

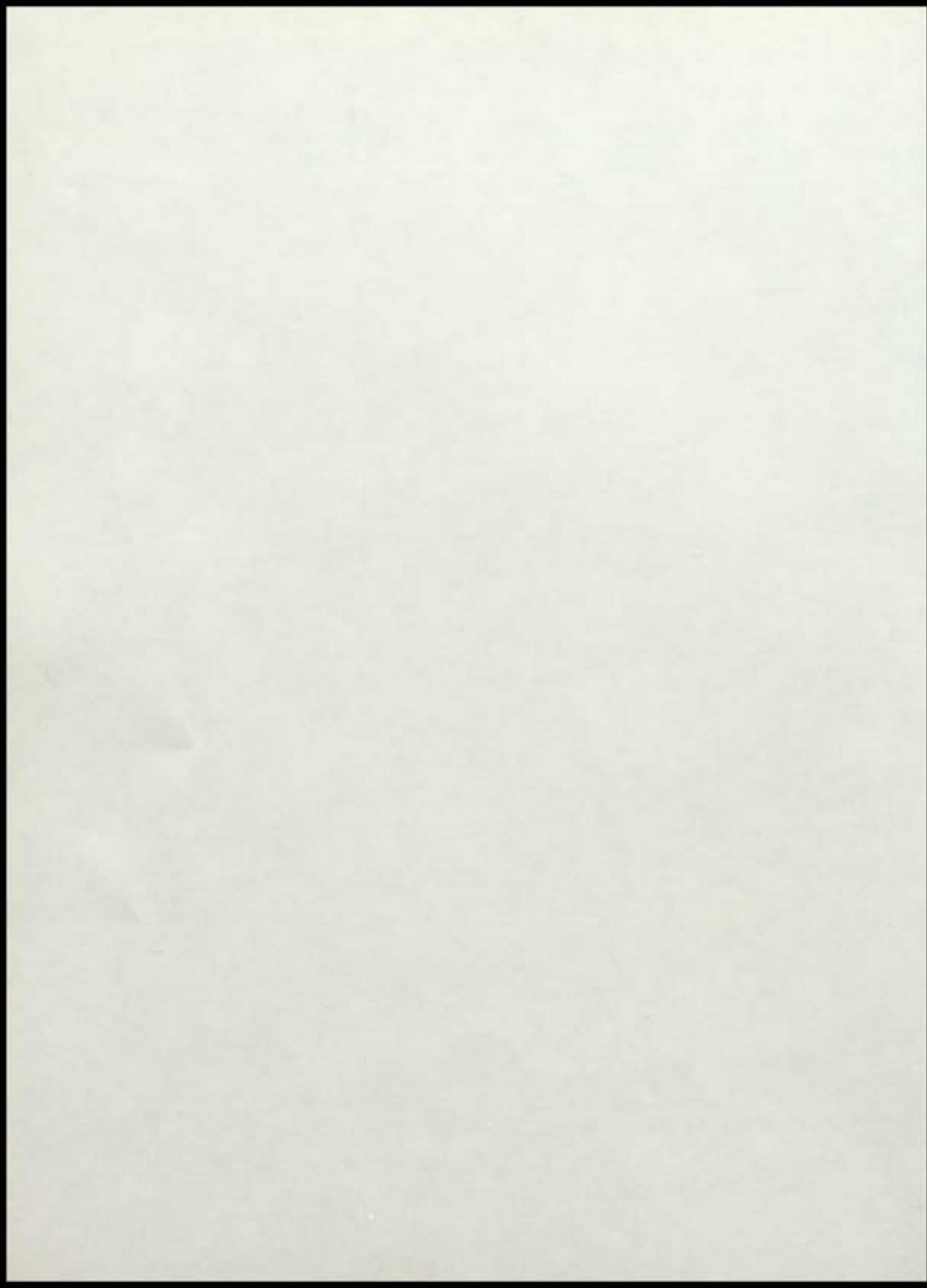
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BEMENT'S MOST WANTED



BEMENT HALL OF FAME. 1996 Inductees Margie Wright and Irene Hooker stand in front of the Hall of Fame display in the high school hallway, joining the ten other members inducted since 1991. Irene was inducted the year of the fortieth anniversary of her commencement. Margie also received the honor during a special year. "I am so proud and honored to have been inducted into the Bement Hall of Fame in 1996. It has been 50 years since I walked the Hall of good ol' Betohi with my class of 1946," Margie commented.

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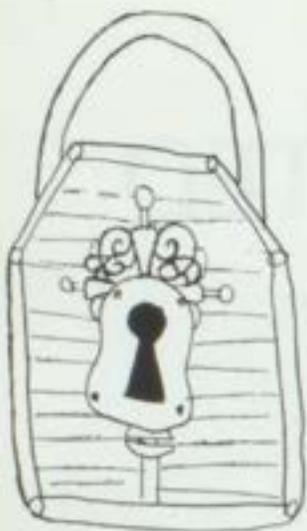
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At the end of July, editor Faith Hite and asst. editor Lindsey Hartwig attended the yearbook workshop camp in Bloomington. There they came up with the BRS most wanted theme. Six seniors were chosen to hide throughout the different sections of the yearbook. Your goal is to find them as many times as possible.

September brought more contributions from the SOS group. Since their market day fund-raiser continued its success, the group donated a \$100 bill to each classroom teacher to use in their classrooms. A tech-prep program was setup and headed by Mrs. Flood to prepare our students for the working environment. We welcomed Mr. Kely, Mr. Hudson, and Mrs. Aubert to the teaching staff. The new coaches were Miss Stoerger, Mr. Smalling, Mr. Jones, Mr. Portwood, and Miss Carver.

Mr. Foundstone returned to Bement to join the custodial staff. Mrs. Klewin opened a room during lunch hour to assist students with their studies. This was the first school year in a long time that we did not use the heat schedule. We waited and used that time when we experienced the worst winter storms in January making the Martin Luther King holiday a six day weekend.

Key Clues

Student Life p.4

Wendi Shott-senior, may be seen talking to teachers. Wendi was last seen in the student life section.



People p.12

Nathan Butterick-senior, usually seen in hallway or with cars. Nathan has been spotted socializing in the people pages



Macarena

The Danz team shows off some of their new costumes. In order they are Amber Veteto, Heather Gudgel, Julie Fair, Stacia Fuss, Andrea Thompson

Ping

Senior Paul Wright, pro golfer, has decided to become the official spokesperson for Ping.

Organizations p.34

Paul Wright-Senior, may be seen playing golf. Last seen in the organization division of the yearbook.



Academics p. 44

Amber Veteto-senior, usually seen at Danz team practice. Amber was seen in the academics division.



Tired?

Editor Faith Hite and asst. editor Lindsey Hartwig watch as advisor Mrs. Henricks makes suggestions for the '97 book at the yearbook workshop.



Sports p.58

Bill Bell-senior, may be seen shoveling tomato paste at Kraft. Bill was last seen in the sports divider.



Ads p.72

Amber Shonkwiler-senior, occasionally seen driving around. Amber was last seen shopping thru the ads.

Chorus and geography classes went through many changes when Mr. Hudson left after Christmas break. Mr. Schrierle came back to teach geography but chorus was a different story. The first teacher to take Mr. Hudson's place quit before she even started. After looking again, the school hired Miss Angel who decided to stay until the end of the year.

Golf came back on the sports scene with Derek Wingle and Jacki Roberts going to regionals and Paul Wright going to regionals and sectionals. Danz team performed at almost all of the home games, basketball, and football, with a variety of costumes. Cheerleaders were in such a large number that they had to be divided for football and basketball. The variety girls and boys basketball teams had the chance to play at the Market Square Arena and stay for a Pacer's game.



Say cheese!
Seniors Adam Benson
and Elizabeth Tabaka
pose for a quick picture.

Take that!
Junior Lindsey Hartwig
shows what she thinks of
having her picture taken.
Lindsey was assistant
editor this year.



how the
"inmates"
spent any free
time they got

Life in the big house





In trouble again?
Sophomore Paul Loggins sits in his assigned seat. Paul could usually be found sitting outside the classroom rather than inside.



Oh yeah? I heard...
Juniors Tonya Stiverson and Jenny Spry get ready for a long day of school.

Seefood
Senior Julie Fair shows everyone what she's having for lunch, while Clark saves a seat for Doug.

FREE TIME FOR STUDENTS

Before and After classes / Lunch

GOOD MORNING EVERYONE

Sophomore Sarah Parker and junior Becky Jones have been up since the birds started chirping. They are ready for a nice full day of school.

PLUM TUCKERED OUT

Freshman Ben Lawson takes a time out as he gets his homework organized after school. Ben found that high school was a little more tiring than he expected.



What Time Do You Come To School? _____



Chris Tracy

I usually get here at 8:00 a.m. because I ride the bus, and it really stinks.



Jacki Roberts

I get here at 8:20 because that is when the person that I ride with gets here.



Michael Burton

I usually arrive at my desired destination at precisely 8:18 every morning because I do not wish to come to school any earlier than necessary.



Nathan Butterick

I come to school at 8:10 so I can socialize.



I'M STARVING!

Senior Doug Loftus and freshmen Gary Smith wait hypnotically for their food, while Barb Warnes and Georgia Mulvaney prepare others trays.



IS THIS SEAT TAKEN?

Freshman Kelli Reffett takes a seat by junior Mia Gregory at lunch. Kelli usually sat at the same table with all of her friends.

LUNCH RUSH

Juniors Nicole Vestal, Stacia Fuss, and freshman Crystal Vestal wait impatiently for their turn to make their salad. Everybody always hurried to the cafeteria to avoid long lines.



IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL DAY

Senior Laura Slagle and Junior Jenny Spry meet after class before they go home. Jenny was explaining how great her day was.



BOTTOMS UP!

Junior Amanda Honecker watches as Junior Michelle Vezina chugs her Mt. Dew. Amanda and Michelle usually could be found sitting together at lunch.

TOP OF THE MORNING

Junior Jeremy Tracy and Sophomore Travis Pruitt put sophomore Nathan Somers in his place. The lower hallway was taken over by the sophomores every day between 8:20 and 8:30.

EVERYONE SMILE.

Freshman David LeFever poses for a picture with his mother and father. Mrs. LeFever teaches speech in the grade school while Mr. LeFever is guidance counselor and history teacher.

THE WILD WINGLES.

High school math teacher Mr. Wingle poses for a picture with his two sons. Derek, a sophomore, helps with technical work around school. Grant is a seventh grader in the middle school.



RELATED?

Freshman Kendra Clark smiles big with her mother. Mrs. Clark is the 4th grade teacher. You hardly ever see Kendra or her mom without a smile.

ELEMENTARY FUN.

Freshman Ben Lawson stands with his mother. Mrs. Lawson is a 2nd grade teacher.



FAMILY/GRADUATION

TOP OF THE CLASS.

Valdictorian Christine Warnes speaks about how the help of friends and family helped her get where she is today.



THE NUMBER 2 SPOT.

Saludatorian Wendi Shott tells everyone all she needed to know she learned in kindergarten.



To the Senior Class of '97

One last class
One last bell
and what our future
holds no one can tell

As we walk the road
of life, we stand proud knowing
that someday we will meet
up with our old crowd

Into the future, we travel
fast into the future, forgetting
the past. A new beginning for
you and me.

As the lights go dim and the
doors close, tightly in our hearts
we will remember the good
times we've shared
so vivid yet so quietly.

-Holly Ammann



GRADUATES OF 1997.

The graduation class celebrates with Silly String and confetti as they switch their tassels.

OFF INTO THE WORLD.

Graduate Nathan Butterick makes his way out the gym into the real world.



CONGRATULATIONS.

'94 Bement graduate Jason Butterick presents the Richard Butterick Scholarship to Sarah Lawson.



SPIRIT WEEK

Olympic heroes shine through with Bulldog spirit.

GO FOR THE GOLD.

Freshmen Aaron Thompson, Chris Tracy, Seph Lietz, Loralie Stoeger, and Lindsey Walsh show off their medals on the Freshmen Homecoming float. These students were representing Bement Athletics.

BEMENT HALL OF FAMER.

Margie Wright is driven in the parade by Ray Walsh. Margie was recognized for her many contributions to the community and her 20 years at Birch Bus Service. "I am so proud and honored to have been inducted," Margie said.



SPEAK OUT



Fresh · Miah Arney

"It's fun to be able to dress up for Homecoming in high school," says Miah.



Senior Jane Mann

"It was a bit overwhelming to handle all the congratulations," says Homecoming Queen Jane Mann.



Hall of Famer Irene Hooker

"I am very proud to be a 1956 Graduate of Bement High School. It was indeed a great honor to be inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1996 on this 40th anniversary of my graduation," says Irene.



Karen Wilkinson

Former chorus teacher Karen Wilkinson and her husband Art were the Grand Marshalls of the parade this year. "We were probably asked this year because we were unable to do it last year," says Mrs. Wilkinson.



LOOK Y'ALL.

Junior Eric Briggs sees his reflection for the first time today. Eric participated in Spirit Week by dressing up Monday for Hick Day.



SILLY HILLBILLY.

Senior Julie Fair gets caught clowning around in her bibs. Julie participated every day of Spirit Week.

WILDCAT PRIDE.

Junior Doug Stevens displays his enthusiasm on the Junior float. The Junior class won first place; Freshmen, second; Sophomores, third and Seniors, fourth.



COMING HOME.

Senior Christine Warnes drives 1995 Homecoming Queen Katie Koebel in the '96 parade. Also riding along are the kindergarten attendants.



HOLD ON TIGHT!

