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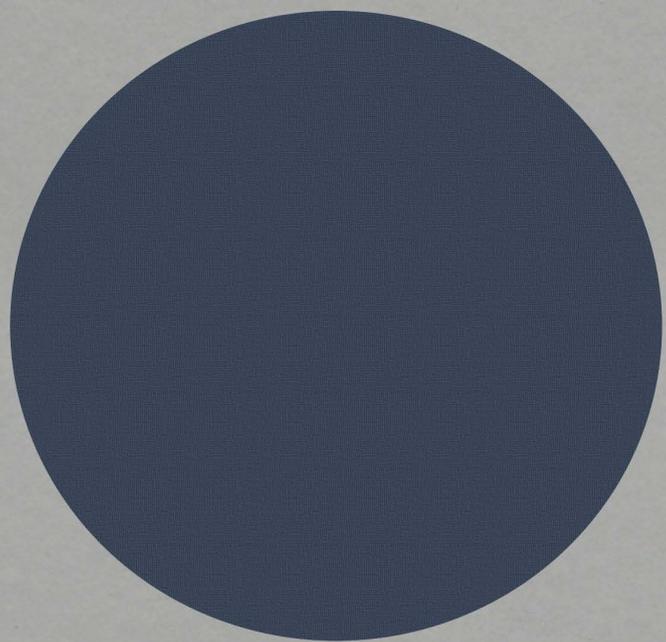
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On the day after prom, Nick Borsellino, Kevin Jacobs, and Jeff Swope take a ride around on the Wave Swinger at Cedar Point. Even an hour-long downpour couldn't spoil the day for Kevin. He said, "At Cedar Point there is just **no way around it**: if you go, you're gonna have a good time."

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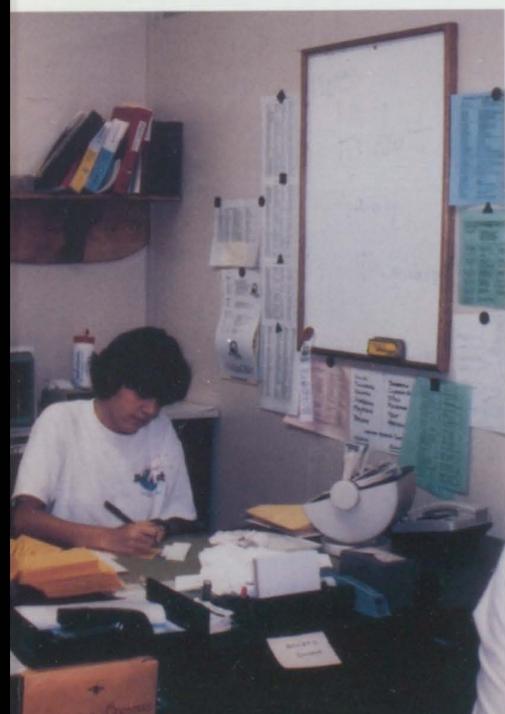
technological advances have made it seem like anything is possible. Because of this we sometimes forget what life is really like. Just remember, however, eventually, we have to deal with the realities of life, and there's **no way around it**. Like the fact that four feet of snow fell in early November, shutting down the school for three days, while temperatures in the 60s greeted students on a morning in late February. The Tribe lost in the opening round of the playoffs to the Baltimore Orioles, and the former Browns took to the field in Baltimore as the Ravens after playing decades of football in Cleveland. In the offseason the Indians lost their slugger Albert Belle to the Chicago White Sox and traded Kenny Lofton to the Braves for Marquis Grissom and Dave Justice. Who would have ever thought it

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after waiting in line for nearly two hours, Pat Cavolo, Chris Havlice, and Kyle Woodie take their seats and get strapped in the front car of The Raptor at Cedar Point on the day after prom. Those who went to the Point the day after prom found out that there was **no way around it**: if you wanted to get on the popular rides, you had to be willing to wait in some long lines.



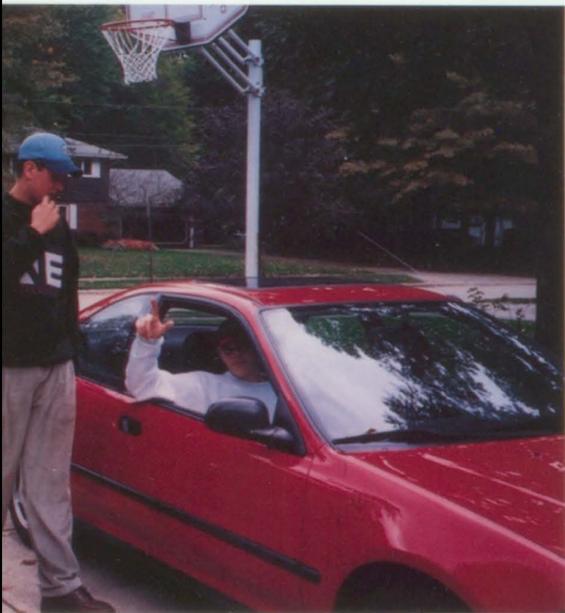
in the plaza between Jacobs Field and Gund Arena, members of the local and national media set up base to cover the NBA All-Star Game on Sunday, February 9. There was just **no way around it**: as Cleveland continued to grow, the nation's eyes focused on the city more and more.

during one of their study halls, Jeff Austin and Nicki Rucci hang out in the athletic office and try to catch the Tribe's playoff game with the Orioles on WKNR. Even with fan support and Albert Belle's game three grand slam, there was **no way around** the Indians losing in the first round to Baltimore.

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at the end-of-the-year picnic for their second period Chefery 1 class, seniors Linda Turk, Melanie Pearn, and Beth Nudelman sample some of food that they had prepared. There was **no way around it**: the weather just didn't want to cooperate as students had to grill with temperatures in the low 40s in May.

On a Friday afternoon after school, Brian Schultz and Matt Rinker wait at Mike Hatchadorian's house and try to figure out what to do that night. Many students agreed that there was **no way around** there was just not much for teenagers to do in Mayfield on the weekends.



at 7:30 a.m. on a morning in spring, students try to make it through the traffic jam that greets them at the Lander Rd. entrance. There was **no way around it**: traffic was backed up just about every day before and after school as students rushed to get where they wanted to go.

Serving one of her detentions by cleaning Mrs. Laura Capello's art room after school, Carmen Navis learns the hard way that there is **no way around it**: if you do the crime, you pay the time. Students were given the option of working off one of their detentions each semester, but after that they were stuck with 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.





possible for Cleveland to turn 200 and grab the nation's spotlight? The city threw quite a party for its bicentennial birthday, showing that there is **no way around** getting older. RTA added a new rapid line with access to the Flats. We hosted the NBA All-Star Game in February and prepared to host the baseball All-Stars in July. Another reality of life was change. School started earlier for the second straight year as students had to be in homeroom by 7:35, five minutes earlier than last year. That earlier start created even more of a traffic problem as drivers, anxious to avoid tardies but yet not willing to "rise and shine" any sooner, lined up bumper-to-bumper in both entrances. We learned new traffic patterns as orange barrels obstructed the straight shot entrance into the parking lot from Wilson Mills. We went back to alpha-homerooms, and combo lunches debuted. Lots of changes. At the beginning of it all, we weren't sure what life had in store for us; we just knew that, whatever it was, sometimes there'd be **no way around it**.

student life hanging around

Just when we thought we were stuck hanging around and there was **no way around it**, something new came along. The *Drew Carey Show* aired a special episode featuring cameos by Cleveland celebrities, the NBA All-Star Game came to town, *Sports Illustrated* rated Cavs point guard Terrell Brandon the best in the NBA, and Tribe centerfielder Kenny





Outside of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Mike Benchek and Ben Grasso check out the window washers while they wait for their tour to begin. They learned the hard way that sometimes there is **no way around** waiting in long lines. Ben said, "The best exhibit was the Jimi Hendrix part."

Lofton starred in a series of Nike ads before he was traded to the Atlanta Braves. Counting Crows, Metallica, and the Dave Matthews Band all visited the area, and all three shows quickly sold out. A whole new generation saw the Star Wars Trilogy on the big screen for the first time, and controversial DJ Howard Stern watched his movie *Private Parts* enjoy success. Even with all of that, sometimes we were still left with nothing special to do but just hang around.

by michael hatchadorian



At the homecoming bonfire and pep rally Dave Leslie throws the stuffed Bedford Bearcat to its fiery death, while Brian Barville, Pete Stella, and Chris Rogers root him on. The following day the football team defeated the Bearcats by the final score of 26-7.

Along with her father and her escort, Matt Rinker, Queen Tara Palmisano makes her way out onto the field after being announced during halftime of the homecoming football game. Tara and the court, consisting of Chris Vehar, Arlene Andru, Danielle Vespucci, and Danielle Koshy, along with their parents and escorts, reported to the field after Thursday's bonfire to practice for the halftime ceremonies.



what a weekend

homecoming provides an enjoyable and memorable few days for a record number of students.

Students usually watch or participate in the parade on Wednesday but not this year. This year the cruise down Lander Road was held on a Thursday. The "Top Fifteen" has been around for decades but not this year. Instead, a "Sweet Sixteen" was honored due to a tie in the voting. Usually around 170 couples attend the dance but not this year. This year tickets sold out as 250 couples decided to dance the night away. The homecoming weekend is traditionally one packed with stuff to do and places to go, but many who got involved this year had "A Time to Remember."

Unlike most previous years, this year's assembly was before the parade, and so it kicked off the homecoming weekend. Court member Danielle Vespucci said, "The whole assembly was just great! Setting up the night before, being so nervous the morning of, and finally walking down and being escorted. The assembly was set up so beautifully, and the excitement from the 'Sweet Sixteen' filled the air. It was a great occasion."

Next came the parade for which the weather decided not to cooperate. However, even cold wind and rain couldn't stop it from taking place. Court member Danielle Koshy said, "It was really fun. Abby Fazio drove my convertible, and Mandy Fordham was in the



The morning of the dance, Student Council members Linda Turk and Pamela Alley use a helium tank to blow up some of the many green and black balloons that would decorate the cafeteria ceiling during the dance.

front seat. We had fun throwing candy at all the little kids. Afterwards, the Top Sixteen and all of our escorts went out to dinner at the Olive Garden."

Finally, the big day was here. For most, dinner led off the evening followed by a stroll over to the dance. However, some groups had a more interesting time getting there. Like Jen Kacar's group. She said, "Homecoming was fun, but I wish we would have gone to a restaurant that we knew how to get to. Our limo driver got lost, and we drove around for 45 minutes." Court member Chris Vehar enjoyed the dance more than

any other part of the weekend. She said, "The best part of the weekend was the dance. It was a blast dancing and being with everyone."

The homecoming weekend provided excitement for many and memories for many more. Homecoming Queen Tara Palmisano said, "The most memorable thing for me was the homecoming court dance. When I look back on Homecoming '96, it's still vivid in my mind. It was one of the best experiences I have ever had. If I had to do it all over again, I would."

Homecoming '96 turned out to be "A Time to Remember" for many.

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Student Council President meets her escort, Joe DeMarco at the homecoming assembly, bonfire, or dance. Anyone who attended any of these events has seen all of the enthusiasm.



After setting up at Millridge School, Jeff Austin, Jeff Crawford, Ariana Vigil, Nehul Vyas, Hansal Patel, and John Rachel climb the JCWA float to begin the parade from the Cornerstone Community Church parking lot.

After a long day of setting up in the cafeteria for the dance, freshmen Student Council members Paul Lin and Vivek Mathur serve refreshments and chat with Mark Kramer as Melissa Mlinac eyes the dance floor.



In honor of the Girls' Soccer team winning its second straight GCC title, Hollie Benesh decorates her brother's truck for the homecoming parade. Hollie said, "It was so great to show everyone we had won the GCC again."

lost in an instant

almost before they know what hit them, browns fans face no team and a promise of football in '99.

The high temperature for the day hovered around five degrees. Not to mention the wind chill of -20 or the six inches of snow expected to fall by midday. To many, this sounded like a good day to stay inside and sit by the fire. But to Cleveland Browns' fans this sounded like a great day to head on down to Municipal Stadium for a late-season or post-season Browns' game. For decade after decade Browns' fans braved the cold and snow and supported their football team. However, when Art Modell headed off to Baltimore, he took all of this and much more away from thousands of dyed-in-the-wool fans.

When Modell left Cleveland he took with him years of memories and left Browns' fans looking forward to a new team and new memories. Chris Maher remembered going to see the Browns play the Bills on Monday Night. He said, "The game came down to the last play and even though we lost, it was a lot of fun. I just hope that I'm here when the new Browns come to Cleveland in '99."

With all of these memories as well as their team at



While keeping track of their fantasy football teams on big-screen televisions, Kevin Jacobs and Ethan Moitra sample BW3's buffalo wings on a Sunday afternoon. Even though the team formerly-known-as-the-Browns had gone, many fans still followed the NFL.

stake, the city of Cleveland was not ready to give up without a fight. Diane Barni said, "Cleveland has stood behind the Browns for years, and it's not right for him to take the Browns away just for more money." In the end the NFL allowed Modell to head to Baltimore but not with the team name, colors, and records which will remain in Cleveland until the next franchise comes along.

With the Browns gone, what did former fans do on Sundays? Dave Loparo said he still watched football, but he followed the Green Bay Packers instead of the Baltimore Ravens. On the other hand, Anthony Gamellia said, "I am still a

football fan. I follow the Buffalo Bills, but on Sundays I usually play Nintendo 64, play basketball, or just sit around and draw."

The Browns had built a long tradition and had become a large part of the city. But for now they were gone, and fans found new ways to entertain themselves on Sundays.

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On Saturday of Super Bowl weekend, Anthony DiFranco and Brian Cornelius take one last look at Cleveland Municipal Stadium before it is completely gone. After years of housing the Tribe and the Browns, the lakefront stadium was torn down and plans began for building a new one.



As the Indians players are announced during the pre-game festivities at Jacobs Field, Dennis Sheflyand applauds from his seat in the upper deck. The Tribe went on to win the game over the wild-card Baltimore Orioles behind Albert Belle's seventh-inning grand slam but still lost the series, 3-1.



In the closing moments of the Cavs' game against the Milwaukee Bucks, Matt Rinker, Jeff Swope, and Jeff Austin cheer as Terrell Brandon sinks for three to put the Cavaliers up for good. This year Cleveland was in the basketball spotlight as it hosted the All-Star Game and Sports Illustrated rated Brandon as the best all-around point guard in the NBA.



On Super Bowl Sunday, Nick Borsellino eyes his shot, while Kevin Jacobs watches from across the table. Kevin said that they watched some of the game but spent a lot of the day shooting pool and playing ping-pong.

Just hours before the tip off of the NBA All-Star Game, shoppers stroll through the Tower City Center and take in the decorations highlighting the NBA's greatest moments. Charlotte Hornet Glenn Rice stole the show and won the game MVP at the first All-Star Game ever played at newly-built Gund Arena.



As a close to the Valentine's dance, seniors Mike Somich, Nick Roberto, Queen Nicki Rucci, Aimee Puin, and Patti Delfs dance on the risers, overlooking the dance floor, which holds the queen's throne. Nicki said, "Basically, we were just dancing around and having fun. The whole weekend was a blast. I will never forget it, and it was probably one of the best weekends during my senior year."

In the middle of the busy dance floor at homecoming, Queen Tara Palmisano poses for the picture. For the first time ever the dance was completely sold out as 250 couples attended the dance on Saturday, October 15.



get down tonight

from prom to the united way mixer, students take advantage of every chance to hit the dance floor.

Their parents did the twist, the 'gator, the Freddie, or even the hustle. And although today's high school students danced a bit differently than their parents once did, one thing hadn't changed: they still loved to dance. Students came out in big numbers to mixers as well as to formal dances all year long for a chance to dance.

The homecoming weekend started off on the right foot as the varsity football team topped the favored Bedford Bearcats. And good things continued to happen as a record 250 couples attended the homecoming dance and had a "Time to Remember." Court member Arlene Andru said, "I had a wonderful time with my boyfriend and my friends, and looking back at high school I will remember Homecoming '96 and just smile."

Kelly Piccirillo added, "I enjoyed being with my friends and dancing the night way." Lindsey Carlson also had a good time. She said, "The thing I will remember most about homecoming will be spending time with the people I love."

The next formal was the Valentine's dance held on February 15. Red dresses and candy hearts highlighted the evening as students danced to the song "Open Arms" by Journey. Joanna Valore said, "Being on court with all



At the eighth-grade "formal" dance, Nicki Galati takes center stage on the floor of the 10-12 cafeteria during "YMCA." The dance was put on by the Student Leadership Council with the theme of "A Walk in the Clouds."

of my friends made the night memorable."

On May 17 the junior-senior prom was held at the Normandy Party Center. For the first time in a few years students had a choice of what to eat for dinner. Besides the traditional choice of chicken, filet mignon was also offered.

Besides the formal dances, there were many mixers throughout the year. Student Council put on mixers to help their United Way, Coats for Kids, and Harvest for Hunger drives. Student Council Secretary Aimee Puin said, "This year's mixers were a huge success. Mainly because of

the huge turnout we got." Student Council also put on special education mixers with such themes as Halloween and the Spring Fling.

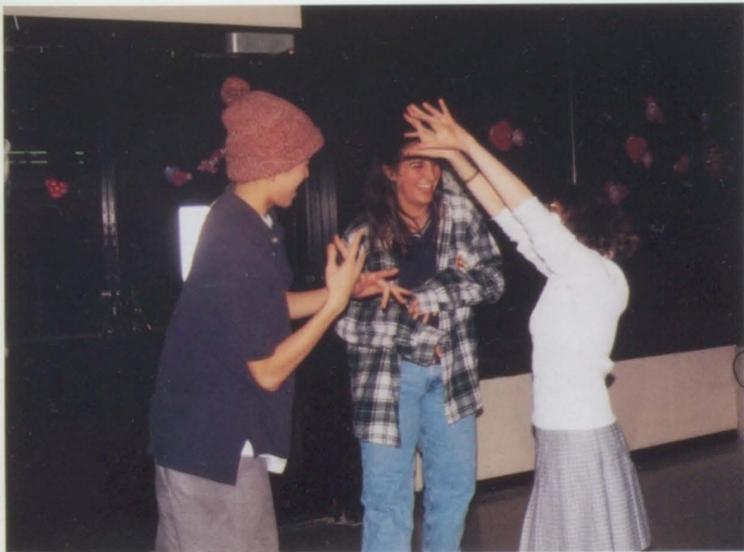
Not wanting to be left out of the dance scene, the eighth graders hosted their own "formal" dance with the theme "A Walk in the Clouds." The dance marked the first time the eighth grade hosted a formal dance in years.

Whether it was the junior-senior prom, homecoming, or even just an after-game mixer, this year students seemed eager to take advantage of every opportunity to hit the dance floor.

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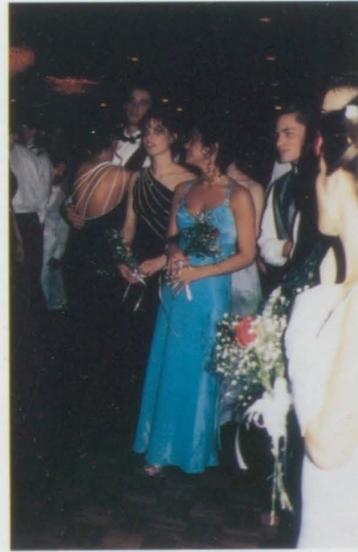


King Josh Wilkenfeld and Queen Nicki Rucci dance to "Open Arms" by Journey at the Valentine's dance on Saturday, February 15. Josh said, "I was proud to represent Mayfield and proud to share this honor with the beautiful Nicki Rucci."



"The Macarena" draws many of the 500 students who attended homecoming to the dance floor. (Mark Belfiore, Keelie Harvey, Jim Farmer, Ben Harvey, Lindsey Carlson, Alicia Kearns, Franjo Dolenac)

Paul Lin and Sheryl Kass dance with one of the special education students from the area. Student Council held mixers throughout the year, inviting special education students from Mayfield as well as from other area schools.



Moments before the court dance at prom, Erin Brennan, Adam Miller, Bartlett Bulkley, Danielle Vespucci, Blaine Bosley, Garrett Patty, and Denielle Sidoti wait for the announcement of the king and queen.



On Saturday, May 17, Stacy Ginsburg, John Nagy, Dominic Bona, and Jackie Trigilio approach the Normandy Party Center on Euclid Avenue for the junior-senior prom. Prom began at 7:30 p.m. with soft drinks and pizza, and the dancing didn't conclude until 11:30 p.m.



On a beautiful day in West Palm Beach, Florida, over spring break, Mike Hatchadorian and Matt Rinker take a dip in the Atlantic Ocean to cool off. As they put it, they spent eight days in Florida relaxing a lot, riding around on the golf cart, and swimming.

Under a pavilion at the Mayfield Heights Park, camp counselors Patti Delfs and Nicki Rucci get their campers ready to go to the pool. Patti said, "The best part of my summer vacation was working at day camp because I was with my friends, and I love working with kids."



break the routine

from florida to las vegas, students hit the road in search of good times and memorable experiences.

Wake up at 6:30. Go to school until 3. Practice for the sports team goes till 5:30. By the time they get home many students have already put in an 11-hour day, and they still have homework to do. Week after week of the same routine can really wear on a person. What to do for a break? Why, vacation, of course. Whether they traveled abroad or stayed at home, most students took full advantage of their vacations over summer, winter, and spring.

Fresh out of school many students were ready to start enjoying their summer vacations. Chris Mahar went to Canada to see his dad and brought Nick Borsellino with him. Chris said, "The waterskiing was the best part."

The next vacation came when many Clevelanders needed a break the most. Winter break from December 20 to January 6 gave some students an opportunity to get away from the cold and snow. Nick Jones had to go to Arizona to pick up his grandmother but was still able to make a vacation out of it. He said, "The best part was in Vegas. I got to see one of the older casinos get imploded. It was awesome." Bobby Wall also took advantage of the winter break by going to Boca Raton, Miami, Key Largo, and Naples, all in Florida. He



Working on his tan over spring break, Dom Lanzara poses with a parrot on Ft. Myers Beach. Dom said, "Me and five of my friends decided to take the 32-hour Greyhound Bus trip. We laughed the whole way and met a lot of interesting people. I highly recommend it if you go with a group of your friends that know how to make the best out of things and know how to have a good time."

said, "The best part of the trip was when we went to South Beach for the Pro Am Volleyball Tournament. But I will remember that there is always an element of danger wherever you go. For example, when I was down there, there was a great white shark caught three miles from where we were snorkeling."

Students were then forced to wait until spring for their next chance to hit the road. Stephanie Waggle and a group of friends took off to Ft. Myers, Florida. She said, "Just being with everyone on the beach and having a great time was the best. Not to mention meeting new people and having a blast." Jeremy Wilneff also used the break given in spring as an escape. He and his family made the long haul to Hawaii. He said,

"The best things were the beaches, the sun, and the girls. But I would have liked to have stayed longer and seen more meaningful things like Pearl Harbor."

Some students chose sunny beaches and crowded casinos, while others had to live with sleeping in late or earning a little green. Either way, most students seemed happy to take full advantage of their breaks in any way possible.

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Over winter break, Vicki Mindel stops to pose for a picture in the Mirage casino and hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Vicki said, "The Mirage was by far the most beautiful casino in Vegas. It also had the best shows."

After spending their spring break in Ft. Myers, Florida, Lisa Gillespie, Tara Palmisano, Missy Manocchio, Josette Garbo, Denielle Sidoti, Stephanie Waggle, and Dana Morgan get ready to come back to Cleveland.

on center stage

from plays to musicals to rock concerts, students put their many talents on display for all to see

As the lights dimmed and the curtain began to rise, the audience sat in anticipation. Behind stage, butterflies fluttered in many stomachs. The time to show what they had was upon them, and now it was do or die.

The first performances of the year, on November 15 and 16, was the fall play, *Hooray for Hollywood*, which was about groups of students all attempting to win a film festival. Ross Fertel said, "My favorite was 'The London Slasher.' I felt it was a good contrast from the rest of the comedy, and the audience liked it a lot too."

Next came the Monsters of Rock concert on January 11, a chance for student-bands to perform. It was the first Monsters of Rock since 1993. Jason Kikel, a member of the Dead Butterflies, said, "The best aspect of Monsters of Rock, for us at least, was that it was an easy opportunity to begin playing public shows."

The musical *Grease*, performed March 14-16, told the story of a group of friends in high



After turning "bad" to impress her love, Danny, Sandy (Vanessa Vienna) lays one on Patty Simcox (Jennifer Brooks) in order to defend her new reputation in *Grease*. Vanessa said, "The thing I enjoyed most about *Grease* was working with a cast who were all friends. It makes performing so much more fun."

school and what happened to them during their senior year. Trent Pinto, who played (as he described the part) the "Italian lady killer" Sonny LaTien, said, "My favorite part about the musical was the after-school rehearsals. They looked like one big blooper after the other. I think we gave Mrs. (Jean) Puleo (stage director) some grey hairs."

On April 18 the Special Education department held its annual Dance Showcase. Students performed songs from *Godspell*, *Little Mary Sunshine*, and *Gypsy*, a Broadway medley, and "Itsy-Bitsy, Teeny-Weeny, Yellow Polka-

Dot Bikini."

Finally, on May 8 and 9 the politically-correct version of *Twelve Angry Men*, called *Twelve Angry Jurors*, came to the stage. The co-ed drama told the story of jurors in a murder trial and their deliberations.

Whether it was playing in their band, singing in the musical, or acting in one of the plays, many students put on quite a show.

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On stage at the Monsters of Rock concert on January 11, Brad Amster sings with his band 8628, which has been together for 18 months. Brad said, "I enjoyed the show immensely. It showed how much talent this school has."



As Raymond Cabot and Urvashi Shah perform in the background, Donald Turner does his routine to "Secret Agent Man" during the annual Special Education Dance Showcase. Students practiced all year for the performance on Friday, April 18, before their families and guests.



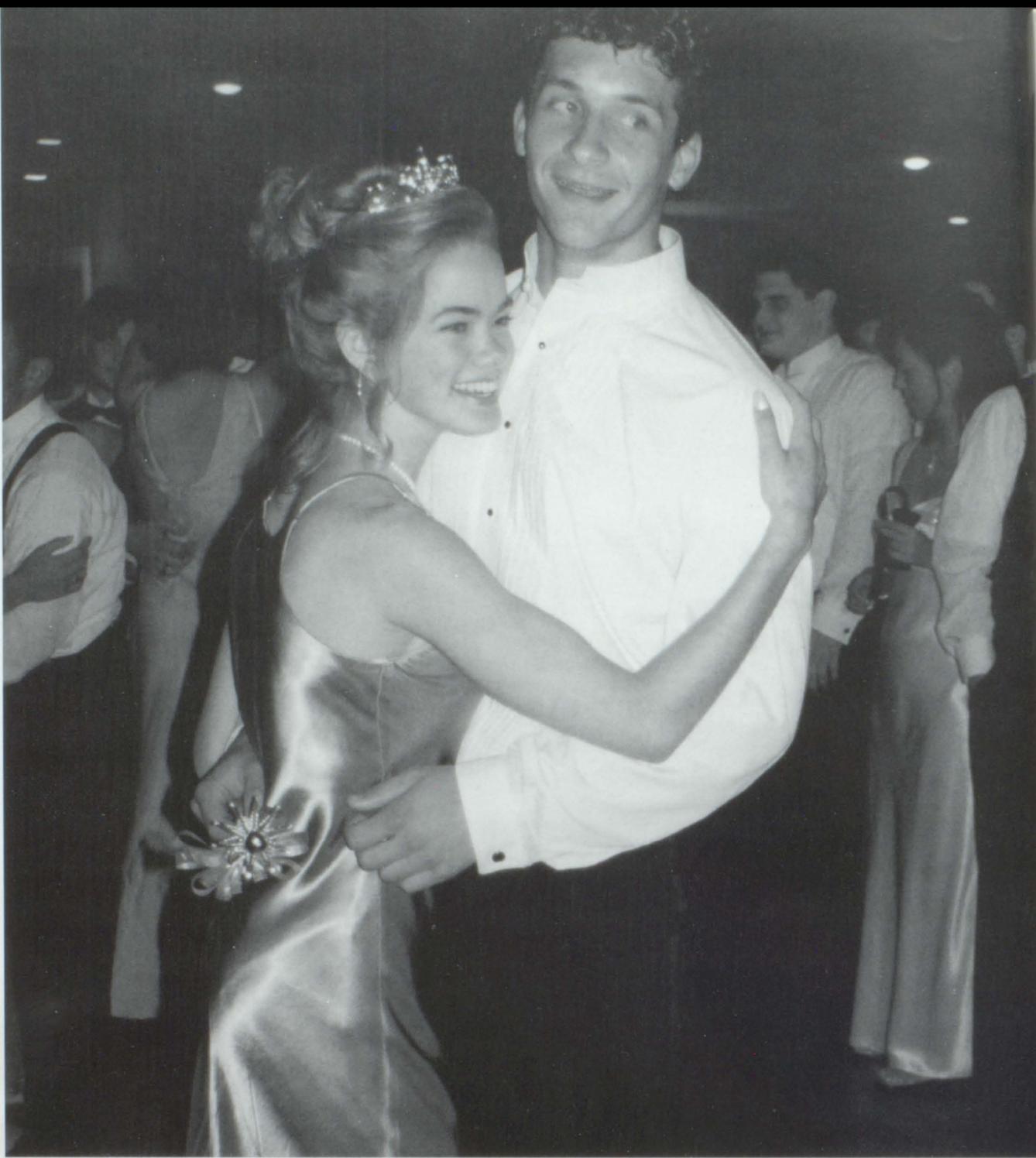
During the Frankenstein part of *Hooray for Hollywood*, Frankenstein (Jeff Previte) carries Debbie (Jen Burtonshaw) away from Bruce (Ross Fertel). Jeff said that he enjoyed this scene, but the Harry Rome scene was his favorite because "I got to fight in slow motion. The crowd and the cast loved it."

As Trent Pinto attempts to prove his point that a reasonable doubt exists and that, perhaps, the accused did not commit the murder, fellow juror Jen Burtonshaw listens attentively and considers the options. The spring play, *Twelve Angry Jurors*, ran from Thursday, May 8, to Saturday May 10.



After his girl, Sandy, leaves the theater, Danny (Brad Harrill) sings "Alone at the Drive-In" in the musical *Grease*. Brad said, "I enjoyed the challenge of becoming and literally being the person I had to act out." One challenge he had to face was keeping his hair in place. He needed 26 bobby pins to maintain the greaser look.





After being crowned, Queen Chris Vehear and King Frank Stupczy share the court dance. For the first time in three years an assembly was held before the dance to announce the court, which was voted on by the juniors and seniors. The seniors later voted to determine the king and queen.

After a night of dancing, Dave Buell, Nicole Scotese, Missy Manocchio, and Jason Sills grab their photo album favors and head for the door. Students who stayed to the end had a little over an hour to make it from prom to after-prom at the Middle School before those doors closed.



wonderful tonight

prom-goers attempt to survive 24-plus hours
of non-stop action on little-to-no sleep

They've rented the tux, bought the dress, and picked up the corsage. The limo was booked. The prom and after-prom tickets were paid for. Plans were made for after after-prom, and they got the Cedar Point tickets for the next day. Now after all the planning, all prom-goers had to do was stay awake and enjoy themselves.

Prom began at 7:30 p.m. at the Normandy Party Center on Saturday, May 17. Once there, students took to their tables and received their dinners. For the first time in years students had a choice between the traditional chicken and filet mignon. The junior class officers were responsible for the choice in dinner as well as the rest of the planning for the night. Junior Class President Ethan Moitra said, "It was great to see the hard work of the whole year finally pay off with such a great night."

After dinner the dancing began, and Frank Stupczy and Chris Vehar were crowned as King and Queen. Chris said, "I enjoyed prom



All decked out in their tuxedos, Dan Sprenger and Pete Stella greet each other before dinner begins. The doors of the Normandy Party Center opened up at 7:30 p.m. for prom, but dinner didn't begin until 8:30 p.m. In between students were offered pizza, pop, and a chance to talk with their friends.

After a couple of hours to rest students boarded the buses for Cedar Point. There they braved long lines for the Mantis, the Raptor, and many others coasters.

And finally, after over 24 non-stop hours they returned home to rest. However, many of these students probably didn't get enough rest as 372 students were absent or signed in late on Monday.

by michael hatchadorian

more than other dances. It seemed like the night flew by. Prom was better because everyone was so excited and looked so great. I will always remember dancing and being with all of my friends."

At 11:30 the dance concluded, and most students headed off to a night "Under the Big Top" at after-prom. Once there, students had the chance to gamble, joust, try a petting zoo, seek advice from a fortune teller and win prizes donated by area businesses until 4:00 a.m. Kevin Jacobs said, "I didn't feel like going to prom, but after-prom was a great time."



In the Middle School gym at after-prom Nehul Vyas, Heinz Yee, and Nick Potkalitsky give the karaoke a try and see how many fans they can attract. At a night "Under the Big Top" students could try out the ripcord (bungee cord), the joust, a fortune teller, the petting zoo, blackjack, craps, or just kick back, relax and grab some of the refreshments from area restaurants like Arby's and McDonald's.



After arriving at prom, Carlo Calabrese and Nicole Montecalvo try to find the way to their seats through the crowd. Over 220 couples attended the dance which was the highest attendance in five years.

Junior Class Vice-President Jillian Warner and Junior Class Secretary Sherlyn Gould take a break from the dancing to announce Frank Stupczy and Chris Vehar as King and Queen. The Junior Class Student Council members held fund-raising activities such as bake sales, pizza sales, and a prom ticket raffle, in order to make money for the dance.



Around 1:30 a.m. at after-prom, Kevin Jacobs tries to get his bean bag further than Mike Wrona before both of them are snapped back to the mat by the bungee cords attached to their waists. Kevin said, "It was actually pretty cool. But it was a good thing I did that early in the night because by 2:30 a.m. I was totally dead."

on their way out

seniors tell the rest of the school to 'send us on our way' and out into the real world

They made it through freshman year. They made it through sophomore year. They made it through junior year. And now senior year was coming to a close. After all the hard work or not-so-hard work, high school was actually over for the Class of '97. And in their last weeks members of the class only needed to enjoy themselves at the senior picnic, the senior banquet, and finally at the 97th annual Commencement.

On Thursday, May 29, the party began with the senior picnic after third period. The picnic had to be moved indoors due to the rainy weather so all activities were conducted in the field house. But a little rain wasn't enough to stop the seniors as they played whiffleball and ping pong among other things. At 1 p.m. the picnic came to an end, and seniors lined up to receive their caps and gowns. According to Beth Myslenski, this was when it finally started to set in that high school was actually over. She said, "It was exciting to know that we were almost graduated, that the year was coming to a close."

One week later on Thursday, June 5, the seniors celebrated at the senior banquet held at Landerhaven. It would be the last time the Class of '97 would be together



About to topple over, Mike LaRich, Danielle Vespucci, Kevin Hoffland, and Nicki Rucci take advantage of the Twister mats set up in the field house for the senior picnic on May 29. Seniors got out of classes after third period, and the picnic lasted until 1 p.m. At the conclusion of the picnic, the Class of '97 got its first real taste of graduation as they received their caps and gowns.

before graduation at the Palace Theatre. Angie Cha said, "It was really fun to get dressed up and dance with all of my friends. We were seniors and everything was through. We didn't have any worries. It was a blast."

Then the day was finally upon them. Saturday, June 7, at the Palace Theatre the Class of '97 graduated. After speeches by tri-valedictorians Josh Wilkenfeld, Mark Kramer, and Amit Majmudar, Student Council officers Jamie Grubbs and David Leslie, and members of the administration, seniors received their diplomas. According to Jeff O'Keefe, "Graduation was very well done. It was the biggest day of our lives so far. The first big step into real adulthood."

And so the members of the Class of '97 were "sent on their way," to paraphrase the class motto. And according to Mike Tabor it had been quite a ride. "Everything was great senior year: the dances, the senior stuff like the banquet and prom. The classes were more fun too because the teachers gave us more responsibility. It was special for me knowing it was my senior year."

by michael hatchadorian

A member of the Class of '97, Bill Williams, heads into the Palace Theatre on June 7 carrying his gown in one hand and his cap in the other for the 97th annual Commencement. After a mandatory practice the day before members of the Class of '97 seemed ready to graduate. If they weren't, they were in some trouble because, as their class song stated, "This is the Time."



Three of the six National Merit finalists and tri-valedictorians, Josh Wilkenfeld, Amit Majmudar, and Mark Kramer have a chat before entering the theatre for graduation. As tri-valedictorians all three gave speeches during the ceremony.



At the Brian Khoury Memorial Walk on May 25, Josh Wilkenfeld serves as emcee and presents the check, held by Pete Stella, for over \$5,000 to Brian's family. The money went towards a scholarship fund set up by Brian's family to be given annually to those who show compassion, justice, fairness to others, and a love of learning.

At the senior banquet on June 5, Patti Delfs and Garrett Patty share a dance. The banquet ran from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. and basically closed the book on the Class of '97, as that was the last time that these students would be together before graduation.



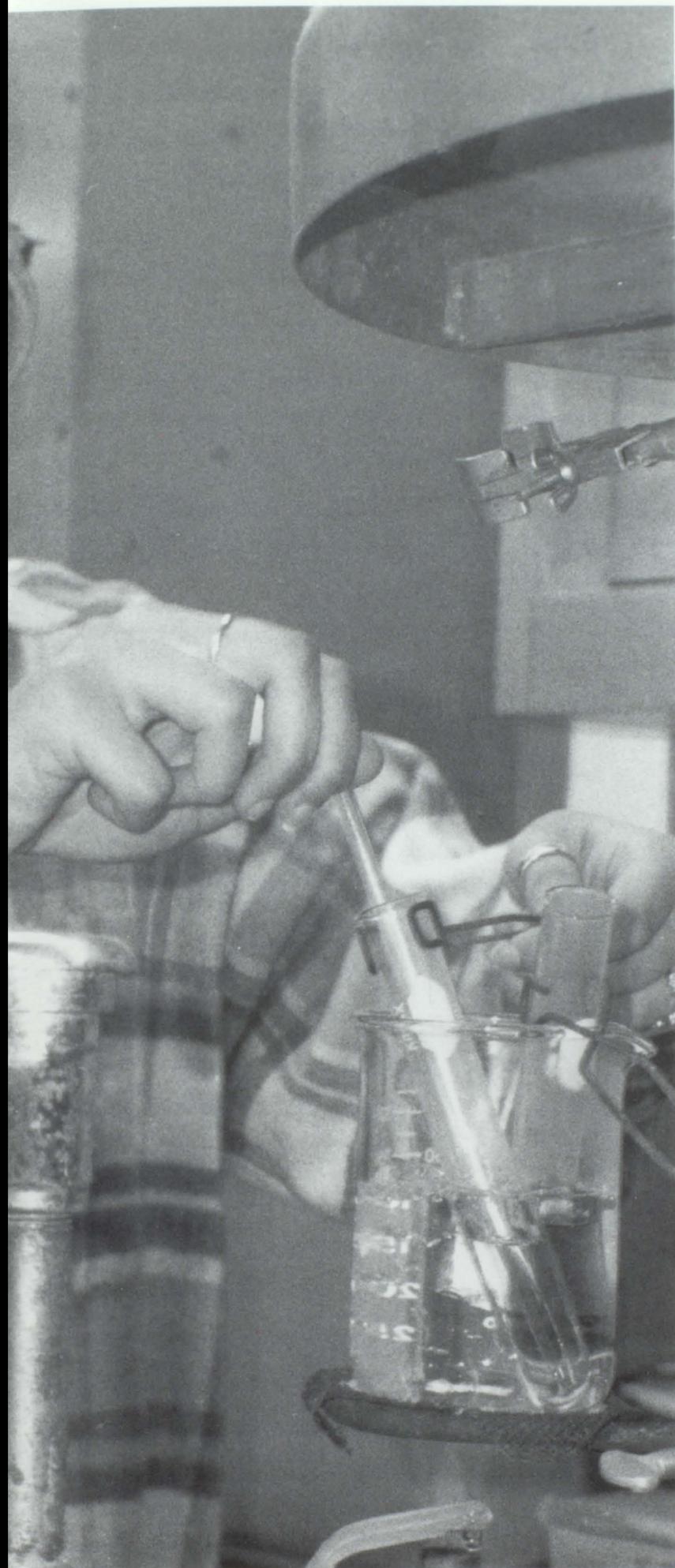
Watching the slide show at senior banquet, the soon-to-be-graduates reminisce about days past. (Mike Tomaro, Tara Palmisano, Nick Roberto, Megan Bernardic, Garrett Patty, Danielle Koshy, Patti Delfs, Dave Leslie, John Lin, Nicki Rucci, Missy Manocchio, Blaine Bosley, Nicole Scotese)

At Landerhaven for the senior banquet, Kristen Bowen, Steve Hoegler, John Biggins, Chris Ragone, Joe DeMarco, and Yury Chorny check out the class photos on display. One of the class photos was from seventh grade and the other was the senior class photo. The Class of '97 was the first to graduate from the reopened Middle School.

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there are many times when teenagers think that they know it all. But sooner or later we get a wake-up call and realize that there is **no way around it**: we need a good education if we want to get somewhere in life. Many students got the call this year and started working towards their goal of getting that good education. Students were once again required to be





In her Chemistry 2 AP class Reena Jhala performs a qualitative analysis lab to determine several different ions in solution. According to Reena there is **no way around it**: to succeed in Chemistry takes persistence. She said, "It has been very challenging... and extremely worth it."

in homeroom earlier than the year before as the start time went from 7:40 to 7:35. For the first time ever there was **no way around it**: eighth and twelfth graders had to pass the science proficiency tests. Cold weather in January postponed the annual science fair, while warm weather greeted the Summer Field Ecology class during its debut. Six students, who had already received that wake-up call, earned National Merit Finalist honors, ranking in the top 1/2 of 1% of students in the country. Way to go!

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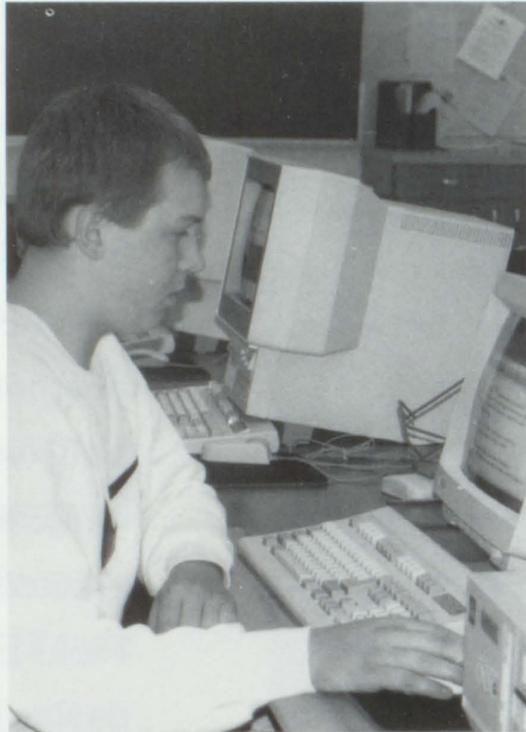


Attorneys-in-training

Whetting their appetite with a mock trial in Business Law I, Peter Stella, Joe Acevedo and Linda Turk demonstrate their skills as attorneys as they question witness Lindsay Srp. The case provided students with an opportunity to study reverse discrimination and apply strategies taught in class.

Career planning

Occupational Work Adjustment student Adam Lewis uses the IBM and the internet to research careers, colleges and trade schools. Students also used interactive software for English study and word processing for writing assignments.



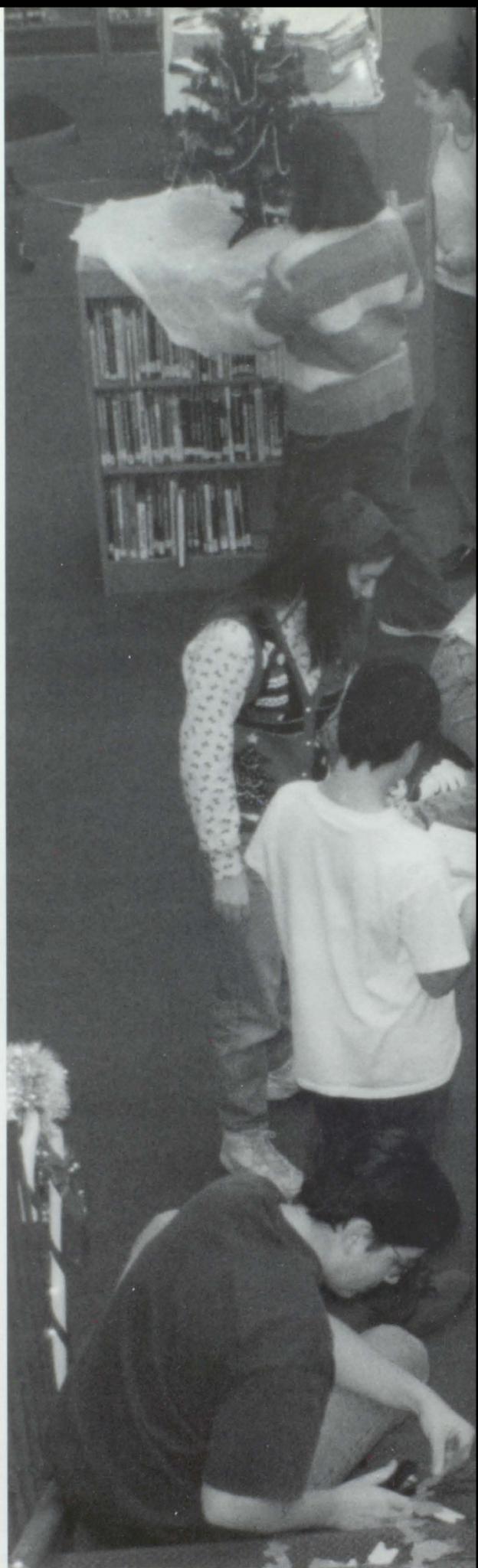
Not just a game

English-as-a-Second-Language students Stella Khanina, Inga Olsen and Sonja Klein play Scrabble to reinforce their vocabulary. Students new to America could get assistance in learning English in either ESL immersion classes or in tutoring. One goal of the ESL program was to help students build and improve their English skills in order to make them more successful in their academics and in their transition into life in the United States.



Spiral staircase

Using the stairway in the Technology Library, Honors Biology students studying molecular genetics build a DNA chain. This study gave them a foundation for further study in biology.



Paving the Way

Skills, concepts help prepare students

Once the weather got warmer and the days started to get longer, orange barrels blossomed along northeastern Ohio's highways. They marked the numerous places where road construction was going on. Traffic backed up, brake lights shone for miles and tempers and engines overheated. But in the long run, repairing and paving the roads meant that future travelling would be quicker and easier.

It was much the same in school. There were tests, quizzes, worksheets, reading assignments, and projects. The road to graduation was rough, and along the way tempers flared and tears fell, but, in the end, all this education stuff of today could make tomorrow a little easier to get through and future plans more easily attainable.

Joe Monaco said, "The most helpful thing I learned this year was to do my homework in order to

get a good grade." Crissy Hoyle also discovered something about homework. She said that she learned "to use my time wisely, like whenever I get a chance to do my homework, I should use it."

Matt Greenwald said that he received a valuable lesson in Mrs. Jan Okeson's math class. "The most helpful thing I learned was if you try and the teacher sees you trying, they will help you out." Jimmy Tomaro agreed. He said that he found out that "if you are willing to learn the material, teachers are willing to teach it." Ginenne Lanese also learned something about teachers. She said, "I learned that no matter how loud a teacher yells, it doesn't matter to the students. They won't listen."

Celeste Spitalieri said, "This year I learned that if you keep on saying, 'I'll do better next quarter,' it isn't going to work."

Being progressive

On Take-Your-Child-to-Work Day, April 24, Kristen Tobias and Rebecca Littman, students in Business Administrative Services I, study information on the Progressive corporation before they tour the facility and see a video on insurance. In the BAS program, students learn basic office skills including typing, record-keeping, records management, transcription and dictation to prepare for job entry.



Hamburger helper

Taking over grilling responsibilities for his Chefery class, Boris Elin tests the burgers for doneness. At the annual picnic the first period students also ate salads and cookies which they had prepared in class. Chefery, a semester course, was designed to introduce students to many areas of food preparation to help them prepare nutritious meals in an independent living situation such as apartment living.



More than meets the eye

After studying tissues and organ of the human body, Aleigh Phillips dissects a cat and compares it to the human body. Biology 2 Lab students also study units on ecology and genetics with field trips to reinforce the concepts presented.

Demonstrating proficiency

Supervised by members of the Guidance department, seniors take proficiency tests in reading, writing, mathematics, citizenship and science the week of February 3. Sixty-six percent passed all five putting Mayfield fifth in the tri-county area (Cuyahoga, Lake and Geauga), 23rd in the state and in the upper four percent of all Ohio schools. (Nick Chiro, Jenn Brooks, Kevin Chiu, Christine Cho, Bartlett Bulkley, Yury Chorny, Carrie Burns)



It's Up-n-Away

Seniors get ready to leave their nest

Most newborn birds are blind, practically featherless and so weak-legged that they can't stand. Gradually the babies gain strength and grow feathers. Then they stand at the edge of the nest, stretch their wings and make short, clumsy attempts at flight. They are not independent yet, however, and next follows a period of intense learning; the fledglings learn to find food, avoid predators and many other things. And then, finally, they are skillful fliers and ready to take off on their own.

Life at the high school was not much different from life in the nest. On that first day of school eighth graders started out a little weak-legged and unsure of themselves. Gradually, though, they developed some self-confidence, and faced five years of intense learning: to find the cafeteria, to avoid bullies and to learn what they need for the direction they'd chosen.

Finally, they were ready to set off on their own and graduate.

Michael LaRich said, "In Business Law 1 and 2 I learned about what you can and can't do in business. This caught my interest." This interest led Mike to take some business classes in college in the fall.

"Through class discussion in my classes like American Government you learn how to respect others' different viewpoints and how to listen to their opinions. I think that has prepared me for my first year in college," added Jeff Austin.

"All the writing we did in English class will help me communicate better in my job, in school and all that," said Travis Ryan. "I learned to do a lot of prewriting, that quality is more important than quantity, and to watch my use of pronouns."

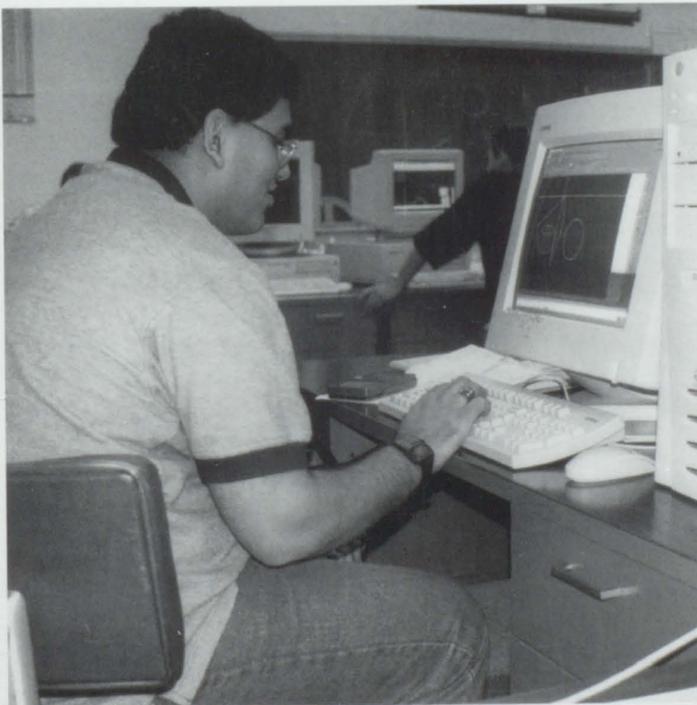
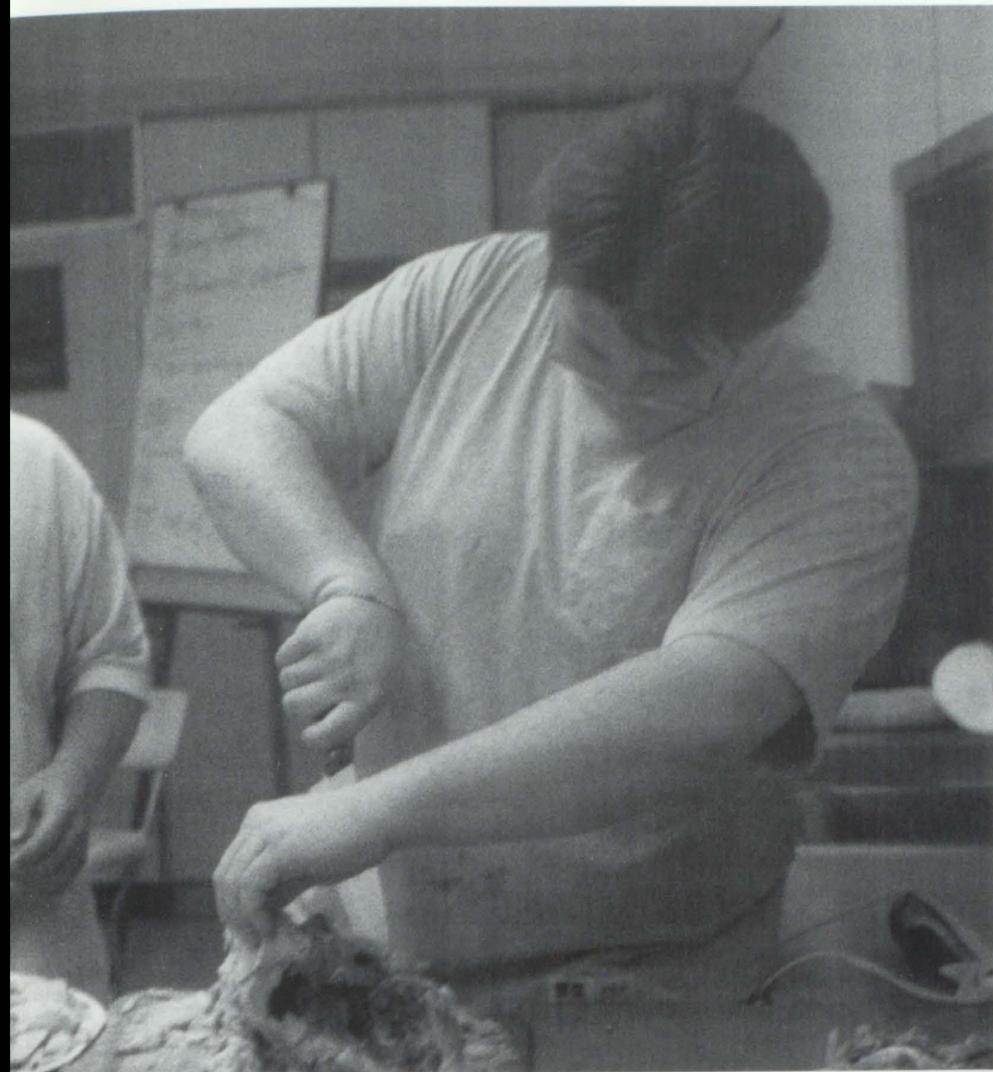


Carving the carcass

Chefery 2 students Frank McHale and Matt Ferguson carve the turkey for a traditional colonial Thanksgiving meal which also includes succotash, sweet potato, cornbread and pumpkin pie which the students made.

"I do"

After their hypothetical wedding in Consumer Math Jesse Preston and Diana von Loewe cut their wedding cake. This culminated the class's study of such areas as earning and spending money, taxes, and understanding personal finances.



Paint like an Egyptian

Participating in an Advanced Art 3 tradition, J. R. Cipra works on a mural. He took the sports players of the senior class and put them into hieroglyphics so "all the future classes would remember us."

Another dimension

In Computer-Aided Drafting Rahul Podar uses his computer to design a cereal box. He had to design and lay out a two-dimensional shape that became a three-dimensional object when put together.



Friends give blood for friends

Senior Jenny Cruger donates blood on November 6 while Medical Technologies 1 student Diane Curran waits to assist the Red Cross nurse. About 280 students donated during the two bloodmobiles.

Santa bucks

How to help in the community? 9 Connections students Erin Ambrogio, Nicole Fulco, Kelly Adams, and Julie Boncha cover the portraits of George Washington on dollar bills with adhesive-backed Santa faces to help the Center for Mental Retardation raise money. Grocery stores sold the Santa Dollars for \$2 to people wanting to use them as holiday gifts. Miss Rose Marie Brigneli, Connections teacher, said that the goals of the project included to help students "realize they are part of the community and to develop a sense of responsibility for others."



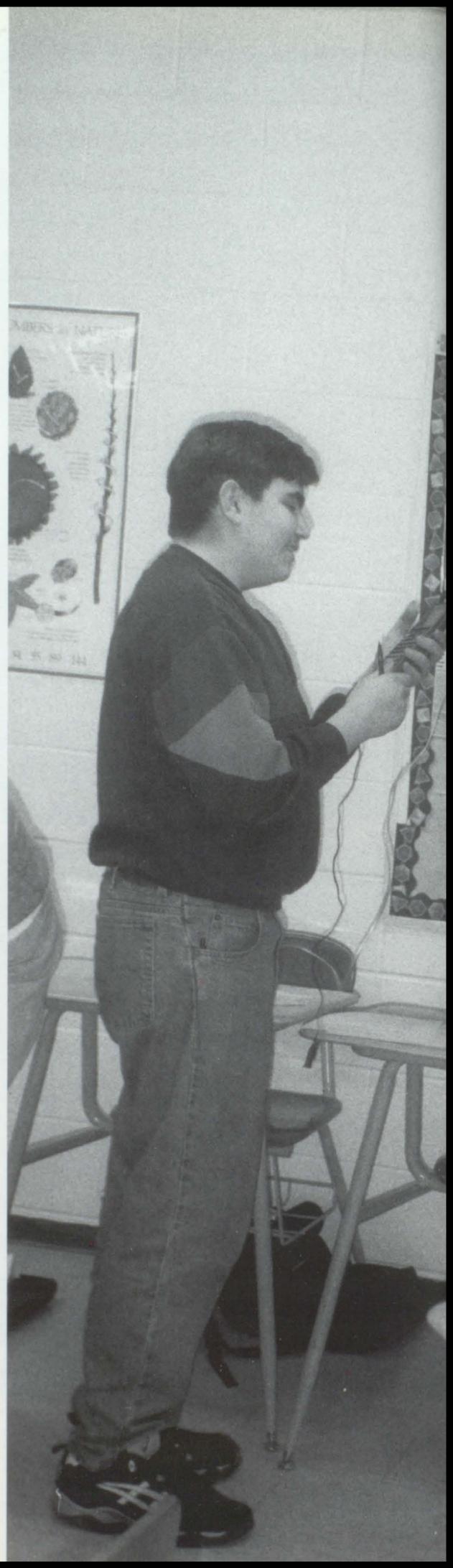
Leaving their mark

How to thank those who helped seniors in their educational careers? Special Education students Lamar Stanford, Jacalyn Homza and Brian Tobin put an assortment of fruits, jellies, nuts, candies and bottles of sparkling grape juice in fruit baskets to sell for an annual fundraiser. The money students raised paid for a special lunch at the Watermark on May 27 honoring the class's seniors and the guests they selected from school, community and employment who had helped them during their school years.



Hearing bells

How to end an annual concert? To conclude the Winter & Holiday Choral Concert, all the members of the A Cappella Choir, Concert Choir, 8 Chorus, Men's Chorus, Women's Chorus, Rhythm & Style JV Show Choir and Limited Edition Show Choir join on stage to sing "Silver Bells."



Finding a Way

They have questions, discover answers

Life is full of questions, and, hopefully, some of those questions were answered as students went through the year and their classes.

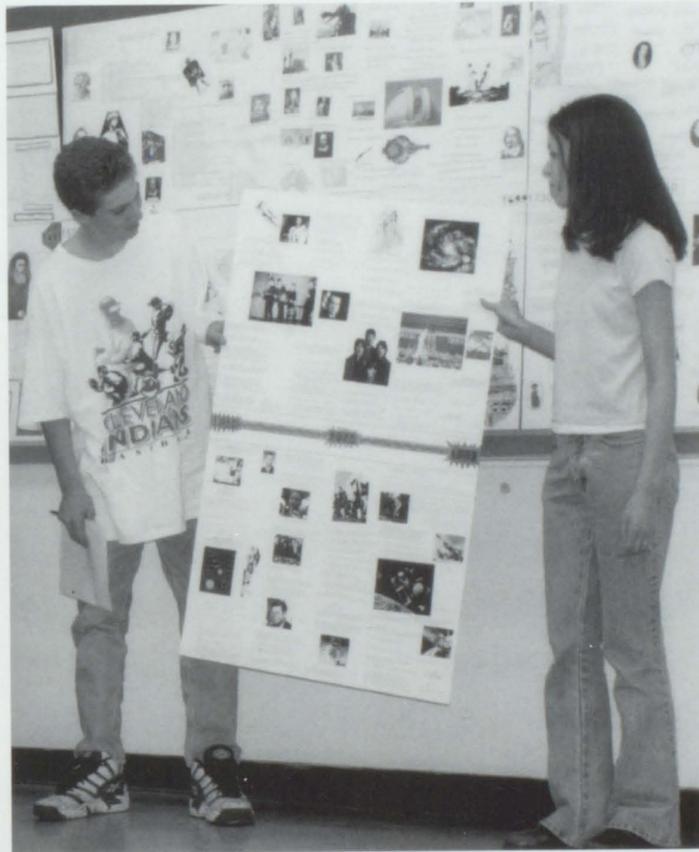
How to study something that was hard? Nicole Fulco said, "I have a study group after school. I quiz my friends, and they quiz me. Sometimes we bring food. It's so fun to learn and see smiles at the same time." Carl Borgione said, "I usually study two nights before the test. I retain information better over a long period of time this way."

How to better express an idea or emotion? Jennie Tate explained that in her Creative Writing class, "Mr. (Stan) Siedlecki showed me that in some of the poems I had meanings that were giving a picture that I didn't really mean. He helped me choose words that expressed more directly what I wanted to say."

What to play when the usual games seemed boring? In gym class Anthony Marshall learned a new game. "Instead of the usual badminton and whiffle ball, we had the opportunity to play pickle ball, a new game that taught me skills I can use through life."

Culinary Arts 1 student Joe Kravitz wondered, "When you're working on the grill, how do you handle a whole lot of orders?" Through his in-school laboratory experience he discovered the answer. "The secret is to make sure that you are prepared. If you're on the hot line and five or six orders come through all at once, it helps if you already have the plates ready with the buns and the garnishes on the plates and the buns."

