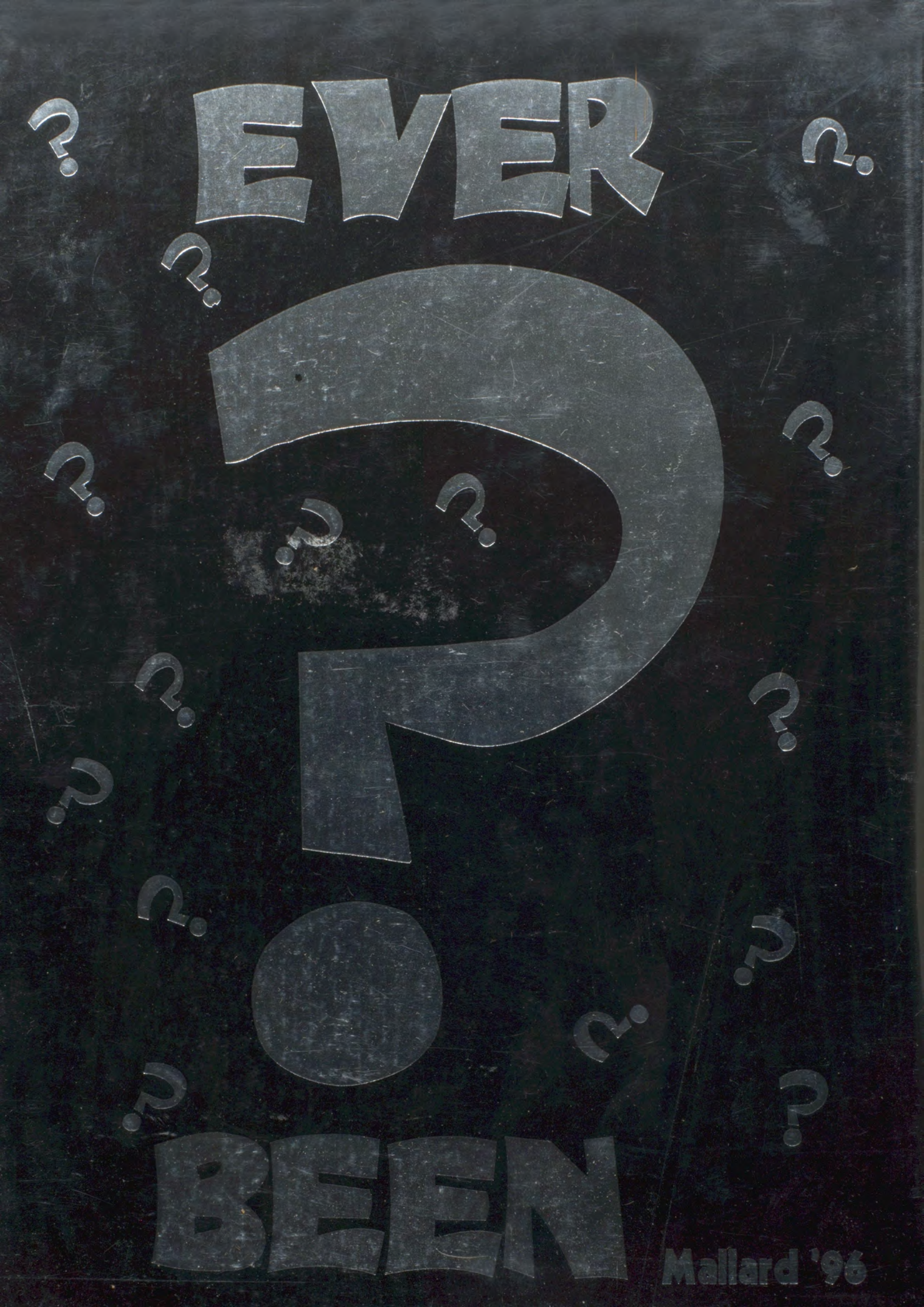
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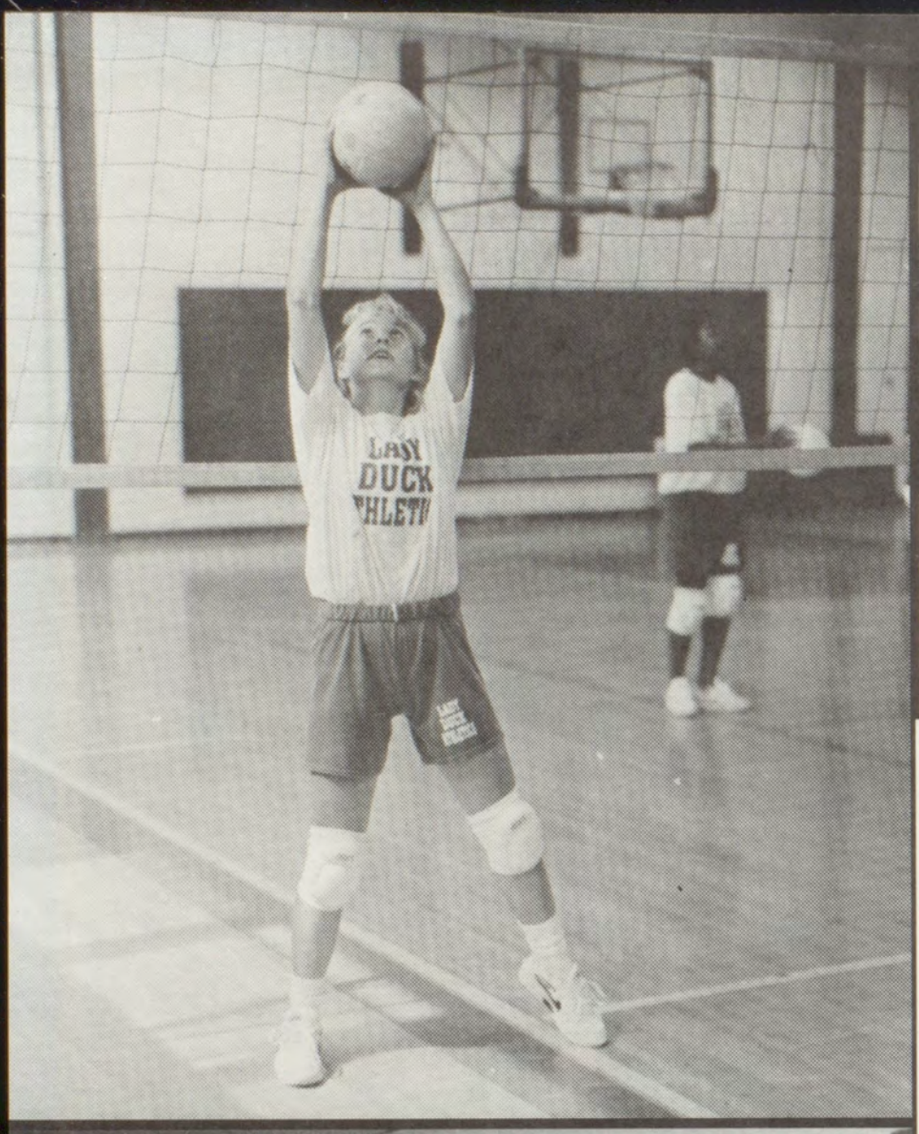

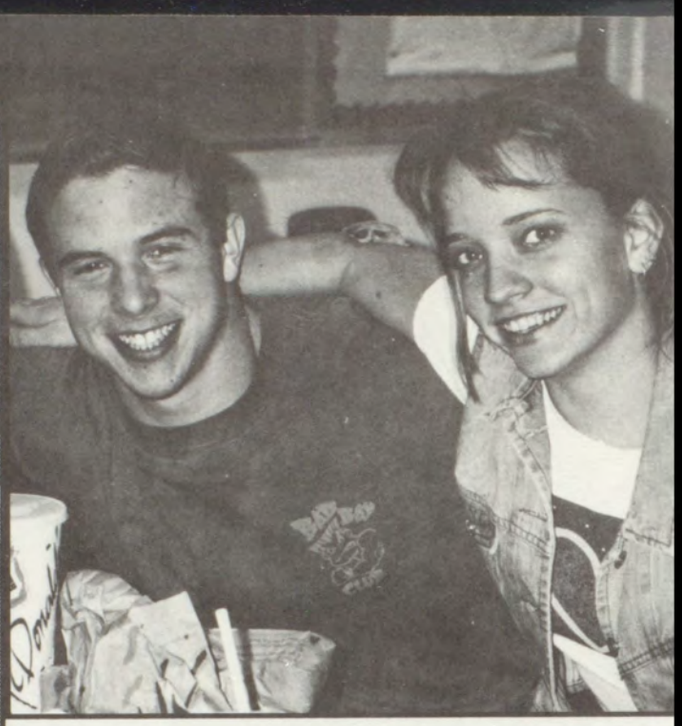

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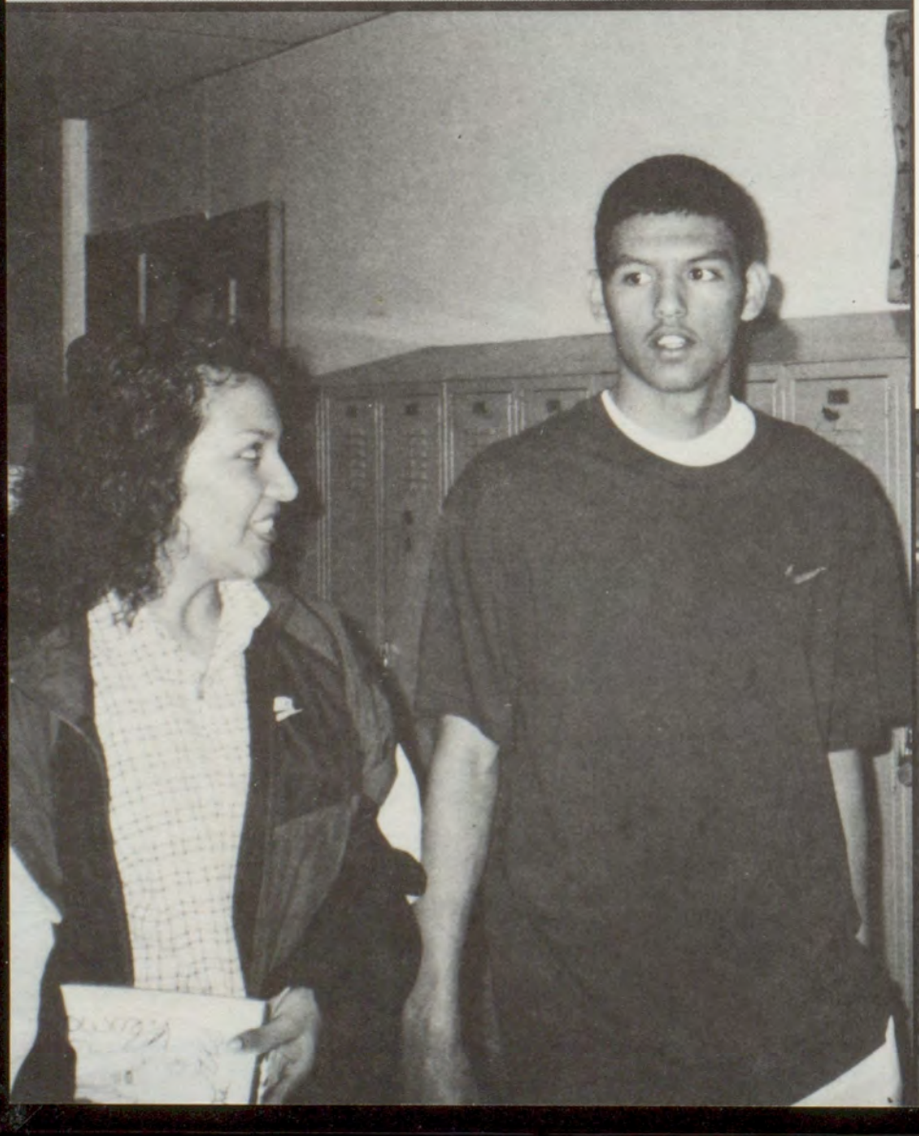

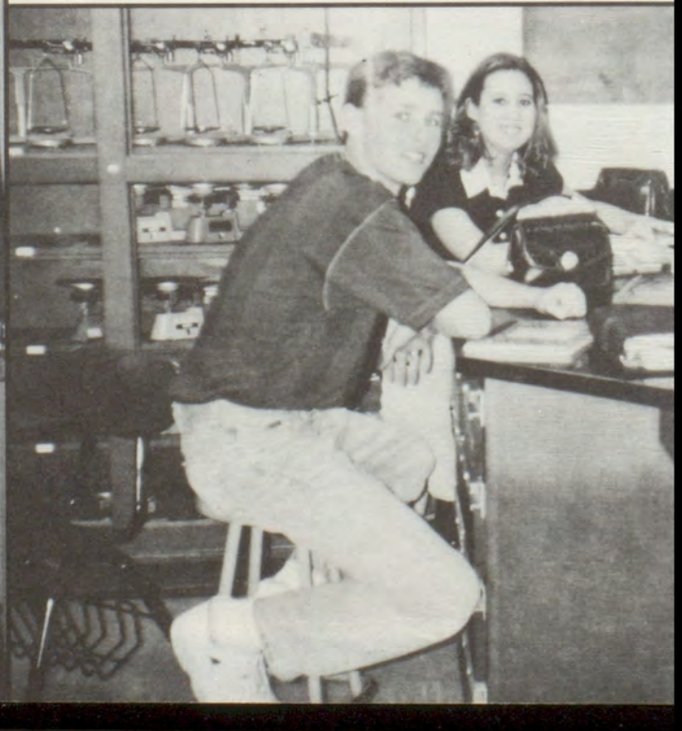



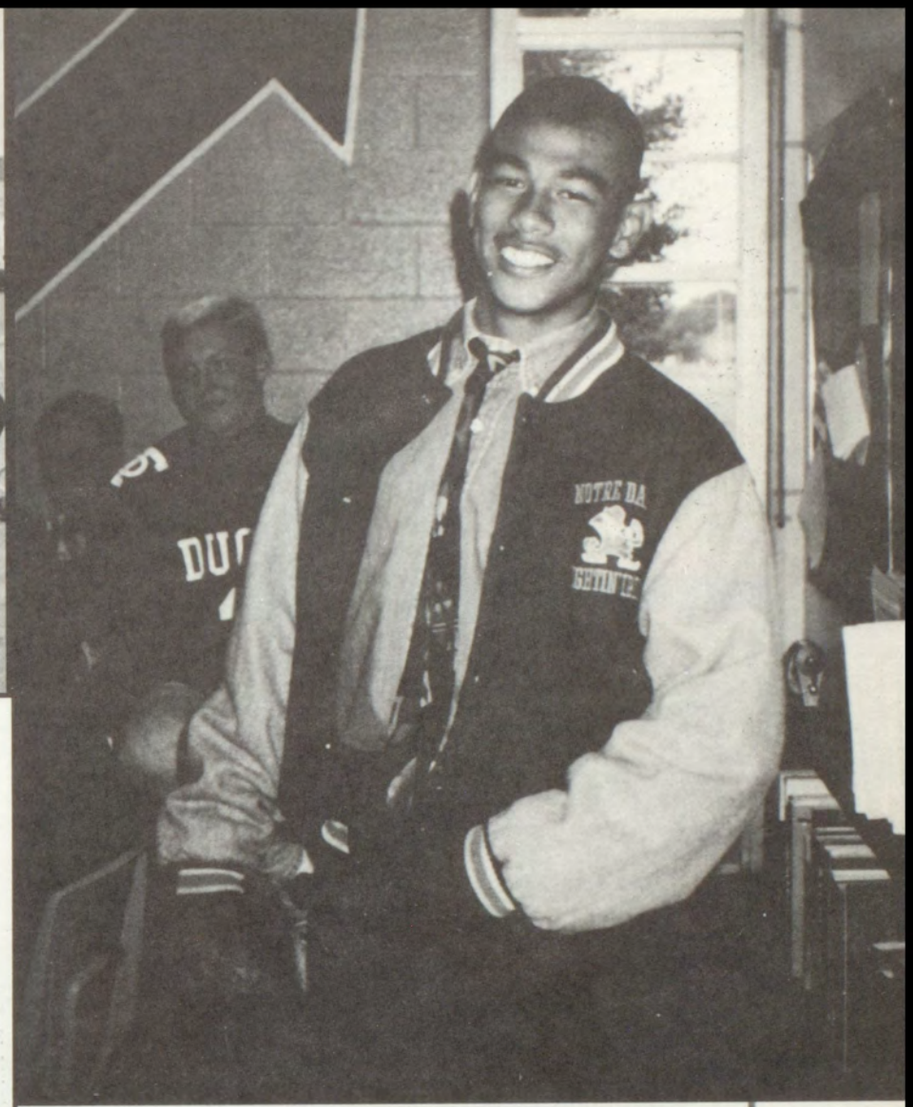

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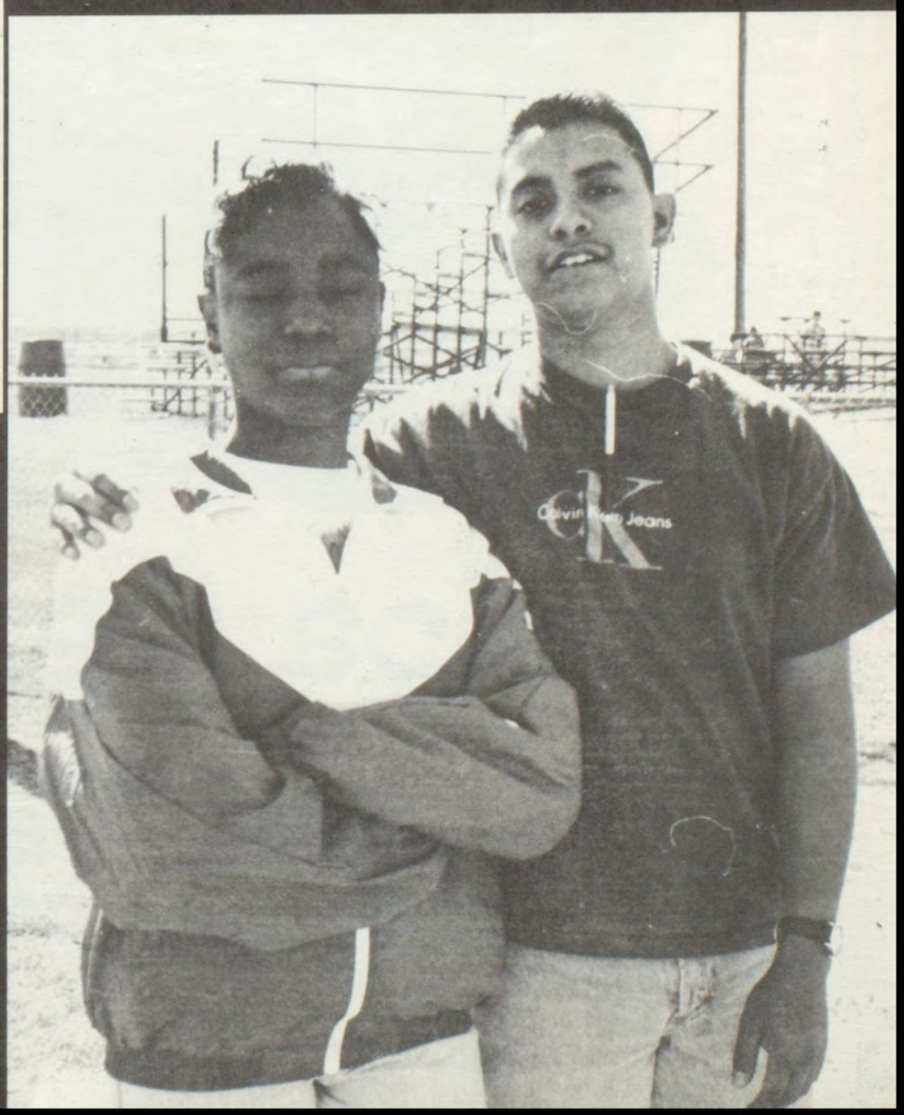

EVER BEEN.....



taylor high school

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taylor, texas 76574
pop: 11,403 student body: 750

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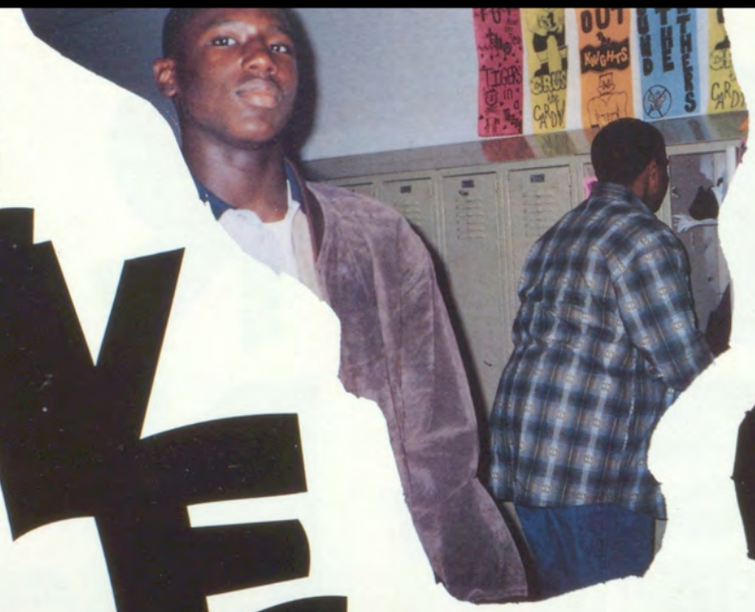










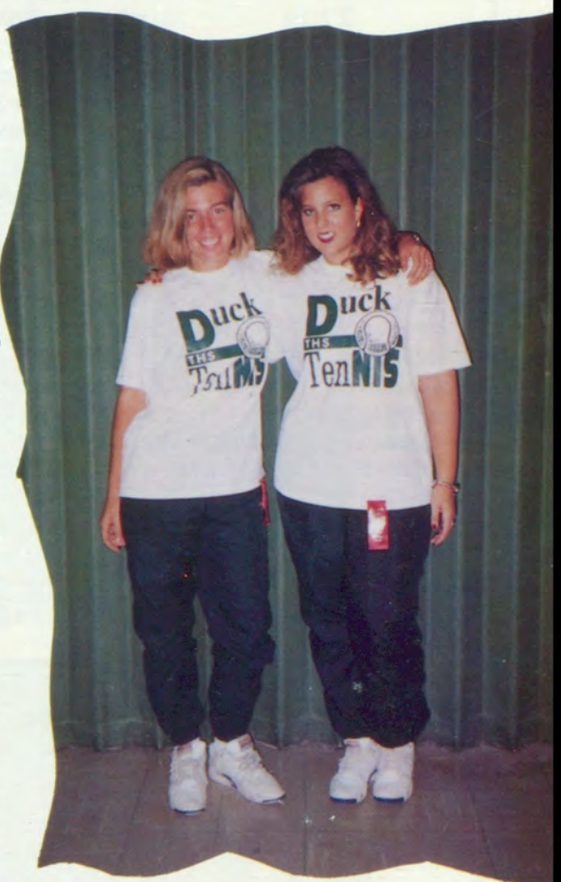








Ever been stumped? We sure were when we began collaborating ideas for a theme for this book! We thought of this, and we thought of that, but nothing seemed to fit our wonderful student body well enough. So how did we come up with the theme, *Ever Been...?* Well, the Mallard staff got together and figured out that all the students and teachers have been something special to this school. Whether you were a cheerleader, FFA member, basketball player, or Latin Club member, or maybe just a friend, you held an important position as a Taylor High student. But if that's still not good enough for you--years after you leave Taylor and after you meet tons of new people, think about this: How many of those people can honestly say they've "*Ever Been a Taylor DUCK!*"







HOMECOMING FEVER

This year Homecoming came and went in a flash. For the Seniors, it was a time to remember. It all started with the Homecoming dance where the King and Queen nominees were announced.

The following Thursday came the annual car rally. All who participated had a BLAST! It was definitely a night to remember, especially for the seniors. The Homecoming game fell on September 29, 1995. The Princesses, Princes, King, and Queen were announced beforehand in a presentation of the nominees. Duane Jackson and Tracy Jezek were crowned King and Queen! Princes were Derrick King and Justin Moldenhour, while Princesses were Jennifer Winkler and Laura Gossett.

Then came the game. The Ducks were too hot to handle! They played tough and were rewarded for it. Taylor won the game 25 to zip. It was a truly great victory for all of us. It was the final Homecoming for the Seniors during our high school career. It served as one of the greatest memories of our times together!







↗↗ All Hail to the new 1995 Homecoming King and Queen! Duane Jackson and Tracy Jezek were crowned at the Homecoming ceremony before the game.

↑ The THS choir sang their way into Homecoming by participating in the annual assembly put on for the exes.

→ Give us a big smile Christina as we begin our Homecoming tradition.



Look at these beautiful ladies! Abby Turner, Libby Littlejohn, Tracy Jezek, Shelly Roznovok, Laura Gossett, Jennifer Winkler, Melanie Behrends, and Amanda Schwartz were the Homecoming Queen nominees.



. . . And the nominees are: Derrick King, Mike Laurence, Matt Pullen, Duane Jackson, Bobby Winn, Patrick Stoglin, Sterling Brinson, Shane Stiles, Mark Laurence, and kneeling, Justin Moldenhour.









↖↖Look at Jennifer Winkler fly at the Homecoming pep rally! ↑↑Way to go guys! Derrick King and Justin Moldenhour were Princes for the day! ↑←It's coming your way! Anthony Ware anticipates a pass. ↗Oh how sweet!! Laura Gossett and Jennifer Winkler, the Homecoming Princesses, exchange smiles.

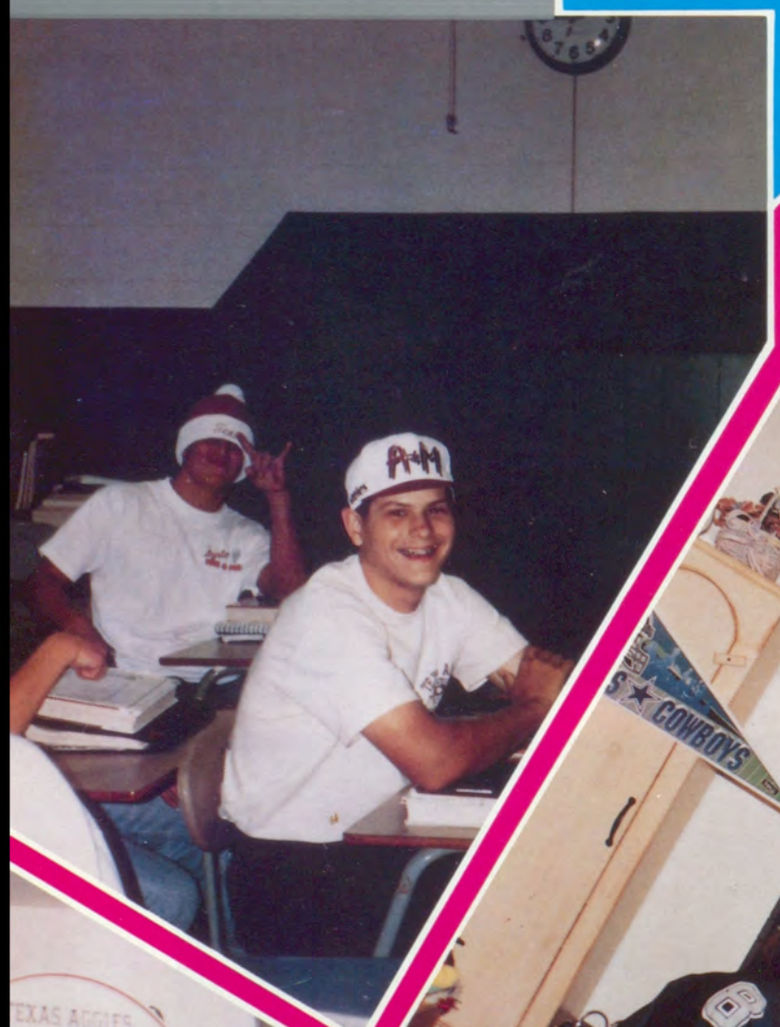
Layout and Design by Elsa Gamez and Tracey Schievelbein

FAVORITE TEAMS

Have you ever been in love with a team? Ever cried when they lost or cheered out loud when they won? THS had as many of these type of sports fanatics as anywhere. Although the rival Longhorns and Aggies were the most comonly cheered for teams, especially in the last year of the SWC, who can't forget the Notre Dame fans, the Cowboy lovers, or the Braves fanatics.

It seemed that you could'nt walk down the halls without hearing someone cry out "Go Horns" or "How bout them Cowboys." No matter how bad or good of a game their team had and no matter how much people made fun of their team, They were always there to support them. No matter what, they were proud to give a quick, "Hook 'em Horns'. Fans like these wouldn't have known what to do with themselves without their teams.

I got in!!! Amanda Schwartz was proud to show off her acceptance letter to Texas A & M.
True fans are always full of spirit!! Sophomores David Chenoweth and Jeff Stefek take time out class to support their favorite team.
Come on Emmitt!!! Karyn Schaefer cheered on the Cowboys while watching the game.
Whoa! Look at all that maroon!! Freshman Josh Shernik proudly showed off his massive collection of Aggie things.









Hook em Horns!!! Senior Mike Laurence gladly displayed his collection of orange and white.
Not yet Jason. Jason Vrana posed for Heisman Trophy he hopes to one day recieve.
Go Horns!!! Senior Melanie Behrends was dressed in solid orange after the Horns beat the rival Aggies.
I can't decide! Allison Behrends couldn't make up her mind who to root for in the Texas vs. Rice game.
Is it the Babe? Jimmy Wright hopes to someday break the records of all his favorite Yankee legends.







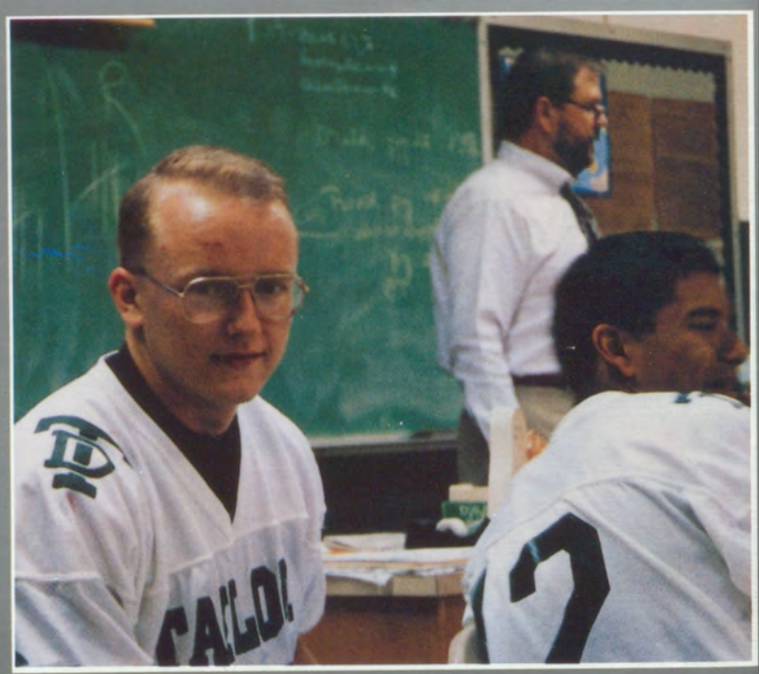
Go Team!!! Brian Rieger, Marisa Bennet, Jamye Grimm, Chuck Tiemen, David Chenoweth, and Marcus Shelton were all proud to let everyone know who their favorite team was.
They're Number 1! Derek Schaefer exclaimed after the braves won the World Series.





Seniors

Ever ruled the world? Seniors '96 sure did! This class of ours managed to remain close through the trials and tribulations of school life. The friendships which we established will forever be remembered and treasured. Even though we leave the halls of Taylor High, our spirit will always linger. We strived to make our mark in every aspect of our high school careers. In football, baseball, basketball, tennis, volleyball, and everything else, we left behind our legacy. And don't forget we're the class your mother warned you about!





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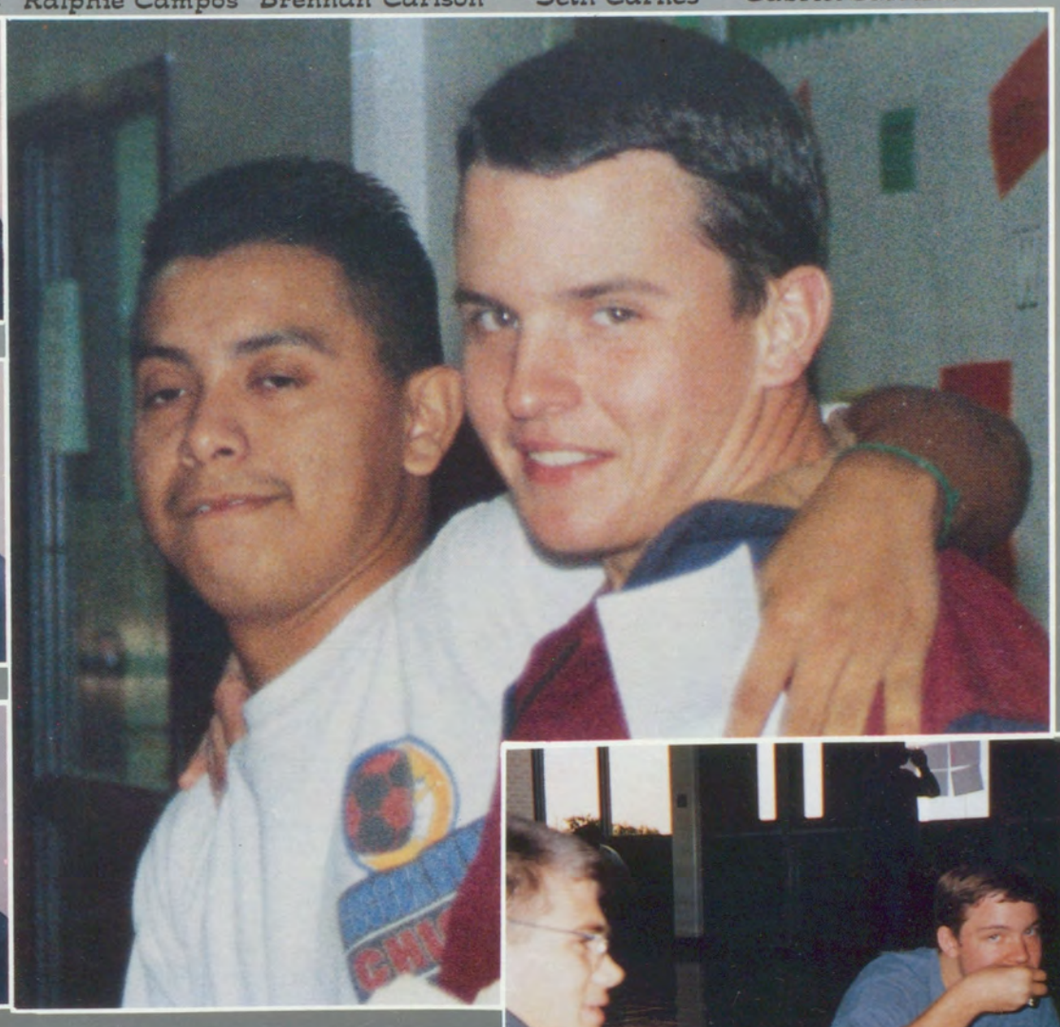



Tanya Cook



Stacy Corley



Mark Dozier



David Eiben





Janet Eschberger



Randall Espinoza



David Fain



Kyle Farrar



Ruby Fields



Zandra Finger



Michelle Flippin



Virginia Frederick



Joey Gabriel



Quentin Gadison

Designed by Karyn Schaefer, Amanda Schwartz, and Libby Littlejohn



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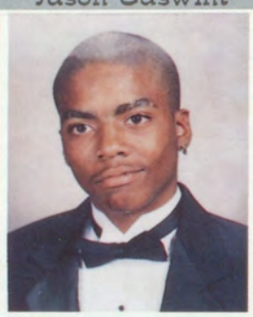

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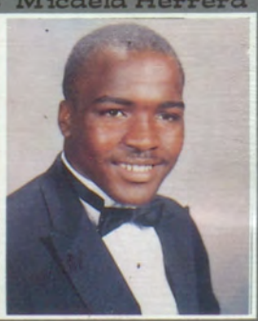

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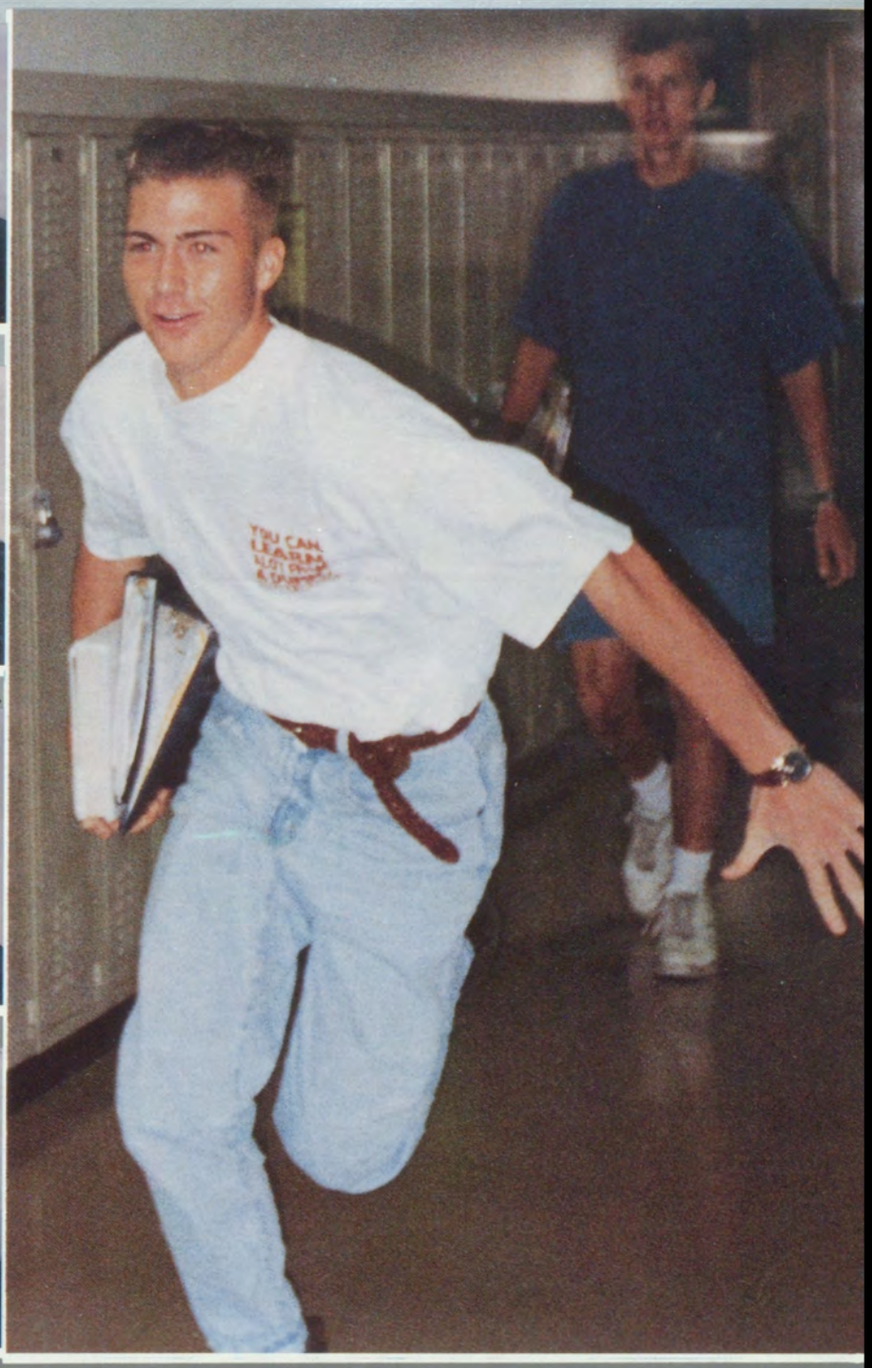



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Michael Laurence



Stephen Lefner



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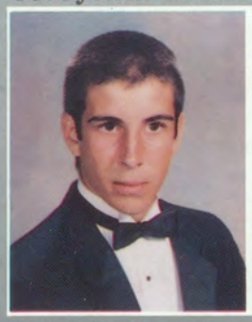

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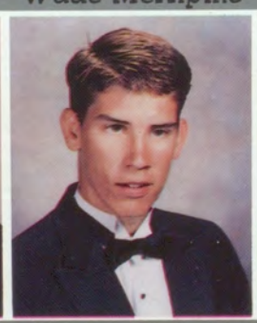

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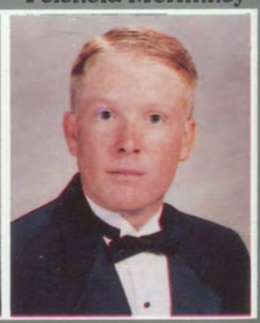

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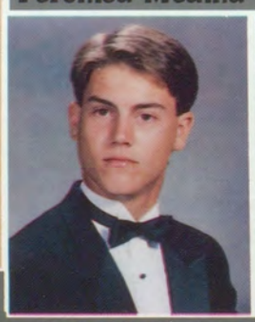

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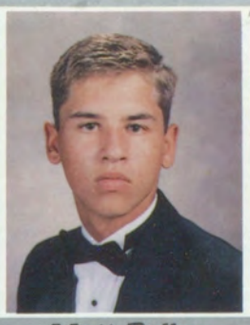

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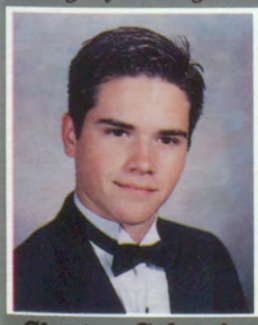

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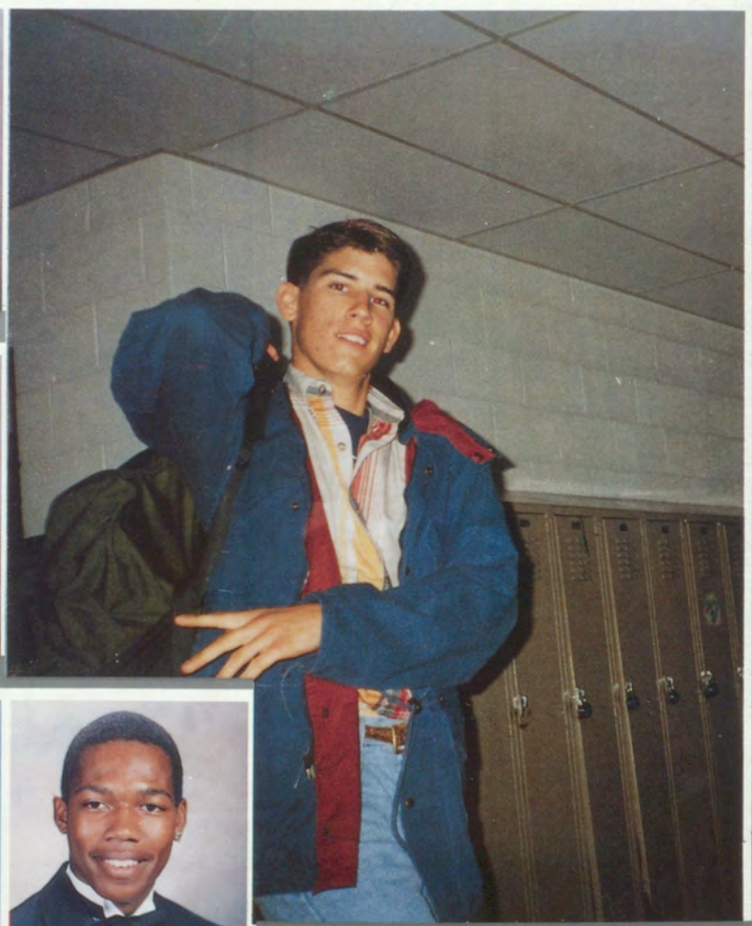



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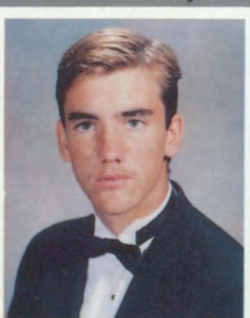

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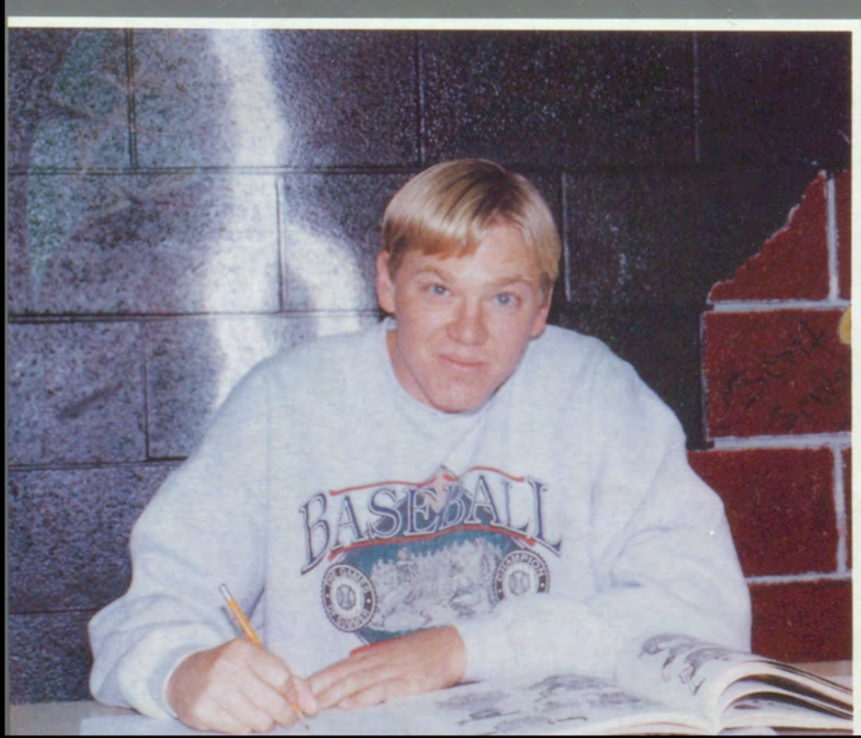



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Rosalyn Torres



Stephanie Torres



Abby Turner



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James Vanderford



Delia Velasquez



Jan Vitovec



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Samuel Windham



Jennifer Winkler



Bobby Winn



Beth Wolbrueck





Charles Wright



Stephen Wright



Tederrial Wright



Tracey Wright





Andy Wuensche



Autumn Ysassi



Ritta Zachary





Susan Zepeda



Marianne Zrubek



Stephen Zucknick













EVER HAD A PLAN?

Becky Alderete-Chill out for a year and then head on out to ACC to get a 2-yr. Associate's degree in Accounting.

Regina Baltimore-Attend Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches and major in Psychology. Wants to strive for a Ph. D.

Serina Baltimore-Attend Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches and major in Pre-law or Business, then attend law school and pass the bar exam so she can become a prosecuting attorney.

Melanie Behrends-Attend the University of Texas at Austin.

Sterling Brinson-Attend Texas Tech University and major in Pre-med with future plans to become an orthopedic doctor.

Tina Bunge-Plans to attend college.

Christina Caldera-Attend a 4-year college and obtain a Bachelor's degree in nursing(R.N.).

Ralphie Campos-Attend University of Texas in the College of Engineering.

Seth Carnes-Attend Blinn Junior College then transfer to either Texas A&M or Stephen F. Austin. Eventually wants to get a job and start a family.

Stacy Corley-Wants to attend college.

Mark Dozier-Attend University of Texas at Austin and major in Industrial Psychology or attend the University of Colorado at Boulder.

David Eiben-Marine Corps.

Janet Eschberger-Attend a junior college and then transfer and major in business or communication.

Randall Espinoza-Work.

Michelle Flippin-Attend the University of Texas at Austin and major in Business.

Paul Galvan-Attend ITT in June, take a two week bartending course and be a part time bartender.

Elsa Gamez-Attend ACC with hopes of eventually becoming an elementary school teacher.

Leslie Garner-Attend the University of Texas and then go on to law school.

Samantha Garza-Attend the University of Texas.

Brandon George-Major in Civil Engineering at Texas A&M University.

Sandy Gonzales-Will work full time and eventually attend school to study computer skills.

Laura Gossett-Attend ACC and major in Child Development.

Courtney Grau-Attend TJC for two years and transfer to the University of Texas in Austin to major in Elementary Education.

Jamye Grimm-Attend Temple College and major in Dental Hygiene.

Pedro Gutierrez-Complete Army training as a combat engineer and then go to a police academy.

Matt Hammack-Attend Texas A&M University and study either Computer Science or Mechanical Engineering.

Anita Hargrove-Attend ACC for two years and study nursing to eventually become a registered nurse.

Trent Hazelwood-Go straight to work for Motorola or either go to a technical school for two years.

Micaela Herrera-Will join the Navy. Would like to eventually become a linguist for the Navy. Will take college courses through a program in the Navy.

Johnathan Houston-Will major in Music, English and Biblical studies at ACU and intends on becoming a minister or an English teacher.

Tracy Jezek-Attend Blinn College and eventually transfer to Texas A&M University.

Jennifer Johnson-Attend ACC to become a paralegal and eventually a lawyer.

Shumeka Johnson-Attend Capital City Careers to take a nursing class for a year.

Derrick King-Play football at San Angelo State University.

Kathleen Koenig-Attend Mary Hardin Baylor to receive an education major.

Trey Krueger-Attend University of Texas and probably major in Business.

Greg Ladner-Attend Blinn Junior College and eventually transfer to Texas A&M University.

Jaime Lannen-Attend Southwest Texas State University to possible major in Elementary Education.

Laura Larson-Will go to training to become a flight attendant with Southwest Airlines.

Mark Laurence-Attend the University of Texas Architecture School.

Mike Laurence-Plans to graduate from Howard Payne University with a degree in Education and coach tennis with a specialization in History.

Mike Leschber-Will spend four to six years in the Marine Corps specializing in aircraft mechanics and would eventually like to work for an airline.

Libby Littlejohn-Attend the University of Mississippi.

Humberto Lopez-Attend ITT to either become a drafter or a police officer.

Lori Lopez-Attend school and become a paralegal.

Mario Luna-Work.

Sherri Marcon-Obtain a degree in law and eventually become a police officer.

Spencer Maxwell-Attend University of Texas to major in Mechanical Engineering.

Eli Mayers-Attend TSTC in Waco to obtain an Associate's degree in Automotive Technology.

William Mendez-Become educated in business management.

Mason Miller-Attend Texas Tech University and major in Landscape Architecture.

Justin Moldenhour-Attend Blinn Junior College.

Mathias Muegge-Become a psychiatry, telecommunications expert.

Terry Ortiz-Attend ITT for two years and become an electronic engineer.

Matt Parsons-Attend Texas A&M University and major in Biomedical Science.

Matt Pullen-Attend Mary Hardin Baylor and play baseball and study to become a high school coach.

Joey Quebe-Attend ACC.

Jeremy Rathke-Attend University of Texas at Austin a major in Business Administration.

Karen Remmert-Attend Concordia Lutheran College and major in Elementary Education.

Amanda Reyes-Attend ACC for two years and then transfer to Southwest Texas State University.

Phillip Reyes-Study to become either an electronic technician or a computer worker.

Brian Rieger-Attend a small college and work.

Billy Rios-Attend DPS Academy and become a Texas Ranger.

Kisha Risper-Attend and play basketball for Angelo State University and major in Kinesiology in hopes of one day becoming a coach.

Clayton Schaefer-Wants to enter the workforce.

Karyn Schaefer-Attend TCU and major in International Business Administration and Marketing and eventually attend law school.

Tracey Schievelbein-Attend TSTC and major in Audio/Visual.

Amanda Schwartz-Attend Texas A&M University under the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences to either major in Genetics or Agribusiness.

Marcus Shelton-Attend TSTC.

Melinda Stansbury-Attend TSTC and major in Christian Broadcasting.

Shane Stiles-Attend Texas A&M University and major in Physical Therapy.

Suzanne Strmiska-Attend Baylor University and be a twirler there. Will major in either Business or Psychology.

Erica Stuchly-Attend Temple Junior College and eventually transfer to Texas A&M University.

Kimberly Thomas-Become a flight attendant.

Chuck Tiemann-Join the Navy for six years.

Michelle Urbanek-Attend ACC or TJC and continue to work for HEB.

Delia Velasquez-Attend ACC and eventually transfer to Southwest Texas State University to major in Accounting.

Jan Vitovec-Travel around the world for two years and then take over father's hotel. (Exchange student from the Czech Republic.)

Sam Windham-Attend the University of Texas to major in Architecture.

Beth Wolbrueck-Attend TJC and eventually transfer to Texas A&M University to major in Veterinary Medicine.

Stephen Wright-Attend Texas A&M University to major in biology. Will run cross country at Texas A&M.

Andy Wuensche-Attend Tarleton University to major in Agricultural Production.

Autumn Ysassi-Attend TSTC for twenty-one months and become a computer programmer.

Ritta Zachary-Will travel to New York to find a job in fashion design.

Susan Zepeda-Will attend St. Edward's University to major in Business Administration.

Marianne Zrubek-Attend ACC and eventually transfer to the University of Texas to major in Physical Therapy.

Class of 1996

Song:

"FRIENDS", by Michael W. Smith

MOTTO:

Cherish Yesterday

Dream Tomorrow

Live Today

Colors:

Forrest Green,
Navy Blue,
Silver

FLOWER:

