



SO BE IT

PANTHERS '95

SO BE IT









*So Be It!* Seniors Casey Conley and Mandi Moore made all the necessary calls to guarantee that the 1994-95 school year was a success. The theme "So Be It" seemed to echo all which happened during the year. If we won — so be it! If we lost — so be it! This wasn't a defeatist attitude but rather a look at the times through a realistic lens.

*People of Importance.* Members of the senior government class enjoyed a year in which they got to hang around with some of our most notable Americans. Pictured below are members of the Senior class as they pose with Second Lady Tipper Gore. In the far left picture, seniors are shown with members of the Ohio Supreme Court.



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*Classroom demeanor.* Freshmen in Mr. Rose's English class know that the work does not come easy. In fact, all freshmen soon realize that if their work is not to the satisfaction of Mr. Rose, "de-meanor" he will get!

# SO BE IT 1995



eniors really make their mark while sitting at the top of the totem pole. If they're liked, they love it! If they're perceived to be strange, they love it! If they're disliked, SO BE IT!



h no! I've find another mistake in this yearbook. My name is misspelled! While some people act perfect and refuse to admit that a mistake was made, many others accept the fact that these things happen; SO BE IT!



etter grades usually produce better life opportunities. Many, many Clay students are sure to attend college or immediately find work. Some students, however, have that total "SO BE IT" attitude and will always look up the ladder at everyone else climbing.



ven though we all cannot be a starter, our presence makes the team all the better. Where would the great teams be had it not been for the second string?! Starting invites stopping and someone must play; SO BE IT!



mitating others is supposed to be the greatest compliment. However, many Clay students choose not to conform or copy others. They would rather make their own statement — their own mark. Uniqueness is exciting and SO BE IT!



he Panther 1995 theme, "SO BE IT," is reflective of so many of the students at Clay High School. "SO BE IT" that our school is small! "SO BE IT" we lost more than we won! "SO BE IT" our academics are second to none! Here's the yearbook — SO BE IT!





*It's Your Time!* Freshmen Scott Estep, Josh Bloomer, and Chad Rayburn join Senior Rich Canter in the Yearbook Staff's rendition of the television show Home Improvement. The performance was to promote sales.



# The Year In Review

The school year 1994-1995 is totally wrapped up into one neat package — your yearbook! While everyone might not be pictured, the yearbook showcases the entire school year — from seniors to seventh graders, from volleyball to baseball, from student council to mock trial, and from A to Z.

It's a collector's item. If you're a Panther, then you should be a collector. Why? Because a few years down the road you will want to reflect back to what many call "the best time of your life!"



*Quiet time.* Amanda Conklin knows the importance of preparing for class. As one of the top students graduating from the Senior Class, Amanda chose to attend Ohio University in Athens. Let's go Bobcats!

*I love your new hairdo.* Wendy Vastine raises her hands in triumph as she introduces that new look. Actually Wendy got a little tied up in some of the decorations at a junior high dance. Wendy is an 8th grader.

*Cradle-robber?!* Senior Angi Picklesimer enjoys a dance with Freshman Chris Shaffer. Both students invaded the junior high dance just to get a chance to dance together. Angi and Chris worked for the yearbook staff.



*It's Greek To me!* Sophomore Sarah Wallace looks puzzled! Her bewildered face is probably the result of seeing the outfit she has to wear as a prom hostess. Just call her Athena the Greek goddess.

*Rowdy Reserves!* The Junior Varsity boys' basketball entertained the crowds with their enthusiasm and athleticism. Displaying great skill and coordination, such as shown in this picture, the reserves won many.



*This Is Only The Beginning — So Be It!*

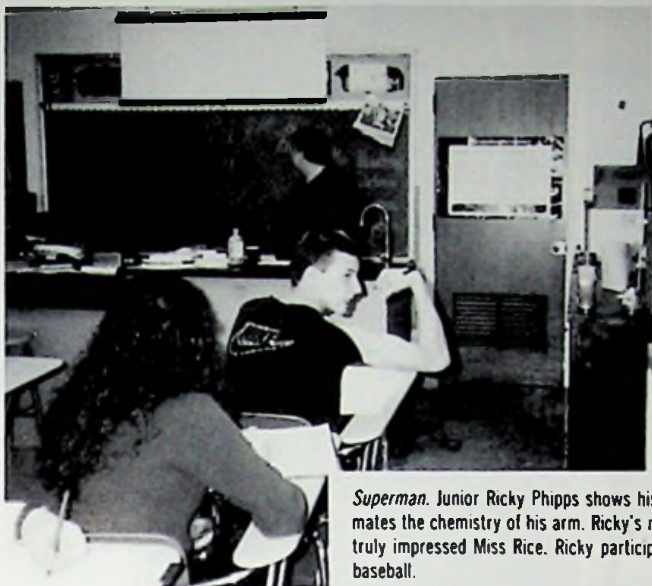


*Number Two!* Angi Picklesimer graduated second in her very competitive graduating class. Angi's grade point average was narrowly edged by Rich Carter. Congratulations Salutatorian Angi Picklesimer!

*I should've had a V-8!* Not one to be beaten out in competition, John Bloomer proves that he can eat with the best of 'em! On hand to clean up John's dirty work are the 7th grade student council reps.







*Superman.* Junior Ricky Phipps shows his classmates the chemistry of his arm. Ricky's muscles truly impressed Miss Rice. Ricky participates in baseball.



# STUDENT LIFE



So Be It





# FACES



*Band Babes.* Steve Harness yells trying to get Dean McCleese's attention but his voice is drowned out by Dean's expert tuba playing.





*Mr. Wizard? Almost!* Jamie Rigoni mixes chemicals in Miss Rice's chemistry II class during lab. Jamie, a senior, was a valuable member of the Quiz Bowl team.

*Goofing Off.* Juniors Amanda Brown and Niki Roberts make faces at the camera while their buddies Nate Payne, Debi Harris, Amy Vastine, and Angie Hansen smile politely.



*Hanging Out.* Eighth graders Bernice Lane and Amber Riggs take a break in the hall from the enthusiasm of the junior high dance in the cafeteria.

*Feeling good.* Josh Ratcliff gives a thumbs up to his fortunate situation of getting to dance with freshman Mari Grace Harness and sophomore Sarah Wallace.



And the winners is . . . Although Kristi Vastine did not place in the annual Miss River Days pageant, she realized that her competition was just too tough. Many of her cute competitors are shown.



*Dancing in the street.* The twelve Miss River Days contestants are shown performing a dance for the capacity crowd on hand at Shawnee State University. Kristi, by way of the pageant, made eleven new friends.

## A Moment In The Spotlight!

In late 1994 Kristi Vastine was chosen to be Clay High's Miss River Days candidate. Kristi's moment in the spotlight was an adventure that she will never soon forget. Kristi prepared all summer for her Miss River Days outing. There was money to be collected, dresses to purchase, suits to purchase; interviews to practice, and, of course, there was the float to worry about.

Finally, the night arrived and all eyes

were on the Miss River Days candidates. Walking onto the stage that night was wonderful. As Kristi stated, "It was the greatest feeling in the world! The crowd cheering gave me goose bumps!"

Although Kristi did not place in the pageant, she represented Clay High School with great poise, charm, beauty, and intelligence. Kristi was definitely a winner in the eyes of our school system.





*Representing Clay.* Senior Kristi Vastine waves to the parade crowd during a pre-River Days parade. Junior Alan Brown proudly drives the car.

*Pie in the eye.* Amazingly enough, Kristi Vastine survived the many pies which were thrown at her. The student body awarded her a pep assembly to wish her well in the pageant.

*Line them up.* Kristi and the other Scioto County school representatives model their sportswear during that portion of the Miss River Days pageant.



*All Aboard!* Miss River Days contestant Kristi Vastine poses with Alan Brown aboard her parade float. Kristi proudly represented Clay High School.

*Is anyone out there?* Kristi Vastine looks into the audience at all the Clay admirers in attendance. Many C.H.S. students attended to provide Kristi with vocal support.



*The Marching Panthers:* Members of the high school band include T. Pollard, K. Newman, K. Burke, T. Bishop, H. Adams, A. Brammer, J. Brown, D. Gasho, J. Osborne, E. Wilburn, L. Robinson, Mr. Billups, W. Vastine, A. Hysell, B. Graff, B. Smith, K. Wheeler, A. Easter, A. Workman, N. Spradlin, J. Howard, S. Stratton, S. Johnson, C. Shaffer, C. Charles, S. Gilpin, B. Newman, J. Ratcliff, J. Barth, C. Rayburn, B. Vastine, C. Conley, J. Carr, S. Harness, G. Eldridge, P. Rideout, E. Freaul, J. Newman, M. Gasho, S. Day, R. Canter, and D. McCleese.

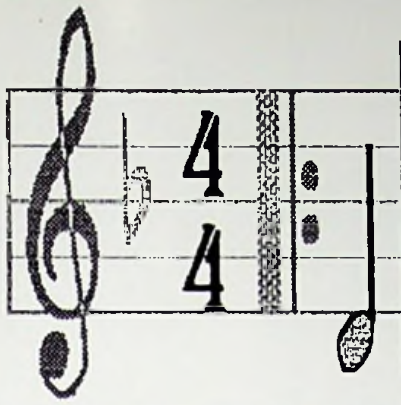


*Take a Hike!* Scott Day, Nikki Spradlin, Casey Conley, Kendra Martin, and Rich Canter enjoy their little walk down a busy street. These members of the marching band look great with feather in head.

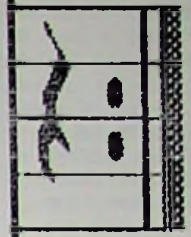
*Chorus.* Members of the high school chorus include J. Newman, K. Martin, S. Gilpin, T. Bishop, K. Newman, T. Blevins, A. Vastine, A. Hansen, D. McCleese, C. Conley, C. Blume, J. Carr, H. Adams, K. Burke, S. Stratton, P. Rideout, S. Harness, M. Gasho, R. Canter, and Mr. Billups.







# The Billups Bunch



**ABOVE** — Jr. High Band Members. The Jr. High Band include C. Day, B. Richardson, Rodenburg, Shaffer, A. Payne, J. Howard, M. Large, Frank, J. Smith, Miller, S. Workman, J. Riddleberger, E. Carter, Kempfle, Turk, M. Pauley, N. Spradlin, E. Wilburn, A. Easher, D. Gasho, B. Vastine, L. Benner, A. Workman, L. Robinson, J. Osborne, S. Graff, J. Brown, A. Hysell, A. Brammer, B. Smith, K. Wheeler, Howard, G. Eldridge, B. Newman, J. Barth, B. Vastine, J. Retcort, and Mr. Billups.

**BELOW** — Stage Band. Members of the Stage Band include L. Robinson, D. Gasho, C. Conley, R. Canter, H. Adams, B. Smith, K. Wheeler, Mr. Billups, P. Rideout, M. Gasho, S. Day, C. Shaffer, D. McCleese, S. Johnson, C. Rayburn, E. Freuf, S. Harness, and G. Eldridge.

**All-County Band.** Band members chosen to be in the prestigious All-County Band include Kathy Newman, Scott Day, Michael Gasho, Dean McCleese, and Mr. Billups. Dean McCleese was also chosen to be in the All-Ohio Youth Fair Band.



**Field Commander.** Senior Heather Adams has led the Marching Panther Band for the last two years. Heather gives the band instructions while the band marches in the various parades.





*Juniors!* The Class of 1996 took the "male" route in choosing its leaders. Craig Miller, Nate Payne, and Michael Gasho were tapped to represent their classmates. There was no doubt as to the Juniors' voices on council.

*8th Grade!* Jeremy Barth and Wendy Vastine were chosen to represent the Class of 1999. As 8th grade representatives, Jeremy and Wendy had to be assertive so that they and their peers were not forgotten in the junior high.

*Sophomores!* The Sophomore class chose Erica Pelphrey, Sarah Wallace, and Kristy Cottle to be its leaders. The sophomores, in opposition to the juniors, took the "female" route. These ladies were born leaders!



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The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our country and all who serve it, and the glow from that fire can truly light the world.

— President John F. Kennedy

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*Madam President!* The entire student body chose Kristi Vastine to be president of the student council. Kristi participated in many other student activities including honor society, River Days, and all sports.



# Student Government





**Student Council!** Members of the student government include A. Newsome, N. Payne, K. Hansen, S. Johnson, K. Cottle, E. Pelphrey, S. Wallace, A. Picklesimer, A. Conklin, K. Martin, M. Gasho, W. Vastine, C. Miller, and J. Barth. Miss Pflieger served as advisor to the student council while Kristi Vastine, Senior, was elected to be the president of the council.

## Student Leaders Voice Their Opinions.

# "We The Students . . ."

Each and every student at Clay Jr/Sr High School has the ability to cast a vote for the student they want to represent them. In so doing, the student body chooses the Congress, if you will, of the school. These student leaders present issues to the principal and the student body in the hopes of advancing needed change.

Such a position is sometimes very frustrating. Rarely do any changes in the school environment come to fruition. In fact, many, many student requests are met with apprehension. There are, however, some student council requests which have produced some noticeable changes. One such successful change concerns the issue of who can attend the high school Prom.

Students should always cast their vote after careful deliberation. Remember, the person you send to the student government has the ability to produce some positive change!



**Freshmen!** Kim Hansen, Shelley Johnson, and Amy Newsome represented the Freshmen Class as class officers. As officers they also enjoyed the opportunity to actively participate in student council.

**7th Grade!** The Class of 2000 elected Derek Hodkinson and Aaron Payne as its student council representatives. Representing the 7th grade is a tough assignment as junior high students are sometimes overlooked.





# A Moonlit Night

## Kendra Martin Crowned Queen!

The 1995 Homecoming Ceremony was a night to remember for seven very lucky ladies. The privilege of representing your class is truly a great honor that only a few young ladies get to experience. This year, as with preceding years, the classes made their picks.

Queen Kendra Martin chose blue, pearl, and silver to be the official colors for the festivities. Kendra, along

with her attendants and Mrs. Brammer, worked diligently to produce beautiful decorations and a dazzling stage.

Without a doubt, the student body of Clay High School was proud to present Kendra, Casey, Jessica, Amanda, Amanda, Sarah, and Kim to the very large audience in attendance! For these young ladies there was "no night like tonight!"



Amanda. Amanda Thornsberry represented the Vocational School as Junior Vocational School Attendant. Amanda was escorted by Chris Miller.

Sarah. The Sophomore Class chose Sarah Wallace to be the Sophomore Attendant. Sarah was escorted by Justin Spradlin.



Kim. Kim Hansen was chosen to represent the Freshman Class as the Freshman Attendant. Kim was escorted by Andy Hansen.

Casey. The Senior Class of 1995 chose Casey Conley to be the Senior Attendant. Casey was escorted by Heath Frrazier.





*Amanda* Amanda Brown was chosen to represent the Junior Class as Junior Attendant. Amanda was escorted by Zack Vastine.

*Kendra* Kendra Martin was chosen to be the 1995 Homecoming Queen by the entire student body. Kendra was escorted by David Spriggs.

*Jessica* Jessica Thornsberry represented the Vocational School as Senior Vocational School Attendant. Jessica was escorted by Dallas Stewart.



# No Night Like Tonight





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## The Juniors Throw A Party!

# Dancin' The Year Away

On April 28, 1995, the Senior Class of 1995 attended their last Prom as Clay High School students. The American Legion in Portsmouth was the cite for the event. As usual, Mrs. Brammer and her prom committee produced an exciting and beautiful gala.

"pulled out all the stops!" That is, hundreds of dollars were spent on designer evening gowns and handsome tuxedos. The students, parents, and teachers, all together, helped provide the Seniors and Juniors with lasting memories.

"Tonight Is Forever" was the appropriate theme for this year's Prom. For the Seniors, the night was truly memorable. For the host Juniors, the night was a culmination of hours of hard work and sacrifice.

The parents of all students who attended the prom once again





*Presenting Casey.* Senior Casey Conley enjoys the prom with her friends. Casey participated in many school activities and was president of the National Honor Society.

*Oh, what a joy!* Seniors Adam Pettigrew and Joy Tarr appear at the foot of the Roman columns. The 1995 Junor-Senior Prom was beautifully decorated in shades of gold, white, and green.



*Senior Date.* Dustin Sowards and his date from Portsmouth West, Missy Blakeman, pose for a prom memory. Dustin is a senior member of the varsity baseball team.

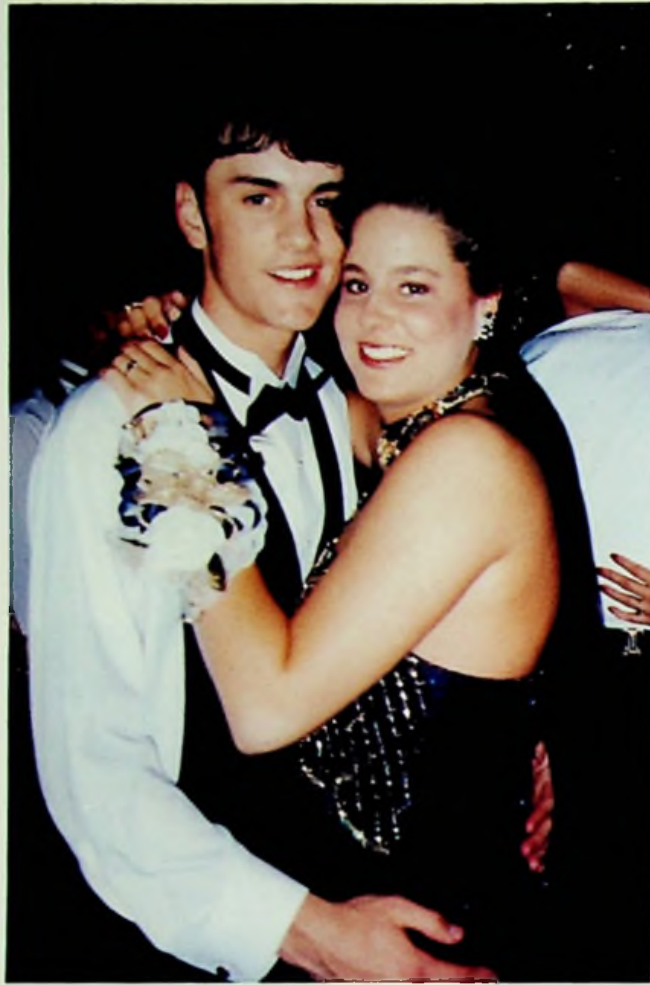
*The Men of Rome.* Seniors Ryan Steele, Mike Mittler, Adam Pettigrew, Kevin Boldman, Matt Marasek, Dustin Sowards, Steve Ruggles, and Jamie Rigoni certainly clean up nicely. They are the best of the best.





# Tonight Is Forever

## JR/SR PROM





*Senior Trio.* Holly Hines, Dara Matheny, and Bev Flowers look happy to be at their very last high school prom as seniors. These girls enjoyed their time at the American Legion.

*A Time to Rest.* Juniors Sargina Engle and Mindy Haaf take a break from all of the dancing that they were doing. Both girls looked beautiful in black.

