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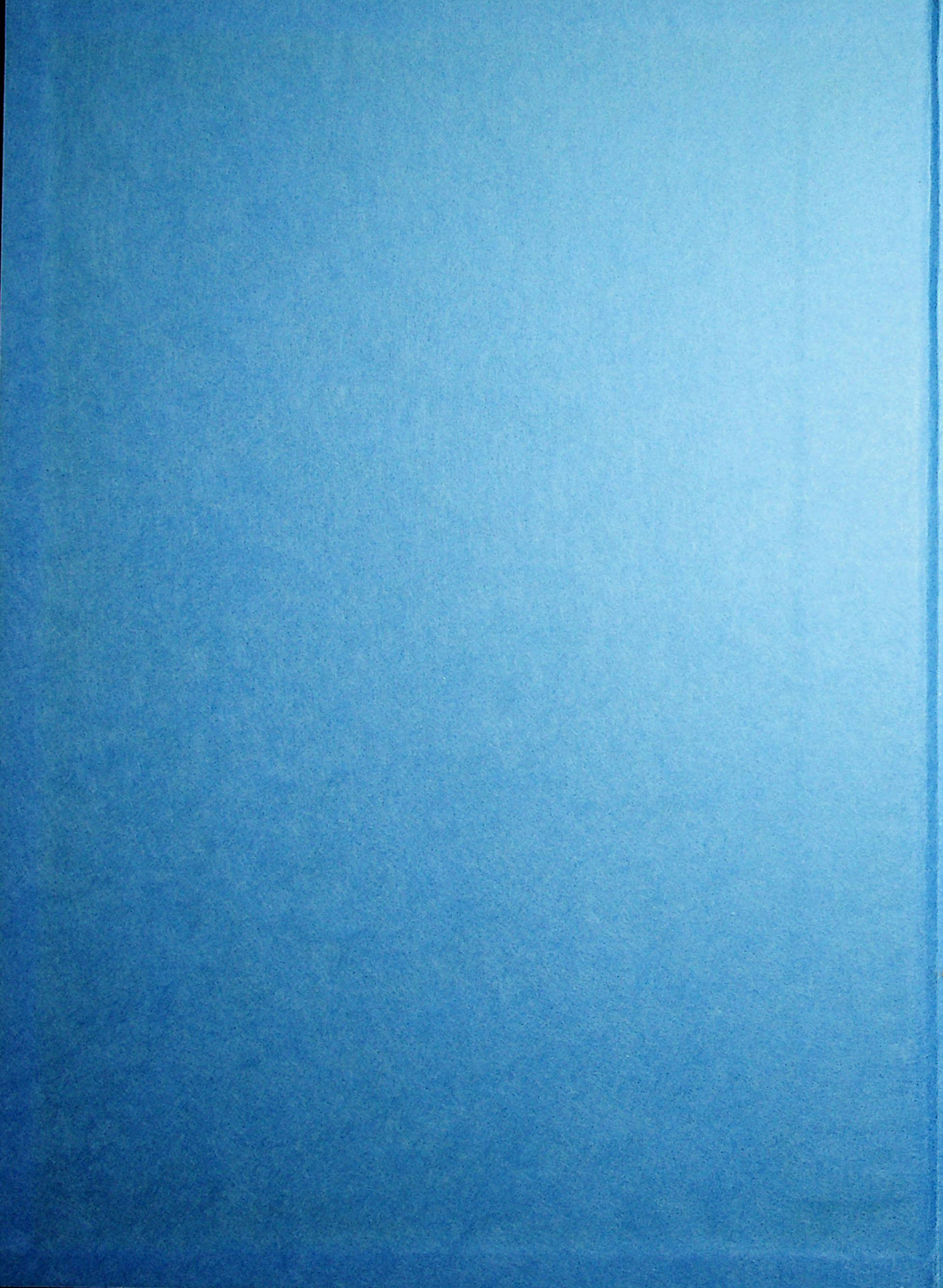
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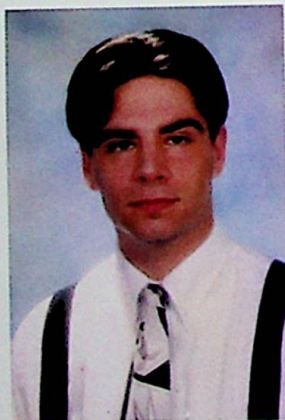
Class of 1997

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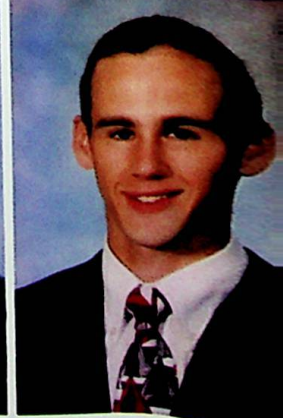
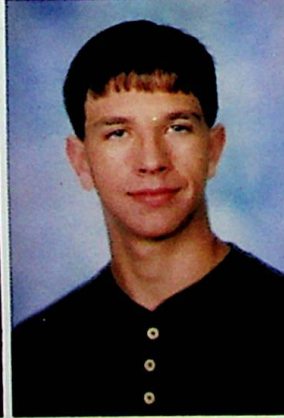
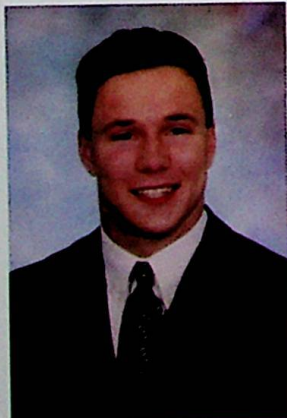
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Amy Bennett
Jason Blake

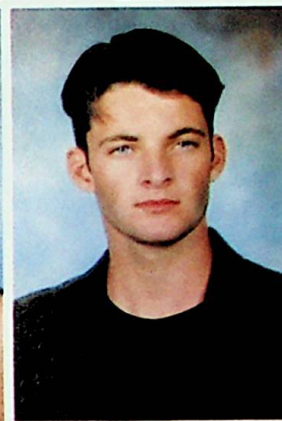


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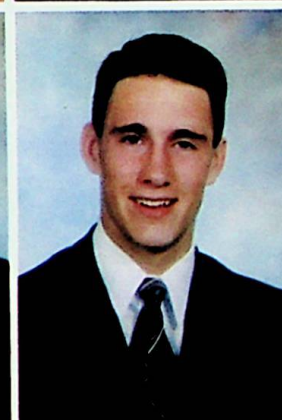




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 Trisha Coleman
 Nathan Collier



Bethany Collins
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 Mandy Covert
 Molly Cross



Harold Dye
 Brent Eaton
 Casey Ellis
 Erica Engle



Leigh Ann Ferguson
 Wendy Gallaher
 Jodi Giles
 Lindsey Hall

Unplugged

As we begin another school year, we are faced with another year of note taking, homework, and tests. Some of us may wish it was still summer vacation while others can't wait to finish their last year. No matter where you feel you belong, you must say to yourself, "Well here's another year, let's do something to make the best of it." And we will. Let's remove ourselves from the traditions that bind us and make a new face for WHS for 1997. Most have heard of this term used on MTV, but what does it mean? Literally it means to play an electric guitar without it being plugged in. To us, however, it means to be differ-

The cheer block does the "Pirate Rumble" to fire up the football team for the upcoming game.

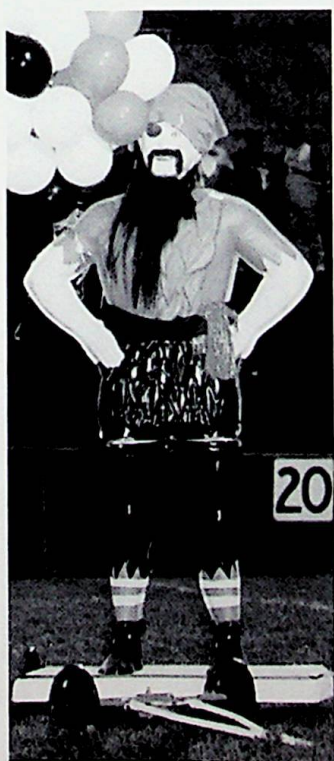
ent. And we are all different. We all have to "unplug" ourselves from the conventional way of life and be our own person. As we progress through 1997, we must strive to leave our own mark. When those of us who are seniors graduate, we want to be remembered for something unlike any other class. We want to be called the class that gave WHS a new look. For those who are underclassmen, you must set yourselves apart from any old misgivings and create a new you.

We are all Pirates, but what sets us apart from one another is our desire to be **Unplugged**.

Dustin Sampson and Brent Eaton show their school spirit by dressing up as cheerleaders during one of the pep rallies.

Jason Schmidt, Joe Hayden, Jimton, and Brent Eaton painted chest to show their school spirit.



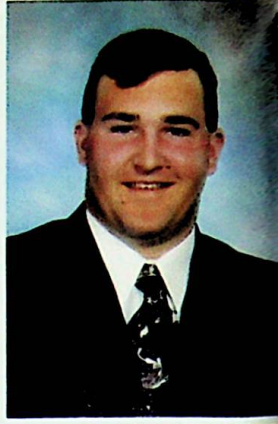
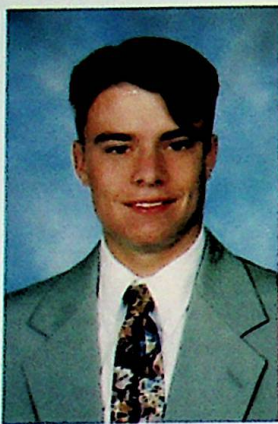


The Pirate statue has become a tradition at all of the Pirate football games as shown here.

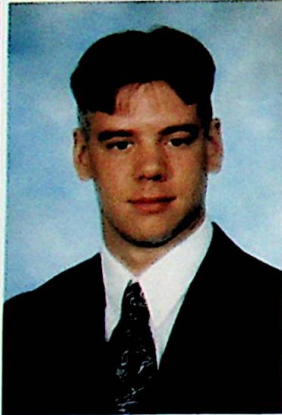
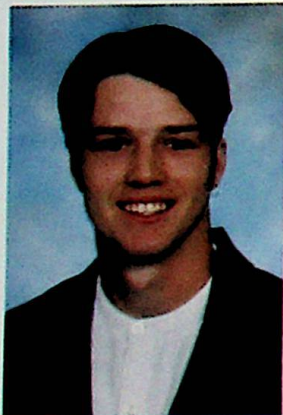
During one of the pep rallies, Nate Conn, along with many other guys, dressed up as cheerleaders as part of a school wide contest.

A group of "Yell Block" girls cheer for their favorite football players during one of the pep rallies.

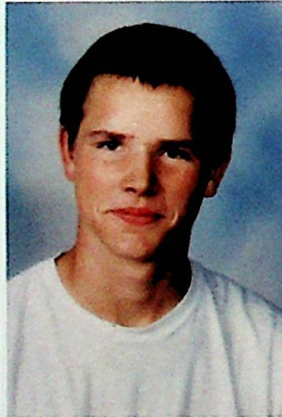
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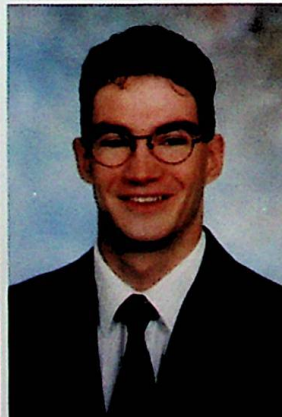
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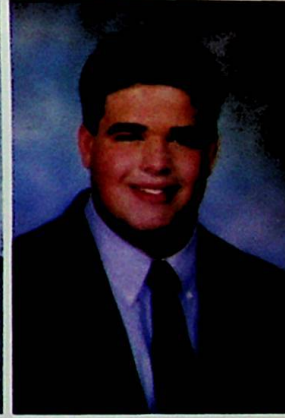
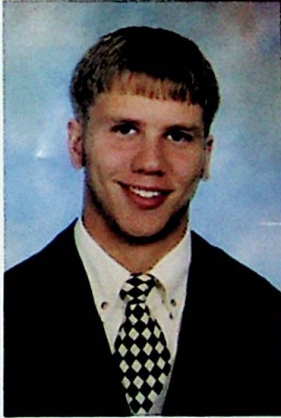
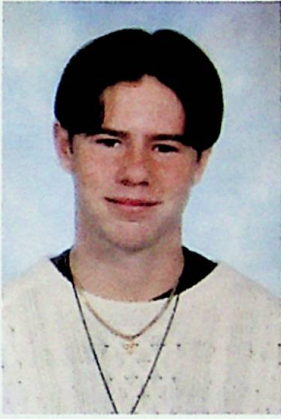
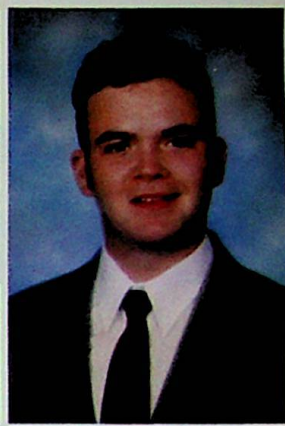
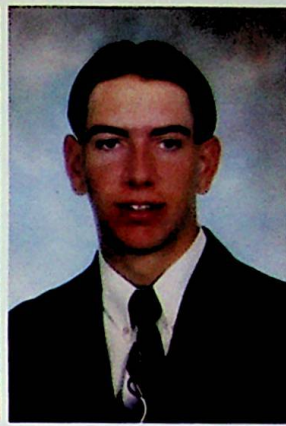


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 Rob Lowder
 Brandee Madden
 Eric Madden
 Jason Mantell
 Cori Martin
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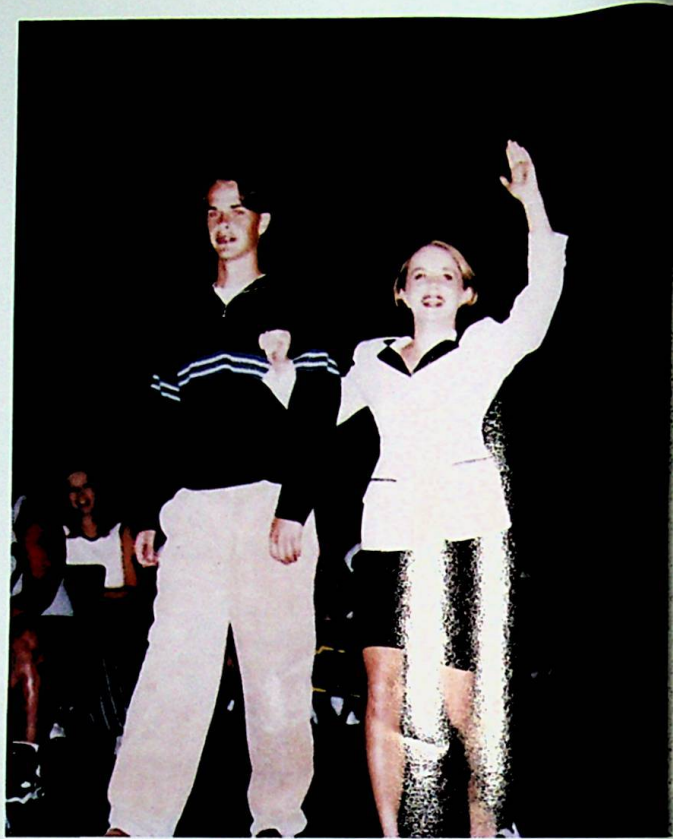


River Days

The process started when we voted at school. The finalists were Lindsey Hall and Amy Bennett. In the end, Amy was chosen to represent our school during the River Days festivities.

Amy's summer was filled with anticipation. When that September day finally arrived, Amy couldn't have looked more beautiful on her float with her brother Aaron. The float, which had a theme of "Dancing on the River," was decorated in blue and gold with a motif of musical notes.

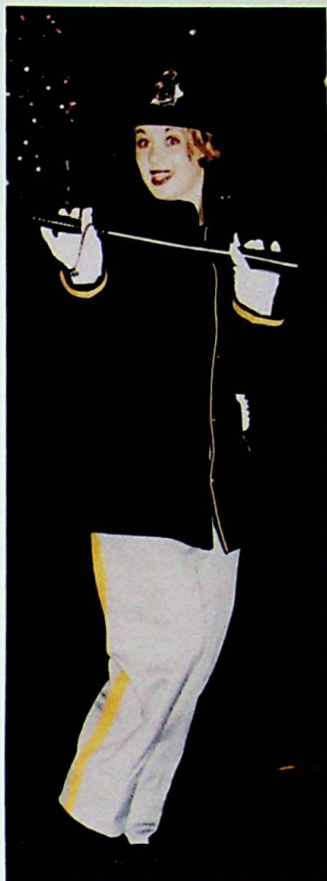
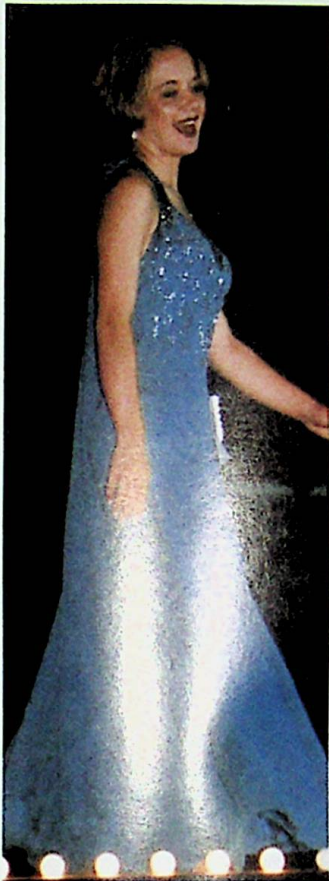
As the start of the pageant drew closer, supporters from across the county came to Rhodes Athletic Center at Shawnee State University to see their community represented. When the contestants first appeared on stage, Amy stepped into the spotlight at last. Dressed as a keystone cop, she eased through the Mardi Gras costume competition. She floated across the stage in her emerald evening gown. The audience was completely silent as Amy touched their hearts by telling about her grandmother's influence on her life. Although it is disappointing that Amy didn't win the competition, she represented our school well while making memories to last a lifetime.



The impressive evening gowns decorate the stage as the girls await the results.

Amy poses for a quick shot from her float before the parade begins.





There she is, our Miss Wheelersburg!

Amy dressed as a keystone cop for the Mardi Gras sportingwear competition.

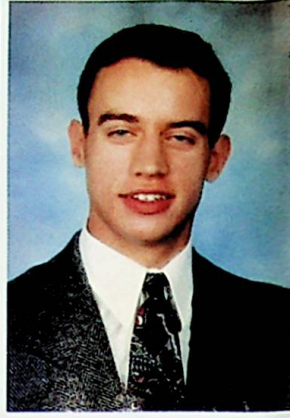
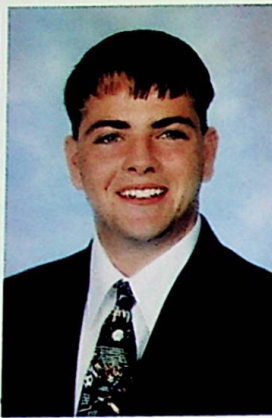
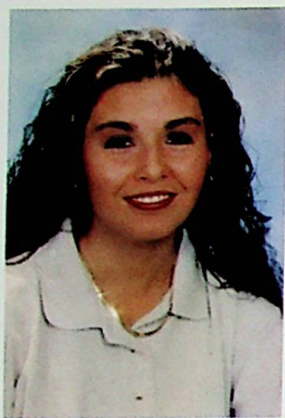
Amy gives attitude to "Give Me One Reason" by Tracy Chapman.



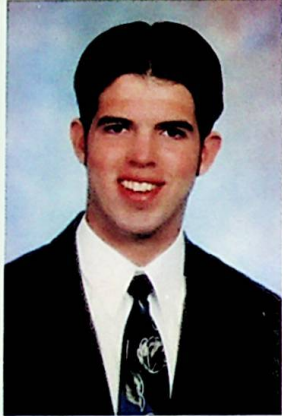
During Amy's dance routine, the camera creates an optical illusion, making this her favorite picture.

And finally, after a stunning performance, the audience is breathless.

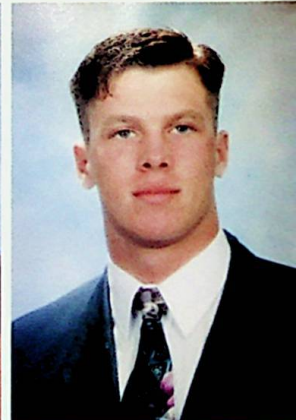
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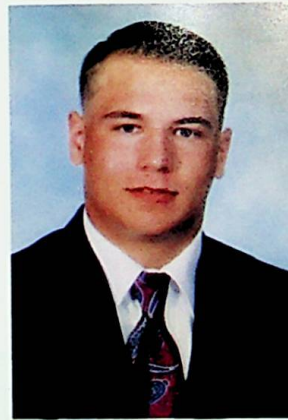
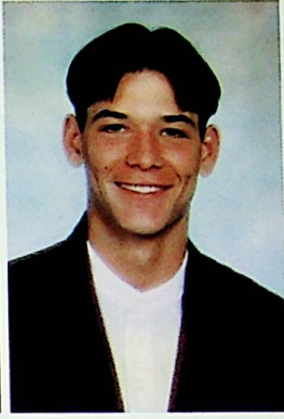
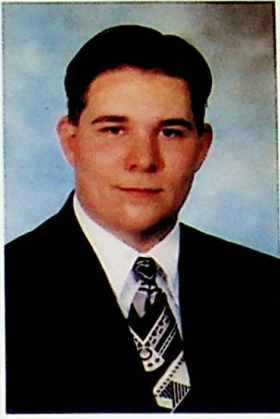


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 Tracy Tachiera
 Renee Tallerico
 Jerod Tilley
 Chuck Timberlake
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Missy Turner
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 Brent Wakefield
 Jeremy Welch
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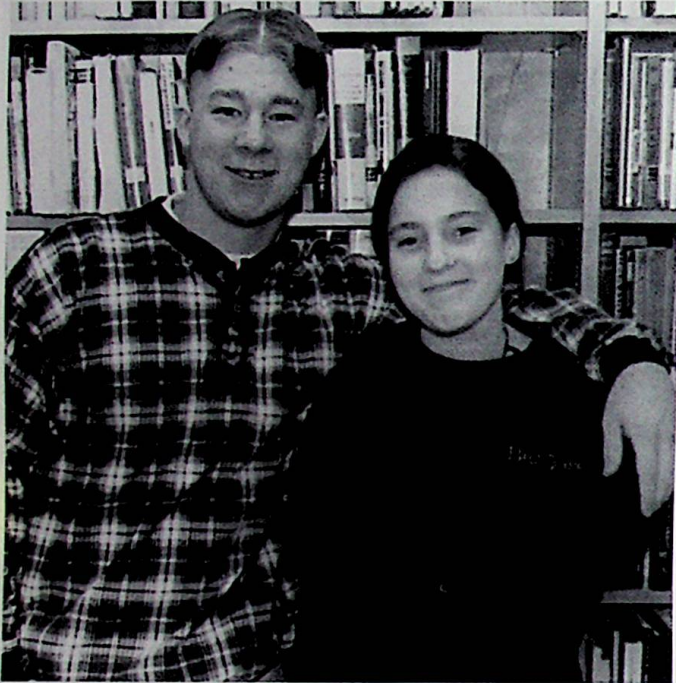
*Colors: Silver and Black
Flower: Yellow Rose*

Class of 1997



Motto: "A true champion is made from the passion within."

Senior Survey



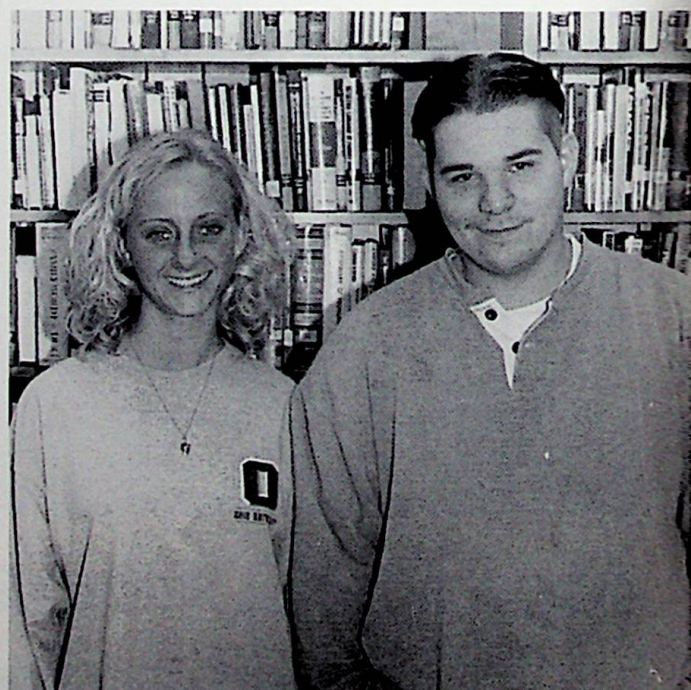
Class Clown: Brandon Justice and Molly Cross



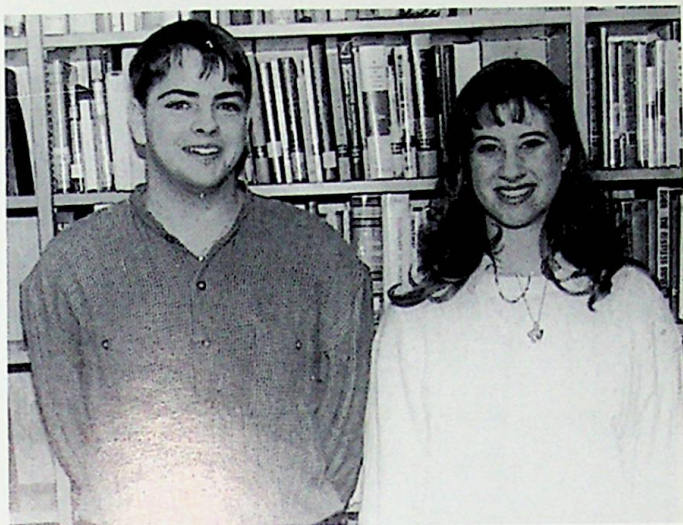
Most Often Tardy: Jason Blake and Shonda Pennington



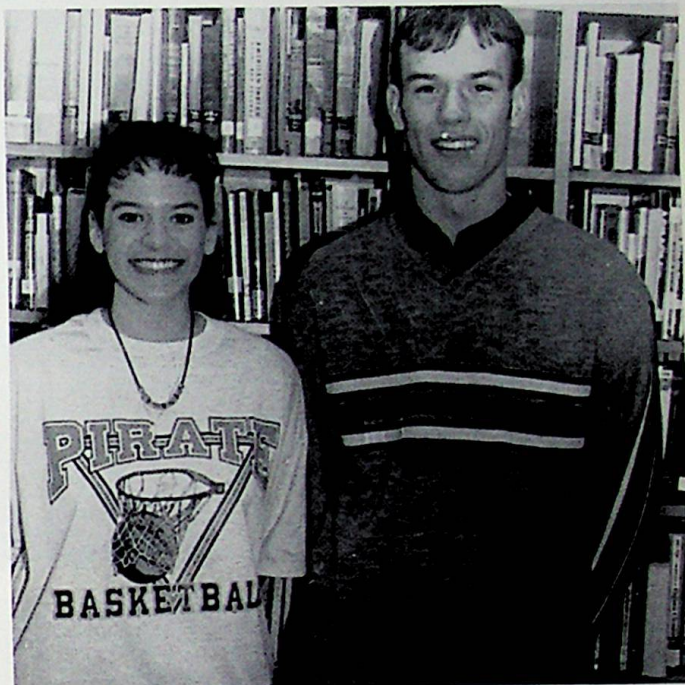
Best Eyes: Allison Moore and Jason Mantell



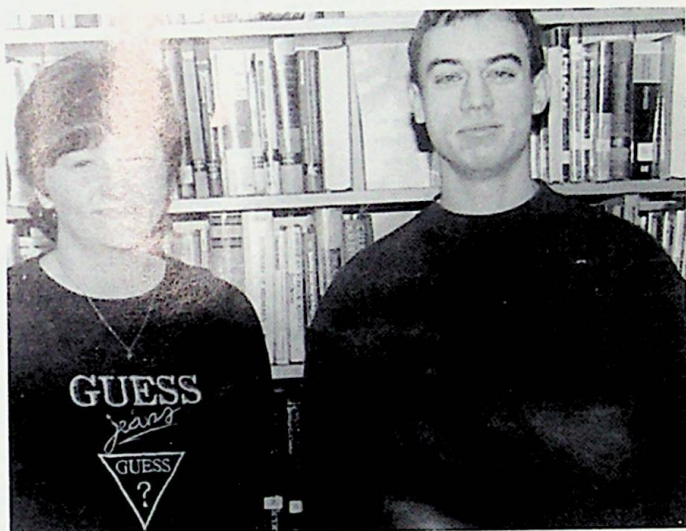
Biggest Flirt: Leigh Ann Ferguson and Josh Robirds



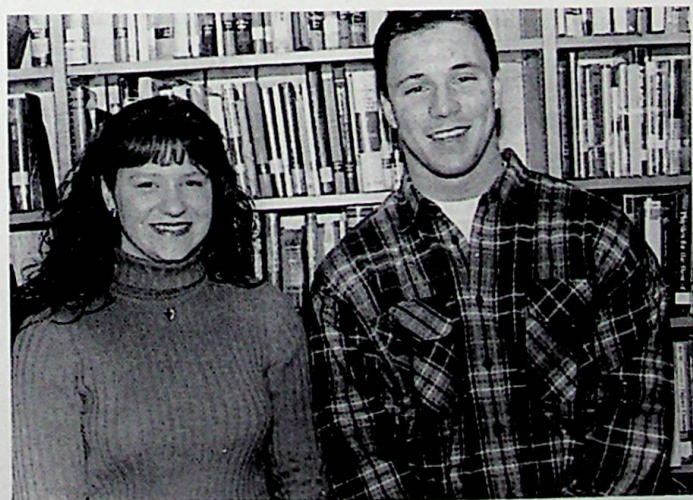
Friendliest: Perry Rawlins and Rebecca Schwamberger



Most Athletic: Jessica Schmidt and Casey Ellis



Most Likely to Succeed: Sarah Howard and Zack Riepenhoff

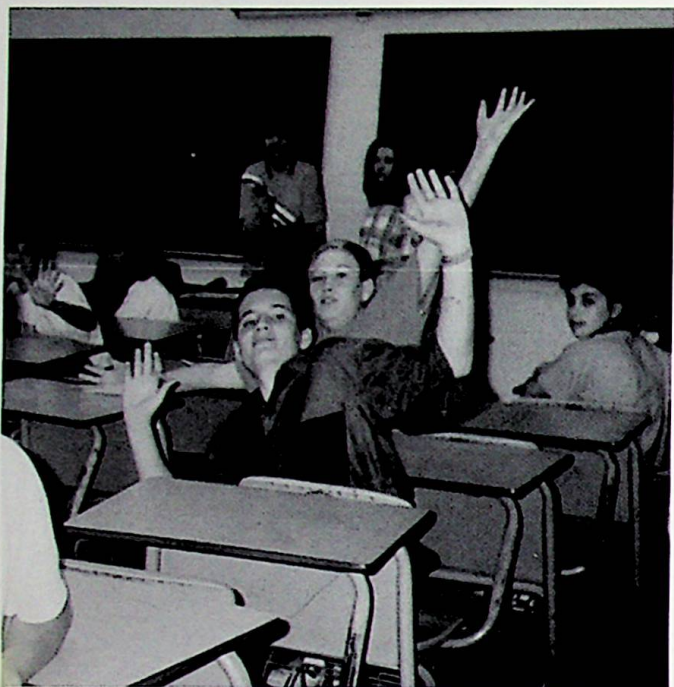


Best Leader: Melanie Morris and Dan Blankenship



Most Musically Inclined: Jason Burnside and Missy Turner

Brent Wakefield, Nate Collier, and Jessica Schmidt wave to the camera while Mrs. Gleim tries to teach a grammar rule.



Erica Engle and Sarah Howard take a trip back to the 50's for the third grade "sock hop."



Ryan Murphy chills out by the pool at Sarah Howard's third grade pool party.

After a long night of popsicles and scary movies, this group is still fired up.





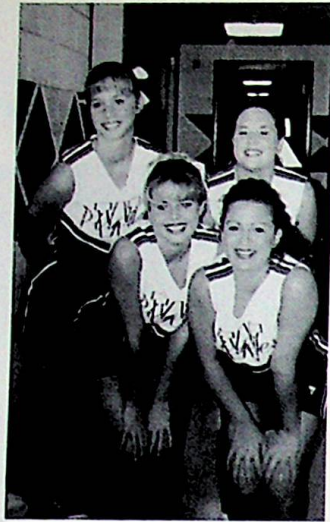
This Brownie troop relaxes after a long day of fun and games.

Jodi Giles, Zanita Hoskins, and Molly Cross take time to pose for a picture with their favorite teacher, Mr. Garner.



Nate Collier carefully ponders what he will do over summer vacation.

Casey Ellis and Nathan Skiver enjoy free time left at the end of Mrs. Gleim's 7th grade English class.

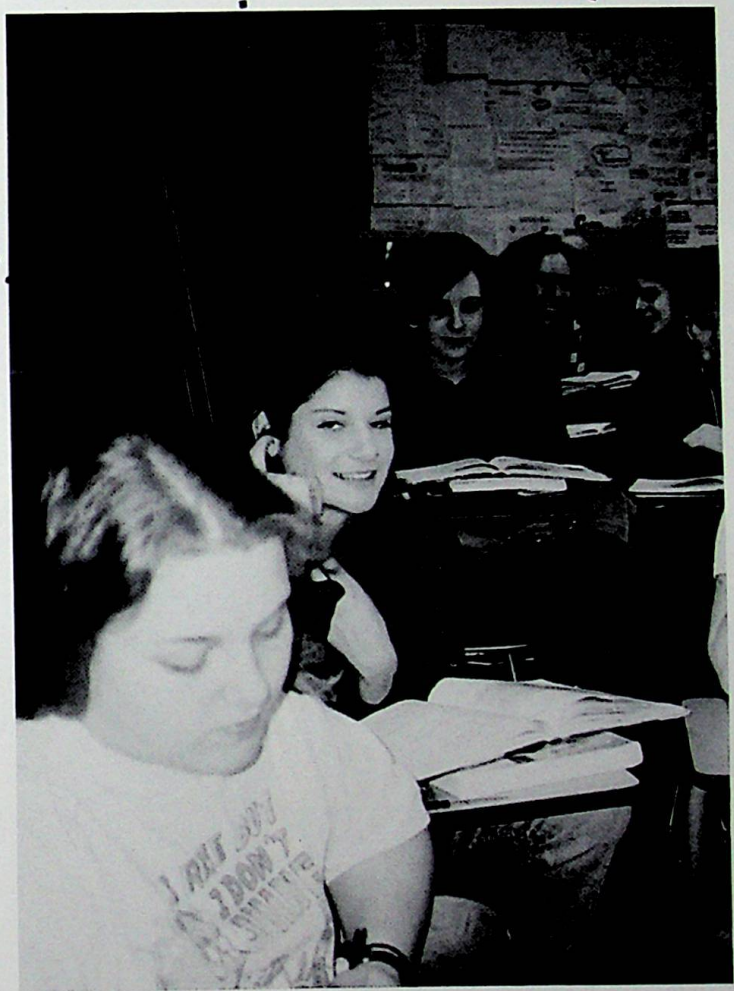


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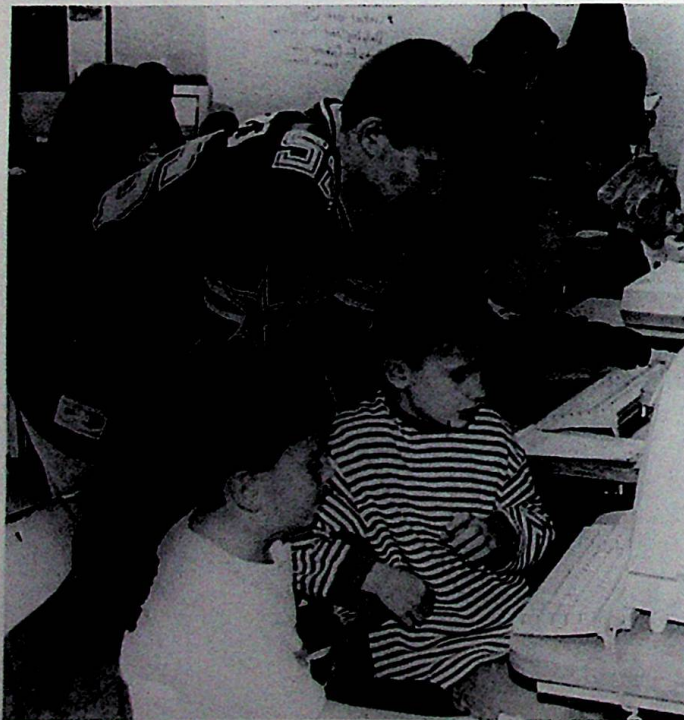
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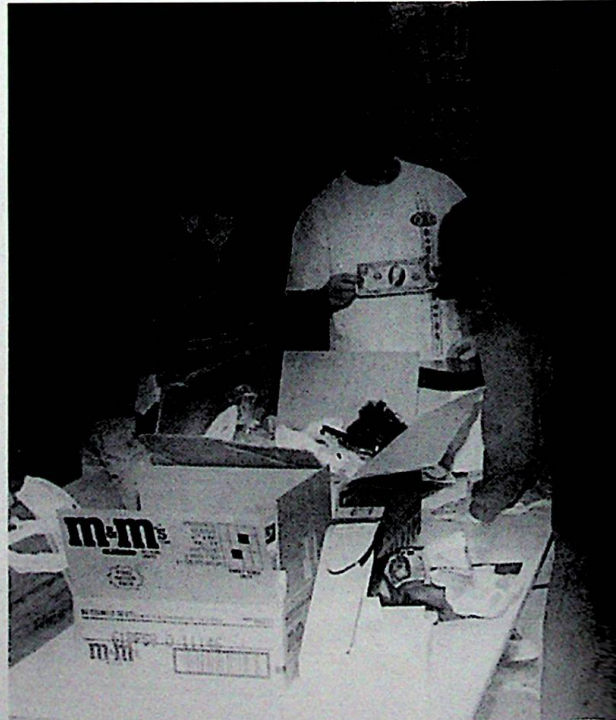
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The Class of 1998

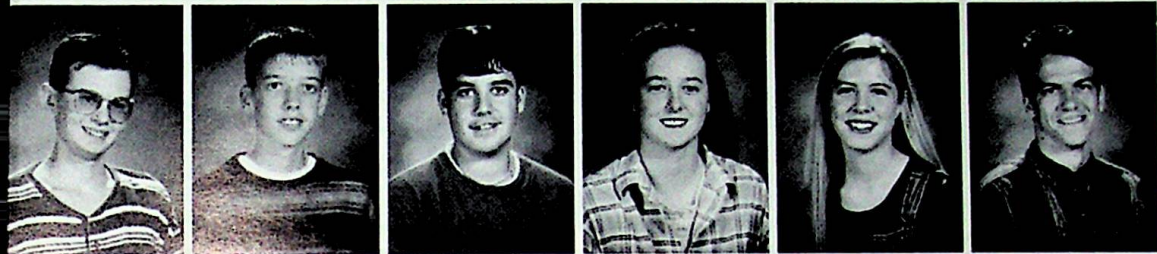
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Angela Burleson-
President,
Jennifer Keller-
Secretary,
Charlene Darrell-
Fields-
Vice President.



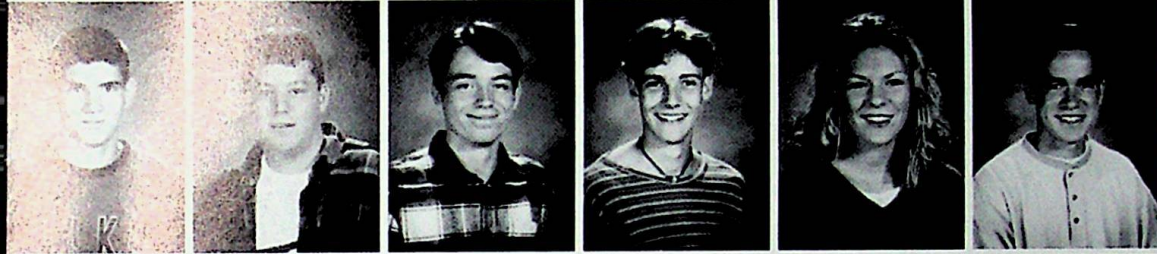
Erik Binion helps two first-graders send their wish list to Santa Claus via e-mail.



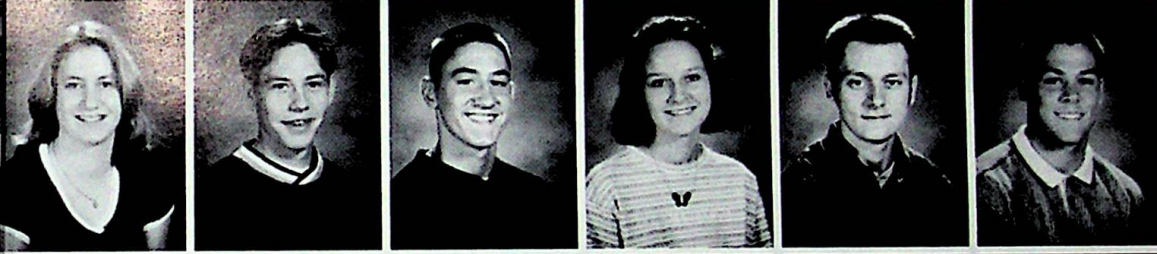
Kyle Felts proudly displays the ten dollars he won as part of the junior campaign to raise money for prom.



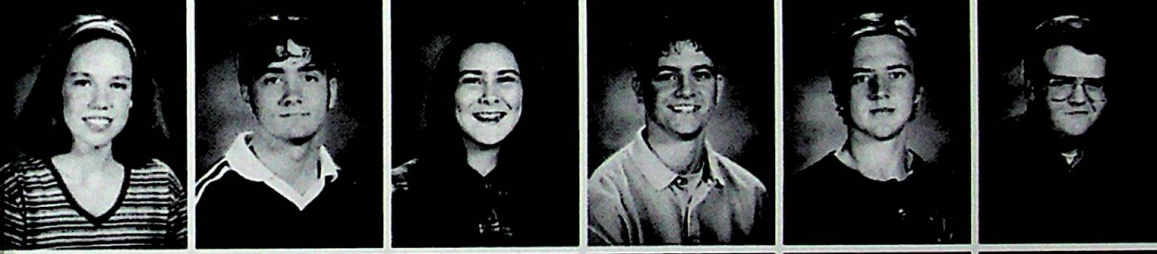
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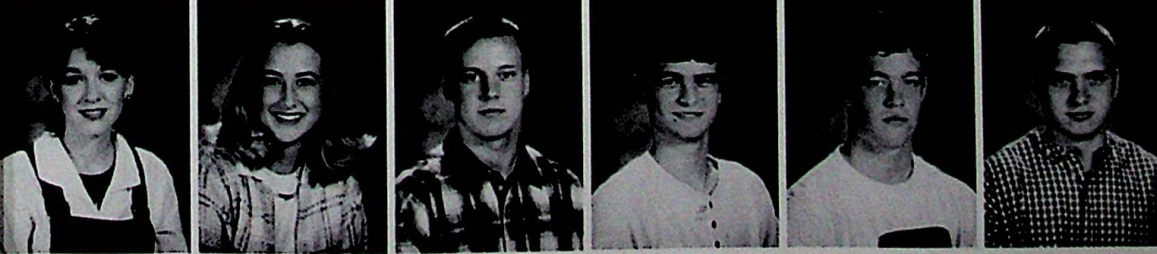
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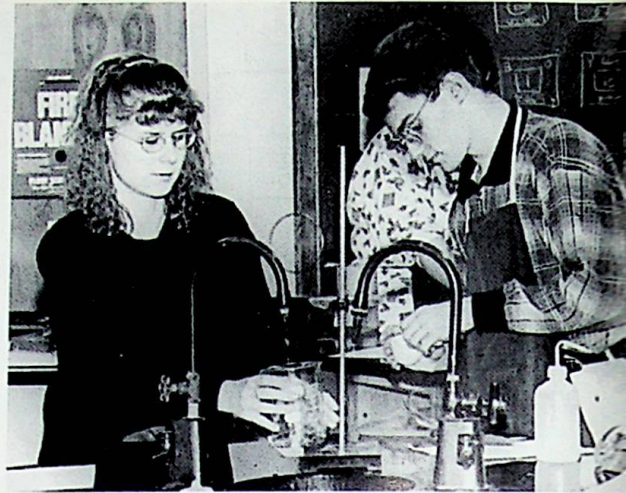
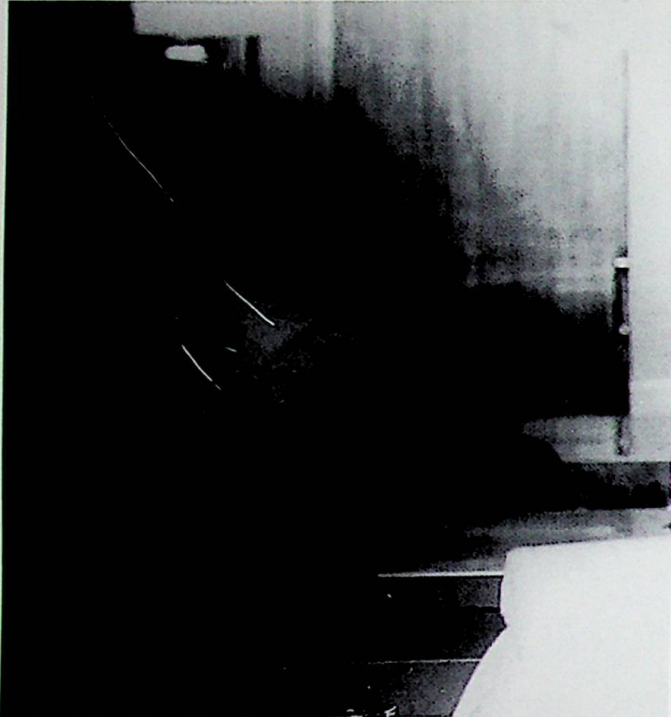


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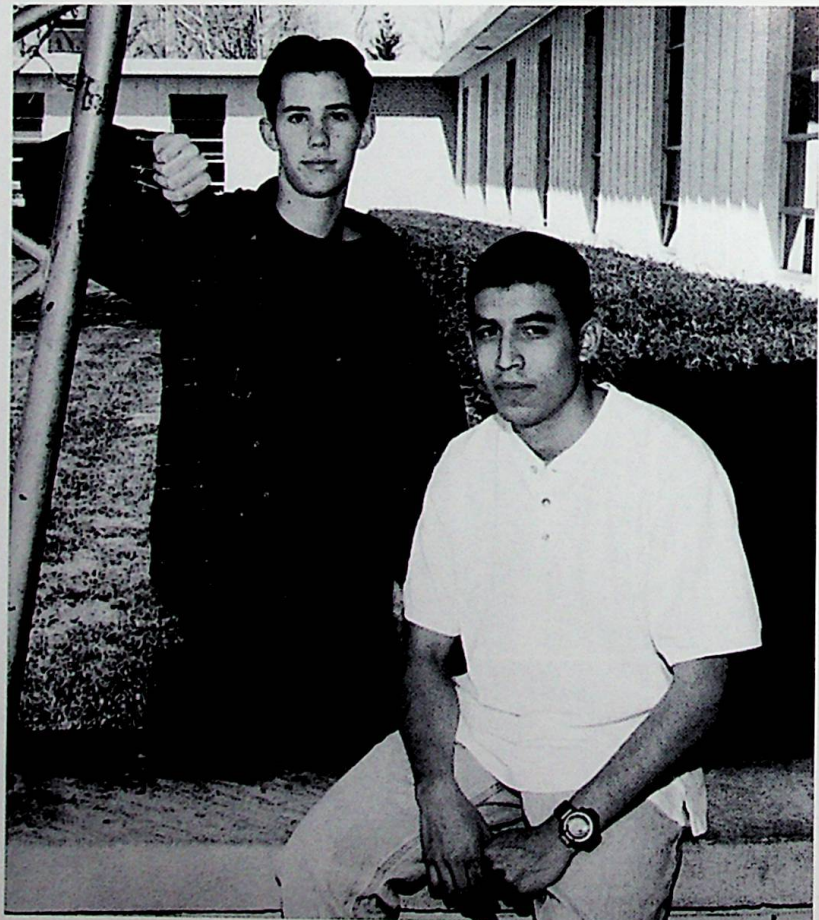


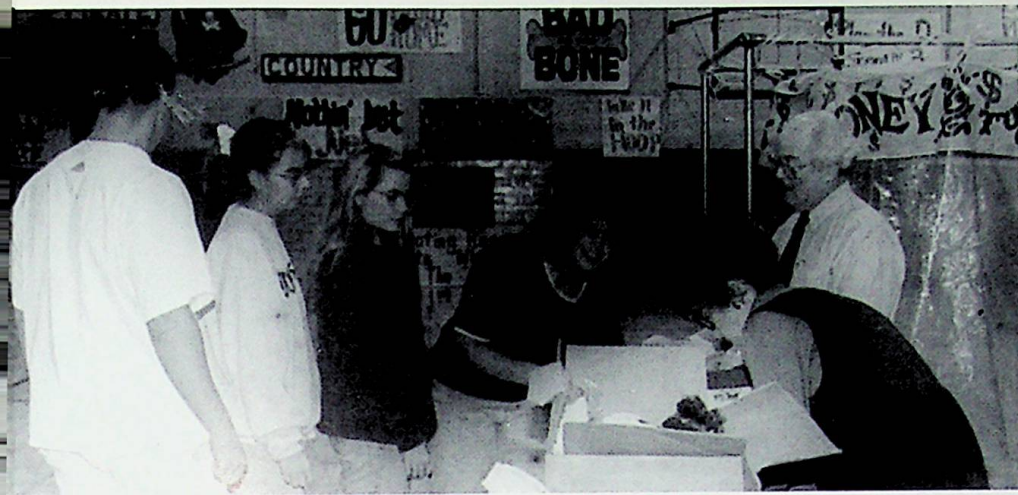
Jessica Evans
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Emily Lemons carefully measures water to use in her Chemistry lab experiment. Below, Jenny Knapp participates in an egg race during a football pep rally.

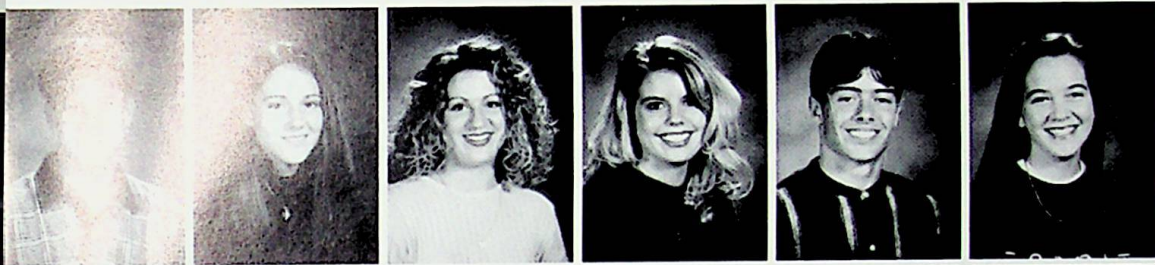


Wes Carter takes a break from his typing assignment. Right, Junior Tech Prep Students are Joe Danzer and Eli Marshall.

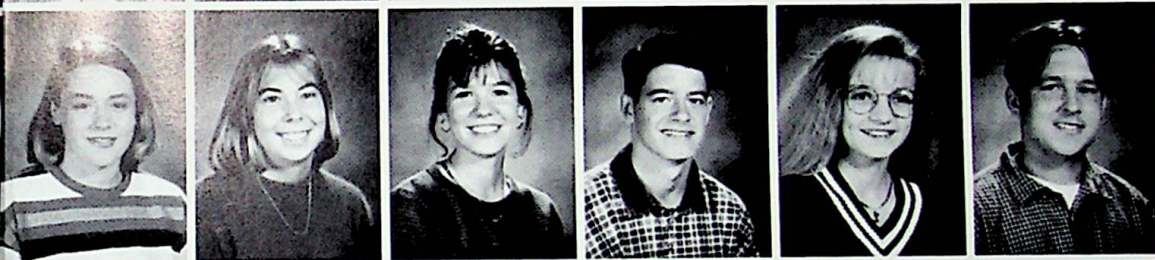




Amy Nichols receives her prize from the money box as Leslie, April, and Kyle look on.



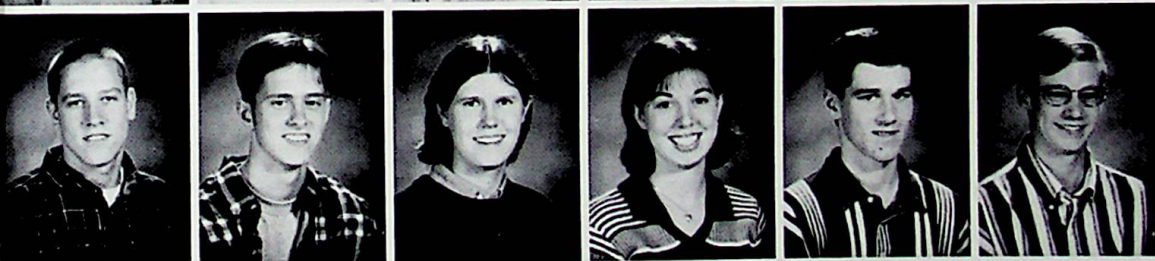
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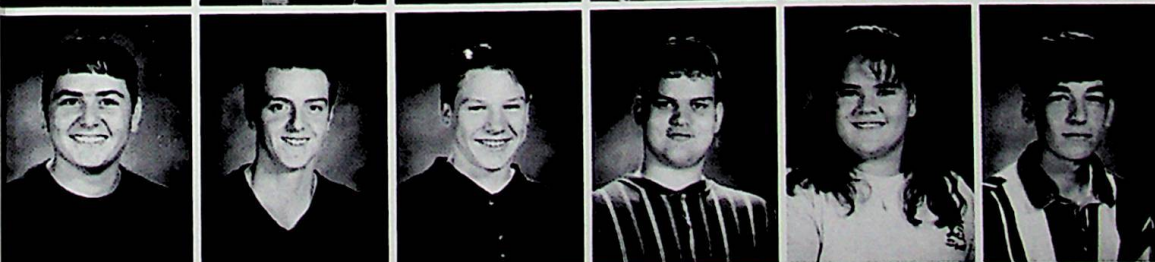
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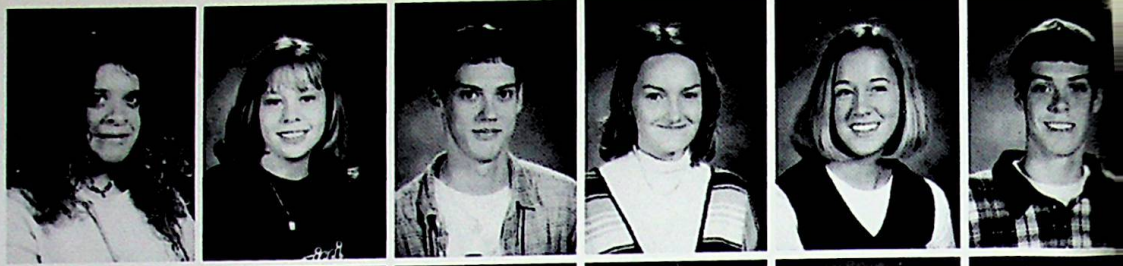


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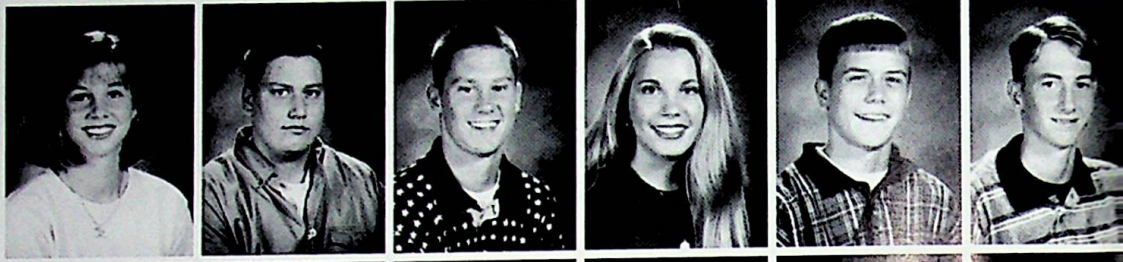


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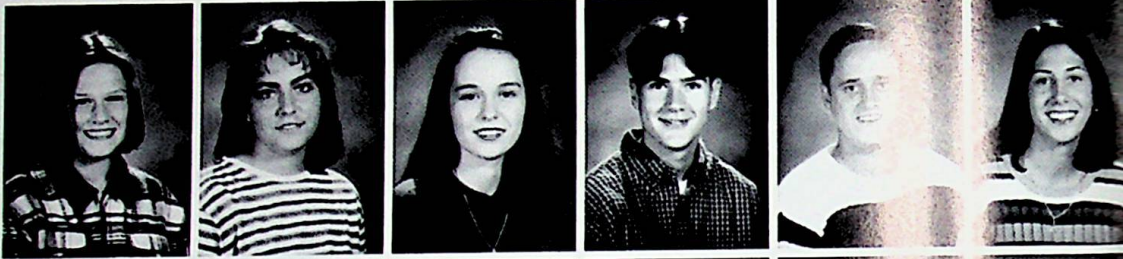
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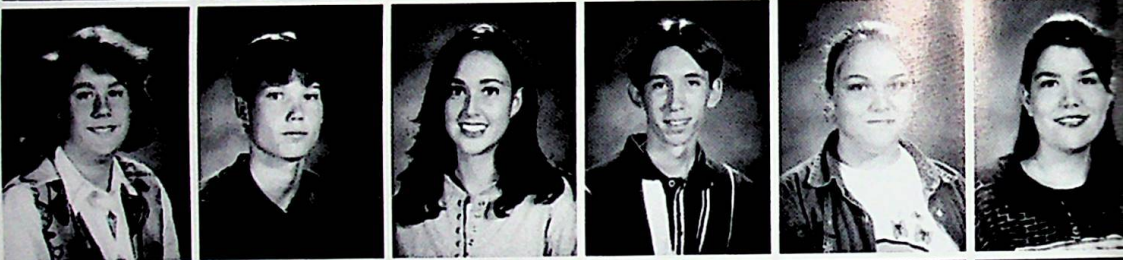
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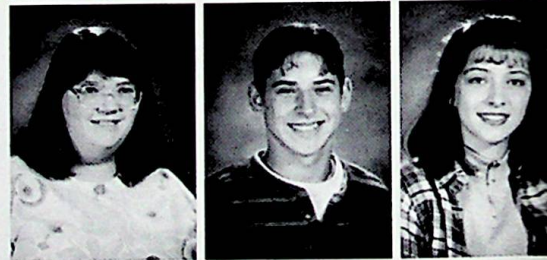
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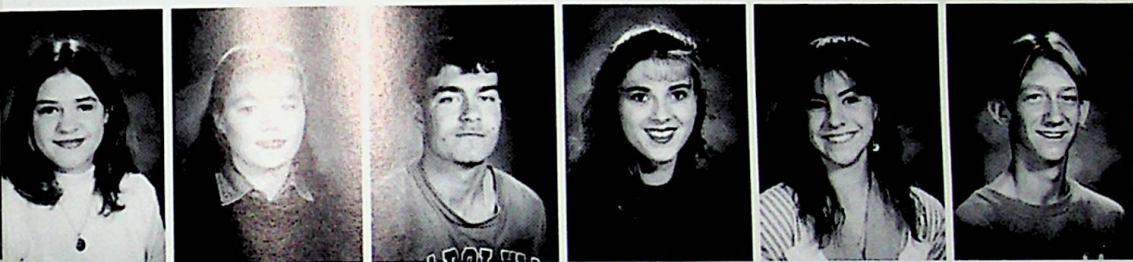
Dustin Burleson shows his school spirit by cheering at a football pep rally.



