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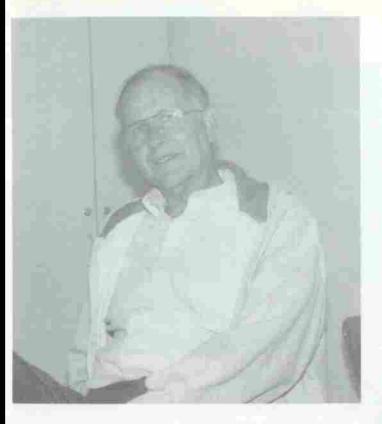












Mr. Larry Klein completed his teaching career at FP this year.

Mr. Klein attended Jasper High School for his freshman and sophomore years and then attended St. Meinrad Seminary. After high school, he went to St. Meinrad College Seminary. He also did some work at the University of Texas at El Paso and the University of Wyoming. He received his master's degree at the University of Evansville.

Mr. Klein has been married to his wife Dianne for 32 years. Together they have three sons Chris, 30, Stan, 29, and Curt, 18.

Mr. Klein is a man who does not show pride. He believes that his abilities and skills were given to him from God.

Through the years, Mr. Klein has taught a variety of classes. For a short period of time he taught English I, U.S. history, current problems, Latin I, and physical education. Most of the classes he has taught at FP have been math.

Mr. Klein said that one of his most memorable moments was the time in 1963 that he had to tell his study hall that President Kennedy had been shot.

Mr. Klein says that he does not look at his last year at FP as retirement. He hopes to rest up for a while and start into some new kind of work. He says his work will be whatever The Lord guides him to do.

Mr. Klein says his hobbies are sometimes golf and watching football games. He's gotten a little involved with the Gospel Music Church Group that his wife belongs to. He also follows the sports activites of his three sons. His favorite color is light orange or peach.

Mr. Klein says that one thing he could use an extra dose of is patience. We feel that Mr. Klein is a very patient man. He holds his temper with students very well and we admire

Mr. Klein completes teaching career at Forest Park

that. We know that he makes math fun. If it is needed, he will "stand on his head" to get you to learn. We have enjoyed participating in his contests for "gourmet cheese crackers from France." FP won't be the same without him. We admire his enthusiasm for teaching, which he has not lost. We may think his ways are different and we might laugh, but he has been one of the best teachers at Forest Park. We will miss those funny ways, but that's what we will remember him by.

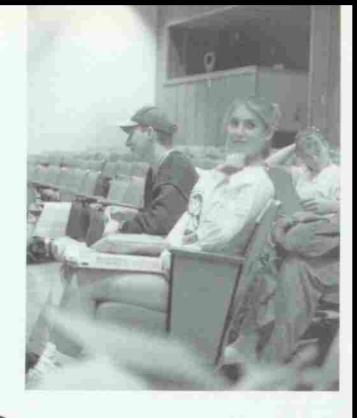
Mr. Klein says the change he sees now from 30 years ago is that there is a greater number of young people who are searching for happiness in their lives, but not looking to the real source of happiness, and that is God. Too many people are looking to drugs, sex, material things, status, or alcohol to find their happiness. These give a certain amount of satisfaction for only a short period of time. According to Mr. Klein, God is the source of a lasting strength and true satisfaction.

"So many young people are caught up in resentments, jealousy, and unforgiving hearts," he said. "We can only find an inner peace if we are able to forgive and forget and not carry resentments. What a task this is...but no one ever said it would be easy."

His goal has been to try to treat each student fairly. He thinks that the environment at FP is really swell, and the people are generally pretty nice, helpful, and friendly. This goes for the students and the entire staff at FP.

Mr. Klein said, "My advice for any student is to put God first in their life. Let Him give you the guidance and direction. Let Him give you the ideas and thoughts which are best for you. Then, work hard and do your best. Give it all you've got. You'll do all right for yourself. You're in good hands."

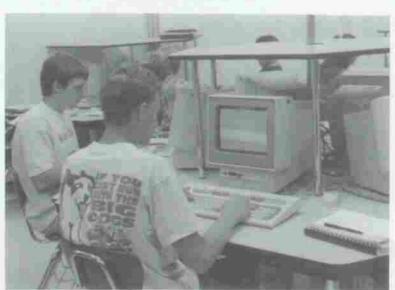
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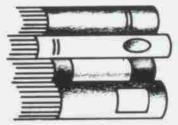




You gotta love it You gotta take it You gotta speak it

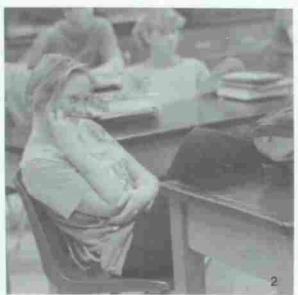
Students in English classes developed their skills in writing, reading good literature, and speaking in front of an audience. The classes offered were English 9, 10, 11, and 12, advanced composition, English literature, themes in literature, and speech. The classes were taught by Mr. Ed Walston, Mr. Rock Emmert, Ms. Leslie Shobe, and Ms. Tara Rasche.

 Mrs. Rasche leads a junior English class.
 Brent Meyer has found something really funny in To Kill a Mockingbird.
 It's term paper time, and Jeremy Hoffman and Brandon Leinenbach are hard at work.



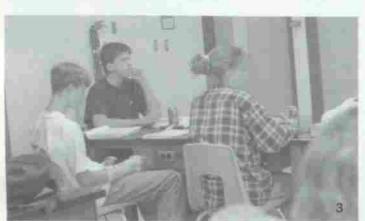


Students experiment in learning



Students in science classes learned about the mysteries of nature. The classes offered were physical science, Chemistry I, Biology I and II, and physics. The classes were taught by Mr. Tom Meyer, Mr. Kevin Wertman, Mrs. Sharon Gramelspacher, and Mr. Don Prusz.

1. Gina Englert tries to concentrate in Biology I. 2. Mary Egler smiles at the teacher. 3. Three interested students enjoy soft drinks in Biology II. 4. Laurie Blankenberger and Lydia Gehlhausen smile for the camera, 5. Biology II students try and dissect the lesson Mr. Wertman is trying to teach. 6. Mrs. Gramelspacher addresses her students during class.





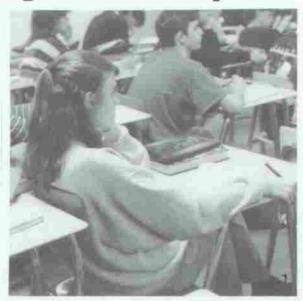




Students map out history

Students in social studies classes learned about the reasons for human behavior and the development of societies and culture. The classes were taught by Mrs. Helen Keusch, Ms. Ellen Hendricks, and Ms. Marty Niehaus.

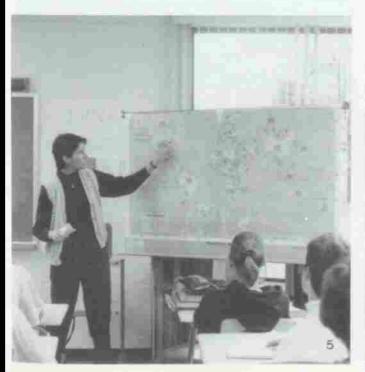
Andrea White concentrates on Ms. Neihaus during world history.
 Nathan Lueken plays bodyguard during the State of The Union Address.
 The President and members of the cabinet present speeches to the F.P. nation.
 Congressmen and press listen intently to the President.
 Ms. Niehaus in action, using the world map as a referance during world history.
 Ms. Hendricks, "Goddess" of the FP nation, takes notes during a speech.

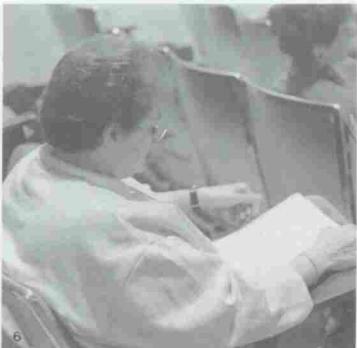






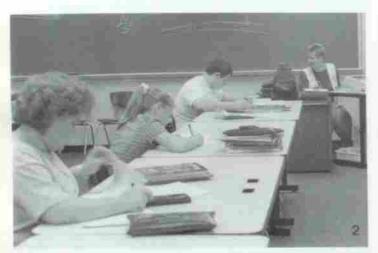








Getting down to business

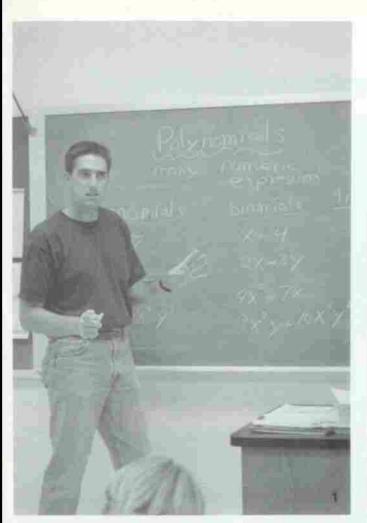




Students learned the skills and concepts necessary to succeed in business from Mrs. Rowena Weyer and Mrs. Beth Schnellenberger. The classes offered in the business area were keyboarding, computer applications, Accounting I and II, intro to business, and business law.

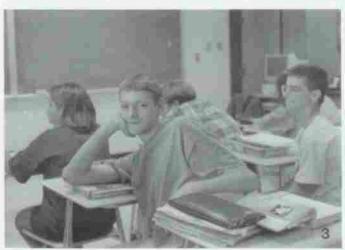
 Jennifer Carter masters the computer keyboard.
 Mrs.
 Schnellenberger keeps an eye on an accounting class.
 Mrs. Weyer checks the printer.
 The keyboarding knights of the round table.

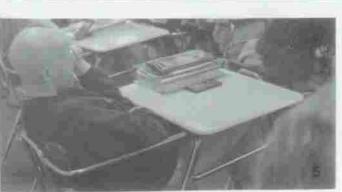




Math: A combination of magic and science









Students in math classes this year learned about the magic and the science of numbers. The classes were taught by Mr. Don Prusz, Mr. Jim Mehling, Mr. Larry Klein, Mr. Greg Durcholz, and Mr. Chad Niehaus. This was Mr. Niehaus's first year at FP. The classes included general math, geometry, pre-algebra, Algebra I and II, computer math, calculus, and analysis.

 Mr. Prusz demonstrates the magic. 2. Mr. Niehaus demonstrates the science. 3. Cliff Weyer is more interested in what is going on in the back of the room. 4. Brent Foster works hard on his homework. 5. Paula Boyd seems to be thinking, "That doesn't look so hard."

Foreign Language Department is bilingual





German and Spanish were the two foreign languages available to FP students in 1996-97. German I, II, III, and IV classes were taught by Mr. Larry Tenbarge. Spanish I and II were taught by Mrs. Margaret Buechler, and Spanish III and IV were taught by Mrs. Vicki Beach, Part of the curriculum for the advanced German and Spanish classes was participation in a Cultural Fair designed to enhance the knowledge of other FP students about German and Spanish ways of trading.

 Judy Reckelhoff, Anna Rousculp, and Josh Vonderheide sell home made goods during the Cultural Fair. 2.
 Mr. Tenbarge and Mrs. Beach make quite a profit selling Spanish and German products to students. 3. Mrs. Buechler teaches Spanish I. 4. Cuantos cuestan?
 How much money for this delicious fruit?





Art department gets new storage area









High school art classes were taught by Mrs. Linda Berry. Students learned about various media and methods of creative expression as well as learning about the history of art. Mrs. Berry said that the art department benefitted greatly from a new storage room added during construction. During the school year students worked vigorously preparing art for the Art Show, a tremendous success. Included in the Art Show were seperate displays by each senior.

Lisa Rousculp focuses on her art test. 2. "The teacher's nook." Mrs. Berry's desk is artfully cluttered. 3.
 Lonely paintbrushes and water cups wait for art students to use them. 4. Zach Mundy and Sara Kordes take their art tests. 5.
 John Schipp erases a mistake.



Industry and technology students learn how the world works

In the area of industry and technology, students could choose to take Drafting I, II, and III, Woods I and II, Metals I and II, and Power and Transportation I and II. Also graphic arts was offered after a two-year absence from the curriculum. The classes were taught by Mr. Jim Johanneman, Mr. Steve Stoffel,

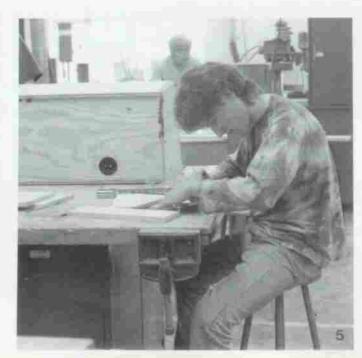
and Mr. Jeff Johnson.

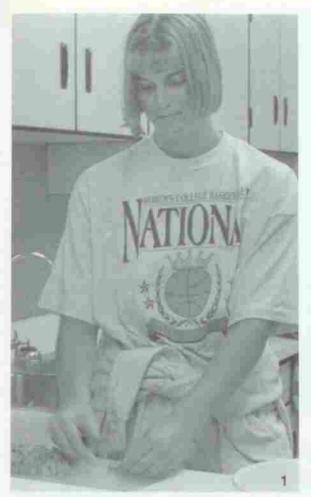
 Jenny Hensley is the Macintosh Queen in graphic arts class.
 How many guys does it take to paint an engine?
 Beau Anderson uses the sanding machine.
 James Cooper does some precise measuring on his woods project.











Students learn domestic engineering skills







In the area of home economics and related occupations, students could learn about child development, consumer edication, family relations, textiles, and Foods I and II. The classes were taught by Mrs. Brenda Allen.

 Audra Ruhe prepares the ingredients for her masterpiece.
 Amy Lytle doesn't mind slaving over a hot stove.
 Scott Luebbehusen, Jesse King, and Jerry Schaaf think the best part of foods class is eating what you have cooked.
 Don't touch that! It's hot.

Learning the art and science of agriculture

Mr. Doug Walker taught classes about the art and science of agriculture. The classes offered were Agriculture I, landscaping, animal science, Ag. finance, plant and soil science, and Ag. mechanics.

 Tim Sermersheim, Jason Howe, and Jason Hoffman work on a new podium for Mrs. Rasche.
 Is this thing straight?
 Jesse King checks the weather radar on the computer.
 Mr. Walker makes sure his students are on task.
 Adam Christmas paints his jack stands.

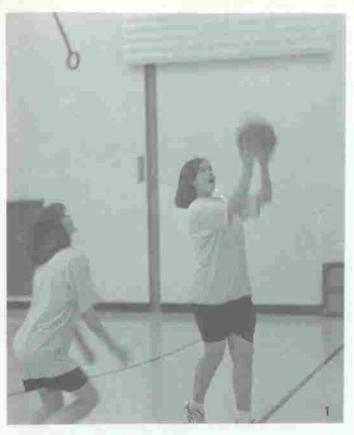


















Students learn to be healthy and active

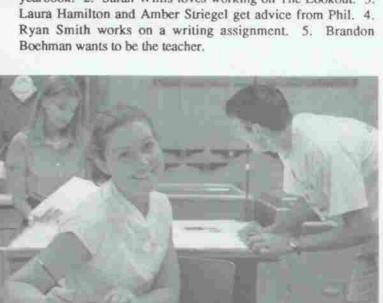
All students are required to learn about being healthy and physically fit. Health classes were taught by Mr. Denny Doutaz. Physical education classes were taught by Mr. Doutaz, Mrs. Vicki Beach, and Mr. Jim Mehling.

 Christine Sigler knows, if she holds her mouth right, she can hit this shot. 2. Zach Goldman and a classmate celebrate their victory. 3. Kurt Freeman drives past a defender. 4. What a jump shot.

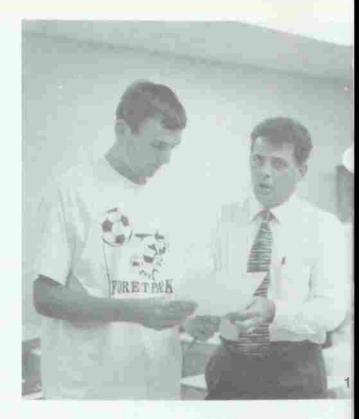
Journalism students sharpen writing and editing skills

Journalism I, II, and III were taught by Mr. Ed Walston. Students learned about the mass media and sharpened their writing and editing skills. They also produced The Lookout and The Tracer.

1. Senior yearbook staff member Phil Winkler talks to Mr. Steve Adair, representative of the company that prints the yearbook. 2. Sarah Willis loves working on The Lookout. 3. Ryan Smith works on a writing assignment. 5. Brandon Boehman wants to be the teacher.



