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Tradition

Tradition is the sense of walking down the same hallways that thousands of students have walked before. Tradition is the feeling that there have been a billion others following the same curriculum students follow today, and knowing that soon even the freshmen will be doing the same. From the good times of **Student Life** (pg. 4), such as Homecoming and lifelong friendships, to the intense competition that comes with excelling in **Academics** (pg. 16), tradition is a habit.



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Pride

Pride is beating the team that stands in the path of victory. Pride is doing your best and feeling good about the outcome no matter what. The beauty of making and the diversity gained by traveling are just a few of the activities that students take pride in. Excelling in **Sports** (pg. 28), and participating in the various campus **Organizations** (pg. 52) are foundations for the pride RHS students take in what they do. Pride is merely doing what you do, it's doing it well.

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By Lydia Petkus



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Community

Community is coexisting with classmates and teachers in an environment that isn't always easy to cope with. The knowledge that someone is always there to rely on is part of the security that comes with being a member of a community. Community is also the bigger picture: Rudyard, Kinross, and the surrounding towns that interact to form the Eastern Upper Peninsula. The **People** (pg. 66) and the **Businesses** (pg. 96) coexist to form the places that students call home.

Anthology is a collection of stories about Rudyard High School: the traditions we follow all year, the pride we take in what we do, and the community that supports us combine to form the stories of our lives.

The patterns we follow, the moments of freak occurrences, the joy we take in playing our games and following our hearts: these are the stories of Rudyard High School, our Anthology.





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⇨ The courtyard is used during the spring when only the seniors are allowed to eat their lunch together on the picnic tables. Student council raises money and plants flowers to improve the school's outdoor atmosphere. Here, seniors Megan Sloat, Brandon Malaski, J.D. Praasterink, and Sarah Ulrich socialize during the first few months of the school year.

⇒ Standing under the Kipling Drive sign are Jennifer Rigotti, Matt Searles, Jeramie Plippo, and Josh Mayer. They each had their own theories as to why our town was named after Rudyard Kipling.

⇒ The inspiration for naming our town Rudyard was the author Joseph Rudyard Kipling. He was born in 1865 in Bombay and died in 1936. Kipling was a well known writer of famous stories and poetry, the most famous of which is *The Jungle Book*, the story of Mowgli, a boy raised by wolves, which was later made into the popular animated Disney film.

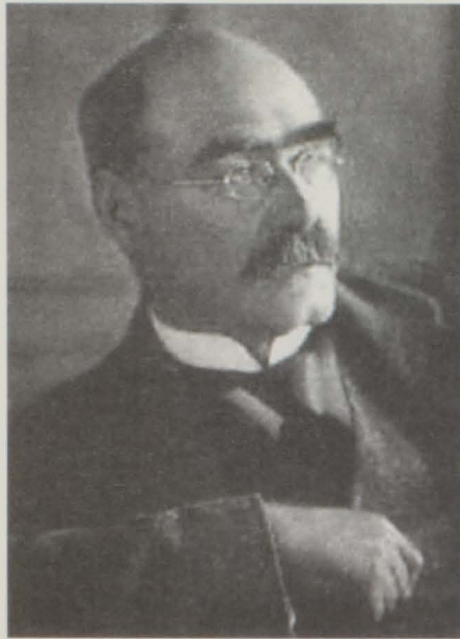
Wise is the child who knows his sire,
the ancient proverb ran,
But wiser far the man who knows
How, where, and when his offspring grows;
For who the mischief would suppose
I've sons in Michigan?

Yet am I saved from midnight ills
That warp the soul of man;
They do not make me walk the floor
Nor hammer at the doctor's door;
They deal in wheat and iron ore,
My sons in Michigan.

Oh! Tourist in the Pullman car
(By Cook's or Raymond's plan)
Forgive a parent's partial view,
But maybe you have children, too,
So let me introduce to you
My sons in Michigan.

-Rudyard Kipling

⇒ Rudyard started out as a small town of only a few citizens; those few made it thrive. This is Main Street around 1922. We've lost many businesses over the years—the railroad station went out and the loss of Kincheloe Air Force base contributed to the shrinking size of the school's enrollment. Though the population has faded over the years, that's what makes Rudyard "small but friendly".



What's In a Name?

Town Becomes Famous Author's Namesake

By Samantha Langstaff

Most people think they know why our town was named Rudyard, but what's the real story? Along with most students, Jeramie Piippo figured it was named after the author Rudyard Kipling because he came through the town. He explained that the yearbook's new name was Kipling after the author "because he's the only famous person to ever go through this town."

Matt Searles agreed with Jeramie. He said, "Kipling came and lived here, and while here he shot a huge black bear. He used this bear in his bestselling book *The Jungle Book*, and named the bear Baloo. The people who lived here were so excited that they named the town after him." In reality, Kipling never even came to this town.

Originally, Rudyard was named Pine River. Unfortunately, there were two railroad towns in Michigan named Pine River, and this caused confusion. The little Upper Peninsula town was forced to change its name. The name was chosen by Fred Underhill, manager of the Soo Line railroad. Mr. Underhill's reason for his selection was that he had a deep admiration for Kipling and he wanted the town named in his honor, which was officially changed to Rudyard in 1891.

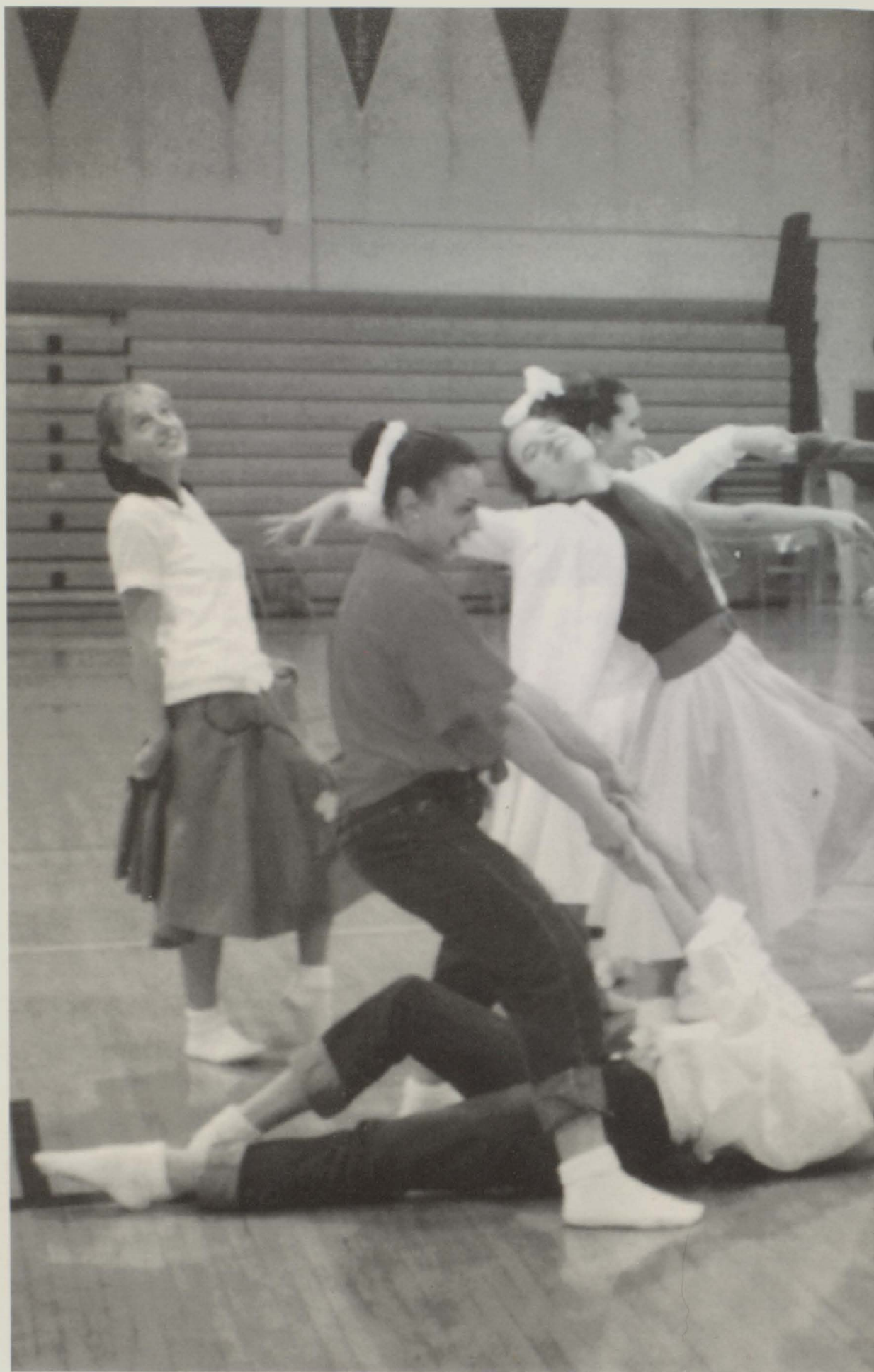
✦ "In 1901, about six miles west of what is now Rudyard, we had a forest fire and it wiped out everything in the town. Then Rudyard Kipling moved six miles and named the land Rudyard," sophomore Josh Mayer guessed as to why this town was named Rudyard. Main Street's buildings have changed over the years, but the street itself remains the center of Rudyard activity.

"Back when Rudyard was a swamp, a boy was raised by coyotes. Rudyard Kipling wrote a book about it, but he changed the setting to a jungle with wolves to make it interesting. That's why the town was called Rudyard."

-Jennifer Rigotti

Some time later the townspeople wrote a collection of tales about Rudyard and sent the book to Kipling as a gift. In return, Kipling sent a photograph with a poem about the town (see left). Even though Kipling never came to Rudyard, the town was still proud to bear his name.





⇒ Boppin' to some 50's tunes, seniors Cindi Leonard, Sara Stefanko, Becca Piippo, Holly Couling, Stacia Chick, Megan Sloat, and Sarah Ulrich get into Decade Day. With their large number of poodle skirts, the seniors took first on this Spirit Week day by a long shot.

Tradition

Continuing Customs Begun By Those Before Us

By Stacia Chick

From generation to generation, the traditions of the students are carried on. The student life has created many ongoing customs: the football team's initiation where the freshmen boys are dragged through the mud, the tradition of seniors getting out of school two weeks early.

"Chanting at pep assemblies is an important tradition to me because it shows how much school spirit each

class has," commented Erik Nayback. "S-S-S-E-N-I-I-I-O-R, S-E-N-I-O-R, GO SENIORS GO!"

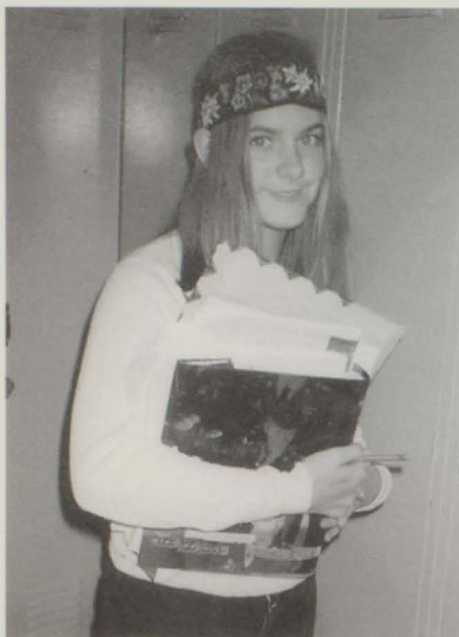
The traditions set by the students of the past affect the students' lives of the present and will likely continue to impact the students of tomorrow.

⬆ While at a girls' basketball game, juniors Nick Griswold and Ben English sport their baseball hats. This is not permitted during school hours because of the traditional "no hats" rule. Freshman Mark Chick commented, "Almost every morning when I walk in, Mrs. Chadwick catches me with my hat on. Now she just says my name and I know to take it off."

⇒ Apollo 15 launches down Main Street during the Homecoming parade, earning the sophomores second place. "The most fun we had building it was when we got in a paint fight," said Monica McDonald.



⇒ Participating in Spirit Week, junior Sarah Whitney dresses up for Decade Day. "I'm glad we had the 70's. Our class enjoyed it," commented Sarah. The clothes Sarah wore were vintage, from the closet of Megan Sloat's mother.



⇒ All dressed up for the 50's, Holly Couling participates in Spirit Week. "I got my clothes from the thrift store in Cedarville. It was nuts. Everyone who was dressed up pretended like we were actors from the play *Grease*," said Holly.



⇒ During the count for Spirit Week, seniors Windy Ulrich and Sam St. Louis raise their hands to make sure they contribute to the seniors' total for Black and Orange Day. They were only two of the many students who participated that day. It all added up to a Spirit Week victory for the seniors.



Dressed for Decades

Spirit Week Brings Back Golden Oldies

By Jessica Clegg

"Spirit Week was a massive improvement this year. I'm not sure why, although I have a feeling it might've come from the seniors being so involved. That made the underclassmen want to join in the fun," explained senior Cindi Leonard, who was honored as Homecoming Queen. In the Spirit Week competition, seniors took first place, juniors second, faculty third, freshmen fourth, and sophomores last.

Spirit Week consisted of Hat Day, Pajama Day, Dress up Day, Decade Day, and Orange and Black Day. Decade Day, when seniors dressed from the 50's, juniors from the 60's, sophomores from the 70's, and freshmen from the 80's, created the biggest stir. "My favorite was Decade Day because it was cool to see people be creative and dress differently," stated sophomore Felicia Lutz.

Junior Jessie Hesselink commented, "I liked Homecoming's theme this year, *Decades*, because everyone likes the oldies."

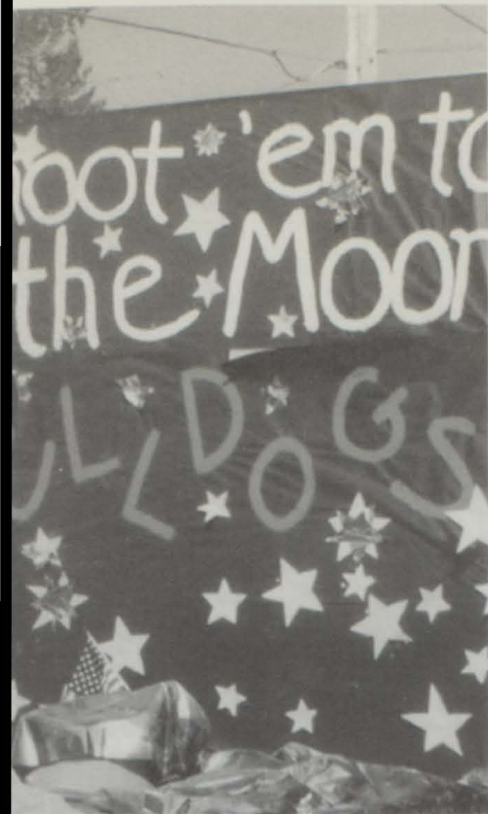
"The most memorable moment was the pep assembly and the guys dressing up in cheerleading skirts," laughed freshman Amber Witmer.

"I liked when the football players tried to imitate the cheerleaders' dance routine. They really got into it," remarked junior Rachael Rader.

"Homecoming was awesome this year. A lot of people participated in Spirit Week, almost everyone got into spirit at the pep assembly, a lot of work was put into the floats, and we won the football game. That really topped Homecoming off!" exclaimed freshman Ashley Clark.

♠ Imitating the cheerleaders' dance routine, seniors Nick Postma, Justin Witmer, and Dan Burhop do the kickline. "We didn't care what we looked like. We were having fun and the crowd loved us. We should become cheerleaders," joked Justin Witmer.

"The pep assembly was cool because when I looked up into the bleachers it was a collage of pure orange and black!"
-Lindsay Case



⇒ Crowned Queen and King, Cindi Leonard and Luke Rice smile during their moment in the spotlight. Cindi recalled, "I remember last year I felt so bad watching all the girls freezing in their dresses while the snow was coming down." Cindi enjoyed a warm, sunny day for her reign.



⇒ Underclassmen Representatives: LeeAnn Mayer, Brooke Jellison, Jessie Hesselink, Sam Otten, Matt Hillman, and Josh McDonald.



⇒ Attempting to appear macho in cheerleading uniforms, Luke Rice and Jeramie Piippo show their school spirit. "Spirit Week is the only time that I get to dress up like a girl," Jeramie commented.



⇒ Drawing attention from Sarah Wood, Megan Galloway, and Mr. Kantola, junior Danielle Fountain was considered the most spirited person in her class for Decade Day. "I was trying to dress like my mom. The 70's were a blast. People didn't care what they looked like," stated Danielle.



Through the Decades

Homecoming Marches into Hearts

By Tabitha Nordquist

"I was surprised by the amount of school spirit this year compared to previous years. Everyone got into it more," commented junior Jessie Hesselink.

The theme was *Decades*. For the float competition, the seniors were assigned the 50's, juniors the 60's, sophomores the 70's, and freshmen the 80's. "The best part of Homecoming was working on our float. It was so much fun working together with my senior class on our big pink Cadillac," Derek Boynton claimed. The float won first place. All the classes put a lot of work into the floats.

The week was packed with events leading up to the big game. At the pep assembly on Friday everyone got fired up for the following day. Senior Stacia Chick stated, "I saw more school spirit there than I have in any other pep assembly."

Later that night was the bonfire and snake dance. Sophomore Monica McDonald said, "At the bonfire everyone got really riled up. The cheering was so loud because everyone was into it." Afterward, students went to help put the finishing touches on their floats.

Saturday the sky was blue and the sun shone brightly as the Bulldogs played their archrivals, the St. Ignace Saints. At halftime Cindi Leonard and Luke Rice were crowned Queen and King. The game ended in a big 21-14 victory for the Dogs. That evening the dance wrapped up the week with a great turnout and a memorable version of the chicken dance

Senior Candidates: Jamie Kantola, Sara Stefanko, Ronee Hesselink, Stacia Chick, Cindi Leonard, Justin Witmer, Derek Boynton, Luke Rice, Chad Jackson, and Tim Ehle.

featuring senior Bill Wilson. "It was a good time for the school to bond together overall," summed up Kristin Hauswirth.

"Everyone was really into Homecoming. Everywhere I looked I saw school spirit."
-Homecoming King
Luke Rice



⇒ Wearing their Christmas dresses Rachel, Samantha, and Sarah Langstaff stand cheerfully in front of their tree. "I had cut my own bangs," Sarah laughingly pointed out. "Can you tell?"



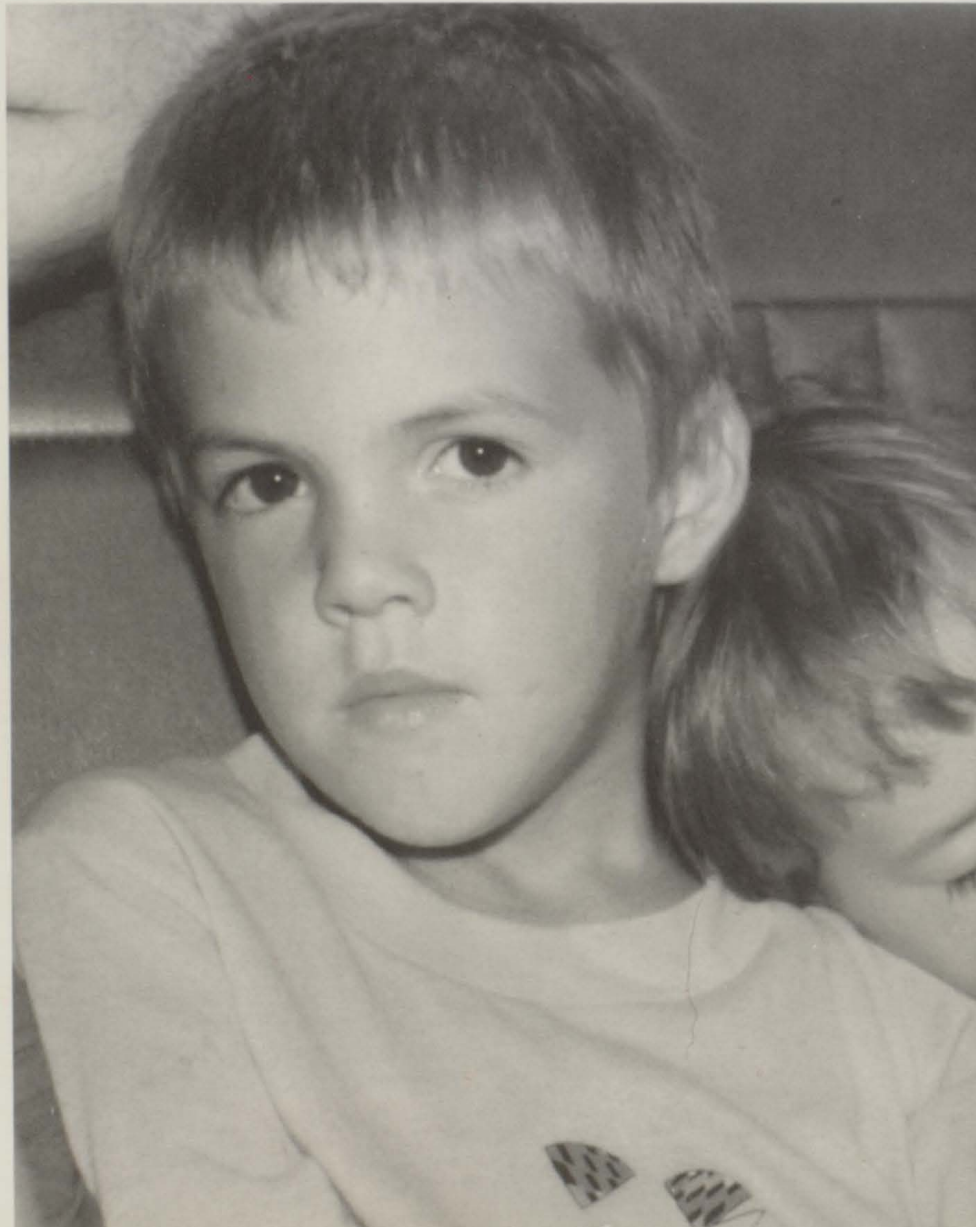
⇒ After getting dressed up for church on Easter, Matt and Dana Kabat stand patiently in their hall. "Matt and I usually get along really well, even though we have our differences," Dana commented.



⌘ Holding a pan of corn, Beth VanDusen stands next to her older brother Joe in front of their vegetable garden. "When Joe was learning to walk he used to carry a potato around with him. I think he thought it was holding him up," commented Beth on her earliest memory of Joe.



⇒ While going for a ride in their dad's truck, freshman LeeAnn Mayer rests her head on big brother Jacob's shoulder as she takes a nap. "Jacob and I usually get along really well, I look up to him," Lee Ann proudly stated.



Family Ties

Students Share Stories About Growing Up

By Rachel DeLong

The funniest thing that ever happened to Ben and I was when I threw myself down two flights of stairs and said he pushed me," Missy McBroom said. "The worst thing about having siblings in the same school is that if they're older than you, teachers expect you to be just like them. If they were a troublemaker then you are, too; if they were smart then you have to live up to that image. You're labeled."

"When I was about two I tried to take a candy cane off our Christmas tree and I ended up pulling the whole tree over. That day Joe spoke his first sentence saying, "Tree fall down! Beth did it!" Beth VanDusen replied of her funniest sibling memory.

When we are in high school we don't always realize how important our family is or how much they affect our lives. We think of our younger brothers and sisters as "those little brats". Parents become "those bossy annoying people" we live with. This is true for most teenagers at some time. But in Rudyard, most of us know that we can look to our abundance of relatives for guidance and support in the challenges that face us.

Our memories of growing up with the people who helped shape our lives will be with us twenty years from now. "I remember when I was about two or three. The song *Walking on Sunshine* was playing and rays of light from the sun were shining through our window and onto the floor. Sarah and I went over and stood in the light and danced," Andrea Ulrich reminisced about an early memory of her sister Sarah that stayed with her.

"When we have family reunions, everybody already knows each other, so we always have fun."
-Jordan Shute

✦ With smiles on their faces and dimples on their cheeks, Brooke and Erin Jellison share a chair in their swimsuits while holding their stuffed animals. "Brooke and I were really close when we were younger. It was like we were always together," Erin remembered.



⇒ In Trout Lake, friends Jason Gerou and Travis Kross enjoy the summer weather together. "We have been friends forever! His mom used to babysit me," commented Jason.



⇒ Standing in front of the Christmas tree, Becca Piippo and Megan Sloat smile in their cute matching dresses. "When we were in tot-lot our mothers always made us dress alike. We even had matching dresses for our graduation," stated Megan. "We thought it was just the neatest thing."



⇧ During their senior picture photo shoot in Petoskey, longtime friends Stacia Chick, Melissa Mueller, and Melissa Mansour get one taken together so they can look back years from now and remember how close they were. "Our fights are always two against one, but we are so much like sisters that the outcome doesn't matter," Melissa Mueller explains. "We still love each other."



⇒ Having their first "slumber party" together at Alivia McDowell's house, a life long friendship begins to bloom between Alivia and Jamie Koivisto. "I know we are going to be everlasting friends because I can tell her anything," Alivia said.



Sticking Together

Toughing it Out Through Thick and Thin

By Sarah Kreiser

"Wherever you are it is your own friends who make your world," said famous writer William James. This was true for friendships at RHS.

"It seems as if people are with their friends more than their families," remarked sophomore Kristin Hauswirth.

Students have done much together with their lifelong friends.

With the movie theater, bowling alley, and Cascade Crossings in the Sault, they found many places to make memories. Minnie Kittel said her favorite activity to do with her friend Katrina Peterman was "listening to the radio and talking about life in general."

Over the years many experiences accumulated between friends. Amanda Ghastin and Crystal Rocheleau described their funniest time together: "We stayed at Amanda's house and played the flour game. The object of the game was to get the penny out of a pile of flour without using our hands. It was a lot of fun and we have some pretty funny pictures."

Getting together and creating a great friendship was pretty tough. Friendships were bound to go through some difficult times. Jessica Crumbaugh helped her friend Kandi Ray through one such time. Kandi explained, "I had just found out that my mother had leukemia. I didn't know how to react. I don't know what I would have done without Jess. I love

her like a sister and know we will always be friends."

Friendships have their ups and downs, but true friendships overcome all obstacles.

✦ Shopping at the Toledo Mall during the band's trip to Cedar Point, Francie Ylirs and Stefanie Bogue look for a souvenir to forever remember the fun they had together. "We both love to shop and it's even better when you have a good friend to do it with," Stefanie added.

"Rachel DeLong is such a good friend because she listens to what I have to say and gives me good advice, most of the time."

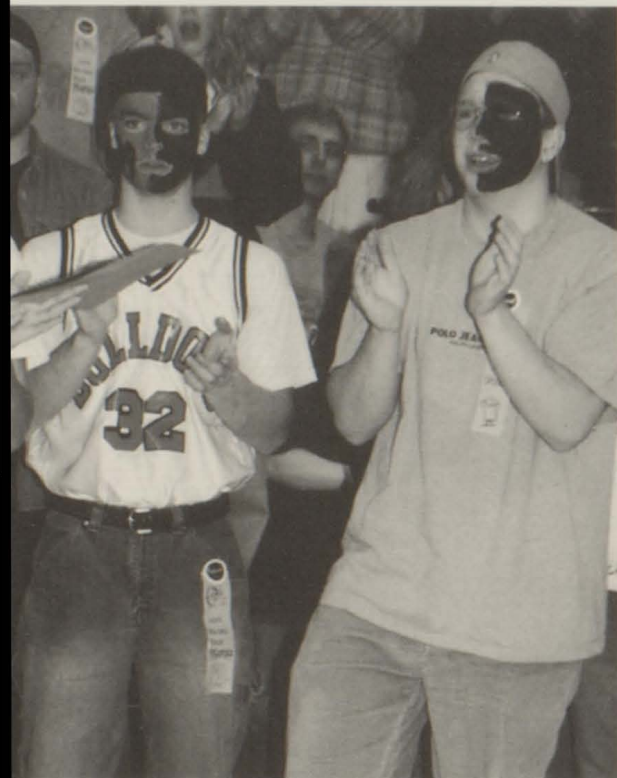
-Kristin Hauswirth



⇒ Being crowned king and queen, Sean Fritz and Erin Jellison are all grins. Sean admitted, "I didn't think I would win. I thought there were other people who had a better chance."

⇒ **Underclassmen Representatives, Front:** Deidra Mayer, Lacey Spencer, Tabitha Nordquist. **Back:** Nathan Templeton, Chris Koivisto, Rick Palo. "I felt pretty good when I got the most votes and had to represent my class," commented Chris. Deidra stated, "My favorite part was when I first walked out onto the gym floor."

⇒ "We're showing other schools we have a lot of spirit. Plus, it's fun making a fool out of yourself," laughed senior Brandon Malaski. Brandon and Nathan Corp, along with many other fans, painted their faces to support the basketball team for the big game.



⇒ Expressing their school spirit through hairstyle and attire, Marcy McDonald, Amber Witmer, Jordan Shute, and Valerie Fountain cheer on the basketball team. "It's fun to have a little spirit. I enjoy getting others to cheer with me," professed Jordan Shute.



Can't Contain the Spirit

Sweetheart Brings Out Enthusiasm In All

By Nikki Pennell

Anxious fans filed in slowly and patiently, their attention immediately drawn by the poster-filled walls of the gym. The biggest basketball game of the year was about to begin: Rudyard vs. St. Ignace. The annual Sweetheart presentation of nervous candidates and representatives took place between the JV and varsity games. After the announcement was made, Sean Fritz was crowned king and Erin Jellison became the reigning queen.

"It was a nice surprise to see everyone so pumped up. School spirit was definitely soaring!"
-Queen Erin Jellison

The festivities for Sweetheart had begun on Monday with Spirit Week. Seniors came in first in the spirit contest, followed by the juniors, sophomores in third, and in last place were the freshmen. There was also a poster contest, where the students were able to come out of class to make posters for the gym. The seniors again dominated the underclasses.

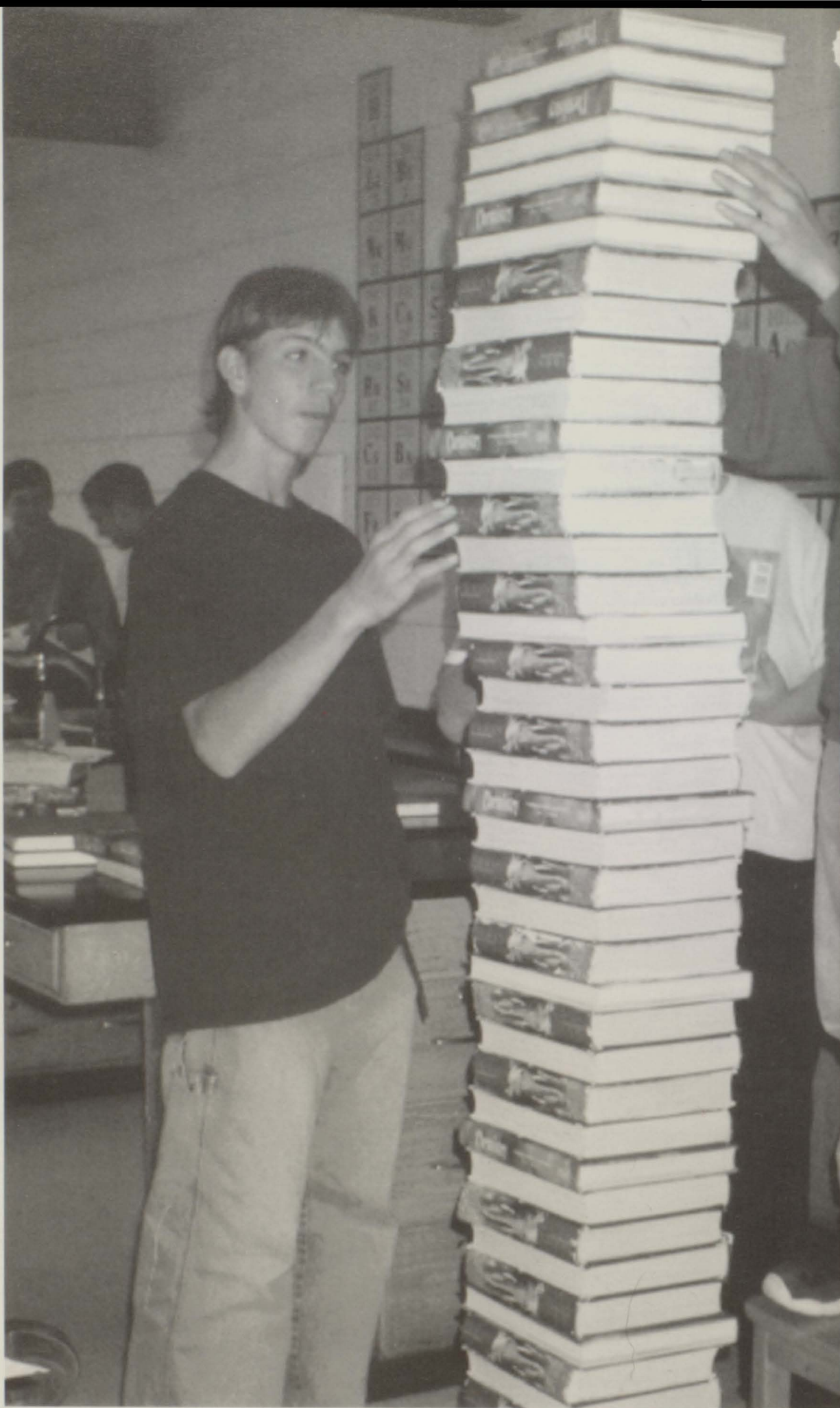
Career Day fell in the middle of Spirit Week, which ended in a mixer. There was open gym, swimming in the pool, and music from Jammin' Tunes with dancing in the cafeteria. Swing dancing commanded the floor, influenced by the lessons from an LSSU dance instructor given earlier during Career Day. "It was really interesting learning how to swing dance. It was different and out of the ordinary," commented Dan Burhop.

