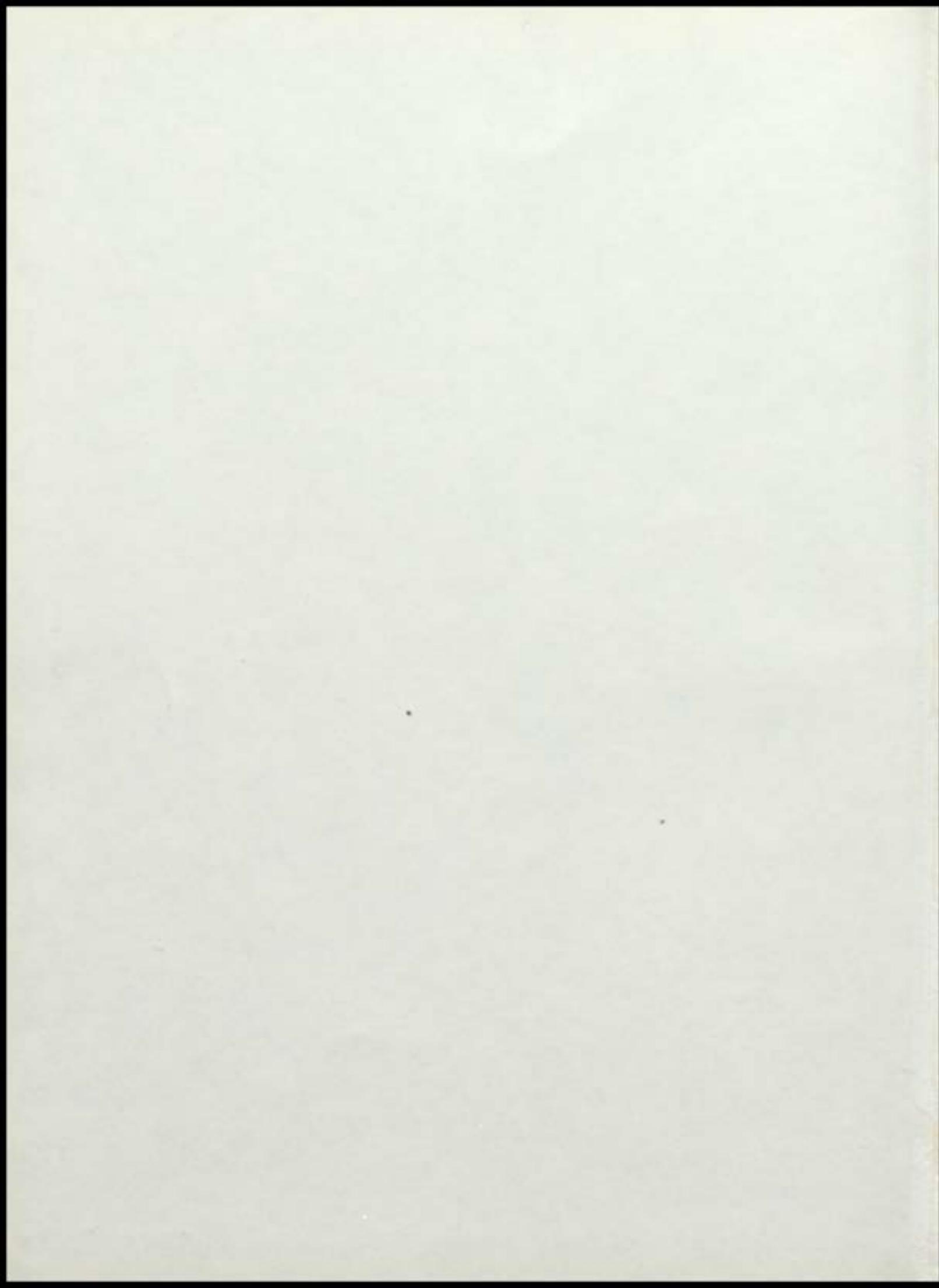
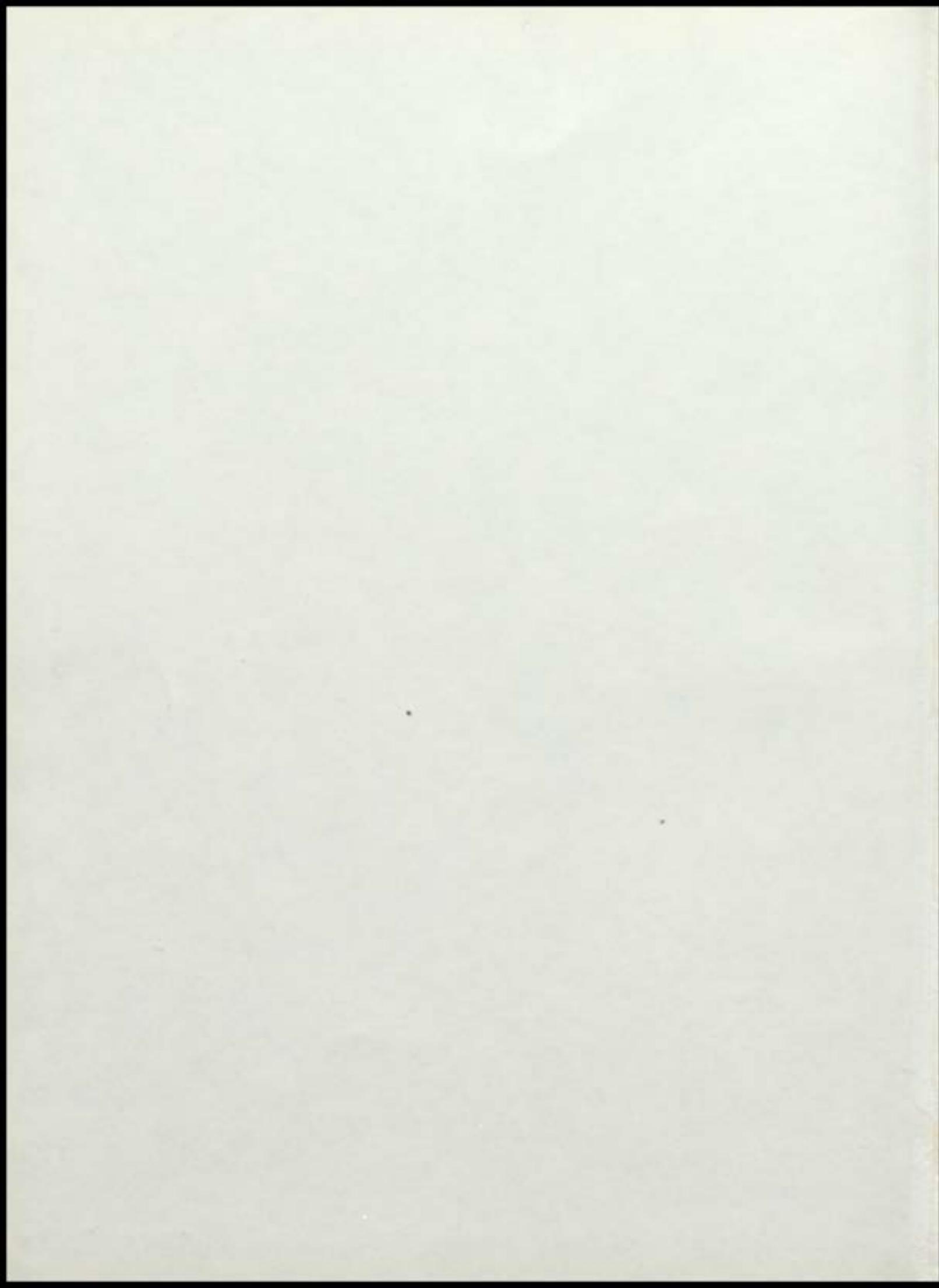


# Ninety Eight

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Academics, p. 44. Junior John Harper and senior Andrea Thompson listen in Ill. History.



Sports, p. 58. Seniors Jeremy Tracy and Mia Gregory hang from the rim in the small gym.



Ads, p. 72. Seniors Jennie Clodfelter and Tonya Stiverson enjoy their lunch hour together.

# ...summers!



## The Wildcats were a source of school pride.

With a record of 6-4, the South Piatt Wildcats made it to the first round of the playoffs for the first time since the co-op. The Wildcats also had a new addition to their coaching staff. Besides being the defensive coach, Mr. Kirby also taught history classes for the middle and high school.

### *BIM*

Lindsey Hartwig,  
Editor  
Neil Craney,  
Assistant Editor

**He's Got Legs!**  
 Junior John Einhorn struts his stuff while classmate Jed Pope tries to ignore the attention. Cross Dress Day brought a lot of attention.



**Frosty!**  
 Juniors Nathan Somers, Steve Harper and Derek Wingle use the remainder of their lunch hour to make a snowman. This winter was pretty mild due to EL NINO.



**What A Couple!**  
 Junior Jeremy Holladay and sophomore Jenette Lewis stand in their usual spot. They could always be found in the lower hallway.



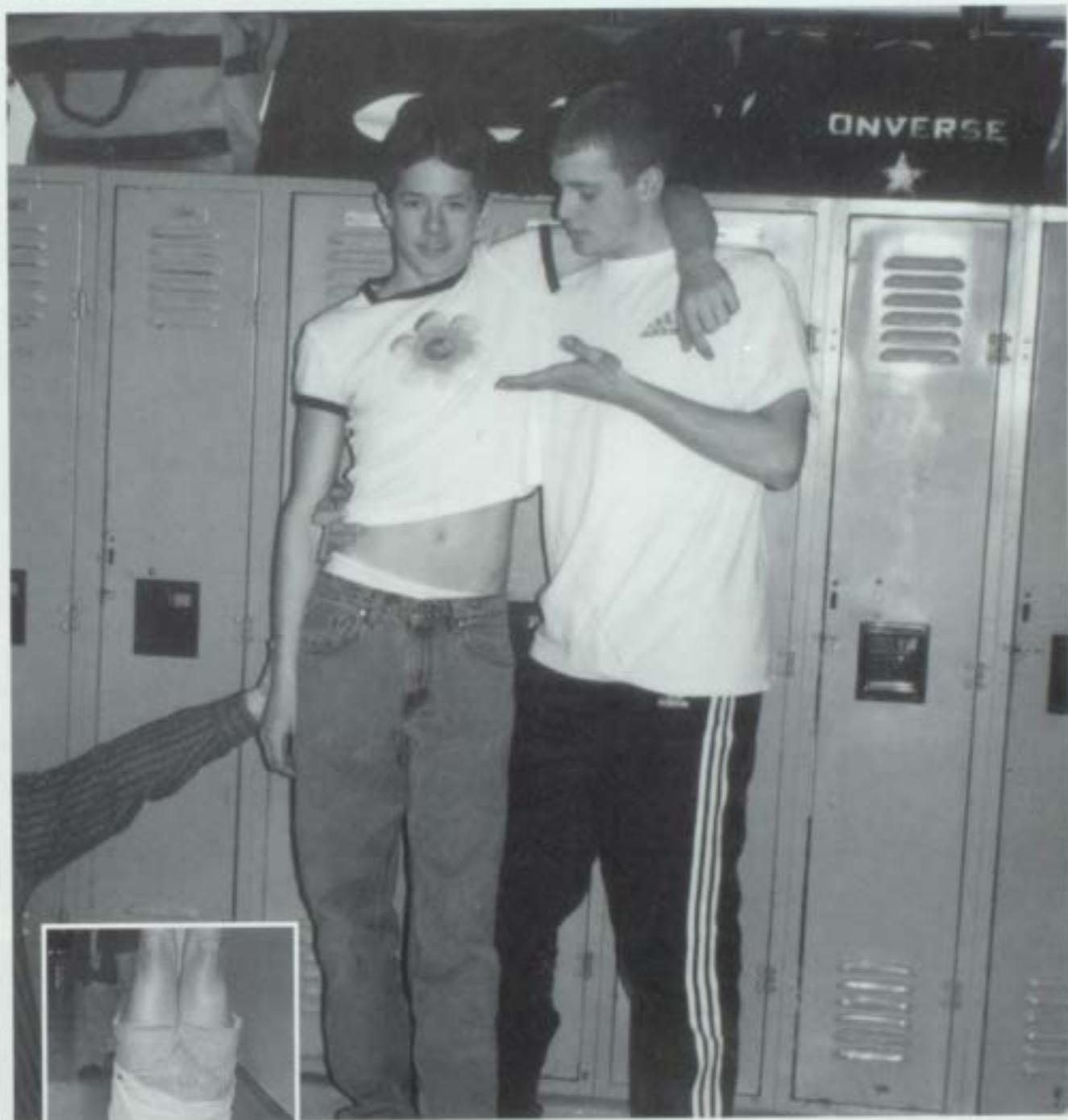
**Toro, Toro!**  
 Sophomores Ben Lawson and Mollie Stevens play bullfight during 8th hour study hall in the Spanish room.

**Three Stooges!**  
 Freshmen Emmie Nichols, Karla Briggs, and Alisha Boes spend time together after lunch.



Before & After School, Lunch, Family, Graduation, Spirit Week, Homecoming, Prom And More!

# S tudent Life

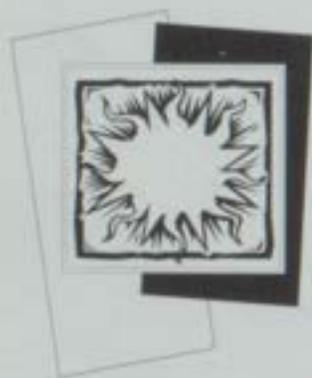


**Wild Behavior!**  
Junior Nathan Somers wears his girlfriend's shirt to school and senior Andrea Thompson does a handstand in the hall to celebrate the end of the year.

Saved  
by  
the  
bell!

## RUSH

Last one  
out  
is a  
rotten  
egg!



What'd you say?!

Mr. Gross takes a moment to reflect on his conversation with sophomore Kellie Reffett in the hallway in front of the office during lunch.



Take that!

Junior Derek Wingle beats up Sophomore Crystal Dallas. She thinks it's funny just like everything else. Crystal is almost always laughing.

Eat trash!

Senior Ben Jones pushes Junior Isabelle Moore's head in the trash can. Students were always joking around in the hallways.





**Do you want to fight?**  
Senior Wes Blick the cowboy challenges freshman Tony Parsons. Wes always picked on the underclassmen during lunch.

**Enjoying the weather.**  
Senior Tonya Stiverson takes a break during lunch at the picnic tables. When the weather was nice, these tables were crowded.



## WHO SAYS?

*Cutting in the cafeteria line*

Wes Blickenstaff  
and the teachers  
always cut in the  
cafeteria lunch  
line.