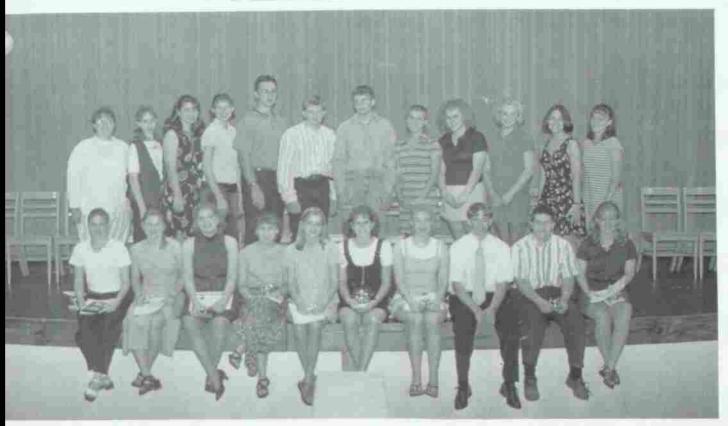








Academic awards presented on May 12



On May 12, 1997, the Academic Awards Program was held in the auditorium. Department heads presented awards for all the academic areas. Honor roll awards were presented by Principal James Hagedom and Assistant Principal Rick Allen.

Scholarship recipients were recognized, and some special awards were presented. The photo above shows the senior award winners.

Individual award winners

Forestry and natural resources - Colin Leinenbach Plant and soil science - Ryan Gehlhausen Ag. Mechanics - Josh Giesler Agri-business - Lyle Andry Landscaping - Tammy Betz Animal science - Marty Schnieders Agriculture I - Mike Kemper I.C.E. - Mindy Persohn Accounting I - Scott Berger Accounting II - Tina Ebert Computer applications - Chris Welp Keyboarding - Lisa Hoppenjans English 9 - Rachel Begle English 10 - Laura Willis English 11 - Tina Ebert Speech - Courtney Hauser Journalism - Sarah Willis Outstanding vocalist - Abby Werne Art I - Laura Willis Art II - Beth Buechler Art III - Brooke Messmer

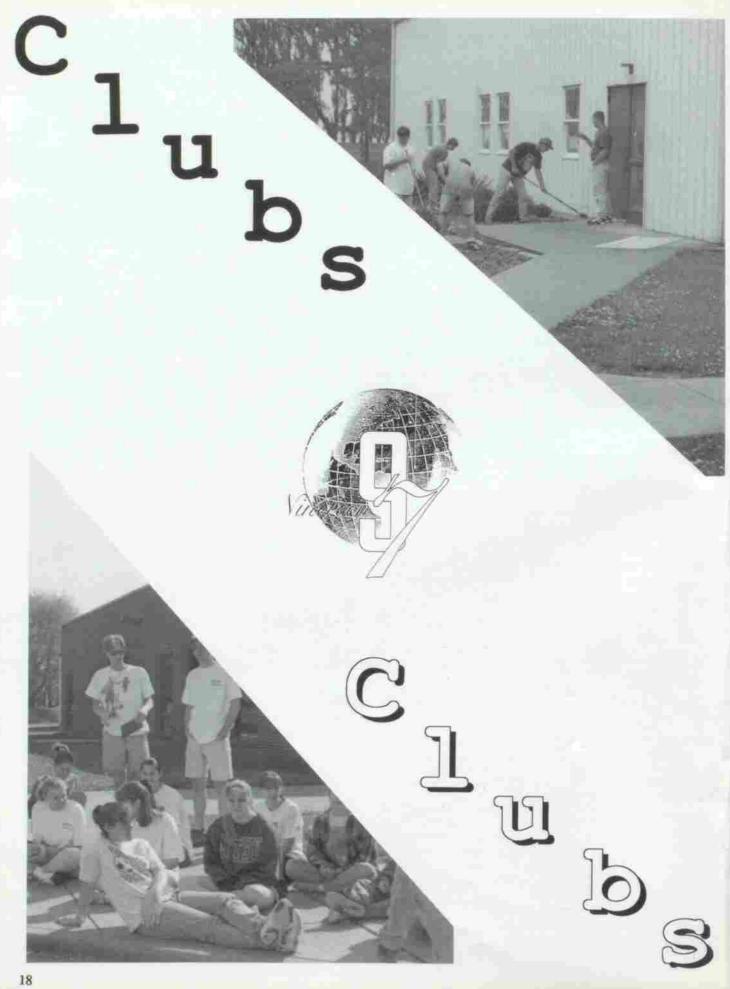
Art IV - Natalie Ruhe

Beginning German - Adam Schipp

Advanced German - Amber Striegel Beginning Spanish - Rachel Begle Advanced Spanish - Lisa Kempf Child development - Janelle Kerstiens Beginning foods - Tricia Uebelhor Consumer education - Amy Welp Textiles and clothing - Jenny Hensley Foods II - Scott Luebbehusen Family relations - Candi Schuler Manufacturing Proc. - Jason Stoffel Intro to management - Marty Schnieders Woods - Steve Willis Const. planning and design - Kevin Boeglin Transportation and energy - Kevin Boeglin Power - Russel Goodman Drafting - Matt Weyer Graphic communications - Eric Englert Community planning - Chris Naviaux Industrial materials - Luke Wehr Calculus - Chris Welp Analysis - Eric Englert Pre-algebra - Brett Schipp Algebra TPC - Kelly Hasenour Algebra I - Alvin Boeglin

Algebra II - Jonathan Weyer

Geometry - Ashley Stoffel Business math - Kelly Yocum Adv. business math - Tricia Uebelhor General math - Randy Braunecker Applied math - Crystal Choate Computer math - Chris Welp Cadet teaching - Jenny Hensley and Jenny Weyer Physical science - Dale Wright Pre-biology - Jennifer Kemper Biology I - Mett Brittain Biology II - Jamie Hildenbrand Chemistry I - Laura Willis Physics - Chris Naviaux World history - Stacy Hoppenjans Geography - Rachel Lee and Laura Willis U.S. history - Carrie Durcholz and Alysha Kempf Outstanding business - Ann Boeglin Outstanding English - Renee Heeke Outstanding art - Brooke Messmer Outstanding Home Ec. - Ann Boeglin Outstanding math - Chris Welp Outstanding science - Chris Welp Outstanding social studies - Jenny Weyer Outstanding technology - David Betz



S E N T



The Student Council sponsored homecoming activities at the Jan. 31, 1997, basketball game against Vincennes Rivet. Amy Schwartz was crowned queen before the varsity game began, and a dance was held after the game. They sponsored the Heart to Heart computer match as a fund raiser. Students filled out the Heart-to-Heart surveys on Feb. 28, 1997, and a month later they received their computer matches. They also sold carnations for Valentine's Day. The SC officers were Tammy Fuchs, president.





Jenny Weyer, vice-president, Amber Schipp, secretary, and Allison Barth, treasurer.

Lisa Bettag has a plate of cookies for the bake sale. 2. Wes Laake speaks up at a Student Council meeting. 3. Audra Hopf counts the money from the bake sale. 4. Amber and Jenny conduct some official officer business. 5. Tammy conducts a meeting. 6. Amber Striegel gets some help from her mom, Mrs. Donna Hoffman, for campus clean.



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Beta: The letter B stands for the best



Thirty-eight Forest Park Beta Club members attended the state convention Nov. 1 and 2, 1996. At the convention FP junior April Casper was elected state vice-president. Other convention award winners were Tami Leisman, second in needlework; Melissa Kempf, first in drafting--computer design; Chris Naviaux, first in water color painting; Nick Gehlhausen, first, and Chris Welp third in woodworking; Lisa Kempf first in oratory; Courtney Hauser first in English; Sarah Willis third in creative writing; Jeff Johanneman second in essay; Alysha Kempf, first, and Lisa Kempf, third in poetry, and the scrapbook placed third.

Beta Club officers are Tami Leisman, treasurer, Jenny Weyer, vice-president, Chris Welp, president, and Amber Schipp, secretary.
 Melinda Kessens and Aaron Lange hit the punch and cookies after the induction of new members.
 The 1996-97 Beta Club.
 Both Amy and Jamie Hildenbrand have something to say.
 The officers induct the new members.









NaHoSo = academic distinction

During the winter months the National Honor Society members had faculty secret pals. The secret pals were revealed at a breakfast party on Feb. 13, 1997. Then the faculty reversed the idea in the spring. Each teacher had one or more NaHoSo members as a "secret egg." National Honor Society members also had campus cleanup once a week and ran the bookstore.

 The 1996-97 National Honor Society. 2. Sarah Willis and Jeff Johanneman sample the cupcakes.
 Amy Brinkman signs the membership roil. 4. NaHoSo officers are Jenny Weyer, president, Jeff Johanneman, vice-president, Chris Welp, secretary, and Aaron Lange, treasurer.
 Secret Pals are revealed.





National Honor Society







Spirit club supports all sports equally

The Spirit Club gave food and treats to the athletes throughout their seasons. Each team received a period off on the day of their sectional, and the Spirit Club members prepared a meal for them. Club members decorated the athletes' lockers and put up posters in the commons. Mrs. Tara Uebelhor, Spirit Club sponsor, emphasized that they gave recognition to all sports equally this year.

 The cheerleaders lead the FP cheer block in the new gym.
 The freshmen get some help decorating their hall for the boys' basketball sectional.
 Andrea Oeding turns in paperwork to Mrs. Uebelhor.
 Stephanie Berger and Dawn Pickins are ready to work at a Spirit Club meeting.
 Kristen Hobbs, Natalie Ruhe, and Samantha Hammond lead a discussion on how to boost school spirit.





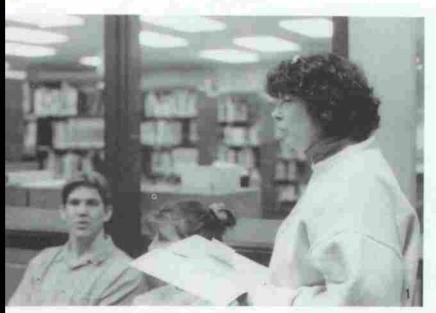








SADD celebrates Red Ribbon Week



The Students Against Drunk Driving club celebrated Red Ribbon Week Oct. 21-27, 1996. Mrs. Margaret Buechler, sponsor, said, "Red Ribbon Week was a huge success, and many students were involved. We hope this week will lead to many more just like it, drug free." The club had 200 members this year. It is the biggest single contributor to the post-prom party.

 Mrs. Peggy Huff sponsored the All-Stars, FP athletes who went to the elementary schools to encourage younger students to say no to drugs and alcohol.
 Mrs. Buechler gets ready for a SADD meeting.
 Teresa Wagner records the minutes of the meeting.
 Ashley Frey knows her picture is being taken.
 SADD officers are Teresa Weyer, secretary, Chrissy Oser, treasurer, Lisa Kempf, president, Ryan Kempf, freshman representative, Tami Leisman, senior representative, Amber Striegel, vice-president, and Rachel Lee, senior representative.



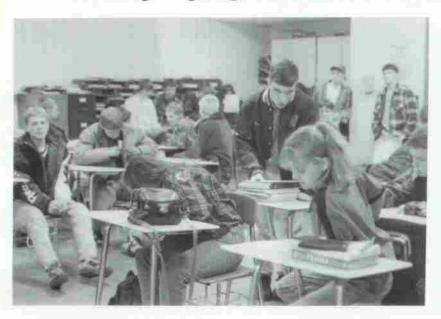








FFA soils judging team advances to state





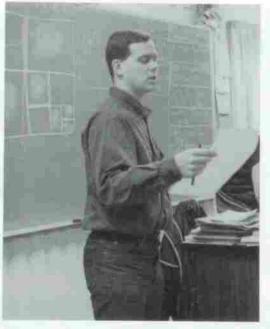
The FFA soils judging team of Josh Giesler, Lyle Andry, Will Schneider, and Brett Giesler, advanced to the state competition on Oct. 26, 1996. The forestry team of Lyle, Josh, Brad Beck and Josh Uebelhor placed fifth in dictrict competition.

In November, 1996, they sold citrus as a fund raiser and attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. In February, 1997, they celebrated National FFA week.

The officers were Josh Giesler, president, Amy Welp, vice-president, Shawn

Mehling, secretary, Audrey Beard, treasurer, Nick Lucas and Kevin Luebbehusen, reporters, and Greg Mehling, sentinel.

Nick Lucas arrives just in time for an FFA meeting.
 Mr. Doug Walker sponsored the FFA chapter.
 Allen Betz and Curt Foll take care of paper work.
 The club gets ready to sell citrus.
 Tammy Betz listens carefully.











FHA has food drive and attends convention

The Future Homemakers of America chapter celebrated FHA Week Feb. 10-14, 1997. They conducted a food drive from March 17-22, 1997. Twelve homerooms participated. The canned goods and paper products that they collected were donated to the Dubois County Food Pantry. Mr. Bill Hagedom's seventh grade homeroom won the competition and were rewarded with a pizza party. Twelve FHA members from FP attended state convention in Indianapolis from April 17-19, 1997.

1. Officers were Carrie Durcholz, secretary, Candi Schuler, vice -president, Tracy Bieker, treasurer, and Amy Welp, president (not in photo). 2. Cathy Verkamp and Rhonda Betz listen to Mrs. Brenda Allen, sponsor. 3. Two of the officers rest on their laurels. 4. Jenny Haake and Alisha Groeschen are loyal FHA members. 5. Jennifer Berg concentrates on club business. 6. Carrie keeps records of the minutes of the meeting.

















FP fields three OM teams

Forest Park fielded three high school Odyssey of the Mind teams this year. The team competing in the Double Trouble problem, Chris Welp, Matt Kemper, Jeff Johanneman, Laura Willis, and Lacey Verkamp, placed third in the state. A team of freshman boys competed in the Amusin' Cruisin problem, and the third high school team competed in the Can You Dig It problem.

Two FP team members received Outstanding OMer awards this year. Chris Welp received the award for entertaining and creative judging. According to Coach Sharon Gramelspacher, his group put on a skit each time they introduced a competing team. Lacey Verkamp received the award for her portrayal of a cow.

Matt and Chris test their balsa wood structure.
 Jeff fills in for the cow.
 Mrs. Gramelspacher explains an OM event on Parents' Night.
 The high school OM teams.
 The Can You Dig It team demonstrates time travel using a Porta Potty.
 Laura hides behind one of the props.















Recycling Club sets a good example

The annual Recycling Club t-shirt sale brought in \$378 profit. About 50 club members helped with the sale. The Recycling Club also did the paper recycling project, as they have done for five years. Once every six weeks club members collect all the paper from the recycling boxes in the classrooms and take the paper to the recycling center. The club members also participated in the Adopta-Highway program. They picked up trash along 3.1 miles of Hwy 162 south of Ferdinand. They also had a poster committee which was responsible for making posters to influence students to be more conscious of the environment. This year the club had over 120 members, and membership has been growing every year. They also celebrated Earth Day on April 22, 1997.

1. Cathy Verkamp and Amber Rohleder collect paper for recycling. 2. Brooke Bolte models her new orange vest. 3. Chris Welp is just hanging around. 4. and 5. Lacey Verkamp, Sally Lueken, Aaron Lange and Amanda Johnson pick up trash along the highway. 6. and 7. Business is picking up.



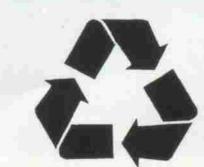


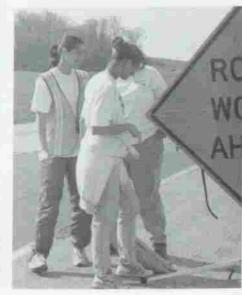












Academic team hosts BCC Super Quiz



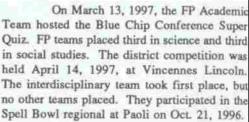






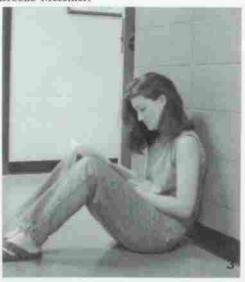






The Academic Bowl and Spell Bowl teams were coached by Mrs. Vicki Beach and Mr. Tom Meyer. Mr. Meyer said, "We were not able to send anyone to state competition this year. We had a couple of teams that were very close. We had a good year. The kids had a very enjoyable time, and we learned a lot about Japanese culture."

 Melinda Kessens and Chris Becher laugh about an early morning practice session.
 The 1996-97 academic teams.
 Sara Willis finds a quiet place to study.
 Eric Englert and Chris Naviaux compare notes.
 Sally Lueken reads about Asian culture.
 Coach Meyer helps Judy Reckelhoff and Brooke Messmer.