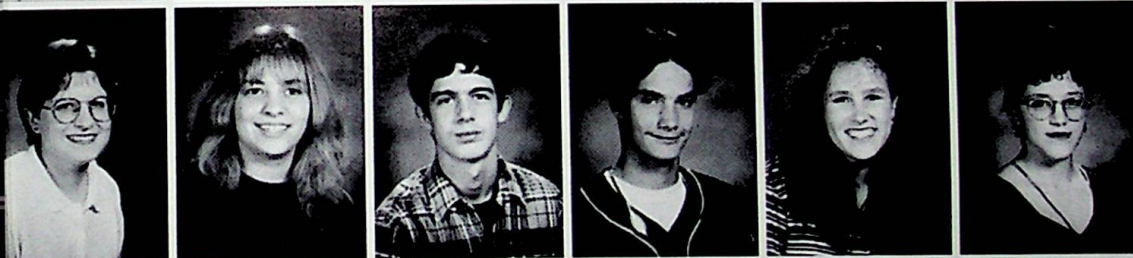


Rebecca Schwamberger and Melanie Morris tap junior Brittany Thomas into the George Rightmire Chapter of the National Honor Society.

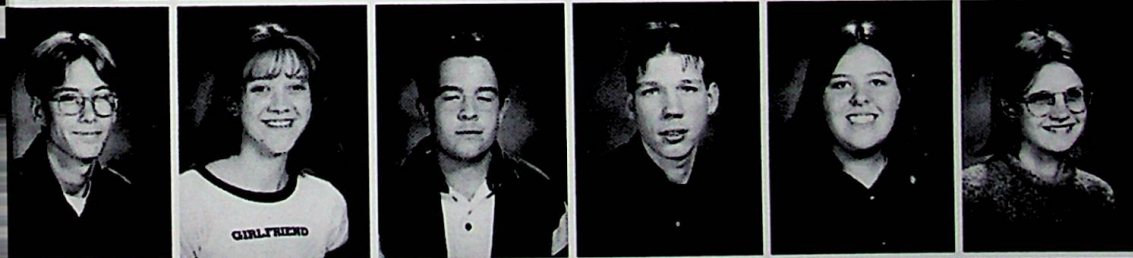
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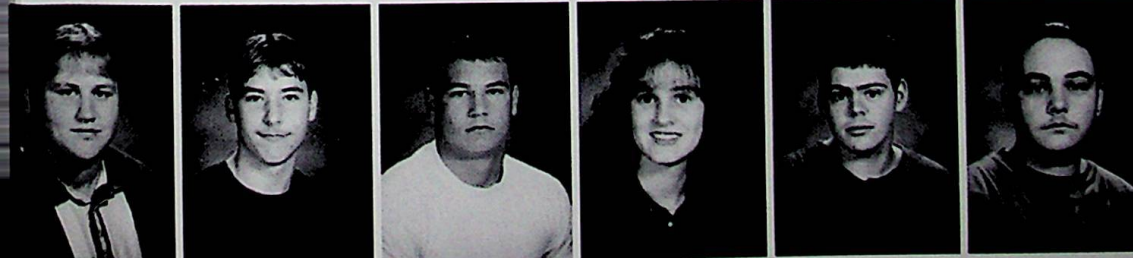
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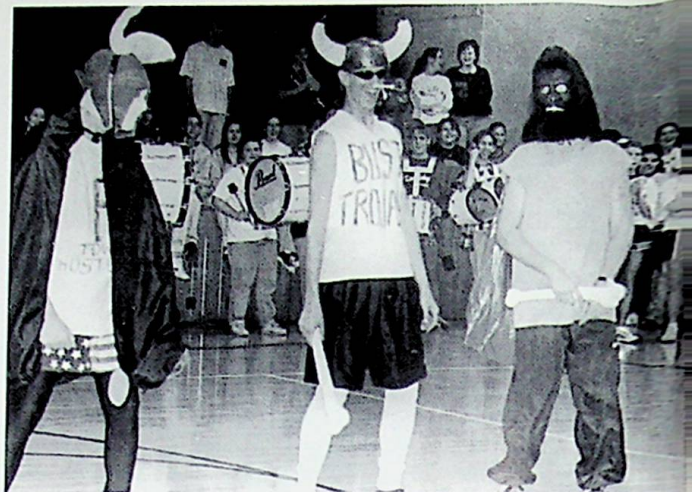


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Michael Wolfenbarker

The Class of 1999

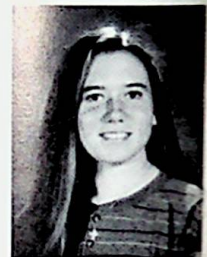


Bob Gullett leads the cheers for the sophomores at the PHS pep rally.



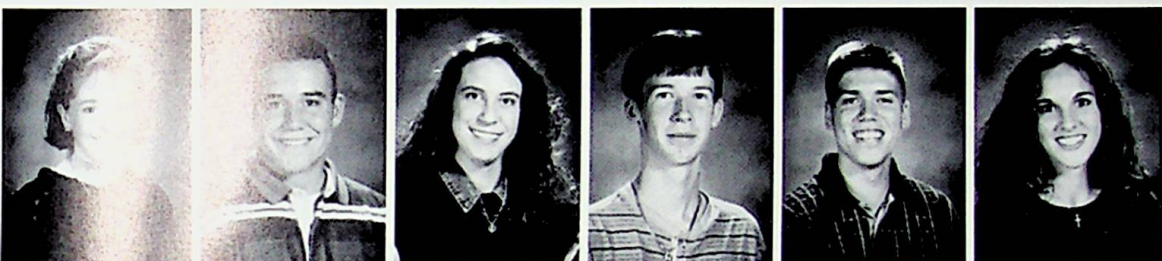
Lindsay Cole and Mrs. Green entertain the first-graders after the students were able to e-mail Santa Claus.

The "Yell Block" cheer the Pirates to victory against Ironton.

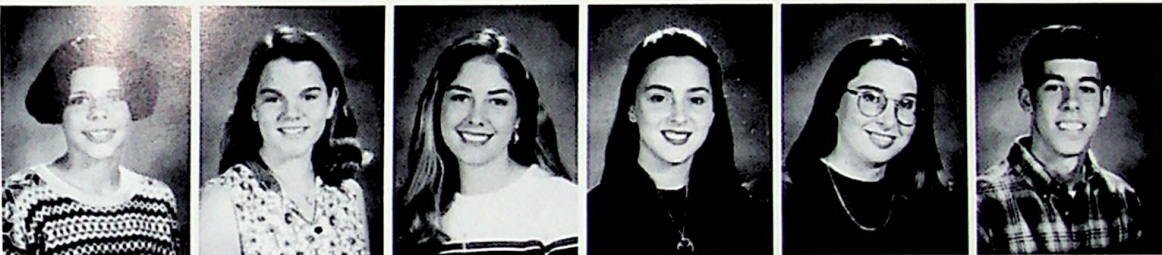




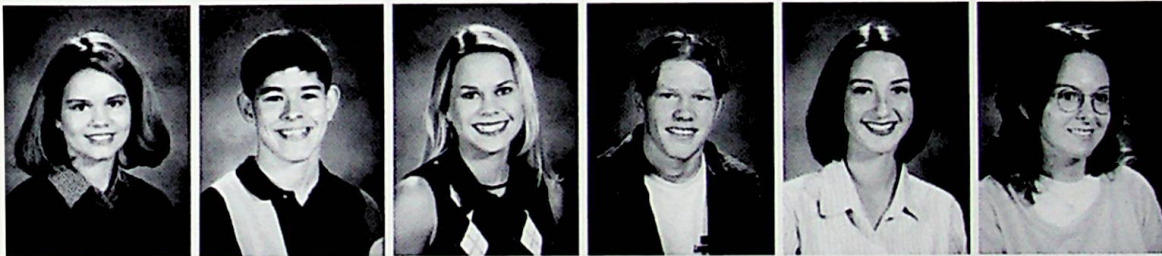
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 Row 1: Michelle Carmon-President, Shelley Mauk-Vice President, Alicia Browning-Secretary.
 Row 2: Jessica Adams-Treasurer, Scott Estep-Class Representative.



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 Shelley Adkins
 Mike Basham
 Emily Bauman
 James Bays
 Davin Bentley
 Brooke Bockway



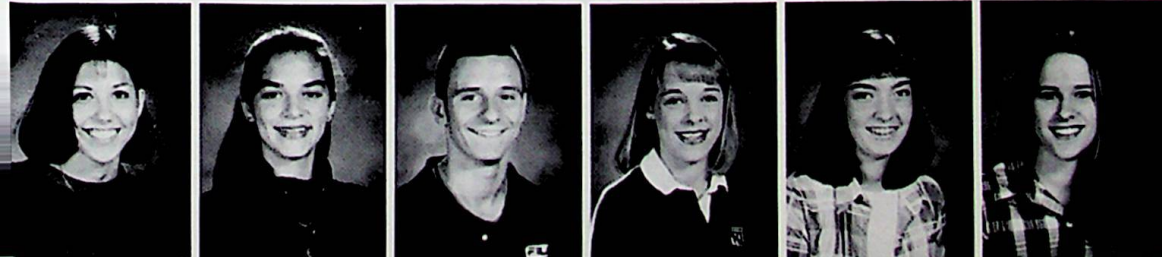
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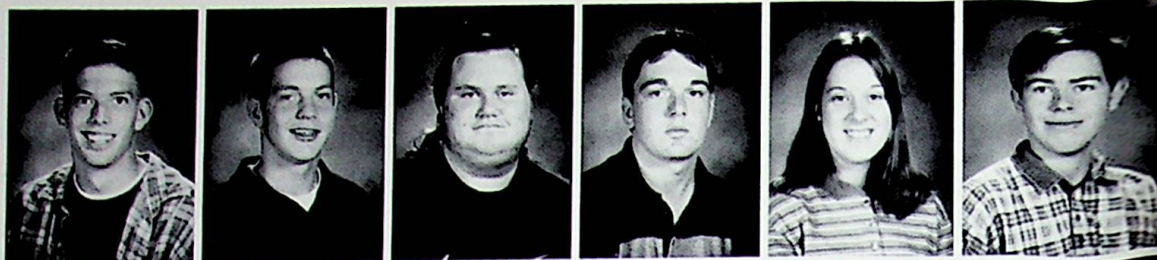


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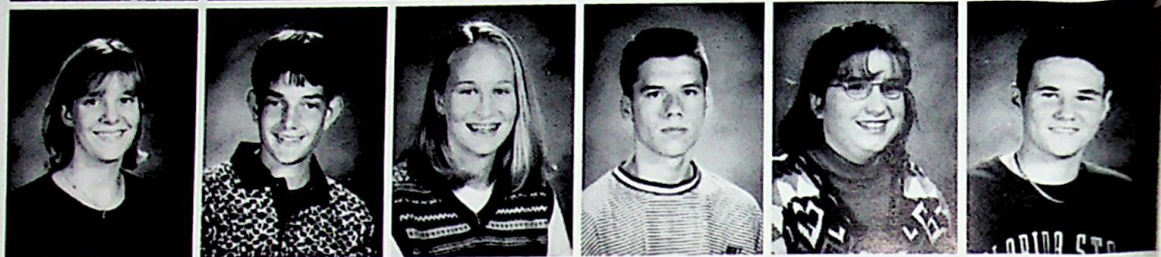


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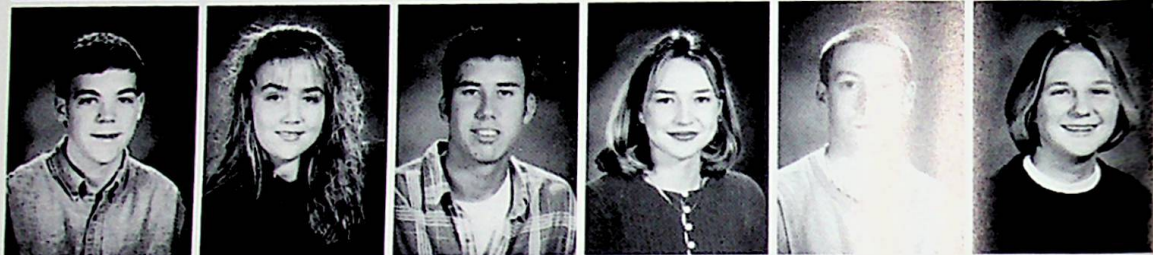
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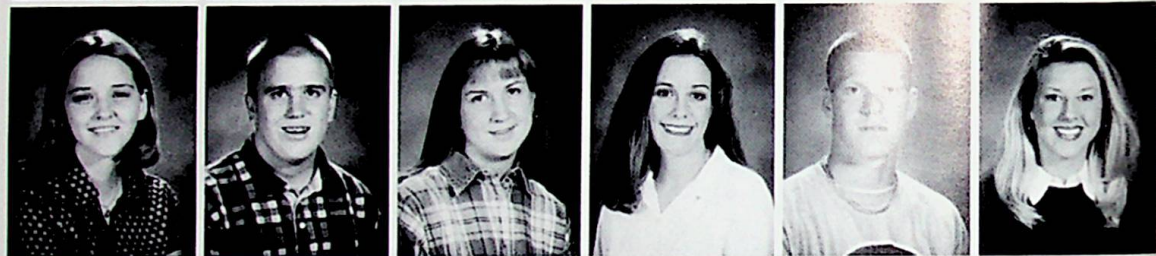
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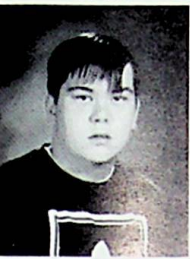
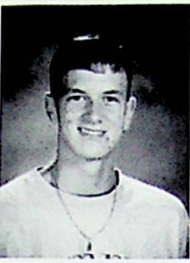


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Sarah Mershon enjoys an afternoon of fun with her senior friend Jenny Chapman.

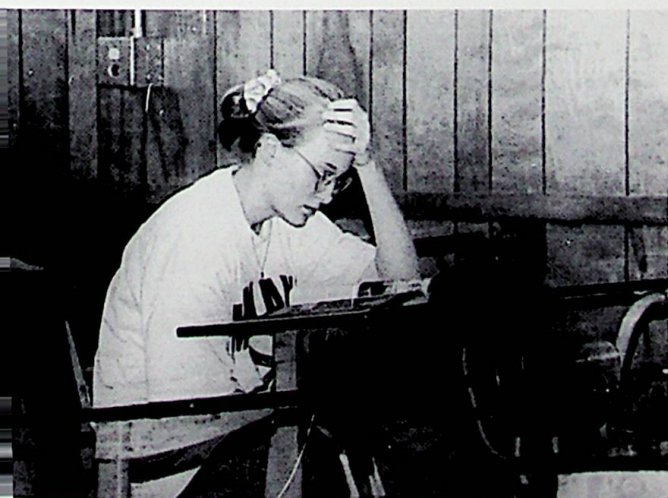




Erecka Conley works with her lab partner Amanda Chamberlin to learn more about anatomy.



Dustin Falls works on his project in woodworking class.



Beth Hughes reads a magazine to relax during her study hall period.

O.W.A. Row 1: Dusty Dixon, Fayette Kazez, Scott Craft, Amy Cooley, Amy Watts. Row 2: Jesse Kerns, Randy Davis, Matt Sexton, Aaron Murphy, Matt Risner, David Kirk.



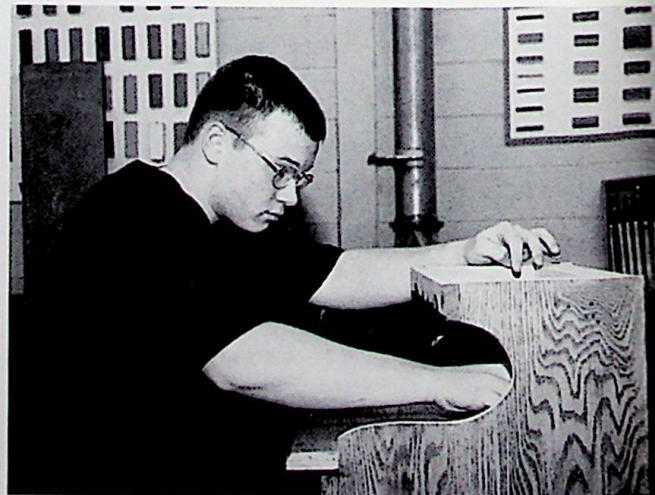
Alisha Day and the marching band perform despite the sweltering heat.

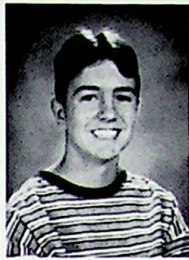
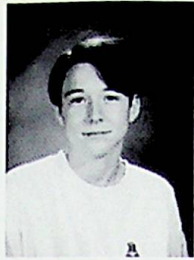


Peer Tutors Row 1: Lynsay Vicars, Leann Wawro, Erica Engle, Amanda Smith, Rebecca Schwamberger, Sarah Howard, Nate Collier. Row 2: Nathan Skiver, Kristen Fankell, Samantha Gullett, Meagan Janney, Dan Blankenship, Melissa Williams, Ryan Kimsley, Brent Wakefield, Melissa Gibson, Becky Riepenhoff.

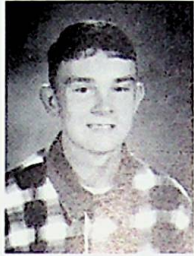


Brandon Murphy adds the finishing touches to his woodworking project.

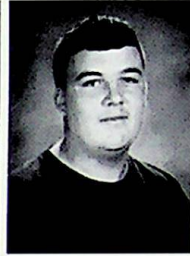




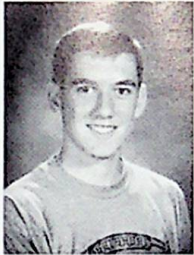
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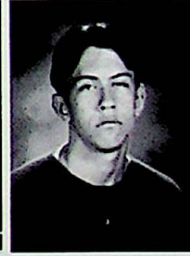
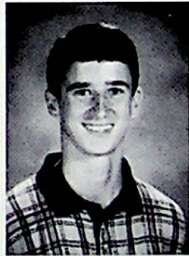
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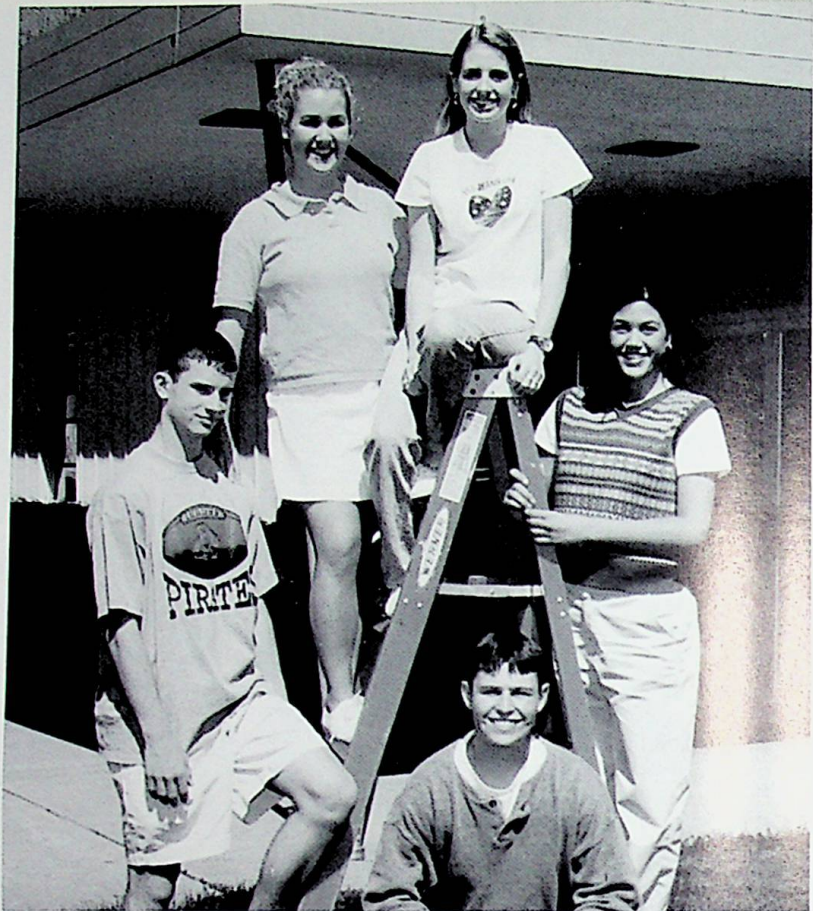
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Tom Turner
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Josh Whitley



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The Class of . . .

Freshman Class Officers: (clockwise)
 Andy Gill-Vice President,
 Ashley Holsinger-Secretary,
 Stephanie Rose-Class Representative,
 Amanda Chamberlin-President,
 Dustin Woodrum-Treasurer.



Karen McElroy and Jenny Brown carry the banner as they lead the band through the parade route.



The new freshmen cheerleading squad performs during the pep rally before the Portsmouth game.

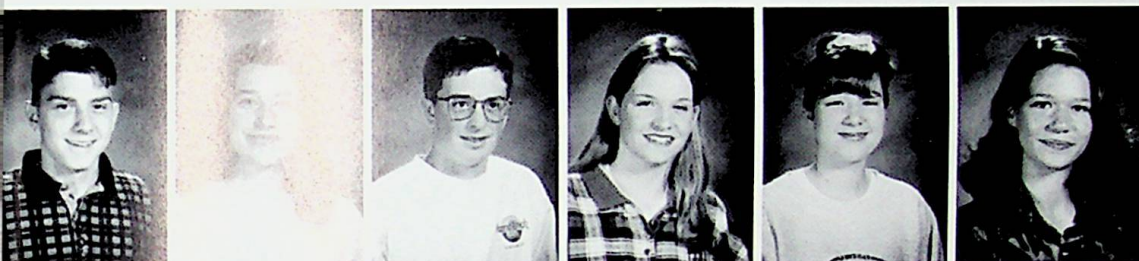


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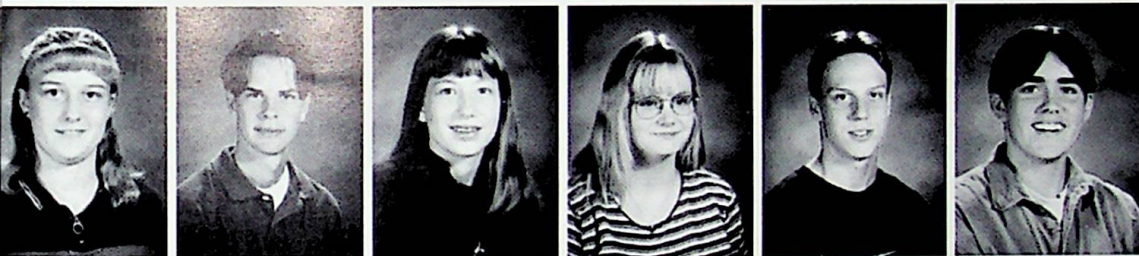




NEDT Award Winners. Row 1: Khris-
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Vicars, Leann Wawro, Jonie Elswick.
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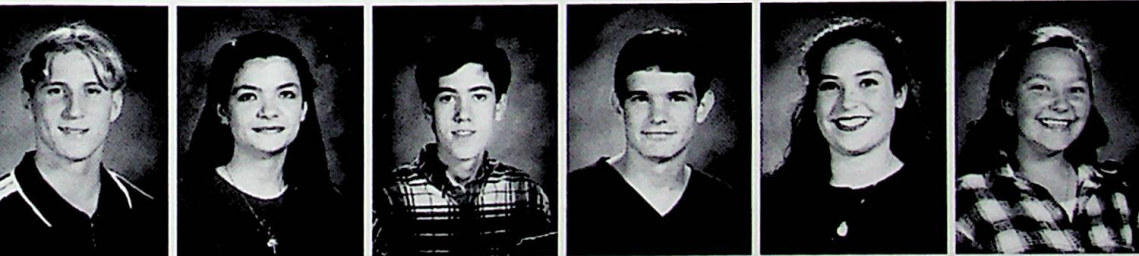
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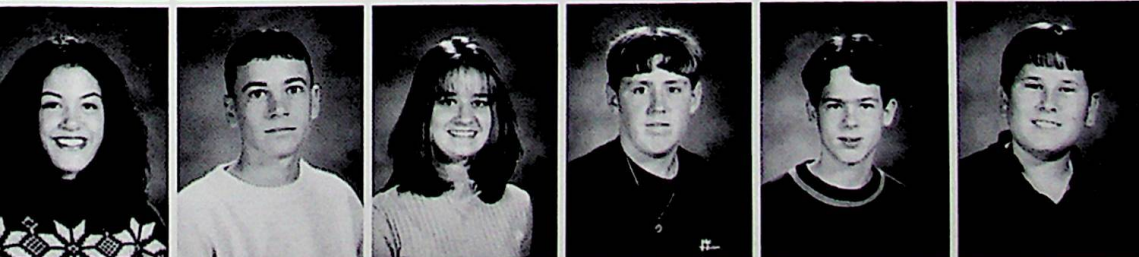
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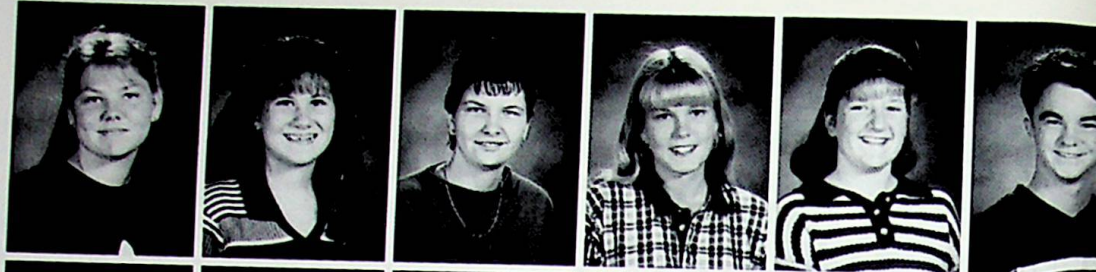


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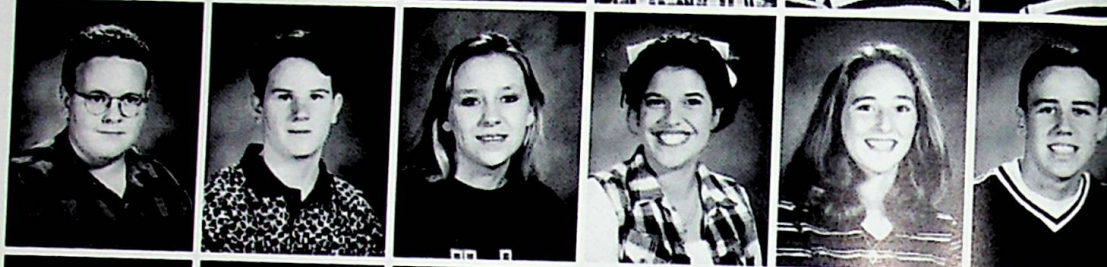


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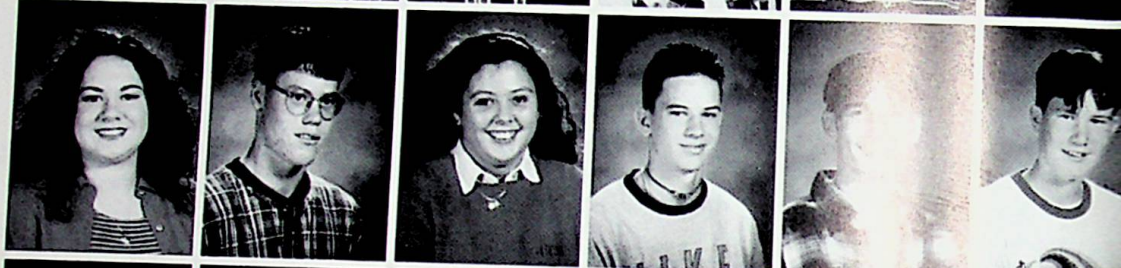
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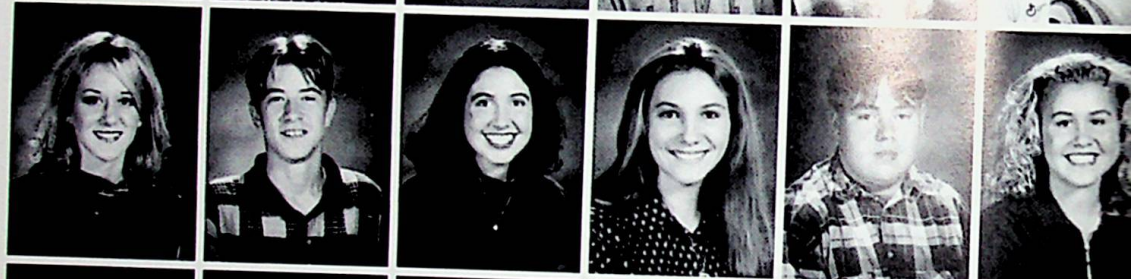
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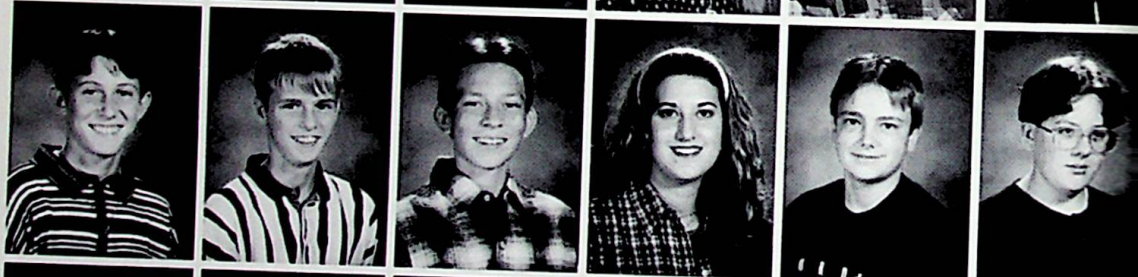
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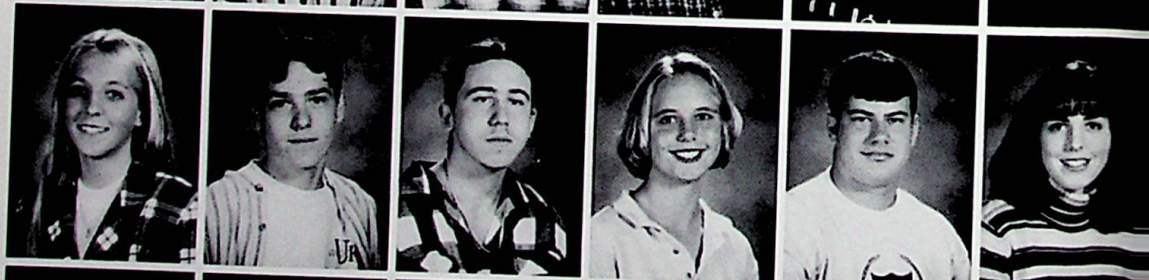
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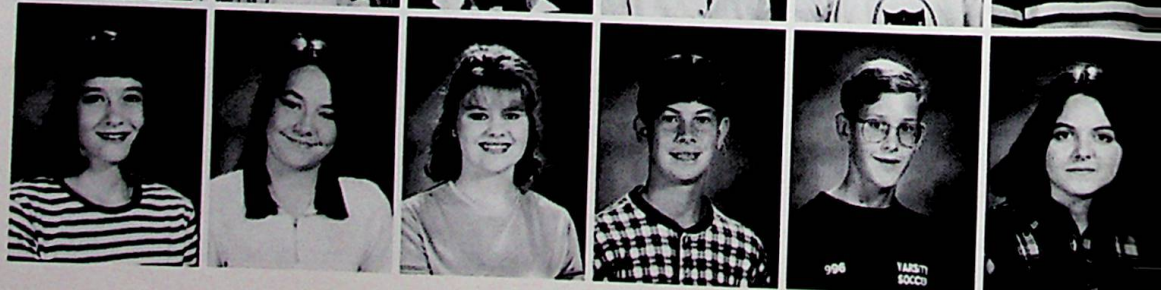
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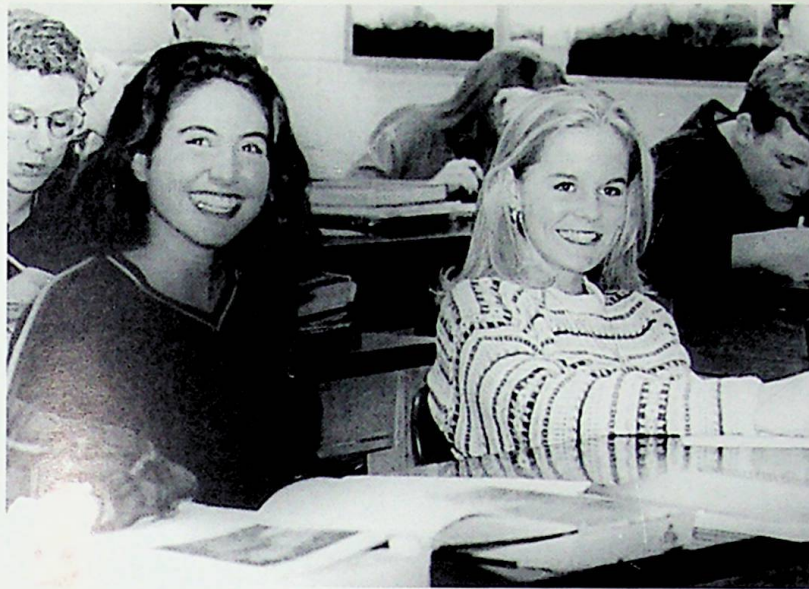
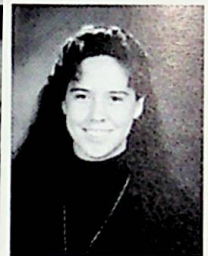
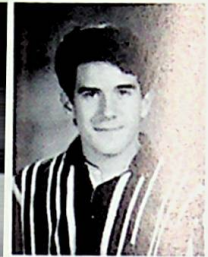
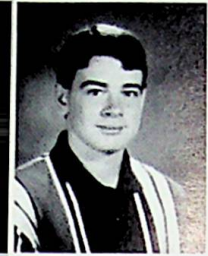


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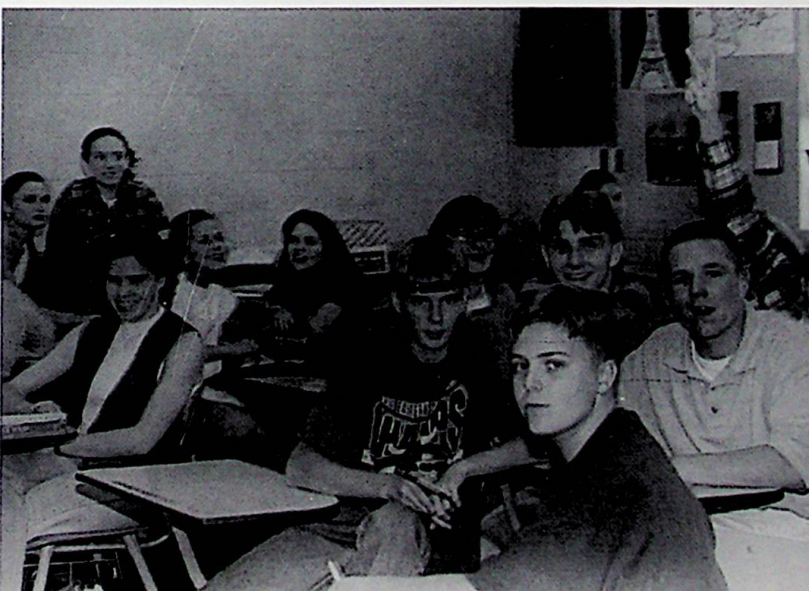




Elizabeth Hewitt and Meagon Wheeler enjoy a break from note-taking in their biology class.



Katie Parsley uses her time in study hall to prepare for a test.

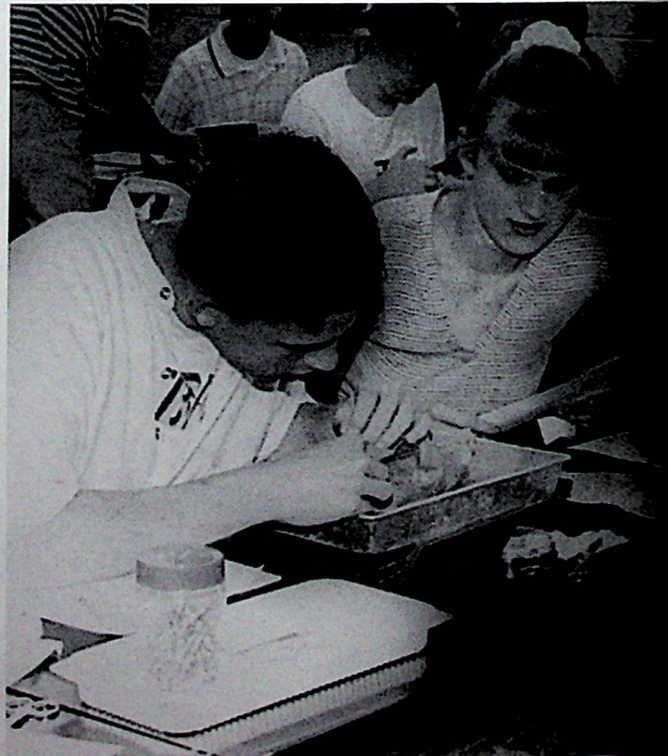


Khristeena Howard and Luke Robbins enjoy spending French class with their friends.



Alison Krick and Liz Hewitt, along with many other Pirate fans, cheer the football team on to victory.

Jason Noble and Angel Ross work diligently to locate the organs of a pig.

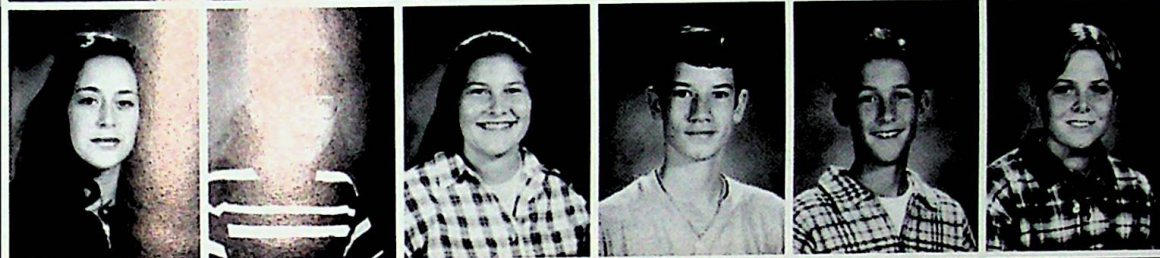




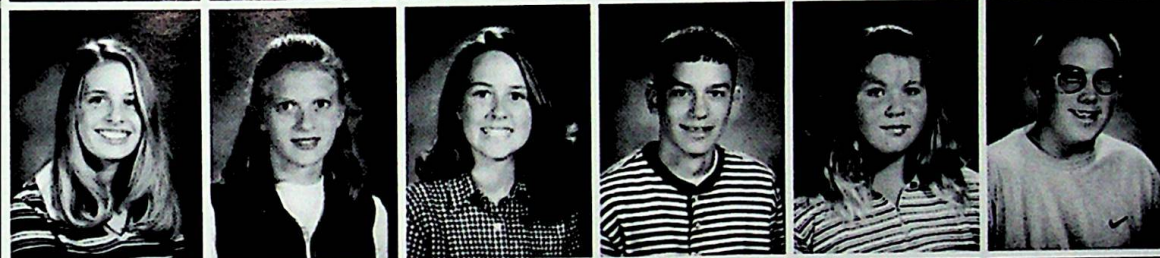
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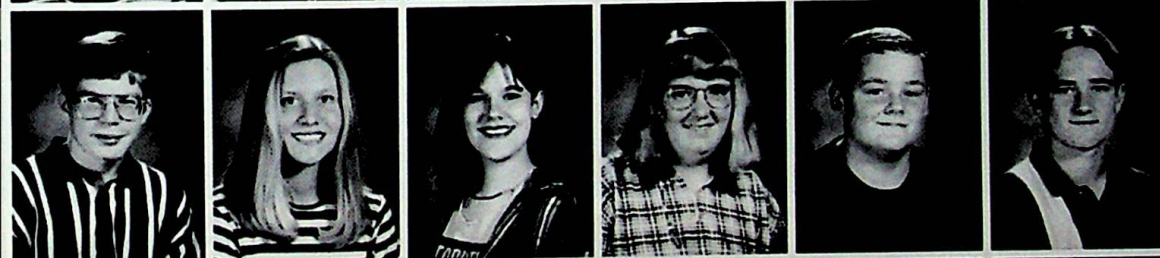
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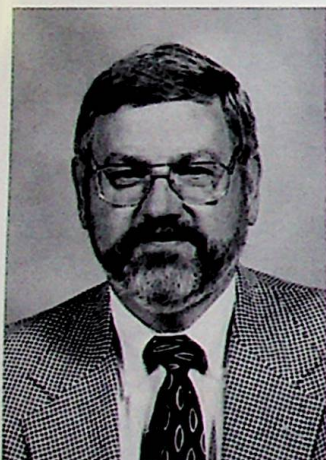
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Board of Education

Serving on the Board of Education for Wheelersburg Local Schools are: (seated) Mrs. Rebecca Schwamburger, Vice President; Mrs. Christine Eaton, President; Mrs. Robyn Thomas; (standing) Mr. Rory Phillips, Mr. David Hayden.



Dr. Samuel Sells
Superintendent



Jim Gill
Principal



Robert Schwamberger
Assistant Principal



George Grice
Treasurer



To help raise money for the quiz team's trip to the National Academic Championship in Washington, D.C., the faculty scrimmaged the team and lost 35-51.



Melissa Bibbey
Director of Technology Services

25 Years of Service



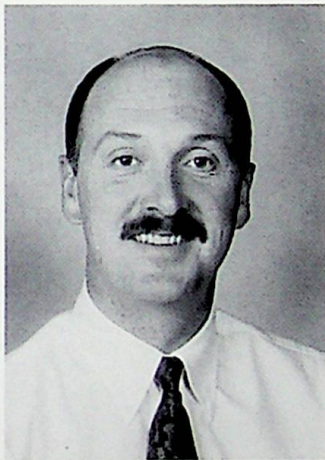
Mrs. Jerri Morgan, WHS secretary, has announced her plans to retire July 29, 1997. She will have completed 25 years of service to the district. She graduated from WHS when it was located on Gallia Street. She was a cheerleader and a member of the WHS Sextet, which won the Parade of Stars on WSAZ-TV. The group performed on the Ted Mack Amateur Hour, a national TV network in New York City. With children in school, she became a charter member of MOPS. She was also involved with Wheelersburg students as the American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor for 20 years at the Tan Lan Swim Club.

Jerri's first position at the elementary school was as an aide. Later she transferred to the high school as an aide, and in 1984, she accepted the position of high school secretary. The most admired trait about Mrs. Morgan is that she makes each person she meets each day feel special and welcome as she greets each with a smile. The positive and supportive attitude she brings to the office each day will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Morgan, enjoy your retirement and traveling!



Monica Acox
Home Economics



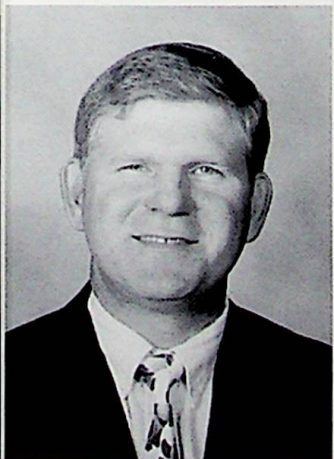
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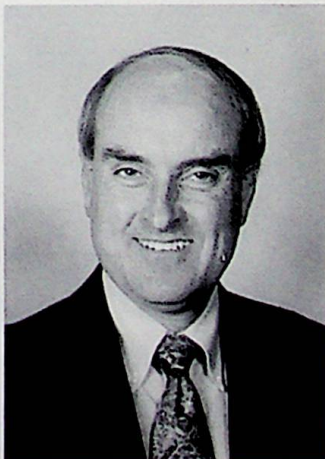
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Learning Disabilities



Carol Bialkowski
Health and P.E.



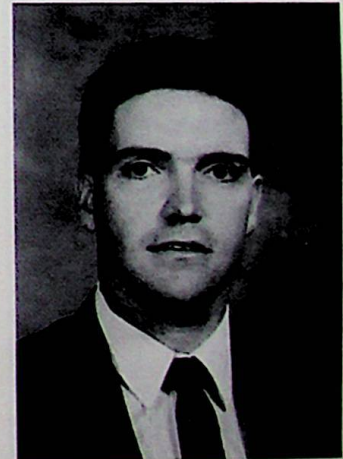
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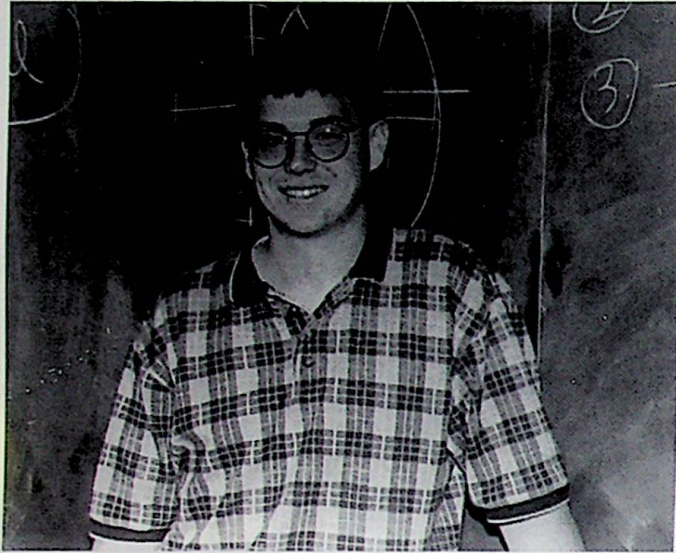
Dora Carmon
Guidance Counselor



Bill Claxon
Mathematics and Science

Joel Utsinger completes his student teaching requirements under Mr. Spradlin's supervision in math. He attends Ohio University and will graduate in June of 1997.

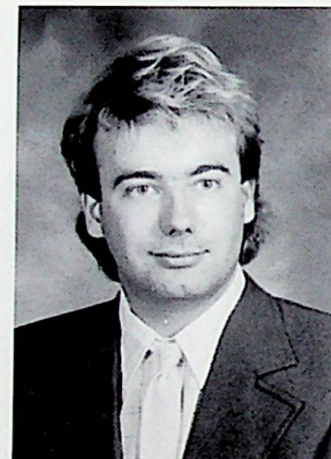
Miss Weisenberger enjoys the "70's" dress up day sponsored by the cheerleaders.



Regina Craig
Mathematics



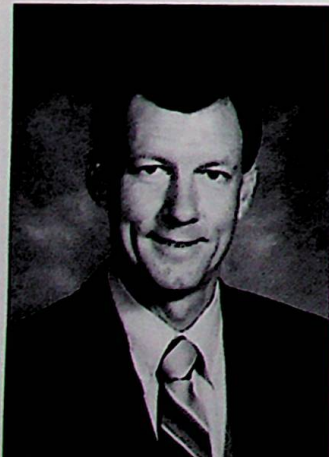
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Social Studies



Dick Jenkins
Industrial Arts



Gary Johnson
Special Education

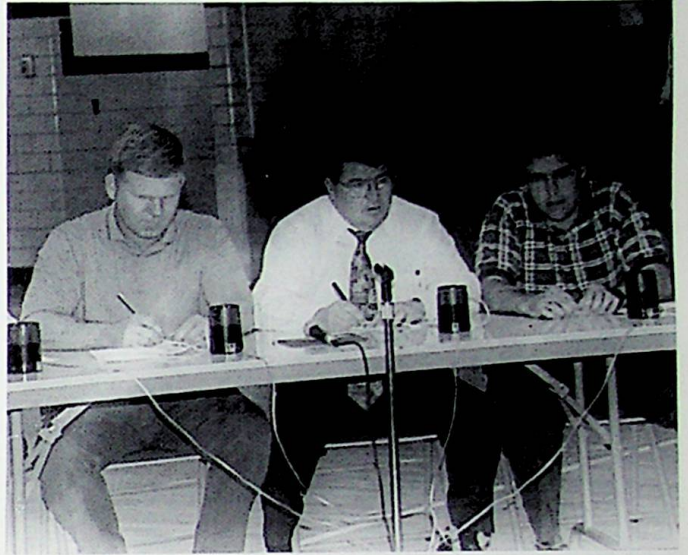


Paul Keller
Science



Seated between two of her senior players, Coach B. is caught smiling after an important team point is earned.

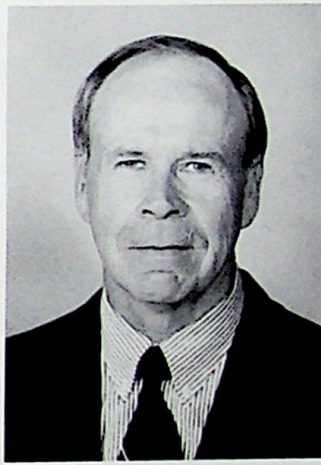
Mr. Boll, Mr. Keller, and Mr. Claxon listen intently to their math team question during the quiz team scrimmage.



Kathy Legg
Business



Mike Lovenguth
Geography and Psychology



Ed Miller
Health and P.E.



Rebecca Nichols
Guidance Counselor



Nancy Nickell
Media Specialist



Debra Peters
Business



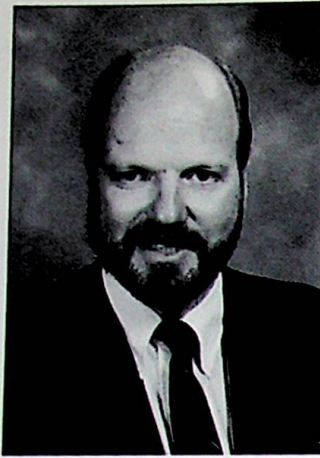
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Foreign Language



Kathy Russell
Math and Computers



Mike Schomburg
Drafting and Athletic Director



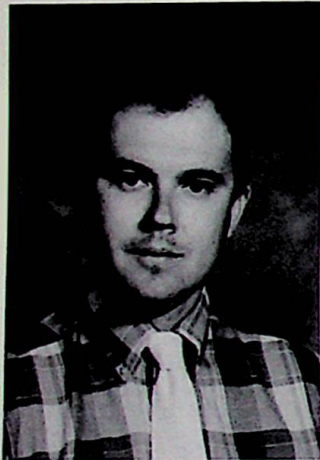
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Instrumental Music



Barry Spradlin
Mathematics



Sherry Starnes
English



Tom Suter
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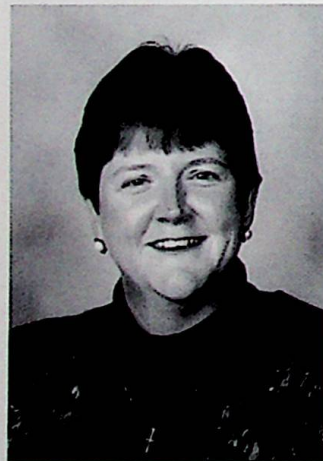
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Foreign Languages



Cheryl Weisenberger
English

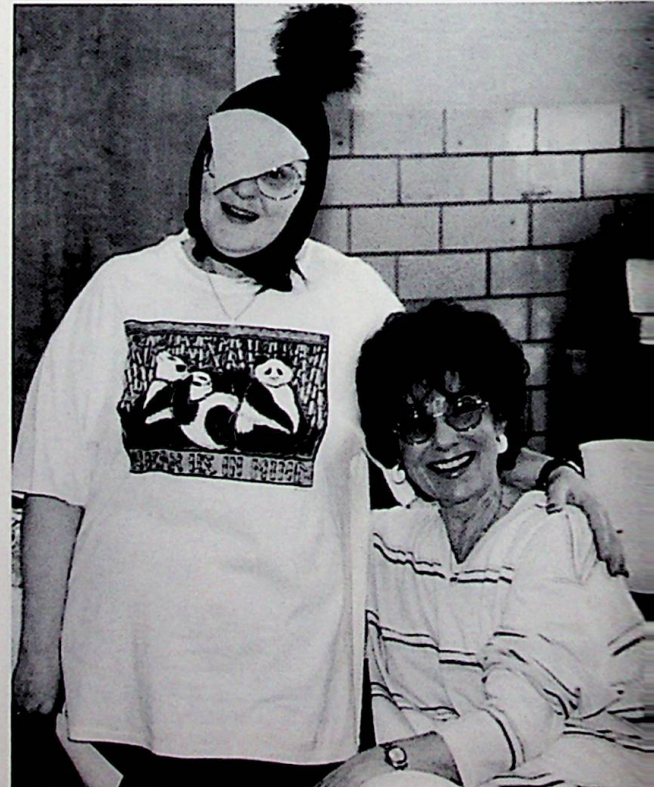


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Developmental Reading



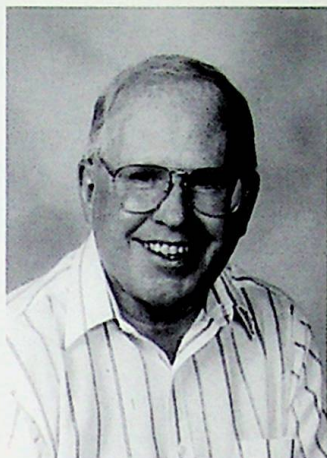
Melody Williams
Independent Studies and
Foreign Languages

Mrs. Switalski lightens the mood at the party wishing happy retirement to Mrs. Morgan.





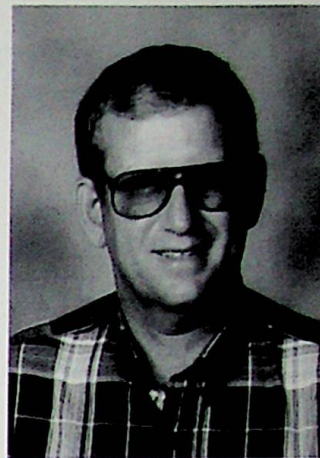
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Nurse



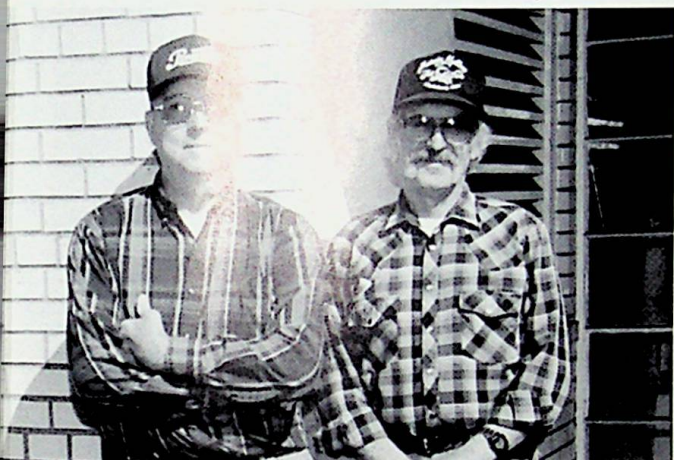
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Student Activity Director



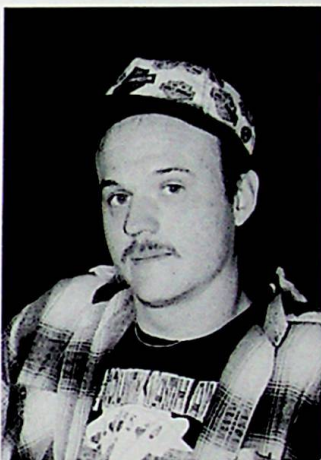
Sarah Sloan
JOGS



Bill Schwamberger
Head Custodian



Lloyd Spradlin and Dave Roth
Custodians



Dusty Clark
Custodian



Mary Lou Dye
Cafeteria Cashier

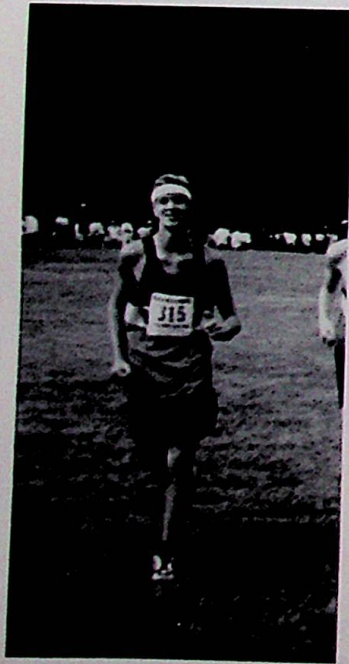
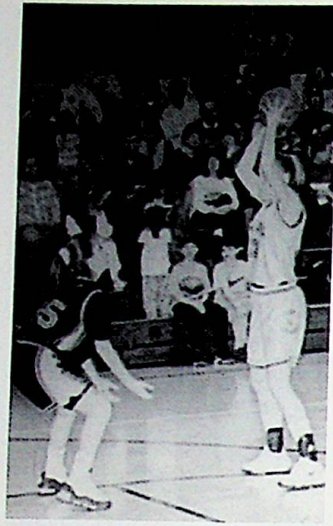


Betty Pack and Brenda Lester
High School Aides

Connie Boggs and Linda Brown
Cafeteria Cooks



Gerri Smith, Pam Coriell, and
Lynna Penwell
Board of Education Secretaries

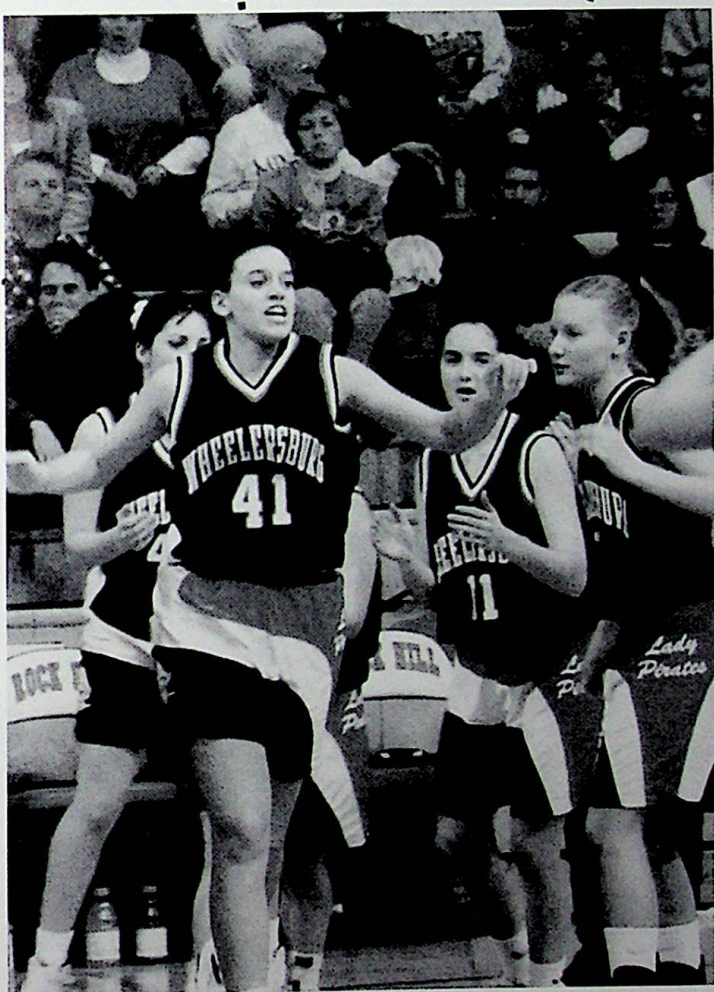


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Cross Country

What usually comes to mind when you hear the words "cross country"? Well, most people think of pain, exhaustion, sweat, rain, mud, snow, corn fields, and the infamous Agony Hill at Zane Trace. So why would anyone put himself (or herself) through all of this? Everyone has their own reasons for running and enduring the pain and the elements. Some enjoy the feeling of accomplishment they get after they finish a tough race. Others run because they think it is fun. They enjoy the good times the team shares at meets and on long bus rides. One thing is for sure: cross country takes a lot of hard work and dedication.

The future is looking bright for the Wheelersburg Pirates Cross Country team. This season the boys fielded eleven runners, while having only one senior. The dedication of the members of the boys' squad earned them several individual honors. The team also earned second place at the district competition, which qualified the team for regionals.