*First Prom!* Deborah Tackett and the other members of the junior class participated in their very first Clay High School prom. As always, a lot of money was spent on dresses and tuxedos.



*Beautiful Dresses!* Senior Shelley Gilpin and Sophomore Host Andrew Horne both wore spectacular dresses. Andrew's, however, may have been too revealing!





*Girls' night out!* Juniors Courtney Patterson and Kellie Hale join Senior Christina Blume for a prom pose. All three look dazzling in their beautiful gowns.





*Prom Hosts and Hostesses. Andrew Horne, Kevin Jones, Justin Spradlin, Jason Williams, Crystal Bender, Kristen Sinclair, Kristy Cottle, and Sarah Wallace.*



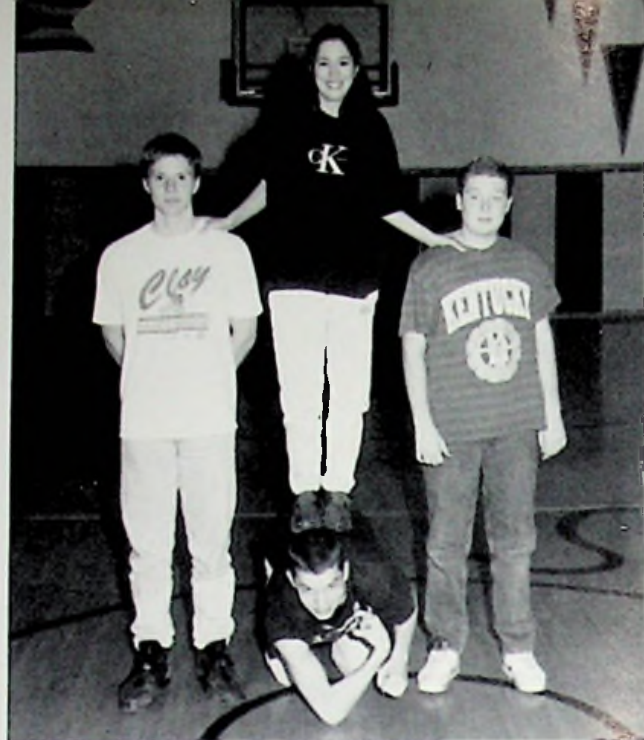
**Mathematics!** Member chosen by Mr. Buckler to join the mathematics scholarship team in the areas of Algebra I and Calculus included Chris Shaffer, Erik Ratcliff, Jason Bloomfield and Amy Murta.

# SCHOLARSHIP TEAMS

The first Saturday in May is usually reserved for the annual Ohio Tests of Scholastic Achievement. Given at Portsmouth High School, these tests are very academic and challenge the best students in Southern Ohio. At Clay High School, teachers must choose those students they believe to be the best in their class. It's difficult at C.H.S. because of the small number of students and because many of our students exceed in all the disci-

plines.

The subjects represented on these scholarship tests include English I, English II, English III, English IV, Spanish I, Spanish II, American History, Senior Social Studies, Algebra I, Algebra II, Calculus, Biology I, Chemistry, and Physics. Again, Clay High School sent a variety of very talented students.



**Foreign Language!** Angie Hansen, Mari Grace Harness, and Amy Newsome represented Clay High School as members of the Spanish scholarship team. Senor Liston chose them for their Spanish knowledge and abilities.

**Science!** Members of the Science scholarship team to included Andy Hansen, Alan Brown, Michael Gasho, Josh Bloomer, and Scott Estep. Mr. Allwood and Miss Rice chose these participants.

**English!** Deb Tackett, Katie Burke, Angi Picklesimer, Mandi Moore, Bart Hayes, Shelley Johnson, Heather Shoemaker, Jennifer Carr, Casey Conley, and Kim Hansen represented Clay as English test-takers.







*History!* Scott Day and Shanna Sparks were sole members of the American History scholarship team while Amanda Conklin and Rich Canter participated on the Senior Social Studies team.

# SCIENCE CLUBS

Move over Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, here come the mad scientists from Clay High School. Mr. Allwood teaches them the multi-faceted body while Miss

Rice teaches them how to blow it up! Mr. Colley teaches it all to those Jr. High Science enthusiasts who participate in Science Olympiad.

*H.S. Science Olympiad!* Members of the Science Olympiad team included C Yates, S Sparks, K Hale, B Hayes, A Horne, R Canter, M Gasho, and S Day. These budding scientists have great futures ahead of them.



*Science Club!* Members of the high school Science Club included T Wallace, D Stewart, A Brown, D Harris, H Hines, A Murta, M Whisman, M Moore, M Gasho, C Patterson, K Newman, M Lawyer, N Roberts, J Liddle, A Conklin, S Day, and D Tackett. Miss Rice served as advisor to this talented group.

*Jr. H. Science Olympiad!* Members of the Jr. High Science Olympiad team included M Bianco, T Heber, N Riggs, B Newman, A Payne, T Miller, C Clark, E Hempill, T Williams, T Shatter, D Hodkinson, E Carr, C Day, and B Richard. Mr. Colley served as advisor to these young scientific competitors.



O.W.A.! Under the guiding care of Mr. Wolfe, the students enrolled in Occupational Work Adjustment worked for pay as well as participated in the classroom. Members of O.W.A. included A. Moore, T. Sparks, A. Engle, E. Thompson, D. Whisman, M. Hurt, and M. Smith.

# SPELLING BEE

C-A-T, call! Benji Richard was the runner-up while Tabitha Crawford was the champion in the junior high spelling bee



The Legal Team! These students assured "order in the court!" Members of the Mock Trial team included A. Conklin, A. Picklesimer, C. Blume, S. Stratton, H. Hines, M. Lawyer, C. Conley, A. Murta, and A. Horne. Mr. Rose served as the advisor.

# MOCK TRIAL



# QUIZ BOWL







*I.S.S. workers!* It's a dirty job but someone has to do it. Chosen by Miss Boldman and Mr. Wolfe to assist them in the I.S.S. room were Vanessa Downey, Sarah Wallace, Rhiannon Greene, and Shanna Sparks.

## STUDENT WORKERS

Various offices within the school just could not operate if not for the careful selection of office assistants. Many students enjoy working closely with the principal, librarian, and deans of discipline. Many hard-working young students filled these office assistant positions.

Because Mr. Walker already has enough to do, the Principal's Office is an ideal place to have reliable student workers. Mrs. Parkes is bound to enjoy

having her student librarians at her side. After all, one woman can only read so many books! Miss Boldman and Mr. Wolfe don't want to be the only mean people in the school so they enlisted the help of eager "drill sergeants." Additionally, Mr. Wolfe's O.W.A. class provided workers because working was part of the O.W.A. class requirements. Many students at Clay know what it's like to run the school.



*Student Librarians!* Justin Daub, Misty Hurt, Deborah Tackett, and Katie Burke assisted Mrs. Parkes in the daily operations of the library. Checking books in and out as well as delivering audio-visual equipment were some of the duties these students assumed.

*Jr. High Jeopardy contestants!* Members of the Jr. High Quiz Bowl team included Amanda Spriggs, Derek Hodgkinson, Emily Hempill, Emily Carr, Tim Shaffer, Leigha King, Chris Day, Tabitha Crawford, and Matt Large. These students are preparing themselves for the "big leagues."



*High School Quiz Bowl!* Mrs. Parkes prized high school academic competition team produced some great results during the year. Members of the team included Scott Day, Michael Gasho, Katie Burke, Shanna Sparks, Courtney Patterson, Mindy Haaf, and Andrew Horne.

*The Assistant Principals!* Second in command at the high school were students Amanda Brown, Debi Harris, Kim Hansen, Terry Keeton, Dana Whisman, Sargina Engle, Mashell Smith, and Mari Grace Harness. When Mr. Walker was absent, these assistants ran the school.



*The Oath.* President Casey Conley administers the honor society oath to the newly inducted members of Clay High's National Honor Society. Five juniors and one senior were chosen in 1995.



*The Best in the Class!* Scott Day, Michael Gasho, Debi Harris, Shelley Gilpin, Courtney Patterson, and Alan Brown were chosen for honor society membership by a panel of teachers.



## YOUTH IN GOV'T



Members include A. Picklesimer, C. Conley, M. Moore, S. Crusan, A. Murta, S. Day, M. Gasho, and A. Conklin.

## PROM COMM.



Members include D. Harris, A. Vastine, A. Hansen, C. Patterson, S. Day, M. Gasho, D. Stewart, N. Payne, and C. Miller.

## Membership Is Earned!

There's More To School Than Just Being Smart.

Many students know from the get-go that they will be future college students. In preparation for this goal, these students work hard to maintain a high grade point average.

ter, leadership, and service. The 1995 inductees into the honor society have attained the essential requirements; are the only ones who will reap the reward

While a high G.P.A. is admirable, membership into the National Honor Society requires more. Not only is scholarship essential, but so are the qualities of charac-



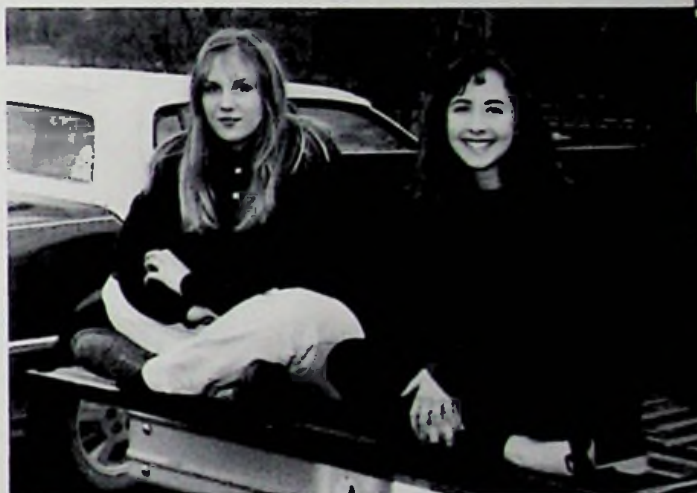




*The National Honor Society. Jennifer Carr, Casey Conley, Kristi Vastine, and Rich Canter were the only members of the honor society in 1995 until they initiated new members. Mrs. Deal served as advisor to this group of very deserving Seniors.*



# HONOR SOCIETY



*Officers as well as ladies. Seniors Casey Conley and Jennifer Carr were selected to be the officers of the National Honor Society. Together, these two hard-workers, continued the N.H.S. traditions.*



## Washington D.C. Summit

*Clay Students Serve As Area Ambassadors.*

Senior Kristi Vastine and Junior Alan Brown traveled to Washington, D.C. for the National Young Leaders Conference. Both students were nominated by Mr. Buckler to be Clay High School representatives. Kristi and Alan were two of 350 students chosen from around the nation to attend.

Alan interacted with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media, and the diplomatic corps. Their visit also provided them with the opportunity to visit our nation's most historical sites.

The theme of N.Y.L.C. was "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today." Throughout the six day conference, Kristi and



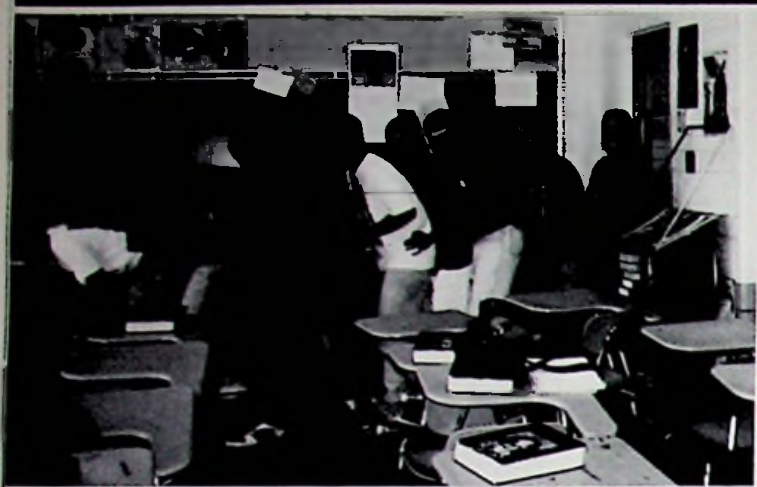
*Presidential Address. The position of president of the honor society brings with it many job duties. One of which is directing the initiation ceremony. Casey Conley served as the organization's president.*

# YOUNG LEADERS



pare for the national Rockettes tryout. Dancing is only one of the many talents that these particular seniors possessed. In fact, many characteristics can be used to describe this effervescent class.

Dean McCleese owned most, if not all, of the male musical talents at Clay High School. Both students are accomplished keyboard players — whether piano or organ. Mr. Billups enjoyed the artistry of these two guys.



# VO-TECH

## Hands On Experience!

Students Are Instructed, Not Taught.

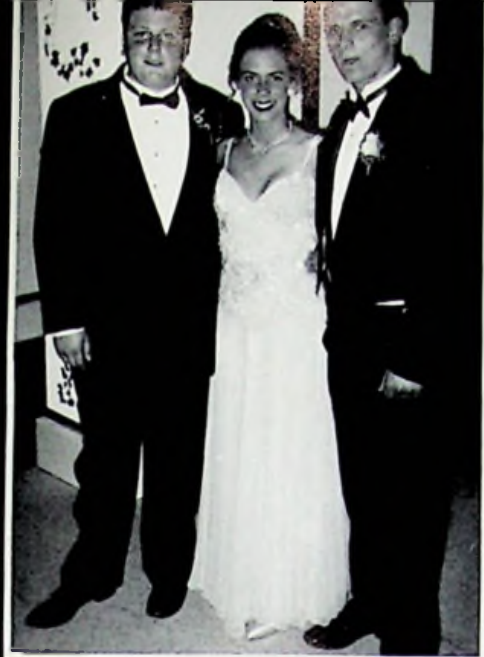
Clay High School students attending the Scioto County Joint Vocational School get to enjoy two graduation ceremonies. Although the vocational school graduation is called a completion ceremony, Clay vo-tech students are considered graduates of Clay High School and graduates of the S.C.J.V.S. Both diplomas offer many exciting avenues for the future.

Attending the vocational school provides a student with a highly concentrated course of study in a specific discipline. This differs from the normal high school setting in that many different subjects are required at the high school. Because of the intense concentration, vocational school students are highly prepared for the immediate transition into the world of work. Moreover, tri-state businesses seek out students with such specific training.

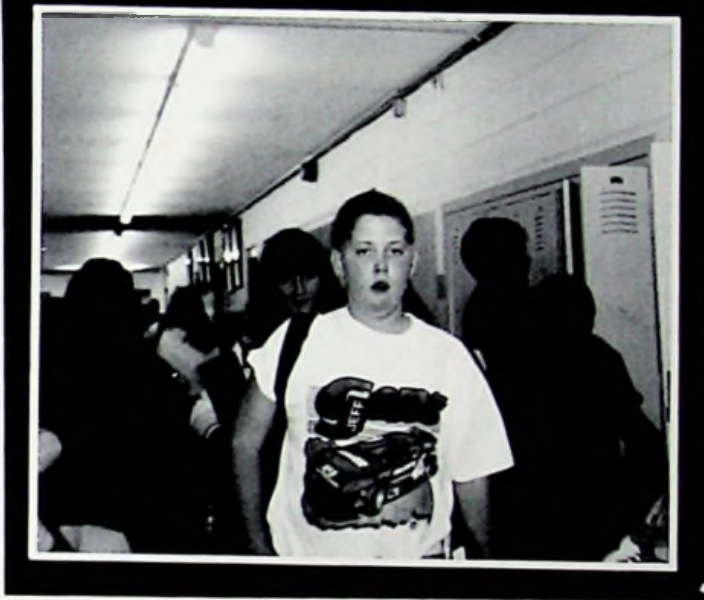
*Cavity Crusader!* Juniors Becky Tackett and Amanda Thornsberry receive instruction which will lead them to a career in the dental field. As dental hygienists, Becky and Amanda will work side-by-side with a dentist.







# AROUND SCHOOL



*National Champ!* Senior Jennifer Knittel captured a national title in her specific area of legal studies. Because of this national recognition, Jennifer obtained a job at the law offices of R. Tracy Hoover in Portsmouth.





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*Newsflash!* Seventh grader Aaron Payne can't wait to tell his classmates Tim Shaffer and Derek Hodgkinson, the latest news: "Did you know that that high school girl said I was cute?" he screeched!



*Home Ec. is "sew" line!* Poor Jason Bloomfield has to put up with all of these girls in Miss Moore's class. Or is it poor girls have to put up with Jason Bloomfield?! Morgan, obviously, is afraid to answer!



*Late for the Prom?!* Kristi Vastine and Alan Brown look great in their dazzling prom attire. It must have taken a while to look so good — enough time, that is, to hold up the prom.





*Senor Disco.* Mr. Liston impressed the Junior High students with his many dance moves. Mr. Liston teaches Spanish I, II, and III.



# FACULTY

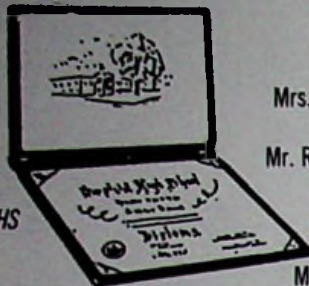


So Be It



## Yes! Our teachers graduated from high school too!

Mr. Allen, *Minford HS*  
 Mr. Allwood, *Valley HS*  
 Mr. Billups, *Wheelersburg HS*  
 Ms. Boldman, *Clay HS*  
 Mrs. Brammer, *Ironton HS*  
 Mr. Buckler, *Valley HS*  
 Mr. Colley, *Portsmouth West HS*  
 Mrs. Deal, *Fairborn (Oh.) HS*  
 Mrs. Graf, *Minford HS*  
 Mrs. Hickman, *Clay HS*  
 Mrs. Horsley, *Clay HS*  
 Mr. Jackson, *Wheelersburg HS*  
 Mr. Liston, *Columbus East (Oh.) HS*  
 Mrs. Lovenguth, *Portsmouth HS*



Mr. McCleese, *Clay HS*  
 Ms. Moore, *Minford HS*  
 Mrs. Parkes, *Portsmouth East HS*  
 Ms. Pflieger, *Minford HS*  
 Mr. Rase, *Citrus County (Fla.) HS*  
 Mrs. Redden, *Portsmouth HS*  
 Ms. Reese, *Oak Hill HS*  
 Ms. Rice, *Minford HS*  
 Mr. Rose, *Portsmouth West HS*  
 Mrs. Vice, *Clay HS*  
 Mr. Walker, *Portsmouth HS*  
 Mr. Warnock, *South Webster HS*  
 Mr. Wolfe, *Racine Southern HS*



*Parent-Teacher Conference.* Mr. Jackson explains to Mr. Shaffer that we really don't need police protection at the junior high dance. Here's hoping Mr. Jackson doesn't speed.

*Snake-Charmer.* Mr. Colley shows his bravery as he man-handles the reptile in junior high science class. Mr. Colley really didn't use the snake for classroom disciplinary measures!