At the game, students showed their full blown spirit. Faces, chests, and hair were painted orange and black, the dust was shaken off old Bulldog uniforms pulled from storerooms and worn by the bravest athletes, and the remaining students cheered their hearts out.

♠ **Senior Candidates, Front:** Misty Harper, Jody Ward, Jamie Spencer, Paula Finrock, Melissa Mansour, Erin Jellison.
Back: Dennis Savoie, Sean Fritz, Joel Kauppila, Bill Wilson, Erik Nayback, Dan Burhop.



⇨ During second hour Tech Science class in Mr. Case's room, freshman Mark Chick helps Lance Tromblay stack biology and chemistry books on top of a paperweight. "The kids had to use their imagination to make paperweights that would withstand the weight of the books. They were only allowed to use construction paper to hold them up," Mr. Case remarked. Lance set a new school record with his 54 book tower.



Tradition

Academic Rites Prepare Students for What Lies Ahead

By Corie King

Students remember freshman days gone by and look forward to the upperclassmen experiences to come. Whether it's *Romeo and Juliet* in freshmen English, Mr. Prideaux's movies and worksheets in U.S. History, preparing for the numerous standardized tests during junior year, or convicting a classmate in senior Government's mock trial, everyone found occasional fun in classes that sometimes dragged on.

Even though students said the academic part of high school was the least fun, they didn't realize just how much of an impact it had on their lives. Whether they dreamt of being doctors or mechanics, RHS helped prepare its students for any future they chose to pursue.

♠ Trying to figure out which chemical mixes better with the other, Renae Hoolsema, Marla Boynton and Chris Weinzerl carefully mix compounds. "I like Chemistry because it's a challenge for me, plus it's neat to see how different things react with one another," commented Renae.

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Sonja Duncan
Mary Jo Elek
Kim Falbo
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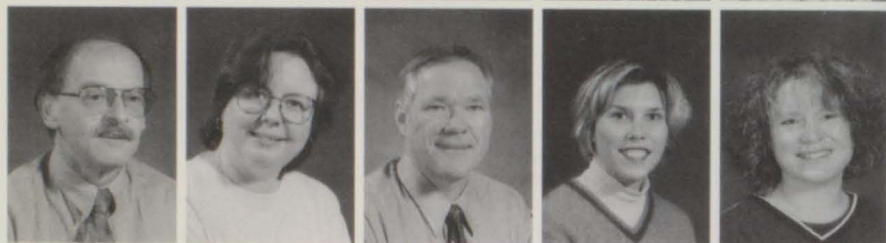
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Barb Irwin
John Kane
Al Kantola
Jean Leach



Jim McDonald
Richard Moore
Mark Pavloski
Donna Porterfield
Stan Powers



Al Prideaux
Sandra Rathwell
Joe Rose
Gretchen Storey
Susan Talentino



Not pictured:

Mr. Ron Case
Mr. George Dugan
Mrs. Patty Ewing
Mr. James Gentz
Mrs. Becky Miller
Mrs. Celeste Spencer
Mrs. Michelle Sutton

Ron VanSloten
Mary Wilson
Steve Wilson



♠ Working on an English 12 assignment, James Praasterink consults Mr. Rose's intern teacher Mrs. Searcy about the author of a literary quote. "Most of them were from Shakespeare's works, but some were hard to find. Mrs. Searcy offered us her expertise," remarked Erik Nayback.



♠ Sitting with Mr. Case, Misty Harper discusses her latest experiment during her advanced physical science independent study with him. "I like science, but I couldn't fit any in my schedule. I took Mr. Case because I learn well from him. He explains things in terms I can understand. My favorite experiments were with electricity. We set up a parallel circuit, but it didn't work the way we thought it would," described Misty. Independent study course guidelines became stricter; only seniors were allowed to have one.

✦ While clearing a paper jam, librarian and computer technician Mr. McDonald coordinates district computer projects over his cell phone. The library received ten new computers through a grant from corporations, giving Mr. McDonald even more to coordinate and allowing students greater access to technology.



✦ Learning CPR, junior Nathan Corp listens as EMT and lifeguard Stephen Davis explains the procedure for Mrs. Irwin's Health class. "The class wasn't that exciting, but it was interesting to learn how to save someone's life," admitted Nathan.



Big Bond Money

Brings Big Changes for Schools

By Jacob Mayer

The faculty and students braced themselves for a flurry of changes with the passing of "the biggest bond in memory," according to the most experienced teacher, Mr. Powers. The 5.75 million dollar plans included improvements ranging from filling in parking lot potholes to erecting a multi-million dollar all-purpose room, not to mention a new library, new classrooms, asbestos removal, improved labs, and wiring for the net.

Some concern was expressed on whether the all-purpose room would be designed with more than just the athletic department in mind. In response to this, Superintendent Tim Murphy assured that "great efforts

have been taken to involve all departments, from the beginning."

The music and drama departments, which consisted of about one third of the student body, had been pulling for a suitable auditorium for years.

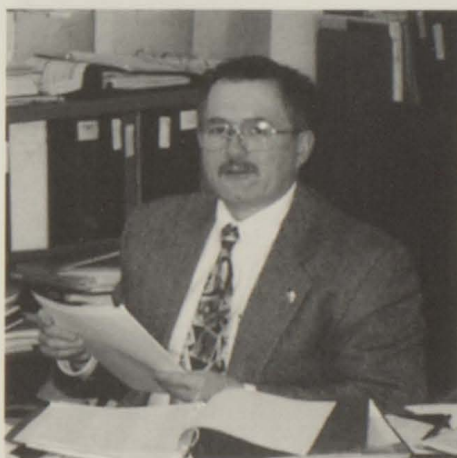
Enthusiastically speaking of the advantages of a wired school, librarian and technology coordinator Mr. McDonald believed "communications will be heightened between staff, students, and the community as e-mail becomes more standard." He also shared the widely held view, which was so important for the passing of the bond, that a

renovated and up-to-date school would better prepare students for college and the job site.



"If we end up with a stage set up that is visually and acoustically isolated from bouncing basketballs, then I believe the new multi-purpose room will be a tremendous benefit."

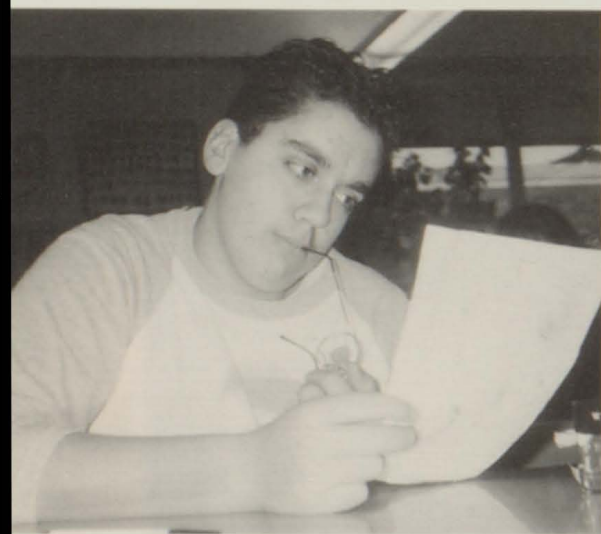
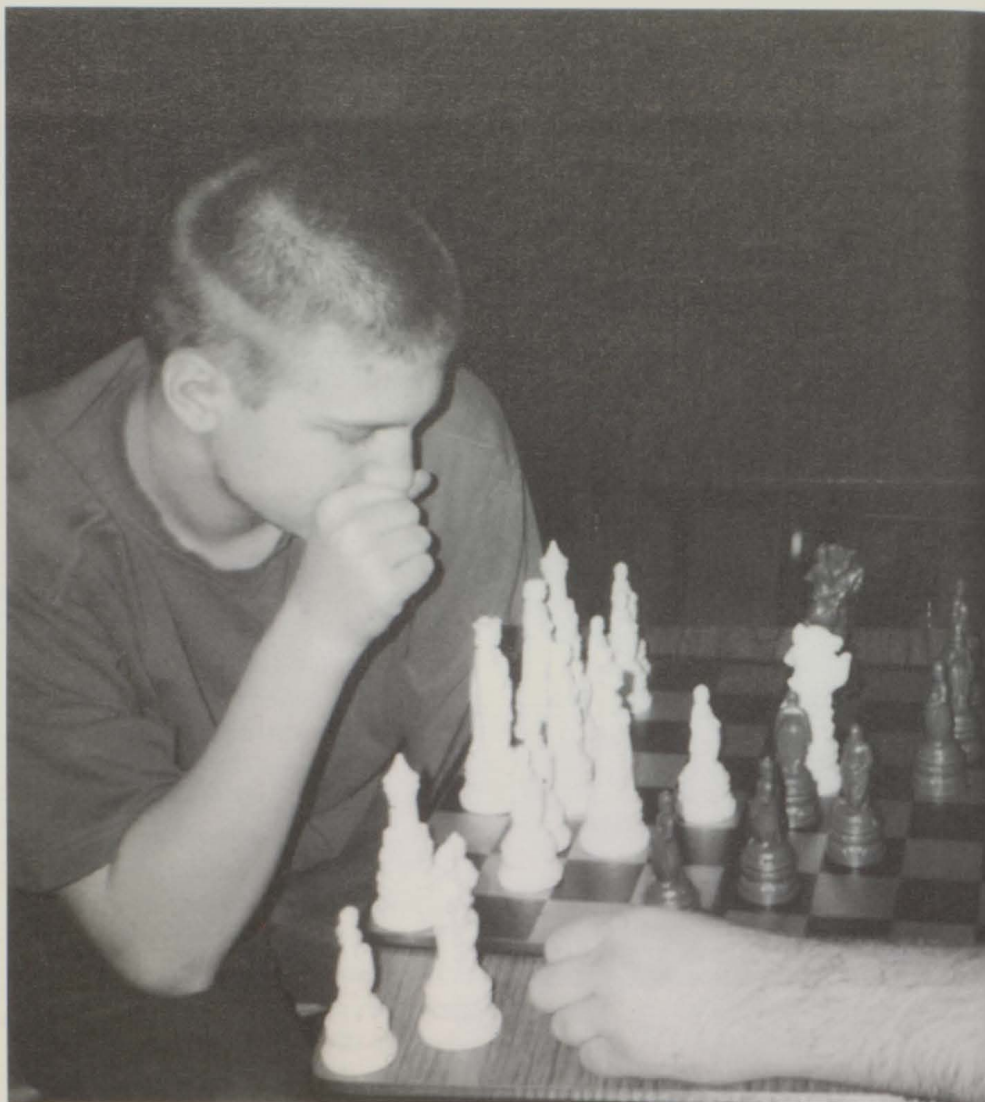
-Mr. Rose,
Drama teacher



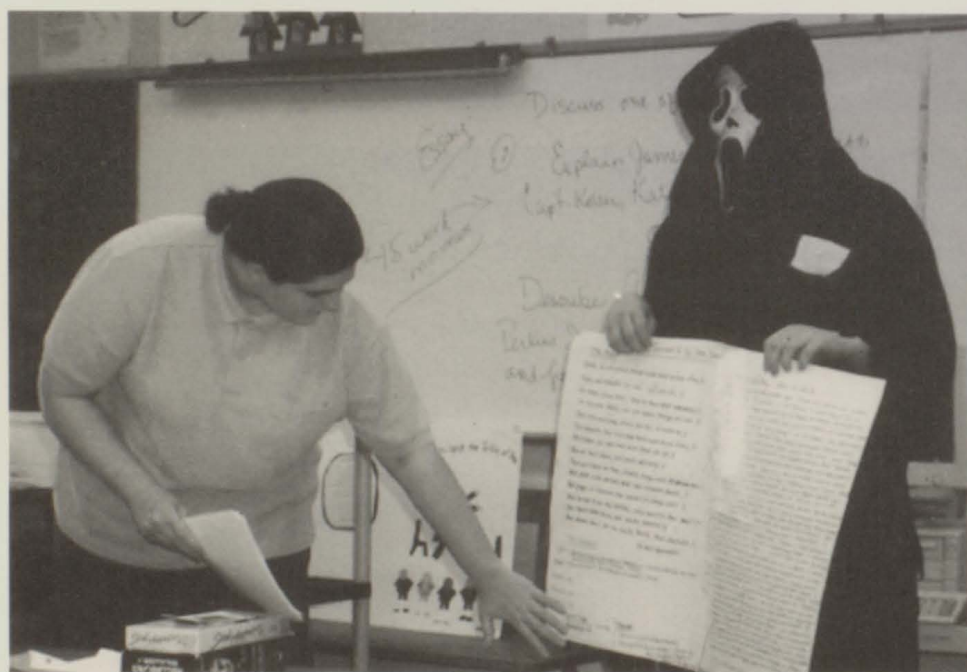
✦ In the midst of perusing through numerous reports, Superintendent Tim Murphy takes time to pose for a yearbook photo and to provide useful information regarding the bond issue. This was Mr. Murphy's first year as superintendent.

⇨ Matching wits, Mike Pierce and Marc Blundell are deeply engrossed in a chess game during English 10. Their class had just finished reading *Rules of the Game*, a story about chess "I like chess because it makes you think and takes skill, not that I have any. Marc beat me," laughed Mike.

⇨ Showing her unique personality, Sarah Whitney wears her tortoise shell sunglasses in English 11. She moved to Florida after first semester. "Sarah has a creative outlook on life. She used to come into class singing the *Veggie Tale* song: 'Are you frightened? Are you worried? No, not a bit, because God will take care of it'," reflected her English teacher, Mrs. Leach.



⇨ Researching a paper in English 9, Kyle Ulrich thoroughly searches for information that he can use in his report. "I don't really like working on research papers, but I do enjoy reading stories and then watching movies on them," Kyle admitted.



⇨ During second hour senior English, Brandy Demetroff and Matt McConkey do a presentation on the poet, John Donne. "I thought the presentation was cool, I really enjoyed it. Matt dressed up as death and I constantly insulted death," Brandy commented.

Facts & Fiction

Students are Required to be Inspired

By Lydia Petkus & Corie King

The world stopped. There was no noise but the blare of the T.V. in the classrooms of Mr. Prideaux and Mrs. Storey as the trial of President Bill Clinton held the nation in rapture for what felt like an eternity. Impeachment fever wracked the nation, and even found its way into Rudyard High School. The trial of the century made history each day in the classroom as students involuntarily became familiar with terms such as *censure* and *Speaker Elect*. "You get to learn about what's going on around you," Stefanie Bogue stated.

English taught students far more than just how to use their vocabulary. In their English

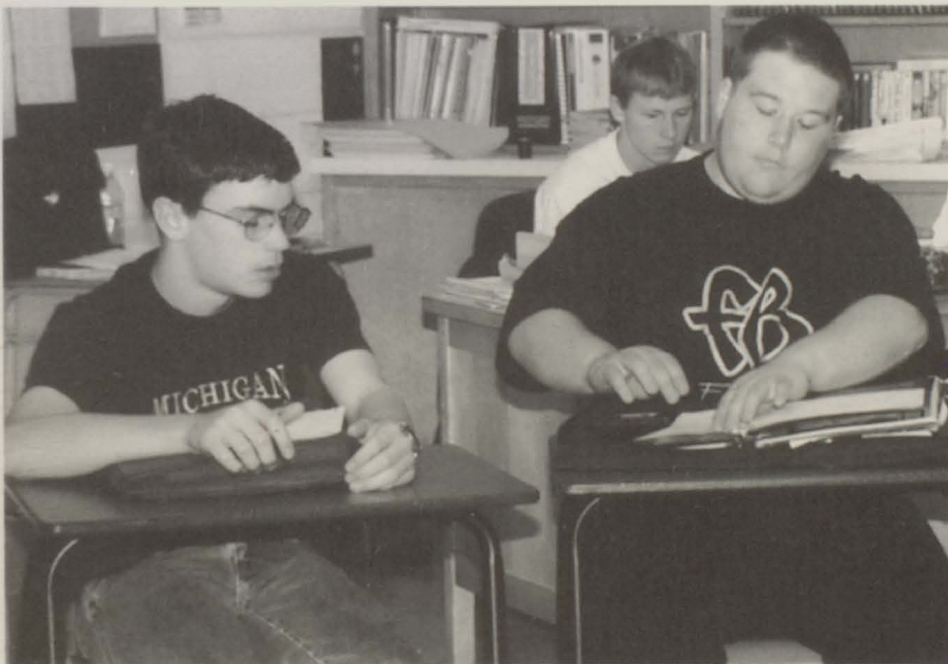
classes, students both read about history and learned how to imagine. From reading *The Crucible* in junior English to creating poetry in Mrs.

Spencer's English 9 class, students learned about themselves and the world they live in through their assignments." I like that we don't always do work out of the book and we do other things," explained senior Jessica Helfrich.

Opinions were formed and stories were told. The world made history, and the students of RHS gained a little more self awareness. Falisha Burke declared, "It's great to learn and interact with your friends, even in a class like English."



"I look forward to going to Mrs. Storey's Economics class. The best part is economic bingo. It's fun and we learn vocabulary at the same time."
-Leslie Sims



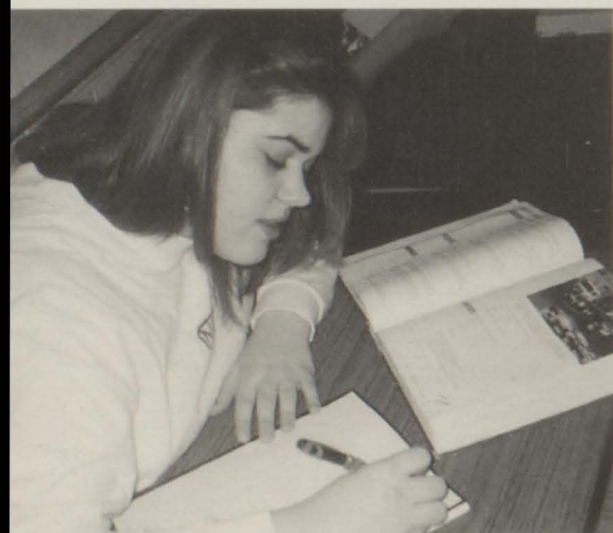
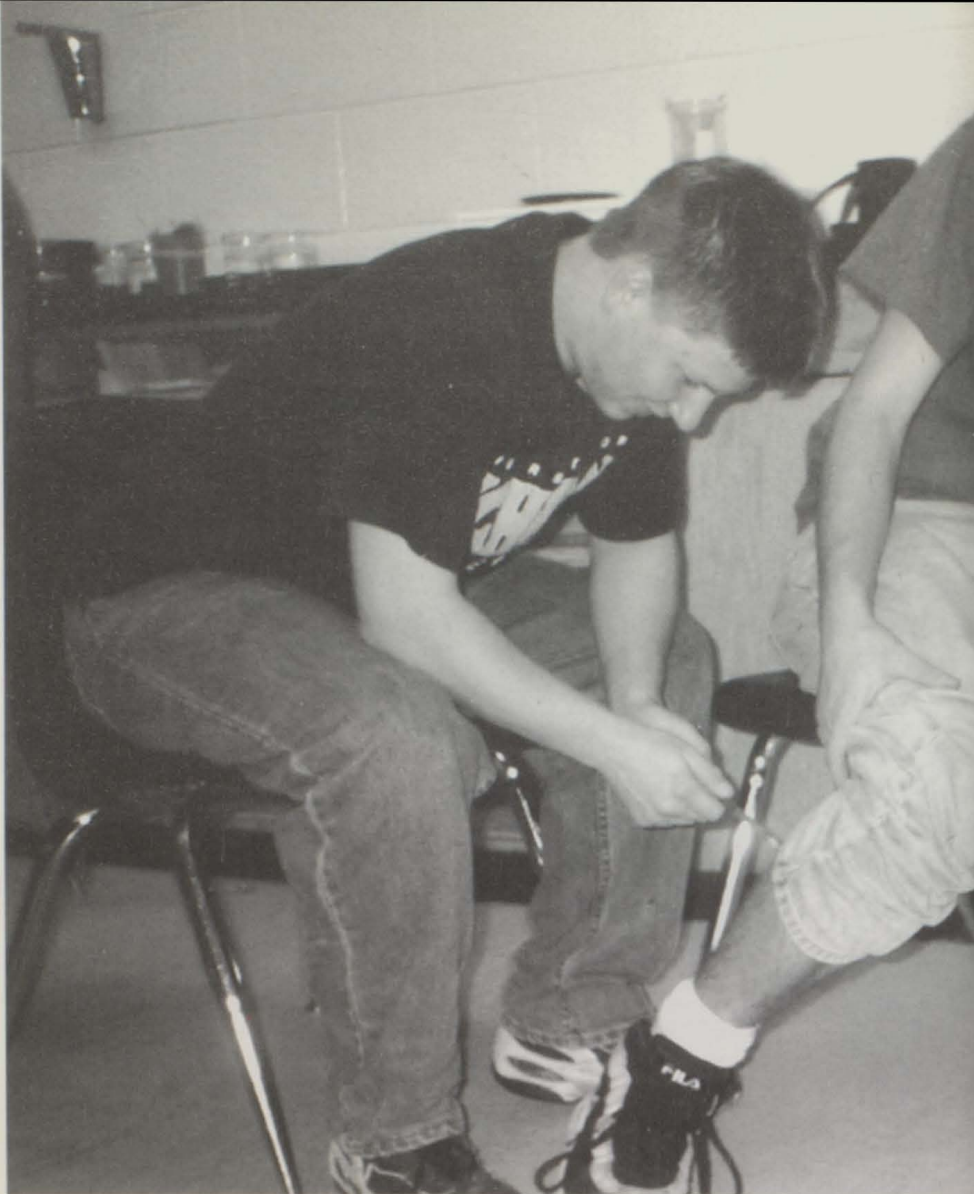
♣ Ready to begin working in English 10 are Danny Betcher and Matt Thillhorn. "I like this class because it's small. That's good because it makes it easier," stated Danny.

⇒ Waiting for his lawyers to free him, Nick Wilder plays his part in Government's mock trials. "It was neat to learn the ways of the judicial system," Nick commented.



⇒ Learning about the human body in Anatomy, juniors Travis Mayer and Luke Otten do temperature tests on each other to find the most sensitive part of the body. "I found out that Luke isn't very tolerant to heat on the back of his leg," revealed Travis. "He kept yelling at me, saying I was burning him!"

✦ The day before Christmas break, Matt Kabat gets in the holiday spirit by eating a candy cane and reading the Christmas edition of *Paw Prints* in Trigonometry. Matt commented that, on more rigorous class days, "Trig. Stats. & Functions challenges my mind, and everyone needs a challenge once in a while."



✦ In Algebra I, sophomore Adriane Cryderman uses class time to get her assignment done. "I liked learning about formulas in chapter one because I like solving equations and figuring out variables," Adriane remarked.



✦ Doing paintball trajectories in Physics to prove that 45 degrees is an optimal distance angle, Ben Case, Joel Kauppila, Matt Kabat, Dan Burhop, and Tim Ehle watch the paintballs fly. "I liked this project because it was a nice change from book work, plus we got to see the practical uses of the formulas we have been working on," Tim stated.

Cryptic Thinking

Students Taught Mysteries of Math and Science

By Nathan Porterfield

"My favorite experiment was when I got to throw a bowling ball at someone while I sat in a wheelchair," laughed Nathan Templeton as he described one of the many Physical Science experiments. From taking apart cats in Anatomy and Physiology to the terrors of Stoichiometry, science classes offered an experience that students could not acquire anywhere else. Math and science classes helped give students a chance to understand how the world worked.

Proving every equation in sight was tedious indeed, and memorizing the squares of every number from 1-13 gave plenty of freshmen something

to study. More often than not, the required classes turned out to be the most difficult. The trials of Algebra and Pre-Calculus were necessary, however, to prepare the

average student for his or her future job. Sometimes it felt like too much, junior geometry student Robert Mitchell explained, "I know almost all of the postulates, but I can't remember when to use them. It's too confusing."

Even though math and science were a lot of work, both were interesting and exciting. Dissecting worms and the Algebra II project didn't appear to have much in common at the

time, but both activities got students to think. That's what counted.



"Mr. Pavloski is enthusiastic about school and makes his classes fun while keeping us students under control. He is a really neat person who has a unique way of teaching."

- Marie Ghastin



✦ Working on her biome board in Environmental Science, Windy Ulrich colors North America. "I really liked working on this project. I learned a lot about the Northern Coniferous Forest," confessed Windy.

⇨ In Tech Science, Brandon Niemi, Kevin Smith, Brandon Ross, and Chris Jeffreys set up their spaghetti bridge to test its strength and durability. "Our bridge turned out to be pretty strong. It ended up holding 12 pounds," Chris reported.

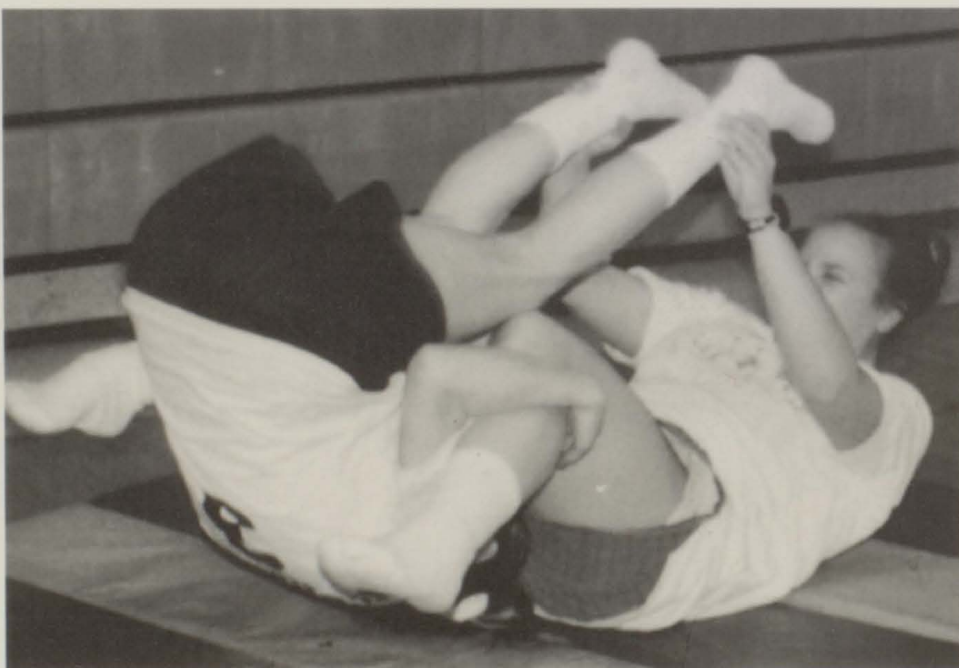
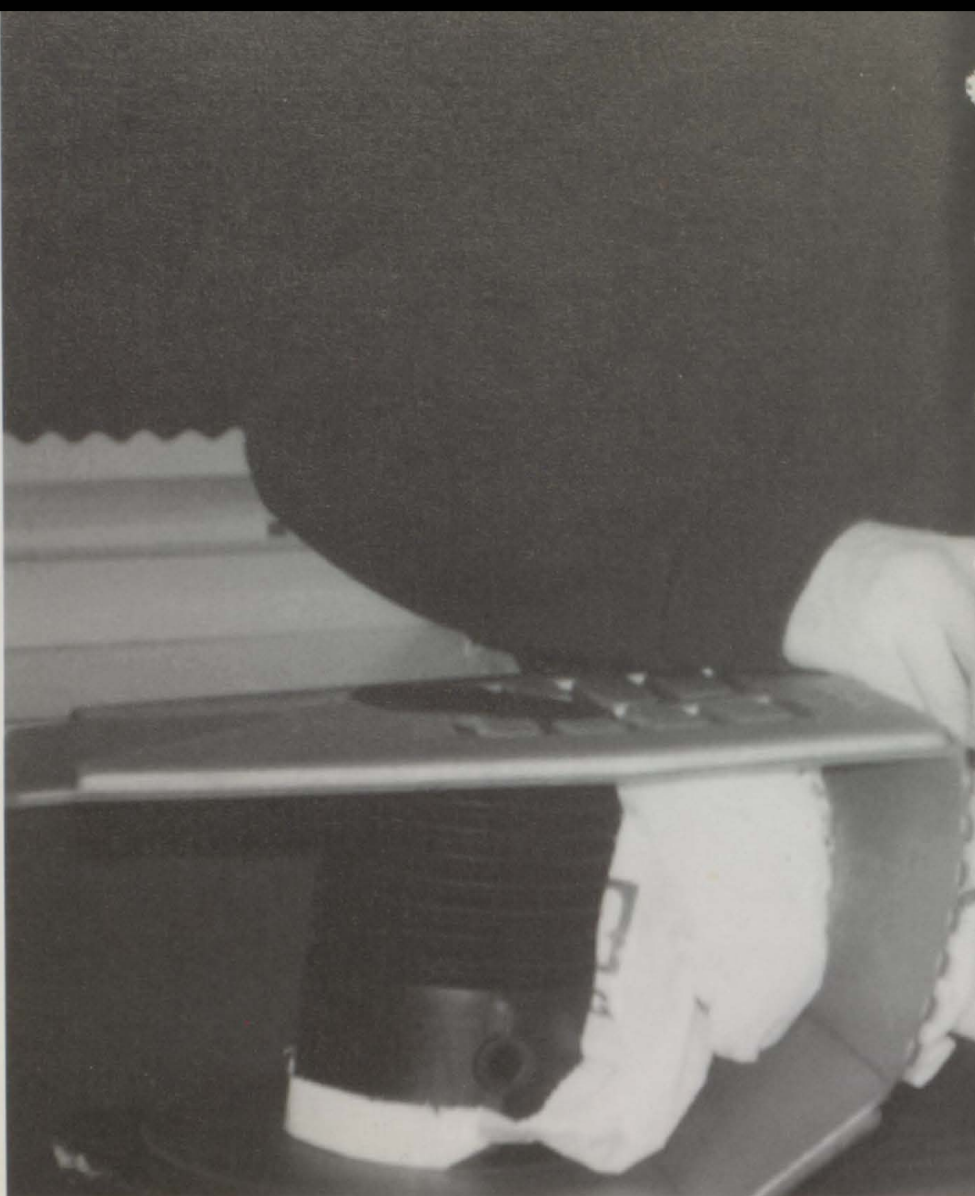


⇒ During fifth hour Health class, David Spencer practices CPR on a rubber dummy after being trained by EMT Stephen Davis. David said, "The CPR part of Health was ok, but I really liked learning about first aid. You never know, I may need to use it someday."

⇧ Making plaster during third hour Art 1 class, sophomore Mike Dutton prepares to begin his sculpting project. "I read the book 'Dragonwing' and it inspired me to sculpt a flying dragon," Mike added. The sculpture took over a month for him to finish, but it was his favorite art project.



⇧ During seventh hour GIT, Mike McDowell carefully sands the cutting board he's been working on. In GIT, students could do almost any project they wished, from building a shelf to welding tractor parts. Mike commented, "I chose to take this class because I like the wide variety of options GIT class gives you, especially working on engines."



⇧ Practicing their routine in P.E. for the tumbling unit, Tracy Shields and Kelly Berkland do a two man somersault. Tracy admitted, "I liked learning how to do a cartwheel because I couldn't do one before. Also, I liked when we got to make up our own routines and we got to pick our own music."

Body & Soul

RHS Teaches More Than Three R's

By Kristin Johnson

It took a lot of patience to enjoy some classes that RHS students took. From Tech Drawing to Foods, the fine and practical arts courses taught students about their lives, whether they wanted to learn or not. Classes weren't just about work; they challenged their participants to take care of both their bodies and their minds.

"I took Foods class because learning about nutrition now will give me the knowledge of good health when I am older," junior Autumn Chappa explained. Classes such as Physical Education, Foods, Health, and Weightlifting taught students personal fitness skills. While Health and Foods explained

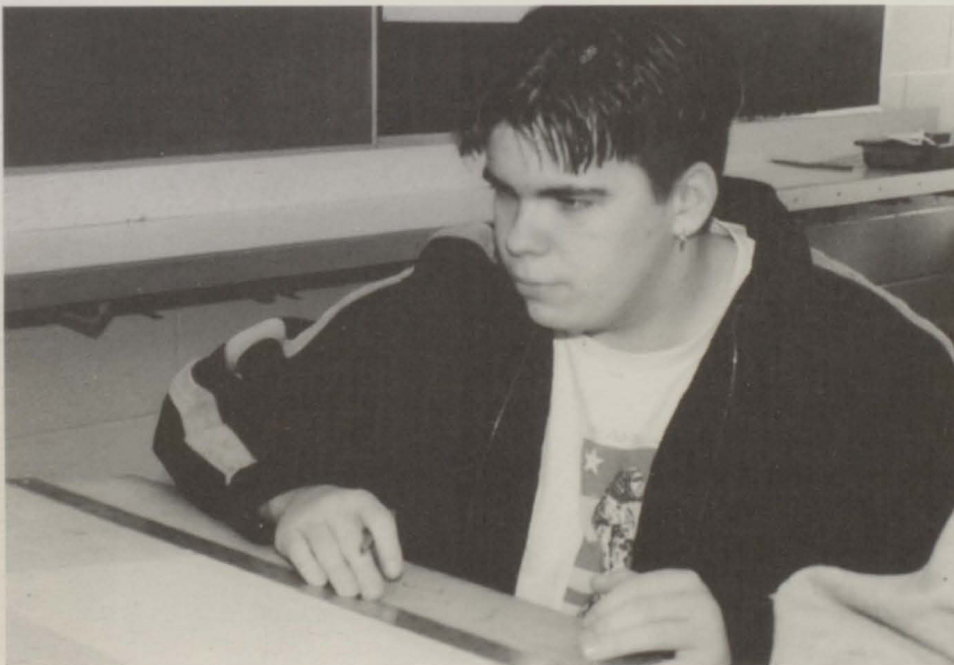
the importance of protecting and nourishing the body, Weightlifting and P.E. taught the skills to maintain both a healthy physical appearance and disposition.



