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Student body: 770

Population: 11,403



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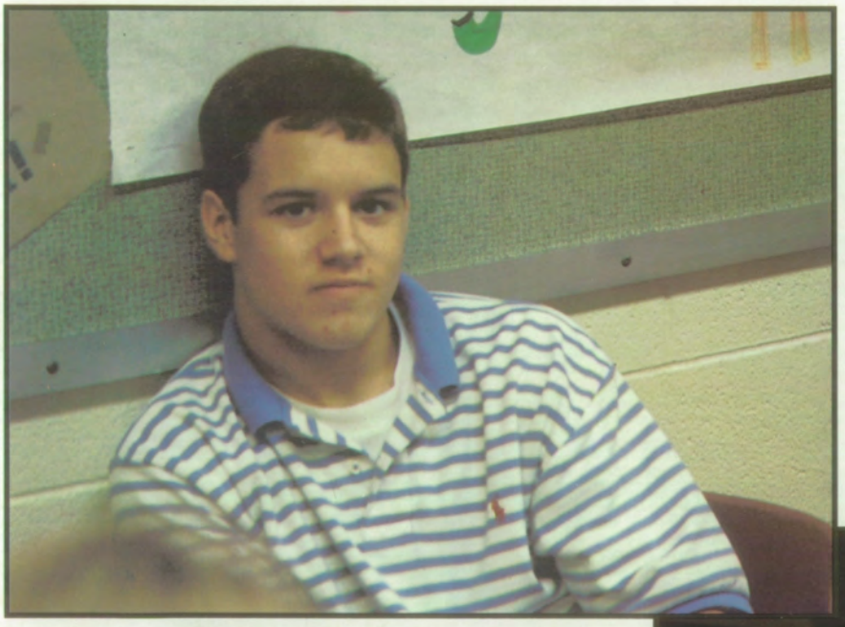







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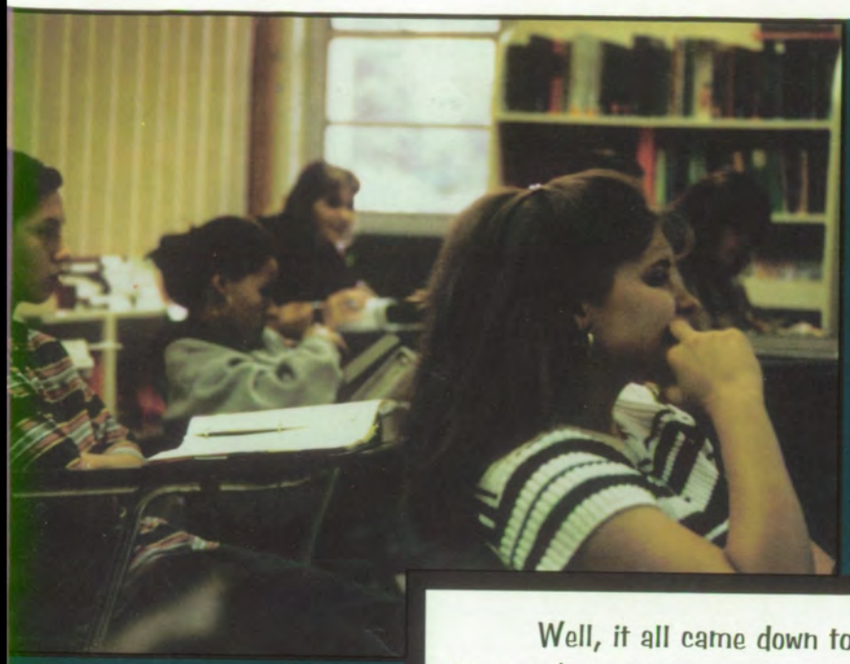
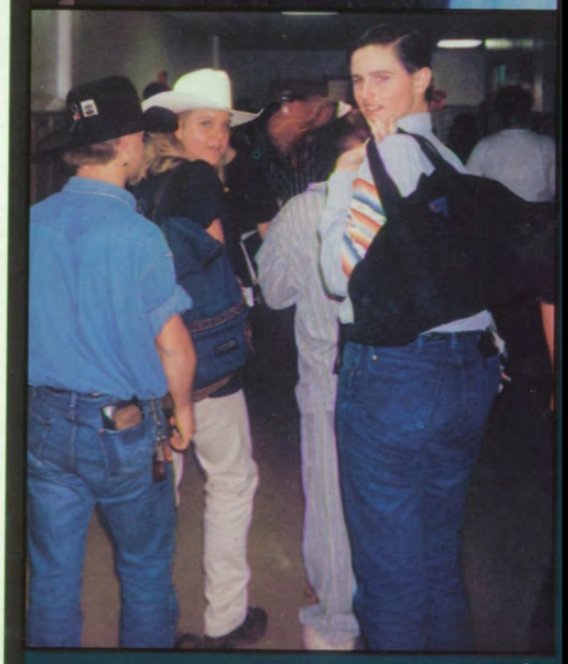




Well, it all came down to this! The title of this year's book took much of the Mallard Staff's time. There were so many titles that would have fit, but when it all came down to it, we knew "It All Comes Down To This" fit our school best! We knew this theme would work because at some point, we would all have a time when we would say, "It all came down to this." No matter who or what you did in high school, each and every one of us held an important role in T.H.S. One day it would all come down to the end when we walked our last steps in the hallowed halls of Taylor High and graduated. But if you don't like this title, just remember that when years have past and you meet new people and they ask where you are from, you can honestly say, "When it all came down to it you were and always will be a Taylor Duck."



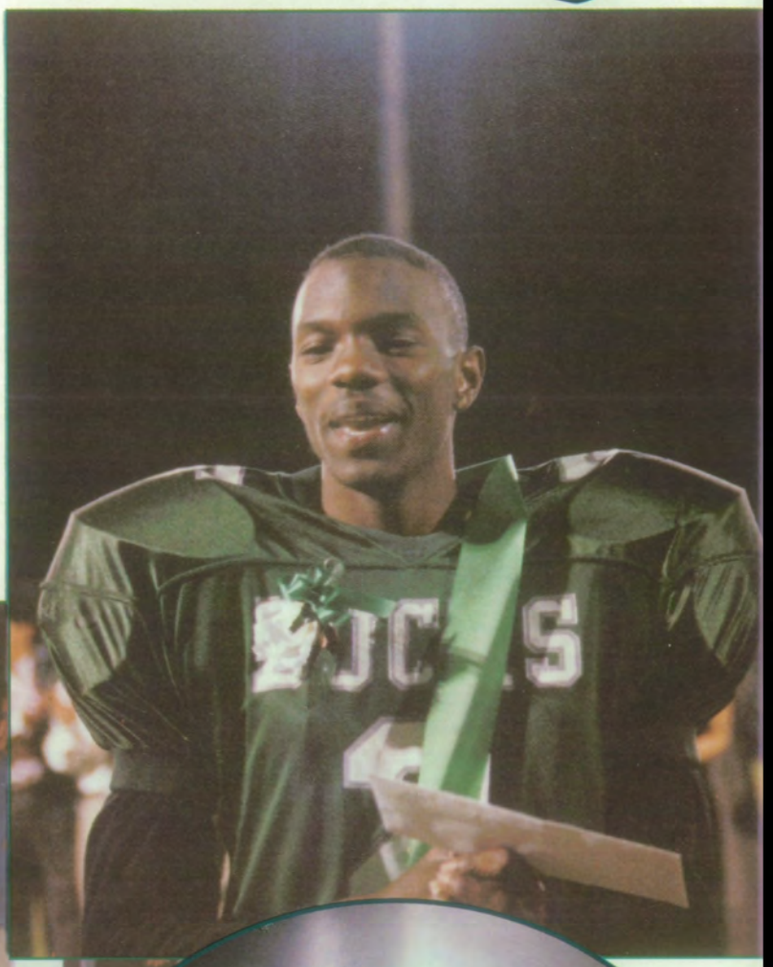




Homecoming

An Ongoing Tradition

Homecoming 1996 began with tradition. But that is no surprise, for everything involved in Homecoming is tradition. A tradition started three years ago was happily continued, the Homecoming Dance. Everyone held their breaths while the names of all the nominees were announced. Spirit week, organized by the cheerleaders, was a great success filled with fun. We "tracked, tied, tarred and tricked" the Trojans, showing up to school in camouflage, ties, black, and Halloween costumes. For the first time in two years there was no blackout peprally, but everyone still showed up to get fired up for the game. Finally, what we all had waited for, the game. After the coronation of Queen Nicole Cantu and King Kelly Hamann. We Played hard, but Waco University got the better of us. Sadly, the game was ended short with 2 minutes and 15 seconds on the clock and one of the Waco players laying injured on the field. But no matter what the outcome was, as Taylor Ducks we continued to hold fast with tradition. Taylor Ducks, young and old, slowly walked on to the field, a field they had come home to see.







↗ *A Princely Prince!* Check out Homecoming Prince Alfred Collins.

↑ *Get Down!!!* Frankie Agundis gets down limboing.

↗ *Your Majesty!* Our Homecoming King and Queen, Kelly Hamann and Nicole Cantu.

→ *Go Taylor!!!* The Ducks have the Ball and are ready to run.









↑↑ *Go Steppers!* As always, an enjoyable halftime with the steppers.

↑ *The Moment we've all been waiting for!* Our Beautiful Homecoming Queen Receives her crown.

↞ *Waco University's Homecoming Queen better then ours?* Alison David inpersonates the Trojan's Homecoming Queen.

← *Are we anxious? Are we happy?* Yes exclaim the overjoyed Homecoming Princesses.

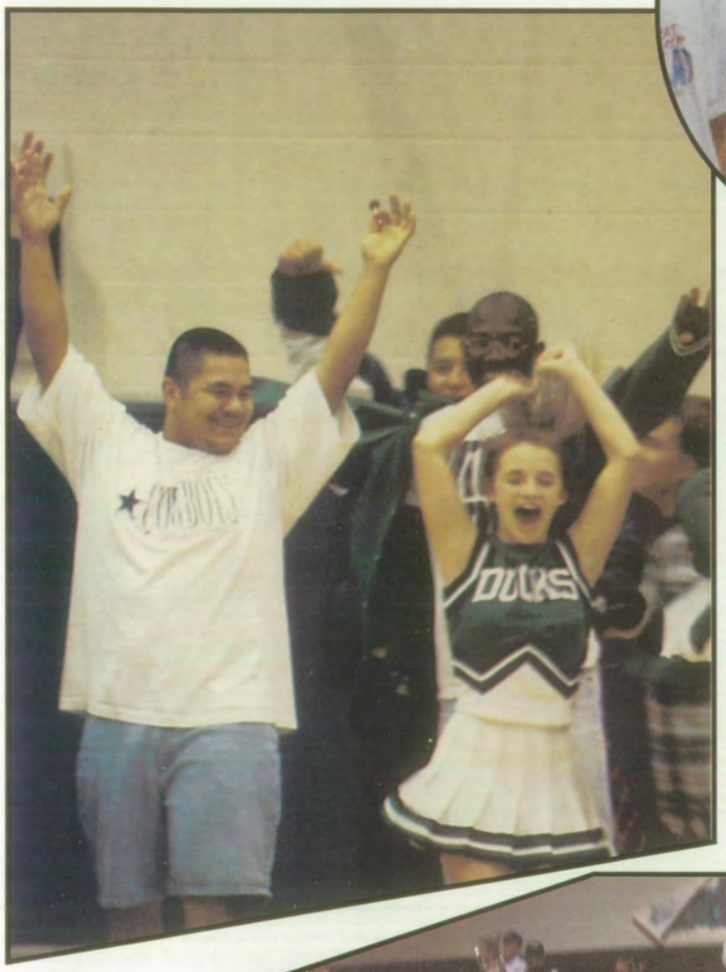
↓ *The traditional crowd on homecoming.* The Duck fans are always ready to cheer our team on.





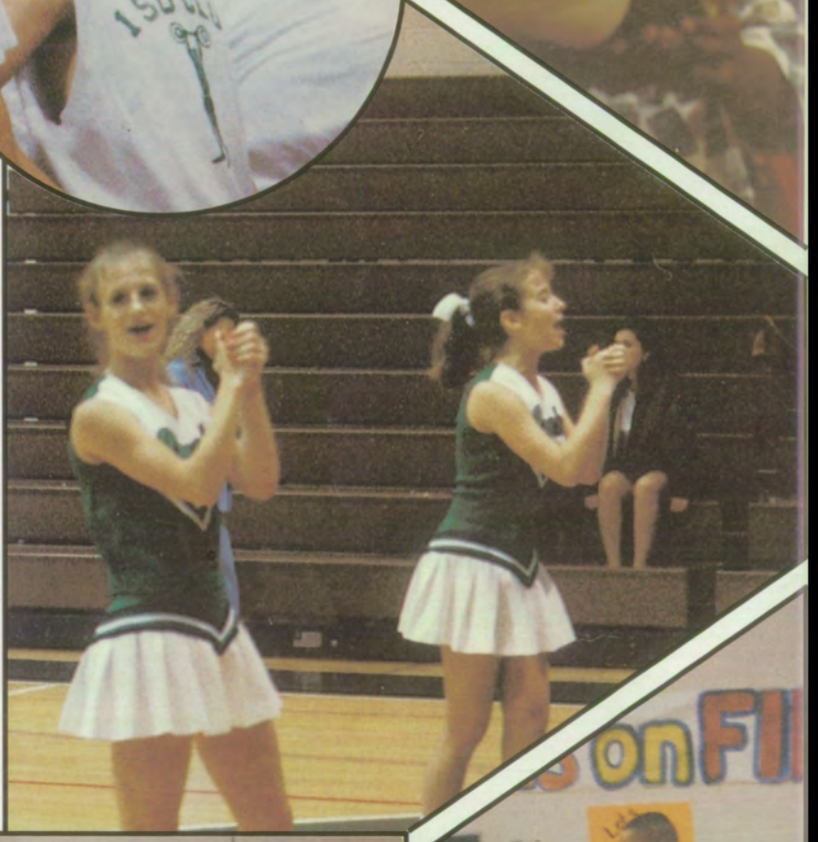
It All Comes Down To Gettin' Loud

After two straight outstanding football seasons, everyone was dying for the hype of another season of Taylor athletics. At all the sporting events, the cheerleaders and steppers led a crowd of rowdy fans in their cheers. The pep rallies were some of the loudest to ever echo through the gym and the band fired the entire student body up every Friday by marching through the halls. This intensity was carried onto the field by all our athletes who always made sure we had something to get loud about. We, the fans, made sure that the team felt the adrenaline flow by firing ourselves up and creating a roar for all to hear.