White Rose

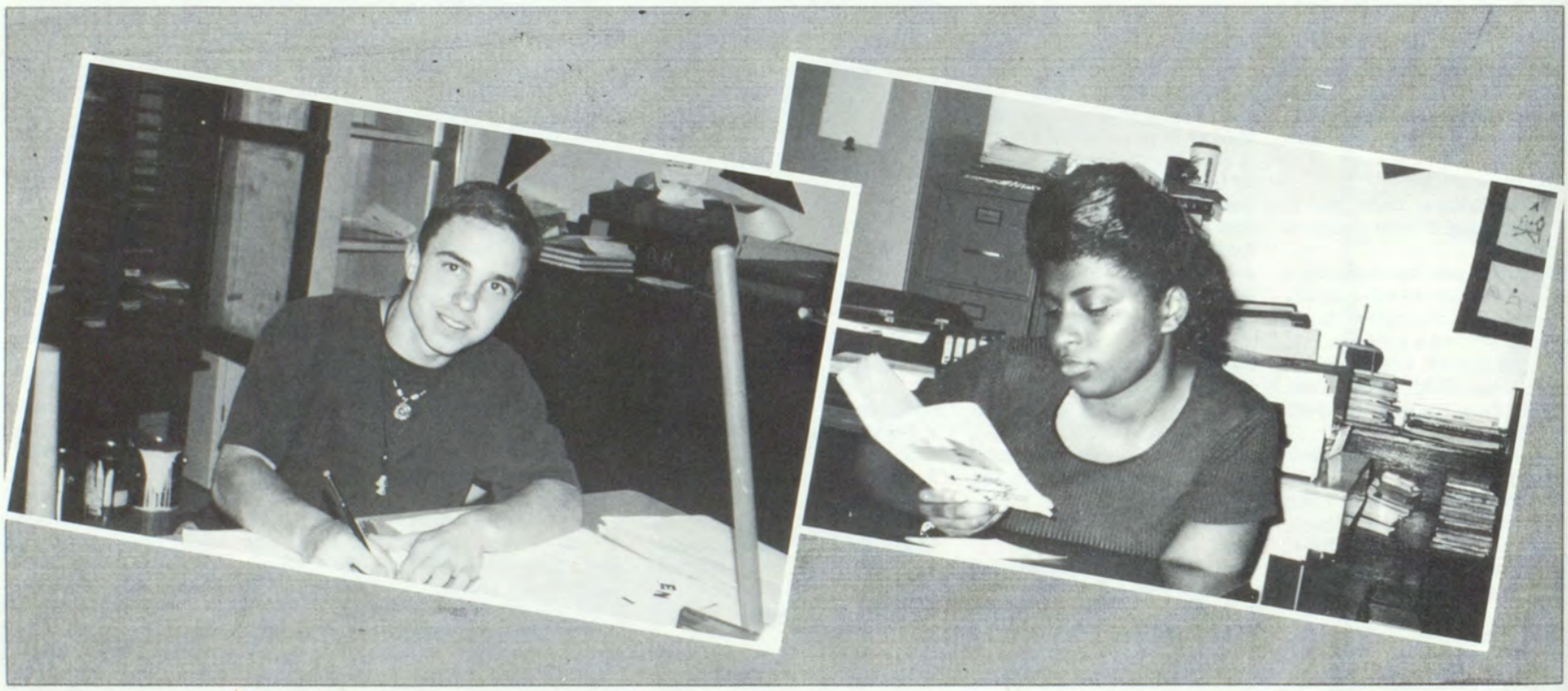
 Layout and Design by Karyn Schaefer

Senior Credits

Becky Alderete: SURF; Art Club; FHA; Spanish Club
Regina Baltimore: SURF-3; Jr. Historians-2; FCA-1; Spanish Club-2; Drama Club-2; Department of Oral Communications-1; NHS-2; UIL Prose & Poetry-1; Choir(Sec. & Librarian-1)-2; Basketball-1; Track-4
Serina Baltimore: Spanish Club-2; SURF-3; Drama Club-2; Basketball-1; Track-4; FCA-1; Young Life-2; Department of Oral Communications-1; Choir-2
Melanie Behrends: Sr. Class V-Pres.; SURF(Sec.-1, Rep.-3)-4; NHS-2; FTA(V-Pres. & District V-Pres.-1)-4; FHA(Sec.-1)-1; Art Club-4; Latin Club(Sec.-1)-4; Student Senate(Reporter-1)-1; BPA(V-Pres.-1)-1; ESPRIT-4; Hi-Steppers-3; Track-1; Cross Country-1; Cotton Boll(Asst. Editor-1, Co-Editor-1); Science Club(Reporter-1)-3; UIL News & Editorial-2; Leadership Conference-1
Sterling Brinson: Student Senate(Pres.); SURF(Pres.-1)-4; NHS(Treas.-1)-2; Science Club(Treas.-1, V-Pres.-1)-3; Golf-4; DAR Good Citizen; Boys State Rep.; Class Officer(Pres.-Freshman, Junior; V-Pres-Soph.); Soccer-1; BPA-1; JV Baseball; FTA-2; Latin Club-3; Texas Scholar
Tina Bunge: FHA-2
Christina Caldera: Hi-Steppers-1; BPA-1; Choir-2; Softball-1; Basketball-1; Track-1
Ralphie Campos: Superintendent's Scholar-2; NHS-2; TAME-4; SURF-4; Football-3; Baseball-4; Texas Scholar; MEDALS Conference-2; Mu Alpha Theta-1; Science Club-3
Seth Carnes: SURF; Spanish Club; Science Club; Baseball; Football; Powerlifting
Stacy Corley: German Club-2; Football-3; Track-3
Mark Dozier: Soph. & Jr. Class Rep.; Band(Rep.-2)-3; Jazz Band-3; Baseball-1; Basketball-4; SURF-1; Student Senate Rep.-2; UIL Jazz Band-2; Jr. Historians-1; Drama Club-1
Janet Eschberger: Hi-Steppers-3; Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar; BPA-1; UIL Extemp. Verbal Communications II(3rd Place); SURF-2; Who's Who-3
Randall Espinoza: Automechanics-3
Kyle Farrar: Cross Country; Basketball
Michelle Flippin: NHS-3; Science Club-4; SURF-2; Art Club(V-Pres.-1)-2; BPA-1; ESPRIT-4; UIL(Keyboarding-1, Spelling-3, Literary Criticism-1)
Paul Galvan: Latin Club-2; FHA-1; ICT-1; SURF-1
Elsa Gamez: Mallard Staff-1; Soccer-1; Choir-2; FHA/HERO; Art Club; Duck Pal; Spanish Club
Leslie Garner: SURF-4; Science Club-1; TAME-2; Track & Field-2; Basketball-1; Latin Club-2; Drama Club-1; Texas Scholar
Samantha Garza: Hi-Steppers(Major-1)-3; Band-1; Softball-1; BPA(Pres.-1)-2; ESPRIT-4; Science Club-1; NHS-3; Mu Alpha Theta-1; Drama Club-1; Latin Club-2; Student Senate Rep.-2; Jr. Class Rep.; UIL(Ready Writing-1, Current Events-1); SURF-4; Who's Who; Texas Scholar; Texanne of the Month; Voice of Democracy(2nd Place)
Brandon George: NHS-3; SURF-4; Science Club-3; TAME-3; Latin Club-4; Mu Alpha Theta-1; Band-3; LYO(Pres.)-4; Superintendent's Scholar-2; Archery
Sandy Gonzales: Mixed Choir(Sec.-1, Treas.-1, Pres.-1)(2 yr. State Solo Qualifier)-4; Treble Choir-1; Hi-Steppers-1; Jr. Historians-2; Drama Club-1; FTA-1; Band(Asst. Drum Major-1)-3; SURF-2; Science Club-1; Spanish Club-2; Leadership Conference-2
Laura Gossett: FTA-2; SURF-2; Softball-1; COOP-2; HERO-2; Homecoming Princess; Young Life-2; Volleyball(Vars.-2)-4; Tennis(Vars.-2)(All-District-2)-4
Courtney Grau: Choir(Librarian)-4; SURF-2; FTA-2; Science Club-1; Spanish Club-2; FHA-1; HERO-1; Art Club-1; Who's Who-3
Jamilyn Grimm: SURF-2; German Club-3; DECA-1; VICA(V-Pres)-1; Track-2; Art Club(V-Pres.)-1; BPA-1
Pedro Gutierrez: Football-4; Basketball-1; Track-2; Art Club-1; Latin Club-4; SURF-2; FCA-1; FHA-1; Texas Scholar; Powerlifting (Regional Qualifier)
Matt Hammack: Football-4; Basketball-1; Baseball-1; Track-4; Texas Scholar; SURF-4; Science Club-2; TAME-2; AP Eng. IV; AP Calculus; Perfect Attendance-1; Latin Club-2; Art Club-1; Church Youth Group
Anita Hargrove: SURF-1; Track-2; Basketball-2; FHA-1
Trent Hazelwood: UIL Accounting-1; Spanish Club-2; Art Club-2; Basketball-1; SURF-1; Science Club-1
Micaela Herrera: German Club(Historian-1)-4; Choir(V-Pres.-1)-2.5; FHA/HERO(Historian-1)-1; German(Houstonfest-competed 2 yrs., received 2nd & 5th place, 2 yr. state qualifier)
Johnathon Houston: Football-3; SURF-1; Band-4; Jazz Band-2
Tracy Jezek: Cheerleader(Head)-4; Softball(Captain)-2; NHS(Reporter)-3; BPA(Parl.)-1; FTA(Hist.)-4; KDUC; Duck Pals-2; SURF(Treas.)-4; Art Club-3; Science Club(V-Pres., Sec.)-3; Student Senate(V-Pres., Parl., Rep.)-4; Class Officer(Rep.)-4; Latin Club-4; Goodfellow-3; Most Friendly; Homecoming Queen; Young Life-2; Who's Who-4; Texas Scholar; Texanne of the Month; Team America(Tied for 5th); All-American Cheerleader-3; Tour of Champions-3; Staff Rec. for ICA; International Open Cheerleading Championship(3rd, 8th, 9th, 10th Place)
Jennifer Johnson: FFA-3
Shumeka Johnson: Volleyball-1; COOP-2; HERO(Sec., Treas.)
Derrick King: SURF(Rep.-1)-4; German Club-4; TAME-4; Texas Scholar; Football(All District & All Centex)-4; Basketball-4; Baseball-3; Track-3; Student Senate (Rep.-1); FCA
Kathleen Koenig: Choir(Treas.-1, Choreorapher-2)-4; UIL Solo/Ensemble (State-3)-4; Cotton Boll (News Editor-1)-2; UIL Newswriting-2; NHS-2; SURF-3; FTA-1; Science Club-2; Drama Club-1; Spanish Club-2
Trey Krueger: Band (All District-4, Drum Major-1)-4; ESPRIT-3; Jr. Historians-3; Science Club-2; Latin Club-2; NHS-2
Greg Ladner: Football; Track; German Club-1; FFA-1; VICA-2
Jaime Lannen: German Club-4; Science Club-2; FTA-1; ESPRIT-4; Band-4; SURF-3; Duck Pals-1
Laura Larson: DECA-1; Golf-2; SURF-3; Spanish Club-2
Mark Laurence: Class Officer (Sec.)-3; NHS (Parl.-1)-3; Latin Club (Sec.-1)-3; SURF (Planning Committee)-4; FTA-1; Mu Alpha Theta-1; Student Senate-1; Class Goodfellow-3; Homecoming King nominee; Hi-Stepper Honey; Academic Award-3; Superintendent's Scholar(Soph. yr.); Texan of the Month; Most Friendly; Who's Who; U. S. Achievement Academy; U. S. National Leadership Merit Award; National Honor Roll; U. S. National Math Award; All-American Scholar; Texas Scholar; Varsity Baseball; Basketball-1; ESPRIT-4; Math Dept. Aide
Mike Laurence: Speech & Drama Club-1; Spanish Club-1; UIL Journalism-1; FTA-1; SURF (Rep.-1)-4; Latin Club (Pres.-1)-2; Student Senate (Reporter-1)-1; Class Treas.-2; Cotton Boll (Sports Editor)-2; Tennis Team-4; Homecoming King nominee; Who's Who-2
Mike Leschber: Basketball-1; SURF-2; Latin Club-1; Art Club-1; FCA-1
Libby Littlejohn: Cheerleader(Co-Head)-4; FTA(Historian)-4; NHS-1; BPA(Officer)-1; Latin Club-4; Art Club-1; Young Life-2; SURF(Sec.)-4; Mallard(Business Editor)-2; KDUC-2; Texas Scholar; Science Club(V-Pres., Reporter)-3; Homecoming Queen nominee; IOCC(10th, 9th, 8th, 3rd Place); All American Cheerleader-2; ICA Grand Champs-4; Honor Graduate; AP Calculus; AP English III & IV; Academic Award-2; Department of Oral Communications-2
Humberto Lopez: SURF-2; Art Club-1; Football-1; National Guard-2; Spanish Club-1; Who's Who-2
Lori Lopez: SURF-1; Science Club-1; TAME-4; Softball-1; Spanish Club-3
Sherri Marcon: Volleyball-1; FHA(Pres.-1)-1; Latin Club-2; SURF-4; Cotton Boll-2; Science Club(Treas.-1)-2; Art Club-1
Larry Marak: German Club-4; Science Club-3; SURF-4; Football(All District)-4; Basketball-2; Track-2
Spencer Maxwell: Band-4; German Club(Treas.-1)-4; Cotton Boll(Editor-1)-2; ESPRIT-4; NHS-3; SURF-4; Drama Club-2; One Act Play-1; TAME-1; Science Club-2; Mu Alpha Theta-1
Eli Mayers: Tennis-4; FFA-2; NHS-3; BPA-1; Leadership Conference; SURF-2
William Mendez: Who's Who-2; SURF-3; Science Club-2; Spanish Club-2; Football(All District)-4; Track-3; FCA-2; Duck Pals-2; Powerlifting(Regional, State)-2
Mason Miller: SURF(V-Pres.-2)-4; NHS-2; Golf(All District)-4; Science Club-3; FTA-3; Art Club-2; Latin Club-2
Justin Moldenhour: Football-2; Baseball-4; Basketball-1; SURF-3; DECA-1; Spanish Club-1; FFA-1; Mascot-3
Mathias Muegge: Band-4; SURF-2; Latin Club-3
Terry Ortiz: ICT-1; Athletics-4; Football-4; Track-3
Matt Parsons: SURF-4; Class Rep.-4; NHS-3; FFA-3; Science Club(Parl.-2)-3; Latin Club(Parl.-1)-4; Mu Alpha Theta; Football(All District)-4; Golf-2; Powerlifting(3rd Place State)-2; FCA(Pres.-1); Mallard(Photo Editor-1)-2
Matt Pullen: SURF-4; Latin Club(V-Pres.-2)-4; Who's Who; Science Club-2; UIL Typing-1; Duck Pals; Mallard-1; Baseball(Varsity-3)-4; Texas Scholar
Joey Quebe: Football-3; German Club-3; SURF-4; FFA-4
Jeremy Rathke: Band(Band Council V-Pres., Band Beau)-4; NHS-3; Jr. Historian(2nd V-Pres.-1)-3; SURF-2; Latin Club-3; Science Club-2; Mu Alpha Theta-1; DECA-1
Karen Remmert: SURF-4; NHS-3; FTA-2; Science Club-3; Spanish Club-2; FHA-1; BPA(State Qual.)-1; Duck Pals-1; Drama Club-1; Office Administration Coop-1
Amanda Reyes: SURF-3; Art Club-1; Spanish Club-2; FHA-1; HERO-1; Mallard Staff-1; Who's Who-1
Brian Rieger: Football-4; Powerlifting-2; FCA(V-Pres.)-1; Latin Club-1; Duck Pals-1
Billy Rios: Soccer; Building Trades
Kisha Risper: Varsity Basketball-4; Drama Club-1; SURF-3; Science Club-2; Cotton Boll-1; UIL Journalism-1
Shelly Roznovak: Grand Champs-4; IOCC(10th, 9th, 8th, 3rd Place), Tour of Champs-1; Science Club(Sec.)-3; FTA-4; BPA-1; Latin Club-4; Cheerleader(Co-Captain-2)-4; NHS-2; National Honor Roll-1; Texas Scholar; Academic Award-1; Who's Who-4
Clayton Schaefer: Baseball; Latin Club
Karyn Schaefer: Student Senate(Sec.-1)-3; SURF(Treas.-1, Rep.-3)-4; NHS-3; ESPRIT-4; Tennis(All District, Regional Qual.)-4; Volleyball-2; Science Club-2; Mu Alpha Theta-1; Latin Club(Pres.-2)-4; FTA(Pres.-1, Historian-1)-4; BPA-1; Young Life-2; Art Club-2; Department of Oral Communications-1; Mallard(Computer Editor)-2; KDUC-2; Texas Scholar; Who's Who-4; Young Texanne; AP Calculus; AP English-2; Academic Award; National Honor Roll; Leadership Conference; Voice of Democracy(2nd Place)
Tracey Schievelbein: Choir(Sec.-1, Choreographer-1)-4; UIL Solo/Ensemble(State-2)-3; SURF-2; Spanish Club-2; FTA-1; Drama Club-1; Mallard(Ads Editor)-1; Longhorn Club-4; Art Club-1
Amanda Schwartz: NHS(Pres.-1)-3; SURF(Rep.-1, V-Pres.-2)-4; Mu Alpha Theta-1; FTA-3; Latin Club-3; Science Club-3; FFA-1; Student Senate-1; BPA-1; Tennis Team-4; Young Life-2; Mallard(Co-Editor-1, Editor-In-Chief-1)-3; Sophomore of the Year; Superintendent's Scholar; Bluebonnet Girls State Rep.; Optimist Young Texanne; Texas Scholar; Homecoming Queen nominee; Most Likely to Succeed; Who's Who; All District Tennis Team-2; Honor Graduate; Student Mediator
Marcus Shelton: SURF-4; Science Club-2; TAME-3; Spanish Club-3; Art Club-1; Band-2; Basketball-1; Mallard-1; Cotton Boll-1
Melinda Stansbury: SURF-3; German Club(V-Pres., Officer)-3; Duck Pals-1; FCA(Officer)-1; Drama Club-1; KDUC-1; BPA-1; VICA(Sec.)-1; Basketball-2; UIL One Act Play-2; Leadership Conference-2; Art Club-1; Volleyball-1; Student Senate
Shane Stiles: Football-4; Tennis(Doubles Champs-2)-4; Texas Scholar; Academic Award; Who's Who-2; Latin Club; FTA; Mu Alpha Theta; SURF; Art Club; Jr. Class Rep.; Most Handsome
Suzanne Strmiska: Twirler(Feature-2)-4; Band(Pres., Sec., Section Leader)-4; Band Sweetheart; NHS-3; ESPRIT-4; Latin Club-2; Jr. Historians-2; SURF-1; FTA-2; BPA-1; Mu Alpha Theta-1; Duck Pals; Student Mediator-1; UIL(Ready Writing-3, Spelling-1); UIL Clarinet Solo & Ensemble Contest-2;; State UIL Twirling Contest-4; Who's Who-3; Texas Scholar; TAAS Academic Recognition; AAU Cultural Arts Fair(3rd Place writing); Honor Roll; Most Outstanding Twirling Line-2; Twirling Leadership Award-1; USAA Award Winner; AP Calculus; AP English-2
Erica Stuchly: Science Club-3; FFA-1; FHA-1; Reading Circle-1; Art Club-1; SURF-1
Kimberly Thomas: Band-2; Basketball-3; Steppers(Sr. Lt.)-3; SURF-2
Chuck Tiemann: SURF-4; Football-4; Science Club-1; Spanish Club-1; Baseball-1
Michelle Urbanek: SURF-1; BPA-1
Delia Velasquez: Band-1; Steppers
Jan Vitovec: German Club-1; SURF-1; Exchange Student from Czech Republic
Sam Windham: Latin Club-3; NHS-2; ESPRIT-2; Science Club-2; Drama Club-2; SURF-2; Mallard-2; UIL One Act Play(All District Star Cast)-2; Jr. Historians-1; FTA(Treas.)-1; KDUC-1; JV Baseball-1; Baccalaureate Planning Committee-1; Texas Scholar; Honor Graduate; Who's Who
Beth Wolbrueck: Science Club-3; SURF-1; Art Club-1; BPA-1; Reading Circle-1
Stephen Wright: NHS-3; German Club(Sec.-1)-2; SURF-4; Band(Historian-1)-3; Basketball(Honorable Mention All District)-4; Track(State Qual.)-4; Cross Country-1; Jazz Band-2
William Wuensche: FFA-2; Land Judging-1; Football-3; Track-1; ICT(Officer)-2; Art Club-1
Autumn Ysassi: Color Guard-2
Ritta Zachary: Basketball-3; Volleyball-2; Track-2; Steppers-4; SURF-2; Latin Club-2; FHA-1
Susan Zepeda: BPA-2; UIL Administrative Specialist(1st Place); German Club(Rep.)-2; SURF-2; Science Club-2; Spanish Club-1; FHA-1; Choir-4; UIL Pop Ensemble(State-2)-3; Soccer
Marianne Zrubek: Sr. Class Pres.; SURF-4; Science Club-2; NHS(V-Pres.-1)-3; Latin Club-2; FTA-2; Freshman Class V-Pres.; Sophomore Class Pres.; Jr. Class V-Pres.; Tennis(All District)-4

DREAMS!

Everybody wants to be a success in life when they grow up. Now that a lot of us are getting closer to being adults, more and more questions loom ahead. Do we want to go to college, and if so where? Where do we want to live? What do we want to pursue as a career? Why? There are so many choices that students now face. It is good to know that some of our upperclassmen have a clue about their future education and livelihood.



↑ Hunter Hargis will be a Engineering Professor when he grows up. He plans to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

↑→ Cheryl Weatherington would like to be a Child Psychologist when she finishes her schooling. Helping out younger people has always been the one thing that she is happy doing.

↑→ Abby Turner, is planning on being a dancer and trainer at Sea World. Who knows? Maybe the next time you go, it will be her you see swimming next to Shamu.

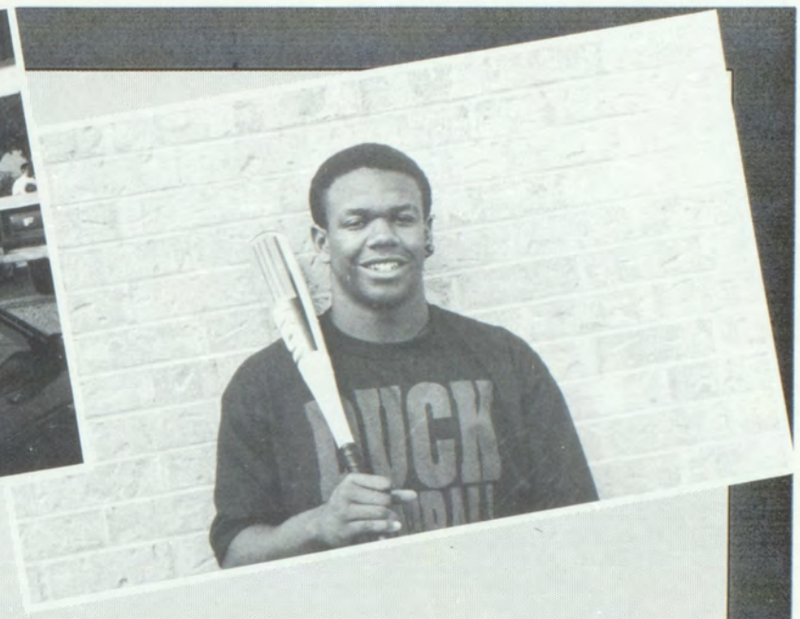
↑→ Duane Jackson, after receiving a dual scholarship for both baseball and football at SWT, would like to pursue a career in professional baseball.

→ ↑ Justin Moldenhour, Wade McAlpine, and Eric Moehnke all plan to be either professional fishermen or hunters. They all plan to practice hard to prepare for their careers.

→ Mark Dozier gives his best GQ look. Mark has the dream of one day becoming a psychologist. He is going to UT next year to study for that career.

→ Tracy Jezek believes she is destined to be the next Katie Couric. Tracy wants to be a newsbroadcaster after college. She will attend Blinn Junior College.











SPIRIT
EVER CAUGHT FIRE?





What brings a school together? What sets a team above the rest? What do you need to get anywhere in life? Spirit. This year Taylor High was bursting at the seams with school pride. During every school pep-rally, the gym was filled to capacity. At every football game, the stands were full of fans. At every track meet, baseball and basketball game Taylor cheers could be easily heard. What made it even better was that everyone both players and supporters were louder and more aggressive. Some Taylor fans even managed to take matters into their own hands by getting fired up at the annual Car-Rally. This will obviously be a year that no Taylor fan will soon forget.



↑ Mike Laurence and Ryan Lear discuss the high points of the hyped-up game.

↑→ Hunter Hargis blows off steam after a serious Duck victory.

↑→→ Drew David proudly stands for the school song.

↑→→→ Taylor Varsity Cheerleader, Tisha Gonzales, gets the home-crowd all fired up.

→ Get off me, man. Kerry Simien and Chad Pitts goof off before a pep-rally.

→→ Who is this masked Taylor fan? Is it a mask at all?

→→→ Ready to hang Taylor's enemies, Scott Scruggs, poised for an attack!

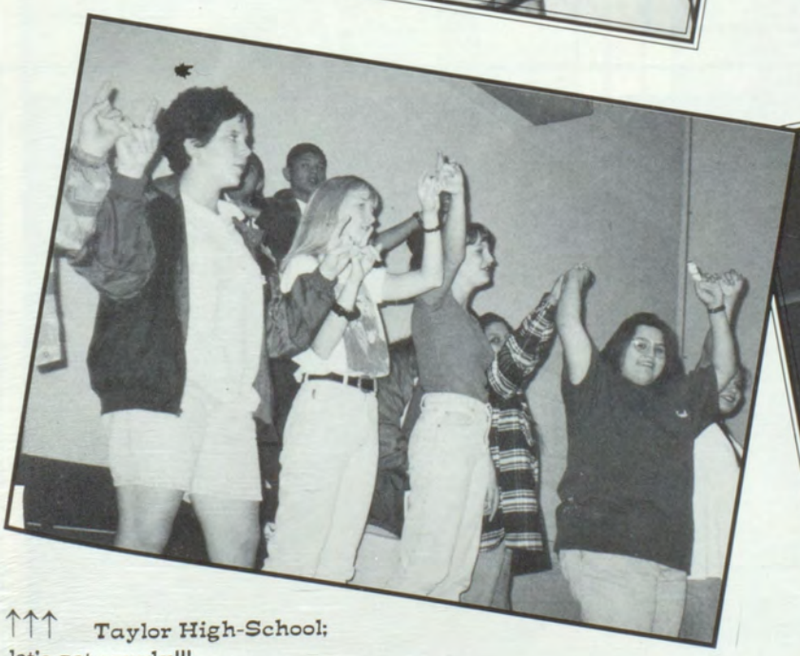
↓ → The Taylor football team get hyped with pride at a pep-rally.













↑↑↑ Taylor High-School; let's get rowdy!!!

↑↑ Words of Wisdom from Shelly Roznovak at the famous/infamous Car-Rally.

↑↑→ Allison Jones, Marisa Bennett, Amanda Porter, and Amanda Wallace celebrate on the field after a Taylor Homecoming win.

←↑ MelindaStansbury, Tracy Schievelbein, Kathleen Koenig and friends show their intense school spirit.

↑ Sarah Mueck shows nothing but joy while Melanie Mikulencak and Carrie Minzenmayer look on, at the Taylor Car-Rally.

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A pet is defined as a domesticated animal kept for pleasure rather that utility. When times are tough, such as a bad day or a failing grade, a pet will be there for you. Whether dog, cat, horse, or even a turtle, a pet understands his or her owner. A dog is said to be man's best friend, but in most cases any pet can be anyone's best friend. Pets are great to have because they can brighten up their owner's day! Pets are often thought of as just animals that lay around the house, but they often reflect their owner's personality!



Pucker up!
Tracy and her dog, Petunia, pose for a kiss.



Man's best friend!
Sterl and Peaches pose for a picture.



Just horsin' around! Candi McDonald and her horse, Eclipse smile for the camera.

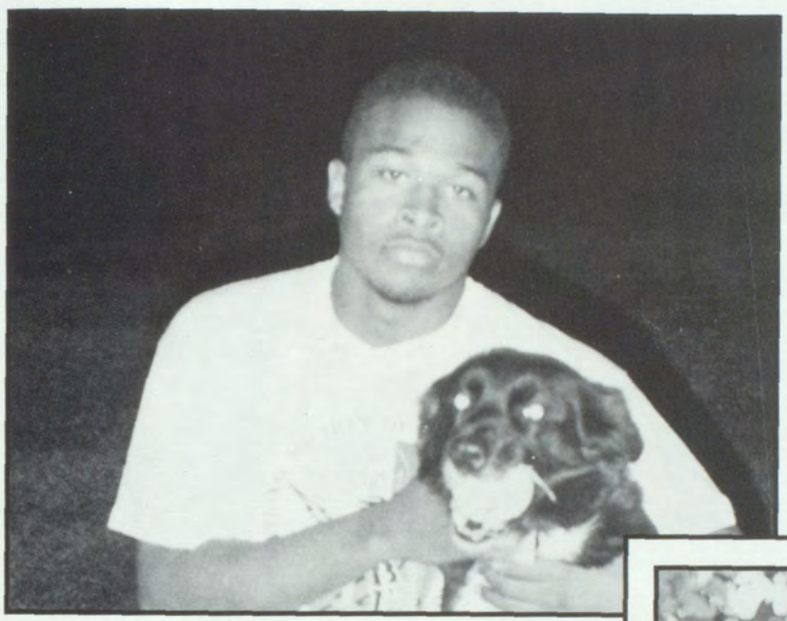


What's up dog?! Matt Pullen and his lab, Obie, take time for a quick pic.



Smile! Shelly and Ginger take a break from a long day.

PETS



Just Chillin'! Derrick King and his dog Oreo chill out for a quick snap shot.



Meow! Abby Turner smiles with her two cats, Ringo and Jasmine.



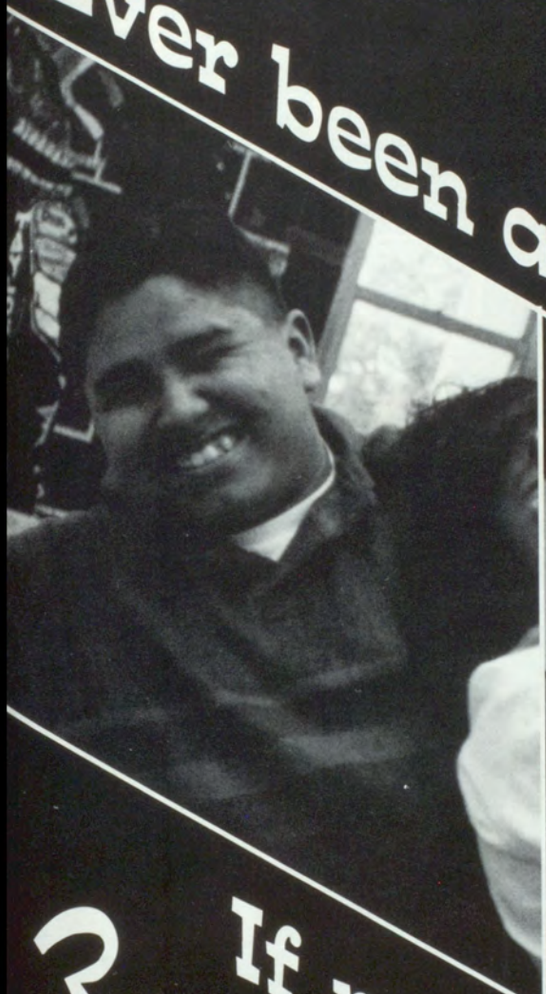
Say Cheese! Julie Janak and Melanie Mikulencak pose with their turtle.



Smile! Jamye Grimm takes time out of a busy day to strike a pose with her horse.



Ever been a Duck?







If not, you should have been.

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JUNIORS CLASS OF 1995



During our junior year we began to spread out and achieve personal and future goals. Our classmates began getting jobs and some began to plan for college. School work became more difficult, bringing more stress and extensive assignments. We also had fun in our extra curricular activities. Many junior athletes joined varsity sports. Our class sponsored the prom. College searches brought on the SAT, ACT, and TASP. As our junior year progressed, we looked towards graduation and the great fear known as SENIORITIS.



Christina Alderete
Joey Alderete
Mark Aleman
Greg Artieschoufsky
Angela Bell
Michael Beneke
Brice Boecker
Shanna Bozovsky

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Trissa Campbell
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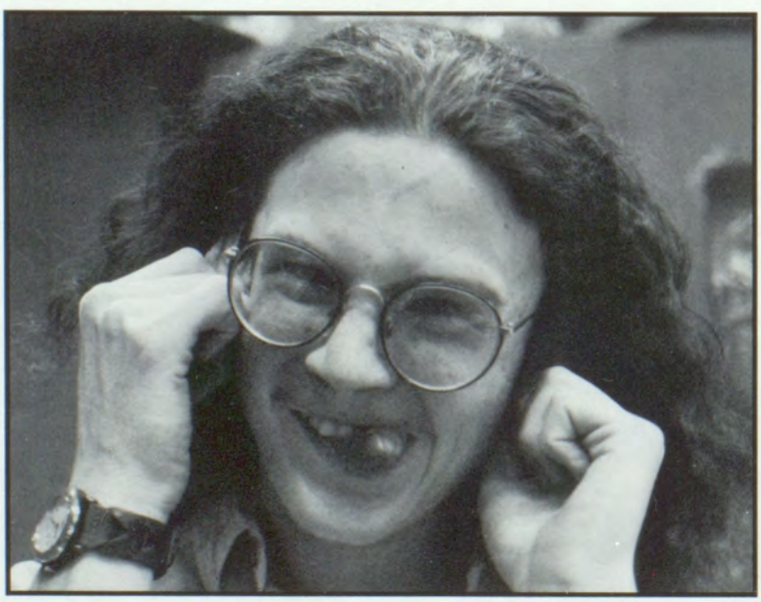

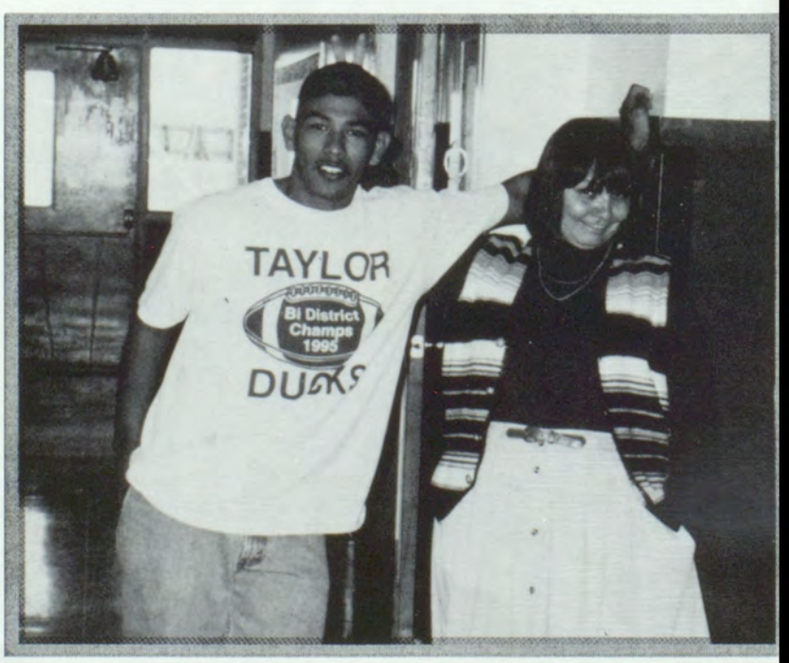



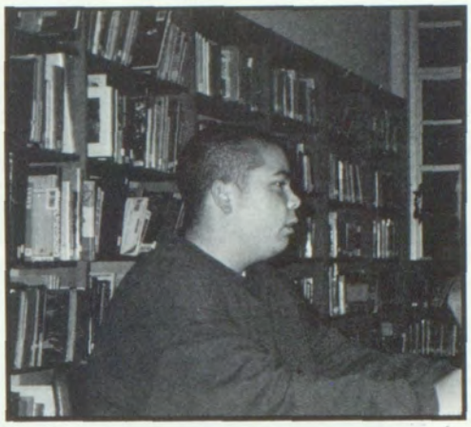

Bob Cavo
Brian Cazalas
ChristinaChavana
BelindaColeman
Robert Coleman



Tracy Collins
Elizabeth Cornell
Drew David
Rolando Delgado
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Celia Diaz
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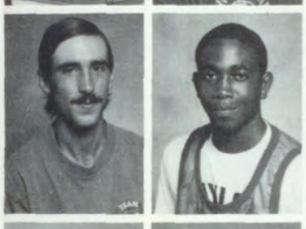



William Falk
David Fields



Travis Flint
Adam Flores



Andres Flores
Tommy Ford
Jared Fox
Kenan Frank
April Frazier
Kimberly Garvin
Miguel Gauna
Brett Gola





Amy Gonzales
Tisha Gonzales
Jeremy Gray
Kelly Hamann
Donnell Harrell



Melissa Hernandez
Nicholas Hernandez
Shane Hetzel
Kelly Hewitt
Lisa Hewtty



John Houston
Joshua Hughes
Krishonda Jackson
Lindsey Jahn
Julie Janak
Ryan Jansky
Amber Johle
Lawrence Kern

Artimesha Kimble
Casey Kuempel
Sabrina Leal
Ryan Lear
Robert Linton
Carlos Lopez
Jessica Lopez
Vanessa Lopez

Gus Lucio
Xavier Mackey
Meredith MaCuk

Eddy Mata
Gloria Mata
Ray Matysek

Michelle Matysek
Laurie Mayer
Erin McCoy
Candice McDonald
Courtney Michna
Melanie Mikulencak
Carrie Minzenmayer
Cedric Moore

Angelina Moreno
Jo Morin
Sara Mueck
James Nelson

Demetrius Pack
Chad Pitts
Hunter Poldrack
Shane Prinz

James Pulkrabek
Aaron Pundsack
Christie Pyle
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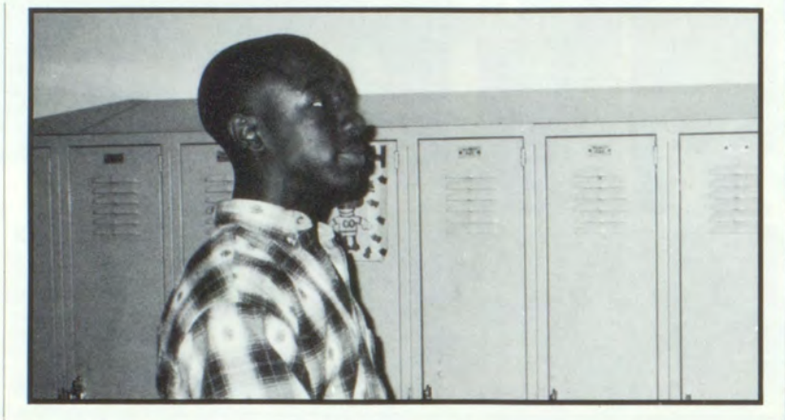















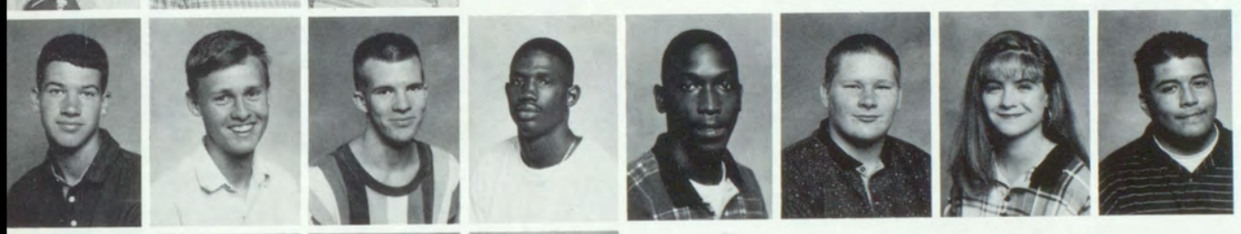









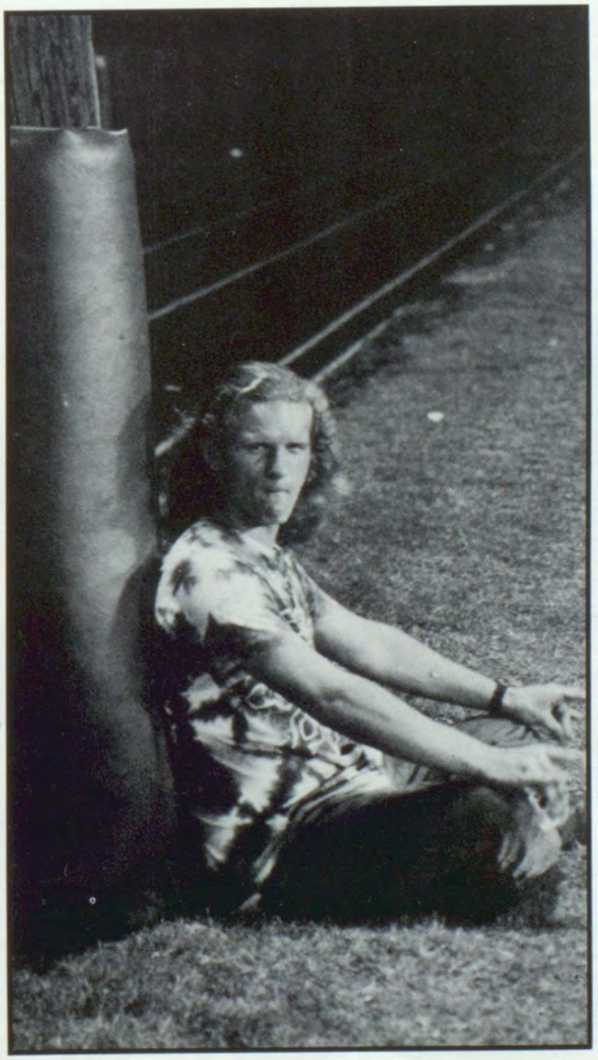

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Gene Shaw
Amanda Stafford
Ryan Stevens

Jason Stiles
Justin Strickland
Barret Sutton
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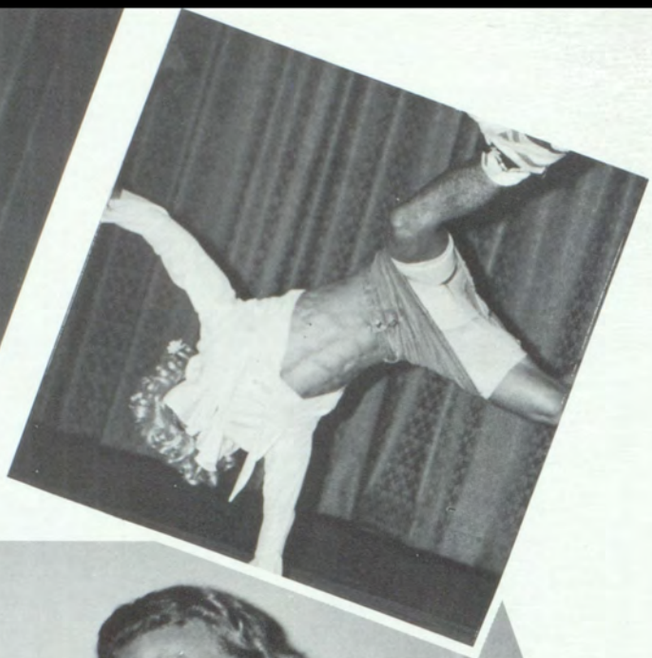





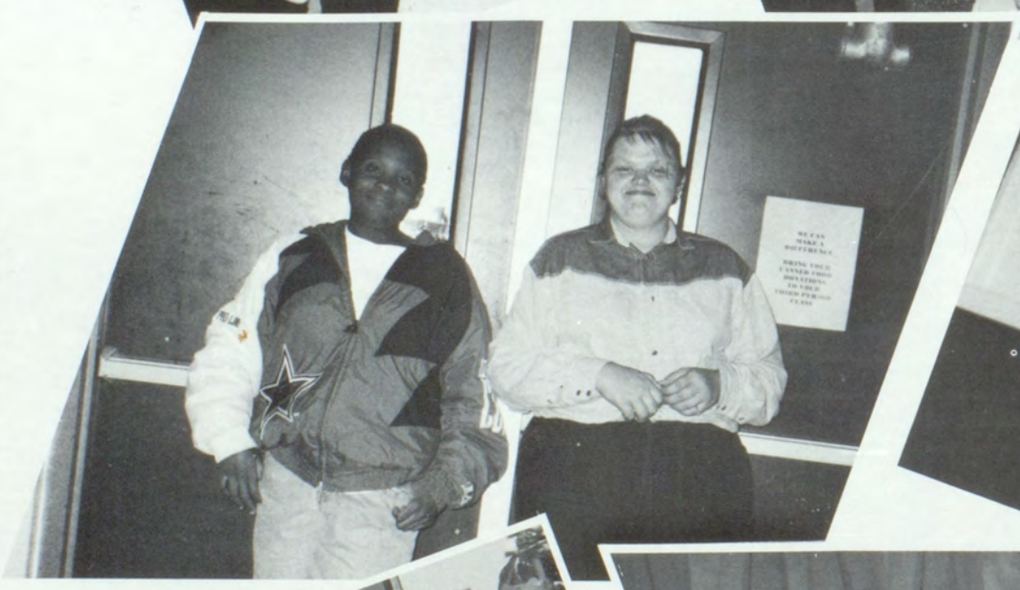



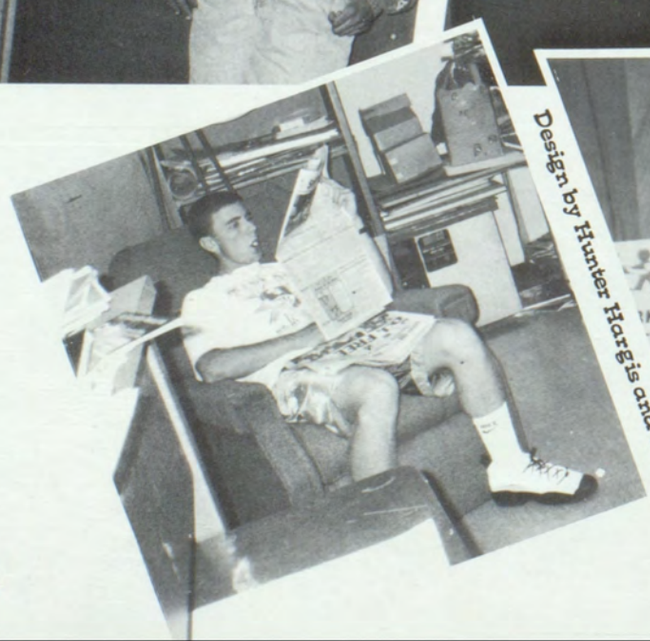

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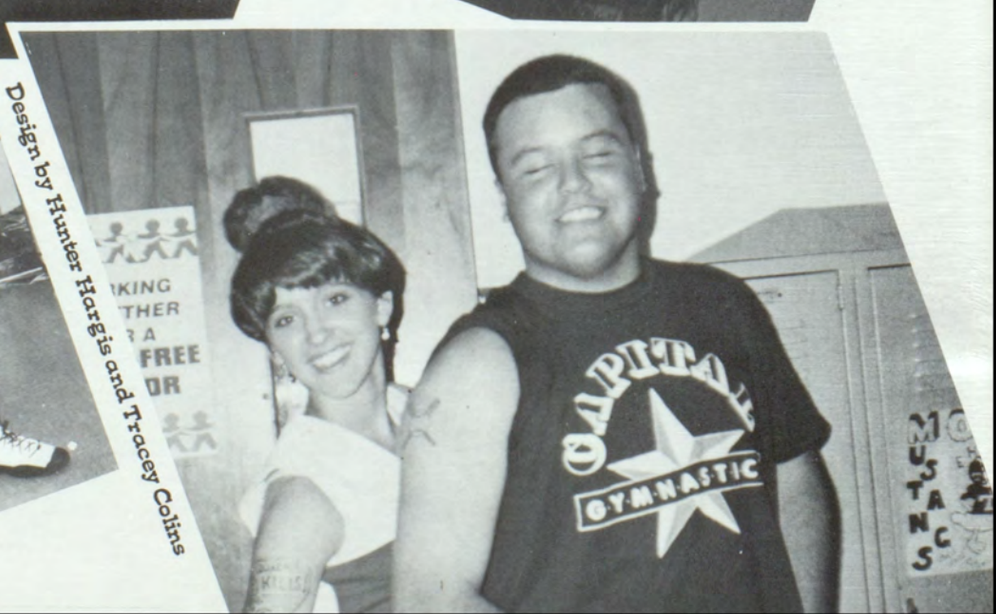

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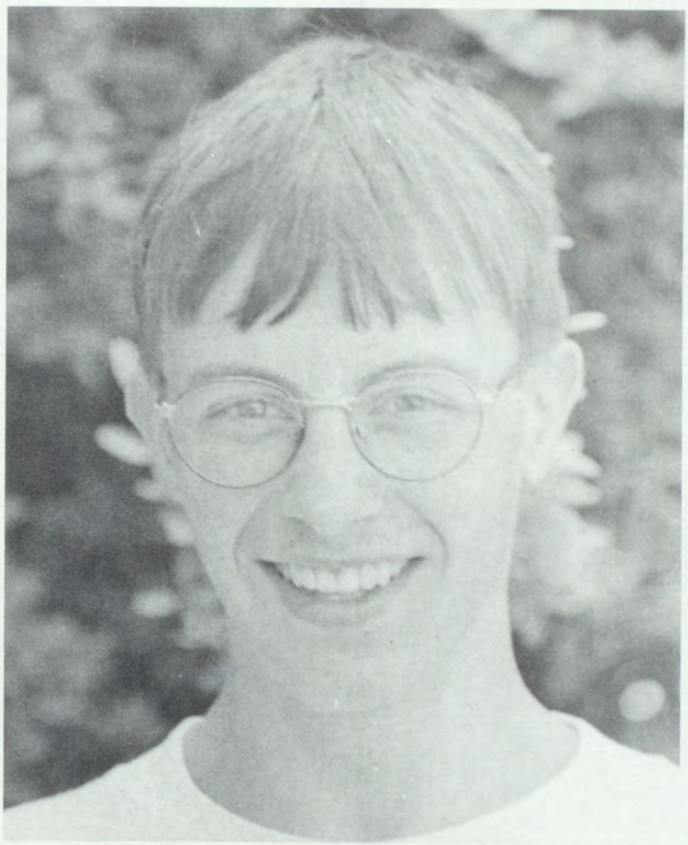

Michael Beneke is from Germany.



Jan Vitovic is from the Czech Republic



Andre Almeida, from Brazil, has fun with his friends Ryan Stevens, Tisha Gonzales, and Trissa Campbell.

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SOPHOMORES

CLASS OF 1998



It has been said that your sophomore year is your most important year. It's also been said that it can be your hardest year. You change, your friends change, everything seems to change. You're not a fish anymore, but you're not quite an upperclassman yet.

This year has brought us many new experiences. Some of us got our driver's licenses, while the rest of us just started driver's education.

We made new friends and had new teachers, while we still had some fun with the old ones. We faced many hard times this year, but we always made it through. Sometimes we had to struggle to survive, but we always had a friend to help us.



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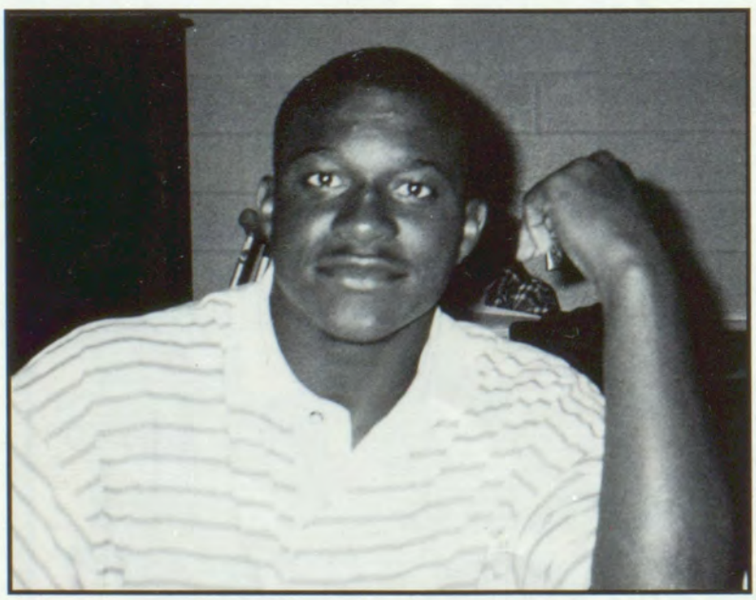



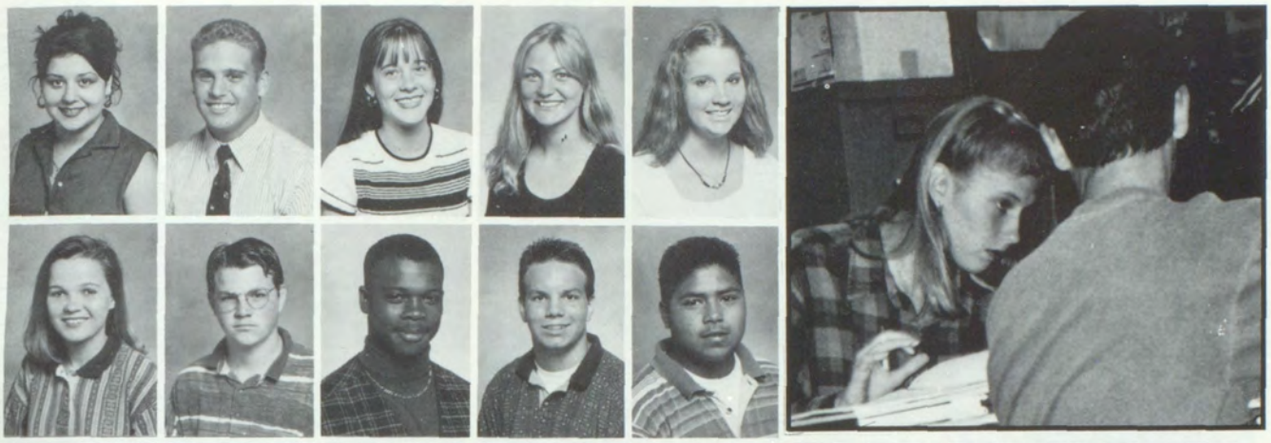

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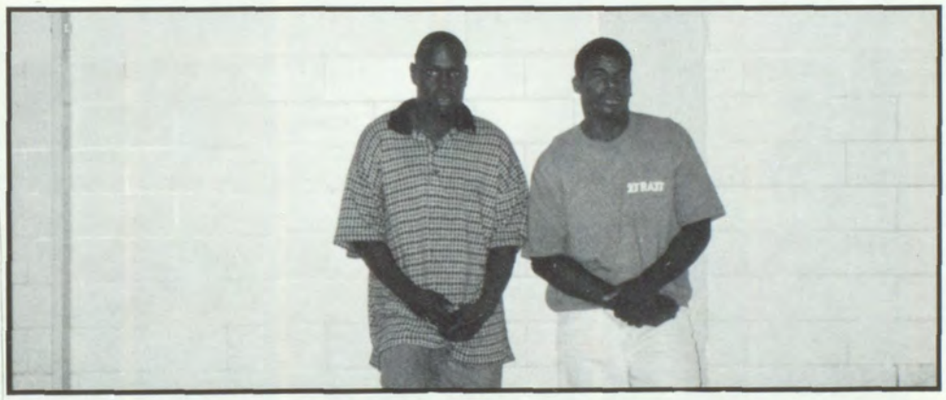

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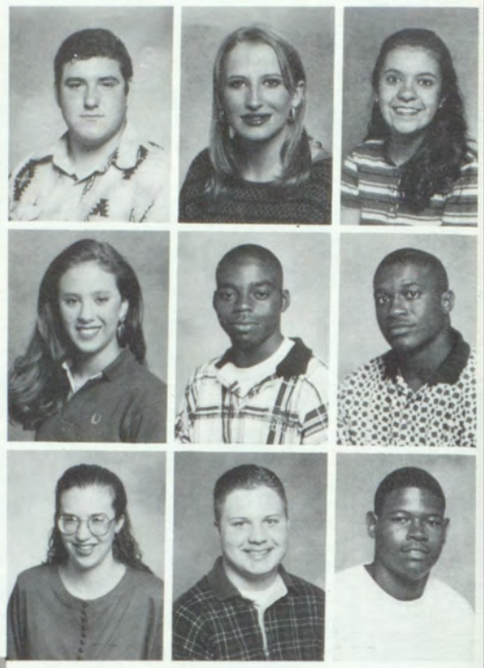







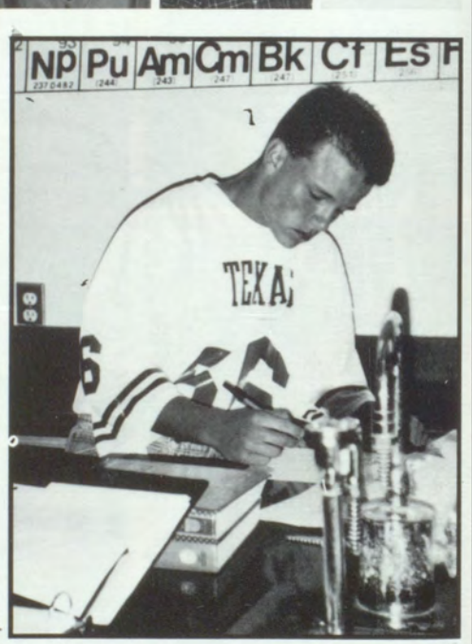

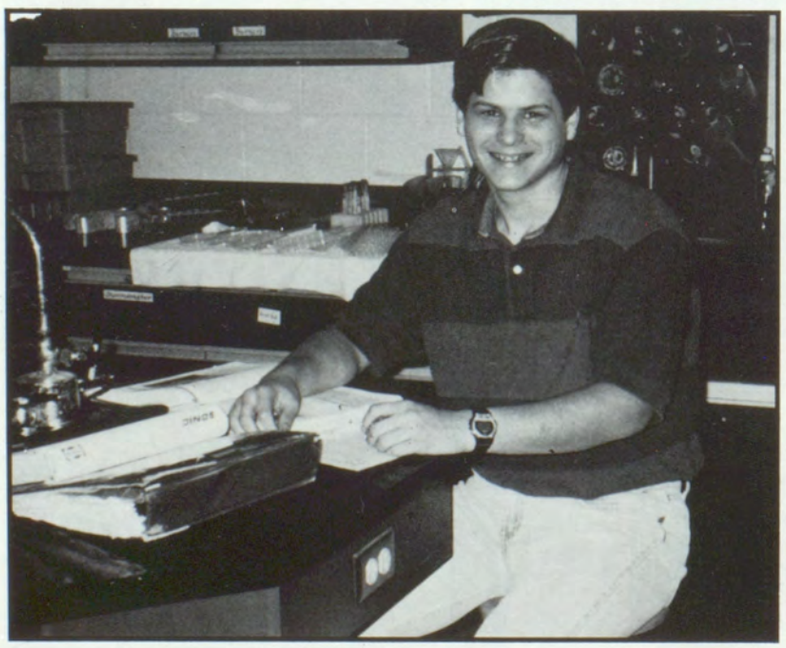











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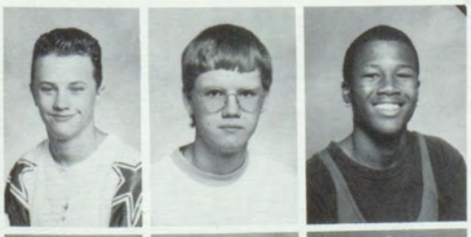





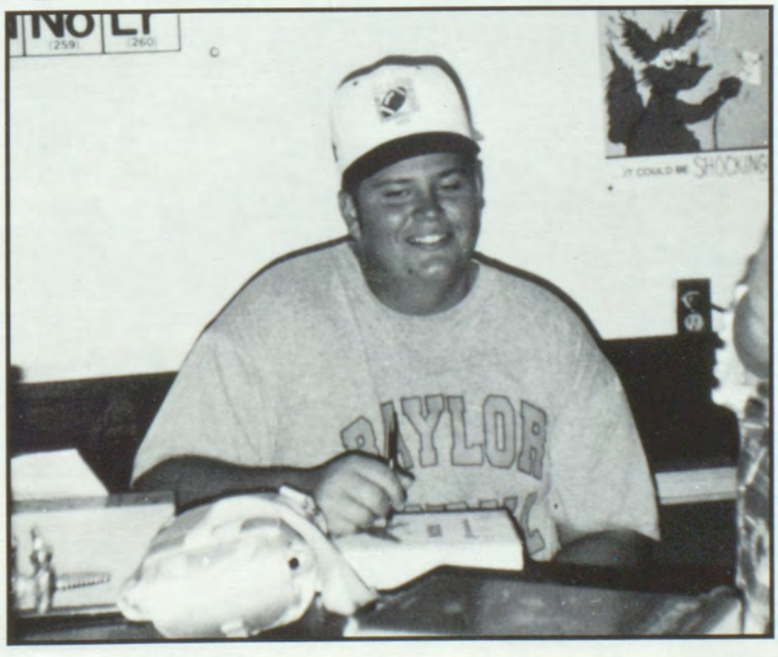

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In Loving Memory Of



Jeremy Wayne Quebe

January 20, 1980 - April 20, 1996

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

FRESHMEN

CLASS OF 1999



Freshman, Fish, ninth graders . . . it's all the same. A new beginning at a new school, and we asked many questions: "Which way do I go?" "What are we going to do for lunch?" "Where are the portables?" "Will I be shoved into a locker?" "Will I be accepted?"

Soon all the worries and fears of being a fish ceased, and we had a wonderful year. We realized that those horror stories were just fibs. We also realized that if we relaxed and respected the upperclassmen, we would be accepted into the halls of Taylor High.



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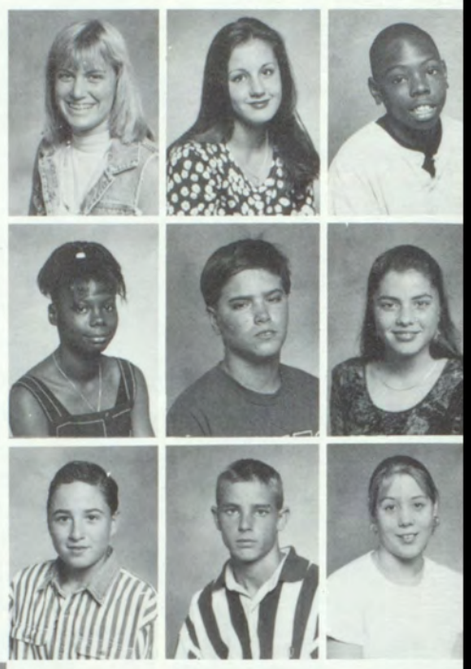


















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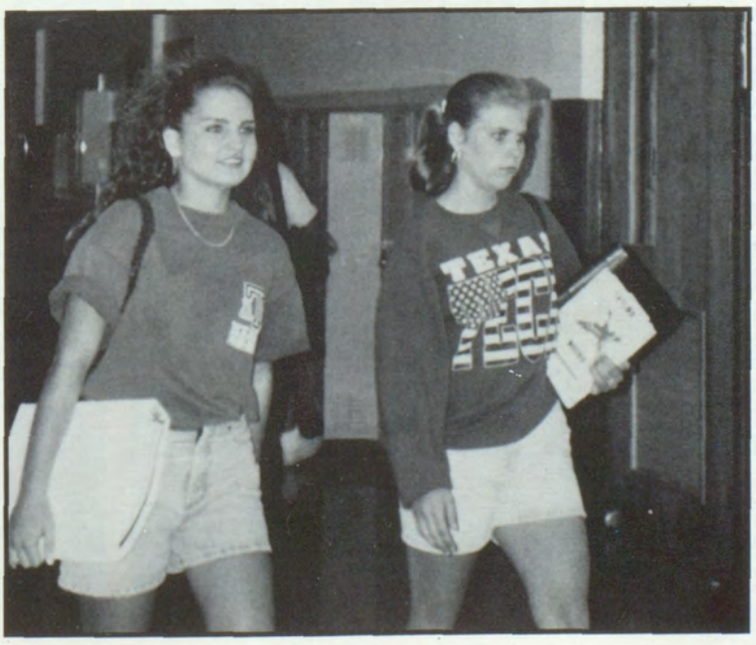

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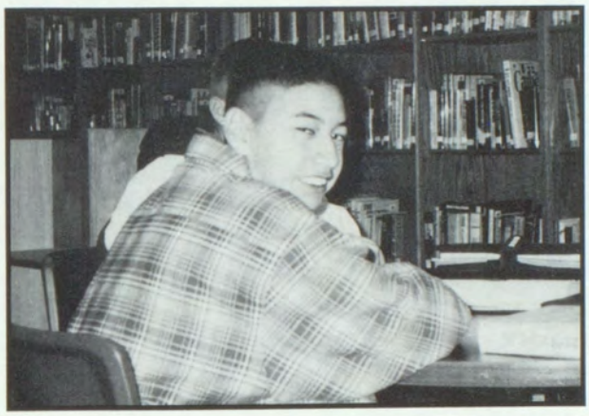

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Andrea Wilson
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Angela Wright
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Augustine Alderete
Joe Roman

FACULTY ADVISORS AND FRIENDS



Throughout high school, we have depended on some very special people to teach us new and important things of life in the real world. Even though we will one day be separated, we will always have them in our hearts because we know they truly cared about our future. These people were there for us through easy and difficult times. Not only have they been there as our teachers, but also taught us our friends. They have also taught us many things that we need to know such as good morals, how to respect others and ourselves, but the most important thing of all is to always believe in ourselves by not ever giving up. So as our years in THS fly by, don't forget the lesson that they have taught us: Never be anything but what you are!



Patsy Bartosh
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Susan Burkhart
Rachel Burklow
Valerie Clements
Ken Cooper

Linetta Copple
John Crow
Donna Curtis
Kathleen Davis
Maria Rosa Delgado
Skip Dickinson
Darlene Dodson
Julie Downs





↑ Is this quality work? Mrs. Lord takes her students on a math journey showing them new ideas about math!



↑ He just can't wait! Coach Lord looks forward to attending his own personal power-lifting meet.



↑ Attention ladies and gentlemen! Mr. Bonsal tries to get his English students to learn more about great literature!



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↑ Keep smiling. Mrs. Razo anxiously awaits grades. Remember they are due at 8:15 promptly!

↑→ Picture perfect! Mrs. Hendrix holds a book about motorcycles she checked out for one of her students.

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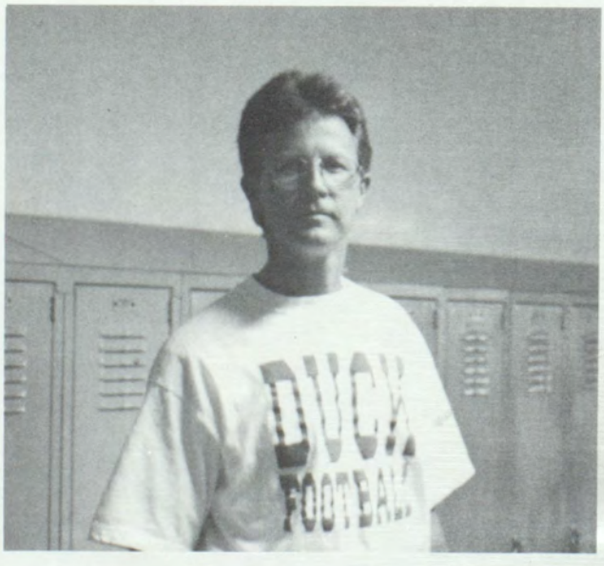












←↑↑Smile ladies! Mrs. Kern and Mrs. Foley enjoy their free class period of the day.

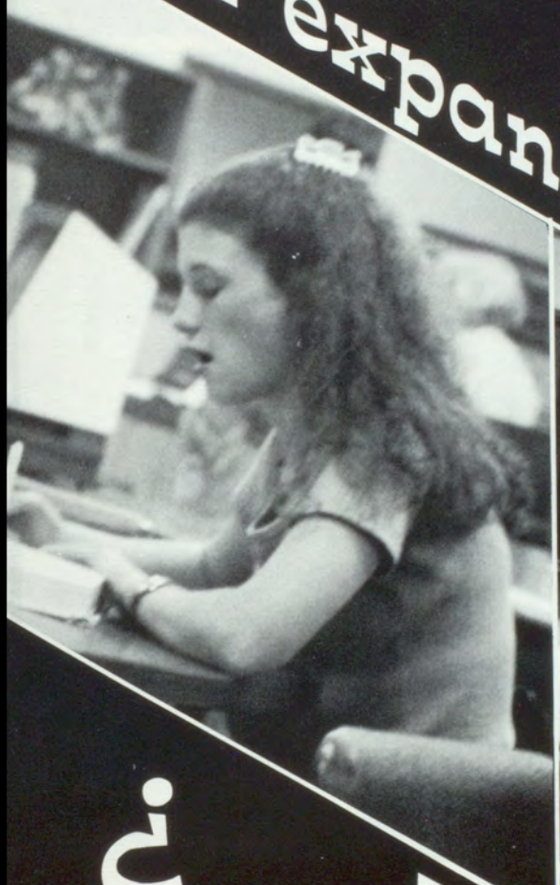
←↑Oh, how cute! Mr. & Mrs. Krhovjak take their time to make the school year a little better for everyone.

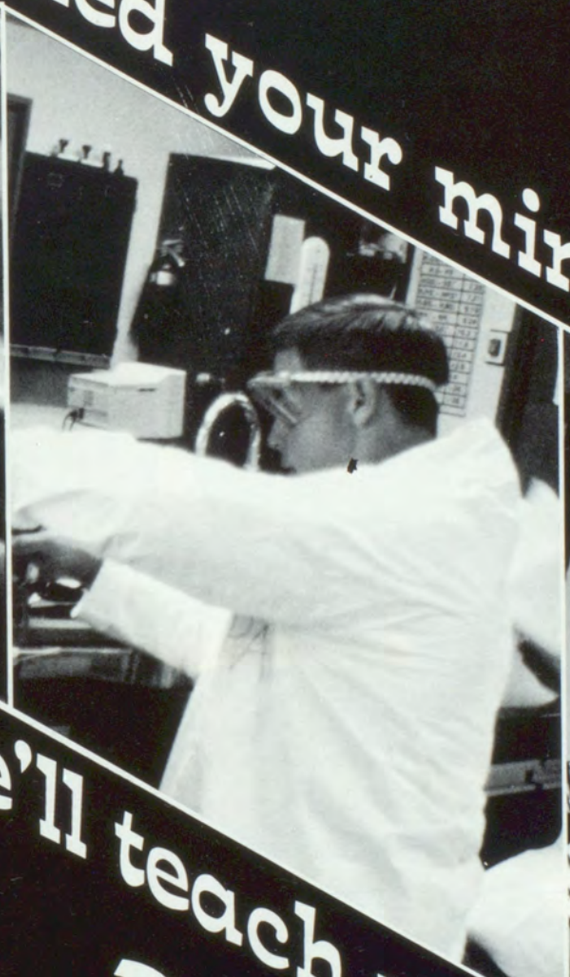
←Don't look down. Mrs. Hodon is busy keeping everyone's library book in check.

↑↑Mrs. Krueger is working on everyone's attendance sheets.

↑Whoomp, there it is! Coach Lord gets down out on the football field.

Ever expanded your mind?







We'll teach you all about it.