"Mr. Guimond teaches a lot about art: the color wheel and art history. Doing the time line is a hard project, but anybody can do it. Mr. Guimond is a nice guy if you take the time to get to know him."
-junior Adam Jackson

Introspection was a difficult idea to teach to students, but it wasn't impossible. They learned which technical skills they excelled at in GIT, and all of the Art classes taught students to draw into themselves, be creative, and decide what form of self-expression most fit them. Elisha Syring, the solitary Art IV student, explained, "I feel privileged; I get to choose what I want to do

instead of following the schedule. I can focus on painting. My favorite project is my watercolor."



Working in tech drawing, Raeen McLean precisely measures the spaces between lines. Raeen claimed, "I liked the first day of class; we got to free draw."

In Weightlifting, J.D. Praasterink works on his biceps. "I like that weightlifting class is offered during school. I'm up to 200 pounds now, but I'm hoping to get higher."

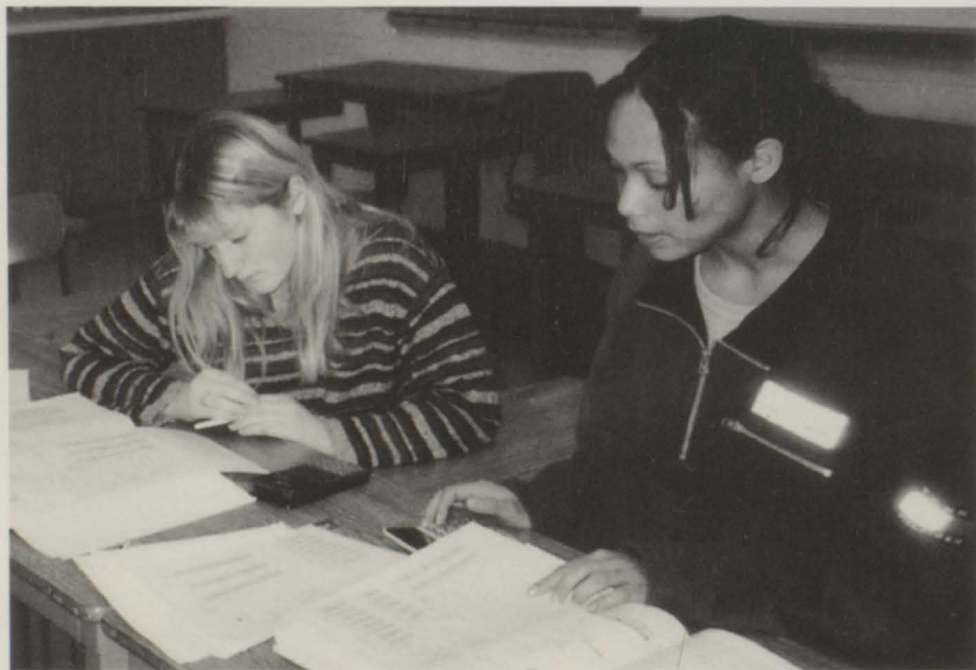


⇨ Making sparks fly, senior Aaron Mayer practices a mig weld in the Career Center's welding class. "I plan on being an iron worker after high school, and welding will be part of my job," stated Aaron. He won first place in arc welding at the VICA competition in Escanaba out of a field of about 20 welders, proving that he's good at what he does.

⇨ Typing her letters during 6th hour BST, freshman Kathy Scott acquires technology skills for the next millenium. "I think BST is very important. A lot of future jobs are going to deal with computers, so this class prepares you," announced Kathy.



⇨ In the Career Center's auto mechanics training, junior Dominic Erickson disconnects the struts on the engine he's removing so it can be used in a go-cart the class is building. "I think I might want to be an auto mechanic because I like this class," stated Dominic. "I've learned that if you're fast, you can make a lot of money at it."



⇨ In Accounting II, Jamie Jarvie and Megan Galloway work on calculating dividends for a corporation. "I like it," Megan admitted. "It is a very tedious subject but it is a lot easier than last year because we now have automated accounting. The computer does a lot for us that we had to do on our own in Accounting I."

Road Less Traveled

Students Choose Career Classes Over Traditional College Prep

By Nikki Pennell

"I think the Career Center prepares you more for college and there are more hands on activities," stated Terri McMillan. Students chose Career Center to get a head start on their college major or a job right out of school.

In Allied Health, junior Leanna Rademaker experienced hands on activities: "We were learning oral hygiene and I had to brush Terri's teeth! I also had to shave my teacher's legs." There were many courses offered at the Career Center, such as auto mechanics, drafting, and cosmetology. Students who chose to attend had a wide range of classes from which to select.

"I liked BST because it

taught me how to use a calculator, so I think it will help me in the future," proclaimed Dana Kabat, who was among the first group of freshmen required to take BST for graduation.

Stephanie Wilson exclaimed, "Business classes prepare you in many different ways. They help you understand the basics of business so you know what lies ahead of you."

Halfway through the school year, Mrs. Ashbrook took a teaching position in Manistique. Replacing her was Mrs. Becky Miller, who came from Cedarville. She

proclaimed, "I've really enjoyed my time here so far. I like all the kids and it gets better every day."



Mrs. Harrington makes me want to come to school because not only is she hilarious, but I learn lots of good stuff, too."

-Dan Burhop

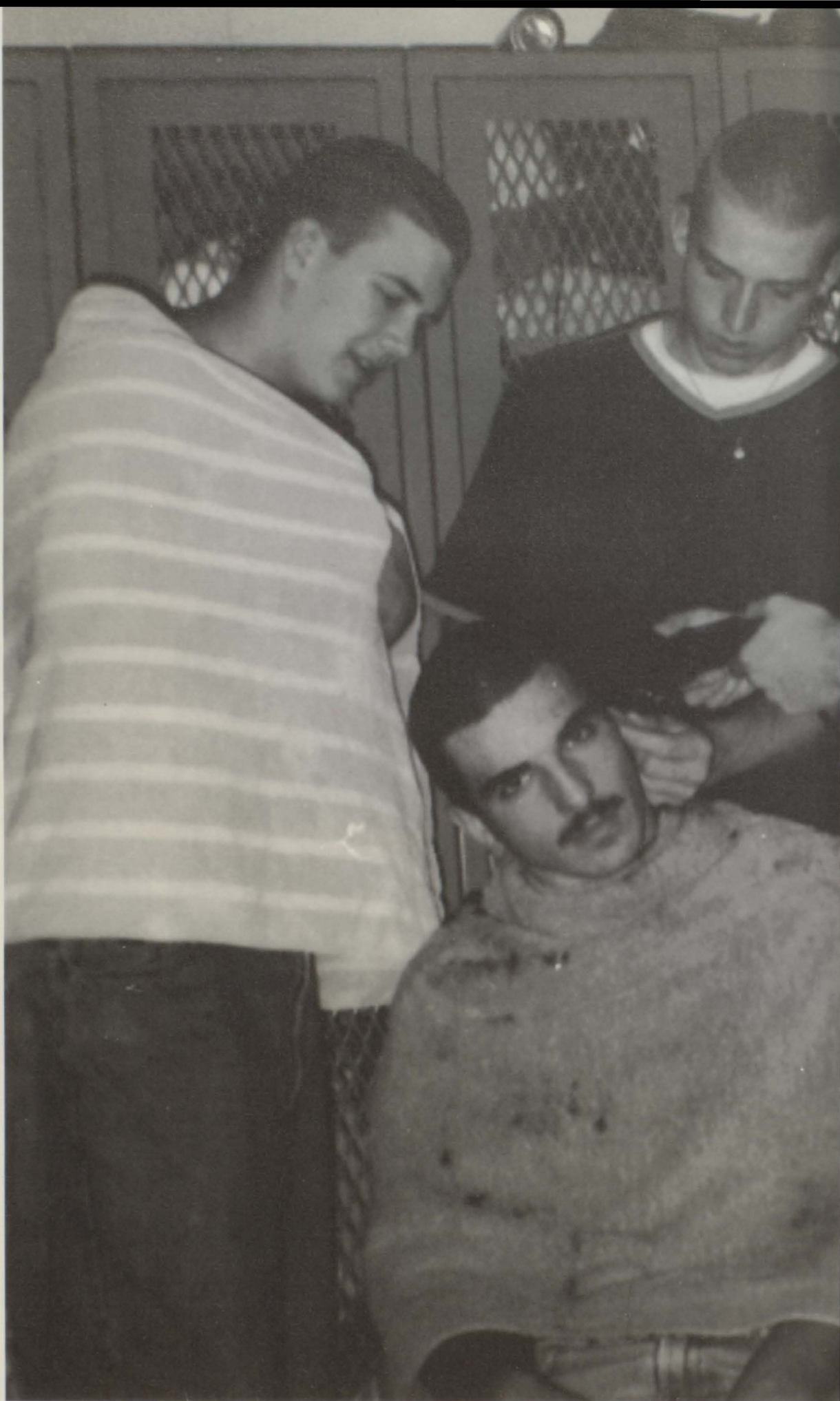



✦ Pausing to check a measurement, Natalie Ward works in Tech. Drawing at the Career Center. "Drawing is my favorite thing to do. It's a fun class to take," summed up Natalie.



✦ Making sure his weld is flawless, Neal Nayback grinds the metal during his morning at the Career Center. Neal declared, "I like welding. It's a cool class."

⇒ A victory over St. Ignace in the Homecoming game is definitely a good reason to go with the bald look. Varsity players Nathan Corp, Justin Witmer, Nick Postma, and Bill Wilson shave their heads in the corner of the boys' locker room, following through on a bet they made prior to the game. Nathan said: "Sometimes you need to do a small thing like shave your head to bring a team together."





Pride

Everybody Wants to be a Bulldog


By Luke Rice

Not everything in high school brings back memories of pride. Athletics, however, created memories that brought smiles to both old and new players.

Friendships grew strong with teammates. Even the best athletes needed somebody to pick them up when they got knocked down. It took years of hard work and dedication for a girls basketball team to go 17-3, or a football team to create a 7-2 season. Winning records weren't produced overnight.

Just as encouraging volleyball posters were hung on the hallway lockers saying "bump, set, spike" and the

Homecoming stands were filled, Rudyard's pride in their athletic teams could be depended upon. It's this school pride that keeps students anticipating upcoming seasons and youngsters dreaming of the day they'll wear an orange and black uniform.



↑ Cake in the face is an odd way to celebrate, but the JV girls basketball team makes due on Lisa Peterson's birthday. Lisa's dad provided the team with the party favorite after their home game against Detour. "Everyone got plastered with cake, except for Brooke," Monica McDonald reported. "She decided to hide in the shower!"

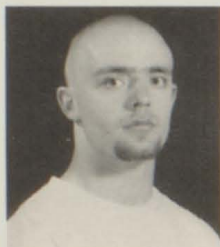
Twist of Fate

Varsity Football Edged Out of Playoffs

By Nikki Pennell

"I expected a very good season because of the depth we had and the confidence we all showed," commented junior Jeremy Posey. Everyone expected football to be amazing this year and they definitely proved it. With the defeat of Boyne City 42-0, a winning streak began.

The Bulldogs went on to bury Newberry, Hancock, Pickford, and St. Ignace. As the Dogs came onto the Newberry field, they had #47 on their helmets in honor of injured player Jared Kangas, and ironically the score ended 47-0. Afterward against Hancock and Pickford, the scores were 55-0 and 50-0. By then the football team had earned 194 points on all of their opponents and had not been scored against.



Selected to All Conference 1st team for defensive line, senior Bill Wilson remarked, "The season went very well; 7-2 is the best record we have had in years. I was kind of upset

that we didn't make the playoffs this year." Rumor has it that the rule to get into the playoffs will be changed to six wins during the season so that no team with this good of a record will be let down.

Kauppila for offensive line, Aaron Miller at defensive back, Bill Wilson for defensive line, and Aaron Mayer at linebacker. Four players chosen for Honorable Mention were Luke Rice for defensive line, Ben Case for defensive back, Justin Witmer for running back, and Gavin Cornwell for quarterback. Also honored as All U.P. players were Bill Wilson and Luke Rice.

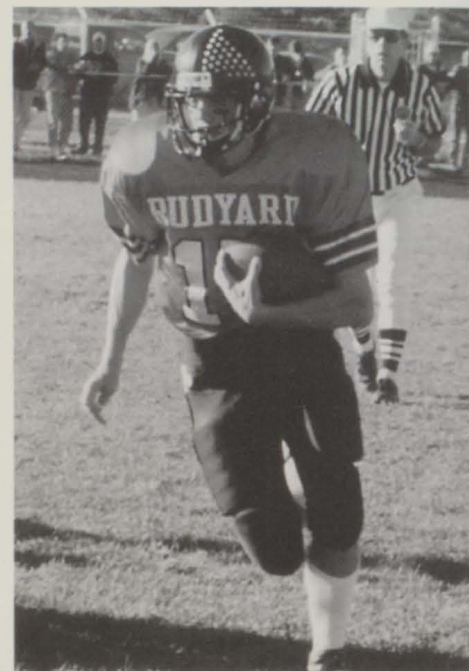
Despite the 7-2 season the Bulldogs ended with, they missed the playoffs by less than half of a point. Luke Rice said, "Although we fell short of our goal, we all learned a lot and will remember our season for many years to come."

The next team on the schedule was St. Ignace, Rudyard's biggest rival. Local papers called this "the biggest game of the year." The game that fans thought would decide the Dogs' season was great: the final score was a 21-14 victory.

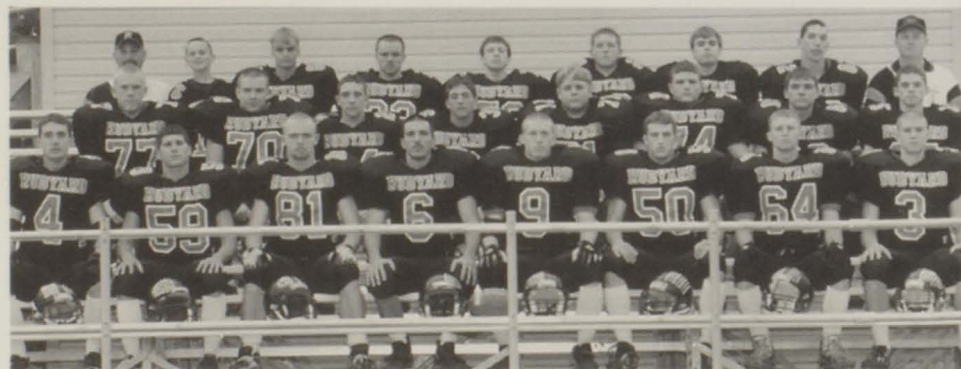
Players chosen to 1st Team All Conference included Nick Postma as kicker and running back, Joel

During a rare run with the ball, junior Gavin Cornwell carries for yardage. "I got to run in for the final touchdown in Lake City. It was on a 4th and goal. Without it, we might have lost," recalled Gavin.

The Dogs' line is protective of the ball and ready to block for a passing play as Jason Southwell is ready to snap to the quarterback.



FOOTBALL SCORES	
US	THEM
42	0 Boyne City
47	0 Newberry
55	0 Hancock
50	0 Pickford
21	14 St. Ignace
0	44 Whitt-Prescott
3	16 Rogers City
17	14 Lake City
21	12 McBain



Varsity Football, Front: Aaron Miller, Aaron Mayer, Bill Wilson, Justin Witmer, Nick Postma, Luke Rice, Joel Kauppila, Ben Case. Middle: Robert Mitchell, Nathan Corp, Kevin Davis, Josh Mayer, Jason Southwell, Nathan Zeeuw, Jeramie Plippo, Gavin Cornwell. Back: Coach Tim Rader, Manager Caleb Rader, Brandon Malaski, Chris Brady, Dan Burhop, Kurt Cornwell, Tim Ehle, Jeremy Posey, Coach Steve May.



Tradition

Aiming for the goalpost, Nick Postma kicks Ben Case's perfect hold and sends the ball sailing during the Boyne City game. Nick recalled, "I worked all summer on kicking. Every day after practice I had to spend an extra 30 minutes to kick. That got old, but the hard work paid off."



♣ As Tim Ehle defies gravity, hundreds of Homecoming fans watch and wait to see if he makes it into the endzone. Tim was stopped just short of a goal, but scored against the Saints on the next play.

Sidelines



"This was a breakthrough season. One game at a time was the tone all year. Winning back the helmet from St. Ignace was the highlight. Although we were edged out of playoffs, this was a playoff team!"
-Coach Tim Rader



"Each year after we play St. Ignace, the winner gets to put the score on a helmet painted half orange and half gold and keep it until the next time we meet. This year, St. Ignace did not even bring the helmet to the game because they were sure they were going to win. It was great to get the helmet back in its place!"
-senior Justin Witmer



"My favorite memory was definitely beating St. Ignace. It was the only game that mattered all season long. Seeing the helmet back at our school, because of our team, felt great!"
-senior Ben Case

The Few and the Proud

Small Numbers Lead to Big Dedication

By Kristin Johnson

"Although we didn't win a lot of games, I think the season was a success. We came together as a team to put up a fight against all the teams we faced," stated sophomore John Krentz.

Throughout most of the season, the JV team had to struggle with a lack of players. Freshman Brandon Ross commented, "A lot of sophomores got pulled up to varsity."

Sophomore Jason Bennett added, "We had a struggle keeping some players academically eligible." Like most teams, the junior varsity had its



Contributing as an offensive guard and a defensive linebacker, sophomore John Krentz earned the title Impact Player of the Year for the JV football team.

"My best game was against Mio. I got to play fullback and rushed for 125 yards. On defense I was able to make 18 tackles," recalled John.

Core of dedicated players who came to practice every day and worked hard to make sure they could play every week. This is what it takes to win games. To sum up the season, freshman Kevin Smith said, "We had a tough season, but it was fun and a great experience."

The varsity cheerleaders worked hard at making up new routines and cheers with the goal of adding pep and keeping their crowd going. The team was rusty in the beginning, as they consisted of four freshmen, but they improved greatly over the course of the season. They learned to work together by the end of football because of all of the practice time. "It was never just fun and games," commented freshman Sheena Nolan, "but we enjoyed it." It took precision for six girls to do a synchronized toe touch, and strength training was required so mounts could be added to the cheers.

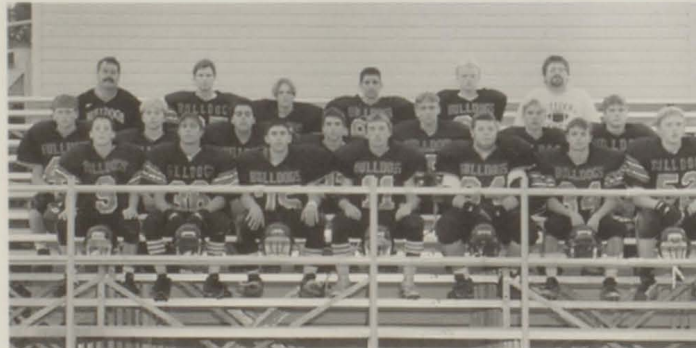
New friendships were also formed as the team bonded. Freshman Lindsey Fegan explained, "Because I started cheerleading, I became friends with a wider variety of students, a whole different group of people."

Presenting their Homecoming routine, freshman cheerleaders Jessica Crumbaugh and Jessica Hagen perform a classic disco move to go along with Homecoming's *Decades* theme.

‡ The Bulldog, actually sophomore Trevor Lawlor, cheers the football team to victory in the clash with St. Ignace. The new mascot costume was donated by the Class of 1998.



‡ **Football cheerleaders, Front:** Kristin Johnson. **Middle:** Jessica Crumbaugh, Sheena Nolan, Jacol Casey. **Back:** Kara Rademaker, Jessica Hagen, Crystal Rocheleau, Coach Michelle Sutton.



‡ **JV Football, Front:** Aaron Bradley, Chris Koivisto, John Krentz, Randy Bradley, Marc Blundell, Jason Gerou, Mike Christianse. **Middle:** Brandon Ross, Jay Sommers, Kyle Ulrich, Lance Tremblay, Kevin Smith, Nathan Templeton, Adam Hool. **Back:** Coach Bill Howland, Ryan Savoie, Marc O'Conner, Ke Pomeroy, Sam Otten, Coach Steve Wilson.



Rolling out of the pocket, freshman quarterback Kevin Smith looks downfield for an open receiver during the Whittemore-Prescott game. "My best game was against Lake City. I ran an 80 yard interception pass for a touchdown while I was on defense. On offense, I completed four passes at quarterback," explained Kevin.

Sidelines



"Our biggest problem was our lack of numbers. The players we had always gave their best effort, allowing us to overcome a lot of adversity."

-Assistant Coach Steve Wilson



"The football cheerleading team was very hard working, dedicated, and a fun group of girls to be around."

-Coach Michelle Sutton, who resigned after football. Coach Debbie Spring held a new tryout and took over for the basketball season. With increased numbers, there were both JV and varsity teams for the winter.



"I tried hard to do my best. I went to every practice, even if I had something else that needed to be done."

-freshman Sheena Nolan, who was chosen most improved cheerleader because of her dedication.

Come Join the Joy Ride

Varsity Girls Have Rollercoaster Season

By Jamie Spencer

Battling not only to win the SAC conference title, but also to improve their record, the varsity girls had minor hills to conquer. One of these hills was inconsistency. Taking each game as a step toward team maturity, the girls worked hard to overcome that fault. As the 80's tune *Come Join the Joyride* goes, each member of the team had to dig down to rise higher than the average carnival ride.

The Rogers City Hurons were another minor hill. Rudyard expected to come out of the year with a 16-4 record, but they forgot about the Hurons. Rogers City concluded both games with victory margins of three and eight. "There are always those games when we have a major breakdown, whether it be catching the ball or running the presses correctly. Sometimes we just didn't click and things always went bad for us. In both of the Rogers City games this happened," stated senior forward Cindi Leonard.

"Aaahh!" screamed the frustrated varsity girls as they prepared for districts, excited to host their rivals, the St. Ignace Saints. "The most courageous rollercoaster ride is the *Mantis*," said junior guard Jordan Shute. "I feel that St. Ignace can be compared to it. It gets you so frustrated, but when it's all over you want to do it again. St. Ignace is a major hill we had to face as a team."

Having only placed second in the SAC conference, breaking the three way tie with Onaway and Rogers City, Rudyard looked to move on.

"Defensive tip!" Coach Duncan yelled as the girls took the floor for the opening tip off at the 1998 District Tournament Final. The Lady Bulldogs defeated the Newberry Indians to play their rival in the Finals. The girls' last stride was not one to remember, losing to the Saints 33-71.

BASKETBALL SCORES

US

THEM

57	46 Pickford
58	44 Onaway
37	45 Rogers City
42	41 Newberry
54	71 St. Ignace
57	41 Detour
74	56 Cedarville
66	41 Detour
43	42 Inland Lakes
45	47 Rogers City
35	63 Cheboygan
55	47 Brimley
47	75 Cedarville
49	69 St. Ignace
48	32 Newberry
80	48 Harbor Light
45	36 Inland Lakes
50	46 Brimley
81	50 Pickford
60	57 Onaway
48	40 Newberry
33	71 St. Ignace

⇒ "The idea of defense is to try and get the ball back. That's what I do, it's my job," said senior guard Jamie Kantola, who also had the highest GPA on the team, a 3.79. During the home game against Harbor Light, Jamie had four steals.

✦ Breaking the monotony of a hectic practice schedule in the hot gym, the varsity girls take the opportunity to cool off in the pool. Kelly Leonard, Lacey Spencer, and Rachael Rader get the legs in gear by doing jumping squats.



✦ **Varsity Basketball, Front:** Jessica Duncan, Lacey Spencer, Lacey Fagen, Jordan Shute, Sarah Langstaff, Jody Ward, Jamie Kantola, Rachael Rader. **Back:** Coach Sonja Duncan, Cindi Leonard, Kelly Leonard, Aimee VanSloten, Jamie Spencer, Ronee Hesselink.

Using all of her might to get the ball in the hole, senior guard/forward Ronee Hesselink struggles against the Brimley Bays on her home court. Ronee, a starter, averaged 8 points and 3 assists per game. "My most embarrassing moment was when I went to catch the ball and it hit me right in the face!" laughed Ronee.



Sidelines

By Luke Rice



"As a team, our biggest asset this year was that a different player stepped up each game."

- Coach Sonja Duncan



"Having started on varsity since her sophomore year, Jamie truly had an impact on the girls basketball program throughout her career. She has dominated on the inside for our team. Not only is she an impact on the court, but she is also a captain and a leader for the program." Jamie Spencer made the All U.P. team, All Conference First Team, and was named the team's MVP.

-Coach Sonja Duncan



Quick. Hustler. Determined. These words described the play of senior guard Jody Ward. Coming up to varsity as a sophomore, Jody earned the respect of her players. "At first I wasn't sure about being the point guard, but I soon got used to it. It's a lot of fun."

-senior Jody Ward

Record Setting Season

JV Girls Post Prime Record

By Jessica Clegg

At first I was concerned that the sophomores wouldn't accept us, but we ended our winning season as teammates and friends," commented freshman Lindsey Fegan. The sophomores only had seven players try out, so all nine freshman were moved up to JV.

Sophomore Barb Gordon stated, "I'm surprised we did so well since this was the first year we've played with each other."

"This team has a lot of potential," commented Rachel Langstaff. "We just have to keep working and stay focused." The JV girls ended their



"The best game was with Pickford. There were only two seconds left, we were down by two and I made two free throws to tie the game. We went into overtime, won, and I had 28 points," stated

sophomore Lisa Peterson. This was Lisa's first year playing, and she was moved up to varsity during the middle of the year. "When I got moved up to varsity, it felt good. I loved playing with those girls."

season losing only to St. Ignace twice and Cheboygan once. The girls also had a couple of huge victories, over Newberry with a score of 49-4 and Brimley 54-24.

"Our most memorable game was against Pickford, the second time we played them," commented freshman Alivia McDowell. "Everyone got into the game. Pickford thought they could beat us by bringing down three people from their varsity, but we showed them!" The final score was 49-43.

The record of 17-3 is the best ever for girls basketball, despite having lost key players Kelly Leonard and Lacey Spencer to the varsity team at the beginning of the season. "We will go farther next year," predicted Monica McDonald, "so other teams better watch out!"

✧ Fighting her way through defenders, Barb Gordon attempts to put up the shot. "I loved playing on JV with the girls. Even when we didn't get to play we had fun," stated Barb.



BASKETBALL SCORES

US

THEM

58	52 Pickford
60	57 Onaway
46	43 Rogers City
36	12 Newberry
26	63 St. Ignace
30	15 DeTour
53	35 Cedarville
51	28 DeTour
54	29 Inland Lakes
42	29 Rogers City
31	56 Cheboygan
54	31 Brimley
49	40 Cedarville
32	60 St. Ignace
49	4 Newberry
37	5 Harbor Light
29	19 Inland Lakes
54	24 Brimley
49	43 Pickford
61	35 Onaway

⇒ Beating a Rader defender, point guard Lindsey Fegan looks for an open teammate. It is assumed when a team plays at home they have an advantage, but that didn't happen for Onaway. They lost by 17 points.



✧ **JV Basketball, Front:** Alivia McDowell, Amber Witmer, Ashley Clark, Rachel Langstaff, Sarah Kreiser, Samantha Langstaff, Lindsey Fegan, Dedra Mayer, **Back:** Coach Al Kantola, Jessica Clegg, Monica McDonald, Emily Ross, Lisa Peterson, Barb Gordon, Jamie Koivisto, Brooke Jellison, Shayla Postma.

Trying to out-hustle the Brimley Bays on their home court, point guard Rachel Langstaff runs after the ball, determined to get it. Rudyard won, 54-31.



Sidelines



"I am very happy with our overall record of 17-3. The girls worked extremely hard over the course of the year and it paid off."

-Coach Al Kantola



"As a team, we played really well together since we were playing with new people. We ended with a new record for girls basketball."

-sophomore Brooke Jellison, who ended the season with a total of 155 points.



"When our heads are in the game we can do anything we set out to do, but when our heads aren't in the game we seem to wander and forget to play hard."

-freshman Amber Witmer, who was the only freshman starter on the JV team.

New Additions

Young Athletes Find Success

By Nathan Porterfield

"Our team had a lot more players than last year," said Nick Griswold. "The golf team doubled in size from the previous year, now including females, to add up to a dozen."

First year senior Misty Harper said, "Playing golf was an interesting experience. It taught me self-discipline. Golf is the type of game where you can't rely on your teammates to pull you out of the bunker if you chip the ball in there with your five iron." Immature players and the lack of a coach brought little experience to the team. However, two of their players



"It's nice to be chosen as an impact player, but the whole team deserves the credit. Even though golf is an individual sport, to do well we must function as a team," said junior

Nick Griswold, who was one of the most committed people on the team. He showed up at every meet and did not miss a practice. He was helpful with the new freshman players, and he improved his individual scores.

earned the right of being named to the All-Conference team: Brandon Niemi and Nick Griswold.

The cross country team didn't add many new runners to their team, but they didn't have to overcome the problems a team of inexperienced runners would have had, and they had a dedicated coach to help them. This was beneficial to the team's success. "The cross country team had a good year. We used new training techniques. It was amazing to look back and see just how far everyone had come. We definitely had a team attitude, helping each

other through both good and bad days," commented senior Erin Jellison.

The team was also led by senior Sam St. Louis, who was chosen for the Sisu award by Coach Jarvie for his ability to work in a determined state of mind. "I think my season was a success in its entirety. I was not the fastest, MVP, or the most improved. It was my ability to lead that I was able to contribute."

⇒ Concentrating on the ball, junior Kris Smith warms up for practice at the Kinross golf course driving range. Kris shot his best golf game ever this season, but missed the state finals by one stroke.

⇒ In the center of the pack, Amy Hoolsema, Shavon Golladay, and Erin Jellison start a race on a foggy fall morning.



⇒ **Golf Team, Front:** Brandon Niemi, Marc O'Connor, Misty Harper, Nathan Porterfield. **Back:** Chris Jeffreys, Kyle Crozier, Kyle Bryant, Cassey Case, Nick Griswold, Mark Hauswirth, Craig Schuh, Kris Smith. **Not pictured:** Erik Nayback.



⇒ **Cross Country Team, Front:** Marie Ghastin, Leanna Rademaker, Marla Boynton, Shavon Golladay, Erin Jellison, Kristy Wallis, Amy Hoolsema. **Back:** Ben St. Louis, Trevor Lawlor, David Lockhart, Tim McKee, Ryan Anderson, Sam St. Louis, Steve Hoolsema, Coach Alan Jarvie.



Leading the rows of runners are junior Neal Nayback and sophomore Trevor Lawlor. Trevor stated that his proudest moment was when he "beat a Sault runner by a tenth of a second at the Rudyard Invitational." The runners started training the third week in August.



♠ Satisfied with their season are freshman Marie Ghastin, junior Marla Boynton, and senior Shavon Golladay. They were each named to the All-Conference Team for Cross Country.

Sidelines



"It felt good because it was my first year of running. I think people should give Cross Country more credit. It's hard, but when you do well you get a good feeling."

-senior Shavon Golladay, who was chosen as an All-Conference runner.



"I'll miss running cross country next year, but I'll always remember how much I enjoyed being a part of this group."

-senior Erin Jellison, who had the most leadership and experience on the team.



"Being named to the All-Conference team for golf was something I didn't expect. It is a really neat thing and I am glad to have received the award."

-freshman Brandon Niemi, who was chosen All-Conference for his consistent play throughout the season.

Showers of Victory

Revitalized Varsity Boys End Winning Drought

By Jamie Spencer

Practice, skills, and ability were the traits that made the varsity boys basketball team shine through. The season proved the common idea that varsity teams are superior.

The boys found a new leader in Coach Tony Hakola. His ability to build their self-esteem through positive support and patient encouragement won the respect of each player. "I feel Coach Hakola did an excellent job for a first year coach. We accomplished a 14-8 winning record and made it to district finals. I expect he'll do a lot better next year because he has a year of experience under his belt," commented junior center Jeremy Posey.

For the first time in years, Rudyard basketball showed its potential. After beating Newberry in the first round of district play, the team moved on to host the state ranked Manistique Emeralds. In the first half of the game, the unrecognized Bulldogs dominated the Emeralds. Both on the court and in the stands, the Rudyard community banded together and overpowered the gym. The gym was alive with energy that lifted everybody in the house to their feet.

