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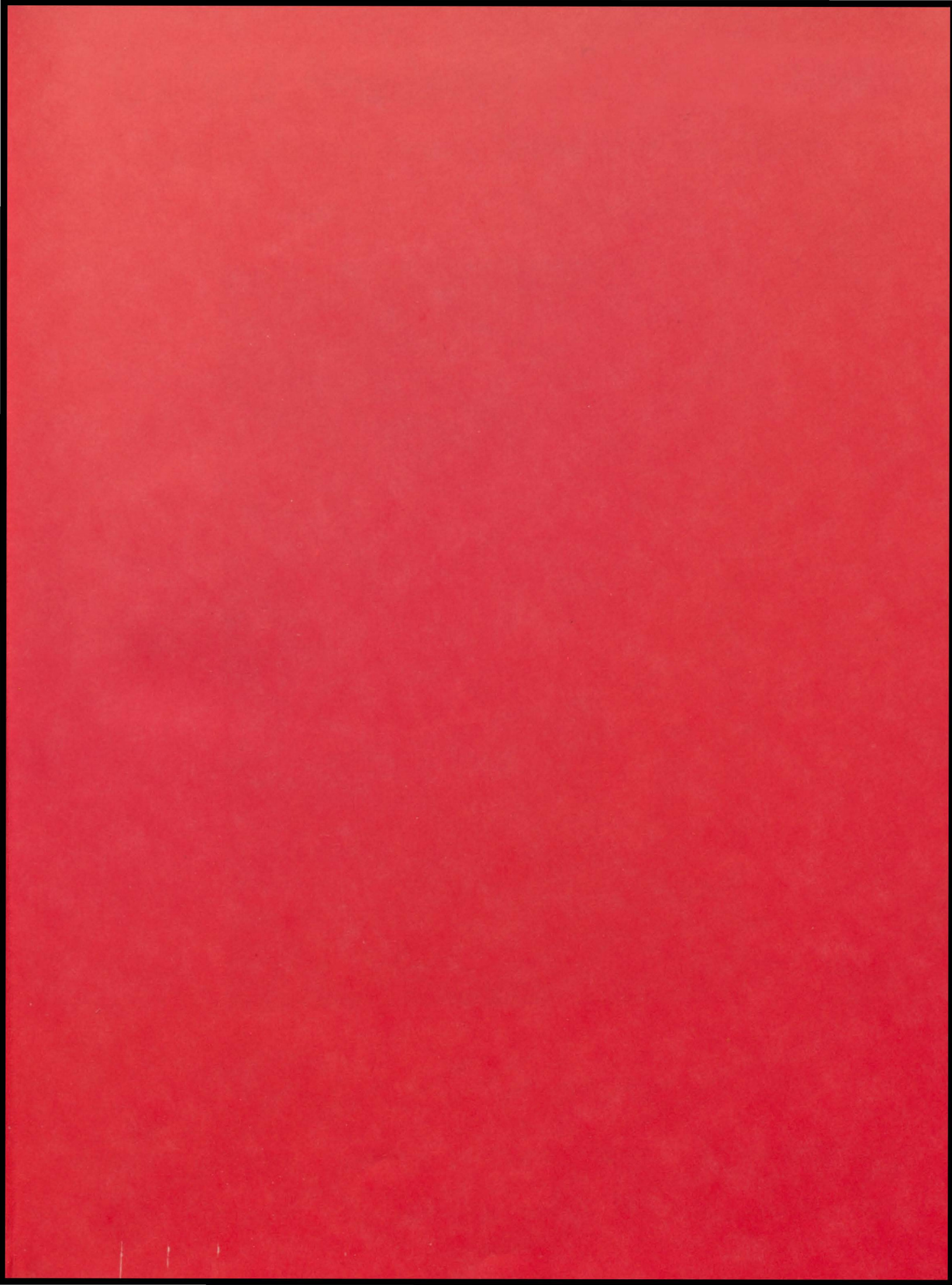


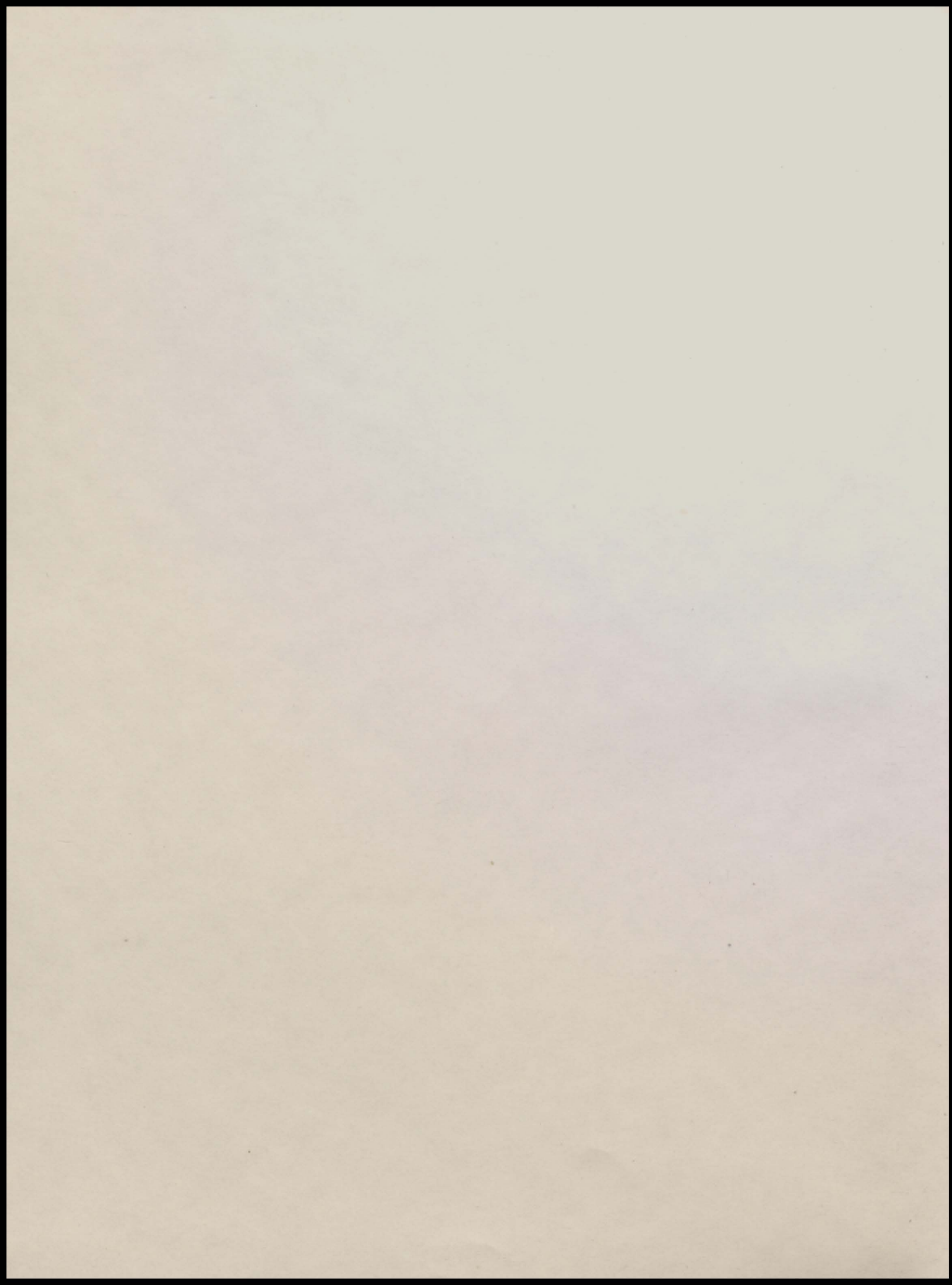
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Opening



“Putting The Pieces Together” is not only the theme of this year’s yearbook, but the meaning of high school. We fit together study and our social lives. We wonder about the reason for our parents’ anger while we write a 2000 word report that was due yesterday. School is only one of the first pieces; the rest are yet to come. Throughout the

yearbook you will see that there are picture pieces. many of these pieces make up the senior class picture. As you will see, it takes everyone to make the

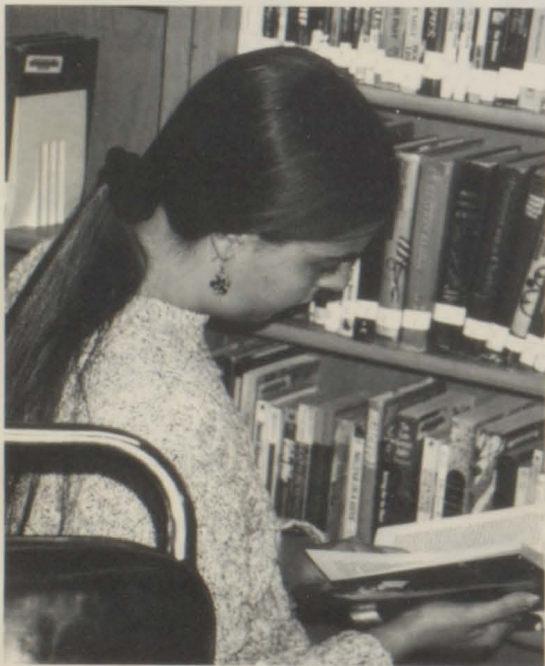
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Kevin Weidman



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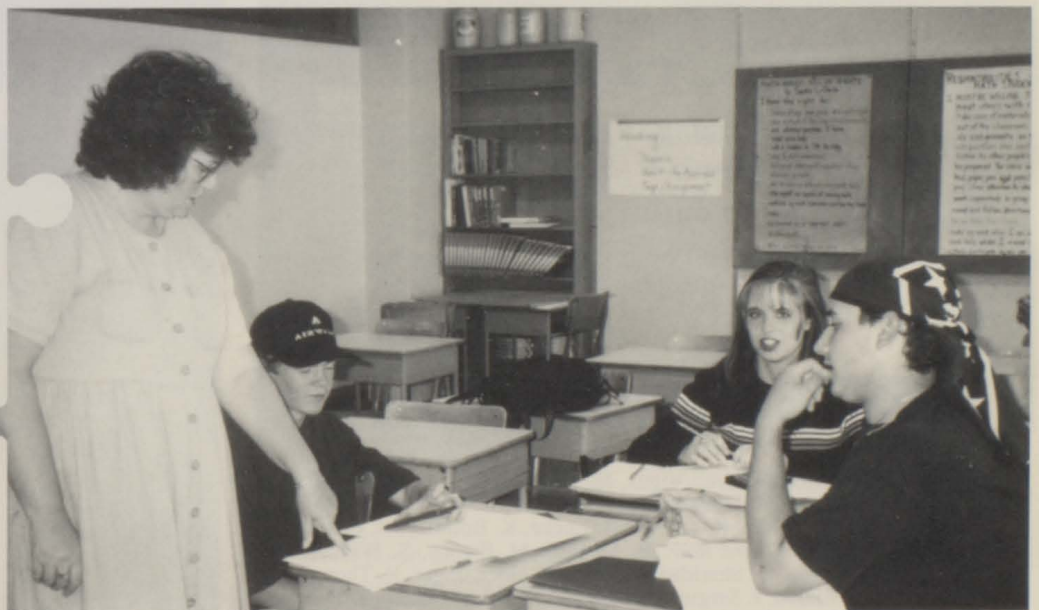


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ACADEMICS

At Oxford we are constantly challenged by all of our teachers in every class. We learn that it is necessary to not just do our best, but to reach higher, always striving for more. We have the best education for the least amount of money in Oxford and we definitely make the most of it.

John Ford



AND THE BAND PLAYS ON!! The band members play while the Special Olympics torch comes through Oxford.

SAXOPHONE SECTION AT ITS BEST Joel, Sarah and Amy jazz up the the Academic "O" and attendance awards this fall.



Band bigger and better than ever!

Our band is bigger and better than ever. Now with over 60 members, we have become one of the best bands in the state. Our last concert was probably our best one yet and we're really looking forward to our trip in May. We're also looking for-

ward to getting first place at the Sherburne Pageant. As a senior, I hope that this year is certainly a memorable one and that the years to come bring more success.

Sarah Williams



Front Row: K. McGowan, L. Vigus, M. Bishop, A. Stratton, A. Heim, J. Jankowski, S. Sylstra, A. Franco, A. Hoenninger, Mr. Wilcox; Second Row: H. Wilcox, J. Phetteplace, K. Ivarson, S. Locke, K. Brantley, N. Champlin, K. Carey, A. Otero; Third Row: B. Menard, M. Franco, S. Williams, J. Douglass, M. Sutton, K. Sheridan, K. Race, E. Hoenninger, R. Thompson; Fourth Row: J. Eldred, J. Sergio, J. Luyster, A. Race, S. Franco, T. DeSane, J. Lewis, R. Morey, P. Sheridan, S. Canaday; Fifth Row: N. Riley, J. Champlin, L. Meek, J. Boberg, L. Williams, J. Kelsey, N. Wilcox; Sixth Row: C. Voorhis, S. Daugherty, R. MacLaury, J. Golden, K. Glover, J. Place, A. Lawton, J. Ford, N. Gross, B. Aldrich, T. Tompkins



GET READY!! Schlane, Hilary, and Nate prepare for a performance.

Jazz Band II *Front Row:* S. Daugherty, R. MacLaury, J. Golden; *Second Row:* N. Gross, M. Menard, C. Heim, M. Sutton, J. Phetteplace, H. Wilcox, Mr. Wilcox; *Third Row:* B. Aldrich, T. DeSane, J. Place, L. Williams, N. Wilcox, S. Canaday, R. Thompson, Mr. Jobert



GREAT!! Jason and Lacey add to the great sound of the Jazz band.



Jazz Band I *Front Row:* C. Voorhis, K. Glover; *Second Row:* A. Heim, B. Menard, M. Franco, S. Williams, J. Douglass, K. Sheridan, J. Phetteplace, H. Wilcox; *Third Row:* S. Franco, N. Gross, J. Place, Mr. Wilcox, J. Ford, M. Leach, T. Tompkins, B. Aldrich



AND A ONE AND A TWO AND A THREE!! Melissa and Kathy are waiting for their band lesson to start.

SHARING OUR MUSIC ALL AROUND!

Marching band this year went great as always. With the band bigger and better than ever, we defended our title at Sherburne and even scared the competition off while we were warming up. The rest of the summer was spent winning numerous awards at local fairs. It was really exciting also to take an overnight trip to Toronto where we wowed the crowds at Niagara Falls and Canada's Wonderland.

We had a great time visiting the Eaton Center, watching the Phantom of the Opera, and having fun at Canada's Wonderland. I'm sure I speak for all the seniors when I say we will miss band tremendously. We have had a wonderful time and we wish them all luck in the future.

Sarah Williams



THE MARCHING BAND SHAKES UP THE STREETS OF OXFORD!

The band adds umph to the Homecoming parade.

JASON BLOWS HIS OWN HORN! Jason Place plays his tuba at the Oxford football game.



Front Row: E. Brazee, S. Martin; Second Row: D. Barrows, J. Luyster, D. Sabin, S. Sheridan, K. Lints, A. Minshall, J. Sergio, T. Clendening, T. Sabin, D. Edick, A. Otero, L. Cole, K. Potter; Third Row: L. Vigus, M. Bishop, E. Sheldon, A. Bartle, J. Glover, M. Garvey, A. Franco, A. Hoenninger, S. Sylstra, K. McGowan, M. Milk, N. Morgan, J. Eldred, N. Champlin, N. Riley, S. Locke, K. Brantley, C. Stratton, K. Iverson, J. Phetteplace, E. Otero; Fourth Row: Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Jobert, T. DeSane, R. Thompson, S. Canaday, S. Chesebro, L. Williams, N. Wilcox, L. Meek, R. Morey, P. Sheridan, L. Mudge, J. Boberg, J. Lewis, J. Kelsey, E. Hoenninger, B. Riley, A. Race, S. Williams; Fifth





TRAVELING FROM HERE TO THERE

The marching band traveled to Canada to play for them. Here they are performing at The Canadian Wonderland in Toronto.

THE NICOLE, KATIE, NICOLE TRIO. The girls play their clarinets at the Homecoming parade.



MEMORIAL DAY IN OXFORD Every year the band helps our community celebrate Memorial Day by marching through town up to the cemetery for a ceremony. Then the buses pick them up for a repeat performance in McDonough.

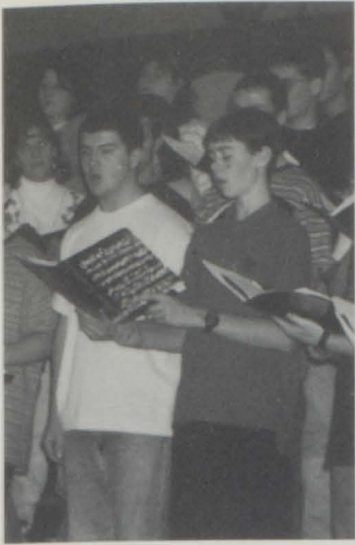
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Womens Chorus: Cathy Heim, Jeannie Paden, Schlane Canaday, Jessica Luyster, Hilary Wilcox, and Amy Heim

Chorus Officers: Matt Leach and Kevin Glover

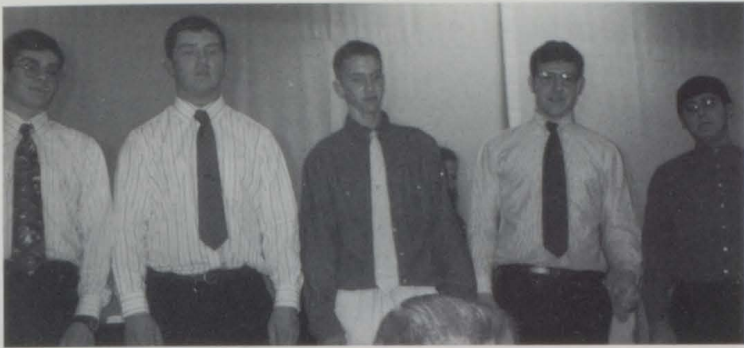


Front Row: S. Sheridan, S. Todaro, M. Muzzy, A. Franco, M. Menard, B. Semler, E. Morrison, J. Mullen, C. Brown, N. Wilcox, L. Williams, R. Thompson, M. Wells, S. Franco, A. Lawton, L. Vigus, K. McGowan, E. Bresee, T. Clendening, K. Taranto; **Second Row:** Mr. Wilcox, K. Rothwell, M. Bishop, S. Canaday, D. Edick, K. Potter, E. Hoenninger, N. Hodge, M. Cashman, D. Rogers, S. Murcay, J. Sergio, K. Brantley, L. Thompson, J. Martin, A. Minshall, A. Stratton, M. Dempsey; **Third Row:** A. Heim, J. Paden, S. Sylstra, K. Sheets, K. Carey, K. Ivarson, J. Phetteplace, C. Heim, J. Lewis, K. Weidman, M. Leach, K. Glover, A. Dilfer, A. Pierce, L. Cole, C. Wall, R. Morey, C. Stratton, A. Hoenninger; **Back Row:** S. Williams, T. Nichols, M. Bresee, T. Perry, N. Towndrow, K. Bryden, T. Reilly, S. Scorza, M. Franco, J. Hodge, J. Place, R. Harvey, R. Warner, A. Waters, T. Deubler, E. Lazarus, K. Boise, J. Luyster, H. Fritschler, M. Neher, H. Wilcox, J. Carhart



La, la, la The chorus sings at the annual Santa Claus assembly.

Men's Barbershop Chorus: Robert Thompson, Nolan Wilcox, Ryan Harvey, Jason Place, and Joe Sergio



Barbershop Quartet: Matt Franco, Matt Leach, Kevin Glover, and Scott Franco

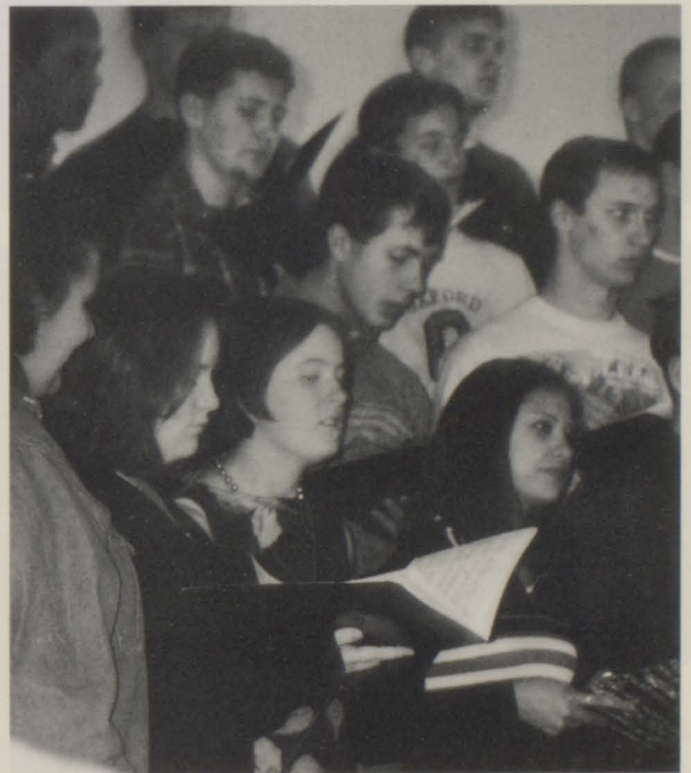
THE LARGEST CHORUS EVER

A Growing Chorus produces rich sounds

Over the four years that I have been in chorus, our numbers have grown greatly. This year our chorus performed at the Oakdale Mall. We have had several good pieces of music such as "Music of the Night," from Phantom of the Opera,

and Jim Croce's "Time in a Bottle." Mr. Wilcox has been very devoted to our activities, and for that we thank him. There is a great amount of musical talent in our community and it continues to grow. Music is food for the soul.

-Kevin J. Glover '98



"Pretty Little Angel Eyes!" Our chorus sings one of our favorite songs for the group from Broome Developmental Services.

The TEC Center provides skills and opportunities for our students facing the
21st Century

CAREERS FOR TOMORROW

Front Row: J.Howe, L.Mayhood, L.Moore, V.Granata; Second Row: D.Warburton, B.Balcom, A. Northrup, K.Knapp, T.MacLaury; Third Row: D.Wakefield, J. O'Reilly, T.Moore, H.Hicks, K.Root, C.LeClar; Fourth Row: B.Shimer, T.Suda, C.Stein, H.Fritschler, J.Bush, B.Binelli; Fifth Row: C.Shimer, R.Warner (PhotoHog-Not in TEC) B.Wall, J.Musser, E.Johnson; Sixth Row: D.Williams, T.Luyster Not Pictured: C.Beilby, M.Bickford, C.Bush, K. Kaminski, J. Phillips, T. Rifanburg, E. Ulfik, J. Bower, W.Bradt, J. Dempsey, J.Makin, C.Samsel

SEE YAH!!! Erin and Melissa say goodbye to each other before Erin goes to TEC.



I think she has a pulse!!
Hillary shows Mrs. Post what she can do to help her patient. She is taking Nurse Assisting in the morning.

Can we say a GQ moment?
Cole, Travis, Warren, Brandon, and John posed for the serious and manly look. They attend the afternoon class for •Conservation.



YES I KNOW WHAT I AM DOING. I AM DOING A MANICURE. Liz shows us her confidence in doing nails. She takes Cosmetology in the mornings.



I WONDER WHAT JASON IS STIRRING IN HIS POT!

Jason is taking Commercial Foods in the afternoon. This is his second year.

I BUILT THIS WITH MY OWN TWO HANDS.

Ed Ulfik, in the Building Trades class, is helping build a house right on the BOCES site and it will eventually be moved to a new location.



THE MORNING CONSERVATION CLASS TAKES A COFFEE BREAK.

Dan, Derek, Jon, T.J., Dustin, and David pose for a quick snapshot.



WAY TO GO KIDS! Tonya Preston, Jesse Hodge, Erin Potts, Daisy Marsh, and Nate Hodge received first place at the 1997 Envirothon for Chenango County.

PEEK-A-BOO! Erin and Carrie work outside for Horticulture class.



Great Experience for all

F.F.A. takes you on many adventures

F.F.A is a great experience for all. F.F.A prepares you for the real world. It's a great way to make new friends, get involved, and learn to work as a team. F.F.A takes you on many adventures. During the year we went to the Envirothon competition, which was held at a state park on the other side of Cortland, and from there we made it to the state competition, which was held overnight at Morrisville College. Another trip we took was to the State Farm days. Our annual fruit sale sponsored our trips. F.F.A members always leave high school with many great memories.

Daisy A. Marsh
Chapter Vice- President



HI-HO! HI-HO! IT'S OFF TO WORK WE GO! HERE I GO RAKING, TRIMMING, CUTTING. Jason gets ready to work outside during Horticulture class.

I LOVE YOU MAN! John and Buddy bond at the school fair while providing popcorn for the students.



SHOW AND TELL TIME! Catherine brought her horse, Thriller to the school fair. She attends many Hunter competitions with Thriller.



F.F.A.

Front Row: T. Vincent; *Second Row:* Mr. Johnson, B. Davis, D. Marsh, J. Hodge, C. Ryan; *Third Row:* N. Hodge, D. Ford; *Fourth Row:* T. McCumber, E. Northup, A. Baxter, R. Northup, B. Northup



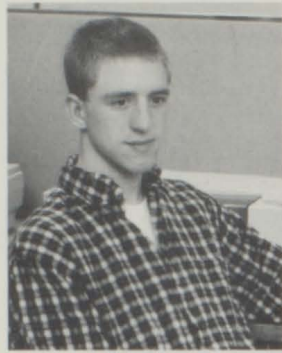
US FIRST

(For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology)

This is a team of students from Norwich, Oxford and Sherburne. We work with teachers and Proctor and Gamble engineers to design a robot. This is like OM in the sense we're assigned a problem to be solved. We have to build a robot that can put balls on a rail or drop them in a cylinder. We are given a box of pieces and parts along with a budget. We use the budget to buy parts from a catalog, and we have to build this robot in six weeks.

In April we compete using the robot against other teams and their robots. This year the team is going to national competition in Epcot Center, Florida. This is a very interesting experience. To find out more talk to one of us.

Joe Sergio



Matt Strong



Joe Sergio



Joe Phillips



Megan Carey

ACADEMIC CHALLENGE TEAMS



FRESHMEN

Brooke Aldrich, Noah Bateman, Jason Place,
Robert Thompson



SOPHOMORES

Erin Potts, Lance Colquitt, Scott Franco, Trevor Tompkins

Oxford Students stretch their minds beyond the classroom



THE SENIORS AND THE SOPHOMORES COMPETE DURING SPIRIT WEEK The seniors won the round. The juniors won the Academic Challenge competition.

The Academic Challenge is a competition that tests two teams of four in various fields of knowledge. Knowing the material is only half the battle, however. The next step is to ring in before the other team can. The Oxford Challenge team competes annually at the "High School Challenge" competition at Tompkins Cortland Community College where in 1996 we reached the semifinals. The winner of that tournament moves on to national finals located in different locations every year. The Oxford team also competes in the Leatherstocking Cup which in its first year, last year, we brought home the championship.

Todd Marks

compete for Spirit Week points and get ready for TC3



JUNIORS

Aaron Grant, Brandi Semler, Derek Carlson, Todd Marks



SENIORS

John Ford, Kim Bryden, Sarah Williams, Chris LeClar, Kevin Weidman, Jason Lewis

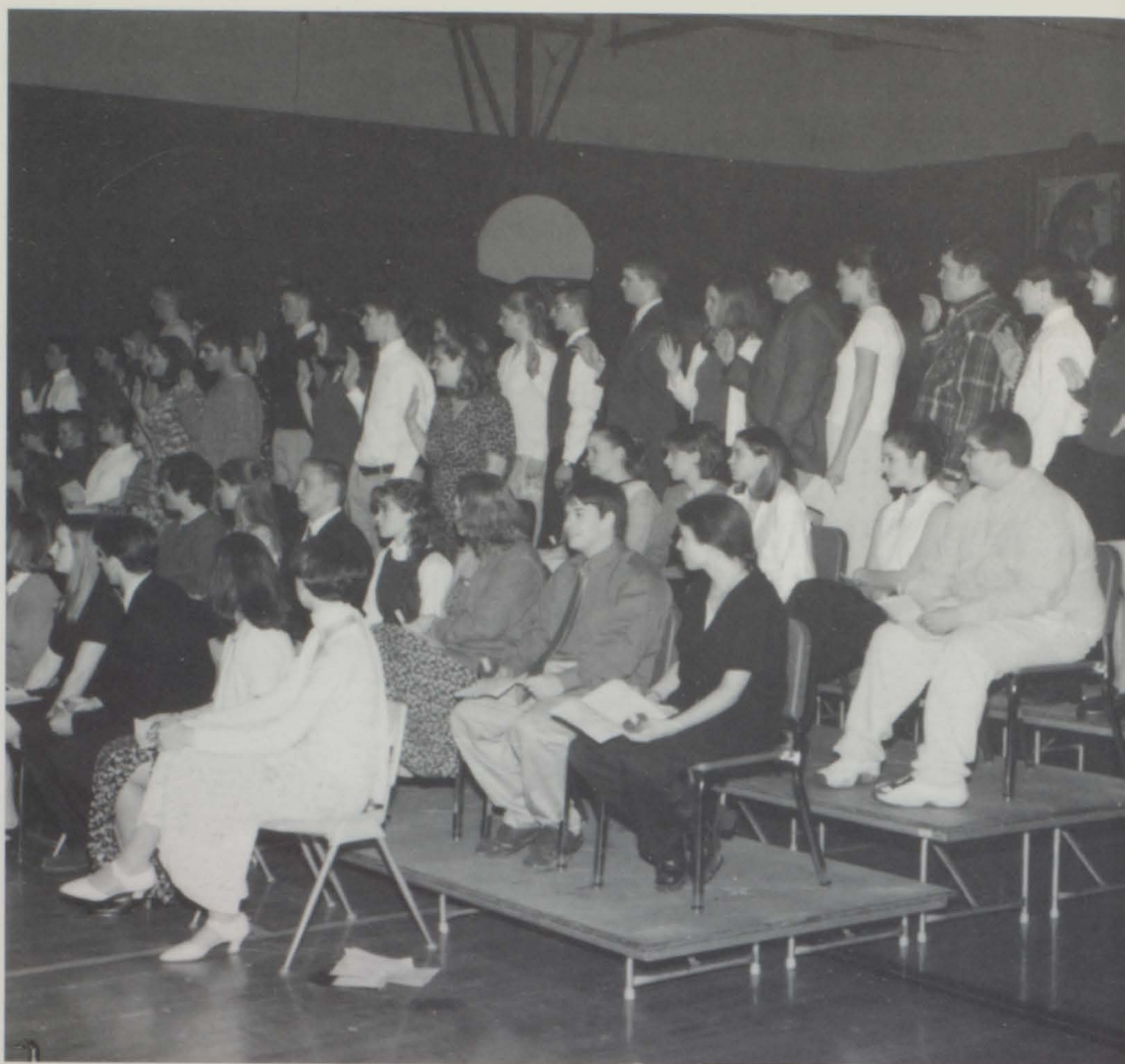
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ON MY HONOR- the induction ceremony includes the swearing in of the new members. This year 24 students were inducted.

