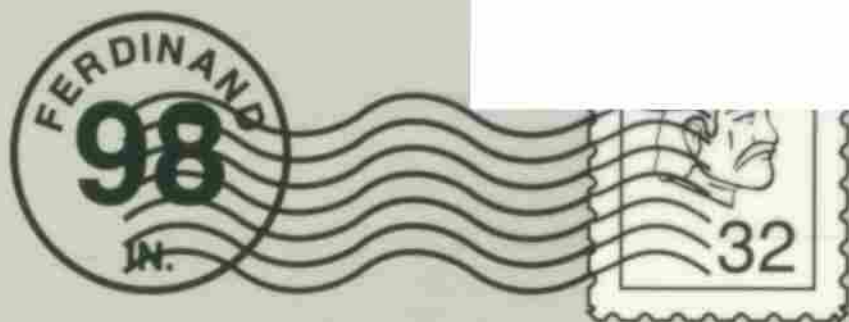


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When we started. . .

the 1997-98 school year, we knew it would be one to remember. FP had 14 new students, including four great foreign exchange students, Kai Wehmeier, from Germany, Jose Bernardi, from Brazil, Laura Cediel, from Colombia, and Sandie Yi, from Taiwan. We also had two new teachers, Mr. Karl Hinson and Mrs. Carrie Wallace.

The sophomores were a little nervous about being the first class to have to take the new ISTEP+ graduation test. When the results came back, they had scored tenth best in the state.

The Marching Ranger Band made another trip to the state finals in Indianapolis. Then they took a trip to Disney World to march in the Main Street Parade.

Our school completed the Performance Based Accreditation process, and was again named a Four Star School. We hosted two student teachers, Ms. Michelle Thompson and Mr. Scott Yarbrough.

The seniors started getting senioritis in January, but most of them managed to pull through the dreaded malady to graduate on May 23. So here is your 1997-98 school year...



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Academics

Science...unlocking the secrets

This year science classes were taught by Mr. Kevin Wertman, Mrs. Carrie Wallace, Mr. Karl Hinson, Mrs. Sharon Gramelspacher, and Mr. Nate Schnellenberger. The classes offered were general science, biology, physical science, chemistry, and advanced chemistry.

1. Mandy Stenftenagel, Tammy Betz, Audra Hopf, and Sally Lueken do some group work in Mrs. Wallace's class. 2. Nathan Brinkman has some fashionable new eyewear. 3. Are these molecules of coffee? 4. Rachelle Spayd and Justin Meinhardt enjoy dissecting a frog...right before lunch no doubt.





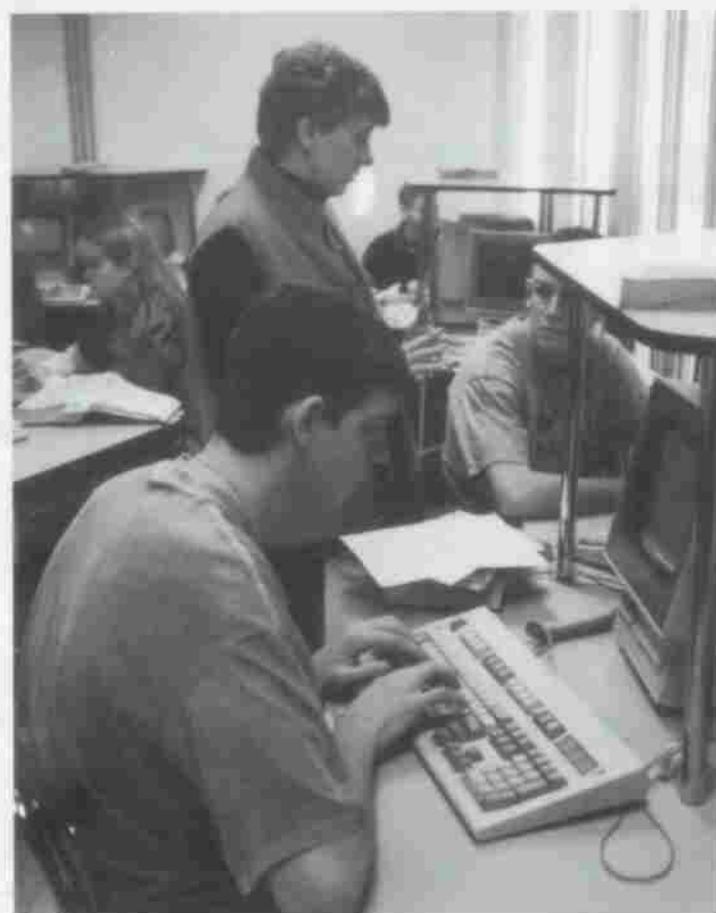
Social animal that we are...

The social studies classes offered this year were sociology, government, economics, consumer economics, world geography, U.S. history, world history, and psychology. The classes were taught by Mrs. Helen Keusch, Ms. Ellen Hendricks, Ms. Marty Niehaus, Ms. Leslie Shobe, and Mr. Rock Emmert.

1. Tina Ebert, April Casper, Ryan Wilmes, and Cliff Weyer come to a consensus in government class. 2. Brooke Bolte voices her opinion. 3. Sarah Vonderheide always takes good notes. 4. Angie Aders gets some letters ready to mail.

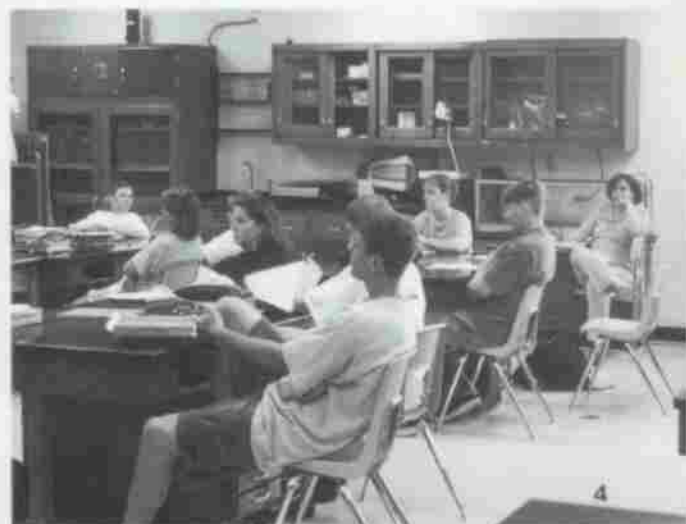
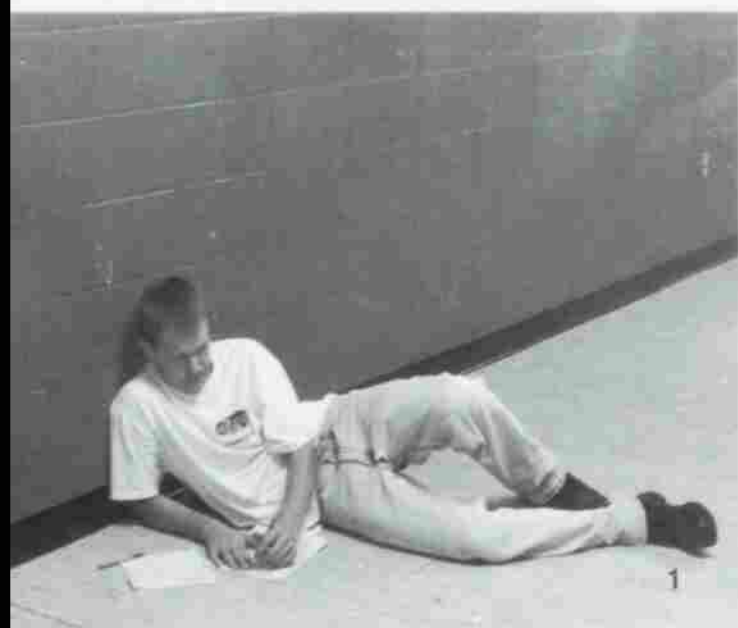
The language that we all speak

The English classes were taught by Mr. Ed Walston, Mr. Rock Emmert, Ms. Leslie Shobe, and Ms. Tara Rasche. The classes offered were English 9, 10, 11, and 12, advanced composition, British literature, themes in literature, and speech.



1. Andrea Loepker concentrates on a writing assignment. 2. Mrs. Rasche teaches *The Scarlet Letter*. 3. Ms. Shobe helps Brett Giesler while Cliff Weyer writes up a storm. 4. Vocab always makes Amber Rohleder happy.

Making sense of the numbers



Classes in the art and science of mathematics were taught by Mr. Jim Mehling, Mr. Don Prusz, Mr. Karl Hinson, Mrs. Sharon Gramelspacher, Mr. Tom Meyer, and Mr. Greg Durcholz. The classes offered were math topics, general math, pre-algebra, Algebra I and II, Problem Solving I and II, geometry, calculus, business math, and analysis.

1. Aaron Englert makes up a test from Mr. Hinson's class. 2. Janelle Beier does some serious reading. 3. The problem solving class pays close attention. 4. Mrs. Gramelspacher watches as students put problems on the board.



*Learning
about
business...*

It can be very profitable

The business classes were taught by Mrs. Rowena Weyer and Mrs. Beth Schnellenberger. The classes offered were keyboarding, information and word processing, introduction to business, business law, computer applications, and Accounting I and II.

1. Missy Dittmer loves her work. 2. Mrs. Schnellenberger's accounting students crunch some numbers. 3. Theresa Betz and Angie Aders do some computer applications.



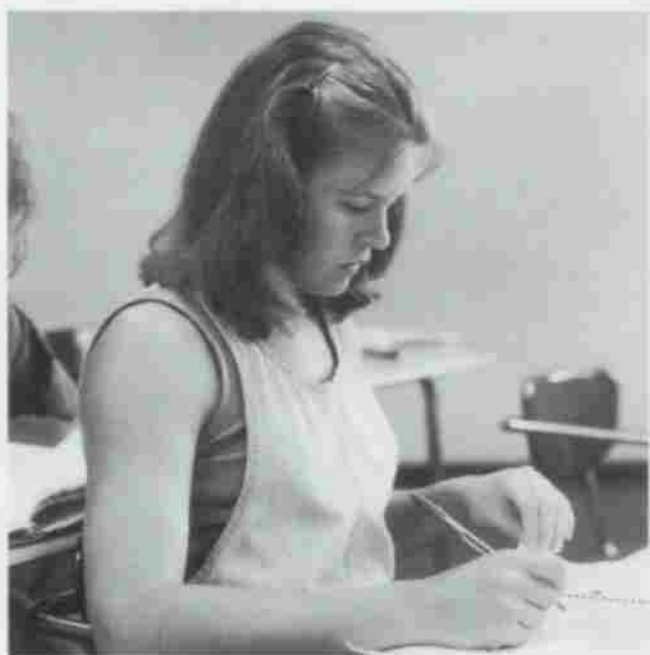


Spanish and German

Speaking the language

The foreign language classes offered at FP were German and Spanish. Students could take up to four years of each language. The classes were taught by Mrs. Vicki Beach, Mrs. Margaret Buechler, and Mr. Larry Tenbarga.

1. How often do you see Eric Tretter concentrating this hard? 2. Mr. Tenbarga's class takes a test. 3. Mrs. Buechler helps a student with a difficult translation. 4. Amber Rohleder fills out forms in German. 5. Jenny Haake concentrates in another language.



Start spreading the news

Journalism I, II, and III were offered with students in the second and third year classes serving as editors of The Lookout and The Tracer. The classes were taught by Mr. Ed Walston.

Journalism I, II, and III. When the year started there were 22. 2. Casey Howard makes a poster to advertise the advance sale of The Tracer. 3. Candi Schuler, Shalynn Pugh and Nicole Fleig cut out some clip art.

1. At the end of the year there were 17 students in



Learning the science of art



1. Skilled hands form a piece of ceramic art. 2. Emily Schnell paints her work. 3. Lisa Sprinkle and Heather Messmer are feeling creative. 4. Lisa Hoppenjans gets advice on her drawing from Jennifer Kemper.

Students interested in art could take up to four years of this creative subject area. The classes were taught by Mrs. Linda Berry.



Learning about what makes industry tick

Classes offered in the area of industrial technology were Woods I, II, and III, Power I and II, Metals I and II, graphic arts, Drafting I, II, and III. The classes were taught by Mr. Jim Johanneman, Mr. Steve Stoffel, and Mr. Jeff Johnson.

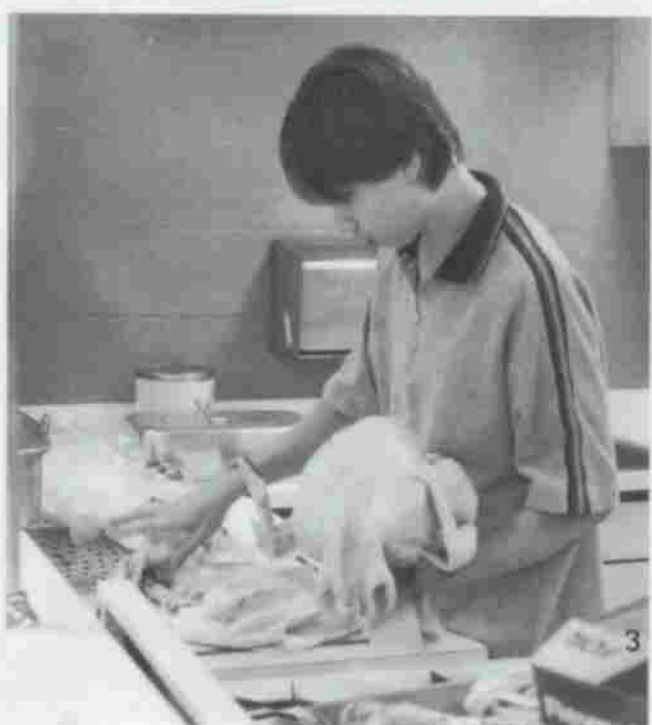
1. One of Mr. Stoffel's students makes sparks fly. 2. Chris Braunecker says a parts washer is a handy tool to have. 3. Josh Giesler mounts a tire. 4. Steve Willis's canoe was one of the highlights of the Extravaganza on April 30.

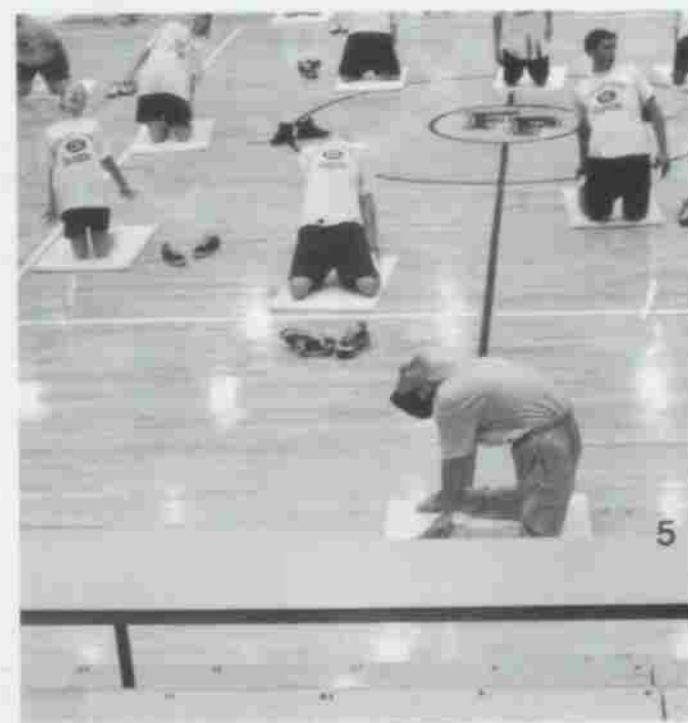


It's all in the family

The family and consumer science classes offered this year were housing, child development, textiles, Foods I and II, family management, and inter-personal relationships. The classes were taught by Mrs. Brenda Allen.

1. The best part of foods class is eating! 2. Erika Vonderheide and Laura Hasenour slice the vegetables, 3. Who says guys can't cook? Jason Matthews prepares a chicken.





Learning the dance

Physical education and health classes were taught by Mrs. Vicki Beach and Mr. Dennis Doutaz. Everybody really gets into the square dancing taught by Mr. Doutaz.

1. Touch those toes. 2. Mr. Doutaz leads the class in the "Hokey Pokey." 3, 4, and 5. A guest presenter gave the class a lesson in yoga.

The science that feeds the world

In the agriculture area the classes offered were Agriculture I (for freshmen), farm management, plant and soil science, resource management, landscaping, animal science, and agriculture mechanics. The classes were taught by Mr. Doug Walker.

1. Jason Knies does a little painting. 2. Dale Wright checks under a farm trailer that he and some classmates are working on in Ag. mechanics. 3. Brent Meyer folds his arms and supervises. 4. These guys get under their work.



Academic awards presented May 11

On May 11 the Forest Park High School Academic Awards Program was held in the auditorium. Departmental awards were presented by the academic department chairpersons. Honor roll awards were presented by Mr. James Hagedorn, principal, and Mr. Rick Allen, assistant

principal, and scholarship winners were recognized by Mr. Lee Leinenbach.

There are no photos of the Academic Awards Program because the camera broke. (No kidding.)

