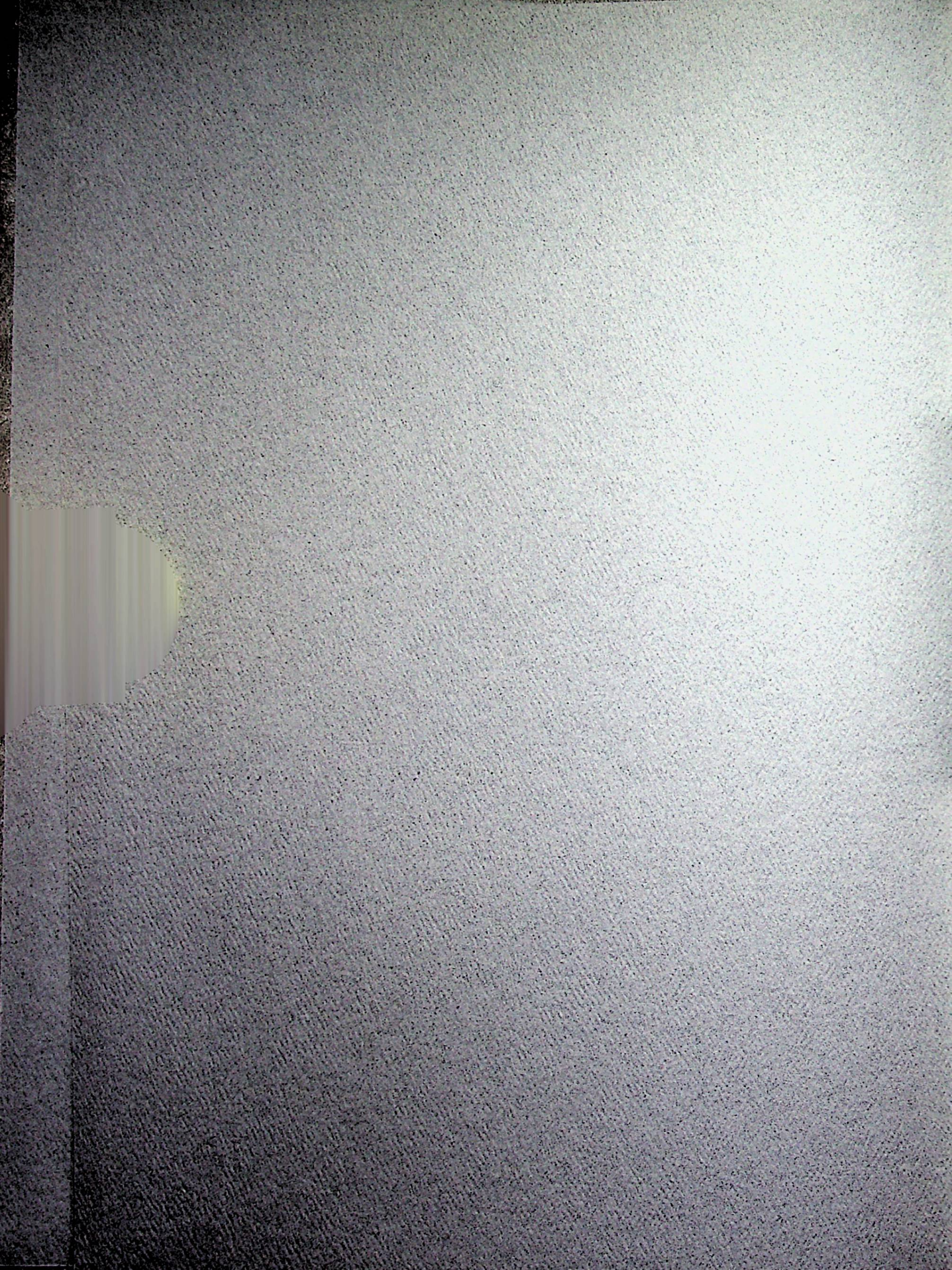




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Class of 1996

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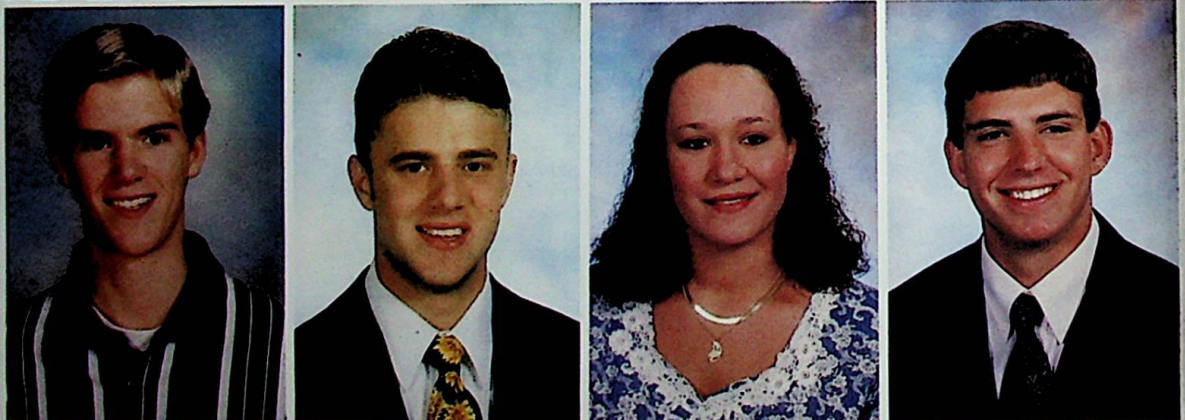
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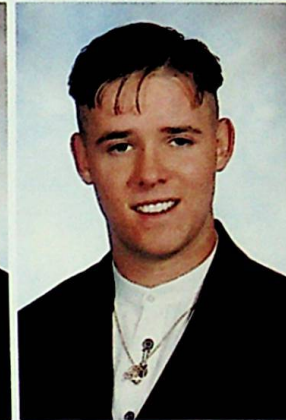
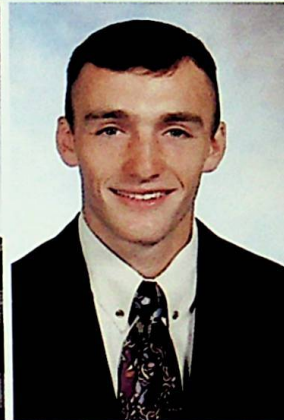


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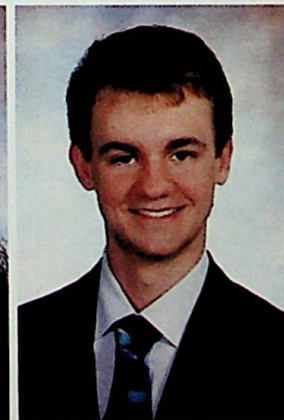
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Mindy Blair
Ryan Bobst



Shawn Boll
Gabe Brown
Ryan Brown
Shane Browning



Josh Bryan
Melody Burnett
Jennifer Burt
Shellie Carver



Mike Clausing
Deanna Collins
Shane Conn
Rodney Cooper

Pirates Just Do It

No Problem for Burg Students

We have all heard the famous slogan made popular by Nike. But as WHS students prove this year, it doesn't apply to athletics alone. All the hours put into assignments, practices, and club meetings pay dividends. Every year Wheelersburg sets the standard in both academics and athletics. This year is certainly no exception.

If you think about the phrase itself, it embodies everything which Pirate students and staff strive to do day in and day out. As always, the desired result is success. Whether it involves putting in a few more hours studying on a particular subject, trying your hardest in your club or sport, or a teacher taking time out of the day to discuss an area in which a student may be having difficulty, the Pirates always seem to go above and beyond what is expected. It is no secret that preceding classes have ex-

celled in academics and athletics. That is why it is essential that the Class of '96 set the proper example for the other classes to follow. WHS has and always will challenge others to follow.

Another side of the phrase deals with the competitive nature of our school. Many ask how Wheelersburg can possibly post successful results year after year. The answer lies in the phrase. No matter what is thrown at you, no matter how pressed you are for time, you must keep going. You must have that certain drive inside you that makes you want to do better, to improve. That's what sets WHS apart from the rest of the crowd. That's what makes WHS so special. That's because the Wheelersburg High School Pirates Just Do It.



Webmasters Dustin Burleson and Kell Hicks update WHS' home page on the internet daily. WHS is the first school in Scioto County to have a site on the WWW.



The pouring rain can't dampen the spirits of the Pirate cheer block as they support their team and homecoming court. The Pirates defeated the West Siders 27-6, and then celebrated with the homecoming dance in the gym.



I.S. students Charlene Darrell-Fields, Jessica Pace, and Shelley Mauk create the hallway bulletin board for the Mail for Our Military program. Along with the freshman English classes and other individual students, the school sent a total of 665 Christmas cards and letters to our military personnel.

These guys finally achieve the Senior location in the gymnasium as the Pirates celebrate the first pep assembly of the school year and get ready for the beginning of Friday night football games.

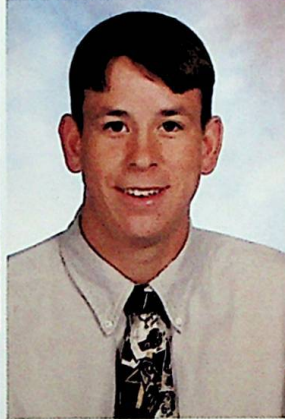
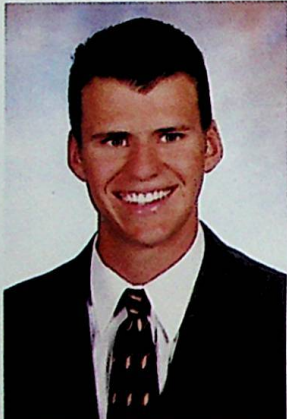
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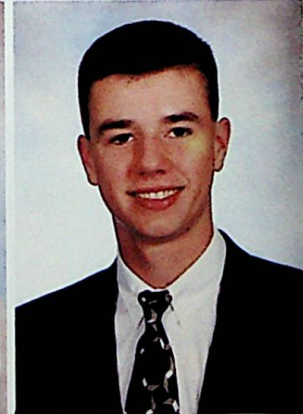
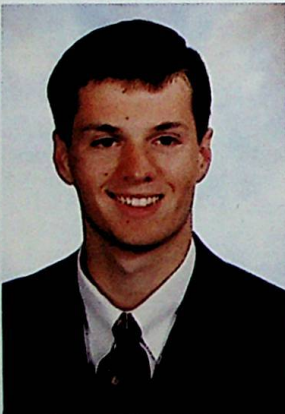
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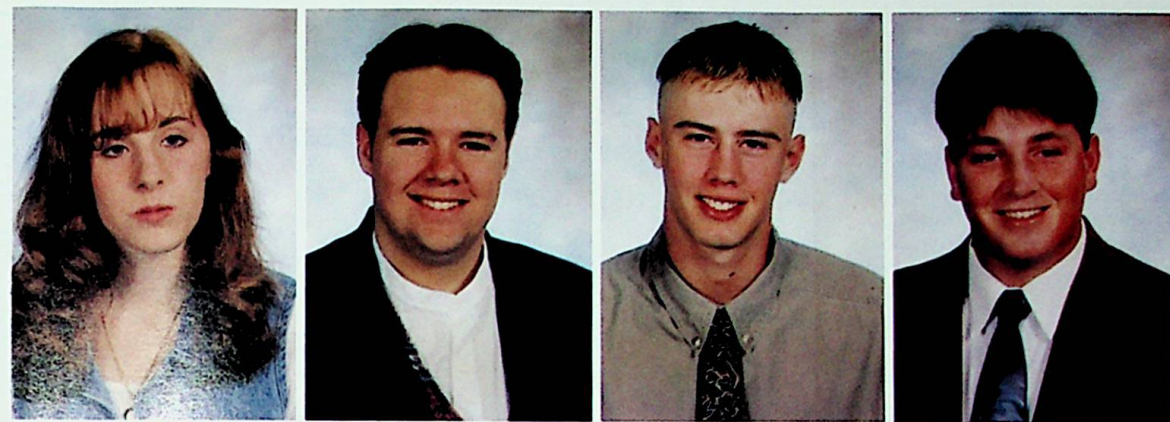


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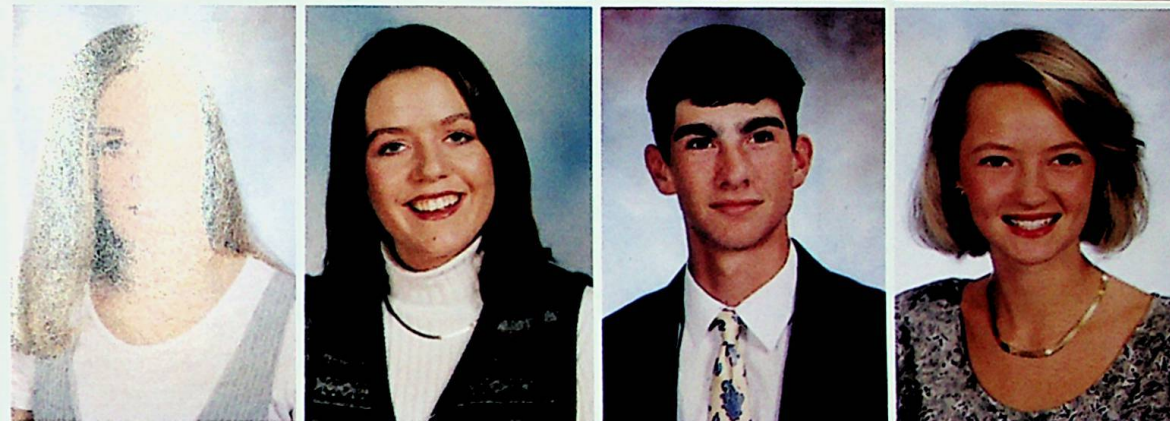


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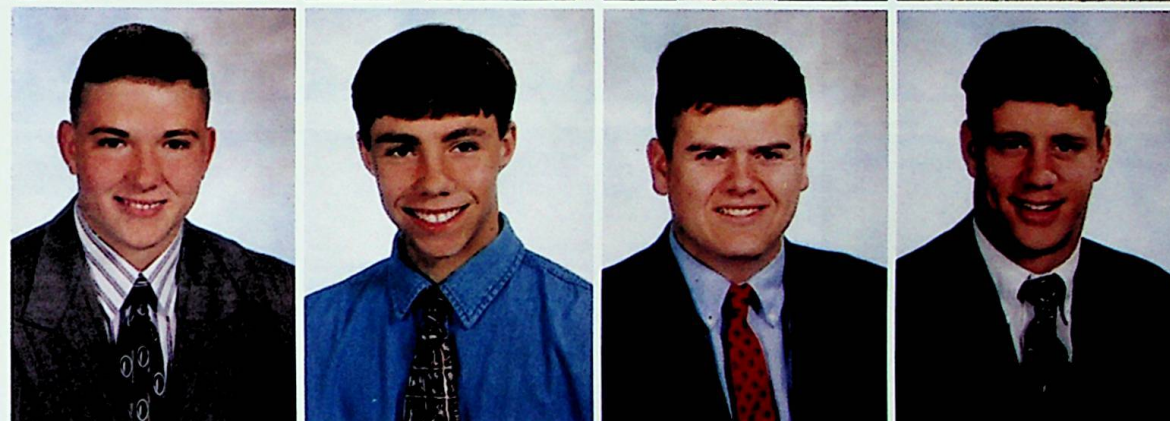




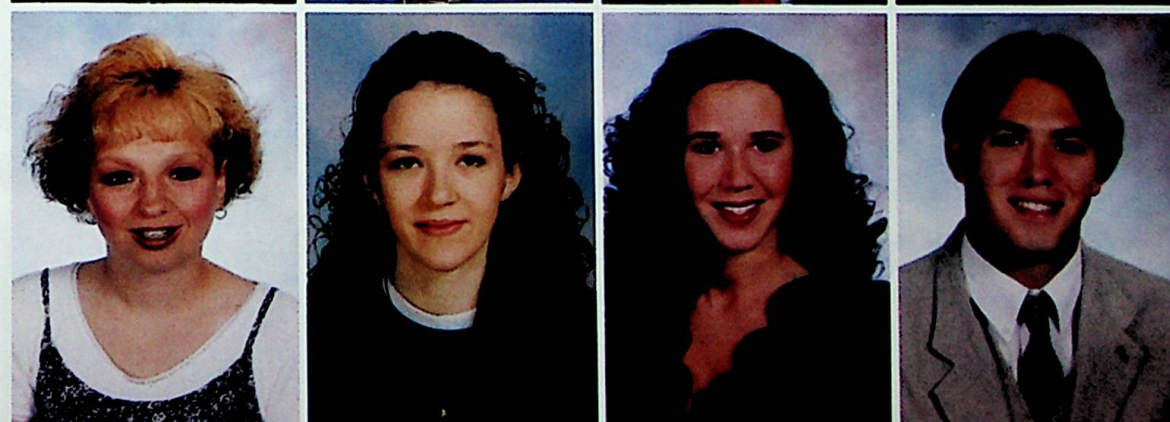
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Kell Hicks
Wes Holbrook
Darrel Horton



Amanda Hotchkin
Lise Hovden
Jason Hughes
Tiffany Hughes



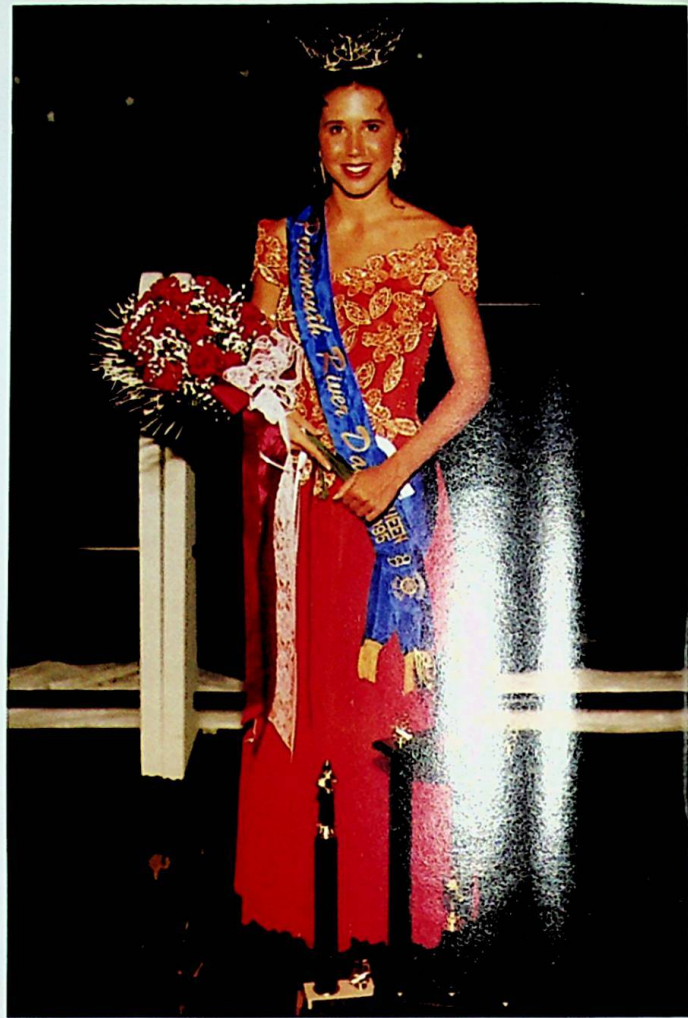
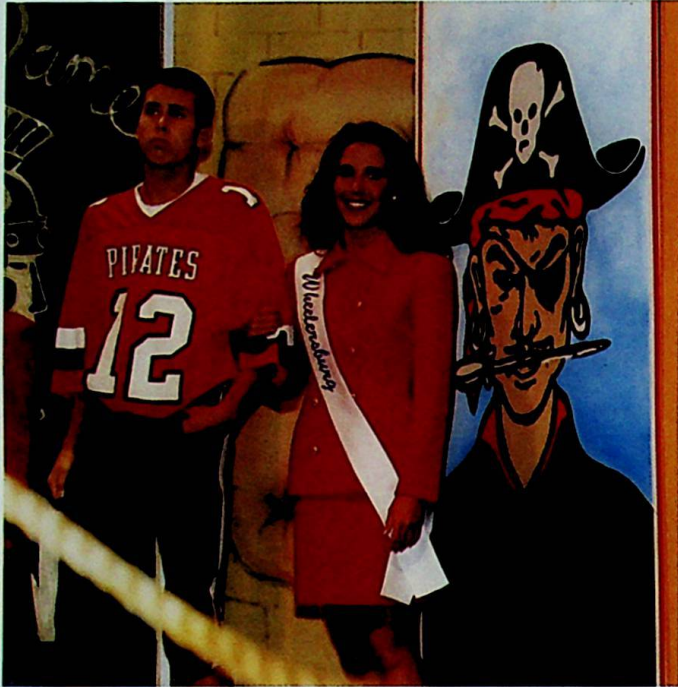
Kristophér Irwin
Tim Jenkins
Todd Johnson
Rob Journey



Mary Justice
Mandy Kirkendall
Lynnsay Leesburg
Phillip Lodwick

At the beginning of the pageant each school's representative is introduced, Lynnsay is escorted by her brother and freshman quarterback Mike Leesburg.

After the pageant, Lynnsay poses for her official photograph as Miss River Days 1995. Tonight will just be the beginning of her official duties as Miss River Days, as she will spend the weekend at the river bank festivities and then travel to other festivals throughout Ohio through the next year.



Lynnsay and the other representatives get to relax from the tension for a few minutes as they participate in the dance routine to "I Believe" by Crystal Waters.

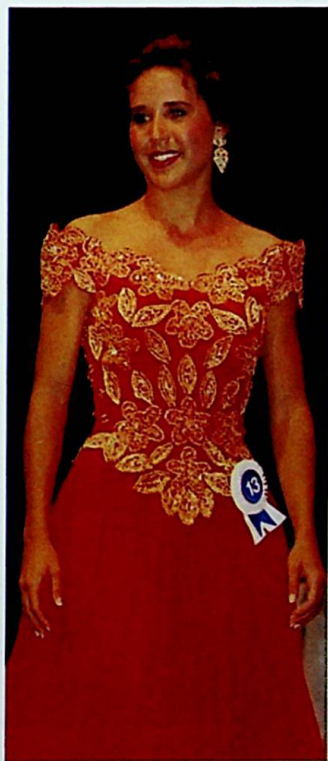
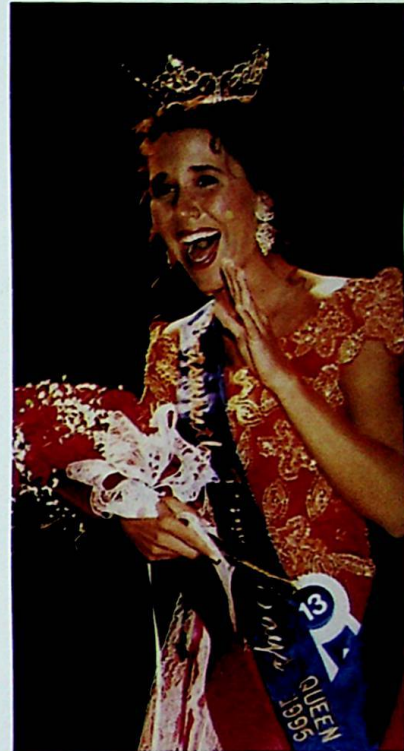
Lynnsay rides along the parade route on her float entitled "Portsmouth in the 20's, The City of Rhythm".





Lynnsey models her nautical wear during the evening's competition. As she competed, she was encouraged loudly by the many WHS supporters in the packed gym.

Miss River Days waves to her many fans and family as she walks out onto the runway after the pageant.



Miss River Days

After months of preparation, River Days 1995 finally arrived on September 2, 1995. The curtains opened to a packed gym at S.S.U. as Wheelersburg's representative, Lynnsey Leesburg, was greeted to loud cheers of support from her many fans in the audience. Lynnsey looked at ease throughout the various aspects of the pageant and spoke with

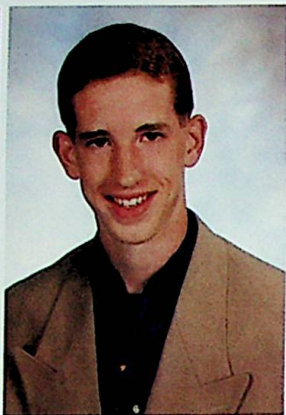
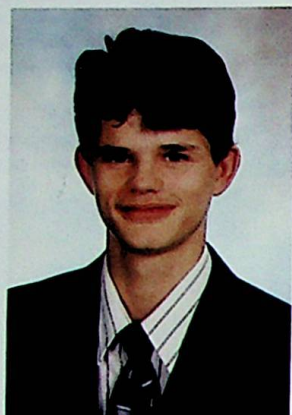
poise before the judges. As the evening drew to a close and the contestants awaited the final results, a roaring cheer erupted as Miss River Days 1995 was introduced as Lynnsey Leesburg from Wheelersburg High School. As part of her awards, Lynnsey and her mother were able to travel to and enjoy the excitement of the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City.

WHS' candidate models her beautiful evening gown that also compliments our school colors. Wearing number 13, since WHS is last alphabetically in the school list, wasn't unlucky for Lynnsey.

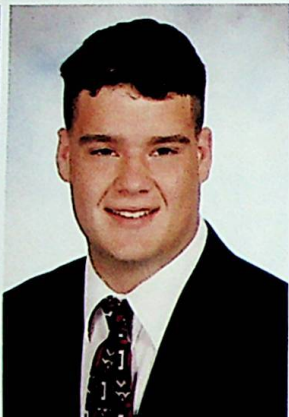
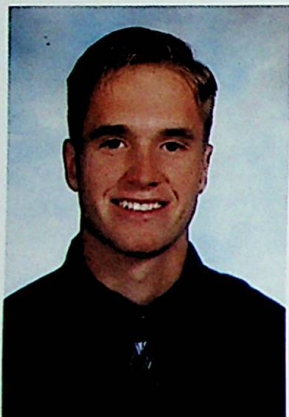
WHS is very proud of Lynnsey as she represents our school while serving as Miss River Days 1995.

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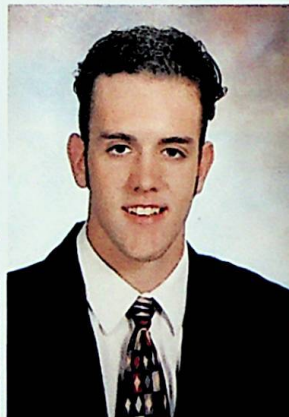
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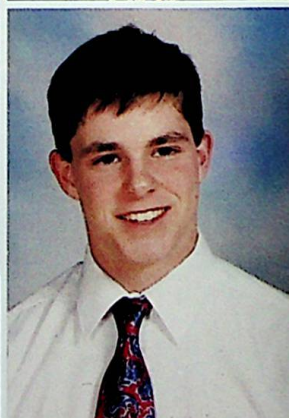
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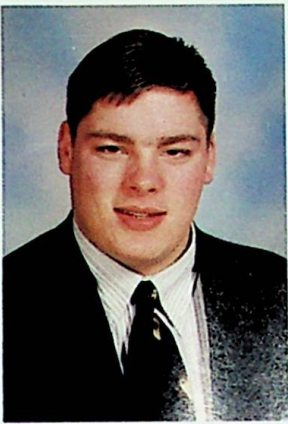


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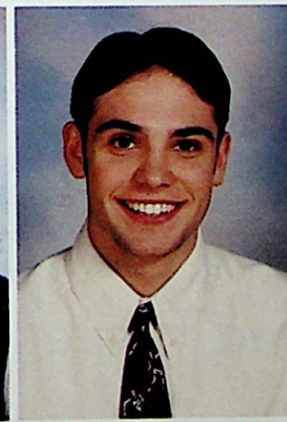
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Kristi Rheinheimer
Natalie Riepenhoff
Shannon Rose



Kelly Roe
Aaron Ruchti
Monica Ruggles
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Amanda See
David Sherman
Christopher Spence



Dawn Switalski
Chad Thompson
Jason Thompson
David Tolbert

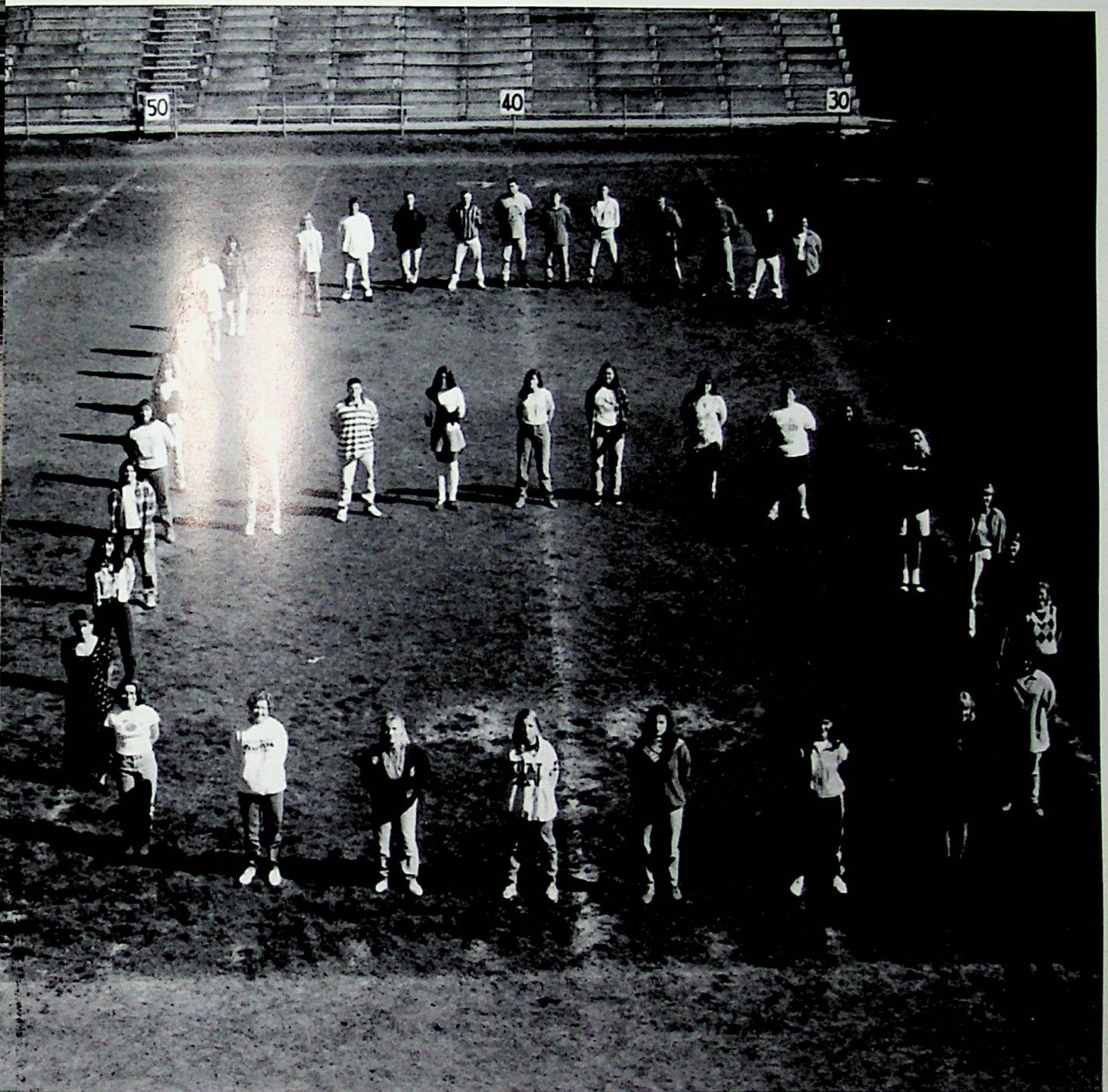
Wheelersburg High School's



Colors: Turquoise and White

Flower: Gladiolus

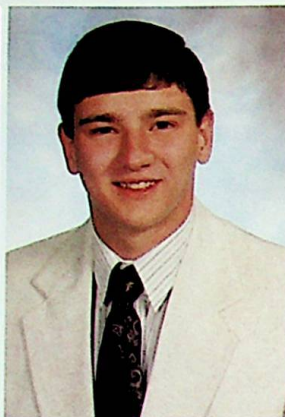
Class of 1996



Motto:

“Without challenge there is no achievement.”

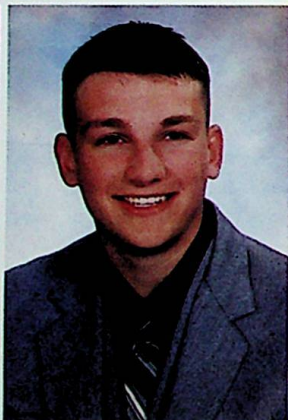
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Emily Watts
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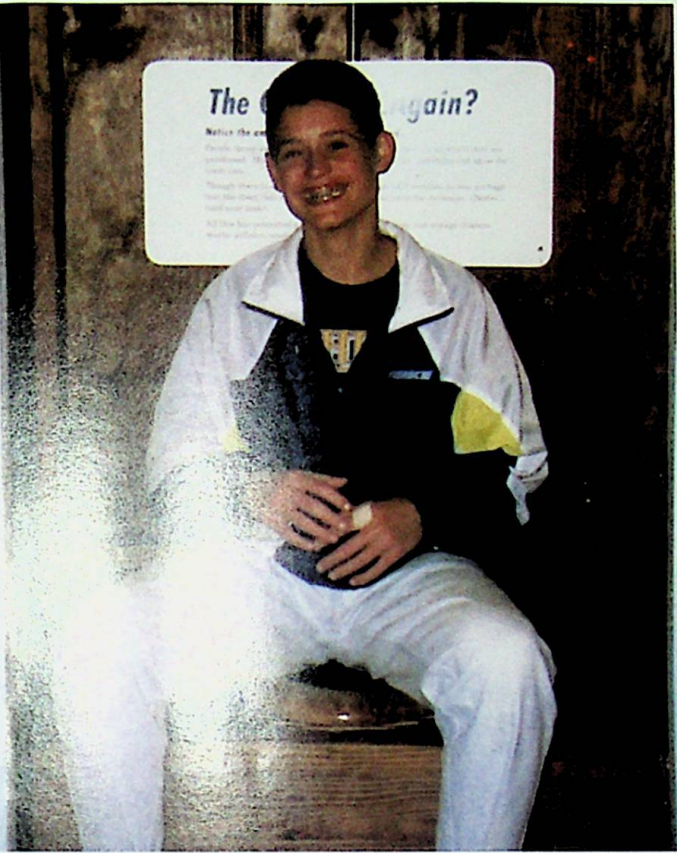


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Joey Wheeler
Gretchen White
Rachelle Whitley



Becky Williams
Tara Wolf
William Wood





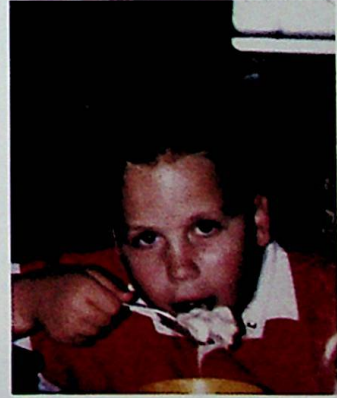
While on an AA trip to Cincinnati, Duck Hanzel tries out an old-fashioned outhouse on display at a museum.

As first graders, the girls gather for a picture after a hard day of fun at Girl Scout Camp.



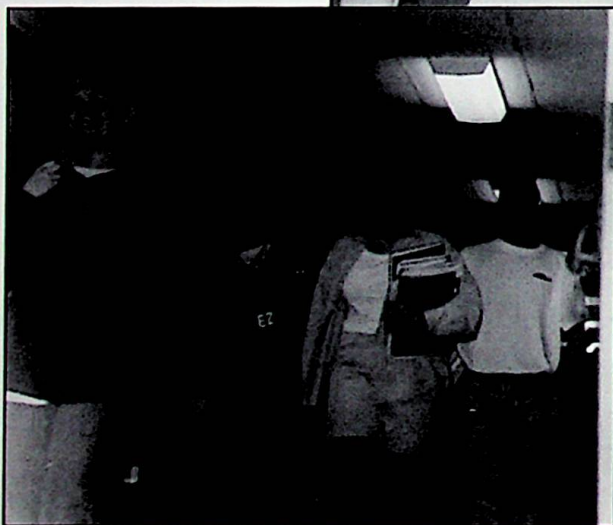
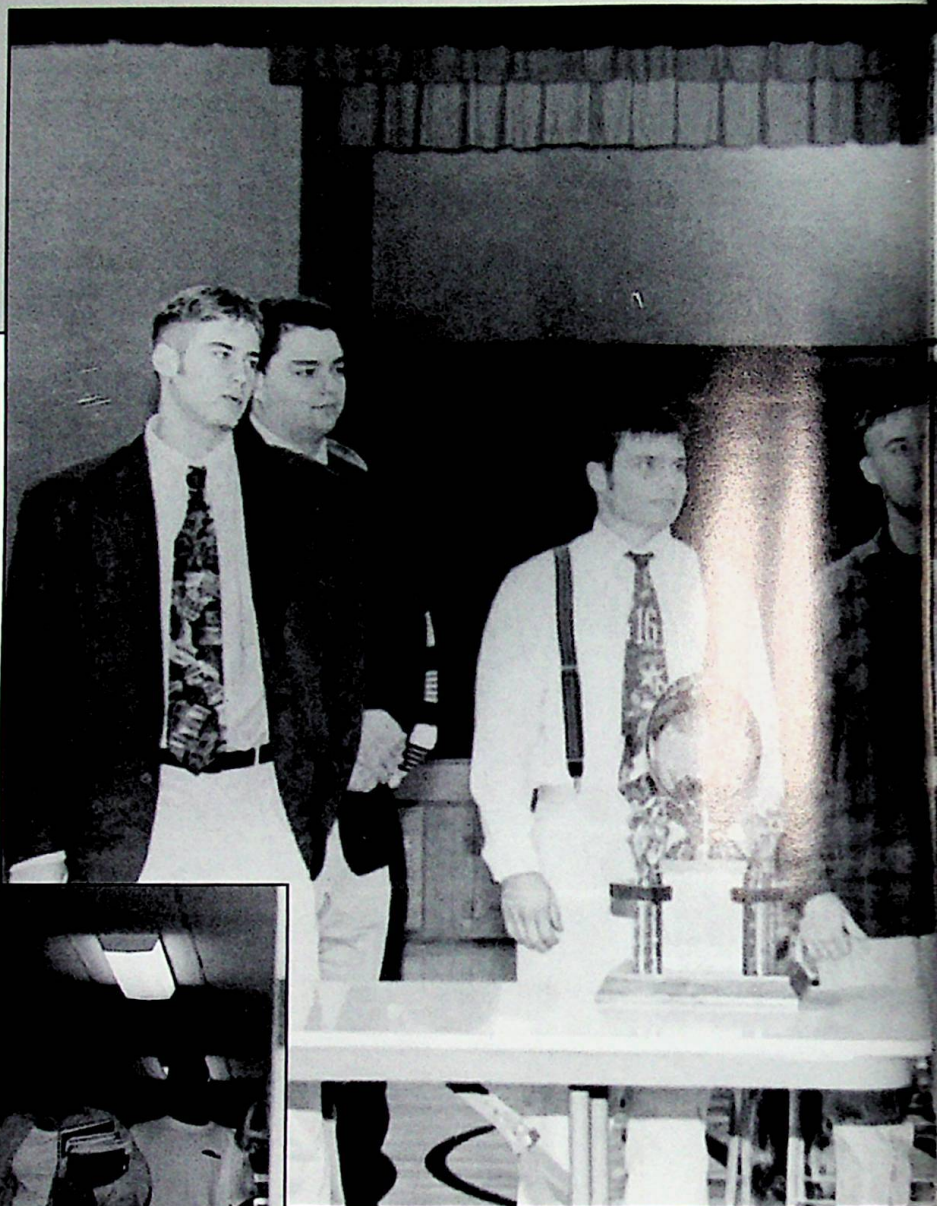
While acting innocent, the sixth grade "studs" are bunched together at Andy Heimbach's house for a big birthday bash.

At left, Lindsey, Jane, and Michele pose for pictures at the 8th grade Scholarship Banquet.



While attending his 4th grade AA class, Josh Bryan thinks of nothing more than his delicious ice cream treat.

Pirate captains Wes Holbrook, Andy Albrecht, Sean Miller, and Shane Browning accept the SOC trophy for first-place in the league from SOC President, John Little. The seniors then presented the trophy to Mr. Gill for display in our trophy case.



Yearbook photographer Phil Lodwick hovers in the hallway during the class changes, and captures Megan Wawro, Jessica Edwards, Amanda See, and Ryan Bobst coming from senior government class.

Nate Moore works on his graphite pencil shading of a collage of still life objects in the Advanced Art and Art Awareness class.





Seniors Just Do It

Senior portraits...After school jobs...Miss River Days...Cap and gown...Announcements...College applications...Senior t-shirts...Scholarship applications...Crop Walk...The Illiad...Spanish video and play...Selective service registration...NHS inductions...Senior cakes...Candy bar sales...Senior hallway decorations...Government lecture and notes...Voting registration...College visits...Senior term paper...Library research...Scholarship applications...Practice time...Cheer block...Calculus problems...Deadlines...Class Play...Physics and Chemistry II labs...ACT...Scholarship applications...SAT...Senior Proficiency...Pre-season training...Senior Skip Day...Homecoming dances...JOGS...Prom...Scholarship Tests...Graduation rehearsal...Senior Finals...Scholarship Banquet...Graduation



Andy Day marches with the Pirate Marching Band along the route for the River Days Parade in Portsmouth.



J.D. Emnett is captured by the camera as he participates in his leg of the relay races against the other classes during one of the first pep assemblies.

Pirates

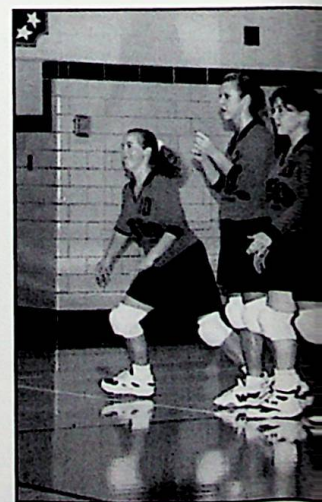
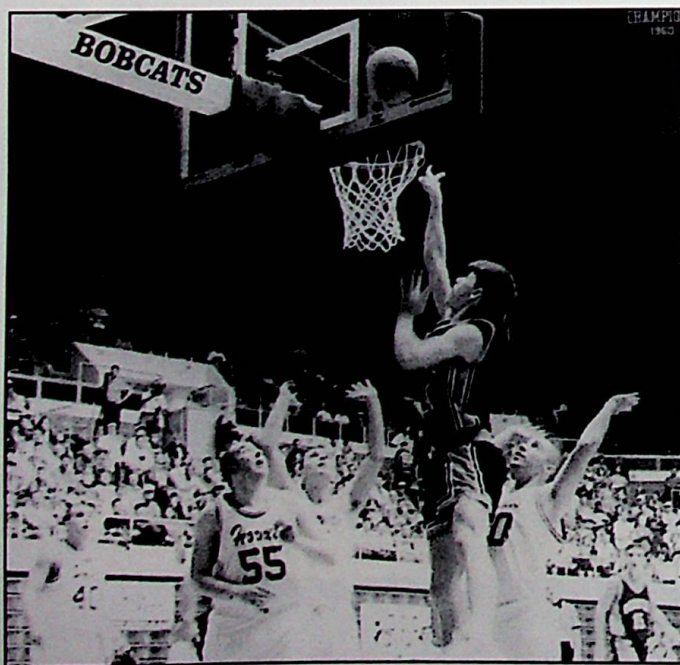
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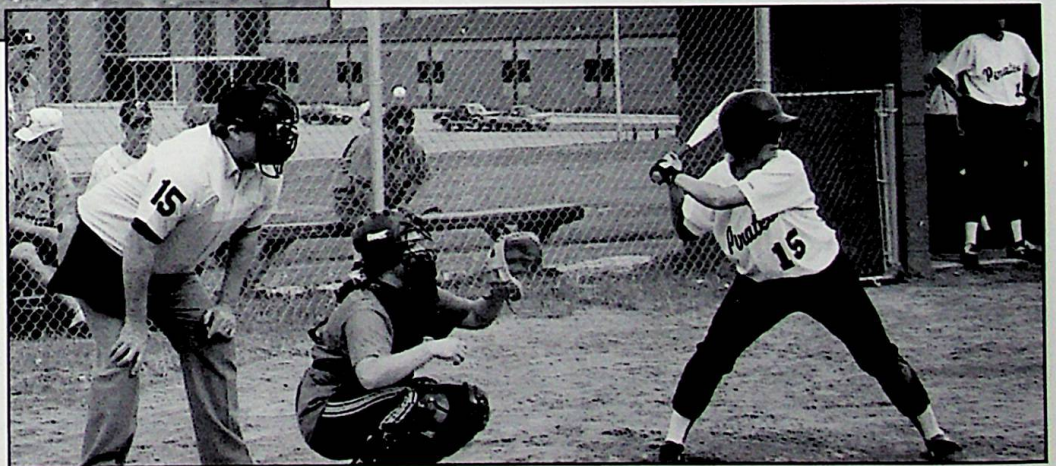
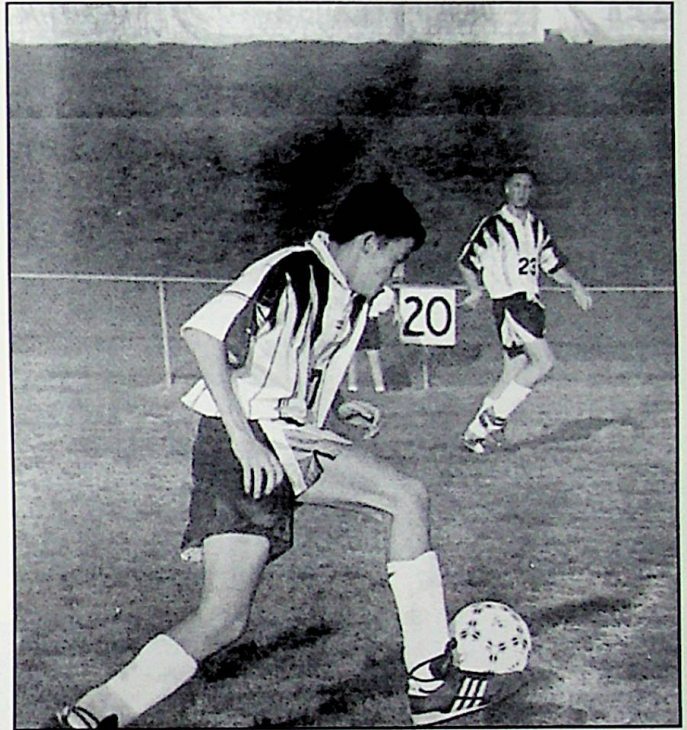
Do

It

Sports

1995-96





Cross Country

This year was a year of change for the Wheelersburg Pirate Cross Country team. This year's team was under a new coach and had a new schedule of meets as well. Coach Gary Johnson, the experienced coach of Pirate track, took charge of the cross country team. Coach Johnson added a different style of coaching and a different training method to cross country. The team took on a slightly different schedule consisting entirely of invitational meets on weekends to avoid conflicting with the academic schedule of the runners. Although many things changed, many stayed the same. The team faced the ever-present obstacles of pain, fatigue, bad weather, and slippery courses. The team came together to get past these obstacles and reach their common goal. Though the season may not have been as successful as those in years past, Pirate runners collected several individual awards. Senior Natalie Riepenhoff started off the season by winning a medal at the Portsmouth Invitational. After making the long road trip to the Lancaster Invitational, six members of the team received awards for their individual placings. Five members of the boys team collected ribbons, and Chad Benner received a medal. The best performance of the year came in the Piketon Invitational. Here the Pirate harriers braved the rain, mud, and the cornfield to receive a second place team trophy in the boys junior varsity division. Chad Benner and Zack Riepenhoff received medals, and seven other boys' team members won ribbons. Brooke Bockway led the girls, receiving a ribbon in the girls' division. Brooke also won a medal at the Rio Grande Invitational.

Cross Country

Location Placement

Boys

Portsmouth Invitational
5th of 5
Western Invitational
14th of 17
Cedarville Invitational
14th of 15
Rio Grande Invitational
11th of 16
S.O.C. 5th of 6
District 11th of 16

Girls

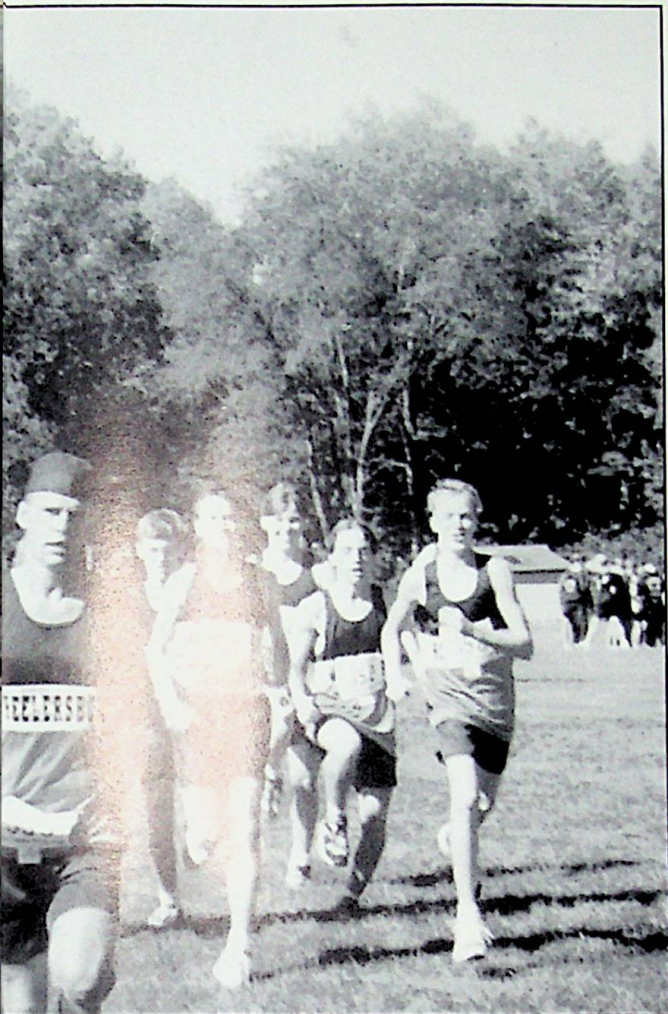
Portsmouth Invitational
4th of 5
Cedarville Invitational
12th of 12
Rio Grande Invitational
6th of 7
Piketon Invitational
6th of 7
District 5th of 9



Shelly and Becky celebrate after running in the District meet at Rio Grande College.

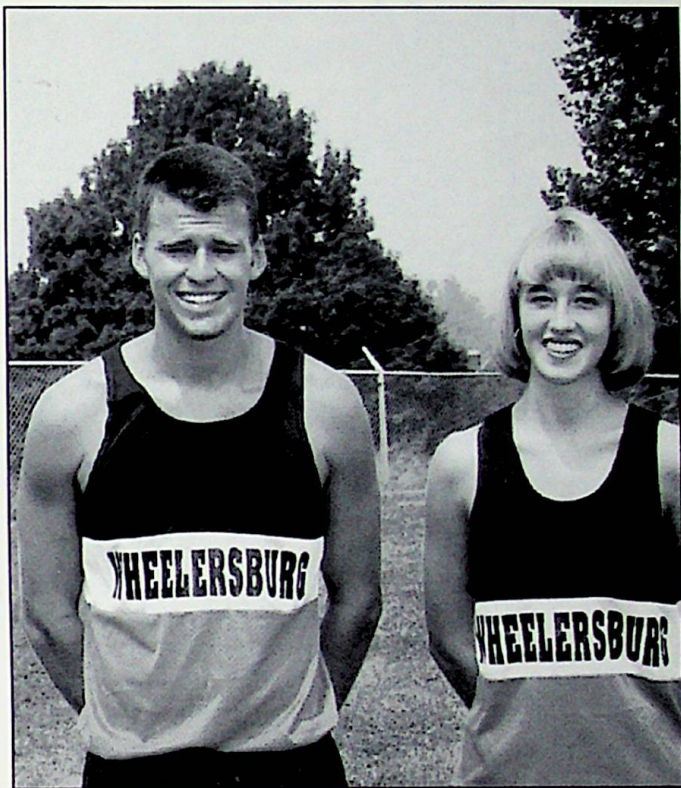


Row 1: Coach Gary Johnson, Natalie Riepenhoff, J.D. Ernett, Andy Heimbach, Shelley Mauk. Row 2: Becky Riepenhoff, Kevin Turner, Matt Branham, Zack Riepenhoff, Jason Huddleston, Keith Treadway. Row 3: Andi Neeley, Brooke Bockway, Beau Sullens, Chad Benner, Tom Taylor.



The varsity boys warm up before a chilly race at Cedarville's John Bryan State Park.

Seniors J.D. Emmett and Natalie Riepenhoff. Not pictured: Andy Heimbach.



Becky, Brooke, Chad, Beau, and Jason relax and enjoy the sun before the Lancaster Invitational.

Beau, Zack, Jason, Andy, Jason, and J.D. display their awards from the Lancaster Invitational.

Girls' Tennis

The girls' tennis team had an incredible season. Under the direction of coach Tom Carter, they finished with a record of 6-1. It was a season full of memories that will never be forgotten. One of the most memorable memories was when freshman Erin Wakefield finished victoriously at Mound Park handing Portsmouth another defeat and winning the match 3-2. This was the first time ever that the Lady Pirates defeated Portsmouth. After the regular season play, the Lady Pirates advanced to the sectional and district tournaments at Muskingum College. It was a memorable experience as the team traveled to Muskingum in Amanda Smith's camper. Junior Lindsey Hall swept through the tournaments winning all of her matches and qualifying for the district semi-finals. Freshman Erin Wakefield also did extremely well but lost in the qualifying round to the number one seed. Lindsey advanced to Columbus but lost in the semi-finals. She represented the school very well and made the team proud. Also, Erin and Lindsey finished the regular season undefeated.

Girls' Tennis		
WHS	Opponent	
4	Athens	1
5	Jackson	0
2	Portsmouth	3
3	Portsmouth	2
5	Portsmouth	0
5	Jackson	0
5	Logan Elm	0



Varsity members prepare to leave for Muskingum College to play in the District Tournament.

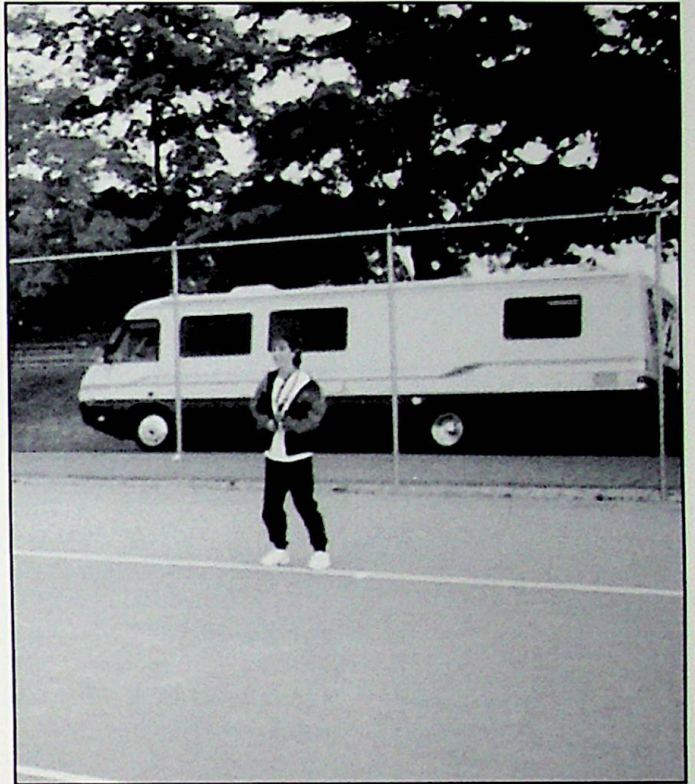


Row 1: Brittany Thomas, Nikki Rase, Lynnsay Leesburg, Keri Ann Delph, Lindsey Hall, Traci Warner, Michelle Parsley. Row 2: Lindsay Cole, Amy Nichols, Jessica Adams, Amanda Smith, Terra Evans, Jenny Knapp, Schwanberger, Alicia Browning, Lana McGinnis. Row 3: Melanie Morris, Kelly Ruley, Erin Wakefield, Emily Shelly Mauk, Sarah Osborne, Allison Moore, Karma Saunders. Not pictured: Coach Tom Carter.



Amanda Smith and Keri Ann Delph warm up before competing at Muskingum College.

Senior Lynnsay Leesburg warms up before tournament action.



Sophomore Kelly Ruley volleys during warmups.

Seniors Row 1: Lynnsay Leesburg, Nikki Rase. Row 2: Traci Warner, Keri Ann Delph, Michele Evans, Jessica Parsley.

Golf

2's, 3's, 4's, 5's. Just the best Wheelersburg's golf team has recently scored. Not since years past has a golf team improved so greatly that it built morale.

This morale was also constructed with a new edition to the team, (and it wasn't the freshmen players). It was Gabe Canary. Mr. Canary is an extreme golf enthusiast whom you may find lurking around the course every now and then playing a hole or three. Gabe Canary is a great hands-on golf coach. We are a better team after being coached by him.

Yet the experience of our team '95 shows that anything is possible. Anything! A player is his own person and no matter who is around, he has to play his own game. This was learned by Mr. Canary. Fortunately, we had less shaved strokes and more honest low scores. Our players have gotten better and it is because they are trying.

To sum up the golf season, Brent Eaton smiles his smooth smile and says, "It was quite playful!"

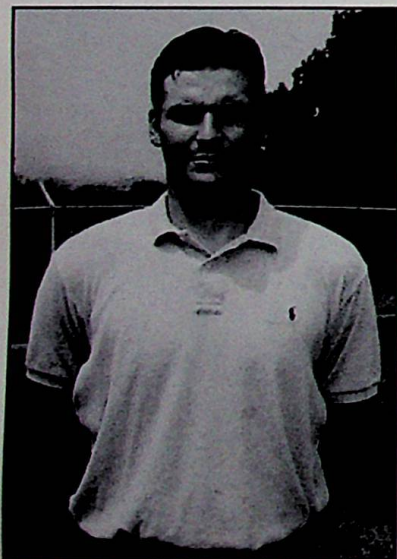
Golf

Overall Record
15-13

SOC League Record
7-5

Medalist
Brent Eaton

Most Improved Player
Tom Sutton



Substitute teacher, Gabe Canary, leads the team in his first year as coach.

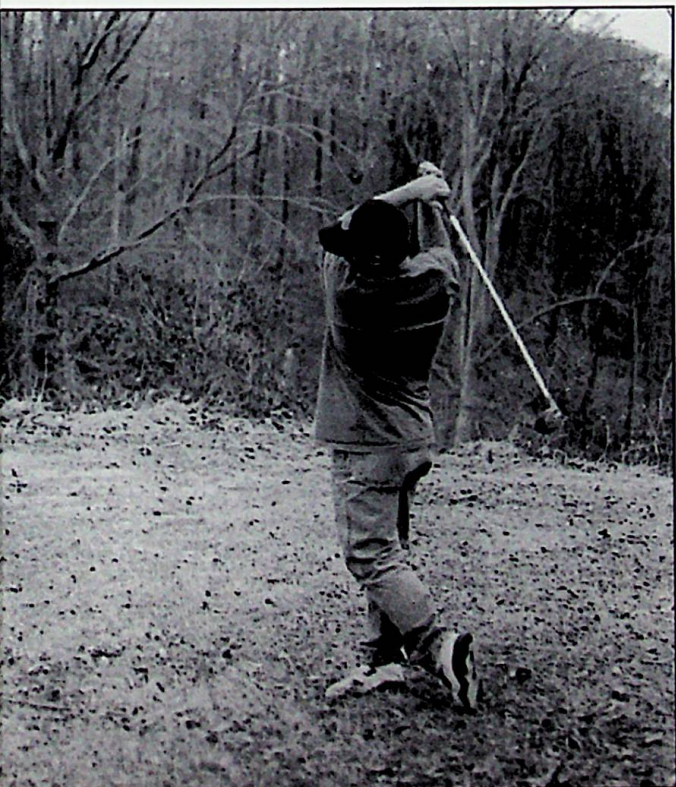
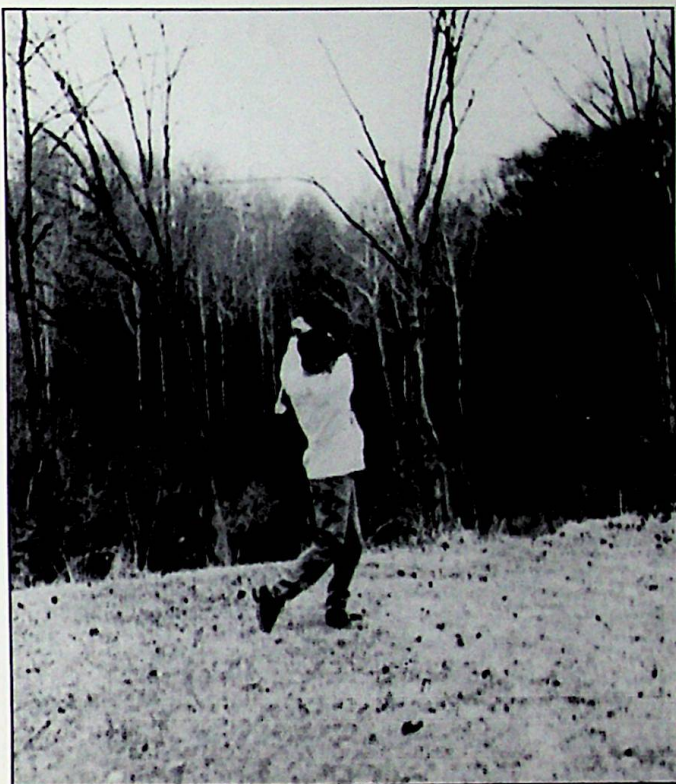


Row 1: Jason Burnside, Molly Cross, Megan Diamond. Row 2: Dustin Falls, Jim Welton, Coach Gabe Canary, Jason Cooper, Jason Cooper.



Despite the frigid weather, Molly concentrates on her shot to keep with par.

Caught by the camera, Jason Burk watches the ball soar to the green.



Tommy Sutton shows up his backside finish on hole 5 at Riverbend.

Working with his down hill lie, Brent Eaton gets the ball to the hole.

Reserve and Freshmen Football

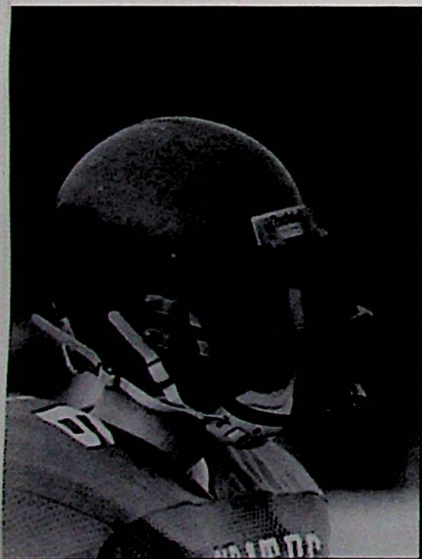
Reserve and freshmen football teams are a very important part of Wheelersburg's traditionally strong football program. Here the players learned what is meant by hard work and how to prepare for games. This year's freshmen team was very successful. They were led by captains Mike Leesburg and Matt Perry. Their record was 5-1. Their only loss was to Ironton. The reserve football team was very successful as well. They went from being freshmen with a record of 1-6 to sophomores with a record of 5-2. Their only losses came from Ashland and Ironton. They were led in touchdowns by Josh Clausing and Jason Huddleston. They were led in tackles by Josh Clausing and Nick Glockner. With their record, it is apparent that this group of football players will continue the dominating Pirate tradition.

