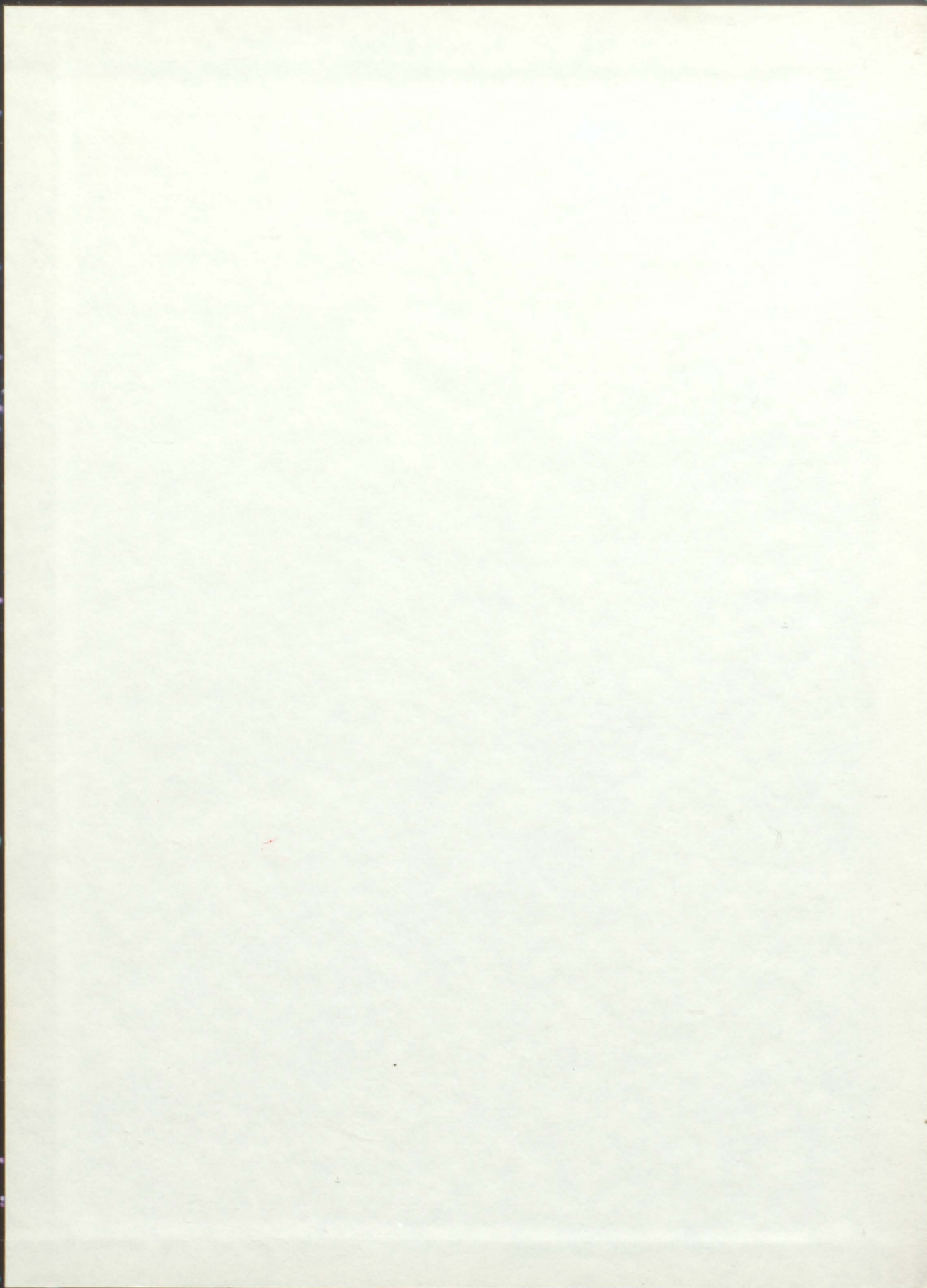
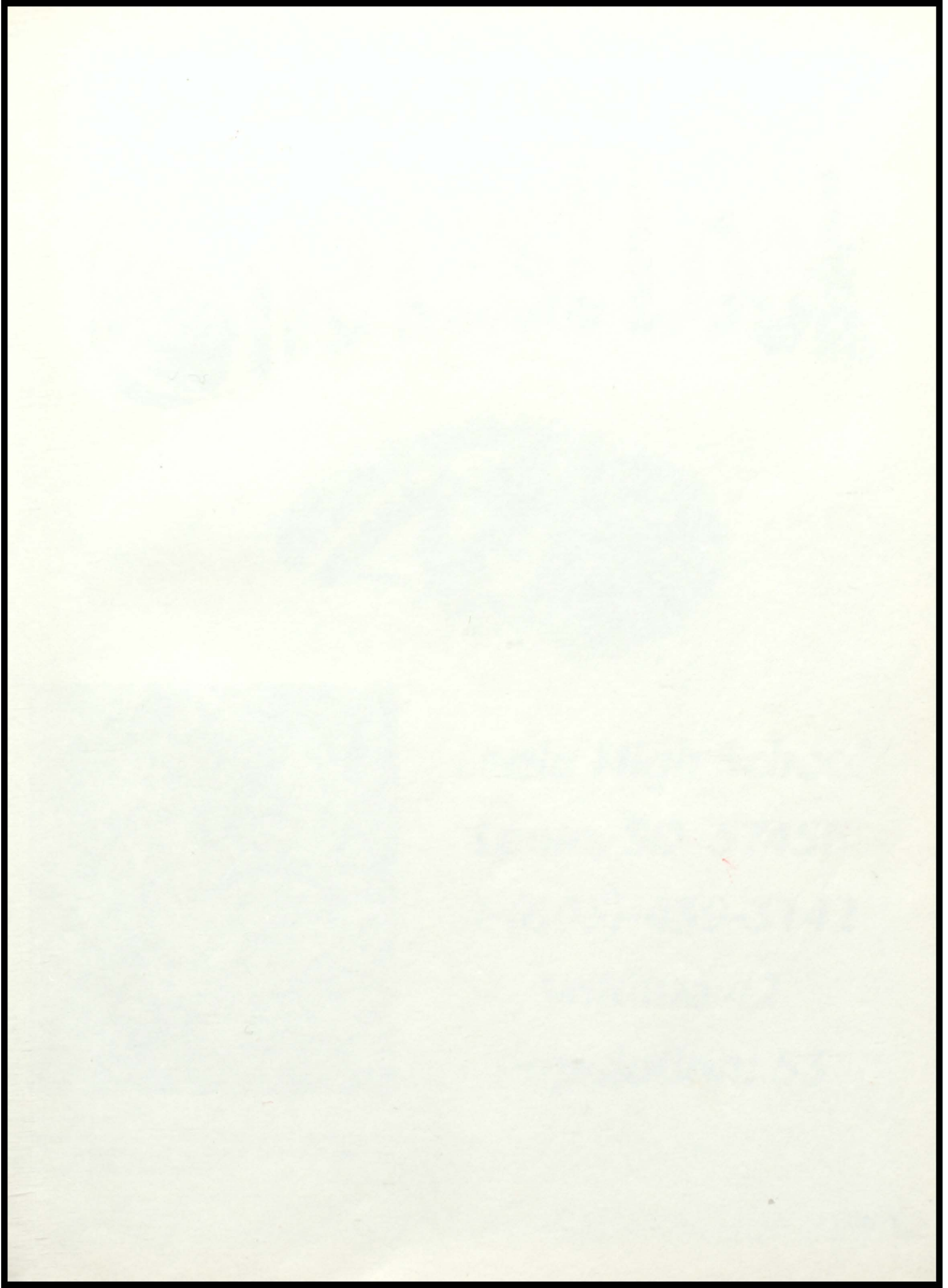


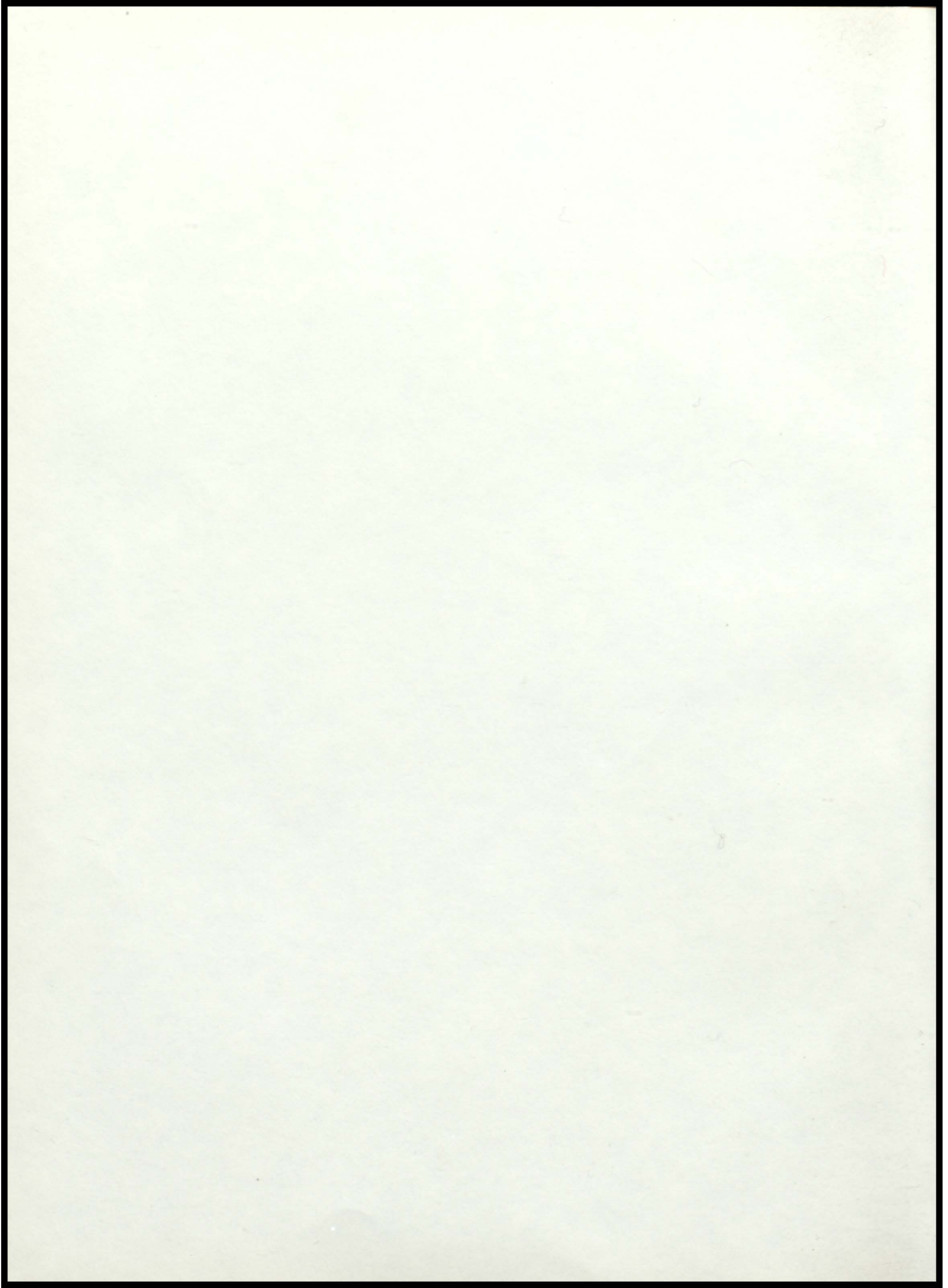
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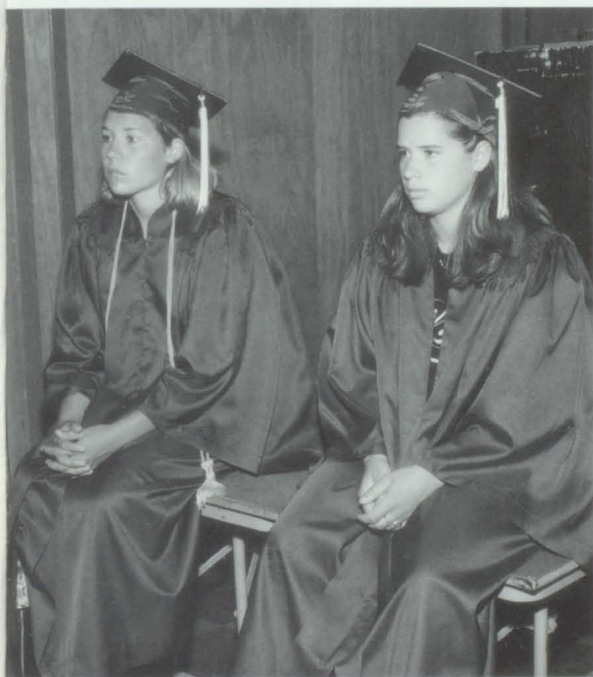






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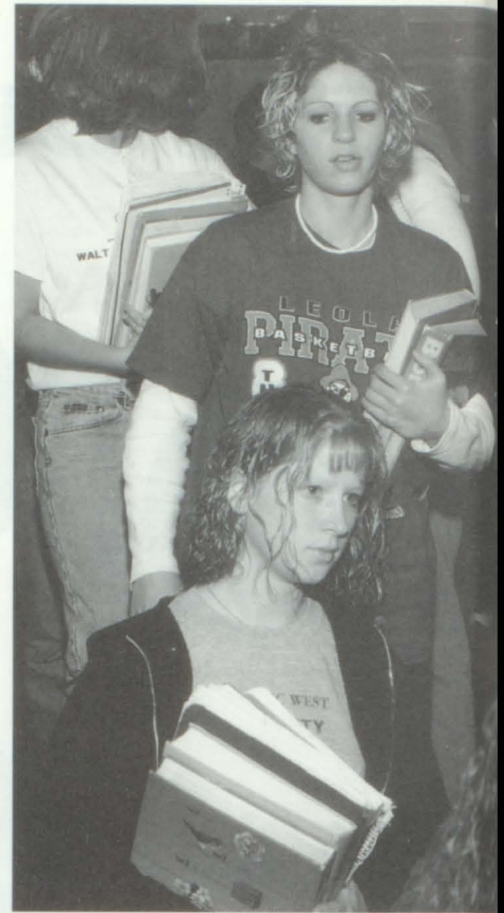
ONE LAST LOOK.

Seniors Steph Daly and Amy Jenner spend a quiet moment before graduation looking back at the past 12 years and wondering what lies ahead.

ALL FOR ONE, AND ONE FOR ALL! Band members march along the street during the homecoming parade. Students learned that

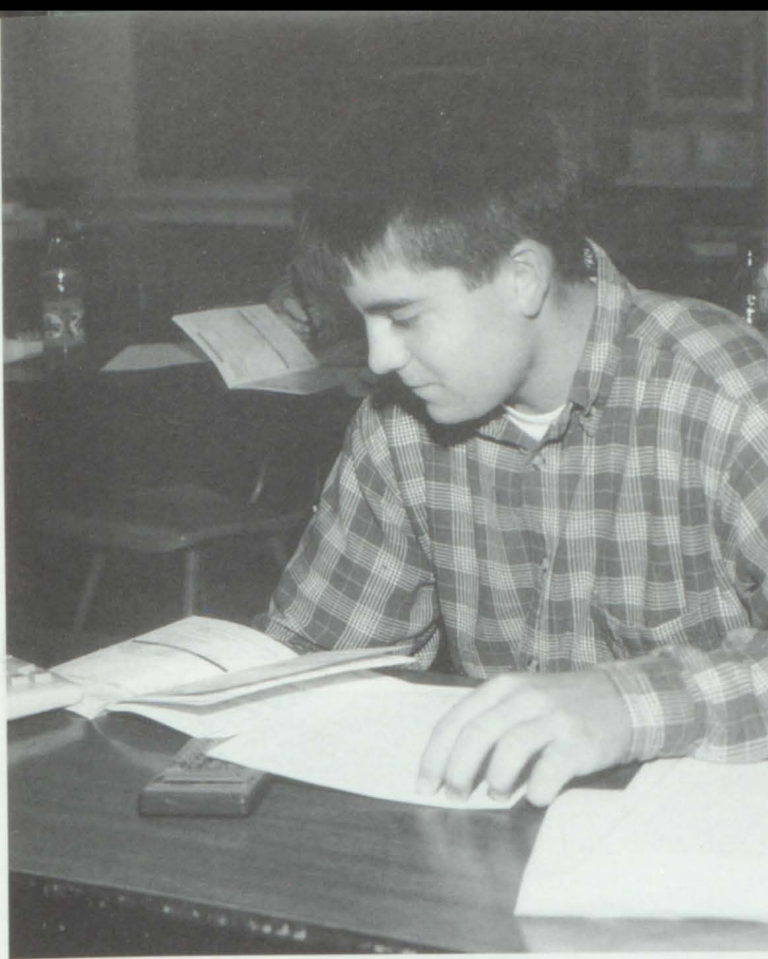
teamwork is required for more than just sports. It was necessary for the band to work together to stay in step and on time while marching.

EVERY LAST ONE! Juniors Sarah Schanzenbach and Misty Wolf are just two of the students who make their way through the hallways between classrooms every day.



ONE AT A TIME! Sophomore Zach Leibel gives access to his stash of Pixy Sticks to several high school girls at the junior-senior prom. Prom was a time for juniors and seniors to come together for one more night of fun.





ONE FOR THE BOOKS! Sophomore Eric Hatlewick works hard on his business math to ensure that his grades this year will be the best they can be.

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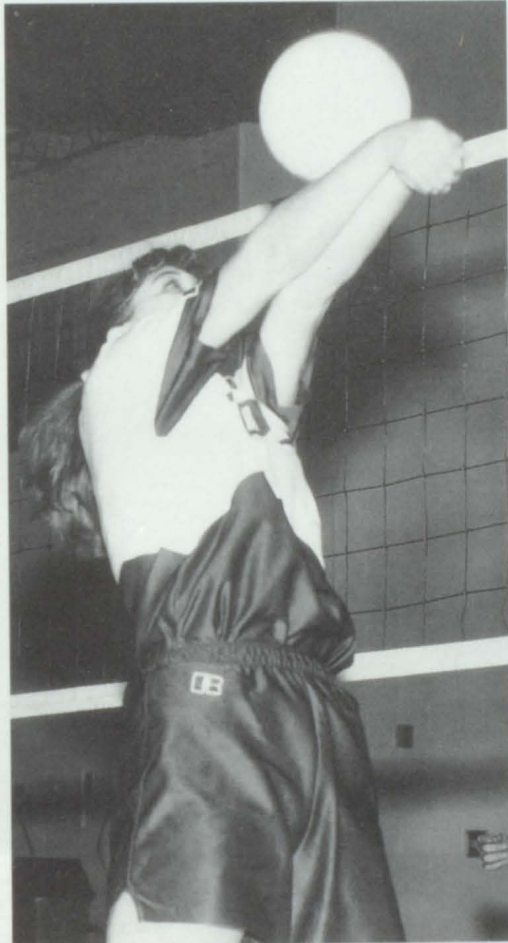
*The 1999-2000 school year marked the end of their high school careers for eight members of the Senior Class, but it was also a time of new beginnings. On Jan. 1, we stepped into a new year, a new century and a new millennium. So before we set our faces to the future, it seems only fitting that we pause for **One Last Look** at the days gone by.*

*Every school year is measured in a procession of days--good days and bad days, happy days and sad days, busy days and quiet days, exciting days and well, you know.... But no matter how dark and disappointing, each day also brought with it the promise of a new tomorrow, ripe with possibilities. We learned that taking it **One Day at a Time** is the best way to cope with life's ups and downs.*

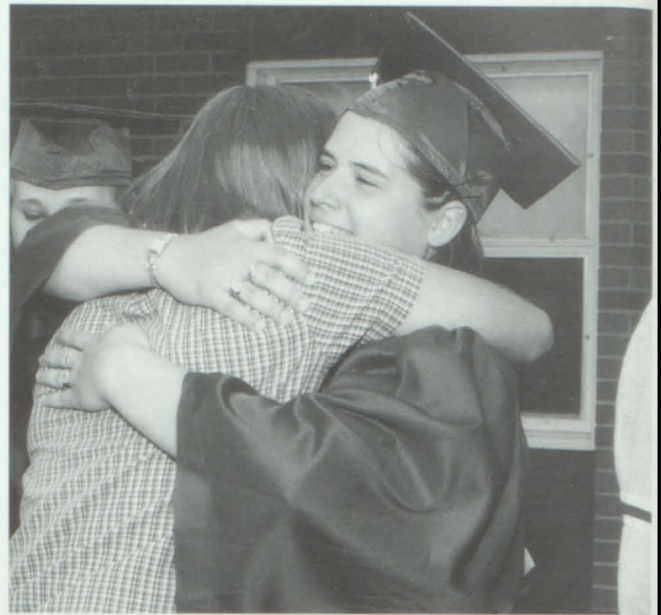
*Each day in the classroom was **One for the Books**, and our involvement with our friends in extra-curricular activities taught us that **All for One, and One for All** is the best way to get things done. On the playing field we went **One on Won** against our opponents and ourselves, pushing our bodies and our minds to the limits to become the best that we could be. And **Every Last One** of us counted. That was the beauty of life at LHS in 1999-2000.*

*So come along for **One Last Look** at the year that was.*

ONE ON ONE! Sophomore Lana Lapka goes one on one with the volleyball during a match against Northwestern. Athletes discovered that games are won by team effort as well as individual effort.



ONE LAST HUG! Junior Erin Rath gives senior Amy Jenner a hug as Rath goes through the reception line after graduation.



UP AND OVER! Senior Chris Hauck jumps over Warner defenders as he makes a basket for Leola in the overtime win.

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WE'RE THE BEST! The student body cheers on the girls' basketball team during a home game against Cresbard this year.

I HOPE THIS NIGHT LASTS FOREVER! Junior Sarah Schanzenbach dances with her date at the junior-senior prom. Prom is just one of the special occasions for LHSers that occur during the year.



The saying "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" is very true indeed. We LHSers spent many hours in the school building working hard to absorb all the information thrown at us. The hours after school, on weekends and on holidays were spent working some of the time,

One Day at a Time

STUDENT LIFE



I ALWAYS WANTED TO WEAR A DRESS! Senior Chris Hauck gives freshman Blake Hoffman a new look during freshman initiation. Freshmen learned that if they live high school one day at a time, someday they will be the seniors.

ANOTHER DAY DONE! Sophomore Eric Payne grabs some zzz's on the Publications Room couch.



relaxing when we could and having fun every chance we had. Whether we spent our free time together or alone, we thrived on having a great time. Homecoming, prom and

graduation are three examples of times we came together. Not every day was full of excitement, but we learned to take the good with the bad, to take it "One Day at a Time."

THE GARBAGE MAN! Sophomore Zach Leibel earns his extra spending money by emptying trash cans and cleaning school rooms after school. "During the summer, I help to do pretty much everything that needs to get done before school begins again," Leibel said.



NO, LIKE THIS! Junior Melissa Jacobson shows piano student Kristen Payne the correct fingering to play a particular chord on the piano. During the school year, Jacobson taught piano lessons after school to earn extra spending money. She also used her musical talents to earn money by playing organ/piano for three local churches during their Sunday morning church services.



HERE IS YOUR CHANGE! Freshman Heather Whetham counts out change to a customer at her mom's store, BB's Market. Whetham worked as a cashier there.

ALL WORK, NO PLAY Students find jobs

LHSers' last day of school for the year was May 17, but most did not plan to loaf around this summer. Almost every student planned on filling the long summer hours working.

LHSers were motivated by the need for money. "I'm working at the local swimming pool as a lifeguard this summer," junior Jill Thorpe said. "I need money since my parents don't pay for me any more."

"I don't have any money, and that's something I'm going to need a lot of next year," senior Steph Daly said.

"I plan to get a job this summer for three reasons: to get out of the house, to make money and to keep busy so that the summer doesn't seem so long," freshman Courtney

Salzer said.

Some are still not sure whether or not they will get a job. "I would like to," junior Erin Rath said. "I need money for when I go off to college, so I can pay for my necessities on my own," Rath added.

Finding a job had its difficulties. "The hardest part was finding one I'll enjoy all the time, instead of one I'll only like right away," sophomore Zach Leibel said.

"The hardest part of having a job is knowing that my summer won't be all fun and games," freshman Heather Whetham said.

Junior Melissa Jacobson lists one reason not to get a job. "I need a break. I work during the year, so the summer is when I can relax," she said.

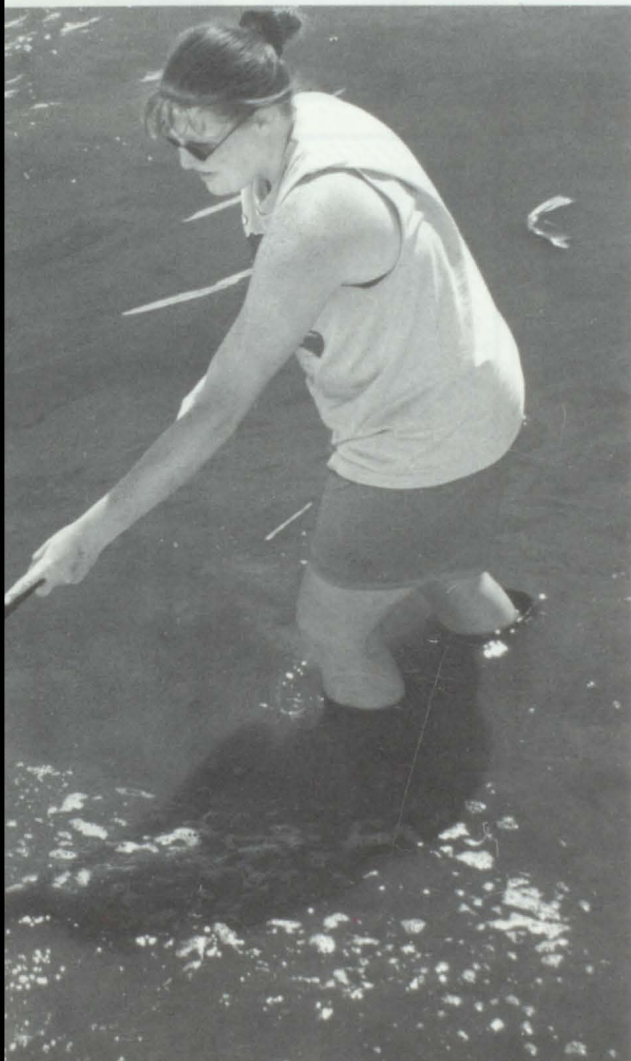
GREEN WATER AND SLIME, YUMMY! Junior Jenny Guthmiller scrubs the bottom of the community pool with a broom. Guthmiller was a lifeguard at the pool this summer.





PEOPLE ARE MESSY!
Junior Misty Wolf clears off a table at the D&M Cafe. Wolf worked as a waitress at the cafe during the school year and will continue to work there during the summer.

DON'T FALL OFF!
Sophomore Tyler Toennies staples a shingle to the roof of the house he is working on. Toennies earned money on construction during the summer months.



c'mon, tell us

How does working during the school year cause you problems?



Amber Schock (The Connection)

"When I was working and going to school, I found it hard to make time for everything. I ended up missing a lot of things, like some of the boys' basketball games and other school-related things that I would have liked to go to."

Heather Whetham (BB's Market)

"The only problem my job causes is when my mom is gone and something goes wrong. Once, the safe at the store was locked and nobody could get it open. The workers called me at school, and I had to go try to help. I was definitely stressed out until we got the safe open again."



Ethan Erdmann (Kessler's)

"I like to work, but it cuts into my social life and definitely into my sleep. I basically just don't sleep as much. Also, the money helps out a lot when I actually go and do stuff. It's also a lot more fun than just sitting at home and doing nothing."

Melissa Jacobson (piano teacher)

"I teach piano lessons after school, so three out of the five days during the week I have to rush home to start teaching. That sometimes becomes a big problem when I have practice right after school or another activity. I either have to reschedule my lessons or move my other commitments to another time."



FREE TIME

Students keep busy on weekends

From 8:30 in the morning to 3:20 in the afternoon, Monday through Friday, students' lives are dedicated to learning math, English, science, etc. However, when the final bell rings on Friday, LHSers' lives are all their own.

How do students spend their weekends? "On Saturdays I usually clean the house, do my homework and go to Aberdeen and shop," junior Sarah Schanzenbach said. "Later, I go to Leola to hang out with my friends. Then on Sundays I go to church and don't do a lot else except sit at home," she added.

Going to work and hanging out with friends are two popular choices for high schoolers. "My weekends are busy," junior Melissa Jacobson said. "I

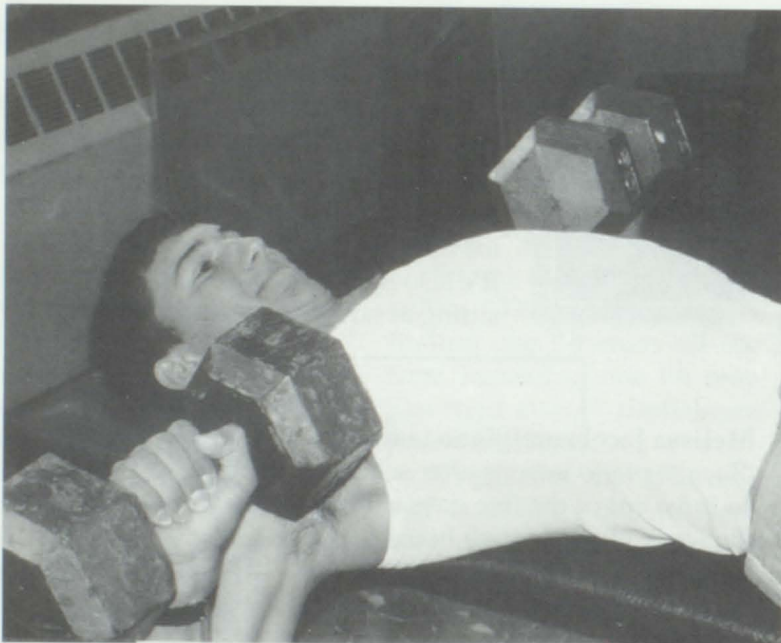
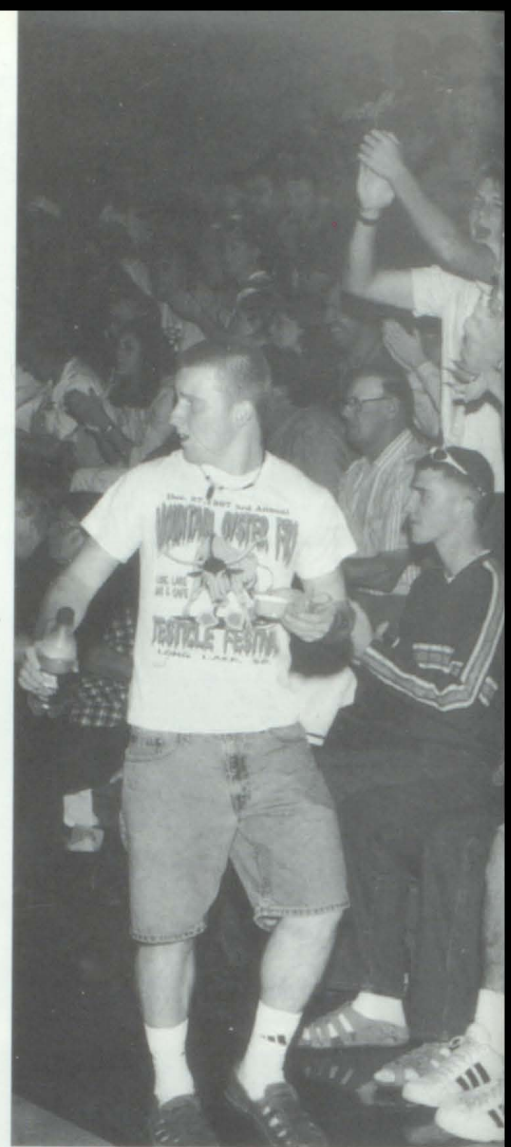
go to a piano lesson, do my homework, get music picked out and practice for church and go to three churches (to play the organ). Then I sit and relax. Sometimes I hang out with my boyfriend and go to the movies with friends," Jacobson said.

"I love to be outside working with my horses or just laying in the grass," freshman Courtney Salzer said. "I like to watch the clouds and listen to the trees and the many sounds that you hear when you actually take the time to listen."

"If I don't have a sporting event, I work on the farm," senior Chris Hauck said.

"I like to watch TV on the weekends and just goof around," sophomore Brianna Schaefer said.

PACKING THEM IN! LHSers cheer for the girls' basketball team during one of their games. Most students attended home games throughout the year, either to participate or to be a spectator.



ICAN DO IT! Senior Tracy Hutson lifts a pair of dumbbells after school. Hutson enjoyed spending some of his free time lifting weights in an effort to build his muscles.

Where Did You Spent Your Free

Time?



Anywhere but school—
28.3%

With Friends—23.9%

At Home—13%

With Family—6.5%

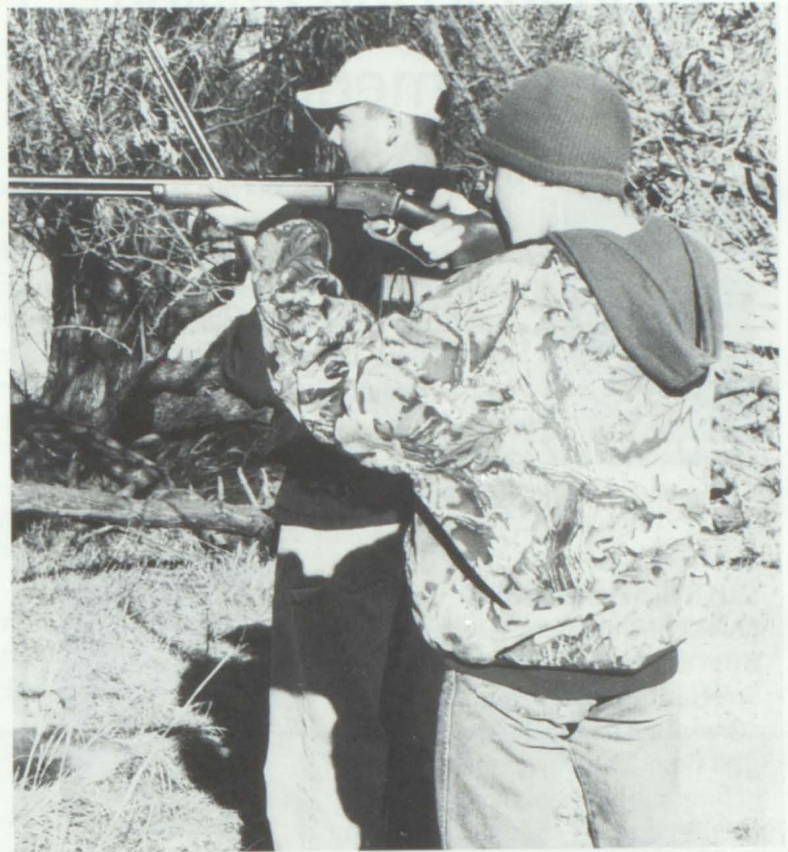
Hunting—6.5%

Golfing—6.5%

Other—15.2%



I'VE GOT THIS ONE! Sophomores Tyler Toennies and Derek Kindelspire aim their rifles at a deer. Toennies and Kindelspire liked to spend their weekends hunting.