That's what learning is all about --having a question and finding a way to answer it.



On the rebound

How to measure the rebound rate of a sphere? In a computer-based lab in fourth period Algebra 2 Connections, Alex Kozlovsky and David Aronovich integrate science and math by dropping a ball and using a sensor to measure the height of the rebound. Students in Algebra 2 developed skills and techniques in advanced algebraic operations and studied functions and relations.

Capsuling time

How to cover history from BC to the end of the century in a brief overview? 9 Connections students Bill Dunger and Kelly Adams explain their group's section of the time line by giving an historical and interdisciplinary overview of time from 1950-2000 including such events as the assassination of President John Kennedy and the emergence of The Beatles onto the music scene.

Needing kneading

How to reinforce sequencing skills? After studying sequencing, Alicia Olivo passes out slices of her homemade white yeast bread to Josh Bair and to the rest of the students in her fourth period 8 Reading class. To make the bread, Alicia had to carefully follow a certain sequence of directions.

Some Way to Go

Years stretch ahead for eighth graders

Before the school year began, many of the eighth graders worried about what life would be like at the high school. While they were concerned about things such as would they find their way around the buildings and would they be able to open their lockers, they also worried about their classes.

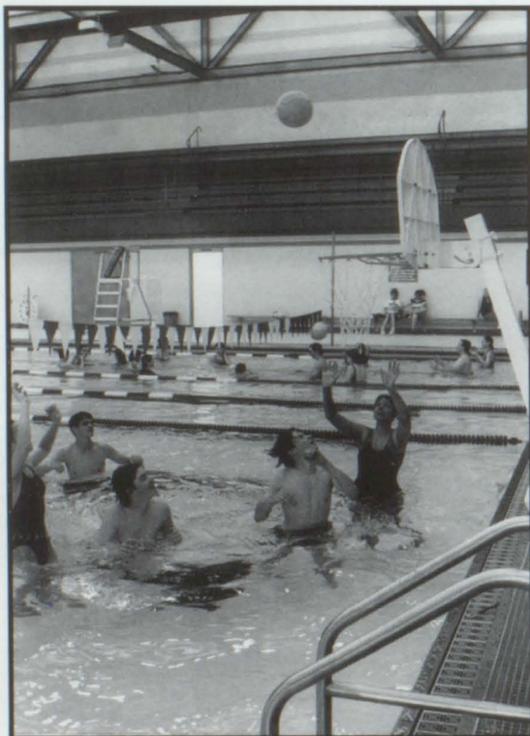
Nicole Monastero said, "I was concerned that I would get a lot more homework and that the teachers wouldn't care that I was LD. What I found was that I had homework but not as much as I thought and that my teachers understood that I was LD. It was really one of my better years in school. I made new friends, and my teachers were teachers who really cared."

It was a year in which there were good and not-so-good things. Debbie Brugge gave examples, "My favorite class was Reading because we always did different things like making bread, reading books we

chose and giving oral reports. But math was hard. I couldn't grasp certain things like remembering all those formulas. The class kept going on at the same pace, but I fell behind."

High school was different. Shawn Potocnik explained. "Classes were longer. It was harder for me to sit still for the fifty minutes. The material was harder, and there was a lot more reading to do. Also, I liked doing the projects at the Middle School. We didn't have as many at the high school."

Craig Schwartz would advise seventh graders coming to the high school, "The classes are harder. For example, in math the tests were hard, and we had quizzes very other day. There's also a lot more homework. Take school seriously because you need it in life. I wish someone had given me that advise. I might even have listened a little."

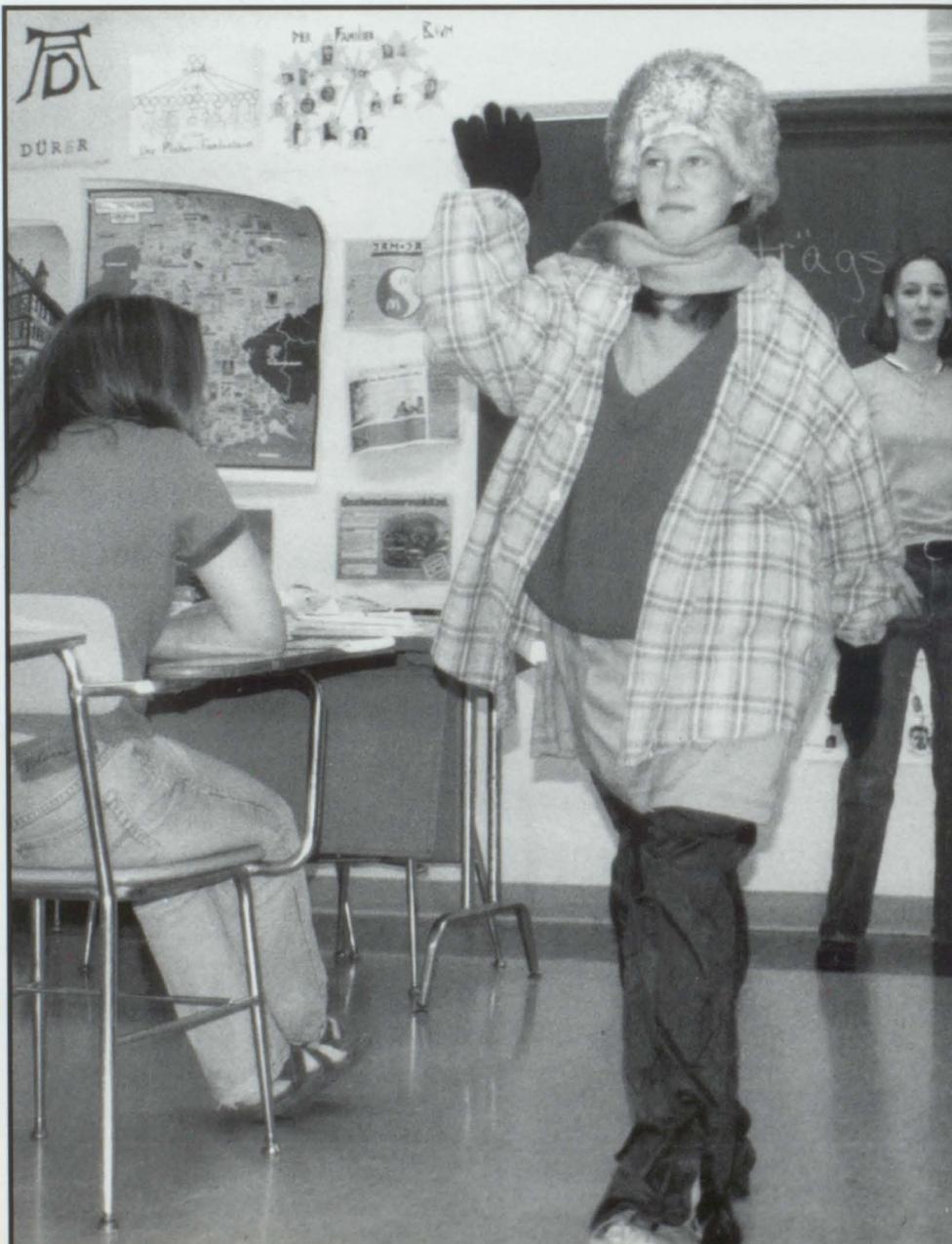


Making waves

During a two-week water games unit, Jay Harpp, Lindsey Neidus, Bobby Doberdruk, John Griffin and Kelly Flagg play water basketball. Other games included water polo, baseball, volleyball, sharks and minnows, and underwater hockey.

All dressed up

Practicing German vocabulary, Jamie Grimm and Julia Sheflyand model, while Ashley Fultz and Jill Navis watch. Students gave descriptive sentences using clothing vocabulary, and Jamie and Julia put the clothing on to model.

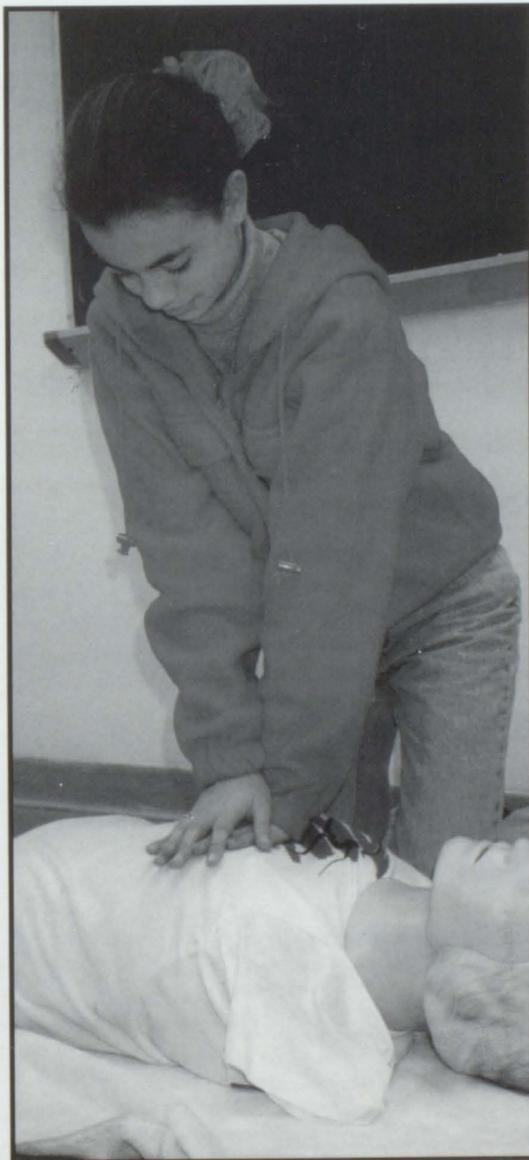
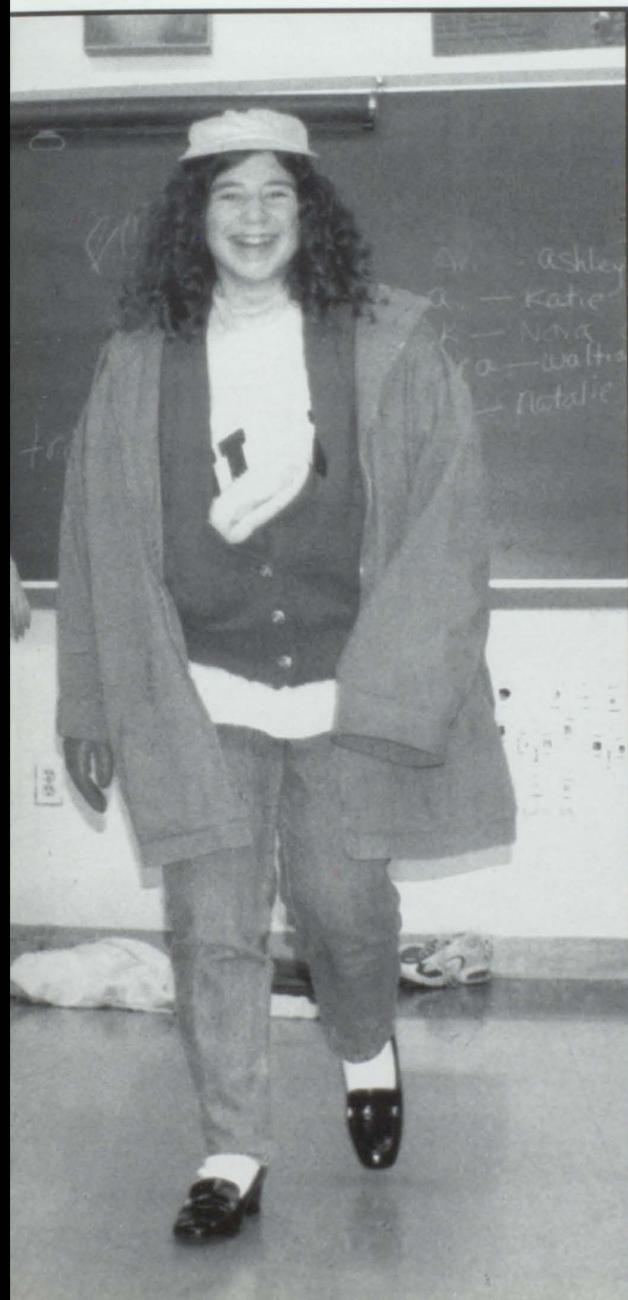


Mardi Gras

On "Fat Tuesday," February 11, Madame Darlene Nelson takes a photo of some of her third period French 1 students in their Mardi Gras masks. Students also made crepes and beaded necklaces during their party in the MPR. (Greg Blachman, Garrett Maguire, Nathan Klein, Scott Whittaker, Mark Nagal, Mike Nelson)

It adds up

After school, Lydia Arko and Liz Comella get extra help from Mrs. Karen Evenchik in 8 Algebra. "Both girls did a very nice job in Algebra this year," said Mrs. Evenchik. Most eighth graders took either 8 Algebra, 8 Algebra 3-S or 8 Geometry Acc.



Measuring up

In 8 Home Ec. Katie Antonelli pours one cup of raisins to make scones, while, behind her, Nicole Poch also measures out ingredients. One goal of the course, according to their teacher Mrs. Karen Sulzer, was for students to realize the importance of proper measurements for successful baking.

First-aid assistance

During the first aid unit in 8 Health, Jackie Lo Presti does chest compressions to help massage the heart on an unconscious "victim" who is not breathing and has no pulse. Using the mannequin was voluntary. In this unit students also studied what to do in case of natural disasters, drowning, electrocution, poisoning, and severe bleeding.

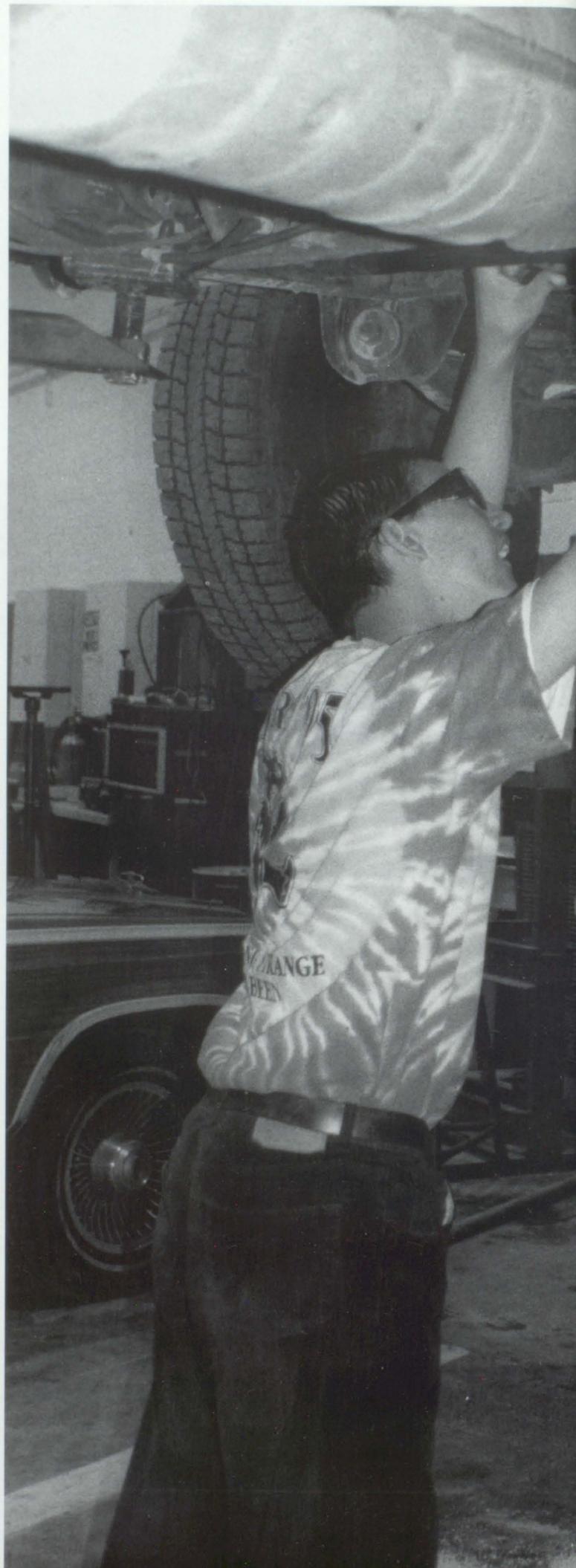
Taking a test drive

Introduction to Engineering students Adam Thomas and Chris Abate take their hovercraft out on the road for a test drive. Students had four weeks, out of school and on their own time, to design and construct a vehicle that floated on a cushion of air above the ground.



Capulets vs. Montagues

After studying William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, students in Mr. Joe Popelka's English 1 class work with an actor from the Great Lake Theater Festival in the spring. Leaving the classroom to work outside, actors coached the freshmen in dueling choreography, and students had the chance to practice with newspaper jwames. (Helen Fernand, Gregg Greenberg, Jamie Rice, Masha Bitenbinder)



In downtown Cleveland

As part of Benevolence Week and after discussing volunteerism in their classes, Megan Grabfelder, Lindsey Bushman, Jeff Thomas, Joe Daher, and Chris Pezak sort clothing at the City Mission in Cleveland on February 21.

Have car, will travel

Juniors Joe Rudar and Vanessa DeCapite, Auto Technology 1 students, change an exhaust pipe as part of their classroom assignment. An exhaust that rusts out can be noisy and allow CO fumes into the car, and this repair can be a 45-minute job for beginners. The two-year program includes units in engine repair and performance, brake systems and electrical systems.

On the Highway

Students pack up and take to the road

The permission slip was filled out, the emergency numbers were written in, and the departure time and place were noted. All that was left to do was to count the days until it was time to board the bus for the field trip. For many students, field trips were few and far between but nonetheless memorable.

Jordan Likover described his favorite field trip. "In Mr. (Terry) Lardell's sixth period Spanish class we went to the West Side of Cleveland to visit the Spanish-speaking community. We met many interesting people that had just moved to America and were learning English. We were able to use our Spanish skills by having conversations with these people. We then ate at an authentic Spanish restaurant and did a little shopping in a Spanish store. This day was enjoyable and interesting because we all were exposed to a very different culture."

Another foreign-language student, Paul Ruhland went on an extended field trip. "I went to Germany for ten days during spring break with some other kids

from my German class. The trip was very memorable because I got to do many new and interesting things in German. We visited a castle in the southern part of Germany and went up in the Bavarian Alps. We also got to see the Brandenburg Gate and Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin."

Closer to home, Marie DeLibero recalled her trip to the Salvation Army. "At the beginning of the year we went on a field trip for Social Sciences to give coats and food to the needy. It helped me appreciate all the things I have."

It took a field trip for Helen Niazova to realize that sometimes a positive can come from a negative. "My favorite field trip was in May when we went to go see *The Glass Menagerie* with English 3 Honors. (After lunch) Mr. (Stan) Siedlecki left me at McDonald's on our way back; and since he realized it after the bus left, he said I didn't have to do the second research paper which made me very, very happy."



Road race

Advanced Art I students Nick Chiro, Matt Rinker and B. J. Pietrafese listen to Mr. Jim Gerard explain the color and composition of an acrylic paint canvas. The painting was an original Mr. Gerard did for the Lynx Racing team of its car that won the Toyota Championship in 1996.

When it's all over

After the Technical Education Mock Wedding in the auditorium, Horticulture students Matt Carey and Mike Farinacci dismantle the floral arrangements. Cosmetology students did the hair and nails of the wedding party, and Business Administrative Services created the programs.

In the Best Way

Best always stand out from the rest

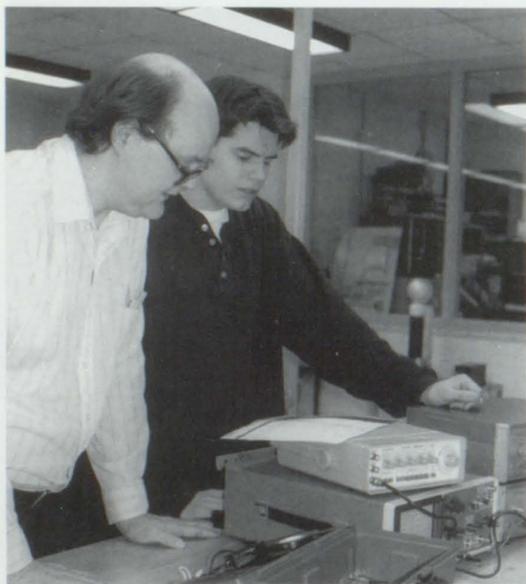
Every day was pretty much the same. First period followed by second and third. All leading toward lunch and then the afternoon classes. But even during the ordinary days and the usual class activities, there were the outstanding moments to remember.

For Tanema Scott the best assignment of the year was an interdisciplinary report she did on Indiana in her Learning Disabilities class in the spring. Her report included facts about the state's seal, flag, population, major cities, famous people, and interesting facts. "It was fun and interesting. I found out things I didn't know before like the Raggedy Ann dolls are made there and there is a town called Santa Claus."

Meredith Block said that the "best learning experience" was her Honors History class's trip to

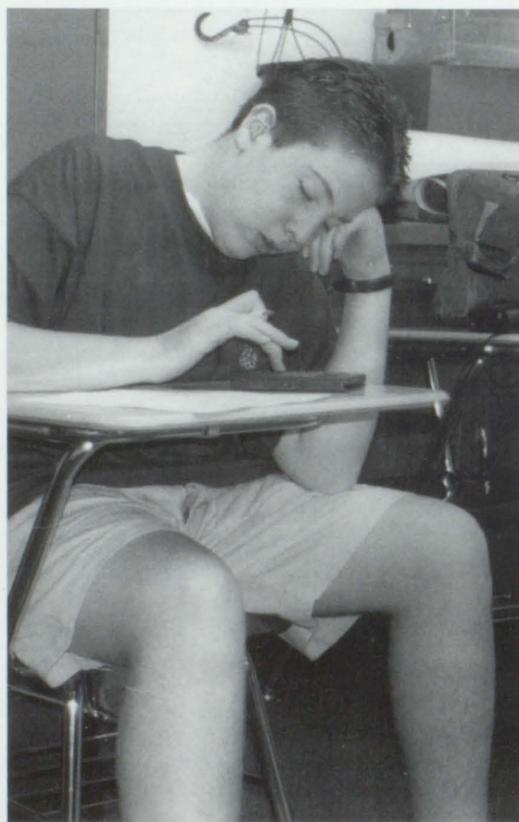
Williamsburg, November 7-9. After a stop at Jamestown, the group went on to Williamsburg where they did such things as see the Governor's House, eat a colonial-style dinner and learn how to fire a gun from the time. "It was really fun, and I learned a lot. After we got back and Mr. (Ray) Paglio would be discussing stuff in class, we'd say, "Oh, we saw that in Williamsburg!"

Another field trip, one to the Justice Center and the county jail in downtown Cleveland with his Business Law 1 class on November 25, was a highlight for Joe Leibin. "This field trip was the best thing of the year. We were able to see a different aspect of law than we would have just sitting in a classroom. We got to sit in on a case for about a half hour, talk to a prosecutor (The Jose Mesa case was big news then.), and go through the prison."



Best start on a professional career

Electronics Engineering teacher Mr. Brent Simon answers a questions from Brian McGill who pauses while working on a signal generator and amplifier which might be used in a music or PA system. Mr. Simon said, "A Technical-Education program is the best way to get an early start on a professional, high-paying career."



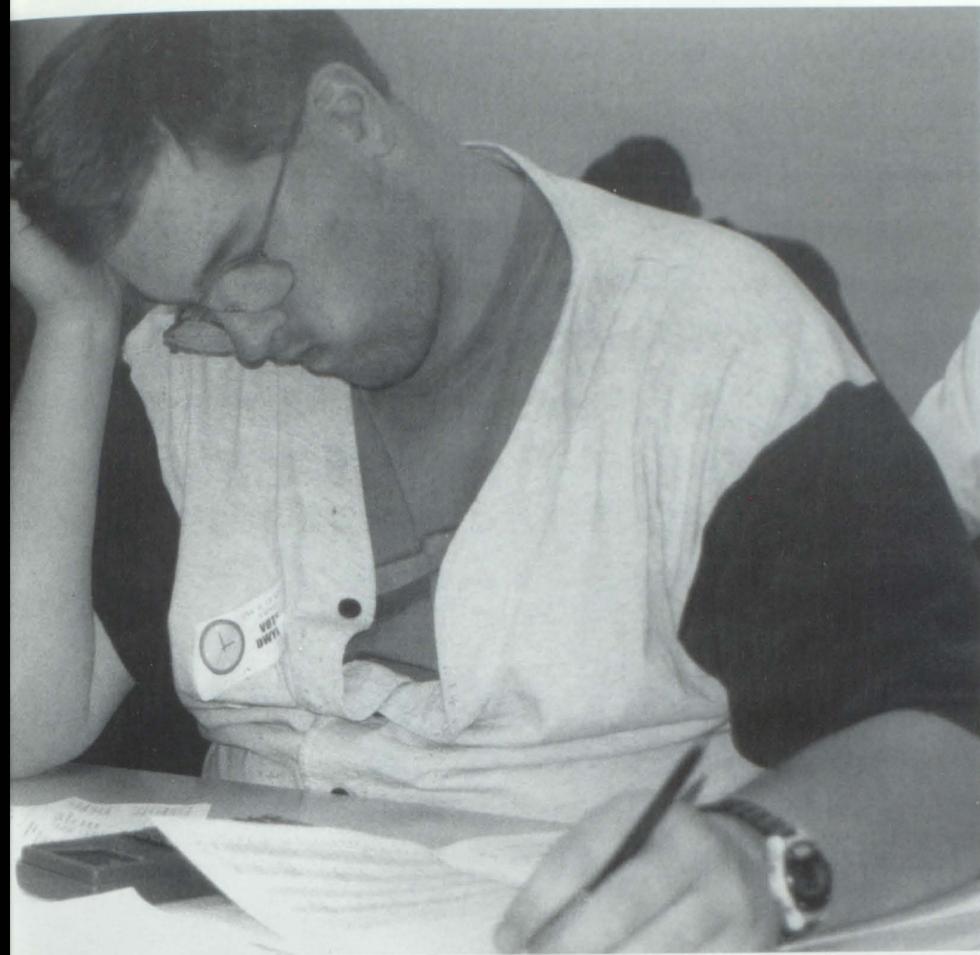
Best thing about calculators

During his third period math exam, Jeff Taylor uses his calculator as he works toward an answer. This self-contained Hearing-Impaired Math class was individualized, said Mrs. Ronna Treinish, and students worked at varying paces based on their skills and needs. Jeff said, "Mrs. Treinish makes sure we learn the math first. We have to do worksheets and get a certain number right. Then we can use calculators. The best thing about calculators is you get the math done faster."

Best way to learn about a career

In the A. B. Williams Woods, a virgin forest in the North Chagrin reservation, Lindsey Kramer, Brianne Guist and Simon Johnson map out a path during their Summer Field Ecology class, a first-time offering. They surveyed and mapped the trees that were present and compared their findings to those done 63 years ago to see how a virgin forest had changed naturally. "Actual field work is the best way to really learn about a career," said Brianne, who is looking toward a career in biology.



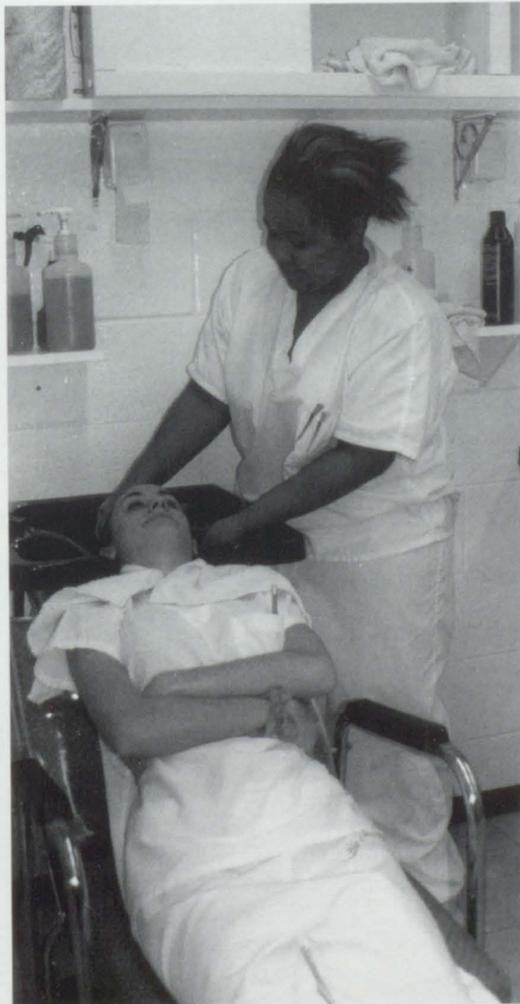
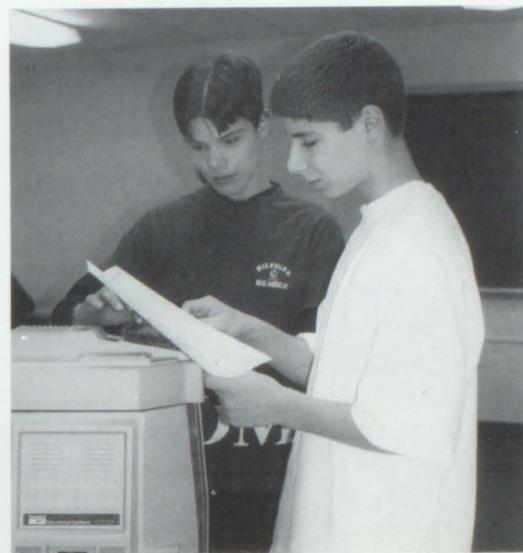


Best student

Accounting 1 Student of the Year Brian Wroblewski works on the business records for Viking Marine, an accounting simulation. Students learned to journalize business transactions, maintain ledgers, compute and record payroll records, and prepare year-ending financial reports.

Best part of the class

In Power and Technology Chad Fischer and Jason Ventimiglia program their robot to make it walk. Jason said, "Programming was OK, but putting the rockets and engines together was the best part of the class."



Best practice

Cosmetology 1 student LaRynda Burks practices her shampooing technique on fellow-student Angie Sapanaro to simulate working on a client in a salon setting. In the first year of the two-year program, students also learn basic permanent waving, hair coloring, manicuring and setting techniques. Mrs. Debbie Kall, Cosmetology teacher, said, "The best practice is working on the real thing. Using a live model is the closest thing to working with a patron."

Best use of computers

Librarian Mr. Bob Sleeman watches as members of the English department, Ms. Kara McNally, Mrs. Mary Kay Jindra, Mr. Joe Popelka and Mr. Jim Harris, travel the internet during an in-service experience on January 24. Mr. Sleeman introduced staff members to the internet that would soon be available for students to use. "We tried to get them familiar with what the internet was and how it could be used for students. The best use of computers for educational purposes is the internet."

Steinbeckian reflection

After reading John Steinbeck's *Travels with Charlie: In Search of America*, Desirae Thomas, dressed like the author in flannel shirt and hat, reads her reflection on life written in Steinbeckian-fashion to Mr. Steve Peck, Carl Borgione, and the rest of her English I Connections class. Carl said, "Mr. Peck's assignment made us think deeper about different aspects of life that we usually don't think about."



Out of Their Way

Going that 'extra mile' is what they do

To the casual observer they looked just like any other adult in the school. They walked through the door, sipped their coffee and carried a red pen just like so many others. But something made them different; something made them special.

In his valedictorian speech, Amit Majmudar said, "The state sets its requirements on a certain number of credits in a whole bunch of subjects that we may or may not care about. And *that* is where the teacher comes in. I think there is nothing more beautiful in the process of education than when a teacher can interest a student in a field of knowledge the student wouldn't have been interested in otherwise. The teacher's love of the subject, the teacher's conviction of the subject's worth, is something that can be transferred into a young mind; and I think the teachers at Mayfield, from my experiences at least, have accomplished this far more often than we give

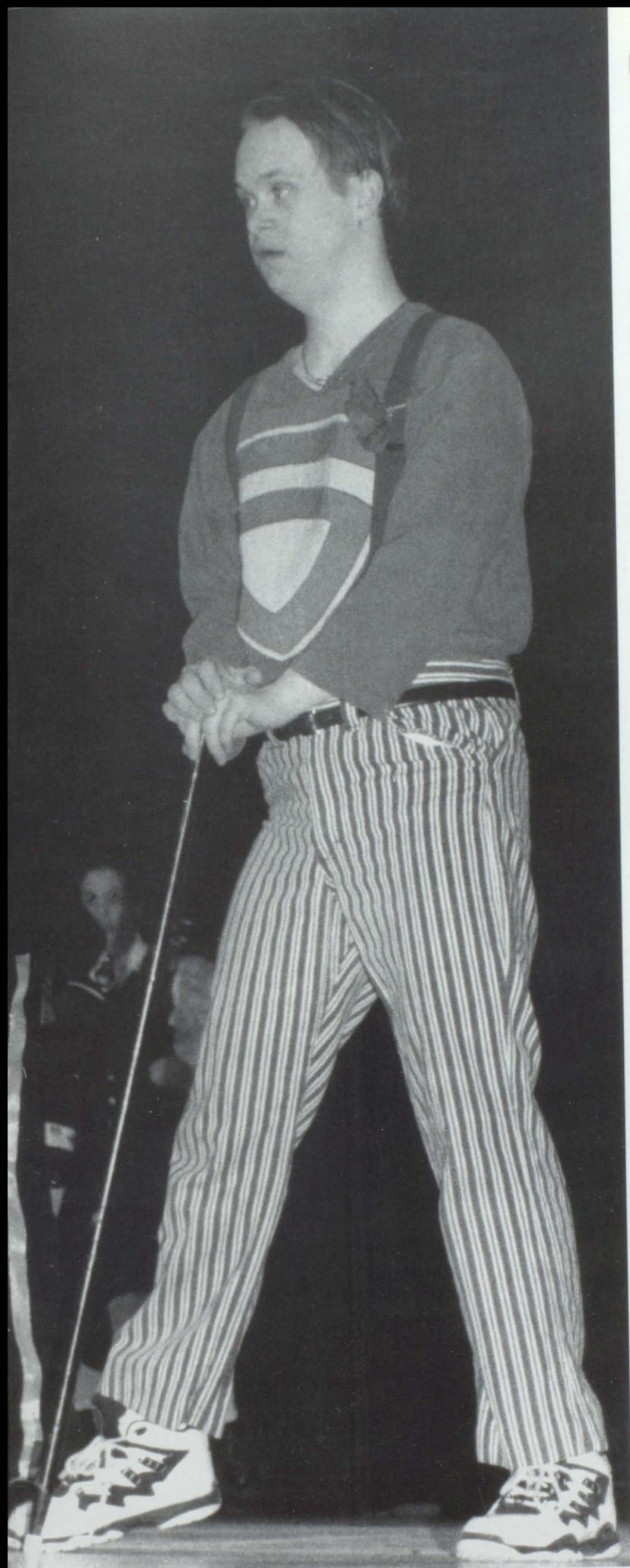
them credit for."

Jessie Whalen gave an example. "Mrs. (Cindy) Butchko is really interesting and goes out of her way to give extra help. She knows about everything."

Some teachers have ways to make learning special. Josh O'Leary said, "Mr. (Tony) Ware, my Industrial Arts teacher, brings hands-on equipment for us to see and to use." Derek Smith added, "Mrs. (Sharon) Miller, my Science teacher, makes the things we learn fun and interesting. She tries to relate the experiments to our everyday life."

Sometimes, it can be just doing something extra. Troy Cornish said, "My math teacher, Mrs. (Eileen) Vehar, called home and reminded me about a test that was on that Friday. It helped my grade go up." Frank Gagliardi said, "Mrs. (Carrie) Flaherty helps students during her spare time so that they do better in math."



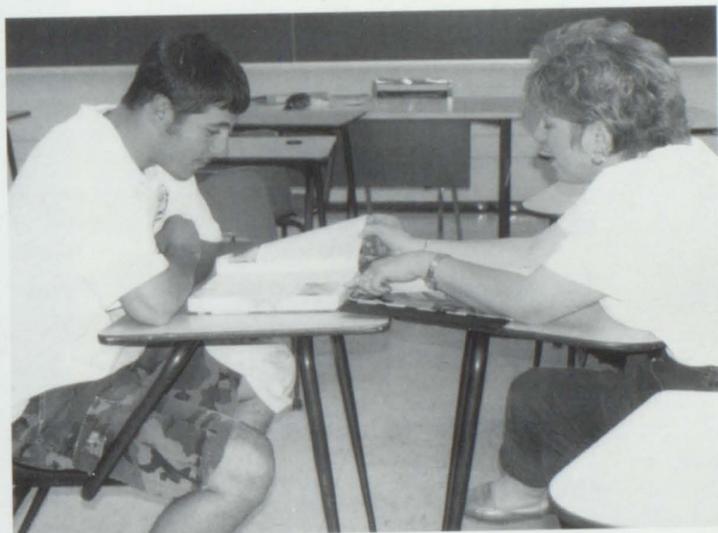


All for the best

Dancing and singing "All for the Best" from the musical *Godspell*, Tony Witt as Jesus performs in the special education Dance Showcase on April 18 with Mrs. Peggy Messina, an instructional assistant. Tony said about his teachers, "They helped us dance. They walked us through the steps. They showed us the different moves." He recalled the day of the show. "I wasn't nervous. I want to be an actor."

In tune

At the tenth annual Arbor Day ceremony in Mayfield Village Service Building on April 25, Mr. Jim Sanford directs members of the Concert Band. Sheryl Kass, who had been a member of the band for three years, said, "Mr. Sanford always knows when you're having a bad day, and even if he's running in a hundred different directions, he'll take the time to listen to your problems or concerns."



Learning Center

In his eighth period Learning Center, David Buell reviews for his fourth quarter exams with Learning Disabilities tutor Mrs. Kristine McFee. Dave said that US History was his hardest subject and Mrs. McFee really helped him during the year. "She took time to help me on whatever I needed. She explained things really well."



Career searching

8 Health teacher Mr. Dan Ricci helps Stacey Budzar use the Individual Occupation Careers computer lab for a report. Stacey said, "Mr. Ricci'd answer questions really well and explain things in ways so that I could understand them."

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at three o'clock the bell rang and the school day was over. Over for some, but for others the day was just beginning. This year students found that being dedicated to school organizations was the way to be. This dedication was evident in the United Way Drive. We not only broke our own record but gave the largest donation of any high school in Ohio, with





at the fall pep assembly the senior girls (Gina Vincelli, Mandee Fitzmaurice, Jamie Grubbs, Linda Turk, Ellen Balzano, Aimee Puin) take on the junior girls in a match of tug-o-war. Aimee said, there was **no way around** the seniors winning. She added, "Junior girls didn't have a chance."

over \$7,000 collected. NHS reinstated peer tutoring, and PRIDE started its nth power program to promote "niceness" in the ninth grade. Creating Our Future changed its name to PLANET and recycled over 1,800 pounds of paper. And Teen Institute aided in bringing a mock accident to the stadium the week of prom to discourage drunk driving. Many club members found out that there was **no way around it**: if we wanted to make a difference, it was going to take a little dedication.

by michael hatchadorian

CREATING SIGNS for the Cat's-Cabinet-sponsored Valentine's assembly, Amy Grabfelder, Carla Petrof, Lynn Phillips and Laurel Batcheller color in posters indicating where each grade will sit Friday afternoon, February 14.



In the dictionary the term "organization" has two definitions. The first meaning is a group of people united together for a purpose. The second definition is grouping and arranging parts to make a whole. These two definitions could apply to Student Council, Student Leadership Council, and Cat's Cabinet. The groups were responsible for organizing dances, parades, assemblies, food drives, and fund raisers.

The Student Council's objective was to promote leadership and community service. Junior class secretary Sherlyn Gould said, "We sponsor school dances, including special ed. mixers and the senior citizens' dance. But, we also have projects such as the United Way Mixer, Harvest for Hunger volleyball tournament and Penny Wars." President Jamie Grubbs said, "This takes a lot of time to put together. We start out right away with homecoming which is huge! It includes the parade, the bonfire, assembly and dance, and our year just keeps going."

The Student Leadership

Council helped organize three dances for the eighth grade, raised money for the Ronald McDonald House and The Rosemary Home and participated in the Harvest for Hunger campaign. While Nancy Liao said that she enjoyed participating in the club, she advised

future members, "Be prepared to miss a lot of classes and make up a lot of work. There's a lot of responsibility with this club."

While the eighth graders put their projects together, Cat's Cabinet focused its attention on the Valentine's assembly and dance. The dance, which had as its theme Ice Castles and featured the song "Open Arms" by Journey, had 150 couples attending. Nicki Rucci said, "There were a lot of last minute details to think about. Everyone got kind of stressed out, but everything pulled together, and it was awesome."

So, these three groups put together different functions with many common goals that made school more than just academic.

More than academics

Groups organize, promote various activities to round out students' days



CHAIRMAN OF the dance committee for the Student Leadership Council, Leah Basch decorates for the semi-formal dance.

AS PART of a Student Council project, Abby Fazio packs boxes of food collected by the students which would later be delivered to eight families at Christmas time. The families were clients of a social worker and had no food or presents for the holidays.



ATTACHING SPARKING flowers to a base for the pond and drawbridge, senior Cat's Cabinet members Linda Turk and Kristen Bowen work in the multi-purpose room. The girls later transported the decorations to the wood gym where they created a glittery Ice-Castle world to accompany the theme of the assembly and dance. The girls worked until 11 p.m. Thursday and finished little details before the assembly Friday, February 14. Later, the decorations were moved once again to the 8-9 cafeteria for the dance on Saturday.



IN THE line dance Personal Jesus at the eighth grade Kooky Spooky Dance held October 18, Vickie Rife and Melissa Stanley move to the music. The eighth-grade members of the Student Leadership Council helped sponsored this and two other mixers. Costumes were optional. "This was the best-attended dance we had," said Lindsey Neidus.

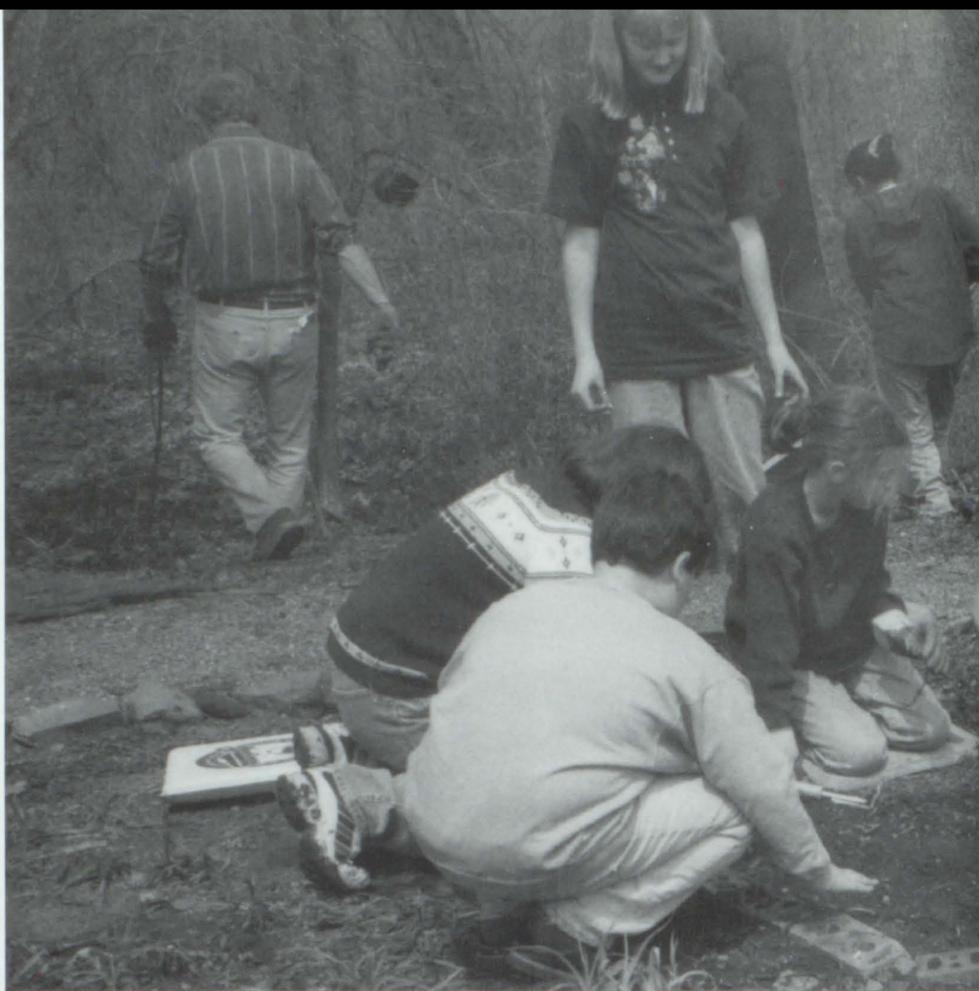
AT THE conclusion of the Penny Wars, Pamela Alley and Bobby Riter roll up the coins for the Student-Council-sponsored contest. The object of the wars was to see how many pennies each class could collect. The other classes would put silver and cash in each other's cans to subtract that amount from the total pennies collected. The class with the most pennies at the end of the week was the winner, and the freshman class beat the seniors in a heated battle. All proceeds went to the Harvest for Hunger Drive.



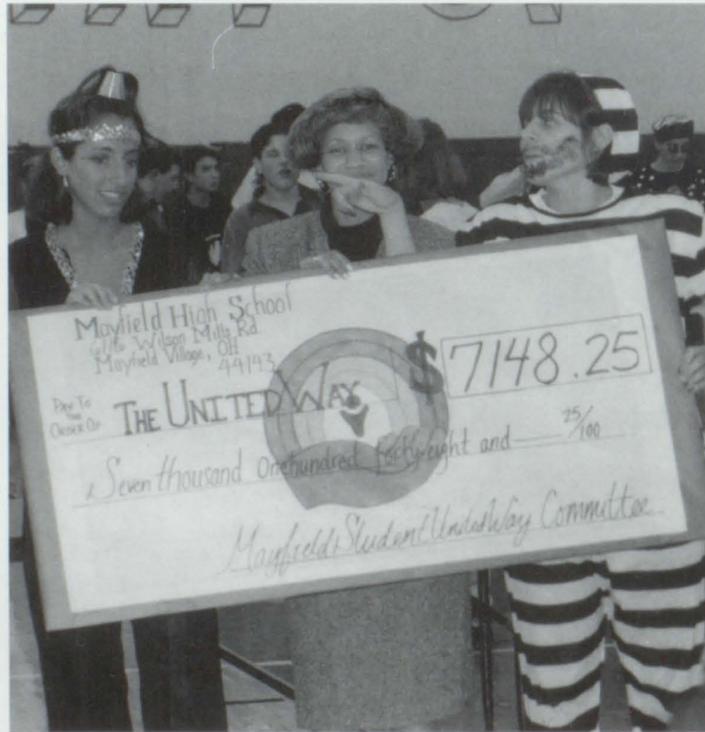
PREPARING TO put up the backdrop along the Wildcat wall in the wood gym, Student Council delegate Erin Abbey grabs a section of the black plastic tarp. Members of Student Council decorated until 11:30 p.m. Wednesday night and returned at 6:30 a.m. to finish up for the homecoming assembly Thursday, October 10. Erin said, "The time doesn't matter because it was so much fun. Homecoming is so exciting. It's just satisfying when you look at it and realize you did it."

RECLAIMING THE butterfly and hummingbird habitat with Gates Mills fifth-graders, PLANET member Steve Keresztes clears out a flower bed, while Reena Jhala rakes with another group with help from fifth-grade teacher Mr. Jay Trepal.

DEMONSTRATING WHAT transpires after a serious accident occurs, Mayfield paramedics "work on" Gina Vincelli during the mock accident sponsored by Teen Institute the week before prom.



FORMER BROWNS player Al Bubba Baker, invited by Teen Institute as part of Red Ribon Week, speaks to ninth-grade students on October 23 about chemical dependency and not giving in to peer pressure. Baker mixed humor and real-life stories with his message to stay off drugs.



DISPLAYING A "check" for \$7,148.25, Gina Vincelli and Nicki Rucci present a United Way regional representative with the largest amount of money collected from any school in Northeastern Ohio. Nicki said, "Mrs. (Nancy) Baron had a goal of \$6,500, but my goal was \$7,000. I wanted to break the record from last year, and on the morning of the last day we were short, but by the time of the assembly we had the record."



OUTSIDE THE Boston Mills Lodge, Kim Conteen and Hallie Ferlin get ready to take to the slopes with the Ski Club. Even though the winter started out with a record snowfall, the rest of the winter had very little snow, limiting the club to skiing only five of the Tuesdays that they had scheduled. The Ski Club tried to ski every week during the second and third quarters when the weather cooperated.



Reach out to others

Awareness of community motivates students to raise money and to serve

What do canned food drives, recycling, car washes, and Red Ribbon Week have in common? These are activities in which Key Club, United Way, PLANET, and Teen Institute participated.

Samantha Caspio said, "Although it was my first year as a member of the Key Club, I feel it is a wonderful way to give back to the community."

PLANET gave back to the community through the environment. Changing the name from Creating Our Future to People Learning

About Nature and Earth Today was only its first activity. Members attended the Earth Day Coalition held March 21, and started a recycling program at school which collected about 1800 pounds of paper. The club also had a booth at the Earth Day Celebration at the Cleveland Zoo.

Awareness of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drug use through peer prevention was Teen Institute's goal. Members attended training for Teens Against Tobacco Use and held presentations for all seventh graders. They sponsored the mock accident and Pre-Prom Promise sign-up. Gina Vincelli, a participant in the accident, said, "Even though I knew what was going on, I was scared once it got underway. I think we all learned an important lesson."

United Way kicked off its most successful campaign with two car washes. The group sponsored hat day which allowed students to pay a dollar to wear a hat during school and, with Student Council, hosted an after-game mixer. At the end of the campaign, the United Way Committee raised \$7,311.00. Nicki Rucci said, "I've been involved in United Way because it was exciting to raise money for a good cause."

Key Club members served the community by helping at the Ronald McDonald House with decorating cookies and serving breakfast on two separate occasions. They were also coaching assistants for the Special Olympic volleyball team in March and April. This concluded with a Special Olympic tournament on May 3.



DUMPING ONE of the baskets from the media room into a larger holding barrel stored in room 252, Rina Spyrou and Pam Daher make sure no colored paper goes to the recycling plant. The PLANET group recycled about 1800 pounds of paper. The club also collected Christmas cards and sent them to a company to be reused in a number of different ways. The group attended the Earth Day Coalition held on March 21, at the Natural History Museum.

HELPING TWO residents of the Ronald McDonald House frost their gingerbread people, Key Club members Dorothy Chan and Maribeth Murawski make some holiday cheer. Maribeth said, "This was one of my most favorite projects that we did because the kids were so responsive." The club came back to help with a breakfast later in the year.

If singing in the rain was what made them happy, or if they felt like they had to dance, then joining one of the vocal music groups was their ticket to ride. Whether it was the A Cappella Choir, Concert Choir, Women's or Men's Chorus, Eighth Grade Chorus, the Limited Edition, or Rhythm & Style, there was a music group for every taste.

A Cappella Choir filled its calendar with performances at the homecoming assembly and a concert at R. B. Chamberlin High School in Twinsburg the first quarter and continued with holiday performances, district competitions, the Fiesta-Val competition in SC and the Spring Choral Revue.

Limited Edition had as its objective to be an educational vehicle to entertain audiences across the United States while adding to their performing skills. The club combined vocal skills with choreographed dance moves. At the Fiesta-Val competition in Myrtle

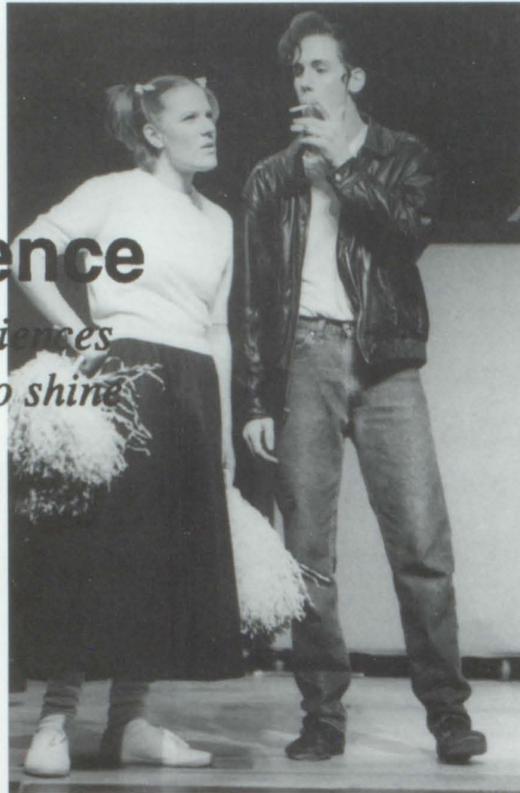
Beach, SC, held April 17 -20, the group won the Grand Champion award. The Limited Edition also appeared at shows in Piqua, Akron, Coshocton, and other local high school productions.

Before an audience

Performances entertain audiences and allow singers, dancers to shine

Members of Rhythm & Style, the jv show choir, began their first season performing at the holiday concert, but they filled the second part of the year with competitions and shows. They participated in the Memorial Junior Varsity Show Choir Festival, the Copley High School Competition, and the Northcoast Show Choir Competition.

The Choral Music department also presented the musical *Grease*. The sold-out production, March 14-16, took the audience back to a time of poodle skirts and greasers and good ol' Rydell High. The cast performed numbers such as "Greased Lightnin'" and "We Go Together."



TELLING PATTY (Jenn Brooks) "It's all over," Danny (Brad Harrill) tries to let her down easy in the break-up scene in the musical *Grease* performed March 14-16. Danny was still in love with Sandy but was afraid to admit this in front of his friends.



PERFORMING THE traditional holiday carol, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," the A Cappella Choir sings for a high school audience at the December 5 concert.

AT THE beginning of "One Sweet Day," Lindsey Alexander and the rest of the jv show choir perform in their first show at the holiday concert. Rhythm & Style, a jv show choir for freshmen and eighth graders, also performed in several competitions, a festival and the Spring Choral Revue.

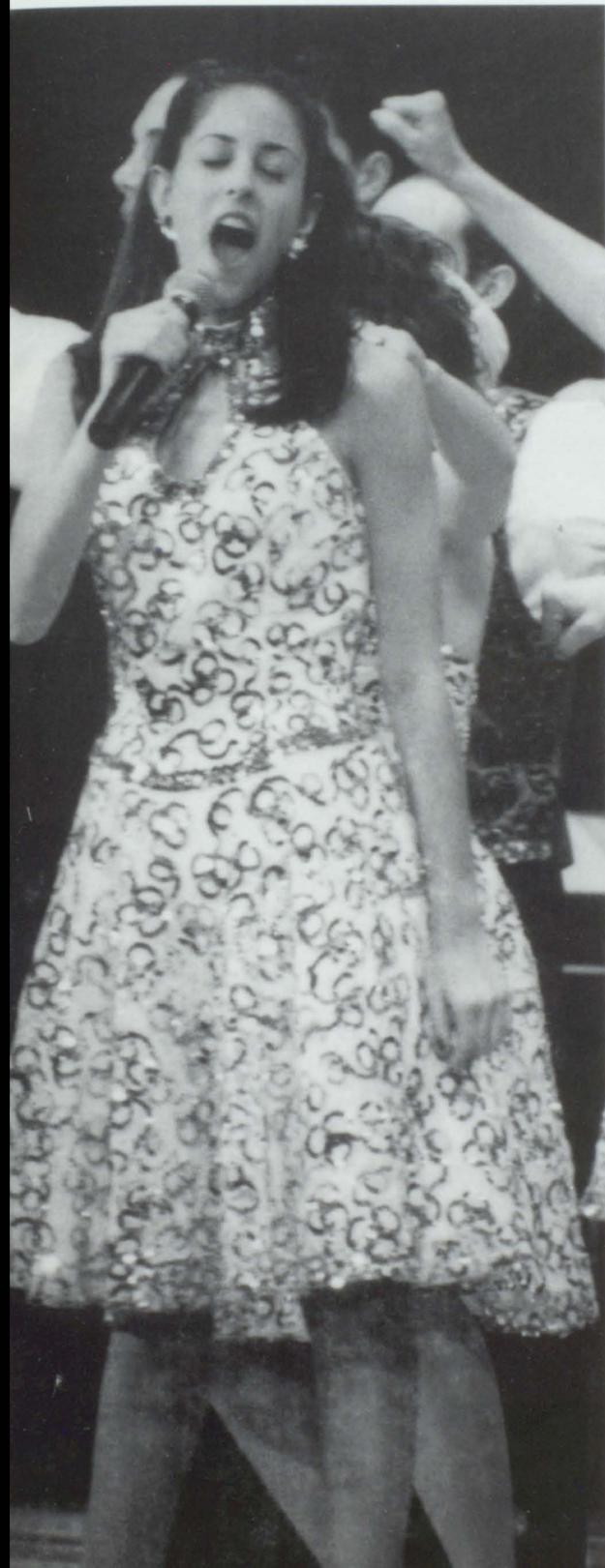


SINGING "COME at Dawn," the Women's Chorus follows director Mr. Steve Glosser. The group also performed this number at district competition along with "Moon Song" and "He's Gone Away."



IN THE middle of the Gilbert and Sullivan song "We Sail the Ocean Blue," the Men's Chorus performs at the Winter and Holiday Choral Concert December 5. The men also sang "Silhouettes" and then joined with the combined choirs in the concert's finale of "Silver Bells."

TAKING THE stage for a last performance together, the Senior Vocal Ensemble sings "This Is the Moment" at the Palace Theatre during graduation. Carla Schneider, Rosemarie Puntel, Beth Nudelman, Nicole Scotese, Regina Kowalski and Robyn Pazicni keep their eyes on director Mr. Steve Glosser.



DURING ONE of the solos from an arrangement of songs from *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*, Vanessa Vienna belts out her song at a show choir festival on October 26.

COMBINING WITH the eighth grade for the number "Sleigh Ride," the Concert Choir sings one of the selections performed at the holiday concert.

PSYCHING THE crowd up at the spring sports assembly, the Jazz Ensemble plays an arrangement of fight songs and "Hey." They also played at the Business/Education/Community Alliance Open House.

AT THE holiday concert, Nick Potkalitsky, Bill Flugan, and Dave Armstrong play "Waltz from the Nutcracker." They also played "Santa at the Symphony" and "Santa Is Coming to Town."

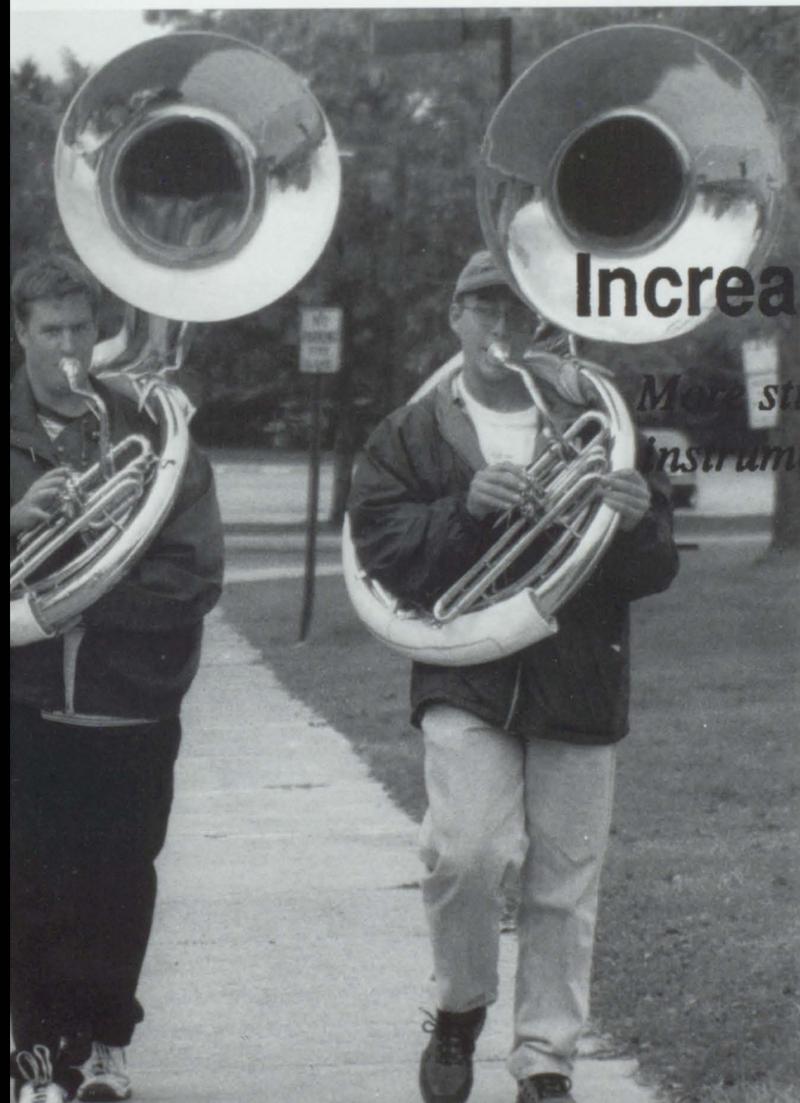


DURING THE homecoming half-time show, Lindsay Pavlich and Sara Phelps perform to "Danger Zone." The Flag Corps members choreographed this and all other numbers they danced.



PLAYING CLARINET at the Arbor Day Ceremony hosted by the Mayfield Village Garden Club, Jenn Brooks and Beth Craine join Chris Reinke, Matt Zemanek and the rest of the Concert Band in a medley of Armed Forces tunes and "Danger Zone."

PERFORMING TO "Trisha's Blues," senior Catette Robyn Pazicni dances in front of the trumpet section.



Increasing and in tune

More students make choice of five instrumental performing groups

With the instrumental music department increasing by fifty students, the auditorium stage barely accommodated the full Concert Band. Students had their choice of belonging to five different groups depending on their instruments and specialties.

half-time shows, parades, and assemblies. Senior Catette member Robyn Pazicni said, "I have been part of the Catettes for three years. It has been a lot of fun. I have had an opportunity to travel with the group and tried choreographing some of the numbers."

The Orchestra performed on three occasions. They played at the December 12, holiday concert, the Pops Concert on

March 19, and the spring concert in May.

The 8 Band performed with the other instrumental groups at the winter and spring concerts. Daniel Ling said, "It was nice to perform with a full orchestra. It was a much bigger group than at the Middle School. I learned and heard some new music."