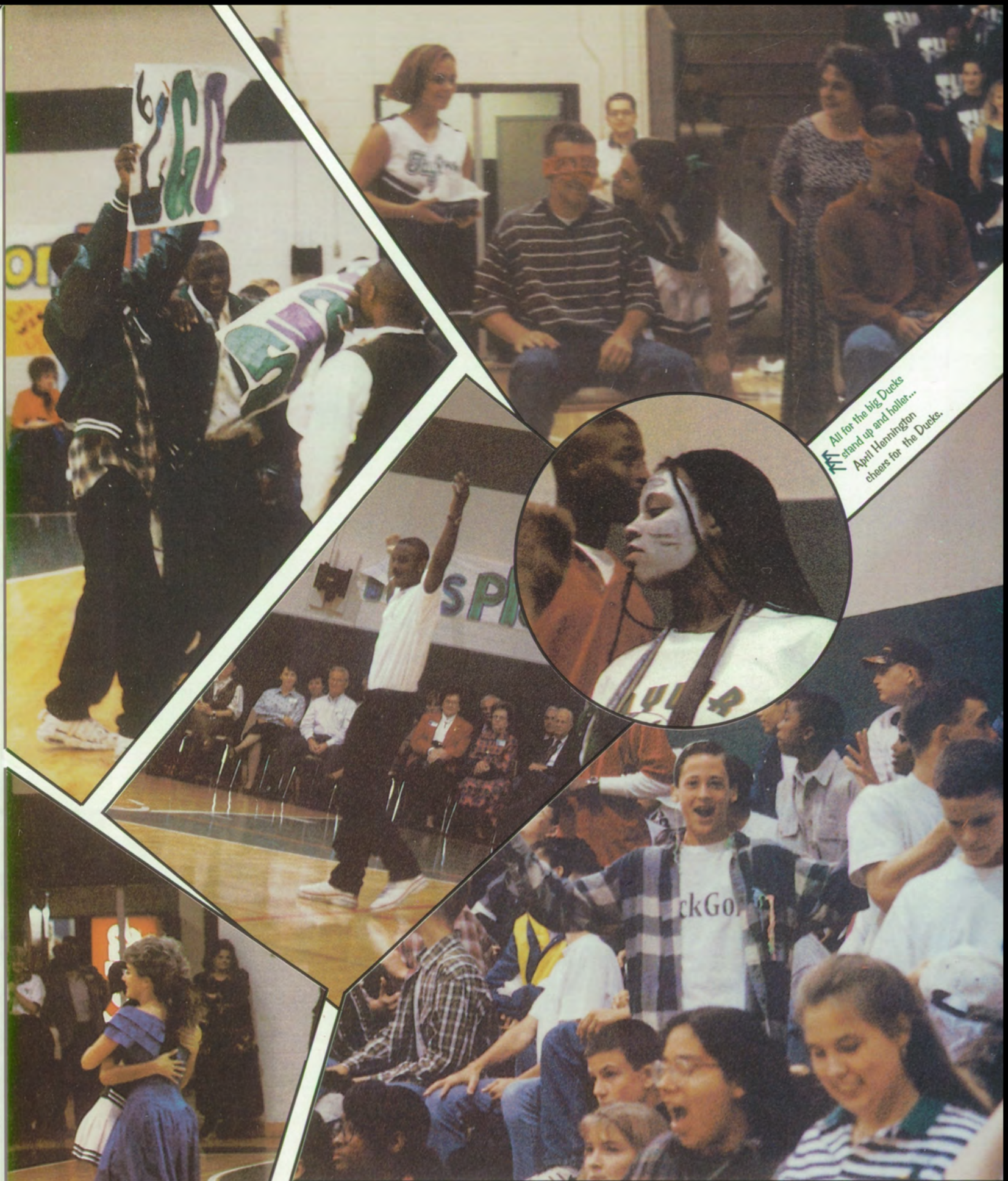






→ *And here they come...* The Duck Varsity Football team blasts through the Homecoming banner.

↑ *Yeahhh!!* Meagan Kilborn and Edward Alderete get a little rowdy after the pep rally.



All for the big Ducks stand up and holler... April Hennington cheers for the Ducks.

Go Ducks! Tory Wilson and Derek Zachary help fire up the football players at the pep rally.

Bring on the Trojans!! Kenny Horne is ready for the big game after a large string in a can fight.

Give it up for Bud! Alfred "Bud" Collins gestures for the crowd to catch fire.

SENIORS

Well, it all came down to this. The SENIORS of '97 had many great times. We had made new friends and friendships that would last forever. You can't explain the feeling unless you've been there. The classes and activities all went by so fast, just as the SENIORS of the past told us. Trust us, it did! Before we knew it, it was Christmas break and the end of the first semester, leaving us looking forward to the end of the year and GRADUATION. That long awaited walk across the stage will always live in our memories. It was a walk that would last the rest of our lives. No longer did the hallowed halls of TAYLOR HIGH protect us; now we had to move forward and pursue our choice of life. No matter what our future lives hold for us, we will always remember our SENIOR year.











Christina Alderete



Mark Aleman



Julia Alvarado



Greg Artieschoufsky



Brice Boecker



Shanna Bozovsky

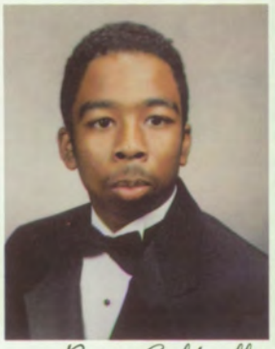




Brittany Bullion



Tracey Burba



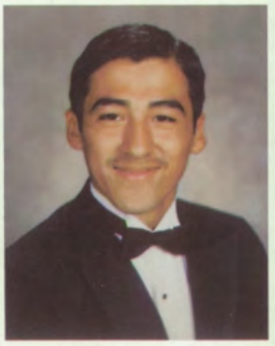
Brian Caldwell



Jennifer Campbell



Trissa Campbell



Joseph Campos



Monique Cantu



Nicole Cantu



Anthony Carcamo



Virginia Carpenter



Robert Cavo



Brian Cazalas





Patricia Chaidez



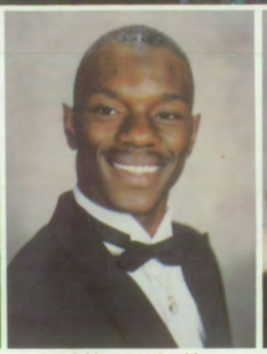
Christina Chavana



Belinda Coleman



Robert Coleman



Alfred Collins



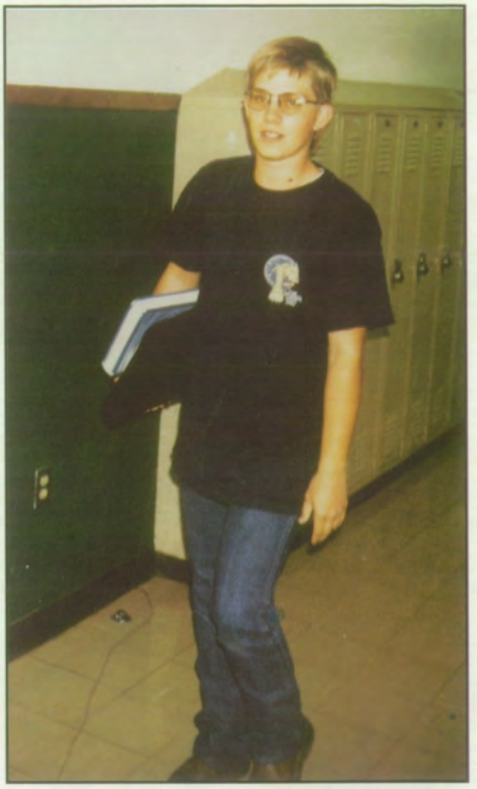
Tracy Collins



Elizabeth Cornell



Drew David





Rolando Delgado



Brian Dennis



Marlena Diaz



Christian Dietsch



Douglas Dixon



Kelbi Dlouhy

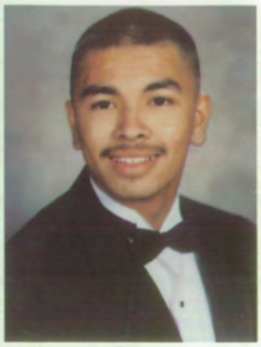


Anna Dodgen





Andrea Dominguez



James Dominguez



Chad Dykowski



Jennifer Enochs



Janie Estrada



William Falk





David Fields



Travis Flint



Adam Flores



Andres Flores



Crystal Flores



Thomas Ford



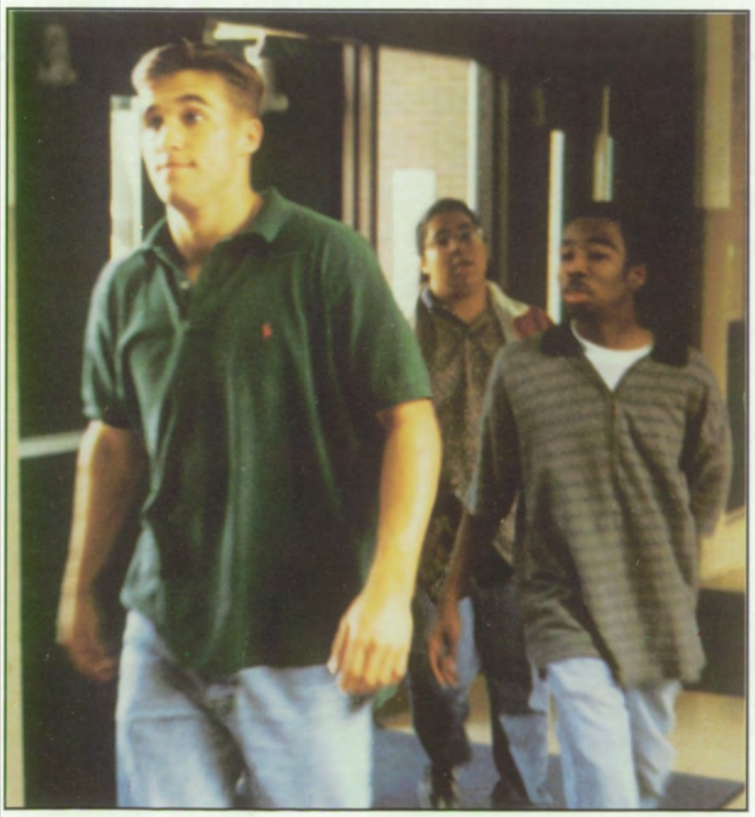
Jared Fox



Kenan Frank



Sebastian Froebe





Kimberly Garvin



Miguel Guana



Brett Gola



Amy Gonzales



Letitia Gonzales



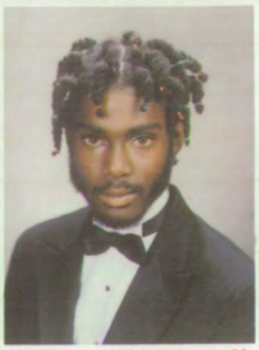
Jeremy Gray



Jerrome Griffin



Kelly Hamann



Donnell Harrell



Brandy Hernandez



Melissa Hernandez



Nicholas Hernandez



Shane Hetzel



Kelly Hewitt



Lisa Hewtty



John Houston



Joshua Hughes



Ivan Ivanov



Felisha Jackson





Lindsey Jahn



Julie Janak



Ryan Jansky



Amber Johle



Lawrence Kern



Artimesha Kimble



Brady Kolenovsky



Justin Krieg



Casey Kuempel



Ryan Lear



Robert Linton



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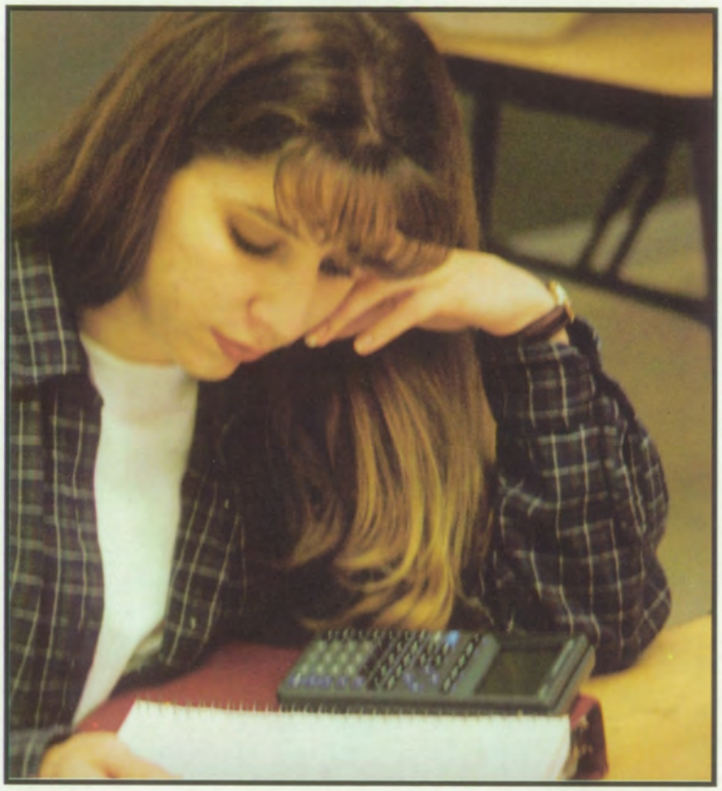
Gloria Mata