Reserve Football

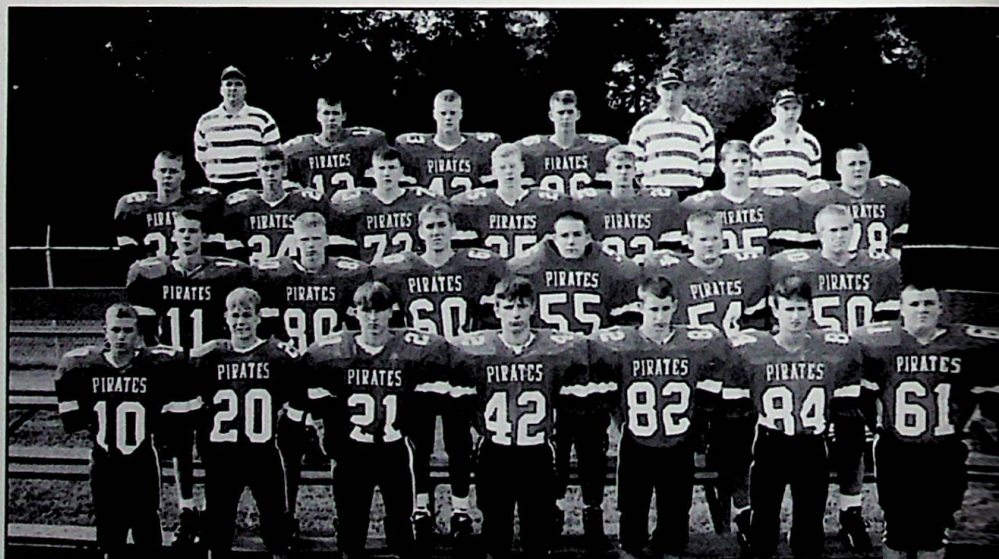
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52	East	0
9	Coal Grove	6
9	Portsmouth	6
21	Minford	2
14	West	0
12	Ashland	20
6	Ironton	22

Freshmen Football

WHS		Opp
22	Coal Grove	12
18	Minford	0
22	Ashland	12
15	Greenup County	6
37	Jackson	14



Ross Murphy takes a breather during freshmen football action.

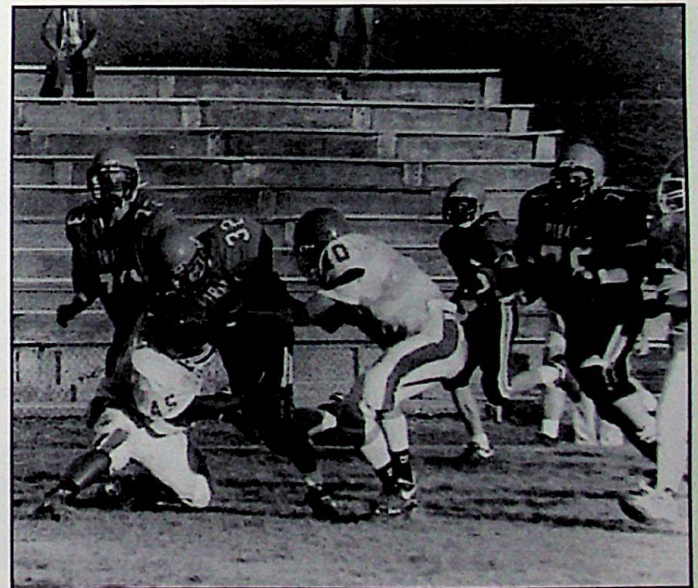
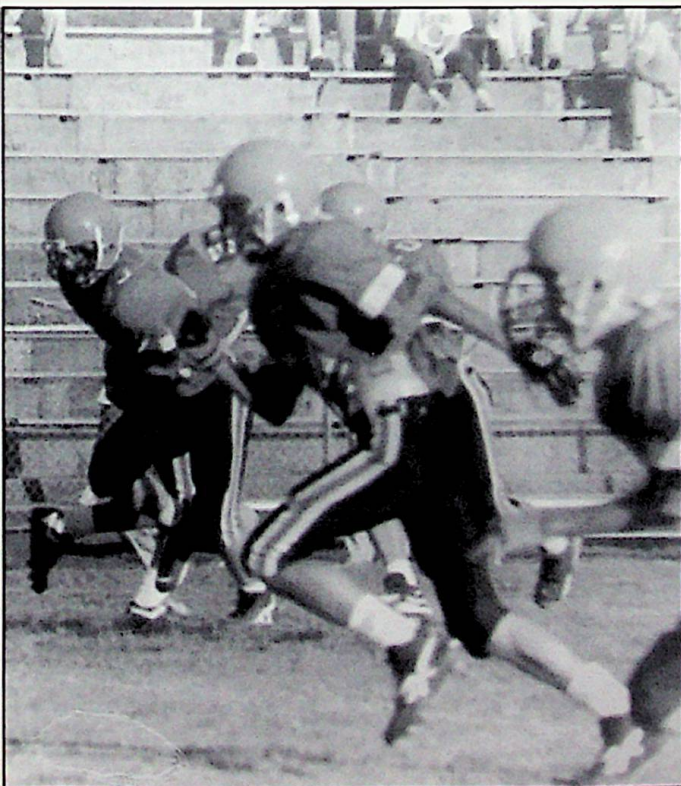
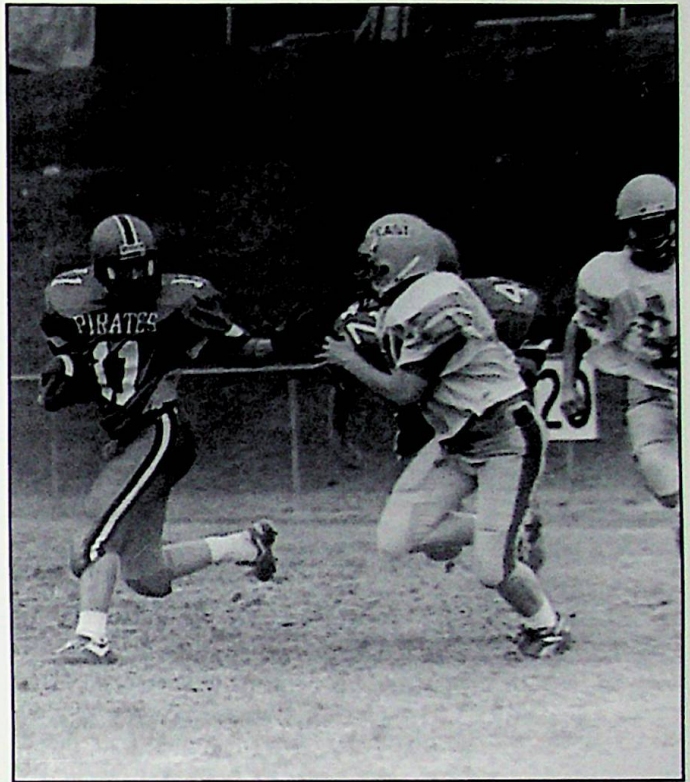


Freshmen Team. Row 1: Aaron Morrison, Adam Slusher, Luke Daniel, Josh Drake, Randy Rawlins, Tom Turner, Ruggles. Row 2: Andy Cole, Paul Charles, Josh Seeley, Mike Basham, Matt Perry, Brian Mantell. Row 3: Joey Cooy, Bussa, Ross Murphy, Travis Little, Bobby Gullett, Scott Estep, Steve Sutton. Row 4: Head Coach Bill Claxton, Leesburg, Josh Mercer, Rick Estep, Assistant Coach Joe Carver, Manager Mike Peters.



Juice Schmidt carries the ball into enemy territory as Chris Parker looks for a block.

Brandon Justice cuts around a defender with the help of Josh Clausing.



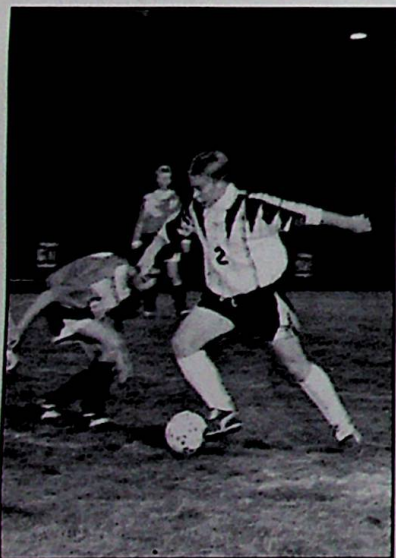
The Pirate offensive line rushes to meet the Jackson defenders. Josh Mercer is carrying the ball for the Pirates.

Joey Cooper struggles to get one more yard during a freshman football game. His teammates Ross Murphy, Rick Estep, and Steve Sutton rush to help him.

Soccer

Another perfect season. With a record of 13-0-3, the soccer team finished another perfect year and won the S.O.C. championship. They also extended their undefeated record from last year to 22-0-2. The "Booters", coached by Paul Boll, Guy Givan, John Schwamberger, and Don Lewis, were the first seed in the District II district soccer tournament and ranked seventh in the state when they reached the district final. At the district final, the Pirates fell to Alexander in double overtime sudden death shootout by one goal. The Pirates, nevertheless, brought home many awards. Gordon Givan was awarded second team in the state while Shawn Boll was awarded fourth team in the state. At the district level, Gordon Givan and Shawn Boll were nominated to the first team, Dustin Sampson and Tim Jenkins to second team, and Phillip Lodwick and Jeremy Rawlins to third team. Also Tim Jenkins set a school record for most goals (29) in a season, and Dustin Sampson set a school record for most assists (21) in a season. Overall, the Booters had an outstanding season and a superb two-year winning streak.

Varsity Soccer		
WHS	Opponent	
2	Minford	1
3	Clay	0
3	So. Webster	3
2	Russell	2
4	Valley	0
2	Northwest	2
6	New Boston	4
1	Minford	0
5	Portsmouth	1
6	South Point	1
9	Clay	1
3	Northwest	0
8	Portsmouth	1
6	Valley	1
4	New Boston	1
3	So. Webster	2
Sectionals		
3	South Point	1
Districts		
4	Minford	2
2	Alexander	3



Senior Gordon Givan dribbles the ball gracefully around a South Webster opponent.

Row 1: Nathan Schwamberger, Phillip Lodwick, Nathan Robbins. Row 2: Ashley Watts, Gordon Givan, Josh Bryan, Paul Boll, Darrell Horton, Tim Jenkins, John Adams, Stephanie Klaco, Mgr. Bobby Morrison. Row 3: Mgr. Jeremy Hannah Brown, Shane Adkins, Andrew Jenkins, Jeremy Rawlins, Brent Wakefield, Dustin Sampson, Joey Hayden, Slusher, Nathan Collier, Josh Moore, Brenda Boll, Mgr. B.J. Lyons. Row 4: Head Coach Paul Boll, Larry Angell, Travis Bureson, Travis Keller, Joey Danzer, Adam Howe, Bob Starrett, Brandon Lute, J.D. Larter, Josh Whitley, Brian Lambert, Justin Lambert, Coach John Schwamberger. (not pictured) Coach Guy Givan, Coach Don Lewis.



Jeremy Rawlins sets up to defend the goal from a South Webster player during the Sectional Tournament at home.

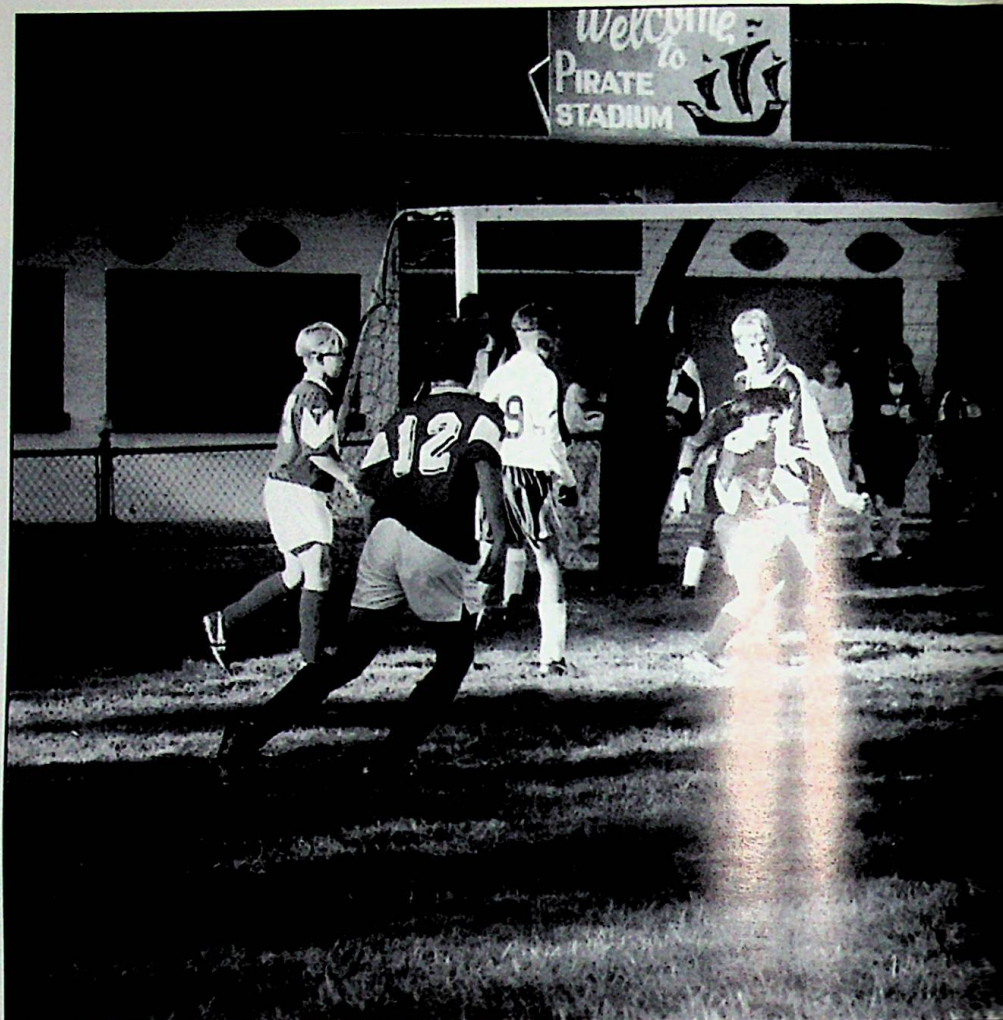
Travis Keller attempts a penalty kick against the opposing team.



Senior John Adams fights with an opponent for control of the ball.

Seniors: Row 1: John Adams, Phillip Lodwick, Tim Jenkins. Row 2: Shawn Boll, Josh Bryan, Gordon Givan, Darrell Horton.

Phil Lodwick delivers a powerful goal kick to his teammates upfield.



The Pirates gather in the opposing team's goal during a corner kick.

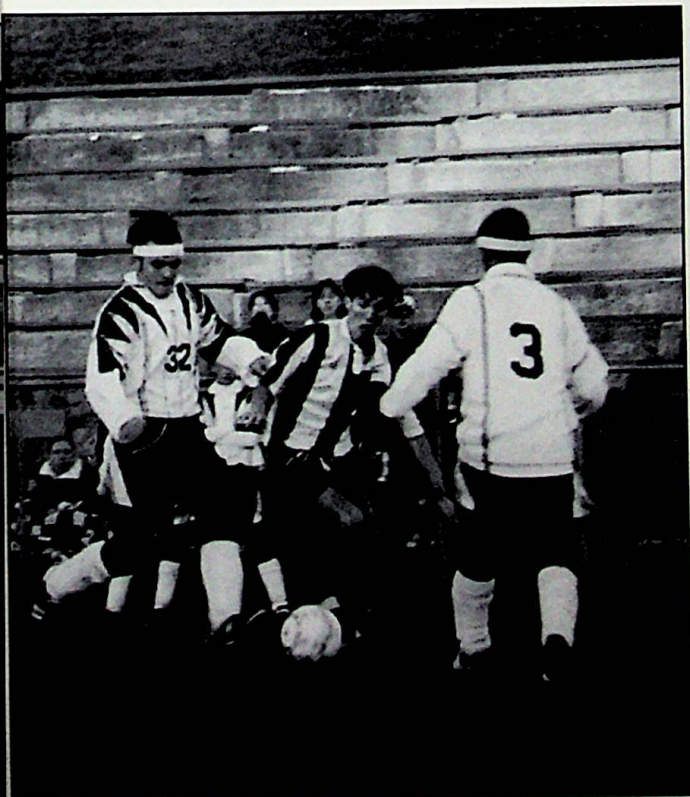
As Ashley Watts follows, Nathan Schwamberger moves the ball closer to the goal for the Pirates.



In reserve action against Zane Trace, Josh Whitley, Nathan Collier, Ashley Watts, and J.D. Larter wait for the ball.



Senior Phil Lodwick punches the ball away from the goal as his teammates defend the goal.



Andrew Jenkins and Tim Jenkins fight for the ball in varsity action against Portsmouth.

Junior Chris Slusher makes a diving kick to advance the ball down the field.

Volleyball

Under the leadership of four outstanding seniors, the otherwise young Lady Pirates posted a respectable 12-12 season. Senior captain Heather Deal had this to say about the team, "Even though our inexperience hurt us, everyone was able to step up and help us make this a good season." Jane Allwood, also a senior, agreed. "We had a good season; everyone worked hard and accomplished a lot." This effort helped make the Lady Pirates sectional champs.

On the other hand, the JV team posted an impressive 10-6 record. Freshman hitter Ashley See who also saw some varsity action added, "The experience that I gained from playing on such a good JV team helped to prepare me for the varsity matches." All in all, the future looks bright for Coach B's team as she returns three starters and a host of others with experience.

Varsity Volleyball

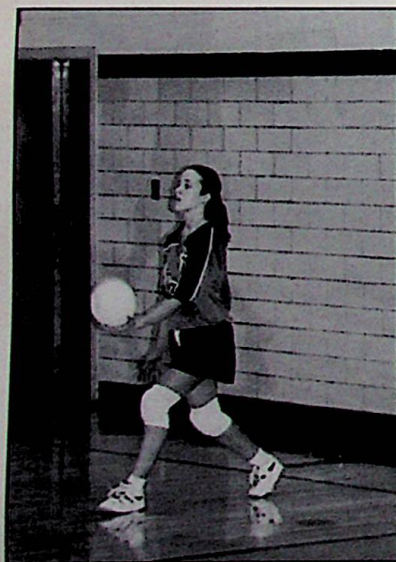
WHS	Opponent
13-15, 6-15	Northwest
15-6, 6-15, 9-15	Waverly
7-15, 15-9, 15-9	Ports. West
15-4, 14-16, 15-3	South Webster
12-15, 4-15	Western Pike
15-4, 15-12	Chesapeake
8-15, 8-15	Oak Hill
15-1, 15-0	Ironton St. Joe
15-5, 15-2	Rock Hill
1-15, 13-15	Minford
3-15, 15-12, 15-6	Northwest
15-4, 15-13	Valley
13-15, 14-16	Waverly
15-1, 15-3	Ports. West
5-15, 7-15	Unioto
9-15, 8-15	Teays Valley
9-15, 15-13, 15-8	South Webster
15-8, 15-6	Valley
3-15, 11-15	Oak Hill
6-15, 10-15	Minford
15-17, 9-15	Green

Sectional Tournament

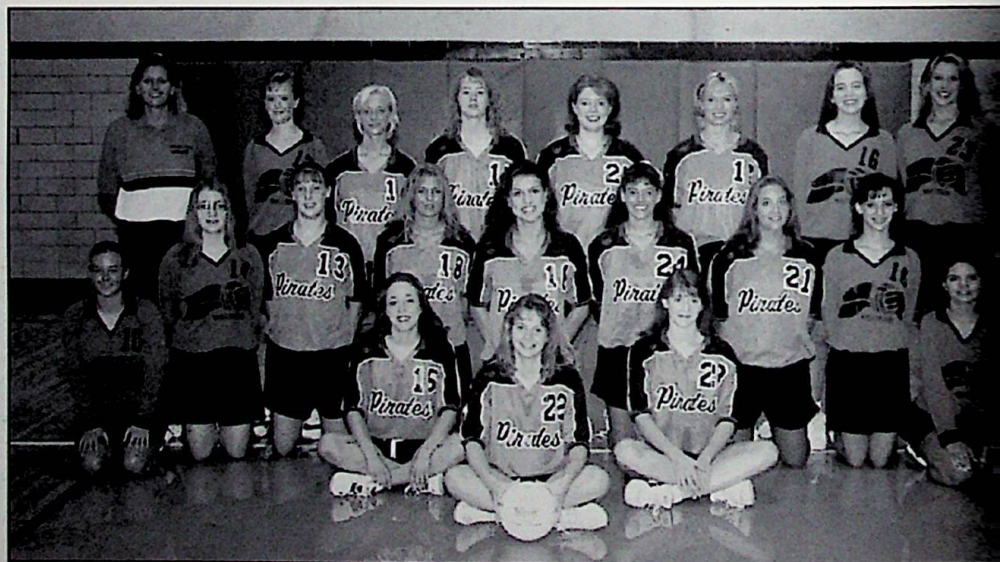
15-12, 15-3	So. Webster
15-13, 15-7	Symmes Valley

District Tournament

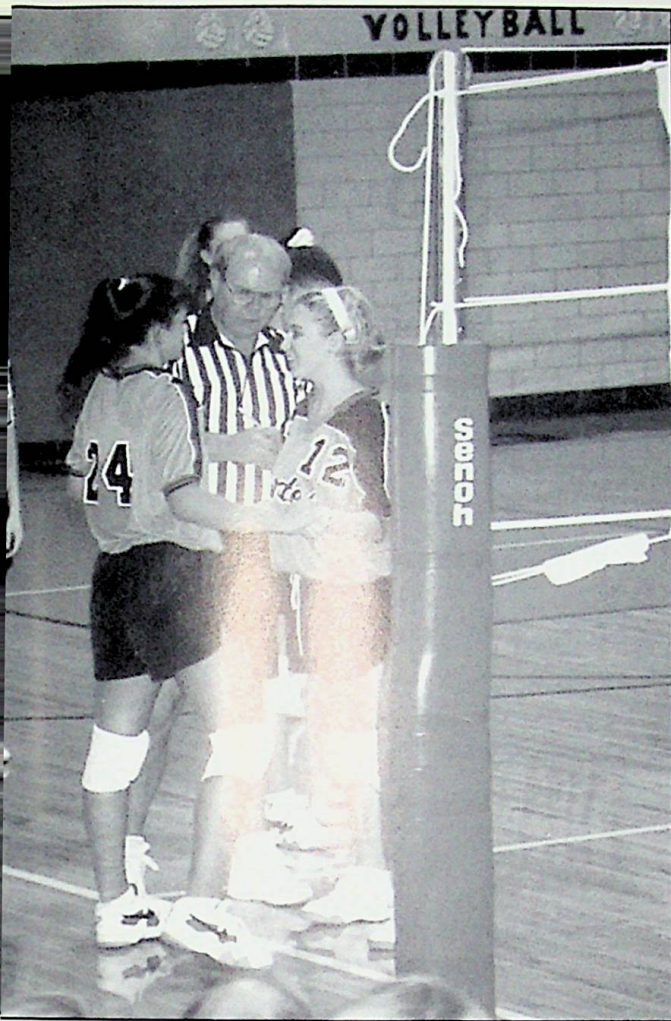
10-15, 5-15	Unioto
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Senior Jane Allwood takes a moment to mentally prepare before she serves.

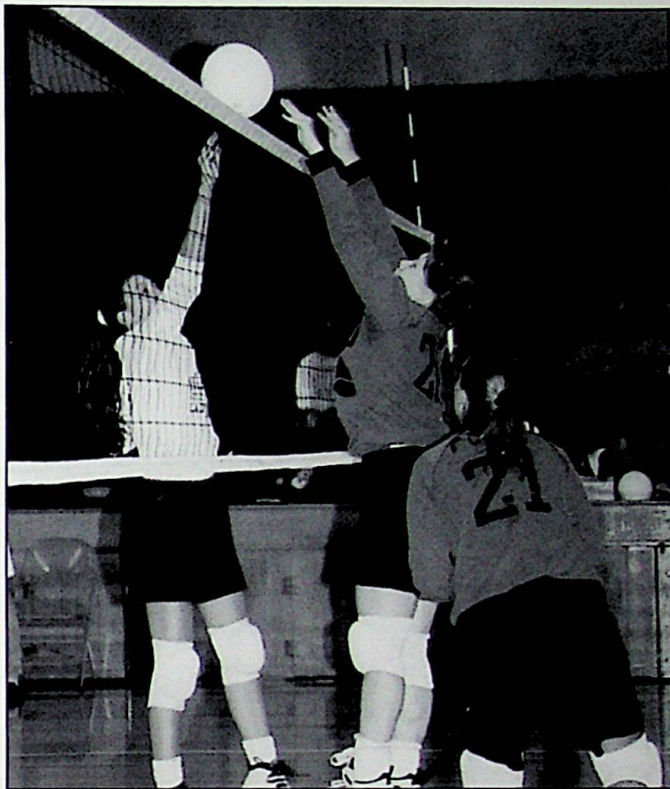


Row 1: Jane Allwood, Heather Deal, Mindy Vanderhoof. Row 2: Jessica Bailey, Rachel Bush, Ashley See, Angela Bial, Jessica Edwards, Jessica Schmidt, Renee Tallerico, Shannon Hotchkin, Ronelle Carter. Row 3: Coach Carol Bial, Shelley Adkins, Leigh Ann Ferguson, Jamie Stamper, Barb Vansickle, Jenny Chapman, Kelly Huffman, Sarah Me...



Jessica Schmidt replaces Jenny Chapman during a varsity game at home.

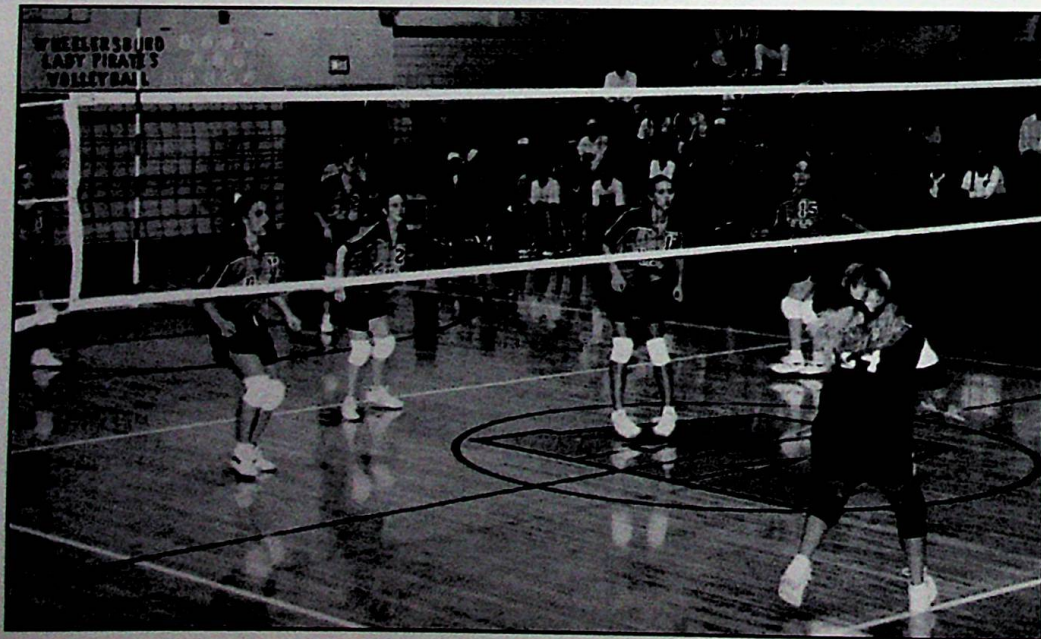
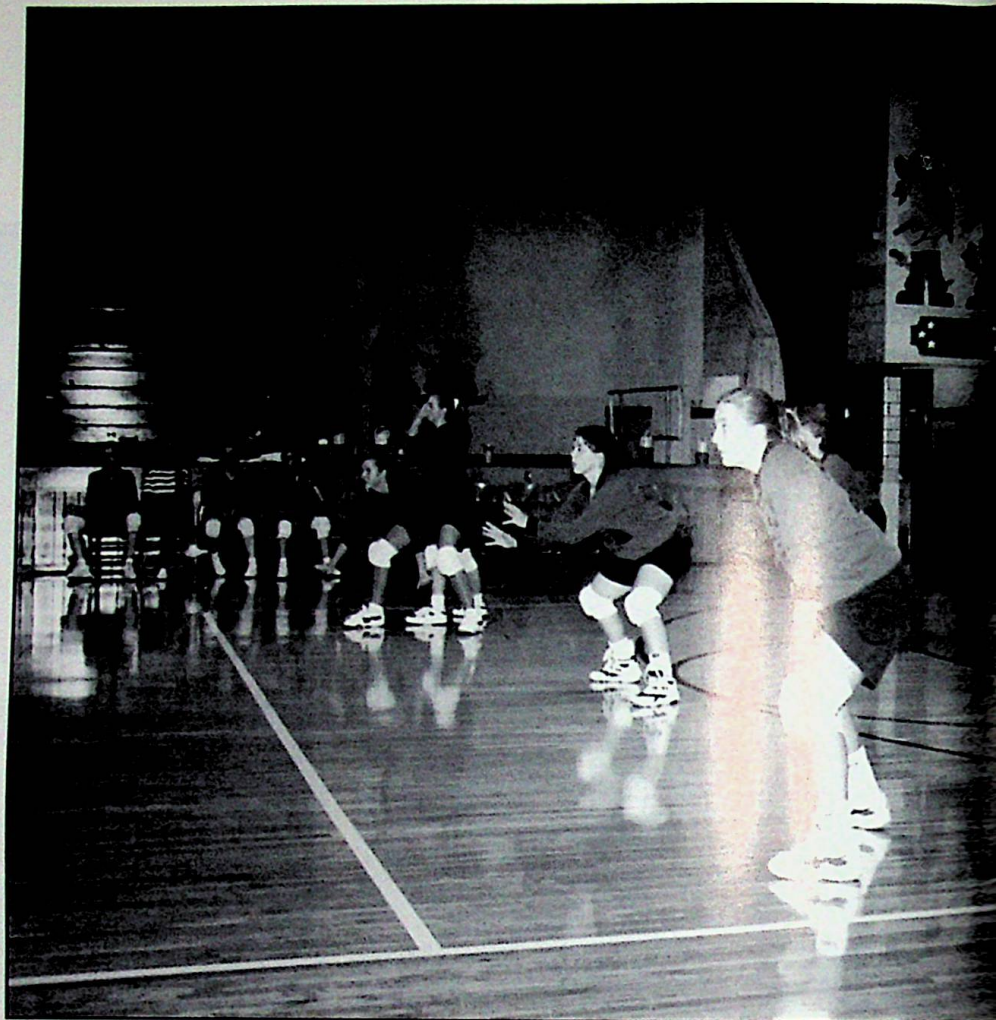
Junior Barb Vansickle gets up for the block as fellow teammate Renee Talerico is there for backup.



Seniors: Heather Deal (kneeling), Jane Allwood, Jessica Edwards, Mindy Vanderhoof.

With the look of concentration on their faces, the varsity team gets ready to receive a serve.

Sophomore middle hitter Angela Burleson skies to block an opponent's serve.



With a look of determination, the varsity team sets up its defensive strategy.

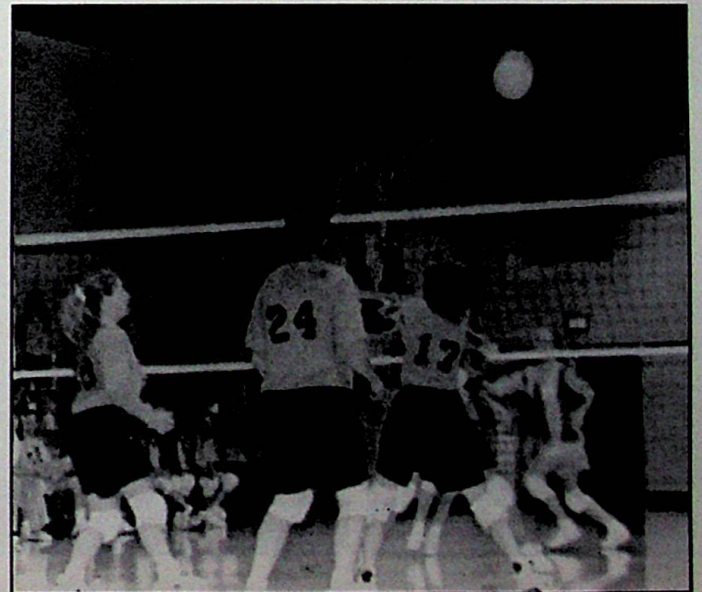
Freshman Ashley See is not letting this serve come into the Lady Pirates' territory.





Down and ready, the JV team awaits their opponent's serve.

Strategy is everything. Here Coach B gives her Lady Pirates some words of direction and encouragement.



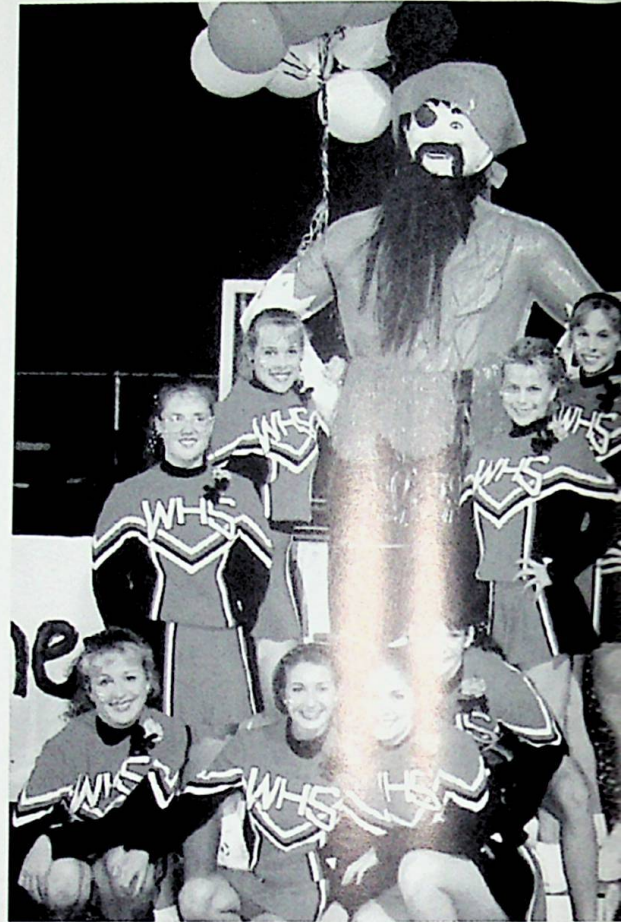
Senior Mindy Vanderhoof eyes the ball as she prepares for the reception.

Shelley Adkins, backed up by her teammates, waits for the ball in JV action.

Football Cheerleaders

The 1995-96 Junior Varsity and Varsity cheerleading squads got off to an early start with practices beginning in July. The cheerleaders prepared to attend a camp at Marshall University. While at camp, varsity members Lynnsay Leesburg and Nikki Rase were chosen as UCA All-Stars. Nikki Rase then decided to participate in the trip to London which was held in December. The summer was soon over and as school started the cheerleaders were ready and excited as football season began. They not only cheered their Pirate men from the sidelines every Friday night, but they also put in many hours of work during the week. Preparing for the games consisted of many things. Not only did they have practices every Wednesday, but they also worked with MOPS. Many of their responsibilities included making door signs and decorating houses. The cheerleaders were also constantly busy making locker signs and planning pep rallies. All of their efforts paid off. When Friday night came, they were ready with cheers, sidelines, and dances. Their Pirates played surrounded by orange and black signs and balloons. It was evident that the cheerleaders worked hard this season.

The JV cheerleaders take a moment to pose with the Pirate before the fig



Tiffany Mollett and Keri Ann Delph entertain the crowd with a pre-game dance.

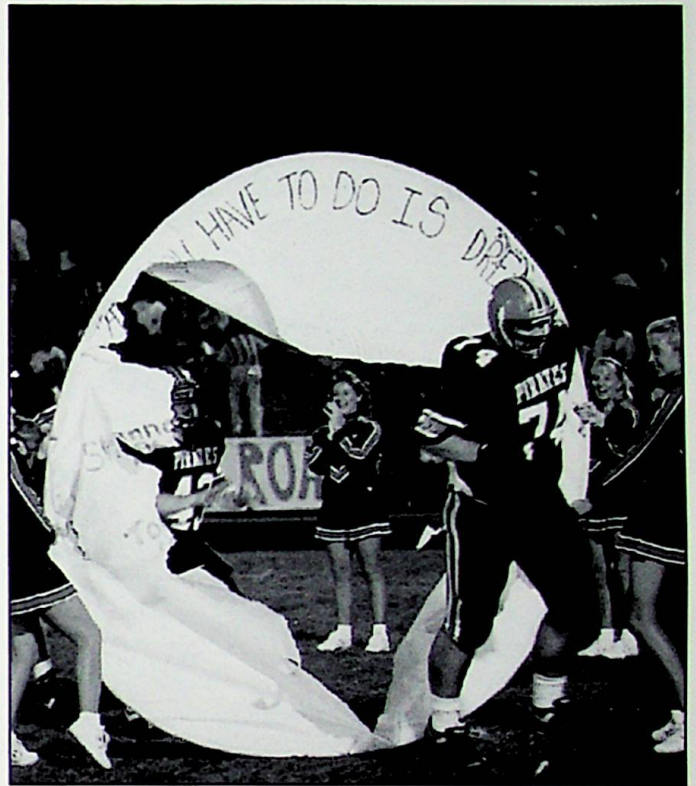


Varsity Cheerleaders: Row 1: Beth Collins, Tiffany Morrison, Keri Ann Delph, Lynnsay Leesburg. Row 2: Melan Rebecca Schwamberger, Tiffany Mollett, Traci Warner, Jessica Parsley, Nikki Rase.

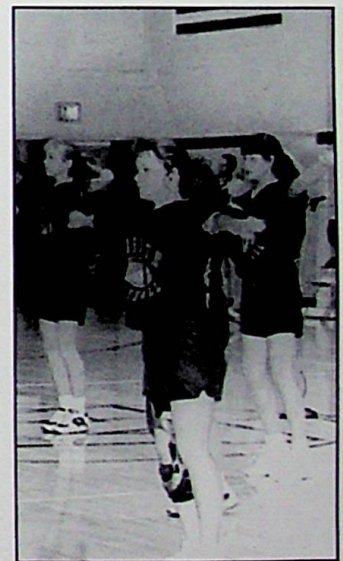


UCA cheerleaders Nikki Rase, Lindsay Cole, and Lynnsay Leesburg.

Senior Andy Albrecht busts through the traditional homecoming hoop held by seniors Keri Ann Delph and Traci Warner.



JV Cheerleaders: Row 1: Jessica Adams, Kelly Ruley, Sarah Miller. Row 2: Alicia Browning, Melissa Dunham, Ronni Beth Howard, Melissa Gibson. Row 3: Lindsay Cole, Toni Hubbard, Crystal Chamberlin.



Junior Beth Collins and sophomores Melissa Dunham and Sarah Miller lead the student body in the fight song during the homecoming pep rally.

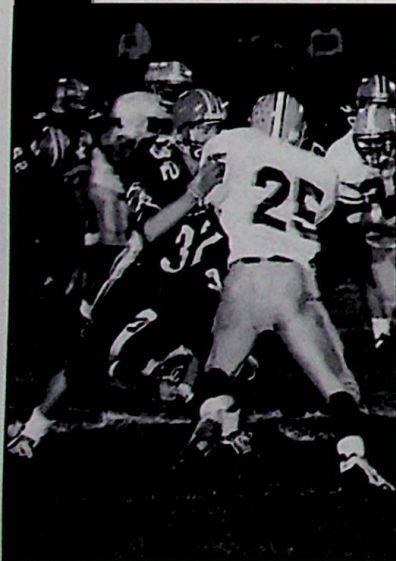
Varsity Football

The Pirate football team completed an impressive season with a record of 8 wins and 3 losses. Led by Senior Captains Wes Holbrook, Andy Albrecht, Shane Browning, and Sean Miller, the team won the SOC title for the fifth straight year. W.H.S. won a playoff spot in the state football tournament by rolling up 419

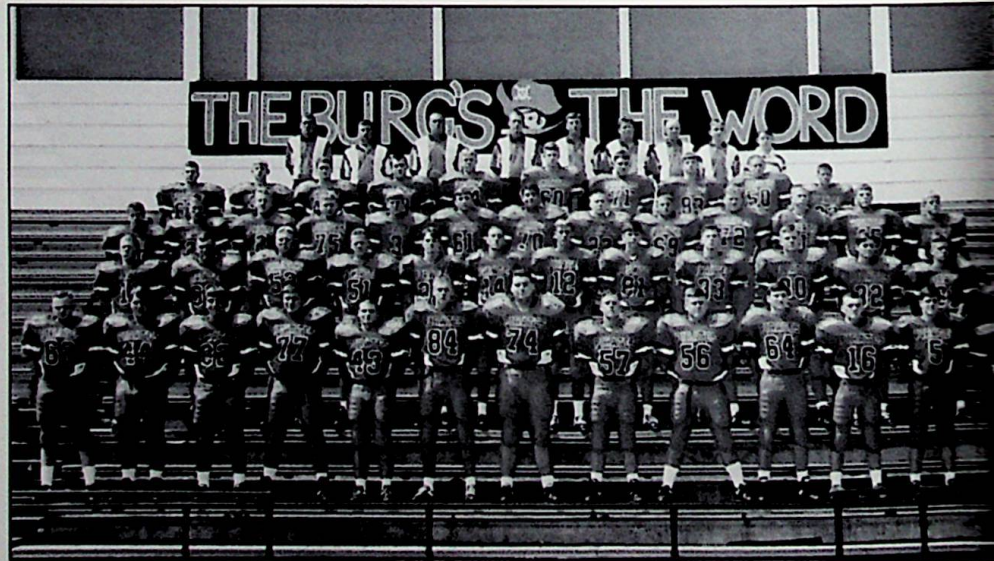
a 48-30 victory over Portsmouth at Spartan Stadium. They met up a second match against the Ironton Tigers for the Division IV playoff, the Tigers downed the Pirates four seasons.

Members received many individual awards. At the end of the season, Wes Holbrook was named to the second team and Andy Albrecht received special mention. The MVP of the Year was Andy Albrecht. Several of the members were named to the SOC first and second teams. Shad Tilley also was awarded with the Andy Hopkins Award. These talented athletes worked together to great feats and brought great pride to the Wheelersburg community.

WHS	Opponent	
37	LoraineSouthview	20
14	Coldwater	23
12	Ironton	36
15	Minford	13
28	Greenup Co.	14
27	Waverly	6
41	Northwest	6
7	West	0
48	Portsmouth	30
	Playoffs	
8	Ironton	41



Shad Conn fights off a Greenup County defender as the Pirates roll up another big victory.

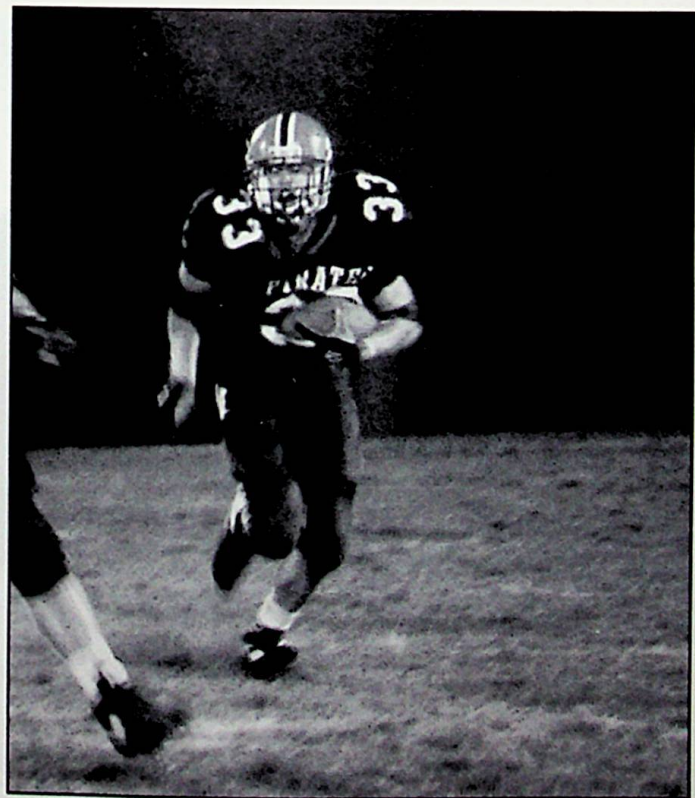
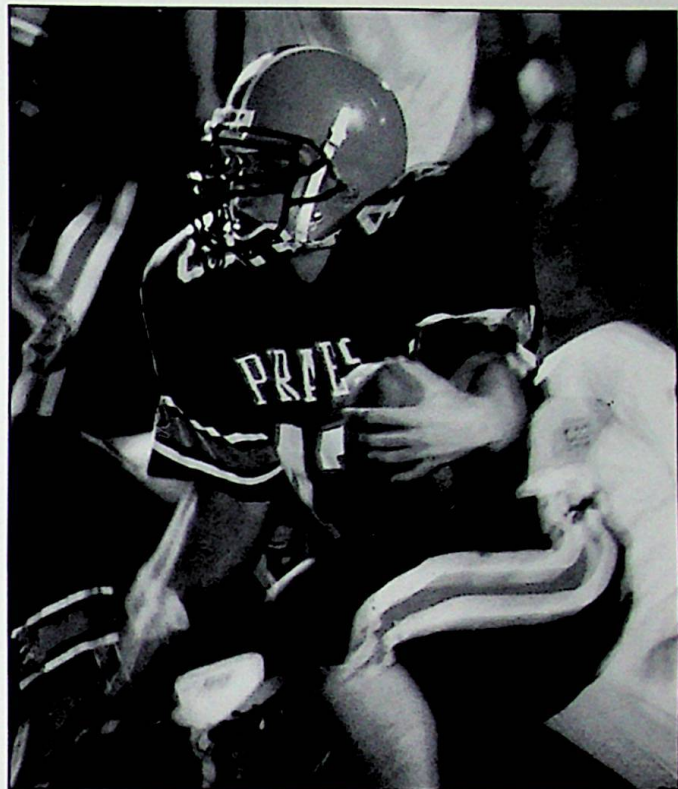


Row 1: Jason Thompson, Shad Salyers, Kevin Bauer, Doug Reynolds, Sean Miller, Wes Holbrook, Andy Albrecht, Shane Browning, Todd Johnson, Tom Vallance, Ryan Brown, Chad Reinhardt, Nate Moore. Row 2: Brandon Justice, Holsinger, Chris White, Chad Chitwood, Shane Jenkins, Chris Wagner, Casey Ellis, Steven Johnson, Jerod Tille, Mullins, Shad Conn, Erik Jennings. Row 3: Chad Benner, Jared Carver, Chris Mauk, Nick Glockner, Jason Mantell, Welch, Steve Mershon, Dan Blankenship, Chuck Timberlake, Chris Parker, Juice Schmidt, Adam Chamberlin, Schwalbach. Row 4: Kent Platt, Chad Wines, Josh Clausing, Tony Robinson, Kyle Felts, Brian Fite, Derrick Hammon, Barnes, Mike Russell, Jason Huddleston. Row 5: Coach Mike Schmidt, Coach Randy Duncan, Coach Larry Reed, Coach Larry Hall, Coach Ken Massie, Coach Mike Schomburg, Coach Dave Watts, Trainer Ben Lewis, Manager Peters.



The Pirates celebrate their first touch-down against Portsmouth at Spartan Stadium.

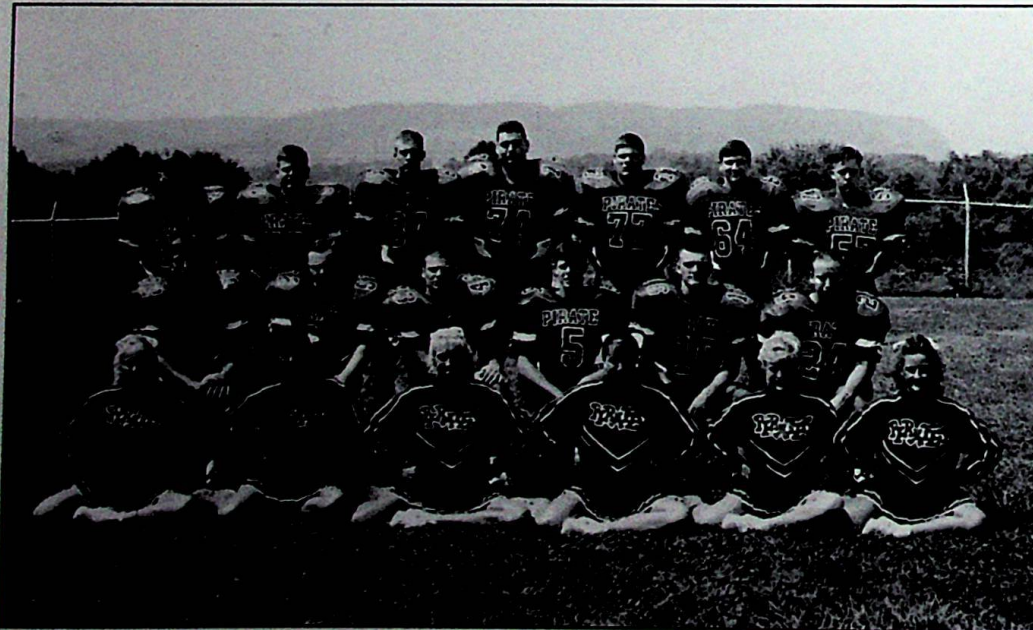
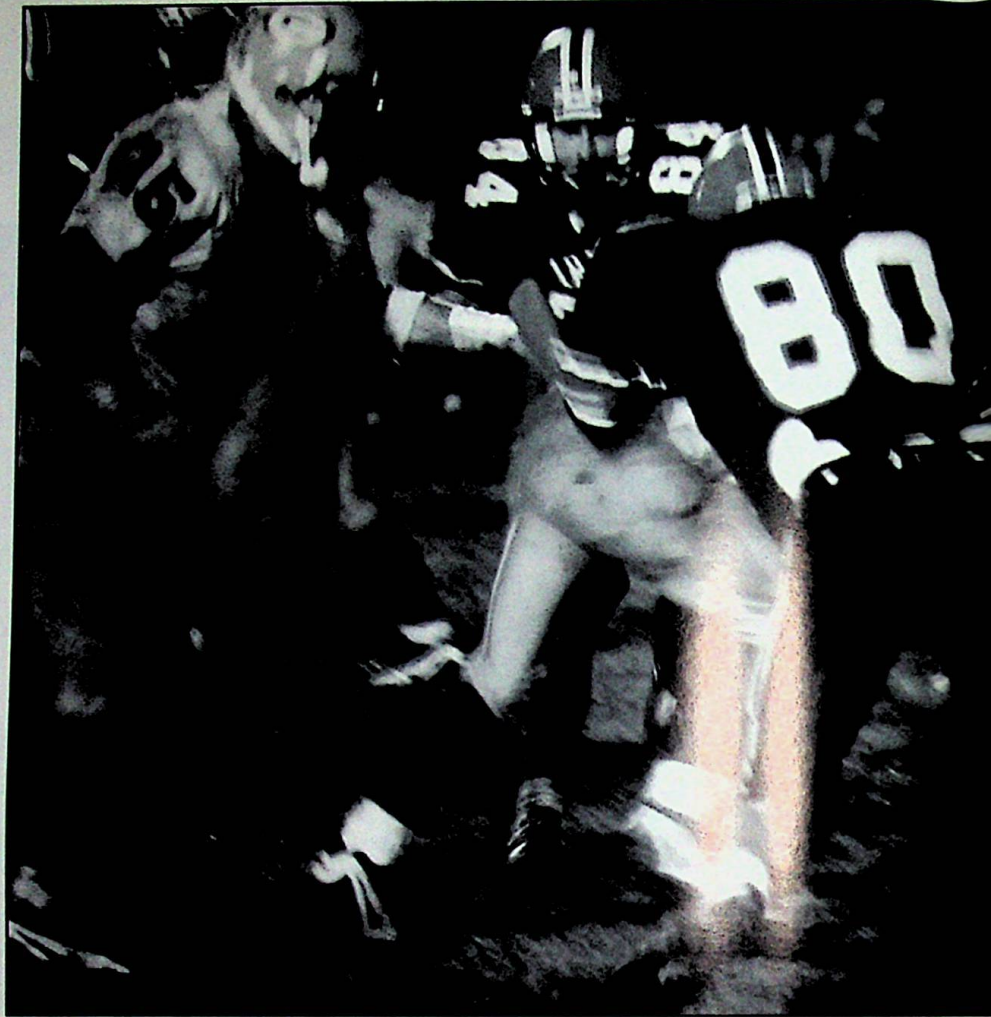
Sean Miller comes out of the pile, victoriously escaping with the ball.



Jerod Tilley looks down the field for an open path to the end zone.

Casey Ellis knocks off the Portsmouth defenders to advance down the field.

Chris Wagner sets the ball for Sean Miller.



Seniors

Row 1: Traci Warner, Tiffany Morrison, Keri Ann Delph, Lynnsay Leesburg, Jessica Parsley, Nikki Rase. Row 2: Kevin Bauer, Jason Thompson, Sean Miller, Chad Reinhardt, Ryan Brown, Nate Moore. Row 3: Shad Salyers, Todd Johnson, Wes Holbrook, Andy Albrecht, Doug Reynolds, Tom Vallance, Shane Browning.

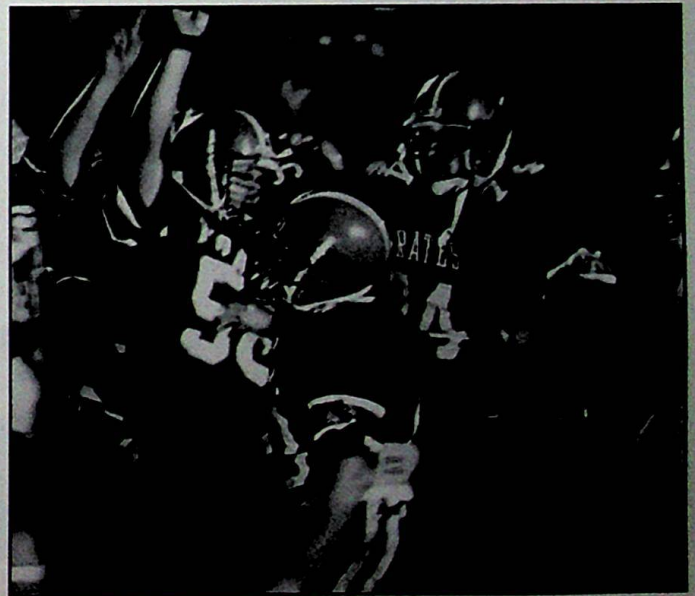
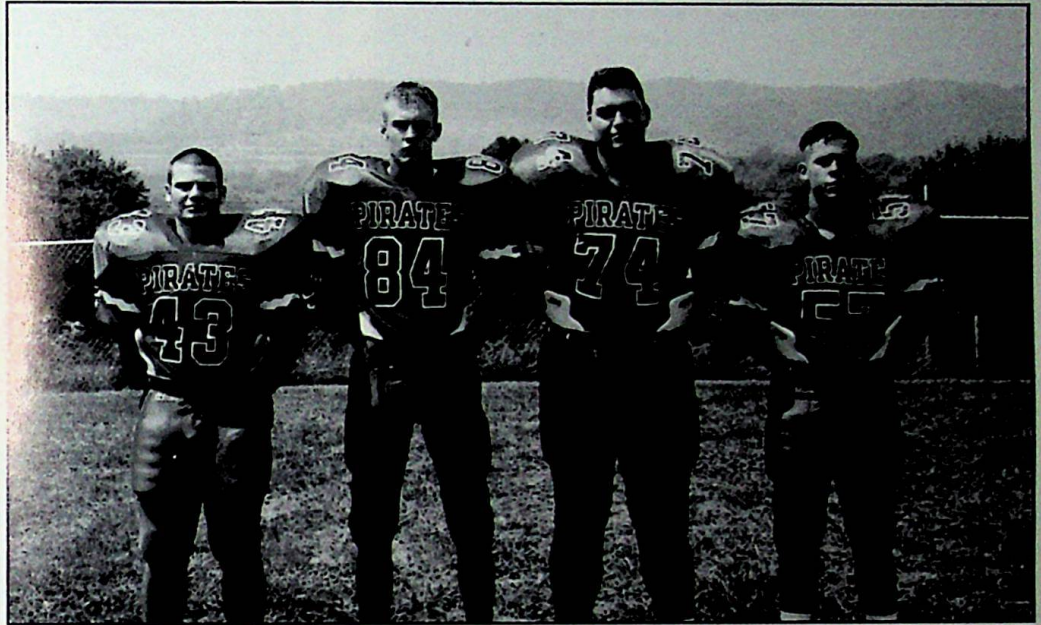
Before the game starts, Wes Holbrook gets psyched up for the challenge.





Wes Holbrook and Rob Mullins fight to bring down the Greenup County opponent to prevent the first down.

Captains: Sean Miller, Wes Holbrook, Andy Albrecht, Shane Browning.



During a victorious game against rival Greenup County, Chad Reinhardt heads for the end zone.

The Pirates cheer after a 28-14 victory over the Greenup County Musketeers.

Girls' Basketball

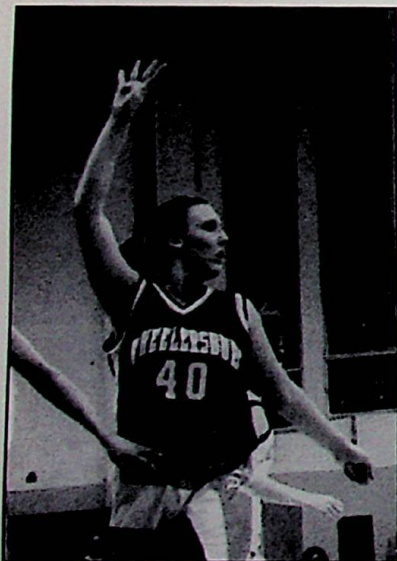
Going into the season, some felt that the girls basketball team would have a difficult time in keeping with their winning ways, mainly due to the loss of two key seniors. Maybe the Lady Pirates like proving people wrong because they compiled an extremely successful record. Few were a match for the girls as they rolled through the season to a 17-6 record and a district championship. Perhaps no victory was sweeter than the district final game versus Southeastern. The Lady Pirates went into the game as underdogs and left the game victorious. It was a total team effort as the Lady Pirates thrashed their opponent 76-60. Eventually, the Lady Pirates went down in the heartbreaking defeat to Garaway by just one point.

Despite the disappointing loss, the Lady Pirates had a great team year and a successful one for several individual players. Four players were selected for All-SOC: Amanda See, Lindsey Hall, Jessica Schmidt, and Angela Burleson. In addition, Amanda See, Lindsey Hall, and Angela Burleson received district awards with See and Burleson recognized for All-State honors. The 1995-96 season was truly a success for the Wheelersburg Lady Pirates.

Varsity Basketball

WHS	Opponent	WHS	Opponent
69	Paint Valley	73	
77	Northwest	45	
75	Waverly	55	
53	Fairland	39	
59	West	49	
61	So. Webster	49	
63	Gallipolis	75	
61	Valley	47	
64	Oak Hill	61	
59	Logan Elm	44	
56	West	41	
62	So. Webster	51	
49	Minford	60	
67	Valley	49	
46	Desales	69	
65	Waverly	52	
59	Northwest	47	
50	Oak Hill	31	
51	Minford	53	
	Sectionals		
69	Chesapeake	59	
	Districts		
47	Belpre	45	
76	Southeastern	60	
	Regionals		
64	Garaway	65	

Freshman point guard Beth sets up the offense in the District tournament.



Amanda See calls for the ball during the regional semifinal against Garaway.

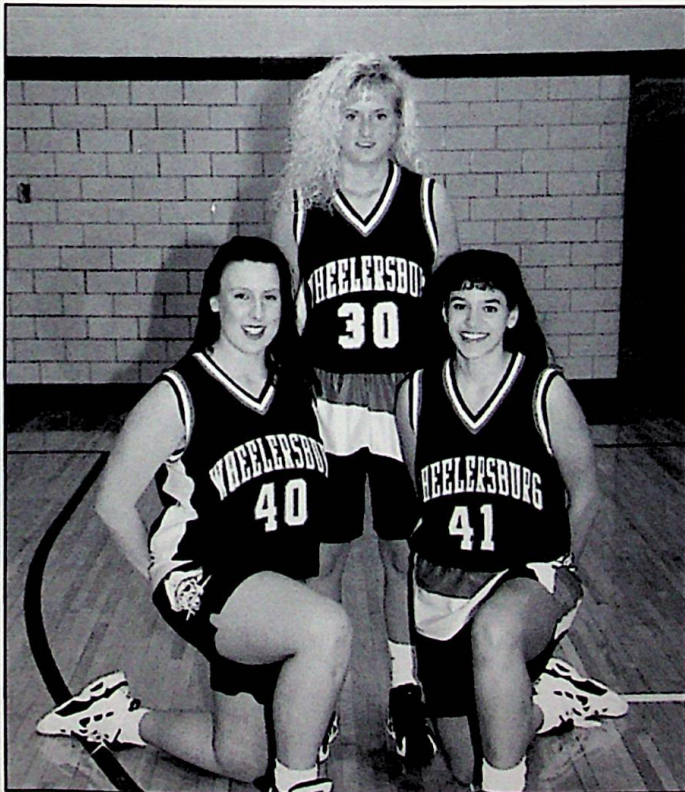
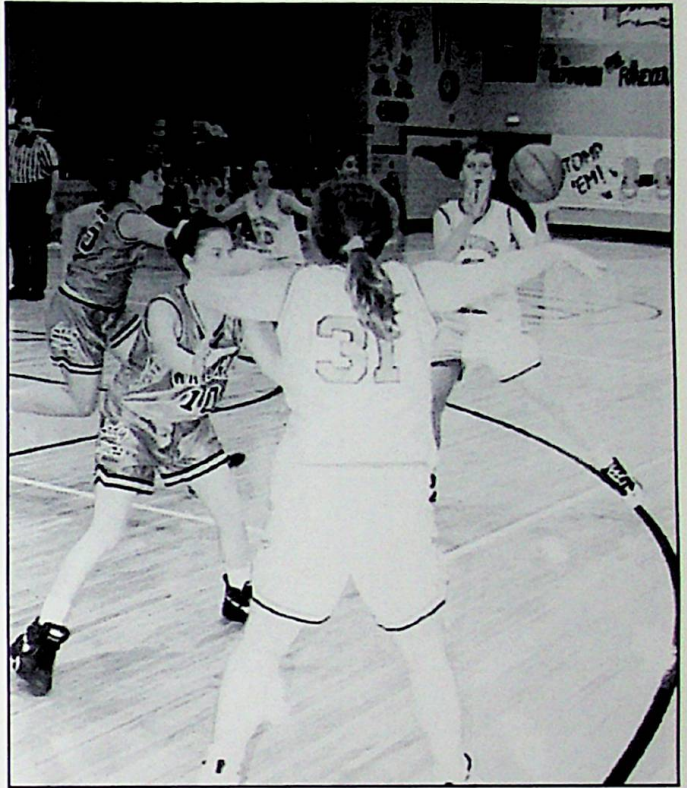


Varsity Team: Row 1: Lindsey Hall, Amanda See, Jessica Schmidt. Row 2: Head Coach Jack Branon, Angela Burleson, LanaMcGinnis, Michele Carmon, Ashley See, Brittany Thomas, Asst. Coach Becky Webb. Row 3: Beth Hughes, Knapp, Jessica Thomas, Renee Tallerico, Jodi Giles.