ACADEMICS

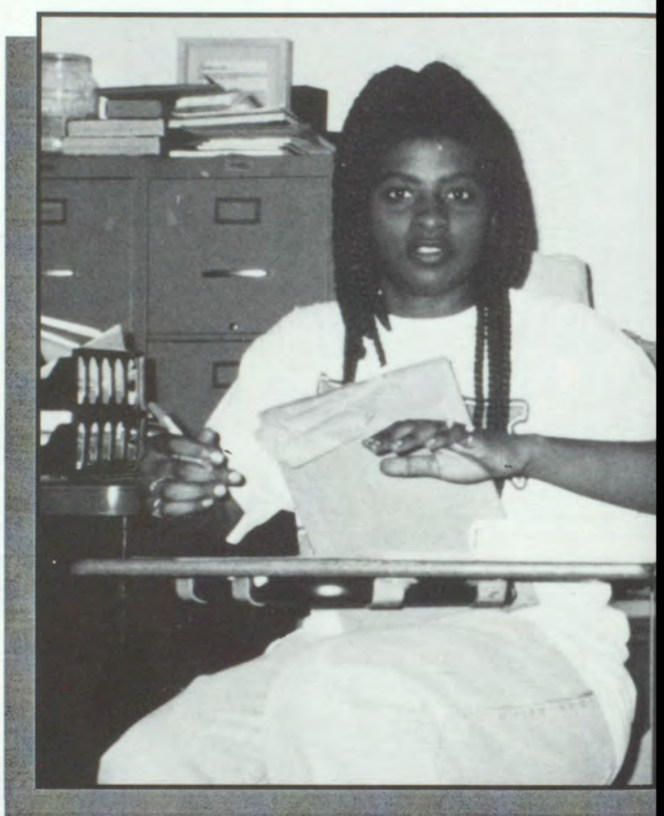
ENGLISH

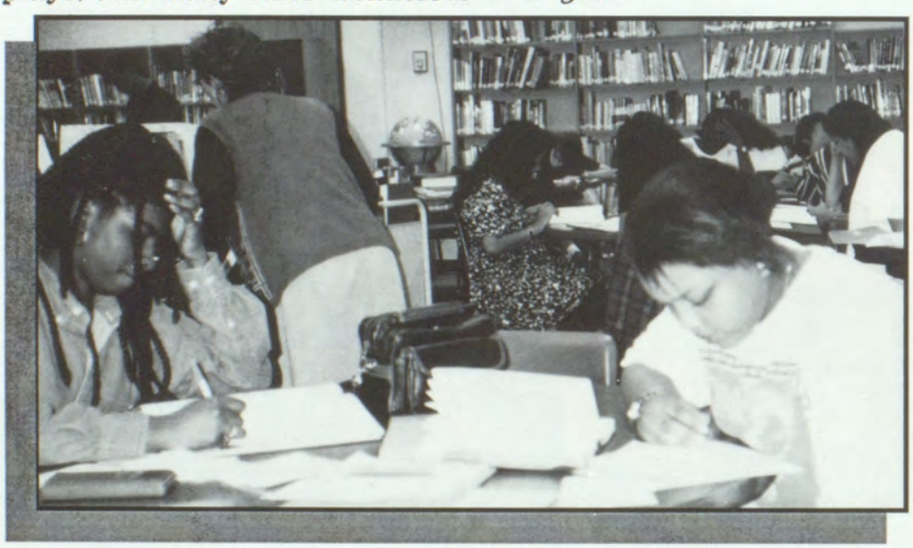
"Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow, creeps in this petty pace from day to day to the last syllable of recorded time," was a quote from *Macbeth* which we had to memorize for our senior English class. Or, perhaps you remember, "Get thee to a nunnery?" which was just one of the many famous lines in Shakespeare's *Hamlet.* Whichever class you were in, these plays played an important role in our years of high school English.

English had always been an important part of our high school career. We learned about American Literature, how to do research, Elizabethean times, Shakespearean plays, and many other wonderful things.

Our teachers taught us a great deal. What was Okonkwo thinking anyway? Without our teachers we would have never known. And what about Grendel. Was he a mixed-up kid or a monster? Whatever the question was, our teachers were always there to explain.

We will always owe our deepest thanks to Mrs. Foley, Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Jackson, Mr. Bonsall, Mrs. Tennill, Mrs. Burkhart, Coach Lord, and Mrs. Curtis, and Mrs. Burklow for all their hard work and dedication in helping us strive to do our best in English.





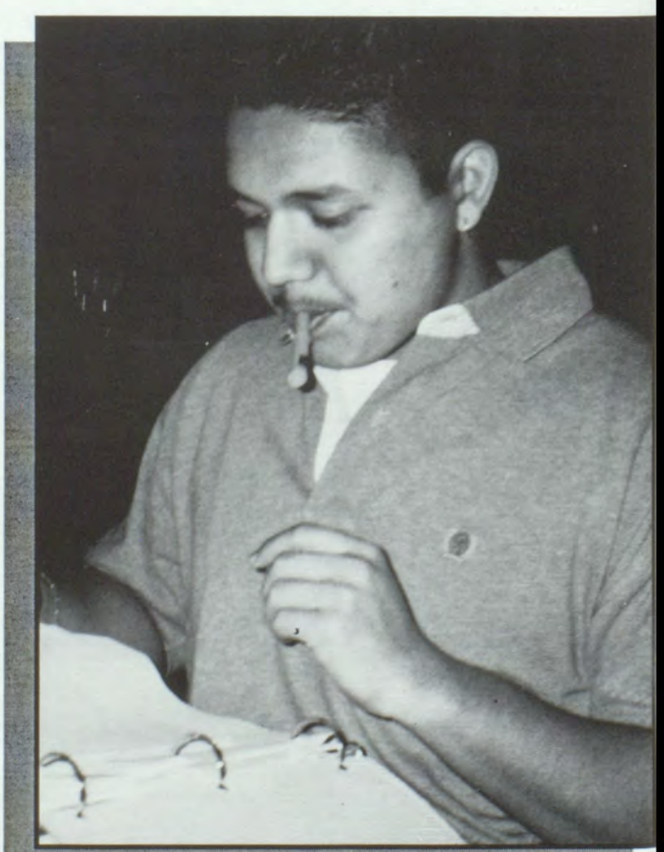
↑ Research, research, research! Cheryl Weatherington and Belinda Coleman work hard on their research papers.

→ Is there any extra credit? Chuck Tiemann checks out his grades in Mrs. Foley's English IV class.

↗ What are you looking at? Cheryl Weathering gives the camera a look as Jennifer Enochs and Lindsay Jahn gossip on the side.

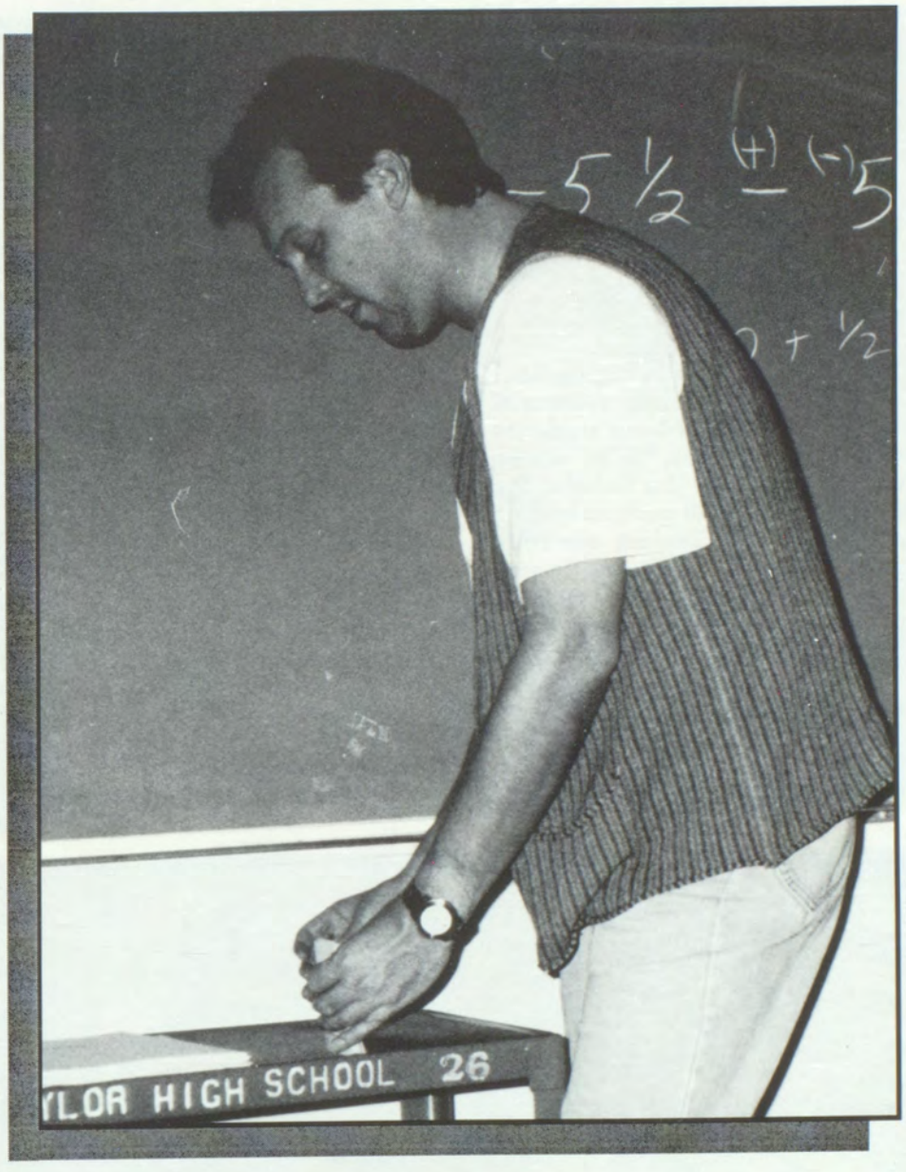
→→ Hungry, William? William Mendez chews on his pen as he frantically searches for his English homework.













↖Study, study, study! A group of Coach Lord's students work hard on their English.

↑ What is he doing? Mr. Bonsall, a sophomore English teacher, prepares more TAAS materials for his students.

←Do you have a problem? Matt Reeves gives us a dirty look as Jason Ward plays with the computer.

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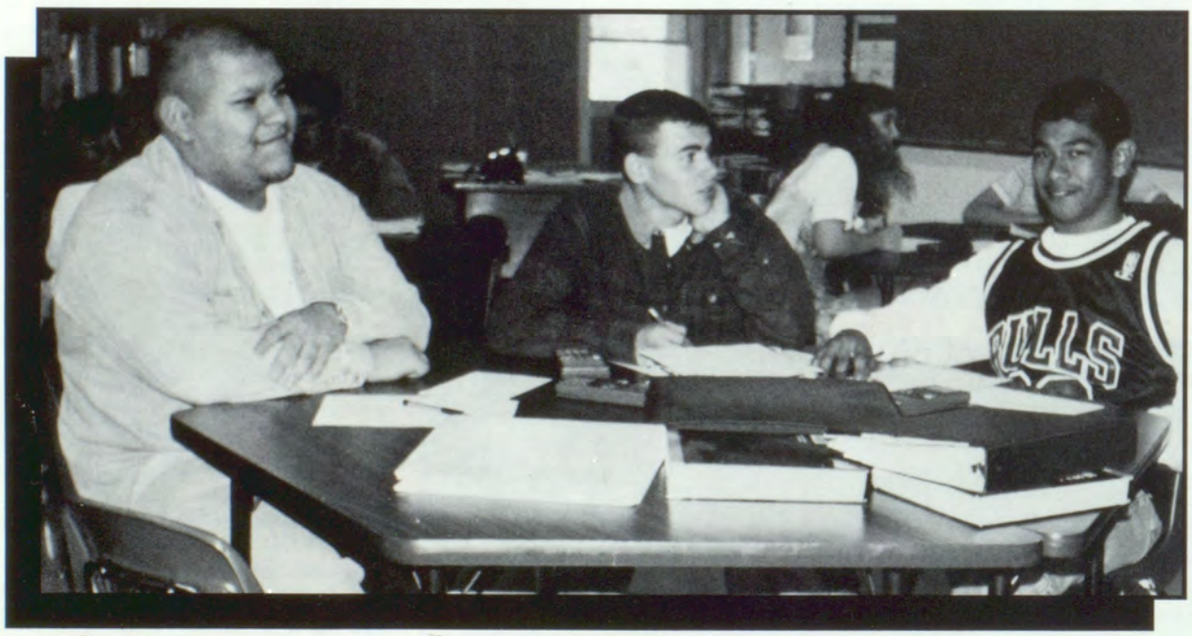
ACADEMATHICS

Not everyone in high school understood the wonderful world of mathematics. Many students asked themselves, "Who needs this stuff?" In the future, the world will be built around angles and numbers. During our four years of high school math statistics were very important to us. So as you walked into a math class you might have thought of it as a brand new experience that you would need for the rest of your life. Even though you were so confused sometimes there was always help nearby.

Math was a subject that everyone had to take once in their lives. Some even decided to challenge themselves with the most difficult math work offered at Taylor High School. After high school our math world did not finish, it still continued on throughout the rest of our lives.

All in all, math might have been one of the classes which required some people to use the most effort, but as the world has progressed, math has definitely been worth the worry!





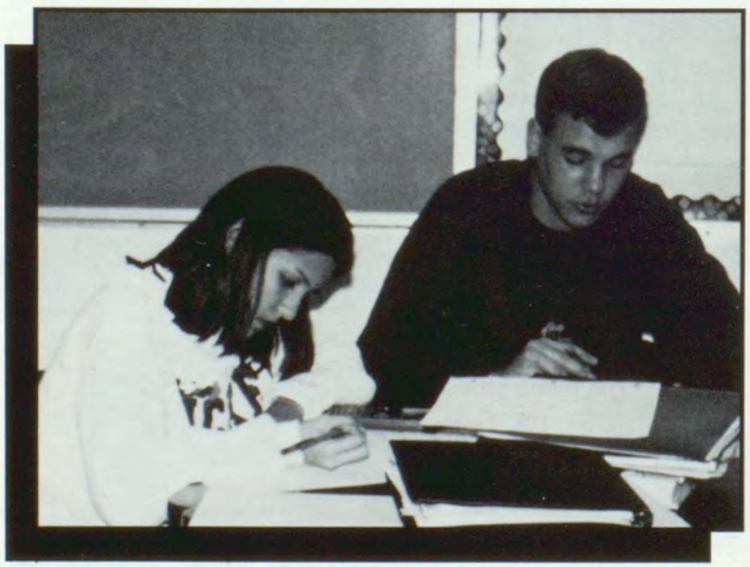


↑↗ Work, Work, Work! Autumn Ysassi has the solution to working out the problem in her Pre-Calculus class.

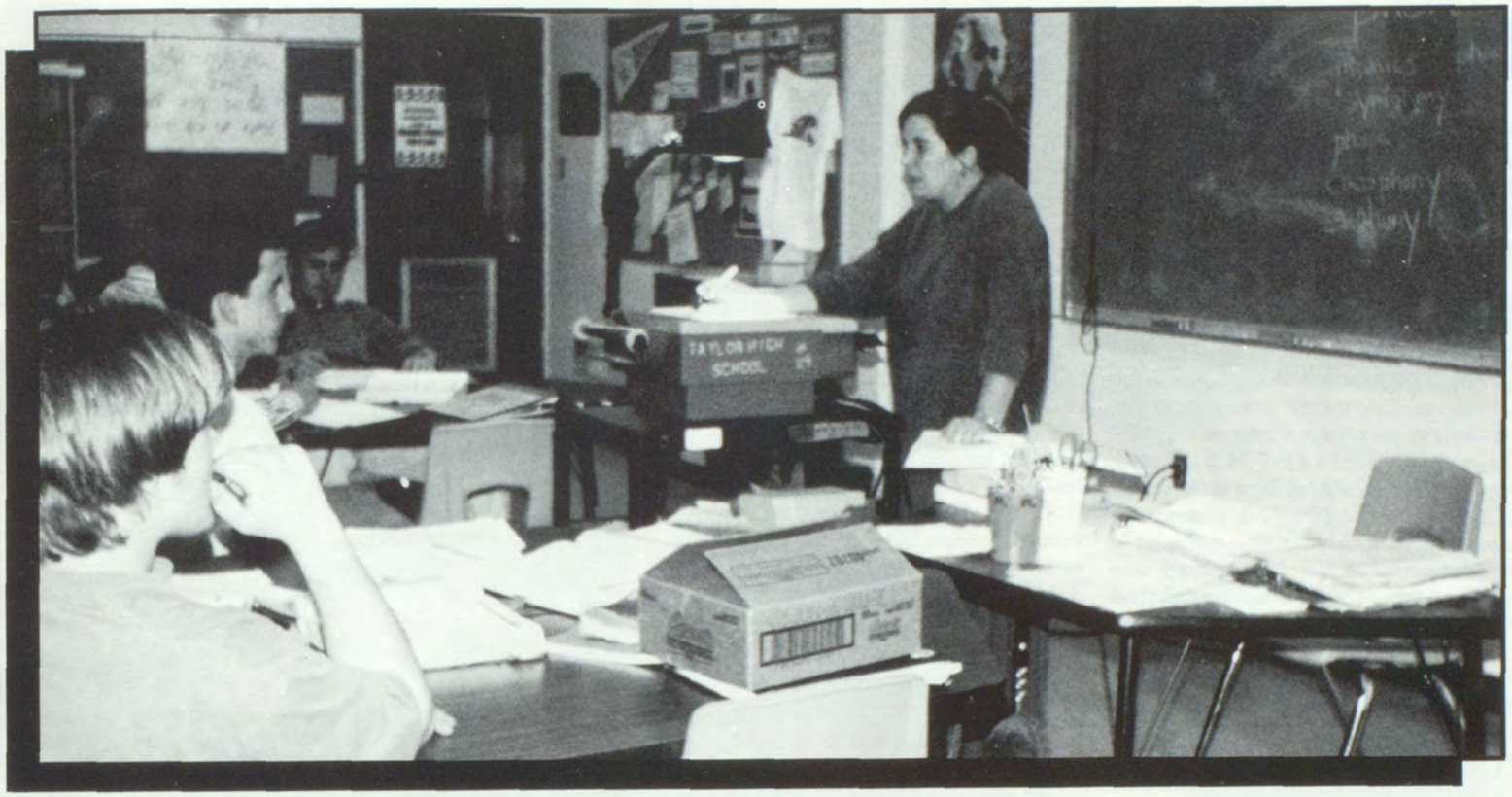
↑ We are finished! Mark Aleman, Chris Talley, and Carlos Watson look around their Pre-Cal class to see what is taking everyone else so long.

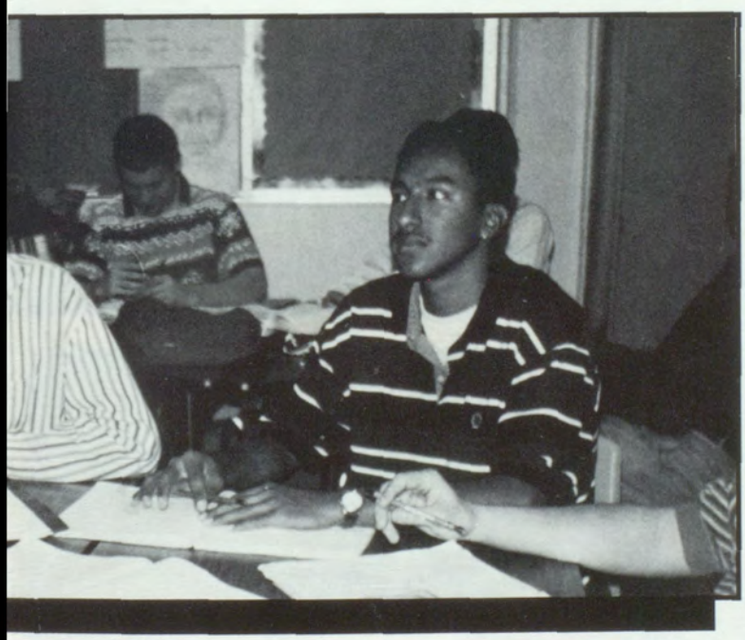
→ Study, Study, Study! Juniors Monique Cantu and Ryan Jansky really concentrate on their Pre-Calculus work.

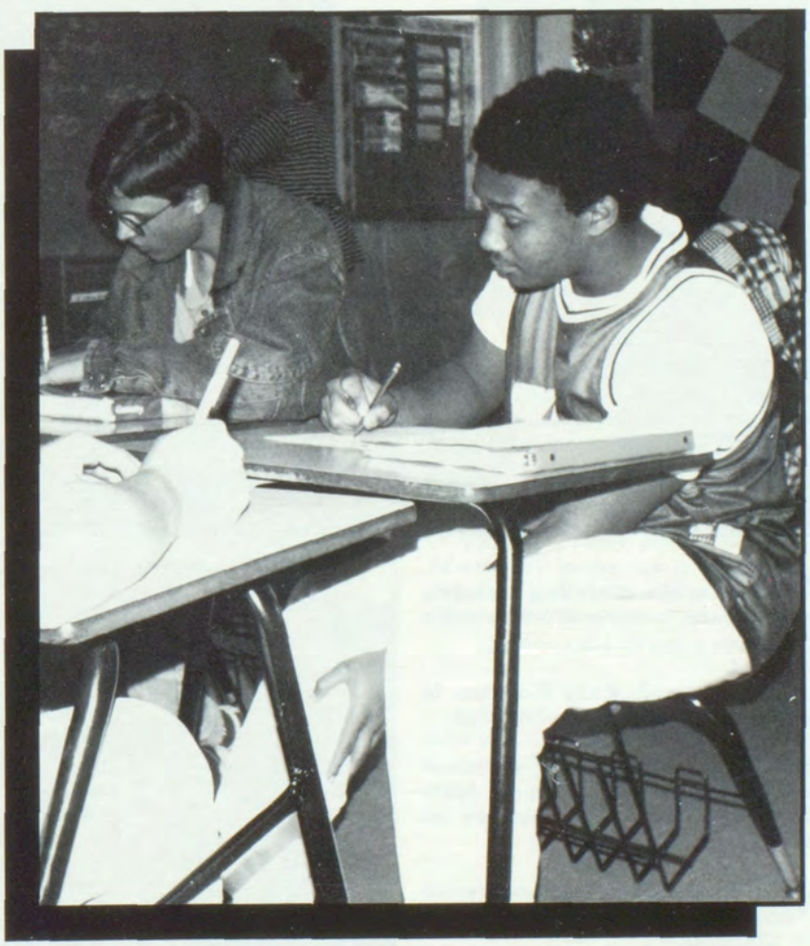
→→ Smile! Senior Serina Baltimore takes time for a picture while trying to makeup some work.













↑↑ Pay close attention class! Mrs. Ross demonstrates how to solve a problem in her Calculus class while her students watch.

↖ You better take notes! John Ng, Kevin Samuelson, and Demetrius Pack hurriedly take notes in their Geometry class.

↑ What was that? Brandon George and Ralphie Campos look sort of confused in their Calculus class.

← Hurry, let's get this finished with! William Mendez and Eric Ross try to work on their homework after a long day.

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ACADEMICS

SCIENCE

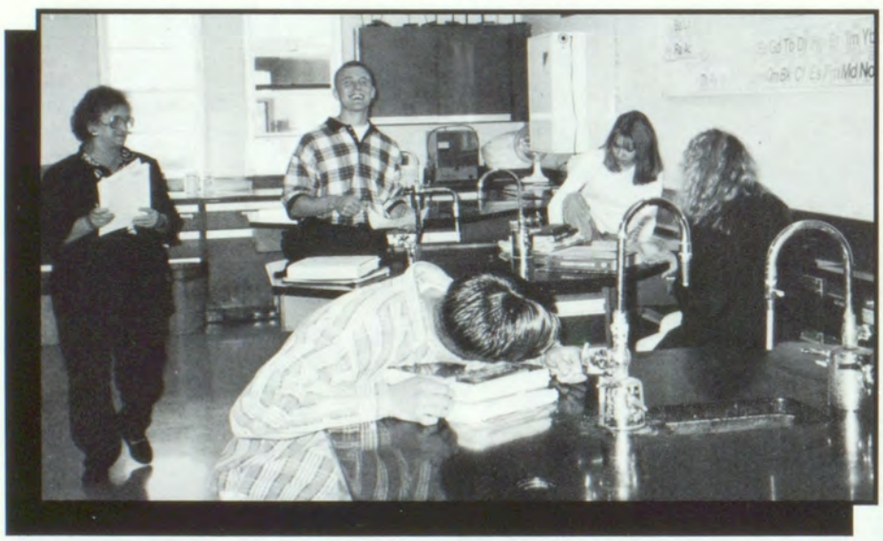
What do Venus Fly Traps, worms, pigs, and moles have in common? They are just a few interesting aspects viewed by the science students of T.H.S. From the day you walked into freshman biology to begin the study of plants and animals, the scientific world became an intriguing experience in which we acquainted ourselves with man and his surroundings. Whispers could be heard as we began our study of the human body. Expressions of awe at the workings of the various systems proved we still had a lot to comprehend about our inner selves.

As sophomores we could travel the paths....one involved physical science and the other dealt with atoms, molecules, formulas, and enticing experiments.

As juniors, there were even more choices. We could try our luck with more chemistry or head to different topics such as Physics I or Biology II.

As seniors many of the same challenges were faced, but we met them with a head-on assurance that helped decide where we would go from there.









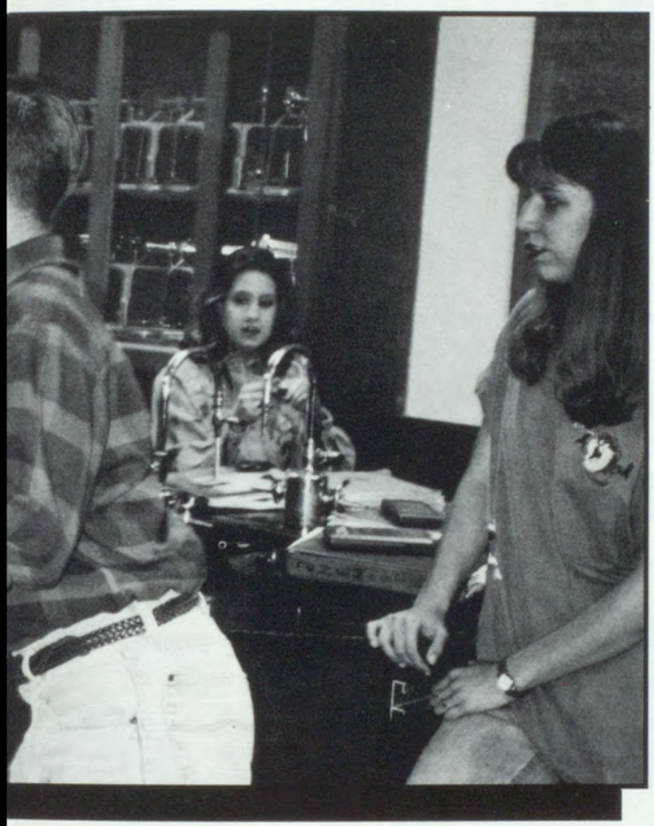
↑→Open wide...Sterling Brinson tries to feed Jennifer Winkler some Chemistry-made ice cream.

↑ What's up?...Kelly Hamann is surprised by a quick snapshot.

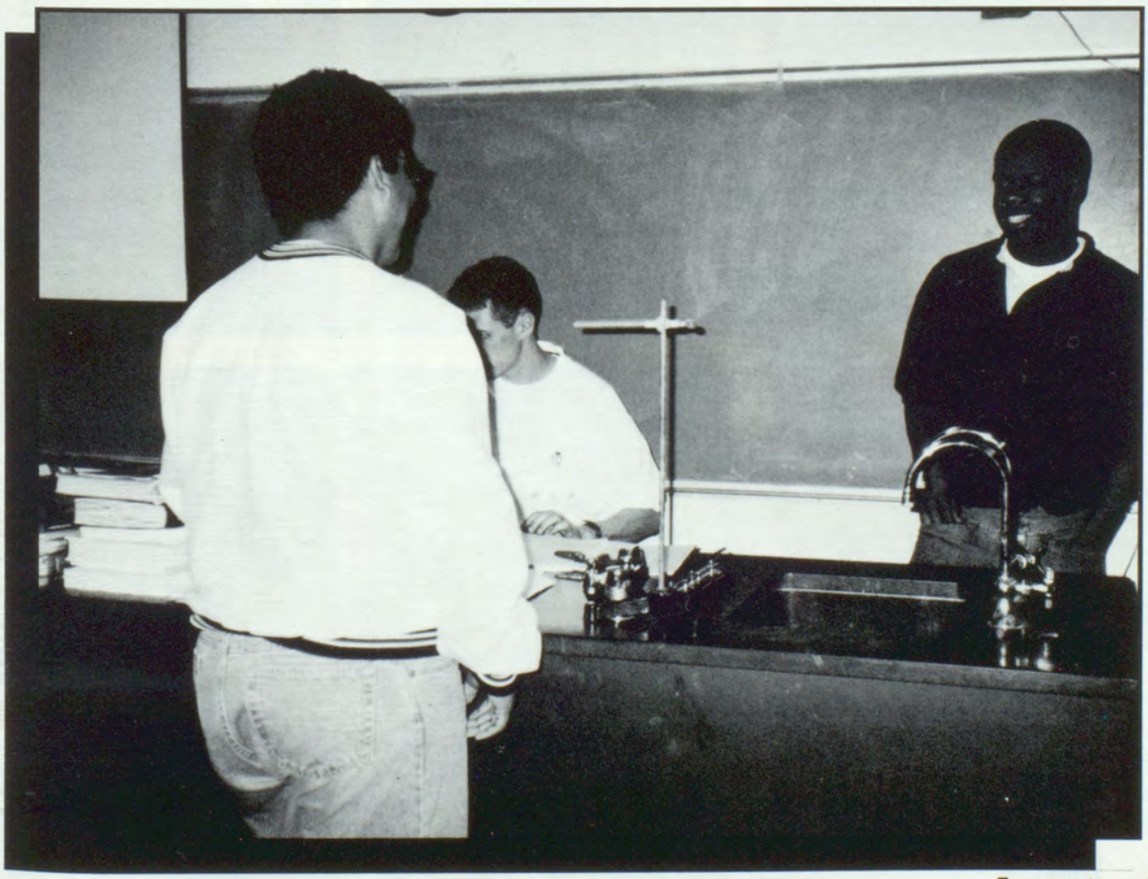
→→ If I take an element and...Trissa Campbell asks Mrs. Sutton to check her answers on some homework.

→ Check this out!...Lawrence Kern explains the formula he got in Chem. II.









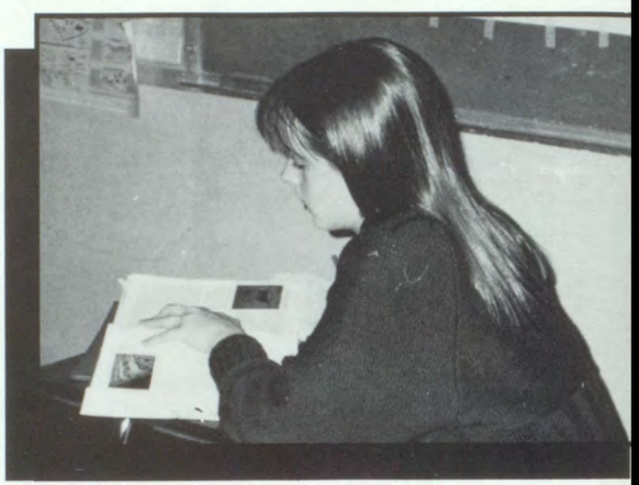
←↑ I didn't do it!...Ryan Lear expresses a mischievous grin as Barret Sutton looks on.

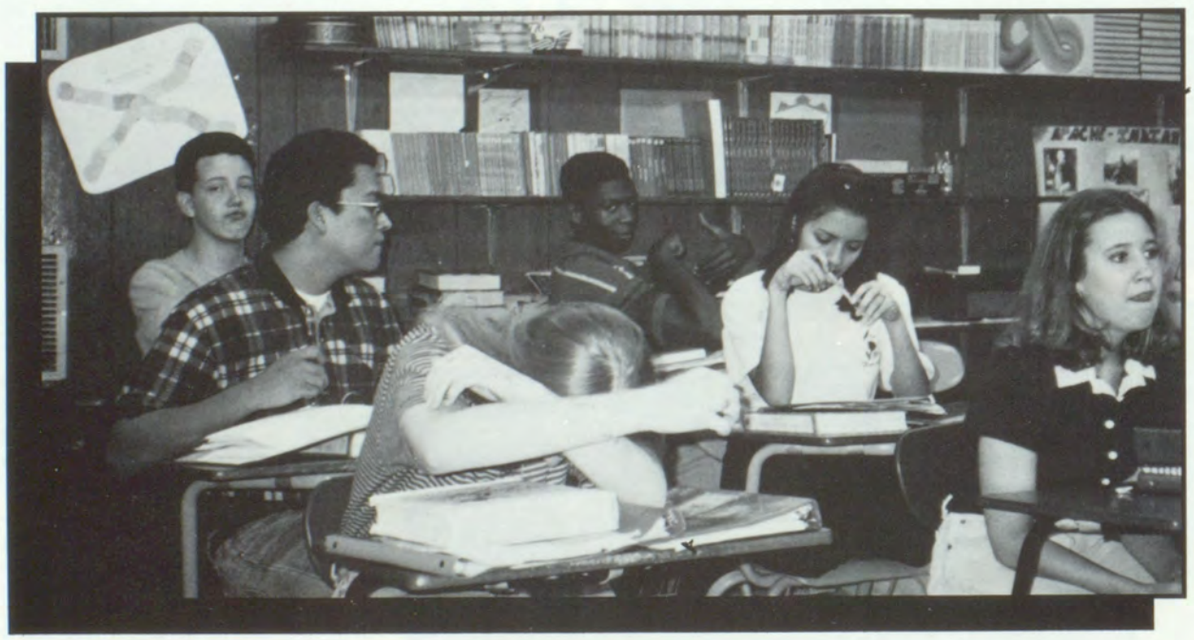
↑ This is pretty cool...Spencer Maxwell looks at a book to figure out how to work a Chemistry problem.

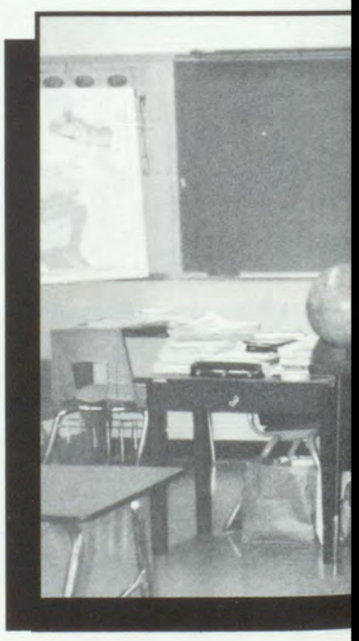
← What did you think about....Duane Jackson and Gabriel Carrizales discuss their Physics class.

ACADEMICS
SOCIAL STUDIES

Who discovered the West Indes? Who won World War II? Who was the first person on the moon? Without history we wouldn't be able to answer these questions. Sure the work may have been long, but sometimes it was fun. U.S. History, World History, American History, Government and Economics all contributed to our historical lessons. These lessons taught us about the world, our country, and about the many different people who make up civilization. Through social studies, we were able to picture ourselves and our future and hope that we could be someone who would make history. We set our goals based on some of our historical heroes.





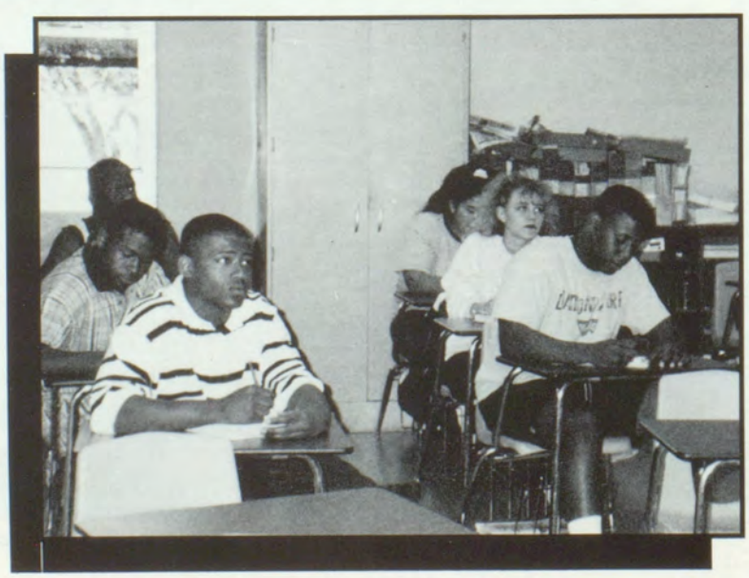


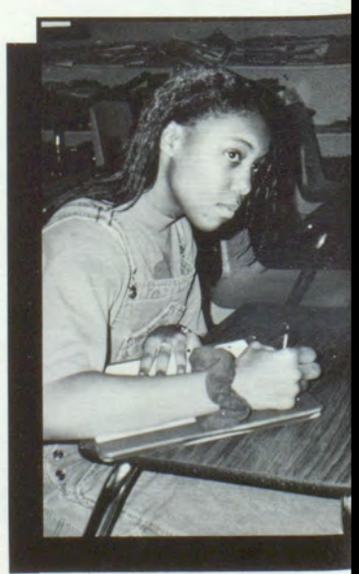
↑↑→ What's the answer? Laurie Cmerek concentrates on history work.

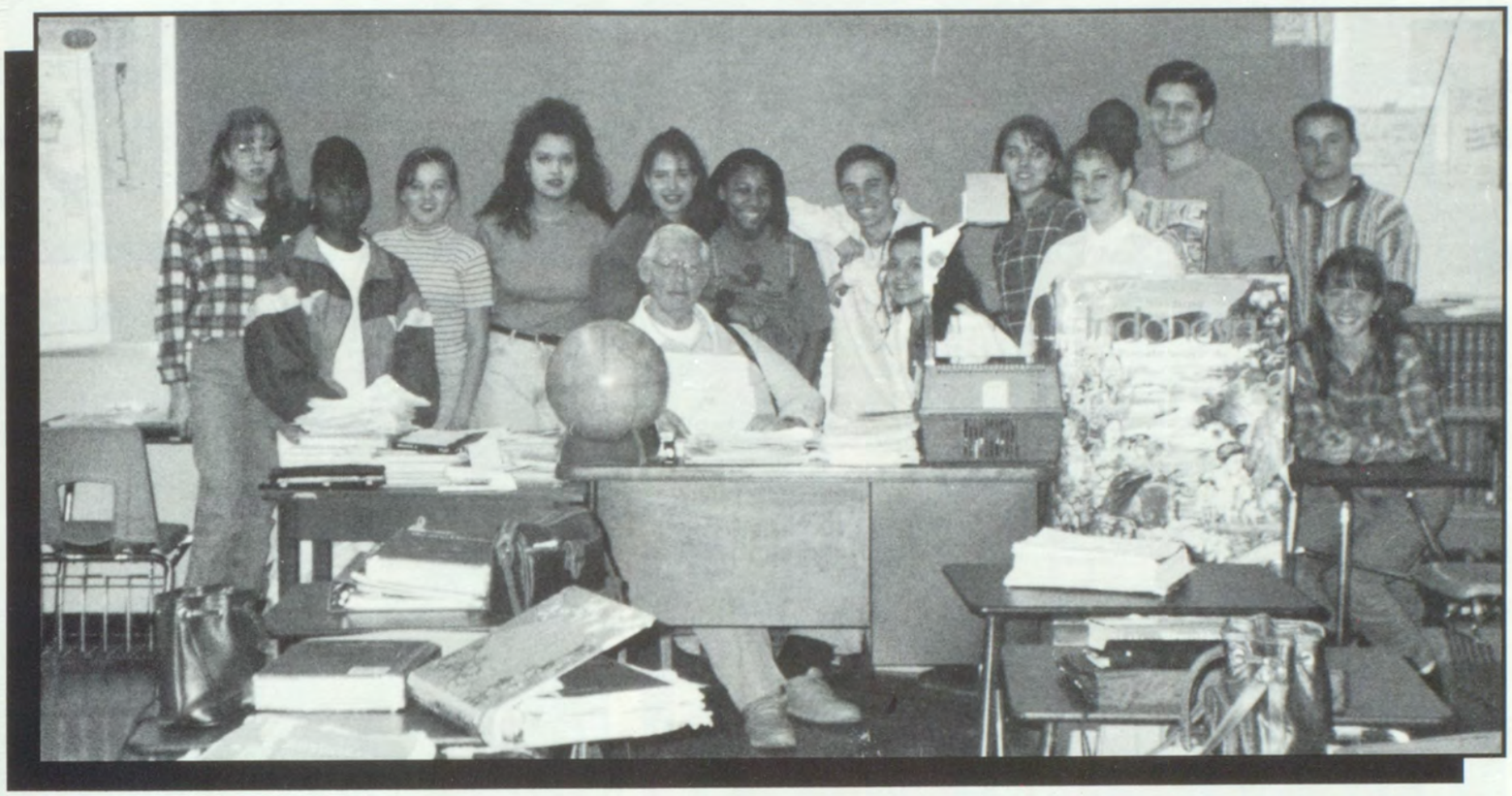
↑↑ Check out these guys! Mark Dozier and fellow American History AP students show the lighter side of class work.

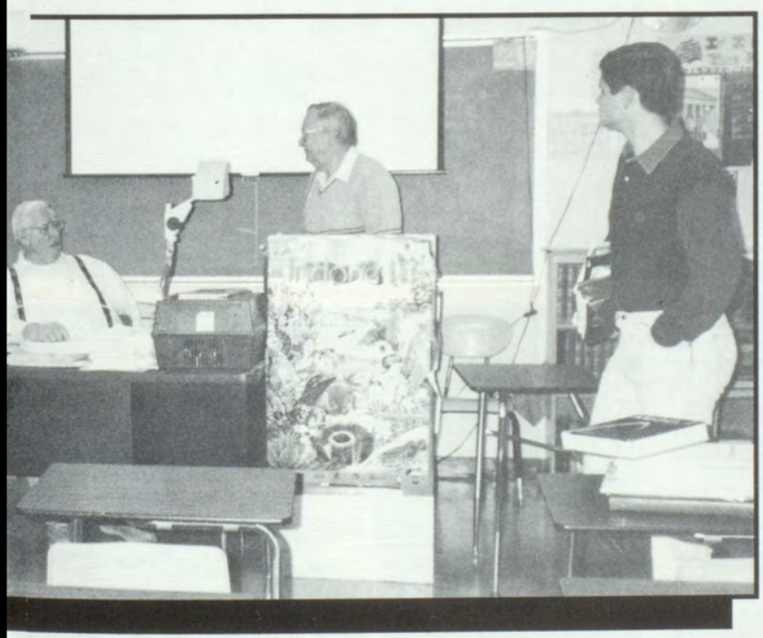
→ Mr. Pool has got to be joking! Quincy Randall, Derrick King and other classmates work hard to complete their assignment

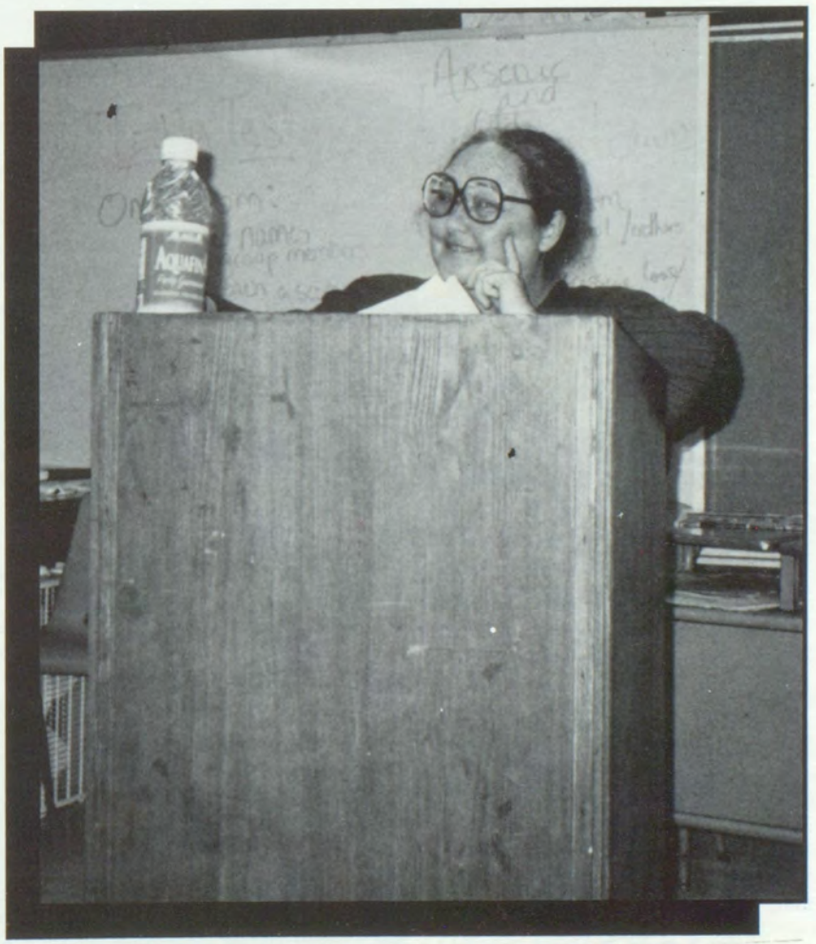
→→ Notes, notes, notes!!! April Hennington writes some of the many notes required of World History students.













↑↑ Say History! Mr. Crow and one of his World History classes take time out for a picture.

↑ What do you think of the Presidential candidates? Mr. Pool and Mr. Crow converse about major topics in the news.

↑ Now let me think. Mrs. Kern prepares to lecture her class.

← How neat! These students relax during a film.

ACADEMICS
ELECTIVES

Looking back at all the classes taken in high school, everyone's most memorable and favorite classes are always the electives. The electives were all the classes that you didn't have to take but did because maybe you had a special interest in the course, or perhaps it just sounded like fun. Whatever the reason, they were always the class you looked forward to throughout the day and were sad to hear the bell ring at the end of the class.





↑ How do you say just chillin' in German? Kelbi Dloughy, Brett Gola, and Ryan Jansky relax on the way back from the German trip.



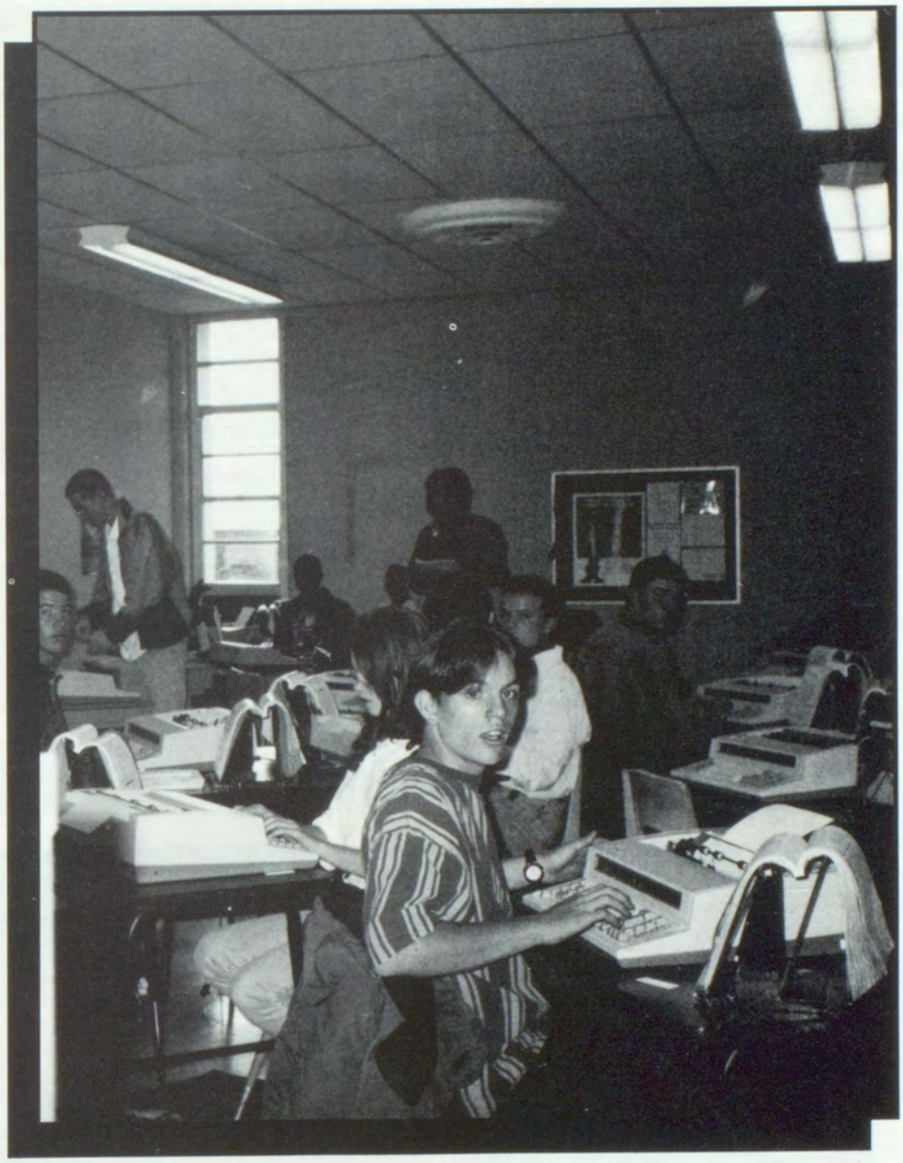
→ Caught off guard! Senior Amanda Schwartz is too busy looking at the ladder to be prepared for a sneaky photographer.

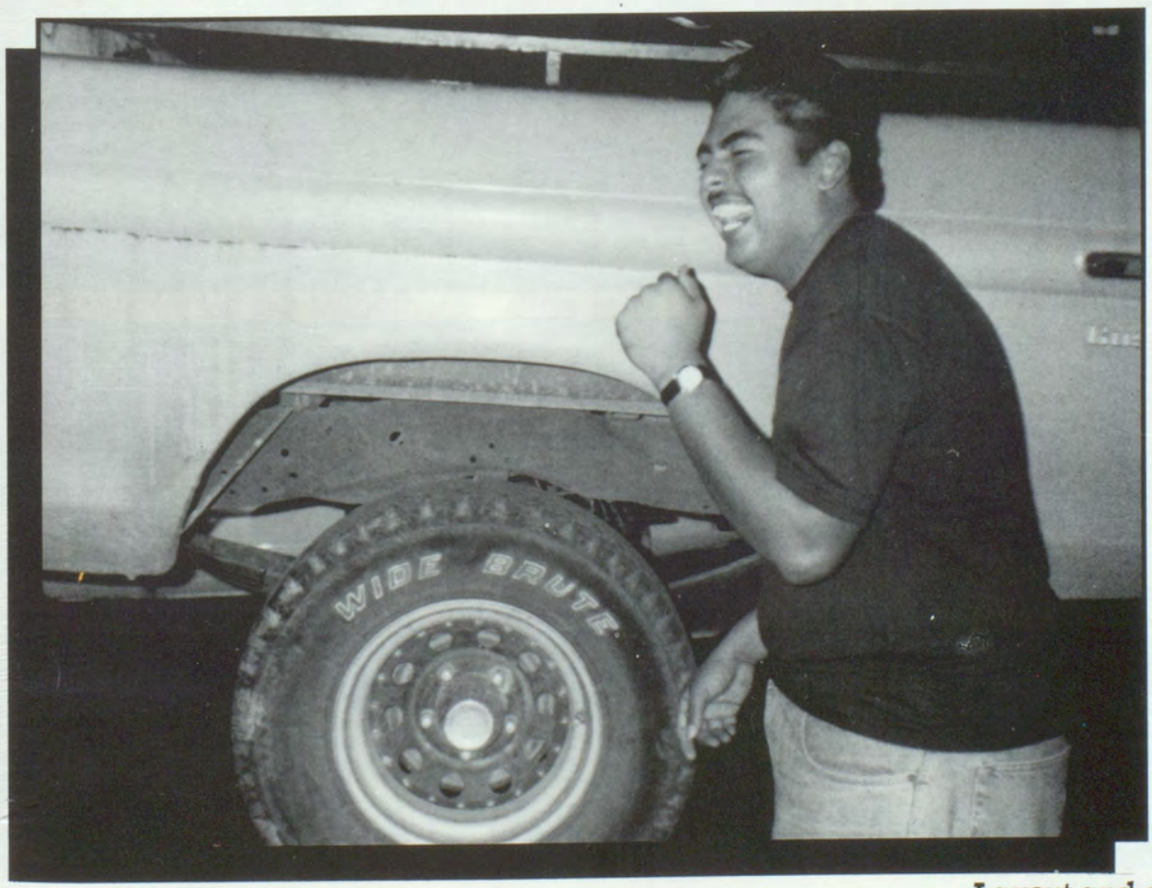
→→ 1 and 2 and 3 and 4... Amanda Stafford is intent on keeping up with the count at halftime.











↖↖ *The* deadline is when!? Courtney Kaiser and Tracy Collins are working hard to finish their spread before deadline.

↖ Et to Brute? Matt Reeves is just hanging around in Latin.

↑ Hey, I'm trying to type here!! Sophomore Phillip McCabe is surprised to have his picture taken during typing.

← I think it's the carburetor. It may have been funny at the time but fixing that truck will prove to be no laughing matter.

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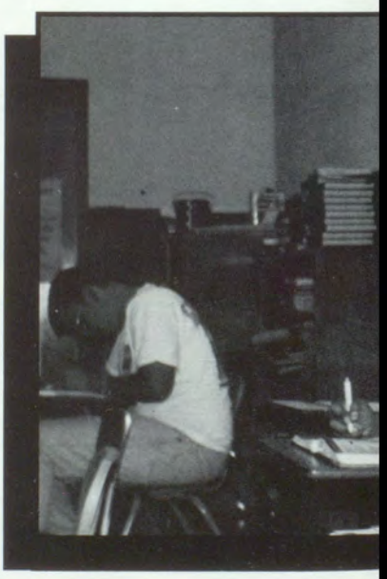
ACADEMICS
VOCATIONALS

Many times, students needed a little extra money to spend. Having one job did not cut paying for all the needs and wants of a high school student's budget so vocational co-op class gave these Ducks the opportunity to work and obtain various skills at the same time. Having a job gave you an opportunity to buy things without having to beg your parents for money. Some of the job interests may have been office work, sales, food production, or helping children with school work which all come in handy in today's society.

Some of the jobs could have ranged from being employed at H.E.B., T.H. Johnson, Central Office, Maxwell's, Exxon, Mega, or Taylor Cleaners just to name a few. The vocational program was extremely useful for many students. Some of the situations experienced through working taught us many lessons about life out in the real world.







↗ Right on time! Beth Wolbrueck makes sure the book is returned to the library.

↑ This and that and I'm finished. Laura Larson finishes working on a receipt from the Dry Cleaners.

↑→Hey man! Richard Ruiz and Carlos Lopez work during their co-op class.

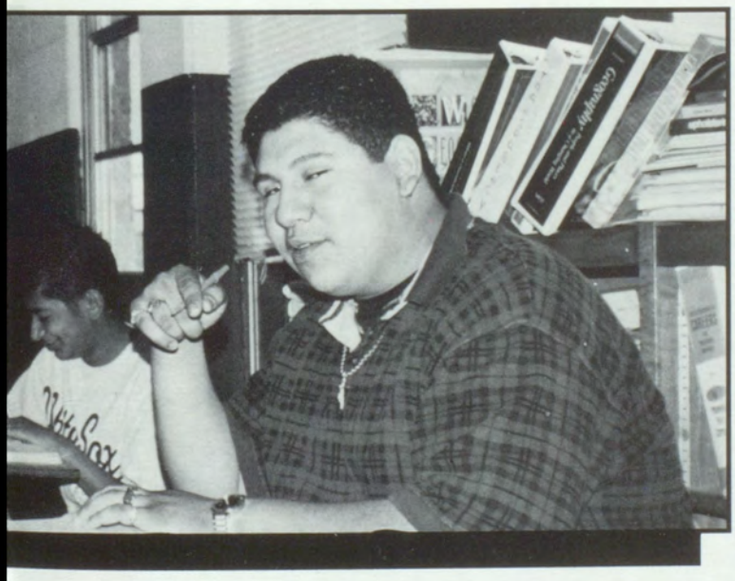
→ Yes, yes sir! Susan Zepeda surely is busy while working in the office.

→→ Smile! Jamye Grimm gives a big smile showing how clean your teeth can look after going to the dentist's office.













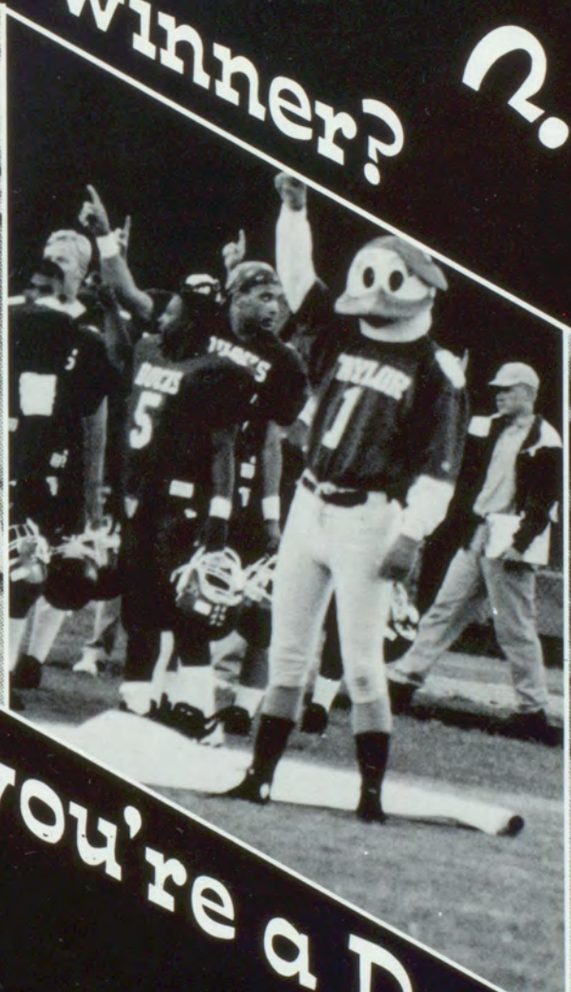
↑ Look! Veronica Alderete takes time to smile for a picture while helping two students from T.H.J. with their work.

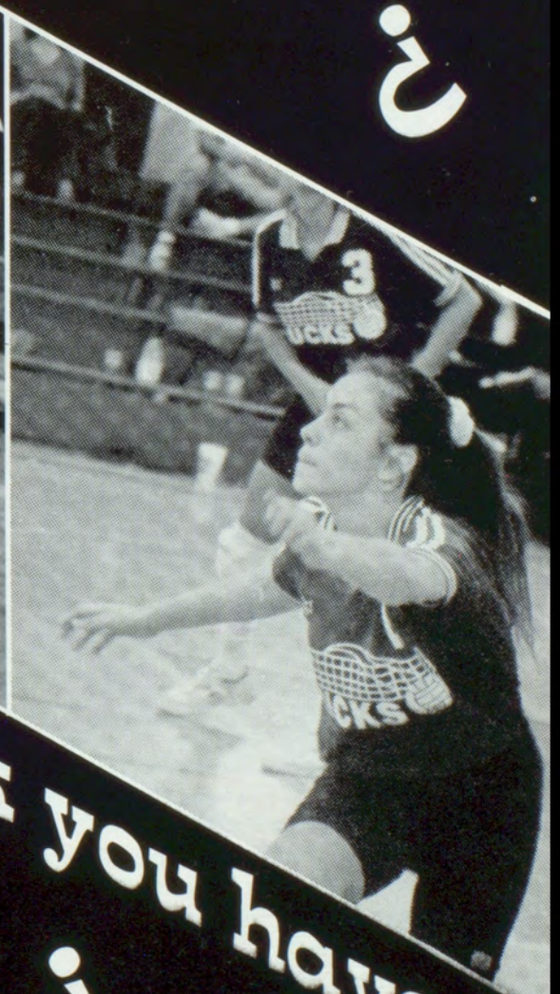
↗ Let me sign this! Becky Alderete signs her initials before checking the book out.

← Sure! Uh-huh!! Jennifer Winkler is busy taking messages for the counselors.

Ever been a winner?

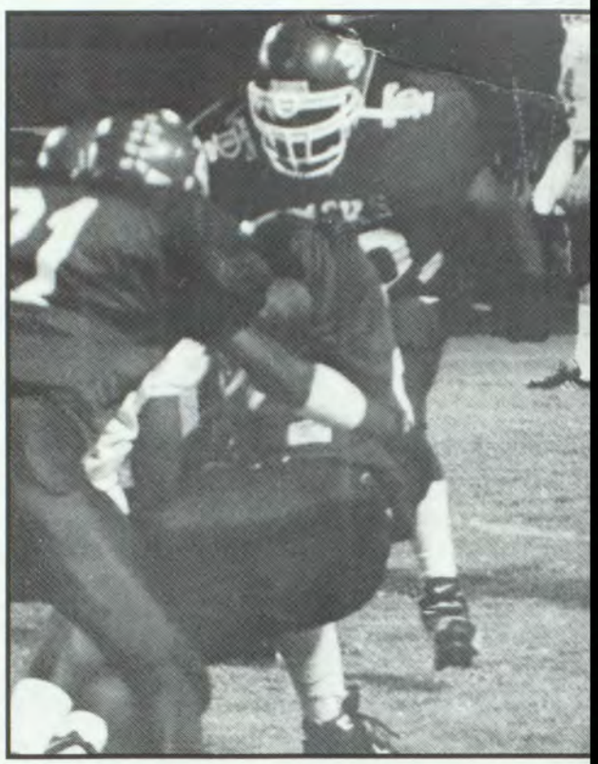






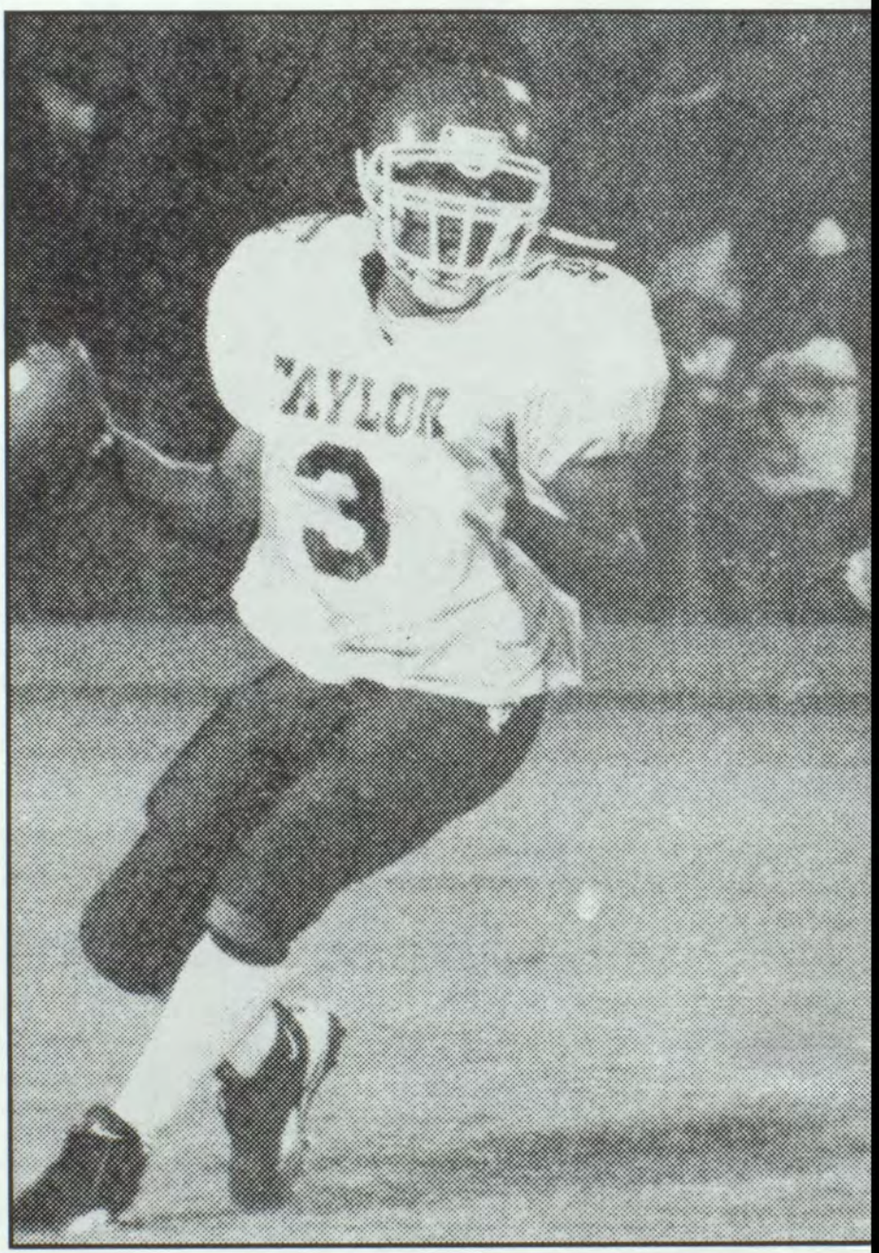
If you're a Duck you have.

