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School favorites of '96

This year the favorites page is not only about the year's favorite things, but includes the most original answers. The entire high school voted on everything from their favorite type of music up to their favorite flavor of Koolaid. Not all of the items could be used, so here are the most popular ones. Thank you for your cooperation.



Favorite female teacher - Mrs. Rasche; Favorite male teacher - Mr. Wertman

Favorite music group - AC/DC; Most original - Frank Zappa

Favorite song - Ironic by Alanis Morissette; Most original - Too many to count

Favorite type of music - Rock and Alternative (tie); Most original - Good

Favorite drink - Mountain Dew; Most original - Large Ferdy Flyer Strawberry Shake

Favorite restaurant - McDonald's; Most original - School Cafeteria and K-Mart's Snack Center (tie)

Favorite kind of shoes - Nike; Most original - White shoes

Favorite color - Black; Most original - Lime Green Poly (with two votes)

Favorite sports team - Chicago Bulls; Most original - Dubois Jeeps (also with two votes)

Favorite snack - Pretzels and Doritos (tie); Most original - Mustard pretzels

Favorite athlete - Michael Jordan; Most original - Adam Seitz

Favorite place to go - A friend's house; Most original - School and the dentist (tie)

Favorite class - Study hall; Most original - Any class

Favorite type of car - Mustang; Most original - Pinto and "one that runs" (tie)

Favorite movie - Forrest Gump; Most original - Too numerous to count



*Show me a thoroughly
satisfied man, and I
will show you a failure.*

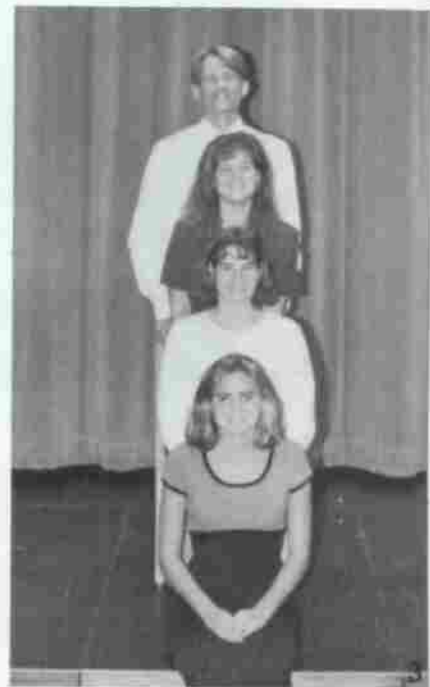
-Thomas Edison

STUDENT LIFE

Betas attend state convention

The Beta Club attended state convention in Indianapolis on November 3 and 4. About 60 members made the trip. Some individuals, along with the scrapbook, were eligible for National Convention held in St. Louis. The club gave the teachers a Thanksgiving breakfast, and held a chicken dinner fundraiser.

1. The scrapbook committee prepares for state convention. 2. The officers induct Jill Brames. 3. Officers are Secretary Audrey Kemper, Vice-president Diana Knust, President Jen Gaesser, and Treasurer Jason Reckelhoff. 4. The 1995-96 members of the Forest Park Beta Club at the fall induction held in the auditorium.



National Honor Society teaches responsibility

Campus clean-up and operating the bookstore were just two of the projects National Honor Society completed this year. Every Monday at lunch, NaHoSo members could be seen shouldering their trash bags and picking up. After their induction, the officers helped Ms. Christy Schepers plan activities such as the teacher secret pals. The teachers and students alike enjoyed the clues and little gifts they gave and received so much the teachers reversed the process in the spring and NaHoSo members became "secret eggs" for a time.

1. Officers are Vice-president Rachel Dittmer, Treasurer Lisa Welp, President Jane Dall, and Secretary Diana Knust. 2. Janet Weyer loves working in the bookstore. 3. Jane Dall speaks to new members of the club. 4. NaHoSo members for 1995-96. 5. Rachel Dittmer lights up the NaHoSo candelabra.



Recycling club making the world a better place

It's the earth...don't treat it like dirt

Besides Adopt-A-Highway and the paper recycling committees that seemed prevalent, the poster and Earth Day celebration committees provided

services to the school. On Earth Day, the annual Lunch on the Lawn was to take place, but due to inclement weather, the picnic was held in the new hallways of the addition.

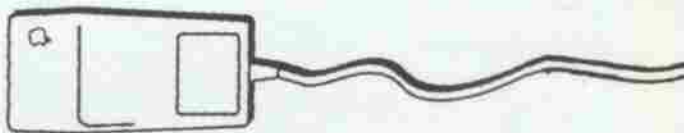


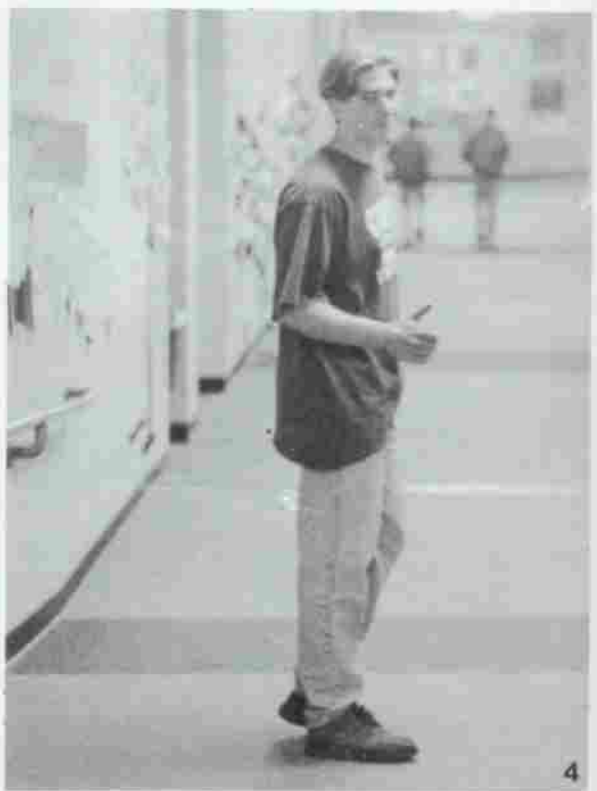
1. Lea Ebert and Joni Kemper haul paper to the recycling center. 2. Janelle Kline and Laura King enjoy their sack lunches. 3. Kim Kempf and Ashley Stoffel peruse *The Earthly Planet*, a publication produced by the club. 4. Cathy Verkanp happily shoulders the load. 5. Mrs. Vicki Beach asks, "Ham, turkey or peanut butter and jelly?" 6. Jeff Johanneman is attacked by paper people. 7. Judy Reckelhoff thinks Earth Day is tops.

BPA assist with the term paper blues

The Business Professionals of America, an association for students who are interested in the field of business participated in competitions, fundraisers and held meetings. At their meetings, some of the time was used to type students term papers for one dollar per page. This activity, along with selling of stocking stuffers and computer disks and working at basketball games. Mike Rickelman traveled to Indianapolis to compete in the state entrepreneur contest for BPA. He and seven other Forest Park students competed at the district level held in Evansville, but only Mike was successful enough to advance. The Business Professionals of America is sponsored by Mrs. Rowena Weyer.

1. Jenny Fawks is a little dazed and confused after being interrupted from her typing. 2. The officers for the BPA at Forest Park are Tricia Uebelhor, secretary/treasurer; Lori Brinkman, historian; Sara Schneider, president; and Becky Betz, vice-president. 3. According to Jill Pund and Jill Bolte, they are the most loyal BPA members. 4. Becky and Sara look through the items for their winter fundraiser.





All Stars produce positive role models

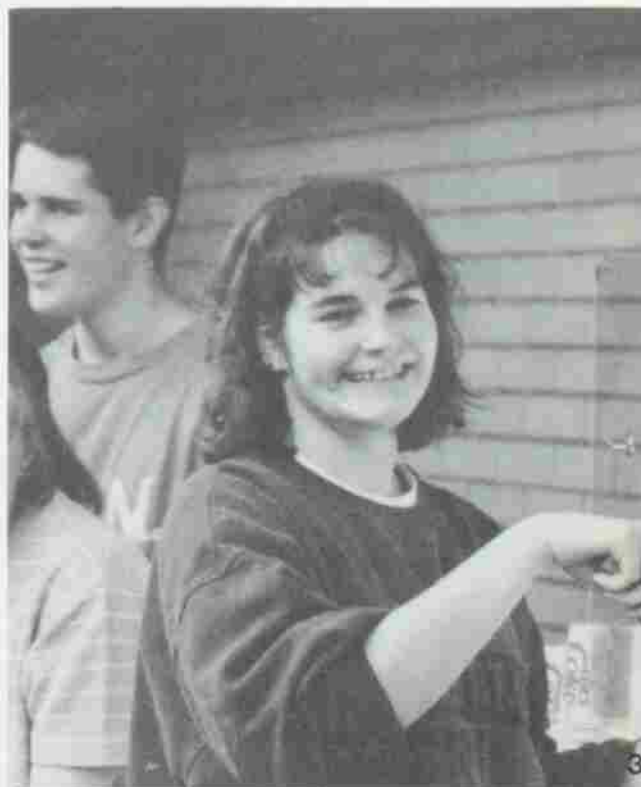
The All Stars are a select group of athletes who participate in training sessions that teach them how to influence young people to stay away from drugs and alcohol. Sponsored by Mrs. Peggy Huff, the group is active the entire year, but Red Ribbon Week provided a time to visit the grade schools to talk with the kids and give them some facts about alcohol and drugs through quizzes and games. This year was the first for an All Star Auxiliary. They assisted the All Stars with Red Ribbon Week.

1. Mrs. Huff talks to the All Stars before the onset of Red Ribbon Week. 2. Kamie Schipp, Cori Begle, Jennifer Weyer, Ryan Meyer and Rachel Dittmer take their responsibility seriously. 3. Phil Winkler has found a friend at the grade school. 4. Wes Laake cruises the halls of Ferdinand Elementary and gives All Stars a "thumbs up."

Drinking and driving do not mix with the SADD crowd

SADD, sponsored by Mrs. Margaret Buechler, participated in Red Ribbon Week by tying red ribbons on car antennae, visiting elementary schools with the All Stars, distributing information at local factories, and hosting a skating party. The club's members sign a "contract for life" at the beginning of each school year. The pledge states that the student will not drive under the influence and the member's parent also pledges.

1. Officers for the SADD club include Jane Dall, secretary; Joni Kemper, treasurer; Ben Johanneman, vice-president; Lori Brinkman, senior representative; and seated on the floor, Michelle Winters, president.
2. Juniors Matt Kemper, Chris Welp, and Jeff Johanneman lace up their skates at SADD's skating party.
3. Diana Knust is glad to be SADD.



Capturing the spirit of the Rangers!

The spirit club, lead by President Eric Hoppenjans, Vice-president Bonnie Turner, Secretary Brian Blankenberger, and Treasurer Mark Pund, ventured out into the wide world of sports to boost the Rangers. The club provided money for each sport, held dress-up days, and decorated halls.

The theme for this year was food. The freshmen decorated their hall as McDoutaz's; the sophomores turned their hall into a Chinese restaurant. Juniors decorated their hall Italian-style with lasagna noodles. The seniors hauled out the taco chips and went south of the border to Mexico.

1. The spirit club officers pose in the old gym after the final varsity boys game was played there. 2. Lisa Jochem, Cori Begle, and Jill Pund celebrate cadet teaching at the Aztec pyramid in the senior quad. 3. Lea Ebert exits and leaves Mexico behind. 4. Mrs. Norma Sonderman, Mr. Rick Allen, Amy and Jamie Hildenbrand, Beau Wendholt, Cory Berg, and Jill Hauser dress alike on twin day.



FHA serves the community



The Forest Park Future Homemakers of America were active this year. They painted pumpkins in the fall for grade school classes and during February, FHA Week was celebrated at the school. Besides a scavenger hunt for pencils, a breakfast for the teachers was held, red and white day was observed, and cake was served to students participating in the events.



1. FHA officers Kelly Spencer, Sara Schneider, Tracy Bieker and Alicia Groeschen run the meetings.
2. Amy Welp helps paint a pumpkin masterpiece.
3. Janelle Kline, Alicia Groschen, and Nicole Fleig work together.
4. Ryan Schipp and Brett Stout hang out in the back of the room during an FHA meeting.

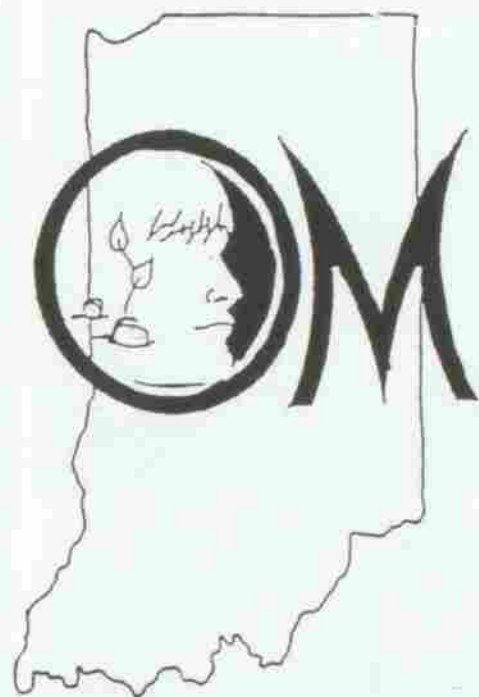


FFA are outstanding in their field

During the year the FFA were constantly on the go, attending the Farm Progress Show at Terre Haute, National Convention in Kansas, and the Leadership Conference in Traflagar. They competed in the district Soils, Crops, Livestock, and Forestry contests, and the Envirothon. They helped with an old-time farming demonstration and landscaped around Ms. Hendrick's home. As a fundraiser, the FFA auctioned themselves off as employees for a day.

1. FFA officers are President Brad Rasche, Secretary/Treasurers Allen Betz and Mark Persohn, Sponsor Doug Walker, Vice-president Jeremy Oeding, Representative David Betz, and Sentinel Sara Schneider. Missing from photo is Secretary/Treasurer Nick Miller. 2. Kevin Luebbehusen, Brad, Colin Leinenbach, Jeremy, Amy Welp, David, and Bobby Welp at the FFA Banquet. 3. Sophomores and freshmen at the Leadership Conference. 4. Mr. Doug Walker discusses State Convention. 5. Josh, Allen, and Nick seem pretty interested in someone on the other side of the room.





OM – creative problem solving at its best

Forest Park High School was represented by three teams who competed at the state level held at Center Grove High School. Amusin' Crusin' was a problem which required the team of Jason Meinhardt, Carl Polen, Adam Christmas, Eugene Goman, Justin Meinhardt, Brooke Berg, and Brandon Sickbert designed, built, and drove a vehicle on two journeys that took a driver to see attractions that are part of a team-created theme. In addition to transporting the driver, the vehicle accomplished tasks along the route. This team included high school and junior high members.

The second team of Kelly Berg, Alicia Groeschen, Judy Reckelhoff, Josh Vonderheide, and Danielle Wagner competed in Classics...Great Impressions. In this problem, the team selected a drawing or painting by a French Impressionist artist and wrote a poem relating to it. The team selected a poem by a

famous author and created a drawing to go with it. Their skit revolved around a comedian and beatniks interacting with each other in a French Cafe.

The third team competed in the Crunch! problem and placed third at the state level. Jeff Johanneman, Matt Kemper, Chris Welp, Lisa Welp, and Jen Gaesser built a structure of balsa wood able to withstand weights being placed on top and billiard balls impacting the sides.

Indiana Odyssey of the Mind held their tenth anniversary in 1996. Forest Park has competed in OM since the 1990-91 school year.

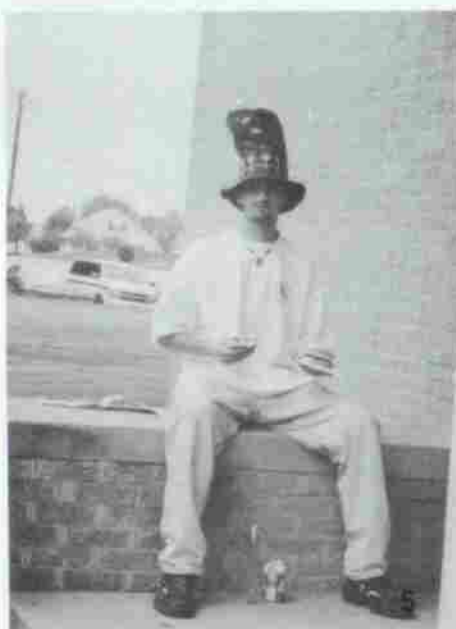
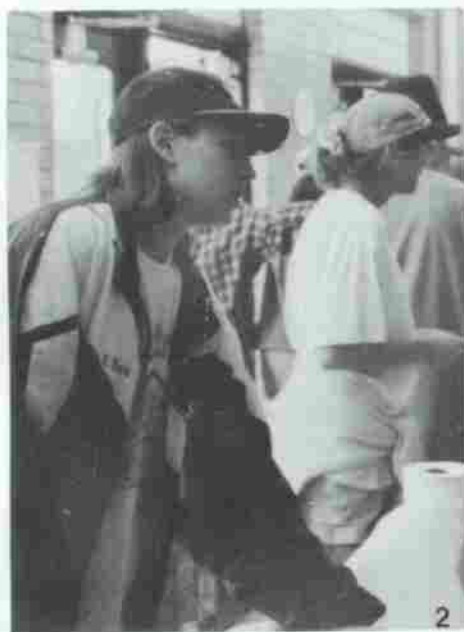
1. The staging area is crowded full of props for use in the skit. 2. Chris and Matt gently place the weights on the structure. 3. Jen and Lisa talk to Rainman Jeff in his "discarded" costume.



Student Council provides whirlwind of activities

The Students Council, sponsored by Ms. Leslie Shobe, held Holiday Ball and MORP, along with a benefit cookout. They exchanged council members with Ferdinand Elementary, wrote nursing home residents, sent flowers out on Teacher Appreciation Week, sold carnations, and sponsored Hat Day, just to name a few.

1. Amber Schipp and Natalie Ruhe are ready to distribute carnations on Valentine's Day. 2. Tina Ebert asks, "Hamburger? Cheeseburger?" 3. Chrissy Oser, Amber, and Jennifer Weyer help out at the bake sale. 4. Jamie Schnieders receives a carnation. 5. Jason Bumm wears a hat for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and enjoys the cookout immensely. 6. Wes and his exchange partner from the grade school wish that the people behind them wouldn't edge in on their 15 seconds of fame and glory.





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Academic club teams compete at state

The Academic club, sponsored by Mrs. Vicki Beach and Mr. Tom Meyer, includes the fall endeavors of the Spell Bowl squad as well as the Academic Bowl in the spring. This year, the Spell Bowl team competed at state on November 11 and hosted the district competition on October 16. The Academic Bowl team had the English team compete at the state level in Indianapolis. Team members studied women as the topic this year. Science, social studies, math, fine arts and the interdisciplinary teams competed and placed at competitions held at Barr Reeve and Vincennes Lincoln.

1. Rachael Polen, Lisa Welp, Diana Knust, and Chris Welp pound out the Chemistry II homework while working the concession stand during spell bowl. 2. Lisa tees off during a golf outing with Mr. Meyer. 3. Lisa Kempf checks the words over carefully at spelling practice. 4. Ms. Leslie Shobe and Amber Striegel go over spelling lists at district. 5. District competition for spell bowl was held in the Forest Park auditorium. 6. Jen Gaesser, Jane Dall, and Lisa Welp placed third at the state English competition.



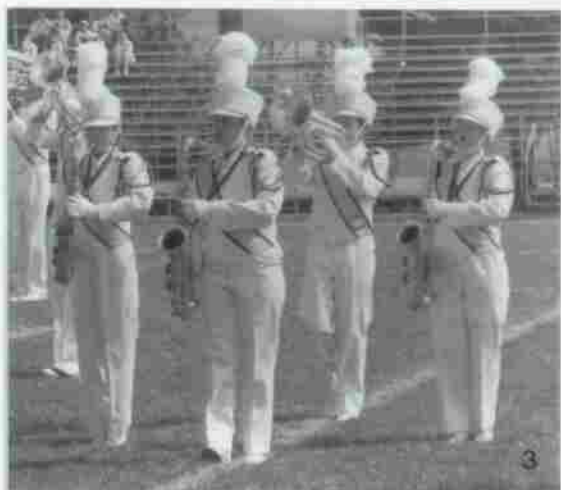
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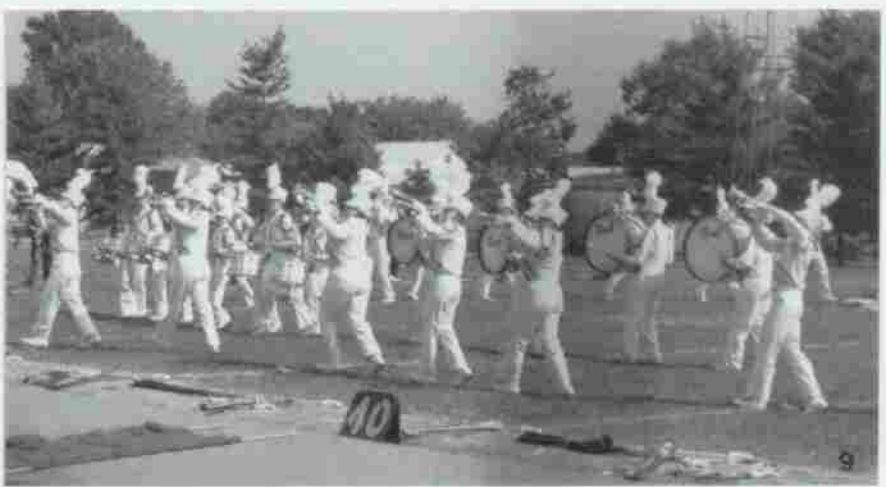
Band experiences Tour D'Italia

Performing to the music of Tour D'Italia, the Forest Park Marching Rangers competed at many new contest sites this year. The show was magnificently choreographed and the music captured the audience's attention. The solos were performed by Jason Reckelhoff, trumpet, and Aaron Lange, alto saxophone. Some of the songs featured in the presentation included "Oh, Sole Mio!" "Just Tell Her I Love Her," and "Tarantella Siciliana." The band became a tightly-knit group during summer and fall rehearsals. The "no rules" shaving cream brawl at band camp began a tradition for future camps to come. They concluded their tour on October 14 with a final stop at Regional competition held at Bedford. Pep band and concert band took place after marching season

concluded. They also took a trip to all the grade schools in Southeast Dubois School Corporation to teach students about musical instruments.

1. Nick Mohr, Lori Brinkman, and Emily Schnell had between songs. 2. Drum majors Joni Kemper and Lea Eberly pose as Italian women. 3. Amy Brinkman, Rebecca Goldman, Brandon Nord, and Jen Gaesser perform the production number. 4. The drum line warms up before district. 5. The 1995 Marching Rangers. 6. Taking a cool drink after a hot performance, the marchers refresh themselves. 7. Chins up, Doug Fischer, Judith Reckelhoff, and Janelle Kerstiens! 8. Ms. Robbins helps the flutes tune in. 9. Tour D'Italia in motion at District competition.