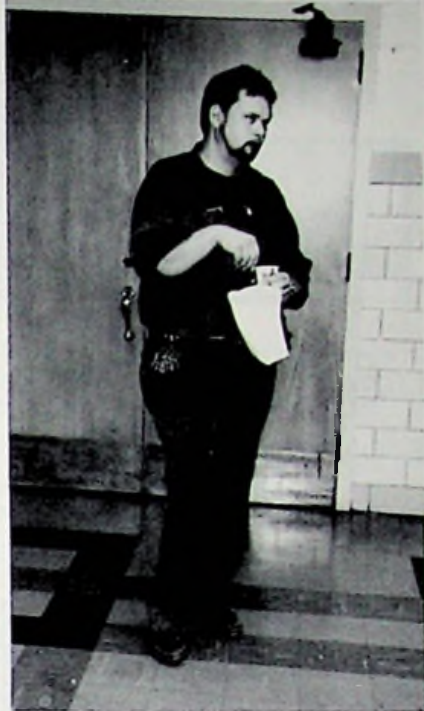






*Dream Team.* Mr. McCleese and Mr. Allen could be headed to the Olympics as part of the U.S.A. basketball team. Mr. Allen is new to Clay High School.

*Retirement Job.* Mr. Wolfe is testing the waters by trying out new vocations. Mr. Wolfe, Coach, is retiring from teaching and coaching boys' basketball.



*Bus Drivers*  
 Harry Coldiron  
 Dick Dudit  
 Karen Franklin  
 Bill Gilbert  
 Mark Hoover  
 Clyde Ratliff

*Secretary*  
 Helen Trapp

*Maintenance/Custodial*  
 Alan Leightenheimer  
 David Turner



*We The People.* Seniors in Mrs. Deal's government class attended a session of the Ohio's Supreme Court. The high court traveled throughout Ohio and made one stop in Portsmouth.



A lot of times teachers make comments like "I would never do that," and "When I was in school — things were totally different." According to Clay's faculty, things have changed drastically throughout the years.

"When I was in school (we tend to remember the good and forget the bad) there were groups of students that talked about other groups of individuals but it was not as explosive as it is today," History teacher Mrs. Deal recalls.

One major change that Spanish teacher Mr. Liston has noticed is, "Some students strive hard to make good grades while others spend more time socializing than studying."

When asked to compare the discipline from when they were in school to the discipline of today, Mrs. Brammer's response was, "It's not the discipline as much, but the behavior and attitudes of the students and their parents have deteriorated. I would not have dared to speak to a

teacher the way the students do today."

The faculty at C.H.S. is full of memories. Many of them are great memories. Here's what science teacher Mr. Allwood had to say about his high school memories, "My best memories from high school include the music and dances. Most of my friends in high school then are my best friends today. We were very loyal to our school

**It All Adds Up. We're Making History Today!**

and each other. The sports in high school were fun, and the entire community supported us. I've always felt fortunate to have had support from family and friends."

Many things change but they also have a way of repeating themselves. Many of the clothes that were worn then are some of the newest fashions of today. Miss

Rice remembers bell bottoms from her school days.

You know you've been around awhile when songs that were popular during your high school days are now remakes. This is what math teacher Mr. Buckler had to say about the music he listened to when he was in high school. "There was nothing better than listening to groups like Journey, Foreigner, and R.E.O. Speedwagon," he confessed, "now that was music to live by!"

Certainly history seems to repeat itself. Some fashions and some music never go out of style. But do some students mirror the actions of their teachers when they were in school? In many ways, yes! But, as time changes, so do people. You may not know it, but you can really learn a lot from someone's past.

Dr. Theodore Adams  
Superintendent



Mr. Ron Allen  
Study Hall/I.S.S. Supervisor



Mr. Ric Allwood  
Biology, Science



Mrs. Betty Applegate  
Treasurer



Mr. Gary Billups  
Band, Chorus



Miss Terri Boldman  
Physical Education, Health



Mrs. Claudia Brammer  
Learning Disabilities



Mr. Jerry Buckler  
Math 8, Algebra I, Algebra III, Calculus



Mrs. Julie Caudill  
Teacher's Aide







Service man. After many, many years of distinguished service as band director, Mr. Gary Billups turned in his grade book and retired. His talents will be greatly missed.



**Mr. Brian Colley**  
Science 7 & 8, English 7, Spelling/Reading 7

**Mrs. Janet Deal**  
Government, American History, Psychology, Sociology, Economics

**Mrs. Rita Graf**  
Typing, Office Practicum



**Mrs. Jill Hickman**  
Orthopedically Handicapped

**Mrs. Nora Horsley**  
Chapter I Mathematics and Reading

**Mr. Brian Jackson**  
Math 7, Basic Mathematics, Business Mathematics, Algebra II



**Mr. Chel Liston**  
Spanish I, II, & III, Spelling/Reading 8

**Mrs. Kathy Lovenguth**  
Guidance Counselor

**Mr. Dick McCleese**  
Physical Education and Health



**Miss Jean Moore**  
Home Economics

**Mr. Jeff Newman**  
Teacher's Aide

**Mrs. Cindy Parkes**  
Librarian



*Student Teacher*, Miss Desra Wortman, Ohio University student, completed her student teaching in Mr. Warnock's classes. Miss Wortman will make a fine teacher.



**Miss Mary Jo Pfleger**  
English II, III, and IV

**Mr. Jeff Rase**  
Industrial Arts

**Mrs. Carolyn Redden**  
Orthopedically Handicapped



**Miss Pam Reese**  
Art

**Miss Sherylene Rice**  
Chemistry, Physics, and Computers

**Mrs. Arlene Richard**  
Guidance Department Aide



**Mr. Mark Rose**  
English 7 & 8, English I and II

**Mrs. Carol Vice**  
Developmentally Handicapped

**Mr. Rodney Walker**  
Principal



**Mr. Todd Warnock**  
Social Studies 7 & 8, World History

**Mr. Carl Wolfe**  
Occupational Work Adjustment

**Miss Jodi Wright**  
Assistant Treasurer







*Ahhhh Yeah!* Seniors Amanda Conklin and Angi Picklesimer performed their rendition of MTV's "The State". Both seniors participated on the Yearbook staff.



# SENIORS



So Be It



*That was then...  
this is now!*



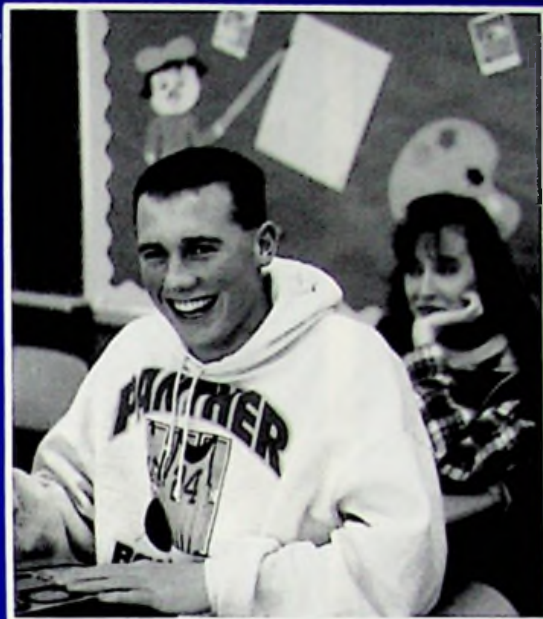
*Math Memories.* When Mr. Buckler is away, his students begin to play. Actually, members of his Calculus class pose with former math teacher Mr. Leive.





*Blinded by the light.* Casey Conley looks very stylish in her sunglasses. Casey was chosen to be Senior Attendant for Homecoming '95.

*Slap Happy!* The thoughts of doing more derivatives in Calculus class makes Andy Hansen so very happy. Andy is a starter on both the varsity tennis and basketball teams.



*Mind over matter.* T.J. Wallace and Holly Hines wear goggles for protection in Chemistry class. Obviously, both seniors were plotting an overthrow of the school.



*Model citizens.* Heath Frazier and Shelley Gilpin enjoy their minutes in government class. Heath participated in basketball while Shelley played volleyball and softball.



# SENIORS IN STYLE!



Heather Nicole Adams



Daniel Lee Alexander



Teresa Bishop



Toni Michelle Blevins

## SO BE IT!

It's 1995 and we're Seniors! However, we still remember the Class of 1990. As seventh graders we watched their every move; we idolized them. In fact, each group of graduates that we have seen has been different! No graduating class at C.H.S. is the same and none is forgotten.

Perhaps it is the small size of Clay that lends it its precious character, or maybe it's the people themselves. Whatever the cause, that friendly atmosphere is as much a part of Clay High as Friday pizza and clouded skylights. No school in Scioto County is more open; smiles are common.

As we leave our beloved parking spaces, messy lockers, and outgrown lives behind for an unknown world of grown-ups and income taxes, we may get a little lonely and may sometimes feel lost. But, we WILL recall C.H.S. fondly, and, it WILL remember us!

To those who will occupy our classes, our lunch tables, and our year-book pages next year and all the years to come, we have only this advice. At C.H.S., you must learn to accept tradition; it is what makes the blue and gold unique. If the world darts off to leave us and good ole' Clay High behind, "so be it!"



Christina Sue Blume



Kevin T. Boldman





Eric Shawn Burchett



Richard Ernest Canter

**CLASS OFFICERS**  
 Angi Picklesimer -- President  
 Kendra Martin -- Vice-President  
 Amanda Conklin -- Secretary/Treasurer

**CLASS MOTTO**  
 "It's better to have a bad plan than no plan at all."

**CLASS COLORS**  
 Forest Green & Black

**CLASS SONG**  
 "Take It Easy" - The Eagles

**CLASS FLOWER**  
 Prairie Rose



Jennifer Chris Carr



Leigh Allyn Channel



Amanda Leigh Conklin



Casey Ellen Conley



Sarah Anne Crusan



Beverly Ann Flowers



# YOU

# unique

# Seniors

*Class Outlaws*  
Joe Newman & Misti Rowles



*The WHO?, WHAT?,  
WHEN?, and WHERE?*

*Favorite Teacher:*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Favorite Class:*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Significant Other:*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Coolest Moment:*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Favorite Place:*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Best Time:*

\_\_\_\_\_



*Most Likely to Receive a Star on the  
Floodwall*  
Casey Conley & Not Pictured — Jamie  
Rigoni

*Worst Drivers*  
Andy Hansen & Mandi Moore





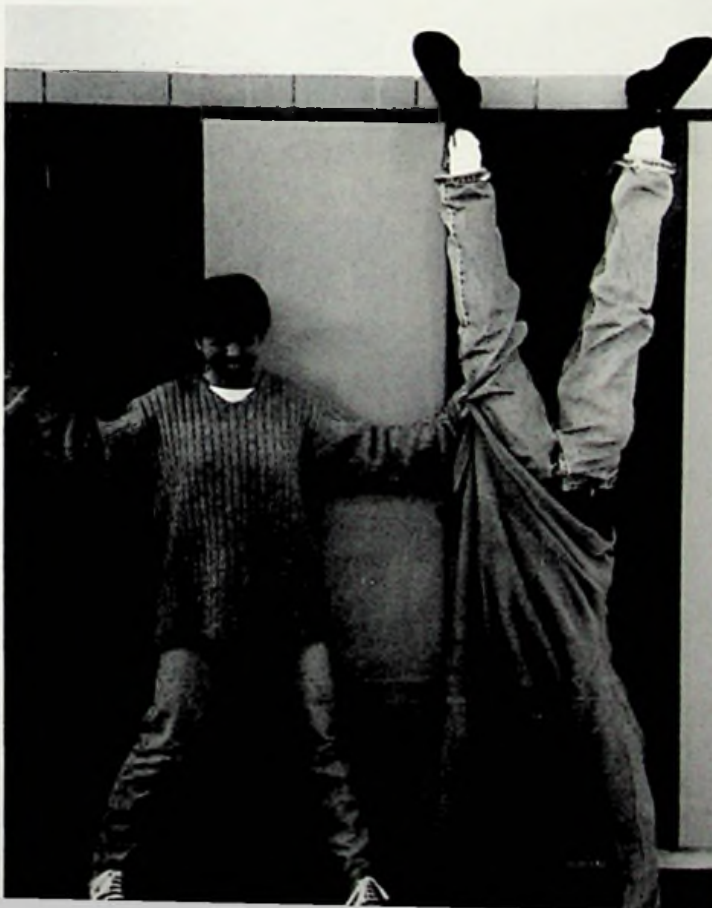


*Most Likely 2*  
Casey Conley & Rich Canter

*Class Absentees*  
Not Pictured — Toni Blevins & Ryan Steele



*Aqua Net Shareholders*  
Andy Hansen & Not Pictured — Jenniler Knittel



*Class Gossips*  
Andy Hansen & Casey Conley

*Class Spastics*  
Mandi Moore & Matt Marasek



NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE



Shelley Dawn Gilpin



Andrew S. Hansen



Holly Rebekah Hines



Gregory Hurn



Terry Allen Keeton



Jennifer Knittel



Edward Eugene Laxton



John Jason Malone



Robert Matthew Marasek

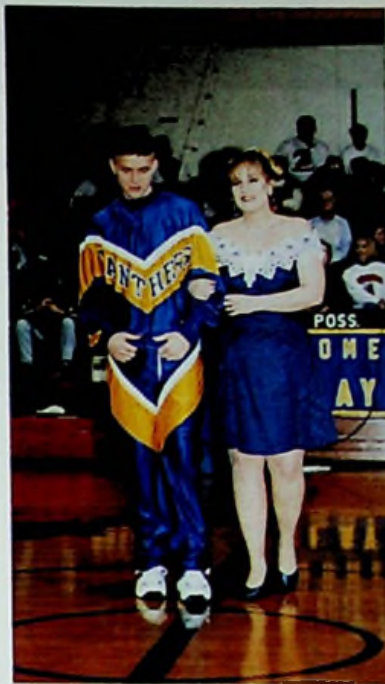




Kendra Michele Martin



Dara R. Matheny



*Senior Stars.* Casey Conley was very excited about being chosen Senior Attendant. Casey chose Heath Frazier to be her escort for the traditional ceremony.

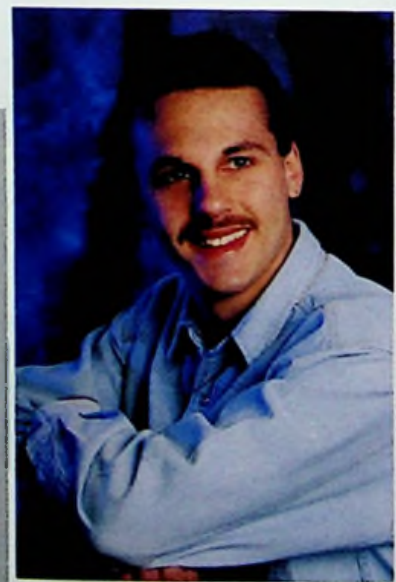
*Yearbook Prep.* Mr. Buckler, yearbook advisor, advises seniors Mandi Moore, Shelley Gilpin, and Kristi Vastine as to which pictures are suitable for the yearbook.



Jammie V. McGlone



David Jason McQuithy



Christopher Michael Mittler



Amanda Jo Moore

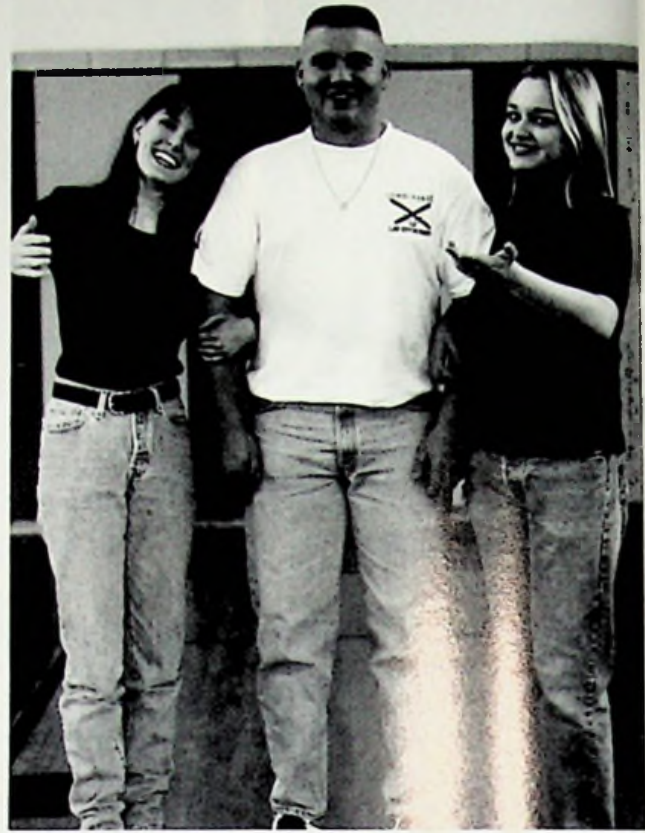


Jessica Ann Moore



*Friendliest*  
Angi Picklesimer, T.J. Wallace, & Sarah Crusan

*Class Space Cadets*  
Matt Marasek & Not Pictured — Shelley Gilpin



*Best Looking*  
Sarah Crusan & Andy Hansen

*Class Do Gooders*  
Kristi Vasline & Jamie Rigoni

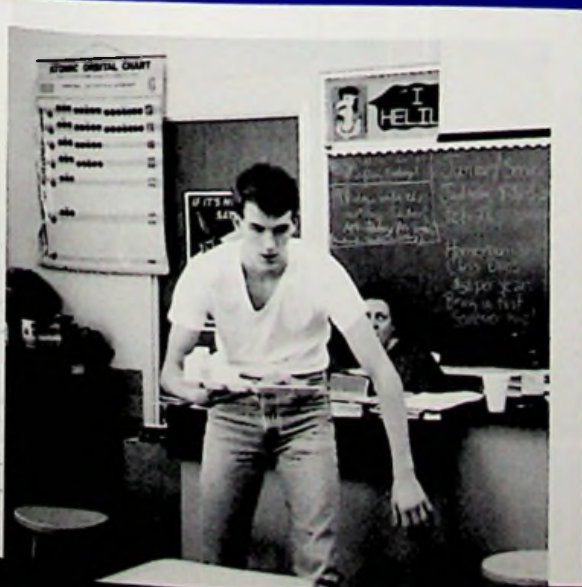


*Class Fortune Hunters*  
Andy Hansen & Amy Murta





*Best Vo-Tech*  
Jennifer Knittel, Jammie McGlone, & Not Pictured Allie Swords



*Class Entertainment*  
Matt Marasek, Joy Tarr, & Jason Malone



*Trendiest Threads*  
Sarah Crusan & Andy Hansen



*Most Athletic*  
Kendra Martin & Andy Hansen

*Most Unlikely 2*  
Casey Conley & Rich Canter







Matthew Scott Mulins



Amy Lynn Murta



Joseph James Newman



Melissa Ann Osborne



Jeffrey Scott Parker

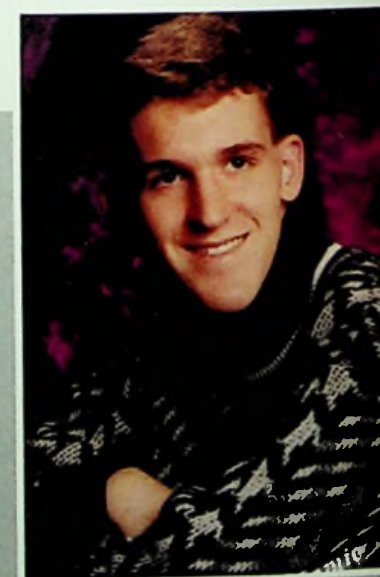
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Angela Gail Picklesimer



Jamie P. Rigoni





Steven Michael Ruggles

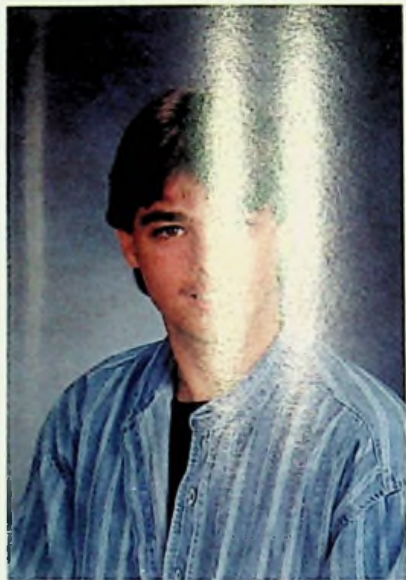


Ryan Keith Steele



*Hold On.* Mandi Moore won't let go of classmate Andy Hansen. Her motto was always "once you get a hold on Andy, don't let go!" Mandi and Andy were two very active members of the Senior Class

*A Long Walk Home.* Several members of the Senior Class walk through the woods in Jackson County. This group of students went to a Ted Strickland fundraiser and met Tipper Gore.