You Did What!

What was your most memorable weekend?



Jessica Becker

"I was driving around one weekend with John Klebs and Kacie Miller exploring the Leola backroads. At every turn was a group of deer. I think we were just chasing the same group in a circle."



Michael Schwingler

"I'll always remember when I buried my 856 International tractor on a hill in a pasture. It took my neighbor's four-wheel drive tractor to pull it out."



Natasha Geffre

"I'll always remember getting caught taking my parents' car and getting grounded, but then sneaking out and going to Aberdeen and not getting home until late. It was worth it. I had a lot of fun."



Heather Whetham

"Last summer we surprised my grandpa for his sixtieth birthday. He didn't know about it. We went camping all weekend with all the family and friends. I will never forget the look on his face."

c'mon tell us

What was your most embarrassing driving moment?



Chad Weiszhaar

"I was backing out of my parking spot at school with my old red beast and rubbed against Kyle Moser's little white Toyota pick-up when he was standing right there."

Sarah Schanzenbach

"I was picking up my boyfriend from a haircut at Wally's on Main Street in Aberdeen, and I was attempting to parallel park for the first time. There were people waiting behind me, so I got nervous and tried to hurry. I ended up bumping into the car behind me."



Courtney Salzer

"I was trying to listen to my dad and trying to remember to shift at the same time. I forgot to look at the road, and I ran into the ditch and got stuck just as a cute guy was driving by."



Jill Thorpe

"I couldn't get my car started, so I asked Dana (Leibel) if he could help me and all he did was get in and tell me to put the car in park."

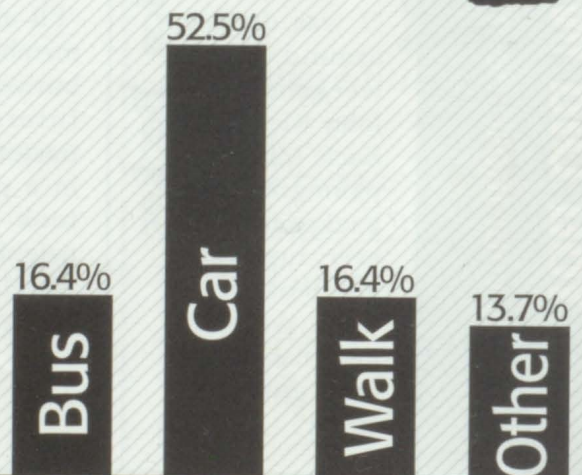


How Did



You Get

To School?



BORN TO BE WILD

LHSers get behind the wheel



READY TO CRUISE! Sophomore Andrew Guthmiller tunes his car stereo to the station he wants to listen to before he starts to drive.

Receiving a driver's license is a rite of passage, a sign of growing up. Most LHSers learned to drive long before they received their licenses. Some learned as early as five; others not until age 15. On the average, students began to learn to drive at the age of 9.

Most were taught how to drive by their parents, more specifically their dads. "Dad was sitting in the seat beside me, and he told me to keep the pickup on the road and push the gas," sophomore TJ Pudwill said. "We got to the corner, and I didn't slow down. We went down the ditch," Pudwill added.

"I was five, and my dad put me in his lap. We drove around the parking lot," senior Tracy Hutson said.

"My dad let go of the steering wheel while we were going down the road," freshman Collin Kessler said. "I thought we were going to die, so I grabbed the steering wheel and safely guided us to our destination," he said.

Foreign exchange student Stephany Pons' first driving experience came here in the US. "My first time was a couple of months ago with Casey Hauck and Ethan Erdmann. It was fun. I liked it and I didn't kill anyone!" Pons said.

Sophomore Casey Hauck's first driving experience did not go as well, and she offers some advice. "Don't drive when you're six," Hauck said. "You'll go in the ditch because you can't see over the steering wheel!"

ALMOST FULL! Senior Amy Jenner fills her Blazer with gas. Owning a vehicle is costly at times. Jenner and the rest of the car driving population saw prices on gas rise to as much as \$1.80 this year.



ALWAYS SOMETHING TO FIX! Senior Ryan Sanborn fixes the axle of a wheel on his pickup. Sanborn, who works part-time as a mechanic, said that he enjoys being able to fix his own vehicles when they need it.



GROSS, BUGS! Freshman Courtney Salzer scrapes the bugs off the grill of her pickup as she washes it.

PIRATE PRIDE

LHSers come home

Seniors Steph Daly and Chris Hauck were crowned queen and king at Pirate Day festivities Sept. 17. "It was an honor to be selected king; it was cool because I didn't know that I would get it," Hauck said.

Other members of the royal court were Jessica Becker, Melissa Bunke, Amy Jenner, Sarah Johnson, Tracy Hutson, Daniel Kappes, Ryan Sanborn and Chad Weiszhaar.

Homecoming activities began with a 53-38 win over the Langford Lions Thursday night. Following the game students participated in a snake dance and the Burning of the L.

Friday's festivities included coronation, skits, including freshman initiation, a parade and the homecoming football game against Eureka-

Bowdle, which the Pirates lost 20-19. Following the game was a dance in the high school gym.

For initiation the seniors dressed the freshman boys in women's dresses and the girls in men's clothing. They gave the freshmen a make-over and had them sing a song about wonderful seniors and lowly freshmen before finishing them off with a cream pie in the face.

"Initiation was fun," freshman Courtney Salzer said. No matter how stupid we looked, it didn't matter. It's not every day you get to dress up like the opposite sex and sing a song about the seniors in front of the whole school," she said.

LHSers also participated in a variety of dress-up days. They included Favorite Singer Day, Funky Day, Pajama Day, Dress-up Day and Blue and White Day.

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ROYAL SMILES! 1999 homecoming royalty include King Chris Hauck, Queen Steph Daly, Tracy Hutson,

Melissa Bunke, Chad Weiszhaar, Sarah Johnson, Ryan Sanborn, Jessica Becker, Daniel Kappes and Amy

Jenner. Hauck and Daly were chosen by high school students to rule over Pirate Day festivities.



WHAT'D YOU SAY, BOY? Pirates Blake Hoffman and Brian Gill point out to Patriots Lucas Hovey and Rick

Tschappat who will be triumphant in the homecoming game during the freshman homecoming skit.



Rating *the* Week

Did the week really meet students' expectations? Each day held promise, but not everyone seemed to get involved. Were LHSers disappointed or happy with the events of homecoming week?

Q Was the week as fun as you thought it would be?

Yes--35.4% No--64.6%

Q Was coronation as exciting as you thought it would be?

Yes--58.3% No--41.6%

Q Did the Homecoming candidates you voted for win?

Yes--56.3% No--43.7%



DSSERT, ANYONE? Seniors Jessica Becker and Sarah Johnson throw cream pies into the faces of freshmen Collin Kessler and Brian Gill during initiation. The seniors dressed the freshmen like the opposite sex, made them sing

a chant and finished initiation by throwing pies made of peanut butter, chocolate syrup and whipped cream at their faces. "Initiation was the best!" Johnson said. "Smearing a pie in Brian Gill's face was the ultimate payback."

SHIPS-AHOY! Juniors Kyle Hoffman, John Klebs and Erin Spitzer force a Eureka-Bowdle Patriot to walk the plank on their class's homecoming float.

HHEY, POUR FASTER! Sophomore Casey Hauck tells freshman waiter Collin Kessler to fill her glass, while her

date, junior Kyle Hoffman, issues another set of directions for the freshman waiter to fill.



DON'T FALL! Freshman waiters include: Front Row: Jared Schaefer, Rebecca Sieh and Courtney Salzer.

Middle Row: Tasha Geffre and Brian Gill Back Row: Collin Kessler and Heather Whetham.



ALL DECKED OUT 19 couples attend Prom

"I'm Your Angel" was the theme for the Junior-Senior Prom May 6.

The school gym was decorated with a large white moon and columns hung with rotating silver stars. White gossamer and icicle lights completed the decorations.

Nineteen couples participated in the Grand March, which was announced by junior class adviser Julie George.

Junior class president Sarah Schanzenbach welcomed the guests to the program which followed, and senior president Sarah Johnson accepted the welcome on behalf of her classmates.

The D & M Cafe prepared the dinner of ham and scalloped potatoes, cheese beans, fruit salad and cake.

After the meal Kyle

Hoffman read the prophecies, and Chad Weiszhaar read the senior wills.

The dance featured music by the Celebration DJ service. Door prizes were awarded throughout the evening with larger prizes given at the end of the dance. Weiszhaar won a portable television, while Stephany Pons took home a CD player. A cordless telephone went to Ryan Sanborn; Lana Lapka received a personal CD player, and Zach Leibel won a pair of binoculars.

"I thought that prom went really well," junior Jenny Guthmiller said. "The decorations were awesome. The glitter was a lot of fun, even though our class had some ups and downs on the decisions about prom."

WANT TO DANCE? Couples slow down to share one of their last dances.





REMEMBER TO SMILE! Junior Jill Thorpe marches down the runway during the Grand March escorted by date Eric Payne.



RAISE YOUR ARMS A LITTLE HIGHER! Senior Steph Daly goes through the tunnel during the Grand March. Nineteen couples participated in the Grand March.



Rating *the* Night

Did the prom really meet students' expectations? Each part held promise, but not everyone seemed all that excited. What would LHSers change to make the prom a better time?

Q Should the Grand March start earlier?

Yes--4% No--96%

Q Did you like the music that was played at Prom?

Yes--41% No--59%

Q Should ninth and tenth graders be able to attend Prom?

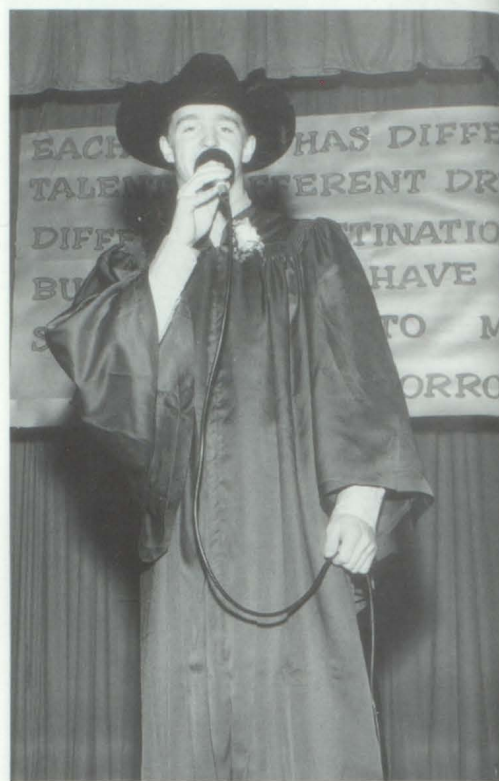
Yes--50% No--50%

I'LL HELP YOU! Steph Daly and Amy Jenner help each other pin on their flowers.

MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL! Seniors graduating with honors are salutatorian Chris Hauck, Steph Daly with honors and valedictorian Jessica Becker.



SING AWAY! Senior Chad Weiszhaar sings one of two songs during graduation.



PARTING WAYS Seniors say goodbye

Commencement exercises for the nine members of the Class of 2000 were held Sunday, May 21, at 2 p.m. in the high school gym.

Music was provided by Chad Weiszhaar and Melissa Jacobson. Weiszhaar sang two songs: "The Dance" by Garth Brooks, and "Life Gets Away" by Clint Black. Jacobson played the processional and recessional, as well as "Haunting Melody," while the seniors gave flowers to their parents.

The seniors also presented a slideshow of senior and baby pictures, along with other pictures from their last 13 years. Diplomas were presented by Lloyd Schaunaman, president of the Board of Education.

"The whole day seemed a little unbelievable," Jessica Becker said. "We've been in

school for so long that we began to think that the day would never come when we'd be done, but on that day it came to me that this was probably the last time my whole class would all be together," Becker said.

Becker was class valedictorian, and Chris Hauck was salutatorian. Steph Daly also graduated with honors.

The class motto was "Each of us has different talents, different dreams, different destinations. But we all have the same power to make a new tomorrow."

The seniors chose a baby blue rose dipped in navy blue as their flower, baby blue and navy blue as their colors.

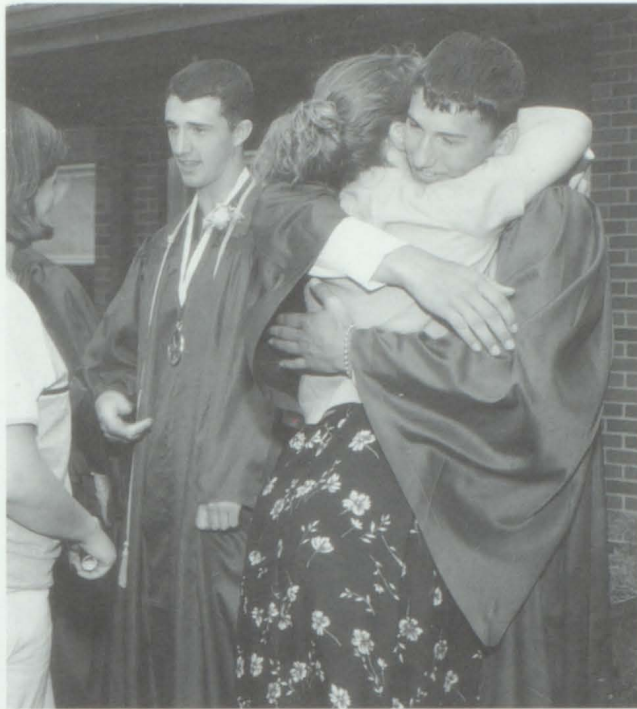
Also recognized were nine members of the eighth grade class.

I LOVE YOU, MOM! Amy Jenner gives her mom a flower and a hug as her dad looks on during commencement exercises.





LOOK OUT WORLD, **H**ERE WE COME! Chris Hauck and Sarah Johnson take their final walk with diplomas in hand.



I'LL Miss You! Tracy Hutson receives a hug from junior Jill Thorpe as she goes through the reception line.



Rating the Day

Did the graduation ceremony really meet seniors' expectations? Each part held promise, but not everyone seemed all that excited. What would seniors change to make the day more memorable?

Q Should graduation take place before school ends?
Yes--77.8% No--22.2%

Q Did you like having a slide show better than having a speaker?
Yes--100% No--0%

Q Should there always be a solo singing performance versus having the chorus sing?
Yes--54.5% No--45.5%

LOOKIN' GOOD! First runner-up Sarah Johnson and Miss Congeniality Amy Jenner share a Christmas moment.

YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESSES! Heather Whetham represented Leola at the South Dakota State Junior Snow Queen contest, while Jessica Becker went as Leola's Senior Snow Queen.



Snow Queen Becker, Whetham crowned

Senior Jessica Becker and freshman Heather Whetham began their journey to the South Dakota Snow Queen Festival Nov. 6 when they were crowned local queens.

For Whetham, the Junior Snow Queen weekend began when she checked into the Ramkota Inn Jan. 14. Becker's journey started the following Thursday.

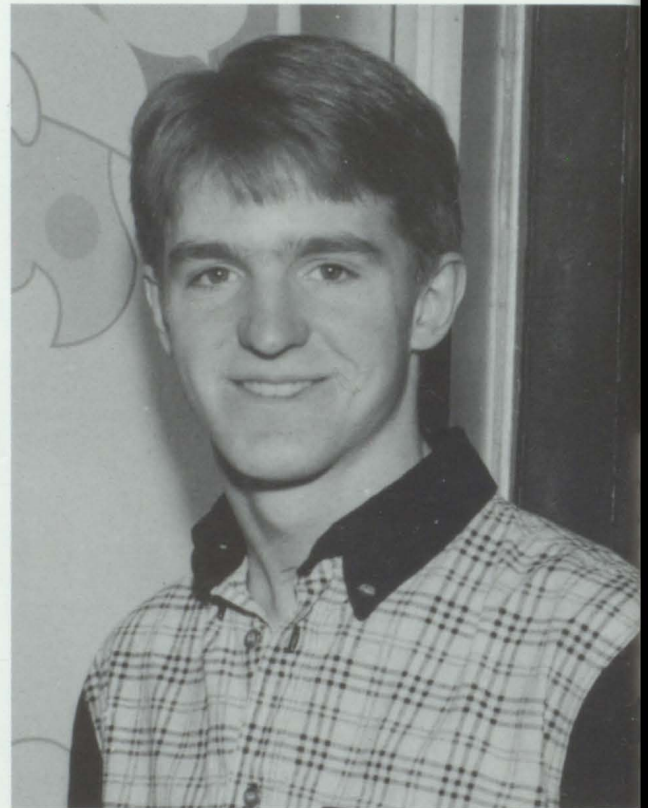
Both girls attended a welcome tea, went to a pizza and autograph party and underwent personal interviews with three judges during the festival. Becker also did a TV interview and attended a banquet and ball.

"The ball was a lot of fun," Becker said. "It was like prom but without all the work."

The most difficult interview question for Becker was "What was going through your mind on the drive to the festival?" For Whetham it was what she planned on doing in five years.

Becker's favorite part of the weekend was the time she spent talking with the other contestants. "I walked away from the experience with many new friends," she said.

Whetham's favorite part was the pizza and autograph party Friday night. "I was able to get everyone's autograph," she said.



SURE FEELS REAL Good! Chad Weiszhaar won the senior division of the local talent competition and went on to the State Festival, where he captured second place.

One for the Books

Academics



CARPENTER ANDREW! Sophomore Andrew Guthmiller works on a project for his industrial technologies class. Shop is just one example of how information is acquired through hands-on activities.



I'M SOAKING IT ALL IN! Sophomore Jon Rath uses the passive approach to absorbing knowledge. Like Rath, students sometimes found the challenges of learning overwhelming, but they continued to use their heads to soak up new ideas.



GROUP PARTICIPATION! Juniors Tara Larson, Erin Spitzer and Gyle Hoffman work together to complete an English worksheet. New textbooks gave students different perspectives on literature.

The world is full of information. And there will always be new ideas and concepts waiting. But even though some days we think we know it all, we know we'll never really finish learning. Elementary and high school just expose us to a small amount of knowledge. And what we learn comes not just from the books we read, but also from our teachers and our friends. This knowledge will guide us as we move confidently into the new millennium.

What class is the hardest for you to study for? What makes it so difficult?

"Spanish is the hardest class for me to study for because there is so much that we cover in one unit."

--Jill Thorpe

"Chemistry. Sometimes I don't understand something because we didn't spend a lot of time going over it in class."

--Erin Rath

"English, because you have nothing to study specifically. The only thing you can do is read."

--Jared Schaefer

"Spanish and science are both hard. Spanish was very difficult for me to learn, but with science I just don't get anything out of it."

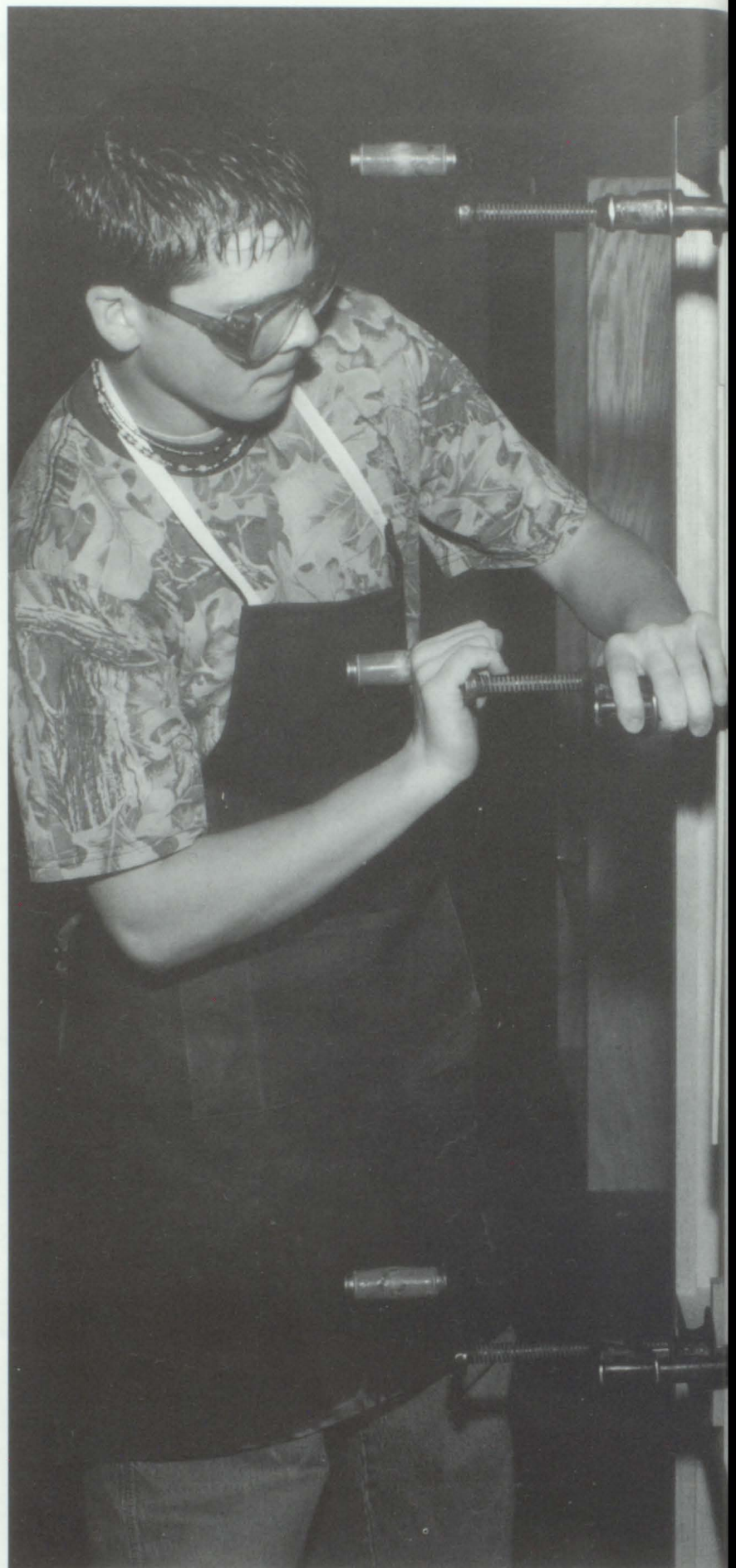
--Tasha Geffre

"Math is the hardest class to study for a test in. You can't study math, because you either know it or you don't."

--Kacie Miller



SLOWLY WORKING! Freshmen Lucas Hovey and Rebecca Sieh work on their computer assignments during first hour.



First hour classes appeal most to those who enjoy having their...

Head in the Clouds

What do LHSers like and dislike about their first hour class? Many students agree that being able to daydream through class is their favorite part. "I get to sit by the window in English, and sometimes I can get away with not paying attention," senior Amy Jenner said.

Junior Pia Hutri's first hour class is one of her favorites. "I have art, and I love to draw," she said. "It's good that I've got that class right away in the morning because I'm usually in a bad mood in the mornings. With art I don't have to listen to the teachers that much, and I have time to wake up for the next class."

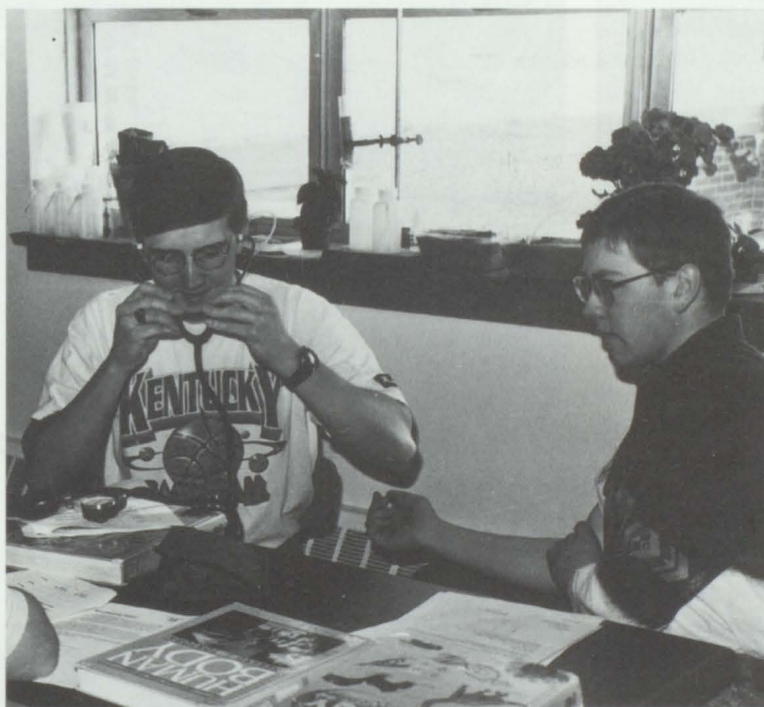
Unlike Hutri, many students start off their day with a class that requires them to be alert. "I am not always awake first hour, and with English you have to pay attention and learn, which I am not always ready to do that early," senior Steph Daly said.

"The thing I dislike most about my first hour class is not the class itself, but the idea that I still have six more hours left before the end of the day," senior Jessica Becker said.

Freshmen all agree that their first hour class is their favorite. "What I like most about Mr. (Harry) Marshall's first hour class is that there is never any homework, and he doesn't assign much during class, so we have a lot of free days," freshman Tasha Geffre said.

Sophomore TJ Pudwill enjoys listening to Mr. (Dan) Vander Wal tell stories about his weekends with his girlfriend. What he doesn't like is not knowing much about computers. "I am always behind everyone else," Pudwill said. Classmate Michael Yost also likes listening to Vander Wal's stories and adds that he also likes having him play his guitar and sing for them first hour.

IT NEEDS TO BE TIGHTER! Sophomore Tyler Toennies makes sure to tighten the clamp that holds his wood together during first hour shop class.



A STEADY HAND! Senior Dan Kappes works on an art project during his first hour class. "I enjoyed the class because drawing comes naturally for me," he said.

YUP, IT'S STILL BEATING! Juniors Michael Schwingler and Justin Kessler check their pulses during a Biology II lab experiment.

HAMMER AWAY! Sophomore Zach Leibel works on his shop project under the watchful eye of substitute Viola Smolnisky. From the start of the year through February, subs taught a total of 947 class periods.



What was the funniest thing that happened while you had a substitute in your class?

"Ryan shot water at me, and I fell into the urine examination kit and broke a bunch of the test tubes in it."

--Chad Weiszhaar

"I don't remember who we had, but in geography she asked John (Klebs) a question in a game, and he got it right. When she asked him what his name was, he said that he was Kyle, and everyone almost lost it."

--Ethan Erdmann

"(Teacher Brad) Beck walked in the last 10 minutes of class, and we were all screwing around. We hadn't gotten any work done. He was a bit mad."

--Blake Hoffman

"We told one of our teachers that Casey (Hauck) stole her car, and we told the other teacher that she had better watch out because Casey usually steals teachers' cars. They both believed us."

--Pia Hutri

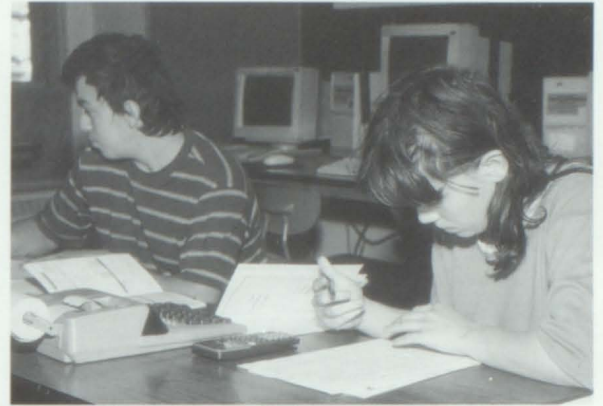


I HOPE I'M DOING THIS RIGHT! Junior Justin Kessler works on a welding project for his industrial technology class.



WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT? Seniors Chris Hauck and Jessica Becker listen closely to what the teacher is saying during their second hour senior math class. The class was taught this year over the NCAI system by the math teacher from Frederick.

ARE YOU GETTING THIS? Sophomores Ben and Diedra Mock work on an assignment during their business math class.



Substitute teachers provide high school students with an occasional...

Change of Pace

Most LHS students agree that substitute teachers are a good thing to have in school. They list a variety of reasons why they believe as they do.

"It's a nice change to have a different teacher to make the class a little bit different," junior Pia Hutri said.

"They are usually really nice, and they let us have pop," sophomore Lana Lapka said. Classmate Amber Schock added that students can get away with more when there is a substitute.

"You can work the whole hour when you have a sub," sophomore Derek Kindelspire said.

"Judy Weiszhaar is my favorite because she doesn't care if you mess around all of the time, and we also talk about our many memories of preschool," freshman Heather Whetham said. Classmate Courtney Salzer agrees with Whetham that reminiscing with Weiszhaar is

an enjoyable way to spend a class period.

Some students dislike having a substitute, however. "If you have a question, you have to wait until the next day to get it answered," junior Jenny Guthmiller said.

Sophomore Michael Yost doesn't like subs because teachers usually give more assignments when they are gone.

What would make a person want to become a substitute teacher? "I like to sub," Judy Weiszhaar said. "It is always a thrill to walk through the halls as I get to school and hear the question, 'Who are you today?'"

Like Weiszhaar, longtime sub Marian Schumacher also enjoys her experience in the classroom. "I enjoy subbing or I wouldn't do it," she said. "I especially like to sub when I have several days in a row, so I can see what I have accomplished."

LET ME SEE! Sophomores Tyler Toennies, Zach Leibel and Derek Kindelspire study the shapes and structures of bacteria using the television.



What was your favorite or least favorite part of your third hour class this year?

"The best part of my Introduction to Business class was that we got to argue with Mr. (Harry) Marshall. The worst part was losing an argument with Mr. Marshall."

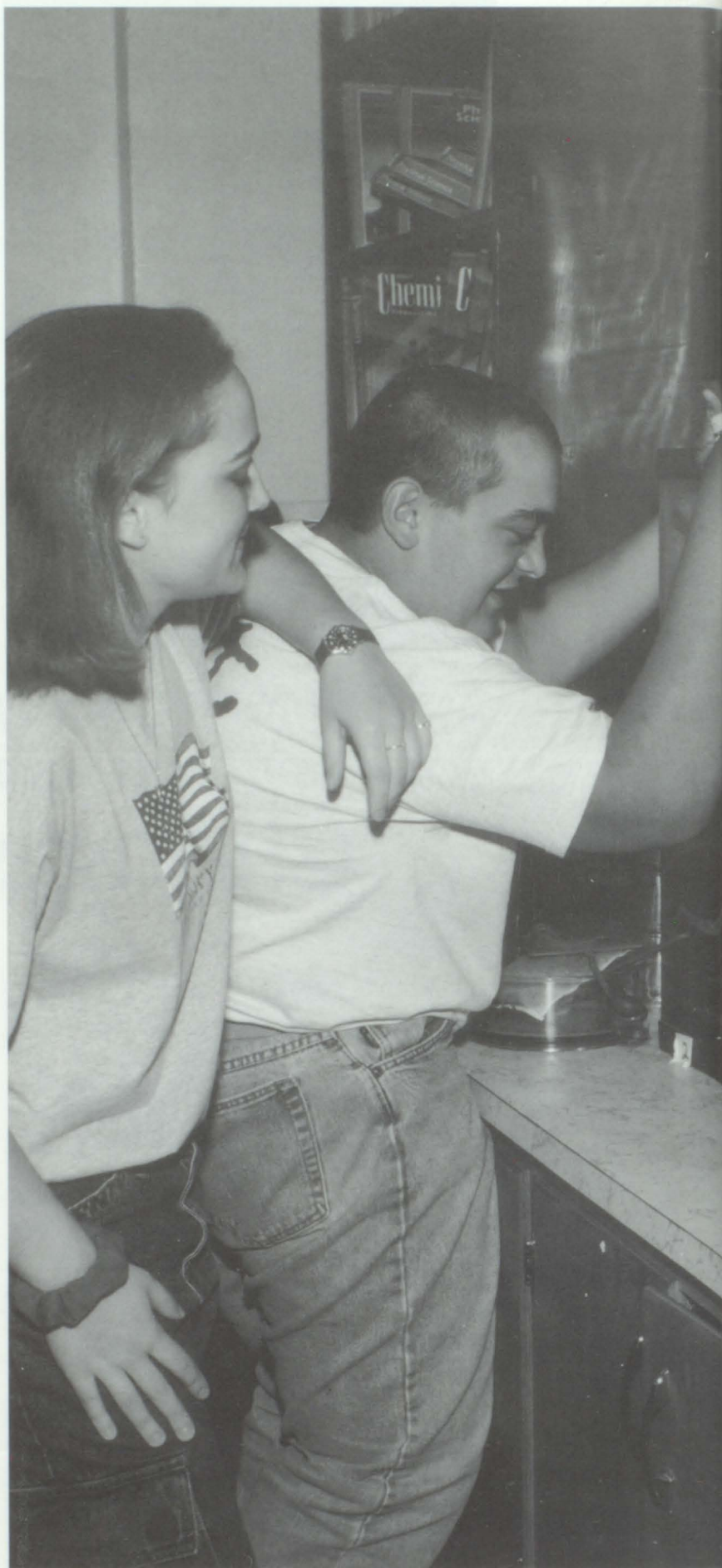
--Courtney Salzer

"Third hour I had Algebra II. My favorite part was trying to get Mr. (David) Hettick to give us the day off. We only got them once in a while, but when we did, we had to get Hettick off track by telling him gossip and stories of our day."

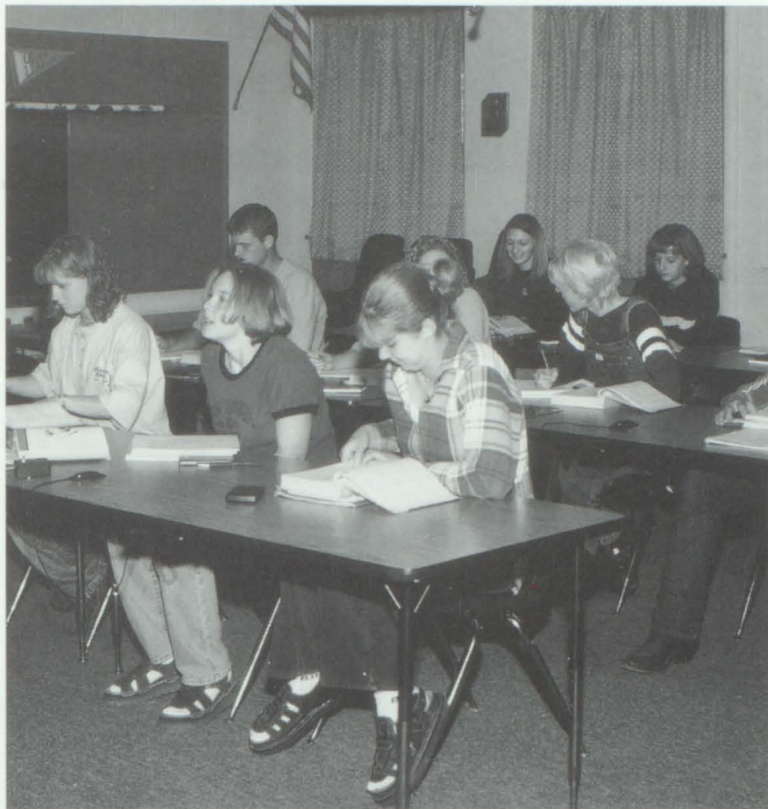
--Melissa Jacobson

"When we were doing experiments, the science lab would always smell. The smell was my least favorite part of biology."