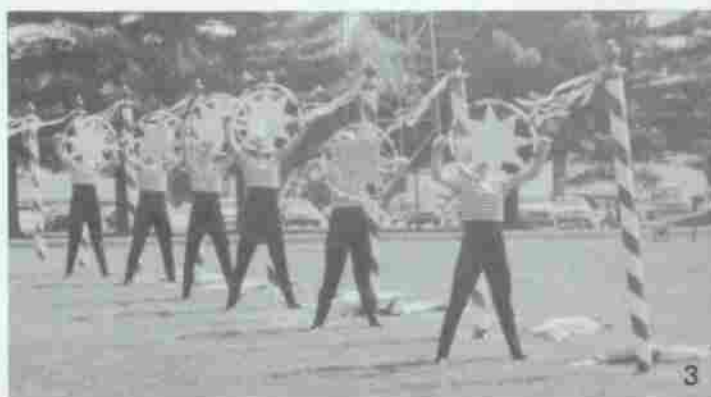
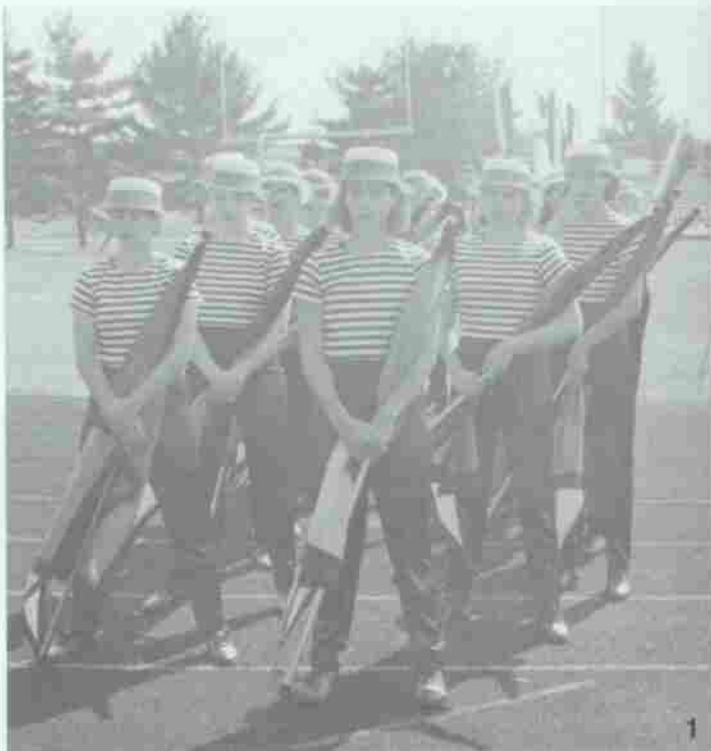


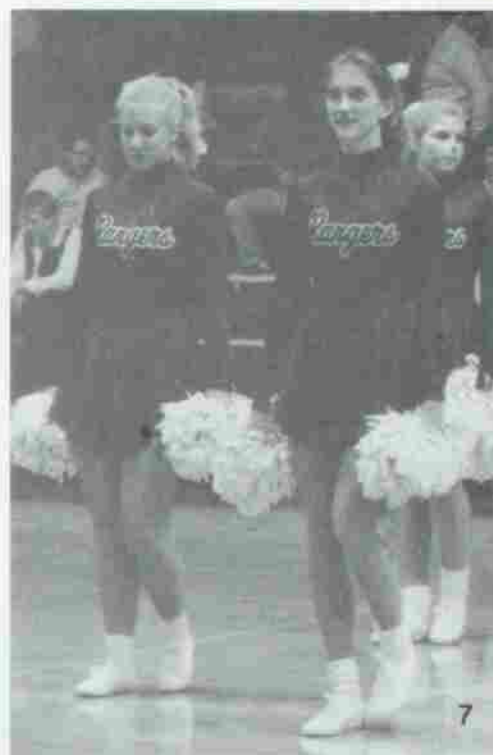
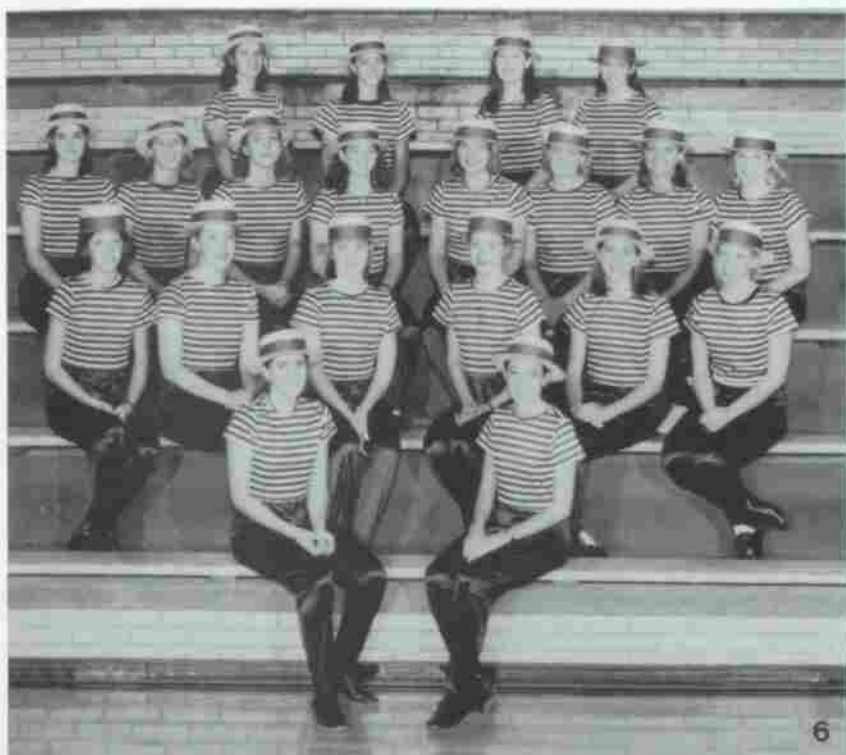


Drill Corps performs picture perfectly

Marching band season brought a plethora of awards to the drill corps. They won a trophy at every school-sponsored contest attended. The drill team also performed to dance mixes at boys' varsity basketball games, learning a new pom routine every week.

1. A moment of meditation is held before competing at District. 2. Guard instructors Scott Werne and Allen Miller watch from the sidelines. 3. The sun rises six times in one day for the drill corps. 4. Kara Bieker and Kamie Schipp are proud to be Italian. 5. Preparing for the next move, Brooke Bolte and Amy Hildenbrand pause between songs. 6. The drill corps team. 7. Teresa Weyer, Amber Schipp, and Lisa Sprinkle strut their stuff. 8. Courtney Hauser gets into the holiday spirit. 9. Samantha Hammond settles down for a long winter's nap. 10. The girls are all smiles before hitting the floor.





Sing, sing, sing!

This year the chorus not only sponsored the Variety Show in the fall, they performed at the Christmas concert, the spring concert held during the art show, and went on tour in May to the local grade schools.

1. The chorus sings music from the movies for the Variety Show.
2. Elizabeth Brazel, Alicia Groeschen, Kim Tindle, and Autumn Dooley warm up before their performance at the spring concert.
3. The chorus is all smiles before hitting the stage.
4. Foreign exchange student, Eugene Goman discusses the music with Ms. Robbins before warming up with the group in the chorus room.



The entertainers

Held on November 9 and 10, the Variety Show was presented by the chorus class for the sixth year. Ms. Janet Robbins and the chorus worked hard on "Cinamagic," the theme for this year's show. "Flash Dance," "Under the Sea," and "Unchained Melody" are just a few songs that were sung. Many vocal acts were presented along with dance routines and tumbling acts. 1. Songs from the movies were sung by the chorus. 2. Eugene Goman gives us a little something Russian. 3. The "wild boys" get ready to take the stage with their rendition of "Wild Thing." 4. Chorus members warm up and loosen up before the big performance. 5. Seniors Kamie Schipp and Becca Goldman sing their hearts out.





In a winter wonderland...

In the middle of an icy weekend, the Holiday Ball was held at the St. Anthony Community Center. On December 9, from 8:00 until 11:00, the building was packed with Forest Park students dancing and socializing.

1. Brooke Bolte, Heather Messmer, and Kamie Schipp dance to the music. 2. Mark Pund and Christy Hochgesang share one last polka before the end of the night. 3. Julie Cummins and Jamie Blessinger are determined to dance 'til they drop. 4. Jeremy Oeding teaches Dru Leinenbach, Lori Brinkman, and Michelle Winters a new dance. 5. Eugene Goman and Raphael Ahne listen as Phil Winkler explains the art of asking a woman to dance the "American way." 6. Couples dance with their special someones.



Bonnie Turner reigns as queen

As Eric Clapton's chords of "Wonderful Tonight" floated through the gym, anxious family and friends filled the seats, aisles, and doorways to view the crowning. The student body selected Bonnie Turner of Schnellville to

reign as queen of Homecoming 1995. Silver star-shaped balloons, green plants and clear lights decorated the crowning. After the Ranger victory, a dance was held at the high school in honor of the queen and her court.



On November 10, Homecoming night, the Forest Park Rangers played the Cannelton Bulldogs in their first game of the season. Although the game belonged to Cannelton in the first half, the Rangers pulled ahead in the long run 61 to 44. The Rangers took their first lead of the game at the 6:32 mark in the third quarter. Then they never looked back. J. R. Maxey led the Rangers with 19 points and 12 rebounds. John Fleig scored 13 points while Ryan Vaupel and Clint Weyer added eight and seven points respectively.

1. Senior cheerleaders Lea Ebert and Jill Pund assist with the crowning of the queen. Gabrielle Bolte and Seve Beach carry the crown and basketball. 2. Bonnie is crowned by Eric Hoppenjans. 3. Wade Pierce, Sarah Wendholt, Jason Reckelhoff, Kamie Schipp, Jason Bumm, and Audrey Kemper take time out from watching the game.





Corine Begle
Deric Muller



Jill Bolte
Shayne Begle



Rachel Dittmer
Mark Pund



Kellie Hobbs
Ryan Meyer



Audrey Kemper
Jason Bumm



Kamie Schipp
Jason Reckelhoff



Bonnie Turner

Home





Eric Hoppenjans



Lisa Brames
Steve Englert



Allison Barth
Tim Verkamp



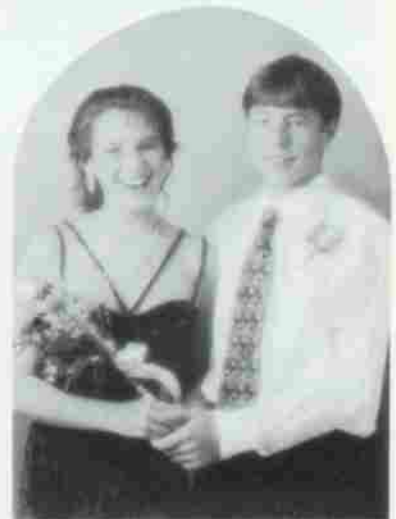
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Autumn Dooley
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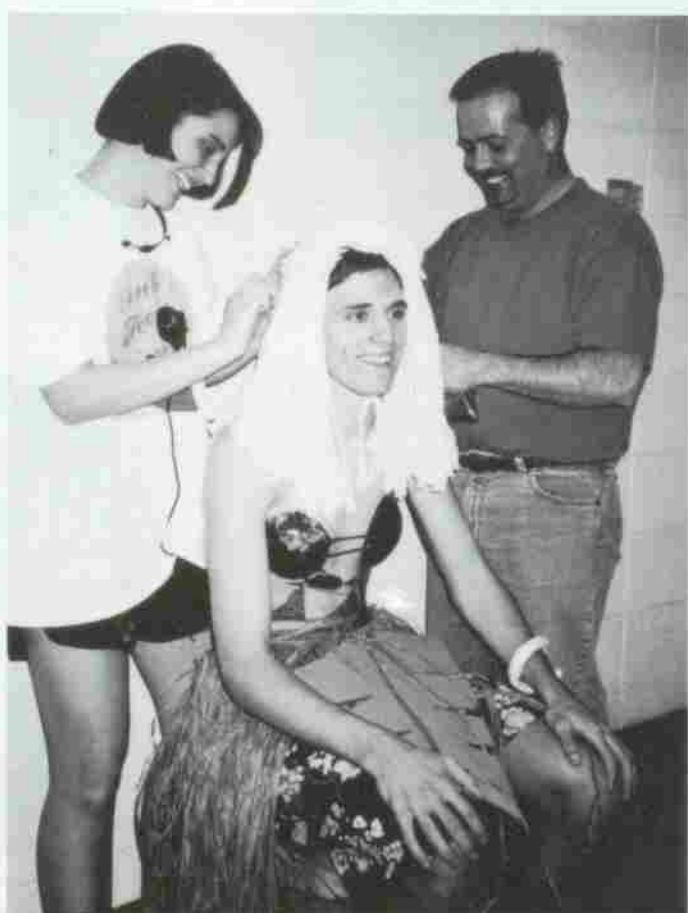
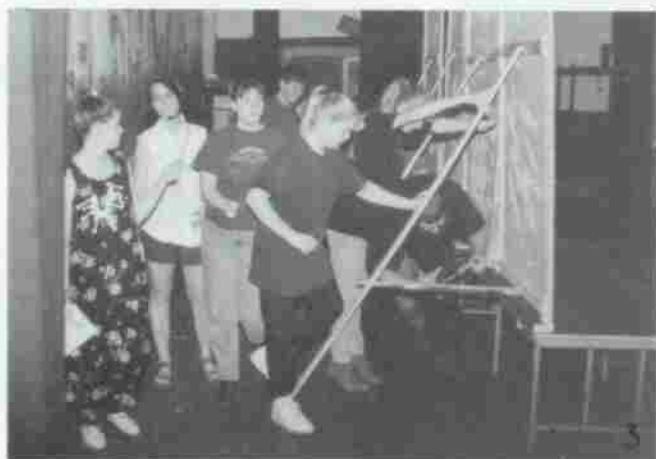
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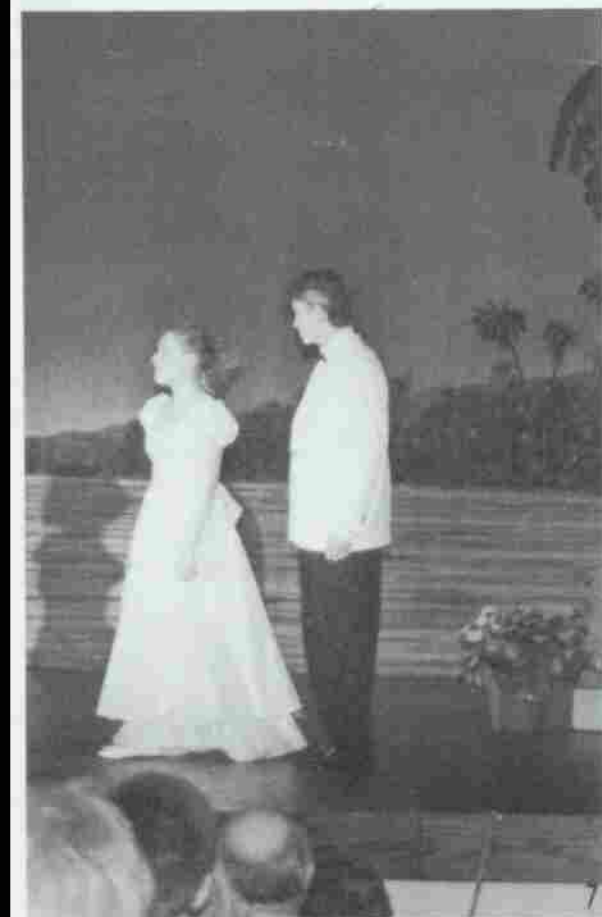
South Pacific brings warmth to

The spring musical, presented March 22, 23, and 24, was South Pacific. The week of the musical, a record snowfall hit the area, cancelling school and rehearsals. The cast and crew of South Pacific pulled together a very crowd-pleasing show. The audience howled at the sight of Luthera Billis, Phil Winkler, in a wig, skirt, and coconut ensemble pirouetting and leaping across the stage and at the antics of an orange Tonkinese woman, Jen Gaesser, who proclaimed Lt. Cable, Brent Sicard, "a very sexy man." Brad Begle possessed the skill of walking through office walls and even the sailors had a sense of humor about their glass-shattering voices during the song "Nothin' Like a Dame," where a bulb exploded on the stage.

1. Phil and Jen discuss the quality of sailor-made grass skirts at the Billis Laundry. 2. Jen sings "Happy Talk" while Brent and Brooke Bolte do the sign language. 3. With the elaborate design of the sets, the backstage crew was constantly busy behind the scenes. 4. Judith Stillwell and Mr. Hall prepare Phil for his debut as "Honeybun." 5. Natives dance at the boar ceremonial on Bali Hai. 6. Courtney Hauser decides to "wash that man right out of her hair" with the help of the nurses. 7. Courtney and Eugene Goman discuss their relationship during "Some Enchanted Evening." 8. The Thanksgiving Day Follies. 9. Kelly Berg and Brooke kiss a pig.



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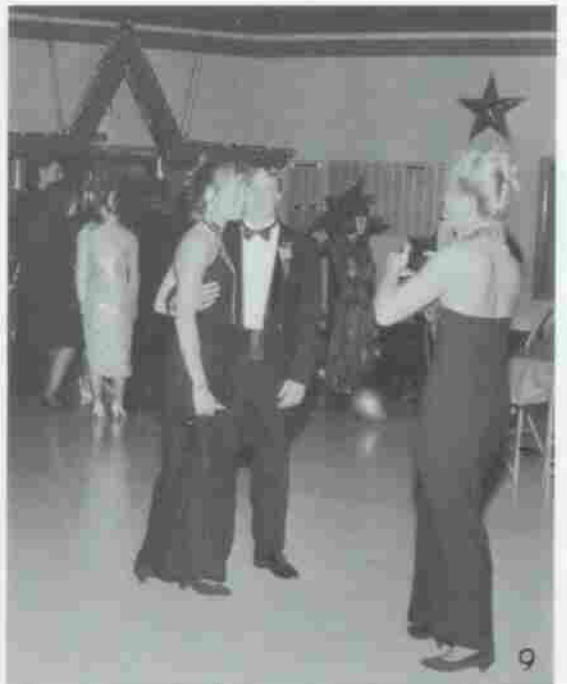
The night the stars came out

'Just Wait' and prom will come

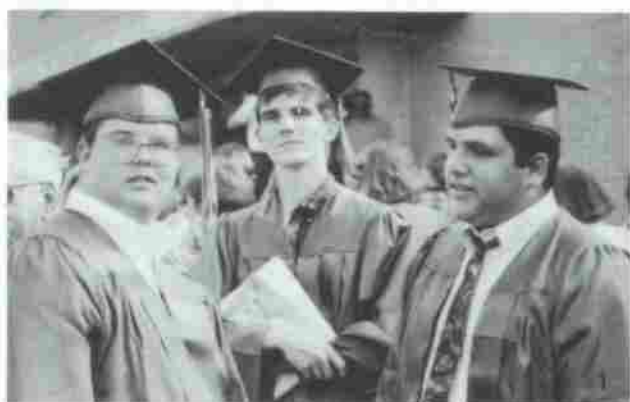
On the night of April 20, the Ferdinand Community Center was bedecked in midnight blue, wine and silver gossamer. The junior prom board members worked hard on the stars and moon used to decorate the hall.

1. Mrs. Vicki Beach and the seniors party. 2. Brad Rasche wonders if Tamarack Green can play any country. 3. Jennifer Kreilein, Kristina Goodman, and Chuck Roll relax after dancing. 4. King Wade Pierce and Queen Christy Hochgesang. 5. Mindy Persohn and Crissy Sermersheim enjoy their evening. 6. Tamarack Green plays "Just Wait" by Blues Traveler for the king and queen. 7. Erin Ruhe is trying to capture the moment on film. 8. J.R. Maxey is a little confused why the prom is not named after him. Jason Reckelhoff is scouting the dance floor. 9. Amber Schipp and Nathan Lueken pose for Teresa Weyer.





Reflecting on the



past, searching for the future



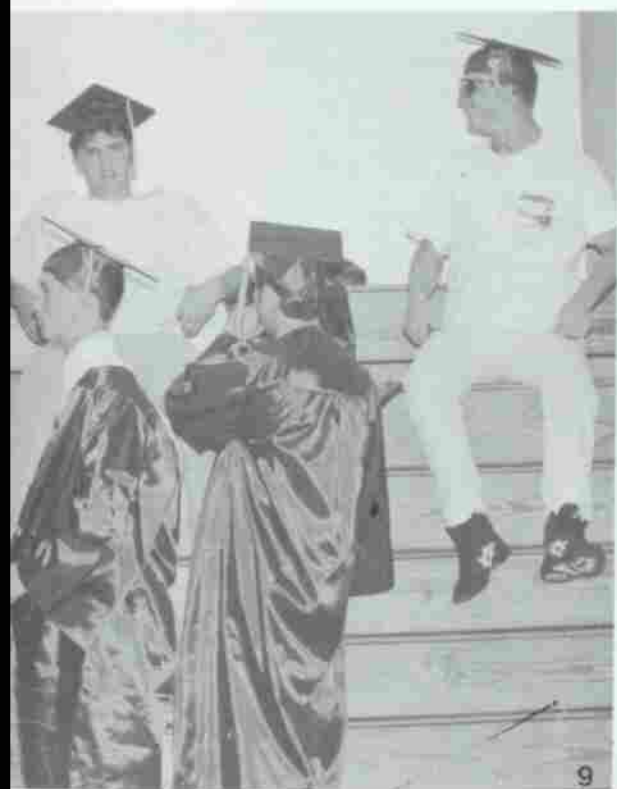
The high school careers for the Forest Park class of 1996 were finalized during Commencement, held on May 25, 1996 in the old gym. They came to the harsh realization that this would most likely be the last day that every member of the class would share together.

1. David Bohne, Justin Golden, and Mike Leisman look scholarly. 2. The senior chorus members sing "Remember Me This Way." 3. Class President Jeremy Oeding gives his address. 4. Valedictorian Ben Johanneman speaks. 5. Valedictorian Jason Reckelhoff reviews his notes. 6. Salutatorian Kelly Berg flashes a winning smile.

7. Valedictorian Jane Dall completes her speech. 8. Ryan Schipp is outstanding in his field. 9. Ryan, John Fleig, and Steve Morrow approve of the caps, but not the hot gowns. 10. Wade Pierce dares to be different (go figure?). 11. These senior girls think graduation is a great excuse to buy a new dress. 12. Karla Ficker can't wait to graduate. 13. Ryan Meyer receives the faculty scholarship from class sponsor, Mrs. Margaret Buechler. 14. David Klem and Nick Mohr discuss the upcoming festivities.



Pictures on the following page of graduation are identified here, also. 1. Sara Schneider, Michelle Winters, Kamie Schipp, and Jill Pund find it hard to say goodbye. 2. Melissa Wuebkenberg and Valedictorian Erin Ruhe. 3. Kenny Sherman and Steve Norman enjoy a snack and beverage. 4. Sarah Wendholt and Ryan Vaupel file out of the gym. 5. Valedictorian Lisa Welp greets her fellow grads with a smile.

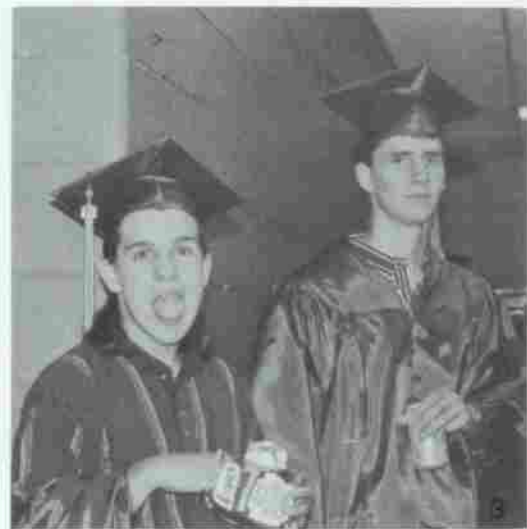
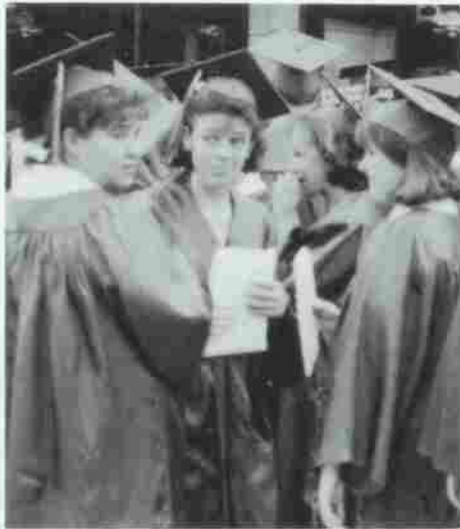


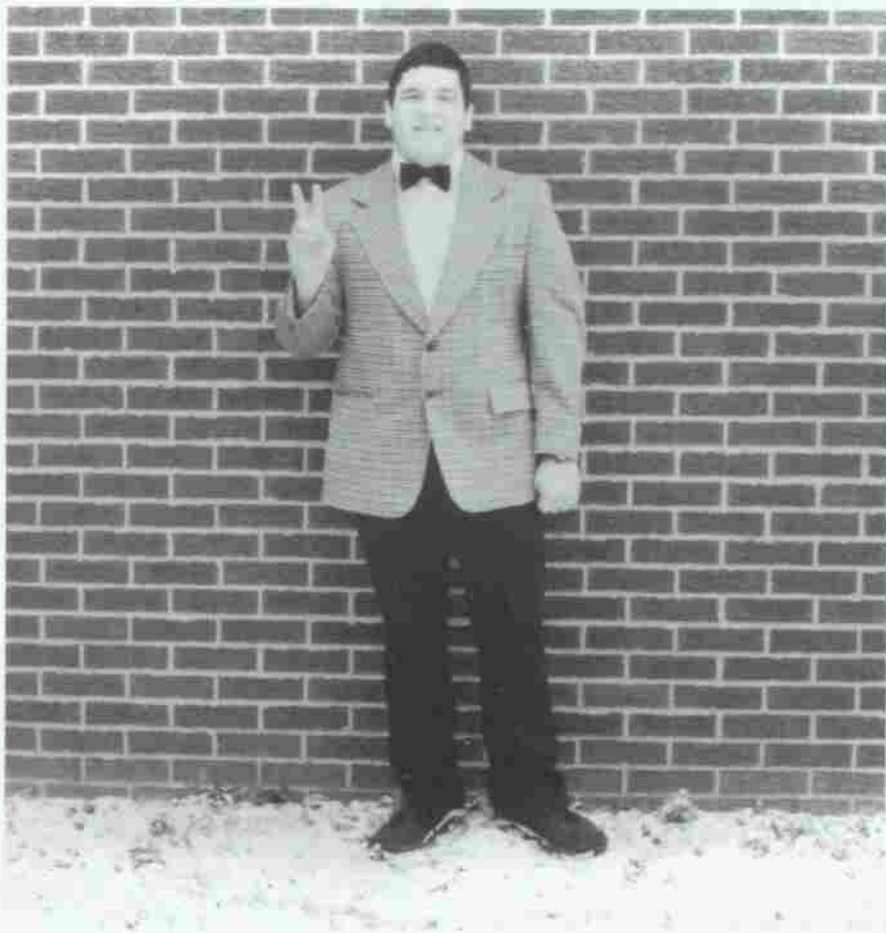
Dreams

Langston Hughes

*Hold fast to dreams
For if they die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.*

*Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow.*





*All of our dreams can come true -
if we have the courage to pursue them.*

-Walt Disney

PEOPLE



The Class of 1996

This year some of the seniors have gained some notable properties and habits. While preparing for graduation, they have started a will of their possessions and soon they will be giving these willed properties to the juniors, the class of '97. The seniors have offered some of their most valuable possessions to the seniors next in line.

Jason Reckelhoff - "I will the ability to peruse the halls during study hall without suspicion."