Senior award winners

Calculus - Eric Englert
Physics - Kevin Boeglin
Advanced chemistry - Jamie Hildenbrand
Computer applications - Carrie Durcholz
Info/word processing - Theresa Betz
Business math - Rusty Goodman
Advanced business math - Tina Ebert
Computer math - Chris Naviaux
Outstanding vocalist - Nicole Hagedorn
Art IV - Eric Englert
Cadet teaching - Amy Lueken and Cathy Verkamp
Speech - Janet Weyer
Farm Management - Craig Lindauer
Animal Science - Craig Lindauer
I.C.E. - Mike Verkamp
Advanced German - Amy Lueken
Beginning foods - Tina Ebert
Beginning Textiles - Rhonda Betz

Textiles and clothing - Tracy Bieker
Housing - Sandie Yi
Family management - Kristen Hobbs
Health - Kai Wehmeyer
Transportation and energy - Doug Fischer
Intro to manufacturing - Josh Giesler
Metals - Brett Giesler
Communications - Lisa Sprinkle
Senior science award - Jamie Hildenbrand
Senior math award - Eric Englert
Senior English award - Jamie Hildenbrand
Senior home Ec. award - Amy Lytle
Senior industrial Tech. award - Luke Wehr
Senior social studies award - Janet Weyer
Four year honor roll award - Kevin Boeglin, Tina Ebert,
Eric Englert, Jill Gehlhausen, Jamie Hildenbrand,
Chris Naviaux, Janet Weyer.

Individual award winners

Plant/soil science - Zach Fromme
Ag. Mechanics - Nathan Betz
Landscaping - Mike Kemper
Fundamentals of Ag. - Aaron Brames
Accounting I - Josh Greulich
Keyboarding - Perry Clark
Freshman English - Andrea Stenftenagel
Sophomore English - Rachel Begle
Junior English - Laura Willis
Beginning German - Andrea Stenftenagel
Beginning Spanish - Andrea Bruner
Child development - Andrea Hasenour
Beginning foods - Tina Ebert
Interpersonal relationships - Andrea Betz
Housing - Sandie Yi
Advanced textiles and clothing - Michelle Haaf
Art I - Mike Berg
Art II - Ashley Verkamp
Art III - Beth Buechler
Manufacturing processes - Steve Willis

Woods - Brent Sicard
Construction planning and design - Eric Beier
Power - Kevin Luebbehusen
Drafting - Brett Schipp
Community planning - Duane Meyer
Analysis - Scott Berger
Algebra II - Ashley Mehringer
Geometry - Alvin Boeglin
Algebra I - Loretta Steinmetz
Pre-algebra - Jesse Schnieders
Problem solving I - Adam Hempfling
Problem solving II - Jeremy Jackson
Math topics I - Zach Fromme
Physical science - Sarah Lubbers
Biology I - Ashley Mehringer
Chemistry I - Jon Weyer
Health - Chris Mays, Aaron Brames, Kate Miller, Matt Leveron
World history - Phil Heilers
U.S. history - Eric Beier, Laura Willis
Xerox award - Scott Berger

Clubs



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By Rhonda

Student Council builds leadership



The FP Student Council sponsored the Holiday Ball and Homecoming activities. Also this year they sponsored a leadership seminar on February 19. Eighty students spent the entire school day listening to motivational speakers and doing team building and leadership activities.

Officers for 1997-98 were Amy Lucken, president, April Casper, vice-president, Lacey Verkamp, secretary, and Jamie Hildenbrand, treasurer.

1. Jamie Hildenbrand and her team work on an activity in which they had to build a tower out of "plastic sticks and gummy things." 2. Dustin Berg's group are "Singin' in the Rain." 3 and 4. Each group had to create and perform a team song.

It's an honor. . .



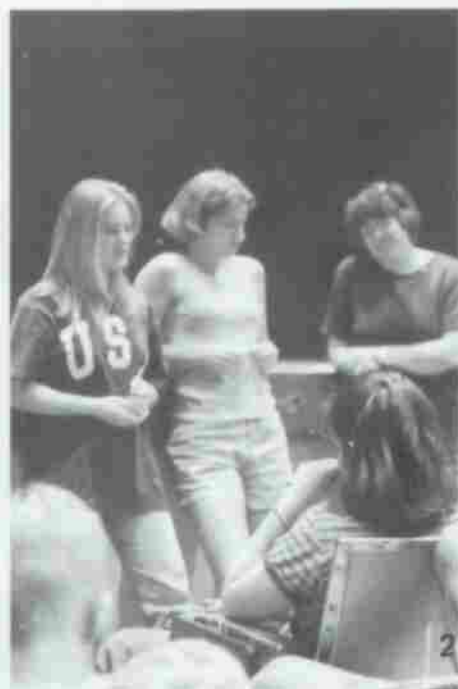
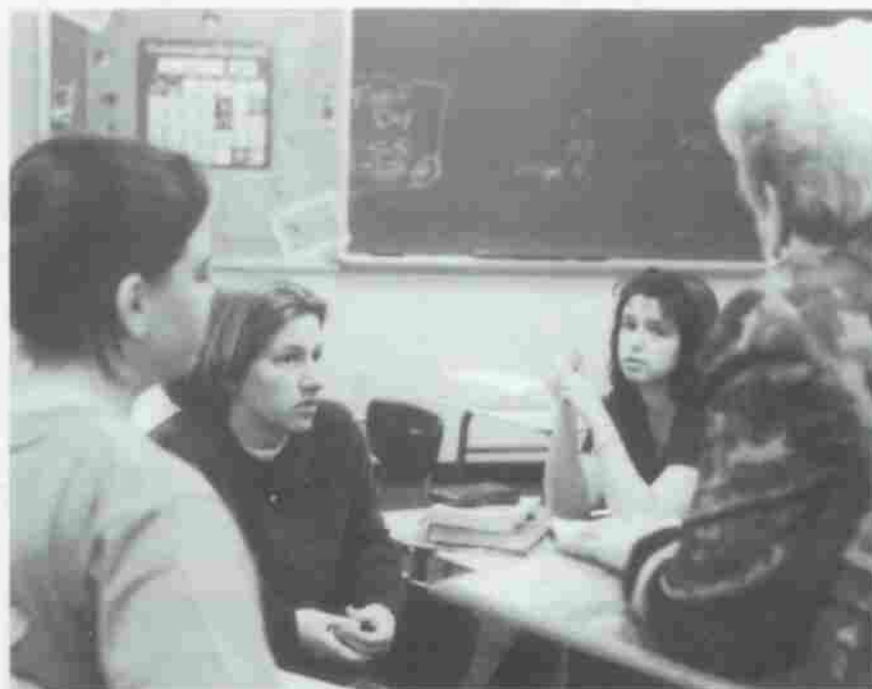
The name National Honor Society speaks for itself. Members of this club must have a grade point average of 3.5 and be approved by a selection committee. Teachers found it a challenge to figure out their NaHoSo secret pals around the holidays. Every week the members had campus cleanup during lunch. Mrs. Christy Bartley sponsored this club of prestige.



1. Andrea Loepker takes time out of her lunch for campus cleanup. 2. The officers hand out credentials to new members at the induction ceremony. 3. Officers are Janet Weyer, president, Lisa Bettag, vice-president, Sally Lucken, secretary, and Tara Uebelhor, treasurer. 4. The honorable members of National Honor Society. 5. Kevin Boeglin wishes more people would recycle.



SADD, All Stars shun destructive decisions



This year the SADD club changed its name to Students Against Destructive Decisions. This group sponsored Red Ribbon Week and played an important role in the Post-Prom Party. The All Stars gave presentations at the elementary schools to encourage students to resist peer pressure and not to use drugs and alcohol.

1. The SADD club was sponsored by Mrs. Margaret Buechler. Here the officers listen to Mrs. Buechler's suggestions. 2. Mrs. Peggy Huff sponsored the All Stars. 3. The All Stars listen to Mrs. Huff at a meeting. 4. The SADD club gave all members ice cream when they voted for officers for the coming school year. 5. Mrs. Buechler writes down a good idea for the last SADD event of the year.



FFA members sell fruit



Throughout the 1997-98 school year, Future Farmers of America have sold fruit, attended farm machinery shows, and attended district meetings.

1. Craig Lindauer enjoys the day at the 4-H fairgrounds. 2. Josh Giesler, Amy Welp, and Michelle Betz attend the District Ten Convention in Mt. Vernon. 3. FFA members assemble a tube so a marble will roll down it. 4. Clint Seger and his toy are on the web page. 5. Greenhand Officers. 6. Theresa Betz, Kevin Lubbehusen, and Amy Welp go to Kansas City.



FHA--a benefactor of the community



FP's Future Homemakers of America club hosted a Halloween party for young children, and at Thanksgiving they provided a local family with a dinner. On April 2-4 a delegation from FP attended the State FHA Conference in Indianapolis.



1. FHA members relax at Planet Hollywood after the state conference. 2. Becky Wyman, Rebecca Forbes, Andrea Betz, and Elizabeth Haake attend a business meeting. 3. Sandie Yi, Nicole Fleig, and Janelle Kline show projects for the state conference. 4. Mrs. Brenda Allen, FHA sponsor, sits with here delegation at the conference.

Recycling Club Saving the planet

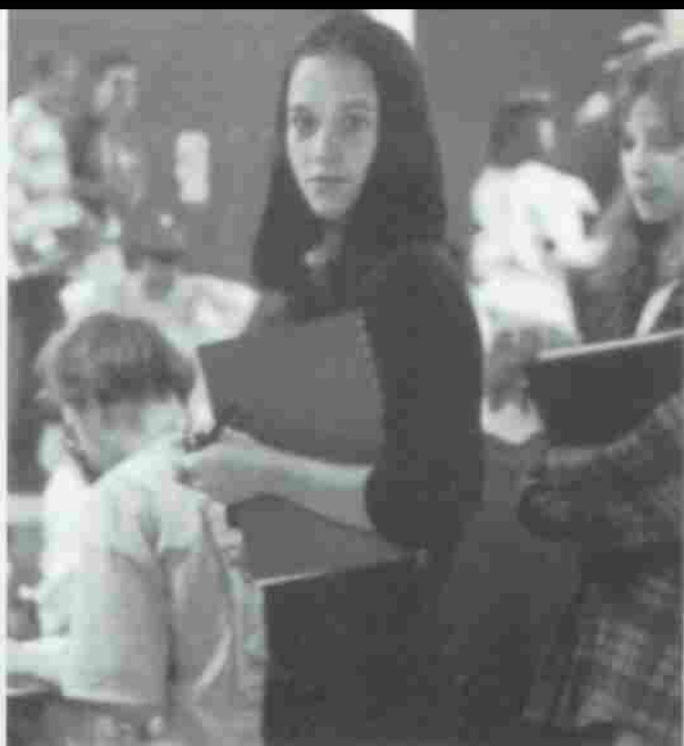


Members of the Recycling Club encouraged everyone at Forest Park to be kind to mother earth. They collected paper from the recycling boxes and took it to the recycling center. Officers for this year were Lacey Verkamp, president, Kim Kempf, vice-president, Carrie Durcholz, secretary, and Tina Ebert, treasurer.

1. Club members take paper to be recycled. 2. Ms. Janet Robbins sponsored the club. 3. A meeting is held in the band room. 4. Ms. Robbins, Lacey, and Laura Meyer show the club T-shirts for this year. 5. A poster made of trash urges students to recycle.



We got spirit,
yes we do!



The Spirit Club helped boost spirit for all Forest Park sports with pep sessions, dress up days, and special recognition for athletes.

1. Nick Atkins has spirit. 2. April Casper is dressed as a character from her favorite movie. 3. Coach Denny Doutaz gets creative at a pep session. 4. Is that really President Nixon? 5. Mrs. Tara Rasche congratulates Coach Kevin Wertman on being a good sport during a pep session contest.

Beta honors academic excellence



Thirty-nine FP Beta members attended the annual state convention in Indianapolis November 7-8. Mr. Larry Tenbarge, Beta sponsor, said, "The Beta Convention was very successful this year. FP students did very well in the competitions, and a lot of time was put into the scrapbook." He added that April Casper, the current Beta state vice-president, and Lacey Verkamp, candidate for state office, did an outstanding job representing FP.

1. Beta Club members for 1997-98. 2. Audra Hopf and Laura Willis dream the impossible dream at Beta inductions. 3. Brent Sicard, Brandon Nord, and Jarod Brames make great cheerleaders in their skit at Beta convention. 4. Officers for 1997-98 were April Casper, president, Heather Messmer, vice-president, Lacey Verkamp, secretary, and Brooke Bolte, treasurer. 5. Sally Lueken, Janelle Kerstiens, and Melinda Kessens share a toast at Beta convention.

Two OM teams finish second in state finals

FP had three high school Odyssey of the Mind teams this year. Two of those teams placed second at state. Additionally, freshman Travis Wilson received a special award. He was the only individual to receive the Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award, although some other teams received the award. The award was in recognition of his answers in the spontaneous problem solving part of the competition.



1 and 2. Philip Heilers, Sandie Yi, and Travis Wilson present the skit for the Camouflage Creations team. Their skit was an advertisement for Goatmeal. 3. Jamie Jones and Christi Fehribach place weights on their balsa wood structure. 4. The high school OM team members for 1997-98.



Academic competitions are very challenging



Forest Park's Academic Club competed in the Spell Bowl during first semester and Super Quiz during the second semester. The group was coached by Mrs. Vicki Beach and Mr. Tom Meyer. This year there were also teachers in each of the academic areas who helped the teams prepare for the academic competition.

1. The fine arts team of Laura Willis, Jared Beck, and Beth Buechler, placed third in the district competition at Vincennes. 2. Academic team members have a meeting to plan for the upcoming season. 3. The social studies team of Jason Ernst, Kelli Hochgesang, Ashley Stoffel, Matt Weyer, and Jason Gehlhausen placed third at district. 4. The science team of Lacey Verkamp, Jenny Gogel, Brandon Nord, Phillip Heilers, and Rodney Paulin placed third at district.



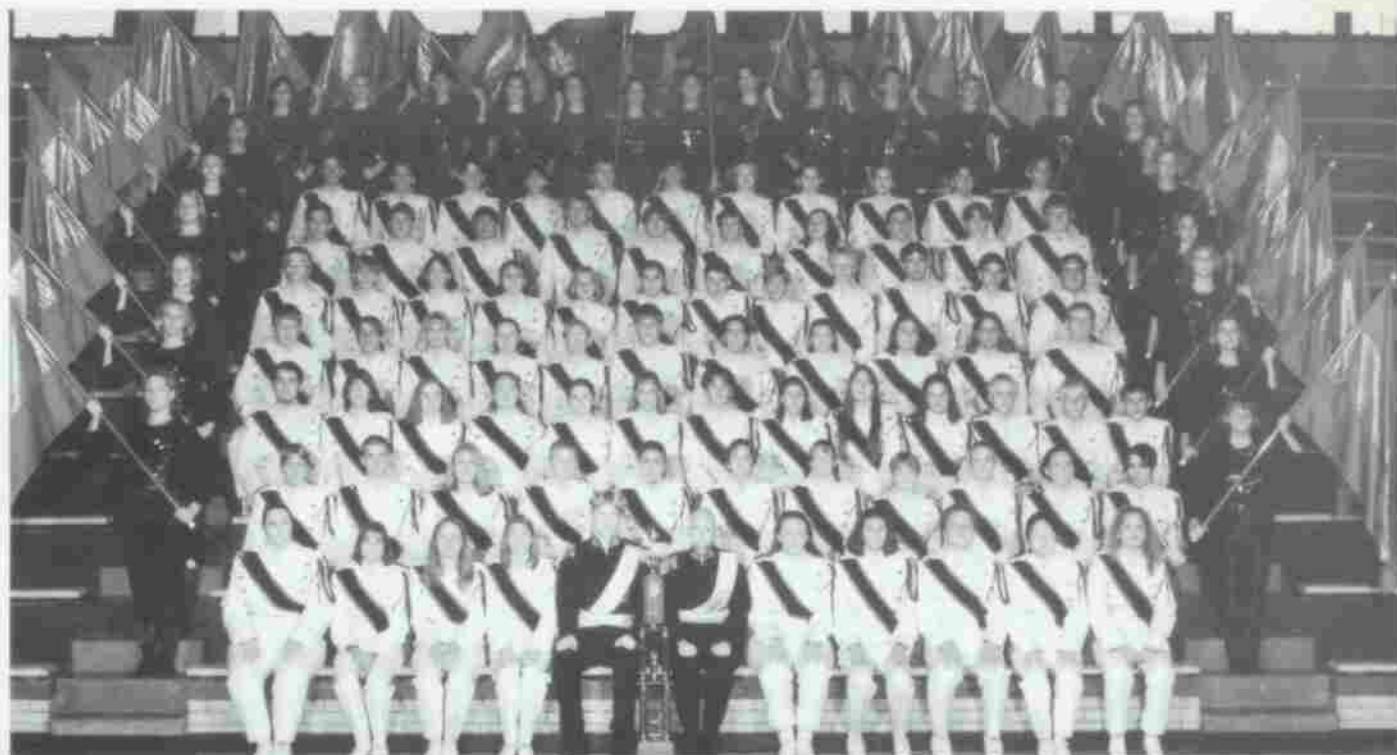
Student life



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By Casey



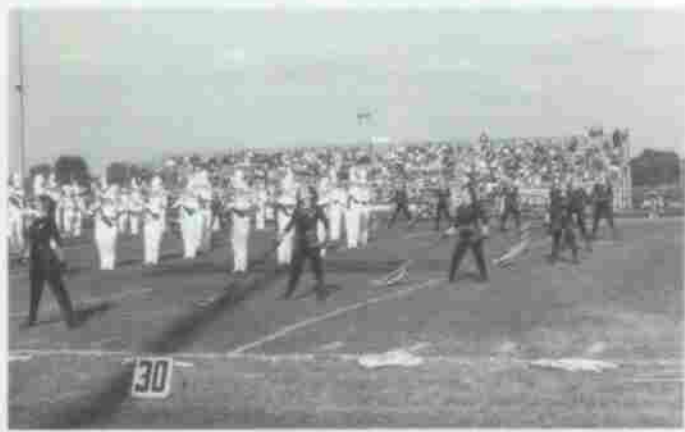
The Forest Park Marching Ranger Band returned to the RCA Dome for the state finals again this year and placed fourth. This was an improvement of five places from last year's finish. The music for their marching show was "A Wagner Tetrology." On November 25 they went to Florida to march in the Main Street Parade at Disney World. Band Director Janet Robbins said, "The trip went wonderfully. The kids behaved well. They didn't have time to get bored." The band also gave a Christmas concert, participated in symphonic band contest, toured the elementary schools on April 28, and played for the Extravaganza on April 30 and for graduation on May 23.