"Get that cut!" Angela Burseson prepares to give Belpre's Cathy Cayner a little ball in the face.

Freshman Ashley See gets the pass from teammate Brenda Boll.

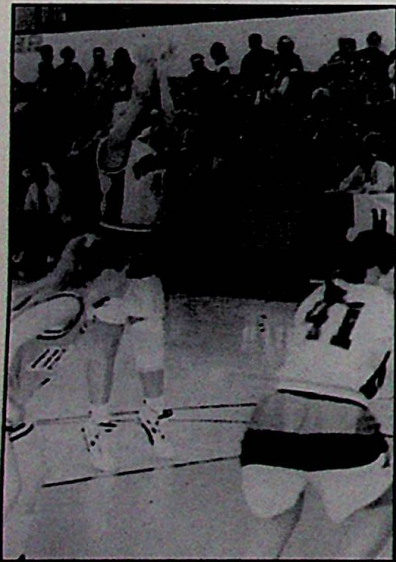


Captains: Amanda See, Lindsey Hall, and Jessica Schmidt.

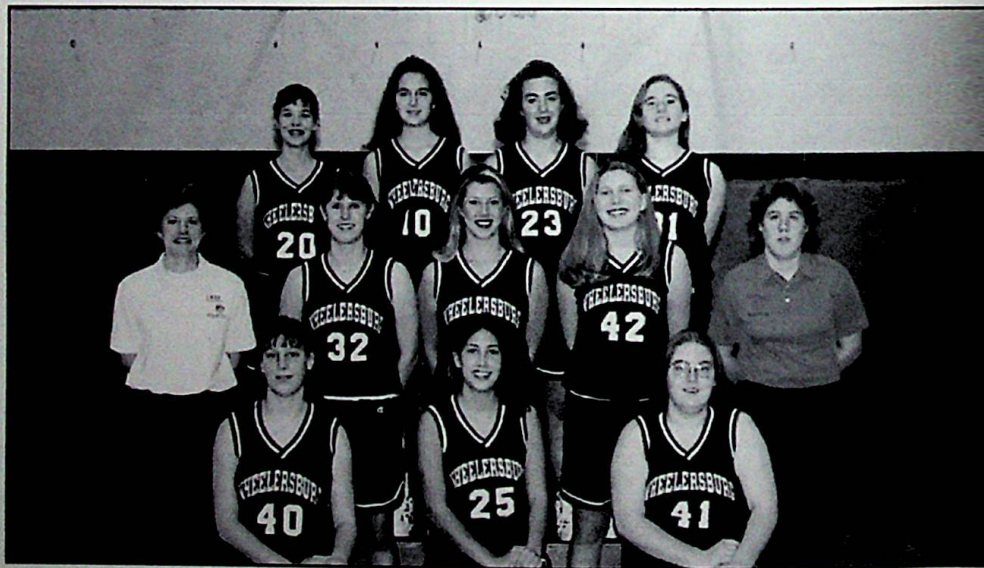
"Oh, we are the Burg!" The Lady Pirates huddle together for one last time on Senior Night.

The Lady Pirates are introduced at the beginning of the regional tournament game at Lancaster.

J.V. Basketball		
WHS	Opponent	
55	Paint Valley	27
23	Northwest	25
24	Waverly	23
27	Fairland	18
41	West	16
34	So. Webster	22
23	Gallipolis	43
30	Valley	32
27	Oak Hill	21
57	Logan Elm	41
47	West	11
34	So. Webster	30
30	Minford	36
45	Valley	38
12	Desales	37
40	Waverly	32
41	Northwest	32
27	Minford	46



Senior Amanda See steps to the line in the District semi-finals against Belpre.

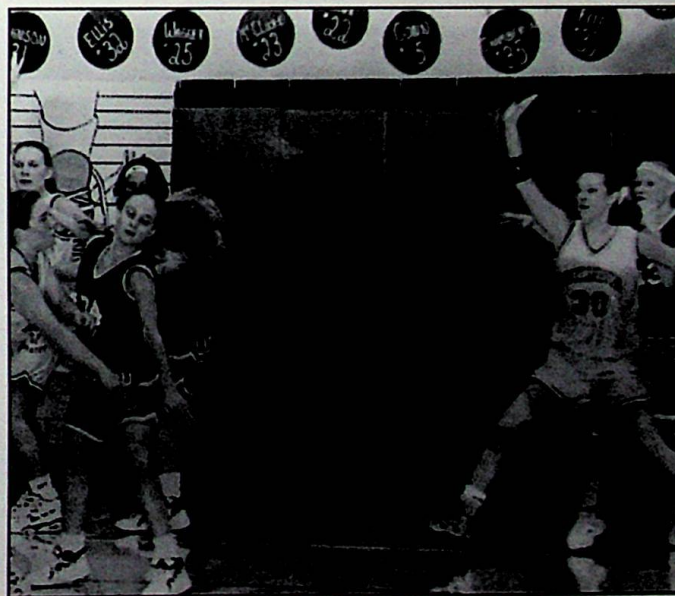
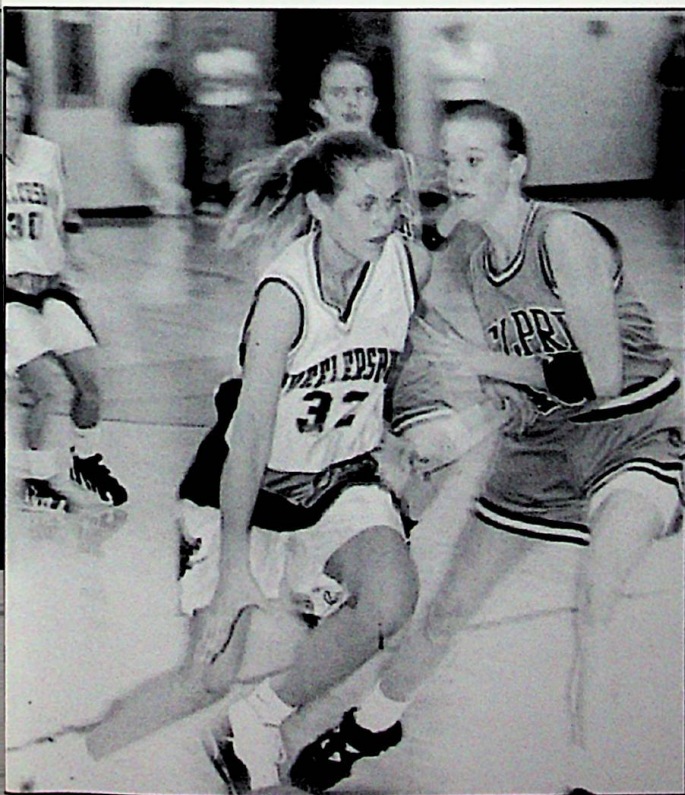
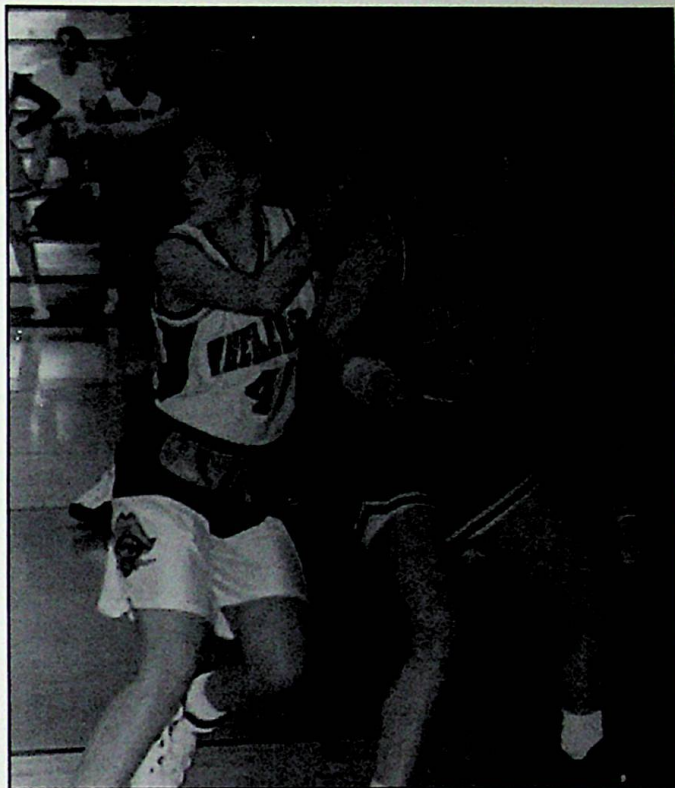


JV Team. Row 1: Ashley See, Brittany Thomas, Elicia Liles. Row 2: Coach Becky Webb, Lana McGinnis, Sarah Michelle Carmon. Row 3: Jennifer Keller, Erin Wakefield, Jill Erlenwein, Brenda Boll.



"Leap, Burl, Leap!" Sophomore Angela Burlison tries for the jump ball against Waverly.

Junior tri-captain Jessica Schmidt works hard on defense against Belpre while teammates and fellow captain Amanda See are ready to help.



Angela Burlison tries to drive past a Belpre defender in the district tournament.

In JV action, Brenda Boll tries to feed post player Sarah Mershon.

Boys' Basketball

The boys' varsity basketball team has always had the ability to excite and delight the crowd. This year was no exception. With only one loss in regular season action, the Pirates were well on their way under the leadership of second-year Head Coach Tom Barrick. Despite the many injuries suffered by the players, the team rallied and pulled together to show just how good a team they were. As the Pirates advanced in the playoffs, so did their standings in the AP boys state high school poll, starting off the season ranked seventh in Division III, and ending in the number four spot in the state.

As the team advanced, as always, the competition grew tougher. The Pirates were able to hold off all their opponents, except for the stronger Malvern team. With Dustin Sampson sidelined due to a head injury from a dive for the ball in the previous game, the Pirates kept fighting back throughout the game, but ended their season with the four-point loss. Though disappointed, the Pirates began to prepare for the next year's season right then and there; and with the loss of only one senior, the prospects are bright for the Pirate basketball program.

Boys' Varsity

WHS	Opponent	
63	East	55
92	Portsmouth	68
73	Northwest	45
73	Waverly	45
75	West	53
82	South Webster	71
65	Fairland	69
69	Valley	46
74	Minford	58
73	Northwest	50
70	Waverly	62
64	Ironton	62
70	West	46
72	South Webster	57
71	Oak Hill	64
65	Valley	61
69	Fairland	64
88	Oak Hill	59
85	Minford	78
83	Gallipolis	59
	Sectionals	
76	Oak Hill	53
	Districts	
69	Southeastern	62
57	Zane Trace	55
	Regionals	
66	Malvern	70

Jumping with enthusiasm, Brent E focuses for a layup at the Convo.



Junior point guard Dustin Sampson looks for help against South Webster.

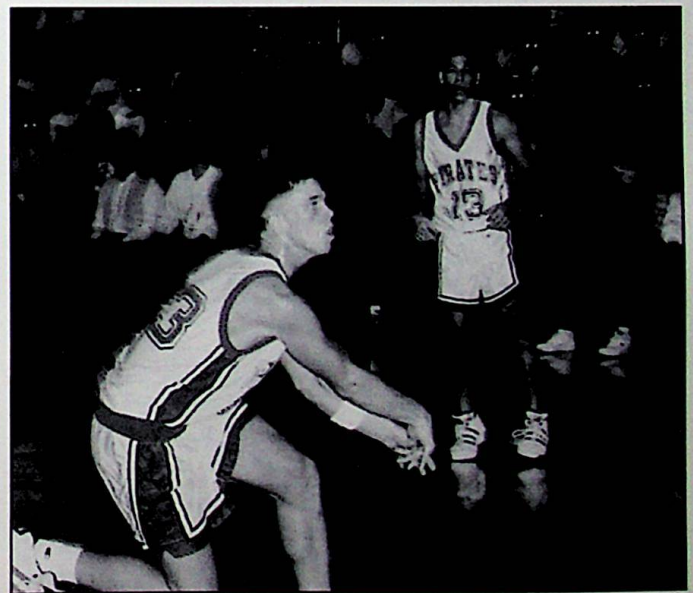
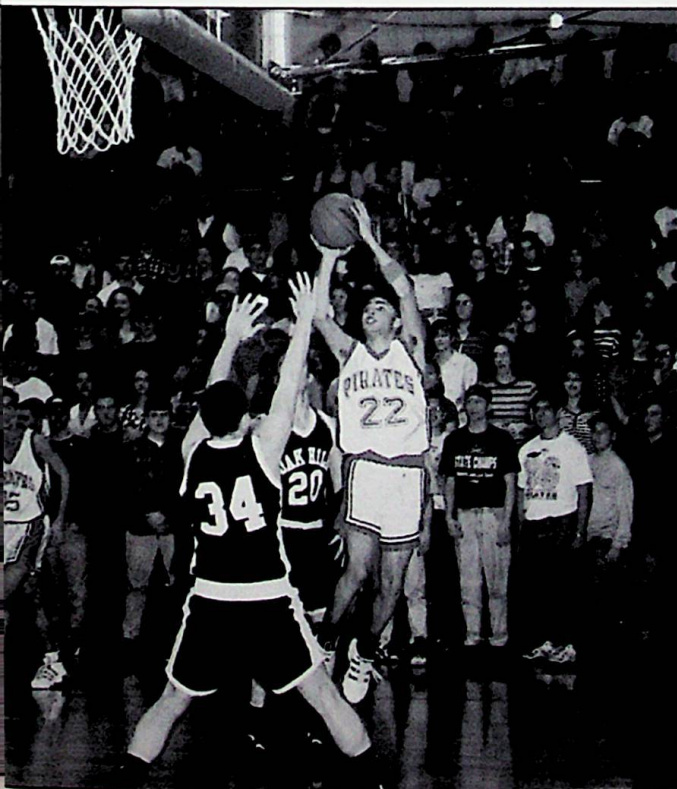
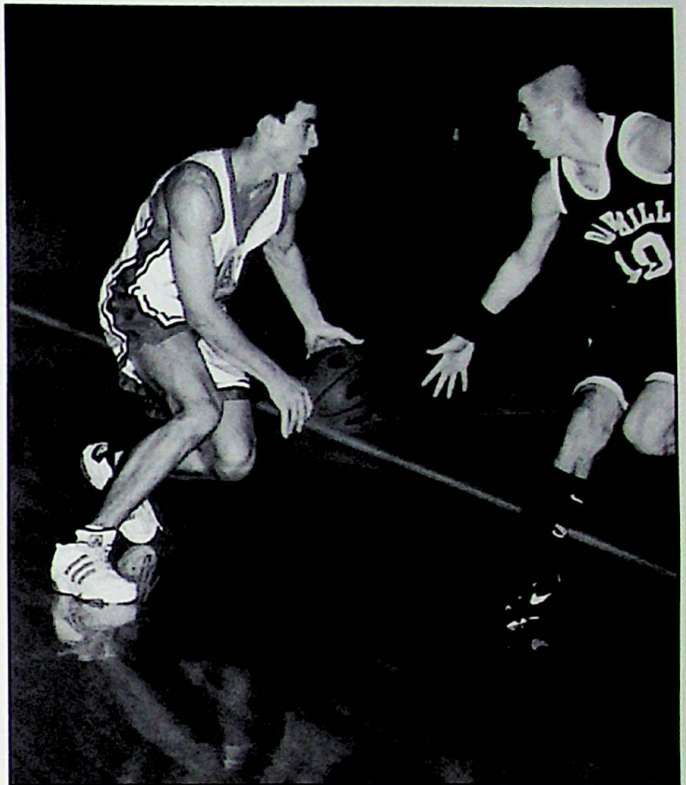


Varsity Basketball. Row 1: Aaron Bureson, Jerod Tilley, Chris Wagner. Row 2: Coach Barrick, Coach Massie, S Johnson, Casey Ellis, Coach Schomburg, Trainer Ben Lewis. Row 3: Juice Schmidt, Doug McClure, Brent Eaton, C Thompson, Dustin Sampson.



Casey Ellis takes a jumper over a South Webster defender.

Aaron Burleson prepares to drive through the lane for an easy basket.



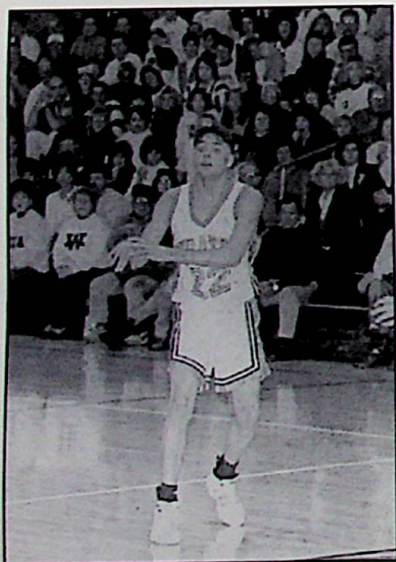
Chad Thompson goes up to take a shot over the Oak Hill defenders.

Junior Jerod Tilley dishes off a quick pass under the basket, while Dustin Sampson watches.

Brent Eaton takes it up strong in traffic as Mike Leesburg works for rebounding position.



Steve Johnson adds two for the Pirates.



Lone senior Chad Thompson gets the ball to his open teammate.

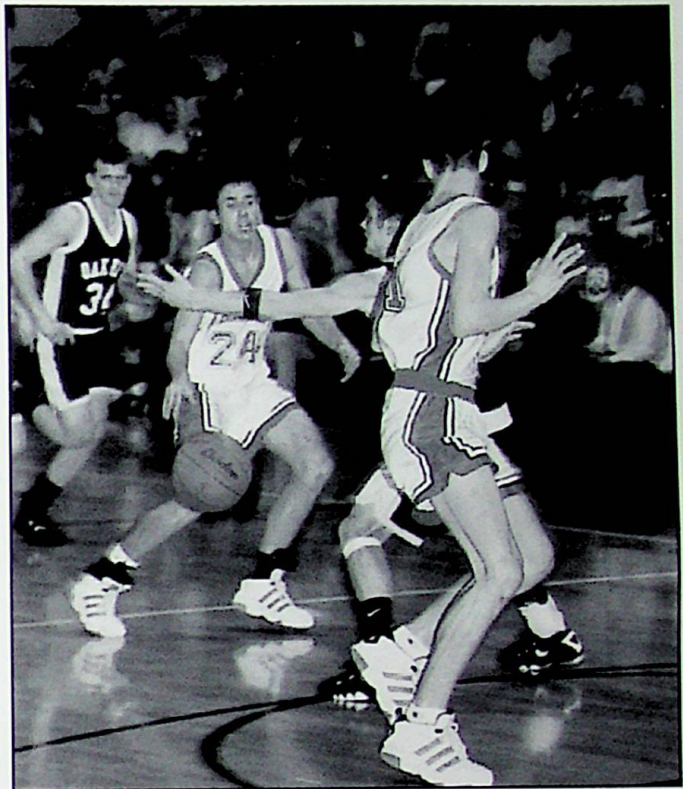


Steven Johnson prepares to grab the rebound after a missed shot.



Aaron Burleson gives the Pirates two after a steal against Oak Hill.

Mike Leesburg takes it to the hole to complete the fast break.



Brent Eaton attempts a free throw during a tournament game in Athens.

Dustin Sampson shows his sharp shooting skills against Oak Hill.

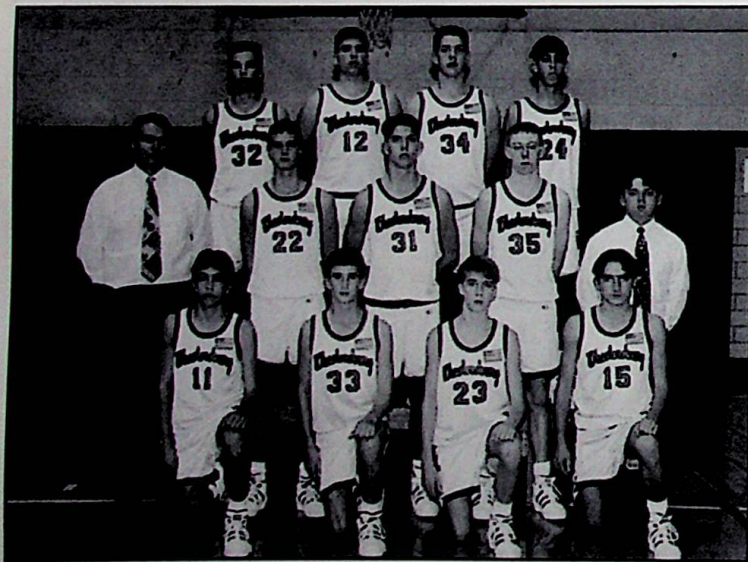
Reserve and Freshmen Basketball

Sophomore Juice Schmidt lay during reserve action.

A strong varsity basketball program relies upon the foundations worked upon in the reserve and freshmen basketball teams. This year saw successes on both these squads. The reserve basketball team compiled a 14-4 season record, with three of those losses being four points or less. The reserve loss to Northwest by only two points came after two overtime periods. The freshmen basketball team compiled a season record of 6-4. Throughout the season, both the reserve and freshmen boys' teams hustled and played their hearts out and gained valuable playing experience along the way.

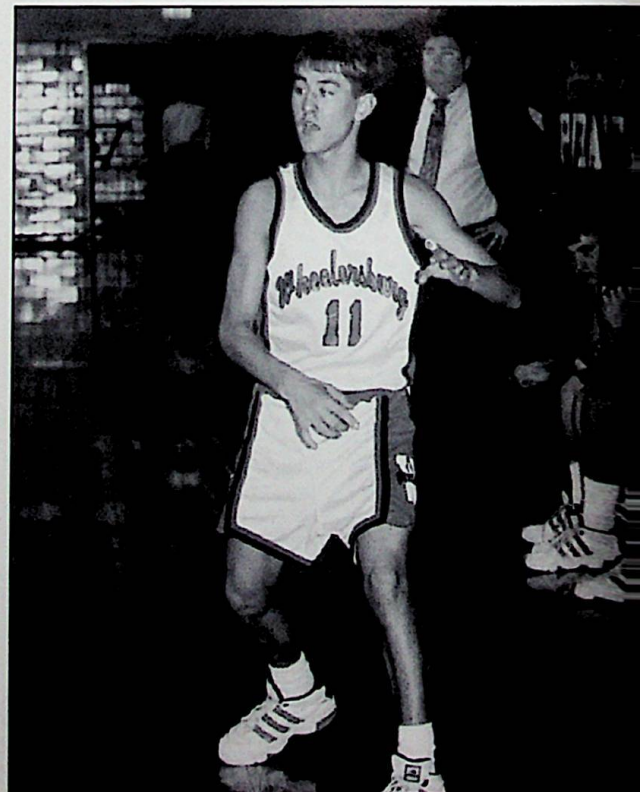
Reserve Basketball		
WHS	Opponent	
68	Northwest	38
53	Waverly	49
54	West	35
50	South Webster	30
57	Fairland	67
62	Valley	46
59	Minford	48
51	Northwest	53
71	Waverly	47
54	Ironton	51
42	West	46
60	South Webster	40
56	Oak Hill	28
46	Valley	43
66	Fairland	69
50	Oak Hill	37
61	Minford	51
50	Gallipolis	35

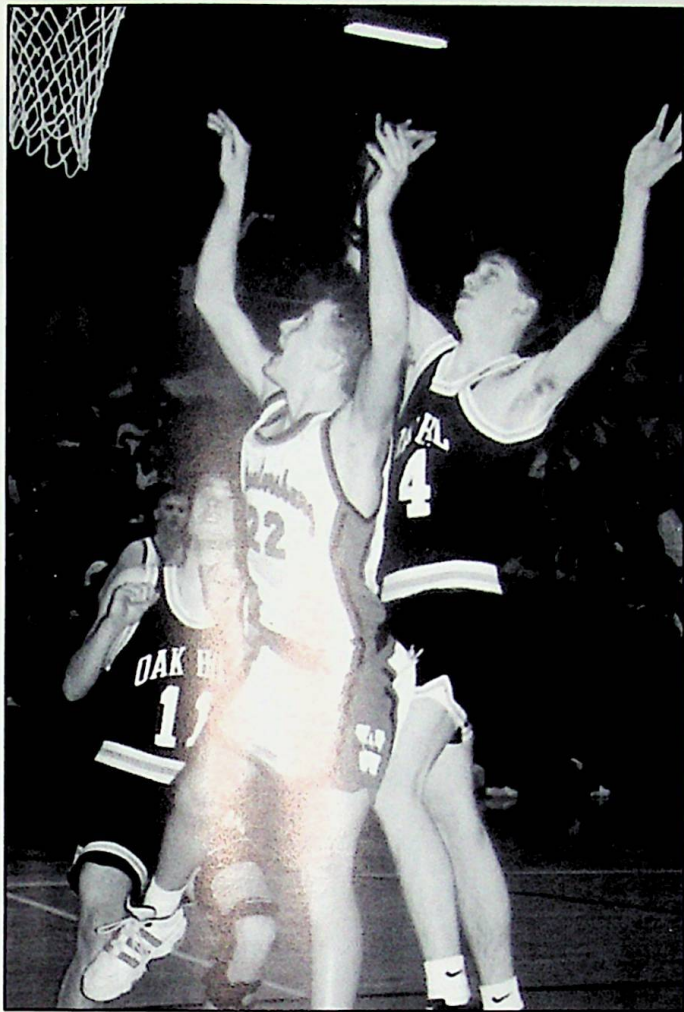
Freshman Basketball		
WHS	Opponent	
49	Northwest	41
48	Waverly	46
43	Greenup Co.	54
44	Russell	64
44	Portsmouth	42
65	Eastern	33
50	Ironton	54
37	Portsmouth	51
56	Minford	25



Freshman Basketball. Row 1: Josh Whitley, Tommy Turner, Beau Sullens, Luke Daniel. Row 2: Coach Barry Spradlin, Bob Gullet, Rick Estep, Travis Little, Mike Peters. Row 3: Brandon Lute, Davin Bentley, Scott Estep, Eric Bussa. Not Pictured: Joey Cooper.

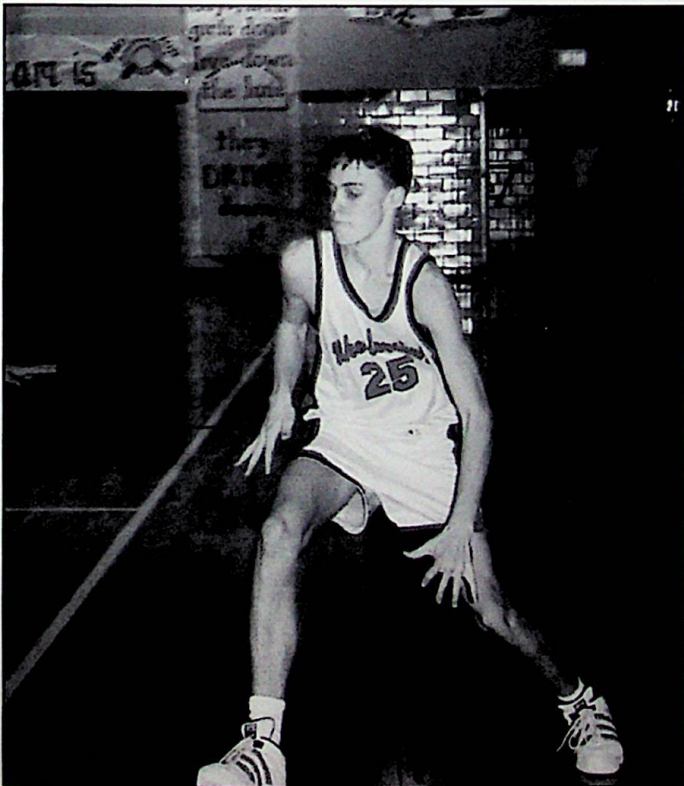
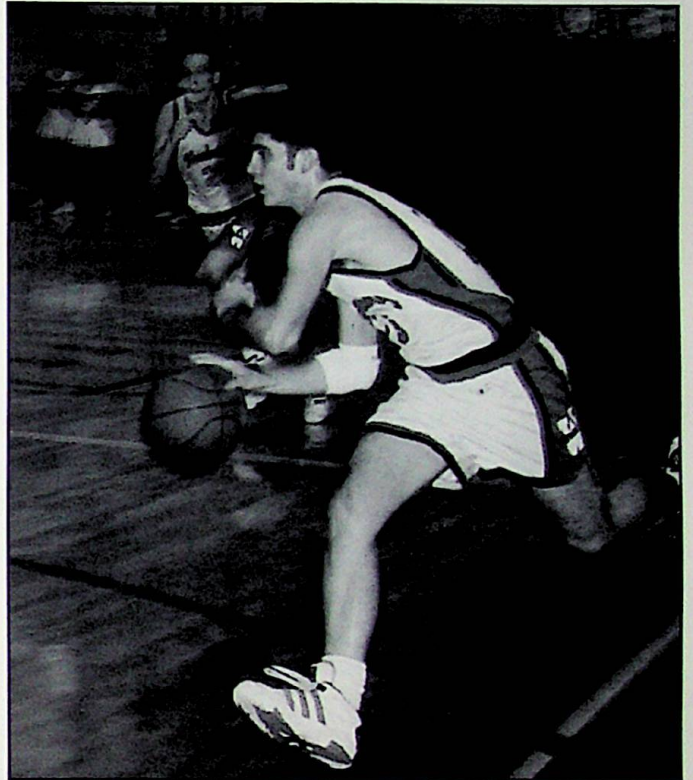
Sophomore Jared Carver completes a pass under the basket during the junior varsity action of the homecoming games.



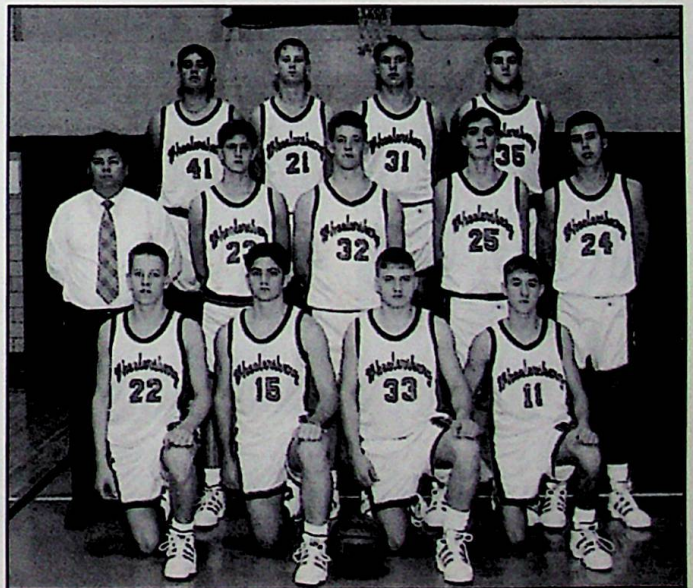


Chris Mauk boxes out his Oak Hill opponents as he waits for the rebound.

Sophomore Nate Conn moves the ball down the court as Chris Mauk follows.



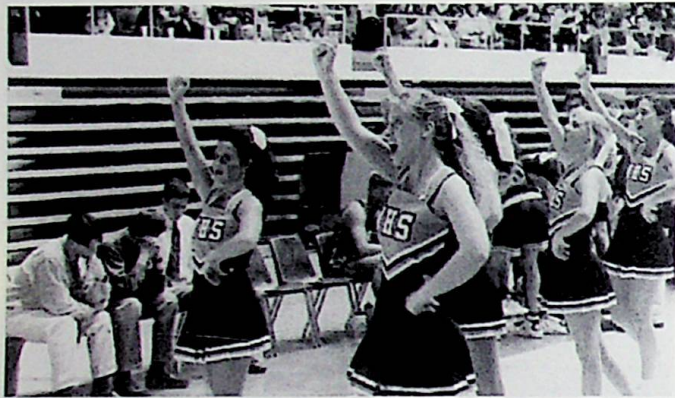
Nate Robbins concentrates as he tries to move the ball closer to the basket.



Reserve Basketball. Row 1: Chris Mauk, Nate Conn, Nick Glockner, Jared Carver. Row 2: Coach Mike Schomburg, Doug McClure, Brian Fite, Nate Robbins, Mike Leesburg. Row 3: Adam Bailey, Juice Schmidt, Kyle Felts, Adam Chamberlin.

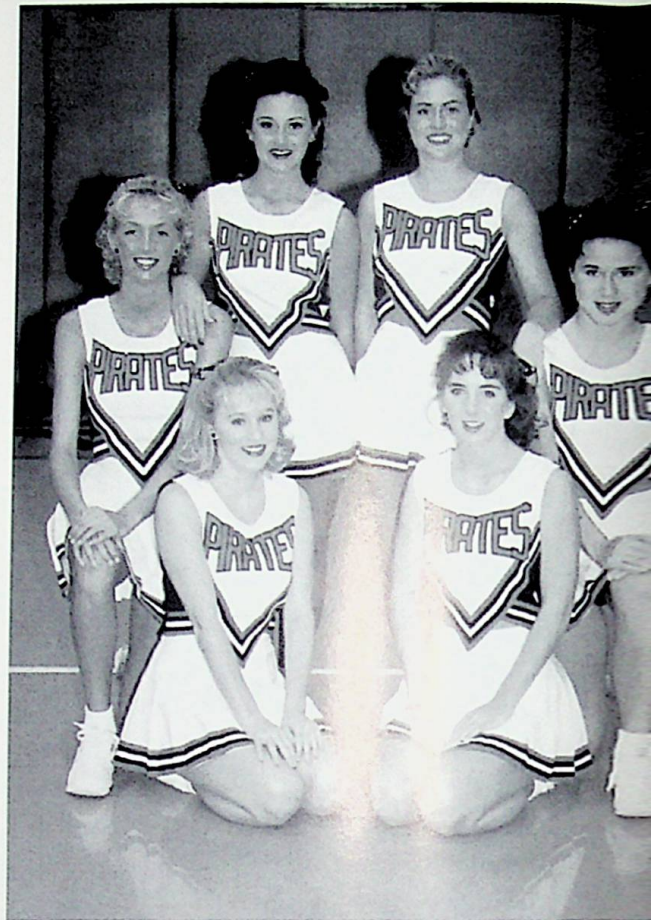
Basketball Cheerleaders

The basketball cheerleaders put in many hours of hard work to prepare for the games. They labored for hours before every game creating signs to decorate the players' lockers. Then there were practices to get every jump, step, and word perfectly synchronized. The cheerleaders dedicated many hours to preparing for and cheering in games to help our team on to victory.



The varsity cheerleaders lead the cheer block at the regional tournament game in Athens.

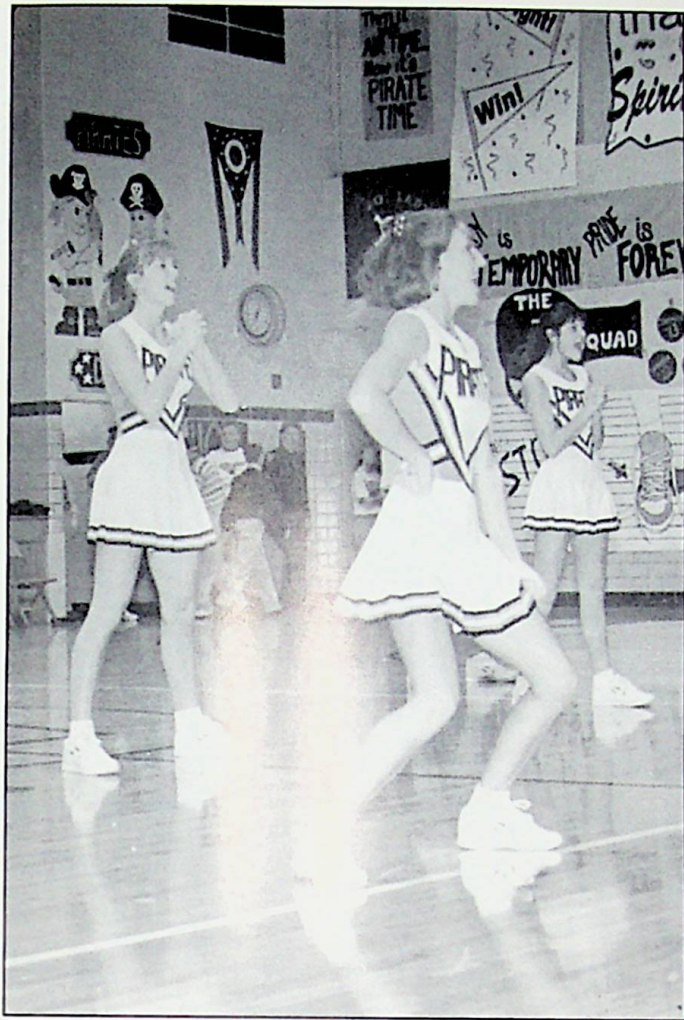
Seniors. Row 1: Traci Warner, Tiffany Morrison. Row 2: Keri Ann Lynn, Lynnsey Leesburg. Row 3: Nikki Rase, Jessica Parsley.



Alicia Browning and Sarah Miller cheer the team on to victory.



JV Cheerleaders — Melissa Gibson, Kelly Ruley, Crystal Chamberlin, Jessica Adams, Ronni Beth Howard, Toni Hubbard, Melissa Dunham, Lindsey Cole, Sarah Miller, Alicia Browning.



Kelly Ruley, Lindsay Cole, and Sarah Miller pump up the crowd at halftime.

Toni Hubbard, Jessica Adams, and Melissa Gibson show their spirit during a game.



Varsity Cheerleaders. Row 1: Nikki Rase, Traci Warner, Jessica Parsley. Row 2: Lynnsay Leesburg, Keri Ann Delph, Tiffany Morrison, Bethany Collins. Row 3: Melanie Morris, Rebecca Schwamberger, Tiffany Mollett.

Freshman Jessica Adams enjoys the game between cheers.

Boys' Track

Once again the Wheelersburg Pirate track team continued its tradition of excellence. This year's track team had the experience of eight seniors. Chad Reinhardt contributed great performances in the sprints along with Ryan Brown, who also participated in the long jump. J.D. Emmett and John Adams took care of the distance events. Andy Albrecht turned in good, consistent throws in the shot put, along with Kevin Bauer and Gabe Brown, while Shawn Boll did the same in discus. The Pirates also tapped the talent of the juniors with Jerod Tilley and Chris Slusher in the hurdles, and Steve Johnson in the hurdles, high jump, and long jump.

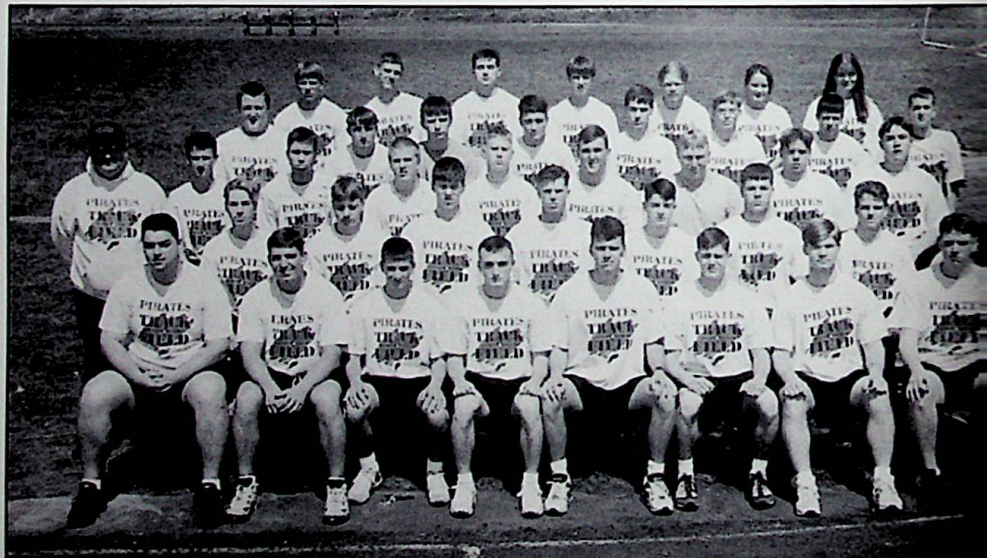
The Pirates dominated the SOC meet, placing first in seven events. They also placed second as a team in the districts, with Chad Reinhardt taking first place in the 100 and 200 meter dashes, and the 400 meter relay team of Jerod Tilley, Ryan Brown, Chad Reinhardt, and Josh Clausing taking first as well. Andy Albrecht and Kevin Bauer qualified for the regionals in the shot put, along with Steve Johnson in the 110 meter hurdles and high jump, Chris Slusher in the 300 intermediate hurdles, and the 1600 meter relay team of Tilley, Reinhardt, Slusher, and Clausing.

In regional finals, Chad Reinhardt took second place in the 100 and 200 meter dashes, and Chris Slusher took fourth in the 300 hurdles to qualify for state competition.

4 of 8 teams—Midland 110, Fairland 75, Coal Grove 55, WHS 46 (Fairland Invitational)
 1 of 3 teams—WHS 100, Northwest 29, Valley 27 (Home)
 1 of 9 teams—WHS 119, Winfield 88, Chesapeake 68 (Chesapeake Invitational)
 2 of 5 teams—Hilliard 55, WHS 43, Chillicothe 41 (Chillicothe Invitational)
 1 of 6 teams—WHS 188, Fairland 161, Portsmouth 60 (Portsmouth)
 1 of 17 teams—WHS 113, Jackson 52, South Webster 52 (Minford Invitational)
 1 of 16 teams—WHS 119, Waverly 86, Northwest 42 (Wheelersburg Invitational)
 2 of 11 teams—Chillicothe 111, WHS 106, Waverly 84 (Portsmouth Invitational)
 1 of 6 teams—WHS 168, South Webster 113, Coal Grove 67 (Home)
 1 of 10 teams—WHS 174, Adena 72, Paint Valley 64 (Paint Valley Invitational)
 1 of 11 teams—WHS 128, Waverly 108, South Webster 78 (Northwest Invitational)
 2 of 12 teams—Chesapeake 77, WHS 75, Russell 61 (Portsmouth Relays)
 1 of 13 teams—WHS 135, South Webster 69.5, Green 50 (Valley Invitational)
 1 of 13 teams—WHS 111, Waverly 85, South Webster 65 (SOC)
 2 of 15 teams—Fairland 114, WHS 95 Gallia Academy 47, Chesapeake 47 (Districts)



Senior Chad Reinhardt works his way toward a first place finish in the 400 meter dash at the Wheelersburg Invitational.

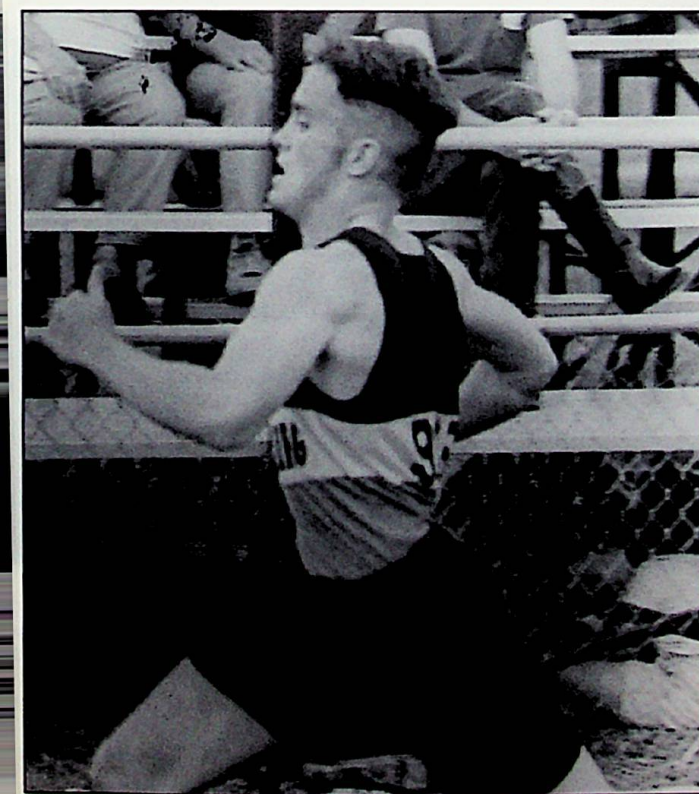
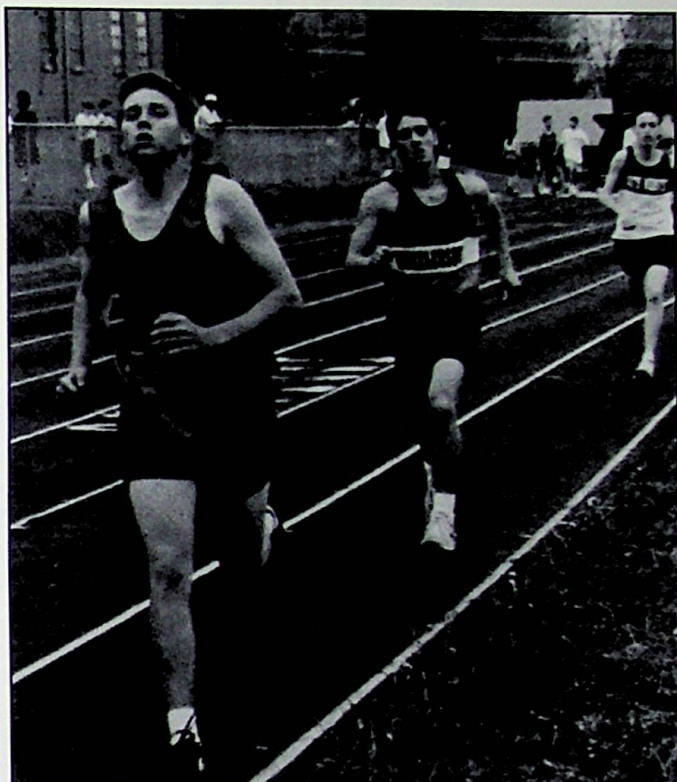


Row 1: Andy Albrecht, Kevin Bauer, John Adams, Ryan Brown, J.D. Emmett, Chad Reinhardt, Shawn Boll, Gabe Brown, Chad Benner. Row 2: Coach Gary Johnson, Chris Slusher, Nick Glockner, Steve Johnson, Jerod Tilley, Travis Keller, Adam Charles. Row 3: Tom Turner, Mike Leesburg, Brian Mantell, Juice Schmidt, Rob Holsinger, Chris Williams. Row 4: Luke Daniels, Josh Drake, Josh Clausing, Sean Mowery, J.D. Larter, Jason Hunsinger, Bob Gullett. Row 5: Jason Mantell, Jason Richards, Bob Starrett, Beau Sullens, Paul Charles, Amanda Johnson.



Steve Johnson and Jerod Tilley face tough competition in the 110 meter high hurdles at the Wheelersburg Invitational.

John Adams heads for the finish line in the 3200 meter run at the Valley Invitational.



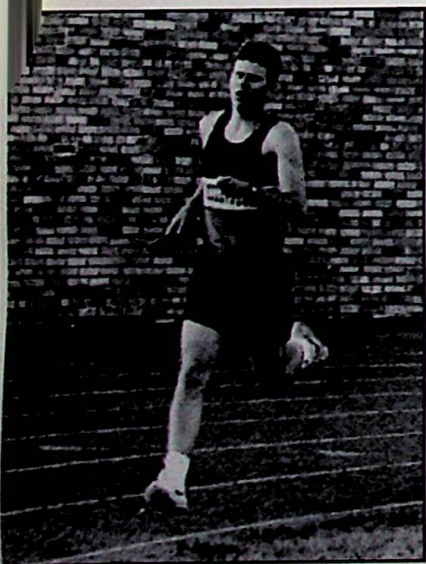
Josh Clausing makes a strong finish in the 200 meter dash.

Seniors: Row 1: John Adams, Ryan Brown, Chad Reinhardt, Shawn Boll. Row 2: J.D. Emmett, Gabe Brown, Andy Albrecht, Kevin Bauer.

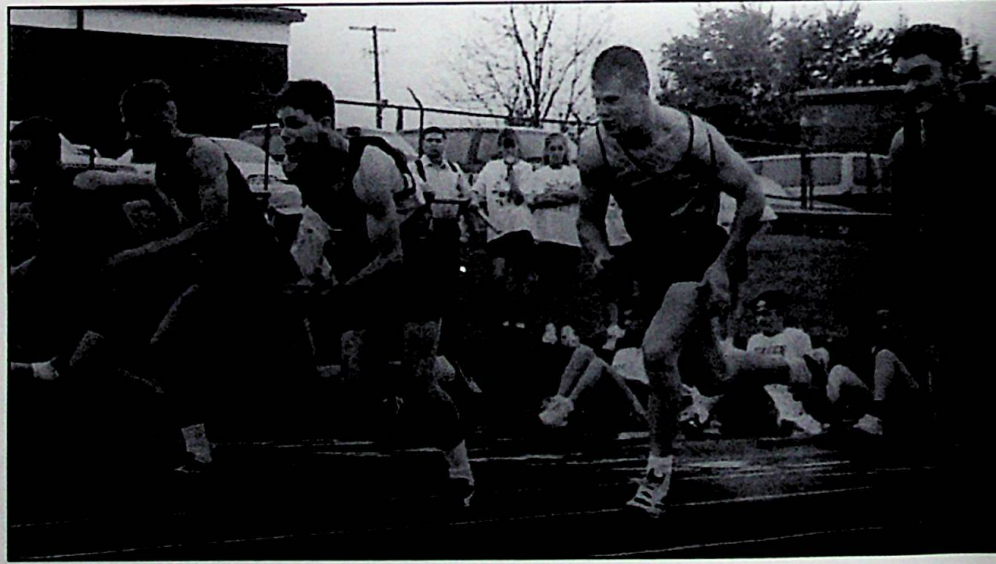
Landing in the pit, senior Ryan Brown completes his long jump attempt.



Senior Andy Albrecht completes his toss in the shot-put competition at the Wheelersburg Invitational.



Senior J.D. Emmett rounds the curve during his leg of the 3200 meter relay at the Portsmouth stadium.



In the 100 meter dash, Chad Reinhardt and Josh Clausing battle for position at the start.

Sarah Miller works toward a personal best in the 100 meter hurdles.



1st of 3 teams - WHS 70, Valley 66, Northwest 29 (Home)

2nd of 11 teams - Russell 99 1/3, WHS 70, Coal Grove 64 (Fairland Invitational)

3rd of 11 teams - Gallia Academy 113, Winfield 106, WHS 91 (Chesapeake Invitational)

1st of 7 teams - WHS 182, Portsmouth 133, Fairland 108 (PHS)

6th of 17 teams - Valley 98, Jackson 76, South Point 56, Minford 49, Waverly 45, WHS 44 (Minford Invitational)

3rd of 14 teams - Russell 123, Valley 74, WHS 56 1/2 (WHS Invitational)

2nd of 12 teams - Gallia Academy 96 1/2, WHS 75, Hamilton 73 (PHS Invitational)

3rd of 13 teams - Valley 123, Minford 92, WHS 78 (Valley Invitational)

3rd of 12 teams - (Minford 119, Valley 106, WHS 90 (SOC))

3rd of ? teams - (Districts)

Girls' Track

Led by returning, experienced talent, the Lady Pirates set the pace for other area teams with their excellent performances in meets. A spirit of dedication and a "can-do" attitude prevailed as the team pulled together to place in meet after meet.

At the Division II district championships at Ironton, the Lady Pirates took third place, missing second by only one point. The 1600 meter relay team of Becky Riepenhoff, Erin Wakefield, Jane Allwood, and Melissa Dunham placed fifth. Erin Wakefield took sixth in the 300 meter hurdles, Melissa Dunham placed sixth in the 200, and Beth Collins placed sixth in the 200. Stephanie Klaco took fifth in the 3200 meter run. Advancing to regionals, Barb Vansickle placed fourth in the discus, Ashley See placed second in discus and first in shot put, Jane Allwood took first in the 800 meter run and second in the 1600 meter run, and the 3200 meter relay team of Shelley Mauk, Jenny Knapp, Brenda Boll, and Jane Allwood took second.

At regionals, Jane Allwood placed fifth in the 800 meter run. She qualified for state competition in the 1600 meter run with a fourth place finish.

Overall, it was a very rewarding season. Everyone had fun, met new friends, and learned a lot about hard work and cooperation. The 1996 Lady Pirate track team was truly a team of winners.



Row 1: Statistician Zack Riepenhoff, Jane Allwood, Heather Deal, Amanda See, Lise Hovden, Coach Carol Bialkowski.
 Row 2: Jenny Knapp, Christina Spence, Stephanie Klaco, Barb Vansickle, Beth Collins, Angela Burlson, Becky Riepenhoff.
 Row 3: Melissa Dunham, Sarah Osborne, Erin Wakefield, Michelle Carmon, Ashley See, Shelley Mauk, Brenda Boll, Sarah Miller.

Sophomore runner Becky Riepenhoff has a strong start in the 100 meter dash.

Seniors: Heather Deal, Lise Hovden,
Jane Allwood, Amanda See.

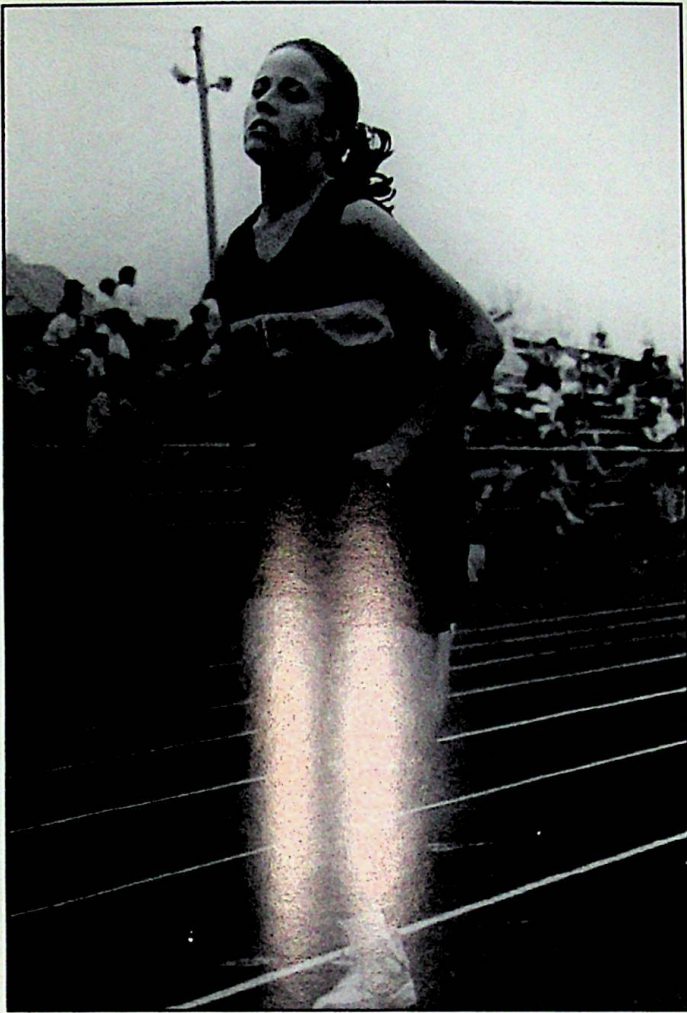
Freshman Sarah Osborne paces her-
self in the 3200 meter run.



Senior Heather Deal leaps from the
board to complete her long jump at-
tempt at the Valley Invitational.

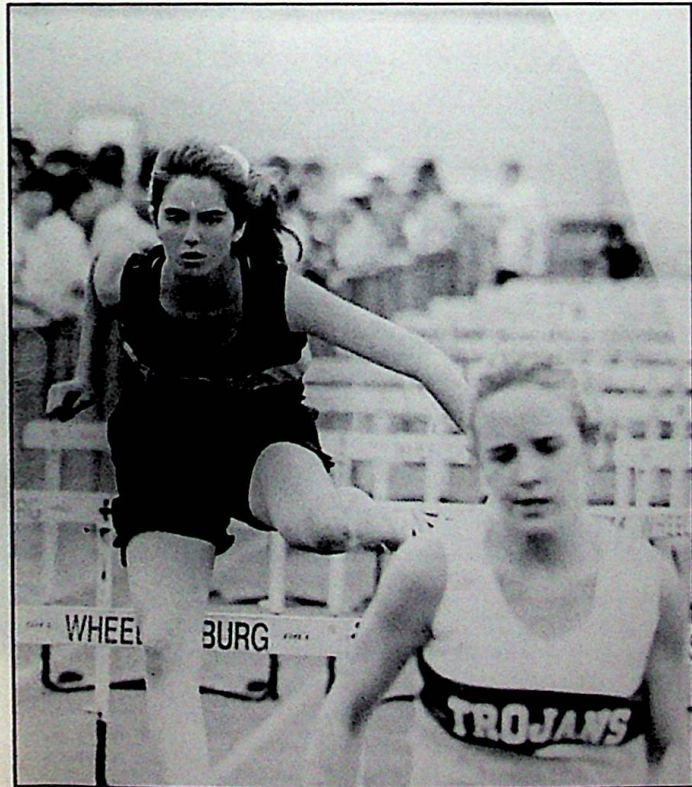
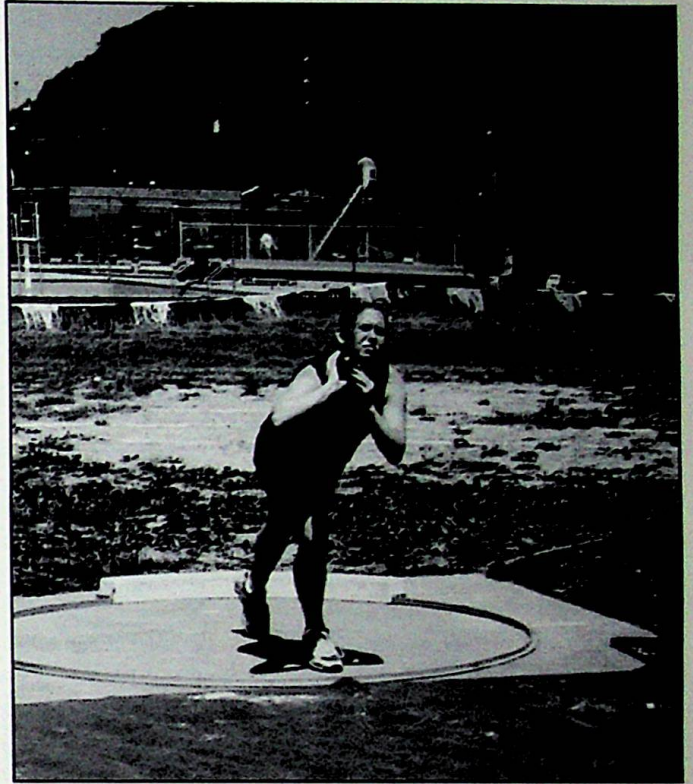


Members of both track teams gather at the Portsmouth Invitational to keep warm and cheer on their teammates.



Senior Jane Allwood sets the pace in the 1600 meter run.

Freshman Brenda Boll prepares to throw the shot put during the district meet at Ironton.



Erin Wakefield concentrates on her form in the 100 meter hurdles.

Shelley Mauk leads the pack during her leg of the 3200 meter relay.

Baseball

The 1996 season was definitely a groundbreaking one for the Pirate baseball team. Wheelersburg has always produced good baseball players, but what the Pirates accomplished this season was phenomenal. Consistency was the trademark of this team. After losing the opening game of the year to arch-rival Ironton, the Pirates rolled off an unbelievable 26 wins in a row in route to a Division III state baseball championship.

Once again the Pirates battled through a very difficult regular season schedule and squared off against the best teams from southern Ohio. Perhaps no victories were as meaningful as those against Ironton and Portsmouth. The Pirates won a hard-fought game against the Ironton Tigers, a team that gave the baseball squad its only regular season loss. The Portsmouth game was just as important as the Pirates rallied late to produce a dramatic victory against a very good Trojan team. Both of these victories gave WHS the confidence and momentum necessary to attain success.

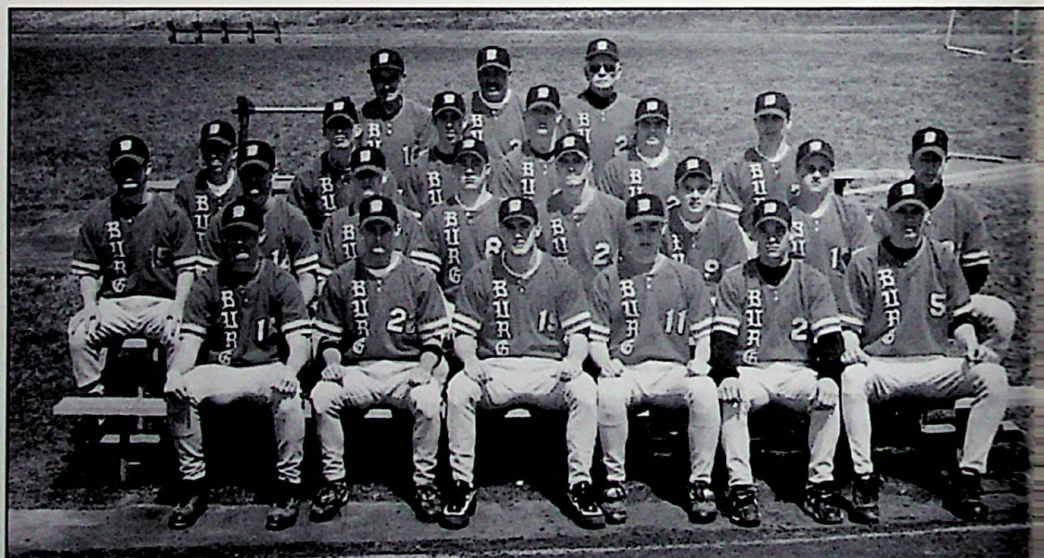
Besides winning the SOC crown, the Pirates were bestowed with yet another honor. When the regular season ended and everything was said and done, Wheelersburg had earned the state title for division III. When asked about the team's success, senior Wes Holbrook said, "This year was so special, we will all remember this season for the rest of our lives." The 1996 baseball team accomplished something that has never been done at WHS, and that is to bring a state baseball championship trophy back to the Burg. This year was definitely one for the record books.

WHS	Baseball Opponent	WHS
4	Ironton	8
4	Waverly	2
26	So. Webster	5
16	So. Point	6
8	Valleys	1
14	Northwest	3
13	Oak Hill	4
8	East	7
16	East	1
9	Northwest	3
4	West	1
12	Waverly	3
10	West	5
17	So. Webster	1
14	Valley	0
16	Oak Hill	1
2	Ironton	0
17	Minford	2
5	Portsmouth	2
12	Minford	7
Sectionals		
14	Oak Hill	0
Districts		
9	West	2
4	Lynchburg Clay	0
Regionals		
2	Marion River Valley	0
6	Toronto	1
State		
1	Coldwater	0
4	Middlefield Cardinal	1

Andy Heimbach hurls a fast ball across home plate for a strike.



Cori Martin hangs onto the strike three pitch for the out against Oak Hill.