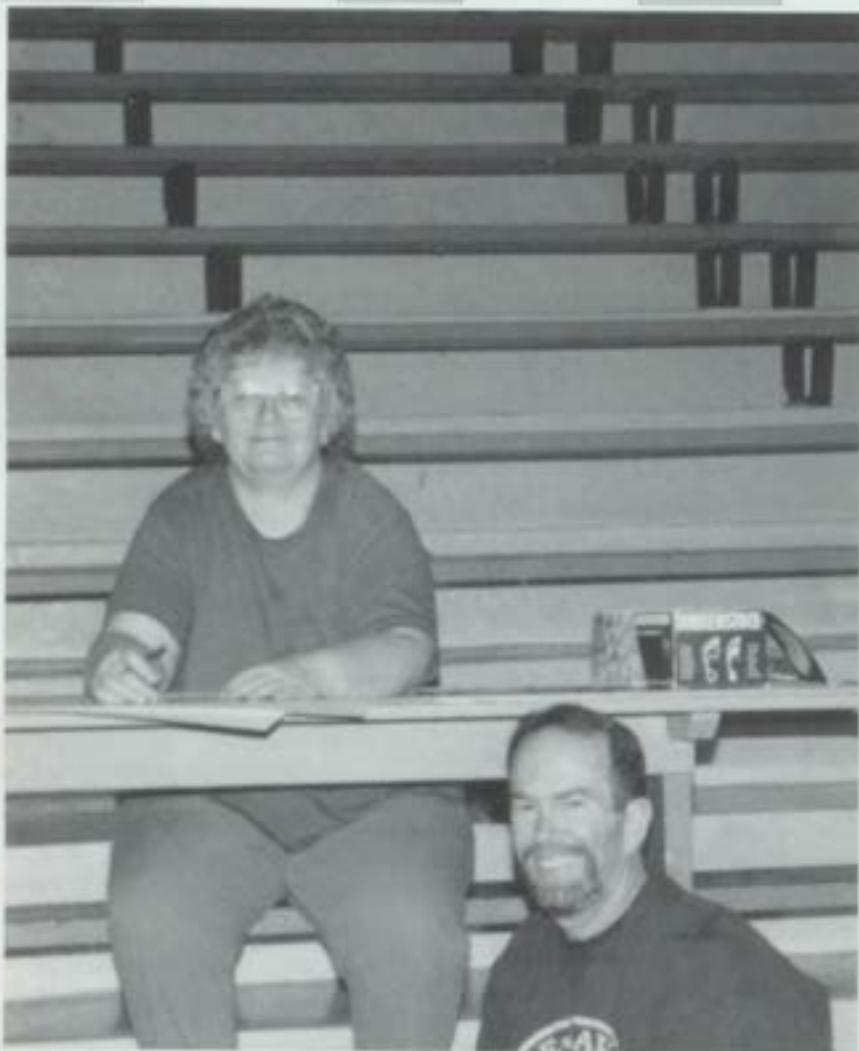
Queen candidates Rachel Dragoo and Elizabeth Tabaka are driven around the football field by King candidate Paul Wright.

TO-GA, TO-GA!

Freshman Justin Tatman gets all wrapped up in Toga Day. Justin was one of the few students who dressed up for this day.

Mug Shots

the line up of seniors, juniors, sophomores, freshmen, and staff



A little to the left Miss G and Mr. LeFever supervise as the student council members decorate the gym for homecoming.

Ain't love grand? Senior April Shumard and date get close before the action starts at prom.



Hall monitors

Seniors Jason Frazee, Joe Wood, and Josh Somers took their title as senior seriously and patrolled the halls for unprepared under classmen.

This is great

Freshmen Jill O'Bryan and Julie Owen realize how great homeroom can be when you have unfinished homework.



Mr. Saturday night
Junior Scott Fay struts his cool
easy moves at prom. It was a
wonder he has time to sit.

OH, WHAT A WONDERFUL FEELING.
Amanda Upton, Jessica Drobena and Sarah Lawson take advantage of not having any homework to do in homeroom.



WE NEED NO-DOZ.
Jason Frazee, Doug Loftus, Branden Crowl, and Julie Fair try to catch a few more Z's before the bell rings.



ONLY TWO MORE HOURS.
Dan Morris studies for a test during homeroom before the rest of his classmates come in.



HOLLY AMMANN
Flag corp. 2, Span. Club 3, FHA 1-4 (Pres. 4), Schol. Bowl 1-4

BILL BELL
Basketball 1-4, Jazz Band 1-4, Newsstaff 4, B-Club 4, FHA 4, Schol. Bowl 1-3.

ADAM BENSON
Football 1-2 (All-Conference 3-4), Baseball 1-4 (All-Conference 4), Track 1,4, B-Club 1-4, Class Officer 1-4 (Pres. 3-4), SAR 4, Homecoming Court 4.

NATHAN BUTTERICK
Schol. Bowl 1-3.

AREN CARNEY
Football 4, Basketball 1, 3, 4, Track 3-4.

BRANDEN CROWL
Basketball 1, Baseball 1-4, Newsstaff 2.

RACHEL DRAGOO
Volleyball 1-4, Track 1, Cheerleader 1-4, Show Choir 1-3, Jazz Band 1-4, Newsstaff 3, B-Club 2-4, FHA 1-4, Homecoming Court 4, Softball 2-4.



COFFEE BREAK. Amber Veteto takes a break from working on the float.

TODD DRAGOO
Football 1-4, Newsstaff 4, Class officer 2-4 (sec. 2-3, vp 4), NHS 4, Homecoming 4.

JESSICA DROBENA
FHA 2.

JULIE FAIR
Basketball-1,2,4 (all conf. 4), Track 1,3-4, Cheerleader 1,3-4, Show choir 1,3, Yearbook 2, Spanish club 2-4 (sec. 4), B-club 1-4, FHA 1-4 (historian 3),(sec. 4), Homecoming court 4

NATALIE FAY
Volleyball 1, Flag corp. 4, Show choir 1,3, FHA 2-4 (officer 4), Class officer (sec. 4), Softball 4.

JASON FRAZEE
Football 1, FHA 3-4,

FAITH HITE
Volleyball 1-4, Marching band 1-4 (drum major 4), Show choir 1-3, Jazz band-1,2, Girls State-3, Pepband-1-4, Student council-2-4, Lifesavers-3-4, Newstaff-4, Yearbook-1-4 (business mgr 3, editor 4), Spanish club- 1-4 (sec.



WHAT A WAY TO SPEND THE EVENING. Natalie Fay, Christine Warnes, and Elizabeth Tabaka make posters for Homecoming.

FAITH HITE (cont.)
vp 4), Schol. Bowl 1-4, Class officer 3 (vp), DAR 4, IMEA District Choir 4, IMEA District Band 1, NHS 4, John Phillip Sousa 4.

SARAH LAWSON
Show Choir 1-3, Jazz Band 1-2, Student Council 2,4, Marching Band 1-2, Yearbook 1-3, Span. Club 1-4, FHA 2-4, Danz 3-4, Pep Band 1-2, Lifesavers 3-4.

DOUG LOFTUS
Basketball 1-4, Baseball 1,3-4, Span. Club 1,3-4 (pres. 4), B-Club 1,3-4, Class Officer 2 (vp), NHS 2-4, Homecoming Court 4.

JANE MANN
Basketball 1,3, Cheerleader 3, Student Council 1-4, Newsstaff 3, FHA 1-4, Class officer 1,4, Homecoming Court 4, Art Club 1,3-4.

DAN MORRIS
Football 4, Basketball 1-4, B-Club 1-4, FHA 4, Class officer 1,4, Homecoming Court 4, Art Club 1,3-4.

AMBER SHONKWILER
Newsstaff 4.



CRUISING AROUND IN MY AUTOMOBILE. Rachel Dragoo and Adam Benson ride through Bement during the parade.

WHAT DID YOU SAY THAT WAS? Joe Wood questionably looks at the latest lunchtime mess on the gym lobby floor.



WENDI SHOTT

Basketball 1, Volleyball 1-3, Track 2, Show Choir 3, Newsstaff 2, FHA 4, NHS 4, Marching Band 1-4.

APRIL SHUMARD

Art Club 4, FHA 4.

LAURA SLAGLE

FHA 2-3, Art Club 1,4.

JOSH SOMERS

Football 1, Basketball 1-4, Yearbook 2, FHA 2-3.

HEATHER SPALDING

Track 3, Cheerleader 1,3-4, Flag Corp. 2-3, Show Choir 1-3, Newsstaff, Yearbook 2, Span. Club 2-4, B-Club 3, FHA 1-4.

JASON STRAUZER

Art Club 1.

ELIZABETH TABAKA

Basketball 1-4 (mvp 3-4), Track 1-3, Cheerleader 1-4, Student Council 3-4 (sec. 3, pres. 4), Yearbook 2, Span. Club 3-4, B-Club 1-4, FHA 1-4 (vp 4), Schol. Bowl 1-4, Homecoming Court 4.



GEE, THIS IS FUN! Wendi Shott and Julie Walsh try to think up more ideas for the float.

PLEASE WORK! Faith Hite finishes her Advanced Computer Concepts 1 homework before the semester.



AMANDA UPTON

AMBER VETETO

FHA 3-4, Danz 4, Art Club 4.

JULIE WALSH

Basketball 1-4 (mvp, all conf. 3-4), Volleyball 1-4 (mvp 3-4, all conf. 4), Track 1, Cheerleader 1-4, B-Club 1-4, Homecoming Court 4, Softball 2-4, Marching Band.

CHRISTINE WARNES

Volleyball 1-4, Show Choir 1-3, Jazz Band 1-2, Student Council 4, Newsstaff 4, Yearbook 1-3, Span. Club 1-4, FHA 2-4, IL State Scholar 4, NHS 2-4, Girl's State 3.

JOE WOOD

Basketball 1, Span. Club 1, Art Club 3.

PAUL WRIGHT

Football 1, Basketball 1, Baseball 1-4, Student Council 3, B-Club 2-4, FHA 1, Homecoming Court 4, Life-savers 1-4, Golf 3-4.

I DON'T THINK SO. Laura Slagle stands back to see the latest idea for the Senior float.



SR. ACTIVITIES

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MRS. FEDRIGON.
Sarah Lawson, Jason
Frazee, Dan Morris,
Faith Hite, Amanda
Upton, Doug Loftus,
Julie Fair, Natalie Fay,
Jane Mann.



MRS. ZUCCO. April
Shumard, Wendi
Shott, Julie Walsh,
Elizabeth Tabaka,
Christine Warnes,
Amber Shonkwiler,
Amber Veteto, Laura
Slagle, Josh Somers,
Joe Wood, Paul
Wright.



MR. GROSS.
Branden Crowl,
Adam Benson,
Todd Dragoo,
Rachel Dragoo,
Holly Ammann,
Aren Carney, Bill
Bell. Not pictured:
Jessica Drobeno,
Nathan Butterick,
Heather Spalding.



SUMMIT OF THE HEROES.

AND THE REST OF THE STORY ... Junior Amanda Upton talks with friends. More high schoolers stayed to dance than years past.



"SINNER SWING". Senior Joe Wood sings "Glycerine" for the court dance. Fellow band member JD White accompanied Joe on guitar.



SWISH, SWISH, SWISH. Junior Amanda Honacker demonstrates the wipers on the bus go swish.



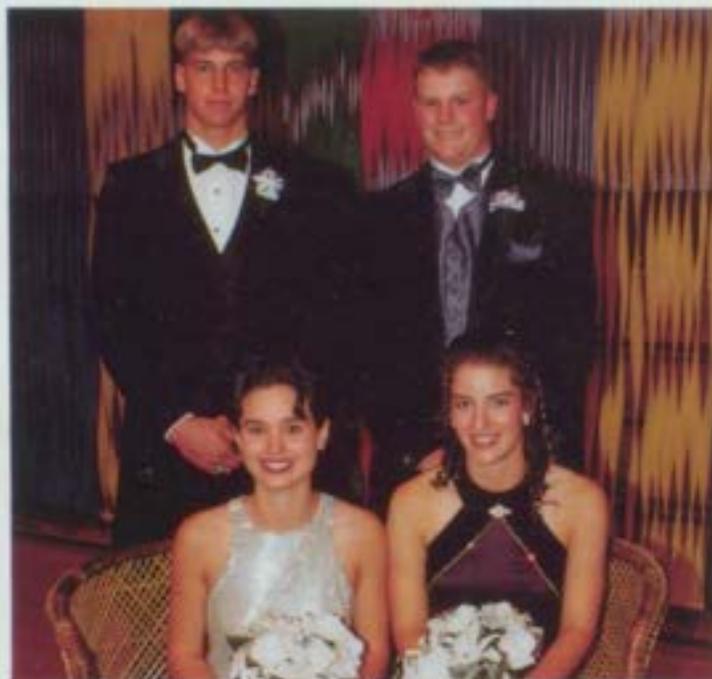
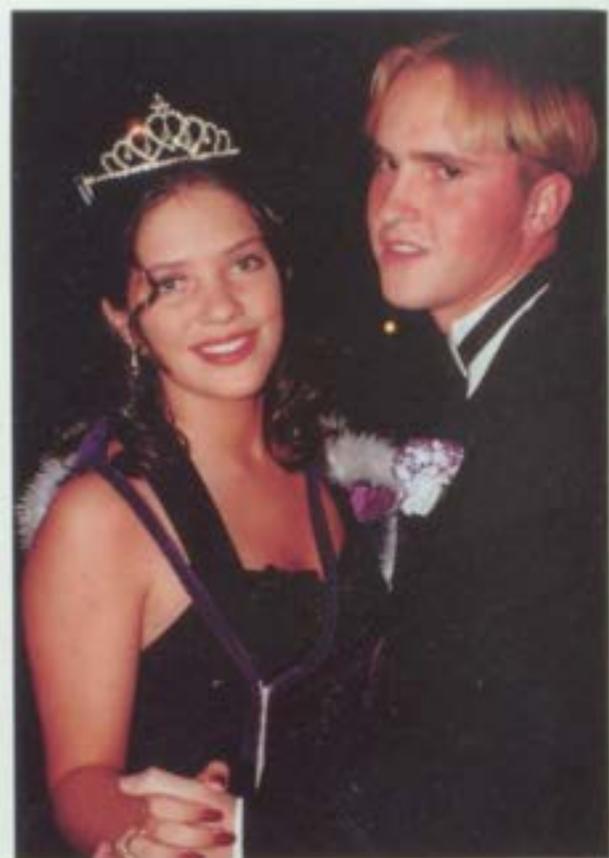
AND THE 1996 ... Master of Ceremonies Faith Hite gives her review of the week's activities before she announces the king and queen.