1. The 1997-98 Marching Ranger Band.
2. Band members Emily Schnell and Jasmyn Lagenour hold their plumes high during a performance.
3. Marching on the Astroturf at the RCA Dome is quite a thrill.
4. This year's show required some fancy turns and marching backward.
5. The Rangers received a First Division rating at district.
6. Field commanders Troy Leveron and Paula Boyd march off the field with their trophy.
7. Melinda Kessens and Janelle Kerstiens have a cold drink after a performance.
8. Brandon Hammond plays the tympani during a performance in the Buechler Arena.



Rangers
are
fourth
at state
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Corps adds sparkle to band performance

The drill corps added an extra sparkle to the performances of the Marching Ranger Band during the 1997 marching season. They helped the band win fourth place in the state finals at the RCA dome.

1. The 1997 drill corps. 2. Emily Gessner and Jill Oser put on makeup in the bus before a band performance. 3. Jamie Hildenbrand is deep in concentration before a contest. 5. How can all these girls use one little mirror at the same time?

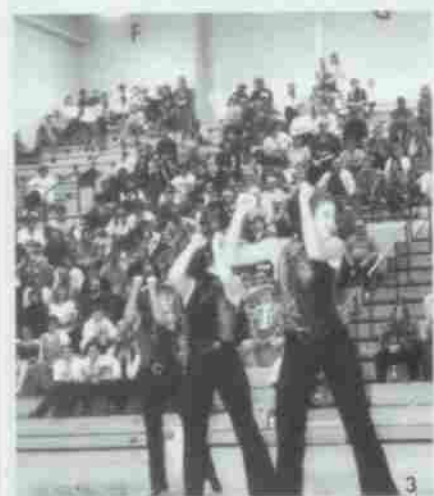


Dance team has outstanding year

The 1997-98 dance team had an outstanding year. They captured the top team award at NCA camp for having the overall top dance team in attitude, leadership, technique, and showmanship. The team also received the award for technical excellence and was Circle of Champions winner. The captains, Kristen Hobbs, Heather Messmer, April Casper, Kim Kempf, and Tiffany Schneider, won the Gold Team Leader award for the top captains at camp. The dance team won for home routine as well as their prop routine to "Centerfold." Individually, eight girls were nominated as All-American. They were Heather Messmer, Kristen Hobbs, April Casper, Kim Kempf, Tiffany Schneider, Beth Rohleder, Emily Gessner, and Jill Lindauer. They were chosen as some of the top individuals at camp.

The dance team performed at all the home basketball games and, according to Mrs. Denise Heilers, their coach, they thoroughly enjoyed entertaining the crowd.

1. Dance team members pose with their trophies. 2. The three senior captains are April Casper, Kristen Hobbs, and Heather Messmer. 3. Kristen is in motion. 4. The dance team shows were very dramatic.





A stage of many colors

A new sound system added special effects to the 1998 spring musical, Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. The cast and crew came through with excellent performances (accented by magnificent audiences) on the evenings of April 2, 3, and 4. The first all-music production performed at Forest Park was written by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, and tells the story of Joseph and his eleven jealous brothers. Shelly Huebner, dance coordinator and Charles Bradley, musical director, challenged cast and crew to produce an amazing musical.

1. The full cast gathers on stage in the last scene of the show. 2. Ashley Stoffel (as brother Benjamin) and other characters in the musical dance in the aisle during the end of the show. 3. As Pharaoh (played by Mark Knust) stands by, star-struck slave girls surround Joseph (played by Brent Sicard) in adoration. 4. A conglomeration of characters pose for the camera between scenes. 5. Brad Begle (as brother Rueben) sings about the "tragic death" of the dreamer Joseph. 6. Brad, Shane Meyer (as brother Isaccar), and Brandon Nord (as brother Simeon) plot against Joseph backstage. 7. Pharaoh and company plead to Joseph to explain his perplexing dreams. 8. The eleven brothers grovel to Joseph as they beg for grain.







Holiday Ball is held Dec. 20

The annual Holiday Ball was held December 20 at the St. Anthony Community Center. The dance was sponsored by the Student Council. The DJ for the evening was Boogie Tunes. The backdrop for the couple pictures was an arch-like design with a snowman and a frozen pond.

1. The dancing and the outfits were very festive for the holiday season. 2. Tina Ebert and Alex Hagedorn share a slow dance. 3. Beau Anderson and Trisha Gentry decide what photo package to purchase.





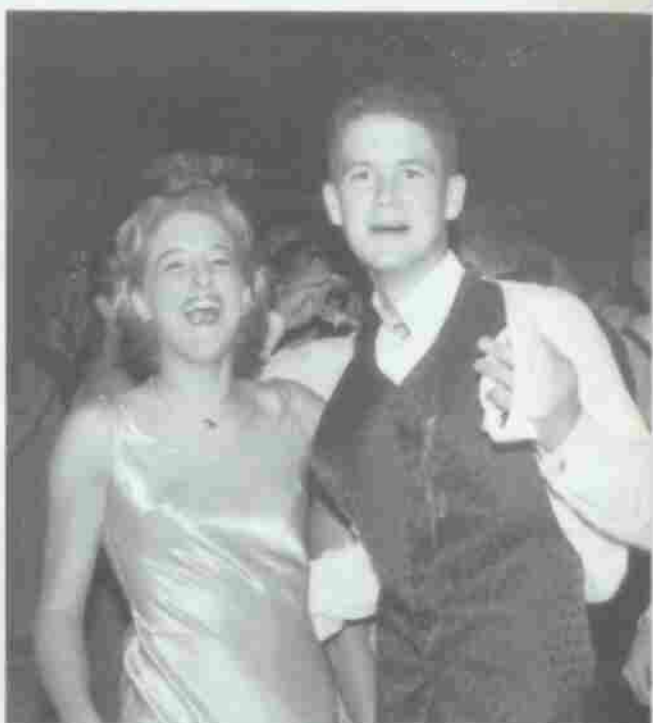
Chorus has a busy year

The FP chorus had a busy year. They sponsored the Variety Show, which was held November 13 and 15. On December 15 they gave a Christmas concert, along with the band and the junior high chorus. They participated in choral music contest on April 18 and earned a First Division rating. They performed again at the annual spring extravaganza held April 30. They also toured the elementary schools and performed at graduation.

1. Mr. Chuck Bradley, chorus teacher, talks about the songs they will be singing in the Christmas concert. 2. The high school and junior high chorus members fill the stage for the finale of the Variety Show. 3. The senior chorus members sing "Blowin' in the Wind" accompanied by Mr. Ed Walston on guitar.



'98 Prom is very festive occasion



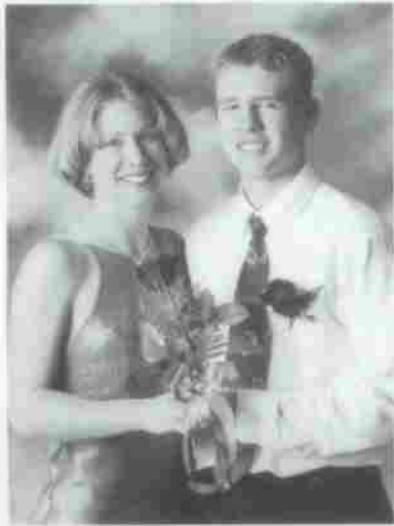


The 1998 Forest Park Junior-Senior Prom was held April 25 at the Ferdinand Community Center. Heather Messmer and Eric Englert were crowned Queen and King.

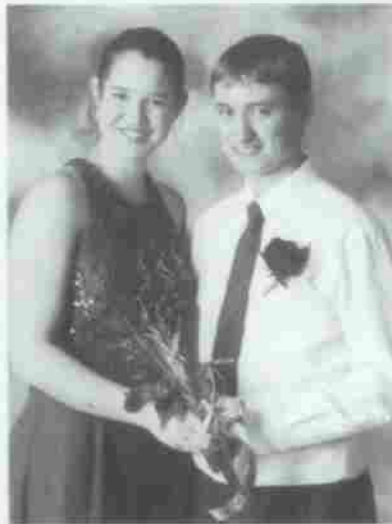
1. Autumn Dooley and Ashley Frye wait for the next song to start. 2. Cathy Verkamp's date shows off his trophy after the garter ceremony. 3. The Prom Queen and King share a dance and smile for the photographer. 4. The dancers put their hands in the air and "Shout." 5. Amy Lucken and Nathan Hawkins enjoy a slow dance. 6. Amy Toby and Jessie Fest celebrate the good times and good friends. 7. Tammy Berg has mischief in her eye and a rose in her mouth. 8. Laura Cedell, Nicloe Fleig, Sandie Yi, and a friend who was an exchange student from Taiwan were a foursome for the evening. 9. Brooke Bolte and her date have their photo taken by Mr. McCarty. 10. Zach Goldman, Brandon Nord, and Shane Meyer do the "Macerena." 11. Beth Buechler and Jen Lyn Wright take a picture of their journalism teacher and then have their picture taken by him.



Homecoming



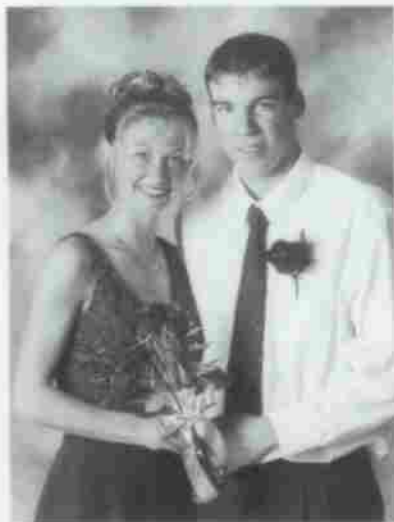
Lisa Bettag
Alex Hagedorn



Brooke Bolte
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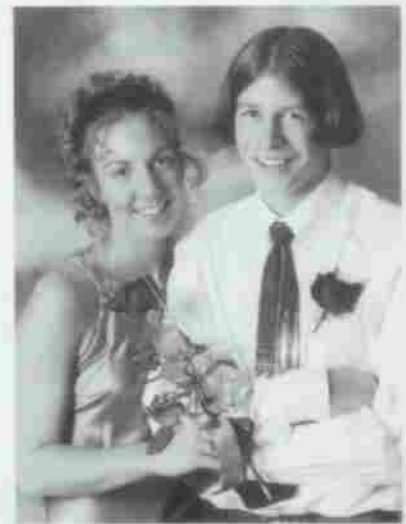
April Casper
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Amy Hildenbrand
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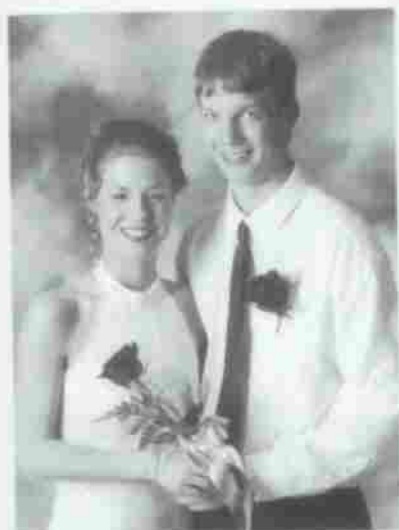


Heather Messmer
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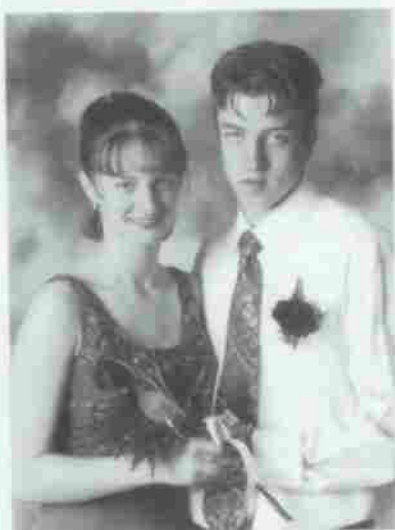


Angie Niehaus
Tony Williamson

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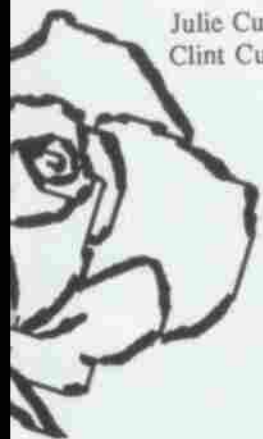
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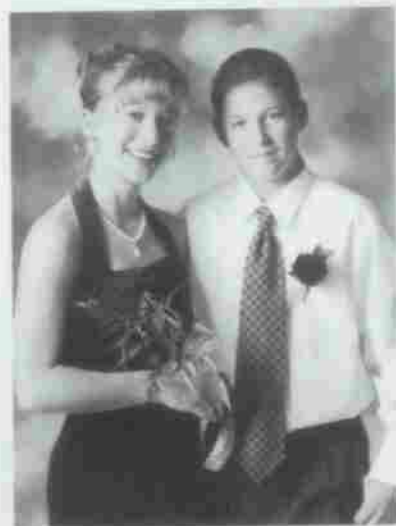
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Kai Wehmeyer



Jill Oser
Brett Schipp



Andrea Steftenagel
Shane Luebbehusen

Amy is homecoming queen

The song "Wish You Were Here," by Pink Floyd, served as the 1998 Homecoming theme. The ceremonies were held in the Buechler Arena on January 24, 1998.

1. Senior Casey Howard served as master of ceremonies for the evening. 2. The 1998 Homecoming Queen, Amy Lucken, and her escort, C.J. Stenftenagel, make a lovely picture. 3. All eyes remain fixed on the couple as C.J. places the crown on Amy. 4. Senior Homecoming attendant Tara Uebelhor walks with the crown bearer, Jessa Roeder, and the ball bearer, Kyle Lechner.



Personalities



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*By Rhonda, Brandon, Casey,
Nicole, and Shalynn*

FP continues its tradition of excellence

Our 1997-98 academic and extracurricular school year was another great year. Academically, students of Forest Park Junior-Senior High School continued to excel. ISTEP scores of our tenth grade students were the tenth highest in the state of Indiana, with only 12 percent of our students not meeting the state expected essential skills standards. Seventy-five percent of the ninth, eighth, and seventh grade students scored better than the fiftieth percentile rank on national norm-referenced tests, and FP's daily student attendance rate continued to be in the top five in the state. SAT and PSAT scores by junior and senior students continued to be excellent, and our overall average scores continued to be higher than both the state and national averages.

During the school year FP received its ninth consecutive Four Star School Award for academic excellence. This is an honor of which we are very proud.

Also during the 1997-98 school year, we were evaluated by a North Central Association visiting team, and their final report gave our school, students, staff, and administrators, and our curricular and extracurricular programming an outstanding final



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

report.

FP continues to have many students involved in extracurricular activities. The successes that our students have achieved and enjoyed added much to our school year. Special achievements were a cross country sectional win by our girls' team, a sixth consecutive girls' track sectional, and a sectional championship for our first-year girls' softball team. In 1997-98 our

Marching Rangers continued their outstanding tradition by earning a fourth place finish in this year's ISSMA state marching band finals.

In closing, we thank the students, parents, community patrons, and our staff for making the 1997-98 school year outstanding. With your support, we can develop the leaders of tomorrow and continue Forest Park's tradition of excellence.

James Hagedorn, Principal



William Rohl
Superintendent



James Hagedorn
Principal



Rick Allen
Asst. Principal



Brenda Allen
Home Economics



Peggy Amos-Huff
Counselor



Vicki Beach
Spanish, P.E.