The Jazz Ensemble attended the Painesville Jazz Festival on March 8, the West Liberty Tri-State Jazz Festival on April 16, and hosted the Mayfield Jazz Festival on March 20.

With all the different groups and all the activities in which to participate, students were able to play away.

The Marching Band participated in all ten football games and in the Columbus Day, Gates Mills and Mayfield Home Days parades. They also competed in the Hudson and Greater Cleveland Conference band shows. On Friday mornings, the band pepped up the staff and student body by marching through the halls and playing outside the 8-9 cafeteria.

The Marching Band auxiliary units of Flag Corps and Catettes performed as part of the football

BRINGING OUT the big brass for the homecoming parade, Jon Goetz, Andy Margevicius, David Hummer, and Norm Kirchner head up the sidewalk on the west side of the high school. The Marching Band assembled at the Cornerstone Community Church and marched in the rain to the school for a bonfire performance.

If a person enjoys strategies, planning, organizing, and working with ideas and words, there was a group for them to join.

The Academic Decathlon team competed against area teams on March 14. Among other activities to prepare for the contests, members listened to guest speakers from John Carroll University and the Cleveland Orchestra.

Amit Majmudar said, "My job was to do well in certain subjects like literature, music, speech, and the interview."

"Interviewing," according to *First Amendment* member Carla Petrof, "is the best part of working on the school newspaper because I like meeting people and finding out things. The hardest thing is meeting deadlines." The staff put out three issues.

If a student wanted to delve into another area of journalism, there was *The Mayfielder*. The yearbook students began planning their theme and how the book would be organized during first quarter and then created the pages

using desktop publishing. Editor Mike Hatchadorian said, "Nobody knows how much work goes into the book until they work on it."

Another style of writing was celebrated in *Voices* magazine. The literary/art magazine show-

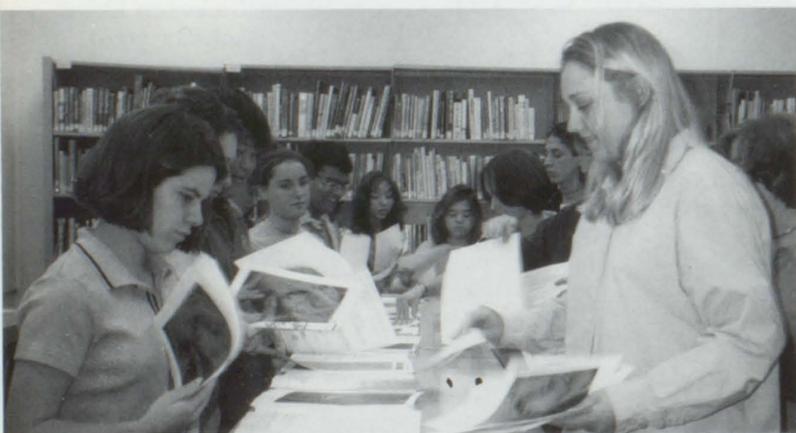
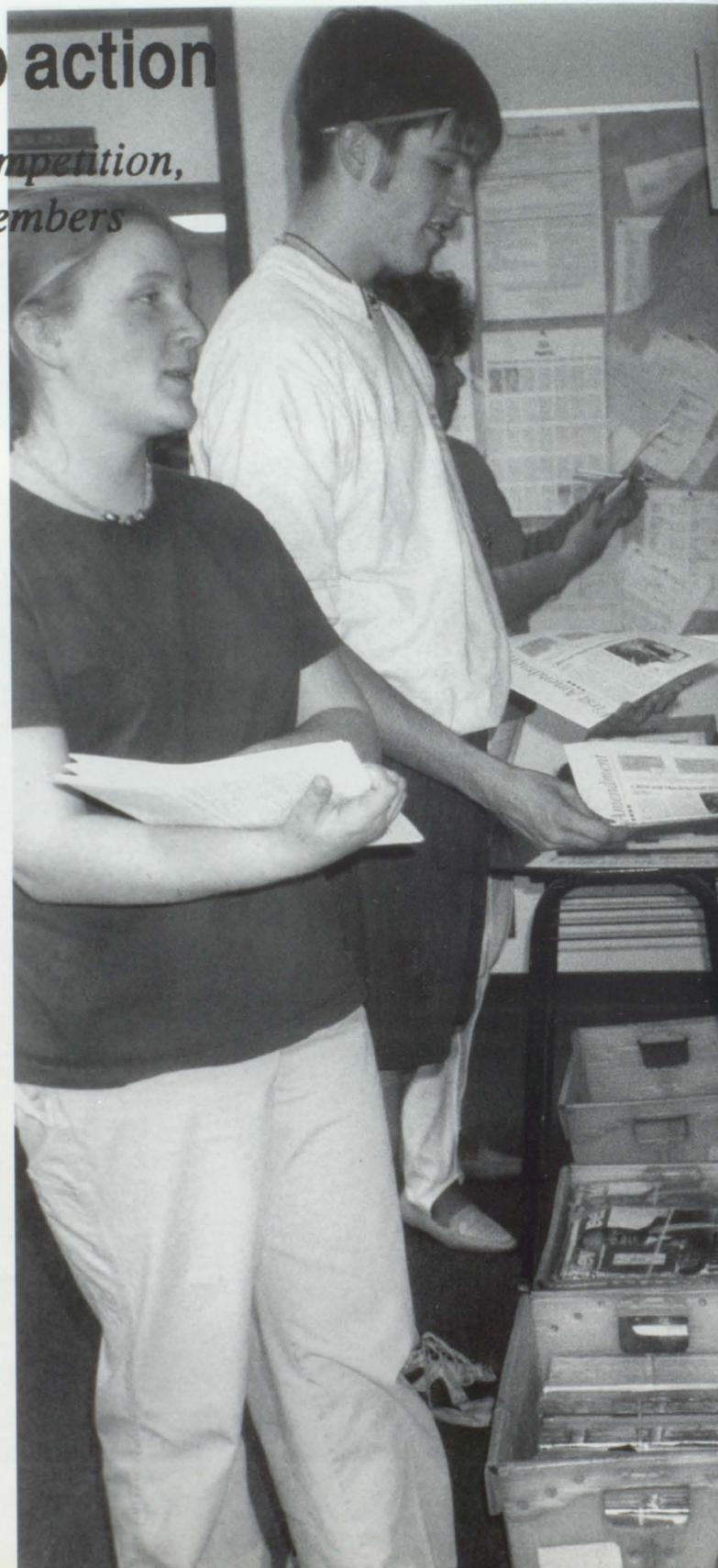
cased poetry, prose, and the visual arts. Donna Abounader said of her experience, "I am now able to read and review students' work with different people and listen to their opinions."

Working with fellow students who needed academic help was a new venture for National Honor Society members. The group started a new peer tutoring program. Danielle Koshy said, "I like the fact I help people."

Helping people understand the strategies of the game is what the Chess Team was about. Chen Lin said, "With all the new eighth grade kids, this year was a lot of teaching and learning for the club."

Putting words to action

Publishing, academic competition, and service attract members



COLLATING AND binding the *Voices* magazine, Stephanie Bencin, Anna Goldschmidt, Heinz Yee, Sara Mader, Nehul Vyas, Alla Daykhes, Inna Zarkhin, Diana Kurkovsky, Omar Zayat, Jennifer Tate, and Laura Horowitz prepare the book for its release and sale.

HOT OFF the press, Lindsay Dasher and Pete Stella distribute *The First Amendment* to the homeroom teachers' mailboxes. Pete, sports editor, said, "The hardest thing about being in this club is doing a lot of work and, for some reason, only getting out (a few issues)."

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PRACTICING THE strategies discussed during their weekly meeting, Chess Team members Anthony DiFranco and Daniel Ling play a match. Chen Lin was the only member to advance to the state tournament.



HANDING DIANA Ciofani a red rose at the National Technical/Vocational Honor Society induction ceremony in the auditorium on April 11, Shawnise Washington congratulates the new members.

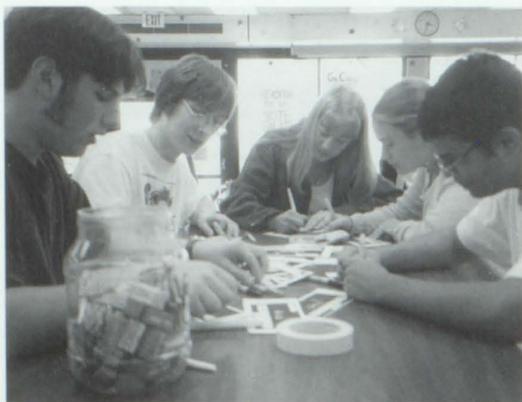
COMPLETING THE induction ceremony of the new officers of the National Honor Society, juniors Ami Desai, Mandy Fordham, Sherry Fang, and Lindsey Kramer stand in the 8-9 cafeteria in front of their peers and adviser Miss Rose Marie Brigneli on Friday morning, May 23, after a brief breakfast of donuts and juice.



PREPARING FOR the speech portion of the Academic Decathlon on March 13, the day before the annual contest, Mark Kramer assures Amit Majmudar, Franjo Dolenac, Pat Lynch, and Todd Pritchett that he will perform well when the time comes. Mark won the day's first school medal in the speech competition.

SOLICITING DISCOVERY Zone to take out an advertisement in the yearbook, Jenn Welty and Vicki Mindel show examples of business ads from the '96 book to a manager on May 5.

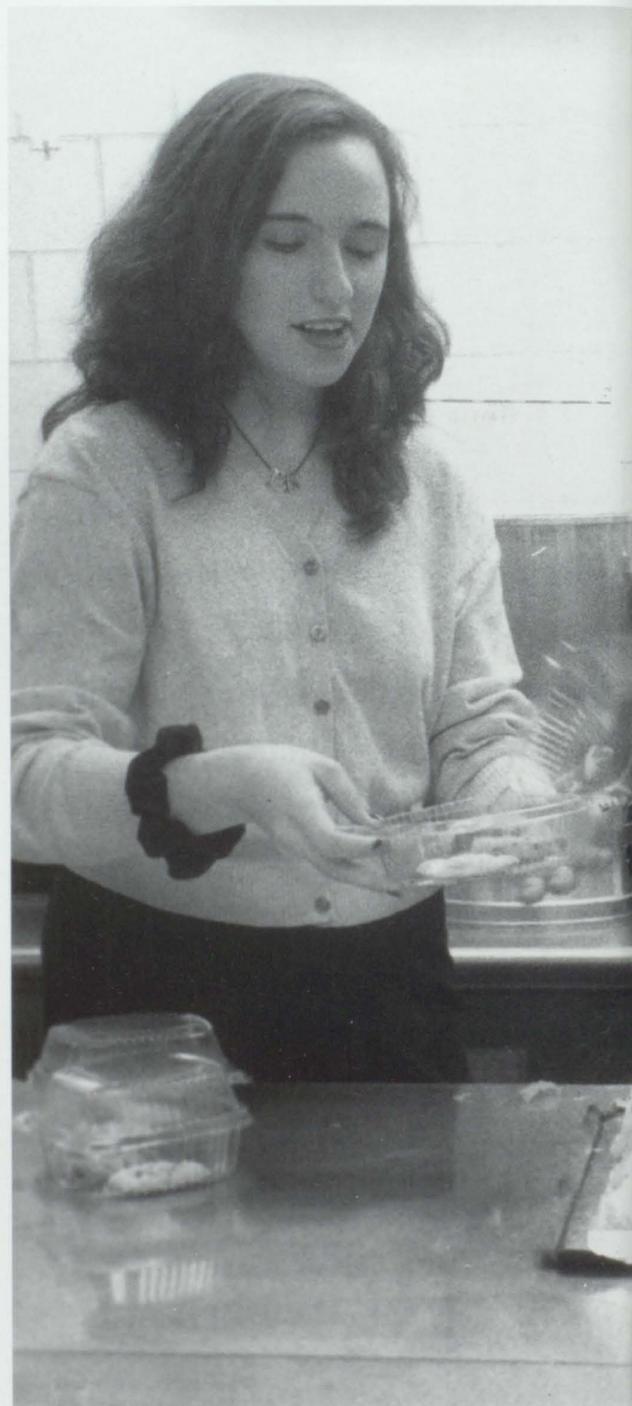
ATTACHING NOW and Later candies to "nth power" slips sent to teacher-nominated freshmen in their homerooms, David Armstrong, Nick Potkalitsky, Jessie Fazio, Abby Fazio and Nehul Vyas work on one of their PRIDE projects. PRIDE sponsored this program "to recognize outstanding and exemplary behavior and sincere acts of kindness," said John Lin.



WORKING THE sound system for the homecoming assembly, Tech Crew members Chris Abate, Adam Thomas, and Anthony Marshall make final sound checks. The Tech Crew was responsible for all lighting and sound at the plays and school events. The group also helped Mr. Ray Goe, director of media services, with the task of putting the school on-line.



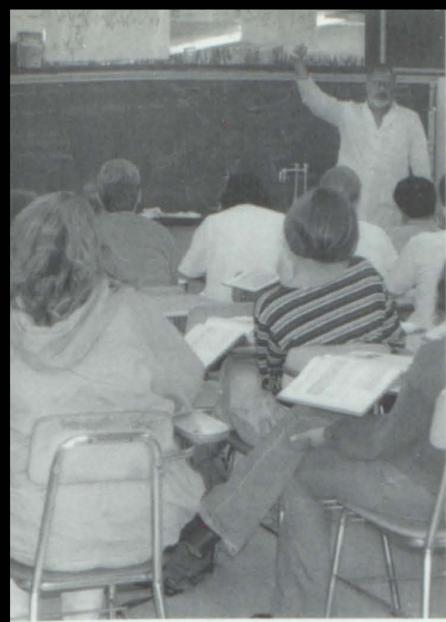
IN EARLY October, PRIDE invited senior citizens to tour the school and attend classes. Jay Varma, Josh Wilkenfeld, and Danielle Koshy, along with their visitors, observe Mr. Mike Ostovic's Chemistry 1 class.



FILING AND sorting papers to be delivered to the 10-12 office during eighth period, Natalie Fisco organizes her assignment. The Office Aides helps the office staff with errands such as bringing attendance sheets to the proper office, getting students out of class and delivering messages to students.



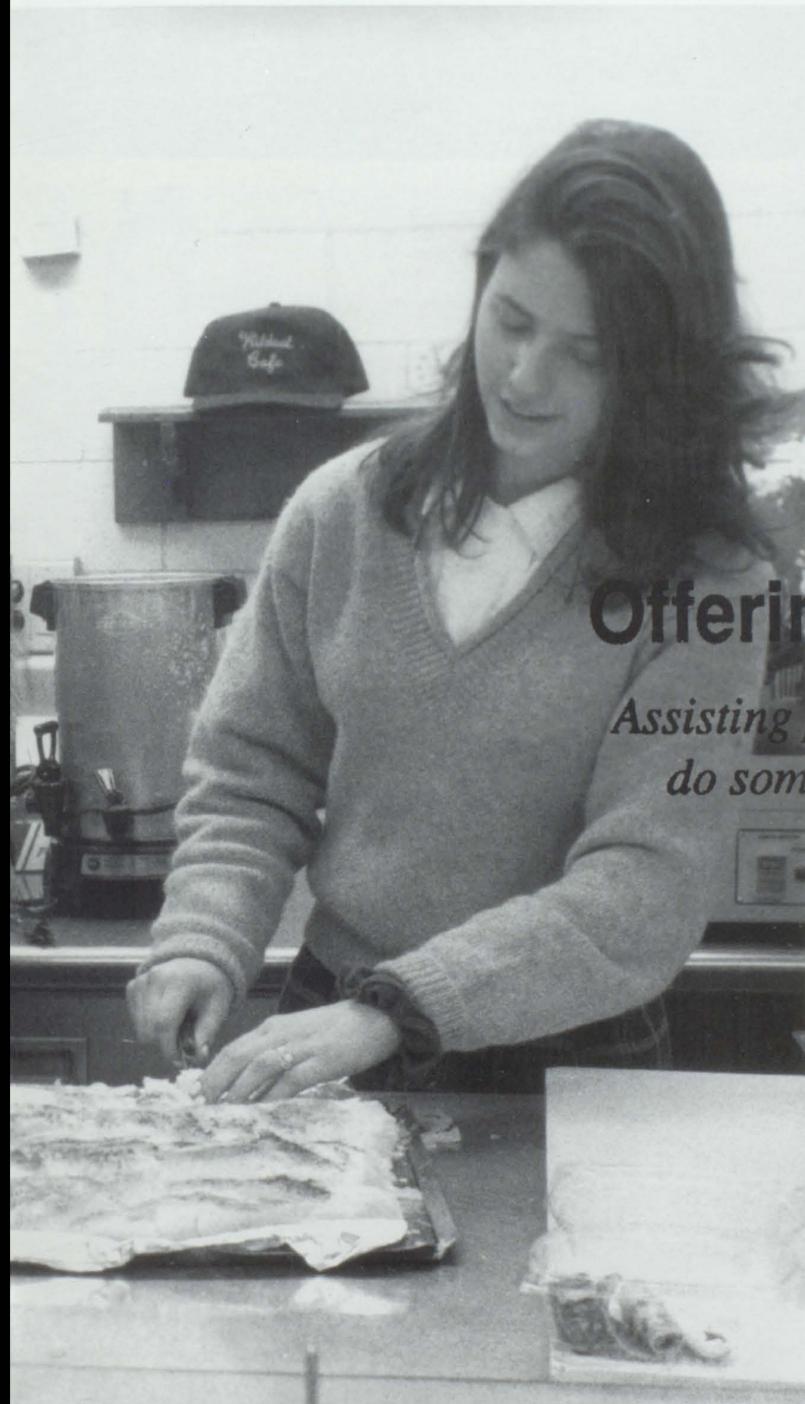
BRINGING BACK water bottles and towels to the sidelines, Jackie Varanese attends to one of her duties as trainer. Trainers must also be ready at any moment to help injured players or to apply first aid.



JUGGLING AT PRIDE's French dinner May 15, Chris Vehar and mime Chris Cho perform for Hannah and Mrs. Carrie Flaherty and Dante Scarfo. Diners sampled ethnic special-ties including coq au vin and onion soup.



WHILE MEMBERS of AFS share breakfast with their short-term exchange partners from Trumbull High School in Connecticut on May 9, Principal Mr. Robert Lombardo welcomes the group. Students paired off for the school day.



Offering help to others

Assisting people to understand or to do something remains the goal

Helping people, assisting behind the scenes. That's what PRIDE, Trainers, Mat Cats, Office Aides, and Tech Crew had in common.

The Office Aides assisted in the 8-9 office. Allison Halco said, "We are expected to be courteous,

and helpful. The Mat Cats training support group Mat Cats included videotaping every match, keeping score on the board and in the record book, and decorating the wrestlers' lockers before each meet. Julie Fragomeni said, "I like the sport, and being involved in Mat Cats allows me to see all the matches."

Trainers, like the Mat Cats, was a support group but for all the athletic teams. Senior Kelly Piccirillo said, "I have

learned things that will help me in my career in sports medicine."

People Recognizing Individual Differences Enthusiastically, PRIDE, had as its mission to improve human relations. They celebrated two ethnic cultures with the Eastern European and French dinners.

American Field Service, AFS, shared a short-term exchange program with a school in Connecticut. The club visited the school and New York City, and then students from the Trumbull school were guests here, toured the downtown area on Saturday and went to Cedar Point on Sunday.

Helping Mr. Ray Goe was the job of the Media Services/Tech Crew. Membrs' responsibilities included the sound and lighting at school assemblies and plays. Anthony Marshall said, "We do lots of odd jobs."

Odd jobs required of the wres-

SLICING STRUDEL for the PRIDE-sponsored Eastern European dinner on November 19, Irin Portnaya and Victoria Shekhtman prepare the dessert. The menu also offered of szalona, csirke paprikas, toltott kaposzta, and pierogies.

PREPARING HIS presentation, JCWA member Scott Zimmerman stands in front of the podium at the Chicago Model UN. Members also participated at Cleveland State, Kent State and Niagra Falls.

ANNA (MELISSA Stanley) helps Cindy (Heather Hazen) give Madam Holsworth (Nicole Wolfrom) and the stepsisters Moneque (Kim Hetzel) and Yvette (Laurie Anliker) breakfast in *Cinderella of the '90s*.



Presenting a speech or point of view effectively was one of the goals of the Mayfield Players, JCWA, Mock Trial, and 7-8 Drama.

Mayfield Players and 7-8 Drama promoted thespian activities. The Mayfield Players put on two plays, *Hooray for Hollywood* on November 15-16, and *Twelve Angry Jurors*, May 9-10.

During the spring break members explored Broadway and New York City. Sarah Kalina said, "I loved the New York trip because I love the theater." At their regular meetings students could listen to speakers. Lauren Smith said, "I learned a lot from the guest speakers. One from Baldwin Wallace taught us how to make fighting look real."

The 7-8 Drama Club put on the play *Cinderella of the '90s*. Carly Rowe, an eighth grader, wrote the play, and it was adapted by the club. Members presented the play to elementary schools on May 22, and to the public on May 23. Allison Halco said, "This club gave me the experience I need to be in Mayfield Players next year."

Discussing international policy was an objective of Junior Council on World Affairs. Josh Wilkenfeld said, "It was a game, and I liked playing it. I have a fighter's spirit, but if I tried a physi-

cal match-up, I'd probably end up on the mat. So this gave me the opportunity to exercise my emotions without coming home with a black eye."

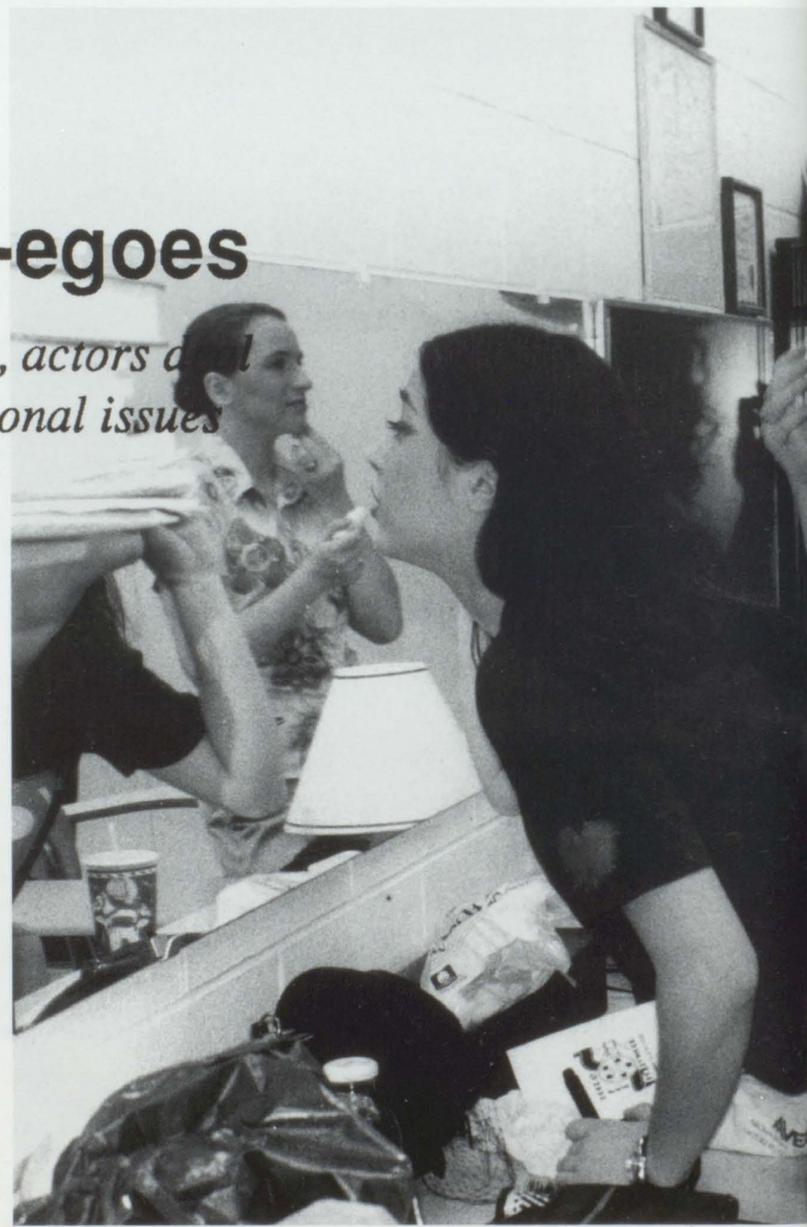
A fight in the courtroom was what Mock Trial members did. Danielle Koshy explained, "Students play lawyers, witnesses and bailiffs. Then, we go down to a real courthouse in front of judges and compete against another team for points."

So whether discussing international affairs, acting a part, or presenting a case, these clubs offered students a wide variety of ways to express themselves.

PUTTING ON stage make-up and fixing their hair in the appropriate style of their characters, Mayfield Players Monica Taddeo, Mandy Fordham, Irin Portnaya, Kristin Roediger, Julie Fragomeni and Jen Burtonshaw put on their show faces before the Friday, November 15, performance of *Hooray for Hollywood*.

Creating alter-egos

Assuming other identities, actors deal with entertainment, national issues





SYMBOLIC OF the start of the Model UN, on the morning of Thursday, May 15, Mr. Tim Sustar raises the UN flag below the US flag. JCWA welcomed Aurora High School to observe and participate.

WAITING FOR the verdict, the Mock Trial team of R. Miller, R. Ravi, S. Zimmerman, N. Lehmann, V. Daga, T. Khambata, L. Hodge, J. Brooks, and D. Koshy discuss the performance of the prosecution.

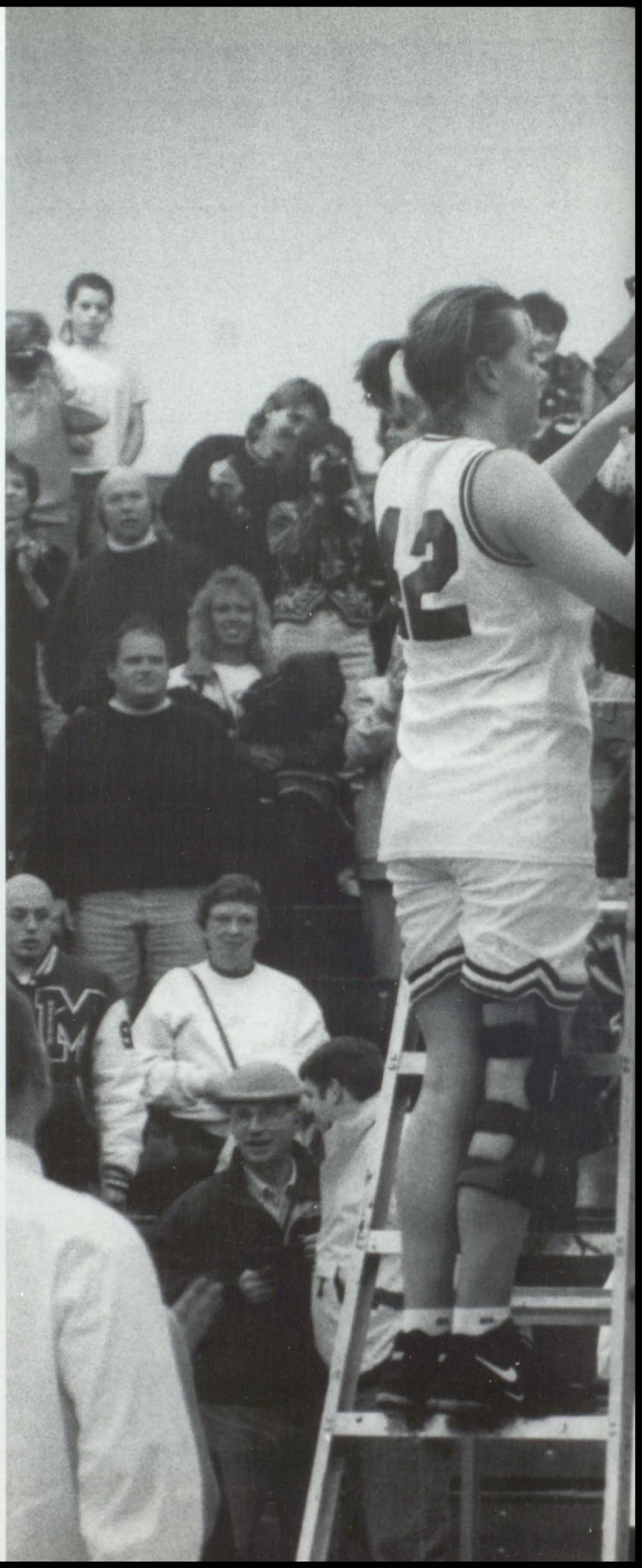


OUTSIDE OF New York's Statue of Liberty, Sarah Kalina and other members of the Mayfield Players ham it up for the camera on their week-long trip to New York and the Broadway theatre district during their spring break, March 28-April 6.

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Records are set only to be broken, and champions are crowned just to be dethroned. There is **no way around it**: no matter how good the champs may be, their time in the spotlight will end sooner or later. Teams reached new heights and many records fell, all while we were playing around. For the first time ever, the Girls' Basketball team earned co-





holding back the tears as her Uncle Don, Aunt Cin, and the rest of the fans cheer her on, senior Co-Captain Patti Delfs celebrates the first-ever GCC title for the Girls' Basketball team. High-scorer for the night, Delfs decided that there **no way around it**: she was going up the ladder knee brace and all.

champ honors in the GCC. Meanwhile, the Golf team and the Girls' Cross Country team both won the GCC yet again. On the professional level, Tiger Woods burst onto the golf scene and won the Masters by a record 12 strokes. The Bulls won their fifth title in the '90s, while the Indians fell from their post of American League Champions by losing in the first round to the wildcard Orioles. While some dynasties emerged, new faces quickly rose up to the challenge.

by michael hatchadorian

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Team captain Sherlyn Gould surges to pass a North runner to put her in first with a time of 21:28. She completed the 3.1 miles on September 25 at University School. The girls won the GCC title, and Gould was the only regional qualifier.



Running at University School against the Euclid Panthers and the Maple Mustangs, Susanne Ritley, Jackie Brozak, Erin Brennan and Katie Huelsman try as a group to finish before any opponent crosses the finish line to "keep our undefeated record." Sherlyn Gould finished first, and the girls' team won this meet 25-32-50 and finished the season undefeated for the fourth year in a row.



Racing toward the finish line on a clear October day, Jenna Iosue, Katy Bohinc and Julie Chernitski try to separate themselves from the pack. The girls on the 7-8 team beat Bedford Heskett 15-46 and the Willowick Lances 31-36.



As he pushes himself up a "small hill" junior Jeff Swope races against North at University School. Swope placed third in this race and 27th at State. The boys ended this race 39-20 and finished the season with a record of 3-4.

Graduate and assistant coach Brian LaRiche cheers on senior Brian DiCillo at a tri-meet. The Wildcats finished 25-34 against Maple and 29-30 against Euclid. DiCillo posted his best time (18:45) at GCC.

With four GCC victories and a state qualifier from both, the cross country teams can be found

Blazing the way

To find the local team who's best-of-the-best, there exists only one outstanding test: trying to capture the Greater Cleveland Conference. The lady milers proved that they ranked at the top as they ended their season with a fourth straight GCC championship.

Captain Sherlyn Gould finished third in the GCC race followed by eighth-place-finisher Mariko Kobayashi. Rounding out the team the top seven included Amy Ward, Erin Brennan, Carrie Burns, Jackie Brozak and Susanne Ritley. Katie Huelsman alternated into top seven, and Cristin Welle, Laura Bzdafka, Sam Bunten, Heather Blumenthal, Katie Djilovian, and Dorothy Chan contributed.

Training to run long distances can become repetitive and boring, yet the girls seemed anything but bored as they took on each meet. Brennan kept the team psyched with

her slogan, "Do The Dew!"

Rain and mud provided a recurring theme. The ladies recalled running and slipping through mud during a rainy evening of GCCs as they fought their way to first, winning by just one point.

Kobayashi remembered, "Despite the muddy race conditions, we had a blast, winning at University Invitational and finishing sixth overall in Districts!"

Gould, who finished ninth in Districts and was the team's only regional qualifier, said, "The team will never forget sliding down mud trails in Wadsworth."

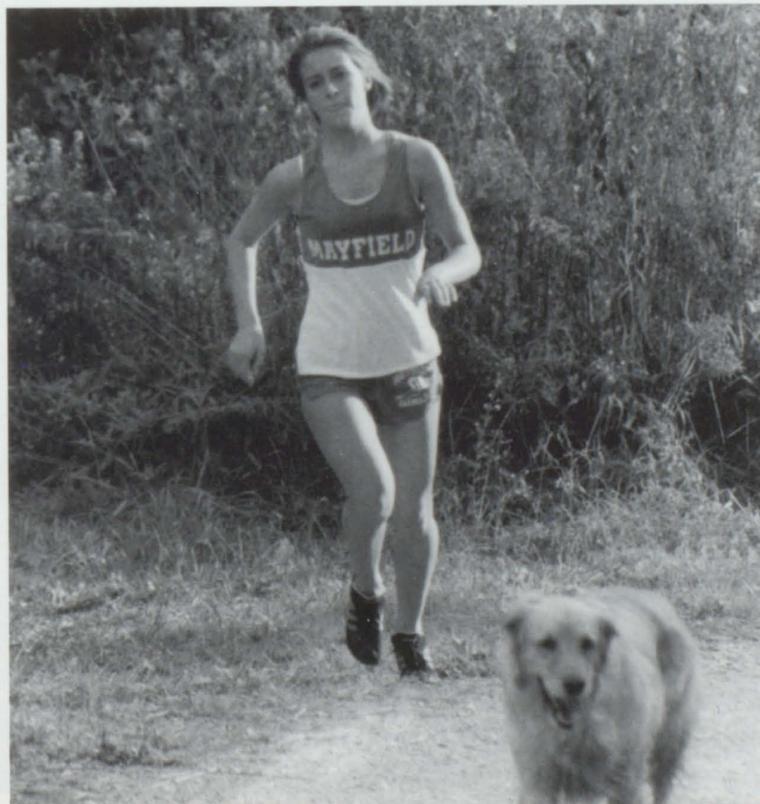
Wadsworth also provided a memorable moment for Dan Hopper of the Boys' Varsity Cross Country team. He said, "It rained so hard the days before that everywhere you looked there was deep mud, especially on the tight turn where kids had

gathered to cheer on the runners. Many runners came to the turn and slid their way around it as the crowd cheered them through. Some runners slid intentionally just to hear the crowd cheer!"

Jeff Swope said that he will remember the team's victory over Euclid. "We (the Wildcats) hadn't beat them in a while. It was a very close meet, and it was interesting to be a part of it." Tom Gould said that he would remember the meet where "I ran a 20:48. I broke the 21-minute barrier."

Co-captains Chad Lepp and Brian DiCillo led the men's team to a 4-3 record in the GCC. Swope qualified for Regionals and, according to Dave Roth, "gave the team a learning experience and inspiration for next year."

by Sherlyn Gould

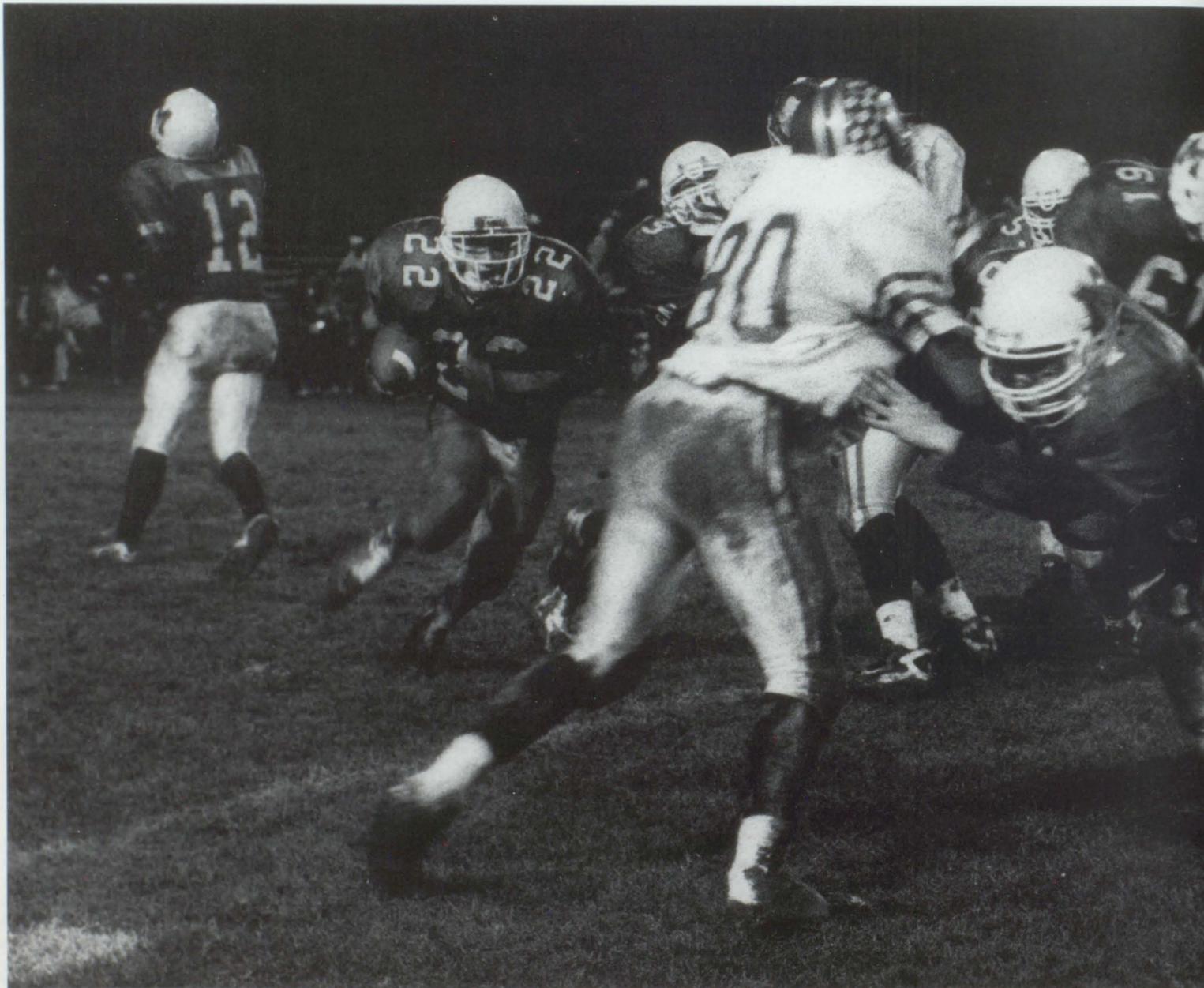
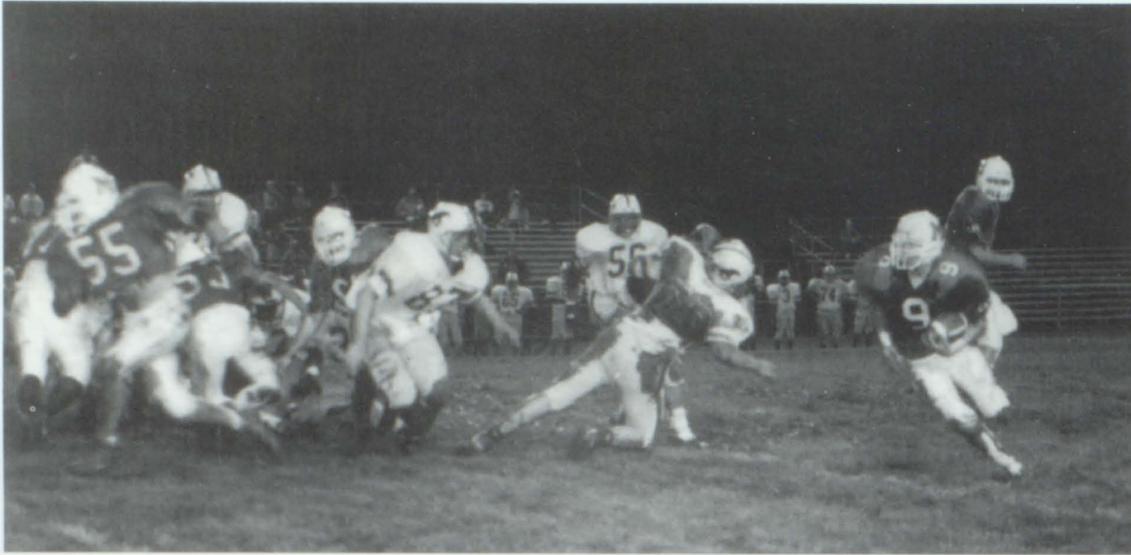


Cheered on by Lydia Arko and Julie Chermitski, Adam Zuccaro and Brent Simer pick up the speed as they pass up the Willowick and Bedford teams. The boys on the 7-8 team beat both with 15-50 and 19-40 scores.

Exiting the 'woods' part of the course at University School in a tri-meet against North and Nordonia, a spectator's dog races junior Amy Ward most of the mile left in the race. Ward came in second following Sherlyn Gould.

Executing a 37-slam on the Maple Mustang defender, #22, Nick Palazzo blocks. #55, B.J. Pietrafese pulled around as #53, Jason Wolfrom and #50, Nick Roberto blocked back. The game ended with 21-6 victory.

Rushing for 10 of his 900 yards of the season, #44, Ryan Breeden falls victim to a North Ranger while #70, Paul Ruhland and #72, Ryan Iammarino block. The JV game ended with the score 0-12.



After playing the first four games and losing three, the Wildcats win five to create the

Big turn around

After opening with a 1-3 record, the Varsity Football team held together and ended the season with four victories and a 5-5 record. "We accomplished a lot in one year. We may have been able to win a few more, but we did face some tough teams," said David Leslie. J.R. Cipra commented, "We had the best finish. All of us worked really hard to improve from a weak start. If we would have started the same way we finished, we could have won the GCC (Greater Cleveland Conference)."

Both the team and the individuals found the field the proving ground. "I feel I did well, but that's only because of the great blocking line and the arm of Frank Stupczy," said Brian Baker. Pete Stella remarked,

"I did okay, but I don't really care about individual stats. Our coaching staff stressed the team is more important than the individual."

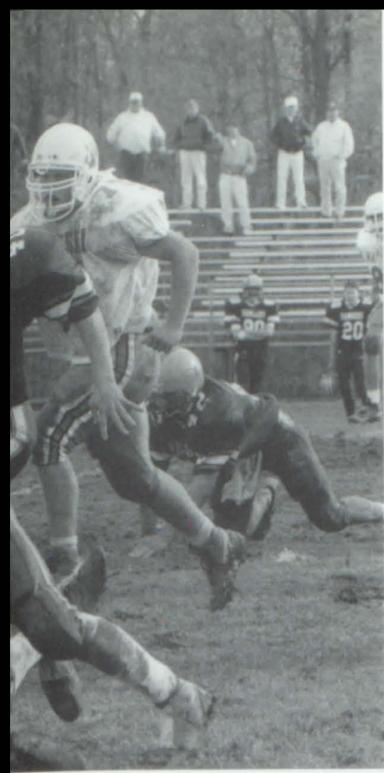
Highlights and memories varied. "My favorite game was Bedford (homecoming) because we were never supposed to win, and there was a big crowd, and we all came together and played a great game," said Nick Palazzo. Dalvin Hill agreed, "Bedford was my favorite game because we weren't expected to win, but we tried our hardest, and we made a lot of things happen."

The game against the Arcs rated as a second favorite. "Brush was my favorite game because it was their homecoming, and we beat them by a landslide. It's also fun to play them

because they're right down the street from us. I'm glad that future teams will be able to play them," said Cipra.

Many seniors took memories from the field. "Football has taught me about commitment and responsibility. I have also made friends through football," said Mike Crowe. Nick Roberto commented, "The brotherhood was really strong on the football team; we wouldn't have made it through a lot of the tough times without it." "Football has given me a lot of memories like Coach Pinto's pre-game pep talks. Over all, football has taught me how to be a stronger person," said Leslie.

by Tiffany Stracci



Rushing off the scrimmage line, #22, Nick Palazzo runs past the Bedford opponents, while #12, Frank Stupczy, #84, Mike Crowe, #61, Dave Leslie and #9, Garrett Patty block. The homecoming game ended in a win, 26-7. Palazzo won *News Herald* Player of the Week after this game for his 272 yards gained.

Throwing off a block, #61, Chad Zimmerman looks as #50, Seid Tanovic blocks Nordonina linemen. "The game was close until the third quarter when it slipped away," said Coach Sam Cala. The freshmen Wildcats lost 0-28.



Surrounded by Maple Mustang opponents, #12, Brian Berkey makes a clutch reception. The 7-8 Football team lost to the Mustangs with a score of 0-35 and ended with a 0-8 record.

Senior leadership and team communication could be keys to Boys' Soccer team's

Winning Ways

Proving something, that's what some feel it's about. Others feel that the team unity and "no-I-in-team" theory have something to do with success. The truth is talent, hard work, luck and determination may all play a part in winning.

And winning is what the Boys' Varsity Soccer team did. Led by co-captains Vetus Syracuse and Blaine Bosley, the team had an 11-5 season and captured the Greater Cleveland Conference title.

Members offered different reasons for this accomplishment. Matt Abate said, "Vetus and Blaine led the team in keeping confidence high." Syracuse com-

mented, "We did more things together as a team this season, like the pasta dinners." Goalie Randy Bosley said, "We worked more on defending the throw in and corner kicks."

When a team has a winning streak the highlights abound. Peter Ming remembered, "The best offensive showing was Euclid; we tore them apart." Bosley said, "The North game was impressive from an offensive standpoint; We won 11-1, and I had two goals!"

Although the team had many highlights, all members agreed that South was one stumbling block. Sergiu Albu remembered, "We practiced hard in preparation for both games against South. We all made sure we had plenty of rest." Syracuse

added, "We trained for it like any other game except we all focused on it mentally." But South proved to be an obstacle that would not be overcome. Ming said, "We had never beat them, which is something I wanted to do before I graduated."

The team did overcome the perennial threat of Brush which was also in the hunt for the GCC title. Bosley recalled, "We beat them 5-0, and I had the best goal of my life. Syracuse scored three goals in two-and-one-half minutes. We got killed there two years ago, and it was a nice payback."

So whatever the reason or the combination of reasons, the Boys' Soccer team tasted the sweet success of winning.



Dribbling down the field, eighth grade midfielder Jay Harpp looks for someone to pass the ball to. Harpp said, "The Lancer opponent was amazed by my moves!"



Passing the ball to another JV teammate, #4, sophomore Marty Mason kicks the ball away from his Bedford opponent. The team won 4-0 and ended the season 6-7-2. Mason has played soccer for six years and plans to play next year.

Dusting a player from University School, senior #19, Vetus Syracuse fakes out his opponent who loses his footing. Syracuse successfully got the ball to execute the play, and the Wildcats won, 2-4. Syracuse received *Plain Dealer* Player of the Year and All-Ohio First Team honors.

Advancing the ball up the home field, seniors #12, Mike Somich and #16, Blaine Bosley, guard the ball from the Bedford Bearcats. The team won this game, 7-1, and went on to win the GCC.

In a match against University School, #14, Peter Ming gets one of the Wildcats' two goals, while Jim Thomas runs in for the assist with #16, Blaine Bosley close on his heels.



Reviewing the positive events and correcting the errors, Coach "Mac" prepares the Wildcats for the second half against Nordonia. They won this match, 5-2, and went on to finish the season 9-1 in the conference.

Most Valuble JV Player and leading scorer Dayna Collins executes the basic skills the team "practiced all the time" as she passes the ball past her Nordonia opponent. The team won this outing 2-0.



Conference opponents realize
that in the hunt for the GCC
there is no way

Around the Cats

With a 12-2 overall record, members of the Girls' Varsity Soccer team could finish the season with huge smiles on their faces.

Despite a struggle in the beginning of the season and in only their third full year as a team, they were able to land a 9-1 record in the Greater Cleveland Conference and share the GCC title with their rivals, the Euclid Panthers.

The season held many different memories for the team. "The conditioning was the hardest part of the whole season!" stated senior Karan Farhat, Most Valuable Midfielder.

"The thing I will miss the most is the seniors!" said sophomore Tania DiFranco, one of the Most Valuable Attackers. She added, "The best time of the season was at the banquet. Coach (Steve) Peck was so funny

when he was imitating Coach Mac (Sean McNamara)!"

With DiFranco's and junior M. E. Kuzma's shooting skills, "the defense had nothing to worry about. They (the opponents) had to get the ball away from M. E. and Tania before they could try their life with the 'Big D'," commented sophomore and Most Valuable Defender Nicole DeSantis.

"Karan's headers were a definite highlight in the games," remarked Coach Peck. "She always was able to get her head on the ball!"

The only glimpse of failure was the second challenge with the Euclid Panthers. The girls knew they had the championship in the bag, so to speak, but they still wanted to set the "Euclid girls" straight.

Unfortunately, they lost the game

2-3. This defeat was followed with their 9-0 victory over the Brush Arcs. "...that was the best game. The last home game against Brush. I remember how Coach Mac and Coach Peck took us into the shed on that rainy day. They said to us, 'We're all warm in here while the Arcs are freezing their butts off!' We were all hyped up. And it brought our team together," added Leslie Zaller.

"All those 'Hello, Tummies' and 12-minute runs could never hold back the two-year holders of the GCC championship!" said Jamie Young. Young managed nine clean sheets and had no more than three goals scored against her in a game. Just one more reason to celebrate with a smile!

by Karan Farhat



As she starts down the pitch to score one of the two goals she and Tania DiFranco assisted on, M. E. Kuzma focuses on her goal as Karan Farhat provides back-up. In this game against Nordonia, DiFranco headed in the ball from a Kuzma corner kick, a maneuver they had practiced but had never accomplished before in a game.

Out-racing their North Ranger opponent, varsity midfielders Leslie Zaller and Kim Pockmire dribble the ball toward the forwards and the goal. Despite the swarms of mosquitoes on the North field and an unusually warm day of 90 degrees at game time, the Wildcats disposed of the Rangers with a score of 3-0. The ladies had a record of 9-1 in the conference and a 12-2 overall record.



Charging to the goal, jv forward #17, Nicole Tomaro puts the ball into scoring position against her North Ranger opponent. Teammates #9, Lauren Carlson, #11, Helen Niazova, and #18, Diana Kurkovsky backed her up. The ladies lost this away game at North, 2-3. They went 5-5 on the season.

Playing Nordonia at home, Christine Cho sets up to slam the ball over the net. "My doubles partner, Katie Mathay, and I played very well together." The varsity team won, 5-0.

One team experiences a turn-around season, the other a continuation of success, each showing that

This is the way!

It is said that golf is a game that relies on strategy and luck. Many factors play into the game; for instance, natural hazards, rain, wind, mud, holes and cold weather contribute to the difficulty. The Varsity Golf team faced these usual obstacles plus last season's loss of three senior starters.

Senior Mike Pierce, juniors Larry Wall, Mike Doberdruk, and Jeff Gueli, and sophomores Bobby Wall and Anthony Zummo composed the starting team. The back-up crew consisted of Scott Crowe, Chad Raymond, Noah Weider, Trent Pinto, and Bryan Kramer.

The golf team earned a record of 12-2. Some members on the team were disappointed. "This stat is admired by other teams, but it isn't good enough for us," said Pierce. The team came in second in the Greater Cleveland Confer-

ence due to a loss to Euclid just two weeks before the season ended and a final loss to Nordonia. In the sectional tournament the team came in sixth with a score of 338. Bobby Wall scored a 79 which advanced him to Districts where he ended his season with an 85.

Challenges also faced the Girls' Varsity Tennis team. JV Coach Dale Kain took over when Coach Chuck Murphy resigned, and there were numerous changes in the line-up. The team gained first-time varsity players Carla Schneider, Nicole Thornton and Meghan Kellogg.

The result was a combination which included Gracie Doberdruk at first singles. "We called Gracie 'The Wall' because of her consistency in returning every shot. She lets the other person make the mistakes," said Schneider.

Whitney Neidus played at sec-

ond singles. "(She) was almost always the first one to finish her match. She left her opponent wondering how she lost so quickly," observed Kellogg.

With Tanaz Khambatta and Thornton at first doubles and Christine Cho and Katie Mathay at second doubles, the experience and the new blood combined. Khambatta said of her partner, "Nicole's excitement is unmatched on the team." Cho said of her teammate Mathay, "Without the fun we had, I might have quit tennis my last year."

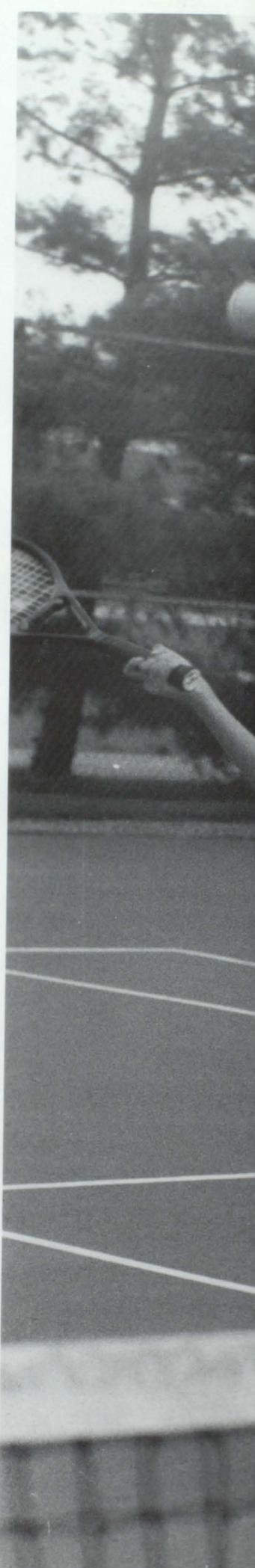
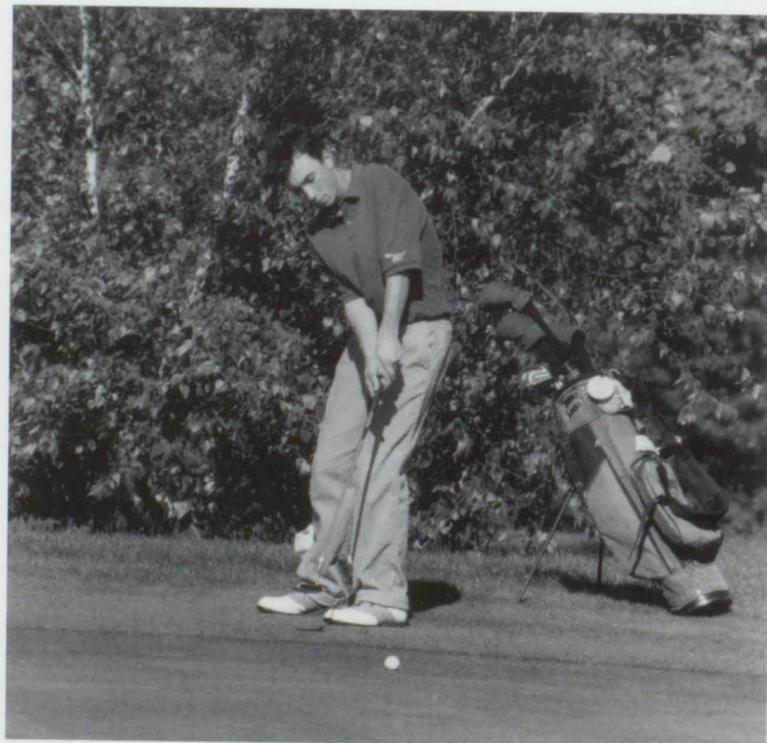
With a second place in the conference, the doubles team of Doberdruk and Neidus making districts, and a turn-around from a previous season record of 0-14 to 10-5, Coach Kain said, "Our girls have earned the respect of the rest of the conference."

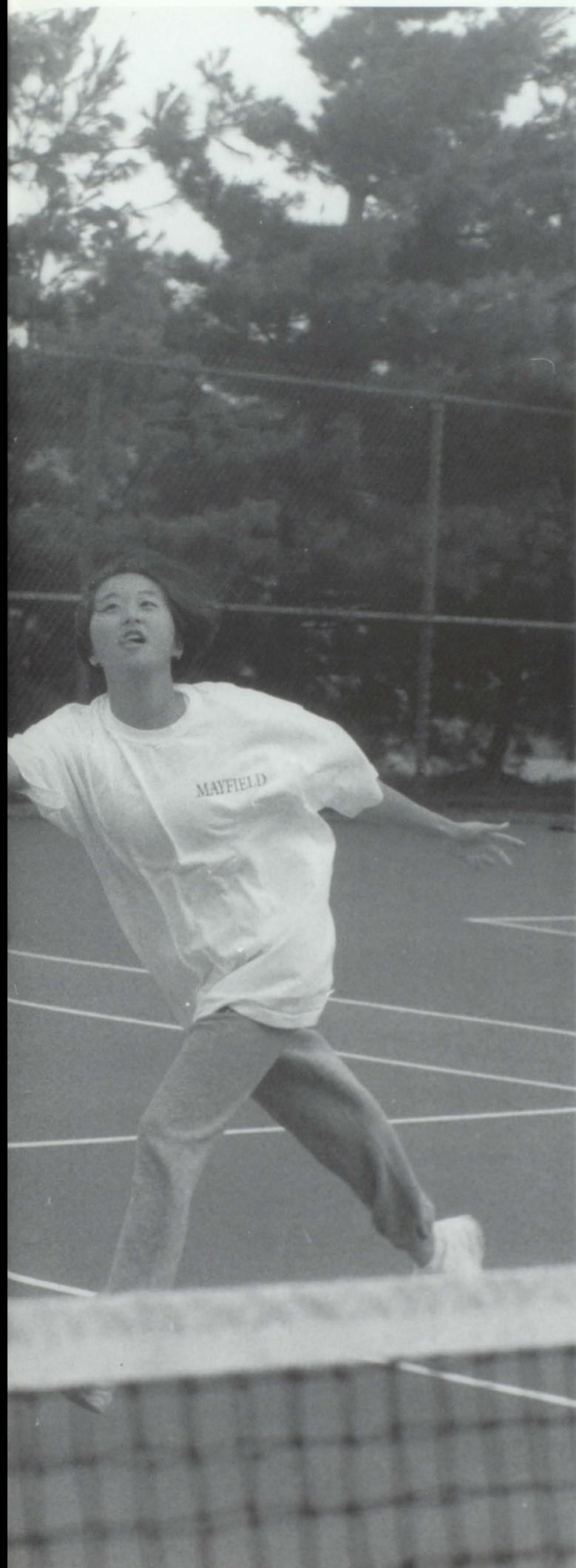
by Larry Wall and Katie Mathay



Returning the serve with a forehand move to her South opponent on September 18, Ninel Faynblit tries to get back the advantage. She helped the girls to a 5-0 victory by winning the match in three sets.

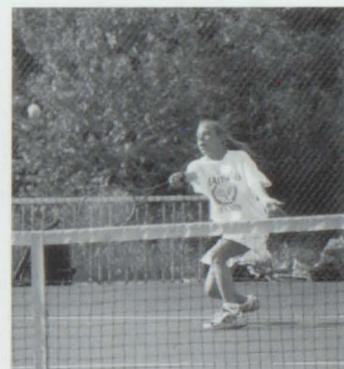
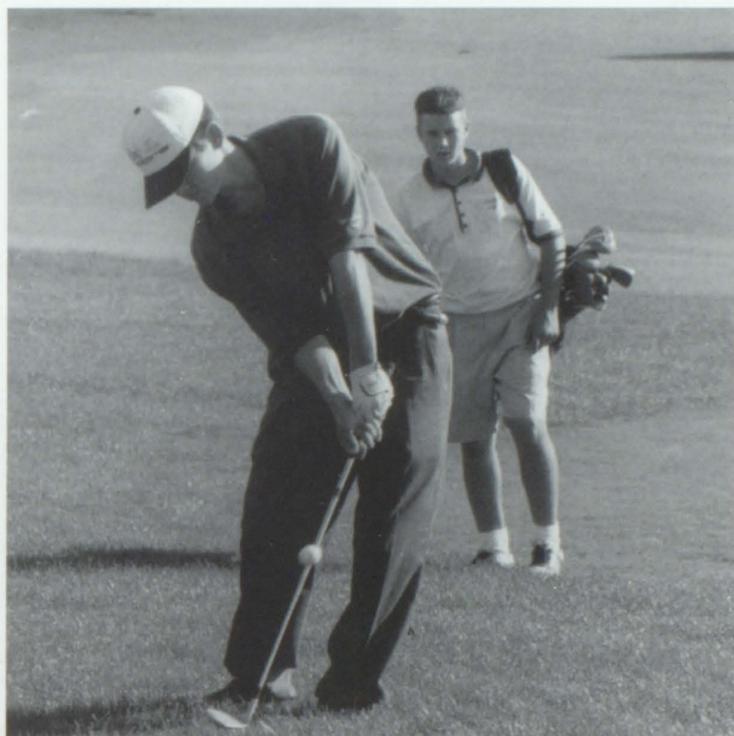
Sophomore Anthony Zummo follows through after hitting his ball at Manakiki in a match against Maple. Zummo, in his second year on the team, lettered and was the lowest scoring golfer both years.





Fighting with one of Mother Nature's hazards, a tree, junior Mike Doberdruk goes for the ball at Acacia after making a "slick shot from the fairway." Doberdruk said, "I hit my ball under the tree because I was giving Brush a fighting chance."

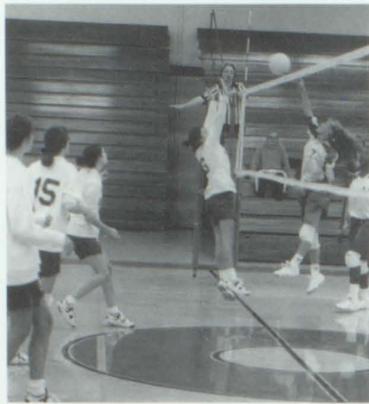
As his brother Larry Wall cheers him on, sophomore Bobby Wall takes a shot at Acacia against Brush. This particular shot ended with a boogie; nevertheless, Wall made it to Districts and got an 85.