The girls had a full team at most of the meets and interest is growing in the program. The girls had a great time while completing a successful season. They finished second in the SOC as a team. Brooke Bockway qualified for regional competition for the second straight year. With many dedicated runners returning, both teams should be tough competition next season and beyond.

Brenda, Brooke, Stephanie, Alisha, and Amanda relax at Cedarville before race begins.



Seniors: Stephanie Klaco. Not pictured: Zack Riepenhoff.



Row 1: Stephanie Klaco, Brooke Bockway, Brenda Boll, Khristeena Howard, Amanda Bays, Angel Ross. Row 2: Huddleston, Bob Gullett, Beau Sullens, Davin Bentley, Tyler Travis, Levi O'Dell, J.D. Larter. Row 3: Coach Johnson, Tilley, Tony Carver, Keith Treadway, Matt Branham, Tom Taylor. Not pictured: Alisha Day, Chad Benner, Andy Zack Riepenhoff.

Cross Country

Boys

South Webster	3rd of 3
Zane Trace Inv.	11th of 22
Western Inv.	6th of 15
Portsmouth	3rd of 4
Cedarville Inv.	13th of 16
South Webster	4th of 5
Lancaster Inv.	NTS
Rio Grande Inv.	4th of 14
Piketon Inv.	6th of 15
SOC	5th of 6
Districts	2nd of 3
Regionals	4th of 17

Girls

Zane Trace Inv.	8th of 16
Western Inv.	NTS
Portsmouth	3rd of 3
Cedarville Inv.	13th of 13
South Webster	NTS
Lancaster Inv.	NTS
Rio Grande Inv.	NTS
Piketon Inv.	5th of 7
SOC	2nd of 3
Districts	5th of 9
Regionals	NTS



The regional qualifiers pause for a picture with their trophy from the district meet.

Below middle, Stephanie and Brenda pace themselves at the district meet in Piketon.

Chad and Jason lead the pack at Lancaster.



The boys get pumped up before the SOC meet at South Webster.

Aaron and Chad work to keep up with the leaders at the SOC meet.

Girls' Tennis

The Lady Pirate tennis team has come a long way since the start of their program. They have improved their season by ending it with an impressive 9-1 record. After recovering from injuries, the number one singles player, Lindsey Hall, fought a hard battle defeating Athens Marian Langos 6-7, 7-6, 7-6. After splitting sets the two girls had to play a tie-breaker because of darkness. Once again the girls traveled to Muskingum College to compete in the sectional tournament play. Erin Wakefield did an outstanding job, but fell in her qualifying match for districts to the number one seed. Lindsey Hall also did exceptionally well in the tournament play. She placed second in the sectionals and qualified for districts in Columbus where she won her first match but lost her second. She has remained undefeated in regular season play all four years and has done a tremendous job leading the team.

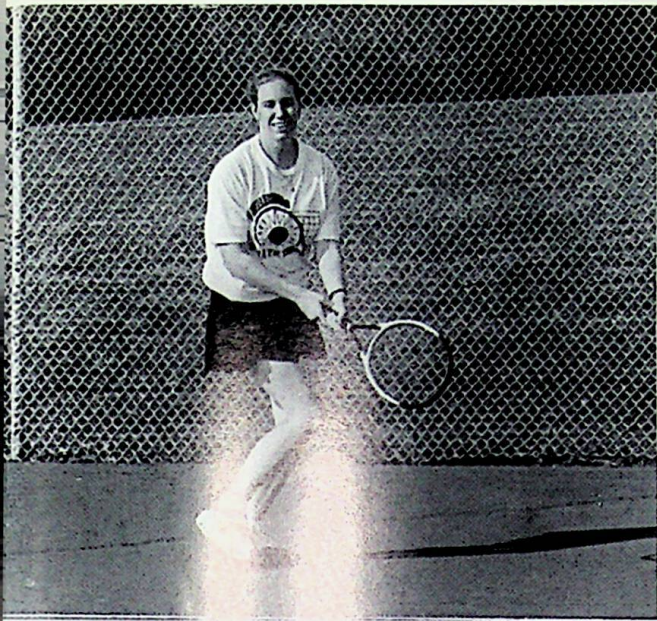
WHS	Opponent	
4	Athens	1
3	Portsmouth	2
0	Portsmouth	5
5	Jackson	0
4	Fisher Catholic	1
5	Minford	0
5	Logan Elm	0
4	Washington C.H.	1
3	Athens	2
5	Minford	0

Junior Lana McGinnis volleys a key point in her doubles match.

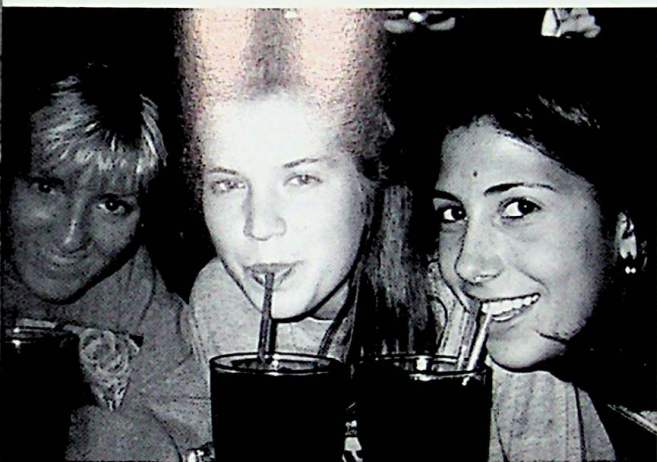


Row 1: Melanie Morris, Amanda Smith, Lindsey Hall, Rebecca Schwamberger, Allison Moore. Row 2: Amanda Paxson, Summer Bishop, Amy Nichols, Karma Saunders, Alicia Browning, Lindsey Staggs. Row 3: Charlene Darrell-Fields, Shelley Mauk, Jenny Knapp, Terra Evans, Brittany Thomas. Row 4: Coach Tom Carter, Sarah Osborne, Erin Wakefield, Emily Bauman, Angel Ross, Lana McGinnis, Kelly Ruley.

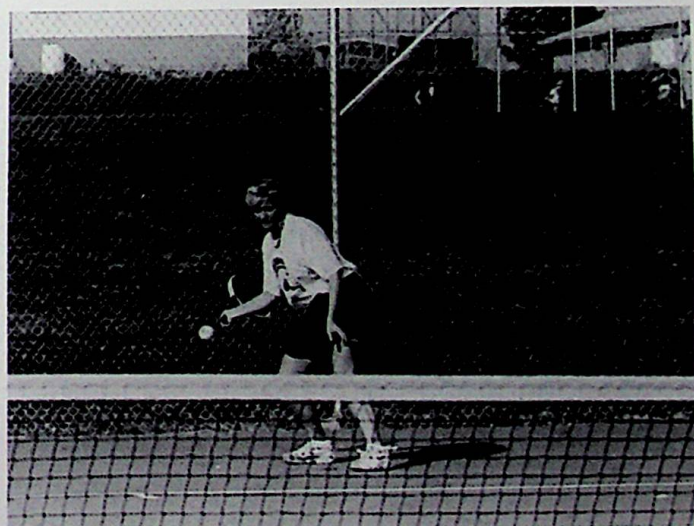
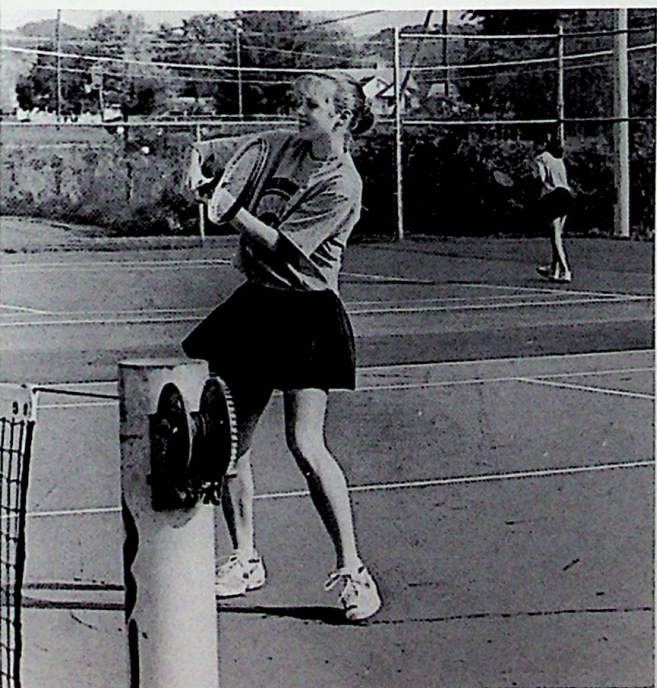




Sophomore Emily Bauman warms up her ground strokes during warmups. Below: Lindsey, Jenny, and Brittany stop for some drinks on their way to Muskingum College.



Seniors. Row 1: Allison Moore. Row 2: Lindsey Hall, Rebecca Schwamberger. Row 3: Amanda Smith, Melanie Morris.

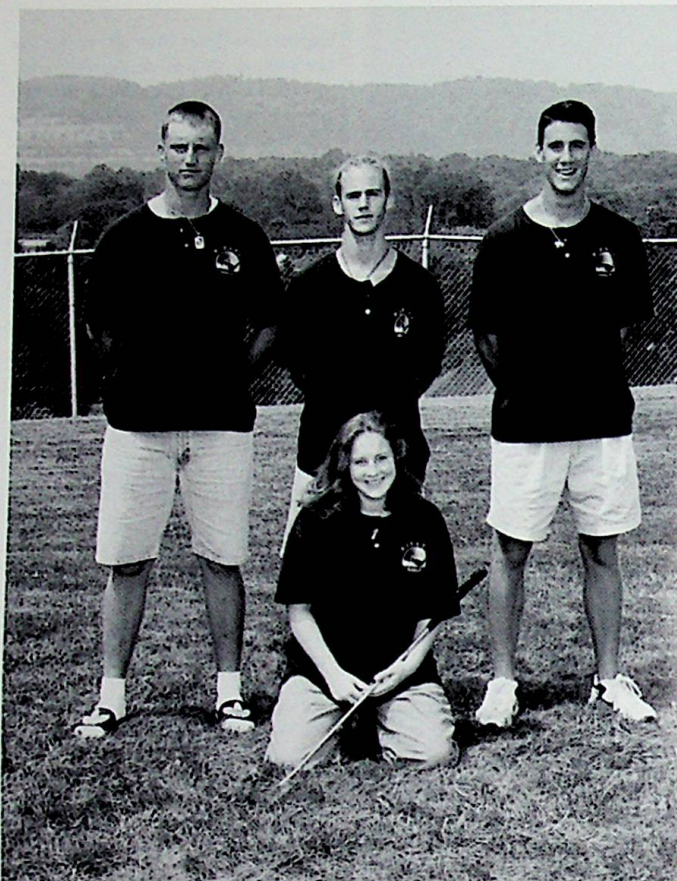


Junior Kelly Ruley puts the ball away in doubles action.

Senior Lindsey Hall hammers a forehand to win the match.

It was this year that simplicity was brought into this great game we call golf. "Just knock out penalties and sandtraps and we'll be all right boys," said Larry Whitt, the new coach. But all right wasn't good enough. After having such a good season last year we wanted more, and we got it. Then, placing third in the S.O.C. our boys team finished the sectionals and our low medalist almost every game, Brent Eaton, represented our school in the districts respectively. Molly Cross, our only girl, also advanced to the districts to represent our girls in golf. Henry David Thoreau was so right by stressing simplicity. It truly was all we needed. And during the interview with the various members of the team, Jason Burnside, a senior four year varsity member of the team shared this sacred truth: "Life after high school golf . . . nah!"

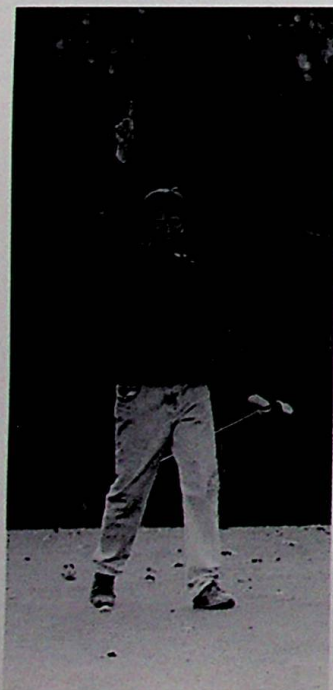
Seniors. Row 1: Molly Cross. Row 2: Jim Welton, Jason Burnside, Brent Eaton.



Golf

- Ironton Invitational-361-7th p
- Burg-178 West-170 Minford-
- Burg-171 Minford-
- Northwest-
- Burg-182 Jackson-
- Burg-194 Waverly-
- Burg-171 Waverly-171 West-
- Northwest-190 Minford-
- Burg-188 Northwest-207 W
- 180 Minford-215 Waverly
- Burg-175 East-183 Fairland-
- Notre Dame-
- Burg-174 Waverly-178 West-
- Minford-208 Northwest-
- Burg-172 Waverly-181 Minf
- 194 Northwest-196 West-
- Burg-175 Minford-196 Wav
- 16 Northwest-182 West-
- Burg-176 East-198 Portsmo
- 183 Fairland-
- Burg-174 Greenup-
- Burg-170 West-173 North

- Burg-178 Waverly-174 Minf
- 194 West-166 Northwest-
- AVG Burg-176 Opponent-

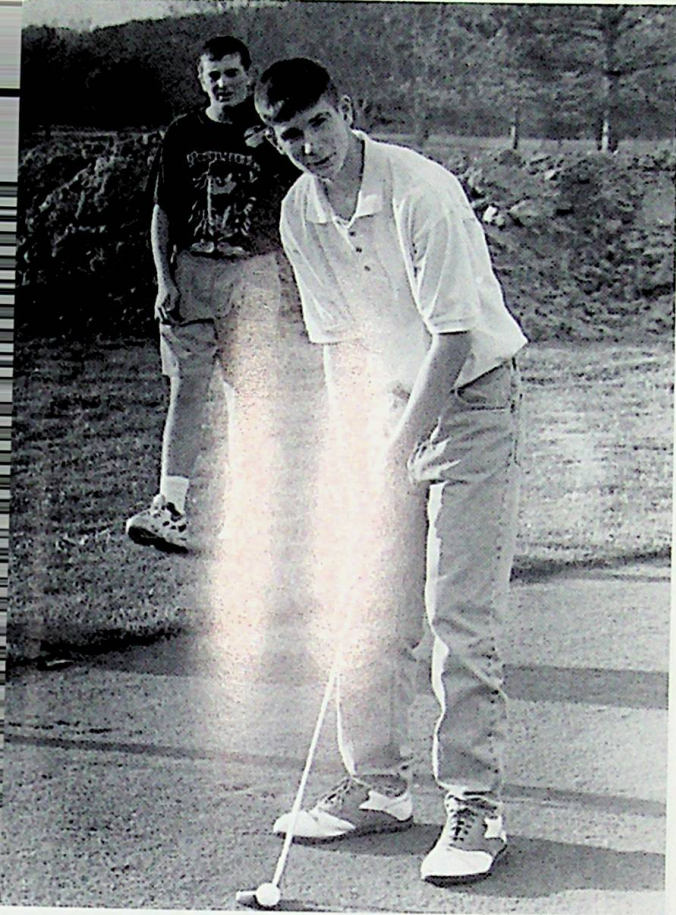


Jason Noble sinks a putt.

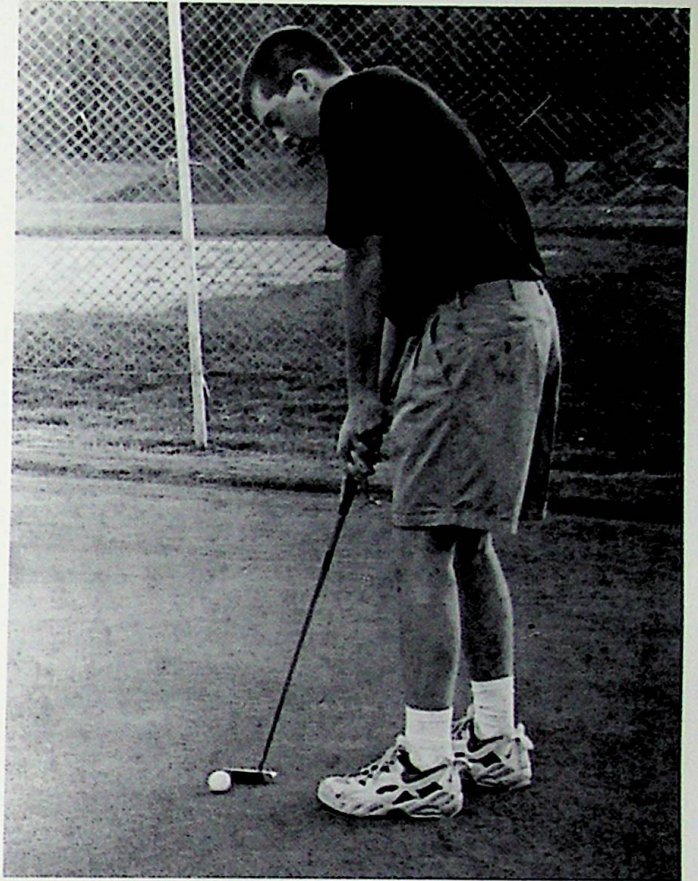


Row 1: Jim Welton, Jason Burnside, Molly Cross, Brent Eaton. Row 2: Brett Baker, Andrew Burk, Dustin Falls, Noble, Larry Cooper. Row 3: Coach Larry Whitt, R.J. Howe, Tim Montavon, Meagan Diamond, Heath Chamberlin.

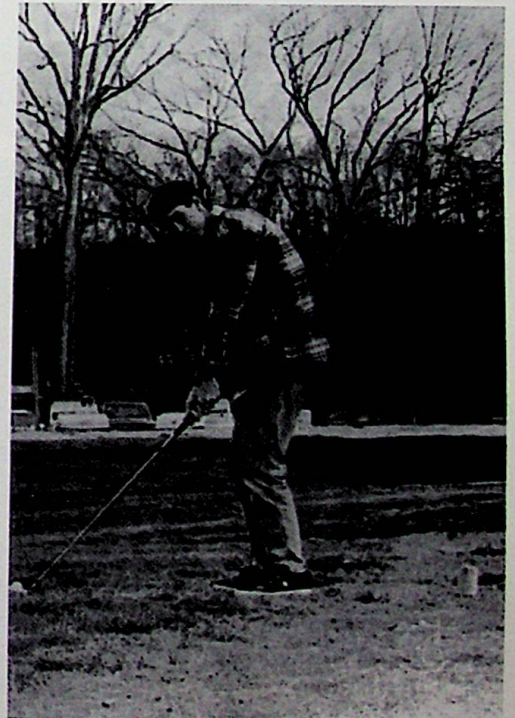
Brett Baker stands back to watch an expert at putting, Tim Montavon.



Trying his skill, Brett Baker lines his putt.



Jason Burnside and Molly Cross practice at Riverbend before an important game,



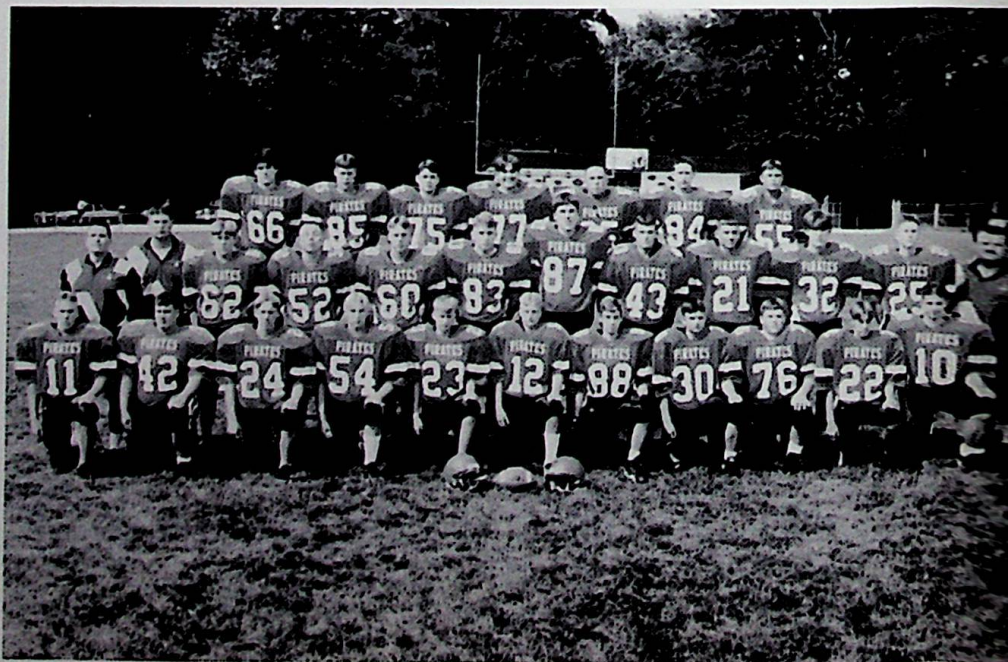
Andrew Burk begins the fairway shot.

Freshman & Reserve Football

The Reserve and Freshman football teams showed true Pirate spirit as they dominated many local teams. During the course of the season, both teams proved their complete understanding of the game as they went into their games with full force and skill. These fine young men also showed great teamwork as they made quick work of their competition and blew them off the scoreboard.

The Reserve Team achieved an excellent record of 4 wins with only one loss. The team defeated rival Greenup County by 27 points. They even shut out PHS in a game totally dominated by the Pirates. The only loss came against Ironton, but there is always next year to make up for this one loss. The Freshman team enjoyed similar success while achieving a record of 5 wins and one loss. These wins also came against many of our school's biggest rivals, such as Ironton and Ashland. With the success of these two teams, the future of Pirate football looks very good.

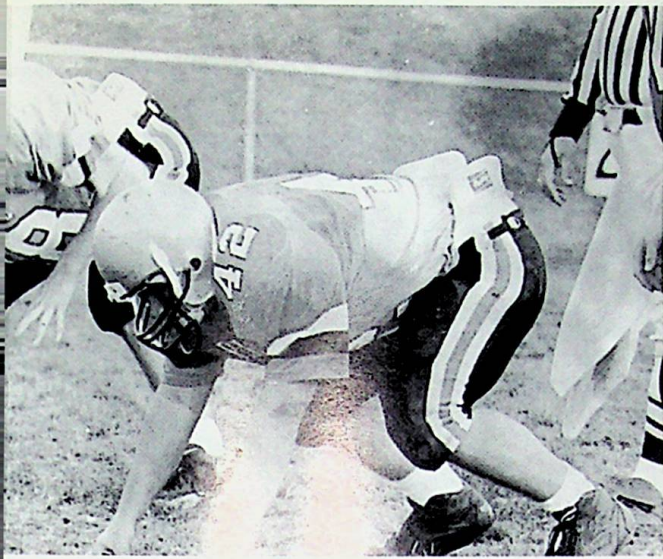
Freshman Football Row 1: Luke Emmett, Gabe Klaiber, Nick Broughton, Richie Brown, Danny Huddleston, Nathan Bazler, Ryan Queen, Shad Miller, Chad Newsome, Josh Cannon, Andy Gill. Row 2: Head Coach Bill Claxon, Asst. Coach Mack Wolfenbarker, Steve Climer, Josh Newman, Josh Blevins, Josh Asche, Mike Yelley, Josh Tilley, Jason Schmidt, Ryan Price, Charlie Crisp, Asst. Coach Bill Blankenship. Row 3: Jim Gullett, Chris Fite, John Fankell, Tate Bockway, Darrel Smith, Andy Moore, Dustin Woodrum.



Reserve Football		
WHS	Opponent	
39	Greenup Co.	12
20	Portsmouth	0
35	Minford	8
25	Waverly	18
6	Ironton	27
Freshman Football		
Won	Coal Grove	
Won	Portsmouth West	
Won	Russell	
Lost	Jackson	
Won	Ironton	
Won	Ashland	

Richie Brown runs as Josh T... pares for a kick to lead the F... another victory.





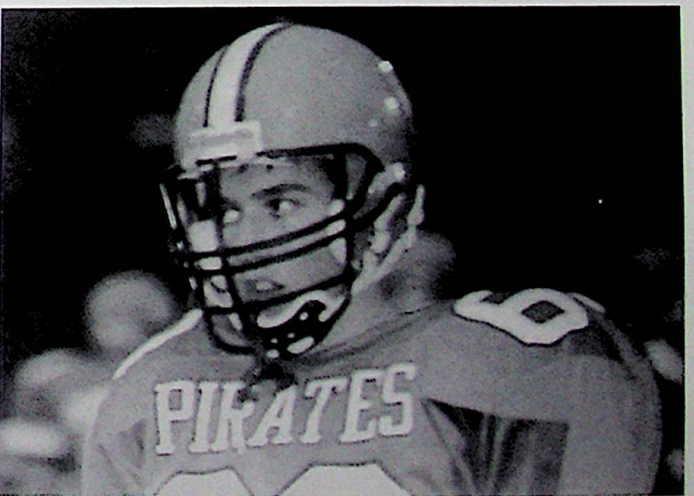
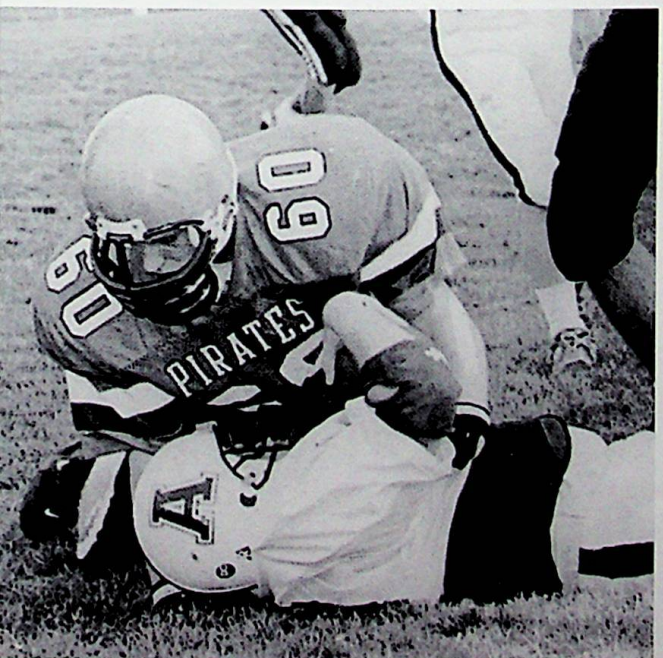
Down and ready, Gabe Klaiber awaits the beginning of the next defensive play.



Below left: Freshmen players Jason Schmidt and Dustin Woodrum take a time-out after a rough third quarter.



Below: Mike Yelley and Tim Miller prepare for the game as they sprint down the field.



Josh Blevins tackles the big A.

J.V. player Josh Seeley looks on after another Pirate victory.

Varsity Football

The Wheelersburg Pirate football team had a lot to be proud of this season. They finished 9-2, took part in the 1996 state football tournament, and easily won the S.O.C. for the sixth straight year. The team was coached by Larry Hall, who again won the S.O.C. Coach of the Year award. They have a long list of accomplishments they reached this season.

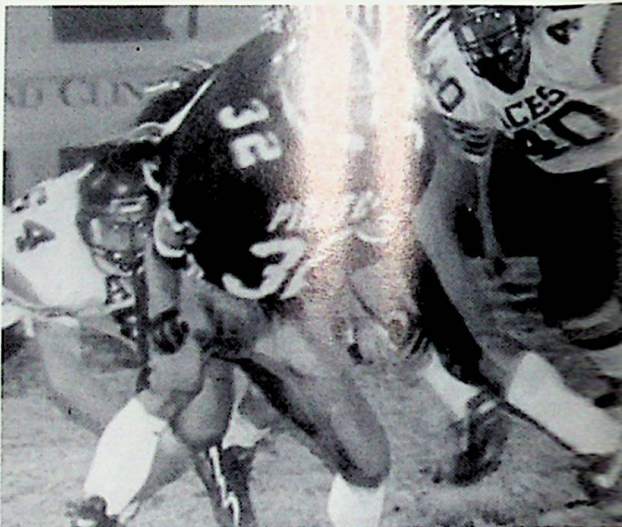
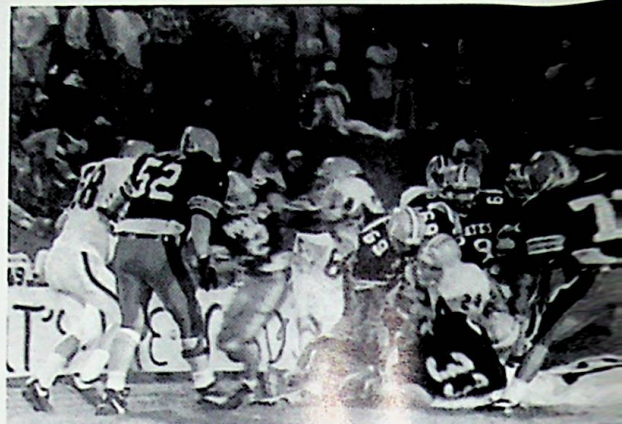
The Pirates were led by senior captains Jerod Tilley, Rob Holsinger, Chris White, and Steve Johnson. Jerod Tilley received Offensive Player of the Year at the state level. He rushed for over 1,800 yards and broke a school record rushing for 36 touchdowns. Jerod also was named First Team All State. Chris White was named Second Team All State. Steve Johnson, Dan Blankenship, and Rob Holsinger were recognized for Special Mention at the state level. As always many Wheelersburg players were named to the First and Second S.O.C. teams. Pirate football has always been known for its winning tradition, and this season was no exception.

1996 Pirate Football Team

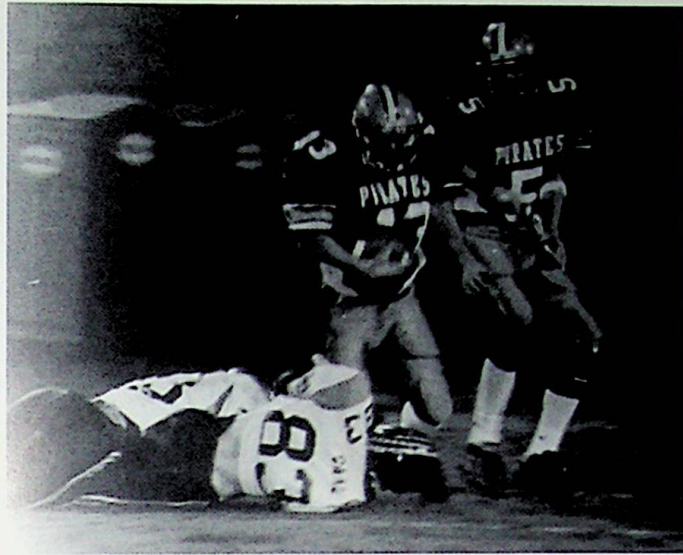
Row 1: Brandon Justice, Jason Mantell, Rob Mullins, Casey Ellis, Chris White, Steve Johnson, Jerod Tilley, Rob Holsinger, Shane Jenkins, Chad Chitwood, Dan Blankenship. Row 2: Jason Huddleston, Mike Russel, Josh Clausing, Erik Jennings, Shad Conn, Ryan Murphy, Chuck Timberlake, Jeremy Welch, Adam Chamberlin, Chad Schwalbach. Row 3: Tim Miller, Steve Mershon, Jared Carver, Nick Glockner, Chris Mauk, Juice Schmidt, Kyle Felts, Rick Estep, Josh Mercer, Chad Wines. Row 4: Brandon Murphy, Mike Leesburg, Steve Sutton, Ross Murphy, Erik Bussa, Scott Estep, Brian Mantell, Josh Seeley, Tom Turner, Josh Drake. Row 5: Head Coach Larry Hall, Coach Mike Schmidt, Coach Ken Massie, Coach Larry Reed, Coach Mike Schomburg, Joe Cooper, Mike Basham, Travis Little, Coach Dave Watts, Trainer Ben Lewis, Manager Mike Peters, Coach Randy Duncan.



The Wheelersburg Pirate defense swarms a runner from Ironton in a win. Below middle: Shad Conn waits to make a tackle.



WHS	Opponent	
33	Philo	40
28	Greenup Co.	0
35	Ironton	6
52	Minford	6
21	Newark Catholic	14
28	Waverly	21
46	Northwest	13
34	West	6
49	Portsmouth	22
	Playoffs	
39	Coal Grove	7
7	Amanda Clearcreek	28



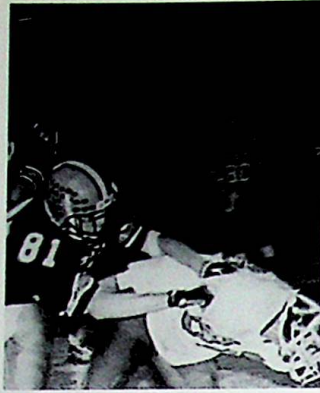
Junior Chad Wines makes his way through opposing defenders while Casey Ellis looks on down the field. Below: Senior captain Jerod Tilley gains yards for another Pirate victory. Below left: Shane Jenkins eagerly waits to help Jerod bring down a Greenup Musketeer.



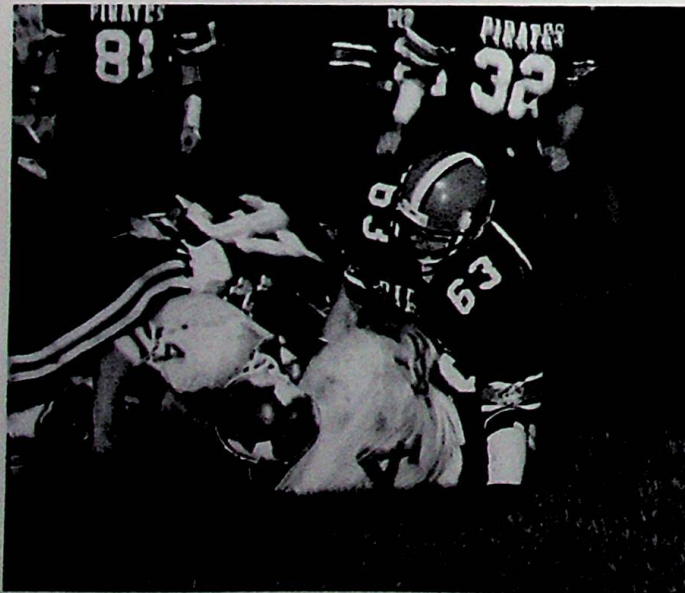
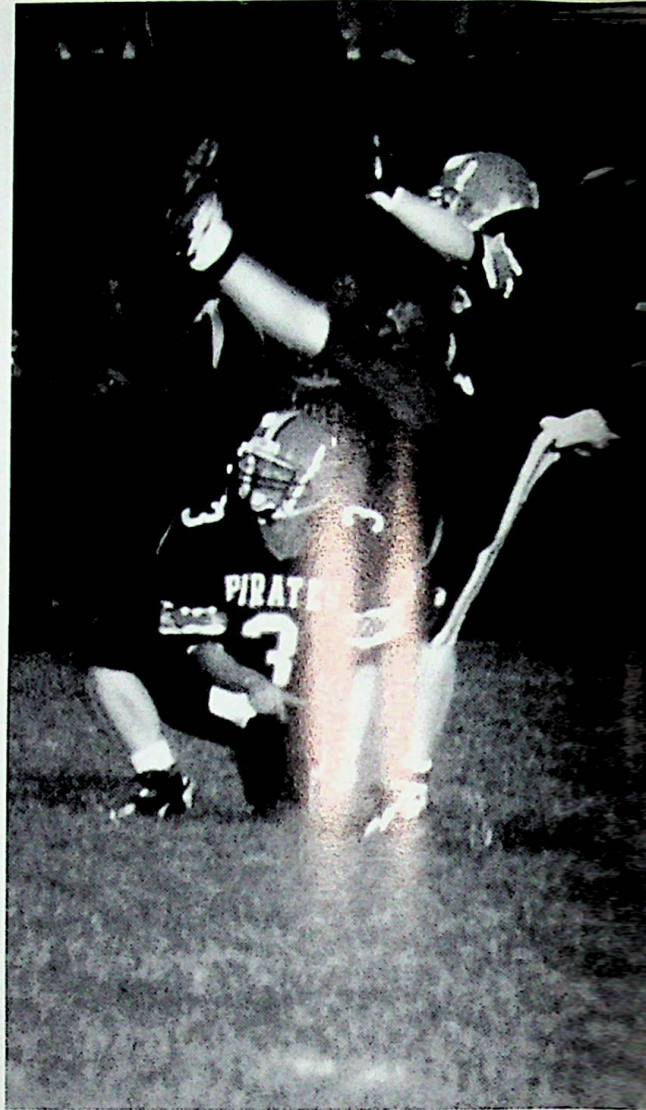
Team members huddle around right before the big game to share words of encouragement.

The offensive line sets up for a very critical drive toward the end of the game.

Senior end, Rob Mullins, makes the tackle against Northwest.

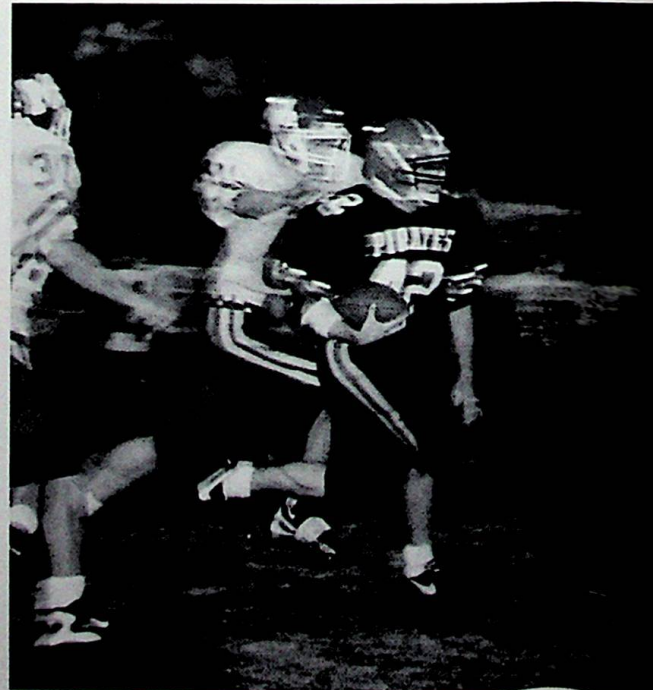


Far Right: After a successful snap by Chris Mauk to Jason Mantell, Juice Schmidt completes the extra point.



Dan Blankenship, senior, makes an impressive tackle against Minford.

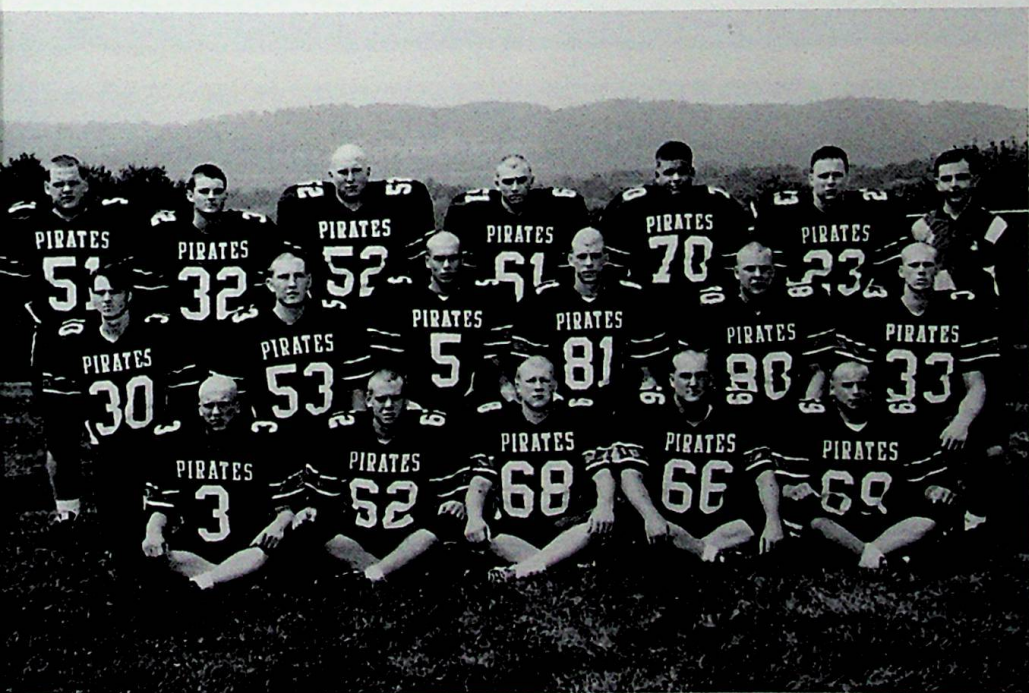
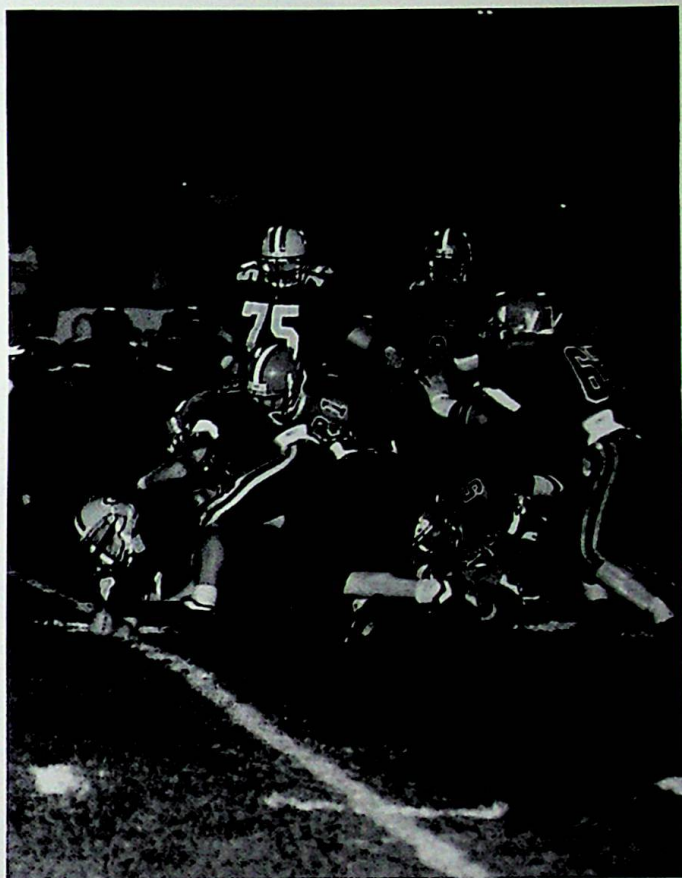
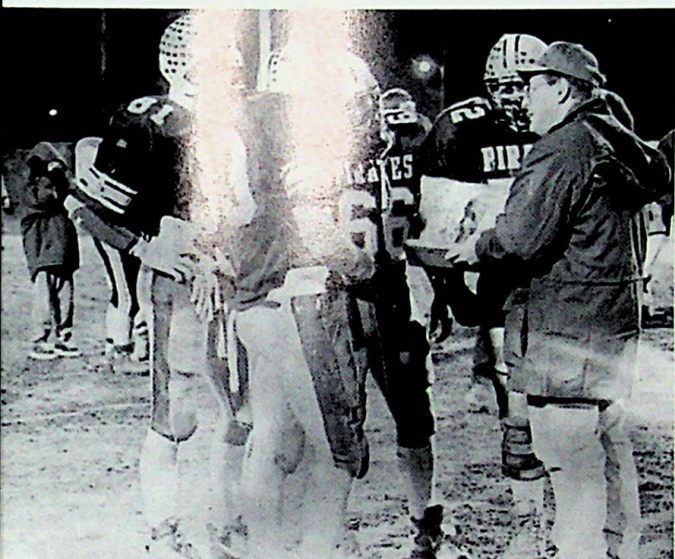
Josh Clausing tries to gain a touchdown against Minford by outrunning the Falcons.





At the S.O.C. banquet, Wheelersburg players who made 1st and 2nd team All-S.O.C. proudly show off their trophy.

Several defensive players came together to bring down an opposing running back from Greenup County.



After a very disappointing loss to the Aces, senior captains Jerod Tilley, Rob Holsinger, Steve Johnson, and Chris White accept the Regional Runner-up trophy.

Left: Seniors Row 1: Jason Mantell, Erik Jennings, Brandon Justice, Rob Holsinger, Chuck Timberlake. Row 2: Shane Jenkins, Ryan Murphy, Casey Ellis, Steve Johnson, Rob Mullins, Jerod Tilley. Row 3: Chad Chitwood, Shad Conn, Chris White, Jeremy Welch, Steve Mershon, Dan Blankenship, Ben Lewis.

Soccer

Another perfect season! The 1996 WHS soccer team finished its third straight season undefeated and continued its unbeaten three-year record to 34-0-2. They also won their third straight SOC championship title. Under the direction of Coach Paul Boll and the leadership of senior forwards Dustin Sampson and Joe Hayden, the team capped off the season with a record of 16-0 and finished as sectional runners-up. Along with these accomplishments, many school records were broken. Chris Slusher broke the records for most goals in a game and in a season. Dustin Sampson broke the records for most assists in a game, in a season, and in a career and the records for most assists by throws in a season and in a career. Without a doubt, this was one of WHS soccer's best seasons.

The soccer team also earned many individual awards. Both the SOC first and second teams were filled by WHS players. Also, the district first, second, and third teams were represented well by WHS players. The team also had one player named to the second team All-Ohio, Dustin Sampson. All in all, this team is one whose many talents can be seen and will never be forgotten.

Varsity Soccer Row 1: Shane Adkins, Nathan Schwamburger, Brandon Lute. Row 2: Jeremy Rawlins, Stephanie Klaco, Dustin Sampson, Chris Slusher, Brent Wakefield, Andrew Jenkins, Cori Martin, Joe Hayden. Row 3: Carrie Klaco, Hannah Brown, Brenda Boll, Larry Angell, Justin Lambert, Steven May, Jeremy Reed, Joe Danzer, J.D. Larter, Manager Mike Adkins. Row 4: Mike Hall, Bob Starrett, Josh Whitley, Adam Howe, Ulf Breitenberger, Dustin Burleson, Adam Reeder, John Warner. Row 5: Coach Paul Boll, Luke Robbins, B.J. Lyons, Bob Morrison, Aaron Bennett, Gerard Givan, Nate Robbins, Travis Keller, Brian Knapp, Michael Gillentin, Sean Hunt, Coach Shawn Boll.



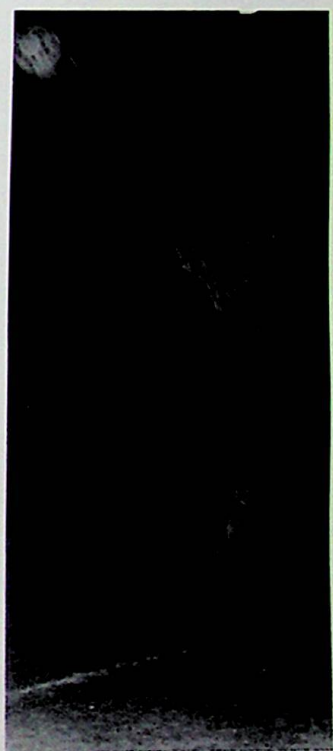
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3	New Boston	1
2	Minford	1
11	Waverly	0
6	Portsmouth	2
4	Clay	0
5	South Webster	4
1	Northwest	0
13	Ironton St. Joe	0
7	Valley	0
7	New Boston	2
3	Minford	1
6	Portsmouth	2
6	Clay	1
5	South Webster	1
5	Northwest	1
6	Valley	2
	Sectionals	
3	South Webster	2
1	Clay	2

Sophomore Brenda Boll *rus*
a ball from going out of *bo*





Jeremy Rawlins hurries to defend against a New Boston offensive attack. Below, Travis Keller plays the ball while Joe Hayden looks on.



Above, Andrew Jenkins heads the ball back down the field.

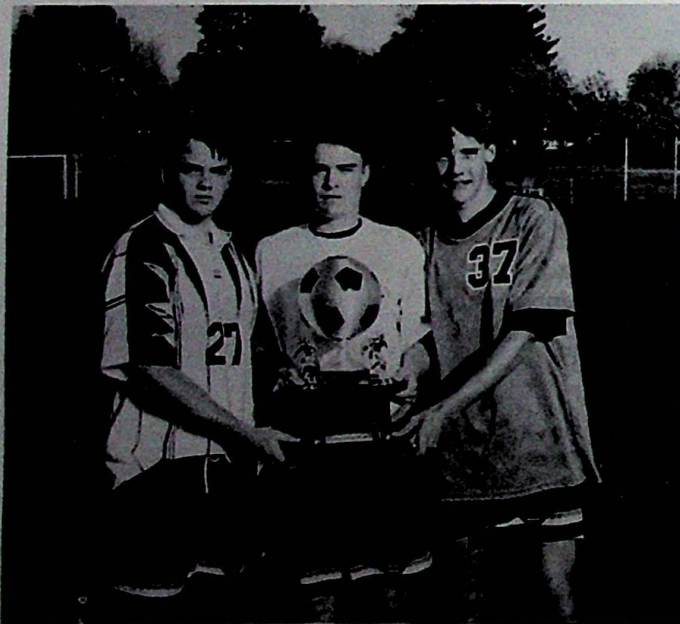
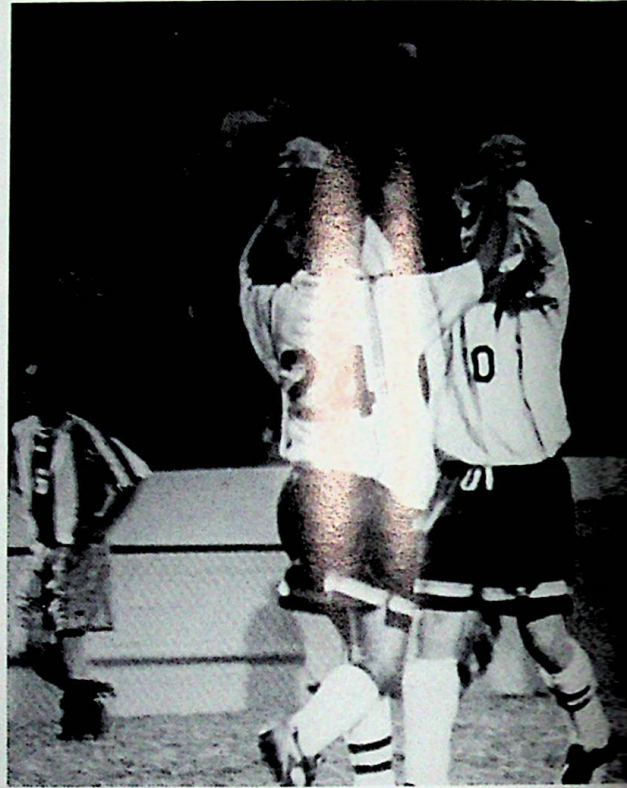


Seniors Row 1: Shane Adkins. Row 2: Stephanie Klaco, Jeremy Rawlins, Andrew Jenkins, Joe Hayden. Row 3: Dustin Sampson, Brent Wakefield, Chris Slusher, Cori Martin.



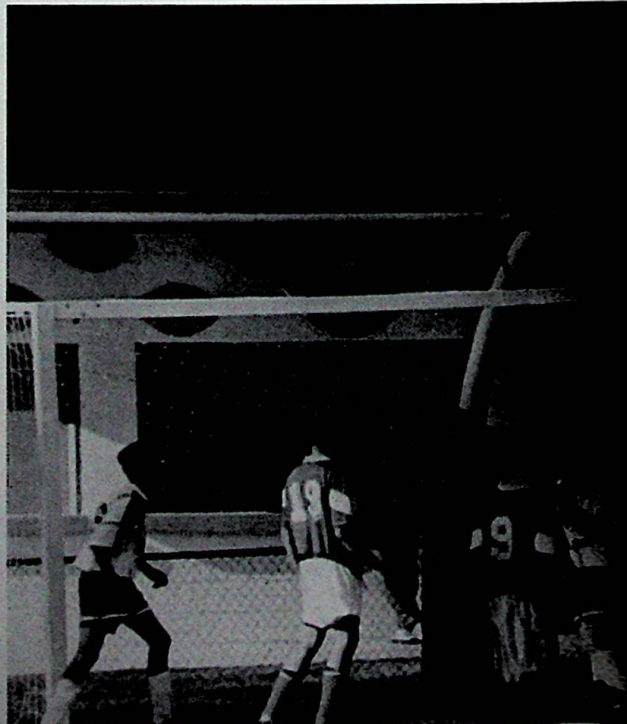
Josh Whitley keeps the ball away from the opposing team during a JV game.

Joe Hayden and Dustin Samp graduate each other after a game.



Jeremy Rawlins, Joe Hayden, and Ulf Breitenberger hold the 1996 SOC Champion trophy.

Adam Howe saves the ball while Jon Warner, Brenda Boll, Bob Morrison, and Luke Robbins look on and try to help.

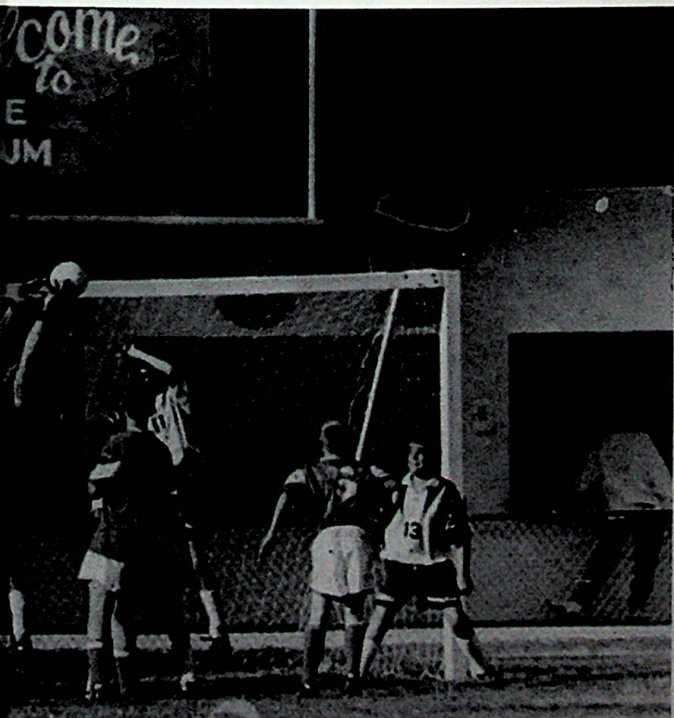




Far left: Chris Slusher leads an offensive attack against New Boston. Cori Martin prepares to kick the ball.



Above left: The team huddles before a game to talk strategy.
Above: Adam Howe recovers the ball during the JV game.
Left: Shane Adkins stays prepared as he watches the action up field.



Volleyball

The Pirate volleyball team had an exciting season this year. The Lady Pirates played the usual SOC teams and also participated in several tournaments. The reserve team played on Saturday, October 5 at home against Minford, Northwest, and Oak Hill. The varsity team also showed their skills in a home match on October 12 against Green, Jackson, and Russell. In addition the Lady Pirates displayed their talents with Huntington and North Adams High School in a tri-match expedition at Huntington. At Chesapeake, the Lady Pirates worked their magic in another tri-match against Chesapeake. The volleyball team not only won these tournaments but dominated the league as well.

This year the team earned several awards. The volleyball team qualified for districts and earned the title of sectional champions. They finished third in the S.O.C. and won the Wheelersburg Varsity Tournament as well. The varsity team made a mark on Wheelersburg Sports history by achieving the third best record for a Wheelersburg Varsity volleyball team with an impressive record of 18-6. The reserve team had a record of 12-4, the best record ever for a WHS reserve volleyball team. The volleyball team overcame many obstacles to receive these honors. They look forward to a great season next year, especially after the success of the reserve team this season.

Varsity Team. Row 1: Jessica Schmidt, Angela Bureson. Row 2: Barb Vansickle, Jenny Chapman, Jamie Stamper, Renee Tallerico, Leigh Ann Ferguson. Row 3: Coach Bialkowski, Jessica Bailey, Beth Dunlap, Sarah Mershon, Ashley See, Mandy Chamberlin, Kristi Sisler.



Varsity Volleyball

WHS	Opponent
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15-3, 15-3	North Adams
15-9, 15-10	Hunt. Ross
15-9, 5-15, 9-15	Oak Hill
15-7, 15-9	Northwest
15-2, 15-10	West
10-15, 15-6, 15-6	Waverly
15-2, 15-7	Chesapeake
15-1, 16-14	O.V.C.
15-2, 15-6	South Webster
15-5, 15-12	Valley
6-15, 4-15	Minford
15-5, 15-10	Northwest
16-14, 17-15	Piketon
15-1, 15-3	Portsmouth
6-15, 16-14, 8-15	Waverly
15-1, 10-15, 15-10	West
15-5, 15-6	South Webster
15-5, 15-4	Valley
16-14, 14-16, 13-15	Oak Hill
5-15, 15-5, 13-15	Minford

Wheelersburg Varsity Tournament

15-4, 15-10	Russell
15-4, 15-3	Green

Sectional Tournament

15-10, 15-4	Nelsonville
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District Tournament

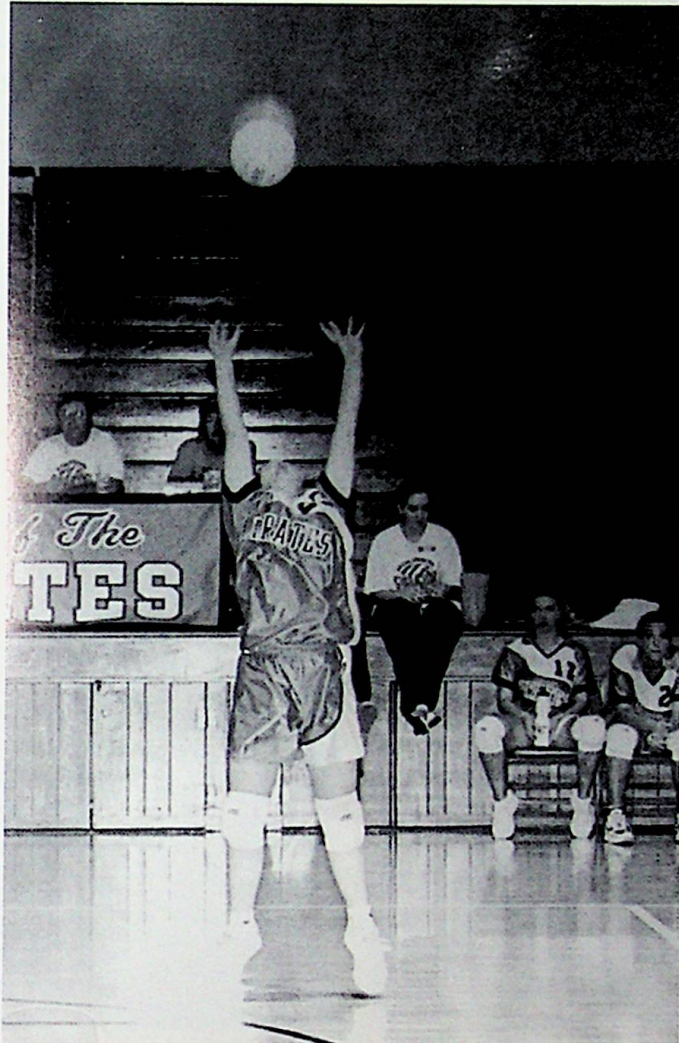
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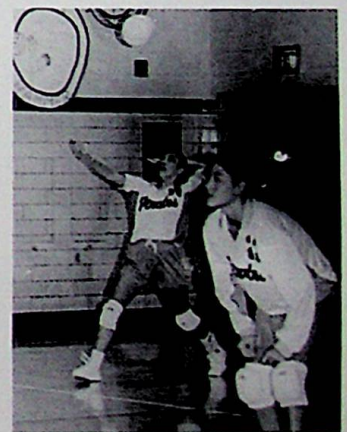


Determined to keep the ball in play, Alison Krick rapidly approaches the ball.

Jessica Bailey makes a crowd pleasing move as she sets the ball high into the air.



Rachel Clausing, in a defensive move, leaps to spike the ball.