BACK WITH A VENGEANCE!



Ever been Area Champions?! Last year we were, and this year we were back with a vengeance. Teams fell prey to this vengeful attitude on the Ducks way back to the Area finals. This malevolent attitude was proven to be especially potent among the Ducks defensive team through the shutouts they forced upon their opponents. The offense possessed a malicious attitude all their own, punishing the opposing defense with a season of uncountable points on the scoreboard. This combination of tenacious defense and potent offense led to a team of champions, always ready to prove that they have been just that!

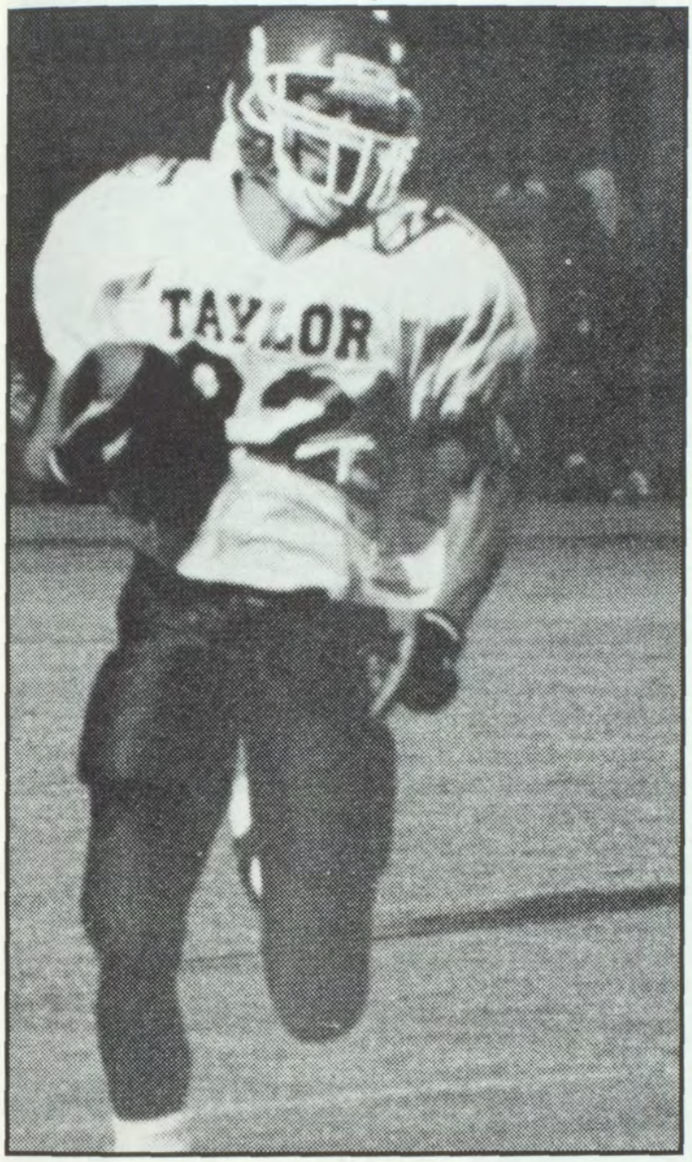


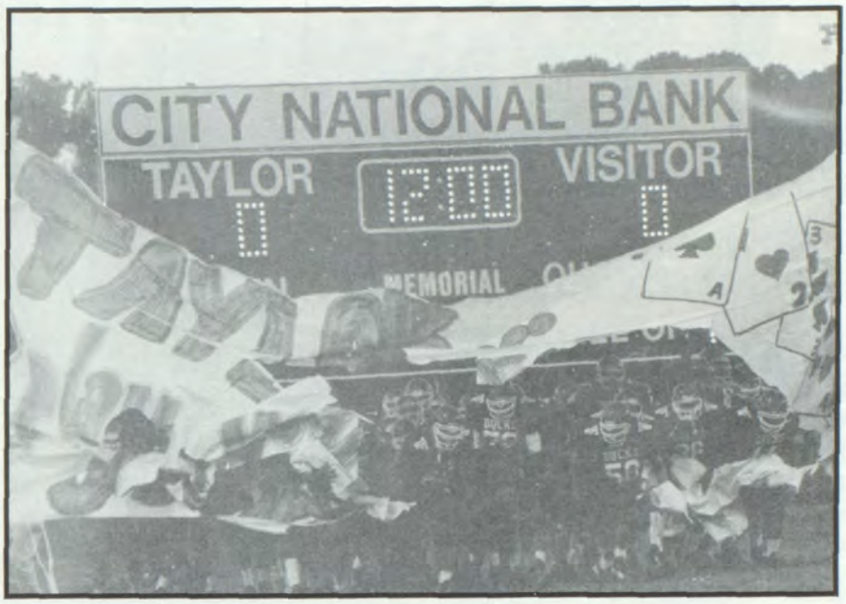


↑↗ Look at all those Duck uniforms! The quickness of the Duck defense allowed them to swarm instantly to their opponents.

↑Right up the gut! Senior Matthew Parsons opens a hole!

→ Throw the bomb Duane!!! Quarterback Duane Jackson rears back to land a deep pass.







Regular Season

McCallum
47-0
Rockdale
6-7
DelValle
37-0
Lanier
25-0
Burnet
27-7
Lampasas
34-7
Midway
31-21
Marble Falls
21-21
McNeil
37-10
Belton
7-14



(Front) L-R: Kevin Collins, Bobby Winn, Kenan Frank, Jerome Griffin, Chad Pitts, Brett Gola, Brian Rieger, Kelly Hamann. (2nd) L-R: Quincy Randle, William Mendez, Matthew Parsons, Drew David, Derrick King, Robert Strait, Joseph Campos, Pedro Gutierrez, Ryan Lear, Markell Autry,Carlos Watson. (3rd) L-R: Matt Hammack, Ralphie Campos, Patrick Stoglin, Eric Moehnke, Cedric Moore, Casey Kuempel, Matthew Olivarez, Alfred Collins, Gene Moore, Johnny King. (Back) L-R: Kelly Simien, Duane Jackson, Shane Stiles, Larry Marak, Scott Scruggs, Anthony Ware, Chris Williams.

Play-Offs
LBJ
23-14
NB Canyon
10-13

↖That one's mine little man!!! All-District Senior Anthony Ware was clearly in a better position than his defender to make the catch.

↑↑ Who let them Ducks out! The Taylor Ducks energetically charged onto the field.

↑ Run right...fake left... Kevin Godwin quickly reversed his field to avoid defenders.

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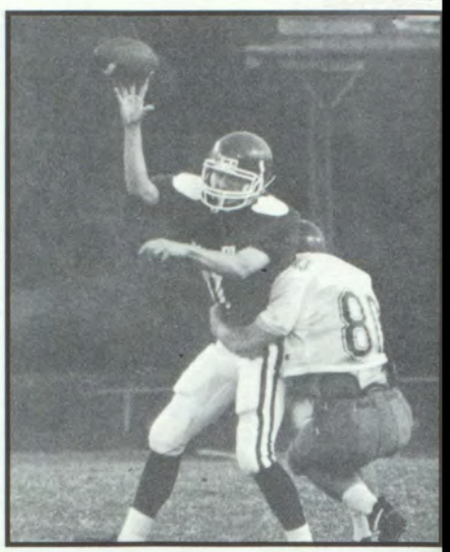
JV MORE FISH EXCITEMENT TO COME!



JV and Freshmen seasons are usually considered a learning time for the players, a time for players to perfect their skills in passing, blocking, and running. However this year the Duck Freshmen and JV not only learned how to win, but also taught their opponents how to accept defeat! The JV's 5-2-1 record proved that they are more than ready for the intense competition they will face next year on varsity. The Freshmen team's 7-3 record showed that they have a lot of talent to build on and will be a formidable opponent in the years to come.



(Front) L-R: Kevin Collins, David Chenoweth, David Fields, Jason Martin, Eddie Polasek, Truett Melde, Andrew Littlejohn, Joe Flores, Tim Roberts, Maurice Killingsworth, (Middle) L-R: Chachi Herdandez, Micheal Thompson, Matthew Johnson, Jeremy Quebe, Jason Naivar, Tim Hejl, Kevin Widmer, Chris Caffey, (Back) L-R: Jeffrey Stefek, Cory Washington, Brandon Bishop, Andy Urbanek, Derek Zachary, Gene Shaw, Jeff Ochoa.

Rockdale
6-6

Del Valle
14-6

Burnet
29-0

Lampasas
18-12

Midway
18-47

Marble Falls
26-14

McNeil
12-40

Belton
22-13



↑↑↗Just in the nick of time!! JV quarterback Brandon Bishop barely got off his pass in time.
→Here comes the big green! The Taylor JV squad charged onto the field.
→→Option right on one! Sophomore Maurice Killingsworth ran one of the JV's most effective plays.









↞ It's mine. It's mine! The freshmen defense caused and recovered a fumble.

← Get off my back!!! Freshman running back Whitney Brandon shook a tackler to break free for a big gain.

↓ I see a gap! Freshman Josh Schernik decides to take off and run instead of pass.



Austin McCallum
10-20

Rockdale
6-7

Del Valle
38-12

Lanier
20-12

Burnet
16-6

Lampasas
12-7

Midway
32-28

McNeil
12-0

Belton
24-35





Front (L-R): Kevin Collins, Juan Garcia, Malachi Dilworth, Adrian Martinez, Kyle Schernik, Julian Pachicano, Adrian Flores, Michael Harrington, Josh Schernik, Edward Alderete, Tyrone Coleman. Middle (L-R): Brett Helbert, Whitney Brandon, Moses Broadnax, Aaron Crawford, Travis Rozacky, Manuel Reyes, Tanner Hamann, Kyle Rinderknecht. Back (L-R): John MaCuk, Brandon Dickinson, Eric Ariola, Frank Henry, John O'Campo, Jeffrey Davis, Jesse Oranday, Marvin Robinson.

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VARSITY BASKETBALL
HOOP DREAMS

The 1995-96 Taylor Duck Varsity Basketball Team had a lot to live up to. With six returning lettermen, Coach Jeff Bell had to prepare a brand new team for the season. Coach Bell had a difficult sophomore year as the THS Varsity coach, but held his head high as a Taylor Duck. The Ducks had a district record of 5-5. Midway and McNeil gave us the most trouble. We may not have repeated our post-season run but our Varsity Ducks had a great season anyway.







↑→» Elevation is the key to success! Anthony Ware jams one in during warm-ups.

↑ Nothing's in my way. Stephen Wright drives to the hole.

↑ Gonna roll 'em up! Alfred Collins penetrates the lane.

↑→ Raining threes!!! Larry Marak fires from the outside.

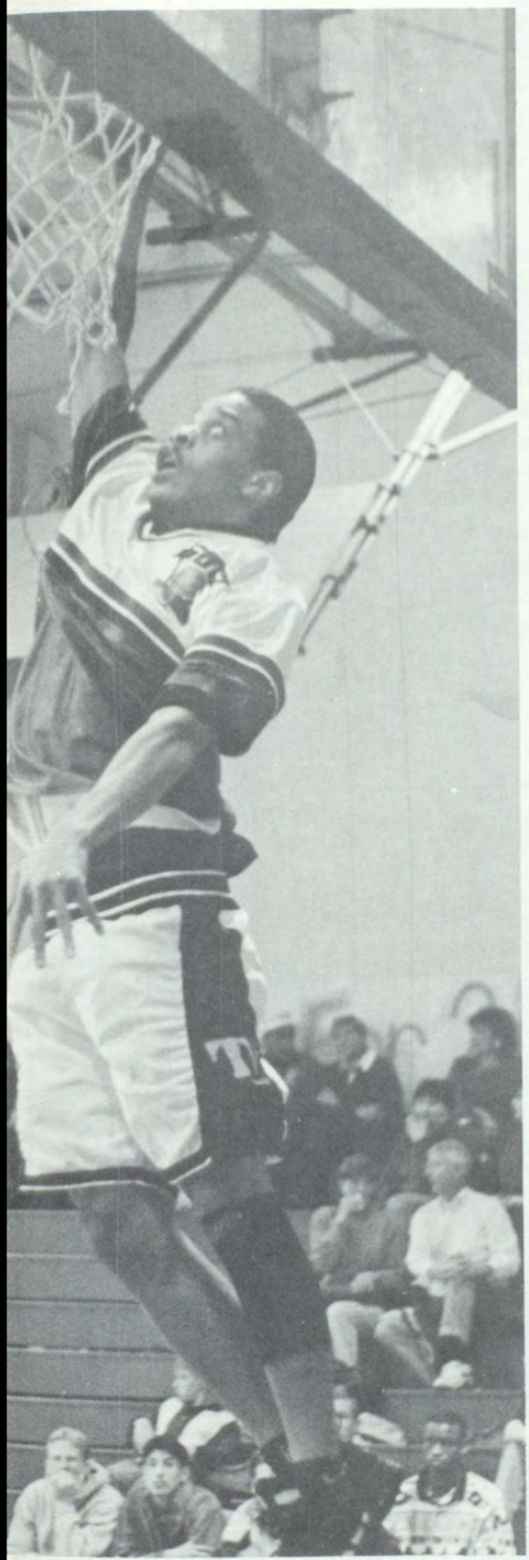
→» Hussle! The Taylor Ducks run to get the ball.

Scoreboard

Midway	47-79	(L)
	41-72	(L)
M. Falls	66-60	(W)
		(W)
McNeil	45-84	(L)
	43-58	(L)
Belton	66-51	(W)
	68-61	(W)
Lampasas	54-51	(W)
	54-68	(L)





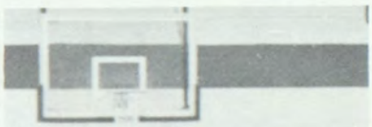




1995-95 Basketball Team: (l-r) Stephen Wright, Gus Lucio, Mark Dozier, Mitchell Thompson, Larry Marak, Anthony Ware, Chris Williams, Alfred Collins, Kyle Farrar, Derrick King, Xavier Mackey.













←↑ Defense is the key. Larry Marak and Alfred Collins defend the goal from their opponent.

↑ You want it? Try and get it! Alfred Collins prepares to make a sweet play.

← Where are you going now!? Derrick King uses his defense to stop the ball.

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J.V. AND FISH BASKETBALL

GIVING WHAT IT TAKES

Under the leadership of Coach Oscar Muniz the Taylor Boys Junior Varsity basketball team earned the honor of being Co-District Champs with a district record of 8-1. These players have proved that they will be ready for varsity, and they won't let anything get in their way. The J.V. Team started district out with two wins and then they lost to McNeil. The J.V. Team didn't let this loss get them down. They went on to win all of their next games including another match with McNeil. Through determination these guys showed how tough the Taylor Ducks could be.

The boys freshman team had an excellent year for their first season of high school basketball. This team of Fish got to show off their skills and prepare themselves for future basketball at T.H.S. This team contained some tall guys and some short guys, but they all worked together to prove that they had what it took to be a Taylor Duck hoopster.

J. V. District Scores

Midway	40 - 36
Marble Falls	54 - 53
McNeil	40 - 54
Belton	60 - 56
Lampasas	66 - 44
Midway	58 - 56
McNeil	49 - 48
Belton	53 - 48
Lampasas	50 - 33



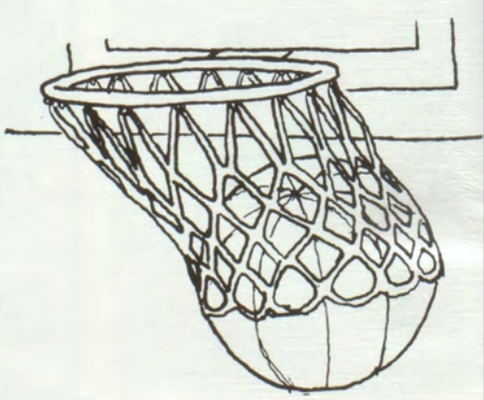


1995-96 Junior Varsity: (l-r): Maurice Killingsworth, Jonathan King, Cory Washington, Jason Stiles, Derek Zachary, Tory Wilson, Frankie Agundis, Jared Fox, Jimmy Wright, Tyrone Davis, James Jackson Terrence Roberson.

↑ Where's the foul?! Christopher Williams gets pushed by an opponent.

→ Let's go Ducks! Cory Washington warms up before the game.





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Fish District Scores	
Midway	55 - 74
Marble Falls	48 - 36
McNeil	43 - 60
Belton	70 - 82
Lampasas	59 - 51
Midway	54 - 64
Marble Falls	48 - 36
McNeil	49 - 43
Belton	90 - 81
Lampasas	57 - 68

← Swoosh!! Frank Henry fires from the outside.

↓ Little Man Take. Jonathan Gray show that he can penetrate the lane.

↡ Diamond or Triangle, which should we run? Lance Thornton thinks about a play as he dribbles downcourt.





1995-96 Freshmen: (l-r): Ramon Navario, Justin Klaus, Jason Hennington, Lance Thornton, Maunel Reyes, Kyle Rinderknect, Frank Henry, Terrence Bailey, Jeffery Davis, John MaCuk, Tanner Hamann, Brandon Randig, Guy Oliphant, Jonathan Gray, Clayton Sankey.



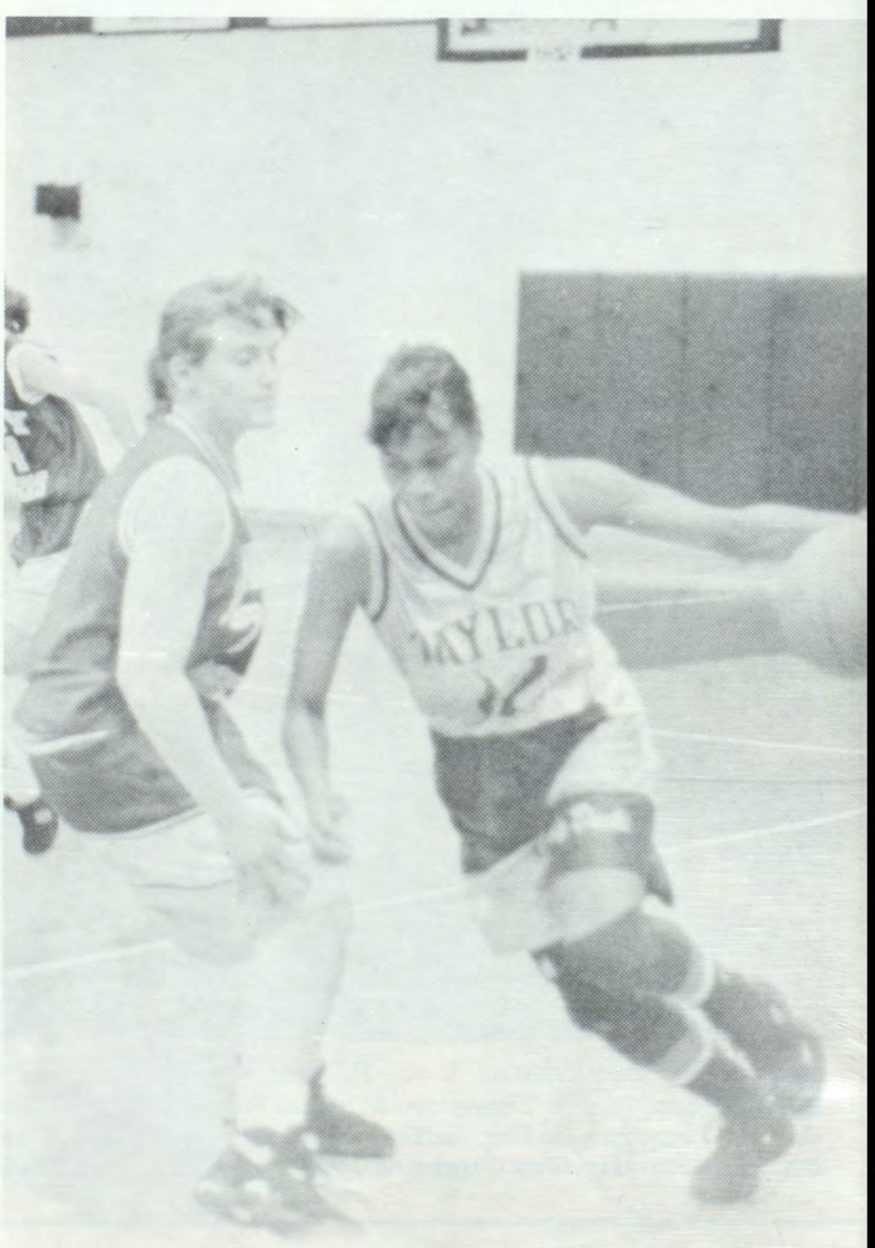
LADY DUCK BASKETBALL

I LOVE THIS GAME



BI DISTRICT CHAMPS, the headlines read. This year the Lady Ducks Varsity Basketball team made it to the playoffs, the first time in almost 11 years, and they had fun getting there. This season was one that none of these girls will never forget, due to their hardwork and dedication to the game. Determination allowed these Lady Ducks to overcome their opponents and adversaries. With Kisha Risper, who signed with Angelo State University, and Tonya Cook leading them, the Lady Ducks had an overall great season, even during preseason play. The road is paved for those returning Lady Duck Varsity players as well as those in the years to come.





↑→ Defense is the key. April Green stops her opponent.

↑ That rock is mine. Kim Thomas prepares to make a defensive play.

→ Speed demon Kisha Risper flies by her defender.

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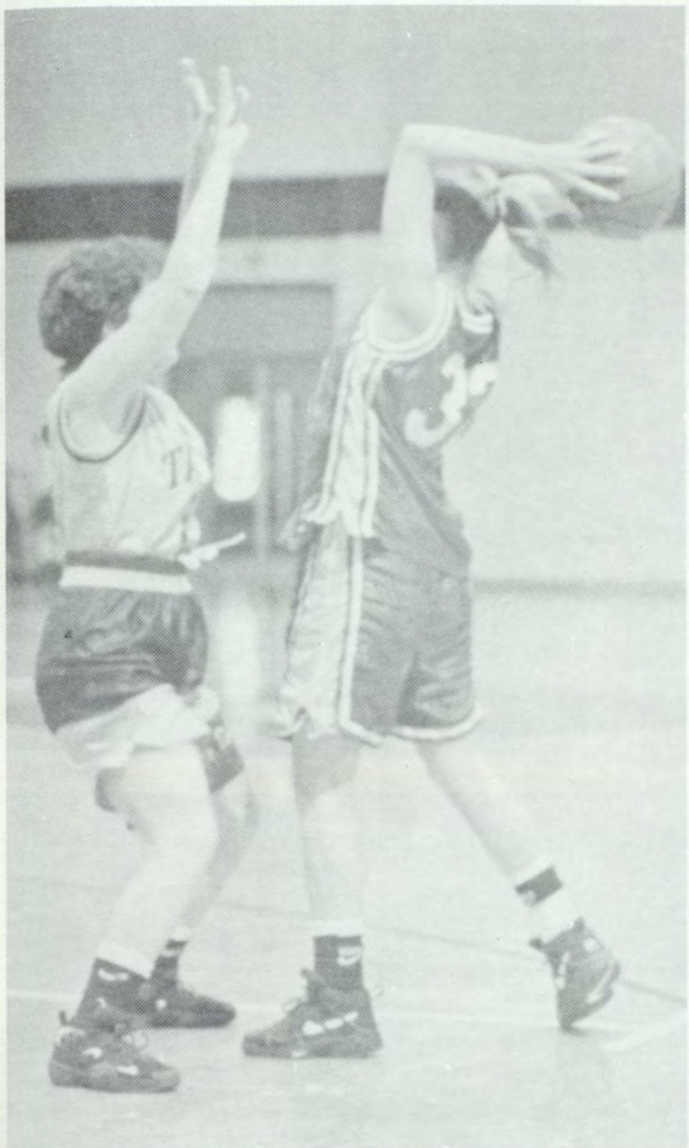








Lady Duck Varsity Basketball Team: (top row: l-r): Virgina Carpenter, Rita Zachary, (2nd row: l-r): Tina Green, Tonya Cook, Kisha Risper, Kim Thomas, (3rd row: l-r): April Hennington, Melinda Stansbury, (bottom row: l-r) Cheryl Weatherington, April Green.

←↑ What you gonna do now! Melinda Stansbury shows off her defensive skills.

↑ Can you hang? Tonya Cook zooms past a defender.

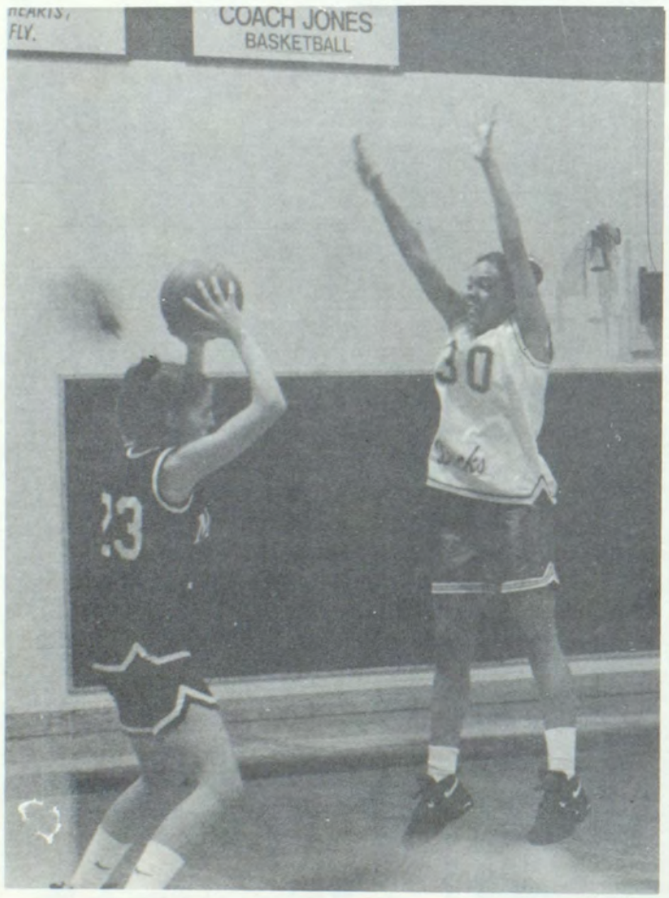
↑ You're not getting by me. Kisha Risper gets ready to steak the ball.

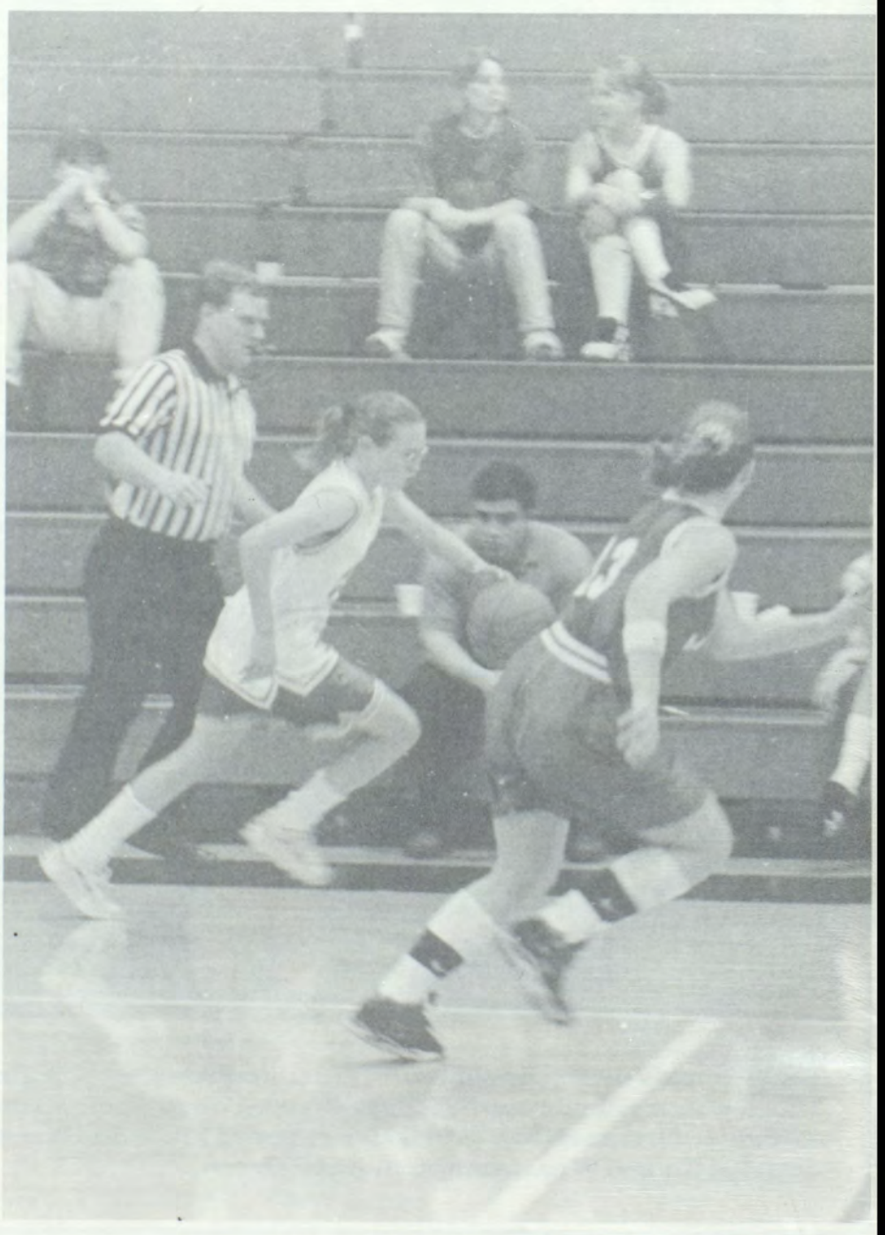
GIRLS JV AND FISH BASKETBALL

SHOOTING FOR THE GOAL



The girls junior varsity and freshman basketball teams had a very fun year. High spirits and determination kept these girls hopes alive. The junior varsity girls learned how hard it gets as they got closer to playing varsity level sports. They worked hard and concentrated on learning their basketball fundamentals. The girls freshmen team had a learning experience their first year of high school play. They have proved that in the next years to come that they are ready for anyone and everyone who steps in their way, when it comes to basketball.





↑→ Should I fake to the left? Beth dribbles the ball down the court.

↑ Block that ball! Artimesha Kimble attempts to block an opponents shot.

→ I'm going coast to coast. Brandy Kruze speeds down the court.

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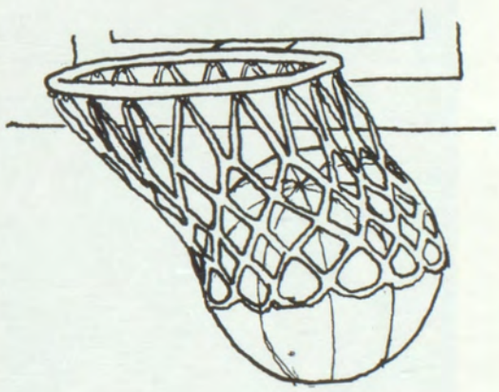

↑ Defense. . . Defense. . . Catherine Mueck and Tiffany Bigon use their defense to stop the ball.

← It's mine! No it's mine! These girls struggle to get possession of the ball.

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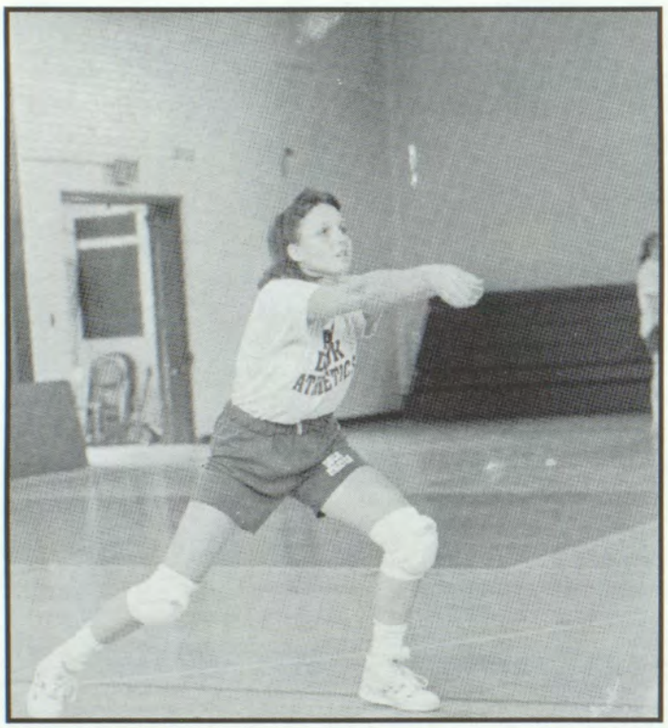
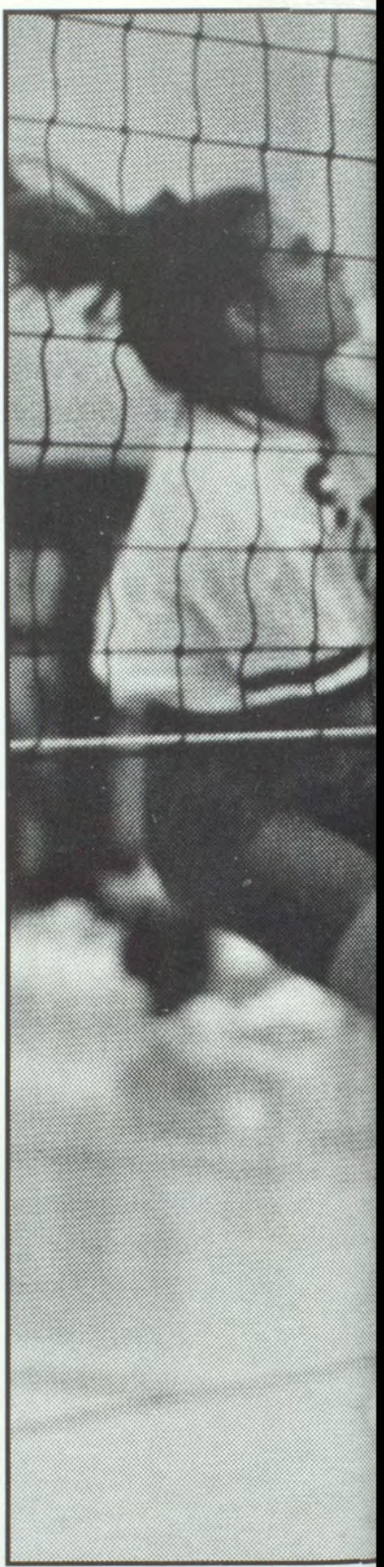
SPIKING IT TO YA! LADY DUCK V-BALL

SPIKE IT! BUMP IT! I GOT IT! These were many of the phrases heard this season by the 1995 Taylor Varsity Volleyball. The games were hard and rough, but the team stuck together through it all and played as a team. They have showed a huge improvement over the years past. Winning games indicated how hard the girls worked.

As many of the Lady Duck volleyball players return for the next season, the team will be able to work and grow together more as a team. The experience of cooperation has helped the girls to truly understand teamwork. The memories of the team will be something that each girl will always remember and share with others.









BELTON	W
LAMPASAS	W
McNEIL	L
MIDWAY	L
MARBLE FALLS	W
BELTON	L
LAMPASAS	W
McNEIL	L
MIDWAY	L
MARBLE FALLS	W



→→↑Watch out 'cause here it comes. Laura Gossett spikes the ball at one of the games.

↑↑Sara Mueck bumps the ball to someone during practice.

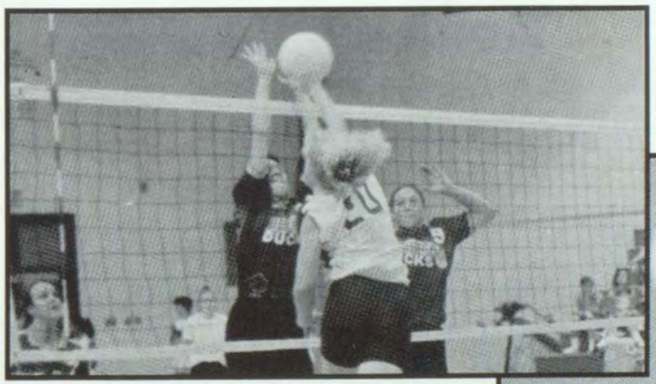
→↑Blocking the ball. is the strategy to winning this game. These Lady Ducks fight to keep the ball on the other side of the net.

→ Liz Cornell takes a quick break and poses for a picture.





The 1995-96 Taylor Varsity Volleyball Team: (left to right) Kylie Kerlin, Liz Cornell, Meredith MaCuk, Talisha Reasz, Angela Oliver, Brennan Carlson, Virginia Carpenter, Laura Gossett, Julie Janak, Sara Mueck, and Melanie Mikulencak.









↑↑ Look at them jump! These Lady Ducks block a spike for a winning game point.
↑ Melanie Mikulencak bumps the ball back to the other team as teammates stand back and watch.

← ← Another big spike keeps this game going as Laura Gossett stands prepared to receive, just in case.

← Everyone take cover, she's gonna spike it! Sara Mueck serves the ball at this volleyball game.

JV VOLLEYBALL AND FISH

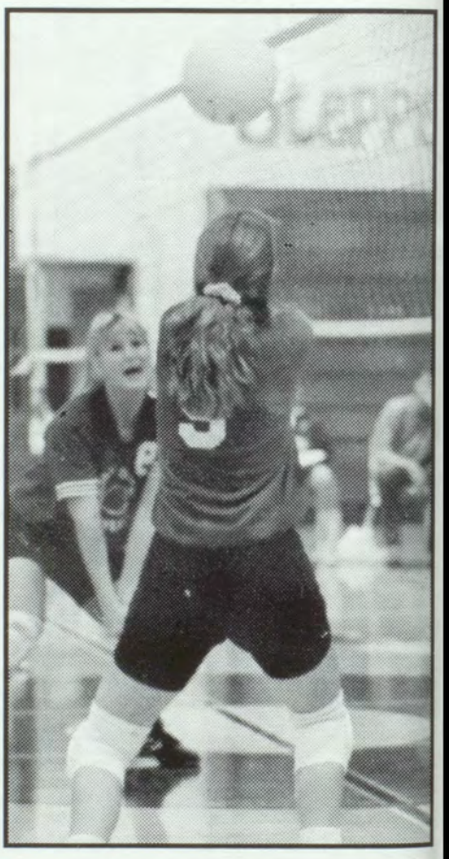


The Lady Duck Freshmen and JV volleyball teams showed much strength and courage this 1995 season. Consisting mostly of freshmen and sophomores, they learned what teamwork was all about. The practices seemed deadly and tiring but always proved to be best before a big game the next day. The girls traveled together to play many teams and made new and stronger friendships that would be treasured forever.

Even though we were new to the game and we were just learning our skills, we all stuck together to help learn and teach each other. The lessons in enthusiasm and heartache will be something we will always appreciate and find useful.

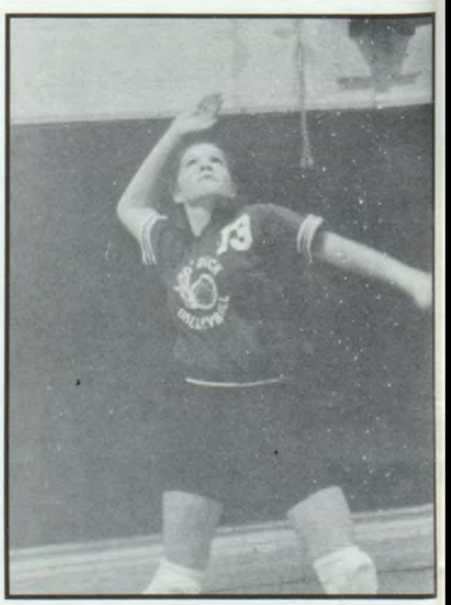


1995 Lady JV Ducks: (L to R): (front row) Heather Stence, Tracey Eulenfield, Ketisha Jackson, Laurie Cmerek, Jennifer Carcamo. (back row) Beth Solbach, Lauren Johnson, Dawn Steffek, Coach Downs, Amanda Wallace, Hollie Bollinger, and Rhea Urbis.

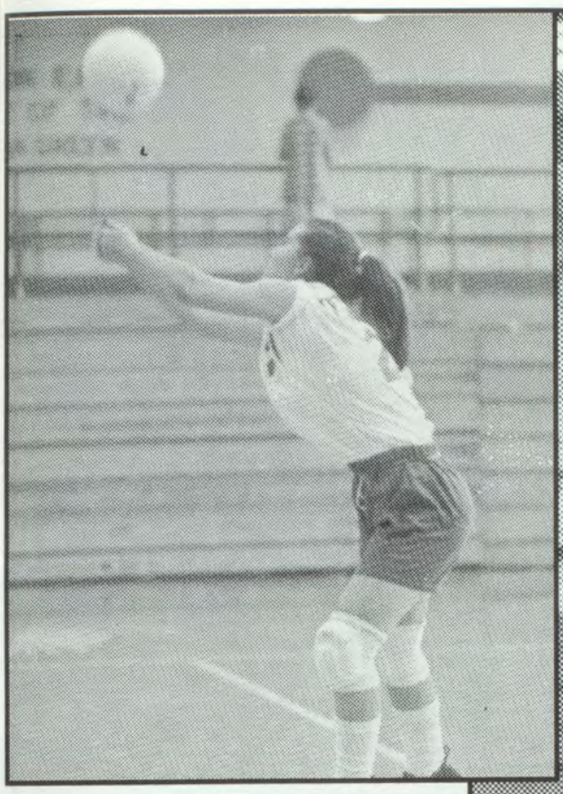


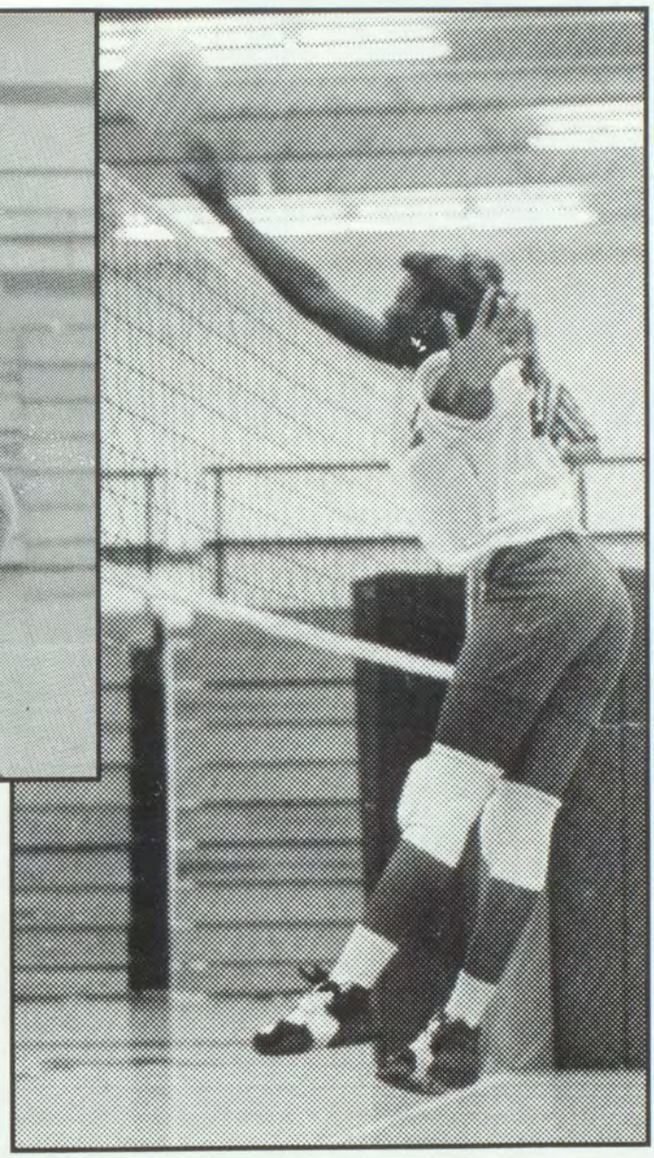






→»↑Did it make it over? These girls waited to see.
→ Kim Reyes passes the ball as Tracey Eulenfield and Octavia Toliver stand back to watch.
→» Hollie Bollinger serves the ball in the game to win a point!
↑→ Bump it!...Beth Solbach passes the ball as Dawn Steffek prepares to return the ball.



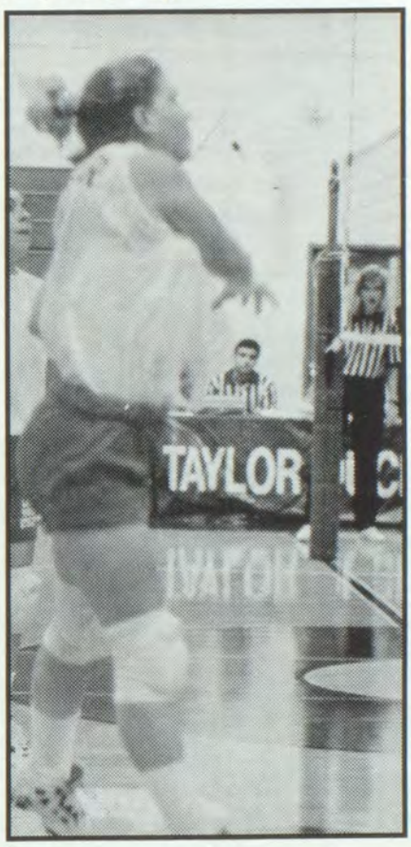


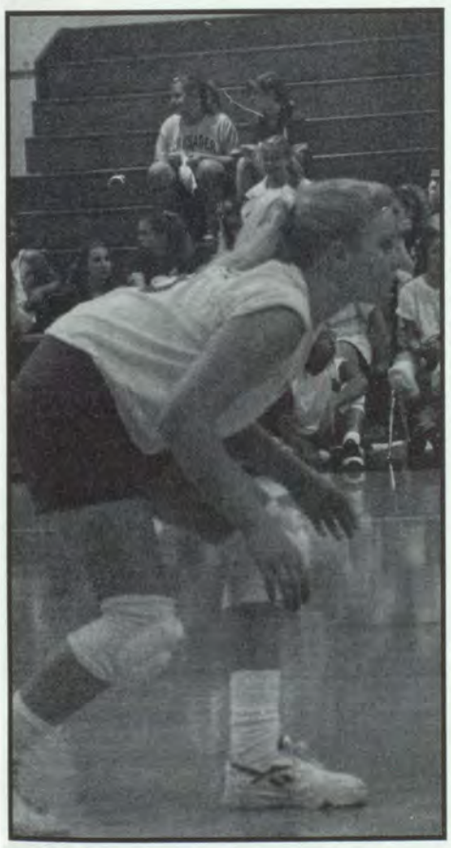
↞ I got it! This freshman volleyball player jumps to bump the ball.

←Look at that Duck fly! This Lady Duck jumps to no limits to spike that ball.

↓ Whitney Kolinek prepares for the ball to come her way so she can block it.

↙↙ Catherine Mueck prepares anxiously for the ball to come her way.









1995 Lady Duck Freshmen: (L to R) (front row) : Jennifer Zachary, Autumn Schneider, Jennifer Whatley, Amanda Hertless, Kim Zachary. (2nd) April Maruska, Cassie Harrison, Amy Wilhelm, Coach Laurence, Tessa Mikulencak, Beatrice Hernandez, Erin Graef. (3rd) Sara Cooper, Telisha Raesz, Erin Schmidt, Whitney Kolinek, Cassie Taylor, Carmen Razo, Nicole Cantu. (4th) Kylie Kerlin, Tina Green, Catherine Mueck, Virginia Simmons, Lindsey Gossett, Atara Williams, Brandy Williams.

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VARSITY BASEBALL

HEADIN' FOR HOME

The hum of a pitch, the sound of a line drive, and the smell of the chalk are all a part of baseball. The varsity team consisted of seventeen guys, all pulling on the same rope.

In late January the team took the field for the first day of practice. A couple of scrimmages, two tournaments, non-district, and district ball games came and went as quick as a lightening bolt.

Two wins over state-ranked Midway and a game with McNeil that lasted into the early morning hours were just a few moments that stick with this year's Ducks. Thanks to the hard work from the coaches and players, and the enthusiastic crowds, the season was a success.







↗ You're Out! Justin Moldenhour forces out the hitter as Jimmy Wright backs up the play.

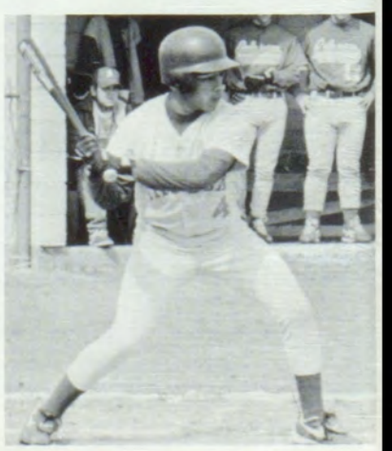
↑ Do What? Coach Kuhl gives the team a pep talk before a big district ball game.

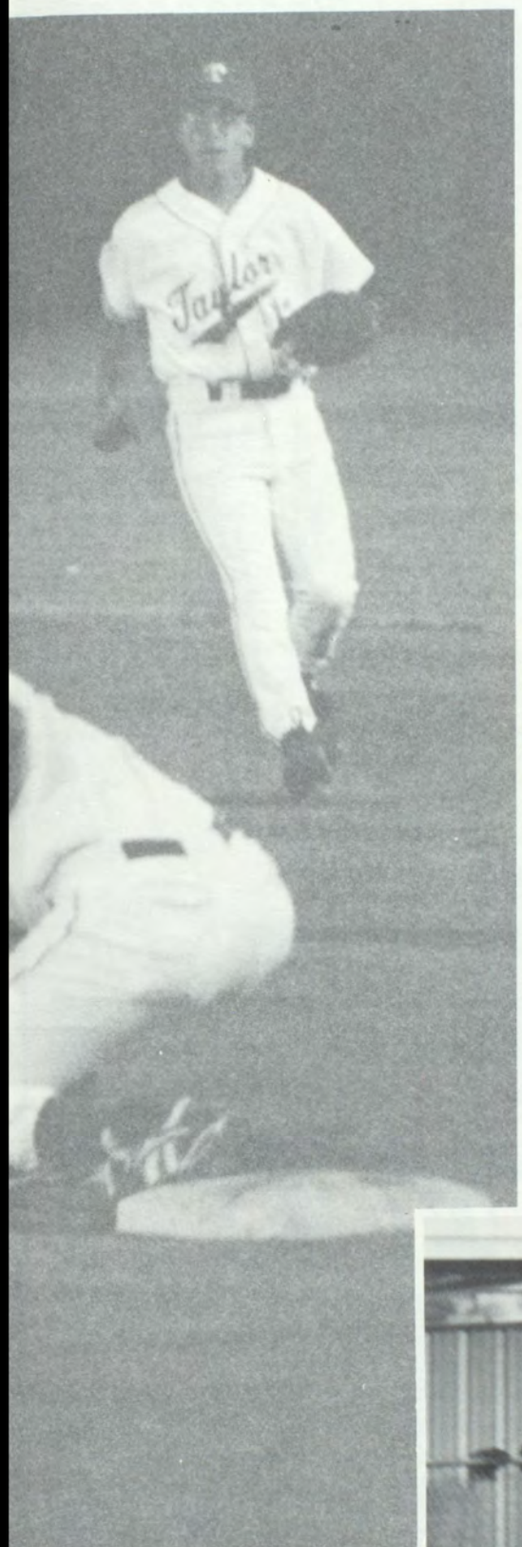
↑ Rip, Rope! Big Daddy Brandon Hanacik rips a ball to drive in a run.

→→ Throw a strike! Carlos Watson waits for a ball during the G-town tournament.

Scoreboard

Lampasas	17-2
	15-0
Midway	2-1
	4-1
Marble Falls	13-15
	9-5
McNeil	0-4
	5-8
Belton	6-10
	1-2





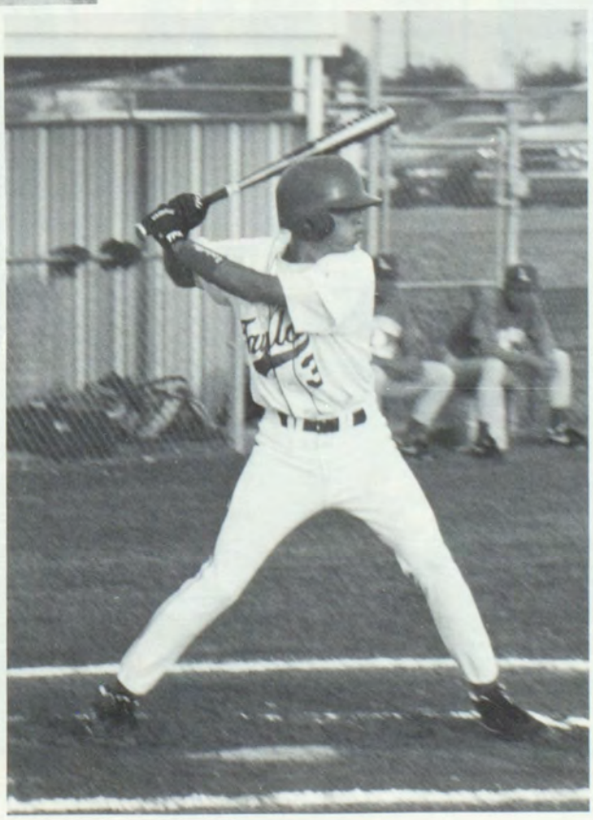


95-96 Varsity Baseball Team: (bottom l-r) Carlos Watson, Keenan Frank, Brett Gola, Josh Hughes, Jimmy Wright; (middle l-r) Justin Strickland, Cedric Valdez, Drew David, Jason Gaswint, Derrick King, Joseph Campos; (top l-r) Ralphie Campos, Duane Jackson, Justin Moldenhour, Brandon Hanacik, Patrick Stoglin, Matt Pullen











↑ It's Going, Going, Gone! Duane Jackson sends the pitch over the wall for a home run.

↞ 1, 2, 3. Justin Moldenhour heads back up to the dugout after an easy inning

↑↖ Strike 3! Jason Gaswint throws the ball across the plate for yet another strikeout.

← Base Hit! Base Hit! Matt Pullen prepares to hit the ball to start a rally.

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BASEBALL JV AND FISH

This year the Taylor J.V. and Freshman baseball teams made the school proud with hard fought nail-biting games. The two teams played a tough schedule and did their best to succeed in all that they did. Both teams started practice in late January, played scrimmages, and had a lot of fun in the tournaments. This year's Ducks had fun in practice as they improved on their skills individually as well as a team. These two teams enjoyed their seasons and next year they will look forward to participating.

Scoreboard

Lampasas	17-1
Lampasas	16-0
Midway	1-9
Midway	3-4
Marble Falls	10-1
Marble Falls	5-8
McNeil	1-9
McNeil	4-6
Belton	2-9
Belton	6-7





JV Baseball Team: (Back Row L-R) Cody Dlouhy, Trey Turner, Chris Caffey, Kevin Samuelson, Scott Raesz, Brandon Bishop; (Front) Jason Martin, J.J. Sanchez, Hunter Hargis, Johnny King, Derek Schaefer, Ahman Tealer.

↑ Base Hit! Trey Turner prepares to knock the ball over the fence.

→ I dare you to steal! Hunter Hargis checks the runner on base and throws it back to the pitcher.

→→ Brandon Randig watches as the ball sails into the gap.











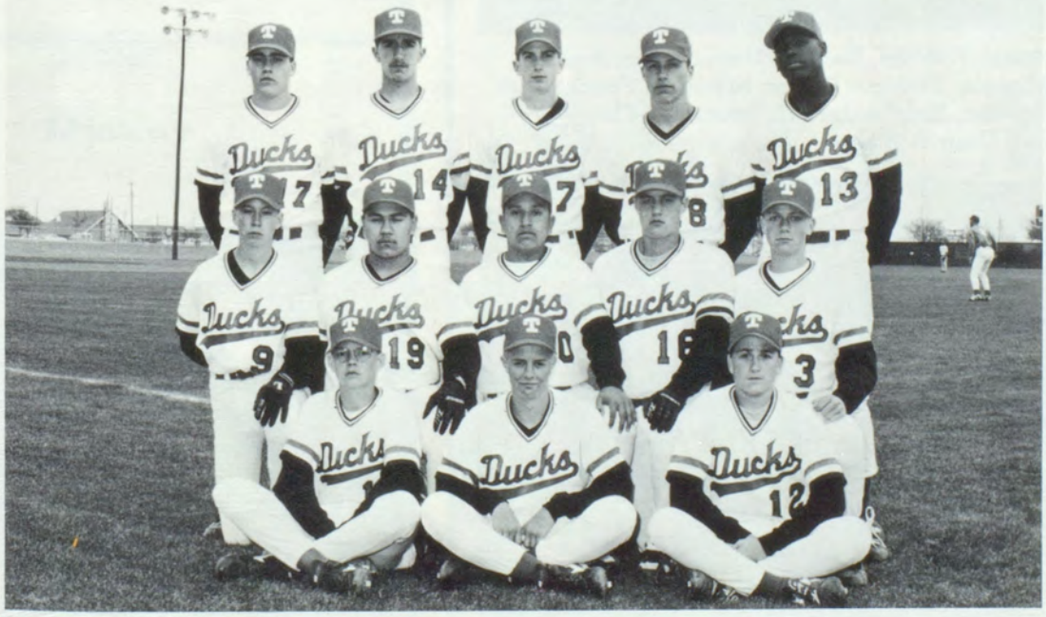
←← Crack! Lance Pavlicek rips a ball in the outfield with a stand up double.

↓ Over Here! Cody Dlouhy awaits a throw to pick off the runner during a game.

↧ And the Whift! Scott Raesz throws a pitch to the plate.







Fish Baseball Team: (Front Row L-R) Lance Thornton, Brandon Randig, Heath Grimm; (2nd Row) Brett Helbert, Edward Alderete, Adrian Martinez, Lance Pavlicek, Josh Schernik; (3rd Row) Travis Rozacky, John O'Campo, Kyle Rinderknecht, John MaCuk, Jeffery Davis.



SOFTBALL

HEY BATTER, BATTER!

This year marked the third season of softball at Taylor High. The girls showed a whole lot of improvement from last year. Each and every Lady Duck played an important role in the very successful season. During the season, Coach Ward lost his hair due to ten Lady Duck wins. The girls gave it their all this year in practice as well as on the field during games. With each game there was a new challenge that the Taylor softball team embarked on. With the success from this year, the Lady Ducks will set their goals even higher for next season!





Bottom (L-R): April Maruska, Shareeta Fairley, Beatriz Hernandez, Amber Craig, Jennifer Rowland, Kristen Martin, Tiffany Bigon, Michelle Ford; Back (L-R) Coach Debra Roberts, Staci Parker, Erin Schmidt, Jennifer Whatley, Lindsay Gossett, Sara Cooper, Coach Dennis Gage

SCOREBOARD

Marble Falls	L
Belton	L
Midway	L
McNeil	W



↗ I dare you to hit it past me! Brennan Carlson fields the grounder and tags the base an out.
→ Look at my arm! Courtney Michna throws the ball while warming up before a game.
→→ Hey batter, hit the ball to me! Dawn Steffek waits for a ground ball during a big game.









←←Go Speed, Go! Liz Cornell gets her jump at second base.
←Bam! Melanie Mikulencak crushes a ball for a base hit!
↓ Hey Coach! Rhea Urbis looks at the coach for some quick instruction before hitting.



SCORES cont...