--Andrew Guthmiller



FEEDING THE FISHES! Sophomores Lacy Mahlke and TJ Pudwill feed the fish in science teacher Brad Beck's room during their Biology I class.



GET TO THE POINT! The juniors try to listen and pay attention to math teacher David Hettick as he teaches during their Algebra II course. This year the class was taught over the NCAI system.

IT WOULD HELP IF I OPENED MY BOOK! Senior Tracy Hutson writes out an answer to a question on a quiz during his third hour government class.



Third hour classes provide students with reasons to travel the...

Information Superhighway

Computers have become a bare necessity in schools. Students use them for a variety of reasons, whether it be for classes or just for entertainment.

Most often students use a computer for their computer classes. But there are other classes where the use of a computer comes in handy. "I use the internet a lot to look up information for classes like geography, biology and English," junior Ethan Erdmann said.

"I use a computer to type out reports, essays, labs," junior Melissa Jacobson said.

The senior class found a use for computers when they were working on their English IV research papers. Many of them used the internet to research their topics. They also used them to type out the papers.

The juniors found computers and the internet

valuable when looking up information for their biology homework, while sophomores mainly used computers to make graphs for biology, for English and in computer classes.

The freshmen also used computers for assorted reasons, such as assignments in computer class, English class and keyboarding class.

Many students used computers strictly for entertainment. Junior Stephany Pons said that she used a computer to check her email and chat in chat rooms.

Even though computers offer a vast amount of knowledge and entertainment, some students avoid them when possible. "I don't use computers; I hate them," sophomore Eric Hatlewick said.

Junior Justin Kessler agrees with Hatlewick. "I only use a computer if I have to," he said.

When the school serves something for lunch that you don't like, what do you do?

"I eat peanut butter and bread, salads or anything else they have sitting out. Sometimes my friends and I order pizza."

--Jenny Guthmiller

"I eat the things I can stand and throw the rest away, and I eat a lot at home."

--Sarah Schanzenbach

"I usually eat it, or I eat some of it, and then I get candy from the Hall Mall during one of my study halls."

--Amy Jenner

"I usually just bring my own lunch."

--Lacy Mahlke

"I suffer and eat as much of it as I can."

--Andrew Guthmiller

"Sometimes if it is really bad I order from a cafe and have one of my classmates out on senior privileges pick it up for me."

--Jessica Becker



ALITTLE MUSTARD PLEASE. Junior Erin Spitzer reaches for the mustard for her sandwich while sophomore Casey Hauck looks on.



Students find alternatives to school lunch when the menu features...

Slim Pickings

Do you eat school food? "Yes. Some of it's okay, and my parents won't let me bring my lunch every day," junior Jenny Guthmiller said.

While some students pack their own lunches, others eat the food that the school offers every day because their parents won't allow them to bring a lunch. "I eat the school lunch because my mom won't let me bring my lunch," freshman Heather Whetham said.

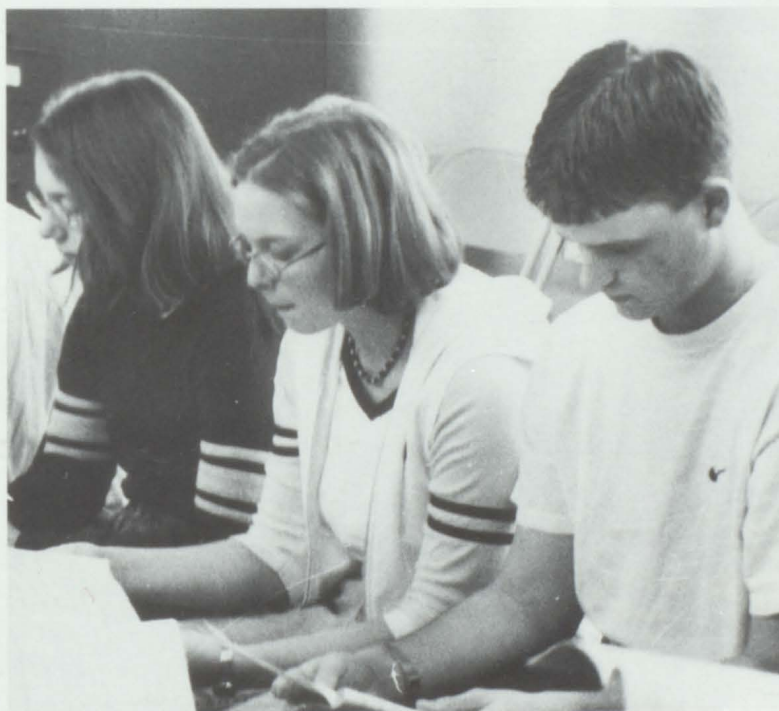
Still others don't have the ambition to pack their own lunches. "I'm too lazy to make my own lunch, and I don't like cold meals very much," junior Sarah Schanzenbach said.

"I don't want to wake up in the morning any earlier than I have to in order to make my own lunch," classmate Melissa Jacobson agreed.

Most students do eat the lunch because they are hungry. However, not every day is there something served that the students like. "There are a lot of meals that the lunchroom serves that I enjoy," senior Jessica Becker said. "Those meals, however, are very seldom served, so on the other days I either eat what I don't like or eat a peanut butter sandwich," she added.

Some students just try to cover up the food that they dislike. "I mix the food with ranch; it makes it taste better," freshman Brian Gill said.

Still some students order food from one of the cafes in town. "The reason I order out from the cafes is because I don't like what they're serving that day," senior Sarah Johnson said. "But it gets expensive to eat uptown every day, so I only order in if the meal is something I really can't stand," she added.



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YUMMY!
Senior Steph Daly stocks up on various toppings for her sub sandwich during her daily fourth hour lunch break.



BLOW HARD! Senior Amy Jenner practices a piece of music on her trombone for the music contest during fourth hour band.

WHEN DO WE COME IN? Chorus students Monica Jacobson, Erin Rath and John Klebs work on a new song during fourth hour chorus.

What is the best study strategy anyone has ever shared with you?

"Write it down because you remember stuff better after you write it."

--Brianna Schaefer

"A friend told me to read the chapter as many times as possible before a test. Another friend told me to read it once and guess on the test. The second works better for me."

--Courtney Salzer

"I was told to sit on my bed with quiet music playing and just study or read my assignments."

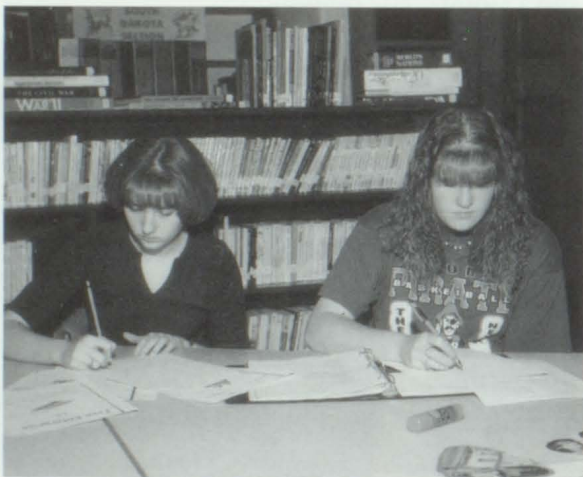
--Jenny Guthmiller

"You better study so you won't have to take this class over!"

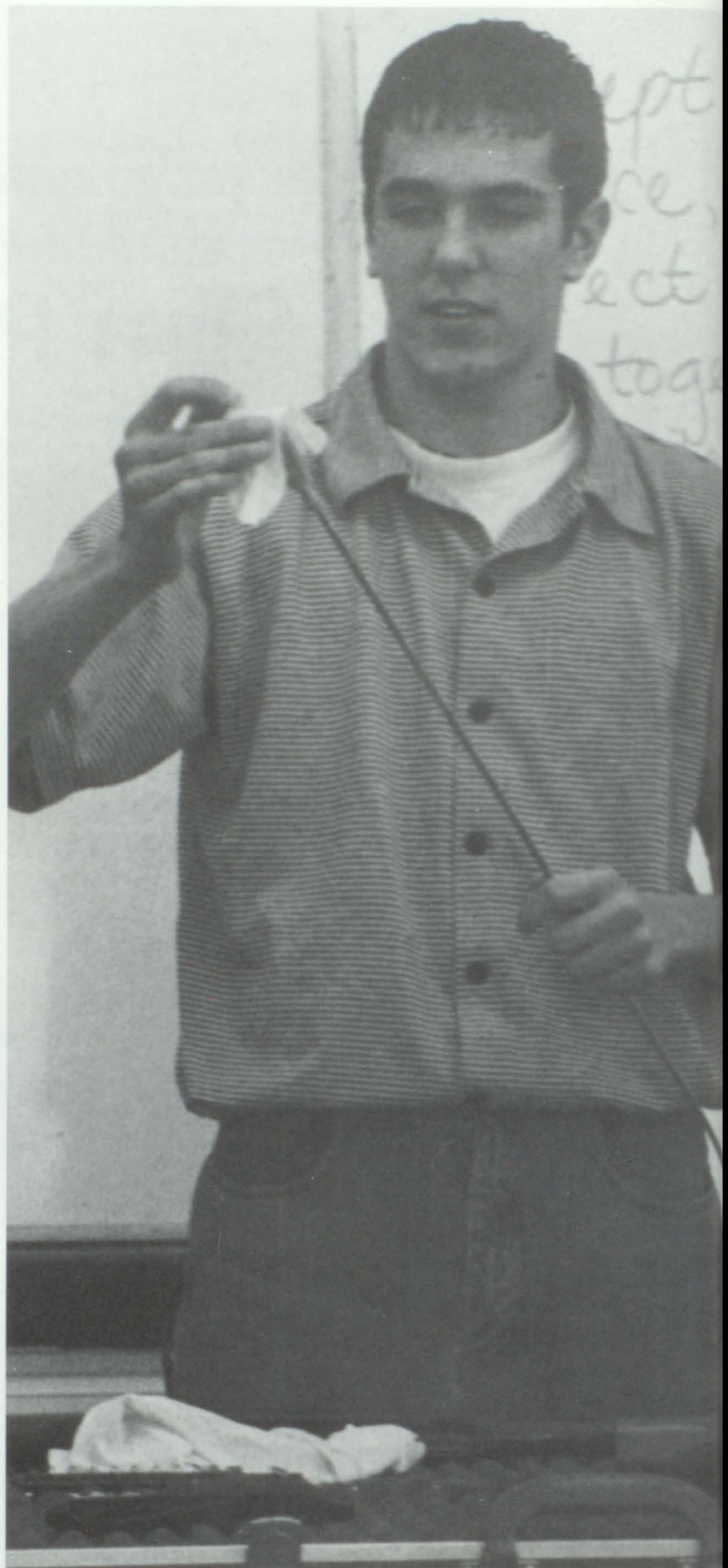
--Rick Tschappat

"Take notes in class; then write them down and recopy them when studying for your test."

--Amy Jenner



ARE WE DOING THIS RIGHT? Juniors Melissa Jacobson and Jenny Guthmiller work in the library on a project for their fifth hour geography class.



Spending time after school doing homework is all a part of the challenge of...

Making the Grade

On the average, LHS students spend one to two hours studying per night.

Students cite biology and English as their two most difficult classes. They are also the classes they study for most. "It's a tie for me between senior math and English," senior Jessica Becker said, "but math is usually the tougher of the two for me to understand since I am taking it over the NCAI system."

"English tests are way different than any other test. They deal more with opinions and feelings than with an absolute answer," sophomore Lana Lapka said.

The most popular place for students to do homework is in the bedroom, usually before bed or right after school. Sophomore Jared

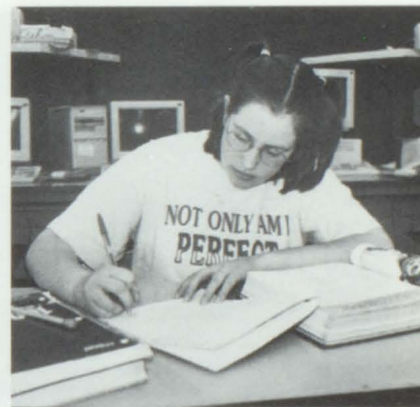
Schaefer said he either does his homework early in the morning before school at the kitchen table or sometime after school at his desk.

Loud or quiet, it doesn't matter to students, but they agree that having some type of music playing in the background helps them concentrate better while doing their homework. "I concentrate a lot better with light music on. Since I have started doing that, my test grades have gone up in biology," sophomore Michael Yost said.

Most students would rather be alone while doing their homework, but there are a few who enjoy studying with a friend. "When you study with a friend, you can quiz each other, which helps me a lot," junior Sarah Schanzenbach said.



NEXT YOU... Sophomore Andrew Guthmiller shows how to clean his rifle during a demonstration speech for his fifth hour speech class.



ONE LESS THING TO TAKE HOME! Sophomore Brianna Schaefer finishes her English II homework during her spare time in school rather than take it home and do it there.

ALMOST READY TO GO! Senior Tracy Hutson checks out a computer during his fifth hour Internet class to make sure it is Y2K compliant.

What made you decide to sign up for your sixth hour elective this year?

"My mom has always liked taking pictures, so I wanted to take photography to see what is so good about it. I also wanted to have all of my fine art credits done. I mostly thought it would be a fun class in which I would learn something new."

--Heather Whetham

"I've always liked to have a little break from learning, and I was told when I came here to take P.E."

--Jared Schaefer

"The reason I took shop was because I wanted to learn how to draw and to build a house. I also wanted to make my last wood project in shop."

--Ryan Sanborn

"At first I took accounting because I thought it would be easy. It ended up dealing with a lot of numbers, and you always had to have everything right. I like to try and figure it out, and then try and have Mr. (Harry) Marshall tell me if it's right or wrong. That's not always easy."

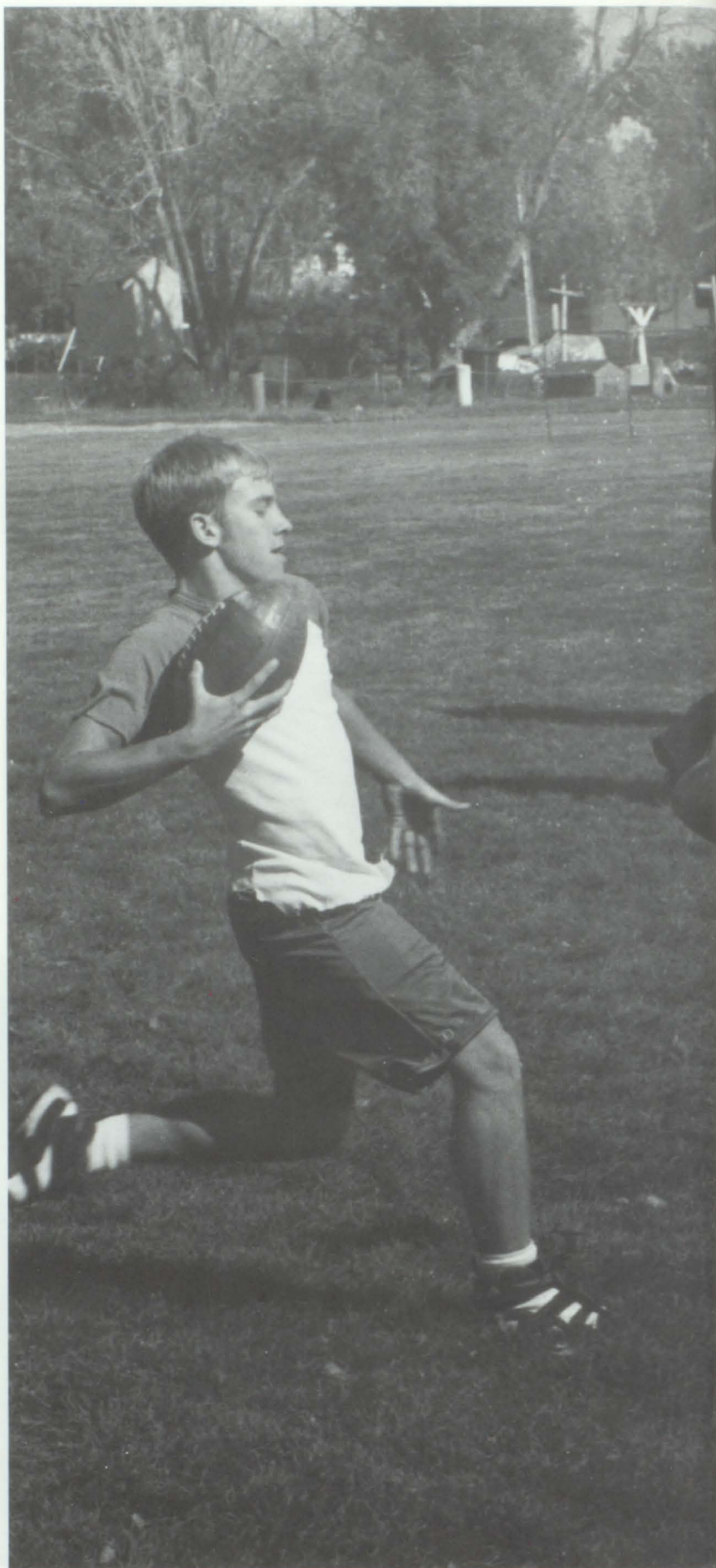
--Ethan Erdmann

"I took Spanish because I need two years of a foreign language to go to an out-of-state college, but I hate it so much that I'm only finishing one year."

--Jill Thorpe



THIS IS HOW YOU DO IT! Business teacher Harry Marshall shows junior Misty Wolf how to do an accounting assignment. Eight students in tenth through twelve grades took accounting this year.



Taking electives helps high school students prepare for the future and... Broaden Horizons

LHsers take electives for different reasons. Some take an elective because they need it for what they want to be in life. Others simply sign up for a class to take up time, or because they enjoy the class or teacher.

Electives students could choose from included band, chorus, photography, art, journalism, computers, introduction to business/keyboarding, accounting, industrial technology, physical education and Spanish.

Many students took band or chorus to fill their fine arts credit. This year art and photography were also offered to fill that option. Eleven students decided to try photography. Six LHsers took it the first semester, and five the second semester. Daniel Kappes and Pia Hutri chose art over the NCAI system.

Jessica Becker, Sarah Johnson, Kacie Miller and Courtney Salzer made up the journalism staff this year. "I decided to take journalism because

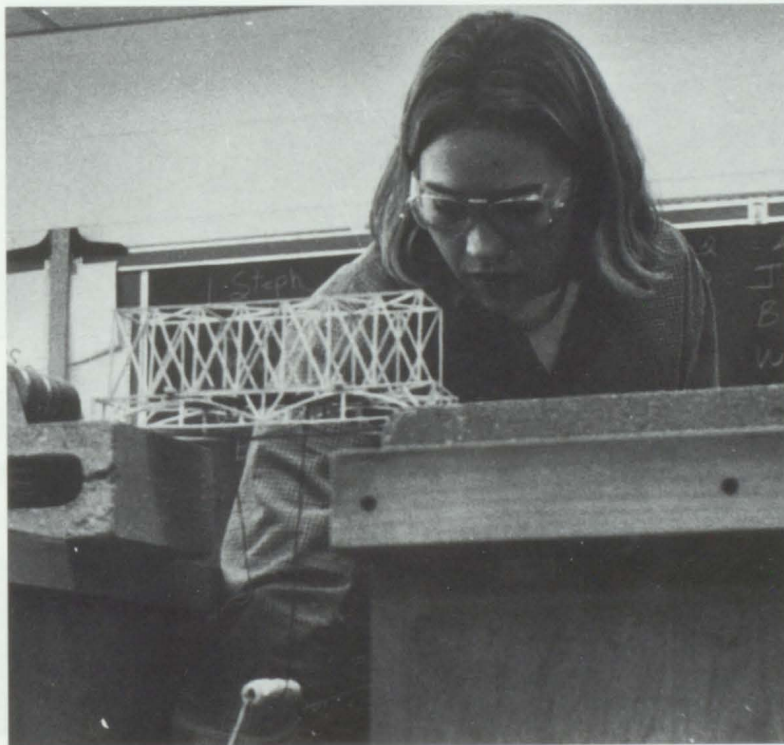
it sounded like it would be a lot of fun," first year staffer Courtney Salzer said. "It's a great class to take, regardless of all the work you have to do," she added.

Computer classes are also popular electives. "More jobs are becoming dependent on computers, and if we don't have basic knowledge of computers, it will be hard for us to find a job," senior Jessica Becker said.

Four of the five freshmen who took Introduction to Business said they signed up to get an easy credit, but Heather Whetham plans to major in business. "I want to take all the business/computer classes that I can to help prepare me for college," she said.

Ten freshmen and sophomores took physical education. "I wanted to get out of Mr. Beck's study hall, so I just asked Mr. Hettick if I could take PE again this year and he agreed," sophomore Tyler Toennies said.

I Got It! Freshman Brian Gill kicks one football while holding on to another during a game of kickball in his sixth hour physical education class.



ESPANIOL? Sixth hour Spanish students look up at the television monitor to see what the teacher has to say next. The students took the class over the NCAI system.

PLEASE DON'T BREAK! Senior Steph Daly puts weights in a bucket to test her bridge. The senior shop students build bridges every year and test them to see whose is the most efficient.

Have you ever lied to a teacher? Why did you lie, and what happened as the result?

"The lie I remember most was in eighth grade when I tried to 'help' Ryan Sanborn on a spelling test by sitting behind him and whispering to him the answer. I did it because he needed a good grade. Instead, we both got zeros on that test."

--Chris Hauck

"When my teacher asked me why I had the same things wrong as the person next to me, I told him that the person next to me must have printed out two copies by accident, and I picked one of his up by mistake. He believed me."

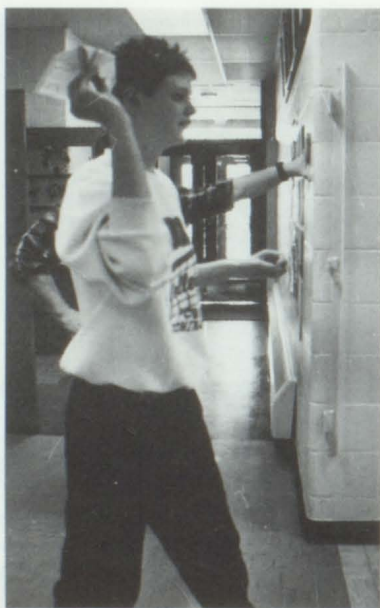
--Jenny Guthmiller

"Who hasn't told their teacher a lie? In fourth grade we got to correct our own papers. I think that is enough said, but I guess we did it because we could."

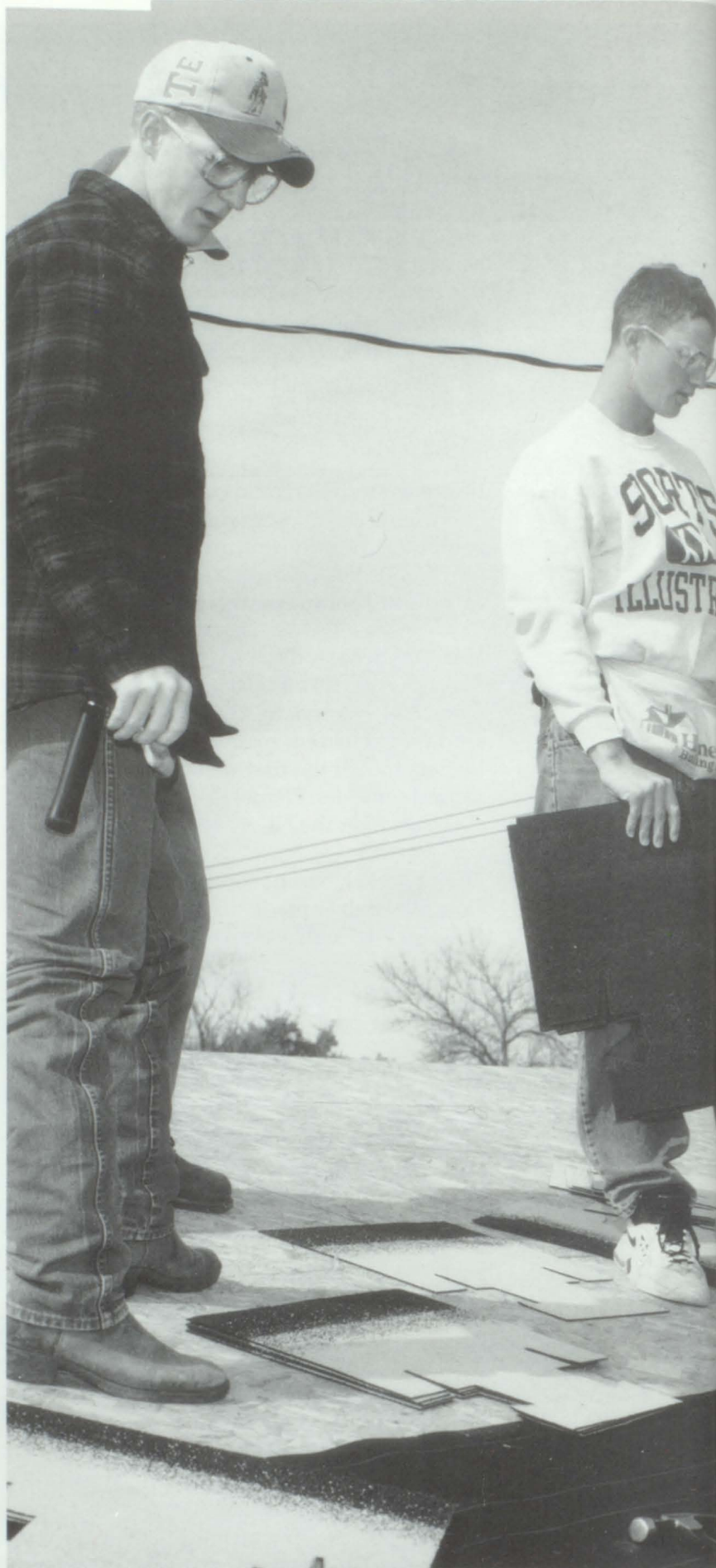
--Lana Lapka

"I prefer not to tell because they still don't know about it, and I'd like to keep it that way."

--Kacie Miller



WATCH OUT, EVERYONE! Freshman Courtney Salzer flies her paper airplane down the hall during a physical science lab.



Hands-on activities and lectures give students a variety of... Learning Experiences

Leola High School offers many different courses, from science to Spanish. Some of these classes, such as shop, allow students to learn primarily through hands-on activities; others, like English and history, use more lectures and discussions.

Most LHSers prefer hands-on activities. "I prefer hands-on activities because you learn more by doing things yourself than by someone else showing you," freshman Courtney Salzer said. "With most lectures, the teacher starts to say things you don't understand. Then you end up really confused. Lectures also get boring if your teacher speaks in a monotone, and his voice could make anything sleep," she added.

Classmate Heather Whetham agrees with Salzer and adds that teachers shouldn't lecture straight out of the textbook that the students have already read.

"I prefer hands-on because you remember more by doing and being told, and I think teachers

should relate things to the student's actual life," junior Misty Wolf said.

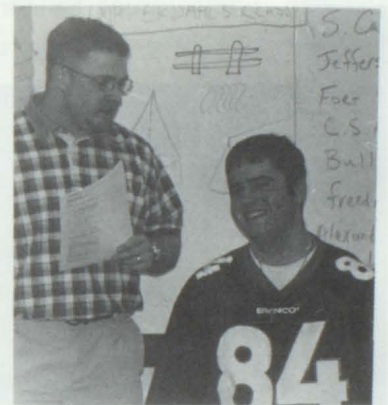
Junior Jill Thorpe also prefers to learn by doing. "It's hard for me to pay attention if I'm not doing something," she said.

"Hands-on activities are sometimes fun, but in my experience they usually end up as more work," senior Jessica Becker said. "With lectures, on the other hand, you just listen and then hopefully the teacher doesn't quiz you or give you homework."

"I think it depends on the class," sophomore Brianna Schaefer explained. "Some classes are easier to learn through lectures, and others through hands-on activities."

"I like when the teachers are talking *with* the students, and you get the notes for that because it's so boring when a teacher is just talking and talking. You just have to sit and be quiet," junior Pia Hutri said.

WHAT'S NEXT? Seniors Chad Weiszhaar and Chris Hauck pause from shingling their garage roof to wait for further instructions during their seventh hour shop class. Building a garage was just one of the hands-on projects the senior industrial technologies class worked on during the year.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO USE A LIFE LINE? History teacher Trent Osborne asks sophomore Eric Payne a World War I question while playing a classroom version of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?"

A GROUP EFFORT! Juniors Sarah Schanzenbach, John Klebs, Misty Wolf and Jenny Guthmiller work together in class on an English III assignment.

Peer helpers enjoy...

Lending a hand

Why do LHS students enjoy being peer helpers? "I really enjoy standing as an example for other students. I also like being available to help them with whatever they may need or just to listen," sophomore Lana Lapka said.

Junior Misty Wolf agrees with Lapka. She likes listening to what little children say.

"I wish we could do more," senior Jessica Becker said. "It seems like Mr. (Jeff) Gunn is never around, so we can't do as much stuff as we have in the past," she said.

The peer helpers also enjoy reading and playing games with the elementary students. Some have favorite books or games, while others enjoy reading or playing whatever makes the children smile.

Sophomore Kacie Miller says she likes it when the children read to her. Wolf likes playing PacMan, while Junior Kyle Hoffman enjoys reading "Curious George."



LOOK AT ME! Sophomores Casey Hauck and Lacy Mahlke participate in a fun exercise during the state peer helpers' conference. Ten peer helpers and two advisers attended the conference.

HERE YOU GO, KYLE! Peer helpers Zach Leibel and Kyle Hoffman bag information about Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Month to hand out after a basketball game in February.

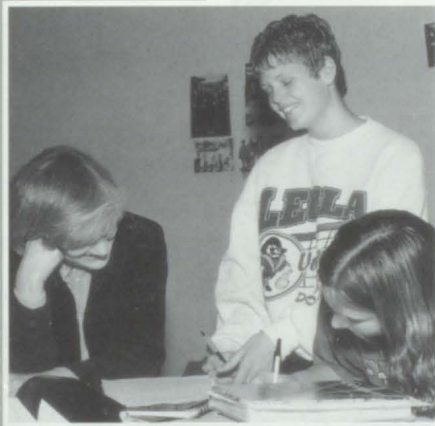


NEEED HELP? COME TO US! Members of the peer helper group include: Front Row: Jessica Becker, Kacie Miller, John Klebs, Kyle Hoffman and Ethan Erdmann. Middle Row: Casey Hauck, Lana Lapka, Me-

lissa Jacobson, Melanie Hoffman, Jenny Guthmiller, Misty Wolf, Zach Leibel and Lacy Mahlke. Back Row: Adviser Jeff Gunn, Jill Thorpe, Erin Rath, Amber Schock and adviser Alisa Comstock.

All for One, One for All Organizations

TOOTING AWAY! Senior trumpeters Chad Weiszhaar and Jessica Becker play the school song with the pep band at a football game. Band is just one of several organizations that LHS has to offer.



TELL ME AGAIN HOW I DO THIS! Freshmen Courtney Salzer and Liz Canine learn the proper technique of writing captions from journalism adviser Julie George. Journalism was a class students could take for credit, but those students who took the class found out that journalism is also an after-school and summer activity.



TOOTIE ROLL, ANYONE! Members of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter show how, by working together, they have developed a close relationship.

The high school experience is not just going to classes during the day and attending sporting events in the evening. We depend on our extracurricular activities to deepen our high school experience. Being a part of an organization allows us to learn lessons that can't be taught from a book, but must be experienced. Whether it be student government, band, chorus, journalism or FBLA, we learn to work together as a group to achieve a common goal, and despite our differences, all of us cheered each other on, guided by our motto "All For One, One For All." In return we receive the satisfaction of a job well done and a growing friendship with everyone in the group.

Running the show

Students like being part of government

Is being part of the student government fun? Most class officers or student council representatives say that it is.

Juniors believe that being a class officer helps them to be able to talk to people better. "It helps me with my leadership and people skills," junior Erin Rath said.

Classmate Sarah Schanzenbach agrees. "It helps me become more responsible and gives me a chance to learn how to deal with people. It helps me get rid of any nervousness I may have talking with people I don't know."

Other students like be-

ing a class officer because they feel they are more involved with class projects. "I get to be in on all of the happenings that the class is going through, and I help to make the final decisions," junior Melissa Jacobson.

Some, however, feel they do more as an officer than the rest of the class. "Most of the responsibility of getting a project done falls on an officer's shoulders. However, by being an officer, I know what is going on, and I can make sure the project gets done," senior Jessica Becker said.

Freshman Heather Whetham agrees with

Becker. "There's nothing really special about being an officer, except we seem to have to do more than some of our classmates," she said.

Most of the members of the student council agree that being able to help the school is rewarding. "It gives me the chance to help the school and give it new ideas," student council president senior Steph Daly said.

Junior Melanie Hoffman agrees. "It's fun being able to help put on things for school," she said.

Superintendent Robert Braun served as student council adviser this year.



WE'RE IN CHARGE! Student Council members are: Kneeling: Heather Whetham, Ashley Sieh, Vice President Amy Jenner, Blake Hoffman and David Tschappat. Standing: President Steph Daly, Secretary Melissa Jacobson, Melanie Hoffman, Casey Hauck, Misty Wolf, Treasurer Ryan Sanborn and Lana Lapka.

Why run?



"I decided to run for class president because there are a lot of responsibilities in being the Junior Class president, and I wanted to make sure they were taken care of."

--Sarah Schanzenbach, junior president



"I didn't really decide to run for it; I was more or less elected."

--Lacy Mahkle sophomore president



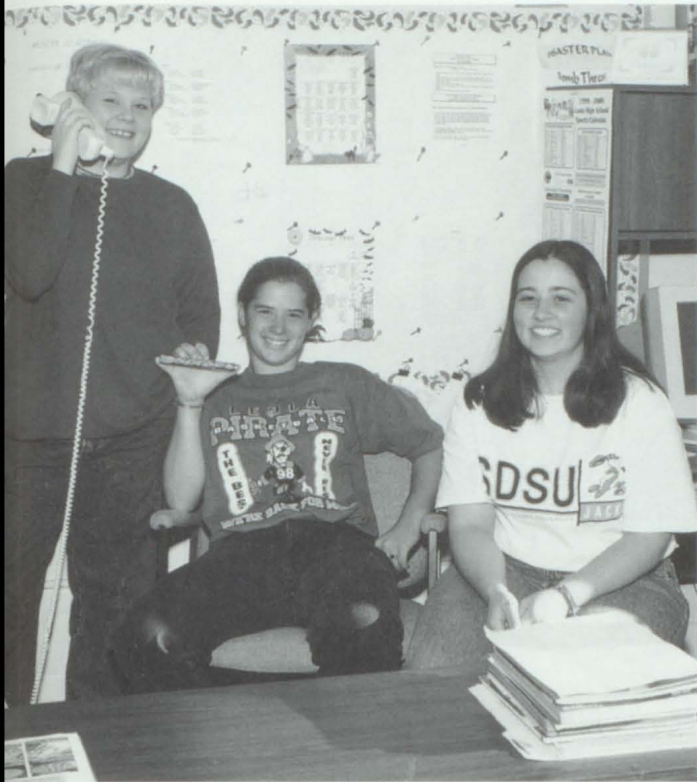
"I don't know. I wanted to feel large and in charge."