"It was great, the crowd was ecstatic. And for who Coach Hakola calls the *Kahl Krazies* we are very glad they did what they did," declared junior guard Rick Palo. Although the district final game did not end in happiness for the hard working Bulldog team, the victory will always be in their hearts, proving that they were the team that ended the "win" drought.

✧ Luke Otten keeps a Cedarville player to his left for a little help on side defense. "One of our strongest points was our defense. We had teams coming up to us offer the game telling us how great our "D" was. Hakola believed you can't win on the offensive end," said Luke.



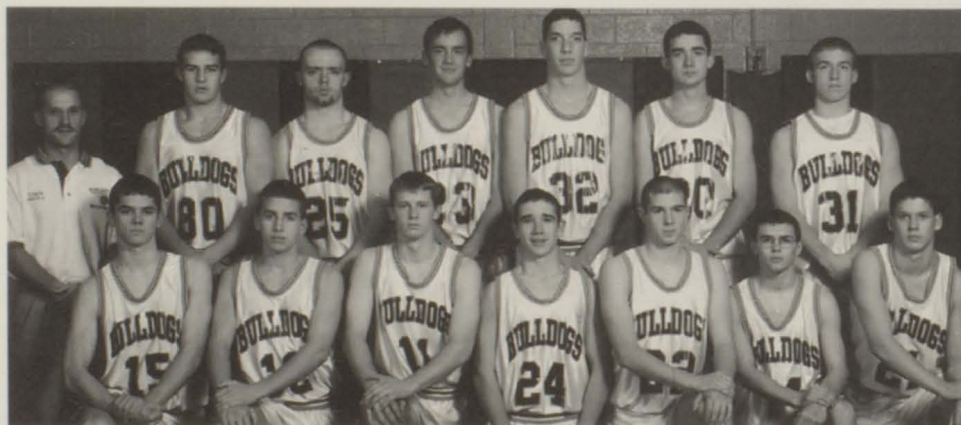
BASKETBALL SCORES

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57	59 Onaway
72	86 Cheyboygan
75	92 St. Ignace
60	61 Newberry
76	65 Cedarville
53	43 Detour
73	62 Cedarville
54	44 Rogers City
47	37 Rogers City
59	75 Charlevoix
63	57 Newberry
81	79 Pickford
79	65 Brimley
65	44 Detour
66	77 St. Ignace
87	59 Inland Lakes
50	57 Onaway
80	56 Brimley
74	55 Inland Lakes
79	70 Newberry
52	49 Manistique

⇒ In the court warming clash against the St. Ignace Saints, senior Nick Postma and junior Jeremy Posey fight for a rebound. Jeremy pulled down an average of five rebounds per game.

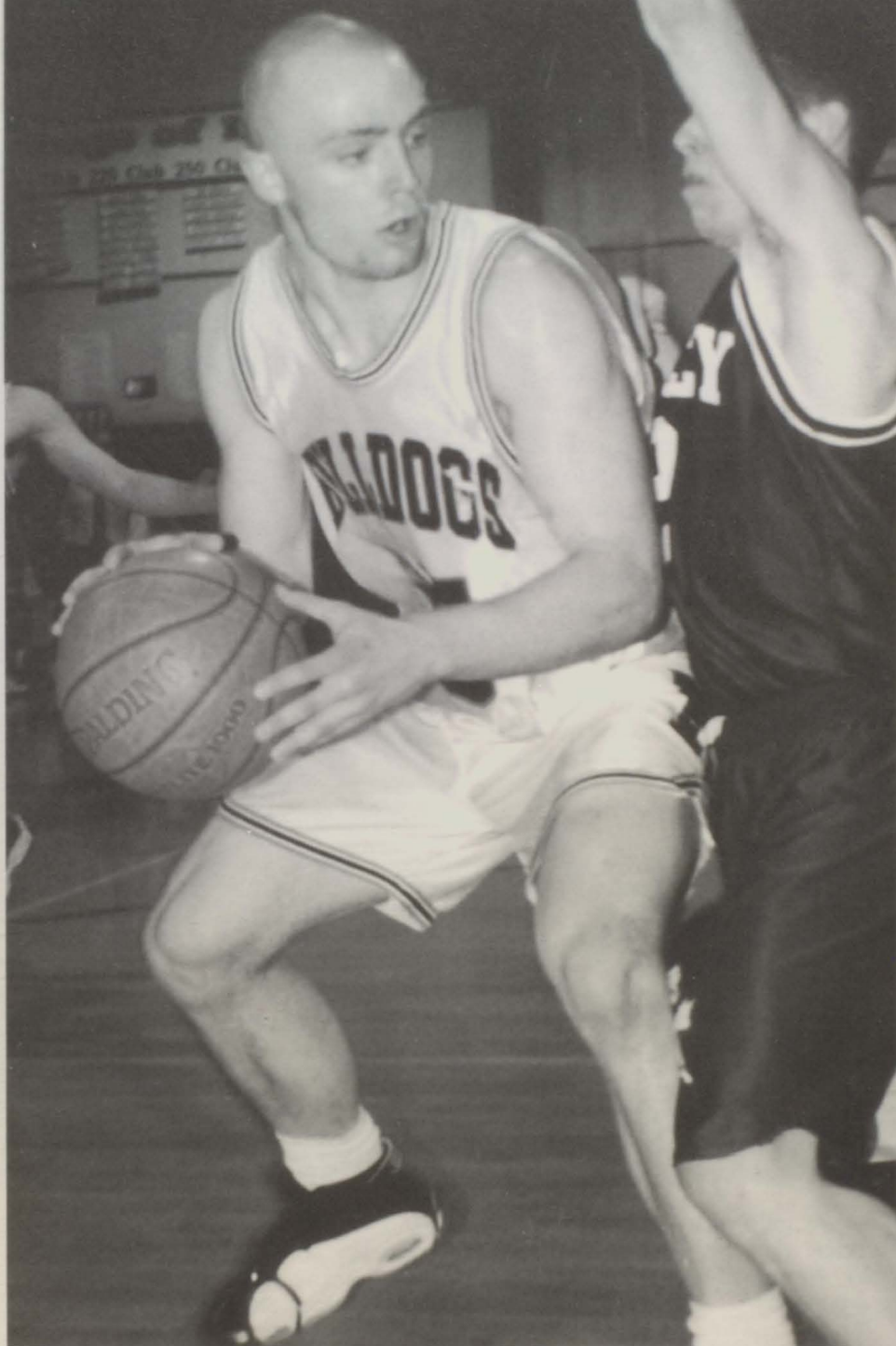


✧ Varsity Basketball, Front: Gavin Cornwell, J.D. Praasterink, Joel Kauppila, Kevin Davis, Ben Case, Dave Oja, Rick Palo. Back: Coach Tony Hakola, Luke Rice, Bill Wilson, Luke Otten, Jeremy Posey, Aaron Miller, Nick Postma.



Pride

After pulling down a huge rebound, senior Bill Wilson looks to get out of the Brimley defensive trap. "They call me *Bill the Intimidator* because I am bullheaded and people are afraid of me. One time during the St. Ignace game I made a bad pass and Coach Hakola and myself exchanged a few choice words," explained Bill.



Sidelines



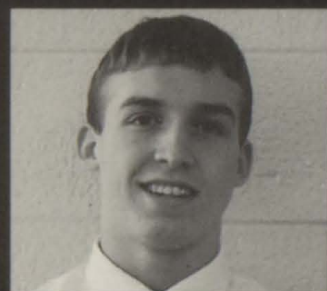
"We had a lot of success this year. We finished second in the SAC Conference with a 5-5 record, giving Rudyard its first season over the .500 mark since 1985. It is our goal to provide the community with the best program in the U.P., and this year we definitely took a step in that direction."

-Varsity Coach Tony Hakola



"An impact player is one who shows good leadership, has a good attitude, and is willing to work hard. I make good decisions and I'm able to make them in a split second."

-senior Joel Kauppila



"All in all it was a fun season. We had a lot of senior leadership, and that helped us to have a winning record. All six seniors contributed and were big leaders down the stretch. After high school I plan on playing at a junior college and then transferring to finish out my career."

-senior Nick Postma

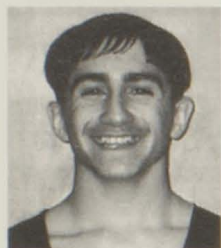
Success on the Floor

JV & Freshman Boys Score Big

By Rachel DeLong

"The season was a blast! This was the most successful team I have ever played on," exclaimed sophomore Matt Hillman. "I loved blowing teams out." With a record of 16-4 and losses by small margins, the JV boys basketball team had the best performance since 1983. Every player put forth their best effort in every practice, which showed in their games.

"We have a great team; everyone gets along with each other. We work together really well," freshman Sam Otten commented. Sam, Josh Oja,



"This season was great because everyone worked so well together. I got rewarded by ending the season on varsity," stated freshman Chris Reetz. Chris was the JV team's leading scorer with an

average of 17.7 points per game. He was able to step up when it was needed.

and Chris Reetz were moved up from the freshman team at the beginning of the season. These three young members proved to be an asset to the team.

The freshman team had to compensate when three of their best players were moved up to JV, but they ended with a record of 10-10. "Our season was pretty good. We had some problems working together as a team, but as the season progressed we began working as a

group instead of five individual players," confessed Brandon Niemi.

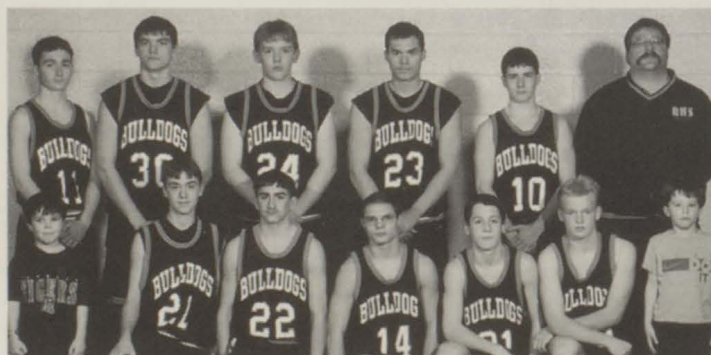
"Playing basketball gives me a chance to have fun and hang out with my friends," commented Ked Pomeroy, who was the team's leading scorer with 249 points. "I really enjoy playing; it's something I work hard at." Their best game was a gainst Posen, where they won in overtime after being down by 12 points. By the end of the season they were communicating on the floor as they worked toward their goal of making a name for themselves.

⇒ Going toward the net for a lay-up, Brad Houghton keeps his eyes on the ball during a home game against the Braves. "It was our last game and everyone wanted to win so we all played better than ever," Brad remarked.

⇒ Dodging the Brimley defense, Chad Folkersma sprints toward the basket. "It was a great game. We worked hard to bring home this victory," Chad replied.

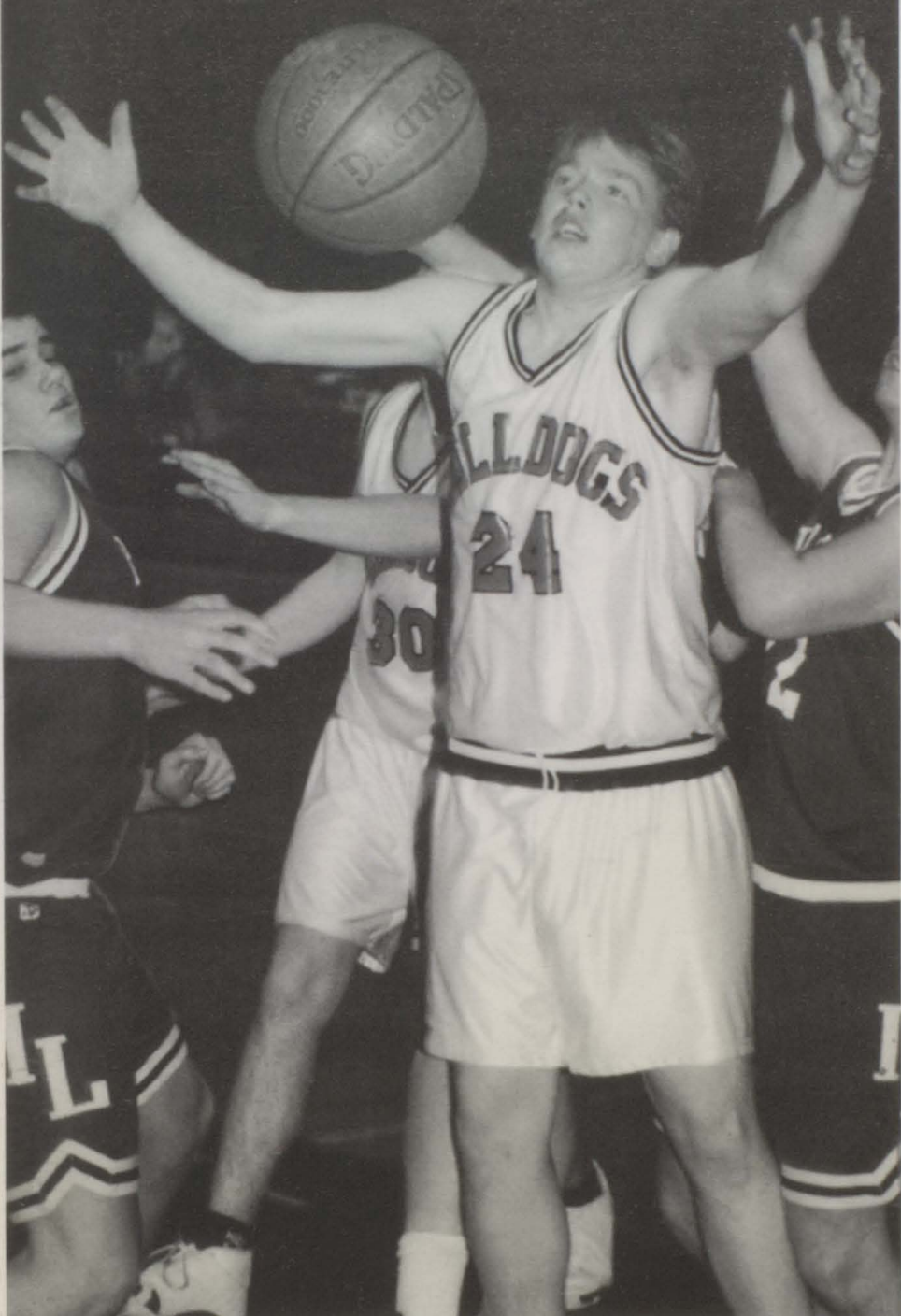


⇒ **Freshman Basketball, front:** Manager Dane Pavloski, Josh Frye, Ked Pomeroy, Brad Houghton, Ryan Anderson. **Back:** Manager Nick Pavloski, Coach Mark Pavloski, Mark Chick, Kevin Smith, Chad Folkersma, Kyle Ulrich. **Not Pictured:** Brandon Niemi.



⇒ **JV Basketball, Front:** Manager Tyler Wilson, Travis Kross, Chris Reetz, Josh Oja, Aaron Bradley, Sam Otten, Manager Mitchell Wilson. **Back:** Tim McKee, Jeramie Pliippo, Mike Christiansen, John Shogren, Matt Hillman, Coach Steve Wilson.

In the home game against Inland Lakes, sophomore Mike Christiansen stretches out his arms to keep off their opponents as he gets the rebound heading his way. "That rebound was great!" Mike reminisces. "I had three guys boxed out and then I caught it."



Sidelines



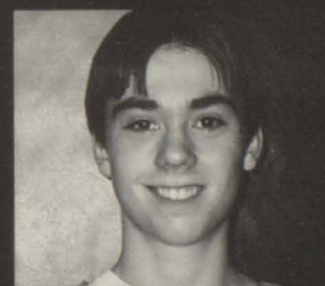
"There were three keys to this season's success. They were our strong defense, the rebounding advantage that we held over the other teams, and we shot 46 percent from the field, better than most varsity teams shoot."

-JV Coach Steve Wilson



"I was really happy with how the team worked together. Half of them had never played on an organized team before. They always worked really hard and tried their best to succeed. They had a season that they should be proud of."

-Freshman Coach Mark Pavloski



"The best part of the season was when we beat St. Ignace at the buzzer during the Sweetheart game. Everyone wanted to win, so we all worked together as a team."

-sophomore Travis Kross

Combining Strengths

Varsity Benefits from More than Skills

By Tabitha Nordquist

Our biggest strength was how we were always able to keep our heads up when we were down. Even if we'd fallen way behind, we wouldn't worry about the score, and usually we would come back and win," remarked junior Valerie Fountain. The team had a habit of starting out slow, but hanging in and putting up a fight right to the end. Concentration proved to be the key to a winning season record of 24-19-4.

"One thing that really helped us out this year was the unity of the team. We always were able to have a good laugh, like the time we were playing Rogers City and Danielle blocked a really hard hit that bounced off her hands and belted the referee in the face," junior Sarah Langstaff recalled.



"We had some rough times, but we usually wouldn't let it break our team's concentration," stated senior Sara Stefanko. Sara had the highest kill percentage and excellent passing form. "Working on

passing became a big part of our practices," recalled Sara. "It really helped us to be more accurate and consistent."

"Everyone got along really well and encouraged others," Jessie Hesselink mentioned. Brandy Witmer agreed, "I think playing strong as a team came from everyone being friends." They adjusted well and communicated with others from practicing and working so hard together.

At Regionals the girls pounded Manistique and took an easy 15-2, 15-3 win. Then they faced St. Ignace, a team they had battled all season. After a long, difficult fight, the game slipped to the Saints by only a few points.

VOLLEYBALL SCORES

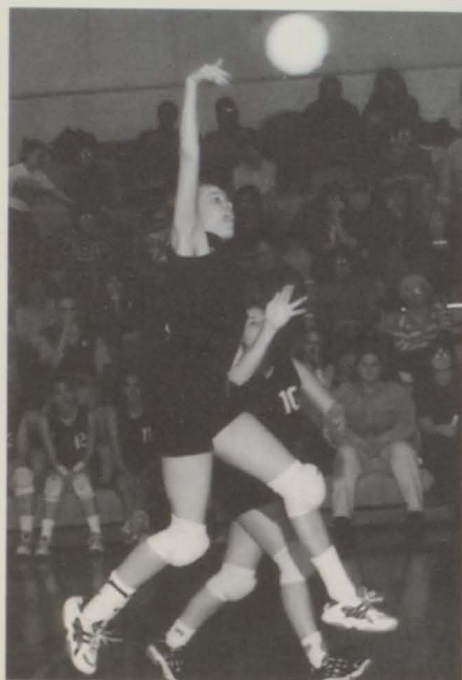
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Inland Lakes	4	2	1
Petoskey		2	
Rogers City		3	
St. Ignace		3	
Inland Lakes	4	2	1
Sault	3		
Inland Lakes	2	1	
Onaway	3		
Esky Tourny	3	2	
Newberry	3		
Rogers City	1	1	2
Cedarville	1	2	
Cheboygan	1	2	
LSSU Tourn	2	3	
Brimley	3		
SAC Tourn	2	3	
Pickford	2	1	
Cedarville		2	
Regionals			
Manistique	2		
St. Ignace	1	2	

⇒ Playing as a middle hitter, junior Katie Hagen succeeds in spiking around Cheboygan's blocker. "I'm getting a lot better at hitting. I think it's because I really had to work hard for my position this year," explained Katie.



⇒ **Varsity Volleyball, Front:** Jordan Shute, Valerie Fountain, Sarah Langstaff, Jamie Kantola, Corie Kling. **Back:** Manager Nikki Pennell, Brandy Witmer, Cindi Leonard, Ronee Hesselink, Sara Stefanko, Jessie Hesselink, Danielle Fountain, Katie Hagen, Tabitha Nordquist, Coach Ellen Perry.

⇒ From the back row, senior Cindi Leonard dives and digs the ball up to the setter while junior Danielle Fountain transitions to await the set.



A rare sight to behold, setter Jamie Kantola helps out by passing the ball up to the right corner for a teammate to set. "Everyone was really unselfish this year and willing to help each other," Jamie declared. She led the team with assists for the season.



Sidelines

By Jamie Spencer



"The team really learned to work together. That contributes to most of our wins, and it's always nice to have a team that gets along with each other."

-Coach Ellen Perry



"This was a really fun season because we had a lot of talent and everyone worked hard to go that extra mile. We are all pretty close, and that helped a lot because we knew who we could count on."

-senior Ronee Hesselink,
who lead the team in
kills for the season.



"Mrs. Perry had me focus on digging for the second half of the season, and I ended up leading the team in digs. She told me she plans on me being a big part of the team next year by being back in full rotation rather than just concentrating on digs."

-junior Tabitha Nordquist

Memories in the Making

Young Spikers Show Excessive Talent

By Samantha Langstaff

"I flipped over Rachel to get the third hit; it was memorable because it actually went over," freshman Amber Witmer proclaimed of a miraculous hit during the Cheboygan game. "I didn't think I could save the ball it was so far away from me." The JV and freshman teams made many memories such as these on and off the court.



"The best part of our team is that we always make the best out of bad situations," stated freshman Jessica Hagen. Recalling her best memory on the court, "As a setter I made my first kill against

Cheboygan. I couldn't believe it, it was great!" Jessica was chosen as one of the team's MVPs by Coach Kooyer.

Moments of excellence were what made sports worth all the effort, like a game winning kill or the perfect dig right to the setter. "My most memorable moment was when we got second place at our final tournament of the season," exclaimed freshman Missy McBroom. "It took us until then to finally figure out how to work as one team." Their growth showed, as five freshman players were brought up to JV to finish the season.

Being together nine hours a day including practice and school time brought teammates closer as friends. "Not only are we all friends to begin with, we have such a small team it makes you appreciate your teammates in a new way," admitted JV player Lindsay Case. The JV team had their fair share of memories, accomplishing second place three times at four tournaments. They had a winning record of 20-4-5, while the freshmen accumulated a record of 10-9-5. Both seasons were great learning experiences, for the players and two first year coaches.

⇒ Dropping to her knee, Emily Ross points her platform right to the setter. "I think our team is all close friends because we have had little or no additions to our roster," described Emily. "We are just accustomed to playing with each other."

⇒ Skying and reaching high, Kelly Leonard uses her left hand to tip the ball against the Chief's double-block. "Being tall serves as an advantage sometimes, but I still have to work just as hard as everybody else," Kelly admitted.



⇒ **JV Volleyball, Front:** Sheena Suchey, Amber Witmer, Rachel Langstaff, Tara Sherman. **Back:** Coach Jamie Kjolhede, Lindsay Case, Kate Praasterink, Brooke Jellison, Beth VanDusen, Assistant Coach Erik VanBeer. **Not Pictured:** Kelly Leonard.



⇒ **Freshman Volleyball, Front:** Ashley Clark, Sheena Nolar, LeeAnn Mayer, Samantha Langstaff, Deidra Mayer. **Back:** Assistant Coach Bekki Kooyer, Kristin Johnson, Shayla Postma, Jamie Koivisto, Jessica Hagen, Emily Ross, Missy McBroom, Coach Debbie Kooyer.

The unwritten rule in volleyball is for the setter to get the second ball. Here, Rachel Langstaff passes it over Amber Witmer. "It is a huge responsibility to keep the team together and positive at all times," declared Rachel, who was voted MVP by the team. "Realizing this is a very important job."



Sidelines

By Luke Rice



"This was a great team to coach. They were all here to learn. We had a lot of fun in the process."

-JV Coach Jamie Kjolhede



"I had a hard time deciding on the MVP this year, but I narrowed it down to two: Jessica Hagen and Samantha Langstaff. They were the leading scorers, got voted onto all tournament teams, and were all around good players."

-Freshman Coach Debbie Kooyer



"I think this was a great year because our coach could laugh with us. We were close to her because we could talk to her, which helped our team work well together. Otherwise, we would not have been so successful."

-freshman Samantha Langstaff, who was chosen as one of the MVPs by Coach Kooyer

Every Second Counts

When Numbers are Down

By Sarah Kreiser

Even though track, swimming, and wrestling suffered from limited budget and minimal participation, each had a certain pride to call its own.

Track had many changes and additions. In coaching, instead of having the female coaches coach the girls and the male coaches coach the boys, they put a different coach in each area. Mrs. Karen Dewitt took the sprinters, Mr. Allen Jarvie coached the distance runners. Mr. Bill Butler and Mr. Ray Golladay coached the field events. In addition to the coaching changes, a record was broken and one was added. Kelly Leonard added an inch to the high jump record with a jump of 5'0" and Shavon Golladay was the first female to be on the wall for women's pole vaulting.



"Wrestling was a great experience and I really had a good time learning all the moves. My most memorable moment was the first time I actually pinned a guy in a meet," said Neal

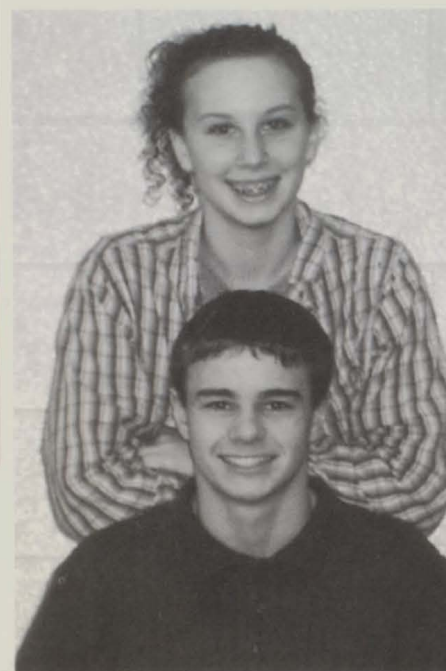
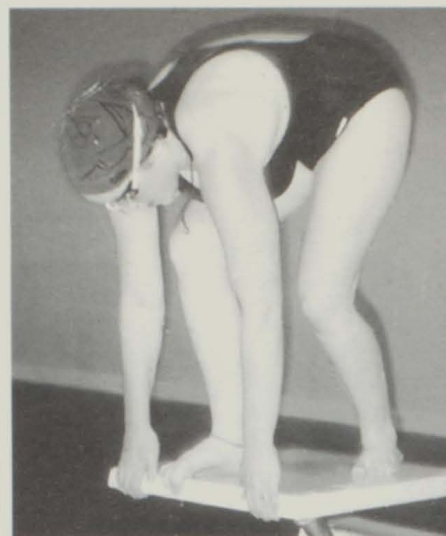
Nayback. He was a valuable member of the wrestling team. Teammate Nathan Corp confirmed, "Neil works hard in practice every day and is very helpful in meets."

Blue Devils under a co-op agreement.

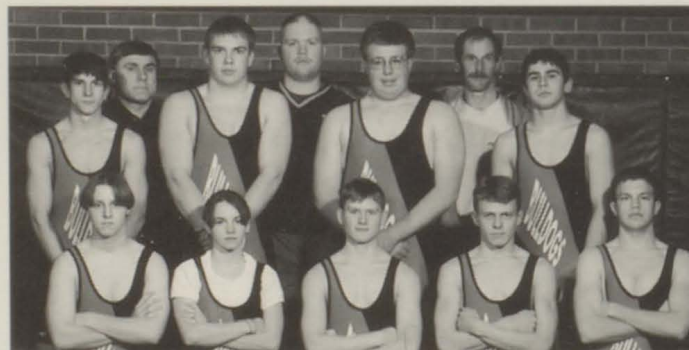
The winter sports roster added a wrestling club. The team, made up of eight males and one female, showed great confidence throughout the season. Misty Harper commented, "Being the only girl was fun. I was pretty much treated like everyone else on the team." Misty managed to pull off a couple of draws. The team dominated in one meet against Newberry, boosted by victories from Dan Burhop and John Krentz.

⇒ **Swim team:** Jason Gerou and Sarah Kreiser. At U.P. Finals, Jason earned a silver medal in the 200 medley relay and a bronze in the 200 free relay. Sarah received a silver medal in the 400 free relay and a bronze in the 200 free relay.

⇒ Diving into the pool, junior Beck Seigwart is ready to start her daily work during swim team practice.



⇒ "I enjoyed wrestling this year and am really glad Rudyard added it to their sports," remarked senior Chris Weinzierl. During practice, he and junior Neal Nayback work on new wrestling moves.



⇒ **Wrestling, Front:** Jon Bumstead, Misty Harper, Nick Sayles, Chris Weinzierl, Dan Burhop. **Middle:** Neal Nayback, Nathan Corp, Matt Kabat, John Krentz. **Back:** Coach John Krentz, Coach Jeff Pierce, Coach Keith Wallis.

In the 1998 district meet at Newberry, long jumper Gavin Cornwell glides through the air as he jumps. "Being voted most valuable jumper was nice. It made me feel that all the work I was doing was really showing, not just to myself but to everyone else, too," commented Gavin.



Sidelines



"I reached my goal of throwing 100 feet in discus, and I earned three medals. Track was fun; it's not hard for me to have fun during track."

- David Spencer, who qualified for states



"In the beginning of the season it was easy for me to jump. But near the end it became harder as my goals were set higher."

- Kelly Leonard, who set a new record in 1998 with a jump of 5'0"



"I am so dedicated to swimming because it takes a lot of hard work and dedication. It doesn't stop with practice and meets, it extends to all areas of life."

- Sophomore Jason Gerou, who was voted most dedicated Rudyard swimmer.



♦ **Track, Front:** Jason Gerou, Gavin Cornwell, Ben Case, Sam St. Louis, Tim McKee, Chris Brady. **Second:** Coach Allen Jarvie, Rachel DeLong, Andrea Ulrich, Heidi Kuehne, Shavon Golladay, Erin Jellison, Becca Pippo, Tara Sherman, Kristin Hauswirth, Francie Yiirs, Kristy Wallis, Coach Ray Golladay. **Third:** Coach Karen Dewitt, Christy Sneller, Amy Hoolsema, Marla Boynton, Marika McCluskey, Kelly Leonard, Miranda Cheney, Corey Nayback, Natalie Ward, Leanna Rademaker, Stefanie Bogue, Sarah Kreiser. **Back:** Dan Dereere, Matt Franklin, Nathan Corp, Robert Mitchell, Nick Wilder, Marc Blundell, Josh Rader, Dan Burhop, Trevor Lawlor, David Spencer, Neal Nayback, Coach Bill Butler. **Not Pictured:** Nikki Pennell.

Better Now Than Never

Ball Games Come Home

By Rachel Langstaff

Wahoo! We finally pulled it off! I like this feeling. Let's keep on winning." After the first win in Rudyard's softball history, first baseman Sara Stefanko was thrilled. Since this was the first year, the team consisted of all rookies.



Being selected Slugger of the Year was a great feat for Tim Ehle. With a batting average of .450, 25 RBI's, 2 home runs, and 12 doubles, he earned the title.

"For our first year at it, I think we did pretty decent," commented left fielder Jamie McManus. The season was definitely a good one. It ended with a bang when they played the Sault JV and defeated them, 34-16. In the second game, the winning margin was chopped down, but still in our favor.

Varsity baseball's Josh McDonald commented, "Last year was a rebuilding year, recovering from the loss of seven seniors. Our goal was to get better as the season

went on, and we did." Starting the season off a little slowly by dropping their first four games, they got back on track by sweeping Cheboygan.

With few seniors and a lot of sophomores and juniors, the guys didn't show their lack of experience or age. They played tough, putting their hearts and souls into the game. "You win a little and you lose a little. As long as you walk away knowing that you've done your best and you keep swinging for the fence, success will come in time," commented James Praasterink.

As well as skill, this team had smarts. Five seniors including Tim Ehle, Brandon Malaski, James Praasterink, Luke Rice, and Joel Kauppila were nominated for Academic All Region, showing leadership on the field and in the classroom.

⇒ Pitching a one hit shutout, Josh McDonald adds a good hitting game to their 11-0 victory. "Beating St. Ignace is a good feeling since they're our rivals," Rick Palo added, "especially since it was a home game."

⇒ Pitching came easily to Sheena Suchey, judging by this shutout game against the Sault's JV. "I didn't start the season as a pitcher, but when we were shorthanded I volunteered to try it," stated Sheena.



⇒ **JV Baseball**, Front: Mike Pierce, Jeff Moberg, Aaron Bradley, Kevin Davis, Travis Mayer, Mike McDowell, Josh McDonald. Back: Coach Pat VanSloten, Mike Christiansen, Jeremy Posey, Rick Palo, Randy Bradley, Coach Jim Myers.



⇒ **Softball**, Front: Rachael Rader, Becky Nelson, Sheena Suchey, Brooke Jellison, Lacey Fegan. Middle: Jamie McManus, Jamie Jarvie, Becky Fegan, Nikki Pennell, Ranay Ruddy, Stephanie Wilson. Back: Beth VanDusen, Monica McDonald, Lisa Peterson, Sara Stefanko, Cindi Leonard, Coach Laurel Ashbrook. Not Pictured: Lindsay Case.



Bringing in one of the many runs to make the total score 34-16 against the Sault JV, Cindi Leonard steps on home plate. Earlier in the game, the umpire called Jamie Jarvie out for not touching the plate, so Coach Ashbrook made sure that every run afterward counted.

Sidelines



"Six of our twelve losses were to teams that went to the State Finals (Rogers City and Inland Lakes). We lost some tough games that we could have won, but those games taught us lessons for the future."

-Coach Ron VanSloten



"This being our first season, I think the girls finished better than anticipated. I was proud of the all around play. Previous summer play showed leadership from Sara Stefanko and Cindi Leonard."