Marble Falls	W
McNeil	W
Belton	L
Midway	L

Overall record
12-13



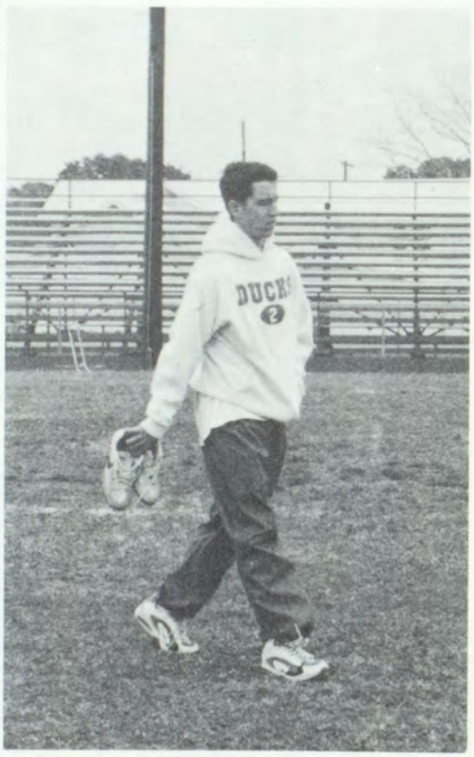


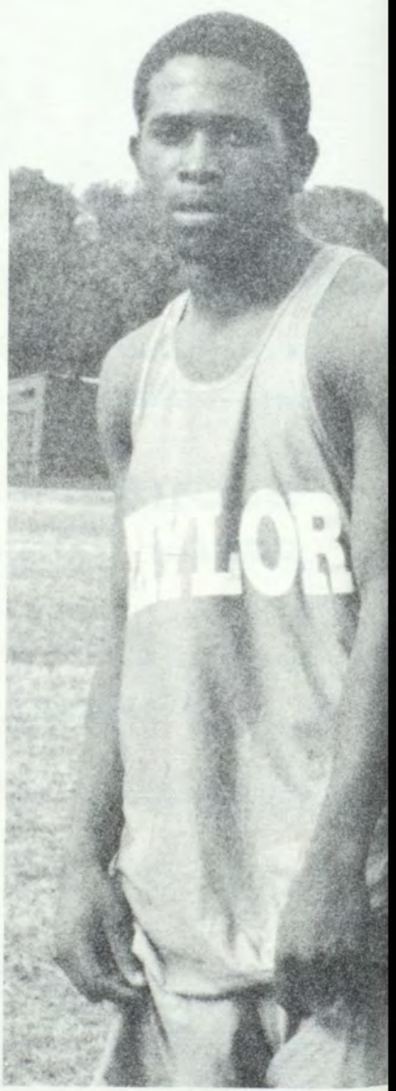
Bottom (L-R): Courtney Michna, Rhea Urbis, Sara Mueck, Brennan Carlson, Tracy Jezek, Melanie Mikulencak, Liz Cornell, Coach James Ward; Top (L-R) Coach Debra Roberts, Hollie Bollinger, Dawn Steffek, Virginia Carpenter, Catherine Mueck, Amber Craig, Shameika Rollie, Coach Dennis Gage

TRACK
RUNNING WILD

Track has always been one of Taylor's most sucsessful events. The track and field team's accomplishments this year have proven that this was one of the most sucsessful ever. Stephen Wright's determination and effort earned him the right to run in the State Track meet in Austin. This year's track team ran with enough determination to make even Forrest Gump jealous.



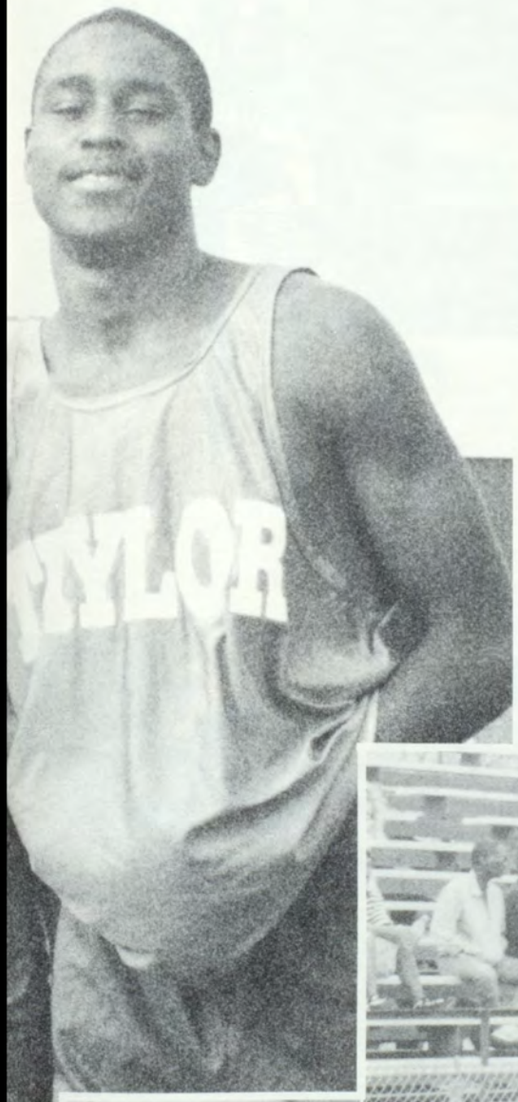






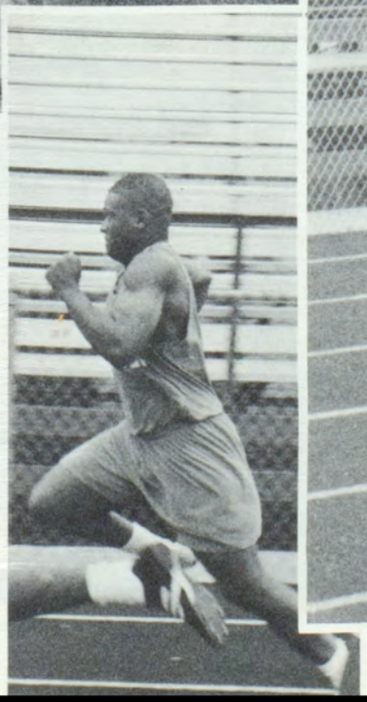


→→↑ David and Scooter pose for a picture.
↑↑Stacy Corley sprints his final lap.
→↑ Stephen Wright mentally prepares for the next run.
↑ Jason Naivar gallops to the finish line.
→Quincy Randle clears his final hurdle.











←← Quincey Randall lets the juice go.
↑ Brandon Dickinson gets ready for the handoff.
← Pedro Gutierrez strolls for a win.
↑↑ Brandon Dickinson shows his stuff.

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GIRLS TRACK!!!!!!!!!!

I WAS RUNNING!!!!!!!!!!



On your mark, get set, GO!!! This year's girls track team sped away with a number of deserving accomplishments. Neither rain, nor sleet, nor hail, nor snow could have kept these girls from practicing their running, skipping, jumping, or hurdling skills. The grueling aches and pains brought on by the intense workouts never stopped them from improving their speed of light quickness.

Even with the loss of several important team members, the girls always prevailed and showed that they had what it takes to be winners. The hours of difficult training and their determination never failed to shine during competition. The girls overcame many road blocks, and, in the end, their hard work and discipline was rewarded greatly. But, more importantly, win or lose, the Lady Duck Tracksters always held a good winning attitude in their hearts.



→↑ *We are the CHAMPIONS!!!* Melanie Behrends and Rita Zachary show off after winning their track events.

→ *(Is this a bribe?)* "Hey Cheryl, if you smile, I'll give you three bucks," says Senior Tanya Cook.

→↑ *Exhausted?* Anita Zachary smiles after a long day of track meets.

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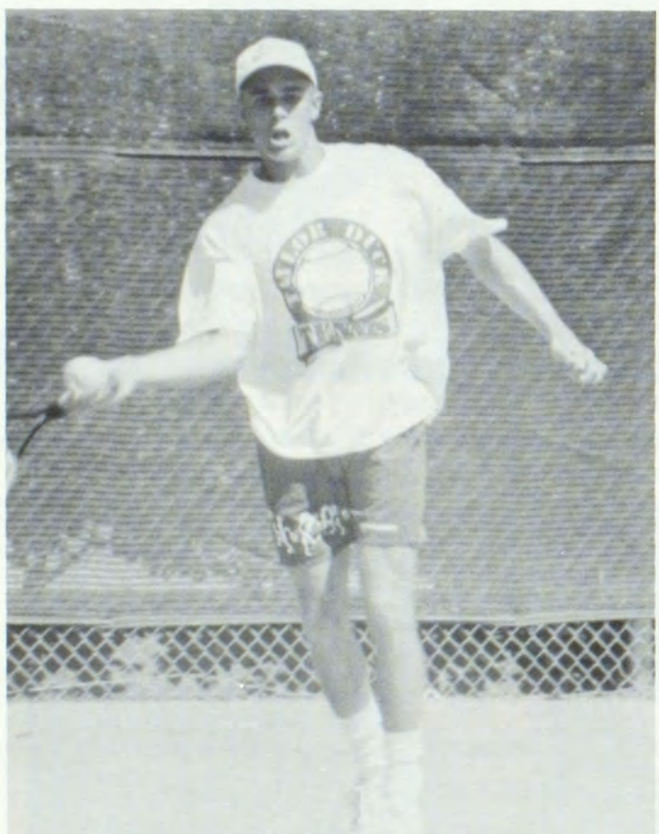
1996 Girls Track Team Members

GAME SET MATCH TENNIS



Once again, success prevailed with the Taylor High School Tennis Team. Although as a team we were unable to recapture the title in the fall, five team members qualified for the regional tournament in the spring. Several players also received All-District honors for the second consecutive year.

As always, the team shared a bond not common amongst most athletic groups. This special closeness allowed us to share many memorable events together. From getting the bus mirror knocked off by an eighteen wheeler to Kerrville and Mason ('nuff said!), the team has definitely had its ups and downs. No matter where we go or what we do, not one will ever forget the awesome times we shared. The tennis team and its legacy will live on forever.





→↑All my cildren. Coach Vicki Hall poses for a pic with all her babies at regionals.

↑ Fire that ball! Junior Jared Fox returns the shot for a winner.

→ Everybody look out! Opponents were always defenseless against Senior Shane Stiles' serve.

→» What a crew! Team members pose as the receive a contribution for the newly renovated tennis courts.

→»»Get up mark! Fish Mark Reeves catches a quick nap between matches.

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←↑ Just put it in the green area. Senior Mike Laurence strives for placement on this backhand.

↑↑ Ahh, how sweet. Marianne Zrubek, Jeremy Gray, Coach Hall, Amanda Schwartz and Lauren Schwartz keep each other warm at a cold tennis match.

↑ Nothing's new here. Varsity team members chow down on their way to a tournament.

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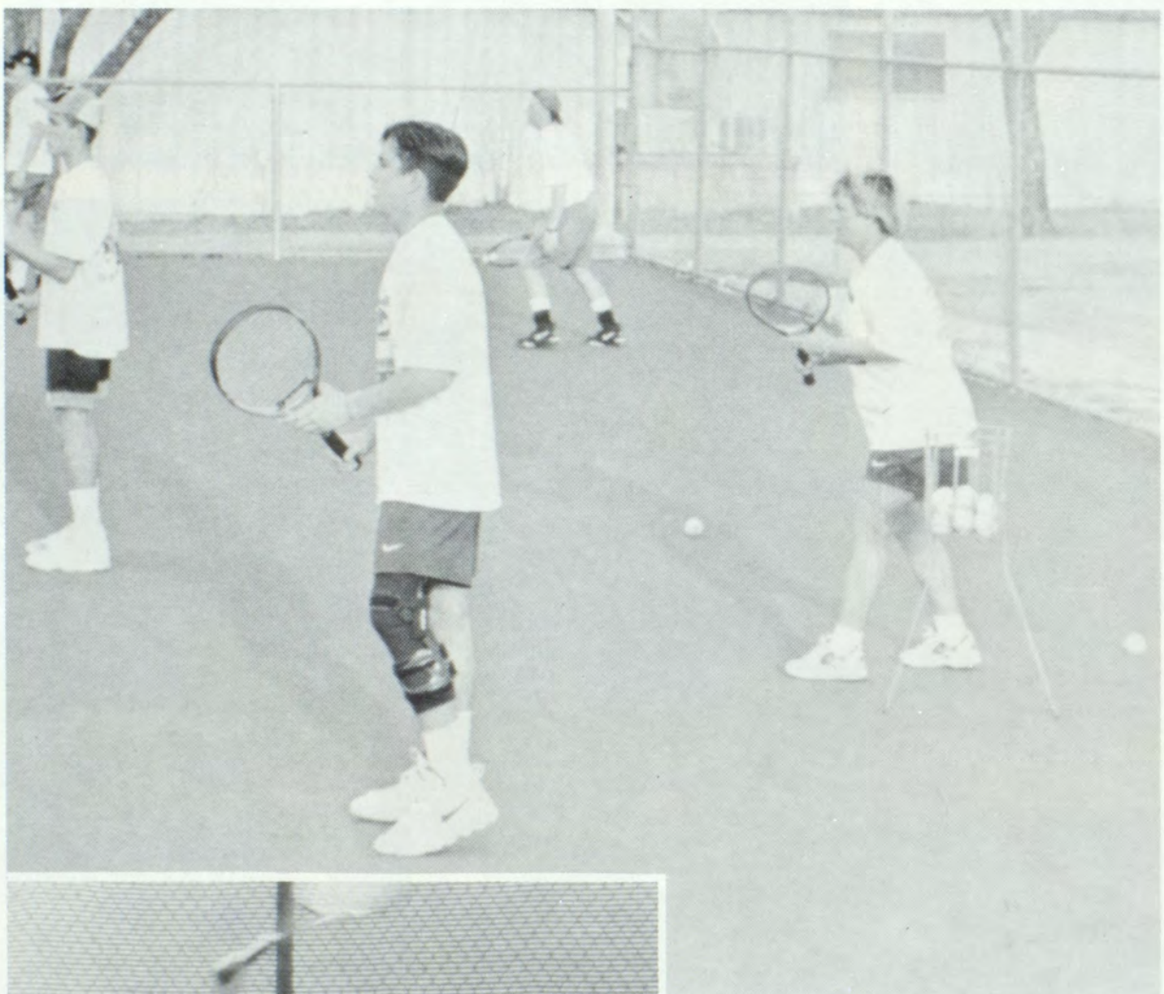

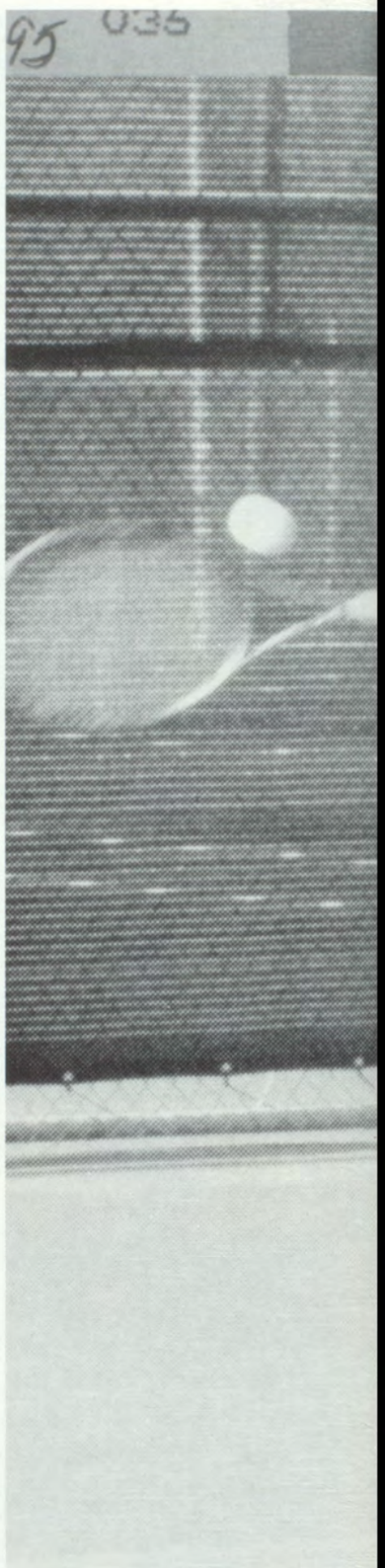



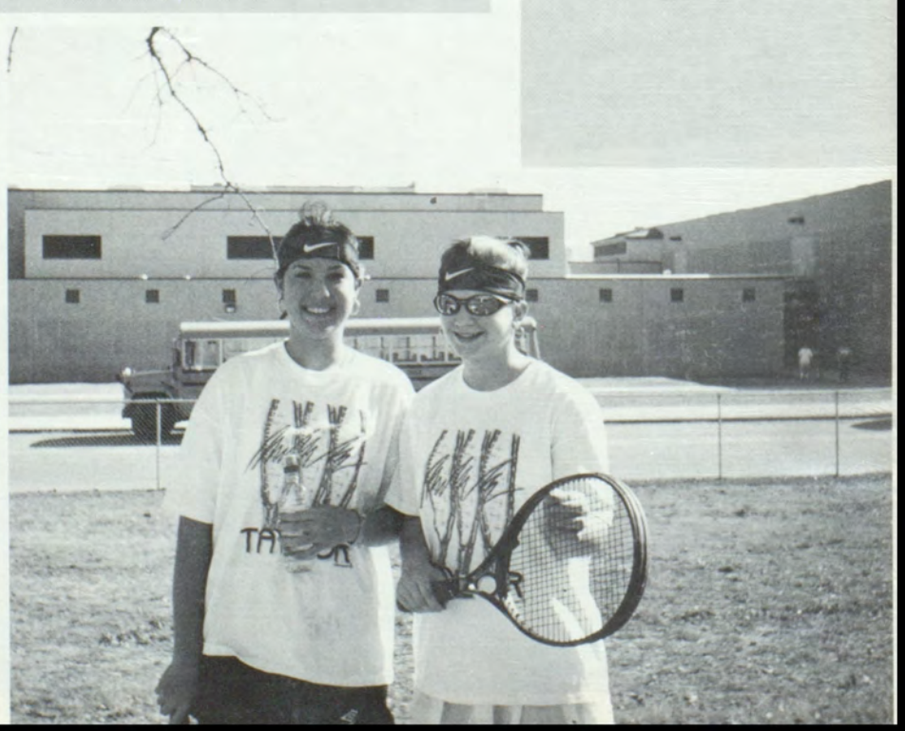











↟ The party crowd. Team members and their families pose for a picture while dining at the regional tournament.

↑ All smiles. Tennis team members make the best of a bad situation when the bus broke down outside of Marble Falls.

↞ Guess who!?! Freshman Brian Laurence chills between matches.

↞ Freshman Beatris Hernandez smiles big for the camera.

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GOLF FOUR!!!



Golf-to an unaware person it might seem like a very unexciting sport. However, to those who play golf it is more of a way of life than just simply a game. The time and energy it takes just to be an average player is only one aspect of this competitive sport. The mental toughness which is required in order to keep your composure and concentration is probably the hardest thing to accomplish.

This year, several golfers ended up on the all-district team including Mason Miller, Wade McAlpine, Nicole Cantu, and Carrie Minzenmeyer. The boys' golf team came away with one of the best finishes in a single season while the girls showed some promise also. While the loss of many senior guys will greatly hurt the golf team, the upcoming golfers show a lot of potential and may even surpass this year's team with a lot of practice.

There are even a few senior guys who plan to walk on the golf team at Texas Tech University. They include Mason Miller, Chris Mikulencak, and Sterling Brinson. We wish them the best of luck in their strive to be the best golfers that they can be.



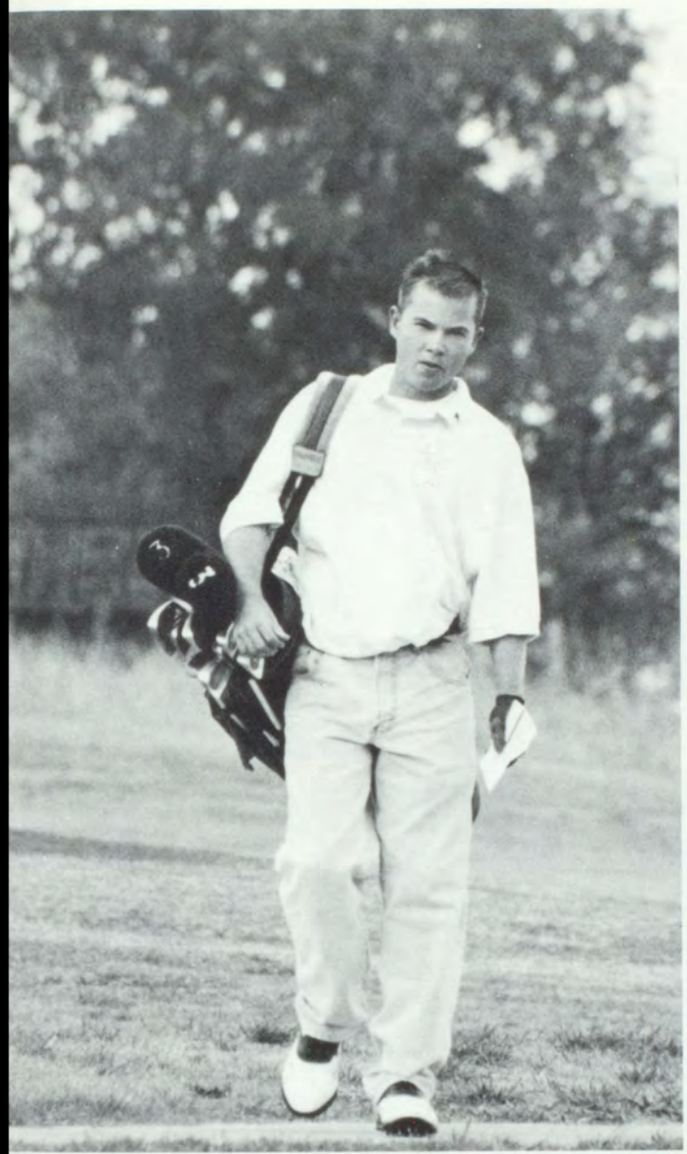


→↑ *Concentrate!!!* Sterling Brinson focuses on his next hole.

↑ *I can do it!!!* Jacob Ramos imagines a hole in one.

→↑ *Hurry Up!!!* Wade McAlpine waits to tee off.

→ *Take a left and then...*Chris Mikulencak gives his opponents directions to the start of the course.













Varsity Golf: Sterling Brinson, Mason Miller, Jacob Ramos, Coach Potts, Gabriel Carrizales, Wade McAlpine, and Chris Mikulencuk

↑↑ Sterling, Jacob, and Gabriel get their pics taken while busting a grin.

←↑ Mason throws his lucky golf ball on the ground.

↑↑ Terry grabs his golf bag in search of the next hole.

↑ Gabriel waits to see where his ball lands.

GOLF

JV AND GIRLS







↑↗ Justin Sladek drives off toward the 18th hole.

↑ Matt Reeves waits to show his stuff.

→ Bob Cavo watches his chip roll towards the hole.







Girls golf team:Monique Cantu, Melissa Hernandez, Carrie Minzenmeyer, and Nicole Cantu.



↑↑ Monique, Melissa, and Carrie pratice their forms.

↑↑ Carrie Minzenmeyer is ready to put in for a birdie.

↑ Monique Cantu shows of her immaculate new Taylor golf bag.

PUMP IT UP POWERLIFTING! IRON MEN

Wow! What a great year!!! With the success of our first local meet, our lifters began to improve each meet. Placing third in Marble Falls; fourth at Lockhart; fourth at Austin Bowie; and fourth at the Regional meet can only be attributed to the hard work that our young athletes put forth. We had several new people come out this year. Power lifting team members included: 114 lb class-Albert Arzola, Mauna Arias; 132 lb class-Justin Valcher (Regional Qualifier); 148 lb class-Marvin Robinson, Brandon Dickinson; 181 lb class-Jeffrey Stefek; 198 lb class-Jesse Oranday; 220 lb class-Andy Urbanek; 242 lb class-Juan Garcia; 105 lb class-Sarah Mata (State Qualifier); 165 lb class-Meredith MaCuk (State Qualifier); 181 lb class-Shameika Rollie (State Qualifier).

Last year Taylor qualified five lifters to go to the regional meet, with none advancing to state. This year we had eight who qualified for regionals and four men advanced to the State Meet at the University of Houston. Those young men were: 114 lb class-Eddie Mata-set all weight class records for Taylor H.S. and placed fourth at State after winning the region; 181 lb class-William Mendez-set the squat, deadlift, and total records at THS for his weight class, two-time regional qualifier and a State Qualifier this year, 220 lb class- Matthew Parsons-owns all the school records for both the 198 lb class and the 220 lb class; two year powerlifter and finished third at the State Meet this year; 275 lb class-Matthew Olivarez-owns all the school records for his weight class; two-time regional qualifier, placed seventh at State meet this year. All these young men, Will Mendez, Brian Rieger, Matt Parsons, and Matt Olivarez will be sorely missed and may never be replaced. Good Luck and God Bless!

"With the starting of a girls' powerlifting team there was some apprehension on my part but after I was allowed the privilege of coaching three of the hardest working athletes that I have ever coached, I gained a great respect for these three young ladies for their desire to give all they had."

105 lb-Sarah Mata-set all the school records for her weight class in just one year. State Qualifier while only a sophomore. 165 lb-Meredith MaCuk-What a Perfectionist! But such a great desire to win. God Bless her soul. Owns all the school records for her weight class. State Qualifier with one more year to win it all! 181 lb-Shameika Rollie-set all the school records for her weight class. State Qualifier, and she also is only a sophomore. I expect great things from her.

Powerlifting Schedule

Taylor

Marble Falls

Lockhart

Bowie

N.B. Canyon

Regionals

State Meet





Participants at Boys State: (Kneeling l-r) Brian Rieger, Lifter Eddie Mata, Lifter William Mendez; (Standing l-r) Joe Flores, Lifter Matt Parsons, Lifter Matt Olivarez, Kevin Widmer, Jeffrey Stefek, Coach Lord.

↑ ***Drive it...***Matthew Olivarez works to get that extra poundage on a squat.
→ "I was allowed the privilege of coaching some of the hardest working athletes I have ever coached." -Coach Lord
→→ ***Girls State Lifters:*** (l-r) Shameika Rollie, Sarah Mata, Meredith MaCuk, and Coach Lord.
→→→ ***Working on the guns.*** Matt Parsons puts a lot of work into his bicep curls.











↞ *Look up...*William Mendez attempts a record squat.
← *Squat...*Eddie Mata works hard on his squat to get to state.
↓ *1,2,3,4...*Pedro Guttierrez does some leg curls to build his hamstrings.
↡ *Ahhhh...!* Brian Rieger works out a deadlift.





Bottom Row (l-r) Chris Gonzales, Clarissa Flores, Sara Mata, Eddie Mata, Albert Arzola, Juan Garcia; Second Row (l-r) Justin Valchar, Kevin Harrison, Andrew Littlejohn, Ryan Lear, Brian Rieger, Meredith MaCuk, Marvin Robinson, Truett Melde; Third Row (l-r) Kevin Widmer, Matt Parsons, Jason Naivar, Jeff Stefek, William Mendez; Fourth Row (l-r) Brandon Dickinson, Seth Carnes, Andy Urbanek, Greg Ladner, Matthew Olivarez, Jesse Oranday



CROSS COUNTRY
TAKING IT ONE MILE AT A TIME

Running to these athletes was not just a hobby or something to keep them in shape. It was serious business. Few can endure the monotony, and few have the strength it takes to be a competitive long distance runner like this group of people had. Not only did it take hours of early morning training, it took a mental toughness which could hardly be equalled by any other sport. Although running for lengthened periods of time is never glamorized, it taught the cross- country runners the essential qualities of self-discipline and obedience which everyone needs in their lives.









↗ And they're off!! A race has begun-can you see the Ducks?

↑ Get out of my way!! Everyone scrambles for the finish line.

↑→ Getting tired? Melanie Behrends tries to stay focussed during a long stretch.

→ Say cheese!! A group of Coach Parker's runners stand together for a picture after completing their runs.

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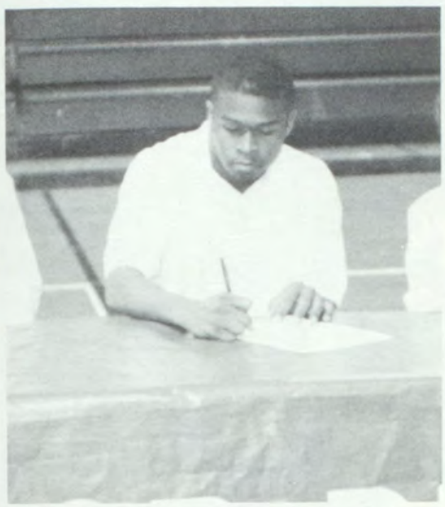
. . . AND THEY'RE OFF AND ON TO THE NEXT LEVEL!



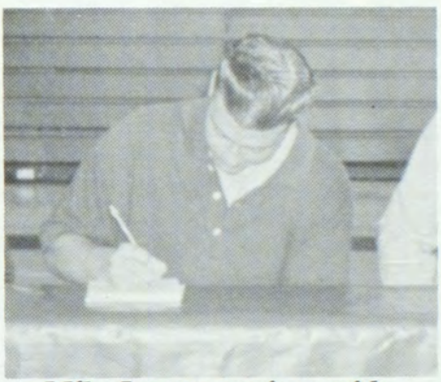
Derrick King signs his letter of intent to play football at San Angelo State.



Matt Pullen signs to play baseball with Mary Hardin Baylor.



Duane Jackson signs with Southwest Texas on a football scholarship. Duane will play baseball, also.



Mike Laurence signs with Howard Payne to play tennis.



Kisha Risper signs with San Angelo State to play basketball.



Patrick Stoglin signs his letter of intent to play football at San Angelo State.

SAN ANGELO STATE!

HOWARD PAYNE!

MARY HARDIN BAYLOR!

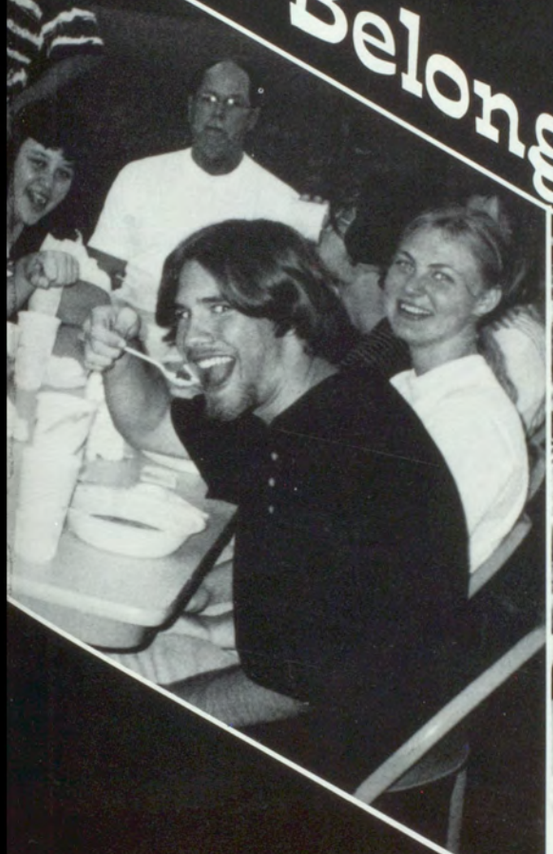
SWT!

HARDIN SIMMONS!



William Mendez poses as she prepares to sign to play football at Hardin Simmons.

Ever Belong?







Why don't you be a Duck?

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

NHS experienced a great amount of change when the new officers stepped in for the '95-'96 school year. They had a tough act to follow, but managed, as seniors '96 always did, to come through with flying colors.

The organization was very active this year. Members participated in fundraisers such as the bar-b-que chicken dinner and volunteer projects such as coats for kids. Working together made all endeavors successful. This was, in fact, the first year (since we can remember) that a banquet was held to honor new members.

The year wound down, as usual, with the annual NHS workday at Murphy Park. New officers were introduced and learned of their many responsibilities to the organization. Planning was done. Through all the seriousness though, a great time was had by all. Members did a great job of upholding the qualities which enabled them to be chosen for the organization. This was a successful and quite memorable year for the National Honor Society.



"We've had a great year in NHS. It was a lot of fun!"

-Jennifer Winkler

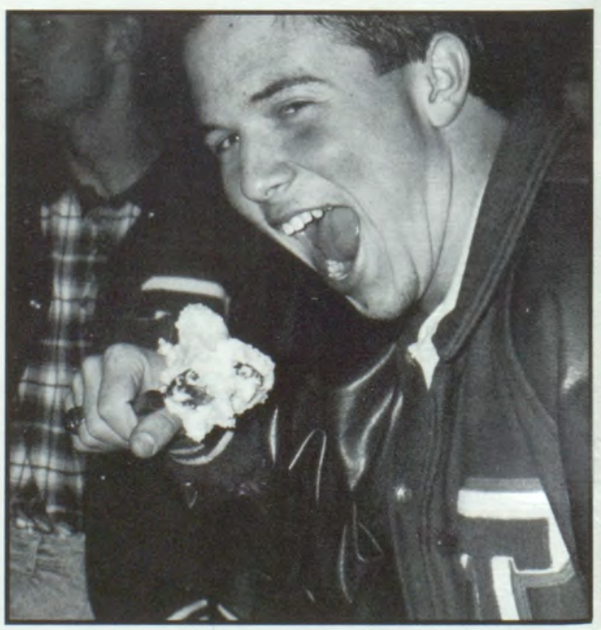


→ "Hurry up, it's my turn!" Junior Julie Janak patiently waits while Senior Shelly Roznovak attempts a hole in one.

↘ Go Matt Go! Senior Matt Parsons grubs it up at the first annual NHS initiation banquet.



NHS Officers: (Parliamentarian) Mark Laurence, (Secretary) Jennifer Winkler, (President) Amanda Schwartz, (Vice President) Marianne Zrubek, (Reporter) Tracy Jezek, (Treasurer) Sterling Brinson







'95-'96 NHS Members: Front Row (l to r): Lawrence Kern, Ryan Jansky, Erin McCoy, Melanie Mikulencak, Cheryl Weatherington, Sara Mueck, Karen Remmert, Kathleen Koenig, Jennifer Enochs, Julie Janak, Carrie Minzenmayer, Monique Cantu 2nd Row (l to r): Regina Baltimore, Jennifer Winkler, Karyn Schaefer, Amanda Schwartz, Marianne Zrubek, Melanie Behrends, Tracy Jezek, Shelly Raznovak, Tanya Cook, Veronica Alderete 3rd Row (l to r): Suzanne Strmiska, Jeremy Rathke, Samantha Garza, Stephen Wright, Mason Miller, Jeremy Gray, Trey Krueger, Brian Caldwell, Sterling Brinson Back Row (l to r): Michelle Flippin, Trissa Campbell, Lindsey Jahn, Justin Strickland, Spencer Maxwell, Sam Windham, Ralphie Campos, Chris Mikulencak, Bil Mayers, Mark Lawrence, Eric Leshikar, Brandon George, Matt Parsons







↑ "Oh please let it light!" New member Jeffrey Stefek hopes to successfully get his candle lit at the initiation ceremony.

↑ " Did he say what we think he said?" Liz Cornell, Virginia Carpenter, Gene Moore, and Lawrence Kern show their disbelief in their friends strange comment.

←← " No, of course these aren't ours!" Suzanne Strimiska and Jennifer Enochs stood on guard at the dessert table for the fundraiser dinner.

← " It's starting to burn now!" New inductees proudly hold their dripping candles while Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. Rogers listen at the ceremony.

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STUDENT SENATE



Student Senate consisted of students who were voted on by the student body of Taylor High, plus class presidents, vice-presidents, and representatives. They participated in numerous activities, including elections for Homecoming King and Queen, Mr. and Miss THS, and Class Favorites.

They also sponsored the annual tree decorating contest among all the classes. This year, the winners were the sophomores. The trees were then donated to families who did not have trees. At every football game, members walked across the football field to meet members from the opposing schools.

The Student Senate worked hard striving to improve Taylor High School. Through all their hard work and effort, they always had a friendly smile on their faces.



95-96 Student Senate Officers: (L to R) Belinda Coleman, Justin Strickland, Tracy Jezek, Sterling Brinson, Karyn Schaefer, Mike Laurence.

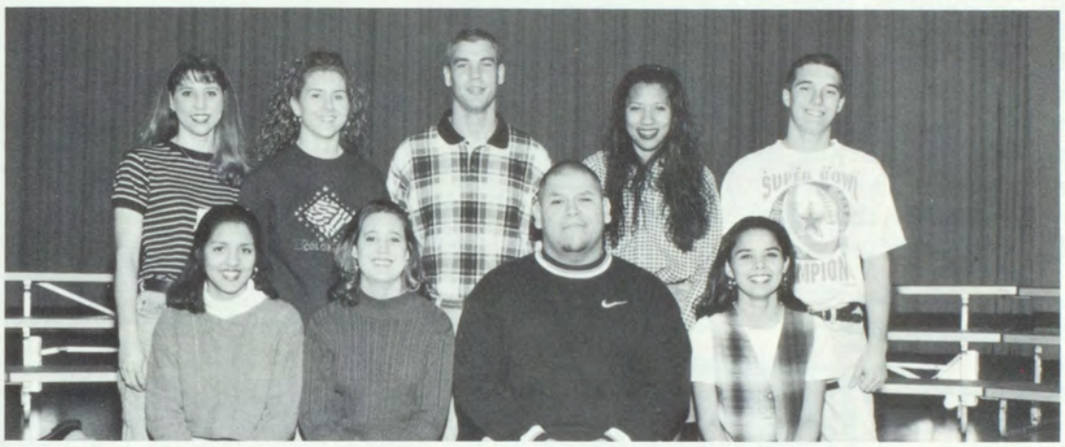
Whoa! Trissa Campbell climbs up in the world by going to the Student Senate Leadership Conference. ↗



Student Senate Members 1995-96



Senior Class Officers are: (L to R) (Bottom Row) Tanya Cook, Marianne Zrubek, Jennifer Winkler, Abby Turner, Tracy Jezek; (Top Row) Matt Parsons, Derrick King, Melanie Behrends, Mark Laurence, Duane Jackson



Junior Class Officers are: (L to R) (Bottom Row) Monique Cantu, Trissa Campbell, Mark Aleman, Tisha Gonzalez; (Top Row) Melanie Mikulencak, Erin McCoy, Ryan Jansky, Nicole Cantu, Drew David

Sophomore Class Officers are: (L to R) (Bottom Row) Octavia Toliver, Hollie Bollinger, Marisa Benett, Chris Gonzales; (Top Row) Allison Behrends, Angie Bachmeyer, Johnny King

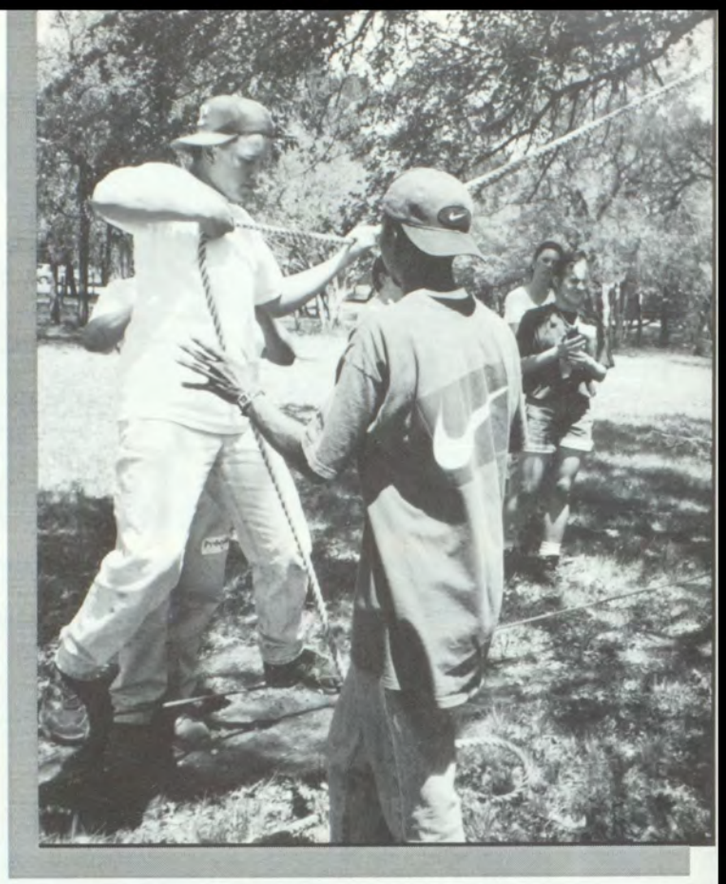


Freshmen Class Officers are: (L to R) (Bottom Row) Kim Zachary, Nicole Cantu, Cindy Terrazas, Nicole Caffey, Randa Stiba; (Top Row) Mark Reeves, Cynthia Valdez-Mata, Tessa Mikulencak, Lauren Schwartz, Kyle Rinderknecht



ESPRIT

Yeah, we're smart, but we still like to have fun. This year Esprit was laid back. We had a few meetings at which we learned various lessons ranging from the Holocaust to animals. On a field trip to the Lake Travis Ropes Course where we learned how cooperation and teamwork can be used to complete obstacles both mentally and physically. One task involved having to fit as many people as possible on a three foot by three foot square block of wood. Another involved swinging from tire to tire, sort of like Tarzan. One favorite obstacle was The Spool, on which team members had to cross over an elevated cable spool without touching the sides. This trip was dangerous, especially for freshman Shannon Faulkner, who proved himself by climbing to the apex of a nearby mountain. Well, we Esprit students have had another great year and we have proved that we love having fun .



→↑ I goctcha. Brian Caldwell helps Trey Turner to conquer an obstacle

→↓ We don't need any snow! This group of guys demonstrate their teamwork on Texas Skis.

"Esprit was fun this year. Our trips were exciting and interesting"
-Jason Stiles





Jr-Sr Esprit Members: (1st row): Lindsey Jahn, Brian Caldwell, Karyn Schaefer, Melanie Behrends, Cheryl Weatherington, Melanie Mikulencak, Jennnifer Enochs. (2nd row): Stepanie Thonig, Jamie Lannen, Lawrence Kern, Jeremy Gray, Samantha Garza, Spencer Maxwell, Sam Windham, Julie Whatley. (3rd row): Mrs. Kern, Christina Alderete, Liz Cornell, Kelly Hewitt, Suzanne Strmiska, Jared Fox, Brian Dennis, Jason Stiles, Ryan Jansky, Mark Laurence, Michelle Flippin, Trey Krueger.



Fr-Soph Esprit Members: (1st row): Cody Welch, Michelle Ford, Randa Stiba, Eryn Graef, Tessa Mikulencak, Beth Pullen, Lauren Schwartz, Cassie Harrison,. (2nd row): Vidal Pina, Bobby Leshikar, Andrew Littlejohn, Trey Turner, Mark Reeves, Kyle Rinderknecht, Guy Oliphant, Erin Schmidt. (3rd row): Mrs. Kern, Shannon Faulkner, Hunter Hargis, Stephen Fuller, Frankie Agundis, Celia Naiver, Heather Stence, Vanessa Dykowski.



JUNIOR HISTORIANS



Junior Historian Officers: (1st row): Sarah Fuentes (sec.), Jennifer Enochs and Luci Sanchez (comm. chairs.), Donna Sanchez (hist.), Cheryl Weatherington (parl.), Lawrence Kern (co-pres.), Amber Craig (rep.), (2nd row): Mrs. Kern (sponsor), Trissa Campbell (co-pres.), Melanie Mikulencak (vice-pres.), Carrie Minzenmayer (tres.), Sarah Simmons (rep.).

This year was successful for the Junior Historians of Taylor High School. We started the year off with fundraisers for our trips. Our first trip was to Ledbetter, Texas to learn some history about the area surrounding LaGrange, Texas. While there, we went on a hay ride where we saw a great display of beautiful Christmas decorations. Then we watched a Christmas play. Our next project dealt with community work such as working with the Heritage Days of Taylor. We also went to see Barbra Jordan while she was in state at the LBJ Library, and we visited the state capitol.





"I learned a lot about history this year in Jr. Historians"

-Carrie Minzenmayer

← Look out below! Melanie Mikulencak climbs down a tire ladder at a park.

←↓Matt Reeves, Melanie Mikulencak, Christina Alderete, and Jennifer Enochs listen attentively to the tour guide.





1995-1996 Junior Historians

U.I.L. PARTICIPANTS



(1st Row:) Allison Jones, Allison Behrends (2nd Row:) Melissa Hernandez, Kim Gerstner and Melodie Strickland (Poetry and Prose Interp.)



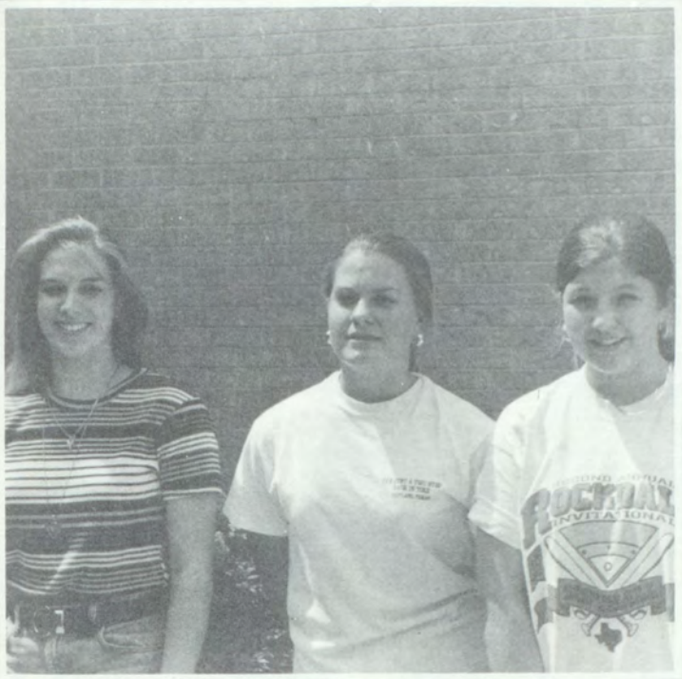
(Left to Right:) Randa Stiba, Megan Kilborn, Tessa Mikulencak, Nicole Caffey, Celia Naiver and Marisa Bennett (Speech Events)



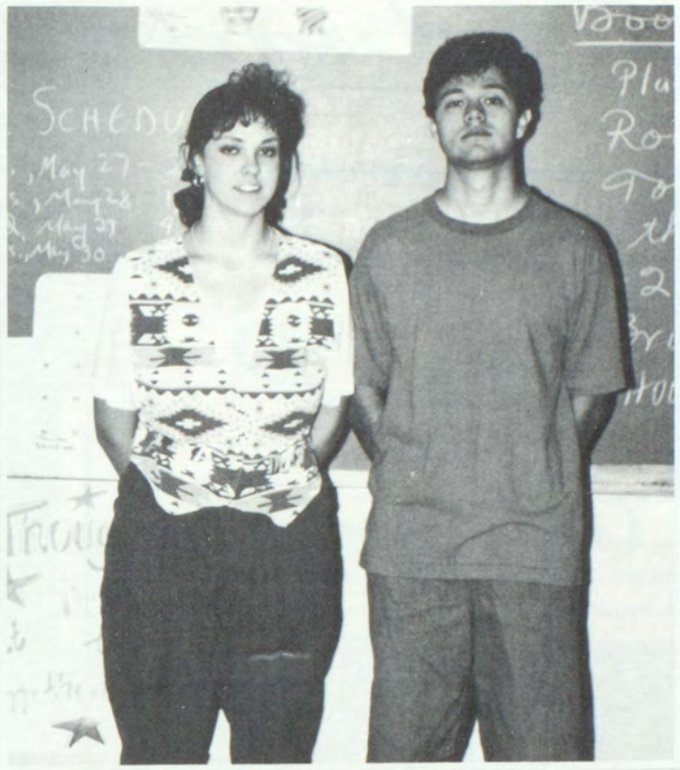
(1st Row:) Allison Behrends, Sam Windham (2nd Row:) Monica Ruble, Melodie Strickland, Eric Leshikar, Bobby Leshikar, Gene Moore (3rd Row:) Kim Gerstner, Spencer Maxwell, Maggie Moore and Andrew Littlejohn (One Act)



(Left to Right:) Monica Ruble, Mark Reeves and Guy Oliphant (Calc. Apl., Number Sense)



(Left to Right:) Kelly Hewitt, Erin Schmidt, and Elizabeth Cornell (Ready writing/Spelling and Vocabulary)



(Left to Right:) Michelle Flippin and Eric Leshikar (Literary Criticism)



(Left to Right:) Lindsey Jahn and Kelbi Dlouhy (Accounting)





(Left to Right:) Justin Strickland and Eryn Graef (Debate)



(Left to Right:) Gene Moore and Eric Leshikar (Current Issues and Events)

Advanced Placement

AP Chemistry II



1st Row: Carol Sutton, Spencer Maxwell, Jennifer Winkler, Sterling Brinson, Trissa Campbell, Melanie Mikulencak, Carrie Minzenmayer, Justin Strickland 2nd Row: Liz Cornell, Matt Parsons, Lawrence Kern, Virginia Carpenter, Tracey Burba



Nancy Pina

AP Spanish



1st Row: Jennifer Enochs, Trissa Campbell, Carrie Minzenmayer, Melanie Mikulencak, Tisha Gonzales, Monique Cantu, Virginia Carpenter, Gene Moore, Lawrence Kern 2nd Row: Matthew Rastchke, Luci Sanchez, Christina Alderete, Donna Sanchez, Mesha Kimble, Eric Leshikar, Melissa Hernandez 3rd Row: Bobby Cavo, Ryan Jansky, Andres Flores, Mark Aleman, Mike Laurence, Matt Reeves, Mark Dozier, Spam Windham, Mrs. Kern

AP American History



1st Row: Lindsey John, Erin McCoy, Sara Mueck, Carrie Minzenmyer, Melanie Mikulencak, Belinda Coleman, Cheryl Weatherington, Virginia Carpenter, Lawrence Kern; 2nd Row: Bobby Cavo, Matthew Ratschke, Jason Ward, Jason Stiles, Andres Flores, Trissa Campbell, Justin Strickland, Jennifer Enochs, Monique Cantu, Brian Caldwell; 3rd Row: Tisha Gonzales, Jared Fox, Matt Reeves, Liz Cornell, Amanda Stafford, Priscilla Parsons

AP English III

AP English IV



1st Row: Samantha Garza, Brennan Carlson, Melanie Behrends, Amanda Schwartz, Karyn Schaefer, Libby Littlejohn, Jennifer Winkler; 2nd Row: Gene Moore, Jeremy Rathke, Suzanne Strimiska, Jamie Lannen, Trey Krueger, Michelle Flippin, Matt Hammack, Matt Parsons; 3rd Row: Mark Dozier, Stephen Wright, Eric Leshikar, Spencer Maxwell, Sam Windham, Mark Laurence, Brandon George, Sterling Brinson, Beth Foley



1st Row: Amanda Schwartz, Marianne Zrubek, Tanya Cook, Brennan Carlson, Melanie Behrends, Libby Littlejohn, Leslie Garner, Suzanne Strimiska; 2nd Row: Mark Dozier, Spencer Maxwell, Stephen Wright, Karyn Schaefer, Michelle Flippin, Karen Remmert, Trey Krueger, Jeremy Rathke; 3rd Row: Jennifer Winkler, Samantha Garza, Gene Moore, Chris Mikulencak, Matt Hammack, Eric Leshikar, Sterling Brinson, Matt Parsons, Dixie Ross; 4th Row: Mason Miller, Ralphie Campos, Brandon George, Shane Stiles, Mark Laurence

AP Calculus

KDUC

This year in Kduc, we went from one show a week to a more rigorous schedule of two shows a week for the school year. Despite the added work load, our new group persevered and put out many a show. There were specials throughout the fall and spring semester such as Homecoming, people, spring sports, prom, football, and holidays. With the Strickster as our main man, we always (well usually) had our shows done on time. With such a small class this year that only had 7 members we not only worked extra hard but became closer friends, too.



"Although we had a small group of people in KDUC this year, we worked together, and were still able to put out some good shows."
-Danny Volek





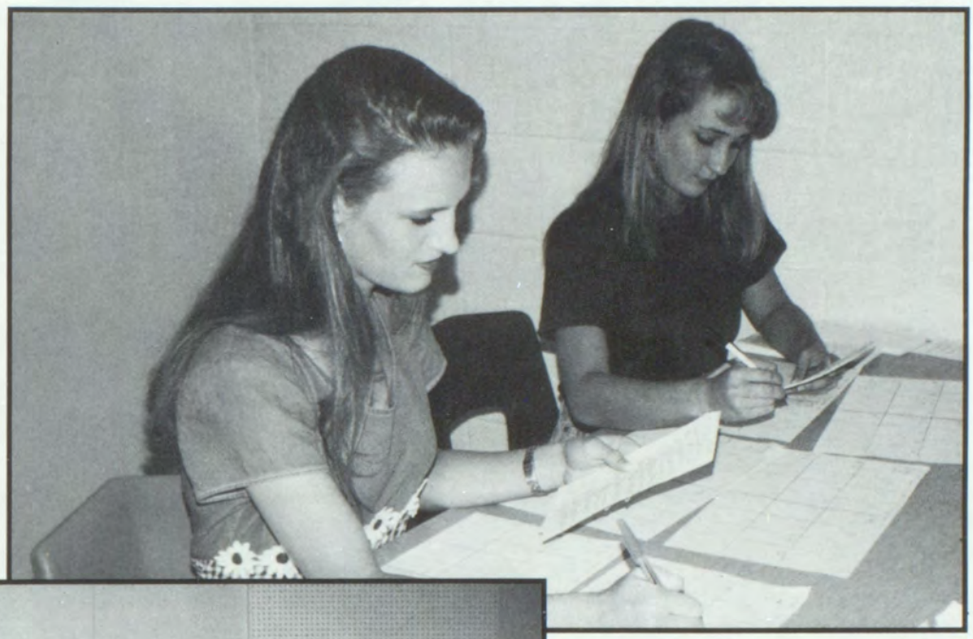
1995-96 KDUC Members: (L-R) Sam Windham, Libby Littlejohn, Trissa Campbell, Erin McCoy, Tracy Jezek, Karyn Schaefer, Justin Strickland

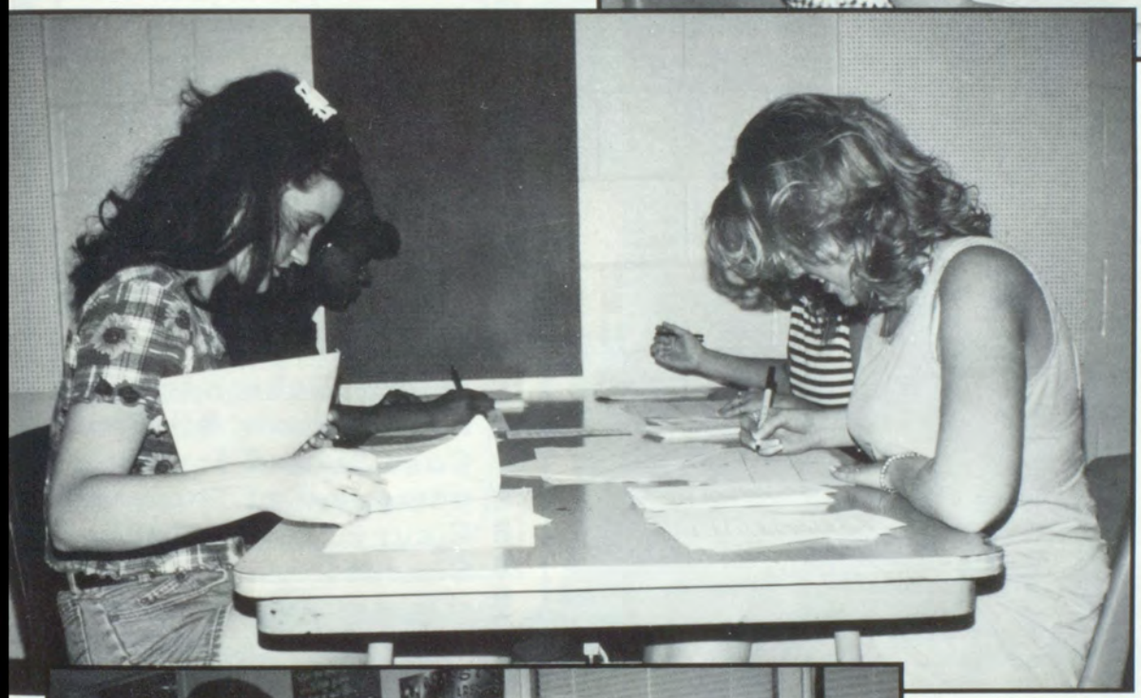




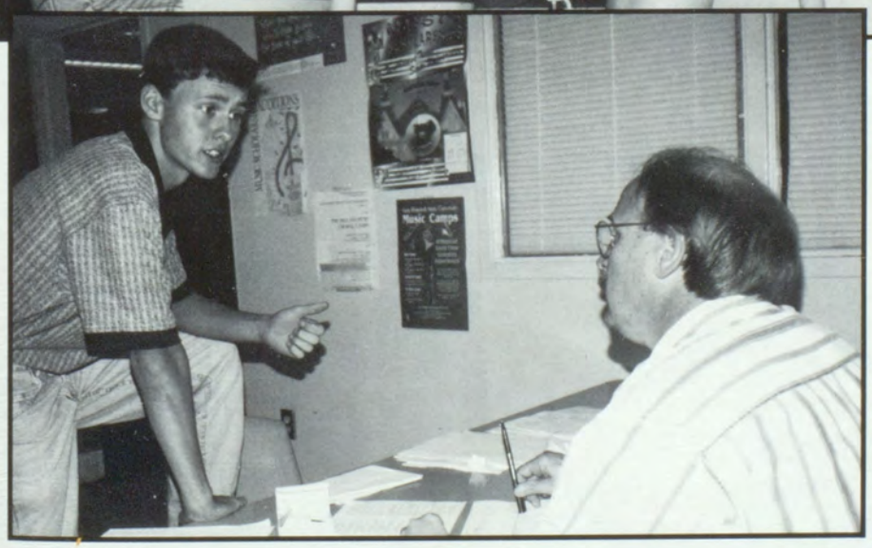








> I think for this year being everyone's 1st year in Debate, we did pretty well in competition! It was a lot of fun because of our small class, and everyone that was in it was fun to be around. Hopefully we will be even better next year.
>
> -Nicole Caffey



Speech, drama, and debate what is it all about? It's about communication and the way we talk to each and deliver our messages. This year we had a lot of fun learning how to effectively bounce ideas off each other. Whether it worked or not, it was always enlightening to try to work and play as a team. It never failed that Mr. Volek would give us long educational lectures about how to improve our dramatic abilities.

SPEECH

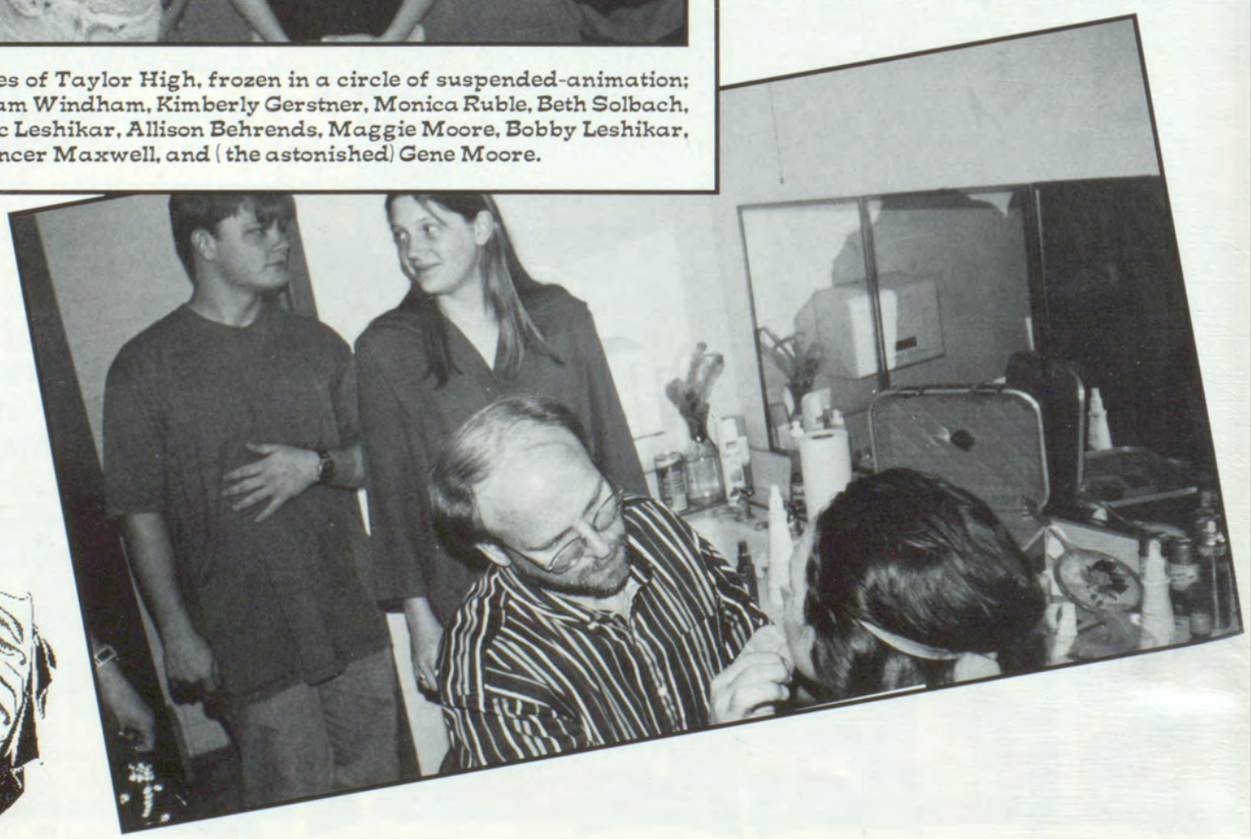
Layout and Design by Sam Windham and Karyn Schaefer

1-ACT! "REMEMBER MY PLAY?"



The actors and actresses of Taylor High, frozen in a circle of suspended-animation; (Clockwise from noon) Sam Windham, Kimberly Gerstner, Monica Ruble, Beth Solbach, Melodie Strickland, Eric Leshikar, Allison Behrends, Maggie Moore, Bobby Leshikar, Andrew Littlejohn, Spencer Maxwell, and (the astonished) Gene Moore.

This year in One-Act, the cast grew together into a tight-knit group of performers. Although we did not advance beyond District, many of our cast were awarded with high honors in drama: Monica Ruble received Honorable Mention for her performance, while Beth Solbach and Allison Behrends both received an All-Star Cast Award for their portrayal of Suzanne Fleury and Rachel Simone.



→ Make-Up!!!! Gene and Maggie Moore watch in pity as Monica Ruble is put through the torture of Volek's massive make-up treatment; Just another sacrifice the actresses and actors of Taylor High must endure.