JOKING AROUND. Juniors Jennie Clodfelter and Adam Strohl spend more time laughing than dancing. This year the DJ played videos to the songs.

HOMECOMING 1996

KING & QUEEN. Jane Mann and Doug Loftus lead the court in the court dance after the crowning of the new royalty.

BEING ATTENDED. Doug and Jane are attended by kindergarteners Dillion Docherty, Cameron Smith, Emily Lietz and Olivia Warren.



"SHINY, HAPPY PEOPLE". Candidates Todd Dragoo, Paul Wright, Julie Fair and Julie Walsh are all smiles.



ALL THAT GLITTERS. Candidates Adam Benson, Dan Morris, Rachel Dragoo and Elizabeth Tabaka sit patiently until the crowd calms down.

"RIDERS ON THE STORM"

DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY. Senior Sarah Lawson jams with junior Michelle Kirsch during the DJ session at prom.

WHERE'S THE CAKE? Junior Adam Strohl wonders if it was luck that prom fell on his 17th birthday.



SEALED WITH A KISS. No matter where they are, freshman Jodi Cook and junior Kevin Taylor show their affection.

MEMORIES. Junior Becki Jones asks classmate Amanda Honecker and sophomore Kristyn Smeathers to sign her memory book.



I WAS MEANT FOR YOU. Senior Natalie Fay and date serenade each other on the dance floor.



I ONLY HAVE EYES FOR YOU. Freshman Heather Carver takes advantage of the attention she gets from date and senior Josh Somers.



CUDDLY BEAR. Senior Joe Wood cuddles with date senior Holly Ammann.



I WANNA SING AND DANCE. Senior Rachel Draggoo and Sophomore Jeremy Holladay sing and dance.

AFTERPROM

WHAT'S UP 'N STUFF? Senior Amanda Upton sees some friends on the dance floor as she heads out to dance.



SCOPING. Juniors Michael Burton and Jeremy Tracy stay on the lookout for some beautiful, intelligent women.



MALE BONDING. Freshman Aaron Williams and Junior Clark Foran take out some time from the party for togetherness.



COOL HAZE. Junior Mike Ensign, Sophomore John Harper and Junior Nathaniel Turner try to look cool while watching the action.



WATCH THE ROAD! Junior Tonya Stiverson, sophomore Kristyn Smeathers and Junior Adam Strohl try their driving skills out on the race track.

BURNED OUT? Senior Amber Shonkwiler, date Chris Chestnut, seniors Amber Veteto and April Shumard and junior Doug Stevens are still cruisin'.



POOL SHARK? Senior Jason Strauser carefully executes his next move at the pool table. Jason graduated at the end of the first semester.

LAI D BACK. Junior Wes Blickenstaff and senior Doug Loftus decide to be spectators unlike senior Todd Dragoo who was dancing no matter where he went.

Elizabeth Tabaka "BIZ"

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PPK

Amber Shankmier

Douglas Hopkins "SNOOP"

BILL
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LL

Joan Inoue

Seniors

Ashua Romero

Kathryn Buttner "Chairs"

Latasha Hite

Jessica Dikena

Tim Morris

Paul Wright

Jaura Slagle
Christina W...

Rachel Drago

Wendy Swoet

Aren CARNEY

Brandy Crail

Jane Mann

Natalie Foy

Luah Fox

Holly Combs
The wood
Annika 4/2004

April Marie Stumard

Julie Walsh #34 #25 #43
Kimberly Veto

Haather Spalting
GO CHEERLEADERS

O F F T H E





Holly Ammann



Nathan Butterick



Bill Bell



Aren Carney



Adam Benson



Branden Crowl



Todd Drago



Jessica Drobena



Rachel Drago



Julie Fair



Natalie Fay



Faith Anne Hite



Doug Loftus



Sarah Lawson



Jason Frazee



Wendi Shott



Dan Morris



Jane Mann



Amber Shonkwiler



April Shumard



Laura Slagle



Jason Strauser



Heather Spalding



Joshua Somers



Elizabeth Tabaka



Amanda Upton



Joe Wood



Julie Walsh



Amber Veteto



Christine Warnes



Paul Wright

MOST WANTED: CLASS OF 1998



Stacia gets down to the music.



Andrea gets crowded at lunch.



GUESS WHO? The juniors behind these masks are Clark Foran and Eric Briggs.



Michael Burton and Wes Blickenstaff get help from Mr. Taylor during 1st semester Advanced Computer Concepts I.

Josh Bates
Wes Blickenstaff
Eric Briggs
Michael Burton
Jennie Clodfelter
Grant Corum



Mike Ensign
Scott Fay
Clark Foran
Stacia Fuss
Jeremiah Gregory
Lindsey Hartwig

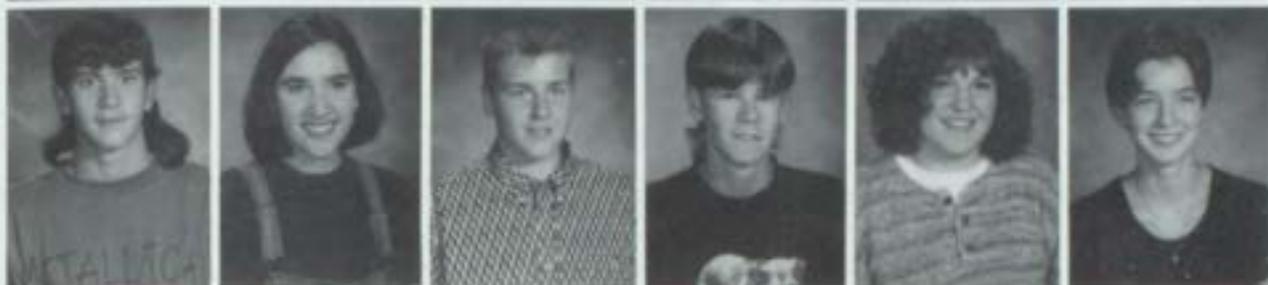


Tim Henderson
Amanda Honecker
Jason Huddleston
Becky Jones
Ben Jones
Michelle Kirsch





Amanda Miller
Ginny Smith
Jenny Spry
Doug Stevens
Tonya Stiverson
Adam Strohl



Kevin Taylor
Andrea Thompson
Jeremy Tracy
Nathaniel Turner
Nicole Vestal
Michelle Vezina



Lani Wright



MCNEMONEY!
Adam Strohl,
Lindsey Hartwig
and Tonya
Stiverson have fun
working the
concession stand
even though the
profits go to their
class.



DANCE TO THE MUSIC.
Junior Scott Fay checks
out some new dance
moves on the other side of
the gym during the
Homecoming dance.

MOST WANTED: CLASS OF 1999



Lunch antics of Jeremy H.



Indiana's great! Right, Neil?



Tom Durbin endures a football injury of a twisted ankle but handles his crutches with flair.



On the way home from the golf regionals in Mahomet, Derek Wingle discusses the stormy weather of the day.

Daren Benson
Neil Craney
Tabitha Dallas
Tom Durbin
Steve Eckstein
John Einhorn



Heather Gudgel
John Harper
Steve Harper
John Helms
Jeremy Holladay
Kristi Isbell



Holly Jayne
Tucker Knowles
Melissa Kochell
Casey Lane
Paul Loggins
Alisha Miller





Jennifer Miller
Isabell Moore
Tom Owen
Sarah Parker
Andrew Perry
Jed Pope



Travis Pruitt
Steve Reffet
Jennifer Reynolds
Jackie Roberts
Seth Scheffer
Kristyn Smeathers



Nathan Somers
Derek Wingle



Jed Pope models the latest fad in junior sportswear-Lindsey Hartwig's purple iridescent jacket.



Daren Benson and John Harper doodle during their homeroom with Mrs. Aubert.

MOST WANTED: CLASS OF 2000



Crystal V. and Heather shine.



Serge enjoys his lunch break.



Heather Carver, Brad Rexroad and Greg Stoerger feel privileged that Sophomore Paul Loggins spends quality time with them.



Sara Larson and Lindsey Walsh check out the guys at the Homecoming Dance. The dance was well attended.

Aaron Alblinger
Jeremiah Arney
Amber Bury
Heather Carver
Kandi Casey
Kendra Clark



T.J. Cogdill
Jodi Cook
Crystal Dallas
Serge Docherty
Jessica Dunlap
Casey Ellis



Jennifer Garrison
Chad Gudgel
Kyle Hendrix
Andy Hite
Heather Jeffries
Chad Larimore





Sara Larson
Ben Lawson
David LeFever
Joseph Lietz
Ryan Mulvaney
Jill O'Bryan



Julie Owen
Chad Pierce
Amy Reed
Kelli Reffett
Brad Rexroad
Jason Riley



Mariann Roppel
Troy Shumard
Mollie Stevens
Greg Stoerger
Loralee Stoerger
Justin Tatman



Aaron Thompson
Chris Tracy
Crystal Vestal
David Walsh
Lindsey Walsh
Cristin Zech



Janet Zoch



THE MEN OF
2000.
Seph Lietz, Ben
Lawson, Chad
Larimore, Chris
Tracy and Serge
Dougherty stake
their territory in
the hallway
during lunch.

ADMINISTRATION/SUPPORT STAFF



JoAnn Bentley, Secretary



Jani Hamilton, Unit Sec.



Mr. Nyle Waters, Principal



Dr. Darrell Stevens, Superintendent

SCHOOL BOARD.

Jeff Funk, Jody Shonkwiler (Pres.), Mike Walsh, Ron Mulvaney, Tom Loftus, John Strack and Valerie Stoerger.





SCHOOL CHEFS
Louise Butterick,
Mary Morgan,
Georgia Mulvaney,
Josephine Durbin,
and Barb Warnes



**OPERATION
SUPERVISORS**
Jim Womak, Scott
Porter, Mark Somers-
head maintenance, and
Dave Poundstone



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Carol Dishman,
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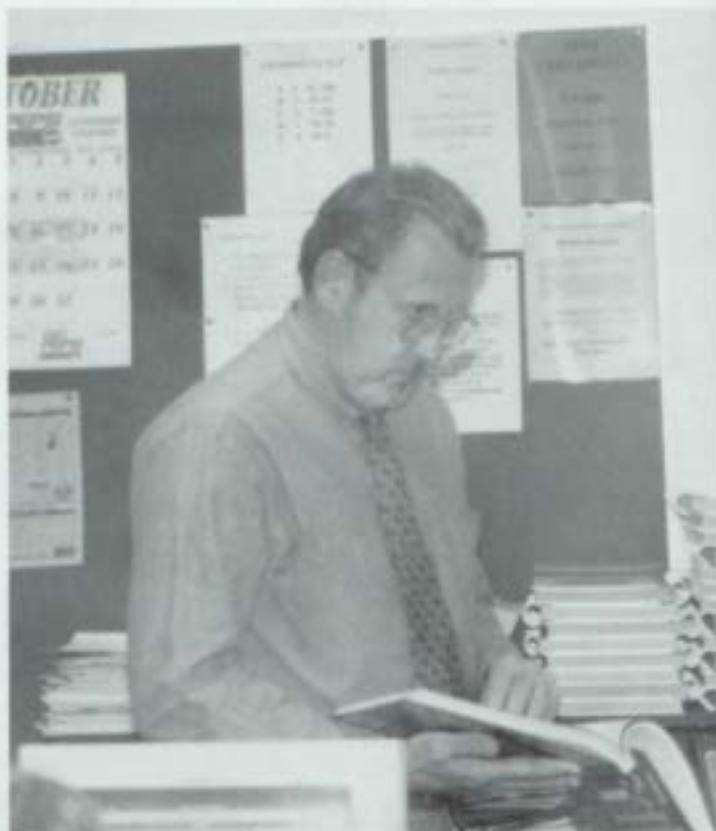
LEADING THE WAY



Miss Angel, chorus



Mrs. Aubert, Resource teacher



Mr. Taylor watches to see that everyone does what they're supposed to.



Mr. Schnierle and Senora talk about the history of Spain. Mr. Schnierle joined the staff at the beginning of the second semester.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH. Mrs. Flood won the WAND Teacher of the Month award for the month of April. Mrs. Flood was flattered but embarrassed because she felt there were other great teachers at this school.



Mrs. Fedrigo screams in anticipation of the coming day.



Ms. Sharp works on schedules.



Mr. Wingle jokes around.



Debbie Aubert, Resource
 Diane Benzek, Mathematics
 Deb Echelberger, Art
 John Erwin, PE & Driver's Ed
 Sally Fedrigon, Science
 Cathy Flood, English & Tech



Rich Gross, Health & PE
 Minnie Godauskas, History
 & Library
 Jane Hemricka, Spanish
 Mark Hudson, Chorus & Am.
 Problems
 Doug Kopley, Band
 Kent LeFever, History & Guid.



Karen Parrish, TI-IN
 Craig Rogers, PE
 Donna Sharp, English & Guid.
 Merle Taylor, Business
 John Wingle, Mathematics
 Bill Wirth, I.T.



Becky Zucco, Home Ec.



Mr. Gross, Senior Class Sponsor, supervises the Homecoming float.