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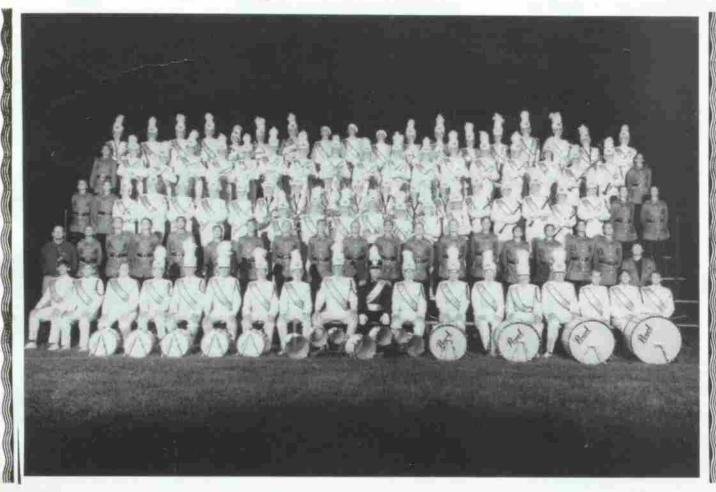
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Marching Rangers end season at RCA Dome



This year Ms. Janet Robbins became head band director at Forest Park. She led the 102-member band to superior performances at district and regional marching competitions. On October 26, 1996, they marched in the state finals in the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. The Rangers placed third out of 22 other bands in Class D. Ms. Robbins said, "Over all I thought the band did a wonderful job all season. We improved every weekend and had our best performance at the RCA Dome." The band also presented a Christmas concert on December 16, 1996, and competed in symphonic band contest in the spring. They finished their year with solo and ensemble contest and played at graduation.

The 1996-97 Marching Rangers. 2. Denelle Hauser gets suited up for competition.
 Wes Laake warms up before district.
 Pit Crew member Mark Oser can fix anything.
 Ms. Robbins directs the band.
 Jason Meinhardt keeps his game face.
 Mr. Chuck Bradley, FP's new assistant band director, evaluates the performance.

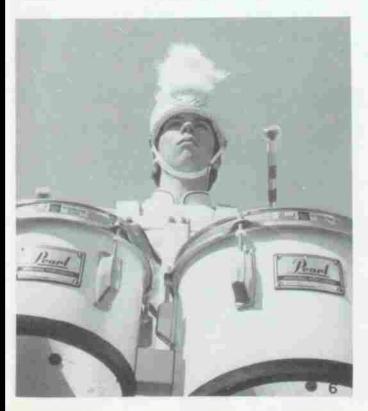


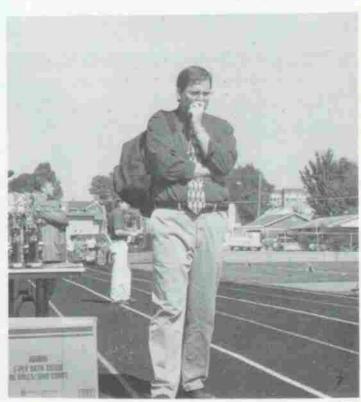


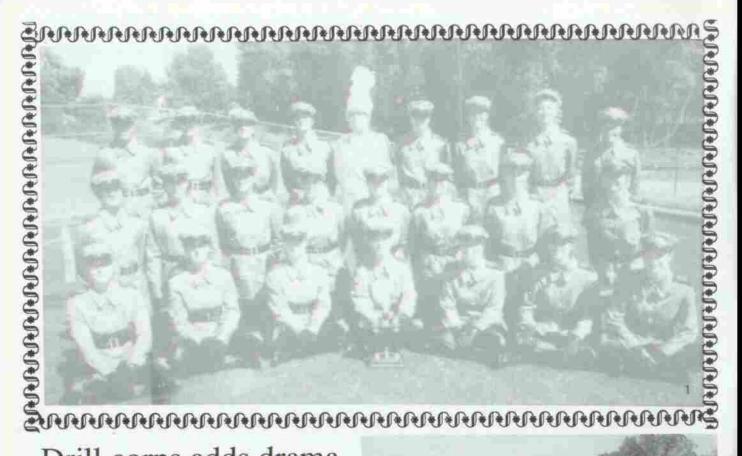












Drill corps adds drama to band performance

The drill corps added drama to the marching band's performance. Their routines performed to the music from "Lt. Kiji" included flags, rifles, and sabres. Later in the year they performed dance routines at all the boys' basketball home games.

The 1996-97 drill corps. 2. Flags spin in unison. 3. April Casper, Kristen Hobbs, and Jill Brames are ready for a dance routine. 4. The senior drill corps members show off their Russian uniforms. 5. Sharon Buchan, exchange student, performs with the group after dance camp. 6. Samantha Hammond says "Hi." 7. "Let us off this bus." 8. The dance team sparkles. 9. Emily Gessner maintains a smile.













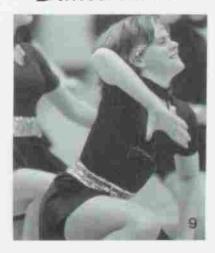




Drill corps



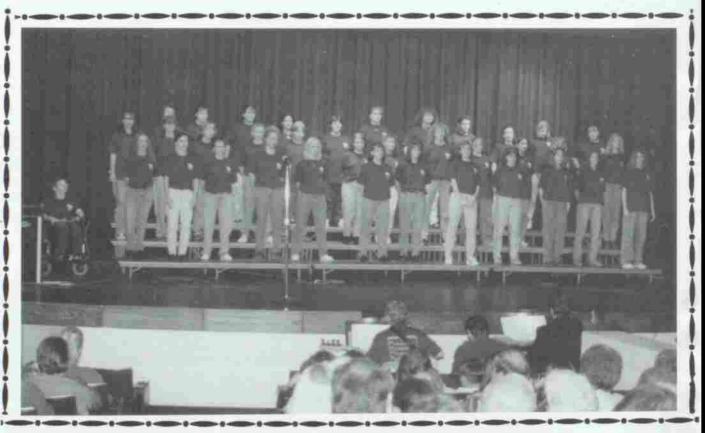
Dance team



Chorus class gets new director

The FP chorus got a new director this year, Mr. Chuck Bradley. The 40 members in the chorus class helped present the Variety Showcase on November 14 and 15, 1996, and they toured the elementary schools in the Southeast Corporation on May 9, 1997. On their tour they performed "YMCA," "Down At the Twist and Shout,"

"Hero," "Best of Doo-Wop," "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," and "The Locomotion." At graduation exercises on May 24, 1997, they sang "Letting Go." That was the last performance for the eight seniors, Jessica Cunningham, Joy Deno, Brianne Goldman, Courtney Hauser, Renee Heeke, Jeny Hensley, Heather Hodges, and Abby Werne.

















'Back to Broadway'

"Back to Broadway" was the theme of the 1996 Variety Showcase. 1. Jennifer Berg sang "Any Man of Mine." 2. and 3. Jayme Blessinger and Nicole Hagedorn performed "Ironic." 4. Alisha Groeschen sang "One Moment in Time." 5. The brother-sister duo of Nathan Lueken and Jill Lueken performed "Alone Tonight," a song written by the two siblings. 6. Beth Petry and Paula Boyd sang "No One Needs to Know." 7. The seniors performed "Remember Me This Way."









FP presents a very unusual musical

The very unusual musical Little Shop of Horrors was presented March 20, 21, and 22 in the FP auditorium. The two main characters, Seymour and Audrey, work in Mr. Mushnick's florest shop on Skid Row. Phil Winkler played the nerdy Seymour, and Courtney Hauser played the ditzy Audrey. Mark Knust played Mr. Mushnik. Josh Stout and Brad Begle worked together to create the character of the "strange and unusual" plant. Josh provided the voice, and Brad was inside the plant. The musical was directed by Mr. Chuck Bradley, FP's new music teacher, and Mr. Wes Hodges, principal at Pine Ridge.

Cast members get makeup before the performance.



2. "What do you want from me, blood?" Sidney feeds the plant for the first time. 3. The girls' trio parts were sung and acted by Jill Lueken, Abby Werne, and Sally Lueken. 4. As the plant gets bigger, Sidney becomes a celebrity. 5. The part of the sadistic, Harley riding dentist was played to the hilt by Brent Sicard. 6. "I've laughed myself to death." The dentist accidentally gives himself an overdose of laughing gass. 7. Sidney's conscience drives him to make plans to kill the plant. He and Audrey sing about going to "Someplace That's Green."
8. The big finale, "...And the plants did what they came here to do, which is essentially to...eat Cleveland, and Jasper, and this theater."

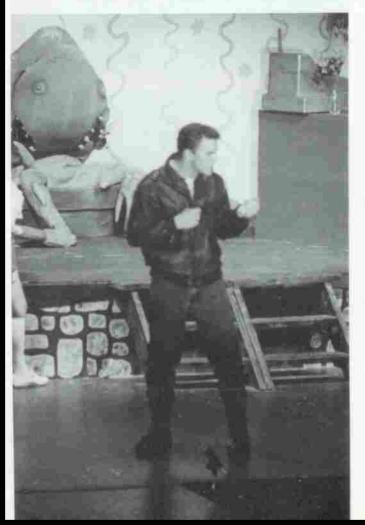
















**** Holiday Ball is Forest Park tradition ****

On December 14, 1996, the annual Holiday Ball was held at the St. Anthony Community Center. The event is sponsored by the FP Student Council, and more than 150 students and dates attended. Ms. Leslie Shobe, SC sponsor, said, "I thought it went well, and everyone enjoyed themselves." Music was provided by Boogie Tunes DJ's.

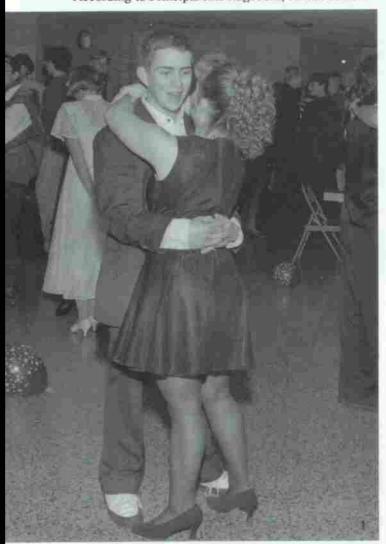
According to Principal Jim Hagedorn, FP has had the

Holiday Ball for more than 20 years now.

 Rusty Goodman and his date enjoy a slow dance.
 Senior girls Tammy Fuchs, Karrie Hochgesang, Angie Bumm, Jenny Weyer, Kara Bicker, Amber Schipp, and Christie Kluemper show off their party clothes. 3. "Twist and Shout." 4. Jill Meyer and Chuck Oeding dance under the snowflakes.









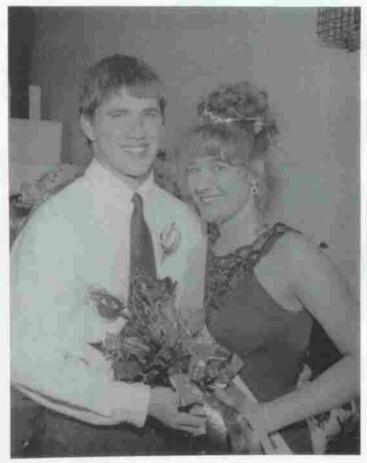


Amy Schwartz is Homecoming Queen





On January 31, Amy Schwartz was crowned Forest Park Homecoming Queen for 1997 before the varsity basketball game against Vincennes Rivet. The girls chose "When I'm With You" as their homecoming theme. The Ferdinand House of Flowers provided decorations for the special occasion. There was a high school dance following the game.



The 1997 Homecoming Queen's Court. 2.
 Cheerleaders Natalie Ruhe and Melissa Kempf carried the flowers and sash as Janae Lange, daughter of Brian and Shelly Lange, carried the crown, and Alex Stenftenagel, son of Jim and Ann Stenftenagel, carried the game ball. 3. Amy was crowned by her escort, Mark Persohn.





Kara Bieker Jeff Johanneman

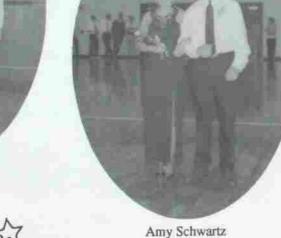


Sarah Dilger Jesse Lubbers

Allison Barth Nick Merriman Homecoming



Jamie Schnieders Chad Nord



Amy Schwartz Mark Persohn



Jenny Weyer Brian Schipp





Gerry Schaaf



Brooke Messmer Beau Wendholt



Amber Schipp Scott Luebbehusen





Brooke Bolte Alex Hagedom



Janelle Kline Danny Lechner





Gina Englert Chris Becher





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'Forever for Tonight' is theme of '97 prom

The 1997 Junior-Senior Prom was held April 19 at the Ferdinand Community Center. The purple, black, and silver decorations created the illusion of a warm summer night in the park. Music was provided by Boogie Tunes. The garter ceremony took place at 10:00 p.m. For the first time in FP history, a junior prince and princess were chosen. They were Nathan Hawkins and Amy Lueken. Nathan and Amy crowned the prom king and queen, Sarah Dilger and Andy Jahn. The post-prom party, at the high school, began at 12:00 midnight.

Lucky Josh Vonderheide is surrounded by beautiful girls.
 The prince and princess share a dance.
 Sarah and Andy were pleased and surprised to be crowned as the prom royalty.
 Other prom-goers applaud as Sarah and Andy dance.
 Josh Zehr, Brent Englert and Bart Persohn look very formal.
 Mindy Persohn and two friends admire the ice sculpture.
 Do the "Macarena."
 Prom servers Tiffany Schneider, Lacey Verkamp, Brandon Nord, and Jarod Brames enjoy their duties.
 Teresa Weyer hears the camera click.















Pe r S O n a es

1996-97 school year filled with excitement

The 1996-97 school year was filled with excitement and We began the year changes. occupying a portion of our new facilities, but the renovated 1954 addition and the new gymnasium were still under construction. As we began the year, students were still asked to accomodate construction with classes being held in alternate classrooms, parking, loading and unloading of buses, and the entrance to the building still being altered. Finally November arrived and construction Students were was completed. allowed to return to their parking lots, classes were moved to their normal locations, and buses were loaded and unloaded in their normal areas. Excitement peaked when our Rangers opened their season in our new gymnasium. Along with all this came much new equipment that greatly enhanced our new classrooms and educational programming. Three new computer labs were made available for use, along with two new science rooms and a complete, newlyequipped weight and cardio-vascular training room.

The '96-'97 school year was also a great year for the continuation of the many outstanding traditions of excellence of Forest Park. Our



School board members are Don Loepker, Stan Fischer, Ernie Brames, Chris Dilger, and Tom Niehaus.

Marching Rangers returned to the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, and individuals and teams excelled in state competitions. The accomplishments of our school and of our students were many, and we thank the staff and students for making this school year one that we are all proud of.

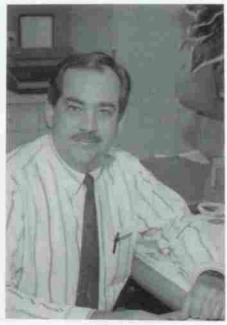
> James Hagedorn Principal



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James Hagedom Principal



Rick Allen Asst. Principal



Brenda Allen Home Ec.



Peggy Amos-Huff Counselor



Vicki Beach Spanish, P.E.



Linda Berry Art



Charles Bradley Music



Margaret Buechler Spanish



Dennis Doutaz P.E., Health



Greg Durcholz Math



Kathy Ellison Media Specialist



Rock Emmert English



Sharon Gramelspacher Math



Carolyn Carney Nurse



Ellen Hendricks Social Studies



James Hubers Athletic Director



James Johanneman Industrial Tech.



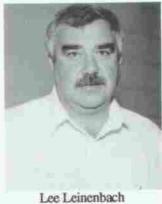
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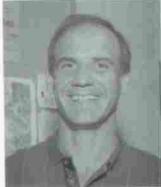
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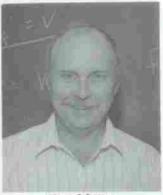
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Lee Leinenbach Couselor



Jim Mehling Math



Tom Meyer Science



Chad Niehaus Math, Science



Martha Niehaus Social Studies



Paula Peter Special Ed.



Donald Prusz Math



Tara Rasche English, Speech



Janet Robbins Band



Beth Schnellenberger Business



Leslie Shobe English, Sociology



Steve Stoffel Industrial Tech.



Larry Tenbarge German



Doug Walker Agriculture



Ed Walston English, Journalism



Kevin Wertman Biology



Gary Wittman Special Ed.



Rowena Weyer Business



Norma Sonderman Secretary



Rita Sonderman Secretary



Judy Luebbehusen Media Center Aide



Michael Kluemper Spec. Ed. Aide



Ursula Shaw Study Hall Aide



Judy Mehling Spec. Ed. Aide



Mary Kay Berger Spec. Ed. Aide



Sharon Lindauer Ath. Secretary



The janitors are Donna Hoffman, Rita Altman, Mark Huff, Randy Gehlhausen, Mark Oser, and Don Huff (not in photo).