Sophomore Greg  
Stoerger



Senior Stacia Fuss

poll of two



**Breath of fresh air.**  
Sophomore Jessica Dunlap enjoys the beautiful weather after being cooped up all morning in classrooms. Most students went up-town for lunch on nice days.



**"Feed your thirst!"**  
Juniors Tom Owen and John Harper drink up their sodas during lunch. No sodas could be taken into the hallways during the lunch hour.

Saying  
goodbye to  
two special  
people and to  
the Class of  
'98

# Family & Graduation



**Goodbye, Georgia.**  
Cook Georgia Mulvaney greets her grandson, sophomore Ryan Mulvaney everyday for lunch. This will be her last year at school.



**Sibling Rivalry.**  
Seniors Ben & Becky Jones, Eric Briggs, Josh Bates and Jeremy Tracy pose with their siblings Karla Briggs, Cristin Zech and Chris Tracy.

**No More Excuses.**  
Sophomore Sara Larson and her grandmother, high school secretary JoAnn Bentley bond. Sara will miss her grandma in the office as JoAnn is retiring this year.





**Last Song.**  
Senior Jeremiah Gregory sings a solo with the senior ensemble singing harmony during commencement exercises June 5.

**Class of 1998.**  
The graduates celebrate their new freedom with silly string and confetti. Commencement was held a week after finals this year.



# HONORS

## *Top of the Class*

"I couldn't find the words to tell my mom and dad how grateful I am for everything they've ever done for me."



Lindsey Hartwig  
valdictorian



Eric Briggs  
saludatorian

Lindsey's speech



**I'm Outta Here.**  
Graduate Josh Bates can't wait to finally head out into the world. The weather cooperated so that commencement was actually comfortable in the big gym.

**Where Do I Go?**  
Jeremy Tracy concentrates hard to try to remember which way to walk since commencement practice was so long ago.

Students participate in Hat and Tie Day, Dress Like Your Parent Day, **SPIRIT** Cross Dress Day, Hippie Day and Black 'n Purple Day.



**He's Got Legs!**

Senior Doug Stevens shocked everybody with his stylish shoes. Doug really knew how to put together an outfit.



**Get Down Tonight!**

Senior Jenni Clodfelter leads the Senior football players as they dance at the Homecoming pep rally in the big gym. All the players, especially Eric Briggs, show they've got the moves.

**Who's That Guy?**

Junior Heather Gudgel imitates her father on dress like your parent day during Homecoming. Heather must have forgotten to shave.





**Dude Looks Like A Lady!**  
Junior Jed Pope can't believe classmate John Einhorn had the nerve to wear Charlene Pope's dress to school on cross dress day.

**Teacher With Spirit Award!**  
High School science teacher Mrs. Fedrigon participated every day of spirit week. Mrs. Fedrigon will move to Atlanta after this year.



# WHO SAYS?

## *Spirit Week*

Junior John Einhorn and senior Doug Stevens had the best outfits on Cross Dress Day.



Junior Isabelle Moore



Junior Jackie Roberts

poll of two



**Hey You Guys!**  
Senior Michelle Kirsch portrays the typical middle aged, midwestern male on cross dress day. What a couch potato belly!



**Clark The Cat!**  
Senior Clark Foran shows his school spirit in the wildcat costume donated to the school by the Senior class of 1998. Clark shared the job as Wiley with Steve Harper.

Enter Here  
videos, Job  
Shadowing,  
Internships,  
Parkland  
classes  
**Tech**  
Career Day,  
computer  
labs put us  
ahead of the  
game.



**Interns.**  
Seniors Michelle Kirsch, Michael Burton, Ben Jones, juniors Steve Eckstein, Sarah Parker, Neil Craney, and Nathan Somers pose outside Mrs. Flood's room with the Tech Prep display.

**Busy, Busy, Busy.**  
Tech Prep coordinator Mrs. Flood goes to make arrangements for internships, job shadowing and Parkland classes. The Tech Prep program won a Connections 2000 award for innovating educational projects. Good job!





#### College Classes.

Parkland Health and Auto students Mike Ensign, Adam Strohl, Stacia Fuss, Lani Wright, and Becki Jones had to get up early to catch the bus.



#### Workplace Etiquette!

The Communications class of first semester goes over the proper manners necessary on the job site. The Communications students did job shadowing at businesses ranging from veterinarian offices to the sports information director at the University of Illinois.



#### School Spirit!

Bus driver Kirk Birch's weimaraner shows its school support in a Wildcat sweatshirt. Mrs. Linda Taylor used the photo scanner to copy and crop this picture. Mrs. Taylor began teaching computer skills to the grade and middle school children in the new Windows '95 lab.

Loca?

Senior Lindsey Hartwig shows her true self in Spanish IV. After reading Don Quijote, the whole class got looney!



BLAH!!

Sophomore Lindsey Walsh shows everyone her best pose. Schoolwork, sports and work at the grocery store kept Lindsey pretty busy.



Not Working On The Hog Farm? Senior Michael Burton shows off his dashing looks all cleaned up from his internship at the pig farm.



Live-In Concert!

Senior Mia Gregory extends an open invitation to his band's performance after a basketball game.

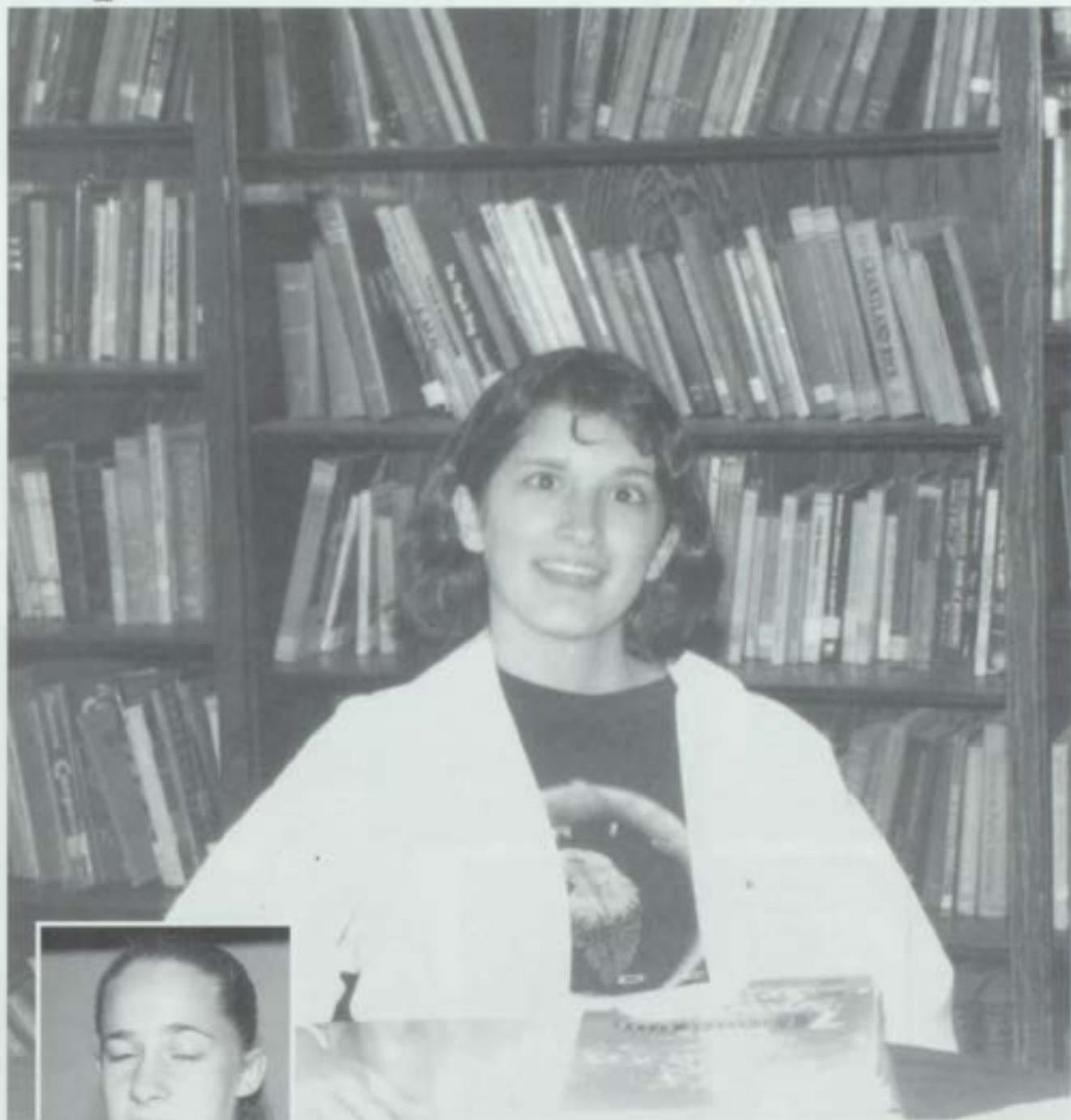
Best Friends!

Freshmen Alisha Boes, Jenny Einhorn, and Stephanie Nimmons begin the day with a smile.



Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, Freshmen, Faculty, Administration, and Support Staff all in the same place!

# People



Dazed and Confused!  
Sophomore Jill O'Bryan goes  
cross-eyed in the library while jun-  
ior Holly Jayne tries to wake up at  
the beginning of the day.

# Senior Homerooms

Mr. Wirth, Jenny Spry, Jason Huddleston, Becki Jones, Ben Jones, Amanda Honecker, Jeremiah Gregory, and Lindsey Hartwig.



Miss Smith, Jeremy Tracy, Tonya Stiverson, Tara Plummer, Lani Wright, Michelle Vezina, Doug Stevens, Andrea Thompson, Kevin Taylor, and Adam Strohl.

Mrs. Eichelberger.

Jennie Clodfelter, Michael Burton, Josh Bates, Clark Foran, Stacia Fuss, Nathaniel Turner, Grant Corum, Scott Fay, and Eric Briggs.



# Homecoming

## RIDING IN STYLE!

King and Queen candidates Lindsey Hartwig and Wes Blickenstaff ride in Wes' sister's camaro.

## GRAND MARSHALL!

Mrs. Bentley, the high school secretary, was Grand Marshall for the Homecoming Parade.

## COOL VETTE!

King and Queen candidates Andrea Thompson and Jason Huddleston show off their wheels at the Homecoming Parade.

## WILDCAT RING!

Wiley the Wildcat rides on the Senior float in the Homecoming Parade.



## WILDCAT PRIDE!

Tim Henderson rides his go-cart in the Homecoming Parade.



## GO WILDCATS!

The South Platt Wildcat football team rides on the fire truck in the Bement Homecoming Parade.



## SMOOTH RIDE!

Senior candidates Jeremiah Gregory and Tonya Stiverson drive a Mustang in the parade.

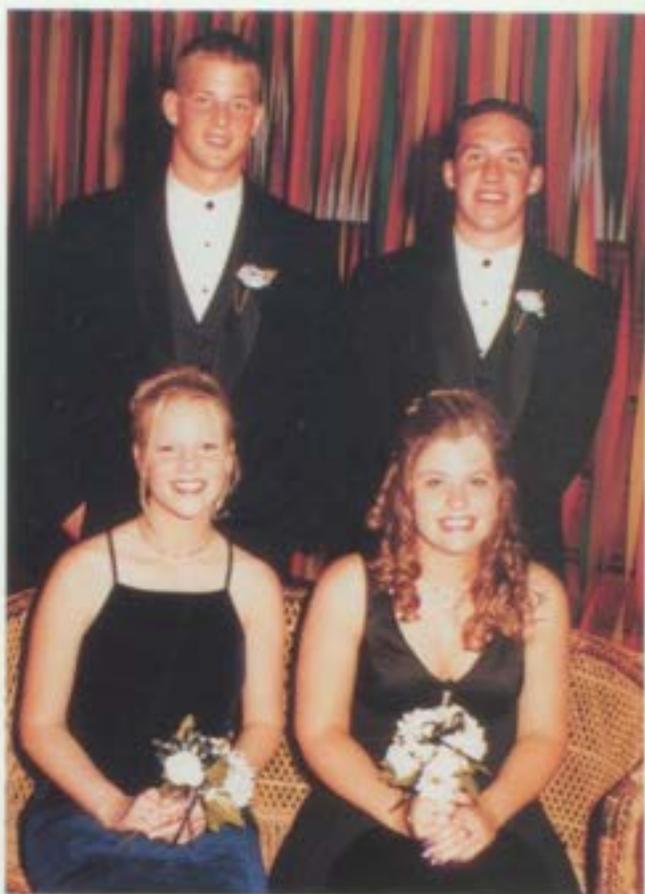
## NICE WHEELS!

Josh bates and Stacia Fuss ride in Josh's parents' camaro in the parade.





**SAY CHEESE!**  
 Jeremiah Gregory, Jason Huddleston, Tonya Stiverson, and Andrea Thompson wait for everyone to get pictures of them.



**ROYAL COURT!**  
 Candidates Wes Blickenstaff, Eric Briggs, Stacia Fuss, and Michelle Kirsch sit patiently until the crowd dies down.



**SMILE!**  
 King Josh Bates and Queen Lindsey Hartwig get their photo taken after being crowned.

# WILD KINGDOM



**SHAKE IT!**

Senior Michelle Kirsch gets down with junior Travis Pruitt at prom at the new Holiday Inn in Urbana.



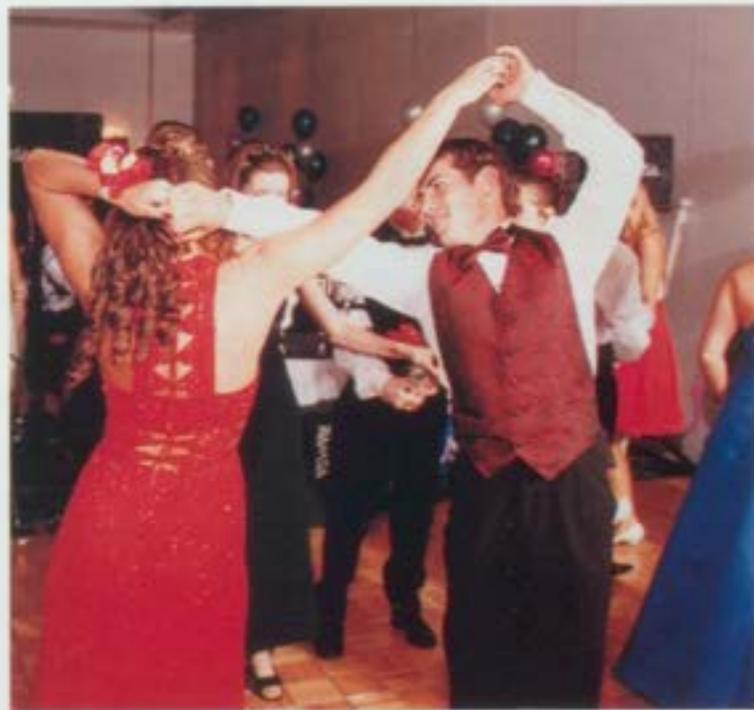
**YOU CALL THAT DANCING?**

Junior class sponsor Mr. Taylor gives senior Lindsey Hartwig some advice on dancing.