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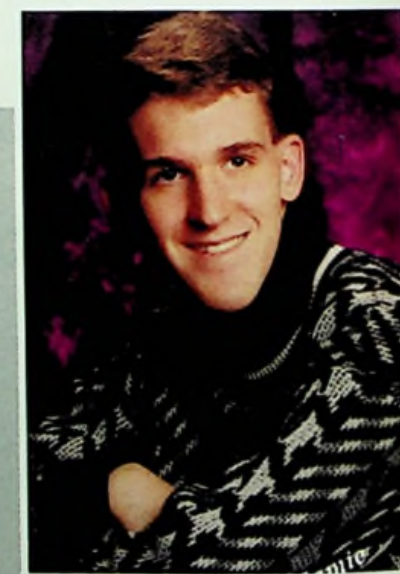
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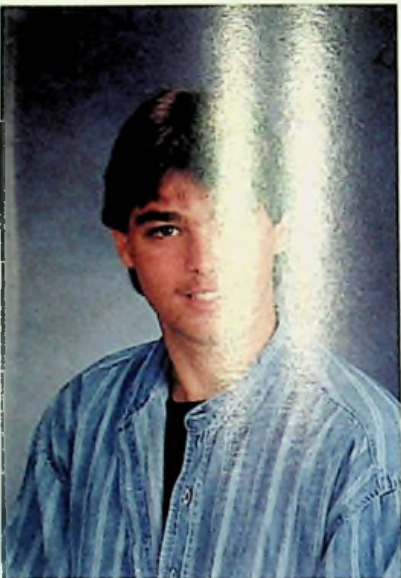


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# SENIORS BREAK FREE

Class Of 1995 Cannot Deal With An "Institutionalized" Setting!

If a martian would listen to the Seniors for just one period he/she would return to Mars immediately. That is, the graduating Seniors continually moaned "I can't wait to get out of this place!" One senior even exclaimed, "I just don't like being in an institutional setting."

On Sunday, June 4, 1995, the Class of 1995 officially broke free of the Clay High School chains which were attached to their bruised and battered feet. The Seniors, now called graduates, walked out of the high school (a.k.a., the "institution") and into the

real world! Luckily, each member of the class has within him a well-rounded and sound educational background.

Will any of the graduates be attending college?, Will any of them retain a job?, Do you have to attend college classes?, Will I still get paid even though I just don't FEEL like going to

work on Friday?, and will my boss (or professor) exercise any type of "power trip" on me?

*"I can't wait to get out of this place!"*

are just a few of the questions the graduates might face. Aside from all of those annoying questions, the Class of 1995 can now enjoy their FREEDOM. Yeah right!



*Let's do lunch!* The Senior table in the cafeteria enjoy one of the last meals together. Graduation generally separates those who were friends. In fact, many seniors will never be seen again.





*S.C.I.V.S. Seniors.* While graduation usually separates friends, sometimes going to the Vo-Tech also proves to be a separation. Eric Burchett and Scott Mullins left Clay High their junior year.

*National Merit Finalist.* Jamie Rigoni peeks around Angi Picklesimer and Amy Murta to check out the experiment. Jamie will be attending New York's Alfred University on a full ride.



## Catches Up

### Yesterday Always

i stand here alone  
on the highway of life  
forever  
the road stretches beyond  
at a crossroad i sit and  
ponder  
my choices  
i am a graduating senior  
with "highest honors"  
and for now

i  
stand  
bewildered, confused, alone, lost,  
silently i  
look back, back into the  
mirror  
of my life  
and finally decide  
to go on.  
Alone.

— Mandi Moore  
written while in 8th grade English







*What's for lunch?!* Joe Newman, not one to keep his mouth closed, shows everyone exactly what has been prepared for lunch. Of course, after this wonderful sight, who would really want to each lunch?

*One final prom.* The Senior girls enjoyed dressing elegantly for their final Senior Prom. Christina, Heather, Joy, Leigh, Toni, Dara, Bev, and Holly chose different colors for their gowns. All looked great!



*Graffiti Man.* I wonder if Miss Reece knows that Ryan Steele defaced the Art room wall by signing his name? The wall looks great with the added touches! Ryan, obviously, had something to do with the wall's beauty.

*Say no evil, hear no evil, see no evil!* A few of the Senior guys enjoy their remaining days at Clay High by signaling the motto they've heard throughout high school. Jeff, Jason, Jason, Kevin, Ryan, and Matt will be missed.

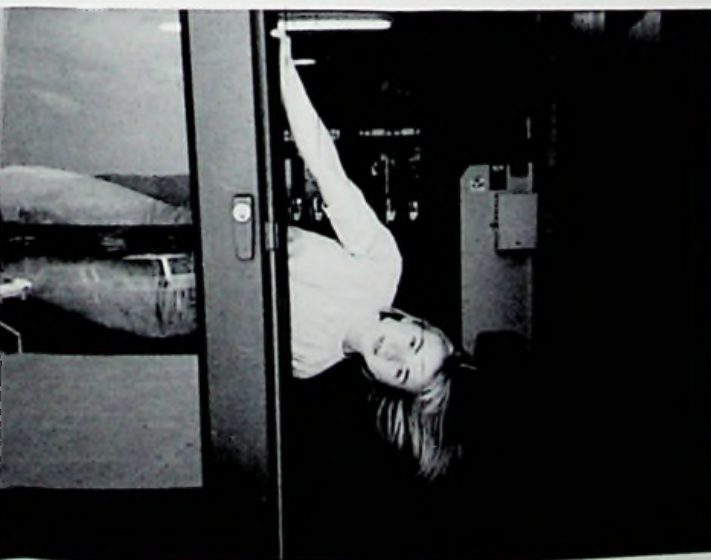






*Get out of my way now!* Casey Conley is totally under control. Casey is one senior who never gets upset or allows things to bother her. Of course, this picture is fabricated as Casey would never go after anyone even with a sharp object!

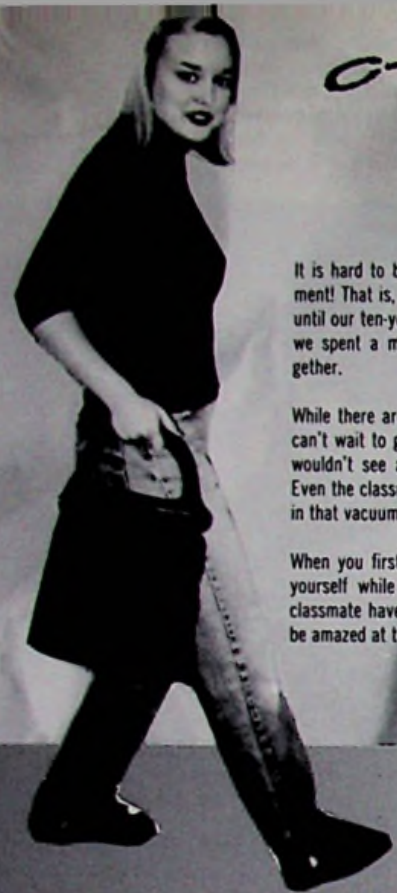
*The Men of Clay.* Wearing their best, the Senior guys pose for the photographer at the Jr/Sr Prom. These gentlemen looked great in their tuxedos. In fact, it was reported that they had to fight the women off at the prom.



*Faculty vs. Seniors.* Several faculty members were brave enough to battle the Senior guys. Without a doubt, however, the faculty won!



# G-YA AT THE REUNION



It is hard to believe but it is very likely to be a true statement! That is, many of us will probably not see one another until our ten-year class reunion. That is kind of sad. After all, we spent a major portion of our lives hanging around together.

While there are those of us who have been heard to say "I can't wait to get out of here," did you really think that you wouldn't see a classmate for a ten year period of time?! Even the classmates that we didn't quite care for will be lost in that vacuum of time!

When you first read this page of our Senior Yearbook, ask yourself while looking at our senior section, "now which classmate haven't I seen since graduation?" We are sure to be amazed at the answer we give ourselves.







*Now one more time!* "As I have said Chris, you are an underclassmen — I am a SENIOR!" Yearbook Editor Angi Picklesimer tries to explain to Freshman Chris Shaffer his placement on the C.H.S. ladder.

# CLASSES



So Be It



Brown, Amanda  
Brown, C. Alan  
Burke, Katie  
Charles, Clay  
Clay, Mike  
Day, Scott



DeLotell, Brandi  
Dotson, Jennifer  
Engle, Sargina  
Flanagan, Robyn  
Friley, Genita  
Gasho, Michael



Hale, Kellie  
Hansen, Angie  
Harris, Debi  
Lawyer, Misti  
Laxton, Louanna  
Liddle, Julie



McCleese, Dean  
McKenzie, Jennifer  
Miller, Chris  
Miller, Craig  
Newman, Cathy  
Patterson, Courtney



Payne, Nathan  
Phipps, Ricky  
Reed, Teresa  
Roberts, Niki  
Sparks, Shanna  
Stevens, Tim



Stewart, Dallas  
Stout, Brooke  
Tackett, Becky



Tackett, Deborah  
Thornsberry, Amanda  
Vastine, Amy



Class of nineteen hundred and ninety six





## Junior Class Gives High Priority To Attaining Goals.

The Class of 1996 has always strived to be the best — as individuals and as a class. Although the Junior Class is one of the smallest classes at Clay High School, the class has high expectations. Academics and athletics are important to the juniors as is excelling at both.

To some, outer appearances mean everything, to others they mean nothing, but to the Junior Class as a whole, achieving the goals which they set are given the first priority. Because of this common goal, the Junior Class has grown closer to each other this year. Those who were merely acquaintances are now closest friends.

As the Juniors reach their final year at Clay High School, many will look back and remember all of the good and bad times which occurred during the year. Of course, this special class will not rest on laurels or dwell on mistakes because there are more goals to attain. The class will, however, wholeheartedly look forward to their senior year!



Leaders of the Pack Craig Miller, Courtney Patterson, and Nate Payne are excellent examples of the best which the Junior Class has to offer. Craig and Nate are both class officers while Courtney leads as a member of the National Honor Society.



Ash, Erin  
 Barth, Josh  
 Bender, Crystal  
 Bloomer, John  
 Carr, Melissa  
 Cottle, Kristy



Daub, Justin  
 Dixon, Michelle  
 Downey, Vanessa  
 Easter, Michelle  
 Eckstein, Chris  
 Fisher, Melissa



Fitzer, Jessica  
 Greene, Rhiannon  
 Harwood, Carrie  
 Horne, Andrew  
 Johnson, Steven  
 Jones, Kevin



Justice, Mendy  
 Kimbler, Shaun  
 Lester, John  
 Martin, Greg  
 Morgan, Zac  
 Neal, Larry



Partlow, Cory  
 Pelphey, Erica  
 Prater, Leanna  
 Porter, Joni  
 Salyers, Josh  
 Sell, Ellen



Shaffer, Lliisa  
 Sinclair, Kristen  
 Spencer, Jason  
 Spradlin, Justin  
 Spriggs, David  
 Vastine, Zack



Wallace, Michael  
 Wallace, Sarah  
 Warnock, Christina  
 Whitley, Jason  
 Williams, Jason  
 Wilson, R D



Class of nineteen hundred and ninety seven





## The 'Wild And Crazy' May Lead Us Tomorrow!

When the Class of 1997 first arrived at Clay High School, all of the teachers were told to beware. Now that the class seems past its destructive stage, they are learning to take on new responsibilities. Well, most of the class is trying to grow up and mature.

With the conclusion of the sophomore year, the class is halfway through the high school years. Many of the sophomores wish that they were all the way through. The class, however, should just look at the next two years as more giant steps on our long journey to adulthood.

Even though most of the members of the sophomore class are not sure what the future holds, there are a few students who have some idea. Within the sophomore class there are probably future truckdrivers, school bus drivers, teachers, laborers, and politicians. Who knows, there may even be a doctor, lawyer, principal, or superintendent to come out of this wild and crazy bunch!



*The Dynamic Duo Strikes Again!* Kristy Cottle and Sarah Wallace combined to make a pitcher/catcher duo that many in the state wished they had never seen. Kristy mowed them over while Sarah threw them out!





Artis, Jamie  
 Binion, Leigh Ann  
 Blevins, Brenda  
 Blevins, Laura  
 Bloomer, Josh  
 Bloomfield, Jason  
 Boehm, Tim



Carver, Jason  
 Conklin, Brett  
 Dotson, Morgan  
 Engle, Aaron  
 Estep, Scott  
 Fitzner, Patrick  
 Freaul, Eric



Fugitt, Eric  
 Hansen, Amy  
 Hansen, Kim  
 Harness, Mari Grace



Harness, Steve  
 Hightower, Ryan  
 Howard, Cindy  
 Luther, Mike



Martin, Ryan  
 Menda, Randy  
 Moore, Annie  
 Mowery, Paula  
 Musick, Jamie  
 Newsome, Amy  
 Oliver, Eric



Phipps, Weston  
 Ratcliff, Erik  
 Rayburn, Chad  
 Rideout, Paul  
 Risner, Thomas  
 Rodeheffer, Eric  
 Shaffer, Chris



Shoemaker, Heather  
 Skeans, Josh  
 Sparks, Todd  
 Stratton, Shawn  
 Thompson, Eddie  
 Wallace, Bridget  
 Yates, Carolyn



Class of nineteen hundred and ninety eight





### Freshmen Enjoy Ability To Participate!

As the eighth-grade graduates began their journey as Freshmen at Clay High School, they entered with high hopes and great expectations. This year, for the first time, members of the Class of 1998 were able to participate in more high school activities. For example, freshmen could play sports, (even Varsity), help with the yearbook staff, get crazy at the Homecoming dance, and many other new and exciting activities.

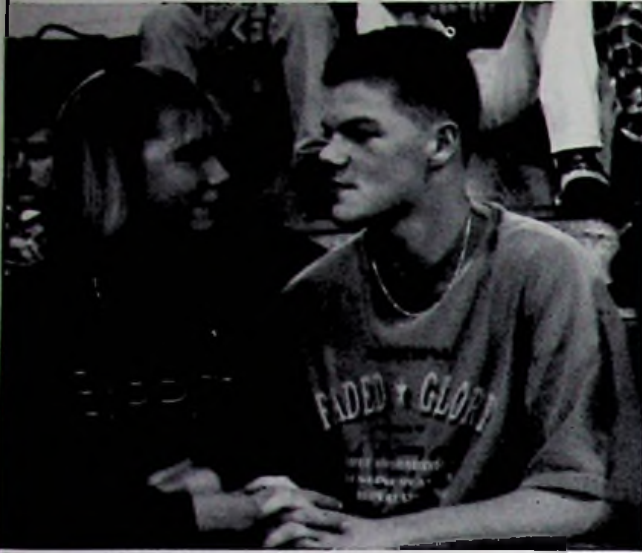
Freshmen were introduced to many new subjects, such as Foreign Languages, Biology I, and Algebra I. These classes were definitely harder than the normal eighth grade subjects. However, this year's freshmen class proved to be intelligent in class work as well as standardized testing. The freshmen were also very outgoing in their extracurricular activities. The Freshmen class is more than ready to become Sophomores next year!





*I'm not sure! Look into my eyes and what do you see? Freshman Amy Hansen and Sophomore Jason Williams were regularly seen together during the school year. "Parting is such sweet sorrow!"*

*Faces in the Crowd. Many fine faces are found in this collection of underclassmen. Most shown in this picture represent the freshmen class — one of the biggest and brightest classes in the school!*



*Who Needs Seniors When You Have Us?!*



*What a flash! Freshman Mari Grace Harness is blinded by the light. Mari made her mark on the school as a standout in athletics, academics, and the arts. She can sing, bump, shoot for two, solve equations, and lob with the best of 'em.*

*The Rockettes. Newly formed, this Clay High ensemble can kick their heels as high as anyone. Obviously, Craig was so excited to be in the group that he forgot he had to use the restroom!*







*Let me at him!* Freshman Eric Rodeheffer wants in the tennis match very badly. Eric, a Panther for the first year, participated in Junior Varsity basketball as well as Varsity tennis.



*The hallway challenge.* Sometimes just getting to class on time is totally impossible. Freshman Steve Harness and Junior Brooke Stout rush to make it.

*The taming of Mr. Allwood.* Science teacher Mr. Allwood knows how to keep his class in line. As evidenced in this yearbook picture, these do-gooders are proud to stand up, line up, and be somebody!

*Peace baby!* John Bloomer shows his surprise to the presence of the yearbook photographer. John doesn't seem to mind our interruption of his work with Mrs. Caudill. John is also known for his pie-eating abilities.



*Models, Inc.* Debi Harris, Amanda Brown, and Julie Liddle pose for the junior high students at the junior high dance. All three ladies worked very hard for the yearbook staff.



# UPPERCLASSMEN

*Is There a Difference?*

# UNDERCLASSMEN



HOW CAN YOU TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN UNDERCLASSMEN AND UPPERCLASSMEN?

(The following is an answer supplied by the Seniors of 1995.)

Underclassmen:

Wear blue jeans that aren't faded yet!

Ride the school bus!

Have new nosepicks!

Go to all of their classes!

Dress and participate in gym class!

Are home on Friday night if you call!

Are awake all seven periods of the day!

Are not familiar with police procedures!

Do their homework!

Raise their hand when they want to speak!

NEED WE SAY MORE?!