Marvin Matysek



Michelle Matysek



Laurie Mayer



Erin McCoy



Candice McDonald



Erica Mena



Courtney Michna



Melanie Mikulencak



Carrie Minzenmayer



Cedric Moore



Angelina Moreno



Jo Morin



Sara Mueck



Ryan Nelson



Demetrius Pack



Linda Paloma



Chad Pitts



Hunter Poldrack



Shane Prinz



James Pulkrabek



Aaron Pundsack



Christie Pyle



Ryan Ramirez



Matthew Raschke



Matthew Reeves





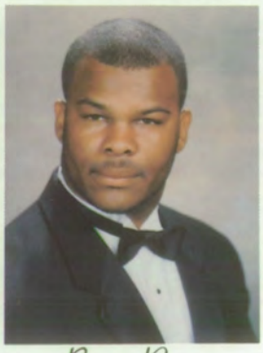
Kimberly Remmert



Angel Reyna



Robert Reyna



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Crystal Rivison





Timothy Roberts



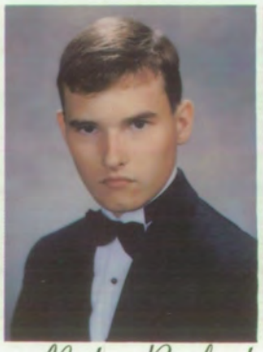
Robert Roddin



Patrick Roepke



Eric Ross



Nathan Rowland



Jennie Roznovak





Martin Ruble



Henry Ruiz



Deborah Salazar



Kevin Samuelson



Luz Sanchez



Scott Schoener



Paul Schroeder



Gene Shaw



Angela Seigmund



Amanda Stafford



Ryan Stevens



Jason Stiles



Justin Strickland



Barret Sutton



Shawn Sutton



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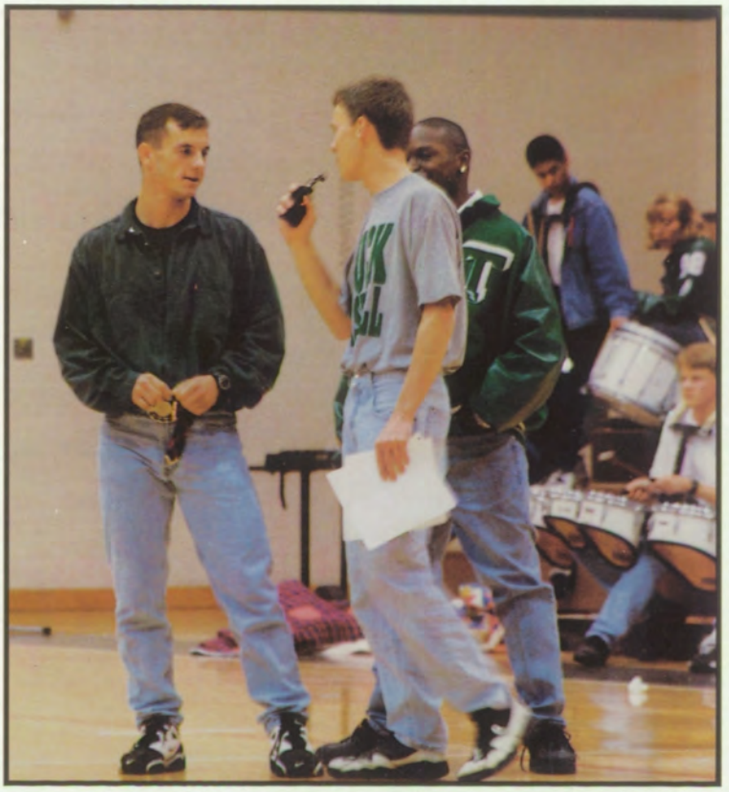
Barry Tealer



Mitchell Thompson





Elia Torres



Melanie Urbis



Brandon Valdez



Cedric Valdez



Jana Vanous



Jason Ward



Carlos Watson



Cheryl Weatherington



Melissa West



Julie Whatley



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Tracey Wright

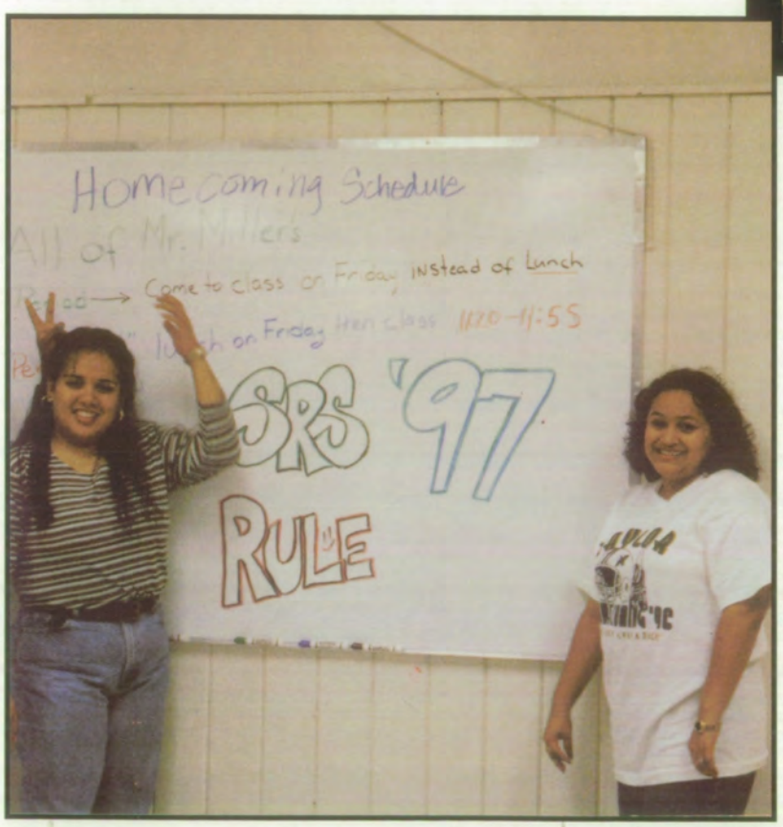


Chris Wyatt



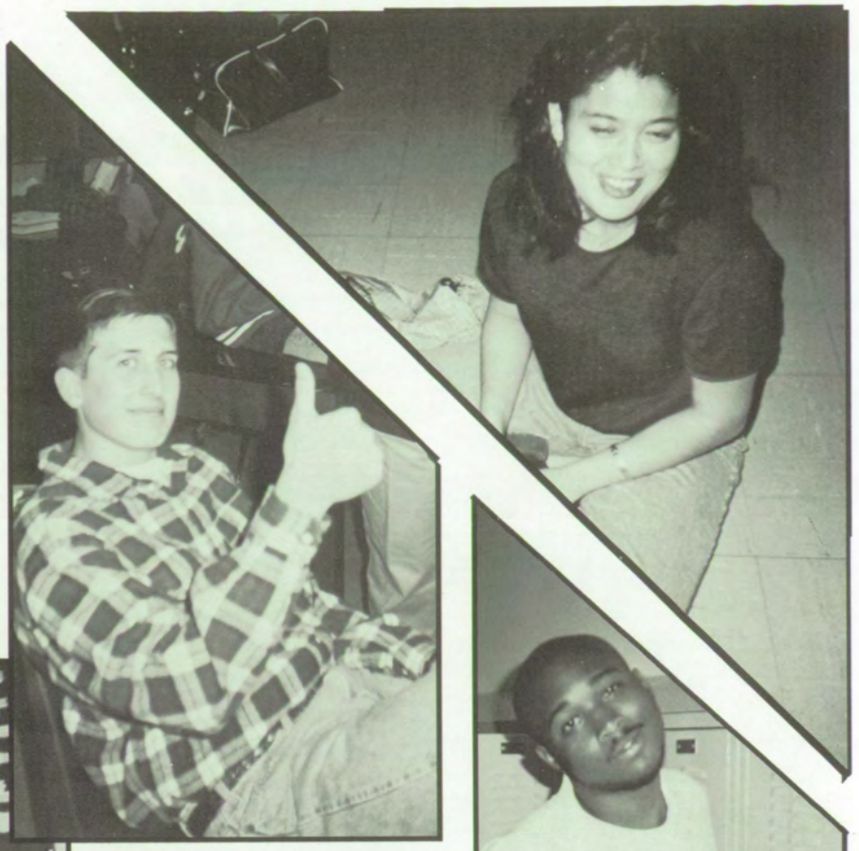
Gary Zachary





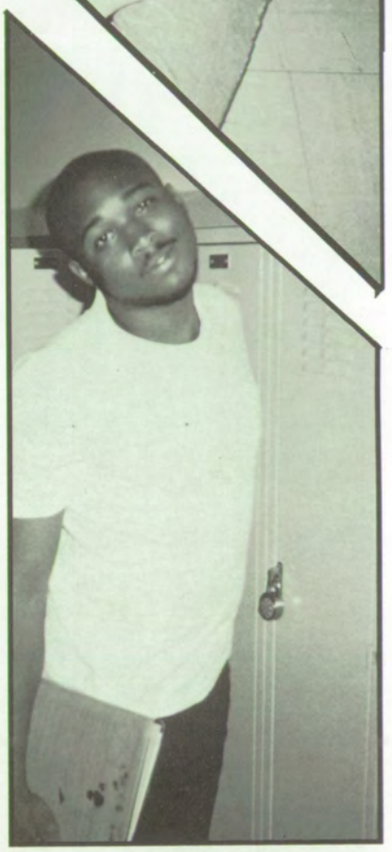


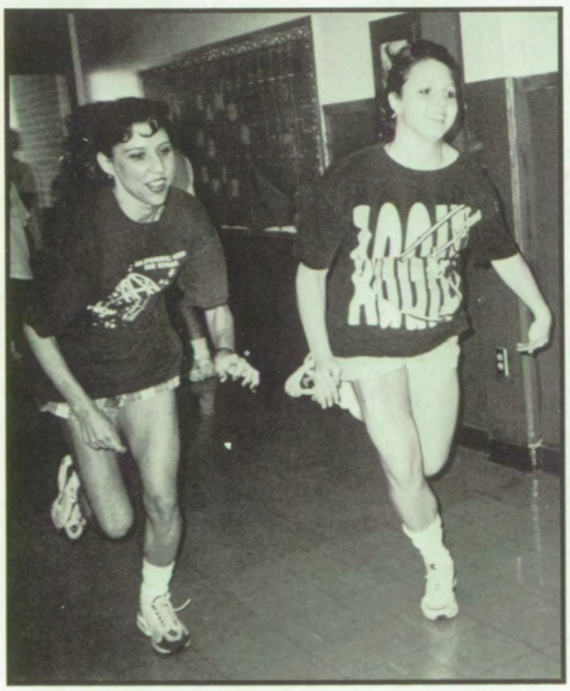














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Seniors

Class Colors:
Forest Green, White, and Black

Class Flower:
White Rose

Class Song:
"A Friend"
By
Barry
Risper

Class Motto:
Time does not become sacred to us until we have lived it, until it has passed over us and has taken with us a part of ourselves.

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Senior Credits

Christina Alderete: Junior Historians-4; Science Club-2; Esprit-4; Band (Librarian-1)-3; SURF-2; FHA-1; FTA-1; Latin Club-3.

Shanna Bozovsky: Softball-2; SURF-3; BPA (Parliamentarian-1)-1; TAME-2; Science Club-1; Spanish Club-1; Marketing Co-Op-1; Office Admin. Co-Op-1; UIL Small Business Management Team-1; UIL-Administrative Assistant-1; Ben Sheppard Leadership-1.

Tracey Burba: Surf-4; Science-3; BPA-1; Art-2; FHA-1; FCA-1; NHS-2.

Brian Caldwell: Surf-4; Student Senate-3; NHS-3; ESPRIT-4; Basketball-1; FTA-1; Soccer-1; Science Club-3; Latin Club-2; Art-2; Jr. Historians-2; Freshman Representative; Sophomre Representative; Senior Representative; Mallard (Computer Editor-1)-2; TAME-3; Who's Who-4; Texas Scholar; Young Texan nom.; National Honor Roll; Honor Graduate; Sophomore of the Year-1st runner up.

Trissa Campbell: Cheerleading (Head Cheeleader-2)-4; Class Officer (Secretary-1; President-1)-4; BPA-2; Student Senate (Vice President-1)-4; Science Club (Vice President-1)-4; NHS (Vice President-1)-3; Jr. Historians (Co. President-2)-4; Spanish Club-2; FHA-1; KDUC-1; UIL Typing-1; BPA Contest Medical Concepts-1; Sophomore of the Year; Outstanding Sophomore-1; Hugh O' Brien Leadership Seminar; Girl's State-1; Texas Scholar; Academic Award-3; Honor Graduate; Who's Who-3; Homecoming Princess; Goodfellow-3; DAR Good Citizen-1.

Joseph Campos: Football-4; Baseball-4; Art Club-2; Spanish Club-2.

Nicole Cantu: FHA (President)-1; BPA (President)-1; Homecoming Queen-1; Surf-3; Spanish Club-3; Science Club-3; Volleyball-1; Junior Class Secretary; Student Senate-2.

Bobby Cavo: Surf-4; Science Club-4; Spanish Club-2; German Club-1; FFA-1; Drama Club-1; Golf-4; FCA-1; Art-1.

Belinda Coleman: German Club-4; Surf (Representative)-4; Student Senate (Parliamentarian)-1; Track and Field (Team Capt.-1)-3; Basketball (Team Capt.-1)-3; Art Club-1; F.C.A. (Vice President-1)-2; F.H.A. (Vice President-1)-2; Student Leadership Conference-1; H.O.S.T.S.-1.

Tracy Collins: German Club-4; Art Club-1; BPA-1; Mallard (Co-Editor-1; Editor-In-Chief-1)-2; Leadership Conference-1; DECA-(District Qualifier)-1; Co-Op-1; LYO (Treasurer-1)-4.

Drew David: Junior Representative; Surf-4; science Club-2; Spanish Club-2; German Club-2; Football-3; Basketball-3; Baseball-4; Art Club-1.

Brian Dennis: Latin Club-4; FTA-2; Science Club-2; Art Club-2; Basketball-2; FFA-1; FHA/Hero-1; Surf-4.

Douglas Dixon: Surf-3; Science Club-1; FHA/HERO-2.

Kelbi Dlouhy: German Club-2; Surf-2; BPA-2; Steppers (Colonel-1)-3.

Chad Dykowski: Football-2.

Jennifer Enochs: Surf-4; Junior Historians-3; NHS-3; Science Club-3; FCA (Secretary-1)-2; Esprit-4; Spanish Club-1; BPA-1.

Andres Flores: NHS-2; Science Club-2; TAME-2; Jr. Historians-2; Art Club-2; Surf-2; Soccer-1.

Kenan Frank: Basketball-1; Football (All-District)-4; Baseball-4; Goodfellows-3; Homecoming King Nominee; Art Club-2.

Jared Fox: Basketball-3; Tennis-4; Surf-4; Science Club-3; Latin Club (Parliamentarian-1)-4; Art Club-1.

Brett Gola: Football-4; Baseball-4; Basketball-1; German Club-4; Surf-2; Art-2; Science-1; Sophomore Class Officer.

Amy Gonzales: Surf-1; TAME-4; Reading Circle-1; Treble Choir (President-2)-3; Concert Choir (President-1)-1; Science Club-1; Art Club-2; Student Senate-1; National Hispanic Institute-1.

Tisha Gonzales: Cheerleading-4; Surf-3; Spanish Club-2; Science Club-4; NHS-1; Class Treasurer-4; CCD (St. Mary's)-4.

Jeremy Gray: Varsity Tennis-4; German Club (Parliamentarian-1)-3; Surf Club-3; NHS-3; Baseball-1.

Kelly Hamann: Football-4; Baseball-1; Art Club-2; Leadership Conference-1; Homecoming King.

Julie Janak: Surf (Jr. Rep.)-4; Science Club (tres.-2)-4; Young Life-2; National Honor Society-3; Latin Club-3: Business Professionals of America-1; Varsity Volleyball-3 (All District Defensive Specialist).

Amber Johle: JV Cheerleader-2; Freshman Class Representative; Sophomore Class Representative (secretary); Sophomore Class Favorite; DECA (Vice President-1; President-1)-2; Homecoming Queen Nominee; Surf Club-1; Young Life-1; Student Senate Member.

