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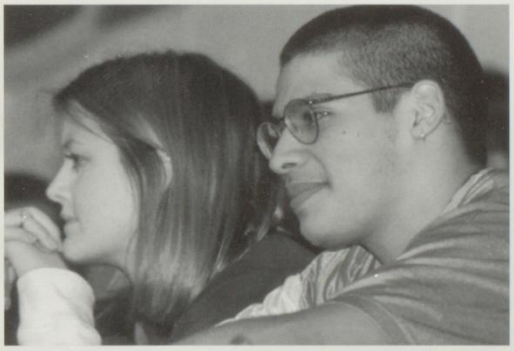
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This year's Journalism Department chose to change the yearbook from the ones that we've produced in the past. So we chose the theme of "Expanding Traditions" and decided to split the book into three sections--fall, winter, and spring. We are always trying to expand something while trying to keep things the way the have been in the past. We hope you enjoy this change along with all the memories.



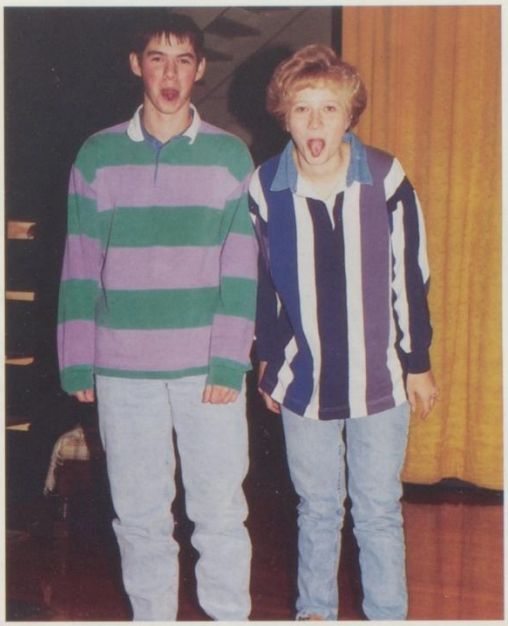


Juniors Marilyn Lopez, Veronica Valles, and Jessica Emmert along with freshmen Yolanda Dominguez share a lunch hour together out in the sun.



Freshman Meredith Cox smiles while carrying around her golf clubs.

Seniors Nikki Karr and Jeremy Wagers take time to stick their tongues out.



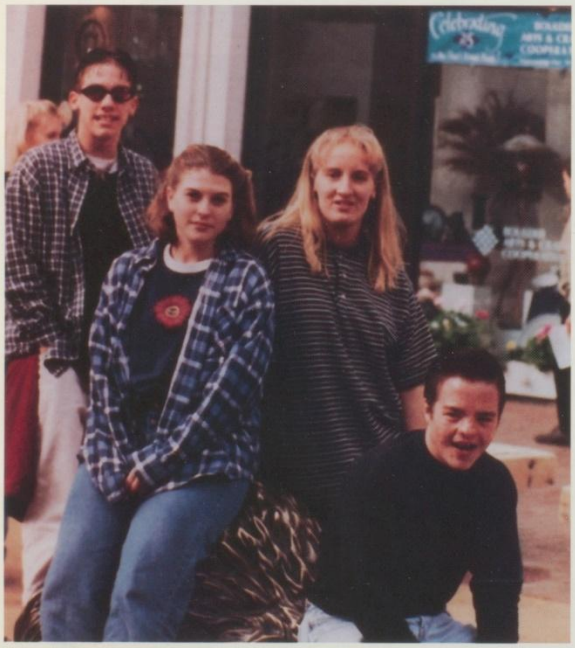


Sophomores Junior Flores and Jesse Magnuson get ready to play one of many important games this football season.

Fall INNO



Mr. Lowndes was getting ahead of himself during the brunch at the Pueblo yearbook camp. The brunch was one of the more exciting events to look forward to.



Some of the journalism class poses for a picture at the Pearl Street Mall.

As freshmen, we remember the dreaded first day of school. As we entered Brush High School we left our childlike innocence in our footsteps, and began nearing the end of the journey we have been on for many years.

The class of 2000 has lived the past year of their lives on top, thinking they knew everything. In high school they found themselves on the bottom, falling from innocence.

How did they feel about this fall from innocence? Tabitha Deal commented, "It wasn't a real big deal because everyone has to go through with it." Not all of the freshmen saw it the same way. Natasha Montez hoped that the rest of the school year would not be like the first two weeks. "The first two weeks are often hard for freshmen, because they have to adjust to the new atmosphere. It's often a little intimidating, especially for the shorter crowd." Jessica Veatch exclaimed, "Everyone is taller than me!"

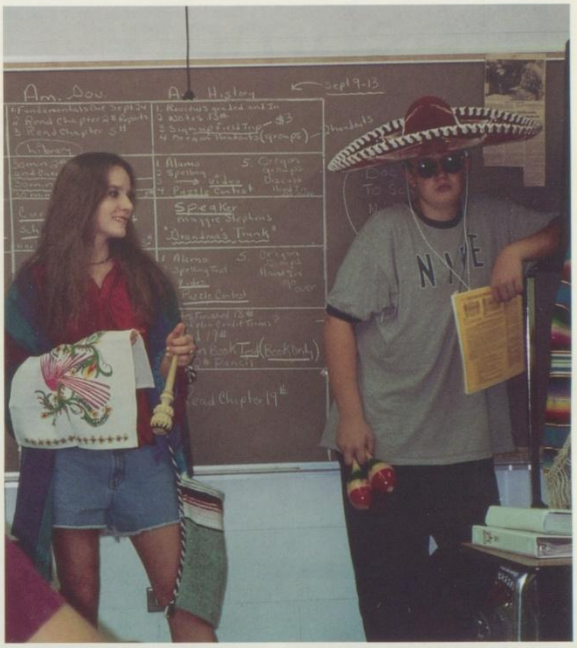
After the first two weeks had ended, they began to see the brighter side of high school life. John Kleiber found, as many freshmen did, that there was a lot more freedom. As the year progressed they began to establish their identities, and find their places among other classmates.

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As the freshmen found themselves at the beginning of their fall, the sophomores continued on their descent from innocence. The sophomores began to realize that high school life wasn't all that bad. Becoming involved in more school activities, beginning to feel accepted, and finding themselves behind a steering wheel were a few of the many things that helped them through their second year of high school.

As for the juniors, looking forward to their last year of school became an everyday thing. Now focusing on their futures after highschool, they became less concerned about their fall from innocence. Their dreams of leaving high school are becoming more realistic. However, most of them have yet to fill out a college application.

On the other hand, most seniors know the process of filling out applications quite well. While others look forward to joining the military. Their dreams of the future may vary widely, some may further their education and others may find jobs and settle down. Now that their fall from innocence is complete, they may spring foward into the future and make their dreams come true.



Lisa Marquardt, Mark Collier, and Josh Weiss act as guinea pigs during Maggie Stevens spanish cultural presentation, to the U.S. History class.



The seniors finally gain their position at the end of the bleachers.

Freshmen *Fall* In

As they enter a new building block of their lives, the freshmen start their high school careers. They at first, had their first year jitters, but they soon calmed and became quite acquainted with the school. Of course, they still had that dreadful thing, we all call initiation. The Class of 2000 was very entertaining with the most famous chorus, but it all soon got very old. You could say they enjoyed it just a little to much. This year's freshmen class was very large. In fact, they got stuck with sharing lockers, just like the sophomores. The classes get bigger and bigger each year. The freshmen seemed to fit in well after all was settled. They eventually knew where all their classes were, learned their way around, and could actually get those stubborn lockers opened. They seemed to take over in sports, with so many participating. They overruled the other classes by extreme numbers. They also get to graduate at the turn of a new century. Here are a few quotes from a couple of the many newcomers:

Meredith Vondy: "It was pretty fun."

Jill Walker: "Finally in high school."

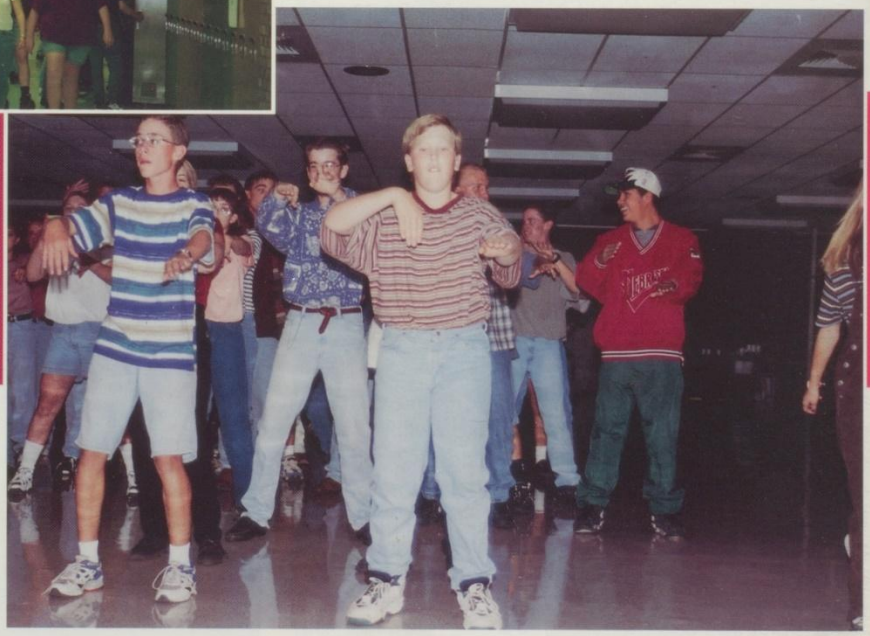
Marty Schilling:"It's better than middle school."

Sage Briggs:"There's too many people."

Matt Pribble:"It's fun and I met a lot of new people."



On that dreadful first day of school, the freshmen nervously walked down the halls in hopes of "clicking in" at the start of their high school careers.



At the annual Get Acquainted dance, the freshmen boogie down to the Macerena. The dance was held at the beginning of the year in the commons. These freshmen weren't shy as they proved to everyone that they can dance.



As these little guys (freshmen) cheer on their class in the noontime activities for Homecoming, they sit and enjoy a little relaxation, even though it was a bit chilly out. These events were held in front of the building, provided by Student Council.

With Marty Shilling, Danny Greener, Matt Hughes, Tyler Treadway, and a few others, try with all their might to outpull the seniors in the tug-of-war in a noontime event for Homecoming.







The Class of 2000 worked extremely hard on their float for the Homecoming parade. Though the girls gave it their all, they got fourth out of all of the classes. They still have three more years left to try to come out on top in future events. The parade was held downtown for all to see in the joyous occasion.

During initiation week, the freshmen frantically run to their lockers to fetch their books before they got stopped by those almighty seniors. Unfortunately, Tracy Cambell, Jocelyn Miller, and Kami Teter get harassed by Nicole Balderston, Tim Dusseau, and Jessica Jordet.

Fall From Innocence

The fall season has always been a season associated with returning to school, and with the return comes the new wave of freshmen. The freshmen are so sweet and innocent in their little ideas of High School life. However, their world is soon shattered as they are forced to meet up with rules of the new school and the ever ruling senior class. This is a time in a person's life when they begin to rebel. By the time the freshmen leave their title to the next year's class, they have experienced a sort of "Fall From Innocence" and become more in tune to the life of a high schooler. This only adds to the loop of the ever changing and expanding traditions that take place every year at Brush.

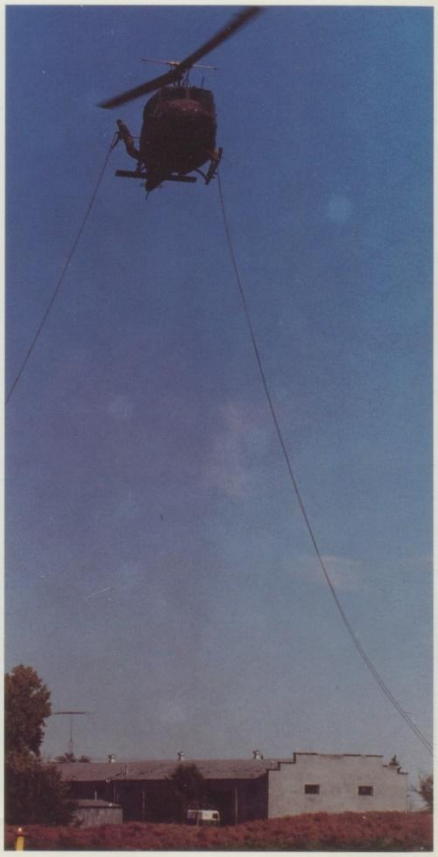
Adrian Vosburg, Nate Carstens, Pete Bolinger



James Klieber totes his bag of golf clubs during one of the golf teams meets. James is new to the team this year as a Freshman.



Coach Larry Mills shows off his varsity football players during the homecoming pep rally that followed the parade.

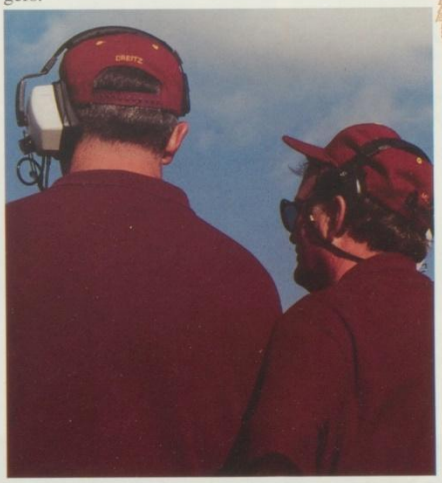


The students of Brush High School were treated to a rappelling demonstration put on by the National Guard.



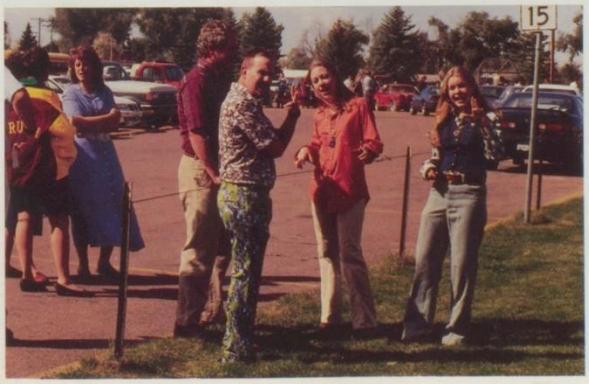
Pete Bolinger ponders his existence during a break in Journalism class at the beginning of the year.

Coach Mills and Coach Dreitz discuss what play to call next at a home football game for the Diggers.









Above Left: Crystal Bostron awaits a serve during a Lady Diggers home match against Platte Valley.

Above Right: Seniors Angie Dudden, Crystal Deal, Christina Jones, Lindi Garrett, and Adrian Vosburg show off their masculinity during senior toga day. One of the spirit days during homecoming.

Left: Mr. Lowndes, Becca Biren, and Mandy Thorton throw peace signs at other hippies during spirit week.

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April Dolph and Amy Herrera sing the ever familiar school song to senior, Derek Kumke during freshman initiation. Seniors as well as freshman enjoyed the three days of torture. The sophomores and juniors began to tire of the school song after the first day.

Levi Wells and Adam Weisser have a quick chat in front of the school after lunch. This is one of the few ways that the freshman spend their free time.

Amanda Reddick, Tiffany Flournoy, Michael Bowman and Christina Riley stop for a quick pose during the lunch break.





Now that you have more responsibilities, what do you miss most about your middle school and grade school days?



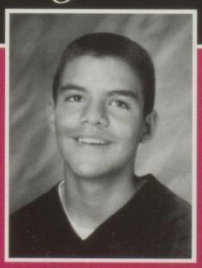
Darlene Keltz: "Absolutely nothing."



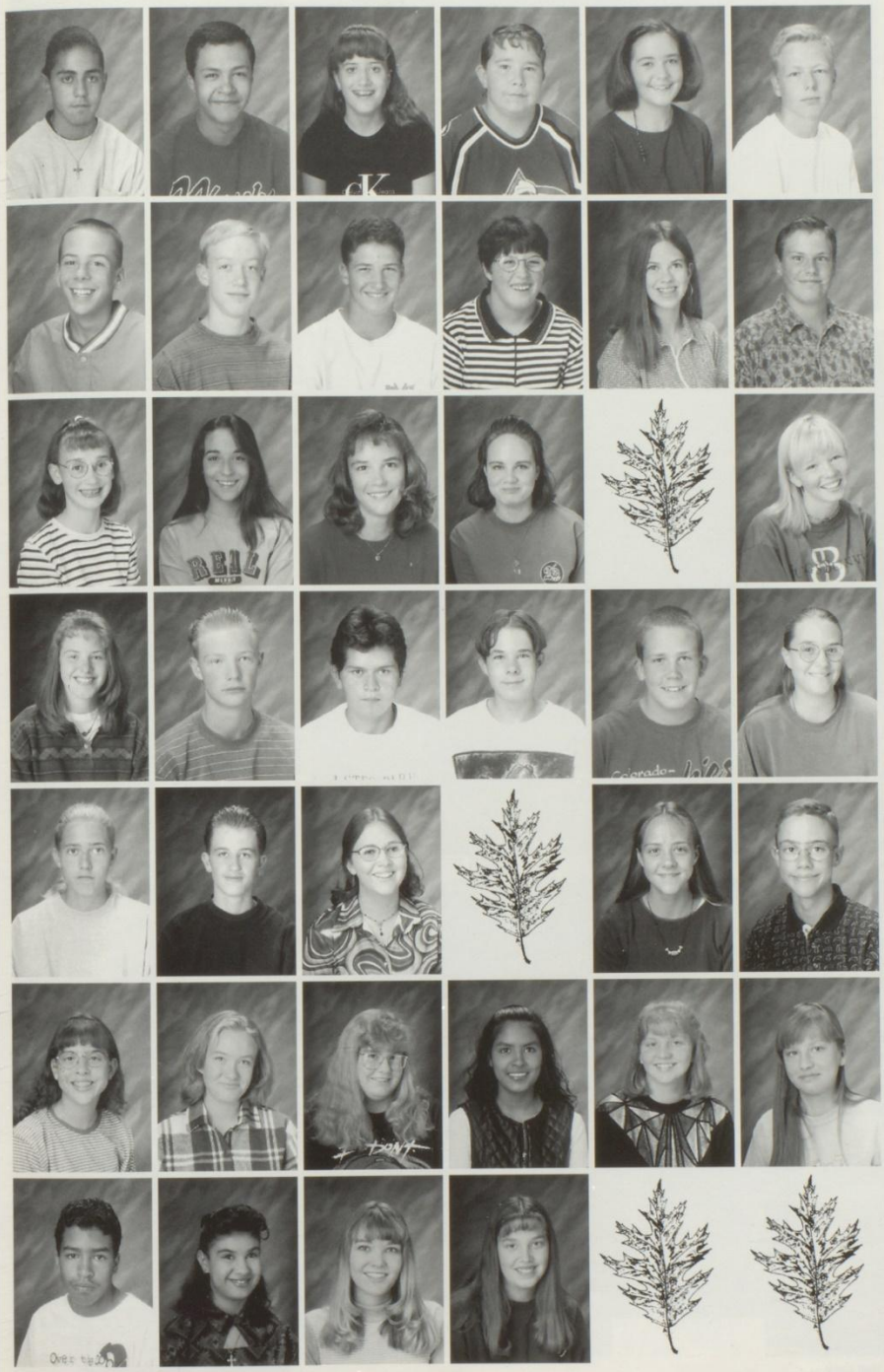
Felipe Garcia: "I miss naptime."



Kami Teter: "The teachers let you do more."



Austin Muniz: "It was a lot easier."



Abreo, Charles
Acosta, Duke
Amen, Randi
Ball, Brian
Bashor, Rebecca
Beck, Wesley

Bellendir, Kenneth
Biren, James
Blake, Danny
Blake, Lekell
Bloemker, Teresa
Bolinger, Adam

Bourquin, Miriam
Bowman, Michelle
Brening, Jyll
Briggs, Sage
Brinkhoff, Rachel
Brown, Crystal

Campbell, Traci
Carrette, Mathew
Castro, Hugo
Castrup, Christopher
Castrup, Jason
Christensen, Amanda

Christians, Jeramie
Cooper, Levi
Cox, Meredith
Cuno, Aaron
Cupples, Corrie
Davies, Jonathan

Davies, Krista
Deal, Tabitha
Dolph, April
Dominguez, Yolonda
Dudden, Tiffany
Eckstein, Heidi

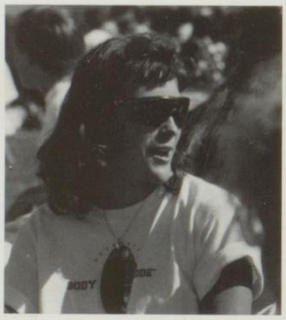
Edwards, Byron
Flores, Rita
Flournoy, Tiffany
Floyd, Carrie
Fox, Margaret
Gamboa, Rosalio



Members from the freshman class "get down" during the Get Acquainted Dance. This was meant for everyone to get to know each other at the beginning of the year.

William Hickey and Ryan Hallahan take a break from conversation to pose for the camera.







Jyll Brening sits and waits with everyone else for the drug-free assembly outside. While chatting with friends, she anticipates the arrival of the helicopter.

Tyler Treadway and Matt Hughes carefully hold a card between their lips during the "lip card exchange". Others from the freshman class wait their turn and hope that they won't drop the card.

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Now that you have more responsibilities, what do you miss most about your middle school and grade school days?



Meredith Vondy: "I miss coloring."



Jason Weiss: "Recesses."



Ashley Knight: "I miss my pencil box."



Garcia, Felipe
Garcia, Lorena
Garcilazo, Carmen
Garrett, April
Goff, Allen
Greener, Daniel

Griggs, Christopher
Gutierrez, Ana
Hallahan, Ryan
Hepner, Dustin
Herrera, Amy
Herrera, Johnny

Herrera, Patrick
Hickey, William
Holt, Todd
Hughes, Matthew
Jackson, Shannon
Jerome, Tyler

Jones, Will
Kalous, Matthew
Kautz, Jacob
Keltz, Darlene
Kleiber, James
Kleiber, John

Knight, Ashley
Krueger, Katherine
Kuntz, Thad
Lopez, Abigail
Marquez, Tomas
Meza, Samuel

Meza, Shelly
Miller, Jocelyn
Molina, Brandy
Montez, Natasha
Mora, James
Morrison, Jessica

Mullen, Dustin
Mundt, William
Muniz, Austin
Musgrave, Sarah
Novotny, Keith
Ortuno, Magdalena

Now that you have more responsibilities , what do you miss the most about your middle school and grade school days?

Shannon Jackson: "Naptime."



Matt Kalous:" I miss not getting homework."



April Garrett: "Slacking off."



Matt Pribble: "I miss recess and it was easier."





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Freshman Teresa Bloemker sweeps the stage after a rehearsal for the fall play "Little Women."

Heather Windsheimer, Darlene Keltz, Jill Walker, and Ashley Knight enjoy their first homecoming parade that they were able to take part in. The freshman float displayed school spirit with their maroon and gold balloons and streamers.



Pribble, Matthew
Ramirez, Sarah
Reddick, Amanda
Reyes, Laura
Riley, Joseph
Riley, Mandy

Risdal, Joe
Rivas, Jesus
Rivera, Alma
Rivera, Sandra
Rodriquez, Valentin
Rosengrant, Chad

Roth, Sylvia
San Miguel, Ceasar
Scalise, Marta
Schilling, Marty
Snyder, Katie
Strand, Joshua

Strauch, Kevin
Teter, Kami
Thornton, Justin
Toft, Julie
Treadway, Tyler
Trujillo, Aubrey

Urrutia, Joann
Valles, Ricky
Vasquez, Erika
Vasquez, Launel
Veatch, Jessica
Vondy, Meredith

Wadel, Stephanie
Walker, Jill
Walls, Crystal
Weilnau, Matthew
Weiss, Jason
Weisser, Adam

Wells, Levi
Windsheimer, Heather
Witman, Carrie
Zack, Hillary

Sophomores Fall From Innocence

The sophomores came back to school this year more at ease than before. They knew the year would go just right, not having to face the dreadful initiation. Going through the process of getting a drivers permit, and then getting a drivers license was always something to look forward to. Finding out that the second year of high school wasn't nearly as bad as the first, the sophomores found themselves getting more involved with school activities and clubs. Looking forward to the last day of the school year was great for sophomores, knowing then that they were halfway through high school.

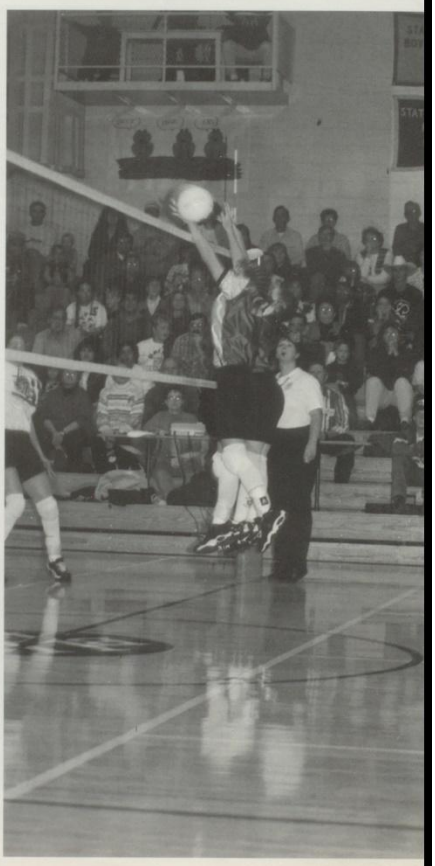
April Chard



Jesse Spooner and Todd Draegert converse about their four-wheelers while participating in the petting zoo sponsored by the ag department for Thomson Elementary students.



Jason Cummings and Bobby Andersen find time to display their strength while picking on Brooke Houtchens after lunch.

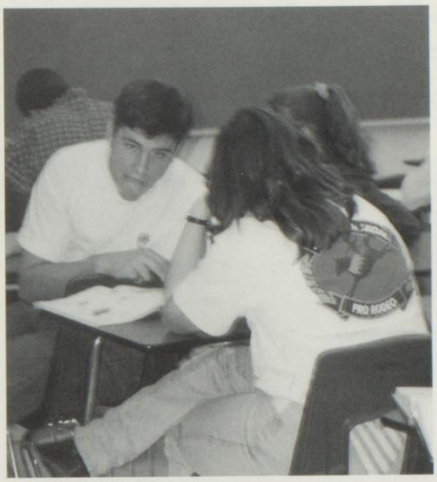


Amber Harned goes up for a block in one of the varsity volleyball games against Platte Valley.



Left: A strong friendly bond is something that will never be broken between Amber Harned and Carly Snow.

Below: Pete Bolinger finds time to display his beautiful tongue while taking it easy in activity period.









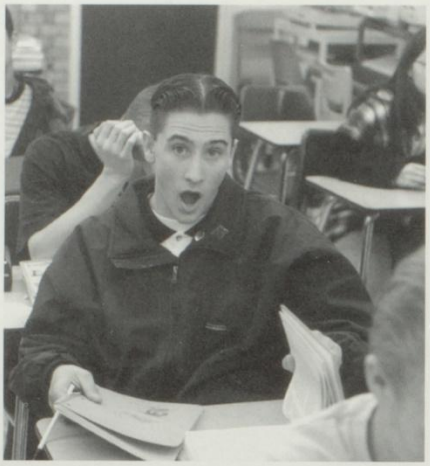
Above right: Mike Toft prepares to enter the game after Coach Dreitz gives him a little helpful encouragement and advice.

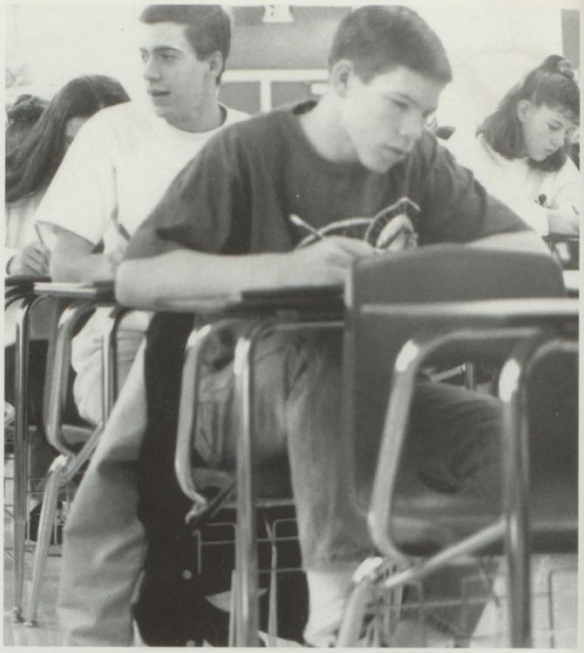
Above left: Ready, set, go, the sophomores take off in the wheel barrow race, one of the many events that took place at noon time during homecoming week.

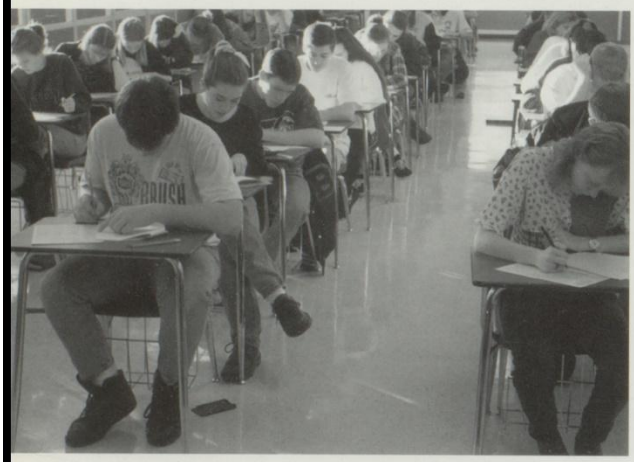
Left: The sophomores try their hardest to defeat the juniors in the tug-of-war competition during homecoming week.