**AIN'T LOVE GRAND!**

Juniors Holly Jayne and Jed Pope watch everyone dance. Even though the dinner was served late, everyone had fun dancing.



**BOOGEY DOWN!**

Senior Michael Burton and his date show their moves on the dance floor.

# PROM

# PROM

## He's got the moves!

Junior Tom Owen shows everyone how to dance. The DJ played mostly dance songs from years past that really got everyone dancing.



## Class President.

Senior Lindsey Hartwig thanks the Junior Class for such a nice prom. Since Lindsey didn't pay for her meal until the last minute, Mr. Taylor had a TV table just for her.

## Hocus Pocus.

Senior Wes Blickenstaff shows off his powder blue tux while junior Nathan Somers adds a few more touches to his black tux ensemble.



## Gettin' Down!

Sophomore Heather Carver, senior Michelle Vezina and junior Heather Gudgel feel the groove. Later Stacia Fuss won the limbo contest.



## Macarena!

Everyone jumped on the floor to do the macarena dance.



# Senior



**Gonna Be A Supermodel.**  
Doug Stevens stands with Lindsey Hartwig on Cross-Dress Day.



**Just Another Manic Monday.**  
Michelle Kirsch and Tonya Stiverson frown at the start of a new day.



**BUUURRRPPP!**  
Scott Fay tries to recover from a really big lunch.

## Angela Allen

### Josh Bates

Football 1-4, Basketball 1,3, Baseball 4, Track 1-4, Art Club 3-4, B-Club 2-4, Homecoming Court 4.

### Wes Blickenstaff

Football 1-4, Basketball 1-4, Baseball 1-4, Track 4, Art Club 4, B-Club 1-4, Homecoming Court 4.

### Eric Briggs

Football 1-4, Basketball 1-4, Baseball 1-4, Jazz Ensemble 1-3, Student Council 3-4, Newsstaff 4, Spanish Club 1-4, B-Club 2-4, Scholastic Bowl 1-4, Class Officer 1-4, National Honor Society 3-4, SAR Award 4, Homecoming Court 4.

### Michael Burton

Newsstaff 2.

### Jennie Clodfelter

Basketball 1-3, Volleyball 1-3, Track 3, Cheerleader 1-4, Softball 2-4, Flag Corp 1-2, Annual Staff 1, B-Club 2-4, FHA 1-2, 4, Scholastic Bowl 3.

### Grant Corum

Basketball 1, Art Club 2-3.

### Mike Ensign

Football 1-3, Art Club 3, Newsstaff 2.

### Scott Fay

Football 1,3, Basketball 1, Baseball 1, Art Club 2-4, FHA 3-4, Scholastic Bowl 1.

### Clark Foran

Baseball 1-4, Art Club 3-4, B-Club 2-4.

### Stacia Fuss

Basketball 1, Track 1-2, Cheerleader 1-4, Flag Corp 2, Danz Team 3-4, Homecoming Court 4.

### Jeremiah Gregory

Football 1,3-4, Basketball 2-4, Baseball 1-4, Jazz Ensemble 2-4, Spanish Club 1-4, B-Club 1-4, Scholastic Bowl 1-4, Class Officer 3-4, Homecoming Court 4.

### Lindsey Hartwig

Basketball 1, Show Choir 4, Student Council 4, Annual Staff 1-4, Spanish Club 2-4, FHA 4, Class Officer 2-4, IL State Scholar 4, National Honor Society 3-4, DAR Award 4, Homecoming Court 4, Girls' State 3.

### Amanda Honecker

Basketball 2, Volleyball 1, Softball 1-4, Flag Corp 1, Show Choir 2,4, Jazz Ensemble 1-2, Newsstaff 2, B-Club 2.

### Jason Huddleston

Football 1,3-4, Basketball 1, Baseball 3-4, Jazz Ensemble 1-4, Art Club 1-4, B-Club 1-4, FHA 1,3, Homecoming Court 4.

# Activities

## Ben Jones

Football 1-4, Baseball 3, Track 1, Show Choir 4, Newsstaff 2, Annual Staff 2, FHA 2-4.

## Rebekah Jones

Volleyball 1, Flag Corp 2-4, Annual Staff 2, Spanish Club 3, FHA 1.

## Michelle Kirsch

Basketball 1, Volleyball 1-2, Softball 1-2, Show Choir 1, Jazz Ensemble 1,4, Student Council 2-4, FHA 1, Class Officer 2-4, National Honor Society 2-4, Homecoming Court 4, Hugh O'Brien 2, Girls' State 3, Lifesavers 2-4.

## Jeremy Miller

## Tara Plummer

Basketball 1, FHA 2-3.

## Jenny Spry

Volleyball 1-4, Track 1-4, Softball 1, Flag Corp 4, Show Choir 1-2, Student Council 4, Newsstaff 2, Annual Staff 2, Spanish Club 2-4, B-Club 1-4, FHA 1-4, Scholastic Bowl 1, Marching Band 1-2, 4, Chorus 1-4.

## Doug Stevens

Newsstaff 2.

## Tonya Stiverson

Basketball 1-3, Spanish Club 2-3, FHA 4, Homecoming Court 4, Lifesavers 1-4.

## Adam Strohl

Football 1, Basketball 1, Art Club 3.

## Andrea Thompson

Basketball 1-3, Track 1,3, Cheerleader 1-4, Show Choir 4, Spanish Club 2-3, FHA 3-4, Homecoming Court 4, Danz Team 3-4.

## Jeremy Tracy

Football 1-4, Basketball 2-4, Track 4, Jazz Ensemble 1, Art Club 4, Newsstaff 4, B-Club 3-4, Scholastic Bowl 4.

## Nathaniel Turner

Art Club 2-3.

## Michelle Vezina

Volleyball 1-4, Softball 3-4, Flag Corp 4, Show Choir 4, Jazz Ensemble 1.

## Elaina Wright

Flag Corp 1-3, Show Choir 1-2, Student Council 2-4, Newsstaff 2.



## WHEEEEEEE!

Clark Foran goes for a little ride during Welding II class.



## Hands Off!

Tonya Stiverson holds on tight to her chicken during lunch at the Super K.



## UUUUGGHHH!

Stacia Fuss, Andrea Thompson, and Lindsey Hartwig had way too much to eat at lunch.



Class of  
1998



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Angela Allen



Josh Bates



Wes Blickenstaff



Eric Briggs



Michael Burton



Jenny Clodfelter



Grant Corum



Mike Ensign



Scott Fay



Clark Foran



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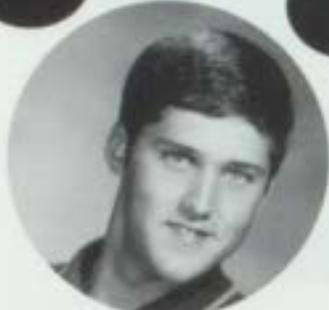
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Michelle Vezina



Lani Wright



Doug Stevens at Senior Brunch.



Jeremy Miller helped work on Homecoming backdrop.



Jason Huddleston in a football huddle.



Jeremy Tracy defends in a basketball game.



Andrea Thompson and Jason Huddleston on Homecoming Court.



Jennie Clodtetter rides in the Homecoming Parade with the cheerleaders.

Daren Benson  
Neil Craney  
Tabitha Dallas  
Tom Durbin  
Steve Eckstein



John Einhorn  
Heather Gudgel  
John Harper  
Steve Harper  
John Helms



Jeremy Holladay  
Holly Jayne  
Tucker Knowles  
Melissa Kochell  
Casey Lane



Paul Loggins  
Lisa Lyne  
Alicia Miller  
Isabelle Moore  
Tom Owen



Sarah Parker  
Jerrod Peeler  
Andrew Perry  
Jed Pope  
Travis Pruitt



Jennifer Reynolds  
Jackie Roberts  
Seth Scheffer  
Kristyn Sineathers  
Nathan Somers





Derek Wingle

# Class of 1999



**Hard at Work.**  
Junior John Helms takes a break during shop class.



**Finding Something To Do.**  
Travis Pruitt reads a magazine during class. Since the study hall was so small, Travis had no one to chat with.



**New Kid In Town.**  
A new student, Lisa Lyne, joins Bement High School as a junior. Lisa moved from the Carbondale area.

Jeremiah Arney  
Amber Bury  
Heather Carver  
Kandi Casey  
Kendra Clark



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



Casey Ellis  
Chad Gudgel  
Kyle Hendrix  
Andy Hite  
Heather Jeffries



Michael Krabbe  
Chad Larimore  
Sara Larson  
Ben Lawson  
David LeFever



Seph Lietz  
Jami McGlothlin  
Ryan Mulvaney  
Jill O'Bryan  
Julie Owen



Chad Pierce  
Amy Reed  
Kelli Reffett  
Brad Rexroad  
Mariann Roppel





Mollie Stevens  
 Gary Smith  
 Greg Stoerger  
 Loralee Stoerger  
 Justin Tatman



Aaron Thompson  
 Chris Tracy  
 Crystal Vestal  
 David Walsh  
 Lindsey Walsh



Alan Weldon  
 Cristin Zech  
 Janet Zoch



# Class of 2000

**"As If."**

Sophomore Crystal Vestal is patiently waiting in the lunchline. She usually ate a salad for lunch.

**BEWITCHING!**

Who is this sophomore in the witch's face? Mollie Stevens, of course. She has always thought it would be cool to be a witch.



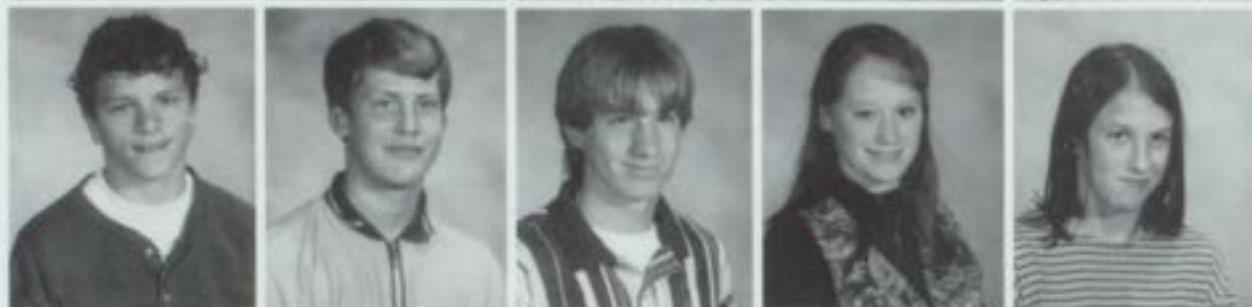
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Michael Christie  
Chad Corum  
Kyle Cox  
Jenny Einhorn  
Matt Einhorn



Jesse Fair  
Matt Frazee  
Lucas Garrett  
Amanda Grooms  
Michelle Isbell



Jenette Lewis  
Patrick Loftus  
Andrew Miller  
Emmie Nichols  
Stephanie Nimmons



Tony Parsons  
Rusty Peeler  
Angel Reed  
Daniel Riddle  
Jessica Roberts



Derek Stierwalt  
Lucas Swain  
Myles  
VonBehren





**Wide Awake.**

Ms. G's homeroom listens to the day's announcements. Most people talked in their own little groups.

# Class of 2001



**Oh What a Morning.**

Mrs. Taylor's homeroom looks forward to another day. This homeroom always looked happy to be at school, especially Jenny Einhorn.



**Jump Shot.**

Freshman Jessica Roberts makes her jump shot at FHA week activities.



**Double Trouble.**

Freshmen Matt and Jenny Einhorn enjoy the pizza party sponsored by FHA for winning FHA week activities.



**What a Great Lunch!**

Freshmen Mike Christie, Dan Riddle, and Kyle Cox talk after lunch.

# Administration



**Dr. Darrell Stevens**  
Superintendent



**Mr. Nyle Waters**  
Principal

**Jani Hamilton**  
District Secretary



**JoAnn Bentley**  
High School Secretary



## **School Board**

Valerie Stoerger, secretary; Mike Walsh, president; Jeff Funk, vice president;  
Dan Bates, John Strack, Ron Mulvaney, Jody Shonkwiler.

# Support Staff



## Lunch Ladies.

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

## New to the Crew.

Deb Shonkwiler works hard to keep the school clean.



## Maintenance Crew.

Jim Womack, Scott Porter, Mark Somers (Head maintenance), and Dave Poundstone.



## Chauffeurs.

Kirk Birch, Don Birch, Margie Wright, and Sharon Zindars.  
Margie will be retiring this year.

Debbie Aubert,  
Resource  
Diane Benzek,  
Mathematics  
Deb Eichelberger,  
Art  
Sally Fedrigan,  
Science



Cathy Flood,  
English & Tech.  
Rich Gross,  
Health & P.E.  
Minnie Gudauskas,  
History & library  
Jane Henricks,  
Spanish & English



Doug Kepley,  
Band  
Jason Kirby,  
History  
Kent LeFever,  
History & Guidance  
Amy Malone,  
Mathematics



Karen Parrish,  
TI-IN  
Kraig Rogers,  
P.E. & Drivers Ed.  
Donna Sharp,  
English & Guidance  
Joanna Smith,  
Chorus



Merle Taylor,  
Business  
Bill Wirth,  
I.T.  
Becky Zucco,  
F.A.C.S.



# Faculty



#### The Teaching Librarian.

Miss G. took time out from her library duties to teach Illinois history during first semester. The class was so big that it had to be held in Mr. LeFever's room.



#### Yeah Buddy!

Mr. Kirby seems to be pleased that his cup is still where he left it! His students often thought it was fun to hide his cup in the most unlikely places.



#### Feeling Stud-ish.

Mrs. Fedrigan's all geared up and looking manly for Cross-Dress Day. We know how she got the remotes on her shirt, but how did she grow that ,stache?



#### Rings On Her Fingers and Bells On Her Toes.

Although Senora has some pretty cool accessories, she can't take credit for these. Senora dressed up for Parent's Day during Spirit Week by wearing her mom's jewels.



#### Ta-Da!

Mrs. Eichelberger shows how proud she is of her class. She is taking the art club to a zoo in Chicago this year for their field trip.