Cori Begle - "I will my wonderful attire: sweatpants, sweatshirts, and flip flops."

Michelle Winters - "I will my locker full of candy wrappers and maybe whoever gets my locker will be lucky enough to find some left over candy."

Joni Kemper - "I will those pretty blue porta potties and nap time during calculus."

Eric Hoppenjans - "I will my stunning personality and good looks because if everyone in this school was like me, you would all be in heaven."

Ben Johanneman - "I will my ability to deal with overinflated egos like Eric's"

Rachel Polen - "I will long fun filled classes with Ms. Shobe."

Nick Uebelhor - "I will the ability to throw a zebra chasing party!"

Lisa Jochem - "I will the wonderful senior parking lot that we never had the chance to have!"

David Bohne - "I will another great season of intramural basketball."

Jen Gaesser - "I will the ability to use the all caps key on the entire front page of my term paper."

Christy Hochesang, Audrey Kemper, Lisa Brames, Ryan Meyer, Steve Morrow, Todd Brittan, and Sarah Wendholt - "We will the juniors all of our unexcused absences and all the times we've skipped school or have been tardy. Also, the junior class will be happy to know that we have been so generous to give them our wonderful decorating skills."

Andy Peters - "I will my wildness in economics class."

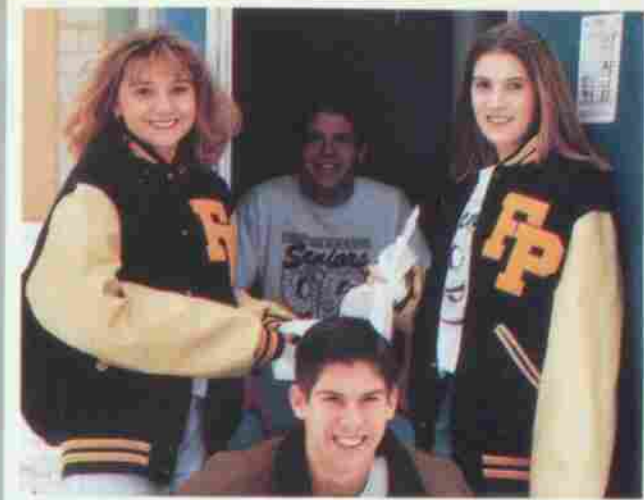
Joshua Haake - "I will the ability to have an open campus for lunch."

Looking back over the years it seems like it was yesterday when we all were at Freshman Orientation. Now we are preparing for our graduation, and it is amazing how the four years flew by at Forest Park. The most amazing thing, though, is the unique and talented individuals that make up the class of '96.

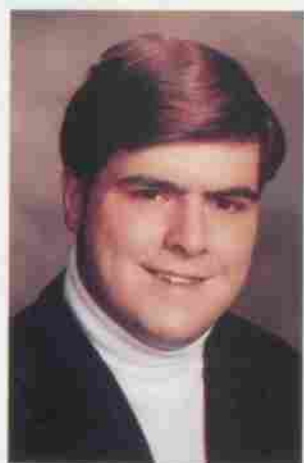
We have always been there for each other no matter what the circumstances, and now it is time to go our separate ways. We have laughed, cried, and even worked and partied together, and it is time now to graduate together.

One thing is for sure, we will always be the class of '96 at Forest Park High School, and no one can take that away from us. Good luck to all on whatever road you may choose, and best wishes to everyone.

-Your Senior Class President, Jeremy Oeding



The senior class officers are Bonnie Turner, secretary; Jeremy Oeding, president; Ben Johanneman, treasurer, and Christy Hochgesang, vice president.



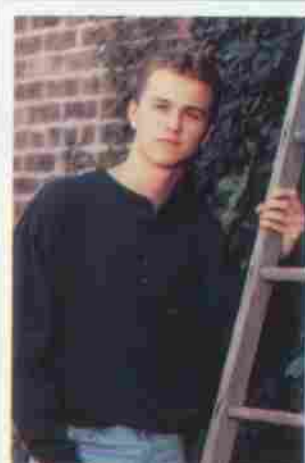
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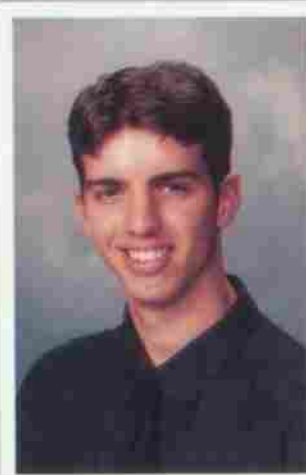
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Jason and Deric love to talk about themselves.



Nancy Cummings



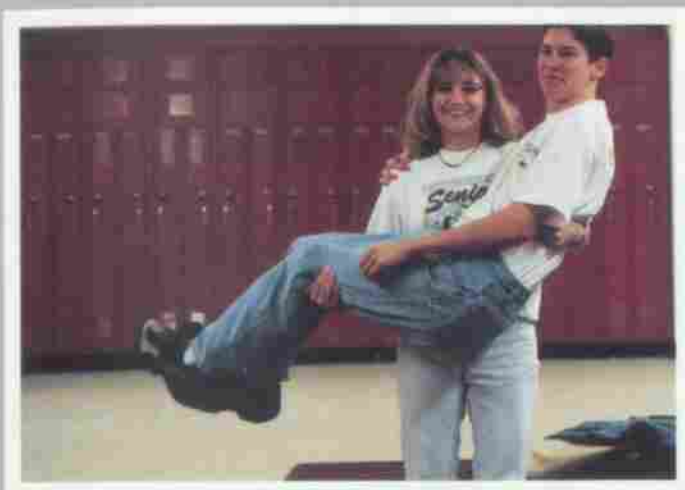
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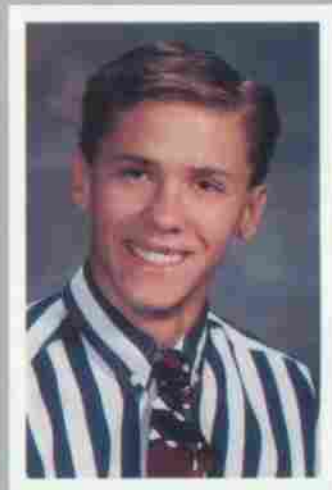
Jennifer Durcholz



Bonnie whisks Ben off his feet!



Lea Ebert



Steven Englert



Jenny Fawks



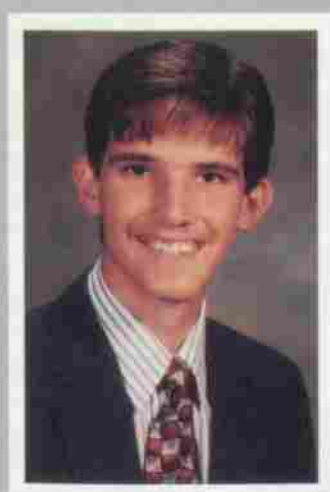
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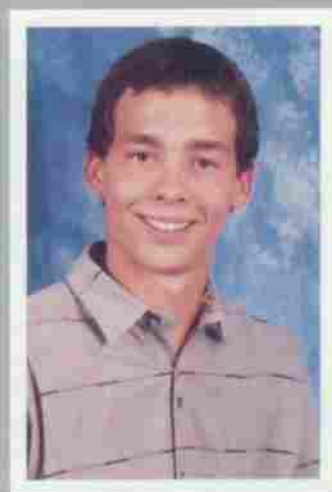
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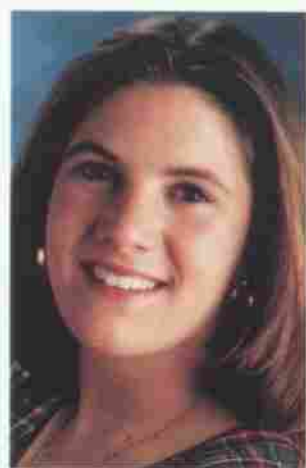
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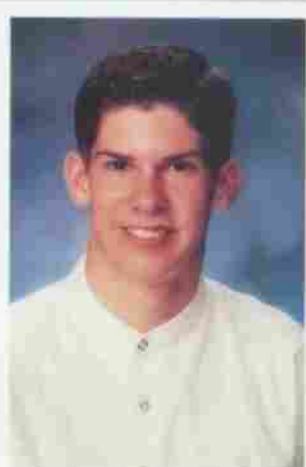
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Misty Huff



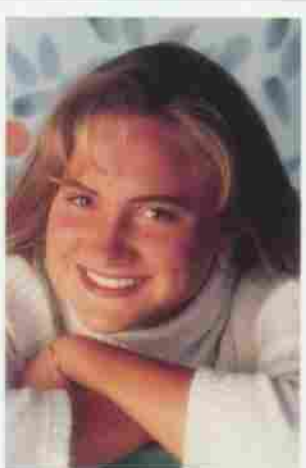
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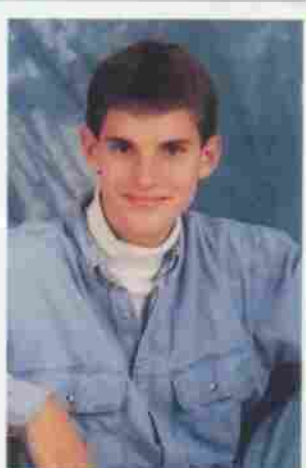
Ben Johanneman



Becky loves to tell jokes to Lori during class.



Audrey Kemper



Jason Kemper



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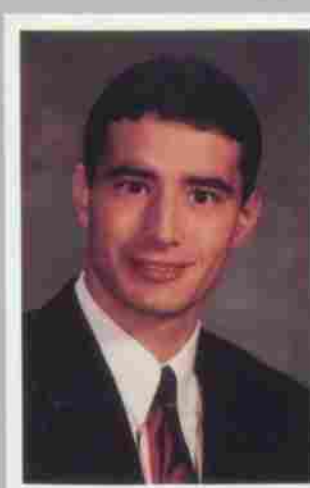
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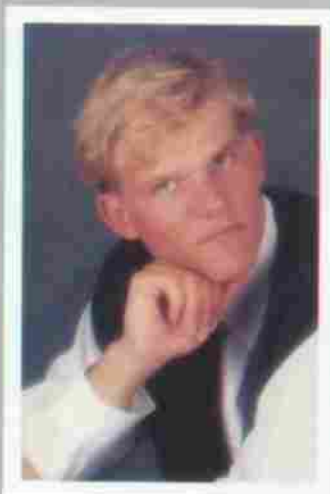
J.R. Maxey



Thomas Merkley



Jane, now we know what you really study!



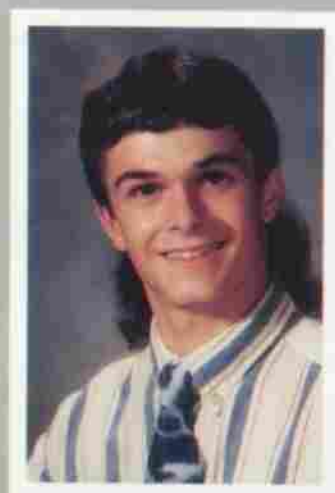
Heath Meyer



Ryan Meyer



A senior group lounges



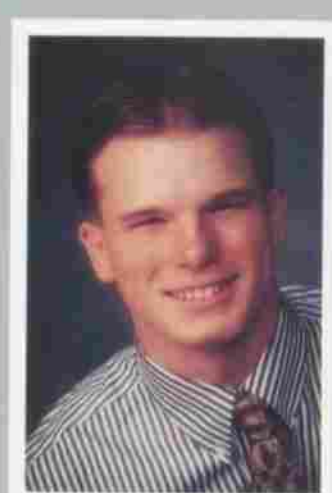
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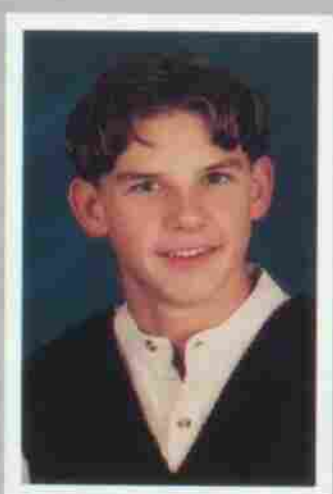
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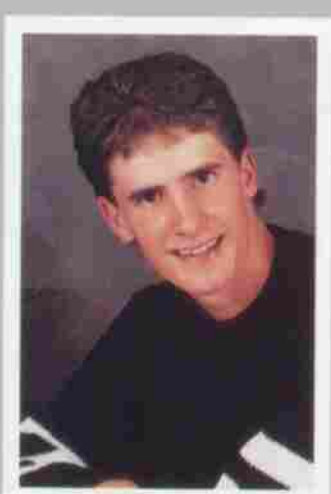
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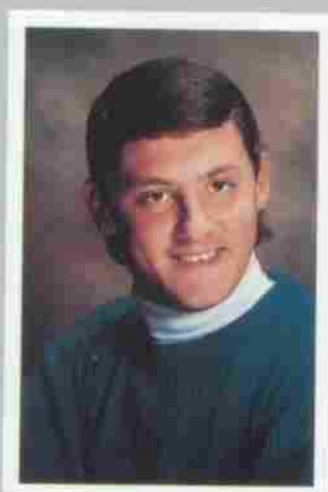
Jeremy Oeding



- photo courtesy of Jason Hoffman
on the MORP couch.



Kris Oeding



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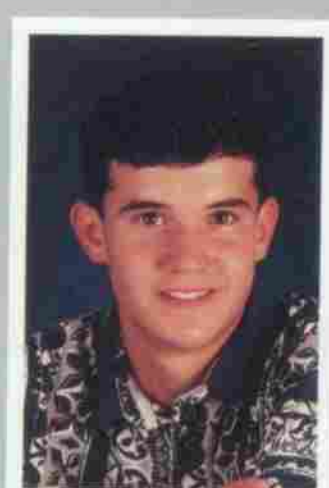
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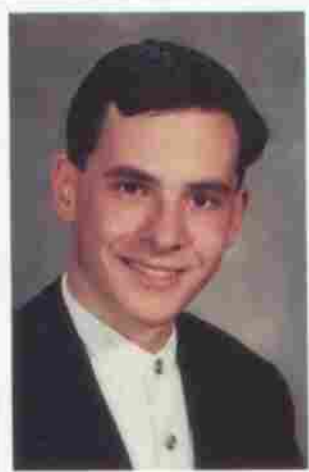
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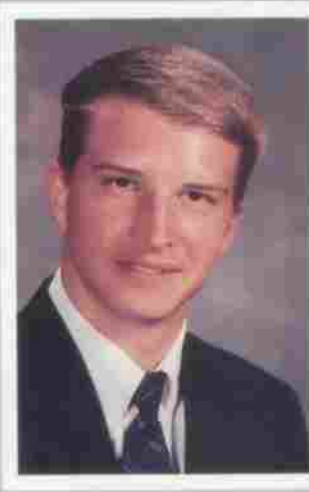
Charles Roll



Sarah blames Audrey for the sprouting troll on her head.



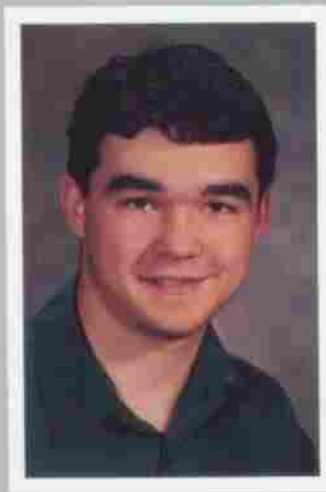
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Kamie Schipp



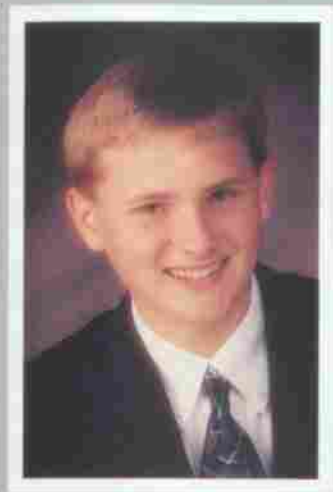
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Sara Schneider



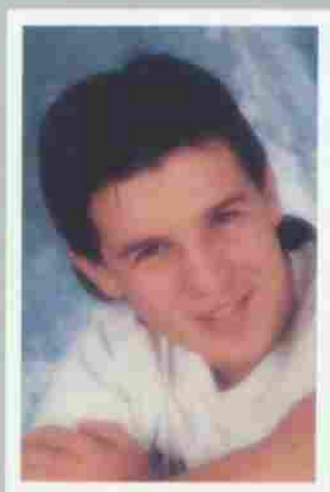
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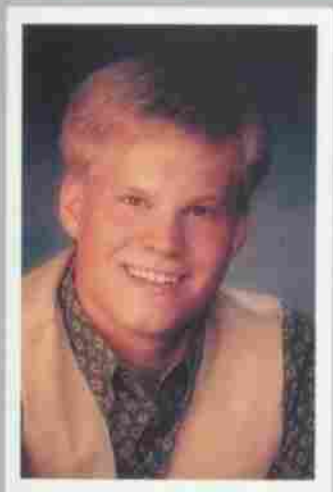
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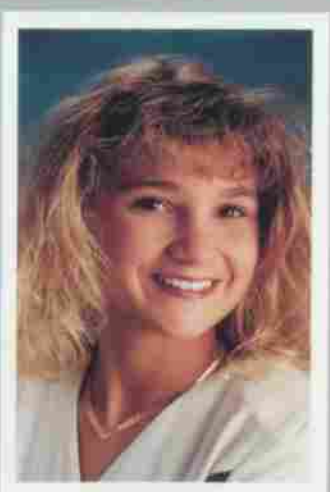
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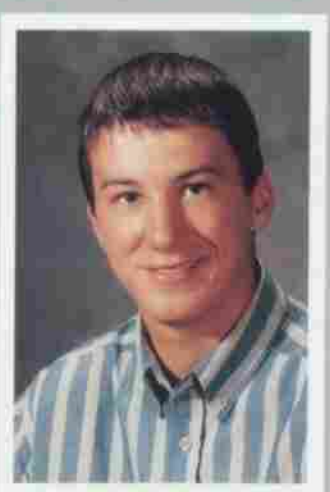
Dave says nothing about one of Wade's many faces.



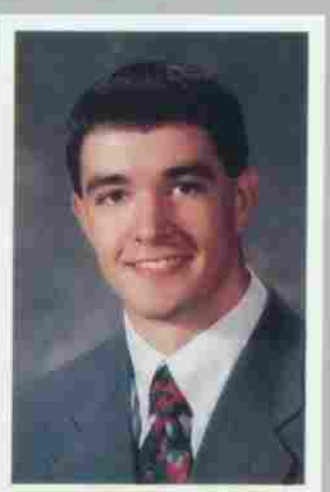
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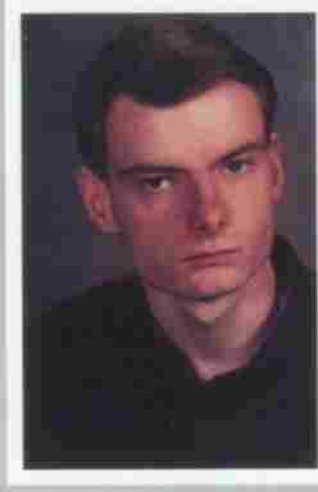
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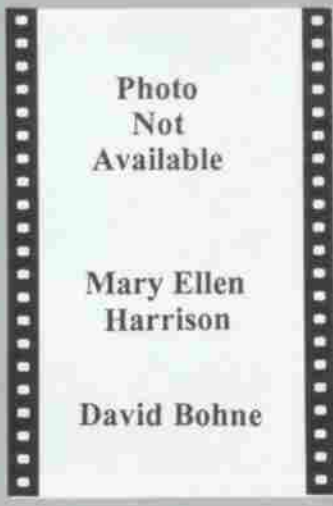
Michelle Winters



Melissa Wuebkenberg



Cody Zehr



A huddle of senior heads smile for the camera.



Josh, Mike, and Jason show off the bird house.

Leaving a legend behind

Who is the class of '96, really? People label us as Generation X, but what does that mean exactly? We are living in an age of computers and television. Unlike our parents, we have been brought up on Sesame Street and Jiffy peanut butter. That was when Sesame Street wasn't in Spanish yet. Everyone can remember Transformers, Barbie and her dream house, or an occasional He Man lying around.

Our parents would pack us in the family car, the trusty station wagon, to take us home from kindergarten because we didn't have minivans yet. After getting up in the morning, we would put on our Kangaroo Shoes, grab our My Buddy doll or GI Joe for show and tell, then race off to the first grade. Everyone wore Underoos with pride.

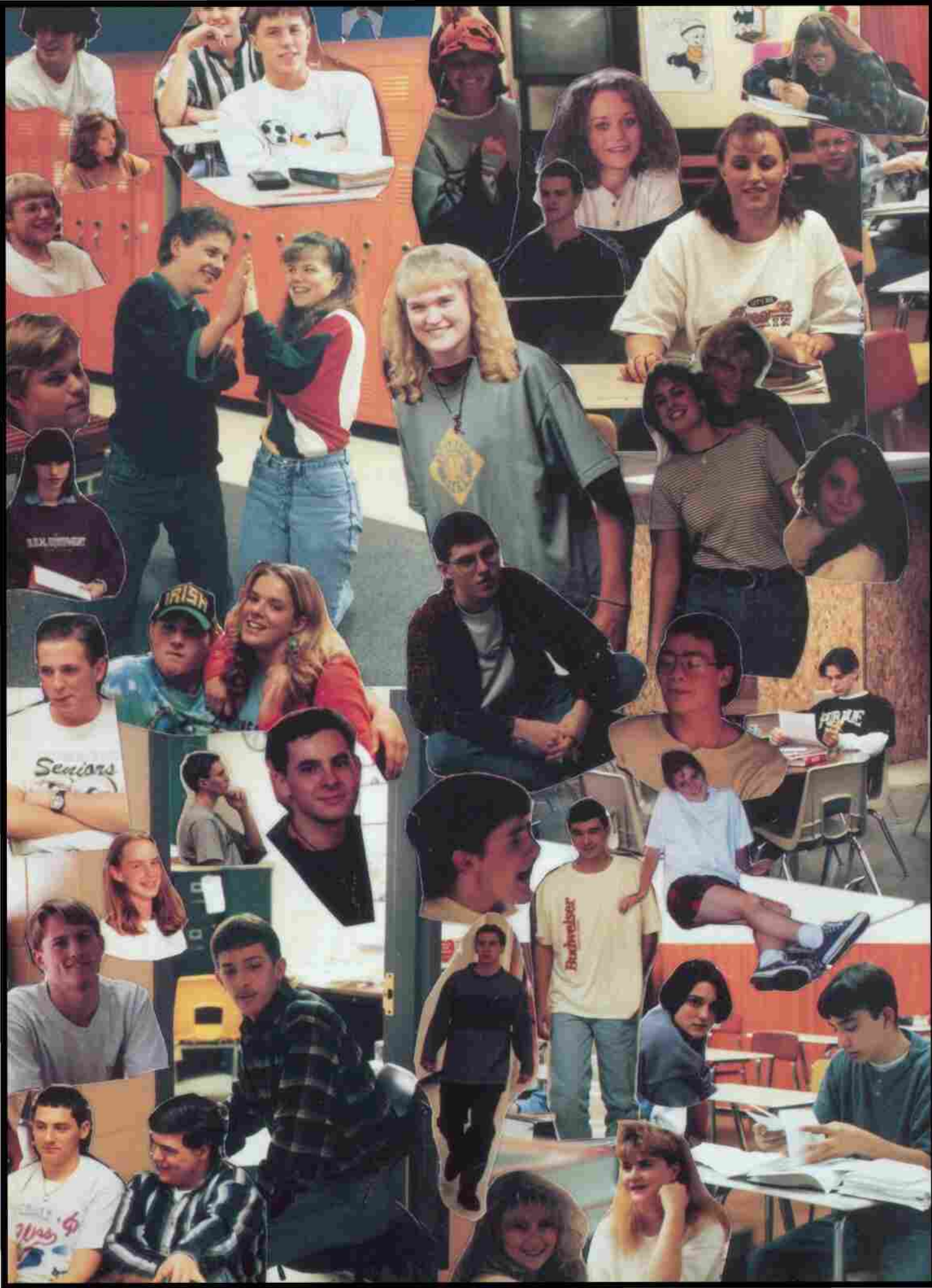
Do you remember playing kickball religiously for three years at recess time? During some mornings we would watch Captain Kangaroo. Who was Barney then? Most of us cried at the end of E.T. because we thought he was really gone forever, but he kept coming back as long as you paid money at the theatre.