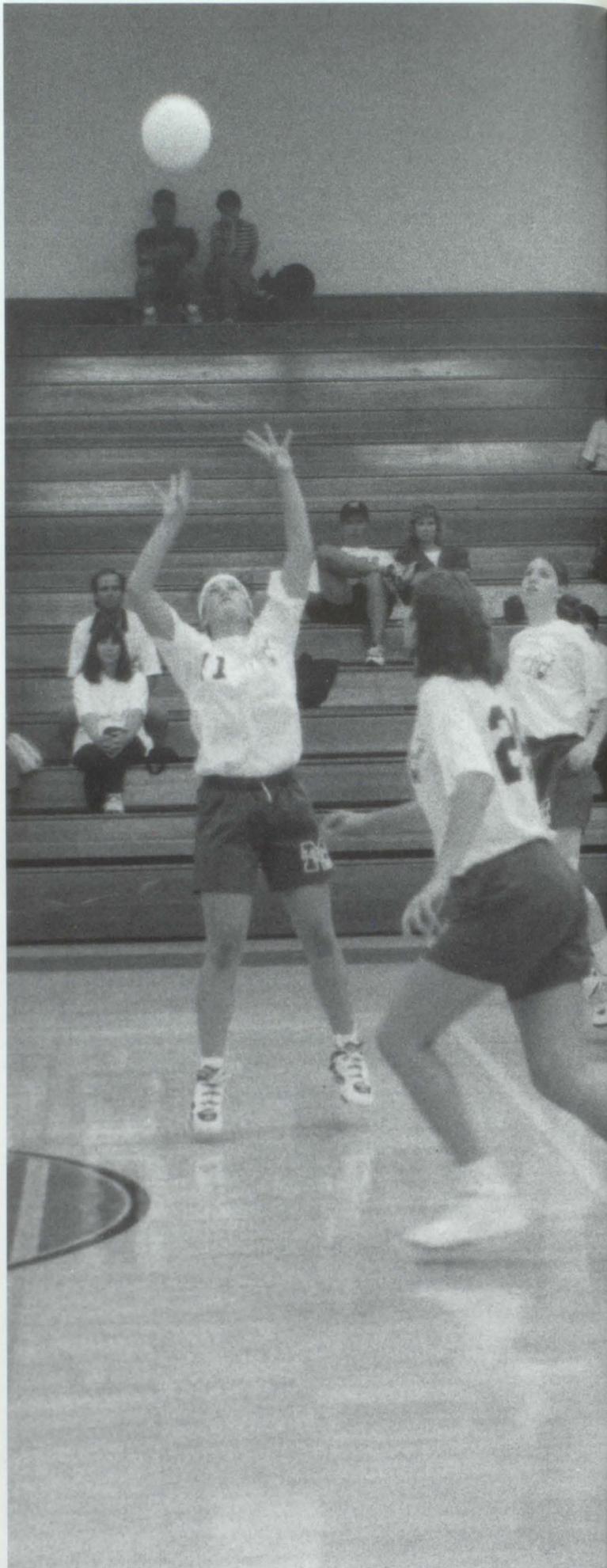
Eighth-grade returning player Nikki Galati practices before a game as Coach Robert Sleeman looks on. "The girls have developed into an outstanding team. Nikki has become a strong athlete and a team leader," said Coach Sleeman.

Preparing and setting her sights on the ball, senior Katie Rife executes a forehand shot. Rife, playing singles against Chagrin Falls, said, "This season I played mostly doubles, but I like to play singles better because you know that you're in control and there aren't as many rules that you have to follow."

Freshman Volleyball player #16, Sarah Myslenski blocks the shot, while #12, Melissa Stupczy, #15, Crissy Hoyle, and #14, Sonia Deninzon prepare to dig. The girls beat their South opponents in two sets in the wood gym, 15-7, 15-8.

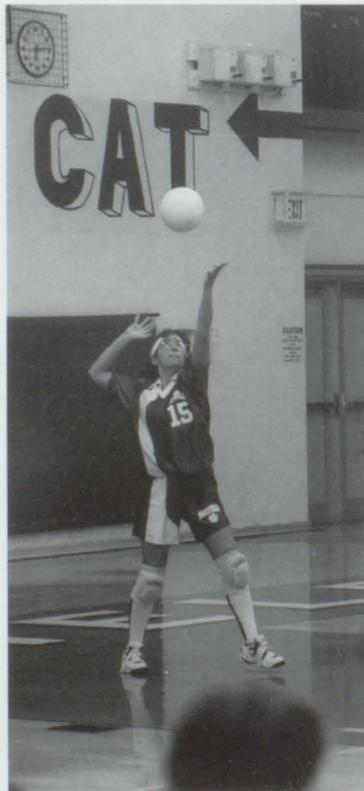


Setting the ball for her jv teammate, #16, Megan Miozzi puts the ball up for #22, Becky Stupczy to slam back over the net while #3, Stacy Matoney looks on. The Wildcats won 15-4, 15-12 over the Nordonnia Knights. The jv team ended the season 16-3 overall and 12-2 in the GCC.



Watching their teammate bump the ball over the net, #30, Alicia Olivo, #15, Lindsey Matz and #13, Janine Piuanno backup #34, Nina Barcellona. The girls played Nordonnia in the field house ending with a score of 15-12, 9-15, and 11-15.

Serving up an ace for her team, senior Missy Manocchio helps in her team's victory against Nordonnia at home. The Wildcats won this match in three games, 13-15, 15-6, 15-10.



Playing the position that "I was strongest at," co-captain Tara Palmisano sets the ball for her teammates. Ashley Kalous, Erin Dwyer, and Lindsay Srp assisted with the play. The ladies lost to the Brush Arcs, 16-18, 2-15.

With a new coach and a rigorous practice schedule, the Lady Wildcats adjusted to a new era

Around the court

On Tuesday, August 6, a group of Wildcat volleyball players showed up at 8 a.m. to greet its new coach, Rich Banish, and start the season.

Their first mission was to show their coach that they had been staying in shape all summer. To do this task, they were required to complete the first volleyball "miracle mile." After running this distance in under eight minutes, they were then required to sprint 400 meters in less than 85 seconds. "After everyone had completed these tasks, there were smiles of accomplishment. This was the beginning of a new era in volleyball," said Missy Manocchio.

The overall record of the season was 10-11. The record of the team was good enough to take it to a third place in the conference. "Brush and South posed the biggest threat," said Tara Palmisano.

The girls defeated Lakewood in

a come-from-behind victory of 10-15, 15-12, 15-12, to become sectional champions. "I was really proud of the Lakewood games," Coach Banish said. "We lost the first game and were down 10-4 in the second. I was really close to subbing, but the kids' intensity was amazing. We had great composure."

Members of the team included senior co-captain Palmisano, who was a First-Team All-GCC selection, First Team All *News Herald*, Honorable mention All District, and three-year letter-earner. Patti Delfs was senior co-captain and three-year letter-earner. She also was named to the Second Team All-GCC as well a Second *News Herald* All-Star.

Senior Manocchio was named Second Team *News Herald* All-Star and Honorable Mention All-GCC. Senior Beth Myslenski and junior Nicole Williams were named to the

News Herald All-Star Special Mention. Jessica Fairman, a senior, and Erin Dwyer, a junior, were named to the *News Herald* Honorable Mention team.

Lindsay Srp, a senior, battled back from injuries to contribute to the team. Rounding out the team were senior Carrie Pece, juniors Jillian Warner, Sara Berquist, and Stephanie Kovacevic, and sophomores Ashley Kalous and Rachele Smith.

So after some uncertainty Coach Banish and the Lady Wildcats lived up to their motto, "One team...One goal...Together." Palmisano said, "Since August, we conditioned hard to prepare for the season. We all didn't know what to expect. But, as it turned out, it went well and 'we busted it'."

by Beth Myslenski



Diving to save the ball spiked over by Nordonia, three-time letter-earner #23, Patti Delfs and #22, Beth Myslenski defend their territory. The Lady Wildcats won with two out of three games.

Slamming the ball over the net, jv sophomore #7, Lisa Nally returns a hit to Bedford as sophomores #3, Erin Abbey and #2, Jill Leagan stand in ready positions to help out their teammate. The girls won, 15-4, 15-3, and finished the season with a 16-3 record.

Through thick and thin, wins and losses,
cheerleaders think positively,
encourage the players, and

Say, 'Way to Go'

Starting in mid-June the Varsity and JV Cheerleaders began to practice for the upcoming sports seasons. When August rolled around, the squads headed off to Baldwin-Wallace College for a week at Americheer camp. "We went to camp with a very optimistic outlook," said Megan Bernardic. "We worked our hardest and earned the highest rating possible on our evaluations." For the second year in a row, the squad earned the award for Most Spirited.

"Before we knew it, it was the end of camp, and the first week of

school had arrived," said JV cheerleader Nicole Montecalvo. The first football games, against West Geauga, were August 30 and 31.

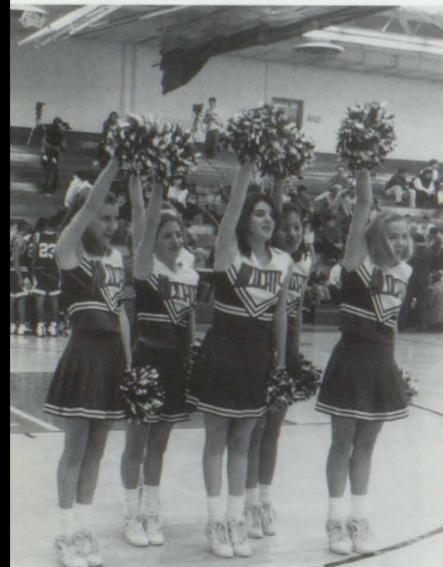
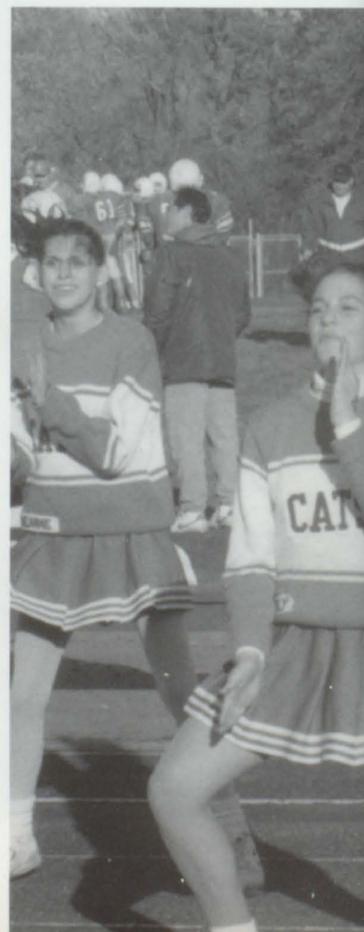
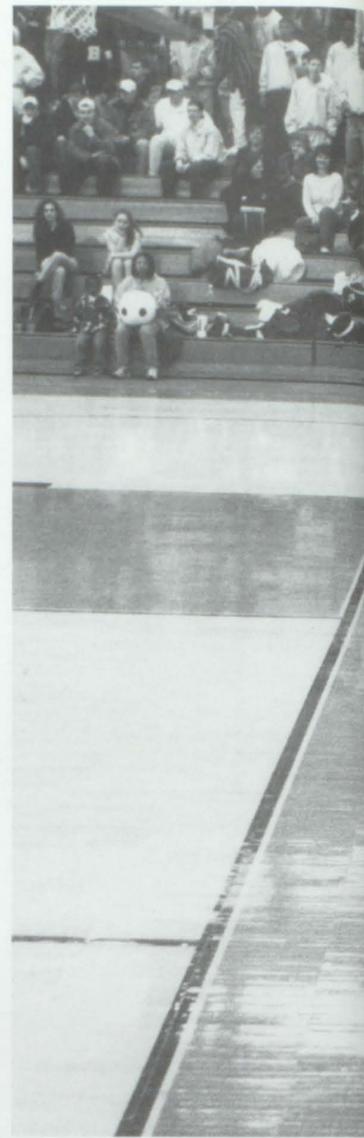
Everywhere the cheerleaders went, decoration followed. "Whether it be in front yards, bedrooms, the locker room or the cafeteria, we were always busy with crepe paper and balloons in our hands, and we tried to have smiles on our faces!" said Chris Vehar. "We kept it up for basketball season too," added Chrissy Hogg.

The ladies continued the tradition of the pre-game dinners every

week. Almost before they knew it, ten games had been played, and it was time to move into basketball season.

Basketball season had 22 games and extended through three months. Bernardic said, "It was fun to cheer both the football and basketball seasons, but it took a lot of hard work and dedication." Carla DeRose added, "Every Tuesday and either Thursday or Friday we would have to try to get the crowd into it, even though there wasn't always something to cheer about."

by Melanie Pearn



"Let's Go, MHS!" scream the JV Winter Cheerleaders Traci D'Angelo, Gina Reed, Nicole Montecalvo, Samantha Oh, and Suzanne Watson while the JV boys play Bedford.

As they dance to the "Macarena" played by the band, junior Julie Golub and senior Melanie Pearn, members of the Varsity Fall Cheerleading squad, pep up the crowd. Varsity cheerleaders received an award for Most Spirited Squad and a superior rating at Americheer Summer Camp.

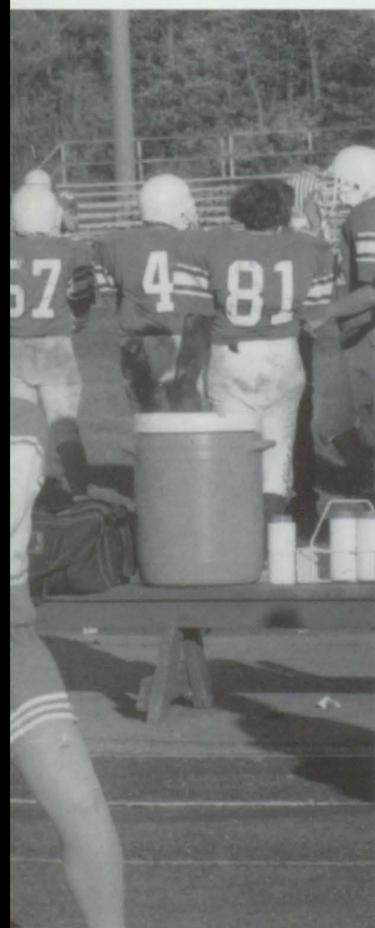


Freshman Fall Cheerleaders Breanne Arnost and Carly Thomas perform "Funk," a fan favorite, as the Freshman Football team finishes the huddle.



Pepping up the crowd with the cheer "We Want You to Yell 'Go'," Chrissy Hogg, Stacy Ginsburg, Angie Sapanaro, Katie Mathay, Halle Rockwell, Megan Bernardic and Carla DeRose cheer on the Boys' Varsity Basketball team.

Completing the cheer "Attack," Freshman Winter Cheerleaders Nikki Fulco, Ginenne Lanese, Christa Johnson and Theresa Pamela freeze in formation.



Eighth Grade Fall Cheerleaders Laura DiPasquale and Nikki Galati shout, "Let's Go, MHS," as they psych up the crowd during a game.

In the middle of the cheer "Go, Fight, Win," jv cheerleaders Traci D' Angelo, Gina Reed, Sam Oh, Suzanne Watson and Hollie Benesh entertain the crowd while the jv football team plays the North Rangers on Saturday, October 26.

Many may think that second place is good enough; for some that may be true, but

Not around here

Many teams and individual athletes experience it. Andre Agassi, Greg Norman, Charles Barkley, the Denver Broncos, the Portland Trailblazers, the Phoenix Suns, and, more recently, the Utah Jazz and Karl Malone have all fallen victim to being the runner-up.

If it's true that nobody remembers who comes in second place, then there are a lot of battles and teams that won't be remembered.

The Girls' Varsity Basketball program, under Head Coach Tony Ware, has had six consecutive winning seasons and a history of successful players. But in none of these six seasons, have the ladies ever obtained the elusive title of Greater Cleveland Conference Champion; For many years they have had the distinction of being second. That is until this season.

For the first time the Lady Cats were able to lay claim to the GCC title. The Lady Wildcats claimed the

third best record in their history with 18 victories and 5 losses which added up to 78% in the win column.

The season started out with the team winning the first seven games despite the loss of leading scorer and rebounder Patti Delfs to a knee injury in game six. In game two against Euclid, "a talented team" according to Coach Tony Ware, "Sophomore Becky Stupczy led a furious fourth quarter rally with 12 big points."

But arguably, it was the win in game seven that will be remembered as the biggest win in the history of the girls' program. Juniors Alicia Kearns and Jackie Spitaleri led the team to overcome an 11-point fourth-quarter deficit to defeat the perennial powerhouse North 50-46 and to grab sole possession of first place in the GGC.

Spitaleri said, "This was our team's best game defensively. We worked on a lot of different defenses to mix up the other team, and it worked." She continued, "North is

our biggest rival and enemy."

There were other highlights during the season where other players had to step it up. For example, the rematch with Euclid saw Erin Dwyer have to leave the game. The team had to travel to South without her. This time it was Lisa Nally who sunk the game-winning shot that gave the Cats the two-point victory.

This game marked the return of Delfs to the line-up as well. Beth Myslenski remembered this as "one of the season highlights because Patti still had a bad ACL."

The final home game for the seniors, the win over Nordonia, made the first place in the GCC official, and the team received a standing "O" during the ceremonial cutting of the net.

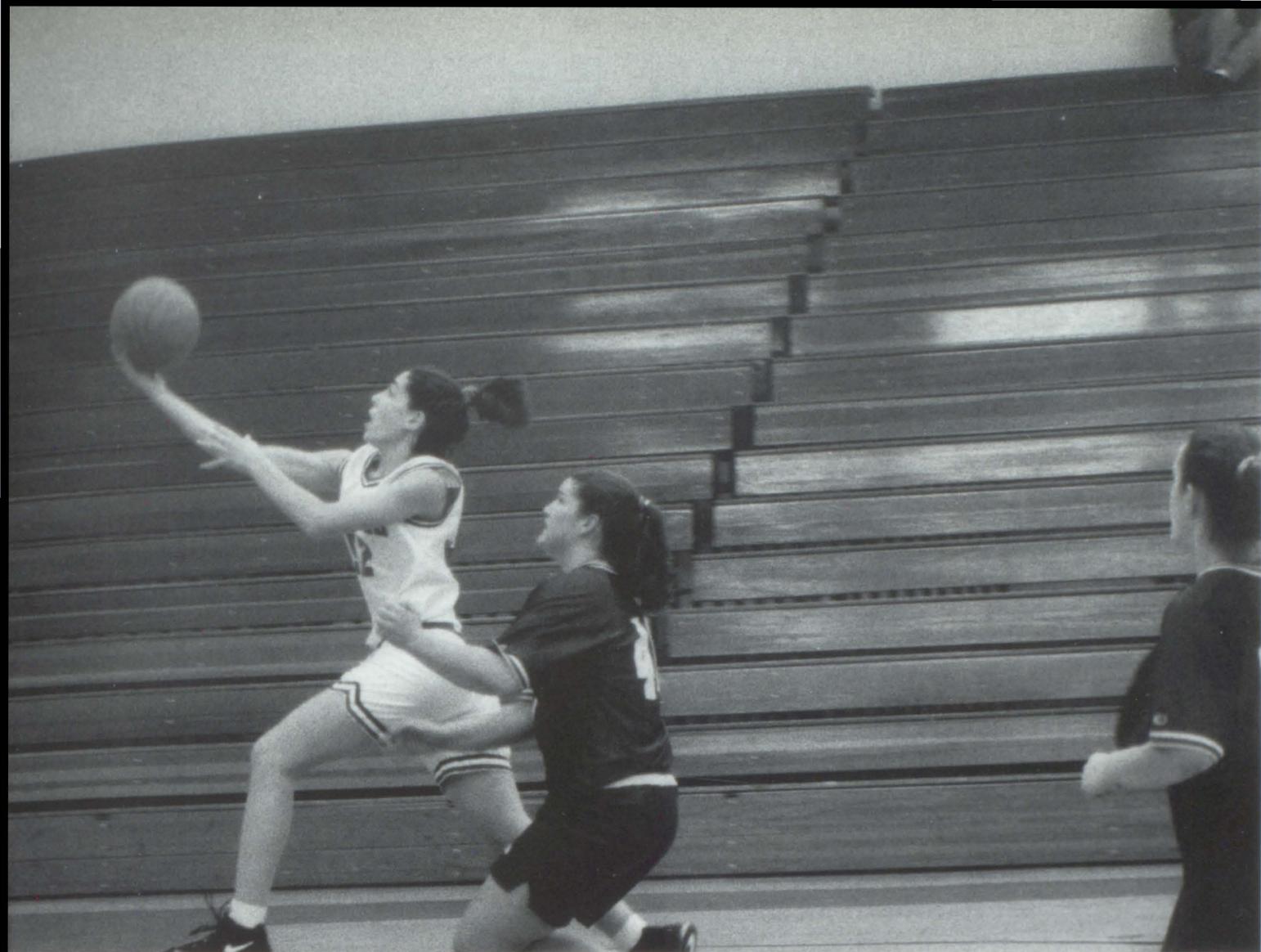
Delfs remembered, "This was my best game since the injury. I led the team with 19 points. It led me to believe that dreams really do come true."



Blocking the ball in order to force a turnover, #50, Jamie Petti, plays defense against Euclid as #42, Jessica Horowitz races to intercept the ball; #40, Sarah Myslenski, and #12, Chrissy Sapanaro block their men. The girls won, 32-27, and finished the season 9-2 in the GCC, and 11-3 overall. Petti broke the freshman scoring record for one game with 23 points.

Most Improved JV Player and Best Outside Shooter #24, Marissa Hawranko beats the Maple block as she sinks her jump shot. Backing up Hawranko, #32, Jill Legan, #15, Allison Catullo, and #42, Stacy Matoney wait for the rebound. The Cats trounced the Maple Mustangs, 45-27, and, later in the season, 40-19, finishing the season 14-6 overall and 12-2 in the GCC. Hawranko "provided the dramatic highlight of the season with her buzzer-beater against Bedford," said Coach Steve Canfield.

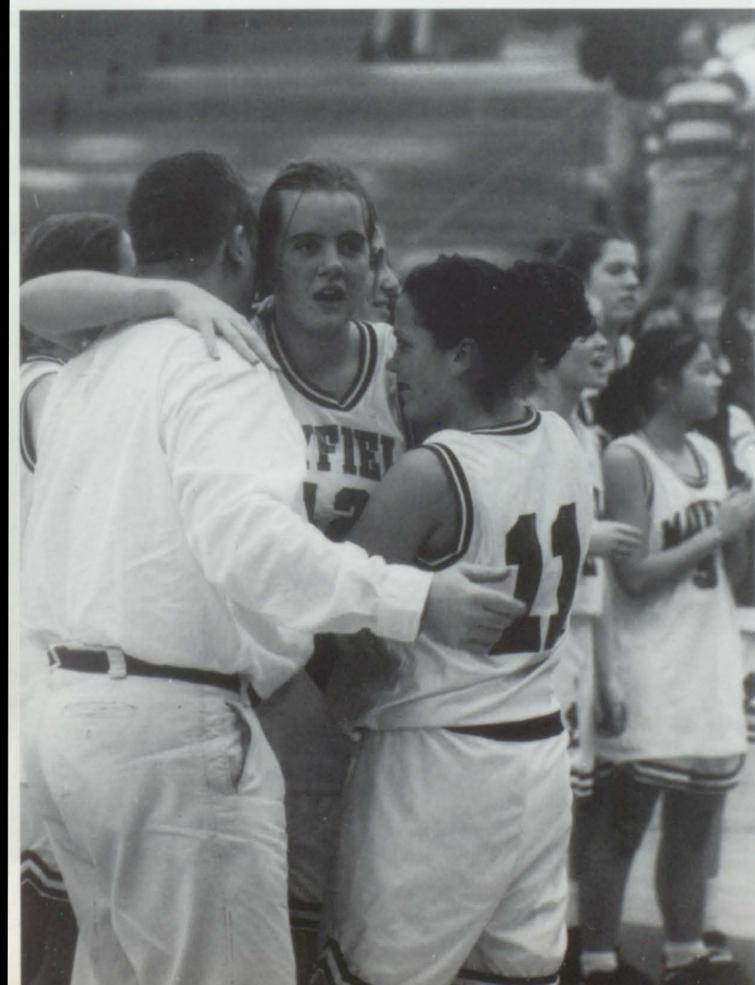




Breaking free from her Maple Mustang opponent, #52, junior shooting guard Jackie Spitaleri soars to land an easy lay-up. Spitaleri led the team with the most points, 316 for the season. She and Alicia Kearns led the team to the win over arch-rival North, 50-46, and her last-eight-second basket to beat Euclid, "bailed the team out," according to Coach Tony Ware. The team beat Maple 62-55 and finished the season 18-5.



Shooting a lay-up, eighth grade Lady Wildcat Lindsey Neidus puts in two of the thirty-two points her team scored against the Willowick Lakers. The team won this one by two points. The Cats were 10-6 on the season and had several close losses. "It was fun; we played well, and Mr. (Lee) Johns was a good coach," said Neidus.



Congratulating each other moments after beating Nordonia at home to earn their first GCC championship, tri-captains Patti Delfs, Tara Palmisano, and Beth Myslenski hug Assistant Coach Rich Banish as other members celebrate by cutting the net down from the hoop. The Wildcats went on to become sectional champs and district runner-ups.

THE HABITATS



Sharing the position of jv pointguard/shooting guard with Chris Rogers and Jon Immel, #24, Chad Raymond assumes the pointguard role against the Brush Arcs in the January 31 home game. Raymond tried to pass the ball to #22, Immel as #12, Paul Parsons moved to the outside for the shot. The Cats won this game 32 and ended the season with a 3-18 record.



Taking a shot over the top of his Brush opponent's head, senior #32, Yury Chorny puts up two on the boards. Junior Kevin Jacobs, #24, and senior #42, Mike Crowe wait for a defensive rebounding opportunity. Going into half-time with a 15-point lead, the Cats came out in the second half only to see their lead crumble, ending at the buzzer with a score of 50-57.



Making a little fake before he shoots the ball, junior pointguard #24, Kevin Jacobs tries to psych his Kenston opponent. Senior co-captain and top-scorer for the team #12, Zach Brenner, and co-captain #32, Yury Chorny wait for rebound opportunities. The team lost this one 67-76, but Jacobs scored 15 points and Brenner had 17. "It was a high-scoring game, but we just couldn't hold them!" said Jacobs.

Senior #34, Mike Pierce takes a shot in the first quarter of one of the most-anticipated games of the season. Rushing in for back-up #42, Mike Crowe, and #12 Zach Brenner head for the basket. This game, like 17 of the 21 games, was not decided until the final minutes. With a commanding lead of 20 points in the third quarter, the team saw Brush come back to win. Brenner, who was a *News Herald* Player of the Week and a First Team selection in the GCC, averaged 18 points per game.



After staying in the game for three quarters, boys' basketball finishes the season

The difficult way

It has been said, "It is very sad that bad things sometimes happen to good people." That quote could describe the Boys' Varsity Basketball team. The boys ended the season 0-21. Despite their record, they took the eighth-ranked team in the city, the Bedford Bearcats, down to the wire before losing, and they lost to North twice by a total of five points.

The team started off by winning three scrimmages. After those matchups, five members of the team quit. But one cannot use that as a reason nor an excuse for the team's record. One member of the team who remained said, "We had no team unity. We did nothing together. The only times we talked to each other was at practice, and many of us didn't agree

with all the ideas that the other players and coach thought." The team still managed to be up at halftime for many of the games including those against Aurora, Orange, and Bedford. The Wildcats were only blown out of four games this year (Euclid twice, Bedford, and University).

Throughout the year, tri-captain Zach Brenner led the team in scoring and assists. He was on the First Team GCC and averaged over 15 points a game. Zach, a 5'8" senior point guard, said, "I just tried to get everyone to give 100% all of the time." The other two captains were Yury Chorny, who was Second Team GCC, and Mike Crowe, Jr.

One low point came at home against arch-rival Brush. The Cats

took an early lead to a 15-point half-time advantage. Midway through the third quarter, the score was 44-21. Then Ed Bailey from Brush hit five three-pointers to lead the Brush comeback.

Kevin Jacobs said, "I was so pumped for that game. I was looking forward to playing them for a whole week. We started off so well. I had 11 points in the first half. Then our team just self-destructed. The next day everyone was pretty sad, but our manager 'Homie' (Chris Pecjak) cheered us up."

Some would call this season an unsuccessful one, but, in the words of Coach Mike Crowe, "These guys just let the dogs loose every night and gave it their all!"



Blocking a Bedford player, #45 Ryan Breeden, leaps through the air to try to stop a two-point shot. Helping out on defense for the freshmen, #44, Danny Davis, guards his player and tries to make a turnover. The team won this game 52-50 and finished the season with a 11-8 record. Most Improved Offensive player Davis was second in scoring with 152 points. Breeden was second in assists. The team also had wins over North, Brush, West Geauga, Nordonia, and South.

Trying to block his opponent and get the rebound, #53, Bucky Skeel tries to force the turnover against his Lancer opponent. Waiting for the ball to be passed to him, Bryan Crowe avoids his man and gets into an open spot on the eighth-grade court in the Middle School gym. The team won this one 34-23 and finished the season with a 7-6 record.



Wrestlers send five to District, and gymnastics breaks
record
as both teams' seniors

Show the way

During the past ten years, there has never been a Wildcat gymnastics team as strong as this one. The 11-member team smashed the old school record with 122.9 points on January 10, at a meet against Rocky River. Besides beating that old record by three points, the team scored above 120 points throughout the season.

"We became very close during the season," remarked Chris Vehar, "and that helped us to perform better because we all believed in each other."

Lindsay Srp, Emmalisa Brown, and Carly Thomas were the starting all-arounders at each meet. Laurel Johnson and Chris Vehar specialized on the bars, beam and floor. Beth Bluestone, Regina Galati and Kristen Bowen competed in vault, bars and floor. Linda Turk and Cindy Berquist

alternated, competing on vault and beam, and Tara Russo made her debut on the vault.

"Our motto BAA, Believe and Achieve, was the perfect motivation for our season," said Turk. "The team knew what it was capable of; it was just a matter of believing we could reach those goals," commented Coach Kim Thompson.

While the Varsity Gymnastics team was vaulting its way into school record books, the Varsity Wrestling team, led by five district-qualifying seniors, grabbed a 10-5 season and a third-place finish in the conference. All of the Wildcat losses were against state-ranked teams.

Several matches ranked as highlights among the wrestlers. Senior co-captain Garrett Patty remembered

the Nordonia match as being his personal highlight. He said, "The Nordonia match against Gino Icagone was special because I beat him when he was a state-qualifier the previous season." Patty added, "My best match of the season was against North's Chris Steadman. Although I lost to him, I still felt it was the best game I ever wrestled."

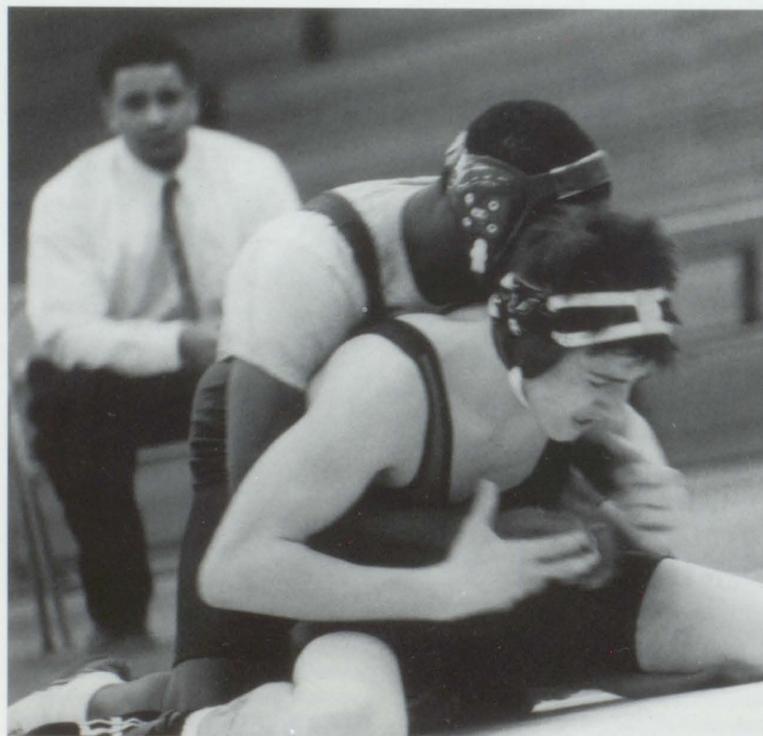
Senior Stephen Tomaselli remembered the team's best effort as the win against Fairview. He said, "The whole team wrestled great, and then our heavy-weight Ken Janik sealed the deal."

Seniors Carl Colombi and Patty wrestled to conference championships, and Brian DiCillo and Brian Hess gained runner-up honors.

by Laurel Johnson



Conference champion runner-up and sectional champion Brian Hess attempts a tilt on his Bedford Bearcat opponent as he tries to get points for a double hold. The team won this meet against Bedford, 61-8, and Hess won this match with a decision against Erin Latsko, 9-3. Competing since he began as a biddy wrestler, Hess, a senior, leaves with a winning record and a sectional championship in the 145-weight class category.



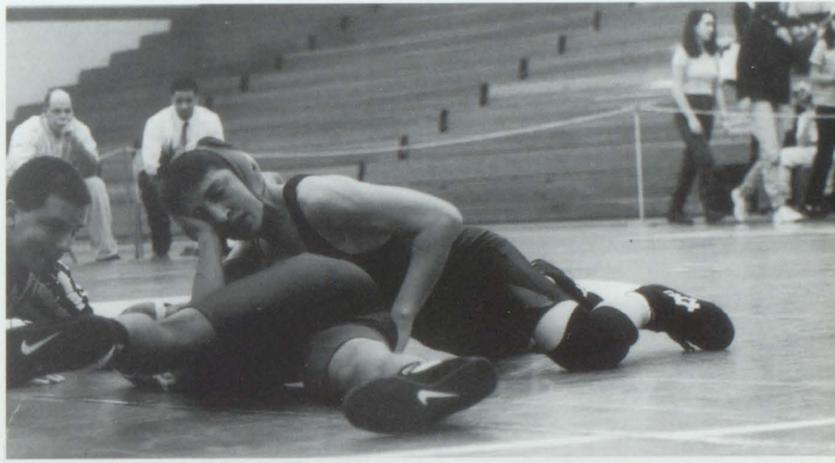
At the start of the the third round of the 125 category, Joe Rudar opts to start on the bottom to try to get the advantage over Robert Collins, the Bedford opponent. Rudar did end his match with a pin, helping his teammates rout the Bearcats, 61-8. Rudar said, "The best thing about wrestling is winning the match. The season was really fun for all of us."





Performing a cat leap, Chris Vihar completes one of the requirements of the floor routine. She scored a 7.6 on the exercise, which is her favorite, but her best score, 8.2, was awarded for her work on the beam. The girls won over Chardon 117.3 to 115.45. Vihar said, "Our team got along so well. We were always there for each other. Our motto was believe and achieve."

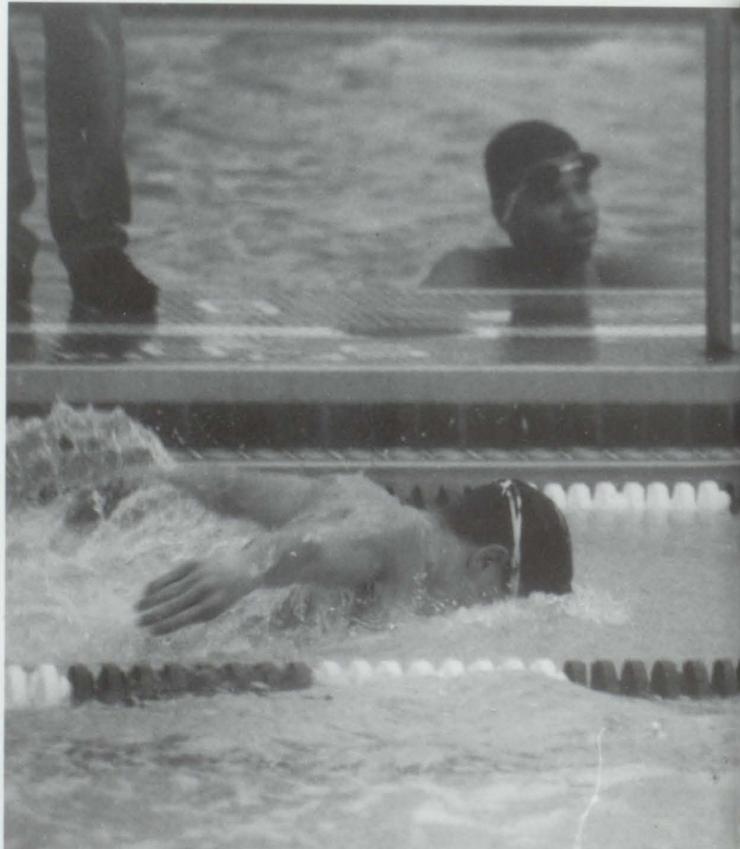
Fighting to get a pin against his Bedford Bearcat opponent, varsity wrestler Adam Hickey waits for the ref to finish the count to make it official. Hickey scored six for his team to add to the final point total of 161-8 which increased the team's record to 10-5 for the season. This January 24 meet was Parents' Night.



Performing her trademark scale, Laurel Johnson competes on the four-inch beam "because it gives me a chance to display my flexibility," commented Johnson. She consistently scored in the mid-sevens range. Johnson's season was cut short due to a severe ankle sprain during competition.



Competing in the 100m backstroke, Jen Kacar helps her team to place second in the CCC meet. Kacar finished



With increased interest and state success, swim team says they're not just

Pooling around

The three R's may be traditionally thought of as Readin', Ritin' and 'Rithmetic, but the swimming program has its own ideas of what its four R's should represent: Recruit, Repeat, Rebuild, and Record.

First, there was the turn around of the men's program from the record of 2-8-1 and six members of last season to a team of 18 members and a record of 5-5. All the new recruits and the six veterans improved their times throughout the season.

The team continued to rebuild its reputation by sending Chris Ragone, Matt Rinker, Larry Salibra, Frank Angelone and Dan Hopper to Sectionals for individual competition, while the 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams qualified.

At the Greater Cleveland Conference competition, held at the home pool, the team gathered 323 points, the highest total in recent years.

Co-captain and senior Ragone

said, "I was so glad to finish my career with a positive season, and I can only see the team getting better." Ragone earned a first place at GCC.

The team motto was "The Boys Are Back," and, if this season was the start of their resurrection as a GCC force, it was a definite statement.

While winning is part of the season, practice consumes a large part of that season. Some swimmers got to the pool at 6 a.m. and then practiced again after school.

First year swimmer Kyle Woodie said, "Most people don't realize what a difficult sport swimming is. I know I didn't realize the endurance and commitment it took." Others remembered the practices during winter break. "We practiced twice a day during the entire break except Christmas," said Stephanie Lanese.

So with all the repetition and the practices, the swimmers were ready to break some records, whether per-

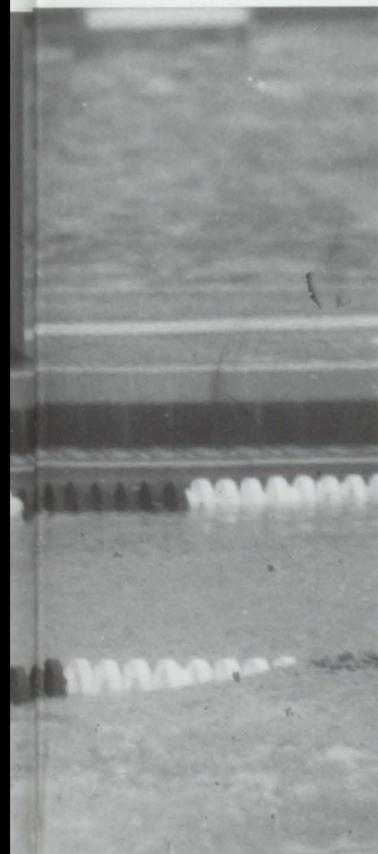
sonal or school.

While the boys' team accomplished third place in the GCC, the girls' team also had some bragging rights. Erin Abbey shattered two GCC records in the 200 and the 500 freestyle, and the team captured six out of 12 first-place victories (the most of any team during this competition.)

Melissa Matz, Mara Shamakian, Lindsey Carlson, and Abbey teamed up to win the 200 medley and the 200 free style relay at GCC.

Shannon Dunlap's crowning as District diving champion and Keelie Harvey's eighth-place finish earned both divers a trip to the state meet.

The ladies made three appearances on the winners' stand at State. Dunlap finished her career with a second place in the one-meter diving competition, and Abbey took a fourth in the 50 freestyle and a second in the 100 backstroke.



After practicing eight times a week, Mike Hatchadorian swims the 100m butterfly for his best time of 1:07 seconds which was enough for fifth in the GCC meet. The following week Hatchadorian and his teammates shaved their heads for Sectionals which were held at the home pool for the first time. The boys took third at GCC after finishing last season 2-8-1.

Finishing the 100m breaststroke with a time of 1:18.5, only two seconds off his personal record of 1:16.5, junior and first-year swim team member Mike Wrona, competes in the GCC swim meet. Wrona commented, "This was my first year swimming so I started off slowly. I improved as the season went on." The team saw an increase from six members last season to 18 this year.



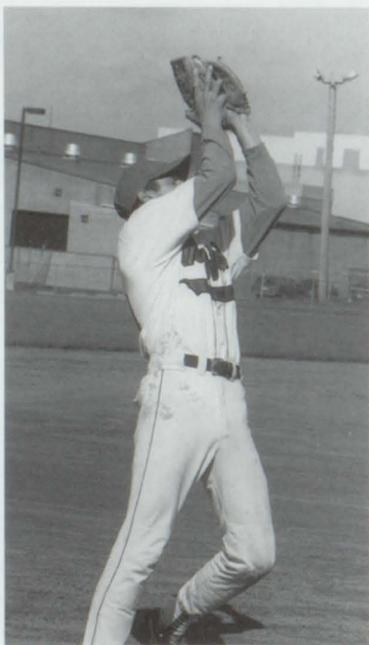
Swimming her best time of the season, Sherlyn Gould swims the 200m individual medley in 2:38. The team placed second behind Euclid and Brush. The Wildcats averaged eight first places out of 12 throughout the dual-meet season. The highlight of the season, she said, "was practicing two times a day over winter break and surviving."



Sliding in for the steal, jv baseball player Brian Jones is safe before the ball reaches the Nordonia Knights third baseman's glove. Jones, the starting third baseman for the Cats, singled, walked and scored to help boost his team in the 8-5 victory over Nordonia. He ended the season with a .400 batting average. The team accumulated eight wins and five losses.

Rounding third and heading home after smashing a two-run home run, freshman first baseman David Keltner helps his team win against Cleveland Heights at home. The team won this last game of the season 6-1 and finished with an 8-5 record.

Preparing to relay the ball back to the pitcher after making the catch, varsity senior third baseman Mike Sizler gets his team out of the inning. Sizler's daily duties alternated between centerfield and third base. He had a big day with a double, single, and two RBIs. The team handed Euclid its first conference defeat in three years with a score of 5-3. The team ended the season 14-13.



A slow start and a few nail-biters provide enough excitement to get

around bases

The snow flew. The thermometer didn't rise above 30 degrees. It must have been time to play the high school baseball season! With cancellations and rescheduling and the poor conditions of the fields, it was a wonder that the season ever happened.

The first home game was played in the snow and was stopped after five innings because of poor visibility. This was not something new; it was Northeastern Ohio. But, as Mike Sizler stated, "The Wildcat season was a surprise -- a good one." First baseman Jeff Crawford added, "It wasn't that we thought we weren't good. It's just that the conference is so competitive."

After their first six games, the Cats only had one victory. "We knew we had to do something to turn the season around," said senior and second baseman Garrett Patty. Then,

came the morale-boosting win over Euclid. The Panthers had not been beaten in the conference in three years. With a combination of Sam Polo's pitching a complete game and allowing only three runs and Sizler's digging deep for the the two-run single in the ninth, the team was able to defeat the Greater Cleveland Conference favorite in extra innings. The team then started to win.

In the conference, the team went on to beat South (10-6) (11-0), Maple (13-0), Brush (3-0), North (6-5), Nordonia (3-2), and Bedford (7-2). Mike LaRich said, "It was great to have us pick it up in the middle of the season. Some of us were hitting well, while others were playing good defense." Other highlights included beating state-ranked Notre Dame/Cathedral Latin (13-8) and Mentor (6-5) in 13 innings.

The team lost its footing towards the end of the season when it was playing almost every night and the pitching staff was getting no rest.

To continue the season the Cats had to beat Brush at the Brush tournaments. Patty and Mike O'Neill's offense assured the Cats a spot in the district tournaments. The Cats beat Shaker in the district semi-final. The next step was beating Garfield Heights to earn the district championship. Behind Brandon Reighard, who pitched a complete game, the men beat Garfield with the Derek-Buell three-run double in the sixth inning.

The season ended with a loss to Boardman, but Coach Joe Santora earned Coach of the Year Award, and the team had its best record since 1991.

by Jeff Crawford



Pitching in the district semi-finals, senior co-captain Sam Polo goes 6 1/3 innings against Shaker Heights. Polo said, "I knew I was going to have to come out and get ahead in the count and keep them off balance." Polo was named *News Herald* Player of the Week and to its First Team with a season record of 6-2. The Wildcats beat Shaker 5-2, thanks to hits by Mike Sizler and Jeff Crawford and two heads-up plays by Mike Doberdruk in the outfield.

Putting down the sacrifice bunt, senior Garrett Patty puts his team ahead in the Brush tournaments at home. Patty did not pull it off in this inning, but in the bottom of the seventh with two outs, he homered to send the game into extra innings, and Mike O'Neill sent the team to tournaments with an RBI single in the ninth.

Whether it's a racquet or a bat they swing, they win in

the same way

Think about softball and tennis and look at the mechanics of the two different games. On the surface the two sports have the same basic objectives of swinging and connecting with the ball with enough force or skill to get the ball past the opponent, keeping it within guidelines. The other opponent is to deliver the ball with such skill that the swing does not connect. But that's where the similarities end, and the subtle differences begin.

Similar differences and likenesses apply to Boys' Tennis and the Softball programs. Both teams went into their season with a relatively green squad. Softball had only four returning starters, and tennis saw a new wave of players from last year's jv squad.

The histories of the two teams are very different. The Boys' Tennis team has won or placed second in the conference for the past ten years, while the Lady Wildcats made it to the state tournaments for the first time since the program began. Softball had a sixth-place finish in the

state tournaments and posted wins over conference powers Euclid Panthers, Eastlake North Rangers, Villa Angela/Saint Joe, and the first-ever win over two-time defending state champion Willoughby South. Jamie Young said, "The tournament win in the first round against Wickliffe was awesome! We made history!"

The Boys' Tennis team shared the Greater Cleveland Conference championship with the Euclid Panthers. It was 10-2 in GCC dual matches and won the tournament by one point. Leading the team with a team record of 13-4 were seniors Henry Liu, Dan Sprenger, Glenn Shtarkman, Richie DiFranco, and Greg Gyor. The underclass contributors were junior Larry Wall, and sophomores Murray Gross and Bob Wall.

Individual highlights of the season were many for both teams. Boys' Tennis first singles player Liu's must-win victory at the GCC tournament assured the team a title. Sprenger (17-5 for the season) and Wall (12-2 for the season) won the first doubles

championship with a 12-0 mark. The second doubles team of Shtarkman and DiFranco set a school record with 19 consecutive wins. The pair finished 12-0 in the GCC, won the conference championship, and were both named to *The Cleveland Plain Dealer* All-Scholastic team. Sprenger said, "The team owes the GCC to Henry, but our team had many great moments this season."

Stand-outs on the softball field included senior Tara Palmisano's .488 avg., three homeruns and 28 RBIs, while Erin Dwyer had a .402 avg., four homeruns and 30 RBIs. Sophomore Lisa Nally hit a .414 avg. with 23 runs and 22 RBIs. As a team, the Cats had double-digit runs in almost half of their games. Pitcher senior Kim Dunger threw 159 innings and left with a 3.28 ERA, while sophomore Ashley Kalous pitched the first no-hitter in school history in the defeat of Beachwood 17-0.

Even though they had differences, the Softball and Boys' Tennis programs experienced positive strokes.



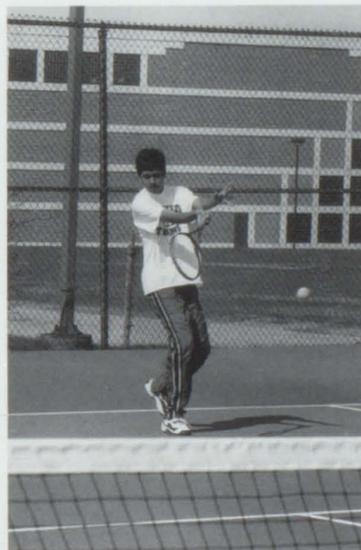
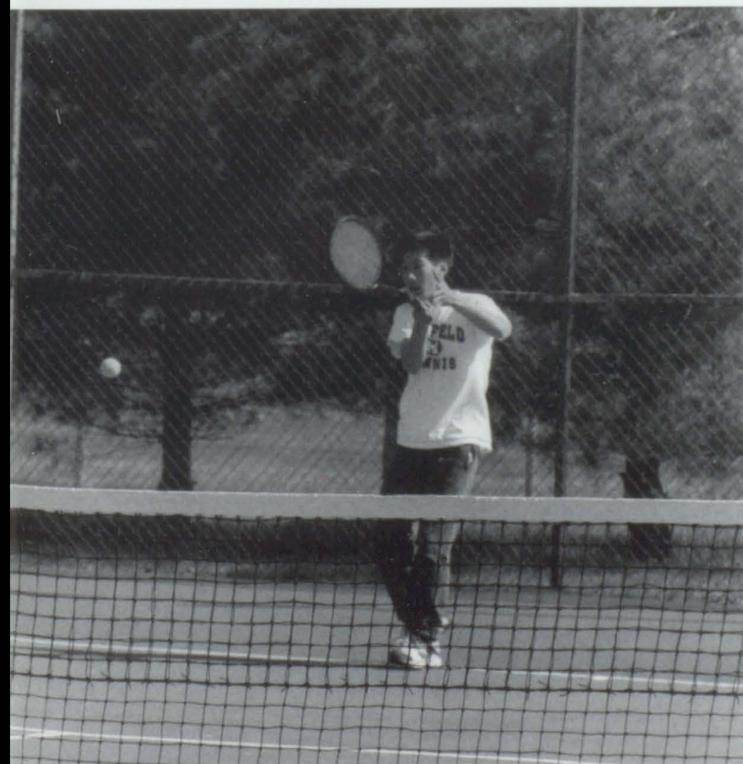
Warming up before a match against Perry, Vince DiNunzio, Dave Kerecman, Pat Capuozzo, and Daniel Ling lob the ball around the courts at Highland Heights Park. Capuozzo said, "Tremendous play by Brian Berkey and Kerecman pulled the team through some tough matches." The 8 Boys' Tennis team went 8-6 for the season.

Batter Up! Jv shortstop Katie Chiro takes a shot at adding to her team's lead against the Maple Mustangs. The team beat Maple both times they played them and ended this home game with a score of 6-1. The season ended with a 12-12 record and highlights included winning over North 8-4, beating South 12-10, and winning over the Hudson varsity team.





She's out of there! Stacy Matoney tags out the North Ranger opponent as her teammate Erin Dwyer looks to make sure the ball arrived in time. The girls won the May 13 game 11-9 and finished the season 19-19 overall. Matoney had a .391 batting average, 1 homerun, and 12 RBIs.



Returning a serve from his Brush Arc opponent, freshman jv tennis player Rahul Ravi uses an overhand forehand swing. Ravi won this match 6-4, 5-3, and 6-4. Although the team lost this close one to Brush 3-2, it did have victories over Cleveland Heights, Chardon's varsity and Shaker Heights. The team did have many cancellations due to rain.

Returning with a double-hand backhand first-seed singles and third-place finisher in the GCC, Henry Liu lobs one back to his Brush opponent. The team beat Brush 4-1 both times they met and finished the season 10-2 in the conference and 13-4 overall. Liu came up with a win in the tournaments to give the team the co-championship with Euclid.

State qualifiers and broken school records prove boys' track is

comin' around

The Boy's Track campaign saw records broken and the team's overall record improved. The Wildcats won the Perry Relays and nearly knocked off regional champions Bedford in a dual meet. Senior tri-captains Frank Stupczy, Travis Ryan and Vetus Syracuse led the team to success.

Stupczy set school and district records in the pole vault (14' 8") and was the Greater Cleveland Conference champion and state qualifier in the vault. Stupczy was also a GCC champion in the long jump and broke the 110m hurdle school record originally set in 1961 with the time of 14.4 seconds.

He earned a place of honor on the Mayfield Athletic Wall of Fame. Coach Paul Gadke wrote, "Frank is certainly one of the finest track athletes I have ever seen."

Ryan was also the GCC champion in the 400m and set a school record with a time of 48.89 seconds.

This record had stood since 1962. Ryan was a state qualifier for the 400m and was a part of the 4x100 team (Stupczy, Ryan, Vetus Syracuse, Matt Patti) that set the school record and placed third in the GCC and sixth in the District.

Syracuse set a school record in the 200m (21.8) and was conference runner-up in the 100m and 200m. He was the district runner-up in the 100m and sixth at Regionals in the 100m, tying his old school record. Junior Jeff Swope placed second in the GCC in the 1600m and fifth in the 3200m.

While the seniors' earnings for the team were significant, other team members also contributed. The 4x800 team of Swope, Dan Hopper, Chad Lepp, and Chris LaConte was GCC runner-ups and placed fifth at Districts.

The 4x400 team of Patti, Swope, Lepp, and Ryan was sixth at Districts with the best school time in 20 years. Freshmen Patti said, "It felt great

getting that time in Districts; we all turned it up."

While the individual efforts were the best they had been in years, the team struggled to finish above .500 in the conference. "The conference is probably the most competitive in the state. Both Euclid and Bedford are in the bid for state titles each year," said Kyle Woodie.

In dual meets, the Wildcats went 4-3, losing to Bedford by 14 points and North by just 6. Sophomore Jake Schott said, "We could have won those meets as easily as we lost them."

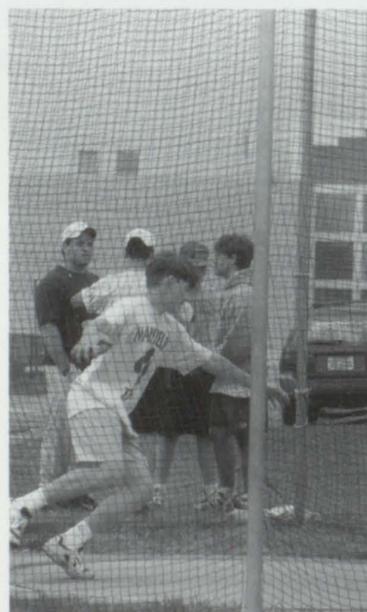
The Cats rallied in the GCC meet to capture third place and triumphed in Districts to get sixth place. "It was a great thing for us to get third in the conference meet; it got us pumped for Districts," said Swope.

The season was filled with team and personal highs. Records fell, and the team sent two to state competition.

by Brad Fisler



After executing the hand-off for the third leg of the 4x100m relay, Matt Patti watches Vetus Syracuse blow-out their Brush opponents. The relay team of Travis Ryan, Ravi Chandramouli, Patti, and Vetus Syracuse won the event with the time of 43.8.



Letting the discus fly, eighth grader John Griffin helps his team pull ahead of its Willoughby opponents. Griffin was the number one person in field events for the 7-8 Boys' Track team with the highest total points for the season. In his second year on the team, he competed in the pole vault, shot and discus. The team finished the season with a 11-4 record.

Soaring to break his own school record Frank Stupczy attempts 13'. Although Stupczy had an off meet against Brush, he dominated the event all year long, breaking the school record and district record with a 14' 8" vault. The Wildcats beat Brush 83-49. In conference play the team finished 4-3.

Kicking it in for the final meters of the 100m sprint event, Vetus Syracuse and Matt Patti turn it up a notch. Syracuse won the event with a 10.9, and Patti recorded a 11.3 second place. Also competing in this race were Ravi Chandramouli, Mike Pierce, and Andy Shuster.



Striving to jump cleanly and efficiently Stedson McIntyre finishes the 300m hurdles with a third place time of 51 seconds. At this cold home meet against Nordononia, the team beat the Knights 89-43.

Leaping to new distances, junior Ravi Chandramouli lets it fly against Brush with a jump of 17' 3". Chandramouli also competed in the 4x100m relay and the 100m. He had a season-best jump of 18' 9".

Records fall in the field events, and some believe they can fly around

the fast way

In the Disney classic *Peter Pan*, the children learned that if they believed hard enough they could fly like Tinkerbell and go off to the Land of Lost Boys. In one of the key scenes of the movie Wendy, Teddy, and William chant over and over again, "I can fly," until they feel themselves go aloft and join "Tink" and Peter Pan on their adventure.

The Girls' Varsity Track team's adventure began with the identical set of words, "I believe I can fly." The land that they hoped to fly to was the land of broken records and victories.

Several of these destinations were met, including a new school record in the shot-put and the long jump. Keelie Harvey pushed her way into the record books with a put of 37' 9", and Sonia Deninzon flew to new lengths as she posted a long jump of 17' 9". Both girls qualified for the

regional meet in these events. Harvey also qualified for state competition.

Another frequent flyer, sophomore Nicole DeSantis ran in the 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 400m relay, 800m relay, 1600m relay, 3200m relay and won the Greater Cleveland Conference 800m championship. This qualified her for Regionals where she placed fifth, just one place out of making the cuts for state competition. She earned Most Valuable Runner. DeSantis said, "I had a good year, but I was disappointed that I did not go to State. Hopefully, I will go next year. The team gave me awesome support."

Other point contributions came from field eventers Tiffany Tyler in the shot and discus and Emmalisa Brown in the high jump. Brown consistently jumped 5' or higher in the GCC and placed first in the GCC with a jump of 5' 2". Taking a

fifth at Regionals, she did not repeat her trip to State. Tyler consistently placed in the top three spots throughout the season, giving the team a high-scoring combination of Harvey and Tyler.

Distance event points came from Sherlyn Gould in the 800m, 1600m, and 3200m, and Mariko Kobayashi in the 3200m. Both participated in the 3200m and 1600m relays. The 3200m relay team also included Mara Shamakian and DeSantis who came in second place in the GCC and sixth in Regionals.

The team said goodbye to seniors Karan Farhat, Carrie Burns, and Lindsay Srp. Coach David Todt said, "The team's strength came from the underclassmen. This season gave them the experience they needed." And if they continue to improve, next year they could soar.

by Sherlyn Gould



Pacing themselves so that they have enough energy to complete the eight laps of the 3200m run, Carrie Burns, Hollie Benesh, Stephanie Tyler, and Samantha Bunten head around the first curve of the home track. The ladies competed against North on one of the only sunny afternoons of the season. The Cats beat North 103-25.

On May 6 against Willoughby eighth grader Kelly Flagg puts the shot 17' even. Flagg also participated in discus and had her best throw of the season with a 50' 4" mark. She also ran the 800m. The team had 8 wins and 5 losses.



Leaping to one of her winning jumps freshman Sonia Deninzon soars from the approach of her long jump as Coach Ron Gura and Head Trainer Dean Ochi look on to see if she breaks the record she set last year. Sonia jumped 15' 7" against Maple but broke her old record with a 17' 2 1/4" leap in the GCC meet.





Clearing the bar Emmalisa Brown looks to make sure her heel does not hook the bar. Brown won this event with a jump of 5' 3". The Wildcats took first and third in this event and beat the Rangers 103-25. Brown also participated in the long jump.



With the hand-off completed Karan Farhat sets off on her leg of the 400m relay after reaching back for the baton from Sonia Deninson. Farhat, a senior, ran a 14.27, and the team won with a time of 52.4. She also participated in the sprint events and the long jump. The team crushed the Rangers with the score of 103-25. The girls went 5-2 for the season.



Putting the shot for a 32' 4 1/2" mark, Keelie Harvey puts the team five points closer to victory. The Cats beat the Brush Arcs 111-17. Harvey went all the way to regional competition in the shot-put, discus, and long jump. She put a 31' 10" mark, threw the discus 108' 3" and jumped 16' 3/4". Harvey also ran the 800m relay and 200m when needed.



individuals

the way
we are

We are what we are. While we may be similar to what we were last year, we learned that there is **no way around it**: some things do change. Like the music we listened to. Long-time Cleveland radio station 100.7 WMMS made the change in format from alternative to classic and modern rock. Glitter provided a little bit of a sparkle to many





all decked out in Garrett Patty's football uniform and pads at the fall sports assembly, Nicki "The Wildcat" Rucci tries to get the rest of the student body into it. According to Nicki, there is **no way around it**: if you want to get everyone "pumped up," it takes some extra work.

faces. More than before, students showed up to school flaunting pierced navals, eyebrows, ears, tongues and noses. *Independence Day* sparked a sci-fi movement that saw the *X-Files* become a craze and prompted many additional alien invasions, such as *3rd Rock From the Sun* and *Mars Attacks*. And MTV's *Singled Out* changed the way we looked at dating. Yes, we are what we are, but there is **no way around it**: we will always carry with us a little bit of what we once were.

by michael hatchadorian

Dana Acevedo
 Jeffrey Adamson
 Zaid Albarrak
 Kristen Alberda
 Lindsey Alexander
 Noah Alpern
 Marybeth Anderson



Laurie Anliker
 Catherine Antonelli
 Lydia Arko
 Mark Arndt
 Rima Asmar
 Kestutis Aukstuolis
 Diana Auyang



Domenic Aveni
 Joshua Bair
 Sonia Balejko
 Connie Balzano
 Nina Barcellona
 Stephanie Barille
 Ashley Barna



Leah Basch
 Jennifer Basile
 Lawrence Belle
 Brian Berkey
 Christina Bilek
 Frank Bittner
 Gregory Blachman



Meredith Block
 Tiffany Bojec
 Alexander Borschuyov
 Annessa Braginsky
 Corinne Brazdil
 Jennifer Brozak
 Debra Brugge



Stacey Budzar
 Amanda Buynack
 Michael Callahan
 Nicole Calvo
 Colleen Campbell
 David Capretta
 Patrick Capuozzo



Philip Carbone
 Courtney Cardarelli
 Vincent Casamatta
 Michelle Caspio
 Tana Catanese
 Gary Chan
 Jerry Chiang



Justin Clampitt
 Elizabeth Comella
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 Brian Cornelius
 Craig Counselman
 Maureen Courtney
 Scott Crow



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 James Dasher
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 Valerie DeCapite
 John DeJovine
 Georgia Delange



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 Annette DeMarco
 Joseph DeSantis
 Jason Desatnik
 Alison DiBarto
 Colleen DiFonzo
 Anthony DiFranco



Making a

Choice

After weeks of watching television ads, listening to sound bytes and considering the choices, eighth graders cast their ballots

A decision had to be made, but who to vote for? The wheels turned in their heads as they considered the candidates' view on the issues. How did the eighth graders vote in the school election?