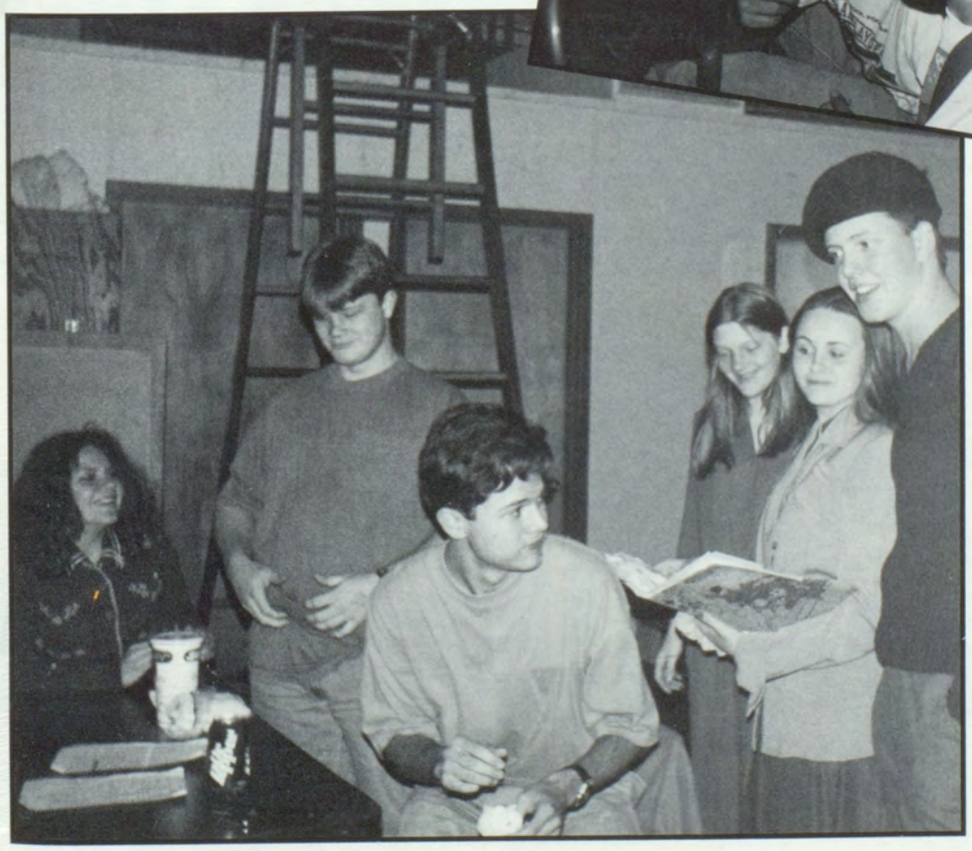


This year, our play was entitled *Remember My Name*, and it was the story of a young Jewish girl in German-occupied France, whose parents send her away to protect her from the invading Nazis. It is the story much like the *Diary of Anne Frank*, that portrays her determination to survive and the close-calls that she experiences.

-Spencer Maxwell







↑↑ Don't bogart the sub, man! During rehersal, Gene Moore is caught offstage, having a big snack. He undoubtedly ended up sharing it.

↑ Get out of my dreams, and into my car. A few One-Act people, Sam Windham, Andrew Littlejohn, and Beth Solbach, arrive on the 'scene'...already in character.... well, sort of.

← Allison Behrends, Gene Moore, Eric Leshikar, Maggie Moore, Melodie Strickland, and Sam Windham reflect on the upcoming drama. Part of the One Act Cast hangs out backstage...going over lines?....Yeah right.

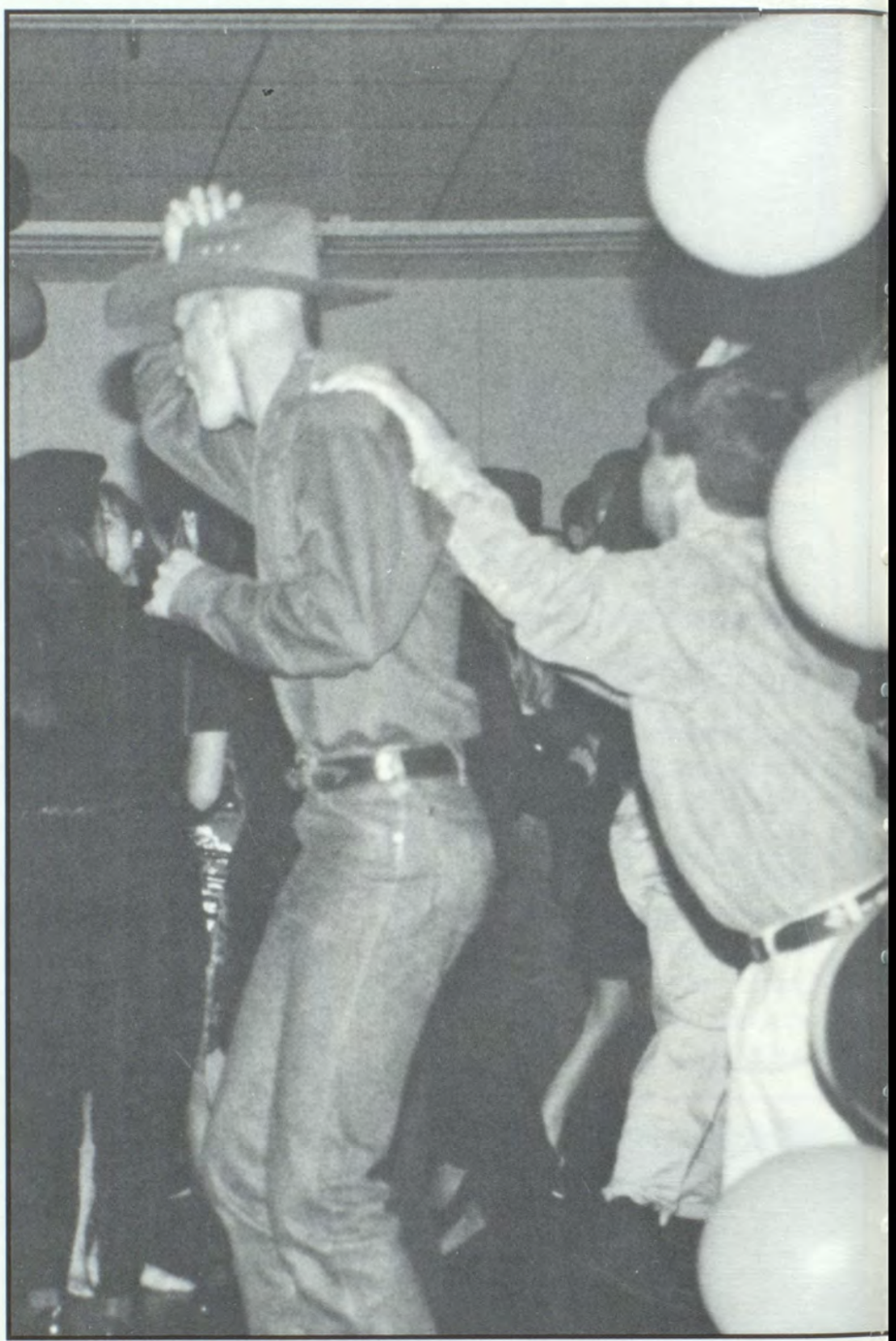
SURF

Once again, SURF, which stands for Students United For Responsible Fun, was the largest organization on the campus of Taylor High School. The SURF Club provided members, as well as the whole student body, fun activities to participate in to keep everyone out of trouble.

SURF kicked off the year by holding its second annual summer conference. Officers and members from each grade met together one day at Granger Lake to brainstorm and discuss ideas for the upcoming year. Plans were made for the fun nights, dances and trips the club would sponsor. The club did a great job making these plans come alive.

In the fall, SURF hosted the third annual Homecoming Dance for the student body. Members gathered together the day of the dance to decorate and get refreshments together for that evening. Homecoming King and Queen nominees were announced that night.

All in all, SURF, as always, had an extremely productive and successful year. The memories made through the SURF Club will not soon be forgotten. The message of the organization, which is to be drug and alcohol free, will continue to reign in the halls of Taylor High.





1995-1996 SURF Officers: 1st row(l to r): Mason Miller, Abby Turner, Shelly Roznovak, Sterling Brinson, Libby Littlejohn, Justin Strickland, Melanie Behrends 2nd row(l to r): Liz Cornell, Marianne Zrubek, Amanda Schwartz, Tracy Jezek, Allison Jones, Allison Behrends 3rd row(l to r): Mary Kalbaugh(Sponsor), Karyn Schaefer, Celia Naivar, Belinda Coleman, Dixie Ross(Sponsor)

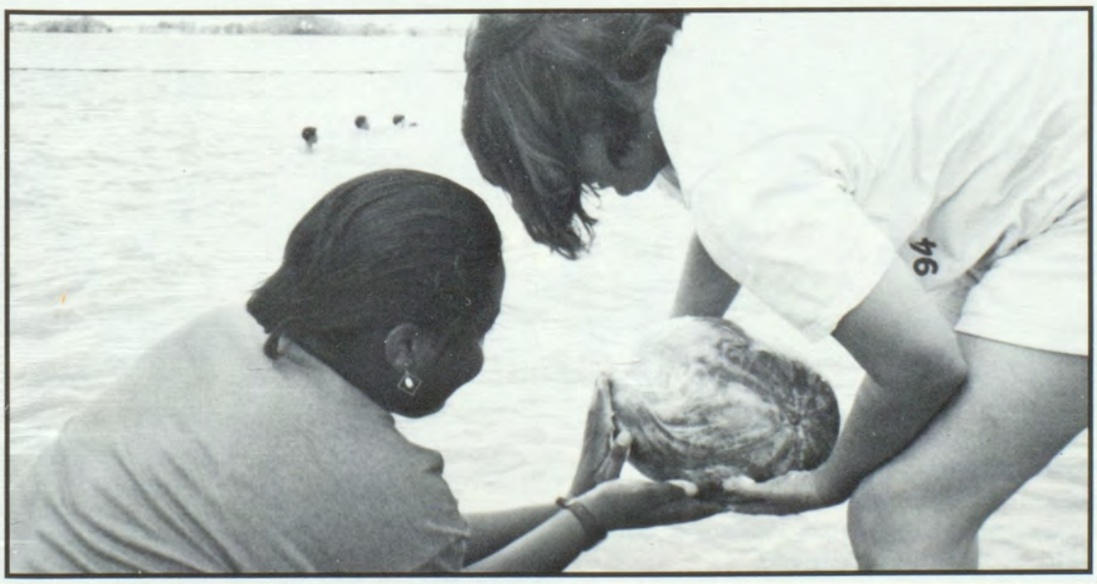






1995-1996 Students United For Responsible Fun





←↑↑Is that thunder I hear? Participants in the summer conference take time out to brainstorm for the upcoming year.

↑It's about time we ate!! Members chill out and enjoy their snack at the summer conference.

← Grease up that melon! Belinda Coleman and Mrs. Ross grease up the melon for one of the many interesting games played at the conference.

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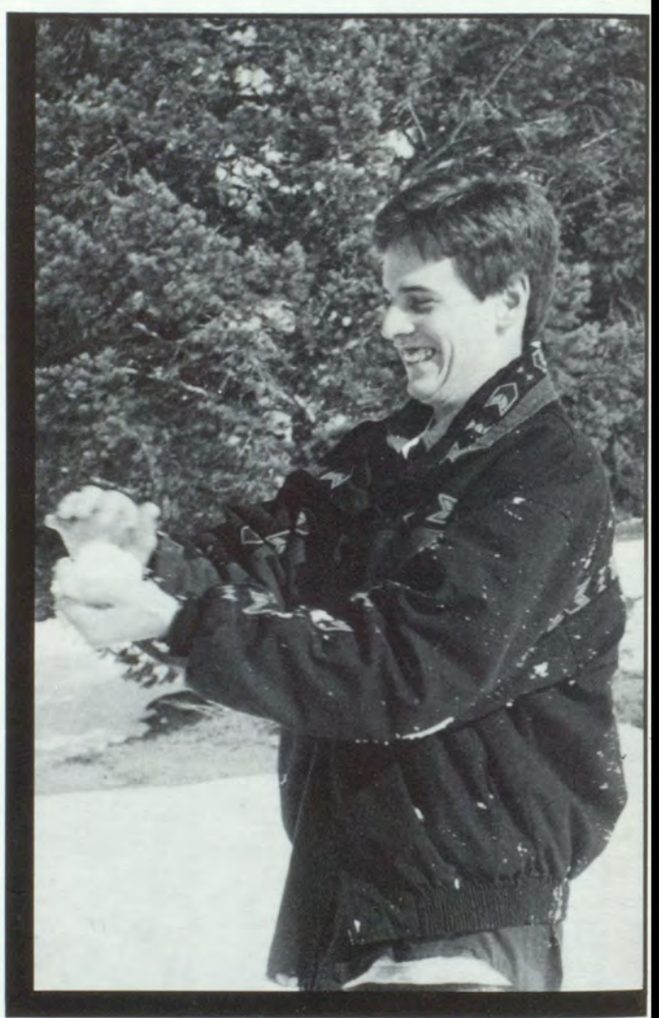
SCIENCE CLUB



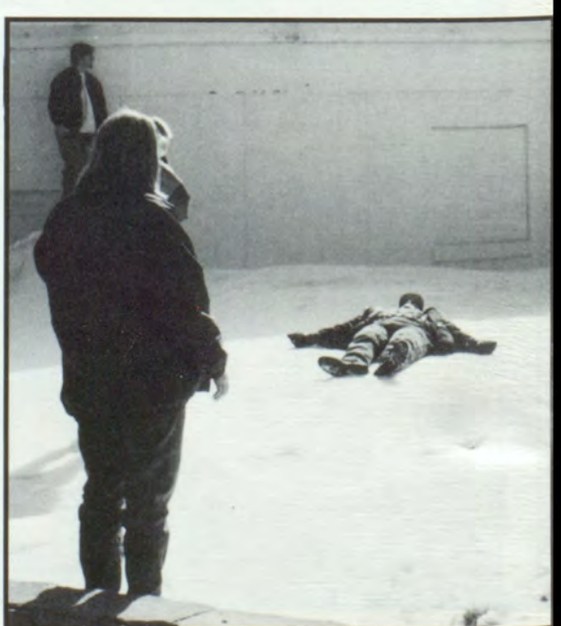
This year the 1995-1996 Science Club had a successful year. We began our year by selling M & M's for our trip to New Mexico. We earned enough money, and soon we were on our way to New Mexico. Our next excursion was to Sea World of Texas in San Antonio. This trip provided a behind the scenes tour usually not toured by the public. We learned a lot about what it takes to run such a huge and great park. In a section of the park that is usually off limits to the park visitors, we saw where older dolphins retire, young sharks are raised and where sick aquatic animals are nursed back to health. Next, we roamed the park. On the way home we had a lot fun on the bus. Mr. Black, physics teacher, and Sterling Brinson had a soaking war. They kept drenching each other with water. Sterling also soaked Libby Littlejohn and Jennifer Winkler who vowed revenge. To sum it up, this has been a great year to be a member of the Science club.



↑→ Run for the border! Science Club members prepare to cross the Texas-New Mexico border.
→↑ Better watch your back! Eric Ross prepares to toss a snowball at a friend.
→ I'm an angel! Science Club members have fun in the snow.



Science Club Officers: (L-R) Sherri Marcon, Melanie Behrends, Justin Strickland, Libby Littlejohn, Tracy Jezek, Sara Mueck, Julie Janak; (Back) (L-R) Matt Parsons, Shelly Roznovak, Jennifer Winkler, Sterling Brinson







1995-1996 Science Club





↑↞← Weeee!! Mrs. Sutton slides sown a snowy hill in New Mexico.

↑ Science Club Rules!! (At least to Melanie Behrends, Brennan Carlson, Jennifer Winkler, and Sterling Brinson).

← EWW! Science Club members feed sting rays at Sea World.

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SPANISH CLUB

People around the world have different cultures. It was especially interesting to learn some of those because you never knew when you might be needing them. For example, people don't know much about our Spanish customs. That's not a problem, however. That's why we have Spanish classes. Everyday after the bell rang and our teacher closed the door, it was like going into a whole different world. This year the Spanish Club worked very hard to make the organization successful. During the spring, they needed to raise a lot of money to go on a trip. They achieved that goal and enjoyed an excursion to Fiesta Texas. They also went to San Antonio and visited the Holy Missions. The National Hispanic institute competed in many different activities. They had a dance to raise money for N.H.I., and it was very successful.

All in all our Spanish experiences were unique. We learned and made memories at the same time; now hopefully we can put our experiences into practice. Although our class work was enjoyable, we found the experiences we captured to be unforgettable. During the field trips, we saw the things we had studied in our book come to life, and we all agreed that they were absolutely breathtaking.

→Lisa Hewtty, Erin McCoy, and Luci Sanchez pose for a quick pic on their Spanish Club field trip.

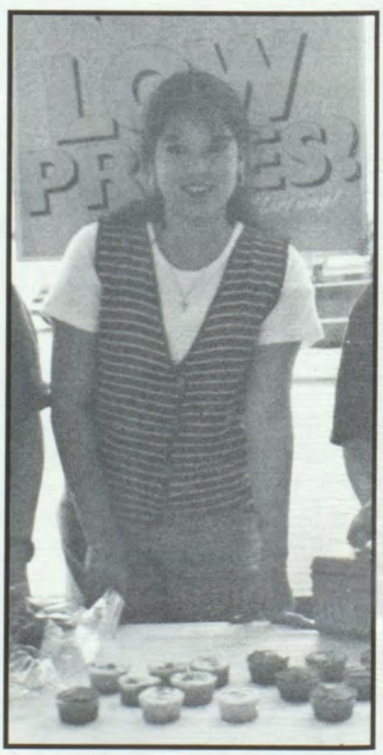
↘ Look at all those yummy treats!!! Veronica Alderete is busy selling treats for their trip to San Antonio.

→» Enjoying the sun! Several Spanish Club members get organized for a picture during their trip.





Spanish Club Oficers: (L to R) Melissa Hernandez, Lisa Hewtty and Veronica Alderete





1995-1996 Spanish Club Members





"I learned much more about my Spanish culture."

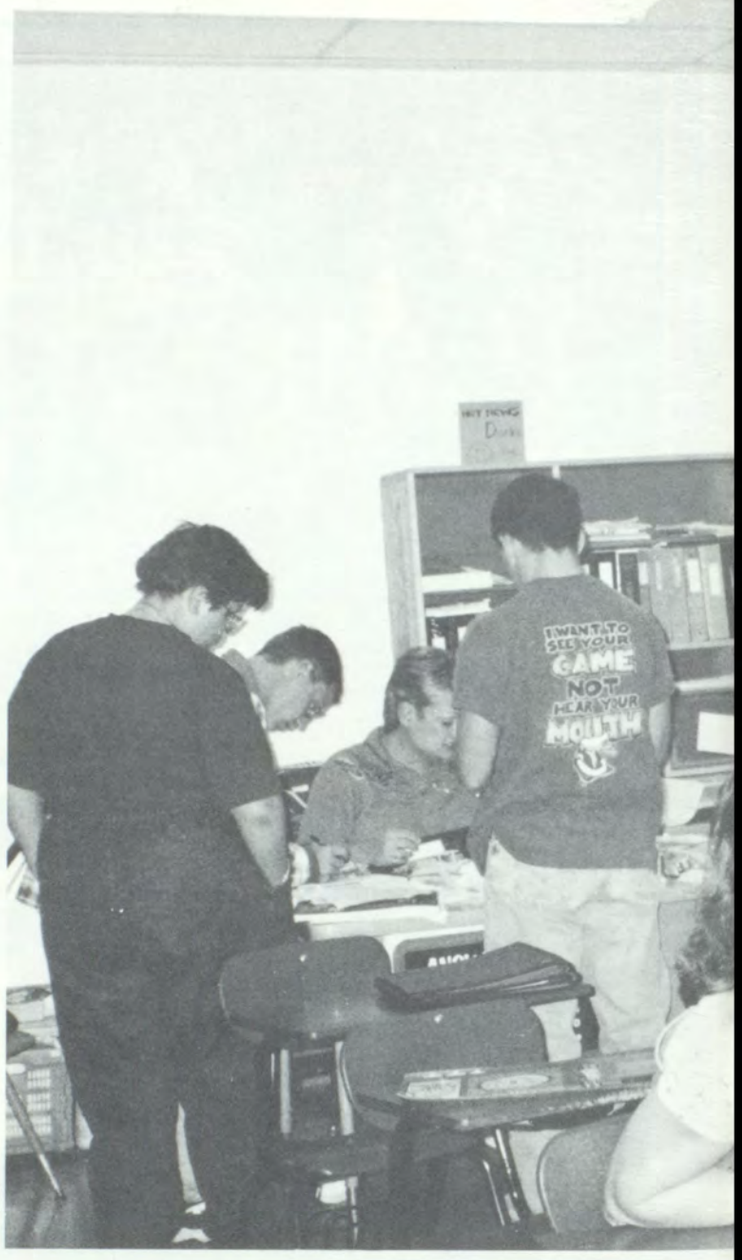
-Nancy Pina



LATIN CLUB

ET TU BRUTE?

This year the Latin Club had an enormous number of members; each year that amount seems to boost. This organization managed to participate and sponsor activities that proved to be beneficial for the school throughout the year. In December the Latin Club donated money for foster children for Christmas. The class that donated the most money won a pizza party, which encouraged many more students to donate. During the Fall, the club raised money so that they could travel to Houston. They went to Astro World; in order to enjoy the trip they had to leave early in the morning. These activities enabled students to learn about the appreciation of the language.



→ One at a time! Mrs. Schaefer's Latin Class seems to have questions about their work.

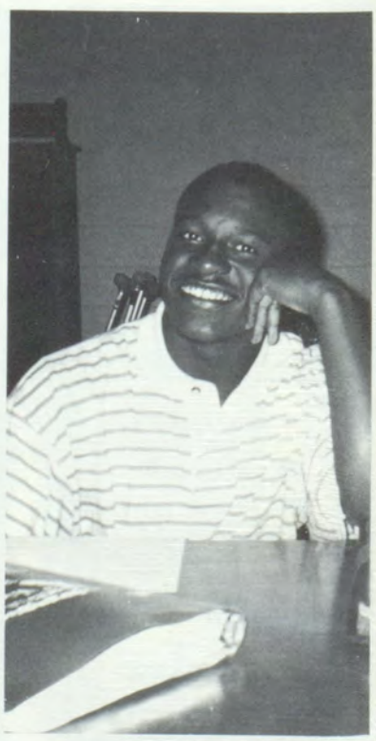
↘ SMILE!!! Derrick Tillis smiles knowing that this language isn't a piece of cake.

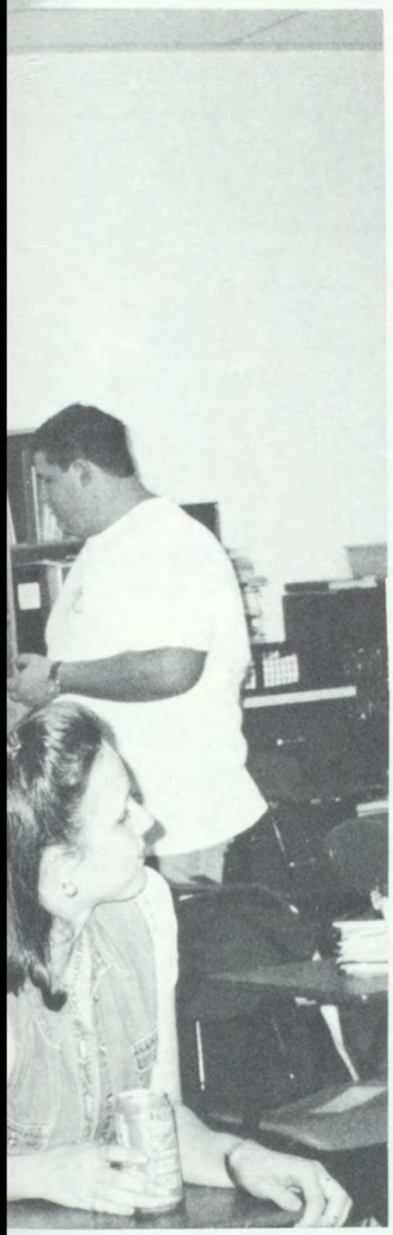
→→ Work! Work! Work! Mrs. Schaefer's Latin Class concentrates on their work.

↘ Go Taylor Go! Matt Reeves, Mrs. Schaelfer and Barrett Sutton show their spirit.



1995-1996 Latin Club Members







Officers: First row (L to R) Eric Ross, Jared Fox, Mike Laurence, Octavia Toliver Second Row: Ryan Lear, Matthew Pullen.





Q: What was your most memorable time in Latin Club?

A: Wrapping Christmas gifts for foster children and preparing for the Ides of March.

-Matt Parsons



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GERMAN CLUB

ICH SPRECHE DEUTSCH!

Was macht die Deutsch Klub..? What does the German Club do? Every year the German Club is one of the most beneficial clubs for the community. Not only do they raise money for themselves, but they always sponsor several projects to beautify the school and community. Somehow, along with their community service projects they found time to learn about German culture and language and best of all have a little fun.

Much of the German Club's time was spent making our town a more aesthetically pleasing environment. Every year they plant flowers at the park's entrance and a tree near the lake. This year they also participated in the Taylor Trash Out.

Germany has one of the most interesting and historical cultures in the world. Everyone in German Club is an expert on German Culture after attending Wurstfest, the Hummel Museum, and Conservation Park, a restored German village.

They also experienced German culture and learned a little more about the language by participating in Houstonfest and the State German contest. Winning sweepstakes among AAAA schools in Houstinfest and placing in several events in state, proved that Mrs. Jackson, or Frau Jackson, as she is called by many of her German students, has set up one of the top German programs in the state. All German students should be proud of these accomplishments.



↘Das ist sehr gut! Drew David expresses his interest in a preserved German pipe.

→ Roses are red...Several German Club students take a walk in a rose garden during the German Club's trip.

→Beep Beep! The German Club proudly drove a Volkswagon bug for their homecoming float.

↘ Congratulations you guys!! The Houstonfest constestants were all proud of their trophy.



Front left: Tanya Cook, Hollie Bollinger, Kelbi Doughy, Lindsey Jahn, Andrea Crawford, Virginia Carpenter, Justin Strickland, Meredith Macuk, Melinda Stansbury, Melodie Strickland, Dianne Buhler. 2nd row: Carry Marek, Spencer Maxwell, Stephen Wright, Jahn Vitovek, Kim Remmert, Kelly Hewitt, Heather Morrison, Tracy Collins, Allison Behrends, Justin Sladek. 3rd row: Mrs. Jackson, Brett Gola, Matt Raschke, Ryan Jansky, Bob Cavo, Jeremy Gray, Casey Kuempel, Paul Schoeder, Trey Turner, Scott Raesz, Terry Horne, Jalyn George, Brian Faltesek, Hunter Hargis, Mandy Grimm.







Front: Brett Gola, Jeremy Gray, Jason Stiles, Justin Strickland, Melinda Stansbury back: Spencer Maxwell, Melodie Strickland, Derrik King.





This year we not only accomplished a lot for the community but also had some fun while doing it.

-Allison Behrends



BAND

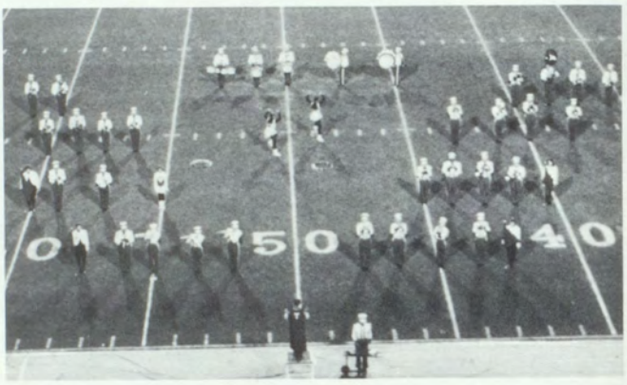
THE SOUND OF MUSIC



The Band has accomplished much during its second year under the direction of Mr. Rubio. At every contest the band attended, we improved from the previous year.

The future looks bright for the band because the underclassmen are very talented and incoming band students from the Middle School are coming from a band that has performed magnificiently during 1996, earning a Division I for their sightreading abilities. I encourage next year's band to always give it all they have and to never doubt themselves.

-Spencer Maxwell







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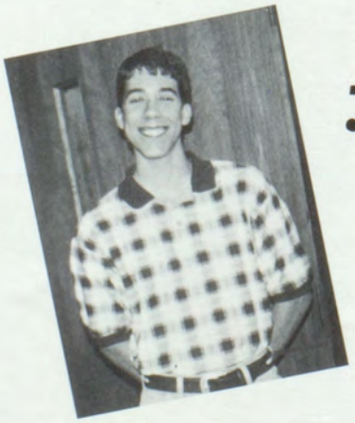
Suzanne Strmiska

Vice President



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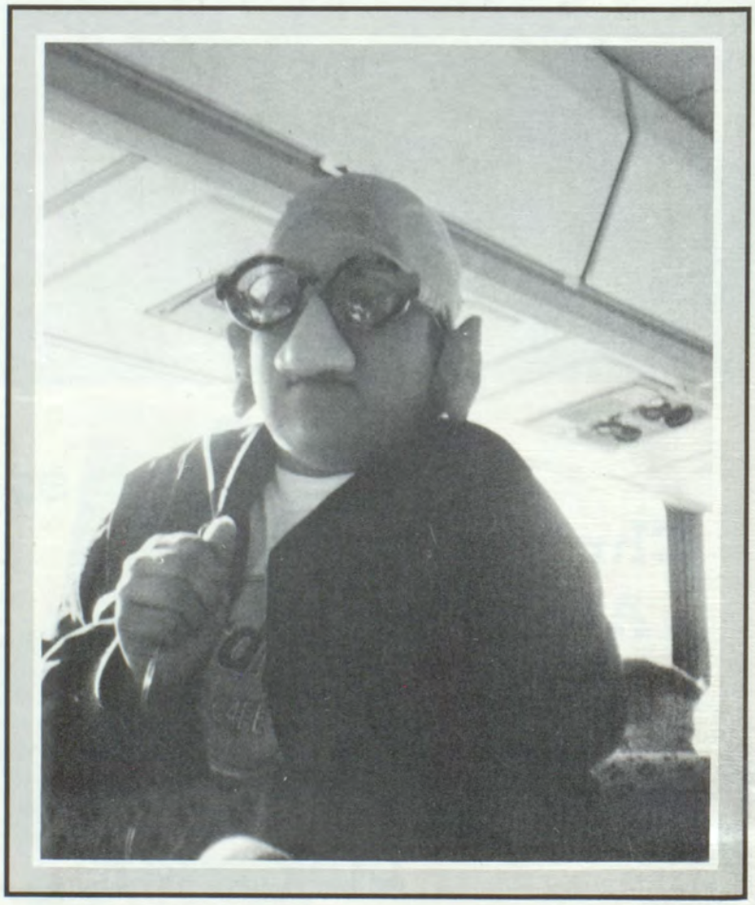
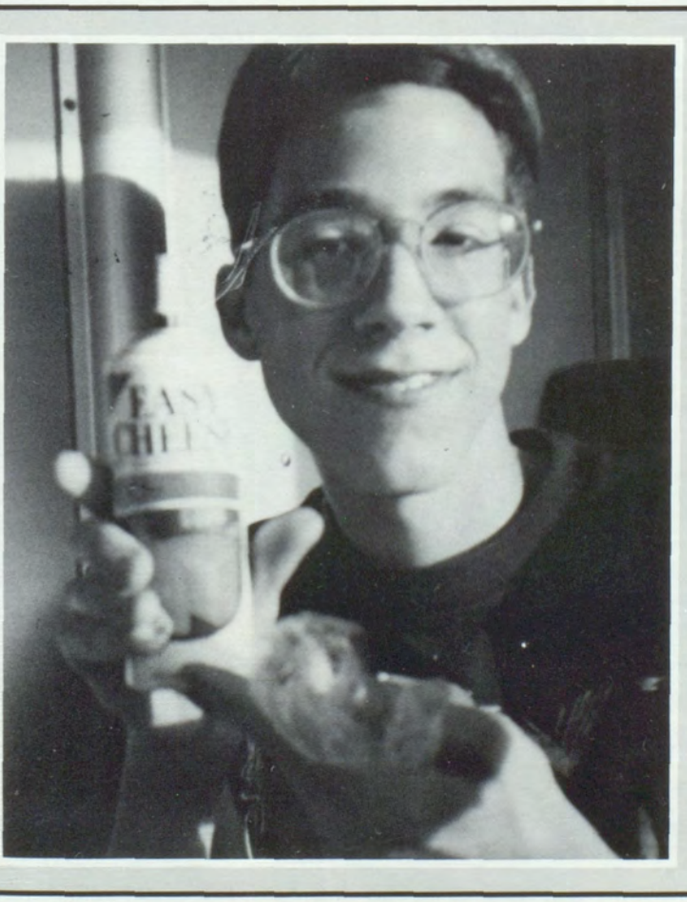
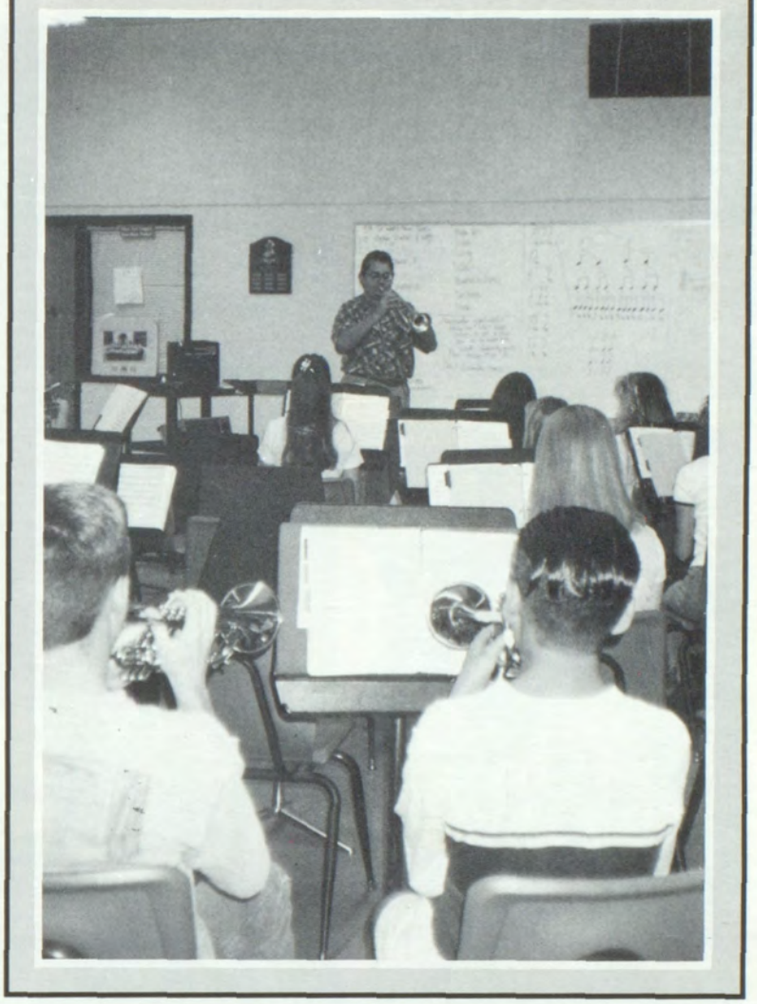


↑ McDonald's anyone? Christina Alderete proves to her friends that there is time to make a pit-stop at Micky D's and still catch the bus.
↑→ Caught on camera! Denise Samaniego desperately tries to get in step before Mr. Rubio notices, but it's too late!
↑→ Could you possibly find any better friends? After three years of twirling, Suzanne Strmiska and Kelly Hewitt share in the excitement and emotion as the season comes to an end with Suzanne receiving band sweetheart.
↑ I hope I fit in! Andrea Wilson proudly displays her dedication to cheerleading as well as band.
→ The person behind the mask is....! Who could this crazy girl be? It's none-other than, "I rule" Christina Alderete.











↑ Mr. Rubio carefully instructs the class on the proper way to play an instrument.
←↑ Smile!!! You know you love wearing the uniform!
←↑ Spencer Maxwell wonders, "What are you guys smiling about?"
← It's not easy being cheezy!
↑ A home away from home! The band-bus was always fully equipped with makeup, hairspray, clothes, and food for everyone's personal needs.

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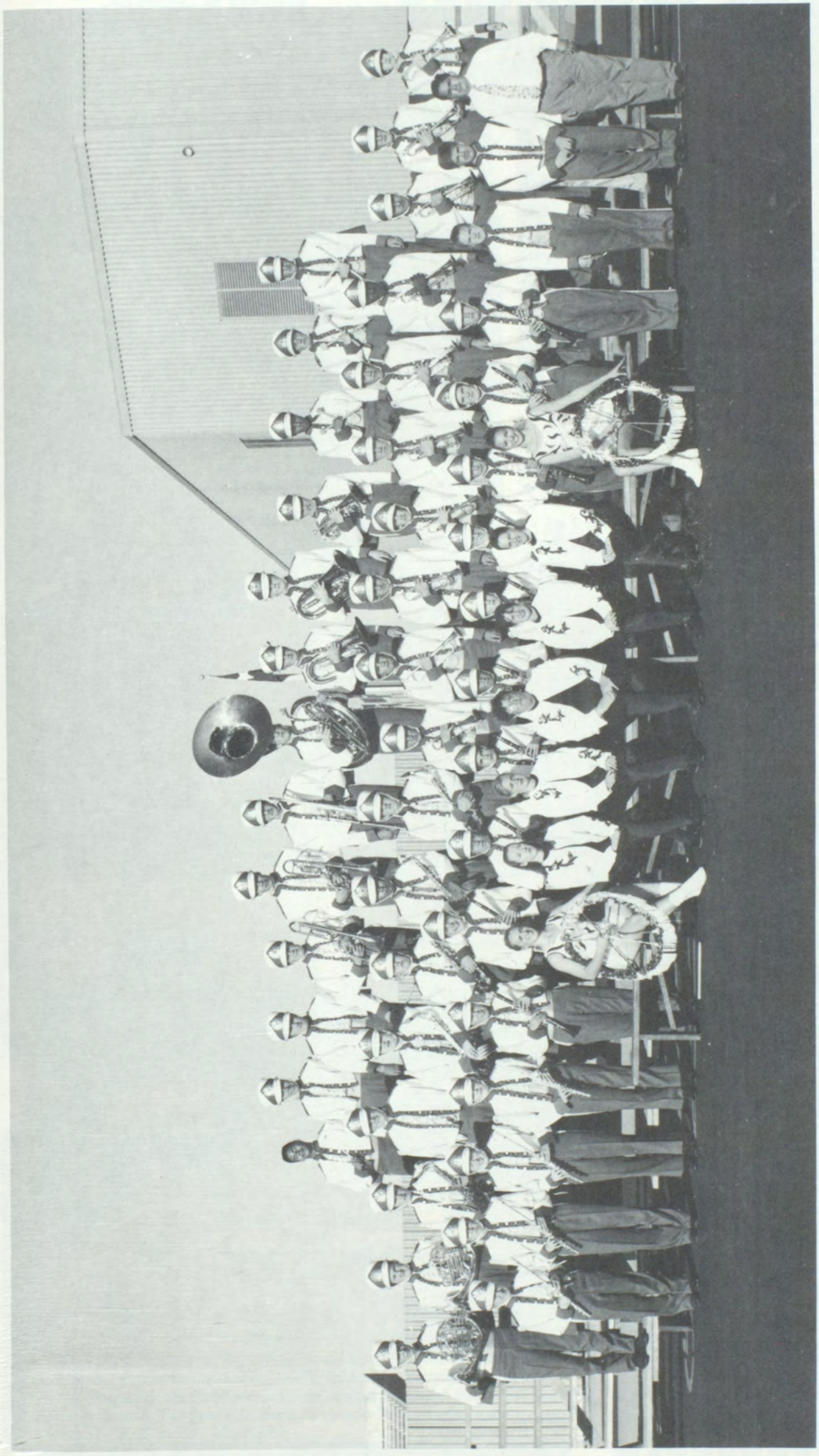
→↑↑ Shining smiles! The Taylor High School twirlers for the 1995-96 school year were Sr. Suzanne Strmiska, and Jr. Kelly Hewitt.
→Get that camera AWAY! Jaime Lannen does not want anyone to know that she actually gets her hands messy!
→↑ The band has always known the real Mr. Rubio, and now, everyone in Taylor High School knows about his other Half . Sorry Mr. R.
↑↑↑ Suzanne Strmiska, Jaime Lannen, Jennifer Enochs, and Amanda Stafford all join in the fun of rolling silverware for the annual Mexican Dinner.
↑A New Edition. This year, the band added a new group of flag members to the show. Left to Right, Back to Front: Kim Wright, Amber Craig, Stacey Carter, Stacey Parker, Crystal Bachmayer, Patricia Nemec, Vanessa Dykowski, and Autumn Ysassi.

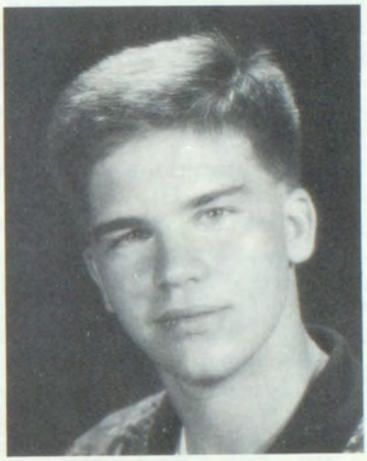












The band this year showed improvement from last year's group. From the hardworking freshmen up to the wise Seniors, everyone worked as hard as they possibly could while even doubling in other activities such as football and hi-steppers.

-Trey Krueger

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AWAKENING THE CHEERLEADING SPIRITS!

This year the cheerleaders had another exciting football season to cheer for. But football games weren't the only things to plan for. Pep Rallies also had to be planned. The first pep rally was the Fire Up Rally that was changed at the last minute. But, the Taylor Fire Truck still arrived and helped fire everyone up. Another interesting rally was the second annual blackout pep rally during Homecoming. This one required a lot of planning and help from others besides the cheerleaders. Thanks Ramos and James Hertless! The Seniors were the professional lighting crew for the pep rally and Brandon Hanacik did the announcing. It was definitely a rally to remember with the return of Funky Fried Chicken Eatin' Big Butt Bertha.

The games were also a blast and a lot of hard work at the same time. Often the bus ride to the game was the highlight of the evening with the Beastie Boys AKA Senior Cheerleaders' performances. The help of the JV was also much appreciated. They were always willing to do the dirty work and still kept a smile on their faces.

Football season was a memorable time if you had Ever Been a Taylor High Cheerleader. The memories of good times and great games will be cherished in all of our hearts and we will always hope that the future Taylor Cheerleaders will keep the tradition alive!



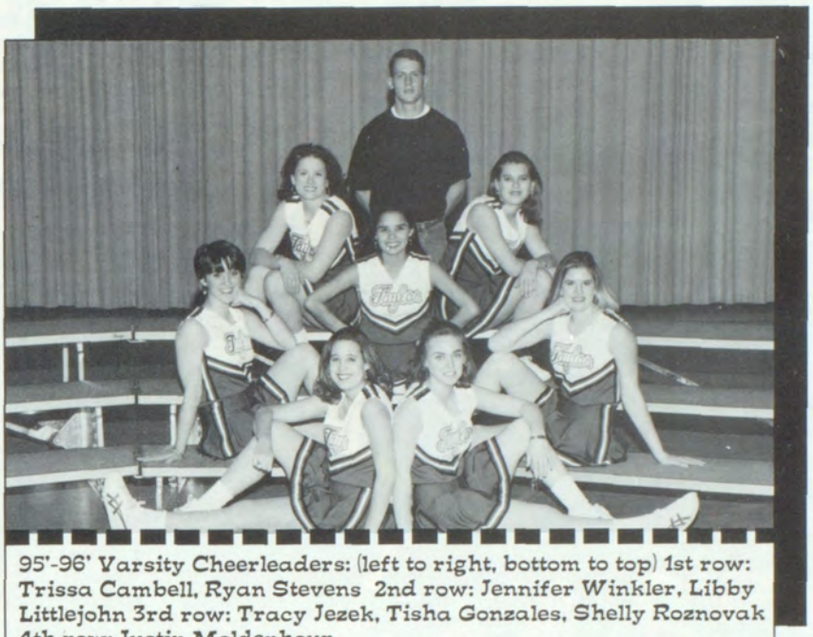






↖ *Get it Girls!* Angie Bachmeyer and Andrea Wilson show their stuff during a cheer at the blackout pep rally.
↑ *Are we ever going to get down!?!* The Varsity and JV cheerleaders think as they build stunts at the Fire Up pep rally.
← *How do they do that!?!* Tracy Jezek, Jennifer Winkler, and Libby Littlejohn show off their jumps during two bits.





95'-96' Varsity Cheerleaders: (left to right, bottom to top) 1st row: Trissa Cambell, Ryan Stevens 2nd row: Jennifer Winkler, Libby Littlejohn 3rd row: Tracy Jezek, Tisha Gonzales, Shelly Roznovak 4th row: Justin Moldenhour









95'-96' JV Cheerleaders: (left to right, bottom to top) 1st row: Angie Bachmayer 2nd row: Tina Johnston, Sara Mata 3rd row: Allison David, Megan Kilborne, Andrea Wilson 4th row: Courtney Kaiser, Nicole Kaffey



Going to Nashville, Tennessee is an unexplainable and memorable time for the THS cheerleaders. For four years the cheerleaders, both Varsity and JV, have competed in the IOCC. This year, however, was different. Due to certain circumstances, the Varsity and JV combined to make a large Varsity team that competed in a division Taylor had never been in before. The team was doubtful at first of how things would turn out because of the late start with the choreography and practicing. But, as usual, Taylor pulled together and won 8th place in their division. The Taylor Varsity not only fulfilled a personal victory, but also built life-long friendships!







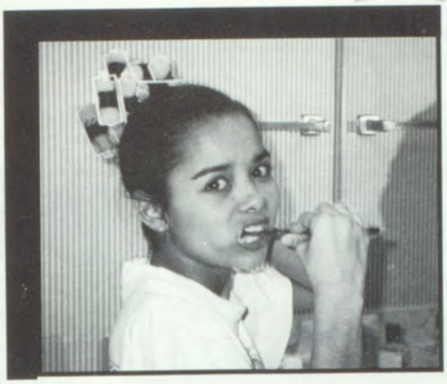






↑↑ Everbody smile! This group of THS Cheerleaders reveals to the camera their excitement for the upcoming finalist announcement at Nashville Municipal auditorium. ↑↑↑ Strike a pose! Gettin' crazy is something these girls do best. ↑ Whew Hoo Whew!!! was the trademark noise of the cheerleaders as they hyped themselves up for the competition the next day! ↑↑ Don't they look calm, Not! For once the '95-'96 Nationals Team is quiet while they take their pre-competition pic. → I've got confidence!! is what these girls are thinking as they pray with thier right foot in the circle before the finals.

Above and Beyond Nashville











↑Will you look at that hair!! Ryan Stevens rides it proud after taking her hair out of those pink rollers.

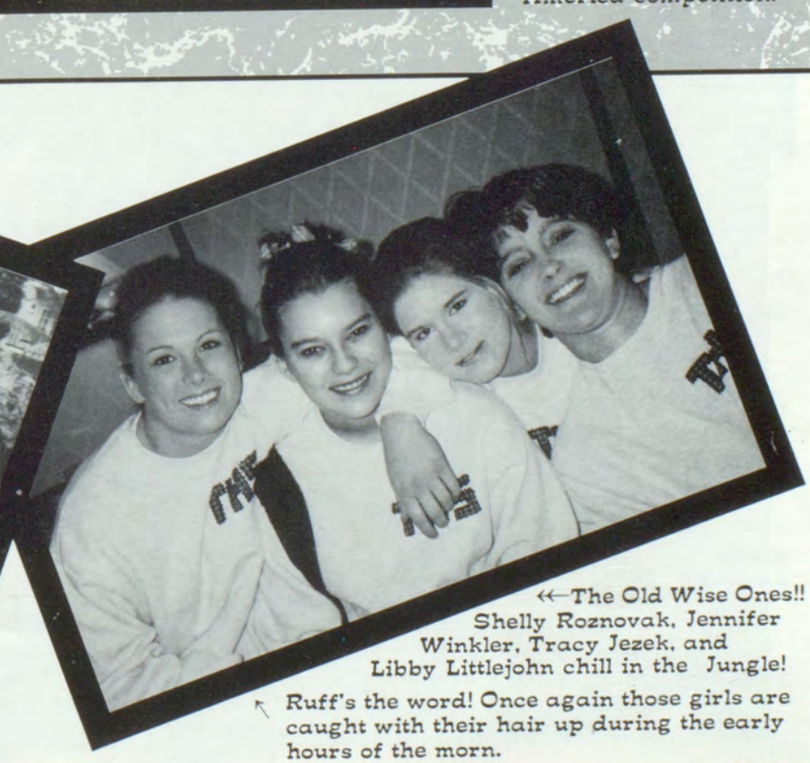
↑↖Brushy, brushy, brushy! Little Tish is caught by the camera early in the morning.

↑↑Look at those gangsters! Junior cheerleaders pose before their trip to O'Charley's in downtown Nashville.

↞Wake up! The team opens thier eyes enough for a pic at 4:00 a.m. before they board for Nashville.

←Is that Kelly Bundy?!? Andrea Wilson, Nicole Caffey, and Angie Bachmeyer wait to watch the Team America competition.





↞The Old Wise Ones!! Shelly Roznovak, Jennifer Winkler, Tracy Jezek, and Libby Littlejohn chill in the Jungle!

↖Ruff's the word! Once again those girls are caught with their hair up during the early hours of the morn.

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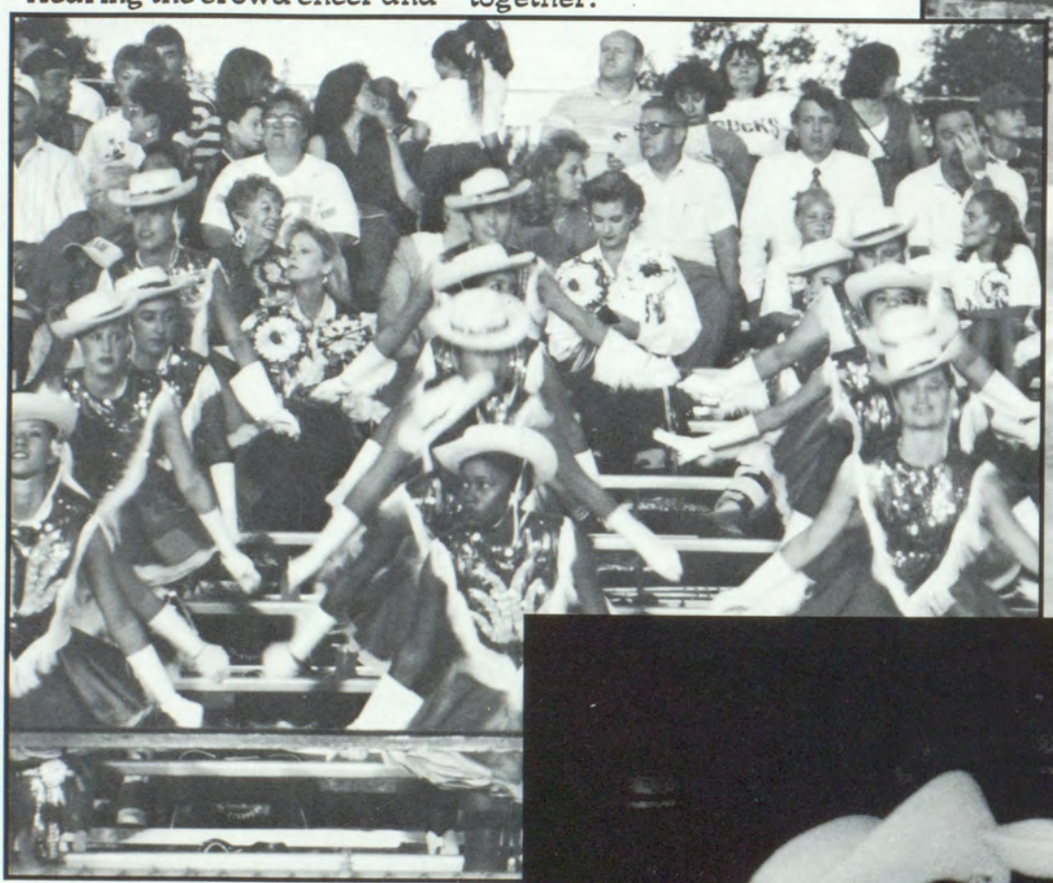
Hi-Steppers

Steppin' It Up!

Smile girls! Point those toes! Football season was always a fun time for us. Traveling to all the games in and out of town and preparing new dances and performances was a lot of work. We practiced everyday until our routine was perfect. All the hard work paid off during halftime, at football games, and at pep-rallies. Hearing the crowd cheer and clap filled us up with great joy. Every game was fun even when the rain came, and we performed on the crowded track. This was a year that the seniors will always remember and never want to forget. It was great to be a part of the Award Winning Taylor Hi-Steppers , and it was wonderful making memories of all the times we shared together.



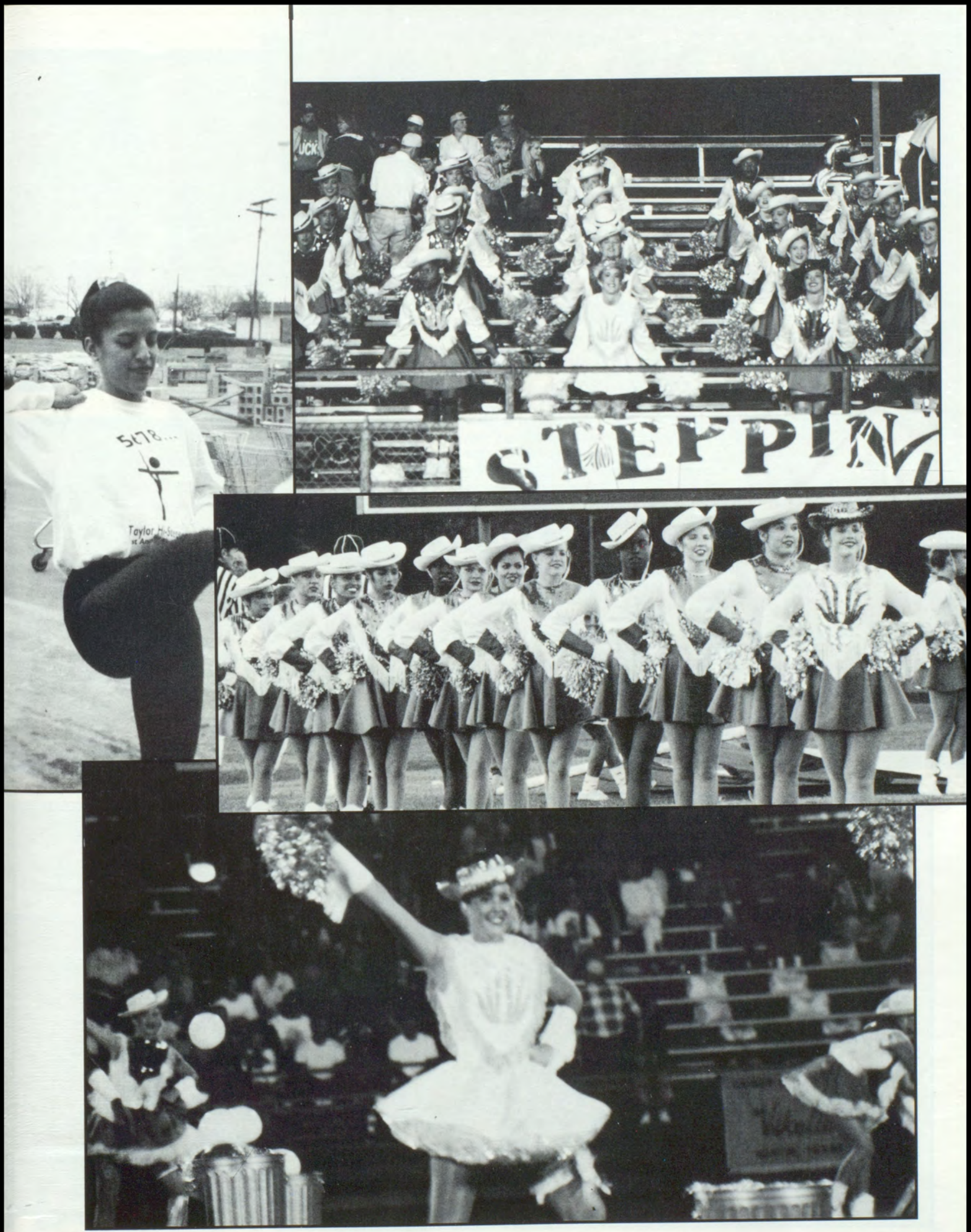




↗ Kick those legs girls! Laurie Mayer and Rosalyn Torres kick up their heels at a kickathon.

→ Let's see those pretty faces! Alison Jones and Melanie Behrends take time before performing to smile for a picture.

↑ Hit it girls! These steppers show off their spirit during the football game on Friday night.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SPRING SHOW

As tradition holds, the Hi-Steppers put on a spectacular Spring Show each year. This year's Spring Show was titled "The Rhythm of the Night". The Hi-Steppers learned many new routines and dances which were all performed at the Spring Show. Miss Browne and Mrs. Seaquist taught them many new things and began many new traditions. This year at Spring Show, the Starlits and new officers were introduced. Both the old and new officers gave a fantastic and stunning performance. There was also a large group of low steppers (Taylor High School guys) who performed this year in the Spring Show. They put on a great routine and received much praise after the show.

This year the Hi-Steppers went to many different competitions. In October the Steppers went to Showtime International Competition at Six Flags. The girls received a division two on their team routine and the officers also received a division two for their performance. In February, two small ensembles attended the American Dance and Drill Team Competition at the Alamodome and received a division one rating for both routines. The Steppers next attended the American Dance and Drill Team National Competition in March in Denton. They received a division one in all routines which allowed them to receive sweepstakes honors. All in all, the Taylor High School High Steppers had a great and memorable year.



↗ ↑ Look at me! Marisa Bennett shows off her dancing at the annual Spring Show.



→ ↑ Yah! It's finally over! Spring Show ended with these exhausted Steppers taking a break.

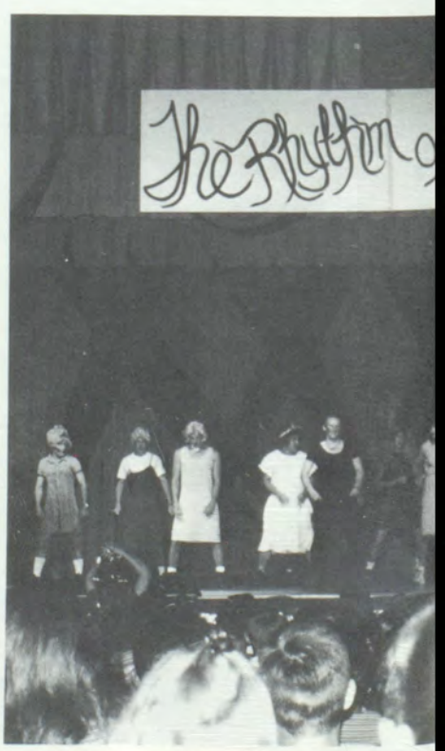


→ This Egyptian dance was performed by Kelbi Dlouhy and Lisa Hewtty.

↘ ↓ The Low-Steppers proved to be a big hit in "The Rhythm of the Night."



Top Row: Carrie Nicholson 3rd Row: Dawn Ponkoney, Kelbi Dlouhy, Rosalyn Torres, Vannetta McKinney, April Hernandez 2nd Row: Velencia McKinney, Christina Caldera, Abby Turner, Allison Jones 1st Row: Octavia Toliver, Laurie Mayer, Kelly Wilson, Melanie Behrends, Marisa Bennett, Lisa Hewtty, Sandy Gonzales Not pictured: Allison Behrends, Vanessa Roberts










Night



MIXED AND TREBLE CHOIR

The Taylor High School Mixed and Treble choirs accomplished many goals this year. Mrs. Bartosh, the choir director, was very patient and tried very hard to teach the choir how to make beautiful music together.

We kicked off the year by singing at Taylor Middle School and at Granger schools. At Christmas we performed a holiday concert for the public. The choir also held a chili supper to help raise funds for the annual choir trip. In April, we had a Cabaret. This year's topic was Broadway and the movies.

In March we took our annual trip for a weekend of fun. This year we went to Houston and attended the musical "The Music Man." The following day we went to Astroworld and the Galleria.

We had a wonderful year together and had a plethora of fun. The songs we sang will be remembered forever.



↑→Say Cheese! Kathleen Koenig and Tracey Schievelbein take a quick picture together while in Houston on the annual choir trip.
→↓ Lookin good! Henry Ruiz, Sandy Gonzales, and Ahmon Tealer perform for the All-Region Choir.

"Choir doesn't only teach you how to sing, it teaches you responsibility and discipline."

-Elsa Gamez





Mixed Choir Members 1995-96: (Bottom Row:) Courtney Grau, Sandy Gonzales, Tracey Schievelbein; (2nd Row:) Ahmon Tealer, Elisabeth Henderson, Micaela Herrera, Serina Baltimore, Susan Zepeda, Jonathan Gray; (3rd Row:) Malachi Dilworth, Brittany Bullion, Mesha Kimble, Angela Seigmund, April Frazier, Shirvonne Pedro, Regina Baltimore, Curtis Ruemke; (Top Row:) Michelle Arias, Eric Ariola, Chrystal Rivison, Cedric Moore, Aisha Reese, Whitney Brandon, Elsa Gamez, and Julian Pachicano.



Mixed Choir Officers 1995-96: (Bottom Row:) Elsa Gamez, Tracey Schievelbein, Regina Baltimore; (Top Row:) Sandy Gonzales, Micaela Herrera. (Not Pictured: Kathleen Koenig)



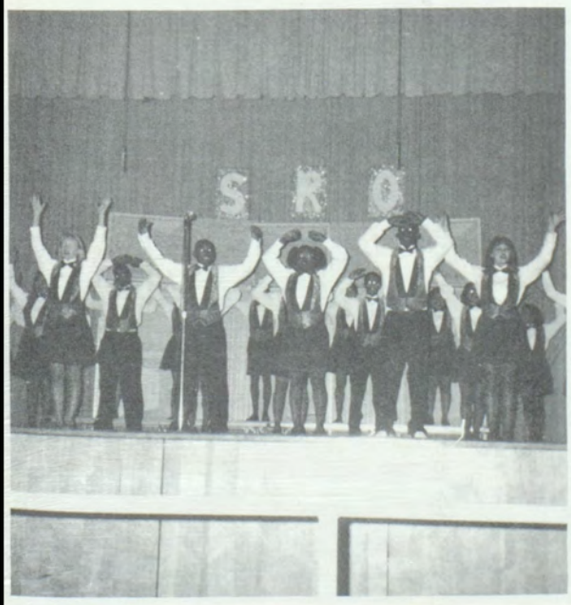






Treble Choir Officers 1995-96: (Seated) Linda Palomo, Delilah Olguin; (Kneeling) Cynta Pope and Angela Ruiz.

↑Sing it Ced! Cedric Moore sings the blues at choir practice.
↙ Raise your hand if you're sure! The Mixed and Treble choir perform "Standing Room Only".