Right: Whoops! Bobby Andersen is caught in the middle of the act, trying to cheat during finals.

Below: Josh Greenwood is dumbfounded as he learns something new and amazing in Mr. Haley's sophomore speech class.









Above: The sophomores put their thinking caps on to finish one of their first semster finals.

Above right: Victoria Soto smacks 'em together before performing a cheer at a pep rally.

Right: Ned Chapin seems happy as he looks on at some girls passing by.

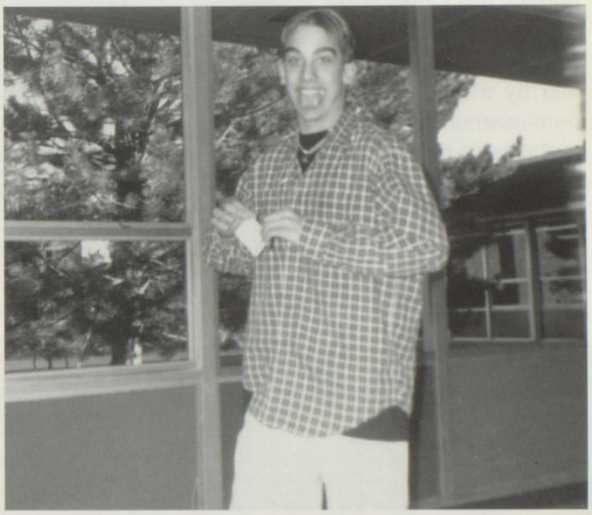


The Fall, Up In Pictures



Left: Amanda Trujillo looks eager to rush on to her next class.

Below: Nathan Carstens shows us how he really feels about school, while passing through the commons.







Above: School spirit is high for the cheerleaders who enjoyed participating on hat day.

Left: Waiting patiently, Emily Query looks on while waiting patiently to recieve one of her semester tests.

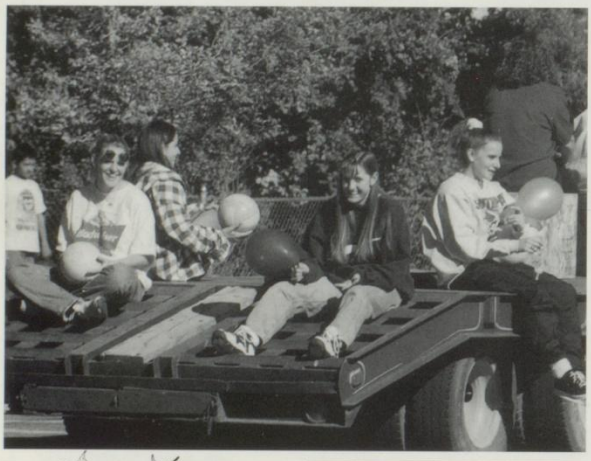
Juniors Turn Over A New Leaf

Just as the fall season begins, the juniors start a new season by turning over a new leaf. They do this by starting their upperclassmen years. This is the year they discover many different leaves in their lives. For one, they get invited to more parties, don't have to beg for rides at lunch, and find the great times of thinking of what to do after they graduate in only a year and a half. Their next step is to plan whether or not they want to find a job or choose the college of their choice. This year was kind of a slack-off year, not too many responsibilities until their long-waited senior year. For some it won't be too different, though. As they turn over this leaf, they hope of many turning colors, like that of a tree in the fall.

by Kendra Vondy

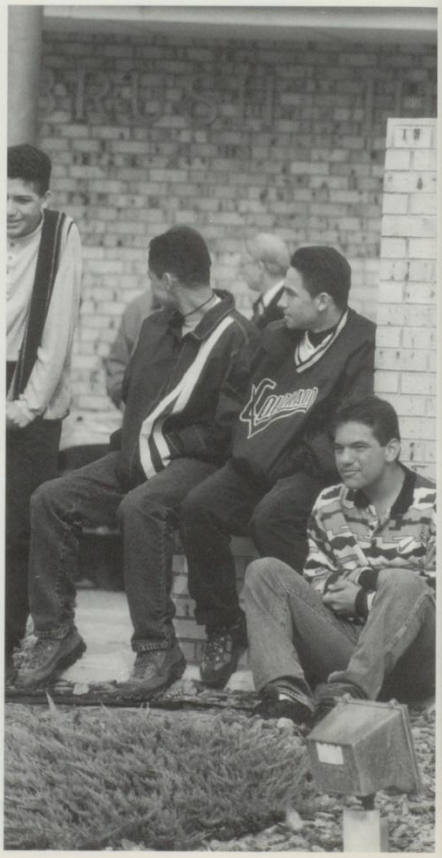


Right: The Junior class tried their hardest to win this event with Marco Harl, Roger Lima, Nate Washburn, and Jesus Herrera leading the pack.





Above: Showing their pride for BHS on the Digger volleyball float, Rebekah Bostron, Cassie Schiller, Lisa Marquardt, and Tammy Lopez smile big for a photo recap.

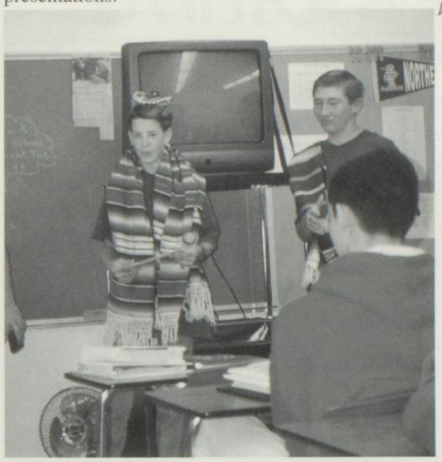


Right: Observing the many ongoings, Homer Garcia, Roger Lima, Carlos Vasquez, and Victor Meza, freeze.



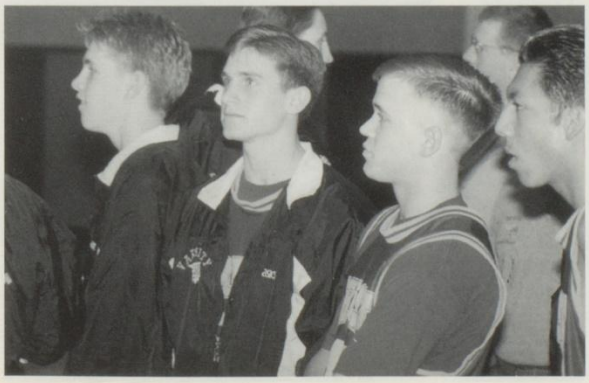
Left: Ronny Edelen shows off her wacky side by wearing one of her wild outfits for Hippie Day. Hey,she'sgot more spirit in her whole body than most have in their little finger!

Below: Josh Weiss and Aaron Alexander, show off their cultural side during one of Mr."D"s history presentations.









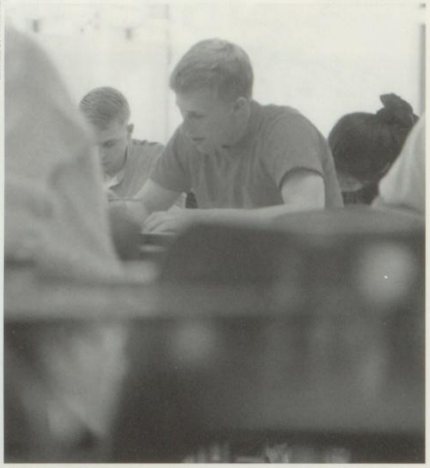
Above Left: Jill Blake and Kendra Vondy, not paying any attention in class, look through some magazines in hope of killing some time. Looks like they got caught.

Above Right: Krista Ford concentrated very intently on one of her finals during the first semester exams, which was durin the 15th, 16th, and 17th. We all got out of school for this braincramming event.

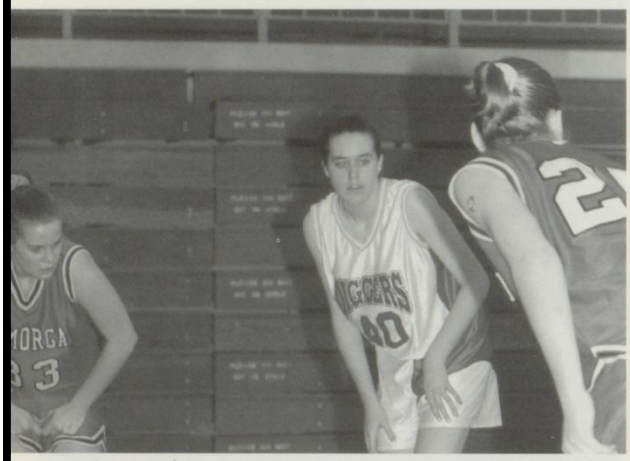
Left: Nate Washburn, Jason Dahlinger, Jon Grupp, Mitch Bever, and Coach Mussell prep before being announced at the Morgan Mustangs basketball game. Don't they all look so fascinated.

Right: Roger Lima and Trina Meza, show their school spirit during a pep assembly,by cheering on the crowd, in competition for the "stick".

Below: Mitch Kendrick puts all his concentration into his "ag" test. Look at those veins popping.









Above: Brandy Toft concentrates on getting a rebound during a game against the Morgan Mustangs. Doesn't she look so serious?

Above Right: Mr. "D", the junior U.S. History teacher, gets to smile pretty for a photo recap while grading one of those excruciating tests he gives.

Right: Mitch Bever steadily awaits for an open pass to take, during a Digger game against the Fort Morgan Mustangs. Did he get it? Let's hope so.



"What's up Juniors?"



Joey Prather cracks a smile while she goes to the free throw line after putting up an awesome layup and drawing the foul.

James Abreo and Nate Rodriguez strike a pose during a passing time between classes, as the photographer snaps a quickie.







Above: Mr. Mercer, the very well-known substitute, enjoys some fresh air during a National Guard air show presented to the school.

Left: Krista Ford and Kendra Piepho pause for a quick hug and lots of smiles, while enjoying the great outdoors rather than a classroom.

Seniors Falling Faster

For many seniors the fall is a time of excitement and changes. The fall symbolizes a coming end to the old high school student they once were and the birth of a new independent adult.

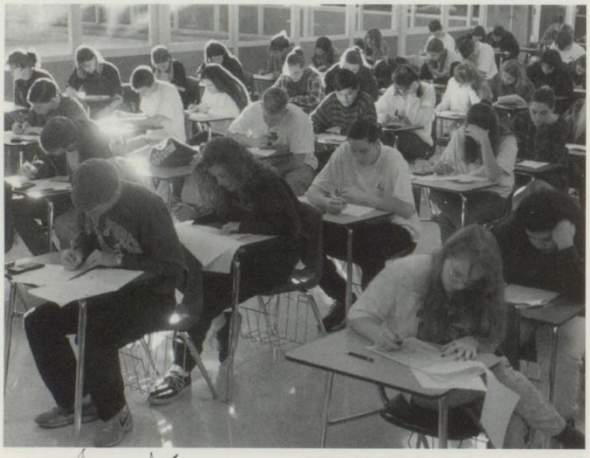
In a senior's life they spend the first half of their times in the fall. Everything is slowly dying off, the old ways of their lives are disappearing. Their lives are changing before their eyes and it happens so fast that they fail to notice the changes that have taken place. Only after they graduate will they realize the changes.

This is like the fall season, the old vegetation dies off and is covered by a blanket of snow, when the snow comes they know they have only a short time left for the old ways.

by Adrian Vosburg



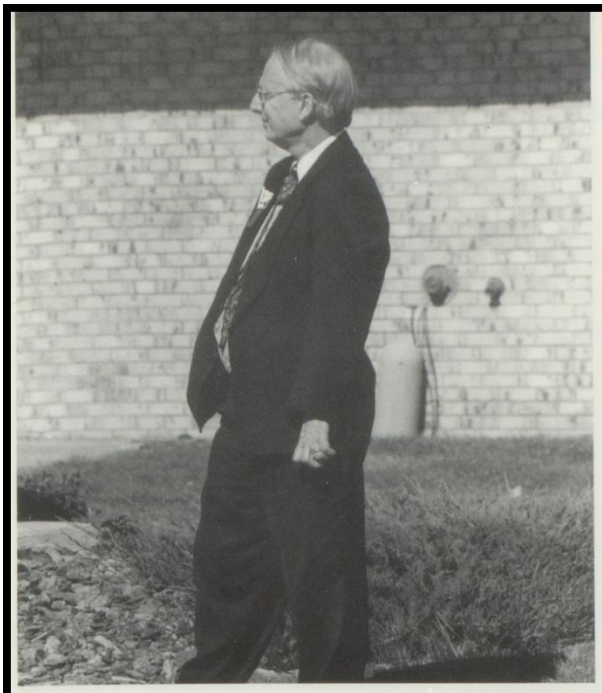
Right: Mr. Weimer tries to pass the time by formulating the formula of relativity. Some say he has too much time on his hands.



Above: The last finals for the seniors were a time of both joy and sadness. Joy for not having to take them, sadness for failing.



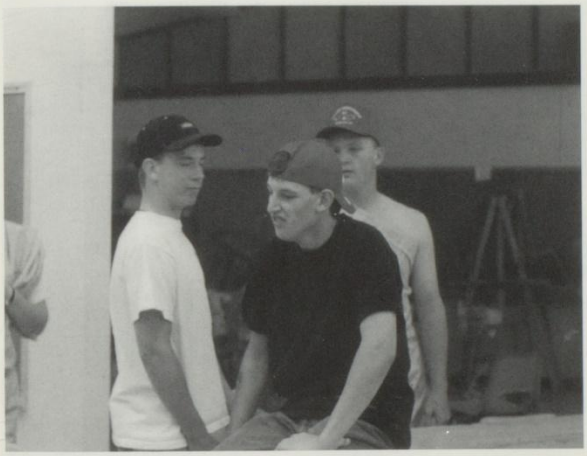
Right: Christina Jones was one of the voices heard all over school as the announcements were read. People would be shocked to see what really went on during those.



Left: Dr. Prasher seems to enjoy the sight of what he sees in the school. To many seniors the time will come when he no longer watches over them.

Below: Mr. Hartman, and Mr. Gabriel walk down the hall almost in awe of the emptiness. The halls were never empty with the seniors.









Above left: Tom Blake shows how to effectively pass crafts class. While senior Todd Draegert and sophmore Brian Khaler exchange views.

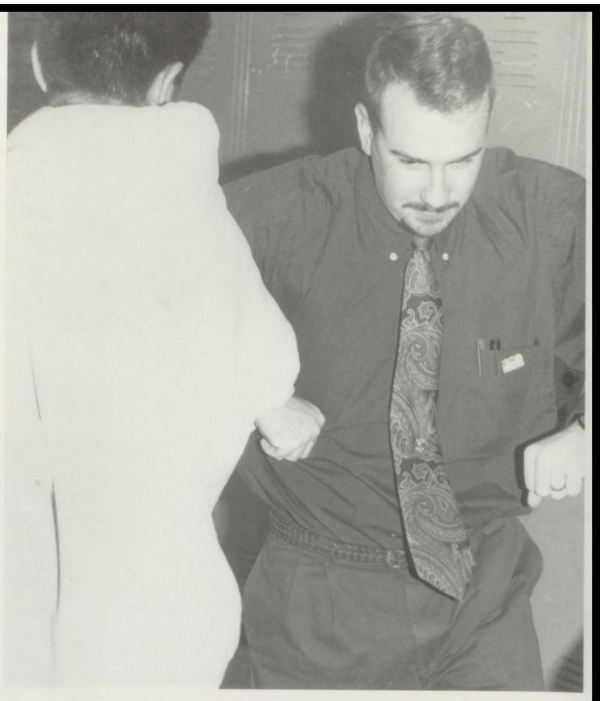
Above: Pete Bolinger, sophmore, sits and listens intently to a lecture in class. Try not to fall asleep, o.k. Petey?

Left: Mr. Vinson, and Mrs. Hofmeister share a few words while surveying the finals for any cheating that might take place.

Right: Mr. Lowndes decides to make the day go by a little faster by doing a Scottish jig he learned from watching Braveheart over 100 times.

Below: As senoritis kicks in, Christina Jones and Adrian Vosburg attempts to become one with the mural and swim with the fish.









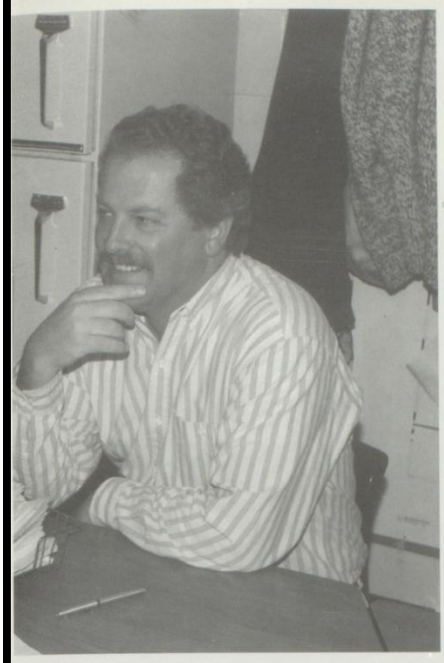
Above: Music class can be be quite monontonous even to the freshmen. As Amy Herrera shows one way to fight the day to day routine.

Above Right: As the words " Well it's that time again." filled the hall many knew it was the voice of junior Bobby Fox rambling off the announcements of the day.

Right: Being new to the school Mr. Haley could only keep up with the busy rigorous days by slipping into a phonebooth and emerging as the little known superhero Captain Comet.



Fall From Friendship

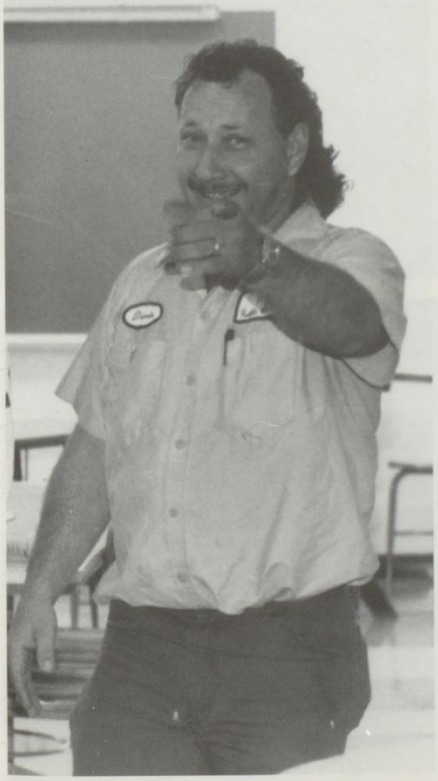


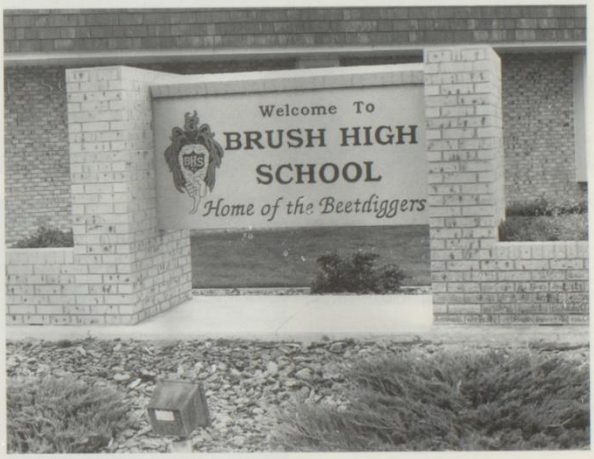
The fall is a busy time for seniors, despite the fact that they will never see another football or volleyball game as a senior again, or talk to their friends the same way. The senior's life seems to resemble falling: the longer it goes the faster it gets. Things whiz by you before you realize that you can't go back. You can never return to the same time and place that you were at that final year of your high school year.

You never notice the distance you have fallen until you look back up. That may be the worst part of being a senior, you never realize the friendships lost until they are gone. They will never be the same.

Left: Mr. Krob struggled through another day of school. It seems that despite the hustle of the day he still escaped to the lounge.

by Adrian Vosburg

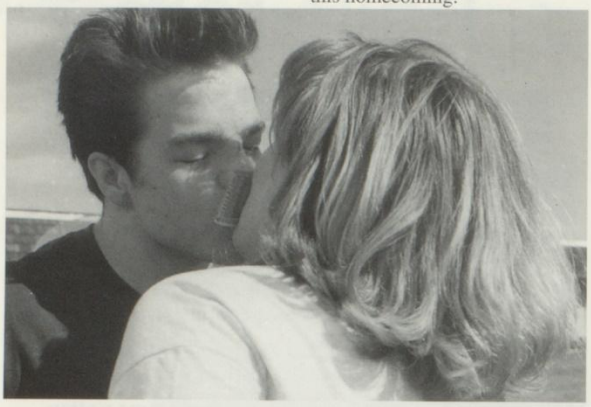




Above: To some, this sign is dreaded, but to the seniors it is a sign of what took place for four years of their lives. Many know it will be missed.

Left: Darren Riley, one of Brush High School's janitorial staff stops working momentarily to chase down one of the photographers.

Below: Adrian Vosburg and Jessica Jordet show their true school spirit in the lip card exchange during homecoming week.



Right: Decater Martinez and Jon Grupp share a few laughs during the three legged race, which was one of the many noon-time events this homecoming.





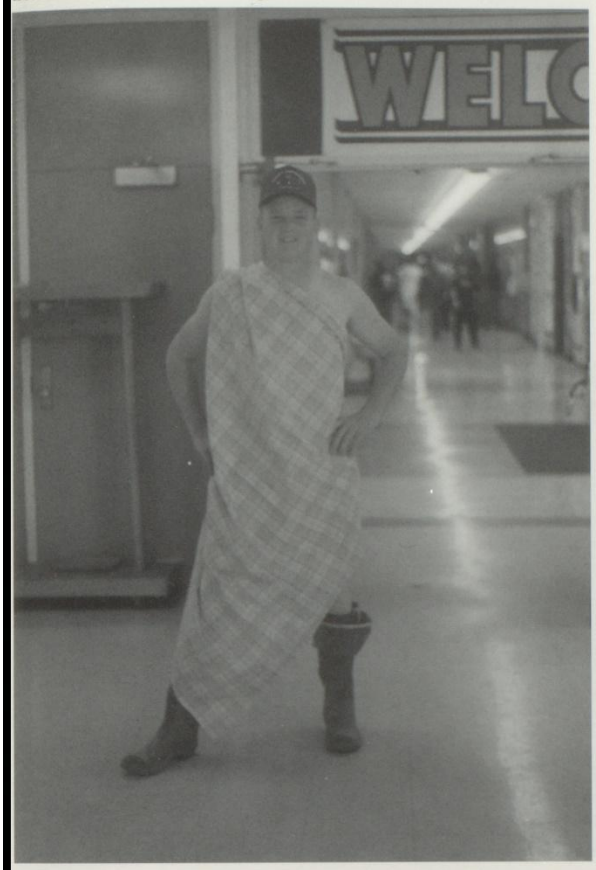
Above: Here a few students stand in front of the "bigger and better" bonfire. It was said to be better because of so many new additions such as the fireworks and the town's attendence.

Right: Jason Weiss, Adam Weisser, Thad Kuntz, and other freshmen show their strength and enjoyment of beating everyone in the tug-of-war contest.



Fall Into Homecoming

Below: Todd Draegert sports his true school spirit by adding irrigation boots to his homemade toga.



One of the biggest, most memorable events awaited each year, would be homecoming. Not many things changed from the "annual" homecoming week other than an addition of fireworks to the bonfire event. The usual was the community parade, noon-time activities, dress-up days, volleyball and football games, the bonfire/pep rally, and of course, the big dance. With the theme of "Medieval Times" the commons was nicely decorated with dragons and castle walls, which set the mood for everyone.





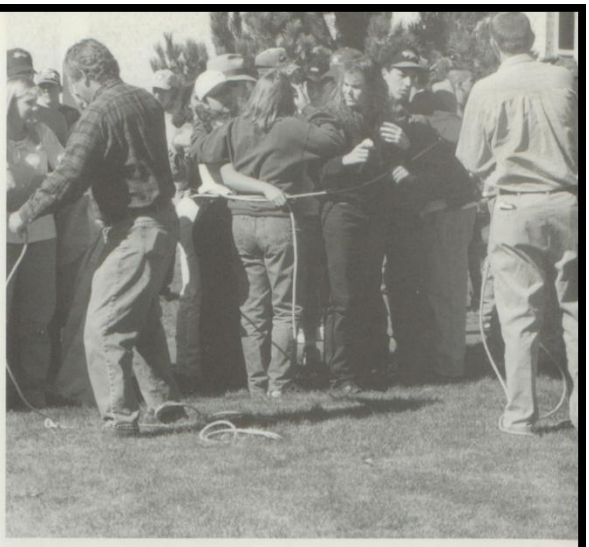
Above: Jill Queen and April Murrow seem to be confused as to how the tug-of-war works. You'd think they would have learned during their four years here.

Left: The junior class seems to know exactly what they're doing during the class race at the noon-time activities.

Below: The Senior class float tried their best to make the childern scream and the judges vote their way for first place in the parade.



Right: Mr. Mussell and Mr. Krob try to round up the kids and tie them in during the class race. Any bets on how many times they think about this during the school year?



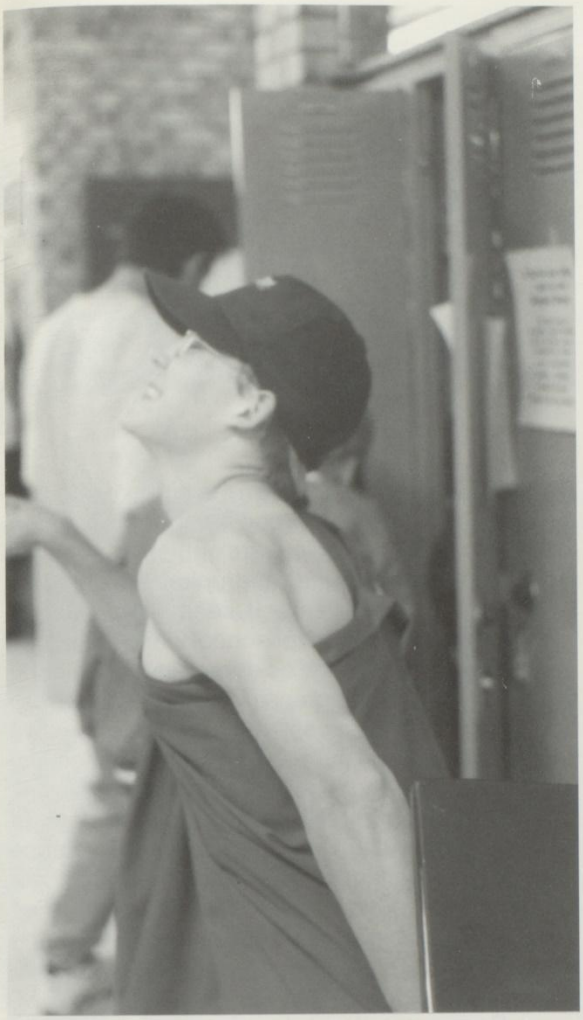


Above: Mr. Schaffer was the elected one to introduce the seniors of the football team at the pep rally during the bon fire.

Right: Armando Lopez, Carmen Garcilazo, and Laura Reyes share in a humorous conversation during an assembly.



Falling Into Another Season



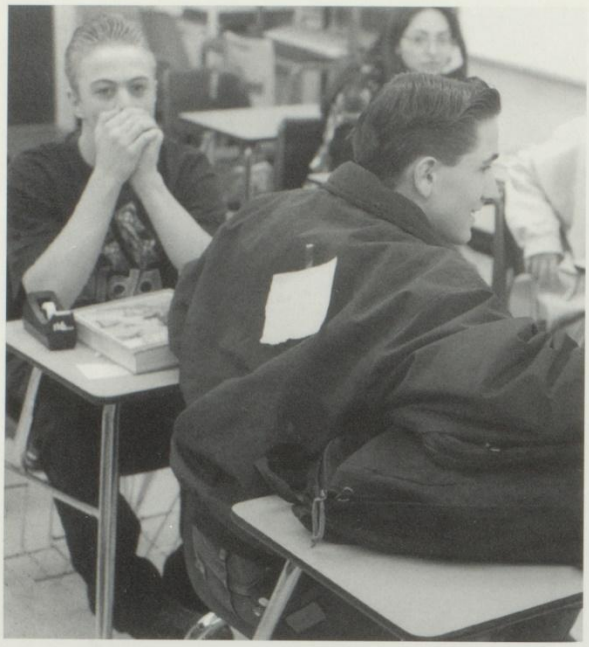




Above Left: Senior Matt Bourquin strikes a pose that shows his muscles during Senior Toga Day.

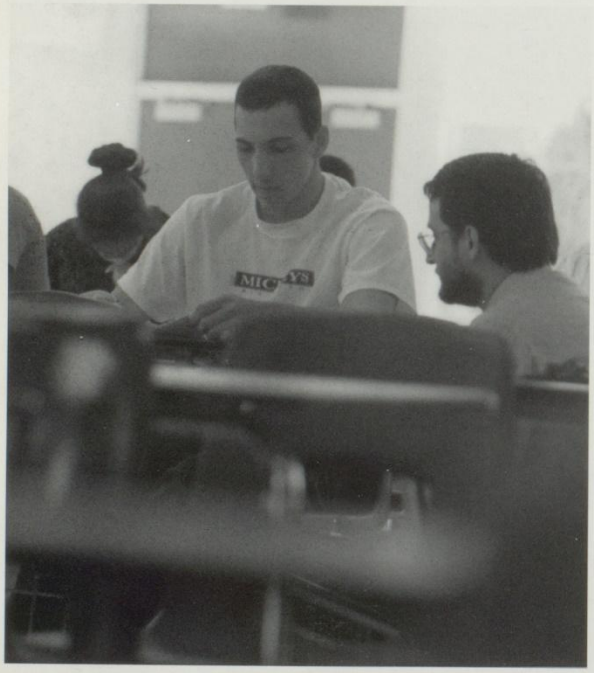
Above: Everyone likes to wind down after Homecoming week with a little dance. For some of the freshmen it was their first taste of freedom.