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

Class 0f 1997

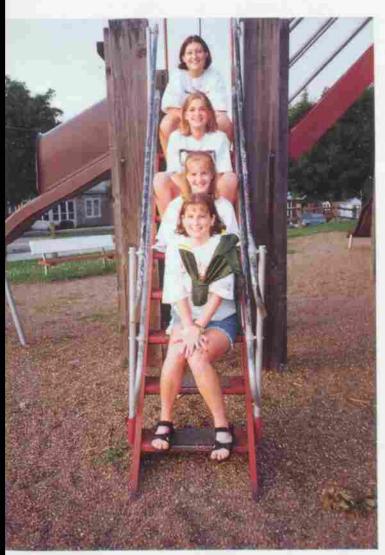












Another year of school has flown by once again. This past year was different, however. We were seniors!!! We've survived twelve horrendous years of nagging teachers, difficult homework assignments, and troubles with the opposite sex. It seems like yesterday we were little kids interested only in Barbies and bikes. For some this hasn't changed, but for the others, we've developed into mature adults capable of dealing with just about anything. Although we've been told time and time again that we are young and naive, I believe we have all had a taste of the real world. From juggling a job and school to comforting a friend in his time of sorrow, we've experienced a lot.

So as we leave behind this school which has taught us so much, we leave behind a legacy. Our class was a unique one, filled with smiles and memories. We all stuck together when the going got tough, and we'll try to be together in the future when one of us needs a friend. Good bye class of 1997, it's been a great twelve years!

Jenny Weyer, class president



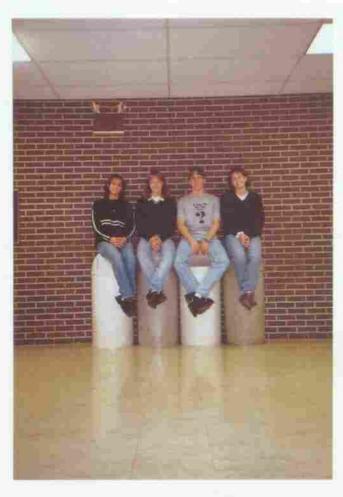




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Nicholas Bateman



The senior class officers are Amber Schipp, treasurer; Kara Bieker, secretary; Chris Welp, vice president; and Jenny Weyer, president.





Bradley Beck



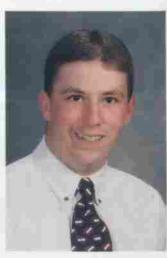
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Stacy Berger



Wayne Berger



Allen Betz



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Jill Brames



Wayne, Dan, Scott, and Wes pose as their favorite rock group.



Brett Braunecker



Amy Brinkman



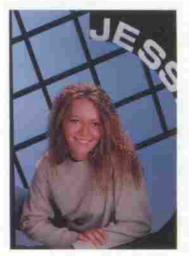
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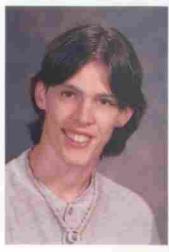
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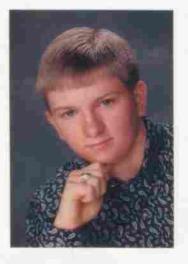
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Andrea Gilmore



Brianne Goldman



Samantha Hammond



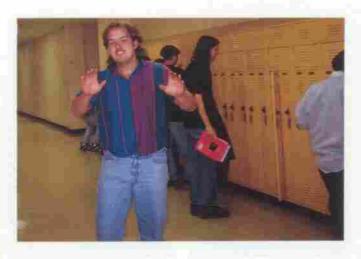
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"No autographs, please!"



Heather Hodges



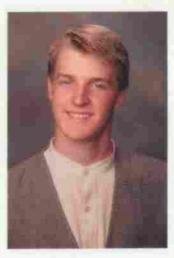
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Matthew Kemper



Alysha Kempf



Lisa Kempf



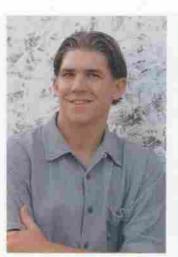
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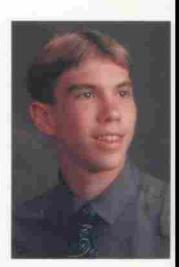
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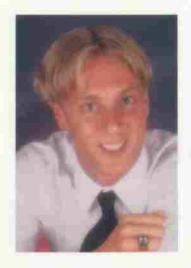
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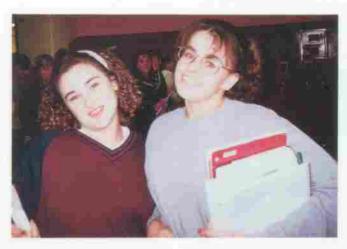
Dan Luebbehusen



Scott Luebbehusen



Nathan Lueken



Chrissy and Krista take time out of their busy schedules to pose for a picture.



Nicholas Merrimon



Brooke Messmer



Lisa Messmer



Nick Miller



Patrick Naviaux



Chad Nord



Charles Oeding



Christine Oser



Tami Otto



Bart Persohn



These senior studs can't see why the chicks don't dig them!



Mark Persohn



Mindy Persohn



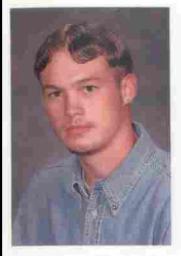
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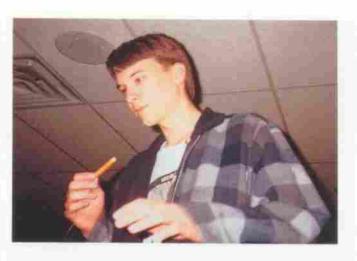
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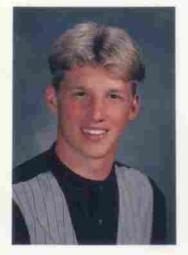
Joshua Vonderheide



Luke looks around frantically for his fellow "huge" brothers.



Danielle Wagner



Michael Wehr



Chris Welp



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Abby Werne



Jennifer Weyer



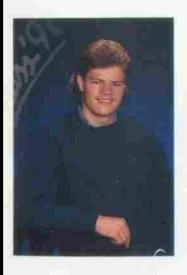
Teresa Weyer



Sarah Willis



Philip Winkler



Joshua Zehr



FYI: Jill, Teresa, and Amber give the Homecoming dance thumbs up.



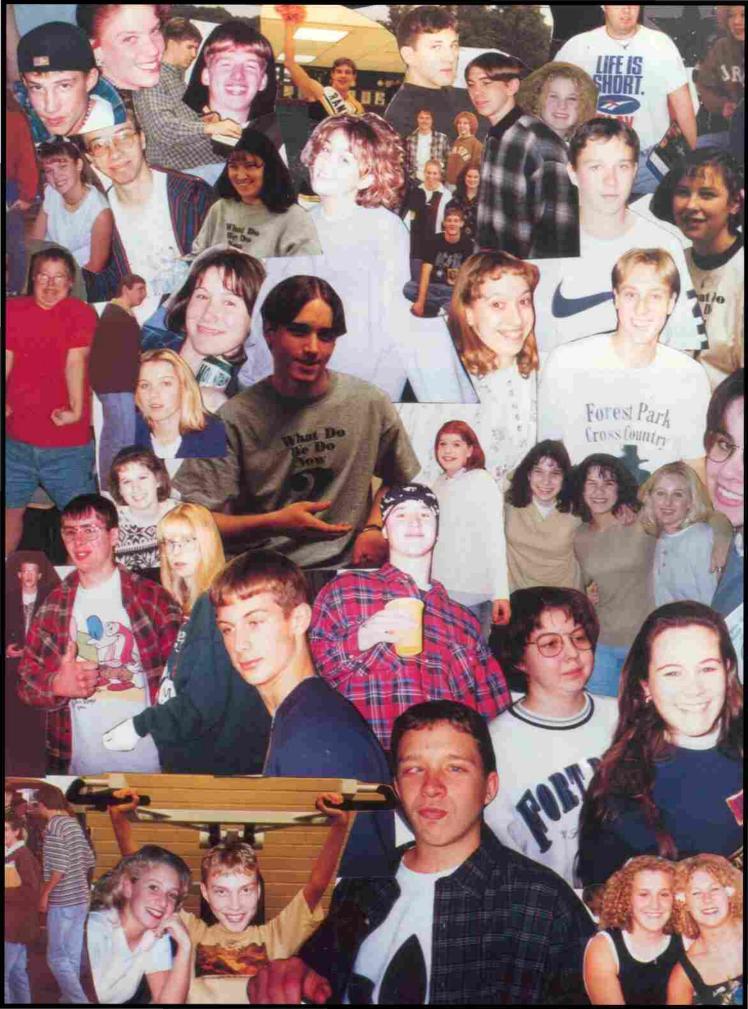
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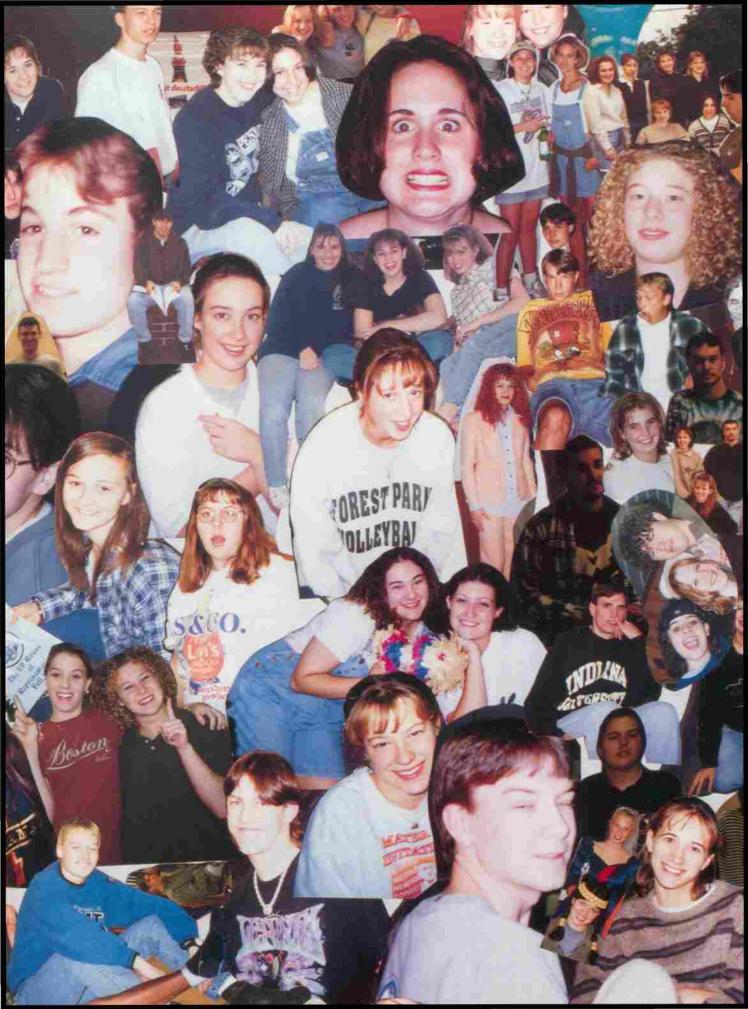
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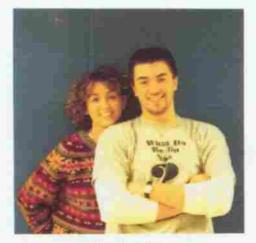
Senior favorites



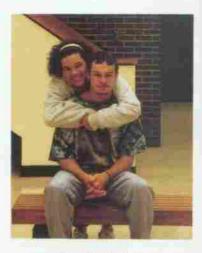
Most Spirited Dan Luebbehusen and Melissa Kempf



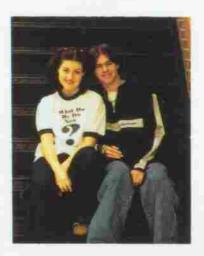
Most Talented Jeff Johanneman and Courtney Hauser



Best Eyes Bart Persohn and Allison Barth



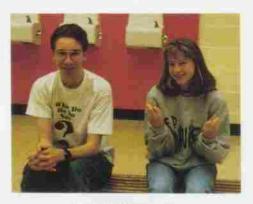
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Oddest Couple Dru Leinenbach and Sarah Willis



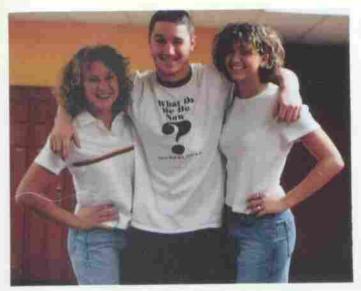
Class Brain Chris Welp and Judy Reckelhoff



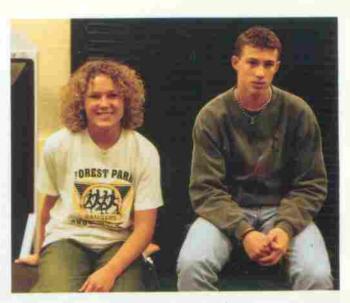
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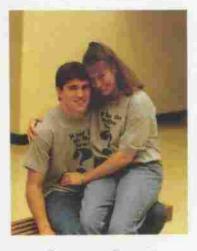
Class Leaders Jeff Johanneman and Jenny Weyer



Best Body Jesse Lubbers, Sarah Dilger, and Allison Barth



Most Athletic Scott Luebbehusen and Sarah Dilger



Cuttest Couple Mark Persohn and Amy Schwartz



Funniest Dan Luebbehusen and Amber Striegel



Best Dressed Wes Laake and Allison Barth



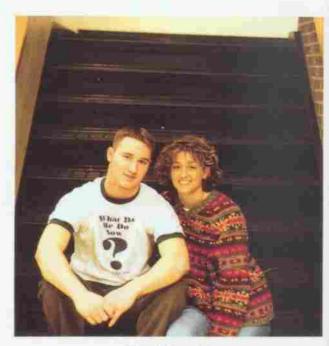
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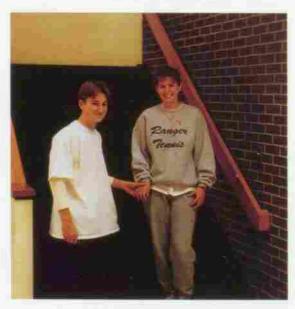
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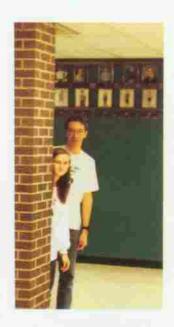
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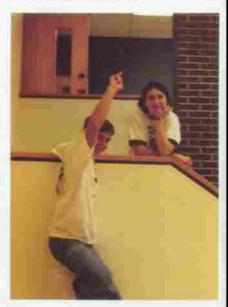
Best Looking Jesse Lubbers and Allison Barth



Most Polite Pat Naviaux and Jenny Weyer

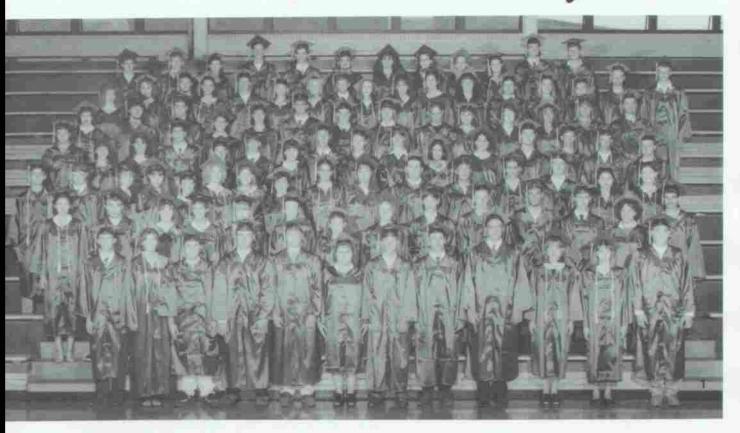


Shyest Nathan Theising and Danielle Wagner



Most Hyper Dan Luebbehusen and Lisa Messmer

Class of '97 graduates on May 24







 At 3:15 on Saturday afternoon, May 24, the class of 1997 lined up in the old gym to have this group picture aken in their caps and gowns.
 Then they took a short

break outside before the rain started. 3. Later in the day Judy Reckelhoff and Josh Vonderheide would be tired of having their pictures taken.