MARK TIME MARK
 Mr. Kopley practices his marching steps down the hallway. This was Mr. Kopley's first year at Bement.

Ay Caramba!
Seniors Dan Morris and
Natalie Fay show off their
float in the Spanish Clubs
Mardi Gras parade.

Ta Da!
Senior lifesaver members Sarah
Lawson and Jane Mann welcome
the new members this year Holly
Jayne, Tabitha Dallas, Neil
Craney, Kristyn Smeathers, and
Jacki Roberts.



Congratulations!
Sophomores Neil Craney and Derek Wingle receive
scholastic bowl awards. Other J.V. members not
present were Andy Hite, David Walsh, Greg Stoerger,
Paul Loggins, and Jenny Clodferler.



Good Job!
Senior Wendi Shott receives a plaque for getting first place at the state FHA competition. Wendi will go on and compete in California at nationals.



Mmm Mmm Good!
High school honor roll recipients get rewarded for their good grades.

Elective groups that added life to the grounds

Prison Gangs

CLUBS



ART CLUB

Jason Huddleston, John Harper, Nathaniel Turner, Adam Strohl, Paul Leggins, Mike Ensign, Tom Durbin, Amanda Upton, Aren Carney, Tucker Knowles, Josh Bates, Clark Jozan, Dan Morris, Ms. Eichelberger, Amanda Miller, April Shumard, Nicole Vestal, Laura Slagle, Amber Voteto.



LIFESAVERS

Jane Mann, Eric Briggs, Holly Jayne, Ms. Sharp, Jackie Roberts, Mr. LeFever, Kristyn Smeathers, Tonya Stiverson, Michelle Kirsch, Neil Craney, Tabitha Dallas, Sarah Lawson, Julie Walsh, Paul Wright and Faith Hite.



SPANISH CLUB

Junior Nicole Vestal holds on for dear life as she is pulled around the gym for the Spanish Club Mardi Gras parade. No Spanish Club picture was available.

HACKIN'
Junior Miah Gregory competes in the Spanish Club's hackey sack tournament. Miah won in the beginner's category.

WELL DECORATED.
Sophomore Holly Jayne pulls classmate Casey Lane in their homeroom's entry in the February's Mardi Gras parade.



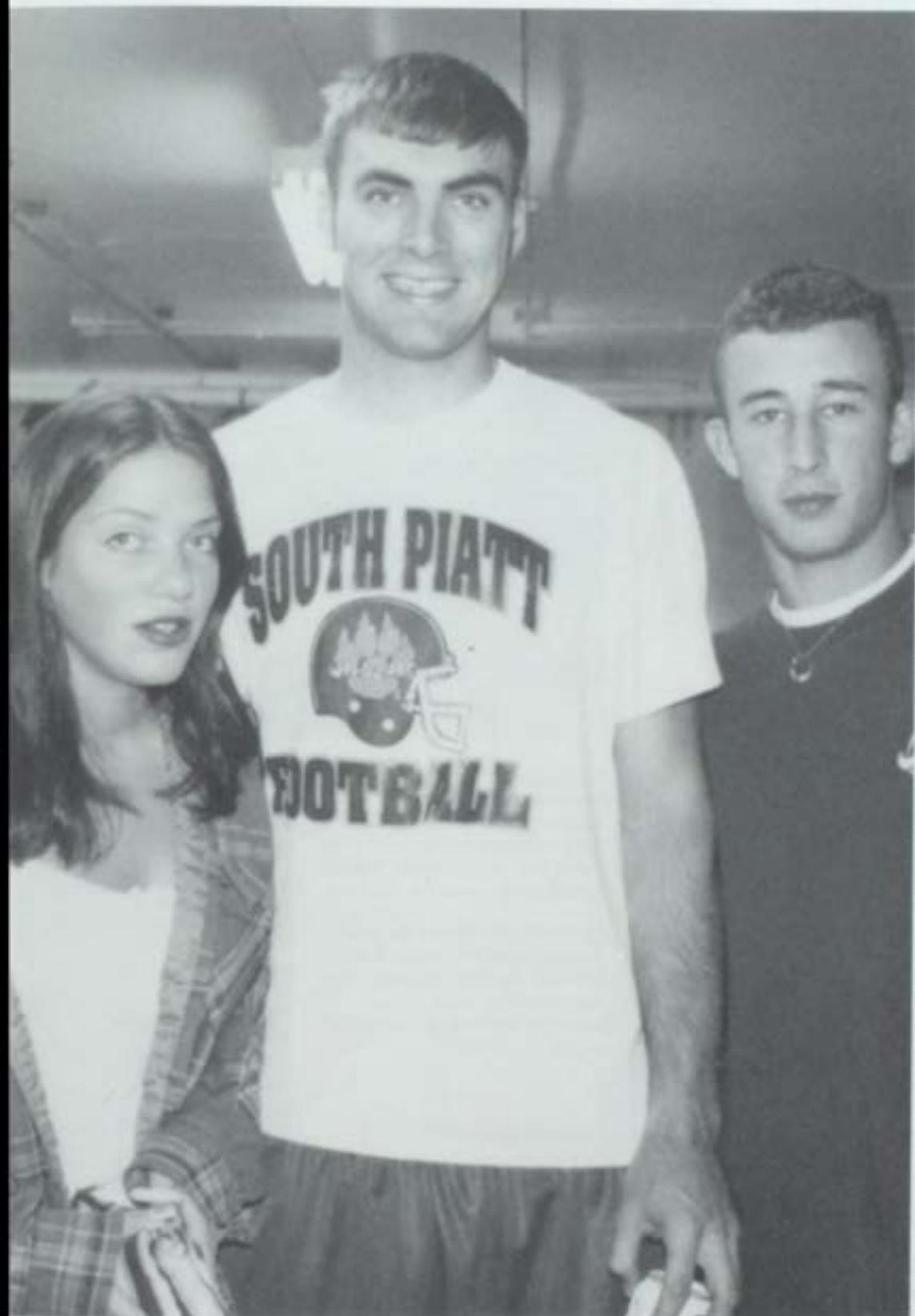
KING AND QUEEN.
Senior and Mardi Gras king Dan Morris places the crown on the head of classmate Christine Warnes who was named Mardi Gras queen.

LIFESAVER MODELS.
Juniors Michelle Kirsch and Tonya Stiverson model the new '97 neon green Lifesaver T-shirts.



New lifesavers introduced, Art Club takes a field trip and Spanish Club parties during Mardi Gras.

LIFESAVERS, ART & SPANISH



SENIORS RULE.

Seniors Jane Mann and Dan Morris tell fellow Art Club member junior Josh Bates the outcome of the last meeting.

AD MAN.

Freshman Aaron Thompson shows the Design-An-Ad ad he created for the Art Co-op. His was one of 195 out of 10,000 to be published.



ROLE MODELS.

Senior Lifesavers Adam Benson and Paul Wright attend the Dare graduation. They both went to the fifth grade classes to answer questions.

CLUBS



SCHOLASTIC BOWL

Jennie Clodfelter, David Walsh, Derek Wingle, Neil Craney, Faith Hite, Greg Stoerger, Andy Hite, Paul Loggins, Eric Briggs, Elizabeth Tabaka, Holly Ammann. Not pictured: Mia Gregory.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Sarah Lawson, Christine Warnes, Faith Hite, Jane Mann, Michelle Kirsch, Andy Hite, Jennifer Reynolds, Kendra Clark, Elizabeth Tabaka, Steve Harper, Lani Wright, Crystal Dallas, Lindsay Walsh, Holly Jayne, Eric Briggs, David Walsh.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Derek Wingle-February, Jeremiah Gregory-September, Bill Bell-November, Adam Benson-October, Aron Carney-December. Not pictured: Wendi Shutt-May.

February Student of the Month. Sophomore Derek Wingle accepts his Eagle silver dollar from Art Wilkinson. Derek was chosen for his help with the computers around the school.

Team Spirit.

The Varsity Scholastic Bowl team gets pumped up before a match. Even though the team didn't win all their matches, their spirits were still high.



Hi, Jackie!

Scholastic Bowl sponsor Jackie Tabaka gives the varsity team a little encouragement during the conference tournament. Bement hosted the tournament this year.

September Student of the Month.

Junior Jeremiah Gregory was selected as the Sept. Student of the Month for his work with the elementary students at recess during his study hall.



Student Council uses procedure to change date for next year's finals to be scheduled before Christmas break.

ST. COUNCIL & SCH. BOWL



Look Behind You!

Junior Eric Briggs doublechecks things as he leaves a Scholastic Bowl match. Eric was the bravest of all by taking the role of captain.

Election Judges.

Freshmen Lindsey Walsh and Andy Hite regulate Homecoming elections. Senior members cannot supervise these elections.



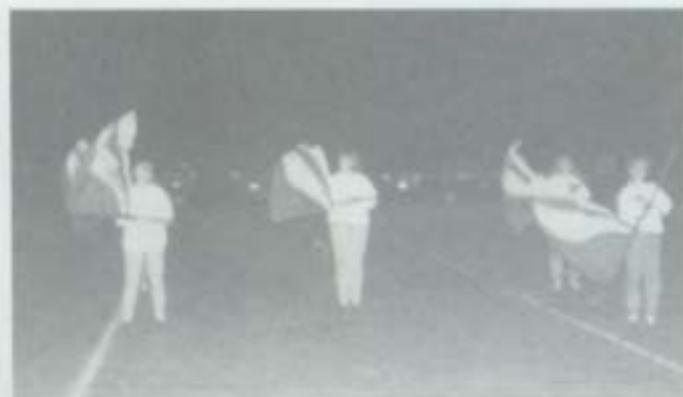
Which way do I twist?

Sophomore Jennifer Reynolds decorates the gym after the pep rally for Homecoming. St. Council decorated from Thursday evening to Saturday morning.

BAND/FLAGS



BATON TWIRLERS
Wendi Shott and Julie Walsh



FLAGS
Becki Jones, Lani Wright, Natalie Fay, and Melissa Kochel.
Not Pictured: Jennifer Miller.



BAND
Janet Zach, Greg Stoerger, Casey Ellis, Michelle Vezina, Rachel Drago, Ryan Mulvaney, Jeremiah Atney, Wendi Shott, Julie Walsh, Eric Briggs, Director Doug Kepley, Jeremiah Gregory, Bill Bell, Andy Hite, Serge Docherty, Tabitha Dallas, Jason Huddleston, Sarah Parker, Jenny Spry. Not Pictured Faith Hite.

MARK TIME MARK

Drum major, senior Faith Hite, limps her way down the street directing the band. Due to ankle surgery last July, Faith couldn't direct until early October.

WHEN DO WE MOVE?

Sophomores Tabitha Dallas and Sarah Parker talk while waiting for the field show to begin. This year the band performed at two home games.



LEFT, LEFT, LEFT RIGHT LEFT

The high school marching band marches down south Piatt St. The band played in six parades and marching competition.

RIGHT ON THE BEAT

Senior Natalie Fay and Junior Lani Wright twirl down the street. This year's flag corps consisted of five members: Jennifer Miller, Lani Wright, Melissa Kochel, Becki Jones, and Natalie Fay.



Band and NHS have a strong year with competitions, teas and canned food drive.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT
Junior Michelle Kirsch and Senior Doug Loftus go over the good qualities of an N.H.S. member, which they will share with the inductees at the ceremony.

MOVING ON
Senior Christine Warnes has a look of mixed emotion at her last N.H.S. Induction. Christine and Doug Loftus became members their sophomore year.



WHAT AN HONOR!
Along with sophomores Neil Crane and Derek Wingle, other inductees were seniors Wendi Shott, Faith Hite, Todd Drago, and sophomore Casey Lane.

Clubs



F.H.A.

J. Strauser, J. Frazee, S. Fay, P. Loggins, G. Smith, J. Spry, A. Shumard, J. O'Bryan, K. Reffett, W. Shott, K. Casey, B. Bell, D. Benson, H. Carver, A. Veteto, K. Smeathers, J. Reynolds, J. Mann, J. Fair, C. Dallas, S. Larson, K. Clark, J. Cook, M. Roppel, S. Lawson, N. Fay, H. Spalding, H. Jayne, H. Ammann, I. Huddleston, A. Thompson, N. Vostal, and L. Walsh.



B-CLUB

Jeremiah Gregory, Casey Lane, Jed Pope, Elizabeth Tabaka, Julie Fair, Dan Morris, Tabitha Dallas, Aren Carney, Adam Benson, Paul Wright, Doug Loftus, Brandon Crowl, Bill Bell, Rachel Drago, Julie Walsh, Kristyn Smeathers, Holly Jayne, Lindsey Walsh, and Kendra Clark.



NEWS STAFF

Isabelle Moore, Faith Hinz, Todd Drago, Josh Somers, Jeremy Huddaday, Christine Warnes, Amber Shoemaker, and Bill Bell.

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

Senior Christine Warnes is interviewing the chorus director during her free time at school. You could always see Bark members all over gathering information.

I DECLARE A THUMB WAR!

Freshmen Rick Leckner and Jessica Dunlap battle out a thumb war during homeroom. During F.H.A. week, members held competitions for students.



GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT!

In F.H.A. state competition, senior Wendi Shott competed against schools all over Illinois in the category called Job Interview. Wendi then advanced to California.