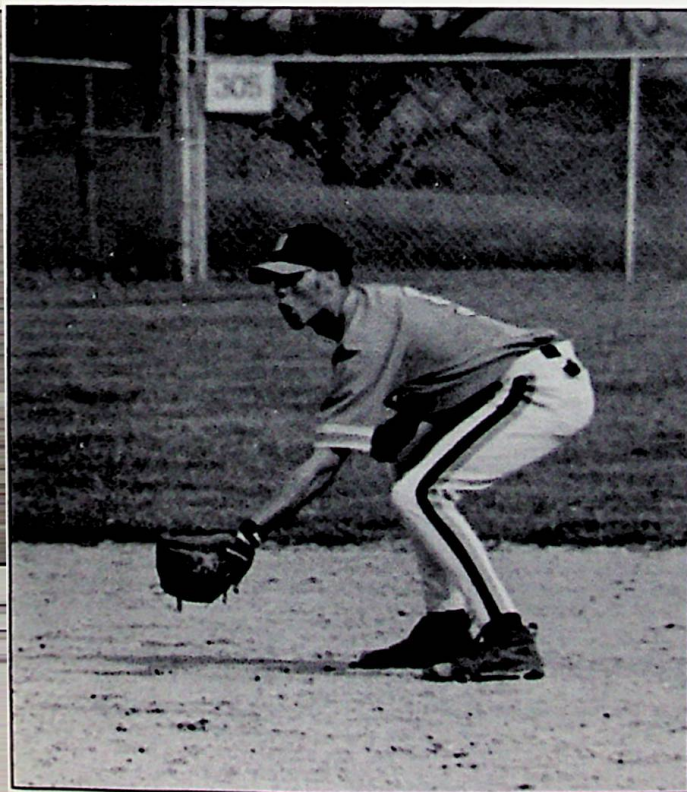


Row 1: Jim Welton, Shad Conn, Wes Holbrook, Andy Heimbach, Dustin Sampson, Casey Ellis. Row 2: Nathan Skiver, Nathan Conn, Dustin Holbrook, Brandon Justice, Shane Jenkins, Eddie Peck, Tom Sutton, Brandon Hutchinson. Row 3: Aaron Morrison, Rick Estep, Erik Bussa, Scott Estep, Sean Miller, Cori Martin. Row 4: Head Coach Jack Brannon, Coach Steve Ellis, Coach Shay Myers.



After a line drive to Brandon Hutchinson, he tries to throw the runner out getting back to first.

Seniors: Row 1: Wes Holbrook. Row 2: Andy Heimbach, Sean Miller.

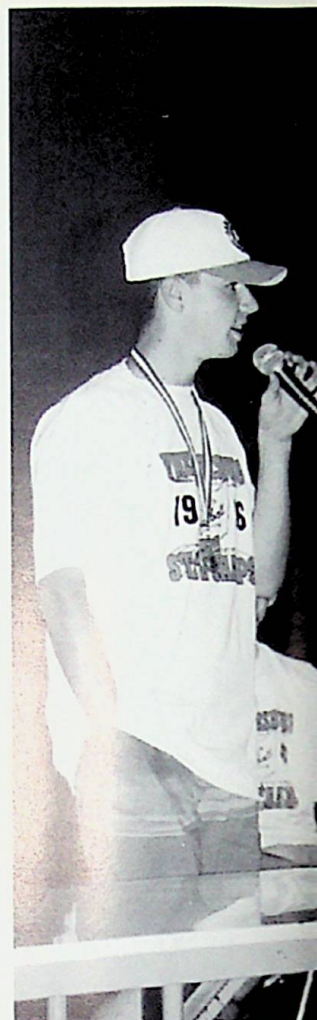


At shortstop, Casey watches the throw to the plate in anticipation of the possible play.

Dustin Sampson tries to pick off the Oak Hill runner with a quick throw to Jim Welton at first base.

The Wheelersburg Pirates celebrate by raising the Division III State Championship trophy towards the Pirate fans after defeating Middlefield Cardinal 4-1.

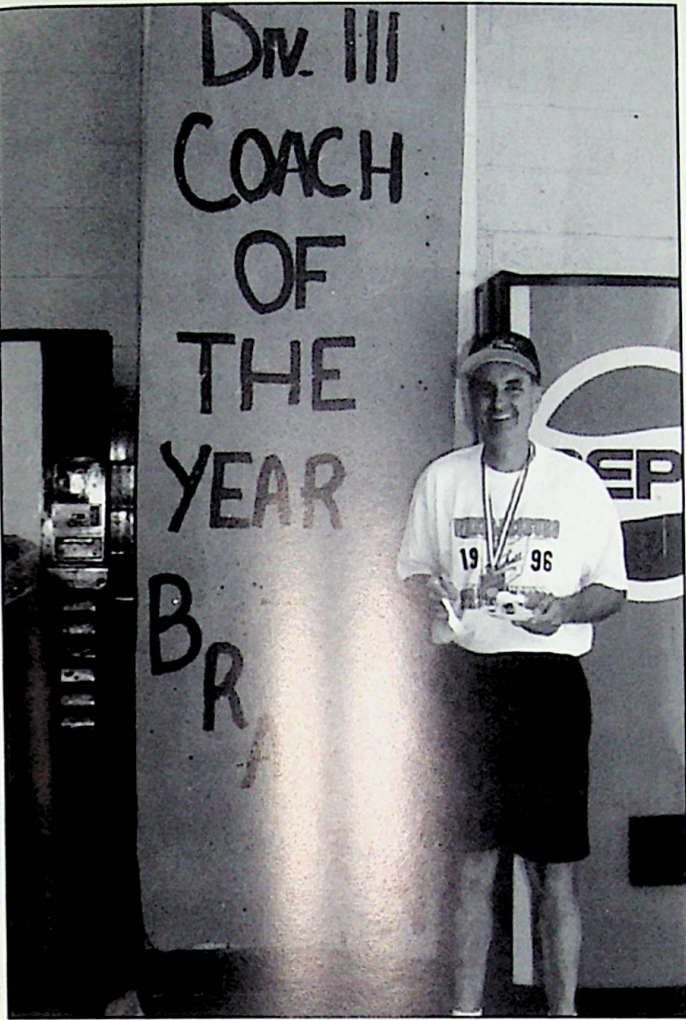
Senior pitcher Andy Heimbach thanks the crowd for their support during the season and especially during the tournaments to the state championship title.



The Pirates celebrate after the umpire calls "safe at home" for another run in the championship game.

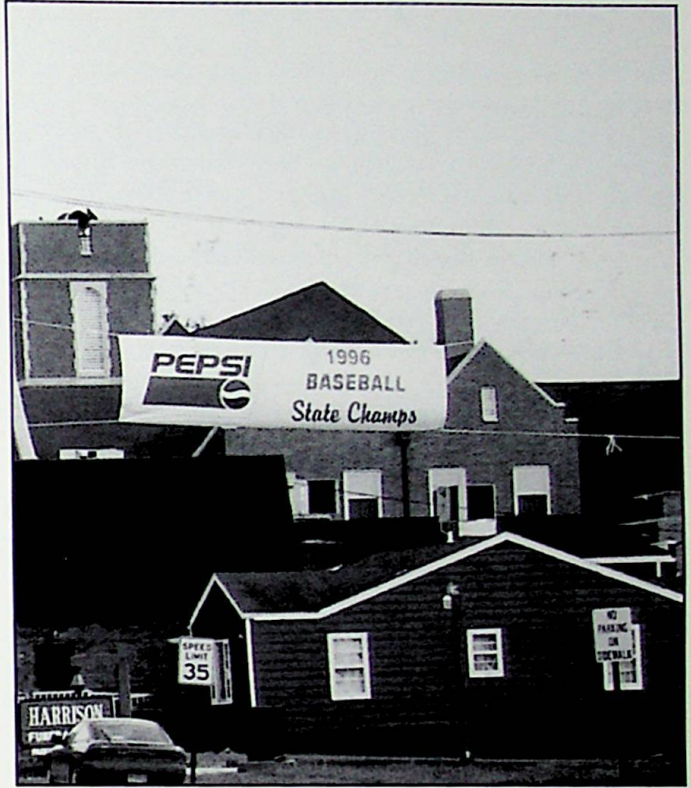


The team poses for an official championship picture after receiving the trophy and their individual medals.



At the celebration in the Wheelersburg gymnasium and cafeteria, upon their return from Canton, Coach Jack Branon poses with the celebration banner recognizing him as Division III Coach of the Year.

Within a couple of days the community of Wheelersburg proudly displays the banner recognizing the Pirates' accomplishment as the 1996 Baseball State Champs.



Coach Branon presents Principal Jim Gill with the state championship trophy during the reception for the team.

Casey Ellis, Wes Holbrook, Andy Heimbach, and Dustin Sampson were named to the All-State Second-Team. These players were named to this team prior to the state tournaments.

Softball

The 1996 Lady Pirates were an impressive mix of young talent and veteran leadership. Full of confidence and potential, these girls proved to the rest of southern Ohio that they were not to be taken lightly. Under the direction of Head Coach Ron Bailey, the Lady Pirates completed the season with an overall record of 13-7, and a 7-7 record in the SOC.

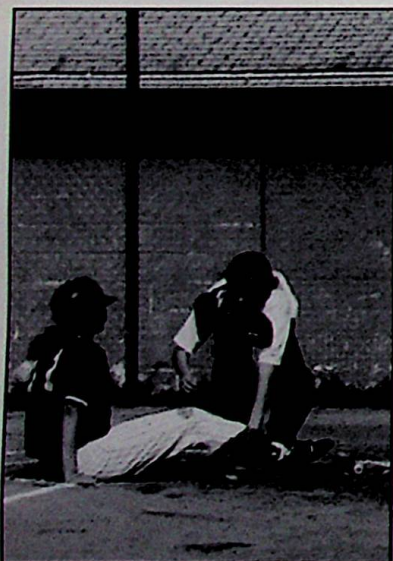
The Lady Pirates started the season quickly with two quality victories before losing their next two. The whole year seemed to be one of streaks, both good and bad. It seemed like whenever the Lady Pirates would piece together a string of wins, it would be followed by a series of defeats. Fortunately for the Lady Pirates the number of victories far outnumbered the number of losses.

The Lady Pirates were solid in every aspect of the game. Led by strong pitching from sophomore pitcher Jessica Bailey, the Lady Pirates also found strength in hitting and defense from the likes of Lindsey Hall, Tiffany Morrison, Nikki Rase, Keri Ann Delph, and Jessica Schmidt. The highlights of the season included a sweep of a doubleheader against Greenup County, and an absolute thrashing of arch-rival Portsmouth.

Despite the usual setbacks and injuries, the Wheelersburg Lady Pirates came together to produce a successful season and a winning example for future teams to follow.

WHS	Opponent	
7	Ironton	2
6	Waverly	5
3	Northwest	8
2	So. Webster	6
8	Green	2
6	Valley	2
19	Oak Hill	1
2	Northwest	5
1	West	5
9	Waverly	2
4	West	7
3	So. Webster	0
2	Valley	1
16	Oak Hill	1
17	Portsmouth	5
0	Minford	12
6	Greenup Co.	0
15	Greenup Co.	4
7	Gallia Academy	1
0	Minford	6

Sophomore Jill Erlenwein waits a for the next batter.



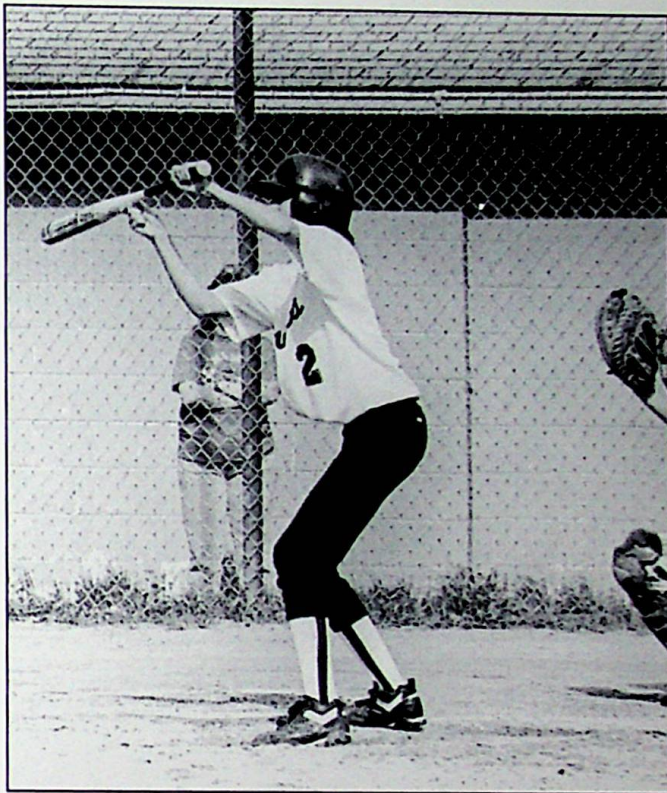
Freshman Brooke Bockway attempts to tag an opponent.



Row 1: Tiffany Morrison, Heather Miller, Keri Ann Delph, Nikki Rase. Row 2: Elicia Lyles, Jessica Schmidt, Lindsey F... Row 3: Jill Erlenwein, Jessica Bailey, Kellie Huffman, Polly Wiltshire. Row 4: Ronelle Carter, Emily Bauman, M... Diamond, Alisha Covert, Erecka Conley. Row 5: Tara Noel, Brooke Bockway.



Junior Lindsey Hall waits for the batter to hit the ball during a home game against Oak Hill.



Freshman Brooke Bockway takes a bunting stance as the ball comes toward her.



Sophomore Jessica Bailey winds up the pitch while Junior Jessica Schmidt stays alert at first.

Seniors: Tiffany Morrison, Heather Miller, Keri Ann Delph, and Nikki Rase.

Boys' Tennis

A third straight perfect season! With a season record of 18-0, the boys' tennis team, under the direction of Dr. Jon Lucas, dominated the SOC. Dropping only four individual matches out of 88 total matches, the tennis team won their third consecutive SOC championship and continued their undefeated 3 year streak to an astonishing 54 wins and zero losses. This tremendous success can only be the result of the sheer determination, hard work, and hours of practice put into this program.

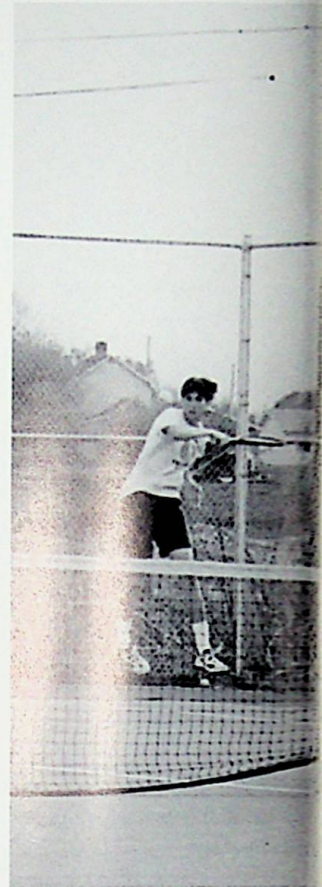
After the regular season, singles players Aaron Burleson, Jonas Aronsson, and Dustin Burleson, and the doubles teams comprised of Jason Hughes and Kyle Felts, and Dan Glenn and Joe Wheeler competed in the sectional tournament. Wheelersburg showed great strength as everyone but the second team doubles qualified for the districts. With Aaron playing singles and Jonas and Dustin playing doubles, the Pirate tennis team advanced on to the districts and qualified for the state tournament. At the state tournament, Jonas and Dustin lost in the first round, but Aaron went all the way finishing fourth in the state.

As the boys' tennis team has clearly shown, it takes a little more to be a champion. This is very true because the boys did do a little more. They fought on, overcame hardships, and ran like crazy during practice because they knew that they were destined to be the best.

Boys' Tennis

WHS	Opponent	
5	Jackson	0
5	Valley	0
5	Clay	0
4	Portsmouth	1
5	New Boston	0
5	Waverly	0
5	East	0
5	Minford	0
5	Ironton	0
5	West	0
5	Valley	0
5	Clay	0
5	New Boston	0
5	Waverly	0
3	East	2
5	Minford	0
3	West	0
4	Portsmouth	1

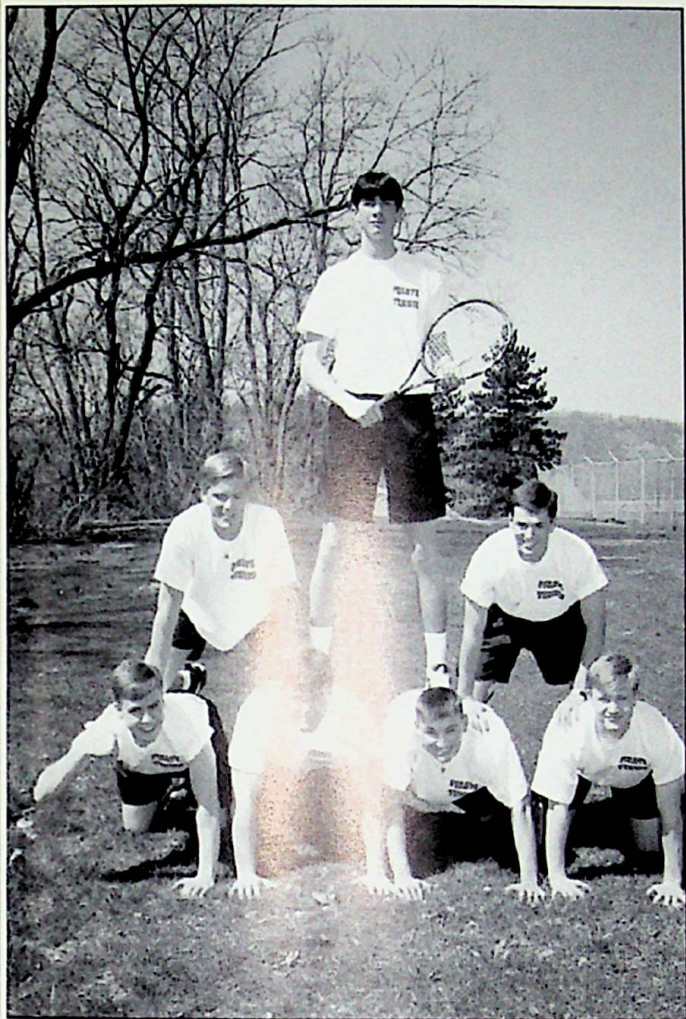
During a home match, Jason Hughes powerfully returns a serve to his opponent.



With graceful form and technique, Dan Glenn hits a backhand that became a winning shot.

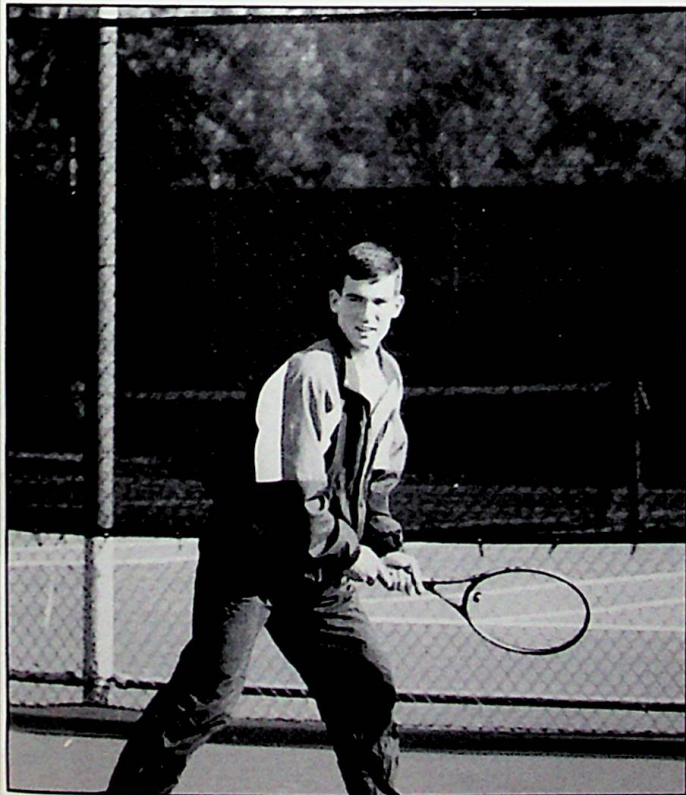


Row 1: Nathan Schwamburger, Joe Danzer, David Walker, Kyle Felts, Dan Blankenship, Joe Wheeler. Row 2: Brandon Lute, Gordon Givan, Larry Angell, Dustin Burleson, Chris Flinders, Jason Blake, Dan Glenn. Row 3: Coach Jon Lucas, Bryan, Todd Johnson, Jason Hughes, Aaron Burleson, Jonas Aronsson, Brent Wakefield.



Seniors. Bottom Row: Josh Bryan, Todd Johnson, Joe Wheeler, Gordon Givan. Middle Row: Jonas Aronsson, Dan Glenn. Standing: Jason Hughes.

Foreign exchange student Jonas Aronsson warms up before his doubles match at the state tournament.



Advancing from the first-seed in the sectional tournament, junior Aaron Burleson volleys as part of his warm-up drill prior to his state tournament match in Columbus.

Dustin Burleson, Jonas Aronsson, and Aaron Burleson pose with their state tournament medals. Dustin and Jonas lost in their first round of doubles, but Aaron achieved a fourth-place finish in the state.

Pirates

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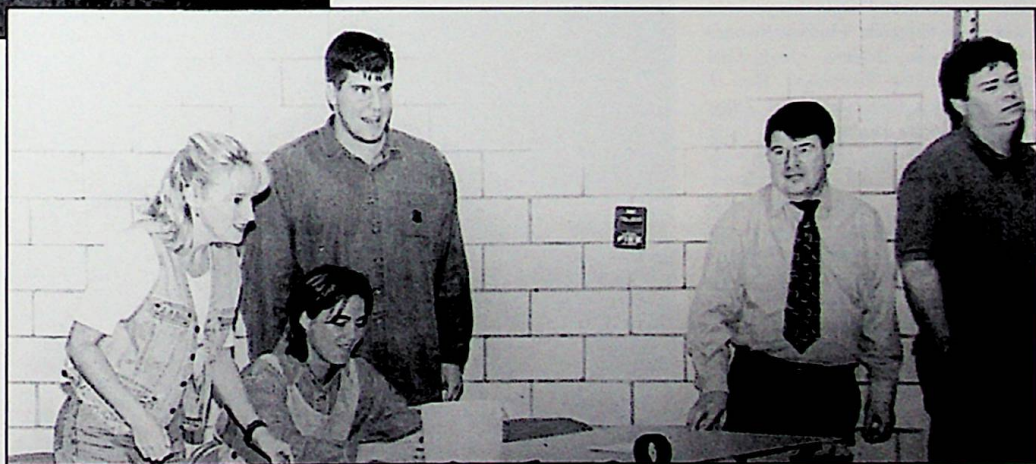
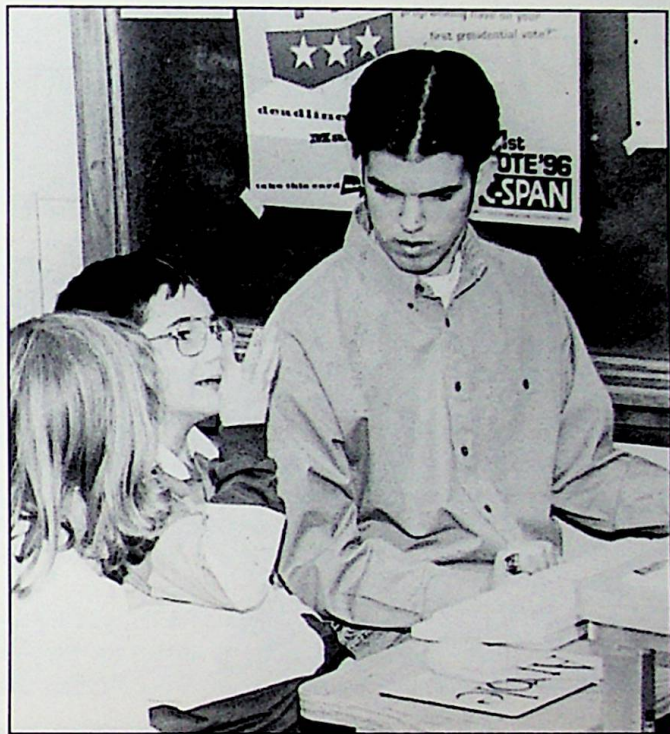
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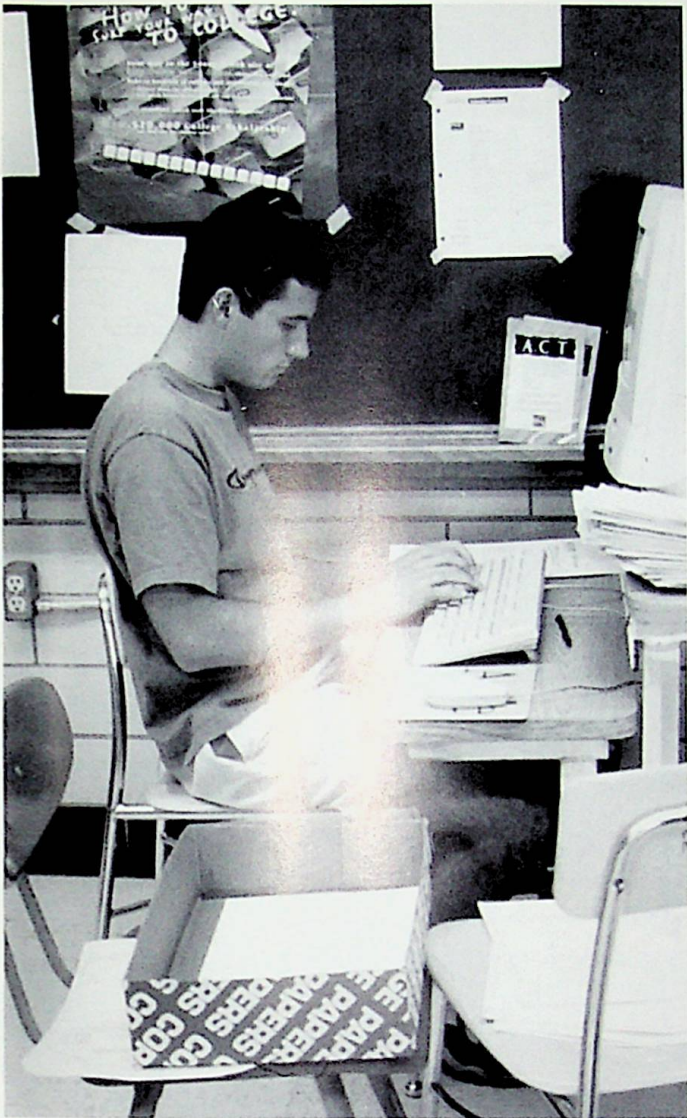
Yearbook and Photography

The yearbook and photography staffs were comprised of a group of students who had the privilege of constructing the keepsake of our high school memories that we will cherish in the years to come. Behind the scenes, you found a great amount of time and effort put forth by these dedicated students. It was an incredible task laid in front of us, but we had accepted the challenge. As we shot, developed, printed, and selected pictures from the different events that occurred throughout the year, we realized how difficult it would be to fit all of the memories into only 184 pages. With the added stress of being Business Manager, Rebecca Schwamberger was quoted as saying, "It has been the most demanding year that I have experienced yet. But still, I will continue to work hard because I know that it will be worth it in the end."

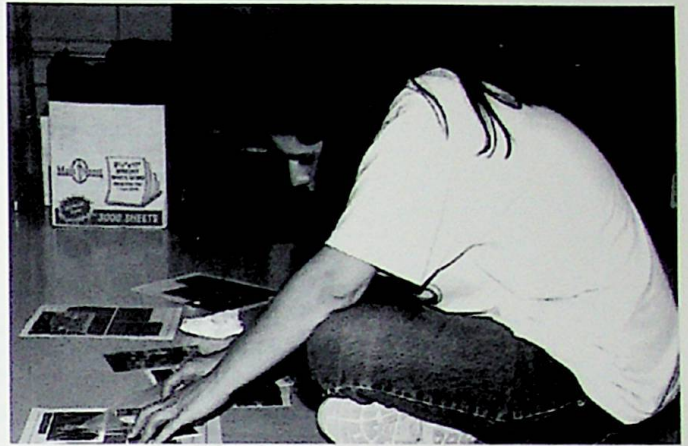
Thanks to the patience of our advisor Mrs. Melody Williams we were able to work and meet the deadlines on time to end the year satisfied with our accomplishments.

Yearbook and Photography staffs.
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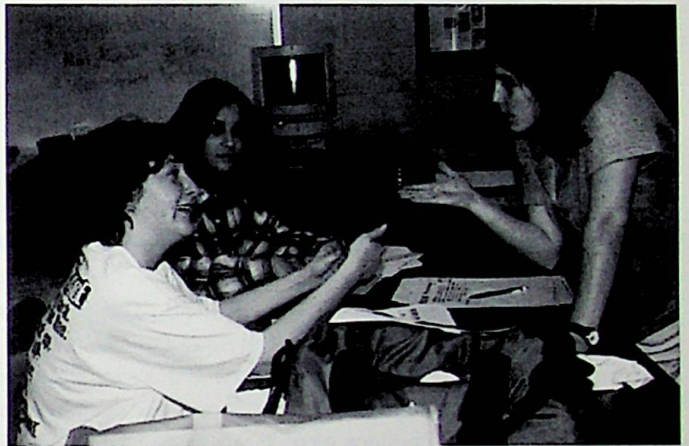




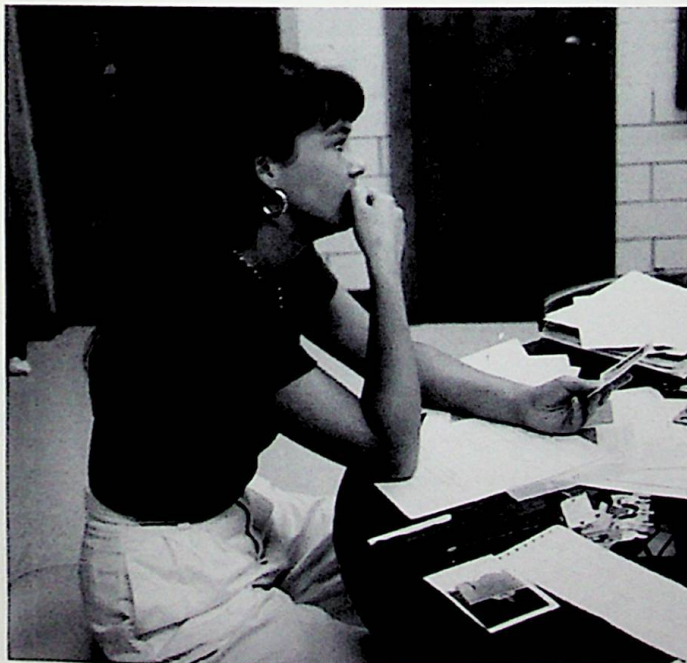
After the closing of the school, editor Brent Wakefield finds himself still at the computer completing those final pages to be shipped.



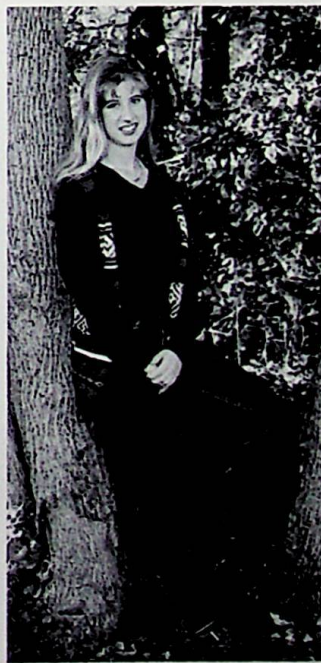
Staff member Erica Engle works on the chorus layout by cropping pictures.



Sarah Howard confers with Zanita Hoskins and Molly Cross as they work on captions for the football homecoming layout.

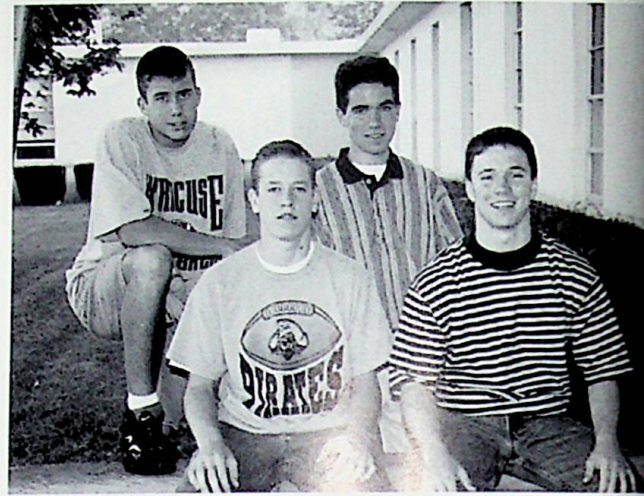


Amanda Smith seeks the opinions of other staff members while working on the Foreign Languages layout.



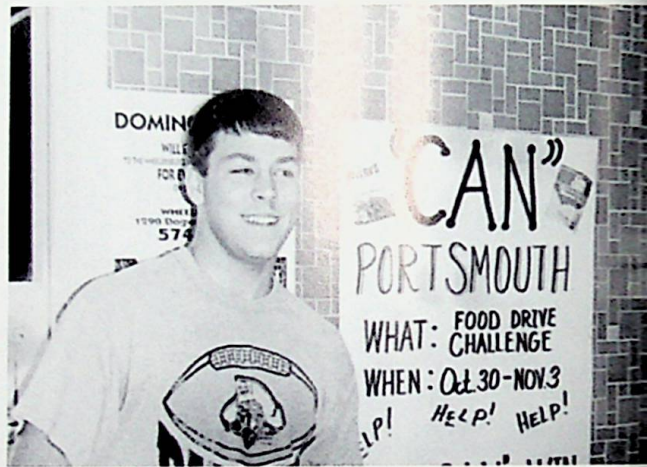
Business Manager Rebecca Schwamberger keeps busy all year as she works on all of the advertisements and takes care of the billing.

Student Council Officers Row 1: Chris Mauk, Vice-President; Dan Blanken President. Row 2: Mike Leesburg, Secretary; Dustin Burseson, Treasurer.



Student Council

The Student Council started the year out with a canned food drive in the fall. As an incentive, the class who donated the largest amount would win a pizza party. Mr. Suter's fourth period Intro to Art Class celebrated after winning. After completing their candy sales, the Student Council earned \$450. The proceeds went to the Special Wish Foundation, the River Days Candidate, and the Red Cross. They also sponsored the Prom Promise Campaign where students pledge to stay alcohol and drug free on prom night. Their contributions were greatly appreciated.



Sophomore Adam Chamberlin stands next to one of the many posters that hung throughout the school advertising the food drive.

The members of the Student Council sponsor a canned food drive competition against Portsmouth High.





Members of Student Council include Row 1: Sponsor Mrs. Debbie Peters, Tim Jenkins, Andy Heimbach, J.D. Emnett, Todd Johnson, Jessica Parsley. Row 2: Dan Blankenship, Casey Ellis, Aaron Burluson, Molly Cross, Brent Eaton. Row 3: Jared Carver, Nate Conn, Chris Mauk, Adam Chamberlin, Dustin Burluson. Row 4: Shelley Adkins, Ross Murphy, Scott Estep, Josh Mercer, Mike Leesburg.



FHA

Since the FHA Advisor, Mrs. Monica Acox, spent the biggest part of her day at the junior high, many of the regular activities of the FHA could not be conducted this year. However, two of the traditional activities of the year continued. The faculty greatly appreciated the teacher luncheon sponsored by the FHA students. The entire school also enjoyed the annual student/teacher exchange day as many of the classrooms were transformed for the day.

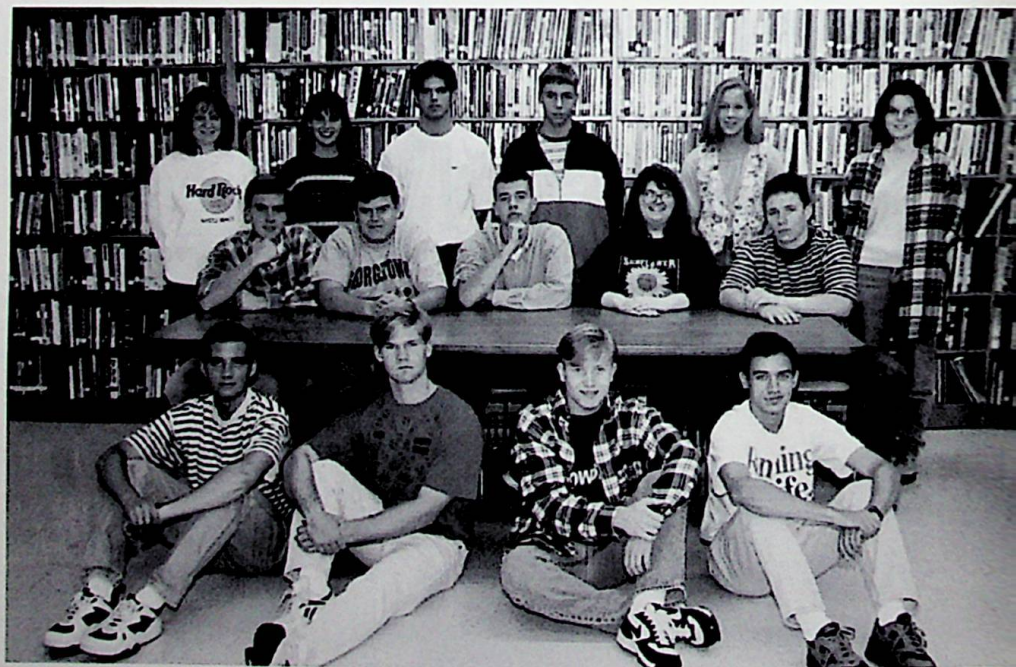
Officers of FHA: Row 1: Andrea Neeley, Treasurer. Row 2: Rebecca Charles, Secretary; Dana Gallaher President. Row 3: Kasey Brust Vice President.

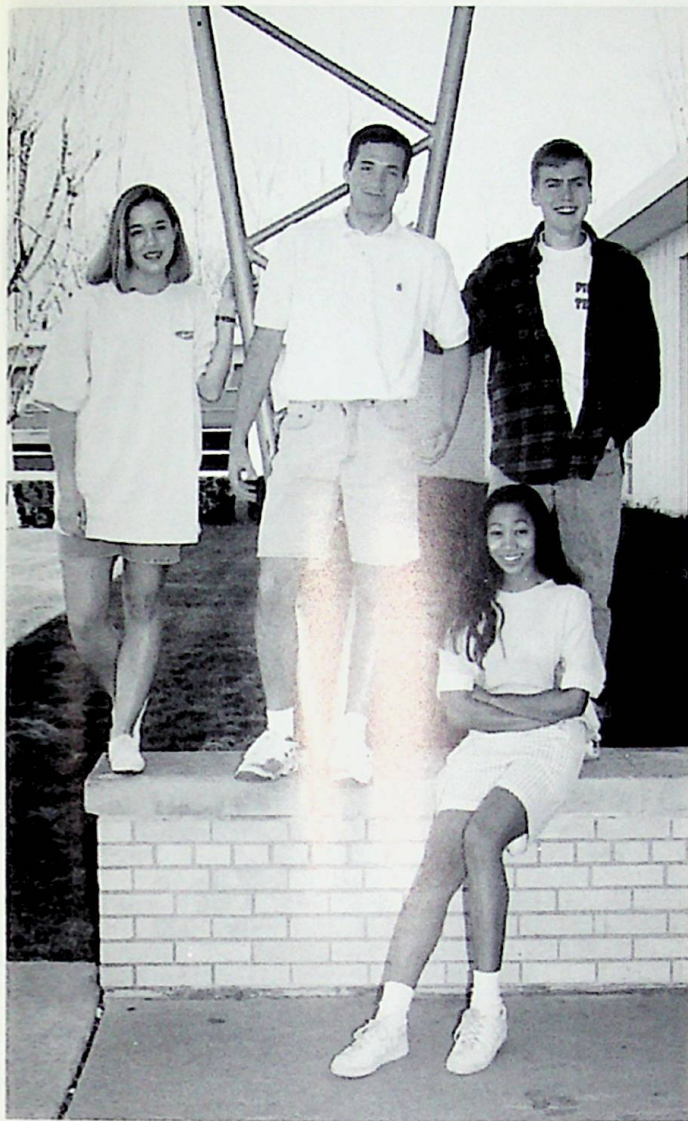
Quiz Team

This season would have appeared to be a rebuilding season for the quiz team and Coach Melody Williams. The team had lost all four starters from the previous year to graduation. Surprisingly, however, the team hosted the largest number of members ever, enough to divide into varsity and junior varsity squads. With senior leadership and several sophomores and juniors stepping up, the team managed a 8-3 regular season record. The team also placed second in the large school division of the county tournament by defeating Jackson, Portsmouth, and Northwest, before losing twice to Northwest in the finals. During this tournament at home, the team competed in one of its most exciting matches. They were down by several points going into the ten-question lightning round. With some quick thinking and buzzing, the team emerged victorious in this exciting match. The team also participated in the Vinton County Invitational Tournament. There were two teams sent to this tournament on March 30th. Team A defeated Huntington Ross and Parkersburg South before losing to Bridgeport to go to the losers bracket in the double elimination tournament. The team then defeated Southern, Newark, Vinton County, and Parkersburg South before losing to Lancaster to finish third in the tournament. The team enjoyed a successful season and with several returning players, have high hopes for next year.

Varsity Quiz Team: Row 1: Brent Wakefield, Shawn Boll, Gordon Givan, Zack Riepenhoff. Row 2: Josh Bryan, Todd Johnson, Andy Heimbach, Melissa Williams, Dan Blankenship. Row 3: Melanie Morris, Amanda Smith, Nathan Skiver, Tim Jenkins, Becky Riepenhoff, Lindsey Mullins.

Vinton County Tournament Team A: Row 1: Zack Riepenhoff, Melissa Williams
Row 2: Gordon Givan, Todd Johnson.



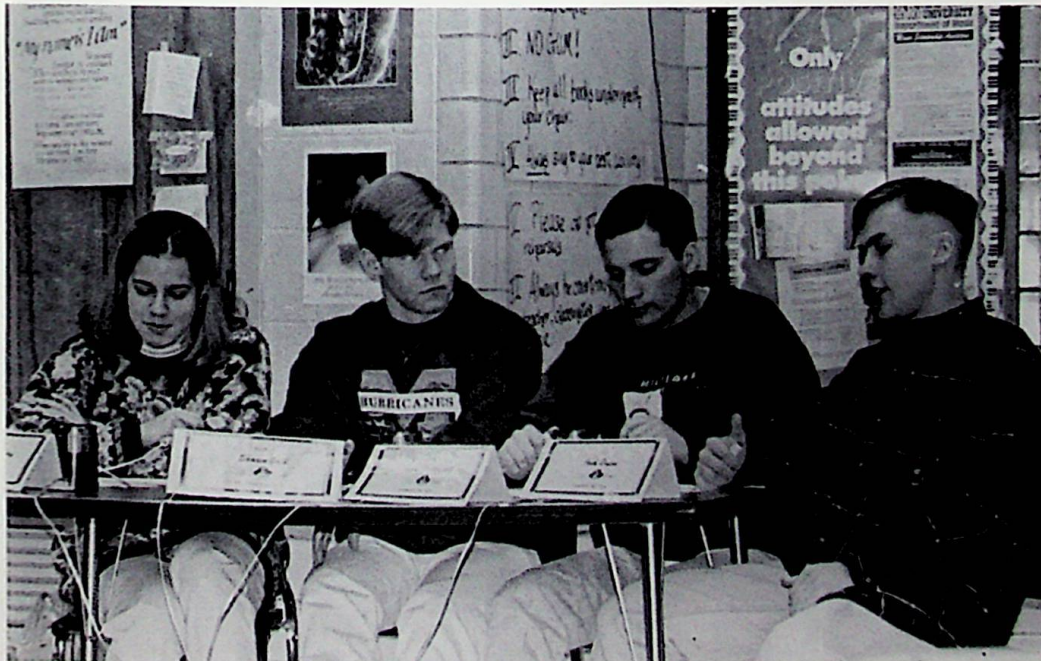


Vinton County Tournament Team B:
Row 1: Charlene Darrell-Fields. Row
2: Becky Riepenhoff, Brent Wakefield,
Josh Bryan.

During a match against Northwest,
Zack Riepenhoff, Dan Blankenship,
Todd Johnson, and Melissa Williams
double check our answer to the math
team question.



Junior Varsity Quiz Team. Row 1:
Daniell McKinney, Terry Chaffin, Ry-
an Kimsey, Bob Starrett, Chris Flin-
ders. Row 2: Charlene Darrell-Fields,
Brenda Boll, Dustin Burleson, Nathan
Schwamberger. Not pictured: Jennifer
Keller.



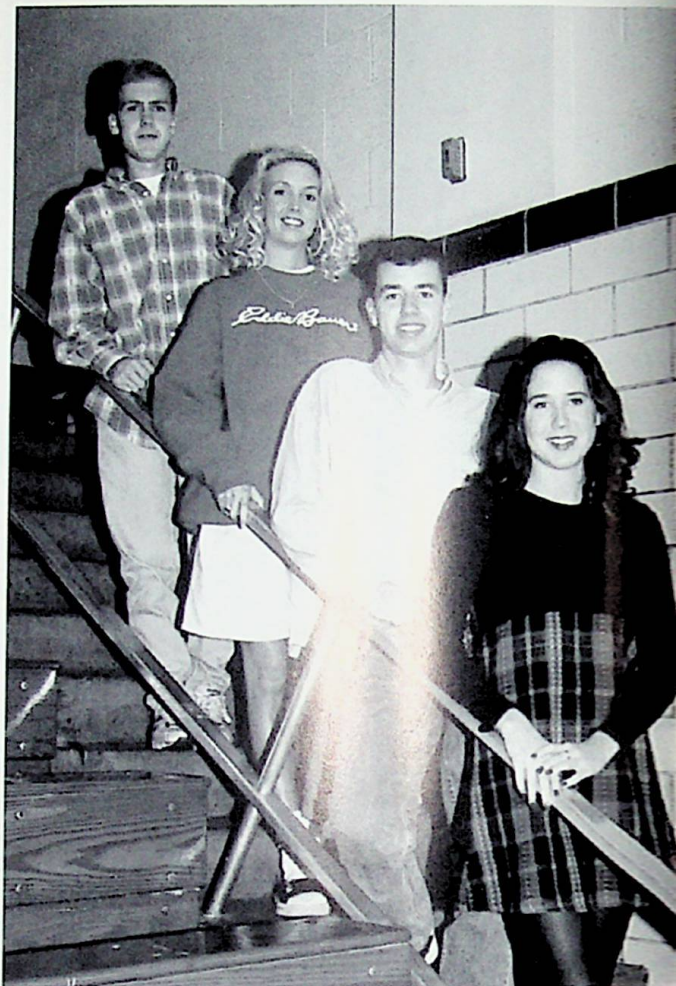
Becky Riepenhoff, Shawn Boll, Brent
Wakefield, and Josh Bryan compete
during the lightning round of a home
match versus Portsmouth.

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society stands for service, scholarship, leadership, and character. The members worked diligently the entire year to accomplish the tasks set before them. The NHS students participated in many community service projects this year. On October 8th, they raised over \$100.00 when walking in the Crop Walk. During the month of December, the NHS members also took turns ringing bells for the Salvation Army Kettle Drive. In addition, on February 28th, NHS hosted the second annual Red Cross Blood Drive. On May 11th, several members spent their Saturday morning cleaning for the Adopt-A-Highway project.

In addition to service, they decided to take some time for fun. These recreational activities included a boat cruise on the Buckeye Belle, decorating the Christmas tree in the front lobby, and they enjoyed a Christmas party hosted by Miss Davis. The NHS contributes time and effort as they do their part to serve the community.

Officers of the National Honor Society are Josh Bryan (President), Keri A. Delph (Vice-President), Andy Heimbach (Treasurer), and Lynnsay Leesb. (Secretary).



Senior participant Aaron Ruchti donates blood as part of the second annual blood drive, while NHS senior member Todd Johnson patiently waits as he is prepared to donate blood. The total for the day saw 64 productive units collected, which could save 192 lives.





Jim Martin contributes his time to clean up the highway.

This group of NHS students stop for a picture while collecting trash along U.S. 52 as a part of the Adopt-A-Highway program.



Early in the fall, the NHS participated in the Crop Walk. These students take a break as they sit with Miss Davis in the shade.

Anna Cunningham takes the wheel of the Buckeye Belle on the Ohio River during a National Honor Society outing in September.



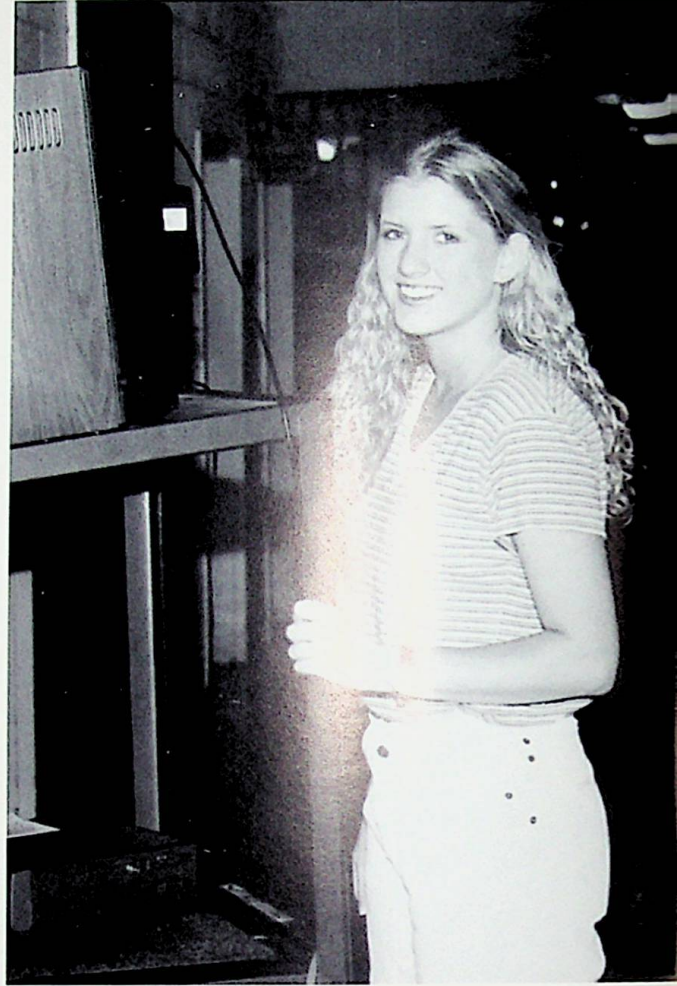
Keri Ann and Traci make the most out of their Saturday morning as they do their part to help clean up.

While fulfilling her library duties, Shannon Rose delivers a television to a teacher for first period.

Library Staff

This year seventeen students contributed their time every day to work in the library. During this time they helped our Media Specialist/Librarian, Mrs. Melissa Bibbey with various duties involved in running a library. With the full automation of the library last year, the library has been easier and quicker to use. Students also appreciate the advantages of using the Internet. The library staff provides a wide variety of services for the school. Their responsibilities begin with transporting the needed AV materials for teachers to their rooms and reserving books. However they do much more. They handle all student requests which include the daily circulation and shelving of books. The staff's duties also include starting Channel 1 each morning, laminating for faculty and students, and decorating the many bulletin displays found throughout the school. Every student has visited the library and we greatly appreciate the services that the library staff provides.

Library Staff. Row 1: Missy Turner, Shannon Rose, Dawn Switalski, Kelly Rowe, Rebecca Charles. Row 2: Kelly Blaine, Trish Coleman, Gretchen White, Mrs. Melissa Bibbey, Dana Galaher. Row 3: Jenny Chapman, Jessica Pace, Emily Watts, Kristy Rheinheimer. Row 4: Heather Deal, Tiffany Hughes, Natalie Riepenhoff, Ben Lewis.





Jenny Chapman finds the location of a book for the daily shelving.



Mrs. Pack scans books for the end of the year inventory.

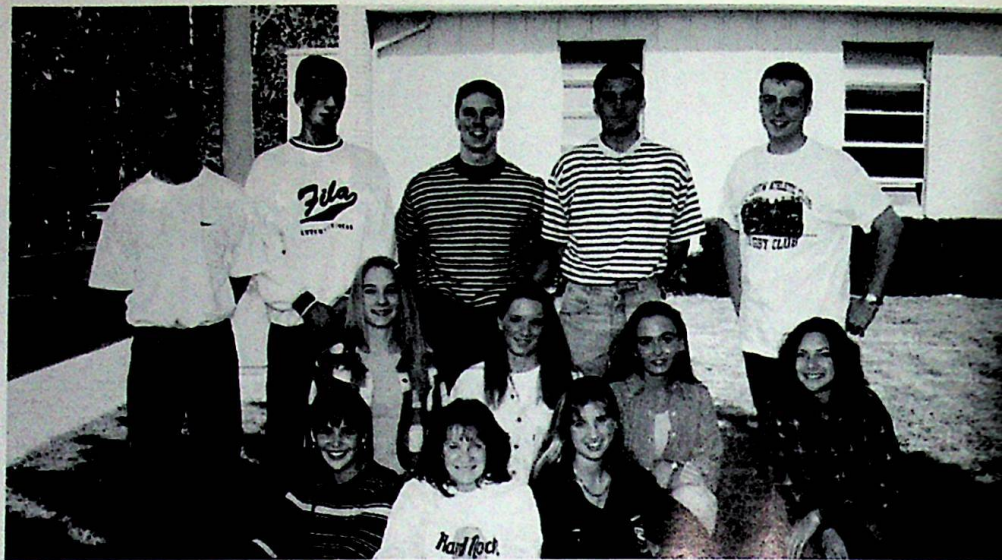


Mrs. Bibbey works with many of the new computer applications for the school. In the second semester she did additional duty as the district's technology director, a position she was later hired to do full-time for the 1996-97 school year.

Missy Turner collects the magazines available for students in the study hall.

Ben Lewis checks out a book during his fifth period duty.

Juniors. Row 1: Amanda Smith, Melanie Morris, Rebecca Schwamberger. Row 2: Tiffany Mollett, Beth Collins, Jessica Pace, Zanita Hoskins. Row 3: Nathan Skiver, Aaron Burleson, Dan Blankenship, Brent Wakefield, Kent Williams.



Sophomores. Row 1: Brittany Thomas, Jenny Knapp. Row 2: Kelly Ruley, Erin Wood, Ronni Beth Howard. Row 3: Bob Starrett, Jason Huddleston, Eric Binion, Charlene Darrell-Fields, Nathan Schwamberger, Melissa Williams, Dustin Burleson. Not pictured: Jennifer Keller.

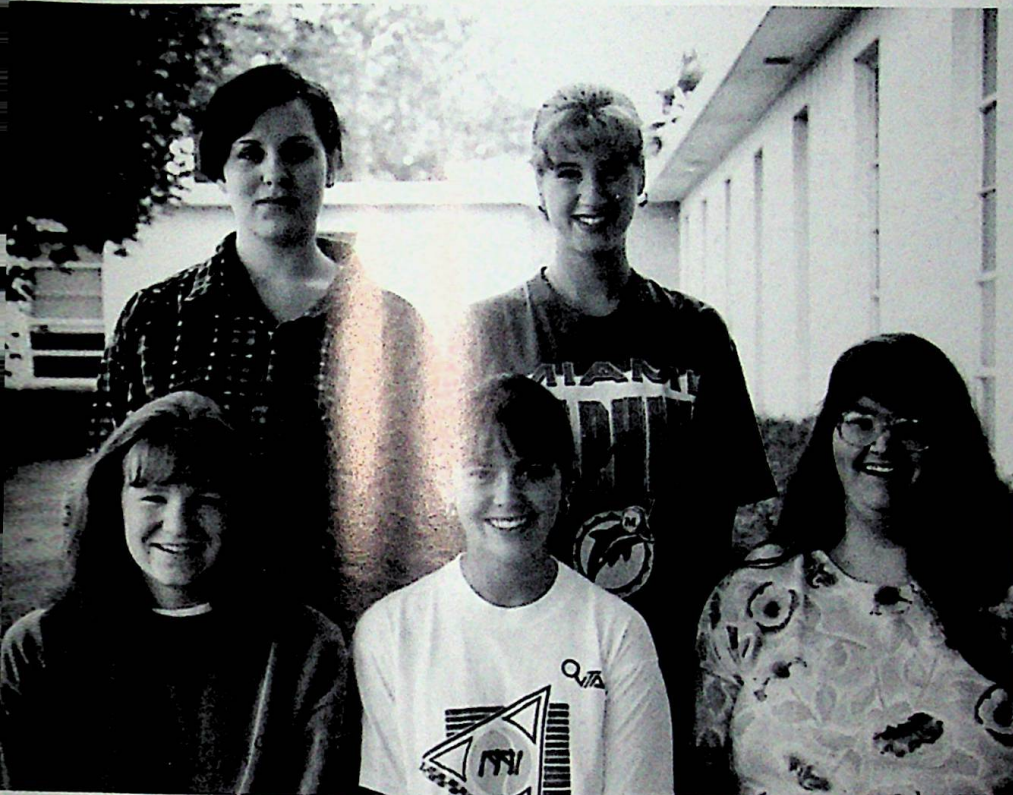


Freshmen. Row 1: Erin Mantell, Ashley See, Brenda Boll. Row 2: Sara Rayburn, Shelley Mauk, Michelle Carmon, Matt Perry. Row 3: Joe Nihlser, Ross Murphy, Mike Leesburg.



Iota Sigma Kappa

Randa Smith, Melanie Morris, Melis-Williams, Sara Rayburn, and Rebec-Schwamberger receive commenda-a certificates from the Mail for Our-ary campaign for mailing 25 or e cards individually.



Iota Sigma Kappa is a club for students in the Independent Studies classes. This group participates in several activities. During the summer, the group, along with the NHS, volunteered to usher at the outdoor theater production of *Tecumseh Chillicothe*. They received a percentage of the profits from the programs sold during that week. This money was used to buy accessories for the computers.

Iota Sigma Kappa also performs community service. In the fall, the students worked on Mail for Our Military. With help from the freshmen English classes, library workers, and students from study hall, the club prepared 650 Christmas cards with letters for military personnel in our country and abroad. This number of cards earned our school the #1 ranking in the state of Ohio.

In the spring the group organized the fourth annual school walk for the March of Dimes WalkAmerica. This year's goal was \$1515, but we exceeded this goal by raising a total of \$1629. This total earned the award for second place overall in the Portsmouth regional walk and earned our school the first-place traveling trophy for the third consecutive year. It was a great year for everyone involved.



Seniors. Row 1: Gordon Givan, Anna Cunningham, Lindsey Mullins, Andy Heimbach. Row 2: Phil Lodwick, Lynnsay Leeburg, Jane Allwood, Amanda See, Megan Wawro, Josh Bryan.

March of Dimes School Walk

First period raised
approximately \$223
from the 70 walkers.



Second period raised
approximately \$144
from the 52 walkers.



Third period raised
approximately \$215
from the 95 walkers.



Fourth period raised
approximately \$313
from the 110
walkers.



Fifth period raised
approximately \$355
from the 150
walkers. This group
raised the highest
amount of money.





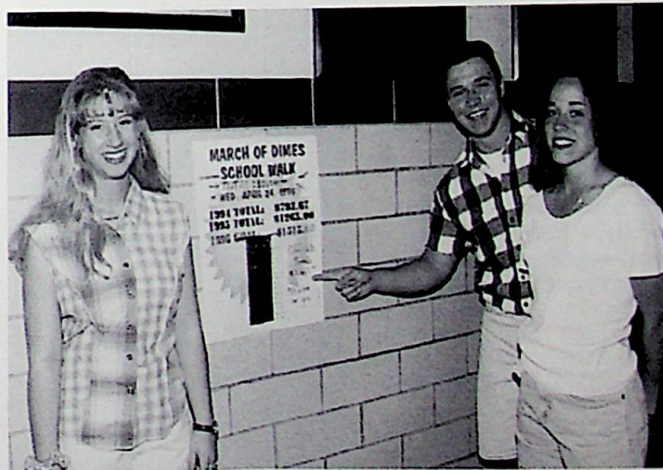
Sixth period raised approximately \$137 from the 115 walkers.



Seventh period raised approximately \$239 from the 115 walkers.



Aaron Burleson, Melanie Morris, Lindsey Mullins, Anna Cunningham, and Amanda Smith, the fifth period round table, raised the third highest amount, a total of \$105.



The highest amount raised was \$183 collected by Ben Lewis.

Team captains Rebecca Schwamberger, Dan Blankenship, and Jane Allwood stand by the sign showing our total. Our goal was to raise \$1515. We exceeded this goal by over one hundred dollars, raising \$1629.

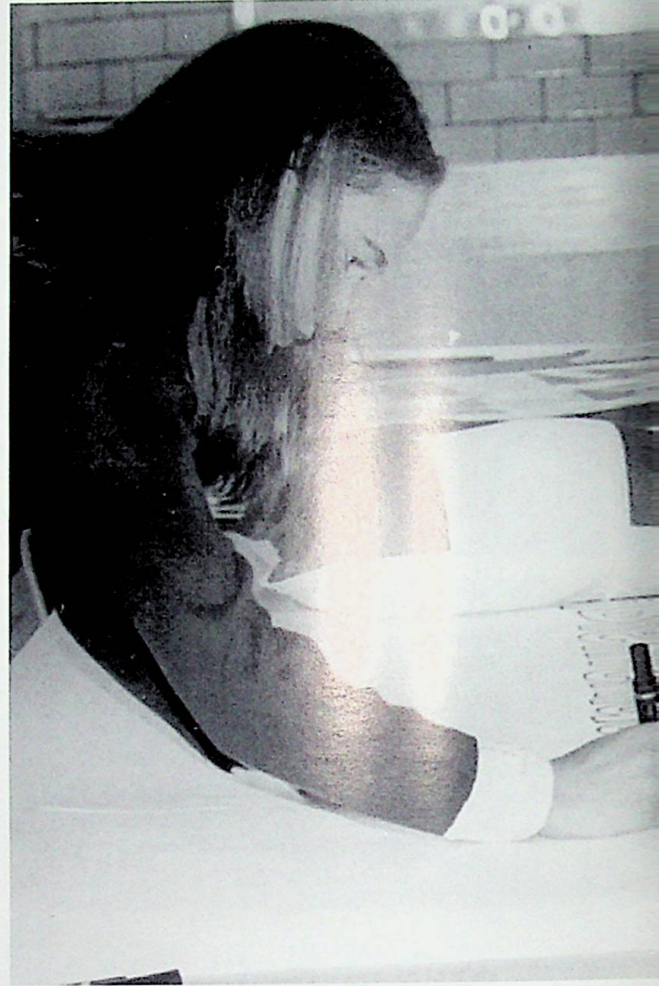


Missey Adams raised the second highest amount, a total of \$115.

Third year Spanish student Jessica Pace puts finishing touches on one of her Language Fair projects.

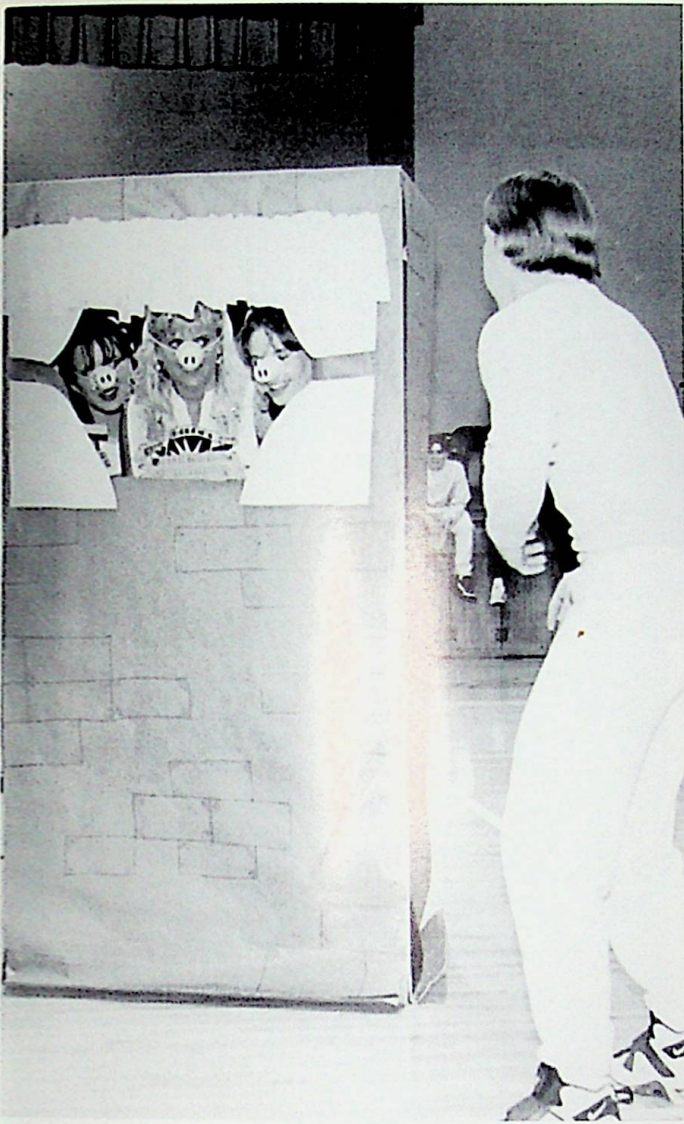
Foreign Languages

On March 25, all of the efforts of the French and Spanish classes came together to make a wonderful evening. The French III and IV classes prepared a few dishes of delicious French cuisine; the Spanish III classes also cooked some select items from Mexican and Spanish cooking. The French III class performed "The Three Little Pigs" and "Goldilocks and the Three Bears." The Spanish III class performed a collection of skits based on nursery rhymes with ironic endings, while the Spanish IV class demonstrated their acting abilities by creating a Spanish soap opera. The first and second year students created some interesting projects. Nathan Schwamburger and Travis Keller created a detailed piñata of a soccer player. Other projects included Rachel Bush's piñata of a unicorn and Doug McClure's cow piñata, which was close to life-size. Dustin Burleson and Chris Flinders created interactive computer presentations for their projects. All in all, it was a great night in which many students showed their artistic and acting abilities while increasing their cultural knowledge.