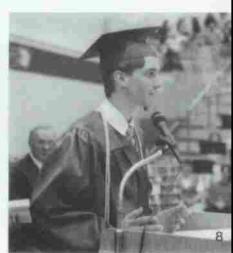






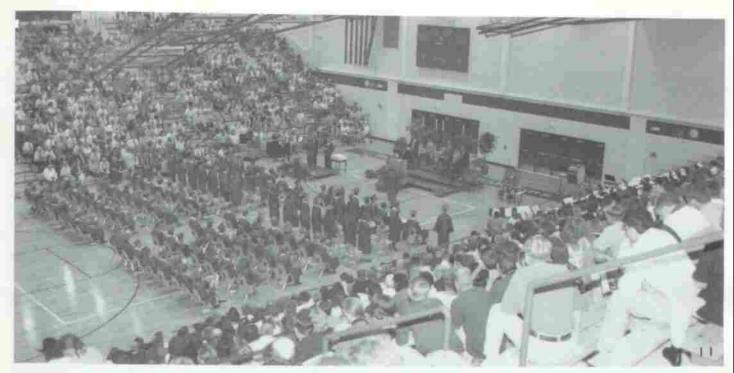














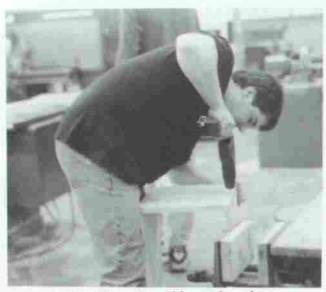






1. Krista Lindauer was very happy to graduate. 2. As the band played "Pomp and Circumstance," the seniors marched into the new gym. 3. Brett Braunecker made a statement with his choice of footgear. 4. Class President Jenny Weyer welcomed the crowd to graduation. 5. Judy Reckelhoff was salutatorian. 6, 7, and 8. Valedictorians were Lisa Kempf, Melissa Kempf, and Chris Welp. 9. The choir sang "Letting Go" with the seniors one last time. 10. For the first time the seniors in band also joined in for one song, "Pachabel's Canon." 11. This year's seniors were the first to receive their diplomas in the new Buechler Arena. 12. Amber Striegel was the first to receive the new Contesa Lynn Austin Memorial Scholarship. 13. The seniors moved their tassels and were declared graduates of Forest Park. 14. Then they marched out into the lobby. (It was raining too hard to go outside.) 15. Friends like Jamie Schneiders, Amber Schipp, and Teresa Weyer shared one last hug before saying goodbye to FP.

Juniors end first year of being upperclassmen



Luke Wehr works on his woods project.



Karla Luebbehusen and Jennifer Berg dance at the Holiday Ball,

As our first year of being upperclassmen comes to an end, we have realized what being a class really means. Whether it was in academics, sports, decorating the halls, or preparing for prom, we have pulled together and worked as one.

Our friendships grew stronger as the days until graduation became shorter. We do know that these memories will always be there for us to look back upon, forever.

We wish the senior class of 1997 the best of luck in the future. They will be greatly missed and never forgotten.

The Class of 1998

Class officers are Amy Lucken, president, Heather Messmer, vice-president, Janet Weyer, secretary, and April Casper, treasurer. The Tracer staff apologizes for not having a photo of the class officers.



Angela Aders



Jennifer Ahrens



Audrey Andry



Todd Andry



Nicholas Atkins



Matthew Auffart

<u>IUNIORS</u>



Audrey Beard



Jennifer Berg



Andrea Loepker, Brooke Bolte, Rachel Schneider, Lisa Bettag, April Casper, Tina Ebert, Heather Messmer, Jill Gehlhausen, and Janet Weyer, are all dressed up for the Beta convention.



Todd Berg



Eric Berger



Lisa Bettag



Rhonda Betz



Theresa Betz



Tracy Bieker



Jayme Blessinger



Kevin Boeglin



Brandon Boehman



Brooke Bolte



Daven Borden



Alex Bousquet



Melissa Boyd



Christopher Braunecker



Jennifer Braunecker



Kyle Burger



April Casper



Crystal Choate



Adam Christmas



Joshua Cooper



Julie Cummins



Carrie Durcholz



Tina Ebert



Eric Englert



Patrick Fawks



Autumn Fischer



Doug Fischer



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Brent Foster



Jan Gehlhausen









Jill Gehlhausen



Brett Giesler



Joshua Giesler



Russell Goodman



Alisha Groeschen



Alex Hagedom

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Nicole Hagedom



Laura Hamilton



Jeremy Hasenour



Jill Hauser



Nathan Hawkins



Amy Hildenbrand



Jamie Hildenbrand



Kristen Hobbs



Jason Hoffman



Casey Howard



Jason Howe



Dayna Hurst



Rachael Keller



Jesse King



Jason Knies



Mark Knust



Sarah Kordes



Craig Lindauer



Andrea Loepker



Karla Lubbehusen



Nick Lucas



Amy Lucken



Amy Lytle



Greg Mehling



Jason Meinhardt



Heather Messmer



Jill Meyer



Joshua Meyer



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Christopher Naviaux



Angela Niehaus



Lucas Parr



Matthew Parr



Crystal Persohn



Adam Petry



Craig Pierce



Brooke Pund



Jeremy Reckelhoff



Amber Rohleder



Andrew Rohleder



Audra



Rachel Schneider



Candida Schuler



Clint Seger



Timothy Sermersheim



Lisa Sprinkle



C.J. Steftenagel



Tara Uebelhor



Eric Vanderhoff



Cathy Verkamp



Mike Verkamp



Justin Vonderheide



Sarah Vonderheide



Luke Wehr



Amy Welp



Clifford Weyer



Clint Weyer



Grant Weyer



Janet Weyer



Ryan Willmes



Nicholas Woebkenberg



Kelly Yocum



Carrie Durcholz, Casey Howard, Cathy Verkamp, and Amber Rohleder were a few of the crew who worked back stage for the musical, Little Shop of Horrors.

The class of 1999

As we look back, we try to remember only the good. But we, the sophomore class, have encountered some very rough times. With the help of friends and the closeness of our class, we have prevailed.

Although there will be challenges in the future, we will pull together and meet them with our heads held high.

We would like to thank all students and teachers for their unending support.

The Class of 1999



The sophomore class officers are Stacy Hoppenjans, treasurer, Nina Weyer, president, Kim Kempf, secretary, and Jenny Hochgesang, vice-president.



Beau Anderson



Contesa Austin



Scott Bateman



Brad Begle



Eric Bier



Bridget Bender



Michael Berg



Tammy Berg



Scott Berger



Nathan Betz



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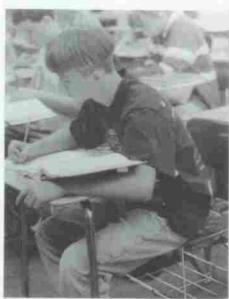
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Lisa Rousculp has Mrs. Berry check her work in art class.



Brad Wathen concentrates on his math homework.



Nicole Fleig



Curtis Foll



Kurt Freeman



Ashley Frey



Tricia Frick



Mark Gaesser



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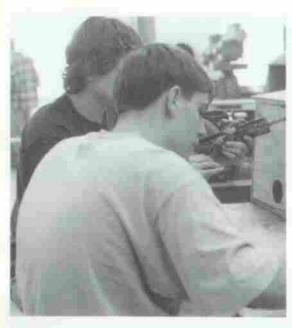


Jennifer Hochgesang



Sarah Hoffman

Sophomores



Travis Winings and Josh Cooper work on a speaker box in woods.



Luke Wehr, Autumn Dooley, Jared Chapman, Ashley Frey, and Eric Tretter wait in the lunch line with their money in hand.



Audra Hopf



Stacy Hoppenjans



Joshua Kellems



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Janelle Kerstiens



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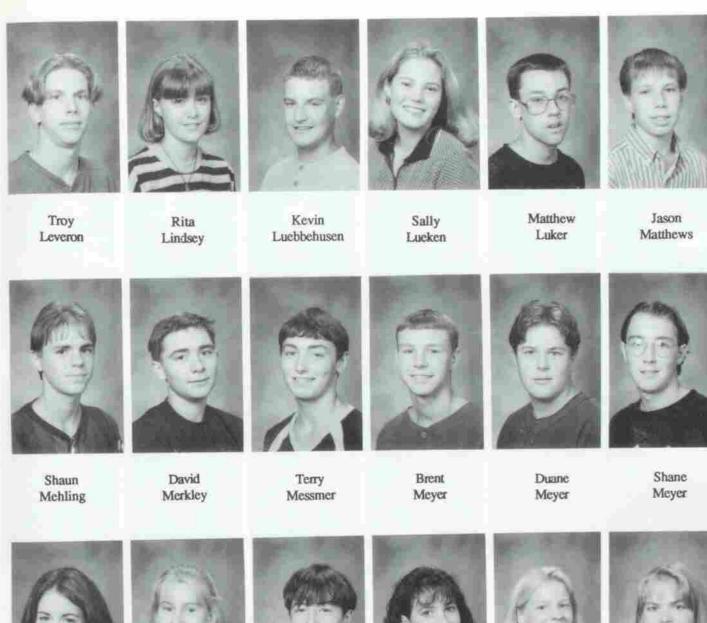
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Andrew Reckelhoff



Ashley Reckelhoff



Lisa Rousculp



John Schipp



Tiffany Schneider



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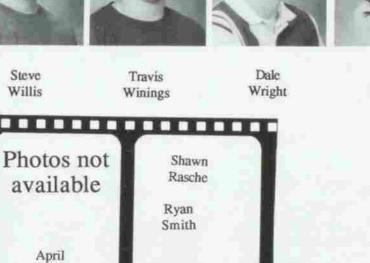
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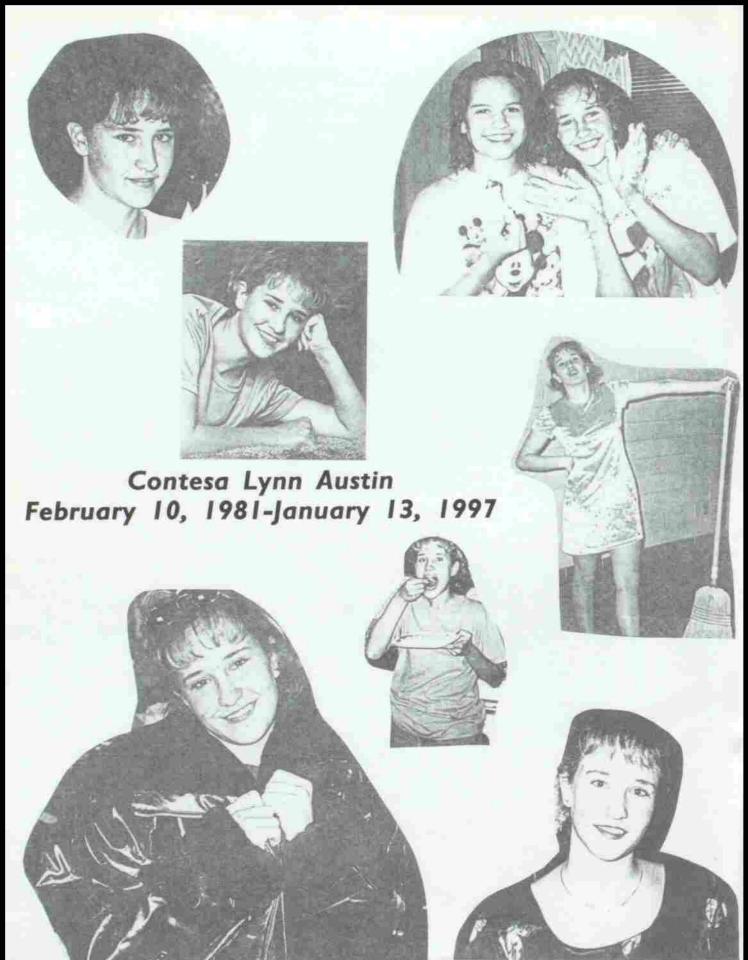
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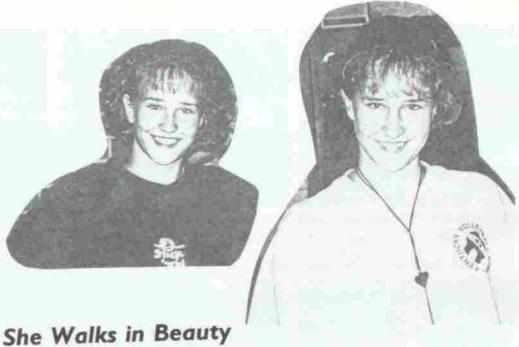
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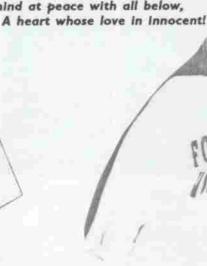
George Gordon, Lord Byron

She walks in beauty, like the night
Of cloudless climes and starry skies;
And all that's best of dark and bright
Meet in her aspect and her eyes:
Thus mellowed to that tender light
Which heaven to gaudy day denies.

One shade the more, one ray the less,
Had half impaired the nameless grace
Which waves in every raven tress,
Or softly lightens o'er her face;
Where thoughts serenely sweet express
How pure, how dear their dwelling place.

And on that cheek, and o'er that brow,
So soft, so calm, yet eloquent,
The smiles that win, the tints that glow,
But tell of days in goodness spent,
A mind at peace with all below,







The class of 2000

Entering into high school from junior high was a major step for us, but with the help of the teachers and upper classmen we made it through.

We are looking forward to our future years here at Forest Park and can't wait to see our graduation day.

We hope we will become positive role models for next year's freshman class so they enjoy their experience as much as we have in the past year.

This year was an experience that will stay with us forever.

The Class of 2000



Freshman class officers are Renee Ebert, vice-president, Brandy Daniel secretary/treasurer, and Jillian Lueken, president.



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Joshua Askren



Jeremy Backer



Christopher Becher



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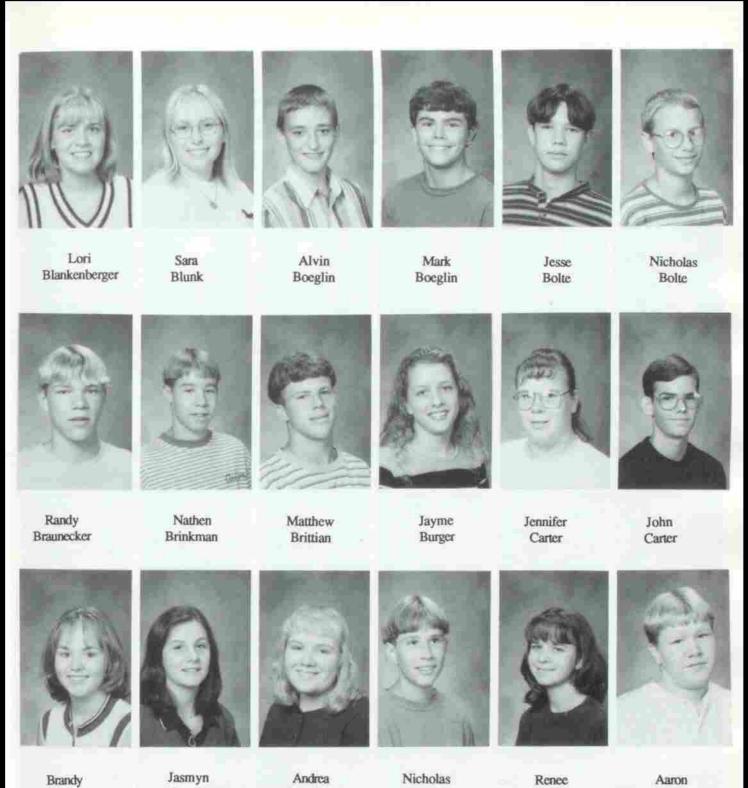
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Jessie Bieker



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Freshmen



Gina Englert



Lisa Englert



Brad Fischer



Neal Fleck



Zachery Fromme



Jason Gehlhausen



Lydia Gehlhausen



Emily Gessner



Joshua Gilmore



Jennifer Gogel



Joshua Greulich



Elizabeth Haake



Nikki Hall



Brandon Hammond



Nathan Harmon



Andrea Hasenour



Laura Hasenour



Craig Hauser



Denelle Hauser



Kurtis Head



Kyla Henke



Kara Hobbs



Jill Hoppenjans



John Hoppenjans



Lisa Hoppenjans



Suzanne Hurst



Jeremy Jackson



Shawn Jacob



Jessica Jahn



Amanda Johnson



Jennifer Kemper



Michael Kemper



Kristi Kempf



Ben Klem



Sarah Klem



Vicki Kluemper



Kathryn Knies



Laura Kreilein



Amber Kunkler



Andy Lange



Anthony Leisman



Faith Lemond



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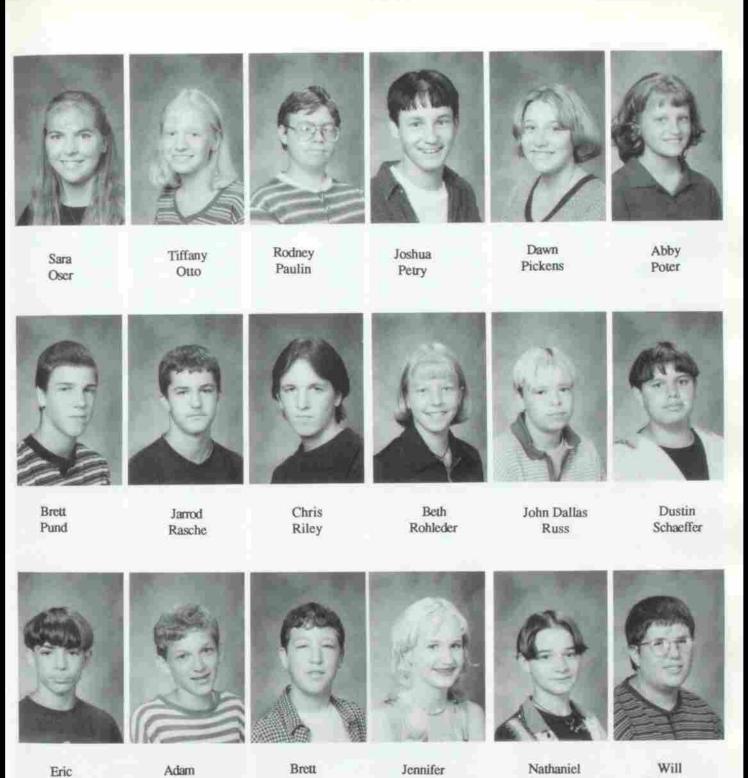
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Tara Schnell



Joshua Schuler



Amber Smith



Jason Smith



Nancy Smith



Nikkia Speedy



Erin Sprinkle



Joshua Stout



Neil Theising



Trisha Theising



Bethany Thewes



Zach Mundy looks cool in his zoot suit at the Holiday Ball.