Volunteering service

Honor Society members are involved in many volunteer projects throughout the year. These include putting together Christmas baskets for underprivileged families, helping with the Dollars for Scholars phone-a-thon, and judging the costumes in the Halloween parade. Honor Society is an organization that is truly devoted to volunteer work.

John Ford



LUKAS AND VIRGINIA TRAIN TO BE TELEMARETERS-YEAH RIGHT! The Honor Society helps the Dollars for Scholars Foundation raise funds during the annual phone-a-thon. This event is the most profitable fundraiser every year. The Dollars for Scholars fund gives scholarships to six seniors each year.



"YOU LIGHT UP MY LIFE" Kevin Wall and all the seniors light their parents' candles at the end of the ceremony.



A CEREMONIOUS INDUCTION INTO THE HONOR SOCIETY

Front Row: C. Abbott, J. Carhart, A. Hoenninger, S. Locke, J. Dunckel, S. Sylstra, H. Vincent, C. Stanton, K. Boise, T. Marks; *Second Row:* H. Ray, A. Franco, A. Race, A. Lawton, V. Skoros, J. Carey, J. Blanco, M. Bishop, R. Graves, E. Morrison, T. Reilly, K. Wall, S. Todaro, S. Franco; *Third Row:* Z. Stevens, K. Gates, L. Mayhood, M. Klemens, M. Garvey, T. Tompkins, E. Potts, R. Morey, K. Bryden, J. O'Reilly, J. Douglass, M. Todaro, C. Tompkins; *Fourth Row:* Mrs. Pluta, A. Heim, H. Wilcox, N. Riley, A. Denz, B. Menard, L. Colquitt, K. Race, K. Glover, A. Curtis, H. Sabines, A. Monaco, Mr. Godfrey; *Fifth Row:* M. Seaman, L. Korver, C. LeClar, M. Leach, K. Sheridan, J. Paul, J. Post, C. Locke, J. Ford, S. Williams.



Officers:

Kim Bryden, Secretary
 John Ford, President
 Calvin Locke, Treasurer
 Sarah Williams, Vice-President



WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!
 One of our new members, Jen Post, is surrounded by congratulatory members of her family.

"MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT"
 Joel, Todd, and Derek help Santa get the presents wrapped, signed, sealed, and delivered to a family in our community.

STUDENTS



Heather Ray graciously receives an award from Mr. Collea.

WELCOME to the 1997 Academic "O" and Attendance Awards. Featured at this presentation was the Oxford High School Jazz Band, playing melodiously as always. Presenting the awards were Mr. Collea and Mrs. Pluta, preceded by a short introduction from Mrs. Pluta telling how to earn an Academic "O" or attendance award. You must have an overall average of 85 or above for the previous year to achieve the academic "O". For the attendance award you may miss no more than four days of school.

Over 68 Oxford students received "O"s this year. Congratulations everyone.

Academic "O" Recipients

Front row: K. McGowan, M. Garvey, E. Townsend, T. Marks, J. Carey, N. Champlin, N. Kappauf, J. Robb, A. Race, K. Gates, A. Monaco, J. Post, Z. Stevens, J. Paul, L. Korver, J. Douglass, K. Knapp, L. Mayhood, S. Todaro. *Second Row:* M. Lohan, C. Abbott, J. Carhart, K. Boise, M. Bishop, S. Locke, N. Riley, S. Sylstra, H. Vincent, A. Hoenninger, T. Vincent, M. Seaman, M. Root, K. Bryden, J. O'Reilly, T. Reilly, V.



BAREFOOT GIRL Sarah makes no noise as she accepts her award.

POISE TO PRESENT Mrs. Pluta and Mr. Collea give out the awards.

ABOVE RIGHT- BUTTER-FINGERS! Ed clumsily drops things and gets a laugh at the assembly.

ACHIEVEMENTS RECOGNIZED

Pittsley. *Third Row:* H. Ray, S. Franco, E. Potts, C. Shimer, C. Tompkins, C. Stanton, R. Morey, H. Sabines, K. Wall, K. Glover, K. Northup, J. Dunckel, K. Sheridan, D. Carlson, A. Franco. *Fourth Row:* H. Wilcox, A. Heim, L. Colquitt, D. Beckwith, B. Graves, L. Meek, S. Williams, P. Sheridan, C. Locke, J. Ford, M. Leach, C. LeClar, A. Lawton, T. DeSane, B. Menard, K. Race, T. Tompkins, M. Todaro



OE C. LeClar, M. Klemens, T. Reilly, J. Ford, L. Mayhood



HOBY Andrea Race



Boys' State

Chris LeClar, Buddy Northup, Phil Sheridan, Cal Locke, John Ford



RYLA

Sarah Williams
Jenny O'Reilly

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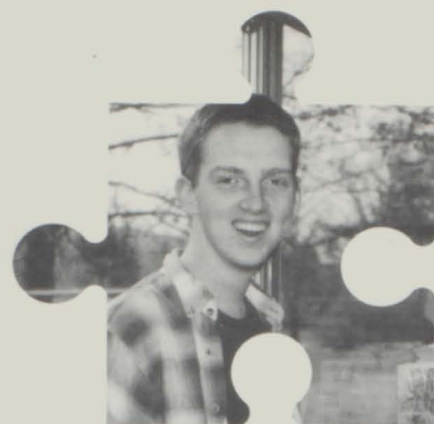
*The people who put the pieces of the
Yearbook together.*



Allison



Kari



Chris



Jeannie



Kevin



Kate



Lindsay



Kelly



Mrs. Perlman
Mrs. Soeffing

We tried to cover all of the pieces of your lives, from class fundraisers and school dances to your hobbies and seasonal delights. Many people were essential to putting this book together. We would like to thank Jason Lewis for taking some wonderful pictures.

We would also like to thank those who contributed this year. Your help was appreciated.

Kevin Weidman



thank stories greatly

Photographer

Jason Lewis

Subscription Staff



Front Row: S.Canaday, K.Gates, A.Franco, L.Williams. Second Row: S.Sylstra, S.Johnson, M.Garvey, M.Urgo, A.Frank. Last Row: J.Paden, K. Taranto, K.Sheets. Missing: T.Miller, E.Morrison, J.Mullin, P.Golden

Frequent writers



Thanks to all the story writers. Here are some of the most used authors. J.Ford, C.Locke,M.Klemens, K.Glover, J.O'Reilly, S.Williams

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Putting THE PIECES TOGETHER

ORGANIZATIONS

The activities that we have here in Oxford are absolutely wonderful. They allow students to hang out with other students with common interests. I'm involved in all the music activities, sports, Multi-Cultural Club, Foreign Language Club, SADD, Drama Club, and National Honor Society. These are great because you get to educate people, travel, express yourself, help out, and most importantly, have fun. Activities help you find your talents and make new friends. I think out of all my time in high school, the best times were during extracurricular activities.

Sarah Williams





Jenny O. presents the agenda to an attentive room full of representatives. She was trying to discuss the issue of the Christmas Assembly.

Scott Franco wants to know if you want fries with that Coke. The concession stand for football is one of the major sources of income for the Student Government. Each representative helps out by selling refreshments at the games.



The Officers:

- Jenny O'Reilly - President
- Tonya Reilly - Vice-President
- Chris LeClar - Treasurer
- Matt Leach - Secretary



SO HAPPY TOGETHER... The reps are practically jumping for joy at this meeting. Every Thursday they give up half of their lunch time to meet and eat.

Working hard to benefit the school and community

Student Government works hard on issues concerning the student body. We organize the Homecoming parade, Spirit Week and dances. We make donations to various charities. This year we supported United Way. Some of our members are elected to participate in leadership conferences. Our weekly meetings are very productive and efficient with the help of our supportive advisor, Ms. Schaefer.

Tonya Reilly

ALL IN FAVOR!!

S TUDENT GOVERNMENT



Back Row: I. Troxell, M. Leach, C. LeClar, S. Johnson, T. Reilly, J. O'Reilly, R. Morey, A. Monaco;
On Stairs: L. Meek, S.Canaday, A. Race, S. Locke, S. Todaro, Ms. Schaefer, K. Gates, B. Aldrich, A. Bauman, M. Franco; *On Floor:* J. Place, K. Weidman, T. Tompkins, S. Franco



THE VOTES ARE IN... Tonya Reilly is counting the votes for this year's homeroom reps and class officers.

Old Members

New Members



Front: M. Garvey, K. Ivarson, N. Reilly, K. Boise, J. Post, A. Curtis, S. Franco, H. Ray; *Back:* T. Nichols, T. Tompkins, S. Locke, A. Lawton, C. Tompkins, B. Graves, S. Scorza, J. Washington, M. Todaro

Front Row: K. Taranto, A. Race, C. Stanton, J. Carhart, S. Sylstra, M. Muzzy, J. Carey, C. Abbott, H. Vincent, N. Kappauf; *Middle Row:* N. Champlin, A. Franco, K. Weidman, R. Morey, K. Gates, J. Robb, A. Monaco, L. Mayhood, S. Todaro, H. Wilcox, A. Hoenninger, V. Pittsley, A. Denz, K. Wall, H. Sabines, K. VanLaar, D. Marsh, V. Skoros, Mrs. Locke; *Back Row:* C. Locke, K. Bryden, T. Reilly, L. Meek, A. Heim, M. Leach, J. Post, J. Ford, D. Carlson, I. Troxell, C. LeClar, K. Glover, S. Williams

Fun With Our Foreign Friends

Getting to know the exchange students of '97-'98



First I want to say thanks for everything. I had a great time in Oxford and I'll never forget my time here.

I enjoyed playing soccer here and scoring for Oxford. I found a lot of new friends here. I'm very happy that everybody helped me in school and were so patient with me when I couldn't understand what they were saying.

I'm sorry that I had to leave early but I had my reasons for leaving. At the end I'll say thanks to the best girls' soccer coach Mr. T., to the whole soccer team, that included me in everything like a pupil from Oxford and thanks to my host family for the two months.

It's a great experience to see how people far away from your home (over the sea) live and I'll hope you know now a little how German girls are (I'm a little different)!

-Martina Neher



Hi, my name is Juned Memon. I am an exchange student from India. Actually I am having a great time in Oxford. I was given a new name over here, people call me Jay. The people of Oxford are really good to me. I still remember when I first came to Oxford, there were about ten people to receive me and it was really great.

I love that they have semestering over here. My best teacher of Oxford is Mrs. Hall. She helps me a lot in the school and I am really thankful to her.

The temperature is a lot different over here because in India we don't have temperatures below 72 degrees. Over here it is very chilly and it already started snowing. It's really great over here. I like Oxford and the people of Oxford. It's a really nice place to live. I am really lucky to be an exchange student hosted by Oxford.

-Juned



HEAD IN THE CLOUDS Heather Ray gets to spend a day at a higher altitude. Love your plastic dress.

INSECTO MUERTO Tamika acts like a dying bug after an initiator said the magic words.



Fun from the start

The Foreign Language Club is the only club with a policy for initiating new members to the club. A sophomore wishing to join the club must have a language background in the high school and must be dressed up on Halloween by an upperclassman. This is a very rewarding experience, for the upperclassmen!

Once initiated the club offers an opportunity for a member to travel with the club to Canada in the spring. Last year's trip was a success, from our French speaking native tour guide, to our American bus driver, Richard. This year's trip should be even better, since we won't go to the Sugar Shack and do folk song karaoke.

-Cal Locke



DISCUSSING WORLD AFFAIRS? The Foreign Language Club adviser, Mrs. Locke, and her husband are talking to one of the exchange students who visited Oxford for the Rotary Exchange Orientation Program.

A GREAT INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE! Dan and Sarah get to know these two exchange students during the international party which allowed us to meet many new people from many different places. It was a great experience for the Oxford students to see how teenagers from around the world are very similar but boy do they dance differently!



THE DAIRY FAIRY AND TARZAN SHARE A MOMENT! Alan and Melany are all dressed up for initiation.

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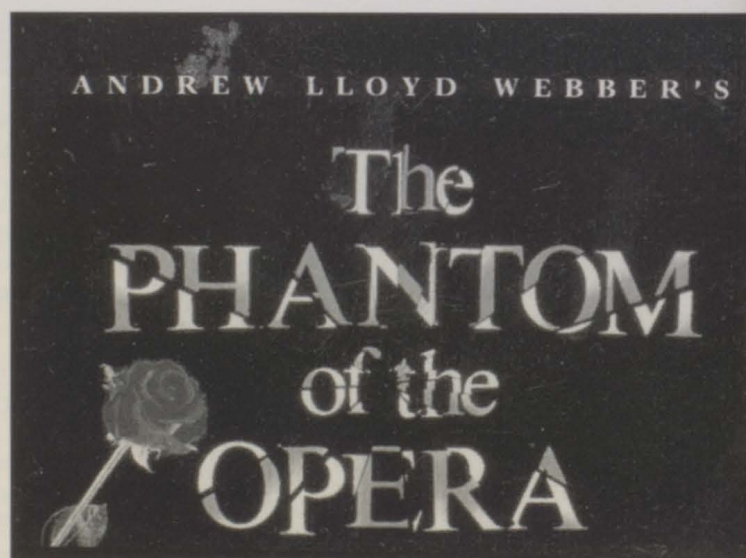
THE MEMBERS OF THE MULTICULTURAL CLUB

On Floor- First Row: J. Carhart, A. Franco, V. Skoros, E. Hoenninger, N. Kappauf; *Second Row:* A. Heim, H. Wilcox, D. Marsh, J. Robb, N. Riley; *Left Of Stairs- First Row:* J. Sergio, Mrs. Burcroff, N. Gross, T. Deubler; *Second Row:* J. Douglass, L. Meek, C. LeClar; *Top:* R. Bleyle *On Stairs - Left (Bottom to top):* C. Stanton, A. Race, L. Mayhood, A. Monaco, R. Morey, M. Lohan, K. Taranto, T. Reilly, S. Williams, J. O'Reilly; *Middle:* K. Gates, S. Todaro, Ms. Schaefer, A. Monaco, K. Carey, B. Benedict, K. Bryden, I. Troxell; *Right:* S. Murcay, M. Carey, H. Sabines, K. Wall, A. Hoenninger, M. Franco, C. Locke, M. Leach



THIS IS THE GAME PLAN, ANN-MARIE WILL EXPLAIN THE WHOLE THING. RIGHT, ANN? Calvin and Anne-Marie are discussing the cookbook at a Multicultural Club meeting.

HELP ME MAKE THE "MUSIC OF THE NIGHT". Last November our group went to Rochester to watch *Phantom of the Opera* written and composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber.



A Fundraising Year!!

This year's Multicultural Club had many fundraisers. The teachers' luncheon and The Cookbook were the major money makers. The club didn't participate in many field trips this year but we still had lots of fun. by Ann-Marie Hoenninger

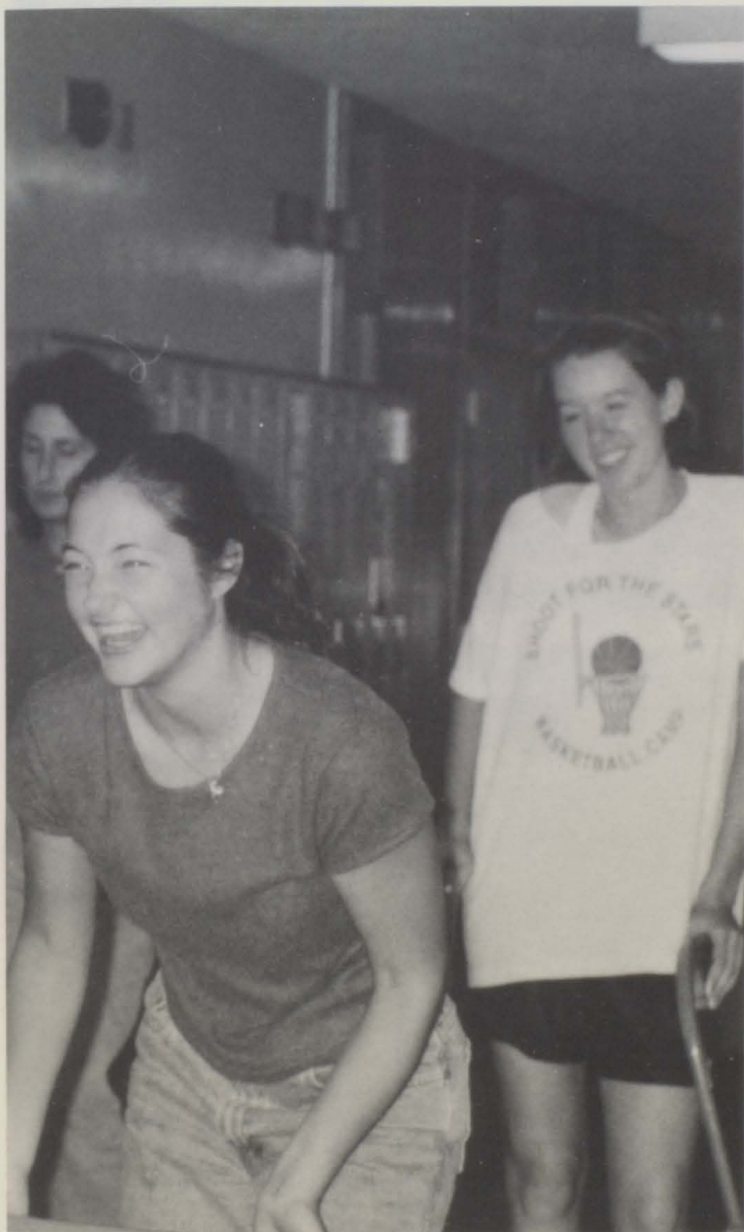
P.S. It is really a good thing to experience cultural events and traditional food and customs from other cultures. by Kate Taranto

FOOD

BALLET

THEATER

MUSIC



Multi-Cultural Club Cookbook



Favorite Recipes from our Luncheons and more.....

We're talking good food here! The Multicultural Club put together a great cookbook for people who love foreign food.



Whistle while you work! Roxy and Sarah are so very happy working at the the annual Multicultural Banquet for the entire school staff.

SADD

Boasts a Boost in Membership

This year SADD has just about doubled in the number of participants. It is good to know that our group is continuing to inform not only our students and faculty, but our community as well about the purpose of SADD. I was discouraged to hear the same question being asked over and over-- "What do you guys do in SADD?" My reply was always to encourage and invite them to see for themselves what we do.

I learned a lot this year about what we do. We planned many activities. We spoke at the school fair, put on a play at the middle school to introduce SASA, and had another "white-out" day. We are currently fund-raising to earn money for our annual Prom assembly in May. We have also attended several meetings in our community and as a result, received many generous donations. I would like to thank all of the parents and the community for their support.

Jeannie Paden



Homecoming weekend gets SADD message across. SADD dedicated a poster to the football team this year with all of their names on it. The football players didn't sit the bench, they caught the SADD message and carried it into the celebration night of the big win over SVE.



The Oxford SADD Chapter would like to extend a warm thank you to Mrs. Graves for guiding us in our quest to make SADD such a success. She has been an inspiration to all of us as an advisor and a dedicated participant, and by helping us attain our goals. She keeps the group focused and constantly reminds us of the importance of the group as a whole. She has always been there to lend a helping hand. She is a great asset to SADD and will be missed by all of the SADD members of the class of 1998.



The SADD members would like to extend a warm thank you to Mrs. Glover, as well, for all she has contributed to SADD. She has shown much pride in our group in the past two years as an advisor, active participant, and dedicated mother. She also helped get a Students Against Substance Abuse (SASA) program underway in the Middle School this year. We hope she'll be back next year as well and may she continue to be a helping hand to our flourishing cause. The SADD members of the class of 1998 will surely miss her.

PRIMARY PROMO

Sheena, Kim, Deb, and Joe spent time at the School Fair speaking to the primary children about the purpose of SADD and its great importance to all ages.

TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.

The quote in the picture says it all as 64 whited-out faces express the statistics of drunk driving fatalities.



SADD Officers

Kevin Weidman and Kevin Glover- Co-Vice Presidents, Kim Bryden- Treasurer, Lacey Meek and Tonya Reilly- Co-Public Relations Officers, Jeannie Paden- President

SADD Members

(Listed in no particular order)

Mrs. Graves, Mrs. Glover, K. Glover, J. Lewis, K. Weidman, M. Menard, S. Lewis, K. Bryden, T. Reilly, L. Meek, A. Race, V. Skoros, S. Williams, K. Taranto, K. Rothwell, J. Luyster, A. Vigus, A. Frank, K. Lints, K. Potter, D. Edick, T. Clendening, K. Hall, K. Boise, P. Menard, L. Thompson, D. Beckwith, J. Sergio, M. Wells, B. Benedict, H. Sabines, K. Wall, I. Troxell, D. Carlson, J. Williams, M. Cashman, K. VanLaar, J. Cole, J. Paden, D. Marsh



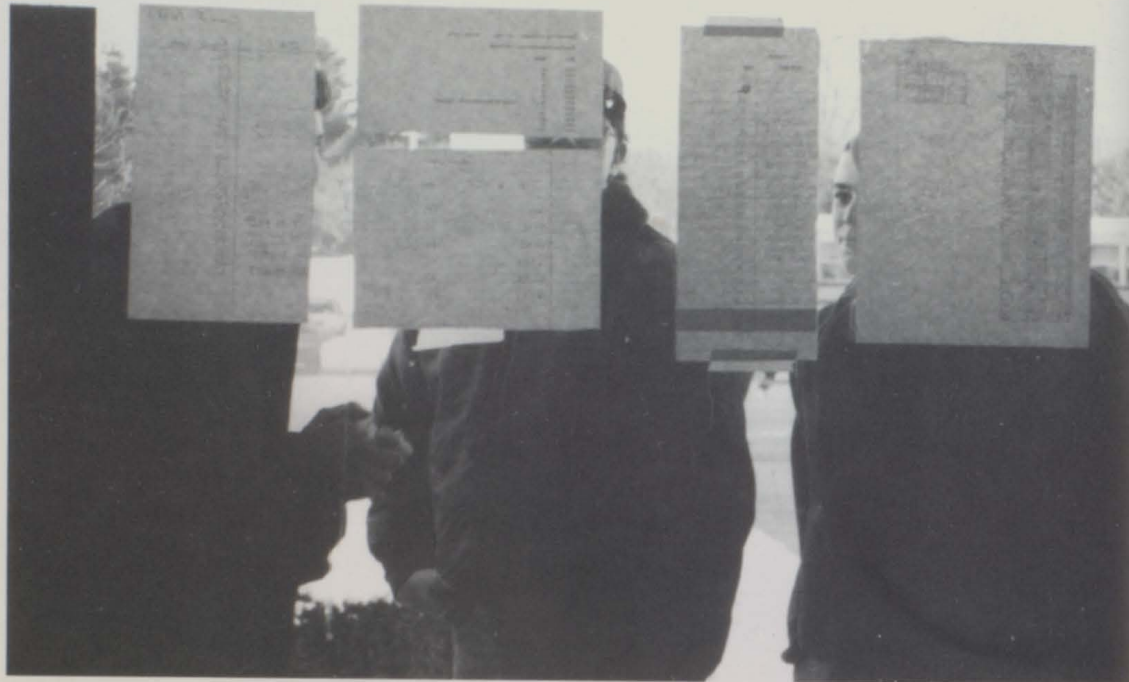
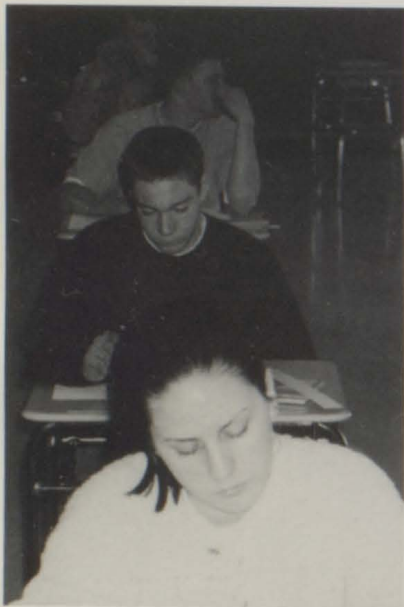
"READY, SET, CHEW!" Melanie Urgo and Amanda Frank eat breakfast during the twelve minute morning break.



"LOOK OUT SUMMERSCHOOL, HERE I COME." Students look at their Regents grades in the morning before school and before the second semester starts.

"HEY JEREMY, NO PEEKING."

Kim Bryden, Tom Vincent, Jeremy Tompkins, and Calvin Locke all are taking the Physics Regents in January.



"THIS THING IS SO COOL. YOU PUT IN A REGULAR BAGEL AND OUT POPS A TOASTED BAGEL." Maria Lohan waits for her bagel to finish toasting in the bagel machine hoping it's done before the twelve minutes are up.



"HEY, HERE COMES MS SPENCER-LIVINGSTONE. QUICK SAY SOMETHING ABOUT ENGLISH." Seth Daugherty, Megan Dempsey and Aaron Lewis work together in a group English. Many teachers are doing this; more thanks to semestering.

SEMESTERING: A GREAT IDEA OR A TOTAL BOMB?

THE FEEDBACK

Here are the results of the survey we passed out on semestering in homeroom. We got an overwhelming response to the survey, much more so than others we've done in the past. We figure this is because this subject affects everyone at school. Depending on the circumstances of the individual, the effect could be good or bad, as you will soon read.

- 32 people of those who responded mentioned that math was too long.
- Many candidly said that their butt hurt after sitting so long in one spot.
- Some said it's better to have fewer classes to worry about at once so you can concentrate on the ones you have.
- Also said, longer breaks are a good time to use the bathrooms and get drinks so you don't have to leave class as often.
- And, you are more prepared for the Regents, and it's easier to remember material from the beginning of the year for the Regents when you only have the class for half the year.

Those are the more common responses to the questions. Following are the more specific and original comments which are credited to their authors.

1. Do you like semestering?

Yes: 88%

No: 12% (This includes maybes and not sures)

2. Give pros and cons about classes lasting half the year and having new classes halfway through the year.

Finishing up a class finally for good at half a year gives a feeling of accomplishment. Ms. Spencer-Livingstone

I understand the material better. Michael Thompson

Pro: New energy halfway through the year.

Con: 1st semester results aren't known in time to change the 2nd semester schedule.

3. Does having fewer classes make it easier to do well in those classes?

Yes, there's more time to get one on one help with the teachers. Nicole Champlin

Yes, that way you have fewer exams and Regents at the end of the year. Cathy Heim

No, classes go really fast. If you get lost you can't catch up. Melany Garvey

The homework is done faster but some of the teachers rush to get everything done, and they don't explain what we are doing. Crystal Wall

4. Do you like the eighty minute long periods?

Yes, study halls are great to get things done in. Jeanne Paden

It's all right. We have to get used to it for college. Daisy Marsh

No, I can't listen the whole period and I constantly watch the clock. Kevin Wall

There should be a 3 minute break in the middle of all the periods. Mike Sayles

Mostly yes. Students can finish more in the longer time period. By the time a 40 minute class is over a student usually is just getting going on work but with 80 minutes they don't have to stop. Mrs. Soeffing

5. What have you found to be the biggest advantage in our new schedule?

I was able to balance my hard classes with my easier classes and arranged my schedule to work with me. Maria Lohan

I find myself doing more activities and getting involved. Jeanne Paden

People are making the honor roll who didn't before. Mike Chrystie

There's less "frenzy", kids appear more relaxed, not as many students wandering in the halls during classes; allows for different kinds of class activities. Mrs. Hall

6. What have you found to be the biggest disadvantage in our new schedule?

There's too much time between 2nd semester classes and last year. Anonymous

Having the same four classes each day. Rachel Whaley

You don't have as many classes so your average can look low. Chacea Stanton.

Double periods of science. Jaret Paul

Some of the teachers go too slow, and you don't learn all the things you need to know. Jesse Champlin

Students in study halls who would be better off taking a class. Mrs. Soeffing

7. Do you think the twelve minute break period for breakfast is a good idea?

Yes, some people don't have time for breakfast in the morning and it gives students time to unwind. Nicole Champlin

Yes! Students are doing a great job. Ms. Schaefer

8. What do you think of the longer breaks in between periods?

I like them a lot. I think I would go crazy if we didn't have long breaks. Allison Wiley

I like it. I can kibbitz with my friends more. Hilary Wilcox

It makes it much easier to get to your classes as well as get things done in between classes. With four minutes you were lucky if you got to class on time, some days, let alone anything else.

In the words of Joe Maniscalco: They rule!





Putting THE PIECES TOGETHER

SPORTS

Oxford sports teams were very successful this year. A lot of hard work was put into each sport season. Not only did the athletes put up a good show but we had many spectators for all the games. Especially our football team in it's sectional game playoff at the Carrier Dome. Thank you to all our supporters of our teams and good luck Oxford Sports in the future.

Calvin Locke



	We	They
Unatego	8	6
Deposit	7	4
Delhi	6	5
B-G	8	8
Hancock	2	5
Norwich	4	3
Unatego	13	12
S-E	0	3
Hancock	10	1
B-G	0	2
Harpurville	10	2
Deposit	2	7
Unatego	8	6
Harpurville	10	3
Delhi	6	7
Afton	11	6
Deposit	6	2
Norwich	4	5
Seton C.C.	3	5
Greene	8	1



Varsity

Front: D.Drake; Second Row: C. Tefft, R. Smith, J. Tompkins, E. Morrison, B. Merritt, J. Finch, T. Vincent;
Third Row: Coach Finch, C. Kappauf, M. Cashman, I. Troxell, P. Hunter, B. Schwager, J. Pierce, Coach Griffin

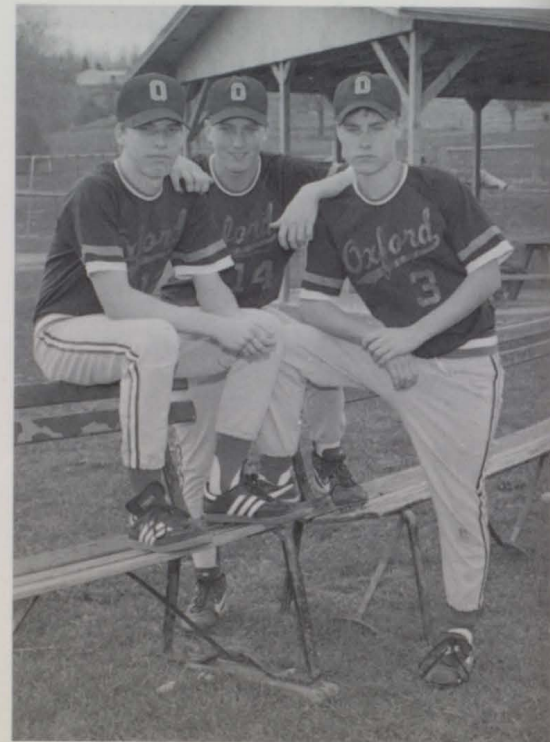


HAPPY ABOUT SOMETHING ED? Tom Vincent's comment brings a smile to Ed Morrison's face.