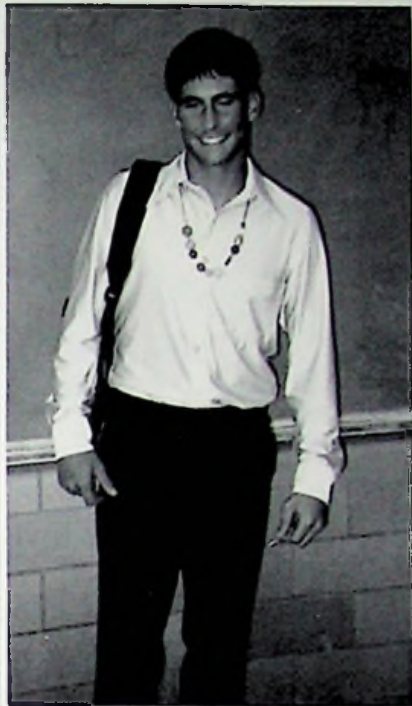




*P.E. Textbook.* Freshman Chris Shaffer studies for his final examination in Coach McCleese's class. Chris is sure to do well on the exam as he seems to be studying the pages with some intensity.

*One hot babe!* Dallas Stewart always prepares for school by purchasing some of the best threads in town. Dallas, a junior, looks like he starred in the old television series called "Welcome Back Kotter."

*60's Revisited!* The Junior Class proves that it can keep up with those stylish Seniors. These groovy juniors must have searched their parents' closets to find these clothes. What one class will do for an increase in their grades!





Anderson, Josh  
 Barth, Jeremy  
 Bianco, Mike  
 Bradley, Aaron  
 Brammer, Allison  
 Brown, Jennifer  
 Crawlford, Tabitha  
 Davis, Beth



Easter, Amanda  
 Eldridge, Gary  
 Fannin, Jeff  
 Foster, Brooke  
 Franklin, Aaron  
 Fugitt, Zac  
 Gasho, Denise  
 Gill, John



Graff, Bobbie Jo  
 Haaf, Tony  
 Horsley, Justin  
 Horton, Rosetta  
 Howard, Justin  
 Hurt, Misti  
 Hysell, Autumn  
 Jordan, Adrian



Kilgore, Jessica  
 Killian, Billy  
 Kimbler, Timmy  
 Kongos, Nicholas  
 Lane, Bernice  
 Laxton, Frank  
 Miller, Arron  
 Miller, Stephanie



Newman, B. J.  
 Osborne, Jessica  
 Penwell, Krista  
 Pollard, Tiffany  
 Pridemore, Chris  
 Ratcliff, Josh  
 Riggs, Amber  
 Risner, Cecile



Robinson, Leanne  
 Ruggles, Tiffany  
 Seymour, Adrian  
 Smith, Bethany  
 Smith, Mashell  
 Sparks, Jason  
 Spradlin, Nikki  
 Thornsberry, John



Turner, Leslie  
 Vastine, Beau  
 Vastine, Wendy  
 Wheeler, Kristen  
 Whisman, Dana  
 Wilburn, Errin  
 Winston, Sonny  
 Workman, Abby



Class of nineteen hundred and ninety nine





## A Step Closer To Leaving The High School Cellar!

While being a seventh grader seemed like the bottom of the totem pole, being an eighth grader was one step higher on that pole. For the students in the Class of 1999, the eighth grade year is the last in which they will be called junior high students. Maybe now, after all the wait, these students will be allowed to go to the Homecoming Dance and the high school assemblies. Of course to do this, the eighth grader must pass the eighth grade.

With this promotion to high school status comes an awful lot of responsibilities. Eighth graders will have to adapt to much harder classes, less participation on athletic teams, and a greater demand on their time. This class, however, seems very ready to assume these responsibilities. After all, they will no longer be "sub-Human."

The door to the high school has been opened — are you ready to enter?



*Do I have to look? Denise Gasho must have something in her eye! Maybe it's the good looks of Chris Pridemore that has blinded her! Denise and Chris enjoyed a dance at one of the many junior high school dances sponsored by the Yearbook Staff.*



Arnett, Chris  
 Bender, Alison  
 Benner, Courtney  
 Benner, Lorrie  
 Bennington, Crystal  
 Blair, Amanda  
 Bowman, Terra  
 Carr, Emily  
 Clark, Cassie

Clark, Kim  
 Cook, Mindy  
 Craig, Jamie  
 Day, Chris  
 Dixon, Jessica  
 Foster, Beth  
 Gable, Sarah  
 Hall, Dustin  
 Harris, Jason

Heher, Tisha  
 Hempill, Emily  
 Henson, Keith  
 Hightower, Amy  
 Hobbs, Richard  
 Hodgkinson, Derek  
 Howard, Jordan  
 Hurt, Billy  
 Huston, Sarah

Huston, Tracey  
 Keaton, Crystal  
 Kimbler, Alison  
 King, Leigha  
 Kleinman, Timmy  
 Knauft, Christy  
 Lane, Andra  
 LaValley, Contessa  
 McCreary, Timothy

McGlone, Jason  
 Miller, Tonia  
 Pauley, Misty  
 Pay, Angel  
 Payne, Aaron  
 Phipps, Mary  
 Ratcliff, Julie  
 Richard, Benji  
 Riddlebarger, Jessica

Riggs, Jennifer  
 Riggs, Noah  
 Ruddock, Monica  
 Scaggs, Christina  
 Shaffer, Tim  
 Sinclair, Jon  
 Singer, Jessica  
 Skeans, Jennifer  
 Southworth, Kristi

Sparks, Tim  
 Spriggs, Amanda  
 Thompson, Jason  
 Williams, Ashley  
 Williams, Taylor  
 Wilson, Janae  
 Wilson, Mike  
 Winston, Rocky  
 Workman, Sara



Class of two thousand





*Are you looking at me?* Noah Riggs "faced" the challenge of being a seventh grader. Noah, like many of his friends, survived the trials and tribulations of Clay Junior-Senior High School.



## Reality Sets In For Seventh Graders!

As Clay High School's newest students, the seventh graders entered the building with a bang! The class, large in number, was greeted with loads of homework, harder tests and quizzes, and rules designed for older students.

Many seventh graders were quickly awakened to the "no-nonsense" attitudes of their teachers. While the students were still considered junior high kids, they were usually treated like everyone else. For example, a student from the Class of 2000 was punished similarly to a student from the graduating senior class. For the seventh graders this seems a bit unfair that their junior high days had to be more like their upcoming high school days. After all, you're only young once. The Class of 2000 was initiated into the real world drama of Clay High School.

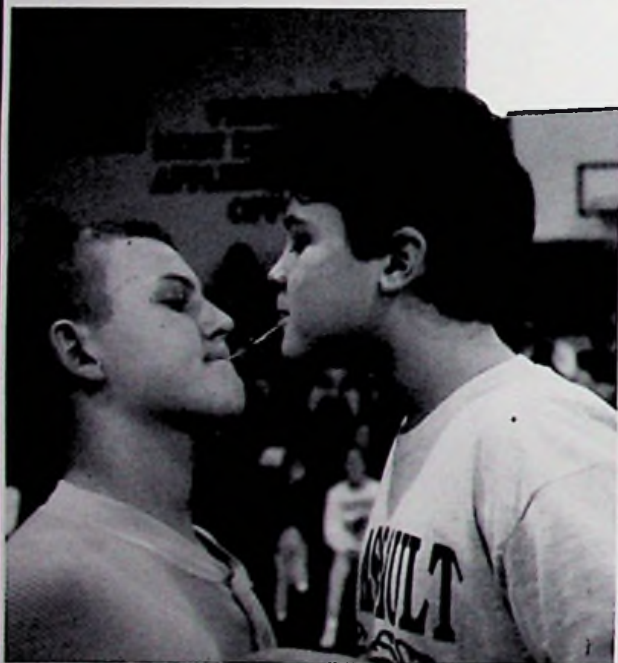




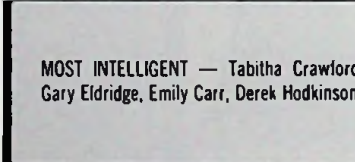
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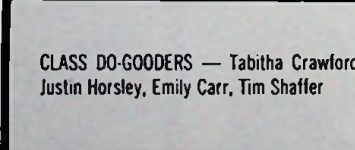
BEST LOOKING — Allison Brammer, Billy Kilian, Kresh Southworth, Aaron Payne, HURTS — Bethany Smith, Billy Kilian, Amanda Sprages, Jim Sinclair, AIRHEADS — Bethany Smith, Josh Ratcliff, Kresh Knauft, Chris Day



GRUMPS — Kristi Wheeler, Aaron Franklin, Tonya Miller, Gary Hurt, MISSIPS — Jennifer Brown, Beau Vastine, Josh Ratcliff, Aaron Payne



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CLASS DO-GOODERS — Tabitha Crawford, Justin Horsley, Emily Carr, Tim Shaffer



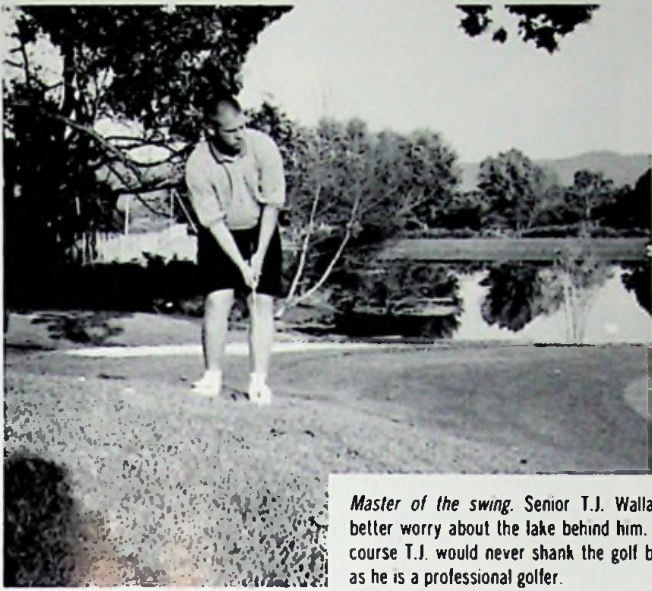
MOST ATHLETIC — Tiffany Pollard, Beau Vastine, Leigha King, Noah Riggs



FRIENDLIEST — Wendy Vastine, Jeremy Barth, Jennifer Skeans, Aaron Payne; OUT-LAWS — Misti Hurt, Sonny Winston, Jennifer Riggs, Billy Hurt

## JUNIOR HIGH SUPERLATIVES





*Master of the swing.* Senior T.J. Wallace better worry about the lake behind him. Of course T.J. would never shank the golf ball as he is a professional golfer.



# SPORTS

So Be It





## Seniors Set The Pace. Sectional Champions.

It has been several years since the Varsity Volleyball team has won a sectional tournament. This year was different than the rest, as the team accomplished one of their goals by defeating North Adams in tournament play. The Lady Panthers went 15-7 on the season.

One highlight of their regular season was beating the Eastern Eagles in two matches. Clay had not beaten the Eagles in at least six years. When asked, seniors Kendra Martin, Shelley Gilpin, and Kristi Vastine said, "We were so excited to finally achieve two of our goals this year. It was a great season to end on."

Kendra was the lone setter on the team. Shelley had great serves and added

her spiking ability to the team. Kristi was the number one spiker, who lead the team in kills. Kristi also provided strong serving and bumping throughout the season. The three seniors showed strong dedication and leadership, as well as giving 110% each game.

Bumping and setting from juniors Courtney Patterson, Niki Roberts, and Amy Vastine also added to the team. Sophomore Kristy Cottle was the number two spiker, and freshman Mari Grace Harness stepped up to fill a starting position due to injuries late in the season.

This was a great season for the volleyball team. Now a tradition has been established for next year's players.



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**VARSITY VOLLEYBALL!**  
 Members of the varsity volleyball team include K. Martin, K. Vastine, S. Gilpin, A. Vastine, C. Patterson, K. Cottle, M. Lawyer, N. Roberts, and A. Spriggs, Mgr.

*Follow Through.* Senior Kristy Vastine watches the ball as it heads across the net to the opponents. Kristy was a killer spiker.



**JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL!**  
 Members of the J.V. volleyball team include M. Harness, K. Hansen, S. Wallace, C. Howard, N. Roberts, A. Hansen, and A. Spriggs, Mgr.



*Bump!* Shelley Gilpin bumps a set for Kendra Marlin. Both Shelley and Kendra are senior members of the volleyball team. Both seniors participate in softball as well.



*Ready to Attack!* The varsity volleyball team looks ready for the oncoming serve. Kristy Cottle, Shelley Gilpin, Heather Vice, and Kristy Vastine are experienced players who helped produce a winning season.

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# Solid Play

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*Power kick.* Senior Toni Blevins fires the ball in hopes of another goal. Toni participated in soccer for four years.



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*Perfect Form.* Golf is a sport which requires a lot of patience. Junior Scott Day, known for his patience, shows his 'Jack Nicklaus' style of play. Scott is also a member of the baseball team.

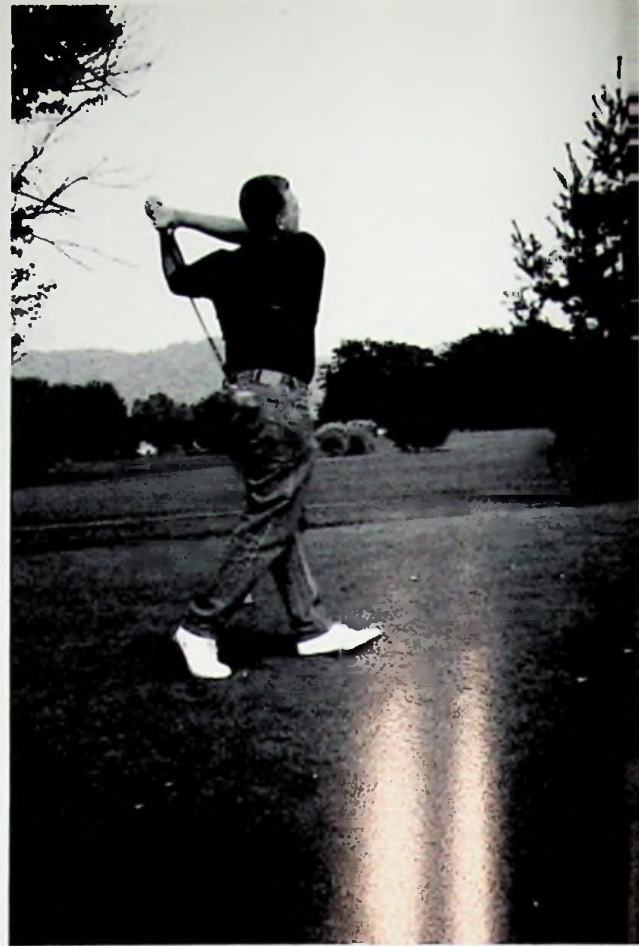
Everyone Contributes To The Improvement Of The Team.

## The Masters At C.H.S.

Coach Dick McCleese has the Panther Golf Team right where he wants it — on the fast lane to success. For a few years in a row, Coach McCleese has had to rely on underclassmen to get the job done on the greens. Well, as most underclassmen do, they mature. As a result of this gradual growing and learning, the underclassmen of yesteryear are turning into the best golfers of today.

Stewart, Scott Day, Michael Gasho, and Steve Johnson, have aided the team probably as much as any of the golfers who have preceded them. Their contributions are different, however, in that these and other guys have been called on to produce early in their high school years. Although this has brought some rough records to the scorebooks, it has also brought great promise to the program.

Many of the Clay golfers, including Dallas



*Steady as you go.* Enjoying his first year on the varsity golf roster, Senior Andy Hansen contributed his athletic skills to the team. Known to the basketball and tennis courts, Andy decided to add a new sport to his resume.

*Don't stop there!* Michael Gasho delicately putts the ball. Many golfers, including Michael, soon realize it's not as easy as it looks. Michael presides over the Junior class as well as participates on the Honor Society.



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*Just one practice swing buddy.* Sophomore sensation Steve Johnson needs only minimal practice. Under the careful eye of an opposing golfer, Steve prepares to make his mark. Steve is a high school golfer of two years.

*I think you missed it!!* Even if Dallas Stewart missed it the first time, he would still be able to beat the competition by giving away that shot. Dallas is no stranger to the greens as he has helped the team for three years.



*Varsity Golf!* Members of the golf team include R. Martin, J. Skeans, S. Johnson, C. Day, E. Freauf, C. Rayburn, Coach McCleese, D. Stewart, G. Martin, S. Day, M. Gasho, A. Hansen, T. Wallace, and Z. Vastine.



*Teed Off!* Juniors Dallas Stewart and Michael Gasho could be very upset if they have to wade through the water to hit their next shot. With their talents, wading would definitely be out of the question!



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*Surrounded!* Sophomore Mendy Justice seems trapped from all sides. Mendy helped the varsity team greatly with her natural skills and physical presence. Mendy started on the softball team as well.

*Pushing down the court.* Fabulous Freshman Mari Grace Harness passes the ball to Senior Captain Kendra Martin. Mari Grace and Kendra provided the pace for the varsity team with their athleticism.



*It's mine, all mine!* Mari Grace Harness will settle for nothing less than actual possession of that basketball. Mari Grace saw plenty of action as she was a starter in volleyball, basketball, and tennis. Wow!

*Don't let 'em get it!* Both Kendra Martin and Sophomore Melissa Fisher eye the basketball. Kendra and Melissa helped to ensure a girls' basketball team even existed at Clay High. Kendra, in fact, was first team All S.O.C.



# Basketball Basketball Bask





## Girls' Team Suffers Through Tough Season.

# We Won't Be Denied!

The girls' basketball season proved to be a long and difficult one. Each girl however, stuck with it and in the end, were glad they did. Though times were very tough for first-year coach Jeff Rase, he brought the team together and produced some wins. All who participated worked to the best of their abilities and showed their true love for the game. While the loss column was bigger than the win column, the girls developed friendships as well as great respect for each other.

weaknesses. More importantly, however, the team gained a lot of good experiences. "Our biggest strength was our dignity and class," stated Coach Rase, "through many hard times and difficult situations, we always managed to pull through with out dignity and class." Although the team is losing the experience of Seniors Kendra Martin and Jessica Thornsberry, the underclassmen expect a better turnout and thus, a more successful season.

There were some strengths and some



*Varsity Basketball!* Members of the girls' basketball team include M. Justice, J. Thornsberry, K. Martin, M. Harness, Coach Rase, K. Cottle, B. DeLottell, M. Fisher, and Coach Newman.



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**JR. VARSITY!** Members of the Jr. Varsity Basketball team include J. Bloomer, J. Skeans, K. Jones, S. Johnson, J. Artis, R. Martin, J. Williams, P. Fitzer, Mgr., E. Ratcliff, T. Risner, E. Rodeheffer, S. Estep, C. Shaffer, Coach Warnock, and T. Boehm, Mgr.



**Outta My Way!** Senior Heath Frazier scopes the situation while a lone South Webster player tries to guard him. Heath was a member of the Panther Varsity Basketball team for two years.