Meredith MaCuk: German Club-4; Volleyball (1st team All District; Most Outstanding Hitter)-4; Basketball-2; Powerlifting (State Qualifier; 3rd State)-2; Track-2; FTA-1; FCA-1; Junior Historians-2.

Laurie Mayer: Band (Officer-2)-4; Hi Steppers (Officer-2)-3; SURF-2: Co-Op-1; Spanish Club-2.

Candi McDonald: Science Club-1; FFA-2; Surf-1; Junior Historians; Choir-1.

Melanie Mikulencak: Class Officer-2; SURF (rep.-1)-4; Jr. Historians (V-Pres.-2)-4: Science Club (Secretary-1)-4; NHS (reporter-1)-3; Student Senate Rep.-3; Volleyball (All District)-4; Softball (All District)-4; ESPRIT-4.

Sara Mueck: Volleyball (1st Round Playoffs; 2nd Team All District)-4; Softball-4; SURF-3; Latin Club-2; Art Club-2; Science Club (Reporter; Vice President)-4; NHS-3; CCD-St. Mary's Catholic Church-4; BPA-Area Finalist in Office Administration and Small Business Management Team, Prom Committee, and attended Young Life Activities.

Chad Pitts: Football-4; Track-3; Powerlifting-4.

Tim Roberts: Football-4; Track-2; Mallard (Photography Editor-2)-3.

Eric Ross: Latin Club (Officer-1)-3; Science Club-2; Band-3; Football-1; Co-Op-2.

Luz Maria Sanchez: Junior Historians (Secretary-1; Historian-1)-4; Spanish Club (Secretary-1)-1; Science Club-1; FTA-1; H.E.R.O.-1.

Ryan Stevens: Cheerleader (JV and Varsity Co-Head)-4.

Jason Stiles: Science Club-3; SURF-4; German Club (Vice-President-1)-3; Art Club-1; Tennis (All District)-4; Basketball-3.

Julie Whatley: Tennis-1; Esprit-4; FFA-1.

PETS

It all comes down to my pet and me.

Many students own a pet or many pets. A pet is defined as a domesticated animal kept for pleasure rather than utility. For many a pet may be fuzzy, cute, cuddly, four-legged, two-legged, slimy, or even feathery. Pets play a very important role in many students' lives. When you have a bad day, they are always there for you, but they are also there on all the good days to fill our lives with enjoyment. Purchasing a pet teaches responsibility and they provide a lifetime of entertainment. It is often said that dogs are man's best friend. Don't let this saying fool you because in many cases not only can dogs be your best friend, but so can any other pet, no matter what shape, size, or color!







↗ Trissa Campbell and her dog Ci Ci love to spend quality time together.
↑ Patches teaches his owner Clayton Turner to shake.
↗ April Maruska and her horse Babydoll take a break after a long ride.











← Lauren Johnson loves her kitty Brewster.
↓ Alison David cuddles with her horses Bell and Rusty.
↙ Jason Naivar poses with Aggie, his great *big* Pyranese.

↖ Aren't they cute? Angie Bachmayer and Gizmo pose for a picture.
↑ Will he bite? Ryan Stevens holds her Rottweiler, Wyatt back.

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Obsessions

Have you ever been really OBSESSED with anything? When we looked at our student body, we saw people who were interested in everything from sports to cars to cartoon characters. Then we found those who were not just interested but absolutely obsessed!

They were drawn away from their day -to-day stressful routines by their obsessions, which inspired them to participate in many different activities. Their interests gave them something to do in their spare time, and kept them going when everything went wrong. Obsessions distinguished everyone from each other and made our student body unique.

Our obsessions have made many memories and will always be a significant part of everyone's lives at Taylor High.



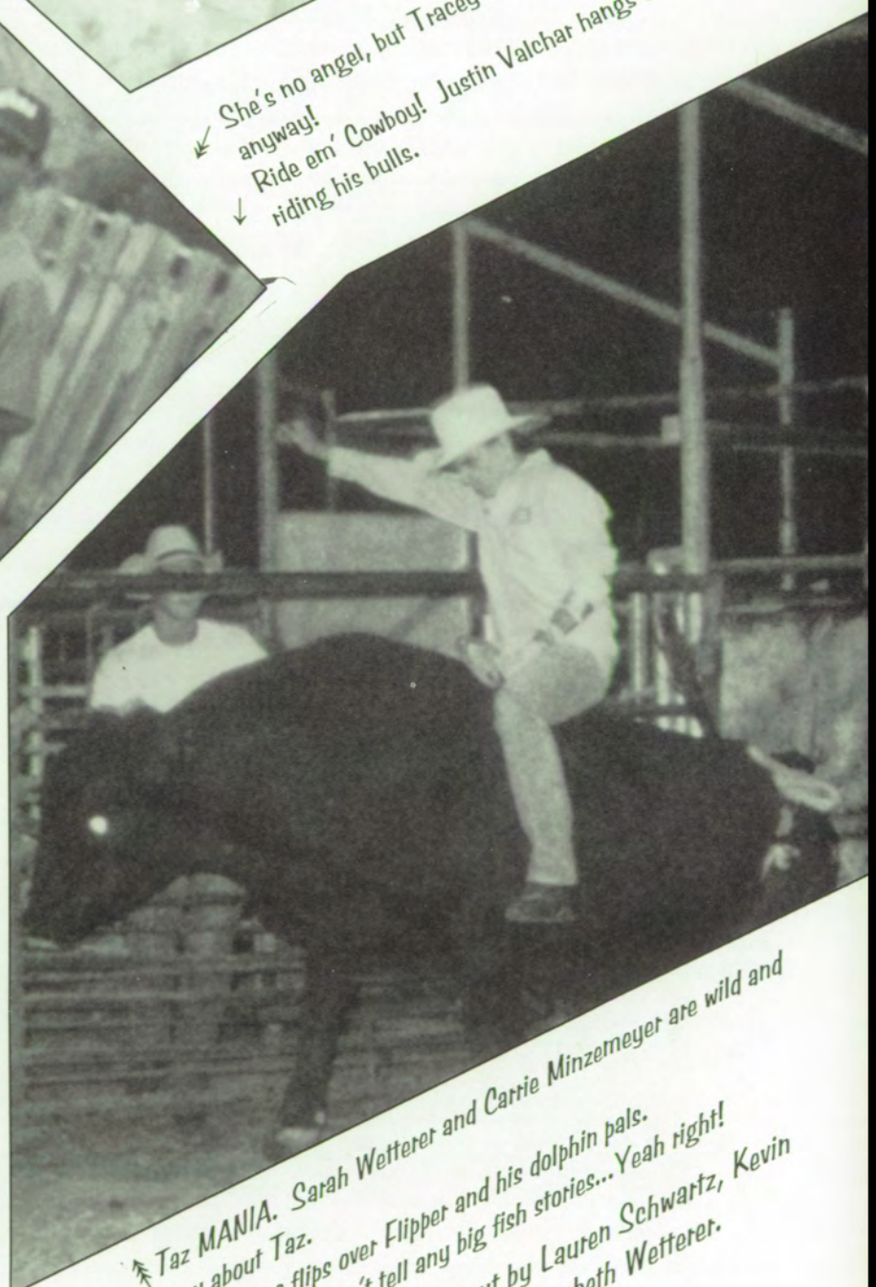




↗Just Chillin'...Eddy Mata kicks it by his sports car.
→Laurie Cmerek swims with all her fishies.
↗Always Coca-Cola and Always Christina!
↑Mooo! Trissa Campbell poses with her cow paraphenelia.
↗Jimmy Wright and Justin Strickland both wish they could play like Don Mattingly.









↙ She's no angel, but Tracey Eulenfeld loves them anyway!
Ride em' Cowboy! Justin Valchar hangs on tight while ↓ riding his bulls.

↑Taz MANIA. Sarah Wetterer and Carrie Minzemeyer are wild and crazy about Taz.
↑Ryan Stevens flips over Flipper and his dolphin pals.
↑Bet Jeff Ochoa doesn't tell any big fish stories... Yeah right!
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Friends my buddy and me

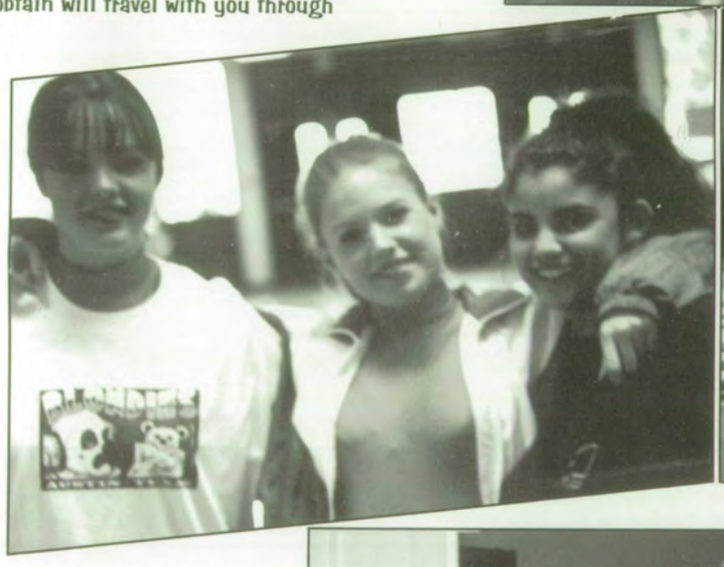
Buddies, pals, compadreas, amigos, freunden, friends. They mean different things to many people. Friends help you create precious memories that last a lifetime.

Some people view a friend as someone you're not afraid to talk to, or be yourself in front of. When others hear the word friend, they think of closely knit groups of people who care deeply for each other. Lawrence Kern characterizes a friend as "Someone who wont rat on you when you tell them where you hid the body." Webster's definition is one attached to another by affection or esteem.

One of your best memories of Taylor High will be the friendships you have made. It is something you will carry with you the rest of your life. To borrow a line from the school song-"All our friendships forever will last, the memories of Taylor High will never be surpassed."

No matter what a friend means to you, the memories you obtain will travel with you through your life.













↑ **Say "Pep Rally"!** Juniors Leslie Jackson, Heather Stence, Rhea Urbis, and Hollie Bollinger pose for a quick pic at a Pep Rally.

→ **Oh My!!** Laurie Cmerek and Celia Naivar pose for a snap on Halloween.

→ **A friend is a horse?!** Well, Mr. Ed was and so is Tisha Gonzales.

↑ **Friends who freeze together cheese together!** JV Cheerleaders Amy Johnson, Brooke Doughy, Alison David, Amanda Welch and Nicole Caffey try to keep warm at a football game.







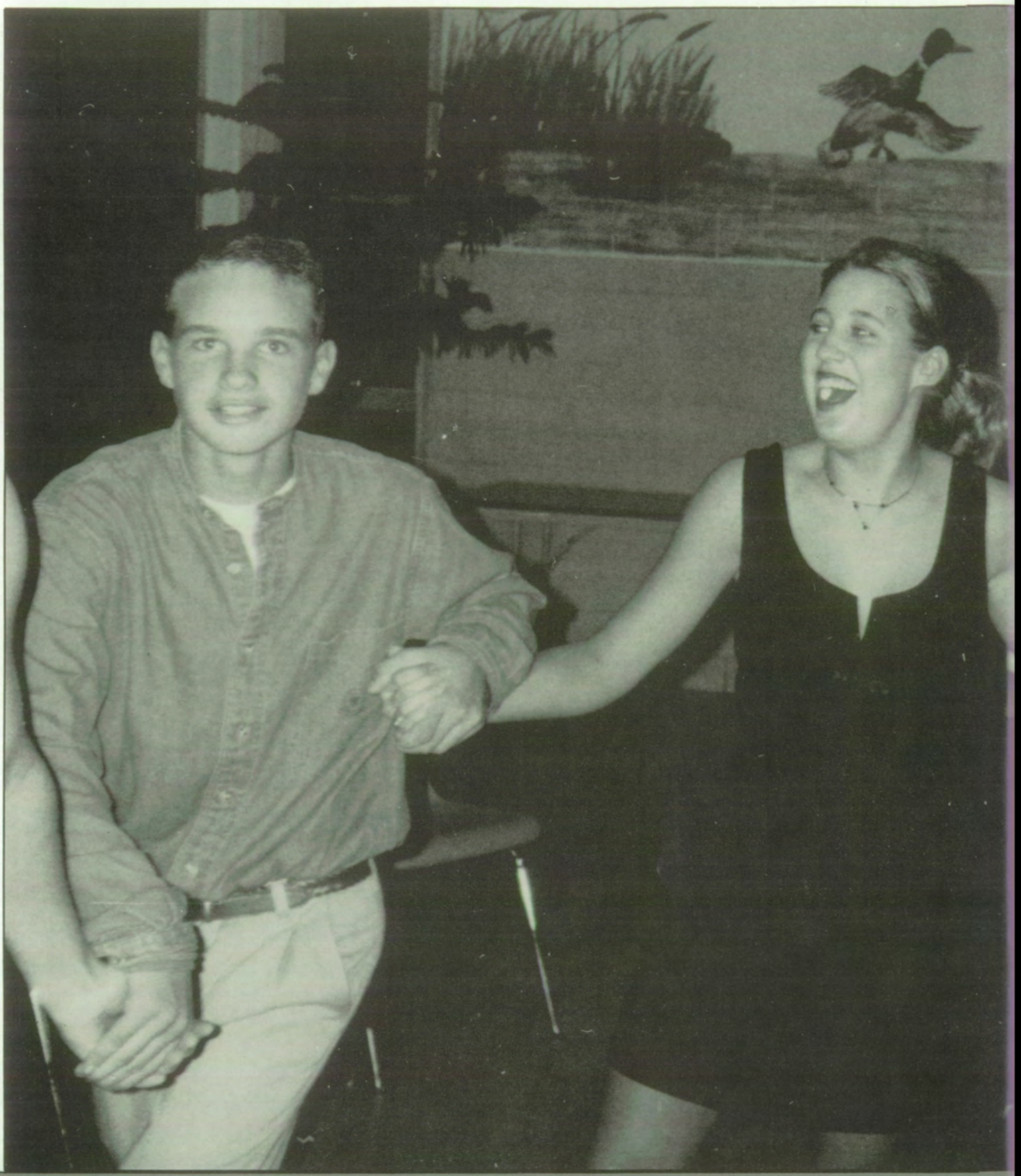


↖ **Always great pals!** These Friends stop for a picture in front of the school.
↑ **Family Picture Time!** The Kaisers demonstrate that a brother and sister can be friends too.
↙ **Skiing and being friends!** Don't Allison Behrends and Amanda Wallace look like two adorable snow bunnies?
↓ **Show me some teeth!** Sophomores Diane Buhler and Amanda Beran smile BIG for the camera.





