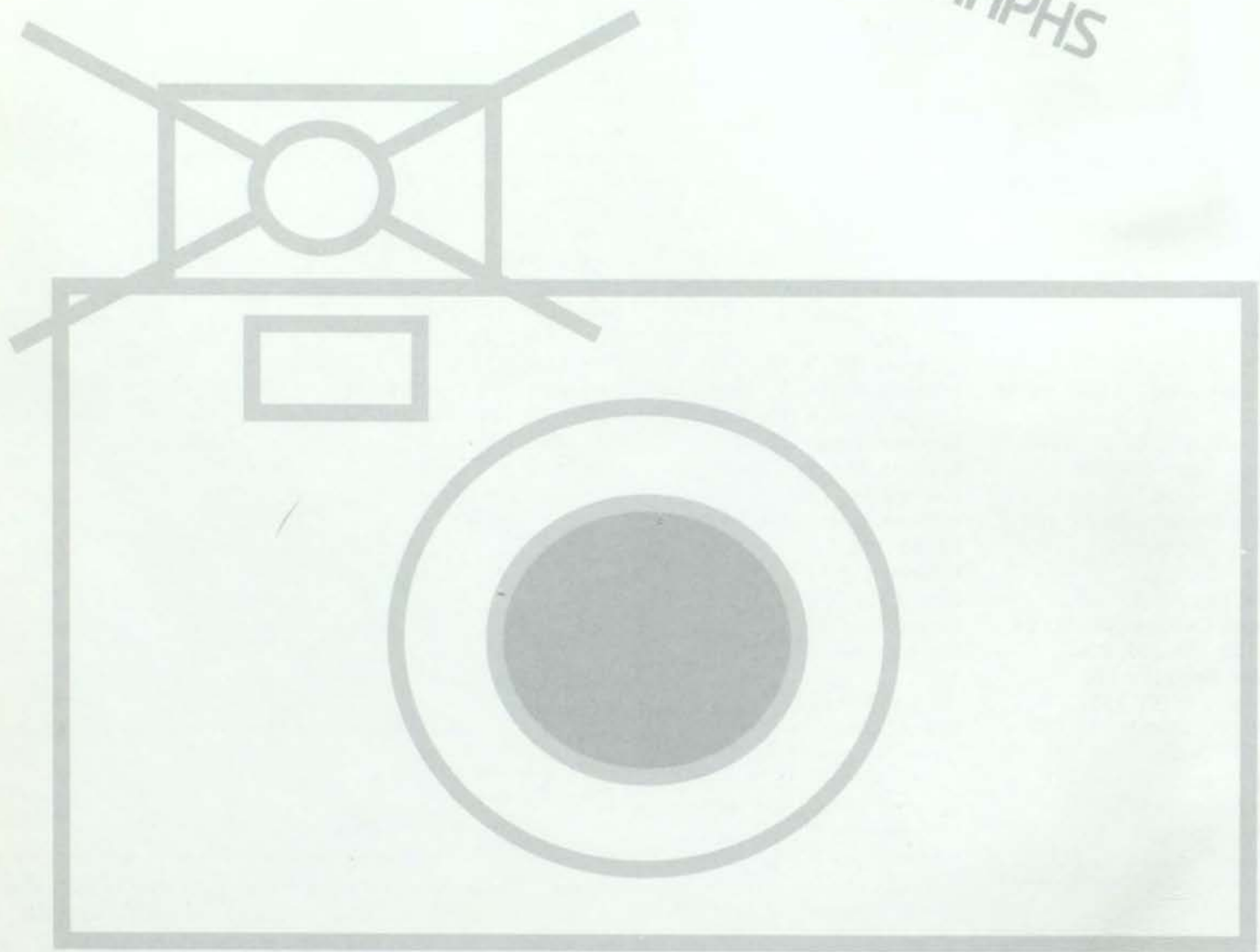
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