**Sing It, Greg!**

Sophomore Greg Stoerger sings a Spanish song for his solo at the spaghetti supper, a fund raiser for the Music Department.



**Oink!**

Junior Tabitha Dallas shoves in her meal at El Matador in Decatur. Tabitha joined the Spanish Club on their field trip in April.



**Mark Time!**

Junior Sarah Parker directs the band during the Homecoming Parade. Sarah was the drum major this year.



**NHS Food Drive.**

National Honor Society members Eric Briggs, Derek Wingle, Lindsey Hartwig, Michelle Kirsch, and Casey Lane collect food in the fall.

**I Need A Caption!**

Junior Sarah Parker tries to think of a caption for the yearbook. The yearbook staff usually started out big but ends with few staff members.



Span. Club, Lifesavers, Art Club, Student Council, Scholastic Bowl, Band, Chorus, Flags, NHS, FHA, Newsstaff and B-Club

# O rganizations



In The Community.  
Sophomore Amber Bury, juniors Jackie Roberts, Daren Benson, Seth Scheffer and senior Jeremy Tracy decorate the pumpkin patch. Freshmen Karla Briggs plays a solo at the spring music concert.

**Taking a Break.** Lindsey Walsh, Loralie Stoerger and Kyle Hendrix all lounge around before they have to sit through another lecture at the lifesaver retreat.

**High School Royalty.** Seniors Jeremy Tracy and Michelle Kirsch were elected Carnival King and Queen. They now had a reason to rule over the underclassmen.



## FOR MEMBERS ONLY



### LIFESAVERS

Jackie Roberts, Amber Bury, Michelle Kirsch, Tonya Stiverson, Lindsey Walsh, Tabitha Dallas, Kyle Hendrix, Holly Jayne, Eric Briggs, Krystin Smeathers, Loralie Stoerger, Kendra Clark, and Neil Craney.



### SPANISH CLUB

Derek Wingle, Sara Larson, Lindsey Walsh, Crystal Dallas, Jenny Spry, Greg Stoerger, Jesse Fair, Seph Lietz, Jed Pope, Patrick Loftus, Karla Briggs, Tabitha Dallas, Kendra Clark, Loralie Stoerger, Janet Zoch, Ryan Mulvaney, Brian Bell, Neil Craney, Eric Briggs, Lindsey Hartwig, Holly Jayne, Heather Carver, Jeremiah Gregory, Crystal Vestal, and Ben Lawson.

# Student Organizations

Spanish Club celebrates Carnaval. Lifesavers help out peers. Art Club enjoys field trip, and Student Council puts on another successful Homecoming.



**Look at Those Marks!** Senior Jenny Spry and sophomore Kendra Clark measure the skid marks, while junior Tabitha Dallas records the info during the skid demo.

**The Great Pumpkin.** Art Club members pose on their field trip to Roberts' farm.



## ART CLUB

Tom Durbin, Steve Harper, Heather Gudgel, Nathaniel Turner, Jason Huddleston, Jackie Roberts, Scott Fay, Jared Peeler, Wes Blickenstaff, Jeremy Tracy, Tucker Knowles, and Seth Scheffer.



## STUDENT COUNCIL

Amanda Grooms, Matt Frazee, Steve Harper, Eric Briggs, Neil Crane, Jesse Fair, Holly Jayne, Lindsey Walsh, Patrick Loftus, Jenny Spry, Jennifer Reynolds, Michelle Kirsch, Lindsey Hartwig, Kendra Clark, Matt Einhorn, David Walsh, Sara Larson, and Andy Hite.

**Congratulations!** Senior Eric Briggs receives his Scholastic Bowl award from sponsor Jackie Tabaka. Eric was in Scholastic Bowl all four years of high school.

**New Addition.** Jackie Tabaka thanks sophomore Janet Zoch for her contribution to the JV Scholastic Bowl team. This was Janet's first year.



## FOR MEMBERS ONLY



### SCHOLASTIC BOWL

Jeremy Tracy, Derek Wingle, Danny Auth, David Walsh, Andy Hite, Mollie Stevens, Emmie Nichols, Neil Craney, Stephanie Nimmons, Matt Einhorn, Amanda Grooms, Greg Stoerger, Janet Zoch, Jeremiah Gregory, and Eric Briggs.



### GOOFING AROUND.

Seniors Jeremy Tracy and Mia Gregory have fun before the start of a Scholastic Bowl meet. This was Jeremy's first year in Scholastic Bowl.

# Student Organizations

Scholastic Bowl team has disappointing season, and many students were honored throughout the year.



**Saludatorian.** Eric Briggs gives his speech at graduation. Eric won numerous awards including the LOVC scholarship.

**Hurry!** Becki Jones rushes to get in line after graduation. Becki won the Ronna Nicole Felty Memorial Scholarship.



## *The Best of the Class*

Valdictorian Lindsey Hartwig thanks her family and friends at graduation during her speech. Lindsey won the President's Award for Outstanding Educational Excellence along with many other awards.



## *Wait a Minute!*

Andrea Thompson waits for her cue from Ms. Eichelberger to walk out for graduation ceremonies. Andrea received the Ann Borelli President's Award.

"The Rose". Sophomore Gary Smith sings "The Rose" at the spaghetti supper. "It's a really enjoyable experience," said Gary.

**Play That Tune.** Kyle Cox, freshman, lines up for a parade. He is supposed to be at attention but he stole a minute to enjoy the moment.



## FOR MEMBERS ONLY



### SHOW CHOIR

At the awards banquet, the show choir sings "Imagine". The show choir members this year are Lindsey Hartwig, Michelle Vezina, Kelly Reffett, Andrea Thompson, Stephanie Nimmons, Amanda Honecker, Ben Jones, Scott Fay, Gary Smith, Matt Einhorn, and Greg Stoerger.



### RIGHT ON BEAT.

Senior Jenny Spry goes through her routine during one of the parades. The flag corp included Jenny Spry, Isabelle Moore, Michelle Vezina, Kelli Reffett, and Becki Jones.

# Student Organizations

Band performs well for second year. Chorus and Show Choir begin again with new teacher. National Honor Society sponsors food drive and honor teas.



**Light My Fire.** Senior Eric Briggs lights the first candle before he give his speech. Eric is a three year member of NHS.

**Annual Food Drive.** NHS members Eric Briggs, Derek Wingle, Lindsey Hartwig, Michelle Kirsch, and Casey Lane are loading the food for the fall food drive.



## **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

Neil Craney, Casey Lane, Derek Wingle, Michelle Kirsch, Lindsey Hartwig, and Eric Briggs.



## **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES**

Andrew Perry, Janet Zoch, Chad Larimore, Ben Lawson, Lindsey Walsh, Sara Larson, Holly Jayne, Isabelle Moore, Crystal Vestal, Greg Stoerger, Kendra Clark, and Jennifer Reynolds.

**Clean Up?** Sophomore Loralie Stoerger is disappointed that it is clean up time after the FHA had a pizza party for the winners of FHA Week.

**Helping Out.** Sophomore Kendra Clark boxes food for Foods for Families. Each year FHA members go door-to-door gathering food from the community.



## FOR MEMBERS ONLY



### SMILE!

Junior Holly Jayne and senior Andrea Thompson smile really big for an FHA photo. These two attended the FHA convention held just for the officers.



### FHA

Jennifer Reynolds, Jennie Clodfelter, Lindsey Hartwig, Holly Jayne, Andrea Thompson, Kendra Clark, Tonya Stiverson, Jenny Spry, Lindsey Walsh, Sara Larson, Crystal Dallas, Alisha Boes, Isabelle Moore, Janet Zoch, Cristen Zech, Kelli Reffett, Ben Jones, Scott Fay, Mollie Stevens, and Amanda Grooms.

# Student Organizations

FHA keeps busy with a multitude of projects. Newsstaff uses digital camera for publication. BClub conducts usual fundraising program.



**Working Hard.** Junior Derek Wingle goes to put articles in the computer for the Bark.

**Checking It Out.** Mrs. Flood, the Newsstaff adviser, checks out the new issue of the Bark.



## *Candy Sales dominate B-Club fundraising*

B-Club adviser and track coach Mr. Kirby goes to collect money for B-Club sales.



## *Wanna buy some candy?*

Sophomore Kendra Clark uses her best sales pitch to get Mrs. Henricks to buy B-Club candy.

**Concentration!**  
 Sophomore Kelli Reffett tries to concentrate and get all of Mrs. Fedrigo's notes. Freshman Matt Einhorn keeps up with the pace.



**Interesting?**  
 Sophomore Lindsey Walsh shows her excitement in Ms. Benzek's math class. Ms. Benzek used the computer and power point program often.



**Shoot For Two!**  
 Mrs. Linda Taylor demonstrates the correct shooting form of basketball in the small gym.



**GRRRR!**  
 Guidance Counselor Ms. Sharp introduces her puppet pal, the shark in the guidance office.

**Keepin' The Beat!**  
 Mr. Kepley, the band director, demonstrates to the drummers a new arrangement.



PE, Span., Eng., Science, History, Math, Business, Band, Chorus, FACS, ITT, Guidance, Driver's Ed., Study Hall, TI-IN, Resource.

# Academics



**Tired or Hyper?**  
Junior Casey Lane tries to stay awake in Spanish class while senior Jenni Clodfelter skates quickly in PE.

# Taking Breaks

## Time Flies.....

Seniors Lindsey Hartwig and Clark Foran show how they make an assembly fun. The girls at BHS were always targets of Clark's friendly hugs and attention.

## Sit Still.

Seniors and juniors participate in a self-esteem assembly. Topper Steinman shows them how to rely on each other and to use teamwork.



## Buen Provecho!

Sophomores Loralee Stoerger and Crystal Vestal devour their lunch at El Matador. The Spanish Club ate there after seeing a Flamenco Dance performance in Decatur.

## All Smiles.

Senior Andrea Thompson and Sophomores Sara Larson and Lindsey Walsh attend an FHA leaders convention. Andrea and Sara gear up for the meetings while Lindsey settles in for the long day.





#### What Talent!

Sophomore Gary Smith shows his P.E. class how he can skate. All P. E. classes had the opportunity to skate everyday for a week.

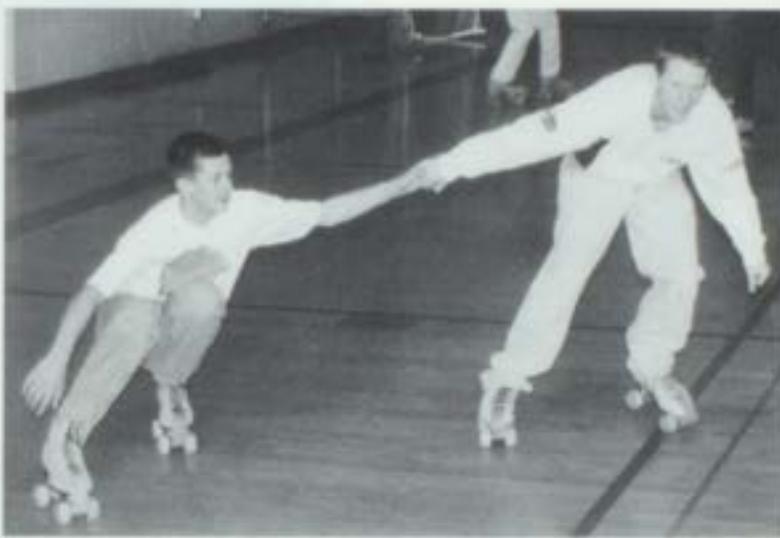


#### Look At That Form!

Sophomore Myles VonBehren impresses Crystal Dallas with his awesome volleyball skills.

#### Please Help Me Skate!

Junior Nathan Somers gets some skating assistance from classmate Jeremy Holladay.



#### Switch!

Senior Michael Burton, junior John Einhorn, and sophomores Kyle Hendrix and Alan Weldon switch courts after playing badminton.

#### Male Bonding.

Juniors Jed Pope, John Einhorn, Jeremy Holladay, sophomore Seph Lietz, and freshman Patrick Loftus use the time in P.E. class to goof off. Patrick and Jed were not enrolled in P.E. but found a way down to the gym anyways.

# Discussing Theories

## Break Time!

Sophomores Janet Zoch, Loralle Stoerger, T.J. Cogdill, David Walsh, Jodi Cook, Kandi Casey, and Crystal Vestal take a break from researching in the first semester Communication class.

## Cross Dresser!

Junior Derek Wingle shows off his true inside feelings during the Spanish 3 class. Derek is modeling a pair of Mrs. Henricks' clip earrings.



## Chemists.

Junior Andrew Perry and sophomore Ryan Mulvaney try to figure out one of Mrs. Fedrigo's labs. Lab time is always looked forward to in between chapters.

## Veteran's Day

This was the first year Bement school was in session on Veteran's Day. Sophomore Heather Carver shares with guest speaker Ramona Henricks an activity the students participated in to show veteran appreciation.





#### Love Birds?

Freshmen Matt Frazee and Stephanie Nimmons act out the famous love story *Romeo & Juliet* during Survey of Literature. Survey of Literature is a required class for all freshmen.



#### Stumped?

Sophomore Ryan Mulvaney tries to remember an answer during the first semester Illinois history class. Starting the second semester, Mr. Kirby took over teaching this class.

#### Party On!

Sophomores Serge Docherty and Miah Arney are getting ready for the weekend. The football games were the most popular place to be on Friday nights.



#### How much do I add?

Sophomore Alan Weldon is explaining the experiment while sophomore Amber Bury is performing the experiment. They both have to record the data together.

#### Three of a kind.

Sophomores Crystal Dallas, Kendra Clark, and Loralie Stoerger work together at the end of history class. The three were known for sharing their stories during class.

# Calculating Music

## Sketch.

Sophomores Chris Tracy, Lindsey Walsh, David Walsh, Kendra Clark, and Mollie Stevens participate in the Geo Sketch Pad in Geometry.

## What?!

Junior Tabitha Dallas dozes off during her Computer Applications class.



## Power Point.

Seniors Michelle Kirsh, Eric Briggs, and Lindsey Hartwig show off one of Ms. Benzek's Power Point presentations. Ms. Benzek just started teaching high school math this year.

## Whoa... it worked!

Freshman Myles VonBerben is suprised while creating a spreadsheet.



### "Follow Rain and Rivers"

Freshmen Karla Briggs, Emmie Nichols, Lucas Garrett, and Seniors Andrea Thompson, Michelle Kirsch, Lindsey Hartwig, Doug Stevens, Mia Gregory, and Jeremy Tracy sing in chorus.



### Smile.

Senior Jason Huddleston patiently waits for band class to start, even though the temptation to play is great. Jason also plays the drums in his own band.