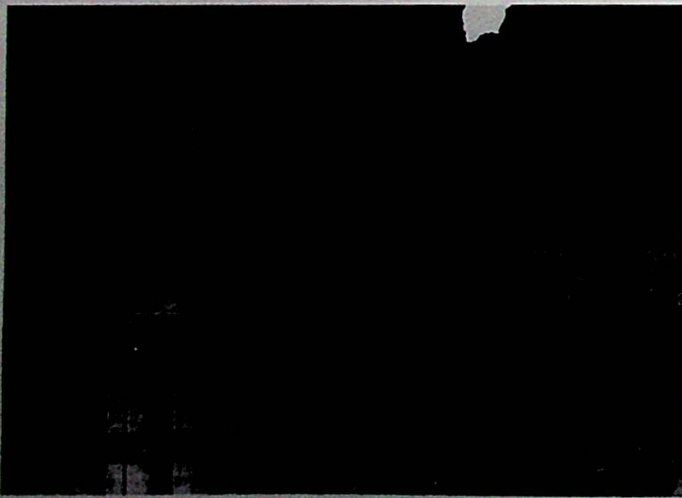
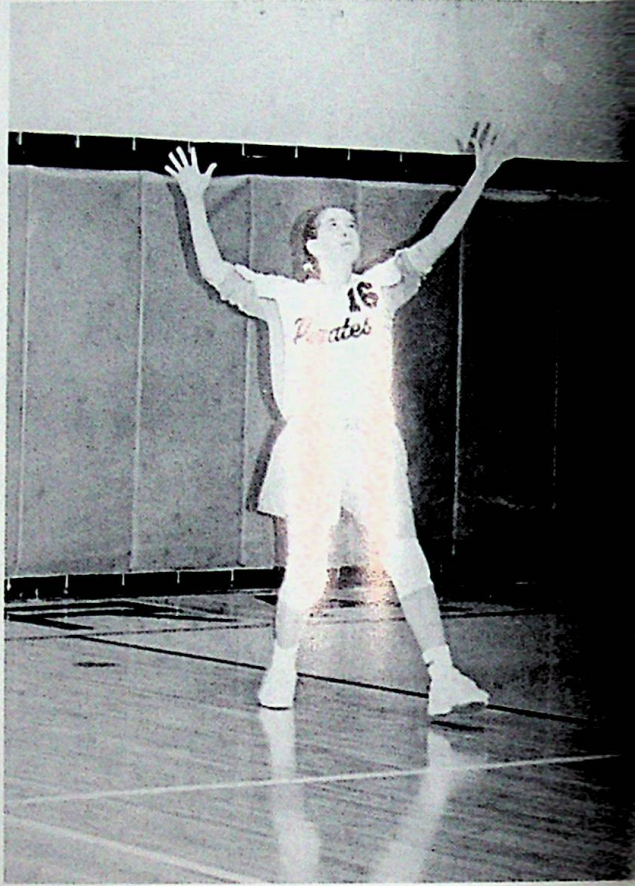
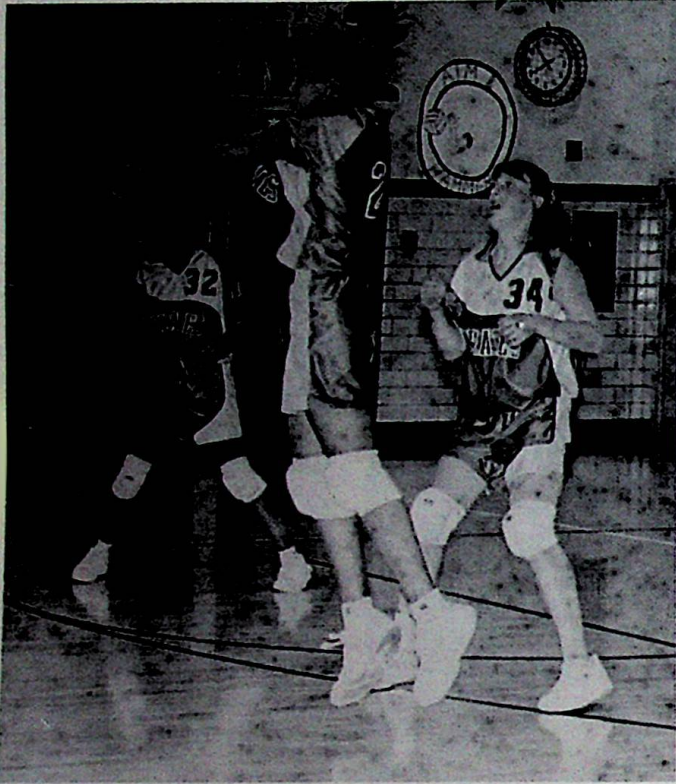


Beth Dunlap feels the pressure as she prepares to serve.

Seniors. Row 1: Jessica Schmidt. Row 2: Barb Vansickle, Jenny Chapman, Renee Tallerico, Jamie Stamper, Leigh Ann Ferguson.

Kellie Huffman prepares for the descent of the ball to complete her

In a team-oriented move, Jessica Schmidt lunges to bump the ball.



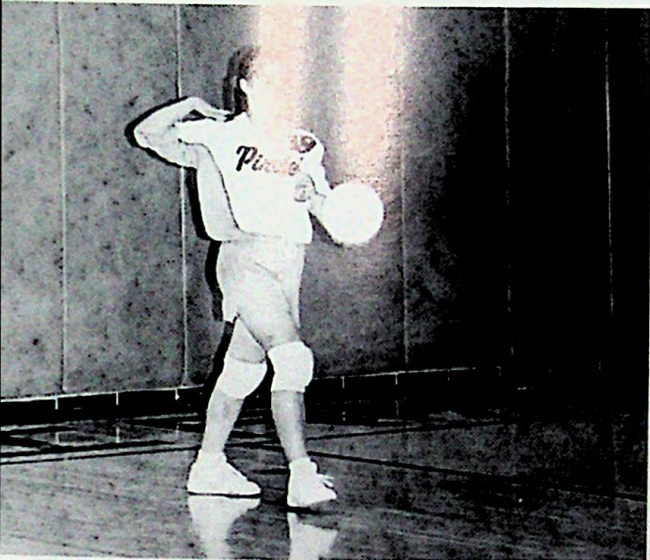
Stephanie Rose and Shelley Adkins anxiously wait to sub into the game.

As part of the pre-game ritual, the varsity team gathers in a huddle to psych themselves up for the game.



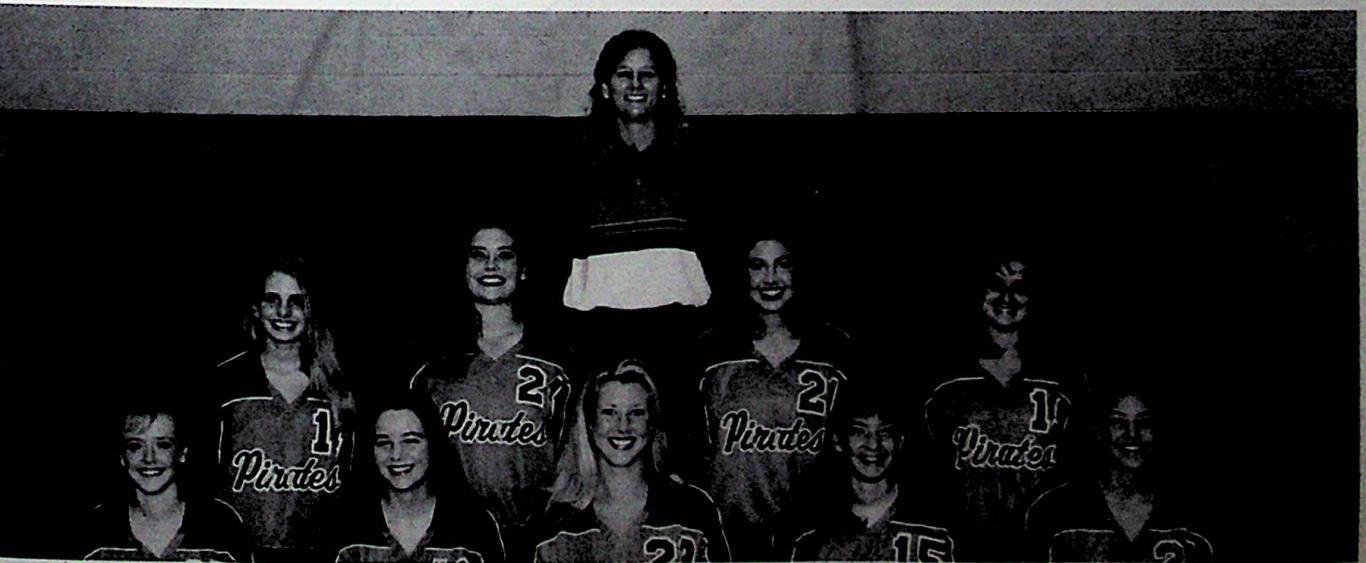
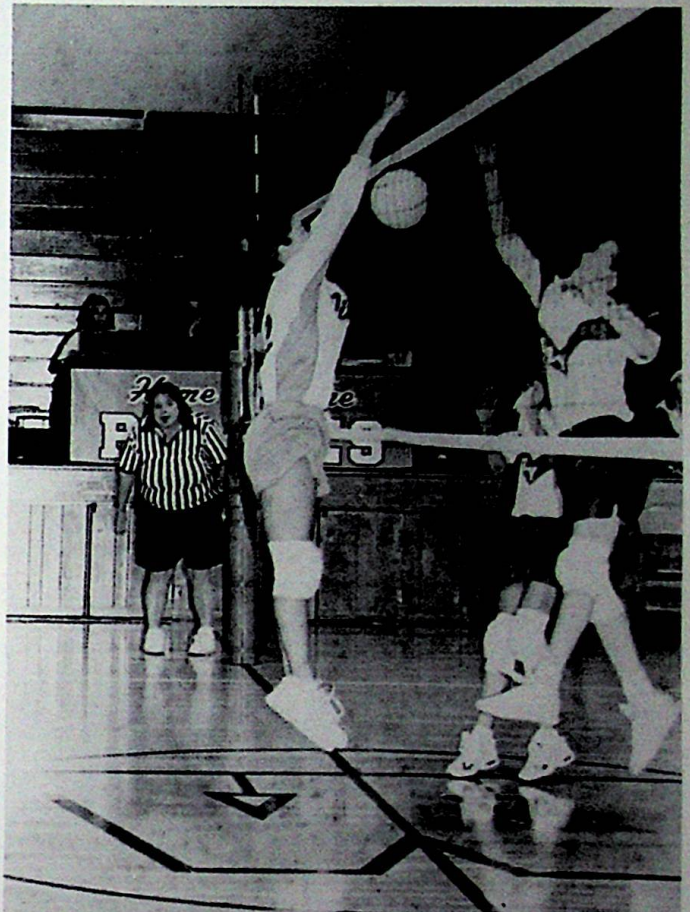


The J.V. starters get psyched before the game.



Below left, J.V. member Rachel Clausing prepares to loft the ball into the air.

Mandy Chamberlin jumps to spike the ball.



Varsity team Row1: Shelley Adkins, Kellie Huffman, Sarah Mershon, Beth Dunlap, Mandy Chamberlin. Row 2: Stephanie Rose, Jessica Bussey, Coach wski, Elizabeth Hewitt, Rachel Clausing.

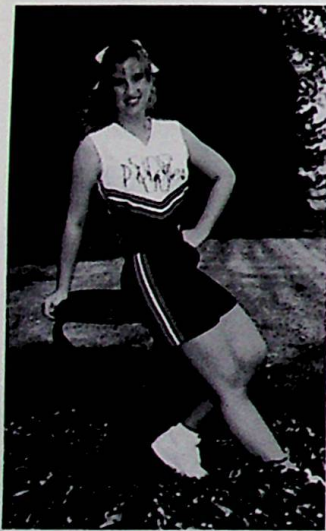
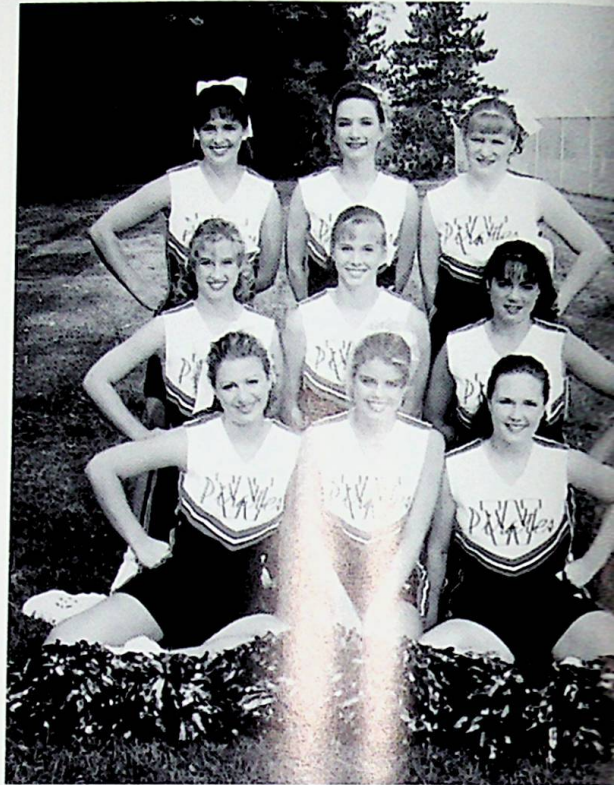
Cheerleaders

As always, the cheerleaders began their season rather early. At the end of the previous school year, they were already holding fundraisers to take care of their numerous expenses. Practices began the first week in July, working hard to prepare for camp. After camp, the cheerleaders were ready for the start of football season. One of the most memorable moments came on the way to the Philo game. All nineteen cheerleaders shared a charter bus with many fans. The bus was running late so they had to rig dressing rooms so that they

would be ready as soon as we arrived. All of the hard work that they did each week paid off. Each ballgame was full of excitement.

Basketball season also had several memorable moments. The Varsity cheerleaders were able to travel with the team on an overnight trip to Columbus. The highlight of the weekend came when they celebrated the win at the Coaxial National Hoops Classic. It was an incredible season which made all of the work that the cheerleaders did all worthwhile.

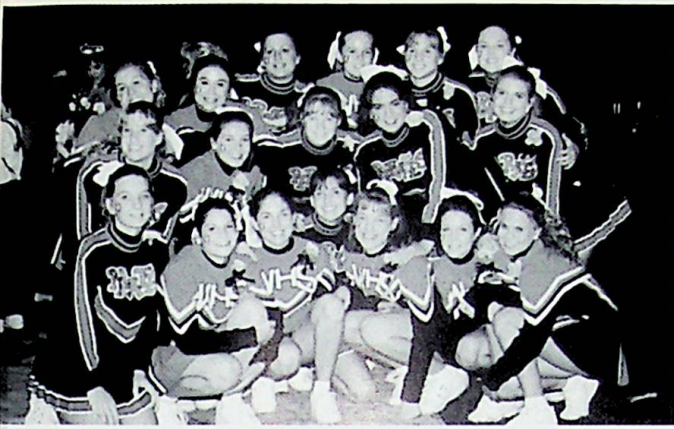
Varsity Cheerleaders Row 1: Ronni Beth Howard, Toni Hubbard Gibson. Row 2: Rebecca Schwamberger, Kelly Ruley, Stephanie Sturgill, Amanda Smith, Tiffany Mollett, Melanie Morris.



At camp at Marshall University, Senior Rebecca Schwamberger was awarded All-Star cheerleader.

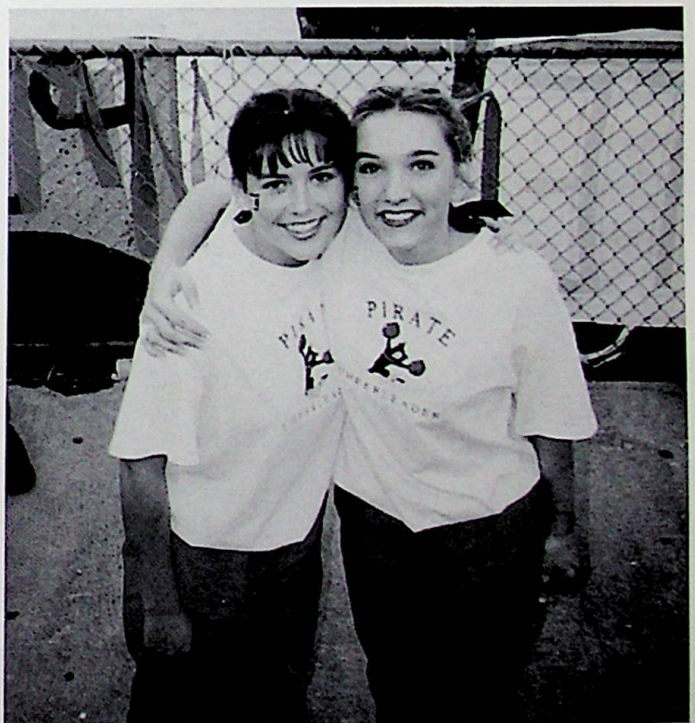
J.V. Cheerleaders. Row 1: Alicia Browning, Lindsay Cole, Crystal Chamberlin, Lynsay Vicars. Row 2: Jessica Adams, Melissa Dunham, Sarah Miller. Row 3: Ashley Holsinger, Meagon Wheeler, Andrea Sturgill.





Cheerleaders gather during the Homecoming game against Minford.
Below left: Along the parade route, all nineteen cheerleaders smile as they take part in the River Days Festival.

During an exhausting week of camp, varsity cheerleaders relax for a minute before the start of more competitions.



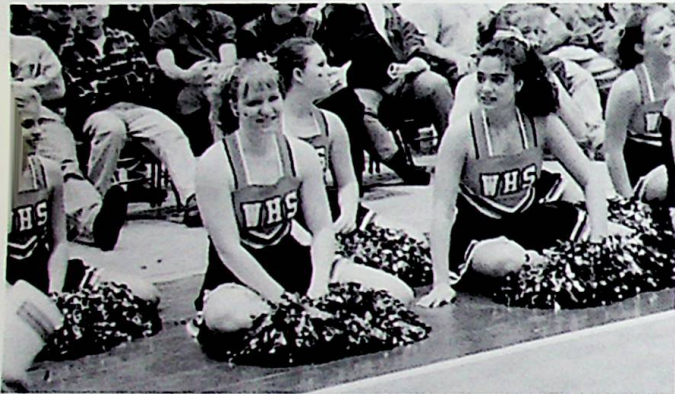
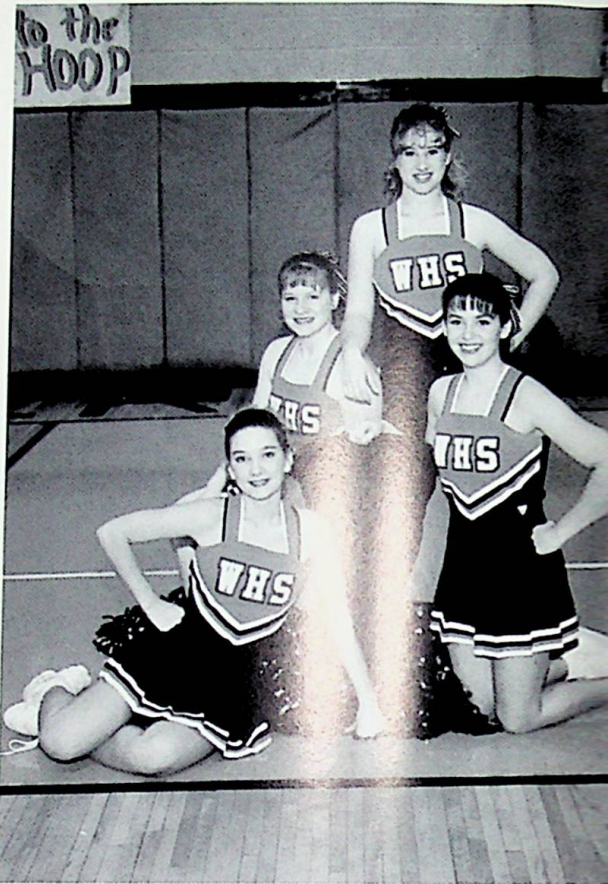
The senior cheerleaders break from cheering for a quick picture.

Seniors Tiff and Amanda stop during all of the excitement before the big Ironton football game.

Seniors gather around at their last sports banquet.



Senior Cheerleaders: Tiffany Mollett, Melanie Morris, Rebecca Schu and Amanda Smith. Not pictured: Stephanie Sturgill.



Still overwhelmed with excitement, Varsity cheerleaders Toni, Melanie, Melissa, and Stephanie get ready to cheer at the Coaxial.



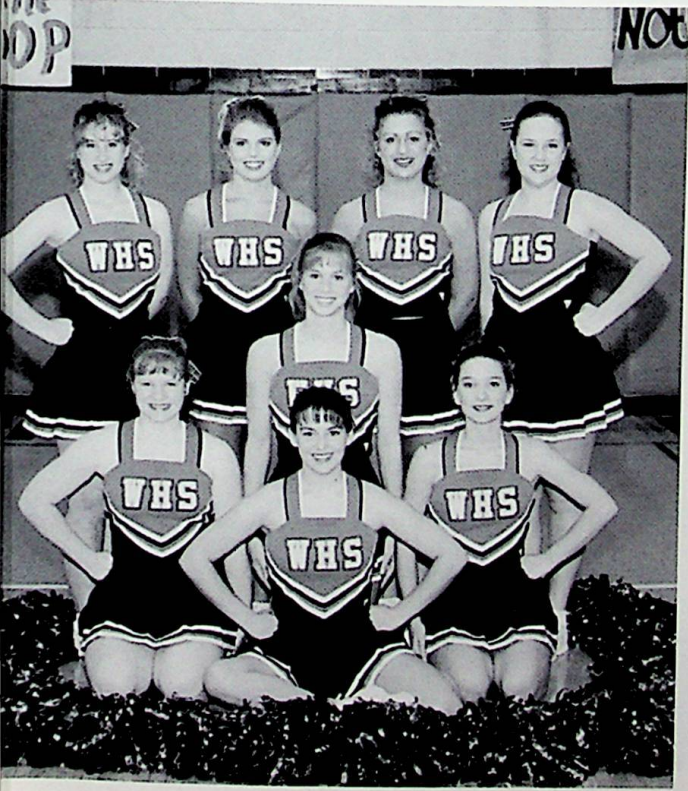
J. V. Cheerleaders Row 1: Melissa Dunham, Jessica Adams, Sarah Miller. Row 2: Ashley Holsinger, Meagon Andrea Sturgill, Alicia Browning. Row 3: Lindsay Cole, Lynsay Vicars, Crystal Chamberlin.



Varsity cheerleaders take the floor in the Convo at OU Athens to get the crowd cheering.



Cheerleaders prepare for the start of the ballgame as they bring out the hoop.



Varsity Cheerleaders Row 1: Amanda Smith. Row 2: Melanie Morris, Kelly Ruley, Tiffany Mollett. Row 3: Rebecca Schwamberger, Toni Hubbard, Ronni Beth Howard, Melissa Gibson. Not pictured: Stephanie Sturgill.

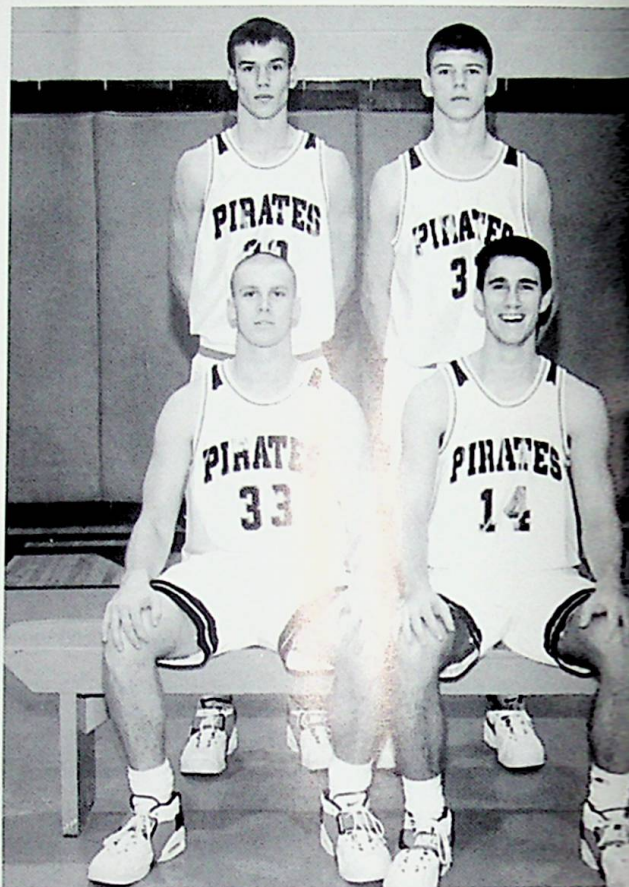
During the first game at the Convo, varsity cheerleaders smile for the camera before the start of the game.

Boys' Varsity Basketball

The Pirates, led by four strong seniors and a squad of developing talent, triumphed over the area competition to capture the SOC title for the second year in a row. Despite several injuries, they rallied to overcome rivals Oak Hill and Minford at the end of the regular season to clench the title. In league competition, they finished 11-3. Their overall record was an impressive nineteen wins to only five losses. In January the team competed in the Coaxial National Hoops Classic in Columbus. They

played Greensboro Day High School from North Carolina, the reigning North Carolina Private School State Champions. The Pirates fought hard and came out on top by a score of 58 to 53. It was a very exciting season for the Pirates as many games were won or lost by very close margins. Next year's team should continue the winning tradition as the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors of this year's team have proved themselves to be worthy of being called Pirates.

Seniors Front row: Jerod Tilley, Brent Eaton. Back row: Casey Ellis, Johnson.



Varsity Basketball Row 1: Brian Fite, Erik Bussa, Mike Leesburg, Brent Eaton, Jerod Tilley. Row 2: Coach Tom Barrick, Asst. Coach Mike Schomburg, Casey Ellis, Mike Yelley, Steve Johnson, Asst. Coach Ken Masie. Row 3: Manager Mike Peters, Chris Mauk, Doug McClure, Juice Schmidt, Jared Carver.

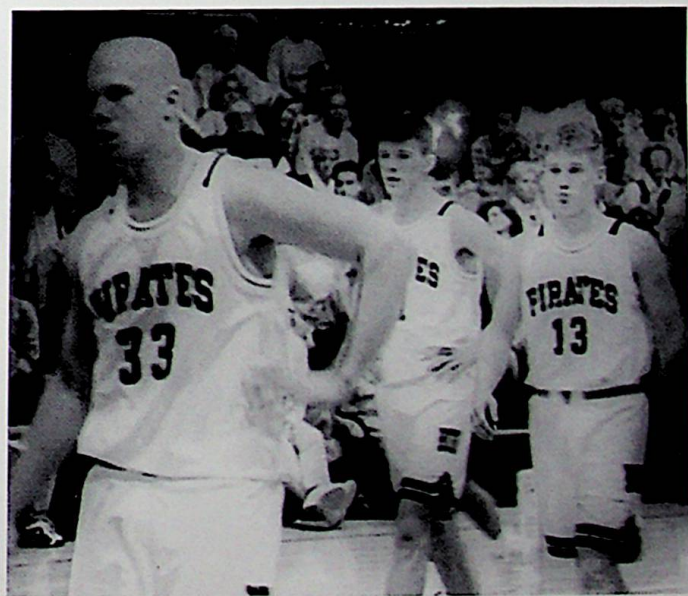




Senior captain Jerod Tilley leads the team out for an exciting game against Minford.

Below left: Casey scans the floor looking for an open teammate at the Convo.

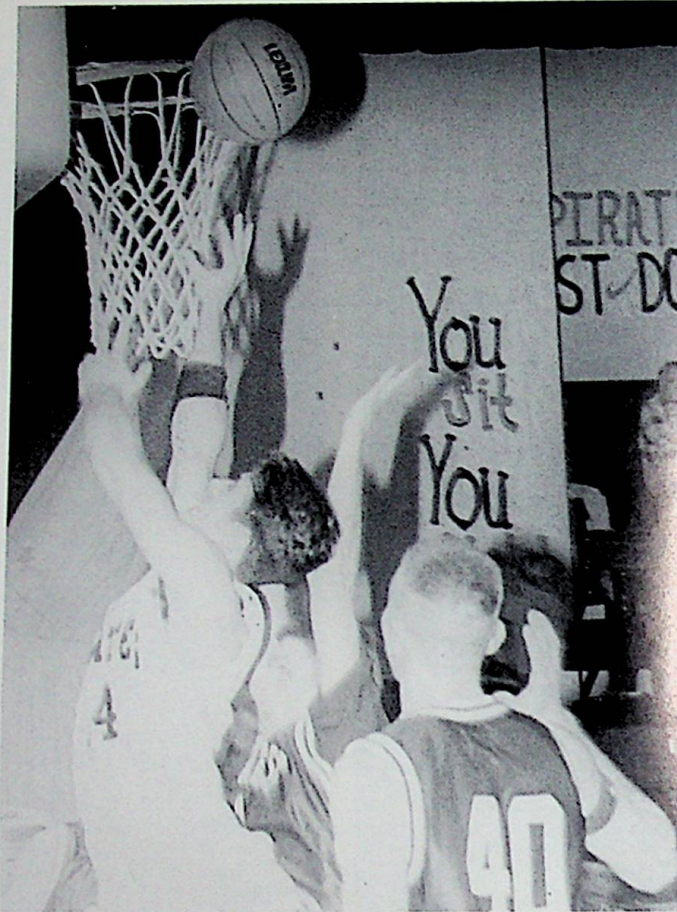
Junior Juice Schmidt anticipates his opponent's next move.



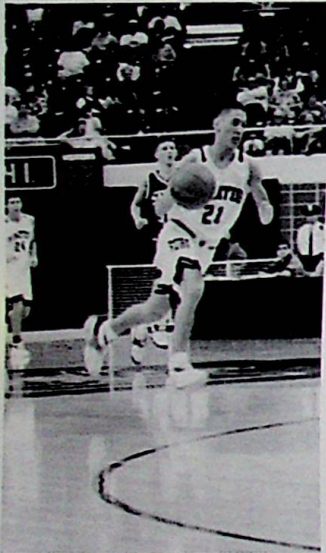
Juice shoots his second free throw to capture the lead against Minford.

After a foul at the opposing end, the team walks to the foul line.

Senior captain Brent Eaton shows off his vertical against Northwest.



Junior Jared Carver brings the ball down the court at the Convo.



WHS	Oppo
82	Northwest
80	Waverly
68	Clay
92	West
59	S. Webster
84	Fairland
78	Valley
71	Oak Hill
78	Northwest
58	Greensboro Day, NC
78	West
67	S. Webster
69	Minford
53	Ironton
74	Valley
72	Waverly
74	Fairland
62	Oak Hill
74	Minford
62	Gallipolis
76	Federal Hocking
57	Nelsonville-York
60	Southeastern
59	Chesapeake



At the start of the game at the Convo, the team does their traditional breakdown.

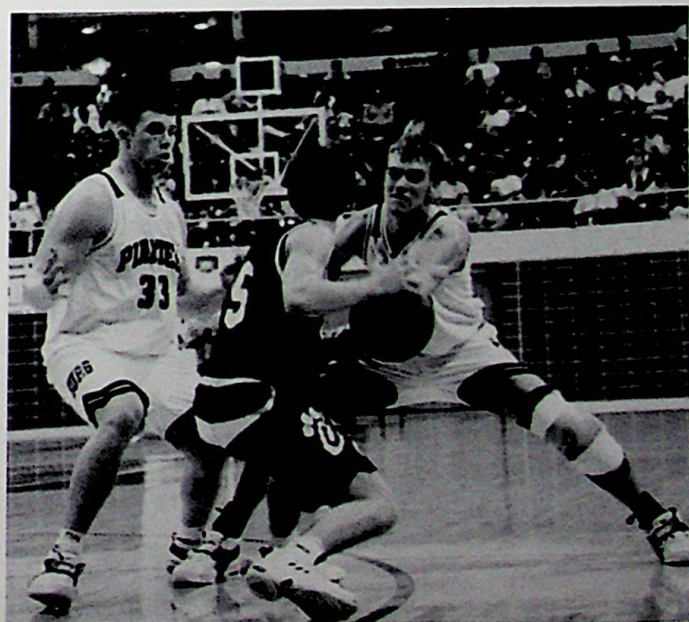
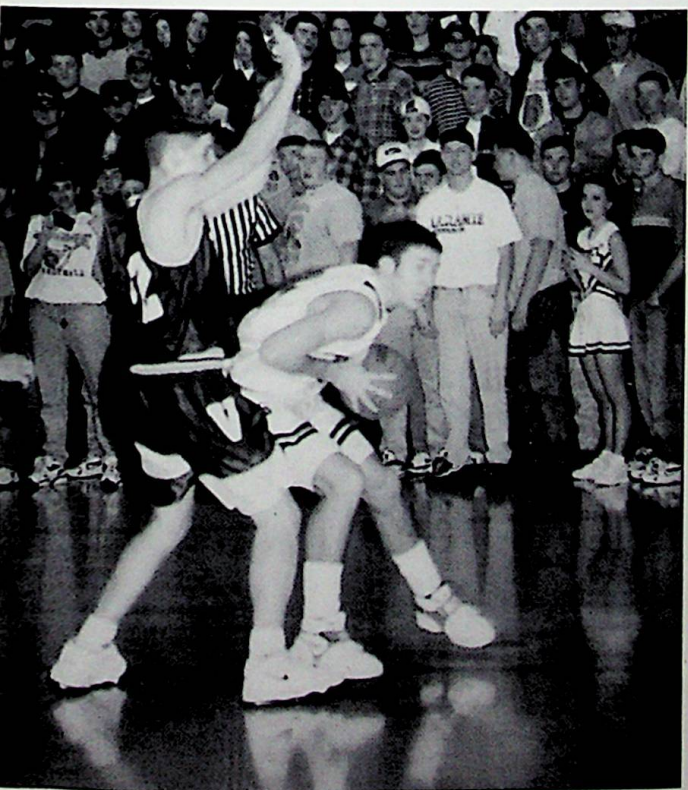
Senior Steve Johnson slaps the backboard after a fabulous lay-up.



Junior Chris Mauk gets into position to steal the ball from Gallia Academy.



Senior Casey Ellis drives through his opponent to sink a valuable shot.



Sophomore Mike Leesburg plants his feet to overpower his Valley defender.

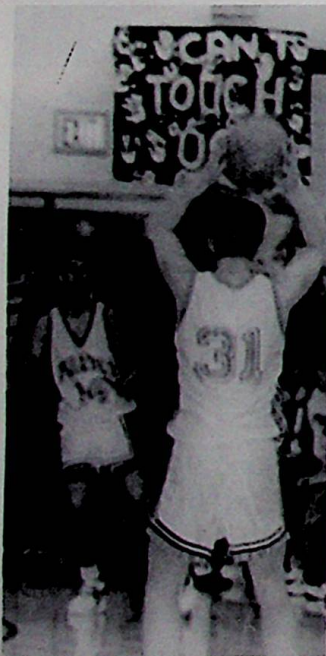
Jerod Tilley and Casey Ellis show their teamwork in defending against Chesapeake.

Freshman & Reserve Basketball

Both the Freshman and Reserve Boys' Basketball teams had successful seasons during the 1996-97 school year. The Reserve team won ten of nineteen games. The Freshman team lost only one game during the entire season. This single loss came against Huntington. However, the team defeated many rivals this season, such as Minford twice, Ironton twice, and South Webster. The freshman team also set a record for the best record achieved by a Wheelersburg freshman team with a record of 15-1. With the success of these two teams, the future of Wheelersburg Pirate basketball looks bright for the next several years.

Reserve		
WHS		Opp
64	Northwest	57
59	Waverly	77
48	Clay	46
57	West	46
55	South Webster	41
53	Fairland	66
56	Valley	41
45	Oak Hill	49
34	Northwest	26
50	West	55
63	South Webster	53
51	Minford	50
52	Ironton	63
68	Valley	37
45	Waverly	64
50	Fairland	40
43	Oak Hill	43
45	Minford	47
40	Gallipolis	41

Freshman		
WHS		Opp
74	Northwest	
61	Minford	
56	Russell	
54	Greenup County	
63	Ironton	
51	Waverly	
63	Portsmouth	
63	Portsmouth	
66	South Webster	
37	Huntington	
38	Greenup County	
6	Ironton	
7	Portsmouth	
6	Minford	
4	Waverly	
6	Russell	



Rick Estep looks to pass the ball to Tom Turner.

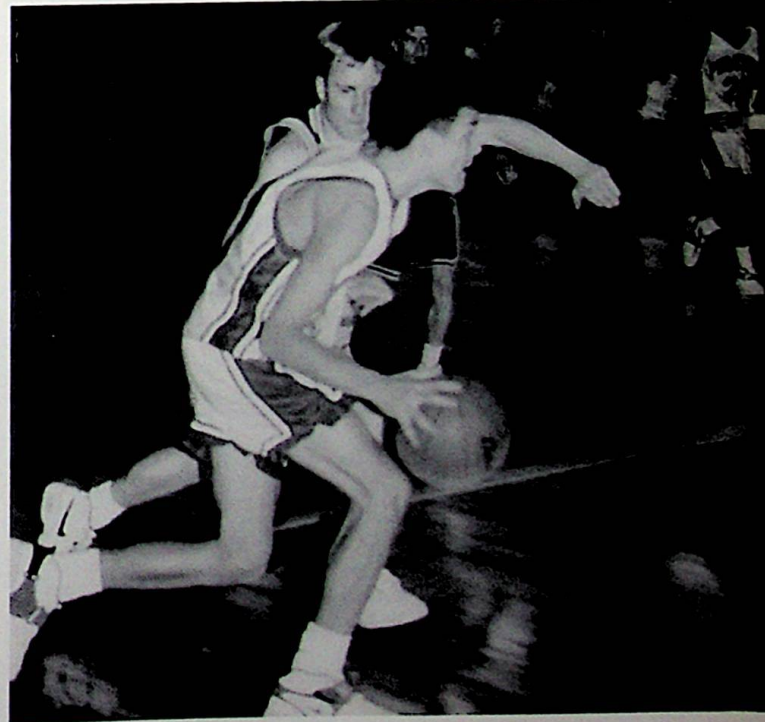
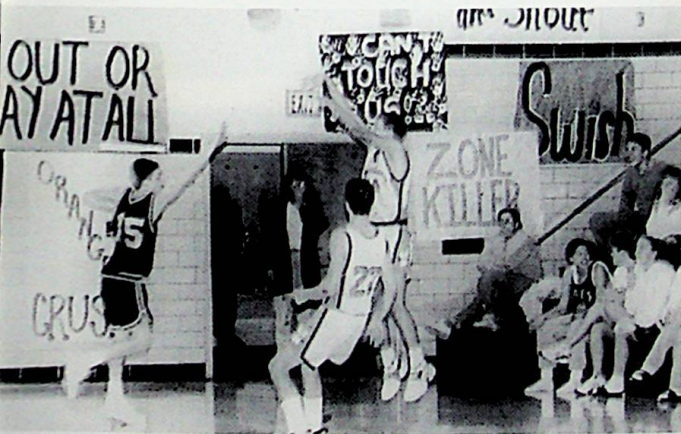


Reserve Basketball Team. Row 1: Coach Mike Schomburg. Row 2: Beau Sullens, Levi O'Dell, Erik Bussa, Scott Estep, Yelley, Travis Little, Rick Estep, Davin Bentley, Tom Turner, Joe Cooper.

Freshman Basketball team. Row 1: Aaron Bennett, Luke Emmett, Andy Gill, Josh Blevins, Chris Fite. Row 2: Coach Barry Spradlin, Jason Schmidt, Josh Tilley, Jason Noble, Josh Newman, Steve Climer. Row 3: Tim Sutton, R.J. Howe, Heath Chamberlin.



Rick Estep prepares to shoot a three-pointer.



Jason Schmidt sinks a three-pointer.

Jason Schmidt drives into the lane in a game against Valley.



Erik Bussa brings the ball up the court after Travis Little gets the rebound.

Girls' Basketball

The girls basketball team has accomplished a great deal this season despite the loss of a few key players. The team pulled together and achieved a 15-8 record. In tournament action, the Lady Pirates won the sectional championship after defeating South Webster and Minford. After falling to Minford in the regular season, the team was ready to win for the sectional title. The Pirates dominated the Falcons by the score of 56-53 in this game.

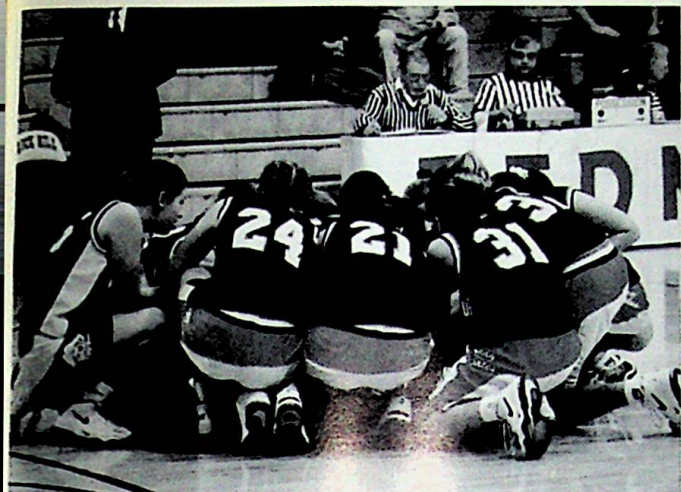
The girls eventually fell to Paint Valley in a stomach-clenching game that was sent into overtime after a fluke shot by the Bearcats.

Several team members were also recognized individually. Angela Bulreson was recognized as Special Mention All-Ohio, First Team All-District, and First Team All-SOC, Division II. The team had a terrific season and looks to make it even better next year.



Girls' Varsity Basketball. Row 1: Angela Burlson, Jessica Schmidt, Jenny Knapp. Row 2: Jenny Brown, Allison Krick, Michelle Carmon, Ashley See, Beth Hughes, Amanda Means. Row 3: Head Coach Jack Branon, Karen McElroy, Brenda Boll, Mandy Chamberlin, Kristi Sisler, Erin Wakefield, Jessica Thomas, Asst. Coach Becky Webb.

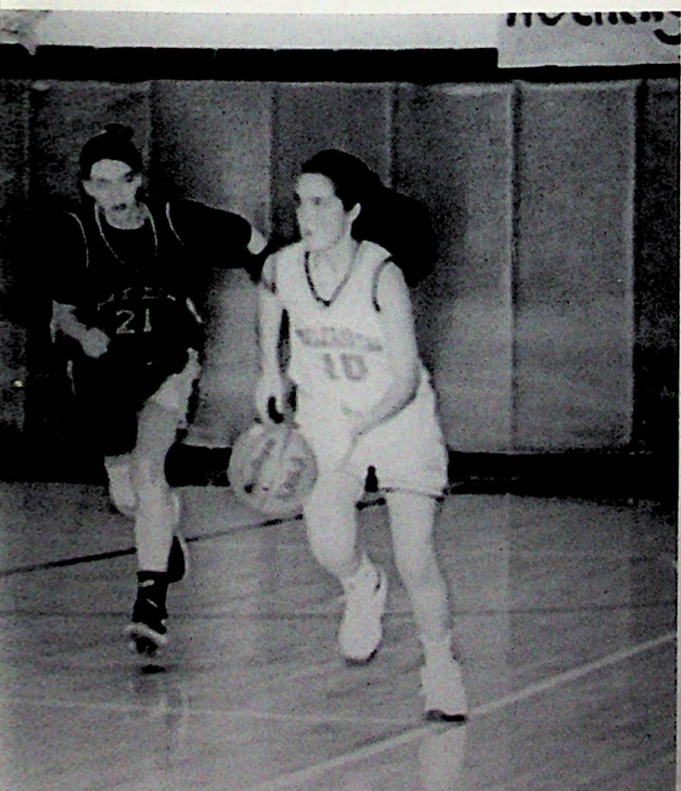
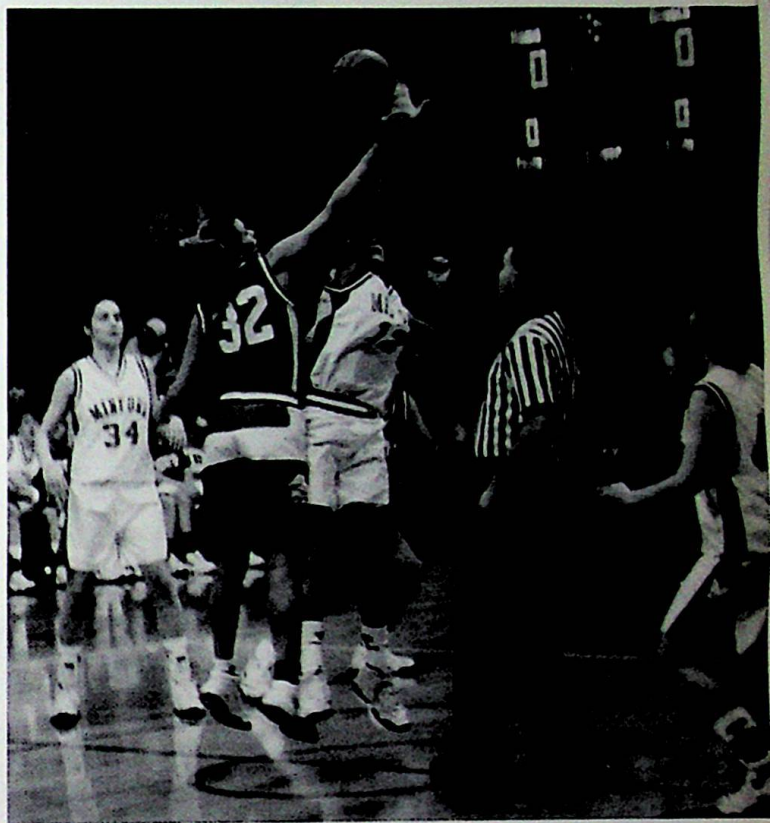




The team gathers to discuss the strategy before an important game.

Below left: Beth Hughes and Michelle Carmon, in a defensive stance, attempt to prevent the opponent from scoring two points.

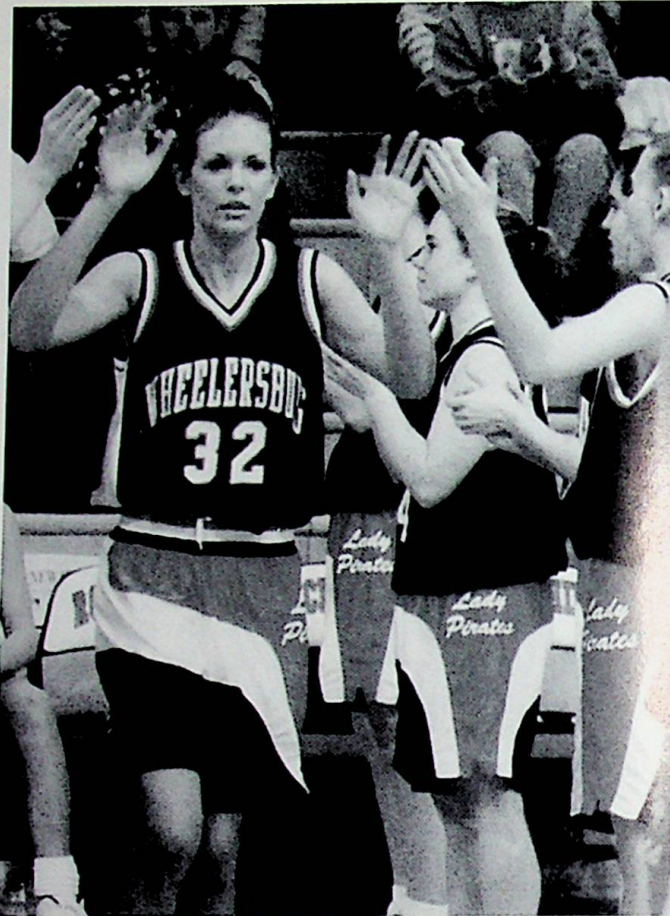
In the competition against Minford, Angela Burleson attempts to gain control of the ball at the start of the game.



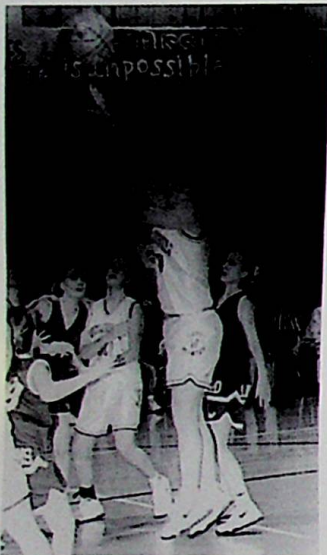
Erin Wakefield dodges past defenders as she brings the ball upcourt.

Jessica Schmidt takes a few moments alone to mentally prepare for the game.

Angela Burleson receives high-fives from her teammates before the Lady Pirates game at Minford.



Alison Krick puts up a shot during the reserve game against Minford.



Girls' Varsity Basketball

WHS	
83	Southeastern
72	Northwest
78	Waverly
86	West
62	South Webster
56	Desales
76	Valley
57	Oak Hill
66	South Webster
49	Gallipolis
62	Minford
45	Greenfield
	McClain
65	Waverly
73	West
65	South Webster
65	Valley
8	Northwest
6	Oak Hill
7	Rock Hill
79	Greenup
	County
57	Minford
	Sectionals
72	South Webster
56	Minford

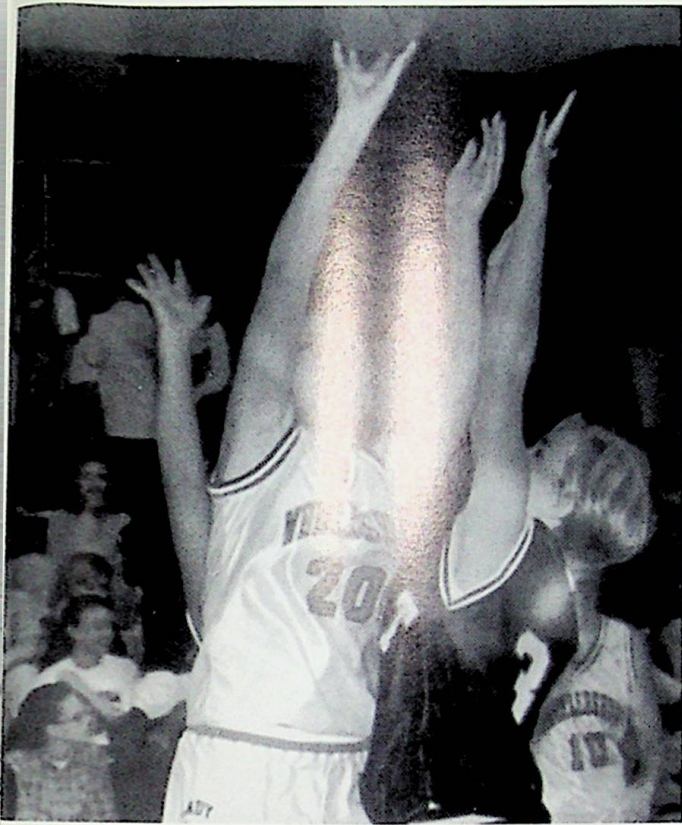
Girls' Reserve Basketball

49	Northwest
34	Waverly
44	West
36	South Webster
19	Desales
38	Valley
26	Oak Hill
36	Gallipolis
32	Minford
27	Greenfield
	McClain
45	Waverly
13	West
32	South Webster
38	Valley
26	Northwest
30	Oak Hill
56	Rock Hill
42	Greenup
	County
50	Minford



Girls' J.V. team Row 1: Erin Wakefield, Mandy Chamberlin, Karrie Thomas, Michelle Carmon, Allison Krick, Amanda Means. Row 2: Coach Becky Webb, Jenny Brown, Jessica Thomas, Karen McElroy, Beth Branon. Row 3: Melissa Lewis, Brenda Boll, Kristi Sisler, Laura Journey.

Alison Krick gets her shot up under pressure.



Angela Bureson shoots despite being heavily guarded.



Jessica and Angela warm up together before the game.

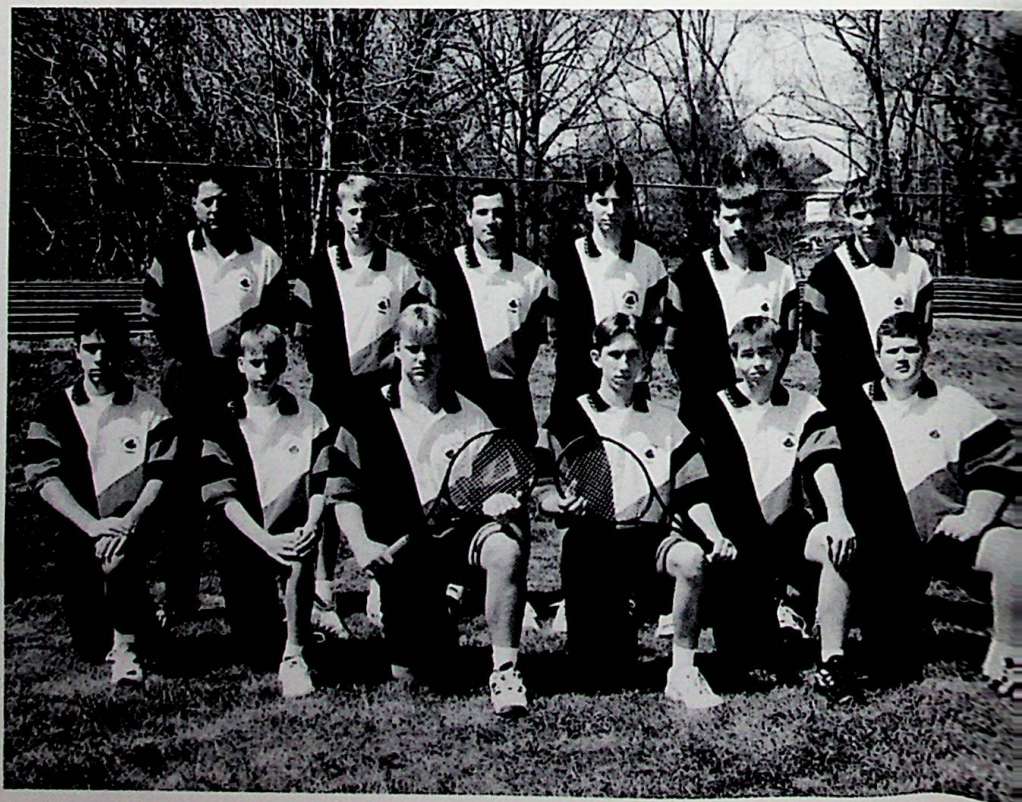
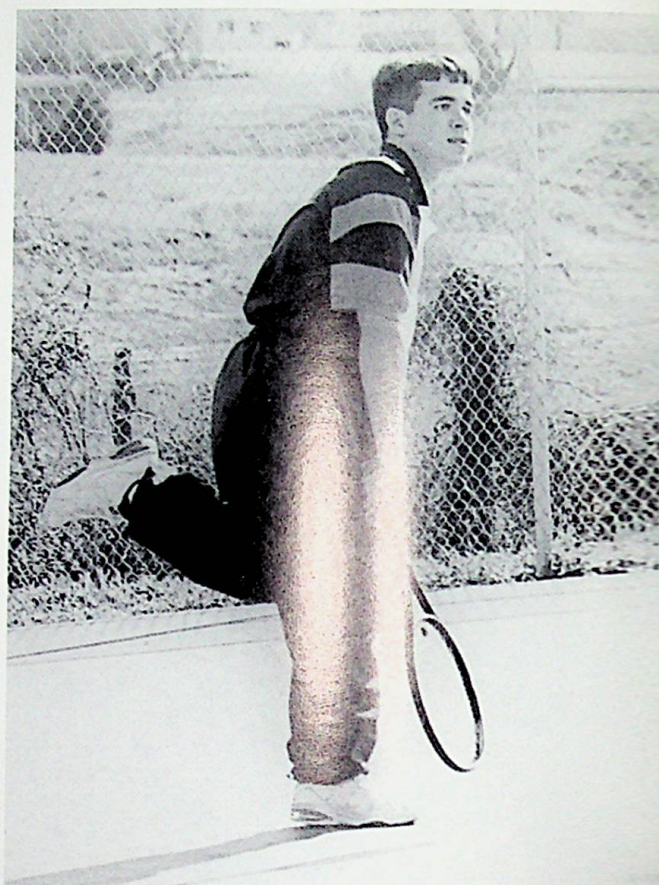
Jessica Schmidt gets psyched as she runs through the tunnel before the start of the game.

Boys' Tennis

The Boys' tennis team had a great season this year. Although they lost their three year winning streak, they still finished with an 12-4 record. This year's team had Dustin Burluson at number one singles, Ulf Breitenberger at number two singles and Kyle Felts playing number three singles. The doubles teams were fielded by Nathan Schwamburger and Brent Wakefield at the number one position and Larry Angell and Dave Walker at number two. With these great players serving up the victories, the boys won most of their matches with great ease. During the SOC tournament, WHS was represented quite well having two of its players make it to the finals. In a grueling match Ulf Breitenberger defeated Daniel Dodson of Minford to land him in the finals against Dustin Burluson. In another long match, Ulf defeated fellow teammate Dustin to win the SOC championship. The following week, the team played in the Sectional tournament. All of the singles players played great. Kyle Felts lost to Dodson of Minford and missed the qualifying round. Then Ulf fell to Dodson in the semi-finals. At the final match, it was Dodson of Minford against Dustin Burluson. In a hard fought, three set match, Dustin fell to Dodson. Overall, the boys had a great season and represented their school quite well.

Boys' Tennis. Kneeling: Dustin Burluson, Larry Angell, Kyle Felts, David Walker, Chris Flinders, Jason Blake. Standing: Coach Dr. Jon Lucas, Nathan Schwamburger, Brent Wakefield, Jon Warner, Brandon Lute, Ulf Breitenberger.

Junior Dustin Burluson looks on in satisfaction after acing his opponent at a match.