Danelle Hauser studies hard in her math class.



Mike Kemper and Alvin Boeglin share a laugh in Mr. Wertman's class.







Lauren Uebelhor



Ashley Verkamp



Jeffery Verkamp



Jeremy Verkamp



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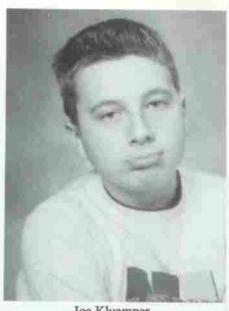


Crystal Hartley Ryan Kempf

Sara Swick Students in life skills class benefit from individual attention



Micki Goodwin



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Josh Mundy

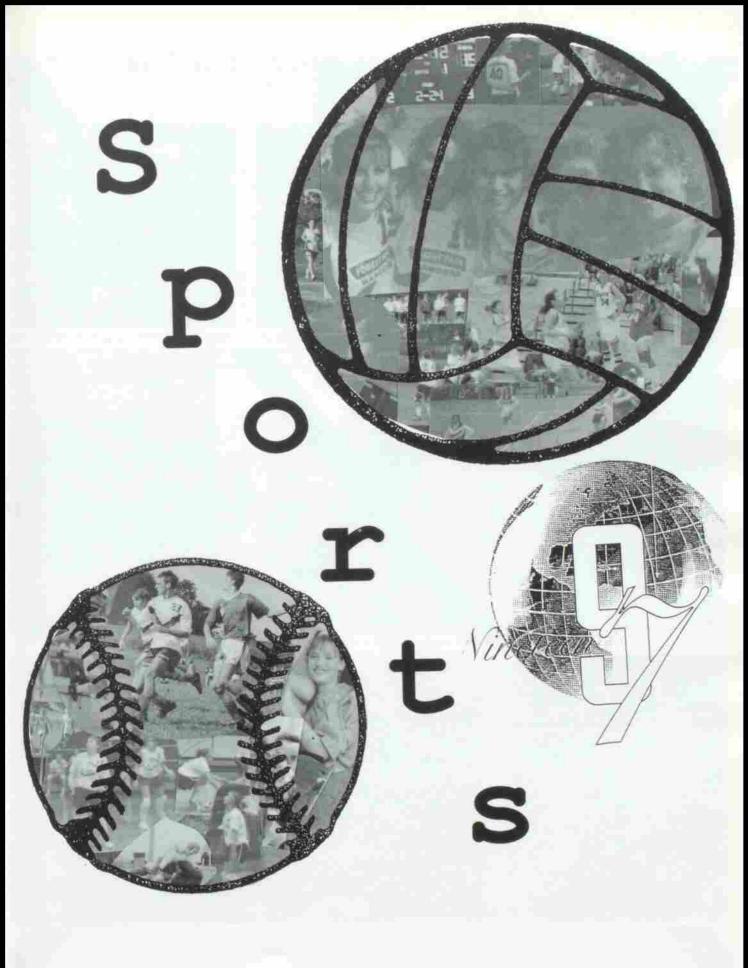


Bryan Reckelhoff

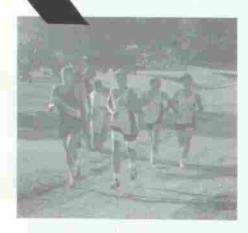
The students in the life skills class get individual attention from their teacher, Mrs. Paula Peter, and from two teacher's aides, Mrs. Judy Mehling and Mrs. Mary Kay Berger. They help the students learn skills that will help them live more productive and independent lives.

The students in the life skills class benefit from such activities as going grocery shopping, learning how to tell time, and learning to use money..

This year they also had a cadet teacher, senior Jenny Hensley, who received one of the cadet teaching awards for her work.



Ranger Cross Country:one of best in Southwest







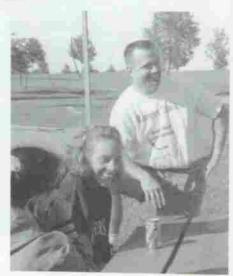












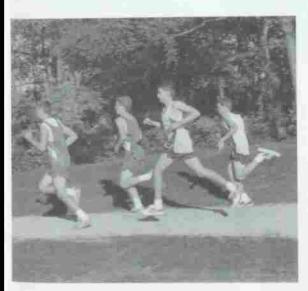
Through rain, snow, and sleet coach Pat Hall's running Rangers proved once again that they are a force to be reckoned with. Coach Hall had help from student teacher, Ms. Emily Niehaus. The boys' team finished third in the Blue Chip and advanced to regional after finishing second at sectional. Scott Luebbehusen also advanced to semi-state where he placed 83rd. The girls, on the other hand, finished second at sectional and third at regional which allowed them to go to semi-state. The girls finished 14th at semi-state.

Mr Hall said, "The boys had a great rebuilding year for the program. The team worked hard and it showed. The girls' program became one of the top programs in Southwest Indiana."

1. Andy eases past an opponent 2. Kara appears to be all alone 3. Matt streches before a meet 4. Aaron, Scott, and Andy jog before a meet. 5. The girls warm up. 6. The boys have a team huddle 7. Ready! set! go! 8. The coaches go over their strategy 9. The girls' cross country team 10. The Boeglin Duo make running look easy 11. Julie, Amber, and Bart warm up before a meet 12. Aaron leads the pack











Soccer team has record breaking year

The 1996 soccer year was a year of records for the Ranger soccer team. Their record of 8-5-4 was the most wins in a season for any Ranger team. They finished the season with five straight wins before losing 4-2 to Washington, eventual state finalists, in typhoon like conditions. Coach Ken Sicard and first year assistant coach Greg Sicard feel that the team had the best year in school history.

1. The Ranger soccer team. 2. Hope Luke doesn't miss the ball. 3. Jared Chapman uses his head to stop a ball. 4. Jesper clears the ball out. 5. Jared takes a shot. 6. Jason and Duane wait for the next ball to come to them. 7. Wes reaches out to grab a ball. 8. Wayne and Mark go for the ball. 9. Luke tries to stop Phil's shot in practice. 10. The coaches concentrate on the game. 11. Luke lets one slip by in practice. 12. The team lines up for a spike check. 13. Brian tries to stop the ball. 14. The captains are intructed by the refs. 15. Jarod controls the ball. 16. Dan dribbles down the field.









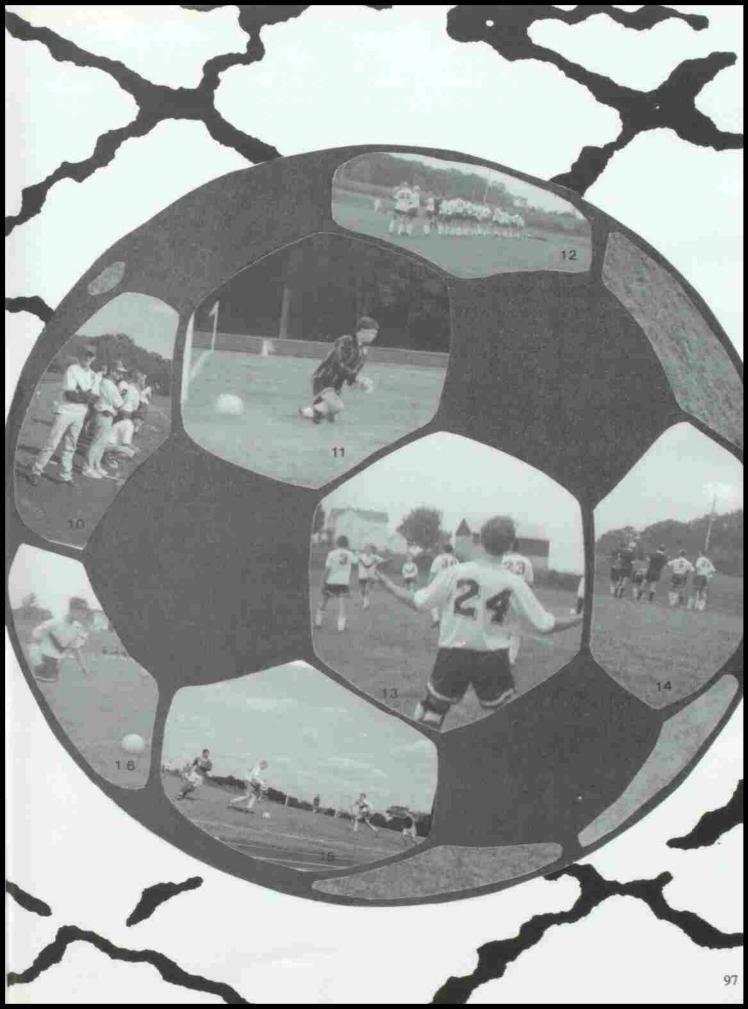




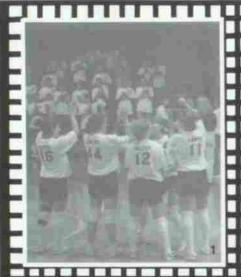


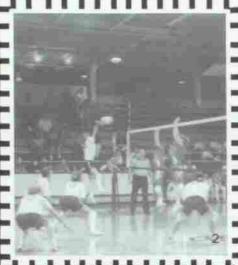






Volleyball team posts a 19-10 record







The '96 Lady Ranger volleyball team started off new Head Coach Jamie Giesler's career with a 19-10 record. The team also won the Blue Chip with an undefeated record of 8-0.

Coach Giesler stated, "This year's team did an outstanding job for me. The girls were a great group to work with. I'm going to miss the ones leaving, but I'm looking forward to working with the ones returning next year."

1. Team line up. 2. Amy attempts a kill. 3. Audra and Christy attempt a block. 4. The Ranger volleyball team. 5. Brooke goes for a point. 6. Brooke looks on as Audra waits to bump the ball. 7. Tammy bumps the ball. 8. Jenny prepares herself to set the ball for Audra. 9. Christy gets one of her many kills. 10. Christy lofts a ball over two defenders. 11. Tammy and Allison warm up. 12. Team huddle. 13. Another huddle. 14. Look, Audra can bump too. 15. Christy reaches back to spike this one. 16. Audra and Amy take time out from stretching to pose for a picture. 17. Sarah spikes the ball.

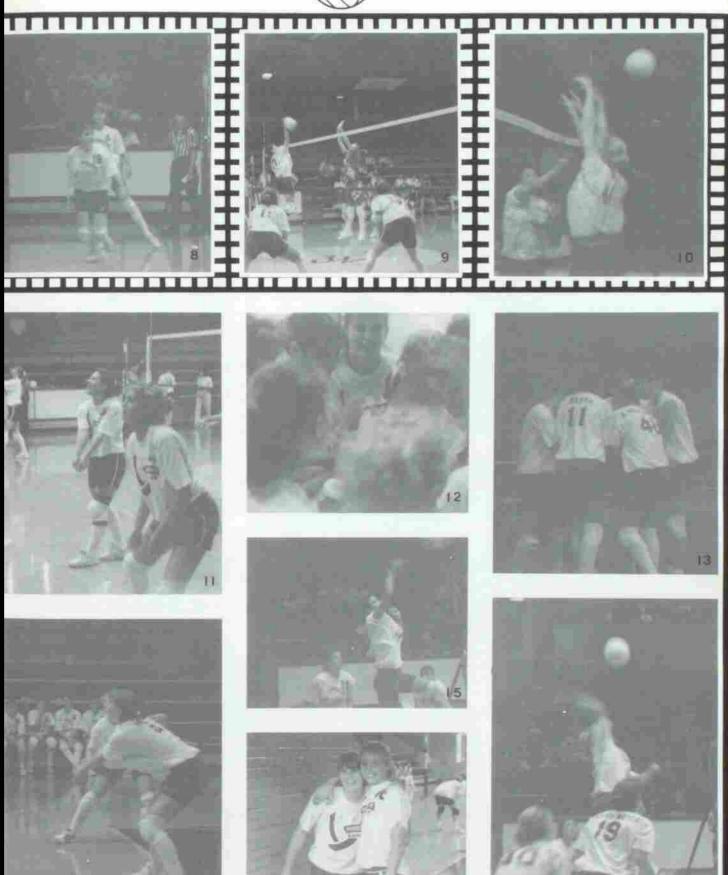












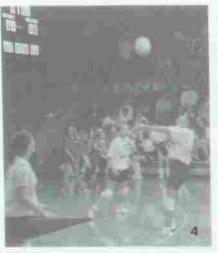
Young Rangers gain experience



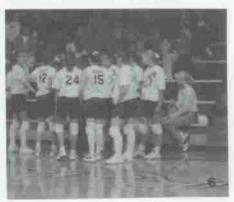










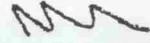




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Coach Vicki Beach felt that both the JV and freshman Rangers were successful this past year. She said that they were one of the most hard working groups and have the ability to be even more successful as they get older. The JV won the Blue Chip with an undefeated record.

1. The JV volleyball team. 2. The freshman volleyball team. 3. Ashley bumps the ball. 4. Rachel returns the ball. 5. Lydia tries to save the ball. 6. The JV team talks strategy. 7. The girls wait for the return. 8. Tara tries to make someone eat the ball.





Girl's JV basketball finish with a 16-2 record



Coach Greg Durcholz and the Lady Ranger JV basketball team finished the season with a 16-2 record. The team also tied for first in the Blue Chip Conference with a 7-1 record. Coach Durcholz couldn't be more proud of his team. "The team had a great year." Said Coach Durcholz, "The girls played hard and I couldn't ask for more effort from them."

1. JV girl's basketball team. 2. Jenny looks for an open teammate. 3. Amber passes to her teammate. 4. Ashley shoots a free throw. 5. Lisa drives for the bucket. 6. Lori aims and fires. 7. Some freshmen girls smile for the camera. 8. The bench concentrates on the game. 9. Jenny looks to drive.



















One of the best records in history for the Rangers



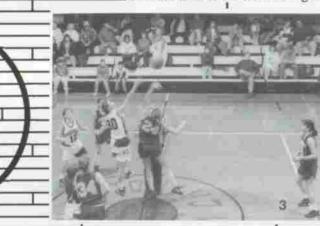
The Lady Rangers finished the season 19-4, one of the best records in FP history. On Feb. 4, 1997, they lost to co-favorite Jasper in the sectional. They were 7-1 in the Blue Chip-Conference.

Coach Marty Niehaus said one highlight
 of the season was the win at Heritage Hills over a massive rally. Other big wins were over North
 Knox and Bosse.

1. Girls' varsity basketball team. 2.

Jamie Hildenbrand and Brooke Messmer play tough
defense. 3. Audra Ruhe controls the tip. 4. Amy
Hildenbrand puts the ball in play. 5. Sarah Dilger
goes after a loose ball. 6. Karrie Hochgesang
looks to get the ball inside. 7. Amy Luekenpasses to an open teammate. 8. Amy Hildenbrand
shoots a free throw. 9. The Rangers huddle before
the game, 10. Pre-game warmup. 11. Karrie and
Audra go for a rebound. 12. Karrie goes up for a
layup. 13. Amy dribbles up the floor. 14. Coach
Niehaus talks to the team during a time out.