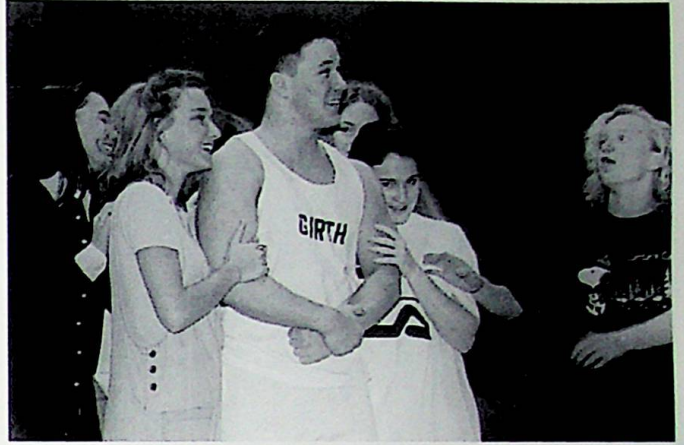
Members of the Spanish Club include:
Row 1: Jessica Parsley, Lynnsay Leesburg, Traci Warner, Megan Wawro, Lindsey Mullins, Mindy Blair. Row 2: Stephanie Klaco, Kristi Hayslip, Rebecca Schwamberger, Jessica Pace, Tim Jenkins, Nathan Skiver, Joe Hayden, Natalie Riepenhoff. Row 3: Jessica Edwards, Kent Williams, Zack Riepenhoff, Nate Collier, Andy Heimbach, Shad Salyers, Dan Blankenship, Brent Wakefield, Dana Gallaher. Row 4: Zanita Hoskins, Molly Cross, Jessica Schmidt, Sarah Howard, Jodi Giles, Amanda Johnson, Shannon Hotchkin, Mrs. Joyce Riepenhoff.





The Three Little Pigs, Beth Collins, Lindsey Hall, and Heather Deal, are frightened by the Big Bad Wolf, Brandon Justice.

In "Jorge Porge," Dan Blankenship enjoys all the attention from the señoritas.



In "Trois Petits Cochons," the Mama Pig, Brent Eaton, leads the three little pigs on a walk.

Left, in "Viaja Madre Labrador," Spanish III's version of "Old Mother Hubbard," Kristi Hayslip refuses to give Stephanie Klaco food.



Molly Cross portrays the butcher as she avoids the lurking shark in "Tres Hombres En Una Tina."

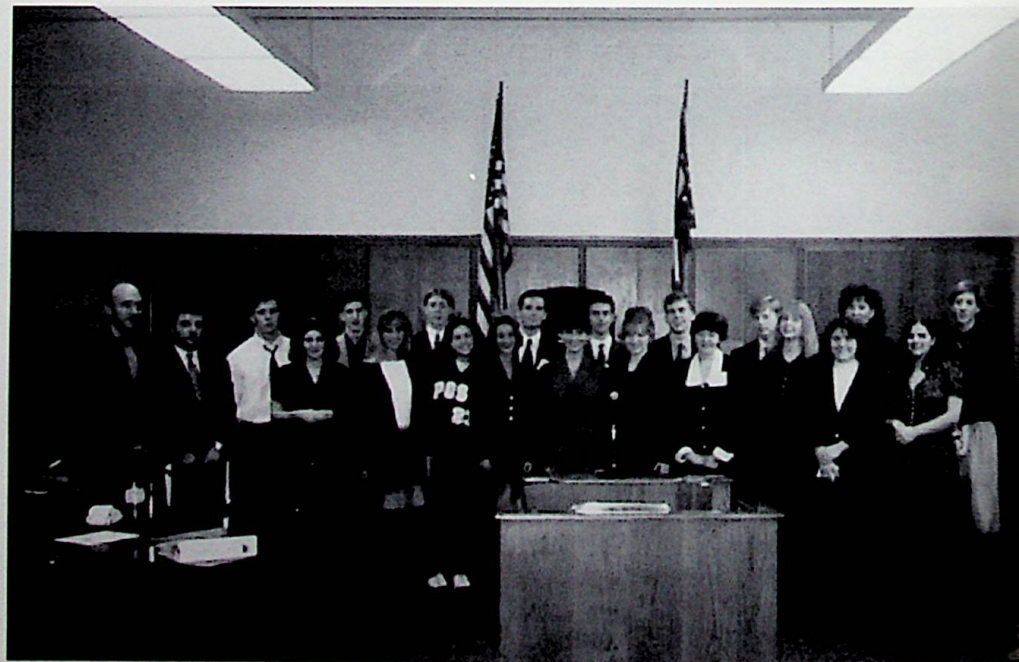
Mock Trial

This year, Mock Trial had a new advisor, Ms. Anna Davis. She could not have asked for a better year to join. There were enough students wanting to be involved that, for the first time, there were two teams. Mr. Matt MacFarland and Mr. Richard Wolfson were the legal advisors for the teams. After many months of hard work and preparation, their skills were put to the test. On February 23 1996, the competition was held to see who would go to the state competition.

Juniors Sarah Howard and Brandon Justice received awards for Best Witness. Senior Jim Martin and Junior Amanda Smith were awarded Best Attorney. Even though both teams did a great job, neither was selected to advance to the state competition for 1996. The teams, however, are already beginning to plan strategies for the 1997 competition.

Row 1: Molly Cross, Rebecca Schwamberger, Jodi Giles, Lindsay Cole, Amanda Smith, Melanie Morris, Sarah Howard, Melody Burnett, Kristi Hayslip, Erica Engle. Row 2: Attorney Richard Wolfson, Attorney Matt MacFarland, Dan Blankenship, Jim Martin, Brandon Justice, Brent Wakefield, Zack Riepenhoff, Josh Bryan, Gordon Givan, Advisor Anna Davis, Will Wood.

Brandon Justice, aka Coach Santana, proudly displays his certificate for the Witness Award in the afternoon mock trial session.



Gordon, Todd, Mrs. Williams, Erica, Josh, and Brandon all gather around and discuss the day's proceedings while waiting for the decision of the judges.



Middle left, Jim Martin and Andrew Jenkins work quickly to make final adjustments before court begins.



Melanie Morris makes an objection as co-counsel Amanda Smith looks on and Tim Jenkins waits to continue his story.



Best Witness and Best Attorney Award winners: Advisor Anna Davis, Brandon Justice, Sarah Howard, Amanda Smith, Jim Martin.



Far right: Dan Blankenship, eager to make an objection, listens intently to the opposing counsel's questions.



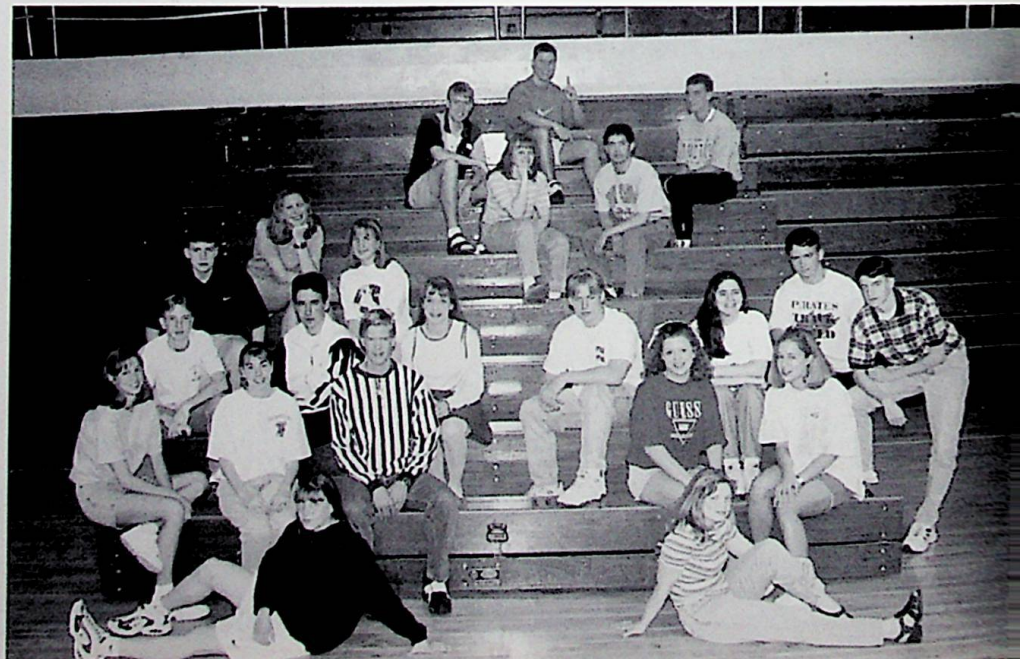
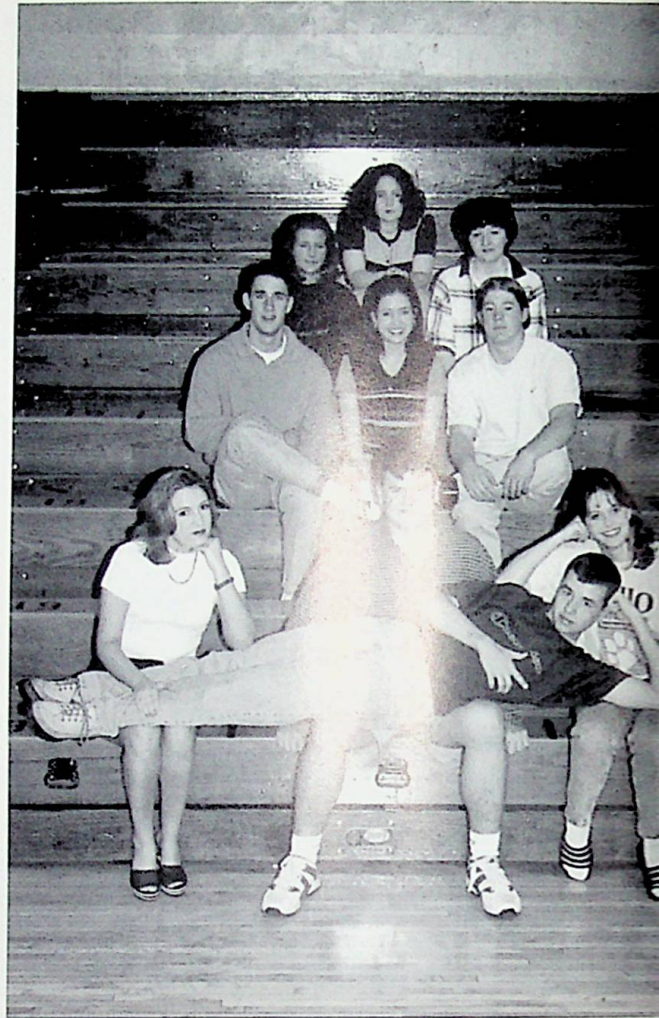
Brent Wakefield boldly addresses the court during direct examination.

Social Studies Teams. American Government: Anna Cunningham, Todd Johnson, Andy Heimbach, Heater Deal. American History: Brent Eaton, Jodi G Brandon Justice, Alison Moore, Sarah Howard, Molly Cross.

Scholarship Teams

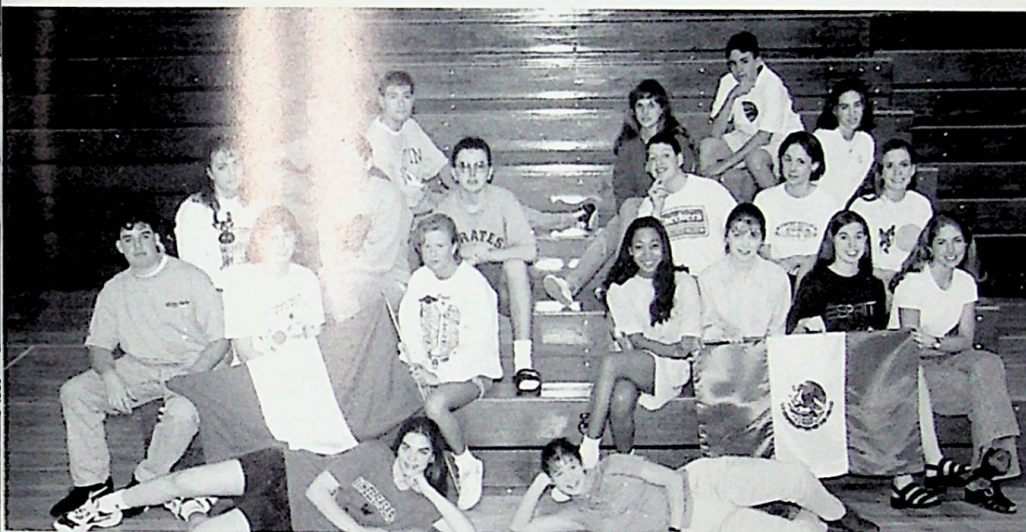
On May 4, 1996, 89 students from Wheelersburg High School went to Portsmouth High School to take a test in one of their best subjects. When the results came back several weeks later, we discovered 28 students had placed on the district and/or state level. We had two students place first in the district overall. We also had 10 students place in the state by division. The two Spanish teams also did a wonderful job, the Spanish I team placed fourth in the state; the Spanish II team placed second in the state. Overall, the students who took the tests represented our school well.

Math Scholarship Teams. Algebra I: Ross Murphy, Ashley See, Michelle Carmon, Erin Mantell, Melissa Dunham. Algebra II: Kelly Ruley, Nathan Schwamburger, April Kantz, Dustin Burleson, Jonas Aronsson. Precalculus: Nate Collier, Melanie Morris, Dan Blankenship, Nathan Skiver, Aaron Burleson. Geometry: Kyle Felts, Ronni Beth Howard, Susan DeHart, Erica Engle, Becky Riepenhoff, Mike Clausing, Travis Keller.





Science Scholarship Teams. Chemistry: Jessica Schmidt, Shannon Rose, Kristi Hayslip, Brent Wakefield, Zack Riepenhoff. Biology: Elisha Liles, Chris Flinders, Tom Turner, Erin Wakefield. Physics: Josh Bryan, Tim Jenkins, Lynnsay Leesburg, Gordon Givan, Shawn Boll.



Foreign Language Scholarship Teams. French I and II: Row 1: Megan Diamond. Row 2: Adam Bailey, Lana McGinnis, Tara Wolf. Row 3: Dusty Skaggs, ERecka Conley, Ben Lewis. Row 4: Jason Huddleston, Bob Starrett. Spanish I and II: Row 1: Jennifer Keller. Row 2: Charlene Darrell-Fields, Erin Wood, Danielle McKinney, Alicia Browning. Row 3: Pete Martin, Sarah Layne, Shelley Mauk. Row 4: Brooke Bockway, Karma Saunders. Row 5: Joe Nihiser.

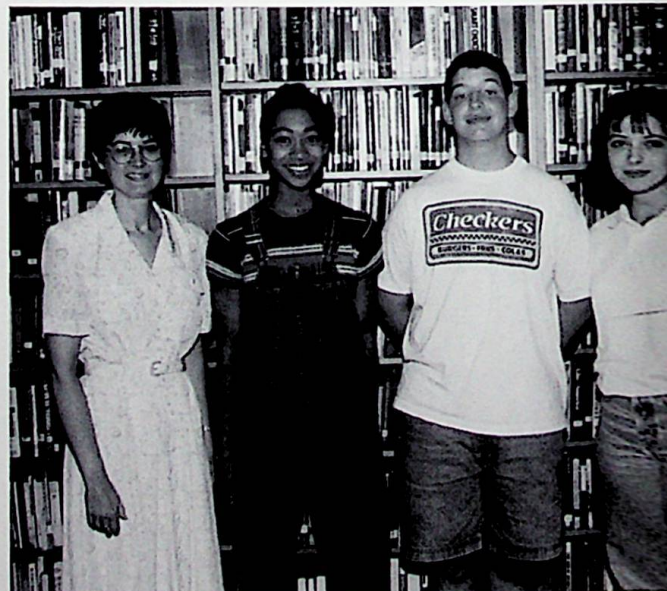


English Scholarship Teams. English 12: Mindy Vanderhoof, Jessica Edwards, Jim Martin, Jessica Parsley, Megan Wawro. English 11: Zanita Hoskins, Amanda Smith, Jessica Pace. English 10: Chad Benner, David Walker, Amy Nichols, Jenny Knapp, Brittany Thomas. English 9: Alisha Day, Brandon Lute, Leslie Kinker, Sarah Mershon, Joy Brown.

Ohio Tests of Scholastic Achievement

Twenty-eight students from WHS ranked in the 1996 Ohio Tests of Scholastic Achievement sponsored by the Ohio Department of Education. Wheelersburg High School is in Division II (400-799 students). Rankings of the students were:

First-Year Biology: Brenda Boll—3rd in District by Division; Chris Flinders—4th in District by Division. First-Year Chemistry: Zachary Riepenhoff—8th in District by Division. First-Year Physics: Gordon Givan—8th in District by Division; Josh Bryan—11th in District by Division. First-Year Algebra: Michelle Carmon—6th in District by Division; Ashley See—18th in District by Division. Second-Year Algebra: April Kantz—2nd in District by Division, 17th in State by Division, 3rd in District Regardless of School Size; Nathan Schwamburger—2nd in District by Division, 17th in State by Division, 3rd in District Regardless of School Size; Jonas Aronsson—5th in District by Division; Kelly Ruley—5th in District by Division; Dustin Burleson—12th in District by Division. Geometry: Rebecca Riepenhoff—2nd in District by Division, 6th in District Regardless of School Size. English 10 (pictured top right with Miss Weisenberger): Melissa Williams—1st in District by Division, 1st in State by Division, 1st in District Regardless of School Size, 2nd in State Regardless of School Size; David Walker—14th in District by Division. English 11: Zanita Hoskins—7th in District by Division. English 12: Jim Martin—7th in District by Division; Mindy Vanderhoof—13th in District by Division. First-Year Spanish (team pictured middle right with Mrs. Riepenhoff): Joe Nihiser—5th in District by Division, Honorable Mention in State by Division; Michael Leesburg—8th in District by Division; Ryan Kimsey—4th in District by Division, 11th in State by Division, 5th in District Regardless of School Size; Alicia Browning—15th in District by Division. Second-Year Spanish (team pictured bottom right with Mrs. Riepenhoff): Charlene Darrell-Fields—1st in District by Division, 6th in State by Division, 1st in District Regardless of School Size; Pete Martin—4th in District by Division, 15th in State by Division, 4th in District Regardless of School Size; Erin Wood—3rd in District by Division, 10th in State by Division, 3rd in District Regardless of School Size; Sarah Layne—5th in District by Division, 16th in State by Division, 5th in District Regardless of School Size; Danielle McKinney—6th in District by Division, Honorable Mention in State by Division; Jennifer Keller—17th in District by Division.



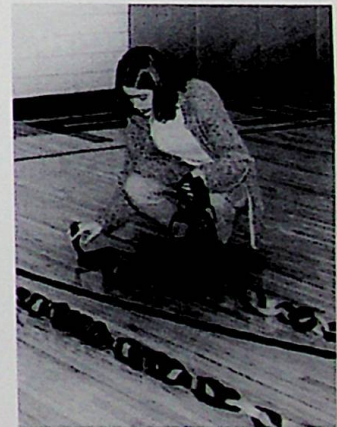
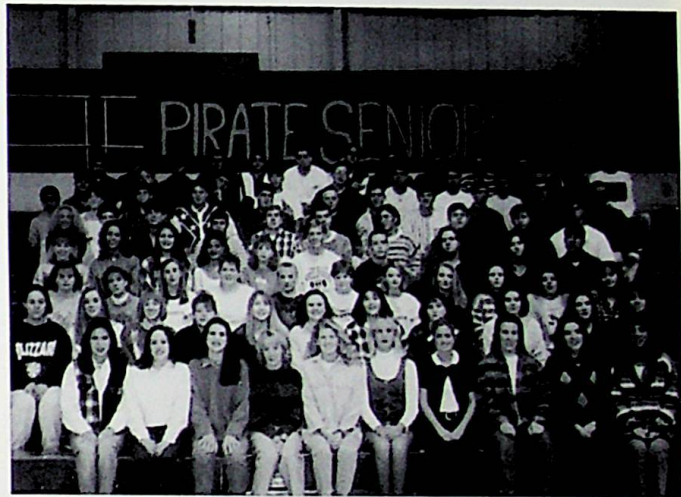
The "Pie Your Favorite Teacher" is a great success with the two winners being Mr. Barrick and Mr. Keller. Travis enjoyed it the most!

Middle, members of the JOG class deliver valentines to patients at Greenbriar Nursing Home.

JOG

Jobs for Ohio's Graduates

The JOG program, under the direction of Corey Creed, was very busy throughout the year. Their first community service project was the "Pie Your Favorite Teacher" contest. Students bought paper links for their favorite teacher with the winning teacher receiving a pie in the face at a pep assembly. The contest was such a success that there was a tie between Mr. Barrick and Mr. Keller. It was a lot of fun and raised a large amount of money. In the winter, they sponsored the second annual Senior T-shirt sale, designed by the senior class. In February, the JOG students bought slippers and made valentines for the patients at Greenbriar Nursing Home. The patients appreciated the gifts, but enjoyed the students' visit with them the most. In April, they sponsored an end of the school dance which was enjoyed by all who attended.



Foreign exchange student, Lise Hovden, adds links to the chains for "Pie Your Favorite Teacher".

JOG Members and Officers: Pres.-Angie Duty, Sec.-Lise Hovden, Coord. of Civic Affairs-Mindy Vanderhoof, Coord. of Social Affairs-April Schnitzius, Coord. of Leadership Dev.-Aaron Reeder, Coord. of Career Preparation-Paislee Pratt.

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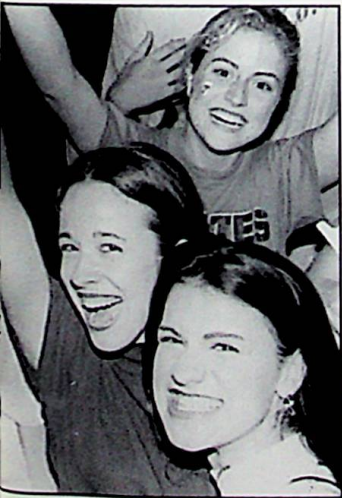
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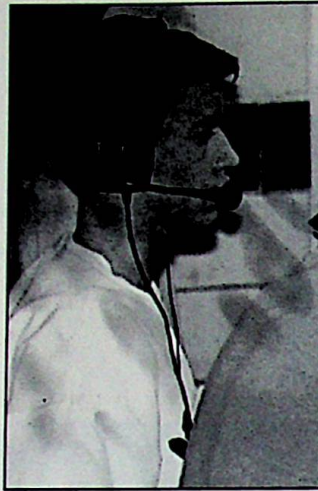
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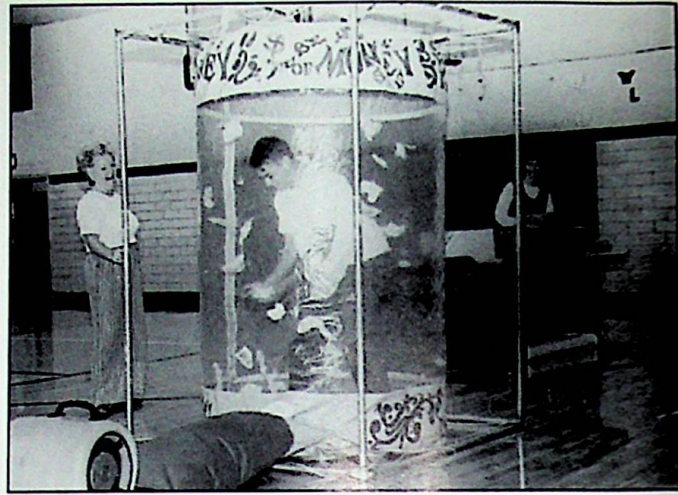




Zack Riepenhoff works for WZIO during a home basketball game.

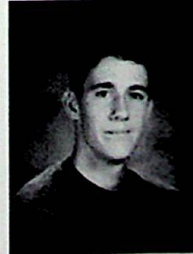
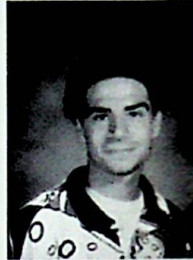
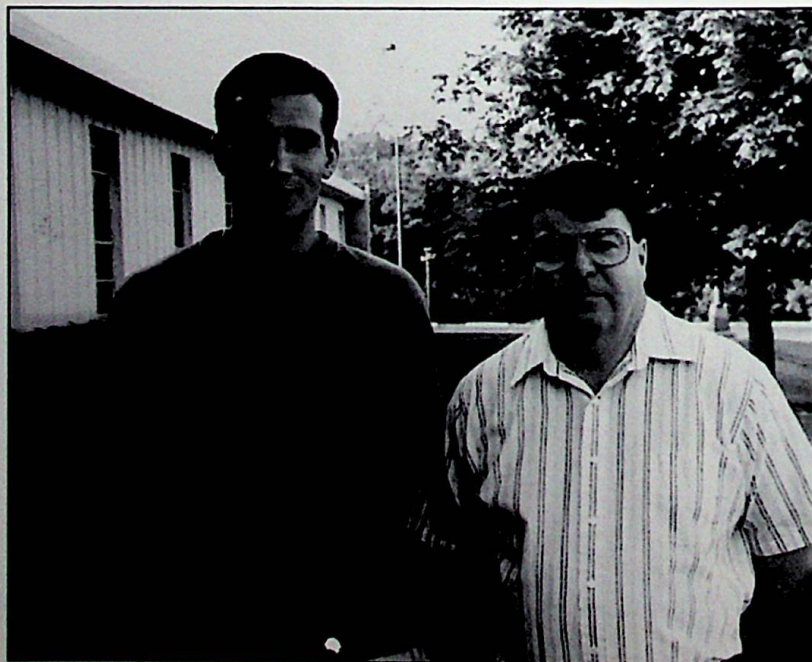


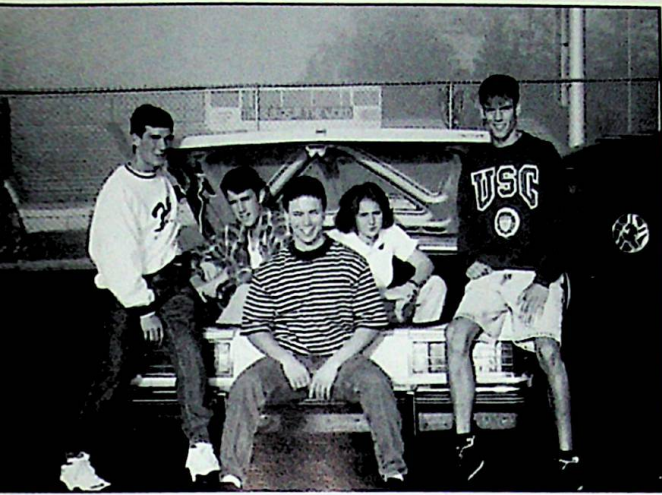
Jeremy Rawlins tries to grab a handful of money in the Tube of Money as Mrs. Bibbey looks on.



This mixture of Pirates cheer on the team at a boys' basketball game.

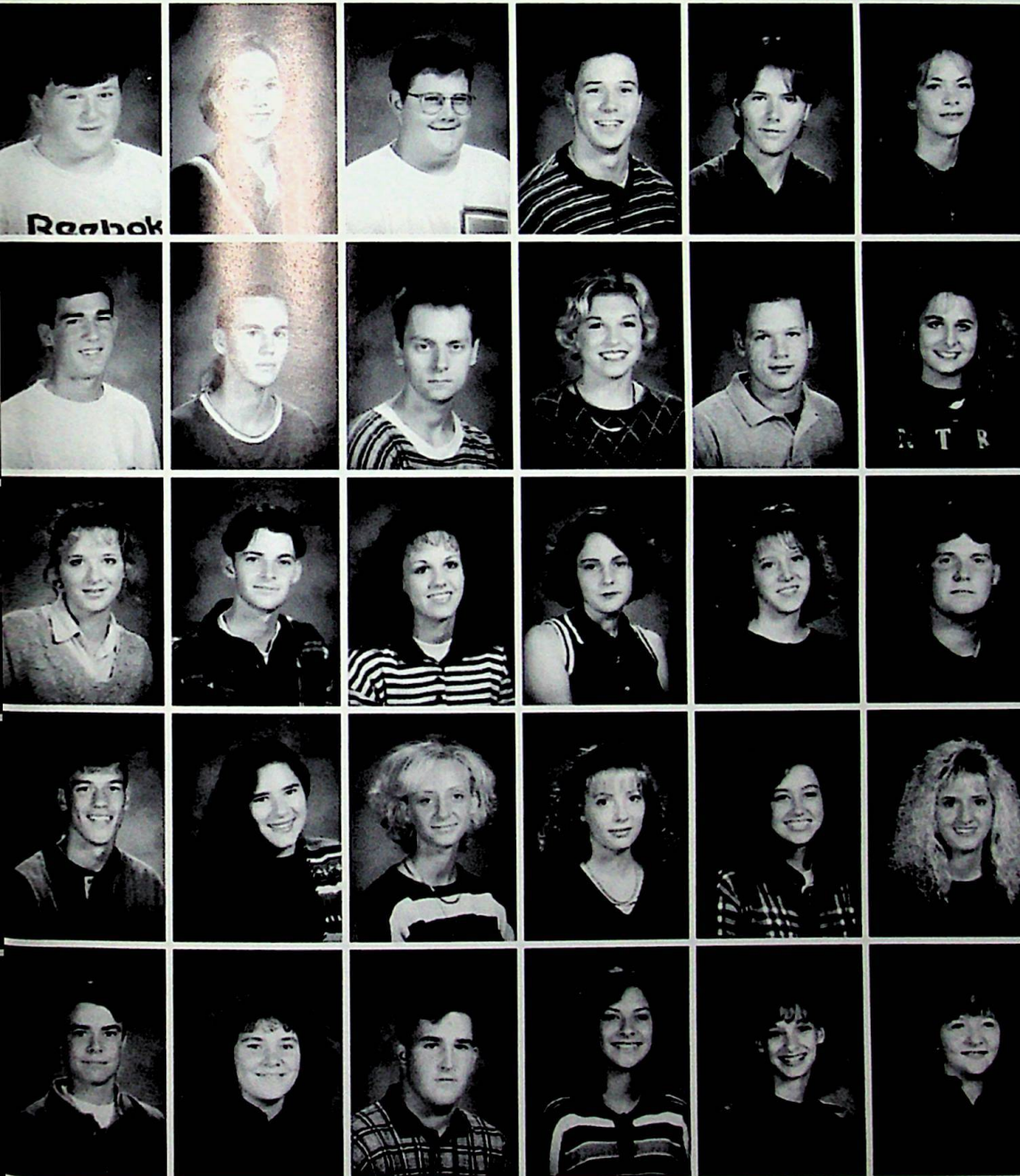
Brent Wakefield and Todd Johnson took the American Chemical Society exam at Marshall University. Brent placed first in the state of Ohio for all Chemistry I students. Mr. Paul Keller received an award for the top chemistry teacher.





Class of 1997

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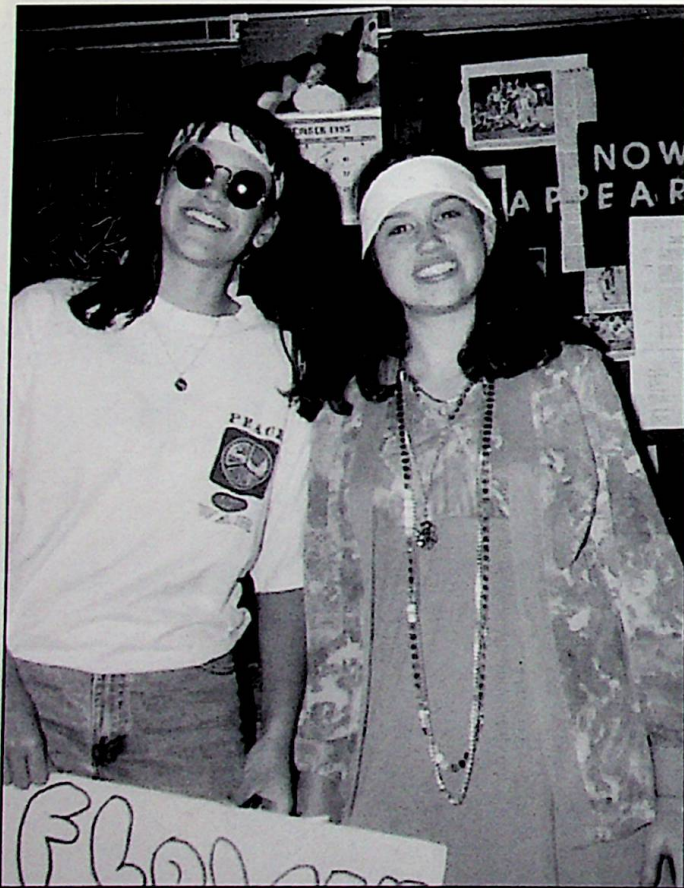
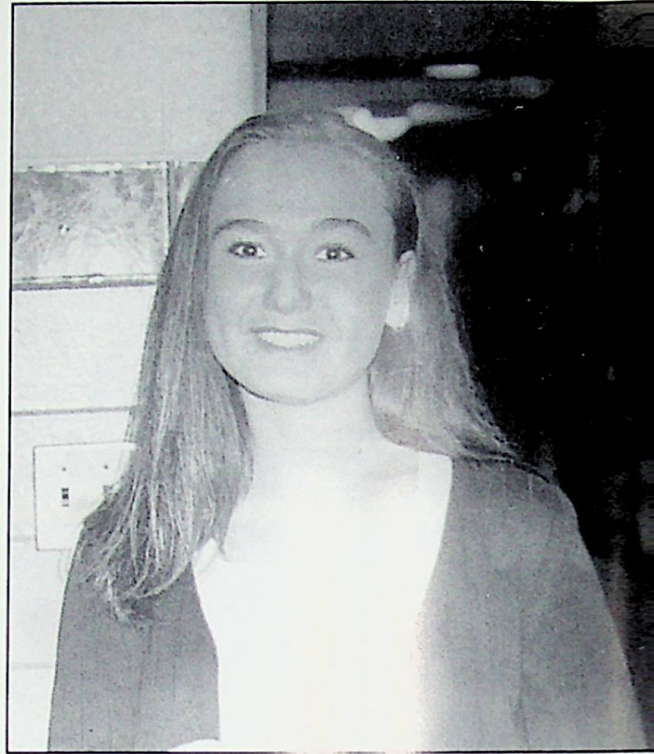
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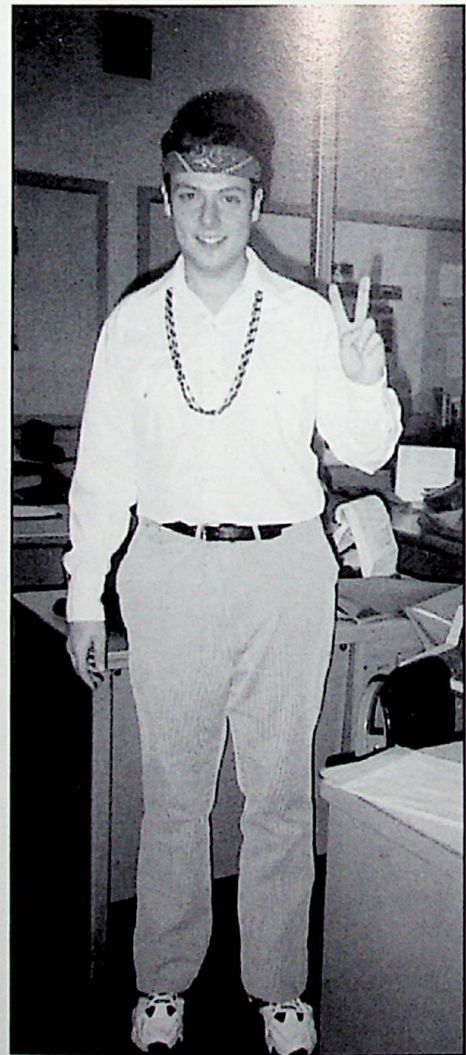
Jessica Schmidt and Jodi Giles are dressed as hippies for their junior English class.

As she walks down the hall, Jessica Pace pauses to smile for the camera.



Brent Eaton poses with Mrs. Legg while dressed in hippie style.

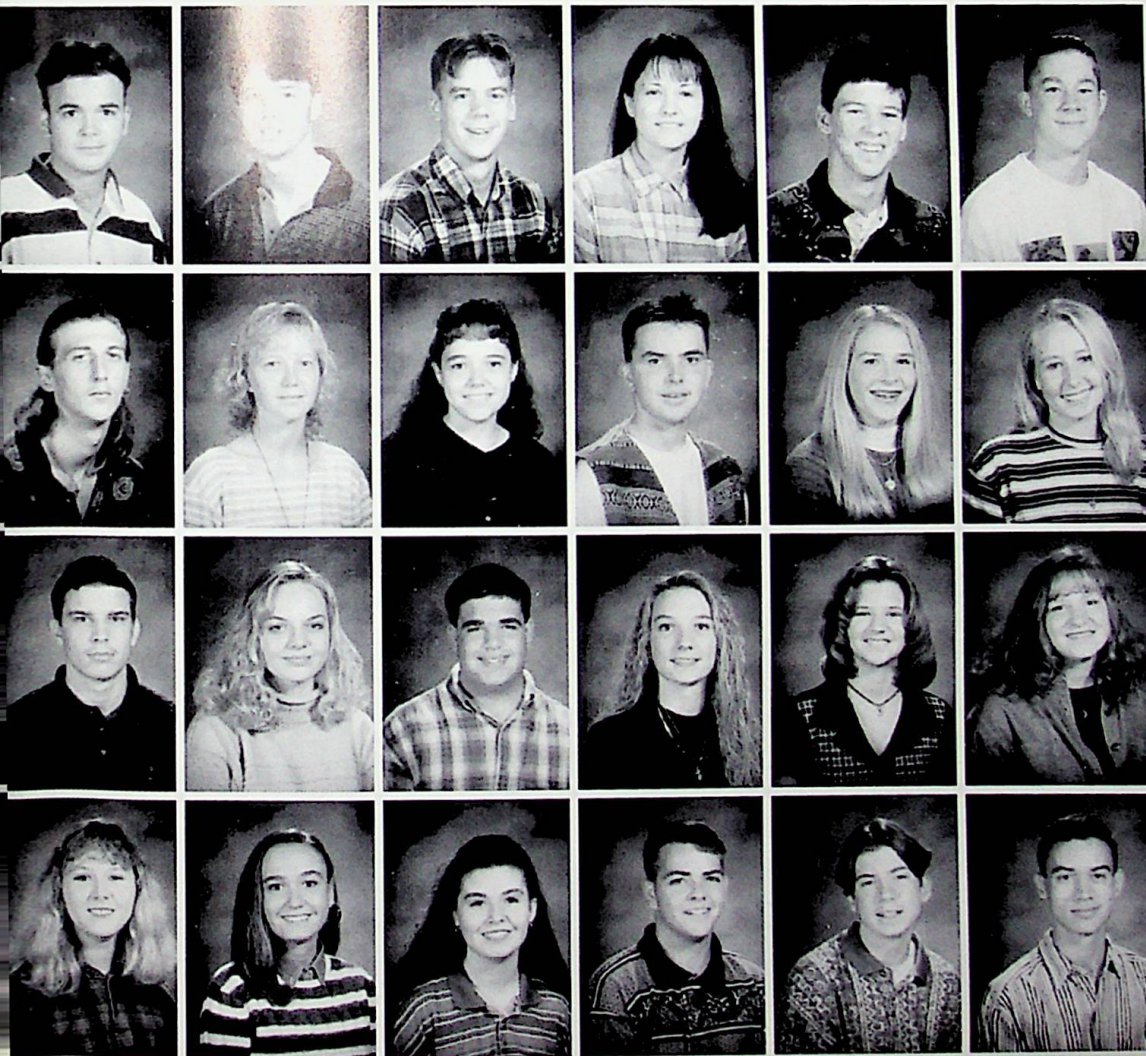
Kent Williams poses for the camera on the junior dress-up day.





Chris Slusher, Leigh Ann Ferguson, and Jenny Chapman try to keep warm at a track meet.

Some students in Miss Davis' junior English class show their hippie attitude.



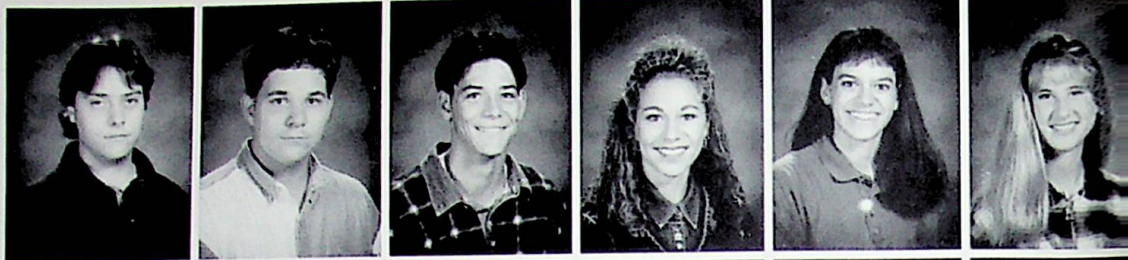
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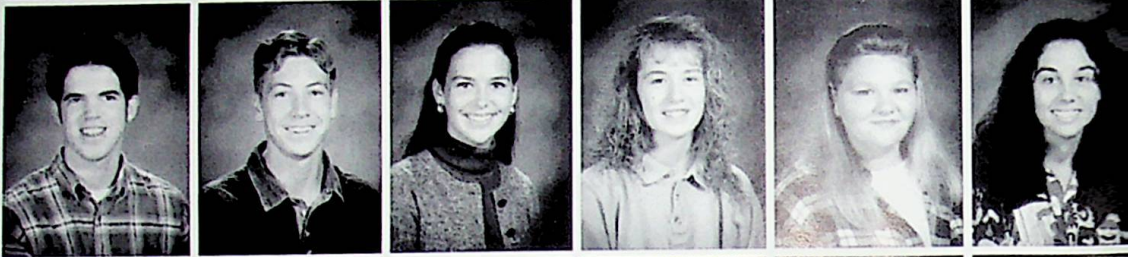
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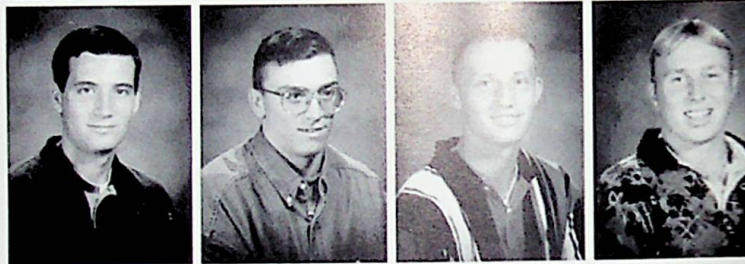
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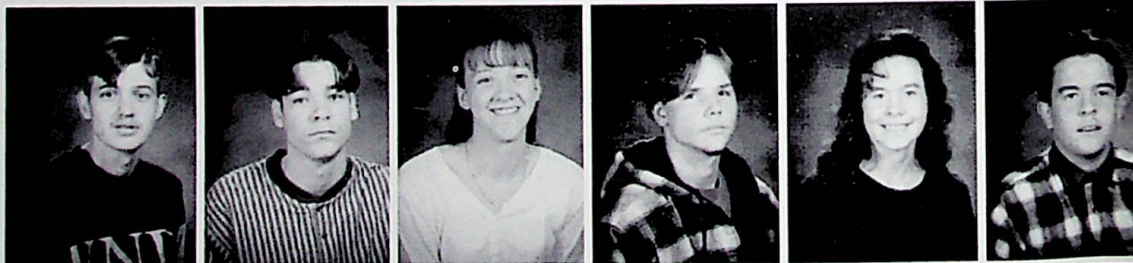


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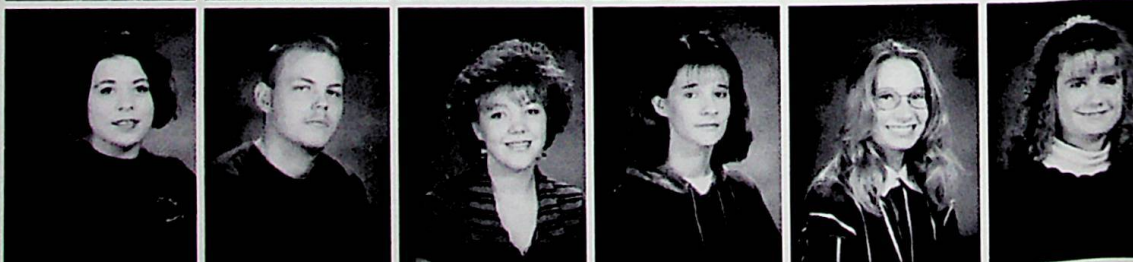


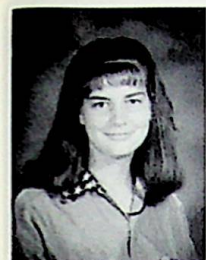
Vo-Tech Juniors

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 Matt DeFoe
 Diana Lawson
 Robert Lowder
 Brandee Madden
 Eric Madden



Lisa Moore
 John Nichols
 Lori Salyers
 Rae Ann Stiltner
 Jennifer Traylor
 Amanda Wolfe





Jodi Giles and Renee Tallerico are psyched up before the start of a girl's varsity basketball game.

Brent Wakefield, as "Jack" in "Jack Be Nimble" has not quite made it over the candle. As a result, the fire truck has come to rescue him.



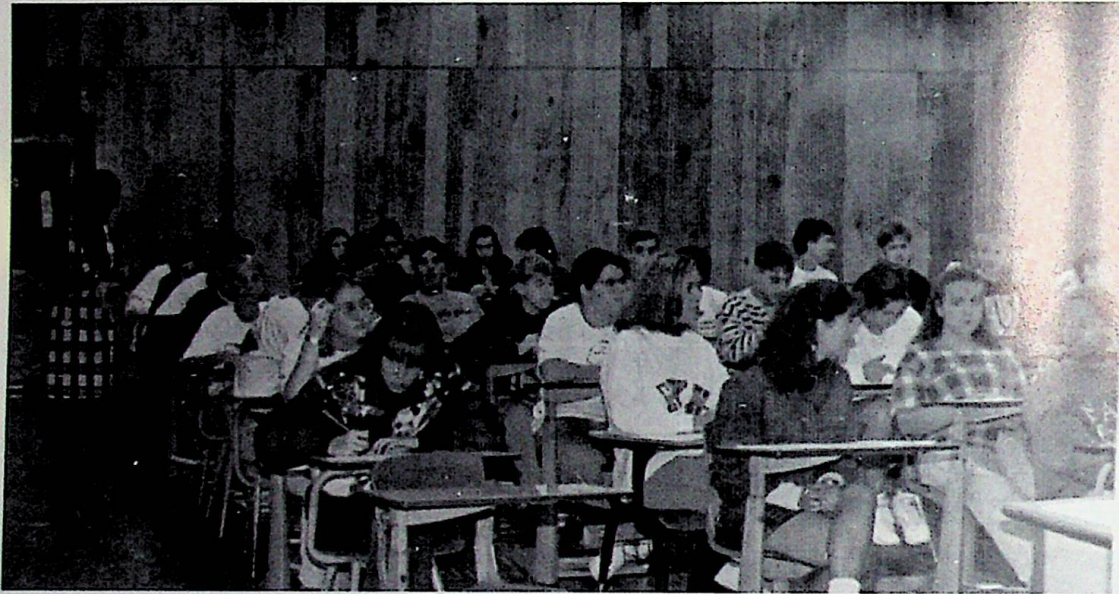
Zack Riepenhoff portrays "Old King Cole" in Spanish III's skits.

The junior English classes enjoy their fashion statements.

The sophomore student council members serve refreshments for the prom.

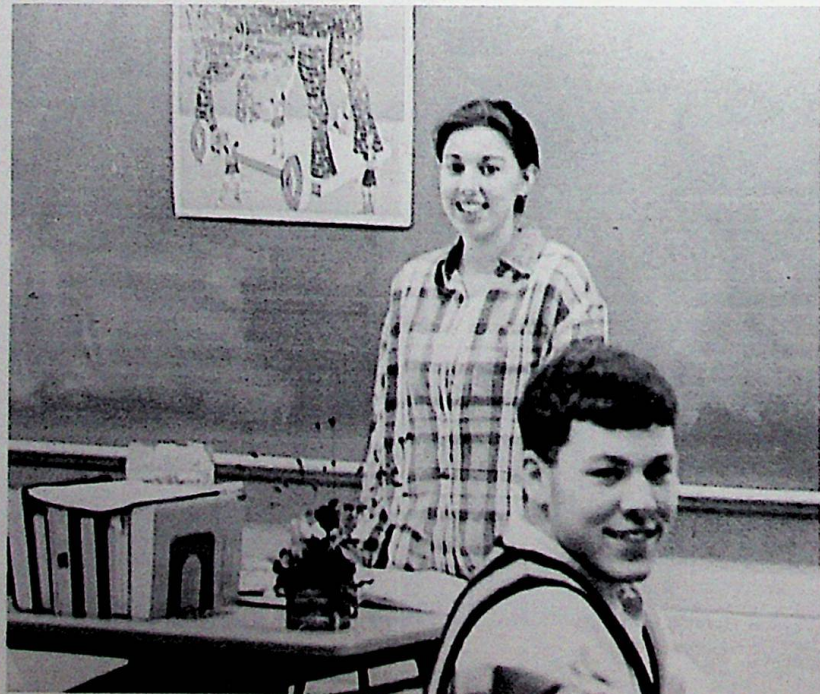


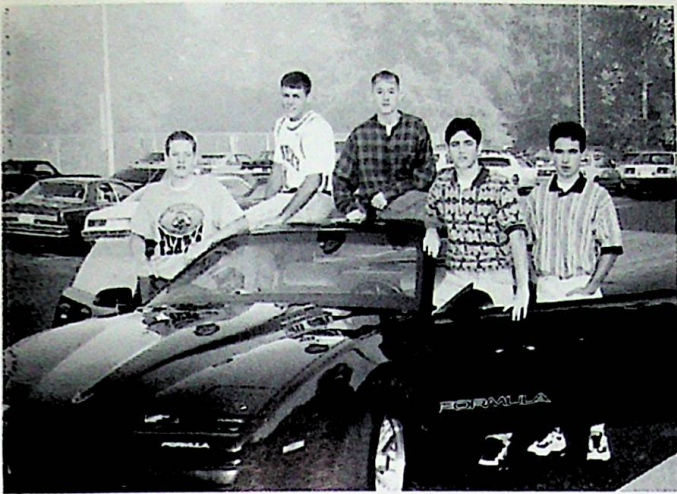
Sarah Layne, Ronni Beth Howard, Jennifer Keller, and April Kantz show their school spirit at a Pirate football game.



The sophomores take the PLAN test to prepare for future college entrance exams.

Adam Chamberlin enjoys Danielle McKinney's teaching of English on Student-Teacher Exchange Day.



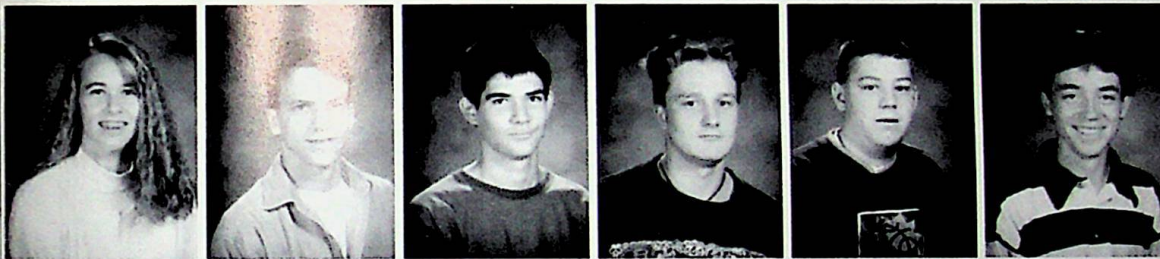


Class of 1998

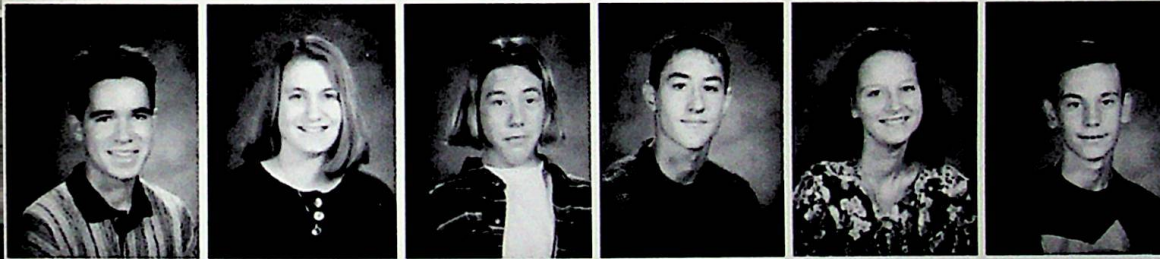
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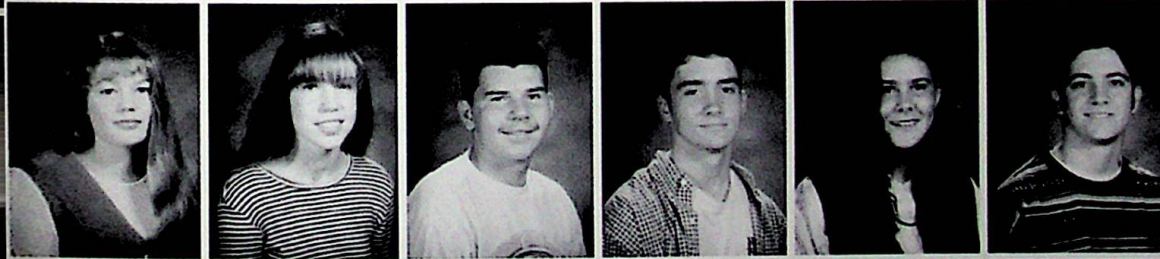
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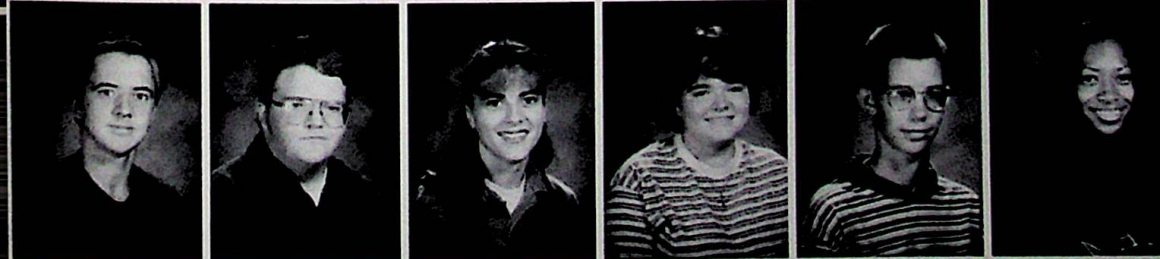
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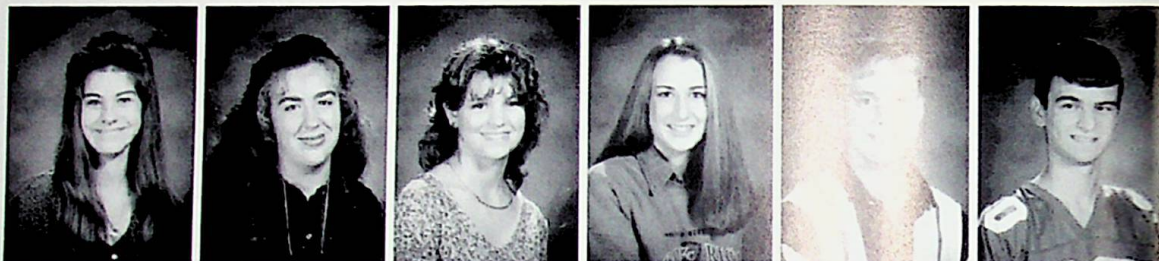
Travis Keller helps first-graders e-mail Santa Claus shortly before Christmas break.



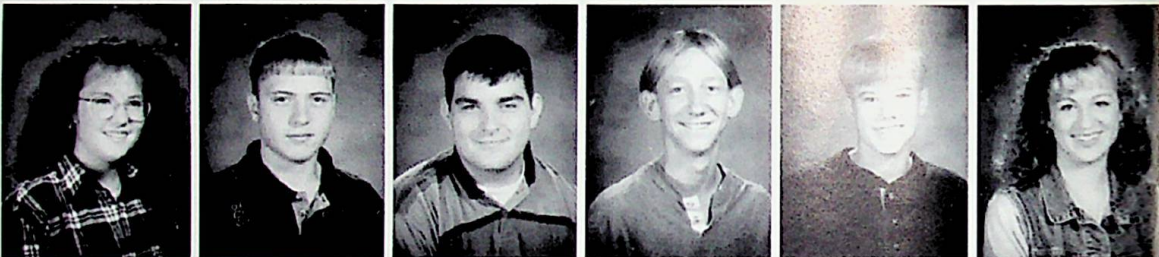
Mrs. Ellen Bell helps Chris Parker with his assignment.



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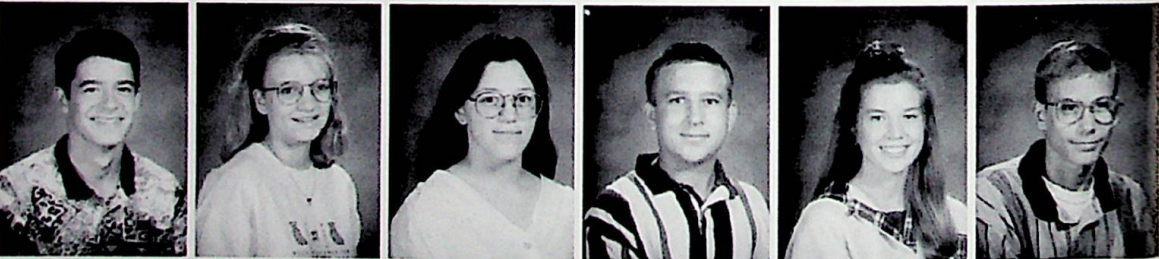
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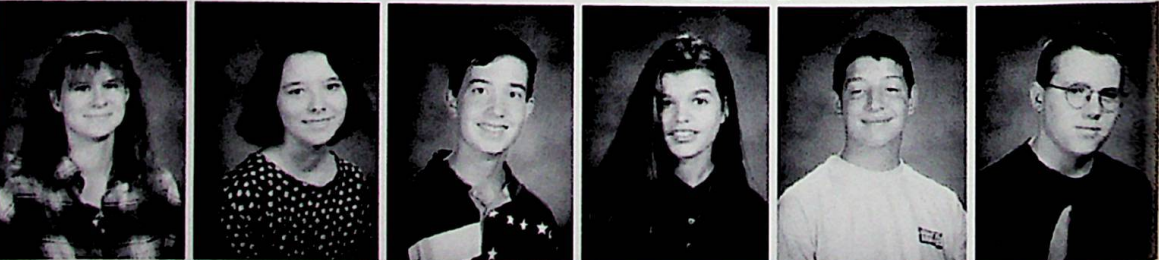
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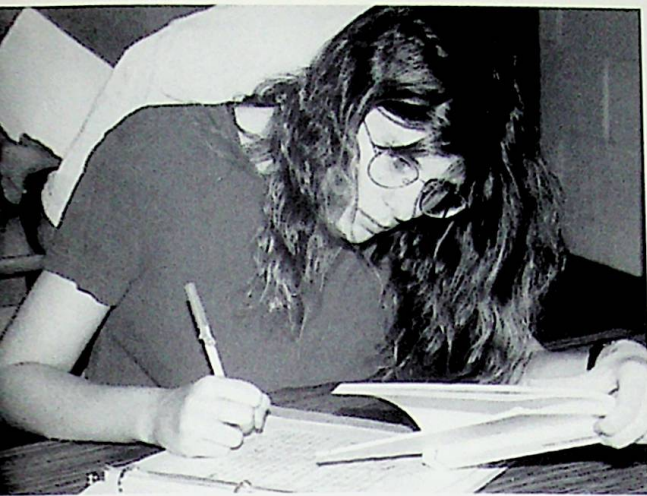


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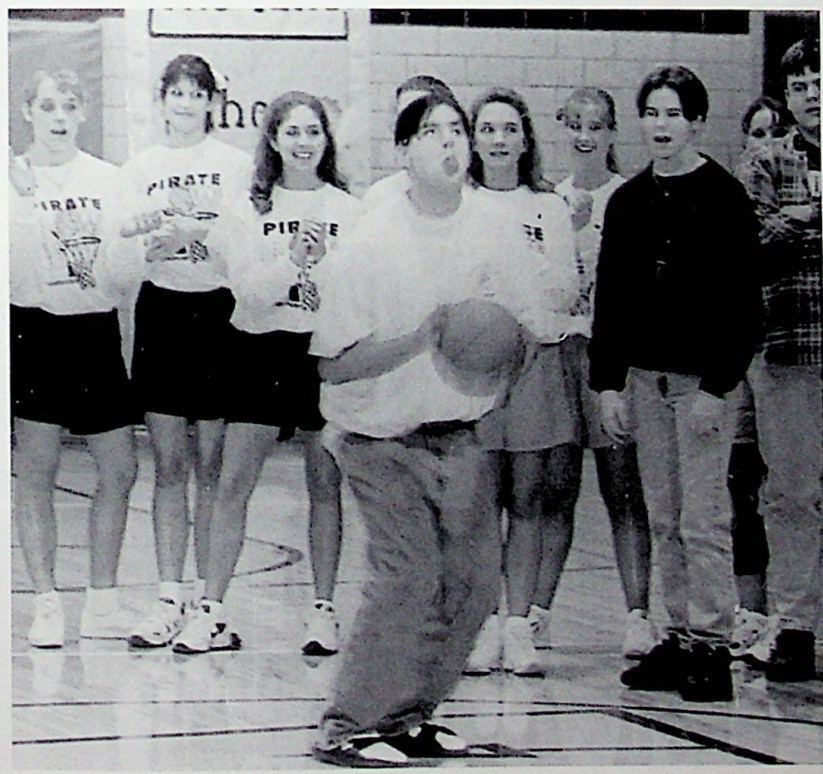




Emily Lemons hurriedly takes notes for her health final presentation.