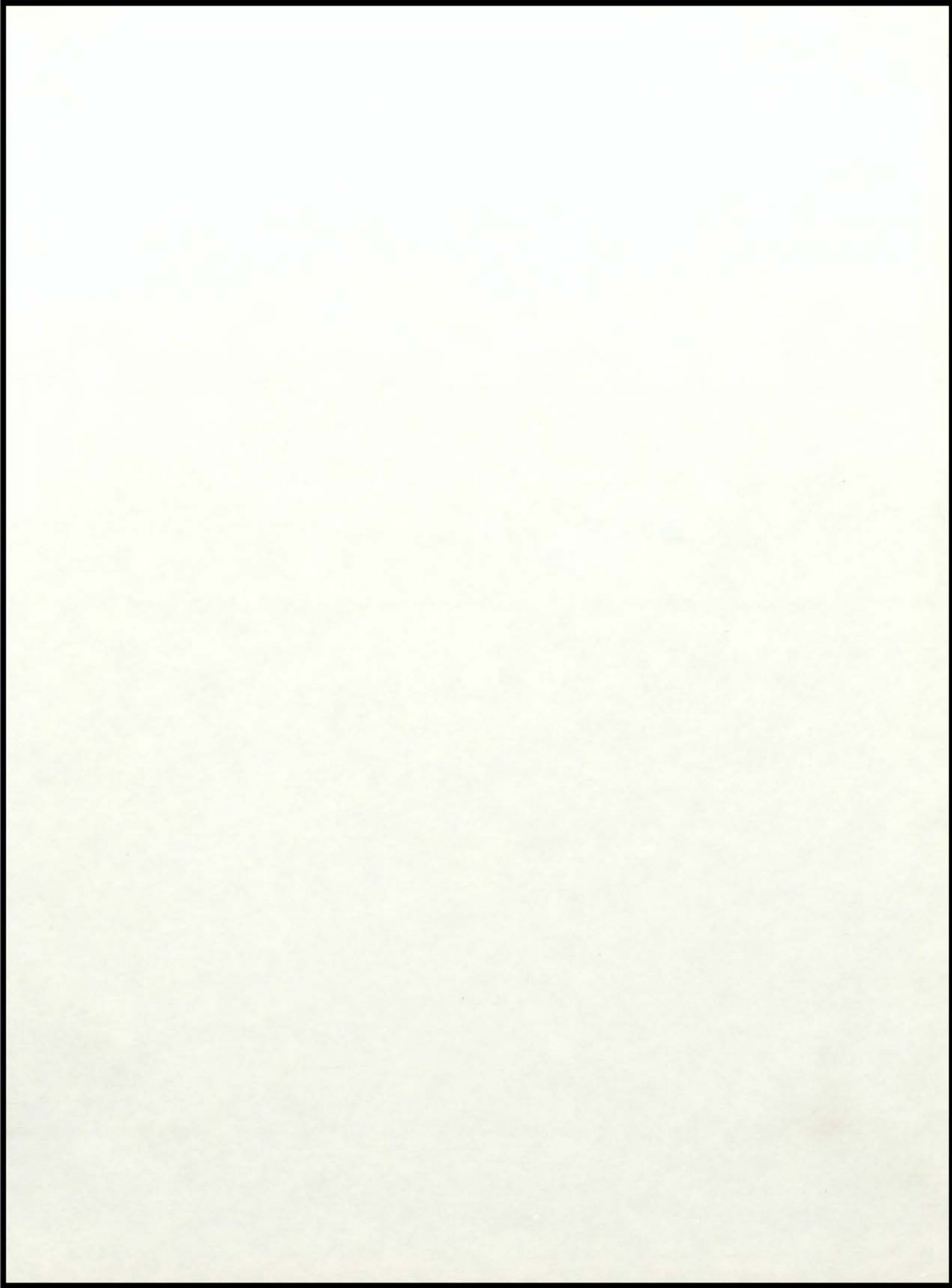
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