Left: Football players take a good look at some of the future players to come while riding in the annual Homecoming Parade.



Above: Tyson Grippin tries to warm himself up while someone plays a mean joke on Josh Greenwood for a good laugh.

Below: A desperate Cody Curtis asks Mr. Vinson for help on the tough Ag final, but only finds himself more confused.



Dead Win

The first snow came on the night of January seventh, but the winter mood has been here for a long time now. The seniors are getting antsy to get out, while the sopohmores and juniors are dreading to come back next year. It seems that we are trying to get in the mood for school while our minds are on other things such as summer vacation and the weekends. It is depressing to know that we still have one whole semester to go. Somehow, we know that we will survive, but sometimes we wonder.

Christmas break went so fast and each of us dreaded Monday, January sixth when we once again had to walk down the school halls and get back into the routine again. When we returned from Christmas break, we found ourselves studying for semester tests and dreaming of summer vacation.

Some are kept busy with basketball,

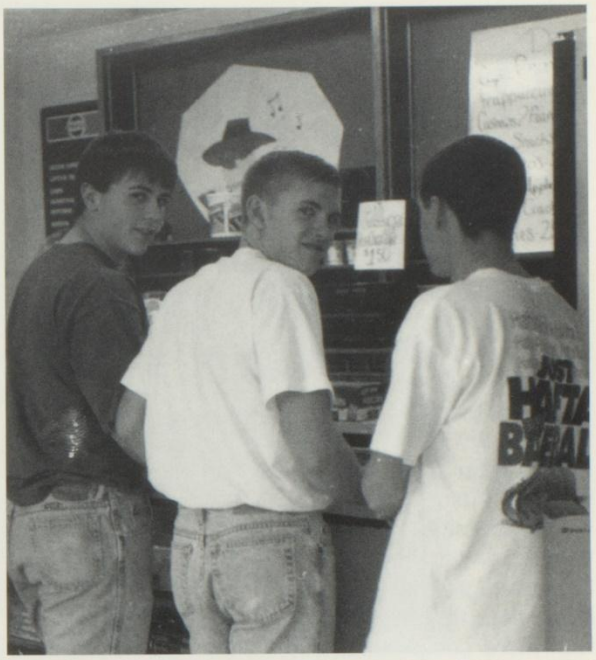
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wrestling, forensics, and the spring play, while others try to come up with good excuses for not getting out of bed in the morning. We hoped and prayed that more snow would come and give us a snow day. Our wishes did not come true, unfortunately.

Instead of snow, a week of bitter cold struck Brush High School. The freezing temperatures did not only occur outside, but also inside the classrooms. Everyone relied on body heat as our source of survival. Cold and cranky was not a good combination, but most of us suffered these feelings. We figured that since we had to be there, why couldn't they at least make the atmosphere comfortable.

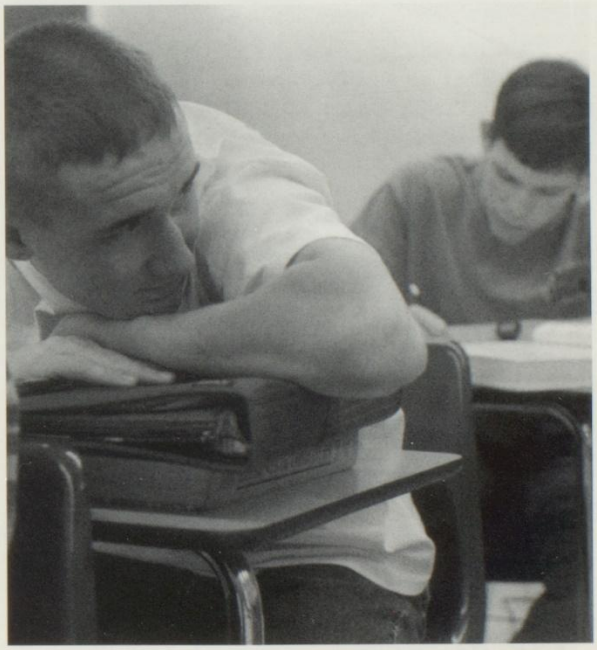
Although some walked through the halls saying how much they hated school, there were still those select few who had smiles on their faces and the laughter in their voices. I would just like to congratulate them on a job well done!

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Above: Nate Washburn, Jason Cummings, and Bobby Anderson get caught trying to hold up the Digger Depot.

Below: Larry Holter calls it quits for the day, while Jesse Magnuson keeps on task.



The Winter of No Return

The freshman class are entering a long and cold winter at Brush High School. After going through a difficult fall from their Middle School years, they start all over again with the frustrations of a high school career. Barely hanging on during the first two quarters under the ruling seniors, they are faced with more complications. The freshman are now faced with more hassles and put-downsof each upper classman. For the winter, it is time for each of the freshman to get to know the seniors. Most seniors don't really care if they get to know the freshman or not. All the seniors carre about is ending the third and fourth quarter so they can get out school. When the seniors leave there is sadness.

by Nate Carstens

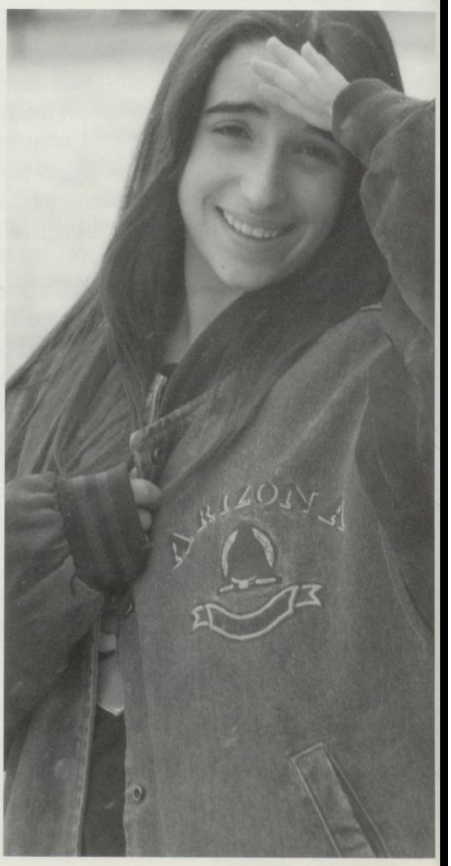


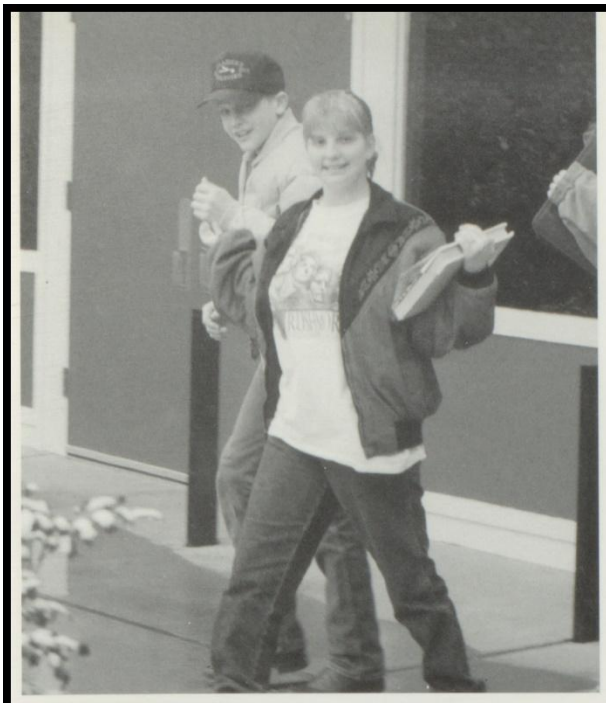
Above: Freshman Chris Castrup jumps out of his vehicle on his way to make it to class before the tardy bell rings.

Right: Michael Bowman has a look of releif as she realizes that she might be on time today.



Top Right: Levi Cooper awaits the school bell. In the mean time he enjoys posing for the camera.

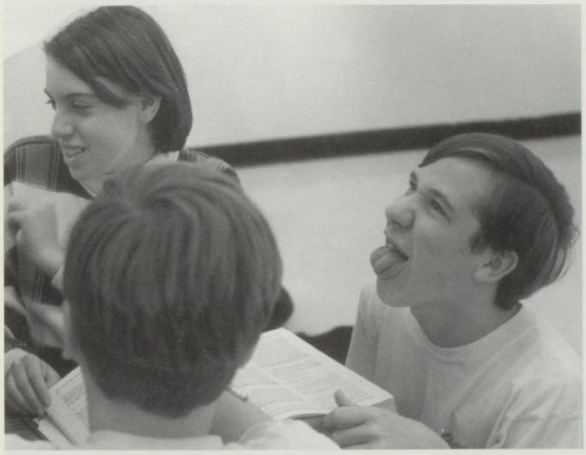




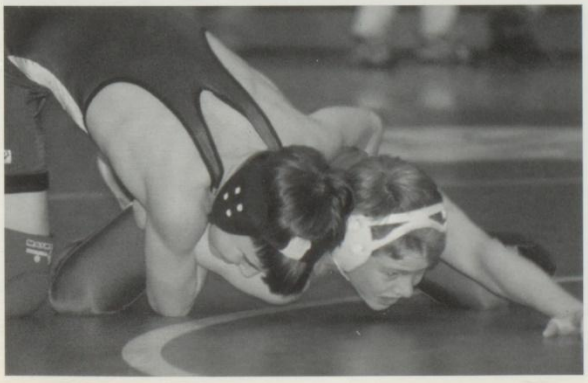
Left: Tiffany Dudden and Matt Kalous leave school smiling because of the afternoon snow.

Below: Randy Amen and Will Jones try to keep warm while waiting for the bus ride home.









Top left: Matt Weilnau sits on the floor and awaits a doggy biscuit; no wait, maybe he is showing off.

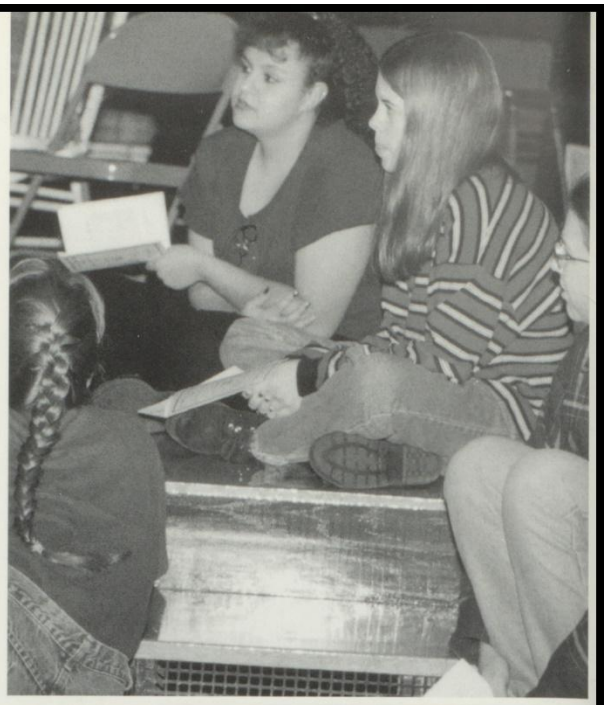
Top right: Darlene Keltz and Jill Walker seem to be chillin in the cold weather with happy faces.

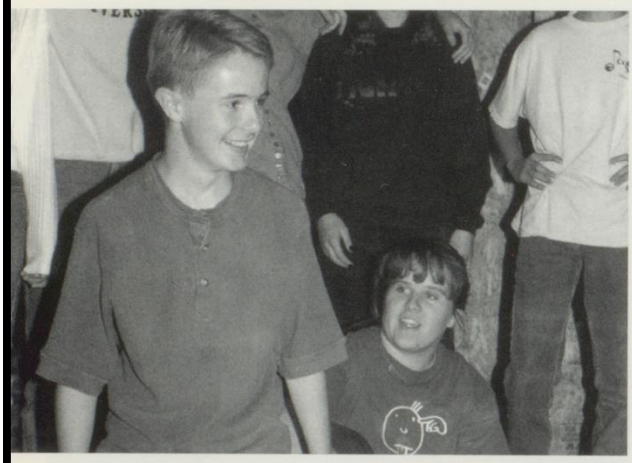
Left: Dusty Mullen attempts a reversal during a tough match against a Wray opponent.

Right: Natasha Montez, Teresa Bloemker, and Meredith Cox talk about their scenes during play rehearsal

Below: Tomas Marquez enjoys ending school by seeing the light snow fall down.









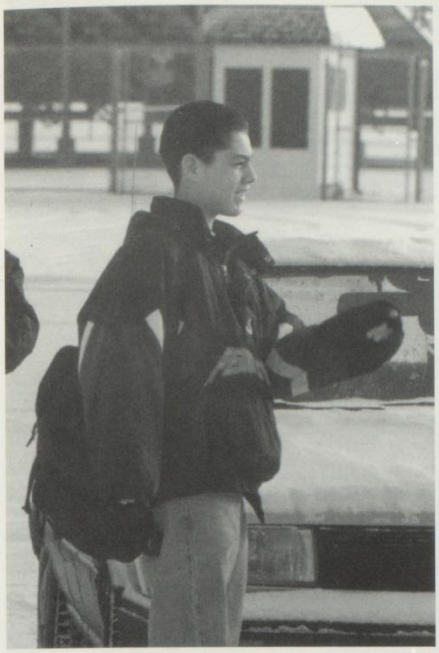
Above: Justin Thornton expresses a dramatical scene during one of the drama practices for the winter play.

Above Right: Heather Windsheimer, Jocelyn Miller, Margaret Fox, and Sage Briggs give thumbs up while they watch one of the lady diggers basketball games.

Right: Brian Ball and Bo Herrera do a little trading of candy covered roses. Hopefully the ladies that gave them to them don't get mad!



Expanding Frosh Winter



As freshmen are starting to end a long cold winter they are disturbed by a lack of communication with teachers. While getting close to the end of third quarter other things besides grades go through their minds; maybe a sense of relief that they will be sophomores next year. That means they won't have to put up with the hassle of getting called a freshman every day. It means that they will get to pick on next years freshmen. Also the freshmen are feeling a sense of joy knowing that school is almost out. Now that most freshmen have gotten to know the seniors, they feel better knowing that they can count on them for help if needed.

Above: Phil Garcia decides to stop and talk with someone before entering another joyful day of school.

by Nate Carstens





Above: John Kleiber and Marta Scalise engage their kindliness toward each other during class.

Left: Krista Davies shows off her musical talent during one of the rare school pep-rallies.

Discovering A New Light

When the school year first started, the sophomores were looking forward to gaining new freedoms. As the time arrived for them to actually experience those freedoms, the class of 1999 was hit with a little bit of reality.

At the same time that they get their licenses, they are also hit with the responsibility of gas money, insurance, and what to do on a Saturday night. After the first couple of weeks of driving on Main in Ft. Morgan, what is there to do? They have so much freedom and they want to be treated like adults, but what do they do when there is nothing to do?

When they were younger and less mature, they talked about how bored they were. Now it is even more boring because they have all this freedom that they don't know what to do with.

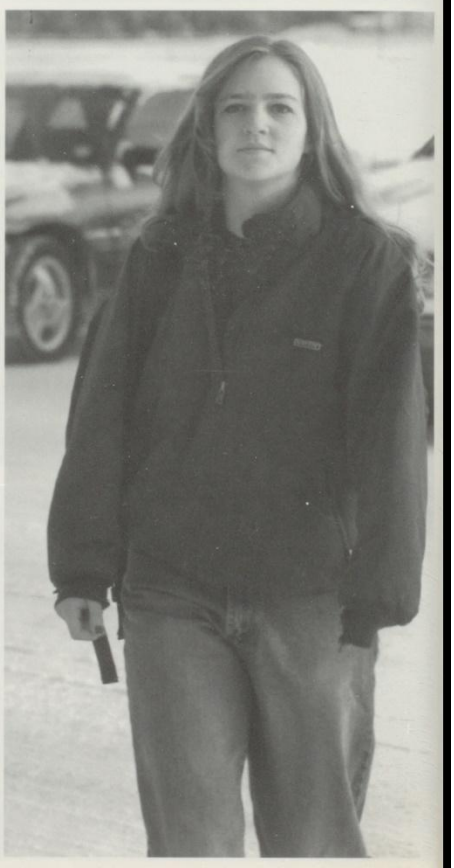
Brandy Toft



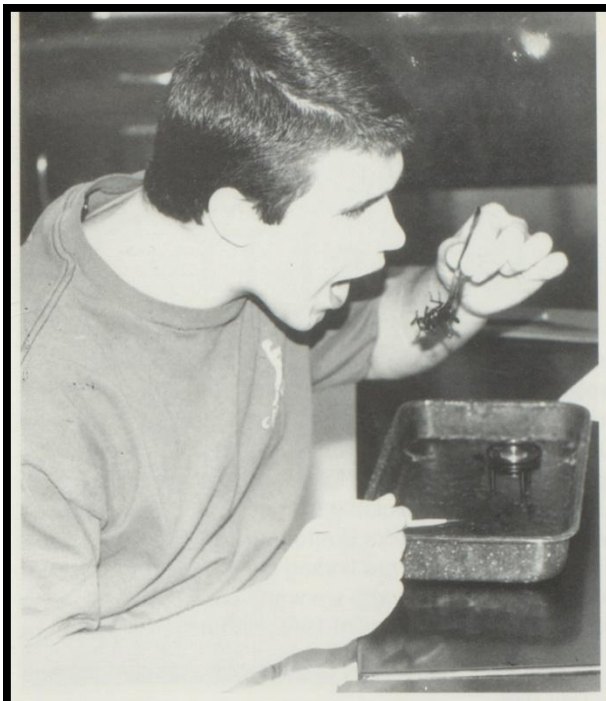
Right: Jamie Pangle does a good job of guarding her girl during a tough game against the Platte Valley Broncos.



Above: Nathan Carstens and Sarah Rodriguez enjoy their snacks while Aubrey Reyes keeps on doing her own thing.

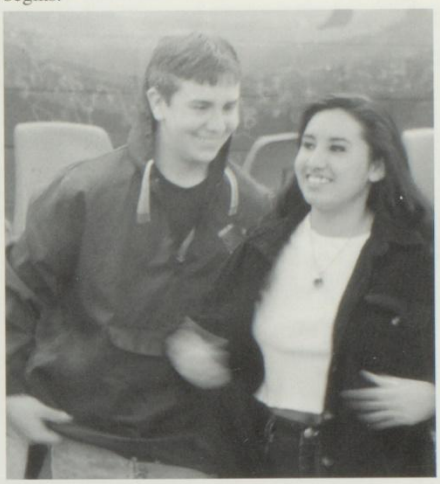


Right: Anna Bauer shows just how much she is looking forward to another day of school.

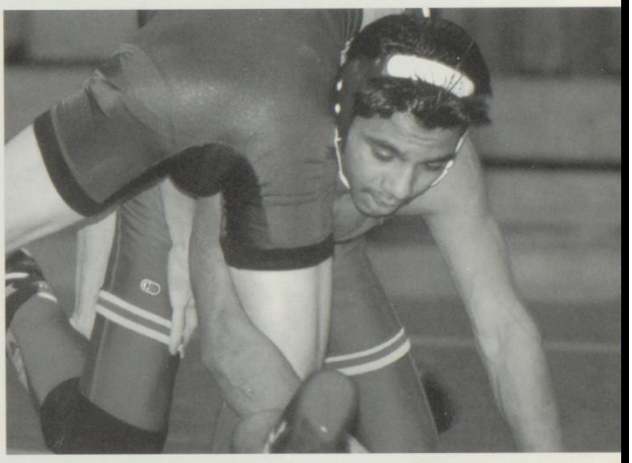


Left: During a Biology dissection, Mike Toft decides whether or not he needs some nourishment before heading off to wrestling practice.

Below: Josh Kelly and Trina Meza share a joke before Biology class begins.









Above Left: Jill Chapman wrinkles up her nose as some of the worm guts splashed out at her.

Above: At a wrestling match at Brush, Noel Cardenas worked hard to pin his opponent. Brush won the dual against Wray and became league champs.

Left: Cheese! During play practice Erin Crosthwait takes a break and poses for a photo.

Sophomores Almost There

As you can see, we sophomores are slowly getting to the top. We're still not upperclassmen, but we're also really not underclassmen. We're just the in-betweens. This year we know at least where we are going at the high school. We don't get lost and go into the wrong room or something. We pretty much know where we're going. This is the year where it's the start of our freedom. For most of us it's about time to be getting our drivers licenses. The ones that don't have them yet are hitting people up for rides. We feel we've found our place in school, and we know a lot more people, so we are more sociable with other people. We don't have to fight for attention anymore like we did when we were freshmen. We like to tease the freshmen now, because we know what they're going through. This is the year where we are finding and sorting out what our identities are. We are seeing who we are and most of us are finding out who we want to be. Looking in the right direction, we are almost there. Here are some comments from the Class of 1999, about their sophomore year:

Nathan Carstens: Full of interesting challenges and hair dye.

Jill Chapman: Getting my license and more freedom.

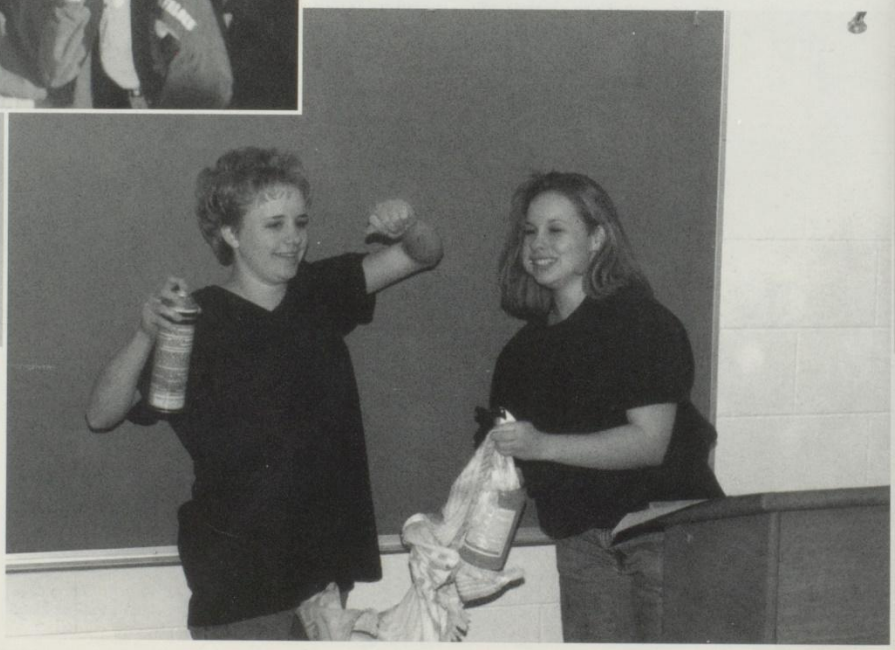
Brian Khaler: Getting my license so I can party more.

Veronica Duran: I'm doing better in school.

Josh Kelly: A lot of new experiences for me.



Above: Cory Stevens and Erin Croswait show their undying affection for each other as they go to the Digger Depot in search of grub.

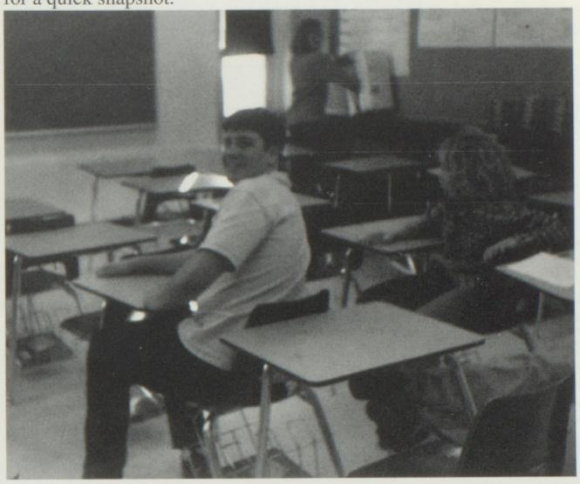


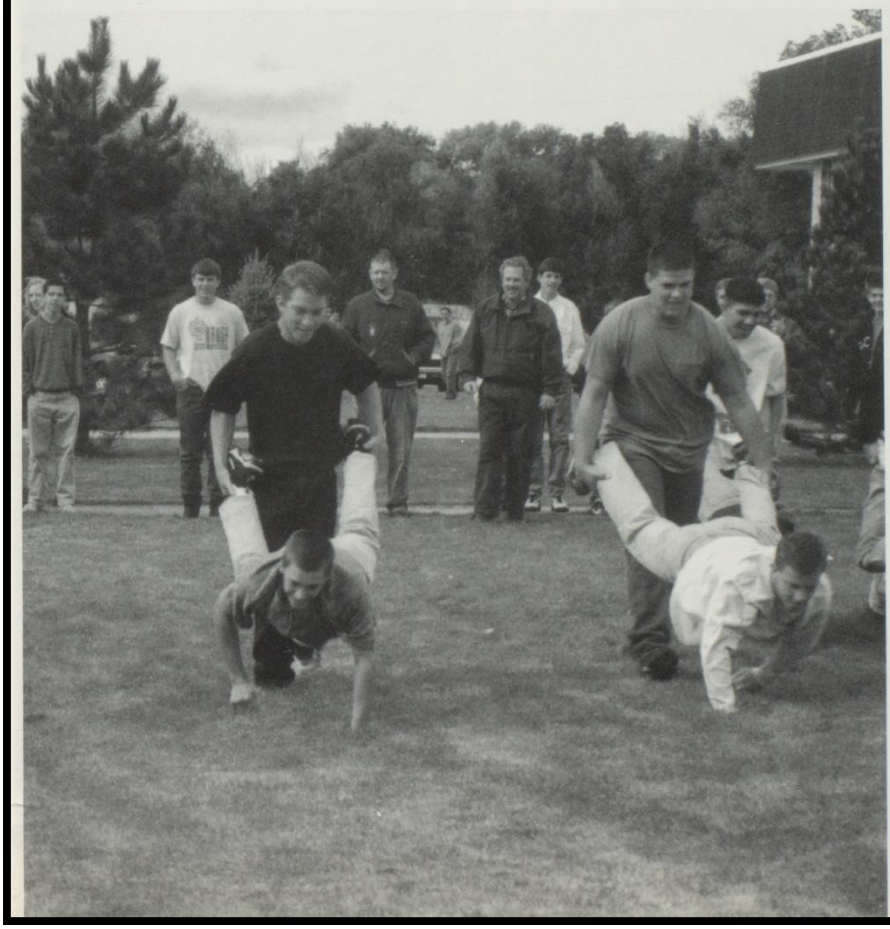
Right: Mandi Groves and Samantha Knight show their cleaning abilities while serving detention. Students often help the janitors with their cleaning duties during after school detention.

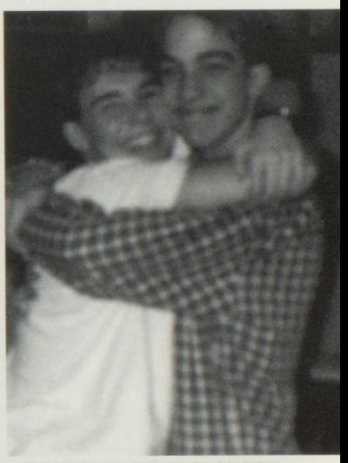


Left: Emily Dupps shows her true feelings about school to her friends during an afternoon break.

Below: Peter Bolinger and his friends are carrying on a friendly conversation which is interrupted for a quick snapshot.



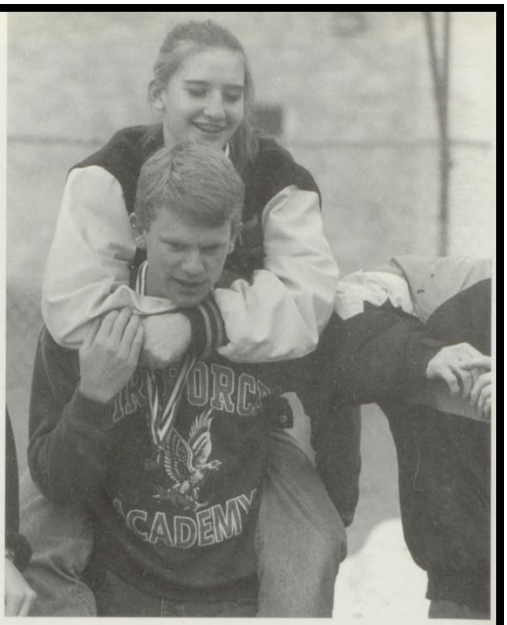




Above: Nathan Carstens and Amber Harned squeeze in a little hug on a hard day of working on their layouts.

Left: Jesse Spooner, Bobby Andersen, Mike Toft, and Brian Khaler try their best to win the wheelbarrow race for their class during noon time activities.

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Below: Levi Wells and Dale Garrett spend time with fellow sophomore, Mandy Groves outside after school. They are relaxing after a hard day of studying and taking tests.

Below Right: Abigail Castilleja and Veronica Duran are learning some literature with Mr. Lowndes and fellow sophomore students. The class is required for all sophomores.

Right: Sophomore, Rebecca Gates asks Senior, Randy Carlson for a piggy-back ride after returning home from Academic Decathlon. All of the participants did well in their competitions.