Kelly Ruley researches her topic on the Internet for her I.S. contract.

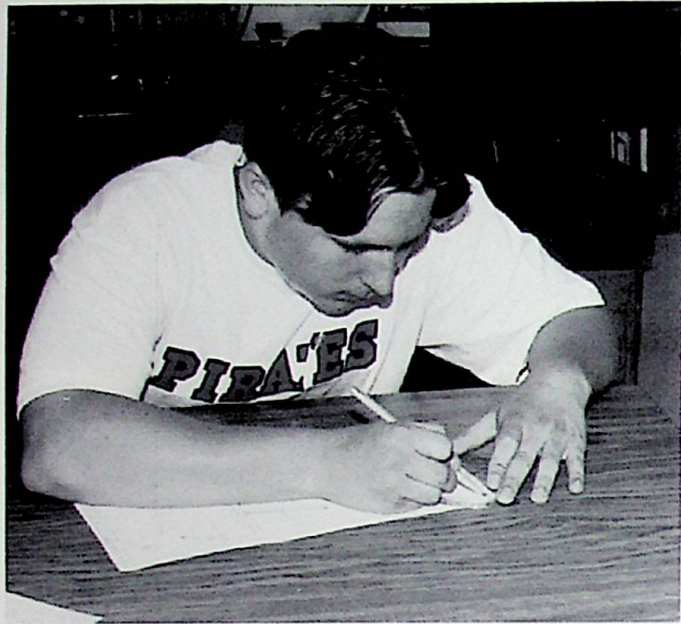


Larry Cooper helps at the long jump pit at the home track meet.

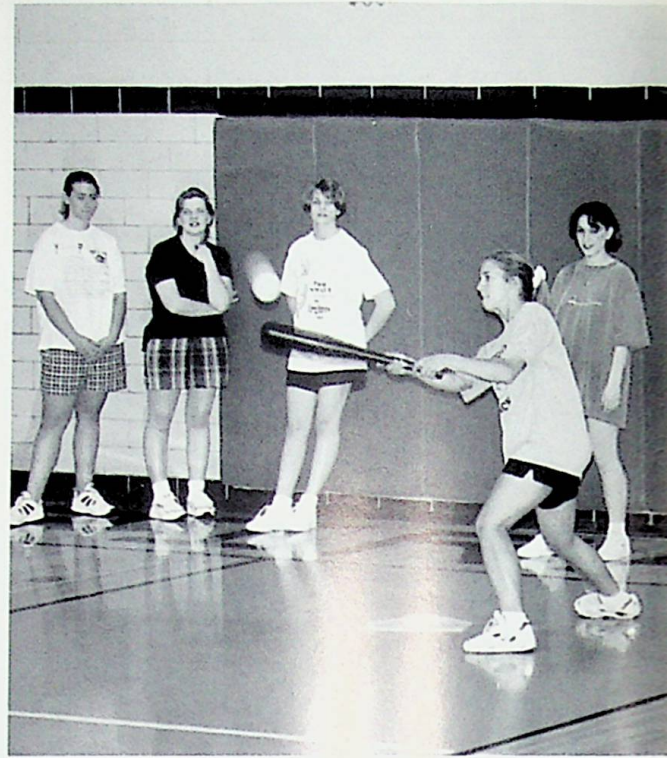
OWA. Row 1: Jeff Goodwin, Paul Charles, Michael Caldwell. Row 2: Andy Copley, Kelly Blaine, Tiffeny Mays, Steve Wyant. Absent: Scott Clark, Kerri Robinson.

Bob Starrett attempts a half-court shot during a basketball pep rally.

Brian Knapp uses a protractor to draw angles for his homework assignment.



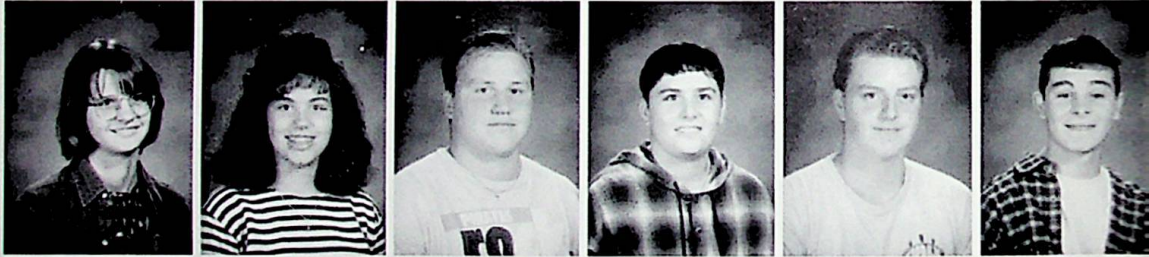
Angela Etterling watches as Becky Riepenhoff prepares to hit the ball in gym class.



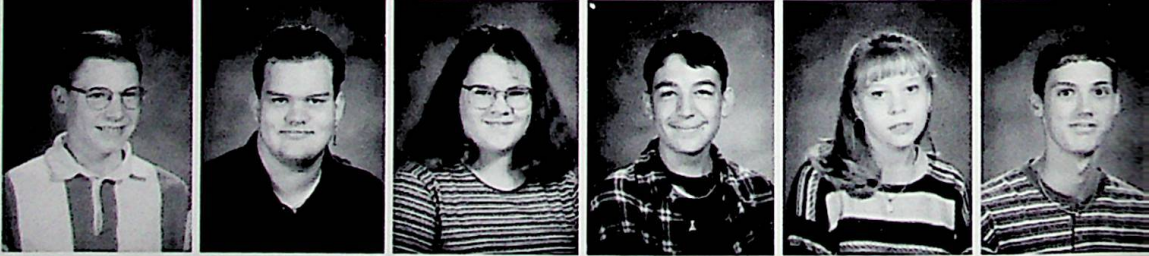
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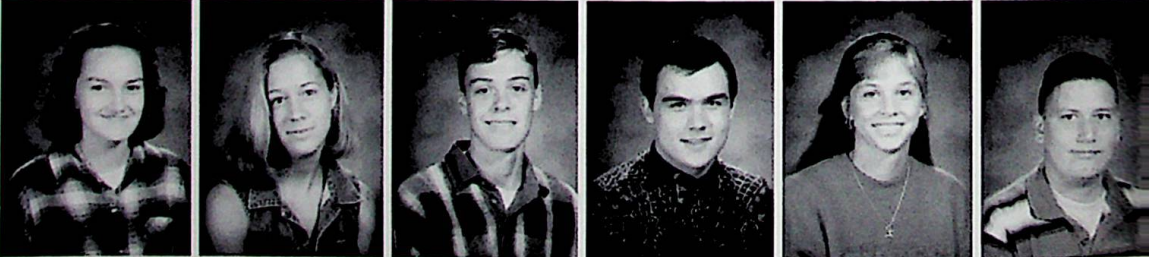
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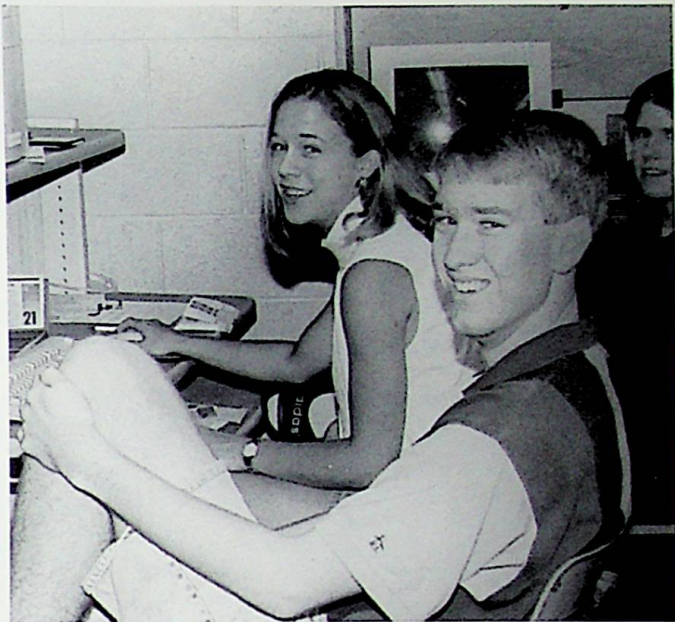
Heather Rickey
Becky Riepenhoff
Nathan Robbins
Tony Robinson
Kelly Ruley
Mike Russell





Terra Evans and Bob Starrett talk to Mr. Branon about making up a test for World History.

Rebecca Riepenhoff, Nate Collier, and Lana McGinnis work on the computer in the art room.



Justin Schmidt
 Leslie Schomburg
 Chad Schwalbach
 Nathan Schwamburger
 Amanda Simon
 Dusty Skaggs

Christina Spence
 Geoff Spence
 Melissa Stapleton
 Bob Starrett
 Perry Steele
 Tom Sutton

Brittany Thomas
 Jessica Thomas
 Keith Treadway
 Crystal Vest
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 Erin Wood

Brooke Bockway pitches during a wiffle ball game in gym class.

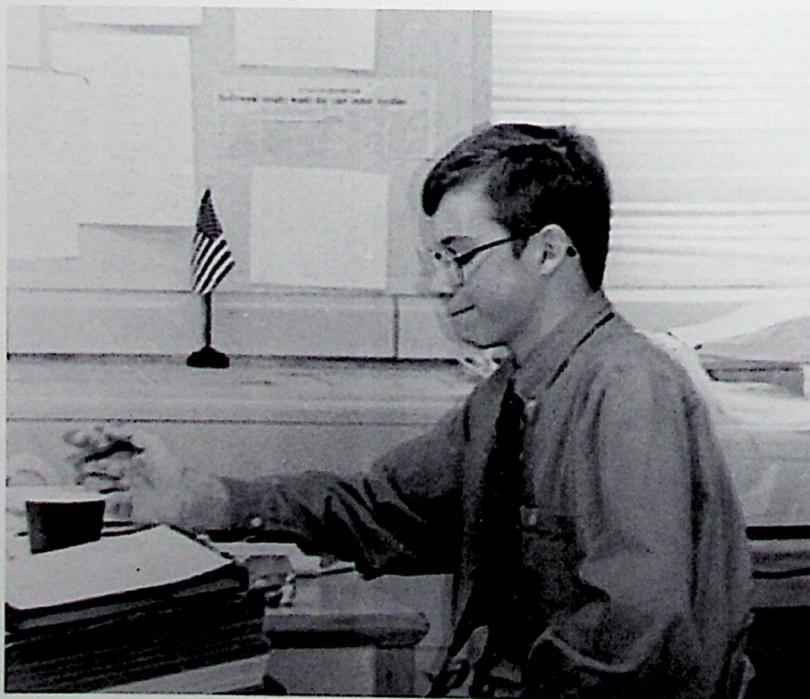


This group enjoys their conversation at lunchtime.



This group of freshman English students work studiously on their journals.

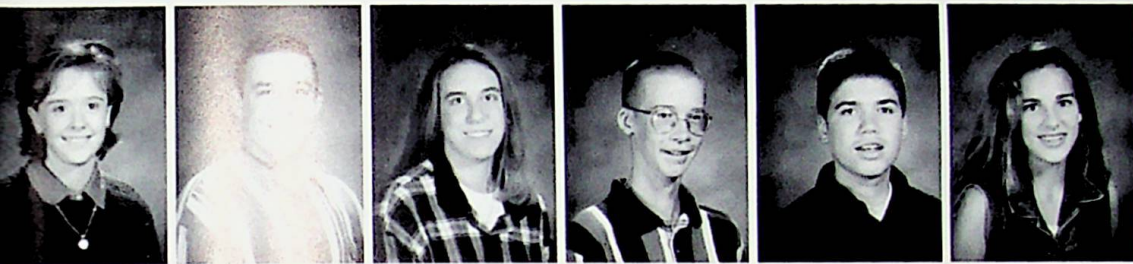
Brandon Lute explains a difficult assignment during Student-Teacher exchange day.



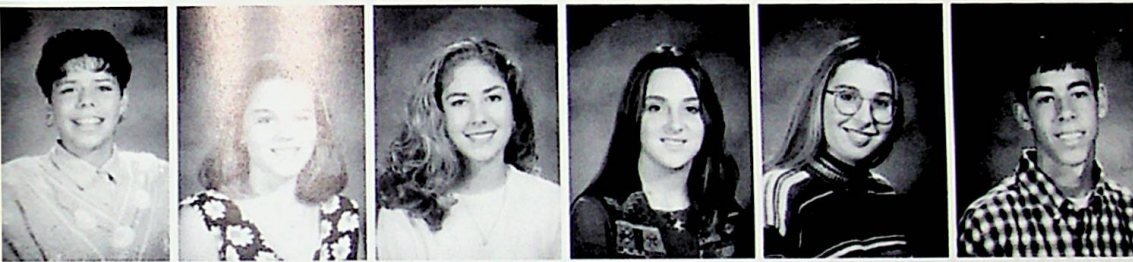


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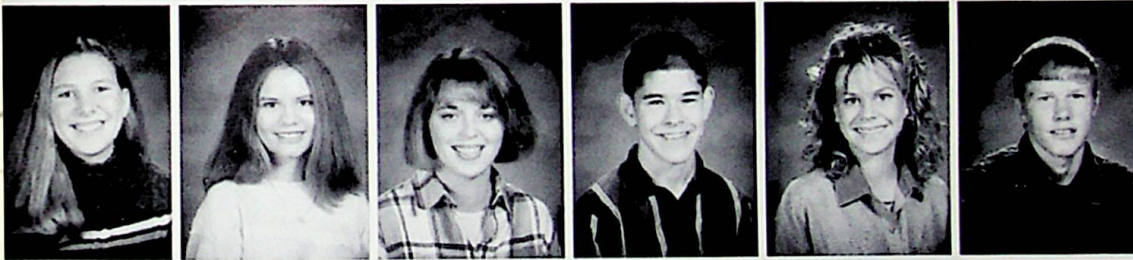
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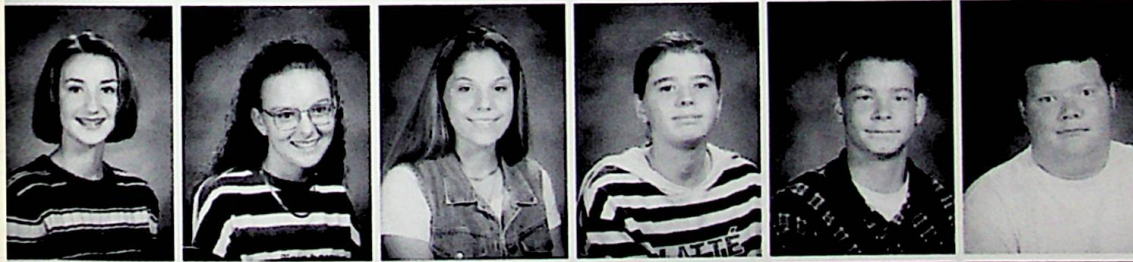
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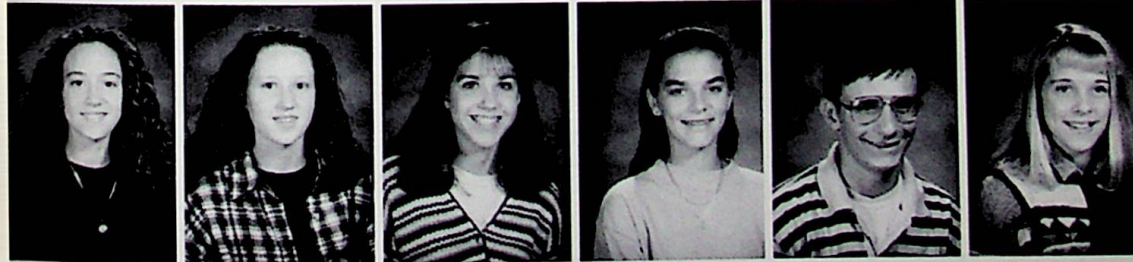
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 Alicia Browning
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Michael Caldwell
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 Crystal Chamberlin
 Paul Charles



Andy Cole
 Lindsay Cole
 Autumn Collier
 Erecka Conley
 Kim Conley
 Joey Cooper
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Alisha Covert
 Jennifer Craig
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 Megan Diamond
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Erin Mantell works on her contract in her I.S. class.



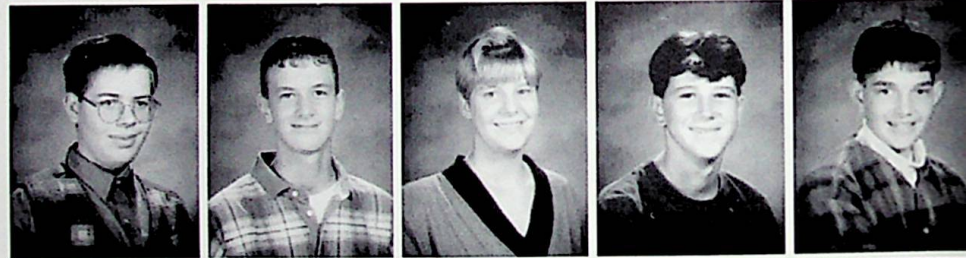
Jessica Fannin concentrates as Mrs. Riepenhoff explains a new topic to the Spanish I class.



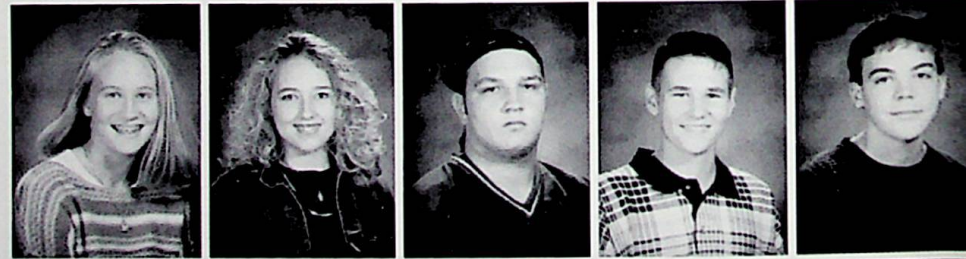
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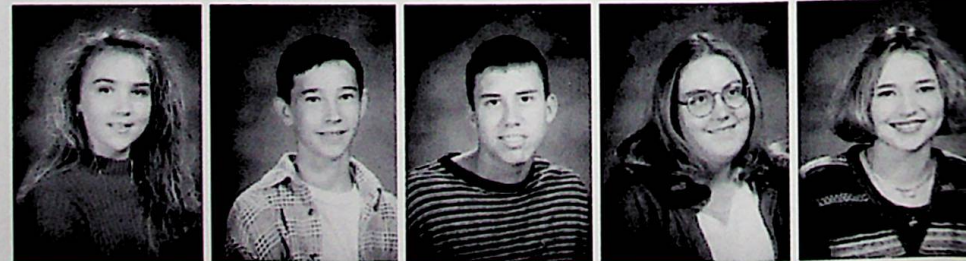
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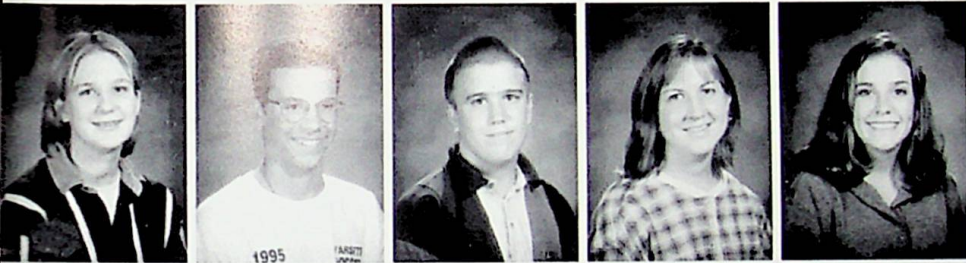
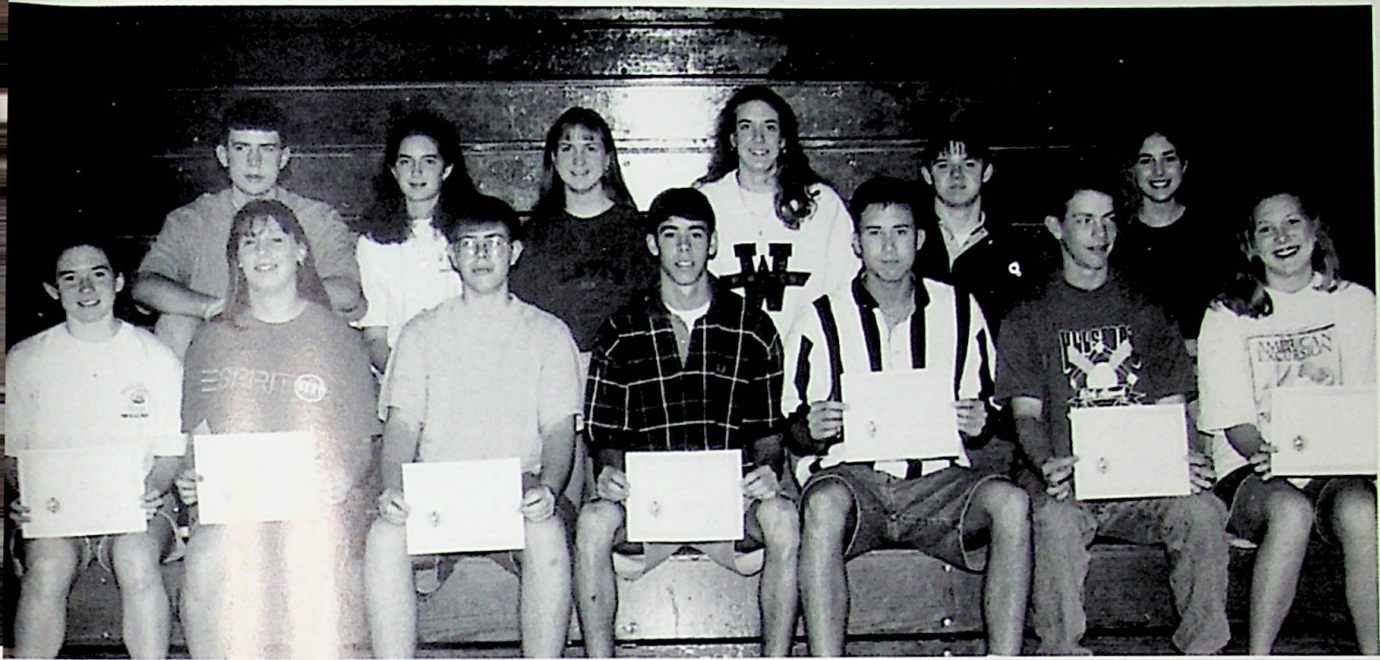
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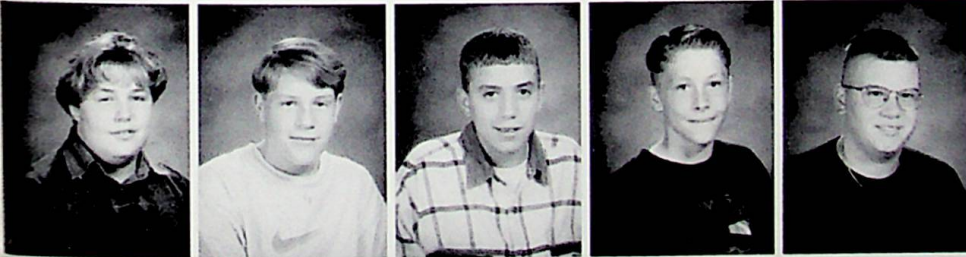
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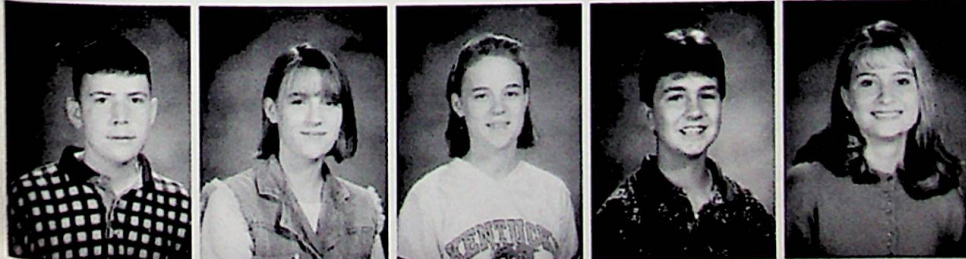
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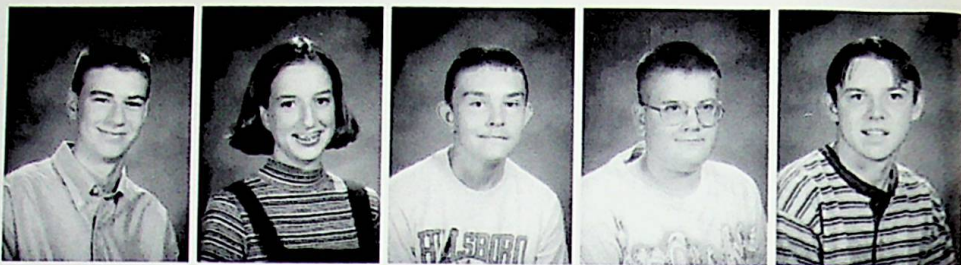


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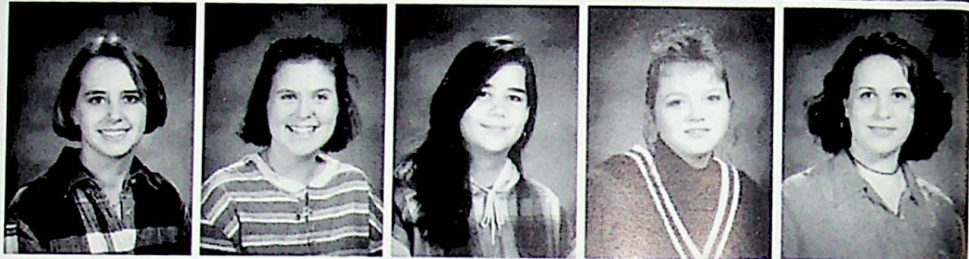


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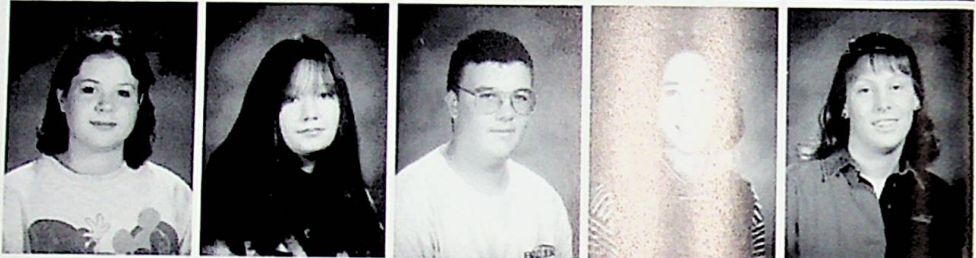
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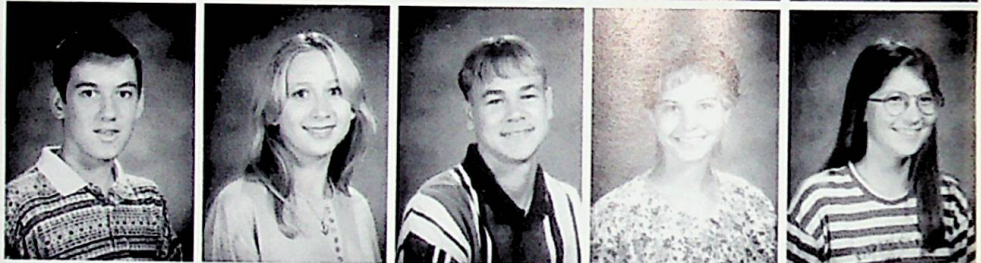
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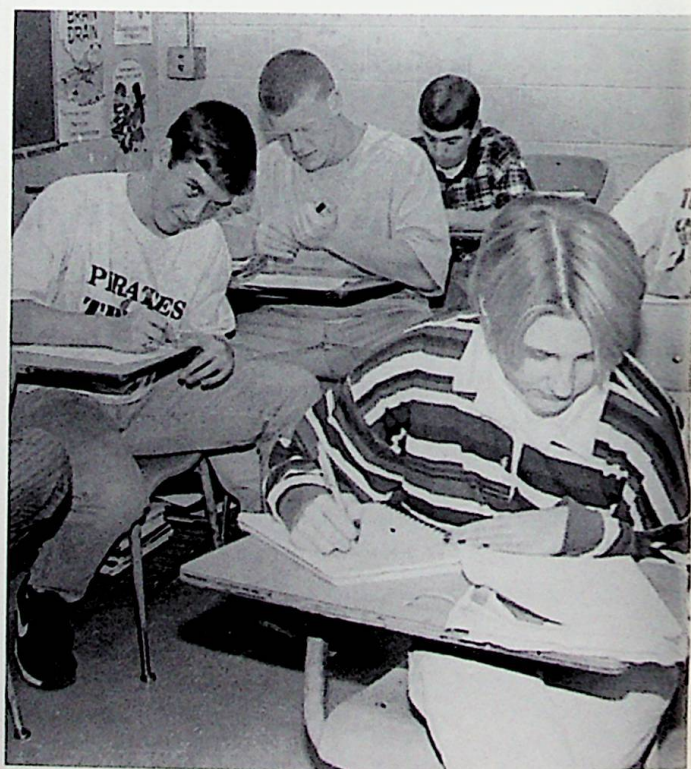
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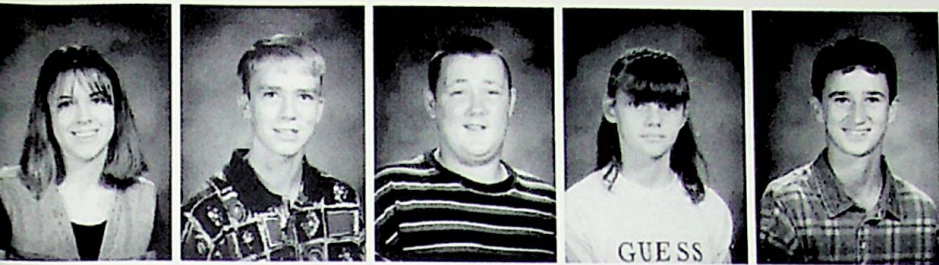
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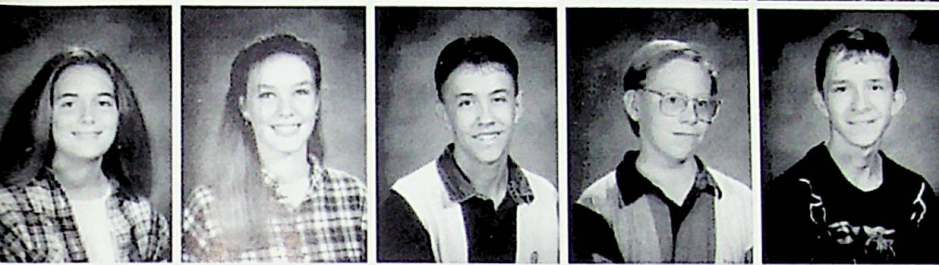
Jessica Brust, Sara Rayburn, and Emily Engle work on questions about Romeo and Juliet.



This group of freshman hurriedly try to finish their assignments before the end of the period.



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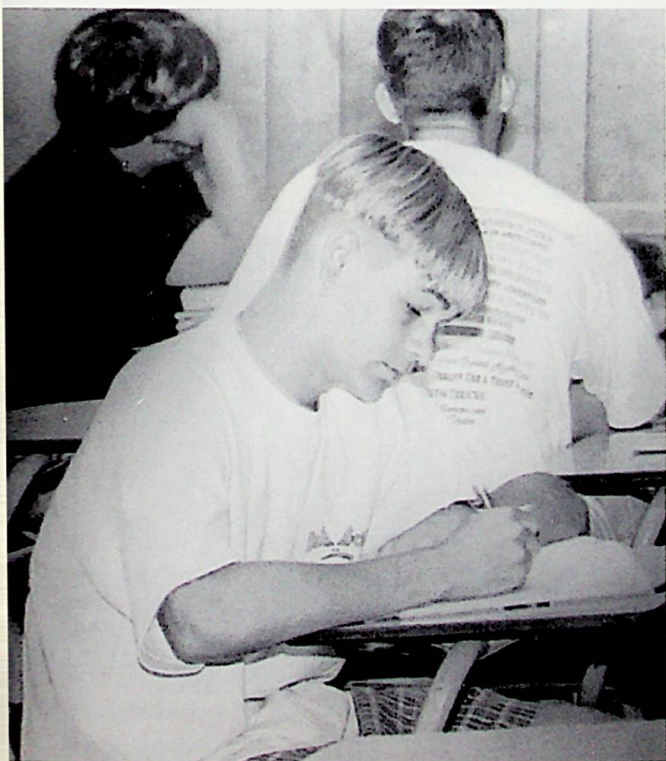
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Far left, Randall Rawlins, Matt Perry, and Mike Peters talk to Coach Watts on the sideline.



Jay Cooper looks on as Jessica Burchett attempts to figure out a complex math problem.

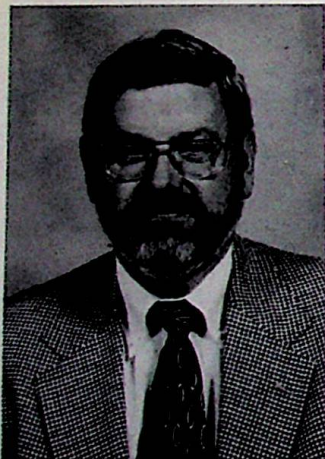


Adam Slusher works on his assignment during study hall.

These freshmen English students work on their poetry about the Ohio River integrated unit.

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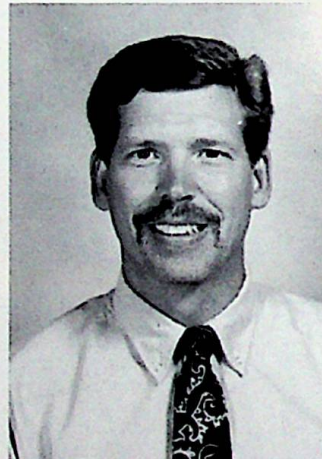
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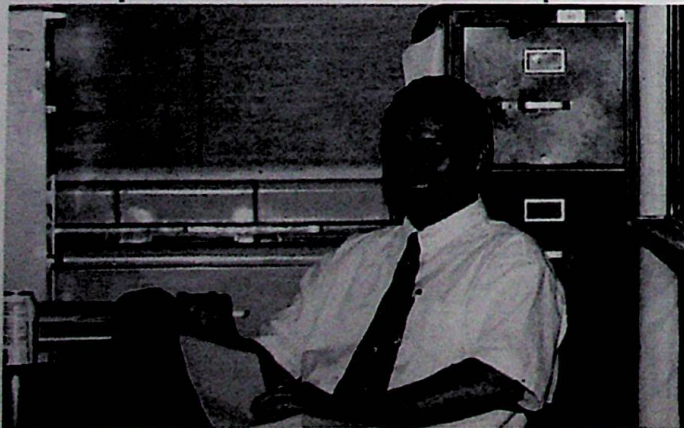
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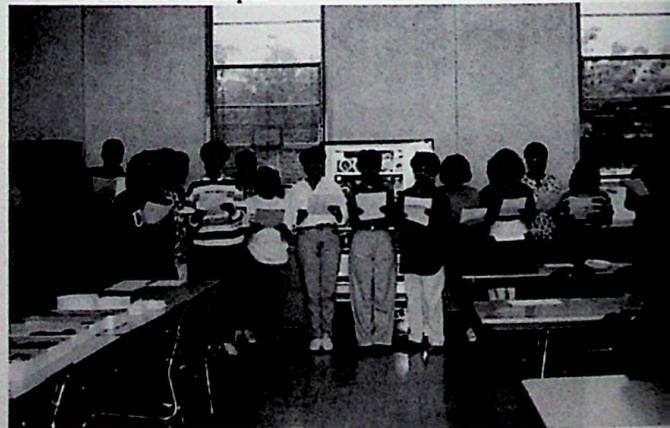
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Mr. Spradlin takes a little break while he is reading the correct answers to the algebra homework.

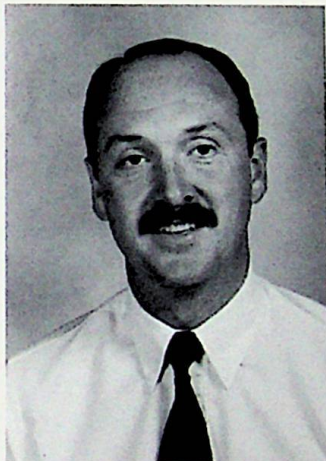


Several teachers sing a "going-away to law school" song for Miss Davis who been accepted into Capital's Law School.



Mrs. Switalski enjoys a break at the end of the school day.

During the Spanish I class, Mrs. Riepenhoff waits on her class to complete their assignments.

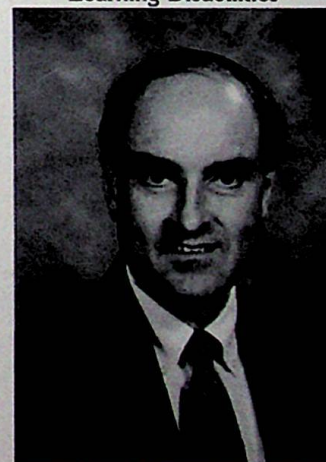
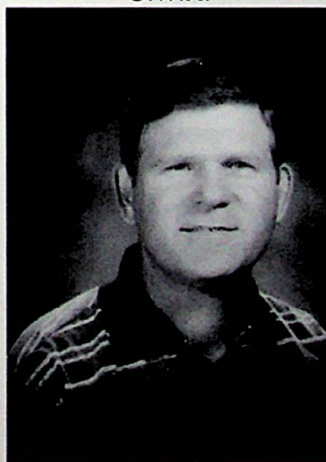


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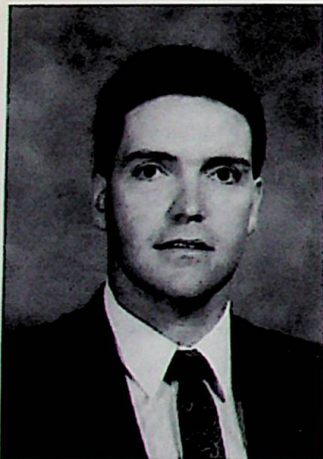
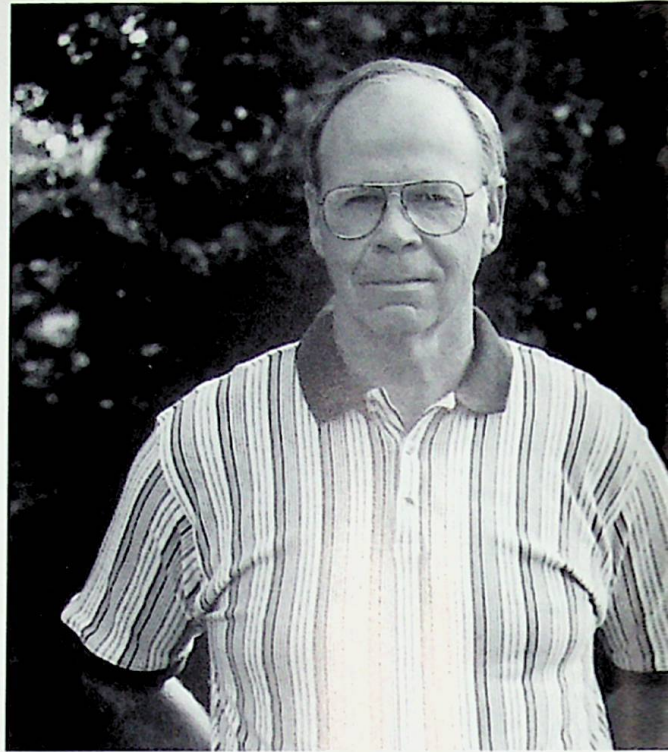
Dora Carmon
Guidance Counselor

Mr. Miller Elected to Hall of Fame

Coach Ed Miller, former WHS and Notre Dame football coach, has been selected for this year's induction class into the Ohio High School Football Hall of Fame. Mr. Miller will be the first coach from Scioto County to be inducted into the hall, located in Massillon.

Coach Miller was named A.P. Coach of the Year for the state of Ohio in 1967, 1970, and 1979. He received Coach of the Year honors 17 times in the SOC. He guided 11 different teams to unbeaten seasons, and in 1989, he finished an unbeaten regular season with a state championship. Coach Miller's teams compiled a 250-41 record in his 30 years of coaching from 1962 to 1991.

The staff and students of WHS, along with the entire community, are proud of Coach Miller's well-deserved recognition.



Bill Claxon
Mathematics and Science



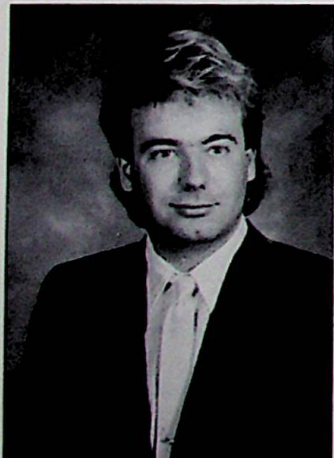
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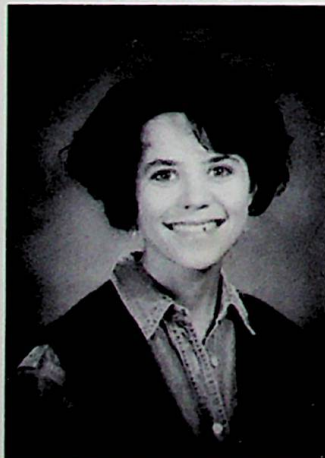
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Tim Gilbert
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Erin Gill
Music



Larry Hall
Social Studies



Dick Jenkins
Industrial Arts

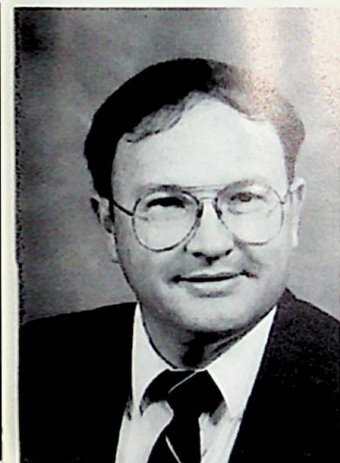


Miss Davis gets the crowd fired up at a basketball pep rally.

Mrs. Legg was the most dedicated faculty member in the March of Dimes WalkAmerica, walking six of the seven periods.



Ms. Brisker, a student teacher in Mr. Suter's art class, stops to smile for the camera. She graduated from Columbus College of Art and Design.



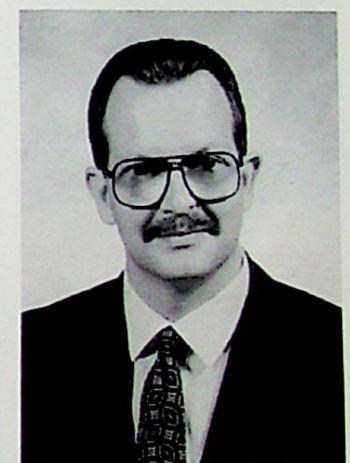
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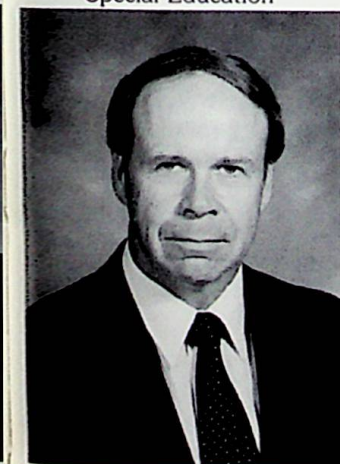
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Rebecca Nichols
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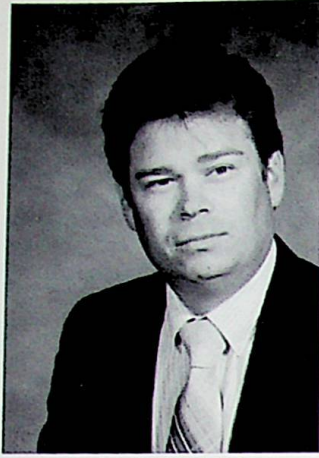
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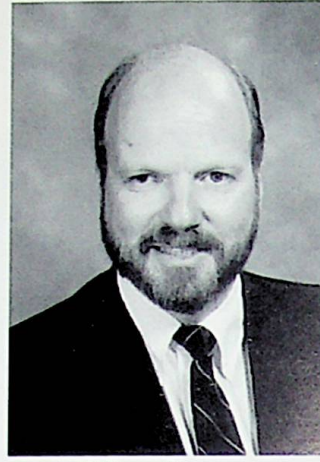
Joyce Riepenhoff
Foreign Languages



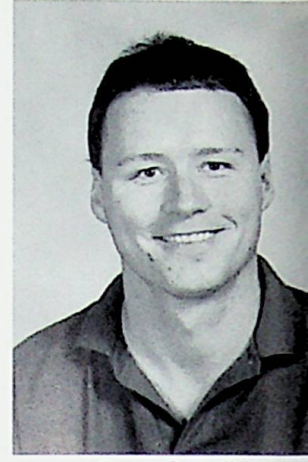
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Math and Computers



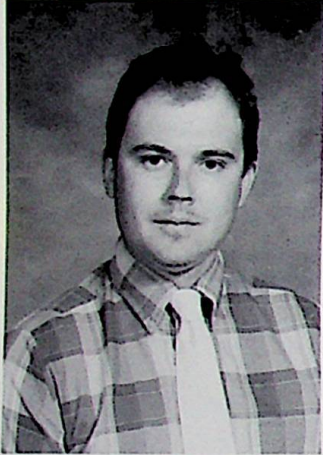
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William Shumate
Instrumental Music



Barry Spradlin
Mathematics



Tom Suter
Art



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Irma Switalski
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Cheryl Weisenberger
English



Dana Whitt
Developmental Reading



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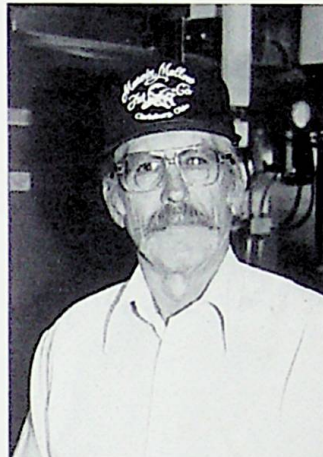
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Joyce Piatt
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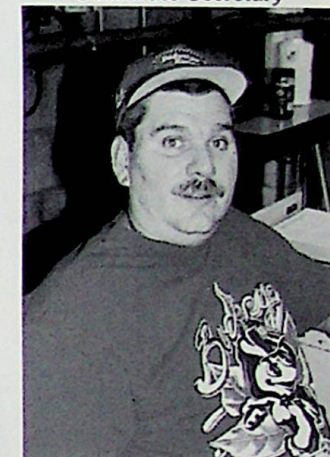
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Custodian



Dusty Clark
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Richard Bays
Custodian



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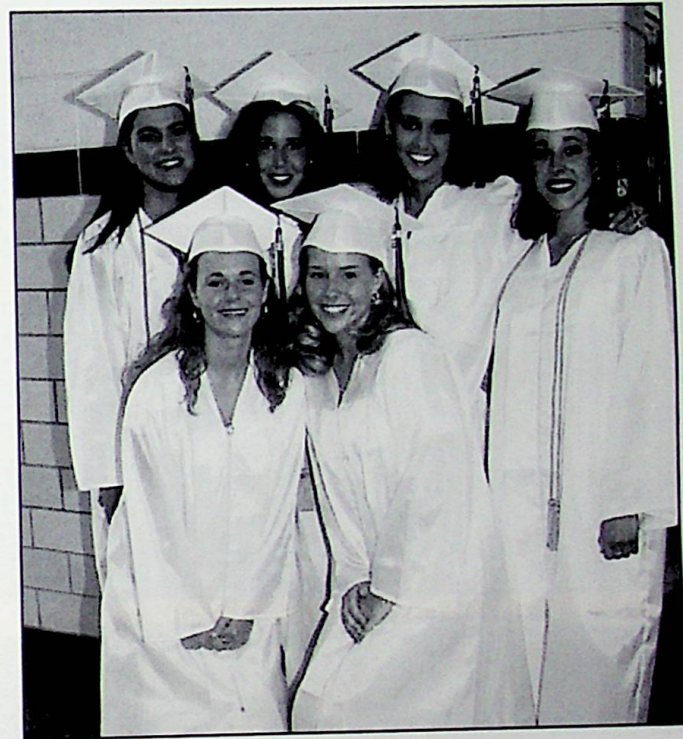
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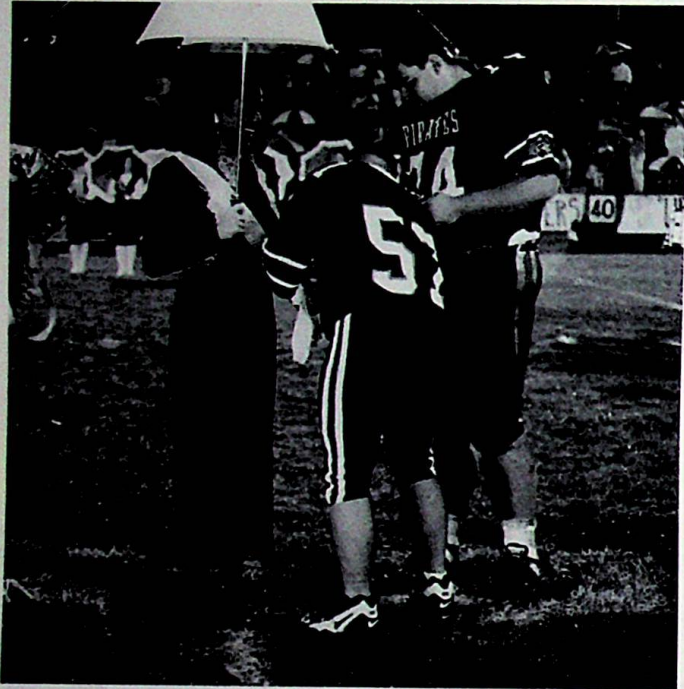
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1995-96





Senior co-captain Shane Browning has trouble with Lynnsay's sash.



1995 Football Homecoming Queen, Lynnsay Leesburg poses with her escorts Shane Browning, Andy Albrecht, and Wes Holbrook.



Despite their nervousness, the girls are all-smiles as they wait for halftime.



Queen Lynnsay and senior Brecho take time from their royal dance to smile for the camera.



Football Homecoming

"All You Have To Do Is Dream," was the theme song for football Homecoming 1995. It was very appropriate because dreams did come true for all of the girls involved. Despite the horrible weather, the queen and her court were determined to enjoy the evening. The stands were filled with people armed with ponchos and umbrellas who were

eager to see the halftime festivities.

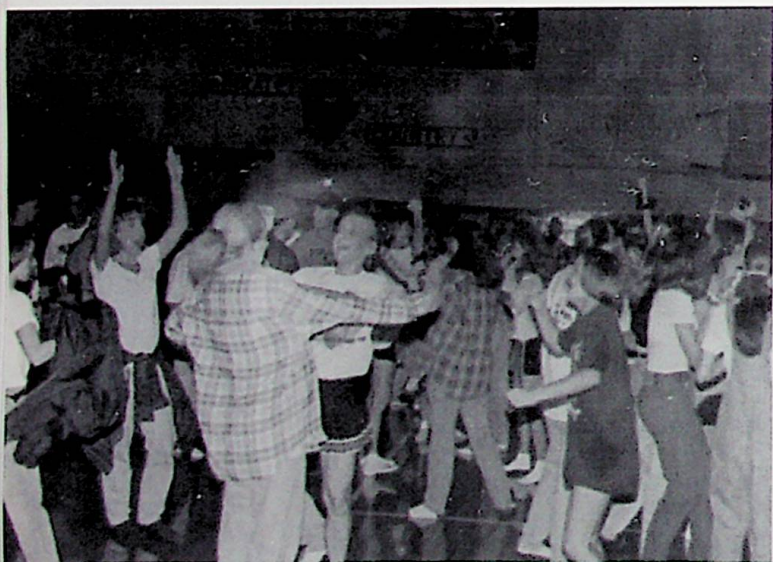
This year's queen, who was also chosen as Miss River Days 1995, was Lynnsay Leesburg. She was attended by Shannon Rose, Jessica Schmidt, Toni Hubbard, and Megan Diamond. The homecoming festivities continued the Wheelersburg tradition of elegance and style.

Senior attendant Shannon Rose shares her first dance with her escort Sean Miller.

Freshman attendant Megan Diamond and her escort Tom Turner.



Sophomore attendant Toni Hubbard and her escort Nate Conn.



The student body is still going strong as the dance draws to a close.

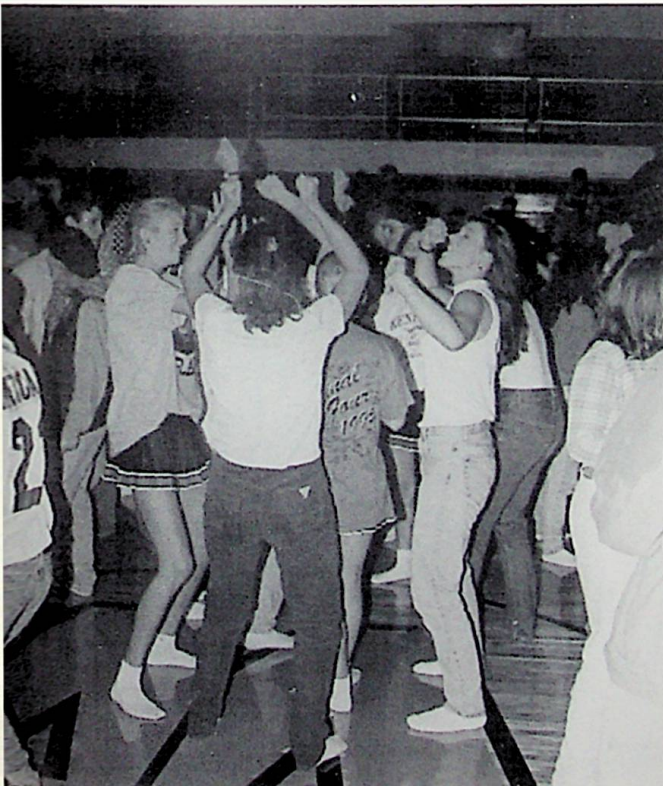
Brent Eaton shows off his dancing ability to a group of admirers.



Junior attendant Jessica Schmidt and her escort Steven Johnson.



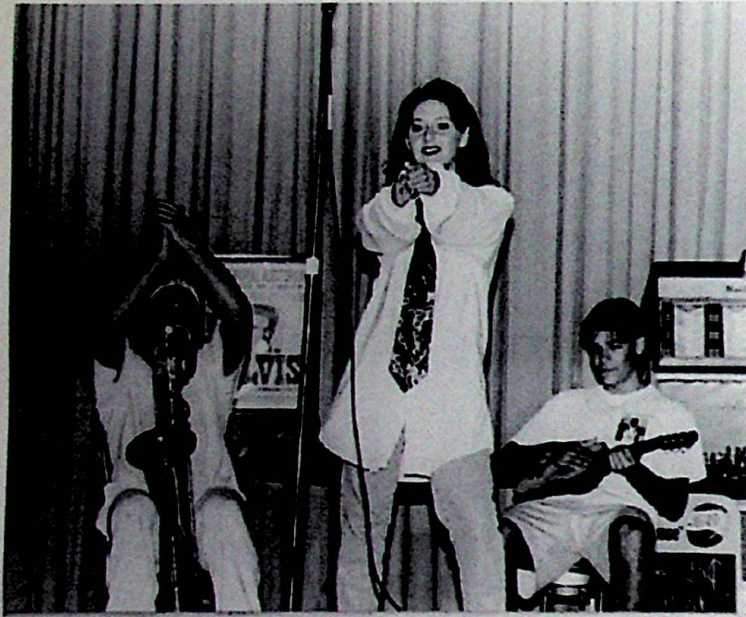
Senior attendant Shannon Rose and her escort Sean Miller.



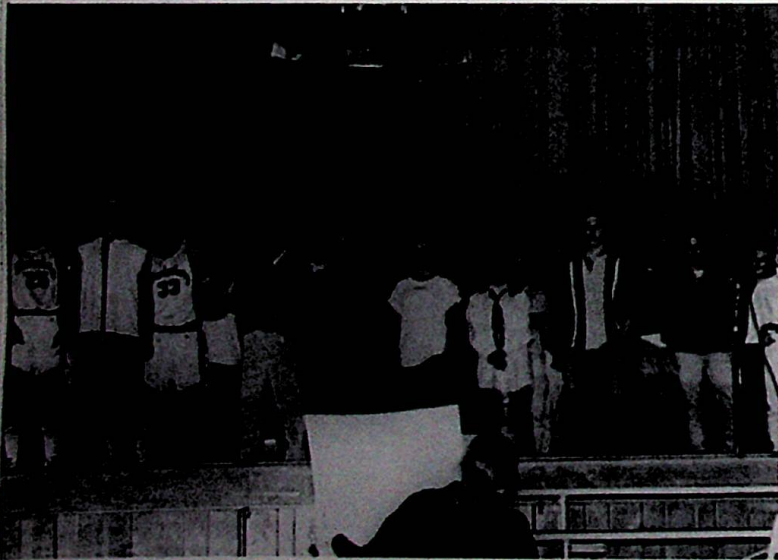
This group of senior girls enjoy their last football homecoming dance.

Senior Jim Miller struts his stuff on the dance floor.

Senior Nikki Rase entertains the crowd during her last performance in the class play.

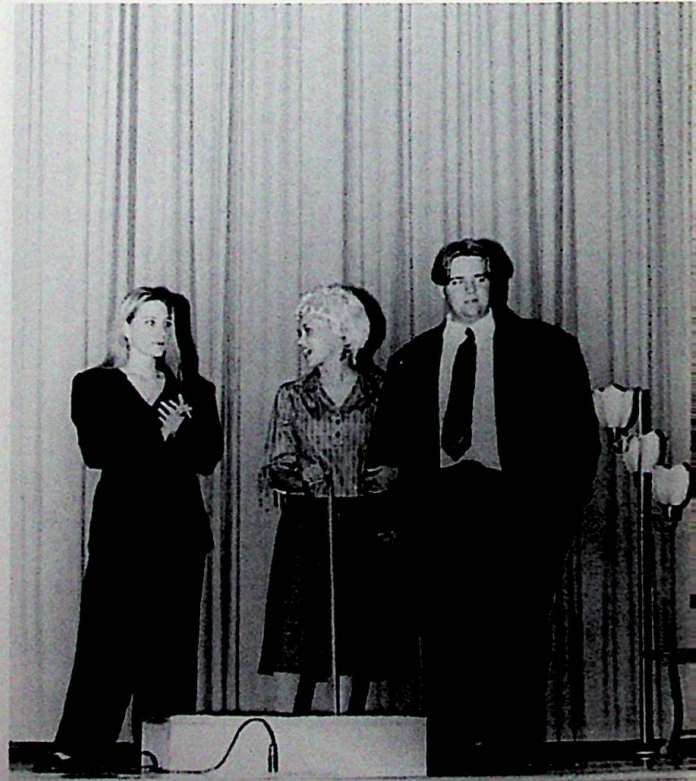


Junior Dustin Sampson enjoys playing the guitar during the class play.

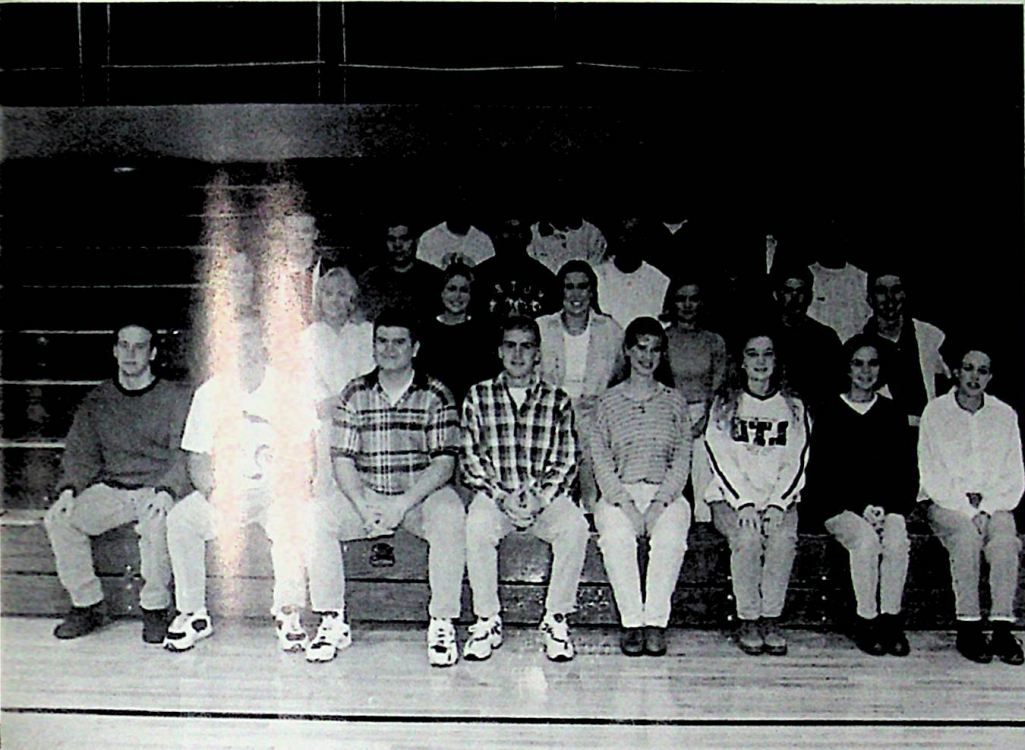


The cast gathers for a final bow.

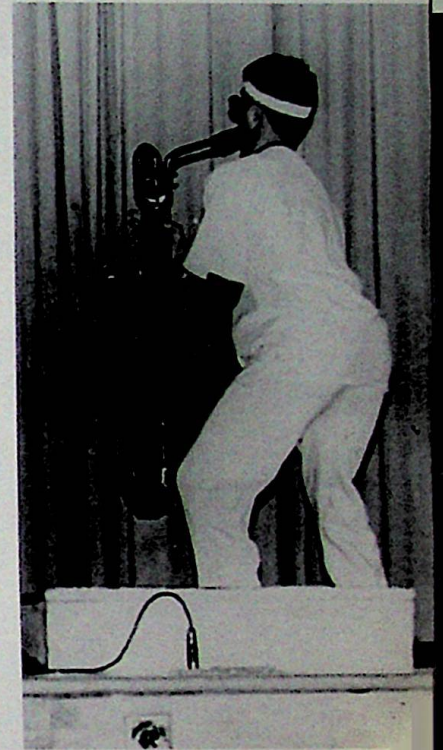
Tiffany Mollett and Amanda Covert have a discussion while Kell Hicks looks on.



Row 1: Nate Moore, J.D. Emmett, Todd Johnson, Josh Bryan, Rebecca Schwamberger, Tiffany Mollett, Amy Bennett, Amanda Covert. Row 2: Angie Duty, Traci Warner, Jessica Parsley, Amanda See, Tiffany Hughes, Nathan Skiver, Dan Blankenship. Row 3: Kent Williams, Josh Robirds, Kevin Bauer, Jim Welton, Brent Wakefield, Jerod Tilley. Row 4: Zack Depenhoff, Brent Eaton, Shad Conn, Keri Ann Delph.



In the class play, Brent Eaton makes an attempt at the sax.