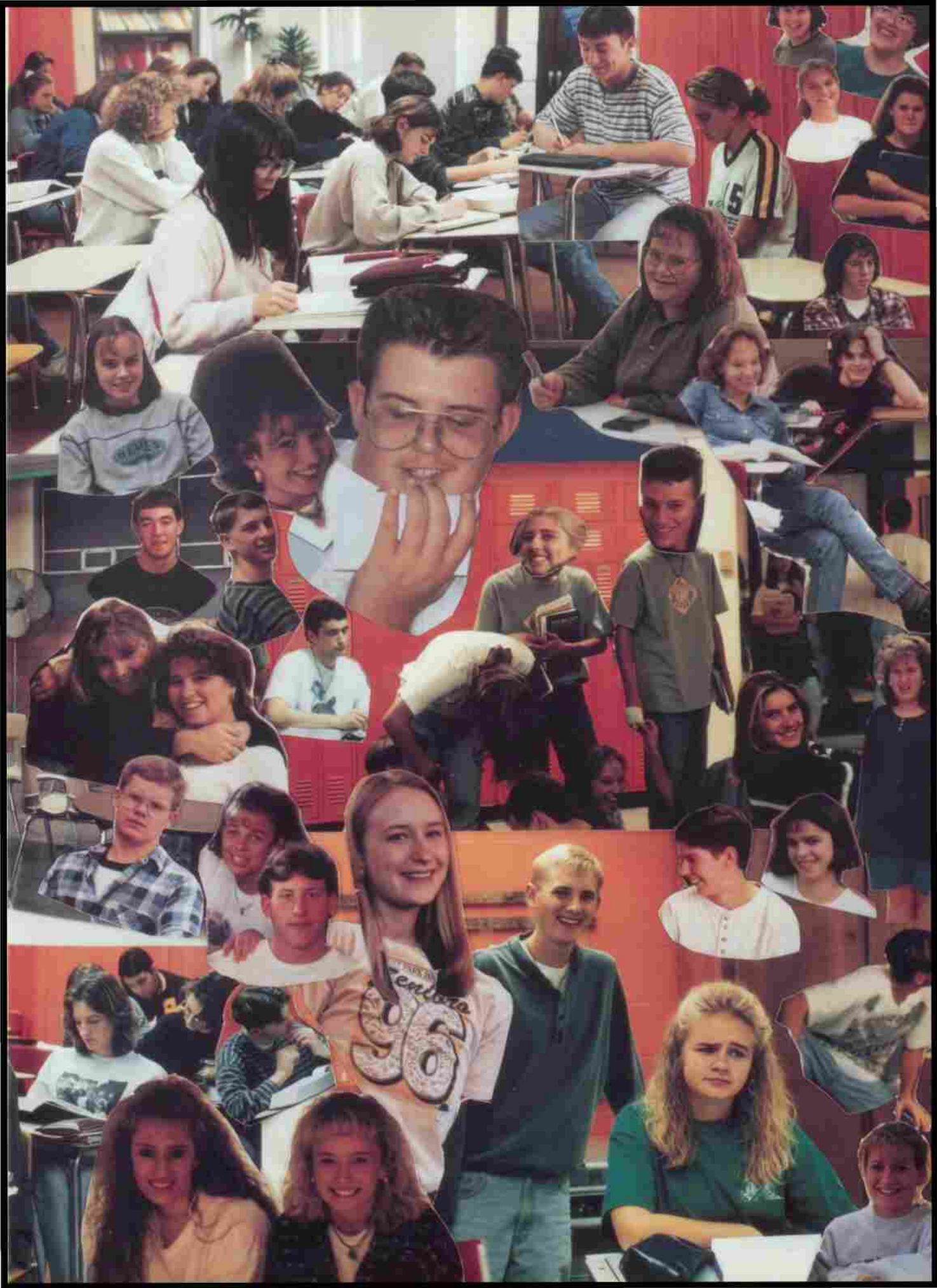
Do you remember waking up to put on three pairs of colored socks and tight rolling your jeans? When you liked something it was always the most awesome. Junior high came quickly. We grew attitudes along with high bangs, and every guy had a spike. The popular tunes were by The Bangles, Cindy Lauper, M.C. Hammer and can you remember the release of Guns 'n' Roses' Use your Illusion I and II?

Thinking back to the grade school years, we think of the friendships we made and understand just how full our lives have become. The learning experience we have all shared together means more than the letters we receive on our report cards. It's much more than the sports teams we've played on since the fifth grade or the style we have developed in the way we dress and act. Within our unit, the class of 1996, we have become very different people working toward goals which are similar.

Classmates, teachers and friends are all very special to us now. Ever since we can remember, we have worked together in groups, played together at recess, and together we will leave those times behind. Those thirteen years are unique to us; no other class can say in the third grade they tried to understand why the Challenger exploded and in our senior year, witnessed an entire reconstruction of our high school. Through three presidents, one war, an arson, and about 6,538 skinned knees, we have grown up together ready to face the world.







The vote is in!



Class clown - Jeremy Oeding and
Jennifer Gaesser



Class Leaders - Jason Reckelhoff and
Rachel Dittmer



Biggest Mouth - Aaron Rohl and
Rachel Polen



Most Likely to Become a Billionaire -
Dave Klem and Jane Dall



Biggest Jock/ Jockette - Todd Brittain and
Cori Begle



Class Brain/ Hardest Worker/ Teachers' Pet -
Ben Johaneman and Jane Dall



Shyest - Jennifer Kreilein and Andy Peters



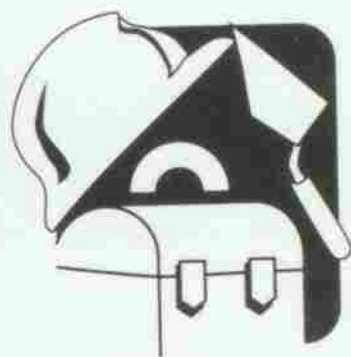
Most Polite - Ryan Meyer, Audrey Kemper, and
Diana Knust

Future plans of the Seniors

This year, the yearbook staff has added a new page of senior future plans. This is to record what the seniors plan to do after they graduate. Some will begin the workforce, or attend a trade school and work part time. Surprisingly, over three quarters of the seniors will be going on to a two

or four year college. Someday they will all look back at what they put down as plans for their futures. Most will not believe what they could have been thinking at that time, and others will continue to follow the path they laid for themselves as graduating seniors.

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- Rachel Dittmer - attend Depauw University or USI for Speech Therapy
 - Thomas Merkley - attend Vincennes University for Law Enforcement
 - Rachael Polen - attend Rose Hulman for Engineering
 - Melissa Woebkenberg - attend USI for nursing
 - Jeremy Oeding - attend VU and transfer to Purdue for Horticulture
 - Joni Kemper - attend University of North Carolina- Asheville for Psychology or Film Directing
 - David Bohne - work for a year, then attend IUS for journalism
 - Wade Pierce - attend University of Indianapolis for Criminology
 - Kris Oeding - attend USI for Accounting
 - Nick Uebelhor - attend Purdue University for Meteorology
 - Audrey Kemper - attend IU
 - Jill Pund - attend USI for Elementary Education
 - Ryan Schipp - work
 - Jennifer Gaesser - attend Franklin College for Journalism Education
 - Stephen Morrow - attend UTI to be an Automotive Technician
 - Bonnie Turner - Ivy Tech to be a Medical Assitant
 - David Klem - attend University of Miami for Audio Engineering
 - Ryan Schnell - attend VU
 - Kelly Berg - attend Bellarmine College for Biology/Pre-med
 - Nicholas Mohr - work and save for college
 - Judeth Stillwell - attend IU for Physical Therapy
 - Christine Hochgesang - attend ISU for Psychology or Criminology
 - Karena Vonderhide - work and Ivy Tech
 - Mike Leisman - work, go to college, and become Pope
 - Marla Auffart - attend MacMurry or Ball State University for Criminal Justice
 - Deric Muller - attend Purdue University for Computer Integrated Manufacturing Technology
 - Sarah Wendholt - attend Purdue University for Pharmacy
 - Kristina Goodman - USI for Art Therapy
 - Rebecca Goldman - USI for Public Relations
 - Jane Dall - attend Hanover College to be a Lawyer
 - Mark Pund - attend Purdue Univeristy for Mechanical Engineering Technology
 - Christine Semersheim - attend Ivy Tech to be a Medical Assistant
 - Michelle Winters - attend USI for Business Management
 - Diana Knust - attend IU for laboratory science
 - Jason Hoffman - attend Ball State University for Education
 - Kellie Hobbs - attend college for business
 - Justin Golden - attend Oakland City University then transfer to IUS for Sports Broadcasting
 - Shayne Begle - work at Krempp Lumber Co.
 - Lea Ebert - attend Purdue for Food Science
 - Kamie Schipp - attend Ball State University for Interior Design
 - Andy Peters - attend Purdue University for Mechanical Engineering
 - Lisa Welp - attend IU for Environmental Chemistry
 - Brett Stout - attend VU for Aviation Flight
 - Steven Englert - attend VUJC for Business Management
 - Jill Bolte - attend USI for Business
 - Heath Meyer - enlist in the Air Force



See page 141 for more future plans.



Cary Mueller, Kenny Sherman, Jay, AbHuke, Just
 Susan Kemper, Christy Hochgesang, Karina Underheide, Bob, Becky Batz, Kris Oeding, Jill Belte
 Kelly Bender, Dorie Miller, Amanda B. O'H, Melissa Woelkenberg, Erin Rube, Lisa Brames, Kellie Hobb
 Jennifer Duroch, Ben Johannsen, Tam merkly, Daro Klein, Andy Aker, Ron Vand, Lisa Welp
 Nick Lund, Judith Stillwell, Michelle Winters, J.R. May, Sarah Wendholt, Ryan Meyer, Jill
 Mike Kachelman, Nick Uebelke, Jen Grosser, Diana Knust, Cory Schneider, Kelly Berg, Jenny Tanks
 Angie Wagner, Amy Mallen, Brett Stout, Jason Bunn, Lee Ebert, Kristina Sedman, Anne Ball, Bonnie Turner
 Christy Maccheis, April Diamond, Becca Goldman, Paul Bohne, Nick Mohr, Ryan Schmitt, Lisa Schneider, Green Ball
 Misty Hugg, Steve Norman, Steve Engert, Kamie Schupp, Eric Stallman, Ryan Schipp, Cirsoy Leimstein, Jennifer Kreiler, John Flores
 Lisa Miller, Steve Morrow, Lore Brinkman, Mike Leeman, Raphael Polen, Schupp, Brad Randa, Dave Mitchell
 Marla Anfant, Justin Sollen, Nick Pawson, Jimmy Oeding, Rachel Dittner, Jason Perkins
 Cori Blafe, Eric Hopperjans, Mary Ellen Harrison, Mark Post, Audrey Kemper, Rachel Dittner
 Heath Meyer, Jeremy Ketteim





Junior class officers are Tammy Fuchs, Allison Barth, Jenny Weyer, and Jeff Johanneman.

A year of excitement fills the junior hall

We, the Junior class, feel that upperclassmen have helped us all to mature. As a class we have joined together to achieve success in our added responsibilities.

Whether it was in sports, academics, or decorating for prom, we all pulled together and worked as a team.

We will miss the Seniors greatly, but we'll do our best to fill their shoes in their roles of leadership. This year we've grown closer as a class, and we hope next year will create memories that will last a lifetime.

-The Junior Class Officers



Lyle Andry



Allison Barth



Nicholas Bateman



Bradley Beck



Cory Berg



Stacy Berger



Wayne Berger



Allen Betz



David Betz



Kara Bleker



Ann Boeglin



Matthew Boehm



Jill Brames



Brett Braunecker



Amy Brinkman



Angela Bumm



Christy Cummins



Jessica Cunningham



Joy Deno



Sarah Dilger



Gregory Dooley



Brent Englert



Heath Fest



Bradley Fleig



Raven Fritz



Tammy Fuchs



Jeremy Fuesler



Nicholas Gehlhausen



Ryan Gehlhausen



Andrea Gilmore



Angie stretches out before a meet.



One of the few computer lab days for Ms. Shobe's class.



Melissa prepares for the school song.



Nathan examines a jar of CO₂ during science class.



Brianne Goldman



Samantha Hammond



Courtney Hauser



Renee Heeke



Jenny Hensley



Karrie Hochgesang



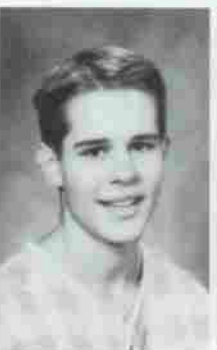
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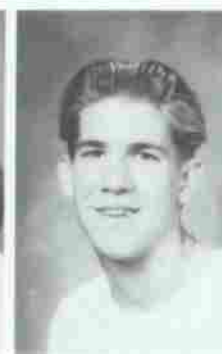
Luke Kempf



Melissa Kempf



Christine Kluemper



Wesley Laake



Jason Lamkin



Gregory Lane



Aaron Lange



Rachel Lee



Brandon Leinenbach



Dru Leinenbach



Tami Leisman



Krista Lindauer



Brad says he really relates to Lennie.



Jesse Lubbers



Daniel Luebbehusen



Scott Luebbehusen



Jill, Kara, and Karrie finish up a lab report.



Nathan Lueken



Nick Merrimon



Jason McMickle

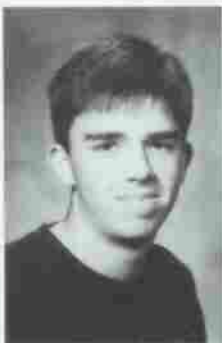
Class of 1997



Brooke Messmer



Lisa Messmer



Nick Miller



Patrick Naviaux



Chad Nord



Charles Oeding



Jake Opel



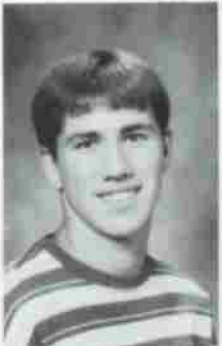
Christine Oser



Tami Otto



Bart Persohn



Mark Persohn



Mindy Persohn



Judith Reckelhoff



Anna Rousculp



Natalie Ruhe



Gerry Schaaf



Amber Schipp



Brian Schipp



Rachel Schneider

Jamie Schnieders

Marty Schnieders

Sara Schulthise

Amy Schwartz

Audrey Steen



Raven and Lisa are very camera shy.



Pat shows off his tennis skills.



Gall Stetter

Jason Stoffel

Amber Striegel

Nathan Theising

Stephen Toby

Tricia Uebelhor



Jeremy Verkamp

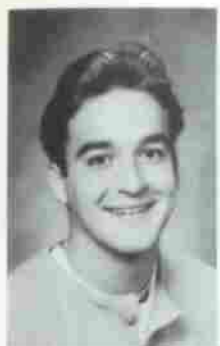
Timothy Verkamp

Joshua Vonderheide

Danielle Wagner

Michael Wehr

Chris Welp



Beau Wendholt



Abby Werne



Jennifer Weyer



Teresa Weyer



Sarah Willis



Phillip Winkler



Joshua Zehr



Ms. Shobe rates as one of the juniors' favorite teachers.



Brent and Greg "get down" at the Holiday Ball dance.



Sophomores accomplish many goals

As we bring our Sophomore year to an end, we feel that we, as a class, have achieved many goals, both in academics and in sports. We realize that the next two years aren't going to be easy, but challenging and competitive. We know that with the help of our friends, classmates, and

upperclassmen we will be able to make it through.

We would like to wish the class of 1996 the best of luck in the future, and hope that they too may achieve numerous goals. We want them to know that they will be missed.

-The Sophomore Class Officers



Angela Aders



Jennifer Ahrens



Todd Andry



Nicholas Atkins



Matthew Auffart



Audrey Beard



Sophomore class officers are, clockwise from top left, Amy Lucken, Amy Hildenbrand, Janet Weyer, and Autumn Fisher.



Jennifer Berg



Todd Berg



Eric Berger



Lisa Bettag



Rhonda Betz



Theresa Betz



Tracy Bleker



Jayme Blessinger



Kevin Boeglin



Brandon Boehman



Brooke Bolte



Daven Borden



Melissa Boyd



Chris Braunecker



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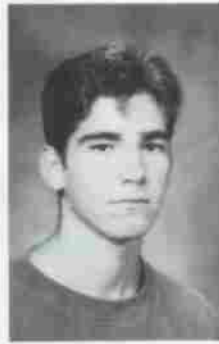
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Autumn Fischer



Doug Fischer



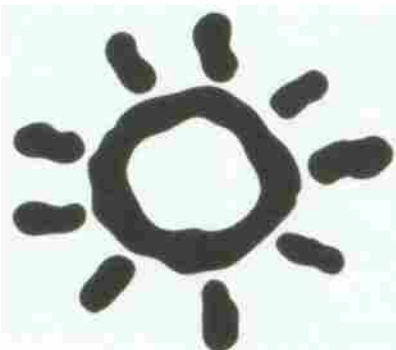
Zachary Fleming



Brent Foster



Jan Gehlhausen



Jill Gehlhausen



Brett Glesler



Joshua Glesler



Russell Goodman



Allcia Groeschen



Alex Hagedorn



Nicole Hagedorn



Jeremy Hasenour



Jill Hauser



Nathan Hawkins



Amy Hildenbrand



Jamle Hildenbrand



Kristen Hobbs



Jason Hoffman



Casey Howard



Jason Howe

Class of 1998



Dayna Hurst



Rachael Keller



Jesse King



Jason Knies



Mark Knust



Sarah Kordes



Tara, Brooke, and Heather are daydreaming on the job.



Craig Lindauer



Andrea Loepker



Karla Lubbehusen



Nick Lucas



Amy Lueken



Amy Lytle



A day of relaxation during physical science.





Greg Mehling



Jason Meinhardt



Heather Messmer



Jill Meyer



Joshua Meyer



Christopher Naviaux



Angela Niehaus



Matthew Parr



Crystal Persohn



Adam Petry



Craig Blu Pierce



Brooke Pund



Casey is a one woman band.



Jeremy Reckelhoff



Amber Rohleder



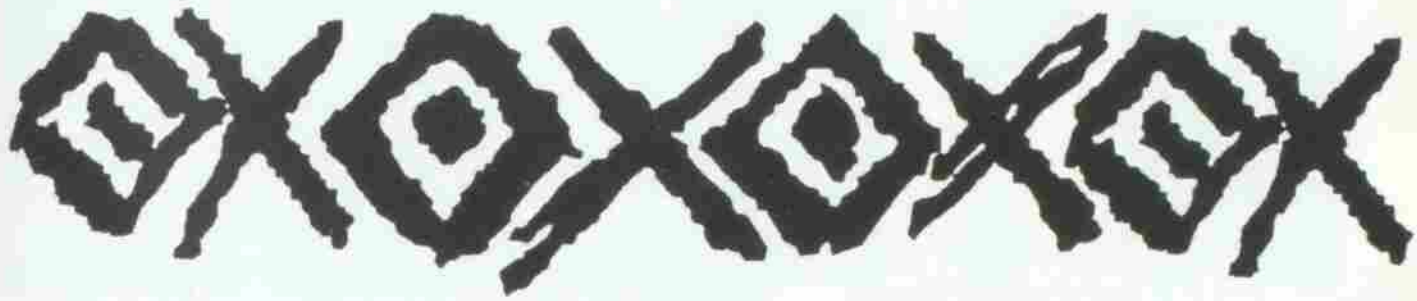
Andrew Rohleder



Audra Ruhe



Chemistry students are always hard at work in Mr. Meyer's class.



Rachel Schneider



Candida Schuler



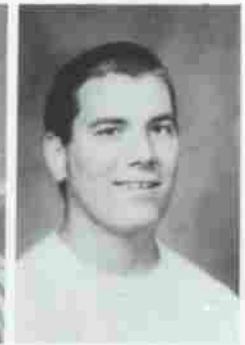
Clint Seger



Timothy Sermershelm



Lisa Sprinkle



C.J. Steffenagel



Marie Sturgeon



Nathen Thomas



Rick Thomas



Tara Uebelhor



Eric Vanderhoff



Cathy Verkamp



Sophomore guys play paper, rock, scissors for a dance.



Mike Verkamp



Justin Vonderhelde



Sarah Vonderhelde



Adam Wahl



Luke Wehr



Amy Welp



Clifford Weyer



Clint Weyer



Grant Weyer



Janet Weyer



Ryan Wllmes



Nicholas Woebkenberg



Jennifer Wonder



Cinemagical sophomores "rock" the stage.



Photos not available:

Jennifer Welp

Lucas Parr



Kelly Yocum

A "fresh" attitude hits the halls



Freshman class officers are Nina Weyer, Audra Hopf, Jenny Hochgesang, and Ashley Frey

Class of 1999

As we, the freshman class of 1995-1996, look back over the past year, we remember the good and bad times we have had. We have learned that getting involved in our school will help us in the years to come.

We look forward to the challenges that will be awaiting us next year. We also hope that next year's freshman class will learn from us as we have learned from this year's upperclassmen.

We would like to thank everyone that helped make our first year in high school a great one.

-The Freshman Class Officers



Beau Anderson



Contesa Austin



Scott Bateman



Brad Begle



Eric Beler



Bridget Bender



Michael Berg



Tammy Berg



Scott Berger



Nathan Betz



Tammy Betz



Melanie Boeglin





Paula Boyd



Jarod Brames



Elizabeth Brazel



Matthew Brockman



Beth Buechler



Jared Chapman



James Cooper



Melissa Dittmer



Autumn Dooley



Patrick Doutaz



Mary Egler



Jessica Fest



Nicole Fleig



Curtis Foll



Kurt Freeman



Ashley Frey



Tricia Frick



Mark Gaesser



Stacey Gelhausen



Luke Gessner



Zach Goldman



Melissa Graves



Jenny Haake



Katie Haake



Mr. Wertman tells the freshmen one of his "turkey" stories.



Kelly Hasenour



Beth Henke



Jenny Hochgesang



Sarah Hoffman



Audra Hopf



Stacy Hoppenjans



Lisa and Melissa wait in the long line for the counselor.



April Huff



Joshua Kellems



Kimberly Kempf



Janelle Kerstlens



Melinda Kessens



Laura King



Janelle Kline

Sara Laswell

Danny Lechner

Collin Lelnebach

Jeremy Lelnebach

Troy Leveron



Rita Lindsey

Kevin Luebbehusen

Sally Lueken

Matthew Luker

Jason Matthews

Shaun Mehling



Ryan enjoys computer time in the library.



David Merkley

Terry Messmer

Brent Englert



Duane Meyer

Shane Meyer

Angela Mullen



Amy Niehaus



Brandon Nord



Jayme Persohn



Jennifer Peters



Beth Petry



Dean Quante



Shawn Rasche



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Ashley Reckelhoff



Lisa Rousculp



John Schlipp



Tiffany Schneider



Emily Schnell

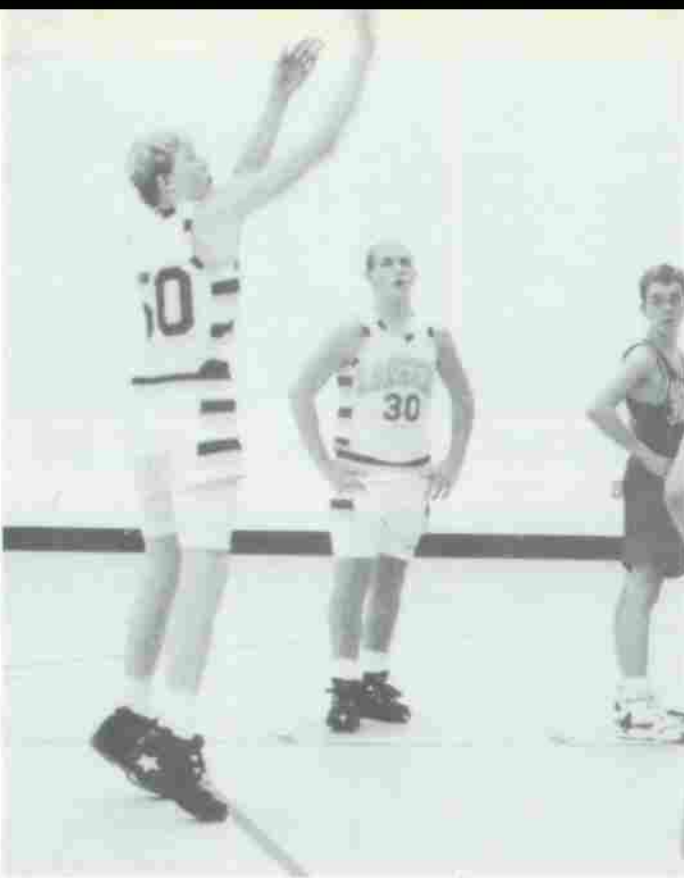


Nicole Seger



Freshmen were seen "all over" Highway 1 during the summer.





Dale shoots a free-throw, while Pat observes his form.



Mary and Amy create fantastic stories during English class.



Luke likes to study with a couple of Mountain Dews.



Brent Sicard



Amanda Stenftenagel



Ashley Stoffel



Amy Toby



Eric Tretter



Lacey Verkamp



Chris Vosmeler



Alex Wahl



Brad Wathen



Luke Wehr



Bobby Welp



Robert Welp



Matthew Weyer



Nina Weyer



Andrea White



Laura Willis



Steve Willis



Travis Winings



Amanda Wright



Dale Wright



Jennifer Wright



Adam Zehr



Zach Zehr

Photos not available:

Tonya Hensley

Douglas Polly



Jayne and Jeremy sit intently in their freshman English class.



A few of the freshman boys line up for lunch in their 'box seats.'



Mrs. Peter's special students learn life skills



The students in Mrs. Paula Peter's life skills class gain experience from such tasks as going grocery shopping, learning how to tell time, identifying and counting money, and holding jobs in the community.

Mrs. Peter and two instructional aides, Mrs. Judy Mehling and Mrs. Mary Kaye Berger, provide the students with instruction and individual attention.

Two of Mrs. Peter's students, Karla Ficker and Cody Zehr, graduated this year.

1. Karla points out something interesting to Ashley.
2. Ashley has nap time on the bean bag.
3. Cody and Carey get some instruction from Mrs. Paula Peter.



Ashley Braun



Joe Kluemper



Carey Knust



Brian Reckelhoff



Mark Wright





Sr. Rebecca Abel
Media Specialist



Brenda Allen
Home Economics

Faculty and staff
dedicated to making
FP better for students



Peggy Amos-Huft
Counselor



Vicki Beach
Spanish, P.E.