--Sarah Johnson senior president



GET YOUR BINGO CARDS READY! Vice president Lana Lapka gets the numbers, president Lacy Mahkle keeps them and secretary/treasurer Derek Kindel-spire calls the numbers off.

NO, NO, SARAH, YOU HAVE IT ALL WRONG! President Sarah Johnson answers the phone while vice president Amy Jenner and secretary/treasurer Jessica Becker sit and smile.



WHO WANTED THE ROPE? President Sarah Schanzenbach, secretary/treasurer Erin Rath and vice president Melissa Jacobson show the juniors' candy selection. "The consession stand is successful because it gives the us a chance to work together as a team. It also gives us a chance to work on our math skills," Rath and Jacobson said.



HOOP SHOOT CONTEST! Buy some hoop shoot tickets from secretary/treasurer Liz Canine, president Natasha Geffre and vice president Heather Whetham and win up to \$20. "We picked the hoop shoot because we thought it would make us a lot of money," Whetham said.

PRETTY FIRE! President Steph Daly lights the L as vice president Amy Jenner stands close by. The student council sponsored the annual burning of the L and the snake dance after the girls' basketball game.



LOOKIN' GOOD! Members of the Gold Seal Award winning FBLA chapter include: Front Row: adviser Harry Marshall, Tara Larson, Jenny Guthmiller, Jill Thorpe, Erin Rath, Melissa Jacobson, Sarah Johnson and Sarah Schanzenbach. Second Row: Melanie Hoffman, Liz Canine, Tasha Geffre and Courtney Salzer. Third Row: Chad Weiszhaar, Daniel Kappes, Pia Hutri, Stephany Pons, Ethan Erdmann, Misty Wolf, Michael Schwingler, Jessica Becker, Rebecca Sieh, Eric Payne, Tracy Hutson, Ryan Sanborn, Chris Hauck, Collin Kessler, Brian Gill, Blake Hoffman, Kacie Miller, John Klebs, Heather Whetham, Nick Gill and Lucas Hovey. Not pictured is Casey Hauck.



Bringing home *Leola chapter* a single gold *earns Gold* *Seal Award*

The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Spring Leadership Conference (SLC) was held April 16-19 in Rapid City.

The Leola chapter brought home seven awards, although no one placed high enough to advance to nationals.

Leola placed first in having the highest percentage of the high school in FBLA with 61 percent. "When Leola was called up there, I just thought we would get fifth place, but then we got first. It was unbelievable!"

reporter Sarah Johnson said.

First year member Heather Whetham placed fifth in business math, while secretary Melissa Jacobson placed fourth in her annual business report, and treasurer Jenny Guthmiller placed fifth in her American Enterprise project.

The parliamentary procedure team also received a fifth place award. "I was surprised we placed," president of the team Kacie Miller said. "We skipped a lot of parts, and we barely made the time limit," she added.

Also on the team were Melanie Hoffman, Tara Larson, Ryan Sanborn and Michael Schwingler.

Third year member and local historian Sarah Schanzenbach received the outstanding local member award.

Jessica Becker, Chris Hauck, Tracy Hutson, Sarah Johnson, Ryan Sanborn and Chad Weiszhaar received senior proficiency awards. These awards were given for their involvement at the national, state and local levels of FBLA.

Being Official!



"I liked the challenge, but not having much experience this year made it very difficult to get things done."

—Sarah Johnson,
reporter



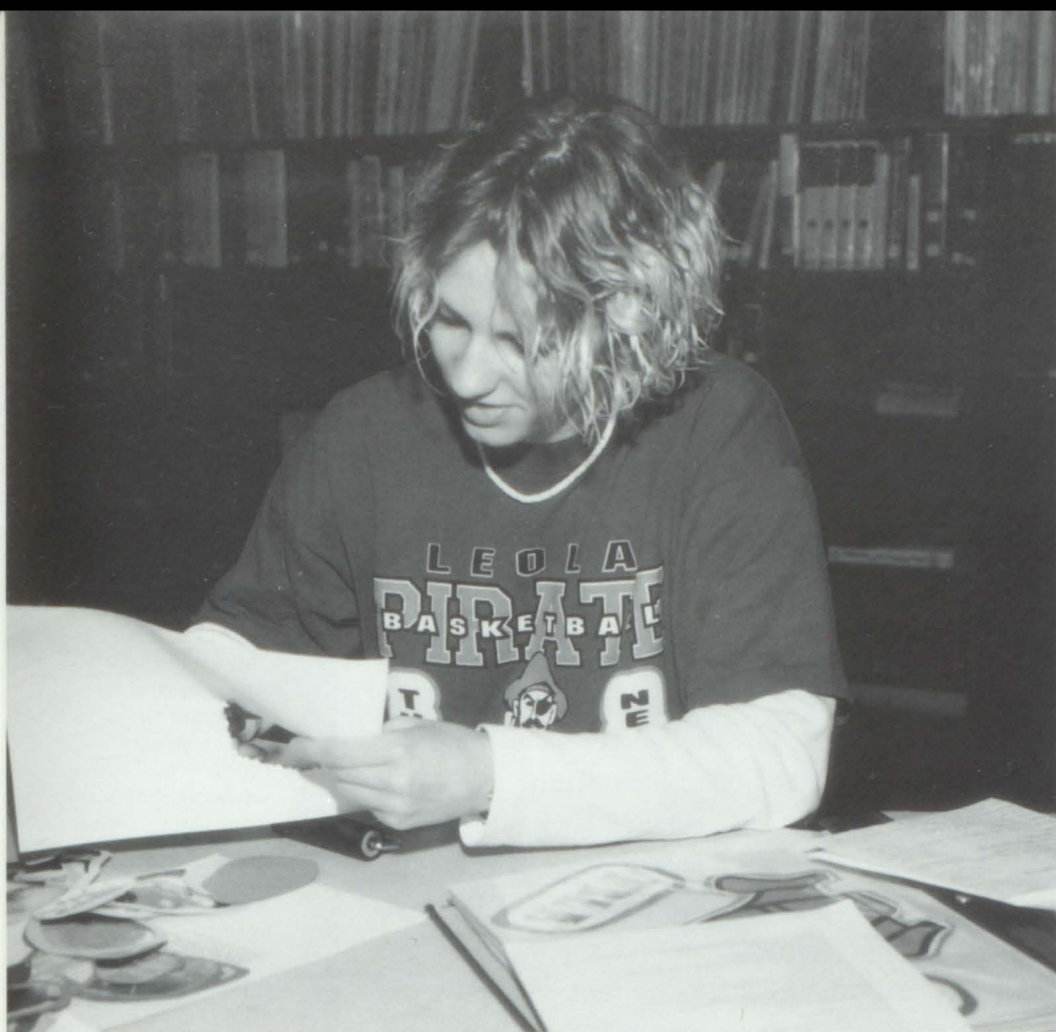
"I loved getting to know every one of the officers. As an officer I also liked the responsibility and the rush to get everything done on time."

—Jenny Guthmiller,
treasurer



"I got to go on lots of trips, so we got to eat at the Panda Bear often. Chinese food rocks!"

—Jill Thorpe,
vice president



GOT TO WORK! Junior Sarah Schanzenbach works on finishing the Leola chapter scrapbook. Schanzenbach won first place last year; however, she did not place in state competition this year.



WE CAN DO IT! The parliamentary procedure team included (sitting) member Tara Larson and treasurer Ryan Sanborn. (standing) secretary Michael Schwingler, president Kacie Miller and vice president Melanie Hoffman. The team placed fifth in state competition.

GO OFFICERS! FBLA officers include: (clockwise from lower left) reporter Sarah Johnson, parliamentarian Tara Larson, historian Sarah Schanzenbach, treasurer Jenny Guthmiller, secretary Melissa Jacobson, vice president Jill Thorpe and president Erin Rath.

A decade of excellence

'LHS Live' receives Hall of Fame award

An All-State award, a Hall of Fame plaque and a water bottle were highlights of the day for four journalism staffers who attended Press Day in Brookings Oct. 11.

The day's diary indicates that the day was a long one for the LHSers. It started at 5 a.m. when journalism students Liz Canine, Courtney Salzer, Jessica Becker and Kacie Miller piled into adviser Julie George's car.

Upon arrival in Brookings, they headed to the Student Union to regis-

ter and sign up for door prizes. They had an extra entry slip, so Becker put her name in twice, because, as she said, "Leola never wins the prizes anyway."

After registration, they split up to attend workshops on "hot" new trends and other ways to improve school publications.

After lunch they attended the awards presentation. "LHS Live" earned an All-State Award for the tenth consecutive year. As a result, George also received a Hall of Fame plaque.

After awards had been handed out, winners of the door prizes were announced. The presenter held up an SDSU water bottle. Becker had just said, "I don't want that cheesy thing!" when the emcee called her name. After the presentation the girls climbed back into the car for the long ride home.

They arrived in Leola around 6 p.m., tired and giddy, but with plenty of time to do the homework they had missed that day in school.

Reasons to be in journalism



"My favorite part of journalism is definitely not the writing of stories and captions, nor is it the reporting. I like doing desktop publishing and taking pictures, but my favorite part is seeing the finished product. It's nice to know that I helped to make the yearbook and newspaper from start to finish."

--Jessica Becker



"Why do I enjoy journalism, you ask? Well, I'll tell you why. It's not every day that you can go out to breakfast, ask about the substitute eggs and make someone believe that Y2K has stressed out the chickens so much that there are no longer any more real eggs."

--Courtney Salzer



ALMOST DONE! Senior Sarah Johnson works on the design of a yearbook spread.



ANEVER-ENDING JOB! Senior Jessica Becker works on putting together division pages using Adobe PageMaker. Becker was the editor for both the yearbook and

the newspaper this year. "The job is a lot of work," she said. "Being editor comes with a lot of responsibilities, but there are also many rewards to it."



THAT LOOKS COMFORTABLE. Sophomore Kacie Miller and freshman Courtney Salzer examine an old issue of "LHS Live" from their perch atop the counter in the journalism room.

READY AND WILLING TO WORK! Members of the journalism staff include Kacie Miller, Sarah Johnson, editor Jessica Becker, Courtney Salzer and adviser Julie George. The staff was responsible for preparing five issues of "LHS Live" and for putting together the "Buccaneer."

LET'S GO OVER THIS LINE AGAIN!
Altos Pia Hutri and Sarah Schanzenbach practice hitting their notes before they sing for the judge at contest. Their group received a Superior for the song.

SISTER, SISTER! Sisters Monica Jacobson and Melissa Jacobson are this year's accompanists for the high school chorus.



LA LA LA! Altos Monica Jacobson and Erin Rath sing in chorus. Jacobson and Rath participated in a small group selected by director Mick Guffey.

DO, RE, MI... Sitting are All-State Chorus alternates Erin Rath, Heather Whetham and Lucas Hovey. Standing are representatives Melissa Jacobson, alto; Melanie Hoffman, soprano; Chad Weiszhaar, bass; and Ryan Sanborn, tenor.



Musical Mishaps!



"During one of my piano solos, I forgot a part and had to start over."

--Melissa Jacobson



"I forgot to turn the microphone on, and I started to sing. So I had to turn it on in the middle of a line."

--Erin Rath



"I totally forgot the words to the song, so I made them up."

--Melanie Hoffman

Got some butterflies?

Half of the chorus members say that they get nervous before they perform.

"Yes, I do get nervous," sophomore Lacy Mahlke said. "My hands get sweaty, and I get butterflies in my stomach."

Juniors Erin Rath and Kyle Hoffman also experience stage fright. "My stomach feels queasy, and I think the worst of things is going to happen," Rath said. "My knees start to shake," Hoffman said.

LHSers do a variety of things to prepare themselves for performing. "I just focus and tell myself to go have fun with it and do the best that I can," senior Chad Weiszhaar said. Rath practices as much as she thinks she needs to and then just tells herself to have fun. Freshman Heather Whetham, on the other hand, says that she sings her favorite songs and talks a lot.

Most chorus members already have experience per-

Chorus members get nervous before they perform

forming for other events than just the high school chorus. Senior Chad Weiszhaar has performed a solo every year for the local Snow Queen contest, while juniors Melissa Jacobson, Erin Rath and Melanie Hoffman have also performed in the Snow Queen talent contest numerous times. Most chorus members have also sung in small and large groups for the regional music contest in Aberdeen.



WHAT A GROUP! First Row: Ashley Sieh, Misty Wolf, Amanda Walberg, Melissa Bunke, Pia Hutri, Sarah Schanzenbach, Tasha Geffre, Liz Canine, Monica Jacobson and Heather Keeney. Second Row: TJ Pudwill, Erin Spitzer, Melissa Jacobson, Erin Rath, Amber Schock, Jenny Guthmiller, Steph Daly, Lana Lapka and Diedra Mock. Third Row: Tara Larson, Melanie Hoffman, Heather Whetham, Jill Thorpe, Courtney Salzer, Kacie Miller, Casey Hauck, Sarah Johnson and Lacy Mahlke. Fourth Row: Justin Kessler, Ethan Erdmann, Blake Hoffman, John Klebs, Kyle Hoffman, Ryan Sanborn, Eric Hatlewick and Chad Weiszhaar. Fifth Row: Lucas Hovey, Ben Mock, Rick Tschappat, Michael Yost, Brian Gill and Jon Rath.

APACHE, AGAIN! Senior saxophonists Chris Hauck and Tracy Hutson play with the pep band during halftime of a girls' basketball game.

LOOK, I CAN PLAY AND WALK AT THE SAME TIME! Sophomore Andrew Guthmiller keeps the beat with the drums as he marches in step with the other band members during the homecoming parade.



AND THE BAND MARCHES ON! Band members Derek Kindelspire, Zach Leibel and Nick Gill march with instruments in hand during the homecoming parade.

TOOTIN' AWAY! Sophomore trumpeters Derek Kindelspire and Tyler Toennies, along with the rest of the pep band, play the school song before the start of a girls' basketball game.

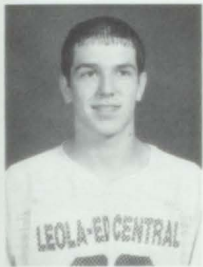


Pep Band Rocks!



"I like pep band the best because we get to play familiar songs that you and everyone else knows. Usually the trumpets have the lead and we can just go to town playing the songs."

--Sarah Schanzenbach, trumpeter



"I like to play pep band at the basketball games. It's always fun to just pound away at the drums. Sometimes I get a little carried away and play a little loud. I'm probably the only one that you can hear in the band."

--Andrew Guthmiller, drummer

A superior performance

Band members competed in the Region IV Music Contest Feb. 9 at Northern State University.

Instrumentalists earned five superiors, one excellent and one good rating. Instrumental solos performed by Melissa Jacobson (flute and piano) earned superior ratings. Ensembles receiving superiors included the flute ensemble (Melanie Hoffman, Jacobson and Erin Rath), trumpet ensemble (Jessica Becker, Derek Kindelspire, Sarah Schanzenbach and Chad Weiszhaar) and brass sextet

(Becker, Monica Jacobson, Amy Jenner, Karl Moser, Schanzenbach and Tyler Toennies).

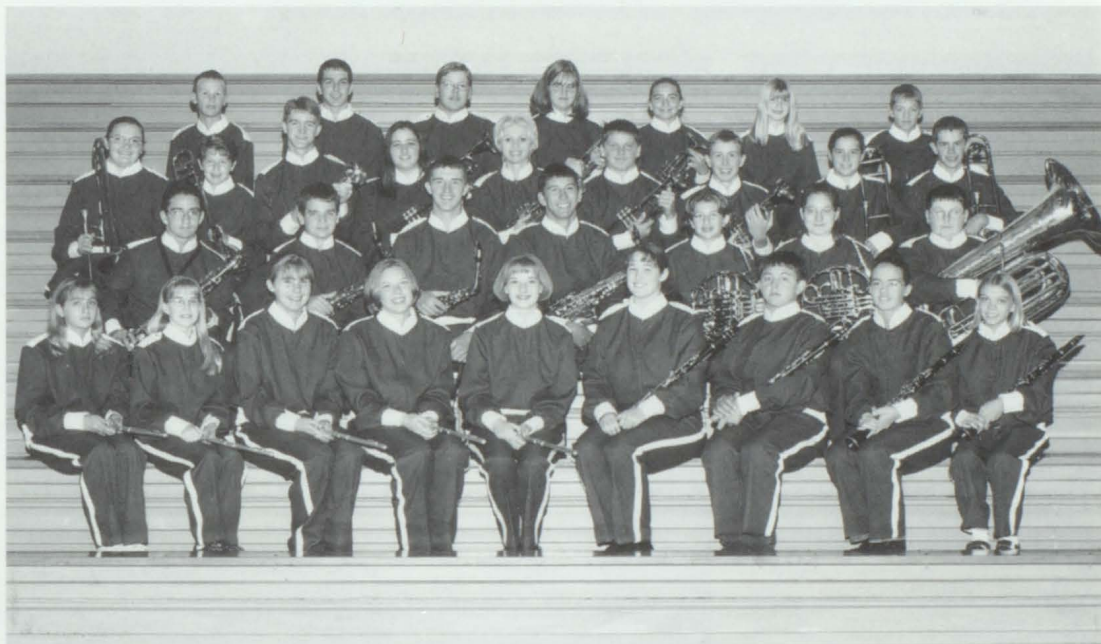
A solo preformed by Becker (baritone) received an excellent rating. A saxophone trio including Nick Gill, Chris Hauck and Tracy Hutson earned a good rating.

Music director Mick Guffey said that this year was one of the better ones because the students in both the band and chorus earned eight superior ratings including the brass sextet, which has not gotten a su-

Musicians bring home five contest superiors

perior in the past seven years. "I couldn't believe it when Mr. Guffey told me that the sextet got a superior. I've been playing that song for five years the people playing with me have changed, but the result has always been the same except for this year. Each year we fall just short of receiving a superior. Last year, the sextet missed getting a superior by one point," senior Jessica Becker said.

Accompanists for the event were Melissa and Monica Jacobson.



Ready To Play! First Row: Lynae Tschappat, Heather Weiszhaar, Melanie Hoffman, Erin Rath, Melissa Jacobson, Jill Thorpe, David Tschappat, Sam Sperry and Heather Keeney. Second Row: Rick Tschappat, Nick Gill, Chris Hauck, Tracy Hutson, Rebecca Sieh, Monica Jacobson and Karl Moser. Third Row: Heather Whetham, Ashley Sieh, Chad Weiszhaar, Jessica Becker, Sarah Schanzenbach, Tyler Toennies, Derek Kindelspire, Amy Jenner and Zach Leibel. Fourth Row: Chuck Schaunaman, Andrew Guthmiller, Collin Kessler, Ashley Yost, Amanda Walberg, Liz Leibel and Austin Schanzenbach.

STRUTTING THEIR STUFF. Hamming it up on stage are fourth graders Kayla Lapka and Kristin

Salzer and third grader Kristin Payne. The girls were preparing for the elementary spring concert.



Making Music!



"I like the way Mrs. Opp lets us use different props in the concerts. They make the songs more fun to perform."

--Jessi Whetham



PLUMBER'S HELPER. Tuning up for the spring concert, sixth grader Cody Harr puts the finishing touches on a musical number about plumbers.

SHOWING HOW IT'S DONE. Elementary music teacher Jackie Opp demonstrates the choreography of a concert number.



"I like performing concerts. It makes me happy to see how much people like our performances. I also like to play instruments."

--Kristin Salzer

One On Won

Students play sports not only to stay fit, but also for the skills they make. Playing sports allows students to develop the concept of teamwork and enhance their desire to succeed. Each athlete must give his all, whether competing in an individual event, as in track or golf, or a team sport, like football or basketball. Coaches offer athletes the one-on-one attention that they need to turn every event into a win for the Pirates. This year the Pirates learned the sweet taste of victory and the bitter taste of defeat. For the first time ever, the golfers qualified as a team for the state golf meet, while the football team stumbled to a 1-7 record. The girls' basketball team finished with a winning record, while the boys' team finished below .500. The volleyball team, which was rated for several weeks, fell in the district championship, and Leola sent two seniors to the state track meet. Individual honors are great, but Pirate athletes understand that the real thrill is in doing whatever it takes to help the team to a victory.

Sports



WAY TO GO, TEAM! Volleyball players congratulate each other on a good point. Beyond all the individual matchups is the knowledge that everything is for the team.



WE'LL TAKE YOU ON! Senior football co-captains Tracy Hutson, Daniel Kappes and Chris Hauck brought leadership to the football team, but their skill helped them while playing one on one with their opponents.

BREAKIN' THE RIBBON! Junior Pia Hutri finishes a relay strong with a win.

Starting Out Right

Winning season opener highlights season for 1-7 Pirates

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ighlighting the year for the Pirates was a 13-12 win over the Warner Monarchs in the season opener. The victory was a memorable one because the last time the Pirates had defeated the Monarchs was in 1982. "It was great having bragging rights over former Pirate Matt Kopecky," John Klebs said. But after their opening game, the Pirates went without a win for the remainder of the season.

Another memorable game occurred when the squad dropped a heartbreaker to Eureka-Bowdle on homecoming. The Pirates led 19-12 with two minutes remaining in the fourth quarter when the Patriots completed a 56-yard touchdown strike on fourth and long and scored a two-point conversion to take a 20-19 lead with 1:52 left on the clock. The Pirates ran twice before turning the ball over on an interception to end all hopes of a comeback.

First year head coach Brad Beck said that the team had a good running game, when they got blocks. According to Beck, they lacked depth and speed. Beck would also liked to have seen better tackling and fewer mental mistakes. Tailback Tracy Hutson led the Pirates in rushing and tackles. Hauck led the team in receptions.



FIERCE COMPETITORS L-EC football players include: First Row: Zach Leibel, Daniel Kappes, Eric Payne, Chris Hauck, Tracy Hutson, Craig Bonen and Brett Flittie. Second Row: Tyler Toennies, Andrew Guthmiller, Derek Kindelspire, John Klebs, Kyle Hoffman, Greg Heyne and Brad Heyne. Third Row: Rick Tschappat, Luke Hovey, Brian Gill, Collin Kessler, Nick Gill and Justin Thorpe. Fourth Row: assistant coach Brad Naasz, head coach Brad Beck and assistant coach David Hettick.



OFF TO THE RACES! Senior running back Daniel Kappes looks for lane on the outside during the matchup with Eureka-Bowdle.



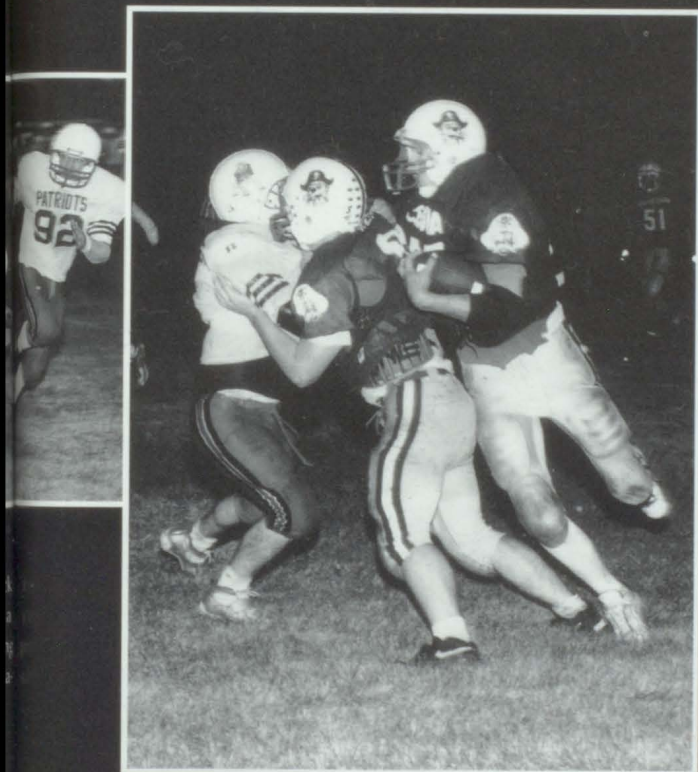
TUCK AND RUN! Quarterback Derek Kindelspire hands off the football to tailback Tracy Hutson on first down during the homecoming game versus the Eureka-Bowdle Patriots. The Pirates lost 20-19 in their homecoming match-up.

EYES ON THE SKY! Senior wide receiver Chris Hauck looks to catch a pass from the quarterback to move the chains.



	We	They
Warner	13	12
Ipswich	42	64
Langford	12	45
Eureka-Bowdle	19	20
Herreid-Pollock	6	54
Eureka-Bowdle	0	18
Selby	10	41
Hoven-Cresbard	8	48

Wins 1 - Losses 7



ROUNDIN' THE CORNER Senior tailback Tracy Hutson looks for a block from teammate Craig Bonen during the homecoming game against Eureka-Bowdle.



ALL FIRED UP! Members of the team meet on the field following the starting lineup to get fired up before the game begins.



"I've been through three coaches, each with totally different styles. All were great coaches, but I wish I would have had the same coach my whole high school career."
Daniel Kappes

Putting It Together

Up and down season ends in second round district loss

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espite falling to the Hoven Greyhounds in the second round of the 13B districts, head coach Trent Osborne was proud of the way the team played. "I am happy with the way the team played throughout the season, but we never put together a full game of intelligent basketball," Osborne said.

The Pirates lost to Hoven 46-41. The teams were tied at halftime. However, the Greyhounds opened a six point lead in the third quarter, and the Pirates could not recover. In the first round of the tournament, the Pirates won 48-29 against the Edmunds Central Raiders. The Pirates jumped out to a seven point first quarter lead behind junior center Jill Thorpe's eight points and led 28-10 at halftime. The Raiders came out in the second half and played even basketball, but they could not cut into the Pirate lead.

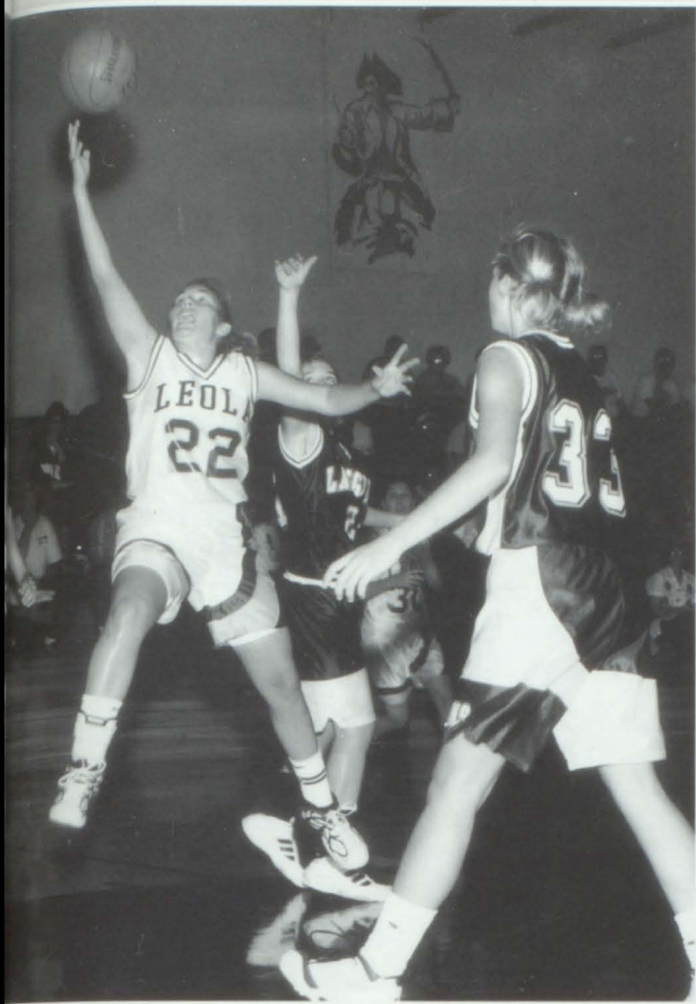
Osborne feels that the team's greatest strength during the season was their willingness to work hard. They often, however, lacked confidence in themselves, Osborne pointed out. Daly led the team in scoring, followed by Thorpe and Hutri. Junior Sarah Schanzenbach led the team in in total rebounds, followed by Thorpe and Daly . Daly also led the Pirates in steals and assists .



CAUTION: PIRATE ZONE! Members of the 1999 varsity girls' basketball team include: Front Row: Lana Lapka, Kacie Miller, Pia Hutri, Lacy Mahlke, Jenny Guthmiller and Tara Larson. Middle Row: Sarah Schanzenbach, Steph Daly, head coach Trent Osborne, Amy Jenner and Jill Thorpe. Back Row: Erin Rath and Heather Whetham. Not pictured are Amber Schock and assistant coach Betty Pat Hutson.



NO, I DON'T THINK S
Junior post Jill Thorpe goes up for the block while teammate Steph Daly helps get a hand on the ball and Sarah Schanzenbach waits for a rebound.



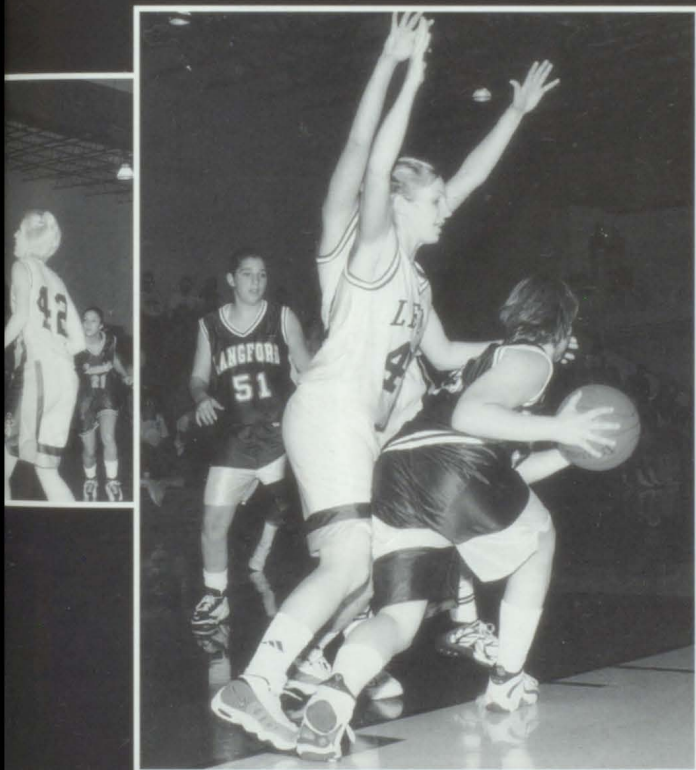
AIR STEP! Senior point guard Steph Daly drives the open lane while teammate Jill Thorpe positions herself for the rebound during a game against the Langford Lions. The Pirates won the contest 53-38.

GO UP STRONG! Guard Pia Hutri puts a shot up against Langford. Hutri was a foreign exchange student who played valuable minutes off the bench for the varsity.



	We	They
Selby Area	34	71
Pollock	58	47
Northwestern	46	60
Eureka	43	19
Langford	53	38
Hoven	45	55
Ed. Central	47	33
McLaughlin	67	61
Bowdle	49	38
Frederick-Hecla	41	66
Cresbard	57	49
Herreid	64	45
Warner	58	36
Wilmot	47	37
Faulkton	53	55
Frederick-Hecla	47	66
YTC Tournament		
Bowdle	42	55
Herreid	72	21
Ed. Central	64	38
(Fifth Place)		
Districts		
Ed. Central	48	29
Hoven	41	46

Wins 13 - Losses 8



HANDS UP! Junior forward Sarah Schanzenbach has her hands up on defense against a Langford opponent to keep her from getting a good look at the court.



SSSSTOP! Senior guard Amy Jenner puts on the brakes so her teammates can catch up after the Cresbard opponent stops her on a fast break.



"I like everything about the sport. Women's basketball is changing a lot, and now it is not just guys who are expected to do exciting things."
Steph Daly

In the Thick of Things

Pirates fail to win close game in first round district action

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he varsity basketball team finished the season with a 49-40 loss to Eureka in the first round of the District 13B tournament. The Pirates led until the fourth quarter when they ran out of gas and were outscored 21-11. Chris Hauck led the team with 15 points, followed by Tracy Hutson's 13.

The cagers ended their regular season play with a 63-61 loss to Northwestern. Hauck led the team in points with 31 and pulled down 14 boards. The game also put Hauck over 1,000 points for his career. Hutson added 14 points in the loss.

The Pirates ended their season with an overall record of 5-13. Despite having a losing season, head coach David Hettick was not unhappy with the way his young team played. "Our record was well below .500, but we were in all of the games with the exception of a few," Hettick said. "There were a few games that could have gone either way. This year we ended up on the losing end."

"The one thing I found discouraging was our inconsistency," Hettick added. "We played very well in stretches of games, and then we would turn around and look like a whole different team."



LOOKIN' GOOD! The 2000 basketball team includes: Sitting: Assistant coach Dan Vander Wal, Daniel Kappes, Chris Hauck, Blake Hoffman, Brian Gill and head coach David Hettick. Standing: Tyler Toennies, Andrew Guthmiller, John Klebs, Ryan Sanborn, Tracy Hutson, Derek Kindelspire, Eric Payne and Chad Weiszhaar.



CATCH ME NOW! Senior guard Daniel Kappes drives past a Warner opponent during a home basketball game. The Pirates won in overtime 71-68.



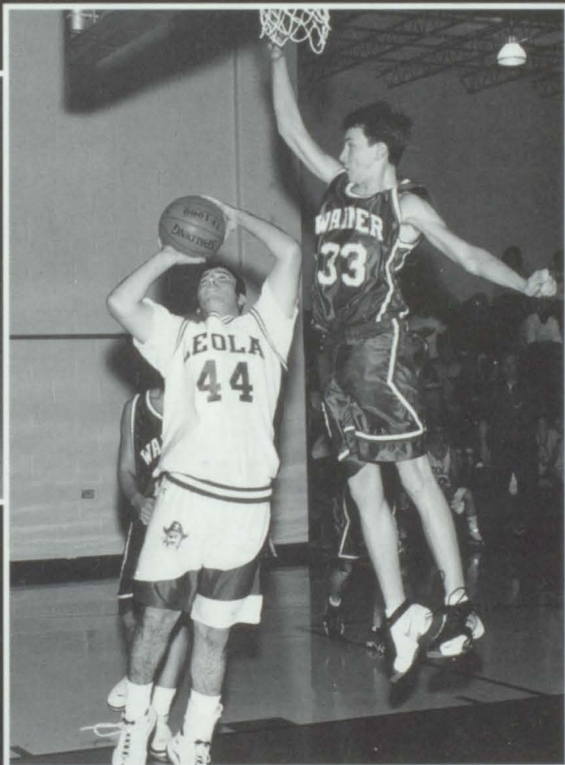
AIR HUTSON! Senior Tracy Hutson shoots over his opponents' heads during the contest against Warner.

WAY TO GO! Third year starter Chris Hauck goes up for a lay-up during a fast break against Warner. Hauck led the team in both points and rebounds for the season, averaging 22 points and 10 boards per contest. He finished his career with more than 1,000 points.