### Time to Sing.

Freshmen Matt Einhorn, Stephanie Nimmons, sophomore Cristin Zech, junior Sarah Parker, and senior Jason Huddleston practice for their concert.



### Rock On!!

Sophomore Serge Docherty shows off his fashion sense while freshman Stephanie Nimmons keeps the beat.

### Play that funky music.

Freshmen Stephanie Nimmons and Jenette Lewis concentrate on their music. Meanwhile, senior Michelle Kirsch gets down on her saxophone.

*Family and Consumer Sciences, Industrial Technology,  
Guidance and Drivers' Education.*

# IT'S YOUR LIFE

**Concentration.**

Sophomore Crystal Vestal is hard at work making posters for her living environment class.

**You could help too.**

Sophomores Chad Larimore and Chad Pierce work on a machine together during shop class.



**Don't bother me.**

Senior Josh Bates works on an engine during small engines class.

**How's it feel?**

Junior Jeremy Holladay tries on the empathy belly in Parenting.





### "Cheese"

Miss Sharp smiles big for the camera. She also taught English classes during the afternoon.



### Taking a Break

Guidance Counselor Mr. LeFever takes a break in his favorite chair. He must get real worn out figuring out everyone's schedules.

### "Schedule Time"

Mr. LeFever and Miss Sharp help Gary Smith and Aaron Thompson with their schedules for the 1998-99 school year, this is one of the busiest times of the year for them.



### Screech!

Drivers Education teacher Mr. Rodgers gets behind the wheel during the skid test demonstration. Mr. Rodgers was going 43 mph, and his total stopping distance was 127 feet.

### "Shhh!"

The first semester driver's education class is busy taking their rules of the road test. Everybody passed their written test.

# Studying Skills

## No talking!

Lucus Swaim tries to study while Aaron Alblinger and Jeremiah Arney joke and laugh about something. Michelle Isbell tries to stay quiet by reading the newspaper.

## Hand Stand.

Junior Tucker Knowles gets out of class to goof off. He wanted to show everyone how he could be on the cheerleading squad.

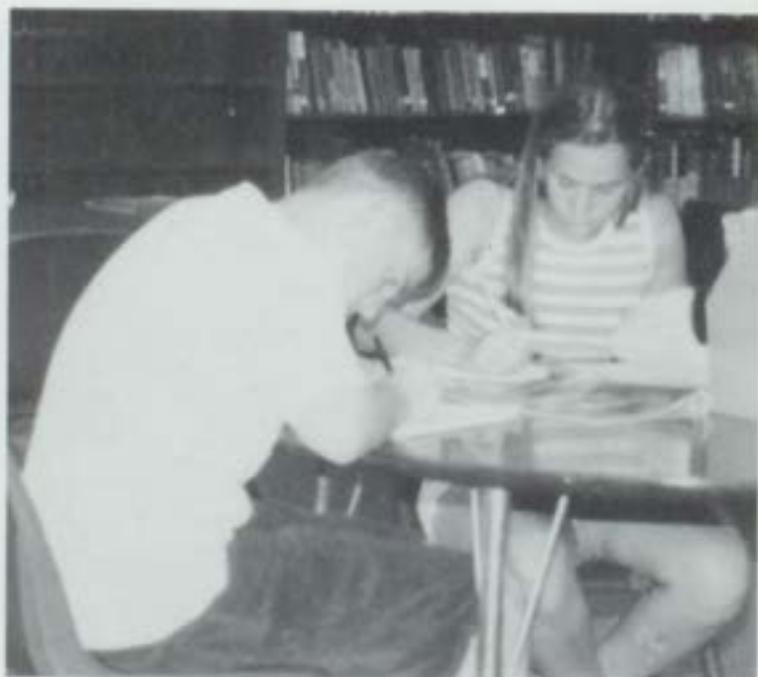


## Say Cheese!

Jill O'Bryan and Jessica Dunlap smile for the camera. They didn't like to study during study hall.

## CopyCat

Junior Holly Jayne tries to finish all her homework so Junior Jed Pope can get all the answers off her.





#### "People Sandwich"

Sophomores Ben Lawson, Mollie Stevens, Loralee Stoerger, and Jill O'Bryan try to have fun during study hall. They often went to Mrs. Henricks room during 8th hour study hall.



#### Bor-ing

Senior Josh Bates twiddles his thumbs while waiting very patiently for the bell to ring.

#### "I'm trying to study."

Freshman Andy Miller tries to study during Resource class, but somebody just had to take his picture.



#### "Not another interruption."

Seniors Michelle Vezina and Angela Allen study quietly during Resource class. Angela was a new student this year.

#### Class Clowns

Senior Jeremy Tracy and Junior Casey Lane are trying to keep themselves busy during last hour study hall. They were making funny poems and showing them to the rest of the class.

*New Teachers, Substitutes and celebrating the end of the year with exams using the same schedule as before.*

## Beginnings & Endings

### **Not Again?!**

Repeating the scenario of two years ago, Mrs. Henricks and Mrs. Fedrigo announce upcoming additions to their families. Unfortunately, Mrs. Fedrigo will not be returning next year.

### **Singin' A Tune.**

Miss Joanna Smith, the new chorus teacher, stands with Mr. Kopley after the spring concert. Miss Smith brought back the show choir this year.

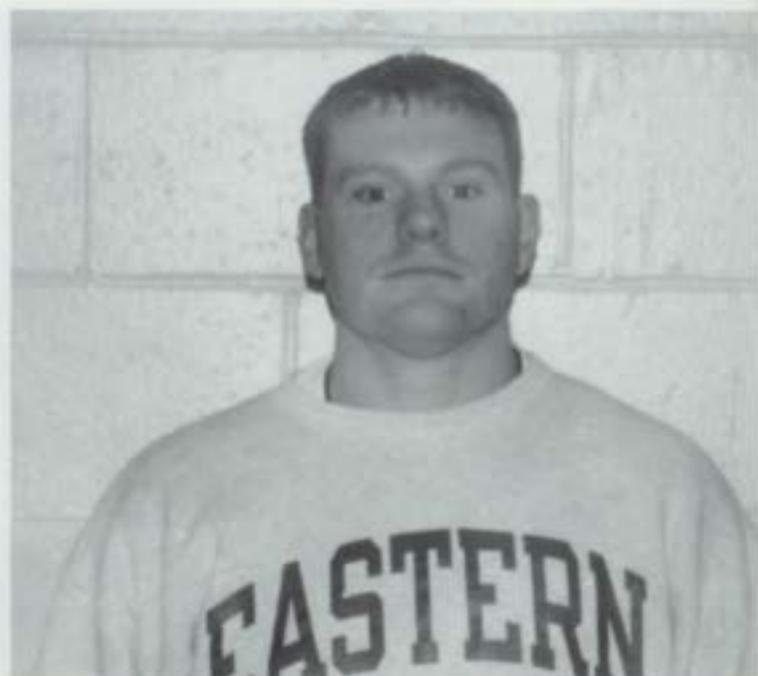


### **Waitin' for the Lunch Crowd.**

Mr. Jason Kirby, the new history teacher, waits for the kids to come in for lunch. Several students spent their lunch hour in Mr. Kirby's room especially in the hot weather since he had air conditioning.

### **Temporary Addition.**

Mr. Maxedon, the new PE and Health teacher replaced Mr. Gross, who left at the end of the first semester.





#### **I Got An "A"!**

Freshman Stephanie Nimmons celebrates a good report card and exam grades. Students reported for ten minutes to pick up their cards on the last day of school.



#### **Look At My Report Card?**

Sophomore Heather Jeffries checks out her grades on the last ten-minute day.

#### **Just Got Up?**

Sophomores Cristen Zech and Kandi Casey come to school that last day wearing comfortable clothes.



#### **Out for Good!**

Senior Andrea Thompson can't wait for college. Seniors waited a week until commencement was held.

#### **We're Outta Here!**

Junior Daren Benson, freshmen Matt Frazee, Jenny Einhorn and Alisha Boes get ready to leave for the summer.

**Get It!**

Junior Holly Jayne goes after the ball at the Fischer game. This year the girls' basketball team had a new coach.



**OUT!**

Junior Kristyn Smeathers gets an out during a softball game. Kristyn was pitcher this year.



**JUMP!**

Junior Tabitha Dallas shows everyone her skills at the long jump. Tabitha also participated in the high jump.



**Bump, Set, Spike.**

Freshmen Jenny Einhorn, Karla Briggs, Jenette Lewis, and Stephanie Nimmons join the VB team this year.

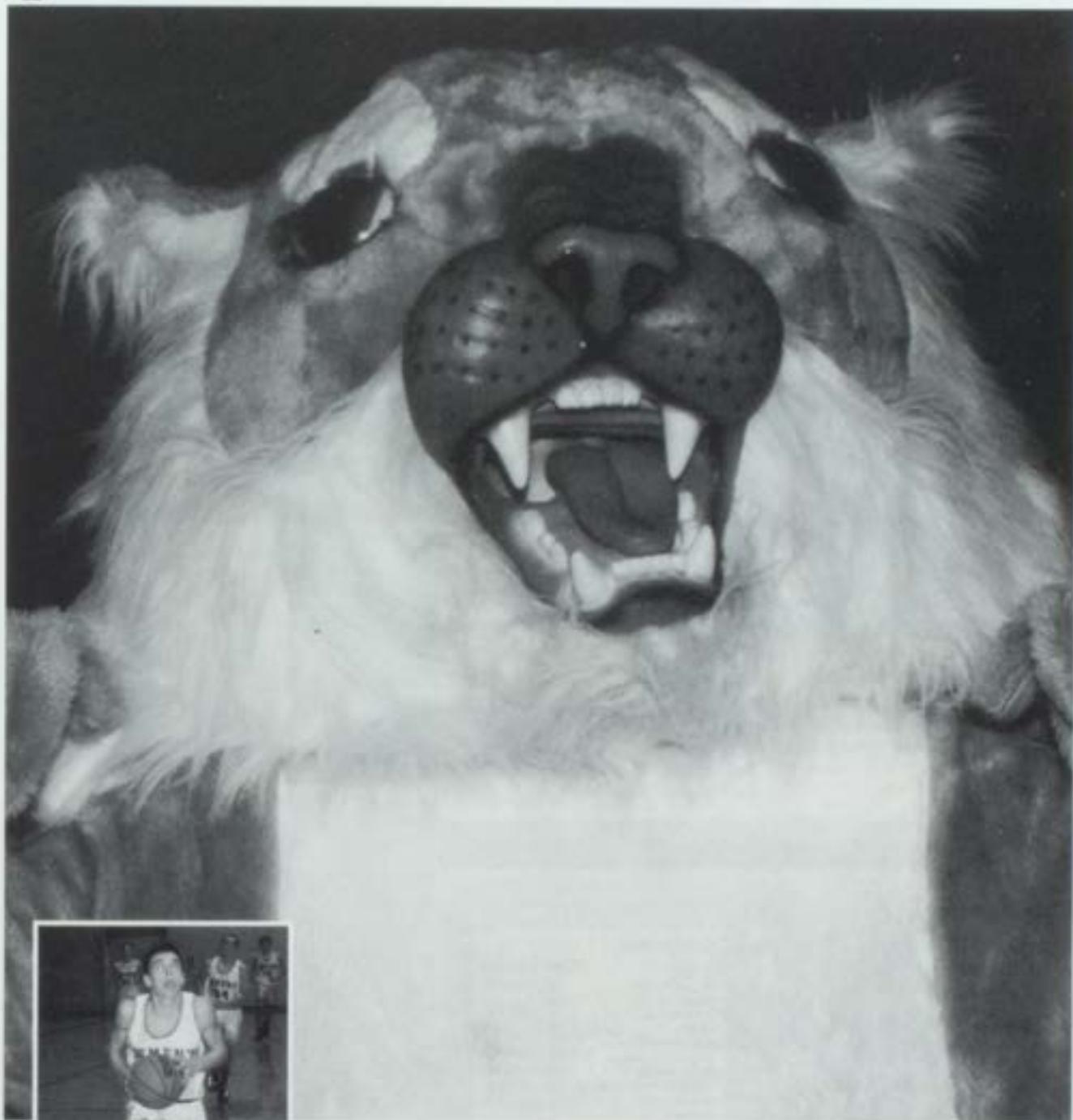
**Qualifying Team!**

Freshman Alisha Boes joined her Atwood teammates in a relay team that qualified for the state meet.



Volleyball, Football, Basketball, Track, Danz Team, Cheerleaders, Baseball and Softball spirit is right here!

# Sports



School Spirt!  
Wiley Wildcat dances with the cheerleaders and sophomore Kyle Hendrix goes up for a layup. Wiley was purchased by the senior class.