Linda Berry
Art



Margaret Buechler
Spanish



Dennis Doutaz
P.E., Health



Greg Durcholz
Math



Rock Emmert
English



Sharon Gramelspacher
Math



Ellen Hendricks
Social Studies



James Hubers
Athletic Director



James Johanneman
Industrial Arts



Jeffrey Johnson
Industrial Arts



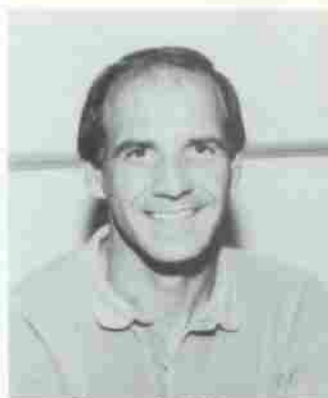
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Social Studies



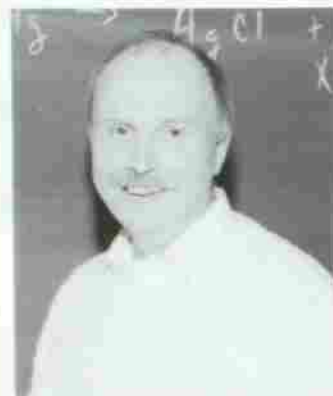
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Math



Lee Leinenbach
Counselor



James Mehling
Math



Tom Meyer
Science



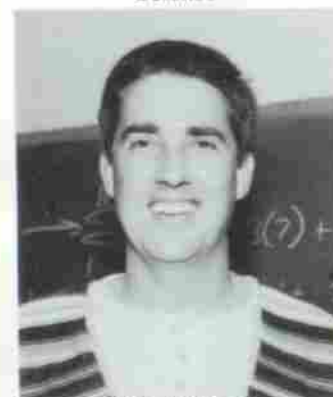
David Michael
Band



Martha Niehaus
Social Studies



Paula Peter
Special Education



Donald Prusz
Math



Tara Rasche
English



Janet Robbins
Music



Beth Schnellenberger
Business



Nate Schnellenberger
Science



Leslie Shobe
English



Steve Stoffel
Industrial Arts



Larry Tenbarger
German



Doug Walker
Agriculture



Edwin Walston
English, Journalism



Kevin Wertman
Science



Rowena Weyer
Business



Gary Wittman
Special Education



Carolyn Carney
Nurse



Mike Kluemper
Special Ed. Aide



Rita Sonderman, Norma
Sonderman, Secretaries



Mary Kay Berger
Special Ed. Aide



Judy Luebbehusen
Library Aide



Judy Mehling
Special Ed. Aide



Ursula Shaw
Study Hall Aide



Janitors and matrons are Marta Kloeck, Rita Altman, Donna Hoffman, Randy Gehlhausen, Mark Oser, and Mark Huff.



Cooks are Pat Albert, Therese Ernst, Linda Boeckman, Clara Wilgus, Janice Berger, and Evelyn Hasenour.

School year filled with challenges



William Rohl
Superintendent



James Hagedorn
Principal



Rick Allen
Assistant Principal

The 1995-96 school year was one filled with excitement and challenges. As we progressed through the school year, it was exciting to see the new

addition emerge from mere foundations into a structure that would house students by April. It was a year of many challenges for

normal procedures. Some as simple as where we entered the school had to be altered several times in order to accommodate construction schedules. The growth of technology continued to influence our school and educational programming with the emergence of Internet and the availability of new CD laser disks.

We are proud of the way our students accepted these challenges, for we had a great year. Academically, our students continue to excel and to score above the national norms on SAT's and other national tests. In extracurricular activities our students worked hard to represent themselves and our school in an outstanding fashion, with the majority of teams having winning records, winning conference championships, and securing sectional titles in boys' and girls' track. It is with pride that we speak of our 1995-96 year, for it was one in which the highly valued traditions of our school were held in high esteem, and it was a year in which our students and school achieved many outstanding accomplishments.

Principal James Hagedorn



School board members are Stan Fischer, Donald Loepker, Patrick Tretter, Ernie Brames, and Tom Niehaus (sitting).

*Wonder. . . is the seed
of knowledge.*

-Francis Bacon

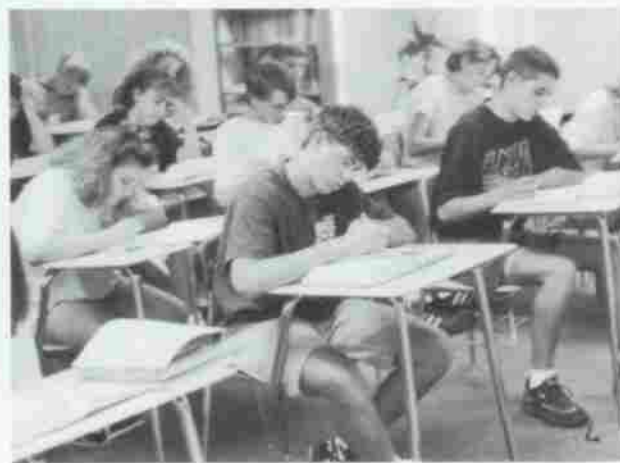
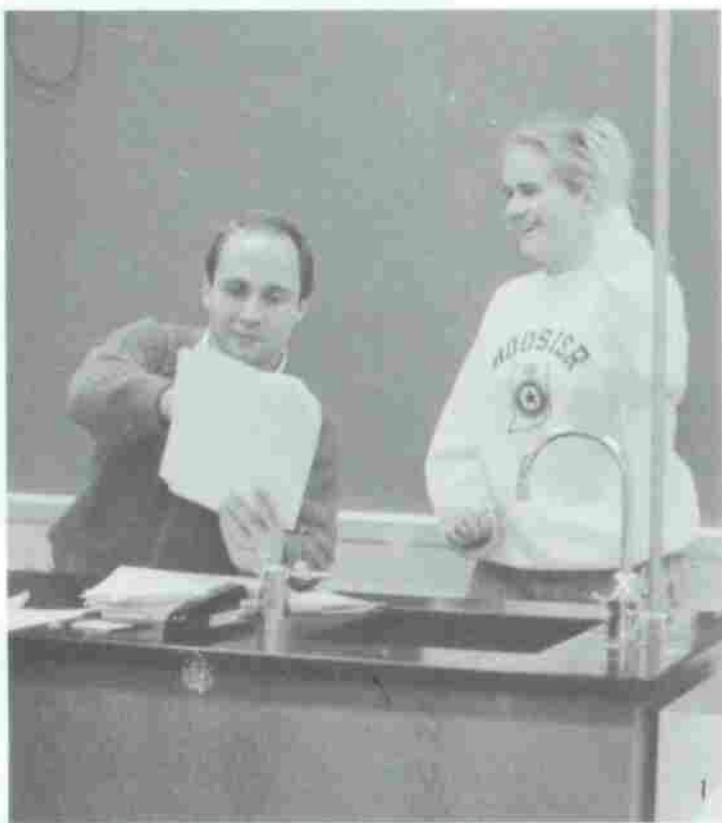


ACADEMICS

English...it's a fact of life at FP

When you make out your schedule at FP, one thing is certain--you have to take an English class. The classes offered this year were English 9, 10, 11, and 12, advanced composition, English literature, themes in literature, and speech. The classes were taught by Mr. Ed Walston, Ms. Leslie Shobe, Mr. Rock Emmert, and Mrs. Tara Rasche. According to Mr. Walston, the English classes emphasize an integrated approach to writing and grammar. Students also study literature and give oral presentations.

1. Mr. Emmert gives Becca Goldman some advice on a writing assignment. 2. Dan Luebbehusen dresses up his oral presentation with a tie (sort of). 3. Rachel Polen is the "anchor" for "CHannel 10". 4. Chad Nord and Jeff Johanneman get some quality study time. 5. Jason Reckelhoff tells the sophomores about the HOBY Leadership Camp. 6. Contesa Austin and Brandon Nord do a dramatic reading. 7. Chrissy Cummins concentrates on her writing. The writing lab is used extensively by all the English classes. 8. Ms. Shobe lectures in Brit lit. 9. Dave Klem, Lisa Knies, and Diana Knust try to come up with some creative ideas. 10. Ms. Rasche helps Chrissy Oser with her writing.



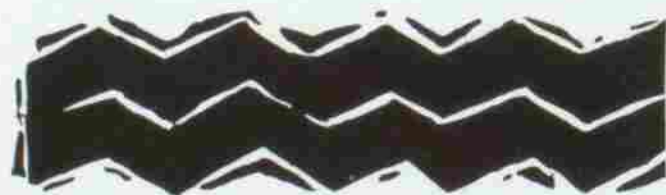


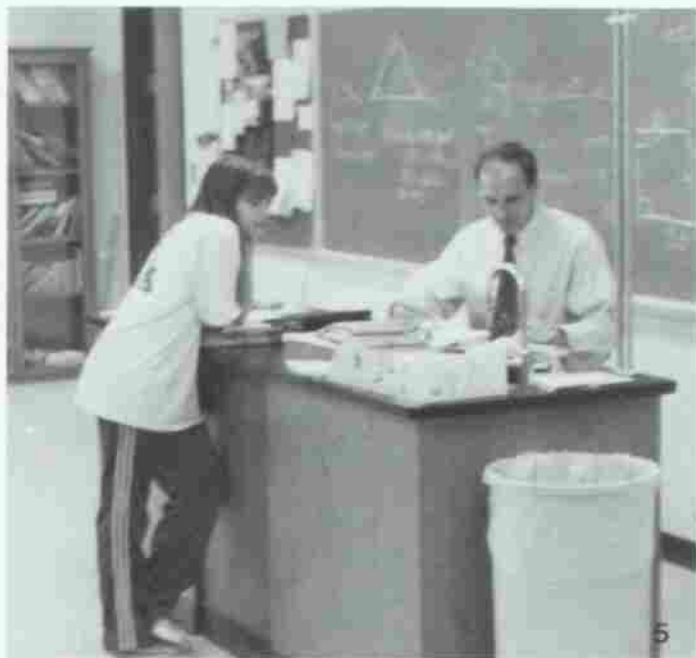
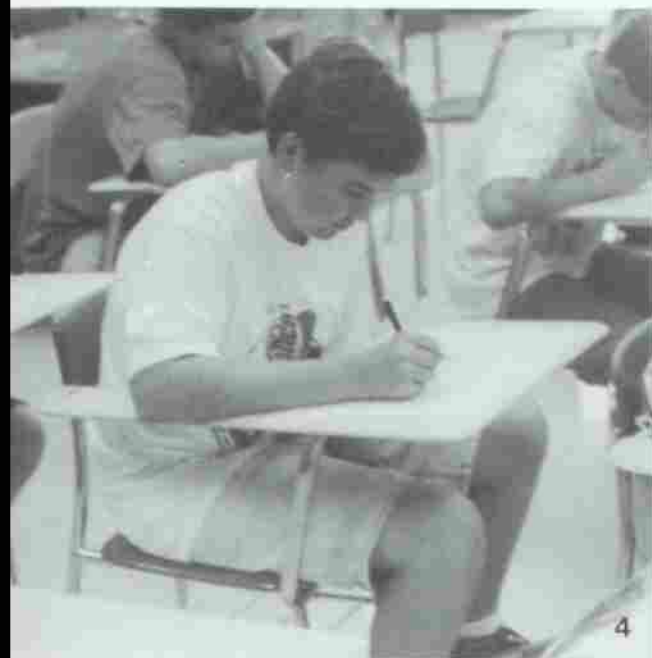
Fractions, functions, graphs, and fish



A variety of math classes were offered to Forest Park students. Geometry, Algebra I and II, business math, analysis, consumer math, general math, calculus, and pre-algebra were taken by Forest Park students. These classes were taught by Mr. Jim Mehling, Mr. Don Prusz, Mr. Larry Klein, Mrs. Sharon Gramelspacher, and Mr. Greg Durcholz.

1. A group of geometry students huddle around the math class's fish tank that was put together by Jen Gaesser and Joni Kemper. 2. Nick Uebelhor finds something funny about business math. 3. April Lemond, Jennife Bergr, and Carrie Durcholz work on an assignment together. 4. Alex Wahl concentrates on an Algebra I test. 5. Jayme Blessinger gets some help from Mr. Mehling. 6. Ann Boeglin takes down all the business math notes. 7. Mr. Mehling and class give a smile for the camera. 8. Brett Braunecker, Matt Kemper, Jeff Johanneman, and Chris Welp finish a tough analysis assignment.



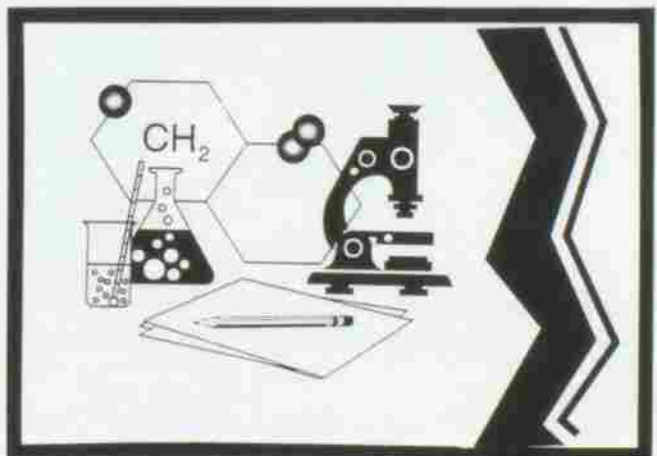
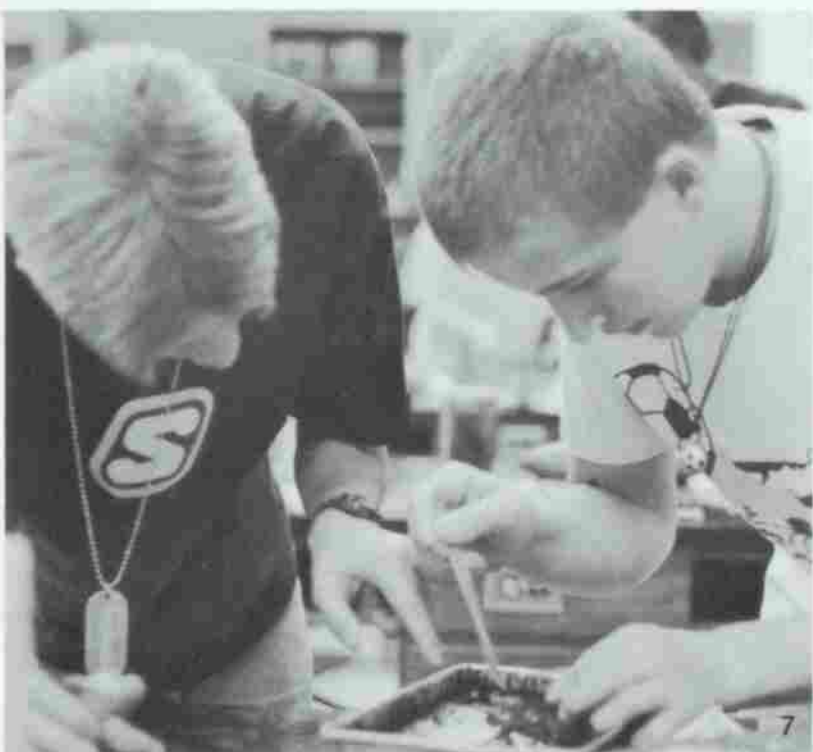
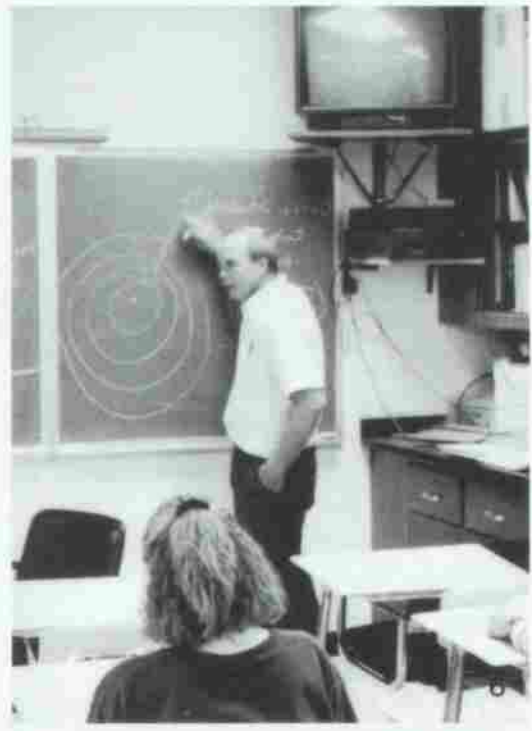


Science discovers the mysteries inside



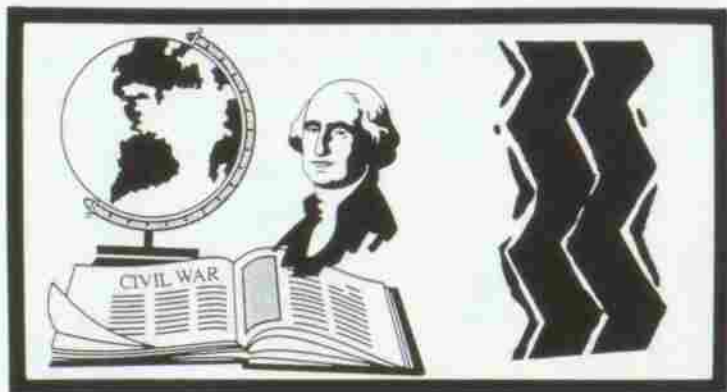
The science classes were taught by Mr. Kevin Wertman, Mr. Tom Meyer, Mr. Don Prusz, and Mr. Nathan Schnellenberger. General Science, pre-biology, Biology I, physical science, Chemistry I, and physics were all offered to students at Forest Park. Chemistry II and Biology II are offered in alternate years. Chemistry II was offered this year. 1. Sorry to bother you while you were taking your physics test Jason. 2. The physical science class does their homework. 3. Nina and Laura work on dissecting frogs in biology. 4. Kyle studies hard in physical science. 5. Amy and Andrea have questions for Mr. Prusz. 6. Mr. Meyer teaches from the board. 7. Matt and Jared look inside of a frog. 8. A group of juniors look at chemicals. 9. Jill, Kara, and Karrie study Chemistry II together.



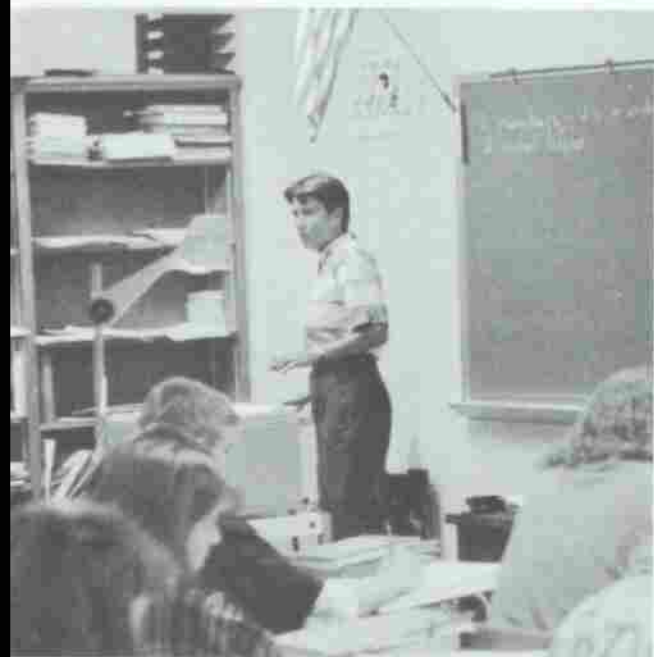




This year's social studies classes at Forest Park were taught by Ms. Ellen Hendricks, Ms. Marty Niehaus, Mrs. Helen Keusch, Mr. Rock Emmert, and Ms. Leslie Shobe. The classes that were available to students were world geography, American government, U.S. history, world history, economics, consumer economics, sociology, and psychology. In order to graduate, students must complete U.S. history their junior year and government and economics their senior year. In government, the students went through a government simulation. It taught the seniors how the government process works. 1. Ms. Hendricks has a big discussion with her psychology class. 2. Jen and Ryan give Brett Stout a standing ovation after his State of the Union address. 3. Some members of the junior class take notes in U.S. history. 4. Ms. Niehaus dictates notes to her students. 5. President Stout presents his State of the Union address. 6. Wade Pierce takes recognition for his role in the FP Nation. 7. Kristina, who is a member of the media during simulation, asks the president a question. 8. Kris and Shayne simulate.



Seniors learn about government in simulation



Business: preparing for a career

During the 1995-96 school year, the business classes at Forest Park were taught by Mrs. Rowena Weyer and Mrs. Beth Schnellenberger. A variety of classes are available for students to take. Introduction to business, keyboarding, Accounting I and II, business law, and computer applications can be taken at Forest Park. Keyboarding must be taken for at least one semester in order to graduate. Many of the classes teach students what they

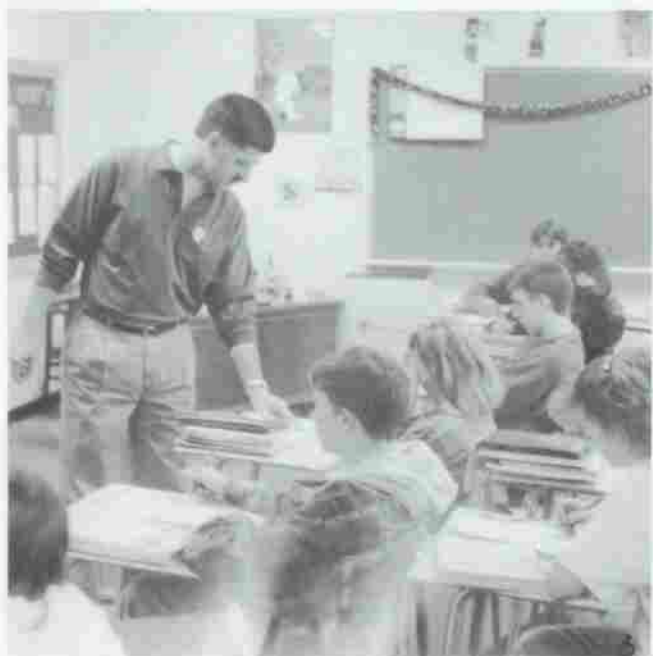
might encounter in future years. Students can be become more use to using computers in many business classes.

1. Sara Schneider does some work on the computer after class is over.
2. Tami Leisman gets help from Mrs. Schnellenberger on an Accounting II assignment.
3. Greg Lane carefully tears his paper off of the printer in accounting.
4. Bart Persohn works hard in accounting.
5. Greg helps Brett Braunecker on his computer.





FP students become bilingual



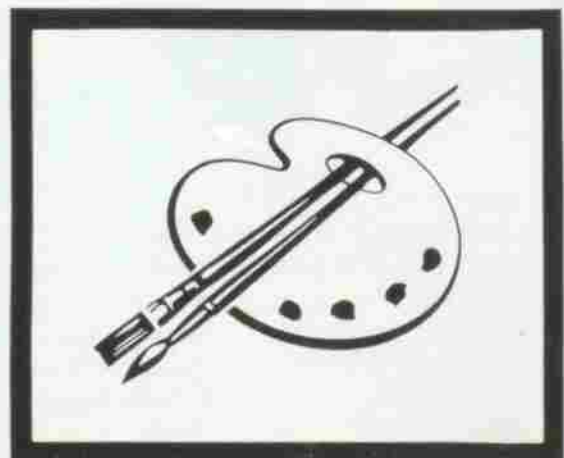
Spanish and German I through IV were offered to all students at Forest Park. At least four credits of Spanish or German are required for all diplomas except for the Basic Diploma. Mrs. Margaret Buechler teaches the Spanish I and II classes, while Mrs. Vicki Beach teaches juniors and seniors in Spanish III and IV. Mrs. Mary Francis Englert came to Forest Park for nine weeks as a student teacher in the Spanish classes. Mr. Larry Tenbarge teaches the

German classes. Mrs. Beach and Mrs. Buechler use different classrooms throughout the school due to the lack of rooms. 1. Mrs. Buechler points out the correct use of a word to Jayme Blessinger and Jennifer Ahrens. 2. Josh Meyer and Alex Hagedorn make sure they get all of the German words off the board. 3. Mr. Tenbarge shows a student the correct meaning to the problem. 4. Josh Cooper and Angie Niehaus work together to finish a Spanish assignment.