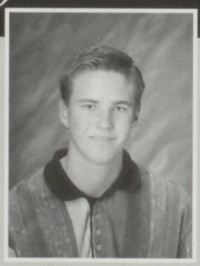
After a year in high school, how has your perspective on the school changed?



Tom Goff:
It's more fun because I get to pick on the freshman.



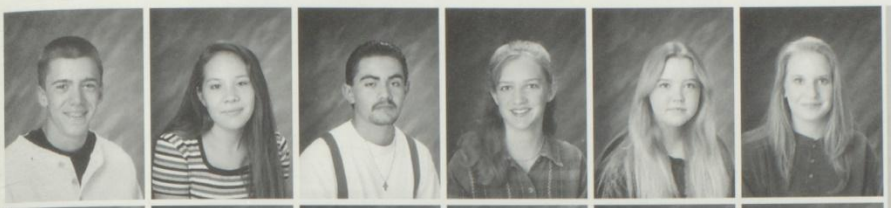
Heather Leis:
It's more fun because you get a cookie break.



Jeff Cranson:
It's more hard work but it's a lot more fun.



Sarah Rodriquez:
I don't think it is as fun as I pictured it to be.



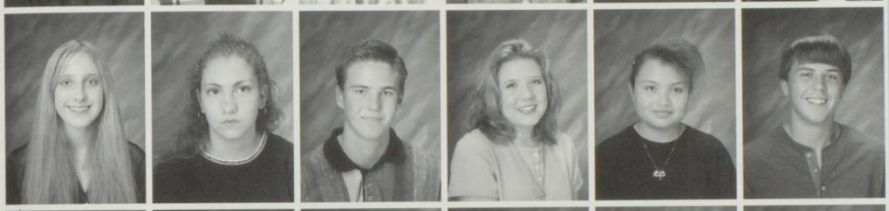
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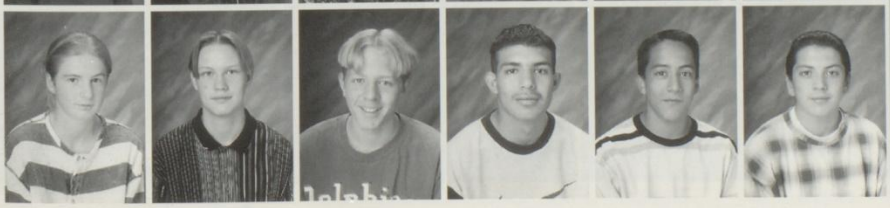
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Juniors As Outsiders

What do juniors do outside of school? Probably everything anyone can imagine. They work, do sports, get into trouble, etc.

Some of the places filled with working juniors are Wendy's, Pizza Hut, McDonalds, BrushGrocery Kart, BrushMarket, Doughboys, and almost anywhere else that hires high school students. They do this in order to have spending money for car responsibilities and social life. They get to see what the working world is all about.

Another type of school activity, not really out-of-school, but more after school, is the big world of sports. In the fall there is football, cross country, golf, tennis, and volleyball. For winter sports, there is basketball and wrestling, and, in the spring, baseball and track. They have to make the best of it all, because they only have one more year to participate after this one. There were approximately 11 juniors out for football, none in cross country, 10 out for volleyball, 2 for golf, 1 for tennis, 8 for boys basketball and 5 for girls basketball. In wrestling-6, in baseball-5, in track-20, and 2 cheerleaders. Sports is just something extra to keep in shape and of course, keep them out of trouble, Or does it?



Above:Nathan Kreymeher braves the cold weather waiting for a ride after school. Brr! Though it doesn't seem to affect him any.



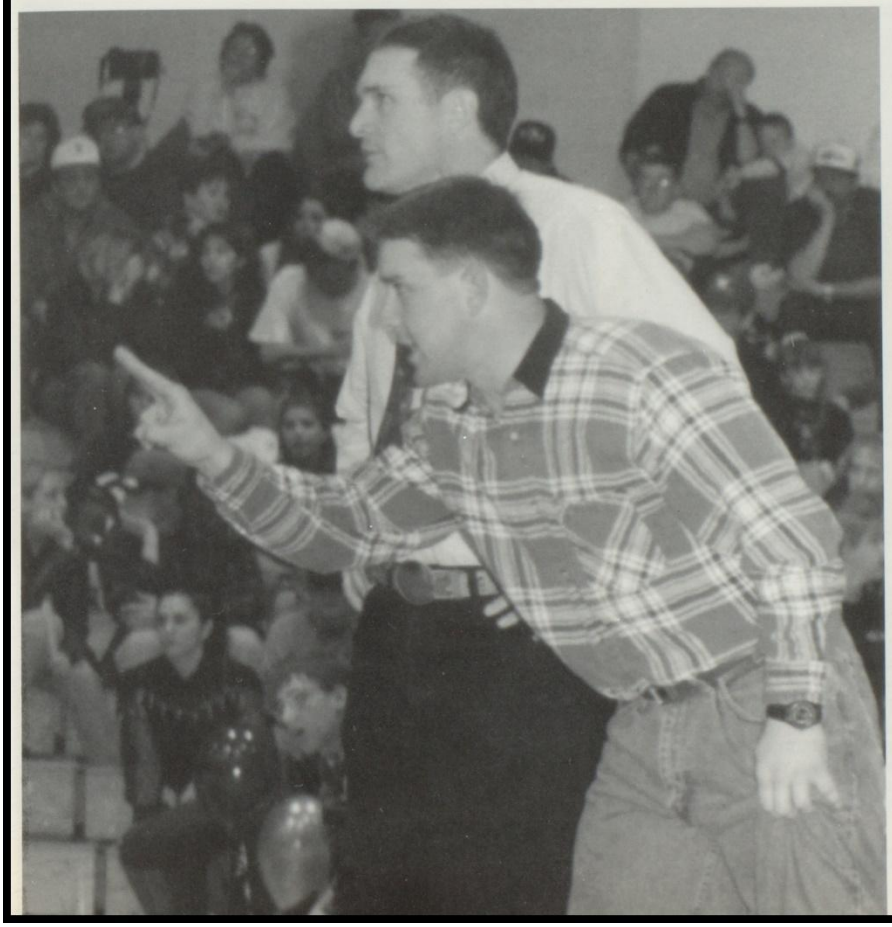
Right:Mr. Hartman, Mr. Vinson, Mr. Haley, Mr. Lowndes, Mr. Mussell, Mr. Weimer, and Mr. Krob all competed for the grow-a-beard contest. The students got to vote for the one they seemed to like, and the outcome was Mr. Hartman won the ugliest, Mr. Krob won most unique, and Mr Lowndes won best beard. Don't they all have such great spirit!



Left: Willis Payton sits peacefully during the Academic award assembly.

Below: Erica McGee practices her free throw during warm-up before the last home game against the Platte Valley Broncos.







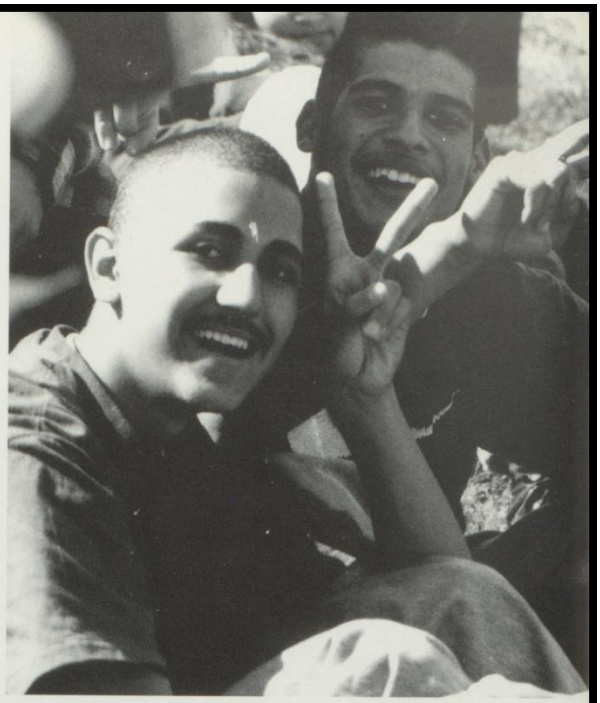
Above: Matt Shealy and Alex Armijo play it cool, while Alex hitches a piggy back ride from Matt.

Left: Wrestling coaches, Drietz and Uhrig give a few pointers during one of the matches held on the Digger hardwoods.

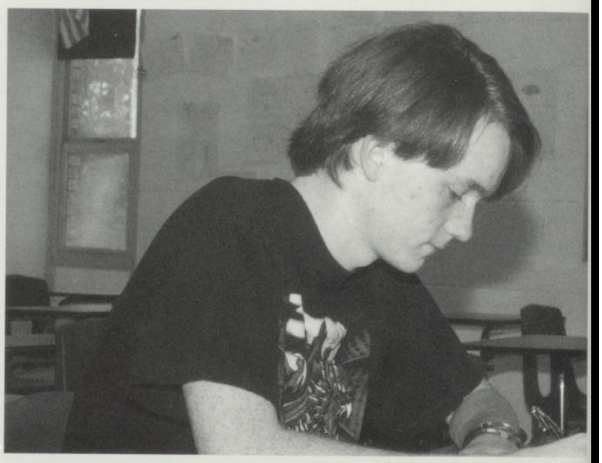
Right: James Abreo and Nathan Rodriquez show a little class during an assembly outside for the juniors.

Below: Al Armijo, Matt Shealy, Eric Cortez, April Hepner, Sam Sundstrom, Rebekah Gates, Randy Carlson, and Tom Connely show off their medals after returning from Academic Decathalon.





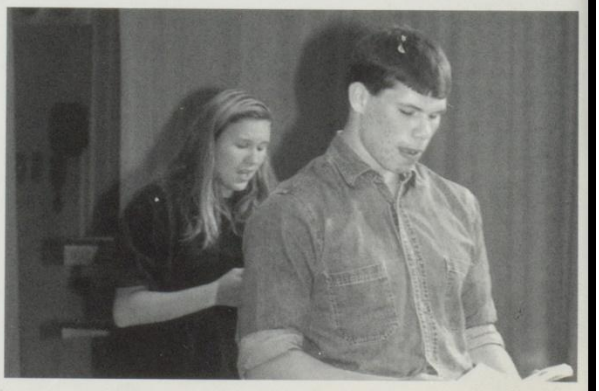




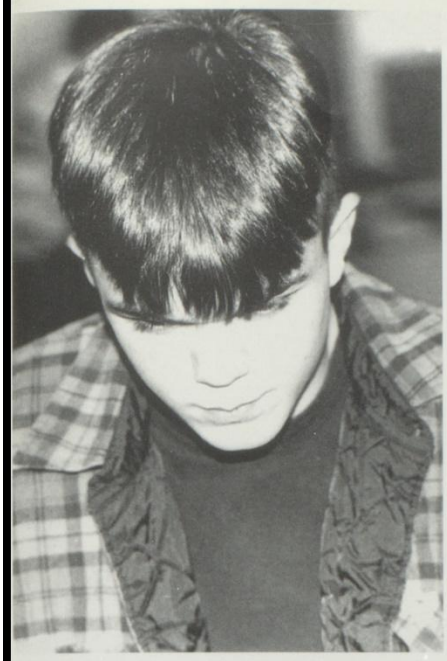
Above: Jared Samples shakes the coach's hand after winning yet another wrestling match of his junior career. Jared was seeded second going into the State Tournament.

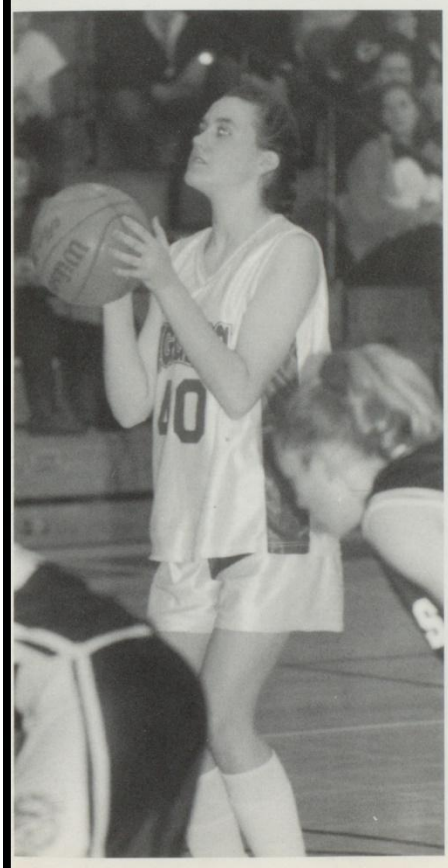
Above Right: James(Jimmy) Kaiser seems to be working hard as he takes a few notes from Mr. Dillehay after school.

Right: Neil Magnuson goes over his lines before a play performance. He seemed to do alright because the play went very well.



Junior Class Looks To Future





The junior class is starting to look forward to the destinations that the future holds for them after their final year of high school. Some have already signed up for scholarships, looked into the military programs, or found jobs here around Brush to keep them busy til they decide what to do. Some students haven't even given it very much thought at all. The military may seem too hard while the money would be great. College would be studying constantly or partying and not getting an education. Some might just jump into the work field, which has many choices. It's scary to think that we will all be seniors soon but we need to move on, wherever our destination takes us.

Upper left: Justin Dilfer acts like he's working hard to improve his grades.

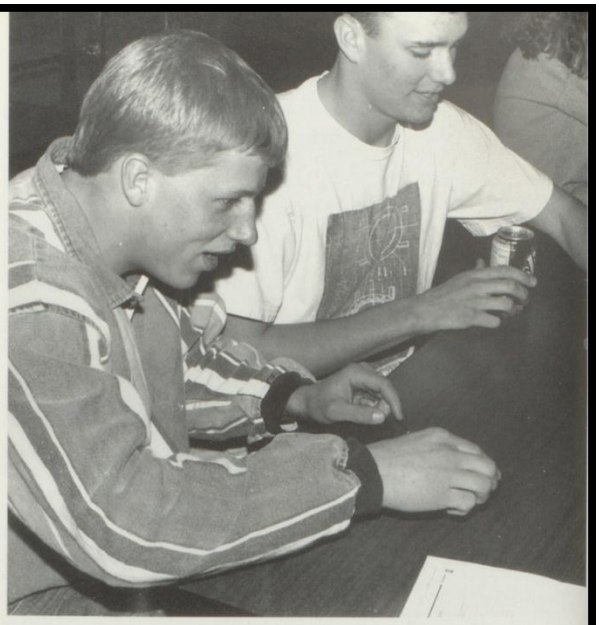
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Above: Cassie Schiller, Kendra Vondy, and Ronny Edelen wait patiently for student council to begin.

Left: Brandy Toft stops and focuses on her free-throw shot during a basketball game against Platte Valley.

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Right: Mitch Kendrick and John Hansen take a few minutes to use their coordination skills to spin pennies on the table in the commons. Everyone needs a few minutes to express their creativity during class.

Below: Brandy Toft, Homer Garcia, and James Abreo stand waiting for the tug-o-war to start, during homecoming week. The junior class placed third overall in the homecoming noontime activities.

Below Right: After a hard day of studying and tests, foreign exchange student, Tim Gunther, smiles for a quick picture while waiting for his bus to come.





What are you anticipating your senior year to be like?



Homer Garcia:
It will be fun and hard too because of the classes I took.



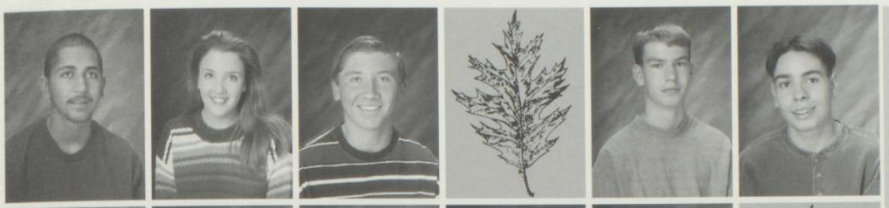
Erica McGee:
Really fun and it will go by really fast.



Willis Payton:
Easy because it is my last year and I didn't take any hard classes.



Becci Baird:
It will go fast because it is our last year.



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Alexander, Aaron
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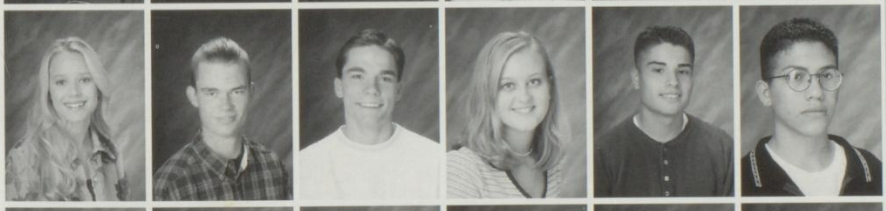
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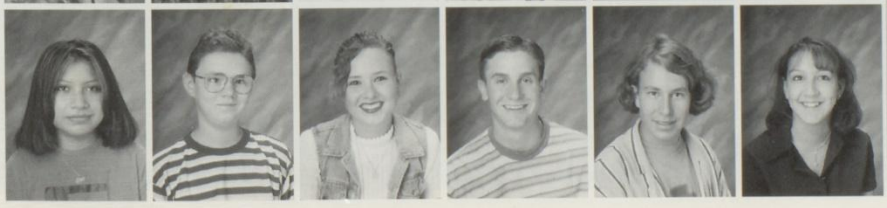
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Emmert, Jessica
Floyd, Michael
Foley, Erik



Ford, Krista
Forsythe, Thomas
Fox, Robert
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Parra, Dolores
Payton, Willis

Piepho, Kendra
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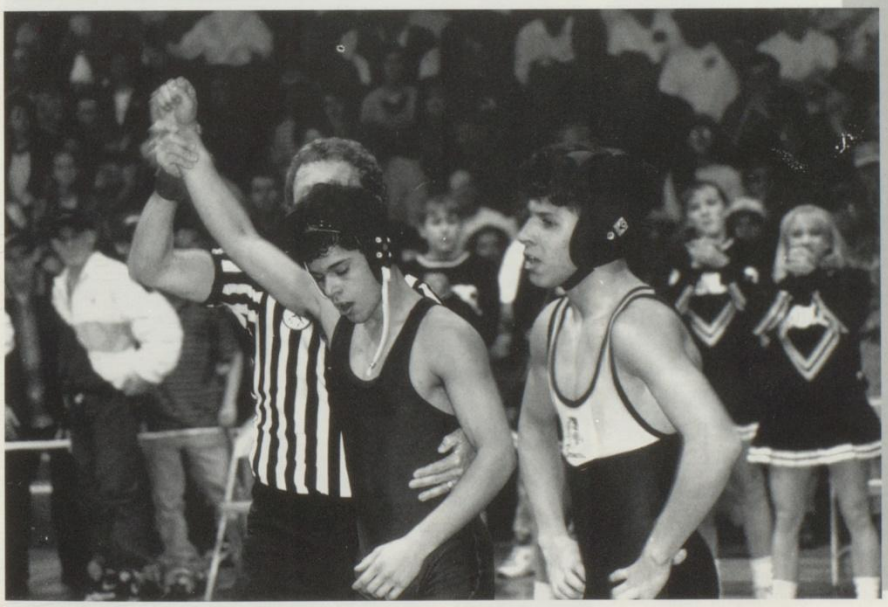


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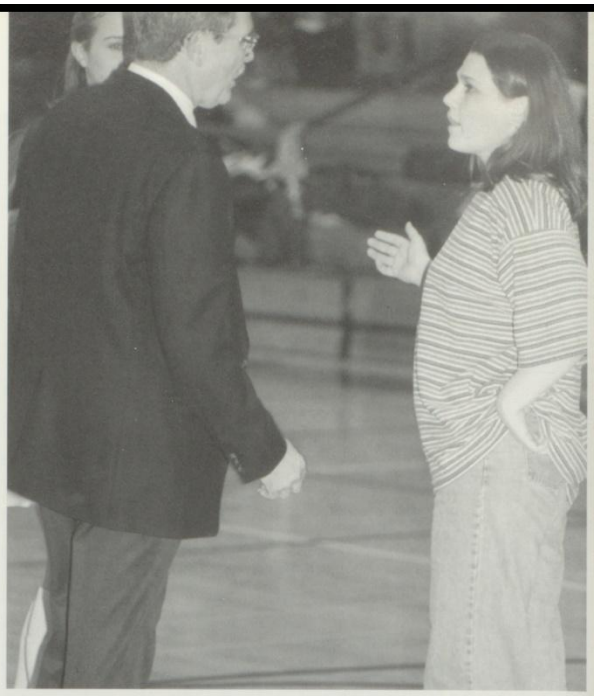
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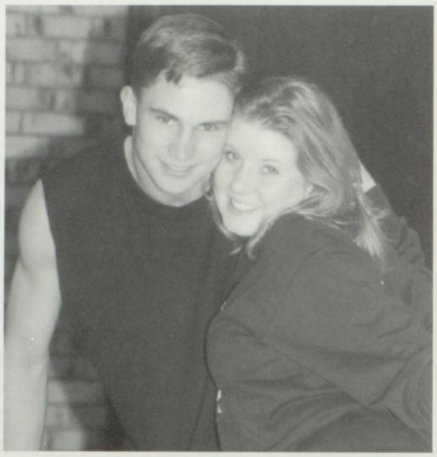


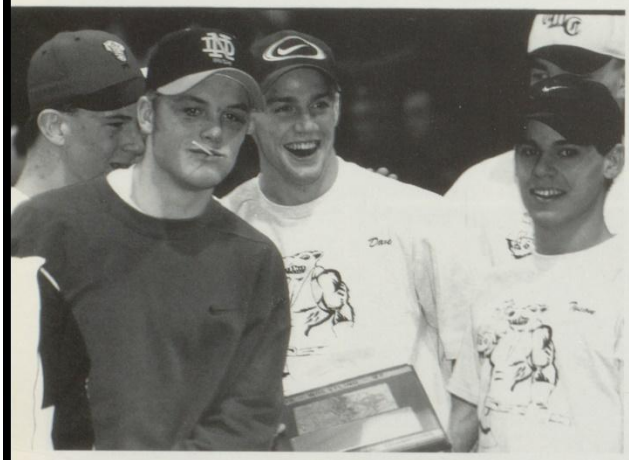
Tyson Meza wins his match during the district wrestling tournament at Platte Valley. Tyson went on to place fourth at the state tournament.

Right: Timber Peters and Mr. McGee talk strategy before one of the girls Varsity basketball games.



Below: Cory Schreiner and Erin Crosthwait get close during track practice. Due to the cold weather, the track team practiced inside.



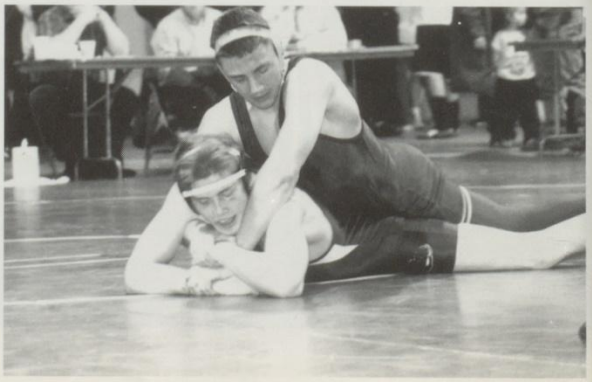


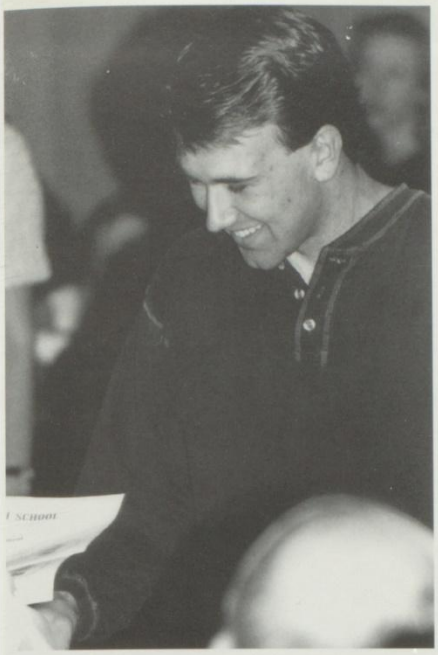


Above: State champions Jeremiah Miles and Dave Vondy look on as the team receives their second place plaque at state.

Above Right: After taking 1st and 2nd at the state forensics meet, Jessica Jordet and Aaron Weisser finally take a break from competing.

Right: Shane Erosky takes his competition to the mat during one of the many wrestling tournaments this year.







The Final Freeze

As the fall season leads us into winter, the seniors move one season closer to graduating. The winter seems to slow everything down. Everyday is just like the last one.

Most seniors settle into their schedules of school, sports, jobs, and friends. It is as if all of the excitement of being a senior has frozen at a standstill.

Many of the seniors are busy with their classes. They are comfortably enjoying the final months before they will hurriedly fill out scholarships and wave goodbye to Brush High.

It is the final freeze for the seniors. They have already spent three winters waiting for this.

Left: Many students recieved academic awards for their efforts in school. Here, Heath Kuntz receives his certificate.

April Hepner

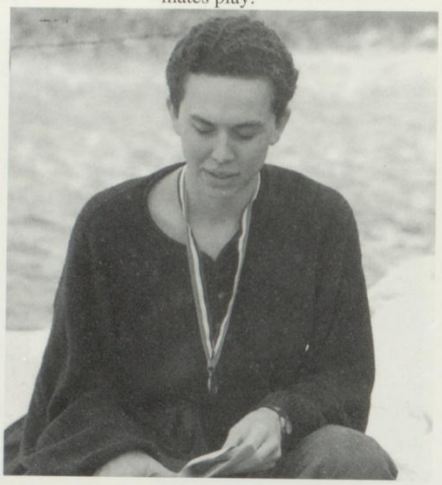


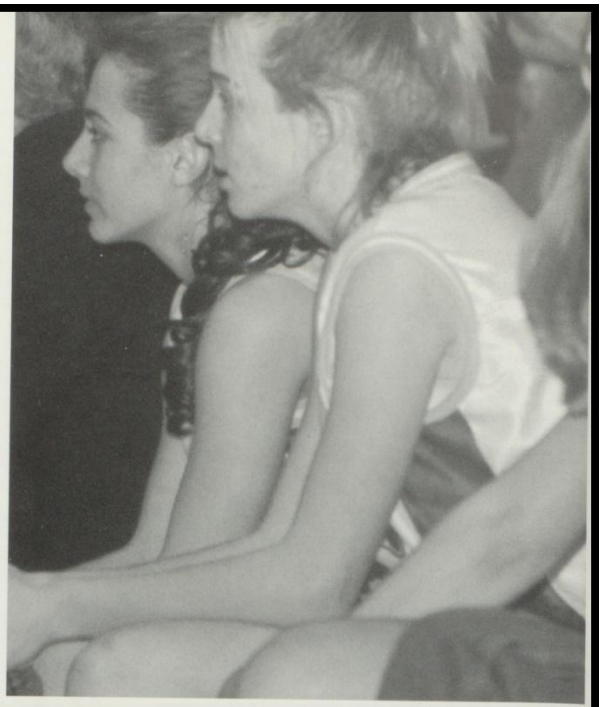
Above: Jenny Mattorano and Crystal Deal are all smiles during their FCCLA conference.

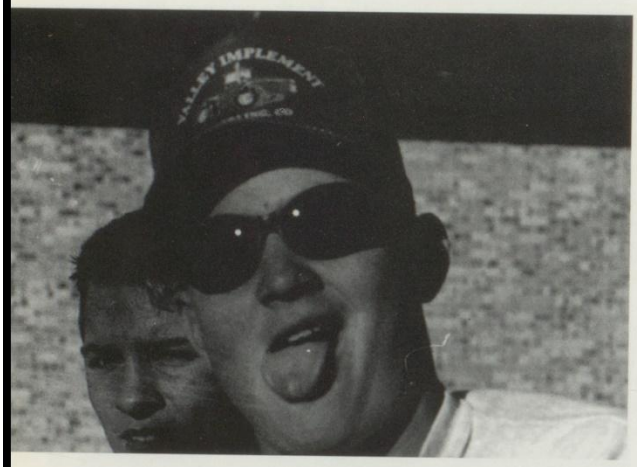
Left: Becca Biren goes into the zone while preparing to sink her two shots.

Below: Sam Sundstrom stops to ponder his thoughts after a day of Academic Decathlon.

Right: Kami and Holly Teter sit next to each other on the Varsity bench while watching their teammates play.







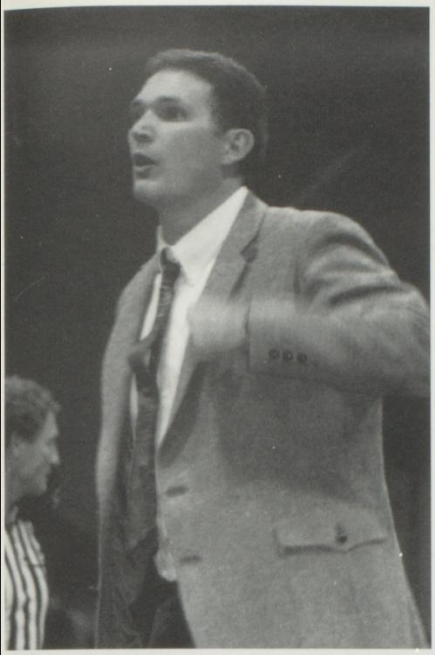


Above: Todd Draegert lets it all hang out. Many of the seniors shared Todd's attitude by this time of the year.

Above Right: Demonstrating the three different colors, Tammy Hazen proudly shows off the FCCLA chocolate roses. The club sold them for Valentines Day.

Right: Journalism class could sometimes get a little confusing as Anne Hughes looks up for a minute to reorganize her thoughts.