	We	They
Pollock	42	40
Warner (OT)	71	68
Eureka	50	79
Hoven	51	63
Faulkton	62	49
McLaughlin (OT)	60	64
Ipswich	29	68
Frederick-Hecla	57	77
Herreid	60	64
Langford	52	61
Bowdle	56	44
Selby	28	35
Wolsey	47	33
Cresbard	39	69
Ed. Central	55	65
Northwestern	61	63
Ed. Central (YTC)	45	47
Eureka	40	49

Wins 5 - Losses 13



GO UP STRONG! Sophomore Eric Payne goes up strong on a shot against a Warner opponent. Payne played post in his first year as a varsity starter.



GO FOR THE BASKET! Senior Tracy Hutson drives the lane after getting a steal on a fast break. This was Hutson's second year as a starter.

"I knew I was close to 1,000 points, but I didn't know just how close. I didn't know I had reached it until I was walking out to the bus, and the athletic director from Northwestern congratulated me."

Chris Hauck

Win Some, Lose Some

Volleyball team starts with a 11-0 record before losing five straight

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irates ended their season with a 15-0, 15-6 loss to the top-rated Northwestern Wildcats in the District 2B championship game. In the opening round of the tournament, the team fell to Warner 2-0.

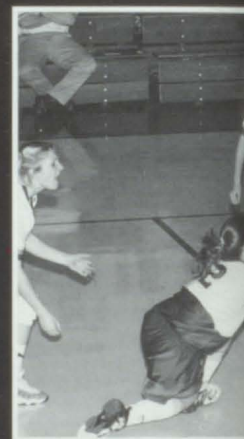
"We just weren't ready to play," senior defensive specialist Sarah Johnson said. The Pirates responded with wins over Eureka, Edmunds Central and Warner to take second in the tournament.

The Pirates started their season 11-0, which earned them a sixth in the state B polls for month and seventh for a week. "I was happy with the level of play for the first 11 matches," head coach Trent Osborne said. "Then I think being rated made us a little soft, so when we lost, people had a little trouble accepting blame for mistakes, and we quit playing as a team." After a five-game losing streak, the Pirates regrouped to claim the championship in the YTC tournament with a 2-0 win over Selby.

The Pirates finished their season 19-9. Throughout the season senior hitter Steph Daly led the team in kills, blocks and aces. Classmate Amy Jenner led the team in digs, while junior Sarah Schanzenbach led in serve percentage and junior Erin Rath in set assists.



LOOKIN' GOOD! Members of the 2000 Leola volleyball team include: Front Row: Amy Jenner, Sarah Johnson, Steph Daly and assistant coach Alisa Comstock. Middle Row: Pia Hutri, Jill Thorpe, Sarah Schanzenbach, Tara Larson, Jenny Guthmiller and Kacie Miller. Back Row: Erin Rath, Lana Lapka, Tasha Geffre, Rebecca Sieh and Misty Wolf. The team won the Yellowstone Trail Conference tournament for the second year in a row.



GREAT HUSTLE! Senior hitter/passers Amy Jenner hustles after the ball. Sarah Schanzenbach is there to cover, while Steph Daly and Erin Rath wait to see the results.



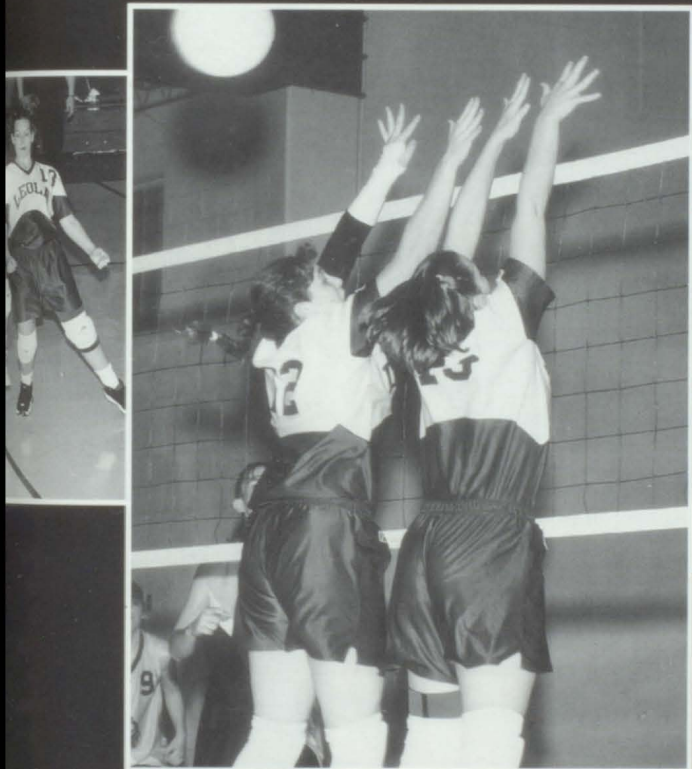
EAT RUBBER! Senior Steph Daly goes up for the block during the Frederick-Hecla match that the Pirates won 2-1.

GOOD UP! Sarah Schanzenbach takes control by putting the ball on the setter. "We worked long and hard on perfecting our passes," Schanzenbach said.



	We	They
Faulkton	2	1
Selby	2	1
Eureka	2	0
Eureka	2	0
Ed. Central	2	0
Langford	2	0
Faulkton	2	0
Frederick-Hecla	2	0
Langford	2	1
Ed. Central	2	0
Frederick-Hecla	2	1
Ashley-Zeeland	1	2
Langford	1	2
Faulkton	1	2
Northwestern	0	2
Warner	0	2
Ed. Central	2	0
Selby	0	2
McLaughlin	2	0
YTC Tourney		
Ed. Central	2	0
Selby	2	1
Selby	0	2
Selby	2	0
(First Place)		
Districts		
Warner	0	2
Eureka	2	0
Ed. Central	2	0
Warner	2	1
Northwestern	0	2

19 Wins - 9 Losses



OH, JUST MISSED! Jill Thorpe and Erin Rath miss a block from a Frederick/Hecla opponent in nonconference play.



WAY TO GO! Team players celebrate after winning a point. The team started the season 11-0 and ended with a 19-9 record.



"I felt that the season went very well for us when we started playing like we knew how. We played well as a team all year long."

Amy Jenner

Close But No Cigar

Efforts fall short at regions, team sends only one to state meet

A

win in the 110 meter hurdles at the Four-Star Track Meet in Aberdeen netted senior Tracy Hutson a third trip to the State Track Meet. The region meet in Gettysburg May 19 gave Hutson's teammates their last chance to qualify to join him at the state meet May 26-27 in Rapid City, but their efforts fell short. Hutson captured first place in the 110 meter high hurdles but finished third in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles and missed qualifying by .01 second. Hutson's time of 15.9 in the 110 was a personal best.

Teammate Chris Hauck finished seventh in the 300 hurdles. Sophomore Andrew Guthmiller placed sixth in the 400 meter dash, fifth in the high jump and eighth in the long jump. Junior John Klebs placed fifth in both the shot put and the discus, and freshman Jared Schaefer finished in third place in the 3200 meter run and in seventh place in the 1600. "Running three miles every track meet is a long ways, but I like running and winning," Schaefer said. The medley relay team finished eighth, and the 3200 meter relay took fifth place.

Hutson was the team's most consistent scorer throughout the season. "Tracy placed high in every meet he was at," head boys' track coach Brad Beck said.



TEN RUNNING GUYS! Boys' track team members are: (Kneeling) Justin Thorpe, Tracy Hutson, Jed Anliker, Aaron Kappes and Austin Schanzenbach. (Standing) Chuck Schaunaman, Jared Schaefer, Chris Hauck, Andrew Guthmiller and John Klebs.



LET 'ER FLY! Junior John Klebs lets the discus fly during the Eureka Legion Relays.

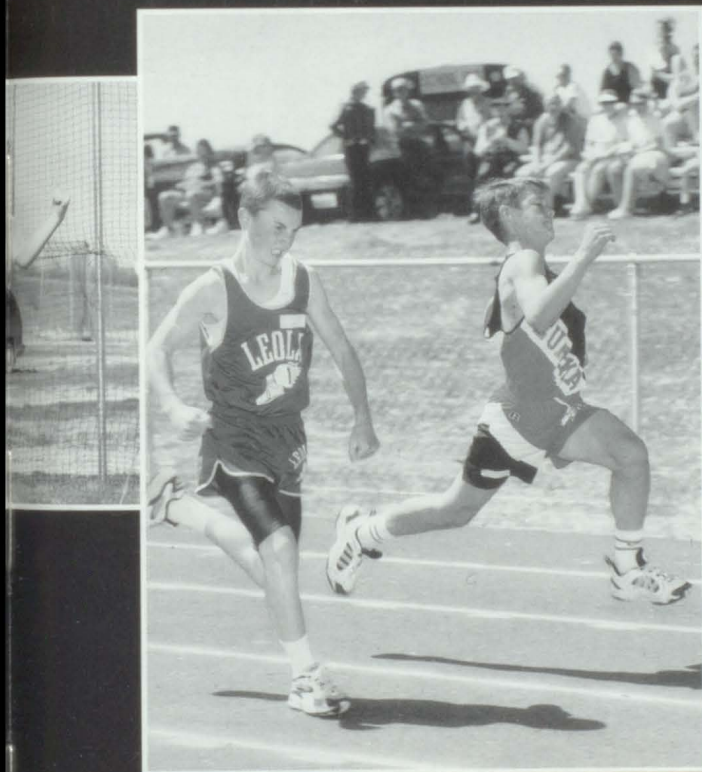


UP AND OVER! Senior Tracy Hutson goes up and over a hurdle during the Eureka Legion Relays. Hutson competed in the state track meet in the 110 meter hurdles after qualifying at the Four-Star Track Meet.

GOOD START! Senior Chris Hauck explodes out of the starting blocks during the 100 meter dash at the Eureka Invitational.



Al Sahli
--no team points kept
 Ipswich Early Bird
--no team points kept
 Hoven Invitational
--26 points
 Pirate Invitational
--16.5 points
 Yellowstone Trail Conference
--53 points
 4-Star Track Meet
--32 points
 Eureka Legion Relays
--46 points
 Ipswich Tiger Relays
--21 points
 Gettysburg Rotary Relays
--9 points
 Region 7B Track Meet
--47 points



RUN HARD! Seventh grader Jed Anliker makes a push toward the finish line in the 100 meter dash. Anliker was one of four seventh graders on the team.



GOOD FORM! Sophomore Andrew Guthmiller clears the bar in the high jump event at the Eureka Legion Relays.

“At the state track meet, I ran one of my worst times this year. I was disappointed that I didn’t make finals. I missed by only two spots.”

Tracy Hutson

Going Solo to State

Senior qualifies for state meet at region track meet

In their final meet of the season, the region track meet May 19 at Gettysburg, the girls' track team finally found their first state qualifier. Senior Steph Daly threw the discus a personal best 106'5" to power her to a second place finish and a berth in the State B Track Meet in Rapid City.

Girls' track coach Betty Hutson said that the strength of her squad was the throwers. "The throwers always seemed to place at meets," Hutson said. Hutson fielded a young team this year, with four of the 13 girls on the squad in junior high. She was not discouraged by the lack of experience, however.

Hutson's goals for the season were to qualify as many girls as possible for the state track meet, to retain her young runners and give them experience that will help them in the future and to see individuals improve their times and distances at every meet, even if the improvement was slight.

Lack of numbers hurt the team scores at track meets, according to Hutson. "We had no hurdlers, high jumpers, triple jumpers or long distance runners on the team, so we had events that we left completely open," Hutson said.



CHECK US OUT! Members of the girls' track team are: Front Row: Jenny Guthmiller, Misty Wolf, Casey Hauck, Lacy Mahlke, Katie Schaefer, Heather Weiszhaar and Liz Leibel. Back Row: Brianna Schaefer, Erin Rath, Jill Thorpe, Steph Daly, Sarah Schanzenbach and Kari Wolff.



LET 'EM FLY! Junior Jill Thorpe takes her turn with the discus at the Eureka Legion Relays.

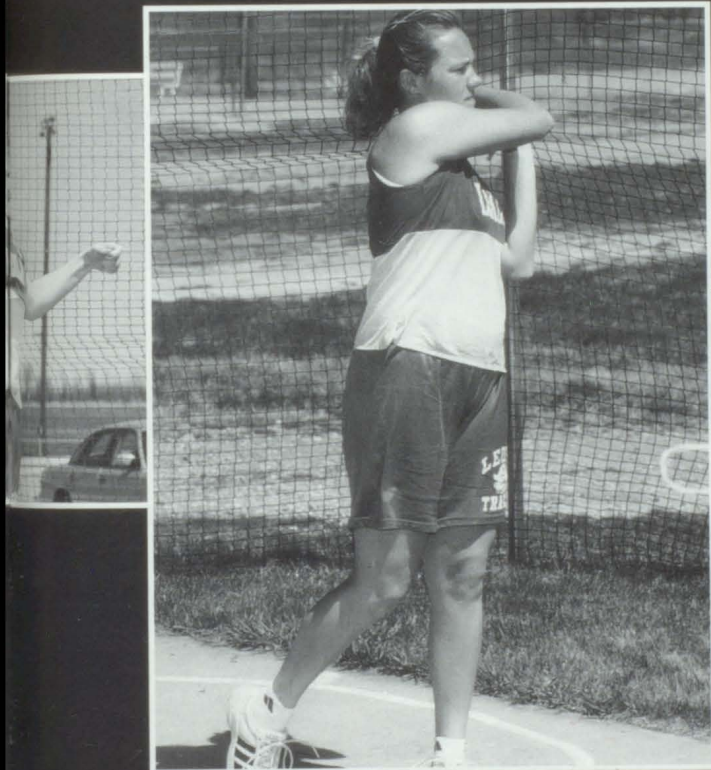


WAY TO GO! Misty Wolf hands off the baton to teammate Liz Leibel during the Eureka Legion Relays. The 400 meter relay team, which included Wolf, Leibel, Steph Daly and Pia Hutri, placed sixth with a time of 58.19 seconds.

GETTING A WORKOUT! Sarah Schanzenbach runs her leg of the 3200 meter relay at the Eureka Legion Relays. The relay team of Schanzenbach, Jill Thorpe, Katie Schaefer and Casey Hauck placed fourth.



- Al Sahli**
--no team points kept
Ipswich Early Bird
--no team points kept
Hoven Invitational
--19 points
Pirate Invitational
--16 points
Yellowstone Trail Conference
--42 points
4-Star Track Meet
--15 points
Eureka Legion Relays
--23 points
Ipswich Tiger Relays
--0 points
Gettysburg Rotary Relays
--6 points
Ipswich Invitational
--8 points
Region 7B Track Meet
--29 points



CONCENTRATION IS KEY! Steph Daly focuses on her form as she gets set to throw the discus. Daly placed second in the discus at regions to earn the chance to compete at state.



GIVING IT ALL YOU GOT! Pia Hutri lands after her long jump at the Eureka Legion Relays.

"I enjoyed the times that I placed in track, but the things I will always remember were the waterfights and the great times spent with my teammates at camp and on the bus."

Casey Hauck

Wanted: Hole In One

Teamwork sends four golfers to state meet

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he young Pirate golf team qualified as a team for the state meet for the first time ever with a second place finish at the region tournament May 15 in Aberdeen. The team of three sophomores and a freshman were just two strokes off the pace set by region champion Groton. Eric Payne took fourth with a score of 81, Derek Kindelspire finished tenth and Tyler Toennies eleventh with scores of 84.

However, at the state meet the team did not fare as well and finished in the middle of the pack. "I thought the state meet was a good experience for our team," Kindelspire said. "In the coming years I think our team will be a contender in the state meet; we just need more experience. That's what the state meet gave us. "

The region meet was the last in a series of strong showings for coach David Hettick's squad. The team swept the first three places at a meet in Ellendale May 8. Payne won the meet over Toennies in sudden death, and Kindelspire captured third. Leola also captured first place at a meet in Eureka May 6. Payne shot the low score of 79, followed by Toennies and Kindelspire in second and third. At the Britton Invite April 25, Toennies took first with 72, Payne shot 75 for second and Kindelspire came in eleventh at 85.



FORE! Members of the 2000 Leola varsity and junior varsity golf teams include: Front: Nick Gill. Middle: Kyle Hoffman, Blake Hoffman, Derek Kindelspire and Brian Gill. Back: Eric Payne and Tyler Toennies. The teams were coached by first year golf coach David Hettick.



TEEING IT UP! Sophomore golfer Tyler Toennies puts the ball in play on the first hole of the Leola Golf Course during varsity practice.



CHECKING THE BREAK!
Freshman Brian Gill lines up his putt with a little help from Eric Payne, while teammates Derek Kindelspire and Nick Gill look on. Payne, Kindelspire, Brian Gill and Tyler Toennies earned the right to compete at the State B Golf Meet in Watertown May 22-23.

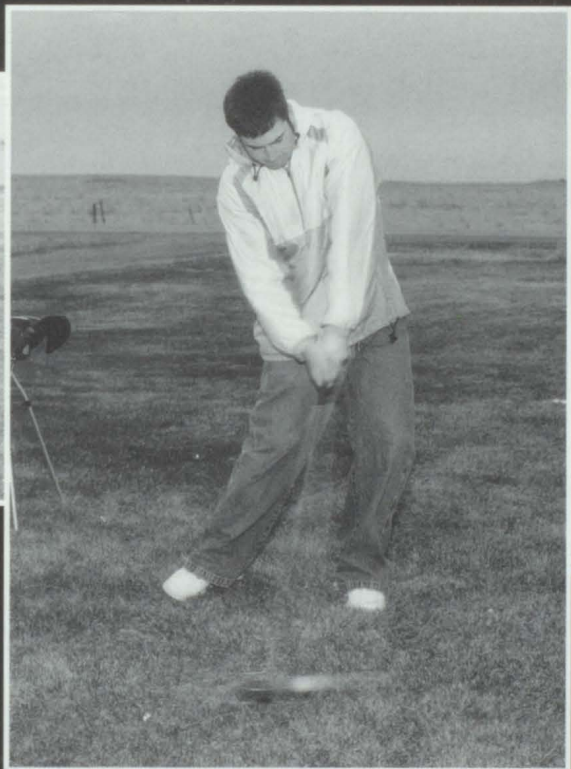
ELBOWS STRAIGHT, HEAD DOWN... Junior varsity golfer Blake Hoffman knows that proper form is the secret to a great golf game.



- Eureka Triangular
--First place
- Britton Invitational
--Second place
- Mobridge Invitational
--First place
- Eureka Invitational
--Second Place
- Ellendale Golf Invite
--First Place
- Roncalli Golf Meet
--team finish unavailable
- Region Golf Meet
--Second Place



CHIPPING AWAY! Sophomore Eric Payne chips toward the green in hopes of finding the cup. Payne was voted the team's most valuable player by his teammates.



LET 'ER FLY! Sophomore Derek Kindelspire shows the team the precise direction, speed and club to use to reach the fourth hole at the Leola Golf Course.

"We were a very young team this year but a very competitive team. It looks like we'll be good for the next few years."

Eric Payne

Help from the Sidelines

Support personnel like being part of the game

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hat will you remember most about your experience as a statistician, a team manager or a cheerleader? For senior girls' basketball statistician Sarah Johnson, the answer was "being able to cheer the team on." Sophomore football statistician Amber Schock agreed with Johnson but added that she will also remember "every time Zach Leibel would come out of a play and show me some blood he got on his jersey or pants." Boys' basketball statistician Lacy Mahlke enjoyed the opportunity to check out guys from other teams, along with fellow stat takers Amy Jenner and Jill Thorpe. For cheerleaders like sophomore Lana Lapka, their sport was also a great opportunity "to be with the team every step." Mahlke, who was also a football cheerleader, said that she will always remember homecoming. "Everybody was into the game and cheering," she said, "except for the end when we lost by one with two minutes to go."



GO, PIRATES! Football cheerleaders are: Front Row: Lana Lapka, Jenny Guthmiller, Casey Hauck and Melissa Jacobson. Back Row: Erin Rath and Lacy Mahlke.



RELAXIN'. Football managers and stat takers are TJ Pudwill, Jill Thorpe, Liz Canine, Amy Jenner, Chuck Schaunaman, Kacie Miller and Amber Schock.



PIRATES! Football cheerleaders get the crowd fired up during the burning of the L.



GET FIRED UP! Boys' basketball cheerleaders yell during the line-ups.

SHAKE YOUR POM PONS! Boys' basketball cheerleaders include Jenny Guthmiller, Casey Hauck, Erin Rath, Lana Lapka and Melissa Jacobson.



DON'T FALL! Boys' basketball statisticians include Amy Jenner, Jill Thorpe and Lacy Mahlke.



LOOKIN' GOOD! Girls' basketball statisticians include Ashley Sieh, Sam Sperry, Casey Hauck and Sarah Johnson.



CAUGHT UP IN THE FUN! Girls' volleyball statisticians are Stephany Pons and Casey Hauck. "I love volleyball!" Pons said. "Taking stats was great. I got to be with the girls and actually learn a little about volleyball."

Junior Varsity Sports



KNOW YOUR ROLE! JV cagers knew their role for the 1999 season. Members include: Front Row: Erin Rath, Lacy Mahlke, Rebecca Sieh and Jenny Guthmiller. Back Row: Pia Hutri, Heather Weiszhaar, Kacie Miller, Amber Schock, Heather Whetham, Liz Leibel and Tara Larson. Not pictured is coach Betty Hutson.



STANDING PROUD! JV boys' basketball players are Nick Gill, Michael Yost, Tyler Toennies, Andrew Guthmiller, coach Dan Vander Wal, John Klebs, Blake Hoffman, Justin Thorpe and Brian Gill. The cagers ended their season with a 5-12 record.



LOOKIN' GOOD! JV netters for the 1999-2000 season include: Front Row: coach Alisa Comstock, Pia Hutri, Lana Lapka, Kacie Miller and Jenny Guthmiller. Back Row: Tara Larson, Natasha Geffre, Rebecca Sieh and Misty Wolf. The young JV team had a record of 4-8.



I GOT YOUR BACK! Junior hitter Jenny Guthmiller backs up teammate Misty Wolf during a serve/receive against the Frederick/Hecla Northstars.



I Got It! Freshman Blake Hoffman goes after the ball during the junior varsity game against Warner.

AIR BRIAN! Freshman guard Brian Gill goes in for a fast break lay-up during junior varsity action against Warner.



BUMP, SET, SPIKE! Middle hitter Pia Hutri spikes the ball for a kill in a match against Frederick-Hecla. Hutri was one of the top spikers for the young JV team.



DRIVE THAT BASELINE! Sophomore point guard Lacy Mahlke drives the baseline after teammate Kacie Miller sets a pick for her.



JV GBB

	We	They
Selby	8	26
Pollock	25	23
Northwestern	21	33
Eureka	23	9
Langford	19	27
Hoven	22	37
Ed. Central	17	33
McLaughlin	29	33
Bowdle	15	32
Frederick-Hecla	18	52
Cresbard	20	39
Herreid	25	23
Warner	10	29
Faulkton	25	36
Frederick-Hecla	7	46

JV BBB

	We	They
Pollock	32	28
Warner	28	47
Eureka (OT)	34	33
Hoven	26	49
Faulkton	39	29
McLaughlin	30	35
Ipswich	30	39
Frederick-Hecla	34	41
Herreid	35	44
Langford	35	49
Bowdle	15	25
Ed. Central (OT)	27	30
Hoven	33	41
Selby	27	25
Cresbard	43	40
Ed. Central	27	40
Northwestern	17	41

JV GVB

	We	They
Faulkton	2	0
Selby	2	0
Eureka	2	0
Frederick-Hecla	1	2
Langford	2	0
Ed. Central	1	2
Frederick-Hecla	1	2
Ashley	0	2
Ipswich	0	2
Northwestern	1	2
Warner	1	2
Ed. Central	1	2

3 Wins - 12 Losses

5 Wins - 12 Losses

4 Wins - 8 Losses

Jr High Sports

YOU GO RIGHT! Seventh graders Jed Anliker and Chuck Schaunaman set picks while eighth grader Karl Moser waits for the right moment to pass the ball. Waiting in the wings are Austin Schanzenbach and Tel Pudwill.

VOLLEYBALL CRAZED! Junior high netters are: Front Row: Lynae Tschappat, Liz Leibel, Amanda Walberg, Heather Keeney and Heather Weiszhaar. Back Row: Kari Wolff, Samantha Sperry, Ashley Yost and Dena Ackerman.



READY TO PLAY! Junior high cagers include: Front Row: Brent Weig, Dave Tschappat, Justin Thorpe, Tel Pudwill and Chuck Schaunaman. Back Row: Austin Schanzenbach, Karl Moser, coach Dan Vander Wal, Aaron Kappes and Jed Anliker.



DRIVIN' FORCES! Junior high cagers are: Front Row: Dena Ackerman, Samantha Sperry, Kari Wolff and Lynae Tschappat. Back Row: Heather Weiszhaar, Lindsey Gill, Liz Leibel, Ashley Sieh, Mindy Schwingler and Heather Keeney.



CHECK OUT THESE TOUGH GUYS! Junior high football players are: First Row: Aaron Kappes, Justin Thorpe and Chuck Schaunaman. Second

Row: Dave Tschappat, Jed Anliker, Nick Kallas and Austin Schanzenbach. Third Row: Brent Weig, Tel Pudwill and Karl Moser.

Every Last ne

People

ON HER WAY TO FAME! Hoping to hit it big in the music business is junior Melanie Hoffman, who this year recorded a demo tape and plans to record another. "I decided to make a demo because I've been wanting to do it for quite a while and I knew that if I didn't do it, I would kick myself for the rest of my life," she said.



WHAT TO CHOOSE! Freshmen Blake Hoffman and Brian Gill and sophomore Andrew Guthmiller select food for their lunch. Each person's food preferences are as different as the personalities of those who eat lunch at school each day.



LIVE HERE! Foreign exchange students Pia Hutri and Stephany Pons point to their home countries. Hutri is from Finland, while Pons' home is in France. Both attended school in the US for the entire year.

No two people are alike. Our differences are what make each of us special. In a school, a vast myriad of personalities blend together. Some students are studious, others athletic and still others may be classified as jokers. Every student is important in this habitat from the kindergartener who is learning to write the alphabet, to the teacher who labors long hours to instill knowledge in our minds to the senior anticipating life beyond the school's walls. Years down the road, after we have all long gone, we will look back at the memories of high school and our friends, and we'll discover that it took "Every Last One" of the people we met and the friends we made at school to make our memories special.

THAT'S THE SENIOR BATTLE CRY! Sarah Johnson, Steph Daly, Amy Jenner, Chris Hauck, Ryan Sanborn, Tracy Hutson and Chad Weiszhaar scream out the senior battle cry at the Burning of the L during homecoming.

What do you see yourself doing 10 years from now?

"Hopefully by then I will have finished my education. I plan to own my own business, or at least be working in the business field at a job I enjoy."

Jessica Becker

"Ranching, possibly married, and trying to have a little fun once in a while."

Chad Weiszhaar

"I plan on owning my own business that would be cosmetology related. I will be married, have two kids, and will be traveling."

Sarah Johnson



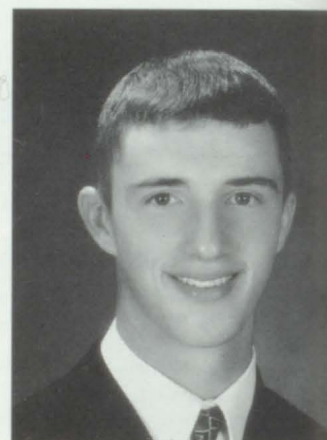
I CAN ALMOST READ THE FINE PRINT! Chad Weiszhaar reads the senior wills at the 2000 Junior-Senior Prom.



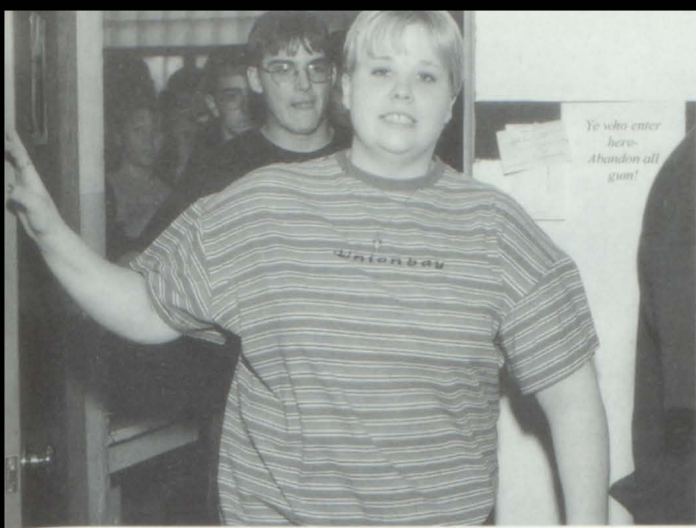
Jessica Becker



Steph Daly



Chris Hauck



OUT OF MY WAY! Sarah Johnson pushes her way out of the chorus room on her way to lunch. This year seniors were dismissed several minutes earlier from their fourth hour class than the rest of the student body in an effort to avoid congestion in the lunch line.



BEAUTIFUL HARMONY! Tenor Ryan Sanborn sings a song during fourth hour chorus. Sanborn was one of Leola's All-State Chorus representatives this year.

CLASS OF 2000! Members of the graduating class of 2000 include: Sitting: Steph Daly, Amy Jenner, Sarah Johnson and Jessica Becker. Standing: Tracy Hutson, Chris Hauck, Daniel Kappes, Ryan Sanborn and Chad Weiszhaar. The class of only nine held their graduation ceremony May 21.



Nine separate paths

Members of the Class of 2000 make plans for the future

What will the members of the Class of 2000 be doing after they leave high school?

Chad Weiszhaar and Chris Hauck will attend South Dakota State University. Weiszhaar will major in animal science, while Hauck will work toward a degree in wildlife.

Northern State University will be home to

Jessica Becker, Tracy Hutson and Amy Jenner. Both Becker and Hutson plan to study business after graduation. Jenner will major in elementary education and minor in coaching.

Steph Daly will attend Black Hills State University, where she will double major in history and physical education.

Ryan Sanborn will

major in diesel mechanics at North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton, and Daniel Kappes will enroll at Front Range Community College in Fort Collins, Colo. Kappes is undecided as to what he will go into.

Sarah Johnson will work a year and then plans to go to school to study cosmetology and business.

Bonding time for seniors

The senior class brings home fond memories of trip to Winnipeg, Canada

The senior class trip to Winnipeg, Canada, May 10-14, was the source of countless memories of their last time together before graduation.

Ryan Sanborn and Chad Weiszhaar both agree that the water slide in the hotel was the site of their funniest memories. "The first night we got there we went down the water slide in the pool and just about killed ourselves. Everybody had bruises and cuts all over them," Weiszhaar said.

For Amy Jenner it happened during the riverboat dinner cruise when the "hot" bartender asked Sarah Johnson to dance.

For some seniors their funniest memories were of mistakes they made. "Steph Daly and I thought (adviser) Harry

Marshall's room was 206. I just walked in and, well, it wasn't his room. There were three people looking at me really weird. I ran out as fast as I could," Johnson said.

Daly agreed. "I was laughing so hard that I was crying," she said.

"My funniest memory was the crazy Mexican in the dinner theatre," Hauck said. "Sarah told him (the actor who played the Mexican sheriff) that the two guys that escaped from jail were under our table," Hauck said.

Thursday night's dinner theatre highlighted the seniors' class trip. "It was awesome!" Jenner said. "They entertained us for hours. They sang all of their own songs during the play and were our waiters in between acts.

They were very talented."

Class members agreed that the worst part of the trip was the bad weather they encountered. "We were supposed to go to the Grand Prix Amusements, but it rained and snowed almost the whole time," Jessica Becker said. "It was very disappointing."

Other activities the class shared while they were in Winnipeg included a pizza party, swimming, shopping, visiting the Transcoma Historical Museum, having a class supper at Applebee's and the riverboat cruise.

"The riverboat cruise was my second favorite," Johnson said. "The music wasn't that great, but having the hot bartender ask me to dance made it all worthwhile."



CHICKEN FIGHT! Amy Jenner, held by Tracy Hutson, and Steph Daly, held by Chris Hauck, battle it out in the pool.

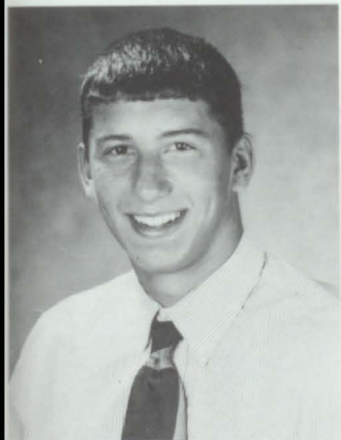
THIS IS HEAVY! Steph Daly tries to move the mirror in her hotel room after it fell off the wall in the middle of the night.





WHAT IS THIS? Steph Daly and Sarah Johnson try to figure out how the press works at the Transcoma Historical Museum.

LOOKS GOOD ON YOU! Chad Weiszhaar tries on a pair of waterproof overalls while Tracy Hutson watches. The class passed the time shopping while they waited for a table to open up at their restaurant.



Tracy Hutson



Amy Jenner



Sarah Johnson

Do you think every class should have a class trip?

"Yes, because it's the last thing they'll do as a class."

Ryan Sanborn

"Yes, because it's a lot of fun to get away for a few days and spend time with your class."

Chris Hauck

Changes for the better?

Seniors discuss college life and the changes they will experience

CONGRATS! Homecoming Royalty step out on the field during halftime of the homecoming football game.

I'M TIRED! Melissa Bunke takes time out from shooting basketball pictures to rest her eyes.



The nine members of the Class of 2000 will break up and go their separate ways next year. Next year, they will go down different paths.

Most are looking forward to moving on to college. "I look forward to meeting all kinds of new people and being on my own," Daniel Kappes said. "I'm looking forward, also, to getting out of here."

"I'm looking forward to facing a new challenge in my life and also being

out on my own," Chris Hauck said.

"I won't have anyone telling me what to do or setting any limits on me," Steph Daly said.

With this new-found freedom come added responsibilities. "I'll have to pay more bills and wash my own clothes, but I'll deal with it," Chad Weiszhaar said.

Money is a common concern for the seniors. "Having to come up with the money to pay for college is what I'm least

looking forward to," Tracy Hutson said.

"High school has made me nuts, so I really am not looking forward to going back for more schooling," Amy Jenner said.

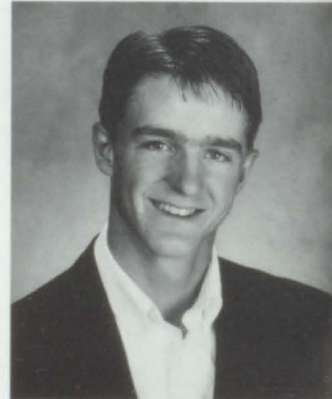
"Leaving high school is just the first of the many changes for me," Jessica Becker said. "Everything is going to be so different at college, but the biggest change will be not being with my classmates. We've been together a long time."



Daniel Kappes



Ryan Sanborn



Chad Weiszhaar



TWELVE LONG YEARS! Members of the Twelve Year Club include: Front: Chris Hauck, Melissa Bunke, Amy Jenner, Jessica Becker, Steph Daly and Ryan Sanborn. Back: Chad Weiszhaar, Tracy Hutson and Daniel Kappes.



PULL ME FASTER! Steph Daly pulls Tracy Hutson by the arms from one room to another.

If you had to do it over again, what would you change?

"I don't think I would change anything because everything has worked out just fine."