There were some students who felt the country needed a change. Jessica Whalen, who voted for Dole said, "I just want a new president. You don't want the same person all the time."

Many students supported Bob Dole because of his tax cut plan. Janine Piuanno said, "I like his point of view; I like how he would cut taxes." Lydia Arko added, "I see the sense in his tax-cut plan. When you have less money to work with, you have a tendency to spend it on wise things."

Some students voted in favor of Dole because they disliked Bill Clinton. Lydia Arko said, "He's (Dole) not a chicken. Clinton dodged the draft. Dole did what he was supposed to do and took responsibility for America's actions. Clinton just let someone else work for America's ideals."

Some students felt the country

should be ruled by those who were experienced. Victor Yefremenko, who voted for Clinton said, "The reason I voted for him is because he was a very good president in his last term. Then he probably will be a good president this term too."

The Reform Party candidate, Ross Perot, got some votes. Margaret Huelman commented, "Ross Perot's ideas make sense." She said that she thought that many people didn't vote for Perot because in the last presidential election "he was repeatedly dropping out and coming back. He was showing people he wasn't taking the election seriously."

Mark Arndt voted for candidate who was less familiar to many voters, Harry Browne. "He didn't promise all these things that Clinton and Dole promised, but what Clinton and Dole promised will never come true."

Not everyone voted. Keith Davis said, "I did not vote because every vote counts and all the people were good. If I voted and picked the wrong person, I would feel bad about the choice I made."

Heather Gallagher also did not vote because "I think Bill Clinton has no morals and is a liar so I did not

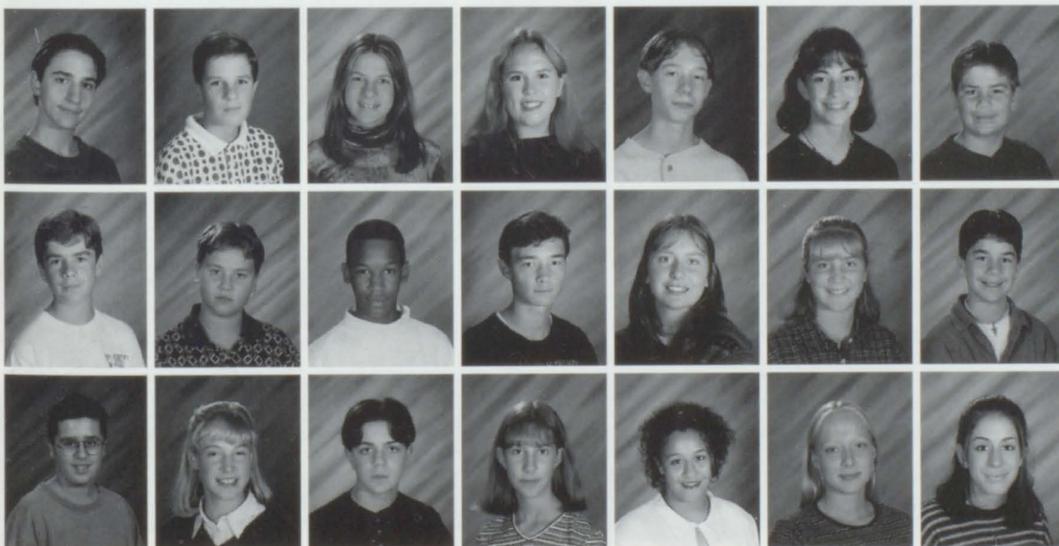


want to vote for him. Ross Perot is so unpredictable and changes his mind too much. Bob Dole is too old, and I really don't think he would be a good president. All the others I had never even heard of."

And the result of the eighth graders' vote? Bill Clinton.

by Ameer Desai

Students in Ms. Kara McNally's 8 American History class, Matt Swope, Matt Varkala, Myles Turney, Jill Navis, Matt Kahley, and John Erminio, construct a voting booth out of construction paper, cardboard and masking tape for their second period's mock election on Tuesday, November 5. Prior to the election students discussed the party system and candidates and issues in class.



Ugo DiLalla
Vincent DiNunzio
Laura DiPasquale
Nila Disantis
Michael DiSanto
Hallie DiVincenzo
Robert Doberdruk

Patrick Dodson
Yeugen Dorfman
Demetrus Dorn
Peter Dranitsin
Jamie Durosko
Lisbeth Elliott
John Erminio

Harold Fantl
Kimberly Faye
Jordan Feinstein
Roxanne Feldman
Irene Feliciano
Elena Fernandez
Jennifer Fiorello

Baseball Heroes

'National pastime' steals the hearts of many young eighth graders as they look to the 'Boys of Summer' for some excitement



Hometown hero Omar Vizquel looks back at the crowd during the first round of the playoffs against the Baltimore Orioles. Late in the game, slugger Albert Belle hit a game-winning grand slam. The Tribe avoided elimination after this game but ended up losing the series in four games.

A saying goes, "In spring a young man's (and woman's) fancy turns to thought of..." baseball! The Cleveland Indians had the city

excited about the new season and about baseball in general.

The team had a new look and some new favorites. Jason Weisbrot said, "Matt Williams is my favorite player." Williams came to the Tribe in a trade for Julian Taverez, Jeff Kent, and Jose Vizciano.

Williams was supposed to make up for the loss of slugger Albert Belle. As a free agent Albert signed a five-year contract with the Chicago White Sox for \$55 million. Kelly Flagg said, "Albert used to be my role model, but I don't look up to him anymore. He is a traitor and also has a mean personality."

Nila Disantis liked Manny Ramirez because "he tries hard and he's hot," while Tana Catanese said that Omar Vizquel was her favorite because "he is fun to watch and makes hard plays."

Many eighth graders said that the Indians were their favorite baseball team. Tonya Friedman ex-

plained, "They are a winning team." Laura DiPasquale said, "They represent Cleveland in a good way."

Others preferred the team that many experts predicted would be the Indians' rival for first place in the AL Central Division. Dave Wells and Craig Schwartz agreed that the White Sox were their favorite. Dave said, "They had a good team before the signing and now that they have Albert; they are going to be the best."

Jimmy Ward said that he liked the Braves because his favorite player, Greg Maddux, was on that team. Patrick Capuozzo's favorite player was Cal Ripken. "He hasn't been bought out by a bit of the money."

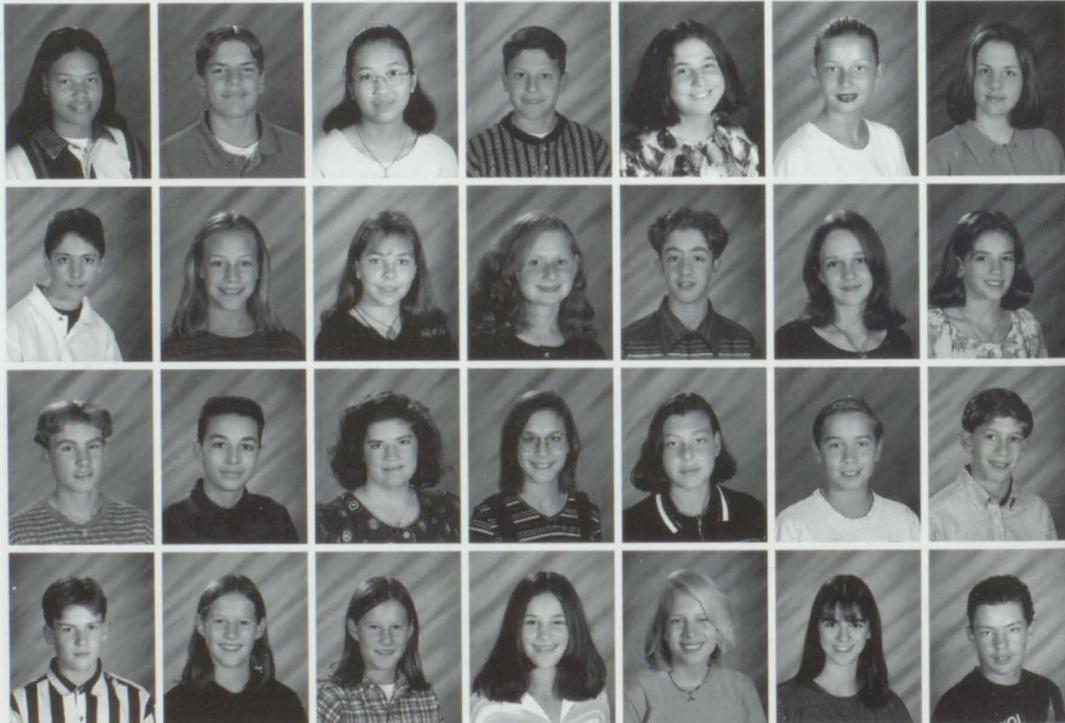
Not everyone looked to baseball for heroes. Noah Alpern said, "I don't have any role models in baseball because they are all obsessed with the money instead of the game." Jon Huffman agreed. "They are all overpaid."

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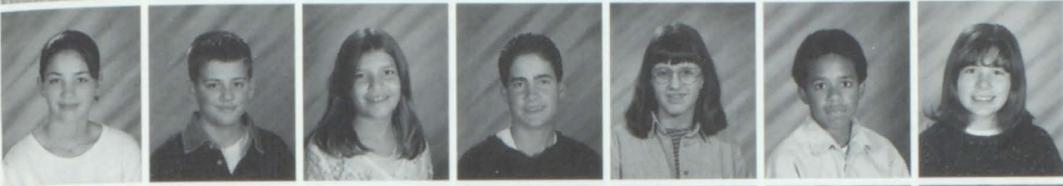
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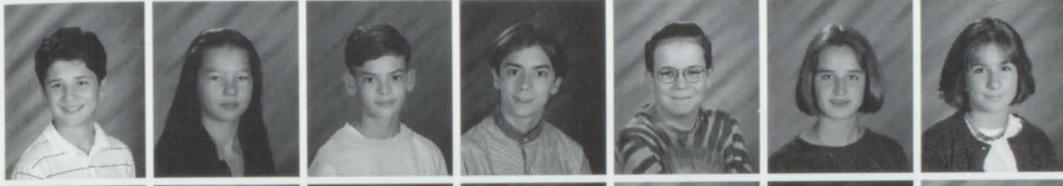
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 Stella Khanina
 Robert Kirk



Karina Kleinerman
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 Cynthia Kohn
 Marina Kolmanovich
 Maria Kondratiev
 Stefanie Kostreba
 Lisa Kovalevitch



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 Scott Lauffer
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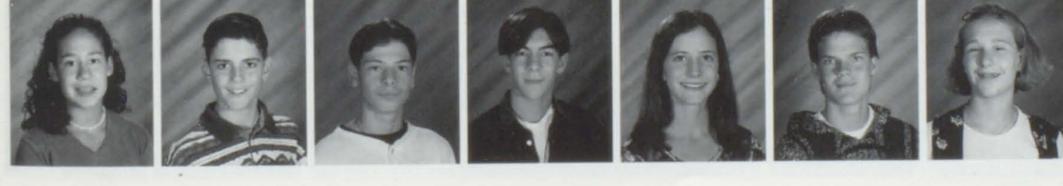
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Akta Patel
Matthew Pathak
Ameet Patil
Carolyn Pelley



Adam Peters
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Sabina Petranovskaya
Terrence Pietrondi
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Giannoula Sarris
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Renee Sevastos
Craig Shapiro
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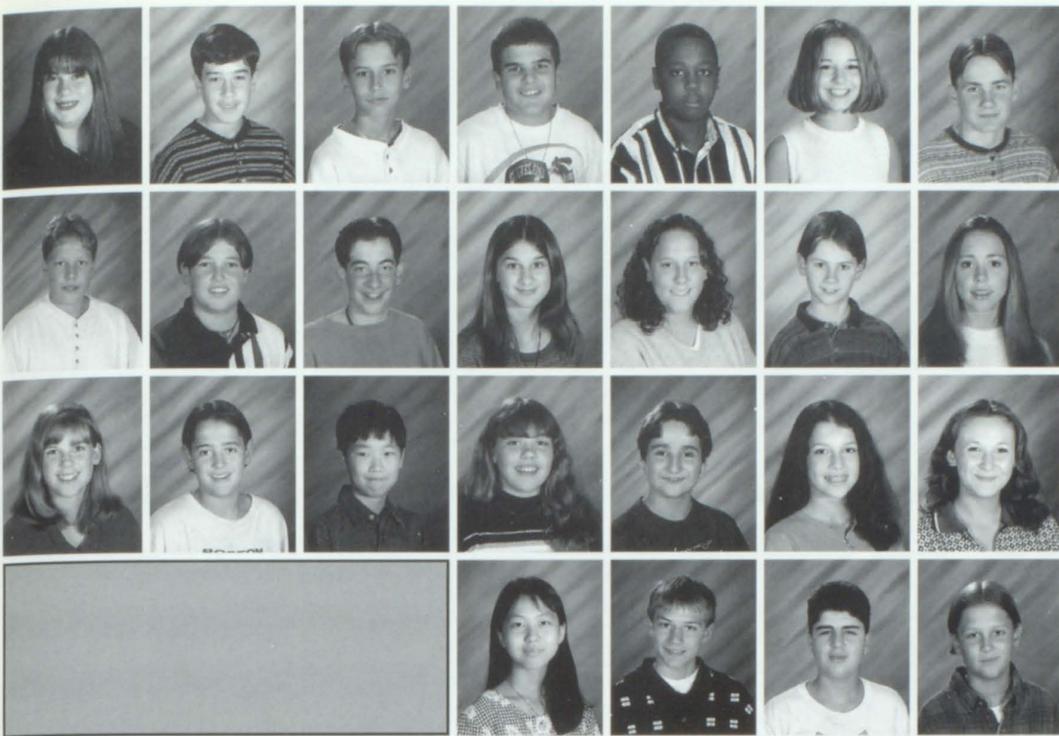


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Michael Turchan



Myles Turney
Nicole Urich
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Antonio Veira
Jillian Vespucci
Anthony Vilella





Kelly Voss
Zachary Wachs
James Ward
Jason Weisbrot
David Wells
Jessica Whalen
Daniel White

Scott Whittaker
Jonathan Wickham
Daniel Wieder
Kimberly Wolf
Nicole Wolfrom
Joshua Womack
Jennifer Woyton

Katherine Wrona
Victor Yefremenko
Brian Yun
Catherine Zako
Anton Zbarzh
Jane Zelenkov
Kaela Zerbian

Jennifer Zhao
Adam Zuccaro
Roman Zukin
Stephen Zurney

Use the Force

New scenes and special effects enhance the return of the Star Wars trilogy to the big screen for a new generation of viewers.

Not so long ago, in a theater very, very close, George Lucas released his famous trilogy, *Star Wars*. All three movies, *Star Wars*, *The Empire Strikes Back*, and *The Return of the Jedi*, were rereleased within six weeks. Millions packed their candy and went to renew their memories. For others, it was their first time to see the films on the big screen.

The releases featured newly enhanced visual and sound effects. There were also extra scenes that were cut from the early versions due to a lack of time and money. Thanks to modern technology, there were also some completely new scenes.

"The new releases were cool. The changes were great. The sound seemed better and the extra effects were cool," said Philip Carbone. Brian Cornelius said, "I was amazed by the new enhancement done at the Battle of Yavin. They really enhanced the attack runs initiated at the Death

Star Mobile System. I wish the movies were in the theaters longer, but I'm just glad I got a chance to see them on a big theater screen."

Nicko Sarris said, "I liked the new sounds and visual effects; they made me sit on the edge of my seat. It was cool that they could actually add clips to the movie and still make it flow well."

Although there are three movies, many were left with the question of their favorite. Ugo DiLalla said, "I liked the third movie because it had the most enhancements and added special effects. I also liked the scene in the second one where Darth Vader revealed his identity to Luke. It was a good duel." Victor Yefremenko said, "I liked the part in the first movie where Han shoots the Rodian, Greedo. It showed how Han didn't fire first."

Many fans agreed that it was worth seeing the films again in the theater. The new releases actually

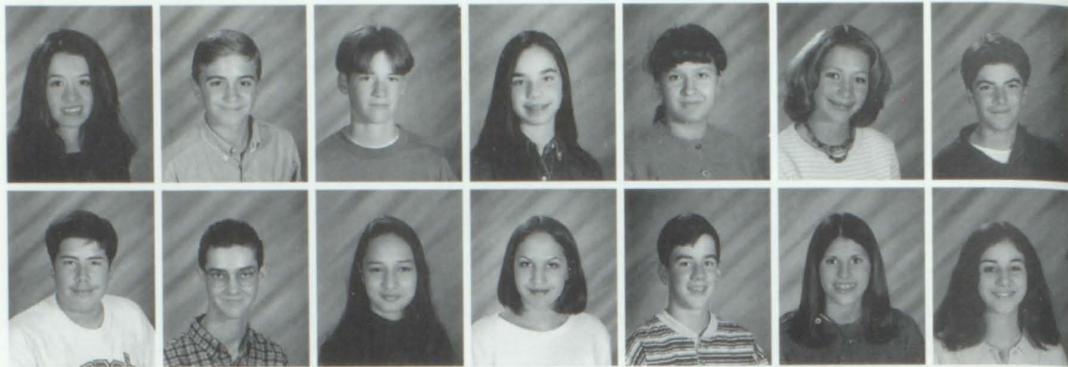


made more money than their predecessors. George Lucas plans to release another trilogy, just one more thing for *Star Wars* fans to look forward to.

by Michael Anliker

Sci-fi fan Jon Huffman displays part of his *Star Wars* collection which includes Mattel characters, models of the space stations, and a collector's set of comic books. John said he could not pick a favorite among the movies. "I like scenes in all of them: the new Jabba scene in the first one, the Wampa scene in the second, and the revised Jabba scene in the third."

Kelly Adams
 Nicholas Agresta
 Wesley Alder
 Pamela Alley
 Lana Alman
 Erin Ambrogio
 Matthew Ambrogio



Jonathan Amster
 Nicholas Angie
 Yana Ansimova
 Lauren Antonelli
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 Breanne Arnost
 Jennifer Axelrod

Losing **Focus**

Daydreaming offers freshmen the opportunity to let their imaginations go wild, creating storylines which would make Hollywood drool



In the middle of his Art I mask project, David Keltner slips into a daydream despite all the activity going on around him. Mrs. Diana Beebe, David's art teacher, said, "Dave is the best dreamer I've ever seen. He can shut out anything going on around him and 'sleep' at any time of the day."

Students spend a lot of time in school, and some even work hard studying and preparing for classes, but doesn't everyone need a break once in a while?

Daydreaming is just the thing to fit that need. Some sit there and do nothing, while others count the dots on the wall. Those with more creativity let their imaginations go wild, creating storylines which would make Hollywood drool. Mike Roberto said, "I once came up with a plan to assassinate the president and flee to Australia."

With enough practice, daydreamers often develop their own individual techniques. Tom Geraci explained, "I do a little bit of work, then I talk to the people around me, and then there is nothing to do."

Even someone who is firmly grounded in the class activity can suddenly be transported into a daydream. Alex Yessayan recalled watching *CNN Newsroom* in his Social Science class one day. "The program was about wars going on in the world, and I started to daydream about a war against school. I was leading the fight, but I lost the fight when my teacher yelled at me to wake up and pay attention, and I knew I had to return to reality."

The 'when' of daydreaming is a personal preference. First period of the day has many customers at Dreamland just because they are too tired to think. April Kulcsar said, "I am always tired in first period, but that's also because I'm always bored." Joe Kim daydreams in the afternoon. He said, "I often dream about the fate of my brother. One time I dreamed about him getting run over by a truck." Chad Fischer added, "In study hall I daydream because I have nothing better to do."

Daydreaming can provide the opportunity to think about what the future might hold. Chrissy Sapanaro said, "Usually I think about what I'm gonna do after school." Elisa Corrao

agreed. "Daydreaming provides an escape. When I'm bored or when I don't understand what's going on I'll daydream about the weekend or what I'm going to do when I get home."

For Mike Ditto, the future that he daydreams about is further away than the up-coming weekend. "I daydream about my future. I'd like to go into a law enforcement career. I see myself driving in a patrol car in Mayfield and seeing people that I know." He said that he also thinks about going into a technical education program in law enforcement when he's a junior and being an MP in the Air Force.

Psychologists say that daydreaming is a form of wish fulfillment. Katherine von Loewe agreed, "In real life I'd never do this, but it's fun to daydream about. I dream about going out after school with my friends and we start a fight with these jocks. We throw them against the wall and punch them in the face and they beg for mercy. We walk off, and we rule and no one ever bothers us again."

While some feel guilty daydreaming and teachers haven't a clue as to why students would possibly sit in their classes in a daze, Chad Zimmerman said that he had a reason to be bored. He said, "I already know all the stuff. It's been like a review over the past five years of material."

with contributions from Nick Jones



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 Alayna Ballash
 Robert Balluh
 Joseph Banta
 Mark Barber
 Karen Barnard
 Alicia Baudo

Dima Belkin
 Matthew Benchek
 Masha Bitenbinder
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Kathy Johnson
Nicholas Jones
Anna Kaplun
Albert Kearns



Lunchbox

Packing up the PB&J and juice box is no trouble for those who revive the lunchbox trend

Her blonde pigtails flopped up and down as she stepped down from the school bus. She wore a white, button-down shirt tucked into a red and white plaid skirt over white tights. In one hand she carried a purple lunchbox with the cartoon character Goofy on it and in the other an English book. She finally got to the door of the building --the high school-- and walked inside.

One might be wondering, a lunchbox in high school? Unusual, but a few freshmen found that a lunchbox not only got their lunch to school safely, but it made a statement.

Gretchen Schooler's plastic red lunch box displayed a colorful drawing of Pocahontas, although, she said, "I would like one with Pinocchio or Peter Pan or Alice in Wonderland." But why did she use a lunch box? She explained, "I carry one because it's kind of like the hippie look or the little baby hair clips. People, like me, just try to bring back the old look." Gretchen added, "The advantages to carrying a lunch box over a bag are you recycle, you have more room for your food, my lunch doesn't get smashed, and they're fun!"

Matt Greenwald carried a fluorescent orange lunch box with Police Academy on it. "I carry a lunchbox to keep my lunch in, and they're stronger than paper bags. Also your sandwiches, drink boxes and stuff don't get smashed," he said.

While practicality was one reason for a lunchbox, it wasn't the only one. "I carry my metal lunch box because I like the style." Chad Fischer

added, "and it's compact."

Shannon Gumto agreed that lunchboxes made a style statement. "I carry a Little Mermaid lunchbox because I need something stylish to put my lunch in."

But, she added, "They're also fun to carry and to have competitions with other people to see who has the cooler lunch box. I also carry one because it's better for the environment."

Shannon said that people have made comments to her about her lunchbox. "People say I look like a little girl, but I know I'm way more mature than that."

Jill Ziehm was one of those who would not carry a lunchbox. "People who carry lunchboxes do look a little childish," she said. Katy Stromberg agreed. "They look like they're in second grade."

Others saw lunchboxes as a different way to express who someone was. Melissa Phelps said, "I don't think people look stupid (carrying a lunchbox). You shouldn't judge somebody because they carry a lunchbox. If that is what they want to do, then that is fine."

So where did people look for a lunchbox? Thrift stores, discount stores, and flea markets were the usual places. If he were in the market for one, Justin Young said, "I would get one at a thrift store like Value World, or any store that carries them." Melissa Shumulinsky said, "I would get one at Zany Brainy. They have the coolest ones."

Lunchboxes can become a family tradition. Melissa said, "I have a lunchbox with Mr. Kool-Aid Man on



it. I got it from my family. It has been passed down from generation to generation. I don't use it though."

There are some alternatives to carrying a lunchbox. Brown bags can be more convenient and not make the same statement that lunchboxes do. "I use a paper bag instead of lunchbox because I'm just not the type of person to carry a lunchbox," explained Rick MacCartney.

Whether they are antiques or brand-new, discovered in the attic or in the aisle at Wal-Mart, illustrated with *A Thousand and One Dalmations* or the industrial-style steel-gray, some high schoolers believe lunchboxes are the coolest and most practical way to "brown-bag it."

by Amanda Sills

Taking their lunch break at Gates Mills Summer Camp, Mia Giglio, Annelise Kozak and Andrea Trivisonno unpack their brown paper bags. All three preferred bags to lunchboxes. Annelise said that she liked bags better because they were disposable, and she didn't have to worry about what to do with them after lunch until she went home.

Francis Kearns
David Keltner
Yuriy Khanin
Jonathan Khoury
Joseph Kim
Julie Kirschenbaum
Kevin Koehler



Annelise Kozak
 Bryan Kramer
 April Kulcsar
 Aleksey Kurilenko
 Igor Kutserman
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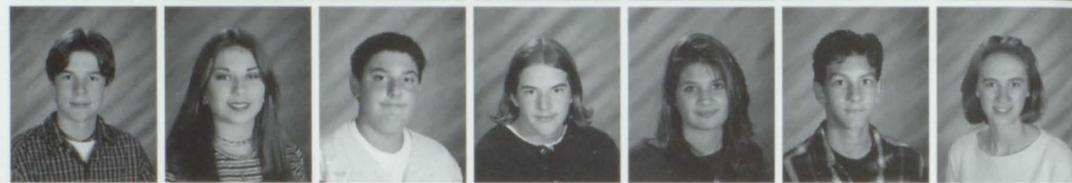
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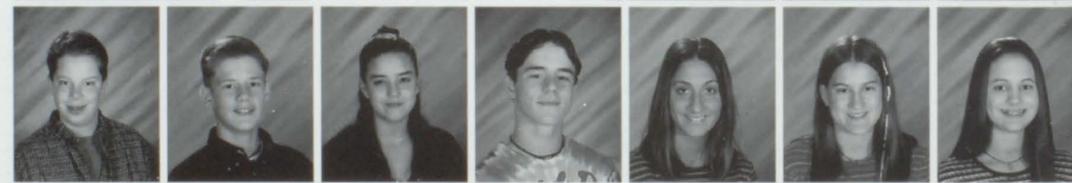
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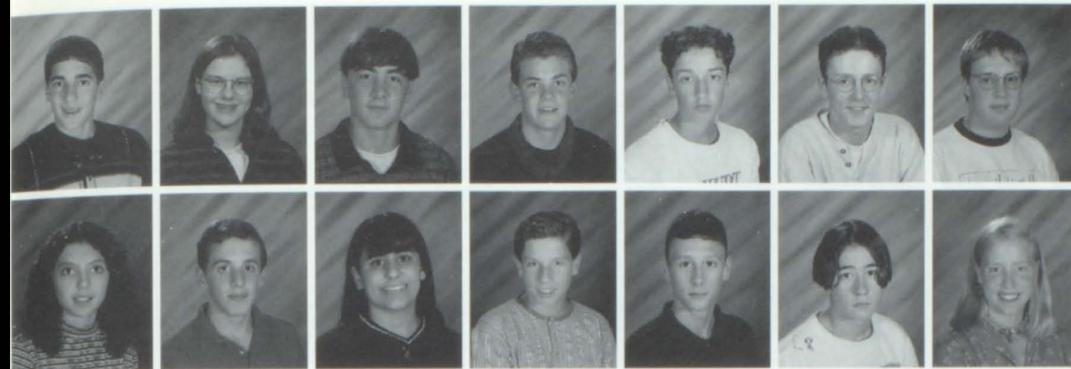


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 Scott Pinkerman
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 Lawrence Reyzman
 Jamie Rice
 Robert Riter





Michael Roberto
Courtney Roediger
Dustin Rogers
Ryan Roose
Michael Rosenberg
Eric Rosewater
Daniel Russell

Tara Russo
Lawrence Salibra
Christine Sapanaro
Michael Scabbo
Brett Scaletta
Joe Scarso
Gretchen Schooler

Hours of

Homework

Students complain about the amount of homework that the teachers assign

It's nice weather outside; the big game is on television tonight; friends call with things to do. But then there're those math problems that will take at least 45 minutes to finish correctly. It's a tough decision, but if that homework isn't done....

A night of homework is often a night of stress. Katie Huelsman said, "There is too much homework. More than half my classes give written assignments that take me about an hour to finish." Lana Alman agreed. She said, "There is too much homework. Spanish and math give me the most. It takes me a couple of hours to finish."

Is there too much homework? Seid Tanovic said, "There is too much. It is easy though, but it takes up too much time. We come to school to learn and then have to go home and learn some more. It takes me about an hour-and-a-half to finish all the homework."

Other freshmen disagreed. Brian Simer said, "There is less homework than last year, and most of the work is just busy work." Desirae Thomas agreed, "There is not too much homework because we got more last year." Dan Chan added, "I don't get that much homework, but it does take me about an hour to finish every night." Chris Staple said, "I don't get a lot of homework, and I basically do it all in the morning anyways. I don't take

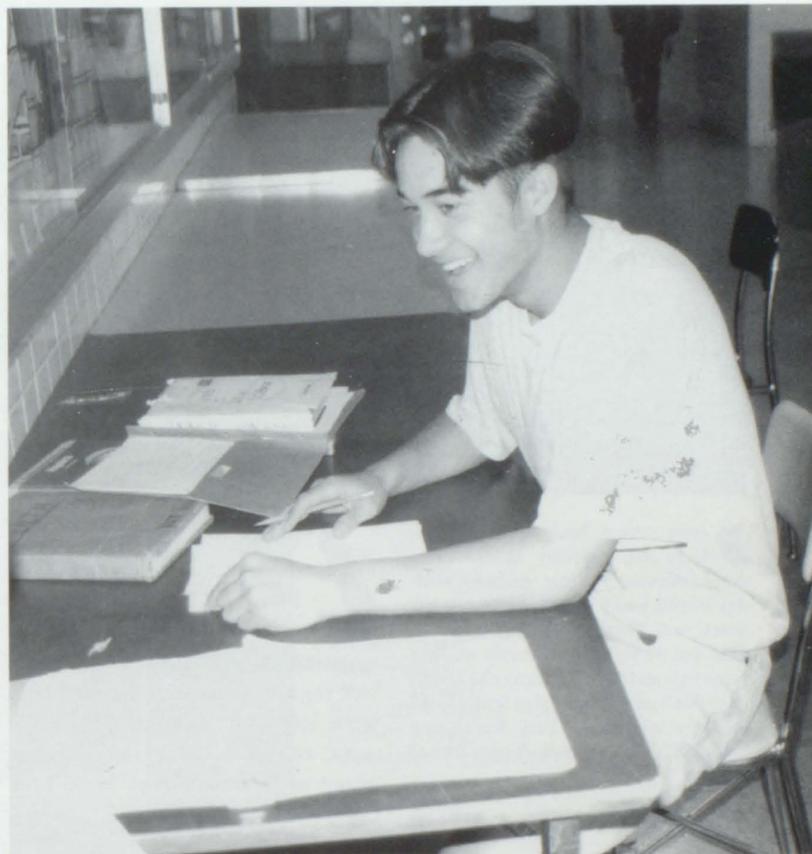
any books home."

Many found that the best way to attack the homework problem was to do it right after school. Bobby Riter said, "I did my homework right when I got home so I had the most time to get it done. I averaged about an hour each day. Math was my hardest subject, and I did it first because I needed the most time and it was the most difficult."

Ronnie Chalhoub said, "When I got home after sports practice I showered and ate and then did my homework. That was really hard because I was sore and tired, but I had to do the homework. If I wouldn't do it, I wouldn't understand when it came to tests. I had to try to do all the homework at home because I didn't have any study halls, and a lot of times I would have two to two-and-a-half hours of work."

But putting off doing homework was what others found themselves doing. Tom Varanese said, "A lot of times I would be doing homework before homeroom because I procrastinated, especially geometry because that was the hardest."

While some claimed that working in a group helped with homework, others preferred to work alone. Matt Joseph said, "Geometry homework was the hardest because there was a lot of it and it was all new. I usually did my homework by myself because then I had no distractions."



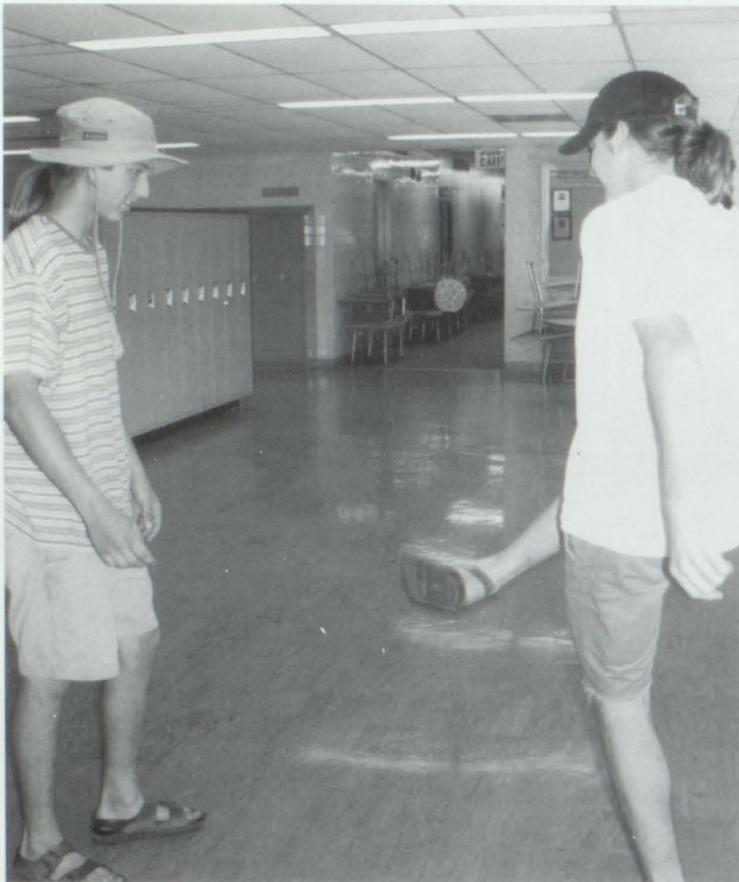
Some students didn't mind homework -- as long as they could keep their afternoons and evenings free. Jamie Rice said, "I did all of my homework, but not at home. I did it in the morning, then it didn't get in the way of my social life."

with contributions from Claudine Sing

Before homeroom, Frank Kearns works on his math homework outside 216. "My ride gets me to school about 7:20 so I have free time then and I don't do all of my homework at home. I leave the math for the morning because it's easy and I can do it pretty fast." Frank added that although he doesn't like homework, "I usually to it."

Using their Footpower

American footbag game of hacky sack challenges eye-foot coordination of hackers



Before school, hacky-sackers Ryan Gold and Anthony Manzo kick around the small footbag. Anthony, who has played hacky sack for a couple of years, said, "Usually we play at lunch time, but we will play whenever we have some time and there is nothing else to do." Why don't more people play hacky sack? Anthony suggested, "They don't know how, and it's kind of hard. It takes a lot of practice."

Lunch was nearly over. The empty brown bags had been tossed in the garbage, and the unlucky ones who got caught smarting off washed table tops with wet rags. In the few minutes that were left some worked on homework, others sat with friends. One group of freshmen guys stood in a circle by the sports trophy cases kicking something around, laughing, yet serious about what they were doing. But what were they doing?

The game is called hacky-sack,

and the footbag players try to keep a beanbag off the ground by using foot-eye coordination. Invented on the west coast in 1972 by John Stalenberger, an athlete/physical therapist, and Mike Marshall, hacky sack was developed to limber up stiff knees, but now the game is being played all around the world for either recreation or fun.

Hacky sacks, or footbags, are stitched of leather or cloth or can be crocheted. Most are about two inches in diameter and weigh about one ounce. The filler varies, but most contain small, plastic pellets. Ryan Gold said, "A good hacky-sack costs between five and eight dollars, but the price really depends on the type of beads (inside)." Anthony Manzo added, "There are different designs and colors on the hacky-sacks. Some are Indian designs, and some of the designs are tropical."

"From a beginner's point of view it seems hopeless. Trying to get your feet to execute controlled motions is like trying to get your dog to answer your phone," said John Cassidy, author of *The Hacky-Sack Book*.

Many people can't get enough of hacky-sacking. Some freshman boys hack every morning before school and every afternoon during their lunch periods. Ryan Frank said, "We hack in the morning to pass the time. We used to hack upstairs until Mrs. (Diana) Beebe made us go down stairs because she thought we were going to go over the banister."

When people hack, they can hack with friends or by themselves. Once the basic kicks are mastered, hacky-sackers can play in several ways.

Competition is one way to go. "Net sack" is a footbag version of volleyball played on a court with a five-foot net. There is also a World Footbag Championship.

Another way to get involved in hacky-sack is the cooperative "hacky-circles" in which a group passes the footbag from player to player using footpower alone. Anthony Spitalieri said, "There is always a bunch of us who hack at lunch. It is a lot harder than it looks. We play pretty much just to pass time. It's fun, and you can play it indoors (and we're allowed to do it in school!)."

Ryan Roose said, "It's fun. It's better than sitting at a lunch table talking." Ryan usually plays in the lunch circle, but, he said, he will also sometimes play alone at home, kicking the hacky sack and trying to keep it in the air.

For those players who decided not to go the competitive or cooperative routes there was something too. A man from Illinois set a 1989 Guinness World Record by kicking a single footbag 48,825 times consecutively. The feat took his feet eight hours, 11 minutes, and 25 seconds.

While the sport can be fun, it also has a serious side. Child psychiatrists use footbags with disturbed patients to break the ice and to raise their self-esteem. Professional athletes kick a footbag around as a warm-up exercise.

Footbagging is a sport which a person can do alone or with a group, competitively or just for fun, inside or outside. It is also relatively cheap: no expensive shoes or equipment needed.

Vanessa Scotese
Nataliya Serper
Gary Seto
John Sevastos
Julia Shershavin
Boris Shneyder
Eric Sholomon





Melissa Shumulinsky
Amanda Sills
Brian Simer
Claudine Sing
Stacy Smoltz
Michael Solovey
Melissa Speyer



Anthony Spitalieri
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Thomas Strauchon
Kathryn Stromberg
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Stephen Suhy
Mary Sullivan
Michael Sustin
Hillary Sweigard
Joshua Swidas
Tiffany Swidas
Andrew Sworan



Holly Tabernik
Elias Tackla
Suzan Tannous
Seid Tanovic
Jeffrey Taylor
Carly Thomas
Desirae Thomas



Brittin Thornton
Kathleen Thrush
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Anthony Tonderski
Sheri Trozzi
Lauren Tsevdos
Yuriy Tumanov



Stephanie Tyler
Yeva Vakhrusheva
Richard Valore
Thomas Varanese
Jason Ventimiglia
Rachel Verbitsky
Michael Vercellino



Tanza Verh
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Katherine von Loewe
Amorett Wadatz
Lee Waggoner
Brian Weber
Cristin Welle



Michael White
Tiffany Wick
Sara Wiggins
Jeremy Wilneff
Amanda Woyton
Christy Yatsko
Alexander Yessayan



Justin Young
Salena Zak
Nathan Zbarzh
Silvana Zeolla
Jill Ziehm
Rene Ziehm
Emily Zifchak



Brooke Zimmerman
Chad Zimmerman
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Adam Zuchelli

Erin Abbey
Paul Abouhassan
Donna Abounader
Robert Adamson
Brian Adkins
Malika Akins
Jordan Alpen



Kevin Amster
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Mark Belfiore
Hollie Benesh



Zachary Bennington
Melissa Berman
Cynthia Berquist
Lisa Bishop
Richard Bittner
Christine Blachman
Beth Bluestone



Dazed and **Confused**

Sophomore can't see or hear live performances of the icons of classic rock, but they can dream



Visiting the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on June 5, Nicole Montecalvo and Jenn Kaleal check out the Magic Bus of "Magic Bus" fame, a song by The Who, a group inducted into the Hall. The bus was part of "We Want to Take You Higher," a special psychedelic traveling exhibit which remained at the Hall of Fame/Museum through the summer.

Classic rock stations, such as WMMS, play groups such as Rush, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Black Sabbath, Hendrix, Led Zeppelin, Creedence Clearwater, Rolling Stones, The Who, Jefferson

Airplane, Steve Miller, Doors, and Pink Floyd.

But most of these groups are not around anymore, and kids of the '90s can not see them in concert, although some of them would like to. Elaine Forte said, "I would want to go see Bob Marley and the Wailers. I love reggae because it is totally positive music."

Most of the classic rockers were around when the sophomore class's parents were in their teens. Vanessa Vienna said, "I'd go see Jimi Hendrix. My mom has one of his albums, and now I sometimes listen to it on the record player." She added, "I wonder what his concerts would be like. His effects were never able to be duplicated."

Today's fans can listen to concert albums of some of these classic rockers, but many agree that these are just not the same as experiencing the concerts live. Kara Bogart said, "I would like to see a recreation of

(Simon and Garfunkel's) *Concert in Central Park*. It was one of the best live albums ever." Ryan Roose said, "(The Grateful Dead) are the best live band. Every concert, the songs were played differently."

The '60s music scene saw the British Invasion which included The Beatles, whom many consider the best band, American or British, ever. Monica Taddeo observed, "The Beatles changed music of the '60s. Their music touched many lives and changed music for the better."

Some of these classic rock performers are dead, while other groups are disbanded or just not touring any more, and many of today's students will never be able to hear and see them live. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame/Museum in downtown Cleveland, open now for two years, is the closest thing they have to see these legends in their prime.



Kara Bogart
 Andrea Boger
 Brad Bokovitz
 Randall Bosley
 Andrea Branco
 Carl Brass
 Kevin Brazdil

Jeffrey Brenner
 Thomas Bright
 Jason Brill
 Emmalisa Brown
 Joseph Brunello
 Gary Budzar
 Jesse Burns

Tonia Burns
 Lindsey Bushman
 Vincent Buynak
 Laura Bzdafka
 Franco Calabrese
 Thomas Cannell
 Michael Cardarelli

Samantha Caspio
 Allison Catullo
 Dorothy Chan
 Katherine Chiro
 Garrett Christian
 Concetta Coletta
 Dayna Collins

Elizabeth Craine
 Jason Craven
 Paul Curtis
 Colin Cutts
 Nicole Daddario
 Vineet Daga
 Joseph Daher

Traci D'Angelo
 Lindsay Dasher
 Alla Daykhes
 Mark DeJohn
 Nicholas Delguyd
 Dina DeMarco
 Nicole DeSantis

Michael Desatnik
 Joseph DeYoung
 Irina Diaconescu
 Jennifer DiCesare
 Beniamino DiFiore
 Tania DiFranco
 Christie Dirk

Keyawna Edwards
 Julia Emery
 Natalie Fisco
 Ian Fowler
 Mark Gabrenya
 Frank Gagliardi
 Nicole Galatis

Melissa Gallitto
 Christian Giesler
 George Glasney
 Andrey Godes
 Tamara Goetz
 Michael Goldberg
 Megan Grabfelder

Alex Grakhov
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 Brittany Griffin
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Gina Guarino
April Harpp
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Christina Harris
Jennifer Harris



Marissa Hawranko
Jennifer Healy
William Herbe
Adam Hickey
Christopher Holder
Laura Horowitz
Matthew Horvath



Neal Huelsman
Jacob Huffman
Ryan Iammarino
Jon Immel
Anthony Immormino
Robert Immormino
Sofiya Ionina



Kati-Erin Jackson
Jordan Jacobs
Kimberly Janik
Dennis Johnson
Simon Johnson
Brian Jones
Patrick Jones



Russell Jones
Jacqueline Kalan
Jennifer Kaleal
Marygrace Kaleal
Ashley Kalous
Mariya Kaplun
Christopher Karakasis



Irina Karpov
Sheryl Kass
Meghan Kellogg
Julia Khmelnitsky
Anthony Klang
Eric Kne
Mariko Kobayashi



Alex Kozlovsky
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Bogdan Krashchenko
Katherine Krizek
Jacqueline Kuk
Diana Kurkovsky
Susanna Kuyenov



Heather Lanese
Abigail Leach
Jill Legan
Thomas Leskovec
Kathryn Lewis
Margarita Lifsh
Jenny Liu



Sara Loser
Laure Maguire
Cassie Maher
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Karena Manchenko
Marina Marra
Anthony Marshall



Jennifer Martin
John Masci
Marty Mason
Stacy Matoney
Melissa Matz
Rita Mayekar
John McAleese



Dreams

Sophomores predict what their lives will be like at their 20-year reunion

A big house. A lot of money. Kids. High-paying jobs. These were what some sophomores hoped would be in their futures within the next 20 years.

They saw themselves in a variety of careers. Megan Miozzi said, "If I don't get married, I'd like to be a dancer." She added, "I want to either work on a cruise ship or on Broadway." Nicole DeSantis said that she wanted to be in athletics. She said, "I have been playing soccer my whole life. When I was little my dad coached a soccer team and I want to follow in his footsteps and coach too."

Some were drawn to medicine. Dina DeMarco and Jill Legan both wanted to be physical therapists. Jill said, "I would be a good physical therapist because I am not shy, and I love helping others. I also participate in sports right now so I could relate to the people who get injured."

Marina Marra said she wanted to be a nurse at Hillcrest Hospital. Stacy Matoney said, "I want to be a doctor at the Cleveland Clinic." Rita Mayekar also wanted to be a doctor at a local hospital. She explained,

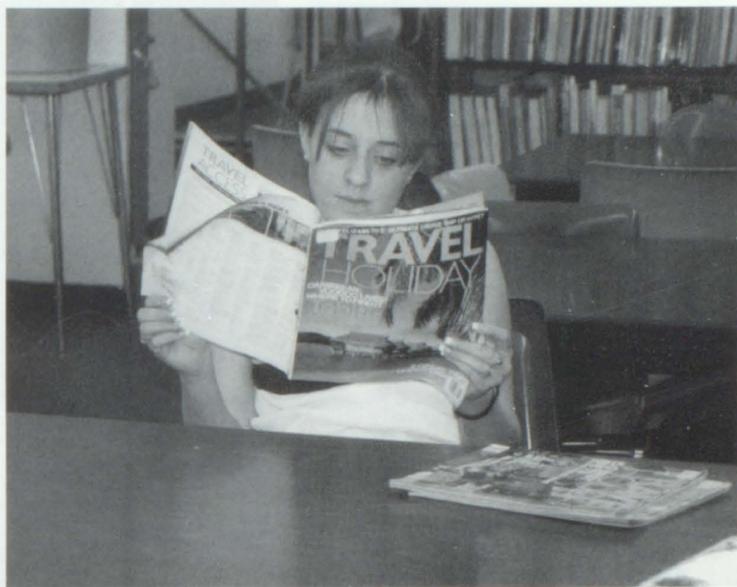
"Helping others is a lot of fun."

Many tenth graders didn't want to be just the average family like the Seavers from the show *Growing Pains*. Teri Warton and Tim Miozzi both wanted to have large families. Terri said, "I want to have six kids because I like kids a lot, and it would be fun watching them grow up." Tim Miozzi said, "I have grown up with a really big family. I have 11 brothers and sisters. It wouldn't be 'normal' not to have a large family."

Others have decided that no kids is the way to go. Noah Weider said, "I don't want any kids. They are not necessary. They only spend all of your money."

A couple of tenth graders claimed that they did not want to live in Cleveland. Melanie Pockmire wanted to move to Switzerland. She said, "Switzerland is such an interesting country with so many different kinds of people." Jenn Harris said, "I hope I live in Chicago because it is a neat place." Lindsey Bushman added, "The place where I want to live in 20 years is on the California coast."

Other tenth graders would like to stay right at home in this city by the lake. Anthony Grasso said, "I grew

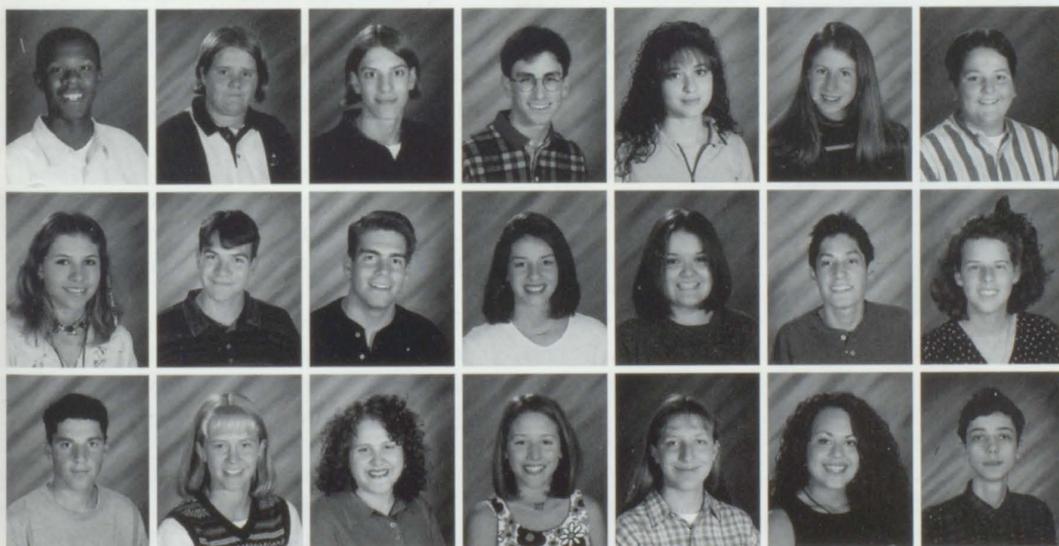


up here, and I would never want to leave the Browns or the Indians." Kevin Krajcovic claimed he will be living in Cleveland in the future. He said, "I like it here. The weather is not so great, but we have everything else to make up for that."

Will these dreams come true? Those present at the 20th reunion will be the ones who will know for sure.

by Janine Ziernicki

During her study hall, Vicki Mindel goes through a travel magazine featuring tropical islands. She said, "I would love to visit the Bahamas or someplace exotic, but I could really see myself in 20 years living in Manhattan. It is a total fashion district. When I am older, I want to be a fashion designer so Manhattan would fit me perfectly."



Stedson McIntyre
Thomas McNeill
Adam Mestrits
Ryan Miller
Victoria Mindel
Megan Miozzi
Timothy Miozzi

Alison Mismas
Matthew Mlinac
Robert Monastero
Nicole Montecalvo
Danielle Moore
Cedric Morales
Katharine Morgan

Igor Muravin
Lisa Nally
Alicia Nathison
Carmen Navis
Amanda Naylor
Whitney Neidus
Ilya Nemtsov

Rachel Nobbe
 Louis Novak
 Samantha Oh
 April Oravec
 Cindy Ordonez
 Amanda Ostrowski
 Karen Pak



Nicholas Palazzo
 Mike Parins
 Paul Parsons
 Christopher Paternite
 Nelly Pereymer
 Christopher Pezak
 Lynn Phillips



Anthony Piazza
 Paul Piazza
 Trent Pinto
 Melanie Pockmire
 Frank Principe
 Tatyana Putov
 Andrew Rassi



Chad Raymond
 Gina Reed
 Kristopher Regan
 David Reighard
 Christopher Reinke
 Elnara Revinov
 Conor Riley



Jam Session

Six bands, including two with tenth graders, step on stage to jam and have some fun in Monsters of Rock concert



Vocalist and lead guitar for Dead Butterflies, Adam Mestrits performs "Nice Guy" at the Monsters of Rock concert January 11. Adam, who wrote the music and lyrics for the song, said, "I think it was one of our best songs. Not everyone in the band was happy with it, but it was my personal favorite. Compared to the rest of our songs, it had a more pop-style to it." Other members of this band were Mike Barber, bass, Jason Kikel, drums, and Mike Trask, vocalist and rhythm guitar.

Overhead lights went off. The color spots floated all around the auditorium. The crowd went crazy. It was time. Time to make it or break it. It was the Monsters of Rock concert, the first since 1993.

On January 11, in the auditorium, the bands, each which had at least one Mayfield student, jammed for over four hours. This year six bands performed: Gringe, Aqualung, Wintrip, Little Cat Z, Dead Butterflies, and 8628.

Jen Martin said, "The show was really great. I thought the music exceptional considering how old the performers were. If they have another concert next year, I will definitely be there." Marc Taylor agreed, "I thought it was a good show. If the groups put on another show, I would go."

Some of the bands played songs like "Hey Jude" from The Beatles or "Today" from Smashing Pumpkins. But many of the bands used the night to show off their own creativity. Sophomore Adam Mestrits, vocalist and lead guitar for Dead Butterflies, said, "We were just a couple of guys jamming and having fun." He added, "For the concert we played our own

songs like 'Nice Guy', 'Carol's Basement', and 'Jasmine'."

Wintrip, one of the bands, was put together for that night only. Sophomore band member Colin Cutts, guitar, though, has music hopes for his future. "I'd like to get a few people together for a band. Make a tape. Sell some. Play at a couple of nightclubs. Have people see and hear us. Eventually have someone (agent or recording studio) come to us."

Reactions from the over 350 audience members varied. Erin Abbey said, "It was so weird seeing my classmates performing on stage, but it was really amazing seeing how great they all were." Amanda Sills commented, "I was really excited to go see my friends play. The concert started off well, but the concert sort of dragged on."

It didn't matter how well any of the bands played that night because the last things each band heard from the audience were, "Encore! Encore!"



Gretchen Rockman
 Michael Rockwell
 Shannon Rogers
 Cristina Rucci
 Daneen Ruggieri
 Paul Ruhland
 Christopher Ryan



Alexander Salkov
 Scott Sanson
 Timothy Saracene
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 Laura Scimone
 Garvin Seto



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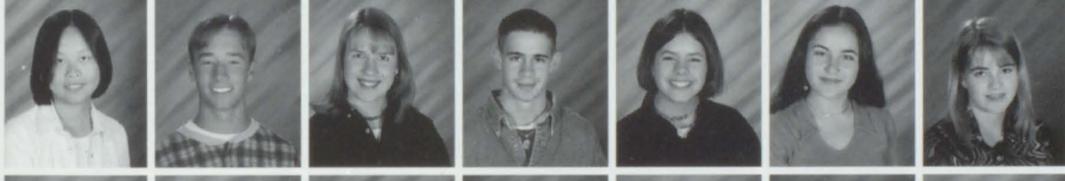
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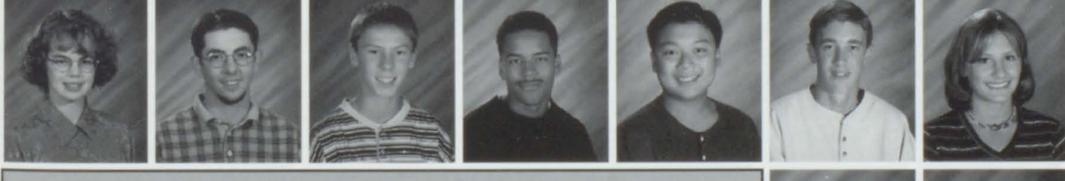
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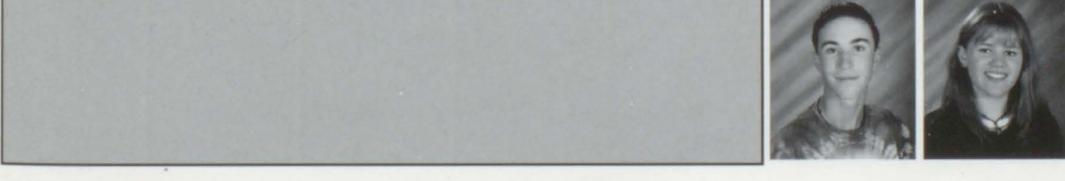
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 Jaime Westfall
 Terri Wharton



Dannielle Whitmer
 Noah Wieder
 Daniel Wise
 Terrell Woods
 Michael Yee
 Matthew Zemanek
 Janine Ziernicki



Anthony Zummo
 Jennifer Zurney

Plan a Career

Discussing plans for the future might not be that stressful for those juniors who already have some ideas of what to do after graduation



Checking out college catalogs in the 10-12 guidance office, Diane Curran and Sonja Klein wait to see their counselors. The office has catalogs for schools from Adrian College to Youngstown University, books on selecting a college and obtaining financial aid, and information on preparing for SATs and ACTs.

Her homeroom teacher, with a what-did-you-do-now look, handed her one of those small white slips of paper which read, "Report to your guidance counselor during study hall." With sweaty palms and thump-

ing heart, she went to see what this slip was all about.

When she walked into his office, her counselor said, "Let's discuss your future plans such as colleges and career. "Whew!!" said the student with a sigh of relief.

A few juniors would have had an easy time talking with their counselor since they had their own idea of what they wanted to do in the future.

Some wanted to work with children. Sara Phelps said, "I always wanted to be a teacher since first and second grade, since the time my first teacher taught me." Marianne Tibaldi said, "I would like to be a fourth-grade teacher since I love to work with little kids."

Sarah Kalina said, "I would like to be a child psychologist. I always wanted to work with children, and I was interested in psychology when we did small units of psychology in some classes."

Some students were more interested in the research part of psychology. Anna Goldshmidt said, "I would like to be a psychology professor so that I can do research. I am interested in research because I like to find out new things."

Some students found the human mind fascinating, while others were interested in the human body. Pam Daher said, "I would like to be a pediatrician because I love helping kids, and you feel you really can make a difference in their health."

Others checked out the sports and law opportunities. Samantha Buntin commented, "I plan to study law, but I would also want to be an agent for professional athletes. I was always interested in sports and law, and this job seemed to combine both my interests very well."

Choosing a career could be stressful, but some already had a rough draft in their heads.

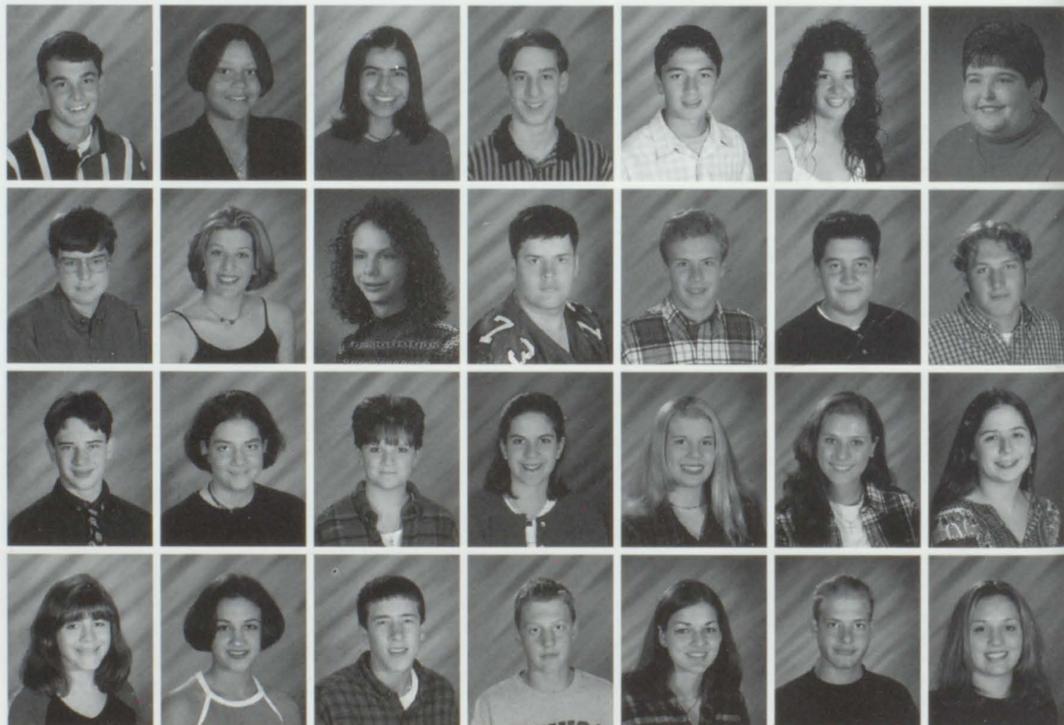
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Paul Brosnatch
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 Sherlyn Gould

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 Benjamin Grasso
 Adam Greenberg
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 Igor Grinberg

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 Vicki Jarmon



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Norman Kirchner
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 Adam Koehler
 Svetlana Koroteyeva
 Stephanie Kovacevic
 Lindsey Kramer
 Joseph Kravitz



Jeffrey Kraynak
 Rada Kupersmidt
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 Christopher LaConte
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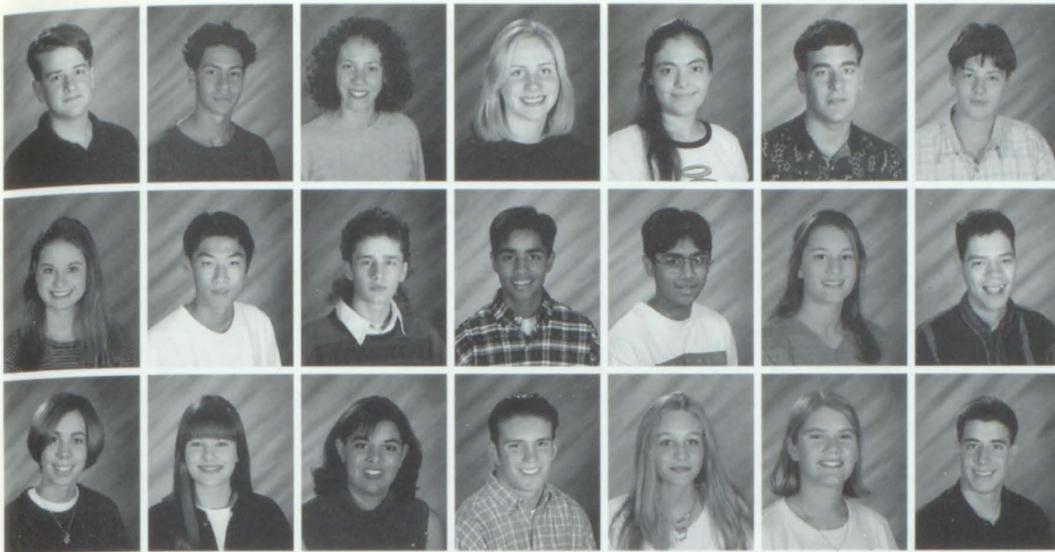


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 Tsun Wai Mo
 Ethan Moitra





Heath Morgan
 Matthew Moss
 Erin Motter
 Jennifer Niedermeyer
 Michelle Niro
 Jason Nobbe
 Alexandr Novik

Jennifer Obolnar
 Jason Pak
 Michael Parins
 Hansal Patel
 Rishit Patel
 Lindsay Pavlich
 James Perrin

Carla Petrof
 Sara Phelps
 Kelly Piccirillo
 Bradley Pietrafese
 Jenelle Pinzone
 Amy Preston
 Jeffrey Previte

Morning Routines

Wake-up call causes some juniors to bury their head under the pillow and others to rise-and-shine

Monday morning and the alarm clock buzzed annoyingly. Was it time to get up already? It was mornings like this that made the earlier start time seem particularly torturous. How did people survive?