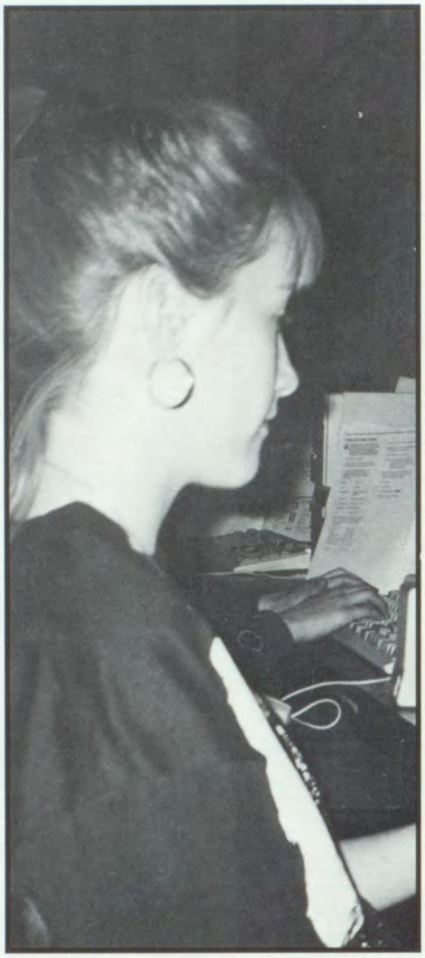


Treble Choir Members 1995-96: (Bottom Row:) Angela Ruiz, Marla Schwartz, Lindsey Hanacik, Delilah Olguin, Sandy Gonzales, Tina Johnston, Andrea Chavarria; (Top Row:) Sonya Stelley, Shawana Barber, Keri Cruz, Linda Palomo, Jennifer Valerio, Cynta Pope, and Angelica Dimas.

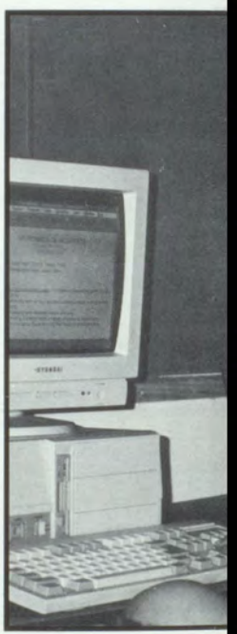
BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA

Business Professionals of America, a group of young, talented students, displayed integrity and represented THS in the world of jobs. Members of BPA were those who had taken office related courses and were members of the Office Administrative Co-Op.

Many of us learned what it was like to work in a real office and understand what it takes to run an actual business. We realized that it was not all that easy and was a drastic change from the school's atmosphere. Business Professionals of America was the answer for some of us to prepare for the future. Most of us worked part time and learned many important skills at our employment as well as school. Taking on a part-time job meant learning skills and dealing with a great deal of responsibility. Because we were allowed and had an opportunity to take on a job, our knowledge and skills for secretarial work were extremely improved, and we knew this would contribute to future success in our world.







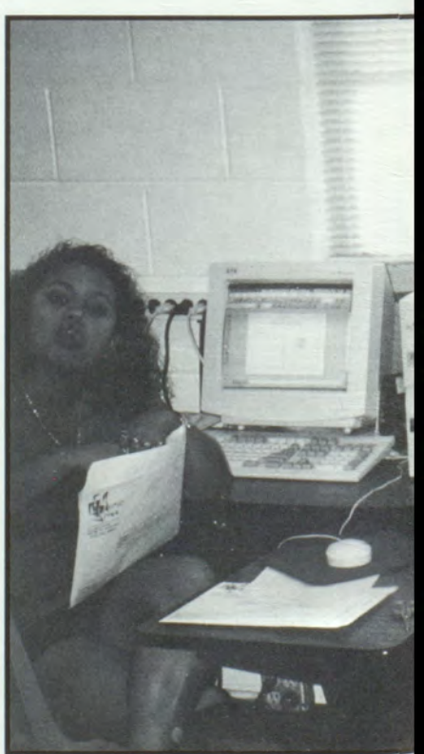
↑ Tracy Schievelbein works hard at her assignment to learn how to use the computers.
↑ Candi McDonald works hard on her computer during class.
→ Veronica Alderete poses for a quick snapshot as she works on her assignment.
↘ Smile! Melissa Hernandez and Janie Estrada take time out of their schedules to take a picture.

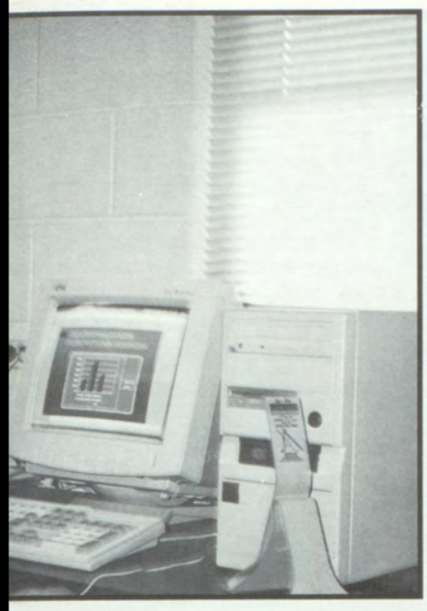
↗ Cheese! Karen Remmert and Lacy Leschber wait for the bell to ring and dismiss them to their next class.

↘ Samantha Garza pauses for a picture before going to her next class.

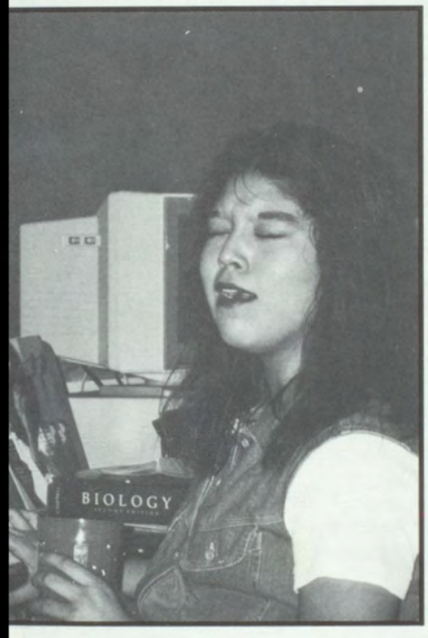


BPA L to R: (Front:) Susan Zepeda, Janet Eschberger, Beth Wolbrueck, Karen Remmert (Middle:) Lacy Leschber, Christina Caldera, Michelle Flippin (Back:) Abby Turner, Brennan Carlson, Jennifer Winkler, Shelly Roznovak, Suzanne Strmiska.





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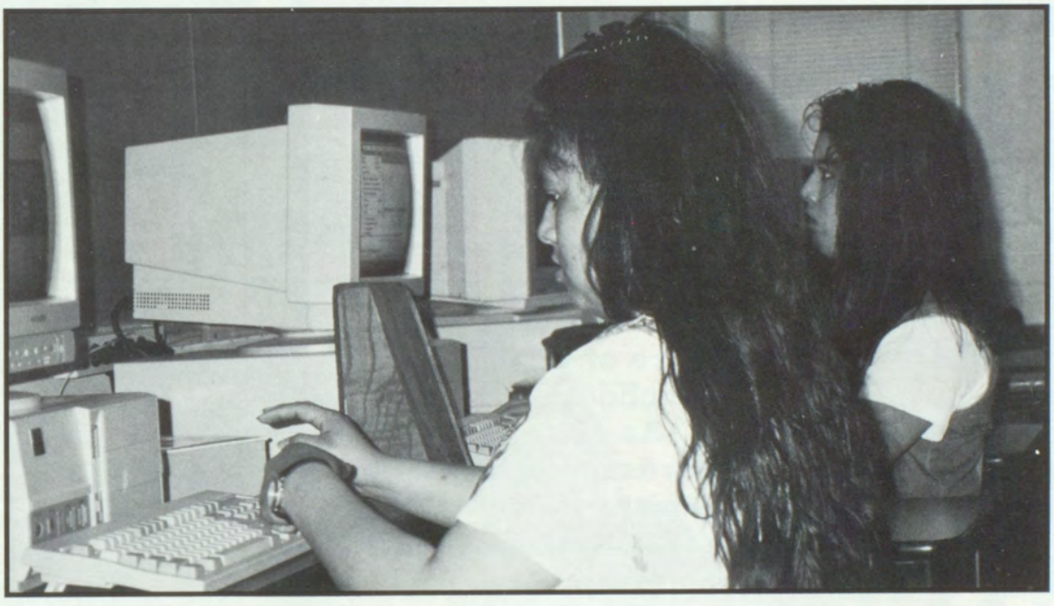
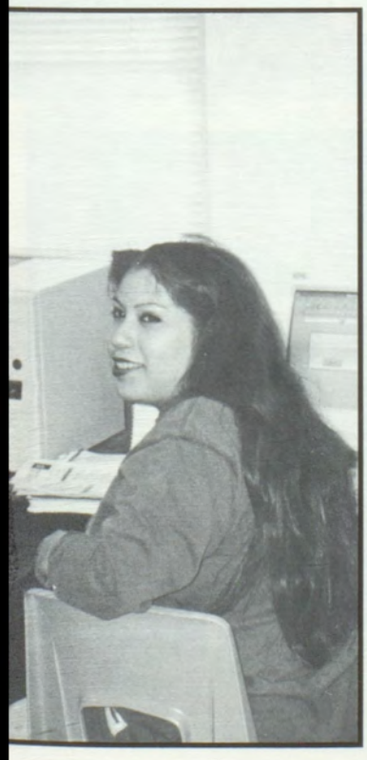






FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA

FTA



"A lot was accomplished in FTA this year. The district convention which was held here in Taylor was hard to get ready for but rewarding in the end."

-President, Karyn Schaefer

Future Teachers of America was once again a very productive organization. This year, the Taylor Chapter of Future Teachers hosted the District Convention here at Taylor High. This convention provided members with useful information of how different levels of government are run. Students got the chance to participate in the operation of these various forms of government.

Once again, Future Teachers joined forces with the Latin Club at Christmas time to adopt a foster child. This gave members the opportunity to share of themselves to brighten up the holidays of someone less fortunate. As always, Taylor Future Teachers assisted in providing the community, as well as the state, with a more promising tomorrow.





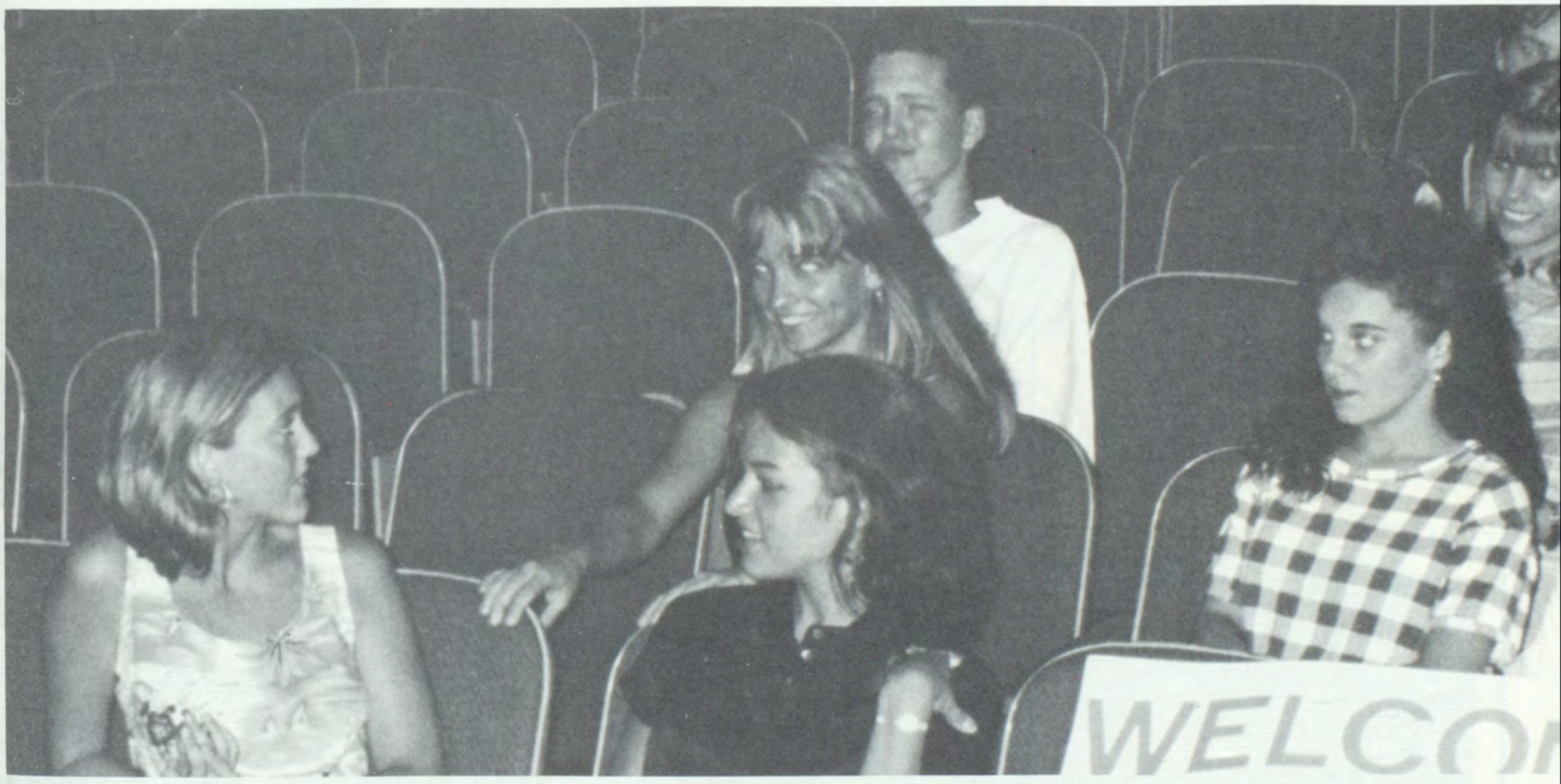
1995-96 FTA Members







FTA Officers: Jennifer Winkler, Libby Littlejohn, Melanie Behrends, Abby Turner, Karyn Schaefer, Tracy Jezek, Vanessa Dykowski, *Spam*uel Windham.





←← Allison David and Autumn Schneider show their appreciation for Taylor.

↖ Mrs. Schaefer, FTA sponsor, discusses future FTA plans.

↑↑↖ I second that motion!!! Sam Windham gets a little too excited about a nomination at the district convention.

↑ What do ya'll think about that? Abby Turner asks her fellow FTA members what they thought about Mrs. Pasemann's speech.

← Welcome ladies and gentlemen! Melanie Behrends calls order at the district convention.

COTTON BOLL

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Where's that story!?! Scan that ad! We need pictures for this! Those were frantic pleas heard coming from Room 207 every time a new issue of the *Cotton Boll* was about to come out.

The Cotton Boll had some major changes this year. We had a new advisor, a new layout, and a whole new crop of reporters. Mary Macmanus whirled into Taylor High School with a new attitude for the newspaper. No more messing around and leaving early for lunch. Now it was time to get down to business, and this meant work, work, work, and DEADLINES!

We learned a valuable lesson this year in Cotton Boll; it's called responsibility! As we spent long hours after school frantically typing in stories, scanning pictures, and correcting typos for a paper that was due to the press yesterday. We were learning skills in time management, organization, and computer skills.

Somehow, we always managed to pull it off, though. We had a blast selling the papers to our fellow students and practicing our sales pitches. We had a lat of fun working together, too. We had a great group of talented and hard-working sophomores, juniors, and seniors!

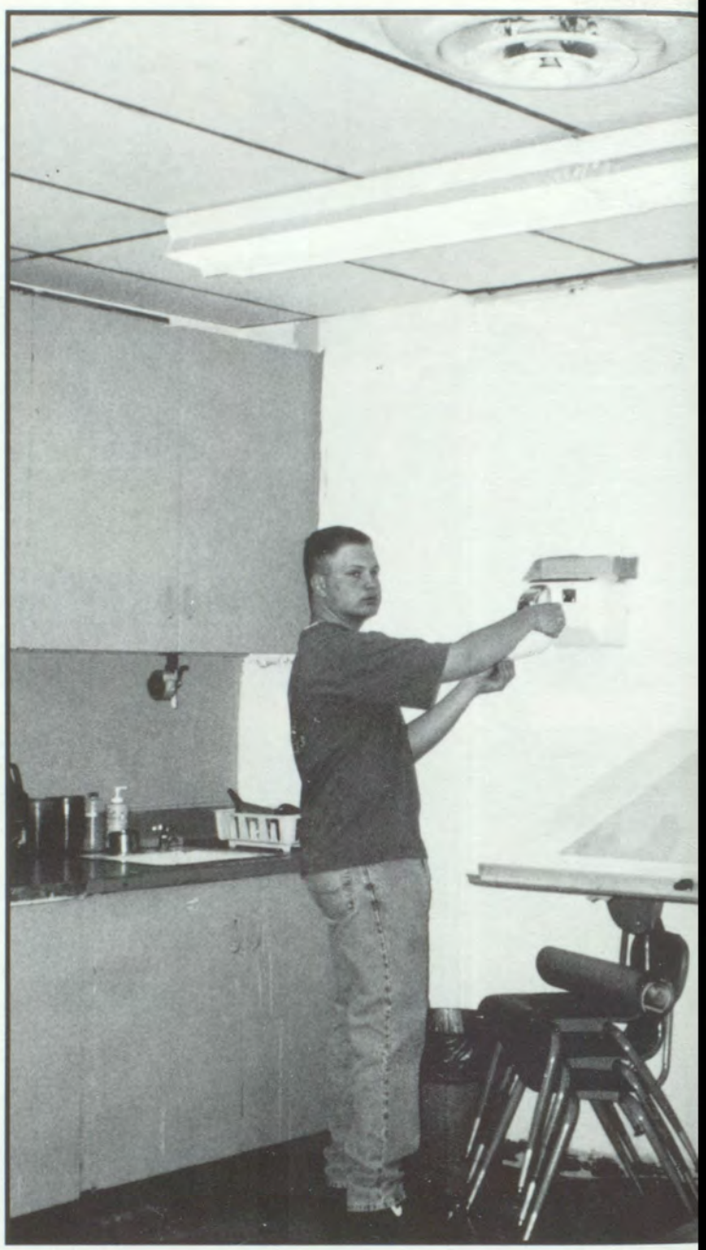
Finally, everything came together for the senior issue, our pride and joy, and the chance for the seniors to say, Hallelujah, we're outta here!

-Melanie Behrends



This year being editor not only taught me about hard work, but I saw the work put in by others as well.

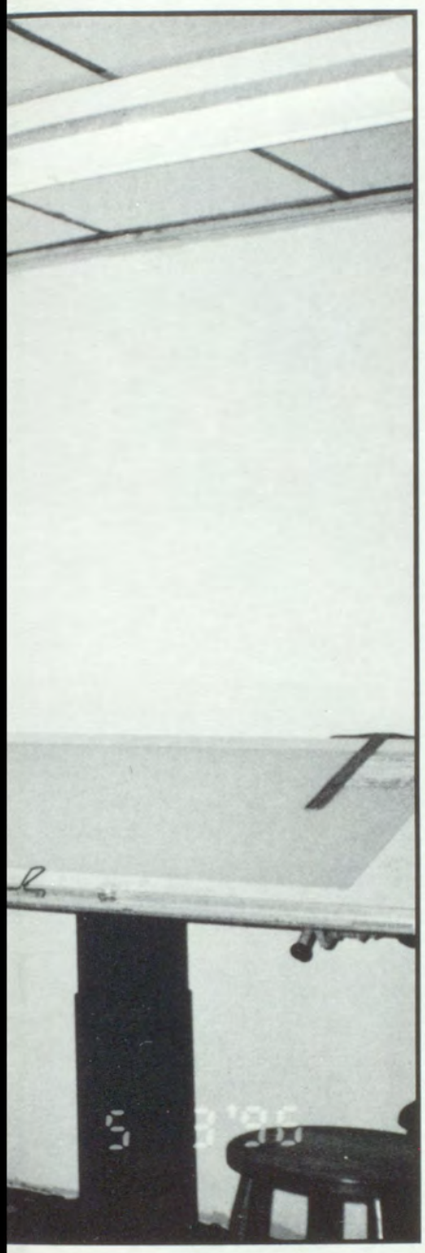
-Melanie Behrends

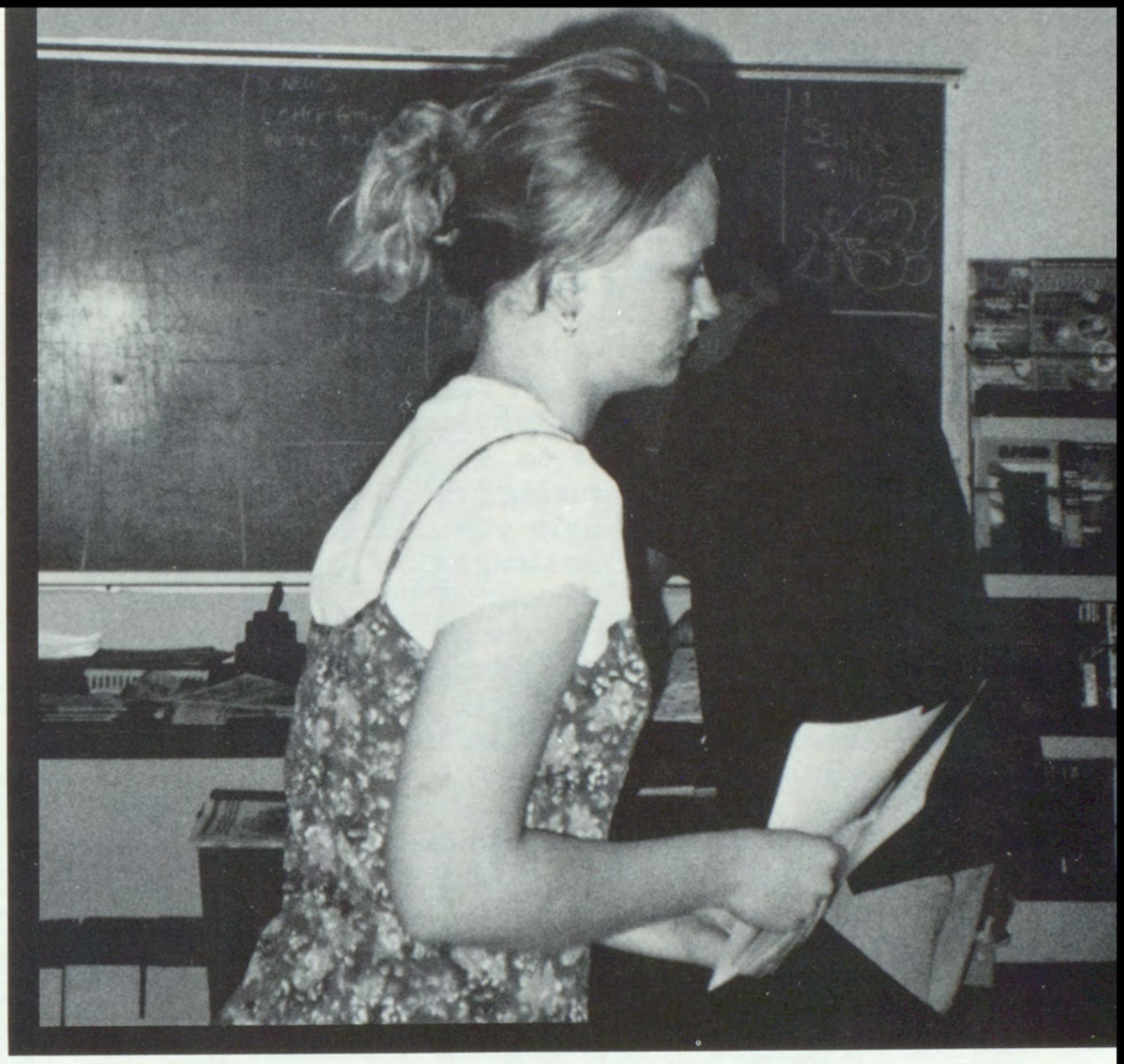




Front; Kathleen Koenig, Spencer Maxwell, Allison Jones, Melanie Behrends, Mike Laurence, Sherri Marcon back: Mrs. Macmanus, Meredith Macuk, Brady Kolenevosky, Dustin Dean-Masse, Truett Melde







I hate the smell of chemicals!! Brady Kolenovsky thoroughly washes his hands after using some pugnant dark room chemicals.

That's not how you spell Ruthven!!! Allison Behrends checks through some copy for spelling and grammatical errors.

Organization is the key. Sherri Marcon works to keep all the Cotton Boll files organized





Editors: Kathleen Koenig, Spencer Maxwell, Melanie Behrends, Mike Laurence, Shelly Marcon

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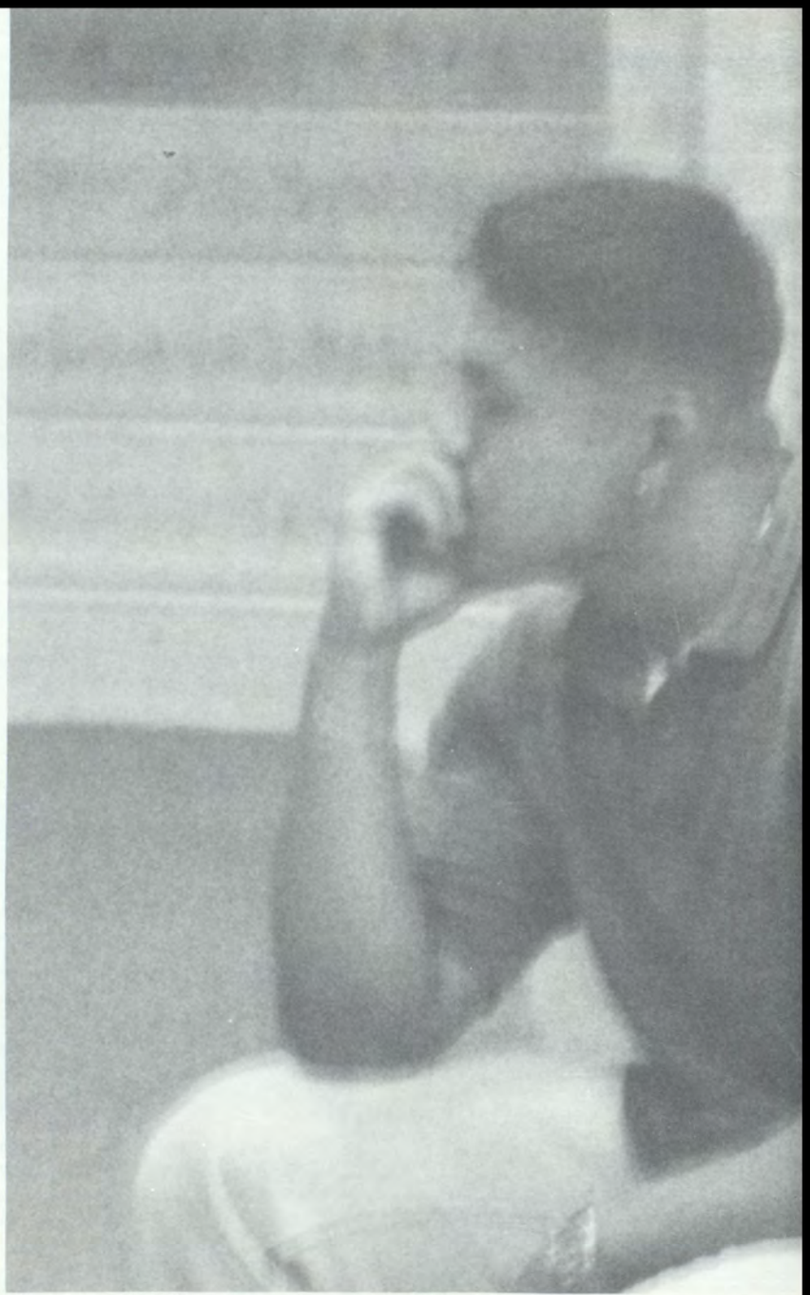
DUCK PALS

ASSISTING PEERS FOR A BETTER FUTURE

Monday through Friday, seven dedicated high school students travel to Taylor Middle School during 5th period trying to help younger peers cope with the struggles of life. These high school students volunteer to take time out of their busy schedules and help solve the problems young adolescents will not share with adults. During the year, Duck Pals have built a strong relationship with younger students and have made it clear that the greatest reward is watching their peers achieve goals which the Pals helped to aim towards.

→ Are you sleeping William? William Mendez thinks really hard about his Duck Pal duties.

→ Ya'll smile pretty now! Jaime Lannen and her Middle School peer take a brief break to smile for the camera.







1996 Duck Pals: (L to R) William Mendez, Mason Miller, Matt Pullen, Brian Rieger. (top) Amanda Stafford, Tracey Jezek, Jaime Lannen.









↑ Shouldn't you be in class? Brian Rieger entertains other students in the Student Center.

← Just chillin'! Brian Rieger, William Mendez, Jaime Lannen, and Amanda Stafford hang out in the Student Center after returning from the Middle School.

↞ Are you having fun? Amanda Stafford has fun entertaining herself after a hectic day at the Middle School.

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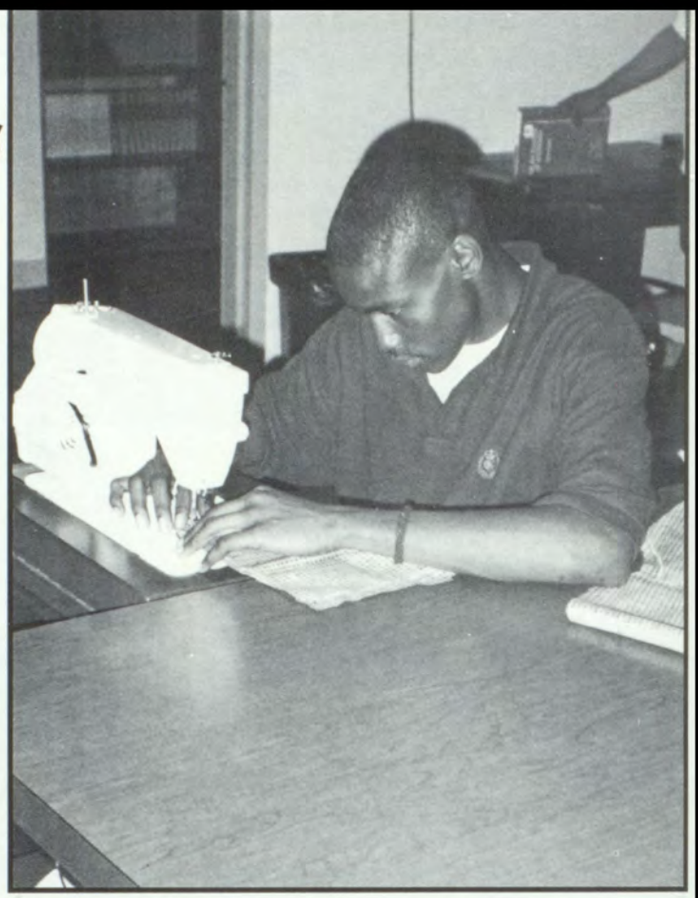
FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

FHA

The FHA creed, "We are the builders of homes, homes for America's future. Homes where truth, love, security and faith will be realities, not dreams," best delineates the idea of FHA. The home is where the foundation for a person's entire future is laid. Learning to cook, clean and all the other chores often unfairly stereotyped as being mundane are only a small part of FHA. More importantly, through all of their hard work and homemaking experience, FHA members learned about the responsibility and effort required to successfully run a home. As they continue through life, the skills that they have learned will prove to be more beneficial than they could ever imagine.



↗ Wave Everyone!!! Several members of FHA and Hero show off their float in the Homecoming parade.

→→ Can't you see I'm trying to work here!!! Xavier Mackey is so intent on his work that he doesn't ever notice a sneaky photographer.

"I think it taught people valuable life skills that they will appreciate later in life."
-Truett Melde



↘ Oh! Now I see! Celia Diaz is grateful to receive some facilitative advice from Mrs. Nelson.



Officers: Nicole Cantu, Markell Autrey, Krishondra Jackson, Back: James Jackson, Tammi Blackwell, Tyrone Davis.



1995-1996 FHA MEMBERS



Home is where the heart is.

HERO



Stephanie Torres



Celia Diaz

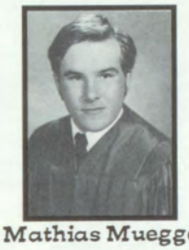


Regan Grieger

1995-'96 HERO Officers



Shumeka Johnson

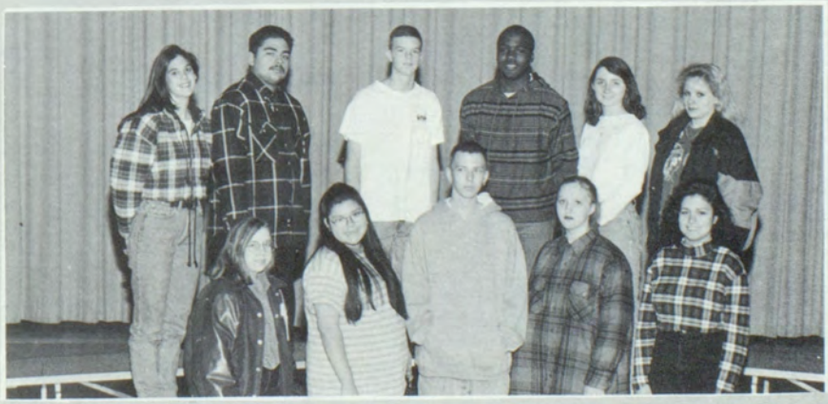


Mathias Muegge

Home is where the heart is. This phrase describes the thoughts and attitude of all the Members of Hero. Throughout the year, Hero (Home Economics Related Program) worked hard to learn the skills necessary to establish and maintain a good home. From sewing to cooking they found out the tremendous amount of work required to compete any home-ec. task. Not only did they learn about the work involved with the upkeep of a home but they also began to develop the valuable leadership and problem solving skills necessary in the home.







1995-96 HERO Members: (Front) Courtney Grau, Stephanie Torres, Scott Blanchard, Anna Dodgen, Leslie Garner; (Back) Laura Gossett, Mario Luna, Shane Hetzel, Jonathan Houston, Erica Stuchly, Brandy Holder

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FFA

Future Farmers of America

There were many clubs at THS to join, but if you wanted to learn about agriculture, horticulture, or even raising animals, then Future Farmers of America was the club to have been a part of. FFA provided much experience so that understanding the responsibility of managing a farm or ranch was an easier task than it was before. It was also vital learning the importance of careful planning and management in order to produce only the best crops and livestock. FFA members had many activities during the year. One of the biggest and most well known was the Williamson County Livestock Show. When you hear FFA, you may think,"Oh that's for hicks and farmers!" Well, that's not all they were. FFA involved much hard work. These farmers were prepared to raise crops for feeding and making clothes and also raising animals for food and many other things. Cows and pigs were not all these members raised either. There were many other animals such as rabbits, chickens, and sheep. These animals required much hard work, time, and effort. To many FFA members these animals became a big part of their owners' lives and were possibly even considered a member of the family. FFA was an extremely important club here at THS and to the city as it provided students with the knowledge of farming and animals, and will continue to do so for many years to come.

↗ Amanda Schwartz poses with her hog, Baby, before going to the Livestock Show.

↗ Paul Schroeder waits as his hog is judged.



→ Justin Moldenhour and Joey Quebe repair a tire for a farm truck.

↓Lance Richter keeps himself busy by working on the farm and its equipment.

→→↑ Joey Quebe, Seth Carnes, Lance Richter, and Stephen Lefner sit around and wait as the judges complete the judging.

→→ These Future Farmers take time to take a quick pic before loading up and heading out to the farm.







1995-1996 FFA Members: front row L to R: Tami Blackwell, Marty Ruble, Justin Valchar, Lance Richter, Joey Quebe, Amanda Schwartz, Matt Parsons, Hunter Poldrack. second row: Josh Samuelson, Matthew Raschke, Patrick Roepke, James Vanderford, Trey Turner, Russell Schmidt,Jeff Ochoa. third row: Mr. Kurtz, Paul Schroeder, Jeremy Quebe, Matt Gillum, Eli Mayers, Stephen Zucknick, Matt Richter, Brice Boeker and Matthew Johnson.

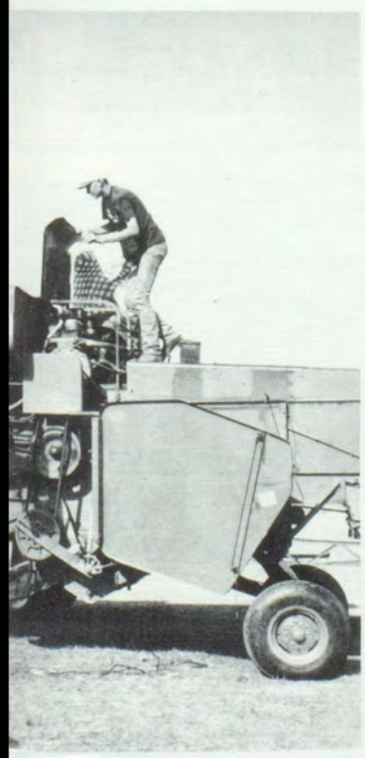














1995-1996 FFA Officers: L to R: Marty Ruble, Matt Richter, Lance Richter, Paul Schroeder, and Hunter Poldrack.

ICT
Industrial Cooperative Training

Industrial Cooperative Training taught students how to deal with the responsibility of having a job and how to get along with bosses, co-workers, and older people. The teacher was Mr. Tennill, and he made sure the members of ICT were doing what they're supposed to.

Mr. Tennill was also the sponsor of Vocation Industrial Clubs of America (VICA). It was a club that got involved in the community and taught us how to earn a living and make money.

Having a job taught us how to deal with the real world. They also taught us about getting along with different people and allowed us to start future plans if you wanted to stay in that career field.





"ICT is good hands on training and it can be beneficial to your resume."

Melinda Stansbury

We're hard workin' men! The ICT class works hard!

That laughing gas makes me feel kinda funny! Jamye Grimm relaxes at work.



ICT Officers. L-R: Lance Richter, Matt Richter, Jamye Grimm, Melinda Stansbury, Andy Wuensche.



Front Row-L to R: Shane Prinz, Santos Alderete, Jamye Grimm, Melinda Stansbury, Terry Ortiz. Second Row: Aaron Pundsack, Matt Richter, Brice Boecker, Greg Artieschoufsky, Martin Ruble, Justin Rowland. Back: James Polasek, Andy Wuensche, Stephen Lefner, Greg Ladner, Patrick Ruempke, Steven Zucknick, Lance Richter.



CO-OP DECA

Workin' hard! Wade McAlpine and Justin Moldenhour concentrate on their work.

Let's see here! Laura Larson works hard at the Taylor Cleaners.

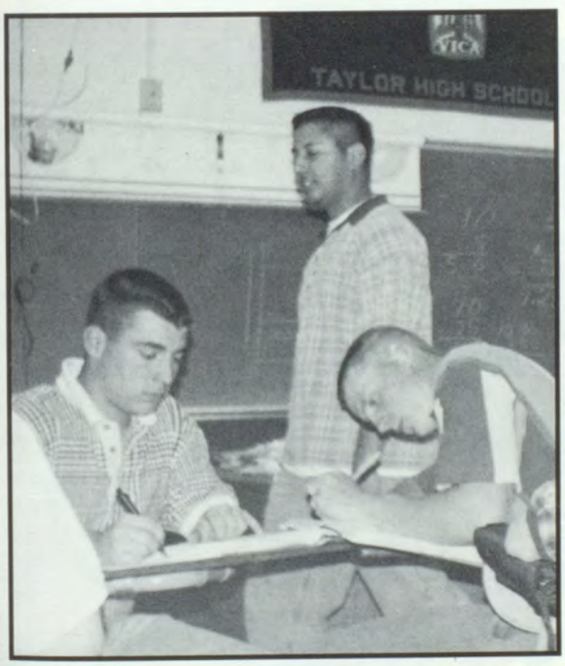


DECA Officers: L to R: Amber Johle and Syrissa Balusek

Students in the COOP program, Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), really got involved this school year. They were a part of the Marketing and Education program. It was a vocational class for students who worked at a grocery store, retail clothing store, jewelry store, etc. They also must have taken high school classes.

DECA was sponsored by Mrs. Tennill. This organization was a good way for students to get involved in the real world, and it gave them a chance to earn money. Mrs. Tennill helped us get a job in the field that we wanted and that we were interested in.

DECA had to do with the sale of a product, service, or an idea. Having these jobs helped us realize that there was more to life than just school and partying. They helped us grow up a little.





"It's good experience for the work field."

-Ryan Stevens





Bottom Row-L to R: Charlene Pittman, Amber Johle, Ryan Stevens, Syrissa Balusek, Michelle Urbanek, Christie Haag. Top Row: Christie Pyle, Jeremy Rathke, Travis Flint, Miguel Sandoval, Trey Krueger, Jenny Roznovak, Kristen Holubec.

ART CLUB

Art. What is Art? Are we art? As a matter of fact we are art and so is everything around us. In Art Club and classes we learned how to appreciate art and its history. Due to various fundraisers, we were able to have two field trips. During football season we sold tatoos and posters, and for Valentine's Day we sold heart shaped suckers. For our first trip, we went to the San Antonio Zoo to admire nature's art. The second trip was to the IMAX Theater in the Riverwalk Mall in San Antonio. While at the mall, a few guys ate lunch at a well known restaurant. There Pedro Gutierrez celebrated his 31st birthday (he's not really that old).



Art Club Officers: Mary Ellen Luera and Brady Kolenovsky. Not pictured Veronica Alderete and Jamie Grimm.



→↓ Amanda Reyes, Nancy Pina, Veronica Alderete, Elsa Gamez, Mary Ellen Luera pose for a picture on the way to San Antonio.

→→ Fun on the bus!! These Art Club members show that the bus ride can be fun.



"What are you looking at?!!"

-angry bear at the San Antonio Zoo



ART CLUB MEMBERS

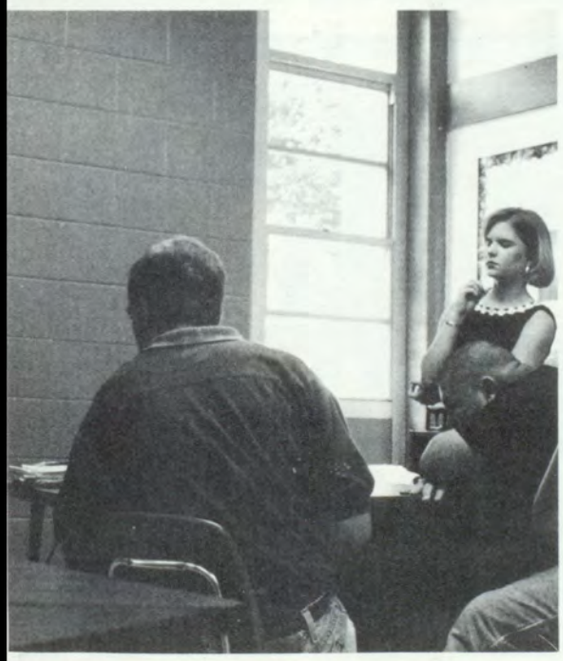


TAME

TEXAS ALLIANCE FOR MINORITY ENGINEERS



Texas Alliance for Minority Engineers, TAME, had a great year. TAME provided an opportunity for students to find an engineering field that they could enjoy. This year TAME members participated in a live nationwide teleconference sponsered by the National Techonological University, where they learned how engineering plays a role in society. Next, Brian Caldwell, Tonya Cook, Brandon George, and Brandon Hanacik attended the Society of Women Engineers Confernce at Texas A&M University. There they got the scoop on engineering from college students and professors. In the spring we visited the DOW Chemical Plant, where we learned about engineering in the work place.





↑ ↞ Off to work we go. These TAME students prepare themselves for a tour of the DOW Chemical Plant.
↞ TAME members discuss their future plans of engineering.
← Sterling Brinson thinks about what engineering means to him.
↓ ← Brian Caldwell, Brandon George, Tonya Cook, and Brandon George stand outside of the Texas A&M engineering building.





TAME members: (1st row): Lisa Hewtty, Amy Gonzales, Brian Caldwell, Tonya Cook, Gaberial Carrizales, Spencer Maxwell. (2nd row): Mrs. Kaughbal (sponser), Marcus Shelton, Andres Flores, Justin Strickland, Matt Reeves, Brandon George, Sterling Brinson, Derrick King, Ralphie Campos, Brandon Hanacik

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SOCCER
KICKIN IT UP



This was the first year that soccer was introduced to Taylor High School. The person who made this possible was the great Mrs. McAferty. She was behind every workshop and got a team together. She also looked for our coaches who were Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Betak. When soccer got to Taylor High School, it was a brand new experience for some of us. The first few weeks of practice were total chaos. As the days progressed the soccer team tried and gave it their best effort to make the soccer season successful. Throughout the year we played many teams and went out on the field with great Duck pride. Whatever happens in the future, soccer will always be in each and every one of our hearts.



We learned that it takes a lot of team work and determination to have a successful team.
-Elsa Gamez

↗ Michael Beneke, Jason Ward, Sterling Brinson, Blake Ward, and Santos Yanis show off their new uniforms.

↘ James Vanderford, Chris Talley and John Wyatt take time before a game to get a quick picture.



1995-1996 Soccer Team



Boys Soccer team: (L to R) Chris Talley, Nathan Dixon, John Wyatt, Blake Ward, James Vanderford (back) Coach Betak, Coach Hernandez, Santos Yanis, Jason Ward, Michael Beneke, Chris Wyatt, Sterling Brinson, Coach Talley



EVER NEEDED MORE SPACE TO SIGN?

It took the combined effort of the entire Mallard Staff to design this page.

FCA

A FEELING OF FAMILY

Getting an organization started is a large task. Dedication, devotion and a strong belief in what you are doing combined with the ability to overcome obstacles is a must. This year a number of students decided they wanted to start a Fellowship of Christian Athletes on our campus. It wasn't an easy task, but after much determination, this became a reality.

One might ask what this organization is all about. It is a group who has found an answer to some if life's most difficult questions: "Who am I?" "Where do I belong?" and "What is my purpose for being here?" All of us want to feel a part of something; this group helped us feel like a part of a family.

FCA, a forty year old organization, is nondenominational and emphasizes only foundational scripture-not specific church dogma. It's sole purpose nationwide has been to present to athletes and coaches, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of living a meaningful relationship found in the truth of the word

Everyone felt welcome at our meetings; we read, we learned, and we talked openly about our concerns and possible solutions. We learned the responsibility that comes with the freedom of choices-but most of all we learned what it meant to be a family.



"I think it's pretty good that we have a group that will get together and worship the Lord."

-Brian Rieger





↗ *So what you're sayin' is...* Sterling Brinson gets a deep thought into a FCA discussion. Brandon Hanacik and Jacob Ramos listen in.

→ *I think we should...* Melinda Stansbury discusses an upcoming meeting with Coach Lord.

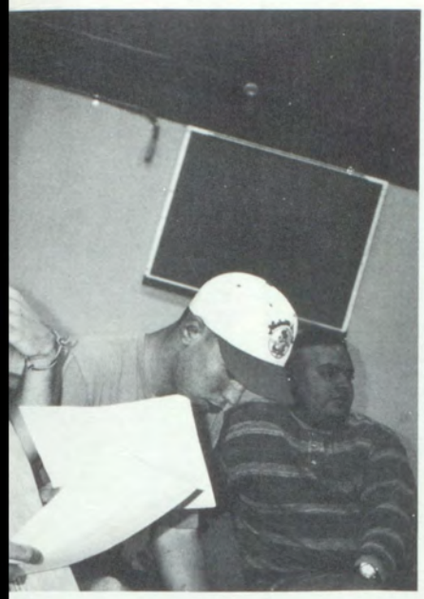
↘ *Hey, how's it goin'?...* Beth Pullen, Lauren Schwartz, Jill Winkleman, and Brandy Williams laugh at some of the happenings at school before the meeting starts.

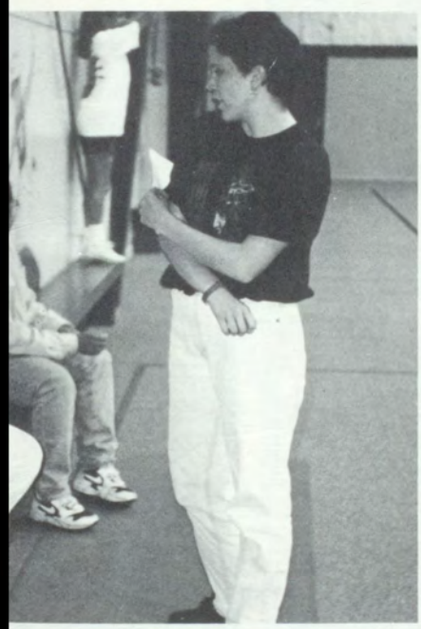
→→ *What do you think...* Andrea Wilson discusses an upcoming FCA event.

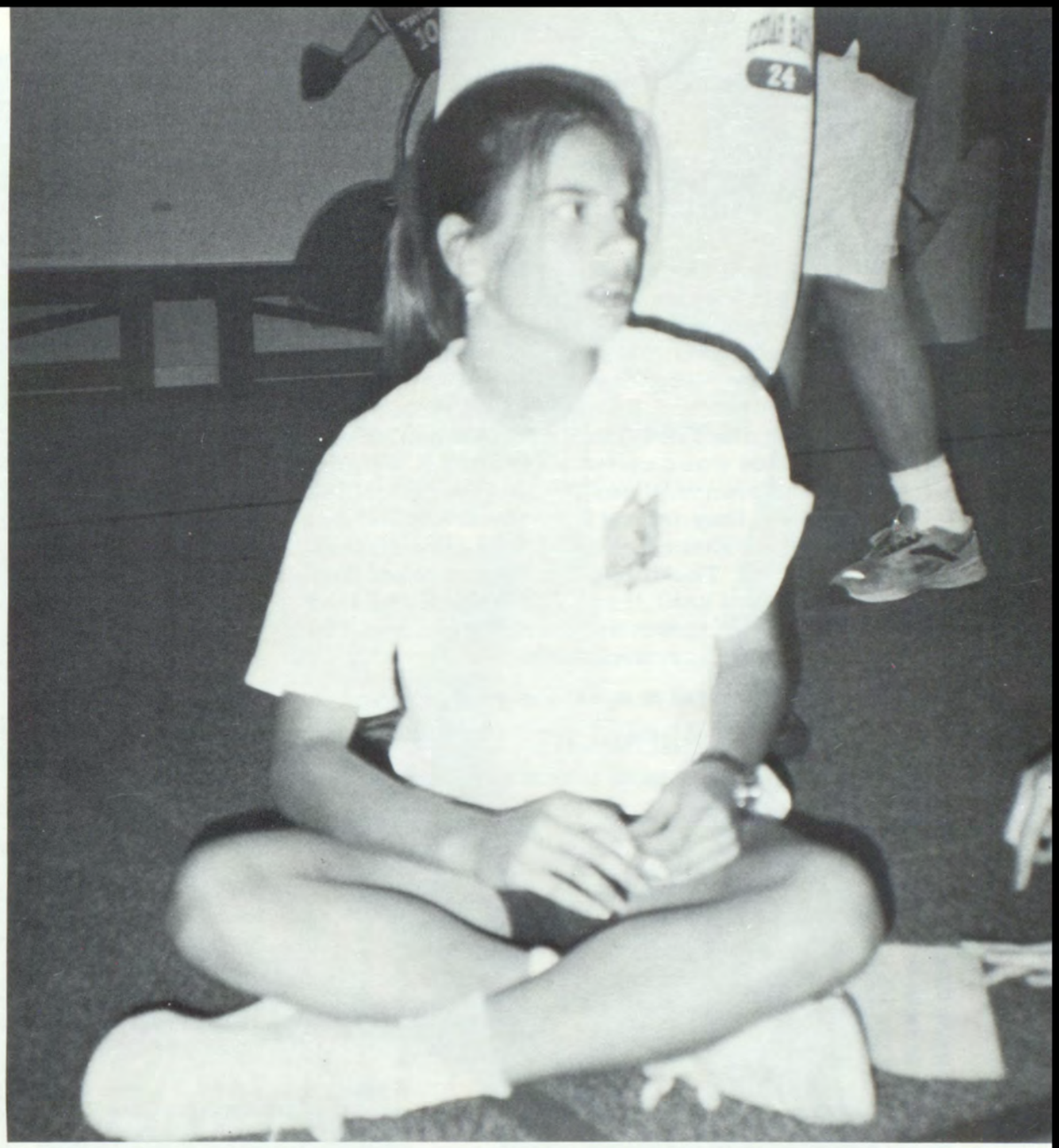


FCA Officers: (Standing L to R) Kevin Widmer, Matthew Parsons, Brian Rieger, Coach Lord; (Seated L to R) Melinda Stansbury and Marissa Bennett.













1995-96 Fellowship of Christian Athletes Members

PROM 96

Guests at the Junior/Senior prom came to this evening affair with elegance and excitement. This year's prom took lots of preparing which was fun but also hard work. This night helped everyone imagine that they were spending the evening with the stars in Hollywood. Everything was there from The Lion King and The Wizard of Oz to Casablanca. At the entrance was a runway red carpet, a water fountain, and even valet parking. As people walked into the prom, they felt as if they were at the Oscars. Everyone shone like a star and felt as if they were in heaven. The dance floor was packed and everyone danced until the night was over. All that is left of this year's prom are the memories and pictures that people have to cherish.



"Prom was cool. It sounds a bit cheesy, but I had a lot of fun on the dance floor getting my groove on and chillin with my friends."

-Dustin Dean Masse



Now Showing:

An Evening with the Stars



↗ Smile for the camera!! Brittany Matoska and Mark Murdock look like they are having fun at the prom.

→ Shake it! Nancy Pina, Beatriz Hernandez and Amanda Reyes aren't afraid to show they can dance.

↘ Freshmen servers: Carmen Razo, Josh Schernik, Brett Helbert, and Travis Rozosky worked hard to make this year's prom a success.



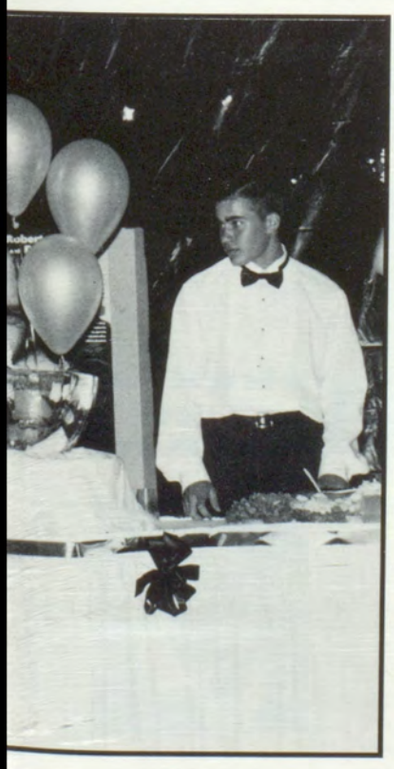
Prom '96 Court: Derrick King-Prince, Jennifer Winkler-Princess, Leslie Garner-Princess, Matthew Olivarez-Prince













↗ Aren't they cute!!! Prom Queen, Kathleen Koenig, and Prom King, Mark Laurence, smile proudly for the camera.
↑ Jessica Lopez and Miguel Guana look like they are having a good time at the prom. "Look, Jessica, it's our turn to get out on the dance floor."

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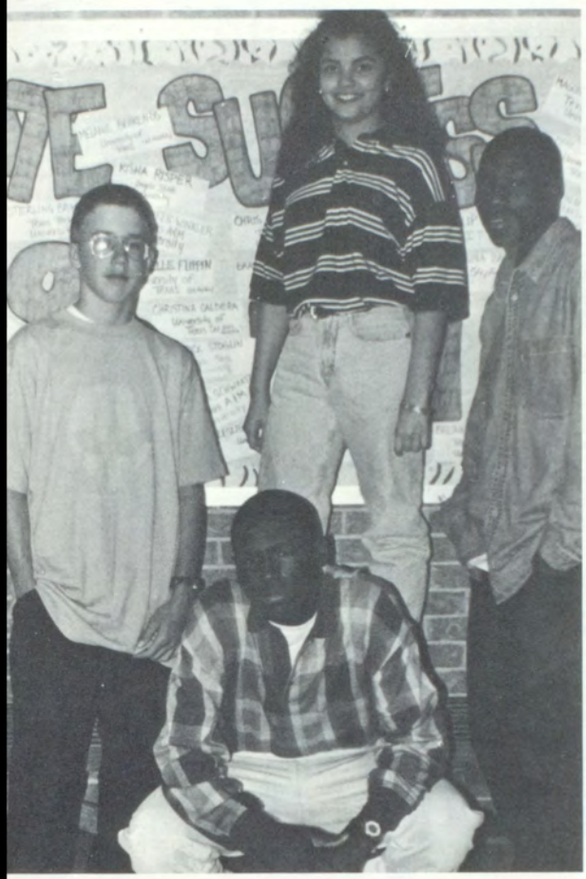

Fish

(Clockwise from top) Cindy Terrazes, Frank Henry, Jeff Davis, Guy Oliphant, and Randa Stiba (not pictured)

Sophs



(Top l-r) Johnny King, Chris Gonzales; (Bottom l-r) Marisa Bennett, April Hennington

Keenan Frank



Chad Pitts



Tisha Gonzales



Brett Gola



Juniors

Trissa Campbell



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Mr. THS

Derrick King



1996

Most Likely to Succeed

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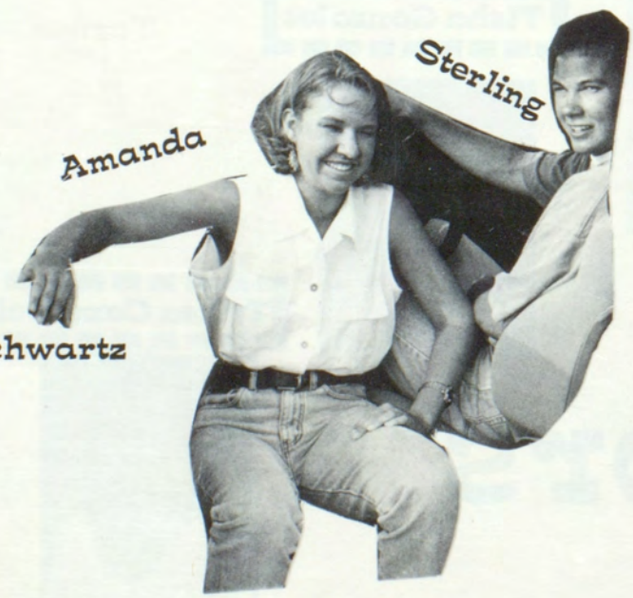

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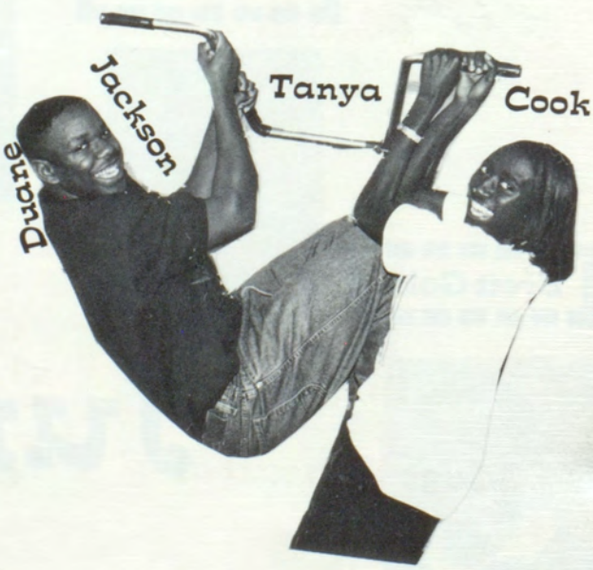
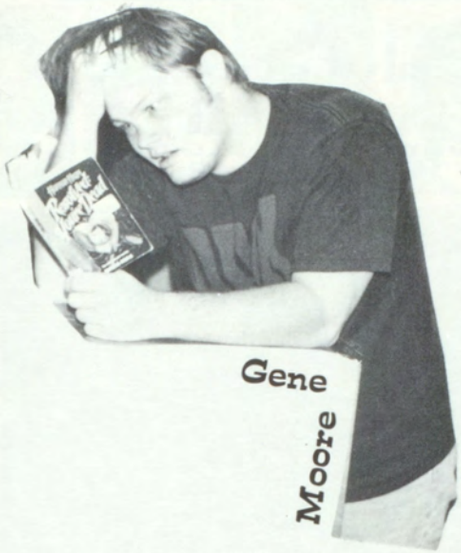
Duane Jackson

Tanya Cook





Gene Moore

Most Intelligent



Mark Laurence

Most Friendly



Michelle Filippin



Jezek Tracy

Most Handsome



Shane Stiles Shelly Roznovak

Most Beautiful



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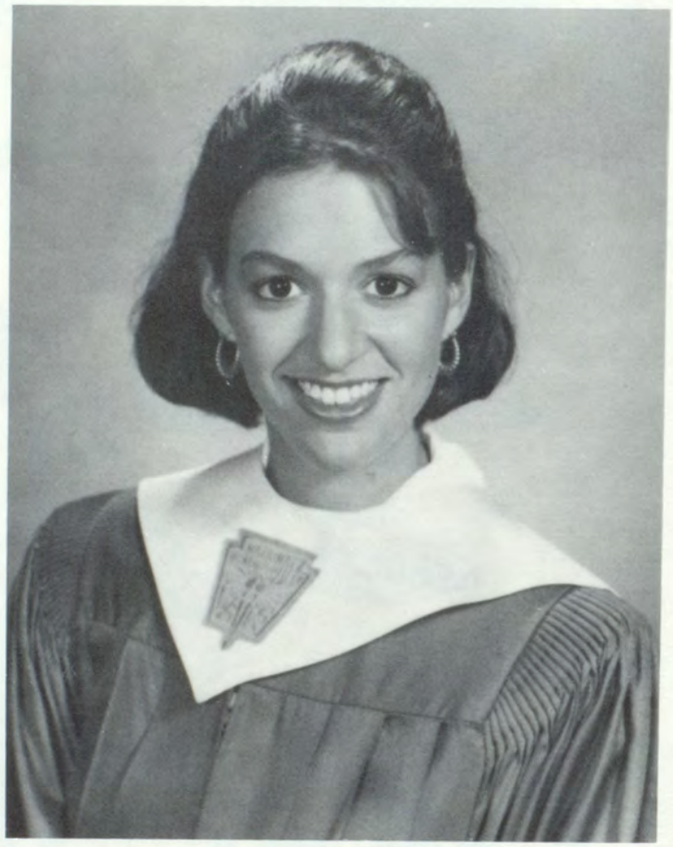

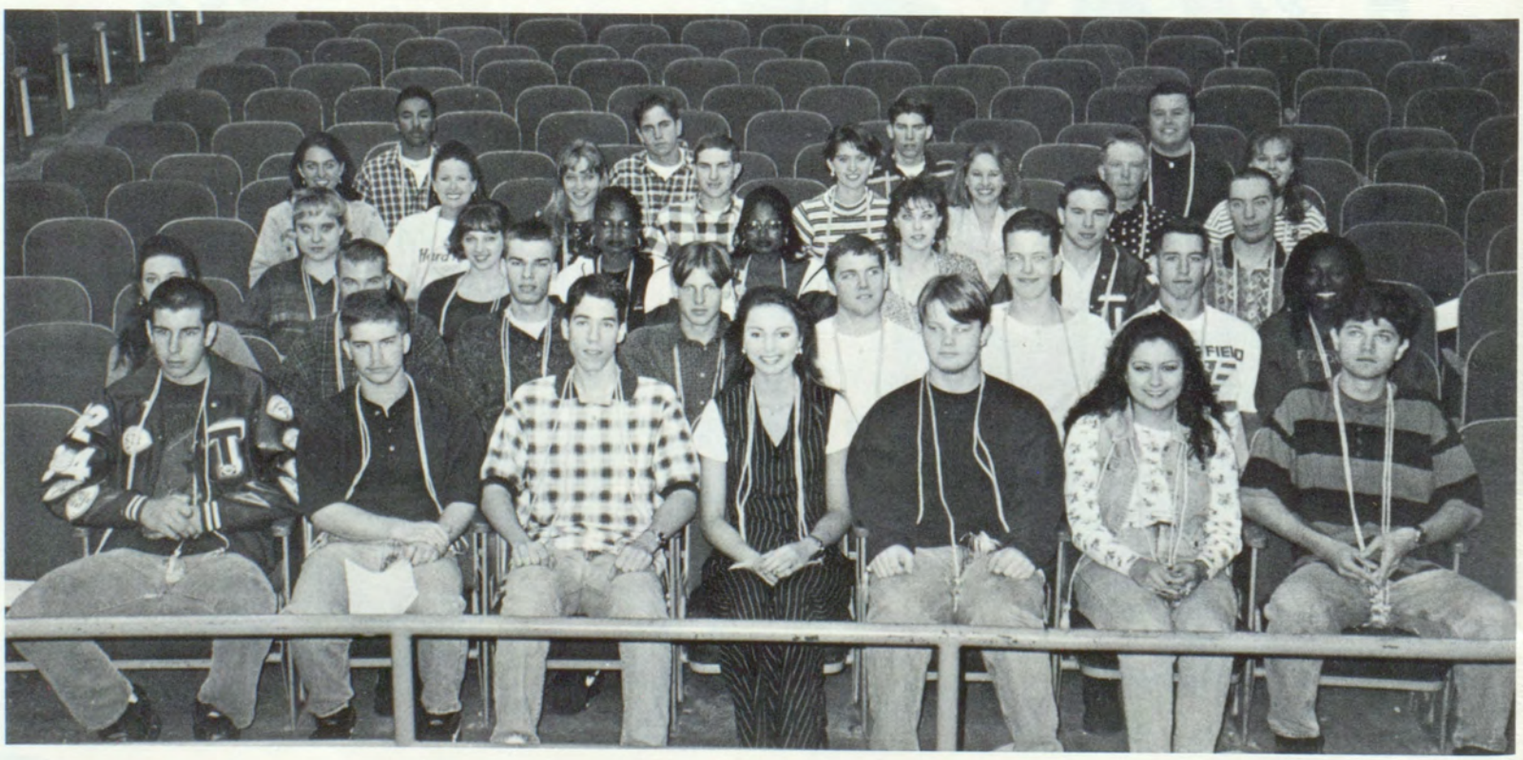

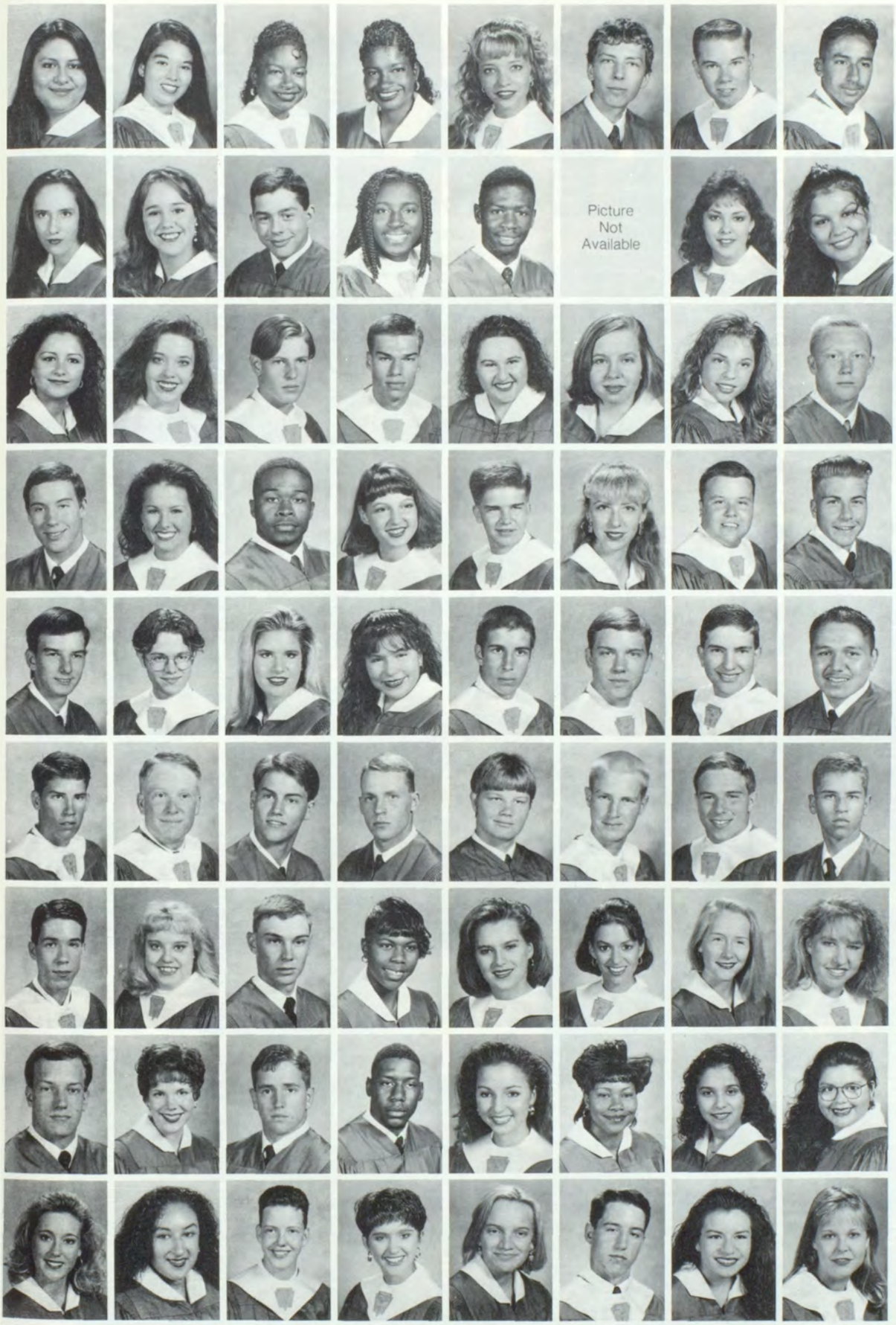

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SEE YA LATER, ALLIGATORS!
GRADUATION
AFTER WHILE CROCODILES!