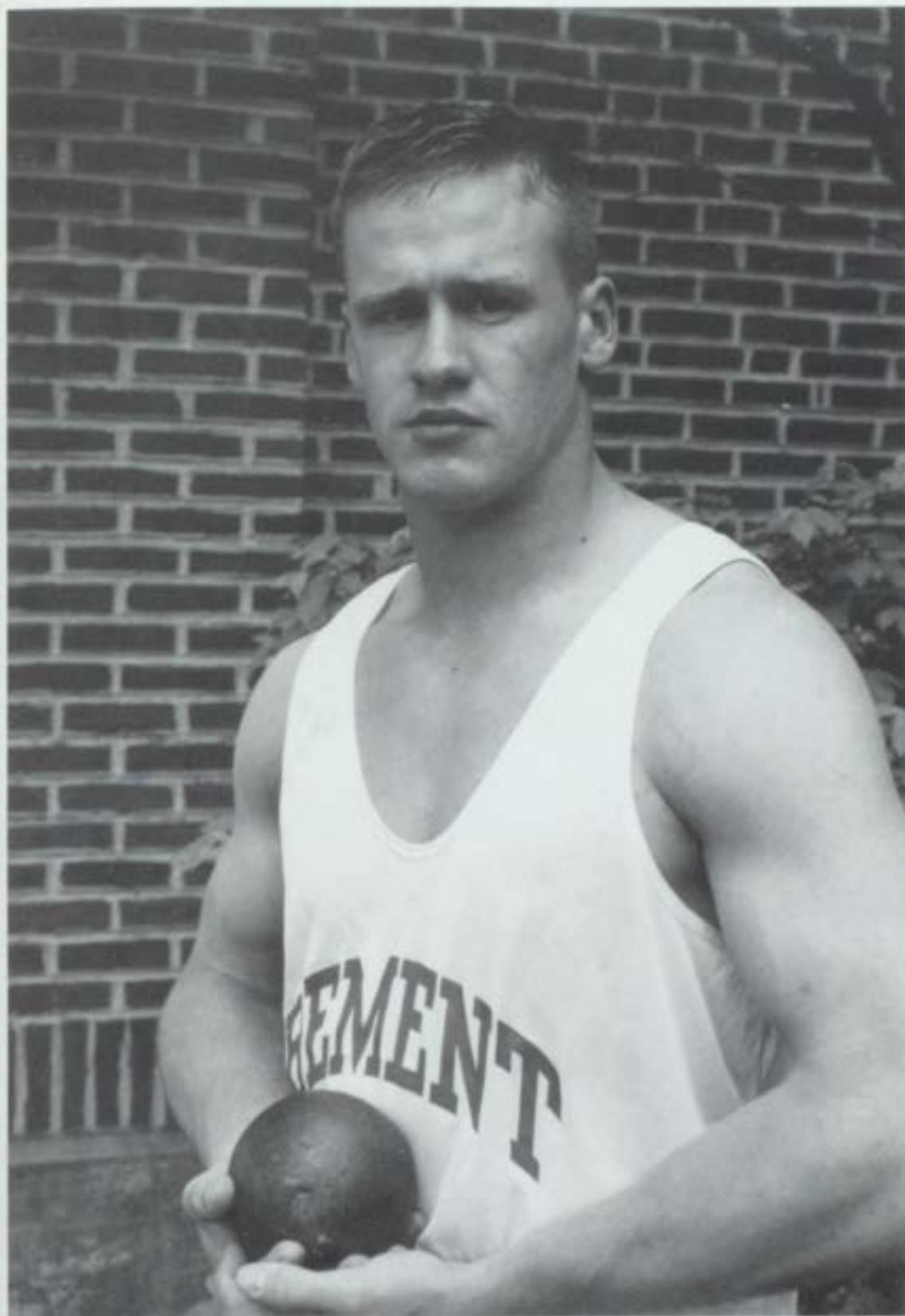
CONCENTRATION

Senior Elizabeth Tabaka is concentrating on how she is going to score on her opponent. Elizabeth is a three year member of B-Club.



FHA and B-Club honor state competitors and Newsstaff covers it all!

FHA, B-CLUB & NEWSSTAFF



SHOTPUT KING

Senior Adam Benson was not only the conference champion, but he also made it to state throwing the shotput.

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Senior Todd Dragoo is out gathering gossip for *The Bark*. Todd was known for always knowing what was going on.



TIED TOGETHER.

Junior Wes Blickenstaff and sophomore Seth Scheffer compete in a race during F.H.A. week. There were activities everyday for boys and girls to battle it out.

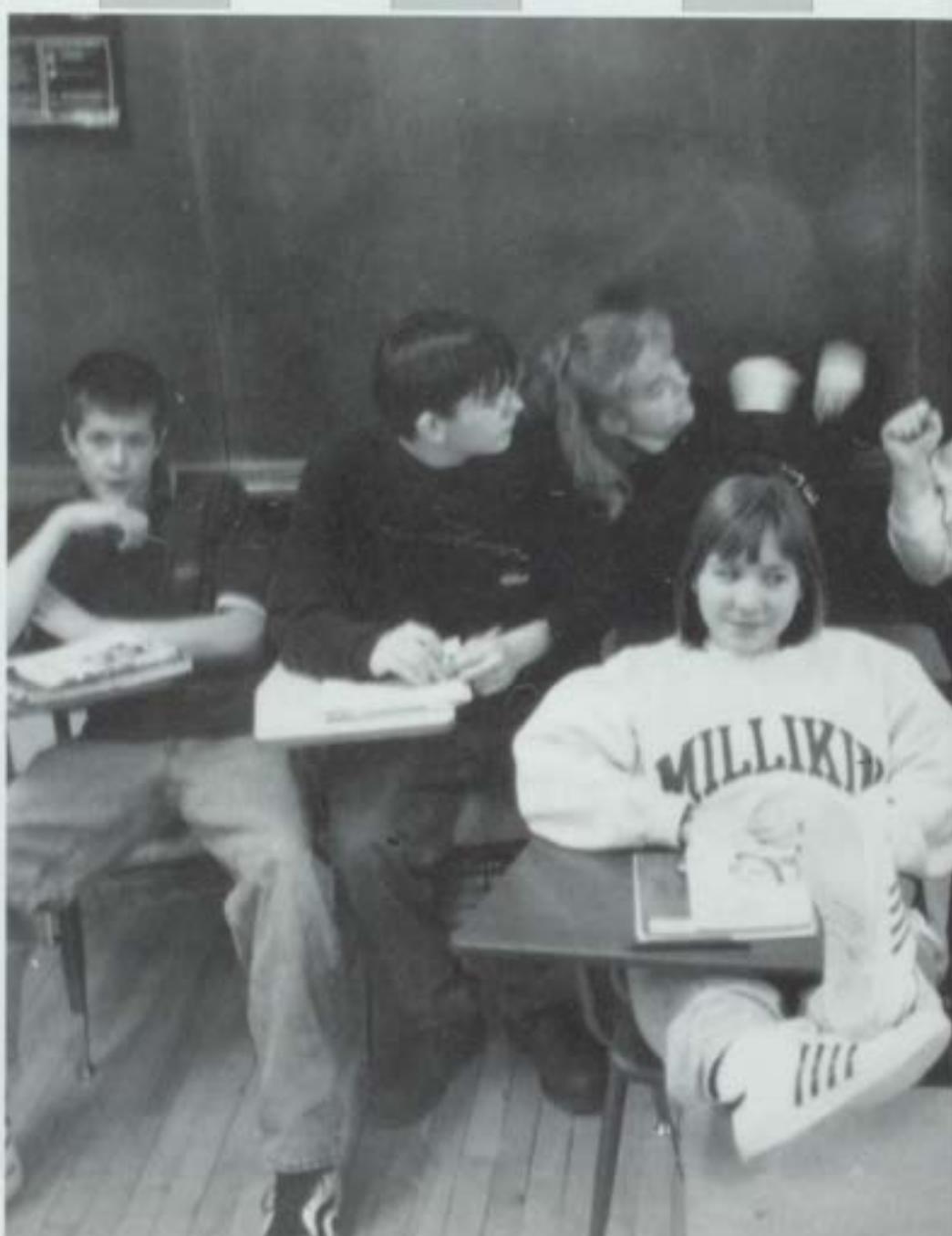
programs offered to help inmates make it on their own in the real world

Self Betterment Programs

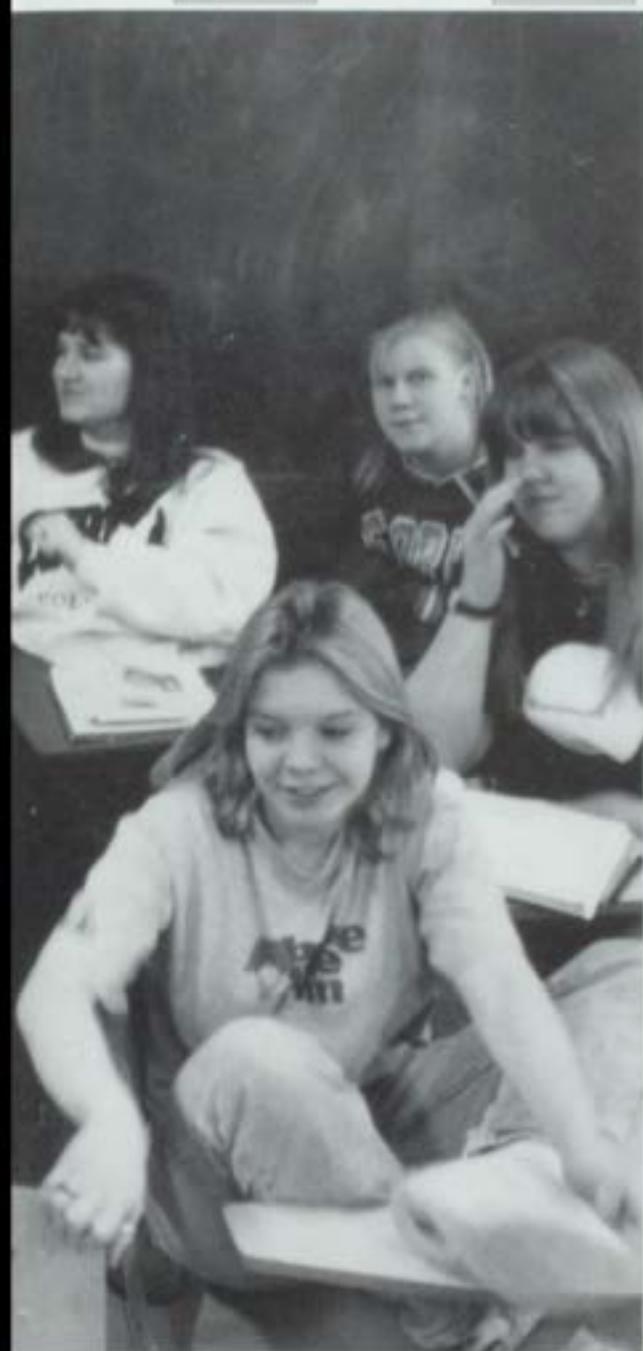
All accounted for
Mr. Wingle and Mrs. Fedrigon check the list to make sure all the BHS students came back to the bus and did not escape on the Uof I engineering open house field trip.



I don't think so!
Freshmen Janet Zoch tries not to let her secrets get out while talking to fellow classmates in biology.



Liberal "arts"
Some of Miss Eichelberger's art students
decide to get close



Illinois History
Miss G's fourth hour class
demonstrates the civil war:
two sides fighting and others
acting as border states and
staying neutral.

Survey of Literature
freshmen David Walsh and
Crystal Vestal role play King
Odysseus and Queen Penelope
from Homer's epic poem The
Odyssey.

ENGINEERING CREW

N. Crane, E. Briggs, T. Dallas, W. Shott and J. Walsh were five of the students who attended the UofI Open House. In order to go on the trip, students had to be in Chemistry, Ad. Math, or Physics.



LOVE FOOLS

Juniors Lindsey Hartwig and Eric Briggs show how much they appreciate each other's friendship. They were on their way to the U of I Engineering Open House.



POWER TEAM

The power team were special guests that came for an assembly this year. Some BHS students (except the Spanish Club, which was on a field trip), huddled around the team after the assembly.



SUPERMAN!

Senior Branden Crowl shows how studly he can look when he's full of self-confidence. Branden is doing a demonstration for an assembly about students setting goals for themselves.

GET DOWN!

Mrs. Fedrigan is showing the school how she waters her lawn. The Sprinkler is a dance that was taught by a guest speaker during a motivational assembly.



CONGRATS!

Is that a silver dollar? It is! Junior Mia Gregory must have received student of the month.



What was your favorite activity in P.E.?

FIELD TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES, P.E.



RYAN MULVANEY
Badminton and dodgeball were my favorite sports.



CHAD LARIMORE
My favorite sport was basketball.



TABITHA DALLAS
I love basketball. It's what the world revolves around.



BEN LAWSON
I would say dodgeball and free day were my favorite.



"IT WENT LIKE THIS"

Senior Josh Somers tells a story to freshman Kyle Hendricks, junior Tonya Stiverson, and P.E. coach, Mr. Erwin. After you get dressed in P.E., there is always time for a little gossip.

TAKE THAT, BIRDIE!

Freshman David Walsh is learning how to play badminton during PE. David was known for always participating in PE. Badminton is a game he liked to play.

LOOK AT ME GO!

Senior Josh Somers is showing his P.E. class how well he can skate. Skating is always a popular activity for the P.E. classes.

AND THE WINNER IS.....
 Juniors Jeremiah Gregory and Ben Jones show off the prizes they won by participating in the Hacky-Sack tournament. Mia received 1st place in the Beginners category, while Ben got 1st in the Advanced.



DON QUIJOTE-NOT AGAIN
 Seniors Doug Loftus and Elizabeth Tabaka work on translating the Spanish novel *Don Quijote* into English. This is a lengthy project that is assigned each year to the Spanish IV class.



FELIZ NAVIDAD
 Sophomore Jackie Roberts and Junior Jeremy Tracy decorate themselves while making Christmas tree ornaments. These were made by Spanish students as gifts for nursing home residents.



"SOMEWHERE OUT THERE"
 Sophomore Isabelle Moore and Senior Christine Warnes look for inspiration during American Literature. *The Crucible*, a play read by students in this class, seemed to be enjoyed by everyone.