Mike Wrona's secret to a calm morning was good planning and sticking to essentials. He said, "I took showers at night so I didn't have to wake for school until 6:45 a.m." Mike also added that he just got up, ate, washed up, got dressed, and left for school.

For Heath Morgan, sleeping in as late as he could was an essential. "I'd shower the night before so I'd have the maximum amount of time to sleep in." He also saved time by eating breakfast en route. "I found that the best breakfast-in-the-car foods are breakfast bars because you don't need milk (Milk can spill!) and juice boxes."

Those who chose to take a morning shower faced an earlier start. Jackie Spitaleri said, "I woke up around 6:15 every morning and took a shower. Then I got dressed and ate breakfast and then drove to school 45

minutes later."

Many found that their morning routine remained very consistent. John Rachel said, "I did the same thing every morning: got up at 6:15, got dressed, got a ride from one of my friends, and ate on the way." Eric Long agreed. He said, "I did the same thing every morning also. I got up, took a shower, ate breakfast and drove to school everyday at the same time."

Andy Margevicius needed a lot of help to get up each school morning. "First, I had an alarm clock, but I never got up for that. Then my mom would come in my room and yell. Then my brother would come in and threaten to leave without me." These worked, though, because Andy said that he was usually at school by 7:15.

Morning people didn't have a problem with the early wake-up call. Morning was a good time to exercise for Ariana Vigil. "I woke up at 5:45 and exercised for 30 minutes every morning. Then I took a shower and got dressed."

Rada Kupersmidt, another morning person, usually got up at 5. She'd shower, put on her make-up, eat and catch her bus by 7. "I don't understand people who have trouble



getting up," she said. "You can get up earlier; just get to sleep earlier."

Those who couldn't or wouldn't make that 7:35 homeroom bell faced afternoon detentions. Stephanie Kovacevic said, "This year I was late a few times for sleeping in or because of the traffic on Wilson Mills. I got a detention or two, but you just can't help being late sometimes."

There is one thing to look forward to next year: homeroom will begin at 7:35 again. It will be the first time in three years that the start of the school day hasn't been moved up.

Pointing out that when he arrives late to school there are fewer traffic tie-ups, John McAleese parks his car and adds that when he stays for his tardies detentions he misses traffic problems too. John accumulated 53 tardies during the school year.

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 Michael Rabinovich
 Marissa Radis
 Carrie Richards
 Matthew Rinker
 Stephen Ritley
 Susanne Ritley



Carly Roby
 Kristin Roediger
 Christopher Rogers
 Jeanelle Rogers
 Matthew Rosati
 David Roth
 Steven Roth



Scott Rowe
 Michael Rubin
 Mary Russ
 Emily Russell
 Anthony Russo
 Alexander Rybak
 Angela Sapanaro



Nicholas Scaccia
 Stephen Schneider
 Rachel Schooler
 Brian Schultz
 Carla Scimone
 Devon Sciria
 Mara Shamakian



Dennis Sheflyand
 Joshua Sherman
 Sergey Shirman
 Avraham Shtoff
 Jeffrey Siegel
 Matthew Siko
 Michael Slunski



Lauren Smith
 Benjamin Solomon
 Rostislav Soroka
 Juliana Sova
 Sarah Spahr
 Jacqueline Spitaleri
 Rina Spyruo



Lamar Stanford
 Wendy Steffens
 Shaun Sterling
 Salina Stone
 Richard Swansegar
 Jeffrey Swope
 Jermaine Tatum



Rimma Terekhov
 Adam Thomas
 William Thrush
 Marianne Tibaldi
 Aleksandr Tigay
 Brian Tobin
 Danny Tohme



Brian Traczyk
 Nadya Travinina
 Jackie Trigilio
 Stanislav Tshiperson
 Jacqueline Varanese
 Jay Varma
 Meghan Vaxman



Jason Vidmar
 Ariana Vigil
 Nehul Vyas
 Lawrence Wall
 Amanda Ward
 Jillian Warner
 Russ Weber



Hangouts

*Nothing to do? Nowhere to go?
Students explore new ideas
for weekend entertainment*

Friday had arrived, and that meant, "Let the good times roll!" But all that the average eleventh grader had to look forward to was cruising up and down Mayfield Road, going to Burger King, heading to Squire's Castle in the Metroparks, watching a movie, or going to someone's house to crash.

Many juniors said that there should be more to life. Brad Fisler said, "I wish we had a drive-in movie theatre. Where my brother goes to school there is one. He claims it is awesome. Just imagine packing everyone in the car for five dollars to go watch a good movie."

Since most teens like music, a few suggestions focused on that. Nehul Vyas said, "We need something like Peabody's or The Last Drop here. We need a place where local groups can play, and the students can go and have fun and listen to music. We have Coffee Craze, but that is a place where people sit and chill out

and listen to old people play the guitar." Chris LaConte had another idea. "I think we should have some sort of dance club or something to that effect. There is nothing ever to do here so we end up driving for about 20 minutes to get from place to place."

A place to shoot pool appealed to Tim Leskovec. "I like to go out with my friends and shoot pool, but the Coliseum's closed, and the closest billiards place is in Cleveland Heights."

Michael Wrona suggested, "We should have a go-cart track." B. J. Pietrefiese agreed. He said, "We should have something like a Fun-N-Stuff where they have an indoor go-cart track, a miniature golf course, an arcade, and a batting cage."

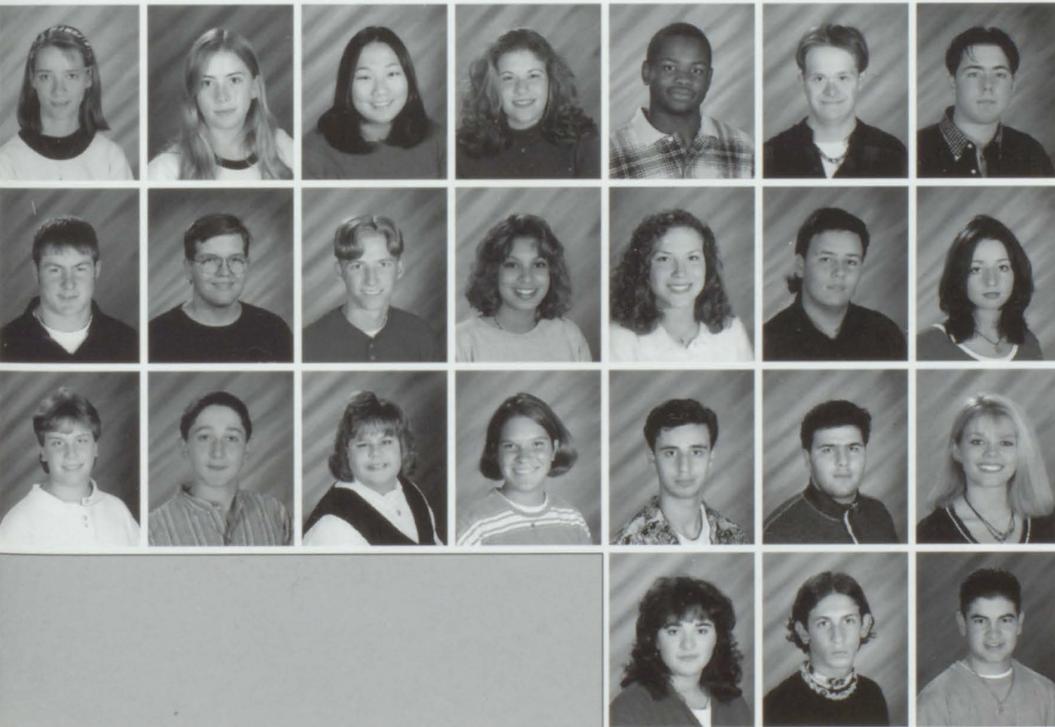
Ethan Moitra said, "I wish we had a lounge or something of that sort. It would be a place where we could go and just hang out and talk with our friends. This place would have comfortable furniture to sit on



like couches. It would also be pretty cool if the lounge had an arcade."

Many juniors said that the entertainment scene in the area lacked a lot. Any city leaders reading this?

While picking out a comedy at Mom's Super Video, located on Mayfield Road, opposite Lyndhurst's Municipal Center, Brad Fisler says, "There really isn't anything going on so I decided to watch a movie with some of my friends."



Tiffany Weisenberg
Jennifer Welty
Nicole Williams
Jacqueline Wilneff
Brandon Wilson
Anthony Witt
James Wolenski

Kyle Woodie
Brian Wroblewski
Michael Wrona
Candice Yafanaro
Marianne Yarush
Mikhail Yerukhimovich
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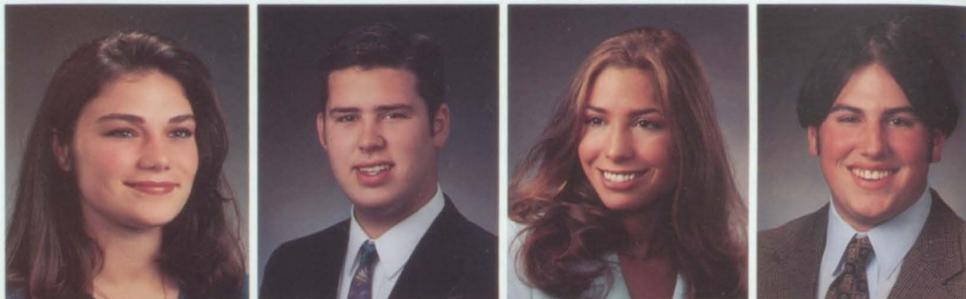
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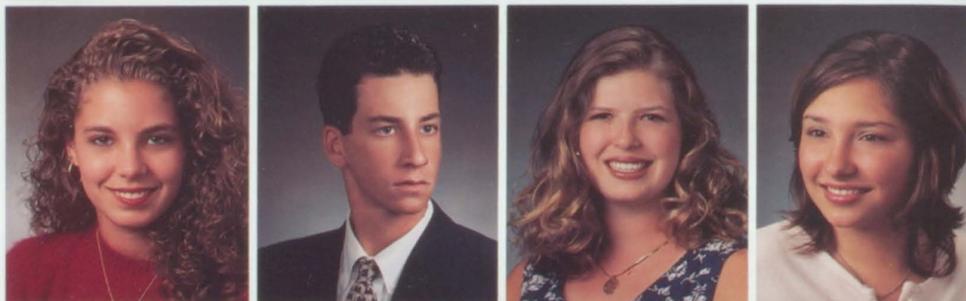
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 Jeffrey Carmen Austin
 Christen Marie Baeslach
 Ellen Jean Balzano



Joseph Anthony Baudo
 Megan Lynn Bernardic
 John Edmond Biggins
 Brian Elliott Biggs



Michelle Teresa Bompiedi
 Blaine Charles Bosley
 Kristen Lynn Bowen
 Zachary Mark Brenner



Jennifer Marie Brooks
 Danielle Marie Brozak
 Bartlett Anne Bulkley
 Carrie Lee Burns



They've had
Enough

Graduates with disease commonly known as senioritis exhibit symptoms of apathy, lethargy, and forgetfulness

Now that their senior year had come around, it was only natural that seniors experienced a bit of "senioritis." Once the college applications were mailed, most seniors took a back seat because from that point on the decision was out of their hands. "I got accepted into Northwestern during November," said Bartlett Bulkley, "so I've been done since the end of second quarter."

While colleges were a big part of the picture, there were other factors that contributed to senioritis. One was any activity that could keep them away from schoolwork. Whether it was seeing a showing of *Star Wars* at 1 p.m. or attending the

NBA All-Star Game, if it could keep them from thinking about school, they'd be there.

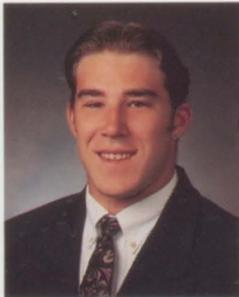
Once the proficiency tests were completed, most seniors relaxed until graduation. Franjo Dolenac commented, "It's pretty sad when you look forward to Government class so you can get an afternoon siesta in your schedule." By the time April rolled around, if someone had asked a senior what the homework was, odds were the response would be, "Homework? We're still getting that?" Katie Mathay's "will power was about 99.8% shut down." She said that the only thing holding her back was the final transcript she had to send to Miami University.



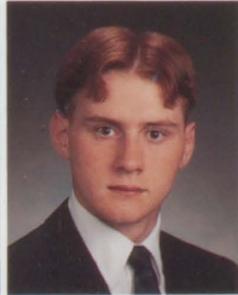
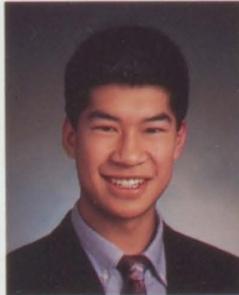
However, when these seniors graduated and had to enter the "real world," they quickly looked for a cure for their senioritis.

by Laurel Johnson

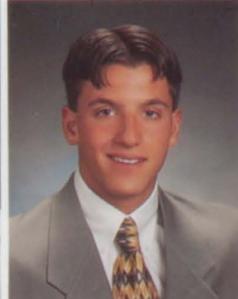
While playing frisbee at Punderson State Park, Cate Craine and Todd Pritchett share a sunny Sunday afternoon. They camped out at the park after prom night. Cate said, "Camping gave us an opportunity to escape the monotony of school life."



Jennifer Marie Burtonshaw
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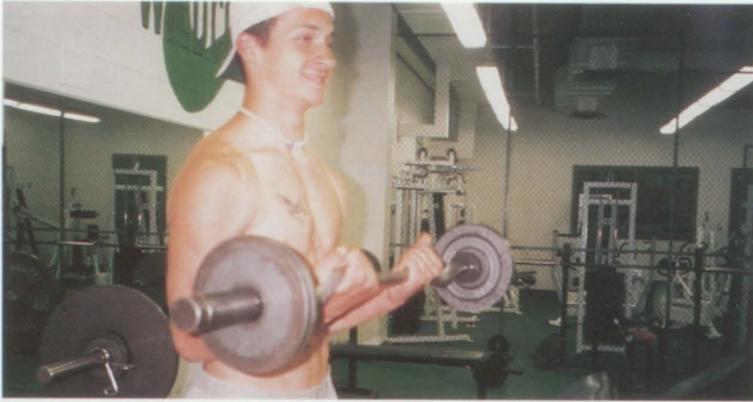


Diana Marie Ciofani
 Garry John Cipra, Jr.
 James Michael Ciricillo
 Michael Albert Clemente

Personal

Expression

Needles and pain do not deter them from decorating various body parts



most attractively displayed? A number of seniors have dedicated arms, legs, and stomachs to this form of self-expression. Perhaps they could be of assistance.

Travis Ryan's chest reads, "Tre," and a panther roars on his arm. He said, "My dad liked it. My mom started yelling and crying." His mother's feelings would not stop him from another tattoo; he said that he is considering decorating his other arm, calves, right pec, shoulders and back.

Amanda Skyrn celebrated last St. Patrick's Day by getting a tattoo with her father. She chose a knife with a rose because "you can't just pick anything; you're going to be

with it the rest of your life."

Garrett Patty's Irish pride explained the leprechaun on his right calf. He confessed, "It hurt a little. But it was more annoying pain than really painful pain." A shamrock on his shoulder shall continue the trend.

Craig Cencer had a panther tattooed on his calf when he was 16. He said, "My parents supported me and helped me pay for my tattoo." Now, a few years and a few tattoos later, he admitted his "addiction" to them.

While there is some pain, many feel it is worth it to creatively show their personality. Remember, those under 18 must receive parental permission, and don't try this at home.

by Catherine Craine

Displaying his tattoo of a dragon, Frank Stupczy lifts the curl bar in the weight room. He said, "I was in the tattoo parlor with my friend and I saw it on the board. So I got it, spur of the moment."

Thinking of getting a tattoo? A few questions must be answered first. Does it hurt? How will the parents react? Which design? Where would it be

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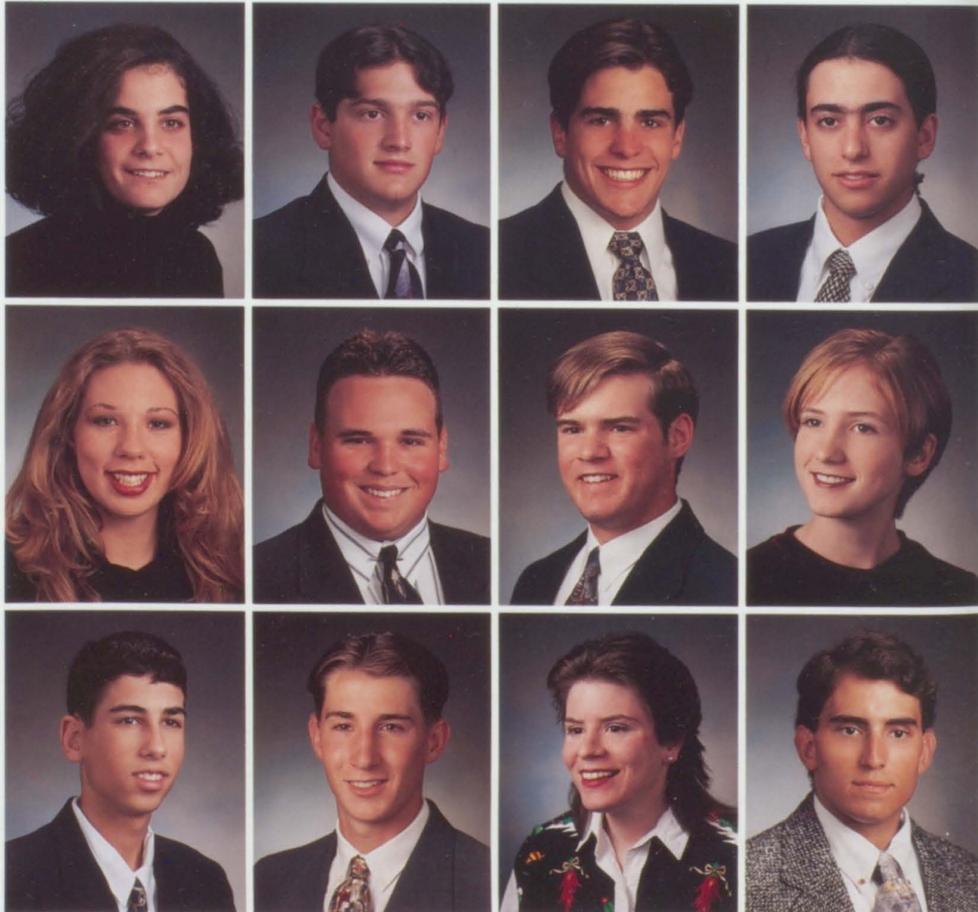
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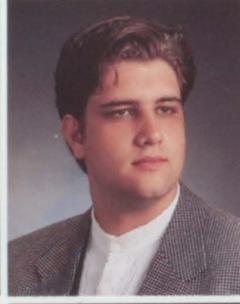




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 Ricardo Andres DiFranco



Ekaterina Sergeyevna Djilovian
 Grace Mary Doberdruk
 Franjo Michael Dolenac
 Michael Dubinsky



Amanda Maureen Dugovics
 Kimberly Lynne Dunger
 Shannon Leigh Dunlap
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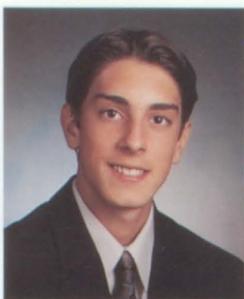
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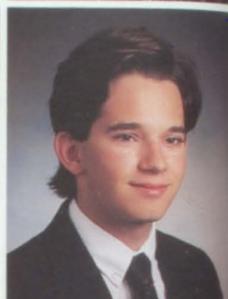


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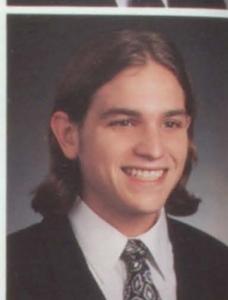


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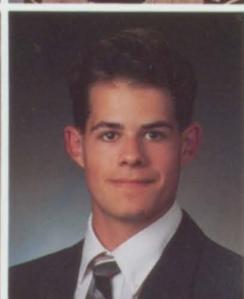


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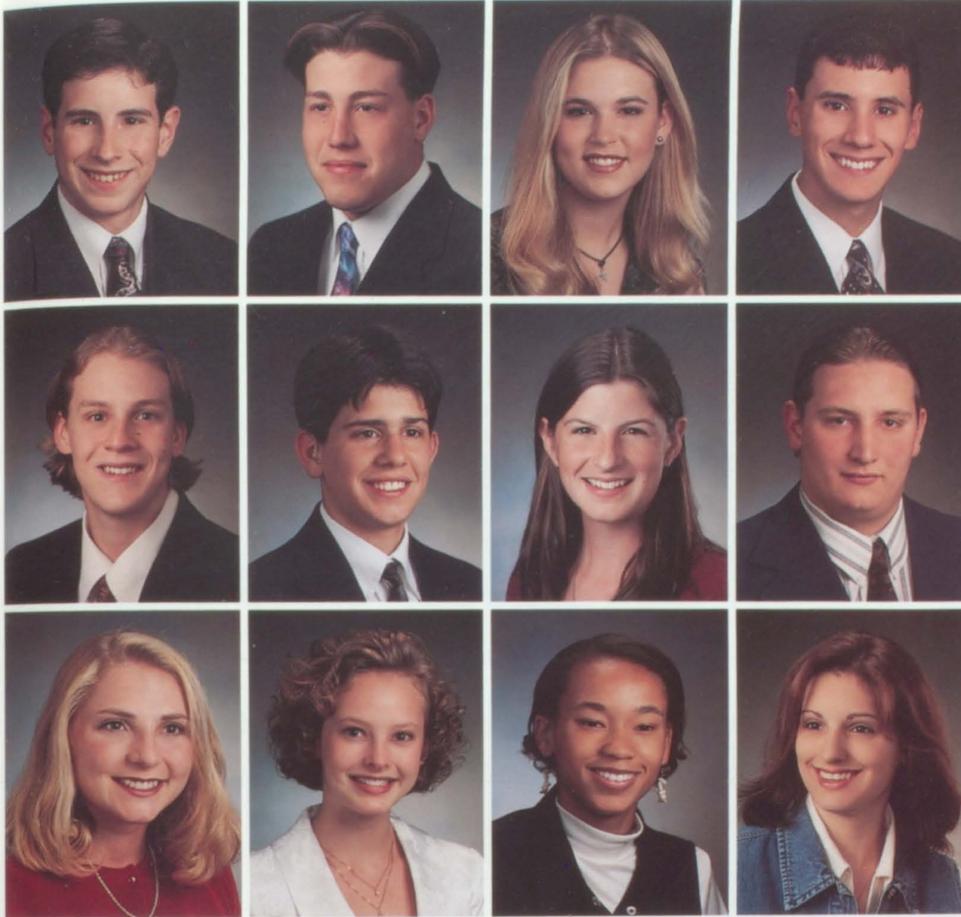
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 Jennifer Amy-Ellen Jackson
 Kenneth James Janik
 Cheryl Noel Jennings
 Laurel Brooke Johnson
 Tiffanie Ann Johnson
 Lauren Leigh Keel

Getting

Ahead

*Upperclassmen check out the college scene
 and earn credit through the
 Post Secondary Enrollment Options program*

Many students have taken advantage of the Post Secondary Enrollment Options program that enables high school juniors and seniors to attend college, obtaining college and high school credit simultaneously. Lakeland, Cleveland State, Tri-C and CWRU offered higher learning to the younger-than-usual.

Julia Fishzon and Oleg Kogan studied at Cleveland State University. Julia does not recommend the Physics class that they dropped after day one. She described the professor, "He looked like a unabomber; never take Professor Woods. Ask him a question, and he'll ignore you." Nonetheless, she said that she did

enjoy her other classes and rated them equivalent to the high school honors classes to which she was accustomed, except more reading was required in addition to extra research papers.

Kim Pockmire left school at 1 p.m. and traveled to Lakeland where she studied computer graphics. Her classes averaged fewer than ten people, and she described her classmates as "mostly older and 'Moms.'" The advertising agency where Kim was seeking employment motivated her to gain computer layout and design skills.

Julia encouraged others, "Post Secondary Enrollment is worthwhile. It gives you a break from high school."



While only a few students took advantage of this program this year, in the future more might see this as an opportunity to save time and money and meet a new challenge
 by Catherine Craine

Leaving Mayfield after fifth period, Oleg Kogan and Julia Fishzon hop into the car to drive downtown to Cleveland State to continue their school day. In the first and second quarters there, they took Government and Comparative Politics and Psychology 101.

Tanaz Parvez Khambatta
 Jamie Elizabeth Kirk
 Danielle Michelle Koshy
 David Alexander Kostreba, Jr.



Regina Maria Kowalski
 Mark Alan Kramer
 Marina Stefani Kumala
 Lisa Marie Kusa

Remembering
Brian

No love, no friendship can cross the path of our destiny without leaving some mark on it forever.
 - Francois Mauriac



At his eighteenth birthday party on December 18, Paul Grinberg, Mrs. Cindy LaConte, Richie DiFranco, Brie Guist, and Carla Schneider present a banner to Brian Khoury. This banner, in addition to several others, was signed by students and staff while Brian spent time at home and at the hospital due to his illness.

Early each morning, near the bookstore, he sat in his wheelchair. He had a bag full of books and supplies slung over the back of the chair. He had dark hair, smoothed down near his head; his head was bent down and his hands lay still on the board above his lap.

As a student, Brian Simon Khoury would spend hours on homework, making sure that he completely understood the information. To

Brian, this was the only way of doing the work, for education was of the utmost importance to him. He was sixth in his class of 304 and a National Merit Commended Scholar.

At the age of three, Brian was diagnosed with Duchenne's Muscular Dystrophy (DMD). This genetic muscular disorder occurs in 1/10,000 boys and affects the pelvic and leg muscles.

Eventually people with Duchenne's are unable to walk and may suffer from chest infection and heart disorders due to progressively weakening muscles. There is no treatment or cure for DMD, and most patients do not live into their twenties.

Carla Schneider remembered, "The time before Brian had a wheelchair, in first and second grade, he ran around and jumped and did the same things everyone else did."

Katie Mathay remembered

Brian as "an amazing intellectual as well as a caring friend," while Pat

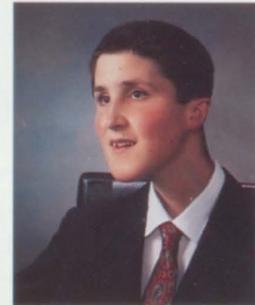
Ward said that "Brian Khoury never let me down; he pushed me to excel in all I do. He exemplified the true meaning of the word 'friend.' He left wonderful imprints [in my life and memories] never to be washed away, forever changing me for the better."

Mike Dubinsky said, "Whenever

spoke to him, he always answered with pleasure and a smile on his face. And that is how I will always remember him -- happy."

Richie DiFranco said, "We must remember him not as we saw him last, but how we knew him as a kid, just one of the gang. That's how he would want it. He never wanted anything more than just to be accepted. I hope he knows that he was."

by Chris Cho and Jon Khoury



Brian Simon Khoury
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Christopher Michael Laity
 Dominic Ralph Lanzara
 Rachel Marie Large
 Michael Joseph LaRich



Michael Charles Lauro
 David Nicholas Lehman
 Joseph Charles Leibin
 David Edmond Leslie



Lee Ryan Levine
 Margaret Grace Lewis
 Nicholas Martin Lewis
 John Kene Lin



Henry Dao-Hung Liu
 Melissa Rosina Loconti
 Emily Ann Loomis
 Patrick George Lynch



James Edward Madge
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Tiffany Marie Munnings

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Elizabeth Erin Myslenski



Emily Lynn Naft

Beth Robyn Nudelman

Jeffrey Lee Obolnar

Jeffery Ian O'Keefe



Christina Ann Olivo

Inga Olsen

Michael Patrick O'Neill

Amber Marie O'Rourke



Tara Ann Palmisano

Robert William Paros

Garrett William Patty

Robyn Elizabeth Pazicni



Wishful

Thinking

Honesty might not be the best policy when it comes to graduation presents, but it would make things simpler

Shiny wrapping paper covered the package. The gift wrap was ripped off, and the lid was lifted off as inquisitive eyes peered inside. Disbelief and disappointment hit as an ugly gift was pulled out of the box. Almost every senior faced this problem around graduation. For this reason, several seniors wished they could have told others what they really wanted for a present.

Some seniors were practical. John Lin said, "I would like a set of really nice socks because I love socks." Craig Cencer said, "A car would be the perfect gift...so I could cruise around in it all summer."

A computer would be the per-

fect graduation gift for Danielle Vespucci. "This gift would be perfect because I would be able to do all of my college work on it and also keep in touch with past classmates through the internet," she explained.

Other seniors, however, were wishful thinkers. Maria Ruppe wanted an "all-expense-paid trip to Sydney, Australia" so she could "see the city and the barrier reef." Vetus Syracuse said, "I'd want my own TVshow and a live concert by the Wu-Tang Clan."

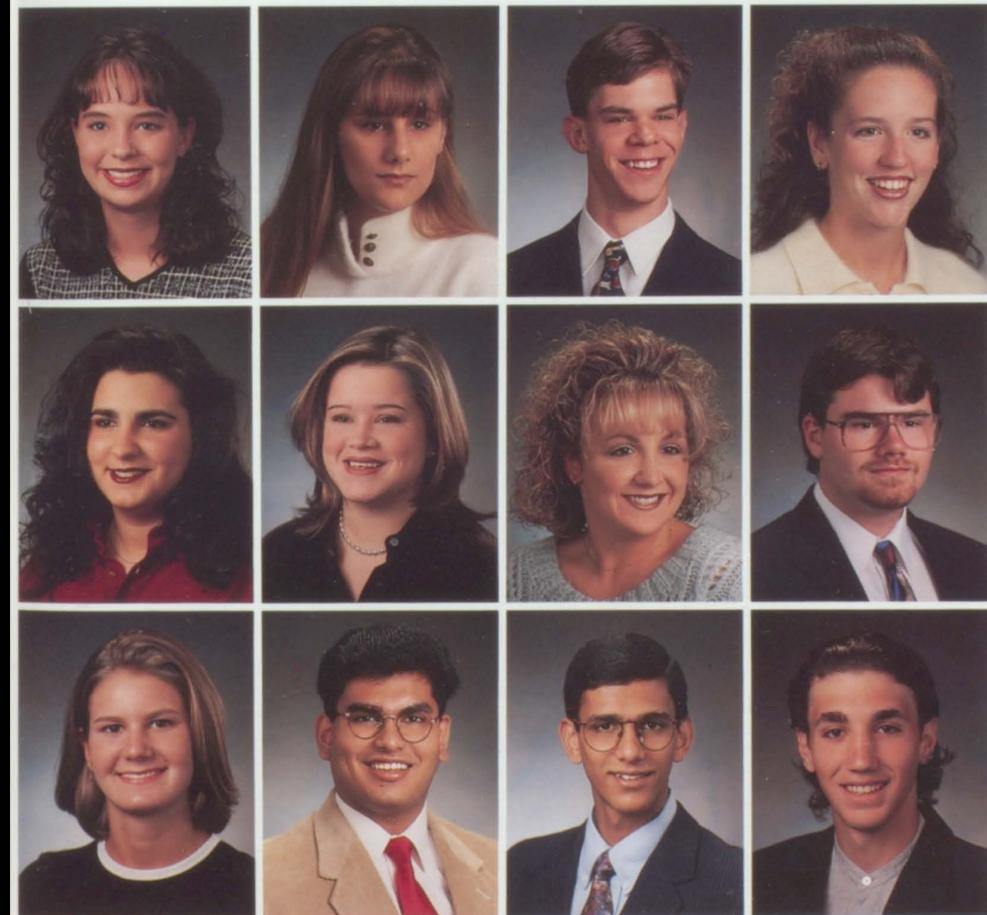
Although several seniors wanted material presents, a few would like intangible gifts. Christine Cho said she would like a hope for her future, while Mark Kramer



wanted peace. Every senior, however, would graduate with a gift that would last forever...a high school diploma.

by Danielle Koshy

At the Marshall Ford car dealership on Mayfield Road, Jennifer Brooks explores the inside of a new truck. She said, "My parents were thinking of buying me a truck for a graduation present, so I began shopping around, looking for something sporty."



- Melanie Diane Pearn
- Carrie Ann Pece
- Christopher Scott Pecjak
- Kristen Rae Perlberg
- Tiffini Renee Peters
- Aleigh Christine Phillips
- Toni Leann Pietrondi
- James Todd Pinkerman
- Kimberly Beth Pockmire
- Rahul Santosh Podar
- Rohan Santosh Podar
- Salvatore Polo

Animated Buddies

Remember the Saturday mornings when it was great just to sit in front of the TV in pajamas watching cartoons?



Looking for a gift at The Disney Store in Beachwood Mall, B. J. Sommer checks out the stuffed animals from cartoons and animated features. His personal favorites on Saturday mornings when he was in elementary school were Spiderman and Mr. Freeze. "They were tough guys. They had superhuman strength!"

On Saturday mornings they would wake up at 6 a.m. and plop themselves in front of the television. There they would sit for hours watching their favorite cartoons. Al-

though, now, most seniors would prefer to sleep in on Saturday mornings, cartoons are still near and dear to the hearts of some.

A few seniors prefer the cartoons they grew up watching. Bartlett Bulkley, for example, would watch *Voltron* every morning before preschool. She said, "My favorite was Princess because she was the only girl among the five main characters."

The Smurfs entertained Ellen Balzano as a child. She said she particularly liked "any episode where Brainy ended up next to the tree with his glasses falling off his head because he said something stupid."

Danielle Vespucci said, "My favorite cartoon was the *Flintstones*.

Wilma and Fred had such a great relationship; Wilma always put up with Fred."

Other seniors, by contrast, prefer newer cartoons. Melanie Pearn enjoys watching *Rugrats*. She said, "It's a really cute cartoon with great storylines and wonderful animation."

Josh Wilkenfeld said, "I like *Beavis and Butthead*. They're like cool and stuff." Katie Mathay said she likes *Animaniacs* because the characters "are hilarious. They always keep me laughing."

Old favorites or new friends animated characters will remain in the hearts of several seniors, whether they watched them at age eight or eighteen.

by Danielle Koshy

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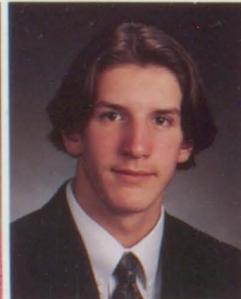
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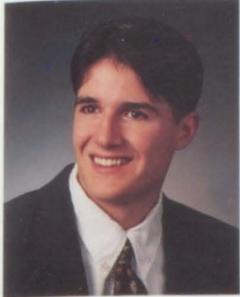
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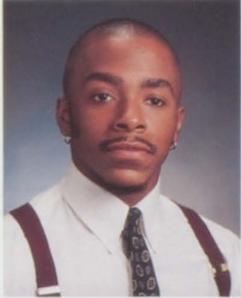




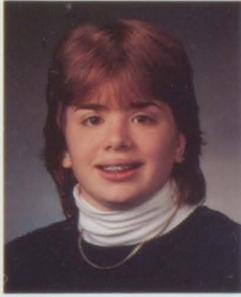
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 Nicole Marie Rucci
 Thomas Joseph Rudar III
 Maria Elisabeth Ruppe



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 Travis LaMar Ryan
 Daniel Jacob Saks
 Carla Germaine Schneider



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 Amy Lynne Schumacher
 Kate Suzanne Schumacher
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Nicole Marie Scotese
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Julie Elizabeth Skala
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 Daniel Roy Sprenger



Lindsay Ann Srp
 Peter Joseph Stella
 Teresa Stella
 Jeremy Scott Strickland



Frank Michael Stupczy, Jr.
 Vetus Syracuse
 Michael Joseph Tabor
 Jennie Susan Tate



Ryan Patrick Telzrow
 Timothy Francis Telzrow, Jr.
 Russell Paul Terrill
 James Richard Thomas, Jr.



Michael Anthony Tomaro
 Patrick Joseph Tomaselli
 Stephen James Tomaselli
 Lisa Ruth Tracht



Linda Noëlle Turk
 Donald Maurice Turner II
 Joanna Valore
 Bernard Vaysenberg





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 Laura Gail Vercellino
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 Gina Marie Vincelli
 Jennifer Eileen Vitantonio
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 Rachel Marie Bevins
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 Boris Robert Elin
 Anna Borisovna Grinberg
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Konstantin Il'ich Ivakin
 Daniel Paul Kaplan
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 Michael Paul McHale
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 Michelle Diane Murphy
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 Andrey Il'ich Shuster
 David Michael Sleas
 Michael Kane Sloan
 Sam Mark Sokolovsky
 Bradford John Sommer
 Nicole Thornton
 Yelena Gennad'yevna Tselenchuk
 Enid Inna Zarkhin

Mrs. Vickie Adamus - Hearing Impaired; Reading, English, Social Studies, Resource, Physical Science Lab; Faculty Senate. **Ms. Ruth Adell** - Tutor; Learning Disabilities. **Mrs. Barbara Ancell** - 8 Science, Environmental Science. **Mrs. Sonja Arnold** - Functions/Statistics/Trigonometry, Algebra 1 3-S, Algebra 2; Tutor; Math Intervention. **Mrs. Joyce Barna** - Instructional Assistant.



Mrs. Diana Beebe - 8 Art, Art 1, Art 3; Adviser: *Mayfielder* yearbook. **Mr. Ed Beck** - Introduction to Social Science, World History, World History Connections; Adviser: Junior Council on World Affairs. **Mr. Dennis Blue** - Technical Education Guidance Counselor. **Mr. Jeff Booth** - 10 Health, Current Health Issues. **Miss Rose Marie Brignelli** - English 2, English 2 Connections, English 4; Adviser: National Honor Society.



Mr. Sam Cala - 8-10 Guidance Counselor; Assistant Coach: Freshman Football; Assistant Coach: Tennis. **Mrs. Polly Canfield** - Environmental Science, Biology Lab Connections; Coach: Freshman Girls' Basketball, JV Volleyball; Faculty Senate. **Mrs. Laura Capello** - Art 1, Advanced Art 1; Adviser: Cat's Cabinet. **Mrs. Barb Catalano** - Library Assistant; Adviser: 7-8 Drama. **Mr. Al Cipelletti** - 8-9 Guidance Counselor; Adviser: Student Leadership Council.



Mrs. Carol Coghill - Library Assistant. **Miss Gina Corio** - Hearing Impaired; Math, English 2, Introduction to Social Science, Science; Coach: Winter 8 Cheerleading; Students' Chairperson: United Way Committee. **Mrs. Marcia Cornelius** - 8 Reading, Developmental Reading, Reading Intervention, English 2, Yearbook; Adviser: *Mayfielder* yearbook. **Mrs. Judy Cosenza** - Instructional Assistant. **Mr. Michael Crowe** - 9-10 Physical Education, Accounting 1, Business Law 1, Business Management; Coach: Varsity Boys' Basketball; Assistant Coach: 8 Football.



Mr. Jim Dasher - Athletic Director. **Mrs. Debbie Davis** - Noon Aide. **Mrs. Janet Dimmock** - Computer Applications 1, Word Processing 1, Business Administrative Services II; Adviser: Business Professionals of America. **Mrs. Betty Dwyer** - Technical Education Attendance Secretary. **Mr. David Eastman** - Physical Science Lab Connections, 8 Science; Chairman: Science Department.



Mrs. Karen Evenchik - 8 Algebra, Algebra/Geometry, Algebra 2. **Mrs. Conchy Fajardo-Hopkins** - 8 Spanish, Spanish 4 Honors, Spanish 5 AP, Academic Decathlon. **Mr. Wayne Farinacci** - Associate Principal for Curriculum; Member: National Vocational/Technical Honor Society; President: Alumni Association; Member: Connections Team. **Mrs. Marty Fedor** - 8 German, German 1, German 3, German 4 Honors. **Mrs. Patti Ferris** - Job Placement Officer.



Ms. Carrie Flaherty - 8 Algebra 3-S, Algebra 2 Connections; Coach: Freshman Cheerleading; Faculty Senate. **Mrs. Donna Fronck** - Computer Applications 1, IBM Computer Applications, Business Administrative Services 1, English 3 (BAS). **Mr. Paul Gadke** - 8 Reading, 8 English, English 4 NCB; Ticket Manager; Coach: Varsity Boys' Track. **Miss Anna Garris** - 10-12 Guidance Counselor; Chairman: Guidance Department; Local Scholarships; Coordinator: AP Testing. **Mrs. Sue Giannelli** - Vocational Special Education Coordinator.





Mrs. Anna Gibas - 8 English, English 1, English 2.
 Mr. Richard Glove - Pre-Calculus/Discrete Math Honors, Applied Algebra 2, Computer Science AP; Chairman: Mathematics Department. Mr. Ray Goe - Director of Media Services. Mrs. Ellen Graham - Library Assistant. Mr. Jim Harris - English 4, English 4 AP, Composition Intervention; Chairman: English Department; Coach: 7-8 Boys' and Girls' Cross Country, JV Boys' Track.

Mr. Richard Hazelton - 8 Spanish, Spanish 1, Spanish 3. Mrs. Candi Hazelwood - Assistant Principal. Mrs. Virginia Hosack - 8-9 Office Secretary. Mrs. Mary Kay Jindra - English 2 Honors, English 4, English 4 MT; Faculty Senate. Mr. Bruce Jurgovan - Physical Science Lab, Physics, Physics Honors.

Dealing with Stress

Chocolate, exercise, and positive thinking offer solutions to stress of careers and personal lives of staff members

Students often complain about all the stress that teachers create in teenagers, but they don't often think that those same teachers have stress in their own lives.

Some staff members said a lot of their stress was caused by too little time and too much work. Science teacher Mr. Jeff Moegling said that he felt stressed out the most at school because of "lack of time. It's the only place I'm on a real time schedule and don't have control of how I spend it."

Students created some of the stress in their teachers' lives. Mr. Ed Beck, Social Studies, said, "Seeing capable students choose to fail in class causes a great deal of stress and frustration." Mrs. Jean Puleo, Science, agreed, "The frustration from kids not trying causes me stress."

Not all pressure occurs at work. Ms. Mary Ann Muccio, Social Studies, said that she does not get stressed very often, except when it comes to golf. Her tension comes "when I miss a four-foot putt, shank a chip or if I dub a drive."

What is stressful cannot always

be controlled, but how a person deals with that stress can. Ms. Carrie Flaherty, Math, said that she tries to relieve stress by "eating ice cream, M&Ms, and Mexican food." She added, "I also like to talk about my stress, especially with other teachers who feel the same way." Mr. Joe Nidy, Math, said that he tries "to exercise, put things in perspective, and make a list of things that need to be done."

Mrs. Nancy Bird, data processing coordinator, said that her stress comes from "meeting deadlines and trying to juggle priorities in different tasks. Also," she laughed, "being a workaholic and trying to get a personal life provides a little stress. But my cats are my stress-relievers. They don't talk back, and they don't need any reports written!"

The job also created pressure for Mrs. Toni Shoda, secretary in the 10-12 office. She said that she gets stressed "when 20 people all want something at the same time and when I can never complete a project without interruptions." Her solutions? "I try to remain as positive as I can, I



take one day at a time, and, I hate to say it, chocolate."

Mr. David Eastman, Science, concluded, "Many times lack of planning, communication, courtsey, work ethic, etc. on the part of others can contribute to a person's stress. If everyone worked together for the common good, the world would be a happy place."

by Janine Ziernicki

Finishing his three-mile walk before school, Mr. Tom Lodge heads toward the field house to conclude his morning exercise with a few laps in the pool. Mr. Lodge works out every morning starting at 6 a.m. for both fitness and stress management. "If I don't work out, I'll look like a blimp. I like to eat too much!" He said that he walked for 30 to 45 minutes a day and swam for 15 to 30 minutes.

Mrs. Debbie Kall - Cosmetology 1 Lab, Cosmetology 1 Related, English 3 (Cos); Faculty Senate; Adviser: Vocational/Industrial Clubs of America. **Mrs. Heidi Kaminicki** - Beginning Speech, Drama, Reading Intervention; Adviser: Mayfield Players; Assistant Adviser: Academic Decathlon; Director: Fall/Spring Productions. **Mrs. Cindy LaConte** - Instructional Assistant. **Mr. Terry Lardell** - French 1, Spanish 2; Chairman: Foreign Language Department. **Mrs. Beverly Layton** - Italian 2.



Mr. Tom Lodge - 8 Construction, Cabinetry, Introduction to Engineering, Photography 1, Photography 2, Drafting; Chairman: Industrial Arts Department. **Mr. Robert Lombardo** - Principal; Faculty Senate. **Miss Kelly Lynch** - Targeting Your Career, Computer Applications 1, Personal Business Skills; Coach: Freshman Softball. **Ms. Micki Mackin** - 8 Art, Adapted Art, Art 2. **Mrs. Jane Martin** - Special Education: English, Computer Applications, Science, Social Studies, Math; Chairman: Special Education Department.



Mrs. Linda Maschke - School-to-Work Assistant. **Mrs. Diane Mastrobuono** - Math Intervention, Functions/Statistics/Trigonometry, Functions/Statistics/Trigonometry Honors, Statistics. **Mrs. Fran Mayer** - English 3 LC, English 3. **Mrs. Nancy McCracken** - Secretary. **Mrs. Carol McCreary** - Computer Assistant.



Mrs. Kris McFee - Tutor: Learning Disabilities. **Mrs. Kara McNally** - 8 American History, English 2; Adviser: Student Council (9-12). **Mr. Sean McNamara** - 8 English Accelerated, English 1; Coach: Varsity Girls' Soccer. **Mr. Gary Meglich** - 8 Physical Education. **Mrs. Maryanne Messina** - Cosmetology 2 Lab, Cosmetology 2 Related, English 4 (Cos); Adviser: Vocational/Industrial Clubs of America.



Mrs. Sharon Miller - 8 Science, Princ. of Tech 1 (AT), Princ. of Tech 1 (ER), Princ. of Tech 2 (ER); Assistant Coach: Varsity Boys' and Girls' Swimming. **Ms. Lynne Milyo** - Hearing Impaired: Math, Geometry, Social Studies, Computer Applications Adj., Resource; Conflict Management Committee. **Mrs. Carmela Mitra** - Spanish 2, Italian 2, Italian 3, Italian 4 Honors. **Mr. Jeff Moegling** - Biology 2, Environmental Science Connections, Biology Lab Connections, Biology Lab. **Ms. Mary Ann Muccio** - Citizenship Intervention, Introduction to Social Sciences Honors, Comp. Psychology Tutor, Psychology.



Mrs. Tricia Munson - Biology Lab Honors, Environmental Science, Biology Lab; Adviser: Catettes, Flag Corps. **Mr. Jim Nally** - 9-10 Physical Education, 10 Health; Coach: Freshman Boys' Basketball; Assistant Coach: Varsity Baseball, Football. **Ms. Darlene Nelson** - French 1, French 2, French 3, French 5 AP. **Mrs. Arlene Nicastro** - Exclusion Room Supervisor. **Mr. Joe Nidy** - 8 Algebra, Math Intervention, Functions/Statistics/Trigonometry, Pre Calculus, Discrete Math; Assistant Coach: Football.



Mr. Mike Niland - Applied Algebra 2, Applied Trigonometry & Pre Calculus, Pre-Calculus, Calculus BC AP. **Mrs. Jan Okeson** - Geometry Connections, Algebra/Geometry, Algebra/Geometry Connections, Consumer Math. **Mrs. Barb Orlandi** - Technical Education Secretary; Faculty Senate; Member: National Vocational/Technical Honor Society; Director's Scholarship Committee. **Mr. Ray Paglio** - 8 American History Accelerated, U.S. History; Coach: Varsity Football. **Mr. Steve Peck** - English 1 Connections, English 3, English 3 (MT); Assistant Coach: Varsity Girls' Soccer, Official Scorer: Varsity and JV Boys' Basketball.





Mrs. B. J. Penrod - German 2. **Mr. Larry Pinto** - 9-10 Physical Education, 11-12 Physical Education, Swim Instructor, Special Ed. Swimming; Coach: Varsity Football, Off-season Football, Strength and Conditioning. **Mr. Joe Popelka** - English 1 Connections, English 2 LC. **Mrs. Jean Puleo** - Biology Lab, Biology AP, Bio-Chemistry 1 (MT), Bio-Chemistry 2 (MT); Stage Director of Musical. **Mr. Ed Quattro** - Career Development Supervisor.

Mrs. Judy Radosky - Learning Disabilities: 8 Science, 9-12 Science, 9-12 Reading, Learning Center SC. **Mr. Don Ramer** - Learning Disabilities: 9-12 English, Learning Center SC; Coach: Varsity Softball. **Ms. Marcia Reeder** - Career Development Assistant. **Mr. Michael Rish** - 8 Science, Physical Science Lab; Assistant Coach: Freshman Football, Boys' Track, Girls' Track. **Mrs. Pat Rivituso** - Principal's Secretary.

Selecting an **Alternative**

They might be nurses, ministers, or architects if life had been different

What might people from the staff do if they were not working in their present careers as teachers or support staff?

Some staff members would remain in a profession in which they could help the general public. Mrs. Karen Mueller, gifted intervention coordinator, said, "I would be some kind of a social worker or a counselor because I enjoy solving problems."

Mrs. Catherine Meyer, English, also would like to be a social worker. She added, "I would be good at the job because I am good at assessing a situation. I like to figure out problems and then try to resolve them."

Also remaining in a service-oriented career would be English teacher Ms. Deborah Woods. "I would like to be a nurse because I think it is a lot like teaching where one can make a difference in a person's life."

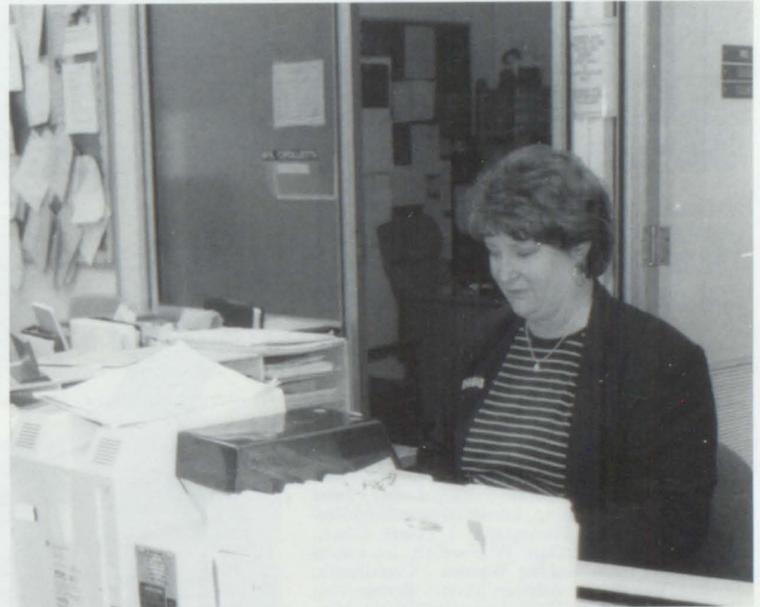
Foreign language teacher Mr. Jerry Turk said, "I guess I would be a minister because the Lord is very important to me. But even if I were given a chance to change careers today, I would not because I like being

a teacher and am fully content."

Some teachers would look at professions related to their subject. Mrs. Diane Mastrobuono, Math, said, "I would like to be an architect. I think it would be a cool blend of math and art; there is a great deal of creativity involved which I like."

If others would make a change, it would be a major one. Mr. Ron Werman, Math, said, "I would like to be a photographer because I like photography, composing a picture, and I take good pictures." Mr. Richard Glove, Math, said, "I would like to be a meteorologist because I absolutely find it fascinating, and it is an excellent field to work in."

One who has a chance to actively pursue another interest was Mrs. Marge Spanulo, 10-12 office secretary, who retired late in January. She said, "I find politics exciting. I love debates and am currently the president of the Democratic Club at Mayfield and a member of the Executive Democratic Committee of Cuyahoga County." Now that she is retiring, she said, she might volunteer to work on the campaign of some-



one running for a political office.

In today's world many people spend their working years in more than one profession, and while not everyone does switch, staff members do have some of their own "would'ves, could'ves or should'ves."

by Amee Desai

At work in the 8-9 office, secretary Mrs. Virginia Hosack files transcripts of students newly enrolled into the school. She said, "If I would have to choose something other than what I am doing now, I think I would like to go into business where I have shorter hours and get a bigger paycheck."

Mrs. Cynthia Rowan - 11-12 Physical Education; Building Facilitator. **Mrs. Val Rudar** - Parent Mentor. **Ms. Sandi Russ** - Geometry, Advanced Algebra 3-S. **Ms. Michelle Russell** - Tutor: Learning Disabilities. **Mr. Joseph Santora** - Geometry 3-S, College Prep Math; Adviser: Sophomore Class; Coach: Varsity Baseball.



Mrs. Toni Shoda - 10-12 Office Secretary. **Mr. Stan Siedlecki** - Creative Writing, English 3 Honors, English 4; Adviser: *Voices*. **Mrs. Mary Ellen Simecek** - Job Training Coordinator. **Mrs. Cindy Six** - Business Law 1, Business Law 2, Computer Applications 1, Computer Applications 2, IBM Computer Applications; Adviser: Senior Class, Mock Trial; Chairman: Business Education Department; Building Facilitator. **Mrs. Kathleen Six** - Hearing Impaired Office Secretary.



Mr. Robert Sleeman - Librarian; Coach: 7-8 Girls' Tennis; Faculty Senate. **Mrs. Maryellen Smith** - Beginning Speech, English 1 Honors, English 4 LC. **Mrs. Jean Sontag** - 8 Health, English 3 (MT), Bio-Chemistry 1 (MT), Med Tech 1 Lab, Med Tech 1 Related; Coordinator: Bloodmobiles. **Mrs. Adrienne Stanley** - Hearing Impaired; English, Voc. Resource, Resource; Coordinator: Secondary Hearing Impaired Program. **Ms. Marilou Stevens** - Switchboard Attendant.



Mr. Michael Styrk - Instructional Assistant. **Mrs. Karyn Wehagen-Sulzer** - 8 Home Economics, Adapted Home Economics, On Your Own, Family Living, Chefery, Parenting & Child Development, Independent Living. **Mr. Fred Taylor** - School-to-Work Director. **Mrs. Kim Thompson** - Functions/Statistics/Trigonometry, Algebra 1 3-S, Algebra 2; Coach: Varsity Gymnastics. **Mrs. Diana Tirpak** - Nurse.



Mr. David Todt - American Government, Geography; Coach: Varsity Girls' Cross Country, Varsity Girls' Track; Faculty Senate. **Mrs. Ronna Treinish** - Hearing Impaired; Math, English, Social Studies, Reading, Personal Business Skills. **Mr. Jerry Turk** - Spanish 1, Spanish 2, Spanish 3; Assistant Director: Marching Band. **Mrs. Eileen Vehar** - 8 Algebra, Algebra/Geometry, Algebra/Geometry Connections, Geometry Connections; Adviser: Junior Class. **Mrs. Kay Vincent** - Career Development Secretary.



Mrs. Pat Wagar - Chefery, Chefery 2, Food & Fitness, International Flavor; Faculty Senate. **Mr. Chuck Walukas** - Assistant Principal. **Mr. Tony Ware** - 8 Manufacturing, Introduction to Engineering, Manufacturing, Photography 1, Power; Coach: Varsity Girls' Basketball, JV Football, Intramural Basketball. **Mrs. Bobbie Watson** - Coordinator: Student Volunteers; Adviser: People Recognizing Individual Differences Enthusiastically (PRIDE). **Mrs. Shawn Weil** - Learning Disabilities: 8 English, 8 Social Studies, 8 Health, 9-12 Health, 8 Learning Center SC.



Mrs. Sue A. Weir - Tutor: Learning Disabilities. **Mr. Ronald Werman** - Algebra 1, Algebra 2 Honors, Computer Programming 1, Computer Programming 2; Adviser: Key Club. **Mrs. Pat Williams** - Noon Aide. **Miss Kim Zucker** - Tutor: Learning Disabilities; Coach: 7 Volleyball.



Absolutely

Crazy

That mild-manner teacher turns into a crazy psycho right in front of the class, and students wonder, 'What just happened?'

Normal. That was how everything looked. And then, for some unknown reason, the teacher in front of the classroom or the secretary behind the counter or the librarian behind the desk went crazy. Totally insane. What happened?

To the students involved, it may have appeared that there was no reason for this insanity, but ask the adult and it was a different story. What drove them crazy?

Mrs. Conchy Fajardo-Hopkins, Foreign Language, said that what pushed her over the edge was when students said, "Señora, we have other classes besides this one" or its variation, "I couldn't do your essay because I had an English paper due."

English teachers weren't exempt from excuses. Mr. Steve Peck said that certain ones tended to make him see red. "I went to a concert last night ('And you know it was a week night and the concert wasn't at Severence Hall!' Mr. Peck said) and I didn't have time to study."

Speech teacher Mrs. Heidi Kaminicki said that she hated it when

students said "with the biggest whiny voice, 'You expect too much from us!'"

When students were sent to the office by a teacher, Mrs. Virginia Hosack, secretary in the 8-9 office, found it difficult to remain calm when they said to her, "Swear to God. I didn't do anything."

Students often showed up at the guidance office without an appointment. That could drive a counselor crazy, but what bothered counselor Mr. Dennis Rash was their excuse. "I would tell them, 'I would like to counsel you, but you're in class now.' The students' response was 'It's okay, we're not doing anything today.'"

Mrs. Carol Coghill, library assistant, said that it drove her crazy when students asked, "Can I borrow a kleenex?" ("I don't want it back") Mrs. Barb Catalano, also a library assistant, was annoyed when students claimed that they brought an overdue book back, and then, later, showed up with it and told her, "Oh, look what I found in my locker!"

Tech. Ed. teacher Mr. Richard Dimmock developed standard an-



swers to what students said. When they asked him, "Why did I get a D in here?" he answered, "Just lucky, I guess." Or when they told him, "Hey, I don't care if I fail!" he told them, "Well, as I always say, when you find a grade you like, stay in it."

Going over directions for a quiz, Mr. Dick Hazelton helps Ashley Phillips with a make-up quiz for her Spanish I class. While he said that Ashley made up work promptly, procrastinators could drive teachers crazy. Mr. Hazelton's advice to his classes was "Don't forget to make up those quizzes the day after you return from an illness."

Dr. David C. Abbott - Superintendent. **Mrs. Sharon L. D'Angelo** - School Board President. **Mrs. Amy R. Feran** - School Board. **Mrs. Janice G. Marquardt** - School Board. **Mrs. Elaine A. Pockmire** - School Board Vice-president.



Mr. Paul M. Sabatino - School Board.



business

pay your
own way

it is said that money makes the world go around, and there is **no way around it**. If that is true then Mayfield must be going around pretty fast. London Fog, Longhorn Steakhouse, Bath and Body Works, and Zany Brainy all opened their doors to Mayfield shoppers. Besides new businesses in town, some old ones got a lift as Beachwood Place



in the atrium of the Progressive building, the Jazz Ensemble plays at the Celebration of Community, held to promote the relationship among business, community, and education. There is **no way around it:** without community and business help, the school system just wouldn't be the same.

was remodeled, Builders Square turned into Builders Square II, and Cantina Del Rio became Rio Bravo. Students who had to pay their own way got some financial help as Congress passed a bill that raised minimum wage from \$4.25/hour to \$4.85/hour. Many consumers found that there was **no way around it:** Tickle Me Elmo, Nintendo 64, and Beanie Babies were tough to find. So in the world of supply and demand, Mayfield businesses will build it, if you're ready to spend it.

by michael hatchadorian

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Chris Ragone

You've always made me so proud. Congratulations!
Love you,
Mom

Lisa R. Tracht

You have matured and grown up. We are very proud of you. May your hopes and admirations come true.
Love you very much,
Mom & Lori

Jonathan E. Goetz

Congratulations. Continue to work hard, have fun. Success will follow.

Love you,
Mom, Grandma, Kramers, Goetzes,
Wendy, Amy, Tamara, Brianne and Marvin

Kimberly Ahlegian



You are and always will be most precious to us. May all your dreams come true. Good luck at college! We love you and couldn't be more proud!

Love,
Mom & Dad

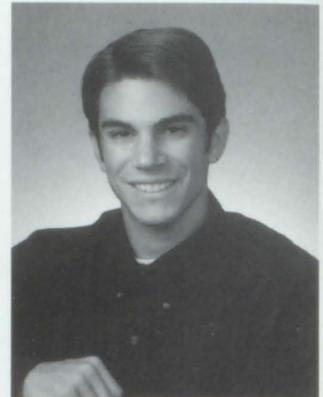
Vetus Syracuse

Congratulations, Vetus.
We are very proud of you and your achievements.

You have a wonderful future ahead of you.

We love you and wish you success and happiness.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Vicki



Beth Nudelman



May all your dreams come true and your life be filled with happiness and love.

Remember,

"We'll love you forever,
We'll like you for always,
As long as we're living
Our baby you'll be."

Mom and Dad

Julie Rose Elizabeth Fragomeni

Darling Julie,

You're such a special gift God gave us three times. You are "our one hand, one heart and one life."

We know how truly blessed we are having a daughter like you.

Thank you for such wonderful memories... years of happiness, sadness, surprises, prayer and true courage... seventeen years of love.

We are so proud of the unselfish, caring, compassionate young lady you have become. Your beauty is both inside and out.

As you are ready to search for your "corner of the sky," we know you will succeed in whatever you choose to do.

May all your dreams come true and may the "butterfly of happiness" come and sit softly on your shoulder.

We love you with all of our hearts.

Love,

Your very proud mom, dad and brother



Michael Tabor



Michael,

The memories of your football days will always be cherished. Good luck in all you do.

Congratulations!

Love,

Mom, Dad and Rocky

Russell Colello

We are so proud of you, & we love you very much. We wish you the best at college, & we see a cruise in your future!

Love,

Mom, Dad & Brianna

Gina Vincelli

Be proud of your many accomplishments. We wish you the best of health, happiness and success in your future. With love and great pride we congratulate you.

Love,

Mom, Dad and Carmen

Carrie Pece



May your ceilings always be high and your visibility unlimited. We wish you the best life has to offer. We are very proud.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
and Michelle

Aimee Puin



Aimee,
With pride for all you are, with hope for all you will be, and with love...
For always-

Love,
Your family

Joe Corrao



"Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow where they lead."

-Louisa May Alcott

All our love and hopes of a bright future to you, Joe.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Elisa

Randala Chalhoub

Congratulations. We wish you all the very best luck in the years ahead. May all your dreams come true. Our princess has grown up.

Love, Dad, Mom, & Ronnie.

Dan Sprenger

Congratulations!