Seniors Front: Jeremy Tompkins; Back: Mike Cashman, Ian Troxell, Tom Vincent

10 Captains Derek Carlson, Keith Finch, Jeff Golden



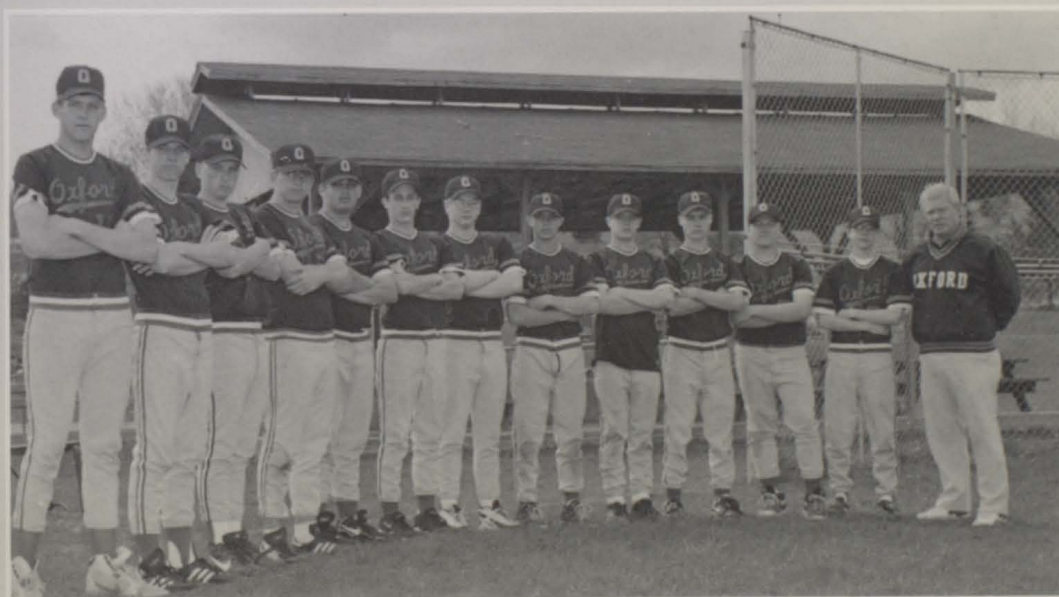
SAFE! Dan Drake leaves the base after a close call at first.

WE WON! The team celebrates after a hard-earned win.

Baseball '97

This baseball season was a lot of fun. We had a great bunch of guys. Too bad we didn't always play as well as we could have. Griff did a great job. He did everything a coach should do. Too bad we couldn't win the SUS. The seniors did a great job of taking the younger guys under their wing. It was always a good time.

Ed Morrison



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R. Northup, D. Carlson, K. Finch, S. Cummings, T. DeSane, A. Lewis, B. Brown, K. Sylstra, M. Flanagan, J. Golden, E. Wells, D. Beckwith, Coach Cooper; Not Pictured: Coach Moore

A Memorable Season

Softball season last spring was full of memorable events. Nikki became Quasi, Sarah J. kept everyone fed, and Sarah L. finally got a run! We'll never forget the raw chicken McNuggets or how

before every home game we had to bring out the rake, shovel, and wheelbarrow! We're looking forward to another fun and eventful season!
Lacey & Daisy



TOP RIGHT SWING BATTER, BATTER SWING Lacey is up at bat to hit another homer.

LISTEN UP LADIES The team gets a pep talk from Mr. Voce.

TEAMWORK The team does a cheer together before heading out to play.



VARSIITY

	We	They
Hancock	27	23
Norwich	1	18
Unatego	4	24
Deposit	9	17
Delhi	33	10
B-G	33	39
Afton	2	21
Hancock	5	6
Harpurville	2	13
Unatego	9	24
Deposit	6	16
Delhi	24	11
B-G	16	15
Afton	0	19
Harpurville	8	15

Front Row: C. Costello, J. Emerson, A. Galan, C. Stratton, M. Muzzy; Second Row: M. Koga, M. Klemens, T. Reilly, A. Curtis, T. Moore, S. Sylstra, Coach Cooper



An eventful season for softball!

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Front Row: D. Marsh, L. Meek, A. Frank, A. Wiley, R. Morey; Second Row: Coach Voce, M. Garvey, S. Johnson, T. Preston, T. Nichols, N. Cole, M. Urgo, B. Aldrich, S. Locke



Seniors Teresa Moore,
Tonya Reilly, Michelle Klemens



Making New Friends

Varsity softball had a very good season last year. We didn't win a lot of games, but we had a lot of fun together. There were many people brought up, so we made friends of all ages. It was especially great watching Alison Curtis all the time. We'd like to thank Mr. Cooper and we hope for another great season this year.

Jenny O. & Teresa Moore

GET HER OUT MEL Melany goes in for the catch.

Layout by: Kelly Boise

Young team improves

This year the tennis season was quite an experience. We had a new coach and a very young team. We learned a lot from one another, even if we all had a hard time adjusting to each other's personalities. We didn't have a great season but I think we all improved. Hopefully next year we will have a bigger team and a much better season. Jessica Robb

HAVING A NICE DAY ? Jessica Robb smiles her way into the courts.



The Tennis Teams

WAY TO STRETCH GIRLS!
Emily and Ashley stretch their muscles before practicing.

NICE HIT AMANDA !
Amanda Frank waits for the ball to come back on her turf.



Girls' Tennis

	We	They
Delhi	0	5
Greene	2	3
Hancock	1	4
Sidney	0	5
Walton	1	4
Whitney Pt.	3	2
Windsor	1	4



Front Row: E. Hoenninger, D. Nightengale; Back Row: J. Robb, N. Towndrow, A. Dean, A. Frank, A. Franco, Coach Colquitt

Swing Into Action!

Success and fun!

This year tennis had a very interesting season. We had several new players join the team and saw the return of most of last year's team. With this combination we had a very successful season, and a whole lot of fun. With the loss of only one senior, next year's team should be accustomed to playing with each other and have a very good season.

Lance Colquitt

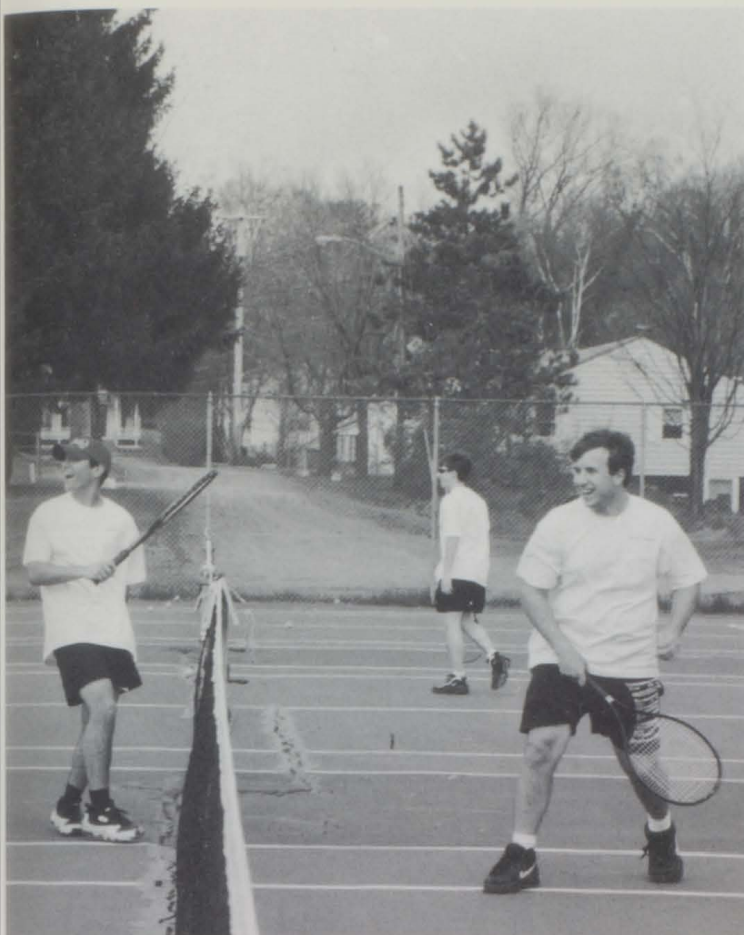
LANCE IN A KILLER STANCE

Lance goes way back to return a well hit ball.

WHAT'S SO FUNNY GUYS, DID YOU HIT ANOTHER WILD BALL?

Brad and Brian practice putting the ball away at the net.

POWER SERVE! Brian Binelli studies the ball as he gets ready to whack it for the ace.



Front Row: S. Barber, N. Kampman, B. Binelli, N. Bateman, A. Lawton; Back Row: T. Marks, C. LeClar, M. Reiss, L. Colquitt, D. Warburton, B. Balcom

Boys' Tennis

	We	They
Afton	4	1
Windsor	1	4
Oneonta	0	5
Sidney	1	4
Walton	2	3
B-G	5	0
Whitney Pt.	4	1
Delhi	0	5
Greene	0	5



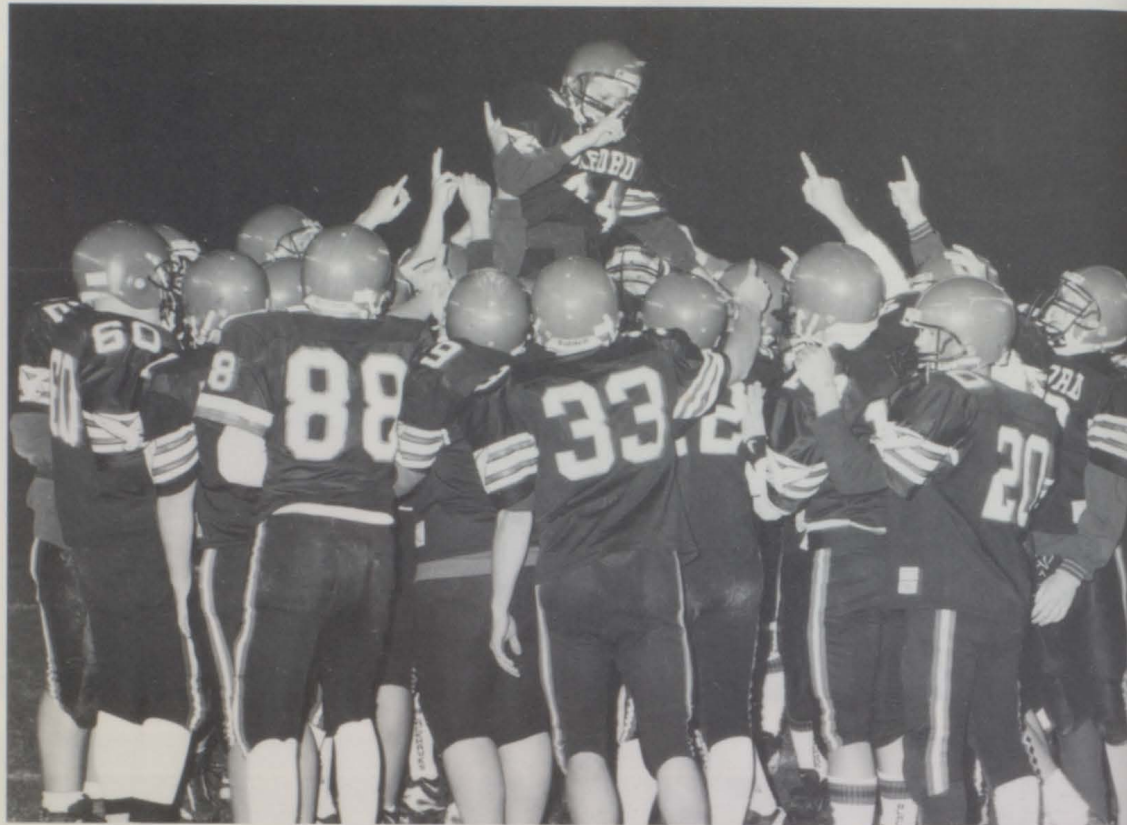
Everybody was Kung Foo Fighting and boy, was Jeremy fast as lightning when he kicked the SADD banner down.



Hail to the KING!!! Ronnie was the man that night in Blackhawk history.

This year the Oxford football team enjoyed its best season in many years. Beginning with preseason, our team pulled together and developed such that it would be difficult to choose a single "go to" player on offense or a defensive MVP. We had few weaknesses that were not neutralized by speed and determination, and our adrenaline level was as high as any team in the section. Good luck to 1998's team.

Calvin Locke



TIM IS COMING, COMING TO GET YOU!! Tim is a key player serving as both offensive and defensive tackle.



Front Row : E. Romaine, J. Wakefield, M. Towndrow, J. Preston, R. Garvey, B. Hamilton, R. Button, G. Morga, B. Barrows, D. Zimmerman, M. Pegan; Second Row: C. Weiss, W. Weiss, F. Diamond, B. Aldrich, T. Santanna, Barry, T. Locke, G. Carroll, C. Rogers, J. Boberg, B. Gross; Third Row: D. Towndrow, M. Franklin, N. Mumbul, S. Shore, S. Sheridan, C. Bush, C. Brown, J. Maniscalco, C. Vincent, C. Lacotta, A. Gates, Fourth Row: C. Gray, H. Samsel, P. Szabelski, M. Flanagan, A. Lewis, M. Sayles, K. Sylstra, P. Morrison, T. Bush, R. Tompson, Fifth Row: D. Seaman, B. Williams, W. Wilcox, M. Sutton, J. Place, M. Livingston, T. Justice, R. Harvey, J. Custer, J. Dunge Sixth Row: Coach Kauffman, Coach Locke, Coach Moore, D. Kelsey, C. Buchanan, K. Finch, E. Northup, Coach Abbott, T. Mumbulo, T. Dibble, M. Towndrow

Let's Get Ready To Rumble!



THE SCORE

	We	They
Greene	47	26
Odessa-Montour	36	6
Hancock	17	14
Edison	34	14
Deposit	23	55
Candor	28	22
S-VE	32	18
Newfield	W-Forfeit	
Deposit	14	9
West Canada	6	37



The Captains

Jeremy Tompkins, Tim Suda, Mike Cashman



Seniors *First Row:* George Heggie, Jeremy Tompkins, Calvin Locke, Jeremy Rickard, Matt Franco, Mike Cashman; *Second Row:* Justen Rickard, Tim Suda, Cole Samsel, Justin Lupinetti, and Ryan Warner

It looks like Cole is Slap Happy and Could.. Go.. All.. The Way, when he is pumped up for a game.



That's not a Grizzly Bear! It's just Tim really intense & ready to win.

Front Row: L.Lewis, B. Brown, M. Root, D.Wakefield, M. Todaro, P. Weeks, J. Williams, D. Todaro; *Second Row:* Coach Gallagher, Coach Andrus, J. Carey, D. Turner, J. Duncel, E. Morrison, J. Mullin, Coach Curtis; *Third Row:* Coach Cooper, B. Binelli, J. Lupinetti, M. Hunter, C. Samsel, R. Schwager, C. Bradley, D. Williams; *Fourth Row:* M. Chrystie, J. Tompkins, D. Rogers, M. Franco, R. Warner, N. Gross, T. Toomer, R. Smith, M. Cashman; *Fifth Row:* T. Suda, G. Heggie, M. Seaman, C. Locke, J. Paul, K. Race, J. Rickard, G. Fitch, J. Rickard

Layout by: Kate Taranto

	We	They
U-V	2	0
B-G	1	0
Unatego	0	0
Manlius	1	0
Greene	2	1
S-E	2	0
Sidney	1	2
Whitney Pt.	0	2
Greene	2	5
Delhi	4	2
B-G	3	0
Unatego	6	0
U-V	8	6
Oneonta	0	2
Delhi	1	0
Oneonta	0	4
Lansing	0	1



Varsity

Front Row: B. Maynard, K.Wall, R. Bleyle; Second Row: K. Weidman, J. Douglass K. Glover, J.Lewis, L. Korver, C. LeClair Back Row: A. Waters, J.Post, J.Ford, P. Sheridan, D.Carlson, I.Troxell, M.Leach.



SENIORS

Bottom Row: K. Glover, M. Leach, K. Wall, P. Sheridan; Second Row: J. Ford, K. Weidman, C.LeClair; Third Row: I. Troxell, J. Lewis; Top: J. Post



Captain Ian Troxell



"PUT YOUR LEFT FOOT IN" Ian Troxell shows the players his dancing skills while the coach watches in amazement. Ian is still improving his dance from when he was younger (See 97).

SOCCKER PLAYER from head to toe. Lucas Korver does an amazing backwards headball to the amazement of this poor sap who thought he had control of the ball.

RUNAWAY TRUCK Andy Waters uses a burst of speed to take the ball.



"BALL, MINE" Kevin G. tries to scare the opponent by walking like a caveman.

Soccer '97

The 97 soccer season was, described in a word, different. Different in many ways. A new coach who brought with him a new scene. A scene many had never seen before. It was intense. Practice was completely different, players were moved to different positions, everything was changed. Everything but the will to win. We started off the season being undefeated and winning our own tournament, which had not happened in five years. The season had its ups and downs, but it all worked out. We ended up winning our division, but lost the division to the fifteenth ranked team in the nation. Sectionals were a disappointment, but our success was known. Transitions are never easy but it seemed nearly flawless, and we all learned that hard work really pays off. Ian Troxell



JO Front Row: W. Kenyon, A. Wall, B. Cobb, D. Beckwith, L. Williams; Second Row: J. Golden, Mr. Rogers, N. Hodge, S. Cummings, L. Colquitt, K. Sheridan, J. Washington, T. Tompkins, A. Ross, J. Hodge; Last Row: D. Smith, M. Thompson, B. Wentz, J. Tefft, N. Baleman, J. Bartle

	We	They
Unatego	3	1
GMU	2	0
Windsor	6	0
B-G	6	1
Delhi	8	0
Sidney	3	2
S-E	10	2
Oneonta	2	0
Greene	6	3
Whitney Pt.	1	0
Unatego	5	3
GMU	2	1
Windsor	3	0
B-G	7	1
Delhi		Forfeit

Driving their way to victory!

ARE YOU TOO TIRED JUSTIN?

Justin Post takes a break while his teammates are swinging the clubs.



ANOTHER BIRDIE? Matt anxiously hopes he puts this one in the hole.



The varsity golf team was coached by Mr. Anderson. Our 1996 team wasn't quite as strong as the '95 team. This year we only lost one player to graduation (Jeremiah Lewis). We still had a very good season. We only lost two matches all year. The team lost the two matches to tough teams. Bryan Smith and I qualified for sectional play which was held at Cornell University. Next year we should have a fairly competitive team and we are looking forward to a good season and maybe even the Sus-league championship trophy.

Chad Bradley

ENJOYING THE SCENERY. John Ford shows the people how easy it is to hit a hole-in-one.



Front Row: C. Bradley, M. Seaman, J. Paul, B. Smith, J. Post, M. Leach; Back Row: J. Ford, B. Milk, T. Tompkins, M. Root, M. Franco, Coach Anderson

Golf

	We	They
Oneonta	225	200
Oneonta	211	222
Hancock	212	227
Delhi	238	208
Windsor	215	246
Unatego	208	247
Unadilla V.	215	268
Afton	205	220
Unadilla V.	222	251
Greene	204	223
B-G	211	212
Whitney Pt.	219	207
Sidney	189	203

Kicking their way to fun!

A FIGHT TO THE END. Lacey shows her opponent her moves as she kicks the ball around her.



This year soccer was fun. It was my first year and I loved it. Mr. Tompkins was a great coach. We are going to miss him. He won't be with us next year. Without Mr. Tompkins we would have never been able to do it. We only won one game this season but next year will be better. Martina was our foreign exchange student and this was her first year to ever play soccer. We are going to miss her. If you like the sport then that's all that matters, not winning or losing.

B.J. Blackman

WAY TO WIND UP! Kathy Heim gets ready to kick a line drive down to the goal.



NICE SAVE NIKKI! Nikki Cole saves another ball from going in the goal.



Soccer

	We	They
Delhi	0	2
B-G	0	5
Unatego	0	4
Unadilla V.	0	4
S-E	0	2
Sidney	0	6
Whitney Pt.	2	4
Greene	0	5
Delhi	0	2
B-G	0	4
Unatego	0	4
Unadilla V.	1	5
Oneonta	0	10
Whitney Pt.	4	1
S-E	0	2



Front : M. Bliss, *First Row:* S. Sylstra, K. Hall, B. Blackman, H. Hicks, S. Dean; *Second Row:* Coach Tompkins, H. Vincent, J. Santanna, K. Heim, M. Garvey, S. Locke, M. Neher, D. Sabin, *Third Row:* S. Lewis, T. Nichols, K. Bryden, N. Cole, N. Riley, L. Meek, J. Champlin

Keeping Sticks

TOP RIGHT **YOU GO GIRL!** Catherine avoids a tackle and advances the ball.



RIGHT **MOVE LADIES!** Sarah Williams yells to her teammates to get into position while Megan Muzzy sets up for a free hit.



BOTTOM RIGHT **ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO!** Megan, Teresa, Sara, Kylee, and Jenny set up for a corner.

BELOW **READY, SET, RUN!** Ali, Sarah, and Gina get ready to run down the field to help the defense.



JV

Front Row: B. Aldrich, J. Post, A. Curtis, S. Johnson, A. Bauman, M. Nelson; Back Row: Coach Gates, C. Voorhis, A. Stratton, J. Lobdell, K. Carey, R. Jankowski, Coach Diamond

JV

	We	They
Walton	3	1
Deposit	4	0
Harpersville	7	0
Afton	6	0
Walton	3	1
Delhi	5	1
Deposit	3	0
Harpersville	9	0
Sherburne	1	2
Sidney	15	0
Hancock	7	0
Afton	7	1
Delhi	2	0

Down and Scores Up

A Great Season!

The J.V. field hockey team was very successful in winning all of our league games this year, except for Sherburne-Earlville. We lost because Gina gassed the whole team. We were very lucky to have such a great and fun coach like Ms. Diamond this year. She even found a way to give all eleven of us equal playing time. Even though we had no subs the whole year, we stuck with it and played as a team. That's why our year was so successful.

Alison Curtis

GO LORALEE! Lorelee runs to get the ball.

CAPTAINS: Teresa Moore
Jenny O'Reilly



NICE DRIVE! Avi drives the ball toward the goal.



Varsity

	We	They
Sidney	2	1
S.E.	0	2
Hancock	0	0
Harpursville	1	0
Afton	0	1
Walton	2	0
Delhi	4	2
Deposit	2	3
Hancock	4	0
Harpursville	2	0
Afton	0	2
Walton	3	1
Delhi	3	1
Deposit	2	3



Varsity *Front Row:* K. Gates, A. Denz; *Second Row:* Coach Gates, M. Muzzy, T. Moore, A. Monaco, C. Stanton, A. Monaco, K. Bartle, C. Stratton, S. Todaro, Coach Diamond; *Third Row:* L. Mayhood, K. Knapp, R. Morey, B. Benedict, A. Race, C. Abbott, N. Champlin, M. Carey, J. Phetteplace, S. Williams, J. O'Reilly

Varsity Wrestlers

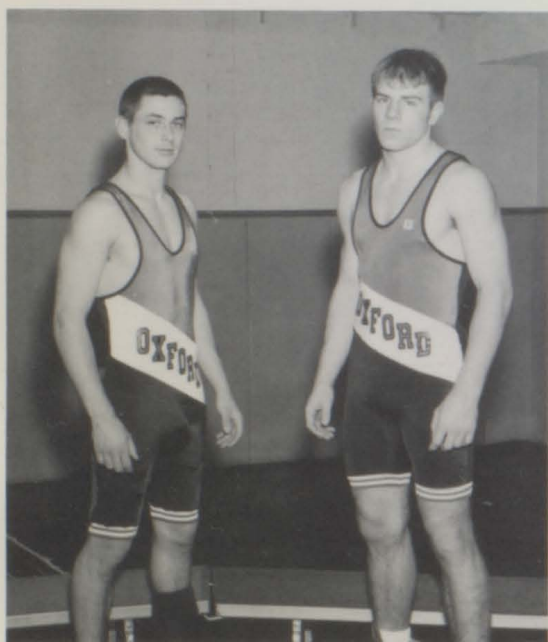
Top Row: M. Thompson, K. Race, J. Place, M. Leach, D. Wakefield, A. Roys; Middle Row: M. Franco, B. Wall, J. Golden, J. Williams; Bottom Row: W. Weiss, S. Franco, N. Mumbulo, C. Weiss, S. Loomis, T. Mumbulo, J. O'Connor

Junior Varsity

Top Row: G. Ballard, T. Santanna, D. Rogers, J. Memon; Bottom Row: K. Muzzy, S. Murcray, C. LaCotta, J. Boberg

Captains of the Varsity

David Wakefield and Adam Roys



Great year



Eighth Graders: We all worked hard together. Our combined record after Greene match was 48-13. We are all excited about the years to come.



Ninth Graders: We had a good wrestling season. Everyone showed improvement. We are all looking forward to wrestling for our team in the future.

Twelfth Graders: This year's wrestling team started out with five seniors and slowly fell to two due to injuries and other conflicts. The remaining two, Adam Roys and Matt Leach became co-captains and took the wrestling team to a top position in the league (second to be exact). Our attitudes in practice reflected our determination to become section place winner. This has yet to be determined but we are looking forward to the conclusion of our high school wrestling careers.



- 96- W. Weiss
- 103- C. Weiss
- 112- N. Mumbulo
- 125- J. Golden
- 130- J. Williams
- 135- D. Wakefield
- 140- M. Thompson
- 145- D. Rogers
- 152- A. Roys
- 160- M. Leach
- 189- J. Place
- 215- M. Livingston
- 275- K. Race



Seniors
Matt Franco, Matt Leach, Adam Roys,
Brandon Wall

The Man Behind The Mask Matt Leach scared his opponent in his victory against Lansing.

wrestlers



Tenth Graders: We did well this season. Everyone showed great improvement and met some of our goals. We cannot wait for next season.

Eleventh Grade: This year has been tough but with the help of our coaches it has been worth it. We've enjoyed wrestling and look forward to our senior year and going to States.

NICE SPIKE!
Tara Deubler spikes the ball.



NICE POSE!
Brandi keeps the ball in bounds.



Seniors: Jolene Howe and Tonya Reilly

Captains: Jaimie Carhart and Megan Muzzy

LOOK AT IT GO! Jamie, Heather, and Brandi watch as Megan Muzzy hits the ball.

Varsity

Unadilla Valley	W
Windsor	L
Deposit	L
Walton	L
S-E	L
Harpurville	L
B-G	L
Oneonta	L
Norwich	L
Whitney Point	L
Hancock	L
Walton	L
Afton	W
Harpurville	W
B-G	L



Varsity Front Row: M. Muzzy, C. Stanton, J. Howe, T. Reilly, H. Sabines; Back Row: J. Carhart, B. Benedict, M. Carey, Coach Weston, T. Deubler, C. Smith, S. Lewis

GIRL POWER!



GREAT SHOT! Stacey Dean returns the volleyball backward!

HERE IT COMES! Heather Ray and Stacey Dean get ready for the ball.

THIS WILL BE AN ACE! Alison Dilfer gets ready to serve the ball.



J0 Front Row: H. Ray, A. Stratton, ; Second Row: B. Graves, S. Dean, K. Hall, C. Wall, K. Ivarson
Back Row: C. Tompkins, A. Frank, T. Nichols, Coach Rogers, T. Perry, A. Dilfer, T. Tefft

JV

Unadilla Valley	W
Windsor	L
Deposit	W
Walton	L
S-E	W
Harpurville	L
B-G	W
Oneonta	W
Norwich	W
Whitney Point	W
Hancock	W
Walton	L
Afton	W
Harpurville	W
B-G	W

A Tough Season For Varsity

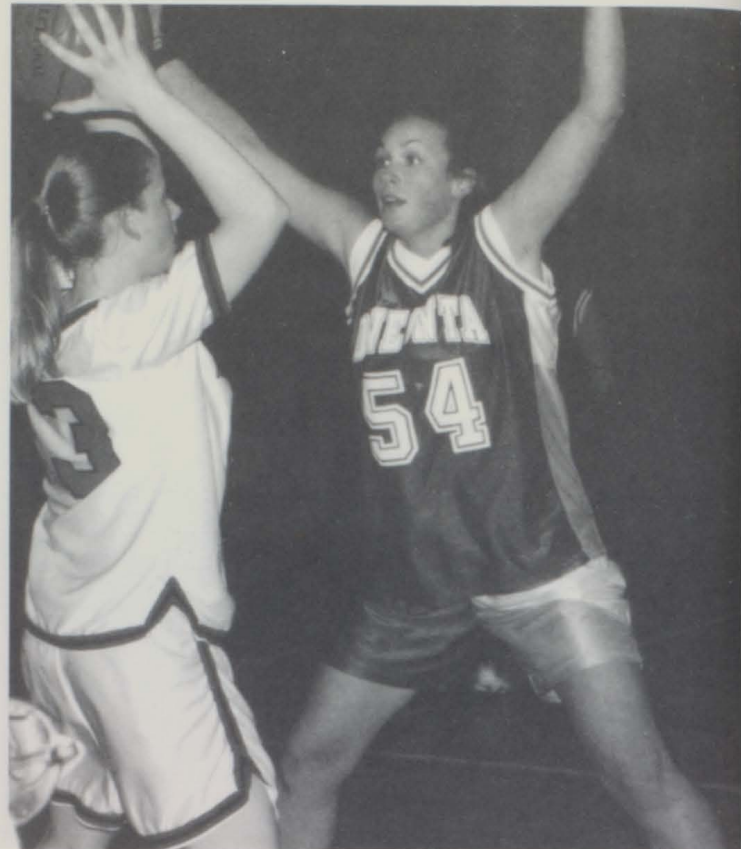
SENIORS Daisy Marsh, Jenny O'Reilly, Teresa Moore, and Michelle Klemens

PLEASE GO IN! Roxy, Jenny O, and Catherine hope that the ball goes in.

HELP ME OUT L DIES! Michelle looks for someone to pass to.