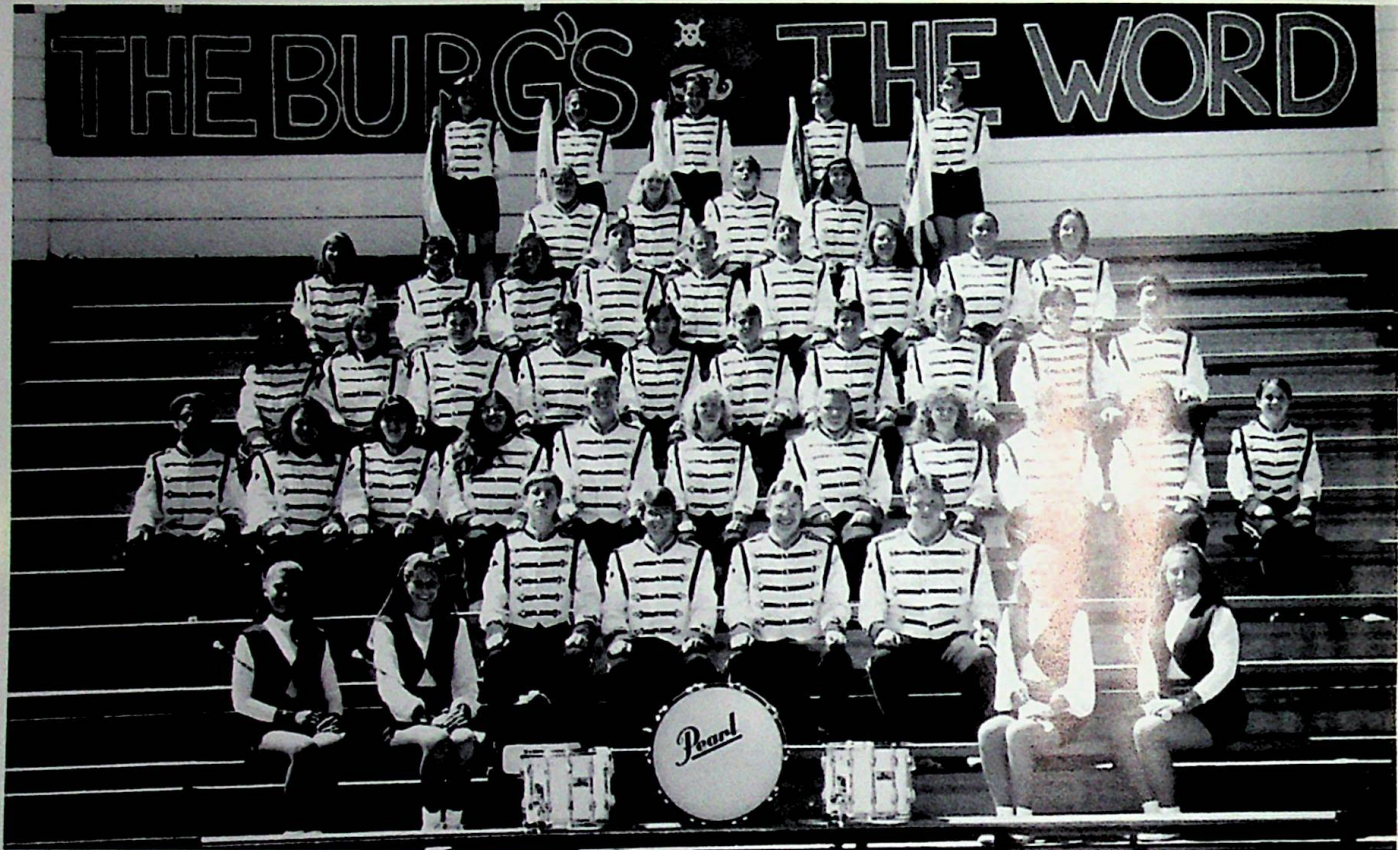
Class Play

On October 30, 1995, the juniors and seniors performed The No Purpose Room, a play which was one of the best in years, according to Mrs. Russell. Juniors Tiffany Mollett and Dan Blankenship, along with senior J.D. Emmett, illuminated the stage with strong emotion. A coach, played by J.D. Emmett, is hiding his love behind a macho image. The object of his affections is the new drama teacher, played by

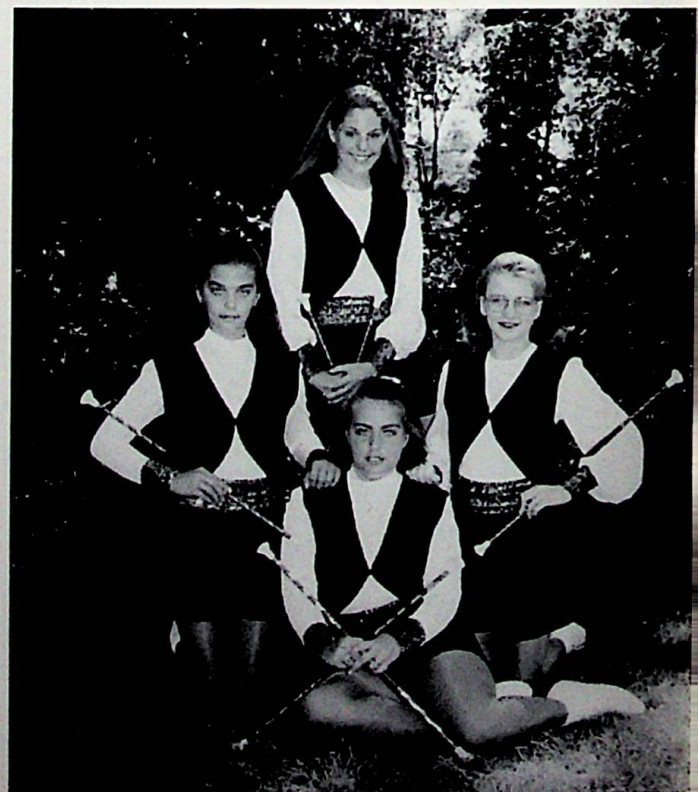
The basketball team comes to the rescue of their ailing coach, Bob Hughes, played by J.D. Emmett.

Tiffany Mollett. One of the most amusing characters was the clueless science teacher, played by Dan Blankenship. This year's play was well-organized, with lines being remembered, fabulous props, and wonderful performances. The show came together due to Mrs. Switalski's patience, sense of humor, and firmness. The afternoon performance helped the cast prepare for their final performance for the community. The dedication of the cast and crew was evident to the audience. The play was wonderful entertainment for all in attendance.

Row 1: Megan Diamond, Erecka Conley, Stephanie Kelley, Dusty Skaggs. Row 2: Will Wood, Randy Day, Chris Aeh, Gabe Brown. Row 3: Shane Adkins, Krist Hayslip, Sarah Howard, Erica Engle, Nate Collier, Stephanie Klaco, Stephanie Steinhauer, Missy Turner, Kendra Oppy, Jenny Singer, Amanda Johnson. Row 4: Tracy Tachiera, Barb Vansickle, Josh Robirds, Andrew Jenkins, Shannon Hotchkinn, Joe Hayden, Travis Keller, Matt Branham, Chuck Branham, Aaron Lindley. Row 5: Tara Noel, Hannah Brown, Shelly Mauk, David Walker, Joe Danzer, Pete Martin, Katy Pyles, Bethany Clifton, Sarah Layne. Row 6: Elicia Liles, Amanda Reed, Marianna Hughes, Alisha Day. Row 7: Angela Etterling, Zanita Hoskins, Melissa Lemon, Samantha Sparks, Amanda Spence. Not pictured: Molly Cross, Roxanne Mullins



Flags. Kneeling: Amanda Spence. Standing: Zanita Hoskins, Angela Etterling, Melissa Lemon, Samantha Sparks.



Majorettes. Sitting: Dusty Skaggs. Kneeling: Megan Diamond, Stephanie Kelley. Standing: Erecka Conley.



Despite the heat, the band was able to perform beautifully for over 35,000 spectators at Orlando's Walt Disney World.

Chris Aeh proudly directs the band in a performance of "The Star Spangled Banner."



Band

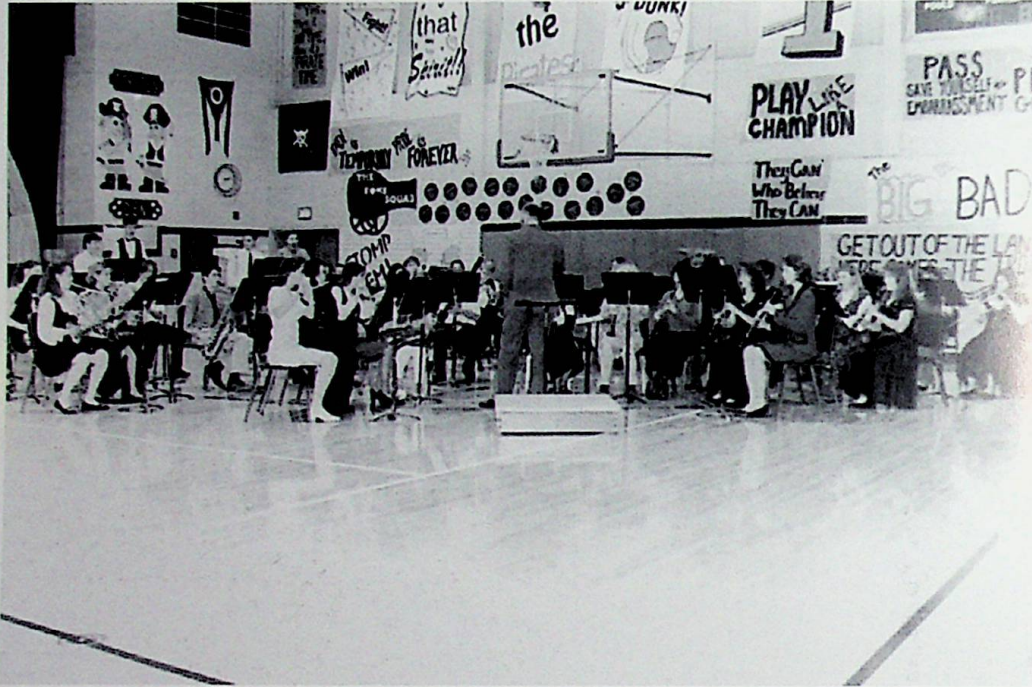
It was another great year for the Wheelersburg High School band. They played their hearts out and marched through the year towards their most anticipated trip to Florida to be in the Mickey Mania Parade. Throughout the year, they had some very memorable moments such as missing out on going to the state competition by one single point. This was a

Some members of the brass section form a ring on the field during the "John Williams Show."

dramatic improvement from last year. They also received a standing ovation at the end of the spring concert after the outstanding performance of the "1812 Overture." The year of 1995-96 was a great success for the band. They followed the football team to all their games during marching season and fired up the basketball team during their home games. All in all it was a wonderful year and they are looking forward to an even better season next year.

As an ongoing tradition, the concert band plays "The Nutcracker" during the Christmas concert.

Junior Sarah Howard "landed on the moon" when the band visited the Kennedy Space Center.



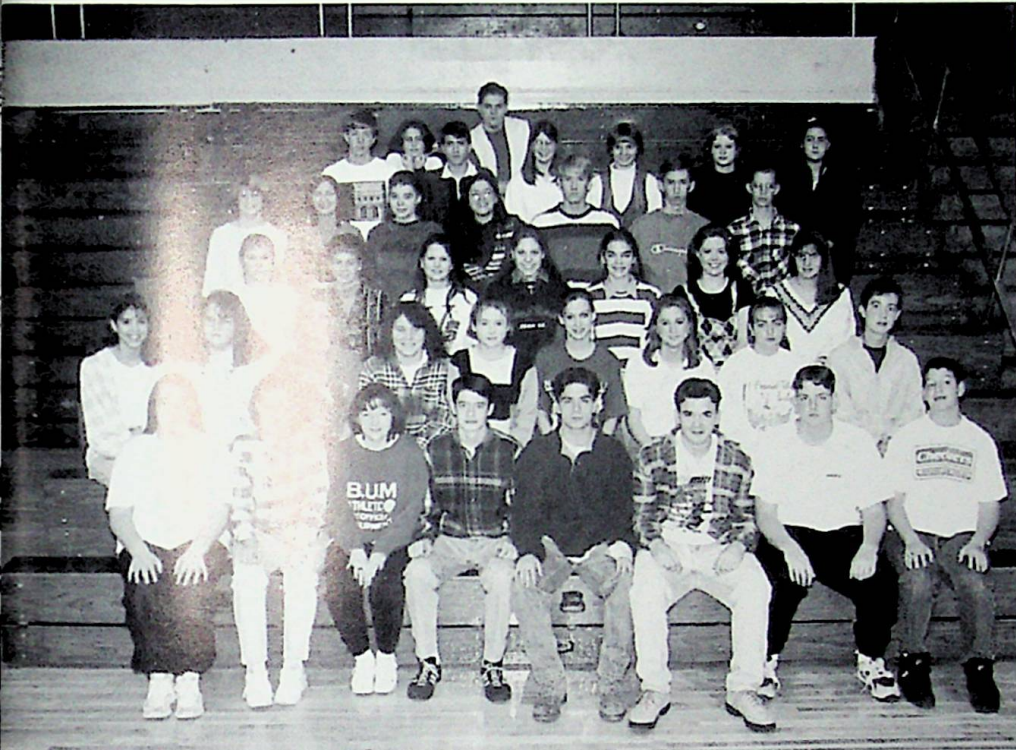
Junior Shannon Hotchkin leads the flutes to a wonderful performance.

The concert band plays the theme from *Pocahontas* "Colors of the Wind" during the spring concert.



up band: Row 1: Elicia Liles, Sarah Layne, Sarah Howard, Travis Keller, Shane Adkins, Andrew Jenkins, Gabe Brown, te Martin. Row 2: Alisha Day, Katy Pyles, Stephanie Klaco, Kristi Hayslip, Roxanne Mullins, Shannon Hotchkin, Tara el, Dusty Skaggs, Aaron Lindley. Row 3: Kendra Oppy, Missy Turner, Amanda Johnson, Erecka Conley, Megan amond, Barb Vansickle, Jenny Singer. Row 4: Angela Etterling, Zanita Hoskins, Melissa Lemon, Erica Engle, Nate Collier, avid Walker, Joe Danzer. Row 5: Will Wood, Molly Cross, Randy Day, Josh Robirds, Amanda Spence, Samantha Sparks, amanda Reed, Bethany Clifton.

Randy Day gallantly plays his solo in "All Day and All of the Night."



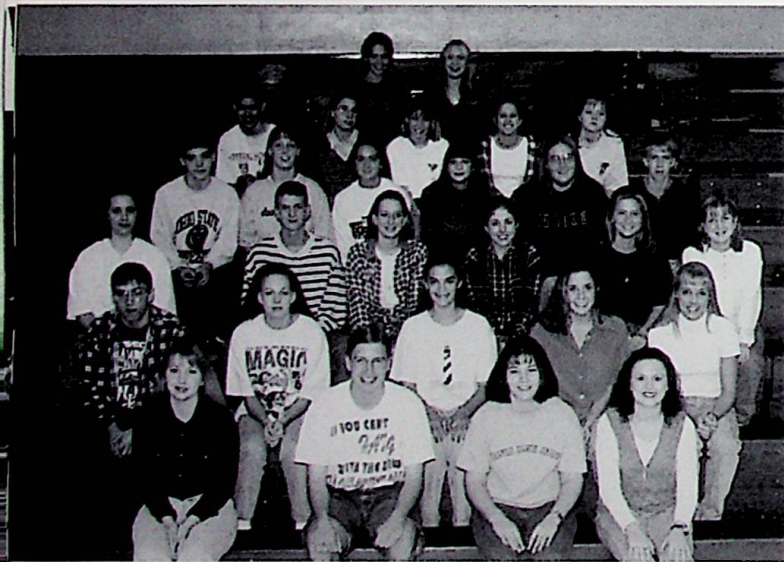
Just another day at the beach for junior Nate Collier.

The alumni band members march onto the football field during alumni night.

The mixed chorus, along with the Select Chorus, sings "Carol of the Bells" during the Christmas concert.



The entire chorus sings during the performance of a medley of Christmas songs.



Third Period Chorus

The Select Chorus sings the National Anthem before the start of the game against Oak Hill.





Select Chorus: Row 1: M. Turner, E. Engle, N. Rase. Row 2: E. Watts, K. Rheinheimer, B. Williams, K. Pyles, D. Skaggs. Row 3: B. Vansickle, C. Benner, A. Chamberlin, A. Reeder, T. Sutton, J. Keller. Row 4: J. Stamper, P. Lodwick, D. Hammond, H. Dye, R. Howard, N. Collier, A. Lindley. Not Pictured: S. Miller, T. Mollett.

Alisha Day accompanies the chorus on "Do You Hear What I Hear?"



The male select chorus members sing a Christmas carol for the audience.

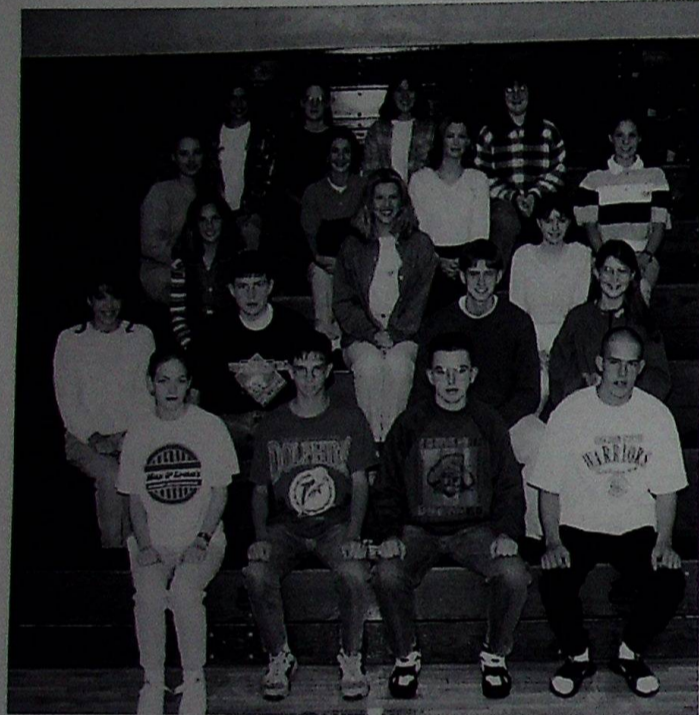
Choir

With the addition of Chamber Chorus, WHS increased its repertoire to three distinct choruses this school year under the direction of Mrs. Erin Gill. The members in Select Chorus were dedicated enough to meet in the mornings before school to learn their songs and choreography for their performances. During the month of December, the Select Chorus had a total of 17 different performances during the Christ-

mas season. The new Chamber Chorus met each day during the previously scheduled period for Select Chorus. Members of the choruses enjoyed working throughout the year for the annual concerts. Probably the highlight of the year was during the spring concert with the production of "Top 40". In addition to the music that spanned several decades, the students got into the music by dressing from those same decades. Those in attendance found it to be a very entertaining evening.

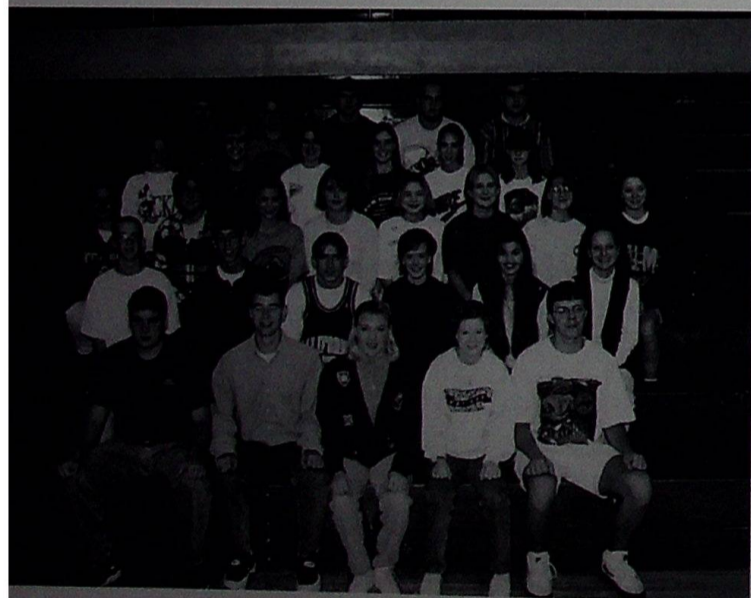
Second Period Mixed Chorus

Adam Chamberlin, Ronni Beth Howard, and Harold Dye proudly sing "The Star Spangled Banner" during a home basketball game.



First Period Mixed Chorus

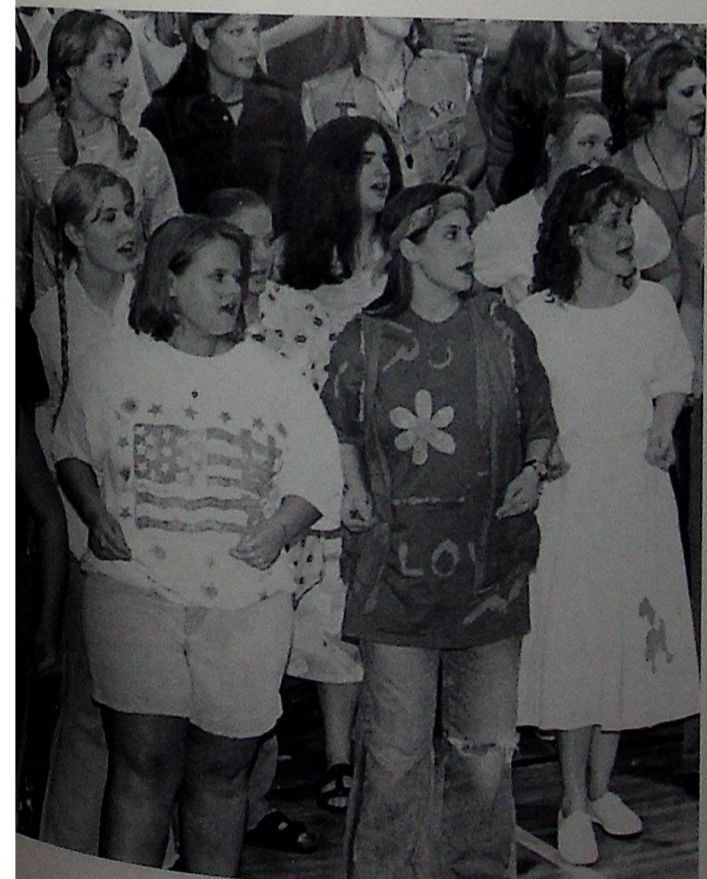
Alicia Browning sings "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" to get the audience into the mood of the season.



Chamber Choir: Row 1: Jamie Stamper, Tiffany Mollett, Nicole Linkous, Becky Williams, April Schnitzius, Nikki Rase, Phil Lodwick, Dusty Skaggs. Row 2: Stephanie Steinhower, Missy Turner, Andrea Neeley, Trish Coleman, Jenny Singer, Wendy Gallaheer, Amy Bays, Katy Pyles. Row 3: Mrs. Gill, Stephanie Baker, Crystal Chitwood, Nate Moore, Aaron Lindley, Sean Miller, Amanda Simon, Amanda Hurley. Row 4: Angela Etterling, Chad Benner, Tom Vallance, Derrick Hammond, Adam Chamberlin, Kent Williams.



Select member Adam Chamberlin sings "Duke of Earl" during the performance of Top 40.



At the spring concert, the combined chorus enjoys dressing to the music theme, in addition to the fun choreography.

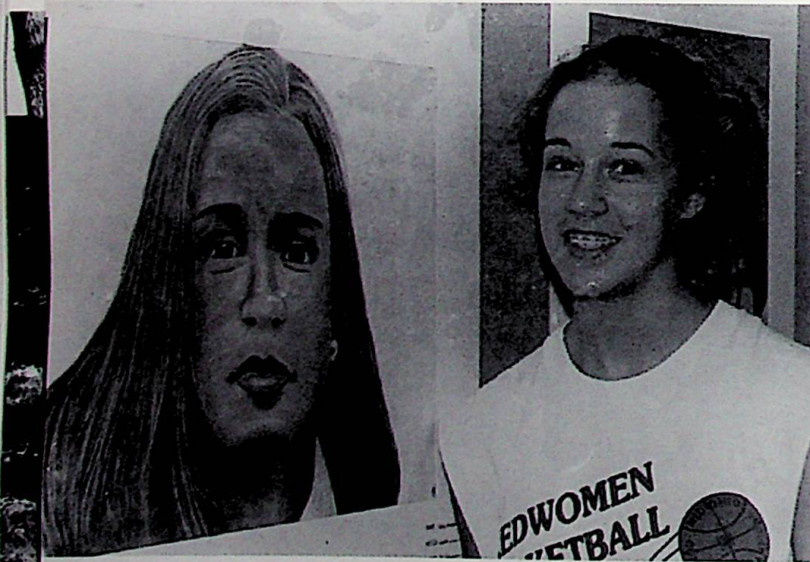
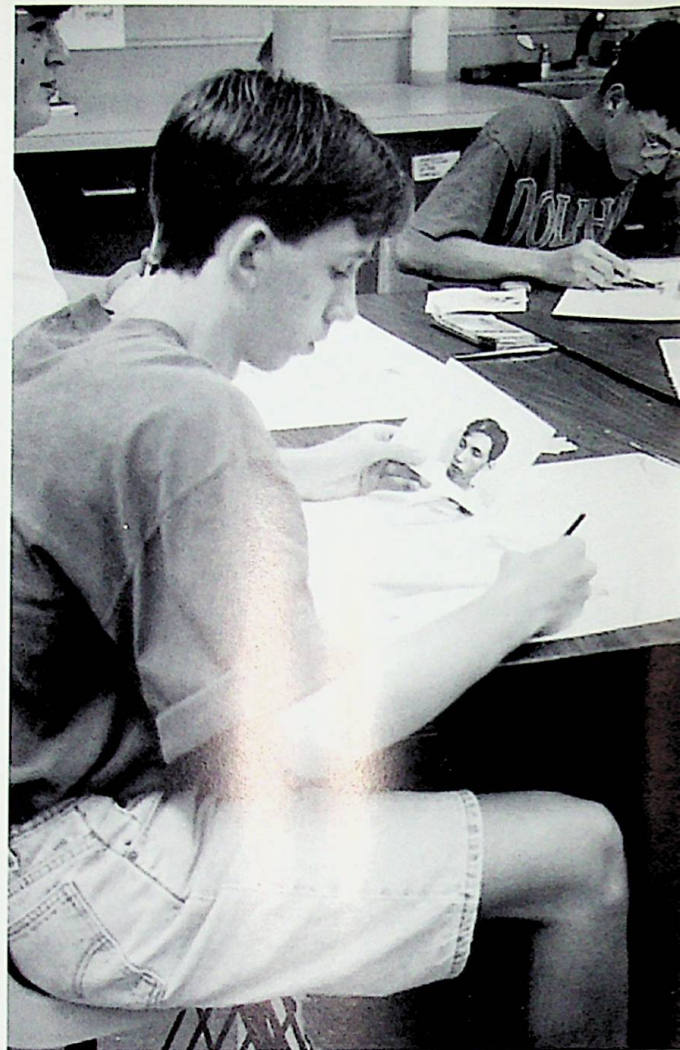
Select Chorus seniors: Becky Williams, Nikki Rase, Phil Lodwick, Emily Watts, Kristy Rheinheimer. Not pictured: Sean Miller.

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Shane Adkins works on creating a business card logo and design.



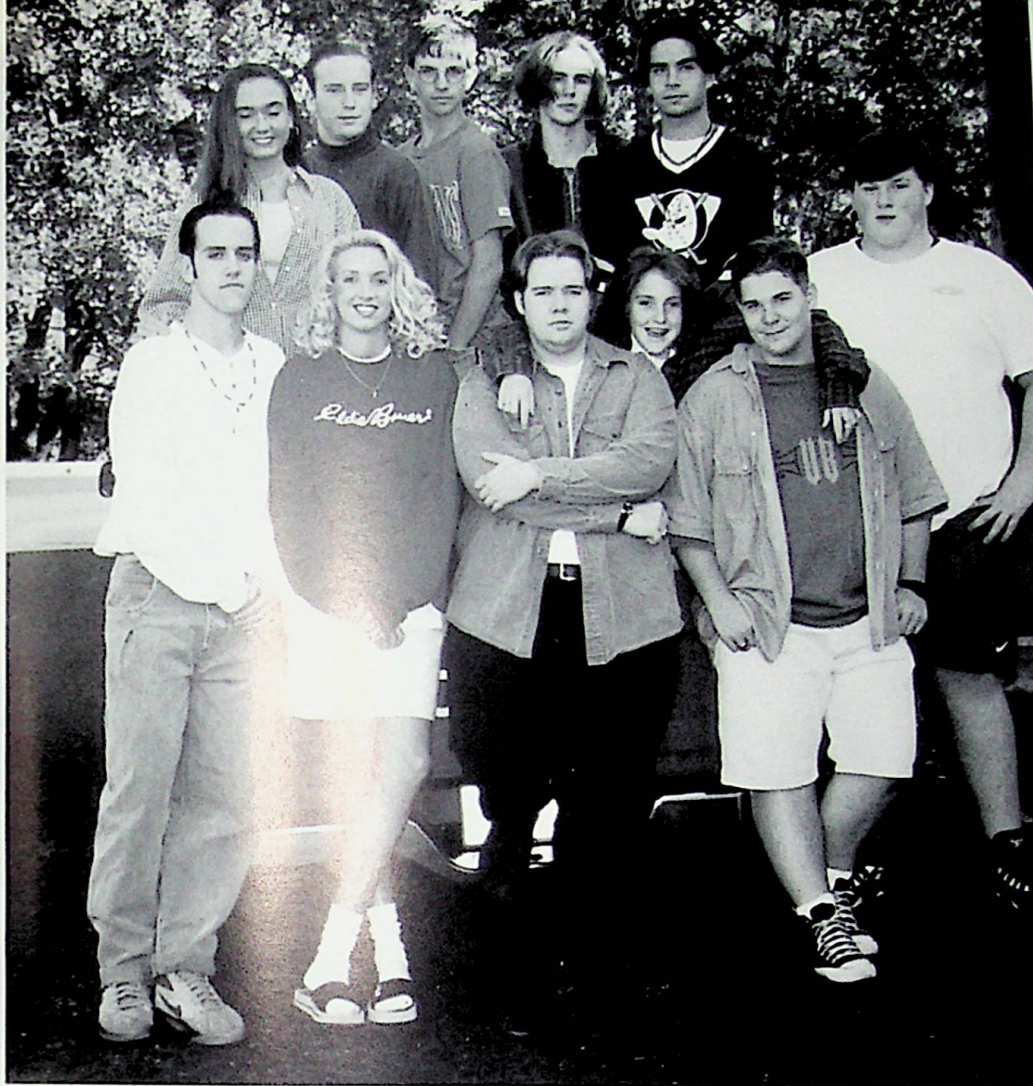
David Walker and Jason Burk work on their self portraits.



Becky Riepenhoff displays her self-portrait done in graphite.

Jessica Pace works on an acrylic self-portrait.





The Advanced Art Program

Jodi Giles and Lana McGinnis pose with Jodi's acrylic painting while setting up the cafeteria.



Art Program

Wow! The Art department this year again advanced further into the world of technology. With the help of Mr. Tom Suter, Dustin Burleson, Kell Hicks, and countless others, WHS moved onto the Internet. We developed a home page where anyone around the world can view everything from sports and academics to the artist of the month. It's more than amazing, it's an interactive creation. It seems that Wheelersburg and the rest of the world is living in a Digital Renaissance.

Jeff Pinson works on his self-portrait as part of his senior artwork.

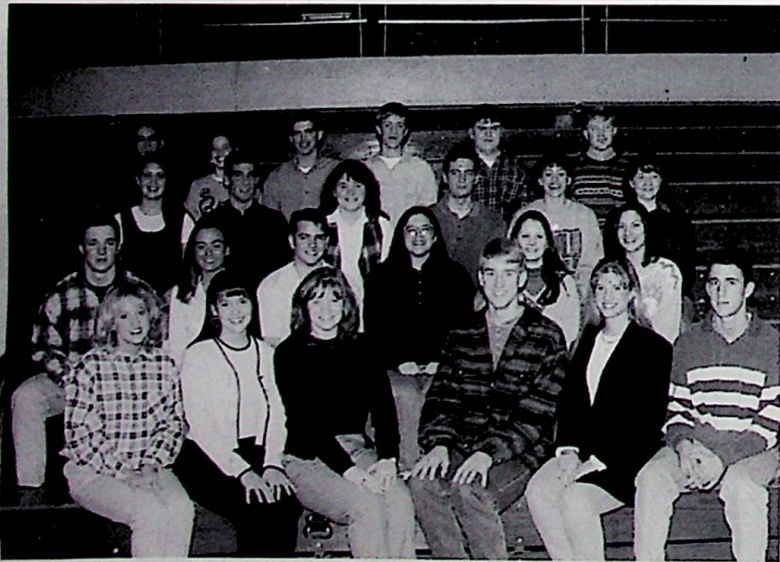
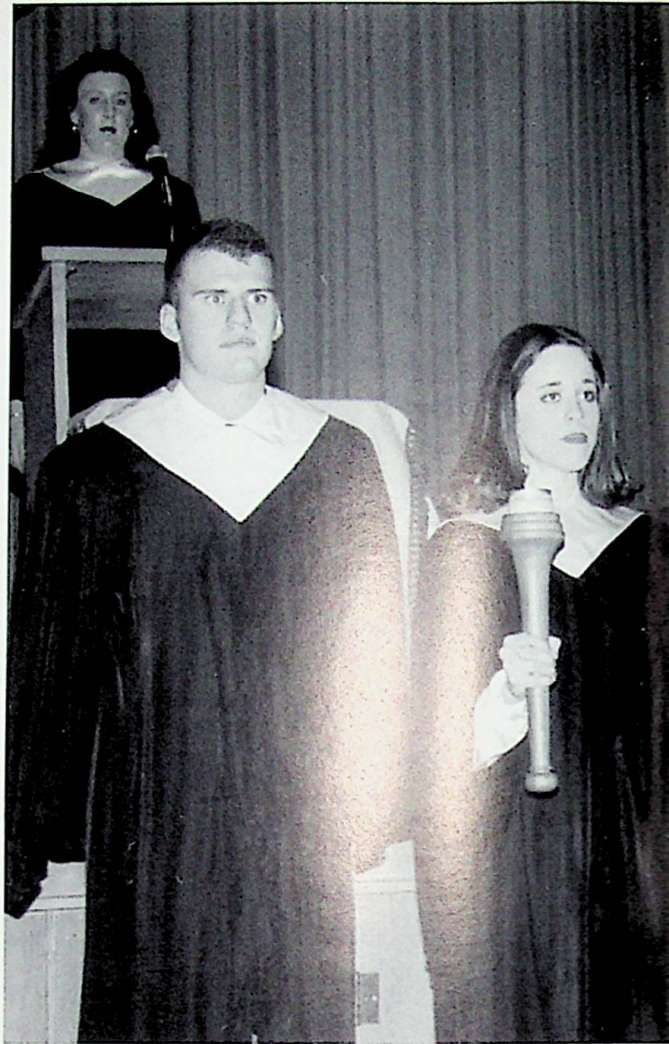
Forget traditional medias. We are in a time that needs to be embraced. By linking up with the Internet, our home page can tell the world all about our community.

In interviewing Mr. Suter, we found that art is getting better because there is more interest and more people going into that field. We also found that we were honorably chosen as one of 18 schools who could display our achievements at the Vern Riffe Center of Arts to the state-elected officials. In the words of Mr. Stuer, "Get on there and see it. You'll never understand till you experience it."

Senior members: Row 1: Anna Cunningham, Jane Allwood, Andy Heimbach, Jessica Edwards, Tim Jenkins, Josh Bryan, Kevin Bauer. Row 2: Natalie Riepenhoff, Shawn Boll, Keri Ann Delph, Heather Deal, Megan Wawro, Mindy Vanderhoof, Sean Miller. Row 3: J.D. Emmett, Jim Martin, Shannon Rose, Amanda See, Lindsey Mullins, Jessica Parsley, Lynnsay Leesburg.

Seniors J.D. Emmett and Jane Allwood, with Amanda See looking on, remain calm as they prepare to induct a new member.

Below right: Junior Jessica Schmidt smiles happily as she is tapped by Heather Deal and Jessica Edwards.



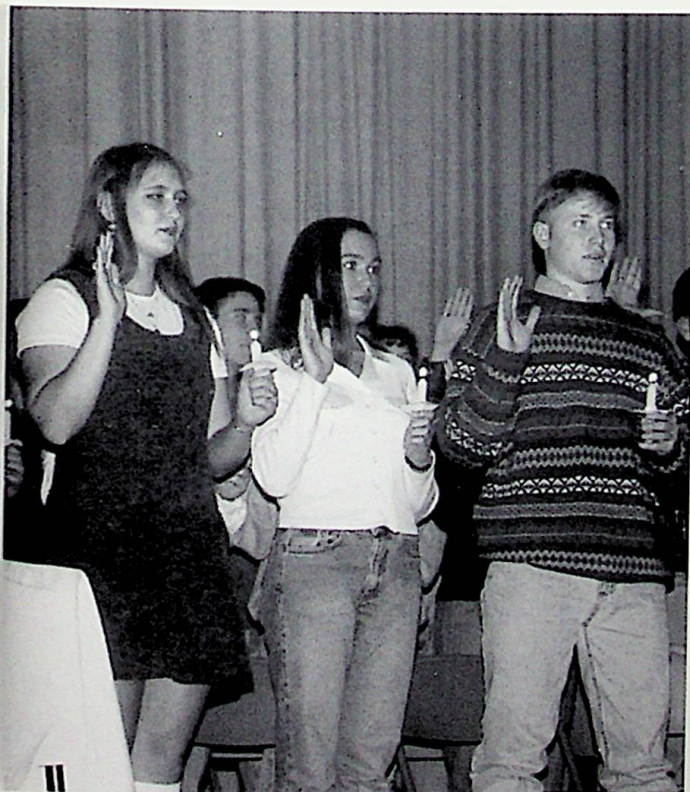
New members: Row 1: Traci Warner, Amanda Smith, Melanie Morris, Nathan Collier, Rebecca Schwamberger, Brent Eaton. Row 2: Dan Blankenship, Jessica Pace, Jeremy Rawlins, Erica Engle, Amanda Johnson, Zanita Hoskins. Row 3: Heather Miller, Aaron Burleson, Kristi Hayslip, Brent Wakefield, Jessica Schmidt, Sarah Howard. Row 4: Zach Riepenhoff, Jodi Giles, Nathan Skiver, Will Wood, Todd Johnson, Gordon Givan.





Senior Natalie Riepenhoff proudly inducts her cousin Zack Riepenhoff in one of the last school activities that they will be in together.

National Honor Society President Josh Bryan carefully lights the candle of Leadership.



NHS Inductions

"Our freshman and sophomore years watching the inductions wasn't a big deal. Then, our junior year, it became much more," said Amanda Smith, a new inductee. This statement expressed the thoughts and feeling of most juniors. Nervousness and anxiety swept over the juniors and seniors as the tapping began. It was a beautiful ceremony with

Heather Miller, Jessica Pace, and Gordon Givan pledge their devotion to the George Rightmire Chapter of NHS.

relatively few setbacks.

Two-year members were nervous too. "I was just praying I wouldn't light someone's hair on fire," expressed Anna Cunningham. Nobody's hair caught on fire and everybody survived.

After the ceremony, new members relaxed with their friends, teachers, and family in the cafeteria and laughed about how nervous they had been.

Jerod Tilley crowns Jessica as the 1996 Basketball Homecoming Queen.

Queen Jessica Parsley flashes a dazzling smile for the camera.





Sophomore attendant Angela Burleson, Queen Jessica Parsley, and their escorts dance during the first song.

Queen Jessica Parsley enjoys a dance with Jerod Tilley.



Basketball Homecoming

The basketball homecoming was truly a night to remember. It began with a victory for the reserve team. Then at halftime in the varsity game, the queen Jessica Parsley and her court were recognized in a beautiful

ceremony. Jessica and her court looked elegant in their lovely dresses. With the theme song "When I Saw You", the basketball homecoming will be a night that no one will ever forget.

Junior attendant Jamie Stamper and her escort Brent Eaton share a smile as they dance the "Court's Dance."

Freshman attendant Lindsay Cole poses with her escort Mike Leesburg.

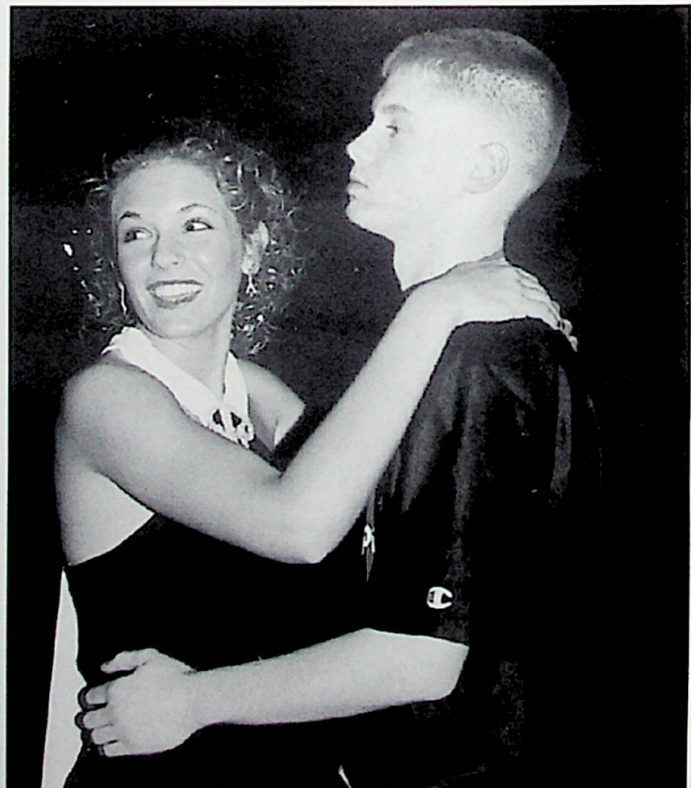


Sophomore attendant Angela Bureson poses with her escort Justin Schmidt.



The girls' flowers and shoes were left behind as they enjoyed the dancing part of the homecoming activities.

Angela Bureson and Justin Schmidt enjoy a dance together during the homecoming dance after the game.



Junior attendant Jamie Stamper poses with her escort Brent Eaton.



Senior attendant Jessica Edwards poses with her escort Dustin Sampson.



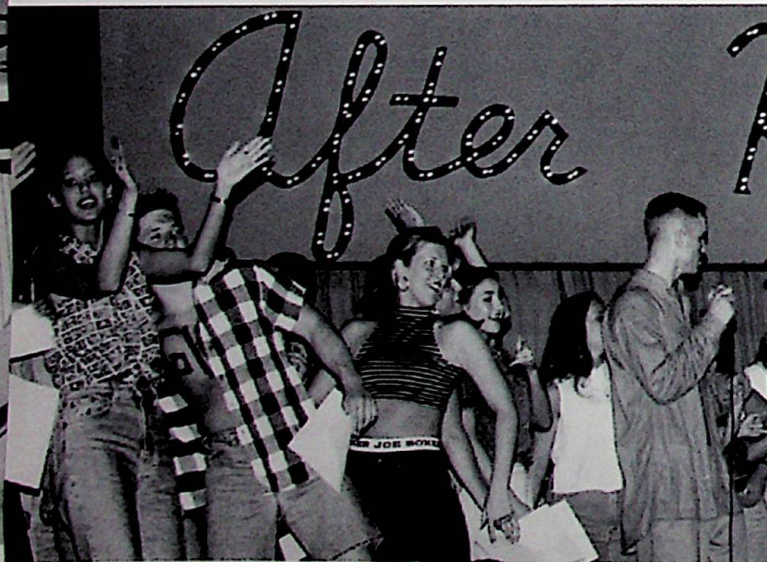
Lindsay Cole and Dustin Sampson share a fast dance during the end of the dance.

Senior attendant Jessica Edwards, along with the other students in attendance, enjoy the music until the very end of the evening.

During the first half, Adam Chamberlin and Jennifer Keller sing the duet "Love Is".

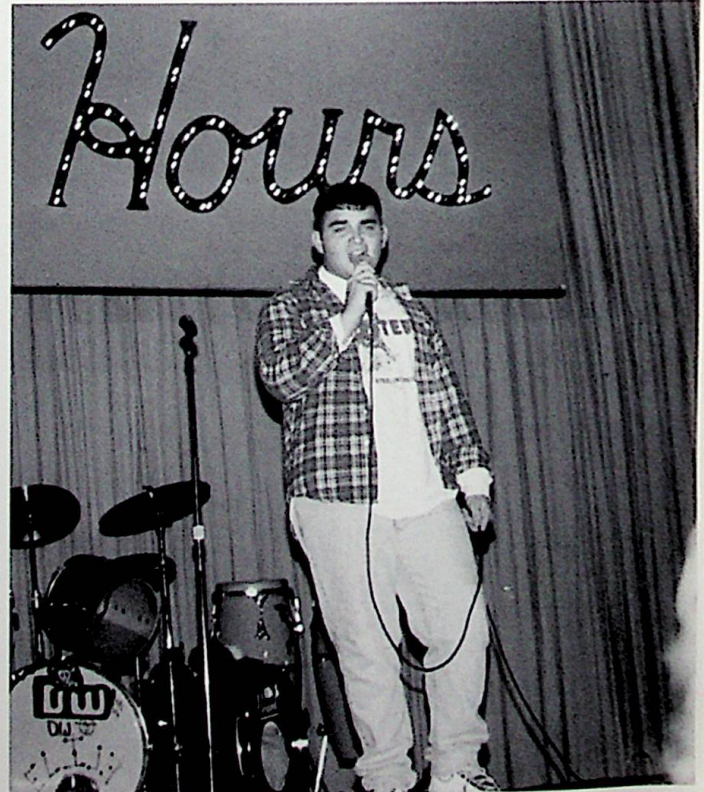


Shane Adkins plays the bongos during his act with Eli Eli.



The performers enjoy the final song of the night, "Lean on Me".

Derrick Hammond enjoys singing "Too Much Fun" for the packed gymnasium.



Hours



During the act "Big Girls Don't Cry", Dustin Sampson and Brent Eaton amuse the crowd.

Missy Turner touches the crowd with her song "In Heaven's Eyes".



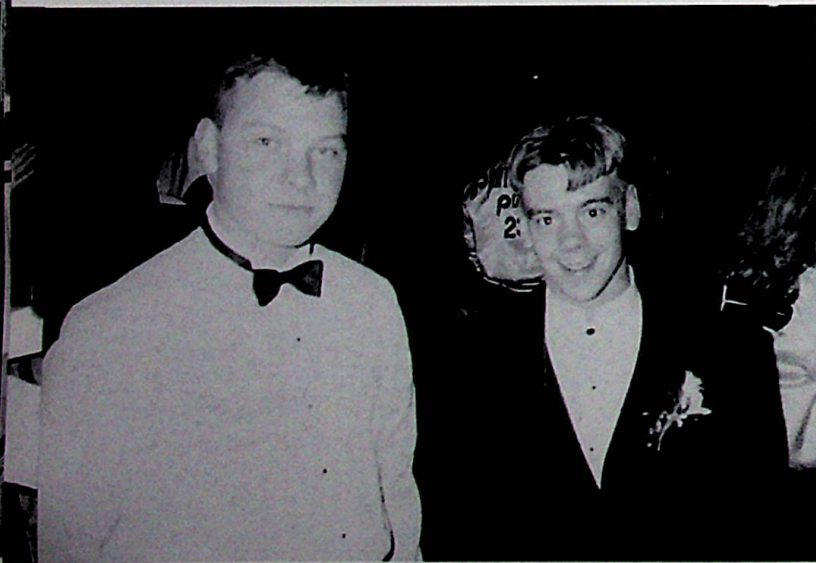
After Hours

From the stirring rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner" by Jessica Parsley and Jim Miller to the thrilling finale "Lean On Me" by the entire cast of performers, After Hours was truly a night to remember. In the first half of the evening, Lindsey Hall, Lindsay Cole, and Sarah Mershon entertained the crowd by singing "Waterfalls." Next, Mrs. Switalski moved the audience with the dedication to her

Kent Williams sings "Music of the Night" from the Broadway musical *Phantom of the Opera* during his part of the show.

daughter of "Letting Go." In the second half, the band Eli Eli whose members are Shane Adkins, Jason Burnside, Andrew Jenkins, and T.J. Ridenhour excited the crowd with their performance of "Flood." Everyone can remember the "Surprise" act when Brent Eaton, Dustin Sampson, and Shane Adkins sang "Big Girls Don't Cry" dressed as women. The performers will remember the last act of the fun-filled night when they were called back to the stage for the final song "Lean On Me."

After working many long hours preparing for the prom, the prom committee members finally get to enjoy themselves. Members are Erica Engle, Amanda Smith, Alisa Moore, Melanie Morris, Renee Tallerico, Jenny Chapman, Molly Cross, Ben Lewis.



Rob Mullins and Erik Jennings make their rounds before entering the prom.

Tiffany Mollett, Rebecca Schwamberger, and Renee Tallerico dance all night.





These junior and senior girls take time to pose for a picture.

Before entering the prom, Lindsey Hall and Brent Eaton pose for pictures.



Josh Robirds enjoys the evening's activities.

Prom

They blew up balloons. They constructed arches. They cut. They taped. They climbed ladders and in two days, they transformed a simple meeting room into a sparkling creative picture of elegance. The prom committee devoted many hours towards the prom decorations. Their efforts were greatly appreciated.

April 26 was definitely a Fri-

day night to remember. Those who attended were treated to a visual extravagance of silver, purple, and black. During the evening, everyone danced to the theme "Wonderful Tonight." After dining, snapping pictures, and enjoying each other's gowns and tuxedos, the evening had to end. It was an incredible and memorable night for all who attended. Many then enjoyed socializing with friends the rest of the night and the next morning while attending the After Prom at Shawnee State University.

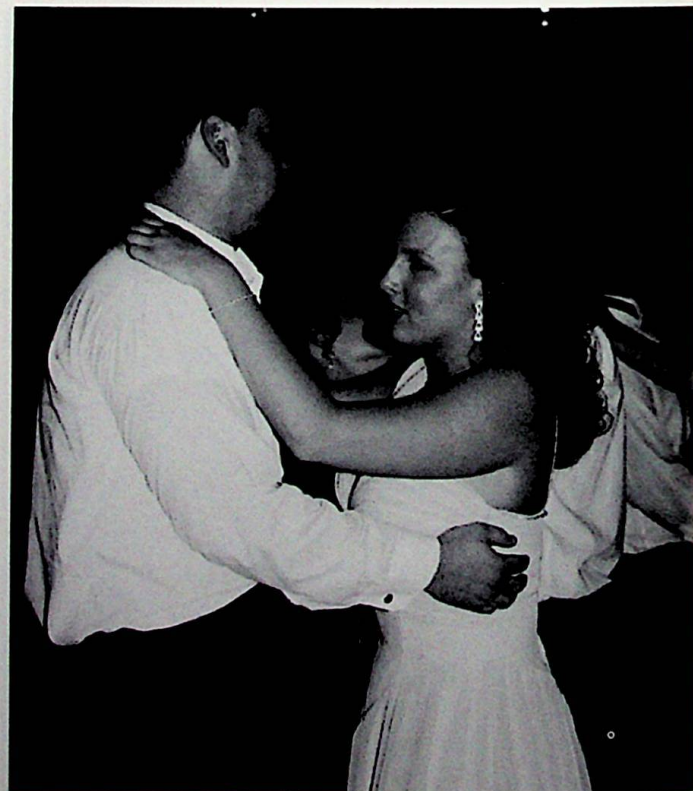
The dance floor was not too crowded yet which gave this group plenty of room to boogie woogie as they do the electric slide.

Monica Ruggles, Jessica Parsley, and Jessica Edwards have a few laughs while out on the dance floor.



These junior girls and their dates stand in front of their limo before going to Frazier's for dinner.

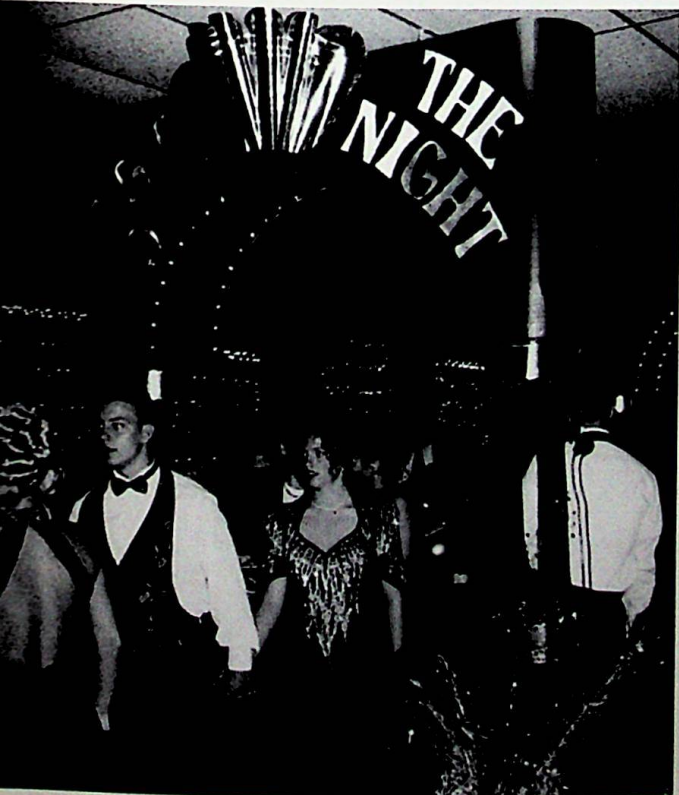
Senior Amanda See and Andy Albrecht enjoy dancing to a slow song at their last prom.





This group of junior girls take a break from all the excitement of their first prom as they smile for the camera.

Tiffany Hughes and Keith Charles get caught by the camera while enjoying refreshments.

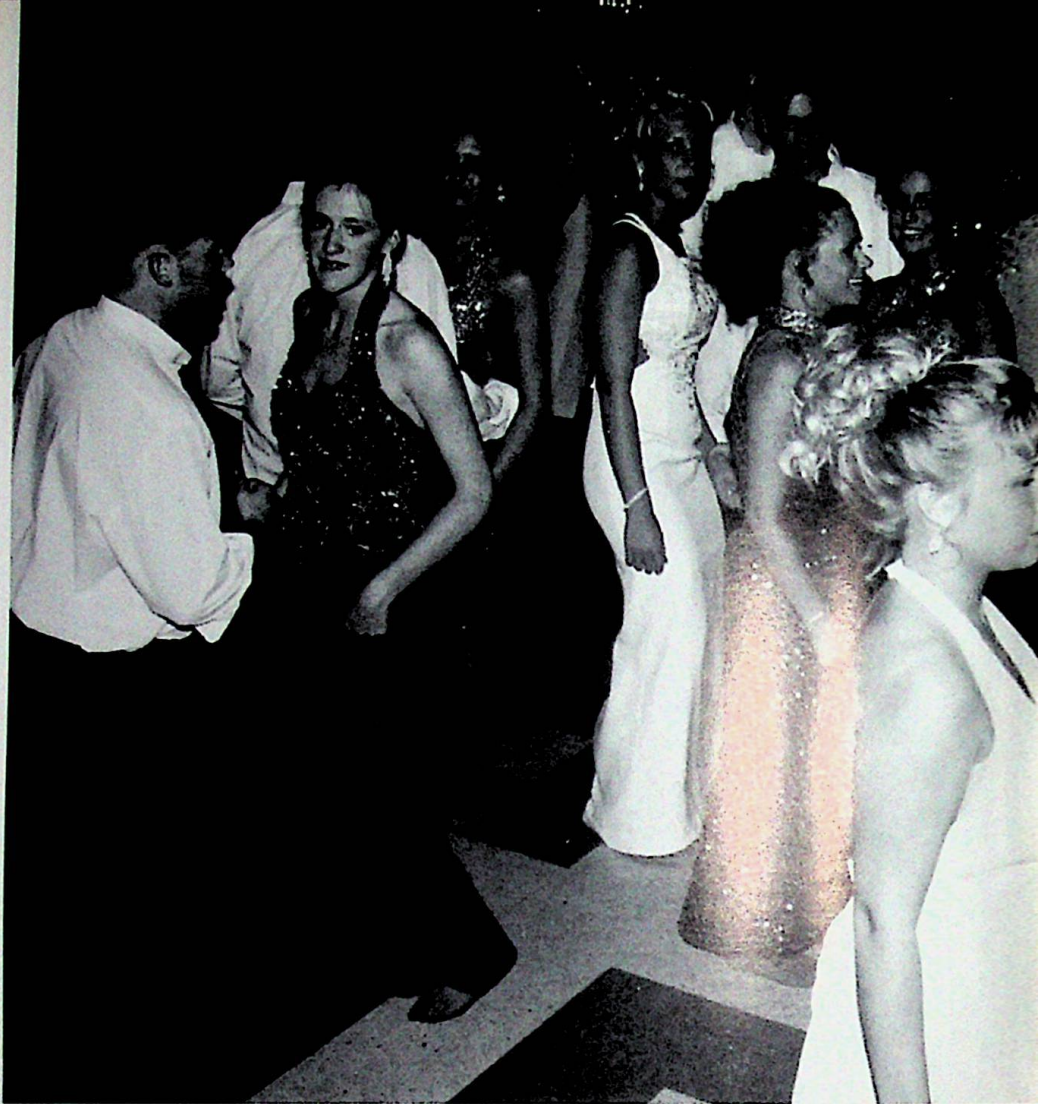


After months of preparation, the prom decorations were finished in time. Everyone enjoyed the "Music of the Night" as they danced all night long.

Melanie Morris and Brent Wakefield are announced before going into the prom.

Kicking off their shoes, this group continues to dance the night away.

Jonas Aronsson and Emily Watts dance to another slow song as they enjoy their evening at the prom.



Erica Engle smiles sweetly while posing with Will Wood for a snapshot.

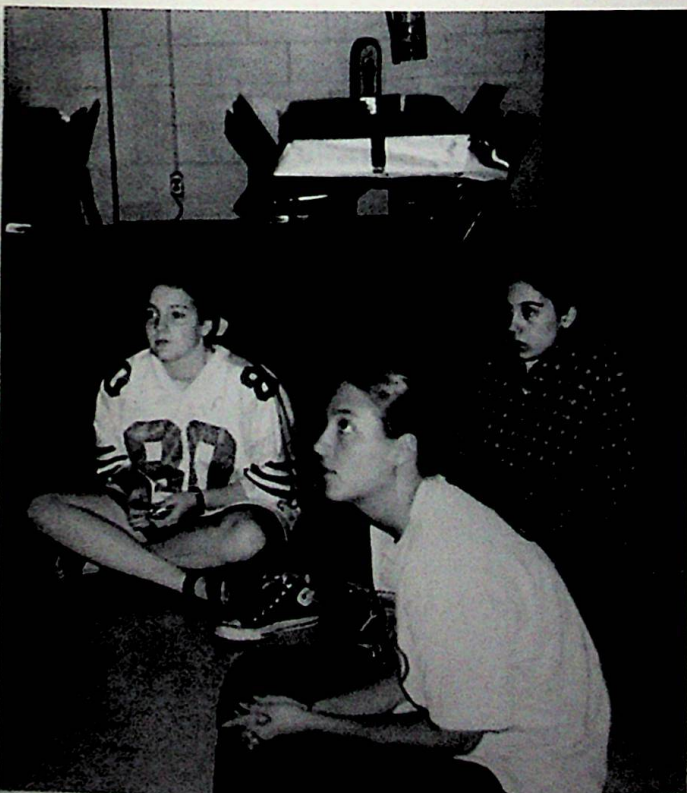
These senior guys get a little crazy at the prom.





1-2-3-4-Get your woman on the floor. Lynnsay and Jim are gonna get up and get down.

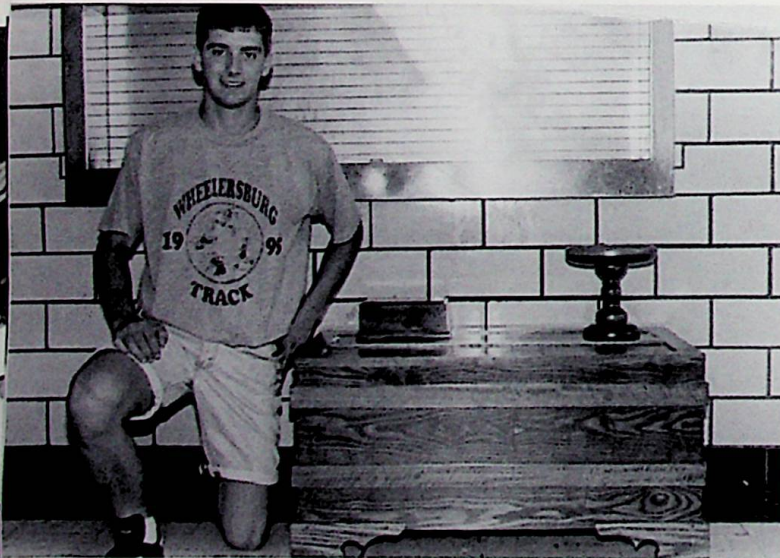
These couples are warming up the dance floor as they dance to a slow number early in the evening.



Prom committee members Molly, Tracy, and Renee listen for further instructions from Mrs. Bibbey and Mrs. Russell.

In front of the gorgeous scenery at Frazier's these girls pose for a memorable picture.

The entire mixed chorus performs "Top 40," a medley of hit songs from the 60's, 70's, and 80's.



John Adams kneels by the pieces of furniture he created in shop class. These, along with other woodworking projects, were on display in the cafeteria.