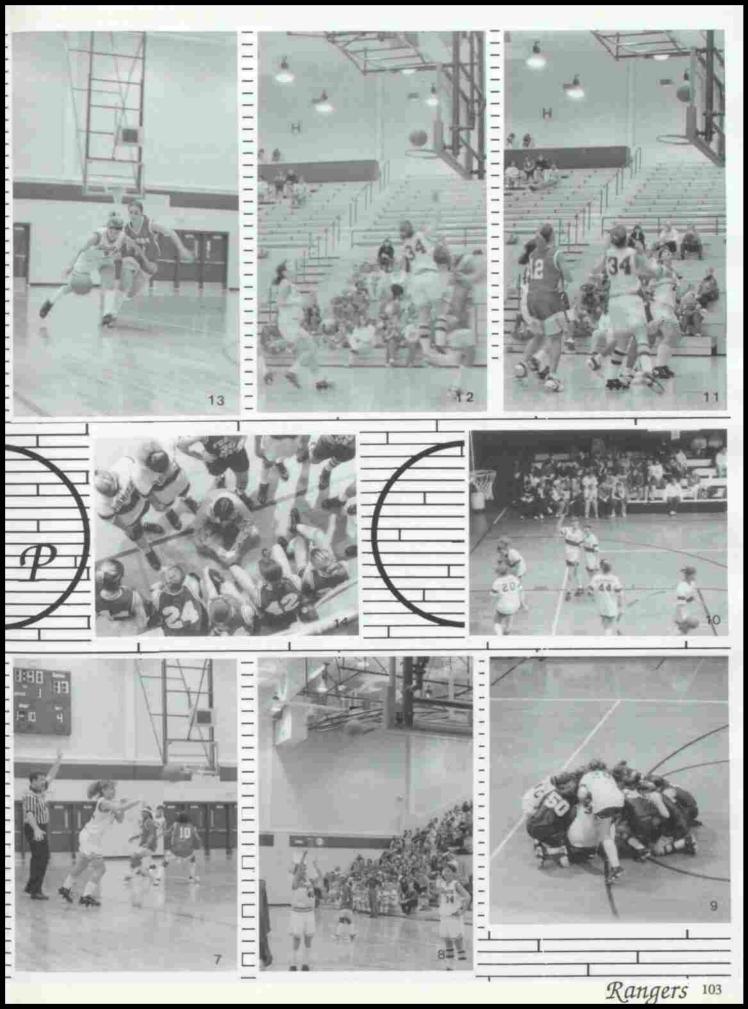










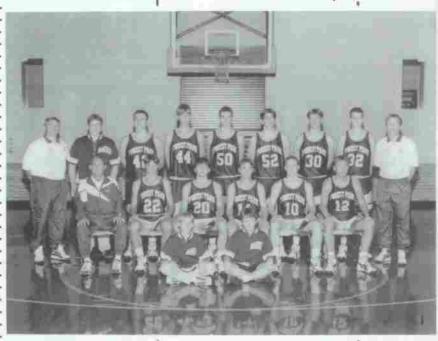


Up and down season for Rangers

The varsity boys' basketball season—came to an end on Feb. 25, 1997, as the Rangers—lost 48-30 to eventual sectional champ Pike—Central.

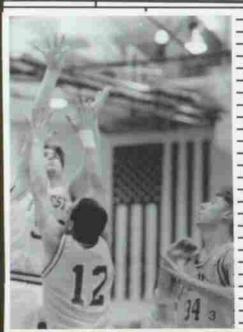
The Rangers' season record was 9-12. —
They were 3-5 in the Blue Chip Conference. —
Coach Denny Doutaz said, "Our players played —
with a lot of heart and repsented Forest Park very —
well." One of the highlights of the season was —
the 20-point win over Tell City. Another was the —
overtime win over Springs Valley. Coach Doutaz —
was also proud of the wins over Corydon, South
Knox, and South Spencer.

1. The varsity boys' basketball team. 2.—
Andy Jahn puts up a jumper. 3. Wes Laake shoots—
for two. 4. Brandon Boehman guards his man. 5.
Phil Winkler has the goal in his sights. 6. Andy—
says, "No way!" 7. Brent Sicard shows good—
defense. 8. Mike gets high above a defender. 9.—
Pat Doutaz looks for an open teammate. 10.—
Brandon intimidates an opponent. 11. Brent—
Foster makes it hard for a Vincennes player to get—
rid of the ball. 12. Wes looks for a shot. 13.—
Jeremy Hasenour keeps his eye on the ball.

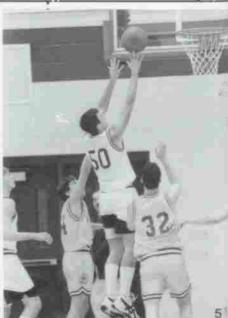


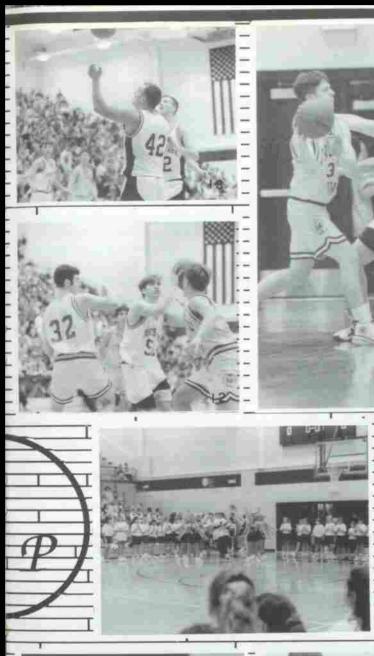


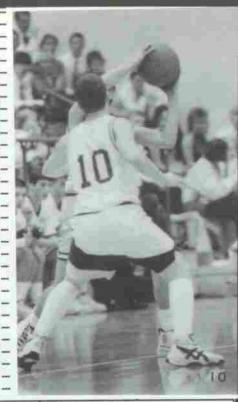








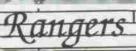














JV boys win 14, lose only six













The boys' JV basketball team compiled a season record of 14-6. Andy Rohleder was the JV team's leading scorer, averaging 12 points per game. Sophomores Dale Wright and Brad Begle averaged nine and five points respectively. Coach Tom Beach said, "The JV team was a balanced team with nine and ten players contributing." Coach Beach added, "The players really liked the new gym. It is bright, and the floor has the same spring (as the old gym). They enjoyed the games and practices in this fine facility."

On November 29, 1996, the JV boys had a big win over Washington Catholic 46-31. The next night they beat Shoals 44-39. On January 4, 1997, they started the new year off with a big win over county-rival Southridge. The score was 38-21. On February 11, 1997, they had a satisfying win over Corydon 53-52.

The JV boys' basketball team.
 Who worries about getting double teamed?
 Jarod Brames makes the pass.
 Matt Weyer puts the ball in play.
 Pat Doutaz gets instructions from Coach Beach.
 Andy dribbles past a Panther defender.
 Brad Begle drops in two points.
 Andy sinks a free throw.





Freshman Rangers run up the score

The freshman boys' basketball team had a season record of 13-4. Their 13 wins were the second highest in school history. They were runner-up in the Blue Chip Conference. According to Coach Kevin Rhodes, the highlights of the season were two winning streaks of five and six games in a row. The freshman offense averaged 44 points per game and had a game high of 72 against Tecumseh. The defense held opponents to an average of only 32 points per game and held Southridge to only 14.

Coach Rhodes said of his team, "They were a very good and aggressive group, a great group of young men." He added, "This group should be proud of how they represented Forest Park.

1. The team huddles during a time out. 2. Eric Becher makes the in bounds pass. 3. Nathan Weyer shoots a free throw. 4. Aaron Zink shoots for two. 5. Chris Meyer waits for an opening in the defense. 6. The freshman boys' basketball team. 7. Eric goes for a layup.

















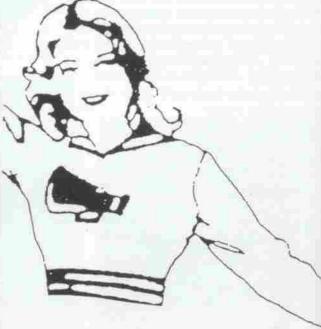
Cheerleaders boost school spirit











The cheerleaders, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Tara Uebelhor, cheered at all the boys' basketball games. They put in hours of practice to perfect their routines and worked hard to get the crowd fired up during the games.

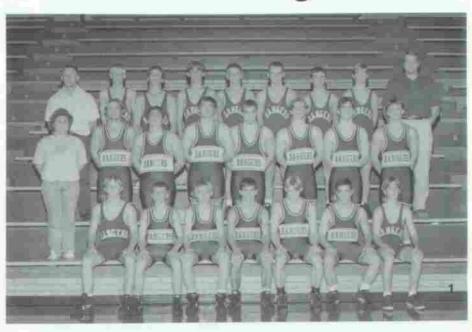
1. The varsity cheerleaders are, front row, Brooke Bolte, Samantha Hammond, Tara Uebelhor, Rachel Schneider, Melissa Kempf, Amber Schipp, Natalie Ruhe, and Heather Messmer. The JV cheerleaders are, middle row, Kim Kempf, Lacey Verkamp, Ashley Stoffel, and Jenny Peters. Freshman cheerleaders are, back row, Andrea Oeding, Abby Potter, Beth Rohleder, Lydia Gehlhausen, and Sarah Lubbers. 2. The varsity and JV cheerleaders perform to the school song. 3. The freshmen work the crowd.

Seven wrestlers advance to regional

Seven FP wrestlers advanced to regional this year, and junior Blu Pierce advanced to semi-state. The other six who advanced were Scott Berger, Bart Weyer, Nick Woebkenberg, Greg Mehling, Zach Fromme, and Brett Braunecker. The team placed second in the sectional and ended the season with a record of 20-10.

"The team had many accomplishments this year," said Coach Kevin Wertman. "They were the first team to have 20 victories in a season for wrestling."

1. The 1997 wrestling team. 2. Assistant Coach Doug Abell and Coach Wertman watch the action on the mat. 3. Nick Woebkenberg gets warmed up before his match. 4. Mike Kloeck, who helped coach the wrestlers this year, signals some advice from the sidelines. 5. Matt Brittain gets out of a tough spot. 6. Blu Pierce has his hand raised in victory. 7. Brett Braunecker shakes his opponent's hand before getting down to business.













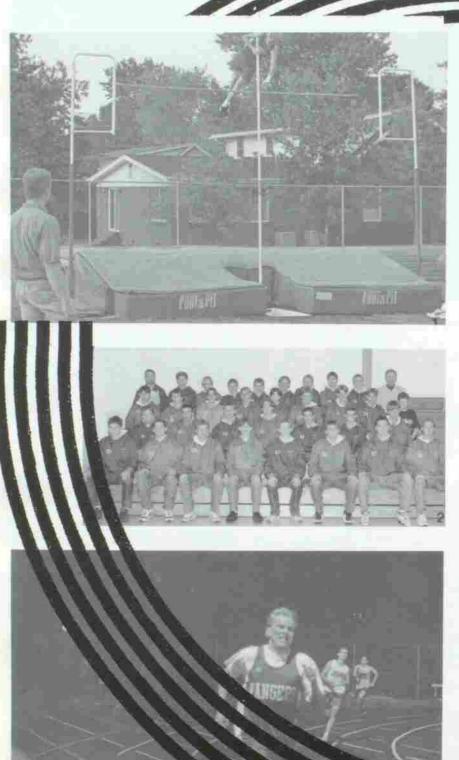








Another successful year for Ranger track



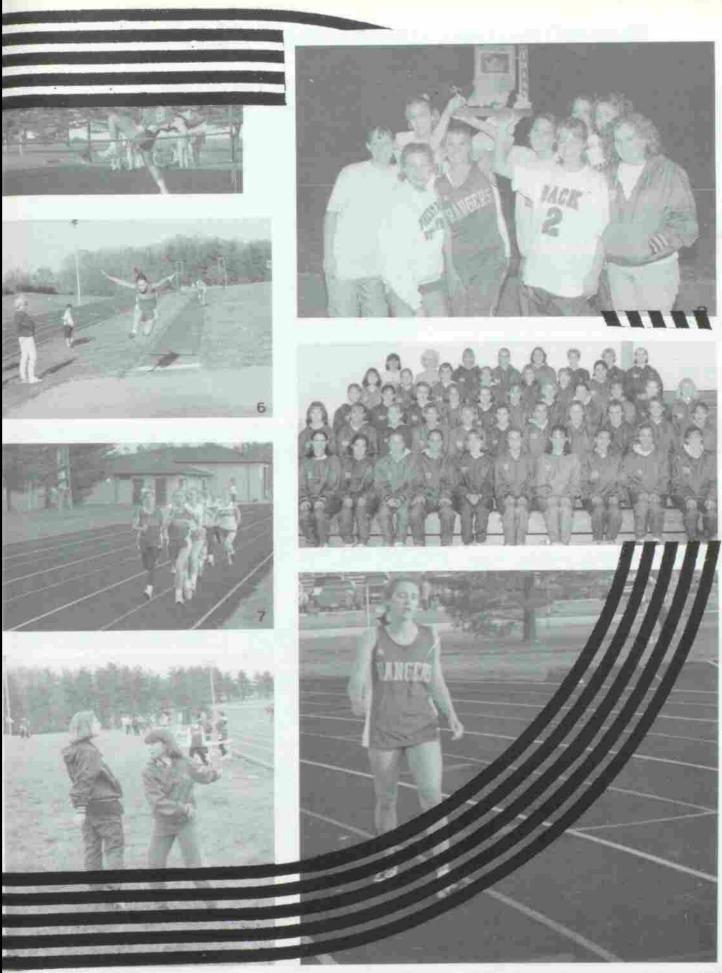
Both the boys' and girls' track teams had very successful seasons. The girls won the Jasper Sectional for the fifth time in a row. The boys finished fourth at the Tell City Sectional with two individuals and the 3200 relay team advancing to the regional.

The girls won all their dual meets, won the FP frosh-soph meet, and were second in the FP Invitational. Three records were broken, Kara Bieker in the 3200 meter, Amber Schipp in the 400 (57.99), and the 3200 relay team of Amy Hildenbrand, Tara Uebelhor, Karrie Hochgesang, and Stacy Hoppenjans. Amber won the 400 and 200 at sectional, won the 400 at regional, and was sixth in the 400 at state finals.

For the boys' team, Matt Parr won the high jump at sectional and advanced to the state meet. Greg Lane won the long jump and advanced to the regional. He set a new school record of 22'6". Matt and Greg made All -Conference. The 3200 relay team of Kevin Boeglin, Aaron Lange, Adam Schipp, and Eric Englert also advanced to the regional.

1. Jeff Mehling makes a successful vault. 2. The boys' track team. 3. Andy Jahn gives it his all. 4. Matt Parr set a new school record of 6'9" in the high jump. 5. Beth Rohleder clears the high jump bar. 6. Melissa Kempf shows perfect form in the long jump. 7. Stacy Hoppenjans and Amy Hildenbrand finish side by side. 8. Coach Vicki Beach gives Melinda Kessens pointers on throwing the discus. 9. The senior girls show off their sectional trophy. 10. The girls' track team. 11. After finishing sixth in the 400 at state, Amber Schipp was invited to run in the Midwest Meet of Champions.





Boys' tennis team has 8-4 record

The boys' tennis team finished the season with an 8-4 record. They had a 3-1 record in the Blue Chip Conference to take second place. According to Coach Tara Uebelhor, two of the season's highlights were a fourth place finish at the North Harrison Tourney and third place in the Loogootee Tourney.

In the sectional, on October 3, 1996, they blew out South Spencer 5-0. Thursday's blow out must have taken its toll on the Rangers, though, because the next day they lost to a very talented Jasper team 5-0. Jasper went on to win the regional.

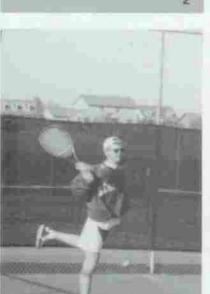
1. The boys' tennis team. 2. Matt Weyer nails one. 3. Chris Naviaux follows through with his eye on the ball. 4. Pat Naviaux reaches low for a return. 5. The guys listen to instructions from Coach Uebelhor before doing battle with Jasper in the sectional. 6. Bart Persohn demonstrates his rather unorthodox style. 7. Chad Nord hits a nice backhand.















Girls are sectional runner-up



The girls' tennis team, under the direction of Coach Tara Rasche, advanced through two tough rounds in their sectional, beating Marian Heights and Springs Valley, before falling in the finals to Jasper. Their season record was 9-6.



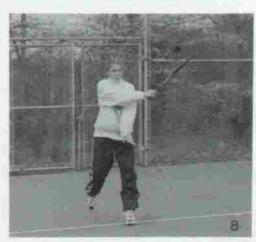
1. The girls' tennis team. 2. Jamie hits her backhand with two hands and two tippy-toes. 3. Jenny keeps her eye on the ball. 4. Christie shows good form on a low return. 5. Tammy is caught in mid air. 6. Lisa gets a step on the ball. 7. Sarah looks cool in her Foster Grants. 8. Rachel gets warmed up on a cool spring day.