We are very proud of you, wish you the best of everything and will always support you! We love you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Mike and Katie

Amber O'Rourke

Follow all your dreams and reach for the star. We're very proud of you and your accomplishments.

Love,
Mom & Dad & Jim

Jeff Austin



As you begin your new venture, always remember it is your attitude more than anything else that will determine your success!

With all our love,
Ma, Dad, and Nick

Cheryl Noel Jennings



CONGRATULATIONS, CHERIE!!

You have given us many reasons to be proud of you. We are proud of your achievements in school and your future in college. Don't forget we love you and will always be here for you.

Love,
Dad and Mom
Jim and Maria

Oh yes, "Thanks for the memories, Mayfield."

Uncle Bob '60

Dad '65

Mom '67

Uncle Carl Goetz '73

Jim Jr. '90

Michelle '92

Amanda Skyrn

Congratulations!
We are very proud of you. We wish you
the best of luck in the pursuit of your dreams.
Always enjoy life.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Dee Dee

Mandee Fitzmaurice

Congratulations!

Aim for the stars and follow your
dreams.

Dad, Jean, Renee & Michelle

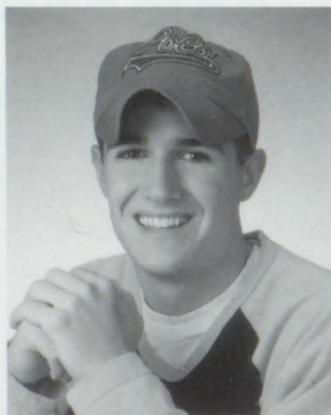
Joe DeMarco



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From your Tonkas to Bobcats
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Follow your dream and build your success.
We love you and are very proud of you.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Annette

Anthony Romano



Always a smile,
A twinkle in your eye.
You've been to "Paradise",
Now reach for the sky!

We love you & we're so proud of you,

Dad, Mom, Nicole, Torrey,
Papa, Gram, Aunt Toni,
Gram R., Aunt Annie & Roz

Robyn Pazicni



Congratulations to an extraordinary
young lady. May you always keep your sen-
sitivity, integrity, determination and positive
attitude. Reach for the stars and follow your
dreams.

Our love will be with you always.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Todd & Grandma

Stephanie Waggle



It seems like this picture was just taken yesterday. Time has gone by much too quickly, but we all know the best is yet to come. You've been such a great joy to us, and we wish you nothing but health & happiness always.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Matt

Jennifer Arndt

God has made our dream come true. He gave us the most wonderful daughter - that's you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Mark, Kevin & Grandma

Jason Fiorello

Congratulations! May you have a happy and successful future. Follow your dreams. You have made us all very proud.

Love, Your Family

Jessica Fairman

We knew the day you were born you would make us so proud- our beautiful little girl. You did!
We Love You! Mom & Dad

Mike Molnar

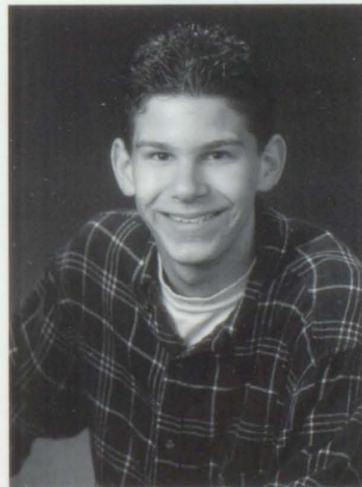
Mike,

Believe in your dreams and follow your heart. Work hard and success will surely follow.

Your charm, wit and understanding are true assets. You make me very proud to be your father.

Congratulations.

Love ya,
Pop



Dear Mike,

You are simply the best! Unique and special in so many ways. Loving, caring, funny, creative, charming, smart, sensible, the list is endless.

Be all that you want, because you can!

God bless you always.

Love,
Mom

Rachel Marie Large



Congratulations, Rachel.
We are so very proud of you. You have been a true blessing to all of us. Believe in yourself as we believe in you. May you receive as much happiness in life as you have given to us. May all your dreams and aspirations come true.

Keep that smile-

May God bless you now and always.



Love,
Mom, Gram, Terry, Helen,
John, Drew, Grant and Tyler

Christine Cho



The future belongs to those who have the power to believe in their dreams.

GO GET 'EM, CHRIS!

Your Family

Tom Rudar

Congratulations to a great son and excellent student. Best wishes for health and success.

I am very proud of you.

Love,
Dad

Pete Stella

Congratulations on your success, determination, and positive attitude in high school athletics, activities and academics. We are very proud of the fine young man you've become, and we know you'll continue your success at Bowling Green.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Andy

Melanie Pearn



We wish you all the happiness in the future that you have brought us in the past. Keep your goals set high and your dreams will all come true.

We love you, Princess!
Mom, Dad, Tommy and Grandma

Patrick Ward

Patrick, for all that you are and all you will be, we are truly blessed! Congratulations

All our love,
Dad, Mom, Amy, Jimmy, and Mike

Katie Mathay

Thank you for being our sunshine. May your life be filled with blessings and happiness. We are so proud of you!

All our love,
Mom, Dad, And Lisa

Gene D. Frazier

Work toward your dreams and success will follow! We are proud of you!

Love, Mom and Chris

Mike Somich

Congratulations, Mike!

We're all so very proud of you. A wonderful future is waiting just for you.

All our love,
Dad, Mom, Andy, Lori, Andrew, Elizabeth,
Hannah, Rick, Janet, Greg & Mark

Emily Naft

We are so proud of you! Your hard work has been rewarded with the wonderful future you have ahead of you! Good luck at Pitt!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Pepper and Tarra

Todd Pritchett



Dear Todd,

Where has the time gone? We are so proud of the young man you have become. College is just the beginning of the wonderful life you have ahead of you. Congratulations.

We love you.
Mom, Dad, Kevin, Doug, Nanny, and Poppa

Tanaz Khambatta Bartlett Bulkley



Tanaz and Bartlett -

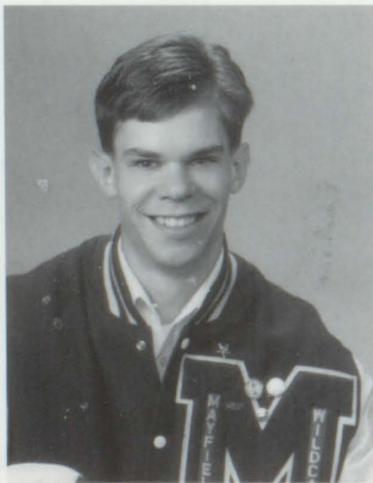
Although you have come to a fork in the road, we know that some day your paths will cross again. The only rose without a thorn is a friend.

Love and happiness always,

Your Parents



Christopher "Homey" Pecjak



Congratulations, Chris -- one of Mayfield's biggest sports fans!

It has been exciting to watch you become your own person with your own way of doing things. You have reached for the stars and touched them. We are all so very proud of you and your accomplishments!

We love you,
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and all your Aunts and Uncles and your Cousin

Ellen Balzano



El -

We are always here for you -
Remember who you are.
Congratulations.

Love,
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Tom, Janet & Maggie

Maria Ruppe



Congratulations, Maria!

We are so very proud of your accomplishments.

May the future bring you much happiness and success, and may the world treat you kindly.

With all our love and God's blessings,

Mom, Dad, Ralph, Linda,
Jeff and Stephanie

Kenneth Janik

Congratulations to a wonderful son. You have made us very proud. We love you!

Mom, Dad, Kim

Danielle Vespucci

You have made us so proud. May all your dreams come true. We wish you the best of luck, happiness and health. Love you so much!

Mom, Dad and Jillian

Eric Wallin

That quick wit.

That great curve ball for strike three.

That smile.

That will to make things happen.

Take all these things, along with our love and pride, into the future.

Mom, Dad and Brian

Stephen C. E. Maxham



Stephen,

Your dedication and commitment to your work, goals, school and family are to be commended.

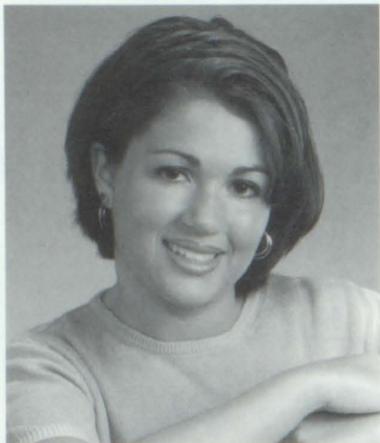
Good luck in your new endeavor in Engineering.

We are proud!

Your family



Lisa Gillespie



Congratulations to our beautiful daughter. We are so proud of you! We wish you good health, success and happiness and hope your dreams come true.

Loving you always,
Mom, Dad and Mike Jr.

Melissa Gard



Congratulations.

As the saying goes, "God grant you the serenity to accept the things you cannot change, the courage to change those things you can, and wisdom to know the difference." We love you.

Mom, Dad
& Bryan

Kristen Bowen



You have never ceased to amaze us. You are a very special person. May you always be blessed with luck, love, strength of character and happiness. Congratulations on your graduation.

Love and God Bless,
Mom, Dad, Brad,
Grandpa and Grandma Smalley
and Grandpa Bowen



Jennie Tate



Congratulations!!!

I am so proud of you and the quality person you've become. Your roots will now take wings. My love and support go with you as you go on to college and follow your dreams.

I love you,
Mom

David Armstrong

We are so proud of your accomplishments and the fine young man you have become.

God bless you as you pursue your dreams and goals.

Love,
Mom, Dave & Bryan

Ryan Levine

Congratulations!
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Love,
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Julie Fragomeni



Congratulations, Miss Julie!

May you share your gifts of love, tenderness, patience and gentleness with the entire world. We love you and hope you will be with us full-time.

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May God be with the both of you always,
as you will be for one another as you work
toward your dreams.

All our love,
Mom & Dad Manocchio & Tina
Mom & Dad Garbo & Danielle

**Amy Schumacher
Kate Schumacher**



Congratulations!
Your dedication and hard work will make all your dreams come true. We are very proud of you.

Love,
Mom and Hallie

Nicole Thornton



Cute and Honors too!

Congratulations on your honors achievements. We hope you will continue to achieve all of your goals.

We love you,
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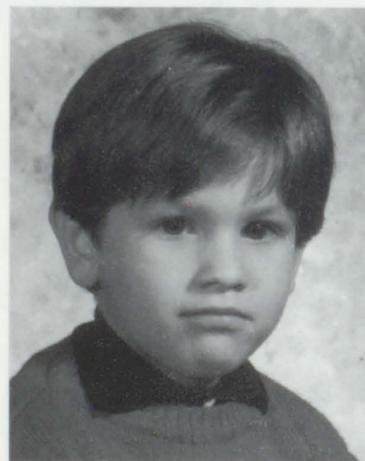
**Mark Kramer
Valedictorian**



Good luck in college. Promise me you'll take a break every once in a while!!

Love,
Lindsey

Angelo Giallombardo



Congratulations!!
We wish you health, happiness and success always.

May you achieve all of your goals and dreams.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Gary

Laurel Johnson



Congratulations!!

You did it - with a little help from your friends and family.

Good luck at Brandeis. We love you.

Mom, Dad and Simon

We re-opened the Middle School in your seventh-grade year, and we came up to the High School together. Thanks for the memories and fun. Your only limitations are the ones you set for yourself.

Mrs. Beebe

Jason Wolfrom

Congratulations and good luck, Jason. We're proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Jamie and Nicole

Kimberly Pockmire

Congratulations!

We are so proud of you. You have accomplished so much. May your future be filled with health, happiness and dreams that come true.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Danielle Koshy

There's no way around it... The senior section of the yearbook would not have gotten done if it weren't for our sole senior, Danielle Koshy. Thanks for everything, and good luck at CWRU next year!

Mrs. Cornelius
Mrs. Beebe
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senior
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Students choose between work and play

At 3 p.m. when the bell rang, school was officially over for the day. Kids rushed to their buses or cars. Then what? Studying at home? Staying after for sports or other activities? Or just hanging out with friends?

Many after-school plans included socializing. "I usually went

to my boyfriend's house on school nights. At night we went ice skating. I was allowed to stay out until 9:30. But if I did not go over his house, I'd just go home and do my homework," said Mel O'Donnell.

Gittel Chaiko also spent time with her boyfriend. "Brian picked me up from school most of the

time. Sometimes we just hung out, but I also had a job on some school nights. When I did have work, though, he dropped me off. If not, my parents let me stay out until 10:30 as long as they did not have to come get me."

Not everyone did the socializing thing. "I was like a hermit," said Dom Fragomeni. "I watched MTV, snacked on chips and rice-krispy treats, or went on the internet. I'd play Dungeons and Dragons with my friends on the modem."

Because Dana Sholomon was a student in the medical technology program, her afternoons were different. "School was over for me at 1:10. I went home and got ready for work. I worked at Hillcrest Hospital as a respiratory therapist assistant. I got off most of the time at around 5:30. On Mondays and Thursdays I had a math tutor that came to my house. When I didn't have my tutor, I just hung out with

my friends."

Like many others, Kevin Koehler stayed after school to play sports. "I wrestled after school. I got home around 6. (Wrestling) took a lot of work. I had to keep my grades up and still help out my team members. I tried to concentrate on my top priority which was my school work."

Bill Thrush also participated in sports. He said, "I stayed after for baseball until about 5:30. After, I went home, did my school work, and then I went out, usually to a friend's house. I didn't have to be home until 10. Then I ate and went straight to bed."

Some didn't have much of a choice about how to spend their time after school. Vivien Levine said, "I don't know what going out is anymore; I am grounded until I die. I watch cheesy movies on *USA Up All Night*. I rock!"

by Katie Thrush



At Old Navy, Ida Fappiano straightens clothes in the infants sections while also supervising the dressing rooms. She worked after school and weekends, usually about 40 hours a week.

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Pre-prom 'accident' reinforces warning

The girl was in tears because the guy that she had drooled over for a year asked someone else to the homecoming dance. "What a tragedy," her friends consoled her. Across the cafeteria a guy told his friend, "A year's worth of relationship blew up in my face." His friend listened and said, "It's horrible, man."

Difficult times, to be sure, but most would agree that a real tragedy is when, on that special prom weekend, there is a car crash, a fatal one. And what would make that even more horrible was the fact that it could have been prevented.

"There's especially one night that people tend to forget all about mortality. All they can think about is that this will be one night that they will never forget, prom night. Nobody ever

thinks about the fact that this night might turn out to be one that they will never forget because someone will die," said Vicki Mindel.

To help make students aware of the dangers of drinking and driving, especially during prom weekend and the senior celebrations, the school with the help of area law enforcement agencies and Hillcrest Meridia Hospital, put on a make-believe traffic accident that involved students that the script said had been drinking and driving.

Seniors and juniors assembled in the football field stands Monday morning, May 5, to view the mock accident.

Did the staged spectacle have any effect on students? "I hope so, but all that we could really do is show students what might happen if they decide to drink and drive," said Principal Mr. Robert Lombardo. He said that the school

plans on staging an accident every two years.

Steve Roth said, "I think it's great

that the school does stuff like this if it helps keep from a fun night instead of a tragic one."



A member of the Mayfield Village fire department assesses the injuries to "victim" David Leslie after the accident staged at the stadium in front of juniors and seniors on May 5, two weeks before prom. "Victims" B. J. Pietrafese and Gina Vincelli waited for assistance.

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Young Life group combines faith, fun

WANTED: Religiously affiliated fun group seeks mature teens who appreciate humor and "crazy" games.

Young Life, a worldwide organization, attracted many local students. The group met Monday and Tuesday nights from 8 to 9 p.m. at one of the members' houses. Mondays was "Club Night," and the members mingled. Scott Rosen, the director of the club, led the group in singing songs.

Skits were next. Mandy Fordham, who participated in some of the skits, said, "Skits make the night come alive; it just sets the mood for an enjoyable time." The group also played "crazy" games which were meant to lift everybody's spirits and relax the group.

On Tuesdays, during a Bible-study session, members read out loud parts of the Bible and had a

discussion on the week's topic.

Approximately 40 people attended each session. Sherry Fang said, "I enjoy Scott's personalized anecdotes which relate to a moral issue in the Bible."

This club has been up and running for three years now. A few students just joined this year, and others had been members for two or three years. Eric Changchien said, "I joined this group about a year ago, and I greatly enjoy it."

What attracted students to this group? Abby Fazio said, "I like how it is a friendly environment where I can hang out with different people. I also like to spread the word of God in a relaxed atmosphere." Young Life is a religious group, and members talk about Christianity. Mandy Fordham said, "The club provides me with an opportunity to show what I believe in. And to promote growing faith."

For some the club provided a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Josh Elek commented, "When I first joined the club I went there for fun, but now it's a chance for fel-

lowship, and a chance to grow." Bryan Armstrong said, "I go first for my personal fun, fellowship, and to share my faith with others."

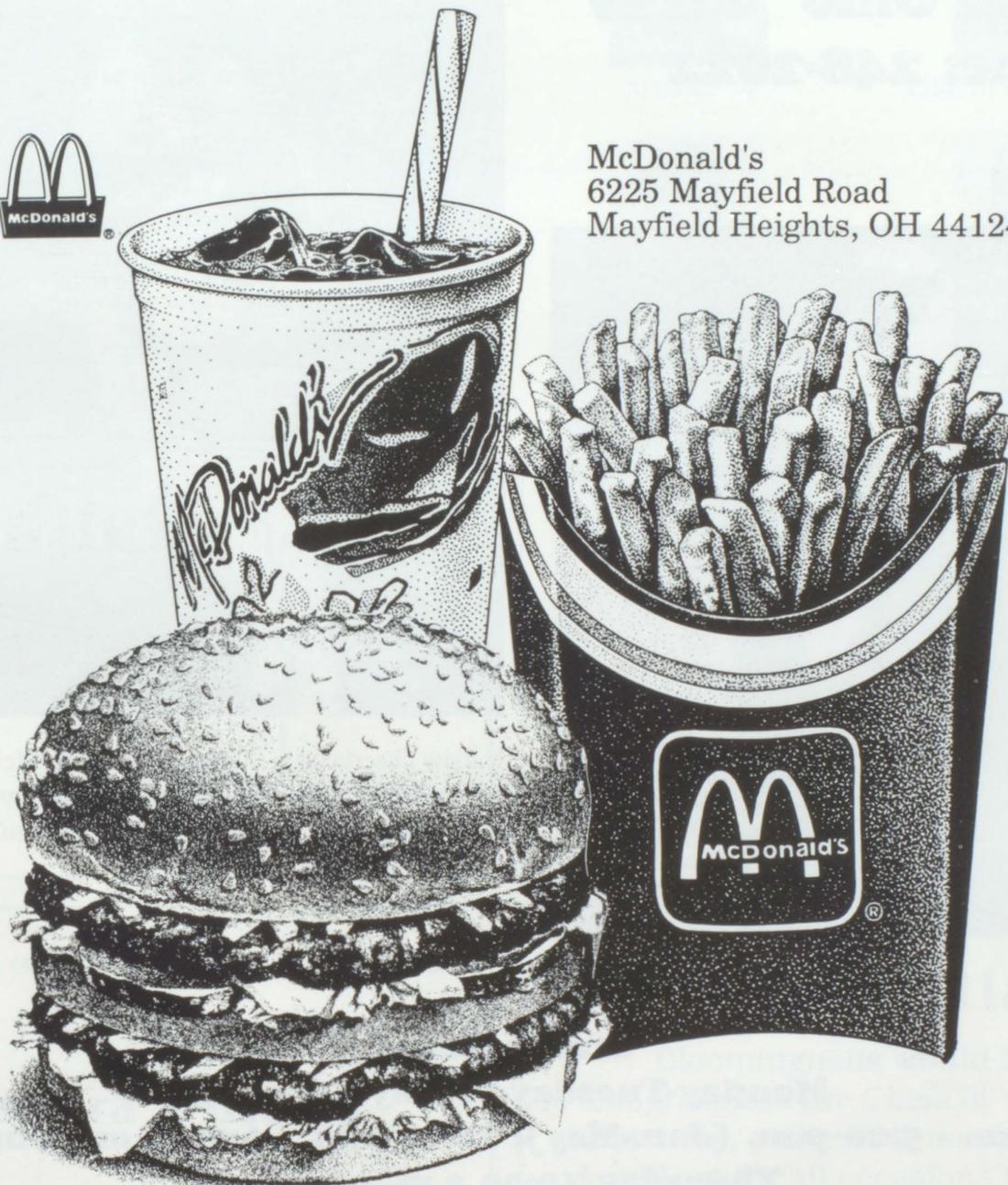
by Ameer Desai



Acting the parts of "enthusiastic cheerleaders," according to John Lin, he and Mandy Fordham perform in a skit promoting Young Life's summer camp and "encouraging kids to attend."

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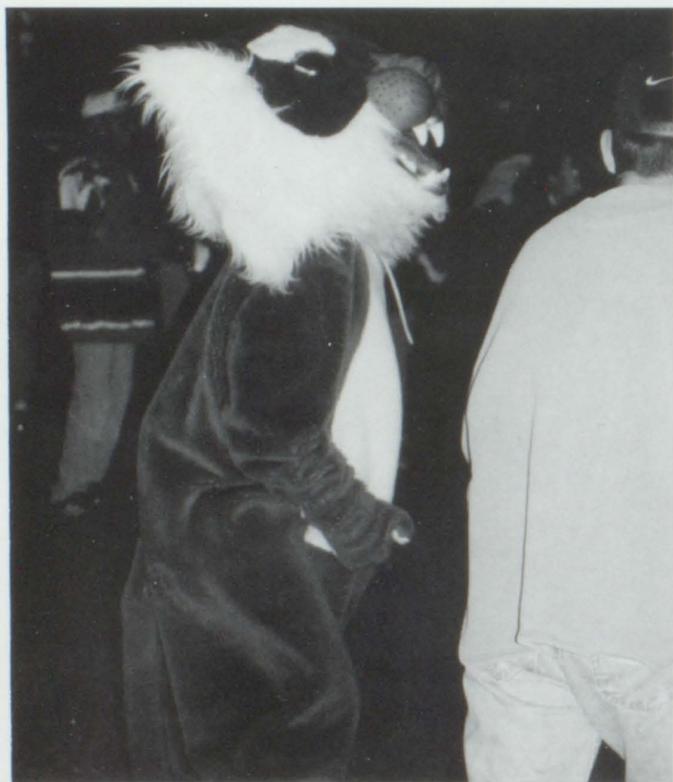
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Four inducted into Alumni Hall of Fame

An annual spring event has become the induction of selected alumni in to the Alumni Hall of Fame. On Thursday, April 24, Mr. Al Gross, '36, Dr. Joseph Czika, '58, Mr. Edward D. Hammer, '75, and Mr. Steven R. Barille, '76, became the latest graduates to be so honored.

Gross pursued his childhood obsession with wireless communication as his life's work. Before World War II he developed a hand-held walkie-talkie and invented the first pocket-pager, the first hand-held battery-operated digital calculator, an anti-aircraft proximity fuse, and a prototype wrist radio featured in the *Dick Tracy* comic strip. After World War II, he worked with the Federal Communications Commission to develop regulatory rules and received the first FCC approval for a personal radio transceiver.

Czika earned both his B.S. and Ph.D. in physics from Case-Western Reserve University. He is cur-

rently the manager of Intelligence Support Department at TASC, Inc., providing the federal government information on various security and intelligence matters. He is also currently serving as president of the Oceanic Engineering Society of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

Hammer completed his B.A. degree with a double major in accounting and finance and a minor in computer science, graduating magna cum laude. He went on to earn his master's degree at Case-Western Reserve University. He is now the president and CEO of Spirit Rent-A-Car, Inc. and has been recognized for his achievements by *Craine's* as one of its "40 Under 40."

Despite being paralyzed from the neck down, Barille graduated from John Carroll University and received his Ph.D. in psychology. He is currently working for Edwin Shaw Hospital in Akron and is part

of a therapy team that works with patients who have nerve or brain damage. He explained that he tries to get them through their anxiety

and fears so that they can become more functional once they return to life beyond the hospital.

by Vicki Mindel



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FRESHMAN FOOTBALL - Front row: Justin Young, Rick Valore, Anthony Spitalieri, Ronnie Chalhoub, Mike Sustin; Row 2: Carl Borgione, Frank Kearns, Eric Rosewater, Chad Zimmerman, Albert Kearns, Mike Rosenberg; Row 3: Coach Sam Cala, Billy Regan, Chris Staple, Mike Roberto, Mike Pegman, Alessio DiFranco, Coach Mike Rish; Back row: Coach Frank Cikach, Mike McClave, Steven Flagg, Brian Simer, Gregg Greenberg, Jon Amster.



VARSITY AND JV FOOTBALL - Front row: Nicole Biggins, Jason Wolfrom, Steve Maxham, Travis Ryan, J.R. Cipra, Frank Radiella, Nick Roberto, Jill Grande; Row 2: Angela Capuzzo, Vince Russo, Stephen Tomaselli, Ken Janik, Michael Tabor, Dan Masino, Pete Stella, Mike Crowe, David Leslie, Garrett Patty, Gene Frazier, Colleen Miller; Row 3: Theresa Diggins, Kris Regan, David Siebert, Andrew Rassi, Chris Holder, Ryan Elliott, Brian Jones, Mark DeJohn, Frank Calabrese, Ryan Iannarino, Mark Belfiore, Chris Rogers, Nick Palazzo, Jenn Kaleal; Row 4: Kelly Piccirillo, Tom McNeill, Steve Ritley, Brian Baker, Nick Borsellino, Bill Thrush, Ravi Chandramouli, Derek Buell, Ryan Breeden, Mike Piccirillo, Conor Riley, Jordan Alpern, Dalvin Hill; Row 5: Anthony Grasso, David Reighard, Kyle Woodie, B.J. Pietrafese, Ozan Ozkan, Brian Banville, Jon Baeslach, Mike Wrona, Paul Ruhland, Anthony Piazza, Brett Kaleal, Carlo Calabrese, Matt Rocks; Back row: Coach Dan D'Agostino, Coach Don Blanton, Coach Larry Pinto, Coach Tony Ware, Coach Joe Nidy, Coach Jim Nally, Head Coach Ray Paglio, Coach Bill Rockwell, Coach Michael J. Barnes, Coach Anthony A. Agresta, Coach Sam Cala, Coach Mike Rish, Head Trainer Dean Ochi.



BOYS' VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY - Front row: Matt Moss, Vineet Daga, Robert Dugas, Jeff Swope, Colin Cutt, Jonathan Khoury; Row 2: Chris Byrne, Kevin Krajcovic, Mike Desatnik, Tom Gould, Brian DiCillo; Back row: Brian Adamson, Chad Lepp, David Roth, Andrey Shuster, Dan Hopper, Coach Steve Canfield.



7-8 FOOTBALL - Front row: Nick Fienga, Brian George, Mike Durdella, Ryan Beeler, Daniel DeJohn, Eugene Chernov, Greg McCulloch, Joel Riter; Row 2: Rob Mehling, Dylan Shamakian, Seamus Riley, Warren White, Kevin Haynes, Nick Regan, Blake Regan, Matt Pathak, Eric Long; Row 3: Max Harris, Trevor Alder, Gabe Rucci, Najd Stanbouli, Jamie Dasher, Joey Sayegh, Nick Ballistrea, Bryson Nicholson, Coach Mike Crowe; Row 4: Coach Tom Daniel, Shawn Johnson, Anthony Vilella, Chad Breeden, Robbie Farmer, Adam Ralston, Rich Ranells, Ameet Patel, J. R. Fairman, Mike Nelson; Row 5: Nick Tabernik, Richard Mehling, Dan Wieder, Scott Whittaker, Matt Delguyd, Mark Niro, Joe DeSantis, Dennis Wentzel, Matt Giesler, Coach Bob Leppla; Back row: Jeff McNall, Bob Doberdruk, Vince Casamatta, Brian Berkey, Bryan Crowe, Justin Clampitt, Mike Puin, Noah Alpern, Mike Foley, Dave Kerecman.



GIRLS' VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY - Front row: Heather Blumenthal, Amanda Ward, Dorothy Chan, Carrie Bur, Laura Bzdafka; Row 2: Samantha Bunten, Mariko Kobayashi, Sheryln Gould, Erin Brennan, Coach Dave Todt; Back row: Cristin Welle, Susanne Ritley, Kate Djilovian, Katie Huelsman, Jackie Brozak.

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

MHS	OPP	MHS	OPP
24	EUCLID	30	34
25	MAPLE HTS.	34	7
41	BRUSH	16	0
32	W. SOUTH	23	0
39	E. NORTH	20	21
26	NORDONIA	29	20
23	BEDFORD	37	26

FOOTBALL

MHS	OPP	MHS	OPP
	W. GEAUGA		7
	OLON		41
	KENSTON		31
	EUCLID		28
	MAPLE HTS.		6
	W. SOUTH		42
	BEDFORD		7
	BRUSH		0
	E. NORTH		14
	NORDONIA		31

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

MHS	OPP	MHS	OPP
25	EUCLID	32	
15	MAPLE	50	
15	BRUSH	49	
26	W. SOUTH	31	
20	NORDONIA	39	
20	E. NORTH	40	
15	BEDFORD	47	
INVATIONALS/MEETS			
MADISON	6/12		
ST. JOSEPH	8/15		
UNIVERSITY	1/10		
WADSWORTH	9/18		
GCC	1/8		
DISTRICT	6/16		

VOLLEYBALL

MHS	OPP	MHS	OPP
15-11-6	SHAKER HTS.		2-15-15
15-15	EUCLID		9-3
15-13-15	MAPLE HTS.		11-15-5
2-15	W. SOUTH		15-17
8-1	LAKE CATHOLIC		15-15
15-15	BEDFORD		12-6
16-2	BRUSH		18-15
5-15-8-14	E. NORTH		5-15-10
13-15-15	NORDONIA		15-6-10
3-15-15	EUCLID		15-6-7
16-15	MAPLE HTS.		14-5
5-14	LORAIN ADM. KING		15-16
10-15-6	LAKEWOOD		15-4-1
15-12-15	BEAUMONT		11-15-4
7-8	W. SOUTH		15-15
12-15-15	BEDFORD		15-5-1
3-7	BRUSH		15-15
15-15	NORDONIA		12-11
15-15	E. NORTH		9-11
10-15-15	LAKEWOOD		15-12-
4-5	OLON		15-15



CROSS COUNTRY - Front row: Jennifer Immel, Jenna Iosue, Albert Mo, Melissa Moss, Jason Hoehnen, Yoshita Patel, Petrlik; Row 2: Niko Spyrou, Aimee Golub, Tarrah DeClemente, Nick Gamellia, Vicky Tkacz, Lindsay Stepanek, Tim B; Row 3: Coach Jim Harris, Bradley Gans, Adam Zuccaro, Julie Chernitski, Katie Planisek, Matt Swope, Jill Parsons, Brian LaRiche; Back row: Katy Bohinc, Lydia Arko, Brent Simer, Matt Varkala, Jay Harpp, Hallie DiVincenzo.



FALL VARSITY CHEERLEADERS - Front row: Rachel Large; Row 2: Angie Sapanaro, Stefanie Boger; Back row: Caroline Simpson, Chris Vehar, Melanie Pearn, Megan Bernardic, Kristen Bowen.



Varsity VOLLEYBALL - Front row: Lindsay Srp, Carrie Pece, Beth Myslenski, Melissa Manocchio, Jillian Warner, Cole Williams; Row 2: Coach Polly Canfield, Tara Palmisano, Rachele Smith, Jessica Fairman, Sara Berquist, Coach Rich Fish; Back row: Ashley Kalous, Erin Dwyer, Patti Delfs, Stephanie Kovacevic.



FALL JV CHEERLEADERS - Front row: Nicole Montecalvo, Carmen Navis, Samantha Oh; Row 2: Suzanne Watson, Traci D'Angelo; Back row: Gina Reed.



Volleyball - Front row: Lisa Nally, Megan Miozzi, Stephanie Kovacevic, Sara Berquist, Lindsay Ferg, Jill Legan; Back row: Stacy Matoney, Cindy Berquist, Becky Stupczy, Erin Abbey, Coach Polly Canfield.



FALL FRESHMAN CHEERLEADERS - Front row: Erin Ambrogio, Nicole Fulco; Back row: Michelle Homa, Breanne Amost, Carly Thomas.



FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL - Front row: Mia Giglio, Jaclyn Jerse, Pat Ibrahim, Sarah Myslenski, Melissa Leppla; Back row: Sonia Deninzon, Crissy Hoyle, Mary Sullivan, Lee Borsellino.



FALL 8 CHEERLEADERS - Front row: Laura DiPasquale, Jill Navis, Natalie Gross; Back row: Annemarie LoConti, Kim Faye, Annette DeMarco.



8 VOLLEYBALL - **Front row:** Danielle Leppla, Nicole Monastero, Janine Pinno, Courtney Cardarelli, Alicia Olivo, Gina Palazzo; **Row 2:** Ashley Sherman, Leah Basch, Lindsey Alexander, Ellie Fernandez, Michelle Caspio, Coach Molly Michels; **Back row:** Ashley Fultz, Lindsey Matz, Brianne Goetz, Nina Barcellona, Jen Woyton, Nicole Calvo.



GIRLS' VARSITY AND JV SOCCER - **Front row:** Hollie Benesh, Dayna Collins, Mel Pockmire, Jamie Young, Anne Buckley, Suzan Tannous, Sofia Uchitel, Ginene Lanese; **Row 2:** Nicole DeSantis, Kimberly Pockmire, Diana Kurkovsky, Emmalisa Brown, Leslie Zaller, Melissa Gard; **Row 3:** Rhoda Reyzman, Emily Russell, Mary Kuzma, Chrissy Blachman, Katy Stromberg, Tania DiFranco, Lauren Carlson; **Back row:** Varsity Coach Sean McNamara, Keelie Harvey, Helen Niazova, Tamara Goetz, Julie Skala, Karan Farhat, Melissa Matz, Maria Ruppe, JV Coach Dave DeVito.



7-8 SOCCER - **Front row:** Leighton Schwob, Ryan Heidenthal, Matt Fowler, Bucky Skeel, Steven Ondercin, Dallas Puskar, Greg Blachman; **Row 2:** Coach Scott Schwartz, Nicko Sarris, Tom Crane, Eugene Goldman, Matt Swope, Jake Coco, Coach Bill Bailey; **Row 3:** Dan Gamellia, Carman Varone, Zach Wachs, Jay Marquardt, Patrick Capuozzo, Ed D'Amato; **Back row:** Dan Pierce, Mark Nagal, Peter Dranitsin, Jay Harpp, Mike Turchan, David Manfroni.



BOYS' VARSITY SOCCER - **Front row:** Bobby Immormino, Nick Turchan, Vetus Syracuse, Mike Somich, Matt Abate, Randy Bosley; **Row 2:** Coach Paul Hames, Manager Tony Witt, Steve Keresztes, Jake Schott, Hansal Patel, Marty Mason, Coach David Rainier; **Back row:** Jim Thomas, Blaine Bosley, Joe Acevedo, Matt Mlinac, Sergiu Albu, Richie DiFranco.



GIRLS' 7-8 TENNIS - **Front row:** Shruti Dave, Neeta Daga, Laura Kellogg, Melissa Moss, Michelle Ingerman, Nicole Fiocco, Jenny Hatchadorian; **Row 2:** Head Coach Robert Sleeman, Janice Asamoto, Cynthia Kohn, Millicent Kozak, Andrea Phillips, Lisa LaConte, Valerie DeCapite, Diana Strauchon, Coach Barbara Strauchon; **Row 3:** Tiffany Bojec, Kimberly Cho, Katie Wrona, Katie Sprenger, Christy DiVincenzo, Stephanie Olejko, Megan Short, Katherine Casper; **Row 4:** Kelly Schneider, Nikki Galati, Colleen DiFonzo, Nida Degessys, Veronica Markovich, Karen DeLibero, Sacha Evans, Stacey Budzar; **Back row:** Alyssa Gans, Lauren McClave, Melissa Stanley, Monica Silbiger, Vicki Rife, Jacqueline Kish, Katy Bohinc.



BOYS' JV SOCCER - **Front row:** Kevin Vincent, Stedson McIntyre, Chris Giesler, Frank Angelone, Adam Metz; **Row 2:** Jordan Likover, Ritchie DeNigris, Igor Muravin, Jeff Thomas, Alex Yessayan, Coach Bob Gynn; **Back row:** Matt Zemanek, Andy Stella, Louie Novak, Brian Traczyk, Bill Flugan.

GIRLS' SOCCER

MHS	OPP
3	PERRY
7	TRINITY
2	ST. JOSEPH
1	HAWKEN
3	EUCLID
1	E. NORTH
10	W. SOUTH
3	NORDONIA
1	EUCLID
3	E. NORTH
4	W. SOUTH
1	BRUSH
5	NORDONIA
9	BRUSH

BOYS' SOCCER

MHS	OPP
0	CLEVELAND HTS.
1	GILMOUR
2	EUCLID
0	BRUSH
4	W. SOUTH
1	BEDFORD
2	E. NORTH
0	NORDONIA
1	EUCLID
4	U. S.
4	W. SOUTH
0	BEDFORD
0	BRUSH
1	E. NORTH
0	NORDONIA
8	MENTOR

GIRLS' TENNIS

MHS	OPP
4	WICKLIFFE
0	CHARDON
4	EUCLID
5	BEAUMONT
4	E. NORTH
4	CLEVELAND HTS.
3	W. SOUTH
3	NORDONIA
5	EUCLID
2	W. SOUTH
0	HUDSON
5	NORDONIA
0	BRUSH
4	E. NORTH
0	BRUSH

GOLF

MHS	OPP
155	MAPLE
164	W. SOUTH
159	BEDFORD
170	BRUSH
165	E. NORTH
165	NORDONIA
166	EUCLID
159	EUCLID
169	MAPLE
164	W. SOUTH
153	BEDFORD
174	BRUSH
156	E. NORTH
193	NORDONIA
GCC	2ND
SECTIONALS	6TH

162 sports shots



VARSITY GOLF - Front row: Bryan Kramer, Noah Wieder, Scott Rowe, Jeff Gueli, Anthony Zummo, Trent Pinto; **Back row:** Bobby Wall, Mike Doberdruk, Brian Schultz, Larry Wall, Coach Tom King.



WINTER JV CHEERLEADERS - Front row: Gina Reed, Suzanne Watson; **Row 2:** Samantha Oh, Nicole Montecalvo; **Back row:** Traci D'Angelo, Hollie Benesh, Carmen Navis.



GIRLS' VARSITY TENNIS - Front row: Katie Mathay, Katherine Rife, Meghan Kellogg, Carla Schneider; **Back row:** Coach Julie Kain, Gracie Doberdruk, Tanaz Khambatta, Whitney Neidus.



WINTER FRESHMAN CHEERLEADERS - Front row: Nicki Fulco; **Row 2:** Christa Johnson, Breaanne Arnost; **Back row:** Theresa Pamela, Chrissy Morgan, Ginenne Lanese.



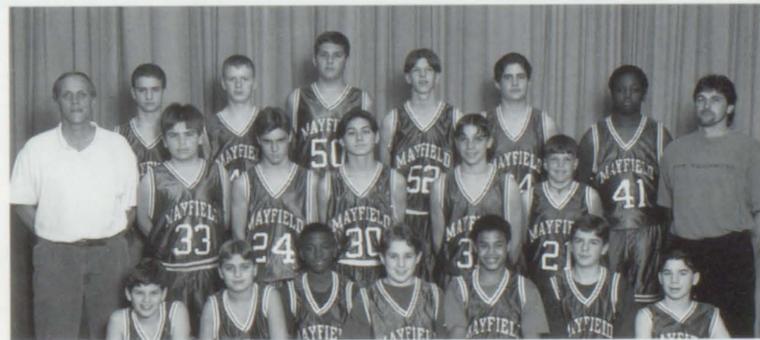
GIRLS' JV TENNIS - Front row: Teri Daniel, Chrissy Morgan, Pamela Alley, Rita Mayekar, Stacy Smoltz; **Back row:** Julia Mery, Nellie Faynblit, Coach James Newsome, Ariana Vigil, Carrie LaConte.



WINTER 8 CHEERLEADERS - Front row: Allison Nash, Natalie Gross, Lindsey Alexander; **Row 2:** Hallie DiVincenzo, Jane Zelenkov; **Back row:** Anna Shevchenko, Alicia Olivo.



WINTER VARSITY CHEERLEADERS - Front row: Katie Mathay, Halle Rockwell; **Row 2:** Chrissy Hogg, Megan Smardic, Carla DeRose; **Back row:** Stacy Ginsburg, Angie Sapanaro.



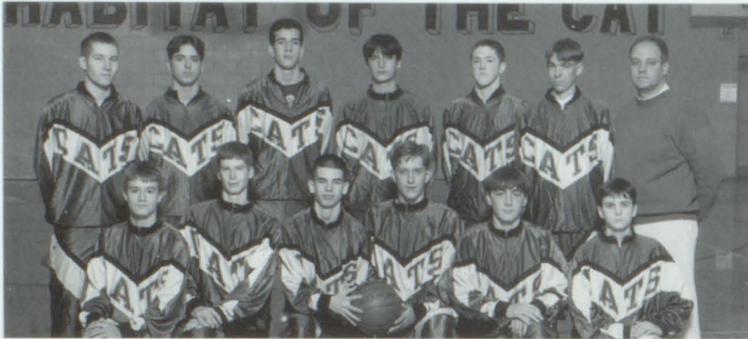
BOYS' 8 BASKETBALL - Front row: Derek Smith, Mark Arndt, Sherman Thomas, Jason Desatnik, Terry Sabo, Pat Dodson, John Erminio; **Row 2:** Coach Tom Daniel, Robert Doberdruk, Brian Berkey, Dave Kerecman, Domenic Aveni, Leighton Schwob, Coach Phil Yacobucci; **Back row:** Noah Alpern, Bryan Crowe, Justin Clampitt, Bucky Skeel, Nick Impullitti, David Wells.



BOYS' FRESHMAN BASKETBALL - **Front row:** Bryan Kramer, Bryan Brooks, Rick Valore, Billy Dunger, Vivek Mathur, Paul Lin; **Row 2:** Matt Patti, James Janis, Frank Kearns, Albert Kearns, Ryan Breeden, Ronnie Chalhoub, Coach Jim Nally; **Back row:** Derek Buell, Donny Ferritto, Brian Simer, Seid Tanovic, Danny Davis, Brian DeSantis.



GIRLS' FRESHMAN BASKETBALL - **Front row:** Mia Giglio, Melissa Leppia, Lindsay Ferg, Katherine von Loewe, Chrissy Sapanaro; **Row 2:** Coach Polly Canfield, Jamie Petti, Megan Geosano, Sarah Myslenski; **Back row:** Katie Huelsman, Jessica Horowitz, Melissa Stupczy, Britt Thornton.



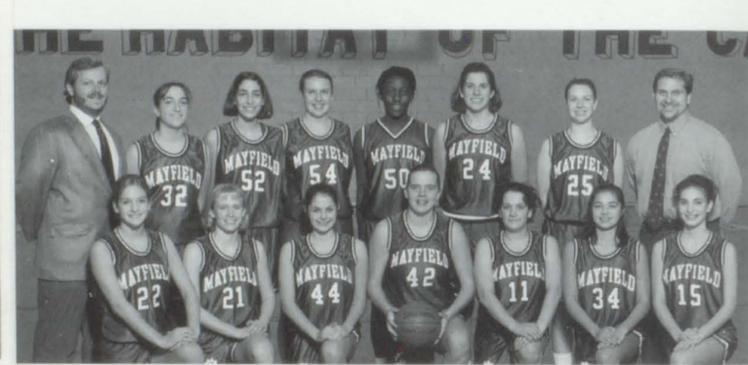
BOYS' JV BASKETBALL - **Front row:** Will Herbe, Chad Raymond, Paul Parsons, Jon Immel, Dustin Rogers, Marty Mason; **Back row:** Bobby Grambo, Josh Swidas, Kevin Morgan, Sean O'Brien, David Siebert, John Masci, Coach Tony Agresta.



GIRLS' JV BASKETBALL - **Front row:** Jill Legan, Nicole Tomaro, Allison Catullo, Marissa Hawranko, Daneen Ruggieri, Nikki Galatis; **Back row:** Ashley Kalous, Desirae Thomas, Coach Steve Canfield, Tiffany Tyler, Stacy Matoney.



BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL - **Front row:** Manager Chris Pecjak, Zach Brenner, Danny Tohme, Kevin Jacobs, Mike Crowe, Brian Baker, Chris Rogers; **Back row:** Coach Vince Ruggieri, Brad Fisler, Mike Doberdruk, Yury Chorny, Brian Schultz, Mike Pierce, John McAleese, Coach Mike Crowe.



GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL - **Front row:** Becky Stupczy, Lisa Nally, Beth Myslenski, Patti Delfs, Tara Palmisano, Alicia Kearns, Allison Catullo; **Back row:** Head Coach Tony Wara, Stephanie Kovacevic, Jackie Spitaleri, Tiffany Tyler, Desirae Thomas, Erin Dwyer, Ashley Kalous, Coach Rich Banish.

BOYS' SWIMMING

MHS	OPP
92	KENSTON 81
113	N. OLMSTED 65
119	RIVERSIDE 52
88	STRONGSVILLE 91
86	BRECKSVILLE 96
77	BRUSH 103
93	BEDFORD 83
133	MAPLE 39
148	LAKWOOD 152
72	EUCLID 113

GIRLS' SWIMMING

MHS	OPP
94	KENSTON 82
111	N. OLMSTED 75
92	RIVERSIDE 88
78	STRONGSVILLE 102
64	BRECKSVILLE 116
88	BRUSH 98
122	BEDFORD 62
139	MAPLE 25
148	LAKWOOD 152
81	EUCLID 105

WRESTLING

MHS	OPP
33	FAIRVIEW 29
24	LAKE 50
40	HUDSON 23
82	ST. JOSEPH 0
49	EUCLID 12
24	MAPLE HTS. 27
26	GARFIELD 35
44	WEST GEAUGA 25
64	MADISON 6
37	STRONGSVILLE 18
50	N. OLMSTED 10
28	BRECKSVILLE 31
27	W. SOUTH 27
53	BRUSH 11
33	E. NORTH 28
19	NORDONIA 30

GYMNASTICS

MHS	OPP
117.30	WEST GEAUGA 115.45
117.30	CHARDON 114.00
118.25	SOLO 124.95
118.25	HUDSON 123.25
114.75	CHAGRIN 104.00
114.75	TWINSBURG 116.90
115.80	LAKWOOD 119.65
122.90	ROCKY RIVER 110.60
119.20	ORANGE 110.00
119.20	KENSTON 114.00
117.60	STRONGSVILLE 122.90
120.20	CHAGRIN 099.25
121.50	WEST. RES. CONF. 6TH
122.50	DISTRICT 7TH
122.40	WEST G. TOURN. 4TH



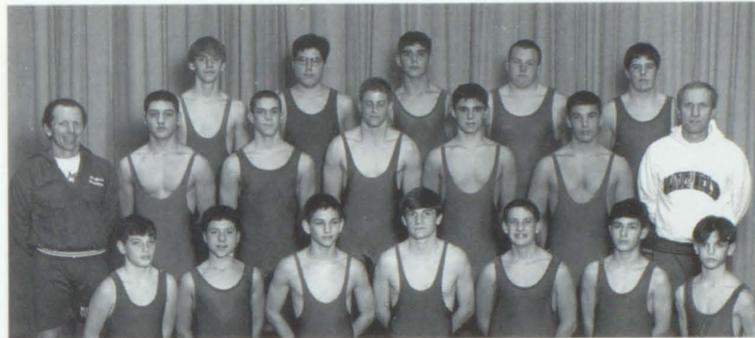
GIRLS' 8 BASKETBALL - **Front row:** Jen Brozak, Nikki Galati, Cynthia Kohn, Danielle Leppa, Megan Kennerly, Ashley Barna; **Row 2:** Janine Piuino, Lindsey Neidus, Colleen DiFonzo, Annemarie LoConti, Jackie LoPresti; **Row 3:** Domenica Russo, Ellie Fernandez, Jamie Durosko, Lydia Arko, Jennifer Fiorello, Coach Lee Johns; **Back row:** Liz Elliott, Nina Barcellona, Brianne Goetz, Kelly Flagg, Lindsey Matz, Megan Lentz.



VARSITY WRESTLING - **Front row:** Coach Butch Beasley, Joe Daher, Frank Principe, Matt DiCillo, Chris Byrne, Cory Beasley, Brian DiCillo, Adam Hickey, Coach Frank Srp; **Row 2:** Coach Jerry Kaleal, Head Coach Frank Cikach, Brian Hess, Joe Rudar, Randy Bosley, Brett Kaleal, Ryan Elliott, Coach Bill Rockwell; **Row 3:** Coach Dave Colombi, Carl Colombi, Nick Roberto, Nick Delguyd, Mike Piccirillo, Chris Karakasis, Coach Mike Gerome; **Back row:** Ken Janik, Blaine Bosley, Garrett Patty, Stephen Tomaselli, Anthony Russo, Bob Adamson.



BOYS' VARSITY SWIMMING - **Front row:** Nick Moshkovich, Tommy Varanese, Jake Schott, Tom Gould, Jeff Swope, Mike Hatchadorian, Larry Salibra; **Row 2:** Coach Dr. Frank Zatko, Chris Ragone, Dan Hopper, Kyle Woodie, Bobby Wall, Jeff Austin, Coach Brian Peters, Coach Sharon Miller; **Back row:** Stan Gurevich, Chad Lepp, John Rachel, Mike Wrona, Matt Rinker, Larry Wall.



JV WRESTLING - **Front row:** Billy Regan, Alessio DiFranco, Joe Daher, Randy Bosley, Mike Vercellino, John Sevastos, Ritchie DeNigris; **Row 2:** Coach Butch Beasley, Anthony Spitalieri, Ryan Elliott, Rick Bittner, Chris Karakasis, Frank Principe, Coach Frank Cikach; **Back row:** Bob Adamson, Jon Amster, Gregg Greenberg, Mike McClave, Mike Piccirillo.



GIRLS' VARSITY SWIMMING - **Front row:** Katie Chiro, Julie Kirschenbaum, Tiffany Stracci, Shannon Dunlap, Jennifer Kacar, Carrie Burns, Amy Grabfelder, Lindsey Carlson; **Row 2:** Mariko Kobayashi, Stephanie Lanese, Sheryln Gould, Leslie Zaller, Katie Loomis, Carla Petrof, Coach Sharon Miller; **Row 3:** Coach Dr. Frank Zatko, Lauren Carlson, Laura Vercellino, Keele Harvey, Lauren Tsevdos, Kati Jackson, Sandy Alfieri, Coach Brian Peters; **Back row:** Susanne Ritley, Holly Tabernik, Mara Shamakian, Gretchen Schooler, Melissa Matz, Alicia Baudo, Aimee Puin.



FRESHMAN WRESTLING - **Front row:** Billy Regan, Alessio DiFranco, Ryan Elliott, Mike Vercellino, John Sevastos, Ritchie DeNigris; **Back row:** Coach Butch Beasley, Anthony Spitalieri, Jon Amster, Gregg Greenberg, Mike McClave, Mike Piccirillo, Coach Frank Cikach.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

MHS	OPP	MHS	OPP
53	61	78	63
46	73	59	50
52	54	57	46
52	71	66	53
43	54	62	44
74	79	57	34
64	71	48	49
35	43	47	59
43	71	56	69
52	53	71	32
55	71	54	51
44	51	62	61
44	69	62	55
50	57	40	38
50	57	66	45
46	60	38	49
39	40	72	55
68	76	52	47
54	68	53	73
41	53	54	43
42	57	52	48
		38	34
		76	91



VARSITY GYMNASTICS - **Front row:** Linda Turk, Chris Vehar, Laurel Johnson, Lindsay Srp, Kristen Bowen; **Row 2:** Regina Galati, Cindy Berquist, Emmalisa Brown, Beth Bluestone, Beth Thomas, Tara Russo; **Back row:** Coach Laura Rowe, Head Coach Kim Thompson.



7-8 WRESTLING - Front row: Dominic Herrera, Blake Regan, Eric Long, Vincent Gagliardi, Matthew Fowler, Greg McCullough, Steve Palazzo; Row 2: Abbey Calevich, Cathy Zako, Andy Fernandez, Craig Shapiro, Jamie Dasher, Seamus Riley, Mason Bunting, Dylan Shamakian, Betsy Beasley; Row 3: Coach Brian DaDante, Richard Ranells, Robbie Cornelison, J. R. Fairman, Tony Hardman, Frank Bittner, Mark Pietropinto, Coach Tony Khas; Back row: Rocky Tabor, Ronald Zuzin, Mike Puin, Matt Delguyd, David Manfroni, Jacob Kim.



BOYS' VARSITY TRACK - Front row: Chris Byrne, Tom Gould, Kevin Krojovic, Jonathan Khoury, Matt Moss, Colin Cutts, Robert Imormino, Thomas Varanese, Ronald DeLisio; Row 2: Coach Paul Gadke, Matt Patti, Mike Desatnik, Steve Hoegler, Vetus Syracuse, Chris Holder, Ravi Chandramouli, Jake Schott, Chris Stuple, Coach Jim Harris; Row 3: Travis Ryan, Kyle Woodie, Chris Pezak, Stedson McIntyre, Dan Hopper, Chad Zimmerman, Robert Monastero, Chris Paterniti, Jeff Swope, Coach Ron Gura; Back Row: Coach Steve Canfield, Troy Cornish, Chris LaConte, Chad Lepp, Nick Jones, Brad Fisler, Dan Masino, Lou Novak, Frank Stupcey, Robert Adamson, Coach Mike Rish.



BOYS' VARSITY AND JV TENNIS - Front row: Jack Yudevich, Rusty Soroka, Vineet Daga, Glenn Shtarkman, Henry Liu, Alex Portnoy, Roman Margolin, Fernando Recchia, Gabe Ling, Pranay Desai, Adam Greenberg; Row 2: Swaroop Dave, Saurav De, Paul Lin, Eric Chiu; Back row: Coach Sam Cala, Coach Mike Barnes, Ian Fowler, Richie DiFranco, Stan Gurevich, Larry Wall, Alex Tigay, Bob Wall, Dan Sprenger, James Janis, Murray Gross, Rahul Ravi, Coach Dennis Rash.



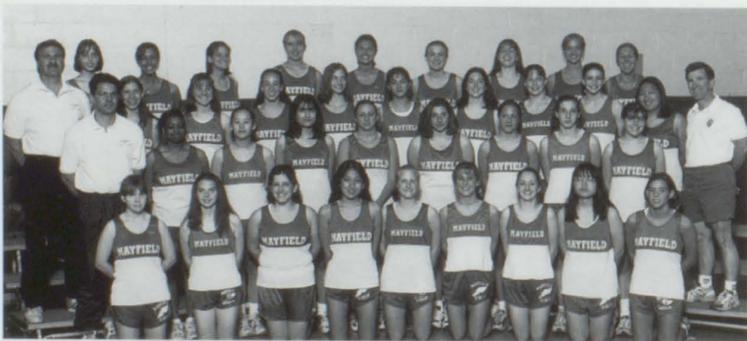
BOYS' 7-8 TRACK - Front row: Ethan Oblonsky, Mike Abate, Jake Coco, Tim Raymond, Chris DeLong, Dallas Puskur, Jason Goldweber, Chris Petrik, Nick Flynn, Matt Muzila, Coach Brian Stephens; Row 2: Coach Brian LaRiche, Nicko Sarris, Steve Tjoe, Bryson Nicholson, Matt Swope, Adam Zuccaro, Dan Gomillion, Scott Eakin, Dylan Shamakian; Row 3: Craig Shapiro, Mike Nelson, Jacob Kim, Anthony DiFranco, Richard Mehling, Brent Simer, J.R. Fairman, Craig Mosier, Coach Pete White; Back row: Robert Choromanski, Carman Varone, Noah Alpern, Alex Borshchyov, Lee Mersek, Mike DiSanto, John Griffin, Jason Harpp, Mark Niro.



BOYS' 7-8 TENNIS - Front row: Albert Mo, Taylor Lucas, Jamie Dasher, Ryan Rockman, Jim Lee, Joe Jhala; Back row: Tim Emery, Josh Gaus, Dave Kerecman, Corrie Trow, Brian Berkey, Ameet Patil, Mike Felice, Coach Jim Newsome.



GIRLS' 7-8 TRACK - Front row: Jennifer Immel, Nicki Herrera, Sabrina McIntyre, Lisa Chan, Tammy Karakasis, Dina Sherman; Row 2: Erin Schumer, Laura Kellogg, Carli Dottore, Vicky Tkacz, Tarrah DeClemente, Vanessa Acosta, Melissa Duns, Dun-Ying Yu; Row 3: Lindsay Stepanek, Stephanie Olejko, Jill Parsons, Rita Margevicius, Janna Prilutsky, Nicole Yuhas, Mary Ann DiLillo, Megan Short; Row 4: Coach Paul Hames, Emily Marcinkevicius, Melissa Moss, Millicent Kozak, Maria Parsons, Janine Piumo, Ashley Barua, Christy DiVincenzo, Lauren Gallitto, Yoshitua Yeh, Sara Malkin; Row 5: Nicole Ulrich, Karen DeLiberio, Jen Stepanek, Lauren Abbott, Katie Plamsick, Julie Chernitski, Renee Lopardo, Carrie Kristoff, Danielle Bosley, Coach Jim Bezdek; Back row: Jacqueline Kish, Lydia Arko, Katherine Casper, Lindsey Matz, Kelly Flagg, Marybeth Anderson, Monica Silbiger, Katy Bohinc, Georgia DeLange, Elizabeth Bardos.



GIRLS' VARSITY TRACK - Front row: Carrie Burns, Laura Bzdafka, Julie Kirshenbaum, Mariko Kobayashi, Laurel Batcheller, Amanda Ward, Hollie Benesh, Dorothy Chan, Lindsay Spr; Row 2: Coach Ron Gura, Measha Howell, Wynne Hu, Susanna Kuyenov, Lindsey Carlson, Francesca Barcellona, Emily Russell, Beth Bluestone, Heather Blumenthal; Row 3: Coach Mike Rish, Traci D'Angelo, Nicole DeSantis, Sherlyn Gould, Susanne Ritley, Melissa Gallitto, Samantha Buntun, Emmalisa Brown, Sonia Deninzon, Nicole Williams, Head Coach Dave Todt; Back Row: Karina Manchenko, Karan Farhat, Katie Huelsman, Tiffany Tyler, Mara Shamakian, Keelie Harvey, Stephanie Tyler, Rebecca Stupczy, Erin Brennan.

BOYS' TENNIS

MHS	OPP
4	WICKLIFFE
2	ORANGE
3	ST. EDWARD
3	EUCLID
3	E. NORTH
3	ADMIRAL KING
3	W. SOUTH
4	NORDONIA
4	BRUSH
2	EUCLID
2	E. NORTH
4	W. SOUTH
5	NORDONIA
4	AVON LAKE
4	BRUSH
3	MENTOR
1	CLEVELAND HTS.

BASEBALL

MHS	OPP
6	SHAKER
0	BENEDICTINE
11	SHAKER
8	GILMOUR
3	CHAGRIN FALLS
9	MENTOR
8	BRECKSVILLE
3	EUCLID
5	W. SOUTH
13	MAPLE HTS.
13	NDCL
5	BEDFORD
3	BRUSH
6	E. NORTH
6	MENTOR
3	NORDONIA
3	EUCLID
2	MAPLE HTS.
11	W. SOUTH
7	BEDFORD
4	E. NORTH
4	NORDONIA
11	BRUSH
3	NDCL
5	BRUSH TOURNAMENT
3	SHAKER (DISTRICTS)
2	BOARDMAN (REGIONALS)
5	



VARSITY BASEBALL - Front row: Coach Joe Santora, Mike LaRich, Dave Friedman, Anthony Piazza, Dave Buell, Jeff Crawford; Row 2: Brian Wroblewski, Salvatore Polo, Brian Baker, Anthony Grasso, Bill Thrush, Mike O'Neill, Coach Jim Nally; Back row: Eric Wallin, Brandon Reighard, Mike Sizler, Garrett Patty, Derek Buell.



VARSITY SOFTBALL - Front row: Lisa Nally, Alicia Kearns, Melissa Manocchio, Rachael Lindsay, Jill Legan; Row 2: Coach Don Ramer, Kim Dunger, Jillian Warner, Jamie Young, Tara Palmisano, Regina Galati, Coach Bob Leppia; Back row: Megan Miozzi, Stacy Matoney, Erin Dwyer, Ashley Kalous, Stephanie Kovacevic, Marissa Hawranko.



JV BASEBALL - Front row: Ken Macky, Dustin Rogers, Mark DeJohn, P. J. Piazza, Will Herbe, Frank Gagliardi; Row 2: Dan Donatelli, Ryan Breeden, Nick Turchan, Brian Jones, Ryan Iammarino; Back row: Joe Brunello, David Reighard, Josh Swidas, John Masci, Paul Abouhassan, Coach Anthony Agresta.



JV SOFTBALL - Front row: Katie Chiro, Jessica Sworan, Nicole Daddario, Melissa Leppia; Row 2: Coach Rick Kolar, Jessica Spector, Beth Craine, Annie Baizano, Sarah Myslenski; Back row: Allison Catullo, Jamie Petti, Mary Sullivan, Lindsay Ferg, Kate Lewis.



FRESHMAN BASEBALL - Front row: David Keltner, Bryan Kramer, Joe DeJulius, Tim Blaser; Row 2: Coach Brian DaDante, Brian Sworan, Nick Agresta, Mike Roberto, Frank Kearns, Billy Dunger, Coach Mike Gerome; Back row: Chris Redig, Gregg Greenberg, Brian Simer, Donny Ferritto, Danny Davis, Kevin Koehler, Jeremy Wilneff.



FRESHMAN SOFTBALL - Front row: Pamela Alley, Marie DeLibero, Carla Mazzarino, Pat Ibrahim, Breanne Arnost, Katy Stromberg, Tiffany Swidas; Row 2: Coach Kelly Lynch, Megan Geosano, Annelyse Kozak, Brittany Thornton, Jaclyn Jerse; Back row: Jill Ziehm, Ginenne Lanese, Melissa Stupczy, Rene Ziehm, Suzan Tannous, Carrie LaConte, Lauren Antonelli.

SOFTBALL

MHS	OPP
3	13
5	6
5	6
6	13
19	0
7	4
5	2
1	4
11	5
7	2
17	2
4	9
1	5
10	2
7	8
20	4
8	3
6	8
12	13

SOFTBALL (cont.)