**Small But Mighty!** The Junior Varsity team proved to be exciting entertainment for the Panther crowd. Freshman Scott Estep watches as his teammates provide some defense.



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# That's The Way The Ball Bounces!

## Coach Wolfe's Stint At Clay Ends With His Retirement.

The varsity team struggled. The junior varsity team had its ups and downs. Regardless of the situation, Coach Carl Wolfe continued to make his impression on the community. However, as with life, all good things must come to an end. The year 1995 proved to be the last year of coaching at Clay High School for Coach Wolfe.

The tradition will continue as Coach Warnock has proven he can call the shots. Also, Coach Warnock will have the skills of a very talented group of underclassmen. The ball will bounce again at Clay High School.

For Seniors Heath Frazier and Andy Hansen, their road too, came to an end. Both Seniors contributed greatly to the Panther basketball program.



**VARSITY!** Members of the Varsity basketball team include T. Stevens, D. Stewart, Z. Vastine, H. Frazier, A. Hansen, R. Menda, Mgr., J. Williams, D. Spriggs, J. Spradlin, C. Miller, and N. Payne. Carl Michael Wolfe served as Manager.



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# "Let's Go Blue!"

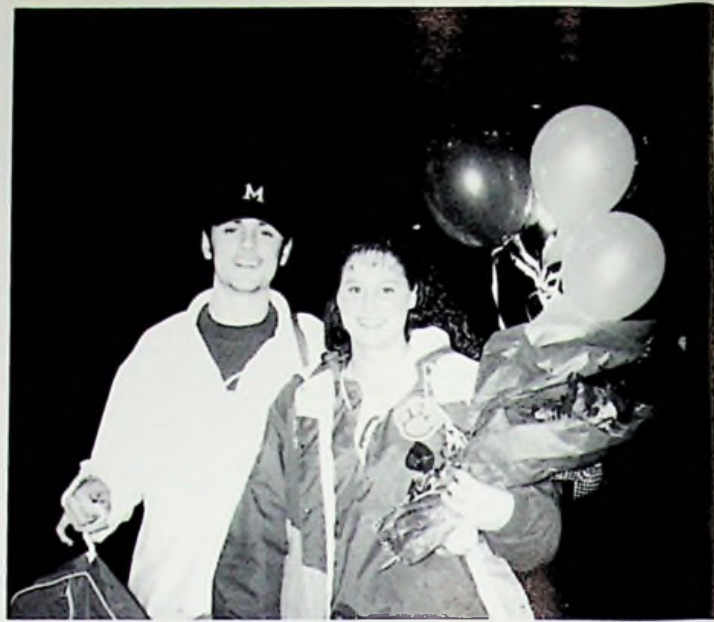
## *Cheerleaders Work To Keep Spirits Alive.*

The varsity cheerleaders once again did their best to keep the crowd enthused and the ballplayers pumped. The squad consisted of five seniors, four juniors, and three freshmen. Despite the fact that the cheerleaders did not attend camp in the summer, the twelve girls came up with many new crowd and floor cheers. While the cheerleaders had to deal with 'lazy' crowds at times, the girls still managed to get the job done.

Many lessons are learned through cheerleading. One of these is 'getting along

with others.' When it came down to making decisions as a squad, the girls were very argumentative and opinionated. However, when it was time to go onto the floor, the squad tried not to let their differences interfere with their performances.

Proving that cheerleader pride is always valued and remembered, Captain Shelley Gilpin will lend her support even after graduation. "My heart will always be true to blue and gold," she said, "good luck Panthers in the years to come!"



*Breaking through!* Freshmen cheerleader Cindy Howard cheers for the team as they break through the traditional spirit hoop. Cindy was a junior high cheerleader before making the high school squad.

*A time to get rowdy.* Seniors Shelley Gilpin and Jennifer Knittel join the varsity team in a moment of excitement. Shelley played all sports while Jennifer was a national award winner in her vocational school area of study.



## Cheerleading Cheer!



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Varsity Cheerleaders! Members of the high school cheerleading squad include K. Martin, K. Vastine, K. Hansen, S. Gilpin, J. Knittel, M. Moore, C. Howard, D. Harris, J. Liddle, A. Brown, M. Harness, A. Vastine, and B. DeLotell.



# Leading Cheerleading Chee



*Fearless Freshmen.* Kim Hansen and Patrick Fitzer are two members of the freshmen class who chose tennis as their Spring Sport. Kim and Patrick combined to make the third doubles team.



**VARSITY TENNIS!** Members of the Varsity Tennis team include J. Bloomfield, N. Spradlin, Mgr., M. Harness, K. Hansen, P. Fitzer, C. Charles, N. Payne, J. Spradlin, and C. Miller.



## Tennis Team Loses One To Graduation.

# Sport On The Rise!

The Varsity Tennis team made great strides this year even without veteran Coach Carol Vice. Coach Vice was sidelined and Ms. Jamie Nickell took over the duties as coach. Coach Nickell witnessed a Clay team in which the freshmen class played a major role. Mari Grace Harness and Jason Bloomfield captured two starting positions on the team.

Providing leadership by way of skill and tenacity was Senior Andy Hansen. Andy competed as the starting second singles player. Joining Andy in the starting lineup were Junior Craig Miller at first singles, Jason Bloomfield at

third singles, Junior Nate Payne and Sophomore Justin Spradlin at the first doubles position, and Mari Grace Harness and Junior Clay Charles at second doubles.

Close matches occurred all season as did wins over Portsmouth West and New Boston. With each year of added experience, the Clay netters are moving in one direction in the S.O.C. That direction is UP!



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*Intensity!* Patrick Fitzer shows his form as he waits for the ball to return from the opponent's side. Patrick is sure to be a key figure in the future of Panther tennis since he has three years of high school to go.

*Strong Combination.* Junior Nate Payne discusses the strategy with doubles partner Justin Spradlin. Together, this duo produced many wins for the varsity team. Nate and Justin are also varsity basketball players.

*Just Hangin' Out.* Craig Miller, Eric Rodeheffer, and Andy Hansen wait for an open court. Craig and Andy have been regular starters on the tennis team for a couple of years. Eric is a first-year member of the team.



# Tennis Tennis Tennis



*Team meeting.* Coach Teresa Ruby gathers the starting line-up and discusses the strategy needed to win the game. Her strategies were close to perfection as the softball team advanced to regional final play.



As Expected, Softball Team Wins And Wins . . .

## Eight Isn't Enough!

Keeping with tradition, the panther softball team again advanced far in the post-season tournament. Coach Ruby's squad made it to the Regional tournament's final game. In so doing, Clay's team was one of eight teams left in the State softball tournament. If asked, however, the players would strongly assert that eight is never enough; the final four is what they hunger.

lected trophies for winning the Southern Ohio Conference, the Sectional tournament, and the District tournament. The 1995 team, with their accomplishments, placed but another chapter in the storied history of Clay softball!

S.O.C., Sectional,  
& District CHAMPIONS

Along the way, the team col-



*Happy to have another chance.* Junior Amy Vastine is anxious to have a senior year in which to help better the team's tournament advancement. It will be tough as key players were lost to graduation.

*Rocket arm!* Kristy Cottle unleashes a pitch which is likely to breeze right by the batter. Kristy, only a sophomore, has received state-wide recognition as one of the best pitchers in the state.



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*Our Coach!* The sophomore sensations of the high school girls' softball team proudly surround their award-winning coach. Coach Teresa Ruby guided the team to the regional finals.



**VARSITY SOFTBALL!** Members of the championship softball team include L. Channel, K. Vastine, K. Martin, S. Gilpin, S. Wallace, K. Cottle, M. Justice, C. Harwood, C. Patterson, A. Thornsberry, A. Vastine, J. Skeans, Mgr., A. Spriggs, Mgr., Head Coach T. Ruby, Coach K. Caudill, Coach C. Hickman, Coach J. Hickman, T. Pollard, Mgr., and W. Vastine, Mgr.



*Another run scored!* Senior Shelley Gilpin raises her arms in celebration of another run scored by the panther softball team. Shelley participated in girls' softball for four years.



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*Many, Many Students Take To The Field.*

## Play Ball!

Coach Dick McCleese returned to the dugout after a three year hiatus. Showing up with him were more students than seen in many years. The number of students was such that a Jr. Varsity and Varsity team were both formed. Coach McCleese, and his assistant Ron Allen, enjoyed a season in which excitement was seen on all faces.

prove to have been a blessing for Panther baseball down the road.

The team showed great improvement as the season progressed. While the wins were tough to attain, the team unity grew. Coaches McCleese and Allen are sad to see their Senior leaders graduate but are excited about what may be ahead.

Steve Ruggles, Dustin Sowards, and T.J. Wallace were the Senior leaders of the team. All three performed well and provided incentive for their younger teammates. The seniors were joined by a large group of underclassmen. In fact, the composition of the team will



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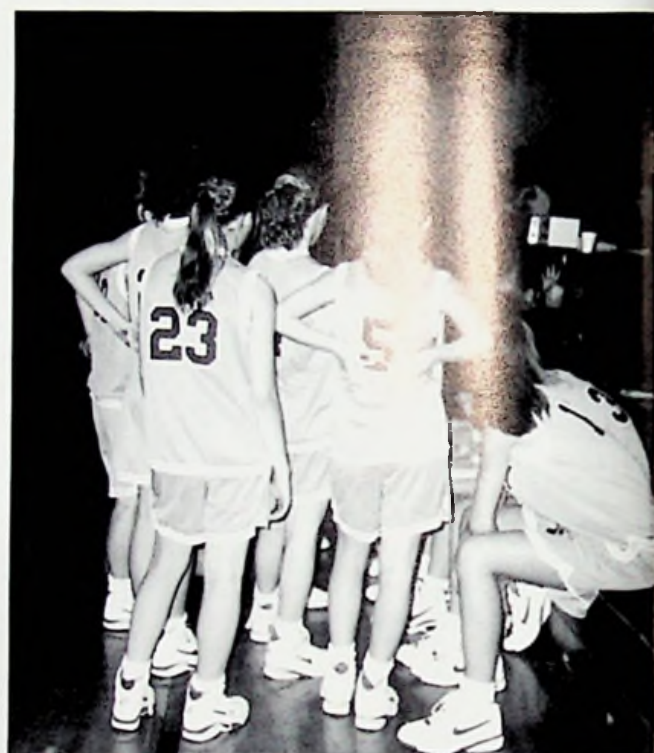
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*With determination!* The seventh grade boys' basketball team works hard to implement the plan of Coach Ron Allen. All four of the junior high basketball teams worked hard to produce a large number of wins.

**JR. HIGH CHEERLEADERS!**  
Members of the cheerleading squad included A. Hysell, J. Brown, A. Brammer, N. Spradlin, J. Osborne, W. Vastine, C. La-Valley, L. Robinson, and L. King.

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## Junior High Players Provide The Excitement!

# 5 Squads, 1 Sport

It's cheaper than a double feature at the local cinema or drive-in and the action is usually rated 'PG.' Where can such a treat be found? If not at the Rubyville gymnasium then at another junior high basketball gymnasium in the county.

The Clay Junior High basketball programs have offered many hours of excitement for fans of the sport. This year, to add more to the fun and excitement, an extra team was added to the line-up. Now, fans can see the 8th grade boys, 8th grade girls, 7th grade boys, 7th grade girls, and as always, the junior high cheerleaders.

and Arnold King taught the fundamentals which in turn produced the wins. Coach Jackson could be heard from the 'nose-bleed' section of the bleachers while Coach Allen tried to calm a very 'hyper' group of seventh graders. Coach King didn't have enough to keep him busy. And of course, Mrs. Brammer, the cheerleading advisor, worked to keep the McDonalds Corporation afloat with her very organized delivery schedule. What more could anyone ask for when there is such an exciting junior high program? Parents happy with the coaches is an unacceptable answer!

Coaches Brian Jackson, Ron Allen,



**8TH BOYS' BB!** Members of the 8th grade boys' basketball team included J. Ratcliff, B. Vastine, C. Pridemore, J. Fannin, J. Thornsberry, J. Barth, Coach Jackson, B. Newman, J. Howard, B. Killian, G. Eldridge, and A. Miller.



**8TH GIRLS' BB!** Members of the 8th grade girls' basketball team included W. Vastine, A. Brammer, D. Gasho, J. Brown, T. Pollard, B. Graff, N. Spradlin, A. Hysell, Coach King, A. Workman, and B. Davis.



## Sports Jr High



**7TH GIRLS' BB!** Members of the 7th grade girls' basketball team include C. Knaufl, E. Hempill, L. King, J. Skeans, J. Riggs, A. Hightower, Coach King, M. Pauley, Mgr., T. Huston, S. Workman, A. Spriggs, J. Singer, T. Miller, and K. Clark, Mgr.



**7TH BOYS' BB!** Members of the 7th grade boys' basketball team include T. Shaffer, A. Payne, N. Riggs, D. Hodkinson, C. Day, D. Hall, B. Richard, M. Large, and Coach Allen.



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*It's all over!* Seniors T.J. Wallace and Leigh Channel realize, maybe for the first time, that their moments as Clay High School students are numbered. Following graduation, their moments ended.



# GRADUATION

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There will be no more bells, lockers, study halls, or passbooks!

This particular day could not have come any sooner! It seems like it took forever! My foot will never step inside of this school again! These feelings were expressed by many members of the Class of 1995 prior to and including graduation day. While these sentiments are strong and indicate years of conflict, they are but only commentaries made by members of the class who think they have the world's puzzles solved. In actuality, many class members rejoiced at graduation for they saw the day as a day of fruition or completion. Graduation, to most, was the day in which they were awarded for all of their hard work and personal sacrifices.

These celebrating students were further inspired by the words of Jim Beegan. Jim Beegan, a graduate of Clay Local High School, had played his part as a high school student too! He was given homework and tests. He had to make choices. He made sacrifices. Jim survived high school! Because of his hard work, Jim Beegan attended and graduated from medical school. Dr. Beegan now serves



his fellow man as a practicing physician. Dr. Beegan further credits his Clay High School training as a stepping stone to his present day vocation.

The Class of 1995 left the high school gymnasium with many outstanding decisions to make. Some of the graduates immediately felt the world's pressures

surround them while others were too concerned with vacation. Whatever the situation, the pressures will sooner or later be felt. Luckily for these young adults, a Clay High School background is a strong foundation upon which to build. Just like the 1995 commencement speaker Dr. Beegan, higher goals are just a "desire" away!



*Setting the stage.* The Clay Local School District administrators join the Class of 1995 on the stage for some pomp and circumstance. Together for one last hurrah, the Seniors graduate into life.





*With distinction!* Jennifer Carr proudly marches to the stage. Wearing her National Honor Society insignia, Jennifer is one of only five seniors to be so honored.

*Proof!* Former Clay High School graduate Jim Beegan gives the commencement address. Dr. Beegan is proof of the fact that Clay graduates can and do attain higher aspirations.



**Rich Canter**

**Valedictorian**



**Angi Picklesimer**

**Salutatorian**





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*While Graduates Sometimes Try To Forget, Many Things Are*

# UNFORGETTABLE!



- Joe getting into a fight with Angi one minute & the plexi-glass the next!
- Heath locking his keys in his car while the car was still running!
- Andy's exciting sleigh ride right into a tree!
- Rich's ability to always win the science fair even though his project was full of "crap!"
- The girls' anti-culture, anti-clothes, anti-power, anti-\_\_\_\_\_ (you fill in the blank) crusade.
- Mrs. Deal making a point with her pointer during Junior American History class. Mrs. Deal wound up with the short end of the stick!



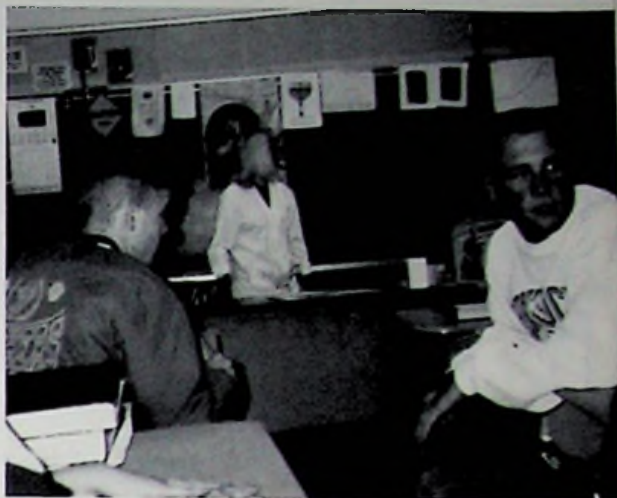
*Cleaning up well!* Ryan Steele, Mike Mittler, Adam Pettigrew, and Matt Marasek would clean up every once and a while. In fact, many of the females at the Prom glanced their way once or twice.







*Chemical mixtures! Miss Rice had to endure many of the seniors twice in one day. This occurred as she teaches both Chemistry II and Physics. What one woman must do to receive a pay-check!*



*No air ball! While Heath Frazier consistently scored, the basketball team found the year to be tough. So tough, in fact, Heath decided to return to his former high school after the season ended.*

*Anything for an 'A.' Kevin Boldman and Amanda Conklin fulfill their government class requirement of helping a political candidate. Kevin and Amanda worked diligently on the Congressman Strickland campaign.*



*Where to now?* Graduating seniors Bev Flowers, Dara Matheny, Mandi Moore, Amanda Conklin, Holly Hines, and Melissa Osborne prepare for their entry into the gymnasium. Upon exit, all will become graduates!



*Men of Steel.* Several of the senior guys pose for their friends and families. These guys, as well as the girls, have many tough decisions to make in the near future. Some of these will concern jobs, college, and family.



*Don't do it!* Holly Hines is ready to blow the biggest bubble ever seen. Senior classmate Bev Flowers, however, hopes that Holly will not embarrass her while on the field trip sponsored by Mrs. Deal.

*I'm so happy!* Salutatorian Angie Picklesimer is happy to be at the graduation ceremonies. Angi enjoyed high school as she successfully participated in many activities including Yearbook, cheerleading, and mock trial.

## Farewell

*Class of nineteen hundred and ninety five*

Being a Senior is something to be proud of — knowing you have made it through the good and the bad. Throughout the years, friends have come and gone for many reasons. Maybe it was because their clothes were not the right brand, or maybe they didn't have the right last name. But, do you recall that none of that mattered when we were little?!

Now that we're older, it seems sad that some of our friendships are based on things like that. As you read this final message, look at the person next to you. They might not be dressed as nice as you, but if you can trust them with your feelings then that's a true friend. — RYAN STEELE (message to classmates on the last day of school)







*Top Salesmen.* Seniors Mandi Moore and Angi Picklesimer were responsible for the sales of many yearbook advertisings. Pictured with them is Fred of Fred's Rich Oil.



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## We Made It!

**A**ngi Picklesimer and her staff truly worked hard for the production of this yearbook. As senior editor, Angi worked diligently with Advisors Mr. Buckler and Mr. Warnock. The production of a yearbook is at times exciting and at other times very difficult. There must be a staff willing to give up some of their personal time so as to sell advertising, sell yearbooks, take pictures, and perform for their classmates.