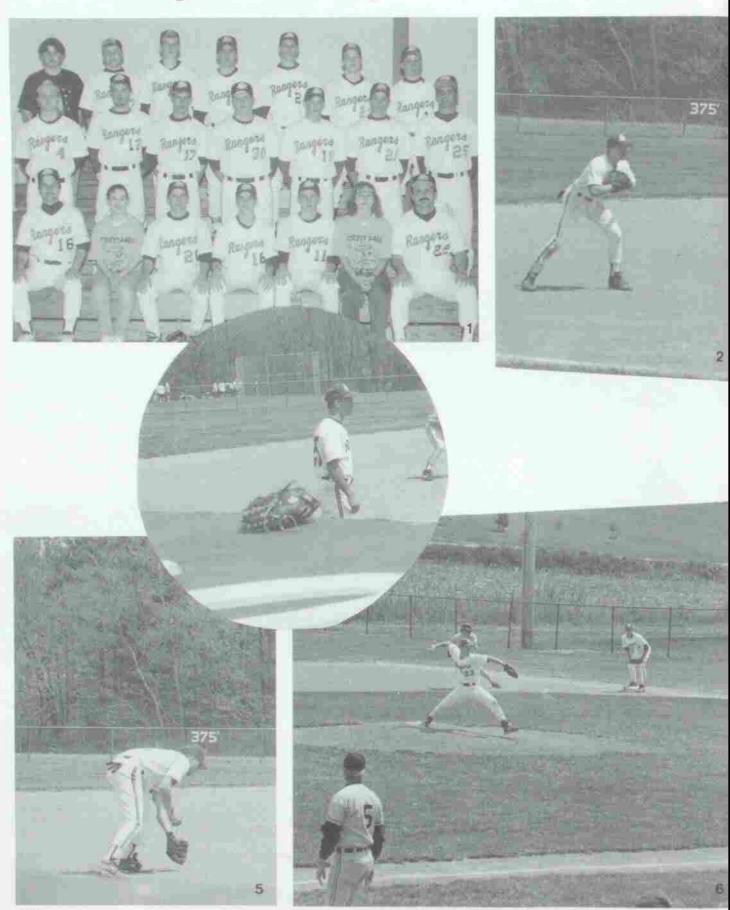


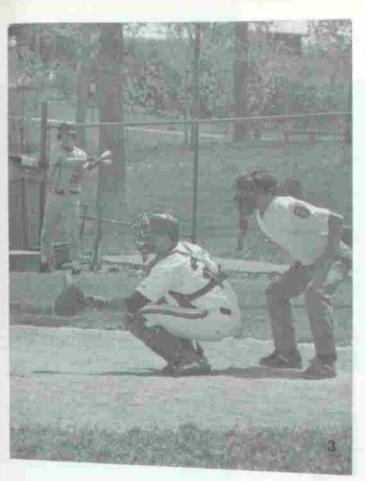






Rangers led by four seniors





Baseball team enjoys outstanding season

Coach Jim Mehling said, "The Ranger baseball team enjoyed an outstanding season in 1997. They were led by their four seniors, Cory Berg, Dan Luebbehusen, Scott Luebbehusen, and Bart Persohn. They showed great enthusiasm and exhibited the team concept in their play." The Rangers finished the season with an 18-9 record. According to Coach Mehling, the highlights were a 7-0 Blue Chip Conference record and the Forest Park Invitational crown. On June 6, 1997, they lost to Jasper in the semi-final round of the sectional.

The varsity baseball team. 2. Bart Persohn plays tough defense. 3. Catcher Cory Berg goes to work. 4. Coach Mehling keeps an eye on the action. He was assisted by JV Coach Rock Emmert, Varsity Assistant Coach Greg Durcholz, and JV Assistant Coach Rod Zink. 5. Bart does some housecleaning. 6. Junior Brandon Boehman handles the pitching duties. 7. The team listens to Coach Mehling before the game starts. 8. Congratulations are in order after a home run. 9. Dan Luebbehusen was MVP and the leading pitcher for the Rangers.







JV baseball team wins 11 games

The JV baseball team season record was 11-9 for 1997. According to Coach Rock Emmert, the team had its ups and downs throughout the season, but the young Rangers finished strong, winning eight out of their last 12 games. The leading hitters were Luke Wehr (.385), Chad Luebbehusen (.364), Duane Meyer (.357), Eric Beier (.346), and Chris Meyer (.333). Coach Emmert said, "With four seniors graduating from the 18-9 varsity squad, several of this year's JV team have prepared to step up next year.

Mr. Emmert added, "The highlight of the year was a dramatic come-from -behind win against Tell City. Down by a score of 3-5, the Rangers scored three runs on a surprise suicide squeeze by Jared Chapman to win in the bottom of the last inning 6-5.

1. Aaron Zink gets the "hit away" sign from Coach Emmert. 2. Teammates watch from the dugout. 3. Jared lays down a perfect bunt and heads for first. 4. Catcher Matt Weyer sends one deep into the outfield. 5. The JV baseball team.

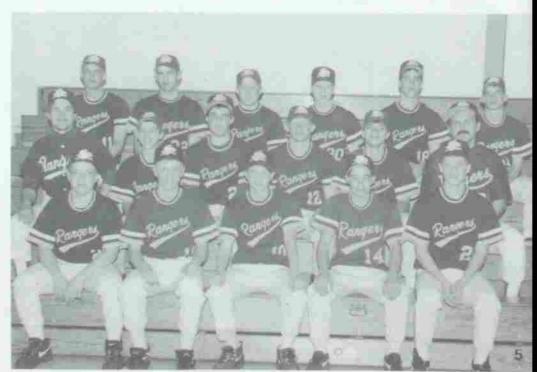










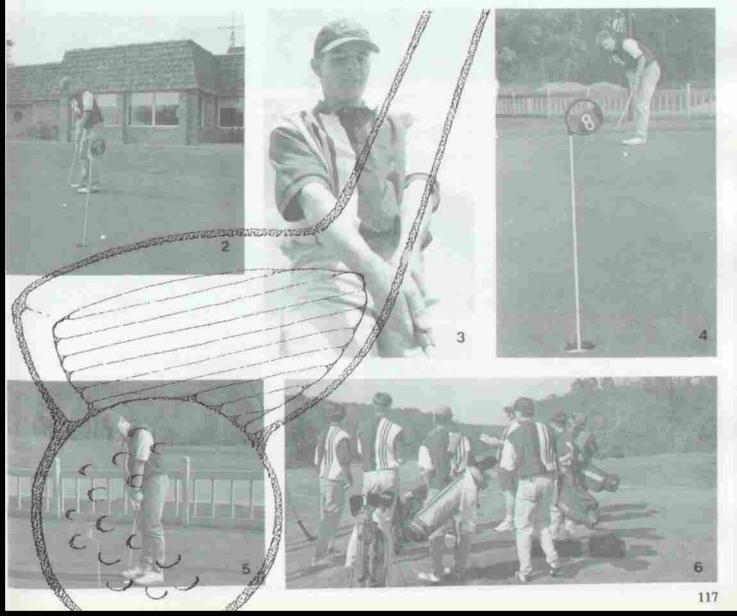


Golf team has rebuilding year



Senior MVP Mike Wehr said of this year's golf team, "It was a rebuilding year. We lost 10 seniors from last year's team, and five of them were starting on varsity." Mike and sophomores Terry Messmer and Brandon Nord were the only returning varsity players. The Rangers finished fifth in the Blue Chip Conference meet, and had a very satisfying win over Northeast Dubois. Their season record was 5-14, and they finished eleventh at sectional. Coach Bill Dittmer said, "I look forward to the freshmen and sophomores moving up next year. We should have a respectable squad in '97."

The 1997 golf team.
 Nick Gehlhausen gets in some practice.
 The concentration shows on Jeff Johanneman's face.
 Mike Wehr was MVP and played number one seed most of the season.
 Matt Kemper is just putting around.
 Assistant Coach Bob Zink talks to the team before a match begins.



Outstanding Ranger athletes honored



On May 19, 1997, the FP athletes completed their year with the recognition of outstanding athletes in spring sports. As a finale to the sports season, the outstanding

senior athletes were presented with the award blankets. The blanket winners were Amber Schipp and Phil Winkler.

Sports awards

Mental Attitude - Brian Schipp Defense Award - Brian Schipp Golden Foot - Brent Sicard Most Improved - Zach Fromme MVP - Wayne Berger

Cross Country

Boys' Most Improved - Scott Luebbehusen

Girls' Most Improved - Stacy Gehlhausen

Boys' MVP - Andy Rohleder Girls' MVP - Kara Bieker

Boys' Tennis

Mental Attitude - Brent Foster Most Improved - Matt Weyer MVP - Pat Navinax

Volleyball Assists - Jenny Weyer

Serving - Janet Weyer

Spiking - Allison Barth Defense - Sarah Dilger

MVP - Jenny Weyer

Wrestling

Pinning - Matt Brittain Take Downs - Blu Pierce Most Improved - Scott Berger MVP - Blu Pierce

Cheerleading

Amber Schipp

Natalie Ruhe

Samantha Hammond

Rachel Schneider

Melissa Kempf

Girls' Basketball

Assists - Brooke Messmer

Free Throw - Karrie Hochgesang

Field Goal - Audra Ruhe

Rebounding - Christy Kluemper

Steals - Karrie Hochgesang

Defense - Jamie Hildenbrand

MVP - Audra Ruhe

Boys' Basketball

Deflections - Andy Jahn

Defensive Charge - Wes Laake

Free Throw - Brandon Boehman

Field Goal - Wes Laake

Rambo Award - Brandon Boehman

Productivity - Phil Winkler

Steals and Recov. - Andy Jahn

Attitude - Mike Wehr

Defense Award - Andy Jahn

Assists - Andy Jahn

Rebounds - Phil Winkler

MVP - Wes Laake

Boys' Track

Most Val. Field - Clint Weyer

Most Val. Distance - Kevin

Boeglin

Most Val. Newcomer - Jeff

Mehling

MVP - Greg Lane

Girls' Track

Most Val. Distance - Kara Bieker

Most Val. Field - Beth Rohleder

Mental Attitude - Sarah Dilger

MVP - Amber Schipp

Girls' Tennis

Mental Attitude - Jenny Weyer

Most Improved - Sarah Willis

MVP - Lisa Kempf

Most Improved - Jeff Johanneman

MVP - Mike Wehr

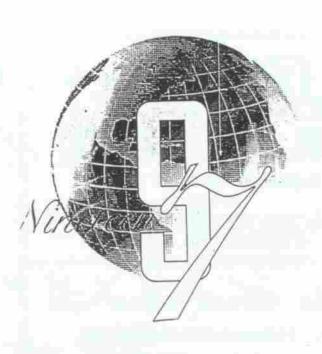
Baseball

MVP - Dan Luebbehusen

Batting Avg. - Andy Rohleder

Attitude - Brent Sicard

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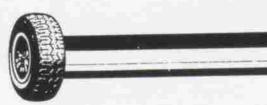
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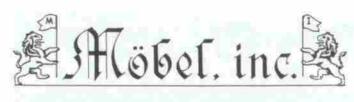
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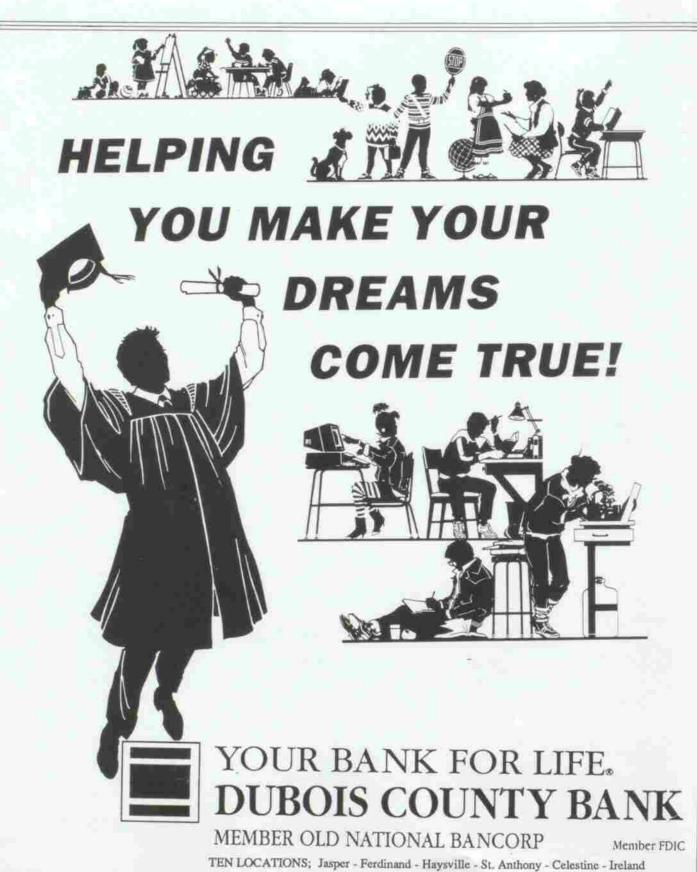
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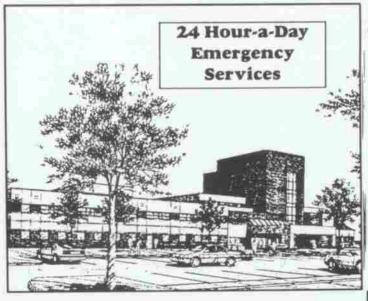
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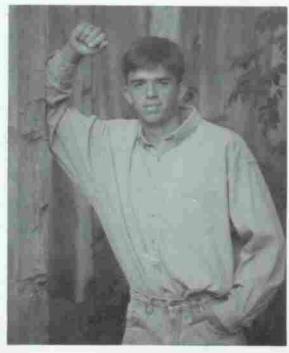
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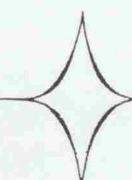
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FP has four exchange students for '96-97







This year Forest Park had four foreign exchange students, Alex Bosquet, from France, Sharon Buchan, from England, Jesper Hoglund, from Denmark, and Malte Thies, from Germany.

Alex lived with the David Merkley family near Bretzville. Sharon lived with the Wagner family in Ferdinand. Jesper stayed with the Grosechen family in Ferdinand. Malte lived with the Shaun Evitts family.

1. Alex, Jesper, and Malte sit around a bonfire after a soccer game. 2. Sharon was presented flowers by the dance team after participating in dance camp. 3. Alex and Jesper pose in front of a famous building in Chicago. 4. Sharon poses with two good friends, Sarah Dilger and Brooke Messmer, at the prom.





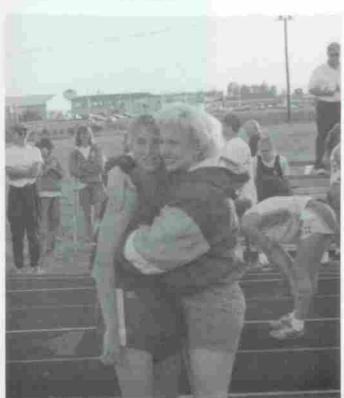
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If any of you think it is easy to put a yearbook together, we invite you to give it a try. First we have to sell ads to raise the money to produce the book, and that is no small task since the budget for this year's Tracer is about \$10,000. You wonder why they cost so much? Well, you can thank the advertisers and the staff members who sold ads for bringing in over \$2,000. If it weren't for them, your yearbook would have cost about \$32!

Then there was the planning. We had to decide on a cover and division pages to match. We had to work out a ladder (a plan of what will go on each page), and we had to shoot over 1,100 pictures. Designing pages that meet the rules of magazine-style layout is not easy, and working within those rules and being creative at the same time is even harder.

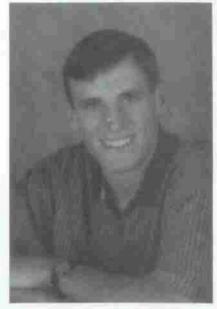
Add to that the fact that we have to work together as a team to get the job done. The yearbook staff is like a family, and, like any family, we don't always get along. But we got the job done.

We would like to thank the teachers, coaches, and administrators of FP for helping us get the information and photos to record the 1996-97 school year. We would like to thank Mr. Steve Adair, the representative of our new yearbook printing company, Jostens. We very much appreciate Mr. Robert McCarty and his staff for doing the processing and printing of most of the pictures you see in this book. We also want to thank The Ferdinand News for the use of some photos. And thank you to our advertisers for helping to keep the purchase price of the book lower than most of our neighboring schools.

With that, we leave the 1997 Tracer to you, the readers. We hope you like it.

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