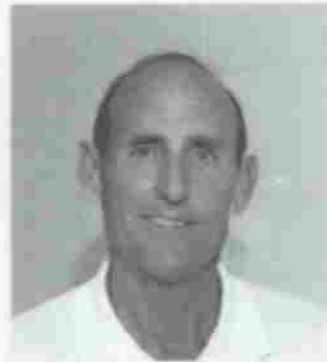
Linda Berry
Art



Charles Bradley
Music



Margaret Buechler
Spanish



Dennis Doutaz
P.E., Health



Greg Durcholz
Math



Kathy Ellison
Media Specialist



Rock Emmert
English, Psychology



Sharon Gramelspacher
Math, Biology



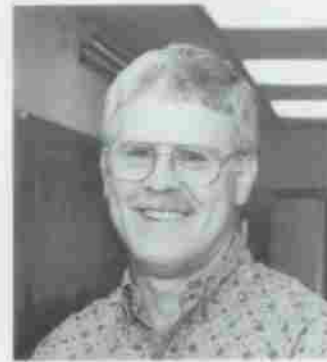
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Social Studies



Karl Hinson
Math, Science



James Hubers
Athletic Director



James Johanneman
Industrial Technology



Helen Keusch
Social Studies



Lee Leinenbach
Counselor



Jim Mehling
Math



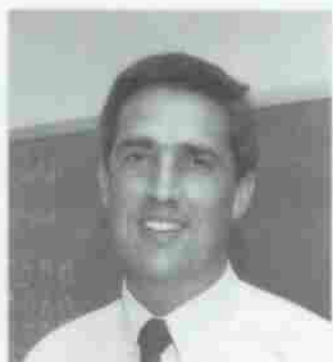
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Math



Martha Niehaus
Social Studies



Paula Peter
Special Education



Don Prusz
Math



Tara Rasche
English



Janet Robbins
Band



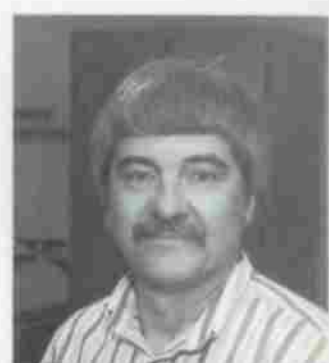
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Business



Nate Schnellenberger
Science



Leslie Shobe
English, Sociology



Steve Stoffel
Industrial Technology



Larry Tenbarg
German



Doug Walker
Agriculture



Carrie Wallace
Chemistry



Ed Walston
English, Journalism



Kevin Wertman
Biology



Rowena Weyer
Business



Gary Wittman
Special Education



Mike Kluemper
Special Ed. Aide



Judy Luebbehusen
Library Aide



Sharon Lindauer
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Judy Mehling
Special Ed. Aide



Mary Kay Berger
Special Ed. Aide



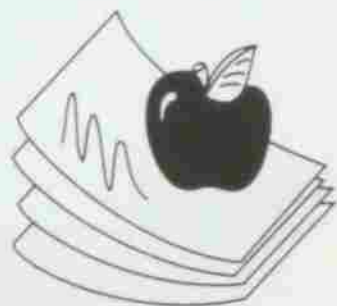
Ursula Shaw
Study Hall Aide



Secretaries are Norma Sonderman and Rita Sonderman.



Carolyn Carney
Nurse





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



Forest Park's cooks are Clara Wilgus, Evelyn Hasenour, Pat Albert, Linda Boeckman, Janice Berger, and Therese Ernst.

Mrs. Buechler and Mrs. Weyer retire

Forest Park suffered a great loss as two teachers, Mrs. Rowena Weyer and Mrs. Margaret Buechler, completed their teaching careers this year.

Mrs. Weyer

Mrs. Weyer attended Otwell High School, which is now part of Pike Central. She enjoyed business and English classes. She went to Oakland City College for a Bachelor of Science and the University of Evansville for a Master of Arts.

Mrs. Weyer taught at Vincennes University Jasper Center part time for 15 years, and she taught at FP for 24 years. In her years of teaching she had taught typing, shorthand, Accounting I and II, office practice, introduction to business, business law, junior high and senior high keyboarding, notehand, intensive office lab, and information data processing.

Mrs. Weyer said, "Thanks for 24 wonderful years. They have been good years. I'm glad to be a Ranger. My heart will always be green and gold."

Mrs. Buechler

Mrs. Buechler had taught at FP for 21 years. She also taught at Pine Ridge for 12 years, and at St. Mary's and St. Joseph's for two years each, for a grand total of 37 years teaching.

Mrs. Buechler attended Mater Dei High School in Evansville and went to several different colleges. They were St. Benedict College, Coe College, St. Louis University, La Universidad Iberoamerica, the University of Southern Indiana, and Indiana University. Mrs. Buechler is a lover of learning, and in school she enjoyed her Spanish and math classes.

Perhaps a good question to ask Mrs. Weyer and Mrs. Buechler would have been, "What classes haven't you taught?" Mrs. Buechler has taught Spanish, health, Quest, math, English, science, social studies, and physical education.

On behalf of all the students and staff of Forest Park, The Tracer staff says, "We will miss your presence at FP Mrs. Weyer and Mrs. B."

Mrs. Albert and Mrs. Wilgus retire

Two of Forest Park's cooks retired at the end of this school year. They are Mrs. Pat Albert and Mrs. Clara Wilgus.

Mrs. Albert had worked at FP for 25 years and had been head cook for most of that time. When asked why she was retiring, Mrs. Albert said, "It has been a pretty long time for one job, and my husband's retired. We want to do some traveling."

Mrs. Albert had four children who graduated from FP. Their names are Pam, Keith, Kim, and Jenny.

Mrs. Wilgus had eight children who graduated from FP. Their names are Patty, Mona, Rick, Carol, Terry, Ron, Marcie, and Sandie. Mrs. Wilgus has worked at FP for 24 years.

When asked why she was retiring, Mrs. Wilgus said, "There comes a time when we all have to call it quits. It was getting to be hard work, although I have enjoyed it."

Mrs. Albert said the things she will remember most about FP are the kids and the people she worked with. Mrs. Wilgus agreed she will remember, "The good kids."

Students in life skills class receive individual attention

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.

Some of the students are integrated with their peers in regular classes. According to Mrs. Peter, they really enjoy these activities.

The two members of the life skills class who are classified as high school students are Joe Kluemper and Brian Reckelhoff.

1. Michael Bush looks out the window of Mrs. Peter's room. 2. Mrs. Berger helps Joe with his classwork. 3. Mrs. Peter takes Mickey Goodwin and Joe to the bus. 4. Joshua Mundy uses one of the computers in Mrs. Peter's room.



Brian Reckelhoff



Joe Kluemper

Wow! What a year...

I think that speaks for just about everybody in the class of 1998. This last year, our senior year, our last year of high school, was filled with a myriad of fun and stress, fused emotions of love, freindship, and mostly togetherness. I feel that we have really bonded together as a class this last year.

With school, work, college and scholarship applications, sports, jobs, and just trying to figure out what we want to do after we graduate from a tedious yet fun filled twelve years of school, we have barely had time to fully comprehend, much less fully enjoy, the title of "Senior." The pride, joy, and togetherness of this year have passed us by so quickly that many heard a sonic boom in the sky as the great day of our graduation neared. But even with a short-lived senior year, we took advantage of what time we did have together.

This is not to say goodbye to my fellow members of the class of 1998, but it is a chance to say "good luck." In reality after May 28, we will never all be together again; roads to our individual futures. I just hope all of my fellow classmates find their own road, and maybe someday in the future our roads might cross. Until then, remember that you are a part of a special class that graduated from Forest Park—because you made it special.

Eric Englert, class president



Class officers are Jill Gehlhausen, secretary, Amy Hildenbrand, treasurer, Heather Messmer, vice-president, and Eric Englert, president.



Angela Aders



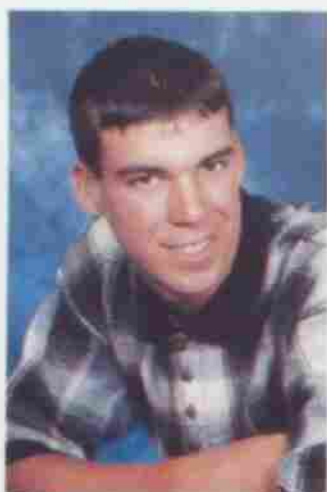
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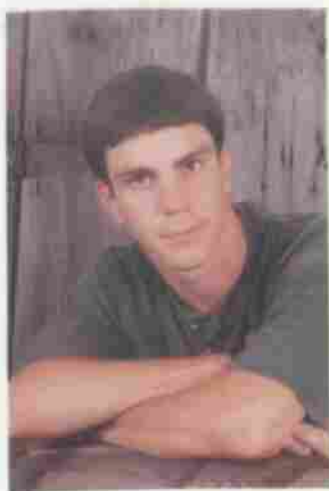
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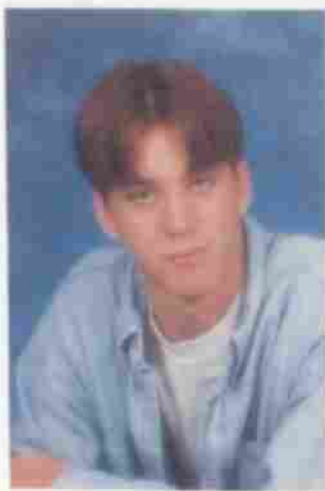
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Audrey Beard



Todd Berg



Eric Berger



Lisa Bettag



Rhonda Betz



Theresa Betz



Tracy Bieker



Jayme Blessinger



Kevin Boeglin



Brandon Boehman



Brooke Bolte



Daven Borden





Melissa Boyd



Christopher Braunecker



Jennifer Braunecker



Kyle Burger



Audra Ruhe, Eric Berger, and Tina Ebert relax before class outside the business math room.



April Casper



Crystal Choate



Adam Christmas



Clint Cummins



Julie Cummins



Carrie Durcholz



Tina Ebert



Eric Englert



Autumn Fischer



Douglas Fischer



Zachary Fleming



Brent Foster



Jeremy Hasenour and April Casper share suave grins before physics class.



Jan Gehlhausen



Jill Gehlhausen



Brett Giesler



Josh Giesler



Russel Goodman



Alicia Groeschen



Alex Hagedorn



Nicloe Hagedorn



Laura Hamilton



Jeremy Hasenour



Jill Hauser



Nathan Hawkins



Jill Meyer, Cathy Verkamp, and Rachel Keller share notes and smiles in the quad before the first bell.



Amy Hildenbrand



Jamie Hildenbrand



Kristen Hobbs



Jason Hoffman



Laura Hamilton and Jill Gehlhausen take a break from *The Tragedy of Macbeth*



Casey Howard



Jason Howe



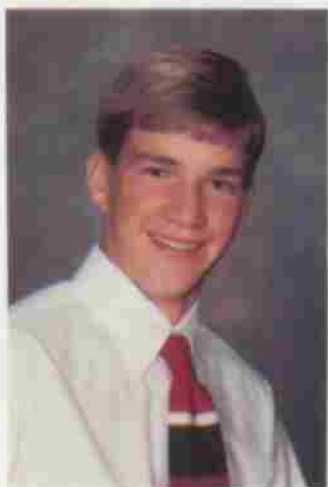
Dayna Hurst



Rachael Keller



Jesse King



Jason Knies



Mark Knust



Sarah Kordes



A group of seniors hang out in the Senior Quad during lunch.



Craig Lindauer



Andrea Loepker



Karla Lubbehusen



Nick Lucas



Amy Lucken



Amy Lytle



Greg Mehling



Jason Meinhardt



Heather Messmer



Jill Meyer



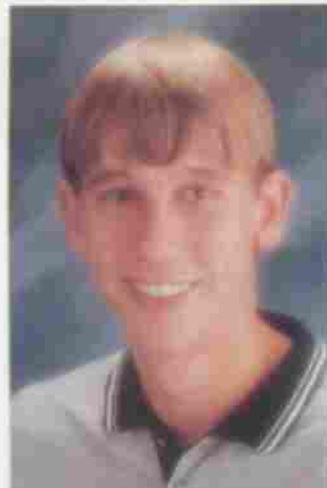
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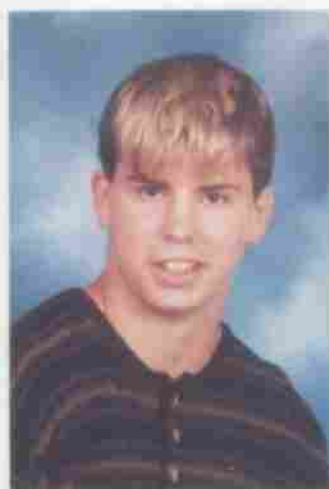
Christopher Naviaux



Angie Niehaus



Matthew Parr



Blu Pierce



Brooke Pund



Luke Wehr and Tim Sermersheim stare into the void that is their consumer economics book.



Jeremy Reckelhoff



Amber Rohleder



Lisa Sprinkle, Angie Niehaus, Lisa Bettag, and Heather Messmer share a hug after another day's economics lecture.



Andrew Rohleder



Audra Ruhe



Rachel Schneider



Clint Seger



Jeremy Reckelhoff and Doug Fischer complete one of many writing assignments.



Timothy Sermersheim



Lisa Sprinkle



C.J. Steftenagel



Tara Uebelhor



Eric Vanderhoff



Catherine Verkamp



Mike Verkamp



Justin Vonderheide



Kai Wehmeyer



Luke wehr



Amy Welp



With the decorations for Homecoming Week surrounding them, Ryan Wilmes and Alex Hagedorn lounge in the quad.



Cliff Weyer



Clint Weyer



Grant Weyer



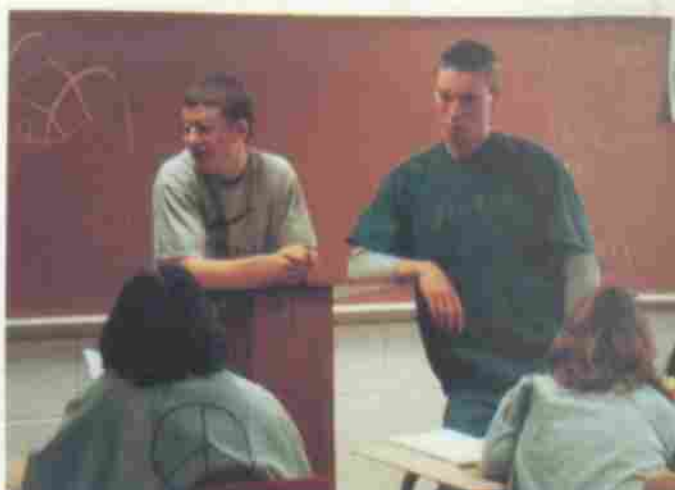
Janet Weyer



Ryan Wilmes



Nick Woebkenberg



Brett Giesler and Chris Braunecker "play teacher" in Ms. Hendricks' room.



Kelly Yocum

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Robert Bateman

Crystal Persofin

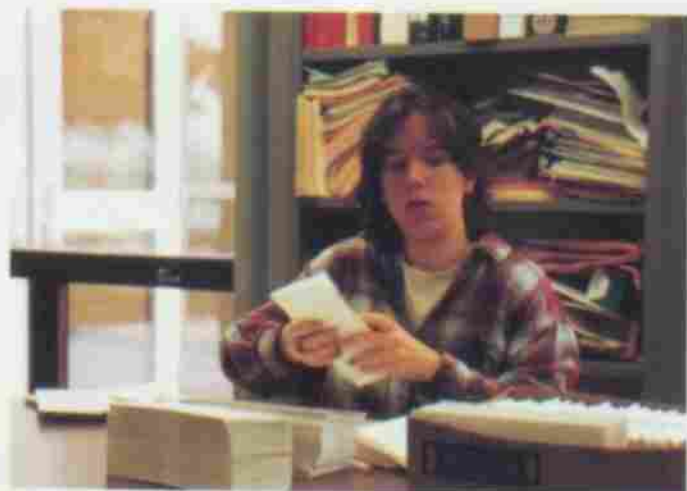
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Pat Fawks

Sarah Vonderheide

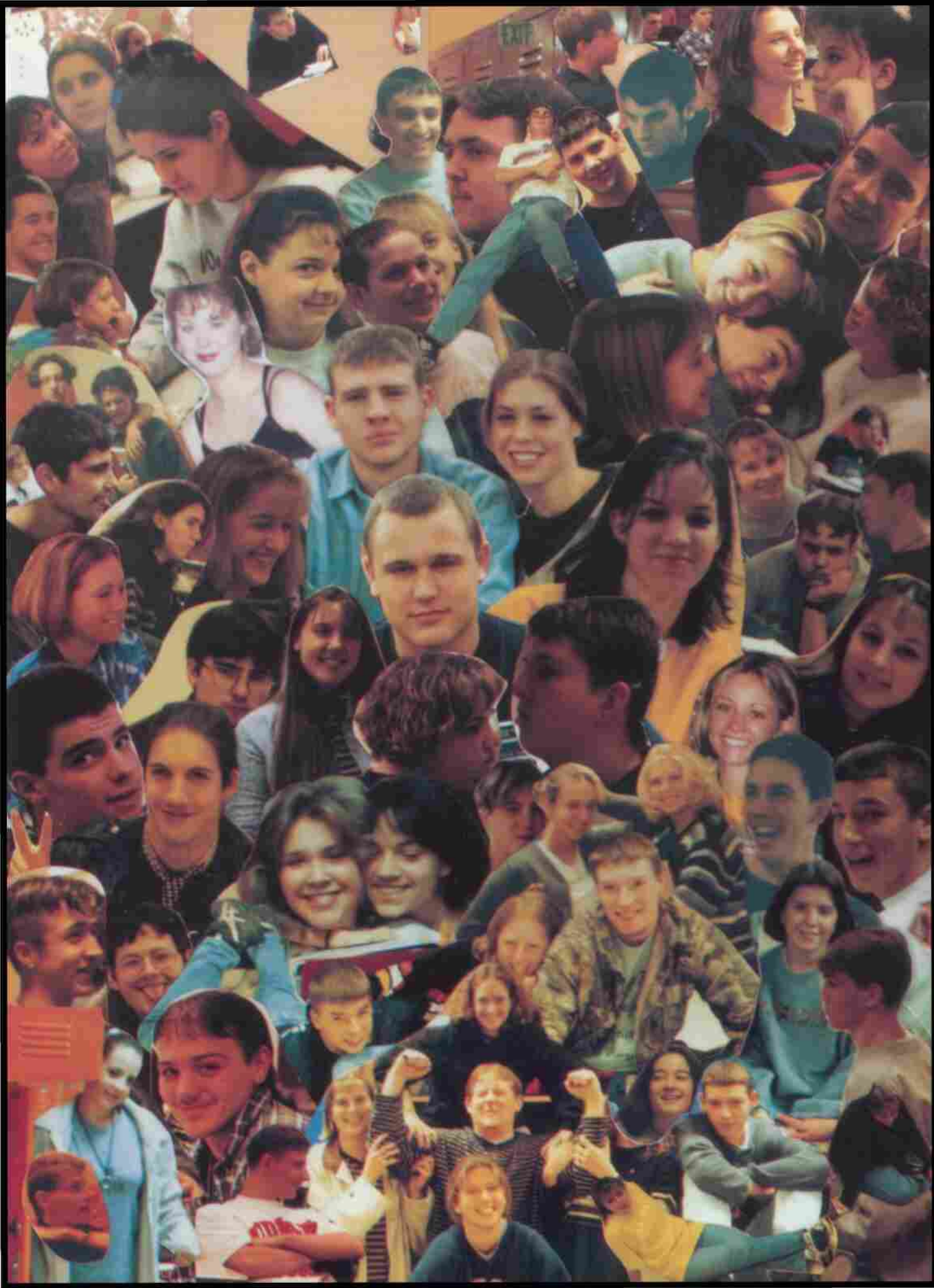
Wow! What a year...



