

The 1990s

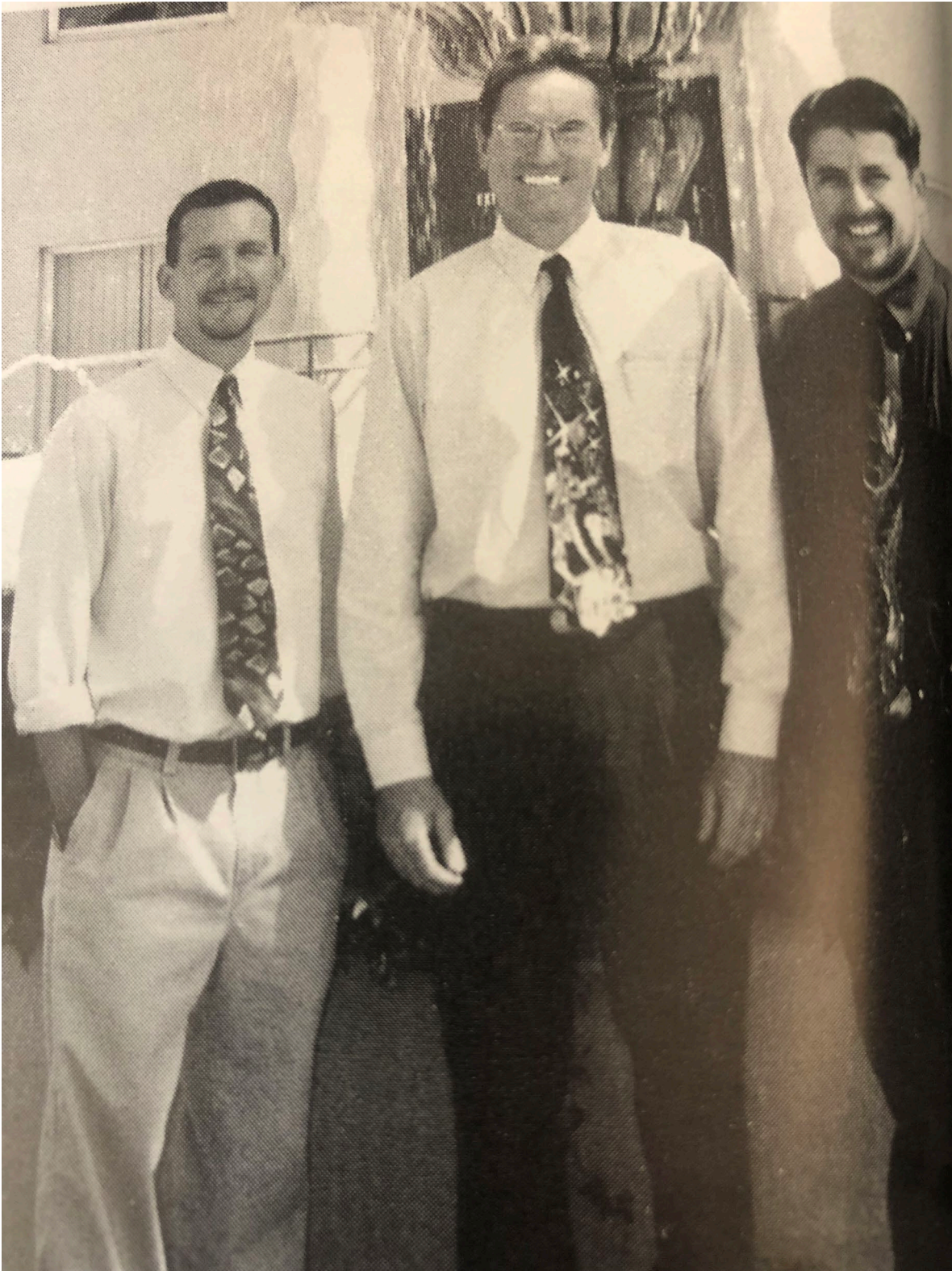
During the 1990s the agriculture program would quadruple in enrollment as a new greenhouse and nursery were added to the program as well as a facility for teaching biotechnology. More teachers were added, and considerable success followed. Numerous individual and team members won state and national awards.

“Senior AG projects,” began in the mid-80s and continued through the 90s, and beyond. These included the installation of benches, planters, and the fountain in the front of Old Main, as well as the construction of the Japanese Friendship Garden. Senior agriculture students annually designed and installed a major project on campus. All materials were donated by local businesses. School maintenance and district maintenance personnel jumped in to help teach students skills in concrete finishing, masonry, and more. Local skilled tradesman like Don Smith and Lou Little lent their expertise as well. Other programs on campus assisted. Tony Bracciale often brought his physical education students out to spread gravel reasoning that shoveling sixty tons of gravel was as good as anything they might do in the weight room!

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John Mulcahy (1983-2002) and Mike Gillispie (1999-2001) were agriculture teachers throughout the nineties with Kelly Trainor joining them in 1996.



The 1991-92 Chapter officers:

Top: Kate Norris—secretary; Steven St. Clair—parliamentarian; Mandy Sherman—historian;
Hope Kamler—reporter/photographer; Robbie Chiarini—assistant reporter
Bottom: Gary Hedges—sentinel; Robbie David, president; Shon Taylor—treasurer; Kelly
Schuster—vice president



The Peoria High School golf course, constructed by agriculture students, opened in May 1997. A photo of the grand opening is shown below. People gathered in front of the pro shop built by the building Trades students under the direction of Oscar Olivas. Construction of the golf course was led by agriculture instructor, Mike Gillespie.





It was in this same year that our new greenhouse was built following the destruction of the old greenhouse during a terrible windstorm in 1996.

Andrea Sokol was elected State FFA President in 1996