# Volleyball

*Young team has great expectations*

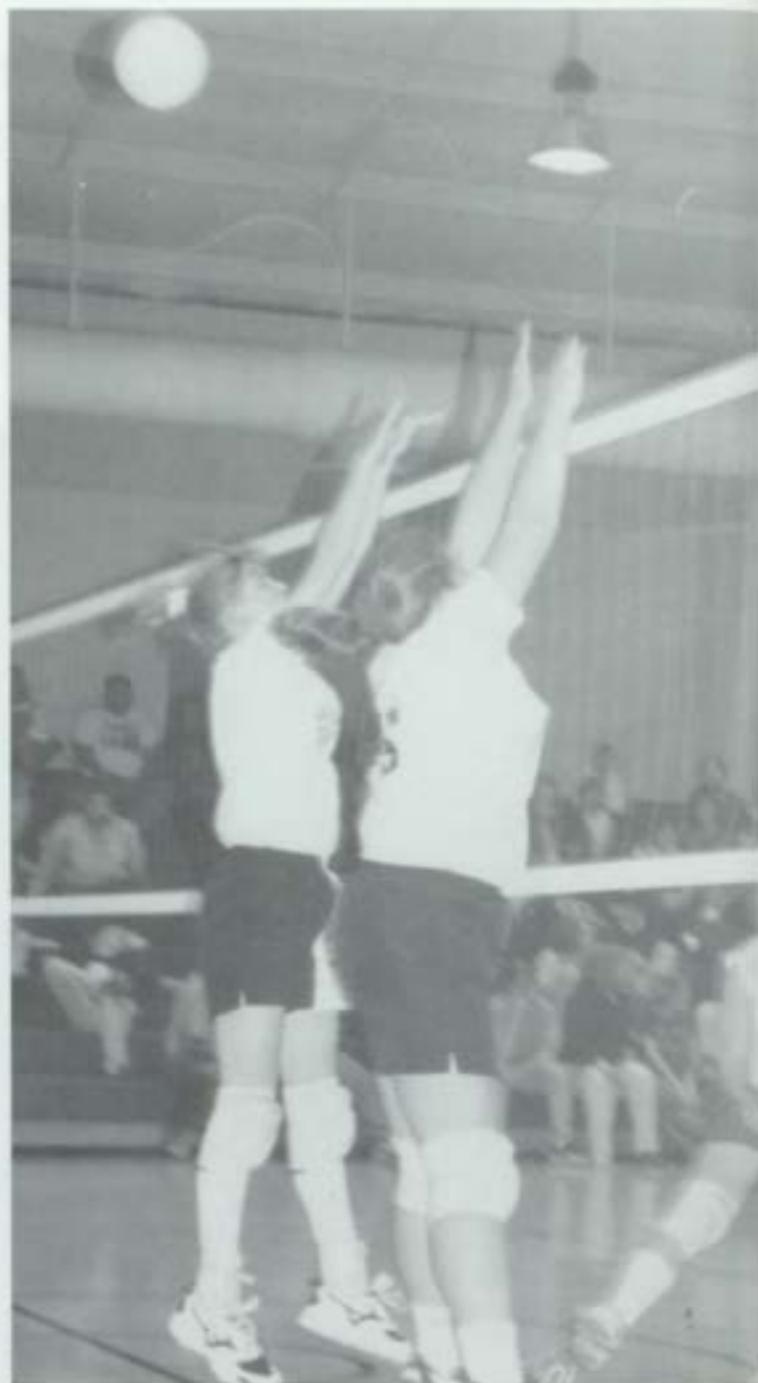
With a young team this year, the varsity Lady Bulldogs ended their season with a 6-15 record. The Lady Bulldogs had eleven people letter this year and nine of them are returning. With playing time and maturity, high expectations are brewing about the girls for next year. The plaque winners were Karla Briggs, Most Dedicated and Best Serving

Percentage; Jenny Einhorn, Most Improved Player; Kristyn Smeathers, Most Kills; Holly Jayne, Most Assists and Bulldog Pride. Other awards given were Jenny Einhorn, Most Courageous Player; Karla Briggs, Junior Varsity Player of the Year and Most Aces; Tabitha Dallas, Skinned Knee Award; Holly Jayne, Team Motivator.



**Go!**  
Heather Carver hustles to stop a ball from going into the net. This is one of the hardest jobs on defense.

**Ready-Ready-Go!**  
Sophomore Kendra Clark, right side hitter, sets up the block for middle hitter, junior Kristyn Smeathers. Kendra and Kristyn both started varsity.



**Plaque Winners.**  
Freshmen Jenny Einhorn and Karla Briggs, and juniors Kristyn Smeathers and Holly Jayne were awarded plaques for their efforts on the volleyball team this year.



*Lady  
Bulldogs*

	Us	Them
Magna-Forsyth	0	2
Ellisville	2	1
Villa Grove	0	2
Amelia	0	2
Nantico-Barristown	2	0
Deland-Walden	1	2
Cerro Gordo	0	2
Atwood-Hammond	2	0
Becher City	0	2
Bethany	2	1
Findlay	2	0
Heritage	0	2
Villa Grove	0	2
Oakland	0	2
Heritage	0	2
Bethany	0	2
Shiloh	1	2
Tuscola	2	0
Lavington	0	2
Arthur	0	2
Enloe	0	2



Left . . . right  
Freshman Jenette Lewis does her footwork to set a ball in a J.V. match against Arthur-Lovington. Jenette was a constant player on the J.V.

Got it!  
Jenny Spry hustles to get a shanked ball. Jenny was one of the two seniors on the team and worked very hard.



**Volleyball Team.**  
Coach Stoerger, K. Briggs, J. Lewis, S. Nimmons, M. Vezina, J. Spry, T. Dallas, K. Clark, C. Zech, J. Owen, J. Einhorn, H. Gudgel, H. Carver, L. Stoerger, Asst. Coach Flavin, H. Jayne.



**LETTER WINNERS.** Jenette Lewis, Jenny Einhorn, Loralie Stoerger, Heather Carver, Michelle Vezina, Jenny Spry, Tabitha Dallas, Kendra Clark, Holly Jayne, Karla Briggs, and Kristyn Smeathers lettered in Volleyball this year.

	Us	Them
Marina Forsyth	0	2
Ellinpolis	0	2
Villa Grove	2	0
Arcola	0	2
Niantic-Harristown	2	1
DeLand-Weldon	2	1
Cerro Gordo	2	1
Atwood-Hammond	2	1
Oakland	1	2
Heritage	1	2
Bethany	2	0
Shiloh	1	2
Tuscola	2	1
Lovington	1	2
Arthur	1	2



*Lady  
Bulldogs*

# FOOTBALL

*Something to Cheer About!*

The South-Piatt Wildcats gave fans something to cheer about this year. The Wildcats went 6-4 after losing to the top ranked team, Lexington in the first round of the State Playoffs. The Wildcats were one of only two teams in the state to beat Arcola, the other team being the 1A state champions Galena. The seniors on the 1997 Wildcats squad

were the first graduating class to play football only as Wildcats, and they will not be forgotten. Whether it be a 386 yard rushing game for Josh Bates or the Wildcats' first trip to the playoffs, this team will long be remembered. After this memorable season was over, the team went to the weight room to prepare for the next football season.



**Run! Run! Run!**  
Jeremy Tracy blocks while Wes Blickenstaff runs for a big gain against Cerro Gordo.

**Whew.....!**  
Mia Gregory takes a break after playing defense. The Wildcats went on to beat Arcola 41-28.



**Bustin' Thru!**  
The South Piatt Wildcats break through their new banner on their road to victory.



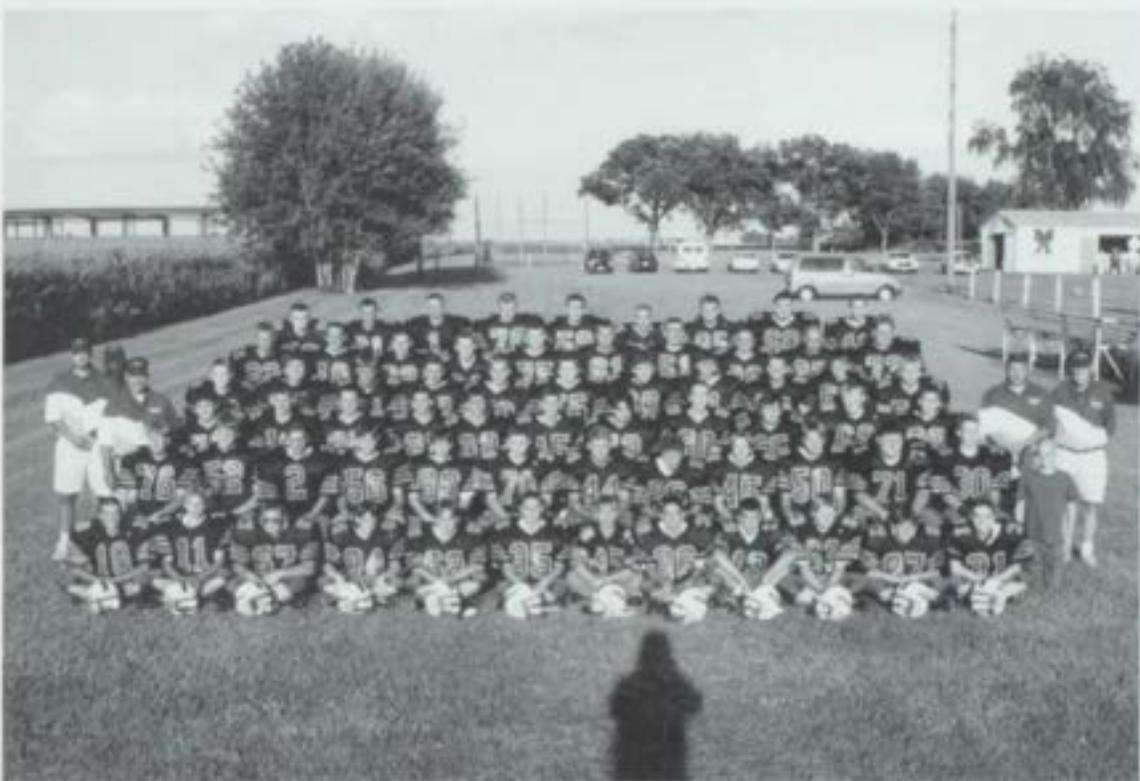
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Wildcats*

Varsity	Us	Them
Oakland	26	6
Illiopolis	37	14
Shiloh	50	6
Tuscola	34	42
Cerro Gordo	32	41
Arcola	41	28
Red Bud	42	6
Arthur-Lov.	33	20
Villa Grove	13	14
Lexington	28	29



**Run! Josh! Run!**  
 Josh Bates runs for one of his many carries.

**Gotta Get it Done!**  
 Coach Kirby encourages varsity players to get it together.



**The South-Piatt Wildcats**  
 Row 1 C.Louden, J.Bates, G. Leech, J. Hudleston, S. Bell, J. Weever, B. Jones, Row 2 W.Blickenstaff, E. Briggs, T.Thompson, M.Obert, N.Lambert, A.Romine, E.Lyons, J.Leech, T.Durbin, J.Harper, Row 3 B.Fay, C.Tracy, J.Brown, D. Abercrombie, J.Holiday, N. Somers, T. Pruitt, Row 4 Brooks, J.Culp, J.W. Jacobs, T.Reed, D. Domski, G.Reed D.Greer, D. Walsh, R.Mulvaney, T. Adcock, K.Davis, Row 5 C.Corum, M. Frazier, A.Postlewait, J.Lambert, R.Franzt, K.Lust, T.Parson, J. Fair, L.Garrett, J.Carberry, J.Mann, K. Cox, Row 6 D.Stierwalt, M. Einhorn, J.Madden Jr., B. Christ, R.Beck, D.Riddle, R.Lee, D.Auth, B.Bell, W.Wolf, C.Hammel, S.Anderson, Coach Whiteman, Coach Knight, Coach Walsh, Coach Kirby, Coach Smallings, and Mgr. Cogdill



**Go Big D!**  
 The Defensive line gets ready to make another big play.

JV	Us	Them
Oakland	16	8
Illiopolis	33	0
Shiloh	14	7
Tuscola	30	40
Cerro Gordo	30	20
Arcola	21	14
Arthur-Lov.	28	12



*South Piatt  
 Wildcats*

# Basketball

*New coaching staff for girls team.*

The Bement High School Girls Basketball team started off the season with three new coaches. The head coach was Dick Jones who was the assistant coach last year. The new assistant coach and head coach for the JV team was Kim Carver. Mike Walsh was the volunteer assistant. At the sports' banquet, awards were given. Lindsey Walsh got a

plaque for most assists in one season and broke the record for most assists in one game. Kendra Clark got the awards for best field goal percentage, best free throw percentage, and most points. She also broke a record for her field goal percentage. Holly Jayne got the MVP award, and the most rebounds award went to Tabitha Dallas.



**Clear a path!**  
Katla Briggs, a freshman, drives baseline while a Fisher team member tries to stay out of her road.

**An easy basket.**  
Sophomore JV starter Heather Carver drives past the defenders for an easy layup. Heather also got some playing time in the varsity games.



*Lady  
Bulldogs*

	Us	Them
Blue Ridge	27	26
Bellamy	22	24
Almond-Hammond	27	23
Fisher	26	27
Villa Grove	26	24
Nashville-Hamilton	26	24
Villa Grove	26	23
Cross County	26	23
Fisher	26	24
Shelbyville	26	24
Clifty	26	24
Martinville	26	24
Blue Ridge	26	24
Arthur-Lettington	26	24
Acadia	26	24
Heritage	26	24
Almond-Hammond	26	24
Arthur-Lettington	26	24
Tazewell	26	24
Walsh	26	24
Clifton-Weldon	26	24
Clifton	26	24
Walsh	26	24
Cross County	26	24
Martinville	26	24



**Basketball Team.** Assistant coaches Mike Walsh and Kim Carver, Heather Carver, Crystal Dallas, Kristyn Smeathers, Kendra Clark, Tabitha Dallas, Loralee Stoerger, Karla Briggs, Head Coach Dick Jones, Sara Larson, Jenny Einhorn, Lindsey Walsh, Holly Jayne, Mariann Roppel, and Alisha Boes.



**Loose Ball.**

Point guard Lindsey Walsh goes after a ball on the floor. Lindsey is a sophomore and starts varsity.

**A Struggle for Points.**

Sophomore Kendra Clark is the center for the Bement Bulldogs varsity team. She is attempting a shot against a Fisher defender.



**An All-Around Player.**

Holly Jayne alternated positions this year in basketball. Holly is also a varsity starter for the Lady Bulldogs.



**Award Winners.** At the sports banquet six awards were given out. The award winners of the 97-98 year are Lindsey Walsh, Holly Jayne, Kendra Clark, and Tabitha Dallas.

	Us	Them
Blue Ridge	37	30
Bethany	26	22
Niantic-Hartstown	29	33
Villa Grove	28	22
Cerro Gordo	32	41
Fisher	34	21
Shelbyville	19	37
Arcola	23	34
Heritage	37	11
Arwood	34	16
Arthur	26	42
Oakland	48	30
Shiloh	37	24
Tuscola	28	42
Cerro Gordo	37	46



*Lady  
Bulldogs*

# Basketball

*Team weathers change well*

This season was a season of changes for the Bulldogs. This was the first year for the Holiday Hoopla tournament. The Bulldogs also had a change in coaches. Head coach Rick Gross resigned and was replaced by the former assistant coach, Kraig Rogers. Coach Kirby then moved up to the assistant's job. The Bulldogs ended their season with a 13-14 record and three

people in All-Conference ranks. Wes Blinkenstaff was first team; Casey Lane, second team; and Jed Pope, honorable mention. Plaque winners for the Bulldogs were Wes Blinkenstaff, MVP and Most Points; Jed Pope, Most Assists and Purple Guts Award; Casey Lane, Most dedicated and Best FreeThrow Percentage; Jeremy Tracy, Most Rebounds. Ten players also lettered.



**Hit It!** Sophomore Kyle Hendrix "strokes the three" during a home J.V. game. Kyle started on the J.V. team this year and also contributed on the Varsity.

**Where there's a will...** Junior Jed Pope is bound and determined to score off the drive.



**J.V. Bulldogs**  
Patrick Loftus, Jesse Fair, Derek Steirwalt, Chris Tracy, David Walsh, Aaron Albinger, Chad Larimore, John Helms, Alan Weldon, Andy Miller.



	pts	Rebs
Armed Hammer	47	20
Berkley	46	24
Berkley	42	20
Deland-Walton	39	21
Amelia	37	34
Norfolk-Bathurst	32	22
Carver-Gardner	34	23
Armed Hammer	34	32
Oakland	32	32
Carver-Gardner	29	22
Heritage	27	27
Wesley	27	22
Villa Grove	24	24
Villa Grove	20	22
Tuscola	24	22
Loringham	24	22
Arbut	27	21
Carver-Gardner	21	22

*Bulldogs*



#### Hand Check?

Junior Casey Lane is being hustled by tough defense during a home game against the Heritage Hawks. "Yo coach, check my handles," says Casey.