PEOPLE



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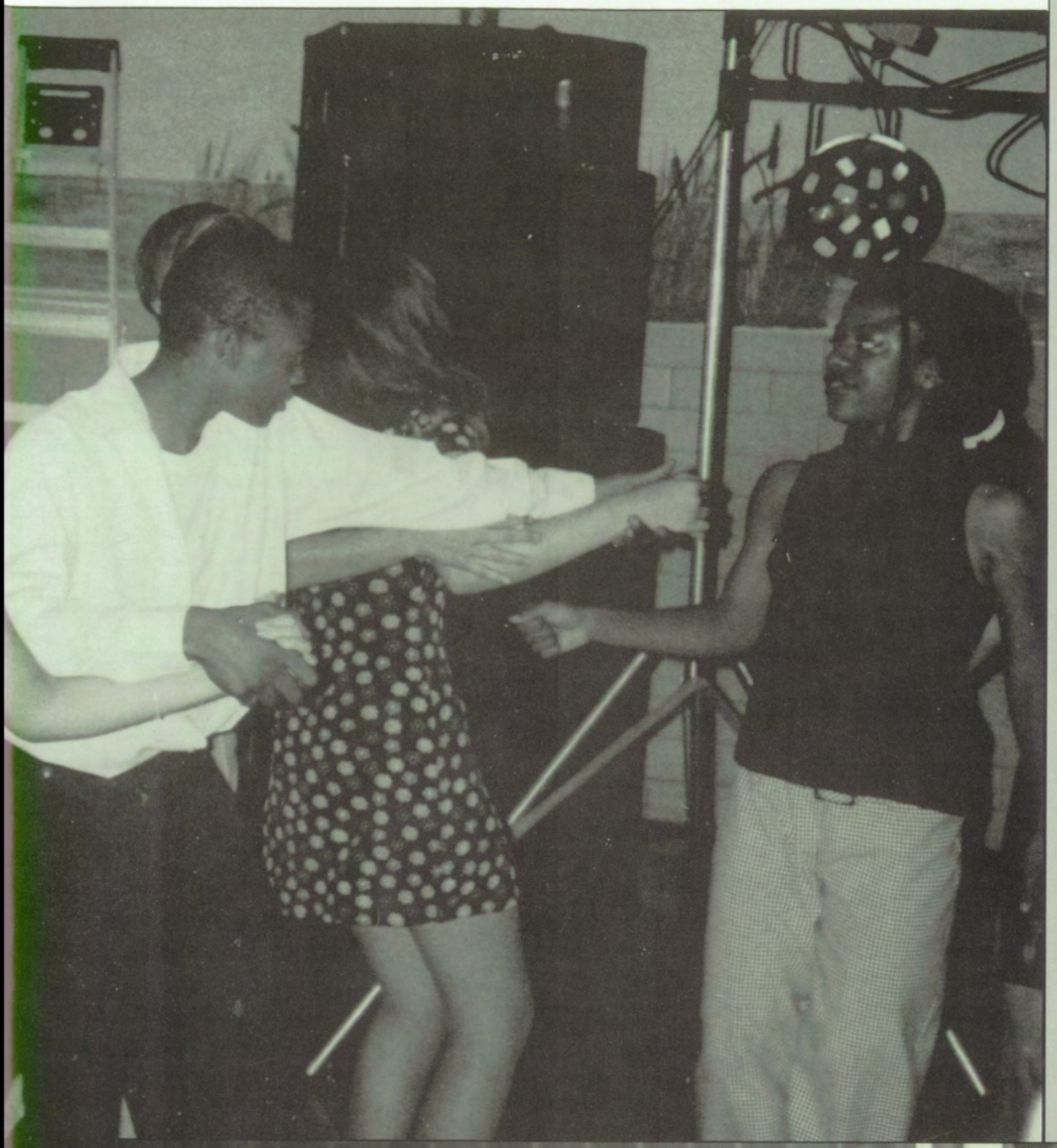


WHO YOU KNOW



Juniors Class of '98



Wow, and they told us our Junior year would be a breeze. Yeah right! When we started out this year, we were upperclassmen with attitudes! Little did we know that just around the corner was one of the hairiest, scariest years we had yet faced. We soon found that the college prep classes and difficult athletic schedules would attempt to get us down. But we conquered. Our obstacle was prom. What do you do when you have great leaders over a big group of procrastinators? You buckle down, get tough, and hang on tight for a bumpy ride towards what turned out to be an awesome night! Now we're standing at the foot of that huge mountain, our last year. This is it! Let's hope we can continue to grow and stick together like we did our incredible junior year!

Roxie Agee
Frankie Agundis
Angie Bachmeyer
Allison Behrends
Marisa Bennett
Brandon Bishop
Tami Blackwell
Hollie Bollinger



Amanda Bullock
Chris Caffey
Galley Camacho
Jennifer Carcamo
Crystal Carrizales







Arthur Carter
Ignacio Castro
David Chenoweth
Laurie Cmerek
Amber Craig





Andrea Crawford
Julie Daniels
Neil Daniels
Tyrone Davis
Cody Dlouhy





Tamara Dozier
Melissa Durkin
Vanessa Dykowski
Tracey Eulenfeld
Chad Farmer














Kip Farrar
Joe Flores
Sarah Fuentes
Megan Gamble
Jack Garcia
Jackie Garcia
Jennifer Gaswint
Jalyn George







Kimberly Gerstner
Matthew Gillum
Gabriel Gomez
Christopher Gonzales






Beth Gotner
April Green
Benjamin Greene
Lisa Haag






Hunter Hargis
Tim Hell
April Hennington
Cha Chi Hernandez










Kimberly Holubec
Terry Horne
Brian Jackson
Kettisha Jackson
Larry Jackson
Leslie Jackson
Lauren Johnson
Matthew Johnson







Tina Johnston
Allison Jones
Courtney Kaiser
Maurice Killingsworth






Johnny King
Debra Koehler
Brandy Kruse
Bertha Lepe




Andrew Littlejohn

Cory Littlepage

Carlos Lucio
Monica Macias
Melissa Marcon
Jason Martin





Janie Mata
Sara Mata
Truett Melde
Jeannie Mendez

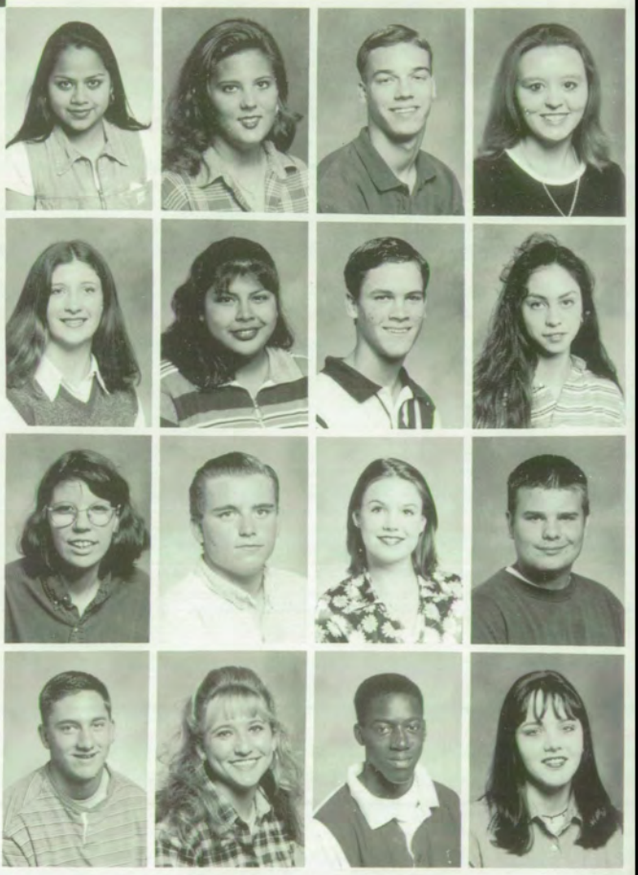


Robert Mendez
Nick Mills
Kourtney Moore
Iris Moreno



Priscilla Moreno
Celia Naivar
Jason Naivar
Patty Nemec





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Wayne Psencik

Scott Raesz
Kim Raesz
Terrance Roberson
Vanessa Roberts

Wanda Rodriguez
Shameika Rollie
Jennifer Rowland



Justin Rowland
Florencia Rozenthal
Raquel Ruiz









Armando Salazar
Jonathan Sanchez
Robert Sanford



Derek Schaefer
Russell Schmidt
Branden Seidel





Beth Solbach
Tammie Stacy
Jeffrey Stefek
Teri Stefek
Dawn Steffek
Heather Stence
Nathan Stivers
Robert Strait







Troy Talley
Ahmon Tealer
Michael Thompson
Octavia Toliver
Cassandra Torres





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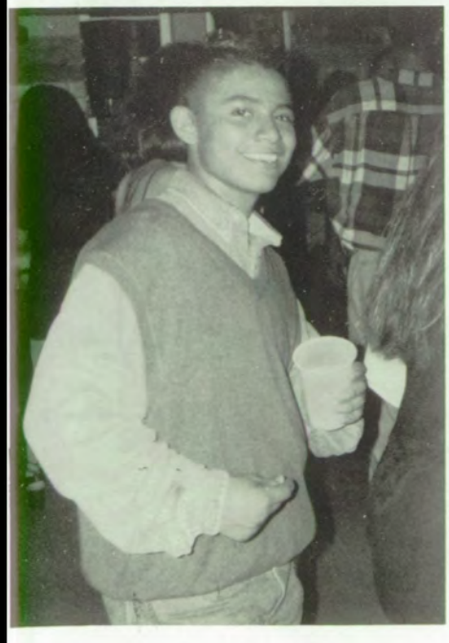





Amanda Wallace
Clifton Washington



Corey Washington
Amanda Wellings
Kevin Widmer
Kelly Wilson
Tory Wilson



Peggy Winn
Jimmy Wright
Jon Wyatt
Derek Zachary
Tammy Zuehlke

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Our Friends From

The 1996-1997 Exchange Students

This year, Taylor had more exchange students than ever. Florencia Rozenthal, Richardo Albuquerque, and Estevao Melo were all here from Brazil. Jakub "Kuba" Szymanski came to us from Poland, Sebastian Froebe from Germany, and Ivan Ivanov from Bulgaria. Although these young people had interests that ranged from skateboarding to soccer and dancing, they all made lasting friendships among themselves and with us. The times we shared with them and the short experience of their cultures helped us to get a taste of the world. We miss them all and even though they are thousands of miles away, they will always be close in our hearts. Perhaps one day our paths will cross again!







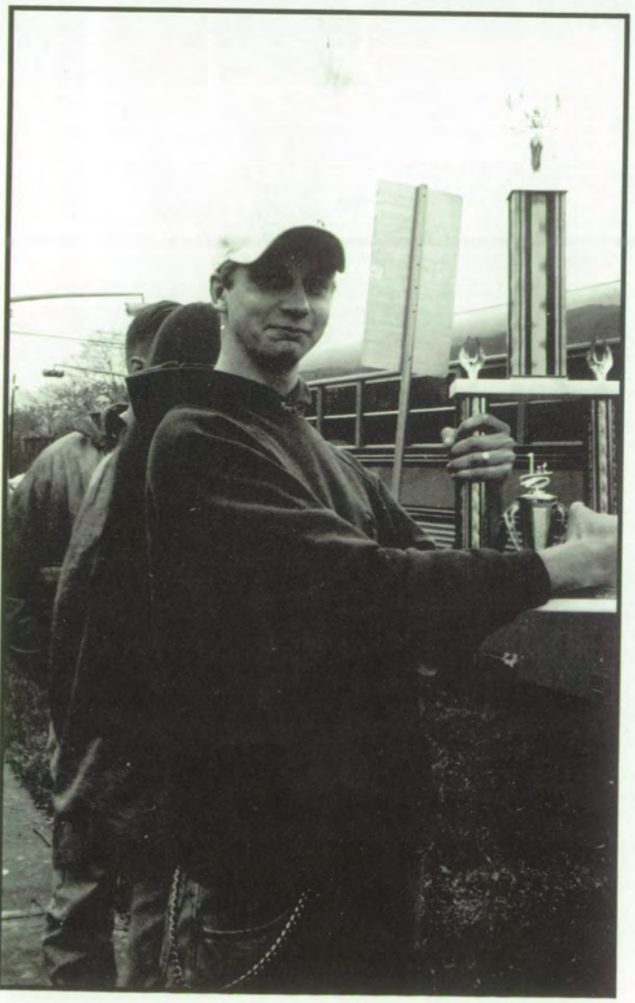
↗ Estevao Melo, Richardo Albuquerque, & SebastianFrobe show the score of their soccer game. Although they lost 12 to 0, they don't look disappointed.
↑ Florencia Rozenthal flashes a beautiful smile as she shows off the stepper uniform that she was so proud of.
→ Jakub "Kuba" Szymanski sits on Santa's lap. How cute!!! Wonder what he asked for?!?

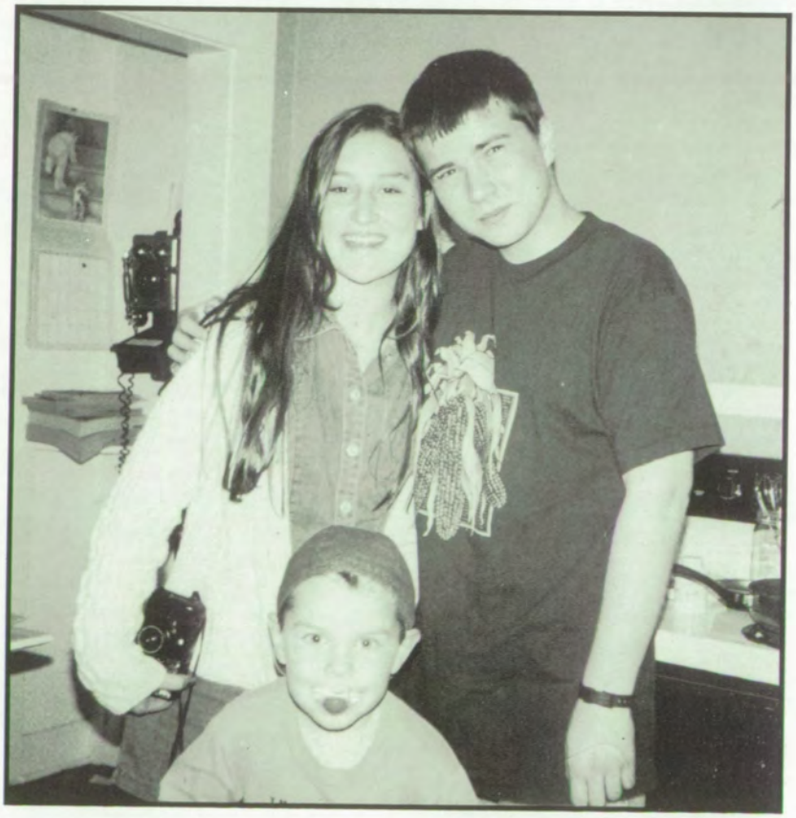
the World Over



← Richardo Albuquerque and Estevao Melo had a blast at Prom.
↓ Sebastian Froebe, Brittany Bullion, and Jakub "Kuba" Szymanski will be pals forever. Peace in the USA!
↓ Jakub "Kuba" Szymanski gives a hug to Florencia Rozenthal before she leaves. Kuba's host brother wants in the picture!
↙ Here Sebastian Froebe shows off the German Club's trophy from competition.