-Coach Laurel Ashbrook



♠ **Varsity Baseball**, Front: Tim Ehle, Shawn Sneller, Aaron Miller, Nick Postma, Tom MacDowell, Mike Carlstedt, Luke Rice, Rick Palo, Back: Coach Ron VanSloten, James Praasterink, Brandon Malaski, Sean Fritz, Josh Rader, Joel Kauppila, Josh McDonald, Kevin Davis, Travis Mayer, Coach Kevin Postma.



"It was a surprise. I didn't expect to receive any awards, but with eight home runs I guess I deserved it."

-Brooke Jellison
Slugger of The Year

⇒ "What other club would let you play dinosaurs with little kids besides National Honors Society? They even let me play with the triceratops because it's my favorite," admitted Dan Burhop. In October, NHS was excused from school for the day to go to Hands-On Learning Center and help with the preschoolers. This adventure was part of National Honors Society's promise to volunteer and help out in the community. In December, they volunteered to babysit for parents while they voted in the school bond election.



Pride

Involvement Has Its Plusses

By Katie Hagen

Special interests motivated students to become involved in extracurricular activities. Some of these clubs, like Quiz Bowl and Close-Up, attracted students with intellectual pursuits. BABES and NHS drew students wanting to help the school and community, such as playing with preschoolers and dinosaurs at a local child care center. Groups like Ski Club lured those looking for fun and sport, and SADD combined fundraising for alcohol awareness with good times by sponsoring the first lip sync contest. Whatever students' ambitions for joining, taking pride

in their group and working toward a common cause was what belonging was all about.

Whether making our town better or just spending time with friends, club members took pride in a common idea.

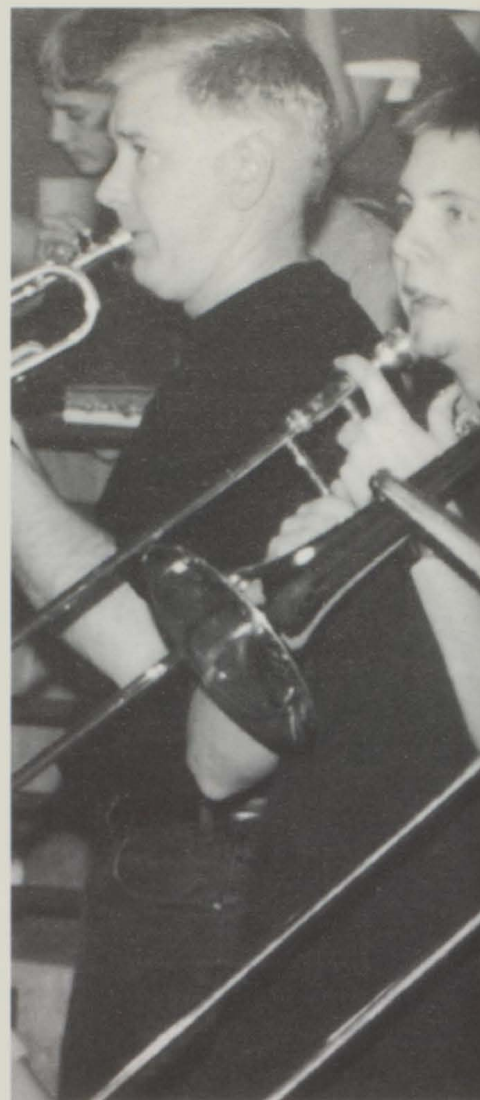
That pride created lasting memories and stories that will always be there to share.

⬆ During the lip sync contest sponsored by SADD, Nick Wilder and Brandon Malaski mock sing to "Barbara Ann" by the Beach Boys. "It was sweet," exclaimed Nick, while Brandon proclaimed, "Enjoy life; don't care what people think and have fun." Their group was voted the winners, earning them tickets to the Snowflake Dance.



⇒ Preparing for class, senior Megan Sloat warms up her tuba. "I started playing the tuba during the beginning of my junior year. There was only one tuba player at the time and Mr. Dugan wanted a flute player to switch, so I volunteered," Megan explained. Though switching from flute to tuba was a drastic change, Megan showed her flexibility.

♠ Playing pep band for the varsity basketball games are Windy Ulrich, Emily Wallis, and Becca English. Becca admitted with a laugh, "I go to the games because I can get in for free. We also get free clothes and popcorn for going. That makes it worth a half hour of playing."



♠ **Band, Front:** Kelly Leonard, Jenny Beckman, Felicia Lutz, Sarah Frye, Jennifer Rigotti, Jessica Crumbaugh, Melanie Bertram, Kristin Hauswirth, Rachel DeLong. **Second row:** Ashley Clark, Josh Frye, Michelle Betcher, Missy McBroom, Stefanie Bogue, Maribeth Powers, Beth VanDusen, Windy Ulrich, Sam Otten, Marcy McDonald. **Third row:** Emily Wallis, Christy Sneller, Kurt Cornwell, Gavin Cornwell, Sarah Kreiser, Ryan Berkompas, Ben English, Mindy Moore, Jacob Besteman, Kyle Crosier, Matt Kabat. **Back:** Mr. George Dugan, Dana Kabat, Mark Hauswirth, Jason Gerou, Brooke Jellison, Monica McDonald, Emily Ross, Megan Sloat, Kyle Ulrich, Nick Griswold, Travis Mayer, Sam St.Louis, Becca English. **Not pictured:** Ryan Anderson, Krystle Besteman, Derek Boynton, Ben Case, Lindsay Case, Cassy Ellis, Marie Ghastin, Adam Hool, Brad Houghton, Clayton Jewell, Sarah Langstaff, Brandon Malaski, Nikki Pennell, Kate Praasterink, Esther Rawson, Dennis Savoie, Jason Thompson, Crystal VanSloten, Francie Yiirs, and John Johnson.

♠ During the Christmas Concert, Dana Kabat follows her music while Clayton Jewell and Brooke Jellison wait for the cue from Mr. Dugan. "The funniest moment during the concert was when Jason Gerou started dancing to the music without realizing what he was doing," Brooke laughed.

⇨ With instruments to lips, Mr. Dugan, Sam St. Louis, and Nick Griswold wait for the halftime buzzer and observe the end of the second period from the sidelines. Sam declared, "Band is enjoyable as long as Mr. Dugan is in a good mood. When he isn't though, band is like war."

Polishing the Brass

Band Strives for Repeat Year of Success

By Rachel DeLong

"We have a great band with a lot of talent. We almost always have fun," freshman Jessica Crumbaugh remarked. While having fun, band members also worked diligently to improve their appearance and performance. With the addition of matching white tuxedo shirts, their uniforms were complete.

musical talents, it was a great year to experiment with some more difficult music.



"Band has been great. Mr. Dugan is a great teacher and we don't give him enough credit. I'll miss band next year."

"Our band is capable of accomplishing anything; we just need to focus and have more initiative," sophomore Jenny Rose Beckman explained.

"We have the talent, we just need to be more enthusiastic about

playing," freshman Missy McBroom added. The band repeatedly showed just how much talent it really had. After receiving a "1" rating at both district and state band festival the year before, band tried to achieve the goal of doing even better in their next competition. Choosing three pieces that challenged all sections of the band, its members worked very hard for a month on all three selections: *Our Heritage March*, *Wind River Portrait*, and *Chesford Portrait*.

After eight years of building an understanding of music and forming bonds with other band members, it became hard for some to give up music after high school. "Band has been great. I've really enjoyed the trips, they were the best. No matter what anyone else says, Mr. Dugan is a great teacher and we don't give him enough credit. I'll miss band next year," senior Marcy McDonald admitted.

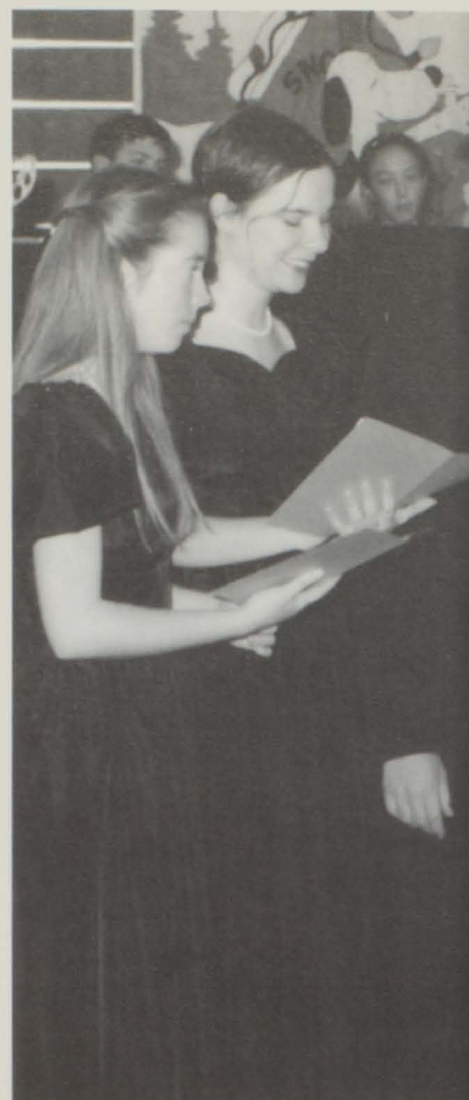
To top off the new image, the band chose challenging pieces for its winter concert. These selections included *Christmas Canticle*, *Christmas Pop Sing-a-long*, *Sleigh Ride* and Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite*. The band itself was especially large. With the lowest dropout rate in recent years and many experienced members to carry on their



⇨ Setting the rhythm, Mark Hauswirth plays drums for pep band during a football game. "I really enjoy playing percussion because a lot of the most important things go on back there. You always have something to do," stated Mark.

⇒ Turning to face the audience, Mrs. Rathwell reaps the rewards for all her hard work during the Christmas concert. "The last three years with Mrs. Rathwell have been really enjoyable. I'm going to keep the memories with me forever," reminisced senior Sarah Frye.

⇧ Settling down in band class are sophomores Jennifer Rigotti, Kristin Hauswirth, and Felicia Lutz. Many chorus members are also in band. "Taking music classes broadens my way of thinking about the world and everyday life. Sometimes it's overwhelming, but when you achieve something in music you feel great," explained Jennifer, who also plays violin in the Sault Symphony in Sault, Ontario.



⇧ **Chorus, Front:** Crystal VanSloten, Rachel McGowan, Amanda Ghastin, Tabitha Leitenberger, Felicia Lutz, Jenny Beckman, Nathan Porterfield, Chris McDonald, Josh Frye, Christina Searles, Carol Daniels, Jenny VanSloten, Elaine Caverly, Rachel Langstaff, Sarah Whitney. **Second row:** Valerie Fountain, Stephanie Bailey, Alivia McDowell, Tara Sherman, Marie Ghastin, Randy Bradley, Ben St. Louis, Jacob Besteman, Joey VanDusen, Heather Nayback, Stefanie Bogue, Jamie Umbreit, Amber Witmer, Jenny Lohff. **Third row:** Megan Sloat, Jennifer Rigotti, Holly Couling, Candice Keesler, Amy Hoolsema, Janelle Miller, Christy Sneller, Marla Boynton, Jay Sommers, Aaron Bradley, Ben Case, Jason Bennett, Sarah Frye, Marcy McDonald, Shayla Postma, Sarah Ulrich. **Back:** Windy Ulrich, Kristin Hauswirth, Jamie Koivisto, Barb Gordon, Crystal Rocheleau, Kathy Scott, Renae Hoolsema, Becca English, Derek Boynton, Sam St. Louis, Mark Hauswirth, Andrea Chappa, Krystle Besteman, Adriane Cryderman.

⇧ "I like that I was with my best friends and we could say whatever we wanted because no one would get offended," explained "flying" nun Becca Pilippo of the play *Nunsense*, which included some teasing aimed at Catholicism. The January performance took the cooperation of the chorus, drama, and art departments.



⇐During the Christmas concert, Sarah Ulrich, Holly Couling, Jay Sommers, and Ben St. Louis sing *Silver Bells*, accompanied by the band. "It was great to see the school and community working together to make the Christmas concert as successful as possible," rejoiced senior Holly Couling.

In Perfect Harmony

Chorus Shines in Performances and Competitions

By Nathan Porterfield

"Chorus is a lot of fun, but a great amount of work is involved, also,"

summed up freshman Marie Ghastin. Besides singing and concerts, chorus students studied music and everything that was involved with music, such as key signatures, sharps, and flats. Also, the chorus attended the sight singing and chorale festival

students learned it, and then the students got fitted for their tuxes and dresses. "I thought the

Christmas concert went well. It was fun to get up in front of the audience and sing the songs that in the beginning we thought were hopeless," said Becca English.

Mrs. Rathwell decided to carry on the tradition of the chorus singing the national anthem at one basketball



"Chorus is fun and exciting because we not only sing in concerts locally but we get to travel and compete."

-freshman Josh Frye

in Marquette.

Chorus wasn't always worksheets and assignments. Almost as soon as school started students commenced practicing for the Christmas concert. Preparing for the concert took a great deal of time and energy on everyone's part. First, director Mrs. Rathwell selected music,

game. They sang before the varsity boy's basketball game on February 5th.

The chorus had a few members compete at Solo & Ensemble on Saturday, February 19th. Earning top scores were Mark Hauswirth, Holly Couling, and Kristin Hauswirth in solo competition, Megan Sloat and Windy Ulrich in a duet, and Jacob Besteman, Mark Hauswirth, Ben Case, Ben St. Louis, and Jay Sommers with a quintet. Others that performed were a quartet by Marie Ghastin, Amanda Ghastin, Becca English, and Jenny Beckman, a solo by Ben St. Louis. The chorale also did well in group competition.

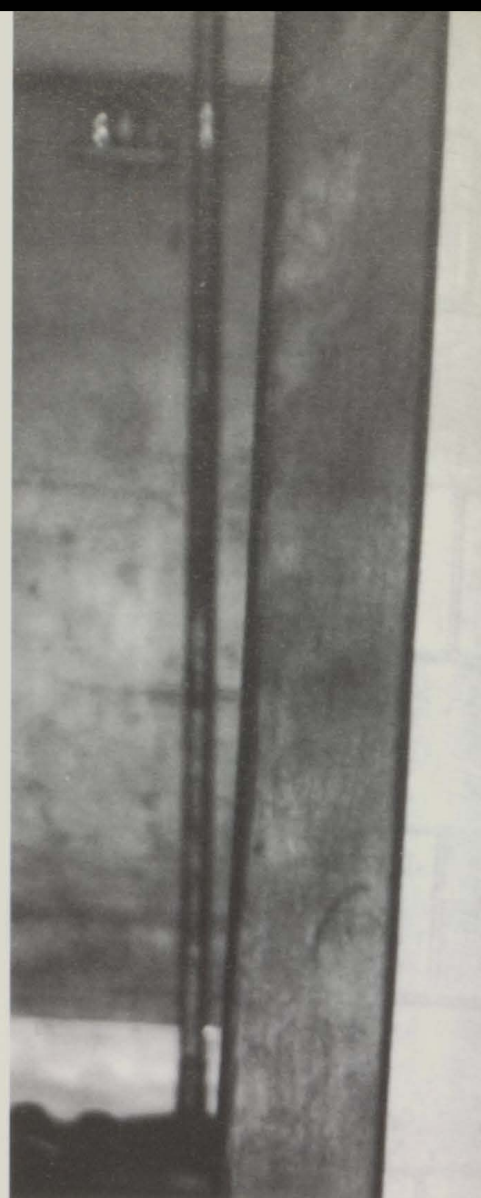
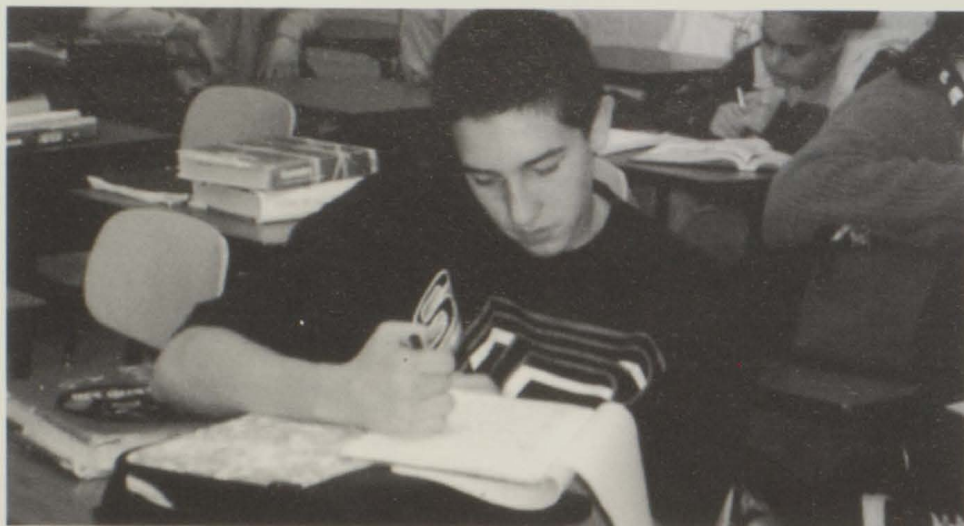
⇐Focusing intently on the sheet music before them, pianists Lindsay Case and Sam Otten harmonize for chorus festivals. "Sam and I work really well together. I enjoy it a lot more than singing," proclaimed Lindsay.



⇒ In yearbook class, sophomore Sarah Kreiser looks through the proof book to see what's been done so far in the 1999 yearbook before she begins working on her track, wrestling, and swimming page. "I like yearbook because I get to put together memories so that everyone will be able to remember their high school years," explained Sarah.



⇒ Finishing an article to submit in the upcoming newspaper, entertainment writer Kenny Lozano hustles to meet his deadline. "I'm in charge of the top 10 lists of our entertainment section. This gives me an excuse to watch Total Request Live and David Letterman," joked Kenny.



⇒ **Yearbook, Front:** Nathan Porterfield, Lydia Petkus, Rachel DeLong, Sarah Kreiser, Rachel Langstaff, Samantha Langstaff, Corie King. **Middle:** Sam McLean, Tabitha Nordquist, Melanie Bertram, Kristin Johnson, Stacia Chick, Cindi Leonard, Jessica Clegg, Jamie Spencer. **Back:** Nikki Pennell, Tim McKee, Nick Griswold, Jacob Mayer, Katie Hagen, Luke Rice, Mrs. Talentino.



⇒ **Journalism, Front:** Brandy Demetroff, Mrs. Leach, Shannon Sawyer, Falisha Burke, Lacey Spencer, Rachel Langstaff, Tashina Hemenway, Elizabeth Partridge. **Middle:** Chris Brady, Kristan Rizzo, Matt McConkey, Warren Spencer, Jamie McManus, Lacey Fegan, Travis Mayer, Jamie Umbreit, Melissa Mansour, John Shogren, Corey Nayback, Matt Aston, Lee Erner. **Back:** Kevin Davis, Dennis Savoie, Nick Postma, Erik Nayback, Matt Hillman, Chad Jackson. **Not pictured:** Jenny Lohff, Schacole Roberts, Nick Wilder, Sam McLean, Kenny Lozano, Ben Churchill.



⇐Determined to take the perfect picture, freshman Samantha Langstaff snaps photos at a home varsity girls basketball game. "When the pictures come back and you see a finished product you can be proud of, you feel like you've somehow captured the moment that will change history," exclaimed Samantha on training to be a yearbook sports photographer.

Bringing Stories to Life

School Publications Offer Fond Memories

By Rachel Langstaff

Publishing was a great way for students to express creativity in words and pictures. Paw Prints, the school newspaper, successfully published two newspapers per month, updating the school on sporting events, academics, and world and national news. The yearbook's newly named Kipling was well under way by fall. The staff worked to put out a yearbook that captured the most memorable stories of the year. "We're being really picky about what we put in the yearbook, so it is going to be wonderful," proclaimed senior Stacia Chick.

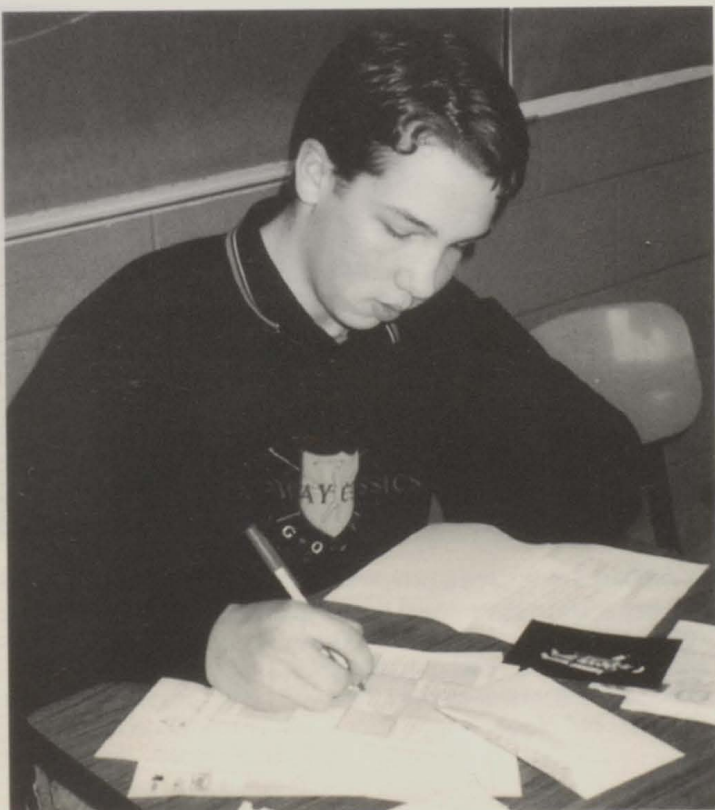
Though some students might have bragged that they took journalism or yearbook for an "easy A", others signed up to experience the life of a fast paced journalist, toting pad, pencil, and camera. Staff members had to be able to tolerate stress, which came with the territory of deadlines, and the inevitable criticism that came with having an article edited after it had been slaved over for weeks.

"When Lydia [Petkus, the yearbook's editor] made about 20 signs and put them up on the wall as rules for us to follow, everyone laughed at her. But they turned out to be an asset to all of us; I look at them all the time,"

admitted junior Nikki Pennell. "That's what I'll remember most about this year." Her most popular sign included 40 synonyms for the word "said".

Newspaper editor Melissa Mansour commented, "Trying to boss everyone around, but nobody ever wanted to listen to me; that's what I'll remember most about being the managing editor of the newspaper." Mrs. Leach, the newspaper adviser, put Melissa in charge of running the newspaper while she assigned the other students in the class editing or writing section jobs.

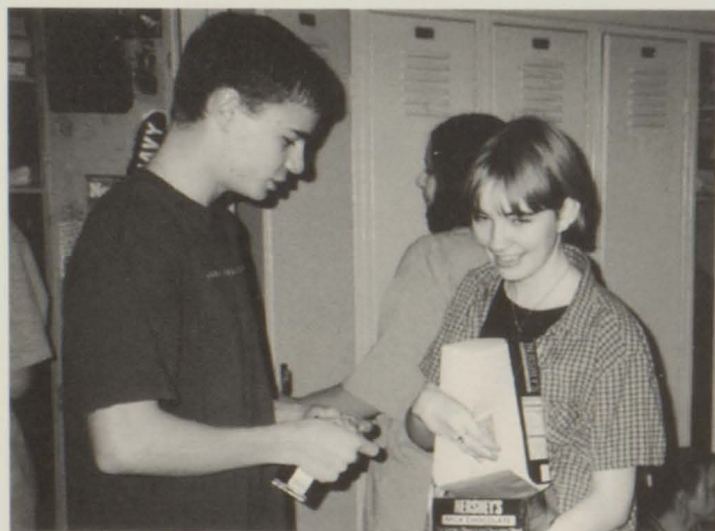
"Every day had its own memorable moment that brought a couple laughs. I could never pick just one," summed up Dennis Savoie, sportswriter for Paw Prints.



⇐Working on his layout, business manager Nick Griswold finishes the last of four senior ad pages. They took months to complete: postcards were mailed to all parents of seniors, photos and messages were collected, and yearbook space was allotted. "It takes a lot of hard work, dedication, and commitment to be in yearbook. I would say it is more like a family; it's an honor working with the staff," declared Nick.

⇒ After sniffing a container of "rush" she found in the girls' restroom, the Mother Superior (portrayed by Megan Sloat) gets high and falls off the bench she was sitting on. "I thought it was a great performance. It challenged the talents of all the actors," proudly responded the director, Mr. Rose.

⇒ Performing in the Drama class's production of *Personal Effects* are Jeremy Posey, Ben St. Louis, and Sam St. Louis. Ben remarked, "I thought it went really well. It was a nifty story for high school students. It kinda went along with the whole high school dating thing. And along with the other cast and crew members, it was fun."



⇒ Selling a Hershey bar to Jason Gerou in between classes, sophomore Felicia Lutz earns her trip to New York City by fundraising for the Art Club. "I joined because my friends. I went to New York once before with Upward Bound and it was really fun. I enjoy taking trips, especially when it is with my friends and during school."

⇒ **Art Club, Front:** Chris Brady, Kristan Rizzo, Schacole Roberts, Erik Nayback, Tiffany Bumstead, Kristin Hauswirth, Felicia Lutz, **Middle:** Heather Bumstead, Travis Templeton, Sarah Frye, Laci Vallier, Melissa Mansour, Rachel Langstaff, Tara Sherman, Sara Stone, **Back:** Lacy Spencer, Falisha Burke.



⇨ While performing in the morning presentation of *Nunsense*, Holly Couling, Becca Phippo, and Sarah Ulrich sing from the convent lockers. "We all worked really hard. It was the best we've done on "taught" performance. The show was a lot better compared to past things we have done," replied senior Holly Couling.

Lights, Camera, Action

Communicating Through The Arts

By Sarah Kreiser

The drama program rapidly expanded over the past few years. For the Drama class, their semester exam was to put on a series of plays including *Personal Effects* and *Ladies in Waiting*. Junior Jeremy Posey commented, "I think the plays were very fun. It seemed like the crowd enjoyed them as much as the people in the performance. Everyone should be in Drama."

"Drama was a really cool experience. Although there were times it was frustrating and nerve wracking, it was worth it," Schacole Roberts and Jenny Lohff agreed. The two appeared together in the play *Ladies in Waiting*.

The Drama Club, an extracurricular group, put on the musical *Nunsense* at the Kinross theater and opened it to the public; about 900 people came to see the performance. The cast and crew put tons of time into this play, including weekends and long nights. With a lot of help, the performance was great. Dana Kabat, a light technician and one valuable member of the crew, remarked, "I thought it was a definite success. We really had a great turnout."

During the three days of the performance, there was a tremendous show of support from the community. Erin Jellison exclaimed, "I thought the play was so funny and very well done. Everyone did a nice job."

The Art Club planned a trip to New York City in April. There they visited many famous tourist sites, such as Ellis Island and a Broadway production. All year the club held fundraisers, such as grapefruit and orange sales, to help pay for their trip. Sophomore Tara Sherman, the group's treasurer, said, "Art Club is a great opportunity for high school students. It gives them a chance to see what life without their parents is like. What could be better than selling something for a few months and then getting to go on what could be a once in a lifetime trip?"

But the trip wasn't all fun and games; the group also visited many historical sites and took a look at important places in the New York area. "Art Club would be fun for anyone, no matter what you think about sports or academics. You don't need to raise money for a team or a group, everything you earn goes toward your trip. You get to determine how much work you want to do to get the money," stated Art Club member Kristin Hauswirth.



⇨ **Nunsense cast and crew, Front:** Dana Kabat, Jenny Lohff, Marie Ghastin, Becca English, Misty Harper, Kristin Hauswirth, **Second row:** Ben St. Louis, Becca Phippo, Holly Couling, Megan Sloat, Sarah Ulrich, Derek Boynton, **Third row:** Windy Ulrich, Sam St. Louis, Sarah Whitney, Mrs. Sandy Wilkins, **Back:** Mrs. Sandra Rathwell, Mr. Joe Rose, Mr. Rich Guimond.


⇒ At the Hands-On Learning Center in Kinross, senior Mindy Moore plays with some of the three and four-year-olds in the sandbox. "My little kid was a sweetie. Being on NHS gets me to do volunteer work I wouldn't normally do," admitted Mindy. NHS went to hand out candy for Halloween and spend some time with the children.

⇒ "Making rain was cool. It sounded awesome," stated junior Kurt Cornwell. Kurt and his cousin Gavin Cornwell rub their hands together to imitate the sound of rain at the student council "funshop" in Newberry. They learned strategies to get students more involved, like this icebreaker.



⇒ **Varsity Club, Front:** Bill Wilson, Brandy Witmer, Jamie Kantola, Tim Ehle, Travis Mayer, Schacole Roberts, James Praasterink, Ronee Hesselink, Lacey Spencer, Jordan Shute, **Middle:** Robert Mitchell, Lisa Peterson, Valerie Fountain, Shawn Sneller, Sam St. Louis, Ben Case, Joel Kauppila, Rick Palo, Mike McDowell, Josh McDonald, Brandon Malaski, Nick Wilder, **Back:** Aimee VanSloten, Luke Rice, Gavin Cornwell, Lacey Fegan, Jeremy Posey, Sara Stefanko, Nathan Corp, Becca Pilppo, Dan Burhop, Erin Jellison, Kurt Cornwell. **Not pictured:** Jamie Spencer, Corie King, Cindi Leonard, Nikki Pennell, Tabitha Nordquist, Kelly Leonard, Monica McDonald, Katie Hagen, Brooke Jellison, Jeramie Pilppo.

⇒ **Student Council, Front:** Luke Rice, Tabitha Nordquist, Rachel Langstaff, Cindi Leonard, **Middle:** Lindsay Case, Corie King, Jessica Clegg, Sara Stefanko, Dana Kabat, Dennis Savoie, **Back:** Kurt Cornwell, Gavin Cornwell, Dan Burhop, Jamie Spencer, Crystal Rocheleau, Melissa Mueller, Amanda Pavlat, Mrs. Gretchen Storey.



“I think NHS is a great club. I really enjoy it,” stated senior Erin Jellison as she checks over the new T-shirts. They held a trivia contest to raise money for St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, one of several of their charitable contributions to the community.

Serving the Community

Clubs Help RHS and Local Area

By Jessica Clegg

“I feel that being accepted in a club is great. It’s kind of like being in a sport,” stated sophomore Crystal Rocheleau. RHS offered not only academics and athletics, but extracurricular clubs that many students enjoyed.

Student council helped the school become a better environment. Members attended a ‘fun shop’ in Newberry. “I thought the fun shop was great. The speaker was funny and that made it more fun to listen to and learn,” explained senior Amanda Pavlat. The theme was *Making Care Contagious*. It taught about the five ways to show you care: care starts with you, if you’re there show you care, two way communication is better than one way, avoid stepping on toes, and care fair. The purpose of the fun shop was to gather local student councils, share ideas, and learn new topics.

“I feel that NHS is a great club for our school. It shows that we’re willing to help our school and others,” stated senior Dan Burhop. To become a member of the National Honors Society students had to keep at least a 3.0 grade point average and be approved for membership after interviews with staff. National Honors Society also helped tutor students, did community service, and went to Head Start in Kinross to hand out candy on Halloween.

Varsity Club raised money to help athletics. To become a member of Varsity Club, students had to have a varsity letter. “I like being in the R Club because we get to go on a trip with our friends and it feels great to help athletes get the equipment they need,” noted senior Nick Wilder.

Student Council, National Honors Society, and R Club all helped RHS and the community in one way or another: Student Council improved the school, National Honors Society did community service, and R Club helped athletics through fundraising.



◆ **NHS, Front:** Stacia Chick, Mindy Moore, Jamie Kantola, Schacole Roberts, Jenny Lohff, Sarah Ulrich, **Middle:** Sam McLean, Cindi Leonard, Erin Jellison, Holly Couling, Becca Piippo, Tim Ehle, Windy Ulrich, **Back:** Joel Kauppila, Luke Rice, James Praasterink, Amanda Pavlat, Ben Case, Jacob Mayer, Sam St. Louis, Dan Burhop, Brandon Malaski, Mr. Ron Case.

⇒ The night before their tournament in Marquette, Maribeth Powers dyes Dana Kabat's hair. "I was scared when I saw Maribeth coming at me with the bottle of bleach, but my hair turned out good. I can't say the same for Maribeth's, though," joked Dana.

⇧ During a SADD meeting, Amanda Ghastin, Kandi Ray, and Kathy Scott organize the flowergrams for a Valentine's Day fundraiser. "I joined SADD to take part in something that raises money for a good cause," admitted Kathy. All the money from the flowergrams went toward promoting drunk driving awareness.



⇧ **Close-Up:** Trevor Lawlor, Stephanie Wilson, Mindy Taylor, and Mr. Steve Wilson, adviser. "I'm in Close-Up because I want to go to Washington, D.C. I think it will be a lot of fun," Mindy explained.

⇧ **BABES:** Amanda Pavlat, Tashina Hemenway, and Nikki Pennell. "I like working with the puppets and the little kids," Tashina commented, then added, "plus, I got out of some classes."

During the lip sync contest sponsored by Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD), Megan Sloat, Becca Pippo, Sarah Whitney, and Sarah Ulrich perform their act to *Wishin' & Hopin'*, imitating the opening credits from the movie *My Best Friend's Wedding*. "It was a lot of fun making it up!" exclaimed Sarah Whitney. The contest was put on to raise awareness about drunk driving.