The 1995 Panther is the culmination of a year in which extra time was hard to find. But when push came to shove, "we made it!" Here's hoping you enjoy your copy of the 1995 Panther. If for some reason you don't — "So Be It!"



*The Brady Bunch.* The Yearbook Staff went to extremes in order to provide classmates with a period of skits promoting yearbook sales. In this very entertaining skit, yearbook staff members sing a familiar tune for the crowd.

*Editors-in-Chief.* Mr. Buckler usually chooses two students who are very trustworthy and capable of calling the shots. Angi Picklesimer was the Senior Editor while Debi Harris served as the Junior Editor for the 1995 Panther.















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# World Beat



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1992 Russian President Yeltsin orders his troops to the border of 49,000 Soviet. The U.S. sends 200 airplanes to the area to support the Soviet Union. By October 11, Helsinki orders the withdrawal of most of its forces.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin orders his poorly trained military to subdue a rebellion in Chechnya, a southern republic the size of Connecticut. Critics accuse Yeltsin of resorting to totalitarian methods of the old communist Soviet regime to keep the shaky Russian Federation unified.

Europe's worst flood in this century kills at least 30 people across Europe. Inland floods caused by melting Alpine snow and relentless rains hit Belgium, France, Germany, and the Netherlands, whose famous dike system begins to crumble late in January 1995 in the face of rampaging rivers. Dutch authorities evacuate 250,000 people from the lowlands.

Camilla Parker Bowles, allegedly Prince Charles' mistress, announces her divorce from her husband, Andrew Parker Bowles. Princess Diana is said to be negotiating a divorce from Charles, who will be free to remarry without giving up the throne—unless unhappy subjects force a referendum on the monarchy.

More than 900 passengers die, 140 are rescued when the Estonia, a 15,500-ton Baltic ferry sinks off the coast of Finland in a violent nighttime storm. The storm's 30-foot waves swamp the ship which lists and sinks in a matter of minutes.

# World News



Reuters/Getmann

After a peasant uprising in Chiapas and two major political murders, Mexico gets a new president. Ernesto Zedillo, an economist, assumes office only to face a stockmarket crash, a ruined economy, and a loss of international confidence in the wake of the North American Free Trade Agreement.



Conservative religious groups and those who believe in individual rights clash over issues of education for women and family planning at the U.N. International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo, Egypt, September 5.



Burque/Syda from Gamma Liaison

On July 25, U.S. President Bill Clinton welcomes King Hussein of Jordan, right, and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to the White House, where the two sign a historic nonaggression pact that ends a 46-year state of belligerency between Israel and Jordan.



Joyful residents of Belfast celebrate after the Irish Republican Army (IRA) announces an end to its military operations in Northern Ireland as of August 31. After 25 years of British military presence and over 3,000 killings, the IRA says it will now seek Irish union only through political channels.



AP/Wide World



Tipper Gore, wife of U.S. Vice President Al Gore, visits Rwandan refugee camps in Zaire in July. Thousands of refugees, fleeing ethnic conflict in Rwanda, die of cholera, dysentery, and other infectious diseases. Fresh water supplied by the United States military greatly reduces the number of cholera deaths.

When their Army helicopter accidentally strays into North Korea in December, Chief Warrant Officers Bobby Wayne Hall and David Hilemon are shot down by the communists. Washington does not admit to espionage as the North Koreans want, but negotiates for survivor Bobby Hall's release by expressing its sincere regret over the intrusion.

Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasir Arafat returns to Palestine in July 1994 after 27 years of exile in Tunisia. Arafat kisses the ground in the Gaza Strip, now a Palestinian autonomous zone under the terms of a 1993 peace accord with Israel.



Major Alby Caputo





AP/Wide World

Millions of South Africans line up for weary hours and wait in mile-long lines to vote in the first all-race elections. After more than 40 years of white rule, the voters choose former political prisoner Nelson Mandela to preside over the dismantling of apartheid.

Jimmy Carter, former U.S. president and self-styled global troubleshooter for peace, negotiates on behalf of the U.S. in Haiti, Bosnia, and North Korea. He even offers to help settle the baseball strike.



Larry Downing, Sygma

U.S. President Bill Clinton, right, and British Prime Minister John Major take part in ceremonies in June 1994 at a military cemetery during the 50th anniversary commemoration of the Allied D-Day invasion of Europe, the event that sealed the fate of Nazi Germany during World War II.



India suffers an outbreak of pneumonic plague, carried by flea-infested vermin. Workers in Bombay earn five rupees for each exterminated rat; one thousand rat-tails earns a color TV.



AP/Wide World

In Japan, an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.2 collapses buildings, derails trains, buckles elevated expressways, and causes fires throughout the city of Kobe. Over 5,000 people are killed and 26,000 injured. The Japan quake occurs January 17, 1995, one year to the day after a quake devastated Los Angeles.



Catherine Henriette, ICONE

Chinese school children, dressed to look like Colonel Sanders, welcome the president of Kentucky Fried Chicken to Shanghai in May 1994. Few of the country's many foreign business ventures thrive, but KFC becomes a Chinese favorite. The finger-lickin' enterprise makes plans to expand its outlets from 28 to 200.

Triumphant Jean-Bertrand Aristide reclaims his position as president and restores democracy to Haiti with the help of U.S. troops. Haiti had suffered under the rule of a military junta led by General Raoul Cedras, who goes into exile after reaching an agreement with U.S. mediators.



Reuters/Bullmann

In one of the most successful antiterrorist operations in aviation history, French commandos storm an Air France jet-liner and kill four Algerian hijackers, freeing the plane's 173 passengers and crew.



Allan Tammerbaum, Sygma

Thousands of Cubans flee their economically depressed homeland, hoping for a better life in America. Many set off on homemade rafts and other small vessels only to be intercepted by the U.S. Coast Guard. The United States and Cuba reach an agreement in September that allows 20,000 Cuban immigrants to enter the United States each year.



In the wake of the 1994 Los Angeles earthquake and the Mexican California wildfires of 1993, California experiences heavy rainfall throughout its January 1995 when rainstorms cause flooding that kills 11 people and leaves 9,000 others homeless. Flooding is so high in Santa Barbara, sea-walking swimmers die off a freeway collapse into 15 feet of water. President Clinton declares 34 counties federal disaster areas.

In 1994, the U.S. registers a one-year population growth of 2.7 million. One-third of the increase is due to immigration, the largest such influx since 1914.

Author and humanities professor, Ralph Ellison, dies at age 80. His 1952 novel, *Invisible Man*, has been called the most powerful novel written about alienation, identity, and racism in America.

A huge increase in killings by 14- to 24-year-olds raises the nation's homicide rate, while violence blamed on preteens rocks communities nationwide. A boy, 13, is sentenced to life for strangling a four-year-old. In Chicago, an 11-year-old boy kills a 14-year-old girl and is then executed by his own gang. In Washington state a pair of 12-year-olds shoot a migrant worker.

# National News

The death of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis in May 1994 marks the end of an era, a time when America was prosperous, fighting for civil rights, and heading for the moon. The former first lady is buried next to her husband, President John F. Kennedy, in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

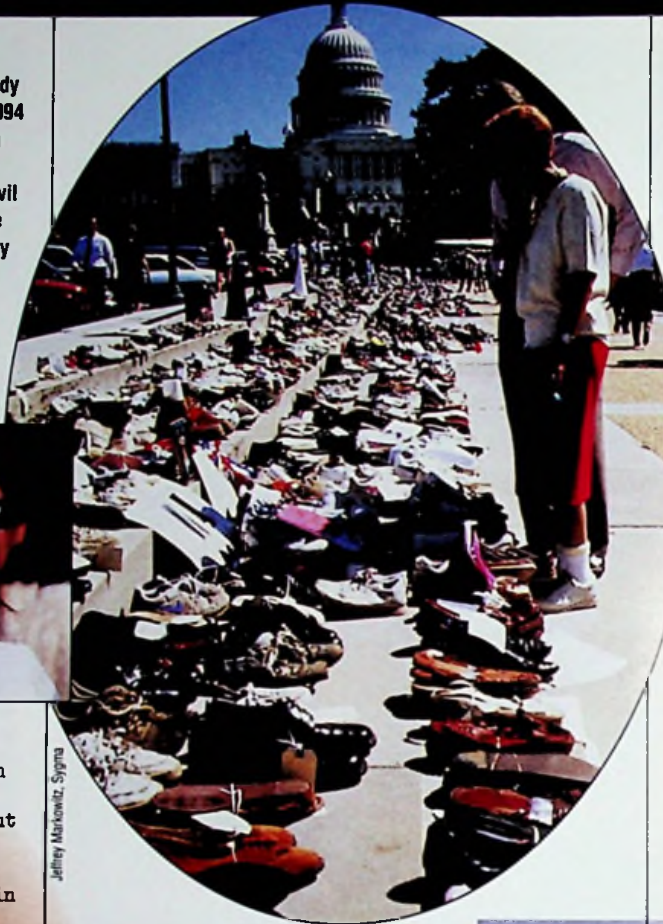


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Called the Republican revolution, November mid-term elections put the Republican party and its anti-big government platform in control of Congress for the first time in 40 years. Georgia's Newt Gingrich, author of the GOP's "Contract with America," is the new Speaker of the House.



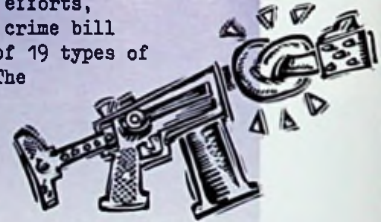
Heat, drought, and lightning combine to set Western states ablaze in late June and July. Fires consume 2,000 acres in Colorado's South Canyon when 50 mile-an-hour winds whip the flames into a firestorm, killing 14 specially trained firefighters; 10 men and four women.



Jeffrey Markowitz, Syama

The volunteers for Silent March bring shoes from every state for one of the quietest demonstrations to ever take place in Washington, D.C. Each empty pair of shoes represents one of the more than 40,000 Americans who have been killed by handguns.

Despite powerful National Rifle Association lobby efforts, Congress passes a crime bill banning the sale of 19 types of assault weapons. The Brady Law goes into effect; in one month 23,610 people with criminal records are denied the purchase of a handgun.



AP/Wide World

The prosecution seeks the death penalty in the case of Susan Smith, who dupes the nation with a frightening tale of the abduction of her two little boys. The community's early expert guess quickly to name what Smith confesses to murder — she sent her children to their deaths at the bottom of a lake.



AP/Wide World



George Grabet, Gamma/Liaison



The 37th U.S. President, Richard Nixon, dies in April 1994. Nixon was responsible for restoring normal ties with the People's Republic of China following the signing of the Shanghai Communique in 1972.



A rare white buffalo named Miracle draws crowds to the humble Wisconsin farm where it was born August 20. Native Americans believe the calf is the fulfillment of a Lakota Sioux prophecy. Five hundred years ago, White Buffalo Woman told her people that she would return as a white calf to usher in a new age of harmony between all races of mankind.



The U.S. Food and Drug Administration blasts the tobacco company executives at a congressional hearing in March 1994 for denying that nicotine, a drug found in cigarette smoke, is addictive. Tobacco industry workers fear losing their jobs if the FDA succeeds in classifying and restricting cigarettes as a drug.



The Flint River overflows, washing coffins out of a Georgia cemetery after torrential rains from tropical storm Alberto flood Georgia and the Florida-Alabama panhandle. Thirty-two people die, 40,000 are temporarily homeless, and 10,000 square miles are underwater, causing \$100 million in crop damage.

Former football star O.J. Simpson is charged with the June 12th stabbing death of his ex-wife Nicole and her friend Ronald Goldman, causing a non-stop media avalanche. The sensational case familiarized watchers with spouse abuse, a televised ride in a white Ford Bronco, "Kato" Kaelin, and DNA testing. Simpson faces the jury in January.



President Clinton, with Republican leader Bob Dole, signs legislation implementing the U.S. role in an expanded General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), one of the most sweeping trade liberalization pacts in history. The legislation makes the U.S. a member of a new 125-member World Trade Organization. Protectionists worry that GATT may promote world trade but won't sufficiently protect American jobs.

Tom Engstler, Black Star



The Secret Service considers restricting public access to the White House after a gunman fires 27 rounds at the building's facade in October. In September, a small Cessna airplane crashes on the South Lawn and comes to rest at the base of the White House below President Clinton's bedroom, killing the pilot.



The U.S. Interior Department orders the bald eagle back to wilderness reserves that in the late 1970s "downed" category. The Pacific Northwest's spotted owl is set to head for forest lands in June a federal judge lifts the 1981 injunction that halted logging in the owl's habitat.

The fossil of a previously unknown dinosaur, the 25-foot-long *Cryolophosaurus eiloti*, is found in Antarctica.

Despite a so-called fitness craze, the National Center for Health Statistics confirms the American overabundance of food combined with a sedentary lifestyle is creating an epidemic of obesity. Since 1980, the number of overweight adults has ballooned to one-third of the population, with an alarming increase among children.

Some of the 599 newly revealed secret ingredients major cigarette-makers add to improve taste and texture: beeswax, butter, carrot oil, citronella oil, cocoa shells, corn silk, dandelion root extract, 31 chemicals that start with ethyl, oak chip oil, vinegar, and dimethyltetrahydrobenzofuranone.

Three planets are discovered orbiting a pulsar star 3,000 light-years away in the constellation Virgo. One is the size of the moon and two are three times more massive than Earth; all are rocky worlds without an atmosphere.

# SCIENTISTS NEWS



NASA

NASA's space shuttle mission 64 tests the operations of a Simplified Aid For Extravehicular Activity Rescue (SAFAR) device. Crew member Mark Lee maneuvers successfully outside the Discovery, while Carl Meade photographs him against the background of Earth.

Martin Rodbell and Alfred Gilman are awarded the 1994 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for developing a model of cell communication that has medical implications from cholera to cancer.

The Food and Drug Administration institutes new food labeling on almost all foods in response to consumer protest against the many misleading claims of food producers. The new readable labels provide realistic serving sizes, list calories from fat, and allow you to compare different nutrient values.



Autostereograms, popularly known as Magic Eye, cause legions of people to stare cross-eyed for long periods of time. Based on a mystery of neurology and 3-D objects, pattern elements fuse into left-eye and right-eye images of a single hidden object which appears to be floating.



UPI/Beimann

The century's greatest chemist and antinuclear activist, Linus C. Pauling, winner of the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1954 and the Nobel Peace Prize in 1962, dies at the age of 93. His work on DNA laid the foundation for Crick and Watson's discovery of the double helix.



Institute of Human Origins

In Ethiopia, anthropologists discover the skull of a human ancestor, *Australopithecus ramidus*, 4.4 million years old. The new species has features midway between apes and humans and promises to provide clues to still earlier evolutionary stages.



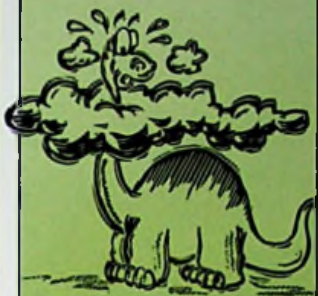
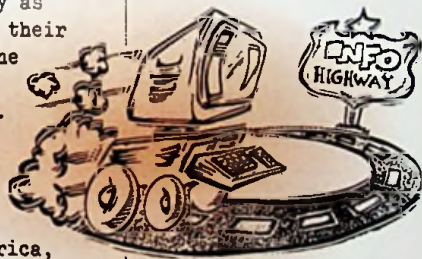
Japan's "Love Love Simulation" computer program allows couples to take a non-scientific look at future offspring by digitally combining their own photos to predict a child's appearance.



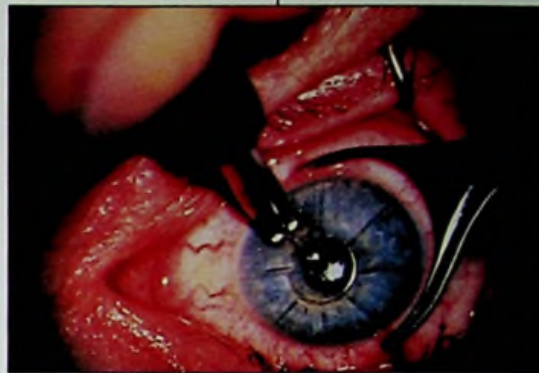


**A**stronomers use the largest major telescope in the world to see the high-speed cosmic track-up of the 21 big fragments of Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 as it smacks into the atmosphere of Jupiter at 34,000 miles an hour. Plumes of fire shoot hundreds of miles, high enough to become visible to telescopes on Earth.

Internet activity rises sharply as surfers find their way around the information superhighway. Advertisers, rock music reviewers, the worldly Voice of America, and others decide it's time to jump on.

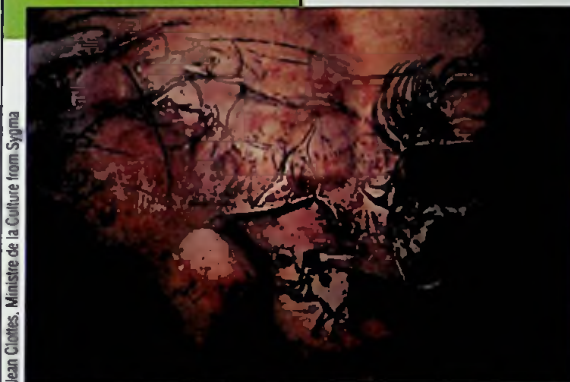


NASA publishes a new report supporting the theory that a giant comet hit Earth 65 million years ago and vaporized 100 billion tons of sulphur to create the cloud barrier that froze Earth's atmosphere and killed the dinosaurs.



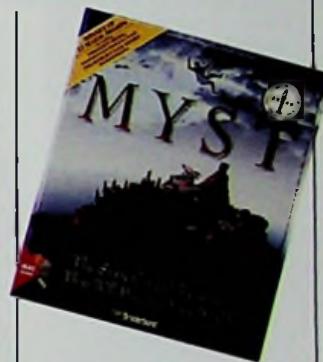
BSIP from Custom Medical

**A** long-term study of radial keratotomy finds it generally safe and effective. For the nearsighted, tiny spokelike incisions into the eye improve focusing ability and eliminate the need for eyeglasses. The patient is awake for the procedure.



Jean Clottes, Ministere de la Culture from Sygma

**A** cave is found in southern France, full of 300 vivid paintings of woolly-haired rhinos, bears, mammoths, panthers, and owls made about 20,000 years ago. The Stone Age artists also left behind bear skulls, flint knives, footprints, and fireplaces. Experts call it the archaeological find of the century.



**T**he non-violent CD-ROM game *Myst* by Cyan, Inc. becomes a best-selling phenomenon, winning legions of devoted fans and spawning imitators. The fantasy-adventure's graphic visuals are hyper-real; the written word is the key to the mystery.



UPI/Bohmann

**O**ne of Lake Superior's enduring mysteries is solved by scientists and marine historians who explore the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald, an ore carrier that sank with its crew in a 1975 storm. The ship, overused and in poor condition, was ripped apart by 90-mph winds and 39-foot waves. Most of the 29 crewmen are entombed inside the wreckage, well preserved in the 39° waters.