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Sophomores Class of '99

Darryl Ackerman
Edward Alderete

Sophomore: a second year high school student. How non-descript, right? Well, what about an ever-changing, hard working, not quite upperclassmen, stuck in the middle, scholar? In a matter of words, that is what we were. We had made that step up on the "ladder" we know as high school. We were in more control than the fish, having advanced from last year's pond, but still had not achieved the level of juniors or seniors. We were preparing for later challenges in our lives. This was the year we got our drivers' licenses and took TAAS and the PSAT. Many of us were also honored in academics and sports. We had grown a lot this year, and we matured greatly.



Solomon Alderete
Mauno Arias

Eric Ariola
Terence Bailey
Jarod Balusek
Shawana Barber
Amanda Beran
Heath Bice
Erica Bohac
Thomas Bragg

Whitney Brandon
Diane Buhler
Kathy Butler
Nicole Caffey
Nicole Cantu
Jeffrey Carcamo
Maria Castaneda
Andrea Chavarria

Adam Christensen
Tyrone Coleman
Kevin Collins
Sara Cooper
Aaron Crawford
Brook Dabbs
Alison David
Jeffery Davis

Brandon Dickinson
Malachi Dilworth
Michael Dominguez
Charla Dunn-Ray
Cullen Eschberger
Shareeta Fairley
Brian Faltesek
Shannon Faulkner

Adrian Flores
April Flores
Terri Fogolini
Michelle Ford
Steven Fuller
Cedric Gage
Juan Garcia
Larry Garza





Brooke Gonzales
Lindsay Gossett
Angel Gouranalou
Roger Grady
Erin Graef
Jonathan Gray
Tina Green
Amanda Grimm



Heath Grimm
Tanner Hamann
Edward Hamilton
Lindsey Hanacik
Michael Harrington
Cassandra Harrison
Kevin Harrison
Brett Helbert



Jason Hennington
Frank Henry
Beatriz Hernandez
Heith Hernandez
Salvador Hiracheta
Anthony Hubbard
Stacey Huber
Amy Hughes



David Hughes
Amanda Hunn
Tina Hunt
Jessica Jaramillo
Casey Jones
Kellie Kalnasy
Jamie Kautz
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Kylie Kerlin
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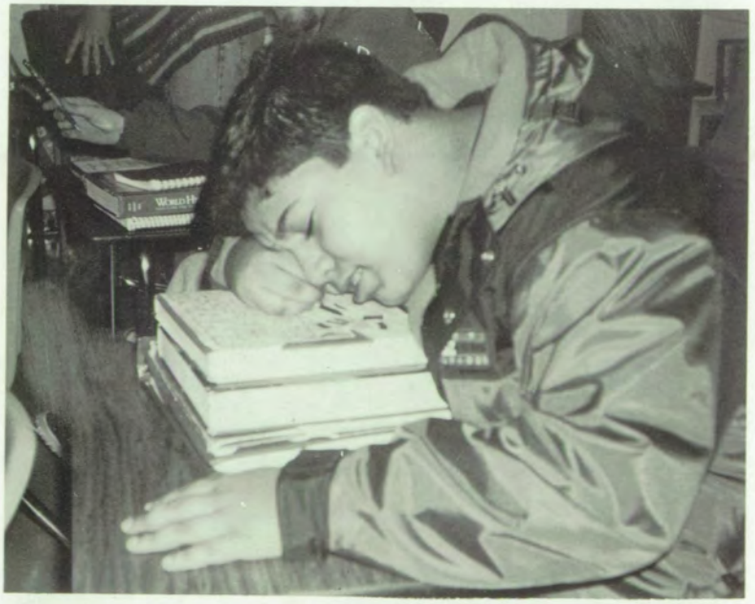



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John Macuk

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Kristen Martin
Adrian Martinez
Gladys Martinez
Joe Martinez
April Maruska
Brittany Matoska
Phillip McCabe

Tiffany Merrel
Tessa Mikulencak
Karon Moore

Maggie Moore
Nancy Morales
Heather Morrison

Catherine Mueck
Ramon Nazario
John O'Campo
Sandy Ochoa
Delilah Olguin
Guy Oliphant
Jesse Oranday
Julian Pachicano

Lance Pavlicek
Shirvonne Pedro
Vidal Pina
Kevin Pitts

Heather Poldrack
Beth Pullen
Telisha Raesz
Manuel Ramirez

Rebecca Ramirez
Brandon Randig
Carmen Razo
Mark Reeves
Manuel Reyes
Patrick Richter
Kyle Rinderknecht
Tommie Rivers

Marvin Robinson
Nicholas Rodriguez
Joe Roman

Travis Rozacky
Monica Ruble
Curtis Ruemke











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Joshua Samuelson
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Oscar Saucedo



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Kyle Schernik
Erin Schmidt
Autumn Schneider
Lauren Schwartz



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Anthony Simien
Sarah Simmons
Virginia Simmons
Justin Sladek
Sonja Stelly
Randa Stiba
Melodie Strickland

Chad Tallas
Jose Tamez





Cassie Taylor
Joshua Tealer





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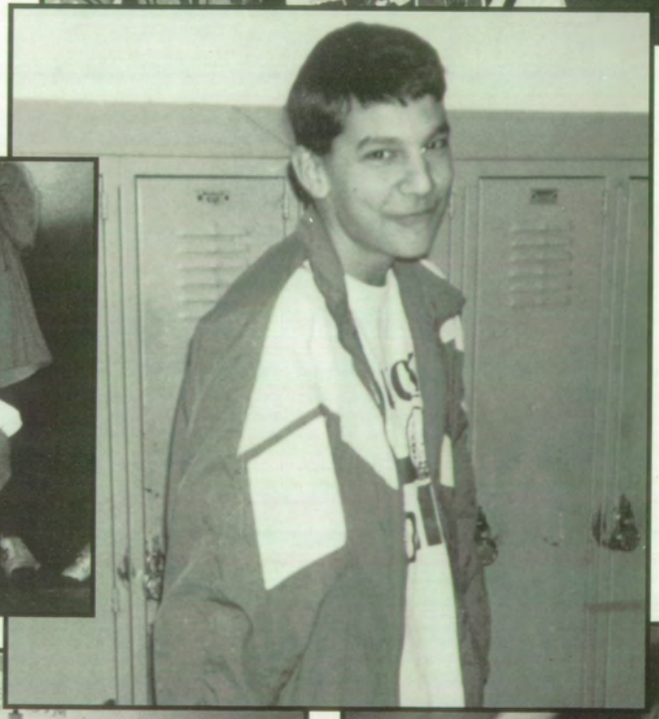
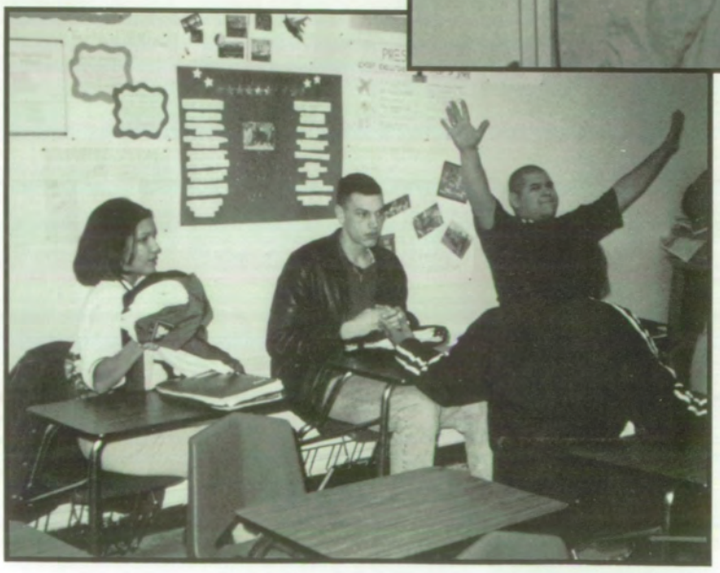
Here's Looking at You



















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Freshmen class of 2000

A great school of fish swam over from the middle school, bringing with them lots of new faces. But the "sea" we all know as the high school had changed! Freshmen were now doomed to a life of closed campus. But they survived, and became incredibly involved, surpassing the usual freshmen stigma.

Also, this year freshmen were a different breed. They stood up to the "sharks" (upperclassmen) and proved freshmen or not, they were Taylorites too, and should be treated with equal respect, the same as seniors... YEAH RIGHT! The normal freshmen anxieties were alleviated with the 2nd annual FISH CAMP. There the Fish swam around the Taylor High School campus, a place that seemed like a vast ocean of new things and people. With their first year at high school they learned a lot and made a lot of new friends; you might say their friendships overflowed. The fish have now entered calm waters and have finally become respected.





Fermin Aguirre
Anna Alderete
Augustine Alderete
Cynthia Aleman
Leroy Aleman
Geraldo Alvarez
Quincy Andrews
Maria Arias
Albert Arzola
James Ashley
Torsten Auerbach
Joel Ayers
Mark Balusek
Clarence Barber
Timothy Bass
Lisa Bell
Jamie Bigon
Clint Bingham
Ashaley Bland
Albert Block
Jenifer Blumrich
Bradley Bohac
Latisha Bozeman
Rhea Brown
Tara Burba
Jamie Button
Dana Carrizales
Kristen Carter
Stacy Carter
Eva Caruther
Kathryn Cathey
Angie Cazalas
Kristin Chait
Manuel Chavana
Micheal Cleveland
Lindsey Cmerek
Lyle Cmerek
Shane Cmerek
Jason Conner
Corrina Contreras
Anita Cruz
John Cuba
Matthew Daenzer
Latasha Deary





Ruth Dixon
Brooke Dlouhy
Moses Dominguez
Nancy Dominguez
Troy Dominguez
Alison Enochs
Todd Eschberger
Maria Estrada

Bryan Evans
Travis Falk
Christina Fields
Curtis Fields
Morris Fields
Stephen Fisher
Talishia Fisher
Elizabeth Flores

Maria Flores
Regina Foster
Jose Fraire
Brandi Garcia
Chastity Garcia
Javier Garcia
Desiree Gates
Samantha Ging

Deatrice Gipson
Brandon Gomez
Laura Gomez
Sophia Gomez
Jennifer Gonzales
Christina Gonzales
Maria Gonzales
Maria Gonzalez

Elaine Good
Melissa Grady
Matthew Greene
Lacie Grieger
Lisa Grimm
Tremon Harrell
Angela Harrington
Dustin Harrison







Heath Haverland
Stephen Hawkins
Heather Hazelwood
Brian Heeke

Dawn Hehmann
Christopher Hejl
Darren Helbert
Sherri Henry
Don Hernandez
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Sergio Hiracheta



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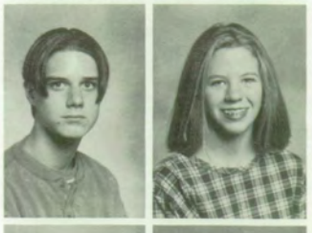

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Laura Johnson
Terence Johnson



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Jennifer Kolinek







Stephen Konarik
Libby Krepps
Kelly Kuhl
Lance Magana





Daniel Martin
Jacob Martin
Kenneth Martin



Jonathan Martinez
Marty Martinez
Richard Martinez









Valerie Martinez
James Massey
Chris McNeil
Carlos Menchaca
Lorie Mendez



Courtney Menzel
Lauren Mikulencak
Clint Mokry
Janlyn Mokry
Nicholaus Mokry



Jason Moldenhour
Andrew Morris
Kristine Muegge
Virginia Murphy
Kerry Murray
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Tamara Naivar
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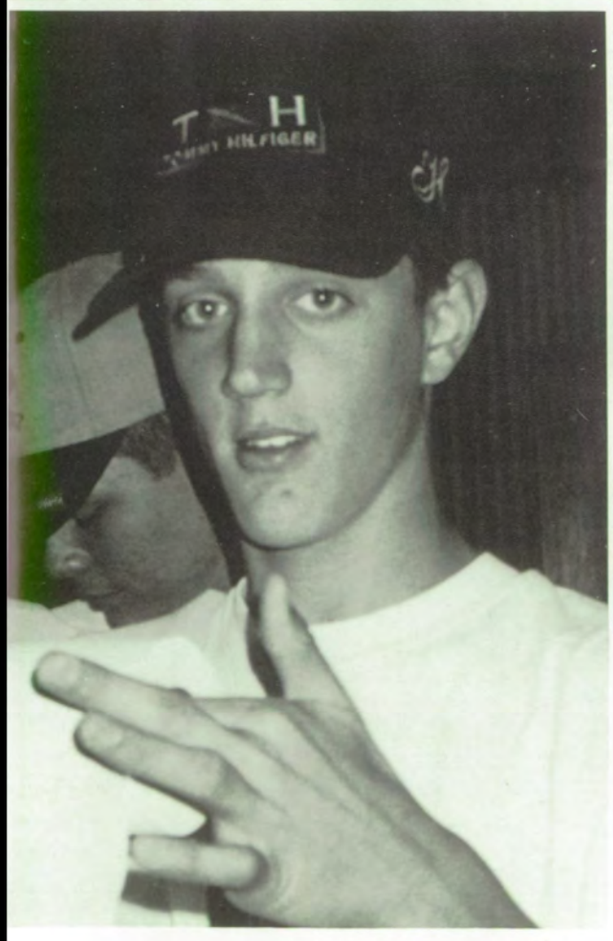



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David Scarborough
Suzanne Schramm



Stanci Schroeder
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Tara Svehlak
Bubba Talley









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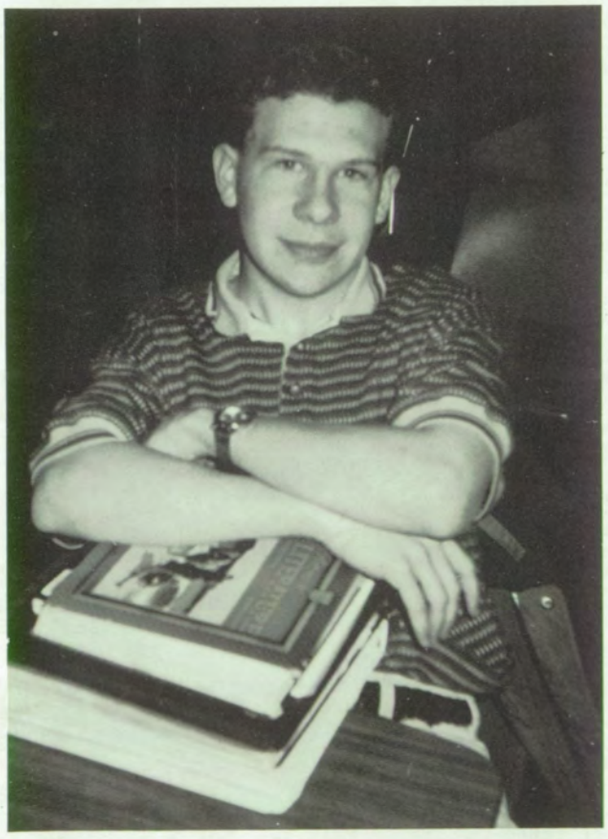



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Susan Wright



Tahesha Wright



Willie Wright
Amy Zucknick
Scott Zucknick
Lonnie Zycha



Faculty Class of the Past

What comes to mind when you hear the word "Faculty?" Well, if you asked Daniel Webster, he'd probably something like, "Any body of teachers as distinguished from their students." However, if you asked a fellow high school student, he would probably be reminded of the body of teachers and administrators in Taylor High School that dedicate a good portion of their lives to help us make a better life for ourselves.