Art adds splash of color to FP

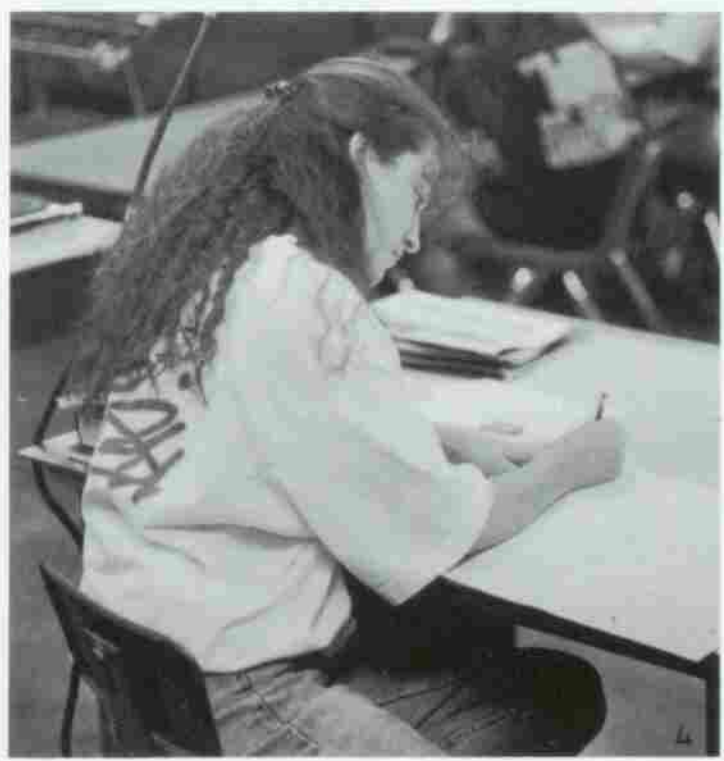
Art classes I through IV are offered to all students at Forest Park. These classes are taught by Mrs. Linda Berry. Art students draw, paint, sculpt, and make many other interesting projects. Every year, the art students hold an extravaganza. The art students get to show off all the hard work they put in their projects for the year. In this, the seniors get their own display area if they have taken art for four years. The younger art students work hard in their work to show the skills that they have for the extravaganza. 1. Mrs. Berry watches Jeremy Leinenbach and Eugene Goman put the finishing touches on their art projects. 2. Eric Berger and Janet Weyer seem to be happy with their work on a painting. 3. Amber Striegel makes sure her lines are straight. 4. Jane Dall adds the right colors to her painting.



Reading, writing, and reporting

Journalism I, II, and III were offered to sophomores on up to seniors. Mr. Ed Walston taught the class for his twenty-first year at Forest Park. A total of five students signed up for Journalism I. Two students came back to take Journalism II. Journalism III had eight students, which was more than ever in the past. The Journalism I students learn skills in writing, editing, photography, advertising, layout, and design. These skills help journalism students produce the school paper and yearbook in the future. The advanced

journalism students now take on the responsibility of producing the school paper and yearbook. A lot of hard work goes into making The Lookout and The Tracer. All journalism students learn the importance of how to meet deadlines. 1. Mr. Walston and Jen Gaesser give journalism thumbs up. 2. Phil Winkler works on making out a list of advertisers. 3. David Bohne looks for an idea for his next story. 4. Co-editor Joni Kemper works on a yearbook dummy sheet.

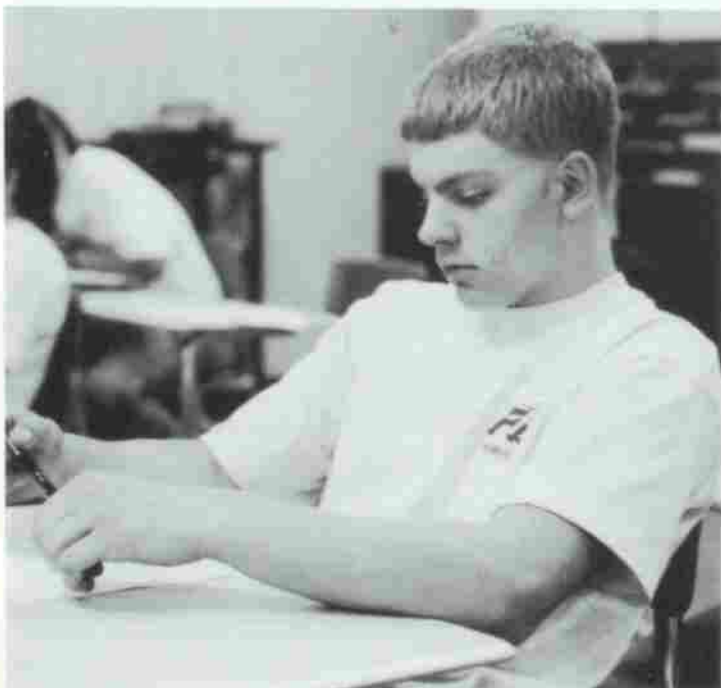


Agriculture and farming. . .

It's not what
it used to be

Students in agriculture classes learned the concepts necessary for running a farm or farm-related business, management of natural resources, operation and maintenance of equipment, raising and caring for animals, and landscaping. The classes were taught by Mr. Doug Walker.

1. Allen Betz gets some research materials off the shelf. 2. Josh Giesler is pretty excited about his test. 3. Luke Wehr seems to be the only one working in this group. 4. Mr. Walker gives the class some important information.

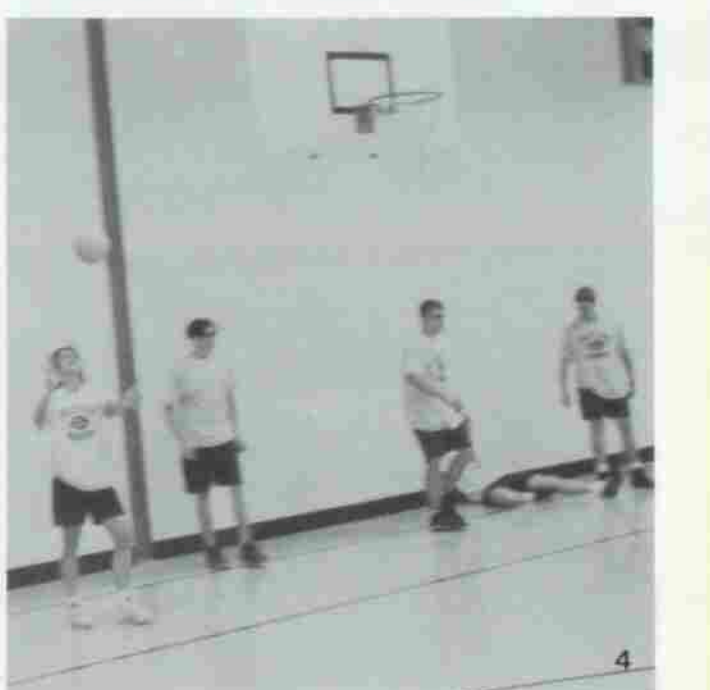
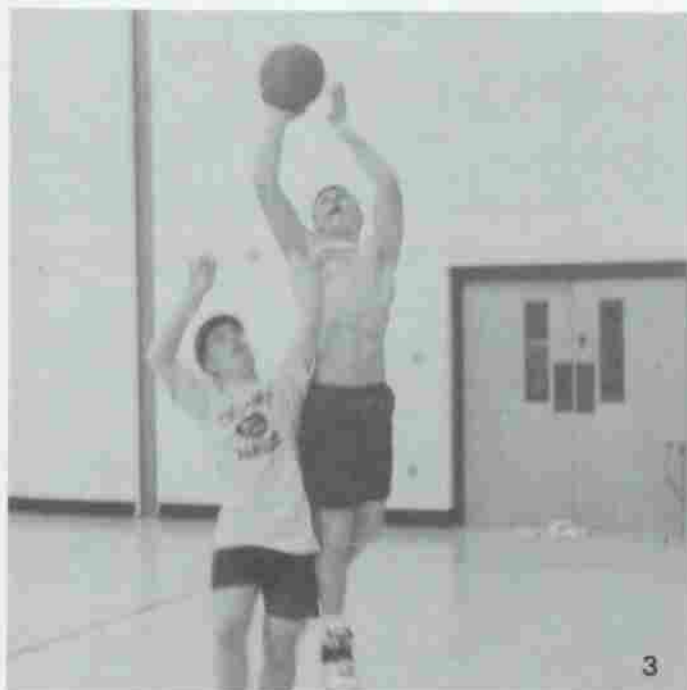


Keeping healthy and having fun

Physical education classes enhance students' physical ability and improve coordination. Students get to play sports that they might not have a chance to play otherwise. And they get to have fun with their friends. The P.E. and health classes help students learn to keep themselves in good physical condition. The classes were taught by Mrs. Vicki Beach and

Mr. Dennis Doutaz.

1. Dale Wright gets a layup. 2. Brent Sicard takes the ball down the floor as Mr. Doutaz evaluates the class. 3. The guys are playing shirts and skins. 4. Ryan Wilmes serves during a volleyball game.

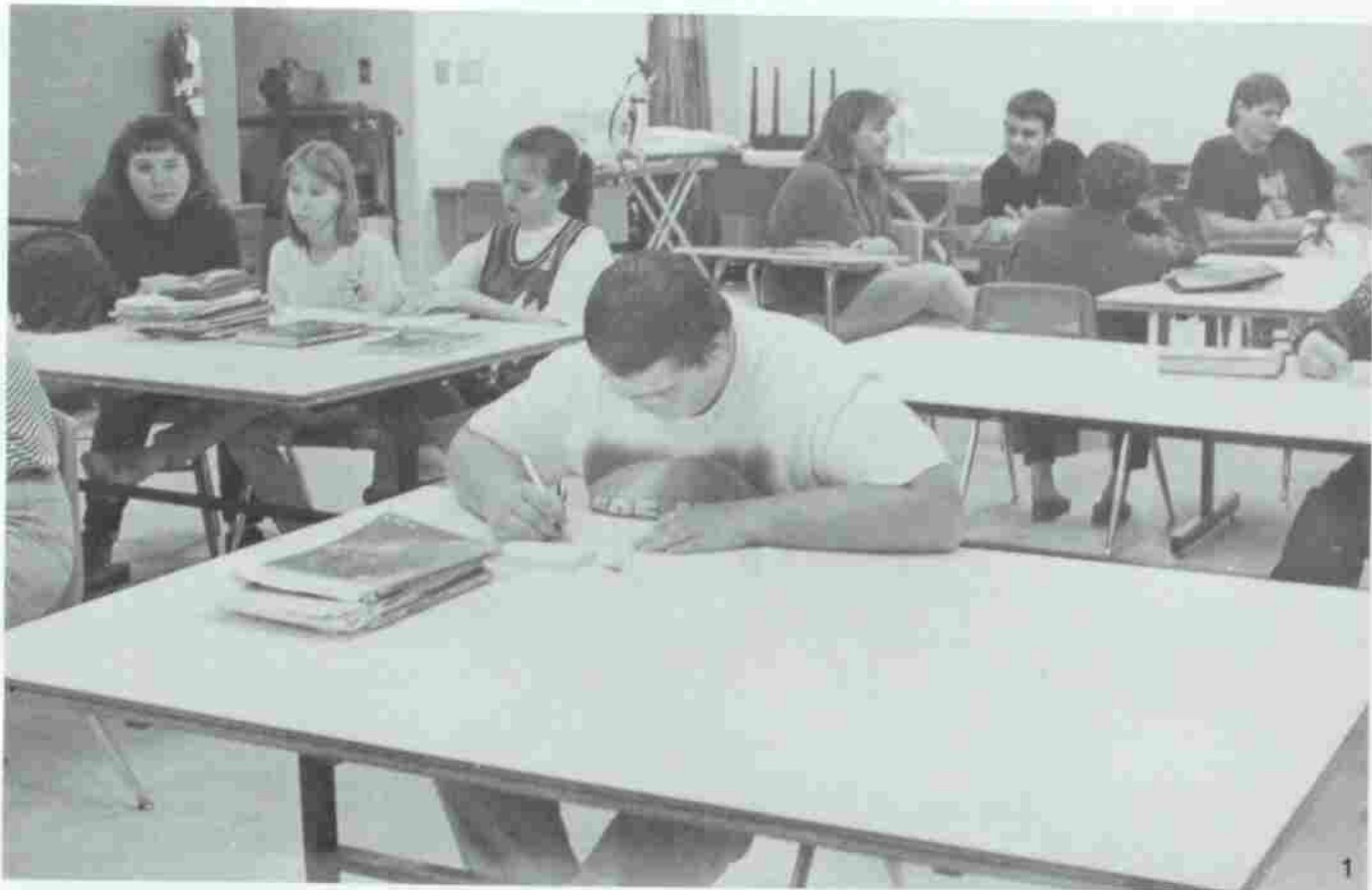


Not just a 'she thing'

Home economics, housing, and family

Home economics students learned about consumer issues and money management, interpersonal relations, housing, child development, family relations, family management, nutrition and foods, textiles and clothing. There were advanced classes offered in nutrition and foods, and in textiles and clothing. The classes were taught by Mrs. Brenda Allen.

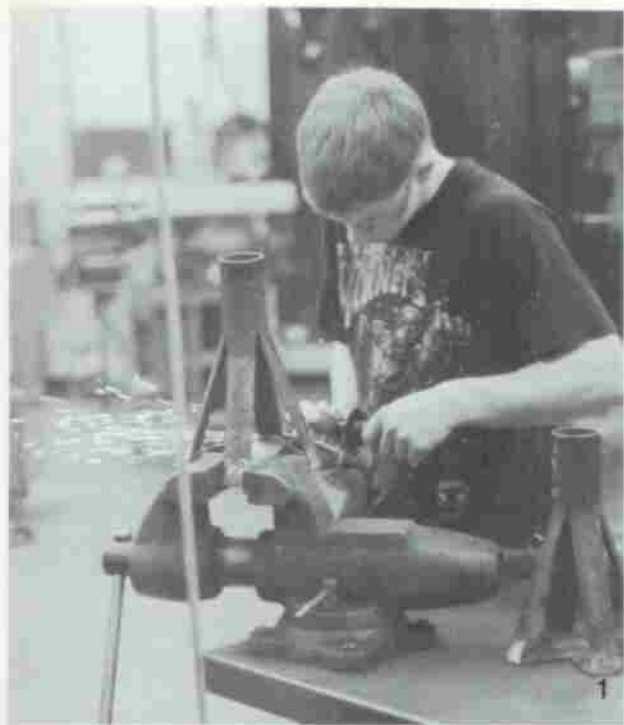
1. David Bohne is hard at work in housing class.
2. Jennifer Weyer receives one of the home economics awards during the Academic Awards Program.
3. Mike Leisman and Justin Golden take their work seriously, but Steve Norman and Brett Stout would rather relax.



Industry and technology explored through hands on experience

In industrial arts classes, students learned about energy and transportation systems, metals, industrial materials and processes, power and transportation, woods, manufacturing technology, drafting, construction planning and design, and community planning. The classes were taught by Mr. Jim Johanneman, Mr. Jeff Johnson, and Mr. Steve Stoffel. Projects from these areas were displayed at the spring art show and competed for ribbons. During the year, classes raced mouse-trap cars and conducted wind tunnel experiments.

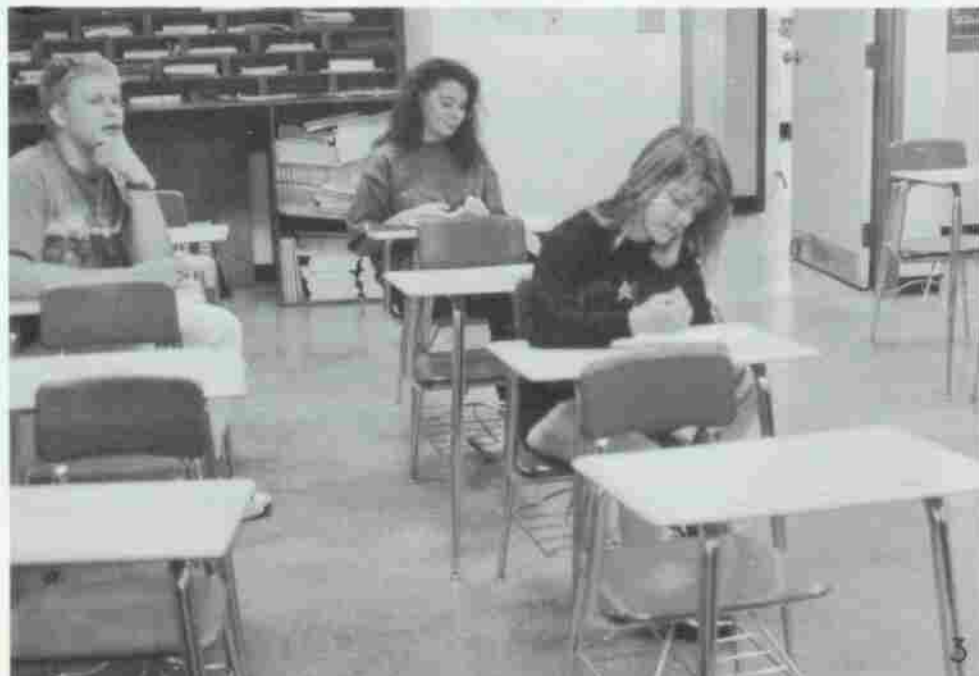
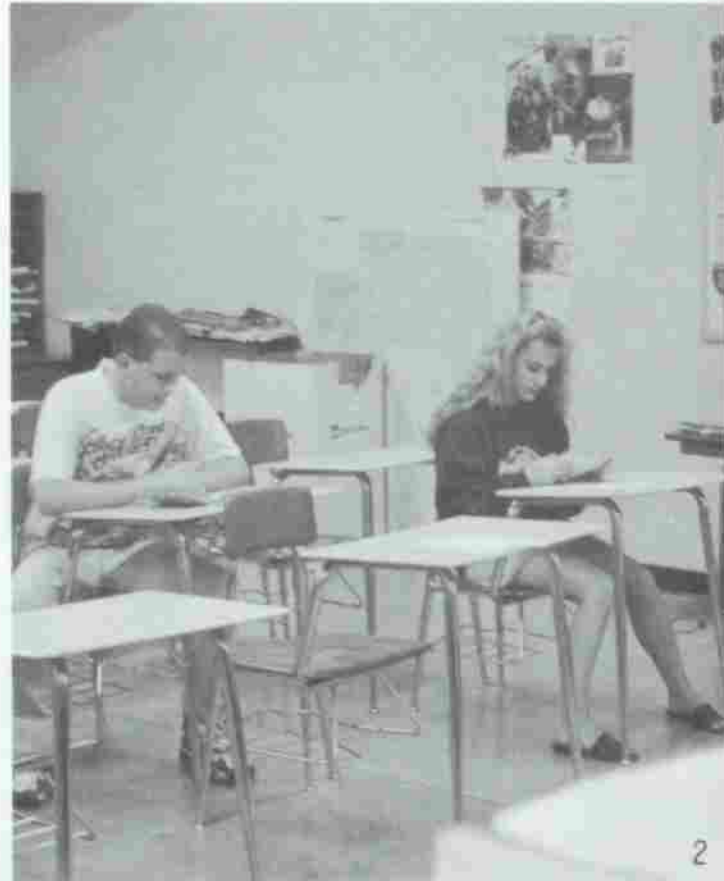
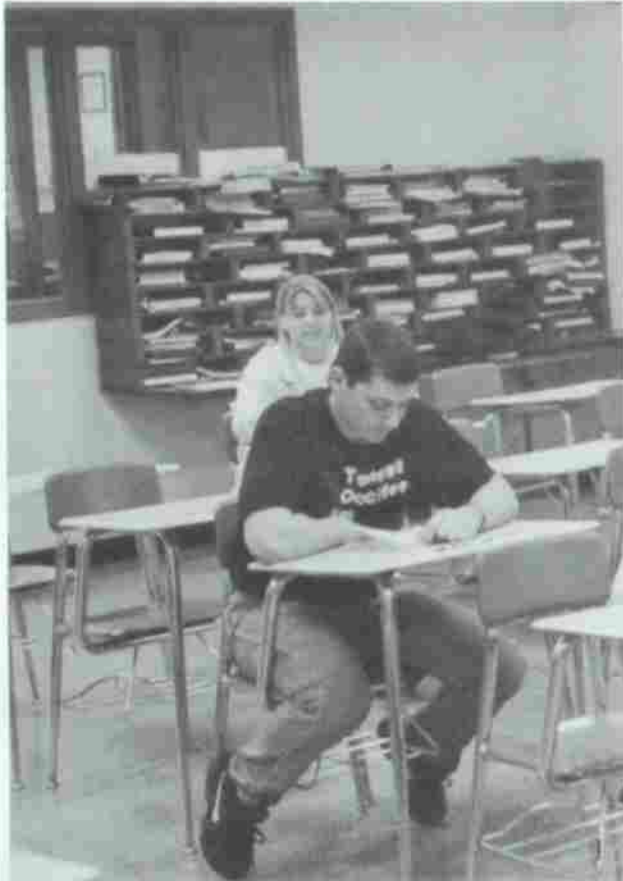
1. Josh Giesler makes some sparks in metals class.
2. Josh Haake and Alex Hagedorn take care of the paperwork.
3. Jason Hoffman uses the drill press.
4. Mr. Johanneman helps Raphael Ahne with some computer assisted drafting.
5. Chris Welp communes with the computer screen.



I.C.E., a cool educational adventure

The interdisciplinary cooperative education program provided students with vocational training in skilled trades and occupations. The students took regular classroom instruction in the "World of Work," and got practical work experience release the last two hours of the school day. The class was under the tutelage of Mr. Doug Walker.

1. Lisa Miller is amazed that Nick Persohn is actually studying. 2. Dave Mitchell and Christi Matheis complete an assignment with their books. 3. Eric Stallman ponders a question that Kelly Spencer and Karena Vonderheide find slightly amusing.





Presentation on May 10 recognizes students excelling in academics

On May 10 Forest Park's Academic Awards Program was held in the auditorium. Outstanding students were recognized in all academic areas. Honor roll and attendance awards were presented, and scholarship winners were recognized.

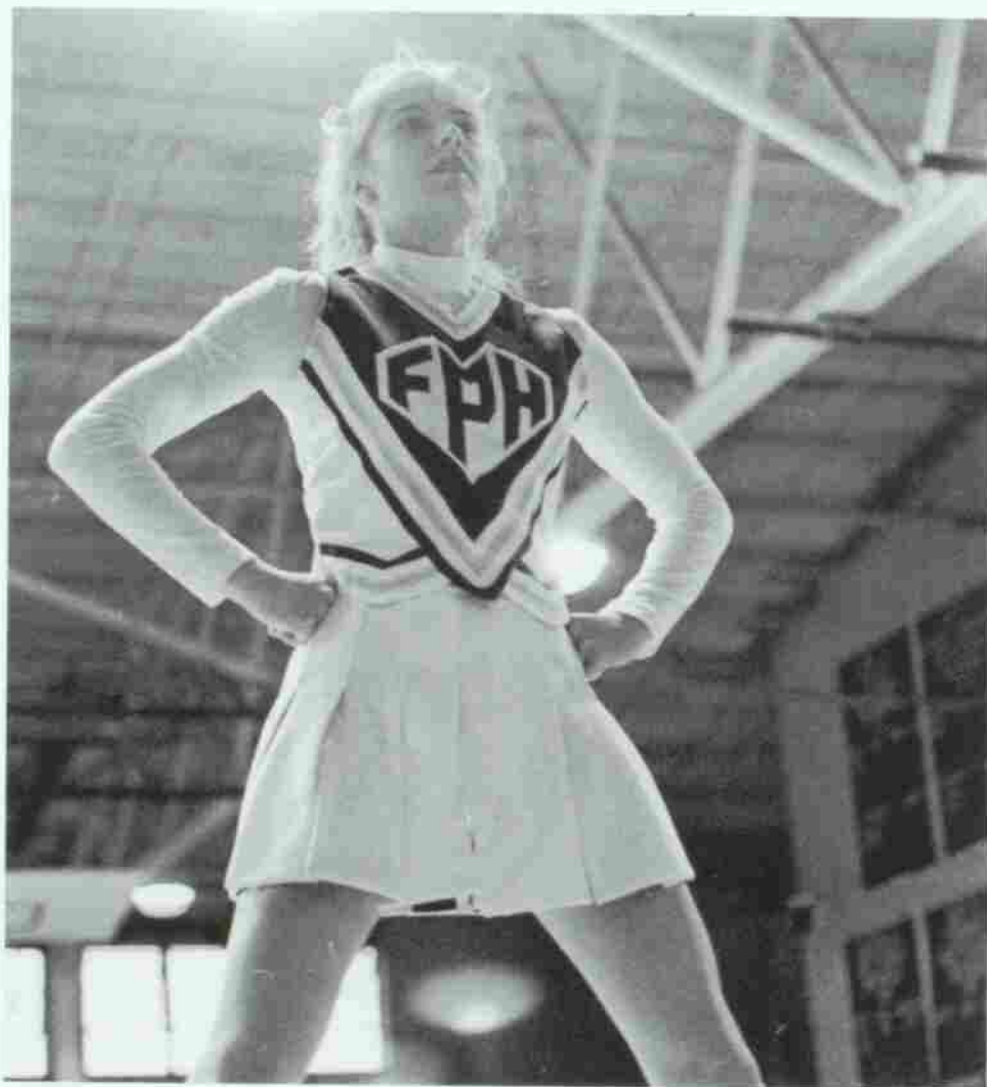
The senior award winners are pictured. Front row: Becca Goldman, journalism; Diana Knust, honor roll; Joni Kemper, journalism; Judith Stillwell, cadet teaching; Rachel Polen, advanced Spanish; Rachel Dittmer, honor roll; Kamie Schipp, outstanding vocalist; Sarah Wendholt, scholar athlete and four year honor roll; Bonnie Turner, honor roll; and Jill Pund, honor roll. Middle row: Sara Schneider, home economics; Jen Gaesser, journalism and four year honor roll; Kelly Berg, four year honor roll; Jennifer Durcholz, honor roll; Lea Ebert, honor roll; Lisa Welp, physics, science, and four year honor roll; Lisa Jochem,

cadet and business math; Melissa Woebkenberg, honor roll; Erin Ruhe, computer applications and four year honor roll; Jane Dall, speech, calculus, Art III, advanced German, advanced chemistry, social studies, math, English, and four year honor roll. Back row: Christi Matheis, I.C.E.; Becky Betz, business; Mike Rickleman, honor roll; Ryan Vaupel, computer math; Dave Klem, computer math and four year honor roll; Jason Reckelhoff, scholar athlete and four year honor roll; Cory Schnieders, honor roll; Heath Meyer, technology; Ben Johanneman, community planning and design and four year honor roll; Nick Persohn, woods; Dave Mitchell, manufacturing processes; and Jason Kemper, power. Not pictured are Audrey Kemper, Art IV, and Nick Mohr, power.