The girls' varsity basketball team wasn't very successful when it came to winning this year. Even though we didn't win a game all season, everyone gave it their all in every game. At a point during the season we were down to five players. We even played a game with five people. About halfway through the season we brought up a sophomore, Sarah Locke, who proved to be extremely helpful to the team. The best part of this season was being able to spend time practicing and working with each other. This was a GREAT SEASON no matter what our record was!

Sarah Sylstra



Varsity

	We	They
C-V	14	32
U-V	17	60
Greene	25	56
Sidney	16	53
Windsor	18	43
Deposit	28	39
S-E	22	55
Walton	17	66
B-G	25	69
Harpurville	15	49
Oneonta	12	94
Hancock	27	49
Whitney Point	26	61
Afton	22	46
Walton	28	66
Harpurville	24	53
B-G	25	69
S-E	22	56



Varsity Front Row: D. Marsh, C. Stratton, T. Moore, S. Sylstra; Back Row: R. Morey, M. Klemens, A. Hoenninger, J. O'Reilly, Coach Cooper

JV GIRLS BREAK THROUGH TO VICTORY! Alison Curtis leads our team through the hoop at the beginning of the JV's final suspenseful game against Unadilla Valley where we won 40-39, with Sarah Johnson making the winning basket.



JUMP NIKKI! Nikki jumps for the ball during the tip off.

TEAM SPIRIT! The girls do their traditional hype up cheer.



JV team undefeated

The JV basketball team had a great season. We went undefeated, 14-0. This year's JV basketball team has grown very close. At the beginning of the year there were many differences among the players, but we learned to work together. We hope that our semifinals and championship games go as well as our season did.

Jenn Post
Melany Garvey

P.S. Thanks to the Basketball Boosters for supporting us through out season.



J0 Front Row: K. Nenarella, K. Carey, M. Garvey, J. Washington, B. Aldrich; Back Row: S. Locke, S. Johnson, N. Cole, J. Post, A. Curtis, M. Nelson, J. Champlin, Missing: Coach Moore

JV

	We	They
CV	26	23
U-V	66	23
Greene	47	29
Norwich	30	44
Windsor	33	28
Deposit	63	28
Sherburne	50	22
Walton	48	43
B-G	40	20
Harpurville	58	32
Oneonta	50	33
Hancock	56	38
Whitney Point	46	28
Afton	57	20
Walton	52	26
Harpurville	59	22
B-G	33	24
Sidney	46	34
U-V	40	39

AN UP AND DOWN

Varsity

	We	They
Forks	66	52
Whitney Point	59	78
Deposit	72	56
S-E	66	34
Windsor	55	64
C-V	82	84
Walton	41	64
Harpursville	36	47
U-V	68	57
B-G	49	46
Afton	72	64
Oneonta	40	51
Hancock	53	50
Whitney Point	44	42
Walton	59	73
Harpursville	56	62
B-G	59	56
Afton	58	50

Varsity Front Row: J. Carey, R. Smith, R. Bleyle, D. Carlson, C. LeClair; Back Row: R. Warner, I. Troxell, L. Korver, A. Waters, C. Locke, J. Ford, Coach Curtis



It all started with a bang. We got to the championship game in the Norwich Tournament for the first time in several years. But something happened in the middle of our schedule where it started falling apart. We lost four out of five big games that were in our reach. But now we are finally bringing it all together with a huge win over the Tournament champions. As we head into sectionals we feel the confidence that we had at the beginning of the season, so now as we've grown up playing together it's time to grow old together and go out with a big bang!

Ian Troxell



WILL IT EVER COME DOWN? Ian, Luke, and Cal stare in amazement as the ball sticks to the backboard.



CONGRATULATIONS! Calvin Locke and Ryan Warner receive trophies for being selected for the All-Tournament team.

ALL TOGETHER NOW! Once the team does a cheer to get them pumped up for the big game.

YEAR FOR BASKETBALL!

J0 Front Row: Z. Stevens, B. Cobb, J. Dean, T. Tompkins, J. Washington, M. Chrystie, M. Flanagan;
Back Row: M. Todaro, R. Harvey, A. Brewer, Coach Davis, M. Seaman, J. Paul, K. Finch, A. Lewis

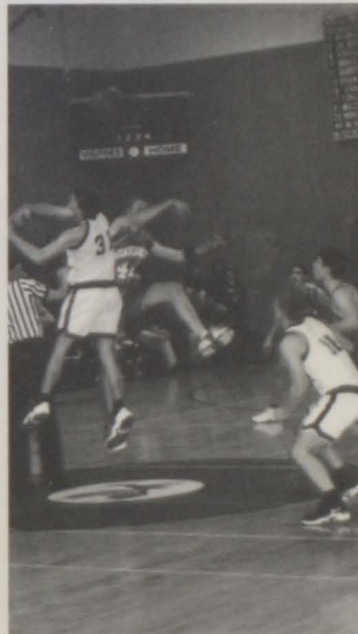


JV

	We	They
Forks	39	47
Whitney Point	72	76
Deposit	68	23
SE	76	52
Windsor	58	54
C-V	53	66
Walton	45	54
Harpurville	56	33
B-G	54	45
U-V	65	47
Afton	68	49
Hancock	52	55
Oneonta	40	50
Whitney Point	44	59
Walton	60	55
Harpurville	49	36
B-G	49	62
Afton	56	44



RUN MIKE! Mike runs to save the ball from going out of bounds.



GO LUKE! Luke wins the tip-off.



COME AND GET ME! Jaret plays defense and prevents his opponent from scoring.

It was an up and down year for the J.V. boys' basketball team. Every winning streak it seemed was followed by a losing streak. The J.V. hoopsters closed out their year with a 9-8 overall record, and a 9-5 league record. The highlight of our year was a late season defeat of division rival and power, Walton. With continued experience the Oxford boys' basketball team could be a power in the Sus. league in the future.

Trevor Tompkins

Practice, time, patience
determination, hardwork,
teamwork, discipline
are ingredients for putting together
a successful colorguard show

Many people think of Winterguard as a group of young people throwing flags and dancing to a song over and over again in a gym. To us it is more than that. The Winterguard works hard to prepare and perform a routine to music. The routine is both artistic and precise. To achieve this goal we must work together as a team. We have learned to put our differences aside during practice and work together as a big family. Learning, perfecting, and polishing our routine has taken hours and hours of practice. There are times when practice is difficult and each member needs to show patience and determination to continue to improve the performance.

Our Winterguard coach, Tess Armondi, has taught us to have patience with her and with one another and has taught us to respect other teams and to show pride in ourselves and our school. Most of our parents are also involved in some way either by making props and costumes or helping with the routines.

The work and rigorous discipline has shown in our accomplishments. We have fun, but practice endlessly to earn our scores in competition.

Members of Winterguard



TOP: DON'T SHOOT! The rifle feature of the Oxford Academy Winterguard performs at an exhibition for the community before the competition season begins.

MIDDLE: BEAUTY IN MOTION! After Dianna Edick's solo in the song, "I Can See Clearly Now", she joins the rainbow connection formation of the routine.



First Row: S. Sheridan; Second Row: T. Clendening, A. Minshall, L. Favorito; Third Row: J. Luyster, D. Barrows, J. Sergio, D. Edick, K. Brantley, K. Lints, K. Potter, L. Roys, J. Brown

Winterguard

JUMP, JUMP! Chris LeClar and Bug Loughren jump to block a spike from the Spartans.

A Great Season!

Last year was a first for boys volleyball. At first no one knew what they were doing, but Mr. McKane and Miss Weston quickly taught us what we needed to know to win. As a first year team we surprised everyone by making it to the section finals. Although we lost to four time defending champions, Walton, we played well and gave them their closest games of the season.

Chris LeClar

GO IAN! Ian Troxell jumps to block a spike attempt while Jason Pierce and Mike Cashman watch.

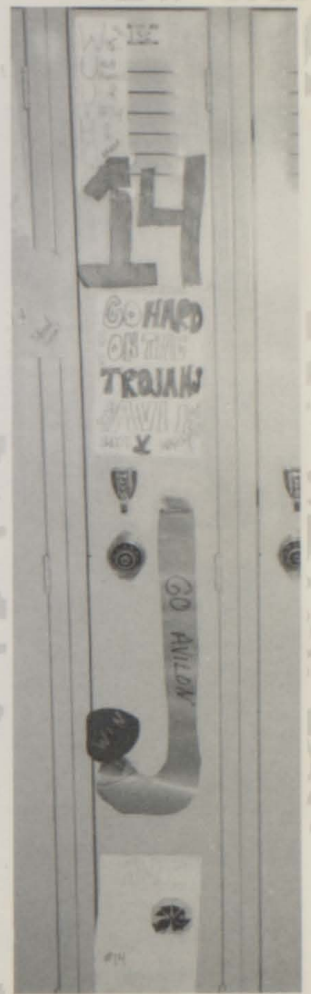


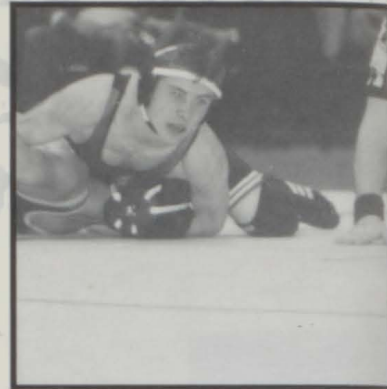
BUG SAVES THE DAY! Bug Loughren keeps the ball inbounds while crashing to the floor.



Front Row: Coach Weston, R. Shattuck, Coach McKane; *Second Row:* L. Hodge, I. Troxell, C. LeClar; *Third Row:* S. Barber, B. Balcom, B. Loughren







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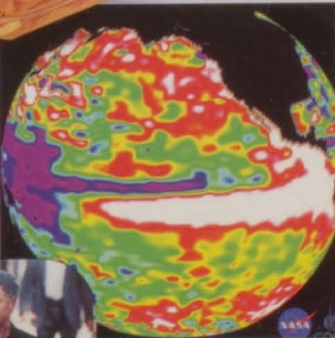
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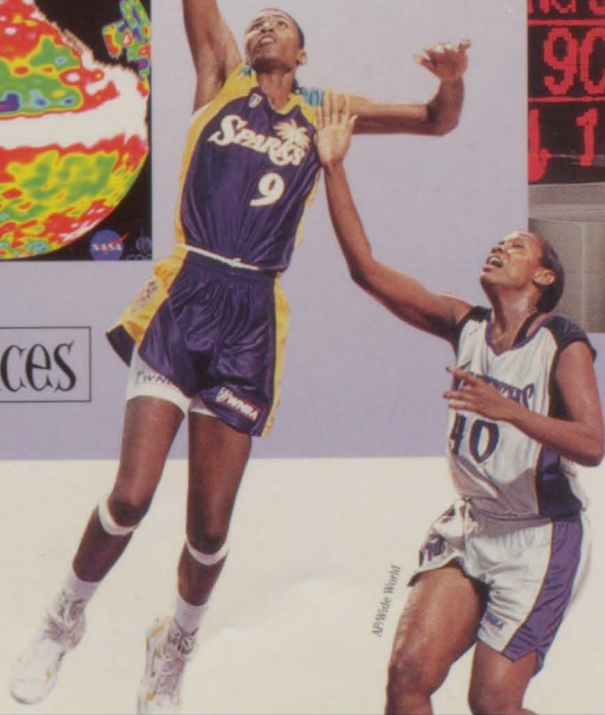
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Lifestyle

World NEWS



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- ▶ A 15-day school strike in Ontario, Canada, affects 2.1 million students. Late in October, 128,000 teachers walk out to protest a controversial bill that would alter educational funding and centralize government control of education.

- ▶ Asian economic turmoil triggers global unrest. In October, Hong Kong's stock market crashes. Asian countries receive billions in bailout dollars from the International Monetary Fund.

Agence France-Press



- ▶ Hong Kong reverts to China at 12:01 a.m., July 1, after 156 years of British colonial rule. China says Hong Kong will continue its Western way of life and free-market economy.



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- ▶ Powerful earthquakes in central Italy kill 11 people and damage art treasures, including centuries-old frescoes by Italian Renaissance painters, in the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.

Jan 1, 2000

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- ▶ Governments and businesses worldwide race to remedy the "Year 2000" problem. Unless key computer systems are reprogrammed to recognize dates in the new century the world faces the threat of catastrophic failure in critical areas like banking, air safety, public utilities and defense.



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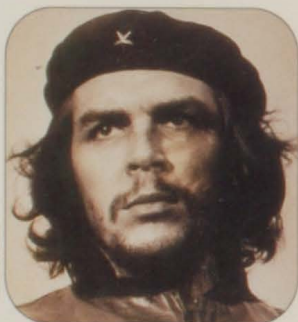
- ▶ Montserrat, once called "the Emerald Isle of the Caribbean," is devastated by ongoing eruptions from a volcano that had been dormant for 400 years. Two-thirds of the populace evacuates.

flash

Change sweeps Great Britain as Labor Party leader Tony Blair's landslide election in May 1997 ousts the Conservatives and makes Blair, at 44, Britain's youngest prime minister in 185 years.

Hurricane Pauline slams into Mexico's Pacific coast in October, causing flash floods, landslides and at least 200 fatalities.

The resort city of Acapulco is heavily damaged.



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- ▶ The remains of Ernesto "Che" Guevara, martyred Marxist revolutionary, are laid to rest in Cuba in October, 30 years after his execution in Bolivia, where his bones recently had been found.



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- ▶ After 32 years of autocratic rule, President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire is deposed in May 1997 and later dies in exile. His successor, Laurent Kabila, changes Zaire's name to Democratic Republic of the Congo.



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- ▶ Halloween fever seizes France. At the base of the Eiffel Tower in Paris 8,000 pumpkins are displayed, and French children participate in an American-style Halloween celebration.

President Jiang Zemin of China meets for summit talks with President Bill Clinton in October, the first visit in 12 years of a Chinese leader to the U.S. During his stay, demonstrators protest China's treatment of Tibet.



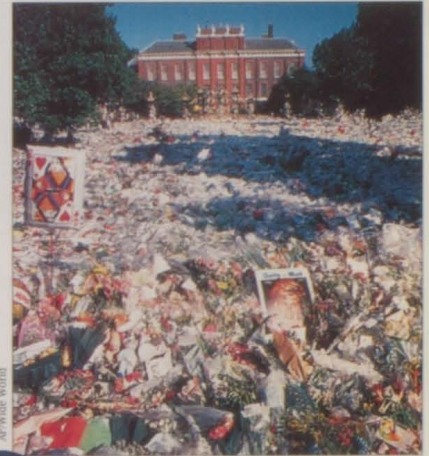
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Tim Graham, Sygma

Diana, Princess of Wales, one of the world's most famous and admired women, dies at 36 in a violent car crash in Paris on August 31.

The death of "the people's princess" generates an emotional outpouring of love and grief, evidenced by floral tributes heaped at Diana's Kensington Palace home.



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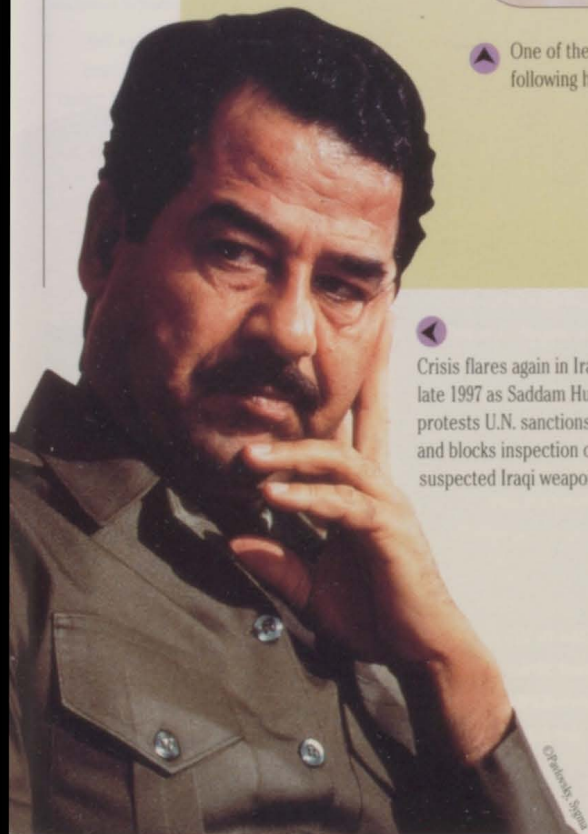
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One of the most poignant images of Diana's funeral: her young sons following her coffin into Westminster Abbey.



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At the funeral, Elton John performs "Candle in the Wind 1997," rewritten in tribute to Diana. The recording quickly sells more than 35 million copies, becoming the best-selling single of all time. Sales proceeds benefit the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.



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Crisis flares again in Iraq in late 1997 as Saddam Hussein protests U.N. sanctions and blocks inspection of suspected Iraqi weapon sites.

flash

Floods, drought and mismanagement in North Korea create a severe famine. As many as a million North Koreans die of starvation.

Pope John Paul II visits Communist Cuba in January 1998, the first time a pope has done so. During his five-day visit the pope celebrates public masses and meets privately with President Fidel Castro.



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In June, shortly before Diana's death, an auction of 79 of her evening gowns raises \$3.26 million for AIDS and cancer charities. Top price paid for a single gown: \$222,500.

National NEWS



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▶ On July 23 suspected murderer Andrew Cunanan, 27, commits suicide in Miami Beach. Cunanan was the prime suspect in a cross-country killing spree that left five dead, including fashion designer Gianni Versace.



Reuters/Archives Photos

▶ Once-mighty Apple Computer is close to failure when arch-rival Bill Gates of Microsoft "rescues" it with a \$150 million bail-out in August. The event opens a new era of cooperation between formerly fierce competitors.

Brooks Kraft, Sigma



▶ In April 1997, floods ravage the entire Red River Valley between Minnesota and the Dakotas. Ninety percent of downtown Grand Forks, North Dakota, is under water.



Jonathan Elderfield, Gamma Liaison



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▶ Americans join "Stop the Violence" campaigns nationwide in an attempt to generate awareness of and solutions to the problem of violence in America.

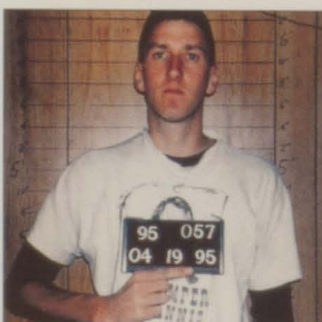
▶ Joe Camel is snuffed out as the Federal Trade Commission bans tobacco advertising aimed at minors and institutes sweeping tobacco advertising restrictions.

flash



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▶ British nanny Louise Woodward, 19, is convicted in Massachusetts of murdering a child in her care. The judge later reduces the charge to involuntary manslaughter and releases her.



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▶ Timothy McVeigh is convicted of murder and conspiracy in June for the April 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. McVeigh is later sentenced to death.

Theodore Kaczynski admits he is the Unabomber responsible for killing 3 people and injuring 29 others in an 18-year bombing campaign. His January 1998 guilty plea spares Kaczynski the death penalty but condemns him to life in prison with no possibility of release.

UPS workers take to the picket lines in an August strike lasting 15 days. The eventual settlement is seen as a major labor victory.



Patrick Haggerty, Sigma

▶ First Lt. Kelly Flinn accepts a general discharge from the Air Force, avoiding court-martial for lying about an affair and disobeying orders. Flinn had been the first and only female B-52 pilot in the service.

▶ A rare urban tornado prowls through Miami on May 12, uprooting trees, shattering windows and snapping power lines. Fortunately, the storm inflicts only minor injuries.

Arthur Harvey, The Miami Herald



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▶ Attorney General Janet Reno refuses to name an independent prosecutor to investigate Clinton administration fundraising, causing friction with FBI Director Louis Freeh.



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▶ Bobbi McCaughey, Carlisle, Iowa, gives birth November 19 to seven babies, the U.S.'s first living septuplets. McCaughey and her husband Kenny now have eight children.

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▶ At the Internet/Online Summit in December, Vice President Al Gore announces government initiatives to protect young Internet users from online pornography.



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▶ Terry Nichols is found guilty of conspiracy and manslaughter in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. Nichols is spared a federal death sentence in January 1998, but still faces Oklahoma state charges.

▶ UFO enthusiasts gather in Roswell, New Mexico, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the alleged UFO crash there in July 1947.



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flash

The all-male Promise Keepers movement inspires praise and controversy for its message of spiritual revival and personal responsibility for men. In October, the group holds a giant rally in Washington, D.C.

Once-secret tape recordings of former presidents Kennedy and Nixon are released publicly. The tapes provide an unvarnished, and sometimes unflattering, glimpse into the two presidents' actions and conversations in the White House.



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▶ On October 25, at least 300,000 African-American women gather in Philadelphia for the Million Woman March. Winnie Madikizela-Mandela is one of the speakers.



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▶ Fast-food giant Burger King is forced to stop serving burgers when supplier Hudson Foods recalls 25 million pounds of hamburger suspected of contamination with *E. coli* bacteria. It is the biggest beef recall in U.S. history.

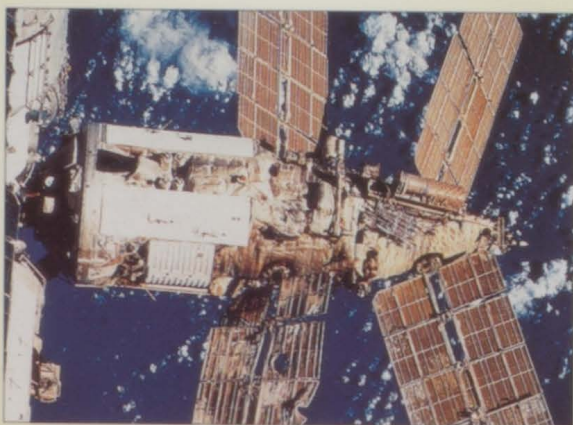
Science NEWS



NASA

▶ Russia's aging *Mir* space station collides with an unmanned supply vehicle in June and is seriously damaged. This is only one in a series of crises casting doubt on the viability of the station.

◀ Viewers worldwide see the first-ever high-resolution color pictures of Mars when the *Pathfinder* spacecraft lands July 4. The lander and its rover, Sojourner, collect and transmit extraordinary data for three months.



NASA



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◀ In September, CAT scans of petrified dinosaur eggs found in China reveal a dinosaur embryo.

AP/Wide World



▶ For \$8.36 million, Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History buys "Sue," the most complete *Tyrannosaurus rex* fossil yet discovered. The sale occurs October 4 at Sotheby's in New York.



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▶ Scottish scientists in February 1997 announce the world's first cloning of an adult mammal. The sheep, named Dolly, fuels controversy over possible misuse of the technology.

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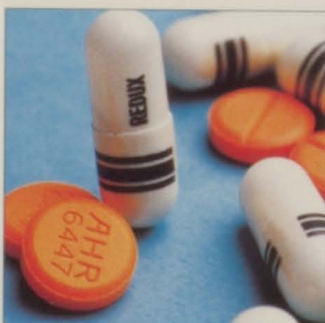
Fuel cells that convert a fuel's energy directly into electricity are being developed for use in cars, making possible an efficient, low-emission car of the future.

The first prescription pill for male-pattern baldness is approved by the Food and Drug Administration in December. The drug Propecia is made by Merck and Company.



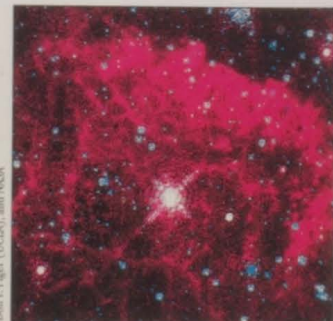
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▶ Research produces medical breakthroughs, including a genetically engineered "bullet" molecule being tested to fight cancer and new drugs to control or prevent Parkinson's disease, osteoporosis and congestive heart failure.



Matt Mendelsohn

▶ The popular diet regimen fen-phen is pulled off the market in September. The combination of fenfluramine and phentermine is shown to cause heart valve disorders, as is the diet drug Redux, also recalled.



Don F. Figer (UDLA), and NASA

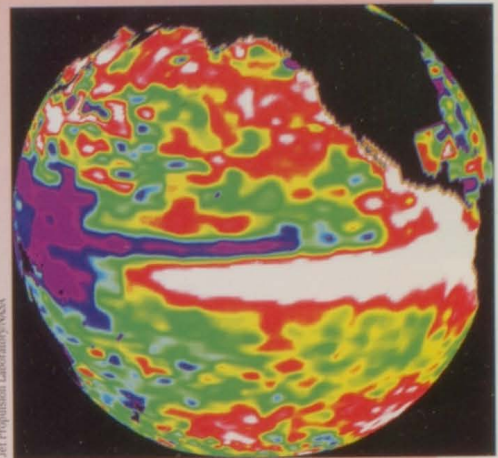
▶ Aided by the Hubble Space Telescope, astronomers discover the Pistol Star—the brightest star yet observed in the Milky Way. The Pistol Star is 25,000 light years from Earth.

▶ Comet Hale-Bopp captures imaginations worldwide as it streaks past Earth for the first time in 4,200 years—or, since 2203 B.C. Hale-Bopp next returns in 4397.

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▶ On October 13, the British jet car *Thrust SSC* becomes the first vehicle to break the sound barrier on land, traveling 766.6 miles per hour in the Nevada desert.



Jet Propulsion Laboratory/NASA



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▶ In December, 159 nations gather in Kyoto, Japan, and negotiate a climate treaty to combat global warming by reducing greenhouse gases.



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▶ El Niño stirs up global weather patterns. Caused by warmer-than-normal water temperatures in the equatorial Pacific, the '97 El Niño is blamed for storms and weather problems worldwide.

▶ The Food and Drug Administration approves a dental laser for treating cavities. Unlike traditional dental drills, the laser in most cases causes virtually no discomfort.

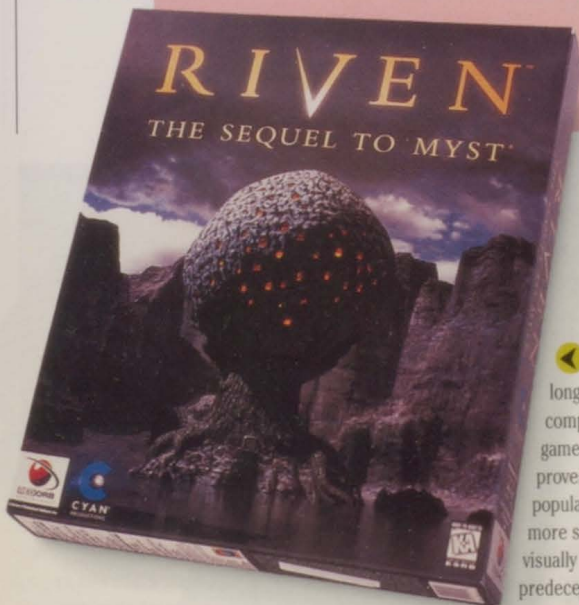


Premier Laser Systems, Inc.



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▶ Protesters unsuccessfully attempt to prevent the October launch of NASA's *Cassini* spacecraft to Saturn, fearing an accident could shower the Earth with the rocket's radioactive plutonium.



▶ Riven, the long-awaited computer adventure game sequel to *Myst*, proves to be just as popular and even more sophisticated visually than its predecessor.

flash

Hong Kong authorities in December order the slaughter of more than a million chickens in an effort to halt the spread of a bird flu virus that killed six people.

The space shuttle *Columbia* releases the errant *Spartan* satellite in November. U.S. astronaut Winston Scott and Takao Doi, the first Japanese astronaut to do a space walk, retrieve the satellite for return to Earth.



Reuters/Archive Photos

▶ French oceanographer and award-winning filmmaker Jacques Cousteau dies in June at 87. His work gained renown through the popular television series "The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau."

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Teen People, a savvy monthly magazine for and about teenagers, premieres in February 1998.



Fashion advertising and clothing trends inspire the popularity of the color orange, which replaces neon green as the fad color of the year.



AP/Wide World

In October, a cyberfashion show at the M.I.T. Media Lab Wearable Symposium features fashions with built-in computer devices and electronic hardware. M.I.T. students designed the high-tech fashions.



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Fashion looks to the Far East. The stick-on bindi, a tiny decorative accent worn in the middle of the forehead, is popularized by Gwen Stefani, lead singer of the band No Doubt.



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Princess Diana tribute merchandise abounds, including a double CD set and a new Beanie Baby named Princess, a royal purple bear adorned with a rose. Profits benefit the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.

flash

Nike introduces a new "I Can" advertising campaign on New Year's Day. The company does not plan to abandon its "Just Do It" slogan, introduced in 1985, which will continue to appear on T-shirts and posters.

Diet Scent Patches are introduced in June by Slimline, a British company. Designed to help people diet successfully, the small arm stickers produce an unpleasant odor to discourage the wearer from eating sweets.



AP/Wide World

"Two Fat Ladies" becomes the Food Network's hottest new cooking show in the U.S., attracting fans with its unconventional British stars, two overweight, middle-aged women.

This year's look in cosmetics is glimmering, sparkling and colorful. Riding this wave, cosmetics giant Christian Dior introduces Mascara Flash, temporary hair color in a variety of outrageous tints.

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Platform shoes, a fashion statement during the disco '70s, make a style comeback in a big way in 1997, inspiring even platform sneakers.



Christian Dior

▶ The Chevrolet Corvette is named *Motor Trend* magazine's 1998 Car of the Year.

General Motors



▶ A new \$50 bill featuring a larger, off-center portrait of President Ulysses S. Grant is unveiled in October. Design details make the bill more difficult to forge.



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Softer Hairstyle

Smaller Chest

Larger Waist

Smaller Hips



▶ After nearly 40 years, Mattel's Barbie doll takes on a more realistic face and body shape than the Barbie of the '60s. The new doll will begin to appear in stores in early 1998.



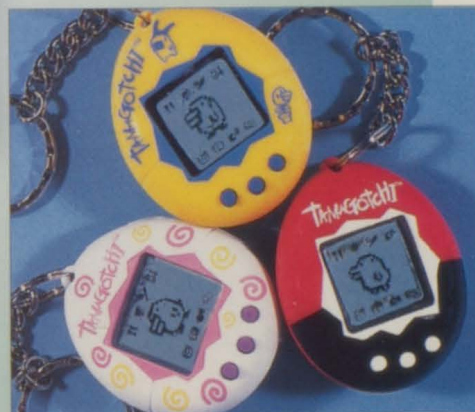
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▶ Mattel introduces Share a Smile Becky in May 1997. Seated in a bright pink wheelchair, the doll is marketed as a friend to the traditional Barbie.



Karl Steinbrenner

▶ Mehndi, intricate designs painted on the body with henna dye, is a popular expression of the fashion trend toward Eastern themes and patterns.



▶ Digital "pets" are a 1997 toy craze. These virtual critters keep their owners busy by beeping when they need care or feeding. If ignored, they "die."