Chad Weiszhaar

CONDIMENTS? Tracy Hutson, Amy Jenner and Jessica Becker load the extras onto their sub sandwiches during lunch.



THIS IS GOOD! Sharing a cookie are juniors Melanie Hoffman and Melissa Jacobson. The FBLA chapter once again sold cookies every Wednesday.

LOOKIN' GOOD! 2000 Boys and Girls State representatives are: (Sitting) Sarah Schanzenbach, Leola; Ethan Erdmann, Leola; and Melanie Hoffman, Long Lake. Alternates standing are Jill Thorpe and Michael Schwingler.



How has your class changed over the years?

"Well, I think our class has started to take their own paths. Many of us are now in so-called 'cliques.' Overall we are more distant, but we manage to pull things together and act like a whole class when needed."

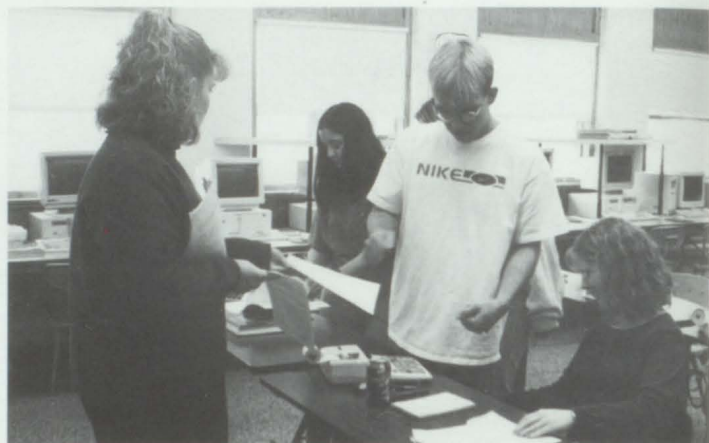
Sarah Schanzenbach

"I think we have all become better friends, although we do disagree a lot more."

Jill Thorpe



HOW DO I DO THIS! Foreign exchange student Pia Hutri works on geography during her study hall period. Hutri stayed with the Melvin Schanzenbach family for the year. "Everything (in America) is different; people, food, school system, etc.," Hutri said. "But I like your country very much even if the place where I live here is much smaller than the place I live in Finland."



ACCOUNTING IS FUN! Student teacher Heather Lacher returns accounting papers to Ethan Erdmann and Misty Wolf.

SMILE PRETTY! French foreign exchange student Stephany Pons sets the exposure before taking a picture for photography class. Pons was one of five students who took the class second semester.



Looking to the Future

Juniors set priorities when making plans for their future

With only one year of high school left, junior class members have already started looking toward the future. Most of them have visited recruiters, taken tests and begun to investigate what colleges offer the major that they would like.

"I have checked into colleges that offer what I want to go into," Sarah Schanzenbach said.

Some may not have visited colleges, but all have received letters and brochures in the mail from different schools. "There are some schools that send

me more than one thing per week!" Melanie Hoffman said.

Although there are many factors that influence students' decisions about the future, money and making sure that they are happy with their career choices are two of the most important.

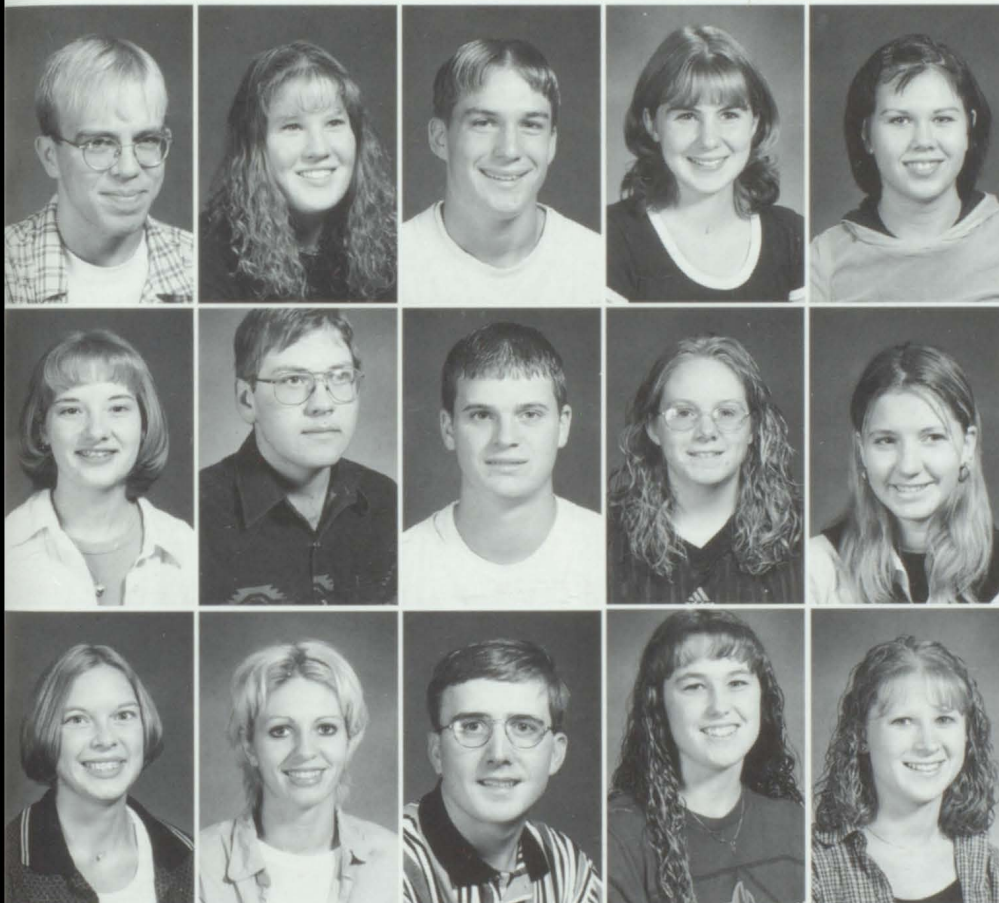
Melissa Jacobson took stock of her interests to determine what she wants to do after graduation. "I want to be happy with what I decide to do for the rest of my life," she said.

Another priority for students like Michael

Schwingler is being close to home. "I still want to be a part of my parents' farm," he said.

Kyle Hoffman was influenced in his decision to continue his education after high school by his mom's boyfriend. "He didn't go to college or even finish high school, and I don't want to be doing the work he's doing," he said.

Who will help Ethan Erdmann make up his mind about the future? "It will be entirely up to me on what I will do," he said.



Ethan Erdmann
Jenny Guthmiller
Kyle Hoffman
Melanie Hoffman
Pia Hutri

Melissa Jacobson
Justin Kessler
John Klebs
Tara Larson
Stephany Pons

Erin Rath
Sarah Schanzenbach
Michael Schwingler
Jill Thorpe
Misty Wolf

Close as they come

Sophomores agree that having a close class is a good thing

Most of the sophomores agree that they are very close. "Our class is very close," Andrew Guthmiller said. "Maybe too close because we know too much about each other," he added.

But they also know that there is always someone to listen to them and make them smile. "Whenever you're sad or just need someone to talk

to, there's always someone who will listen and try to help," Zach Leibel said.

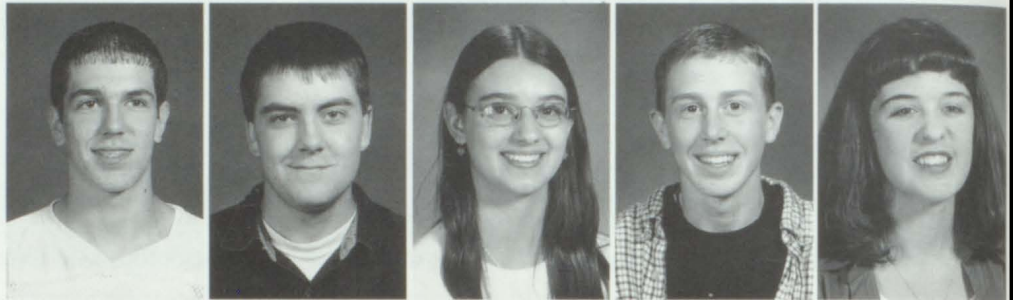
Lacy Mahlke agrees. "No matter what or when, there's always someone there to help or just listen. Tyler Toennies especially. He'd go out of his way just to make you smile or help you in any way. It's great!" she said.

Jon Rath thinks the closeness in the sopho-

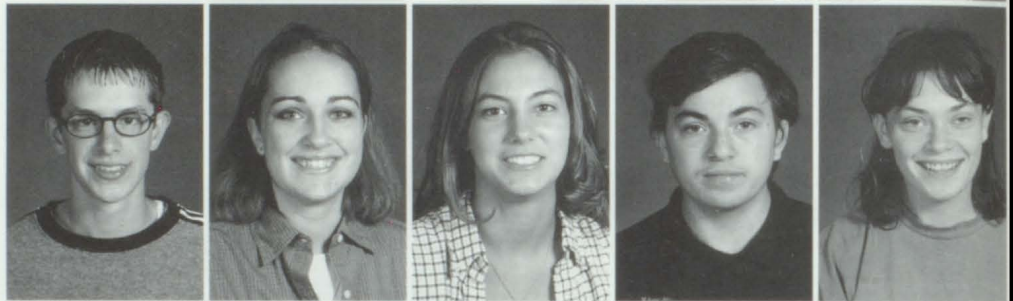
more class is from being with each other for so long. "Most of us have been together since preschool."

Kacie Miller agrees. "We have been through a lot together, and we are always there for each other. We do have our moments when we can't stand each other, but what class doesn't have those moments?"

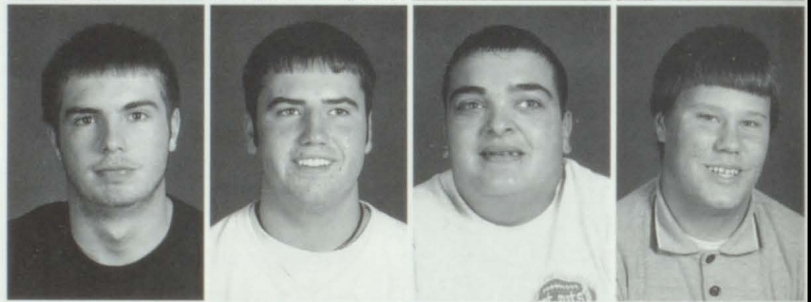
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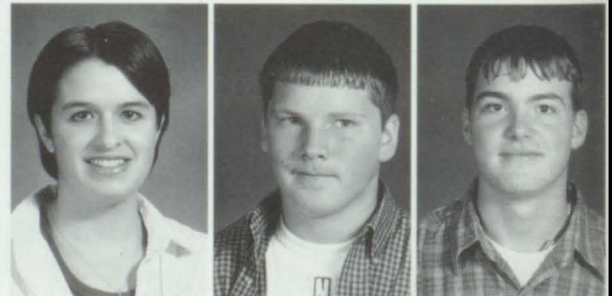


Kent Moser
Eric Payne
TJ Pudwill
Jon Rath



Amber Schock
Tyler Toennies
Michael Yost

Not Pictured: Brianna Schaefer





WHAT A POSE! Sophomores Andrew Guthmiller and Kacie Miller pose for the camera after a girls' basketball game while waiting for the rest of the homecoming activities to start.



HERE'S SOME CANDY! Sophomores Lacy Mahlke, Amber Schock, Casey Hauck, Diedra Mock and Ben Mock throw out candy while riding on their class's float in the homecoming parade.



What is the hardest thing about being a sophomore?

"I don't really think there is anything. If there was, [it would be] competition in sports and grades. There are many good athletes and smart people in our class.

Eric Payne

"Waiting two years before we are out of here."

Eric Hatlewick

"Speeches. I just didn't like them at all."

Lacy Mahlke

HOW MANY CARDS WOULD YOU LIKE? Sophomore Tyler Toennies sells bingo cards to school tutor Alisa Comstock at a girls' basketball game. Bingo was one of the fundraisers the sophomores sponsored during the year. They also raised class funds by selling pizza kits and Pirate clocks.

Getting back in the groove

First day back from the weekend proves to be the worst day of the week

Everyone has bad days. Because it is the first day back to work after the weekend, many people believe that Monday is the day of the week that goes by the slowest. That assumption doesn't just include people at work but also students. Most freshmen agree that Monday is the worst day of the week.

What makes Mondays seem harder than any other day? "The thought of having four more days of school left in

front of you makes Monday bad," Jared Schaefer said.

"I think that school seems harder on Mondays because your brain isn't fully awake yet from the weekend when you had time to relax," Heather Whetham said. "I hate having to think after a weekend. I'm just not really awake yet," she added.

Brian Gill agrees with Whetham. "You just come off of a 'sleep till noon' weekend, and

waking up early on Monday sucks!" he said.

"During the weekend, I stay up later and am not used to getting up early for school on Monday. I also have my band lesson on Mondays, and I do not like them," Rebecca Sieh said.

However, Mondays can also be good days. "Getting to see your friends again after the weekend does make coming to school on Monday more bearable," Courtney Salzer said.



I GOT IT! Freshman Blake Hoffman goes for the football during his sixth hour physical education class.

ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST! The freshman class pose on their homecoming float to have their picture taken.



NOW THE MUSTARD! Courtney Salzer puts the final touches on a science project. Salzer and Heather Whetham won the senior

division at the local science fair for their project on stain removal. They went on to compete at the regional science fair in Aberdeen.

EUREKA, I'VE GOT IT! Blake Hoffman helps fellow freshman Brian Gill with a math problem during their third hour study hall.



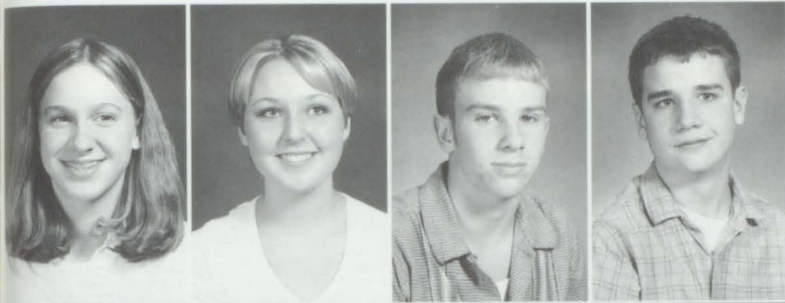
What is the worst thing that has ever happened to you on a Monday?

"I lost every assignment I possibly could have."

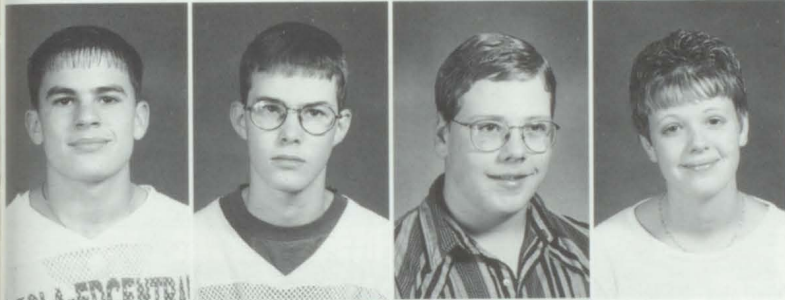
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"I don't have any one certain thing in my head, but I'm a clutz so often that I've probably done lots of dumb things (on Monday)."

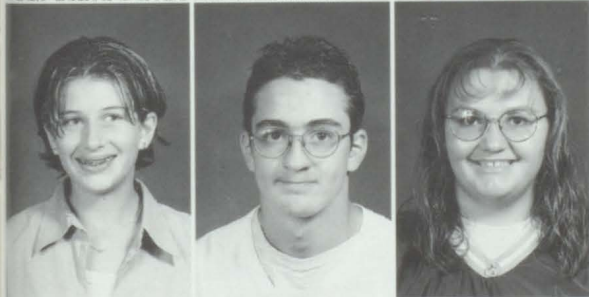
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Heather Whetham
Not Pictured: Jared Schaefer

Why did I ever do this?

Faculty members remember what attracted them to the teaching profession

LHS faculty members chose the teaching profession for various reasons. Some decided to enter teaching because of childhood dreams, while others were inspired by other teachers.

"It was one of two childhood dreams," special education teacher Doreen Emery said. "I've always liked working with children. Besides, I cannot stand the sight of blood, so nursing was out," she added about her second childhood dream.

Business teacher Harry Marshall returned to teaching after many years of working in accounting. "My first job after college was teaching.

Once my children moved to another state, I could take a pay cut and I decided to go back to teaching," Marshall said.

Social studies teacher Trent Osborne liked working with kids. "It makes me feel good when I see that I have taught someone something, no matter how small or inconsequential it may be," he said.

"Sometimes I wonder," English teacher Julie George said about entering the teaching profession. "Seriously, I had a super English teacher in high school who showed me that teachers can have a real impact on the lives of their students. I wanted

to be just like her. Still do," George said. She also added that having summers off is a plus.

Computer teacher Dan Vander Wal also was inspired by a teacher. "I have a cousin that is a teacher that had a big influence on me back in high school. He was always positive and liked his job. I've always liked kids and sports, so coaching and teaching makes me feel young and keeps me in touch with the younger generation," he said. Vander Wal also joked that he became a teacher because he thought teachers had all the answers. "I found out differently!" he said.



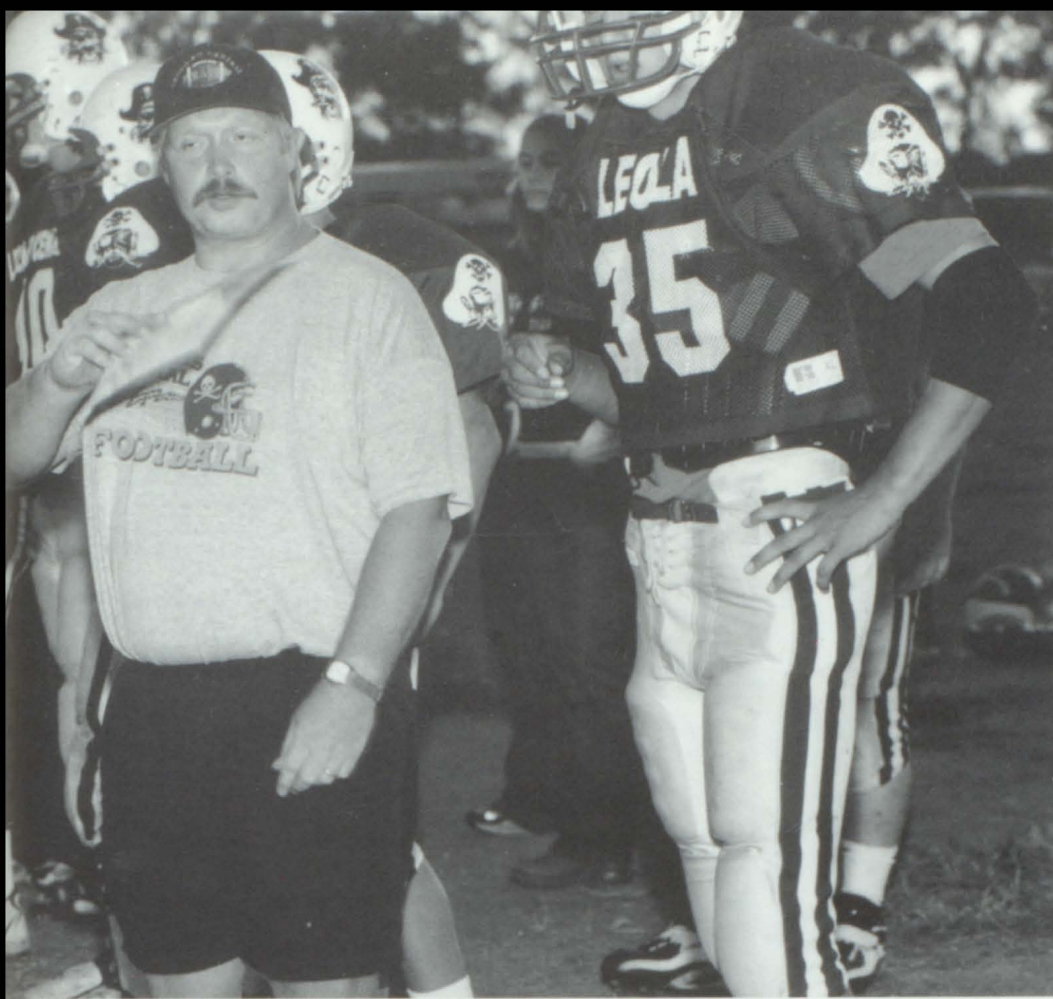
LONG-DISTANCE TEACHING! Math teacher David Hettick writes a problem on the overhead during his Algebra II class. Hettick taught Algebra II to students in Frederick, as well as Leola, through the NCAA system.



TALKING HEADS! Spotter Richard Jasmer, Edmunds Central spotter Darren Dahle, announcer Trent Osborne, spotter Dan Vander Wal and spotter Dana Leibel are the eyes and ears of the Leola-Edmunds Central football team.

HELPING HANDS! Tutor Alisa Comstock, speech therapist Sharon Osborne, Title I coordinator Diane Tschappat, Title I assistant JoAnn Sanborn and special education coordinator Doreen Emery work with special needs children.



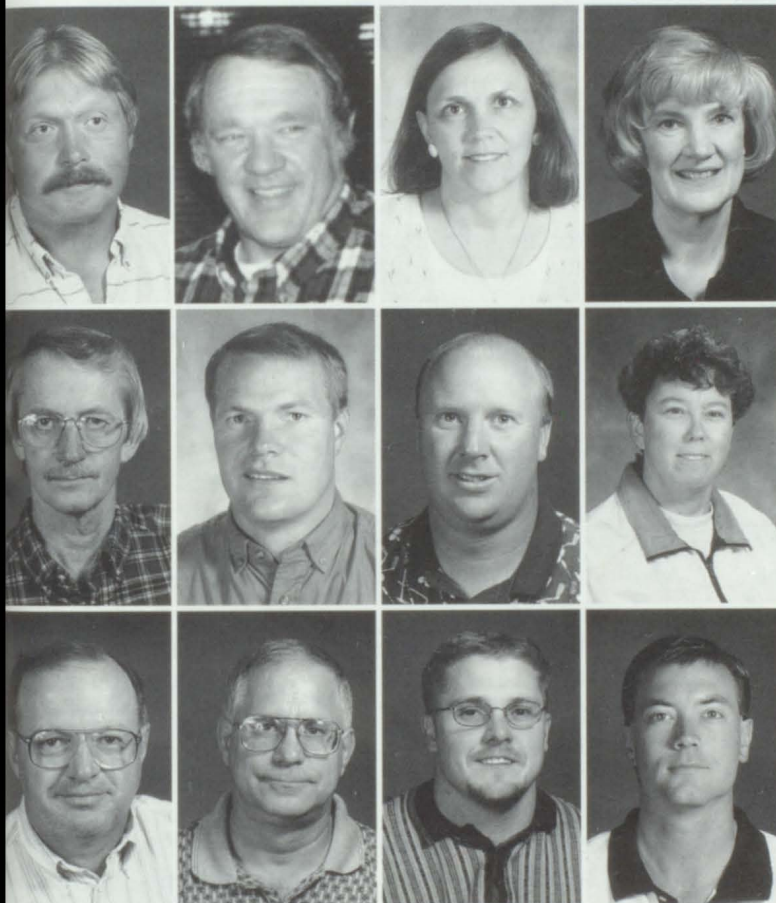


UNDER MY DIRECTION! First year head football coach Brad Beck gives senior tailback Tracy Hutson instructions on the next play.

What is the funniest excuse you have ever heard from a student?

"One of the funniest excuses was when a student told me he was working on his homework while baling hay, when his homework got trapped in the baling machine. What made this interesting is that when I talked to his dad about it, he told me that his son used the excuse that he had homework to do and couldn't help with baling."

Harry Marshall



Brad Beck (science, head football coach, head boys' track coach)

John Daly (industrial technology, athletic director)

Pat Geditz (librarian, junior high English)

Julie George (English, journalism, photography)

Mick Guffey (vocal and instrumental music, music theory)

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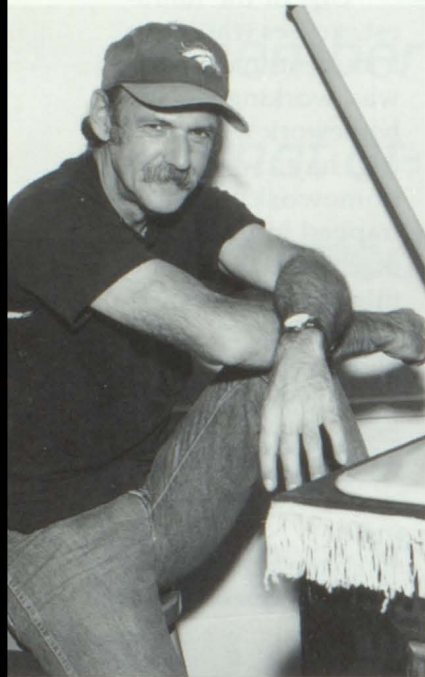
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Trent Osborne (social studies, head girls' basketball coach, head girls' volleyball coach)

Dan Vander Wal (computer science, assistant boys' basketball coach)

WIPED OUT! Assistant janitor Don Hammrich takes a rest after mopping the cafeteria floor.



GIVE ME A BREAK! Business manager Deb Weiszhaar, administrative assistant Vicki Geffre

and secretary Sally Davis take a minute out of their busy schedules to pose for a picture.



Pluses and minuses

Staff members enjoy parts of their jobs, like their hours, but dislike other parts, like complaining kids

Everyone has at least one thing that he enjoys or hates about his job, and LHS staff members are no exception.

"My favorite part of this job is that after five years on the job or longer, former students sometimes tell me that I have made a difference in their lives. They understand now that I was trying to do some things to help them," superintendent Robert Braun, a former teacher, said.

Serving good nutritional lunches is the best part of cook Doris Bell's job. Bell enjoys hearing

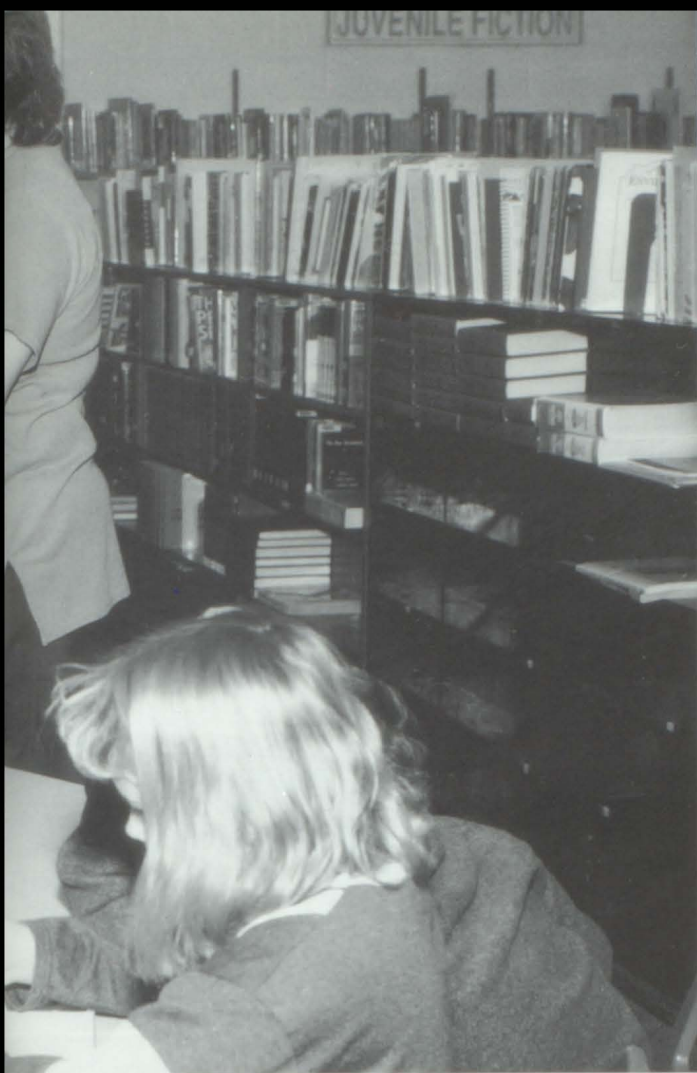
children tell her that they liked a meal she prepared and say please and thank you. "Even when we try something new, they let us know," she said.

Getting to know the kids is secretary Sally Davis's and janitor Dana Leibel's favorite part. "Also I like the idea that I can do things to improve the school, like painting, putting carpet in or replacing various things that break down or wear out," Leibel said.

The staff agree, however, that there are downsides to their jobs. Cleaning up messes that stu-

dents made on purpose is the least favorite part of kitchen assistant Karon Anliker's job. Cook Perry Kessler agreed with Anliker that kids are sometimes ungrateful. "We try our best, but we can't always please everyone," Kessler said.

Expelling students is one hard part of Braun's job. "I was not able to get them to follow the simple rules that the school has. The school is a lot easier on students than the real world is going to be. I should be able to help people, not tell them they are failures," Braun said.



EYES ON ME! Elementary Librarian Jackie Opp reads a selection as third grader Brooke Feickert follows along.

STACK 'EM UP! Janitor Dana Leibel stacks up chairs in the gym after homecoming coronation. This is Leibel's second year as head custodian.



What was the worst thing you ever had to tell your parents when you were a kid?

"I had to tell them that I was one of the kids who hung a dead garter snake on our teacher's car door handle."

Karon Anliker

"I received a phone call about my cousin, who died of cancer. It was hard because our whole family was close, and we had just seen him at a reunion about three months earlier."

Dana Leibel



COOKING UP A STORM! Lunch room staff Doris Bell, Violet Fischer, Perry Kessler and Karon Anliker take a break from preparing the day's menu. They are responsible for serving nutritious, economical meals every day.

SAFEST DRIVERS AROUND! Bus drivers include Mary Zantow, Karen Yost, Gerald Sanborn and David Tshappet. Not pictured are activity bus driver Randy Zantow and Bud Smalley.

TOO MUCH PAPERWORK! Superintendent Robert Braun is in his second year at Leola.

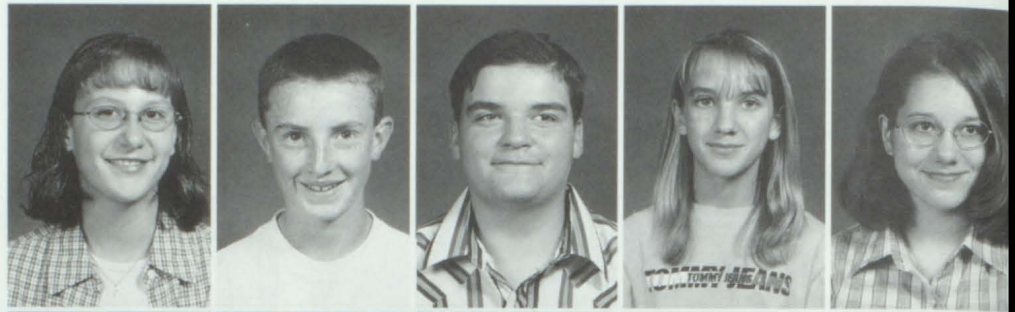


What's your funniest memory this year?

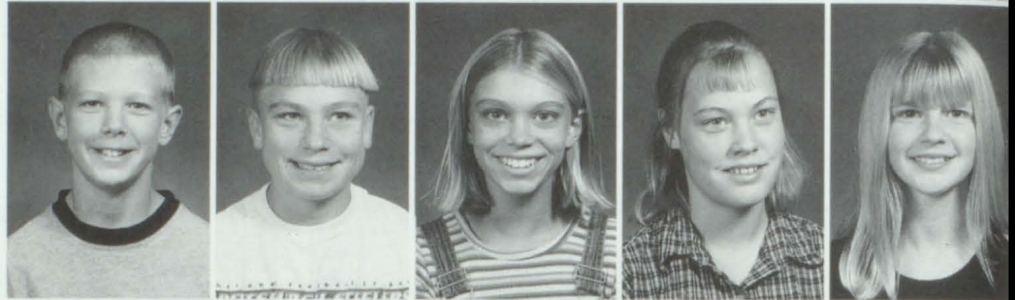
"We were standing in the hallway between tests, and the water squirted all over us when we went to get a drink."

Liz Leibel

Dena Ackerman, 7
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 Paul Geffre, 8
 Lindsey Gill, 7
 Monica Jacobson, 7



Nick Kallas, 7
 Aaron Kappes, 7
 Heather Keeney, 7
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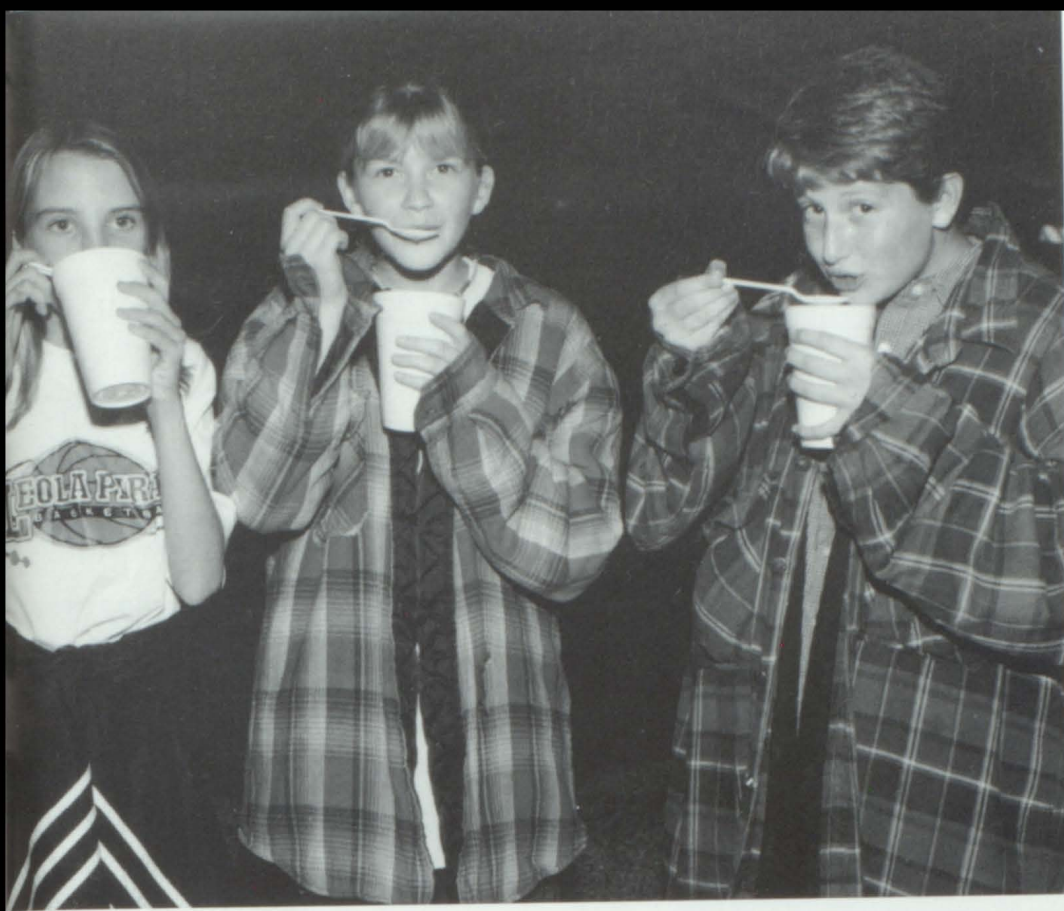


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Amanda Walberg, 7
 Brent Weig, 8
 Heather Weiszhaar, 8
 Kari Wolff, 7
 Ashley Yost, 7





Hot! Junior high students Lindsey Gill, Liz Leibel and Ashley Sieh drink hot cocoa after the homecoming pep rally.