EXCUSES, EXCUSES
 Junior Mia Gregory tries to talk his way out of taking another Spanish III test. Some students will do whatever it takes to get out of doing work.



TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES
 Senior Holly Ammann seems frustrated that the t.v. isn't working properly during American Literature. Students in this class were getting ready to watch videos they made on the American Dream.

What do you remember most about Science class?

ENGLISH, SCIENCE & HISTORY



"A sub let us go to lunch early when we asked," said Ryan Mulvaney.



"I heard Kevin Taylor ate a frog's eye," said Jennie Clodfelter.



"Cristin Zech screamed because she thought the frog's mouth moved by itself," said Crystal Vestal.



"During frog dissections, I let my partner, Crystal Vestal, do most of the work," said Sara Larson.



SLOW DOWN!

Freshman Kendra Clark tries to keep up with Mr. Lefever's notes, but occasionally has to double check hers with classmate Crystal Dallas.



STRIVING FOR PERFECTION

Freshman Greg Stoerger works hard to get the correct answer on his Biology homework. Greg always wanted to turn in perfect work.

THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING

Sophomore Paul Loggins studies the notes on the board, hoping they can help him with his homework. Many students will remember the amount of notes taken in Mrs. Fedrigon's classes.

DOUBLE-CHECKING.
Mr. Wingle saves time by finishing a Physics problem on a calculator. Students also found calculators very helpful in this class.



CALCULUS BY COMPUTER.
Senior Wendi Shott calls a U of I student to ask about a Calculus problem while classmate Faith Hite keeps working on it.



COMPUTER HACKERS.
While Junior Wes Blickenstaff goes to work on his Ad. Computer Concepts homework, classmate Michael Burton takes a minute to look things over.



PICTURE PERFECT.
Senior Holly Ammann is pleased to have correctly completed her Advanced Computer Concepts I assignment. Students in this class were learning WordPerfect 6.1.

NO PROBLEM.
Although most students would agree that Physics can get a little tough sometimes, Senior Heather Spalding doesn't let it get to her. With calculator in hand, Heather seems armed and ready to go.



I KNOW I KNOW THIS!
Sophomore Nathan Somers puts in the effort to get the right answer on his General Math II test. Sophomore Paul Loggins, however, seems to be relaxed and have it all in hand.



What was the worst part about band/chorus?

BUSINESS, MATH & MUSIC



"Having to put all the people in the bus for marching band," says Ryan Mulvaney.



"When we have study halls," says Greg Stoerger.



"Marching band," says Ben Lawson.



"When Mr. Kepley said we'd have study hall and then he made us play," says Andy Hite.



SING IT, SARAH!
Senior Sarah Lawson sings "Sleep Holy Night" during the Christmas Concert. Sarah got a first for her solo at Solo and Ensemble Contest.



SING IT, FAITH!
Senior Faith Hite belts out a tune at the Christmas Concert. Faith sang "The Christmas Song."

PLAY IT, TABBY!
Sophomore Tabitha Dallas tries to learn how to play Sarah Parker's bass clarinet. Tabitha played the keyboard for the first time this year.

WHAT DID YOU HEAR? Juniors Kevin Taylor, Josh Bates and Sophomore Tom Owen try to finish up their last minute conversation before the sixth hour class in the Resource Room starts.



TI-IN TIME!

Senior Adam Benson studies hard for a Marine Biology test. Since this class ran through the regular lunch schedule, students took their lunch during sixth hour.



STUDY HALL HANGOUT.

Amber Shonkwiler, April Shumard, Isabel Moore, Amber Veteto, and Gary Smith visit with Mrs. Kleven, a tutor hired by an educational association.



WELCOME, MRS. AUBERT!

Mrs. Aubert is the new Resource teacher. This was her first year at Bement. She came here from William Harris Grade School in Decatur.

THINKING HARD.

Senior Sarah Lawson tries hard to figure out an answer in one of her TI-IN classes. Sarah attended several TI-IN classes before.



"SAY CHEESE!" Sarah Lawson and Faith Hite, both seniors, pose for a picture with their teacher. Faith and Sarah were both in Astronomy, taught by James Heath. These classes were broadcasted through a satellite dish with conversations done by telephone.



What did you hate most about study hall?

TI-TIN & STUDY SKILLS



"Lonely hours that you have to spend doing nothing," says Freshman Greg Stoerger.



"You can't play games on the computer," states Sophomore Tim Plummer.



"Getting kids to understand it is time to do work, not a social hour," says Mrs. Fedrigan.



"Study Hall Teachers!" complains Freshman Heather Carver.



WHAT NOW? Sophomores Holly Jayne and Jed Pope have one of their friendly spats in the library during 3rd hour study hall. These numerous exchanges could be heard daily.

I HOPE I DON'T CAUGHT! Freshman Crystal Dallas sneaks candy into study hall. This year candy and gum wasn't allowed in the library because of new carpet.

P.D.A. Senior Dan Morris has a choke-hold on Sophomore Heather Gudgel during 2nd hour study hall. Most study hall classes had less than 30 students.

I HOPE CLASS GETS OVER SOON. Sophomore Jeremy Holladay whispers to classmate Nathan Somers during Shop class. Shop students made picnic tables to be placed on the front lawn.



WANDERING THE HALLS. Freshmen Jill O'Bryan and Casey Ellis bump into each other in the office. This year Jill could be found collecting slips 2nd hour.



MAJOR PRODUCTION. The Shop class poses with one of the picnic tables they built. The cost of the picnic tables was paid by previous graduating classes.



LOCKER CHECK. Freshman Miah Arney gets ready to go to Shop class. Miah was in Introduction to Technology.



MOTHER OF THE YEAR. Senior Amber Veteto receives an award for being the best "Mother of the Year". Students in the Parenting class had to carry around computerized babies for a weekend.

PREGNANT?? Senior Josh Somers feels what it's like to be pregnant. The pregnancy simulator was used in Parenting class to resemble the burden of a real pregnancy.



Technical program gets boost from Tech-prep program and Career Day.

GUID., DRIVING, & TECH



Counselor Donna Sharp hands out class rosters to teachers at the beginning of each semester.



After working hard her senior year, Amanda Upton deserves a pat on the back.



Counselor Kent LeFever hands awards graduate Christine Warnes the National Merit Scholarship award.



A motivational speaker shows us how we may drive after a breakup with a girl/boyfriend.



MODEL DRIVERS.

Operation Cool State officer recognizes seniors Todd Drago, Paul Wright, Josh Somers, juniors Mia Gregory and Michael Burton as Bement wins the county's contest.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT.

Mr. LeFever, Mr. Waters and Mr. Taylor talk at a luncheon held in the small gym to promote the community's support for the school's Tech-prep program.

DO WE DARE?

Seniors Dan Morris and Josh Somers contemplate whether it is safe to get into their cars as Driver's Ed teacher John Erwin rides by screaming for help in a car driven by student drivers.

BE QUIET!

Mr. Jacobs grades papers while the students do their homework. Most subs tried to keep the students quiet by giving them tons of homework.



YO NO SE.

Substitute Ms. Ditsler tries to explain Spanish. Ms. Ditsler usually substituted for language teachers.



NEVER GONE.

All of Mr. Taylor's students wondered if he would have a sub. Mr. Taylor only averaged about one a year.



BACK AGAIN?

Mr. Tom Hensley substituted for Mrs. Fedrigan while she was on maternity leave. Mr. Hensley had been Chemistry teacher until he retired.



A TORNADO FORMS WHEN...

Weatherman Bob Murray from WAND-TV takes Mrs. Fedrigan's Biology class for a day. He taught the class about his job.



STEP, STEP, STEP INTO TIME.

Miss Angel took over the chorus classes for the second semester after Mr. Hudson resigned.

Substitutes and Exams are just a part of everyday life at school.

SUBSTITUTES AND EXAMS



Miss G. indulges herself in the joy of making the Illinois History exam.



Juniors Lindsey Hartwig and Nicole Vestal celebrate after they finished the 2nd semester exams.



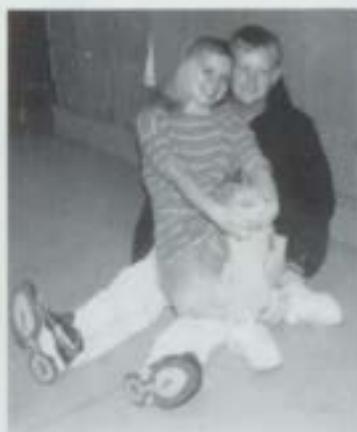
Sophomore Neil Craney gets some last minute help on his Chemistry from Mrs. Fedrigan.



Junior Jenny Spry patiently works on her Advanced Computer Concepts exam first semester.



WHAT?
Junior Jason Huddleston and Sophomore Sarah Parker react after they find out what their Band exam is.



THAT WASN'T SO BAD.
Freshmen Kandi Casey and Ben Lawson relax after taking their first semester exams.

WHAT TO EXPECT?
Freshman Serge Docherty studies for his Algebra semester exam.

Slide!
Senior Julie Walsh slides onto base. Julie was pitcher this year and got first team all conference.

Strike him out!
Junior Jeremiah Gregory pitches while the fielders get ready. Miah pitched this year with senior Adam Benson.



Going for two!
Junior Wes Blickenstaff goes up for a shot while his defender gets knocked to the floor. Wes could always be counted on to drive in and get a shot up.





The activities
they play to
pass the time
away

Prison Activities



She's got the hops
Sophomore Tabitha Dallas
show everyone how to long
jump. Tabby played every
sport this year.

Taking it to the hole
Sophomore Jed Pope goes up for
a shot while Wes Blickenstaff
tries to hold off the defense.

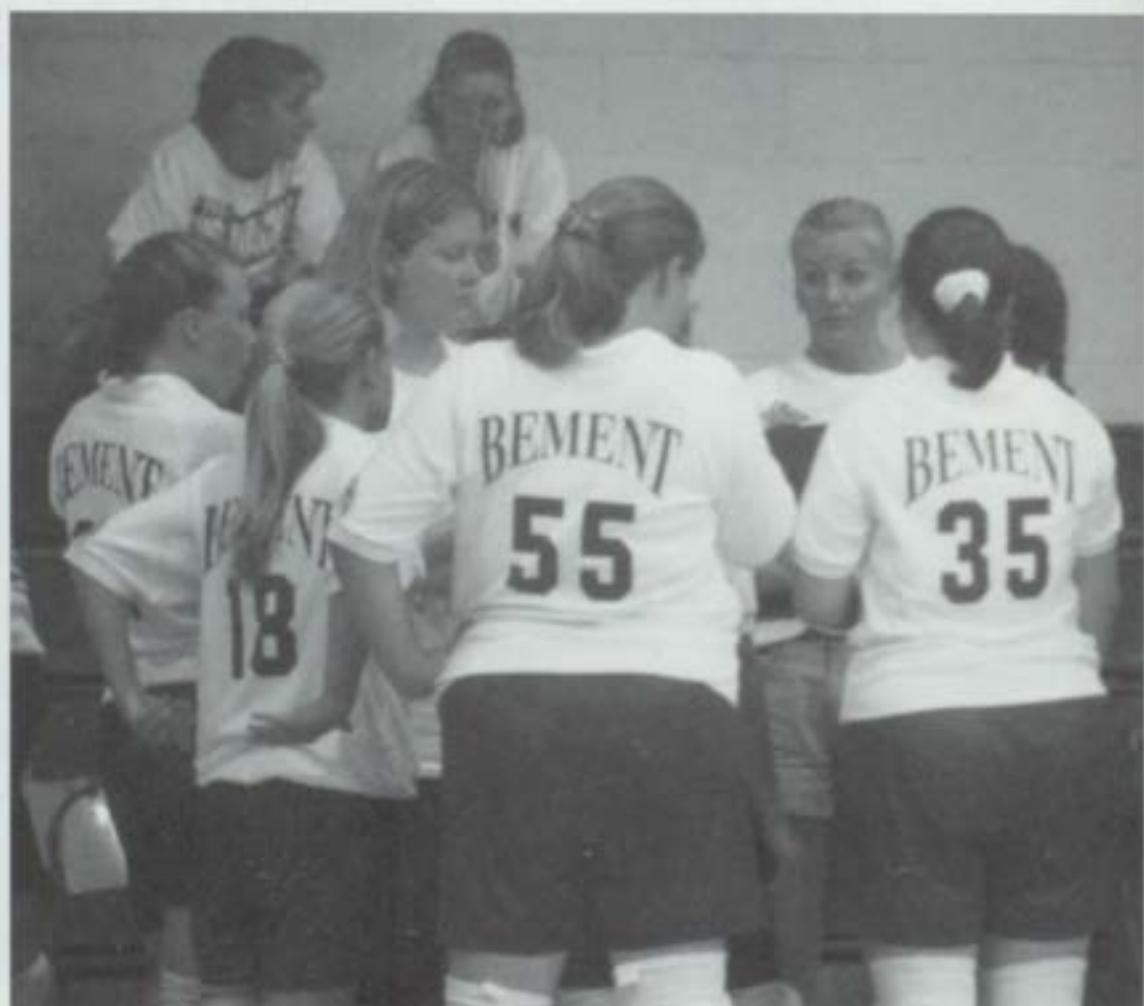
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I'M READY.
 Senior Julie Walsh prepares for the opponent's serve. Julie earned most kills and M.V.P. for the Lady Bulldogs. She also made Second-Team All-Conference.

AHH...KILL!
 Sophomore Kristyn Smeathers goes up for a kill during a match against Atwood-Hammond. She led the team in stats, blocks and received the In Your Face award.