#### Break away!

Junior John Einhorn goes up for a layup after a steal during the Holiday Hoopla Tournament in Monticello. "Boy, did that rim get any higher?"



#### #33 Rulz

"Blick on the drive, will anyone survive?" Senior Wes Blinkenstaff is taking control by driving the basketball to the hoop.



#### Varsity Bulldogs

Casey Lane, Jed Pope, John Einhorn, Stephen Eckstein, Eric Briggs, Andy Miller, Wes Blinkenstaff, Jeremy Holladay, Kyle Hendrix, Mia Gregory, Jeremy Tracy.

	W	Loss
Almond-Hammond	76	37
Berkley	74	43
Dickson-Watson	68	54
Villa Grove	62	49
Avoca	49	49
Windsor-Hartmann	43	50
Cross-Gamble	41	48
Almond-Hammond	39	42
Oakland	39	44
Heritage	37	74
Shelby	36	41
Towle	34	48
Loringham	33	48
Arthur	27	57
Cross-Gamble	21	44



## Bulldogs

# Track/Cheer

## Conditioning sparks team interest

Due to low numbers, the Bement and Atwood track teams cooped to make the South Piatt Wildcats. The new team was coached by Mr. Kirby and Mr. Whiteman. The practices were held in Bement everyday since Atwood didn't have a track. Practices were much harder this year with the focus mainly on training. The boys' and girls'

teams were very supportive of each other, especially when the girls placed third in the conference meet at Tuscola. The girls' 3200 meter relay set a new record at the Arthur Invitational and made it to state. Alisha Boes was the only Bement track member on the relay team.



### Fresh out of the blocks!

Senior Josh Bates gets a head start in one of his relays. "I enjoyed being part on the first Wildcat track team."

### Pace Yourself

Jenny Einhorn, a freshman, is running in the 3200 meter relay. In the Arthur track meet that relay set a new record.



### Concentrate!

Senior Jenny Spry is concentrating before she throws the shot put. Jenny participated in discus and shot throughout the year.



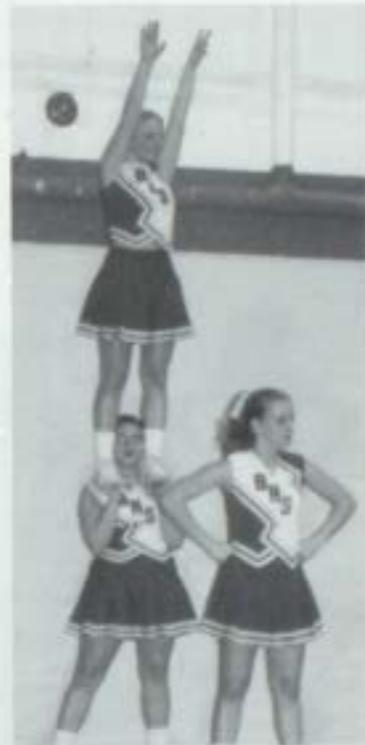
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Wildcats

The best time  
for the 4X800  
state qualify-  
ing relay team:  
10:07.



**Showing Off Their Medals!**  
The Danz team shows all their medals they won in a competition. They placed in many competitions. Mrs. Docherty was their sponsor.

**"Flying High."**  
Seniors Andrea Thompson and Stacia Fuss do a shoulder stand during a free throw at a varsity game. Stacia and Andrea always were enthusiastic at games.



**Danz Team.**  
Karla Briggs, Heather Gudgel, Andrea Thompson, Stacia Fuss, Sara Larson, and Emmie Nichols.



**South Piatt Wildcat Cheerleaders.**  
Jennie Clodfelter, Kendra Rasmussen, Andrea Thompson, Stacia Fuss, Diane Appleby, Kimberly Jumper, and Karla Briggs.

**No  
Scores  
to  
Record**



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# Baseball/Softball

*Both teams battle poor weather.*

This years record for the baseball team was 2 and 16. Wes Blickenstaff, senior, obtained a Second Team All Conference award and Josh Bates, senior, got the Honorable Mention award. The MVP of this years team is Wes Blickenstaff.

For the softball team this year they finished with a 4 and 14 record. Kristyn Smeathers got the MVP award which was voted on by the team. She was our pitcher. Tabitha Dallas got First Team All Conference, and Kristyn Smeathers and Jennie Clodfelter got Second Team All Conference.



**Safe!**  
Junior Travis Pruitt steals third and is safe. Travis played first base for our team this year.

**Homerun**  
Tucker Knowles, Junior, smacks the ball into left field. Tucker helped the team out a lot this year.



*Bulldogs*

	Us	Them
St. Teresa	8	11
Bethany	2	6
Monticelli	4	14
Villa Grove	3	3
Arcola	5	16
Tuscola	6	8
Tuscola	8	16
Heritage	13	12
Cerro Goode	9	14
Villa Grove	0	17
Monticelli	11	22
Arcola	2	11
Tuscola	8	7
Homer	11	5
Villa Grove	0	10
Heyworth	0	2



BASEBALL TEAM from left to right: Jed Pope, Jackie Roberts, Wes Blickenstaff, Patrick Loftus, Josh Bates, Seph Leitz, Jeremiah Gregor, Eric Briggs, Travis Pruitt, Tucker Knowles, and Jeremy Holladay. Not pictured are Jason Huddleston, Seth Scheffer, Jeremy Tracy, Andy Hill, Derek Stierwalt, Danny Auth, and Brian Bell.



What a hit!  
Junior Tabitha Dallas drives the ball towards the pitcher. This was Tabitha's third year playing softball.

Strrrrike!!!  
Junior Kristyn Smeathers pitches a strike. Kristyn contributed a lot to the softball team this year.



Safe!!  
Freshman Jenny Einhorn slides past Atwood's catcher for a run. Jenny came in as a Freshman and really helped the team at third base.



Front Row from left to right: Jenny Einhorn, Holly Jayne, Jennie Clodfelter, Stephanie Nimmons, and Heather Gudgel. Back row from left to right: Head coach Dianne Benzek, Loralie Stoerger, Crystal Dallas, Tabitha Dallas, Amanda Honecker, Kristyn Smeathers, Michelle Vezina, Heather Carver, and assistant coach Mike Walsh.

	Us	Them
Bethany	12	22
Atwood-Hammond	12	11
Atwood-Hammond	21	24
Livington-Arthur	15	5
Heritage	4	11
Heritage	8	9
Arcola	18	17
Tuscola	20	18
Livington-Arthur	27	28
Villa Grove	4	17
Villa Grove	2	25
Arcola	2	12
Tuscola	12	14
Tuscola	4	14



Lady  
Bulldogs

# Baseball

**Computer Whiz!**  
Junior Derek Wingle takes time out of his long day. During the school year, Derek was a computer "consultant" for the school.



**Would You Like Anchovies?**  
Senior Andrea Thompson makes a pizza at Charlie's Pizza. Many students could be seen there as workers and customers.



**Manifolds and Fuel Injectors.**  
Junior Chad Gudgel works on car parts at Rick Ridings. Chad also job shadowed in the area of auto mechanics.



**Break Time!**  
Junior Holly Jayne takes a break from her hard job at the school. Painting during the summer can be very hot work.

**What A Day!**  
Senior Lindsey Hartwig takes a break from a long day at Charlie's. During the summer, Lindsey joined other Bement students as a lifeguard at the pool.



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# Ads



Did Somebody Say McDonalds?  
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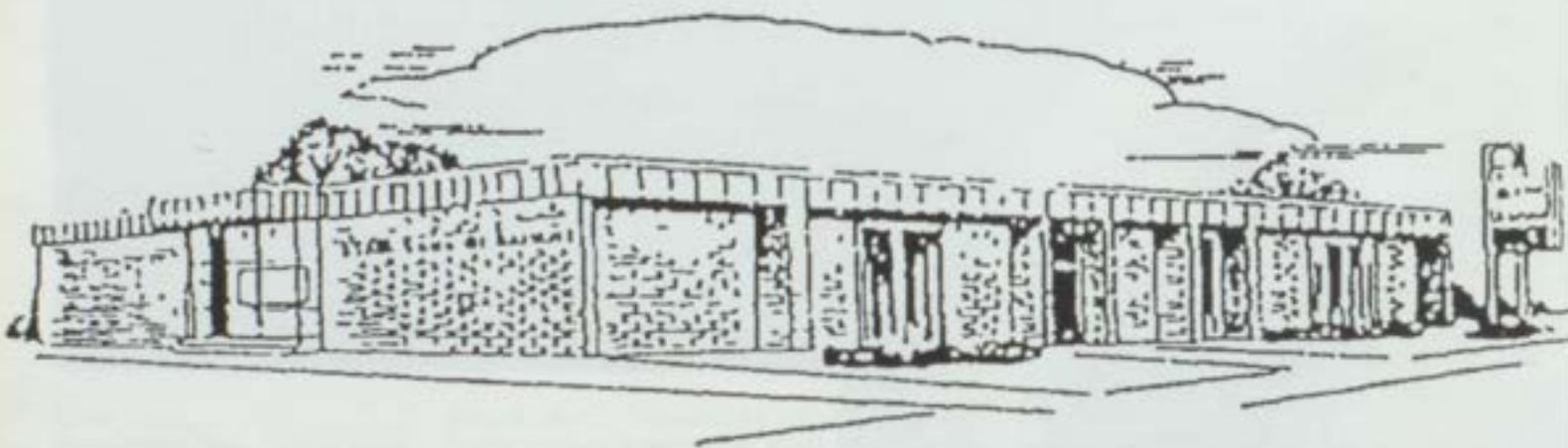
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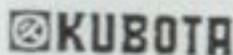
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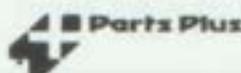
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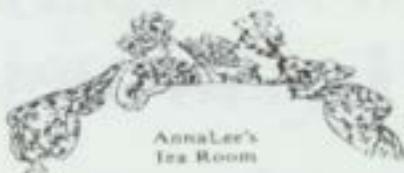
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**Yum!** Lani Wright and Jason Huddleston eat up at the Rooster Inn on Senior Skip Day.



**Second in the Class.** Salutatorian Eric Briggs addresses his class at brunch.



**Smile!** Nathaniel Turner waits for everyone to finish eating their food.

**Class Clown.** Michael Burton clowns around at the brunch.



**Best Buds!** Josh Bates and Wes Blickenstaff pose for a quick picture.

# Senior Parent Ads

Michael Burton-Michael, we are proud of you and wish you success in the future. Love, Mom, Dad and Eric.

Nathaniel Turner-We are very proud of you, Nathaniel! We love you very much! Mom and Jerry and Dad. We know you can do anything you set your mind to!

Amanda Honecker-Amanda, we are so very proud of you. May you have success and much happiness in all you do. Love Always, Mom and Dad.

Tonya Stiverson-Tonya, Congratulations, we are proud of you. Best of Luck in the Future. Love, Mom and Danny.

Lindsey Hartwig-Pooh Girl, I am so proud of you and your accomplishments. As you bring to a close one phase of your life and embark on something new, always remember this: you are my sunshine, now and forever. Love you, Mom.

Lani Wright-Lani, we are so proud of you! May all your dreams come true. Love, Dad, Mom and Rory.

Jason Huddleston- Congratulations, Jason! We are proud of our "styled" musician! Reach for the stars! Love, Mom and Dad.

Michelle Kirsch-What would you like to do today? Who would you like to be tomorrow? Where would you like your life to go? However you answer, whatever you want, remember, Michelle, that's what we want for you, too!!! Wishing you the best of luck!!! All our love, Dan and Mom.

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Michelle Vezina-Michelle V., Conquer the World. We hope that your dreams come true! Love, Mom and Dad.

Adam Strohl- Congratulations, Adam! Good luck in everything you try. Love ya, Mom, Dad and Amanda.

Andrea Thompson- You are our sunshine! With your vitality, your future is bright. Love, Mom and Dad.

Tara Plummer- Tara, "Reach for those stars" Love you lots, Mom.

Doug Stevens- Congratulations! We are proud of you, Doug! Love, Mom and Wayne.

Jeremiah Gregory-We are very proud of you! You're a great son and a good friend. Go forth and do good! Love always and forever, Dad, Mom and Josh.

Stacia Fuss- Stacia, You gave us courage, strength and showed us how to smile among tears. May all your dreams come true, because we believe in you and what you can do. Love, Mom and Dad.

Jenny Spry- Hold your head up high! Your dreams are not impossible to reach. Love, Mom and Dad.

Scott Fay- We are proud of you, Scott. You have a great future waiting for you. Love, Mom and Dad.

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*District says so long to Georgia Mulvaney and JoAnn Bentley  
at first annual Recognition Banquet.*

## Retirement



### Best Wishes to You.

Dr. Stevens says good-bye to Georgia Mulvaney. Everyone will miss Georgia's smiling face every day in the lunch line. Georgia was recognized at a staff banquet with a handsome rocking chair as a gift.



### Enjoy Your Retirement.

On behalf of Bement High School, Mr. Waters wishes Mrs. Bentley well with her retirement. The high school staff gave the high school secretary an engraved school bell as a gift.

### Over 25 Years at Bement High School.

Dr. Stevens congratulates Miss Gudauskas on her many years at Bement High School. She was awarded a gold watch.



### One Last Day.

Georgia Mulvaney finishes up her final days in the hot kitchen of the cafeteria. Georgia talked to the students in the lunch line and usually made the long wait tolerable.



### Showing the Ropes.

Mrs. JoAnn Bentley shows Mrs. Craney how important it is to smile in the high school office. Mrs. Craney will replace Mrs. Bentley next year.

Happy Birthday!  
Yearbook celebrates  
Leah Henricks  
birthday.



Photogenic!  
Senior Lindsey  
Hartwig smiles for  
a picture. Lindsey  
was on a field trip  
to sell ads.

Love those  
earrings!  
Staff Editor Ryan  
Crank wears Mrs.  
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Crank was visiting  
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Blah!  
Senior Lindsey  
Hartwig shows  
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Ole!  
Leah Henricks shows her Spanish spirit at a yearbook meeting.



## Yearbook Staff

Yesta!  
Derek Henricks  
wears a sombrero  
and eats pizza at a  
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Derek always  
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the meetings.