Angie Aders serves as Ms. Hendricks' personal secretary on Post Prom.



Nick Woebkenberg smiles mischievously during a passing period.





Most Likely to Succeed: Janet Weyer and Eric Englert



Playgirl/Playboy: Kristen Hobbs and Blu Pierce

Senior favorites and most original choices

Music Group: (tie) Metallica and Matchbox 20

Most original: Jimi Buffet and Rusted Root

Type of Music: Alternative

Most original: anything that has a good music line and good beat

Song: Push

Originals: Like a Prayer (Madonna)

Color: Blue

Originals: Light lime green

Movie: Scream

Originals: Shawshank Redemption

T.V. Show: Home Improvement, Party of Five

Original: Nova



Most Changed: Jayme Blessinger and Eric Englert



Most Musical: Casey Howard and Ryan Wilmes



Funniest Seniors: Laura Hamilton and Mark Knust



Best Dressed: Heather Messmer and Alex Hagedorn



Craziest Seniors: Laura Hamilton and Chris Braunecker

Car: Mustangs, Honorable Mention: Dodges

Original: A car with a big back seat, a Scout

Store: American Eagle Outfitters

Original: Hucks

Restaurant: McDonalds

Original: Macaroni Grill

Food: Pizza but Italian foods were all winners

Original: Tang

Drink: Mountain Dew

Original: German drink

Place to go: parties

Original: Sick-O-Fest, Chicago, my head

Sports Team: Dallas Cowboys

Original: Forest Park football team



Biggest Jocks: Audra Ruhe and Brandon Boehman



Favorites and most original choices, cont.

Athlete: Brandon Boehman
Original: O.J. Simpson

Male Teacher: Mr. Prusz
Original: Mr. Workman

Teacher: Mrs. Rasche
Original: Mrs. Hendrix

Subject: math
Original: males

Class: art
Original: seniors

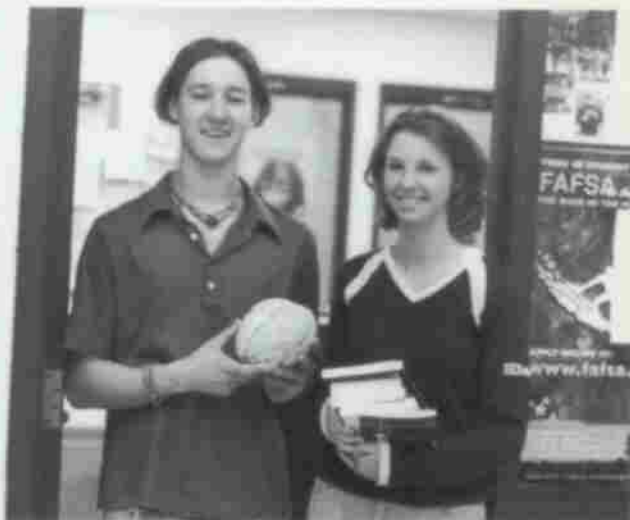
I'm a SENIOR!



Most Outgoing: Nicole Hagedorn, April Casper, Eric Englert, and Mark Knust



Biggest Flirt: Kristen Hobbs and Josh Meyer



Class Brain: Eric Englert and Janet Weyer

Class of '98 become graduates of FP



On Saturday, May 23 commencement exercises for the class of 1998 were held in the Buechler Arena.

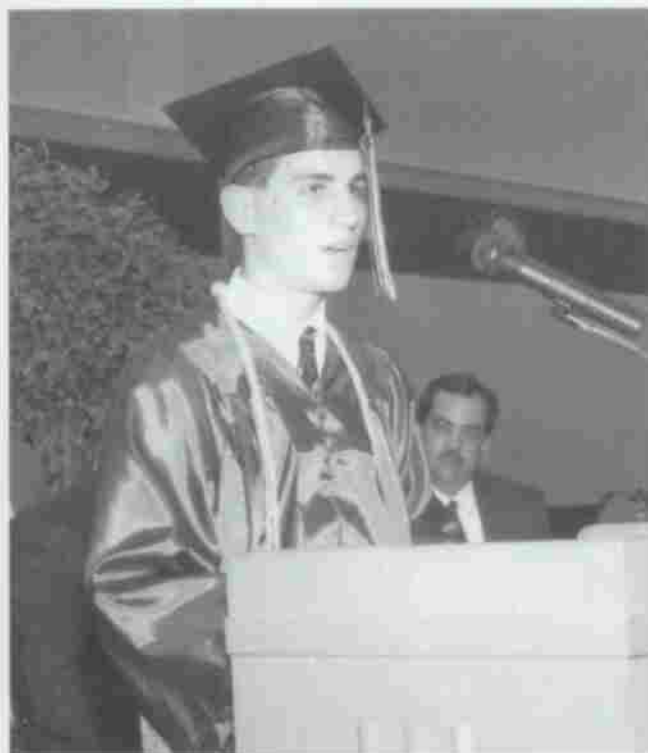
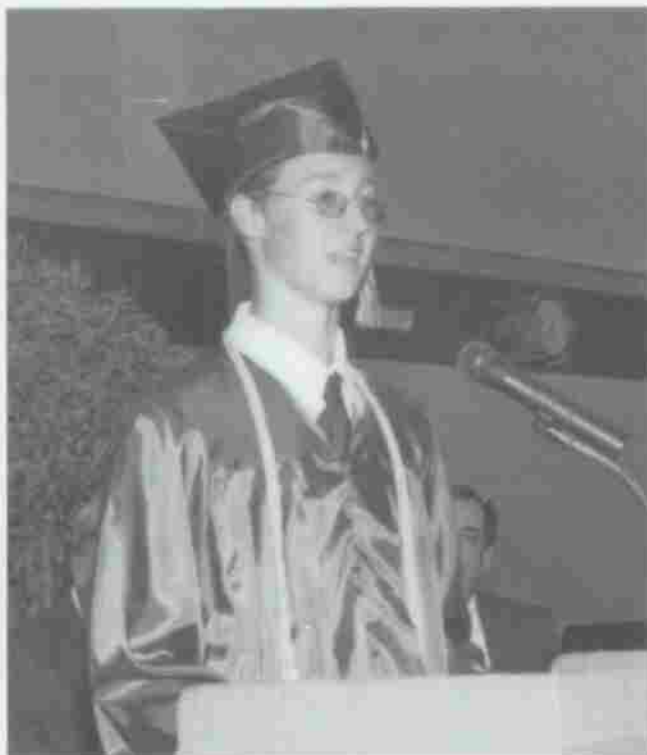
After posing for the class picture shown at the top of this page, the seniors lined up in the P.E. gym. As the band played "Pomp and Circumstance," they marched into the arena and took their seats. Class President Eric Englert welcomed the parents, teachers, and guests. After the memorial scholarships were presented, the chorus sang "You've Got a Friend."

Salutatorian Kevin Boeglin was recognized. Then the three valedictorians, Tina Ebert, Eric Englert, and Chris Naviaux, gave their speeches. The band played "My Heart Will Go On" with the senior band members taking their places for the last time and with senior Casey Howard as a

vocal soloist. Then the diplomas were presented by Superintendent William Rohl and School Board President Don Loepker, the seniors moved their tassels from left to right, and the class of '98 left the arena as graduates of Forest Park.

1. The Class of 1998. 2. Exchange student Jose Bernardi joins the guys as they wait to march into the arena. Although Jose did not graduate from FP, he and two other exchange students, Sandie Yi and Laura Cediell, received special recognition during commencement exercises. A fourth exchange student, Kai Wehmeyer, graduated with the class of 1998. 3. Jennifer Braunecker and Brooke Pund are happy that graduation will soon be over.





'You've Got a Friend'

1. The choir performs "You've Got a Friend." 2. The band performs with Casey Howard as vocal soloist. 3. Kelly Yocum, Julie Cummins, Tina Ebert, April Casper, and Jamie Hildenbrand cool off before lining up for the march into Buechler Arena. Valedictorians are (5.) Tina Ebert, (6.) Eric Englert, and (7.) Chris Naviaux. 8. Salutatorian Kevin

Boeglin was introduced by Assistant Principal Rick Allen. 9. Kristen Hobbs gets casual. In a few minutes she will have to zip up her robe and get serious. 10. Members of the class of 1998 emerge from Buechler Arena as graduates of Forest Park High School. They may not be students any more, but they will always be Rangers.

Class of '99, all different yet the same

Through the years our class has grown closer together. We have been through a lot. The more days go by, the more we grow to know each other.

As we look back on the past, we see how we have changed. We changed together, and we learned to get along. The future, though we can't see it, is going to be ours, and we must make the best out of it.

We are all different, yet the same. We have cried together, we have laughed together, we have learned together, and we will always be there for each other.



The class officers are Stacy Hoppenjans, treasurer, Melinda Kessens, secretary, Kimberly Kempf, vice-president, and Nina Weyer, president.

The Class of 1999



Beau Anderson



Scott Bateman



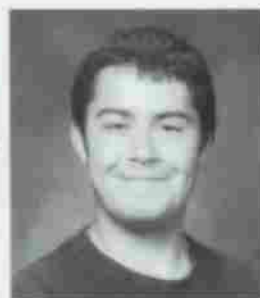
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Eric Beier



Bridget Bender



Michael Berg



Tammy Berg



Scott Berger



Jose Bernardi



Nathan Betz





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Paula Boyd



Jarod Brames



Elizabeth Brazel



Matthew Brockman



Beth Buechler



Laura Ceidel



Jared Chapman



James Cooper



Melissa Dittmer



Autumn Dooley



Patrick Doutaz



Mary Egler



Kathy Fehribach



Jessica Fest



Nicole Fleig



Curtis Foll



Kurt Freeman



Ashley Frey



Tricia Frick



Mark Gaesser



Stacy Gehlhausen





Luke Gessner



Zach Goldman



Melissa Graves



Michelle Haaff



Katie Haake



Come on Stacy and Jessie, it isn't that bad.



Jenny Haake



Kelly Hasenour



Beth Henke



Tonya Hensley



Jennifer Hochgesang



John Hoffman



Sarah Hoffman



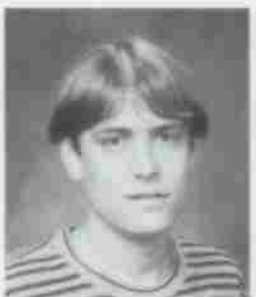
Audra Hopf



Stacy Hoppenjans



April Huff



Joshua Kellems



Kimberly Kempf

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Janelle Kersiens



Melinda Kessens



Laura King



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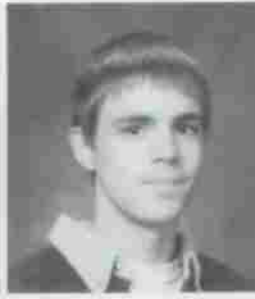
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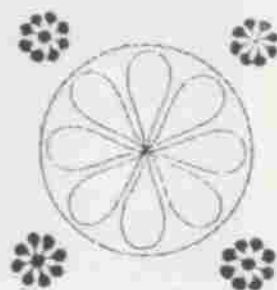
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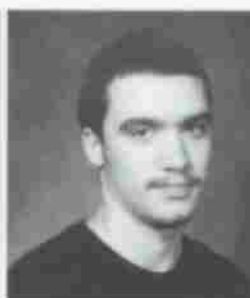
Jennifer Peters



Beth Petry



Shalynn Pugh



Dean Quante



Andrew Reckelhoff



Ashley Reckelhoff



Lisa Rousculp



John Schipp



Tiffany Schneider



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Nicole Seger



Brent Sicard



Christine Sigler



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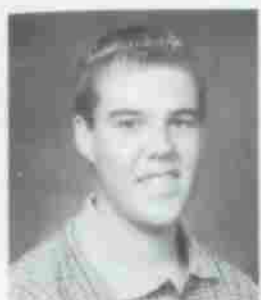
Brad Wathen



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Bobby Welp



Matthew Weyer



Nina Weyer



Andrea White



Laura Willis



Steve Willis



Travis Winings



Dale Wright



Jennifer Wright



Sandie Yi



Adam Zehr



Sally and Laura listen to Mr. Meyer preach about academics.



Zach Zehr



TIME IS
Too Slow for those who Wait,
Too Swift for those who Fear,
Too Long for those who Grieve,

Too Short for those who Rejoice,
But for those who Love,
Time is an eternity.
-Henry Van Dyke

Sophomores achieve many goals this year

As our sophomore year comes to a close, we feel we have achieved many goals. We were the first class to take the ISTEP+ test for graduation, and our scores ranked Forest Park number 10 in the whole state. We also helped our school excel in sports as well as academics.

We have matured as sophomores, and we hope we are ready to become upperclassmen. We are ready for the challenges of the next two years.

Editor's note: The yearbook staff would like to apologize that the photo of the sophomore class officers did not turn out. The class officers were Josh Gilmore, president, Andi Hasenour, vice-president, Emily Gessner, secretary, and Abby Potter, treasurer.



Rachel Begle played number three singles on the varsity tennis team.

~Class of 2000~



Kristina Aders



Joshua Askren



Jeremy Backer



Christopher Becher



Eric Becher



Rachel Begle



Jesse Berg



Stephanie Berger



Andrea Betz



Michelle Betz



Shawn Betz



Jessie Bieker



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Jesse Bolte



Nicholas Bolte



Randy Braunecker



Nathen Brinkman



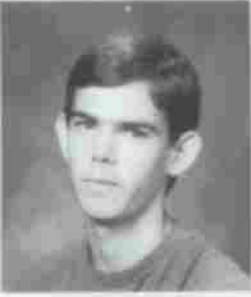
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Renee Ebert



Aaron Englert



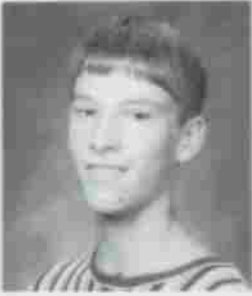
Gina Englert



Lisa Englert



Brad Fischer



Neal Fleck



Zachery Fromme



Jason Gehlhausen





Lydia Gehlhausen



Trisha Gentry



Emily Gessner



Joshua Gilmore



Jennifer Gogel



Joshua Greulich



Elizabeth Haake



Nicki Hall



Brandon Hammond



Nathan Harmon



Andrea Hasenour



Laura Hasenour



Craig Hauser



Denelle Hauser



Kurtis Head



Erin Sprinkle and Lydia Gehlhausen show off their fashionable eyewear in chemistry class.



Kyla Henke



Kara Hobbs



Jill Hoppenjans



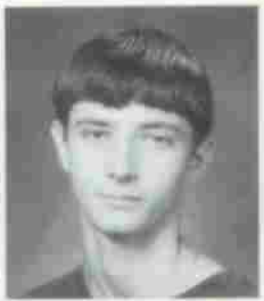
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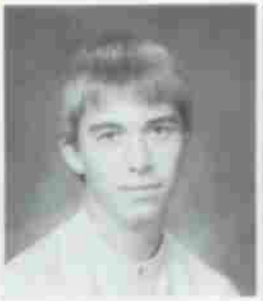
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Suzanne Hurst



Jeremy Jackson



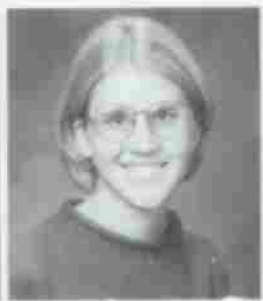
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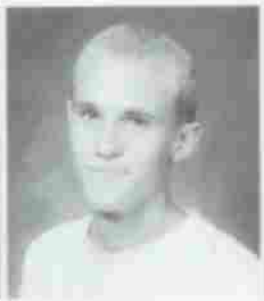
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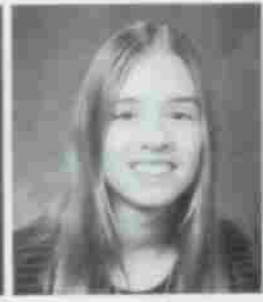
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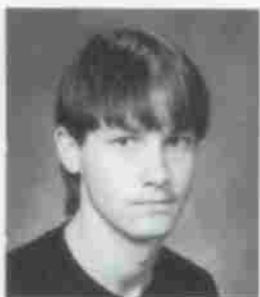
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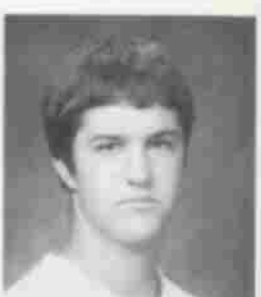
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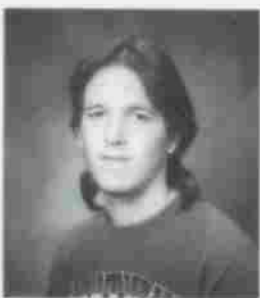
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HEY! How did that senior Nick Woebkenberg, like, totally invade on these happy sophomores on eighties day?