Regrets...

When we all look back at this yearbook in twenty years or so we will be able to see all the fun we had, but there will still be one question that is in our heads. In all of your years at Brush High School, what do you regret the most? "Not leaving with my alien friends when I had the chance."-Tishy D.

"Not going with Tishy and her alien friends."-Clint F.

"My whole sophomore year."-Dee M.

"Not being involved in enough clubs."-April F.

"Not getting to know more people and being friends with them."-Ana K.

"Not getting more involved in school."-Andy G.

"Not going out for more sports."-Matt H.

Left: Coach Drietz's anxiety rises as he watches his wrestlers take to the mat during one of the many Wrestling tournaments this year.

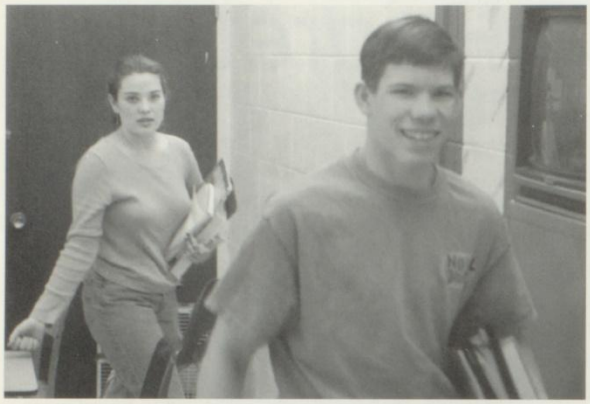
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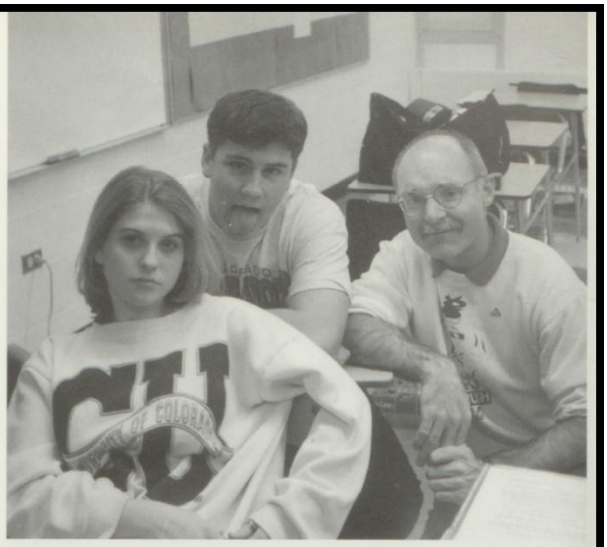
Above: Nathan Krueger shows his intensity as he launches the ball over home plate. Due to the cold the baseball players practiced inside.

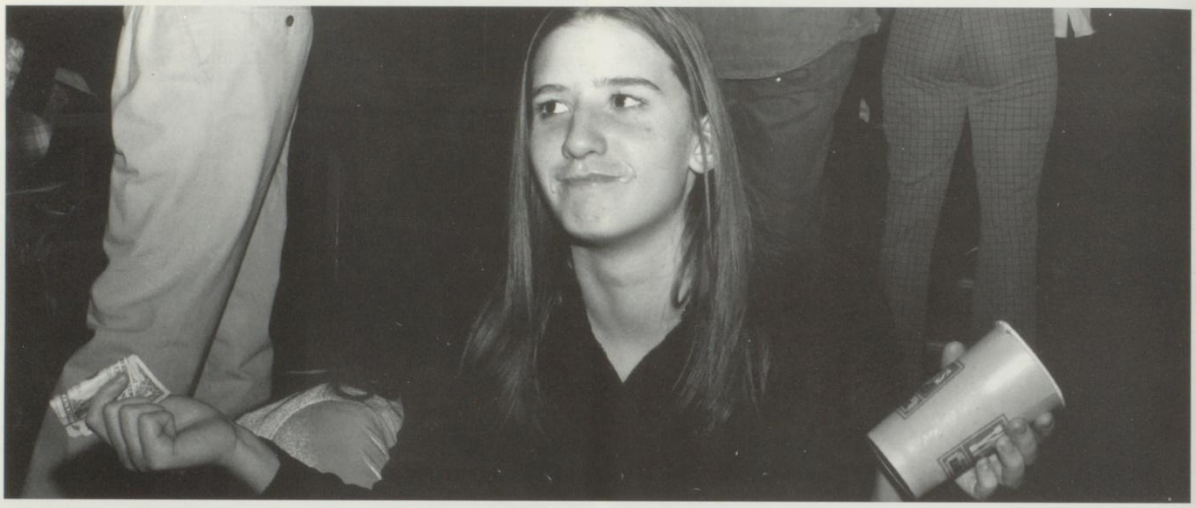
Left: Jeffrey Wagers thought he was fooling everyone by looking busy, but we know he was playing with his electronic spelling dictionary.

Jesse Magnuson and Amanda Trujillo make way to disappear from class as the bell rings.



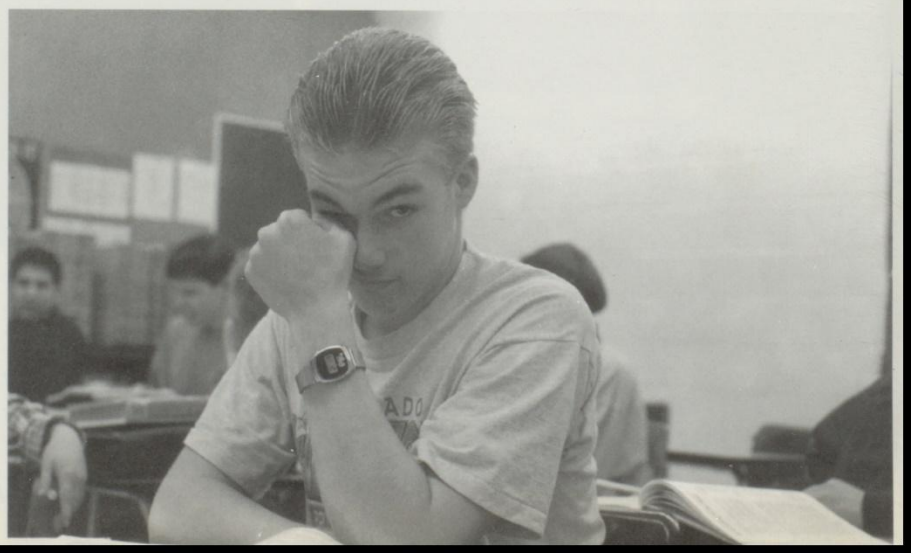
Journalism teacher Mr. Haley, editor Christina Jones, and newspaper editor Pete Bolinger have a dull moment in class.



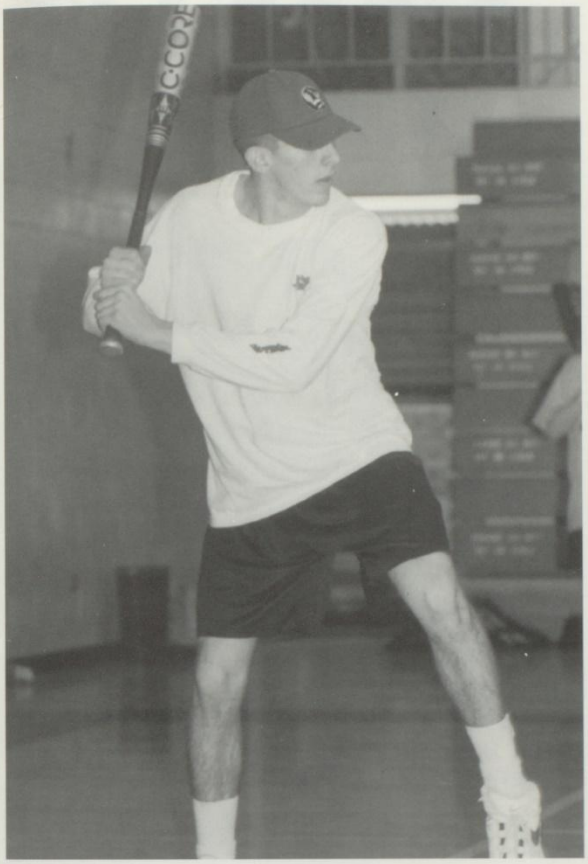


Rebeccah Gates enjoys feeding her face with a Wendy's frosty as she attempts to give free money away.

Chris Gray loves sleeping in class but is awakened by a bright light that caught his attention real quick.



Snowball Is A Hit



Senior Nathan Kreuger awaits a pitch during baseball practice. This is his fourth year to play ball.

Snowball is a time for the students of Brush High School to get together with their dates and have a ball at the old dance. This is the first dance of the year where you make time for that special person of your life. Being fashionably late brings a sense of humor to the dance. As it gets closer to spring everyone chills out and tries working hard until the end of the year is over. The snowball dance just adds a little charisma to each person at Brush High School.



Tabitha Rocha and Neil Krob give a big smile for the camera as they enjoy being crowned king and queen of the snowball dance.



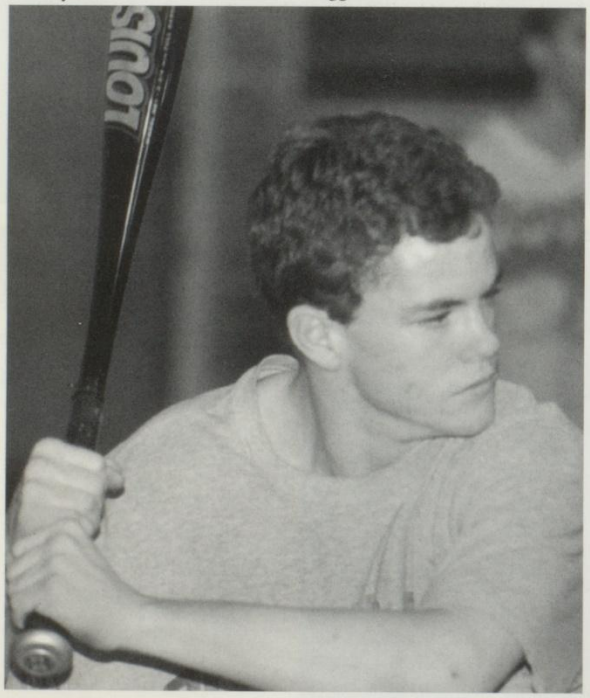
Heidi Chavez enjoys a warm day in the winter when she is surprised by a photographer.

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Above: Tabitha Rocha is seen here with a look most people don't see. Everyone has their bad days Tabi!

Bottom: Tyler Treadway steps up to the plate to take a few cuts at an indoor practice for the Diggers.

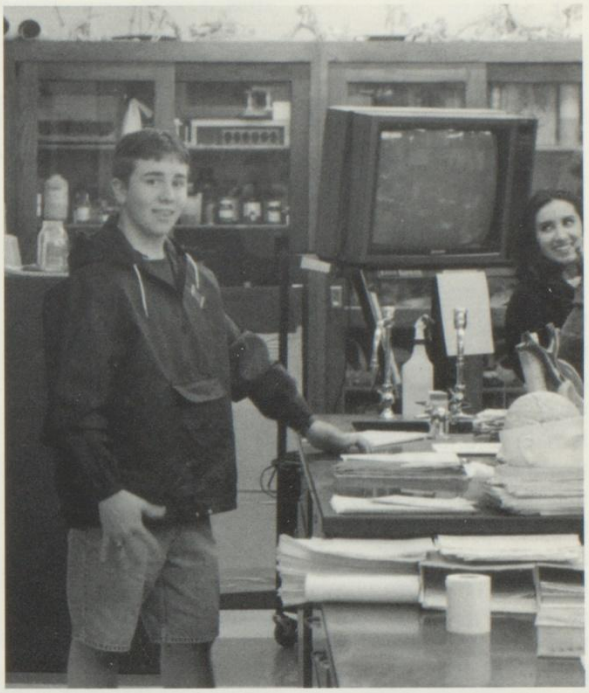




Watch out for bumblebees, it's that time of year again. The time of year when the birds come back, the grass gets a little greener, and the trees get leafy. Ah yes, springtime, what a wonderful time of year! As spring approaches, we realize that for some of us it is our last at Brush High School. The rest of us have 1, 2, or even 3 years left. That could be good for some, bad for others. But, no matter how we look at it, Spring is upon us, and it will be gone before we know it. Good advice

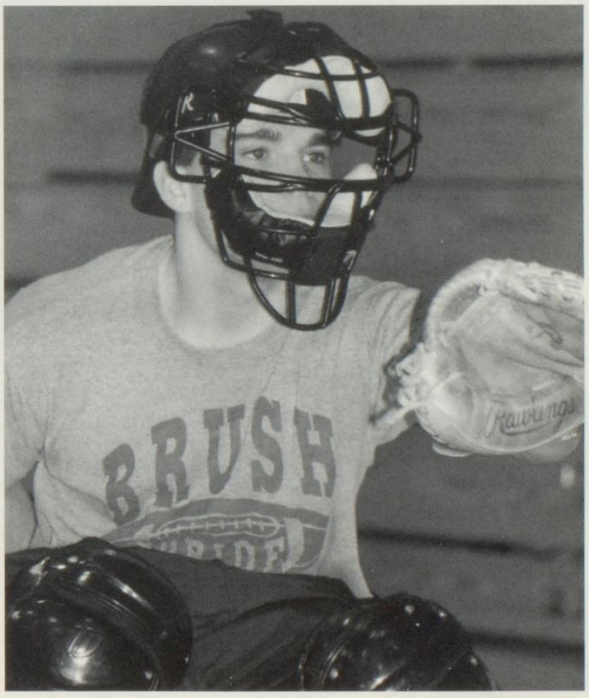
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Above; Josh Kelly gets caught trying to find the answer book in Mrs. Florian's biology class

Bottom: Bobby Fox prepares to catch another fastball during the early stages of baseball practice.



to the student body is to get outside and enjoy the mild weather, because before too long, summer will be here; the time when the softball games start, irrigation goes full throttle, and summer jobs start and seem to never end. But, just as we get into the groove, or in some cases, the grind of summer life, school is just around the corner. So, with spring coming, watch out for bumblebees.

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Spring time for Freshmen

As we spring forward to the beginning of a new season, the freshmen wait anxiously for the school year to end. The weather is nice and just right, the freshmen are already getting spring fever, just ready for school to be over so they can lay around and be lazy. They don't have to worry about teachers biting their heads off, teachers giving them homework on the weekends, staying after school and serving detention; nothing, absolutely nothing. The freshmen have been through a rough year having to deal with the big guys (seniors) and just getting used to the idea that they're in high school, and aren't little kids anymore. They know that they won't be freshmen, but sophomores.

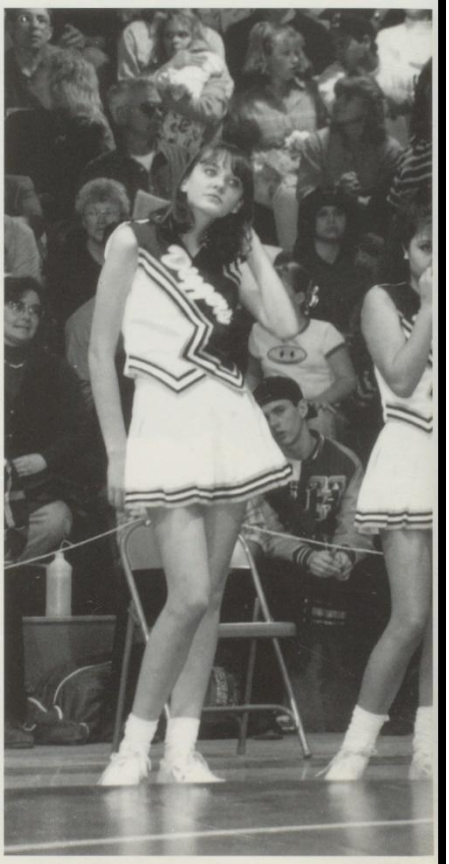
By Sarah Rodriquez



Right: Daniel Greener, a freshman, tries to show his muscles to the girls.



Above: Bo Herrera stands outside all alone waiting for his mom to pick him up after school.



Right: Tiffany Flournoy, a Brush cheerleader, stands quietly and waits to cheer.



Left: A whole group of new freshmen sit outside on a nice warm day talking and gossiping.

Below: Duke Acosta gives a big cheeser to his fans at Brush High School.









Above left: Aubrey Trujillo gives another student advice on how to do things the right way.

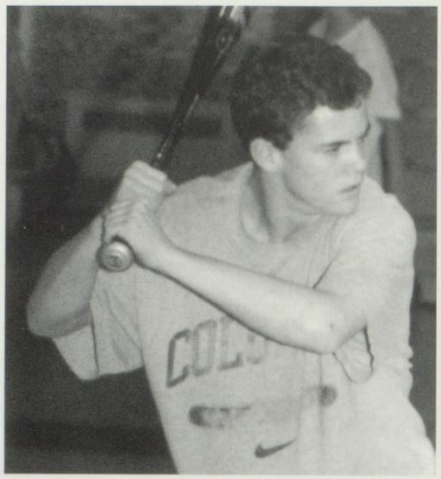
Above right: A group of freshmen waits outside for an activity. Looking good!

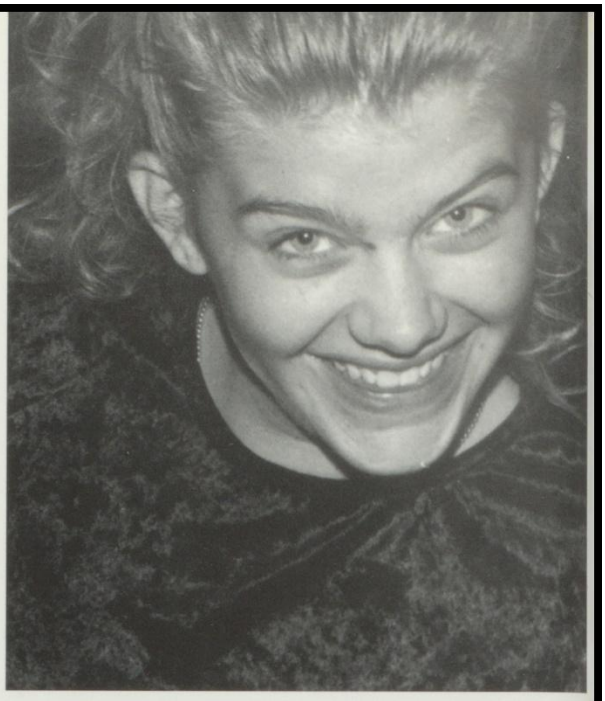
Left: Natasha Montez reads over her lines for the spring play, "It's Cold in them Hills".

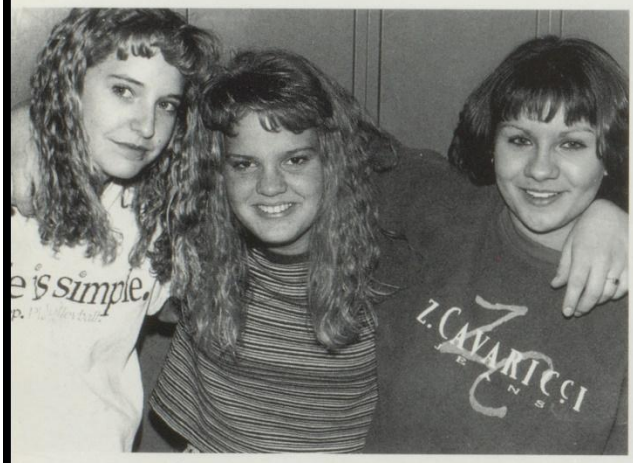


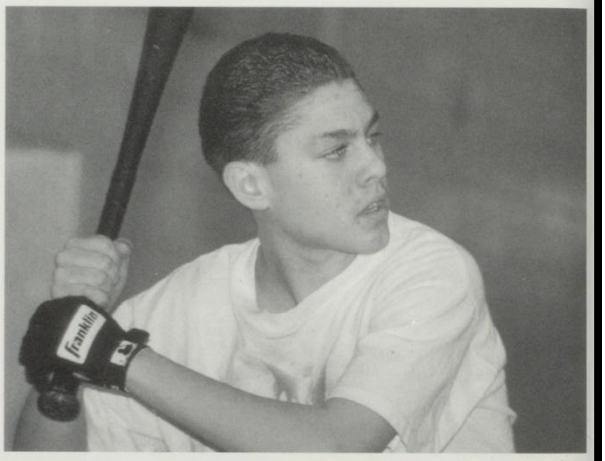
Right: Katie Kruger shows off her new hairdo in Mr. Haley's classroom.

Below: Tyler Treadway gets to hit the ball during baseball practice after school. Good Luck Diggers!







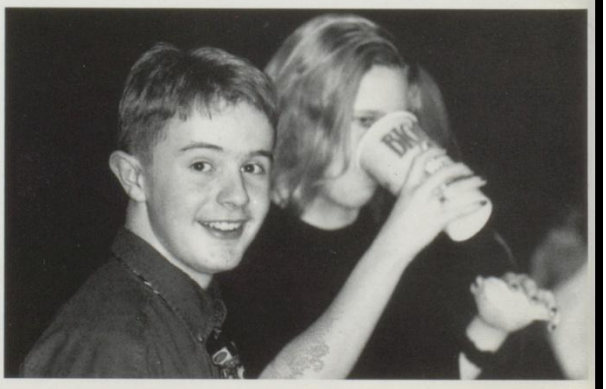


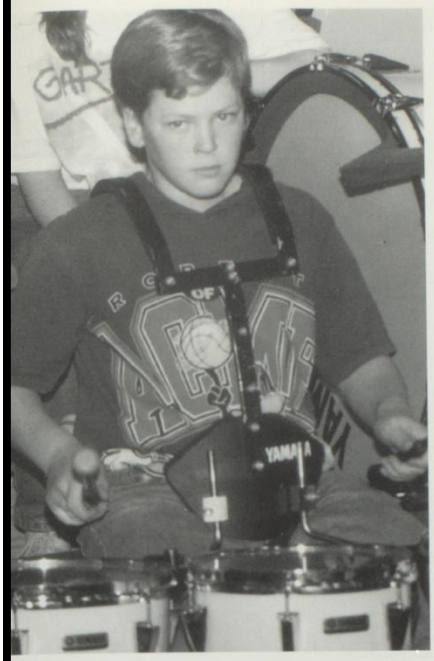


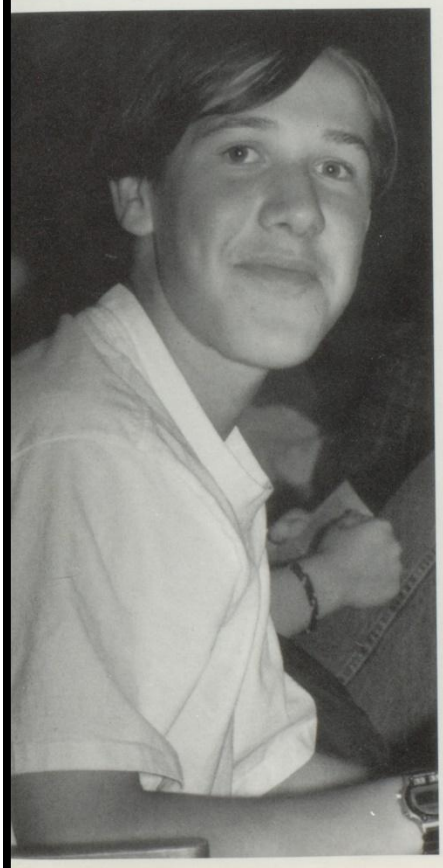
Above: Meredith Vondy, Jocelyn Miller and Shelly Meza show how good Brush High School students care for each other.

Above right: Phillip Garcia tries hard not to swing and strike out during practice.

Right: Justin Thorton shows everybody how to mac on an older girl, but wasn't so lucky.







Freshmen are almost there!

Two months left of school, barely hanging in there, the freshmen go on to the fourth quarter trying to keep their grades up.

Now moving up, they start another season of sports, baseball and track. Getting in shape in order to run around the track, building up their muscles to throw the shot, they work hard to achieve their goals. While in baseball, they have to be able to pitch right, hit the baseball, run around the bases, and catch the ball when it's hit to them. Spring plays also affect the freshmen in the spring time. If you want to become a good actress you have to be able to act. Good luck in the years ahead.

Left: John Kleiber shows how bad he is by giving a mean look during a basketball game at Brush High School.

by Sarah Rodriguez

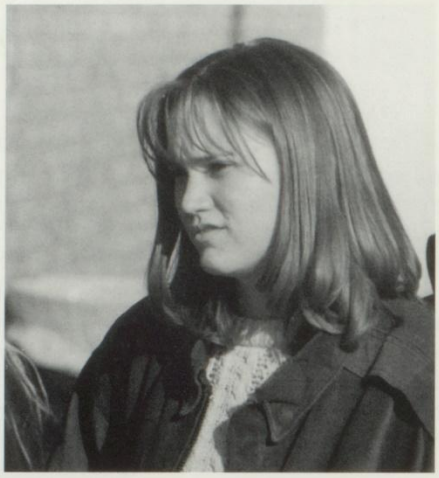


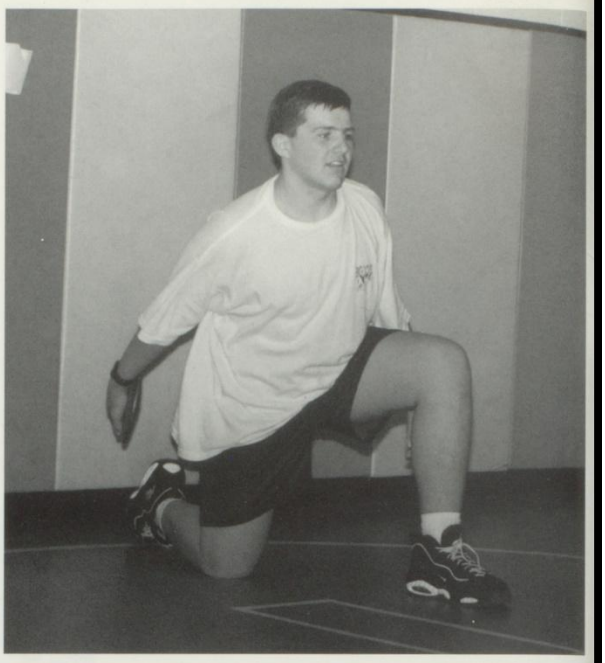
Above: Sarah Musgrave cleans the homework outof her locker after school. Comes to show how freshmen are.

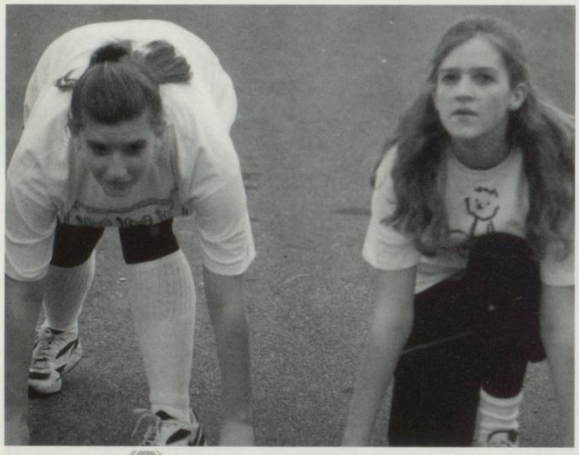
Left: Whoops! Matt Weilnau tries to hide his candy from the teacher in the auditorium.

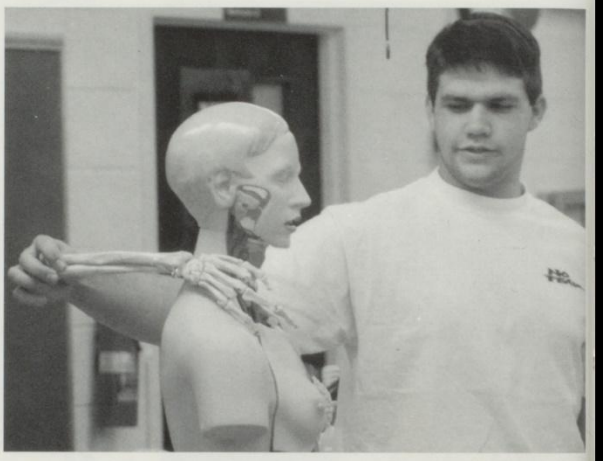
At right, Tom Goff prepares to launch the discus during his first track practices.

Below, Jill Chapman patiently awaits the arrival of her bus after school.