Need a caption!  
Senior Neil  
Craney asks  
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Gone Overboard!  
Junior Derek Wingle  
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Derek really enjoyed  
the party hats.

Workin' and eatin'!  
Sophomore Janet  
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while Leah Henricks  
eats.

# Here's to Another Summer!



## What A Job!!!

Senior Lindsey Hartwig, sophomore Lindsey Walsh, senior Jennie Clodfelter and junior Tabitha Dallas join the staff of lifeguards at Bement Pool for the summer of '98.

I hope you're happy with this year's yearbook. It's been another long year, and again, we've had our share of problems. I appreciate all the hard work of the yearbook staff and the patience of Senora.

In addition to having internships this year, some seniors had the opportunity to take classes at Parkland that related to their career interests. Bement also became an internet source for the area in April.

Some other changes this year were the coming and going of new and old staff members. At the beginning of the year, we welcomed Mr. Kirby, Miss Smith, Mr. Maxedon, Mrs. Malone and Miss Benzek (to high school math). At the end of the year, we said goodbye to Mrs. Fedrigon, Mrs. Bentley, Georgia Mulvaney, Margie Wright, Mr. Kirby and Mr. Maxedon.

We wish all the best to those who are leaving and especially to Mrs. Fedrigon and Mrs. Henricks who are both expecting new babies in the fall.

Again, I want to say thank you to the yearbook staff for all their help and a special thanks to those who helped during the summer.

Lindsey Hartwig  
Editor

This is a list of the yearbook staff members who worked on this book listed in order of the time worked. Neil Craney, Janet Zoch, Lindsey Hartwig, Mollie Stevens, Tabitha Dallas, Ben Lawson, Crystal Dallas, Holly Jayne, Lindsey Walsh, Derek Wingle, and Sara Larson.



# World Beat®

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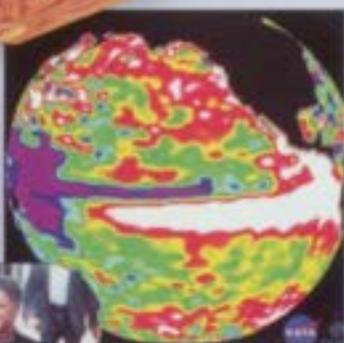
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# World NEWS



Agence France Presse

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

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

Agence France Presse



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



Associated Press Photos



AP/Wide World

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

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

Jan 1, 2000

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



Reuters/Corbis

flash

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

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

The resort city of Acapulco is heavily damaged.



Associated Press

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



AP/Wide World

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



Associated Press Photos

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

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



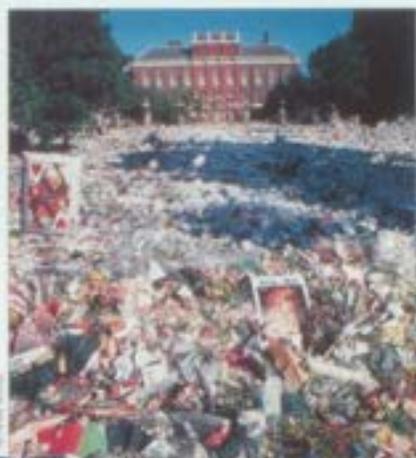
Reuters/Chris Pappas



The Associated Press

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

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



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Reuters/Chris Pappas



Reuters/Chris Pappas

- At the funeral, Elton John performs "Candle in the Wind 1997," rewritten in tribute to Diana. The recording quickly sells more than 25 million copies, becoming the best-selling single of all time. Sales proceeds benefit the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.



Reuters/Chris Pappas

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

## flash

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

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

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



- In June, shortly before Diana's death, an auction of 79 of her evening gowns raises \$3.28 million for AIDS and cancer charities. Top price paid for a single gown: \$222,500.

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## NEWS



On July 21 suspected murderer Andrew Cananan, 27, commits suicide in Miami Beach. Cananan was the prime suspect in a cross-country killing spree that left five dead, including fashion designer Gianni Versace.

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



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

### flash

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

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



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



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



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



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



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

- ▶ A rare urban tornado pelted through Miami on May 17, uprooting trees, shattering windows and snapping power lines. Fortunately, the storm inflicts only minor injuries.

Arthur Sarnes, The Miami Herald



Associated Press



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



Chris Beaman/Agf



Richard Ellis, Epine

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

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



AP/Wide World

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

Associated Press



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



Charles Nease, The Food Book

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

## flash

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

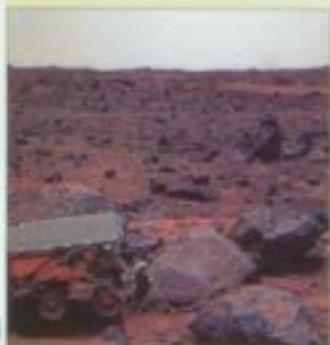
Once-secret tape recordings of former presidents Kennedy and Nixon are released publicly. The tapes provide an unvarnished, and sometimes unflattering, glimpse into the two presidents' actions and conversations in the White House.



AP/Wide World

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

# Science NEWS



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

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



For \$826 million, Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History buys "See," the most complete *Tyrannosaurus rex* fossil yet discovered. The sale occurs October 4 at Sotheby's in New York.



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

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

## flash

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

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



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



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

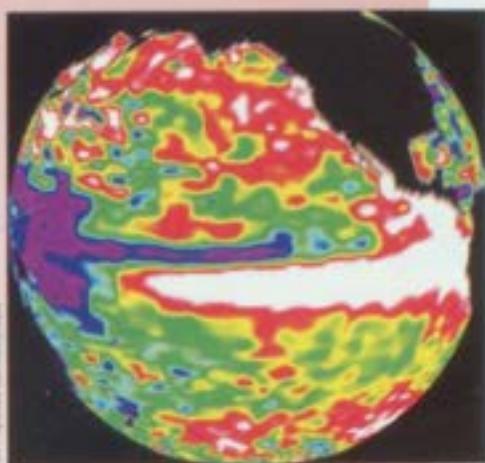


The popular diet regimen *fen-phen* is pulled off the market in September. The combination of fenfluramine and phentermine is shown to cause heart valve disorders, as is the diet drug *Redux*, also recalled.

- ▶ Comet Hale-Bopp captures imaginations worldwide as it streaks past Earth for the first time in 4,200 years—or, since 2203 B.C. Hale-Bopp next returns in 4387.



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



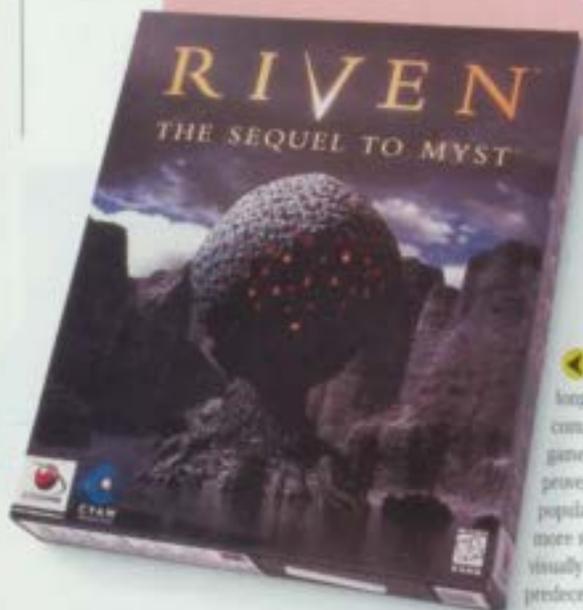
- ▶ El Niño stirs up global weather patterns. Caused by warmer-than-normal water temperatures in the equatorial Pacific, the '97 El Niño is blamed for storms and weather problems worldwide.

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

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



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



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

## flash

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

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



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

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# Lifestyle



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



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



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



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



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



## Flash

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

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



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

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

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



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

General Motors



Silber Hairstyle

Smaller Chest

Larger Waist

Smaller Hips



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

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



- After nearly 40 years, Mattel's Barbie doll takes on a more realistic face and body shape than the Barbie of the '80s. The new doll will begin to appear in stores in early 1998.



Bart Parkinson

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

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

## flash

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

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



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



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

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# Entertainment NEWS



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

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



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



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



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

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

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



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



*Scream 2*, the chilling hit sequel to *Scream*, is a wildly successful mix of carnage and comedy starring Neve Campbell, Jerry O'Connell, Teri Hatcher, Julia Finkell and a host of other stars.



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

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

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*Titanic* is a huge critical and box office success. The movie event of the year, this \$206 million picture is the most costly in history. After 45 days in the theaters, *Titanic* had earned \$388 million.



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



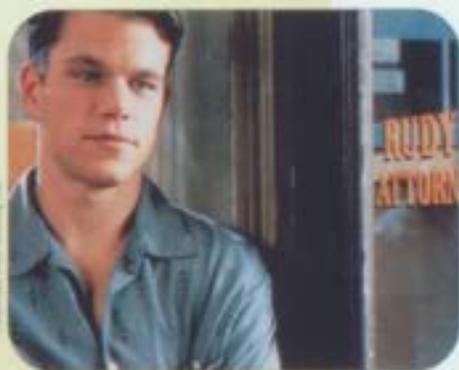
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In the fall, Fox debuts "Ally McBeal," a comedy/drama starring Calista Flockhart as a young Boston attorney. The show captures a Golden Globe Award in January 1998 for best series/musical or comedy.



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



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



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

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

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



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

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# MUSIC TRENDS



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



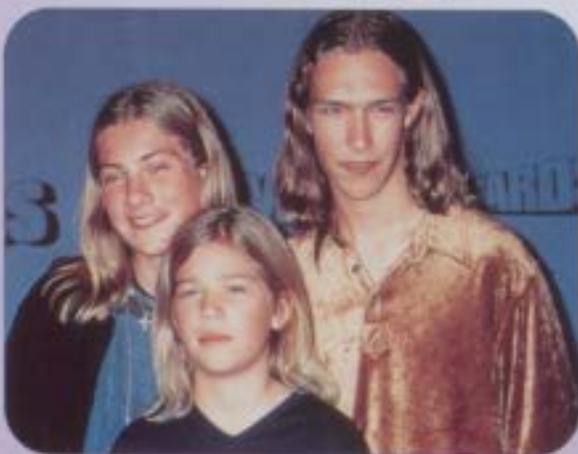
Rap artist the Notorious B.I.G. is killed in a March 1997 drive-by shooting in Los Angeles. He is posthumously awarded MTV's 1997 Best Rap Video Award for "Hypnotize" and is named *Spin* magazine's Artist of the Year.

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



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

Lilith Fair, an all-female summer rock concert, draws large crowds on its 27-stop tour. Canadian singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan masterminds the festival and releases a hit album, *Surfacing*.



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

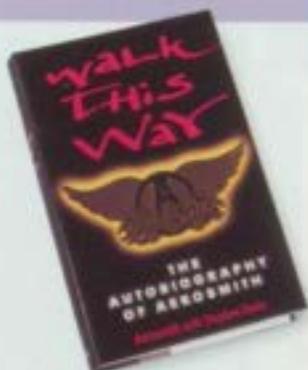
Kenny G enters the Guinness Book of World Records for holding the longest musical note—45 minutes, 47 seconds—on his saxophone.



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



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



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

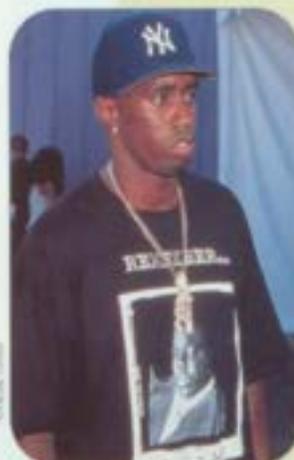
- British pop phenomenon, the Spice Girls, makes millions with mega hits such as "Wannabe" and sells 14 million albums and 10 million singles.

Ken Kato, *Shooting Star*



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

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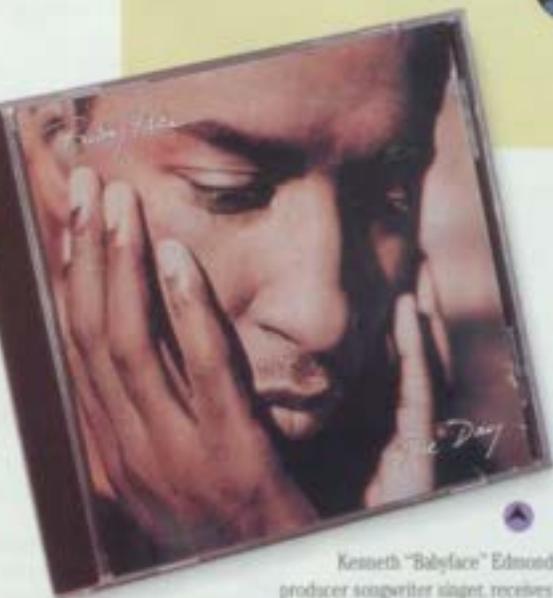
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- The album *No Way Out* by Puff Daddy & the Family goes multiplatinum. Puffy's single "I'll Be Missing You," an elegy to his friend the Notorious B.I.G., also tops the charts.



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



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

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



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

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



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

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# Sports TRENDS



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



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

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



Mike Tyson bites off part of Evander Holyfield's ear and is disqualified in the WBA Heavyweight rematch in June 1997. Tyson is fined nearly \$1 million and his boxing license is revoked.



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

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

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



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



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



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

- 2 Jeff Gordon, at 25, wins the 1997 NASCAR Winston Cup, his second Winston Cup point title in three years. Gordon's 1997 points total 4,718.

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

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

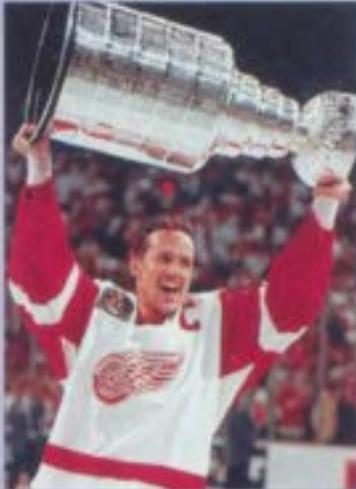
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- 2 Nagano, Japan, hosts the 1998 Winter Olympic Games during February. Three new medal sports make their Olympic debut: curling, snowboarding and women's ice hockey.

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



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

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



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

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



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# Faces NEWS



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

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



Associated Press



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



Beloved actor Jimmy Stewart dies in July at 85. Stewart's enduring nice-guy popularity is exemplified by *It's a Wonderful Life*, his 1946 movie that is now an American cultural icon.



U.S. MacMillan, San Diego Union-Tribune

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



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



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

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

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



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