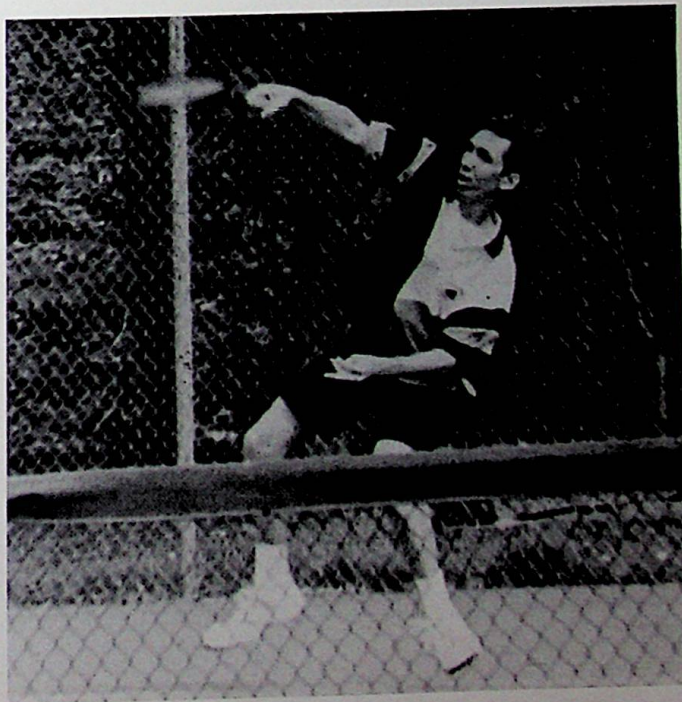
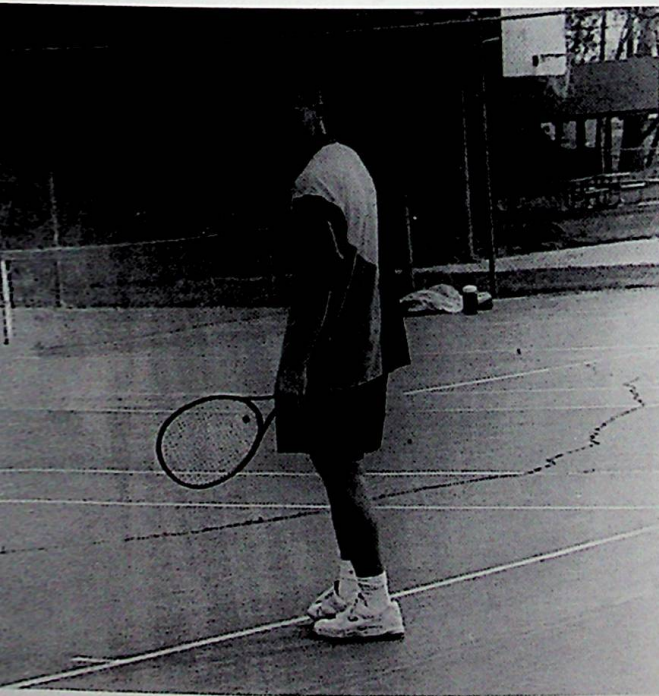
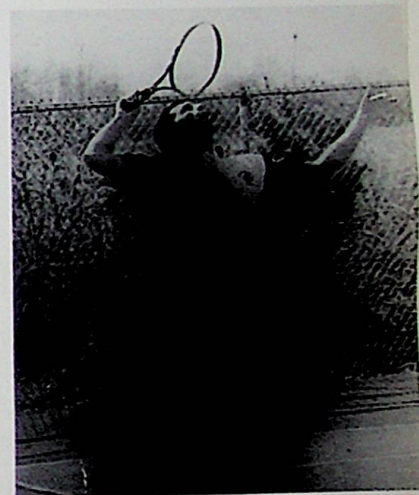
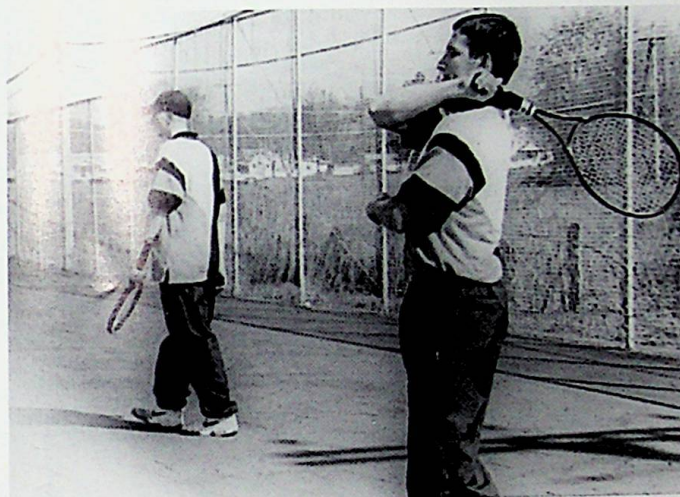
HS	Opponent	
Jackson	1	
Valley	1	
Clay	0	
New Boston	0	
Waverly	0	
East	3	
Minford	3	
Ironton	0	
West	0	
Valley	3	
Clay	0	
New Boston	0	
Waverly	2	
East	1	
Minford	3	
West	1	



Ulf Breitenberger, junior exchange student; Jason Blake and Brent Wakefield, seniors.

At a home match number one doubles players Nathan Schwamburger and Brent Wakefield warm up their ground strokes.

Senior Brent Wakefield aces his opponent with a powerful first serve.



Exchange student Ulf Breitenberger pauses for a quick picture in between matches.

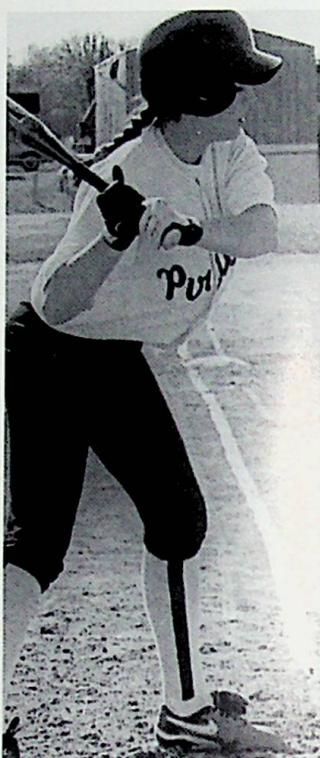
In a match at New Boston, Dave Walker delivers a powerful serve to his unsuspecting opponent.

Softball

The 1997 Pirate Softball Team achieved more than any other WHS Softball Team in the past. This year's team had a record of ten wins and ten losses during the regular season. However, they really hit their stride in the postseason. They won the sectionals and the districts before eventually falling in regional competition. The team started the season off with a bang by defeating Oak Hill by the score of seventeen to two. The team defeated intracounty rivals Green, Valley, New Boston, and South Webster. They also had two great outings against Ironton, scoring a total of thirty-seven runs in these two contests.

In tournament action, the team swept through sectional competition defeating Gallia Academy and Fairland. In district competition, the team far outdistanced their opponents, Thornville Sheridan and Unioto. This team is the first WHS Softball Team to ever win the District title. The dream season finally came to an end in the regional game against John Glenn. The Pirates lost this nailbiter by only one run. With the great success of the team this year and the return of several key players, the team is looking forward to achieving even higher standards next year.

Jessie Bussey waits attentively at the plate.



Softball	
WHS	
17	Oak Hill
5	Portsmouth
2	Northwest
11	Waverly
3	West Ports.
7	Green
7	Valley
5	Minford
15	Ironton
3	Northwest
17	Waverly
0	Green
16	New Boston
0	South Webster
1	Valley
3	West Ports.
3	Minford
22	Ironton
3	Oak Hill
4	South Webster
Tournament Play	
3	Gallia Acad.
3	Fairland
9	Thornville
10	Unioto
1	John Glenn



Angela Burlison anxiously awaits the ball to enter the outfield.

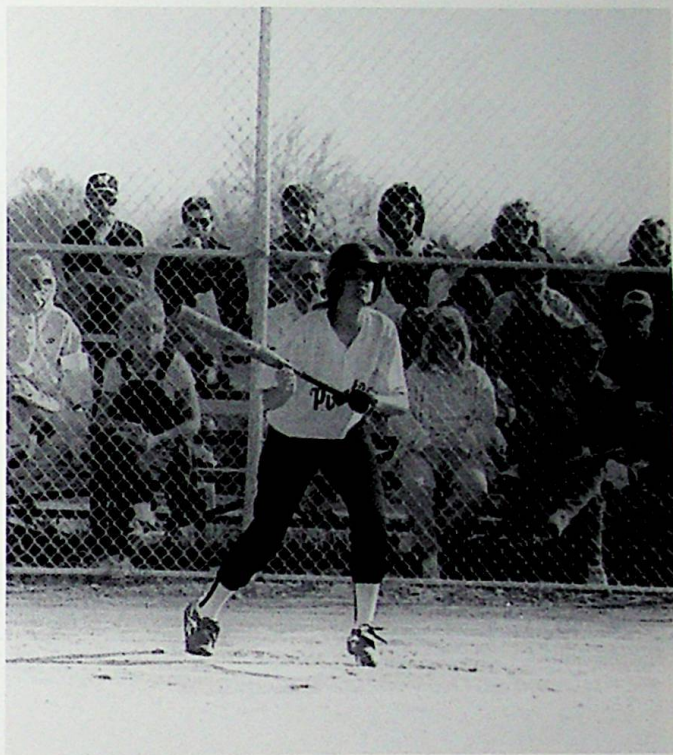


Row 1: Kellie Huffman, Jessica Bailey, Lindsey Hall, Jamie Stamper, Angela Burlison. Row 2: Jessica Co Niehaus, Beth Dunlap, Megan Diamond, Erecka Conley, Jessie Bussey. Row 3: Jonie Elswick, Rachel Clausins Hickman, Karrie Thomas, Sheree Cottle, Stephanie Rose. Row 4: Head Coach Bailey, Asst. Coach Schwamb Coach Cook.



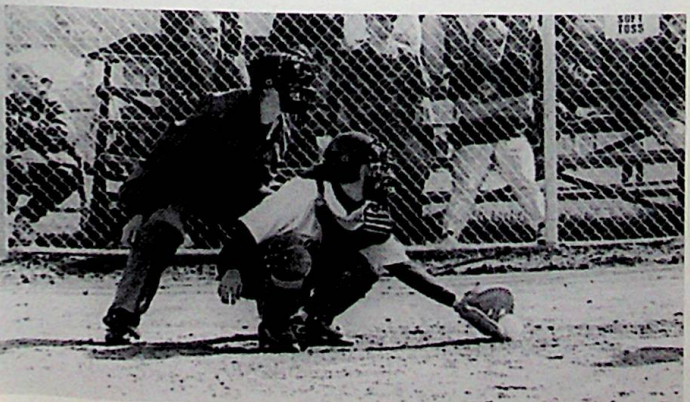
Seniors: Lindsey Hall and Jamie Stamper.

Jessica Cordle prepares to bunt the ball as a nervous crowd looks on.



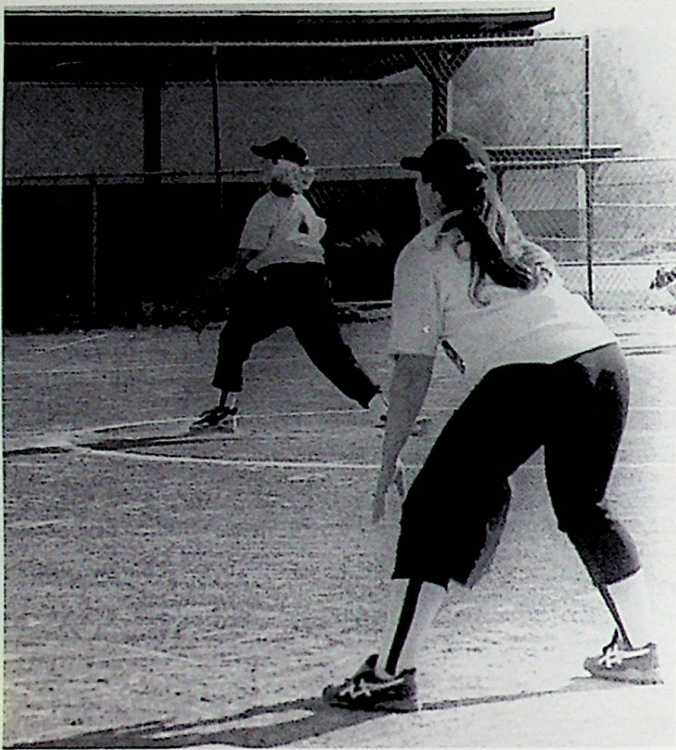
Jessica Bailey stays in perfect form as she winds up for the pitch.

Stephanie Rose gets into position to field a grounder coming her way.



Jill Erlenwein covers the plate defensively during a game.

The infielders wait anxiously for the pitch and subsequent play.



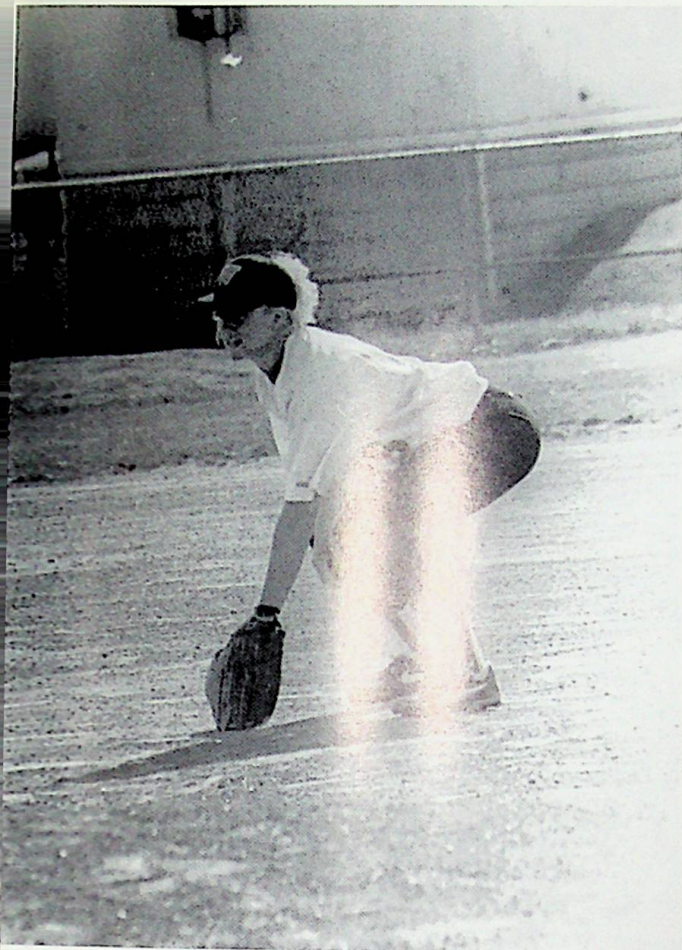
Junior Angela Burleson rounds the bases to score another run for the Pirates.



The team is excited after being presented with the District Championship plaque.

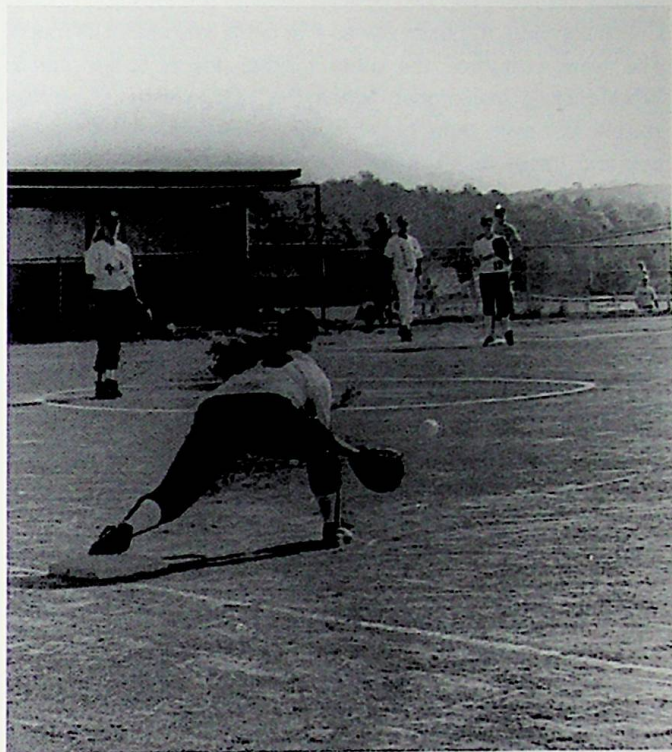
The team discusses strategy before the start of another important game.





Senior Lindsey Hall gets into position to field the groundball coming her way.

Several team members warm up before the start of a game.



Jessie Bussey prepares to catch the ball to get another out against the opponent.

After defeating Unioto by a margin of eight runs, the team runs in celebration to receive their District Champion medals.

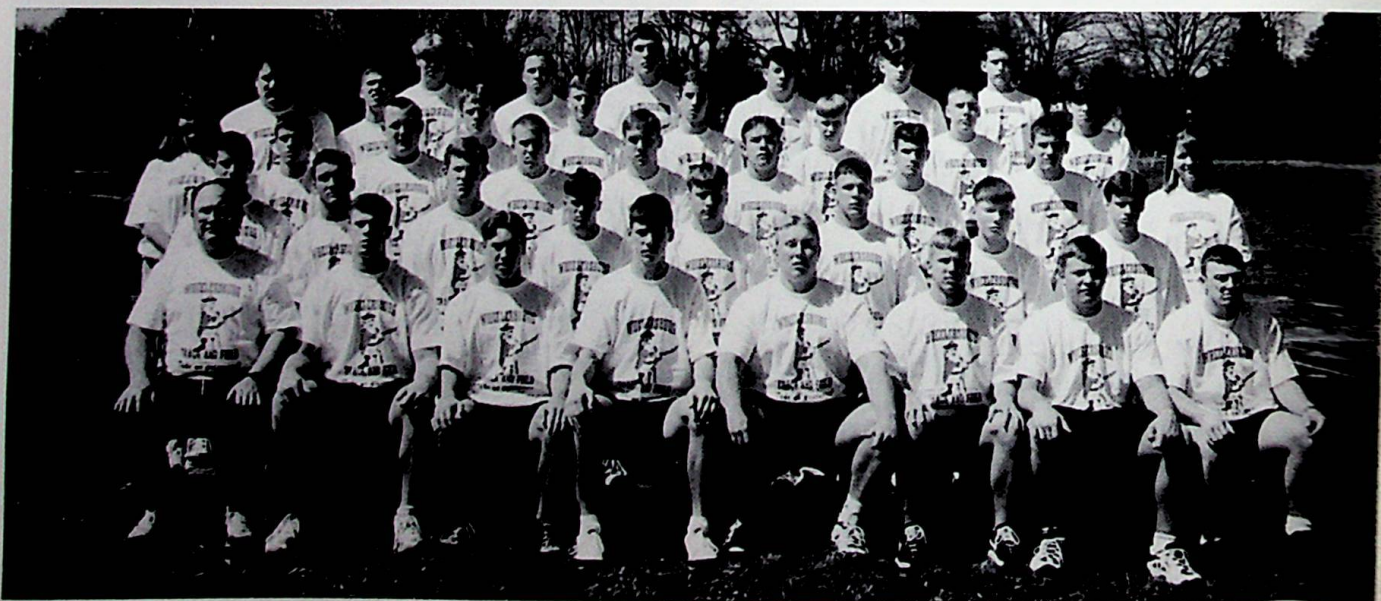
Boys' Track

Josh Clausing works to keep his lead in the 100 meter dash.

The Wheelersburg Boys' Track Team enjoyed a season of great success this past year. Led by seven seniors and the experience of Coach Johnson, the team placed first in the majority of its meets. The team outscored the other thirteen teams at the annual Wheelersburg Invitational. When the SOC competition rolled around, the team came together with a new sense of determination and focus. All their hard work paid off as they outscored their nearest opponent by over 40 points.

Several individual team members received special recognition or awards. Chris Slusher earned First Team All-SOC in the 300 hurdles. Steve Johnson was named First Team All-SOC in the high jump and Second Team All-SOC in both the 110 hurdles and the 200 meter dash. Jason Schmidt was also named Second Team All-SOC in the 800 meter run. The 1600 meter relay team received First Team All-SOC, while the 3200 meter relay team made Second Team.

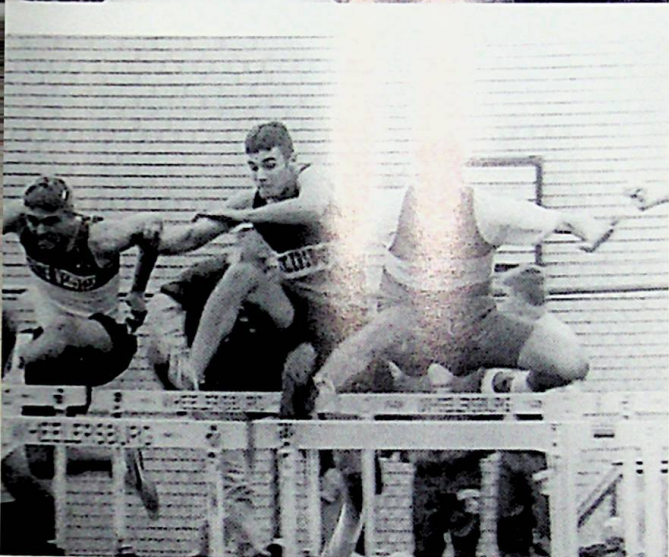
At the district meet, the team tied for fourth place overall. Three team members qualified for regional competition based on this meet. Chris Slusher qualified in 300 meter hurdles. He finished first, while setting a new school record of 39.3 seconds. He also earned second place in the 110 meter hurdles to move on in that event. Steve Johnson won in the 110 meter hurdles and placed third in the high jump to qualify in those two events. Aaron Tilley qualified by placing third in the 3200 meter run. In regional competition, Chris Slusher placed fourth in the 300 meter hurdles to earn him an invitation to compete at the state level. With several runners doing a terrific job this year, the team looks forward to continuing its tradition of excellence next year.



Row 1: Coach Gary Johnson, Jerod Tilley, Chris Slusher, Steve Johnson, Chris White, Jason Mantell, Rob Mullins, Jeremy Welch. Row 2: Andy Gill, Josh Clausing, Brian Fite, Jason Huddleston, Nick Glockner, Adam Chamberlin, Keith Treadway. Row 3: Jenny Singer, Chad Benner, Steve Sutton, Brian Mantell, Josh Seeley, Josh Basham, Josh Tilley, Jason Schmidt, Erin Mantell. Row 4: Asst. Coach Johnson, Davin Bentley, Aaron Tilley, Nathan Bazler, Ryan Queen, Daniel Huddleston, Michael Emmett, Michael Hall. Row 5: Richard Brown, Michael Yelley, Gabe Klaiber, Josh Asche.



Jason Huddleston and Brian Fite try to stay calm before running their events at the competitive Wheelersburg Invitational.



Josh Tilley works on his form in the 110 meter high hurdles.

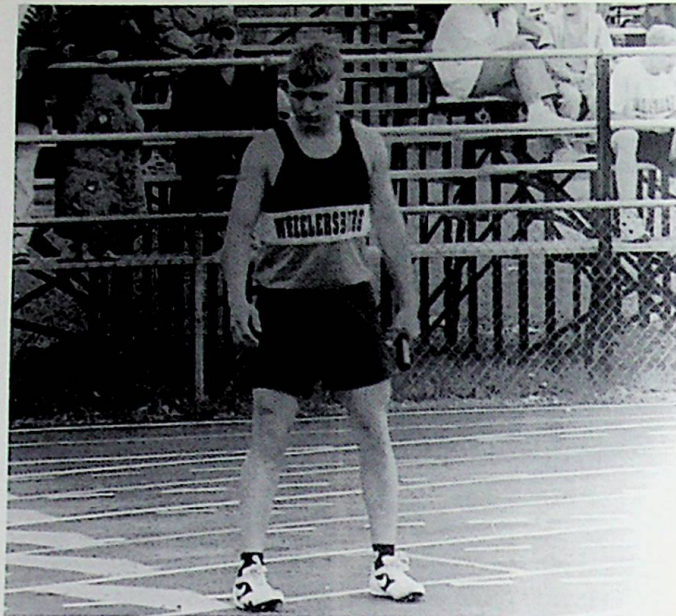
Brian Fite sprints the last 100 meters in his leg of the 3200 meter relay.



Steve Johnson soars through the air in the long jump.

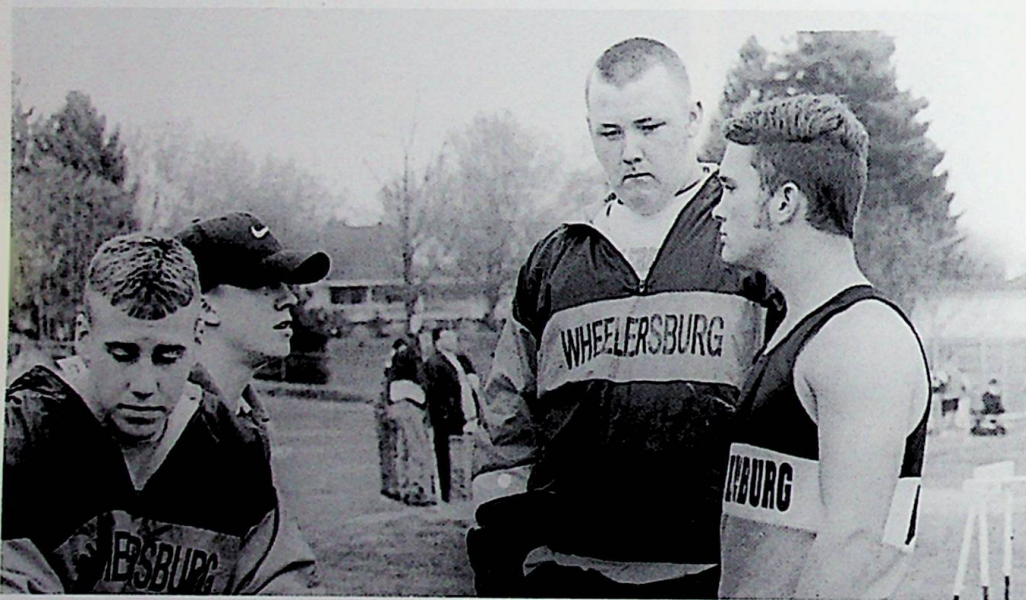


Whitey puts everything he has into this discus throw.



Nick Glockner waits for the gun to sound as he prepares to start off the 3200 meter relay.

The boys relax between races.



Nathan Bazler begins the second lap of his leg of the two mile relay.

Seniors. Row 1: Jason Mantell, Rob Mullins, Jeremy Welch. Row 2: Chris White, Jerod Tilley, Steve Johnson, Chris Slusher.



Boys' Track

Fairland Relays	2nd of team
Northwest	1st of team
Zane Trace Inv.	1st of team
Trojan Relays	3rd of team
Minford Inv.	2nd of team
Minford	1st of team
Coal Grove Inv.	1st of team
WHS Inv.	1st of team
Home	1st of team
Portsmouth Inv.	2nd of team
Home	1st of team
Valley Inv.	2nd of team
SOC	1st of team
Northwest Inv.	1st of team
Districts	4th of team

Seniors. Row 1: Beth Collins, Leigh Ann Ferguson. Row 2: Barb Vansickle, Jessica Schmidt, Stephanie Klaco.



Girls' Track

The girls' track team had a successful season this year. They placed first in several competitions under the experienced coaching of Miss Bialkowski. At Northwest the team outscored the other six teams to win easily. They also ran by the competition to come out on top of 10 teams at the Coal Grove Invitational.

Several individuals also excelled in their events throughout the season and were awarded for their accomplishments at the SOC meet. Kristi Sisler was named Second Team All-SOC in the long jump, 100 meter hurdles, and 300 meter hurdles. The 3200 meter relay team of Shelley Mauk, Brenda Boll, Erin Wakefield, and Jenny Knapp enjoyed First Team All-SOC honors. Erin Wakefield was also awarded Second Team All-SOC in the 1600 meter run. Jessica Schmidt was named to the second team in the high jump.

The team also saw several girls qualify for the regional competition at Logan. Kristi Sisler qualified in high jump, by placing fourth. In addition, she placed third in the 300 hurdles to qualify in that event. The 3200 meter relay team placed third in the district competition to move on to regionals. Two WHS runners qualified in the 3200 meter run. Erin Wakefield placed second, while Stephanie Klaco placed fourth. Shelley Mauk also qualified in the 800 meter run, placing third. The 1997 girls' track team displayed talent and teamwork and was rewarded for its efforts.



Row 1: Becky Riepenhoff, Stephanie Klaco, Beth Collins, Barb Vansickle, Jessica Schmidt, Leigh Ann Ferguson, Jenny Knapp. Row 2: Coach Carol Bialkowski, Samantha Sparks, Brooke Bockway, Sarah Osborn, Sheeley Mauk, Erin Wakefield, Brenda Boll, Coach Paul Boll. Row 3: Amanda Spence, Laura Journey, Mandy Chamberlin, Kristi Sisler, Carrie Klaco, Amanda Bailey. Row 4: Monika Barwinkel, Jenny Brown, Amanda Means, Karen McElroy, Amanda Bays, Angel Ross.



Jessica and Mandy pause to smile for the camera.

Barb Vansickle, Erin Wakefield, Becky Riepenhoff, and Amanda Means take a break from setting hurdles at the Wheelersburg Boys' Invitational.



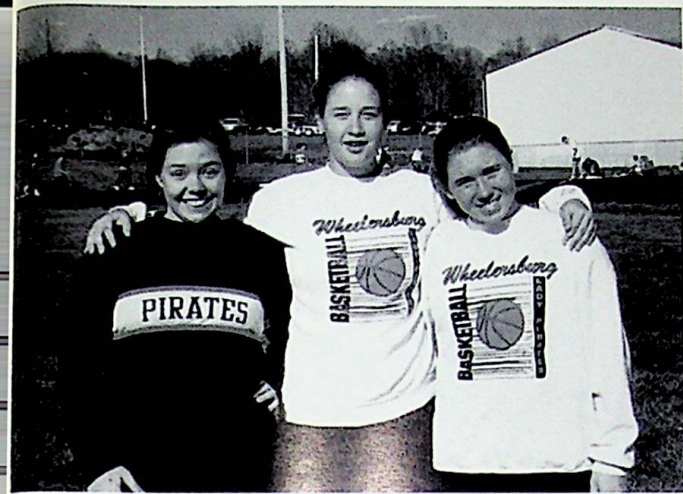
Becky Riepenhoff concentrates on her form in the 100 meter dash.

Coach B. congratulates her 3200 meter relay team after another great run.



Girls' Track

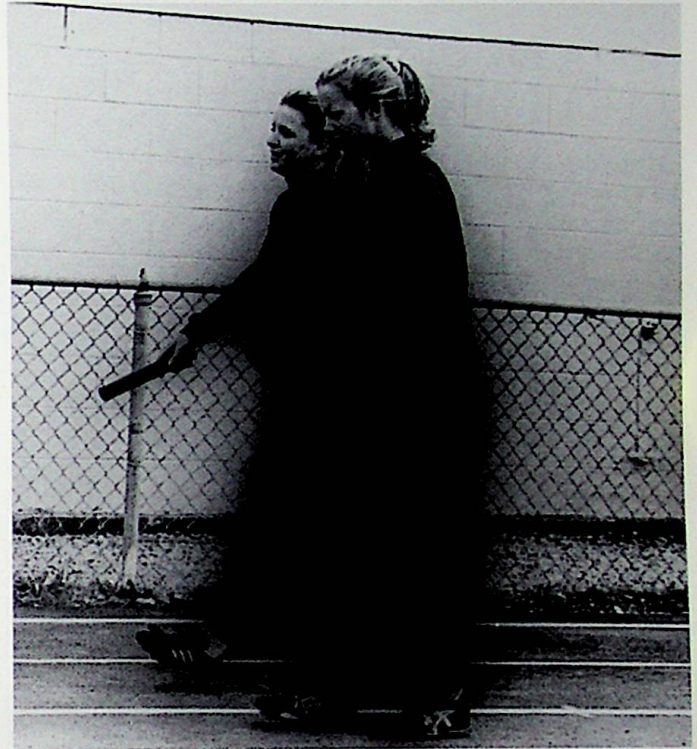
Northwest	1st of 6 teams
Zane Trace Inv.	9th of 14 teams
PHS Relays	4th of 10 teams
Minford Inv.	4th of 14 teams
Minford	1st of 7 teams
Gal Grove Inv.	1st of 10 teams
arg Inv.	5th of 16 teams
ome	1st of 4 teams
PHS Inv.	4th of 11 teams
Home	1st of 4 teams
SOC	3rd of 13 teams
Northwest Inv.	4th of 15 teams
Districts	3rd of 17 teams



Barb Vansickle, Amanda Means, and Brenda Boll relax after competing in discus and shot put at the Minford Invitational.



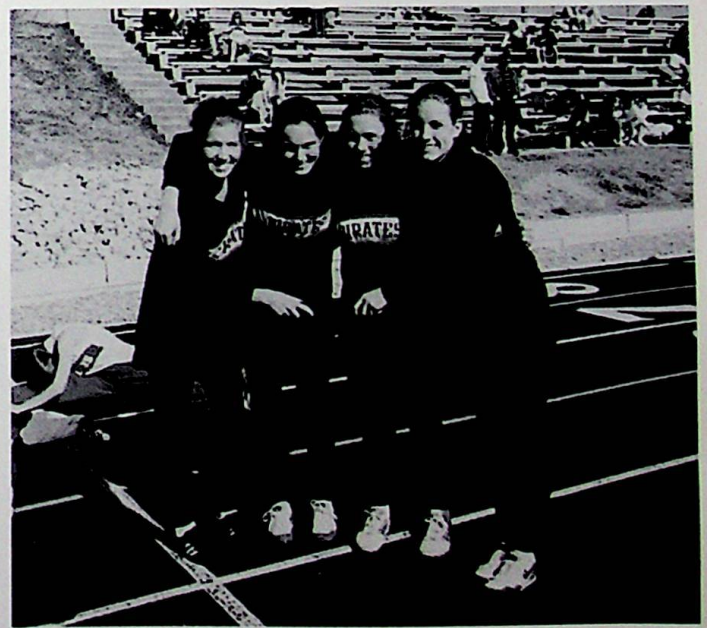
Kristi Sisler completes an attempt at the long jump.



Beth Collins and Becky Riepenhoff give each other encouragement for the upcoming 800 meter relay.



Leigh Ann Ferguson sails over a hurdle.



The 3200 meter relay team of Jenny Knapp, Erin Wakefield, Brenda Boll, and Shelley Mauk gets pumped for another great run.

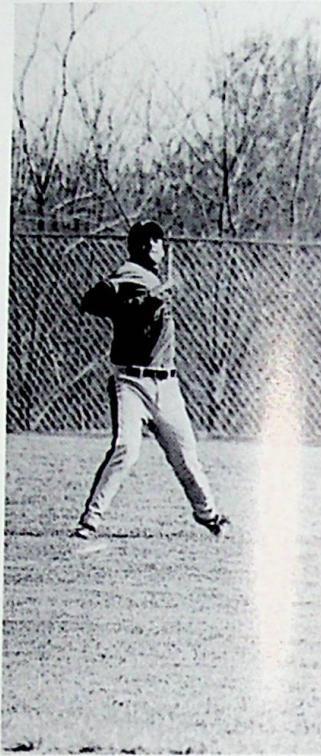
Baseball

The 1997 season was filled with many ups and downs for the Pirate baseball team. Several promising players returned from the state championship team of the past season to show off their talents and assist the team to many victories. However, on a sadder note, the team's 37 game winning streak finally came to an end in a game against rival Greenup County. But this was definitely not enough to stifle their undying Pirate Pride as they finished the season with a very impressive record of 21-3.

Many noteworthy events occurred during the season. Shad Conn pitched a no-hitter to shut out South Webster as the Pirate team scored an amazing twenty runs. A memorable nailbiter came in the game against Lucasville Valley, but the Pirates pulled it off with a 10-9 win in extra innings. The victory against Clay was another example of Pirate excellence and dominance. These wins, among others, brought pride to every WHS student as the team battled through the season.

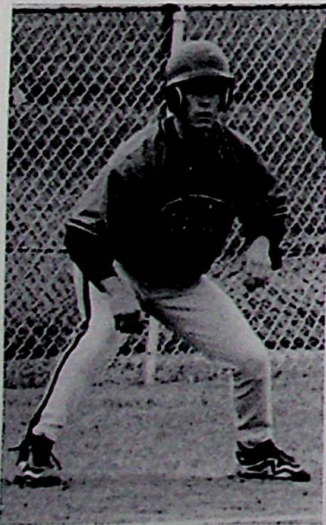
Dustin Sampson was honored for his athletic achievement with an invitation to the Sunbelt Classic, a tournament consisting of the best players from each of several states. Dustin was one of seventeen students selected to represent the state of Ohio in this national tournament in Oklahoma. Through cooperation and teamwork, this Pirate team was able to do everything and do it well.

Tom Sutton struggles to get the ball back to the infield.



Varsity Baseball

WHS	
18	Oak Hill
1	Northwest
10	Portsmouth
5	Waverly
13	Indian Valley
18	West
20	South Webster
10	Valley
11	Minford
9	Jackson
21	Northwest
5	Greenup
3	Ashland
15	West
16	South Webster
19	Valley
12	Minford
13	Ironton
21	Clay
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7	Oak Hill
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Dustin Sampson stands poised to steal a base.

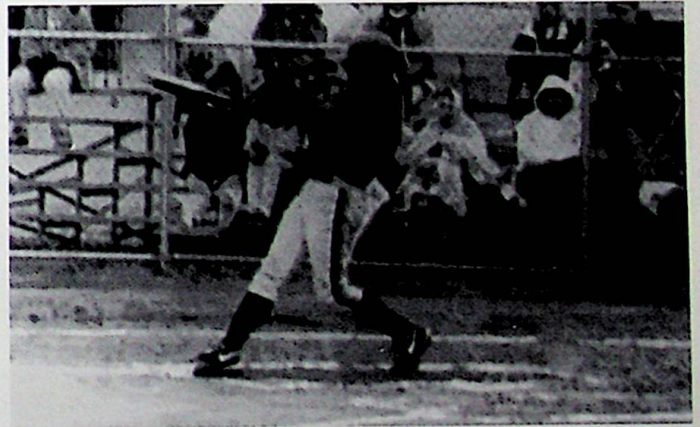
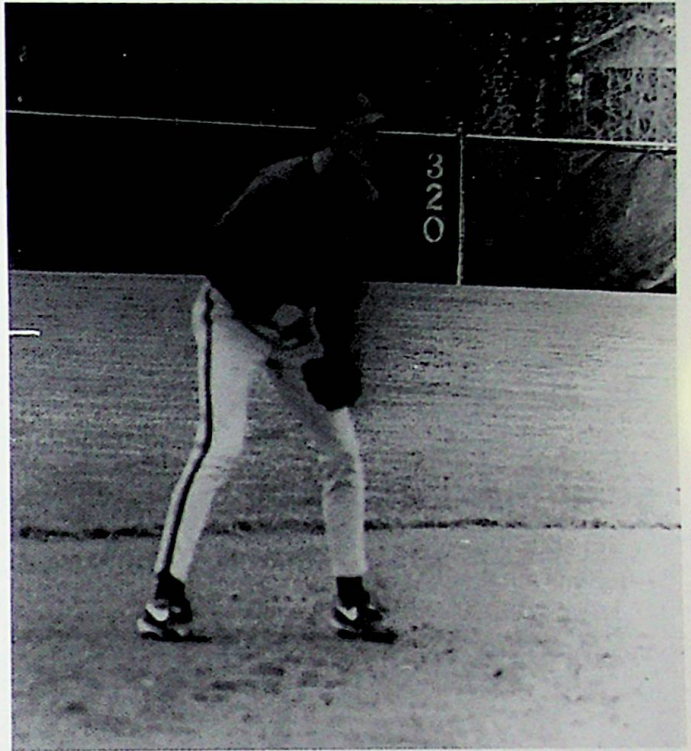


Varsity Baseball. Row 1: Shad Conn, Josh Newman, Shane Jenkins, Nate Conn, Scott Estep, Eddie Peck, Row 2: Ellis, Coach Branon, Cori Martin, Dustin Holbrook, Casey Ellis, Brandon Hutchinson, Jim Welton, Rick Estep, Coach Daniels, Row 3: Coach Daniels, Tim Sutton, Jason Burk, Tom Sutton, Aaron Morrison, Dustin Sampson, Coach Perkins



Shad Conn finds himself caught in a nerve-racking run-down in a game with West.

Casey Ellis is ready for anything in his vital position as shortstop.

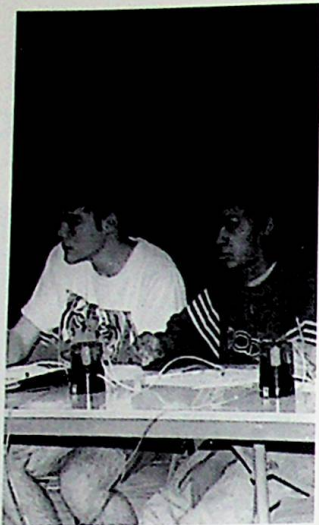


Reserve Baseball. Row 1: R.J. Howe, Josh Drake, Dustin Woodrum, Charlie Crisp, Chad Newsome. Row 2: Coach Daniels, Ryan Price, Tate Bockway, Josh Mercer, Danny Sutton, Jason Noble, Coach Myers, Coach Perkins.

Shad Conn nails one for the Pirates.



Seniors. Row 1: Brandon Hutchinson, Casey Ellis, Dustin Sampson. Row 2: Jason Burk, Shad Conn, Shane Jenkins, Jim Welton, Cori Martin.



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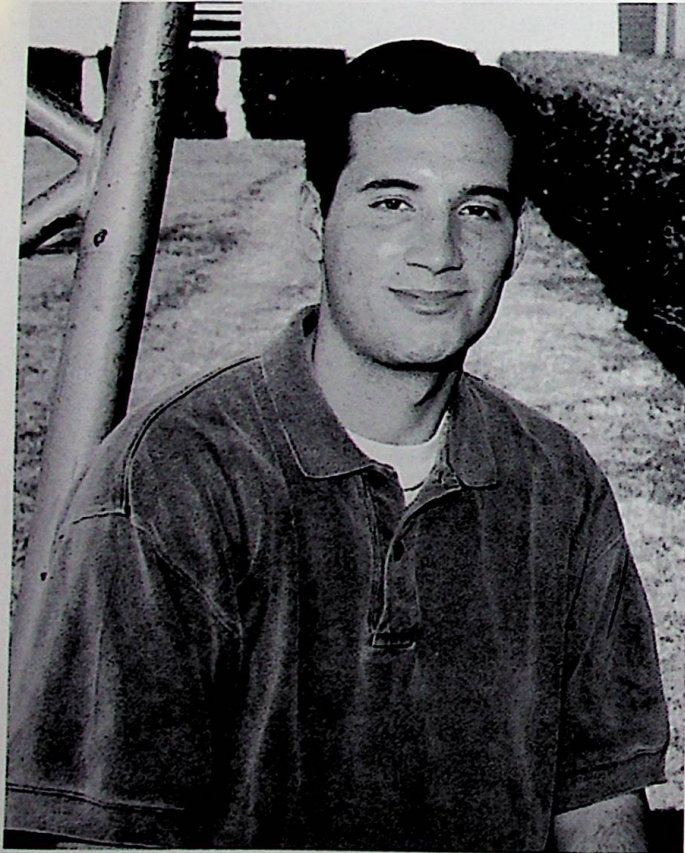
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Yearbook and Photography

Business Manager Rebecca Schwamberger

Despite a hectic schedule, the 1996-97 Yearbook and Photography Staffs accomplished a great deal through their hard work and dedication. Their job officially began back in August when they met to receive their ad assignments. They were told that the final goal for advertising was a nearly insurmountable sum of \$4000. Nevertheless, the staffs pulled together to fund this portion completely.

During the school year, staff members met on Mondays to complete as much of the book as possible before the end of the school year. However, even all this intense work was not enough to wrap it up. Several students sacrificed their study time between finals to work toward completion. Hour after hour, the staff cropped pictures, wrote captions and body, and edited everything. They even returned after the end of the school year to finish up the last pages. Because of the work of this dedicated staff, the WHS students will have a complete reminder of the events of this school year.



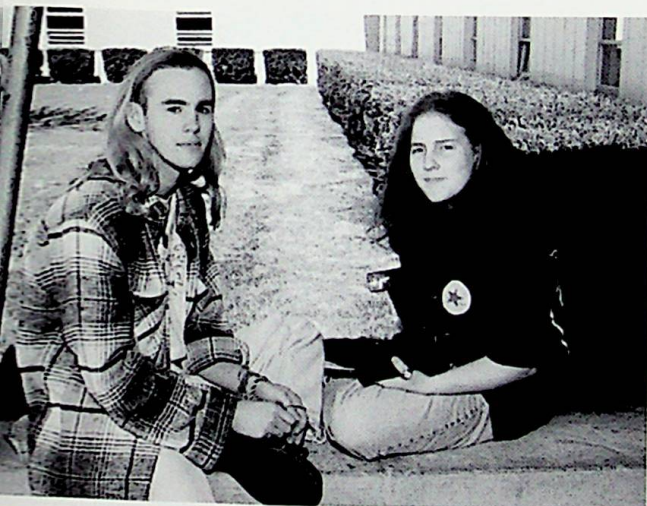
Co-Editor Brent Wakefield



Co-Editor Melissa Williams



Yearbook and Photography Staffs. Row 1: Leslie Schomburg, Brittany Thomas, Danielle McKinney, Becky Riepenhoff, Amy Nichols, Amanda Smith, Rebecca Schwamberger. Row 2: Karma Saunders, Charlene Darrell-Fields, April Kantz, Erica Engle, Melissa Williams, Bethany Clifton. Row 3: Ruschele Miller, Shelley Adkins, Ryan Kimsey, Erin Wakefield, Brenda Boll. Row 4: Brent Wakefield, Molly Cross, Jason Burnside, Zanita Hoskins.



Photography Editors: Jason Burnside and Molly Cross.

Co-Editor Melissa Williams searches for suitable pictures for her yearbook spread.

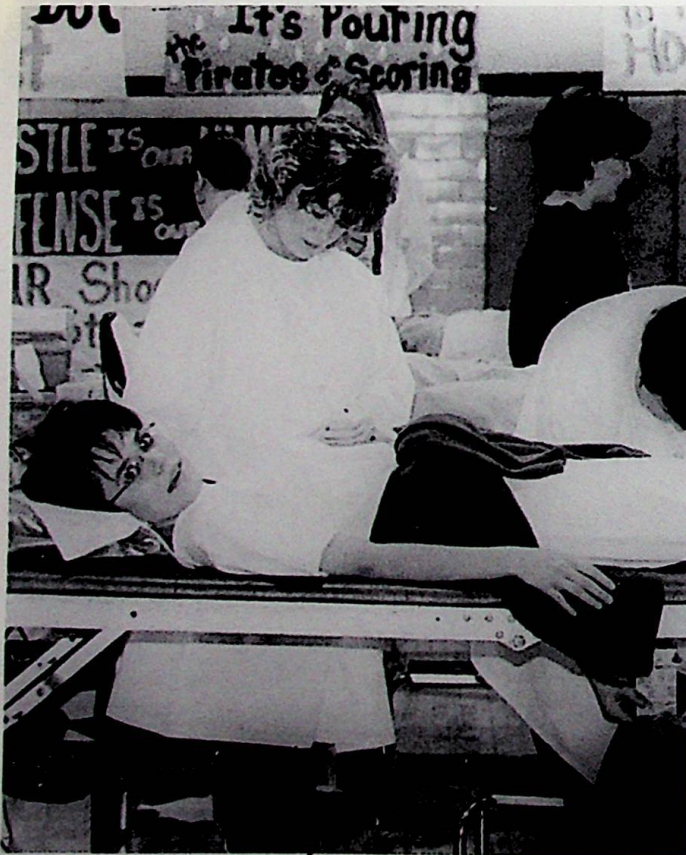


Ryan Kimsey diligently writes the body copy for his yearbook layout.

NHS

This year the National Honor Society under the supervision of Mrs. Nancy Nickell, had a very successful and beneficial year. Under the leadership of officers Nate Collier, Brent Wakefield, Rebecca Schwamberger, and Amanda Smith, the NHS participated in many community-oriented projects. The annual Red Cross blood drive was a great success as the goal of 70 units was surpassed by two pints. Also, the Adopt-a-Highway was another success which was both fun and beneficial to all. A third service performed by the NHS was a result of the devastating flood that ravaged the area in early March. The members spent one Friday evening cleaning up the fire and rescue station in Rarden, one of the hardest hit places. With the addition of the new members, all of these services were a great success. As a result of this year's dedicated and caring members, the 1996-97 NHS group will long be remembered for its effort and service.

NHS members take a break from cleaning the highway.



Mrs. Gill relaxes as she donates blood to the Red Cross.

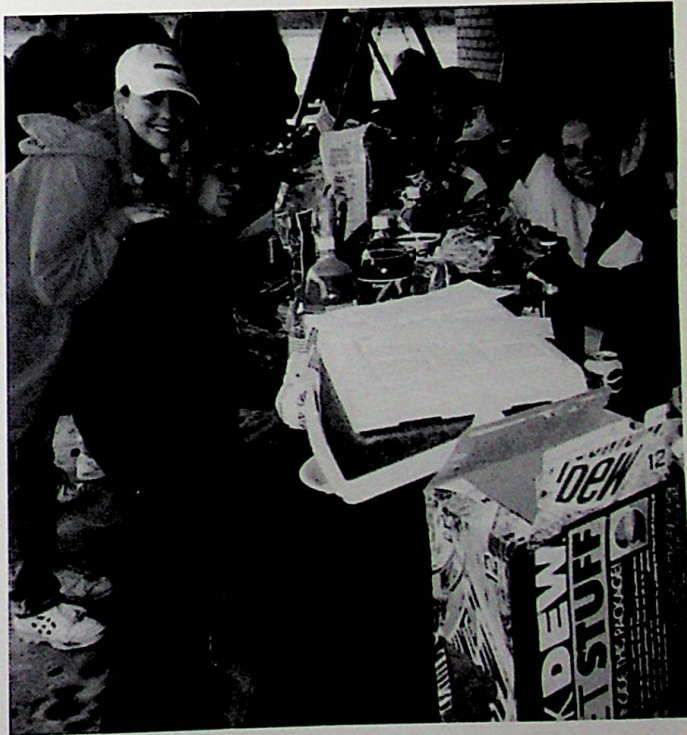
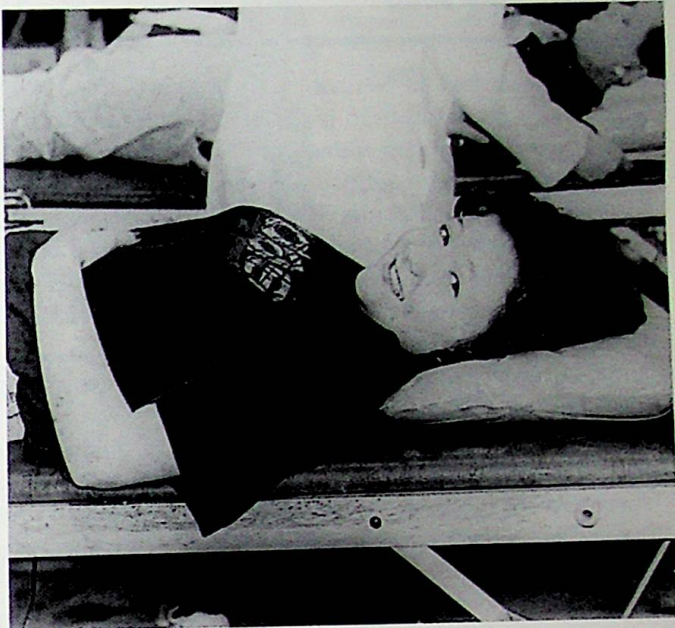


Melanie Rice applies pressure to her arm after donating blood.

Adam Chamberlin, Brent Wakefield, and Dustin Burluson enjoy a plane ride during the cookout at the airport.



Sarah Howard appears relaxed as she gives blood for the Red Cross blood drive.



Renee Tallerico hoses off equipment as part of the NHS's trip to Rarden to help with flood relief.

NHS members enjoy a well-deserved cookout after cleaning two miles of U.S. 52 as part of the Adopt-a-Highway program.



Second Year Members. Row 1: Jessica Pace, Melanie Morris, Jodi Giles, Amanda Smith, Jessica Schmidt, Zanita Hoskins, Rebecca Schwamberger. Row 2: Brent Wakefield, Nathan Collier, Amanda Johnson, Sarah Howard, Kristi Hayslip, Erica Engle, Nathan Skiver. Row 3: Zack Riepenhoff, Jeremy Rawlins, Dan Blankenship.

Quiz Team

Dan Blankenship presents the league championship trophy to Mr. Gill

The quiz team had an extremely successful season. They defeated every county team to grab the first place trophy. Two teams from our school competed in the Vinton County Tournament and Team A captured the first place prize. Zack Riepenhoff, Melissa Williams, Ryan Kimsey, Rebecca Riepenhoff, and Brent Wakefield traveled to Columbus to play on "In the Know," Ohio State University's quiz team tournament. The team returned several times and advanced to the Final Four before being defeated by Columbus Alternative.

However, the invitation to the National Academic Championship in Washington, D.C. was the most thrilling and anticipated event of the year. The success of the "In the Know" team earned the school this prestigious honor. The cost of the trip engaged the team in several profitable fundraisers the rest of the school year. They raffled off two Longaberger baskets and spent a Saturday afternoon washing cars. A Student-Teacher Match was conducted for the enjoyment of all the students. The team also ran a concession stand during the Night of the Arts.

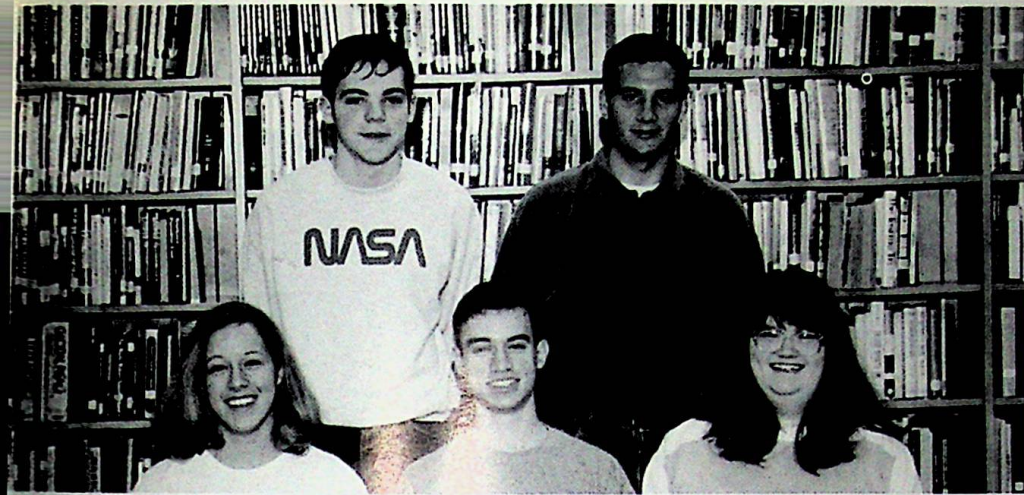
From Columbus to Washington, from Scioto County to Vinton County, the quiz team has traveled far, displaying their knowledge proudly. They look forward to an even more productive season next year.



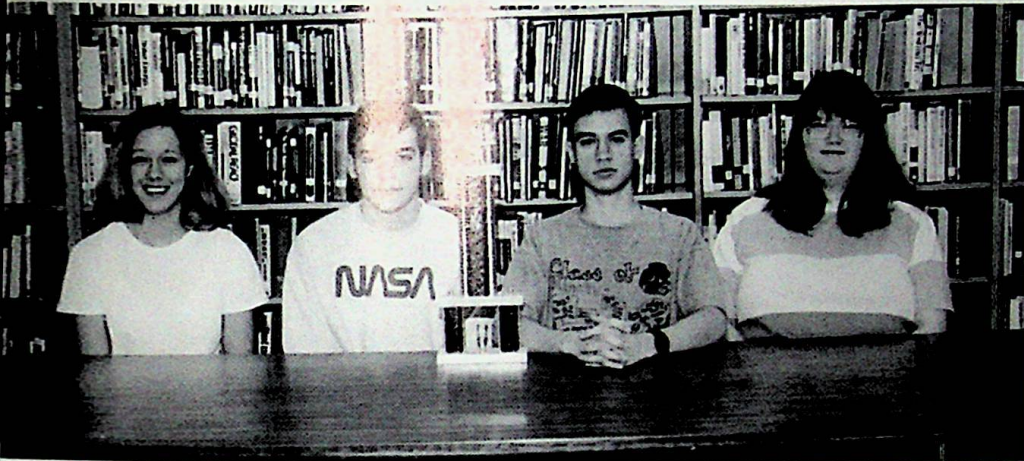
Mr. Gill and Mrs. Williams moderate the Student-Teacher Quiz Match.



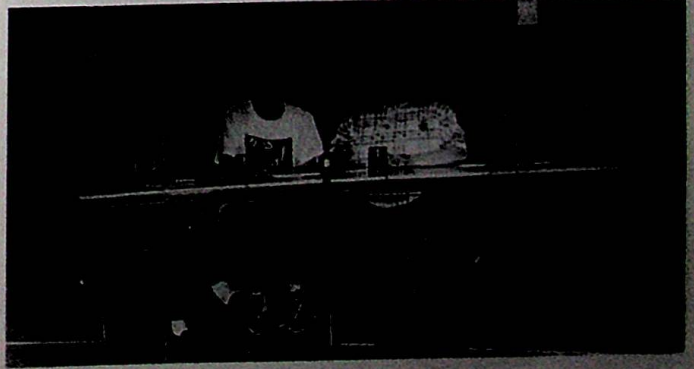
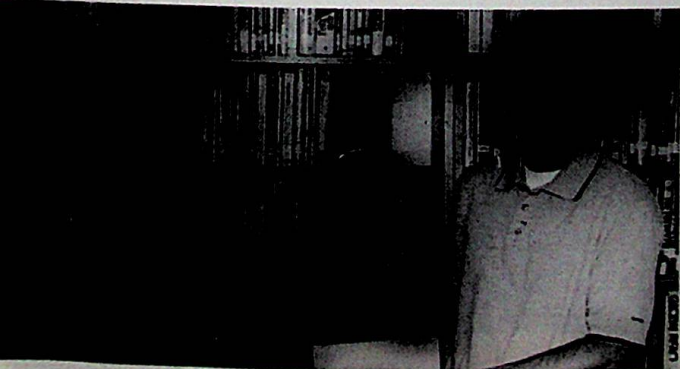
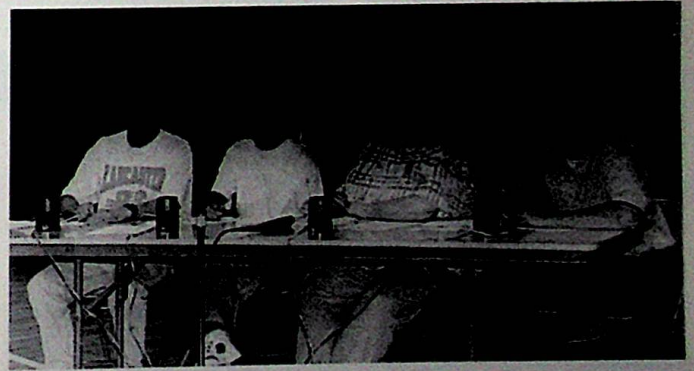
Row 1: Amanda Smith, Brent Wakefield, Nathan Skiver, Zack Riepenhoff, Dan Blankenship, Melanie Morris. Row 2: Brent Wakefield, April Kantz, Charlene Darrell-Fields, Danielle McKinney, Erin Wood, Rebecca Riepenhoff, Jennifer Kell. Row 3: Coach Melody Williams, Chris Flinders, Dustin Burleson, Ryan Kimsey, Nathan Schwamburger, Bob Starrett, Melody Williams. Not pictured: Brenda Boll, Shelley Mauk, Angel Ross.



In the Know Team. Row 1: Rebecca Riepenhoff, Zack Riepenhoff, Melissa Williams. Row 2: Ryan Kimsey, Brent Wakefield.



Vinton County A Team. Row 1: Becky Riepenhoff, Ryan Kimsey, Zack Riepenhoff, Melissa Williams.



Vinton County Team B. Row 1: Bob Starrett, Danielle McKinney, Charlene Darrell-Fields, Jennifer Keller.

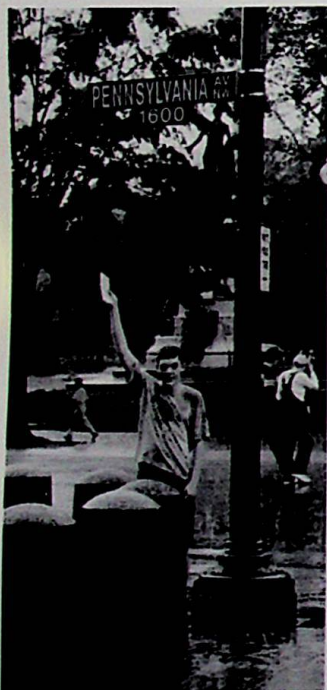
The student team listens intently to the question at the Student-Faculty Match.

ent Wakefield is awarded an OSU scholarship for success on "In the Know."