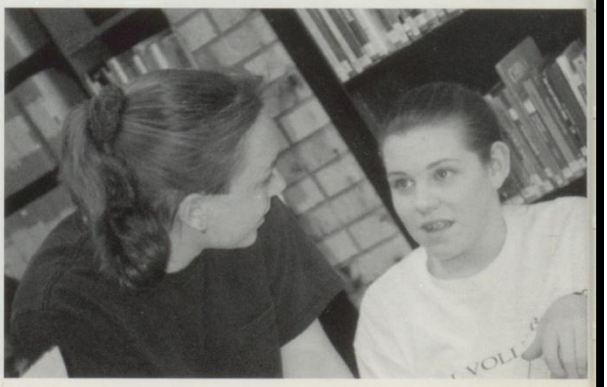


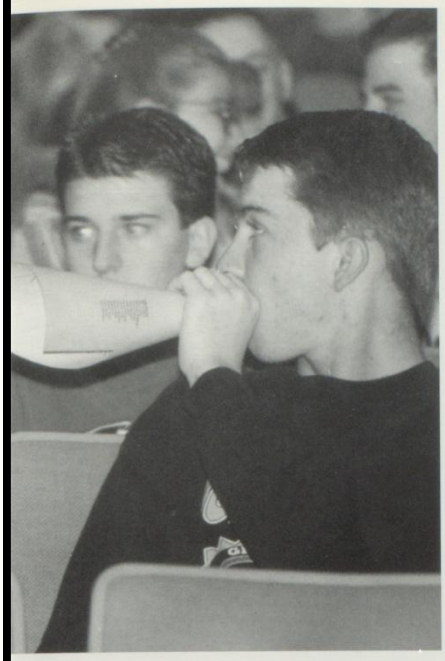


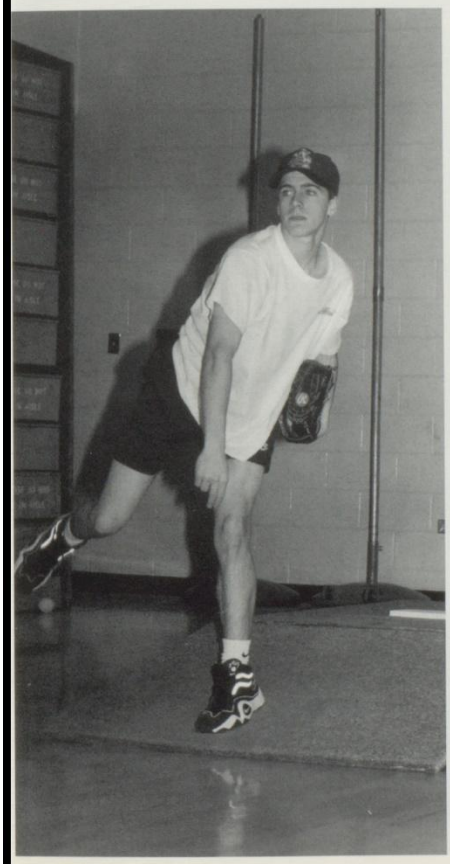
Above Left, Rebecca Gates and Anna Bauer are in the starting position, ready to race eachother during track practice.

Above Right, Mike Toft discovers a new friend while studying the body systems in biology.

At Right, Brooke Houtchens and April Chard talk about some "school work" in the library.







Sophomore Spring Fever

Summer will soon be here, and we all know the feeling of spring fever. As sophomores we not only get to look forward to summer vacation, but we also get to face the fact that we will be returning to Brush High School next year as juniors. When we return we will know that we have completed half of our high school career.

It is rumored that the last two years of high school go by quickly. So I guess we will find out next year what this really means. But for now we will all enjoy the last part of our sophomore year, and anxiously await the day we become juniors.

Above, Mmm, it doesn't seem too hard for Jesse Spooner to find an afternoon snack!

by April Chard



Above, Larry Holter tries hard to hide from the rest of the biology class.

Left, one, two, three strikes you're out, says Bobby Andersen while practicing his pitching.

Coming To An End

Since the last day of school keeps getting closer and closer, many of the school clubs are having their last meetings to tie up their loose ends before summer vacation. Eventhough track will end when school ends, the baseball team gets to look forward to a funfilled summer of playing ball. Many people find it necessary to get a job over the summer, just to earn some extra money, but we all know everyone will find a little time to have fun over summer vacation.

At Right, Anne Hughes glances up from her paper just in time to be caught on camera.

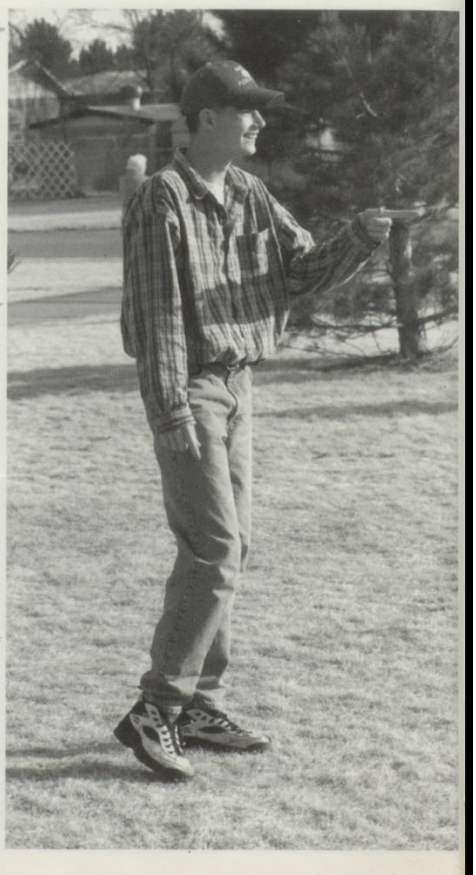
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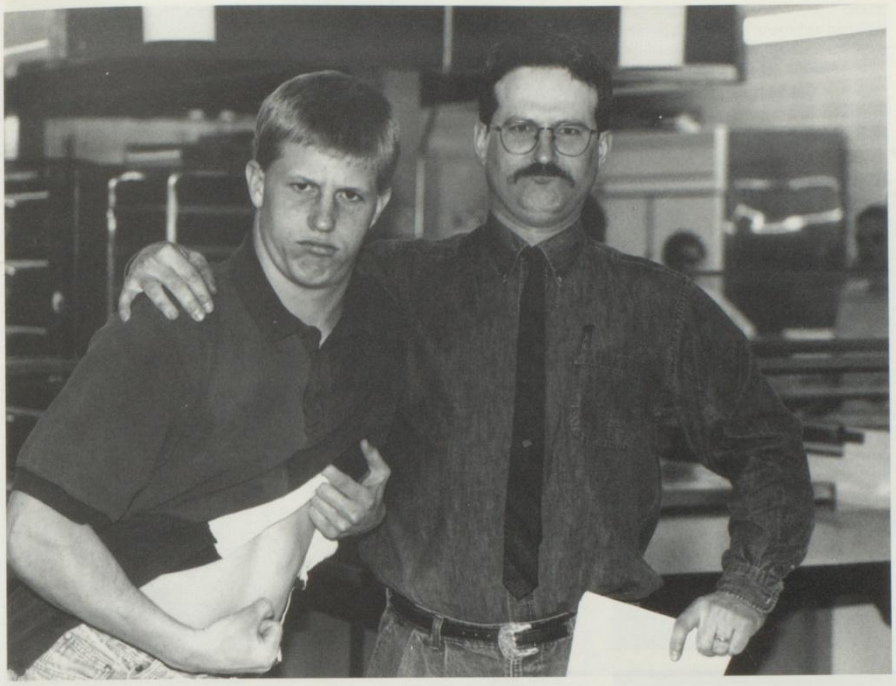


Above, Aubrey Reyes takes it easy and kicks back while looking at a magazine.

At Right, Daniel Greener seems to be pointing someone in the right direction, at least that's what he thinks.

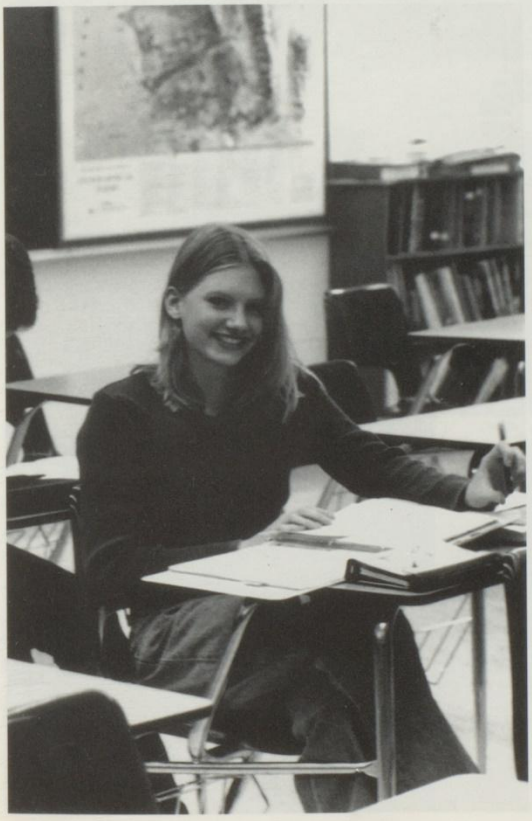








Mitch Kendrick and Mr. Vinson stop to show their masculinity while passing through the cafeteria.





Above, What a slacker, Emily Dupps is once again caught ditching class down at the Digger Depot.

At Left, Jennifer Connelly takes a little break while finishing up some afternoon work.



Senior Predictions

The junior class had a few comments to the question," What do you expect from next year?"

Kendra Vondy: Great times, and finally being out of here
Brandy Toft: Lots of fun
Jeff Anderson: To graduate
Aaron Alexander: I expect to get out of Brush
Nate Washburn: a very slow and boring year
Jason Strauch: To graduate
Jason Dahlinger: More assemblies
Al Armijo: Leaving
Justin Ward: Moving on to bigger and better things in life

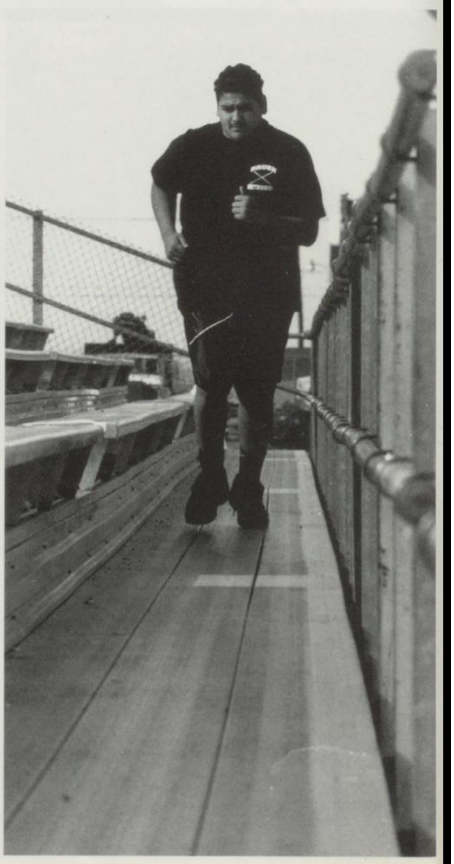


Right: Ronny Edelen and Maria Guzman give their Presidential eletion speech during an assembly.

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Above: Jared Samples returns quickly to the dugout after another hard inning.

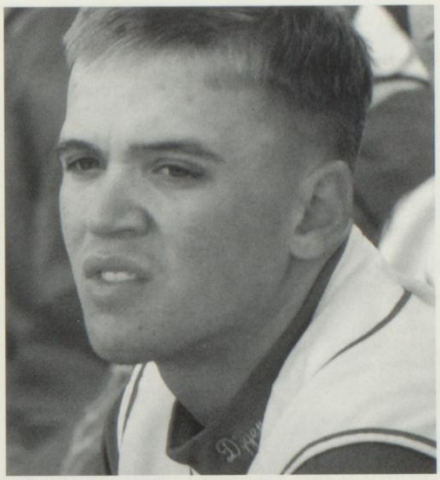


Right: Marco Harl gets warmed up for another tough day of conditioning in track practice.



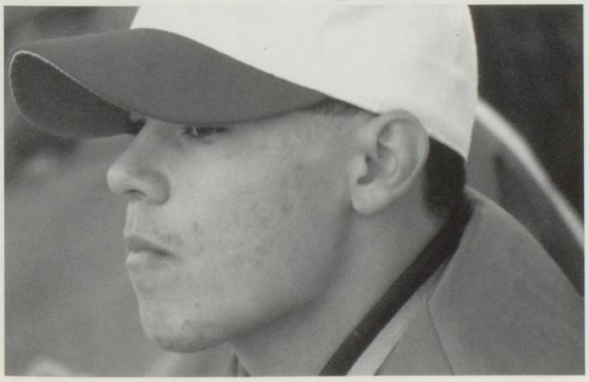
Left: Bobby Fox prepares himself and the class for another experiment in Conceptual Physics.

Below: Mitch Bever pays close attention to the last home game during the regular season.





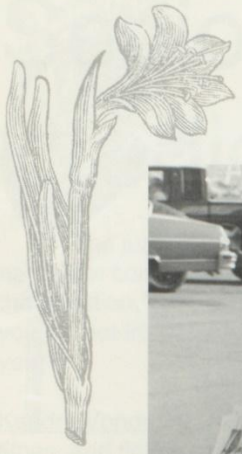




Above: Matt Shealy and Carie Taylor pose briefly while walking out on stage during Prom's Grand March .

Above Left: Nathan Rodriquez gets ready for his discus throw during the Brush Invitational Track Meet.

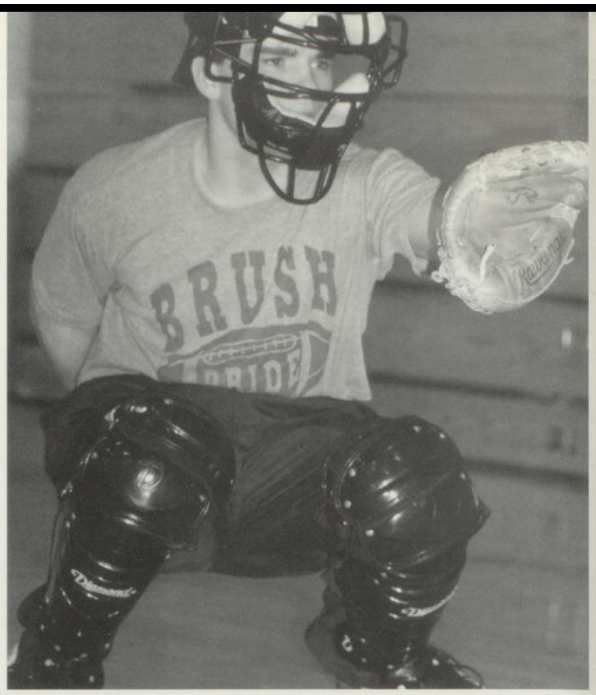
Left: Tyson Meza focuses on the game and the teams' chances for the State title.



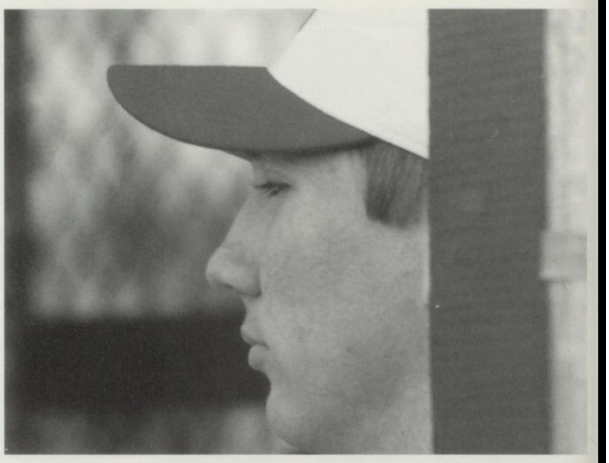
Right: Bobby Fox waits for another curve ball to come his way during an indoor baseball practice.

Below: Trina Meza is all smiles after another hard day of hitting the books and studying.











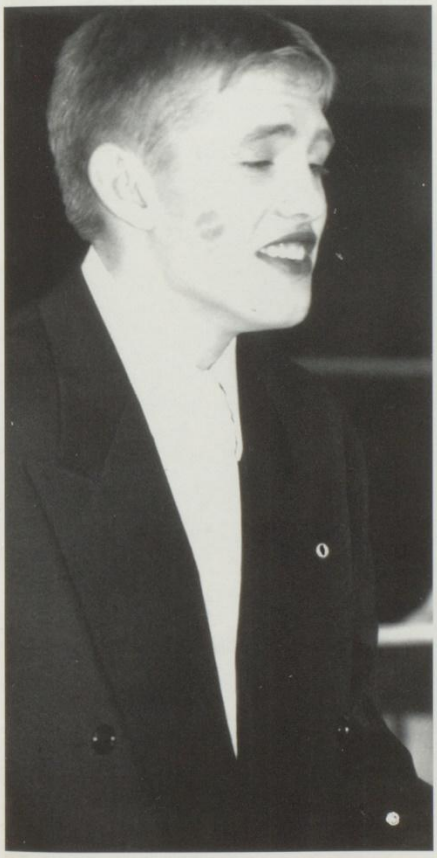
Above: Willis Payton and Decater Martinez take a few minutes out of their busy lunch schedule to pose for the camera.

Above right: Aaron Alexander watches from the dugout as the Beetdigger hitters hammer Yuma in a home baseball match-up.

Right: Ana Kuzir(a foreign exchange student from Kroitia) shares a few laughs with Tom Sutherland.







Juniors In Bloom

The juniors are in bloom, blooming into seniors, that is. For many years now, the juniors have only given moments thought as to what it would be like to be a senior. Now it is so very real to them. Seeing it so up close and personal is the scariest feeling of their lives, as they realize their future plans are right around the corner. Decisions like that should be made after long thought and consideration. The juniors have started to decide their future plans, and everyday it becomes more of a realization to them. They are all growing up each day and making decisions that could change their lives forever.

Left: Maria Guzman sees the lighter side of things while sharing a few laughs with some fellow members of FBLA.

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Left: Nate Washburn shows his true acting skills during a dress rehearsal after school.

Above: Jessica Emmert, April Monroe, and Veronica Valles listen during a discussion in Clearing House.

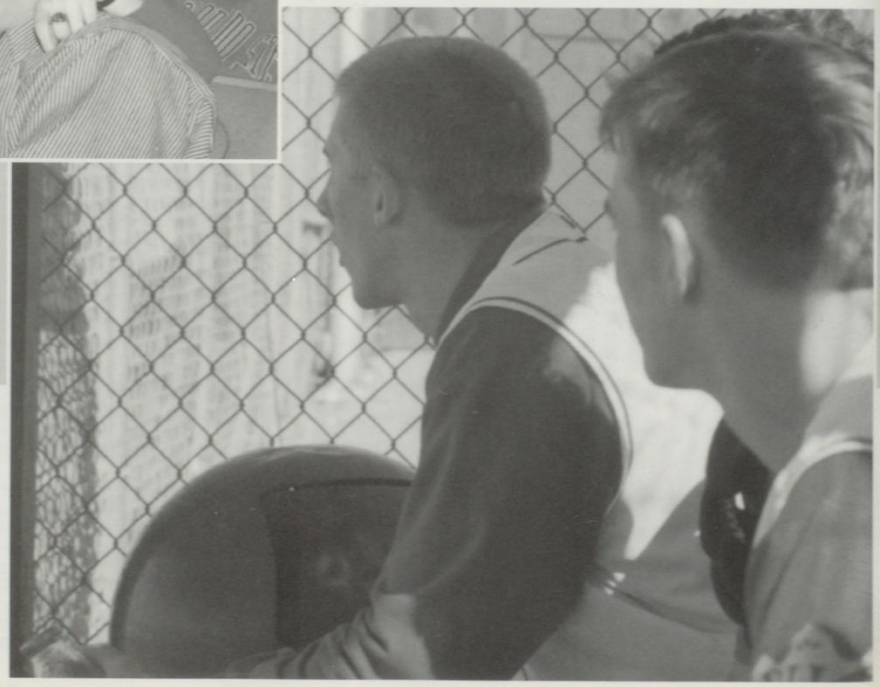
Senior Class of '97 Fades to Black

As the senior class of 1997's year began to draw to a close, they saw a number of things in a new perspective for the first time. Many things that were for so long taken for granted were now cherished and numbered as the days til graduation decreased slowly. The seniors start to say goodbye as they do every year, very much like the season of spring. As the spring arrives, the time between it and summer is a blur and before you know it summer has arrived and the spring has gone without a trace, leaving only memories. The senior class can be thought of the same way. They are there all year as you watch them, knowing that they will soon leave, then without a hitch they disappear from each other's lives as the spring vanishes before the summer.

The senior class of 1997 is no different from the ones of the past or those of the future. The impact they had as individuals was present, as were the antics of the class as a whole. They leave their marks on the lives of the underclassmen and on each other. As they enter the real world, diplomas in hand, the memories of the years they spent together will not simply vanish, and the impact will not simply disappear. The memories they hold so dear will be lost in the veils of their lives. They follow the previous classes' steps and the memories fade to black.



Above: Erin Crosthwait (Sophomore) and Decater Martinez (Junior) show just how friendly people can get when they realize the Juniors are now soon to be Seniors .



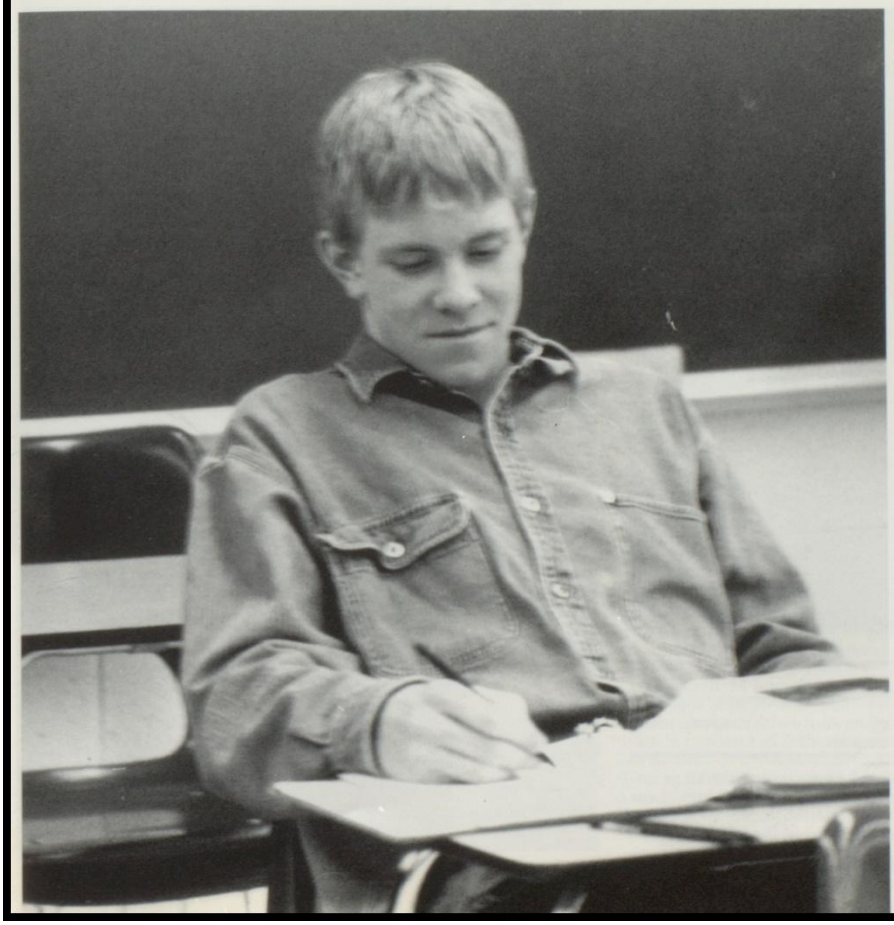
Right: Senior Nathan Krueger watches in dismay as the Varsity Baseball team plays one of the final games in his high school sports career.

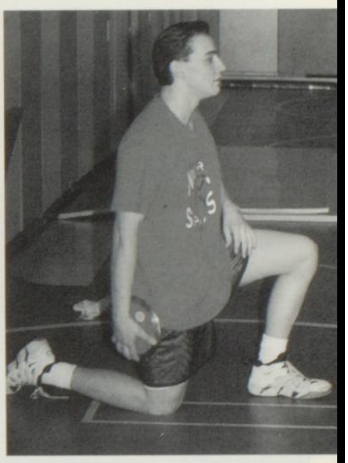


Left: Senior trackster April Murrow shows the face of endurance as she not only has a cold day against her but a long run in front of her.

Below: Junior Joey Prather, tries to answer the age old question of how many licks it takes to get to the center of a tootsie pop. Homework, I think not .







Above: Preston Ward, Senior weightman of the Track team "bowls" the disc to a teammate. During the colder practice days the weightmen practice inside.

Left: Senior Neil Krob does his homework with a grin, realizing this is the last assignment he must complete before he is free forever.

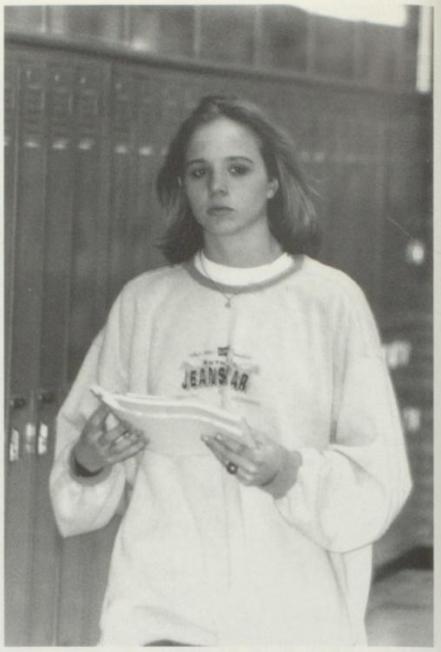
The End of the Road!!!

As the year winds down, many of the seniors are making decisions that will affect them forever. Many seniors are finding the meaning of deadlines and cramming to get scholarships done and applications filled out. But at the same time we have also learned that we have to have a little fun.

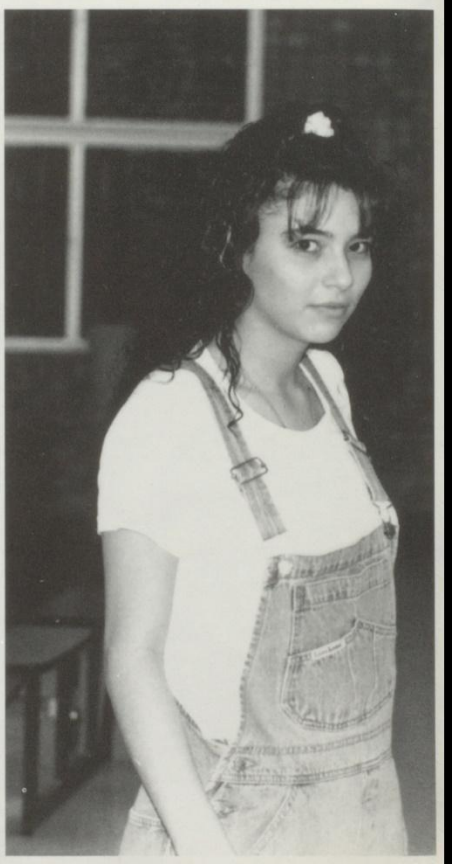
The senior calendar went up and we are starting to wonder if the last day will ever come.

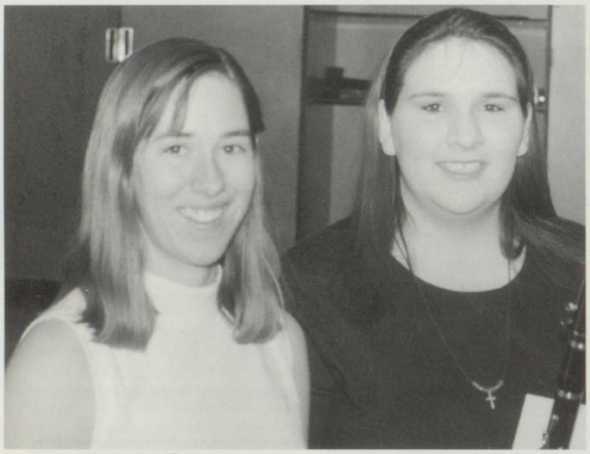
For the most part, we are all very excited to get out, but at the same time, we realize that we may never have the same laughs and be with the same friends. We have made memories that have changed us forever, no matter where our paths may lead.

Anne Hughes



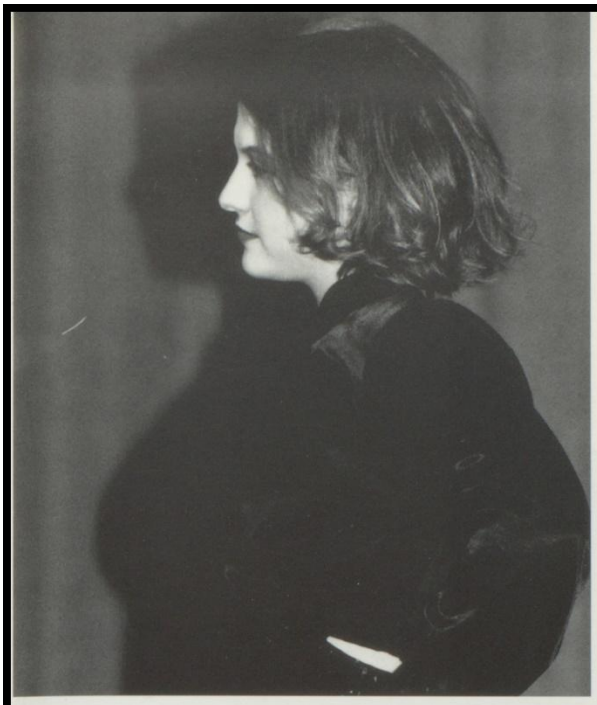
Below: The halls clear out for Holly Teter because everyone realizes that she can pound them.





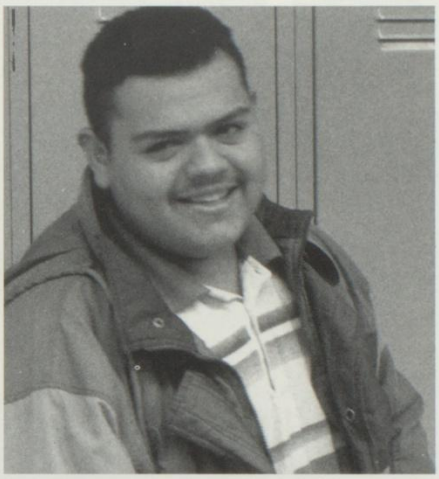
Laura Vaughn and Melissa Foley enjoy their last months together. They stay busy with band and many other activities.

Crystal Duran, just like most seniors, was busy all the time. Lots of our time was secretly spent at the store and in the commons.