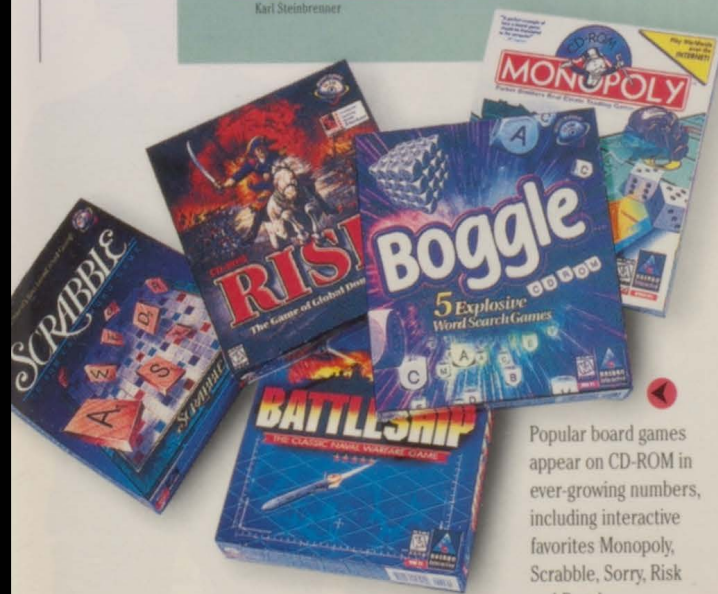
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As many as 700 school districts nationwide teach "emotional intelligence," aiming to develop children's values and people skills as well as their minds.

Beepers are a status symbol and a lifestyle must-have for many teens juggling school, jobs and after-school activities. More than 40 million beepers are carried in the U.S., an estimated 25 percent of them by people between the ages of 12 and 24. In some schools, beepers are forbidden as disruptive.



▶ Canada issues a Superhero postage stamp series that includes a 45-cent stamp featuring the colorful, comic-book image of Superman.



Popular board games appear on CD-ROM in ever-growing numbers, including interactive favorites Monopoly, Scrabble, Sorry, Risk and Boggle.

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ABC from the Kobal Collection

▶ ABC's gritty police drama "NYPD Blue" remains one of the most popular one-hour dramas on television in 1997, capturing four Emmy Awards.



Universal Studios, Inc., from Shooting Star

▶ *The Lost World*, Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park* sequel, breaks summer box-office records everywhere. It earns \$229 million in the U.S.



AP/Wide World

▶ Comedian Chris Farley dies at 33 of a drug overdose on December 18. He starred in NBC's "Saturday Night Live" and movies including *Tommy Boy* and *Beverly Hills Ninja*.

Columbia/Mandaly from the Kobal Collection



▶ Horror films draw teenagers to the box office. *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, starring Jennifer Love Hewitt and Sarah Michelle Gellar, is one of the year's biggest attractions.



Gino Mifsud, Shooting Star

▶ Jerry Seinfeld, creator and star of the NBC hit "Seinfeld," announces in December that the 1997-1998 season is the show's last. The final episode airs in May, ending the popular show's nine-year run.

flash

In its second season, the WB's campy sitcom "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" blossoms into a huge favorite with many viewers.

Jenny McCarthy stars in a new fall NBC comedy "Jenny" that, in January 1998, goes into hiatus only a few months into its first season. McCarthy had been an MTV personality before moving to the network.



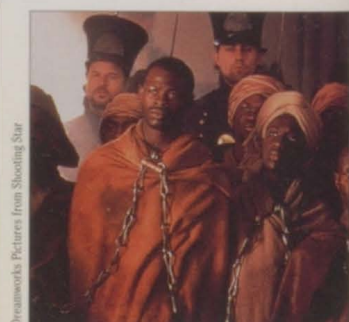
Fox from Shooting Star

▶ Fox network launches "King of the Hill," an animated show that focuses on the lives of a propane dealer from Texas and his family. The show goes on to become a smash hit.



Dimension Films from the Kobal Collection

▶ *Scream 2*, the chilling hit sequel to *Scream*, is a wildly successful mix of carnage and comedy starring Neve Campbell, Jerry O'Connell, Tori Spelling, Jada Pinkett and a host of other stars.



Dreamworks Pictures from Shooting Star

▶ Critically acclaimed *Amistad*, directed by Steven Spielberg, tells the story of an 1839 slave ship mutiny. The film culminates years of effort by producer Debbie Allen to bring the story to life.

Religion is a common theme on eight fall-season network TV shows inspired by the success of CBS's "Touched by an Angel" starring Roma Downey, Della Reese and John Dye. New programs include ABC's "Nothing Sacred" and "Teen Angel."

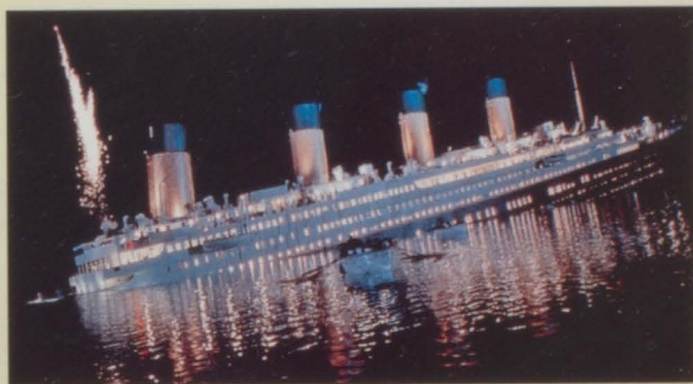
CBS Entertainment from Shooting Star



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Titanic is a huge critical and box-office success. The movie event of the year, this \$200 million picture is the most costly in history. After 45 days in the theaters, *Titanic* had earned \$308 million.



Fox/Paramount from Shooting Star

Star Wars captures a new generation of fans when George Lucas re-releases the film trilogy 20 years after the first film was shown. In Washington, D.C., the National Air and Space Museum mounts a huge exhibition of now-historic *Star Wars* artifacts.



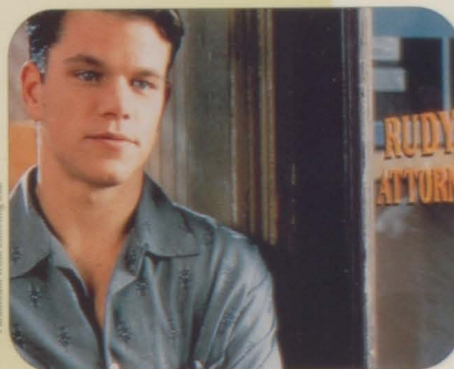
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Michael Flatley's pulsating show "Lord of the Dance" fuels the extraordinary popularity of Irish dance. The show tours 15 cities in the U.S. through October.

In the fall, Fox debuts "Ally McBeal," a comedy/drama starring Calista Flockhart as a young Boston attorney. The show captures a Golden Globe Award in January 1998 for best series/musical or comedy.



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Paramount from Shooting Star

Matt Damon stars as an attorney in *The Rainmaker*, a movie based on the John Grisham novel. Damon's successes also include the film *Good Will Hunting*.



Columbia TriStar from Shooting Star

Summer blockbuster *Men in Black* grosses more than \$500 million worldwide to become 1997's biggest hit. The sci-fi comedy stars Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones.

flash

The Wonderful World of Disney presents its adaptation of "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella" on ABC, starring Brandy as Cinderella and Whitney Houston as the Fairy Godmother.

Tomorrow Never Dies, starring Pierce Brosnan as 007, is a holiday box-office hit and confirms the enduring popularity of James Bond movies.



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The 1997 season premiere episode of "ER" is broadcast live and draws 42.7 million viewers for NBC, including those who watch it on a giant screen in Times Square.

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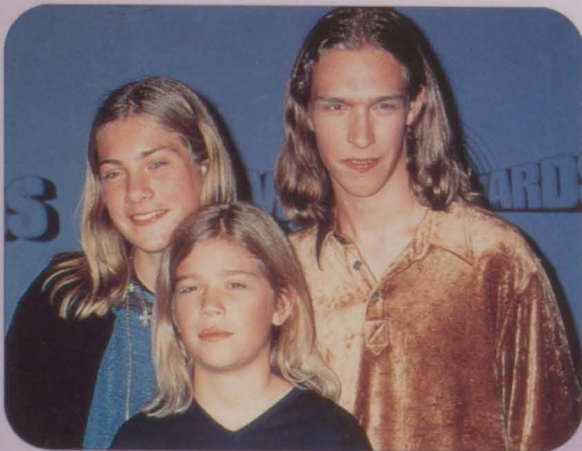
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◀ Chumbawamba's hit single "Tubthumping" brings long-awaited success to this British band. The song becomes popular at pro sports events, kicking off games for several teams.

▶ Fiona Apple, 20, one of rock's female superstars, is named MTV's Best New Artist in a Video. Her single "Criminal" soars to the top of the charts.



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▶ With their hit single "MMMBop," three young brothers from Tulsa become one of the biggest breakthrough acts of 1997 as the band Hanson.



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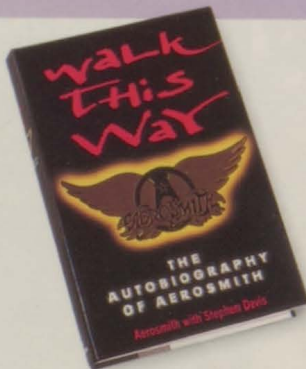
▶ Lilith Fair, an all-female summer rock concert, draws large crowds on its 37-stop tour. Canadian singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan masterminds the festival and releases a hit album, *Surfacing*.

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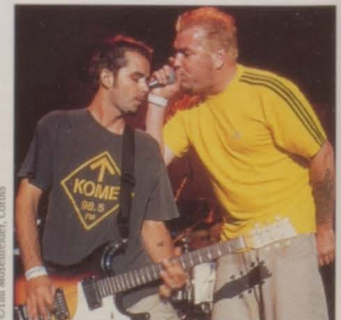
▶ Country music superstar Garth Brooks releases *Sevens*, his first album in two years. The album sells 800,000 copies the first week.



▶ *Walk This Way: The Autobiography of Aerosmith* chronicles the long career of the band notorious for its excesses in the '70s and '80s. The group's new album *Nine Lives* is nominated for a 1998 Grammy.

Drummer Bill Berry leaves R.E.M. after 17 years with the popular rock group. R.E.M. plans to continue as a trio.

Kenny G. enters the *Guinness Book of World Records* for holding the longest musical note—45 minutes, 47 seconds—on his saxophone.



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▶ Smash Mouth popularizes a genre of alternative rock known as neo-ska with its hit single "Walkin' on the Sun" and debut album *Fush Yu Mang*.

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▶ Rap artist the Notorious B.I.G. is killed in a March 1997 drive-by shooting in Los Angeles. He is posthumously awarded MTV's 1997 Best Rap Video Award for "Hypnotize" and is named *Spin* magazine's Artist of the Year.

▶ British pop phenomenon, the Spice Girls, makes millions with mega-hits such as "Wannabe" and sells 14 million albums and 10 million singles.

Ron Davis, Shooting Star



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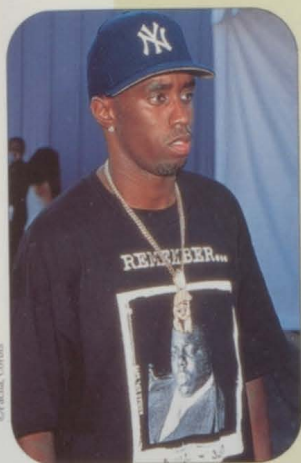


▶ Adam Yauch of the Beastie Boys engineers the second Tibetan Freedom Concert, held in June in New York, offering 27 music acts and a free-Tibet political message.



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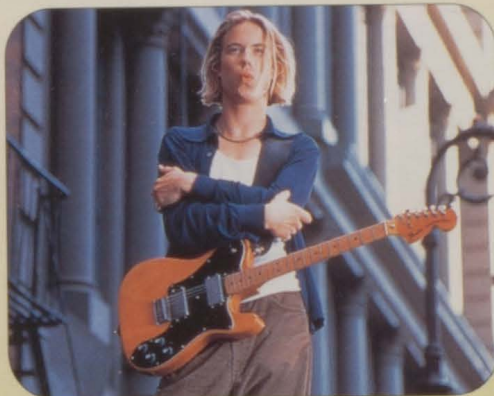
▶ Third Eye Blind, after several years in San Francisco's underground music scene, goes big time in 1997. Their song "Semi-Charmed Life" is listed as the top-selling modern rock single for 1997 in *Billboard* magazine.



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▶ The album *No Way Out* by Puff Daddy & the Family goes multiplatinum. Puffy's single "I'll Be Missing You," an elegy to his friend the Notorious B.I.G., also tops the charts.

▶ Sixteen-year-old R&B phenom Jonny Lang opens for the Rolling Stones' fall tour and spends 16 weeks at No. 1 on *Billboard*'s blues chart with his album *Lie to Me*.



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▶ At 15, country music sensation LeAnn Rimes sells more than 12.5 million recordings in the U.S. in 1997 and is named *Billboard* Music Awards Artist of the Year. Her single "How Do I Live" is one of the year's best sellers.

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Metallica releases a seventh album, *Re-Load*, that confirms its position as the premier heavy-metal band in the music world.

Radiohead is *Spin* magazine's Band of the Year. Critics praise Radiohead's album *OK Computer*, variously described as haunting, revolting, inscrutable, stunning and gorgeous. The album receives a 1998 Grammy nomination for *Rock/Pop Album of the Year*.

▶ Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds, superstar producer songwriter singer, receives more 1998 Grammy nominations than any other artist, including one for his album *The Day*. Edmonds and wife Tracey also produce the film *Soul Food* in 1997.

Sports Trends



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◀ In July, 16-year-old Swiss tennis star Martina Hingis becomes the youngest Wimbledon champion since 1887. Hingis wins three of the four 1997 Grand Slam events.



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▶ The Florida Marlins are baseball's 1997 World Series champs and the first team ever to win the Series without winning its league pennant. The Marlins defeat the Cleveland Indians in seven games.

▶ Quarterback John Elway leads the Denver Broncos to a 31-24 victory over the Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl XXXII in San Diego, January 25, 1998. It is Elway's first Super Bowl win in four appearances.



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▶ Tiger Woods, 21, becomes the youngest golfer ever to win the Masters Tournament. His 18-under-par score sets a Masters record. Woods wins 3 other tournaments and sets a PGA Tour earnings record of \$2.1 million for the season.



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▶ Mike Tyson bites off part of Evander Holyfield's ear and is disqualified in the WBA Heavyweight rematch in June 1997. Tyson is fined nearly \$3 million and his boxing license is revoked.

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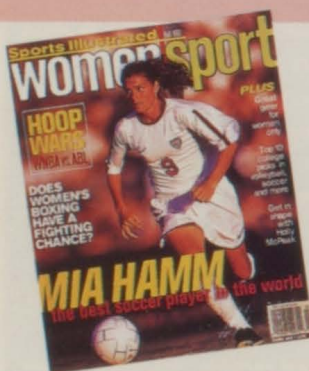
Swedish golfing phenomenon Annika Sorenstam, 26, tops the LPGA earnings list in 1997 with a record \$1,236,789.

Professional sports salaries keep skyrocketing. One of the most publicized of 1997 is Kevin Garnett's \$126 million contract to play basketball for the Minnesota Timberwolves.



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▶ Pittsburgh Penguins' Mario Lemieux retires in April 1997 after a spectacular comeback from Hodgkin's disease and injury. Lemieux is elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in September.



▶ In April 1997, the premier issue of *Sports Illustrated Women* hits the newsstands. The magazine reflects the explosive growth of female participation in sports.



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▶ Charles Woodson, Michigan's versatile junior cornerback, becomes the first primarily defensive player to win the Heisman Trophy, awarded in December.

▶ Jeff Gordon, at 26, wins the 1997 NASCAR Winston Cup, his second Winston Cup point title in three years. Gordon's 1997 points total 4,710.

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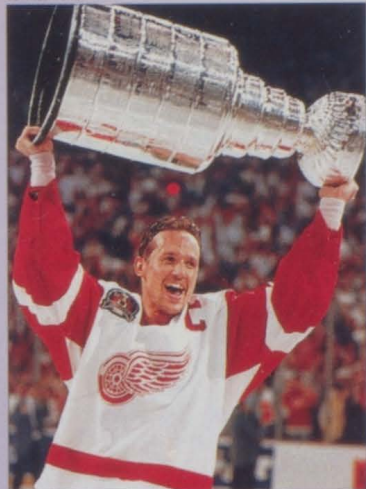
▶ The Chicago Bulls beat the Utah Jazz in June 1997 for their fifth NBA championship in seven years. Michael Jordan is chosen Finals MVP a record fifth time.

▶ When the college football season ends, two teams share the national championship. Michigan (12-0) is named No. 1 by the sports writers' poll, and Nebraska (13-0) by the coaches' poll.

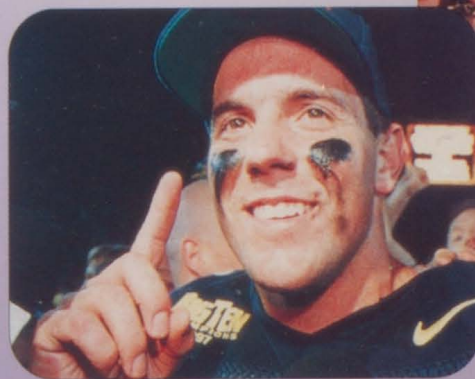
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▶ Detroit Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman powers his team to the 1997 Stanley Cup championship, its first in 42 years, by sweeping the Philadelphia Flyers in four games.



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Women officiate in an all-male professional sports league for the first time. The pioneers, Dee Kanter and Violet Palmer, are referees in the NBA.

Mark McGwire, of the St. Louis Cardinals, slams 52 homers in 1996 and 58 in 1997. McGwire becomes only the second player in baseball history with back-to-back, 50-home-run seasons, the other being Babe Ruth.



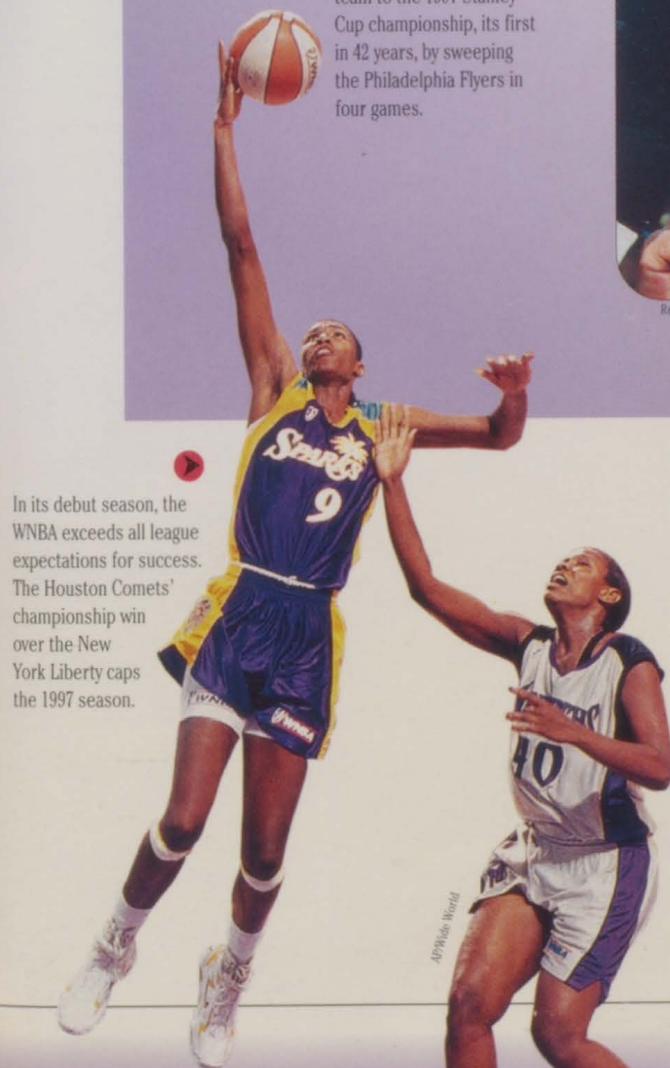
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▶ Dean Smith, winningest coach in college basketball history, retires in October after 36 seasons at North Carolina. *Sports Illustrated* names him 1997 Sportsman of the Year.



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▶ Nagano, Japan, hosts the 1998 Winter Olympic Games during February. Three new medal sports make their Olympic debut: curling, snowboarding and women's ice hockey.



▶ In its debut season, the WNBA exceeds all league expectations for success. The Houston Comets' championship win over the New York Liberty caps the 1997 season.

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Faces NEWS



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▶ Miss Illinois, Katherine Shindle, is crowned Miss America 1998. For the first time in its 77-year history the pageant allows contestants to wear two-piece swimsuits in competition.

▶ Chelsea Clinton begins her freshman year at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. Despite security measures, she reportedly will lead as normal a college life as possible.



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▶ For the first time, a computer beats a world chess champion when IBM's Deep Blue beats Russian Garry Kasparov in a six-game match in May 1997.



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▶ American Jody Williams and the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines are awarded the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize in October. The U.S. and China refuse to sign an international treaty that would ban land mines.



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▶ Ted Turner, vice chairman of the Time Warner media empire, pledges \$1 billion to United Nations programs. It is the largest single gift in philanthropic history.

Shooting Star



▶ Beloved actor Jimmy Stewart dies in July at 89. Stewart's enduring nice-guy popularity is exemplified by *It's a Wonderful Life*, his 1946 movie that is now an American cultural icon.



J.T. MacMillan, San Diego Union-Tribune

▶ Roman Catholic nun Mother Teresa of Calcutta dies September 5 at the age of 87. Revered for a lifetime of helping the poorest of the poor, her many honors include the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize.

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Former leader of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev films a TV commercial for Pizza Hut. He reportedly earns \$1 million for the appearance, money he plans to use to benefit his Gorbachev Foundation.

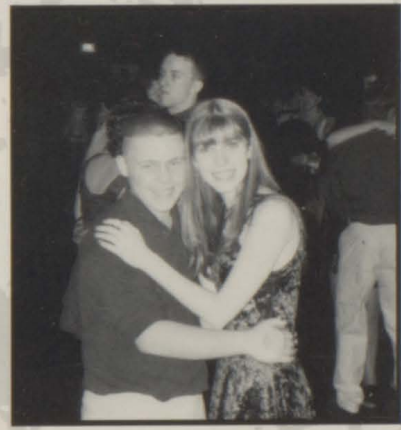
Singer John Denver dies in October at 53 when the experimental plane he is piloting crashes into California's Monterey Bay.



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▶ Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, appears in ads as a spokesperson for Weight Watchers International. She is the former wife of England's Prince Andrew.









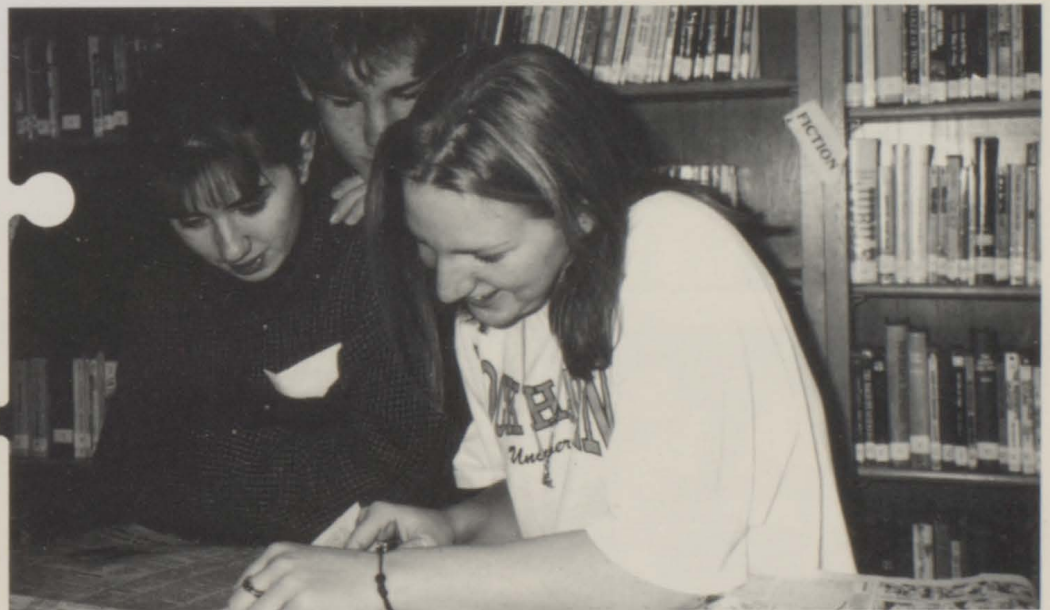
Putting
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STUDENT LIFE

The Student Life section is our chance to deviate from the academic aspects of our lives. We like to talk about student hobbies, jobs and other pastimes to put the year in perspective when you look through your yearbook years from now. The Student Life section also helps us learn things about each other we wouldn't otherwise know in order to better understand each other.

Enjoy!

-Kari Sheets



Spirit?



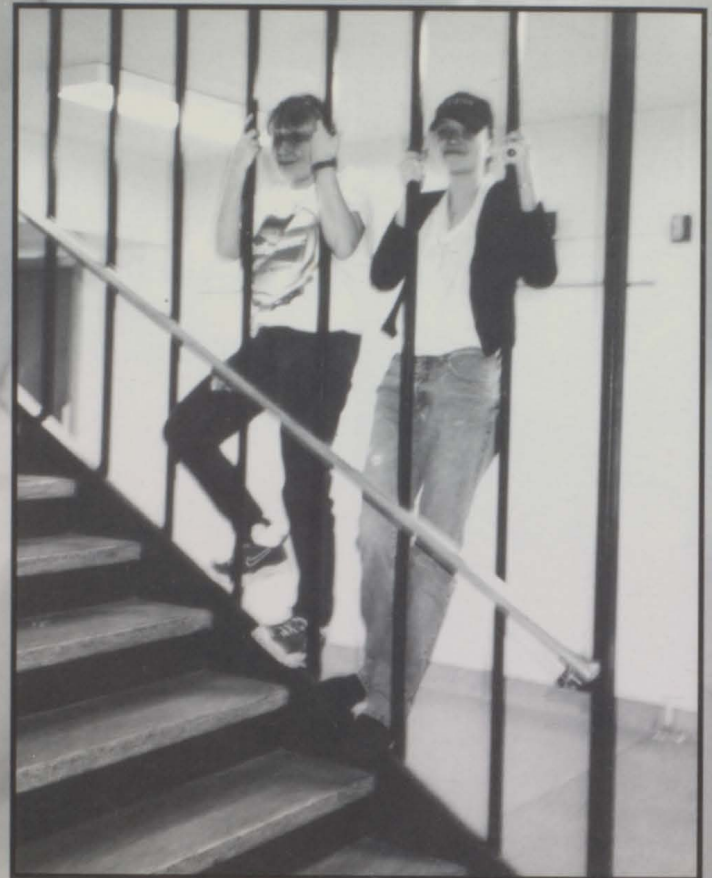
DUNKIN' DONUTS Sara, Ally, and Jessica feed the guys donuts in a matter of seconds.

TWISTING IT UP! All the guys played Twister, trying not to be the first one out.

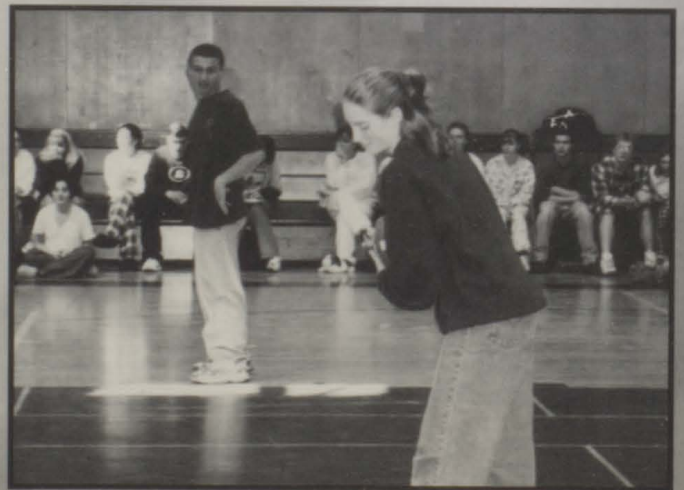


Spice "Girls" are portrayed by the freshman boys.

The girls are getting ready to go **PARTY** for the sophomores.



Don't fall Jen. Jenny Post spins around hoping not to fall when she runs off.



What a catch! Sarah Locke saves the day when she catches the ball.

We've Got It!!

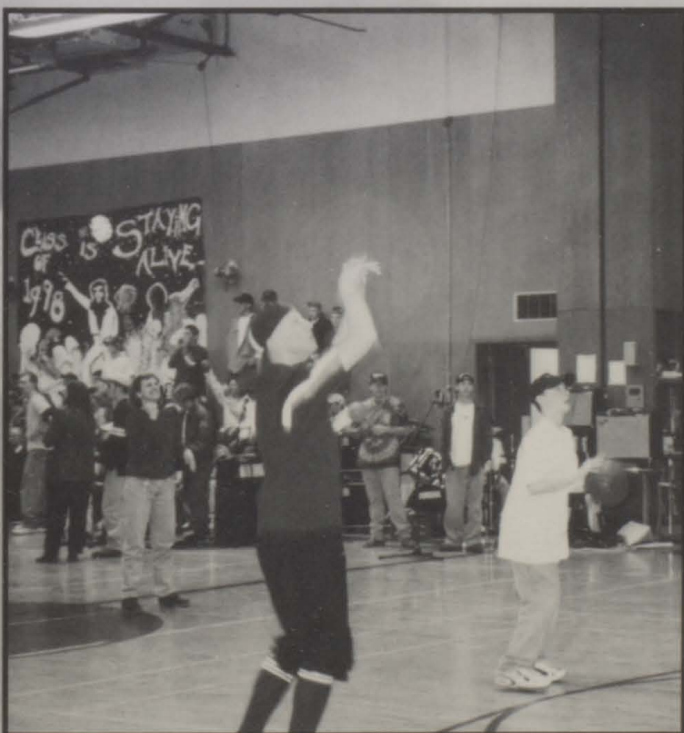
SLOPPY JOEL and the Lunchlady got married after he defended her when the food got angry.

AREN'T YOU GUYS SMOOTH. The seniors were "Stayin' Alive" that night.