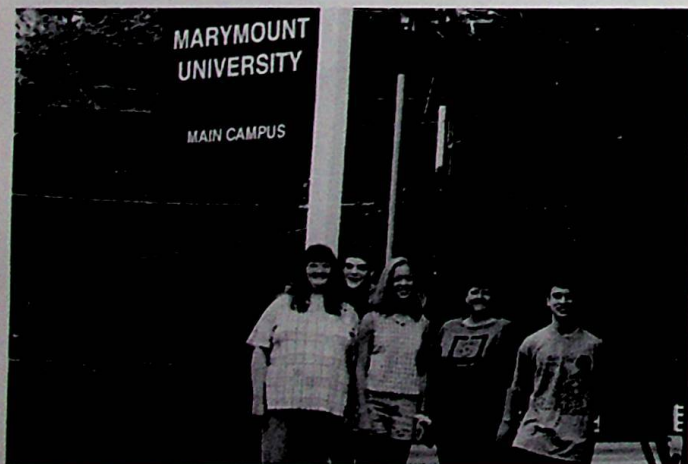
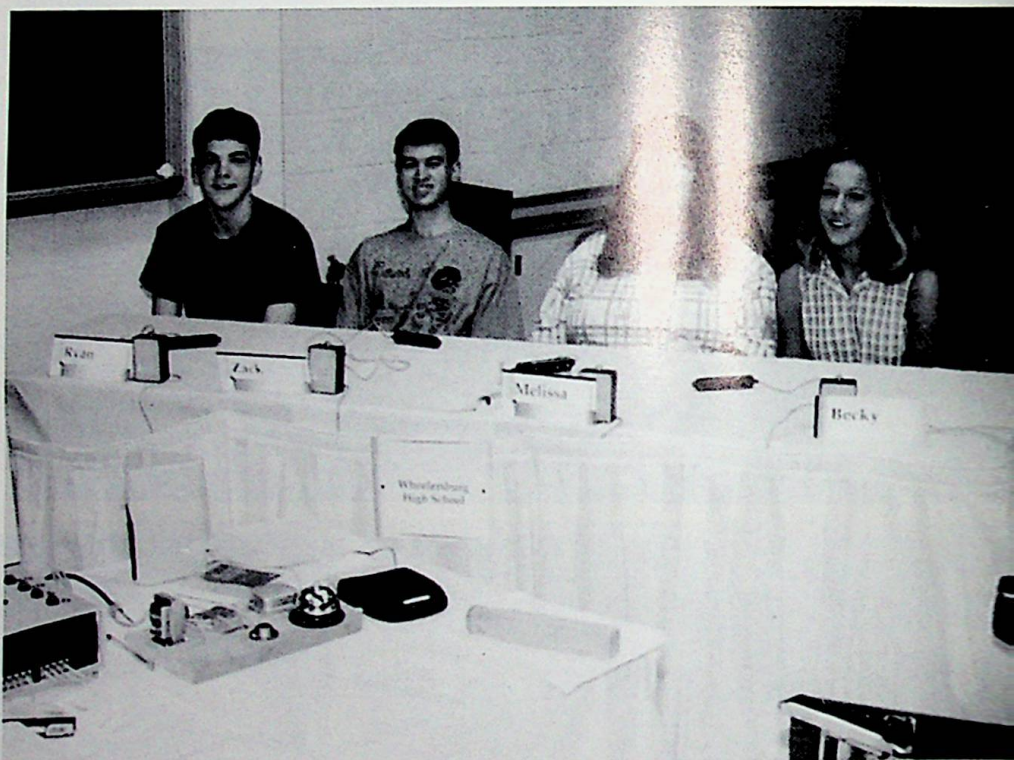
The student team relaxes during a break in the action.

Quiz Team at Nationals

Team members enjoyed a day of touring in Washington. Here, Ryan braves the pouring rain to pose for a picture after touring the White House.



The team tries to relax while awaiting the start of a match against Horace Greeley High School located in New York.



Team members Melissa Williams, Ryan Kimsey, Rebecca Riepenhoff, Mrs. Williams, and Zack Riepenhoff pose for a picture after arriving on campus at Marymount University.

The team members enjoyed an evening of entertainment at the RIO Entertainment Complex. Here, Ryan and Becky try out the paddle boats on the lake.

s. Acox and Mrs. Bell enjoy the exercise and conversation during their time on track.



Myron Martin Technology Walk-A-Thon

The First Annual Myron Martin Memorial Technology Fund Walk-A-Thon was held on Friday, May 9th. Students at both the elementary and high school participated in this very successful fundraiser. Despite the damp and cool conditions, the students were not discouraged. The total raised between the two schools exceeded \$7,000.!

Many students were excused from class for a period or two to walk around the track for a \$1 donation. The high school students raised \$953 through these \$1 donations alone. The students at the elementary school received sponsor packets and collected donations from friends, family, and neighbors. The exact total collected during this day was an amazing \$7,253.19. This money will be used to purchase equipment to meet technology needs throughout our school system. Because of the great effort put forth by the students, faculty, and especially the members of the Technology Fund Committee, The First Annual Myron Martin Memorial Technology Fund Walk-A-Thon was an astounding success.



is group of sophomores has a great time while raising money for a good cause.

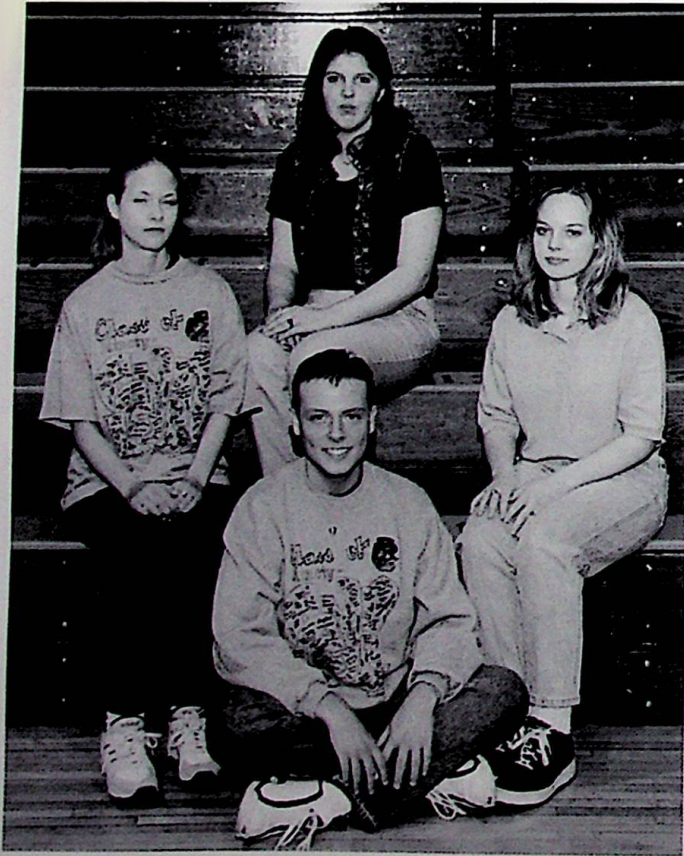
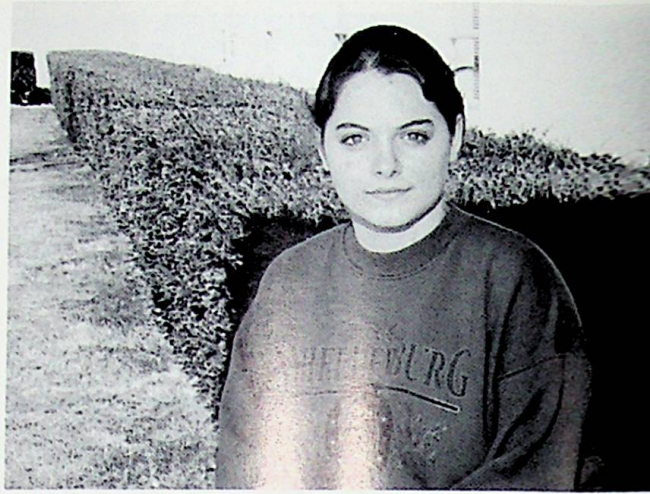


The students at the elementary school enjoy the competition between the classes.

FHA/HERO

This school year, FHA members traveled to district meetings to learn more about leadership skills and self-improvement. At one meeting, the state FHA president addressed the issue of cooperation. Several members and advisor Mrs. Monica Acox attended the National Cluster Meeting "Count Down to Success" in Louisville, Kentucky in November. WHS also had a representative at the district officer level.

The WHS group stops for a picture at the National Cluster Meeting.

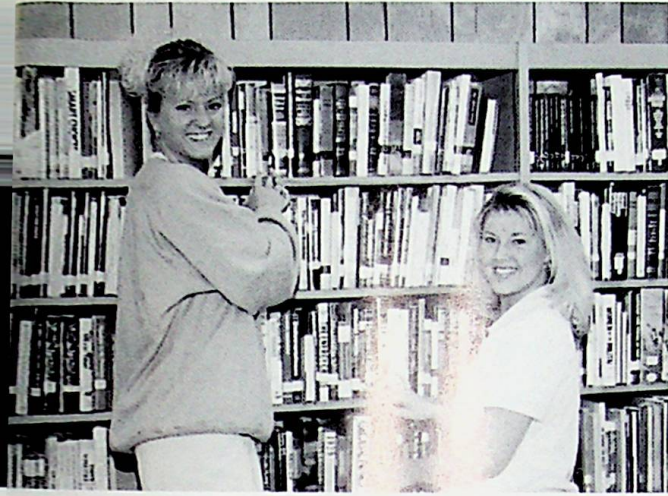


Officers: Row 1: Kent Williams-Vice Pres. Row 2: Kasey Brust-President, Kelly McBrayer-Treasurer. Row 3: Marianne Hughes-Secretary.



Row 1: Advisor Mrs. Acox, Kasey Brust, Kent Williams, Kelly McBrayer. R Sarah McBrayer, Amy Watts, Brandy Collins. Row 3: Marianne Hughes.

Library aides Lindsey Hall and Sarah Mershon stock the library shelves. Library aides assist many students with computer skills.



Library Staff



The library staff consisted of seventeen students this school year. The library aides duties were to assist our new librarian and media specialist, Mrs. Nancy Nickell, in the library. Student workers checked library books in and out many times throughout the school day. The student aides also delivered and retrieved the audio-visual equipment utilized by the faculty. In addition to these duties, these devoted students also attended to the requests of the student body and faculty concerning books and other materials. These students also were the ones who started Channel One every morning, and decorated the billboards within and near the library. Without these student library aides, the library would not have been able to function as efficiently this past school year.



Angela Gibson and April Hatfield retrieve a library T.V.



Library staff members Row 1: Sarah Mershon, Angela Gibson, April Hatfield, Jonie Carver, Melissa Johnson. Row 2: Mrs. Nickell, Josh Robirds, Trish Coleman, Jessica Pace, Lindsey Hall, Marianne Hughes. Row 3: Rachel Curtis, Kendra Oppy, Dusty Skaggs, Tiffany Burke, Rachel Madden.

JOGS

The Jobs for Ohio's Graduates has finished its fifth year at Wheelersburg High School. The twenty-eight students involved in the program became competent in career research, completing a resume and application, and learning to be a valuable employee. These seniors were also members of the Ohio Career Association which compete at the local and state level and volunteer for various community causes.

Wheelersburg JOG students completed 583 hours and averaged 21 volunteer hours per student for their community service causes. Students helped with a variety of causes including the Jaycee's Haunted House, delivering homemade Valentine cards to Greenbriar Nursing Home, the Crop Walk, and Flood Clean-up.

Stephanie Sturgill, Amy Bennett, and Shane Adkins were elected from 400 students to represent them on the state and district levels of the Ohio Career Association. These students also were invited to Washington, D.C. where they met Senator John Glenn and elected officials at the National Leadership Awards.

Officers. Row 1: Tiffany Mollett, President of the OCA. Row 2: Lindsey Hall, Secretary of the OCA; Stephanie Sturgill, Coordinator of Career Preparation. Row 3: Erik Jennings, Coordinator of Social Affairs.



Amy Bennett volunteers at the annual Jaycee's Haunted House.



Row 1: Lindsey Hall, Tiffany Mollett. Row 2: Mrs. Sarah Sloan, Shannon Hotckin, Stephanie Sturgill, Shad Conn. Row 3: Rob Holsinger, Erik Jennings, Jerod Tilley. Row 4: Kasey Brust, Wendy Gallaher, Trish Coleman, Chad Chitwood. Row 5: Jeremy Rawlins, T.J. Ridenour, Nathan Eldridge. Row 6: Jason Burk, Jeremy Welch. Row 7: Roger Arnett.



The group poses with Congressman Ted Strickland at the Leadership Development Conference.

Dustin, Tiffany, and Heather enjoy the breakfast at the Leadership Development Conference at Rio Grande University.

Amy, Stephanie, Heather, and Jerod volunteer at the haunted house.



YG members talk with Miss Ohio 1996 Ellen Pasterzak at the Crop Walk in Portsmouth.



Stephanie Sturgill tries on her State Board jacket at the Nationwide Plaza in Columbus.

Iota Sigma Kappa

The Independent Studies Program did several worthwhile projects this year. They began work on Mail for Our Military in October. This year the I.S. students sent 1,460 cards, while the Freshman English classes sent 614. Our school total was 2,074, placing us first in the state and 7th in the nation. The group also worked on the Valentine matches as part of their fundraisers. Several I.S. students, along with members of Student Council, visited Kings Island on Memorial Day weekend.

The second period I.S. class also participated in Problem Based Learning, a new educational initiative. Through this project the class worked with Mrs. Lori Suter's sixth grade class to improve the knowledge of and the access to technology within our schools and community. They sponsored electronic open houses and community computer training sessions. It was a year of fun and success for all the Independent Studies' students.

Brittany Thomas and Kelly Ruley work on typing in the information for Valentine matches.

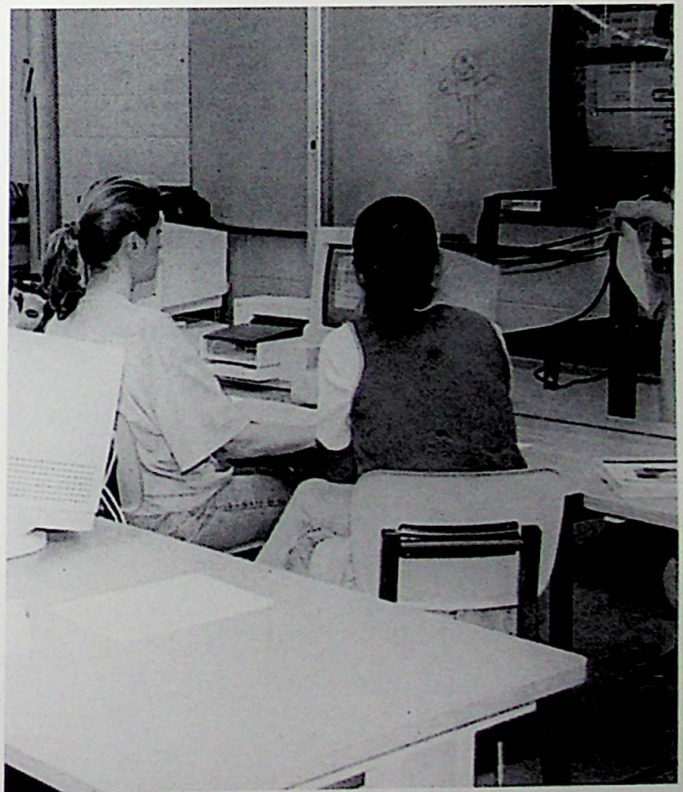
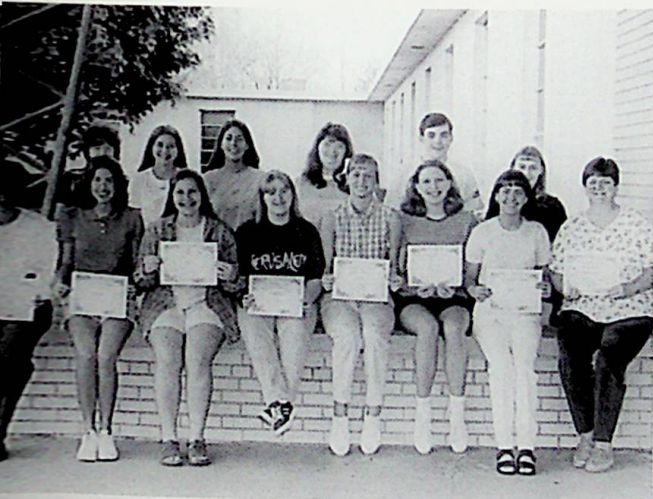


The I.S. students relax after a day of fun at Kings Island.



Ronni Beth Howard, Rebecca Schwamberger, and Jessica Pace enjoy the ride at Kings Island which gives them a little time to rest.

The 1996-97 Iota Sigma Kappa members.



Several I.S. and English students received certificates for sending at least 25 cards for Mail for Our Military.

Sarah Howard explains Microsoft Works 4.0 Word Processing as part of the Problem Based Learning program's community training session.

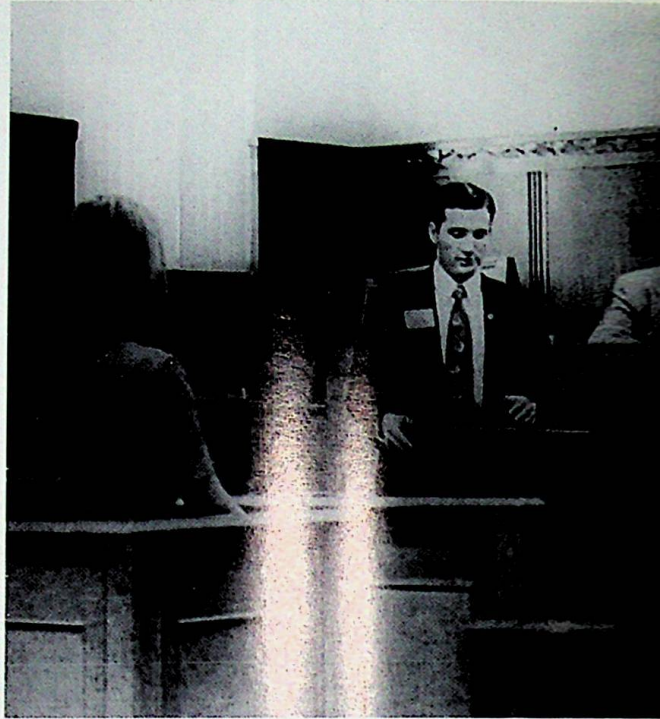
I.S. Seniors. Row 1: Amanda Smith, Jessica Pace, Zanita Hoskins, Beth Collins, Sarah Howard, Rebecca Schwamberger. Row 2: Nathan Skiver, Dan Blankenship, Kent Williams, Brent Wakefield. Absent: Tiffany Mollett.

Mock Trial

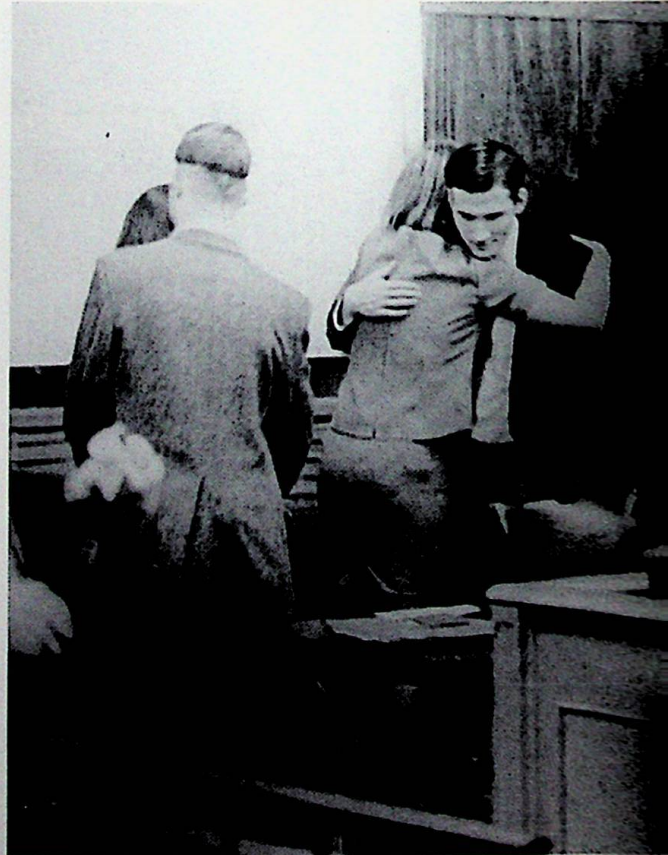
The Ohio Mock Trial program is an established statewide educational program specifically designed to make high school students aware of their constitutional rights and responsibilities. In this year's Mock Trial competition, students argued the case of Chris Washington and his claim that his Fourteenth Amendment Right of Equal Protection was violated. Mr. Washington claimed that in awarding a scholarship, the Mid-City Veterans Foundation discriminated against him.

The Mock Trial team won the District Championship in February. Wheelersburg received high marks and all four awards offered during their two trials. Zack Riepenhoff was named "Best Attorney" and Erica Engle was named "Best Witness" in the first trial. Amanda Smith was named "Best Attorney" and Charlene Darrell-Fields was named "Best Witness" in the second trial. The District win qualified the team for the State Championship Tournament in Columbus. Jessica Adams was named "Best Witness" during the first trial. The team placed 30th in the State Competition. This is only the second Wheelersburg Mock Trial team to advance to State Competition. The team was advised by Sarah Sloan and attorney Matthew McFarland.

Brent Wakefield questions his witness in the Mock Trial match.



Dan Blankenship addresses the courtroom.

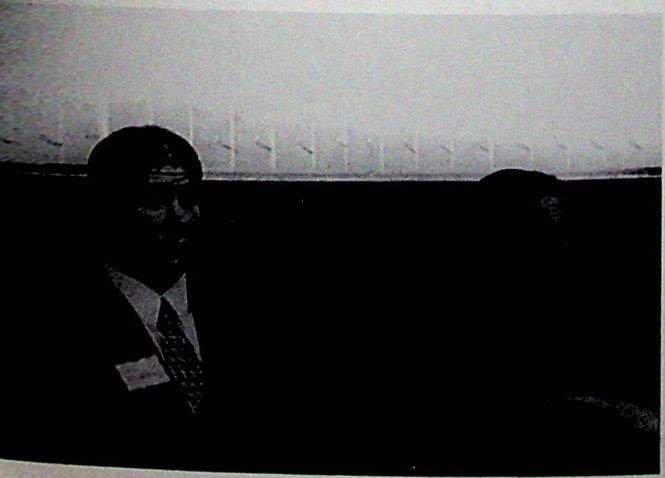


The Wheelersburg Mock Trial team celebrates its victory.

Amanda Smith and Charlene Darrell-Fields pose for a picture.



The mock trial team sits attentively in the courtroom.



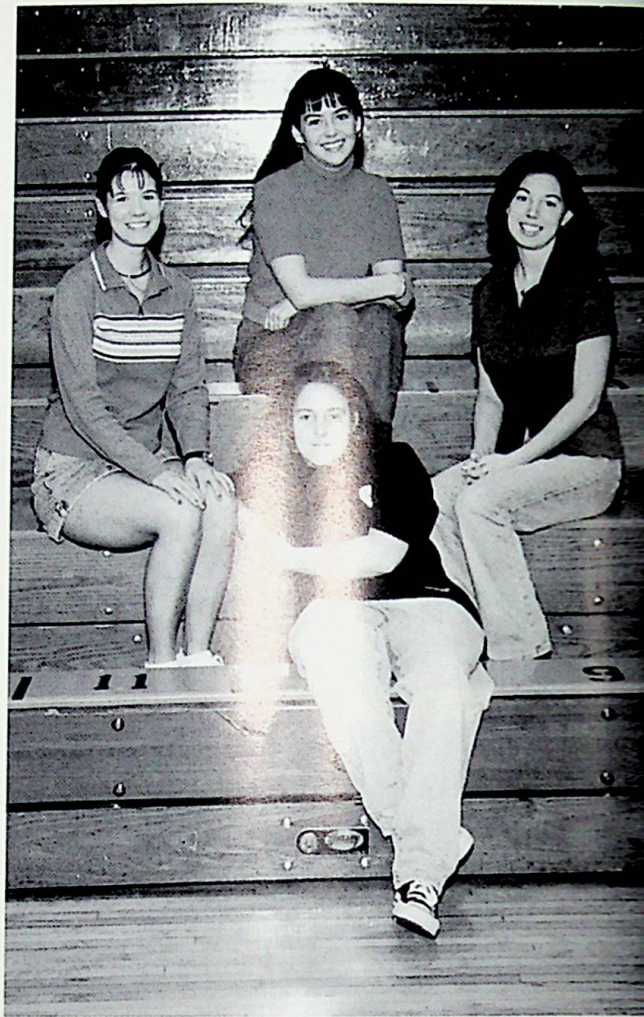
Standing: Mrs. Sloan, Zack Riepenhoff, Brent Wakefield, Dan Blankenship, Brandon Justice, Molly Cross. Sitting: Tera Noel, Charlene Darrell-Fields, Joy Brown, Amanda Smith, Jessica Adams, Erica Engle.

Senior Amanda Smith prepares for victory.

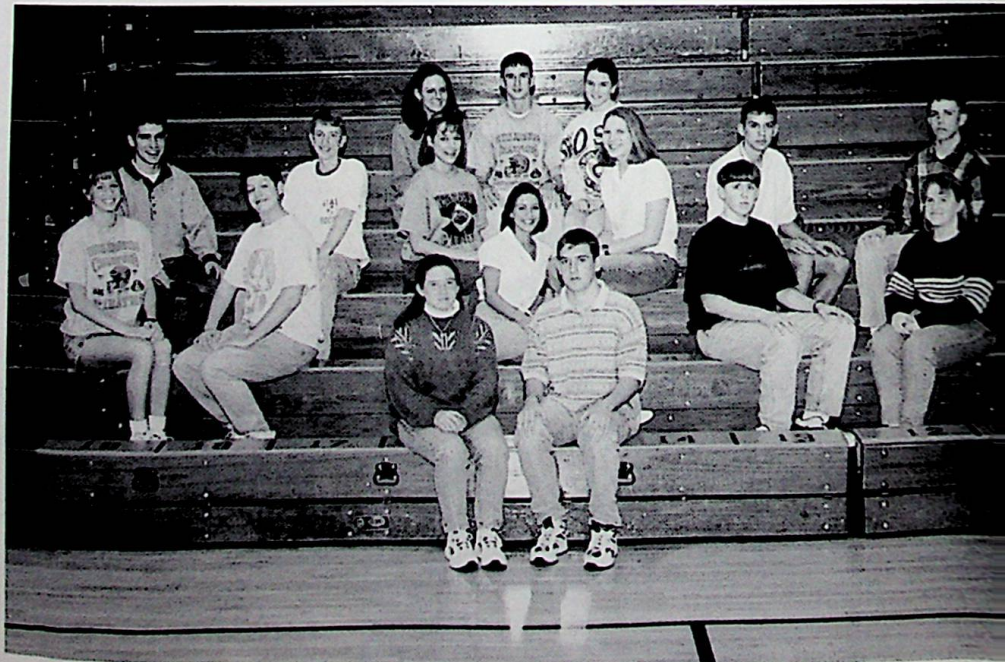
Left: Brandon Justice and Charlene Darrell-Fields watch the competition with great interest.

Scholarship Teams

The scholarship teams were quite devoted to their studies this year. Meeting weekly for two months and studying all the terms, notes, authors and formulas had prepared all of these students to take the exams. When May 3rd came around, everyone was ready. Everyone this year did extremely well, and there were many students who placed. Students placed especially high in English II, Spanish I & II, and first year Algebra. As usual, many students placed on district level, and many were even competitive on the state level. This year's teams were very successful and represented our school well to the county, district, and state. We all should be proud of these students who worked so hard on these difficult exams.

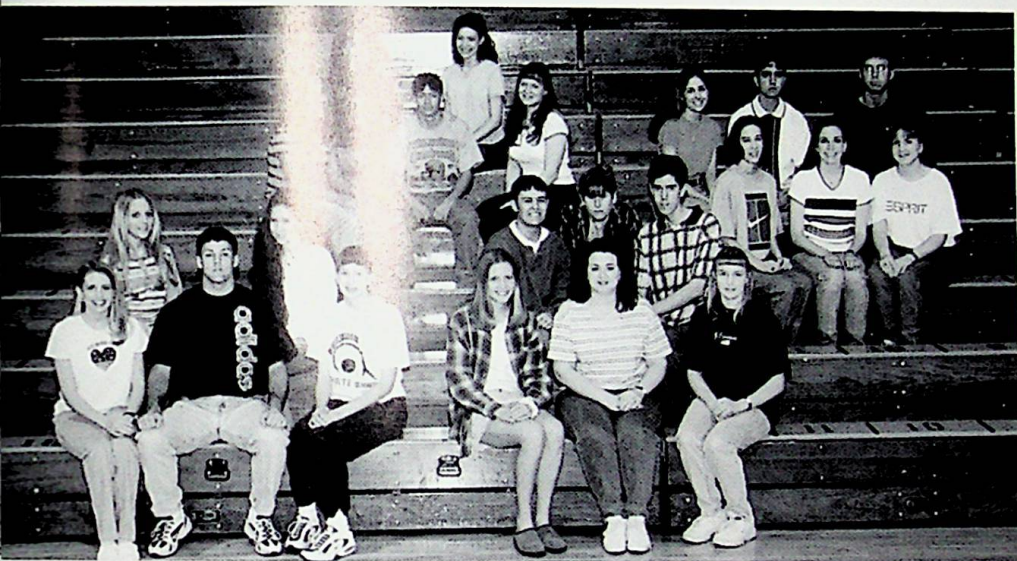


Math Scholarship Teams: Algebra I-
Steve Climer, Leann Wawro, Jason
Schmidt, and Jason Noble. Geometry-
Brenda Boll, Josh Seeley. Algebra II-
Lindsay Cole, Melissa Dunham,
Michelle Carmon, Autumn Collier,
Tom Turner, and Joy Brown. Pre-
Calculus-Kelly Ruley, Pete Martin,
Dustin Burleson, and Nathan Schwam-
burger.





English Scholarship Teams: English I- Megan McClintic, R.J. Howe, Elizabeth Hewitt, Jonie Elswick, Amanda Means, Charlie Crisp. English IV- Zanita Hoskins, Dan Blankenship, Brent Wakefield, Erica Engle. English II- Ashley See, Ryan Kimsey, Erin Wakefield, Crystal Chamberlin, Andrea Sturgill, Beth Dunlap. English III- Sarah Layne, Amy Nichols, Dustin Holbrook, Melissa Williams, Chad Benner, Dusty Skaggs.



Foreign Language Scholarship Teams: French I- Stephanie Rose, Adam Chamberlin, Summer Bishop, Katy Shay Kennedy, Khristeena Howard. Spanish I- Kristi Sisler, Kristen Fankell, Jessica Bell, Dustin Woodrum, Aaron Collier, Andrew Burk. Spanish II- Karma Saunders, Shelley Mauk, Erin Mantell, Alicia Browning, Joe Nihiser, Mike Leesburg. French II- Renee Tallero, Jason Huddleston, Melanie Morris, Shelley Adkins, Katie Niehaus.



Science Scholarship Teams: Biology- Jeremy Reed, Lynsay Vicars, John Fankell, John Warner. Chemistry I- Charlene Darrell-Fields, Travis Keller, Angela Burleson, Daniel Mullins, Becky Riepenhoff, Erin Wood. Physics- Nathan Skiver, Rebecca Schwamberger, Brent Eaton, Zack Riepenhoff, Andrew Jenkins.

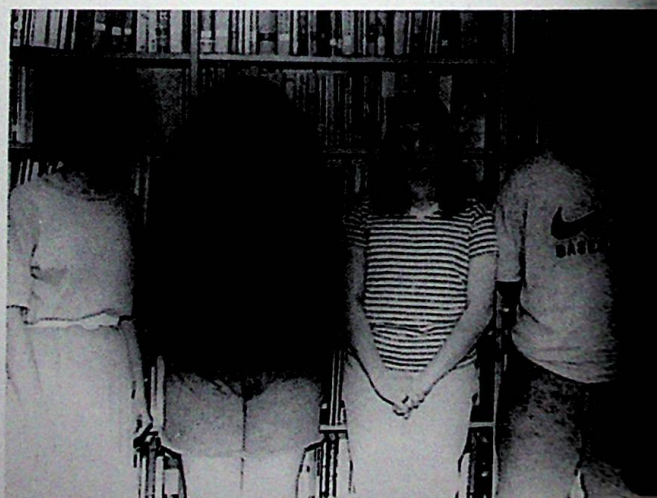
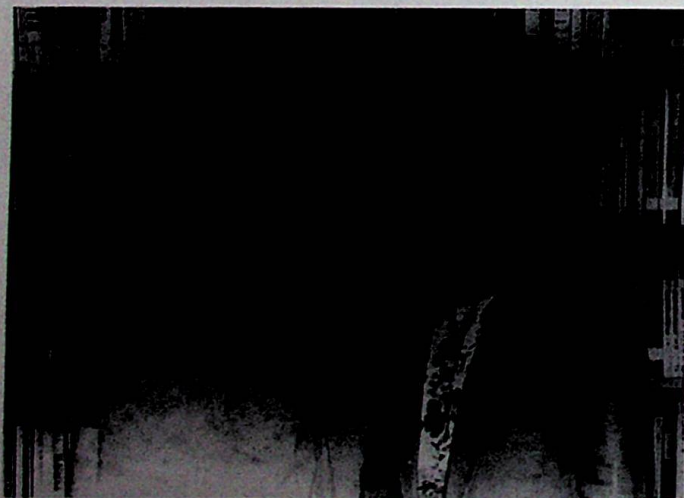
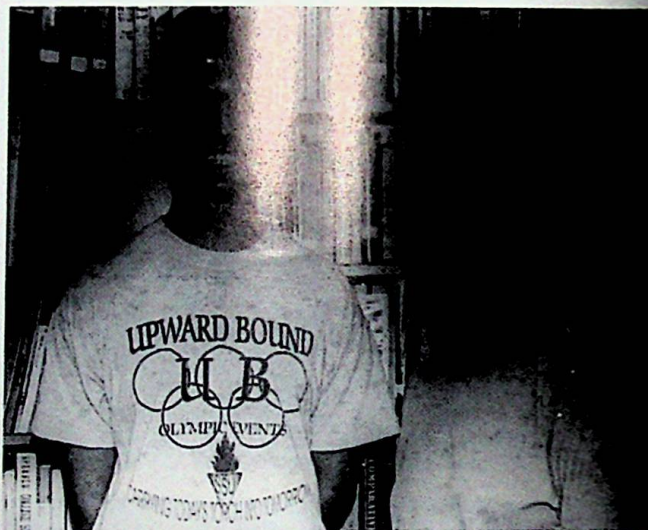
Scholarship Exam Results

Twenty-six students from WHS ranked in the 1997 Ohio Tests of Scholastic Achievement. Rankings of the students were:

First-Year Biology: John Fankell-4th in District by Division; Jonathan Warner-8th in District by Division. First-Year Chemistry: Charlene Darrell-Fields-3rd in District by Division, 6th in District Regardless of School Size. First-Year Physics: Zachary Riepenhoff-3rd in District by Division, 13th in State by Division. First-Year Algebra: Steven Climer-1st in District by Division, 11th in State by Division, 1st in District Regardless of School Size; Jason Noble-14th in District by Division; Leann Wawro-14th in District by Division. Second-Year Algebra: Melissa Dunham-13th in District by Division. Geometry: Brenda Boll-8th in District by Division. Precalculus: Peter Martin-8th in District by Division; Nathan Schwamburger-8th in District by Division; Kelly Ruley-15th in District by Division. American History: Jennifer Keller-6th in District by Division. English 10: Ryan Kimsey-1st in District by Division, 5th in State by Division, 3rd in District Regardless of School Size. English 12: Zanita Hoskins-4th in District by Division; Brent Wakefield-7th in District by Division. First-Year Spanish: Jessica Bell-2nd in District by Division, Honorable Mention in State by Division, 4th in District Regardless of School Size; Dustin Woodrum-4th in District by Division, Honorable Mention in State by Division, 6th in District Regardless of School Size; Kristen Fankell-5th in District by Division, Honorable Mention in State by Division; Andrew Burk-6th in District by Division; Aaron Collier-7th in District by Division. Second-Year Spanish: Joseph Nihiser: 1st in District by Division, Honorable Mention in State by Division, 2nd in District Regardless of School Size; Erin Mantell-5th in District by Division; Alicia Browning-8th in District by Division; Shelley Mauk-12th in District by Division; Mike Leesburg-16th in District by Division.

Steve Climer did an excellent job on the Algebra I Scholarship Test, earning the top score in the district.

Joe Nihiser had the top score district by division and received recognition on the state level on the Second-Year Spanish Exam.



Ryan Kimsey scored very high on the English 10 Exam.

The Spanish I Team of Kristen Fankell, Jessica Bell, and Dustin Woodrum ranked among the top teams in the state.

Student Council

Student Council Officers. Dustin Burleson- Vice President. Dan Blankenship- President. Treasurer- Nathan Skiver. Not pictured: Rob Mullins-Secretary



The Student Council represented our school well this year. They started by participating in a food drive competition with Portsmouth High School. Our school collected 1,814 pounds to PHS's 841 pounds. The trophy for this friendly competition was awarded during the football game on November 1.

The students also worked on several other service projects. The group also sponsored a Christmas food drive. A total of 2,362 pounds were collected this time, with Mr. Keller's fifth period class being the top class in the school with an average of 33.8 pounds per student. The group also donated to several worthwhile causes, such as Special Wish Foundation and our Mock Trial team's trip to state competition. Money was also given to our River Days candidate, Charlene Darrell-Fields, and to the Quiz Team.

After this year's flooding, Student Council members collected clothing, food, and cleaning supplies for flood victims. They also helped an area family with cleanup from the flood. Being a member of Student Council is quite an honor, and these students proved they deserved it by doing a terrific job this year.

The student council members gather the food collected from the classrooms.



Row 1: Mrs. Gambill, Rebecca Schwamberger, Amanda Chamberlin, Ashley Holsinger, Stephanie Rose. Row 2: Michelle Carmon, Dan Blankenship, Brent Eaton, Scott Estep, Jessica Adams, Shelley Mauk. Row 3: Dustin Woodrum, Andy Gill, Adam Chamberlin, Dustin Burleson, Alicia Browning. Row 4: Angela Burleson, Nathan Skiver, Jennifer Keller, Charlene Darrell-Fields.



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Football Homecoming

"Somewhere Over the Rainbow." That's the magical feeling felt by all in attendance at the football homecoming. Jessica Schmidt was chosen by the student body to preside over the homecoming court. The decorations and outfits were elaborate and impressive. The red and black dresses of the queen and her attendants blended well to create an atmosphere of elegance.

After a hard-earned victory over Minford in the game before, the students enjoyed the dance. Many took to the dance floor to join in on a very popular, but quickly passing fad, the Macarena. Many also enjoyed Jessica's selection of the song for the Queen's Dance, "Because you Loved Me" by Celine Dion. It was a wonderful evening for everyone, especially the Queen and her Court.



Captains Jerod Tilley, Steve Johnson, and Chris White gather around the Queen for a snapshot.



The Queen Jessica Schmidt and senior Jodi Giles get "bad to the bone" earlier game.



The queen proudly strides across the field during halftime with captains in tow.



The student body cuts loose with the Macarena later at the dance.



The Queen and her Court smile brilliantly as they pose for pictures.

Freshman attendant Mandy Chamberlin and her escort Jared Carver



Sophomore attendant Jessica Adams and her escort Rick Estep



The queen and her court smile happily into the camera.



Jessica and Steve pause to smile at the camera as the student body watches the first dance.

Junior attendant Jennifer Keller and her escort Adam Chamberlin



Senior attendant Lindsey Hall and her escort Rob Holsinger



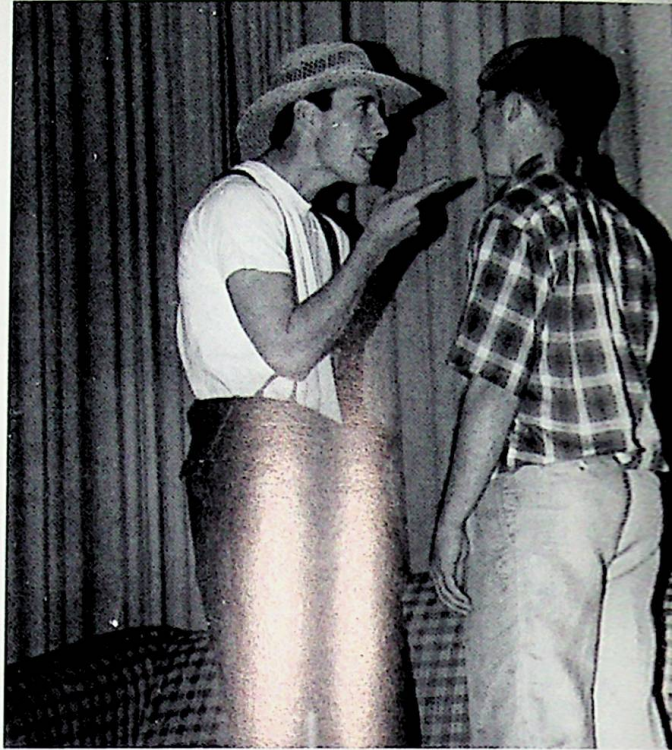
Students get down with the Macarena at the homecoming dance.



Junior attendant Jennifer Keller grins into the camera as Adam looks on during the first dance of the evening.

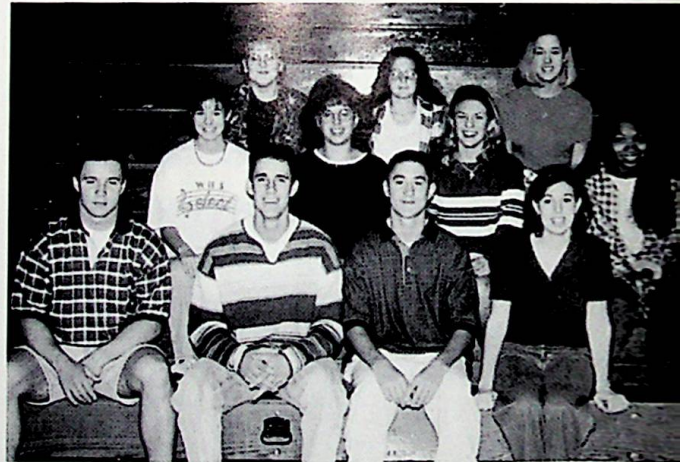
Class Play

Twenty-six cast and crew members worked together to put on the play The Groom Said No. It was a comedy about a WWII veteran who was wounded in battle and then fell in love with his nurse. The veteran, Steve, was played by Brandon Justice, and Angela Burlelson played the nurse, Shirley. After bringing Steve home, he realized one major problem- he was to get married to his old sweetheart Clara, played masterfully by Jennifer Keller. The student body fell in love with the play because of the many hilarious conflicts between Steve, Shirley and Clara. The friends and family, Steve and Shirley find themselves in a predicament. The student body fell in love with the play because of the many hilarious conflicts between Steve, Shirley and Clara. The friends and family, Steve and Shirley find themselves in a predicament. The student body fell in love with the play because of the many hilarious conflicts between Steve, Shirley and Clara. The friends and family, Steve and Shirley find themselves in a predicament.

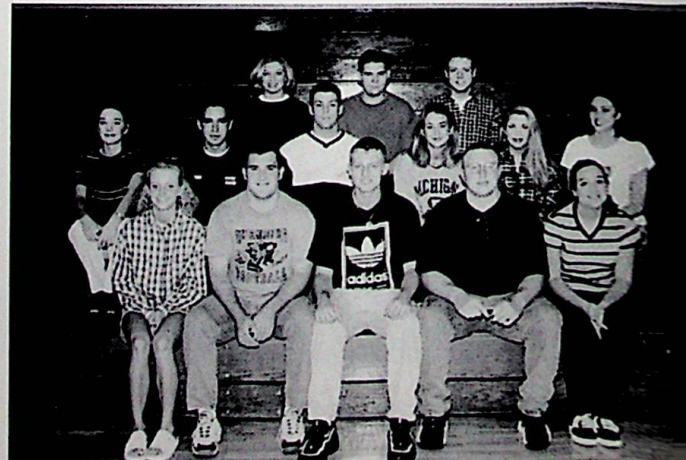


... is adorable in the little girl who

Middle right. The Class Play Cast. Row 1: Dan Blankenship, Brent Eaton, Jared Carver, Danielle McKinney. Row 2: Jennifer Keller, Amy Nichols, Angela Burlelson, Charlene Darrell-Fields. Row 3: Mrs. Switalski, Molly Cross, Becky Riepenhoff.



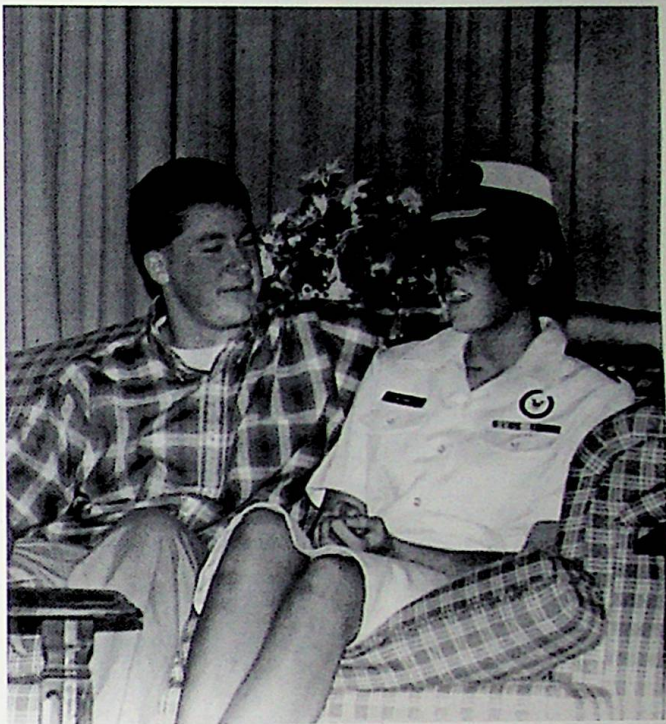
Right, The Class Play Crew. Row 1: Leigh Ann Ferguson, Rob Holsinger, Jim Welton, Chris White, Renee Tallerico. Row 2: Tiffany Mollett, Dustin Burlelson, Adam Chamberlin, Terra Evans, Leslie Schomburg, Kari Vicars. Row 3: Jenny Chapman, Josh Roberts, Kent Williams.





Amy Nichols does a wonderful job portraying a nagging neighbor.

Steve and Shirley (Brandon Justice and Angela Bureson) enjoy being together.



Becky Riepenhoff is completely disgusted with her mother (Jennifer Keller).



Dan Blankenship and Jennifer Keller share a smile to relax during the play.

Band

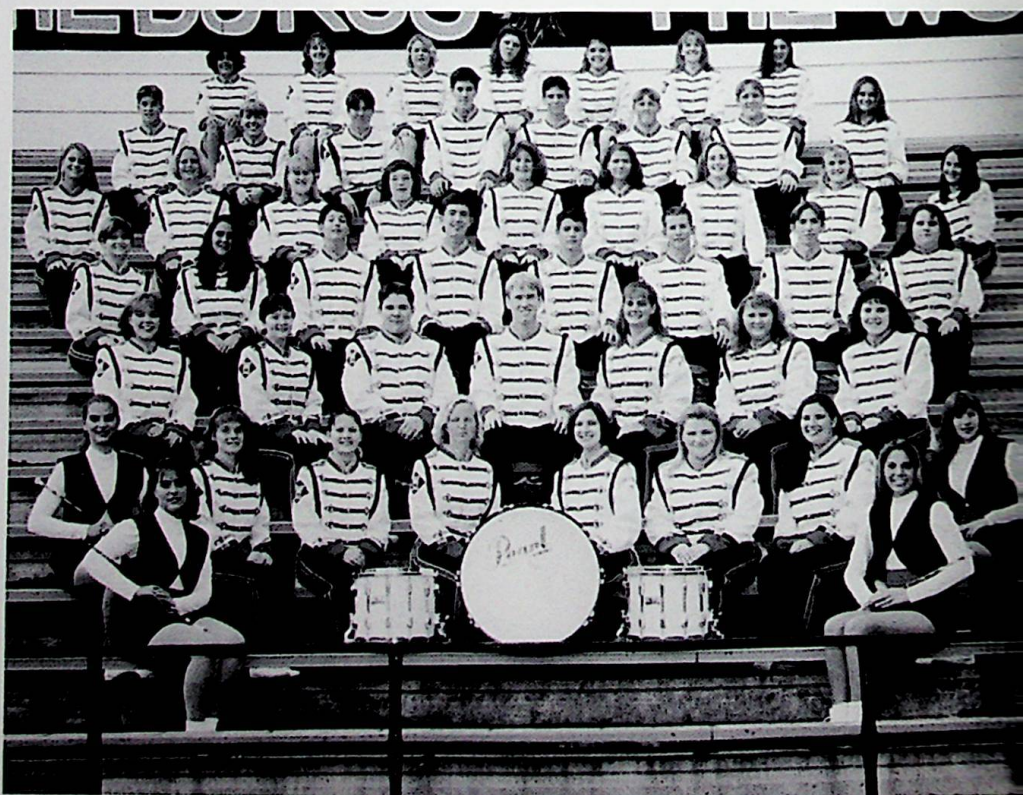
As usual, the Wheelersburg High School Band performed at the height of excellence this year. The band had a very exciting year. They attended the annual District 17 Band Competition on March 14th at Athens High School. The band received a rating of II, with I being superior.

Several band students attended the District 17 Solo and Ensemble Competition at Ohio University. Several students who entered the solo competition received superior ratings. In addition Missy Turner and Sarah Layne attended the 39th Annual Band Clinic at Morehead State University. The students at the clinic were placed into five various bands by audition. Many band members attended the Annual Scioto All Honors Music Festival. This year the band members performed remarkably at the spring concert. Every member contributed many hours of practice and dedication to ensure the evening would be a success. Even Mr. Shumate, with his broken arm, contributed a lot of hard work for this year's success.

The Wheelersburg marching band battles 90 degree heat to march in the Days parade.



Row 1: Dusty Skaggs, Erecka Conley.
Row 2: Megan Diamond, Missy Turner, Amanda Johnson, Stephanie Klaco, Zanita Hoskins, Stephanie Steinhauer, Erica Engle, Summer Bishop.
Row 3: Barb Vansickle, Sarah Howard, Josh Robirds, Nate Collier, Jenny Singer, Kendra Oppy, Kristi Hayslip.
Row 4: Angela Etterling, Bethany Clifton, Pete Martin, Aaron Lindley, Travis Keller, Joe Danzer, Dave Walker, Katy Pyles.
Row 5: Tera Noel, Carrie Klaco, Leann Wawro, Mary Lemon, She'ree Cottle, Amanda Bays, Jonie Elswick, Jessica Bell, Lindsey Linscomb.
Row 6: Michael Hall, Justin Boggs, Gerard Givan, Andrew Burk, Jon Warner, Steve Climer, Ryan Robirds, Rachel Clausung.
Row 7: Hannah Brown, Karen McElroy, Amanda Reed, Marianne Hughes, Melissa Lemon, Jennifer Brown, Amanda Bailey.



Members: Kendra Oppy, Amanda Johnson, Barb Vansickle, Zanita Hoskins, Stephanie Klaco, Sarah Howard, Kristi Hayslip, Sydney Turner, Melissa Lemon, Jenny Singer, Josh Robirds, Nate Collier, Erica Engle, Stephanie Steinhauer. Not pictured: Sydney Tachiera.



Josh Robirds plays his favorite song, "Mission Impossible".



Playing before a home crowd, the marching band performs "Hang on Sloopy" before the team comes out. Junior Dave Walker shows off his skills playing "Splash".



The Flag Corps Row 1: Amanda Spence, Amanda Bailey, Hannah Brown. Row 2: Amanda Reed, Jenny Brown, Melissa Lemon, Karen McElroy, Marianne Hughes. Sarah Howard directs the "Alma Mater" and "The Star Spangled Banner" during the Ironton game.

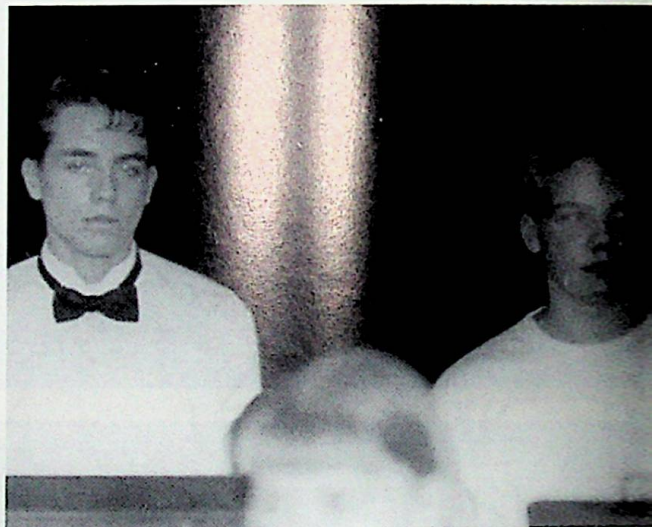
Senior Nate Collier performs his solo in "Copland Tribute".



Sarah Layne, Stephanie Klaco, and Sarah Howard concentrate on their music as they fly through "The Nutcracker".

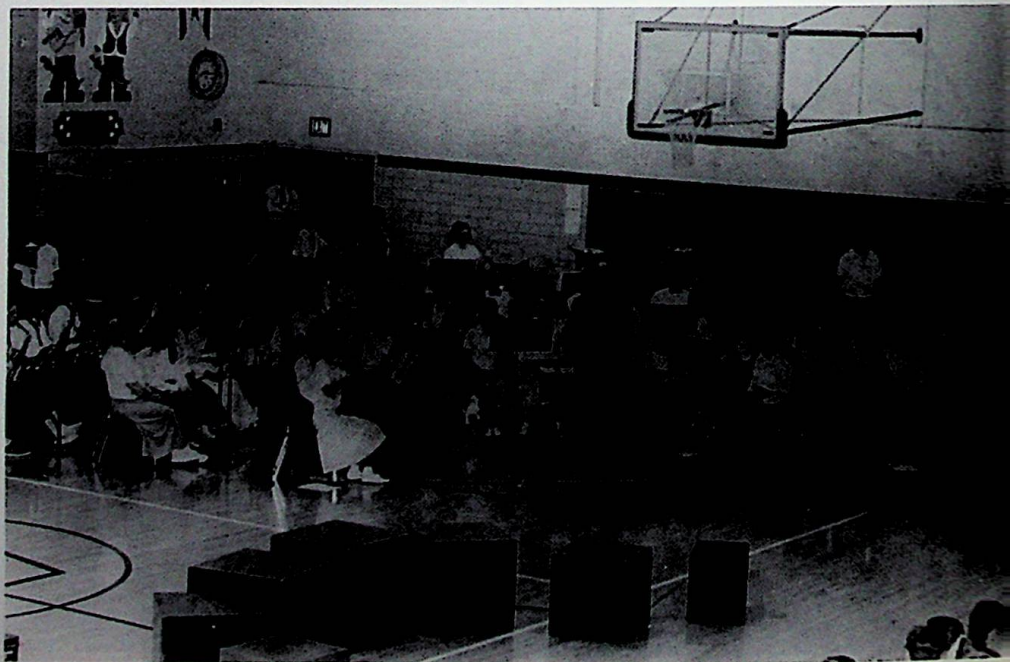


Seniors Erica Engle and Kristi Hayslip enjoy playing in their last Christmas concert.



Matt Branham and Justin Boggs take a short break in between songs.

The band waits patiently for the cue to play from their director Mr. Shumate.



The flag corps performed wonderfully during their feature in "Mission Impossible".



Mr. Shumate informs the audience of the significance of the 100 year anniversary of "Stars and Stripes Forever".



Senior Melissa Lemon leads the french horn section to a wonderful spring performance.

Above middle, freshman Amanda Bailey performs in her first high school concert.

Ryan Robirds and Tracy Tachiera pause for a picture during the last pep rally.

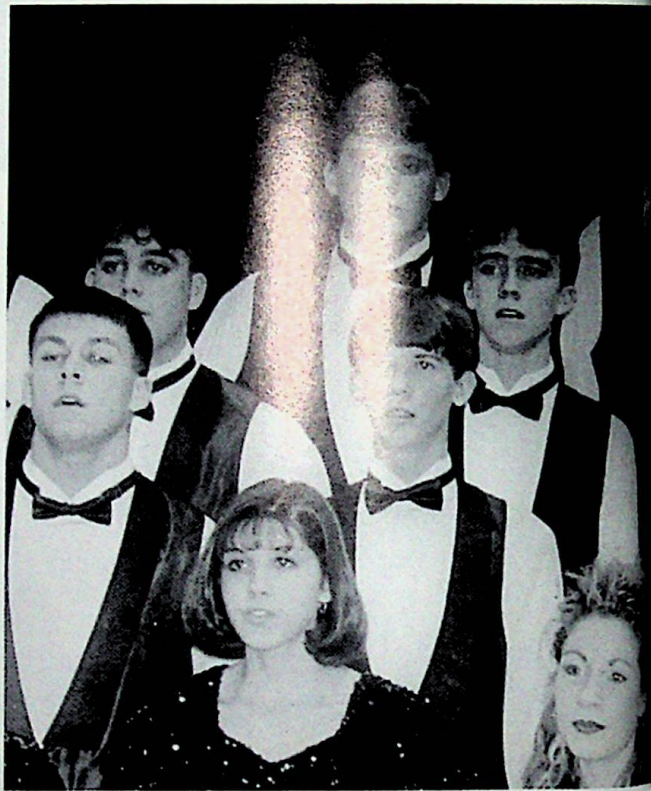


Chorus

The Chorus did a variety of projects during this school year. As usual, there was the Christmas Concert during which the Select, Chamber, and Mixed Choruses all sang. All of the Chorus members sang for WNXT, another annual event. During the Spring Concert, the group performed selections from the Broadway musical *Grease*.

There were several other special events from the year. The Select Chorus members visited the Aranoff Center for the Arts in Cincinnati to see *The Phantom of the Opera*. Several students were selected to be part of the All-County Choir. This was a great honor for those students. They practiced as part of this group and the group then performed at Shawnee State University. Four students were selected to tour Europe as part of the Ohio Honors Chorale. These students were Jennifer Keller, Nathan Collier, Aaron Lindley, and Chad Benner. Mrs. Gill was also selected to serve as an assistant director on the trip. This year the Chorus members did an excellent job and had a great time doing it.

The Select Chorus sings a beautiful rendition of "Peace, Peace- Silent Night" the Christmas concert.

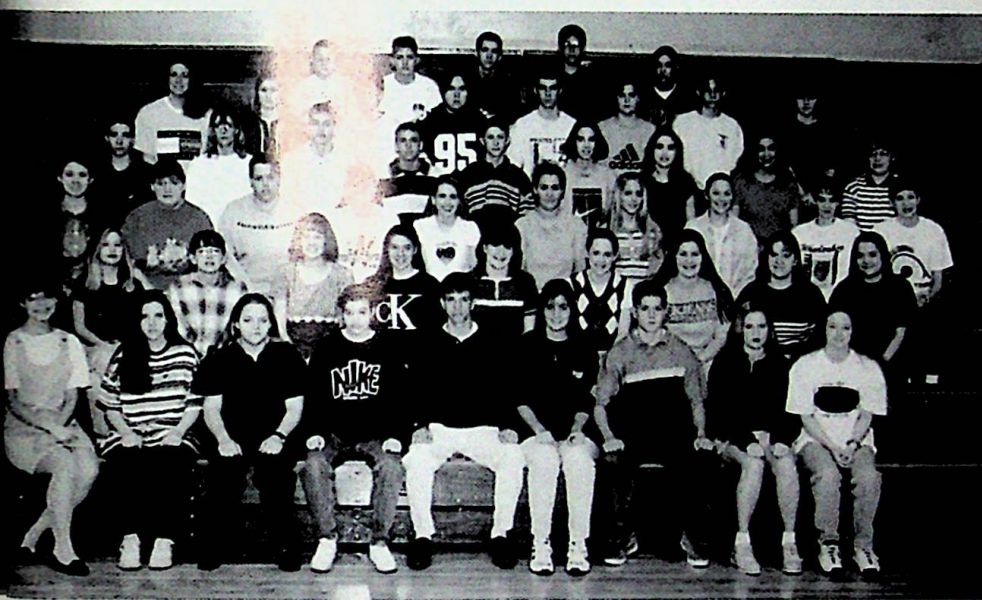


Chamber Chorus. Row 1: Tiffany Mollett, Heather Sanders, Amy Bennett, Amy Bays. Row 2: Harold Dye, Brent Eaton, Jamie Stamper, Trish Coleman, Jennifer Singer, Melissa Turner, Wendy Gallaher, Kelly McBrayer, Kasey Brust, Mrs. Gill. Row 3: Adam Bailey, Jared Carver, Alicia Browning, Tera Noel, Jennifer Keller, Shelley Mauk, Ronelle Carter, Sarah Osborn, Shelley Adkins, Lindsay Cole. Row 4: Beau Sullens, Tom Sutton, Amanda Spence, Katy Pyles, Alisha Day, Jill Erlenwein, Hannah Brown, Shannon McCoy, Ronni Beth Howard. Row 5: Amanda Hurley, Mandy Simon, Crystal Chamberlin, Sarah Miller, Melissa Dunham, Sarah Mershon, Rachel Curtis, Chad Benner. Row 6: Michael Peters, Adam Reeder, Aaron Lindley, James Bays, Adam Chamberlin, Danielle Journey, Kellie Huffman.