The big night we had long been awaiting had finally arrived, graduation. It all began when we as a class, for the first time, assembled on the visitor's side of Memorial Field to prepare to make that infamous march around the football field to "Pomp and Circumstance". What a feeling that was to stand there in line and see all your classmates, and better yet your friends, standing in their green graduation caps and gowns, beaming with pride. It was funny how everyone seemed so grown up, yet we were all still so young.

The speeches were delivered and the class song sung. The diplomas were then distributed. The ceremony seemed like a dream. As we gathered as a class near the goalposts after the ceremony was complete, we all knew that this might be the last time we would see some of these people again. We were all to begin our separate journeys now as individuals. Although it saddens us to leave one another, our friendships will bind us together for an eternity. We will always cherish the yesterdays that we have made together. It was now time to dream of our tomorrows.













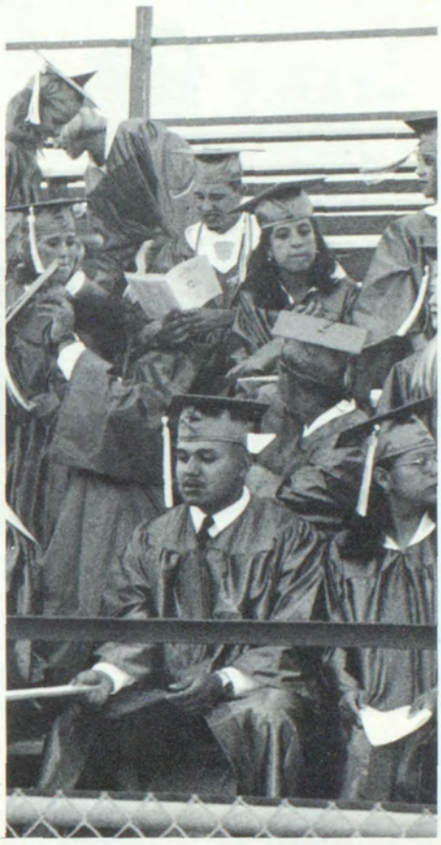








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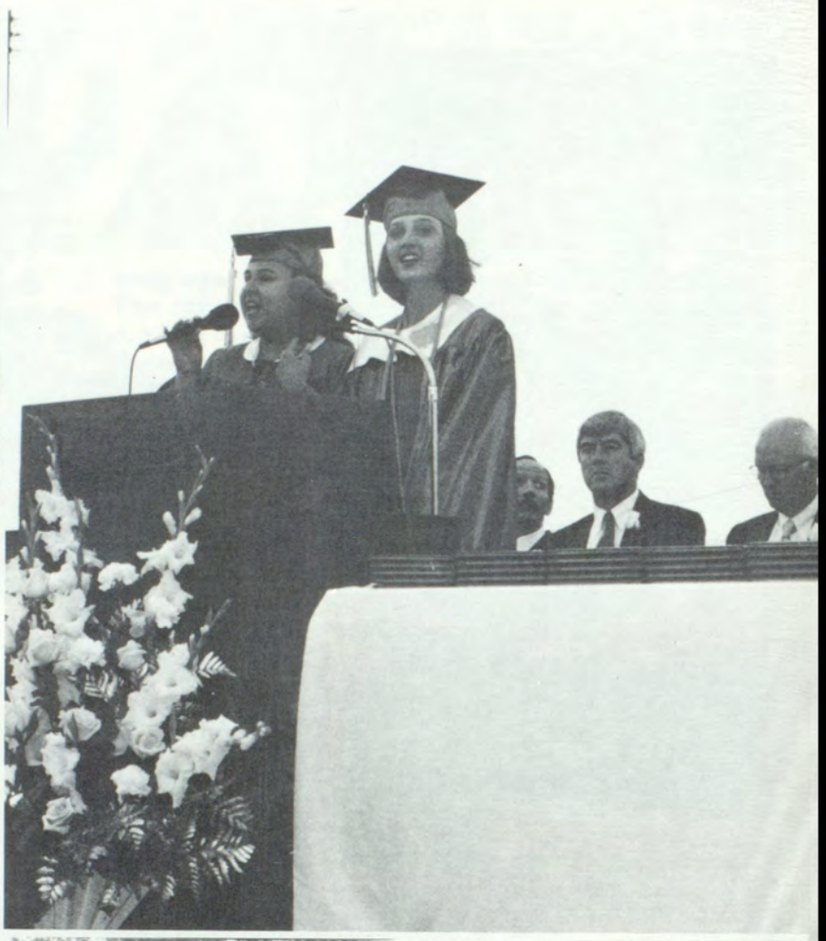















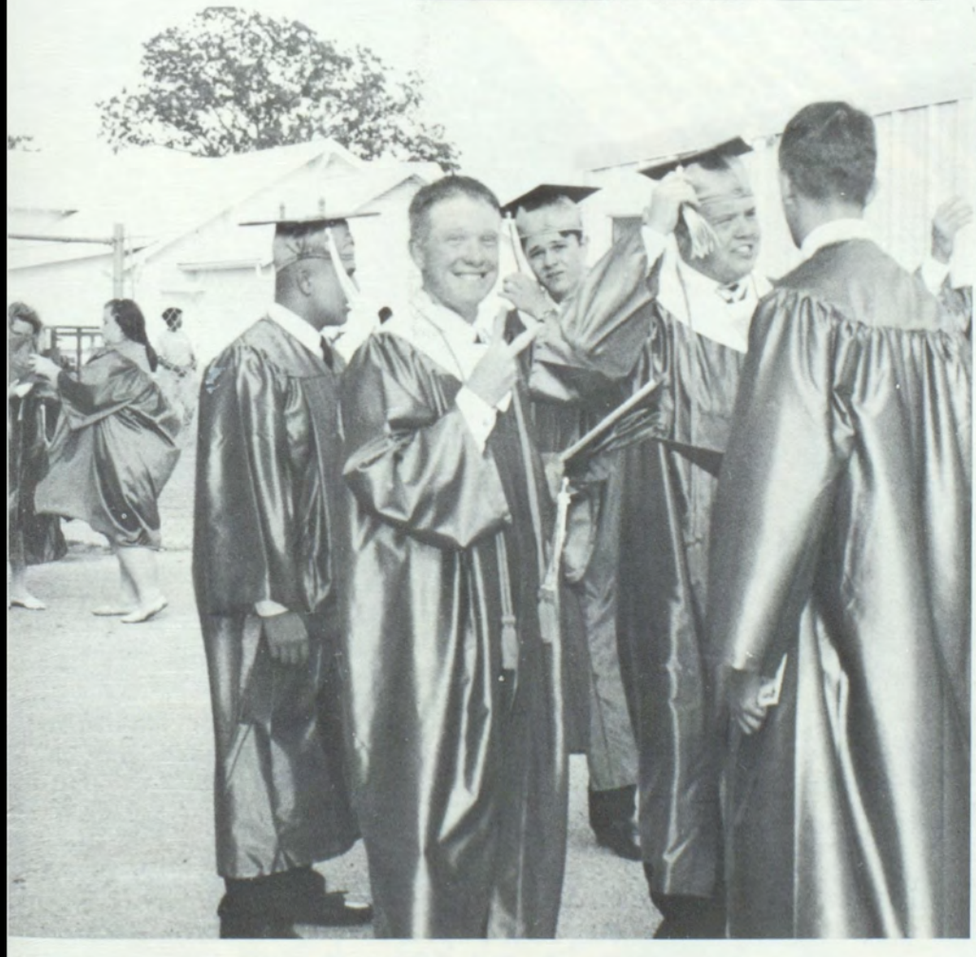

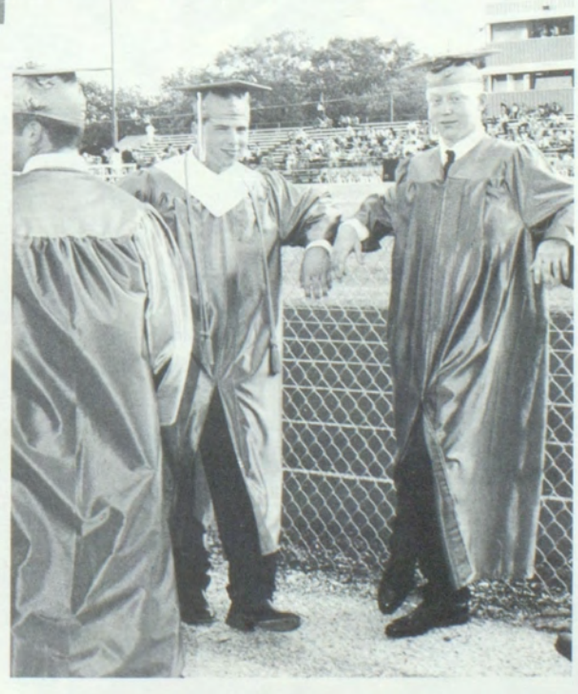

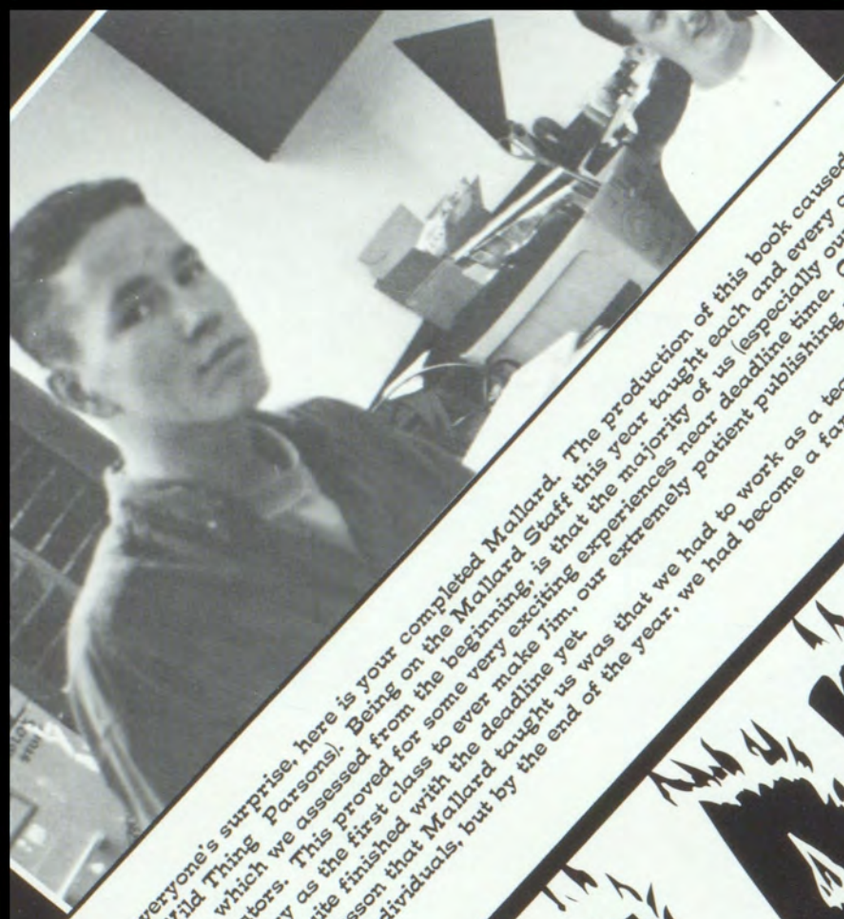



MALLARD

Much to everyone's surprise, here is your completed Mallard. The production of this book caused many people m
stress (especially Wild Thing Parsons). Being on the Mallard Staff this year taught each and every one of us some valuab
lessons. The first one, which we assessed from the beginning, is that the majority of us (especially our editors, which is okay)
are extreme procrastinators. This proved for some very exciting experiences near deadline time. Our procrastination caused
us to make Mallard history as the first class to ever make Jim, our extremely patient publishing rep., mad and cause him to
leave because we weren't quite finished with the deadline yet. Nothing will get done if you
work alone. The next important lesson that Mallard taught us was that we had to work as a team. We all began as individuals, but by the end of the year, we had become a family, with one great mom, Mrs.
Parsons.

Okay, now for the other schtuff! Our now organized office (thanks to Amanda and Tracy C.) is located at 3101 N. Main
in Taylor, Texas. The publisher of these most awesome books is Taylor Publishing Co., which is represented by the greatest guy of all,
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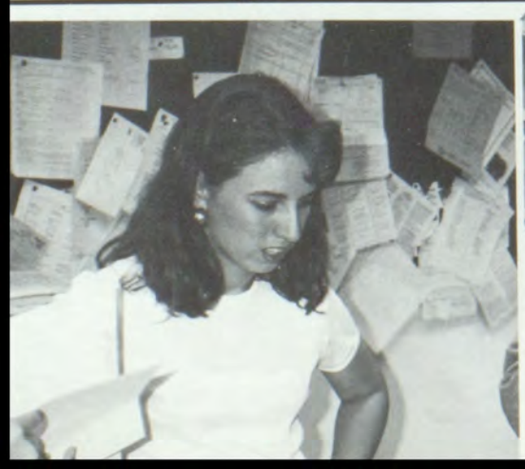



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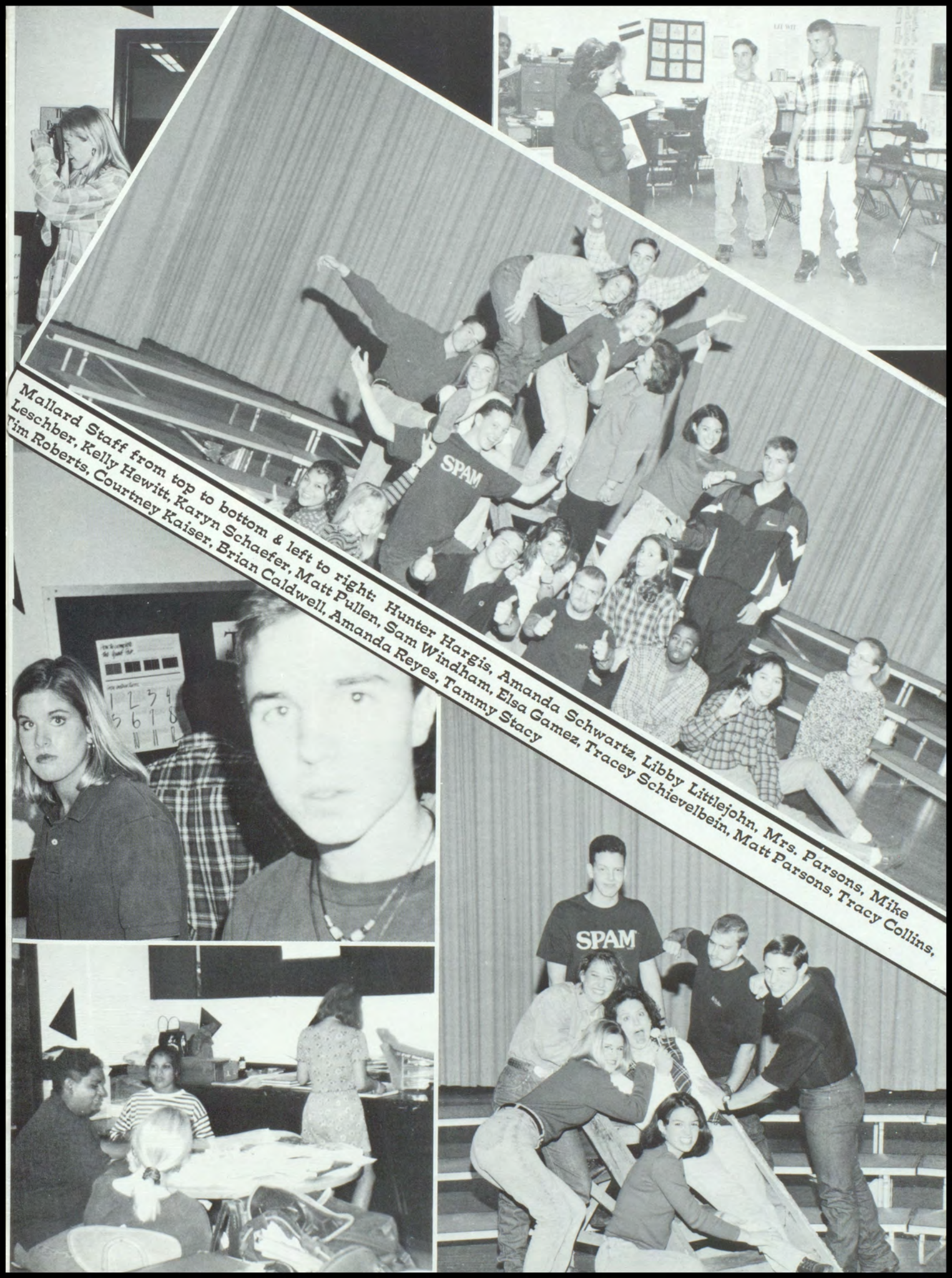

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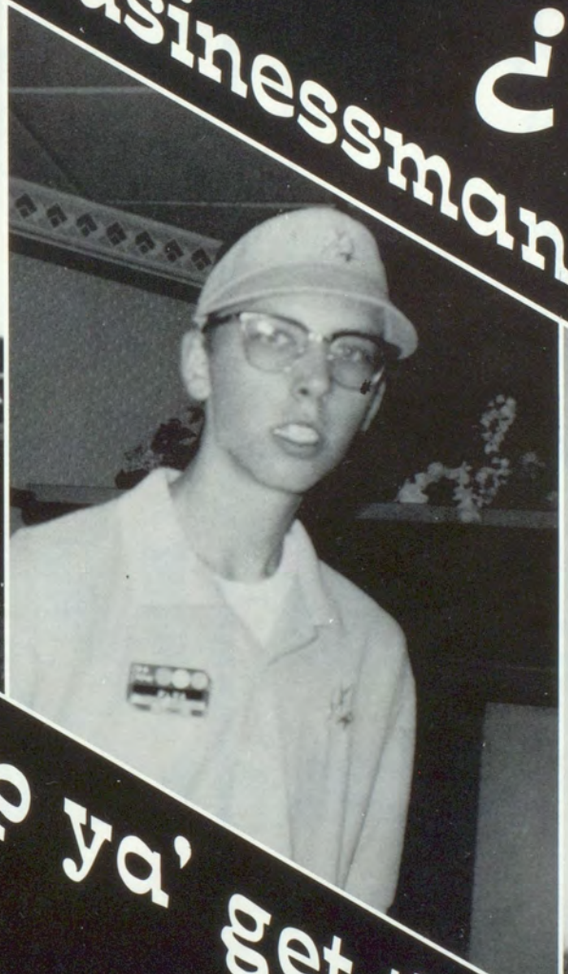

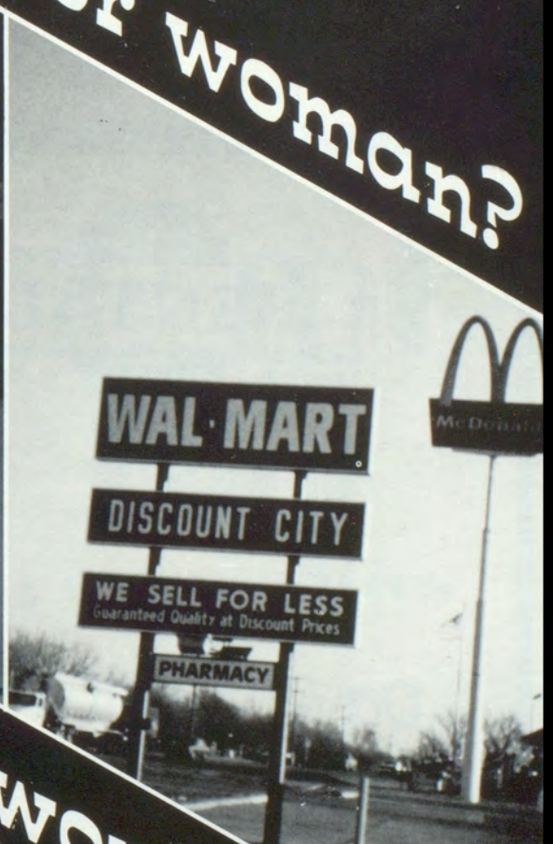

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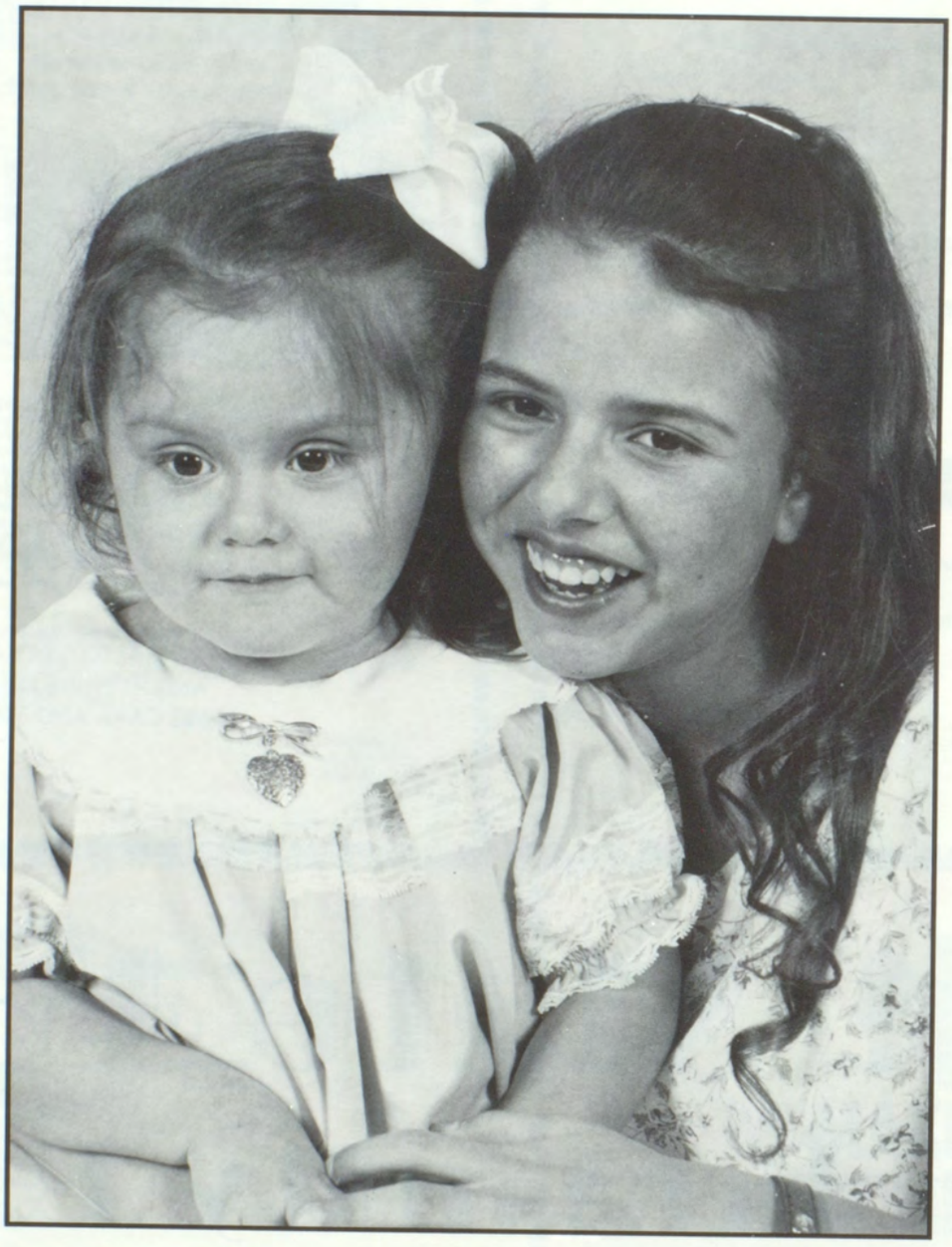

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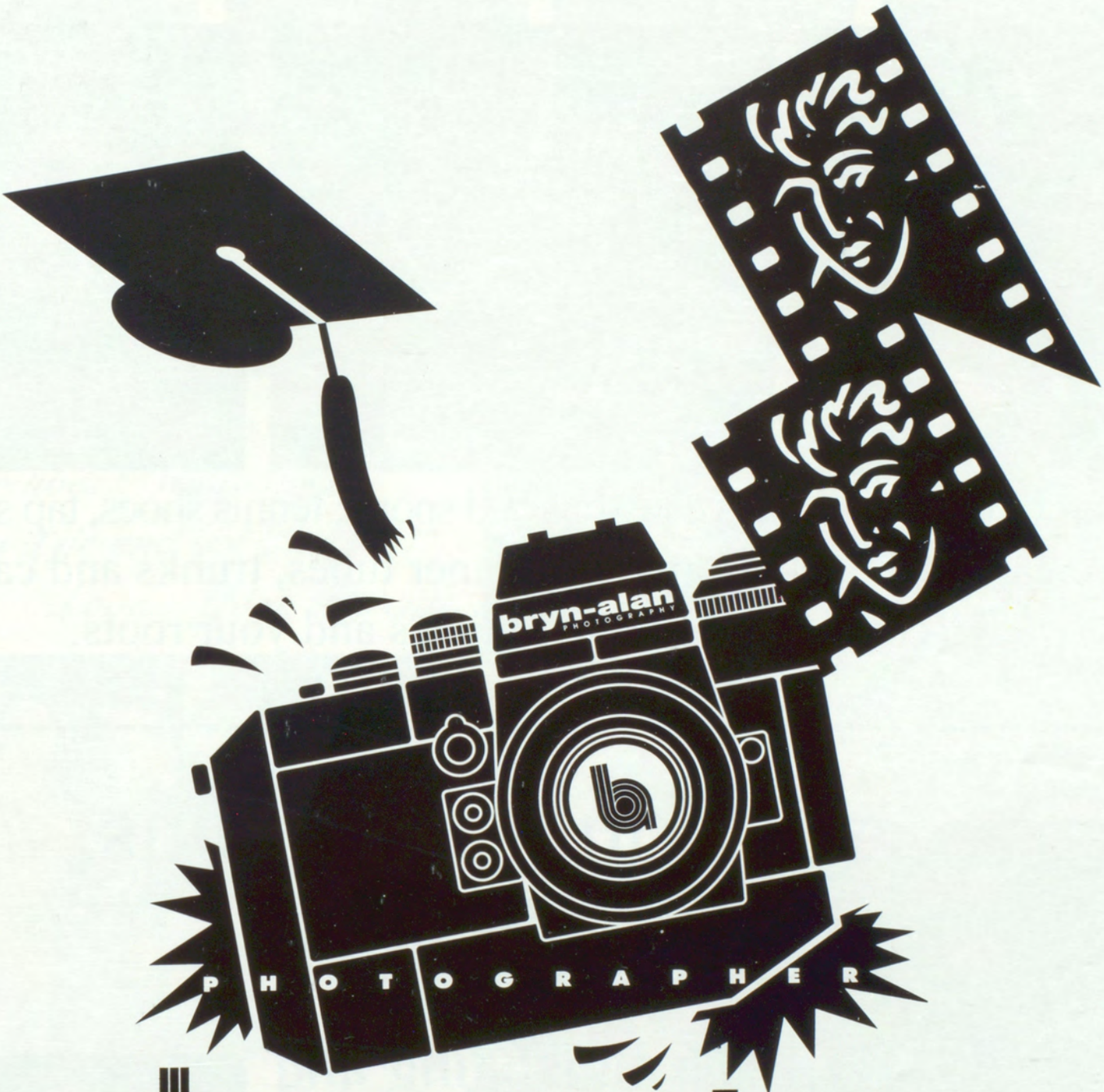

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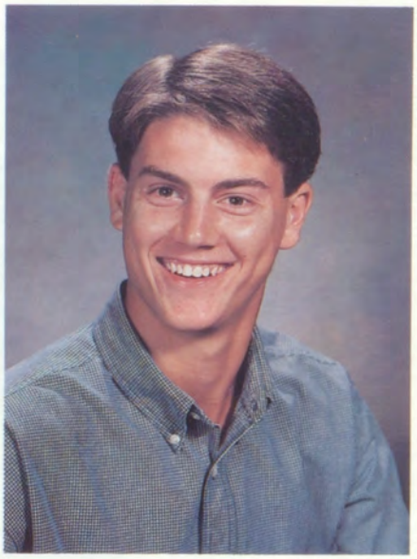

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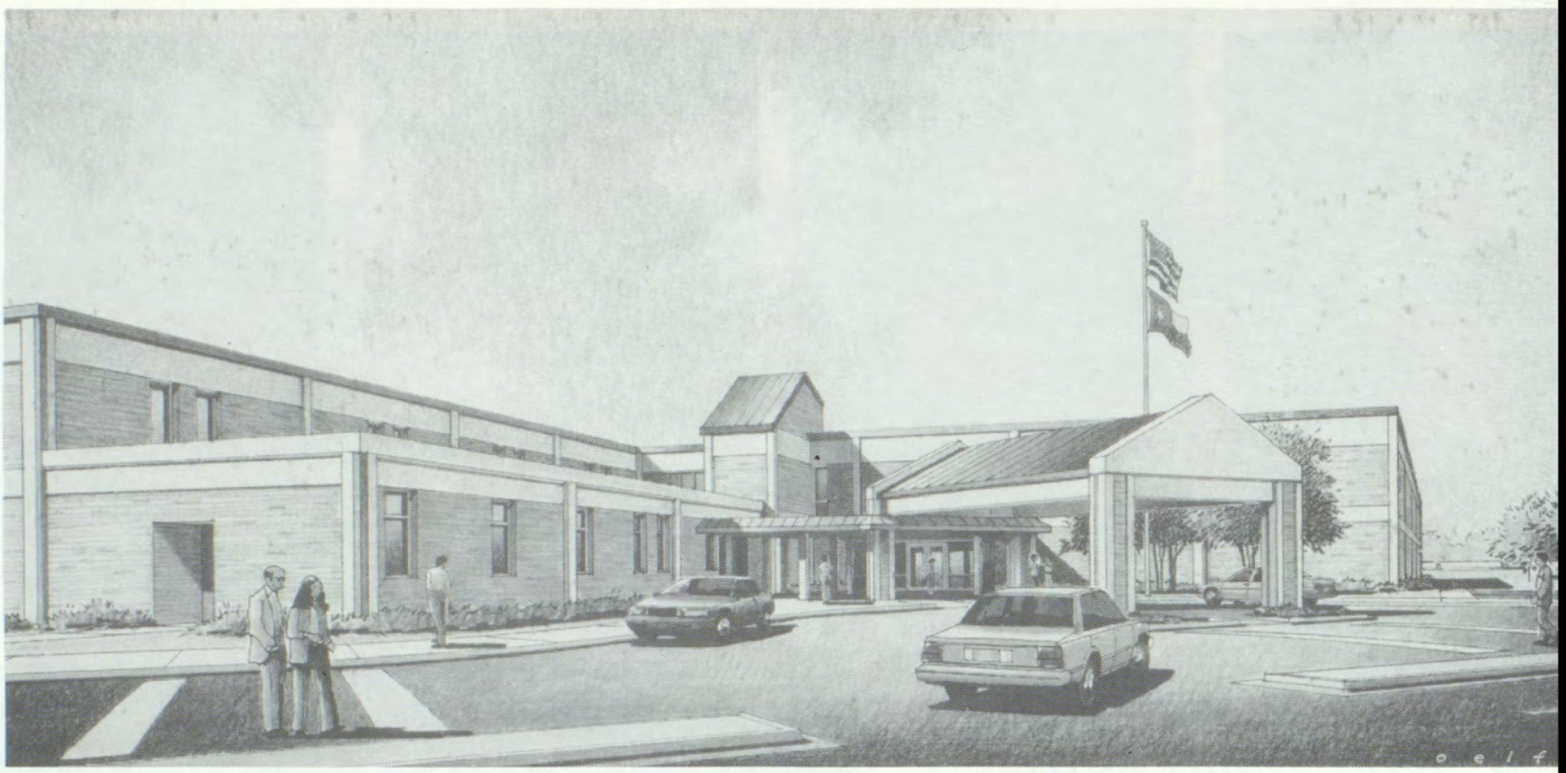

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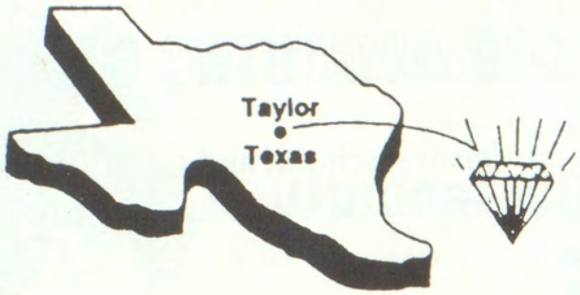

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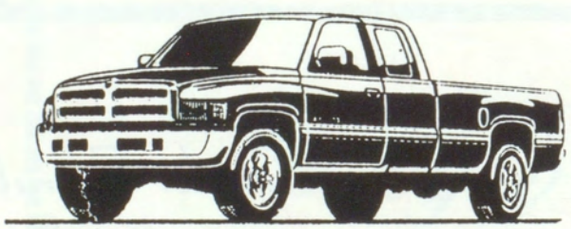

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Don't be afraid to reach for your dreams and always remember I love you.

Love, Mom

P. S. Mikey, Bubba, Mike,
Good luck and remember we're pulling for you!

Love, Jen, Ricky, Kamryn
and Legett



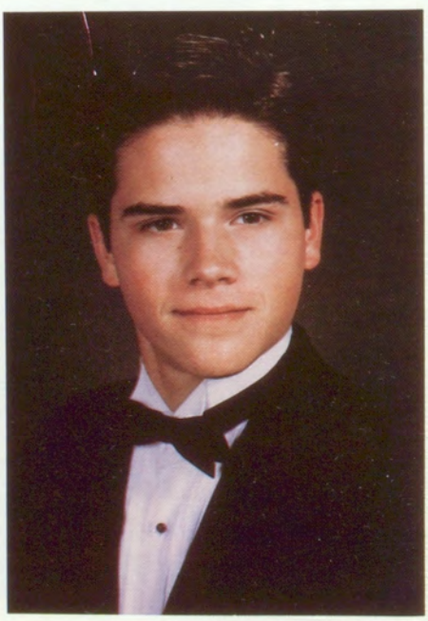
Congratulations Karyn! We're proud of you, and you'll always be our special little girl.

We love you,
Mother, Daddy,
and Kimberly









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Love, Grandma Schaefer
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**Love,
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and Nick**



Congratulations Matt!

May each step you take bring you closer to your dream.





Congratulations Matthew!

We are so proud of you. You have truly been "our gift from God." Good luck at Texas A & M.

We love you-
Mom, Dad, Todd, Mimi & Papa



To the best daughter in the world. We are so proud of you. It's only a matter of time until "Dr. Beth" is a reality, just like you and Grandma dreamed.

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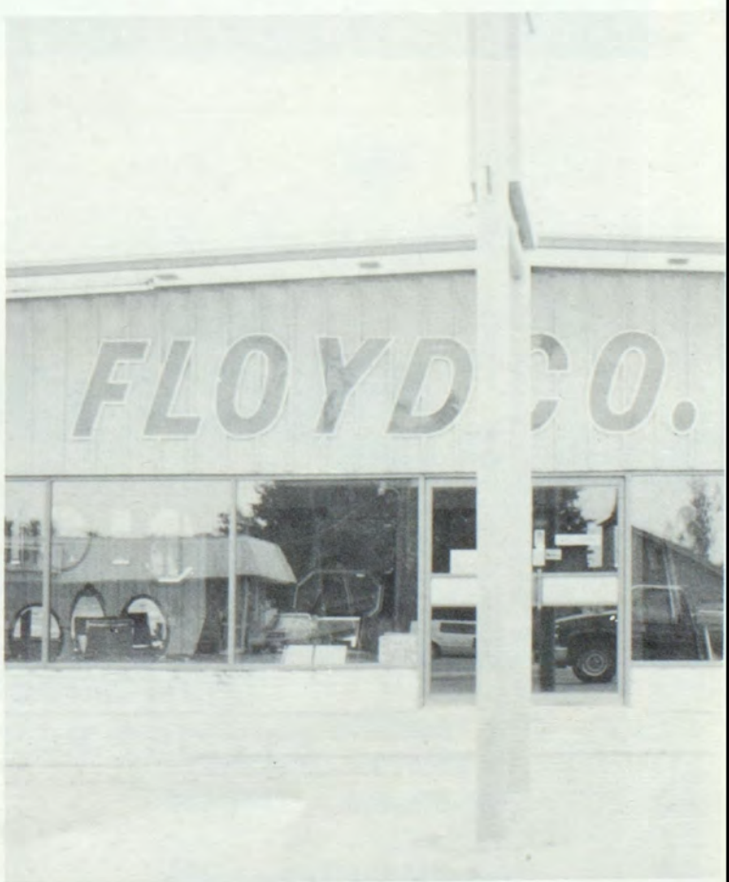

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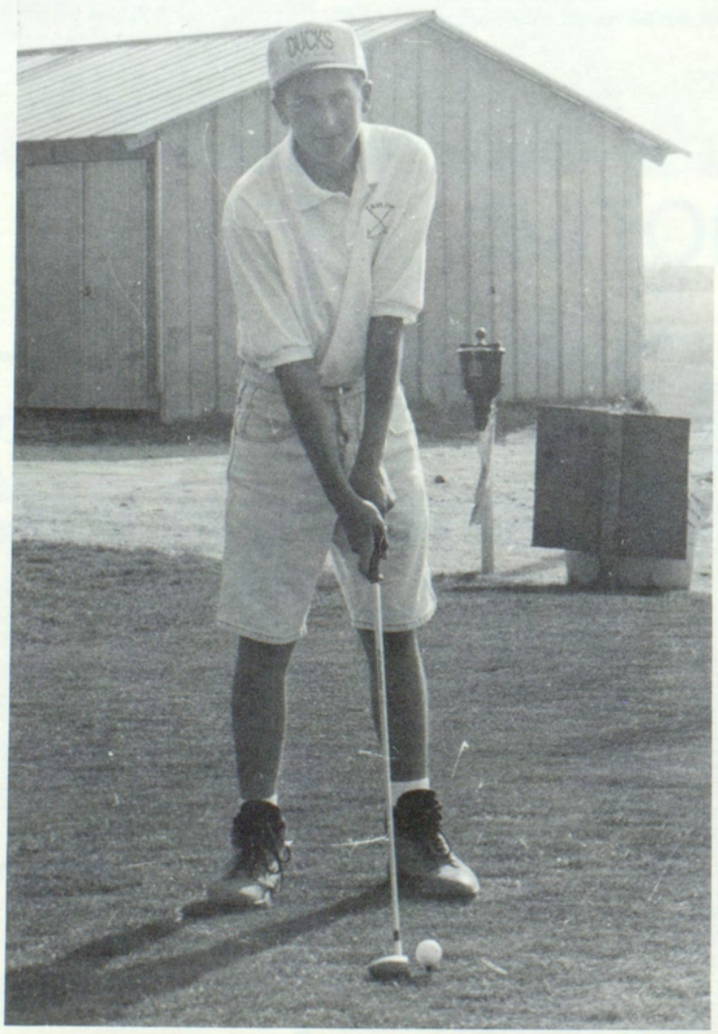













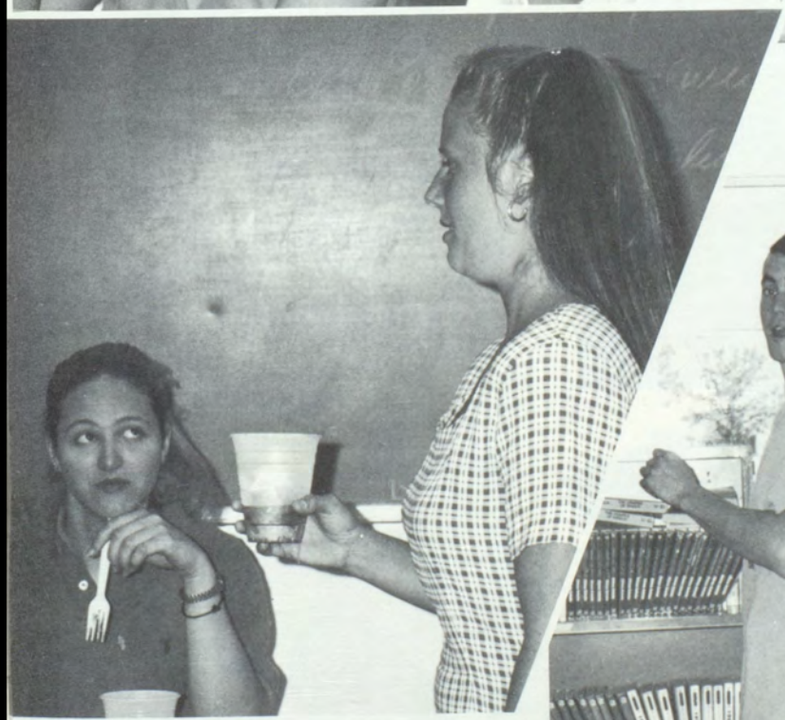









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Ever been at a loss for words? We seem to be right now. It's hard to find the right words to close out what has been one of the greatest years ever. Hopefully we have said it all through the pictures and copy in this book. It's hard to write a closing for a book when it's not actually a "closing". Maybe the year has passed, but the memories we made and the friendships we established will never come to a close. It is up to the individual person to keep these alive.

For many of us, it's time to go our separate ways. Many times those separate ways mean even leaving the state. We know that no matter where we go or what we do, Taylor High will always be in our hearts.

We as editors, hope you have enjoyed looking back on your memories through our book. If you have any problems, you can complain to Amanda Schwartz if you can locate her at TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY!!! Well, here's the closing. Hope you loved the book!

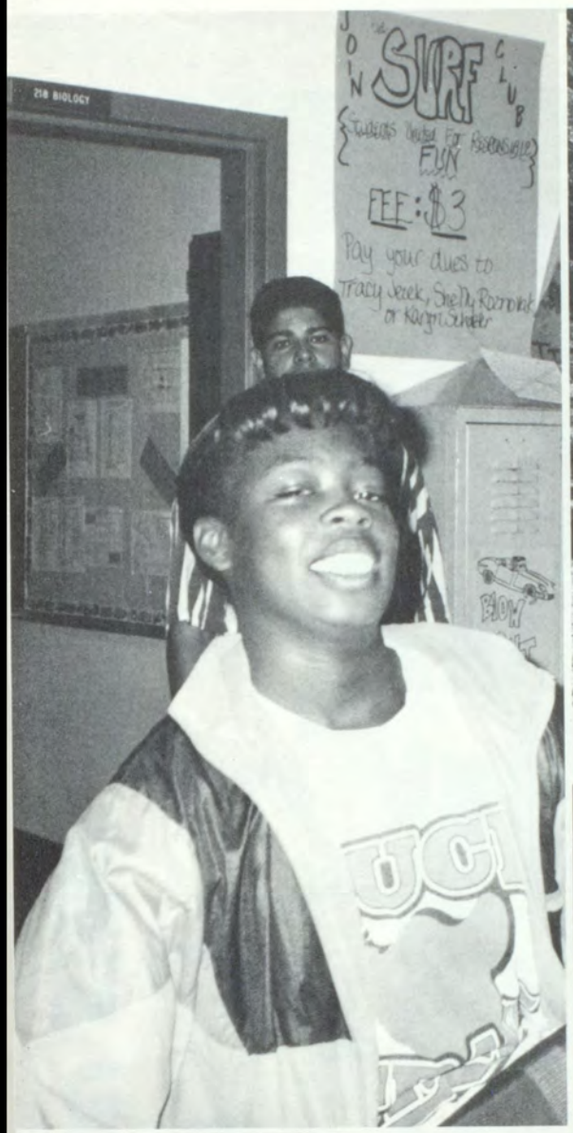
See ya later,
The Editors







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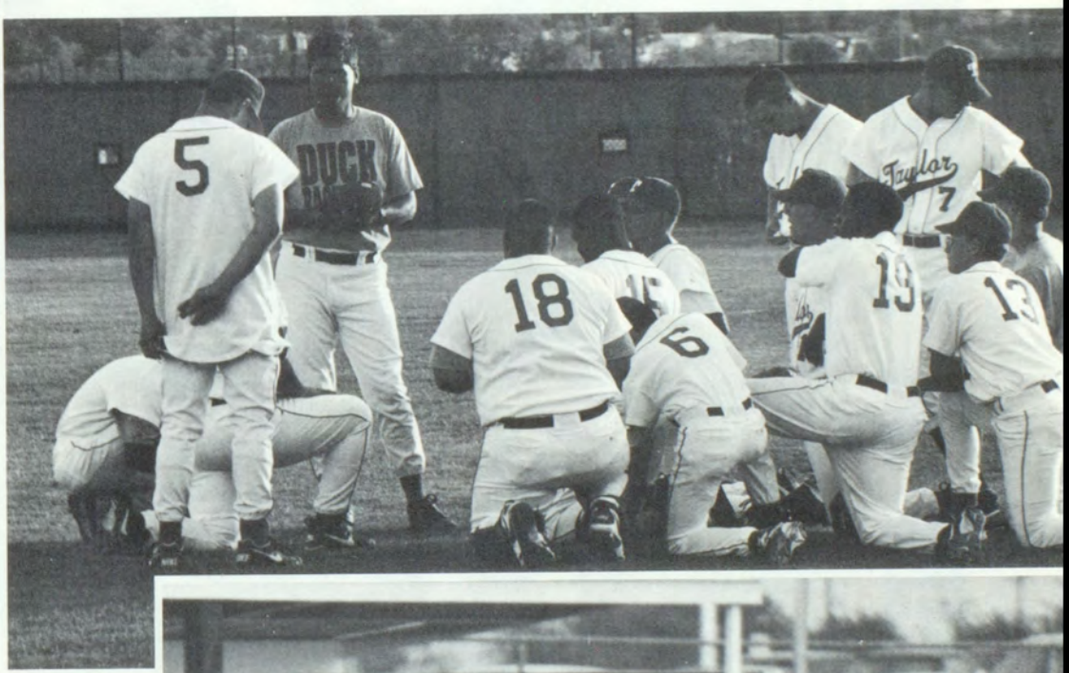
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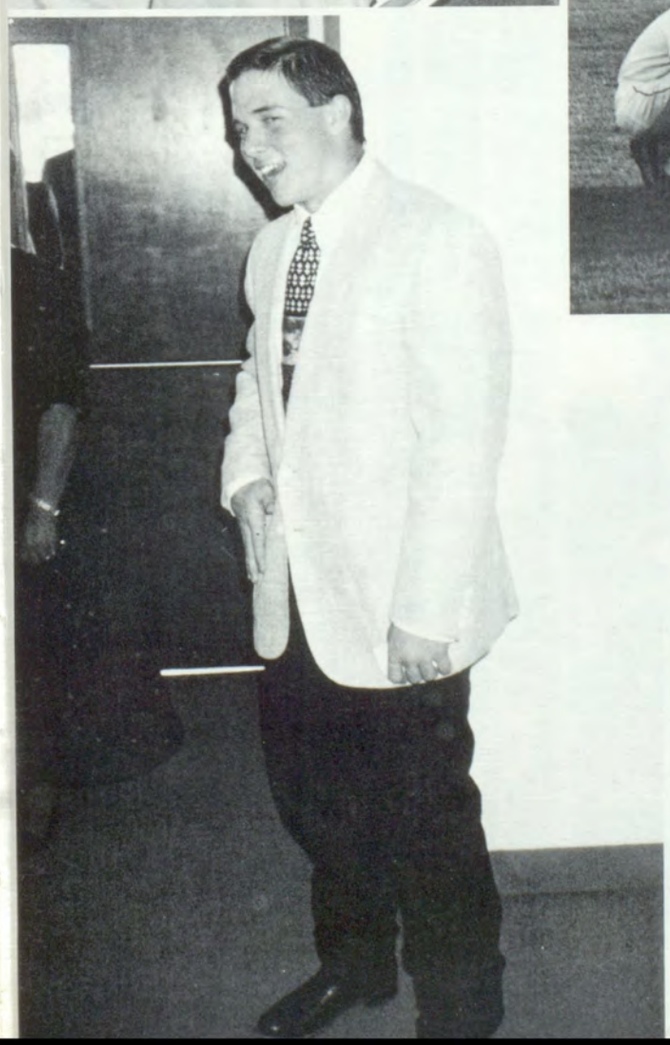


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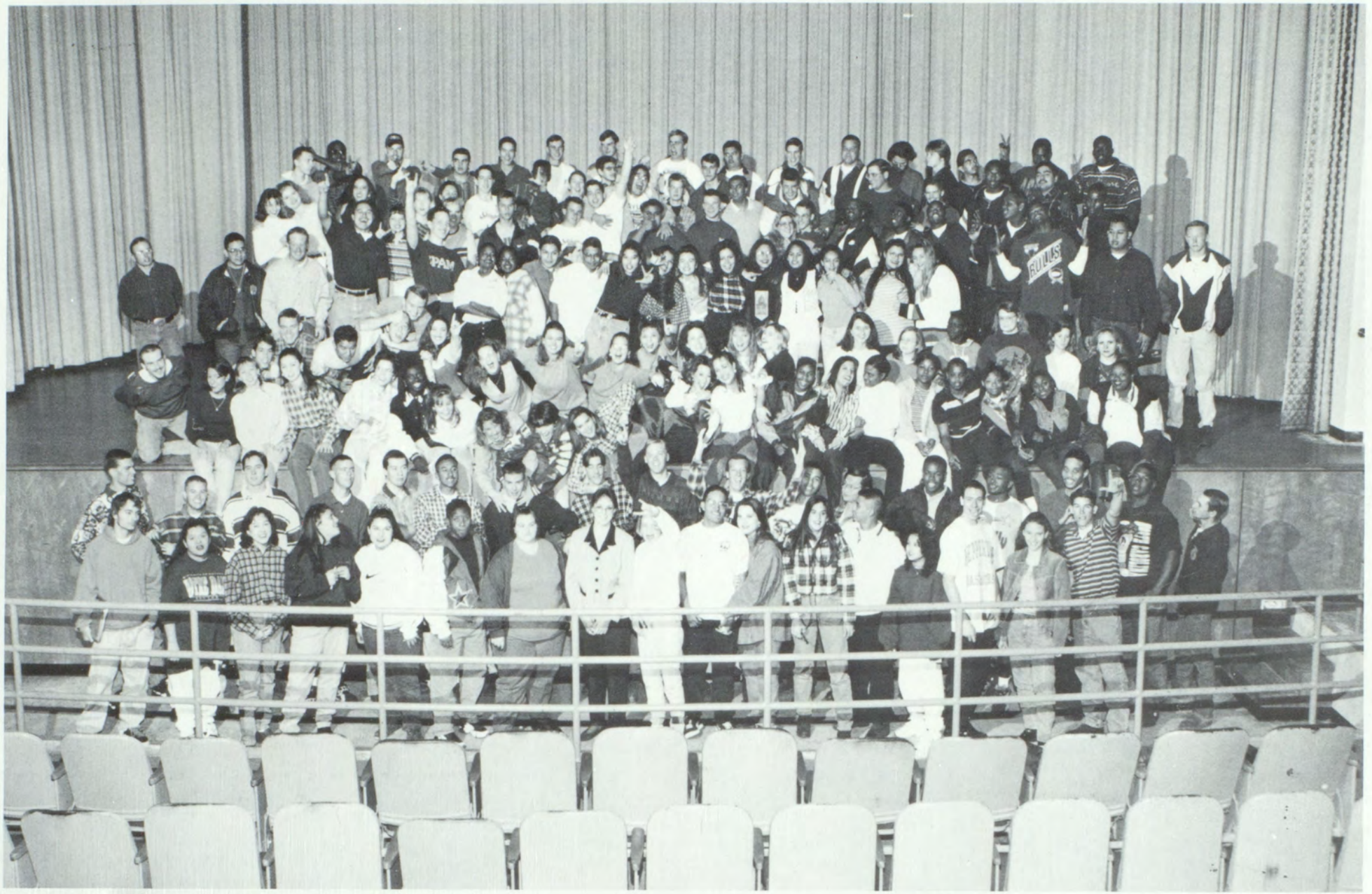

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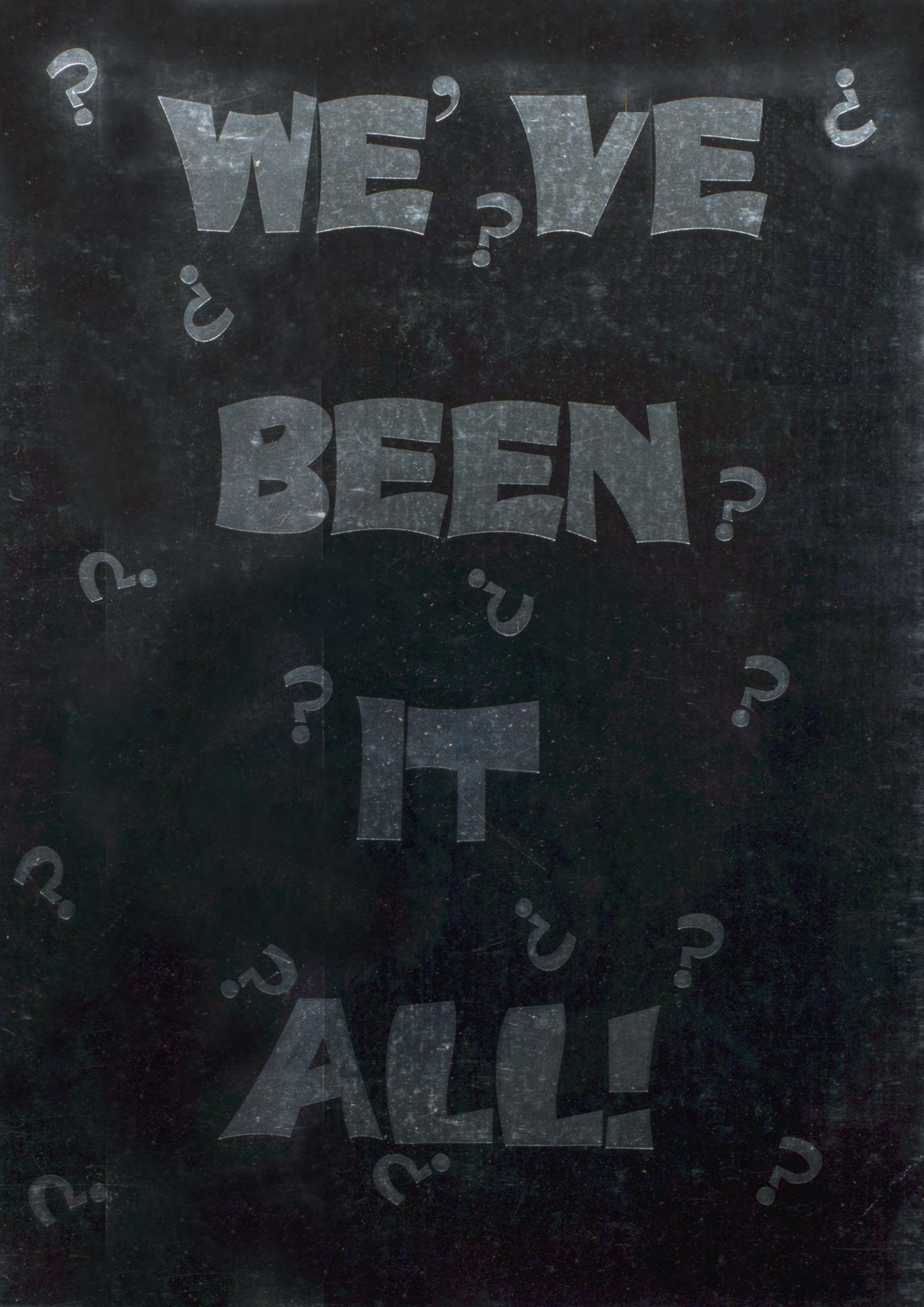
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