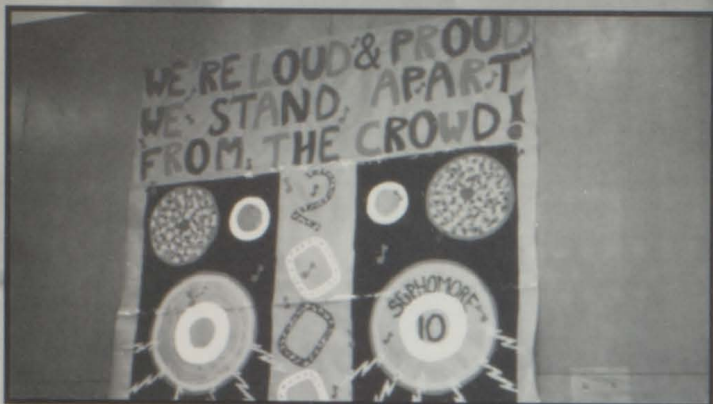


Spirit Week changed a little bit this year. Freak Day and Hippy Day replaced Clash day and Cross Dressing Day. Spirit Week is always a lot of hard work and fun. Everyone has a pretty good time too. This year the freshman class won, the juniors placed second, the sophomores got third, and last but not least the seniors placed fourth. We think that a lot of people look forward to Spirit Week. Another bonus is the school work is a little lighter than usual that week. We'll miss the senior class competition.

B.J. Blackman & Allison Wiley



SWISH! Keith and Justin shoot three point shots for the freshman class.



The sophomores placed first with their "Party Scene" poster.



The juniors placed second with their "Lunchlady Land" poster.

Welcome Wal-Mart Customers.

Sarah Williams was the "Wal-Mart Greeter" for Occupation Day.

All cute and cuddled up. Leslie Vigus looked so cozy on Pajama Day.



KING OF THE FLANNELS. Scott shows that he can wear more than 20 flannels.



PUDDING FEED FUN! As you can see almost the whole school comes to this event.





The seniors placed last with their "Stayin' Alive" poster.

The freshmen placed third with their "Spicy Hot" poster.



Scary Huh? Kate and Ms. Truman show us that they can be freaky after all.

Hippie Masters Mike, Mike, and Aaron show that they are the masters of Hippie Day.



EAT UP BOYS AND GIRLS. The juniors must have been hungry that day since they won this event.

FREAKY LOVE INSTEAD OF BROTHERLY LOVE? George found Kevin (his freak mate).



Before 8:25

"HEY MOM! WITH ONLY TWELVE UPC SYMBOLS AND \$6.00 I CAN GET A 3 INCH PLUSH TONY THE TIGER." Part of many people's morning routine is reading the back of a cereal box.

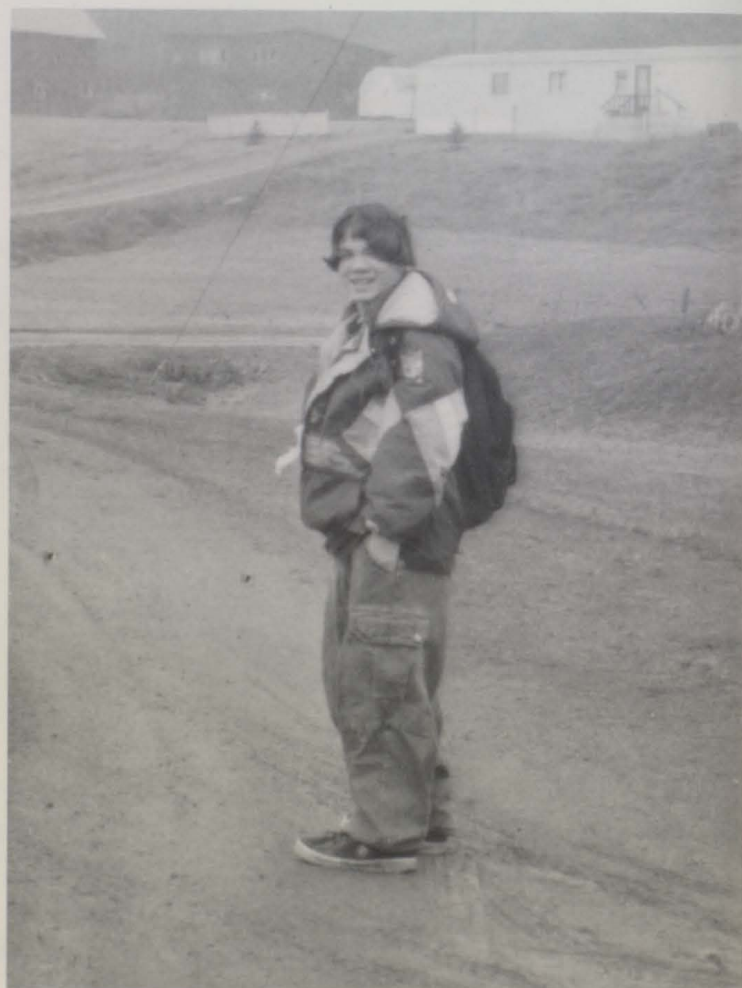
■ ■ ■ Putting the ■ ■ ■
pieces of our morning together.

We were able to get a rare look at the routines of many students in the mornings. We caught a few people at what they would believe to be their worst. This is your chance to make the comparison between your maybe hectic and chaotic morning to someone else's and maybe be able to feel better about yours.



"THERE BETTER NOT BE ANY FILM IN THAT CAMERA." Kevin Wall is just waking up at home, an essential part of the morning.

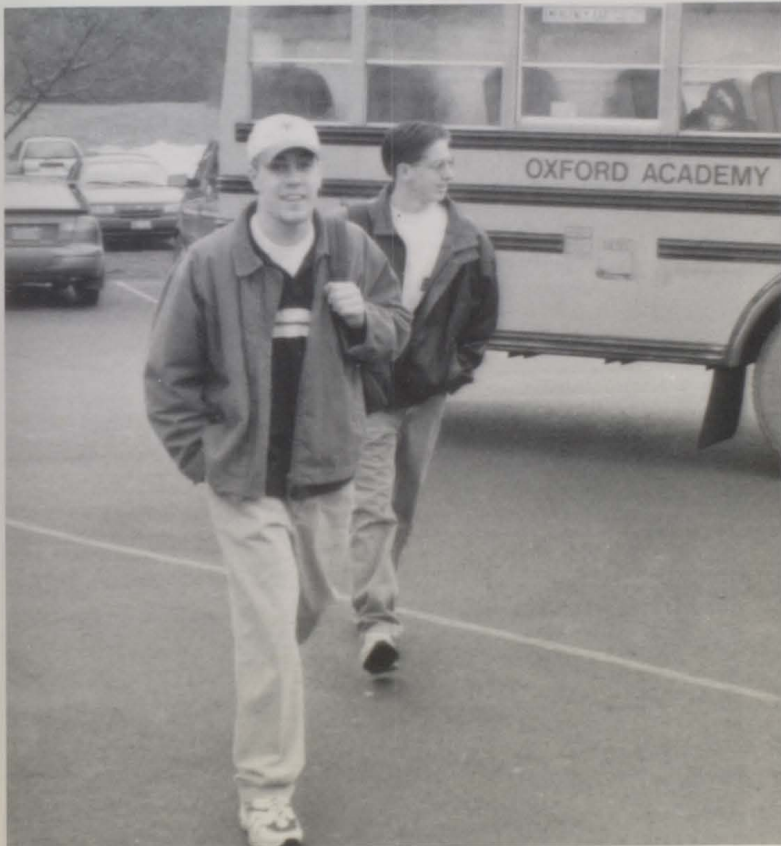
"HE'S WAITING ...AND WAITING ...AND WAITING..." Alan Wall waits for the bus on his road in the morning.





"SPLISH, SPLASH, I WAS TAKIN' A BATH..." Heather Sabines performs an early morning wakeup ritual...The Shower.

"LOOK BOTH WAYS BEFORE CROSSING THE STREET." Buddy Northup, our new crossing guard, helps kids cross the street.



"RIDIN' ALONG IN MY AUTOMOBILE." T.J. Luyster drives to school in his new truck every morning.

"HE DRIVES TO SCHOOL EVEN THOUGH HE LIVES TWO BLOCKS AWAY." Matt Leach and Chris LeClar are walking from the parking lot and stretching their legs from the long drive.

After the 2:55 (((Bell))) The Unseen Life

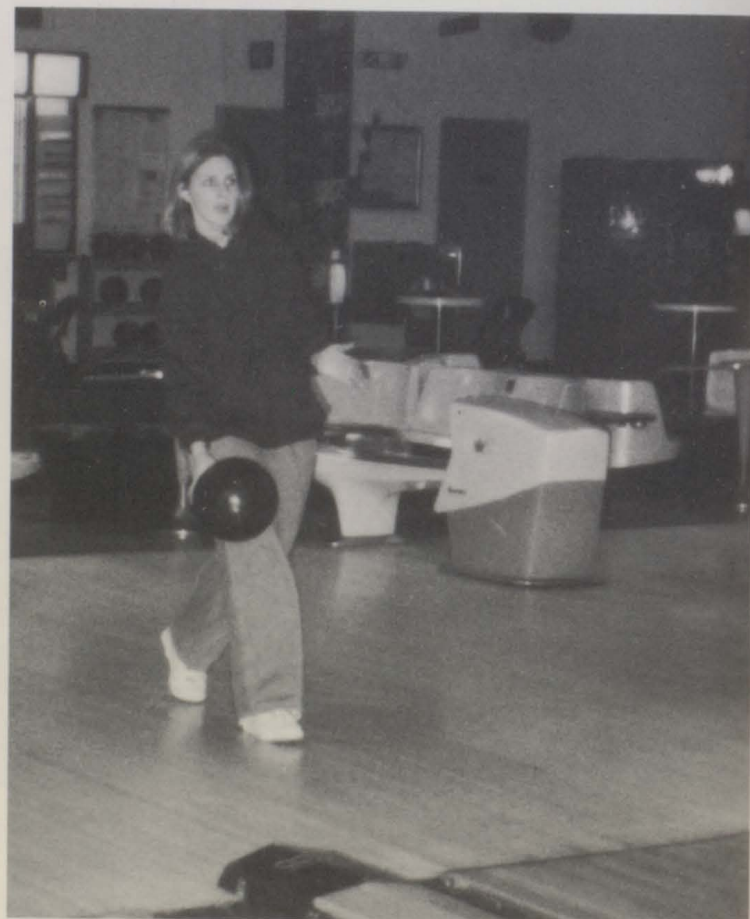
Here's our chance to get to know each other outside of school without taking a step. We have bits and pieces of hobbies from different people in the school: some musical, some poetic, some athletic, and some just plain fun. But what you see on this page is just the tip of the iceberg. We had a great response from people with interesting hobbies. Ron Smith drives race cars, Kim Knapp crochets blankets, Nate Gross has a band, and many people are interested in horses besides Kathy. Nicole Champlin enjoys dancing and has danced for 14 years. Gina Jankowski paints and draws. Also, many students have after school jobs. Welcome to our life after 2:55.

"COME ON. WE CAN BEAT HER." Kathy McGowan rides her horse in many competitions.



"TRICK OR TREAT?" Kate Taranto, Maria Lohan, and Kristina Root are trick or treating as witches.

"TRAJECTORY 45 DEGREES, SPEED-JUST ENOUGH, AND STRIKE!" Jeanne Paden is on a junior bowling team and has been for several years.



"STRUM, STRUM, STRUM."
Jaimie Carhart spends her free time learning and playing the guitar.

And here's a selection from some of our student poets

Wise vs. Truly Wise

The Wise will tell you, "Prudence is a virtue. The Truly Wise will tell you, "There's a fine line between that and cowardice."

The Wise will tell you, "Better to run away and live to fight another day."
The Truly Wise will tell you, "There may not be another day to fight."

The Wise will tell you, "Make the most of the situation." The Truly Wise will tell you, "Sometimes it's best to make the least of it."

The Wise will tell you, "Use your head." The Truly Wise will tell you, "Use your heart."

The Wise will tell you, "Guard your heart, lest it breaks." The Truly Wise will tell you, "Let your heart fly free."

The Wise will tell you, "Actions speak louder than words." The Truly Wise will tell you, "Words are magic, guard them carefully."

The Wise will tell you, "Keep your thoughts to yourself." The Truly Wise will tell you, "You know your thoughts, let others share your knowledge."

The Wise will tell you, "You never know until you try." The Truly Wise will tell you, "You never try until you know."

The Wise will tell you, "Know your enemies." The Truly Wise will add, "Because they might become your friends."

The Wise will tell you, "Hold your tongue." The Truly Wise will tell you, "Ligh Ah Due."

The Wise will tell you, "Hold your tongue." The Truly Wise will tell you, "And bite your thumb..."

The Wise will say, "I know all." The Truly Wise will tell you, "I know not."

You know a clever man by his answers and a wise man by his questions.

A Wise man will tell no one his secrets. A Truly Wise man doesn't care who finds them out.

Somebody Else's Shoes

Have you ever wished you could be something totally opposite than the real you?

To pretend, even if for just one day, that you could be somebody else. If I had that chance, I'd be like you, so free from reality, not having a care about the things I do.

I'd wear clothes that were ripped and torn, and for once I wouldn't be so boring.

I'd say things I've always wanted to, I'd do all the same things you do.

I'd roam the streets at night, with my individuality being my only light.

I'd laugh when people pointed at me, knowing they had their eyes closed to what they're really supposed to see.

Somebody daring to be different, somebody who wasn't the same, somebody with no true name.

When the day is over it all returns to the ordinary way, back to my traditional life.

But I at least had that experience of knowing how you live, knowing if for just one day, I was in somebody else's shoes.

By Melissa Cluff

By Erin Potts

Layout by: Kari Sheets



"MOM, WOULD YOU HAND ME THAT SUPER GLUE SOLVENT?" Joe Isaacs enjoys spending his extra time putting model cars together.



Putting THE PIECES TOGETHER

PEOPLE

All the people of the school are the pieces of what makes this school experience whole. This section is the heart of the book. Everyone is here, no one is excluded. Here you will see the pieces of our school put together as a whole. Sit back and enjoy.

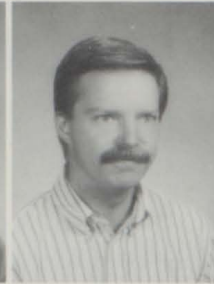
Kari Sheets and Jeanne Paden





Mr. Tony Abbott Mrs. Maria Burcroff Mr. Roger Carey Ms. Kristen Connors Mr. Dave Constantine Mrs. Kate Constantine Mr. Tim Davis

Faculty



Mr. Dale Johnson Mr. Darryl Lanning Mrs. Betsy Locke Mr. Phil Mason Mrs. Karen Mills Mr. Jim Noyes



Ms. Elizabeth Schaefer Mrs. Jane Schultz Mrs. Pam Soeffing Ms. Ann Spencer-Livingstone Mr. Gary Tompkins



Mr. Fred Hinman Mrs. Barbara Hodge Mrs. Liz Hoenninger Mrs. Mona Ingham



"I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON OVER AT THE PATH." Mr. Collea stands in the student entrance at the end of the educational wing.

"SMILE PRETTY." Mrs. Ryan works at her desk in the office.

"GOOD THOUGHT, BUT HERE'S ANOTHER WAY." Ms. Schaefer conducts a student government meeting.

"MAY I HELP YOU?" Mr. Carey is ready willing and able to assist any student in need of help in the Learning Center.



Mrs. Carol Russell Mrs. Jennie Ryan

Mr. Joseph Collea
High School Principal





Mrs. Jane Ford Mr. Kevin Gilroy Mr. John Godfrey Miss Marge Gollnitz Mrs. Bonnie Graves Mrs. Marilyn Hall Miss Kathy Hodge

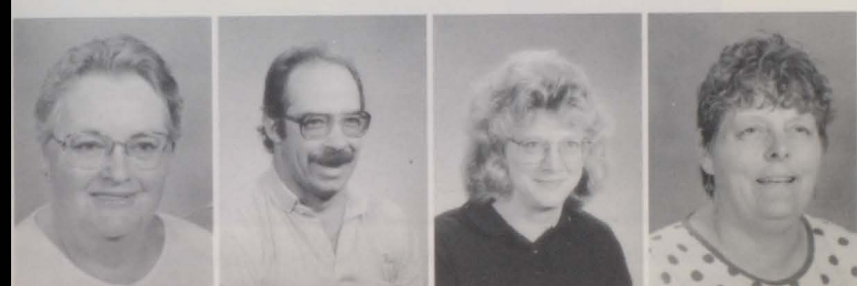
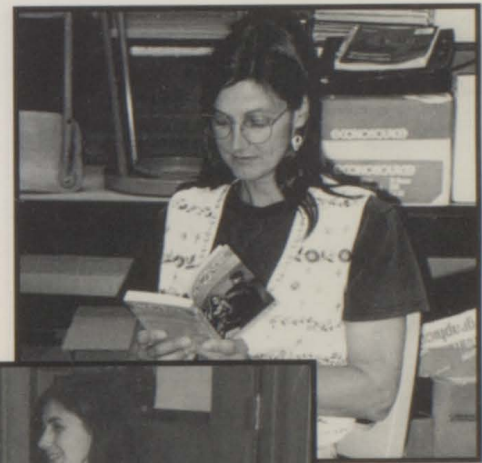


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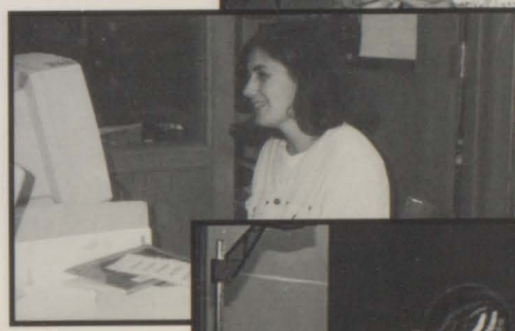
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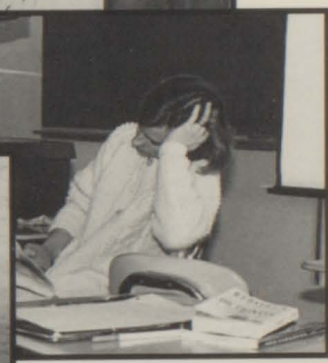
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Mrs. Barb Ingraham Mr. James Wanwarren Mrs. Ruth Nowalk Mrs. Tena Northup



Mr. Larry Tracey Mrs. Jennifer Waldron



Mr. Gray Stevens
Superintendent

“LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE NEEDS AN EXCEDRIN.” Mrs. Locke reads a *L'etrange* by Camus with her French class.

“I KNEW I PUT IT HERE SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE.” Mrs. Colquitt works hard on her paper work to help us stay healthy.

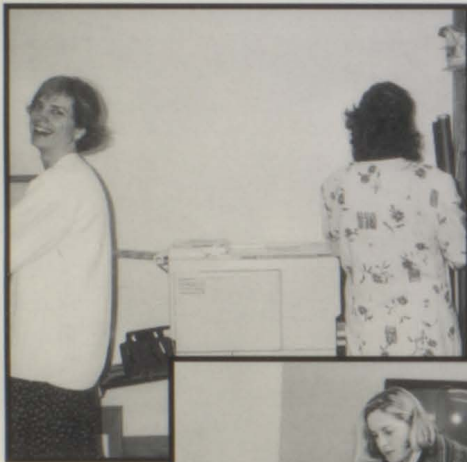
“THEN EDNA FELT A TEAR...” Mrs. Soeffing reads *Pardon Me...You're Stepping on my Eyeball*. She is inspired to do so because she came from Staten Island which is where Paul Zindel sets his novels.

“OUR JOLLY LIBRARIAN” Mrs. Santacrose happily puts the new books for the library into the system.



After 30 Years, Miss G Says "Good-Bye" to Oxford

Miss G went to Ithaca College. Afterwards she taught at Dundee Central School, which is by Watkins Glen, for three years. She then got her job here and she's been with us for thirty years. She's had a wonderful time teaching here, she says, but she looks forward to retiring. She's planning on spending her days reading, fishing, boating, quilting, traveling, and just generally relaxing.



"SHHH...HERE COMES AN-OTHER ONE." Mrs. Locke shares a "not for students" conversation with Mrs. Ryan.



MISS HODGE FLIPS THE PAGES IN A TEACHER'S MAGAZINE, trying to find something to order to assist her in lovingly helping students learn.



"PAGE 1, PAGE 4, PAGE 7, 2, 5, 6, 3... I JUST LOVE MESSING THEM UP." Miss Connors is collating papers in her office.



"DID YOU SEE SOMETHING MOVE IN MY SANDWICH?" Mrs. Hall talks to Mrs. Paul as she eats lunch.



"...THEN SHE SAID, 'TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, MY BOOK ATE IT'." Mrs. Truman talks with Mrs. Nowalk in the library.

"LIKE, A BLAST FROM THE PAST, MON." Mrs. Burcroff and Mrs. Soeffing look like they're having fun at the 50's & 60's Dance.

Bus Drivers



Back Row: Dennis Carey, Rick McConnell, Charlene Bryant, Joyce Tefft, John Hole, Don Wall, Don Downey, Lillian Quinn; *Front Row:* JoAnn Wilson, Lorayne Carlson, Jerry Armondi, Carol Wilson, Cecy Yerton



Oxford Welcomes Mr. Collea as our New Principal

Mr. Collea came to us from Mohomasen High School in Schenectady. Before that he was also a principal in Afton and an assistant vice principal at Ilion Junior-Senior High School in Utica.

Before he became a principal he taught 7th and 8th grade social studies. Mr. Collea taught for 14 years and felt he had maximized his potential but still wanted to stay in education so he decided to train to be a principal. When asked he admits that he likes Oxford very much—both the town and the school. He has been in bigger cities for most of his career and is enjoying the change. He grew up in a small town and says Oxford gives him a “back home” feeling. In his spare time he loves going to movies, he follows all kinds of professional sports, has a great interest in researching the Civil War, and loves traveling.

“In the time I’ve been here I’ve been very pleased with the enthusiasm the students, parents, and faculty have in their school. You don’t have that everywhere and it’s impressive.”



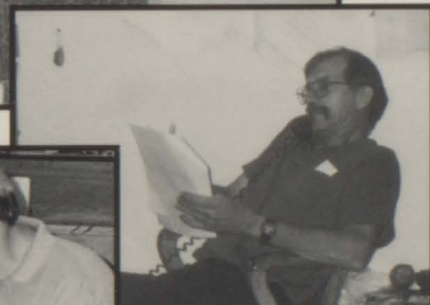
School Board Members



“I GOT THE WHOLE WORLD...” Mr. Tompkins hangin’ out in his room.



Bill Stratton, Bill Golden, Mike Mayhood, Lew Ford, Dale Leach



“NOW THAT WE’VE READ THE BOOK COMPLETELY OUT OF ORDER WE’LL DO THIS WORKSHEET TO PUT IT BACK IN ORDER SO YOU’LL UNDERSTAND IT.” Miss Spencer-Livingstone explains The Joy Luck Club in English 11.

“THIS CONTAINER OF WAX WAS SUPPOSE TO BE \$38.92 NOT \$38.99. LOOK WE HAVE BUDGET CUTS IN THIS SCHOOL...” Mr. Tracey in the custodians’ room.

“I GUESS THAT’S ALL THE MISTAKES HE MADE, GEEZ MY HAND HURTS, OH WAIT, THERE’S ANOTHER ONE, LET’S SEE IF I CAN JUST FIT THAT AT THE BOTTOM.” Mr. Godfrey working in the Learning Center.

“TIPPITY TAP.” Mrs. Russell types away at her keyboard in the Guidance Office.



Brooke Aldrich



Brandon Barrows



Debra Barrows



Noah Bateman



Travis Beebe



Justin Boberg



Katie Brantley

Class Of 2001



Michael Chrystie



Brian Cobb



Lisa Cole



Jeremy Custer



Seth Daugherty



Stacey Dean



Michael Flanagan



Andrew Franklin



Ryan Harvey



Cathy Heim



Amanda Hemstrought



Matt Livingston



Melissa Menard



Adrianne Monaco



Erica Morrison



Eric Northup



Aja Otero



Amie Jo Pierce

FUTURE ARCHITECT Theron DeLoatch building the skyscrapers of the future in art class.

A STROKE HERE AND A LINE THERE... Craig Gray draws during Studio Art.

GIVE US A SQUUNCH. Janice Mullin and Megan Dempsey are posing in the lunchroom.

BRAIN POWER! Michael Towndrow concentrates to solve one of his intriguing math problems.



Jessica Rogers



Darla Sabin



Elizabeth Brazee



Jolene Brown



Chip Brown



Terry Bush



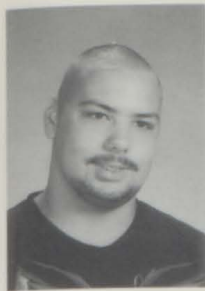
Schlane Canaday



Katy Carey



Jessie Champlin



Theron DeLoatch



Megan Dempsey



Allison Dilfer



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Aaron Lewis



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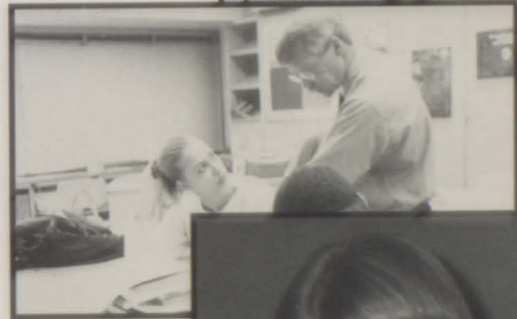
Amy Murcay



Melissa Nelson



Kristen Nenarella



Jason Place



Kimberly Potter



Craig Rogers



CAREFUL, IT MIGHT FREEZE THAT WAY. Lisa Cole apparently doesn't like her picture taken while she's doing her math in the Learning Center.

OFF IN STORYBOOK LAND. Jessica Rogers and Deb Barrows reading in the library during their study hall.

"YOU MEAN I WASN'T SUPPOSED TO SELL THE PLATE WITH THE COOKIES? OH, IT WAS REAL CHINA, HUH? OH, THAT'S GREAT. IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME..." Kim Potter helps out SADD at one of their bakesales.

THE INQUISITIVE MIND Amy Murcay looks to Mr. Gilroy for help as he tries to explain something to her.



Michael Sayles



David Seaman



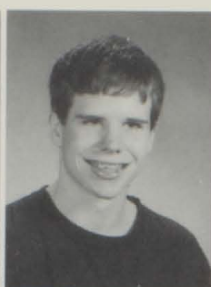
Sheena Sheridan



Trevor Smithgall



Anna Stratton



Matthew Sutton



Kyle Sylstra



Peter Szabelski



Crystal Wall



Jan Washington



Christopher Weiss



Michael Wells



OFF TO THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY, WILLIE Melissa Urgo plays Willie Wonka for the Freshman float.

A MUCH NEEDED MOMENTARY ESCAPE FOR ALLISON The photographer of this picture distracts Allison Dilfer from Global Studies I and gets a stern look and a "What the heck?" from Mr. Carey.



DEEPLY IMMERSSED IN THE BOOK Kristin Nenarella looks engrossed in *To Kill A Mockingbird* in English class.



"LEARNING OF THE WORLD IS SUCH FUN," says Trevor Smithgall. This is a common scene in Mr. Carey's Global Studies I class.

This year's freshman class, the class of 2001, is strong. Strong not only in



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academics, but in athletics, communication and creativity. High school so far has been

LOOKING THOUGHTFUL You can almost see the smoke coming out of David Seaman's ears he's thinking so hard.

"OOMPA, LOOMPA" The Freshmen prepare their float for the Homecoming parade.





Justin Tefft



Tonya Tefft



Robert Thompson



Mike Towndrow



Melissa Urgo



Allen Wall



Nolan Wilcox



Dennis Williams



Luke Williams

Not Pictured

- Chad Bush Joe Maniscalco
- Jason Diamond Pete Pierce
- Craig Gray June Sabines
- Daniel Harvey MaryElla Smith
- Chris LaCotta April Wakefield
- R.J. MacLaury Leah Wilcox

great. Coming in second in the Homecoming parade has shown the rest of the school that first of all, we're not afraid of them, and second, working together has shown us that in years to come, we will be the leaders.

Athletics has also shown how we work together. The J.V. soccer and field hockey teams came in undefeated and the freshman class contributed greatly to this record. In years to come, you can expect our class to come out on top.

Melissa Menard & Anna Stratton

UP TO NO GOOD Craig Rogers looks like he may be plotting something judging from his wide grin.



RESEARCH CAN BE FUN Mike Sayles is doing research on our very own EMAS and OPAC stations at the Media Center.



DOODLERAMA Stacey Dean doodles on her notebook during a group discussion about *To Kill A Mockingbird* in English.

THE SCHOOL SPIRIT SHOWS WITH THE FRESHMAN CLASS. The freshmen cheer as they go through town and then place second to the juniors in the float competition.



"STICK 'EM UP." Mike Wells portrays one of the ticket winners in *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* on the freshman float.





Shaun Barber



Amanda Bauman



Daniel Beckwith



Melissa Bishop



B. J. Blackman



Kelly Boise



Chad Bradley



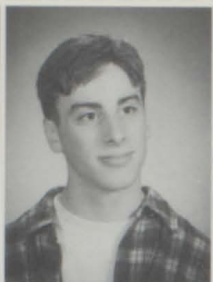
Chris Curnalia



Alison Curtis



Trevor DeSane



Scott Franco



Amanda Frank



Melany Garvey



Wendy Hamilton



Jesse Hodge



Nathan Hodge



Agneiska Incitti



Kathryn Ivarson



Sarah Locke



Jessica Luyster



Brandon Maynard



Bradley Menard



Tamika Nichols



Richard Northup



Jaret Paul

2000!