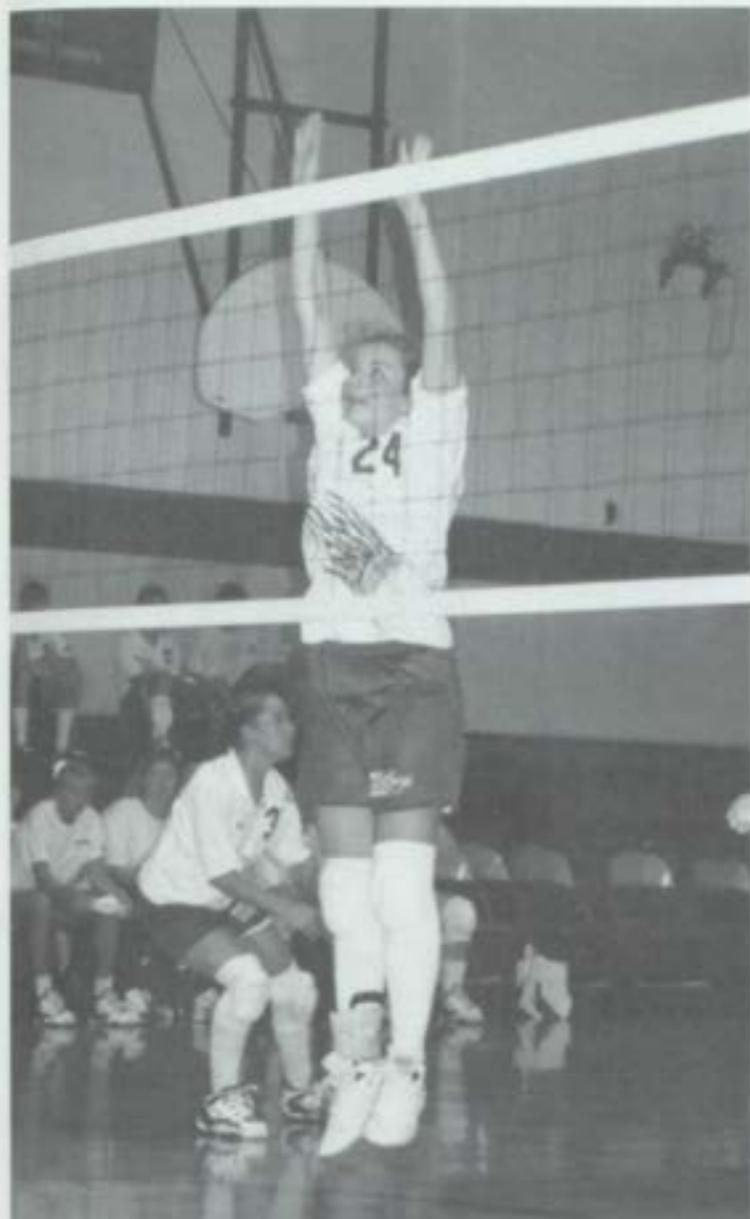


"ONE MORE PASS, GIRLS!"
 Coach Stoerger and Coach Carver give the Junior Varsity volleyball team their pep talk during a timeout. Beside the freshman players, Coach Stoerger and Coach Carver were both new additions to the team this year. Because of the limited number of girls, the JV team consisted of 2 juniors, 3 sophomores and 6 freshmen.



READY, READY, GO!

Junior Jennie Clodfelter goes up for a big block during a Varsity game. Jennie was a varsity starter who led the Lady Bulldogs in serving percentage.



LADY BULLDOGS.

Kristyn Smeathers, Jennie Clodfelter, Julie Walsh, Holly Jayne, Rachel Drago, Michelle Vezina, Crystal Dallas, Jodi Cook, Kendra Clark, Mariann Roppel, Jenny Spry, Heather Carver, Faith Hite.

VOLLEYBALL

WRAP IT UP!

VARSITY

	Us	Them
Villa Grove	2	1
Atwood	0	0
Bethany	2	0
Illiopolis	2	0
Blue Ridge	1	2
Villa Grove	0	2
Deland	1	2
LeRoy	1	2
Arcola	1	2
Niantic	0	2
Windsor	0	2
Tower Hill	2	0
Lovington	0	2
Deland	2	0
Cerro Gordo	1	2
Atwood	0	2
Tuscola	0	2
Lovington	0	2
Oakland	0	2
Heritage	2	0
Shiloh	0	2
Tuscola	2	0
Lovington	0	2
Arthur	1	2
Cerro Gordo	0	2
Tuscola	0	2

JR. VARSITY

	Us	Them
Villa Grove	2	0
Atwood	2	0
Bethany	2	0
Illiopolis	0	2
Arcola	0	2
Niantic	0	2
Deland	2	1
Cerro Gordo	0	2
Atwood	0	2
Oakland	0	2
Heritage	0	2
Shiloh	1	2
Tuscola	0	2
Lovington	0	2
Arthur	2	0
Cerro Gordo	2	0



PASTA BOOST.
Freshman Loralie Stoerger enjoys spaghetti the mothers made for the team.



LETTER WINNERS.

Jennie Clodfelter, Holly Jayne, Julie Walsh, Faith Hite, Rachel Drago, Kristyn Smeathers, Tabitha Dallas, Kendra Clark, Heather Carver.

■ *New*
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 ■ *Spurs*
Wild-
 ■ *Spirit*
Cats

LETTERMEN.

Juniors Eric Briggs, Wes Blickenstaff and Josh Bates receive their letters at the athletic banquet held in the large gym. Wes also received the receiving honor.

BREAKING AWAY.

Senior Adam Benson charges and scores a touchdown against Arcola. Adam received the honor for backs and most yards.



Coach Burke, J. Brown, S. Fay, W. Blickenstaff, T. Drago, A. Carney, D. Morris, J. Tracy, J. Harper, M. Ensign, J. Gregory, L. Foster, Coach Smalling, Coach Knight, T. Thompson, S. Gabbard, S. Fagan, M. Obert, J. Adrock, M. Mayhall, R. Kleibowcher, J. Weaver, J. Lambert, J. Bates, G. Leach, T. Owen, A. Benson, J. Leach, J. Tatzman, B. Jones, C. Tracy, J. Holladay, E. Briggs, S. Bell, A. Romine, T. Durbin, T. Reed, J. Redding, D. Abercrombie, T. Pruitt, B. Schrad, E. Lyons, R. Mulvaney, M. Arney, N. Somers, J. Huddleston, T. Knowles, S. Harper, JW Jacobs, D. Damski, B. Menice, B. Fay, TJ Cogdill, D. Greer, C. Allen.

FEARLESS LEADERS.

Coach Smalling, Coach Burke and Coach Whiteman lead the pack. Coach Ed Walsh, a former Bement player, volunteered his time to help the program.



WRAP IT UP!

VARSITY

	Us	Them
Oakland	6	19
Illioopolis	6	28
Shiloh	42	14
Tuscola	20	48
Cerro Gordo	20	28
Arcola	20	28
Heritage	2	0
Arthur	0	48
Villa Grove	34	14
Tolono	10	61

JR. VARSITY

	Us	Them
Oakland	12	8
Illioopolis	8	48
Shiloh	24	14
Tuscola	14	20
Cerro Gordo	6	14
Arcola	16	22
Heritage	16	14
Arthur	41	12



HAND-OFF. Junior Josh Bates takes the hand-off from Gary Leech, the quarterback from Atwood.



GOING FOR FIRST DOWN.

Senior and fullback Adam Benson tries to elude an Arcola tackler while fighting for the first down. Junior Mike Ensign comes off his block.



ATHLETIC HONORS.

Junior Ben Jones receives his letter at the fall athletic banquet. Senior Adam Benson was selected All-Conference 2nd Team fullback.

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KET-
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BALL
 ■ *playing.*

M.V.P.

This year, senior Julie Walsh broke four school records: career 3-point field goals, 3-point field goals for one game, and 3-point field goals and free-throws for one year.

BE STRONG

Freshman Kendra Clark puts the moves on down underneath. Kendra came in and helped the varsity team out a lot this year. Kendra also played J.V. this year.



BALL CONTROL
 Senior Elizabeth Tabaka was one of the three seniors on the team this year. She missed a year of basketball during her junior year due to a knee injury. After her recovery, Elizabeth came back at full speed and capacity to help out the varsity team.



IT'S TOO EASY!

Senior Julie Fair completes her missions by stealing the ball and then scoring a layup. Julie led the team in rebounds and broke the school record for career steals.



WRAP IT UP!

VARSITY

	Us	Them
Cen. A&M	48	54
Villa Grove	36	47
Fisher	55	41
Atwood	55	39
Heritage	43	27
Maroa	54	42
Cerro Gordo	39	61
Fisher	54	39
Atwood	38	34
Uni High	38	32
Villa Grove	30	45
Arcola	47	57
Atwood	69	31

SCOREBOARD

	Us	Them
Oakland	74	33
Villa Grove	59	66
Atwood	50	45
Niantic	55	11
Tuscola	56	58
Deland	69	34
Oakland	56	33
Blue Ridge	45	35
Arthur	31	65
Shiloh	51	55
Tuscola	43	57
Niantic	59	21
Cerro Gordo	45	65



LOOK OUT Lindsey Walsh is doing her job on a fast break! As a freshman she contributed a lot to the J.V. and Varsity teams.



VARSITY LADY BULLDOGS

Lindsey Walsh, Andrea Thompson, Julie Walsh, Tabitha Dallas, Elizabeth Tabaka, Kendra Clark, Julie Owen, Kristyn Smeathers, Holly Jayne, Julie Fair, Tonya Stiverson, Jennie Clodfelter, and coaches Mr. Jones and Mr. Wingle.



J.V. LADY BULLDOGS

Heather Carver, Crystal Dallas, Julie Owen, Kristyn Smeathers, Sara Larson, Kendra Clark, Kelli Reffett, Andrea Thompson, Tonya Stiverson, Loralie Stoerger, Lindsey Walsh, and coaches Mr. Jones and Mr. Wingle.

■ *Team wins*

BOYS

■ *first place*

BAS-

■ *at Sullivan*

KET-

■ *Turkey*

BALL

■ *Classic.*

PENETRATE
 Junior Wes Blickenstaff decides to score on his opponent. Wes received M.V.P. of the Sullivan Turkey Tournament this year.

SHOOT THE THREE
 During a boys home basketball game, sophomore Casey Lane puts the ball up for a three. Casey made it to the sectional championship this year shooting 3's.



DRIVE!
 Sophomore Jed Pope takes the ball to the hoop during a home game against Fisher. Jed is now a second year starter for the varsity Bulldogs. He was also on the all tourney team for the Sullivan Turkey Tournament.



UP, UP, AND IN!

Senior Aren Carney goes up for a layup to add two more points to the Bulldogs score. Aren was awarded honorable mention All-Conference and M.V.P. of his team.



**WRAP
IT UP!**

VARSITY

	Us	Them
Bethany	72	61
Danville	66	57
Lamphier	70	65
Sullivan	72	59
Arg.-Oreana	62	64
Uni High	71	41
Fisher	55	56
Deland-Weld	67	62
Atwood	52	30
Bethany	70	44
Villa Grove	59	57
Arcola	40	49

SCOREBOARD

	Us	Them
Niantic	53	60
Cerro Gordo	75	79
Atwood	67	46
Oakland	59	56
Heritage	42	70
Shiloh	68	75
Tuscola	63	75
Arthur	39	51
Cerro Gordo	48	60
Heritage	55	64
Niantic	60	53
St. Teresa	52	71



HOOP IT UP!

Senior Doug Loftus is taking the ball all the way in. Doug was one of five seniors and was known for his 3-point shooting.



J.V. BULLDOGS

Kyle Hendricks, John Harper, Chris Tracy, Chad Larimore, Stephen Eckstein, Andy Hite, Steve Harper, Tucker Knowles, Jeremy Holladay, John Helms, and Seph Lietz. Coaches Mr. Gross and Mr. Rogers.



VARSITY BULLDOGS

Jeremiah Gregory, Dan Morris, Wesley Blickenstaff, Bill Bell, Eric Briggs, Josh Somers, Doug Loftus, John Einhorn, Josh Bates, Jed Pope, and Casey Lane. Manager Rhett Sullender and coaches Mr. Portwood, Mr. Gross, and Mr. Rogers.

■ *First year*
TRACK,
 ■ *for Danz*
CHEER-
 ■ *and two*
LEADER,
 ■ *cheering*
DANZ
 ■ *squads.*

DETERMINATION.
 Junior Jennie Clodfelter pulls all of her strength together to sail over the last few hurdles at a Monticello track meet. This was Jennie's first year participating in track.

WHO'S THAT GIRL?
 I think it's... wait, it is! It's Julie Fair showing the Bulldog crowd how to dance in disguise. The Danz team performed a Mardi Gras theme dance at halftime.



**BASKETBALL
 CHEERLEADERS.** Julie Walsh, Andrea Thompson, Rachel Dragoo, Holly Jayne, Kandi Casey, Elizabeth Tabaka, Heather Spalding, Stacia Fuss, Heather Carver and Jennie Clodfelter. This was the first year that one squad was selected for football and another for basketball.



HE'S GOT THE HOPS!

Junior Josh Bates stretches his form to get his farthest distance in long jump.



HON- ORS TO DANZ TEAM & ADAM BENSON.



BULLDOG
CHEER-
LEADERS.
Rachel
Dragoo,
Elizabeth
Tabaka,
Julie Walsh
and Julie
Fair are
teamed up
with
Atwood
cheerlead-
ers.



TRACK: K. Casey, J. Spry, H. Carver, J. Fair, J. Bates, A. Benson, A. Thompson, J. Clodfelter, T. Dallas, K. Reffett, C. Lane, J. Einhorn, B. Lawson, S. Harper, A. Williams, H. Jayne, S. Larson, K. Clark, Mr. Wingle.



DANZ TEAM. Amber Veteto, Heather Gudgel, Andrea Thompson, Julie Fair, and Stacia Fuss. The Danz team received two 1st place trophies and a sportsmanship award at the competitions they attended.