DO THIS! Junior high math teacher Richard Jasmer explains a math problem to seventh graders Jed Anliker and Chuck Schaunaman.



If I were President...

Seventh and eighth graders discuss what they would do as President

Perhaps the seventh and eighth graders might be among the next presidents of the United States.

If they were, some would lower gas prices, while others would give money to better education in schools. Reducing violence would be another of their goals.

Seventh grader Ashley Sieh would go visit less populated states. "I would go to the smallest towns and talk to people about what they think of the government," she said.

Classmate Sam Sperry would make sure

that all people had equal rights.

Seventh grader Aaron Kappes believes the President has a very different type of job. "I would sit around all day drinking coffee and eating cookies," he said. "Then I might pass a law or something. I would do that because I would have nothing else to do besides eat and sleep," he added.

Seventh grader Jed Anliker would try to help dairy farmers, and classmate Nick Kallas would give farmers money when the market is low.

Some of the eighth graders agree with their seventh grade counterparts, while others have more original ideas. "I would be the first President to join the PGA," eighth grader David Tschappat said, "because they get paid more than the President."

Heather Weiszhaar would help the homeless. "I'd get them jobs and a house," she said.

Classmate Karl Moser would change the school year. "I would cut it back about six months," he said.

If you could describe yourself in one word, what would it be?

"Hyper. In the mornings I can't stop talking on the bus, even if I'm tired. I'm full of energy!"

Katie Klipfel

"Noisy because I like to blast my music, and I yell a lot."

Amanda Grabowska

"Thoughtful because I help people."

Nathaniel Leibel

TTRIM AWAY! Marcus Wolf laughs while Artist in the Schools Tom Roberts shows the fifth and sixth graders how to put on costume makeup. Wolf spent the whole day wearing his goatee.

I'M COMING! Fifth grader Amanda Kallas rides her scooter during her PE class.



WHAT A BIG CLASS! Sixth graders include: Front Row: Tyler Garoutte, Layne Guthmiller and Joshua Taylor. Middle Row: Amanda Grabowska, Meghan Waltman, Jessi Whetham, Chris Guthmiller, Jessica Mack, Lanny Geffre and Cody Harr. Back Row: teacher's aide Dawn Jenner, Ryan Casey, Marcus Wolf, McKenzie Grabowska, Heidi Weiszhaar, Alexa Messmer and teacher Janice Jasmer.



WE LOOK GOOD! Fifth graders include: First Row: Jeremy Walberg, Jerame Franck, Nathaniel Leibel, Burt Daly and Keith Lechner. Second Row: Jennifer Melland, Kendra Lakefield, Mandee Meidinger, Amanda Kallas, Katie Klipfel, Jennifer Lefforge, Megan Lapka and Heather Heupel. Third Row: Brandon Mock, Cory Pudwill, Andrew Erdmann, Joshua Whetham, Nathan Brandner and Brady Weiszhaar. Back Row: Teacher's aide Dawn Jenner and teacher Janice Jasmer.

LA LA LA! Jessi Whetham, Megan Waltman, Heidi Weiszhaar, Amanda Grabowska and Alexa Messmer practice Christmas songs for the elementary Christmas program.



Bigger's not always better

Fifth, sixth graders find plenty of things to like about living in a small town like Leola

The fifth and sixth graders believe that living in a small town is better than living in a city.

Amanda Grabowska likes it better because she knows everybody. "You really don't have to worry about robberies and crime as much as in a big town," she added.

"I feel more safe and free to do things," Heidi Weiszhaar said. "I know

more people and have more friends."

Nathaniel Leibel agrees. "You are friends with the whole town," he said.

Cory Pudwill likes living in a rural area because there are plenty of places for people to hunt.

"You can get away with more stuff," Brady Weiszhaar added.

Jeremy Walberg likes that in a small town he

doesn't have to worry about getting hit by cars. "I like that there is more room to play outside. I don't like to be around a lot of vehicles because an accident could happen anytime," Katie Klipfel said.

But even living in a small town has disadvantages. "There isn't as much to do in a small town," Cody Haar said.



And the winner is...

Third and fourth graders differ on which subject is the best

What subject do members of the combined third and fourth grade class like best?

Third graders Joseph Klipfel, Kristin Payne and Katie Tschappat said that they like science best. "It has cool experiments," Tschappat said about science class.

Math is third grader Kayla Kallas's favorite subject. "It is really easy, and I enjoy doing it," she said. "It also helps me figure out measurements

for when I help my mom bake and help my dad cut lumber for building a new pole barn."

Fourth grader Matthew Waltman also likes math. "When I do math, I like doing times," he said, "but subtraction is the easiest."

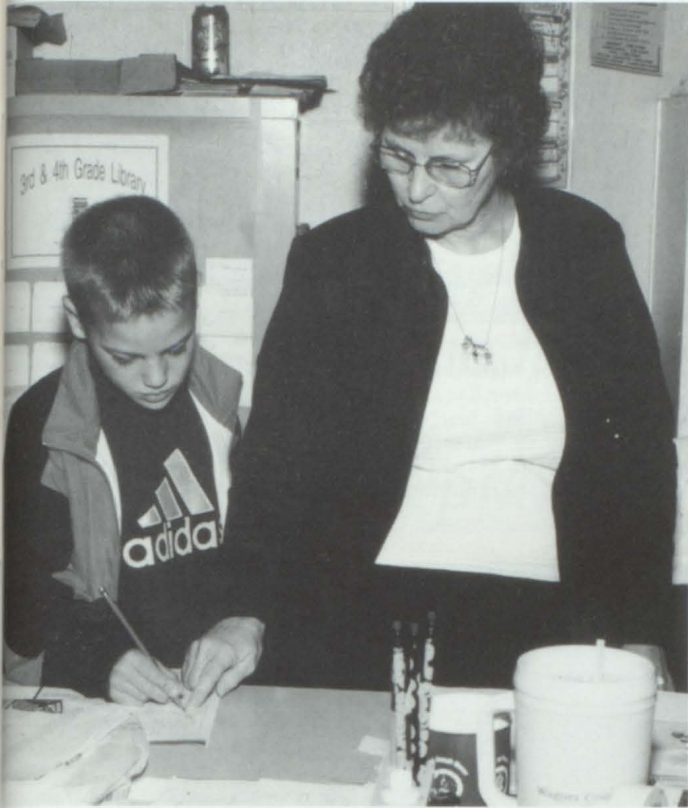
Fourth grader Samantha Jung said that social studies is her favorite subject. "It teaches us about the history of people long ago," Jung said. "It also helps us understand the past."



THIS IS SO FUN! Third grader Kayla Kallas goes down the slide during recess, while classmate Sara Jo Mack waits her turn.

FUTURE MATHEMATICIANS! Fourth graders Jordan Beck and Kayla Lapka show off their adding and subtracting talents during math class.

HELP, PLEASE! Third grader Jack Daly listens to third and fourth grade teacher Lois Merkel explain how to do a reading assignment.



THIS BOOK LOOKS GOOD! Third graders Kristin Payne and Megan Hoffman read books during their library class time.



Who is your favorite singer or group?

"Shania Twain because I like her songs."
Jordan Beck

"Lynryd Skynrd because the lead singer died, and his brother took over for him. He did a great job!"
Samantha Jung

"My favorite group is the Backstreet Boys because they put on good concerts, and they are respectful in their performances."
Kayla Kallas



MESSY, MESSY! Fourth grader Eric Yost sorts through the mess in his desk to find a homework assignment.



LITTLE ANGELS! Members of the fourth grade are: Front Row: Stephanie Mohror and Samatha Jung. Second Row: Eric Yost, Eric Grabowska and Sebastian Hoff. Third Row: Matthew Waltman and Michael Carman. Fourth Row: Jordan Beck, teacher Lois Merkel and Kayla Lapka. Not pictured are Kristin Salzer and Landon Thayer.



POSED FOR ACTION! Third graders include: Front Row: Sara Jo Mack and Brooke Feickert. Second Row: Kayla Kallas, Katie Tschappat, Mitchell Aman, Kristin Payne and Megan Hoffman. Back Row: Jack Daly, teacher Lois Merkel and Tyson Meyer. Not pictured are Joseph Klipfel and Josh Pudwill.



A SMALL GROUP! The first grade class members are: Front Row: Connor Harr, Dylan Lapka, Douglas Kallas, Joey Brandner, Rachel Davis. Back Row: Steven Kallas, Jamie Taylor, Austin Weig, Trenton Aman, Alexis Carman, Matthew Erdmann and teacher Nichol Osborne.



SECOND GRADE MEMBERS INCLUDE: Front Row: Brandon Franck, Desmond Mohror, Kyra Tschappat, Emilija Garoutte and Michael Lechner. Second Row: teacher's aide Jan Schumacher, Justin Sperry, Dominic Wollman, Aaron Geffre, Tyler Beck, Jason Brandner and teacher Jackie Rau. Third Row: Jessica Waltman, Megan Melland, Stephanie Jung, Paige Guthmiller and Shelby Thayer.

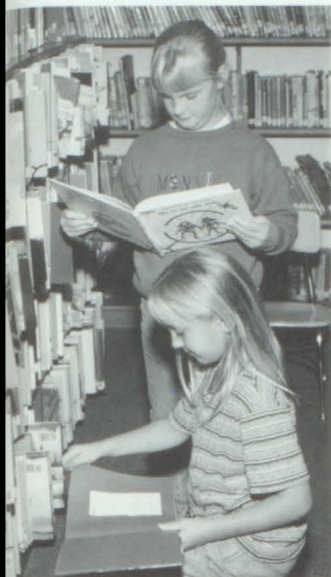


THIS IS FUN! First graders Connor Harr, Matthew Erdmann, Alexis Carman and Jamie Taylor clap at a homecoming skit during coronation.

PRETTY FISH! First graders Steven Kallas and Trenton Aman look at their fish during free time. The first grade class have the fish as a class pet.



THIS ONE'S A GOOD ONE! Second graders Megan Melland and Kyra Tschappat pick out a book from the library to read during their library class.



Principal for a day

First and second graders tell about what they would do if they were a principal

If you could be principal for a day what would you do and why?

Dylan Lapka would call off school because he wouldn't want to be in class any longer. Megan Melland said she would call off school because "school's boring!"

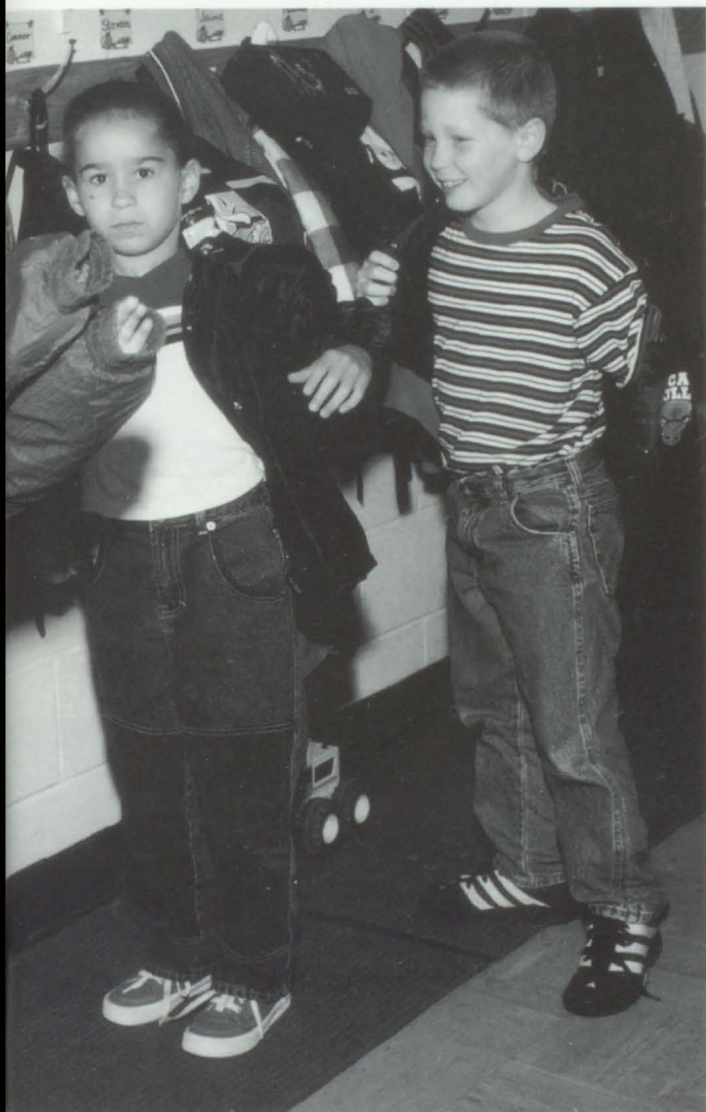
Shelby Thayer would ask the students to do work. "I would ask the kids to do extra credit, so they learn more," she said.

Paige Guthmiller, on the other hand, would try

to help the kids who need help.

Justin Sperry said that his brother would be in trouble if he was principal for a day. "I would send Tyler Toennies to my office 145 times," he said. "He's naughty!" he added.

Joey Brandner would have more pizza and ice cream and would make recess three times a day for an hour each. "I think we need more free time because we work a lot," he said.



What is your favorite pick-up truck?

"I like like Fords because my dad has one."

Tyler Beck

"Dodge because they look good."

Justin Sperry

"Ford because they have power."

Aaron Geffre

JUST HANGING AROUND. Second grader Brandon Franck stretches out on the monkey bars while he enjoys afternoon recess.

YES, IT'S RECESS! First graders Alexis Carman, Rachel Davis and Connor Harr put on their coats to go out for recess.

Recess is the best

WHAT SHOULD WE BUILD? Kindergarteners Ty Kessler and Ashley Feickert play with blocks during playtime.

Kindergarteners say recess, playtime are their favorite times of the day

Do you remember recess? Most of the members of the kindergarten class agreed that recess is the best time of the day. For Ty Kessler and Josh Waltman it's a chance to play basketball.

The kindergarteners also enjoy playtime. "I like to play with blocks because we can build stuff," Mitchell Waltman said.

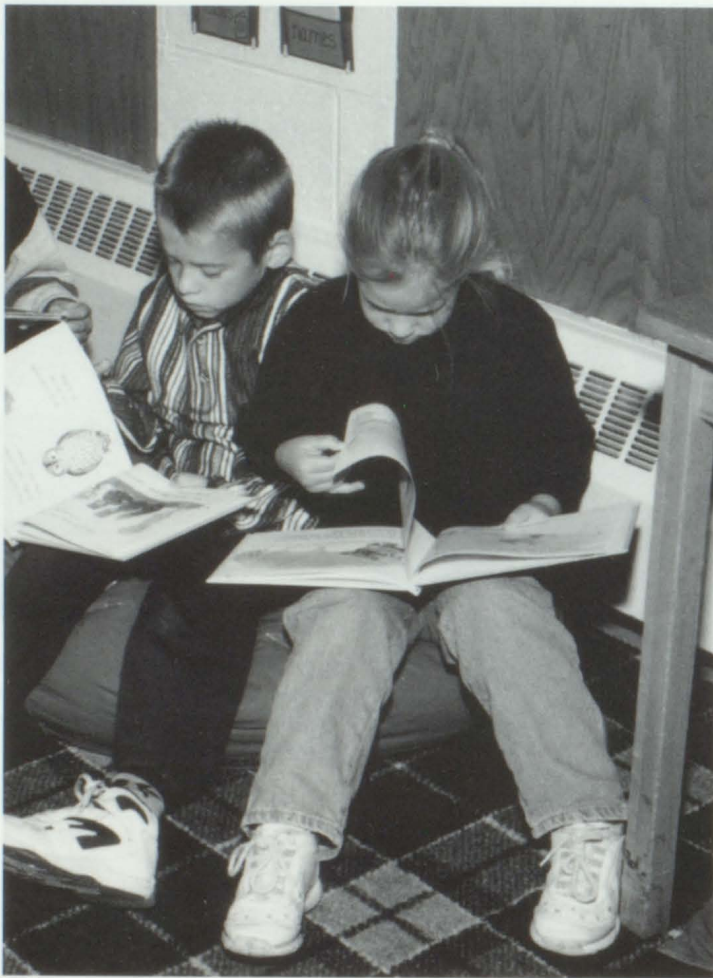
"I like to play in the corn table because it's

fun," Andrew Hoffman said.

Alex Hodges likes playing with his friends, while Amber Weig likes to play house.

Art is another favorite. "I like to make stuff like cars," Samantha Lechner said. Royce Erdmann and Alex Hodges enjoy painting.

Andrew Hoffman and Brandon Geffre both enjoy playing on the computer.



THIS IS A FUN BOOK! Reed Erdmann and Amber Weig share a beanbag chair while relaxing with a good book.

PLAYTIME! Andrew Hoffman, Royce Erdmann, Trenton Aman and Tia Garoutte play in the corn table during free time.



SAY CHEESE! First Row: Alex Hodges, Ty Kessler, Reed Erdmann and Andrew Hoffman. Second Row: teacher Carol Jones, Tia Garoutte, Ashley Feickert, Whitney Heupel and Amber Weig. Third Row: Royce Erdmann, Joshua Waltman, Brandon Geffre and Trenton Aman.



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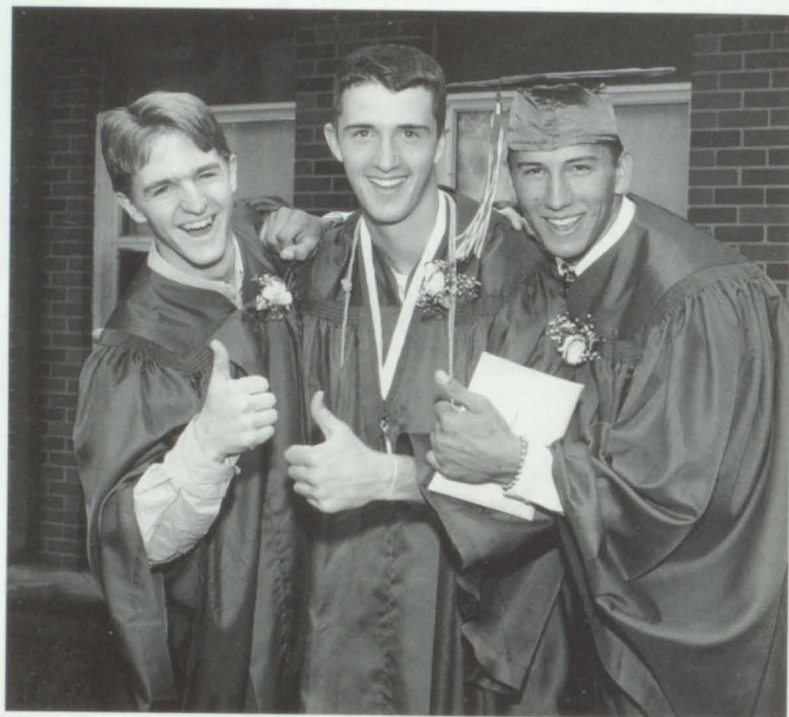
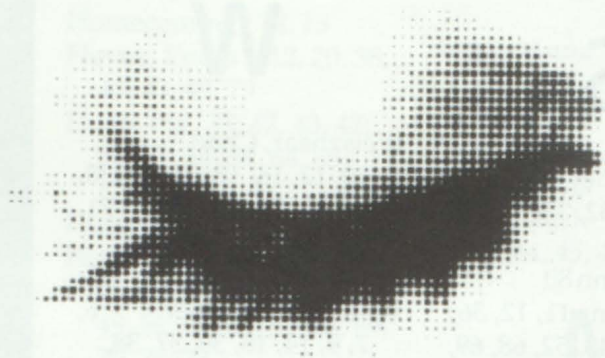
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Looking

The year is done and gone forever. We've been through a lot. We've experienced things together that most of us will never forget. But the past is just that, the past. Next year and the years after, we'll go our separate ways with only the memories of this year to hold us together. Years from now we'll look back and remember fondly the times we shared, the friends we made and the things we learned. We'll pause and look back at this timepiece for "One Last Look."



LOOKING FORWARD, LOOKING BACK.

For newly graduated seniors Chad Weiszhaar, Chris Hauck and Tracy Hutson, commencement marks one last time to look back at the good times that were before turning their faces toward the better times that will be. Look out, World! Here we come!

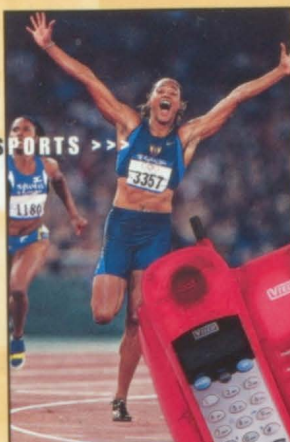


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▲ Gas prices soar across Europe. Heavy taxation policies in France and England cause massive protests and transportation blockades. Both governments eventually promise relief.

▼ The Millennium Bridge, a footbridge across the River Thames connecting London's St. Paul Cathedral with the Tate Modern Art Gallery, opens in June. It is the first bridge to be built over the Thames in 100 years.



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▲ Former KGB agent Vladimir Putin is sworn into office as Russia's new president in May 2000, succeeding long-time leader Boris Yeltsin. Despite fears of an authoritarian style, Putin's public approval ratings remain high.



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▲ Floods in Southeast Asia are caused by days of pounding rain. Millions are forced to leave their homes and more than a thousand people die in the region's worst flooding in decades.



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▲ President Clinton travels to Southeast Asia in November to help mend relations between the United States and Vietnam. He is the first U.S. president to visit Vietnam since the end of the war in 1975.



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▲ A cable car carrying skiers and snowboarders in Austria catches fire inside a tunnel, killing more than 150 people on board. It is the worst Alpine disaster in the country's history.



Peter Vujanic/Newsmakers/Liaison

▲ Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic is ousted from office in October, ending 13 years of violent rule. Vojislav Kostunica becomes Yugoslavia's first democratically elected president.

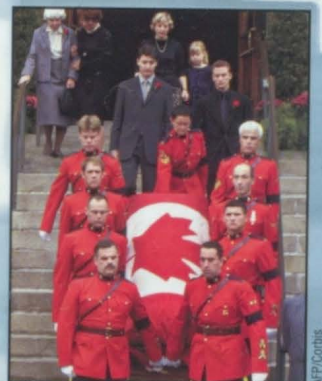


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◀ Australian street artists called "Strange Fruit" perform gravity-defying feats around the world. The performers float above the audience on 15-foot fiberglass poles.

President Clinton makes a last-ditch effort to broker a Middle East peace deal before his term ends in January 2001 by drafting a plan for leaders of both Israel and Palestine to review. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian Yasser Arafat agree to review Clinton's proposal, but no deal is signed before month's end.



AP/Corbis

▲ Singapore Airlines jumbo jet crashes during takeoff in Taiwan, killing 81 of the 179 people on board. In a blinding rainstorm the pilot uses the wrong runway and collides with construction equipment.

▲ Canada mourns the death of former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, who served the country for nearly 16 years. Trudeau, who was 80, is remembered for his flamboyant style and his commitment to keeping Canada a single nation.



AP/Wide World Photos

▲ Two hundred North and South Koreans separated from family members since the 1950-1953 Korean war reunite in August. The four-day visits are a goodwill gesture by both countries' leaders, who met for the first time in June.

▼ In August, the Russian nuclear submarine *Kursk* sinks to the bottom of the Barents Sea after an unexplained explosion. All 118 crew members are killed.



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AIDS reaches epidemic proportions in southern Africa. Leaders and citizens throughout the world conduct a massive educational campaign on World AIDS Day December 1 to teach people about the disease that is killing 6,000 sub-Saharan Africans each day.

Uganda is struck by an occurrence of the deadly Ebola virus that is linked to more than 100 deaths. The outbreak is traced to a Gulu woman who died in September and whose body infected other people during the ritual cleansing of the dead.



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▲ In January 2001, a 7.9 magnitude earthquake devastates Gujarat in western India. The huge quake causes an estimated \$5.5 billion in damages and kills more than 20,000 people.



Tyler Hicks/Liaison

▲ In August, Somalia elects its first president in nine years. President Abdiqasim Salad Hassan promises to bring peace and economic recovery to the African nation.



Wesley Boovet/Liaison

▲ Former Coca-Cola executive Vicente Fox, of the National Action Party, is elected president of Mexico in July, ending the Institutional Revolutionary Party's 71-year reign.



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▲ More than 150 world leaders meet at the U.N. Millennium Summit in September to discuss war, poverty, disease and other global problems. The meeting is the largest gathering of world leaders in history.



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▲ In July, an Air France Concorde supersonic jet catches fire and crashes outside Paris, killing 113 people. The crash is blamed on metal debris which punctured the tires and damaged the fuel tanks.

▼ The worst wave of Middle Eastern violence in years erupts between Israelis and Palestinians, leaving more than 350 dead. A visit by Israeli opposition leader Ariel Sharon to a Jerusalem holy site on September 28 is claimed to have sparked the fighting.



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Missoulain, Michael Gallacher/AP/Wide World Photos



▲ In the worst forest fire season in 50 years, more than 20,000 firefighters battle blazes in the western United States. More than 80 major wildfires burn across 13 states, forcing hundreds of people to leave their homes.

✓ The U.S. Senate passes the Permanent Normal Trade Relations bill in September to open up trade between the United States and China. The bill is expected to increase U.S. exports by \$13 billion annually.



Michael R. Brown/Reuters

▲ Firestone initiates the largest tire recall in history after dozens of rollover accidents appear to be caused by faulty treads. At least 148 deaths in the United States are linked to the defective tires, although other problems with sport utility vehicles also are under investigation.



David Young-Worff/PhotoEdit

▲ Summer air travelers wait out some of the worst flight delays on record. Bad weather and heavy air traffic cause delays that reach a peak in June, when only 66% of the flights arrive on time.



Joe Riedle/Newsweek/Liaison

▲ Illegal downloading and missing computer tapes threaten the security of the Los Alamos nuclear weapons lab in New Mexico. Several workers at the lab are penalized for mishandling nuclear secrets.



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▲ The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future opens in September in Dallas. The museum profiles 3,000 remarkable American women and features more than 20 interactive exhibits.



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▲ Many brands of taco shells and corn chips are pulled from store shelves and restaurants after a consumer group detects traces of genetically modified corn not approved for human consumption.



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✦ Convicted of monopoly practices in the software industry, Microsoft Corporation is ordered by a federal district judge in June to break into two separate companies. Company chairman Bill Gates files for an appeal.

A wave of Internet startup companies, once the darlings of the online economy, file for bankruptcy after falling short of stockholders' earnings expectations. The NASDAQ stock exchange, where most dot-coms are traded, loses 39% of its value for the year.

Millions of Californians go for hours without power in January 2001 as utility companies cut off electrical supply due to low reserves. The crisis, blamed on aging generating plants, deregulation, soaring wholesale prices and debt-ridden utilities, spurs other states to begin devising prevention plans.



Cynthia Johnson/Liaison

▲ The Oklahoma City National Memorial is unveiled in April 2001. The memorial is built to honor the 168 people who died in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

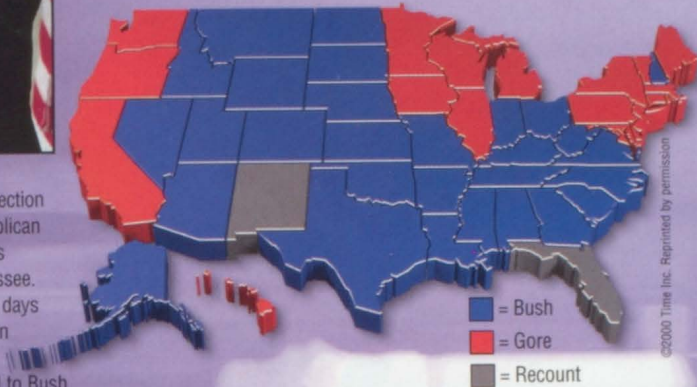


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▲ In the closest presidential election in more than 100 years, Republican George W. Bush of Texas beats Democrat Al Gore from Tennessee. The race isn't decided until 36 days after the popular election, when Florida's hotly contested 25 electoral votes are awarded to Bush.

▼ On December 4, 2000, the U.S. presidency remains in limbo as both Florida and New Mexico officials recount ballots to determine who will win their state's electoral votes. New Mexico goes to Gore. Ultimately, Bush wins Florida which gives him a narrow victory.



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On election night, several TV networks prematurely declare Al Gore the winner in Florida, only later to reverse themselves, twice. The fiasco confirms many Americans' distrust of polling and early "calling" of elections.

In one of his first duties as President-elect, George W. Bush nominates Colin Powell to be Secretary of State. The four-star Army General becomes the first African-American in history to serve in this role.



▲ Chads, dimpled chads and butterfly ballots become common terms during the election as Florida officials assess voter intent. The confusion generates national discussion for uniform methods of voting.



▲ The U.S. Supreme Court casts the deciding vote in the nation's election. The court ends the Gore-Bush legal battles in Florida by stopping all recounting, an action that effectively gives Bush victory.



▲ In a fiery and highly publicized political battle, Hillary Rodham Clinton beats Republican Rick Lazio decisively to become senator from New York. She is the first first lady to be elected to public office.



▲ Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan is elected to the Senate days after he dies in a November plane crash. His widow, Jean Carnahan, agrees to serve as senator in his place.



▲ In October, the USS *Cole* is bombed while refueling in Yemen. A number of terrorist groups are suspected of the blast that kills 17 sailors and injures 39.

▼ The Federal Trade Commission charges the film, recording and video-game industries with marketing violent and adult-rated materials to teens. The entertainment giants are requested to stop the practice or face legal intervention.



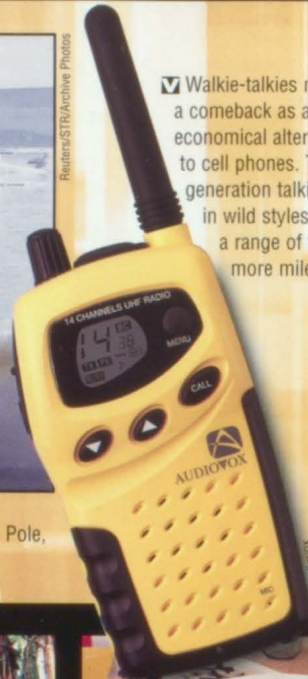
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▲ In August, a mile-wide patch of open water is spotted at the North Pole, dramatizing concerns about global warming.



Audiovox

✓ Walkie-talkies make a comeback as an economical alternative to cell phones. The new generation talkies come in wild styles and have a range of two or more miles.



NASA/AP/Wide World Photos

▲ New photos of fiery streams of gas that can reach 300,000 miles high may explain why the sun's atmosphere is hotter than its surface.



www.stephenking.com

▲ In July, Stephen King shakes up the publishing world by releasing one of the first online books, *The Plant*. More than 150,000 copies are downloaded the first week at \$1 per chapter.



NYT Pictures

▲ In a Guatemalan jungle, archeologists uncover remains of an ancient Mayan palace. Bigger than two football fields, the palace is one of the largest ever discovered.



Mark Lemihan/AP/Wide World Photos

▲ Internet appliances that provide surfing and e-mailing capabilities make their way to homes and schools. The devices offer less expensive Internet access to consumers without home computers.



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▲ In 2000, more than 200 animal species join the Iberian Lynx on the World Conservation Union's List of Threatened Species. Their addition brings the world total to 11,046 plants and animals having threatened status.



Compaq/AP/Wide World Photos

✓ Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) capable of calendar scheduling, note taking, e-mailing, phoning and Web browsing go mainstream in 2000. Competition among manufacturers heats up with Microsoft, BlackBerry, Palm and other brands vying for shares of the teen and business markets.

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Paleontologists identify a new species of dinosaur from fossils found in northern Italy. The 26-foot-long, meat-eating *Saltriosaur* is one of the world's oldest dinosaurs, dating back 200 million years.

Scientists are forced to rethink the traditional definitions of a star and planet when 18 massive planet-like bodies that don't revolve around a sun are discovered in the Sigma Orionis cluster.



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▲ Final touches are made to the International Space Station for its first residents. American astronaut Bill Shepherd and two Russian cosmonauts live on the space station for four months starting in November.



✔ Wireless devices that send real-time personal messages between users become the latest communication craze. The "instant messages" can be typed, written or spoken, depending on the brand, and devices cost less than \$100.



✔ In 2000, both Honda and Toyota launch gas-electric hybrid cars. Operated by a battery-powered electric motor and a gas-run engine, the hybrids get up to 70 miles per gallon on the highway and release minimal emissions.



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New Internet domain names are created to lessen the load on the old .com standard. The new names, slated for use in mid-2001, include .info for general use, .biz for businesses, .name for individuals and .pro for professionals.

Scientists complete a rough "map" of the genetic code that makes a person human. The map will aid in the detection and prevention of cancer and other illnesses.



▲ PlanetPortal unveils the WebRemote, a remote built for use with the Internet. Users can surf their favorite sites at the touch of a button instead of keying addresses or scrolling a list of bookmarked pages.



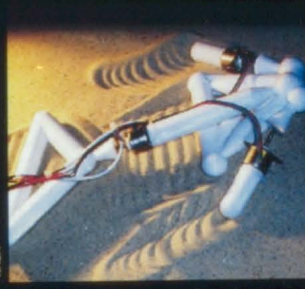
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▲ Scientists discover an ancient standing lizard fossil in a German quarry, suggesting that dinosaurs may not have been the first creatures to walk upright.



NASA

▲ The Hubble Space Telescope shows never-before-seen details of a "cosmic butterfly," material ejected by a star in the later stages of its life.



Brandeis University

▲ Computer scientists at Brandeis University make a robot that can design and build other robots with minimal help from humans.

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▲ Amtrak introduces the nation's first high-speed train in November. The "Acela Express" travels up to 150 miles per hour and runs between Washington, D.C., New York and Boston, with other routes planned for coming years.

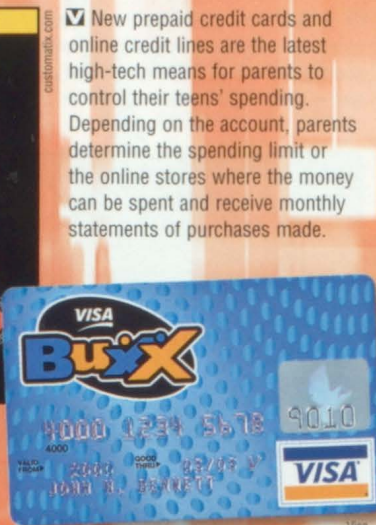
✔ Apple Computer unveils its new G4 Cube computer in July. The 8-inch crystalline cube is commended for its small size, high speed, low noise level, touch-sensitive power activation and padless optical mouse.



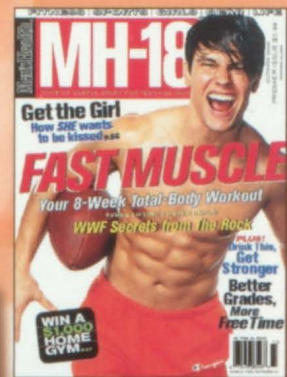
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▲ A new Web site, Customatix.com, lets users design their own sneakers. Starting from scratch or selecting a prefab model, users can pick everything from the colors and styling to the fabric and personalized logo at a cost of \$80 to \$95 a pair.