Tonya Preston



Kyle Race



Abe Brewer



Barton Brown



Mark Carman



Trisha Clendening



Nikki Cole



Lance Colquitt



Scott Cummings



Kim Goda



Jeffrey Golden



Rebecca Graves



Robert Graves



Nathaniel Gross



Kellie Hall



James Kelsey



Alan Lawton



Elaina Lazarus



Kelly Lints



Jennifer Lobdell

This year's sophomore class (the class of 2000) has grown a lot. We have not only grown up, but we have come together more. The number of people who came together to help on the Homecoming float was almost amazing. Hopefully we will have a successful next two years. Jenn Post



Patricia Menard



Terri Miller



Alesia Minshall



Scott Murcay



Tara Perry



Jenny Post



Erin Potts

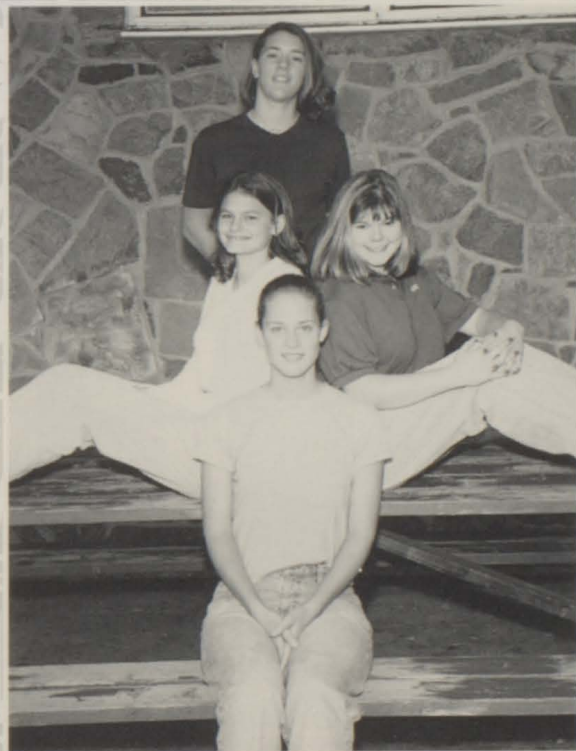
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Suzy Scorza
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Heather Ray



Nicole Riley



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Michael Root



Karie Rothwell



Suzanne Scorza



Matt Seaman



Jens Sejersen



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Kevin Sheridan



Trevor Tompkins



Thomas Toomer



Nicole Towndrow



Eric Townsend



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Jason Vandermark

AN ARTIST AT HER WORK

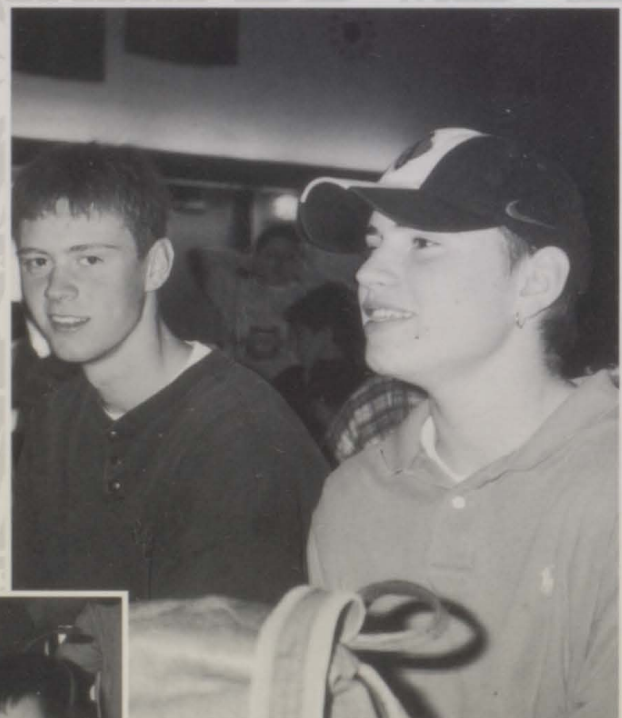
Melany shows off her artistic side.



WAY TO PLAY THE SAX Kevin Sheridan plays his saxophone so well, doesn't he?



QUIT YELLING IN MY EAR SCOTT! Scott Cummings cheers for the 10th graders in the Homecoming parade.



PRETTY IN PINK We can't forget when Mat showed off his feminine side during Foreign Language Club.

SMILE FOR THE CAMERA BOYS Matt and Rootman smile for us while they eat their lunch.





Chris Simpson



Zack Stevens



Catherine Suloff



Lindsay Thompson



Mike Thompson



Mathew Todaro



Crystal Tompkins



Amanda Vigus



Courtney Voorhis



Josh Washington



Eric Wells



William Wentz



Allison Wiley

Not Pictured

Robert Demuth
Virginia Place
Andrew Ross
Elizabeth Strong
Melanie Urgo
Peter Weeks
Danny Williams



COME ON GUYS LET'S GET BACK TO WORK. Zack, Chad, and Bill take a break in the library. (Even if they're supposed to be working.)

URGOMANIA!!! Sisters for life. Melanie and Melissa Ugo hang out with Terri Miller at break time.

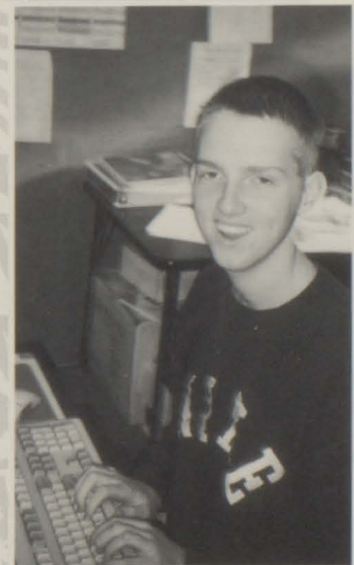


IT'S A HIGH SCHOOL WONDERLAND The 10th graders this year went along with the Mad Hatter tea party scene.



ENJOYING YOUR SELF ERIC? Eric Townsend sits and daydreams about when 3 o'clock will roll around.

TYPE, TYPE, TYPE AWAY Chris Simpson works on the computer in the Learning Center.



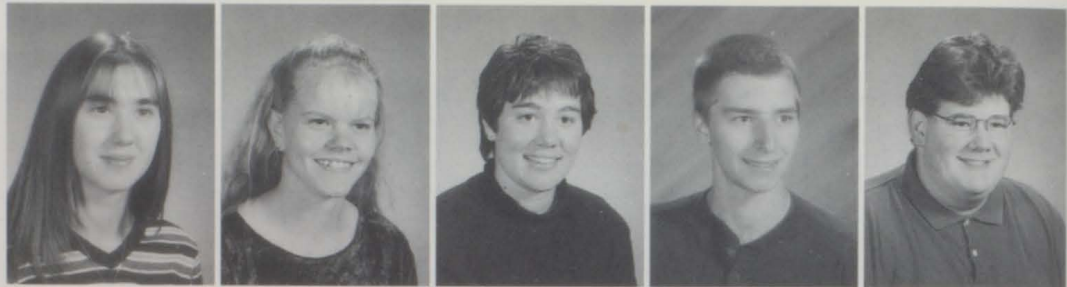


Carly Abbott Reubin Aldrich Crystal Atkinson Brandi Benedict Brian Binelli Ryan Bleye Michelle Bliss

Class Of 1999



Nicole Champlin Tara Deubler Joel Douglass Jon Dunckel Jess Eldred Gary Fitch



Amy Heim Hillary Hicks Ann-Marie Hoenninger Matt Hunter Joseph Isaacs



Sarah Lewis Tanya MacLaury Todd Marks Kathy McGowan



Edward Morrison John Mullin John Musser

IS IT BAD WHEN YOUR FINGERS STICK TOGETHER? Mrs. Mills helps Rachel Whaley with her toothpick sculpture in Studio Art.

UNDER THE SEA Prince Eric and Ariel, a.k.a. Zack Seitles and Kylee Gates stand reigning over their kingdom.

Mullin and Muzzy in a friendly embrace.

ALL TWISTED IN KNOTS The 3-E class plays vocab Twister.



Joseph Phillips Andrea Race

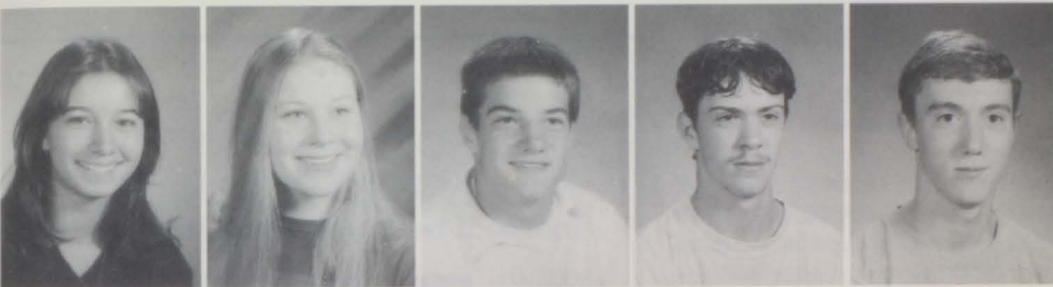


Chris Brazee Melissa Bresee Jon Bush Jon Carey Megan Carey Jaimie Carhart Derek Carlson



Ashley Franco Dan Franklin Kylee Gates Vanessa Granata Aaron Grant Brianne Hansen

Juniors



Nellene Kappauf Dana Knapp Lukas Korver Dave Langille Jason Lee



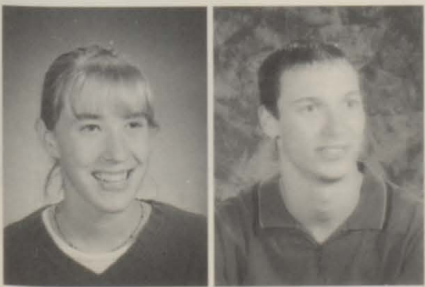
Lacey Meek Avalon Monaco Elizabeth Moore Roxy Morey



Megan Muzzy Estra Otero Jenn Phetteplace



A LITTLE TO YOUR LEFT, A LITTLE MORE. THAT'S IT. TOO MUCH, RIGHT, RIGHT!" Anne Marie directs driver the backing up.



Jessica Robb Donald Rogers

LA SIESTA Sarah Lewis takes a nap in the Learning Center. Too bad she can't sleep at night.

THE MAKERS OF THE BUBBLES OF THE SEA Say that ten times fast. Michelle Bliss, Sarah Sylstra, and Hillary Hicks all blow bubbles for the junior float.

DO YOU WANT BLUE, PINK, OR SILVER NAILS? Vanessa Granata does Liz Moore's manicure in Cosmetology class at BOCES.



Craig Ryan



Heather Sabines



Jen Santanna



Bob Schwager



Brandi Semler



Kari Sheets



Darrin Tewksbury



Edward Ulfik



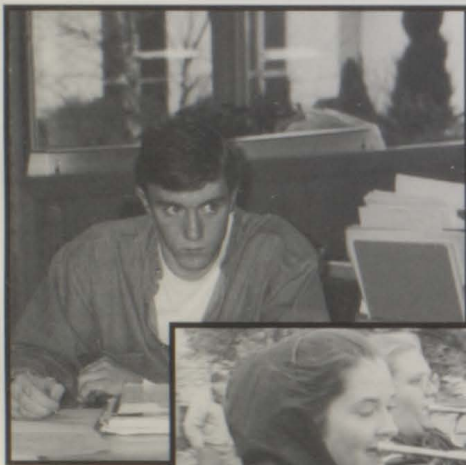
Leslie Vigus



Hannah Vincent

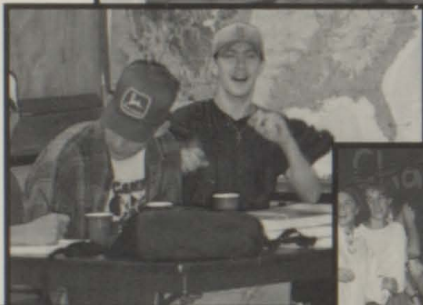


Dave Wakefield



NOT A MINUTE WASTED Jason Lee takes advantage of the time before homeroom to do his Course III homework which demands a lot of time and attention.

BLOW YOUR OWN HORN Roxy Morey plays the trumpet in Marching Band for the Homecoming parade.



DOZING DUSTIN Dustin Warburton gets 20 winks during tennis practice.

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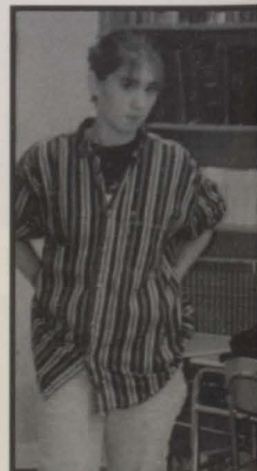
Going from a sophomore to a junior means a big change



in perspective. Instead of thinking about being an upper classman, we now have to

DAVE'S AWFULLY EXCITED ABOUT SOMETHING. Dave Langille works on a lab during Environmental Science.

TAKING A STROLL Lacey Meek does the Stroll, one of the all time 50's favorites, at the 50's and 60's Dance.





Bobby Shimer



Virginia Skoros



Ron Smith



Chacea Stanton



Catherine Stratton



Sarah Sylstra



Dustin Warburton Andrew Waters



Rachel Whaley



Hilary Wilcox



Jason Williams

Not Pictured

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- Christina Beilby
- Mindi Bickford
- Corey Bush
- Jessica Cole
- Nathan Diamond
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- Daisy Marsh
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- Zachary Seitles
- Derik Williams

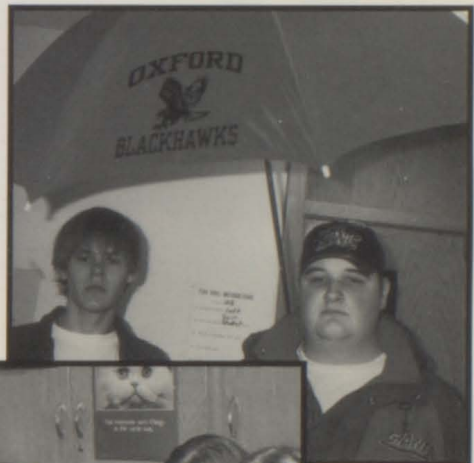
think about our futures. This means more responsibilities. We are all becoming much more mature and more serious about our lives.

The high school is now a familiar place for us and we are making more decisions that will form our lives. This is an exciting time for us. Through all of these changes, the Junior Class still has great spirit. We have great friendships and a lot of talent.

Lacey Meek

TOP SALESMEN Joe Phillips and Rob Lawton were two of our best umbrella salesmen. Thus far the umbrella sale was our most successful fundraiser.

THE GATHERING OF SEVERAL COURSE III CONSTITUENTS Many compare answers and finish homework in homeroom.

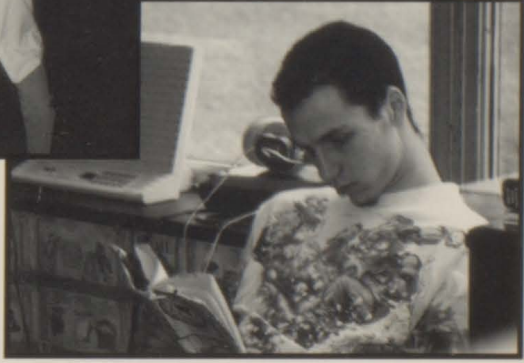


GET THAT THING AWAY FROM ME OR I'LL... Joe Isaacs and Gary Fitch work together in Bio Chemistry.

GIT DOWN Kylee Gates, Jessica Robb, and Andrea Race dance at the 50's and 60's Dance.

LUKE, MASTER VOCAB CHIEF Luke Korver presides as current vocab chief. Term: One week.

IN ANOTHER WORLD Don is so absorbed in his assigned reading for English, *The Color Purple*, that he doesn't even notice the camera's flash.



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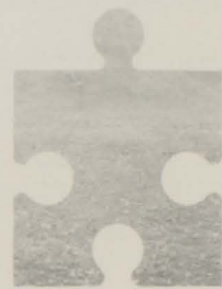


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The Senior Class of 1998



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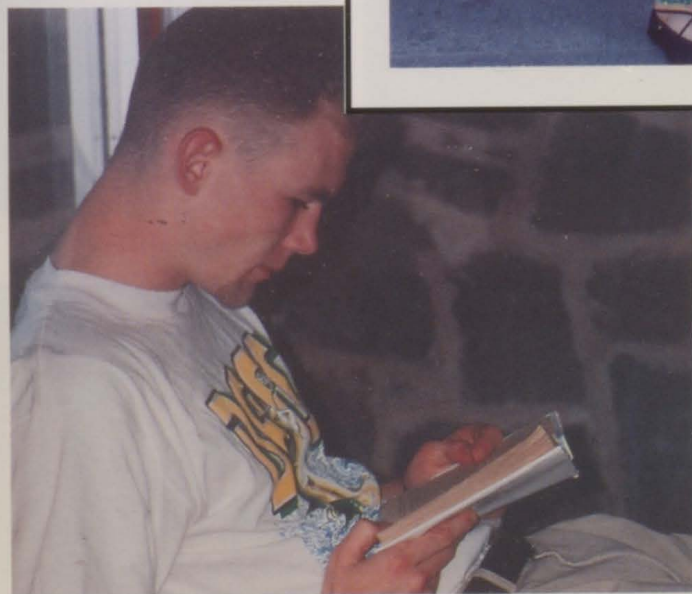
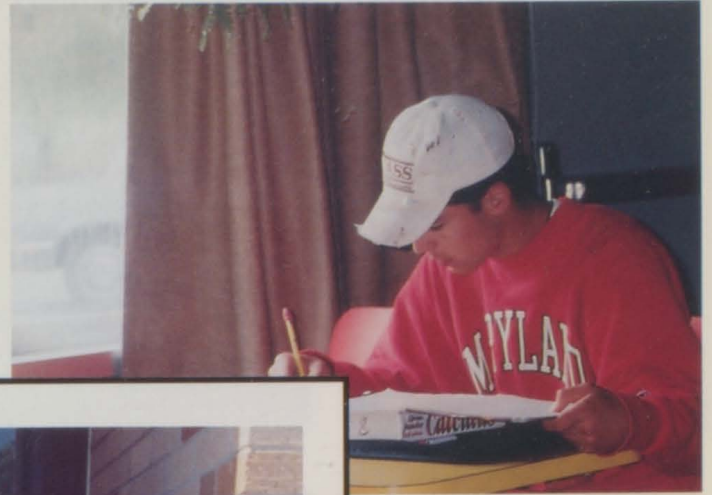
Doc and Mrs. Constantine

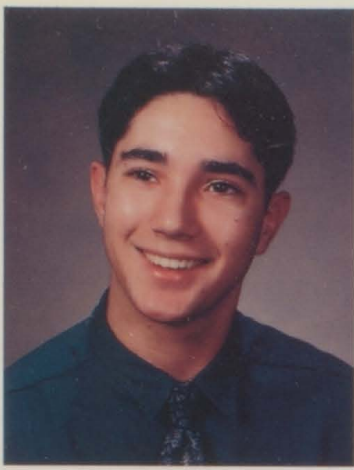


This year's Senior class of 1998 is composed of many wonderful individuals. As a team, we have made the past four years of our lives very memorable. They will always represent our growing together, our learning together, and most importantly, our working together. United by perseverance, we have accomplished many challenging tasks that have both benefitted our class and the community of Oxford. We began our schooling destined to make our mark on this small town. Now we move on to the world. We will never forget the memories shared here at Oxford.

Congratulations, seniors, and best of luck to your bright futures, wherever life may take you.

S.Michelle Klemens

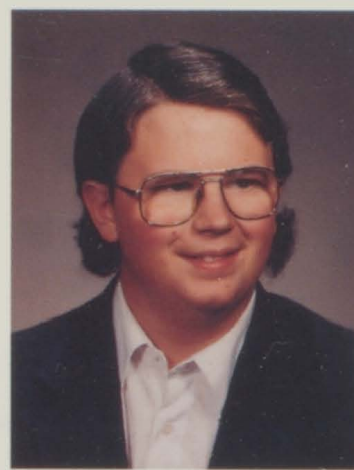




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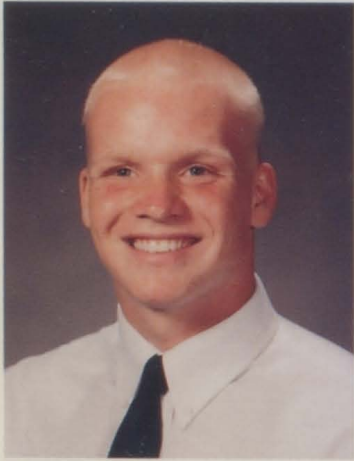
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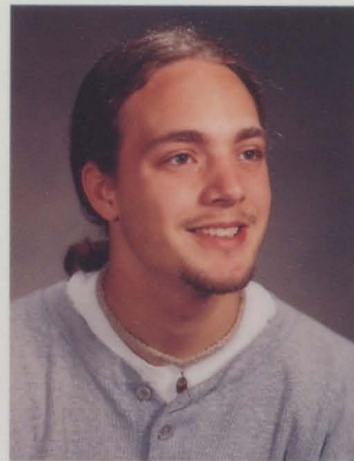
Jason Bower



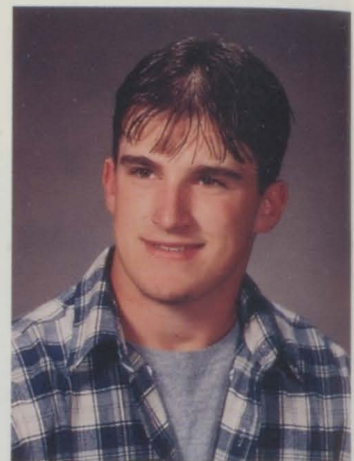
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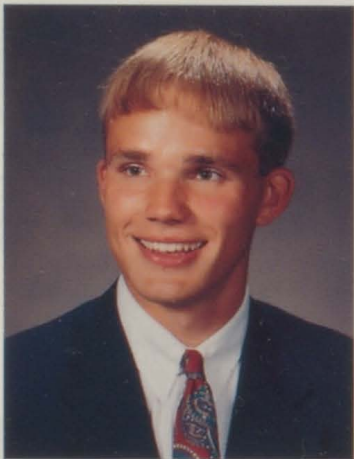
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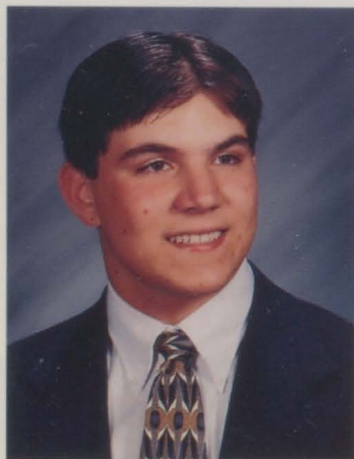
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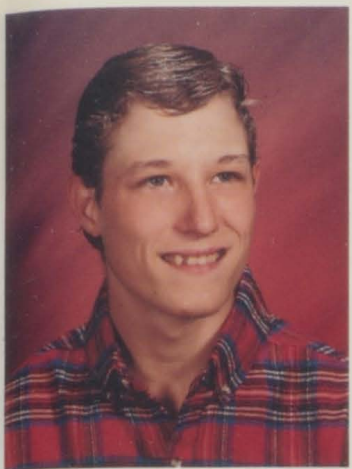
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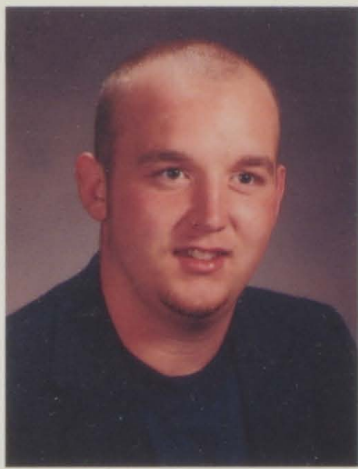
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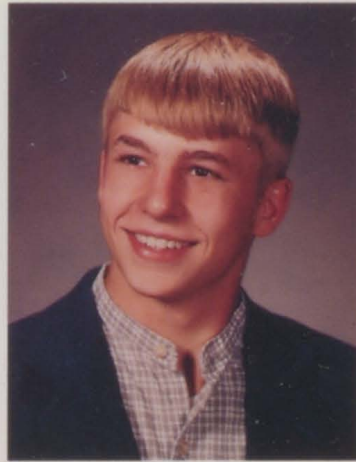
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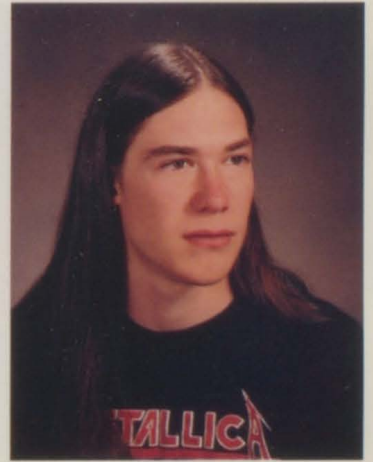
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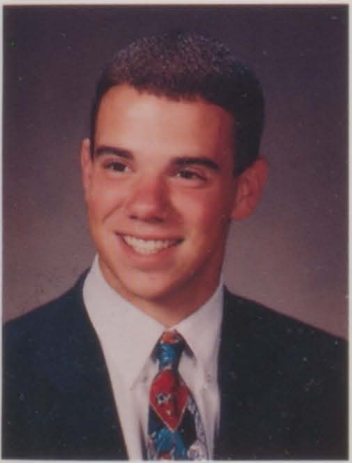
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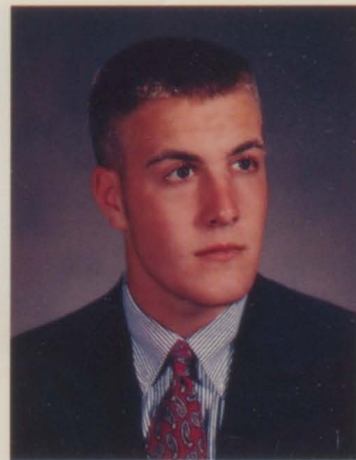
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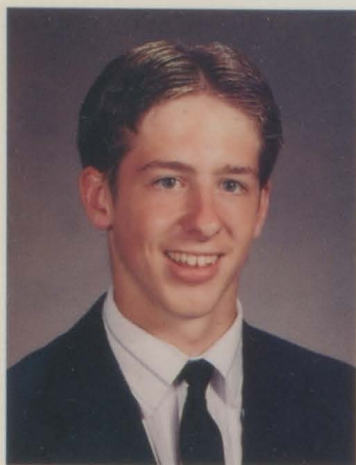


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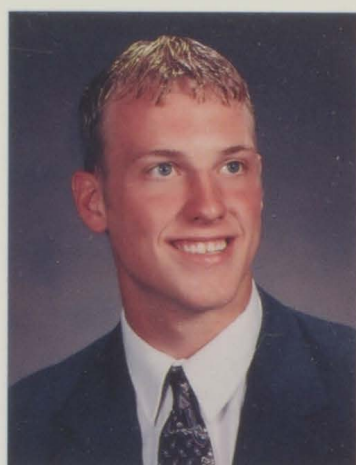
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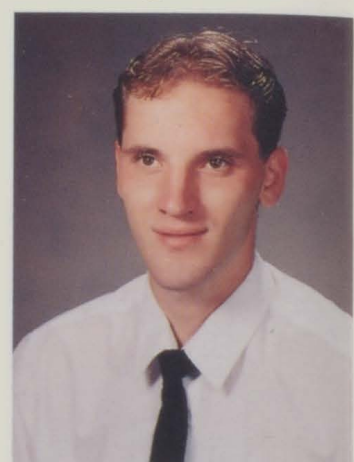
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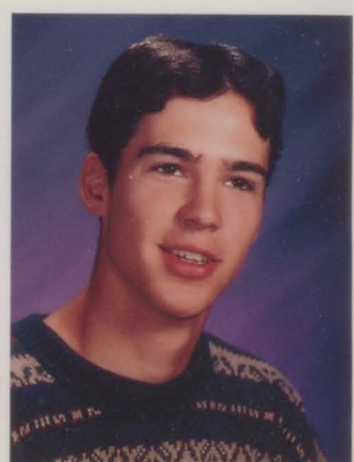
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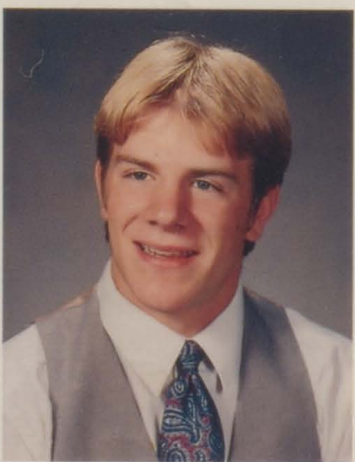
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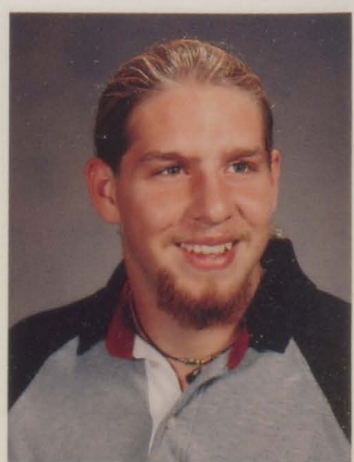
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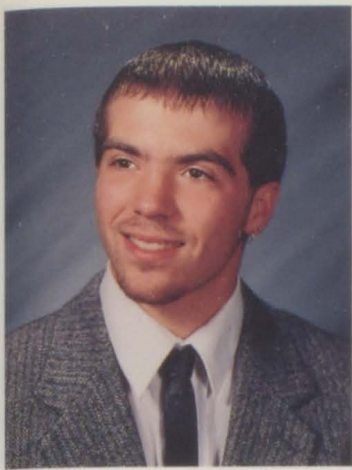
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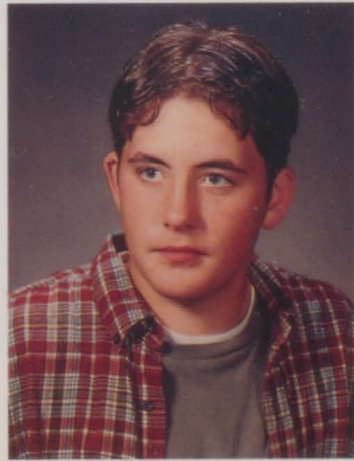
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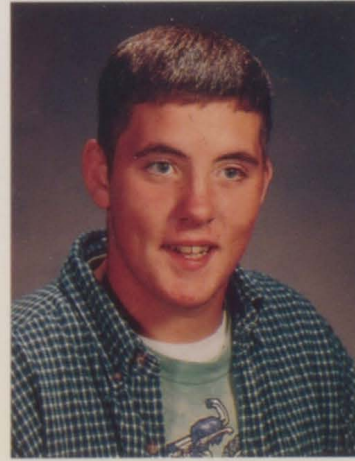
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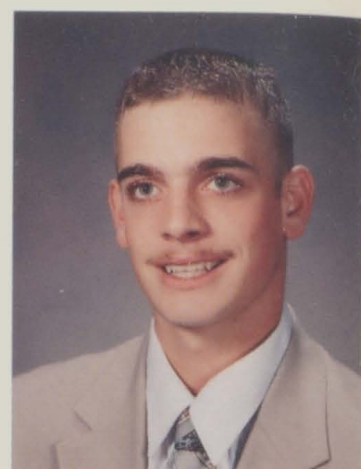
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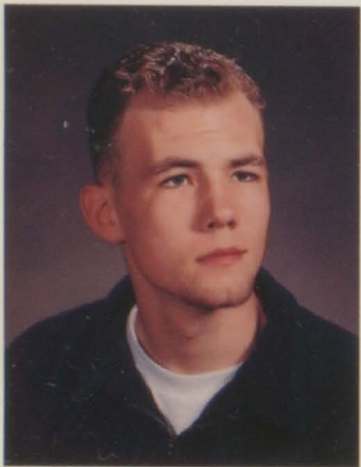
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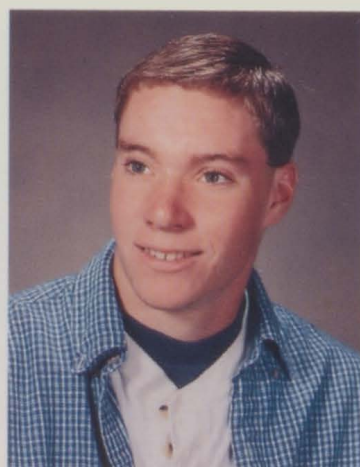
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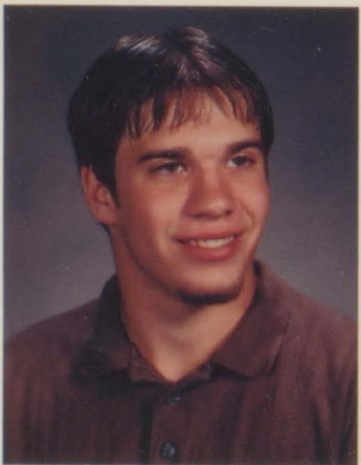
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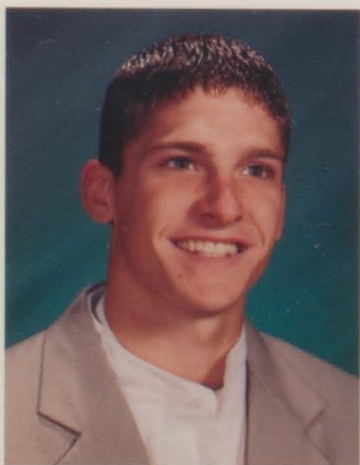
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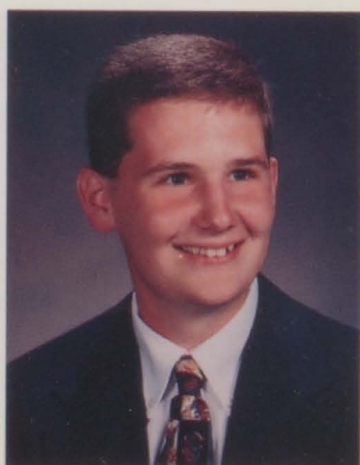
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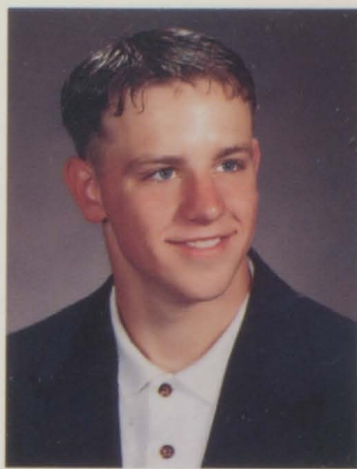