For starters, the job of a teacher goes far beyond the hours of 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They spend a lot of time on weekends grading papers, so we can get them back on Monday. They also grade those really LATE papers, so we don't fail the six weeks. Teachers are there to make an impact in a student's life that will last forever. THAT'S ALMOST LIKE A LIFETIME WARRANTY ON EDUCATION!

So, It's more true to say that the Taylor High School Faculty is a very special group of people, here to help us to succeed in life. This year's Faculty Edition can be a tribute to all the many people who work in the only high school where they can call themselves "Ducks"!

Patsy Bartosh



Dani Baylor



Denny Baylor



Jeff Bell



Vicky Bennett
Jeff Black
Dorothy Bohac
Emerson Brister
Susan Burkhart
Rachel Burklow
Ernest Carter
Ken Cooper



Linetta Copple
Donna Curtis
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Skip Dickinson
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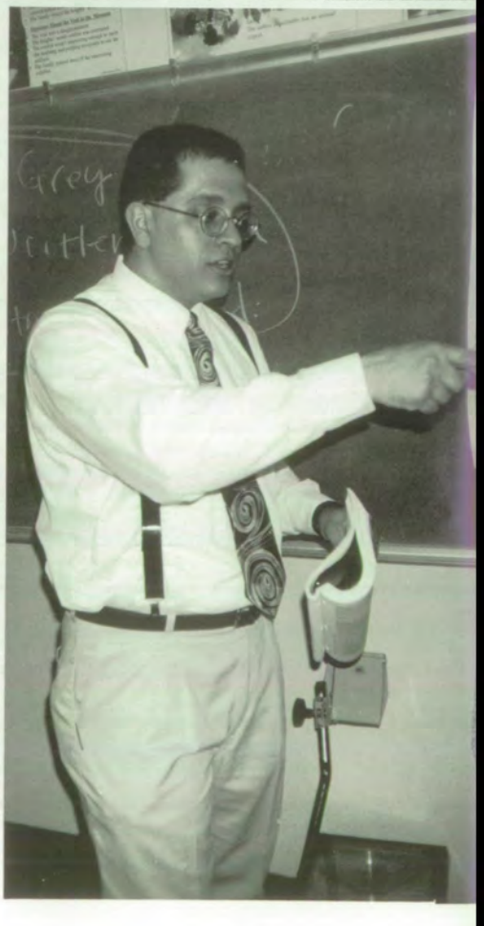





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Priscilla Parsons
Charles Pool
Danny Potts



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Patti Ruemke
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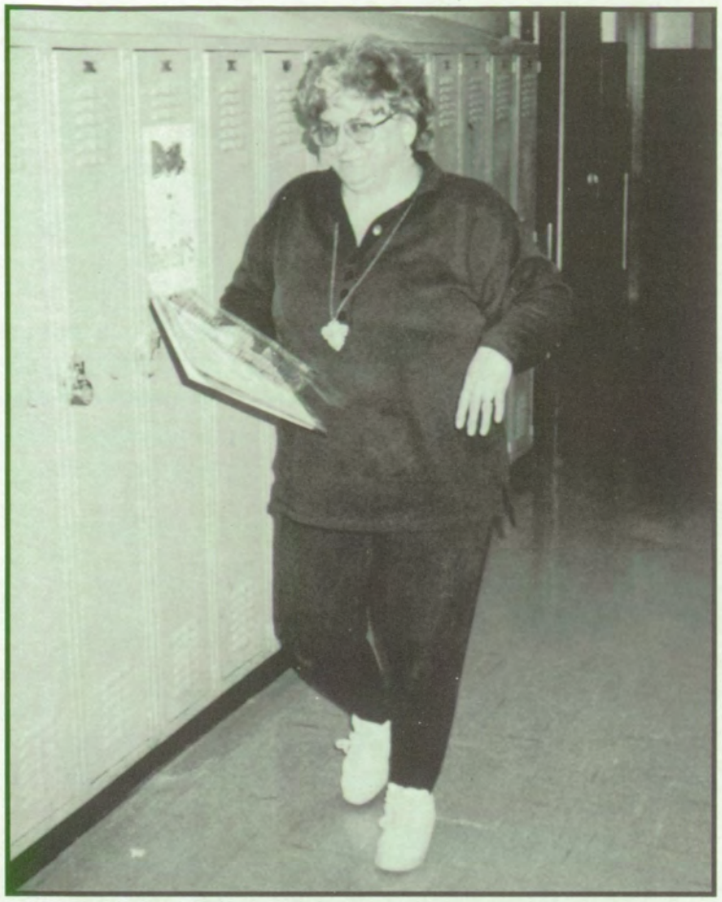









↑Ms. Mohel is caught by the camera.
↑Coach Rucker helps Justing Strickland with a tough Biology problem.
↑Mr. Patterson, our new school superintendent, shows off his new desk.
←Ms. Burklow grins as she reads her favorite part of Romeo and Juliet.
↑Mrs. Potts and Mrs. Bennett smile as they reminisce about their school days.

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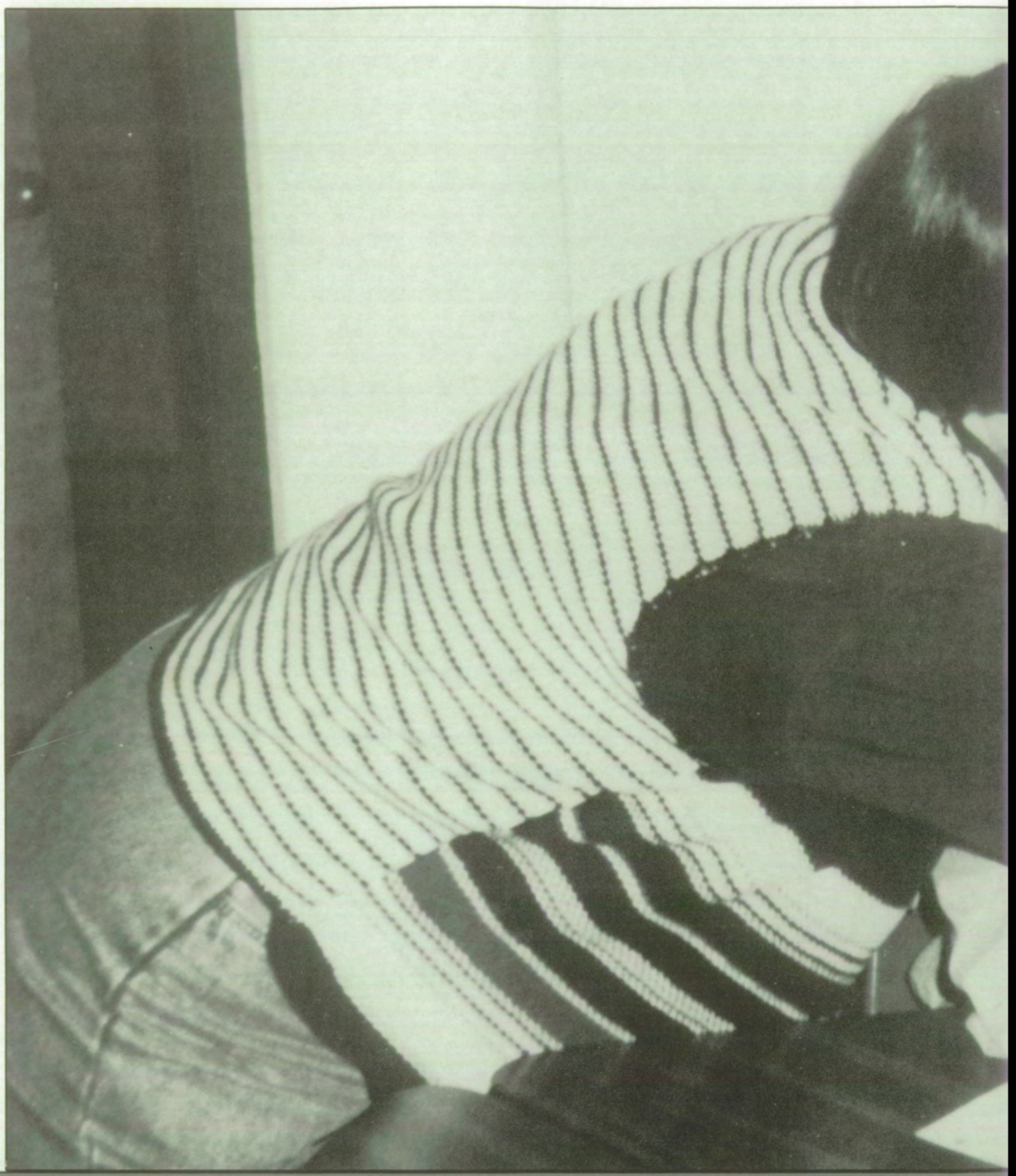


It All Comes Down To...

WHAT YOU KNOW

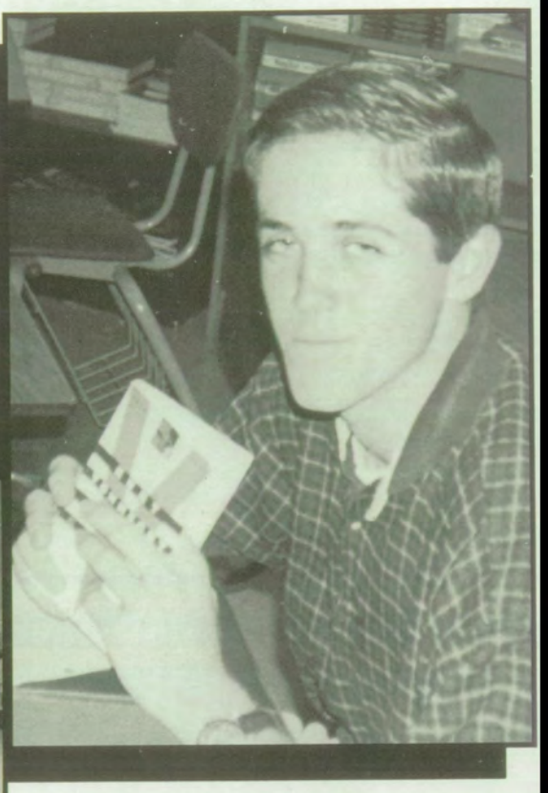




English

No one will ever outgrow English. Learning about punctuation, spelling and grammar was no easy task and just got harder as we got older. One of the major objectives for tenth grade English teachers was to get the students ready for TAAS. Eleventh and twelth graders anticipated that long, dreaded research paper.

This year the freshmen studied Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, the sophomores read *Julius Caesar*, the juniors covered *The Crucible* and *The Red Badge of Courage*, and the seniors inquired *Hamlet* and *Beowulf*. English classes were important because they gave us a basic understanding. We knew we had to do our very best in English. Even though it is challenging, it too, remains a vital part of our everyday lives.







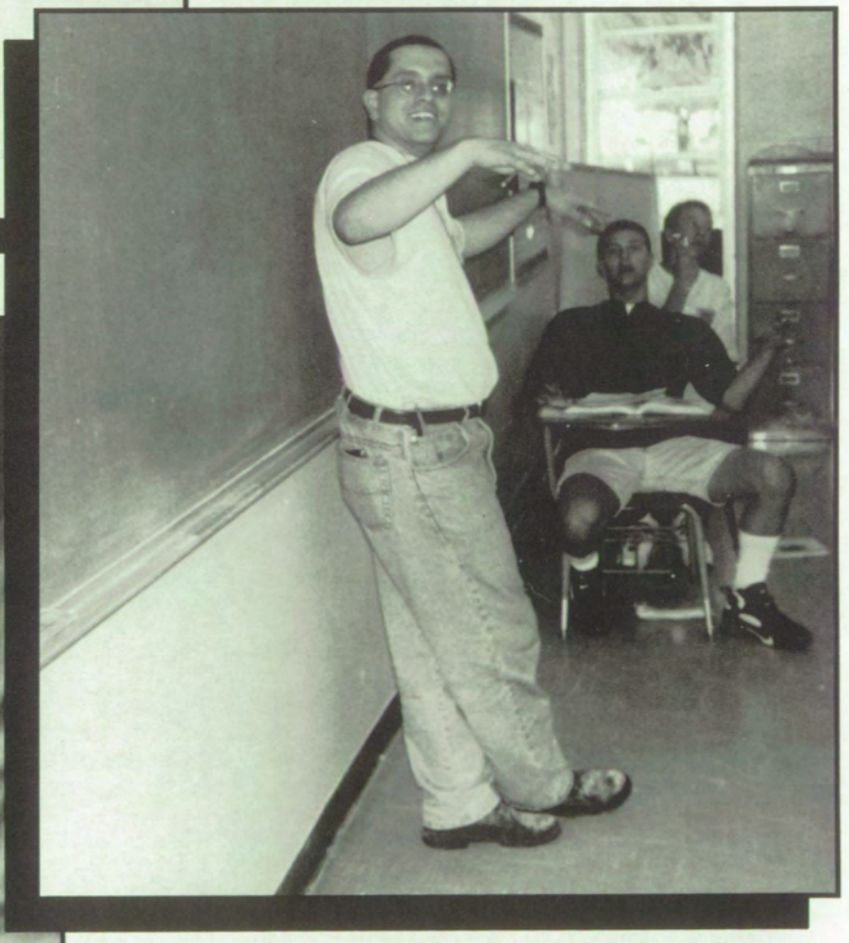
→ This is my Vonnegut look! Junior Terry Horne is so wrapped up in The Cat's Cradle he begins to take on his appearance.