✓ New prepaid credit cards and online credit lines are the latest high-tech means for parents to control their teens' spending. Depending on the account, parents determine the spending limit or the online stores where the money can be spent and receive monthly statements of purchases made.



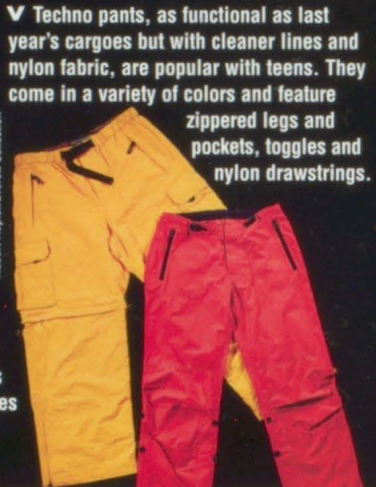
▲ MH-18, billed as the first national lifestyle magazine for guys 13 to 18, hits newsstands in August. The Men's Health offshoot covers sports, fitness, school, relationships and issues teenage boys face growing up.



▲ American Heritage, among other publishers, releases new dictionaries, capturing the language of our computer-savvy culture. "Dot-com," "netiquette" and "cybersurfing" are among the new entries.



▲ Pleather, a synthetic fabric that looks like leather, comes in an array of colors and prints and is popularized by celebrities like singer Christina Aguilera.



✓ Techno pants, as functional as last year's cargoes but with cleaner lines and nylon fabric, are popular with teens. They come in a variety of colors and feature zippered legs and pockets, toggles and nylon drawstrings.



▲ Laser eye surgery becomes an increasingly accepted alternative to eyeglasses and contact lenses as the technology continues to improve.

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✓ The popularity of Apple Computer's translucent iMac sparks a wave of similarly colored cell phones, CD players, cameras, irons and other household appliances.

For the first time, females outnumber males in Internet use in the United States, representing 50.4% of the online population in 2000. Teenage girls are the fastest growing user segment.

Designer faceplates become a popular way to personalize cell phones. The decorative attachments come in a variety of designs and colors to match the user's mood or outfit.



▲ Wordstretch bracelets become a trendy accessory in Hollywood and around the nation. The multi-colored elastic bands come inscribed with "Call me," "Money is overrated," "Snap out of it" and other simple messages designed to spark conversation.

Photo courtesy of Wordstretch



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▲ High-tech, fold-up metal versions of the old scooter are one of the year's hottest modes of transportation but also a leading cause of injury.

▼ Message T-shirts become fashion statements among teen girls. "Foxy Lady," "Princess" and "Monkey Around" are just a few of the tongue-in-cheek logos that appear on the popular shirts.



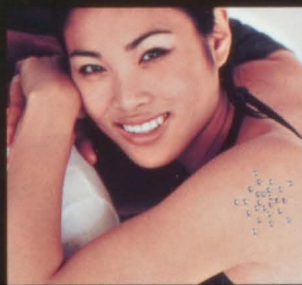
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By the end of 2000, an estimated 75% of U.S. universities offer courses online and more than 5.8 million students have logged on.

With the 2000 unemployment rate at a low of 4%, college students working as summer interns command wages up to \$20 an hour, along with compensation packages, from high-tech and Internet companies.

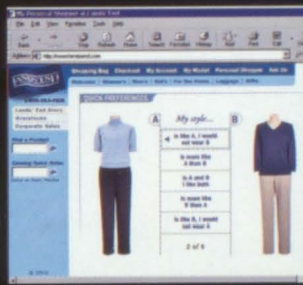


▲ Companies like Estee Lauder, Origins, Hermes and Blistex begin to market products in portable single-use packets. Products include nail polish remover, scented wipes, hair conditioners and moisturizers.



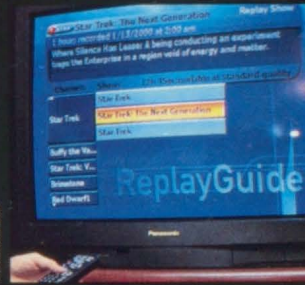
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▲ Stick-on crystals and gems become popular fashion accessories for teen girls, accenting the face, neck and shoulders.



Landsend.com

▲ Mail-order clothing pioneer Lands' End introduces "scan wear." The technology captures customers' body measurements, and allows users to virtually "try on" clothing when ordering via the Internet.



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▲ "Personal TVs" by TiVo and ReplayTV allow users to control live TV by pausing or rewinding and to record their favorite shows without having to set a VCR timer or purchase videotapes.



Chris Hondros/Hersmekamp/Liaison

▲ Chrysler rolls out its 1930s retro car, the PT Cruiser, in spring 2000. The five-door "personal transportation" wagon is a hot seller, beating the popular Volkswagen New Beetle by two to one in the first month. It also wins *Motor Trend* magazine's 2001 Car of the Year.

▼ Teens involved in anti-smoking organizations such as The Truth and Target Market strike back at Big Tobacco for marketing to youth, by launching their own in-your-face advertising campaigns targeting cigarette makers. The print and broadcast ads are sponsored by funds won from tobacco suit settlements.



Target Market



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▲ The Millennium Force, the world's tallest and fastest roller coaster, opens in May 2000 at the Cedar Point amusement park in Sandusky, Ohio. The ride has a 300-foot drop and travels up to 92 miles per hour.



Maxis/Electronic Arts

▼ A new computer video game called "The Sims," which simulates the life of a suburban family, develops a fanatical following with teens. Players create the characters and guide them through building a house, furnishing it, finding a career and running a family in their pursuit of happiness.



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▲ Jim Carrey stirs up trouble in the town of Whoville in an adaptation of the Dr. Seuss classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. *The Grinch*, which opens in November, is the highest grossing film of 2000.



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▲ *Meet the Parents*, starring Robert De Niro and Ben Stiller, opens in October. The movie wins Favorite Comedy Motion Picture at the People's Choice Awards, and De Niro earns a Golden Globe nomination.

▲ In July, CBS launches "Big Brother," a reality-based show in which 10 people share living quarters for three months until all but one are voted out. Viewers can monitor contestants 24/7 on the show's Web site.

▲ UPN's weekly series "WWF Smackdown!" starring professional wrestler The Rock is the network's most-watched show in 2000, with 7.3 million viewers.

▲ In December, *Cast Away* is released, starring Tom Hanks as a crash victim stranded on a desert island for four years. For his nearly one-man performance Hanks wins Best Actor at the Golden Globes.

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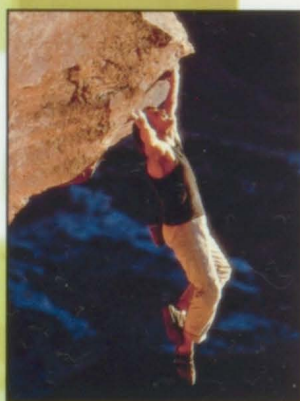


▼ Gamers camp outside electronics stores to secure the long-awaited Sony PlayStation 2, which goes on sale in October in limited quantities. The new version allows users to listen to CDs and watch DVD movies in addition to playing games.

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The first big hit in 2001 is *Save the Last Dance*, which opens in January. The teen romance, starring Julia Stiles and Sean Patrick Thomas, earns close to \$50 million in its first two weeks.

Pay It Forward, a movie based on the idea of performing random acts of kindness, opens in October starring Haley Joel Osment, Kevin Spacey and Helen Hunt.



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▲ Tom Cruise reprises his role as Ethan Hunt in the action sequel *Mission: Impossible 2*. The May release is summer's biggest box-office draw and 2000's second-highest grossing film, earning more than \$215 million.



Popular television series prompt the introduction of board game versions. "Survivor" and "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire" lead the list of new releases.

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In November, illusionist David Blaine is encased in ice for 62 hours in New York's Times Square, assisted only with air and water tubes and a catheter. Blaine, who was seeking notoriety over national TV, survives the stunt but requires hospitalization.

Russell Crowe becomes a household name with the release of *Gladiator*. The epic film wins a Golden Globe Award for Best Drama as well as an acting nod for Crowe.

NBC's White House drama "The West Wing," starring Martin Sheen, Allison Janney and Richard Schiff, sets a record for receiving the most Emmys in a single season with nine wins, including Outstanding Drama Series.



NBC's "Will & Grace" is one of television's 10 most watched shows in 2000. Actors Sean Hayes and Megan Mullally win Emmys for their roles as Jack and Karen.



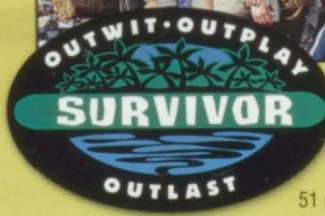
Scary Movie, the Wayans brothers' spoof on horror movies, is among the year's 10 highest grossing films. The July release earns more than \$157 million and is voted the Teen Choice Awards Movie of the Summer.



Fox's "Dark Angel" is voted Favorite New Television Dramatic Series at the 2001 People's Choice Awards. The series, set in the year 2019, explores the life of a genetically enhanced heroine named Max.



In July, *Wolverine*, Cyclops, Storm and other super-powerful comic book characters are brought to life in *X-Men*. The movie grosses over \$157 million, one of the year's 10 biggest box-office draws.



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The year's hottest TV show is CBS's "Survivor," in which 16 contestants compete for a million dollars by surviving on a tropical island for 39 days. More than 51 million viewers tune in for the final episode. Based on its success, CBS launches a second "Survivor" series in January 2001 set in the Australian Outback.

Charlie's Angels, based on the popular '70s TV series, is one of the top 20 box-office draws in 2000. The movie, starring director Drew Barrymore, Cameron Diaz and Lucy Liu, earns \$40 million its opening week in November and grosses more than \$123 million during its run.



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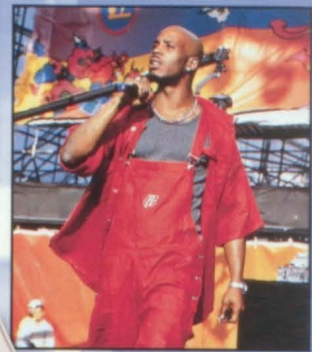
▲ In response to the growing interest in Latin music, CBS airs the "1st Annual Latin Grammy Awards" in September. The show is the first primetime network Spanish language telecast on American TV and draws 7.5 million viewers.

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▼ A new board game called "Hip-Hop Hall of Fame" capitalizes on the popularity of the music genre. Players make their way around an album-like board by answering questions about Hip-Hop performers, songs, culture and history.

Alex Cao/AP/Wide World Photos



Tara Cannova/Retna Limited, USA

▲ Hip-Hop remains one of the year's dominant sounds, with acts such as DMX, Jay-Z and Ludacris all making *Billboard's* Top 40 with new songs and selling more than a million copies of their latest CDs.



▲ 'N Sync's *No Strings Attached* becomes the top-selling album of 2000 with 10 million units sold. The lead single "Bye Bye Bye" wins three MTV awards and receives a Grammy nomination for Record of the Year.



Mark Allan/Globe Photos

▲ Pop star Björk wins MTV's Breakthrough Video Award for "All Is Full of Love." The Icelandic newcomer is also nominated for a Golden Globe and a Grammy for her music in *Dancer In the Dark*.



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▲ Macy Gray wins MTV's Best New Artist in a Video award for her hit single "I Try." Gray is also nominated for three Grammys.



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▲ Lee Ann Womack wins the Country Music Association's award for Best Single with "I Hope You Dance." Womack also receives several Grammy nominations.

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◀ New brands and styles of portable MP3 players inundate the market in 2000. The new-generation devices store and play digital music from the Internet and feature more playing time than their predecessors.

Madonna scores a record-setting 12th No. 1 single with the release of "Music." In December, she weds director Guy Ritchie in a Scottish castle.

Irish artist Samantha Mumba makes the music charts in 2001 with her hit song "Gotta Tell You." The 17-year-old joins fellow countrymen U2 and The Corrs on the American airwaves.



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▲ Creed, with lead singer Scott Stapp, proves to be one of 2000's hottest rock bands, with their singles "Higher" and "With Arms Wide Open" hitting the top 5 on *Billboard's* Hot 100 singles list. The group wins American Music Association's Favorite Alternative Artist and Favorite Pop/Rock Album.



Opening week sales records are shattered in 2000 with benchmarks set for the number of albums sold. Britney Spears' *Oops...I Did it Again*, Eminem's *The Marshall Mathers LP*, Limp Bizkit's *Chocolate Starfish and the Hot Dog Flavored Water* and Backstreet Boys' *Black & Blue* all break the million-unit mark.

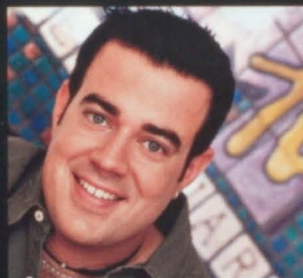
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The Beatles begin 2001 atop the *Billboard* album chart with the album *1*. The CD sells more than 5 million copies over the holiday season.

Sisqo, a member of the R&B band Dru Hill, goes solo in 2000. The singer tops the singles chart with "Incomplete" and "Thong Song" and takes home awards from *Billboard* and the American Music Association.



Napster loses several court battles with the recording industry over copyright infringement. The popular online music sharing service, with over 60 million users, faces shut-down unless it can create a new business formula that satisfies the major recording labels.



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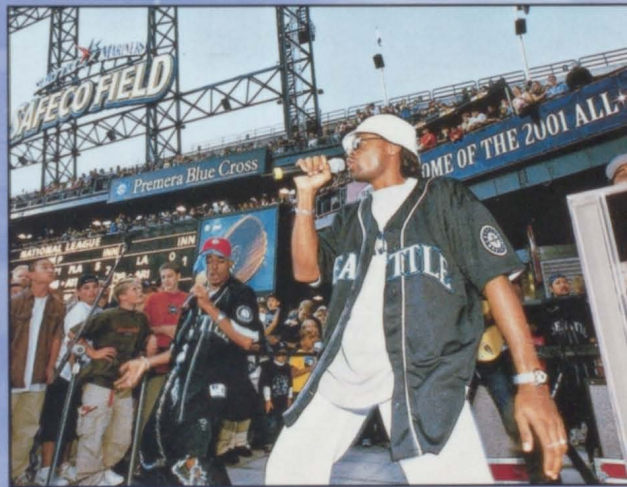
MTV's "Total Request Live," which allows viewers to vote for their favorite music videos, continues to gain popularity. Host Carson Daly becomes one of the year's best-known faces.

Destiny's Child achieves three back-to-back No. 1 singles in 2000, making the band *Billboard's* Top Pop Artist of 2000. The group is nominated for five Grammys, four for the single "Say My Name."

Faith Hill and Tim McGraw perform to sellout crowds on their Soul 2 Soul tour. Hill and McGraw win the Country Music Association's Female and Male Vocalist of the Year, making them the first couple to win in the same year.

Pink is one of the year's top new artists. Her debut album, *Can't Take Me Home*, sells 2 million copies, and two of her songs are Top 10 hits.

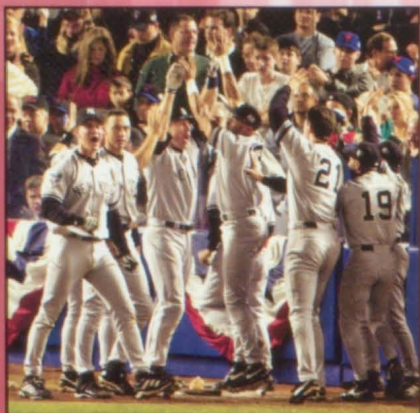
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Baha Men's hit song "Who Let the Dogs Out" reaches anthem status at sports stadiums across the country. The song also wins a Grammy nomination for Best Dance Recording.

Rock music dominates the music charts and award shows in 2000. Groups including matchbox twenty, Vertical Horizon and 3 Doors Down top both the rock and pop singles charts with their respective singles "Bent," "Everything You Want," and "Kryptonite."





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▲ The New York Yankees defeat the New York Mets four games to one in the first "Subway Series" since 1956. It is the Yankees' third straight World Series win and their 26th overall.

✓ American Marion Jones, 24, becomes the first woman to win five track and field medals in a single Olympic Games at the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney. Jones wins the 100- and 200-meter sprints and the 4x400 relay, and finishes third in both the 4x100 relay and long jump.

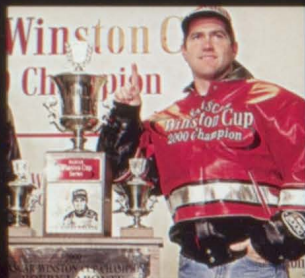


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▲ Tiger Woods, 24, wins three of golf's four major tournaments to become the youngest player to win a career grand slam. Woods also breaks the earnings record for a single year with winnings of more than \$9 million.



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▲ Bobby Labonte wins the 2000 NASCAR Winston Cup, his first after eight years on the circuit. Labonte and his brother Terry, winner of two previous Winston Cups, are the first brothers to win titles.



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▲ The Houston Comets beat the New York Liberty to win the 2000 WNBA championship. The win is Houston's fourth in a row, and star Cynthia Cooper is named the finals MVP.



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▲ In the 2001 Orange Bowl, the underdog Oklahoma Sooners defeat the Florida State Seminoles 13-2 to win the National Championship. It is Oklahoma's first title in 15 years.



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▲ Australian Karrie Webb is named the LPGA's Player of the Year for the second time in a row. Webb wins seven titles in 2000, including the U.S. Women's Open in July, and sets an earnings record of \$1.8 million.

✓ Venus Williams dominates women's tennis. The 20-year-old has a 35-match winning streak, which includes the titles at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open as well as an Olympic gold medal.

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With a win against the University of Dayton in September, Yale becomes the first college team to win 800 football games.

In January 2001, after a three-year hiatus, legendary Mario Lemieux returns to play for the Pittsburgh Penguins, the hockey team he now part-owns. Lemieux becomes the first owner/player in the history of the NHL.



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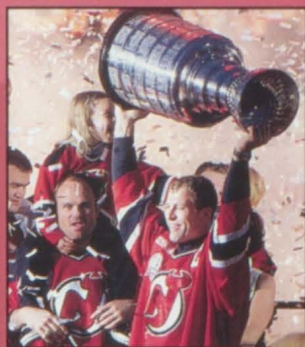
▲ Cyclist Lance Armstrong wins his second consecutive Tour de France in July. Armstrong, a cancer survivor, also writes his autobiography *It's Not About the Bike: My Journey Back to Life*.



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✓ The Los Angeles Lakers win the NBA championship, the franchise's first in 12 years. The Lakers beat the Indiana Pacers in game six of the finals. Center Shaquille O'Neal is named MVP.

▲ In June, the New Jersey Devils win their second Stanley Cup in six seasons by defeating defending champion Dallas Stars four games to two in the finals. Scott Stevens wins the Conn Smythe Trophy for postseason MVP.



The racing world is stunned when NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt Sr., a seven-time Winston Cup champion, is killed on the last lap of the Daytona 500 in February 2001. NASCAR does not retire numbers, but car owner Richard Childress said he will never again race Earnhardt's black No. 3 car.

Xtreme Football debuts in February 2001. The game combines conventional football rules with some of the mayhem of professional wrestling. Eight teams play in the league's first season.



▲ Laura Wilkinson overcomes three broken toes to win the women's 10-meter platform diving competition. Wilkinson is the first American woman to earn the gold in this Olympic event since 1964.



▲ In a huge upset, American Greco-Roman wrestler Rulon Gardner defeats Russian legend Alexander Karelin for the gold in the super heavyweight class. The loss is Karelin's first in 13 years.



▲ American swimmer Misty Hyman beats out heavily favored Susie O'Neill of Australia to win the 200-meter butterfly. Hyman's winning time of 2:05.88 is an Olympic record.



▲ American runner Michael Johnson makes history by winning the 400-meter run for an unprecedented second time in a row at the Olympics. Alvin Harrison, also from the United States, wins the silver medal.



▲ Cathy Freeman carries the Olympic torch at the opening ceremonies of the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney. Freeman goes on to win the 400-meter dash, becoming the first Aboriginal Australian to earn an individual Olympic gold medal.

✓ The Baltimore Ravens beat the New York Giants 34-7 in Super Bowl XXXV for their first NFL title. Ray Lewis of Baltimore's highly touted defense is named MVP of the game.



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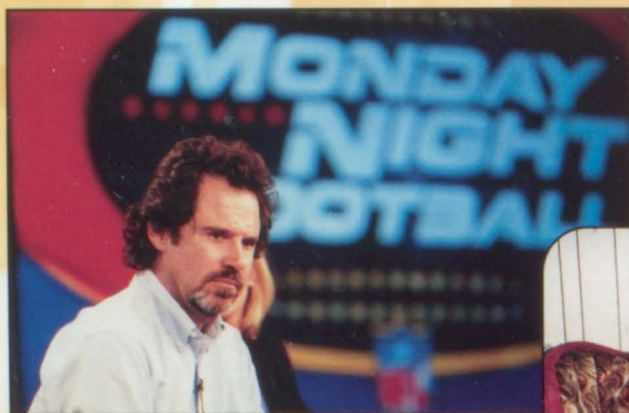
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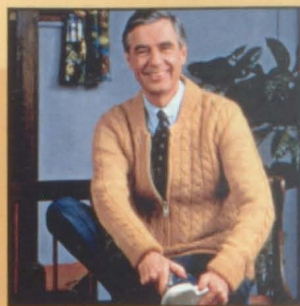
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▲ Comedian Dennis Miller debuts as co-announcer on ABC's "Monday Night Football." Miller's offbeat humor gets a mixed reaction from fans, and the series earns some of the lowest ratings in its 31-year history.



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✓ Paula Prince of Port Richey, Florida, wins the sixth annual Ugly Couch Contest, sponsored by a slipcover manufacturer, with her vintage '70s entry. Prince and two other contest finalists appear on ABC's "Live! With Regis" in October.



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▲ Fred Rogers, host of the children's PBS show "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," announces he will tie his tennis shoes for the last time, when his final new episode airs in August 2001. Rogers will continue to work on Web sites, books and special museum projects.



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▲ To observe society and learn about himself, New Jersey native Brett Banfe, 18, takes a one-year vow of silence. He communicates by e-mail, facial expressions and business cards.



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▲ Runner Marla Runyan, who is legally blind, becomes the first U.S. Paralympian to compete in the Olympics. Runyan places 8th in the 1,500-meter run at the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney, Australia.



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▲ England celebrates the 100th birthday of the Queen Mum, mother of Queen Elizabeth, in August. The beloved Mum becomes the oldest living royal in the history of the British Monarchy.



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▲ In October, Slovenian climber Davo Karnicar becomes the first person to ski down Mount Everest. Karnicar's two-mile descent down the world's highest mountain takes five hours.

➤ In honor of the late cartoonist Charles M. Schulz, 101 fiberglass Snoopy statues — each in a theme wardrobe — are displayed in Schulz's hometown of St. Paul. Several are auctioned off in October to raise money for aspiring cartoonists.

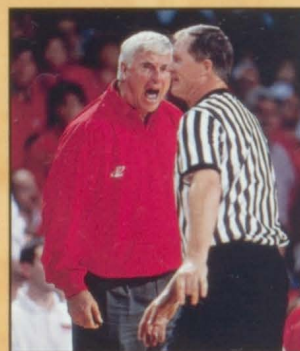


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Video gamer Josh Griffith, 17, starts a business filling in for other gamers involved in an online roleplaying game called "Asheron's Call." Players are required to put in hours of game time to keep their online characters powerful. Busy executives pay Griffith up to \$40 an hour to play for them.

After a record 3,545 wins and \$81 million in earnings during her 19-year career, jockey Julie Krone becomes the first woman inducted into the National Racing Hall of Fame.



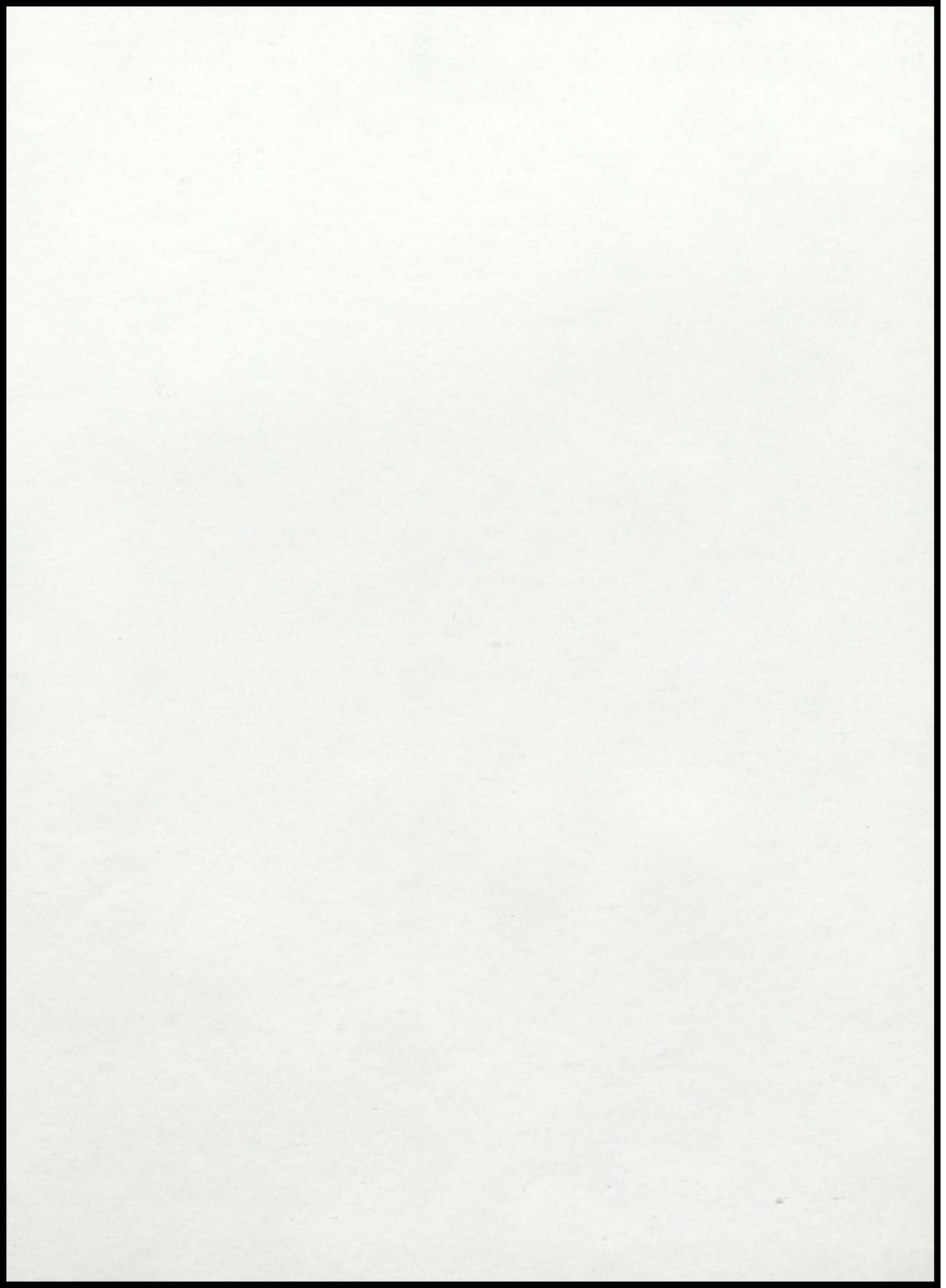
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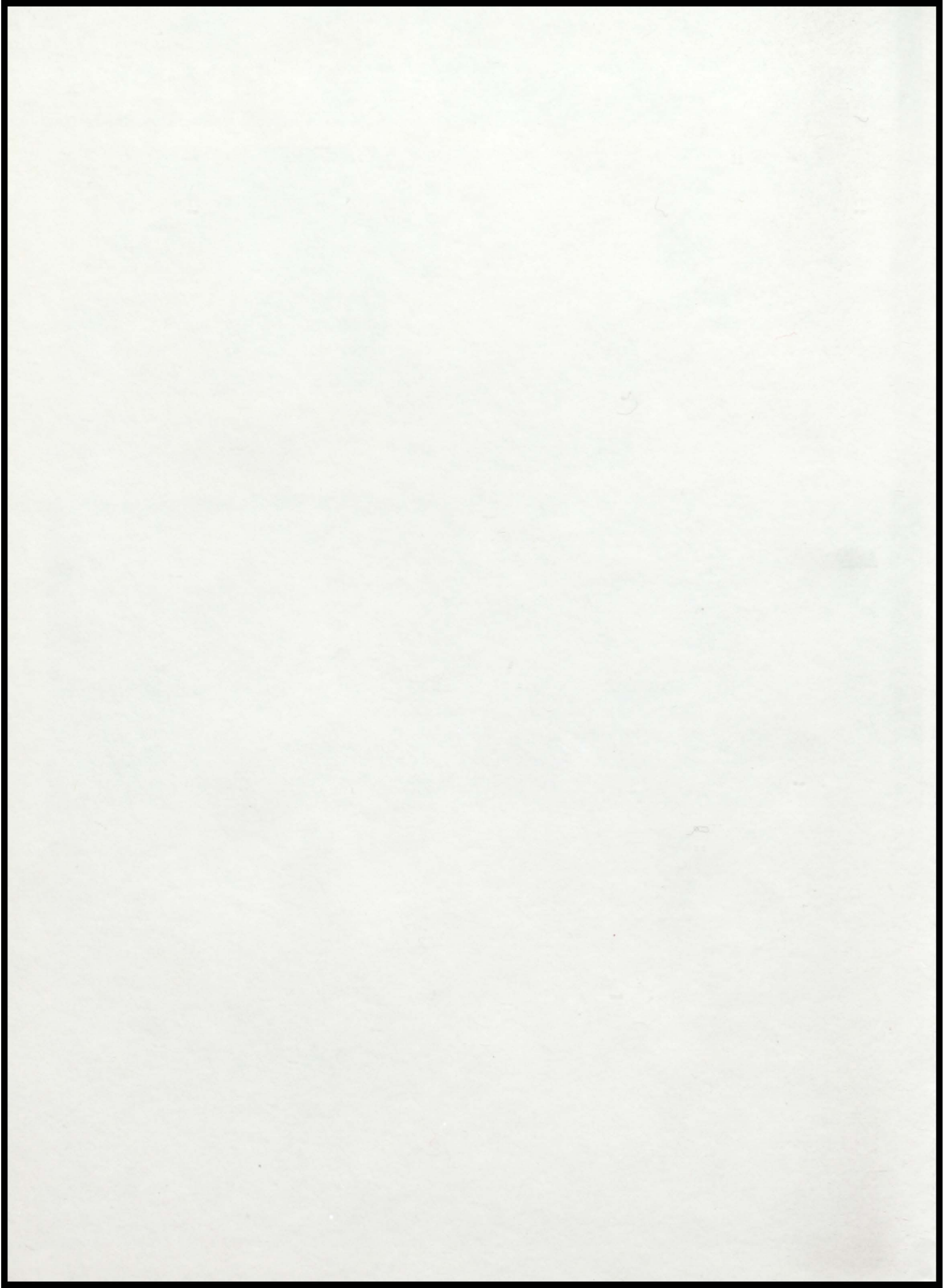
▲ Controversial Indiana University basketball coach Bob Knight is fired in September after allegedly violating a University-imposed code of conduct. During his 29 years at Indiana, Knight was often criticized for temper outbursts. His dismissal provokes student protest demonstrations.

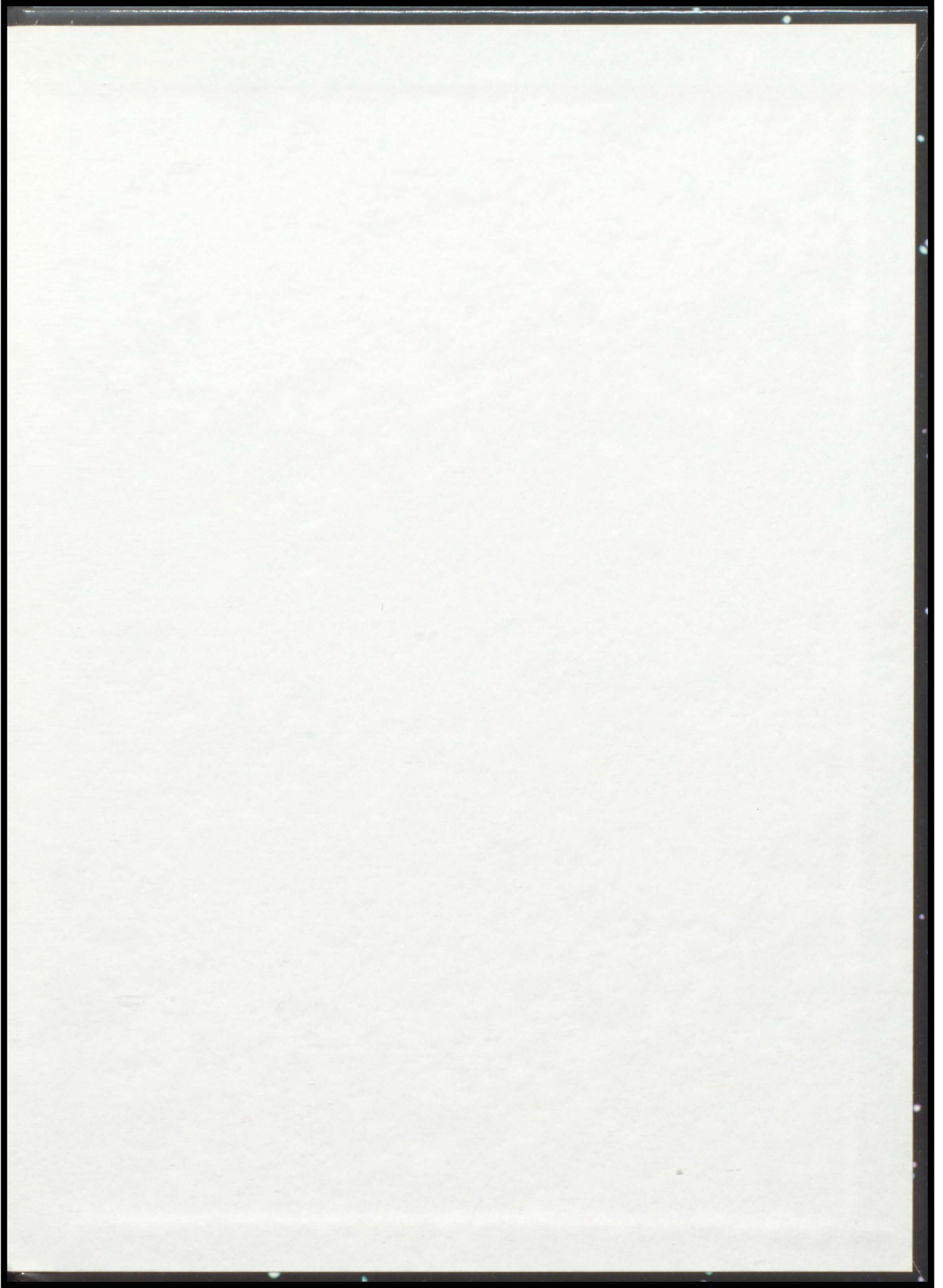
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