Uh, Emily, are you sure that won't explode?



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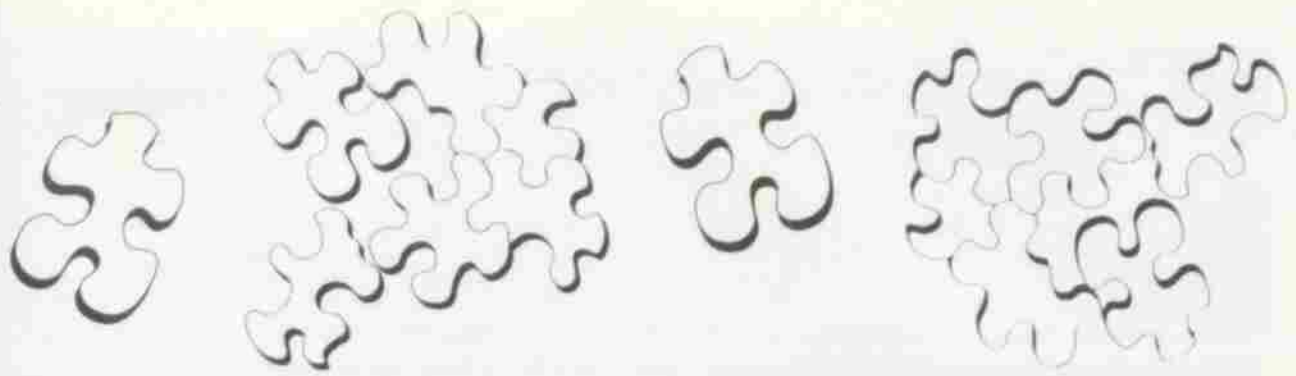


Jeremy Verkamp



Aaron Zink is deep in thought...or is he just resting his eyes?





Bobbi Jo Voegerl



Clara Vonderheide



Ryan Wathen



Bart Weyer



Jonathan Weyer



Nathaniel Weyer



Stacy Weyer



Stuart Weyer



Anthony Williamson



Aaron Zink



These sophomore guys steal the bench in the commons.

What is time? The shadow on the dial, the striking of the clock, the running of the sand, day and night, summer and winter, months, years, centuries: these are but arbitrary and outward signs--the measure of time, not time itself. (Time is the life of the soul.)

-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

-Class of 2001-



Freshmen--

The beginning to the end



As we enter the beginning of our high school years, we begin to realize we need each other.

We look forward to the changes and challenges that are going to face us in the future. Together we will be able to handle them.

We have a lot to learn, but we will learn

from friends. We have the confidence to face our problems from the beginning to the end.

We can conquer our greatest fears. We can face our responsibilities and can answer all the questions that we may have.

The freshman class officers



Nina Aders



Craig Atkins



Jared Beck



Janelle Beier



Michael Beier



Jennifer Bender



Brooke Berg



Dustin Berg



Zachary Berg



Rachel Bordon



The freshman class officers seem to have gotten locked in Mrs. Albert's walk-in cooler. They are Jared Beck, president, Matt Leveron, vice-president, Andrea Stenftenagel, secretary, and Amanda Weyer, treasurer.





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Aaron Brames



Shanna Brames



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Andrea Bruner



Amber Casper



Perry Clark



Justin Cooper



Angie Cummings



Jack Cummins



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Jeffery Durlaul



Jared Beck relaxes during a lecture from Mr. Wertman's biology class.





Kristen Hasenour and Brooke Zink concentrate on their assignments.



Jason Ernst



Christi Fehribach



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Angela Fleck



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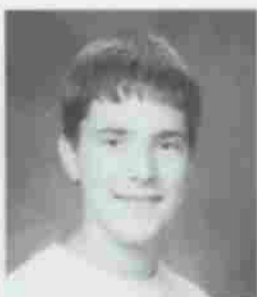
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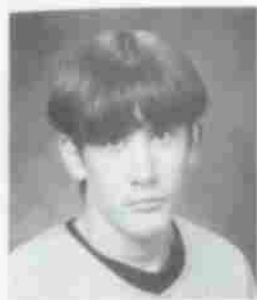
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Mary Laswell



Matt Sturgeon gets distracted from his assignment.



Laura Lawrence



Matthew Leveron





Jill Lindaur



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Nathan Lucken



Ashley Lytle and Jayme Jones get a laugh out of Mr. Wertman's class.



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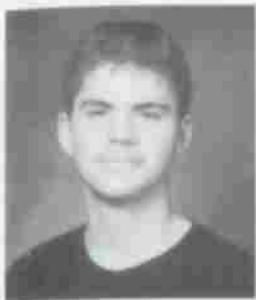
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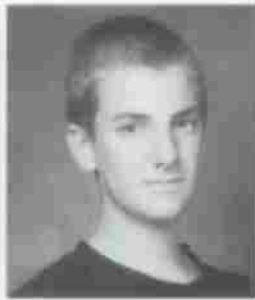
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Cory Schipp



Jesse Schneiders



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'In times like these, it helps to recall that there have always been times like these.'



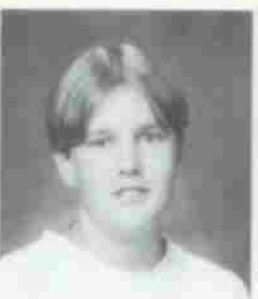
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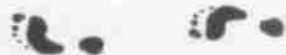
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Kenny Meyer strives to improve his typing time.



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Cross country teams have excellent season

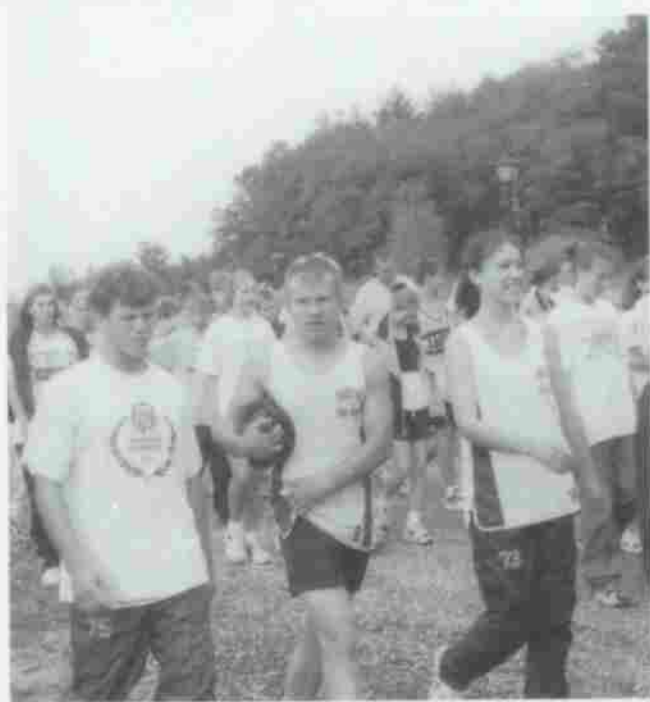


The cross country teams had another outstanding year. The boys were led by seniors Andy Rohleder and Kevin Boeglin. The girls also had an excellent season and were led by seniors Amy Hildenbrand, Julie Cummins, and Tara Uebelhor.

..SPORTS:

1. The 1997 girls' cross country team.
2. The senior girls pose for a picture.
3. The boys' cross country team.
4. The Boeglin boys battle for position.
5. Tiffany Otto heads down the home stretch.
6. Amy Hildenbrand cools off after a race.
7. Josh Uebelhor and Matt Brittain get ready to run.
8. Underclassmen have some fun.
9. Julie Cummins stretches it out.
10. Tara is working hard.
11. Andy Rohleder leads the pack.
12. The managers relax before a meet.





Soccer team defeats Jasper in sectional



The soccer team had one of its finest years ever at FP, winning ten games. They were led in scoring by Brent Sicard who broke the school record for most goals in a season.

One of the highlights of the season was defeating Jasper in the sectional.

1. The 1997-98 soccer team.
2. Coach Ken Sicard watches the action.
3. The team takes a break.
4. Eric Berger warms up before a game.
5. The team celebrates a goal.
6. Nate Lueken shows his skills.

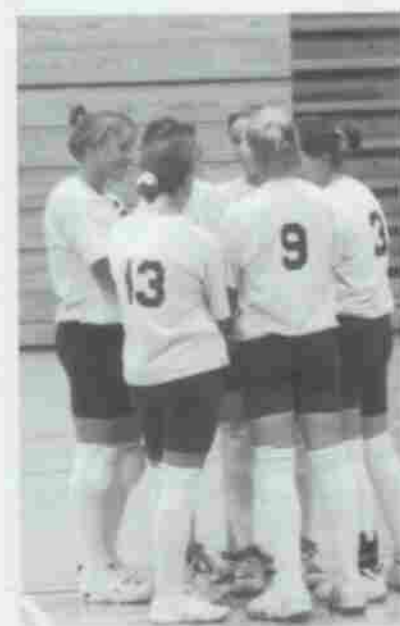


JV volleyball team has outstanding year



The JV volleyball team had a super season and ended with only one loss all year.

1. The JV volleyball team.
2. The team gets ready to receive a serve. 3. Kara Hobbs returns the ball. 4. Lydia Gelhausen hits one over the net. 5. The team talks strategy before a point. 6. Vicki Kluemper serves a winner. 7. The team lineup is announced before a game.



Volleyball ends with 15 victories



The 1997 varsity volleyball team had a very good season. They ended with a record of 15-10, and lost to Southridge in the sectional. This was the first year the Class AA sectional tournament was hosted by FP.

The team was led by seniors Audra Ruhe, Janet Weyer, Tina Ebert, and Jamie Hildenbrand.

1. The volleyball team.
2. The team gets instructions from Coach Jamie Giesler.
3. Audra Ruhe spikes it home.
4. The four seniors are Audra, Tina, Janet, and Jamie.
5. The team poses after a game.
6. Tara Schnell replaces Tina Ebert.
7. The team warms up.
8. Racheal Begle gets up for a spike.
9. The lineup is announced.







First-ever softball team has amazing 19-5 season

The first-ever FP girls' fast pitch softball team exceeded everyone's expectations finishing the year with an incredible 19-5 record. Their season came to an end when they lost 14-1 to Wood Memorial in the semifinal round of the Class A sectional at Southridge.

Coach Greg Durcholz said,

"We're very proud of our record and what we accomplished. I don't know if I've ever enjoyed anything more."

1. Forest Park's history making girls' fast pitch softball team. 2. Jill Oser waits for the sign from



Coach Durcholz. 3. Heather Kress takes a pitch. 4. Jenny Hochgesang takes an aggressive stance. 5. Vicki Kluemper checks her swing. 6. Allison Oeding was one of the team's leading hitters.



JV girls' team has 19 wins

The girls' JV basketball team ended their season with 19 wins and only one loss. According to Coach Greg Durcholz, the highlight of the season was winning the Southridge Tournament.



1. The girls' JV basketball team for 1997-98. 2. Katie Miller sets the offense against Loogootee. 3. Kelly Hochgesang looks to pass inside. 4. Katie and her teammates play tough defense. 5. Lisa Hoppenjans gets the rebound and makes the outlet pass.

Ranger girls end season with 12-9 record



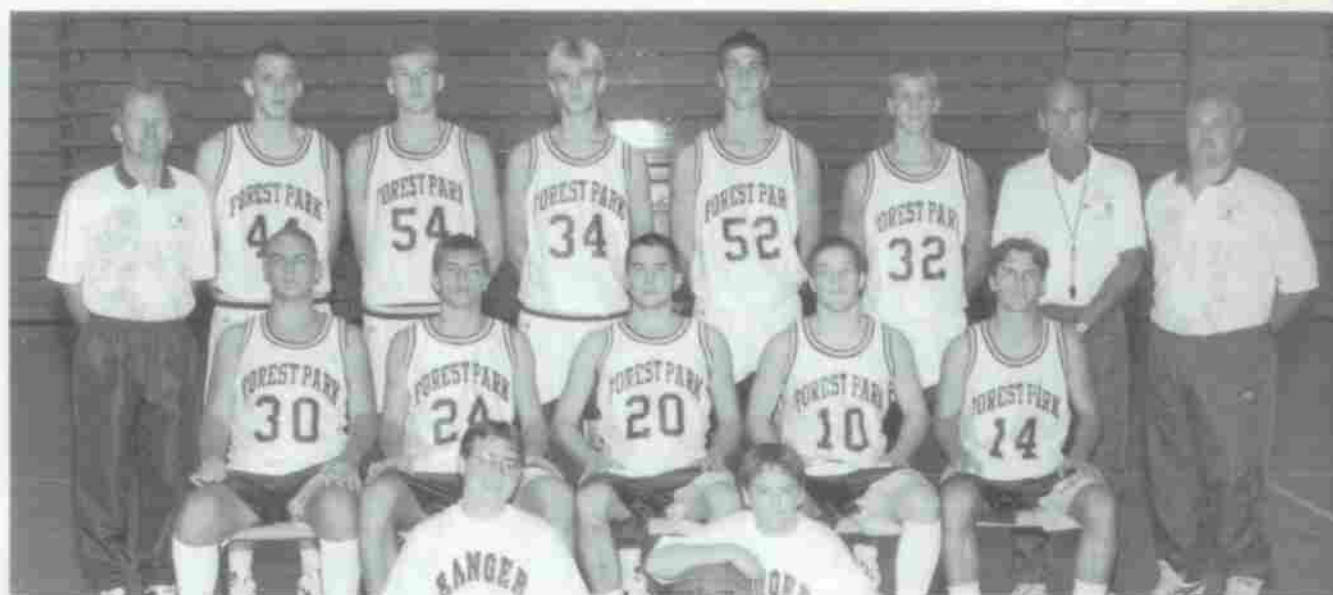
The 1997-98 girls' varsity basketball team ended with a record of 12-9. They were defeated in the sectional by future Class 2A state champs Southridge.

Coach Marty Niehaus said, "Audra Ruhe was our most valuable player. She was our leading rebounder."

1. The 1997-98 girls' varsity basketball team. 2. Coach Niehaus roams the sideline. 3. Nina Weyer, Amy Hildenbrand, and Jamie Hildenbrand concentrate in the huddle. 4. Ashley Frey takes it up strong. 5. Amy H. passes the ball. 6. The team gets ready. 7. Amy Lueken dribbles away from the defender. 8. Amy H. keeps the opponent in sight. 9. Jamie plays tough defense. 10. Coach Niehaus gathers the team. 11. Nina watches the action.







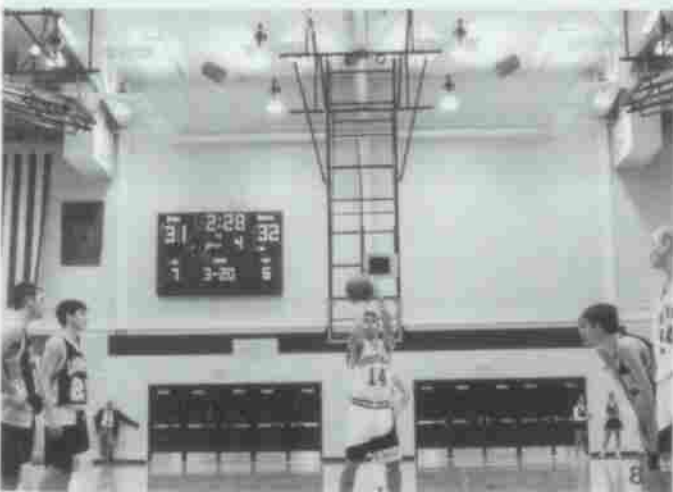
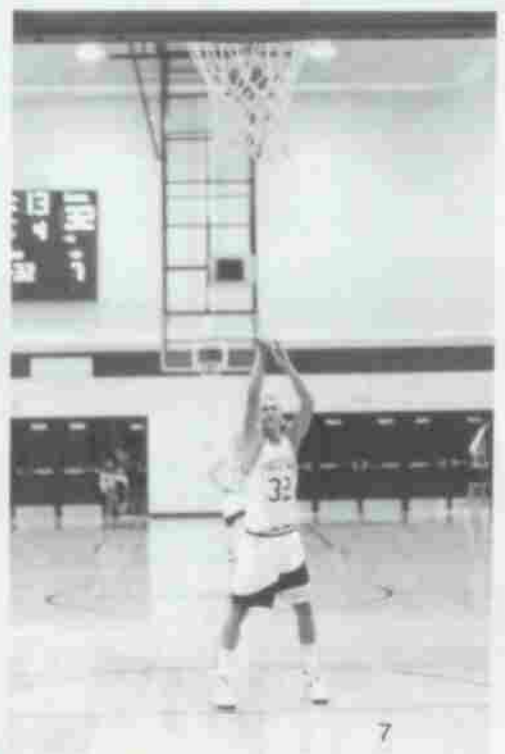
Boys' varsity has up and down season

It was an up and down year for the boys' varsity basketball team. There were big wins like beating Loogootee at home and beating Wood Memorial in the sectional. The season record was 8-14.