MHS	OPP
11	10
13	7
6	2
1	4
8	5
7	3
4	1
11	9
7	5
6	7
7	0
5	8
4	14
7	8
4	10
4	7
3	15
8	11
1	14

GIRLS' TRACK

MHS	OPP
27	101
93	35
78	50
59	69
111	17
103	25
73	55
	3/8
	5/16
INVITATIONALS/RELAYS	
MADISON	6/16
KENT ROOSEVELT	18/32
PERRY	4/12
BEREA	3/16

BOYS' TRACK

MHS	OPP
32.5	99.5
87	45
81	51
59	73
83	49
63	69
89	43
	3RD
	6TH
	11TH
INVITATIONALS/RELAYS	
MADISON	3RD
PERRY	1ST
BEREA	6TH

organizations

clubs

shots



PEOPLE LEARNING ABOUT NATURE AND EARTH TODAY (PLANET) - Front row: Chrissy Blachman, Emmalisa Brown, Pam Daher, Dave Armstrong; Row 2: Hansal Patel, Reena Jhala, Rina Spyrou, Sherry Fang, Vineet Daga, Mrs. Kathie Germano; Back row: Kim Conte, Susanne Ritley, Lindsey Kramer, Lindsay Grigas.



NATIONAL TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY - Front row: Erin Brennan, Julie Fragomeni, Vanessa DeCapite, Mary Lamancusa, Joe Kravitz, Leah Friedman, Amy Jackson, Dana Sholomon; Back row: Matt DiCillo, Shawniselynn Washington, Diana Ciofani, Brad Nay, Darryl Langshaw, Craig Cencer, Chip Alich, Irina Bebek.



FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA (FFA) - Christa Oliver, Grace Eggett.



DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION CLUBS OF AMERICA (DECA) - Front row: Renee Shifris, James Ciricillo; Row 2: Matt DiCillo, Mike Tomaro, Angelo Giallombardo, Pat Tomaselli; Back row: Julie Skala, Mike O'Neill, Vince Russo, Stephen Tomaselli, Fady Rizk.



FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA (FHA Seniors) - Front row: Tanya Schuman, Amy Jackson, Julie Fragomeni; Back row: Tiffini Peters, Kim Adams, Anna Serafino.



VOCATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL CLUBS OF AMERICA (VICA Juniors) - **Front row:** Maya Robinson, Maria Zavarella, Angie Sapanaro, Joie Beaumont, Teresa Simon, LaRynda Burks, Mary Lamancusa, Tammy D'Anna, Cindy Frederick, Jen Obolnar; **Row 2:** Brandon Whitaker, Mark Khalil, Candy Yafanaro, Elaine Forte, Gary Giallombardo, Erin Brennan, Matt Rosati, Jenelle Pinzone, Anthony Velotta, Lisa Ference, Janna Curley, Rimma Terekhov, Fan Yu; **Row 3:** Andy Masetta, Kim Shorf, Julia Holder, Cheryl Jennings, Diane Curran, Kelly Piccirillo, Danielle Scolaro, Nicole Biggins, Dana Sholomon, Anne Buckley, Shannon Lees, Sabrina Vannoy, Bob Bagley, Steve Roth; **Back row:** Darian Patrick, Rahul Podar, Jamie Kirk, Vanessa DeCapite, Natalie Antonelli, Jason Turchan, John Tannous, Kevin Herman, Gabe Ostrovsky, Dena Marinelli, Joe Rudar, Cherie Laverdiere, Detrick Thompson, Branden Ferguson.



VOCATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL CLUBS OF AMERICA (VICA Seniors) - **Front row:** Nicole Martin, Toni Pietrondi, Jodie Allin, Kelly Davila, Amy Schumacher, Stephanie Hirsh, Sarah Mascaro; **Row 2:** Ken Wilson, Danielle Coleman, Tameka Shepard, Brian DiCillo, Robby Friedman, Sheri Gribbons, Kathy Galambos, Dawn Petrofes; **Back row:** Todd Huston, John Remenyi, David Farnsworth, Jesse Preston, Nick Dakis, Mike Goldsboro, Aaron Tate.



MEDIA/TECH CREW - **Front row:** Mrs. Margaret McKenney, Donnie Welms, Mike Richter, Mr. Ray Goe; **Row 2:** Matt Kahley, Chris Abate, Todd Huston, Chris Aiken, Bryan DeMoss; **Back row:** Matt Rocks, Anthony Marshall, Tim Saracene, Vincent Caroniti.



BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA (BPA Seniors) - **Front row:** Jamie Kolberg, Nicole Bednar, Patty Harvey, Melissa Mlinac; **Back row:** Charles Jackson, Diana Ciofanl, Stephanie Waggle, Lauren Keel.



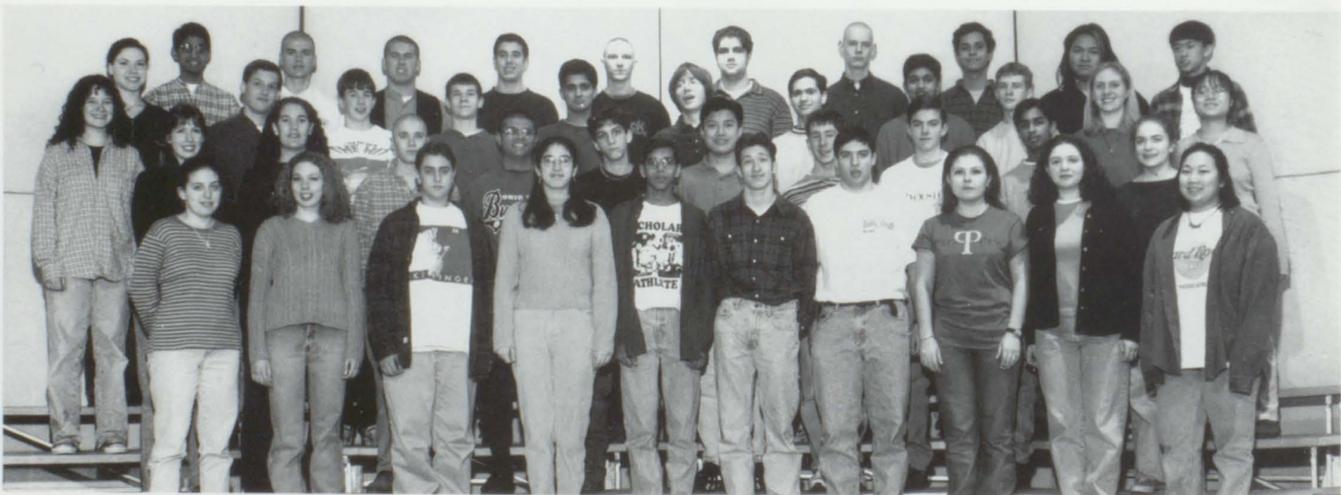
BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA (BPA Juniors) - **Front row:** Monica Mehling, Lisa Girod, Kellie Zabo, Kristen Tobias, Mrs. Donna Fronck; **Row 2:** Holly Quinones, Carmel Fosh, Amy Began, Kim Markell, Pam Gross; **Back row:** Jen Marino, Andrea Ippolito, Larry Green, Rebecca Littman, Toni Diggins.



UNITED WAY - Front row: Caroline Simpson, Lindsay Srp, Laurel Batcheller, Cristina Rucci, Jill Grande, Lindsay Dasher, Lynn Phillips, Jen DiCesare, Carla DeRose, Nicole Tomaro, Jamie Grubbs, Chrissy Hogg; Row 2: Chris Veihar, Joanna Valore, Linda Turk, Tara Palmisano, Kristen Bowen, Rhoda Reyzman, Katie Mathay, Melissa Manocchio, Jessica Fairman, Jillian Warner, Arlene Andru, Aleigh Phillips; Row 3: Jackie Wilneff, Lindsey Bushman, Megan Bernardic, Tanaz Khambatta, Mandee Fitzmaurice, Bartlett Bulkley, Jenn Harris, Beth Myslenski, Nicki Rucci, Gina Vincelli, Concetta Coletta, Denielle Sidoti, Danielle Vespucci; Back row: Danielle Koshy, Ellen Balzano, Aimee Puin, Karan Farhat, Beth Nudelman, Melanie Pearn, Stephanie Waggle, Erin Dwyer, Amanda Skyrn, Jennifer Liebman, Jen Arndt, Sara Berquist, Pamela Daher, Carla Petrof.



KEY CLUB - Front row: Tsun Mo, Ameer Desai, Samantha Caspio, Rachel Vesey, Sherlyn Gould, Reena Jhela, Randala Chalhoub, Rita Mayekar, Dorothy Chan, Katie Rife, Lauren Smith, Beth Shapiro; Row 2: Maribeth Murawski, Swaroop Dave, Rhoda Reyzman, Chris Veihar, Chris Cho, Susanna Kuyenov, Marianne Yarush, Stephanie Tyler, Terri Wharton, Sheryl Kass, Katie Mathay, Paul Lin, Bryan Armstrong, Sherry Fang, Amy Hopper; Row 3: Danielle Moore, Jenny Niedermeyer, Shannon Rogers, Chen Lin, Roman Margolin, Paul Grinberg, Chris Aiken, Rishit Patel, Olga Griffin, Eric Changchien, Hansal Patel, Matt Abate, Jonathan Khoury, Marina Kumala; Back row: Gabriel Ling, Chris Paternite, Robert Monastero, Dan Hopper, John Lin, Larry Wall, Amanda Skyrn, Jeff Previte, Jason Pak, Jay Varma, Ethan Moitra, Bill Thrush, Danny Zeolla, Jason Haserodt.



JUNIOR COUNCIL ON WORLD AFFAIRS (JCWA) - Front row: Galina Mayzel, Catie Craine, Eric Cohen, Jennifer Liebman, Vineet Daga, Ross Fertel, Glenn Shtarkman, Darina Gantman, Claire Denizon, Nicole Williams; Row 2: Lindsey Kramer, Ariana Vigil, Mike Hatchadorian, Nehul Vyas, Nick Martaus, Gabriel Ling, Jonathan Khoury, Jake Schott, Hansal Patel, Abby Fazio; Row 3: Mandy Fordham, Nick Lehman, Bryan Armstrong, James Janis, Amit Majmudar, Nick Potkalitsky, Josh Wilkenfeld, Rahul Ravi, Mike Dodson, Jenny Niedermeyer, Dorothy Chan; Back row: Marianne Yarush, Jay Varma, Bobby Wall, Larry Wall, Jeff Previte, Mike Wrona, Franjo Dolenac, John Rachel, Ethan Moitra, Heinz Yee, Paul Lin.



FIRST AMENDMENT (NEWSPAPER) - Front row: Vivien Levine, Stephanie Bencin, Chris Staple, Lindsay Dasher, Lewis Bronson; Row 2: Regina Vinitsker, Yeva Vakhrusheva, Carla Petrof, Erin Abbey, Kara Bogart, Tim Blaser; Back row: Holly Tabernik, Alla Daykhes, Pete Stella, Stephanie Kovacevic, Aimee Puin.



THE MAYFIELDER (YEARBOOK) - Front row: Ben Solomon, Mike Hatchadorian, Nick Jones, Vicki Mindel; Row 2: Mike Anliker, Danielle Koshy, Kate Thrush, Jen Zurney, Amanda Sills, Jenn Welty; Back row: Tiffany Stracci, Kevin Jacobs, Ameer Desai, Cristina Rucci, Claudine Sing, Sandy Alfieri, Janine Ziemicki.



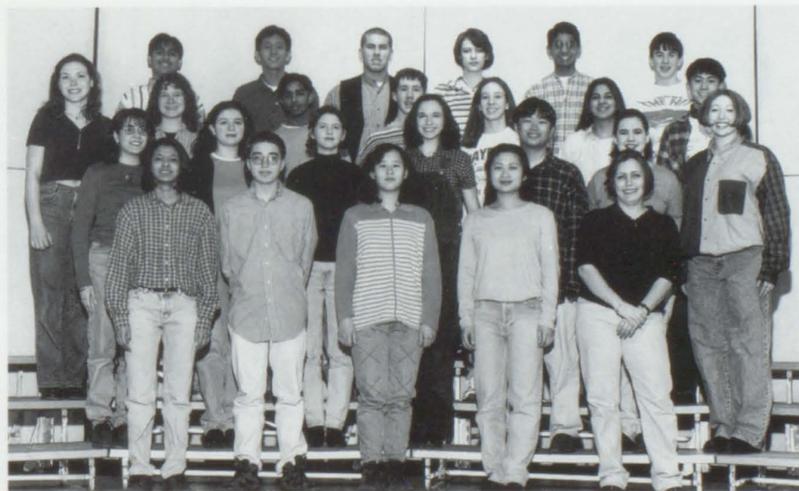
VOICES (LITERARY MAGAZINE) - Front row: Inna Zarkhin, Denielle Sidoti, Leah Copeland, Josh Elek; Row 2: Abby Leach, Diana Kurkovsky, Rachel Nobbe, Stephanie Delange, Stephanie Bencin; Row 3: Adam Boehler, Nehul Vyas, Donna Abounader, Erin Motter, Anna Goldshmidt; Back row: Jennie Tate, Alla Daykhes, Eric Wallin, Omar Zayat, Heinz Yee, Jaimie Grady.



ACADEMIC DECATHLON - Front row: Glenn Shtarkman, Mrs. Conchy Fajardo-Hopkins, Josh Wilkenfeld; Row 2: Todd Pritchett, Amit Majmudar, Mark Kramer; Back row: Franjo Dolenac, Patrick Lynch, John Lin.



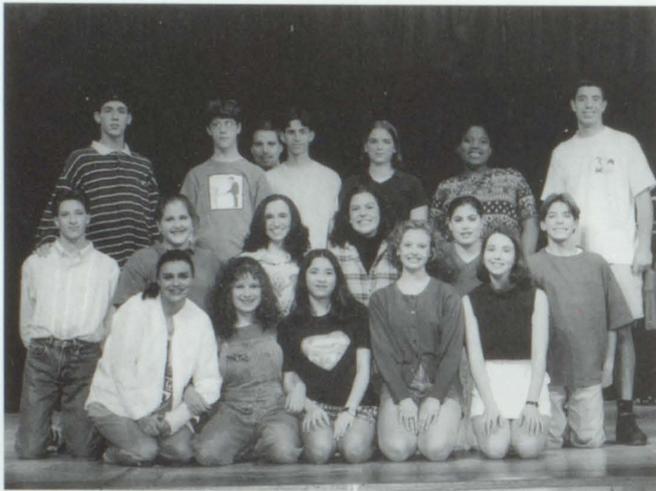
CHESS TEAM - Front row: Jerry Chiang, Daniel Ling; Back row: Chen Lin, Jason Pak.



PEOPLE RECOGNIZING INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES ENTHUSIASTICALLY (PRIDE) - Front row: Ameer Desai, James Hickey, Wynnee Hu, Sherry Fang, Sofia Uchitel; Row 2: Randala Chalhoub, Claire Deninon, Vicky Shekhtman, Irin Portnaya, Eric Changchien, Maribeth Murawski, Rada Kupersmidt; Row 3: Marianne Yarush, Mandy Fordham, Hansal Patel, Jonathan Khoury, Shertyn Gould, Reena Jhala, Paul Lin; Back row: Rishit Patel, John Lin, Larry Wall, Julia Fishzon, Jay Varma, Bryan Armstrong.



MAYFIELD PLAYERS - Front row: April Kulcsar, Lewis Bronson, Lisa Girod, Kim Ahlegian, Lauren Smith, Jackie Kalan, Marygrace Kaleal, Michelle Niro, Melissa Berman, Monica Taddeo, Mrs. Heidi Kaminicki; Row 2: Kristin Roediger, Jackie Trigilio, Julie Kirschenbaum, Irin Portnaya, Jennifer Burtonshaw, Stephanie Bencin, Brandon Leffler, Julie Fragomeni, Suzanne Watson, Bethany Forsberg, Sarah Kalina; Row 3: Chris Abate, Jen Arndt, Laurel Johnson, Claudine Sing, Alicia Nathison, Ross Fertel, Shannon Gumto, Kathleen Herchek, Jenny Niedermeyer, Claire Deninson, Karen Barnard, Regina Kowalski; Back row: Hillary Sweigard, Lauren Tsevdos, Paul Hotchkiss, Dan Wise, Jeff O'Keefe, Mike Ditto, Anthony Marshall, William Williams, Russ Jones, Jennifer Liebman, Ellen Kane, Tom Leskovec.



FALL PLAY CAST (HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD) - Front row: Kristin Roediger, Mandy Fordham, Monica Taddeo, Laurel Johnson, Jen Burtonshaw; Row 2: Ross Fertel, Alicia Nathison, Irin Portnaya, Sarah Kalina, Julie Fragomeni, Brandon Leffler; Back row: Brad Harrill, Ian Fowler, Anthony Marshall, Chris Paternite, April Kulcsar, Claudine Sing, Jeff Previte.



SPRING PLAY CAST (TWELVE ANGRY JURORS) - Front row: Monica Taddeo, Jennifer Burtonshaw, Laurel Johnson, Irin Portnaya, Kristin Roediger, Josh Elek; Back row: Trent Pinto, Sarah Kalina, Joe Gellott, Matt Horvath, Carl Long, Chris Reinke, Brad Leffler.



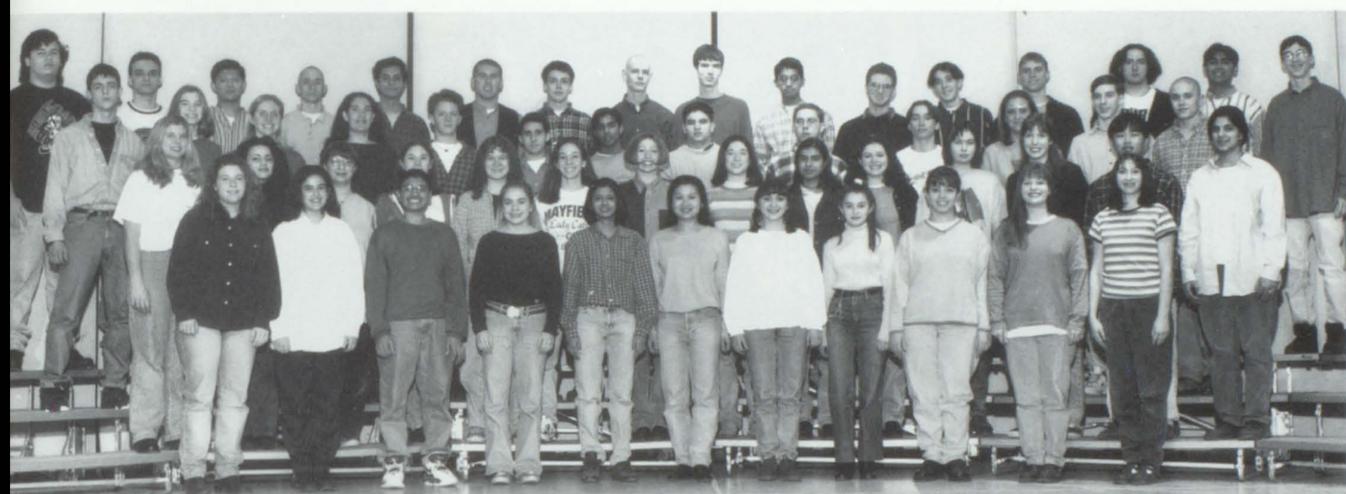
MOCK TRIAL - Front row: Arlene Andru, Jenn Brooks, Michelle Bompiedi, Laurel Batcheller, Danielle Koshy, Tanaz Khambatta, Jamie Grubbs; Row 2: Heath Morgan, Hansal Patel, Mande Fitzmaurice, Chris Cho, Nicole Thornton, Jason Haserodt, Bartlett Bulkley, Gabriel Ling; Row 3: Glenn Shtarkman, Jonathan Khoury, Larry Wall, Ryan Miller, Lori Hodge, Jake Schott, Vincet Daga, Robert Dugas; Back row: Nick Lehman, Bobby Wall, Jay Varma, Nick Potkalitsky, Pete Stella, David Armstrong, Ethan Moitra, Bill Thrush.



8 DRAMA - Front row: Mrs. Barb Catalano, Kimberly Hetzel, Jennifer Zhao; Row 2: Nicole Wolfrom, Laurie Anliker; Back row: Allison Halco, Heather Hazen, Carlyn Rowe, Erika Jensen.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY (NHS Seniors) - **Front row:** Emily Naft, Arlene Andru, Michelle Bompiedi, Danielle Koshy, Angie Cha, Shannon Dunlap, Chris Vehar, Concetta DiFiore, Caroline Simpson, Jamie Grubbs, Naz Khambatta, Kim Pockmire; **Row 2:** Vetus Syracuse, Laurel Johnson, Robyn Pazicni, Chris Cho, Irin Portnaya, Lisa Kusa, Carla Schneider, Katie Rife, Jenn Brooks, Beth Myslenski, Vicky Shekhtman, Katie Mathay, Anna Grinberg, Liliya Charfas, Henry Liu; **Row 3:** Todd Pritchett, Olga Griffin, Zach Brenner, Glenn Shtarkman, Joe DeMarco, Amanda Skyrn, Catie Craine, Ellen Balzano, Jen Arndt, Maria Ruppe, Mark Kramer, Carl Lombi, Blaine Bosley, Bartlett Bulkley, Beth Nudelman; **Back row:** Mike Dubinsky, Greg Gyor, Oleg Kogan, Paul Grinberg, Amit Majmudar, Franjo Dolenc, Nick Lehman, Mike Molnar, Julia Fishzon, Nick Potkalitsky, David Armstrong, Josh Wilkenfeld, Scott Zimmerman, Richie DiFranco, John Lin, Pat Lynch.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY (NHS Juniors) - **Front row:** Jackie Wilneff, Pamela Daher, Swaroop Dave, Abby Fazio, Ameer Desai, Sherry Fang, Nadya Travinina, Lana Koroteyeva, Marianne Tibaldi, Sara Phelps, Stacy Esburg; **Row 2:** Sara Berquist, Christi Grochowski, Leah Copeland, Lindsay Grigas, Mandy Fordham, Sherlyn Gould, Rada Kupersmidt, Samantha Bunten, Hena Ahmad, Claire Deninzon, Yelena Niazova, Lindsey Amer, Eric Changchien, Reena Jhala; **Row 3:** Ivan Andreyev, Susanne Ritley, Jenny Niedermeyer, Ariana Vigil, David Loparo, Steven Keresztes, Hansal Patel, Danny Zeolla, Adam Greenberg, Chris Rogers, Kim Conteon, Iris Aiken, Mike Hatchadorian; **Back row:** Mike Yerukhimovich, Roman Margolin, Chen Lin, Dan Hopper, Ethan Moitra, Larry Wall, Peter Cummings, John Rachel, Eric Long, Jay Varma, Jason Kikel, Jeff Gueli, Bill Rush, Matt Davey, Rishit Patel, Jeff Kraynak.



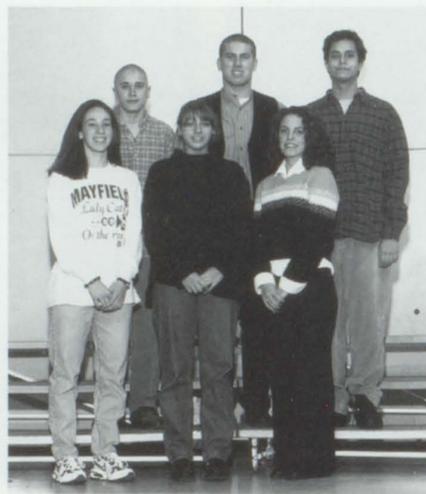
NHS CABINET - **Front row:** Carla DeRose, Lindsey Bushman, Pamela Daher, Danielle Vespucci, Nicki Rucci, Gina Vincelli, Linda Turk, Regina Galati, Chrissy Hogg, Erin Duchon, Elizabeth Lovinsky; **Row 2:** Denielle Loti, Lynn Phillips, Lindsay Dasher, Rhoda Reyzman, Jackie Wilneff, Kristen Bowen, Jillian Warner, Aleigh Phillips, Jill Grande, Jen DiCesare, Cristina Rucci, Amy Grabfelder; **Row 3:** Stephanie Lanese, Tara Palmisano, Andrea Melaragno, Cindy Ordóñez, Danielle Moore, Carla Petrof, Joanna Valore, Sara Berquist, Rachel Vesey, Laurel Batcheller, Krista McIntyre; **Back row:** Nicole Montecalvo, Jenn Kaleal, Jenn Harris, Ellen Balzano, Amanda Skyrn, Susanne Ritley, Erin Dwyer, Melanie Pearn, Mande Fitzmaurice, Samantha Bunten, Megan Bernardic, Suzanne Watson, Samantha Oh.



STUDENT COUNCIL - **Front row:** Chris Vehar, Abby Fazio, Amy Grabfelder, Bobby Riter, Halle Rockwell, Caroline Simpson, Laurel Batcheller, Theresa Pamela, Jessie Fazio, Kristopher Regan, Jason Haserodt, Cristina Rucci; **Row 2:** Lindsay Dasher, Sheryl Kass, Jamie Grubbs, Jillian Warner, Pamela Alley, Jessica Spector, Stephanie Lanese, Jennifer Kacar, Sherlyn Gould, Regina Galati, Allison Catullo, Jamie Petti, Arlene Andru; **Row 3:** Gina Vincelli, Jen Arndt, Nick Martaus, Paul Lin, Jonathan Khoury, Mike Hatchadorian, Ariana Vigil, Tanaz Khambatta, Tara Palmisano, Mandy Fordham, Chris Cho, Nicki Rucci, Vivek Mathur, Erin Abbey, Linda Turk; **Back row:** Ginene Lanese, Aimee Puin, Jessica Horowitz, Steve Hoegler, Larry Wall, Bobby Wall, Patti Delfs, Pete Stella, David Leslie, Jay Varma, Ethan Moitra, Josh Wilkenfeld, Brian Sworan, Danielle Vespucci.



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS - **Front row:** Danielle Vespucci, Arlene Andru; **Back row:** Tanaz Khambatta, David Leslie, Josh Wilkenfeld, Tara Palmisano.



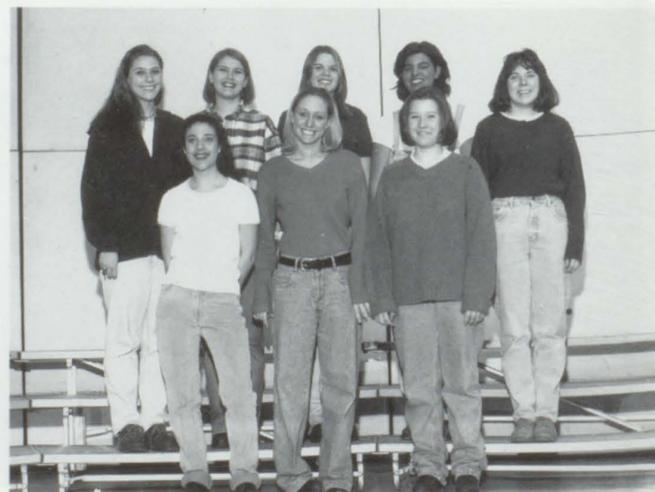
JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS - **Front row:** Sherlyn Gould, Jillian Warner, Regina Galati; **Back row:** Mike Hatchadorian, Larry Wall, Ethan Moitra.



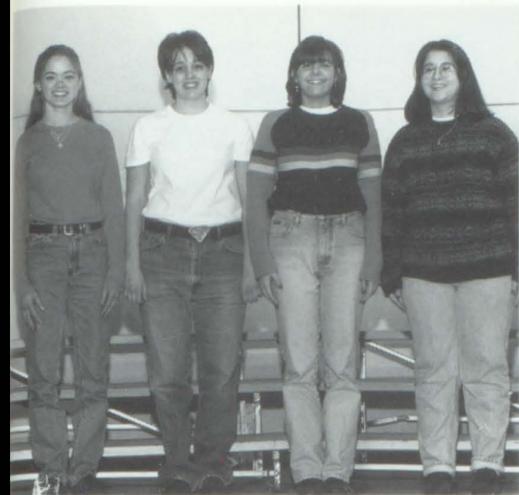
SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS - **Front row:** Laurel Batcheller, Nicole Tomaro, Allison Catullo; **Back row:** Sheryl Kass, Lindsay Dasher, Jessica Spector.



SKI CLUB - **Front row:** Michael Yee, Chris Reinke; **Back row:** Frank Angelone, Kim Conteen, Matt Zemanek, Hallie Ferlin.



TRAINERS - **Front row:** Marygrace Kaleal, Jennifer Kaleal, Jacque Vananese; **Back row:** Nicole Biggins, Amy Preston, Colleen Miller, Kelly Piccirillo, Kathryn Leavitt.



STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS - Chris Vehar, Aimee Puin, Nicki Rucci, Jamie Robbins.



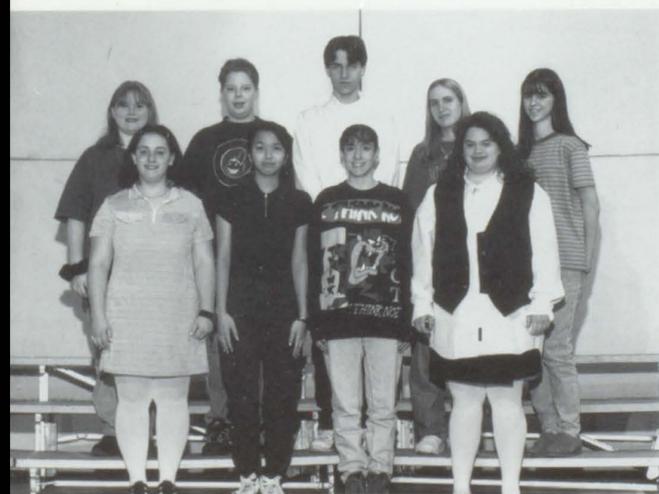
STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL - **Front row:** Tiffany Hughes, Leah Basch, Patrick Capuozzo, Allison O'Brien, Shawn Timen; **Row 2:** Adam Zuccaro, Kristen Alberda, Ashley Sherman, Meredith Block, Alyssa Gans, Craig Shapiro; **Back row:** Lydia Arko, Melissa Stanley, Mike Puin, Nancy Liao, Allison Halco.



FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS - **Front row:** Jonathan Khoury, Bobby Miller, Jason Haserodt; **Back row:** Ginenne Lanese, Jamie Petti, Jessica Morowitz.



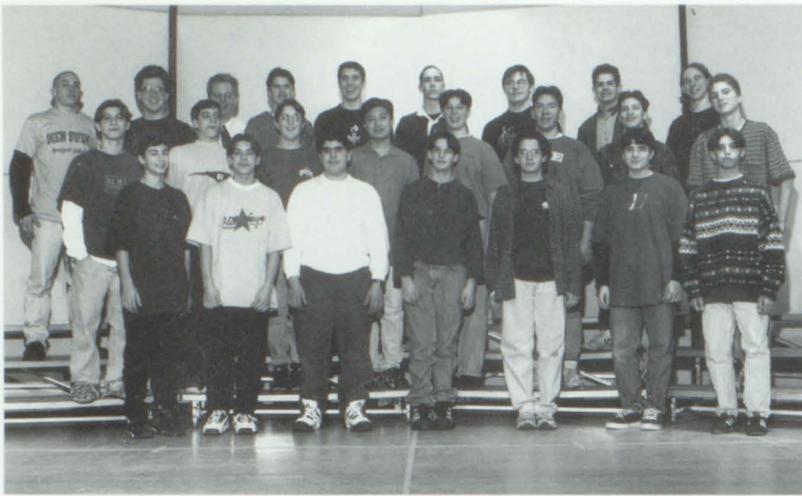
MAT CATS - **Front row:** Kim Ahlegian, Nicole Scotese, Julie Fragomeni, Jacquie Varanese, Kathryn Leavitt, Aleigh Phillips; **Back row:** Danielle Vespucci, Colleen Miller, Stephanie Waggle, Melanie Pearn, Karan Farhat, Lisa Gillespie.



OFFICE AIDES - **Front row:** Shawn Timen, Rose Duong, Natalie Fisco, Theresa Diggins; **Back row:** Jaclynn Forwath, Tom Pearn, Domenje Guido, Renee Janowski, Allison Halco.



TEEN INSTITUTE - **Front row:** Abby Fazio, Sherry Fang, Mandy Fordham; **Row 2:** Marianne Yarush, Paul Lin, Lindsey Kramer, Bryan Armstrong; **Back row:** Reena Jhala, Mark Kramer, Jason Kikel, John Lin, Heinz Yee.



MEN'S CHORUS - **Front row:** John Sevastos, Brandon Leffler, Maroun Ayna, Mike Vercellino, Robby Friedman, Alex Yessayan, Ritchie DeNigris; **Row 2:** Ben Harvey, Bobby Balluh, Trent Pinto, Gabriel Ling, Conor Riley, Paul Hotchkiss, Ross Fertel, Billy Dunger; **Back row:** Chris Ragone, Bill Williams, Mr. Stephen Glosser, Mike Ditto, Jeff Previte, Brad Harrill, Jeff O'Keefe, Jonathan Goetz, Chris Ryan.



CONCERT CHOIR - **Front row:** John Sevastos, Lauren Maguire, Melissa Ianni, Melissa Gibbons; **Row 2:** Laura Cipolletti, Angela Mason, Amy Hopper; **Back row:** Lisa Bishop, Billy Dunger, Hillary Sweigard, Courtney Roediger.



RHYTHM & STYLE (JV SHOW CHOIR) - **Front row:** Amy Hopper, Adam Zuccaro, Jessica Whalen, Kristen Alberda, Dan White; **Row 2:** Eric Novello, Chris Morgan, Craig Shapiro, Jane Zelenkov, Anthony DiFranco, Michelle Homa; **Row 3:** Julie Kirschenbaum, Carman Varone, Allison O'Brien, Richard Mehling, Ashley Sherman, Myles Turney, Lindsey Alexander; **Back row:** Janine Piuanno, Lauren Tsevdos, Jordan Feinstein, Danna Goldberg, Kelly Lynch.



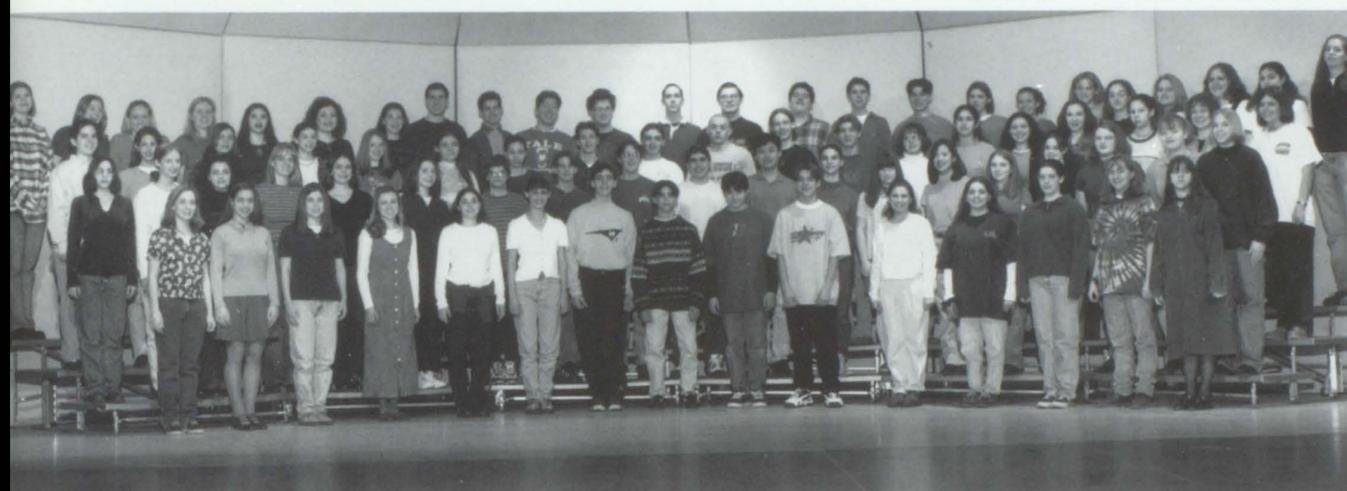
MUSICAL CAST (GREASE) - **Front row:** Robby Friedman, Samantha Oh, Suzanne Watson, Kiri Roediger, Lauren Smith, Brandon Leffler, Carrie Richards; **Row 2:** Heath Morgan, Carla Schneider, Irin Portnaya, Carl Long, Jeff O'Keefe, Beth Nudelman, Conor Riley, Robyn Pazicni, Jeff Previte, Trent Pinto, Bobby Balluh, Julie Fragomeni, Jennifer Brooks, Lisa Kusa; **Row 3:** Sonia Deninzon, Faith Brown, Jon Goetz, Joe Kravitz; **Row 4:** Becky Gellott, Kim Ahlegian, Megan Miozzi, Alicia Nathison, Hillary Sweigard, M Horvath; **Row 5:** Maria Ruppe, Brie Guist, Tamara Goetz, Lauren Tsevdos, Melissa Berman, Rich Balluh; **Back row:** Brad Harrill, Vanessa Vienna.



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WOMEN'S CHORUS - Front row: Lauren Smith, Tania DiFranco, Melissa Berman, Sarah Myslenski, Lisa Bishop, Paula Clegg, Claire Deninzon, Michelle Niro, Chris Morgan, Nicole Scotese, Emily Zifchak, Andrea Boger;
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Row 3: Kim Ahlegian, Jessica Sworan, Mandy Fordham, Jennifer Burtonshaw, Kristin Roediger, Sonia Deninzon, Laura Cipolletti, Courtney Roediger, Alicia Nathison, Suzanne Watson, Julie Fragomeni, Danielle Whitmer, Christi Grochowski, Jackie Kalan; **Back row:** April Oravec, Faith Brown, Angela Mason, Robyn Pazicni, Jennifer Liebman, Lauren Tsevdos, Amy Preston, Tamara Goetz, Jessica Horowitz, Hillary Sweigard, Colleen Miller, Amy Niedermeyer, Regina Kowalski, Laura Vercellino, Kristina Urich, Samantha Oh.



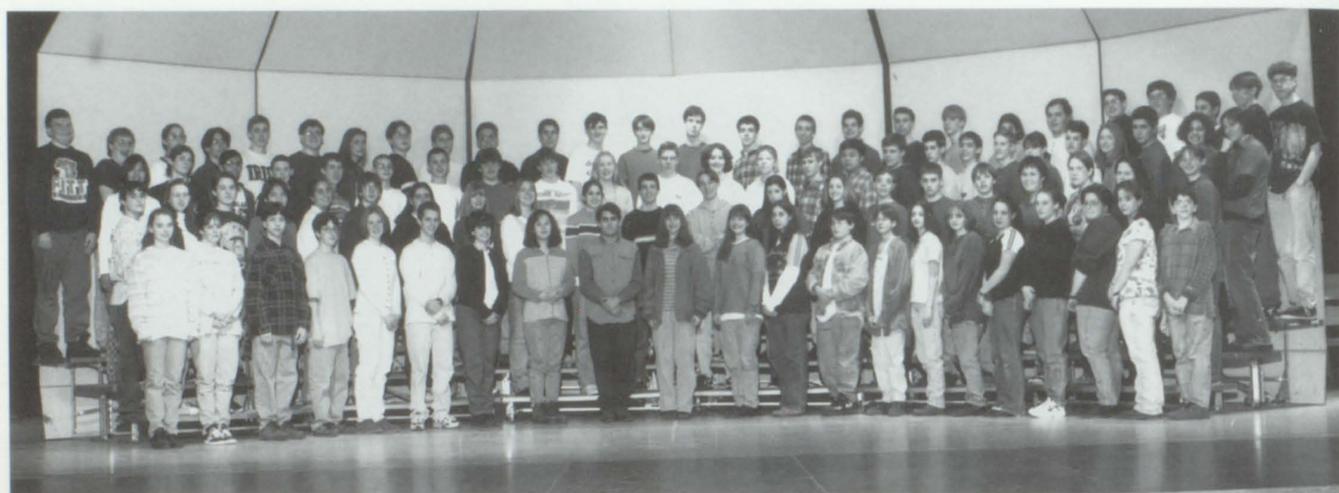
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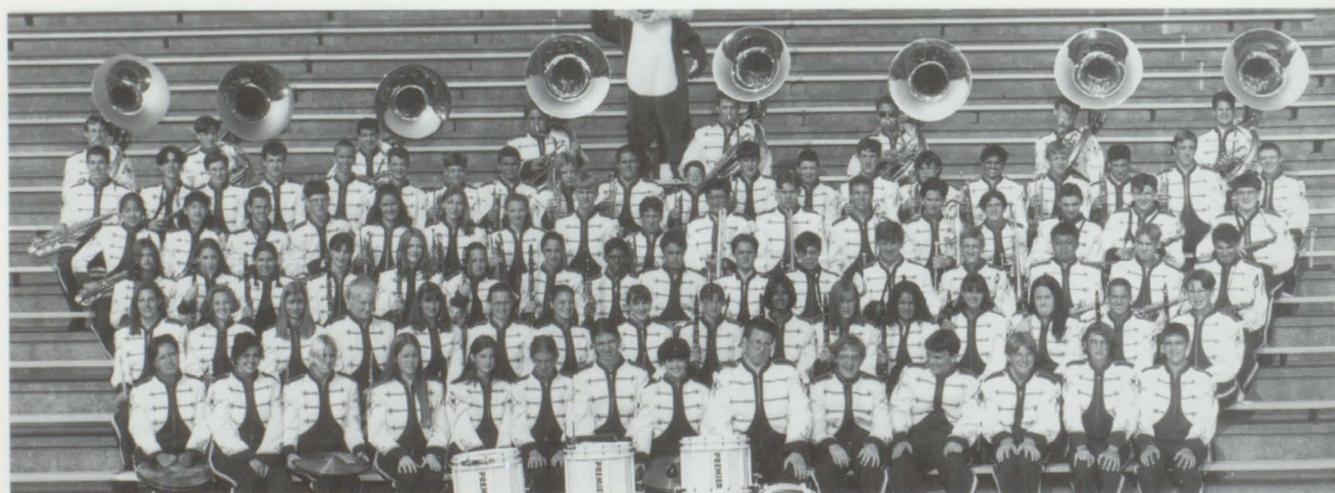
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CATETTES - **Front row:** Amanda Skyrn, Robyn Pazicni, Jenn Brooks, Halle Rockwell, Cheryl Jennings; **Row 2:** Lauren Smith, Michelle Bisbee, Sheryl Kass, Michelle Niro; **Back row:** Nadya Travinina, Amy Hopper, April Harpp, Cassia Maher, Jenny Niedermeyer, Theresa Pamela, Laura Byrne.



FLAG CORPS - **Front row:** Kendra Mott, Lindsay Pavlich, Kim Ahlegian; **Back row:** Melissa Berman, Becky Gellott, Sara Phelps, Jeanelle Rogers, Jackie Trigilio, Sheri Trozzi, Samantha Caspio.



JAZZ 1 - **Front row:** Bill Flugan, Teresa Stella, Michael Yee, Chris Byrne, Bobby Immormino, Kevin Vincent; **Row 2:** Eric Long, Andy Margevicius, Kevin Amster, Colin Cutts, Chris Gaspar, Jeff Hart, Nick Machoukas; **Back row:** Matt Horvath, Jonathan Goetz, Norm Kirchner, Pete Cummings, Jeff Previte, Joe Gellott, John Burrington, Andy Stella.



JAZZ 2 - **Front row:** Joe D'Alessandro, Darcy Kennerly, Tiffany Stracci, Sherry Fang, Abby Fazio, Bobby Riter; **Row 2:** Mario DeCristofaro, Vineet Daga, Joe Monaco, Jonathan Khoury, Bryan Brooks, Eric Cohen, Jason Haserod; **Row 3:** Frank Angelone, Tommy Varanese, Tamara Goetz, Dan Russell, Kevin Koehler, Andrew Walther, John Burrington, Chris Reinke; **Back row:** Barry Irwin, Matt Zemanek, Bill Flugan, Eric Long, Andy Margevicius, Tom Cannell, Bob Adamson, Andy Stella.



ORCHESTRA - **Front row:** Shruti Dave, Alison DiBarto, Carolyn Pelley, Nick Farr, Diana Auyang, Julie Kirschenbaum, Karen Pak; **Row 2:** Hena Ahmad, Jerry Chiang, Eric Chiu, Saurav De, Daniel Ling, Lisa Ambrogio, Becky Gelloff; **Back row:** Stephanie Kovacevic, Henry Liu, Heinz Yee, David Armstrong, Nick Potkalitsky, Amanda Skyrn, Keele Harvey.



AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE (AFS) - **Front row:** Laurel Johnson, Katie Mathay, Marina Kumala; **Row 2:** Carla Schneider, Lisa Kusa, Inga Olsen; **Back row:** Maria Ruppe, Paul Grinberg, Olga Griffin.

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Atlanta Olympics showcase talents of American women including the gold-medal-winning basketball, soccer, softball, and gymnastics teams, as well as individual efforts by swimmers and track stars. The men are also well represented on the gold medal stand by the likes of sprinter Michael Johnson and decathlete Dan O'Brien.

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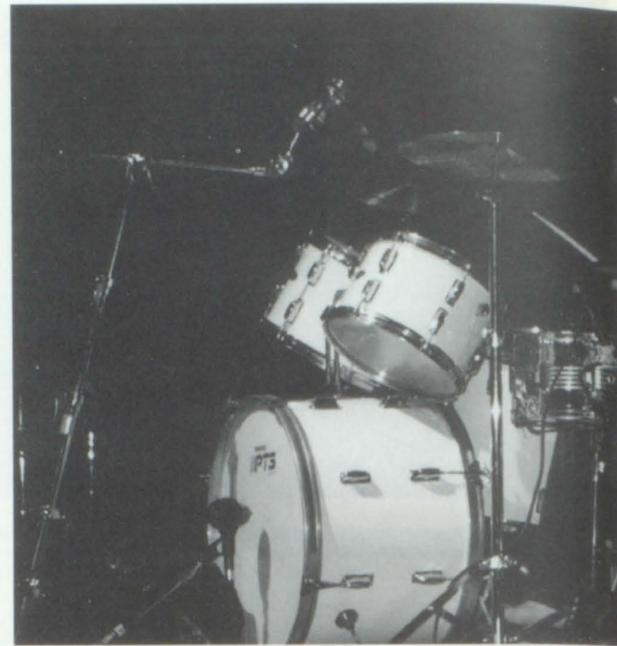
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Bomb explodes in Centennial Park during the Olympic Games killing a bystander and a journalist. The Olympic spirit is shaken but not broken as the Games continue.

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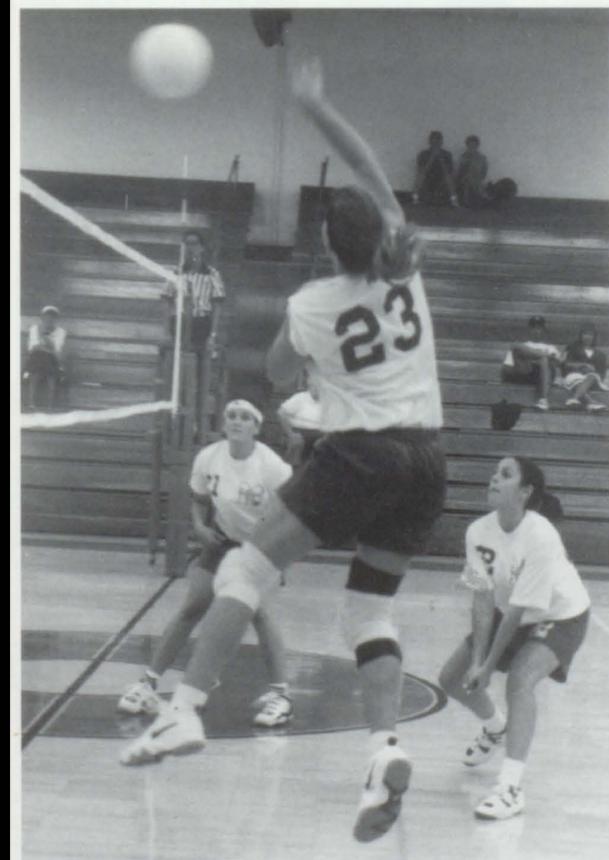




DEAD BUTTERFLIES. Drummer Jason Kikel keeps the beat for his band, Dead Butterflies, in the Monsters of Rock concert on January 11. Five other bands also participated: Gringe, Aqualung, Wintrip, Little Cat Z, and 8628. At least one musician from each band had to be a Mayfield student.

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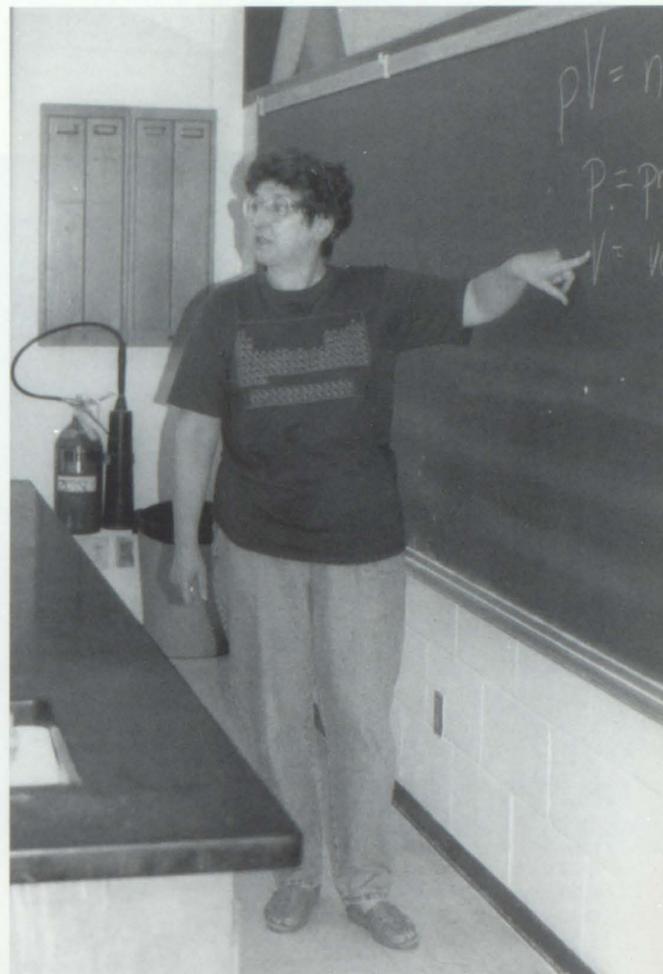
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UPANDOVER. In a match against Nordonia, Beth Myslenski, #22, sets up the ball for Patti Delfs, #23, to send over the net. Tara Palmisano, #21, keeps her position by the net. These three senior captains led the Varsity Volleyball team to an 11-10 season. Beth said, "We really worked well as a unit. It was an enjoyable season."

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GO, TRIBE! During seventh period staff and students study and watch the Tribe take on the Baltimore Orioles in the first game of the post-season on a television set up in the Humanities Library. The Indians lost the game and went on to lose the series, 3-1. (Mike Crowe, Mr. Bob Sleeman, Jeff Crawford, Josh Wilkenfeld, Jeff Austin, Mr. Jerry Turk)

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Queen Elizabeth watches as Charles and Diana's divorce is finalized on August 28.

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TEDDY BEAR TEA. Staff members Mrs. Carol McCreary and Mrs. Bobbie Watson present teddy bears dressed by the staff as a community project to a representative of the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary at a Teddy Bear Tea on November 5. Over 200 dolls and 950 teddy bears, including those on display in the IMC Library, were distributed by the auxiliary to Cleveland children in agencies, shelters at Christmas time.

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TAKING THE LEAD. In the final meet of the regular Boys' Track season, Brad Fisler leads Troy Cornish in the 300m hurdles. Brad said, "This is the last time I'll beat him, I'm sure, because he's gotten a lot better." The Wildcats went on the beat Nordonnia 89-43.

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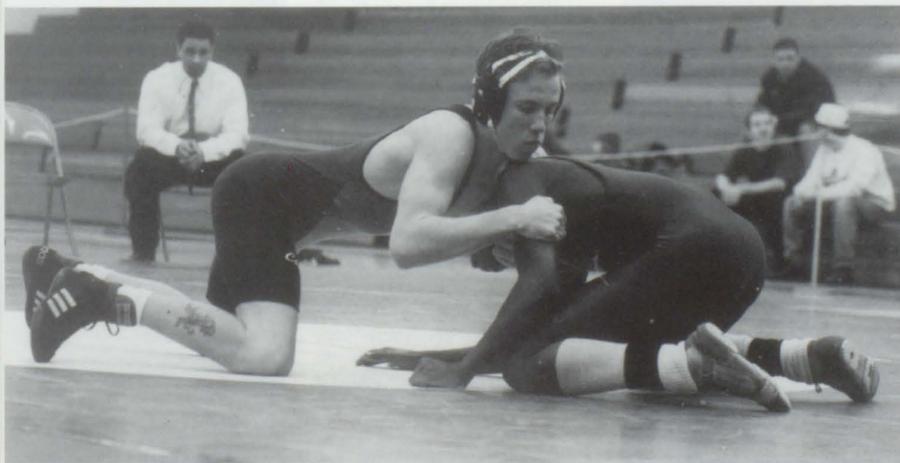
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TWA flight 800 explodes off the shores of Long Island killing 230 people. After investigating the possibilities of terrorist bombs and missiles, the FBI concludes mechanical failure was the cause.



ETERNAL FLAME. During the World History Honors classes' trip to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., Mr. Dave Chordas and Mariya Kaplun visit the John Kennedy grave site at Arlington Cemetery. The trip, which was March 12-13, followed a study of the literature and history of World War II with emphasis on the Holocaust.

ON STAGE. Members of the 7-8 Drama Club Laurie Anliker, Erika Jensen and Kim Hetzel assemble the backdrop for their play *Cinderella of the '90s* before the public evening performance on May 23. The day before the group had traveled to several of the elementary schools with their production.





ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR. After track practice, Chris Staple and Chris Holder unwind next to their lockers with their "drum club."

THEY'RE OFF. In the open 400m race against Brush, Mike Desatnik, Andy Shuster, Matt Patti and Travis Ryan try to earn points for the Wildcats. Travis came in first, Matt second, and the Mayfield team beat the Arcs 83-49.

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Welfare reform bill signed into law by President Clinton requires welfare recipients to work and limits the amount of time

WAY TO GO! Racing in to congratulate each other on their victory over Shaker, the Boys' Varsity Baseball team basks in the glory of their 5-3 upset. Sam Polo got the win, but relief by Brian Baker in the bottom of the sixth provided five strikeouts and assured the win. The team won the district tournament at Bedford with a win over Solon the next day.



Yankees win the World Series for the first time in 15 years by defeating the Atlanta Braves.

Zaire's government toppled by rebels; country renamed The Democratic Republic of Congo.

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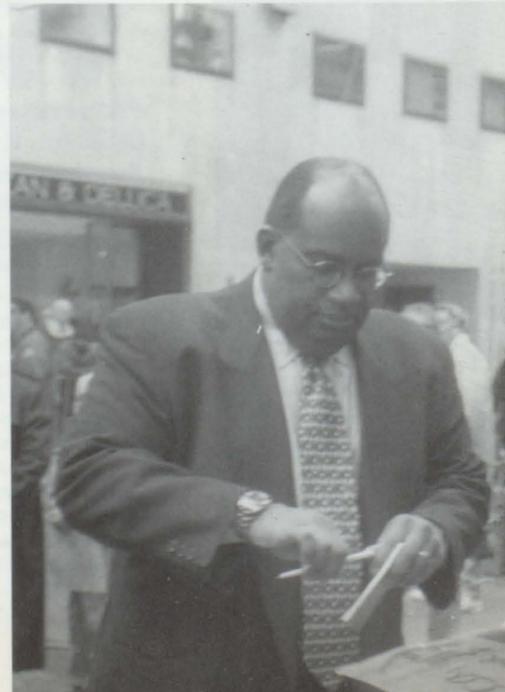


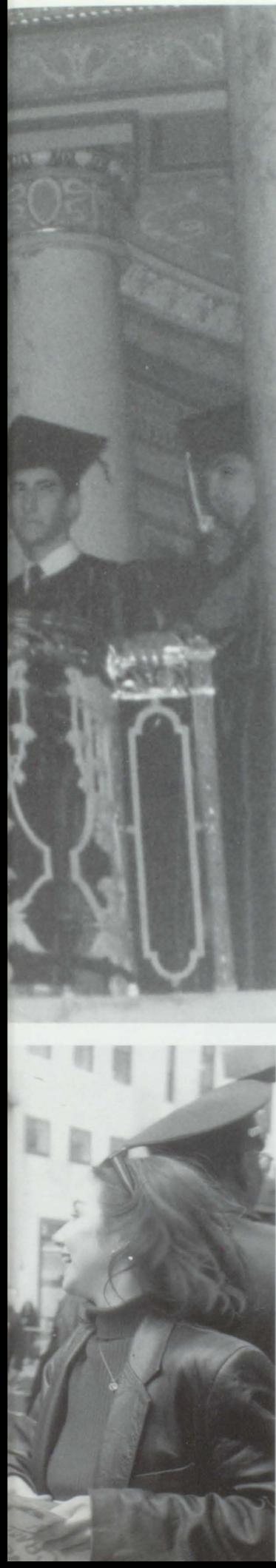
Only hours left before they become alumni, Tanya Schuman, Kate Schumacher, Amy Schumacher, Aja Schriber, Maria Ruppe, Tom Rudar, and Nick Roberto look over the lobby of the Palace Theatre in Playhouse Square. Whether they wanted it to end or not, there was **no way around it**: high school was just about over for the Class of '97.

In the student championship of the Harvest for Hunger volleyball tournament, John McAleese meets B. J. Sommer and Joe Baudo at the net. Despite McAleese's efforts, there was **no way around** Sommer's team winning the second straight year and going on to beat the faculty team again.



at Studio One in downtown Manhattan, Jen Burtonshaw gets an autograph from Al Roaker on the Mayfield Players' trip to New York. Celebrities are celebrities, and there is **no way around it**: if you want to get their autographs, it takes some cunning.





no way **around** it **push**

as the year began to draw to an end, seniors set their eyes on higher things and underclassmen looked forward to moving up one step. There was **no way around it**: we were all moving on to new things. As members of the Class of '97 moved up and headed off to the real world, they left behind some high standards for later classes to live up to. They led the school to a United Way donation of over \$7,000, tops in the state and a new school record, and they collected over \$1,000,000 in scholarships. Over 80% of the class headed on to higher education, and six members earned the honor of National Merit Finalist. Superintendent Dr. David Abbott also moved on to other things as he resigned from his post at Mayfield and took a new job in New Jersey. This year there was **no way around it**: if we took a break, we would be left behind as others moved on.

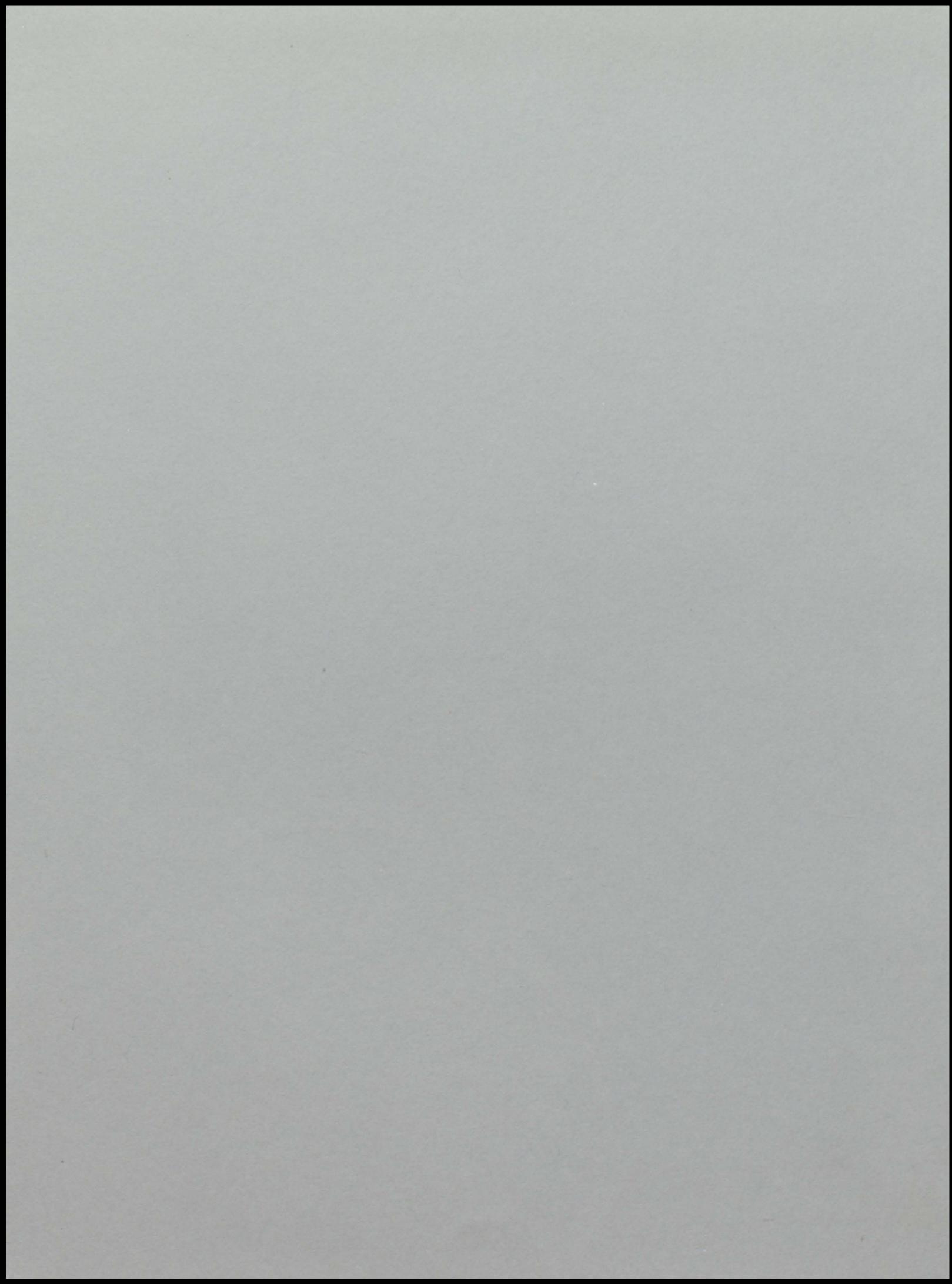
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As Jay Varma enters the Brian Khoury Memorial Walk on Sunday, May 25, Pat Lynch pins two ribbons, one purple and one white, on him. The ribbons, which carried the colors of the Class of '97, were in memory of Brian's courage and determination, according to class adviser Cindy Six. There was no way around it: the senior class rallied to help raise over \$5,000 for the Brian Khoury Scholarship.

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