■ *Both teams*

BASE-

■ *place third*

BALL/

■ *in Little*

SOFT-

■ *Okaw Con-*

BALL

■ *ference.*

SWING BATTER!

Senior Adam Benson hums in a strike during a home game against Arcola. Adam was one of the lead pitchers this year for the Bulldogs. He also made first team All-Conference.

NICE HIT!

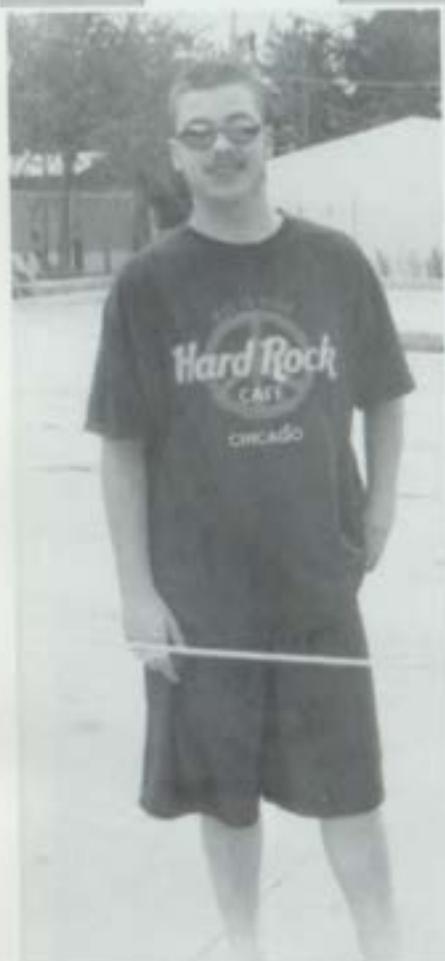
Senior Doug Loftus rips a pitch down the first base line. Doug alternated between shortstop, second and first bases.



OUT ON THE TAG
Sophomore Jed Pope tags out a runner. Jed was the third baseman for Bement this year.



Have no fear
Junior Jason Huddleston is here.
Jason assured everyone at the
pool that with him as a lifeguard
everything is under control.



Freshmen Julie Owen watches the diving
board to make sure nothing happens.

Did you see that?
Sophomore Tucker Knowles gets ready to become an
authoritative figure by calling someone out of the pool.



I scream you scream...
...Junior Lani Wright screams
for ice cream. Lani finds that
working for Charlie's Pizza
means more than making pizza.

Do you want that delivered?
Senior April Shumard takes
in a "call in" at Charlie's
Pizza.



Jobs prisoners
are allowed to
keep during
their stay in
the big house.

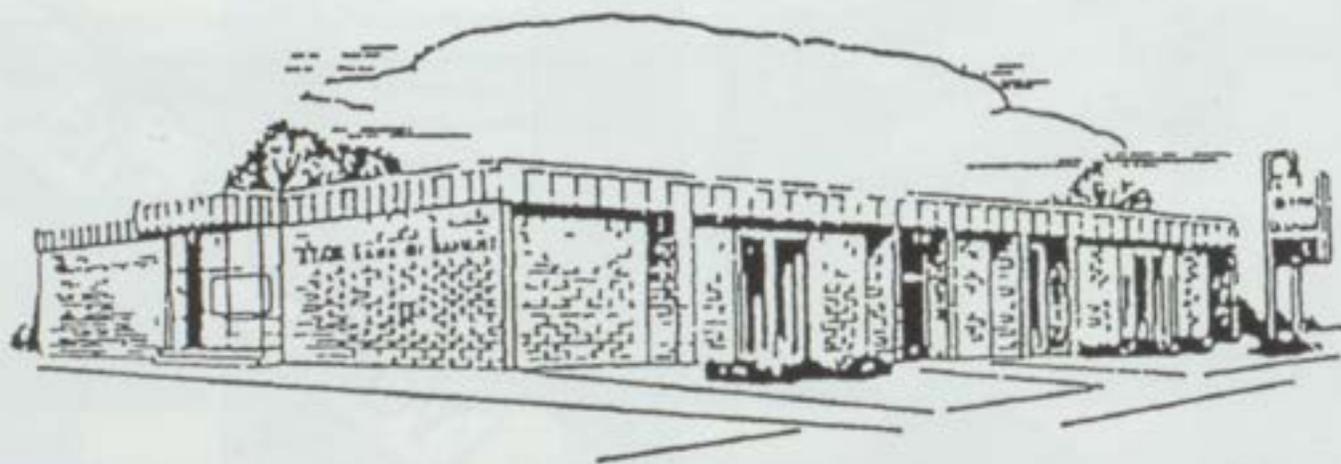
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Ha Ha Ha!

Seniors Natalie Fay and Julie Fair share a laugh at graduation practice.

You Want To Do What?

Justens Rep John Cui shows yearbook advisor Jane Henricks how to put the yearbook on the computer.



I LOVE COOKIES

Sophomore Derek Wingle plays with his food at an honor roll tea.



THIS MUSIC STINKS

Senior Joe Wood waits for some music he can dance to.



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HE MUST EAT HIS WHEATIES!

A Power Team member rips apart a phone book.



THRILLER

Michael Jackson's in the house. No, it's just a motivational speaker.

SCARY

Junior Lindsey Hartwig scares everyone away when she tries to go for her natural look.



LA, LA, LA!

Seniors sing out during graduation, especially Faith Hite and Sarah Lawson.



OH, OH!

Freshman Heather Carver watches an assembly in awe.

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WHAT IS HE DOING?

Senior Faith Hite looks over Neil's shoulder at his layout during year-book thinking he's been doing this how long.



PECKIN' AWAY!

Freshman Crystal Vestal types away during keyboarding I class.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Seniors Joe Wood and Josh Somers mess around before an assembly.



WHATCHA DOIN'?

Sophomore Derek Wingle ponders what Senior Wendi Shott has in her hand.



SENIORS PAST AND PRESENT

1996 graduate Ryan Tabaka and Senior Paul Wright watch the basketball game together.

COUPLE OF FLATS

Seniors Todd Dragoo and Paul Wright roll tires to be use on the homecoming float.

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DID SOMEONE LOSE A TIRE?

Senior Todd Dragoo gets tires for the senior homecoming float.



WHERE AM I?

Sophomore Melissa Kochbell looks in wonderment trying to decide if she is just having a nightmare.

BREATHE!

Sophomores Jeremy Holladay and Jackie Roberts practice their CPR technique.



ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY

Seniors Rachel Dragoo, Julie Walsh, and Dan Morris show sophomore Jeremy Holladay how much fun after prom can be.



SENIOR BRUNCH

Seniors Joe Wood and Doug Loftus enjoy their food on senior skip day.

STRIKE A POSE

Seniors Faith Hite and Sarah Lawson have fun in their TI-IN astronomy class.

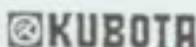


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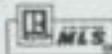
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Senior Wendi
Shott learns
several dances at
an assembly



THE HEAT IS RISIN'

Junior Andrea Thompson fans herself off to keep from overheating while she shakes her groove thing.



WHAT DO YOU WANT?

Junior Tim Henderson stares down the camera man.

THIS CLASS IS BORING

Junior Eric Briggs hopes the bell will ring soon so he can leave 7th hour Physics class.



THAT WAS FUNNY

Students listen at a career week session.



HURRY UP!

Senior Rachel Dragoo, junior Eric Briggs, freshman Gary Smith and sophomore Jeremy Holladay wish the lunch line would hurry up.

HOW DO YOU DO THIS

Senior Holly Ammann sneaks a peak at senior Heather Spalding's computer screen.

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SENIOR BRUNCH

BRIGHT-EYED AND BUSHY TAILED.

Seniors Natalie Fay and Amanda Upton try to stay awake while the brunch seemed to drag on until the sponsors were done eating.



CAUGHT IN ACTION.

Seniors Josh Somers, Todd Dragoo and Doug Loftus realize they have been caught but classmate Branden Crowl has no idea.



WE'RE FREE!

Class sponsors Rich Gross, Becky Zucco, and Sally Fedrigo celebrate their soon-coming freedom with Supt. Darrell Stevens and Principal Nyle Waters.



SCRUMDIDELYMPSOUS.

Seniors Heather Spalding, Julie Fair, Elizabeth Tabaka and Holly Ammann enjoy their brunch at the Rooster Inn before the prophesy and Best of the Class are read.



FUTURE PACE CAR DRIVER.

Senior Amber Veteto has a good laugh with classmate Amber Shonkwiler during the reading of the prophesy.

THE CLASS OF 1997

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Love, Mom and Dad

Adam, I'm very proud of you, I hope you achieve all of your goals. I love you,
Mom

Nathan you have grown into a fine young adult. You have a wonderful future
ahead of you, We are proud of you. Love, Mom and Jason

Aren: Congratulations and good luck with whatever you're future may hold for
you. I love you, Mom

Branden, in everything set them an example by doing what is good. Love, Dad
and Mom. Tit 2:7

Rachel and Todd, we are proud of you both. Good luck in the future and know
that we will always love you. Mom and Dad

Julie, we are proud of you, May the future hold all you dreams. Love, Mom,
Dad, and Jessie

Congratulations Natalie. We are proud of you. May all your dreams come true.
Love, Mom and Dad

We are so blessed and proud to have you for a daughter and sister. We know
you will be successful at Millikin and in life. You're the best. Love, Mom, Dad,
Tim, and Andy

Sarah, we love you and are proud of you! May all your dreams come true.
Mom and Courtney

Doug, Congratulations, we are so proud of you, and hope your future holds all
the happiness and success that you deserve, There's nothing in life you can't
accomplish when you truly want it. Love, Mom, Dad, Patrick, and Nick

Jane, so proud of the wo "mann" you've become! Your fans, the Manns

Wendi, I am very proud of your accomplishments! Never lose sight of your goals. You have become a mature and focused individual. I am blessed to have you for my daughter. Love, Mom

Congratulations Joshua! May all your dreams in life come true. We're proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, and Nathan

Heather, we are proud of you. I know you will succeed at anything you do. You are a special young lady! God blessed us all when he gave me you. Love, Mom, Dad, Justin, and Nathan

Jason, wishing you success, love and happiness on whatever paths you choose in your life journey. From the moment you were born, I have always been proud to say you are my son, that will never change. Love, Mom

Congratulations, Biz, we are very proud of you, Remember to find happiness in all that you do and success will follow. Love, Mom, Dad, Chuck, and Ryan

Chris, way to go. Always proud of you! Continued success at U of I and always. Love, Mom and Dad

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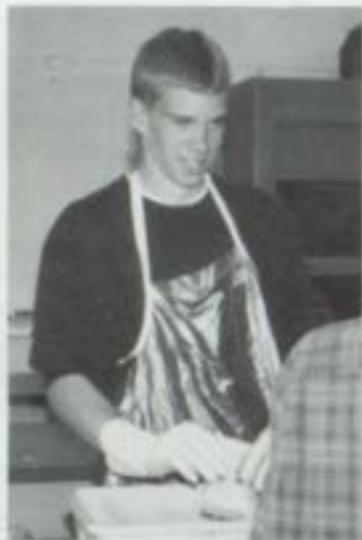
Freshmen Andy Hite and David Walsh look at the damage done to David's finger after Andy cut him during decorating the gym for Homecoming.



YOU'RE MAKING THIS DIFFICULT! Sophomore Derek Wingle tries to concentrate on his golf swing before Regionals.



DID YOU GET IT CLEAN? Juniors Jeremiah Gregory and Jeremy Tracy get to spend the day cleaning equipment during Chemistry.



SLAVE LABOR.

Sophomore John Einhorn cleans the well trays during Chem I. Mrs. Fedrigan usually had one or two cleaning days a year.



THIS ONE LOOKS CLEAN.

Senior Paul Wright picks out a clean tray in the kitchen before the rest of the mob comes down for lunch.

I DON'T THINK THIS IS RIGHT! Junior Becki Jones and Sophomore Isabelle Moore question their final outcome with their experiment.



Staff masters computer format to improve look of yearbook.

YEARBOOK STAFF



Editor Faith Hite shows staff members how to write captions, something that every member hated.



Assistant editor Lindsey Hartwig laughs at the confusion during a meeting. Lindsey will be editor next year.



Sophomore Neil Craney has an idea for a caption. Neil will be next year's assistant editor.



Sophomore Holly Jayne prepares final scores for the sports pages.



STRESS RELEASE

Advisor Jane Henricks, Sophomore Neil Craney and Junior Lindsey Hartwig do cartwheels in the upper hallway as other members check for damage.

BACK TO THE PAST

Freshman Crystal Dallas gets ideas from past yearbooks while classmate Kendra Clark asks for help on her page.

DEADLINE TIME

Senora looks over the list of students who still have not turned in their money to buy a yearbook.

CASE CLOSED



CAUGHT IN THE ACT. Because of your help, seniors Todd Dragoo, Dan Morris, Bill Bell, Josh Somers, Jane Mann and Wendi Shott were apprehended and placed in custody at the Piatt Co. Jail.

I hope you have enjoyed this year's yearbook. If you are having trouble finding the hidden seniors, here is a hint. They are not hiding just in their own designated section. Mrs. Henricks came back this year and brought two new faces with her. One was her new daughter Leah and the other was her foreign exchange student from Brazil, Tati Fernandes, that everyone adored. Speaking of new faces, I don't think anyone will forget all the problems with old and new teachers and substitutes coming and going this year.

Considering the new procedures and other things the yearbook staff went through, I believe this yearbook turned out great. I would like to thank everyone who helped this year. Those of you who purchased the book, the seniors hiding throughout, Gene Schnierle, the businesses who bought ads, the staff and anyone else who contributed in one way or another, I appreciate your help.

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