Going the Distance

Clubs Take Students Next Door or Across Country

By Kristin Johnson

"Quiz Bowl is something that I like to do. Competitions are the best part," stated Kyle Crozier. Led by Mrs. Spencer, they traveled to compete against other schools. The highlight of the season was defeating St. Ignace for the first time ever.

Also with a great year, SADD dedicated more work to their cause than ever. They put on a couple of dances and numerous fundraisers, along with the tradition of tying red ribbons on cars for drunk driving awareness. "We accomplished more. We have a very wild and outgoing group," SADD's president Crystal Rocheleau explained.

Going out twice a day for two weeks, BABES went to the elementary schools to teach children about drug and alcohol abuse by using puppet shows. They were invited to teach kindergarten for the first time. Amanda Pavlat described, "It makes me feel good that I can teach these kids and make a difference, but also see them have fun."

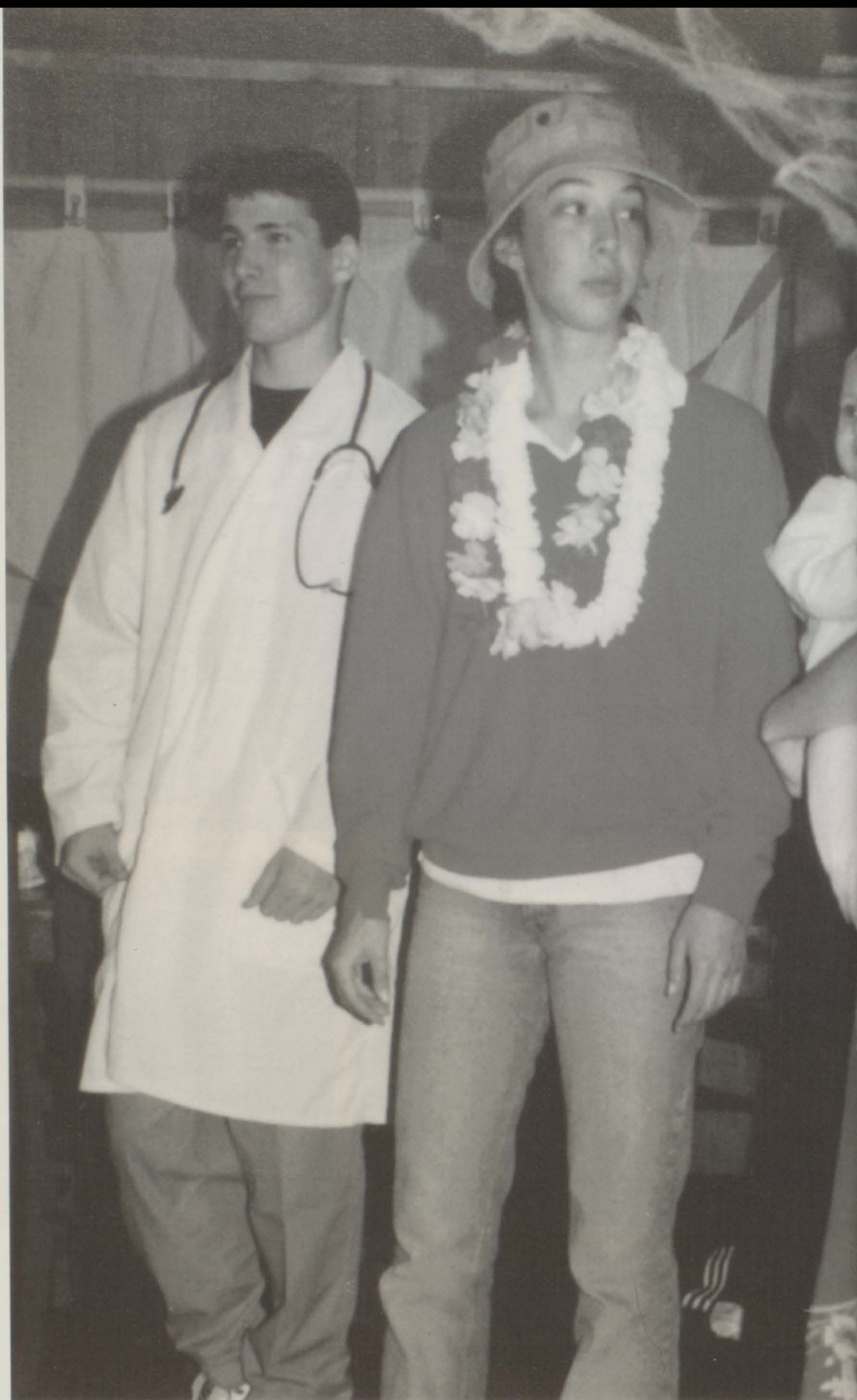
Small numbers didn't hold back the members of Close-Up. With a new adviser, there was a lot of work for the three members to do in order to raise \$1,100 per person for their trip to Washington, D.C. "We started out with a lot of people, but a lot dropped out because of the pressure to raise all that money," remarked sophomore Trevor Lawlor.



Quiz Bowl, Front: Ryan Berkompas, Mrs. Celeste Spencer, Matt abbat, Ben English. **Back:** Lydia Petkus, Kyle Crozier, Maribeth owers, Gary Berkompas. Their knowledge was tested at their rst tournament in Marquette. "We were really excited because t. Ignace has been our biggest rivals. We beat them for the first me in years at that meet," Maribeth proudly remarked.



SADD, Front: Tracy Brown, Jenny Beckman, Minnie Kittel, **Middle:** Becca English, Beth Laakenon, Marie Ghastin, Laura Pavlat, Carol Daniels, Laura Ray, Tiffany Bumstead, **Back:** Crystal VanSloten, Amanda Ghastin, Crystal Rocheleau, Kandi Ray, Amanda Pavlat. **Not pictured:** Mrs. Jean Leach, adviser.



⇒ At a youth group Halloween party, sophomores Matt (*ER* doctor) Hillman, Brooke (*Gilligan*) Jellison, and Kelly (*Ginger*) Leonard mingle. Matt remarked, "I like to go to youth group because I get to see how other people feel about aspects of life and that influences my thoughts in a positive way."



Community

Where Everybody Knows Your Name

By Sam McLean

In a school of a mere 340 students everyone knows everyone, from their family, to their church, even their favorite meal at Pure Country. This closeness breeds a bond between the students that gives them a sense of community they would miss in a larger school.

RHS has an amazingly diverse student body, ranging from Eagle Scouts to rebels. But it is in this diversity that we find the same underlying theme: we are all Bulldogs.

This small plot of land has held much for all of

us, such as the surge of emotion after winning a football game, the strain of thought in Biology, and the moment of triumph at graduation. In sharing these common experiences, the members of Rudyard High School form their own community.

Supporting the girls' basketball team at a Brimley game are seniors Paula Fintrock and Schacole Roberts. Paula, who was new to RHS her sophomore year, commented, "It's small. When I first came I felt like an intruder, but now I feel right at home."

Ryan Anderson
Amber Belonga
Kelly Berkland
Gary Berkompas
Melanie Bertram
Michelle Betcher



Jon Bumstead
Tiffany Bumstead
Breena Burby
Elaine Caverly
Clark Chamberlain
Mark Chick



Ashley Clark
Jessica Crumbaugh
Dustin Dodge
Toni Ellison
Rebecca English
Dwight Erickson



We Were Merely Freshmen

Ninth Grade Faces High School Challenge

By Melanie Bertram

For many freshmen, beginning the first year of high school was tough. It was very different from middle school. "There's a lot more expected of you," said Kathy Scott. "You're expected to put a lot more effort into your work."

One of the biggest changes the freshman class noticed was that high school homework was much harder. Freshmen didn't exactly love the homework, either. "You get harder work in high school and more work," explained Tiffany Bumstead. "I dislike all of the homework given."

Being accountable for one's work quickly became the most important responsibility a beginning high school student had. Without doing the work and being prepared, the average student got confused easily. "High school teachers won't let you go to your locker to get things. If you forget something then they always say, 'You're responsible to bring it to class,'" remarked Crystal VanSloten.

Jessica Kinsella agreed. "In high school we have more responsibilities and we can't slack off as much," she added. Six of the seven freshmen courses were required, including Civics, English 9, BST, physical education, and a math and science course. This left ninth graders with little opportunity to sit back and relax.

Also, the high school attendance policy allowing only ten absences per semester took some adjusting to. Marc O'Connor whined, "You are required to come to school more because if you don't, you have to make it up [in Saturday detention]."

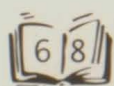
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Local Events

1. Fire burning was on restriction in August, 1998 when a man disobeyed it by burning roofing material at his home. The fire started in Strongs and spread to Fibre.

2. A shooting at the Evening News in Sault Ste. Marie in July, 1998 ended in the death of circulation director Tony Gillespie. Nathan Hannah awaited trial while undergoing psychiatric evaluation.

3. The millage passed on December 8, 1998, making it possible for the schools to build new facilities including a library and an auditorium, and update the business and science classrooms.





Lindsey Fegan
Michael Finlay
Chad Folkersma
Joshua Frye
Marie Ghastin
Jessica Hagen



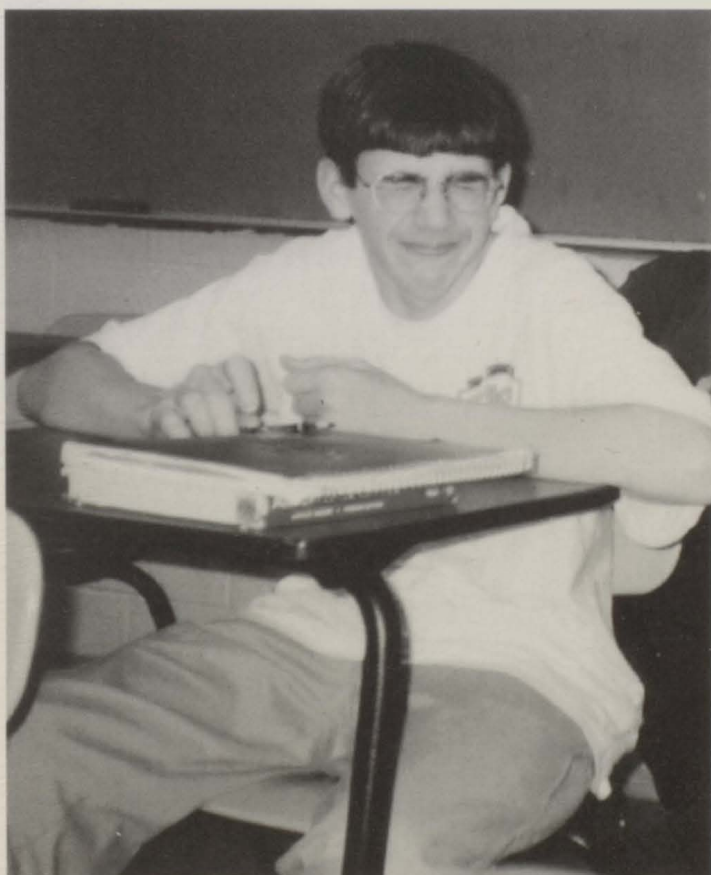
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Michelle Hough
Bradley Houghton
Christopher Jeffreys
Clayton Jewell



Kristin Johnson
Dana Kabat
Jessica Kinsella
Jamie Koivisto
Elizabeth Laakonen
Samantha Langstaff



David Lockhart
Charlie Lounds
Christopher MacDonald
Deidra Mayer
LeeAnn Mayer
Rachel Mc Manus



✧ Taking time out of their studies, Emily Wallis and Laura Ray agree that high school is very different from middle school. "It is a lot larger than last year," Laura mentioned. "The homework piles up and takes more time!"

✧ Surprisingly already done with his homework, Ryan Anderson protests that he likes high school because "you get to choose your own classes," though the freshmen don't get many electives because of the large number of required courses.

Melissa McBroom
Alivia McDowell
Rachel McGowan
Janelle Miller
Richard Moon
Brandon Niemi



Matt Noel
Tomas Noha
Sheena Nolan
Joshua Oja
Sam Otten
Laura Pavlat



Derek Pierson
Jeffery Plotts
Ked Pomeroy
Nathan Porterfield
Shayla Postma
Maribeth Powers



Opportunity Knocks

Freshmen Find Ways to Fulfill Desires

By Samantha Langstaff

High School provided many opportunities for each individual from Cross Country to Quiz Bowl. Freshmen could take part in these activities if they chose to do so. Despite the availability of both courses and extracurricular activities, some chose to do their own thing. "It is interesting and I meet a lot of different people," stated Maribeth Powers on going to *Trixie Hardy Dance Studio* in Sault, Ontario three to four times a week.

Students like Maribeth traveled great distances to fulfill their desires, while others remained at school to excel in the programs offered. "You move along at a much faster pace and you get to explore more mathematical fields in your high school career," explained Sam Otten about being in Algebra II as a freshman.

As a member of the pep band, Quiz Bowl, Drama Club, and Science Olympiad, high school gave Dana Kabat the chance to display her many talents. "To balance all of the activities, I make sure my school work is done and then I do the extra stuff," declared Dana. As a percussionist, she thought "seeing the band turn something really awful sounding into something that sounds wonderful" was a great feeling.

The freshman class had many unique talents and abilities. There was no one example of the average freshman because the interests of the class were so diverse. Even though the class did not do so well academically overall, as a whole it took the opportunities in full stride and still had fun.

1998-99

TOP TEN SONGS

1. *One Week*
Barenaked Ladies
2. *Inside Out*
Eve 6
3. *Hands*
Jewel
4. *Save Tonight*
Eagle Eye Cherry
5. *Angel*
Sarah McLaughlin
6. *Ghetto Superstar*
Pras, Mya, ODB
7. *Tearin' Up My Heart*
N'Sync
8. *Lullaby*
Sean Mullins
9. *Iris*
Goo Goo Dolls
10. *Wide Open Spaces*
Dixie Chicks



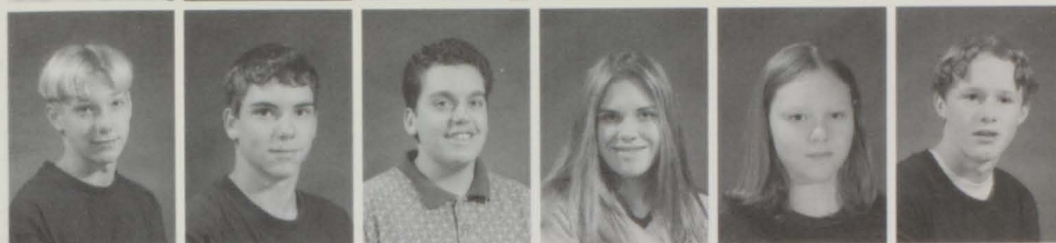
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Laura Ray
Christopher Reetz
Brandon Ross
Emily Ross
John Ruddy
Randolph Sales



Cassie Schnake
Kathy Scott
Blake Shields
Traci Shields
Kevin Smith
Joshua Syrjala

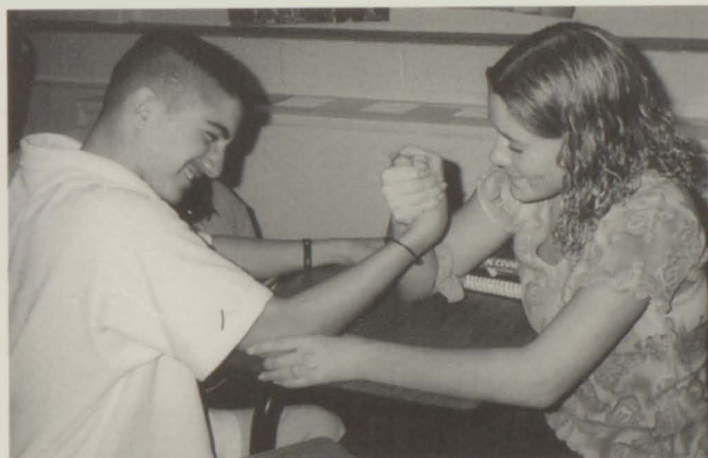


Nathan Templeton
Lance Tremblay
Kyle Ulrich
Laci Vallier
Crystal Van Sloten
Jeff Wallace



Emily Wallis
Nicole White
Richard Willis
Amber Witmer
Paul Wright

Not pictured:
Paul Clement
Marc O'Connor
Jim Thompson
Mary Thompson
Pat Tuttle



⚡ During Civics class, Chris Reetz and LeeAnn Mayer duke it out to discover who is the best arm wrestler. "I always win without a struggle; I guess he's just a wimp," joked LeeAnn. Both athletes have their share of muscle: Chris as a starter on the JV basketball team and LeeAnn as a setter on the freshman volleyball team.

⚡ Sneaking a drink of Mountain Dew between classes, Jessica Hagen tries to get her pop away from Michelle Hough who wants a drink, too. "I paid for part of it, I should get a drink," Michelle argued.

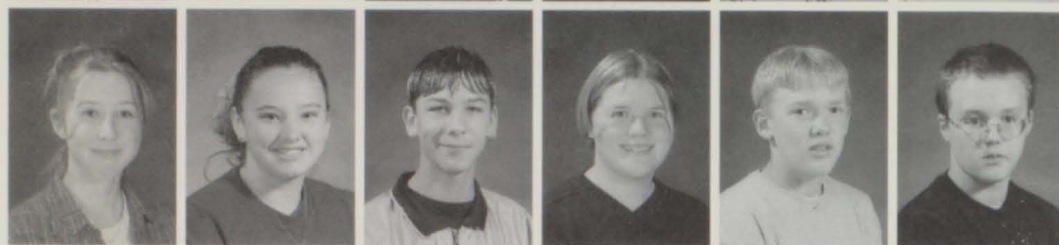
Matthew Aston
Stephanie Bailey
Jenny Beckman
Jason Bennett
Danny Betcher
Marc Blundell



David Bonnee
Mike Bonney
Aaron Bradley
Randy Bradley
Christopher Brady
Michael Bryant



Lindsay Case
Jacol Casey
Christopher Causley
Andrea Chappa
Michael Christiansen
Ben Churchill



Jessica Clegg
Adriane Cryderman
Buffy Dean
Rachel DeLong
Fred Dutton
Michael Dutton



In a Class of Their Own Sophomores Manage to Have it All

By Rachel DeLong

The class of 2001 had a lot of pressure piled on them. Being the first class scheduled to graduate after the millenium didn't really phase them, though. They didn't collapse under the heavy load of stress that came with knowing they were the future. Despite the stress they were under, school counselor Ms. Elek described them as "full of personality."

The sophomores tried their hardest to be the best they could be and not lose their flair for fun while doing it. It wasn't easy, but they succeeded. Tara Sherman explained the challenges they faced by saying, "They told us to sink or swim, so we decided to fly."

"Everyone has someone to talk to; no one's alone," Felicia Lutz remarked. From skiing with friends on the Ski Club trip to sitting at the computers in the library at lunch playing golf, the sophomores enjoyed their school time together. Activities were always a group thing.

While sophomores searched for the ultimate good time, they also set goals for themselves. They gave their utmost performance in sports, music, the arts--in everything they did. "I set a lot of goals for myself and then I try to achieve them," Trevor Lawlor explained. The class of 2001 stumbled toward excellence.

1998-99

Top National Events

1. President Bill Clinton impeachment hearings begin in January, 1999.
2. United States bombs Iraq; Hussein refuses to cooperate with UN weapons searches.
3. NBA lockout over salary caps; players settle in January, 1999.
4. Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich resigns two days after his re-election in an effort to unify the House of Representatives.



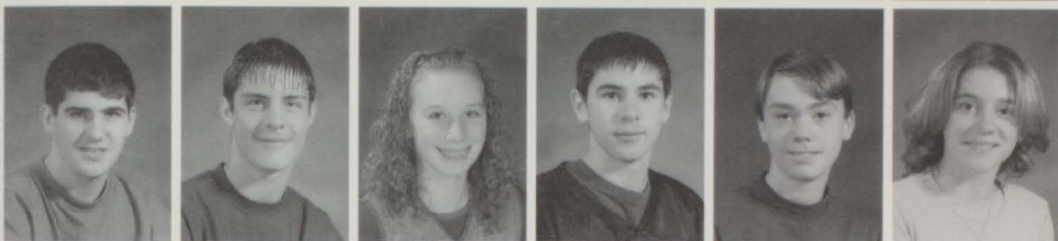
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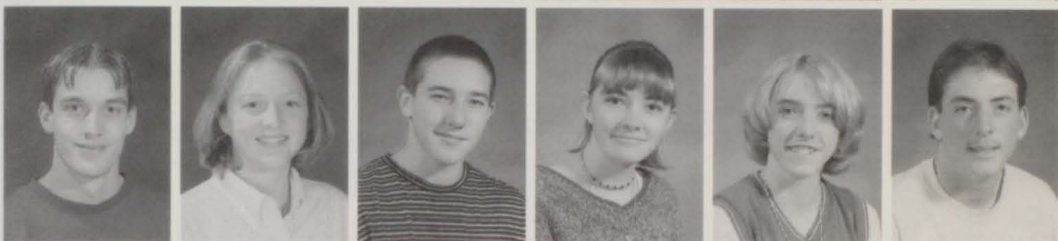
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Neal Fountain
Jason Gerou
Amanda Ghastin
Barbara Gordon



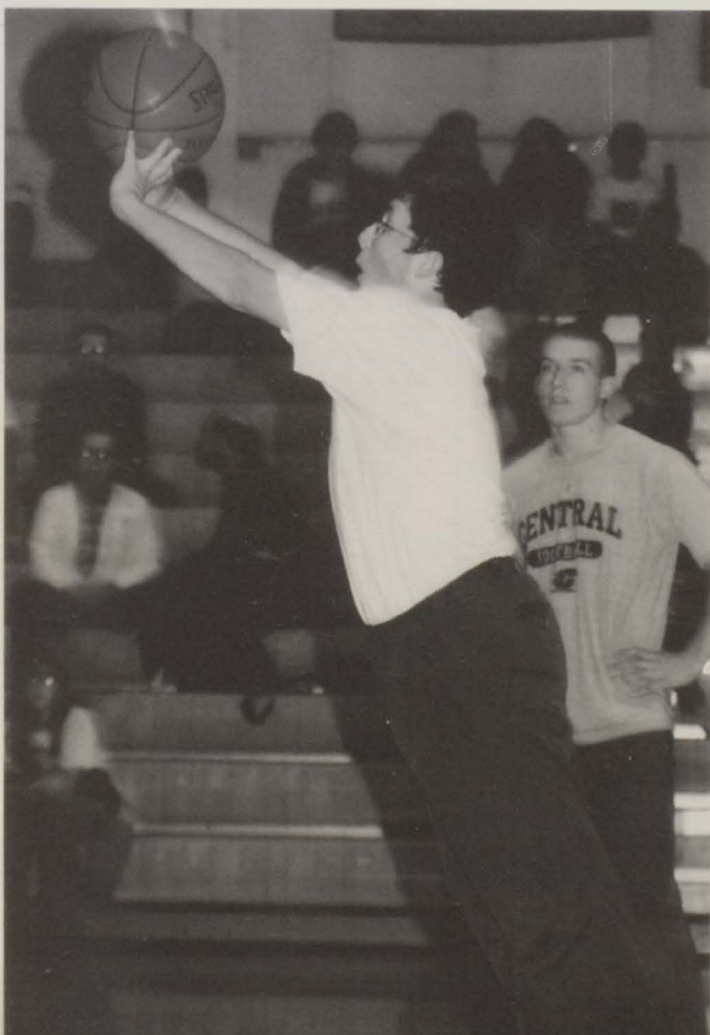
Kristin Hauswirth
Joshua Hetrick
Matthew Hillman
Gary Hinton
Eric Hofbauer
Brooke Jellison



Craig Johnson
Christopher Koivisto
Sarah Kreiser
Jonothan Krentz
Travis Kross
Rachel Langstaff



Trevor Lawlor
Kelly Leonard
Kenny Lozano
Felicia Lutz
Heather Massie
Joshua Mayer



♠ In seventh hour ITV Spanish, Adriane Cryderman and Jay Sommers make fun of each other while they read their textbooks. "Jay and I are pretty good friends. We can tease and we know we don't mean it," Adriane commented. Jay moved to Rudyard from Ohio in the fall.

♠ During the half time shoot at a varsity girls basketball game, Joe VanDusen has a chance to win a free pizza. "I was upset when I missed the shot, but the highlight of my night was winning a free sub on the free throw before," Joe confessed.

Monica McDonald
Tim McKee
Shemida McKinney
Jamie McManus
Andy McMillan
Jeremy Middleton



Dana Miller
Jeff Moberg
Amanda Moore
Corey Nayback
Ryan Neal
Lisa Peterson



Michael Pierce
Jeramie Pilippo
Kate Praasterink
Jason Rawson
Jennifer Rigotti
Crystal Rocheleau



Crash Creates Closeness

Sophomores Face Near Tragedy

By Rachel Langstaff

September 4, 1998, the weekend before the start of school. The crowd was settling down to enjoy the first home football game of the year. The bad news hit the unknowing crowd: Jared Kangas and senior Tom Kopitz had been in an accident. "It felt like time stopped, coming off the high after beating Boyne City. I didn't know what to do with myself when Coach Rader told us," confessed Josh Mayer.

Jared was rushed to the hospital where he was diagnosed with traumatic head injuries, broken legs, and a collapsed lung, and was kept in a drug induced coma. Later he was transferred to U of M children's hospital in Ann Arbor and

went through physical therapy.

This experience deeply affected many sophomores. Sheena Suchey pronounced, "That night after the game, several students and I went to St. Joseph's Church to pray.



Jared Kangas

I felt like through praying and being there for others I was doing my part for Jared. People who weren't even close to Jared comforted one another and prayed."

"The accident was an awakening thing for me," remarked Jared. "I had to stay in the hospital for about two months. What I think I missed most was being with my friends, playing football, and seeing everyone every day. I thank God and everyone who helped me. People really showed they cared."

1998-99

Top Ten Movies

1. *Waterboy*

*Adam Sandler

2. *Armageddon*

*Bruce Willis

3. *There's Something About Mary*

*Cameron Diaz

4. *A Bug's Life*

*Disney

5. *I Still Know What You Did Last Summer*

*Jennifer Love Hewitt

6. *Deep Impact*

*Morgan Freeman

7. *Blade*

*Wesley Snipes

8. *Saving Private Ryan*

*Tom Hanks

9. *City Of Angels*

*Nicolas Cage

10. *Ever After*

*Drew Barrymore



Community



Shannon Sawyer
Nick Sayles
Stephanie Scheitler
Tara Sherman
Jay Sommers
Jason Southwell



Lacey Spencer
Ben St Louis
Dan Stevens
Sara Stone
Sheena Suchey
Sy Syring

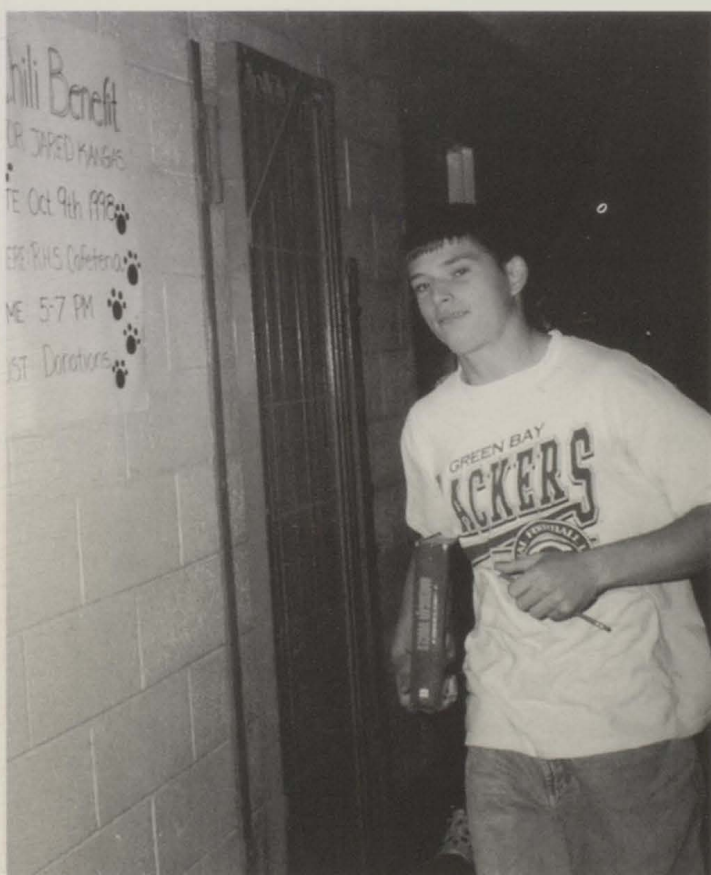


Matt Thilhorn
Jamie Umbreit
Wayne Uponen
Beth VanDusen
Joseph VanDusen
Jonathon Verstrate



Billy White
Stephanie Wilson
Nathan Zeeuw

Not pictured:
John Shogren
Andrea Ulrich



♠ "When I heard about the accident my heart dropped right to my stomach. Our childhood flashed before my eyes. When I got into the car I cried all the way home. I didn't sleep until I knew how Jared was doing," confessed Jeramie Pippo, sharing happier times with girlfriend Lacey Spencer.

♠ "The accident made me wake up. I realized how easy it would be to lose it all. I sent Jared letters, I tried to help in any way possible. I feel in a way it has helped us learn a valuable lesson in life," remarked Jason Bennett, who runs to class passing a poster advertising a chili supper sponsored by the Lion's Club to benefit Jared.

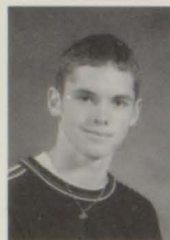
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Ryan Berkompas
Krystle Besteman
Justin Black
Stefanie Bogue
Marla Boynton



Kyle Bryant
Ericka Bumstead
Falisha Burke
Nancy Caldwell
Autumn Chappa
Joshua Collins



Gavin Cornwell
Kurt Cornwell
Nathan Corp
Kyle Crozier
Carol Daniels
Kevin Davis



Bring Your No. 2 Pencil

Juniors Bombarded by Standardized Testing

By Tabitha Nordquist

"Juniors have the toughest year academically, partially because it's when the hard classes become available, but also because of all the testing that goes on," Ben English commented. With the PSAT and ASVAB in the fall and the MEAP and ACT in the spring, many juniors felt this year was particularly important to their futures.

"All the testing that goes on puts pressure on us, but I deal with it by reassuring myself that I know the material, because they cover everything we've learned in the past years of schooling," Marla Boynton stated. Dana Miller added, "I feel pressure of some sort, but I just tell myself I can do well if I put my mind to it."

Some students even chose to get a head start on their college courses. Gavin Cornwell, Mark Hauswirth, and Luke Otten traveled to LSSU during the first half of the school day. Luke claimed, "College is great; I get better grades there than I do in high school!"

To help reduce the amount of school work, many juniors chose the option of going to the Career Center at Sault High. Neal Nayback said, "Going to the Skill Center takes off a lot of work and helps limit the amount of academic stress." Kandi Ray added, "Since I go to the Skill Center I only have three classes, so I'm not as pressured as I might otherwise be."

Whether going to the Career Center, taking college classes, or staying at school all day, the standardized testing couldn't be avoided. Justin Black claimed, "These tests are the deciding key to my future. Doing well on them is important, because the results could be with us for the rest of our lives."

1998-99

Top World Events

1. Hurricane Mitch charges through South America killing over 10,000 people.
2. Attacks made on U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya.
3. Saddam Hussein breaks U.N. treaty agreements by kicking out arms inspectors.
4. The earth makes a rare pass through the Leonoids, a group of cosmic clutter that circles the sun, causing a huge astroid shower.
5. U.N. troops sent to stop racist Serb slaughter of ethnic Albanians living in Yugoslavia.



Community



Benjamin English
Dominic Erickson
Lacey Fegan
Danielle Fountain
Valerie Fountain
Megan Galloway



Nicholas Griswold
Katie Hagen
Joe Hauser
Katherine Hauser
Mark Hauswirth
Tashina Hemenway



Jessie Hesselink
Amy Hoolsema
Renae Hoolsema
John Huskey
Adam Jackson
Gretchen Jarvie



Jamie Jarvie
Matthew Kabat
Candice Keesler
Crystal Kelly
Corie King
Merinda Kittel



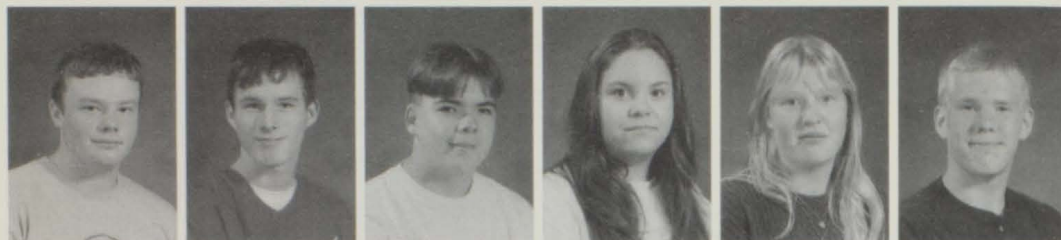
✧ "I like racing because it's something that I'm good at," Kurt Cornwell stated. At Rudyard Summerfest Kurt finishes up the run through his barrel race on his quarterhorse, Chick. Kurt took first place in his class at the show.