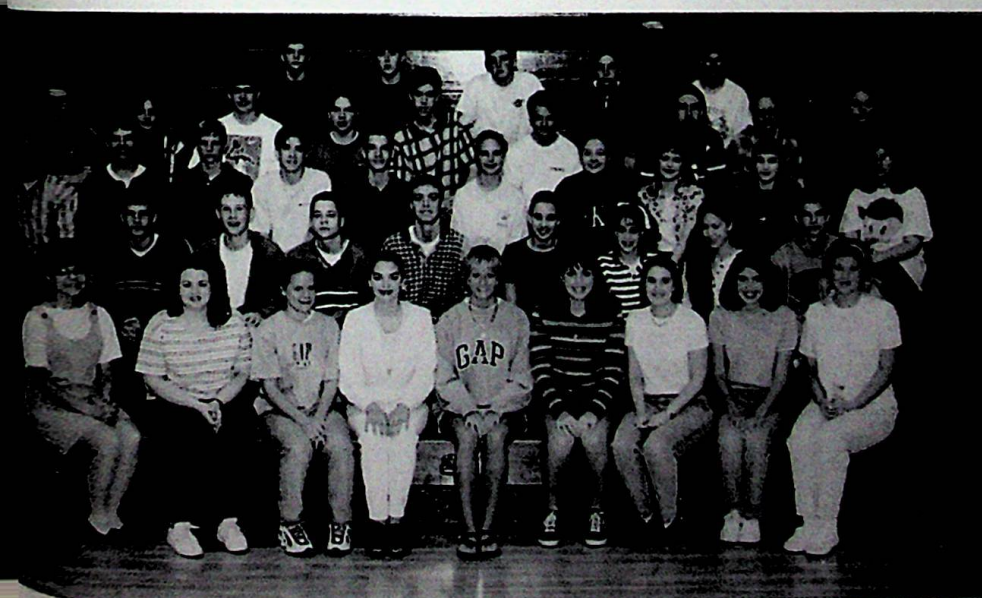




First Period Mixed Chorus. Row 1: Mrs. Erin Gill, Rachel Clausing, Joy Brown, Marianne Hughes, Tex Kerns, Ruschele Miller, Amy Bays, Angel Ross. Row 2: Chad Newsome, Mandy Chamberlin, Kristi Sisler, Kristen Conley, Jessie Bussey, Karrie Thomas, Kasey Piquet. Row 3: Aaron Collier, Amy Watts, Jessica McCormick, Jonie Elswick, Jenny Brown, Tiffany Burk, Shonda Walker, Andrea Brust. Row 4: Stephanie Skeans, Brandee Collins, Amy Colley, Sara Morrison, Jamie Lowe, Tom Kirksey, Monica Barwinkel. Row 5: Jeremy Johnson, Michael Yelley, Adam Jordan, Randy Davis, Melissa Johnson, Andy Copley. Not pictured: Ben Lewis, Julie Vasko, Ashley Watts, Beth Bronon, Meagon Wheeler.



Second Period Mixed Chorus. Row 1: Mrs. Erin Gill, Niki Graham, Tish Weaver, Trish Maggard, Jason Burk, Jenny Singer, Chad Schwalbach, Amanda Simon, Jessica Bailey. Row 2: Jayme Mullins, Amanda Paxson, Karen McElroy, Amanda Bailey, Sheree Cottle, Stephanie Russell, Jamie Porter, Leann Wawro, Lindsey Linscomb. Row 3: Zuzana KarlovaT, Lindsey Staggs, April Miller, Jessica Cordle, Stephanie Rose, Ashley Holsinger, KatyShay Kennedy, Bridgette Byrd, Melissa Lewis, Summer Bishop. Row 4: Thomas Kirksey, April Hatfield, Jason Schmidt, Heath Chamberlin, R.J. Howe, Karma Saunders, Leslie Kinker, Andrea Sturgill, Mary Lemon. Row 5: Emily Bauman, Rachel Bush, Michael Burk, Matt Hicks, Sean Mowery, Luke Robbins, Jon Warner, Brandy Triggs. Row 6: Josh Bocook, Ryan Graham D.J. Zirkles, Andrew Moore, Jessica Evans.



Third Period Mixed Chorus. Row 1: Mrs. Gill, Kristen Fankell, Laura Journey, Megan Diamond, Lindsey Hall, Alison Krick, Meagan Janney, Beth Hewitt, Sarah Mershon. Row 2: Josh Newman, Charlie Crisp, Josh Tilley, Robert Crumm, Nathan Robbins, Jackie Turner, Katie Parsley, Khristeena Howard, Andy Gill. Row 3: Dustin Woodrum, Nathan Bazler, Michael Hall, Ryan Queen, Carrie Klaco, Amanda Means, Megan McClintic, Jessica Bell, Stephanie Young. Row 4: Jason Noble, Korey Jones, Tate Bockway, Justin Boggs, Andrew Burk, Scott Craft, David Kirk, Jonie Carver, Sarah McBrayer. Row 5: Shadd Miller, Steve Climer, Brett Baker, Bob Morrison, Tim Montavon.



The Select Chorus members wait with great anticipation for the start of The Phantom of the Opera.



This group of students poses for a picture as they wait at the Aronoff Center for the Arts in Cincinnati.

Select Chorus Seniors. Row 1: Tiffani Mollett, Amy Bays. Row 2: Amy Bennett, Missy Turner, Heather Sanders. Row 3: Brent Eaton, Harold Dye.



These ladies concentrate on Mrs. Gill as the Chamber Choir and Select Chorus sing their combined number.

aman Kristen Fankell practiced hard for her performance as accompanist for Spring Concert.



The men of the Select Chorus sing out their part during the Christmas songs.



Alisha Day, Heather Sanders, and Crystal Chamberlin prepare to perform at the Annual Christmas Concert.



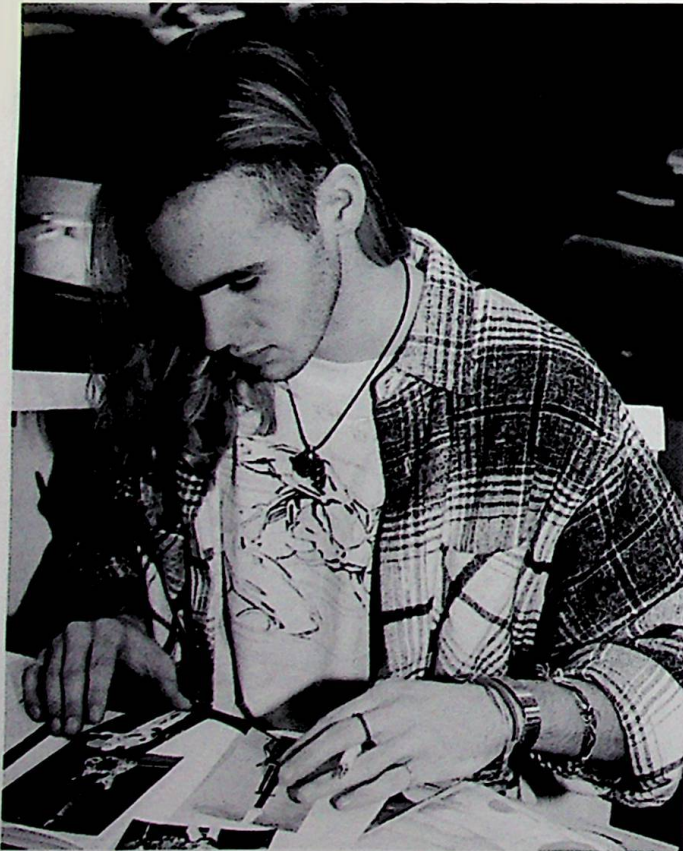
Select Chorus Members. Row 1: Jennifer Keller, Amanda Simon, Crystal Chamberlin, Lindsay Cole, Amanda Hurley, Hannah Brown. Row 2: Sarah Miller, Alicia Browning, Tiffany Mollett, Amy Bays, Katy Pyles, Sarah Osborn. Row 3: Adam Reeder, Chad Benner, Amy Bennett, Amanda Spence, Missy Turner, Melissa Dunham, Heather Sanders, Michael Peters, Jared Carver. Row 4: Beau Sullens, Tom Sutton, Brent Eaton, Tera Noel, Sarah Mershon, Ronni Beth Howard, Alisha Day, Shelley Adkins, Adam Bailey, Adam Chamberlin. Row 5: Aaron Lindley, Harold Dye.

Jenny Chapman carefully dabs a few drops of paint on her frame.

Art

This year's Art classes continued the process of expanding their art to include more technology. The students did extensive work on our school's Internet Home Page. The work has really paid off as the page is an excellent representation of our school to anyone who wants to learn more about it. Many former Wheelersburg students are keeping up with the school's activities through the interactive home page. One new feature is Alumni Central for WHS alumni to visit and use to correspond with former classmates. Other features include artwork, computer-generated presentations, and general news and information.

Besides the Home Page, the students worked on some more typical art projects. Many students worked on self-portraits and other works of creative art. These works were displayed during the Night of the Arts when the cafeteria is turned into a miniature art gallery. The WHS Art Program has led our school into the wonderful world of technology and will remain on the cutting edge, while continuing to create beautiful pieces of art.



Jason Burnside arranges photos on the page as part of his art project.



Lana McGinnis puts the finishing touches on her cube.

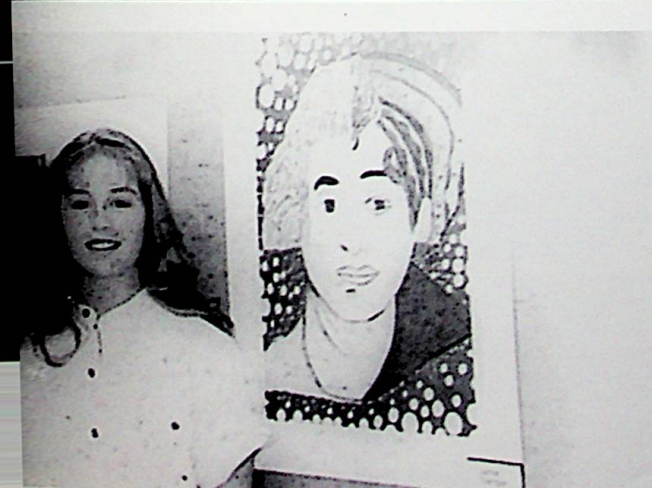


Advanced Art and Art Awareness.
 Row 1: Josh Robirds, Kari Vicars.
 Row 2: Jason Burnside, Molly Cross,
 Heather Sanders, Jodi Giles, Melanie
 Rice. Row 3: David Walker, Larry
 Angell, Rebecca Riepenhoff, Jessica
 Pace, Rebecca Schwamberger, Mr.
 Tom Suter. Row 4: Roger Arnett,
 Zack Riepenhoff, Lana McGinnis, Ja-
 son Burk.



This sketch by Jodi Giles was dis-
 played for the community to see dur-
 ing the Night of the Arts.

Heather Sanders uses a crayon to com-
 plete one of her pictures.



Jamie Stamper proudly displays her
 portrait at The Night of the Arts.

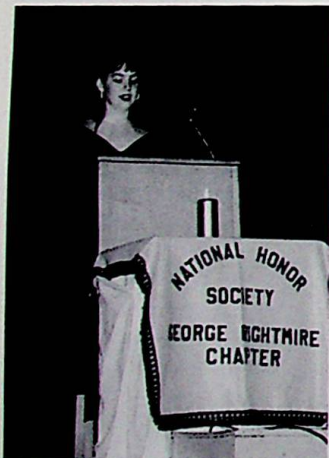
NHS Induction

The induction ceremony for the National Honor Society is an event that juniors and seniors look forward to each year. During this ceremony, students are recognized for their dedication in the areas of scholarship, leadership, character, and service. This year twenty-five students were honored.

The ceremony opened with a prayer by Amanda Johnson. Soon after this, the tapping began. Many juniors and seniors sat at the edge of their seats waiting anxiously for their name to be called. After this, the inductees went to the hall to receive their robes and meet their parents who had been waiting.

Several second-year members then spoke on the qualities necessary for induction into NHS. Brent Wakefield spoke on scholarship, and Rebecca Schwamberger talked about leadership. Dan Blankenship discussed the importance of character. Amanda Smith stressed the need for service to our community. The new inductees then pledged to uphold the standards of the National Honor Society. After this, everyone met in the cafeteria for a reception.

Dan Blankenship and Brent Wakefield wait before going to tap a new inductee



Amanda Smith speaks on the importance of service to our school and community.



New Inductees. Row 1: Justin Schmidt, Brittany Thomas, Jenny Knapp, Danielle McKinney, Kelly Ruley, Ronni Howard, Charlene Darrell-Fields. Row 2: Nathan Schwamberger, Angela Burluson, April Kantz, Erin Wood, David Burluson, Travis Keller. Row 3: Melissa Gibson, Amy Nichols, Melissa Williams, Adam Chamberlin, Chad Benner, David Mullins, Jennifer Keller. Row 4: David Walker, Molly Cross, Renee Tallerico, Rebecca Riepenhoff.

Chad Benner is tapped by Jeremy Rawlins and Jessica Pace.

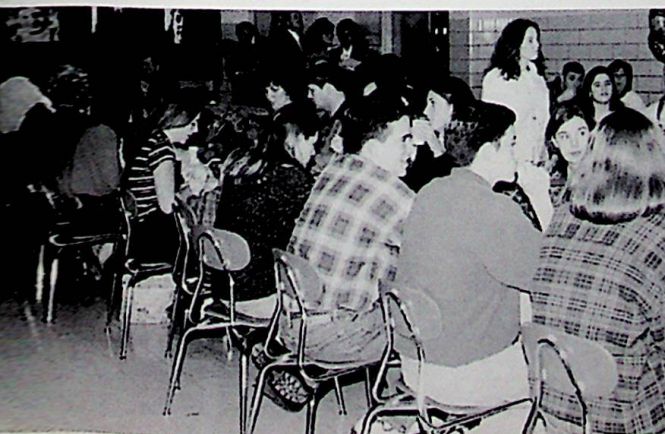


Mrs. Craig helps Amy Nichols put on her robe for the ceremony.



The new members pledge to uphold the high standards of the honor society.

Travis Keller walks with his parents as his activities are read.



Both the old and new members, along with their families, enjoy a reception in the cafeteria afterwards.

Basketball Homecoming

The excitement had been building for weeks as the 1997 Basketball Homecoming quickly approached. The girls had picked out their dresses, ordered their jewelry, and finished their alterations. As the girls made final preparations in the home ec room that evening, their excitement could hardly be contained. As they entered the gym one by one, their escorts met them with a smile. They were introduced and presented flowers. Co-Captain Jerod Tilley had the honor of crowning Queen Renee Tallerico.

The queen and her court made their way to the stage where they were to sit and watch the game. As the second half began, the girls were on their feet cheering. The Pirates beat the Valley Indians by only one point in this exciting game. After the game, the queen and her court were honored at the dance. Everyone had a wonderful evening. It was the perfect end to a perfect day.

The 1997 Basketball Homecoming Queen Renee Tallerico enjoys her moment in the spotlight.

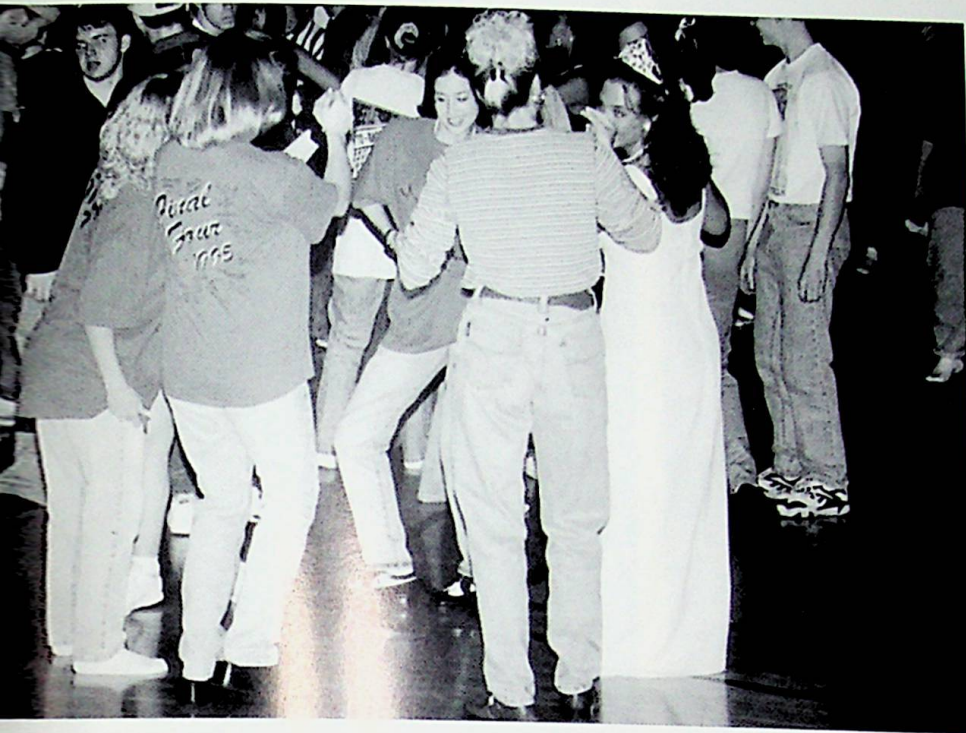


Captain Brent Eaton and Senior Attendant Amanda Smith enjoy the first dance of the evening.



Jerod Tilley has the honor of escorting Queen Renee Tallerico.

These seniors enjoy their last homecoming dance.



Junior cheerleader Toni Hubbard cheers the team onto victory during halftime of the game.



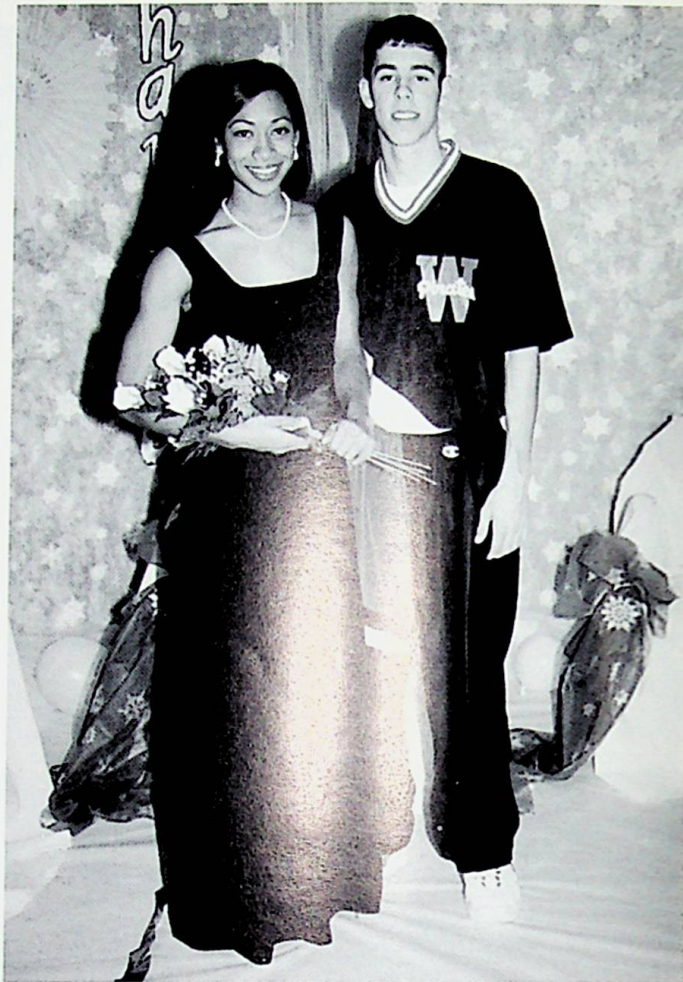
Everyone celebrates at the homecoming dance.



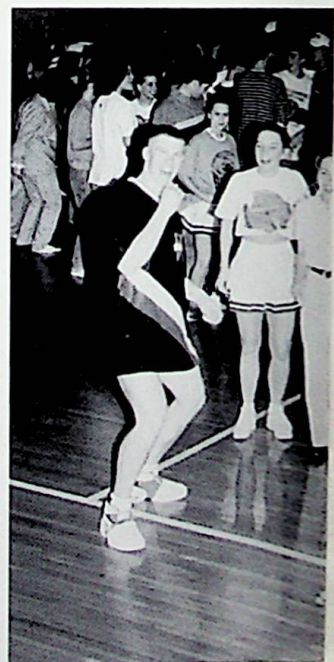
Senior attendant Amanda Smith with escort Brent Eaton.



Junior attendant Charlene Darrell-Fields with escort Erik Bussa.



The 1996-97 Basketball Homecoming Queen and her court.



Jerod Tilley shows off his legs for the camera at the homecoming dance.

Sophomore attendant Misty Linkous with escort Doug McClure.



Freshman attendant Lynsay Vicars with escort Juice Schmidt.



Darrell-Fields enjoys her moment in the spotlight with escort Erik Bussa.



Lynsay Vicars looks for her family and friends as she is recognized with her escort Juice Schmidt.

After Hours

After Hours 1997 was full of talented students as usual. This talent was shown in each and every performance. From the opening "Star Spangled Banner" played by Jason Burnside on the electric guitar to the finale of "Celebrate" by all the participants, After Hours achieved its purpose- to give students an opportunity to show their talents and be recognized. Two students, Nathan Eldridge and Jason Burnside, performed their original creations. This year, there were several newcomers who made an impression. Rachel Clausing did a terrific job with a selection from Mr Holland's Opus. Another memorable group was "The Band," which consisted of Justin Boggs, Ryan Robirds, Andrew Burk, and Jon Warner. The student body enjoyed this concert and appreciated the chance to show off their talents.

Jason Burnside leads the instrumental rock division of After Hours with a song called "Circles" and his own creation, "Boxset."



Shannon Hotkin does a great job with her part of "Love Shack."

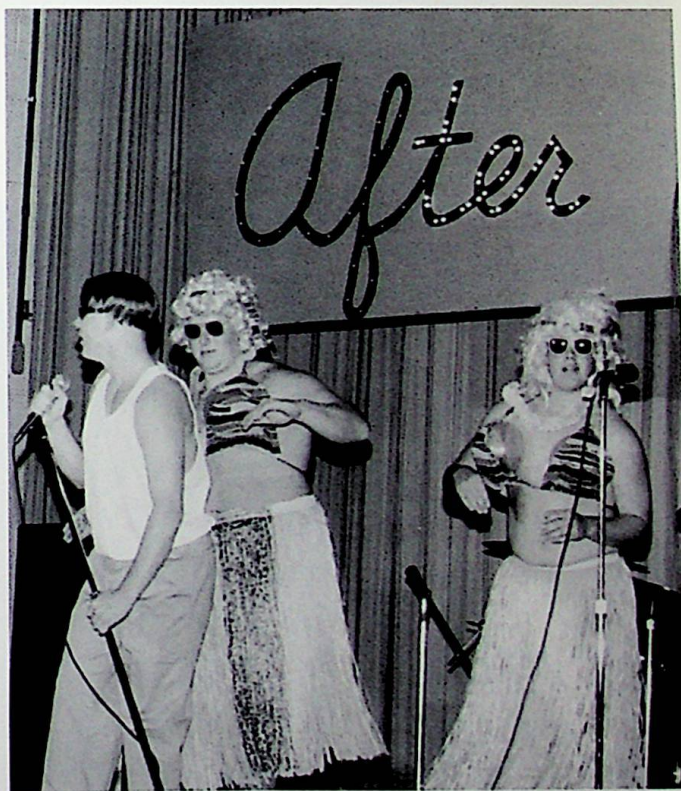


Nathan Eldridge shows us his ideal place in his creation, "The Place to Be."

Lost that Lovin' Feeling," sings Brent Eaton. However, Dustin dis-



Rachel Clausing sings a selection from the hit movie Mr. Holland's Opus.



Karly Haws, Heather Sanders, Tiffany Mollett, Lindsey Hall, Stephanie Sturgill, and Amy Bennett make their debut as "The Original Spice Girls."

Chris White and Adam Bailey give a touch of California girl style to Brandon Justice's performance.



Mrs. Switalski truly is the "Leader of the Pack."

Shelley Mauk, Alicia Browning, Michelle Carmon, Scott Estep, and Jessica Adams work at the refreshment table all night. The work of these sophomore class officers was greatly appreciated.

Prom

Prom is one of the biggest events of the year. Plans begin early in the fall. Finding a date, making dinner reservations, reserving a limo, and picking the perfect dress and tux are all just a small part of the preparations. The months prior to the prom are full of anticipation. When April 26th finally arrived, the prom committee had finished the decorations at last. The prom was held at the Mercy Life Center in Portsmouth for the first time this year. Everything was beautiful.

Both juniors and seniors enjoyed the evening. The prom was nearing its end when the Class of 97 realized that this would be their last dance together before graduation. They enjoyed every moment and would cherish each memory of this incredible night. The After Prom was once again held at Shawnee State University. Those who attended had a great time. Everyone who attended would agree that it was definitely another successful prom.

Prom Committee Members:

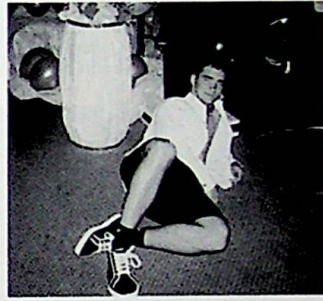
Row 1: Angela Burtleson, Brittany Thomas, Toni Hubbard, Advisor Mrs. Kathy Russell, Leslie Schomburg, Amy Nichols. Row 2: Rebecca Riepenhoff, Kellie Huffman, Danielle McKinney. Row 3: Dustin Burtleson, Kyle Felts, Jill Erlenwein, Kari Vicars, April Kantz, Melissa Gibson, Nathan Schwamburger, Kelly Ruley.



On their way to the dance floor, this group gets caught by the camera.

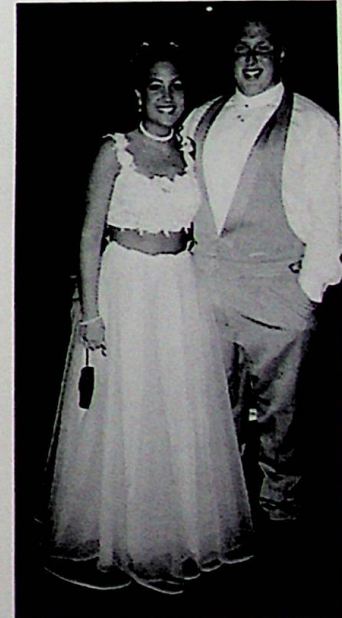


Looking as suave as ever, Adam Bailey poses with his top hat and cane.



Before the dance floor gets too crowded, everyone dances to the electric slide.

Josh Clausing finds a quiet place to sit back and relax.



Renee Tallerico and Chris White smile as they get ready to go into the prom.

Becky Riepenhoff and Brian Fite take a seat to rest their feet.

Amy and Rob dance to the theme song, "You're My Inspiration."

As they sit their flowers down, Renee, Allison, and Leigh Ann get ready to head to the dance floor.



Jennifer, Trish, and Jamie kick off their shoes and start to dance the night away.

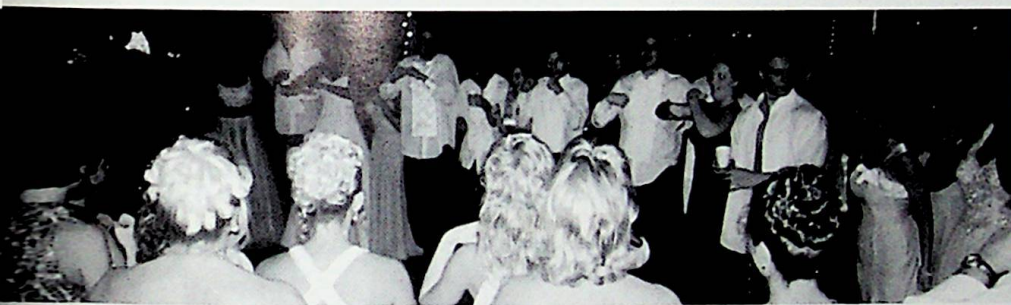


Stunning as ever, Rob Mullins and Melanie Morris are ready to enjoy an evening filled with music and fun.



These girls keep the dancing going throughout the evening.

Enjoying an elegant evening, Brent Wakefield and Erin Wood share a dance.



Kristi and Stephanie step off the dance floor to take a break.

Above left, With everyone out on the dance floor, they form a circle and do the "chicken" dance.



These incredible-looking senior guys gather outside before the prom for a picture.

Below middle, Rebecca, Melanie, and Jessica relax for a minute before another round of photos.

Senior guys and junior girls pose for the camera before they head out on the dance floor.

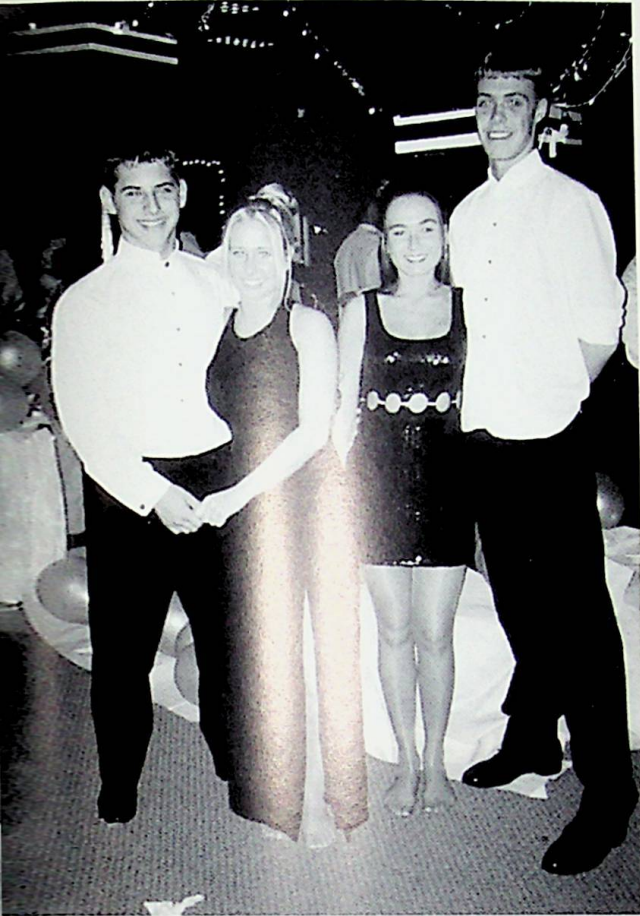
Brent Eaton and Amanda Smith make their way to the door as they enter the prom.

These junior girls look up at their dates while dining at the Ashland Plaza Hotel.



Senior girls enjoy the sunshine out on the deck while posing for pictures. Mrs. Craig and her husband enjoy an evening at the prom. Far right, Steven, Jerod, and Juice take a break from the action.

Four are caught by the camera as they make their way to the refreshments.



Kelly Ruley and Adam Chamberlin are announced before entering the prom.



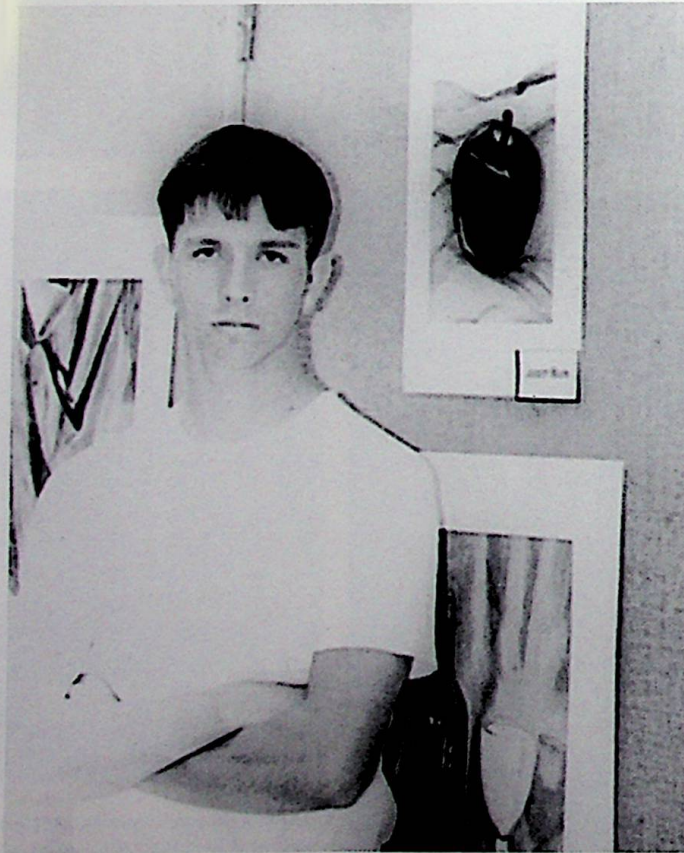
Seniors Jessica and Brent enjoy themselves while dancing.

These juniors are enjoying every minute of their first prom.

Night of the Arts

Parents, family, and friends enjoyed a night of various performances and talents. The Wheelersburg High School Concert Band started the evening off with their performance of selections from Stars and Stripes Forever and River of Life. The Select and Mixed Chorus gave their version of the Broadway musical Grease. The industrial arts students displayed their projects from the school year. In addition, the art students displayed the artwork they had completed during the year. These students changed the high school cafeteria into a miniature art gallery for the evening of many talents. This evening of art and entertainment was a big success due to the hard work and dedication of the students and faculty. The talented artists continued the tradition of the excellent art displays and the wonderful musical performances that the community has come to expect.

Jennifer Keller drops to her knees as she gives her rendition of "It's Raining Prom Night."



Jason Burk displays his talent.

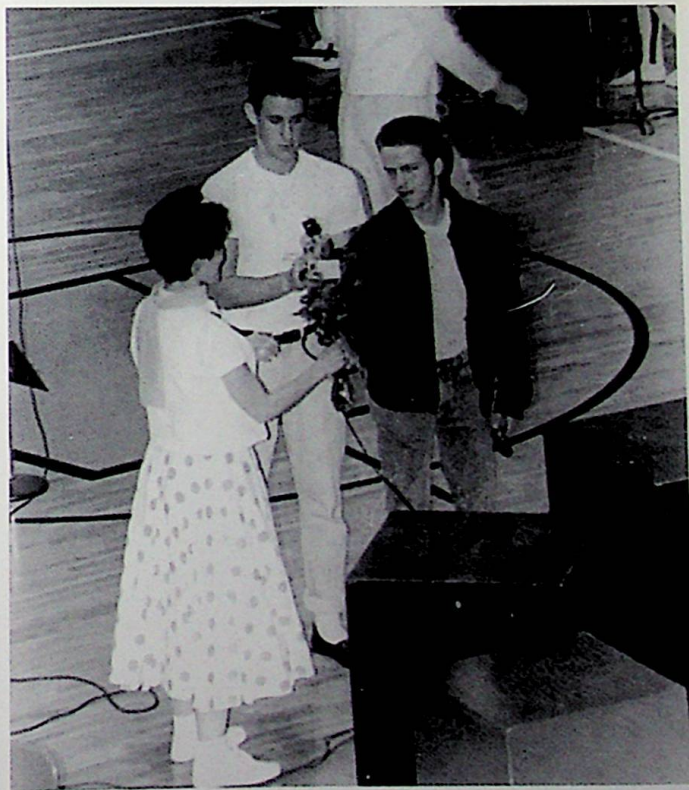


Shannon McCoy concentrates as she plays the timpani.

Alisha Day leads the flute section of the band in its performance at the spring concert.



Steve Mershon poses with the picture he created for the Night of the Arts.



Senior Molly Cross poses at the art show with one of her pieces.

Tiffany Mollett, Brent Eaton, and Chad Benner perform the selection "Summer Nights" from the Broadway musical Grease.

Brent Eaton and Chad Benner present Mrs. Gill with a rose of appreciation for her efforts.

Scholarship Banquet

One hundred and thirty four scholars congregated with their families and friends at the Twenty-Fourth Annual Scholarship Banquet. It was held on May 15, 1997, and students enjoyed plenty of great food and sweet desserts. This year's theme was "Sweet Dreams of Success," which were definitely fulfilled this evening.

Not only did the freshmen in attendance enjoy their first experience at the banquet, but the veterans enjoyed another opportunity to spend time with their closest friends. During the ceremony, the students were recognized and given their awards for scholastic achievement. Quiz team members were then given their certificates for commitment to the team. According to tradition, Mrs. Carmon then awarded several scholarships to ecstatic seniors. As usual, dictionaries were given to one member of each class. Mrs. Switalski ended the evening with a stirring rendition of "The Power of the Dream." From the building of the cup tower by several juniors to taking pictures to capture memories, the evening was a time to be treasured by all.

Jenny Knapp walks back to her seat after receiving her award at her scholarship banquet.



Erica Engle, Zanita Hoskins, and Leann Wawro smile for the camera after eating their delicious dinner.

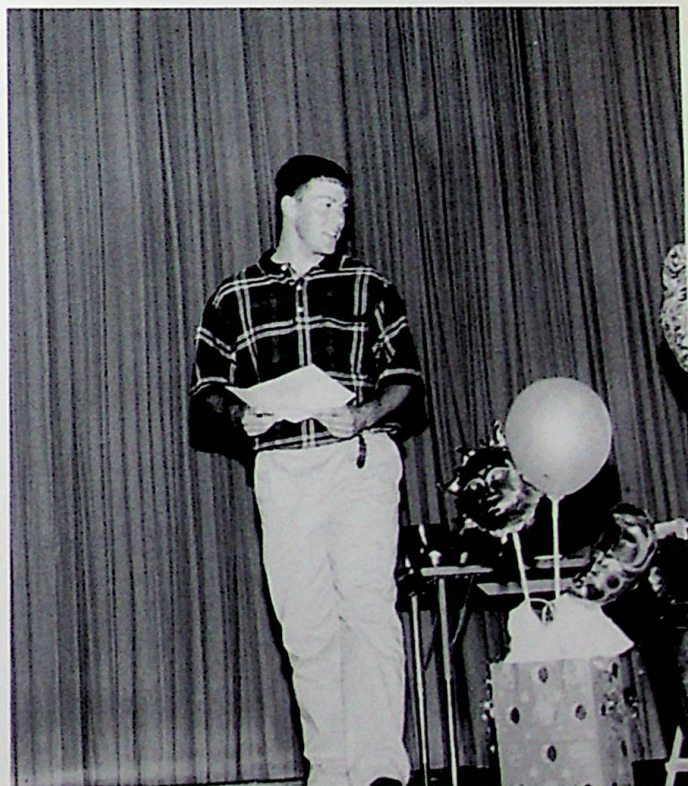


Amanda Johnson stands on the stage as she is recognized at her final banquet.

Jessica Schmidt and Dan Blankenship receive the OHSSA Scholar Awards for WHS for the 1996-97 school year.

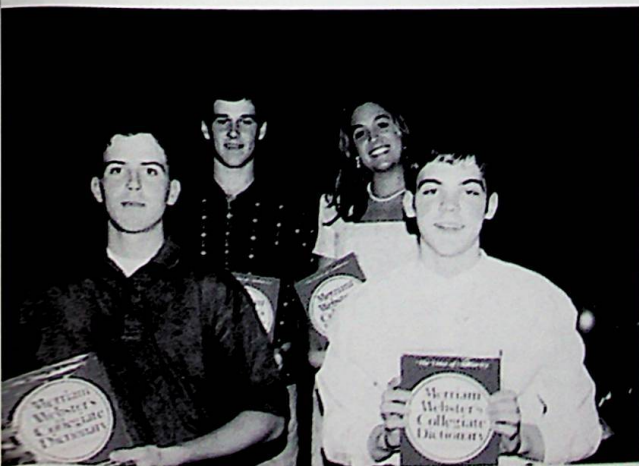


Nathan Skiver is congratulated by Board of Education President Mrs. Christine Eaton for his academic achievement.



Jodi Giles and Jessica Schmidt drink out of their "little" cups.

Adam Chamberlin enjoys his award and birthday congratulations as he receives his junior certificate and medal.

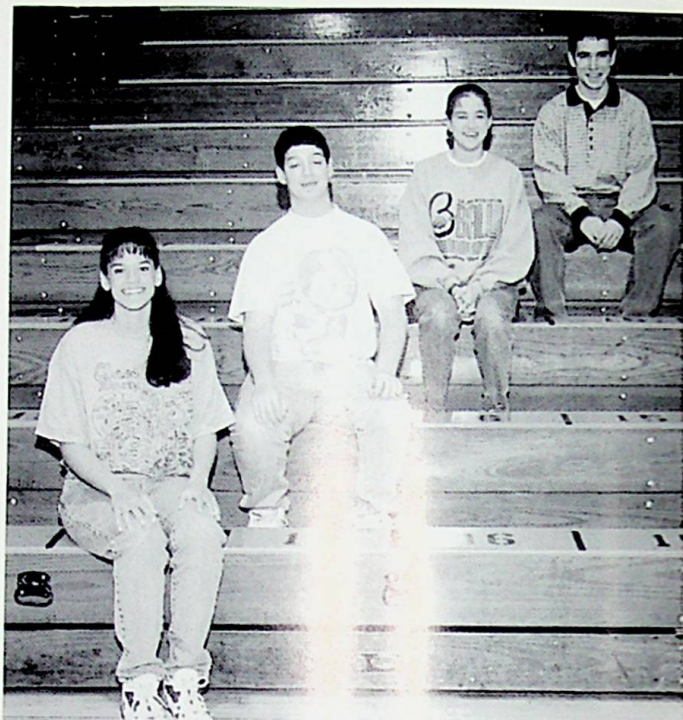


Jason Noble, Ryan Kimsey, Sean Mowery, and Renee Tallericco are the winners of the dictionaries presented annually by the WEA.

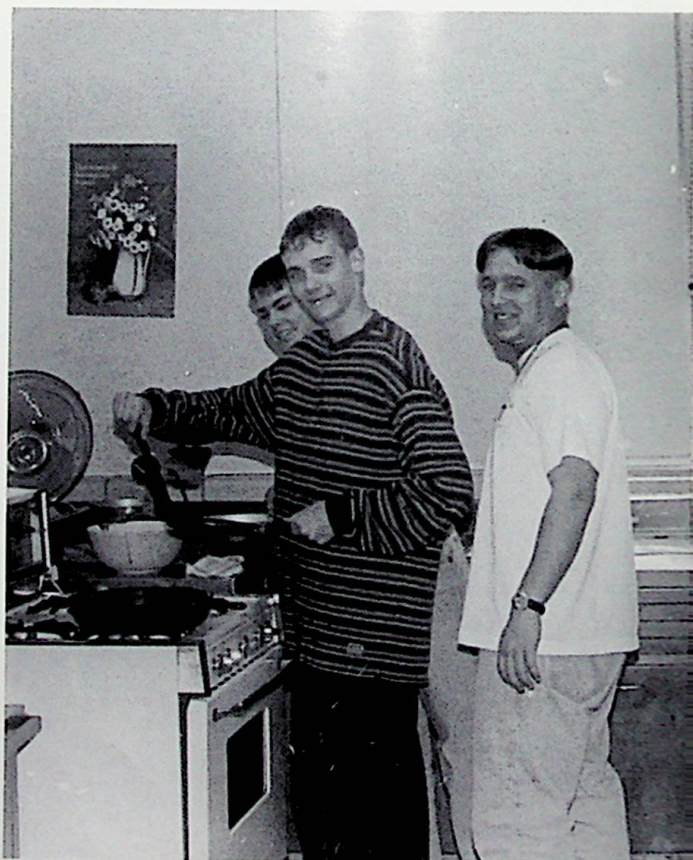
Foreign Languages

Spanish Club Officers: President Jessica Schmidt, Treasurer Pete Martin, Secretary Jodi Giles, Vice President Dustin Burleson.

The 1997 Wheelersburg High School foreign language fair was a great success. As usual, the underclassmen did a tremendous job completing their projects representing the cultures of both French and Spanish-speaking countries. The Spanish III performed "Robin Hood", while the French III and IV classes performed "Little Red Riding Hood". The Spanish IV class created a video of "Singled Out" and a talk show with commercials included. The Spanish IV students did several other activities to help practice the language. They corresponded through e-mail with an English class in Almeria, Spain. They also taught basic Spanish vocabulary to pre-first and first grade students at the elementary school. They played games, sang, and danced with the children to help them learn. With all of these special projects along with regular foreign language classes, this was a memorable and exciting year for all of these students.



Robin Hood (Travis Keller) speaks to doncella Marianna (Jennifer Keller) after being sprung out of jail in Spanish III's production of "Robin Hood".

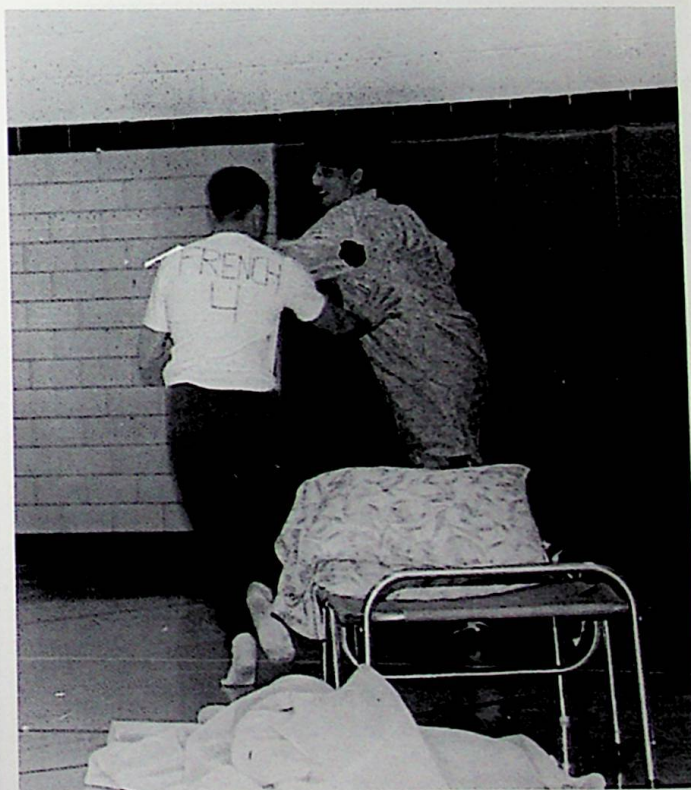
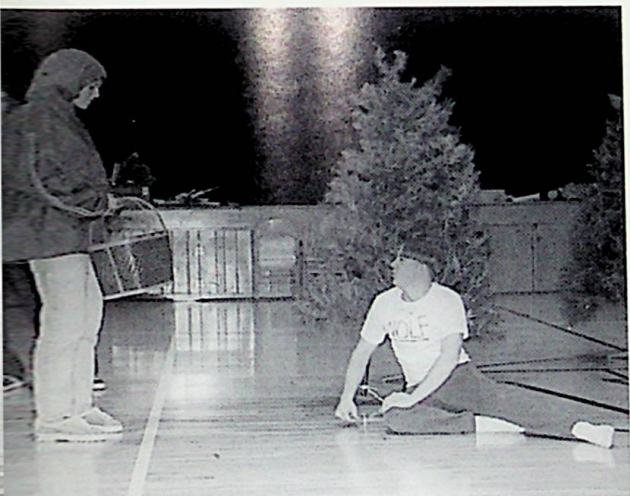


Advanced French students Ulf Breitenberger, Brian Knapp, and Jeremy Rawlin prepare authentic French cuisine as part of their language fair projects.

Robin Hood and his merry men rob a rich lady and her servant.



Travis Keller hides in the forest from the sheriff's guards.



Angela Burlison as Little Red Riding Hood meets the Wolf (Brandon Justice) in the woods.

Grandmother, Jim Welton, runs for her life from the wolf.

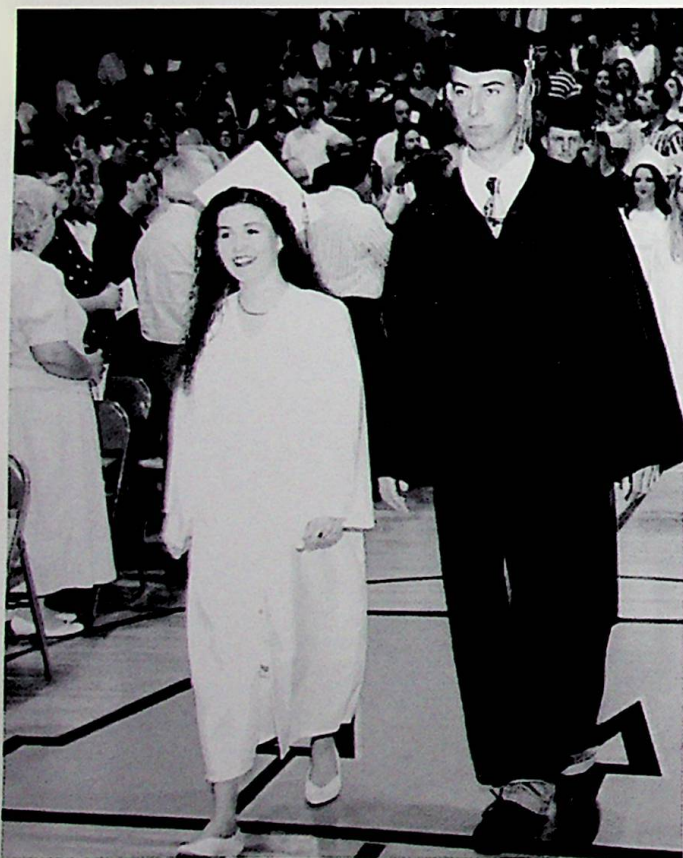
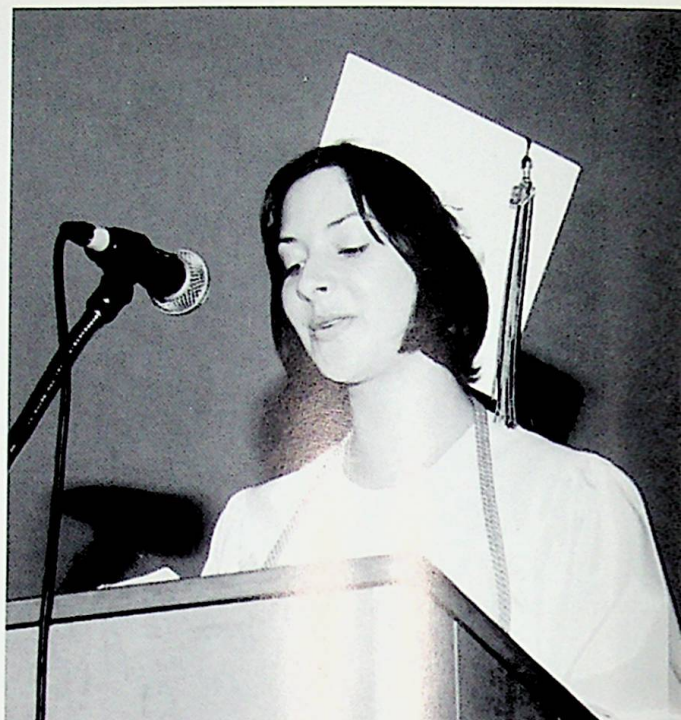


At left, are the members of the 1997 Spanish Club.

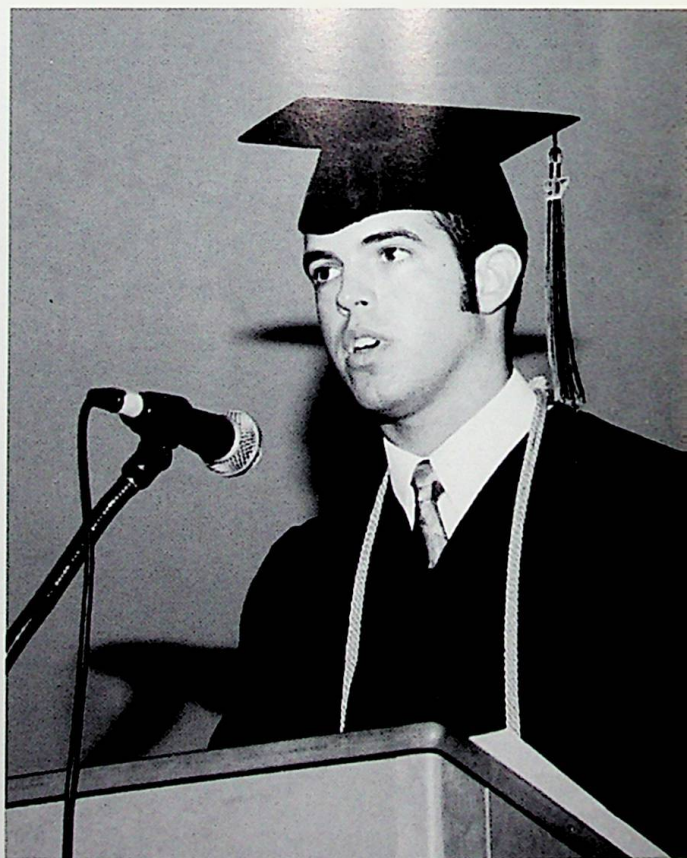
Graduation

On June 1, the Class of 1997 gathered in the WHS gymnasium for one of the most memorable events of their lives—their graduation. The commencement exercises began at 2:00 in the afternoon as the soon-to-be graduates marched to their seats accompanied by strains of “Pomp and Circumstance.” The graduating seniors sat together as one for the very last time. After the chorus performed, the speeches began. The inspiring and sometimes comical words from Valedictorians Dan Blankenship, Zachary Riepenhoff, and Brent Wakefield echoed through the gymnasium that was packed with friends and family. The Salutatorians Zanita Hoskins and Nathan Skiver also offered words of wisdom. Then came the diplomas followed by hugs, snapshots, and tears. The graduates wandered around after the ceremony sharing memories and bidding farewell to the many who had gathered. The memories of their carefree high school years will never be forgotten.

Co-Salutatorian Zanita Hoskins gives special thanks to her father for his continuing support.

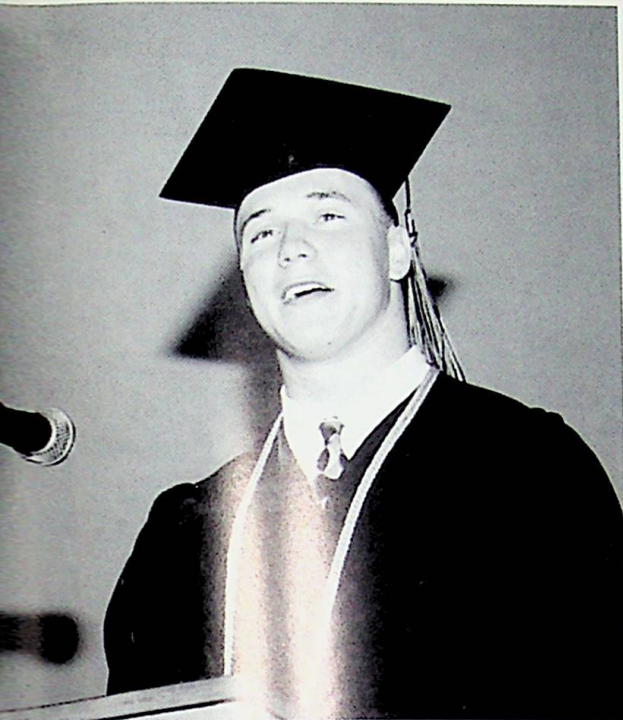


Shonda Pennington and Brandon Hutchinson enter during the “Pomp and Circumstance” processional.

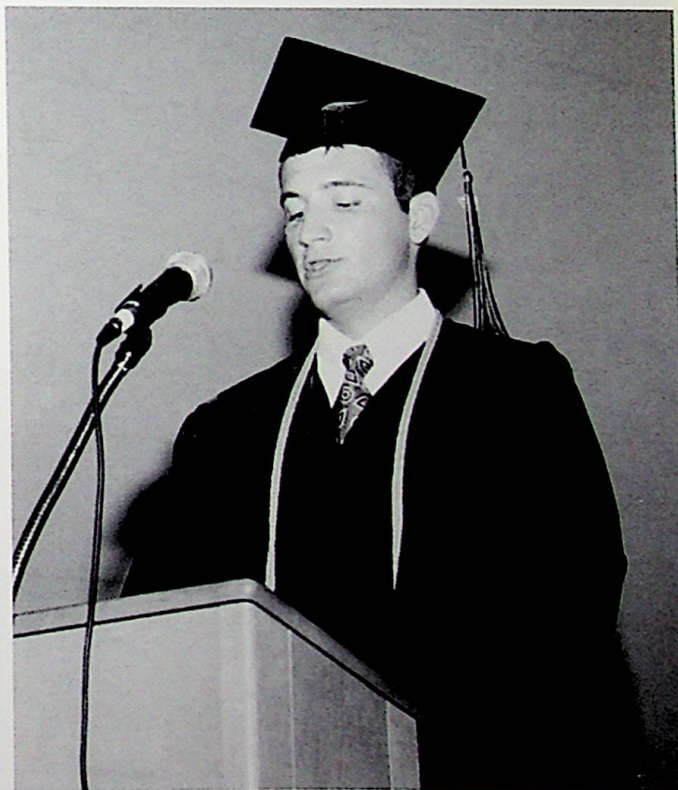


Co-Salutatorian Nathan Skiver thanks his grandfather Vern Riffe who was unable to attend the ceremonies.

Valedictorian Daniel Blankenship lightens up the ceremonies with quotes from legendary Arnold Schwarzenegger and Rowdy Roddy Piper.



Co-Valedictorian Zachary Riepenhoff challenges his classmates to improve the condition of the world as they continue on with their lives.



A group of senior guys gather for a final picture together.

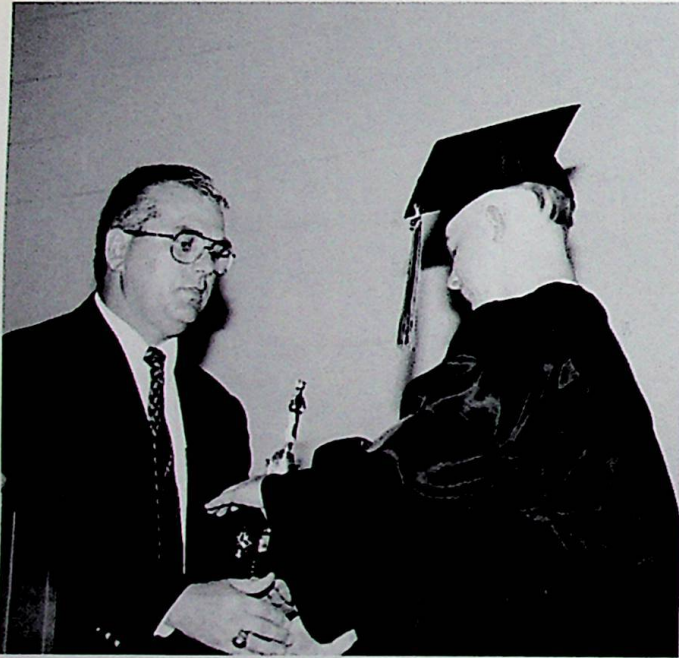
Co-Valedictorian Brent Wakefield reminisces about all the joyful memories he and his classmates share.



Sarah Howard adjusts Erica Engle's cap just before the ceremonies begin.

Assistant Principal Mr. Robert Schwamberger presents Rebecca Schwamberger with a trophy for achieving Honors in high school.

Superintendent Dr. Samuel Sells introduces the Top Vocational Student, Salutatorians, and Valedictorians. Top Vocational Student Eric Madden was unable to attend.