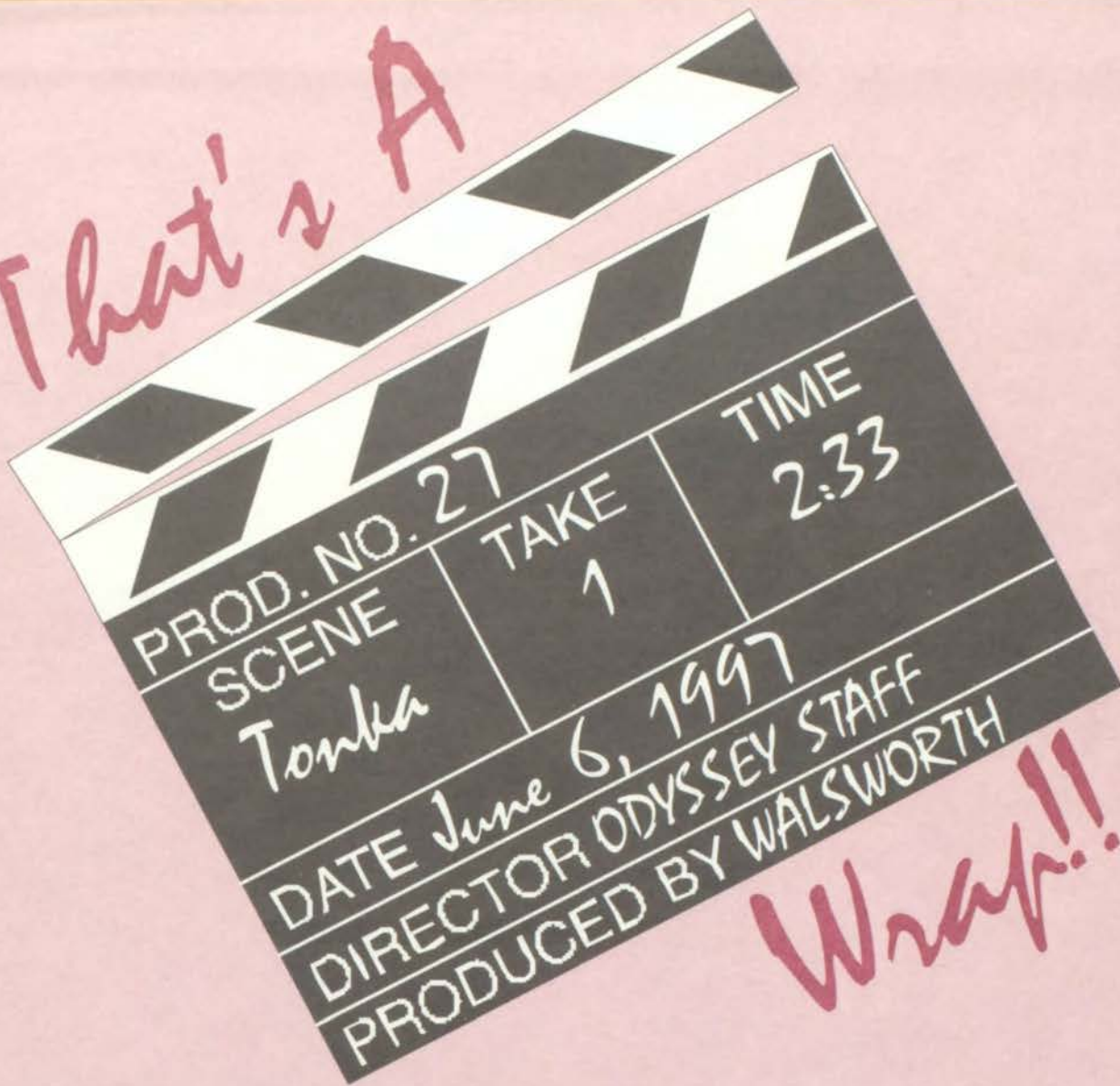
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