✧ Dancing wildly to some 60's music the night before Homecoming, Katie Hagen and Brandy Witmer take a break from working on the float to have some extra fun. "We like that song, and when we heard it come on we just had to jump up and dance," Brandy explained.

Jamie Kultunen
Sarah Langstaff
Liza LaPoint
Travis Mayer
Marika McCluskey
Joshua McDonald



Michael McDowell
Dennis McGowan
Raeen McLean
Terri McMillan
Amanda Miller
Robert Mitchell



Jamie Morris
Heather Nayback
Neal Nayback
Tabitha Nordquist
David Oja
Lucas Otten



Rick Palo
Elizabeth Partridge
Nichole Pennell
Jeremy Posey
Rachael Rader
Leanna Rademaker



Show Us the Money

Class of 2000 Become Sales Professionals

By Nikki Pennell

Junior year was traditionally known for fundraising, which was especially true for the Class of 2000. The class wanted to raise enough money to host a memorable prom. Fundraisers included Homecoming candygrams and a Sadie Hawkins dance. Class president Corie King commented, "My favorite fundraising memory was the dance we put on this year. I thought it was so funny when all of us went to Kristy Wallis' house to get straw and corn for the dance decorations and her dog started attacking us."

Junior class advisor Mrs. Ewing thought it was time to do something for the community, so they challenged the seniors to a can drive. Consequences for losing: losers had to give up twenty dollars and become slaves for the winning class. When the day came to count the cans, it amazingly ended in a tie. Each class had exactly 285 cans. No money was lost for either class, but all will remember the good they did for the community. Danielle Fountain declared, "We were at lunch and Tabitha[Nordquist] decided not to eat her can of soup that she brought for lunch and she ended up putting it in the can drive. She's the reason the can drive ended in a tie!"

1998-99

Top Sports Events

1. Mark McGwire hits record breaking 70 homeruns.
2. Sammy Sosa gets close second with 65 homeruns.
3. Lions' Barry Sanders rushes 2,000 yards in one season.
4. Detroit Red Wings win back to back Stanley Cups.
5. Mike Piazza becomes highest paid baseball player ever.



Community



John Randall
Esther Rawson
Kandi Ray
Kristan Rizzo
Gregory Romeri
Bjorn Sahn



Crystal Schwesinger
Christina Searles
Rebecca Seigwart
Jordan Shute
Christy Sneller
David Spencer



Mindy Taylor
Travis Templeton
Jason Thompson
Aimee VanSloten
Kristy Wallis
Natalie Ward



Amanda Weidmann
Sarah Whitney
Brandy Witmer
Sarah Wood
Francie Yiirs



⚡ While working on the junior class float, Rick Palo, Mike McDowell, and Travis Mayertake a break to watch the Michigan vs. Michigan State football game. The guys were often distracted by the game, but still managed to contribute their fair share.

⚡ Stocking belts in the women's department, Sarah Wood slaves away at JCPenney to earn extra spending money. "I've worked there for almost two years," Sarah commented. "I like it because I get great discounts."

⇒ While doing an acceleration-gravity experiment in Physics, Joel Kauppila pretends to be waiting for the data from Jacob Mayer, but in reality is slyly playing Tetris. Tim Ehle confessed he "wasn't paying much attention to the experiment, but was checking out Joel's score instead."

✦ Awestruck, Megan Sloat marvels as whiz kid Mindy Moore easily clicks up a picture of a beaver on the internet for Environmental Science. Megan said, "I love this class. We don't have books. Instead we do projects, which is fun and I tend to learn more."



Competition = Success

Long Academic Struggle Ends in Victory for Seniors

By Cindi Leonard

Over 36 percent of the senior class had a 3.0 grade point average or higher to start out their final year of high school. Striving to do the best they could led to much competition among the top 26 scholars. "Our class is special," commented Stacia Chick. "We have turned into very successful little people."

Whether it was a college application, a test, or just plain old homework, a senior's world revolved around school. "The work ethic that my parents and grandpa

taught me on the farm is what keeps pushing me to do my best," explained Jacob Mayer.

Earning one more point than their classmates might not mean much to the average student, but it meant a lot to this group of bright students. Maybe they stayed up an extra ten minutes the night before a test to go over all of the back muscles just one more time, but it sure paid off—with one more point. "There is a big difference with that one point because it can mean either an A or a B," Jamie Kantola

commented. "To me, it looks a lot better when you have an A on your paper because there is more pride in that rather than a B+ or even an A-." The next time an English paper was due there was one other student who wanted that 101 percent. They stayed after school and did some extra looking up on the internet to get more facts than the next person.

Competition was found in every single classroom that the senior class was ever in. This was only one characteristic that made the Class of '99 so great.



Community

Future Workers

Jacob Besteman:	Diesel Mechanic
Dan Burhop:	High School Athletic Director
Ben Case:	High School Gym Teacher
Stacia Chick:	Certified Public Accountant
Holly Couling:	Photographer
Tim Ehle:	Physical Therapist
Erin Jellison:	Veterinarian
Jamie Kantola:	Pediatrician's Assistant
Joel Kauppila:	Engineer
Cindi Leonard:	Financial Manager
Jenny Lohff:	Author
Brandon Malaski:	Pro Baseball Manager
Jacob Mayer:	Catholic Priest
Mindy Moore:	Psychologist
Melissa Mueller:	Business Administrator
Amanda Pavlat:	High School Math/Science Teacher
Lydia Petkus:	Author of children's books
Becca Piippo:	Clinical Laboratory Scientist
James Praasterink:	Hunter/Fisherman
Luke Rice:	Personal Trainer
Schacole Roberts:	Journalist
Megan Sloat:	Fashion Designer
Sam St. Louis:	Orthopedic Surgeon
Sarah Ulrich:	Critic
Windy Ulrich:	Obstetrician
Jody Ward:	Certified Public Accountant



⚡ Doing one of the many question assignments required by Mr. Powers, Dan Burhop ponders whether he should start his questions now or wait until he gets home.

⚡ Noogie time for Tim Ehle, who thought it would be easier to steal Becca Piippo's answers than to figure it out on his own. Becca, quite offended, decides to take matters into her own hands.

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

Seniors Have It

by Jamie Spencer

How did this senior class distinguish itself from previous classes? "It has such a large group of students who have done well in proportion to other classes. I feel the Class of '99 has kept its goals in focus at all times throughout its high school years," thought Business teacher Mrs. Harrington.

The beginning of the senior year offered special possibilities. Excellent athletic teams fueled improved school spirit. Out of school social experiences were cherished. These stories capped off a fruitful four years for the class.

In the duration of these final four school years, many stories accumulated. Luke Rice commented on the football team's surprise turkey attack on the way to Boyne City during his junior year: "We were just riding along and all of a sudden we saw turkeys flying out from this yard. Then, WHAM!!, we saw this turkey passing each of the bus windows. When I looked up, the

bus's windshield was shattered."

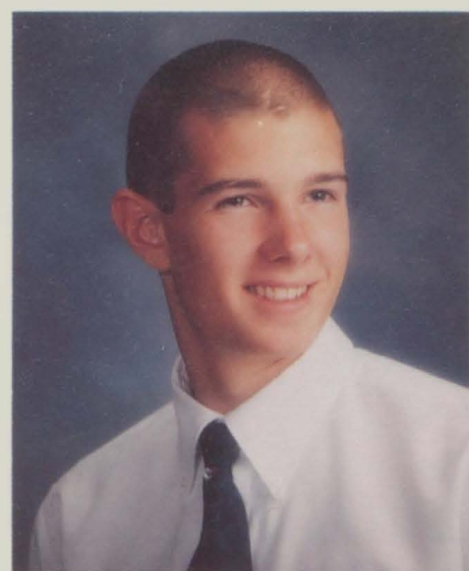
Lydia Petkus said of the Quiz Bowl's televised fall trip to Marquette that her biggest downfall was her nervousness. "My whole family was watching, which was really embarrassing because I missed this easy question that I shouldn't have. The highlight was when we beat St. Ignace, 100-10."

High school secretary Mrs. Ehle was optimistic about this group's success. "This class is destined to be successful because they're hard working. They care about goals and what's important, not just grades, but community service, beliefs, and teamwork."

The class left behind good times that will not soon be forgotten. Their cooperation, respectful attitudes, and maturity left a lasting impression on the faculty and underclassmen. As role models and leaders, the seniors established a standard of excellence for future classes.



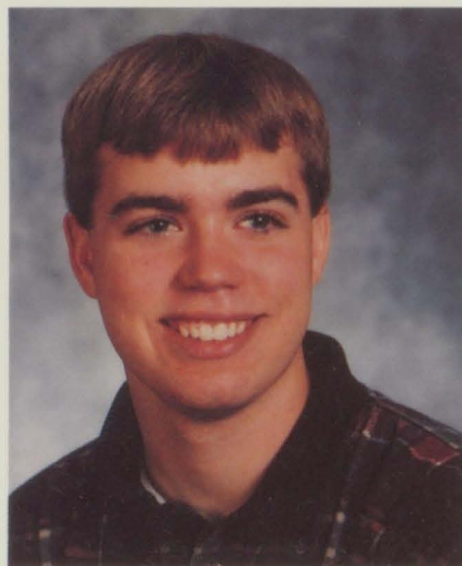
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Benjamin L. Case



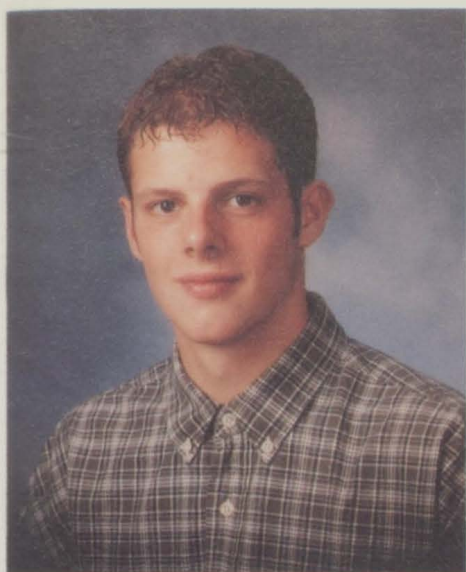
Brandy D. Demetroff



Timothy M. Ehle



Paula J. Finfrock



Derek T. Boynton



Heather L. Bumstead



Daniel G. Burhop



Cassandra N. Case



Stacia M. Chick



Holly S. Couling



Sean P. Fritz



Sarah E. Frye



Tashia K. Godfrey

⇒ Getting ready to cook them over the hot grill, Misty Harper cuts through a rack of ribs at the Malamute where she has worked for approximately two years. "She's a hard worker and enjoys cooking while getting hands-on experience with a smile," commented co-worker Cassey Case.

⇧ While keeping up with the fast motion of the football players, Sam McLean diligently snaps pictures of the Homecoming game for the Evening News. "I work to make money and to gain experience," commented Sam, who plans to study photojournalism in college.



Working Class

Money Hungry Seniors Work For "Necessities"

By Stacia Chick

Work was an important part of many seniors' lives. Several reasons were given for working while in high school, but the most common was "for the money." Dennis Savoie, who has worked at Pure Country for five years, gave this reason: "So I have money for my car and for everyday needs. Also, I think it helps with finding jobs in the future."

Some seniors even juggled work and play, like Aaron Mayer, who managed to play football and

help community farmers in the hay business. He commented, "making money is more important than being involved in school activities, but not too many things get between me and football."

There were students who weren't involved in school activities who wished they could have been. Craig Schuh explained, "If you don't have money, you can't get very many things that you want. If you don't play sports it's not a big deal. But it is a way to have fun after

school and to meet people."

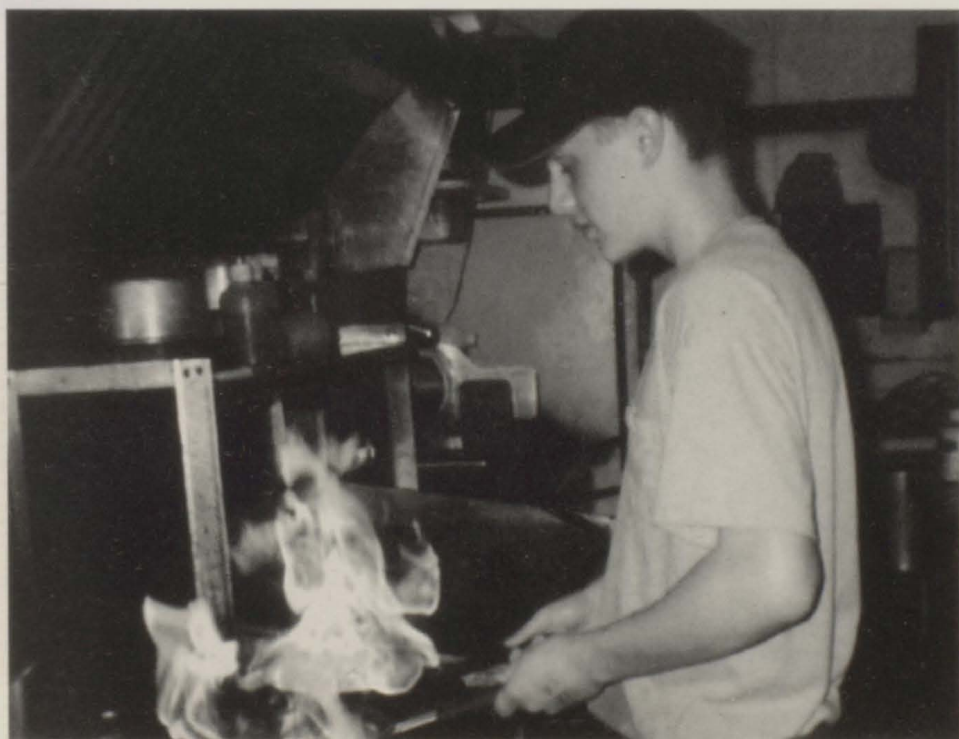
Some seniors worked even though they didn't have to, but many had to work. "I need money to afford gas and insurance on my car. I need my car to drive to college, so not having a job is not an option," responded Misty Harper.

Seniors who chose work might have missed out on some memorable school moments, but they worked to gain experience and save for their future.



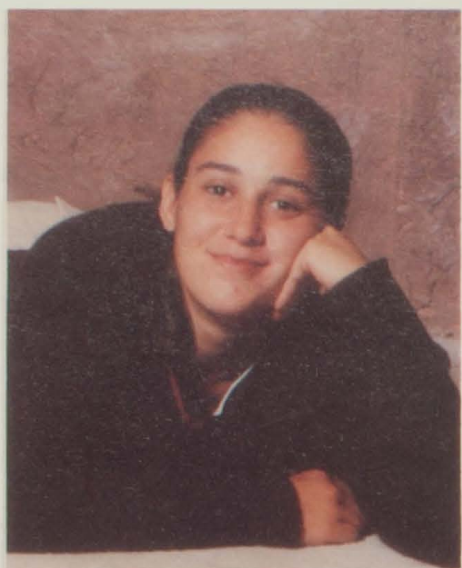
Future Workers

Cassey Case:	Air Force Military Police
Misty Harper:	English Literature Professor
Jessica Helfrich:	Veterinarian
Ronee Hesselink:	Personal Fitness Trainer
Brandon Kangas:	Iron Worker
Tom Kopitz:	Machinist
Melissa Mansour:	Medical Doctor
Aaron Mayer:	Construction Worker
Jim McCluskey:	Stockbroker
Matt McConkey:	Author/Cereal Maker
Marcy McDonald:	Hairstylist
Sam McLean:	Newspaper Editor/Publisher
Nick Postma:	Electrician/Football Coach
Dennis Savoie:	Owner of Joe's Bar
Craig Schuh:	Mechanic
Jamie Spencer:	Journalist
Warren Spencer:	Contractor/Business Owner
Sara Stefanko:	Stand Up Comedian
Bill Wilson:	Professional Wrestler
Justin Witmer:	Air Force Mechanic

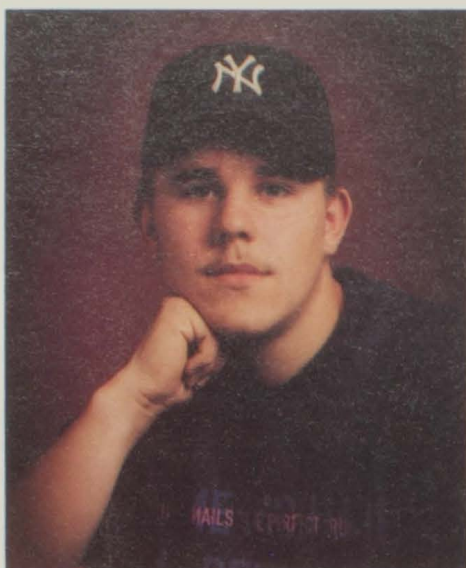


✦ Selling Adriane Cryderman a coke, Justin Witmer works hard at his cashier position, which he took over for Nick Postma, at the Rudyard Co-op.

✦ Making one of his favorite dishes, Dennis Savoie sautes the special of the night, Steak Sizzler. Dennis doesn't think making money is more important than being involved in school activities. "My life comes first. I know that and my boss knows that."



Shavon K. Golladay



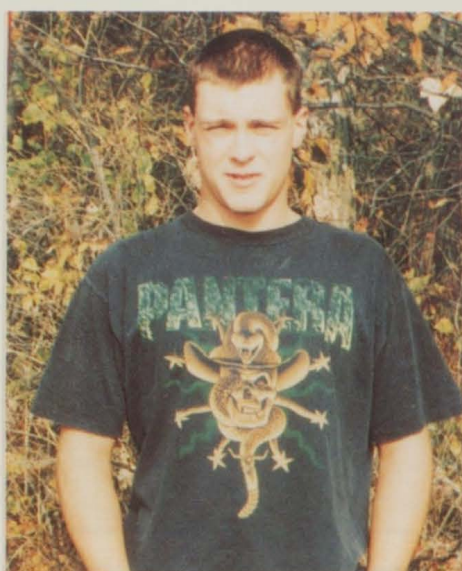
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Misty L. Harper



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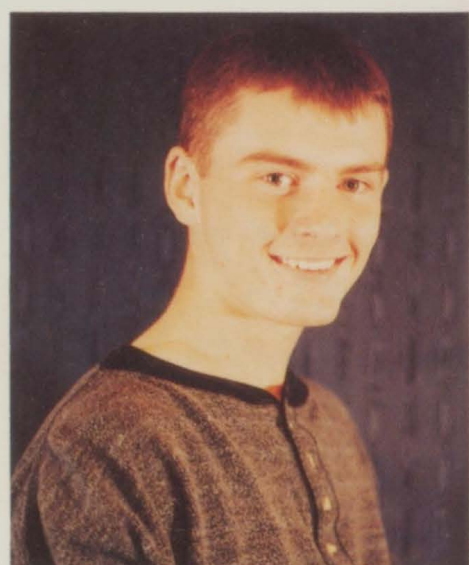
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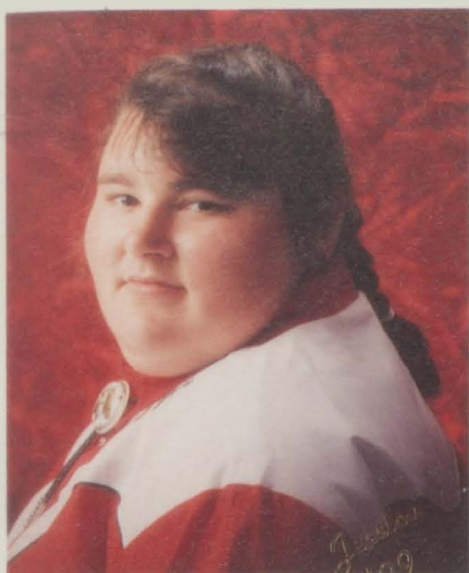
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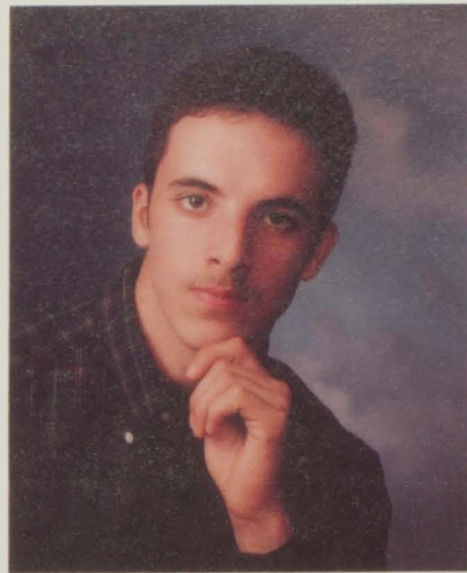
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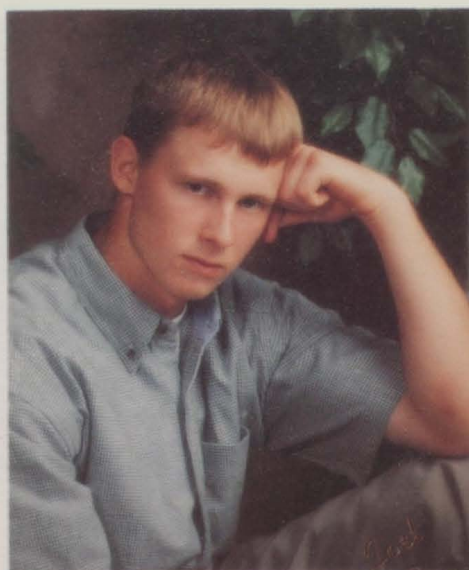
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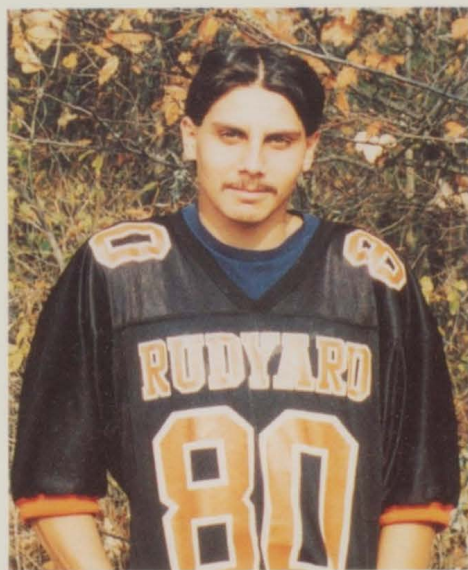
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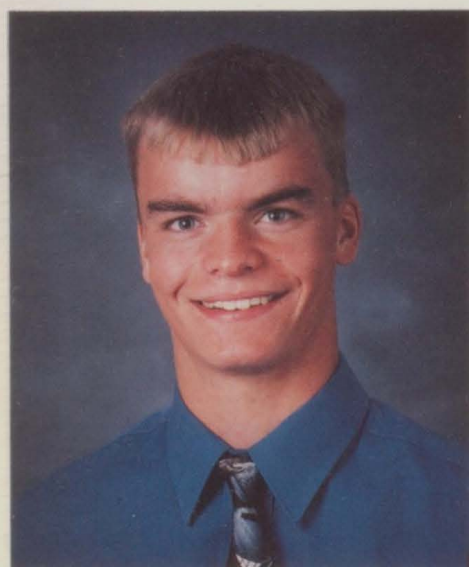
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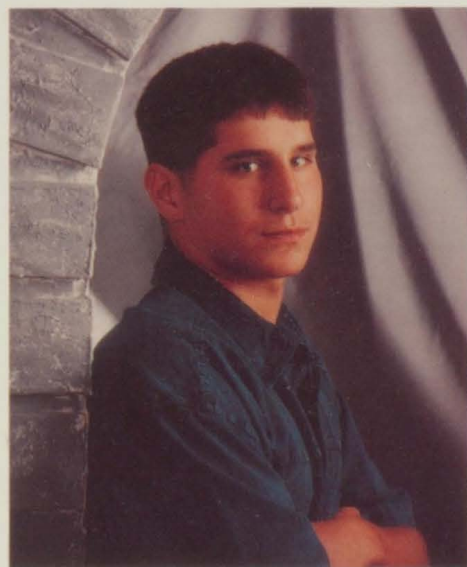
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Aaron I. Mayer



By Cindi Leonard

Do we all remember the first day of our freshman year? Some of us were timid, while others were excited for the beginning of our final four years together. Not one of us newcomers really knew what to expect. We just had to play with the cards we were dealt.

Four years later, our attitudes toward school changed immensely. We were no longer afraid of what to expect from high school, but



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now we had the rest of our lives to plan, on our own, with no rules to follow.

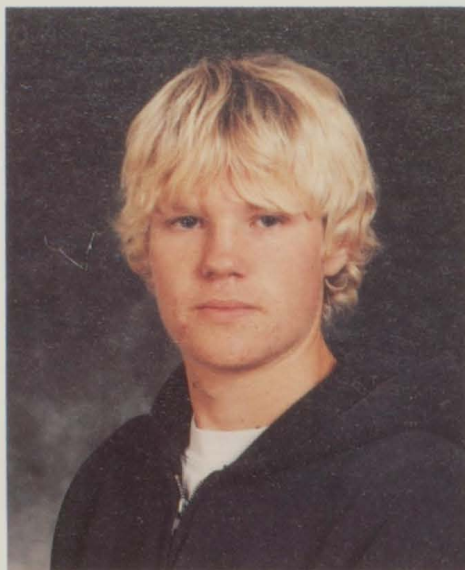
Some chose to stop here and get a job, while

others opted to further their education by attending college or receive training in a military service. But by the end we were ready and

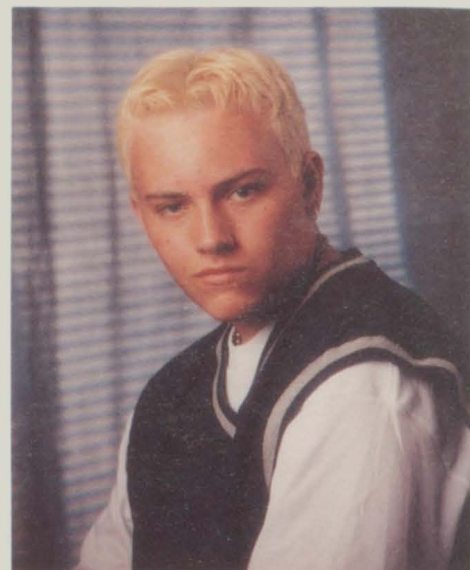
willing to do what was expected from us. Whatever path was taken, we all knew we would succeed.



Jacob Mayer



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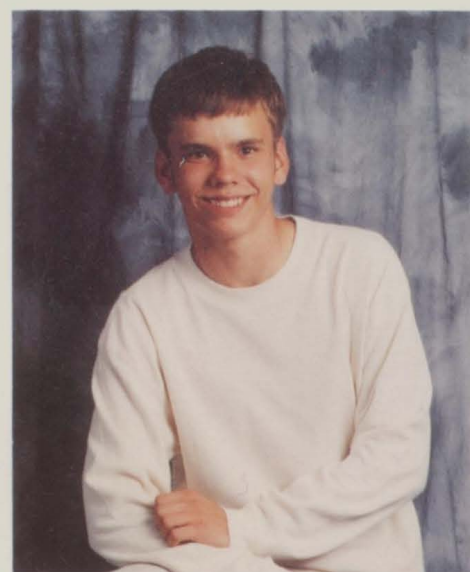
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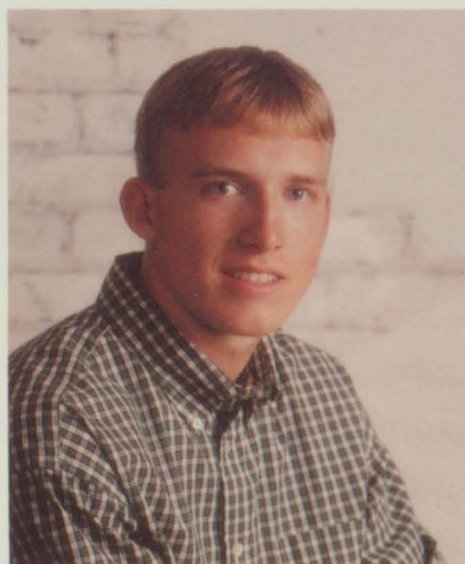
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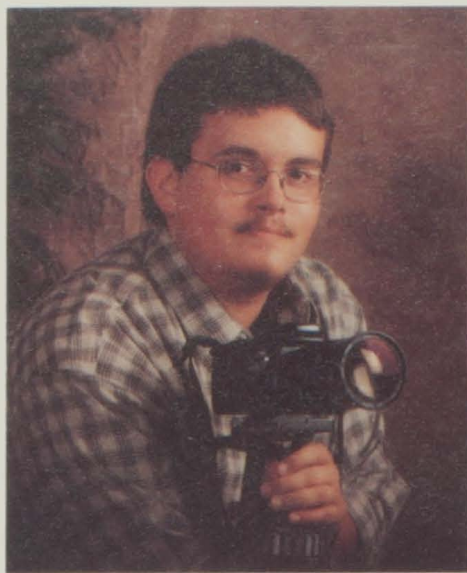


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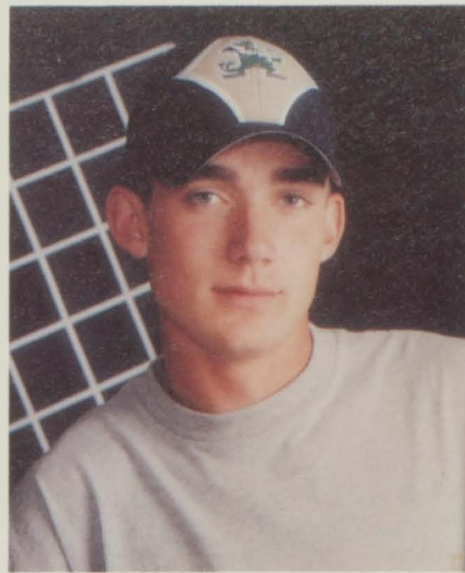




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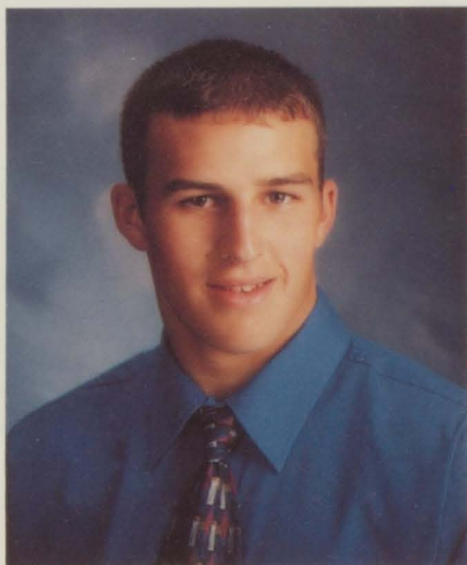
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Kara M. Radimaker



Luke W. Rice



Schacole A. Roberts

⇒ While making the tough decision of which of Sarah Frye's senior pictures she wants, Leslie Sims scans the list of pictures other people picked. Sarah learned that pictures are expensive, like a lot of other senior requirements. "Money is what stresses me the most right now. I'm over \$5,000 in debt because I'm going to college and touring Europe this summer. I need a job."

✧ In her fifth hour Government class, Debbie Vanderpool discusses the interest group project with her groupmate Mindy Moore. Mrs. Storey required students to make up an imaginary interest group, then make a pamphlet and poster advertising their interest. The chosen topics ranged from making the chickadee the state bird to banning negative criticism.



AAAHHHH!!! Seniors Struggle With Too Much Stress

By Lydia Petkus

It was hard work being a senior. There was a lot of pressure on the graduating class to do it right. Building a great homecoming float, scoring high on the ACT's, selecting the class song, selling candy for the class trip, applying for college, writing a love sonnet, juggling an already packed schedule, and basically leaving childhood behind were just some of the stress inducers the seniors coped with.

"The most stressful thing this year was Homecoming week," said cheerleading team captain Kara Rademaker in her soft-spoken voice. She then exclaimed, "I'm excited because it's my senior year, and I really want to leave school but I really don't want to leave. It's like you're basically forced to grow up."

Aaron Miller explained this last year of high school was going to be stressful for him "because after

⇒ Working in their seventh hour Economics class, Erik Nayback and Tom Kopitz pool their knowledge to finish the questions before the bell rings. "Cooperation helps to avoid homework stress," commented Erik.

we graduate all of my friends are going their separate ways. We have to grow up and join the real world, and I will be having to leave all my friends behind."