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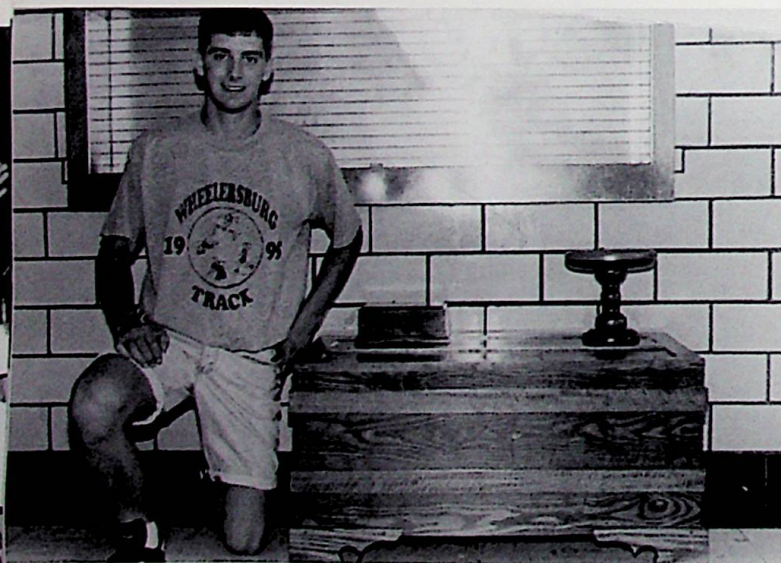
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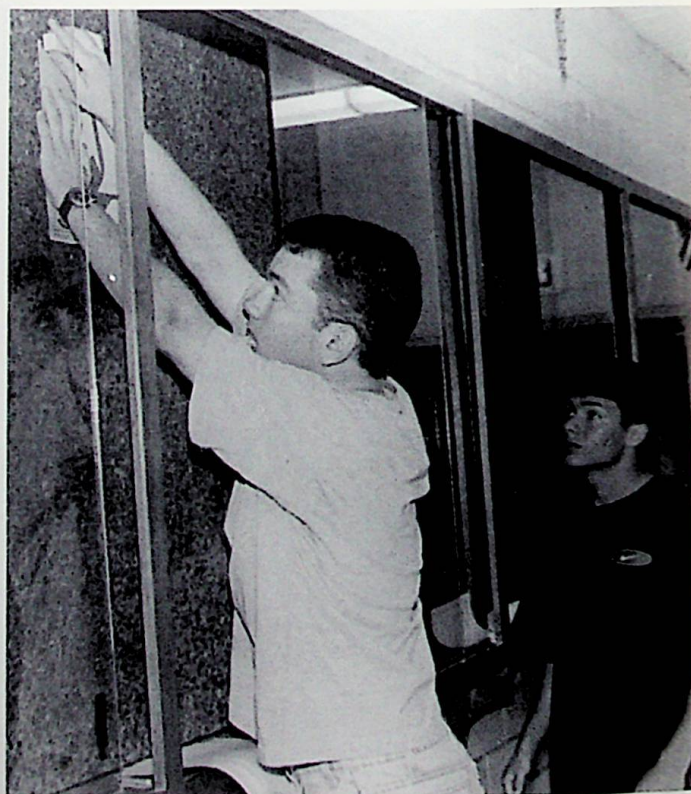
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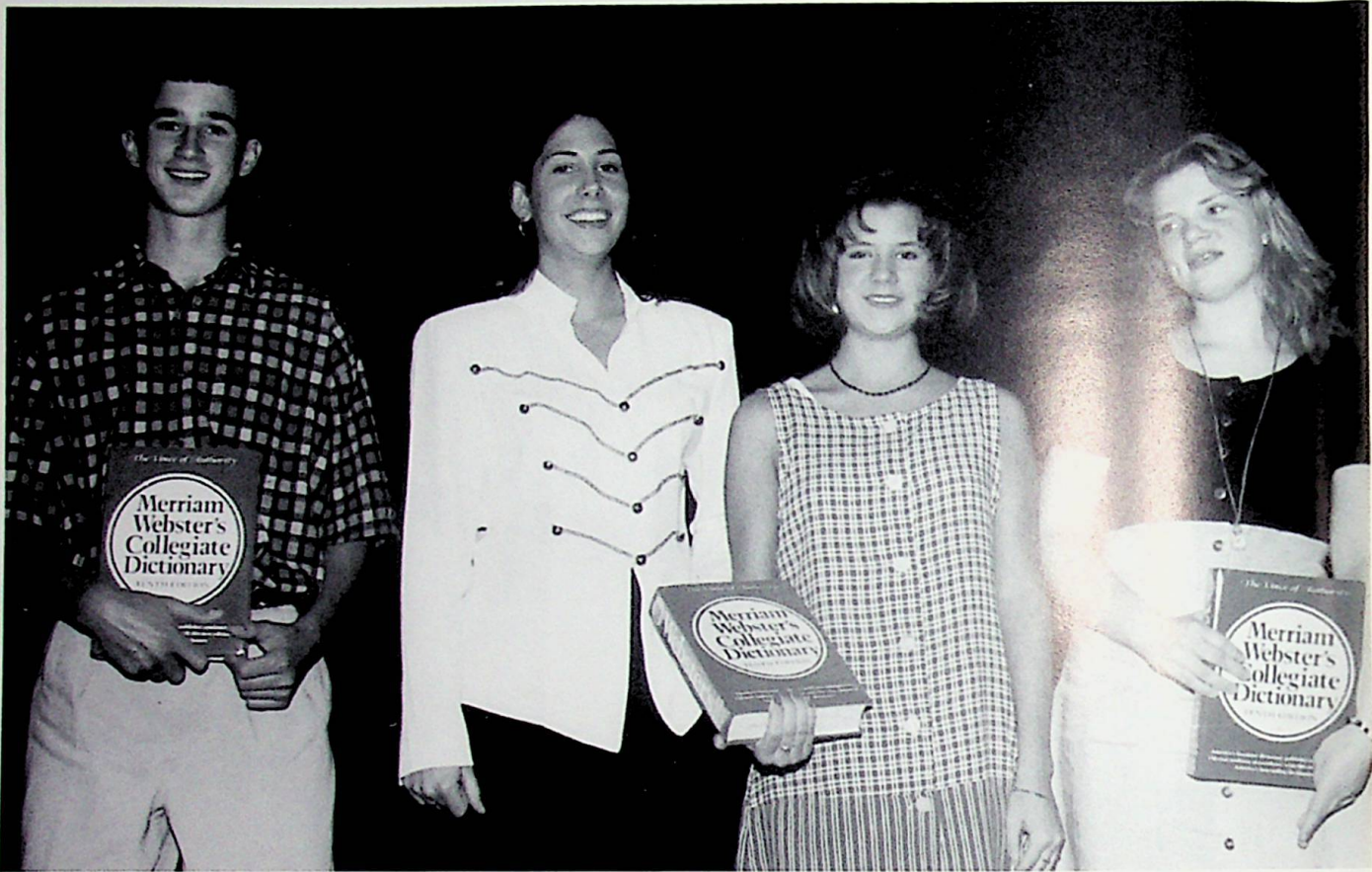
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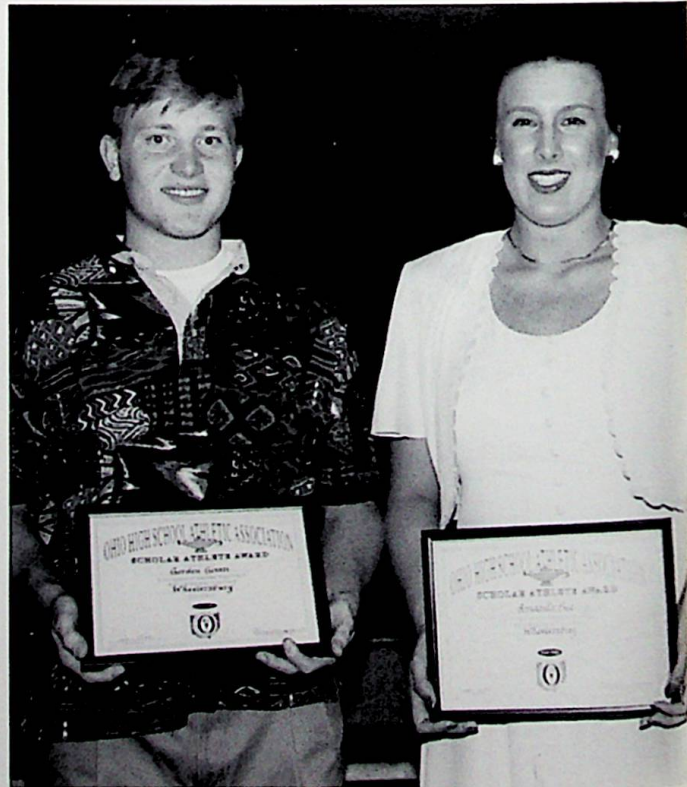
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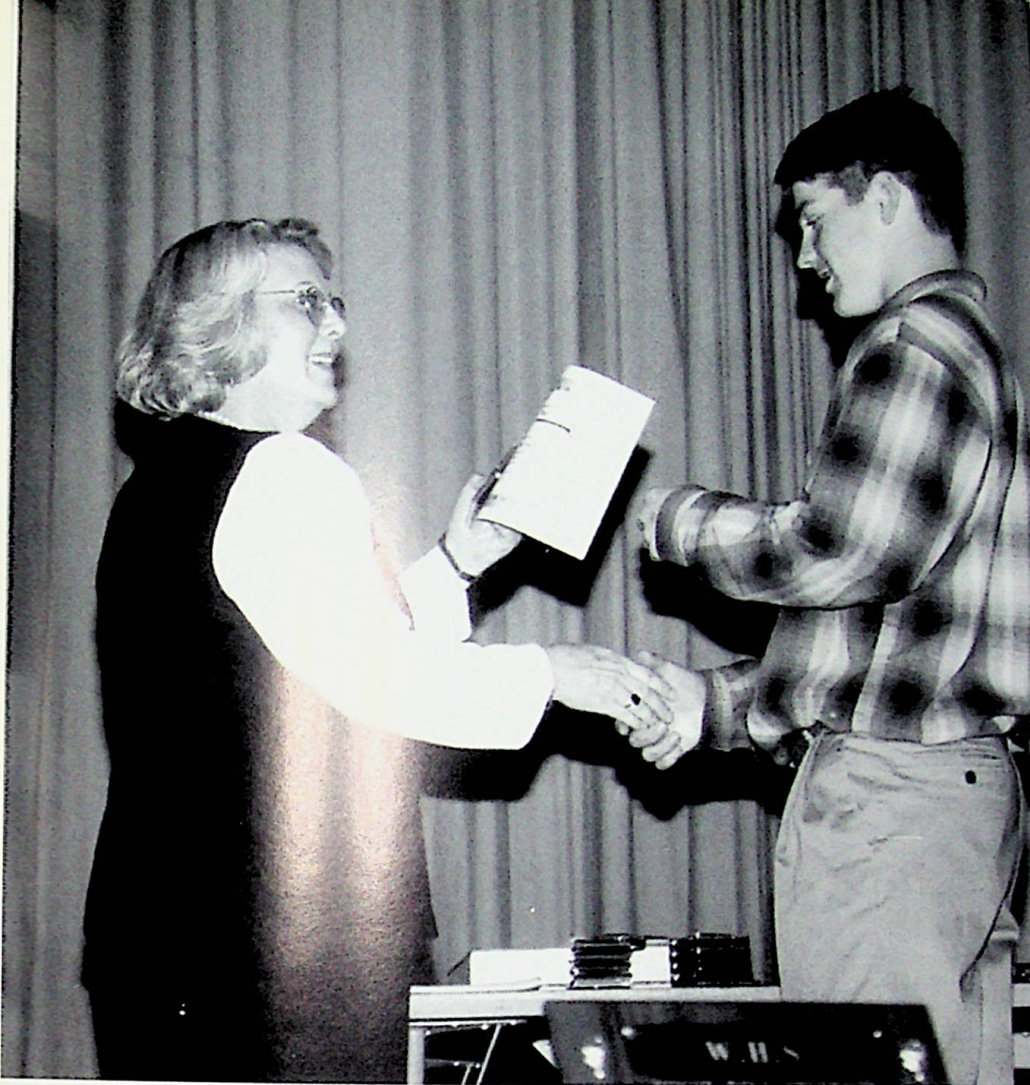
Tom Turner, Brittany Thomas, Alison Moore, and Susan Dehart were the winners of this year's dictionaries, presented annually by the Wheelersburg Education Association.



Row 1: Kelly Ruley, Ronni Beth Howard, Nathan Schwamburger. Row 2: Danielle McKinney, Charlene Darrell-Fields. Row 3: Ryan Kimsey, Mrs. Joyce Riepenhoff, Melissa Gibson. These Spanish I and II students all took the National Spanish Exam held in Cincinnati.

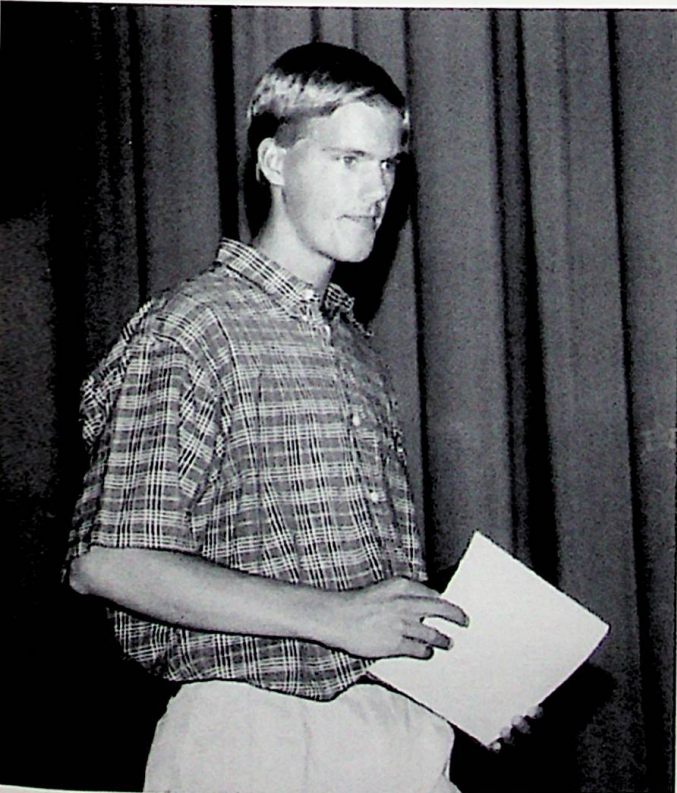
Seniors Gordon Givan and Amanda See receive the OHSAA Scholar Athlete Award for WHS for the school year 1996.





Freshman Scott Estep receives his award at his first scholarship banquet in high school.

Melissa Gibson relaxes with several of her friends and classmates after finishing the meal. The students always enjoy the covered dish banquet, especially the pizza.



Scholarship Banquet

One hundred and twenty-five scholars gathered with their friends and families at the 1996 WHS Scholarship Banquet to "Celebrate", as the theme stated, their academic achievements. For some, it was their last, and for others, it was their first, but it was a good time for all. At the banquet, students and groups alike received recognition. This year

Foreign exchange student Jonas Aronsson walks back to his seat after being recognized for his academic achievements at WHS for the 1996 school year.

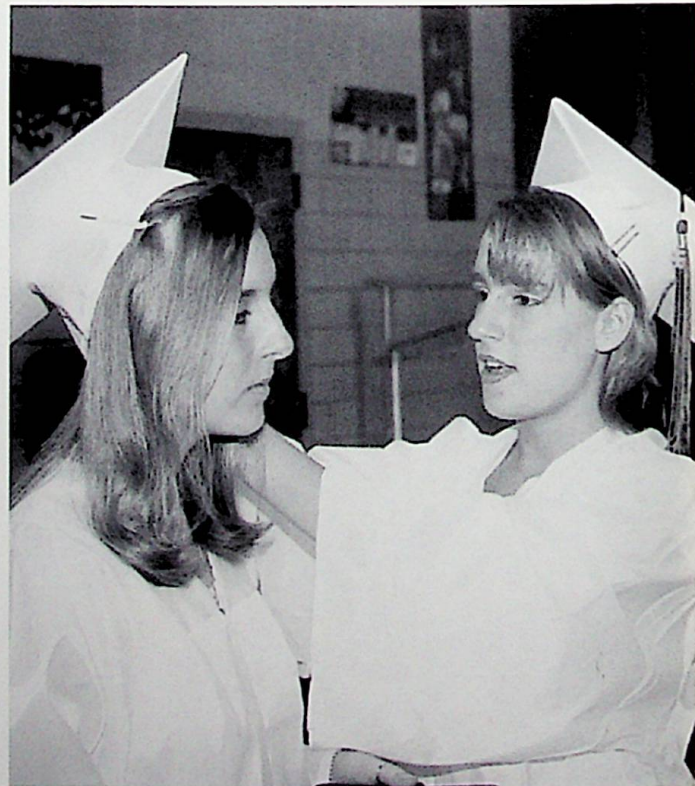
was the first that the students who took the National Spanish Exam were recognized for their efforts. The OHSAA Scholar Athlete awards, along with quiz team awards, were given near the close of the banquet. As always, the WEA and the Dudit Scholarships were presented immediately following the quiz team recognition. As some look forward to next year, and some look back, everyone will remember the celebration at the 1996 WHS Scholarship Banquet.

The graduating Class of 1996 sings the National Anthem to begin the graduation ceremony.



Chris Aeh and Tom Vallance relax in the band room while waiting for graduation to begin.

Rachelle Whitley helps Marti Henthorn with her cap.





Josh Bryan escorts Heather Miller to the stage. Heather had the cast removed just a few days prior to graduation.

After giving the invocation, J.D. Emmett leads the Class of 1996 in the National Anthem.



Graduation

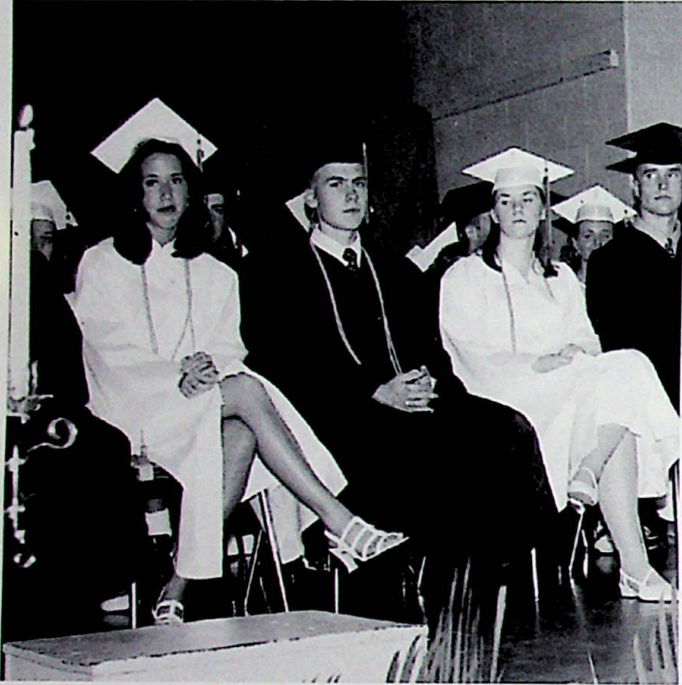
On May 26, the Class of 1996 listed a total of 114 members scheduled to receive diplomas at the WHS gymnasium. There had been hopes of having the graduation ceremony outside at the stadium, but persistent storms made the final decision to move the exercises inside the school. Of the 114 members, 98 students attended WHS, and 16 students had attended classes at Scioto County Joint Vocational School. The Class of 1996 had three co-valedictorians, one salutato-

While waiting in the band room, Kell Hicks adjusts his tassel while visiting with his classmates.

rian, and the top vocational student from the class present speeches during the graduation ceremony. Graduating with high honors were 8 members, 11 graduated with honors, and three students were recognized for four years of perfect attendance.

It was a time to reflect over many memories that had occurred within the hallways of WHS over these four years. But most of all, it was a day of celebration as they passed through one doorway into another one of new beginnings for the graduating Class of 1996.

As speeches are made, several members of the Class of 1996 reflect on the memories of their high school years.



Co-valedictorian Gordon Givan gives thanks to the teachers and his parents for their encouragement throughout his years of high school.



The Select Chorus, both old and new members, sing "Maybe Someday" with those graduates who participated in the vocal program at WHS.

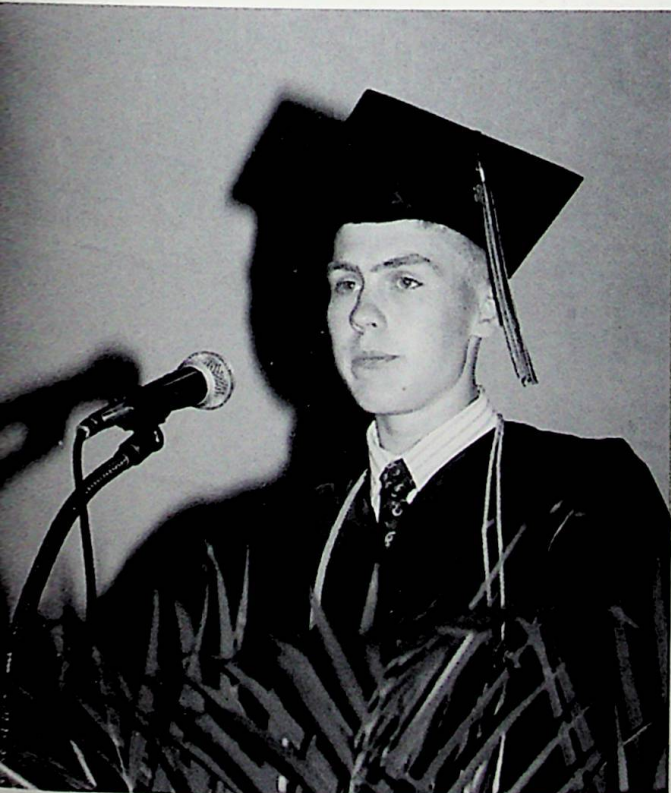
Top Vocational Student Shellie Carver talks about the importance of the Occupational Work Experience program for her at the SCJVS.





This group of graduates pose together for a final picture while waiting in the chorus room during that final hour before the ceremony.

Co-valedictorian Megan Wawro shares a scripture verse from Jeremiah as encouragement for the Class of 1996.



Co-valedictorian Josh Bryan encourages the community to actively support the Wheelersburg Local School system in the passing of a much-needed levy.

After reflecting over many memories shared with her classmates, Co-valedictorian Lynnsay Leesburg receives her trophy from Dr. Sells, Superintendent.

Mr. Gill presents Shawn Boll with his four years of perfect attendance plaque.



Kevin Bauer receives his diploma and congratulations on four years of perfect attendance from Chris Eaton, President of the Wheelersburg School Board.



Randy Day and Will Wood talk over their plans while waiting for the ceremony to begin.

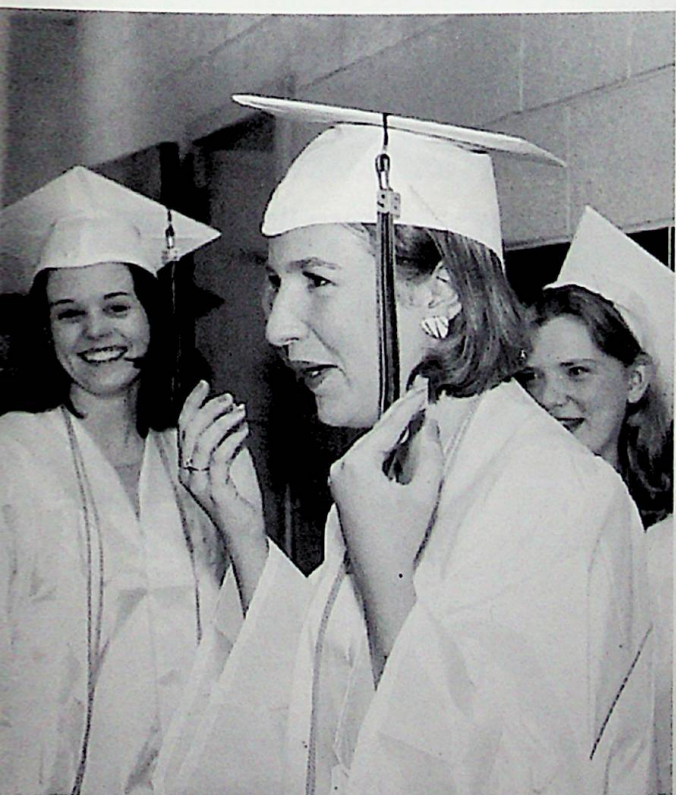
Dawn Switalski, Kelly Rowe, Angie Bateman, and Shellie Carver pose together for a final photograph.





Natalie Riepenhoff receives her long-awaited diploma and becomes a graduate of WHS.

A toss of their caps begin the celebration for the graduating members of the Class of 1996.



Anna Cunningham is caught by the camera as she talks excitedly with friends before the ceremony.

Andy Heimbach receives his plaque in recognition of four-years perfect attendance.

Plans of the 1996 Graduates and Scholarships for 1996

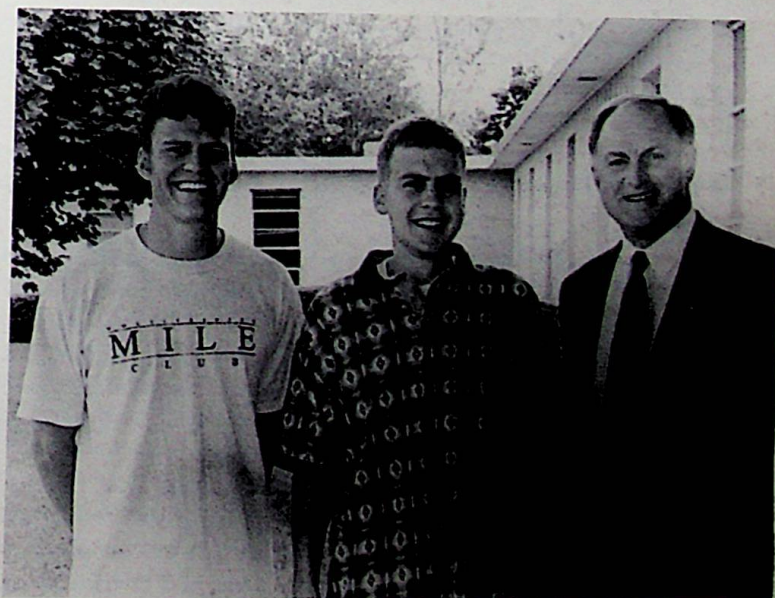
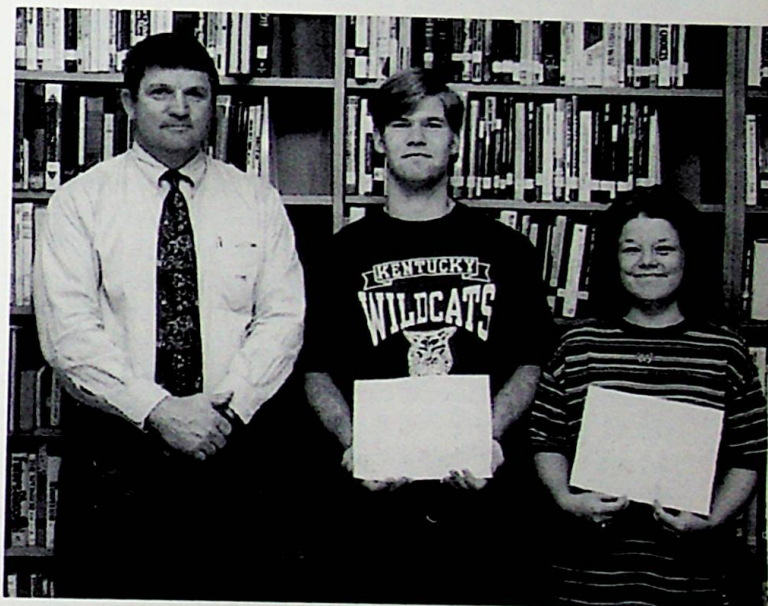
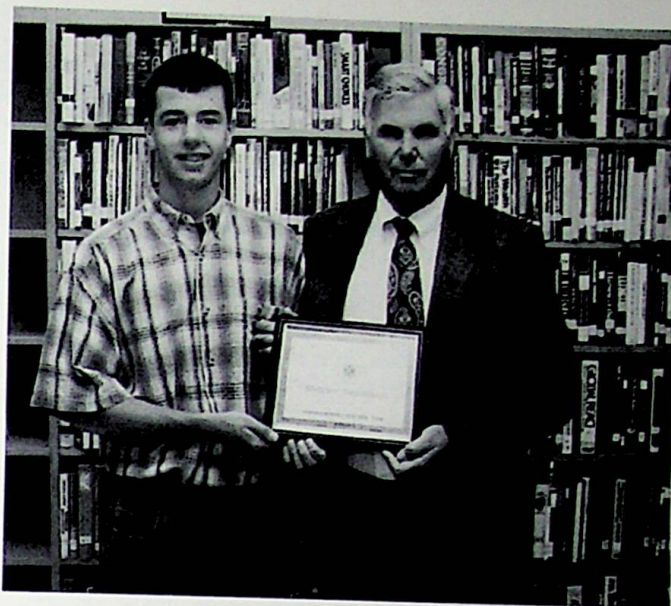
The Class of 1996 had a total of 114 graduates, 98 from the home school and 16 from the vocational school. Concerning plans for the graduates, 83 plan to attend a four-year college or university, 5 plan to attend a two-year college, 3 plan to join the Armed Services, and 23 plan to work. The Class of 1996 had 24 students to receive scholarship monies by the time of graduation. Scholarships were awarded to: Jane Allwood—Anderson University Merit Scholarship; Kevin Bauer—Century Cable Community Service Scholarship and Ohio Northern Academic Scholarship; Mindy Blair—Wilmington College Presidential Scholarship and the Duduit Scholarship; Shawn Boll—Ohio State Freshman Foundation Scholarship and the Duduit Scholarship; Josh Bryan—the Wheelersburg Lions Club Scholarship; Melody Burnett—Shawnee State Academic Scholarship; Anna Cunningham—Transylvania College Dean's Scholarship and the Wheelersburg Educator's Association Scholarship; Randy Day—Baptist Youth Quiz League Scholarship and Pensacola Christian College Academic Scholarship; Susan DeHart—Ohio State University Freshman Scholarship; J.D. Emmett—Shawnee State University Freshmen Excellence Scholarship and the Wheelersburg Lions Club Scholarship; Gordon Givan—Shawnee State University Freshmen Excellence Scholarship; Andrew Heimbach—Mount Vernon Nazarene College Academic Honors Scholarship and Baseball Scholarship and the

Elza McCain Memorial Scholarship; Tim Jenkins—the Portsmouth Kiwanis Scholarship and the Roger Padron Scholarship; Lynnsay Leesburg—Ohio State University Scholar Award Scholarship and Ohio State Walter Kidd Scholarship; Jim Martin—The Ohio State University Freshman Foundation Scholarship and The Ohio State University

Scholarship; Heather Miller—Shawnee State Foundation Scholarship; Sean Miller—Waynesburg College Alumni Scholarship; Jessica Parsley—Ohio State Stadium Dorms Scholarship; Natalie Riepenhoff—Bob Jones University Scholarship; Shannon Rose—the Wheelersburg Women's Civic Club Scholarship and the Abe Zuber Schol-

arship; Amand See—Muskingum College Faculty Scholarship; Mindy Vanderhoof—Ohio University Freshman Excellence Scholarship and the Harry W. Annis Miller Scholarship; and Megan Wawro—The Ohio Board of Regents Scholarship Cedarville College Presidential Scholarship, the Wheelersburg Kiwanis Club Scholarship.





Foreign Exchange Students

Jonas Aronsson
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Hi everybody! As most of you know, my name is Jonas. I live on the east coast of Sweden, in a city called Norrkoping, which has about 140,000 people. I've got one sister and two brothers. My oldest brother is sixteen and he says he want to come over here for a year. And I will certainly encourage him to come over here. I would encourage you all to go to a foreign country if you get the opportunity, because it is a great experience. I think it is very exciting to meet new people, see new places, and to see how school and society work at other places than in Sweden (you will learn a lot). I have really enjoyed this year and I will always remember you. I would like to take the opportunity to thank everybody at W.H.S. Both students and teachers have been really nice to me. I also would like to thank Dr. Lucas who has hosted me for the past year. If anybody comes to Europe, please visit me.

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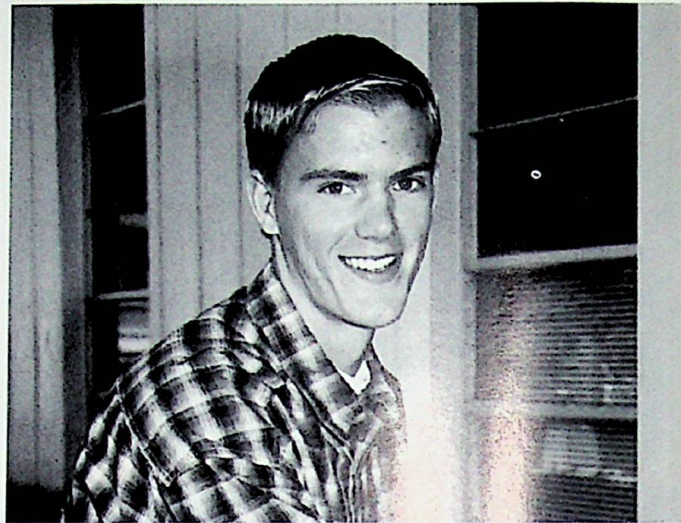
I am from Kristiansand, Norway. My town has about 70,000 people, and I live right on the beach which I really enjoy in the summer. It's very different from Wheelersburg, but change is good, so I've really enjoyed this year here. I've made a lot of good friends and I'll definitely come back to visit or attend college. I think it's important that we all keep in touch, and I love to receive and write letters, so I hope you all write me. And if you happen to go to Norway sometime, please write me.

Thank you all for making this year so great.

Tina Schafer
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Germany

These six months of America were the best that could happen to me. I've enjoyed about every single day here and I want to thank all the nice and friendly people that I've met here and who have helped me a lot, especially Pam and Larry Hacker. But there were many more people, teachers, students and even strange people who helped me to get along with all the new things that were totally different from home.

I think I learned a lot in those six months and all in all, I can say that Wheelersburg is a very friendly and nice place. The Wheelersburg High School is a very good school with lots of opportunities for its students, I wish our schools would be a bit more like it. There is one thing I can say for sure, "I'll be back!"



Senior Student Activities

John Adams

Soccer 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4.

Chris Aeh

Choral Ensemble 4; Band 4; Stage Band 1; Baseball 3.

Andy Albrecht

Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4.

Jane Allwood

Class Treasurer 1; Student Council 1; I.S. 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Scholarship Team 2; Choral Ensemble 1; Choral Ensemble/Aud. 2,3; Basketball 1; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Basketball Homecoming Attendent 3; Most Valuable Distance Runner Record Holder; All-State 2 Years; All-Academic SOC; Wendy's Heisman Nominee; 1st Team SOC; 4 varsity letters; Team Captain; Red Cross Blood Drive; March of Dimes 2,3,4; Tecumseh Volunteer 4; DARE Representative 4; Scholarship Banquet.

Jonas Aronsson

Exchange Student from Sweden; Tennis 4.

Angie Bateman

JCL 2,3; Choral Ensemble 2,3.

Kevin Bauer

NHS 3,4; Class Play 4; Choral Ensemble 1; Choral Ensemble/Aud. 2; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Track 1,3,4; County Music Festival 2; Academic SOC 2,4; Crop Walk 4; 4-H Club President 4; Special Olympics Volunteer; Tecumseh Volunteer 4; 4-H Delegate to Australia 4; Sister City Delegate to Zittau, Germany 3.

Mindy Blair

Spanish Club 2,3,4; Yearbook 2; Scholarship Team 2,3; Hike for Hospice; Scholarship Banquet 1,2,3.

Ryan Bobst

Choral Ensemble 2,3; Intramurals 2,3; March of Dimes 2.

Shawn A. Boll

Junior Honors Program 3; NHS 3,4; Scholarship Team 2,3; Quiz Bowl 4; Choral Ensemble 1; Soccer 1,2,3,Captain 4; Track 2,3; Ohio State Institute for Gifted and Talented 2; Junior Scholars Program at Miami University 3; Academic All-SOC 2,3; President of Indoor Soccer Club 3.

Gabe Brown

Yearbook 3; Choral Ensemble/Aud. 1,2,3; Band 4; Stage Band 4; County Music Festival 2; Prom Committee 3.

Ryan Brown

Class President 1; Quiz Bowl 1; Choral Ensemble 2; Football 3,4; Basketball 1,2; Track 2,3,4; Intramurals 3,4; 4-H Club President 2,3,4.

Shane Browning

Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3.

Josh Bryan

I.S. 1,2,3,4; Junior Honors Program 3; Mentorship Program 4; NHS 4; Scholarship Team 3,4; Quiz Bowl 4; Class Play 3,4; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Tennis 1,2,3; Intramurals 3; Hike for Hospice; March of Dimes; Tecumseh Volunteer.

Melody Burnett

Spanish Club 3,4; Junior Honors Program 3; Mentorship Program 4; Scholarship Team 2,3; Choral Ensemble 3,4; Band 1; Stage Band 1; Scholarship Banquet 1,2,3,4.

Jennifer Burt

Scholarship Team 2; Class Play 3; Choral Ensemble 1; Band 1,2,3; Stage Band 1,2,3; 4-H 3; Educational Talent Search 3,4; Mock Trial 2; Special Olympics 3; March of Dimes 2.

Shellie Carver

Choral Ensemble; FHA; Student Council.

Shane Conn

Spanish Club 3; Choral Ensemble 3.

Chasity Crisp

Choral Ensemble 2,3; Softball 1,2,4; Football Homecoming Attendent 2; Can Food Drive; Clothing Drive.

Anna Cunningham

I.S. 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Scholarship Team; Class Play 3,4; Band; Stage Band; County Music Festival; Mock Trial.

Randy Day

Band 2,3,4; Stage Band 1,2,3,4; Golf 2,3; County Music Festival 3.

Heather Deal

Audio-Visual Staff 4; JCL 2,3; NHS 3,4; Scholarship Team 2,3; Choral Ensemble 1,2; Basketball 1,2; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Prom Committee 3; Crop Walk; Food Drive; March of Dimes; Tecumseh Volunteer; Blood Drive; Volleyball 1st team All-SOC; Honorable Mention All-District; Peer Tutoring.

Keri Ann Delph

Spanish Club; NHS 3,4; Class Play 4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Choral Ensemble 2; Softball 1,2,3,4; Tennis 1,2,3,4; Basketball Homecoming Attendent 2; Class Representative 1,2,3; Scholarship Banquet 1,2,3,4.

Angie Duty

Class Vice-President 2; Student Council 2; Scholarship Team 2; Class Play 4; Choral Ensemble 1,2; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Basketball Homecoming Attendent 1; March of Dimes; Crop Walk; Scholarship Banquet; Blood Drive; Can Drive; President of JOG; Clothing Drive.

Jessica Edwards

Spanish Club 3,4; NHS 3,4; Scholarship Team 2,3; Class Play 4; Choral Ensemble 1; Basketball 1,2; Volleyball 2,3,4; Hospital Volunteer; Blood Drive 3; Tecumseh Volunteer; March of Dimes; Hike for Hospice; Food Drive 2,3; Peer Tutoring 3; Teacher Aide 3; Scholarship Banquet 1,2,3,4.

J.D. Emmett

Class Secretary 4; Class Vice-President 1; JCL 3; Student Council 4; Mentorship Program 4; NHS 3,4; Scholarship Team 2,3,4; Class Play 4; Choral Ensemble 1; Football 1,2; Basketball 1,2; Track 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 4; Prom Committee 3.

Michelle Evans

Class Secretary 2,3; Student Council 2,3; Class Play 3; Choral Ensemble 2,3; Softball 1,2; Tennis 1,2,3,4; Scholarship Banquet 1,2; SOC Scholastic Award 2; JOG.

Chris Flannery

Choral Ensemble 1,2; Basketball 1,2.

Gordon Givan

Spanish Club 3; I.S. 1,2,3,4; Junior Honors Program 3; NHS 4; Scholarship Team 3,4; Quiz Bowl 4; Soccer 1,2,3,Captain 4; Tennis 2,3; Intramurals 3; Crop Walk; March of Dimes; DARE Representative.

Danny Glenn

Choral Ensemble 1,2; Football 1,2,3; Tennis 1,2,4.

Andy Heimbach

Spanish Club 3,4; Student Council 4; Yearbook 3,4; I.S. 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Scholarship Team 2,3; Quiz Bowl 3,4; Choral Ensemble 1,4; Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1,2,3,4;

Andy Heimbach

Cross Country 4; Intramurals 3; Football Homecoming Escort 3; Prom Committee 3; Class Representative 4; Scholarship Banquet 1,2,3,4; Hike for Hospice 3; Crop Walk 4; Academic All-SOC 2,3; 2nd Team All-SOC 3.

Martha Henthorn

Audio Visual Staff 2; Choral Ensemble 2,3,4; Basketball Manager 2.

Kell Hicks

Spanish Club 3; Yearbook 2,3; Junior Honors Program 3; Class Play 4; Choral Ensemble 1; Band 1,2; Stage Band 1,2; WHS Internet Homepage Staff 4.

Wes Holbrook

Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 3.

Amanda Hotchkin

Scholarship Team 3; Choral Ensemble 3; Track 1,2; Cross Country 2,3; March of Dimes 1,2; Cross Country MVP 3; Doctor Volunteer 1,2,3,4; All Academic All-SOC 2,3; 1st Team All SOC Track 2; SOC Champion Cross Country 3; Scholarship Banquet 1,2,3.

Lise Hovden

Exchange Student from Norway; Track 4.

Jason Hughes

NHS 4; Choral Ensemble 1; Football 1; Basketball 1,2; Tennis 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 3; Scholarship Banquet; After-School Job 4.

Tiffany Hughes

Class Play 4; Stage Band 1; Volleyball 1,2,3; Softball 1; March of Dimes; Hike for Hospice; Food Drive; Clothing Drive.

Kris Irwin

Football 1,3.

Todd Johnson

Class Vice-President 3,4; Junior Honors Program 3; NHS 4; Scholarship Team 2,3; Quiz Bowl 3,4; Class Play 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Tennis

1,2,3; Intramurals 3; Buckeye Boys State Delegate 3; Crop Walk 4; JOG 4; Ohio University Chemistry Scholarship Test, 11th Place 4; Mock Trial 3,4; Spanish Club 3; Scholarship Banquet 1,2,3,4; Operation Recreation Volunteer 3; PTO Activities Worker 3; Academic All-SOC 2,3; Martin Marietta Math/Science Academy at SSU 2; March of Dimes 1; Community Service Program Helper 1; Tri-State Chemistry Test Team 3.

Mary Justice

Choral Ensemble 1.

Mandy Kirkendall

Library Club 3; Choral Ensemble 3; Track 1,2; FHA 1,2,3,4.

Lynnsay Leesburg

Spanish Club 3,4; Yearbook 3,4; I.S. 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Mentorship Program 4; Scholarship Team 4; Class Play 3; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Choral Ensemble 2; Tennis 1,2,3,4; Track 1; Football Homecoming Attendent 3, Queen 4; Prom Committee 3; March of Dimes; Hospital Volunteer; Food Drive; River Days Queen 4; Scholarship Banquet; Operation Recreation Volunteer; SOC All Academic Team; United States Cheerleader Association Award.

Phillip Lodwick

JCL 2,3; Yearbook 4; I.S. 1,2,3,4; Mentorship Program 4; Choral Ensemble 3,4; Choral Ensemble/Aud. 3,4; Basketball 1; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Tennis 4; County Music Festival 3,4; March of Dimes; Photography Staff 4; Group Work Camps.

Jim Martin

NHS 3,4; Scholarship Team 3; Basketball 1; Track 1; Scholarship Banquet; Crop Walk; Blood Drive; Tri-State Chemistry Test; After-School Job.

Josh Meenach

Football 1,2,3; Scholarship

Banquet 1.

Matt Miller

Football 2; JOG.

Sean Miller

NHS 3,4; Choral Ensemble 1; Choral Ensemble/Aud. 3,4; Football 1,2,3,Captain 4; Track 1,2; Intramurals 3; March of Dimes; Scholarship Banquet.

Nate Moore

Class Play 3,4; Choral Ensemble 1,3; Choral Ensemble/Aud. 4; Football 1,4; Intramurals 2,3; Crop Walk.

Tiffany Morrison

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Lindsey Mullins

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Class President 4; Spanish Club Vice-President 3,President 4; Student Council 4; NHS 4; Class Play 3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Choral Ensemble 2; Tennis 4; Track 1; Cross Country 2; Scholarship Banquet; Spanish Aide; March of Dimes; Operation Recreation Volunteer; JOG; Star Search; After-School Job.

Paislee Pratt

Audio-Visual Staff 3; Library Club 3; Choral Ensemble 2,3; Prom Committee 3; Hike for Hospice; JOG; French III Play.

Nikki Rase

Class Play 3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Choral Ensemble; Choral Ensemble/Aud. 2,3,4; Softball 2,3,4; Tennis 4; Uni-

ted States Cheerleading Achievement Award; UCA All Star Cheerleader; Food Drive

Aaron Reeder

Choral Ensemble 2; JOG 4.

Chad Reinhardt

Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; 1st Team SOC; 1st Team District Track; Regional/State Qualifier Track.

Kristy Rheinheimer

Library Club 3,4; Scholarship Team 3; Class Play 4; Choral Ensemble 3; Prom Committee 3; FHA 1; March of Dimes.

Natalie Riepenhoff

Library Club 4; Spanish Club 3; Yearbook 4; NHS 3,4; Class Play 3; Track 1; Cross Country 1,2,3,4; Prom Committee 3; FHA 1; Scholarship Banquet 2,3; FHA Officer 1; Hike for Hospice 3; 4-H Officer 1; SOC and District Title 1

Shannon Rose

Audio-Visual Staff 4; Library Club 4; NHS 4; Choral Ensemble 2; Basketball 1,2; Football Homecoming Attendent 4; Prom Committee 3; March of Dimes; Hike for Hospice; Crop Walk; French III Play; Scholarship Banquet.

Monica Ruggles

Softball 1,2; March of Dimes 1,2,3; French III Play.

April Schnitzius

Choral Ensemble; Choral Ensemble/Aud. 4; Prom Committee 3.

Amanda See

Yearbook 2,3,4; I.S. 1,2,3,4; Junior Honors Program 3; Mentorship Program 4; NHS 3,4; Scholarship Team 2,3; Class Play 3,4; Choral Ensemble 1; Basketball 1,2,3,Captain 4; Volleyball 3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; DAR Representative 4; All Academic All SOC 1,2,3,4; 1st Team All Conference 3; 2nd Team All Conference 2; All District 2;

Amanda See

Delegate Buckeye Girls State 3; Nominee National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine 3; AAU Basketball 2,3; Peer Tutor 4; Scholarship Banquet 1,2,3,4; March of Dimes; Crop Walk; Hospital Volunteer; Adopt A Highway; Blood Drive; Tecumseh Volunteer.

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Calie Steele

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Dawn Switalski

Audio-Visual Staff 1; Library Club 1; Choral Ensemble 2,4; Volleyball 2; Softball 1.

Chad Thompson

Basketball 1,2,3,4

Jason Thompson

Choral Ensemble 1,2,3; Foot-

ball 1,2,3,4.

Tom Vallance

Spanish Club 1,2; Choral Ensemble; Choral Ensemble/Aud. 4; Football 1,2,3; Intramurals 1,2; March of Dimes.

Mindy Vanderhoof

Yearbook 3,4; NHS 4; Scholarship Team; Choral Ensemble 3; Basketball 1; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Prom Committee 3; JOG; All Academic All-SOC; Work Camps; Scholarship Banquet; After-School Job; Hike for Hospice; March of Dimes.

Traci Warner

Spanish Club 3,4; Yearbook 2,3; NHS 4; Class Play 3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Choral Ensemble 1,2,3; Tennis 2,3,4; Scholarship Banquet.

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Library Club 4; Choral Ensemble 2,3; Choral Ensemble/Aud. 4; Football Home-

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Megan Wawro

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Joey Wheeler

JCL 2,3; Choral Ensemble 1; Band 1; Stage Band 1; Tennis 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 3; 4-H.

Gretchen White

Audio-Visual Staff 4; Library Club 4; Class Play 3; Choral Ensemble 1,2,3; FHA 2; Spanish Club 3; March of Dimes.

Rachelle Whitley

Choral Ensemble 1,2; Track 1,2; 1st Team SOC Track; 2nd Team SOC Track.

Becky Williams

Choral Ensemble 2,3,4; Choral Ensemble/Aud. 4; FHA 1; March of Dimes; 4-H Club; Scioto County Children Services Volunteer.

Tara Wolf

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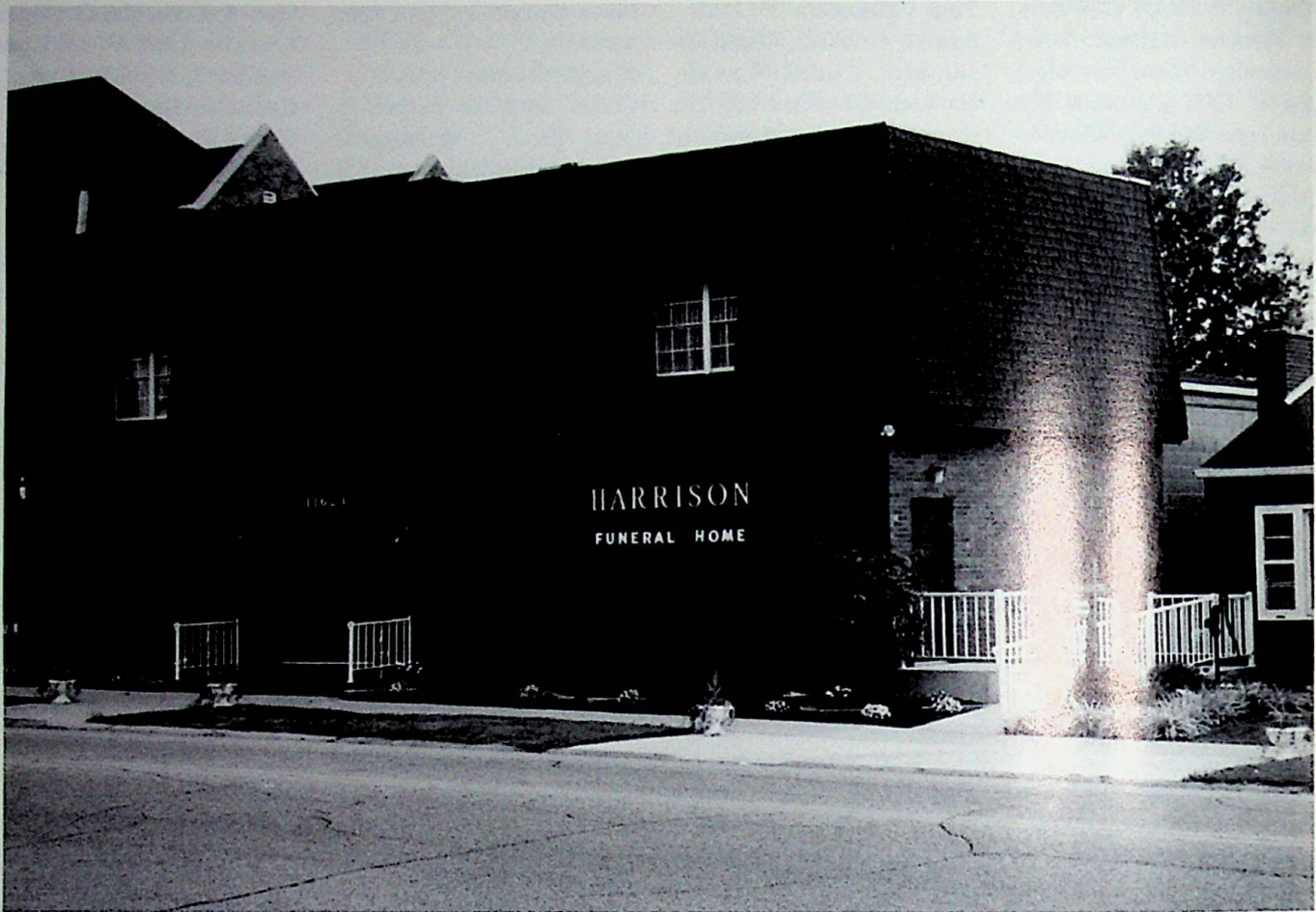
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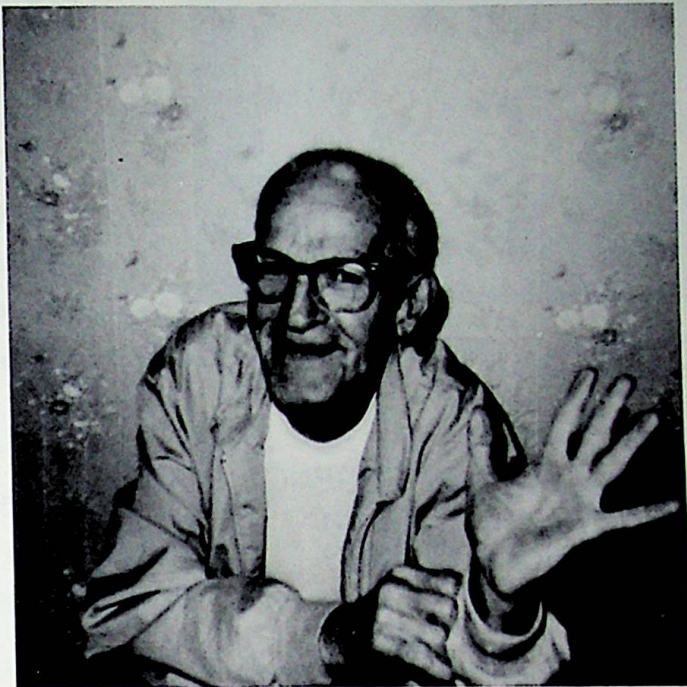
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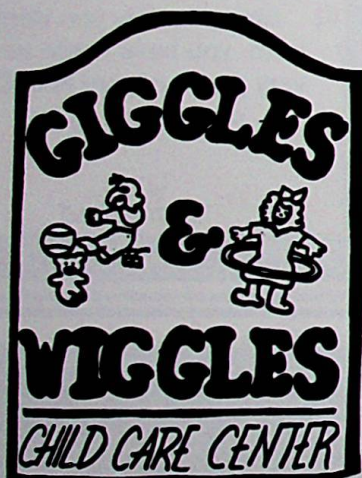
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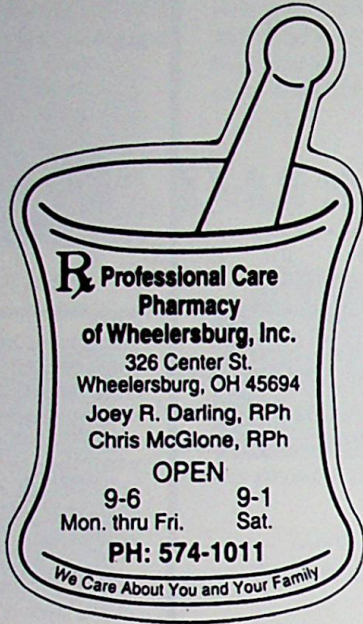
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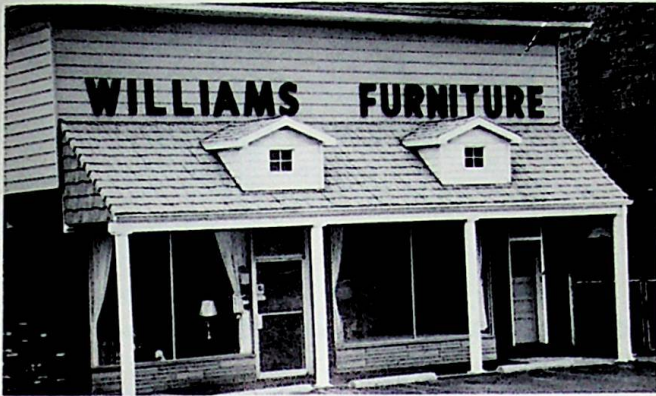
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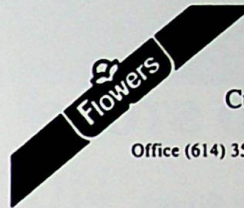
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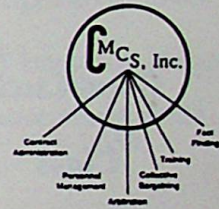


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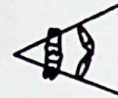


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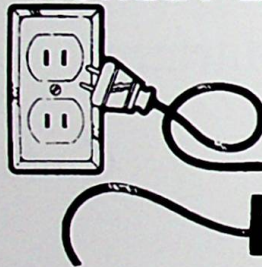
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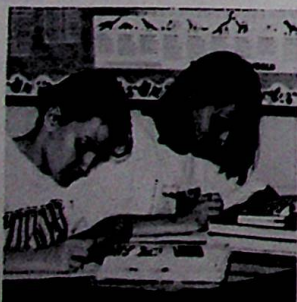
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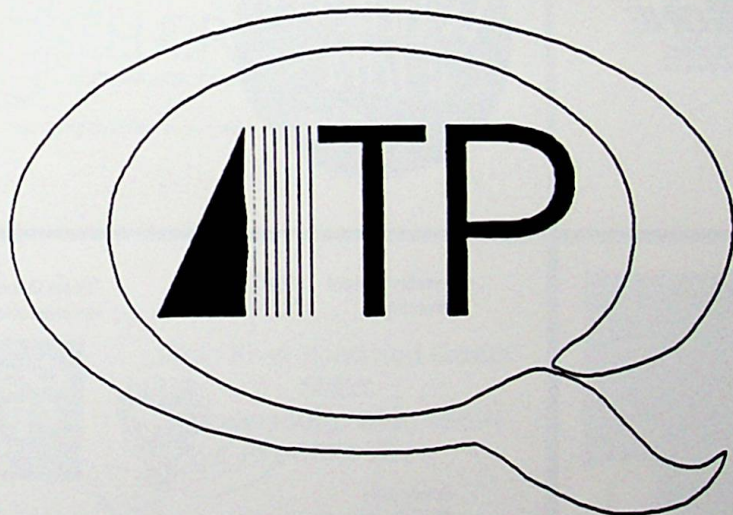
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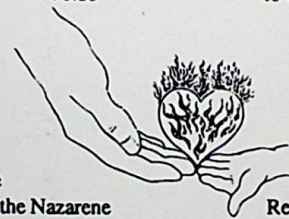
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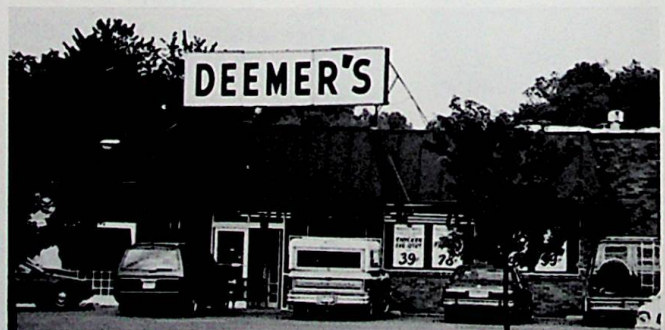


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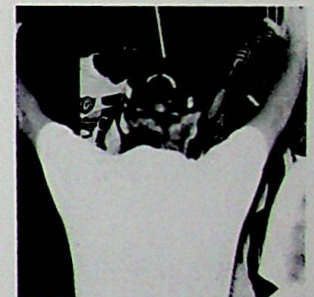


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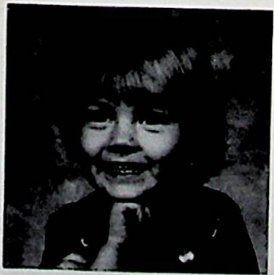


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Mike,
What a gem. You have a heart of gold. You will always be precious to us.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, & Josh

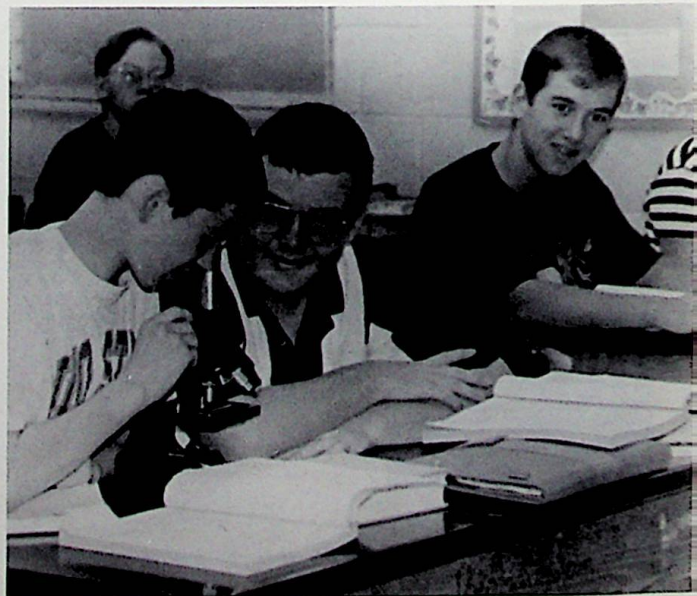
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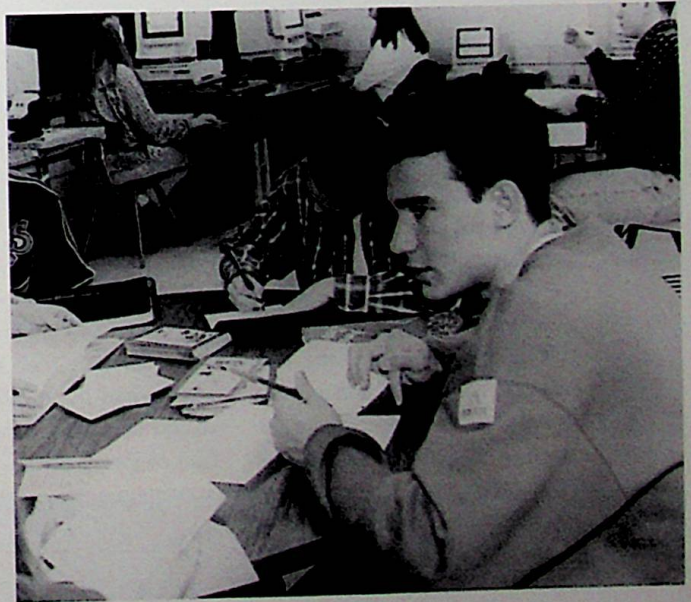
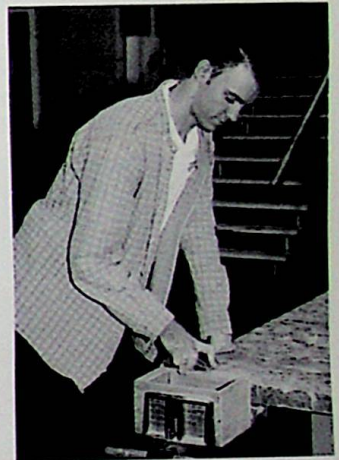
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In 1996, Pirates "Just Did It"





Pirates Just Did It

The 1995-96 school year was one of tremendous success for Wheelersburg High School. As always, many students racked up countless honors and awards. The football and soccer teams each won division crowns, as did the basketball team. The tennis team, with a third-straight perfect season, also earned high praise for its accomplishments. Again, both the boys' and girls' track teams sent runners to the state competition. And who will ever forget the baseball team and their march towards a Division III State Championship title, the first in the history of the school for baseball. All of these memorable accomplishments are attributed to the "Just Do It" attitude that was necessary to be successful this school year.

Although athletics were a vital and highly visible part of the Pirates' successes for 1996, they were not the only aspect. Academic accomplishments and extracurricular activities by various clubs also

helped to boose Pirate Pride both far and wide. Special recognition was gained from the state level by several students who participated in the Ohio Scholastic Exams held in May, especially by the academic areas of sophomore English, and the Spanish I and II foreign language teams. Community service, so greatly needed, was provided through the very successful NHS Blood Drive, the I.S.- sponsored March of Dimes School Walk which won the trophy for a third year in a row for the highest school donation, and through many other smaller community service projects conducted by the students and faculty of WHS.

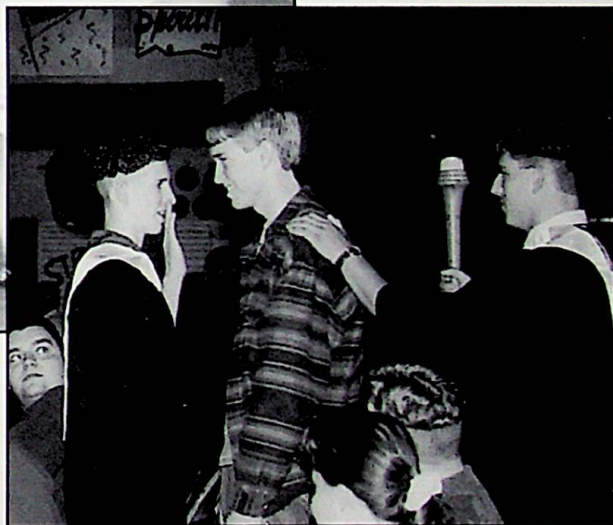
As 1996 ends, it can be looked back upon as a year of growth and achievement at WHS, with each student having had the opportunity to continue in the long tradition of Pirate pride.



Becky Riepenhoff, Shawn Boll, and Brent Wakefield listen while Josh Bryan gives the answer to a lightning round question in the county quiz team tournament held at WHS.



The seniors gather in the gymnasium to receive final instructions before practicing for the graduation ceremony. They had to come in on Saturday to practice in order to make up a day missed due to the bad weather during the winter.



Nate Moore and Phil Lodwick perform one of their favorite songs for the annual After Hours. Once again, the gymnasium was packed for the evening of entertainment and fun, sponsored by the select chorus.

Junior Nate Collier has trouble keeping a serious face as Jim Martin and Kevin Bauer tap him during the National Honor Society induction ceremony.



Pirates Just Did It

No Problem for Burg Students
and Faculty in 1996