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Sara Rose Todaro

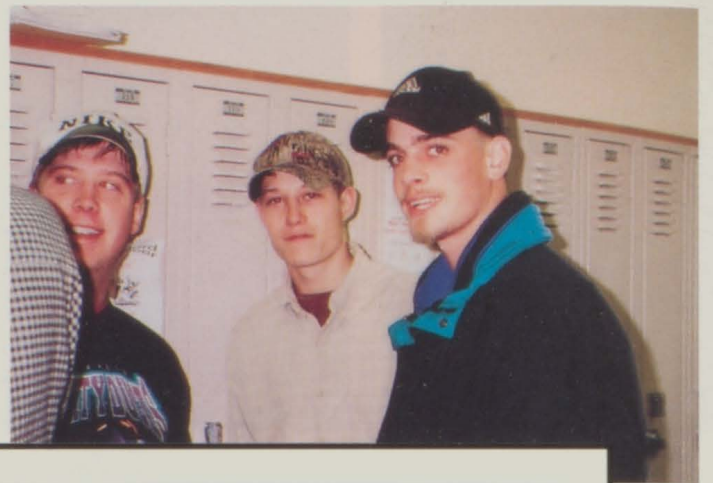


Jeremy Alan Tompkins



Ian D. Troxell







March 21-April 20

Krista Bartle 4/6/80
Melissa Cluff 4/4/79
Kevin Glover 4/11/79
Michelle Klemens 4/16/79
Matt Leach 4/1/79
Martina Neher 4/1/80
Jeremy Rickard 4/16/80
Justen Rickard 4/16/80
Toni Sabin 4/6/79
Kate Taranto 4/13/79
Jason Urgo 3/22/80

ARIES

Aries Notables: Leonardo Da Vinci, Marlon Brando, Charlie Chaplin



April 21- May 21

James Dempsey 5/6/79
T.J. Luyster 4/23/79
JoAnn Martin 5/6/80
Keith Moore 5/17/79

TAURUS

Taurus Notables: William Shakespeare
Karl Marx, Jack Nicholson



May 22 -June 21

Brad Balcom 5/30/80
Jason Bower 6/20/79
Paul Golden 6/14/79
Kim Knapp 5/31/79
Justin Lupinetti 6/17/79
Tom McCumber 5/28/80
Cole Samsel 6/11/79
Matthew Strong 5/23/79
Kevin Wall 6/3/79
Kevin Weidman 5/26/80

GEMINI

Gemini Notables: Anne Frank, Marilyn Monroe, John Wayne



June 22-July 22

Amanda Burritt 6/23/79
Hillary Fritschler 6/22/80
Jason Lewis 7/18/80
Daisy Marsh 6/26/80
Lorelee Mayhood 7/18/80
Annette Northrup 7/19/79
Kristina VanLaar 6/29/80

CANCER

Cancer Notables: Mike Tyson, Bill Cosby, Kathleen Turner



July 23- August 23

Kim Bryden 7/31/80
Dan Ford 8/5/79
Amy Denz 7/31/79

LEO

Leo Notables: Robert DeNiro, Bill Clinton, Madonna



August 24- September 24

Warren Bradt 9/18/78
Mike Cashman 9/23/79
George Heggie 8/27/79
Juned Memon 9/20/82
Buddy Northup 9/11/79
Justin Post 8/26/79
David Sayles 8/31/77
Sara Todaro 8/25/79

VIRGO

Virgo Notables: Sean Connery, Mother Teresa, Queen Elizabeth I



September 23- October 22

Hans Franklin 10/17/79
Erin Johnson 10/17/79
Leslie Joscelyn 10/5/78
Jennifer O'Reilly 9/28/79
Ryan Warner 9/24/78

LIBRA

Libra Notables: Mohandas Gandhi, Bryant Gumbel, Randy Quaid



October 23- November 21

Jeff Makin 11/21/79
Tonya Reilly 11/5/79
Adam Roys 11/8/79
Jeremy Tompkins 11/6/79
Ian Troxell 11/8/79
Sarah Williams 11/1/79

SCORPIO

Scorpio Notables: Hillary Rodham Clinton, Whoopi Goldberg, Theodore Roosevelt



November 22- December 21

Bryan Davis 11/28/78
Chris LeClar 11/24/79
Teresa Moore 12/2/78
Brandon Wall 12/9/79

SAGITTARIUS

Sagittarius Notables: Mark Twain, Bette Midler, Winston Churchill



December 22-January 20

Matthew Franco 12/23/78
Jolene Howe 1/9/80
Maria Lohan 1/2/81
Philip Sheridan 1/3/80
Jason Suloff 1/3/80
Tom Vincent 1/4/80

CAPRICORN

Capricorn Notables: Denzel Washington, Anthony Hopkins, Tracy Ullman



January 21-February 19

Steve Brazee 1/31/78
Andy Baxter 1/29/80

AQUARIUS

Aquarius Notables: Humphrey Bogart, Oprah Winfrey, Geena Davis



February 20- March 20

John Ford 3/4/80
Calvin Locke 2/24/80
Jeannie Paden 3/12/80
Vicky Pittsley 3/3/80
Kristina Root 3/20/80

PISCES

Pisces Notables: Michelangelo, Mikhail Gorbachev

Class of 1998 Presents...

Our Starry Night

He Said.... She Said...

The class of '98's prom had a few kinks in it, but it still was a great night. It was great to hear the songs that were important to us and be around everyone all dressed up. We made many memories that night and learned what makes a real prom is not the color of the streamers or the DJ's music, but the people around you. We were all "Free Birds" that "Wonderful Night" without a care in the world.

Matt Leach

The Prom means many things to many people. Some think it's a waste of time and money. Others say it's the only reason they go to school, so that by their junior year they can go to the big event, the dance of all dances, The Prom. Many kids get their dates in 7th grade while others change their dates yearly because of who they are dating at the time. This is also the time when people's true colors come through. Whether it's the girl who wants to be Prom Queen so bad that she is downright rude to the other girls or the one girl you saw wearing heels and a dress for the first time and that night she looked like a movie star. Also, the guys are different. Wow, you think to yourself, I never thought he was that cute before. Maybe it's the

tux or the stuffy gym. All the guys looked polished and dressed to a "T". Some guys actually matched!

Lastly the dance itself- The gym changed into the little world we all saw in our minds as the perfect prom and was put together for that night. You couldn't see the scoreboard or the basketball nets. You only saw a sea of green, white, and silver streamers and millions of little twinkling star lights.

You looked at yourself, your date, and the dance. You took a long stare at the view and took a mental picture because you will someday tell your daughter about this night. Your special night, Prom 1997.

Kate Taranto



JUSTIN, DON'T JUMP! We can all relate to the stress of getting Prom ready. We spent all day getting those streamers up.

PRESENTING..... The All Male Kick Line..... Mike Cashman, Adam Roys, Philip Sheridan, John Ford, Chris LeClar, Matt Franco, Calvin Locke



The Royal Court

Standing: Ryan Warner, Ian Troxell, 2nd Prince Matt Leach, 1st Prince Adam Roys, Kevin Glover, Matt Franco; Sitting: Kristina VanLaar, Jenny O'Reilly, 2nd Princess Krista Bartle, The King Tim Suda, The Queen Kristina Root, 1st Princess Tonya Reilly, Lorelee Mayhood, and Michelle Klemens

"GOSH T.J. I'M SORRY . You're such a great dancer, but now my feet hurt," complains Amanda.



THE KING AND QUEEN HAVE ENTERED THE BUILDING. Kristina Root and Tim Suda pause in their glory and fame to smile for the camera.

AWH! WHAT A BONDING MOMENT! The Prom goers of 1997 get together to sing and sway to "I've Got Friends in Low Places."

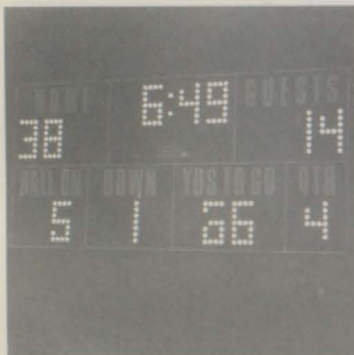
Blackhawks open the can on SVE

Parade, Bonfire, Football, Dance, Coronation

The 5-2 defense setup shut down SVE's offense to gain a 38-14 win for Oxford.

THE FOOTBALL TEAM SHOWS ITS SPIRIT! The football team shows the crowd they're #1 as they ride their float during Thursday night's Homecoming parade.

With just under seven minutes left on the clock, the Blackhawks block SVE from scoring again as they head for a Homecoming victory.



Floats

follow

movie

themes



TOP 3rd place - Seniors with "National Lampoon's Senior Trip"

4th place - Sophomores with "Alice in Wonderland"



TOP 1st place - Juniors with "The Little Mermaid"

2nd place - Freshmen with "Willie Wonka & the Chocolate Factory"



Front Row: Second Princess-M. Klemens, M. Lohan, King-J. Post, Queen-E. Johnson, S. Todaro, K. Bartle, First Princess- J. O'Reilly; Back Row: Second Prince- I. Troxell, L. Mayhood, A. Denz, M. Franco, P. Sheridan, J. Dempsey, M. Cashman, C. Locke, First Prince-J. Tompkins

Front Row: K. Bartle, E. Johnson, M. Lohan, J. O'Reilly, S. Todaro, M. Klemens, A. Denz, L. Mayhood; Back Row: M. Cashman, J. Dempsey, M. Franco, C. Locke, J. Post, P. Sheridan, J. Tompkins, I. Troxell



The Homecoming candidates anxiously await the coronation of the court at the dance Saturday night.

"It's Your Love" of music and fun

On the night of our Homecoming Dance of 1997, students who attended came together for a night filled with music and fun. Our Homecoming Dance was a success due to the excitement over

the win on Friday night and the spirit that our school

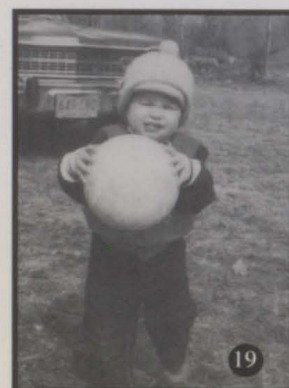
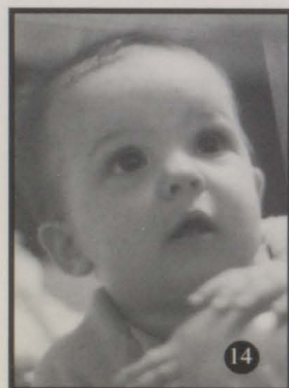
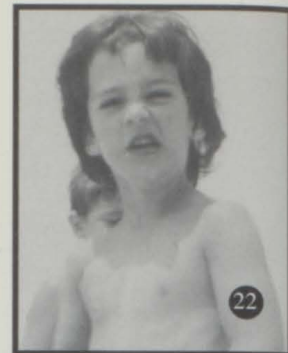


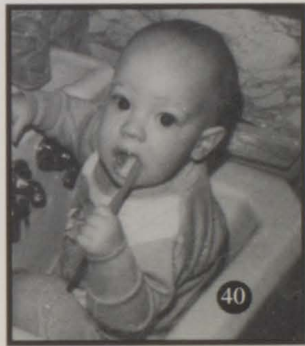
has. Our song this year was, "It's Your Love." The night of our Homecoming Dance was one that I will remember always, and hope that everyone who attended carries the same memories as I do into their future.

Erin Johnson

The smiles on these faces show bubbling pride as the Senior Lady Blackhawks root for the home team. We worked hard for over a month, under the supervision of Mrs. Carey, to provide spirit and a halftime show for the Homecoming game.

Layout by: Jeannie Paden





38 K. Taranto, 39 J. Paden, 40 J. Dempsey, 41 P. Sheridan, 42 B. Davis, 43 K. Glover, 44 T. Reilly, 45 M. Leach, 46 S. Williams, 47 J. Lewis, 48 K. Weidman, 49 C. LeClair, 50 C. Locke, 51 M. Klemens.

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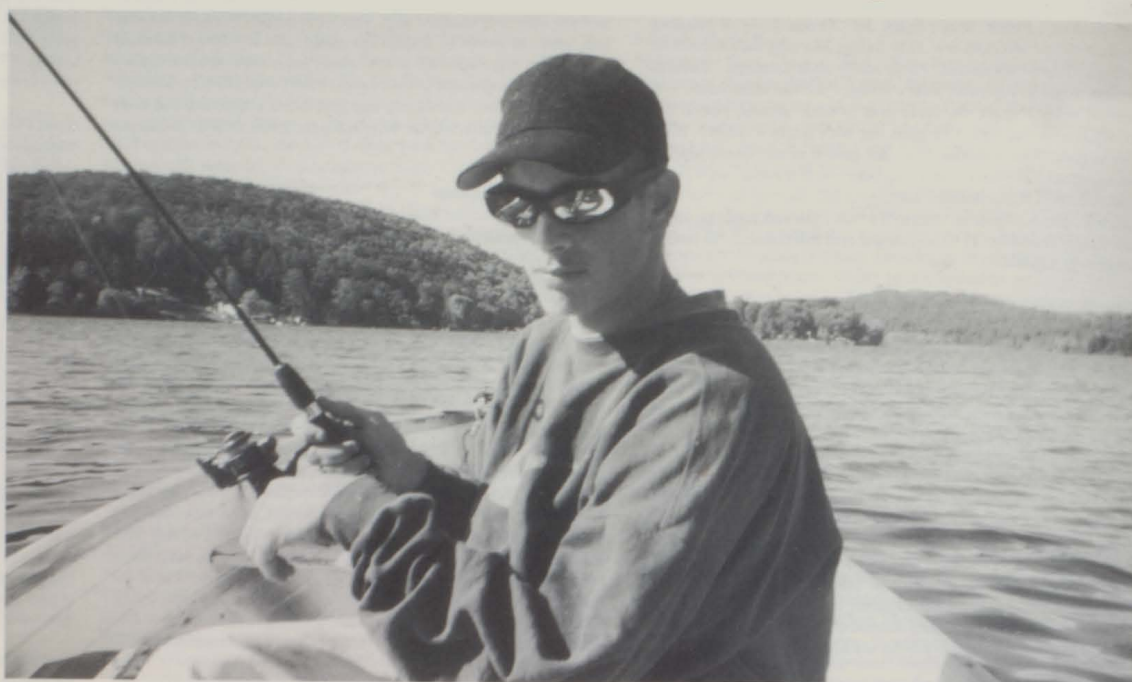
Enjoying the great

outdoors

in summer, fall, winter, spring

REELING IT IN. Jason spends his summer days catching not only the fish, but some rays, too.

AND THE DIRTIEST TRUCK AWARD GOES TO... T.J. goes four-wheeling in some of the muddiest places by the looks of his automobile.



X MARKS THE SPOT. James and Phil built this jump specifically for launching their snowmobiles.



THE TURKEY GOT DRESSED, BUT COLE DIDN'T. Cole shows it was a matter of stepping off his front porch with his gun aimed and ready to fire. He didn't even need to get camouflaged!

THIS WHITE STUFF DOESN'T EXIST IN INDIA! Jay tries his skills at riding a snowmobile while he experiences his first winter.



Kim shows off her ribbon in the crossrails competition at the Afton Fair.



Passionate Night enjoys a glorious day grazing in the pasture waiting for the next competition with Kim.

James executes an amazing jump leaving a spray of snow in his wake. Yamahas rule, James.

Phil anticipates the height of the jump as he stands to increase his lift.



Justen Rickard, Brad Balcom, Jeremy Rickard



Sara Todaro, Amy Denz, Lorelee Mayhood

Most Inseparable

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Most Sarcastic
Josh Figary, Michelle Klemens

Biggest Mooch
Jason Urgo, Kristina Root

Grumpiest
Jason Suloff, Hillary Fritschler



Most Likley to Be a Politician
Jenny O' Reilly, Kevin Weidman



Best Sense of Humor
Jeremy Tompkins, Erin Johnson

Class Clown
Sarah Williams, Matt Leach

Class Scholars Jenny O' Reilly, Chris LeClar (Not pictured)



Quietest

Andy Baxter, Victoria Pittsley

Friendliest

Tom McCumber, Jeanne Paden



Nicest Smile

Sara Todaro, Ian Troxell

Biggest Flirt

Mike Cashman, Maria Lohan



Biggest Gossip

Kate Taranto, Tom Vincent

Most Talkative

Tom Vincent, Lorelee Mayhood

Biggest Whiner

Lorelee Mayhood, Justin Post
(Not Pictured)



Nicest Eyes

Jeremy Tompkins, Amy Denz



Most Artistic

Ryan Warner, Kate Taranto

Most Athletic

Ian Troxell, Teresa Moore

Most Musical

Michelle Klemens, Kevin Glover

Loudest

Tim Suda, Tonya Reilly



Middle School Days



WE ALL HAD A LOT OF FUN HAVING A CAR WASH AND RAISING MONEY FOR THE SPCA. K. Root, J. Rickard, J. Tompkins, J. Rickard, D. Hemstrougt, Mrs.Steers, and K.Taranto



TRUE FRIENDS ALWAYS! L. Brazee, S. Bishop, A. Northrup, B. Hansen, L. Joscelyn, and H. Fritschler are all relaxing and having a good time on our 8th grade trip to Cole Park.



OUR SAFETY PATROL TRIP IN 6TH GRADE WAS A LOT OF FUN. We thought we were so cool with our flip up sunglasses and our trendy hats. That trip is still talked about to this day.

LOOK AT THESE BOYS BLOW THEIR OWN HORN OR TRUMPET SO TO SPEAK Philip Sheridan, Buddy Northup, and Cole Samsel show their stuff at the 5th grade band recital.



TAKE A LOOK AT THESE STUDS All dressed up and ready to go. They were all ready to go eat some lobster at the fancy restaurant.



DRUM ROLL PLEASE.. Tim showing his stuff.

ABOVE DO, RE, MI... We all sang our best at our 2nd grade chorus recital. Mrs. Barnes made sure we always had a lot of fun.

THIS IS NO JOKING MATTER Toni Sabin was serious about doing her job making us laugh. She was the jester in our 3rd grade play, "Robin Hood."



The Class of '98 as a whole will always remember all the great memories and all the times we've shared through the past.

Remember the time.....



THIS COULD ALMOST BE A POSTCARD EXCEPT FOR SARAH GIVING S.MICHELLE BUNNY EARS. They all posed for a picture next to Lady Liberty on a Band Trip. J.O'Reilly, J.Paden, M.Klemens, and S. Williams.

This is definitely a good example of the biggest trend when we were all little- **CABBAGE PATCH KIDS!!** Jeannie and Nicole show us their dollies.



JEREMY WAS ALWAYS THE CLASS HEARTTHROB AND CAN YOU SEE WHY?

PATRON ADS

Best of luck. Cole! We're all proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad, Danya, and Heath

Best Wishes Class of '98 - Mr. & Mrs. D. Carey

Congrats Boys' Soccer '97 Division champs! Way
to win your tournament! - Mr. Carey

It has been my pleasure to have known you!
Joseph D. Collea, Jr.

Mrs. Virginia Pluta

Chart a course and make your dream come true.
Bonnie Graves

Congratulations to the class of 1998! Have a good
summer and do well next year. - Mrs. Hall

We love you, Krissy. Best of luck with all you do.
Love, Mom and Dad

Ian, I'm so proud of you. Love, Mom

Allison and BUG forever

Piece by piece you put the book together. Great
job, yearbook staff. - Mrs. Perlman

We're outta here! Good luck to everyone! - Ms. G

Good luck to the class of '98 from the Great
Spanco

Tom, I'm so proud of you! I knew you could do it!
I'll be here for you Forever! Love Always,
Hillary

Congratulations to the Class of '98 from the High
School Library Media Center

BEST WISHES TO THE CLASS OF '98 - Francis
Wilcox

Good Luck to All Seniors! - Mr. Mason

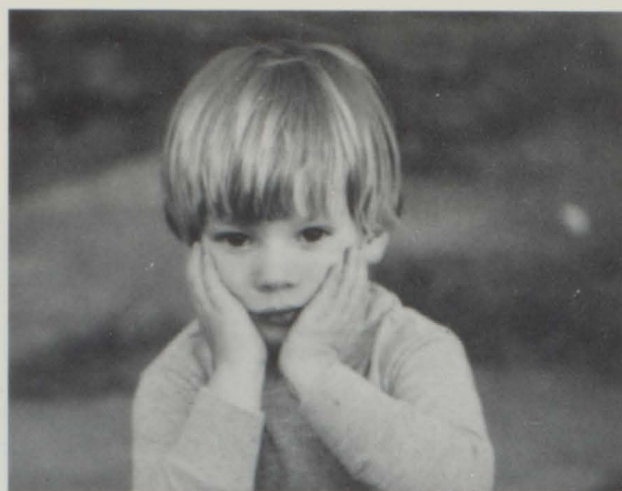
BEST OF LUCK TO THE CLASS OF 1998! -
Lew and Jane Ford

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 1998! Great
Job Yearbook Staff - Mrs. Soeffing

Bonne chance aux élèves d'Oxford. - Mme
Schultz

Best wishes to the Class of '98 -
TheHoenningers

We'll miss you, class of 1998! - Ms. Schaefer



“Do I have to?”
Yes, James! Everybody grows
up!
Love - Mom



Cal and Sarah!!

We are so proud to have
these typical American
teenagers travelling to
Europe next year as
fine, young ambassa-
dors representing our
country's culture and
customs.

Jeff and Betsy Locke
Dan and Paula Williams

**Thank
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Dear Kate,

You are our little Sunflower, smiling and lighting up our lives. On you go to entertain the world with your beautiful voice and endless enthusiasm for life.

We love you!

Mom, Dad, Peter, Jen, Elaine, Bridgett
Tim, Christian



Congratulations, Jenny O.

We will miss your basketball faces. We are and always will be so very proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, April & Nana

**Matt,
Congratulations !!!**

All our best wishes.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Diane



THE GREATEST MASTER OF THE LAST WORD
..... "YEA, BUT"

TIME HAS PASSED ALL TOO QUICKLY. WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU, JUSTIN - SO DYNAMIC, SO INTELLIGENT, SO HANDSOME. MAY ALL YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE.

OUR LOVE ALWAYS,
MOM & DAD



Congratulations, Bud
Knew yu could do it.
Real proud of yu! Wish
yu The Best & Good
Luck.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Willie,
Rich & Eric

*Kim,
Congratulations.*

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU.

*LOVE,
MOM, DAD & JASON*



Congratulations, Sara!

We are so proud of all that you have accomplished. Best of luck in the journey ahead!

All our love,
Dad, Mom, Mat, Dave



Oxford Academy
 OUR BEST MEMORIES...
 OUR FIRST 18 Years...

Erin Johnson

Ian Troxell

Erin's bike accident
 Erin's scooter
 guitar lessons
 your dungeon
 mile run in 8th grade
 JV softball with Sarah
 Cranberries concert with Mom
 Mom's NYC fall
 Boyfriends
 Erin's I wants: tattoo, pierces, going into the Air Force, restaurant management
 exercise bike
 horseback riding at Dee's
 Eagles Mere
 Looking out for your "little one"
 Combat boots
 purple hair
 Leaving August 1996
 Returning June 1997
 Homecoming
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Born a skinny little thing with a tan and big brown eyes who looked like a Biafra baby, we thought you were the most beautiful baby in the world. We'd like to share some of our favorite and not so favorite memories:

- Dropped on your head at five months old at the Cosen house. This explains a lot!
- The many nights spent on the couch watching the Muppets and Miss Piggy with you father.
- Disney World, Cape Cod, Maine, Vermont, Sandbridge, Jersey Shore and Emerald Isle (Surfers and Penn State!)
- The Maine Endwell Wrestlers, the Mall, Pepper Spray and the Johnson City Police Department!
- Riding in the big truck until Jared kicked you out.
- Your nicknames: Stella, George and She-Ra!
- The revolving boyfriends (and their friends)
- Family Meetings (These aren't over yet!!!!)
- Trips to Ithaca
- The \$3.00 parking tickets that grew to \$37.00
- The Popcorn Party
- Pumpkin Shell Nursery School
- Hogging the bathroom.
- OM
- Sun worshipping
- Your first car and the subsequent mishaps with it!
- The belly button ring, at least it's not a tattoo!
- You borrowing our clothes and never returning them, especially to Mom and Ashley.
- Watching all those youth sports programs, field hockey, and volleyball games.
- Chauffeuring you and your friends. This was done only to eavesdrop and find out what was going on!
- Steven Covey- Seven Basic Habits of Highly Effective People- Worked better than a sleeping pill for you!
- And last but not least, your superb organizational skills, which are very much in evidence in your room!



You have grown into a wonderful young lady. We are very proud to have you as a daughter and sister and wish you all the luck in the world. We'll miss you.
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Jer #14,

We are very proud of you! Keep your dreams alive and your arm in shape!

**Love - Mom, Dad,
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Kevin,
How quickly the days and years have passed since we first held you in our arms. You have always brought joy and happiness into our lives. We are so proud of you! Congratulations on a job well done. Reach for the stars, Kevin!

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Paul,

Dream of tomorrow; envision all that it holds for you,
As you end a chapter in your journal of life
And embark out into an uncharted sea,
You will tread the uncertain waters with caution,
knowledge, and respect. For although you can't see to the ocean floor, you have the courage to look deep within and make the changes you know you can,
The knowledge not to disturb the good that is already there,
And the self-respect to be the best that you can be.

Love Mom



We've grown accustomed to your face AND
your sign-on/sign off messages on the computer
your coaching expertise and encouragement for Nate
Your kisses for Mom
Your going to work with Dad (his best "partner")
You've grown accustomed to
All that bedroom and closet space
Finding Nate has "stolen" your clothes
Mom asking (how many times?) about school and work
Dad helping you with all those forms and his sports "info"



We've grown accustomed to your smiles, your frowns, your ups and downs - but most of all, to the wonderful person you have become. Congratulations, John! We love you and are so VERY proud of you - Mom, Dad, and Nate



Jeannie,

You have always had the ability to see the beauty in all things... even weeds. You are very special and we are proud of all you do and the person you are!

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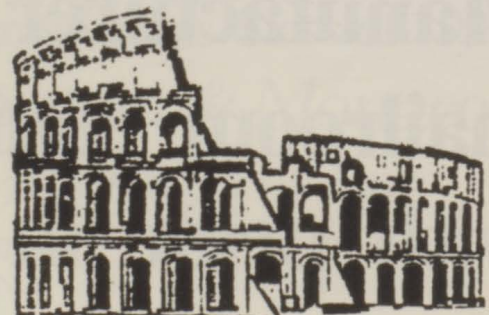
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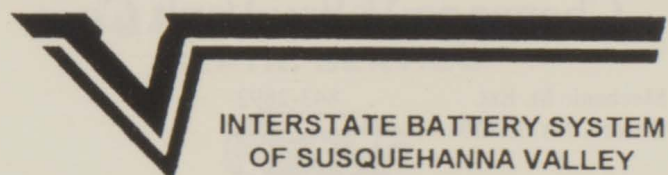
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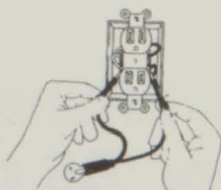
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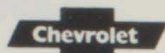
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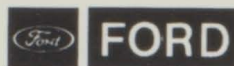
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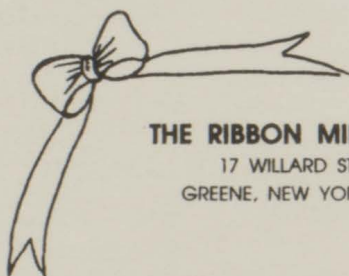


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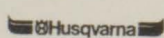
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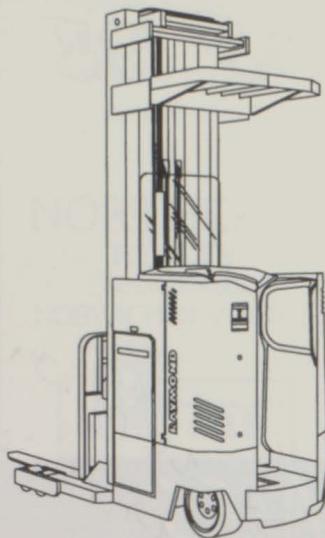
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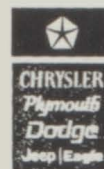
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