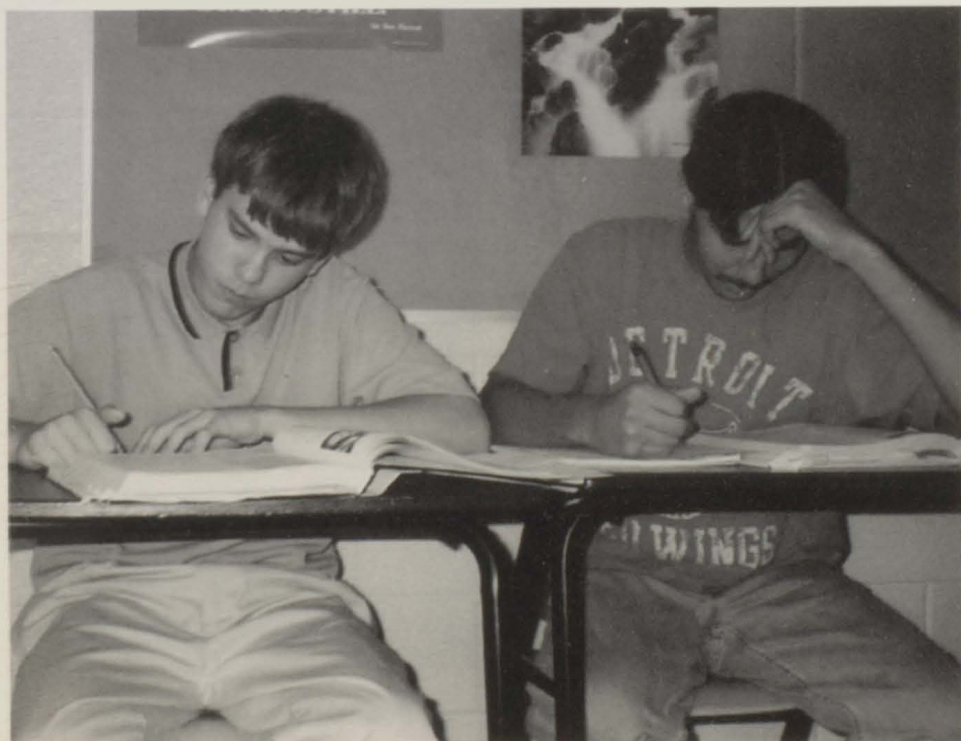
"It gets to everyone," said Sarah Frye, "especially when you only have a little time to do a lot of work."

"Don't ask me about my stress," replied Terry Lovegrove. "There's too much!"

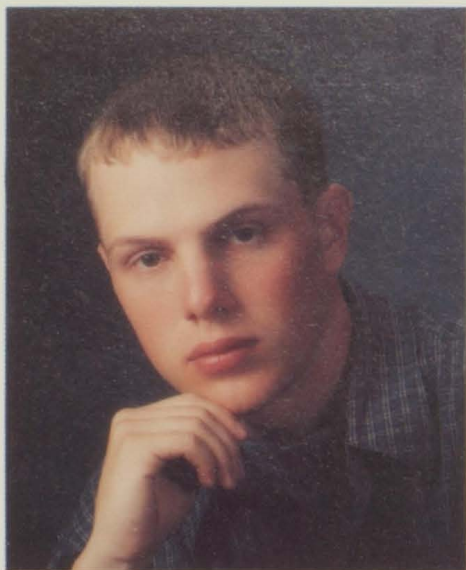


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Paula Finfrock:	Painter, Broadway Performer
Sean Fritz:	Coast Guard
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Chad Jackson:	Movie Star
Tabitha Leitenberger:	Accountant
Terry Lovegrove:	Computer Specialist
Aaron Miller:	Air Force Pilot
Erik Nayback:	Photographer, Golf Pro
Katrina Peterman:	Secretary
Kara Radimaker:	Architect
Leslie Sims:	Actress
Shawn Sneller:	Conservation Officer
Elisha Syring:	Artist
Debbier Vanderpool:	Homemaker, Secretary
Cristopher Wenzierl:	Pilot
Nick Wilder:	Brain surgeon



✧ Taking a much needed break from the calamity of Mrs. Irwin's seventh hour middle school class, aide Elisha Syring records the students' scores in the gradebook. She says it's nice when the class cooks because "the only time I ever get a break is when they're in the Food's Lab and I'm alone in Mrs. Irwin's room correcting papers."



Dennis J. Savoie



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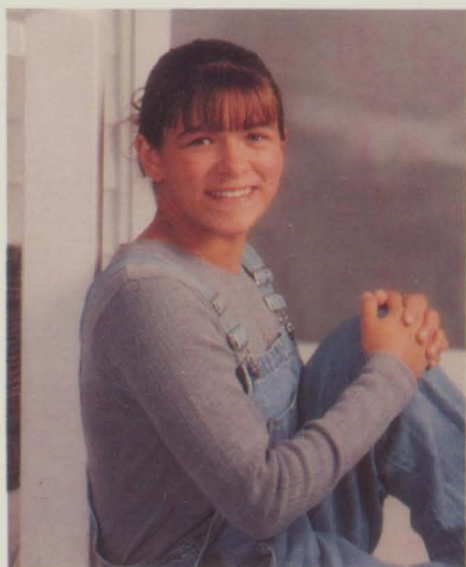
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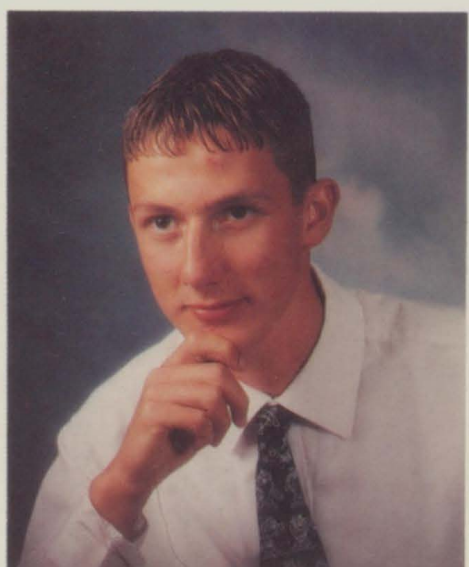
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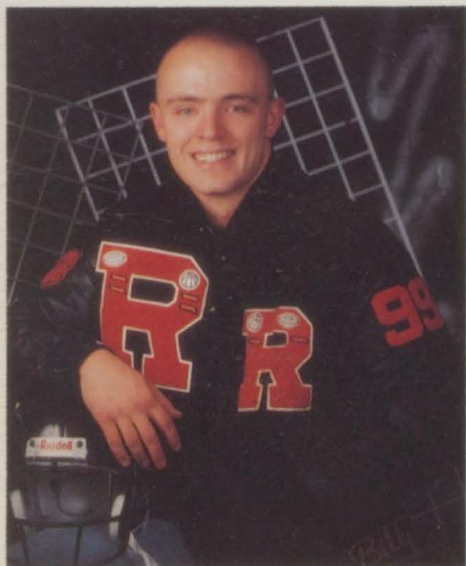
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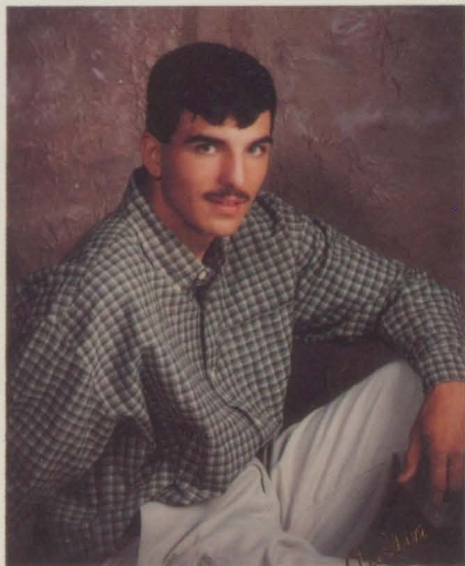
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⇒ Smiling at her hungry customers, Stephanie Wilson takes orders during the Saturday lunch rush at McDonald's in the Sault. She enjoys earning her own money. "I like to cash my check and go to Vanity to buy my clothes," said Stephanie, a sophomore.



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Local Businesses Support Our School

by Nick Griswold

Area businesses bestowed nearly \$5,000 in ad revenue for the yearbook when students spent a day out asking the community for assistance.

These contributions were used to keep the cost of yearbooks down to \$25 per book, even though the yearbook staff paid Herff Jones close to \$10,000 for the books they printed. The community kept the yearbook in business. Without local financial backing, the yearbook wouldn't have had the monetary

means to publish a book. The community and students were so generous that over the past five years book sales rose from 150 to 220 books and the yearbook's length increased by eight pages. The yearbook staff could not have accomplished this without our supportive community.

♣ Stacking fresh bread at the Kinross Co-op, junior Jamie Morris gladly takes advantage of a job opportunity close to his home. Jamie's friend Ben McBroom said, "Jamie spends all the money he makes on junk food. He should be saving up for a car so he could drive his friends around."

Jacob Besteman

We hope you stay as cute, good natured, insightful, creative, and modest as you were your first eighteen years.

Go get 'em!
Aunt Pat, Kim, Bryan, Mike, and our families



Stacia Marie Chick

To a loving daughter and sister. We are very proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Bob, Jay, and Mark



The first day of kindergarten and you wanted to be the teacher already! There's been good times and difficult times, but you always worked hard and kept a great attitude.

We couldn't be prouder!
God bless,
Mom and Dad



Tim Ehle

Big eyes, smile, and heart. We're proud of the man you've become.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Dedicated to
Dennis VanSloten
1922-1998

Papa,
I had so much more
to learn from you!
Jacob



Dan Burhop
JD Praasterink
Tim Ehle

Clothes make the man, but what about those hats?



Sarah Frye

We knew you'd be all grown up someday, we just didn't know it would be this soon.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Jessica Helfrich

To our future veterinarian. We are very proud of you and wish you all the best!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and C.J.





Ronee Hesselink

We're proud of you.
We know you'll do
great in college!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
and Shelly



Erin Jellison

Congratulations to a
special daughter and
sister; we are so proud
of you! May life bring
you happiness,
success, and love.
Love, Mom, Dad,
Brooke, and Evan

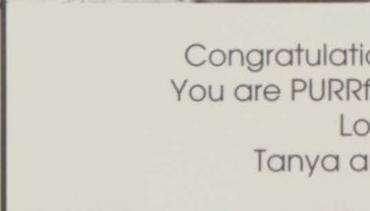


Jamie Kantola

Be the change you
want to see in this
world.

We love you always
and forever!

Mom and Dad



Congratulations, you did it!
You are PURRfectly amazing!

Love,
Tanya and Sasha



Joel Kauppila

Super good wishes for
a super son, brother,
and uncle!
Lots of love,
Mom, Dad,
John, Julie, Jared



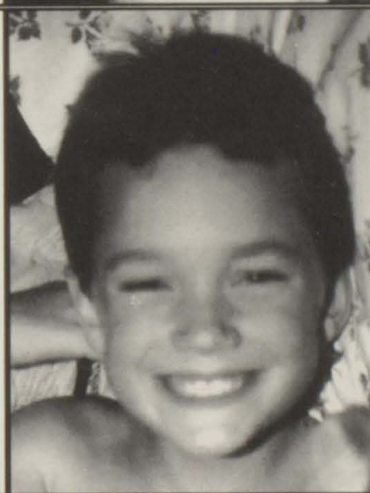
Cindi Leonard

Keep dreaming,
Cindi. You can
achieve it; don't look
back, but ahead.
Don't forget where
your home is.
We love you,
Mom, Dad, & Kelly



Jenny Lohff

Live your dreams, Jen.
We are proud of you.
Love ya,
Mom, Dad & Bob



Aaron Miller

Good luck.
You make your future.
It is today every day.
I love you,
Mom

Mindy Moore

You've worked hard to get where you are; the harder work is still to come. We will always be there to help you.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
and sisters



Melissa Mueller

May the Lord look upon you always. We wish you all the luck and happiness in the world.

Lots of love,
Mom, Gary,
and family



Erik Nayback

To a wonderful son, brother, and uncle. We wish you the best in everything you do in life.

Love,
Mom, Chris,
Brandy, and Austin



Amanda Pavlat

You've come a long way. Always follow your dreams and your heart; let them take you as far as they can.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Katrina Peterman

To our daughter: We are so proud of the young lady you have become. You made it!

Dad, Mom,
and sister Tara



Lydia Petkus

Congratulations! You have done so well, and you will continue to do so. On to the next stage in life.

Our thoughts and love will be with you,
Mom and Keith



Becca Piippo

Keep your face to the sunshine and you will never see the shadows.
Love, Mom and Dad

P.S.-Hans and Dylan say "Woof!"

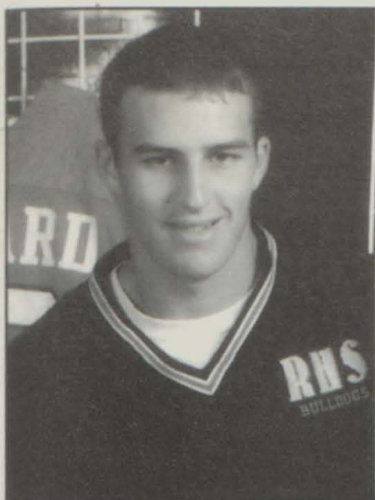


Nick Postma

Our #1 son you will always be. We have been blessed with watching you grow and play sports. As you enter into your next phase of life, we hope and pray that you succeed in everything you do.

Love, Mom and Dad





Luke Rice

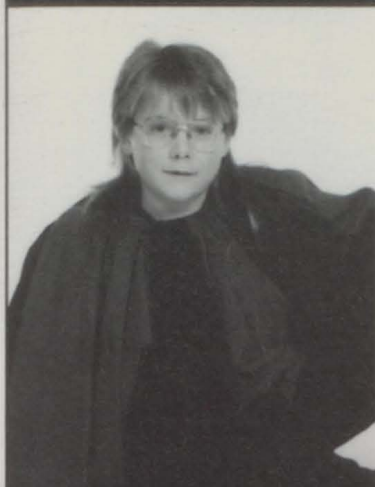
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We know you'll go far,
We know you'll be
great.
Let the journey begin!
Love and pride
always, Mom and
Dad



Sara Stefanko

Your future is as bright
as your smile!

Love always,
Mom, Dad,
and Lauren



Sam St. Louis

Never stop enjoying
the thrill of your future
and your unique way
of experiencing life to
its fullest.
All our love and
support,
Mom and brothers



Sarah Ulrich

All the memories and
joys you've given us!
We wish you the best
in everything you
choose to do.
Love,
Mom, Daddy,
and Andrea



Windy Brook Ulrich

To the most wonderful
and special daughter
and sister. Remember
the recipe for
success: hard work,
persistence, and
loyalty to yourself and
God. We couldn't be
more proud of you.
Love always,
Mom, Dad, and Kyle



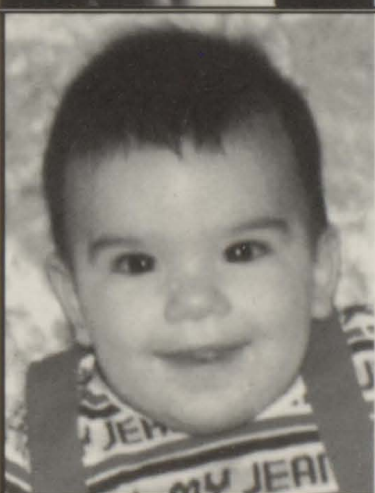
Chris Weinzierl

A fighting spirit was
given to you by God,
shown at birth and
each day since.
Forever a gift among
many more. Thank
Him each day.
Love, Mom



Bill Wilson

Our truck driving man!
We all are so proud of
you. You are a
blessing, a fine son
and brother.
Love,
Brian, Mom,
Steph, Dad, and
Grandma Ruth



Justin Witmer

You're a very special
son and brother.
Go after your dreams
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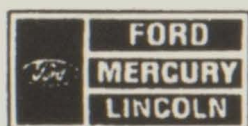


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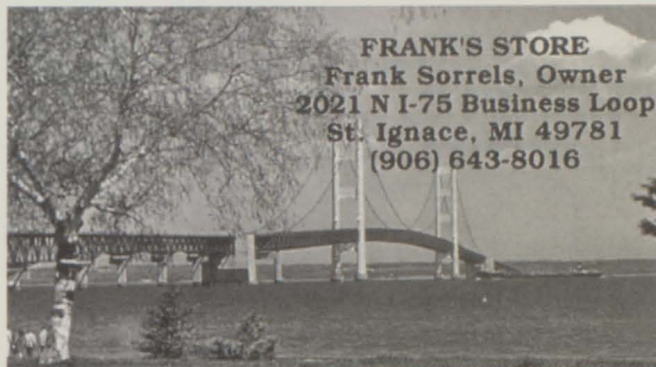
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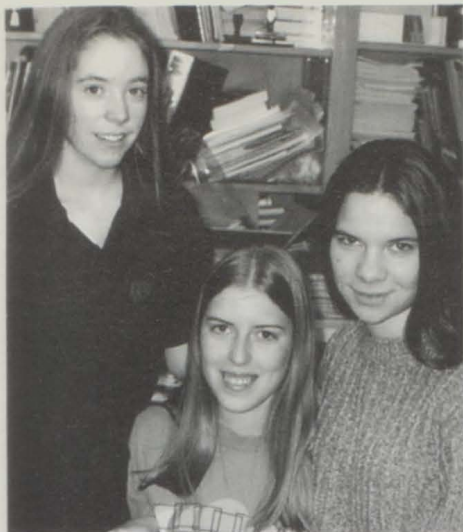
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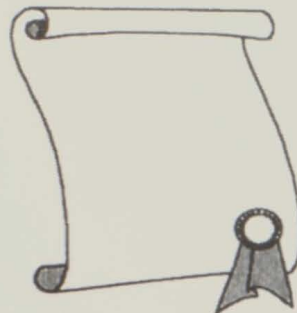
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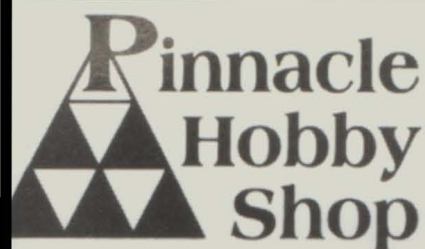
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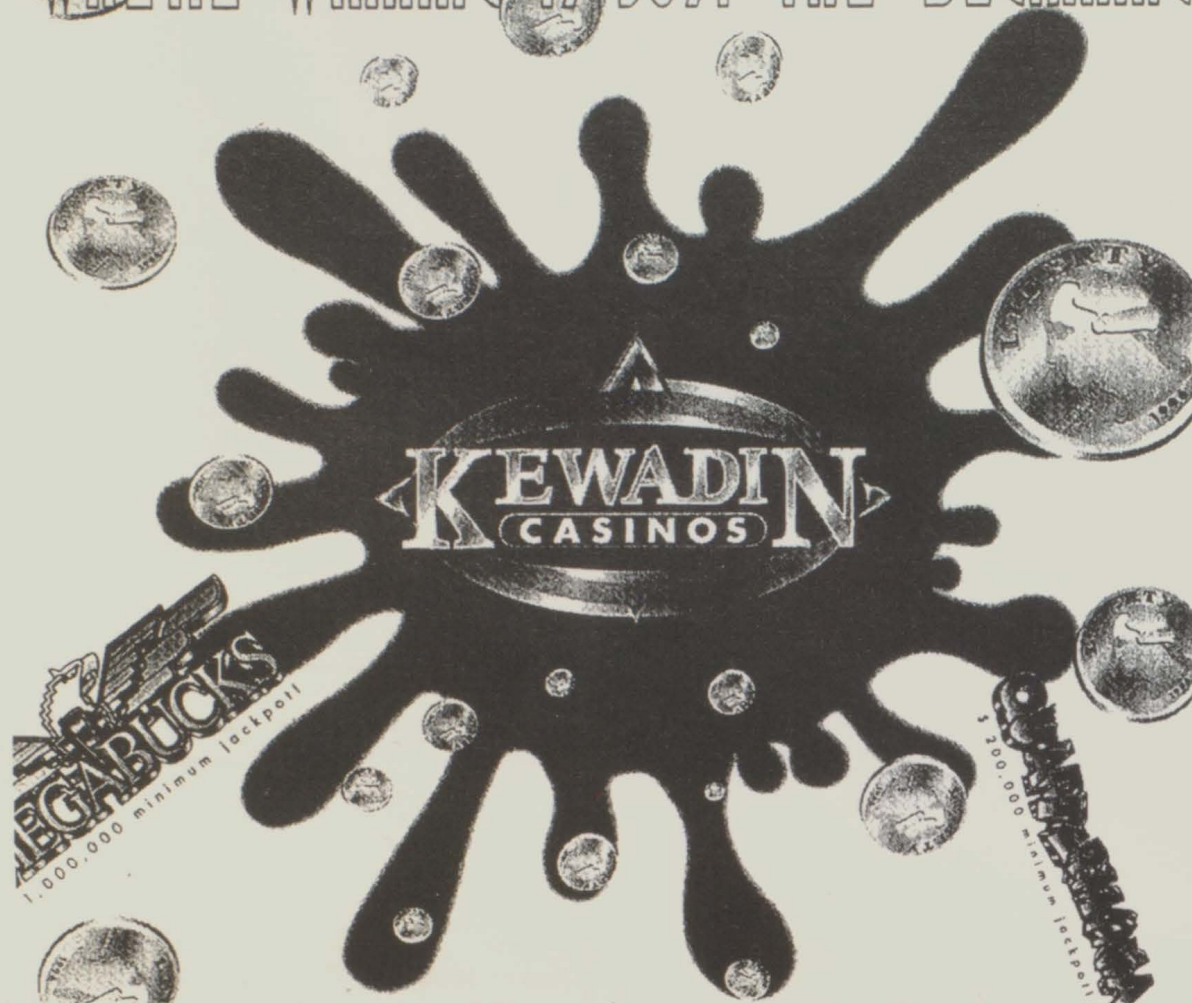
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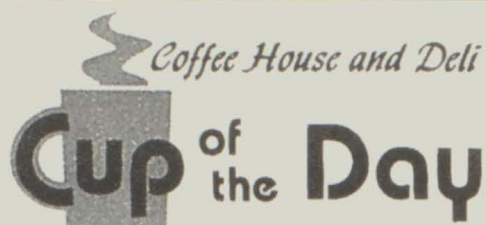
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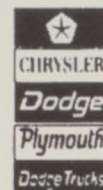
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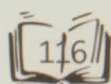
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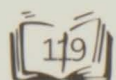
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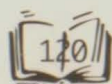
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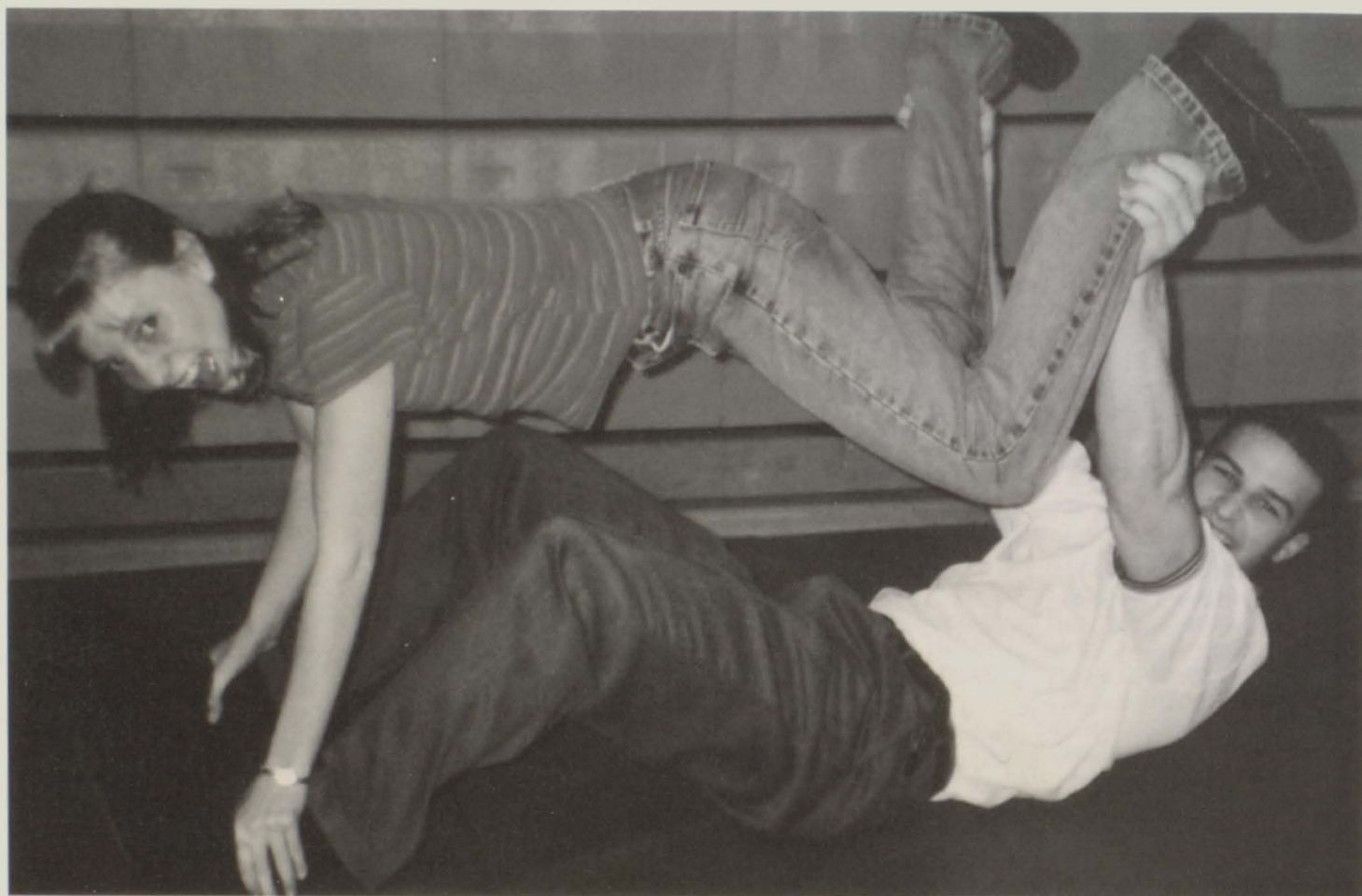
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⇒ Pouring over his thick books, the diligent People's Editor Sam McLean makes life a little brighter with his unique sense of humor. "This is what yearbook is like: really tall seniors, Jerry Jilbert, the sophomore section, partner leaving, Tino's jeers,

Danielle screaming, fighting over pickles, Tino's jeers, leaving the camera, cutting Matt, Tino's jeers, seizure in the Soo, tackled taking pictures, C.H.I.P.S.," Sam explained.

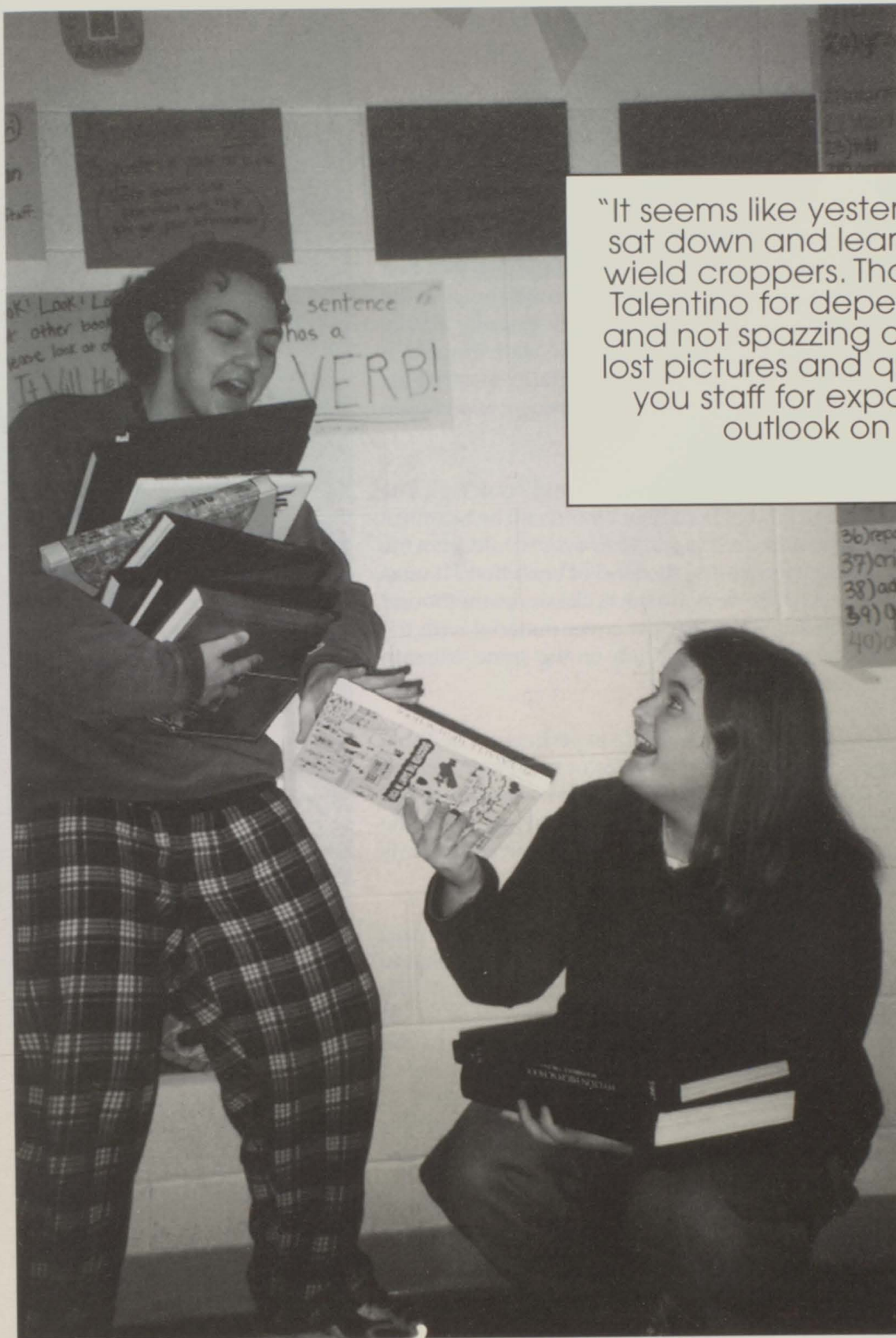
⇒ "Yearbook has been one of my greatest high school experiences. It opened my eyes to things that go on during school that I otherwise might not have seen. Hopefully, this experience helped me soar to new heights," Student Life Editor Stacia Chick mused. Yearbook class could sometimes drive staffers head over heels with excitement. Sports Editor Luke Rice explained, "In the past, I

viewed yearbook as a dictatorship run by the senior girls who did what they wanted, like putting a lesbian's name in the index that had been voted not to be in the book. This year things are much better. Being a senior is exciting, and you really want to portray your school in a way that will bring good memories back sometime down the road."



⇒ "Yearbook is one of those classes that you can have a great time one day and be ready to pull out all of your hair the next. It's all worth it for the satisfaction of doing a good job," Clubs Editor Katie Hagen explains. Getting stressed out is something that comes along with being a section editor, and everyone develops a creative way of relieving it. Academics Editor Corie King unravels, "I love coming to class. Everyone in Yearbook looks at life a little differently, but we all sort of clash together. We care about each other. You don't find that very often."





"It seems like yesterday that we sat down and learned how to wield croppers. Thank you Mrs. Talentino for depending on us and not spazzing out when we lost pictures and quotes. Thank you staff for expanding our outlook on life."

-Lydia and Cindi

⇔ "We absorb so much of life during our high school years. Everything we see, hear, read, or even feel determines who we are and will become," Copy Editor Lydia Petkus professed. "I am thankful to have worked with such a diverse group of people. I am a better person because of them." "I am so glad that Mr. Fountain made me fill out an application for this class when I was in 8th grade," explained Photo Editor Cindi Leonard. "I am so satisfied with seeing all of our hard work turn out to be so beneficial. Thank you to all who helped to reduce my stress. I owe you! I will always remember my yearbook years."

Lots and Lots of Work

The Story of This Book

By Lydia Petkus

Students of the RHS yearbook staff had actually been nursing the idea for *Anthology* for almost two years. In 1997, *Anthology* was first contributed as a theme idea, and in 1998, it was second choice as the theme for the year. The idea itself came from the very popular *Beatles Anthology*, a television mini-series that ran in 1996. The staff thought it would be cool to make a compilation of the stories from the events that the students of Rudyard High School lived. Somehow, *Anthology* was chosen as the 1999 theme, and the rest is history.

The idea was to give the 1999 yearbook a classic, old book feel. The staff wanted this to be the kind of book that would still be beautiful in twenty, forty, or even a hundred years. The cover would give the reader the feeling that he or she was reading the kind of book that Thomas Jefferson could have read. The staff decided on a thick, classic, leatherbound volume. *Anthology's* cover consists of leathertext cover material with the text printed in gold foil on the cover and gold ink on the spine. Mission Check grain texture is boxed around the foil.

On *Anthology's* endsheets, the staff decided to experiment. The Table of Contents were placed there. The chosen color was Parchment to maintain the old book feel that was established with the cover. Black ink was used to print both the text and the photos that appear on the front set of endsheets, and the back endsheets were left blank so students would have room for autographs.

Rudyard's strong sense of Tradition, Pride, and Community was represented in the book's three subthemes. The divisions were made to both unify and allow room for creativity within each section. The section editors chose a simple typestyle that reflected both the classic feel of the book and the unique feel of each section. Headlines found in the Tradition section were printed in the Skia font. Pride headlines were printed in the classic font CMasonSans. Community headlines were printed in Paradox, as was the text found on the cover and on the endsheets. All articles and subheadlines were typed in Palatino, and all captions and bylines were typed in Avant Garde.

Yearbook deadlines were difficult to keep, but the book was sent to press on March 25, 1999. Two hundred copies were ordered. It was a challenge to get the book done on time, and staffers were late on their pages more than once. Herff Jones was the publishing company. Mr. Bill Davie of Trinity Productions contributed as a sports photographer. The Kipling 1999 yearbook staff would like to thank everyone who contributed to this book, and would especially like to thank Mr. Rudyard Kipling for whom this town was named, and by whom we were inspired. Thank you.

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