Gerard Lutz, Animals/Animals

**C**utbacks in military spending force the U.S. Navy to reduce its elite 100-dolphin fleet trained for use in sonar research, mine sweeping, and underwater recovery. Too tame to be released in the open sea, the veterans of conflicts from Vietnam to the Persian Gulf retire to aquariums and water parks.



The most popular names for newborns this year are Ashley and Michael.

Young people serve their country by volunteering under a new program called AmeriCorps, where 25,000 people aged 17 and up work with community-based organizations in exchange for \$7,000 plus money toward college tuition or loans.

One percent of the nation's 50 million school-age children learn at home as families seek alternatives to public schools. In a handful of high-tech experiments, kids submit homework by modem, download books and artwork from the Internet, and collaborate on academic projects with other children around the world.

A survey of college kids reveals their favorite sources of sugar and caffeine during all-night studying to be: powdered iced tea, peanut butter mixed with marshmallow cream, baby food, ramen noodles, raw cookie dough, and trail mix made from chocolate chips, graham cracker bits, and mini-marshmallows.

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**A** lively new cafe society centers around the 5,000 gourmet coffeeshops which spring up around the country. To the often young and trendy patrons, the social interaction is just as important as the espresso. Some cafes offer full-time Internet links so patrons can sip and chat with other Internet latte-drinkers.



Yoga, a Hindu system of stretching exercises for well-being, surges in popularity, mostly because the older generation seeks a technique for alleviating stress and finds yoga better than aerobics.



Colla, Gamma/Liaison

**A**erobic boxing, with boxing-style leg and arm work, turns out to be one of the year's hot exercise trends, showing up in workout studios and attracting those who want to work off their aggression by throwing a right and a few jabs.



Besides recycled clothing like license-plate bustiers, bottle-cap jewelry, trash-bag and duct-tape dresses, fashion trends include the nostalgic look with high-hems, and the orange-tinted-beatnik look of long, straight hair and goatee.

**A** new survey shows that over 12 million Americans are vegetarians, choosing the no-meat lifestyle because of concern about animal cruelty, cost-efficiency, eco-friendliness and/or improved health and fitness.



**T**he hottest merchandise around is Mighty Morphin Power Rangers, so hot Cabbage Patch dolls pale in comparison. Parents criticize Fox's super-violent TV show, but their kids crave Dragon Daggers, Megazords, and the 4-foot, \$230 battery powered car. "Go, go, Power Rangers!"

# Lifestyle News





A hot new collectible derives from an old household item. Milk caps, known in some regions as pogs, originally capped the bottles left by the milkman but have now gone funky with colorful printed designs and variations that are traded and used in games.



Although most are forced to settle for Oakley wrap-arounds, stylin' kids, like in-line skaters and urban youth, clamor for Arnet's \$80 Ravens with the silver-chrome frames.

led by brash young skate and surf types, two million snowboarders nationwide discover the joy of swooping down slopes on one board instead of two. No hard boots, no poles, no crossed tips, make it easier than skiing. Since their giant frozen wave is a ski hill, snowboarders annoy old-style skiers who want their slopes left undisturbed by shredders.



Nathan Blilow/Allsport

The first generation to ignore colas in favor of fruit drinks, today's young people give Snapple popular cult status. The trend breeds juice wars as Snapple imitators like Fruitopia vie for youth market shares and inundate the airwaves with Generation X-type advertising.



Pope John Paul II authors *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, a blend of theology, evangelizing and personal reminiscence. It becomes a best-seller in 35 countries.



Jacques Chenet, Gamma/Liaison

Remaining a virgin in the face of peer pressure finds new respect among teens who defend their freedom to forgo sex in a sex-crazy world. The movement is both a demand for real love and a reaction against unwanted pregnancy and health risks, since today one out of four kids are infected with sexually transmitted diseases by the age of 21.



Will and Don McInyng/Photo Researchers

It's called "the year of the cottage industry" as more Americans adopt different work arrangements in response to corporate downsizing, either by telecommuting or starting businesses out of their homes.



Kool-Aid makes a cheap hair-dye, an alternative to bleached hair with, say, Prizm Blue added for sheen. The "city fade" shaves the sides of your head and leaves the top longer, and the matted hair look is achieved by leaving the soap in and forgetting to comb.



Peter Williams, Animals/Animals

The designer pets of the year are African pigmy hedgehogs, and some 3,000 find homes with humans. They are gentle, like to be petted, and need a once-a-day feeding of pet food or mealworms. They don't smell and will even eat your roaches.



John Candy and Robert L. Johnson star in *Boys*. The film's plot revolves around a crash, a kidnapping, and a large airplane in a cloudy atmosphere where which reportedly causes a few audience members with needle-phobia to fall out of their seats in revulsion.

John Candy, the large and lovable star of films *Spizak*, *Cool Runnings*, *Home Alone*, and many other family favorites, dies at the age of 43. Whether Candy played jerks, slobbers or loonies, his natural goodness came shining through.

# entertainment news



Gamma Liaison

"Life is like a box of chocolates," says its title character. *Forrest Gump*, starring Tom Hanks, surprises everyone with its popularity, attributed to the audiences' thirst for the film's theme of simple values and good intentions. Fascinating special effects place Gump into real news footage with U.S. presidents.



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Every Tuesday night 20 million homes tune in to "Home Improvement," television's No. 1 show, starring comedian Tim Allen as Tim Taylor, the how-to host of "Tool Time," with his wife Jill and three kids. Fans love this funny real-life reflection of middle-class family life.



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Comedian Jim Carrey's career is s-s-smokin'. In *The Mask*, Carrey plays shy Stanley Ipkiss, who discovers that a mythical mask can turn him into a very cool green-faced cartoon-like dude. While waiting for sequels to *The Mask* and *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*, Carrey fans enjoy current hit *Dumb and Dumber*.

With a tried-but-true storyline, the TV show "Me and the Boys," becomes an immediate family favorite, with stand-up comic Steve Harvey playing a widower who's left to raise three lively sons singlehandedly.



ABC (from Shooting Star)

Reality-based television programs rule the tube with "Cops," "American Detective," "FBI: The Untold Stories," "Top Cops," and "Rescue 911." "America's Most Wanted" and "Unsolved Mysteries" enlist viewers' help in tracking down fugitives.



Diego Uchiel, Shooting Star

Shameless prime-time soap opera "Melrose Place," co-starring Heather Locklear and Grant Show, attracts legions of fans with its silly-sensational plotlines and shallow-but-beautiful characters. Fans may buy the TV show's soundtrack and "MP" clothing.



Gellen Pictures (from Shooting Star)

Tom Cruise bites as the elegantly evil vampire Lestat in the film based on Anne Rice's novel *Interview with the Vampire*. Brad Pitt costars in the story that's been a favorite with millions of readers for twenty years.



Steve Granitz, Raina

Comic Margaret Cho stars in the first all-Asian sitcom "All-American Girl," about a college girl who's not making enough money to move away from home and has to live with her rigidly traditional Korean immigrant parents.





The animals aren't cuddly, but Disney's 32nd animated feature *The Lion King* is still a box-office smash and a sure classic. The story of a young lion, Simba, on the path to maturity combines live Tim Rice/Elton John songs with comedy that leaves audiences roaring. Just say "Hakuna matata," Swahili for "no worries."



"Living Single" is hailed as a New York City version of "Designing Women." The comedy is about four women who share a big apartment, and features Kim Fields and rap star Queen Latifah, whose quiet presence and dignity singles her out as a star.



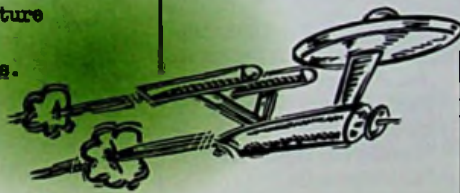
Talented young Claire Danes stars as a savvy 15-year-old confronting adolescent anxieties in the ABC television series "My So-Called Life," which receives critical acclaim. Danes also stars in the movie *Little Women*, with Winona Ryder.

This year's Emmy for best comedy series goes to TV's "Frasier," the story of a radio psychiatrist with a dysfunctional family. Star of the critical and main-stream hit, Kelsey Grammer dedicates his best-actor award to the dog "Eddie" whose off-screen name is Moose.



After his villain in Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* and his title role in Bertolucci's *Little Buddha*, actor Keanu Reeves buffs up to play an action star in *Speed*, about a bomb and a runaway bus, one of the year's biggest box office hits.

With the first female starship captain, TV's "Star Trek: Voyager" is the newest offshoot of the enduring Star Trek phenomenon, after "Deep Space Nine," "The Next Generation," and this year's full-length feature *Star Trek: Generations*.



Lou Gehrig's last day, Sandy Koufax on the mound, and Jackie Robinson's arrival are all part of the Ken Burns film "Baseball," an 18 1/2-hour historical mini-series on PBS. "Baseball" touches on American issues of race, labor, immigration, the role of women, urban renewal, popular media, and the nature of heroes and mythology.



Although his action fans may prefer *True Lies*, Arnold Schwarzenegger, with co-star Danny DeVito, cracks up audiences in *Junior*, where the strongman plays a boringly-serious scientist who tests a fertility drug on himself, learns the joys of motherhood, and falls in love with the baby's mom, Emma Thompson.



"Baywatch," the world's most-watched syndicated TV show, is a feel-good action/adventure about a Malibu lifeguard, played by David Hasselhoff. Sunny beach scenes take the pressure off plot or character development. In tribute to its popularity, Mattel, Inc. creates Baywatch Barbie.



*Hoop Dreams* is a documentary about two young Chicago athletes who dream of playing in the NBA. Arthur Agee and William Gates soon realize the dream will have to come at the expense of everything else. They struggle with poverty, unemployment, and the temptations of drugs and street life.



After their Woodstock '94 performance earned them major attention and an onstage spotlight, punk-pop trio Green Day wins the title for this year's best new band. Their album *Dookie*, featuring "Basket Case," goes triple platinum.

LPs make a comeback when major recording labels give in to pressure from artists and fans. Now titles are released on vinyl, as well as CDs and tapes. Pronounced dead in the '80s, the revived 12-inch long-plays come complete with the art-covered sleeves and lyric-sheet inserts that make them collector's items.

Liz Phair follows up *Exile in Guyville* with *Whip-smart* and songs like "Super Nova" and "Jealousy." Her music is said to be about self-parody, defensiveness, beautiful flaws, and cluelessness.

Futuristic noise mavens Nine Inch Nails and singer Trent Reznor drive home a point with their "Closer" single and hit video, from their album *The Downward Spiral*.

Mosh pit heroes Bad Religion get plenty of play with "21st Century Boy" and their album *Stranger Than Fiction*.

Beastie Boys release their fourth hip-hop album */// Communication* on the heels of their highly popular *Check Your Head*.

*Superunknown*, a 70-minute, 15-song opus, debuts at No. 1 on the *Billboard* charts. Fans and critics say it's the best record of metal band Soundgarden's career.

# MUSIC NEWS



Brooks Kraft, Sygma



John Alashian, Reina

**S**inger Sheryl Crow hits paydirt with her debut album, *Tuesday Night Music Club* with the seedy-but-upbeat sounds of "Leaving Las Vegas" and "All I Want to Do."



Jim Graham, LGI

**J**odeci, two pairs of brothers whose funky ballads coined the term "Feenin," bring gospel harmonies to their new album *Diary of a Mad Band*, which goes platinum.



Jim Graham, LGI

**T**hey dress alike and rule Motown. It seems like Boyz II Men only makes mega-hits, like "On Bended Knee" and "I'll Make Love to You." Their second album, *II*, goes straight to No. 1 on the R&B charts.



Eddie Malluk, Reina

**S**eattle rock band Pearl Jam and front man Eddie Vedder give youthful angst a good name as they rock hard with their third album, *Vitalogy*, considered their strongest yet.

**W**ith quirky lyrics and bass-voiced singing on hits like "Mmm, Mmm, Mmm, Mmm," the Crash Test Dummies' album, *God Shuffled His Feet*, becomes a chart-topper in the U.S. and Europe.



Fotex from Shooting Star

Although Madonna's bad-mannered appearance on Letterman begets criticism, her album *Bedtime Stories*, with hits "Take a Bow" and "Secret," is a solid chart-topper.

**M**usic, moshing, and lots of mud define Woodstock '94. The 25th anniversary of the original 1969 "summer of love" has ATMs, Pepsi, and '90s prices: \$135 tickets and \$4 hamburgers. After happily grooving to everything from Bob Dylan to Nine Inch Nails, 350,000 fans depart peacefully.



Scott Wiener, Reina

**P**op-soul Janet Jackson's body language and lyrics draw large concert crowds to see her perform hits like "You Want This/70's Love Groove." Jackson wins an MTV Music Award for her video "If."

**S**inger Vince Gill makes country music history by winning the Country Music Association's award for top male vocalist four years in a row. The CMA also awards him 1994 Entertainer of the Year.



S. Nannarelli, Shooting Star



Marc Morrison, Shooting Star



**N**ominated for best female vocalist, country singer Mary Chapin Carpenter croons at the Country Music Awards ceremony, but loses to Pam Tillis. Carpenter's album *Stones in the Road* tops the country charts.



EMI Records releases *Live at the BBC* a two-disc set of radio concerts recorded by the Beatles in the early '60s. "Free as a Bird," an original unfinished track by the late John Lennon, is finished, mixed with the live voices of Paul, George, and Ringo, and included in the set.

Jay Bhaskar, Reina



**I**t's a year of hits for buzz band, Gin Blossoms. Their top-selling album *New Miserable Experience*, covers "Hey Jealousy," "Found Out About You," and "Until I Fall Away."

Ronnie Wright, LGI



**D**ismissed as kiddie artists, three 12-year-old rappers who go by the name of Immature, get a new sound. Album *Playtime Is Over* and hits "Never Lie" and "Constantly" pump them up to stardom.

David Coujo, Reina



**H**ailed as the crown prince of reggae, Buju Banton's album, *Buju Banton: Voice of Jamaica*, pumps the party with "Walk Like a Champion" and "Man a Look Yuh."

Katie Lagyo, Shooting Star



**H**it single "Cryin'" wins MTV's Video of the Year award for singer Steven Tyler and metal band Aerosmith, who ride a wave of success and release their new album *Big Ones*.

Scott Weiner, Reina



**T**he Canadian band Cowboy Junkies, whose big hit this year is "Sweet James," sings of isolation and despair on their latest album *Pale Sun/Crescent Moon*.

Dennis Kalkavan, Reina



**P**owered to the top with their pure pop sound, Swedish quartet Ace of Base tops the charts with *The Sign*. Their sound is a contagious blend of reggae-splashed pop known as "China Reggae."

Larry Busacca, Reina



**J**Mascis emerges as a prolific and versatile songwriter for the punk-rock band Dinosaur Jr. with "Outta Hand" and major hit "Feel the Pain," both on their latest album *Without a Sound*.

Tommy Galtzer, Shooting Star



The Benedictine Monks of Santo Domingo de Silos release their CD, *Chant*. Heavy rotation on MTV turns the collection of ancient Gregorian chants into an unexpected best-seller.



Niels Van Iperen, Reina



**I**rish rock foursome, the Cranberries, tour the United States playing the sad, pretty melodies from their second hit album, *No Need to Argue*.

Jeffrey Seales, LGI



**R**appers with a self-reliant attitude, Salt-N-Pepa keep their *Very Necessary* vibe going this year with hits "Shoop" and "Whatta Man" which wins them, along with En Vogue, an MTV Music Award.

Michael Bernabini, Reina



**R**apper Snoop Doggy Dogg's performance makes the movie soundtrack *Above the Rim* a best-seller. His video "It's a Doggy Doggy World," which reunites all the '70s black exploitation film stars, wins an MTV Music Award.







Mike Power/Allsport



On June 14, the New York Rangers defeat the Vancouver Canucks 3 to 2 in the seventh game of the Stanley Cup play-offs, winning the coveted hockey cup for the first time in 54 years.

The Centennial Olympics will be held in Atlanta, Georgia in 1996. The city will emphasize its multicultural aspects to honor athletes from around the world.



Tony D'Amico

Dara Torres-Gowen becomes the first Olympic swimmer to model swimsuits in the *Sports Illustrated* annual swimsuit issue. Gold-medalist Torres-Gowen's sporty looks break the "waifs and glamazons" mold dictated by fashion.



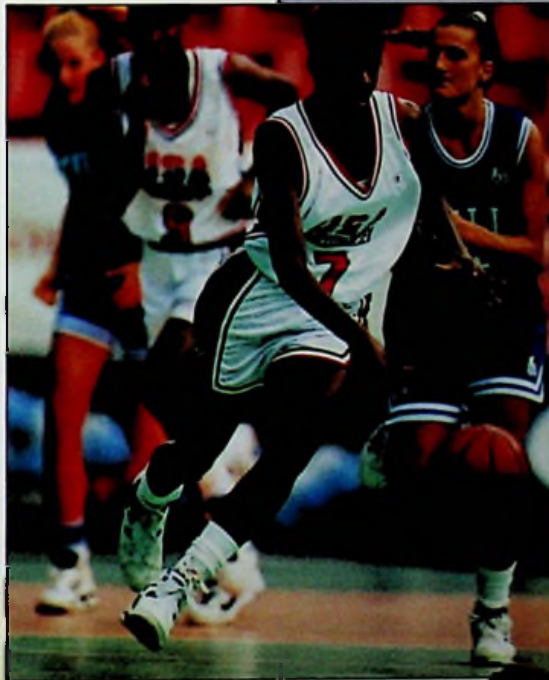
AP/Wide World

Fans are openly angry when a dispute between players and team owners over salary caps and other issues threatens to shut down baseball. A work stoppage begins on August 12, and no World Series is played for the first time since 1904.

Strong, Gamma/Liaison



Tonya Harding, barred for life from organized skating for obstructing justice in the investigation of an assault on Nancy Kerrigan, is offered \$2 million by the All Japan Women's Pro Wrestling Association to wrestle as a baddie.



Chris Cole/Allsport

Basketball star Sheryl Swoopes leads the U.S. women's basketball team to a gold medal at the Goodwill Games in Russia. Earlier she led Texas Tech to an NCAA title and signed an endorsement deal with Nike.



In Super Bowl XXIX in Miami, the San Francisco 49ers beat the San Diego Chargers 49-26, in their record-breaking fifth Super Bowl win. Quarterback Steve Young passes for a record six touchdowns to win most valuable player.

Pascal Bondeau/Allsport



After 52 wins, four PPG Cup titles, and \$10 million in earnings, Indycar champion Mario Andretti races for the final time in his 31-year career. The four-time Indianapolis 500 champion retires in October 1994.



Ernie Els wins the 1994 U.S. Open golf tournament in sudden-death playoff. The U.S. women's golf team, led by Dottie Mochrie, beats Europe for the 1994 Solheim Cup.



AP/Wide World

World Cup soccer comes to the U.S. for the first time: 24 teams play 52 World Cup games in nine cities to 3,567,415 fans, culminating in a title match between Brazil and Italy. Earlier the U.S. upset Colombia, but lost to the Brazilian team, who went on to win the cup.