Left: Christina Jones acts a little sassy and sexy. Actually she had to dress like this for the spring play, which was a huge success.

Below: Evaristo Cruz takes a minute to pose for the camera, while he rushes home to get started on his homework.









Above Left: Dee Mattorano gets caught on the phone with her boyfriend trying to find out what is going on tonight.

Above: Ms. Blickhahn consoles Jessica Jordet after her last play practice. Jessica has grown up a lot since then, and has stopped crying.

Left: Anna Hazleton is caught messing around in the concession stand during a basketball game. During the year many clubs run the concession stand in order to gain money for their activities.

Seniors Seniors Seniors

Class Officers:

President:
Tabitha Rocha
Vice President:
Shane Erosky
Treasurer/Secretary:
April Murrow

Superlatives

Most Athletic: Becca Biren
Dave Vondy
Most Dependable: April Murrow
Aaron Weisser
Best Dressed: Tabitha Rocha
Nathan Krueger
Most Changed: Timber Peters
Clint Ford
Most Rebellious: Tishy Dusseau
Levi Gebauer
Best Sense of Humor: Christina Jones
AdrianVosburg

Most Flirtatious: Jill Queen
Tim Dusseau
Funniest Laugh: Mandy Thornton
Jeff Shoemaker
Most talkative: Anne Hughes
Jacob Morland
Most Likely to Succeed: Jessica Jordet
Randy Carlson
Class Flower: Daisy
Class Colors: Empire Grey and Navy
Class Song: "Today" by Smashing Pumpkins

Class Motto: It's not what lies before you or behind you, but what lies within you.



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Sulema Abarca



Nicole Alexander



Nicole Balderston



Laura Bashor



Adam Baughman



Rebecca Biren



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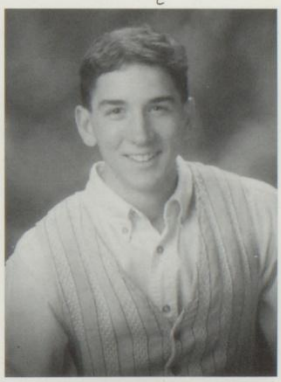
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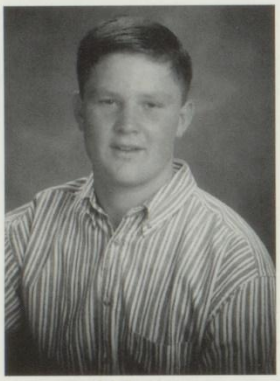
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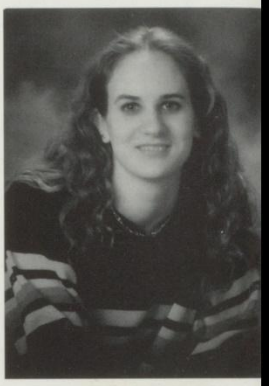
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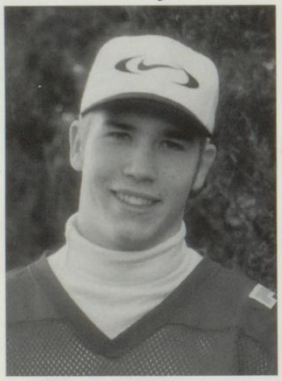
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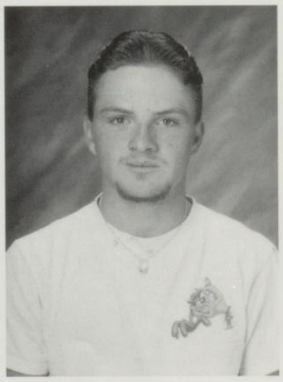
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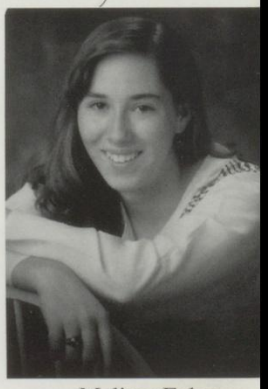
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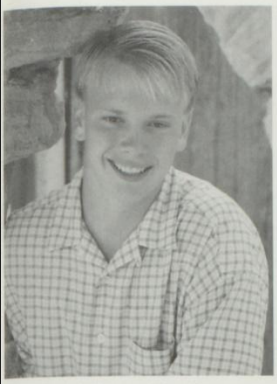
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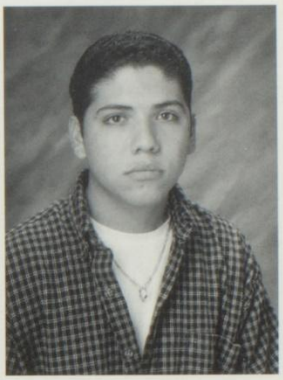
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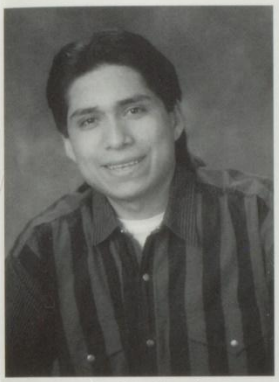
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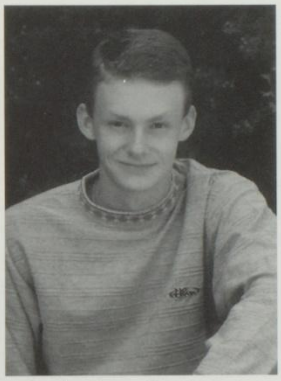
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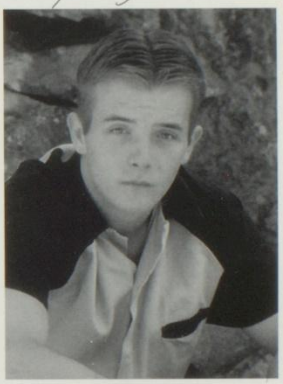
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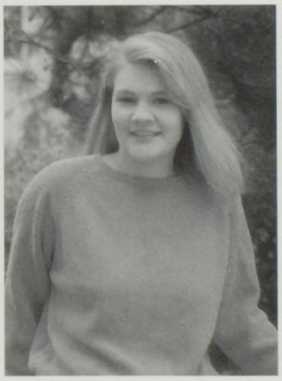
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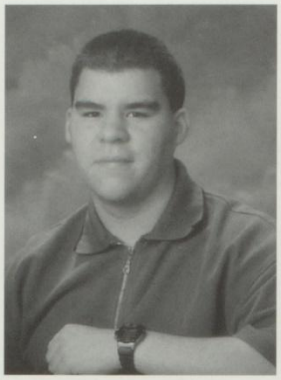
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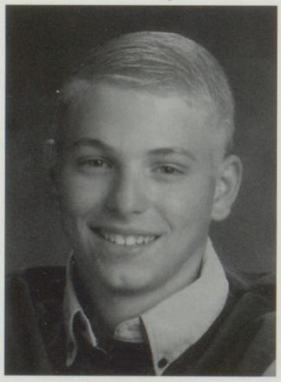
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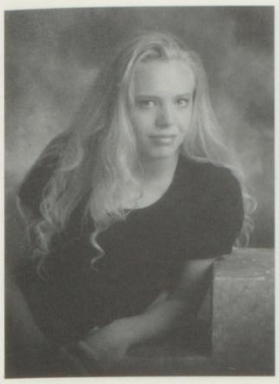


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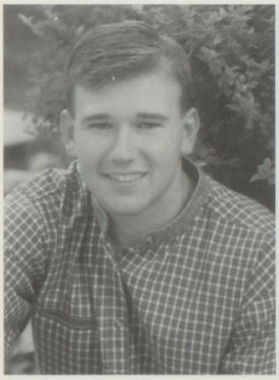
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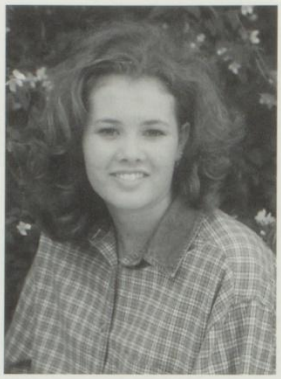


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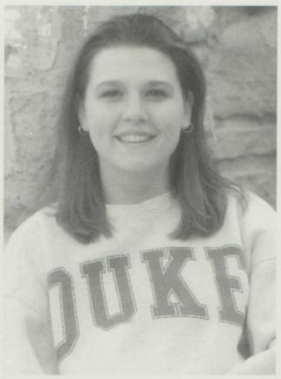
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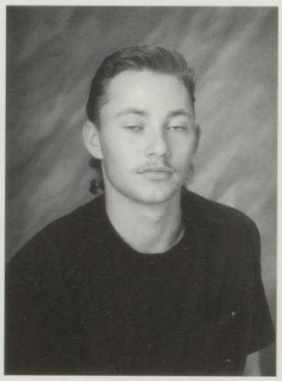
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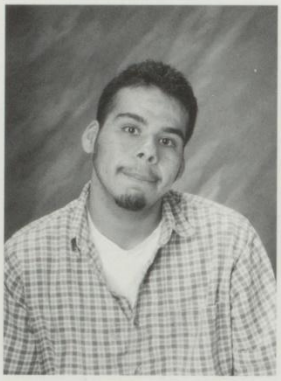
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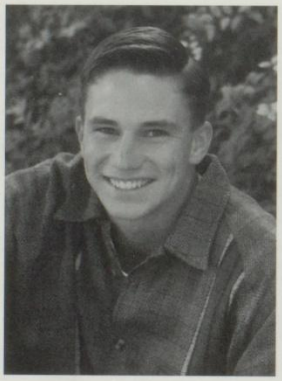
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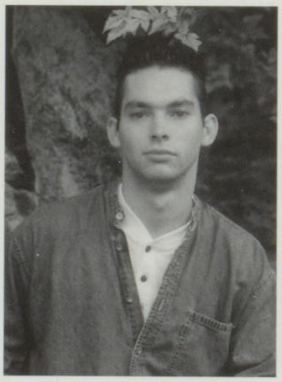
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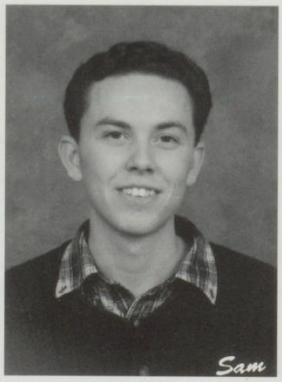
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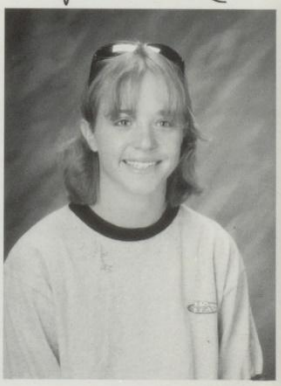
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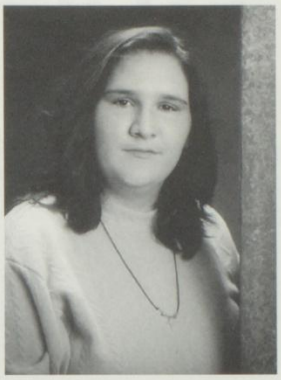


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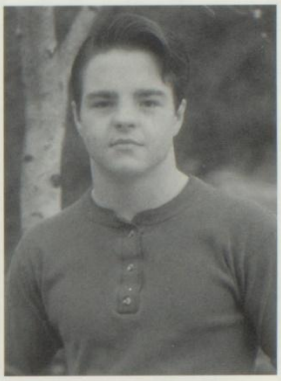
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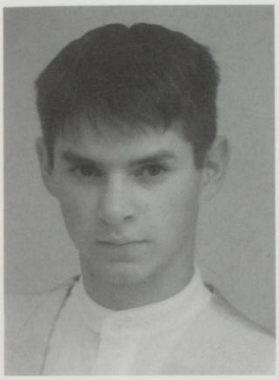
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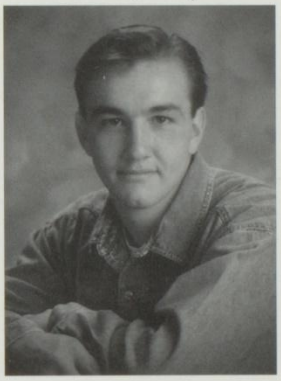
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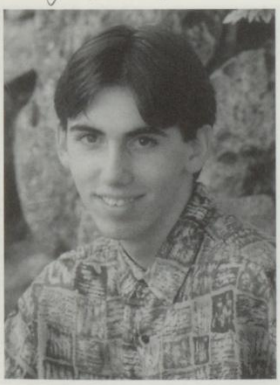
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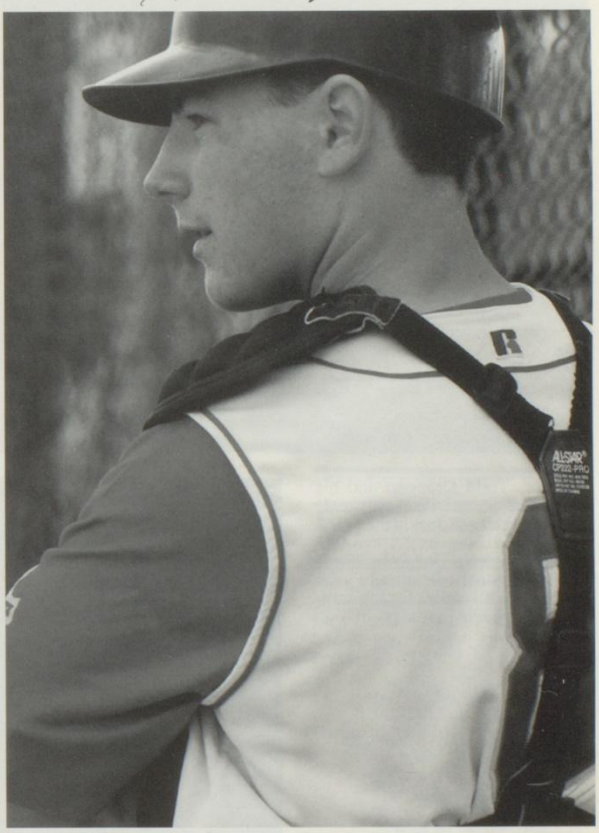
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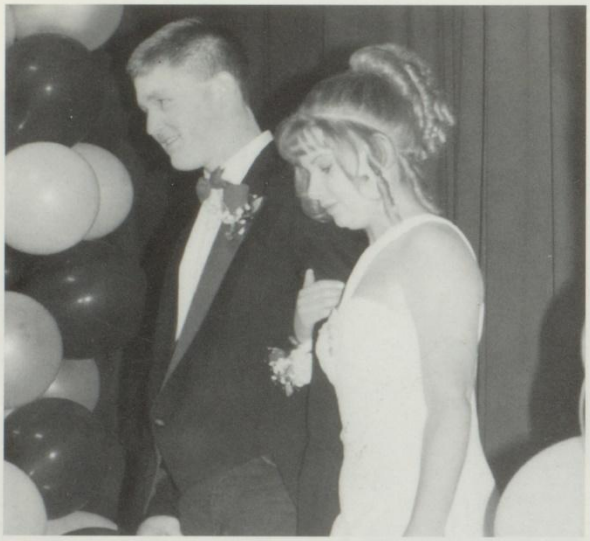
Aaron Weisser



Above: Shane Erosky, wearing catcher's gear during a Beetdigger baseball game, received an appointment to West Point, and will soon wear a different uniform.

Prom '97 Ends

Prom was a very short, but sweet night for all. Yea sure, the decorations fell and the music wasn't the best, but overall it was a night that no one will forget. After the dance came to an end and everyone changed from their uncomfortable clothes, a casino night, sponsored by local businesses and some volunteer senior parents, was quite a big success. Many prizes were donated from businesses and fake money was used to reflect the real feel for the gambling life. Although none of us is allowed to really gamble, it sure felt good to have all that money in our hands. Even if it was fake!



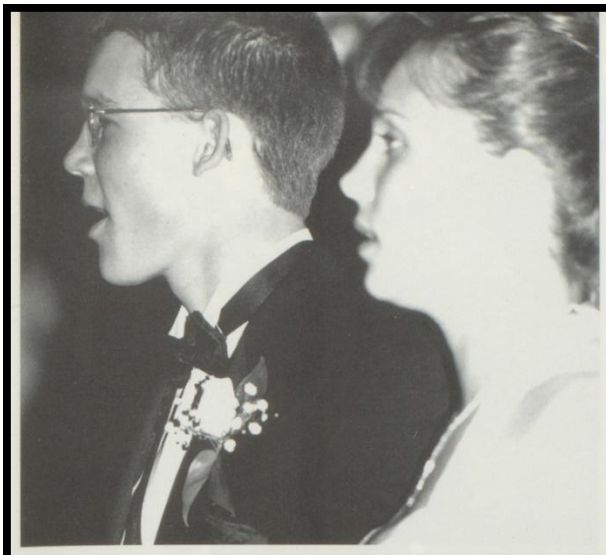
Below: Cory Schreiner and Tabitha Rocha were looking gorgeous during prom.



Above: Todd Draegert and his prom date, Sarah Musgrave, made quite an entrance during the grand march.

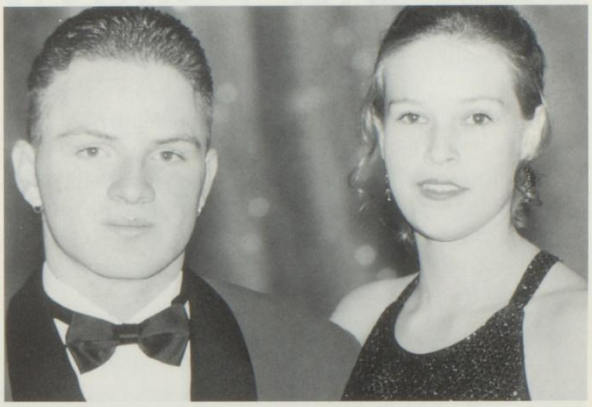
Right: Crystal Bostron and Tyson Meza were all smiles for the camera during their junior prom.





Left: Prom King Matt Bourquin is escorted by Joey Prather during the coronation.

Below: James Ewertz and Ranota Romero give a brief glance at the camera before a night of fun.



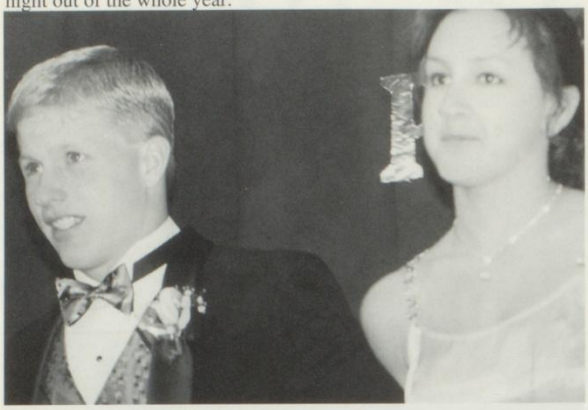




Above: Nate Rodriquez and Alahnya Meza hold on tight so they don't fall down the stairs during the grand march.

Left: Jessica Bauer and Clint Ford had a great night attending the prom.

Below: Mitch Kendrick and Maria Guzman act like they enjoy being dressed up, after all, it's only one night out of the whole year.



Right: D.J. Eicher and Laura Vaughn watch their step so they do not fall down the steps.





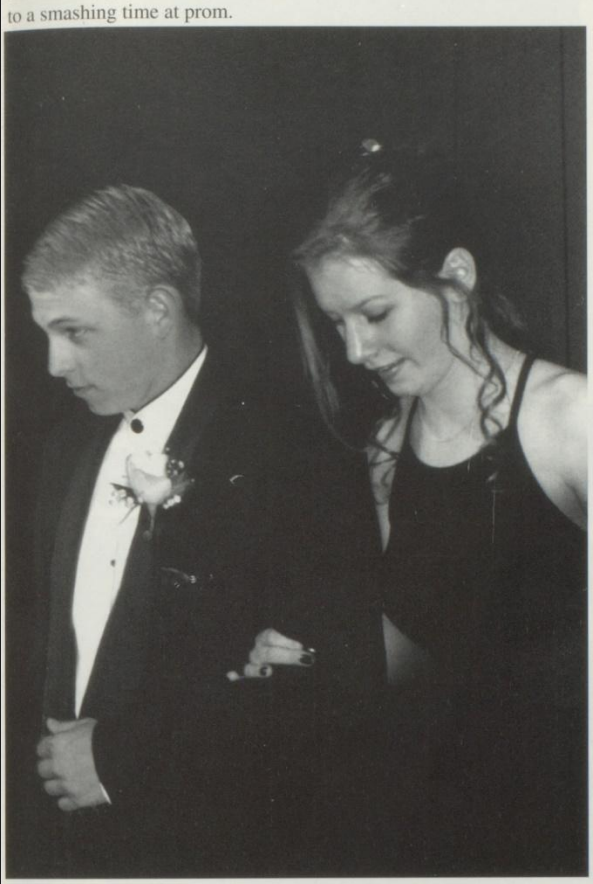
Above: Ranota Romero and Patrick Weber walk through the gym checking out the decorations.

Right: Preston Ward and Kelly Dammann show off their matching attire.



What a Mystic Paradise

Below: Tod Kalous and Ana Kuzir show that they are looking forward to a smashing time at prom.



Prom is a night that everyone looks forward to, and then quickly comes to an end. This year was not any different. The jackets and the dress shoes quickly came off after the grand march. Timber Peters and Matt Bourquin were crowned Queen and King. The gym was transformed into a starlit ceiling with a sunset and balloons. The other side was made into a jungle atmosphere that contained a waterfall and a hot air balloon. Many of the decorations did not last long though and neither did the night. It seemed to end too soon.





Above: Nicole Karr shows us exactly how she feels about getting dressed up, as her date, Mike Headley looks on.

Left: Bryan Gray comes all decked out for his night of dancing and fun.

Class of '97 Moves On

As the seniors finished their final year at Brush High School, they took their final steps down the aisle to get their graduating diplomas. It was a bittersweet day. The confetti was flying, the silly string hung off all the students' hats, and the balloons were everywhere. They had the biggest beach ball ever thrown. Everything calmed down during the wonderful speeches of Mandy Thornton and Sam Sundstrom, and Melissa Foley read Laura Vaughn's poem, "Always and Forever" beautifully. The dedicating song that went out to the parents was "Letting Go." The Brush High School band played an excellent combination of songs.

The 1997 Valedictorians were Jessica Jordet, Sam Sundstrom, and Randy Carlson. The salutatorians were April Murrow and Laura Bashor. The junior ushers were Cassie Schiller and Mike Alexander, Lisa Marquardt and Tyson Meza, Maria Guzman and Mitch Kendrick, and Erica McGee and Jared Samples. The class sponsors were Mr. Larry Mills and Mrs. Dorothy Thruston.

Below: The Class of 1997 share one last afternoon of gossip before ceremonies and the rest of their lives begin.

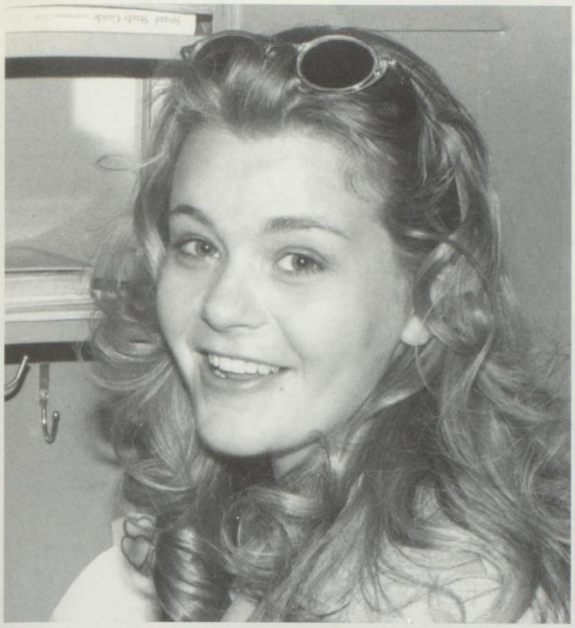




Above: Junior escorts Jared Samples, Erica McGee, Maria Guzman, and Mitch Kendrick, watch while waiting their turn to join in on the excitement.



Right: Thoughts of how scary life will be run through Anne Hughes' head right before the graduation ceremonies begin.



Left: Graduating senior Mandy Thornton's face shows signs of her relief at completing her high school career.

Below: Jessica Jordet concentrates hard for her last performance during baccalaureate.







Above: Nikki Karr smiles pretty for her last candid photograph while attending a high school event. It looks like she doesn't mind that it is her last one.



Above: Friends Timber Peters and Lacey Curtis smile for one last picture while fellow classmate Clint Ford tries to sneak in.

Left: Senior Jennifer Connelly shows her excitement for graduating and setting a foot into the real world.



Class of '97

Tabitha Rocha, President
Shane Erosky, Vice President
April Murrow, Secretary/Treasurer
Class Motto
"It's not what lies before you or behind you, but what lies within you."

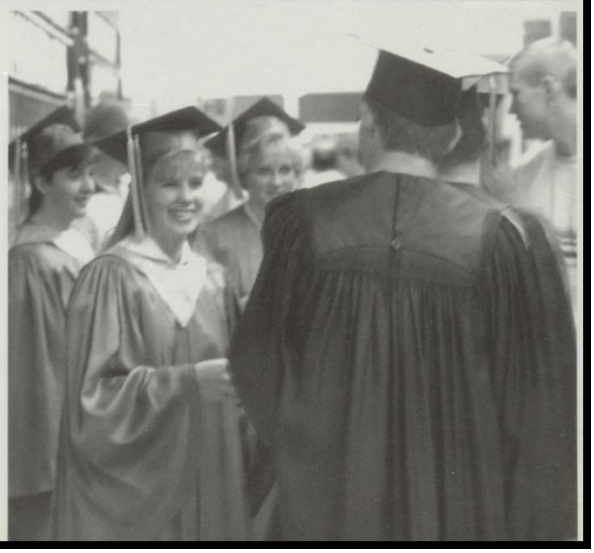
Class Colors	Class Flower	Class Song
Empire Gray and Navy	Daisy	"Today"



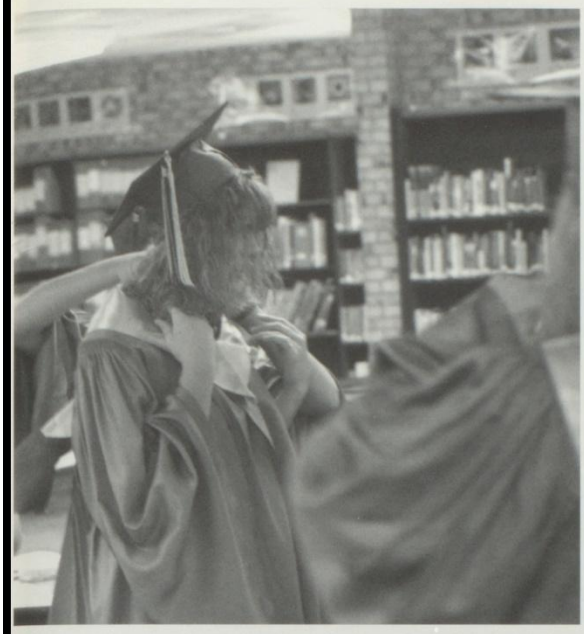
Below: Sulema Abarca and Nicole Karr chat in the hallway as they leave the school on their last day. Last day for seniors is usually a day of mixed emotions.



Above: Anne Hughes helps Sarah Hinojos adjust here graduation gown moments before the graduation ceremony. Anne even adorned her cap with a halo to show her good nature.

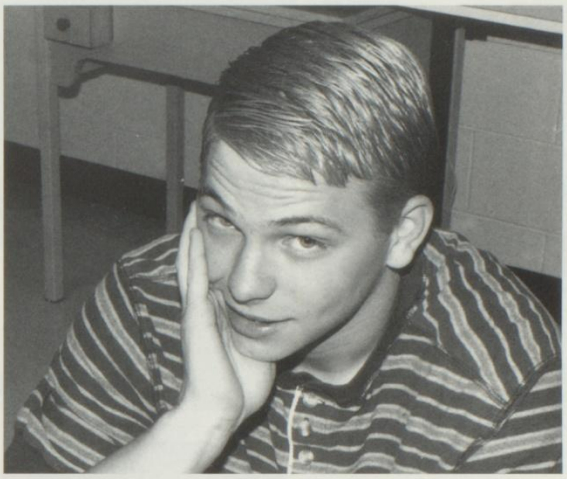


Right: After the great day of graduation, Lacey Curtis chit-chats with her friends



Left: As the Seniors are anxiously getting ready Jill Queen gets help from a friend in putting on her graduation cap.

Below: During the last few days Tod Kalous tries eagerly to think during one of his classes.







Above: Class president Tabitha Rocha looks a bit perturbed as she stands in front of the school and gives one of many speeches.



Above: Jessica Jordet smile for the camera during graduation practice. The seniors were so eager to exit the school that graduation practice seemed to last forever

Left: Timber Peters and Clint Ford show their enthusiastic happiness over graduation as they line up for the grand march. Clint and Timber were close friends and one was rarely seen without the other close behind.



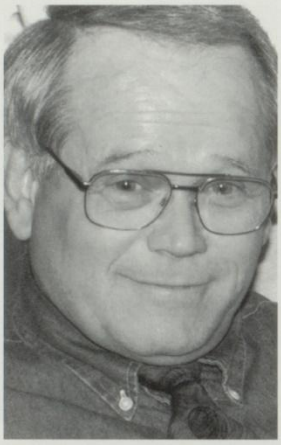


Above: Dr. Prascher gives his last Honor Society Tapping speech. He has been giving these types of speeches for 27 years. He will be sadly missed.



Above Right: Mrs. Blickhahn takes a short break from all the hustle and bustle of the school year.