Accept the challenge so that you may feel the exhilaration of victory.

-unknown



SPORTS

It was another great year for the Rangers



Senior blanket winners are Ryan Vaupel and Rachel Dittmer.



Boys' Cross Country

Most Improved - Aaron Lange
MVP - Cory Buechler

Volleyball

Assists - Kellie Hobbs
Serving - Sarah Wendholt
Kills - Cori Begle
Defense - Cori Begle
MVP - Cori Begle

Boys' Basketball

Deflections - Ryan Vaupel
Defensive Charge - Jesse Lubbers
Free Throw % - Ryan Vaupel
Field Goal % - Phil Winkler
Rambo Award - Brandon Boehman
Productivity - J.R. Maxey
Steals/Recoveries - Jesse Lubbers
Attitude - Andy Jahn
Defense Award - John Fleig
Assits - Jesse Lubbers
Rebounds - J.R. Maxey
MVP - Ryan Vaupel

Girls' Cross Country

Most Improved - Amber Schipp
MVP - Kara Bieker

Soccer

Mental Attitude - Wayne Burger
Defense Award - Ryan Meyer
Golden Foot - Mark Pund
Most Improved - Luke Kempf
MVP - Mark Pund

Girls' Basketball

Assists - Kellie Hobbs
Free Throw % - Audra Ruhe
Field Goal % - Marla Auffart
Rebounding - Cori Begle
Steals - Rachel Dittmer
Defense - Marla Auffart
MVP - Marla Auffart

Girls' Tennis

Mental Attitude - Kamie Schipp
Most Improved - Tammy Fuchs
MVP - Sarah Wendholt

Golf

Most Improved - Mike Wehr
MVP - John Fleig

Cheerleading

Senior Awards: Lea Ebert
Jill Pund, Kamie Schipp
Christy Hochgesang

Wrestling

Pinning - Todd Brittain
Take Down - Wade Pierce
Improved - Brett Braunecker
MVP - Wade Pierce

Boys' Tennis

Mental Attitude - Matt Weyer
Most Improved - Pat Naviaux
MVP - Cory Schnieders

Baseball

Batting - Brandon Boehman
Pitching - Dan Luebbehusen
Attitude - Andy Rohleder
MVP - Brandon Boehman

Boys' Track

Distance - Cory Buechler
Sprinting - Steve Norman
Field Events - Todd Brittain
MVP - Cory Buechler

Girls' Track

Distance - Kara Bieker
Sprinting - Amber Schipp
Field Events - Sarah Dilger
MVP - Angela Bumm



Boys and girls cross country program proves to be one of the best in the state!





"The cross country teams did very well this year. They put out the effort to become a great team. The hard work and miles paid off in the end. With this kind of effort and participation, the CC program will continue to be one of the best in this area.
 --Coach Pat Hall

The cross country teams proved that Forest Park is definitely a school to be reckoned with! The girls team had some of the greatest accomplishments in school history, including a second place finish at the Blue-Chip and sectional, and advancing all the way to semi-state. The boys team was in a rebuilding year, but they also accomplished many things. They advanced to the regionals and finished with a great season.

1. The '95 boys team. 2. The '95 girls team. 3. Nick, Justin, and Aaron think about an upcoming race. 4. The girls huddle up. 5. Scott passes his opponent. 6. Now this is team bonding! 8. Jenny concentrates on her strides. 9. Todd relaxes. 10. Julie leaves yet another opponent behind. 11. No one can catch up with Cory. 12. Lisa pushes herself. 13. Amber looks to the finish. 14. What a stud!



Soccer team has another great year



The '95 Soccer Ranger season started with some very high expectations. As a group, the team felt that 'this was the year'. These young men began the year as the most experienced and talented team in eleven years of Ranger soccer. By the end of the season they had played some very competitive soccer while taking the team to some new heights. Their play improved tremendously.

--Coach Ken Sicard

The Ranger soccer team had another season packed full of improvement. They finished the season with a 5-7-1 record after losing a hard-fought match in the sectional against Bedford. Coach Sicard felt the boys played well enough to win and make it to the championship, but came up a goal short. This was the first year for the junior varsity who was coached by the varsity assistant, Tim Nelson. They finished with a 3-1-2 record. The Rangers will graduate seven seniors who contributed to a great tradition at FP. Upcoming soccer members have the desire to improve and will keep the tradition going years to come.

1. The '95 Ranger soccer team. 2. Heath Meyer creates chaos around the goal. 3. Aaron Rohl uses his concentration skills on the field. 4. Coach Sicard watches intently from the sidelines. 5. Mark Pund chases down his opponent. 6. Phil Winkler takes a swing. 7. Stretch it out boys! 8. The Rangers try for a goal. 9. Deric Muller never misses an opportunity to play, even when he is injured.



Tennis team has excellent season under new coach



Overall, the tennis team had great successes this past season with new coach, Ms. Tara Eisenhut.

1. The 1995 tennis team. 2. The guys take a little snack break. 3. JV players look very enthusiastic about the match. 4. Players are assigned their courts. 5. Pat follows through on a swing. 6. Cory Schneiders awaits a serve.



"With the return of only two lettermen from last season, this inexperienced team exceeded my expectations with their excellent performance in the sectional. They had a fourth place finish in the North Harrison tourney and defeated Springs Valley and South Spencer to make it to the sectional finals against Jasper. The last time Forest Park was in the final match was in 1977. Jason Reckelhoff was runner-up at #3 singles, Chad Nord and Matt Weyer were runner-up at #2 doubles in the Harrison tourney."

--Coach Tara Eisenhut



Junior Varsity goes 23-5

Freshmen only lose three!



The junior varsity and freshmen volleyball teams had a near perfect records this past season. The freshmen lost only three games, and the JV went 23-5. Coach Vicki Beach lead the JV to another Boonville tourney championship.

1. The 1995 junior varsity team, 2. The 1995 freshmen team, 3. Captain Brooke Messmer flashes her winning smile. 4. No, you're not seeing double! 5. The junior varsity makes better players than models.



Cori Begle signs with University of Toledo

Coach Luebbehusen retires after 23 years



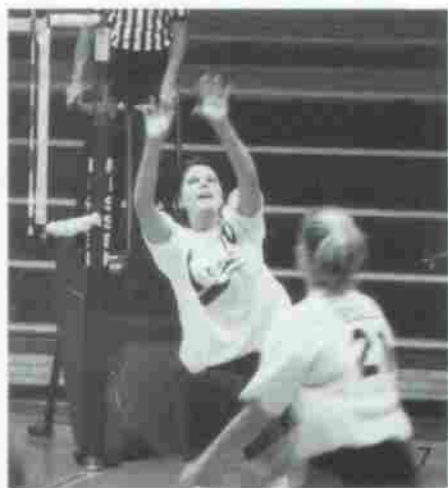
The varsity volleyball team recorded one of the best seasons in FP's history this past season. After 23 years of coaching, Mary Lou Luebbehusen decided to step down. The Rangers were undefeated in the Blue-Chip and posted a 21-8 record. The '95 girls shattered several records. Among season records, Cori Begle finished with 204 kills, Sarah Dilger notched 156 digs, and Kellie Hobbs dished out 301 assists.

1. The 1995 varsity volleyball team.
2. Kellie shows some skills. 3. Cori and Audrey close the block. 4. Sarah is ready to serve an ace. 5. The girls wait for a whistle. 6. Rachel uses perfect form. 7. Kellie concentrates on her set. 8. Jenny serves one. 9. Water break! 10. Marla Auffart tips the ball to a hole. 11. Coach wraps up a new Begle injury. 12. Sarah, Kellie, and Cori show their award tee-shirts. 13. Coach Luebbehusen and Beach get crazy.





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"This year's team was an outstanding group. They were team players with each contributing to the best of their ability. They were a tremendous group with which to work. All six seniors contributed to a leadership role. The juniors provided additional depth to the team.

--Coach Mary Lou Luebbehusen

Kellie Hobbs is chosen as a District II All-Star, Marla Auffart to continue at MacMurray

Lady Rangers finish with one of the best seasons



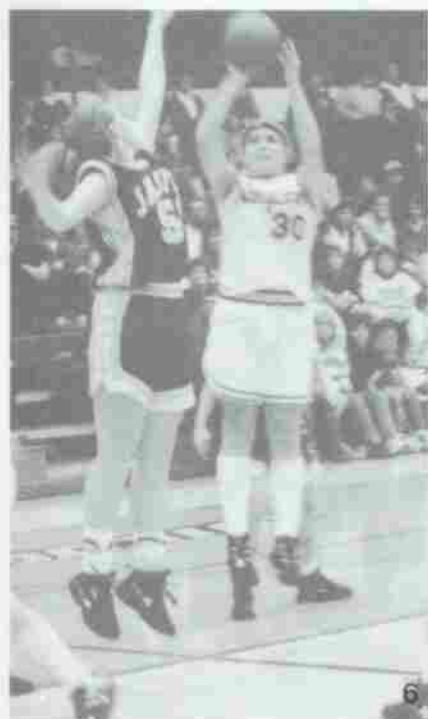
It was a year full of memories for the Lady Rangers as they finished with an impressive 16-4 record and were undefeated in the Blue-Chip. Marla Auffart and Kellie Hobbs were All-Conference, and Cori Begle was Honorable Mention. Those three were also All-State Honorable Mention, and All-Southern Indiana Honorable Mention. Kellie was chosen a District II All-Star and Sarah Wendholt was Academic All-State. Marla Auffart decided to take her talents to MacMurray College on a partial scholarship where she will continue playing.

1. The Lady Rangers. 2. The girls get ready to go. 3. Kellie isn't flustered by her defense. 4. Rachel is off! 5. Cori pushes the ball up the court. 6. Sarah goes up for two. 7. The FP crowd is definitely one of the best. 8. Marty gives her words of wisdom. 9. Kellie looks for an open player. 10. Everyone is friends until the whistle blows! 11. Marla fires one using perfect form.





"The 1995-96 Lady Ranger Basketball team's 16-4 record ties it with the 92-93 team for the fourth best record in school history. As a unit, we applied tenacious defensive pressure and were capable of awesome offensive production. The team was very explosive, and brought a great deal of excitement to our fans and were a pleasure to watch." --Coach Marty Niehaus



Junior varsity finish season with 13 wins



The junior varsity completed another successful season finishing 13-7 overall, and 4-4 in the Blue-Chip. Many players contributed to the winning season. Mike Wehr led the team in three point percentage and free throw percentage; Matt Parr averaged eight points per game, four rebounds, and two blocked shots; and Brent Sicard led the team with two assists per game.

1. Coach Tom Beach and the '96 JV team. 2. Chaos around the goal! 3. Brent Sicard controls the court. 4. Brad Begle gets up for the tip. 5. Nate Hawkins uses his tenacious defense. 6. Mike Wehr and Matt Parr defend the goal.



Girls JV end season 8-0 in the Blue-Chip

The girls' junior varsity team finished the season at 16-2, preparing themselves well for the varsity level. They dominated Blue-Chip competition and won the JV tournament at Southridge. Coach Gregg Durcholz felt the sophomores set a great example for the younger players and worked daily. They will leave the junior varsity with an overall record of 32-2!

1. Coach Durcholz and the '96 JV team. 2. Jaime gets ready to throw a bomb. 3. Melinda is off and running! 4. "Sue" looks for an open teammate. 5. Julie Cummins concentrates on a free throw. 6. Audra looks for the open lane. 7. Julie pops one over the defense.



The Rangers finish with another winning season



The basketball team continued the legacy at FP finishing with another winning record. John Fleig was All-Conference Honorable Mention, Brandon Boehman was an All-Sectional Herald pick, and Ryan Vaupel landed a spot on the All-Conference team, the All-Sectional team, and was a District II All-Star. Ryan will continue his talent at Brescia College on a partial scholarship.

1. The 1995-96 squad. 2. Brandon applies some defense. 3. John and Jesse double up. 4. Nothing is getting by these two! 5. "Where are you going?" 6. Seniors have a pre-game meeting with the refs. 7. Phil and John swap one away. 8. Rachel and April keep the best stats. 9. Grab that board! 10. Ryan won't give anything up. 11. Brandon waits to pick off a pass. 12. The guys huddle it up.





"Our guys did a fine job this year. They were responsible for Forest Park's eighth winning season in a row. This was the best free throw shooting team in my ten years, and they only gave up 53 points per game. That's one of the best we've had here."

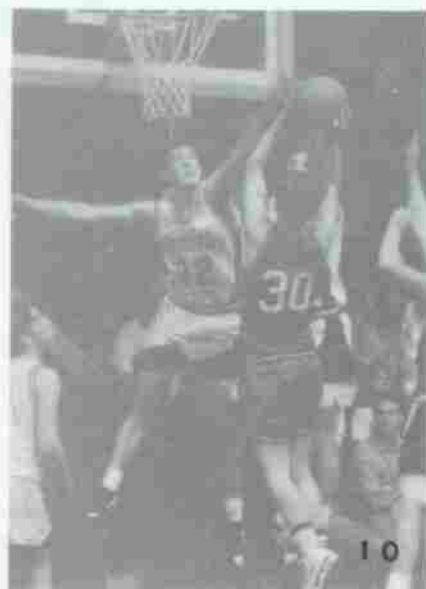
--Coach Dennis Doutaz



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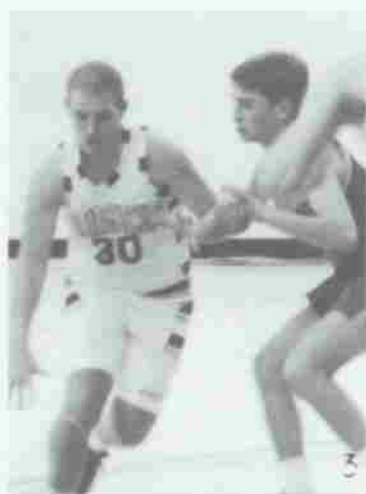
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Frosh win 11 games with help from cheerleaders!

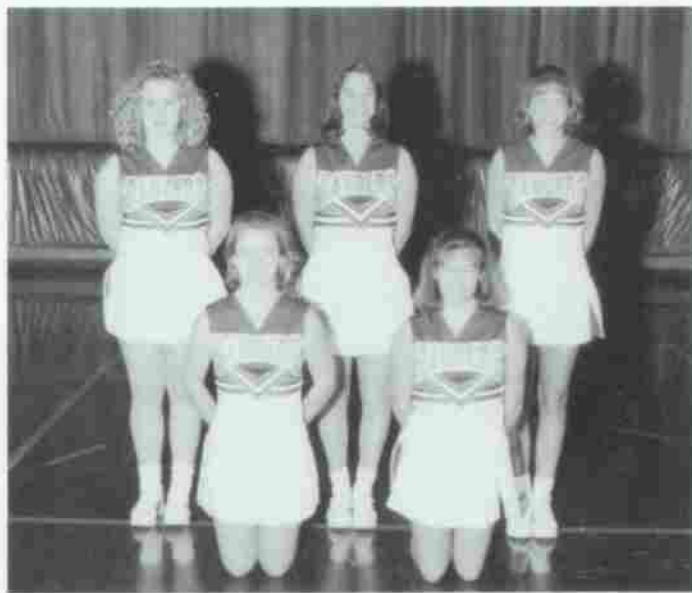


The freshmen basketball players and cheerleaders proved they will be a tough class to compete with in the coming years. The boys won 11 games, the second most for any frosh team at Forest Park! Brent Sicard led the way in assists and Dale Wright was the high rebounder. The cheerleaders had a great season under new head coach, Miss Tara Eisenhut. The frosh cheerleaders were Jenny Peters, Lacey Verkamp, Ashley Stoffel, Kim Kempf, and Missy Dittmer.

1. Coach Rhodes and the frosh basketball team. 2. The freshmen cheerleaders. 3. Pat Doutaz drives to the basket. 4. Jarod Brames goes up strong for two. 5. The cheerleaders take time to pose for a picture. 6. Coach Rhodes gives some instruction.



The cheerleaders' hard work paid off



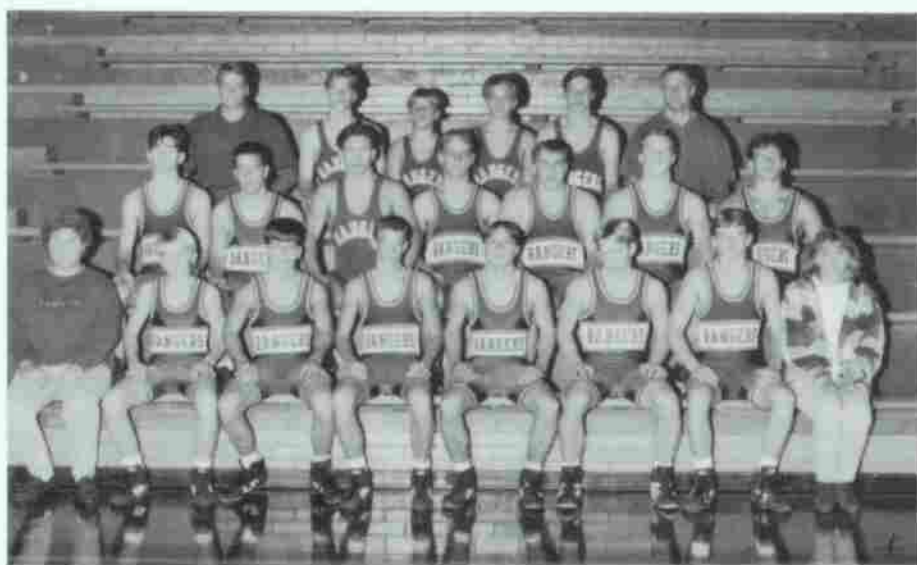
Each year, the cheerleaders work harder and get better! Miss Tara Eisenhut graduated four devoted seniors: Lea Ebert, Christy Hochgesang, Kamie Schipp, and Jill Pund.

1. '96 varsity cheerleaders. 2. JV cheerleaders. 3. Sock it to 'em Brooke! 4. Here they come! 5. Christy flashes a smile. 6. What strength! 7. FP's crowd is on their feet. 8. All eyes are directed at the cheerleaders!



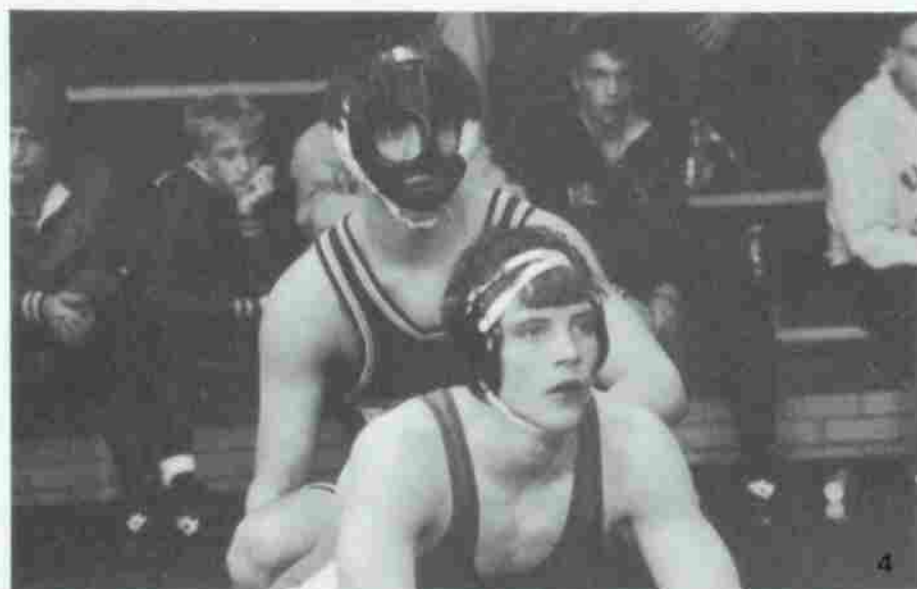
Todd Brittain advances to state, Wade Pierce to wrestle at Indianapolis

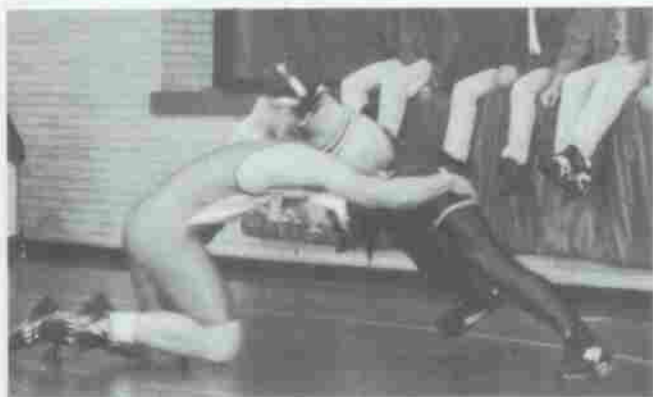
Wrestling team uses experience as well as youth



"The wrestling team had an outstanding year, considering its youth. Wade Pierce, Steve Morrow and Todd Brittain showed good leadership and commitment to this team and will be missed."

--Coach Kevin Wertman





Coaches Kevin Wertman and Doug Abel felt the wrestling team used senior leadership and strong youth to have another successful year, finishing 18-6. The sophomores put in a lot of time over the summer and their efforts paid off. Senior Todd Brittain advanced to state competition and plans on continuing athletics at college. He will attend Indiana State, of which does not have a wrestling team, but will try out for the football team. Senior Wade Pierce will also continue athletics, wrestling at the University of Indianapolis.



1. The 1995-96 wrestling squad. 2. Scott pleads with the ref. 3. Blu takes a look at his opponent. 4. No, it's not another Friday the 13th movie, it's just Wade! 5. Grant struggles to get free. 6. The guys pile on top of each other. 7. Brett uses his leg strength. 8. Todd overpowers his opponent. 9. The guys are very supportive of each other during all matches. 10. Scott grimaces in pain. 11. Todd is a little camera shy!



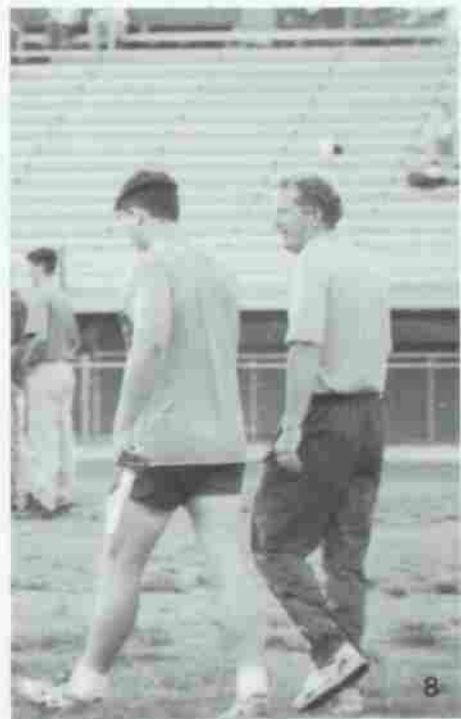
Cory Buechler will run for Vincennes University

Boys' track team runs over competition



"The 1996 boys track team was another good one. Why? Because of ten dedicated seniors that know how to win. They behaved with class and were a real pleasure to be around. Very business-like; they set some pretty high goals and then worked very hard to achieve them. They won their third straight sectional because of their talent and attitude."

--Coach Tom Beach



1. The 1996 Track Team. 2. Todd refuses to give up during the anchor leg of the 400 relay. 3. Greg gets ready for his next race. 4. Ryan and Heath fathom their relay performance. 5. Fans cheer for their fellow teammates before the big race. 6. Mrs. Beach gives Cory words of wisdom before his sectional-winning 800. 7. Matt works on his hurdle form. 8. Coach Beach discusses pre-race strategy with Todd. 9. Ryan, Steve, and Heath discuss the team's chances of winning the sectional.

The boys' track team was once again a force to reckon with this season. After an upsetting loss to Southridge to open the season and a second place finish in the Dubois-Pike Invitational, the Rangers were ready for a victory! They would never finish worse than first until the regional meet. Along the way they racked up their third straight Blue Chip Conference title and third straight sectional championship. Then came the individual performance time. Nine Rangers qualified for regionals, and six went on to state. Matt Parr and Greg Lane qualified in the high jump and in the long jump. Cory Buechler, Ryan Vaupel, Ryan Meyer, and Heath Meyer ran in the 3200 relay, and Cory also qualified in his signature event, the 800, where he managed to score the only points for the Rangers with his sixth place finish. Cory also ran the 800 in the Midwest Meet of Champions.



Lady Rangers keep going and going and . .



"This year's track team has been wonderful to work with. The team was very goal oriented and I was excited to see them reach their goals. This year's team was very special to me and I'll really miss the senior group. They have been very good role models and that is why we continue to have such great underclassmen as well."