Senior Brandon Boehman was MVP and had the highest average points per game with 16. With only two graduating seniors, the team will have a lot of talent returning next year.

1. The boys' varsity basketball team for 1997-98. 2. Brandon looks to pass to Brad Begle. 3. Jarod Brames gets fouled while driving in the lane. 4. Dale Wright goes up for two. 5. Brad posts up. 6. The team plays tough defense against Cannelton. 7. Jarod shoots a free throw. 8. Brent Sicard takes his turn at the line. 9. Jarod is being guarded by a Loogootee defender.







Young JV team has 11-9 season

The boys' JV team was 11-9 for the 1997-98 season. It was a young team that will contribute a lot of talent to the varsity next year.

1. The boys' JV basketball team. 2. The players line up for a free throw. 3. The Rangers get ready to take the ball out.



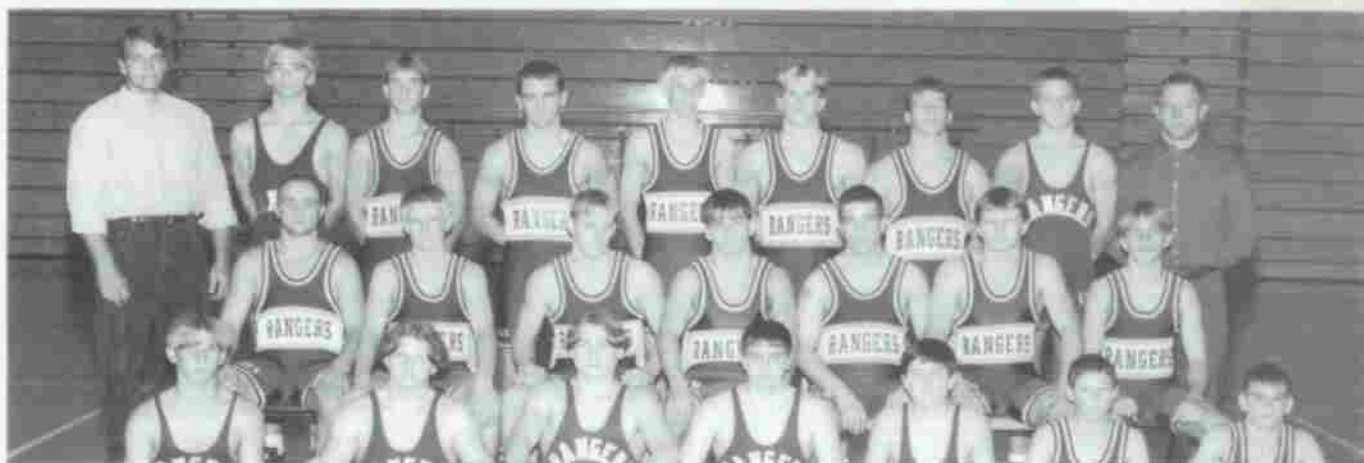


*Freshmen
break record
for wins
with 15*



The freshman boys' basketball team set a record for most wins in the season by a freshman team. Their record was 15-3, and they were Blue Chip Conference champions.

1. The 1997-98 boys' freshman basketball team. 2. Aaron Brames sets up the offense. 3. Perry Clark jump stops. 4. John Mullen passes the ball.



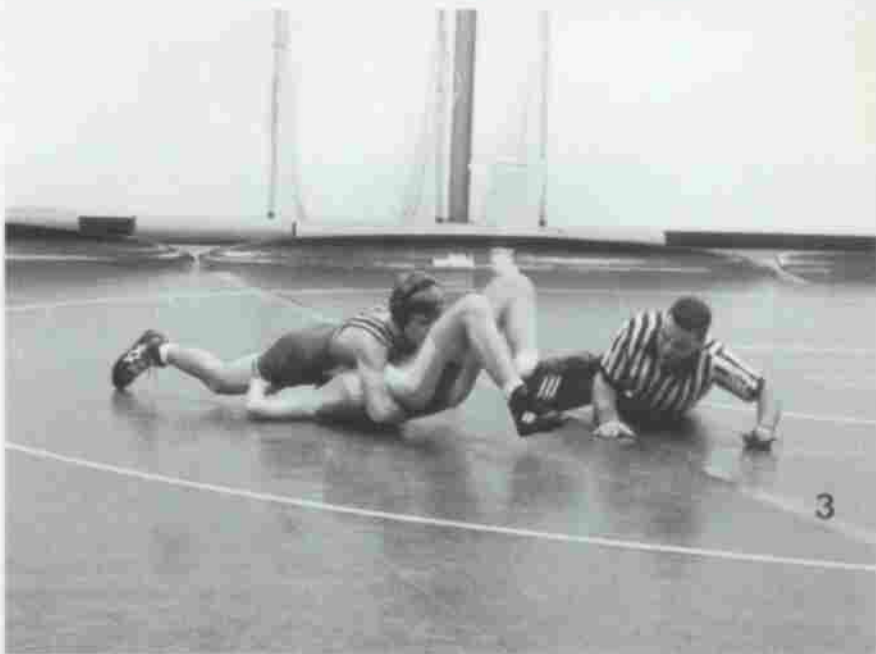
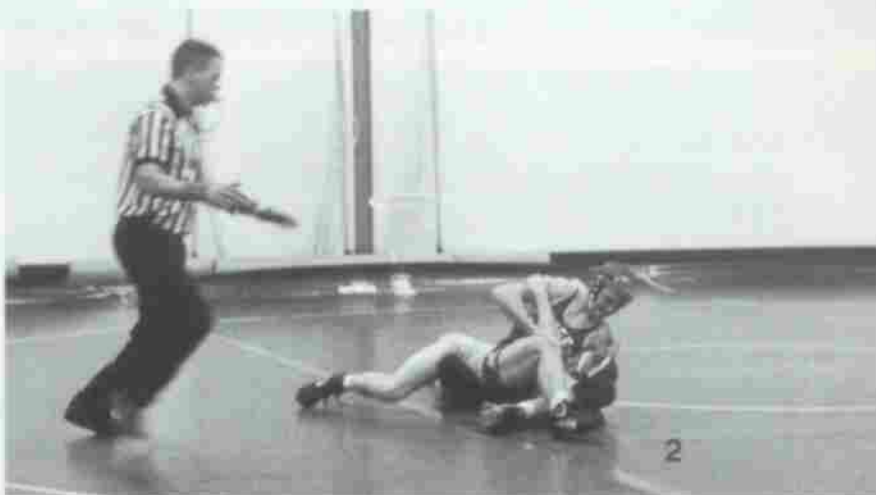
Wrestlers do well in post-season

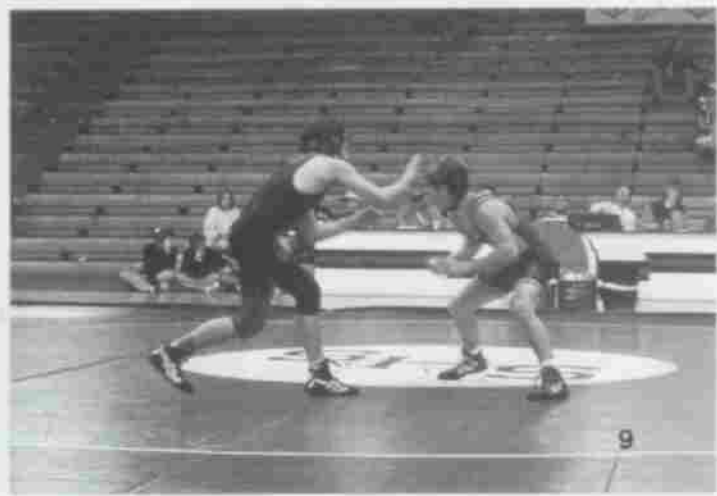
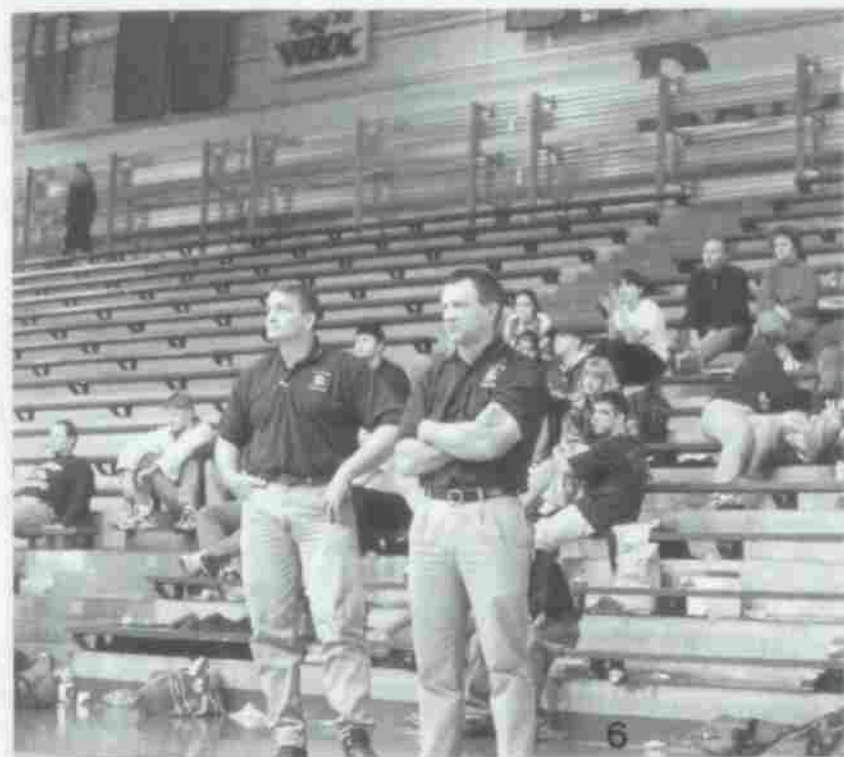
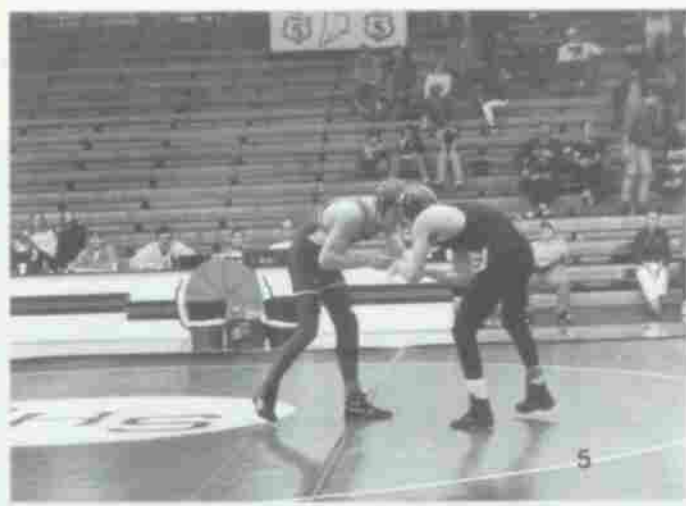
The Ranger wrestlers had an excellent showing in the post-season tournaments with senior Blu Pierce advancing all the way to the state finals.

Jason Braunecker, Blu, Nick Lucas, Greg Mehling, Duane Meyer, Matt Brittain, and Clint Weyer all advanced to the regional.

Greg and Blu advanced to the semi-state by being runner-up in the regional. Sophomore Matt Brittain won his weight class in sectional with a couple of impressive victories.

1. The 1997-98 wrestling team.
2. Jason Knies ties up his opponent.
3. Matt Brittain takes his opponent down moments before the pin.
4. Clint Weyer gets some advice from Coach Wertman.
5. Greg Mehling gets eye to eye with his adversary.
6. Assistant Coach Doug Abel and Coach Kevin Wertman watch the action from the sidelines.
7. Nick Wuebkenberg has his hand raised in victory.
8. Josh Uebelhor packs his gear.
9. Blu Pierce avoids a quick move and catches his opponent off guard.





Girls win 6th sectional in a row!



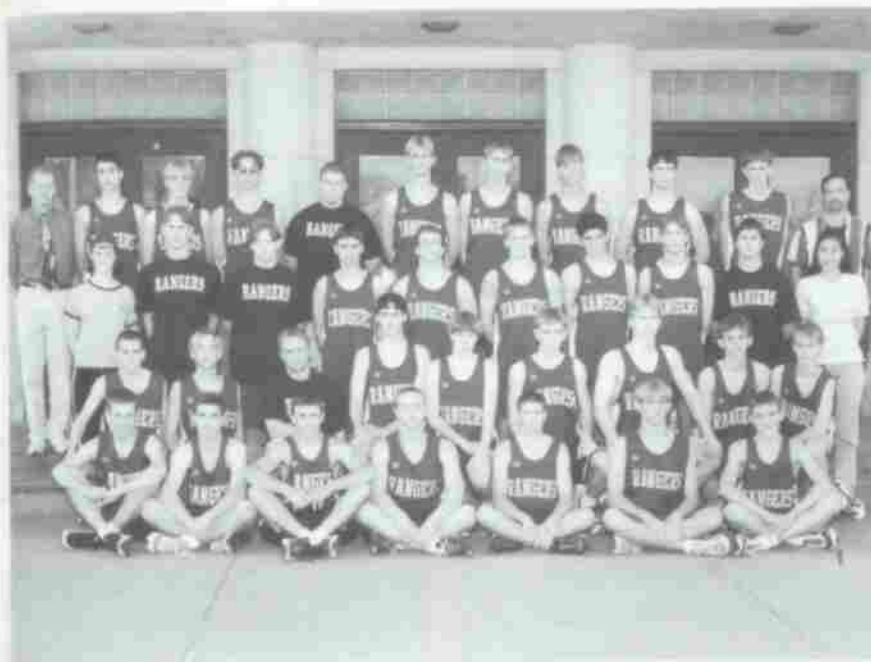
The 36 members of the girls' track team ended their season by winning the sectional for the sixth year in a row. They were undefeated in the regular season. They also won the FP Invitational tournament (by two points) over Mt. Vernon and won the Frosh/Soph Invitational. Erika Luebbehusen made it to the state finals in the 400 meter.

Beth Rohleder set a new school record in the high jump at 5'5". The 3200m relay team of Amy Hildenbrand, Stacy Hoppenjans, Tara Uebelhor, and Andrea Stenftenagel set a new record of 10:16.

Coach Vicki Beach said it was an outstanding year with a group of hard working girls. The Most Valuable Runner award went to Erika Luebbehusen and Amy Hildenbrand. Most Valuable Field Award went to Lydia Gehlhausen, and the Most Improved Award went to Andrea Betz.

1. The 1998 girls' track team.
2. Stacy Hoppenjans takes the baton.
3. Andrea Stenftenagel is unchallenged as she nears the finish line.
4. Tara Uebelhor and Tiffany Otto get off the starting line quickly.





Two advance to state finals from boys' team

The boys' track team ended the season 31-8. Two boys advanced to the state finals, Matt Parr in high jump and Jeff Mehling in pole vault.

Coach Tom Beach said, "It was another outstanding year for the Rangers on the track. Matt and Jeff topped off a fine season with their performances at state."

Matt was third at state after winning the high jump at sectional for the fourth year in a row. He set a new sectional record (6'10"), a new regional record, a new Blue Chip Conference record, and a new school record.

Regional qualifiers were Matt in high jump, Jeff Mehling in pole vault and high hurdles, Eric Englert in the 800 meter and the 3200 meter relay, Kevin Boeglin and Jason Smith in the 3200m relay, and Adam Schipp in the 800m and 3200m relay.

Eric Englert was named to Academic All-State Team and Kevin Boeglin received honorable mention.

1. The 1998 boys' track team.
2. Jose Bernardi and Craig Lindauer rest between events.
3. Clint Weyer strains with the effort of a good throw.
4. Alvin Boeglin carries the baton.





Girls are runner-up in sectional

The girls' tennis team ended with an 8-5 record for the regular season. Coach Tara Uebelhor was very pleased with the winning record since the girls had a whole new varsity team from last year. The Rangers were runner-up in the sectional, which also made Coach Uebelhor proud.

1. The 1998 girls' tennis team.
 2. Emily Gessner sends the ball back with a smile.
 3. Laura Willis waves goodbye as she hits the short volley.
 4. Lisa Sprinkle gets low to the ball to make a return.
 5. The doubles team of Lisa Bettag and Angie Niehaus warm up before a match.





Boys end with 7-6 record

The boys' tennis team had seven wins and six losses during the fall season. According to Coach Tara Uebelhor, one of the highlights of the season was a third place finish in the North Harrison tourney. Chris Naviaux was runner up at the number two singles position, and the number one doubles team of Brent Foster and Alex Wahl also won runner-up medals. Another highlight was defeating Southridge in the sectional after losing to them during the regular season.

1. The boys' tennis team for 1997. 2. Alex Wahl hits a high backhand. 3. Brent Foster gets all wound up in his follow through. 4. Chris Naviaux does some fancy footwork to hit a backhand. 5. Matt Weyer keeps his eye on the ball.





Young golf team looks forward to next season

The golf team defeated four of the 21 teams they competed against. They finished eleventh in the sectional. Despite the statistics, Coach Bill Dittmer was upbeat, saying, "We had a very young team. I am looking forward to next year with the same young group coming back." All of next year's team will be returning lettermen.