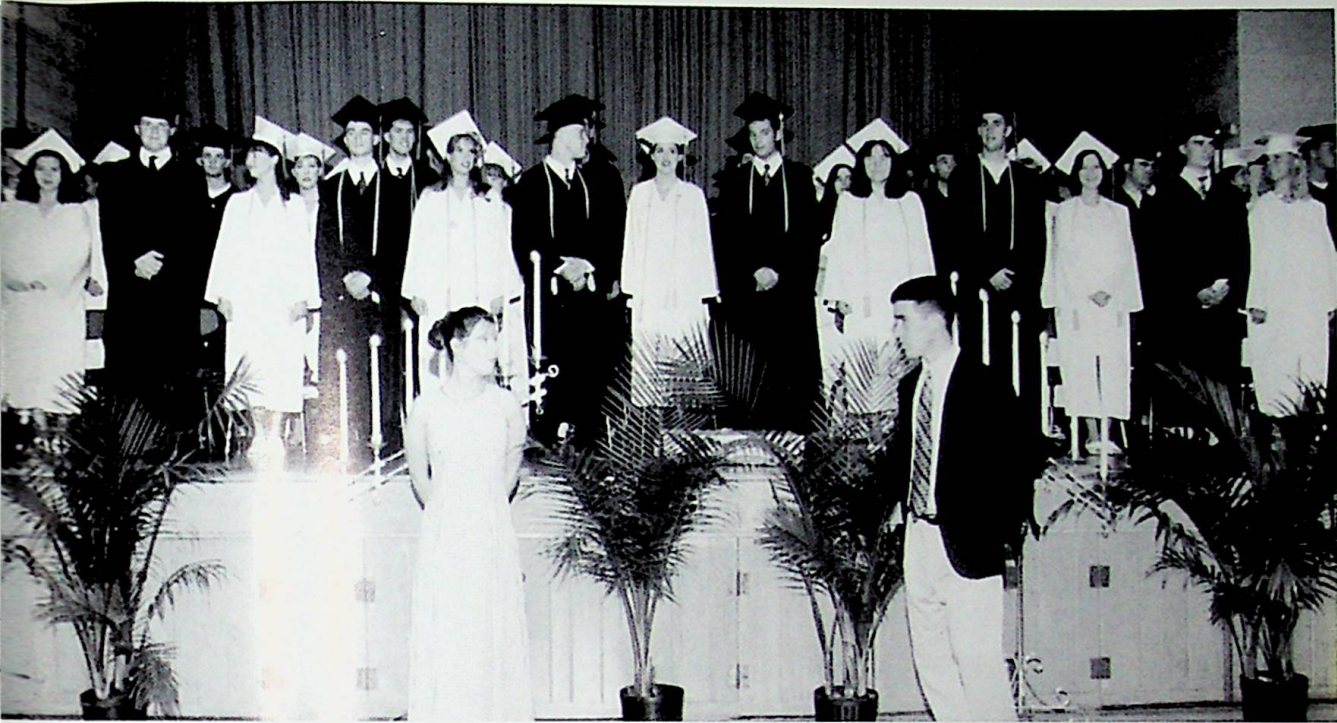


Mr. Schwamberger presents Brandon Justice with a trophy for five years of perfect attendance.



Brent Wakefield receives a trophy for ten years of perfect attendance.

Junior Class Officers Jennifer Keller and Dustin Burleson serve as ushers at the graduation ceremony.



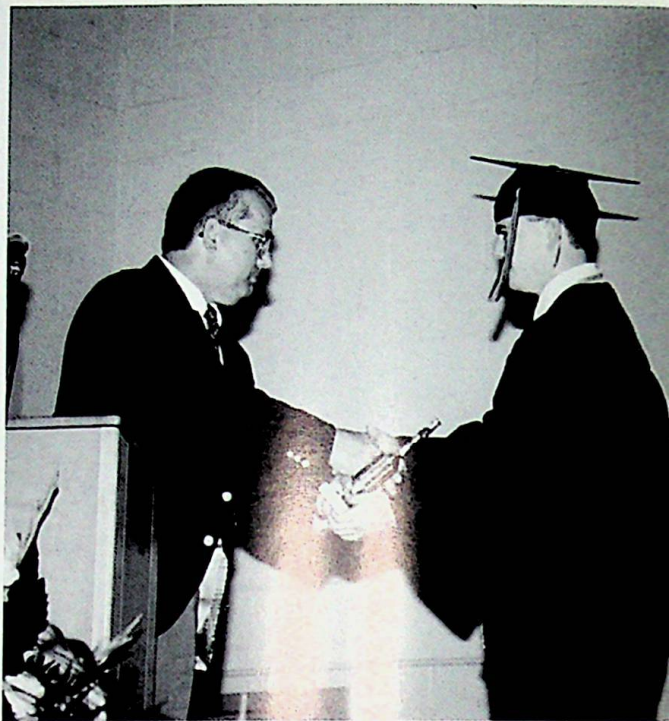
Senior choir members Tiffany Mollett and Heather Sanders join in on "Like an Eagle" by Carl Strommen.

Board of Education President Mrs. Christine Eaton presents Andrew Jenkins with his diploma.

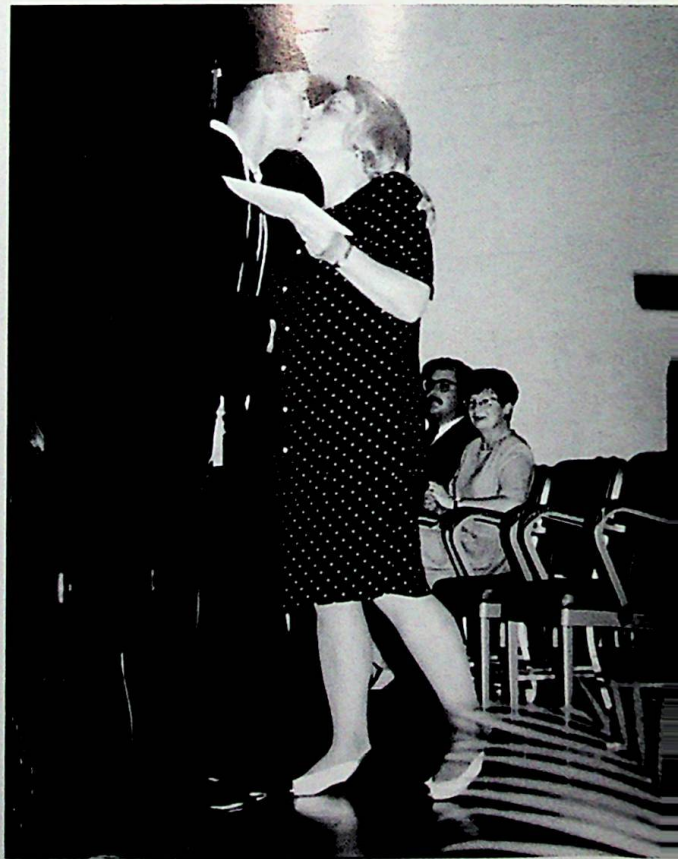
The graduates in Select Chorus sing "Maybe Someday" by Terre McPheeters.

Assistant Principal Mr. Schwamberger presents an Honors diploma trophy
Jeremy Rawlins.

Jamie Stamper and Barb Vansickle pause to smile for the camera as they leave
graduation.



A group of senior girls pose for their last picture before graduation.



Board of Education President Mrs. Christine Eaton kisses her son Brent as
he receives his diploma.

Mrs. Eaton presents a diploma to Jessica Schmidt.



Allison Moore and Harold Dye relax after they receive their diplomas.



With a sigh of relief and tears in their eyes, the seniors toss their caps into the air.

Plans of the 1997 Graduates and Scholarships for 1996

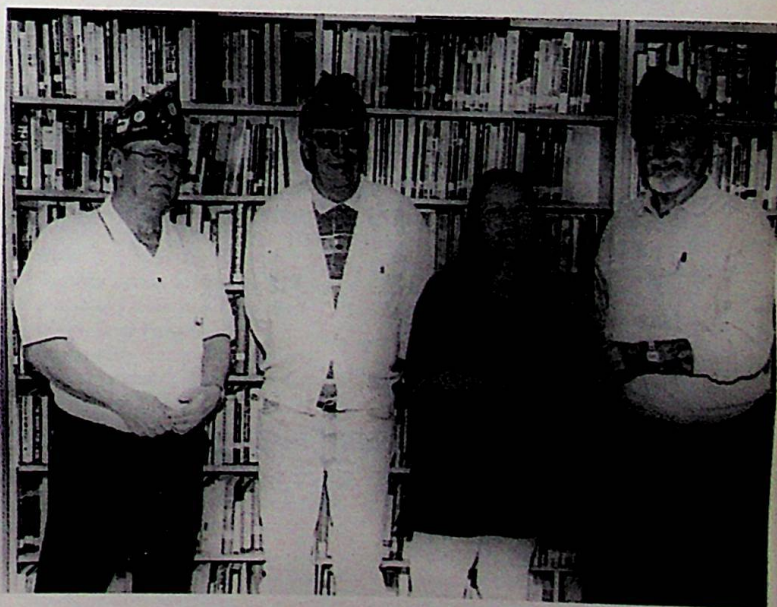
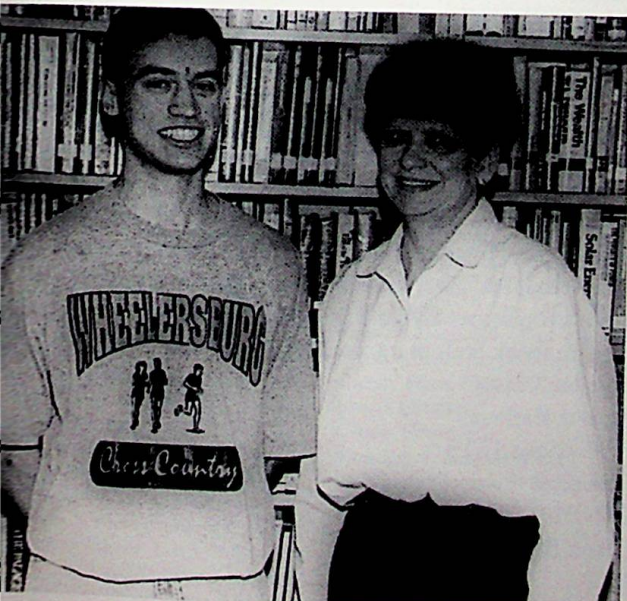
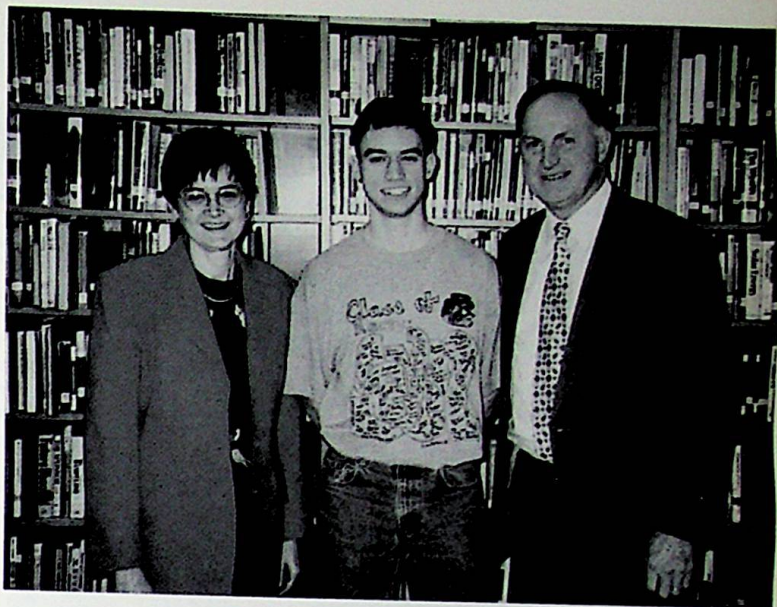
The Class of 1997 had 95 graduates. Of these 95 students, 71 plan to attend a four year college or university, 2 plan to attend a two year university, 1 plans to attend a private or adult school, 3 plan to join the military service, 17 plan to enter the work force, and 1 will become a housewife. The Class of 1997 had 29 students receive scholarship monies. Scholarships were awarded to the following students: Daniel Blankenship-The Ohio State University Scholarship; Bethany Collins-Bob and Floyd's Tire Scholarship; Shad Conn-Ashland University Academic Scholarship, Ashland University Baseball Scholarship; Brent Eaton-The Earl Thomas Conley Scholarship, The Wheelersburg Education Association Scholarship; Erica Engle-The Ohio State University Scholars Scholarship; Casey Ellis-Kent State Baseball Scholarship; Jodi Giles-The Atwood Scholarship, The Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship; Lindsey Hall-Eastern Kentucky University Athletic Scholarship; Kristi Hayslip-Shawnee State University Freshman Excellence Scholarship; Zanita Hoskins-Ohio Wesleyan University Faculty Scholarship, The Wal-Mart Foundation Scholarship; Sarah Howard-Shawnee State University Freshman Excellence Scholarship; Amanda Johnson-The Scioto County Voiture 443-40/8 Scholarship; Ben Lewis-The Portsmouth Rotary Club Scholarship; Jason Mantell-Mount St. Joseph Athletic Scholarship;

Kelly McBrayer-Ohio University Southern Campus Freshman Excellence Scholarship; Jessica Pace-The Wheelersburg Lions Club Scholarship; Zachary Riepenhoff-Wright State University Valedictorian Scholarship, Ohio Board of Regents Scholarship, Lockheed Martin Merit Scholarship, National Merit Award Winner, Franklin B. Walters Award; Joshua Robirds-Marshall University Presidential Scholarship; Dustin Sampson-Kent State University Ath-

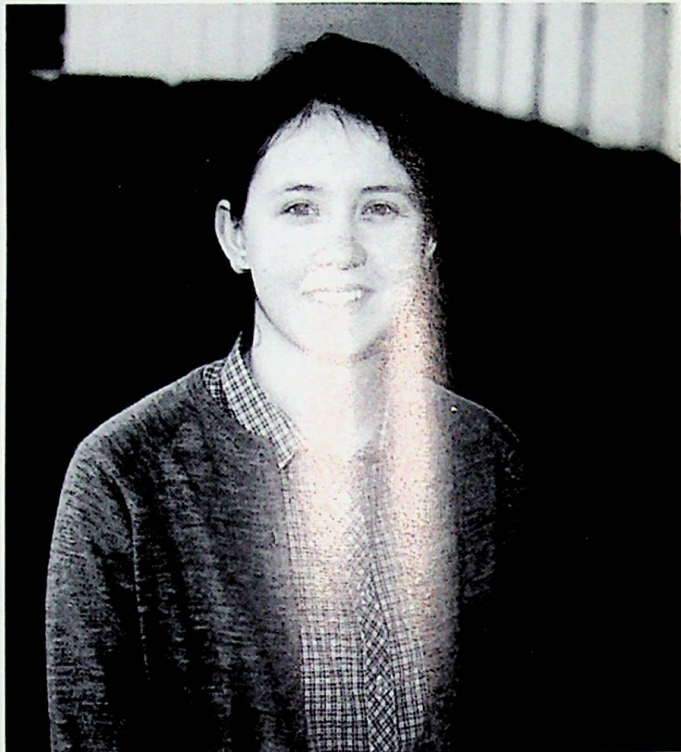
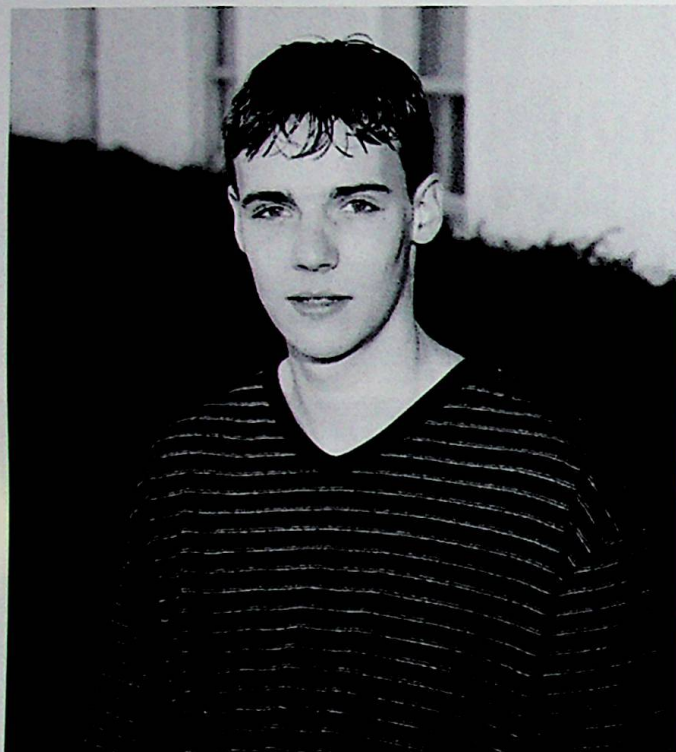
letic Scholarship; Jessica Schmidt-The Duduit Memorial Scholarship, The Wheelersburg Kiwanis Scholarship, The University of Dayton Dean's Scholarship; Rebecca Schwamberger-The Wheelersburg Lions Club Scholarship, The Duduit Memorial Scholarship, Shawnee State University Scholarship; Jennifer Singer-The Roy Rogers Scholarship; Amanda Smith-The Ohio State University Trustees Scholarship; Tracy Tachiera-Ohio University Southern Camp-

Freshman Excellence Scholarship; Renee Tallericco-The McCain Memorial Scholarship; Jerod Tilley-The University Akron Athletic Scholarship; Brent Wakefield-The Duduit Memorial Scholarship, The Elza McCain Memorial Scholarship, The Ohio State University Scholarship, The Ohio State University In-The-Know Scholarship; Jim Welton-Bob and Floyd's Tire Scholarship; Christopher White-Morehead State University Scholarship





Foreign Exchange Students



What's up guys!

It's me, Ulf Breitenberger, from Germany. My stay here has been really awesome, so that I'd encourage every one of you to be a foreign exchange student. It's great to get to know a different culture, life-style, and especially to get to meet so many different people. I want to talk a little bit about myself. I live in Darmstadt, a city with 150,000 inhabitants which is about twenty miles away from Frankfurt. I have two sisters, twenty-one and fifteen years old. Here I have been living with the Hayden family which I want to thank for the great time.

I will definitely return to the United States either with friends on vacation or to attend college. And finally, of course, special thanks to you guys for your great support. Take it easy.

It'd be cool if some of you still wanted to keep in touch with me.

So just write to:

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or you can email to: G.Breitenberger@gsi.de

My name is Zuzana and I am visiting from the Czech Republic. I have been a foreign exchange student at WHS for five months. Being in the United States has probably been the most interesting and unusual part of my life so far. I have learned a lot so far like improving my use of the English language, learning about what an American life-style is like, Mexican food and mainly new people.

What I have mostly enjoyed about school is the freedom to choose my own classes. I took advantage of this opportunity and I decided to study American history. It has taught me more about this country's past. I have also appreciated the opportunity to take classes like art or chorus, classes where I can express myself in different ways, not just intense study. My favorite time at school has been the lunch break. I had quite a lot of time to talk with my new friends. I will have a lot to tell my family and friends about the USA. I will have memories for the rest of my life. I wish more people could have the same opportunity that I received. I have to thank both of my families which have made my stay here possible.

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Senior Student Activities

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Bays
 Spanish Club 3; Choral Ensemble 2; Choral Ensemble by Audition 3,4; Track 4; After Hours 3,4; March of Dimes 2,3,4; Blood Drive 3,4; Canned Food Drive 2,3,4; Walk America 3,4.

Bennett
 Chess Play 3,4; Cheerleader 1,2; Choral Ensemble 1; Choral Ensemble by Audition 3,4; Tennis 2; Football Homecoming Attendant 2; County Music Festival 3; Jogs 4; Scholarship Banquet 2,3; River Days; Scioto County Honors Choir.

Blake
 Tennis 3,4; Golf 1.

Blakenship
 Chess Treasurer 2,3,4; Spanish Club; Student Council 2,3,4; Debate Studies 2,3,4; Mentorship Program 4; National Honor Society 3; Scholarship Team 2,3,4; Class Play 3,4; Choral Ensemble 1; Football 1,2,3,4; Tennis 1,2,3,4; Peer Tutor 3,4; After Hours 2,3,4; Key Boys State Delegate 4; Mock Trial Attorney 2,3,4; First Team All-District; First Team All-District; Special Section All-Ohio Football; Academic Conference 2,3,4; Scholarship Banquet 1,2,3,4; "A" Honor Roll 3,4; March of Dimes Walk-Around Student Captain 3,4; Teenage Powerlifting Champion 3.

Brust
 Choral Ensemble 1,2,3; Choral Ensemble by Audition 4; FHA Club 3,4; Track 2; Jogs 4; Blood Drive; Walk America.

Burk
 Choral Ensemble 1,3,4; Baseball 1; Jogs 1,3; Intramurals 1,4; JOGS 4; March of Dimes 2,3; Art 1,2,3,4.

Burnside
 Yearbook Staff 4; Golf 1,2,3,4; After Hours 3,4; Photography Staff 4; Art Work Displayed 2,3; Art Club 3,4.

Chapman
 Visual Club 3; Library Club 3; Chess Play 4; Choral Ensemble 1,2; Prom Committee 3; Volleyball 3,4; Track 1,2; Basketball Homecoming Attendant 1; March of Dimes; Honor Roll.

Chitwood
 Choral Ensemble 1,2; Football 3,4; Intramurals 4; JOGS 4.

Coleman
 Visual Staff 1,2,3,4; Library Club 1,2,3,4; Choral Ensemble 1,2; Choral Ensemble by Audition 3,4; Football 1; After Hours 3,4; JOGS 3,4; March of Dimes 1,2,3,4; Canned Food Drive 1,2,3,4; Walk America 3,4; Canned Cross Blood Drive 3,4.

Nathaniel Collier
 Spanish Club 3,4; Junior Honors Program 3; Mentorship Program 3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Scholarship Team 1,2,3,4; Choral Ensemble 1; Choral Ensemble by Audition 3; Band 1,2,3,4; Stage Band 1,2,3,4; Soccer 1,2,3; County Music Festival 3; Peer Tutor 4; After Hours 1; National Honor Society President; Superior Rating at Solo and Ensemble; Scioto County Honors Band; Scioto County Honors Choir; Principle Trumpet Player; Marshall Chemistry Test.

Bethany Collins
 Independent Studies 1,2,3,4; Scholarship Team 2; Cheerleader 1,2,3; Choral Ensemble 1; Track 1,2,3,4; Post-Secondary Options 4; NEDT Award 1; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3,4; All-SOC Track 2; All-District Track 1,2; March of Dimes 1,2,3.

Bill Conley
 VICA 3,4.

Shad Conn
 Scholarship Team 1,2; Class Play 3,4; Choral Ensemble 1; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 4; JOGS 4; First Team All-SOC 3,4; Member of State Champion Baseball Team; Baseball Captain.

Mandy Covert
 Choral Ensemble 1,2; Class Play 3.

Molly Cross
 Class President 1; Class Vice-President 3; Spanish Club 3,4; Student Council 1,3; Yearbook Staff 1,2,3,4; Junior Honors Program 3; National Honor Society 4; Scholarship Team 3,4; Class Play 3; Choral Ensemble 1; Band 2,3; Stage Band 3; FHA Club 3; Prom Committee 3; Golf 1,2,3,4; After Hours 4; GBSU 3; Mock Trial 2,3,4; Photography Editor 3,4; Pep Band 3; Who's Who Among American High School Students 4; Honor Banquet 1,2,3,4; Photography Staff 2,3,4; Art Work Displayed 2,3,4; Poetry Published 2,3; Art Club 3,4.

Harold Dye
 Choral Ensemble 1; Choral Ensemble by Audition 2,3,4; Stage Band 1; Football 1; County Music Festival 4; After Hours 1,2,3,4; VICA 4; Tech-Prep Student 3,4; Tech-Prep Class Vice President 3; Walk America; All County Music Festival 4.

Brent Eaton
 Class Secretary 3; Class Vice-President 4; Student Council 3,4; Junior Honors Program 3; National Honor Society 3,4; Scholarship Team 1,2,3,4; Class Play 3,4; Choral Ensemble 1; Choral Ensemble by Audition 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Golf 1,2,3,4; County Music Festival 4; Af-

ter Hours 2,3,4; Basketball Captain; Golf Captain; Second Team All-SOC Basketball 3; Second Team All-SOC Golf 1; First Team All-SOC Golf 3,4; MVP on Golf Team 2,3,4; Basketball Assist Leader 3; Honorable Mention All-District Basketball 3; Homecoming Escort 3,4; March of Dimes 1,2,3,4; Honors Banquet 1,2,3,4; "A" Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Marshall Advanced Chemistry Competition; All-County Music Festival 4.

Nathan Eldridge
 After Hours 4; Jogs 4; Disc Jockey and Director of All Hip-Hop, R&B and Dance Music; Third Year Advanced Student; Interviewed groups like the Fugees, Junior M.A.F.I.A., Jeru the Damasa, The Roots, and Common Sense; was nominated for a Non-Com Radio Award 3.

Casey Ellis
 Class President 2,3; Student Council 2,3; Scholarship Team 1,2; Class Play 3; Choral Ensemble 1; Football 1,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; First Team All-SOC Football 3,4; First Team All-SOC Basketball 3; Second Team All-SOC Basketball 2; First Team All-District Baseball 3; Second Team All-State Baseball 3; Homecoming Escort 2; Defensive Player of the Year Baseball; Leading Rebounder Basketball 2; Member of State Champion Baseball Team 3; Scholarship Banquet 1,2; Member of State Runners-up Basketball Team 2.

Erica Engle
 Spanish Club 4; Yearbook Staff 3,4; Junior Honors Program 3; National Honor Society 3,4; Scholarship Team 2,3,4; Choral Ensemble 1; Choral Ensemble by Audition 2,3; Band 1,2,3,4; Stage Band 1,2,3,4; Prom Committee 3; Soccer Statistician 3,4; County Music Festival 1,2,3,4; Peer Tutor 4; Mock Trial 2,3,4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3,4; Scholarship Banquet 1,2,3,4; Superior Rating at Solo and Ensemble 3; SCORES Chemistry Competition 3; NEDT Award 1; Section Leader in Band 3,4; "A" Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Teacher's Aide 4; Hike for Hospice 3; March of Dimes 1,2; Crop Walk 1,2.

Leigh Ann Ferguson
 Scholarship Team 3; Class Play 4; Choral Ensemble 1,2; Prom Committee 3; Volleyball 1,2,3; Track 1,2; After Hours 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students; March of Dimes; Blood Drive; Honor Roll; First and Second Team All-SOC 2.

Wendy Gallaher
 Spanish Club 4; Choral Ensemble 2,3,4; Choral Ensemble by Audition

3,4; FHA 1,2,3; Track 1,2; Cross Country 3.

Jodi Giles
 Spanish Club 3,4; Yearbook Staff 4; Junior Honors Program 3; National Honor Society 3,4; Scholarship Team 1,2; Basketball Team 1,2,3; Volleyball 2; Volleyball Statistician 1; After Hours 4; Placed 11th of the Spanish II Scholarship Test; All Academic SOC awards 94-95, 95-96; Blood Drive; Who's Who Among High School Students; March of Dimes; "A" Honor Roll; Teacher's Aide; Adopt-a-Highway; Mock Trial 3; Talented and Gifted Program at OU 3,4; Spanish Club Secretary; Walk America.

Lindsey Hall
 Library Club 4; Choral Ensemble 1,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Softball 2,3,4; Tennis 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 4; Football Homecoming Attendant 4; After Hours 3,4; Jogs 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 4; America's Best 4; Teacher's Aide 3; March of Dimes 1,2,3,4; Crop Walk 4; Walk America 1,2,3,4; Scholarship Banquet 3; Foreign Language Play 3; Jogs Secretary 4; Varsity Basketball 1,2,3,4; Varsity Tennis 1,2,3,4; Varsity Softball 2,3,4; Most Improved Basketball 2; Best Defensive Play Basketball 3; Second Team All-SOC Basketball 1,2; First Team All-SOC Basketball 3; Basketball Honorable Mention 3; Basketball Captain 3,4; Tennis MVP 2,3,4; Tennis Captain 2,3,4; Tennis Regional Finalist 3,4; Offensive Player Softball 2,3; Defensive Player Softball 2,3; Softball Second Team All-SOC 2,3; Softball Captain 3,4.

Joe Hayden
 Spanish Club 3,4; Yearbook Staff 4; Choral Ensemble 1,2; Choral Ensemble by Audition 2; Band 1,2,3; Stage Band 3; Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Basketball Statistician 2; After Hours 2; Soccer Captain; First Team SOC Soccer; First Team All-Southeast District Soccer; Scholarship Banquet; "A" Honor Roll; "B" Honor Roll; Walk America; Canned Food Drive.

Karly Haws
 Scholarship Team; Tennis; Track; County Music Festival; After Hours; Post Secondary Options 3,4.

Kristi Hayslip
 Spanish Club 3,4; Junior Honors Program 3; National Honor Society 3,4; Scholarship Team 1,3; Band 1,2,3,4; Stage Band 2,3,4; Basketball 1; County Music Festival 3,4; Peer Tutor 3; Spanish Club Treasurer 3; Superior Rating at Solo and Ensemble Competition 3; Scholarship Banquet 1,2,3,4;

Kristi Hayslip
Who's Who Among American High School Students 3,4; Section Leader in Band 3,4; "A" Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Teacher's Aide 3; Mock Trial 3; March of Dimes 1,2,3,4; Adopt-a-Highway 3,4.

Rob Holsinger
Choral Ensemble 1; Choral Ensemble by Audition 2; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3,4; Intramurals 2,4; After Hours 1,2; JOGS 4; Football Captain 4; All SOC Football 4; Coaches Award 4; Homecoming Escort 4; Blood Drive 3; March of Dimes 2,3,4.

Zanita Hoskins
Spanish Club 3; Yearbook Staff 3,4; Independent Studies 1,3,4; Junior Honors Program 3; National Honor Society 3,4; Scholarship Team 1,2,3,4; Flag Corps 3; Choral Ensemble 1; Band 3,4; Stage Band 3,4; Computer Art 1,2; Hike for Hospice 3; March of Dimes 1,2; NEDT Superior Award 1; 7th in District on English Scholarship Test 3; Scholarship Banquet 1,2,3; "A" Honor Roll.

Shannon Hotckin
Spanish Club 3; Scholarship Team 1; Choral Ensemble 1; Band 1,2,3; Stage Band 1,2,3; Volleyball 2,3; Track 1,2; Volleyball Statistician 1; County Music Festival 3; After Hours 4; JOGS 4; All-District Cross Country 2; Mock Trial 1; March of Dimes 1,2,3,4; Scholarship Banquet; Honor Roll 1,2,3.

Sarah Howard
Spanish Club 2,3; Yearbook Staff 3,4; Independent Studies 1,3,4; Junior Honors Program 3; National Honor Society 3,4; Scholarship Team 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Stage Band 1,2,3,4; County Music Festival 2,3,4; Peer Tutor 3,4; Coordinator of Red Cross Blood Drive 4; March of Dimes 1,4; Scholarship Banquet 1,2,3; Hike for Hospice 3,4; Adopt-A-Highway 3,4; Ohio Solo and Ensemble Competition 3; Salvation Army Canned Food Drive; Foreign Language Fair 1,2,3; OU Chemistry Scholarship Test 4; After school Job 3,4; Red Cross Blood Drive 3,4.

Brandon Hutchinson
Football 1; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 3,4; JOGS 4; Baseball Captain; Second Team All-SOC Baseball; March of Dimes; Blood Drive; Walk America; Honor Roll.

Andrew Jenkins
Yearbook Staff 2; Scholarship Team 4; Choral Ensemble 1; Choral Ensemble by Audition 2; Band 1,2,3; Stage Band 2,3; Football 1; Soccer 2,3,4; Intramurals 2,4; County Music Festival 3; After Hours 1,2,3,4.

Shane Jenkins
Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3; Intramurals 4; After Hours 3,4.

Erik Jennings
Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1; Track 3; Intramurals 4; JOGS 4; March of Dimes.

Amanda Johnson
Spanish Club 3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Choral Ensemble 1; Band 1,2,3,4; Stage Band 1,2,3,4; Track 1; County Music Festival 2,3,4; First Chair in All-County Band 2,3; Choral and Ensemble Contest 3,4.

Steve Johnson
Choral Ensemble 1,2; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3,4; Football Captain; WHS Defensive Lineman Award; First Team All-Conference Football; First Team All-District Football; Special Mention All-State Football; First Team All-District; WHS Field Events Awards; Walk America; Canned Food Drive; Homecoming Escort 3,4.

Brandon Justice
Class Vice-President 2,3; Student Council 2,3; Scholarship Team 3; Class Play 4; Choral Ensemble 1; Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 2,4; After Hours 1,3,4; JOGS 4; Mock Trial 3,4; Outstanding Witness Awards Mock Trial; Four Year Perfect Attendance; Second Team All-SOC Football 4; Captain of Basketball Cheerblock 4; Walk America 1,2,3,4; French 1,2,3,4.

Dustin Kemper
Band; Stage Band; After Hours; Hockey Team.

Stephanie Klaco
Spanish Club 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Track 3,4; Cross Country 4; All-District All-Star Team 4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Concert Band 1,2,3,4; Teacher's Aide 3; March of Dimes; "B" Honor Roll.

Diana Lawson
Class Treasurer 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Choral Ensemble 1; Softball 1; BPA 3,4; Regional Contest 3,4; Local Contest 3,4; Sophomore Recruiting 3,4; Sophomore Visiting 3,4.

Melissa Lemon
Flag Corps 1,2,3,4; Choral Ensemble 1; Band 1,2,3,4; Stage Band 3,4; March of Dimes 1,2,3. Audio-Visual Staff 2,3,4; Library Club 2,3,4; Scholarship Team 2,3; Choral Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Prom Committee 3; Football Trainer 1,2,3,4; Boys' Basketball Trainer 1,2,3; Girls' Basketball Trainer 1,2,3; J.V. and Freshman Football Manager 1; Varsity Football Manager 1; Volleyball Statistician 1,2,3; J.V. and Varsity Girls' Basketball Statistician 1,2,3; J.V. Boys' Basketball Statistician 1,2,3; J.V. Football Statistician 1,2,3; Intramurals Referee 2; Peer Tutor 2,3; JOGS 4; March of Dimes Top Money Raiser 1,2,3; Teacher's Aide 1,2,3,4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 1,2,3,4; Blood Drive 3; Shawnee State Talent Search; Representative of WHS at County Board of Elections at SSU; Honor Roll 1,2,3; Food Drive 1,2,3,4.

Heather Lodwick
Library Club 4; Choral Ensemble 1,2,3; Basketball Homecoming Attendant 2; March of Dimes.

Robert Lowder
VICA 3,4.

Brandee Madden
FHA Club 2; JOGS 4; VICA 3,4; Honor Roll.

Eric Madden
VICA 3,4; "B" Honor Roll 3,4.

Jason Mantell
Class President 2; Student Council 2; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1,2; Track 3,4; Intramurals 4; Basketball Homecoming Escort 1; Football All-SOC 4; Track All-SOC 3; Honor Roll 2; March of Dimes 3; Blood Drive 3.

Cori Martin
Baseball 1,2,3,4; Soccer 4; Indoor Soccer 4; Golf 1,2; Intramurals 4; JOGS 4; First Team All-SOC Soccer; March of Dimes.

Brandon Mays
Kelly McBrayer
Scholarship Team 1; Choral Ensemble 1; Choral Ensemble by Audition 4; FHA Club 2,3,4; FHA District Representative 3,4; Computer Art 1,2; March of Dimes 1,2,3; Blood Drive 3; Canned Food Drive; Scholarship Banquet 1,2,3,4; "A" Honor Roll; Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Steve Mershon
Football 1,2,3,4; Track Statistician 2; Walk America 1,2,3,4.

Tiffany Mollett
Spanish Club 3,4; Independent Studies 1,2,3,4; Class Play 3; Cheerleader 2,3,4; Choral Ensemble 1,2; Choral Ensemble by Audition 3,4; Track 1; County Music Festival 4; After Hours 1,4; JOGS 4; Walk America 1,2,3,4; Iota Sigma Kappa 1,2,3,4; Honor Roll; JOGS President 4; March of Dimes; Cheerleader Achievement Award 2,3,4; Language Fair 1,2,3,4; Chamber Choir 3,4.

Allison Moore
Scholarship Team 1,2,3,4; Choral Ensemble 1,2; Prom Committee 3; Tennis 2,3,4; Girls' Basketball Statistician; After Hours; Advanced Art 2; March of Dimes 1,2,3,4; Scholarship Banquet 3; "A" Honor Roll 2,3,4; Talent Search 1,2,3,4.

Joshua Moore
Soccer 3; JOGS 4; VICA 3,4.

Melanie Morris
Yearbook Staff 2,3; Independent Studies 1,2,3; Junior Honors Program 3; National Honor Society 3,4; Scholarship Team 2,3,4; Quiz Team 3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Choral Ensemble 1; Prom Committee 3; Tennis 2,3,4; Mock Trial 3; Talent Search 1,2,3,4; Blood Drive 3,4; Walk America 1,2,3,4; Mail for Our Military 2,3; American Cancer Society Volunteer 3; Hospital Volunteer 1; Scholarship Banquet 1,2,3,4; "A" Honor Roll 1,2,3,4.

Rob Mullins
Class Secretary 2,4; Student Council 1,2,4; Choral Ensemble 1; Choral Ensemble by Audition 2; Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1; Track 4; Intramurals 2,4; After Hours 1; JOGS 4; Class Representative 1; Special Mention All-State Football 4; First Team All-District 4; First Team All-Conference 4; Team Offensive Lineman of the Year 4; Walk America; Football Homecoming Escort 1; Basketball Homecoming Escort 2; Student Council Secretary 4; Canned Food Drive; Scholarship Banquet 1,3; Volunteer Special Olympics; Intramural Captain.

Ryan Murphy
Spanish Club 2; Student Council 1; Football 1,4; Basketball 1; Soccer 2; Who's Who in America's Colleges 1996.

Kendra Oppy
Library Club 4; Band 2,3,4; Stage Band 2,3; Track Statistician 2; Walk America 1,2,3.

Jessica Pace
Audio-Visual Staff 3,4; Library Club 3,4; Yearbook Staff 3; Spanish Club 3; Independent Studies 1,2,3,4; Junior Honors Program 3; National Honor Society 3,4; Scholarship Team 1,3; Cheerleader 1,2; Choral Ensemble 1; March of Dimes Walk America 1,2,3,4; Scholarship Banquet 1,2,3,4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Canned Food Drive 1,2,3; Excellence Award for NEDT Test; Iota Sigma Kappa 1,2,3,4.

Wendy Pennington
Library Club 2,3,4; Choral Ensemble 1; JOGS 4.

Jeremy Rawlins
National Honor Society 3,4; Scholarship Test 2; Choral Ensemble 1; Basketball 1; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 3; JOGS 4; Indoor Soccer 2,3; First Team All-SOC Soccer 4; Second Team All-District Soccer 4; Third Team All-District Soccer 3; Defensive Award 3,4; Soccer Captain 4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; French 1,2,3,4; Hike for Hospice 3; March of Dimes 1,2.

T.J. Ridenour
Soccer 1; After Hours 3; JOGS 4. Spanish Club 3,4; Yearbook Staff 2,3; Junior Honors Program 3; Mentorship Program 4; National Honor Society 3,4; Scholarship Team 1,2,3,4; Quiz Team 1,2,3,4; Class Play 3; Choral Ensemble 1; Track 2; Cross Country 2,3,4; Basketball Statistician 3; Track Statistician 3,4; National Merit Winner; Mock Trial 2,3,4.

Zack Riepenhoff
Spanish Club 3,4; Yearbook 2,3; Junior Honors Program 3; Mentorship Program 4; National Honor Society 3,4; Scholarship Team 1,2,3,4; Quiz Team 1,2,3,4; Junior Class Play 3; Choral Ensemble 1; Track 2; Cross Country 2,3,4; Basketball Statistician 3; Track Statistician 3,4; Mock Trial 2,3,4; National Merit Winner.

Alva Riley
JOGS 4.

Josh Robirds
Audio-Visual Staff 4; Library Club 4; Yearbook Staff 2,3,4; Class Play 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Stage Band 1,2,3,4; After Hours 4; Photography Staff 2,3,4; Biggest Flirt Award 4.

Justin Sampson

Special Cheerleader 4; Basketball 1,2,3; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 4; After Hours 2,3,4; JOGS 4; Conference Soccer; Second Team All-State Soccer; Second Team All-State Baseball; Seaside Chorus; March of Dimes.

Cher Sanders

Choral Ensemble 1,2; Choral Ensemble Audition 3,4; Tennis 1; County Music Festival 3,4; JOGS 4; March of Dimes Walk America.

Alisa Schmidt

Spanish Club 3,4; Junior Honors Program 3; National Honor Society 3,4; Mentorship Team 2,3,4; Choral Ensemble 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Softball 2,3; Track 1; Homecoming Attendant 3,4; After Hours 4; March of Dimes Food Drive; Blood Drive; All-Academic Team 1,2,3,4; Walk America; Who's Who Among American High School Students; "A" Honor Roll; Teacher Aide; Adopt-A-Highway; TAG Program 3; Spanish Club President 4; All-District Basketball Team All-SOC Basketball 4; Award; Basketball Captain 3,4; Volleyball Team All-SOC Volleyball 4; Volleyball Captain 4; Best Passer Volleyball 4; Softball Captain 4; Leadership Award 4.

Alisa Schwamberger

Representative 4; Spanish Club Member Council 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Independent Studies 1,2,3,4; Honors Program 3; National Honor Society 3,4; Scholarship Team 4; Class Play 3; Cheerleader 4; Choral Ensemble 1; Tennis 4; Football Homecoming Attendant 4; Tutor 3,4; Yearbook Business Manager 2,3,4; Scholarship Banquet 4; March of Dimes 1,2,3,4; March of Dimes Student Captain 3; Leading All-Star Award 4; Mock Trial 3; NHS Tecumseh Volunteer 3; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Carnival Volunteer 1; Blood Drive 4; Iota Sigma Kappa 1,2,3,4; Iota Sigma Kappa 1,2,3,4; Scholarship Team 1; Physics 4; Physics Team 4; Food Drive 4; Mail for Our Military 1,2,3,4; Treasurer 4; Problem Based Learning Community Service 4; Iota Sigma Kappa Leadership Committee 4; Advanced Art and Art Awareness 4.

Tracy Singer

Choral Ensemble 1,2; Band 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2; Track 3,4; After Hours 3,4; Walk America 1,2,3; Perfect Attendance 4; Choir 3,4; Language Fair

Skylar

President 4; Student Council 4; Spanish Club 3,4; Span-

ish Club Vice President 3; Independent Studies 1,2,3,4; Junior Honors Program 3; Mentorship Program 3; National Honor Society 3,4; Scholarship Team 1,2,3,4; Quiz Team 3,4; Class Play 3; Football 1; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 2,4; Peer Tutor 3,4; Iota Sigma Kappa 1,2,3,4; March of Dimes Walk America 1,2,3,4; Mail for Our Military 2,3,4; Scholarship Banquet 1,2,3,4; "A" Honor Roll.

Chris Slusher

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

Amanda Smith

Yearbook Staff 2,3,4; Independent Studies 1,2,3,4; Junior Honors Program 3; Mentorship Program 3; National Honor Society 3,4; Scholarship Team 2,3,4; Quiz Team 3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,4; Choral Ensemble 1; Choral Ensemble by Audition 1; Prom Committee 3; Tennis 1,2,3,4; Basketball Homecoming Attendant 4; Peer Tutor 3,4; After Hours 4; NHS Secretary 4; Mock Trial 3,4; Blood Drive 3,4; Mail for Our Military 1,2,3,4; March of Dimes Walk America 1,2,3,4; SOC All-Academic Team 1,2,3,4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3,4; Scholarship Banquet 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader Achievement Award 4; "A" Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; American Cancer Society Volunteer 3.

Jamie Stamper

Choral Ensemble 1; Choral Ensemble by Audition 2,3,4; Basketball 1; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Softball 1,4; Basketball Statistician 3; Basketball Homecoming Attendant 3; After Hours 1,3; March of Dimes; Canned Food Drive; Hike for Hospice.

Stephanie Steinhauer

Choral Ensemble 1,2; Choral Ensemble by Audition 3,4; Band 2,3,4; Cafeteria Worker 1,3,4.

Stephanie Sturgill

Spanish Club 1,2; Yearbook Staff 4; Scholarship Team 1,2; Quiz Bowl 3; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Choral Ensemble 1,2; Prom Committee 3; Basketball 1,2,3; Volleyball 1,2,3; Softball 2; Tennis 1; Track 1,2; Football Homecoming Attendant 3; After Hours 4; JOGS 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 2,3; Scholarship Banquet 1,2; Mock Trial 3; March of Dimes 3; Food Drive 1,2,3,4; Honor Roll 1,2,3; STARS 1; Myron Martin Technology Fund Walk-A-Thon 4; JOGS District II State Board Member.

Tracy Tachiera

Spanish Club 3; Yearbook Staff 2,3,4; Independent Studies 1; Scholarship Team 1,2,4; Choral Ensemble 1; Band 2,3,4; Stage Band 2,3,4; Prom Committee 3; Track 1; County Music Festival 3,4; Peer Tutor 3; Educational Talent Search.

Renee Tallerico

National Honor Society 4; Scholarship Team 4; Class Play 4; Choral Ensemble 1; Prom Committee 3; Basketball

1,2,3; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Intramurals 4; Basketball Homecoming Queen 4; After Hours 4; Scholarship Banquet 1,2,3,4; Basketball JV Captain 2; Volleyball JV Captain 2,3; Helped with Yearbook 3,4; Walk America 1,2,3,4; Canned Food Drive 1,2,3,4; Helped with Blood Drive 4; Yell Block 1,2,3,4.

Jerod Tilley

Choral Ensemble 1; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3; Football Homecoming Escort 4; Basketball Homecoming Escort 3,4; JOGS 4; Football Captain 4; Basketball Captain 3,4; All-SOC Football 3,4; First Team All-State Football 4; Special Mention All-State Football 3; First Team All-District 3,4; District Player of the Year Football 4; Football MVP 3,4; All-SOC Basketball 3; All-SOC Track 1,2,3; All-District Track 1,2,3; March of Dimes 1,2,3.

Chuck Timberlake

Football 1,2,3,4; VICA 3,4; Sophomore Recruiting; Sophomore Visiting.

Byron Tolbert

Football 1,2; Baseball 1; Blood Drive 3; Walk America 1,2,3; Language Fair 1,2.

Jennifer Traylor

Library Club 2; Yearbook Staff 2; Mentorship Program 3,4; Choral Ensemble 2; VICA 4; Walk America 1,2; March of Dimes 1,2.

Kevin Turner

Choral Ensemble 1; Track 2; Cross Country 2,3; Intramurals 2.

Melissa Turner

Choral Ensemble 1; FHA Club 1.

Missy Turner

Choral Ensemble 3 years; Choral Ensemble by Audition 3 years; Band 1,2,3,4; Stage Band 3 years; County Music Festival; After Hours; Solo and Ensemble Contest; Received an Outstanding #1 Rating on Solo 1; Received #1 Outstanding Solo and Clarinet Quartet; March of Dimes 3; Most Musically Inclined Award 4.

Barb Vansickle

Choral Ensemble; Choral Ensemble by Audition 2,3; Band 2,3,4; Stage Band 2,3,4; Basketball 1; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Softball 1,2; Track 3,4; County Music Festival 3,4; After Hours 1,2,3; Walk America; National Young Leaders Conference; National Young Leaders Student Representative.

Brent Wakefield

Spanish Club 3,4; Yearbook Staff 2,3,4; Independent Studies 1,2,3,4; Junior Honors Program 3; Mentorship Program 4; National Honor Society 3,4; Scholarship Team 1,2,3,4; Quiz Team 2,3,4; Class Play 3; Choral Ensemble 1; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Tennis 1,2,3,4; Peer Tutor 4; Iota Sigma Kappa 1,2,3,4; Mock Trial 2,3,4; Governor's Summer Institute 1; Seventh in District on Spanish I Scholarship Test; Superior Performance on NEDT Test; OU Scholarship Test 14th Place; Placed 1st out of all Ohio

students on Tri-State Chemistry Test; All-Academic SOC Award 2,3,4; Scholarship Banquet 1,2,3,4; Perfect Attendance 1,2,3,4; March of Dimes 2,3.

Jeremy Welch

Choral Ensemble 1,2,3; FHA 1; Football 1,2,3; Track 1,4; Intramurals 4; JOGS 4; Blood Drive 3.

Jim Welton

Class Play 3,4; Special Cheerleader 4; Choral Ensemble 1; Football 1; Basketball 1; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Golf 3,4; Intramurals 2,4; JOGS 4; Captain of Cheerblock 4; French 1,2,3,4; Walk America 1,2,3,4; Blood Drive 3.

Chris White

Class Play 4; Choral Ensemble 1,2; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Track 1,3; Intramurals 2,4; Football Homecoming Escort 4; After Hours 1,4; JOGS 4; Football Captain 4; Second Team All-SOC Football 3; First Team All-SOC 4; First Team All-District Football 4; Second Team All-State Football 4; All-SOC Track 3; Blood Drive 3; March of Dimes 1,2,3.

Kent Williams

Spanish Club 3,4; Yearbook Staff 3,4; Independent Studies 3,4; Junior Honors Program 3; Scholarship Team 1,2; Class Play 3,4; Mixed Chorus 1; Choral Ensemble by Audition 2,3; FHA 3,4; County Music Festival 2; Peer Tutor 2,3,4; After Hours 1,3,4; Vice Pres. of FHA 4; ETS 2,3,4; SOMC Volunteer 1,2,3,4; Language Fair 1,2,3,4; Scholarship Banquet 1,2,3,4; Perfect Attendance 1; Blood Drive 3,4; March of Dimes 3; "A" Honor Roll.



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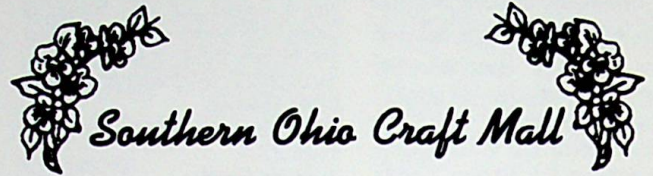
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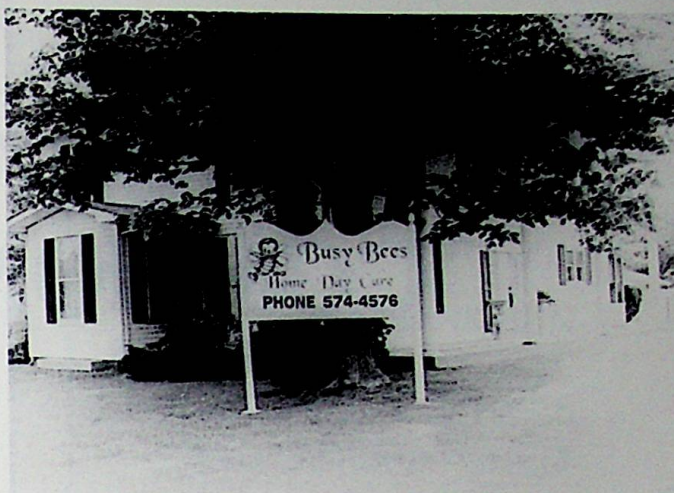
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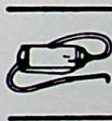
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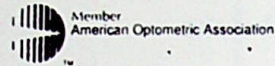
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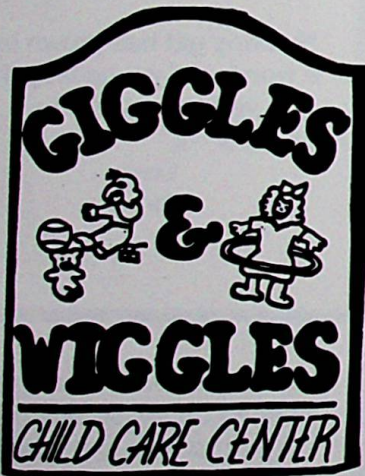


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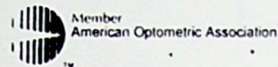
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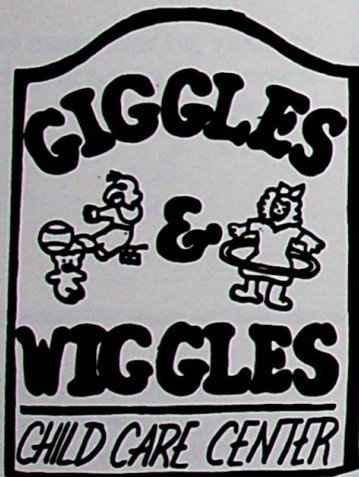


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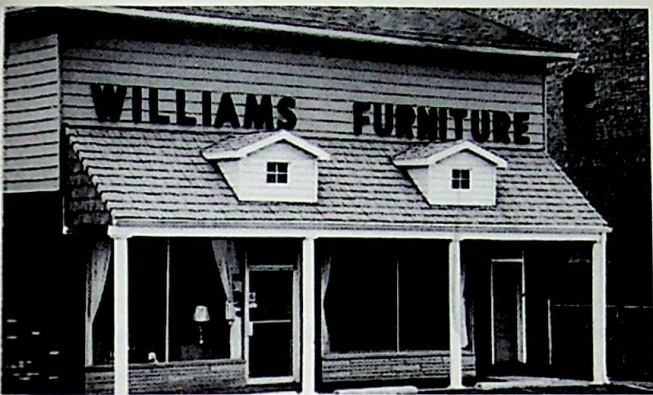
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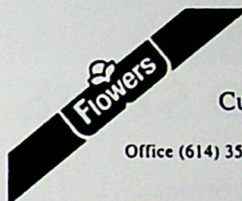
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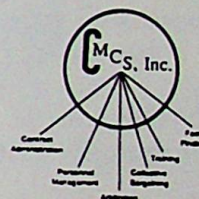
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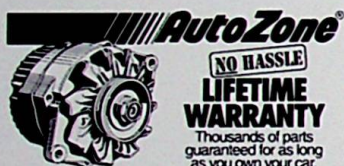
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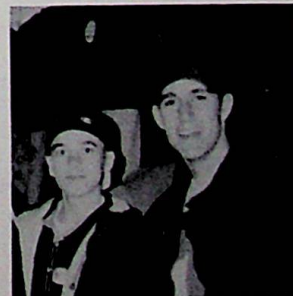
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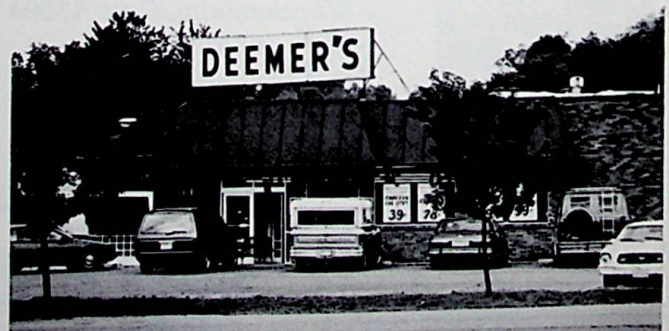
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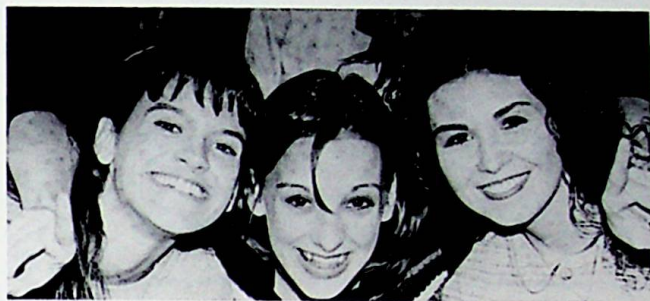
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Jamie, be careful and watch out for
the savages in the town
From, Joe & Nick

Jamie, you're my favorite niece,
Good Luck!
Love, Aunt Glenna

Jamie, Jenny, & Trish - good luck in
the years to come for you three have
just begun
Love, Mom & Donna

We had a great season. Keep it up &
good luck in the 1997 season
Jessica Bailey & Jamie Stamper

Way to go Chadder boxer
Love, Larry, Mom, Crystal, & Gran-
ny

Good luck to the Seniors
From Mr. Schwamburger & family

To my sissy, Trish - Congratulations
Love ya, Stephanie

Congratulations Jenny
Love ya, Micah

Good Luck to Trish, Jamie, Wendy,
Kasey, & Kelly! Friends forever

Make your dreams come true
From, Mrs. Whitt

Congratulations from Mrs. Nickell &
Mrs. Pack

Congrats Seniors
Mrs. Peter

Good Luck in the future!
Mrs. Acox

Good Luck with everything!
Mrs. Bolton

Good Luck Ben and Toni
Love, Mother & Pap

I'm proud of you Jerod #33
Love, Mom

Good luck Ben
From all of us at the funeral home - -
Dee & Maria Swick

Ben, Good luck in college
David & Jessica Swick

Ben - Good Luck in Mortuary School
Love - Mom, Dad, and kids

My day starts - when your day ends,
your future undertaker!
Ben Lewis



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Congratulations Seniors!



Buddy Riley and Harold Dye are anxious as they wait for the graduation ceremony to start.



Sophomore Sarah Mershon accepts her award at the scholarship banquet.

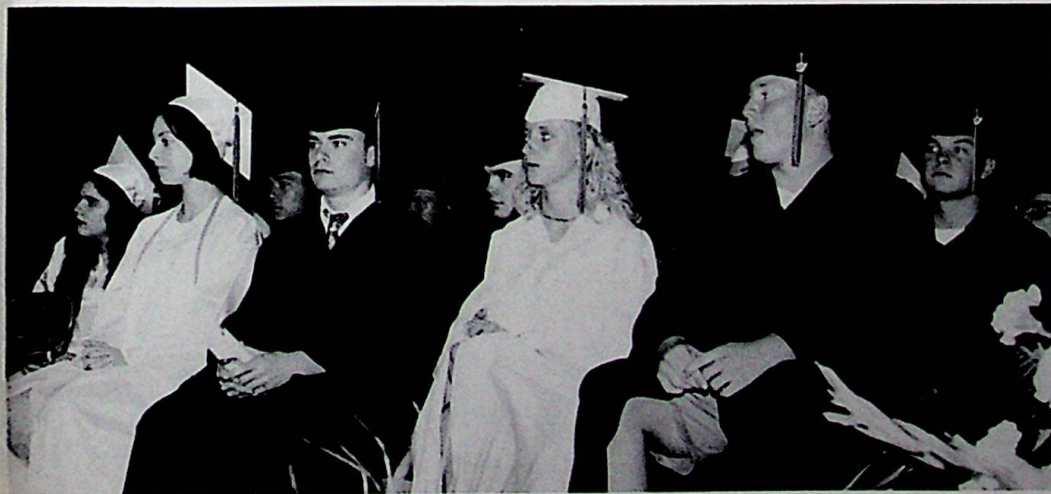
After a tough day of finals, Erin Wakefield, Ashley See, and Sarah Osborn relax while cleaning out their lockers.



Unplugged

Another school year has come and gone and many may wonder if this year was any different from years past. Did we make a new face for WHS in 1997? The answer is a resounding "yes". This year, WHS students accomplished more as a whole than many classes have in years past. The soccer team went undefeated and won the SOC championship. The football team again won the SOC and advanced to the state playoffs. Both boys and girls basketball teams went far in tournament play as did the baseball team. And for the first time ever, the softball team made it to the Regional tournament. But WHS students didn't just create a new face for themselves in athletics. The student council had a tremendous success with its annual canned-food drive, and the National Honor Society outdid themselves in their community

service projects. Even still, the students sailed above all the other schools in academics. Many students placed high on the scholarship tests; WHS had a National Merit Finalist and a student awarded the Franklin B. Walter award. This was truly an outstanding year for WHS and its student body. The word **unplugged** definitely sums up this school year. WHS students, without a doubt, removed themselves from the conventional ways of school life and created a new image for WHS. This new **unplugged** image is one of community involved, athletically talented, and academically superior students. This year's seniors met their challenge to give WHS a new **unplugged** look and what a job they did. With each school year comes a new chapter, and this one is now complete.



Seniors Zanita Hoskins, Joe Hayden, Leigh Ann Ferguson, and Chris White wait with great anticipation during the graduation ceremony.