—Coach Vicki Beach





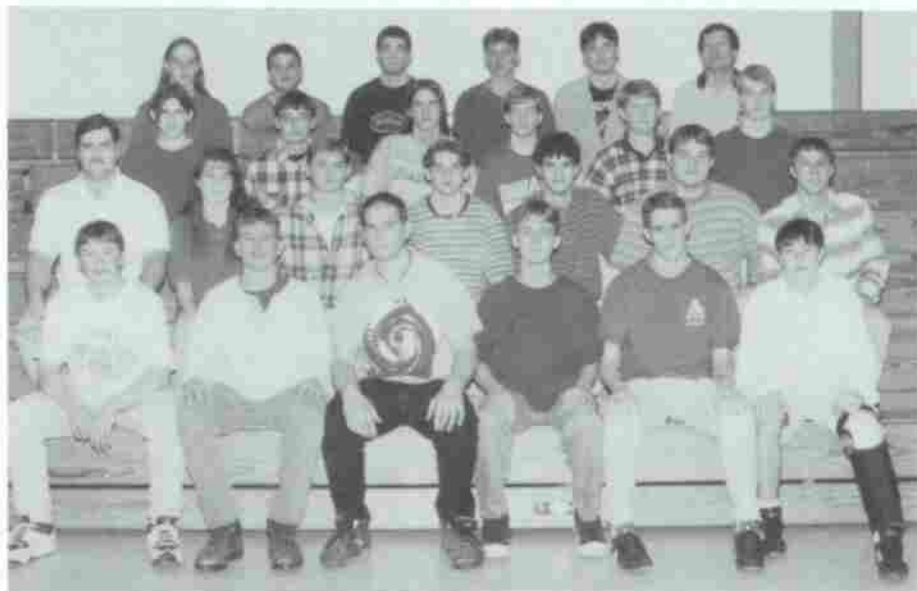
If seven consecutive conference championships doesn't impress you, how about four sectional championships in a row? The Lady Ranger track team just keeps going and going! This year seven girls were placed on the All-Conference team, including: Amber Schipp, Angie Bumm, Sarah Dilger, Brooke Messmer, Rachel Dittmer, Lisa Brames, and Audrey Kemper. 14 girls advanced to regional and five girls advanced on to state.



1. The 1996 team. 2. Coach Heilers expresses her opinion. 3. Amy eyes the finish. 4. Al has a little fun. 5. Tina uses all her strength. 6. Team support is rule one. 7. Lisa closes in. 8. Rachel is off and running! 9. Amber doesn't look enthused. 10. Karri gets ready to pass. 11. Angela sails over. 12. Here comes "Legs" Ruhe! 13. Angela goes over strategy. 14. Audrey runs with ease. 15. Time for a quick nap.



Ranger golfers have impressive season



"I have enjoyed the seniors playing for the last four years. They've done a great job. Their practice ethic was good all through the season. They worked hard for four years and they've accomplished a lot. They've shown what team effort is all about."

—Coach Bill Dittmer



The Ranger golfers, under coach Bill Dittmer had a very impressive season this past year. They finished with a 12-6 record, and were a close second in the Blue-Chip match. Ryan Vaupel and Dave Klem were named to the All-Conference team. This year's squad was led by a hand-full of seniors who stuck with it for four years.

1. The 1996 Ranger golfers. 2. Ryan Vaupel uses his perfect form. 3. The guys goof around before a match. 4. Mark Pund uses his mental powers on the ball. 5. The guys get some swings in during practice.



Girls finish runner-up in Jasper sectional



The Lady Rangers had another super season, as they ended the year losing to Jasper in the sectional championship. Their overall record was an impressive 8-6. The tennis team loses two tough competitors to graduation, Sarah Wendholt at number one singles and Kamie Schipp at number one doubles.

1. Rachel swings through. 2. The 1996 tennis team. 3. Jenny Weyer keeps an eye on the ball. 4. Kamie and Tammy always support each other. 5. Sarah Wendholt fires one back at her opponent.

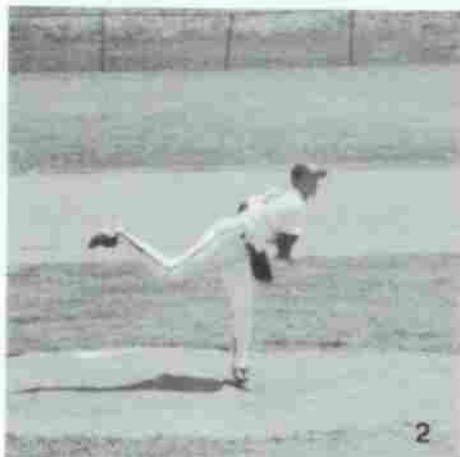


"This was a young and inexperienced team. Despite that, we had a great season. They worked hard and had a positive attitude, which is all that counts."

--Coach Tara Rasche



Young baseball team proves their abilities



The young Ranger baseball team exceeded many expectations this past season. They finished the year as sectional runner-up and Blue-Chip champions with an 8-0 mark. Brandon Boehman led the team with a .402 batting average.

1. The 1996 Ranger baseball team. 2. Jason Reckelhoff delivers the pitch with perfect form. 3. Coach Mehling eyes his team. 4. Andy Peters is on deck.





"The '96 Ranger baseball team was exciting to watch. Although they had only two seniors on the squad, Jason Reckelhoff and Andy Peters contributed greatly, as they compiled an outstanding 16-11 record and were sectional runner-up."

--Coach Jim Mehling



5. The team watches from the dugout 6. The guys warm up before a game. 7. Scott Luebbehusen takes a swing. 8. A Harrison player slides as third baseman Bart Persohn gets ready to make the tag. 9. Jarod Brames gets a hit. 10. Second baseman Brandon Boehman fields a ground ball.

JV baseball team ends with 2-15 season record



Season record		
Opponent		FP
Dubois	9	8
Castle	7	1
Southridge	13	0
Tell City	9	7
Tell City	10	3
Dubois	18	15
North Posey	13	3
Jasper	13	6
Pike Central	12	8
Pike Central	1	3
Loogootee	4	0
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South Spencer	3	1
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Southridge	12	3
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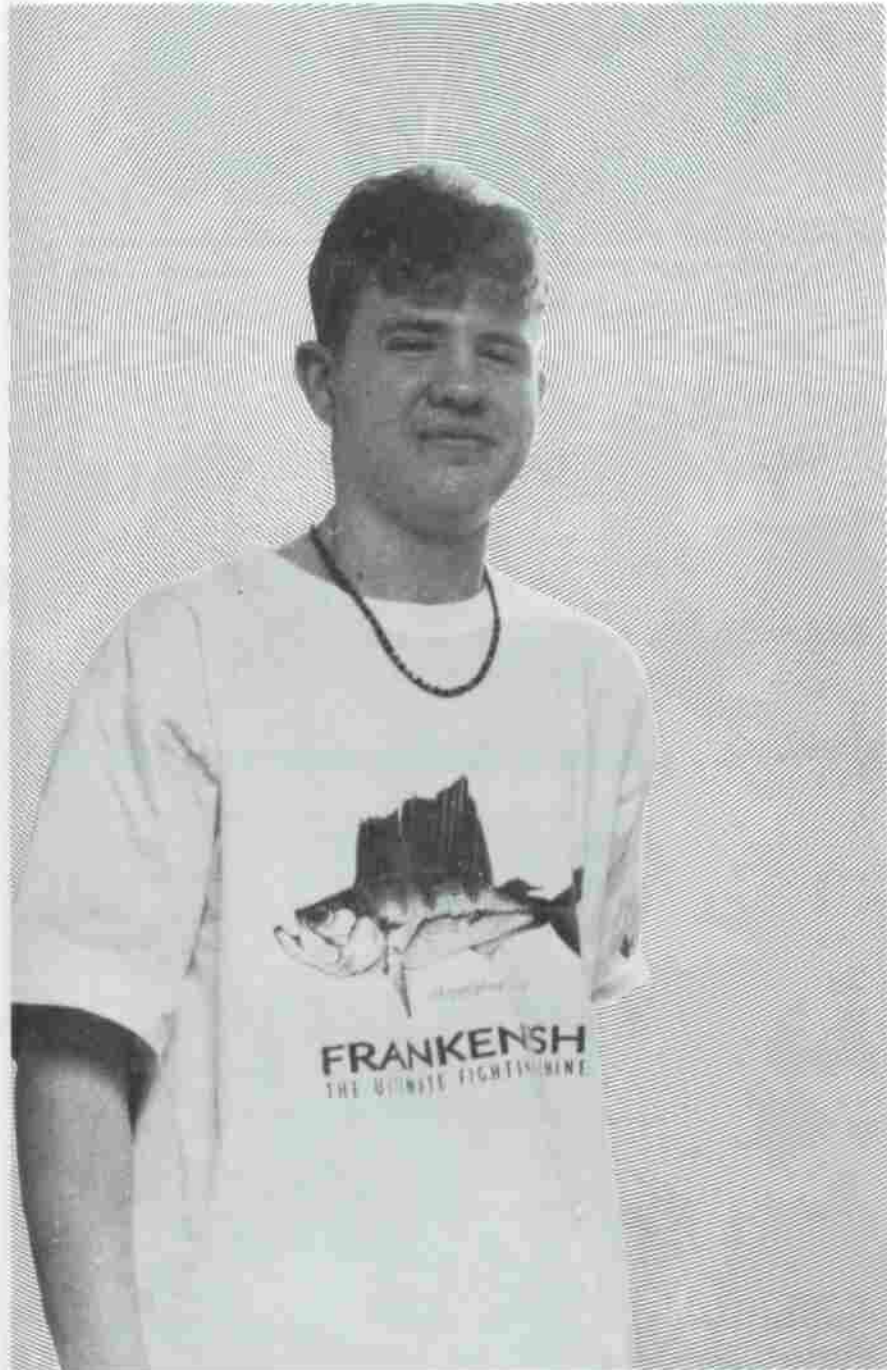


In one of the craziest springs on record (a mid-March blizzard, floods, and hail the size of golf balls and even baseballs), the JV baseball team managed to play 17 games on soft fields, but could muster only two wins.

This year's 16-11 varsity was one of the youngest in FP history with three freshmen and three sophomores among the starters. Therefore, the JV team, without their six peers, was even younger, and met some tough competition. As a result, they received an abundance of experience and gained much knowledge about the game, which will help strengthen the Ranger baseball program in the future.

The team had a good personality and positive attitude. Amid the battle with the elements and with their opponents, the players showed patience and a lot of character.

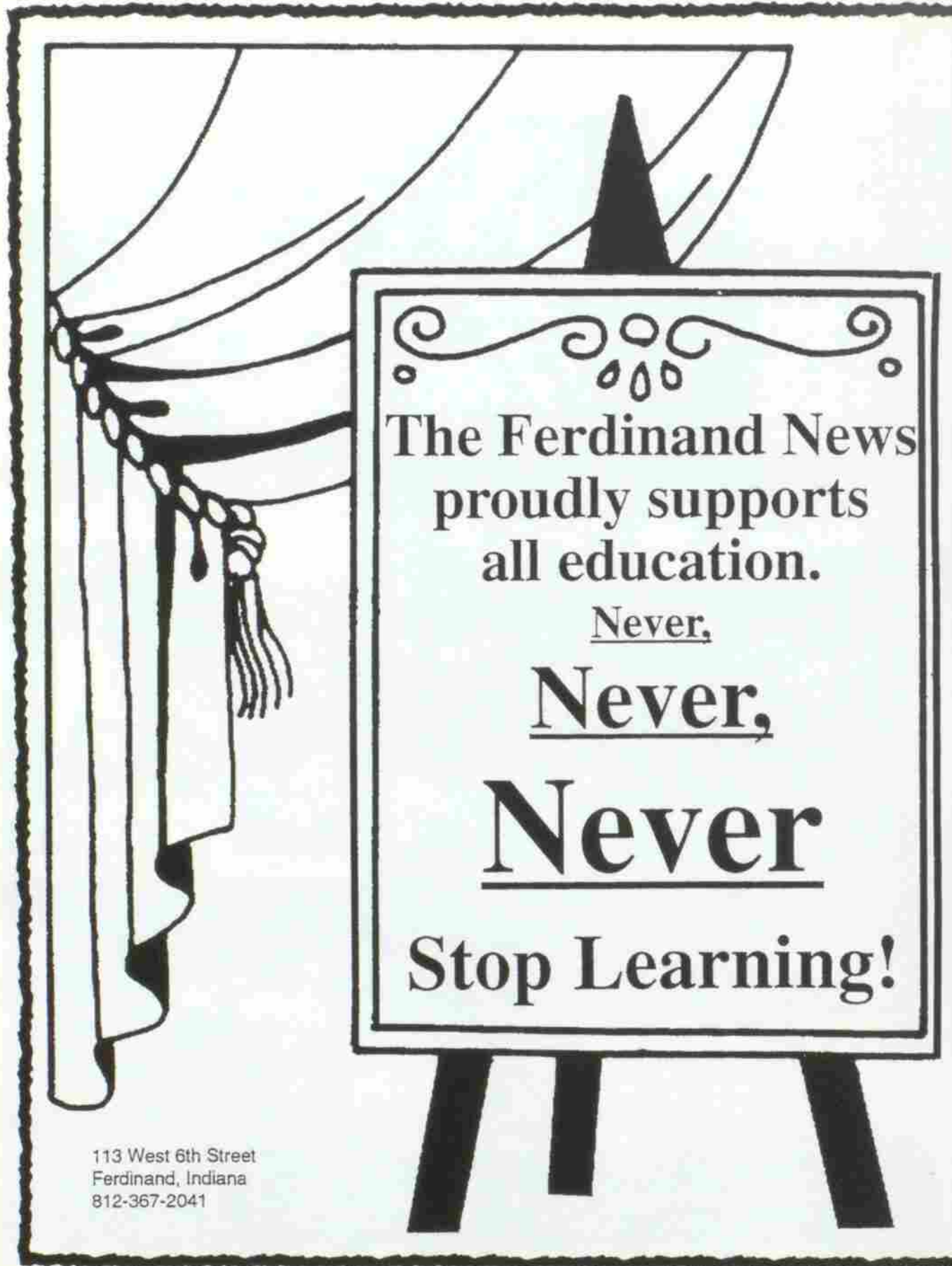
1. The 1996 JV baseball team and Coach Rock Emmert. 2. Justin concentrates on the game. 3. Proper pitching technique is always used. 4. Coach Emmert discusses game strategy.



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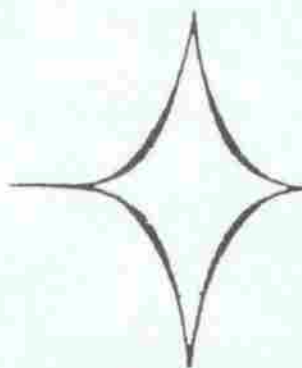
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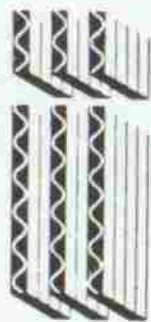


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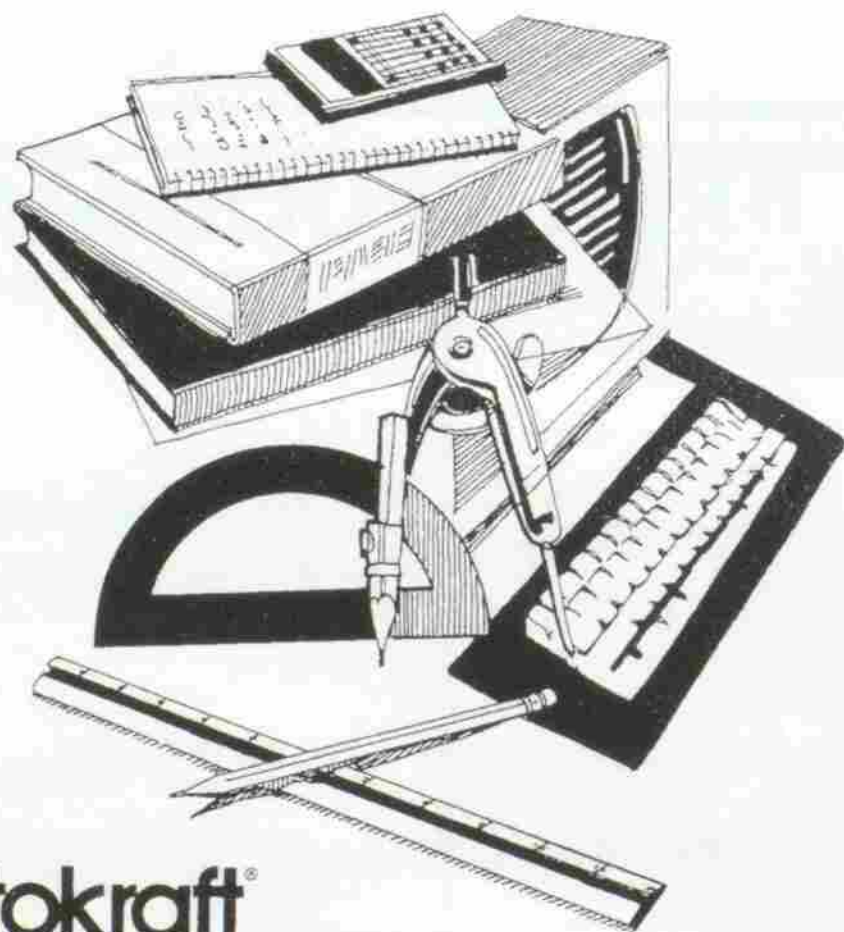
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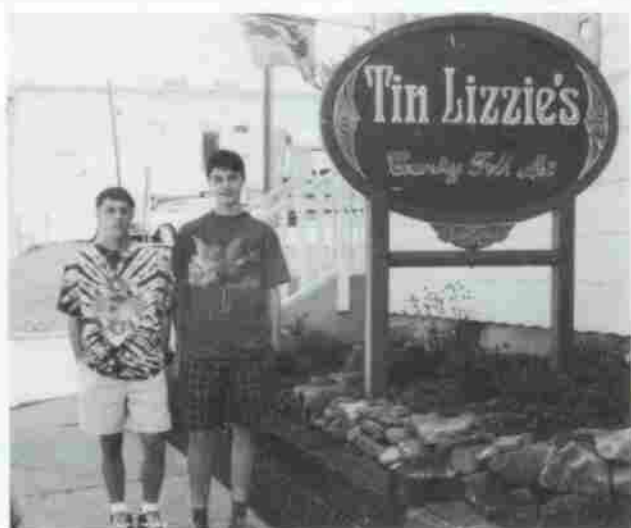
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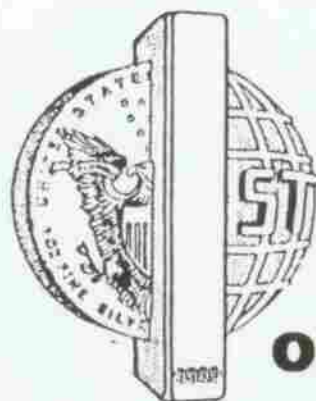
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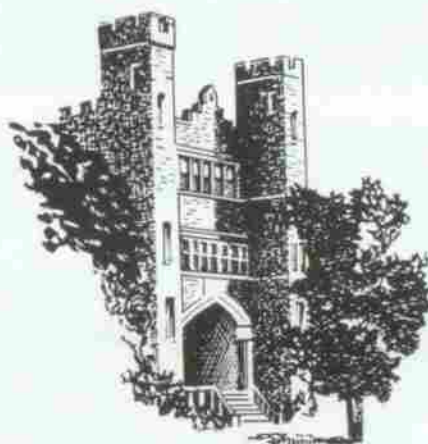
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Future plans of the Seniors...

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- Brian Blankenberger - attend VU for Machine Trades Technology
- Jeremy Kitterman - work and become a fire fighter
- Lisa Brames - attend ISU for Criminology
- Angie Wagner - attend USI for Elementary Education
- Jason Reckelhoff - attend USI for Electrical Engineering Technology
- Becky Betz - work
- Eric Stallman - work on tractors
- Brad Rasche - attend Purdue University for Ag Systems Management
- Jennifer Kreilein - work, attend college
- Sara Schneider - attend VUJC and work
- Jason Kemper - work
- Nick Persohn - work
- Christy Matheis - work and attend VUJC
- Aaron Rohl - attend VU for Computer Integrated Manufacturing Technology
- Ryan Vaupel - attend Brescia College to play basketball and for Computer Science
- Jeremy Schipp - attend Northwestern College to be an Automotive Technician
- Amanda Brazel - attend Sullivan College for Culinary Arts
- Ryan Meyer - attend ISU for criminology
- Cory Schnieders - attend ISU for Marketing
- Jason Bumm - attend Ivy Tech for Graphic Design
- Eric Hoppenjans - attend Purdue University for Electrical Engineering Technology
- Cori Begle - attend University of Toledo for photo/broadcast journalism
- Erin Ruhe - attend Purdue to be a Veterinarian
- Cory Buechler - attend VU or ISU for Business Management
- Scott Hoffman - attend UTI to be an Automotive Technician
- Jenny Fawks - work and attend Indiana Business College
- Todd Brittan - attend ISU for Automotive Technology
- Lisa Jochem - attend USI for Elementary Education
- Jennifer Durcholz - attend USI for Business Administration/Accounting
- Josh Haake - Heating and Air conditioning Technician
- Ben Johanneman - attend University of Kentucky for Architecture
- Mike Rickelman - attend VUJC to sell Real Estate and Insurance
- Lori Brinkman - attend VUJC for Business Management
- John Fleig - attend VU for Criminology
- Mark Rickelman - work for a year and attend the University of Miami for Audio Engineering
- Nancy Cummings - attend Cumberland College for Business Administration
- Lisa Miller - work and attend VUJC part-time





Bringing a new look to Forest Park

Construction of the new addition and renovation of Forest Park Junior-Senior High School brought about many physical changes and adjustments throughout the year. At the beginning of the year, mornings were spent in the gym. Inconvenient parking gradually worsened as more sophomores acquired their licenses, and Mr. Rick Allen hauled out the orange cones towards the end of the year to control the flow of traffic.

Spring break included a big move for the junior high classrooms down to new rooms added on the west side of the school. An elevator was installed and a new office area added. Windows were replaced in the cafeteria and the old gym. The weight room was enlarged and closed off from the gym and renovation of the junior high hallway raised plenty of dust. The new gym, seating 3,000 spectators, began construction in August.

As chipboard cubicles closed off construction areas from the student body and hard hat signs became normal wall decor, the dust and noise invaded and interrupted classes. Besides academic life being disturbed, the cooks dealt with kitchen enlargement and the addition of a delivery truck entrance.

After the cloud of dust settles, the addition and renovation of the 1995-96 school year will be of benefit to future generations.



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A year of change, happiness and sorrow

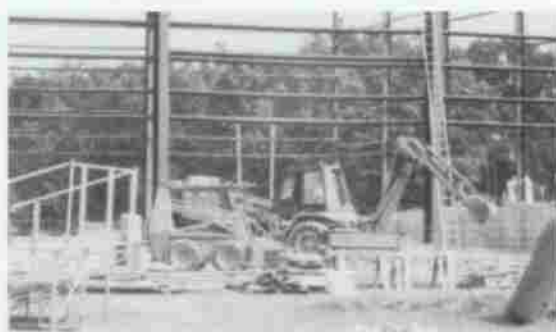
The 1995-1996 school year has changed many people, but even for those who are still the same, it will never be replaced or taken away.

A year has come and gone, and many things have affected our lives, whether it be through the media, people in the public eye such as actors or musicians, or through the friends we have met and the ones we have lost. Hopefully, you have not let the year pass you by so fully that you won't be able to pass on the accomplishments and trends, this year holds, to others who have not been so fortunate to live right now.

Enlightening events have happened throughout the year, no matter where you live. Here at Forest Park, for instance, we have tried out the Internet which is said to have the same popularity, in ten years from now, as our telephone and post offices hold at present. Television has changed, the extremely popular show "Friends" never would have gotten through the censors of a decade ago.

The music world brought out some lost Beatles tracks such as "Free as a Bird." The Anthology was a big hit and it brought the Beatles to the next generation in digitally remastered full life. However, with the popularity of Hootie and the Blowfish and The Dave Matthews Band, some big boulders have fallen upon the music lovers of many years. Jerry Garcia died with the Grateful Dead still in full swing and mid-concert season.

Another sadness fell upon the nation at the end of the school year when a Valu-Jet plane crashed in the Everglades in Miami. These and countless other happenings during the course of nine months, have shaped our lives so we can enter the next year ready for anything.



Thank you "Mr. Ed"

We could tell you about how much work we have put into this year's *Tracer*, but we will tell you of how quirky the yearbook staff is, and how much fun the entire year has been. It started with a couple of days in the summer of '95 when the editors attended yearbook camp. Mr. Walston played a ballad or two for everyone. The year started and we were sad to see our school being torn up and put back together again. Instead of dwelling on the past, we used this to our advantage. Hence the theme, "Out with the old, bring in the new!"

From the Ale 8 at camp to the roach in the sink the next year, this yearbook is more than a yearly publication, it is a living legend.

The *Tracer* staff members are (from top) Phil Winkler, Joni Kemper, and Jen Gaesser. Missing from the photo are Cori Begle and Cory Schnieders.

The Staff

Jen Gaesser.....	Co-Editor Student Life
Joni Kemper.....	Co-Editor Personalities
Cory Schnieders.....	Academics
Cori Begle.....	Sports
Phil Winkler.....	Advertisements

Thank you teachers, coaches, and friends for all of your help with this year's book. The staff would like to take this opportunity to let our adviser know how much we appreciate his help and guidance. Thanks Mr. Walston, for being willing to come in Saturday mornings and weekday evenings to let us in the journalism room since we were always so ready and waiting to finish up our pages. It was a lot of hard work, but worth it in the end. We've always had so much fun working with all of our friends.

We leave the '96 *Tracer* to Forest Park history knowing that we recorded some of the best memories that ever graced the remodeled halls of this great high school.

Many thanks goes out to our contributors and especially to *The Ferdinand News* and the *Robert McCarty Photography Studio*. Thank you also to all of the un-named people who supplied pictures and countless other supplies and help, such as Mr. Steve Pumphrey, our representative from Herff Jones.