Junior Terry Messmer was the team's MVP. Freshman Perry Clark received the Most Improved Award.

1. The 1998 golf team. 2. Josh Meyer grabs his clubs and heads for the course. 3. Coach Dittmer helps C.J. Stenftenagel on the driving range. 4. Stuart Weyer shows good form. 5. Terry's shot looks good.



JV baseball team sets record for wins



The JV baseball team ended the year with a 19-2 record. Their 19 wins set a record for the most games won by a JV baseball team during a season.

1. The JV team was coached by Mr. Rock Emmert and Mr. Rod Zink. 2. Brett Pund fires one off the mound. 3. Aaron Brames gets a good hit. 4. Shane Luebbehusen takes his stance at the plate. 5. The team huddles up with Coach Emmert before the game.

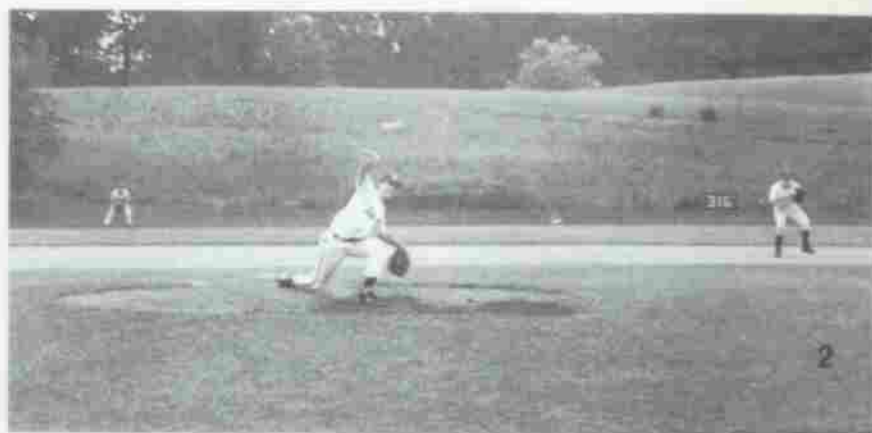
Varsity baseball team excels in '98

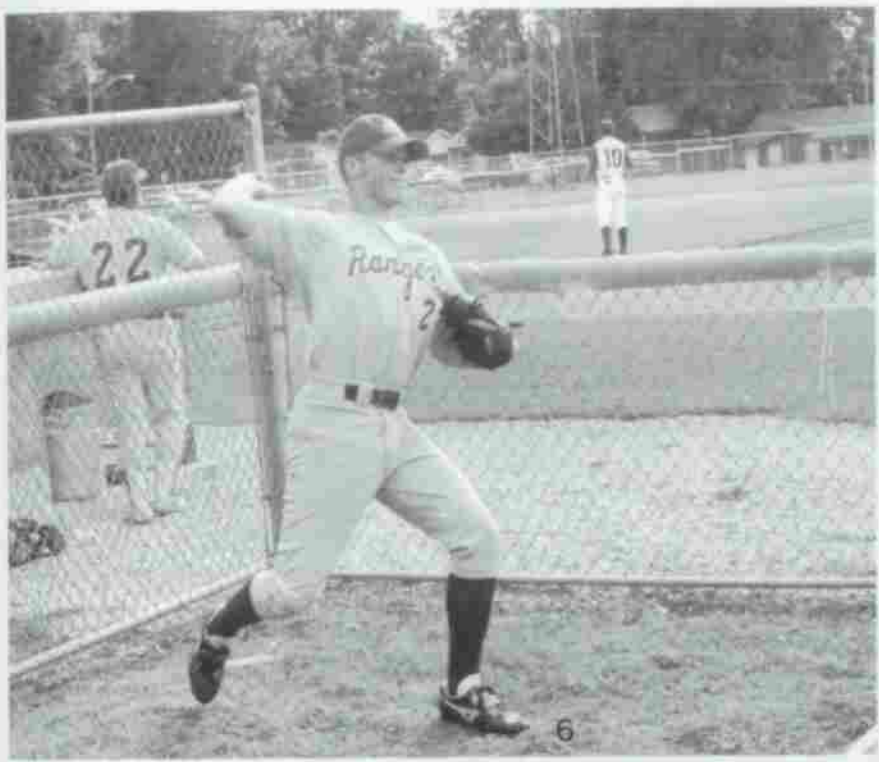


The Ranger baseball team had an excellent 18-9 record. Coach Jim Mehling said three seniors contributed to the very successful season: Brandon Boehman, Andy Rohleder, and Brent Foster. The Rangers again defended the Blue Chip Conference title. This was their third consecutive crown and their thirteenth in sixteen years. They currently have won 26 straight conference games. The Rangers were ranked throughout most of the season, finishing with a number nine ranking in the last poll. However, they suffered a first round sectional loss to Mater Dei. Outstanding defense and a tremendous team attitude made this a season to remember.

The Most Valuable Player award went to Andy Rohleder. Most Valuable Pitcher was Brandon Boehman. Andy Rohleder had the best batting average with .489, and the Outstanding Effort Award went to Brent Sicard.

1. The 1998 varsity baseball team. 2. Chris Meyer throws a strike. 3. Brandon connects with the ball. 4. Shawn Betz fouls one off. 5. Brad Wathen gets the sign from Coach Mehling. 6. Brandon warms up in the bullpen. 7. Andy fouls one off in sectional play. 8. Brad gets a hit. 9. Chris gets some advice from Mr. Gene Boehman, pitching coach.





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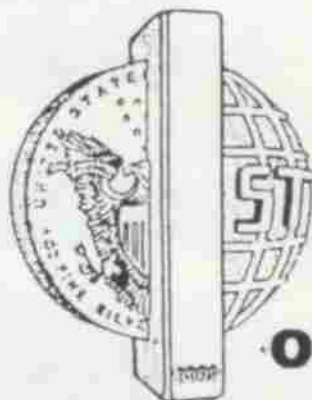
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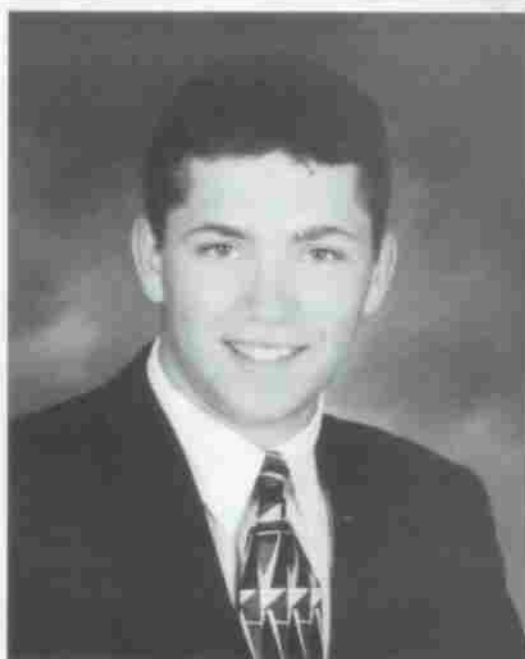


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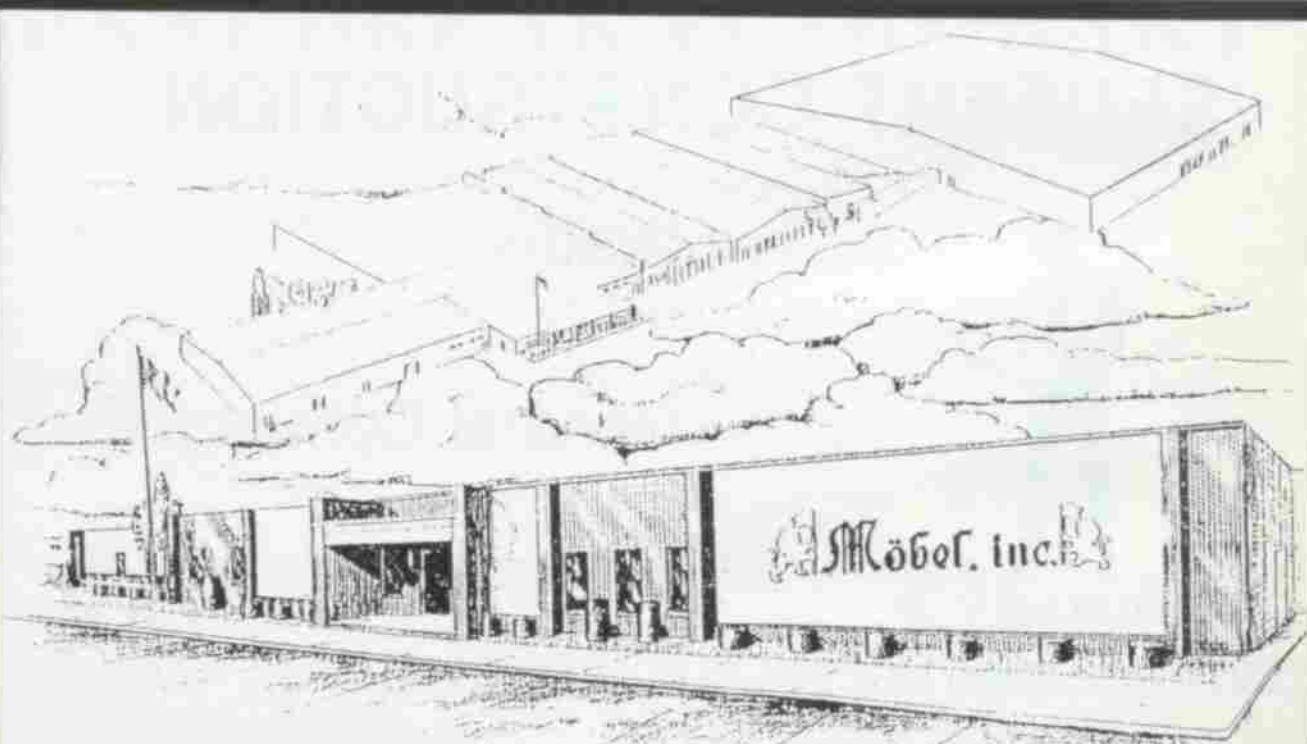


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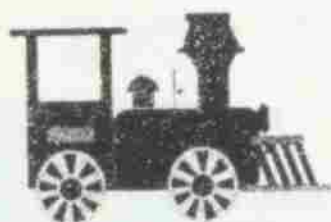
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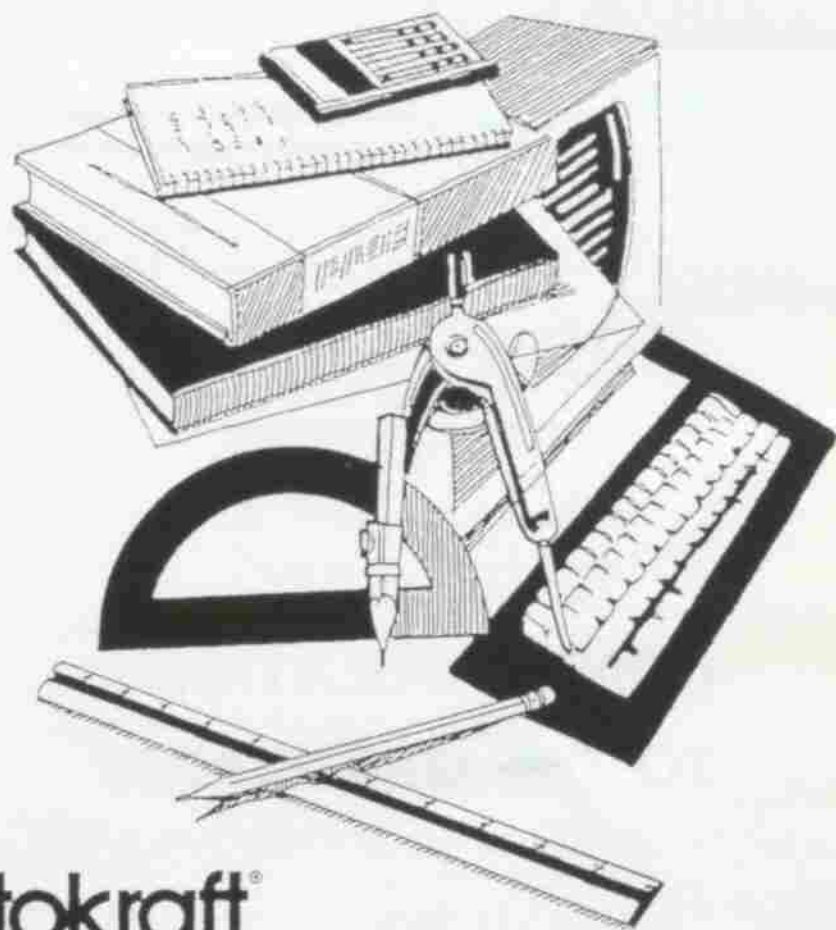
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Ranger sports awards presented May 18

On May 18 student athletes in spring sports were recognized at the All-Sports Program in the FP auditorium. Although none of the spring sports had finished their seasons, each coach got an opportunity to talk about his or her team. Mrs. Vicki Beach presented senior awards from the Girls' Athletic Club, and Mr. Lee Begle presented awards

from the Forest Park Lettermen's Club. Then Mr. Jim Hubers, athletic director, presented the award blankets to the two outstanding senior athletes for the year.

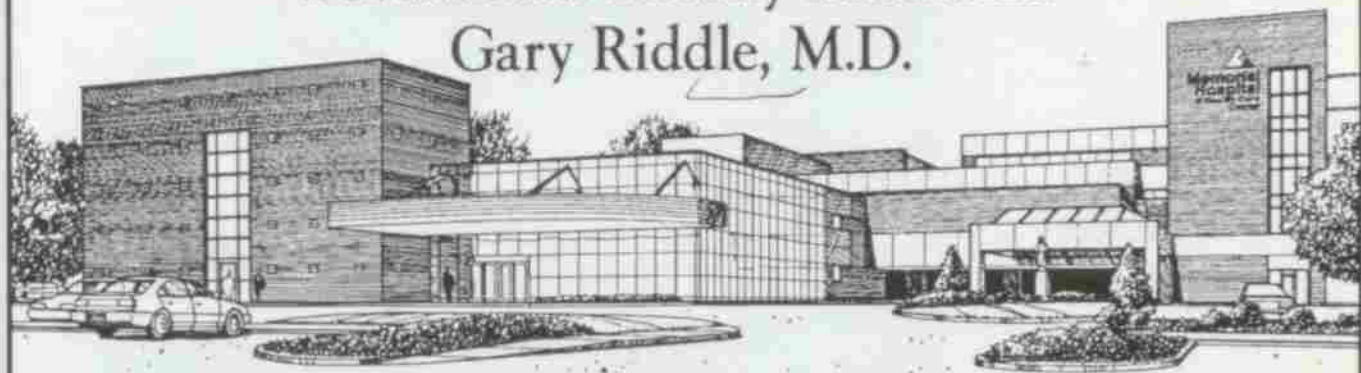
1. The winners of the senior award blankets were Audra Ruhe and Andy Rohleder. 2. Mr. Begle presents a Lettermen's Club award to exchange student Jose Bernardi.



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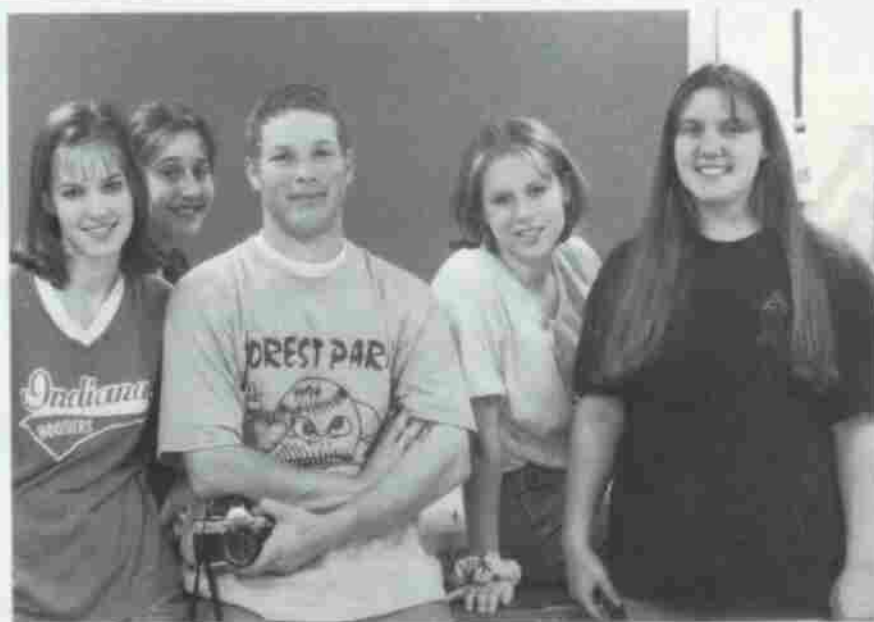
We want to thank Mr. Mark Hisle, our new representative of Herff Jones, the company that has printed this book. All the staff members agree that Mark is pretty

cool. We also want to thank our professional photographer, Mr. Robert McCarty, and his staff. They processed and printed most of the pictures in the yearbook. We also want to thank The Ferdinand News for the use of some photos. We want to thank the teachers for being understanding and cooperative when we needed information or needed to take pictures. And we want to thank the students of FP for giving us a great school year to capture on these pages. So here is your 1998 Tracer...

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