Right: Mr. Bever is in deep thought,as he always is, about things that are unknown to the outside world.



Right: Mrs. Perry enjoys a laugh at a teacher's meeting.



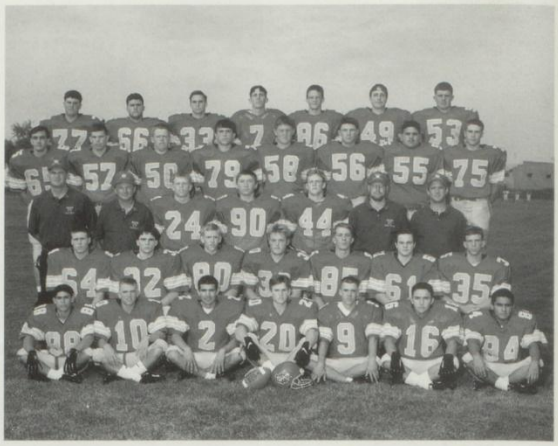
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Dorn, Bonnie	Cook
Dreitz, Randy	Physical Education
Florian, Judy	Science
Gabriel, Don	Science
Green, Amy	Art
Haley, Mike	English
Hartman, Doug	Business
Hofmeister, Cyndi	Family Studies
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Jones, Jody	Math
Jordet, Sandi	Media Coordinator
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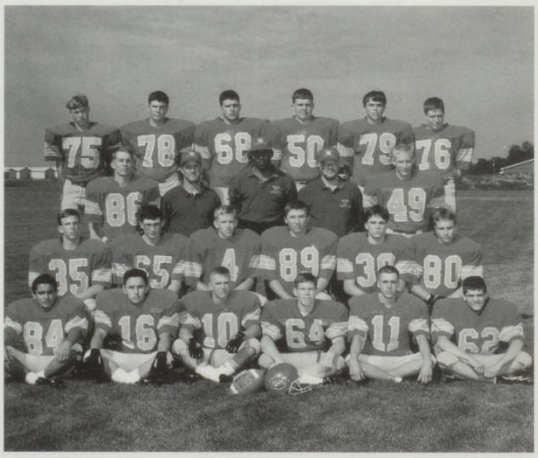
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Yuma	13	13
Valley	31	19
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Sterling	28	25
Ft. Morgan	13	00
P. Valley	49	00
Ft. Lupton	25	00
Windsor	07	21
Eaton	26	15
Berthoud	32	06
Ft. Carson	13	12
Palisade	21	06



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JV Football

	SCOREBOARD	
	We	They
Yuma	28	08
Valley	48	08
Wray	08	16
Sterling	08	11
Ft. Morgan	15	36
P. Valley	34	06
Windsor	08	27



Top Row Left to Right: Ben Cuppples, Pete Bolinger, Mike Toft, Tom Goff, Jason Cummings, Dale Garrett, Second Row: Jesse Spooner, Coach Dave Urich, Coach Tyrone Whipple, Head Coach John Schaffer, and Ned Chapin. Third Row: Brian Khaler, DJ Eicher, Nate Washburn, Aaron Alexander, Bobby Fox, Josh Kelly, Bottom Row: Marty Morales, Carlos Vasquez, Mitch Bever, Jesse Magnuson, Bobby Anderson, Nathan Torrez.

Varsity Volleyball



Top Row Left to Right: Amber Harned, Cassie Schiller. 2nd Row: Crystal Deal, Nicole Balderston, Crystal Bostron, Rebekah Bostron, Tammy Lopez, Maria Guzman, and Tabitha Rocha. Bottom Row: Coach Denise Stephens, Coach Krista Dailey, Erica McGee, Manager Sage Briggs, Coach Mitzi Morse, and Coach Shelley Lowndes.

	SCOREBOARD We-They		
Wray	15-10	12-15	9-15
Eaton	15-17	15-2	15-12
Yuma	5-15	11-15	
Highland	4-15	11-15	
P Valley	10-15	15-10	10-15
League Record		1-4	
Overall Record		11-11	

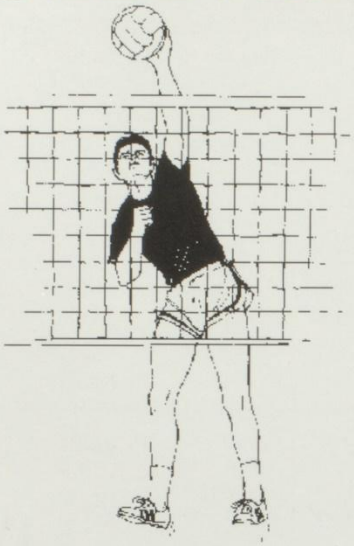
JV Volleyball



Top Row Left to Right: Lisa Marquardt, Becci Baird. 2nd Row, Becky Bashor, Jill Chapman, Coach Shelley Lowndes, Emily Dupps, and Brandy Toft. Bottom Row, Jamie Pangle, Kami Teter, Corrie Cupples, and Joey Prather.

	SCOREBOARD We-They		
Wray	15-10	12-15	14-16
Eaton	15-11	14-16	15-13
Yuma	13-15	17-19	
Highland	12-15	9-15	
P. Valley	15-13	8-15	16-14
League Record		2-3	
Overall Record		5-10	

C-TEAM VOLLEYBALL





Top Row Left to Right: Julie Toft, Mitzi Morse, Krista Davies, Amy Herrera, Mandi Groves, Traci Campbell, Natalie Cook, Jyll Brening, Coach Krista Dailey, and Katie Krueger. 2nd Row, Sarah Rodriguez, Brooke Houtchens, Mandy Christensen, Jocelyn Miller, Sarah Musgrave, Meredith Vondy, and Sam Knight. Bottom Row, Emily Query, Tabitha Deal, Jill Walker, April Garrett, Shannon Jackson, and Margaret Fox.

C-Team Football

SCOREBOARD

	We	They
Valley	6	35
Windsor	30	8
Sterling	26	8
Ft. Morgan	12	36
Wray	14	34
Ft. Lupton	20	14
Yuma	20	44
Eaton	8	34



Top Row Left to Right: Adam Weisser, Danny Blake, Kevin Strauch, Levi Wells, and Jason Castrup. 2nd Row, Coach Tyrone Whipple, Coach Dave Urich, Austin Muniz, Adam Bolinger, Jake Kautz, Matt Carrette, and Coach John Schaffer. 3rd Row, Tyler Treadway, Bill Mundt, and Dusty Mullen. Bottom Row, Rosalio Gamboa, Josh Strand, Vernon Elsberry, Allen Goff, and Matt Hughes.



Top Row Left to Right: April Kauk, Becca Biren, and Mandy Thornton. 2nd Row, Jimmy Biren, Neil Krob, Head Coach Jay Lowndes, Eric Cortez, and Justin Thornton. 3rd Row, Kelly Dammann and Kari Heady. Bottom Row, April Hepner, April Murrow, Randall Carlson, Rebecca Gates, and Anna Bauer.

CROSS COUNTRY

SCOREBOARD Head Coach: Jay Lowndes

Runner	Best Time
B. Biren	25:17
A. Hepner	26:08
A. Kauk	29:30
A. Murrow	23:25
M. Thornton	23:01
A. Bauer	27:57
K. Dammann	24:56
R. Gates	26:41
K. Heady	26:05
R. Carlson	19:13
E. Cortez	17:39
A. Gardner	21:52
N. Krob	18:59
J. Biren	21:45
J. Thornton	21:32



Top Row Left to Right: Kenny Bellinder, Randy Carlson, Coach LeeRoy Needens, Tyler Beckley, and Jon Davies. Bottom Row, Hillary Zack, John Kleiber, James Kleiber, Meredith Cox.

GOLF

SCOREBOARD
Average Season Scores

R. Carlson	87.1
J. Dahlinger	91.1
T. Beckley	95.8
K. Bellinder	93.6
J. Davies	132.9
H. Zack	83.3
M. Cox	83.3
Ja. Kleiber	76.4
Jo. Kleiber	75.2

Head Coach:
LeeRoy Needens

Varsity Boys Basketball

SCOREBOARD		
	We	They
Yuma	44	82
P. Vallley	50	78
Wray	57	55
Highland	50	69
Yuma	64	76
Highland	51	76
Wray	41	48
P.Valley	50	76
League Record		1-9
Overall Record		3-17



Top Row, Left to Right: Nathan Krueger, Mitch Bever, Jon Grupp, Cory Schreiner. 2nd Row, Chuy Herrera, Jason Dahlinger, Coach Dave Davies, Coach LeeRoy Needens, Coach Don Dillehay, Aaron Alexander, and James Abreo. Bottom Row, Manager Amy Pierce, Nate Washburn, Manager Jay White, Nathan Rodriquez, and Manager Laura Vaughn.

JV Boys Basketball

SCOREBOARD		
	We	They
Yuma	32	61
Eaton	32	74
P.Valley	51	70
Wray	61	66
Yuma	54	67
Eaton	23	72
Highland	44	58
Wray	39	61
P.Valley	60	83
League record		0-10
Overall record		2-19



Top Row Left to Right: Coach Dave Davies, Coach LeeRoy Needens, Nate Washburn, Jeff Cranson, Larry Holter, Aaron Alexander, Ben Smith, Coach Don Dillehay, and Coach George Mussell. 2nd row, James Abreo, Nate Carstens, Adam Hagemann, Nathan Rodriquez, Bobby Anderson. Bottom row, Manager Laura Vaughn, Manager Jay White, and Manager Amy Pierce.



Top Row Left to Right: Anne Hughes. 2nd Row, Brandy Toft, Lacey Curtis, and Holly Teter. 3rd Row, Jill Blake, Coach Bev Steiner, Head Coach Terry McGee, Coach Shelley Lowndes, and Erica McGee. 4th Row, Becca Biren, Kami Teter, Amber Harned, and Timber Peters. Bottom Row, BeAnn Keltz, Manager Sage Briggs, and Joey Prather.

Varsity Girls Basketball

SCOREBOARD	We	They
Yuma	40	49
Eaton	50	55
P. Valley	41	51
Wray	35	40
Highland	52	32
Yuma	39	77
Eaton	41	43
Highland	50	38
Wray	45	31
P. Valley	45	42
League Record		4-6
Overall Record		11-9



Left to Right: Kendra Vondy, Julie Toft, Traci Campbell, Coach Shelley Lowndes, Emily Dupps, Katie Krueger, Kami Teter, Jamie Pangle.

JV Girls Basketball

SCOREBOARD	We	They
Yuma	51	31
Eaton	34	47
Platte V.	34	44
Wray	50	35
Highland	63	17
Yuma	34	45
Eaton	45	39
Highland	42	17
Wray	47	37
Platte V.	42	46
League Record		6-4
Overall Record		15-4

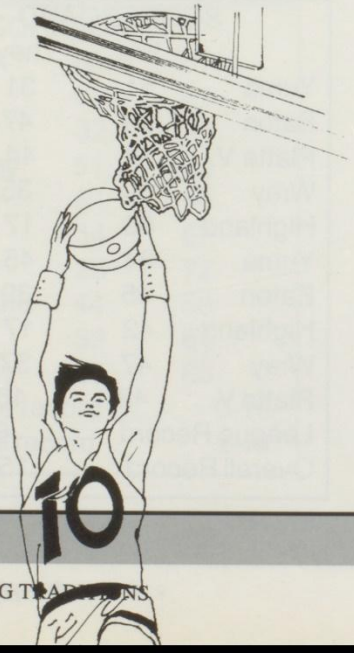
C-Team Boys Basketball

SCOREBOARD		
	We	They
Yuma	24	70
Eaton	25	81
P. Valley	24	63
Wray	38	61
Highland	56	41
Yuma	27	52
Eaton	21	64
Highland	66	54
Wray	38	62
P. Valley	49	59



Top Row Left to Right: Coach Dave Davies, Phillip Garcia, Tim Gunther, Jake Kautz, Kevin Strauch, Jason Castrup, Bill Mundt, Jimmy Biren, and Coach George Mussell. 2nd Row, Matt Hughes, Bo Herrera, Josh Strand, Kenny Bellinder, Jon Davies, and Jason Weiss. Bottom Row, Manager Amy Pierce, Manager Jay White, and Manager Laura Vaughn.

C-Team Girls Basketball





Left to Right: Natalie Cook, Heather Windsheimer, Becky Bashor, Rebecca Gates, Coach Bev Steiner, Jocelyn Miller, Margaret Fox, Jyll Brening, Sarah Musgrave, and Krista Davies.

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Members of the Wrestling Team: Matt Bourquin, Shane Erosky, Jeremy Miles, Dave Vondy, David Herrera, Willis Payton, Marco Harl, Neil Magnuson, Tyson Meza, Jared Samples, Jason Strauch, Cody Curtis, Mike Toft, Sean Foos, David Maher, Pete Bolinger, D.J. Eicher, Jr. Flores, Tom Goff, Brian Khaler, Jesse Magnuson, Marty Morales, Nathan Torrez, Josh Greenwood, Tyler Treadway, Dusty Mullen, Austin Muniz, Matt Carrette, Chad Rosengrant, Levi Wells, James Mora, and Eric Morales. Coaches for the team were Randy Dreitz, Dave Uhrig, and John Samples.

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Duals

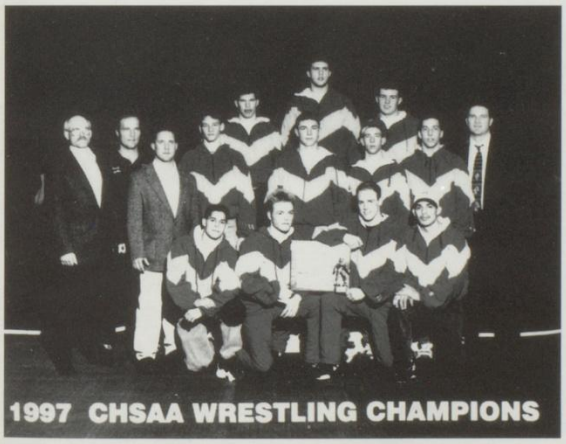
	We	They
Monte Vista	33	39
Manitou	44	18
Holyoke	57	19
Eaton	40	30
Yuma	57	21
Holyoke	49	26
Highland	69	06
P. Valley	63	10
Wray	44	23

State Runner-up

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Dave Vondy

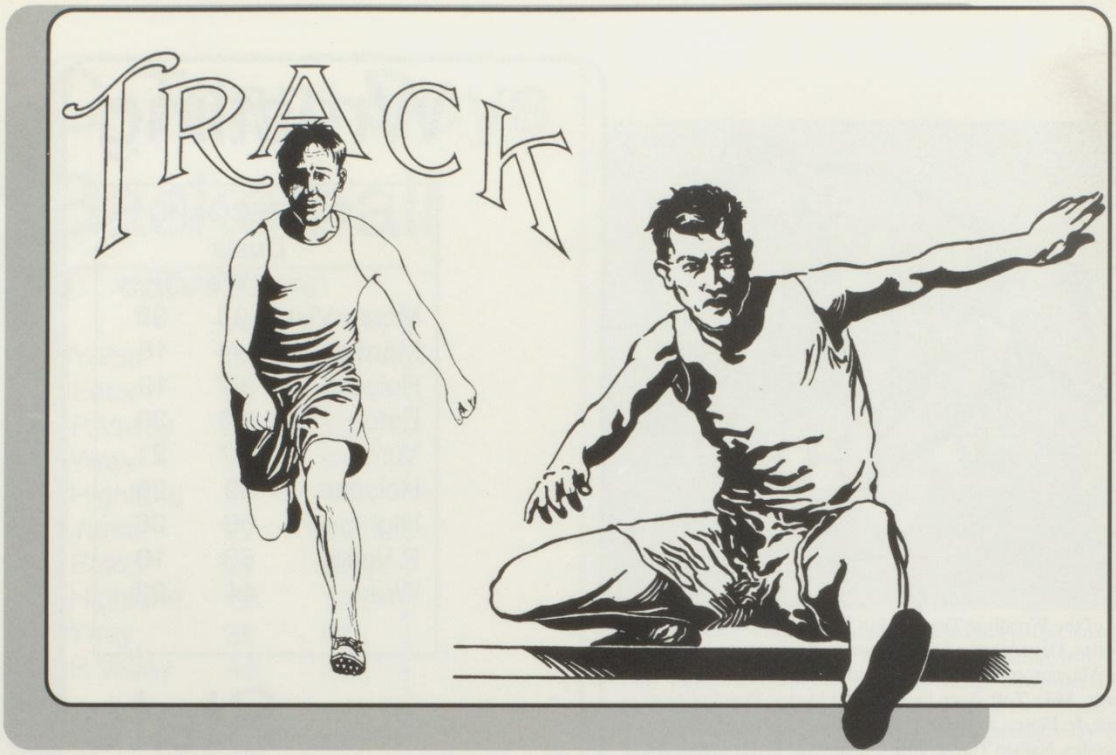
Third Place
Jared Samples

Fourth Place
Shane Erosky
Tyson Meza



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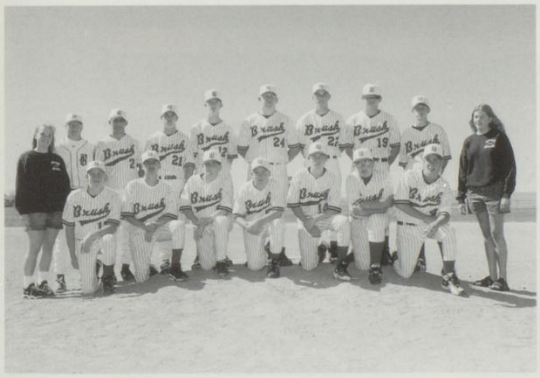


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SCOREBOARD

	We	They
Holy Family	9	5
Holy Family	9	13
Ft.Morgan	6	20
Platte Valley	9	3
Platte Valley	6	16
Highland	5	4
Highland	13	11
Eaton	6	11
Eaton	5	13
Wray	11	0
Wray	7	5
Yuma	7	2
Yuma	9	12
Highland	16	5
Valley	15	16

JVBASEBALL



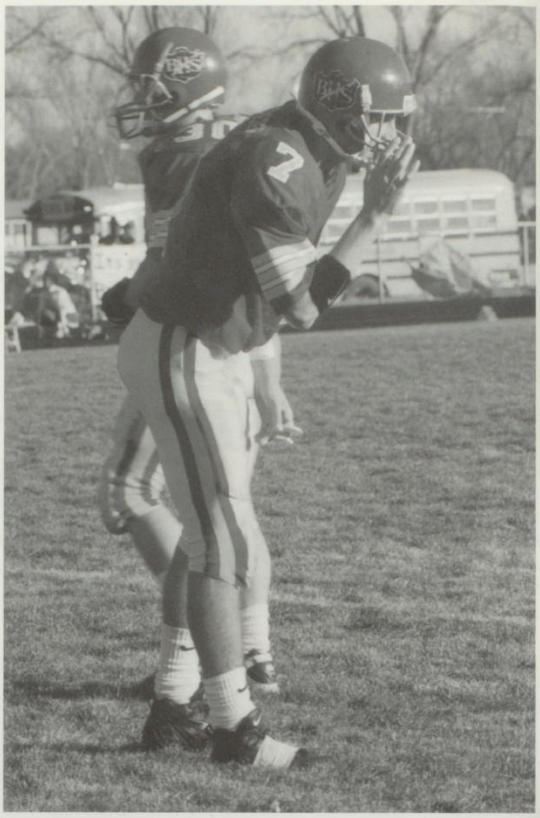
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SCOREBOARD

	We	They
Ft. Morgan	14	5
Ft. Morgan	0	0
Sterling	1	8
Sterling	6	5
Ft.Morgan	6	12
Weldona	12	3
Weldona	4	1
Platte Valley	9	1
Platte Valley	2	1
Weld Central	10	11
Weld Central	5	0
Eaton	6	13
Eaton	5	5
Wray	3	5
Wray	5	7
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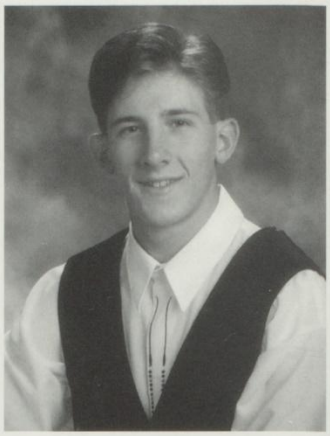
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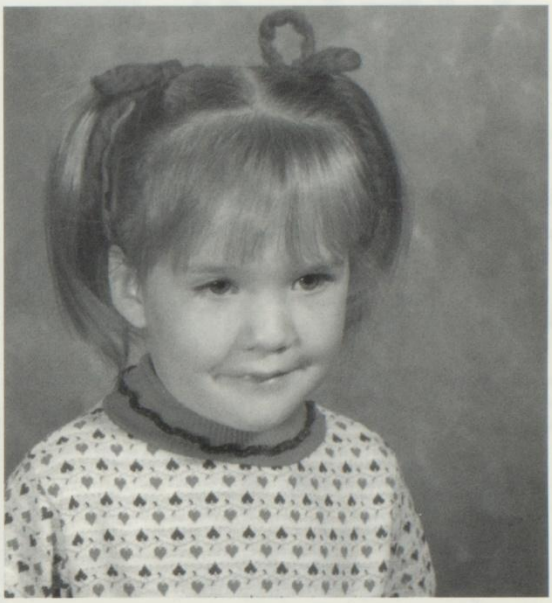


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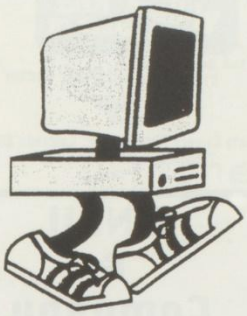
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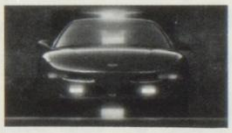
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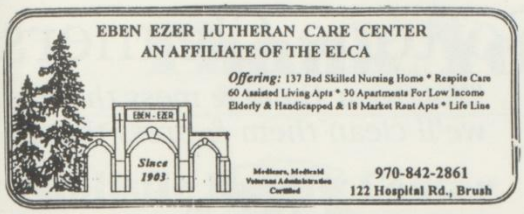
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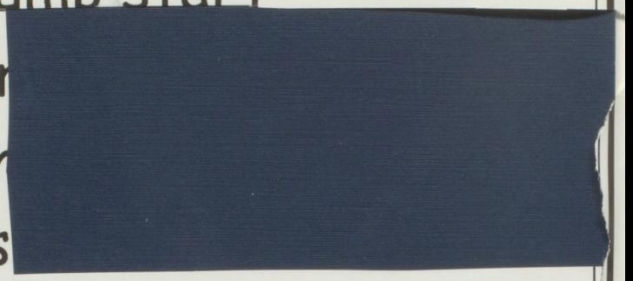
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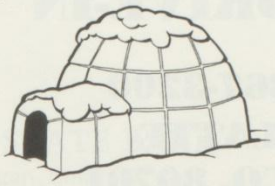
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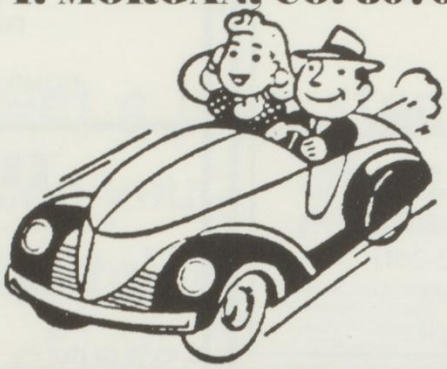
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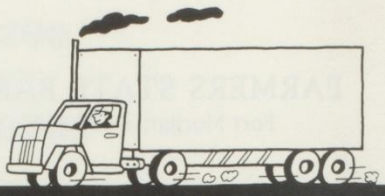
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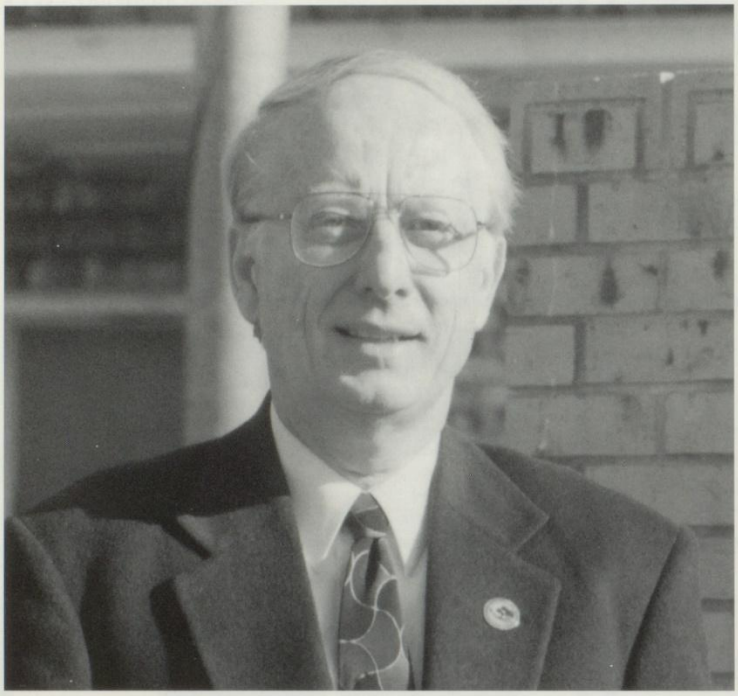
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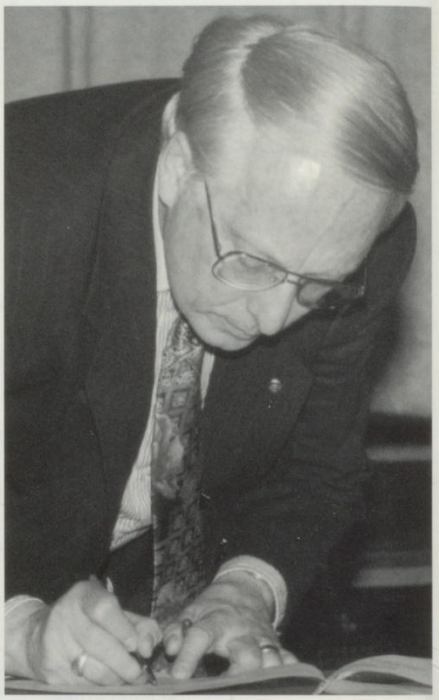
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Tribute to Dr. Ron Prascher

As everything winds down for the year, one certain person is cleaning his office for the last time. Dr. Prascher, just like everyone else, is looking forward to the summer and a couple months of relaxation. Things will be a little bit different when everyone starts to come back in the fall, however, because Doc won't be coming back with us. He has served his school and community for twenty-seven years and he probably doesn't know where all that time went. The faculty, journalism staff, and every other student would just like to thank him for all his hard work and enjoyment of education. Thanks Doc!!





Above: Dr. Prascher poses with a smile during his last week as principal of Brush High School.

Above Right: Dr. Prascher goes through last-minute checks of the program for honors convocation.

Right: New National Honor Society members receive words of appreciation from their number one fan...Dr. Ron Prascher.



Year-end Student Honors



Left: Ronny Edelen and Maria Guzman prepare to take their oaths as next years' Student Council Co-Presidents.

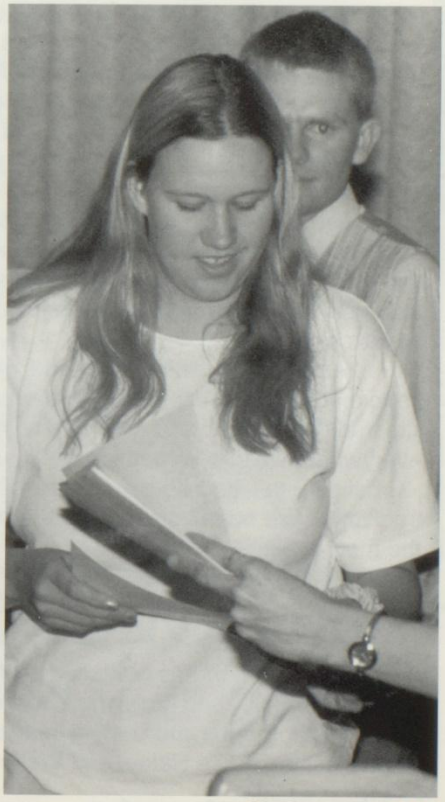
Below: FFA advisor Mr. Vinson congratulates Angie Dudden on a great job during the year.





Above: Seniors Nicole Balderston, Randy Carlson, and Shane Erosky display their respective military academy appointment letters.

Right: April Hepner receives an award for her outstanding work in this year's drama productions.



EXPANDING TRADITIONS



Left: Top Row Left to Right: Lindi Garrett, Mr. Haley (Capt. Comet), Pete Bolinger (Petey), Brandy Toft (Brandace), Amber Harned, and Jeff Cranson. Next Row, April Chard, Laura Bashor, Tabitha Rocha, Rebekah Bostron, Kendra Vondy, Matt Gardner, Adrian Vosburg (Boobie), and Christina Jones (Lady Death). Front and Center, Nate Carstens (Nate Dog). Not Pictured: Anne Hughes (Annie), Sarah Rodriquez, April Hepner (Apie), and Amy Pierce.

As traditions continue to repeat themselves, the school quiets down, the hallways empty, and we close another chapter of our lives. Just like tradition, graduation came and went, finals came and went, and another school year came and went. Everyone is so happy to leave and enjoy the summer months, but we all know what will happen after they are through.

We did expand a few things this year. Our staff, students, and friends are only minor changes that seem to have a major impact. Hopefully, we all expanded our minds by gaining some knowledge in a class or two.

As the year comes to an end, we now only have memories to keep alive. 1996 was great, but like tradition it had to end. Now we're in 1997, and everywhere we turn something is expanding. The journalism staff had its own share of expanding traditions. We hope you enjoyed the book and all the memories!

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