↑ "O.K. class good morning." "I said Good Morning!" Mrs. Foley attempts to get class started.

↗ At least try to look like you're paying attention. Seniors Melanie Mikulencak and Lawrence Kern look surprised in their English IV Class.









↑ Julius Caesar was a cool cat. Mr. Garcia takes a more modern approach to teaching English.

↑ Smile Big! Tisha Gonzales and Trissa Campbell take time to smile for a quick picture.

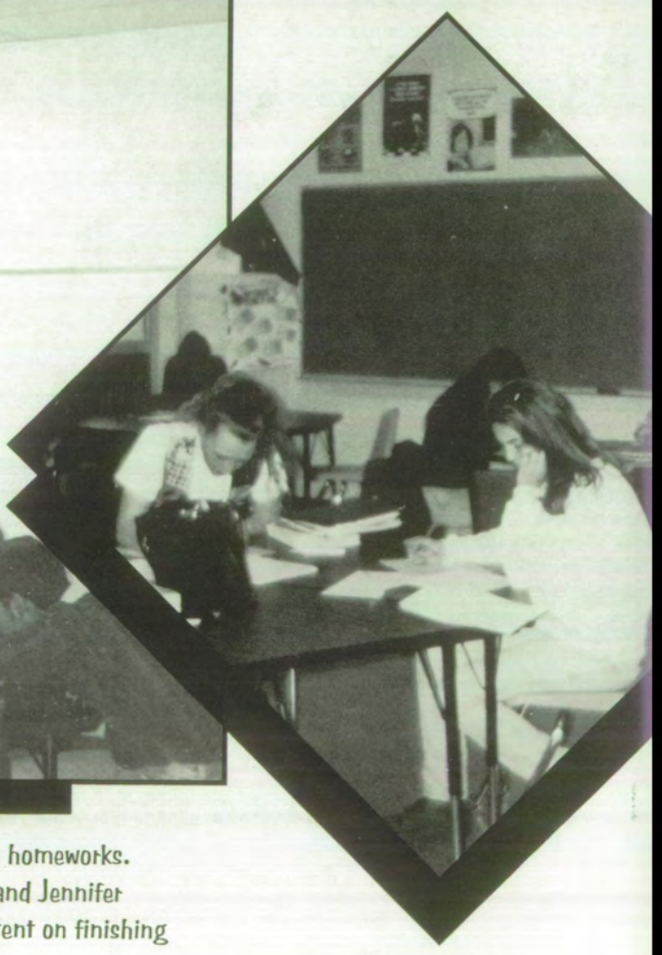
↑ www.bored.com Juniors Chris Caffey and Tim Heil surf the internet.

Mathematics

Taylor High has an incredibly strong math department, with courses ranging from Pre-Algebra to Calculus. Math is something that one faces everyday because it is the backbone of our society. Math is the science of numbers and operations. Many people say math is confusing, but after a while, you'll catch on. Mathematics has a different definition in everyone's book. Most people think of it as torture; for others, it is just another class that teachers force on us and our busy social lives. Some insist on complaining that school doesn't do anything for us because it won't be used in the real world, but even they have to admit that they are wrong when it comes to math. Math is like the facts of life; there is no changing it or the fact that 2+2=4.



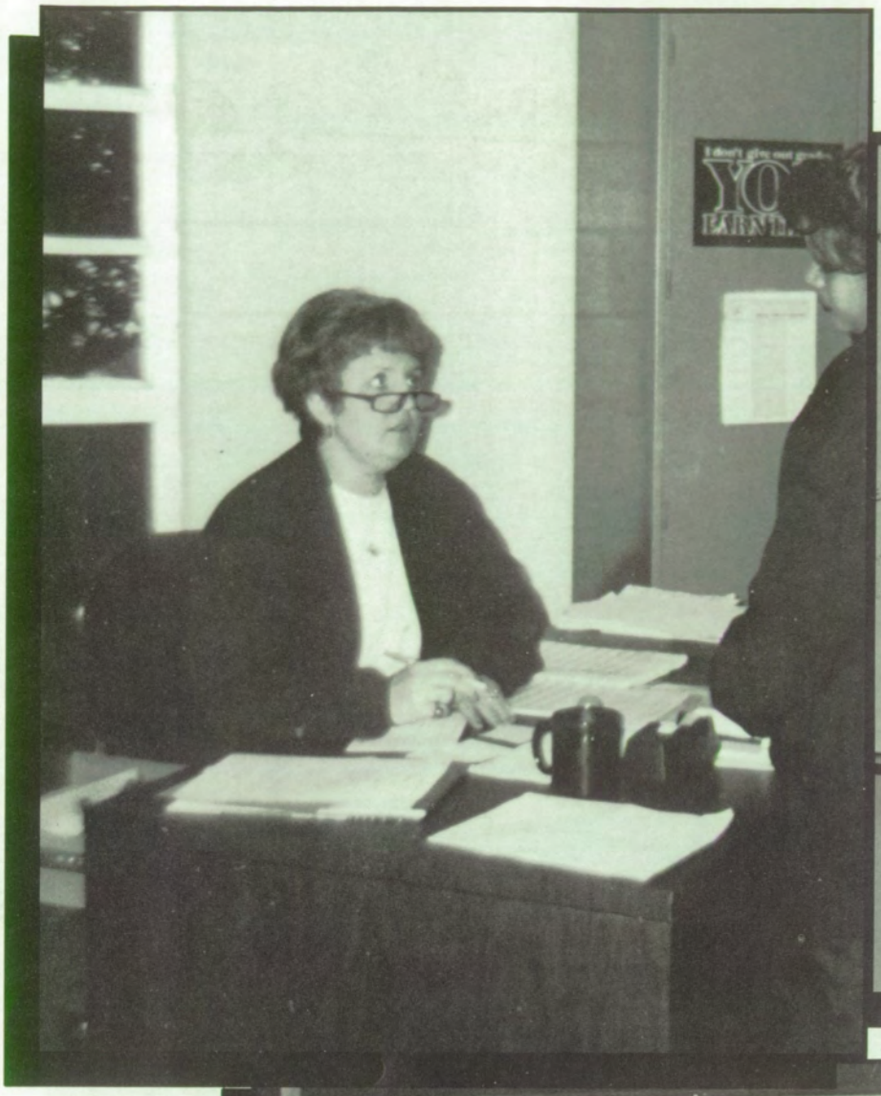


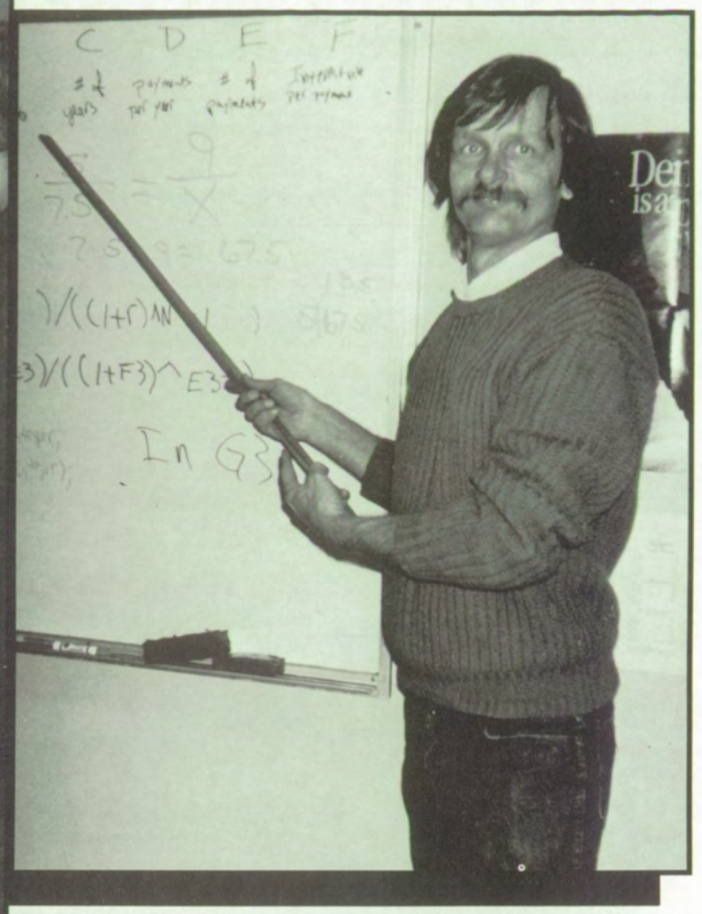


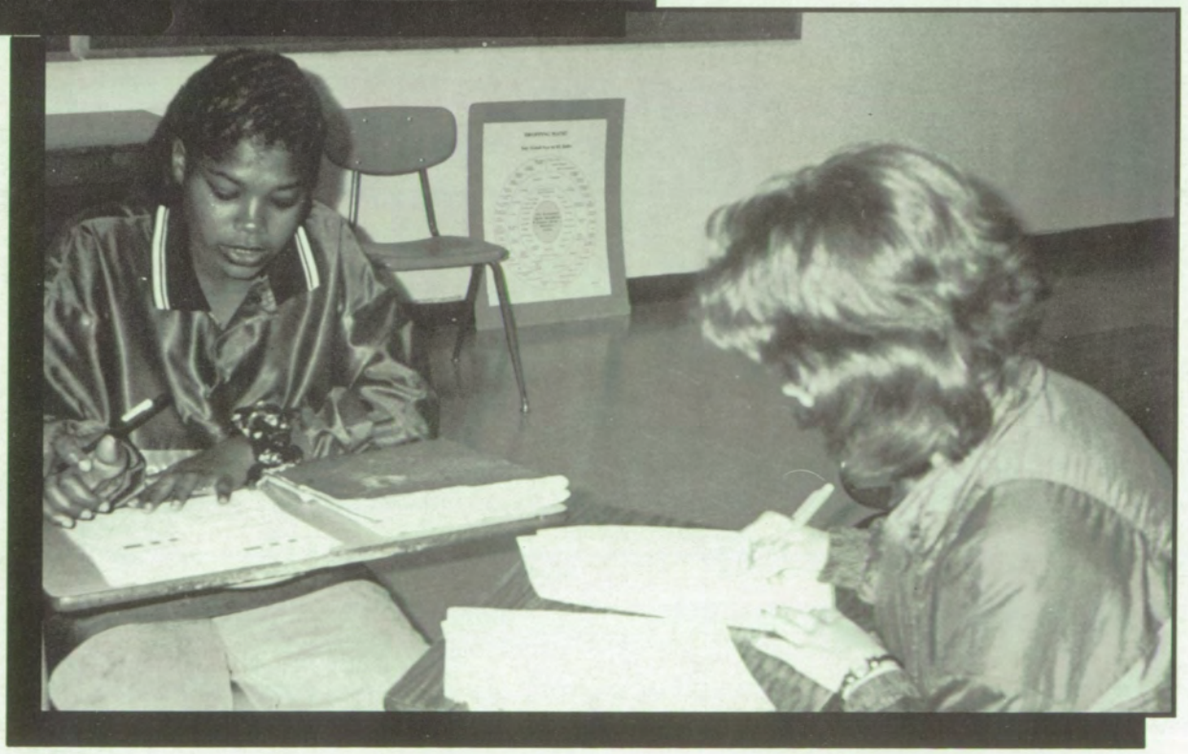
↑ Mrs. Mac is hard at work grading papers at her desk.

↑ How did you do that again? Mrs. K works a problem on the over-head so everyone can see what to do.

↗ I hate quality homeworks. Dianne Buhler and Jennifer Campbell are intent on finishing their homework.







↟ I don't really want to know. Mrs. Mac hands out grades and the dreaded progress reports.

↗ What's up Mr. Cooper! Cooper shows off his teaching skills at the board.

↑ What?! A test tommorow. Two of Mrs. Ross's students frantically study for an upcomming test.

Science

What's brewing in the minds of students

Having fun is the epitome of what science is all about. Whether we were dissecting pigs or making ice cream, we were always doing something interesting with science. Our classes ranged from Physical Science to AP Chem II., each presenting experimental challenges. Even though the science teachers did not put our school on the verge of being blown up this year, it was still an eventful year!



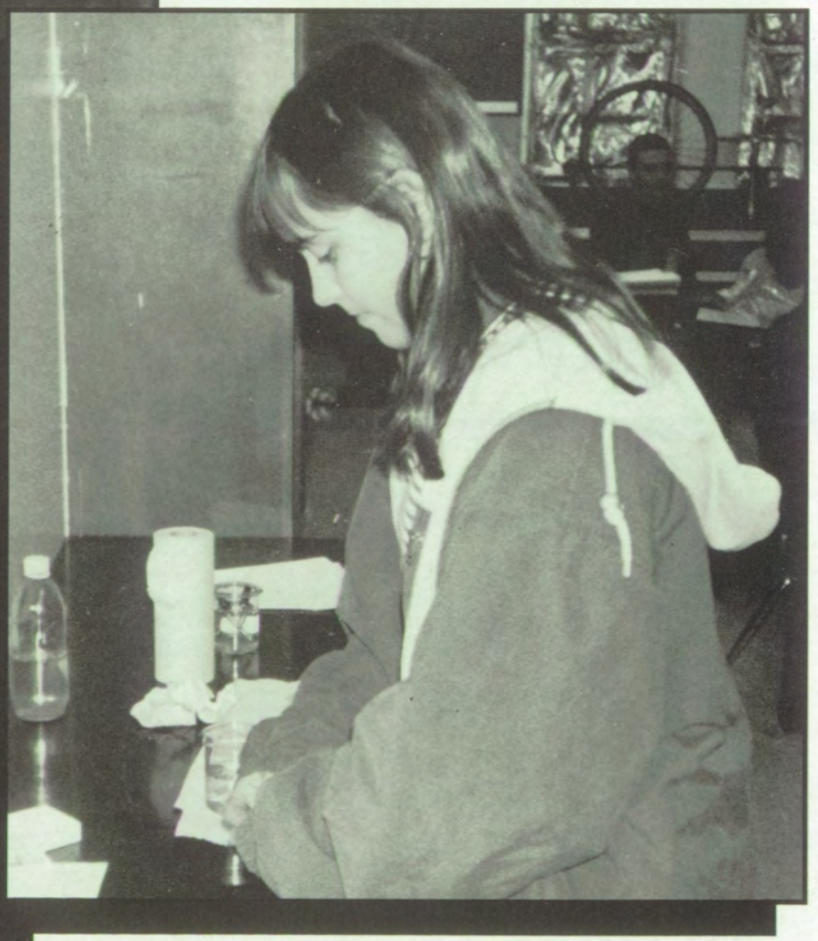


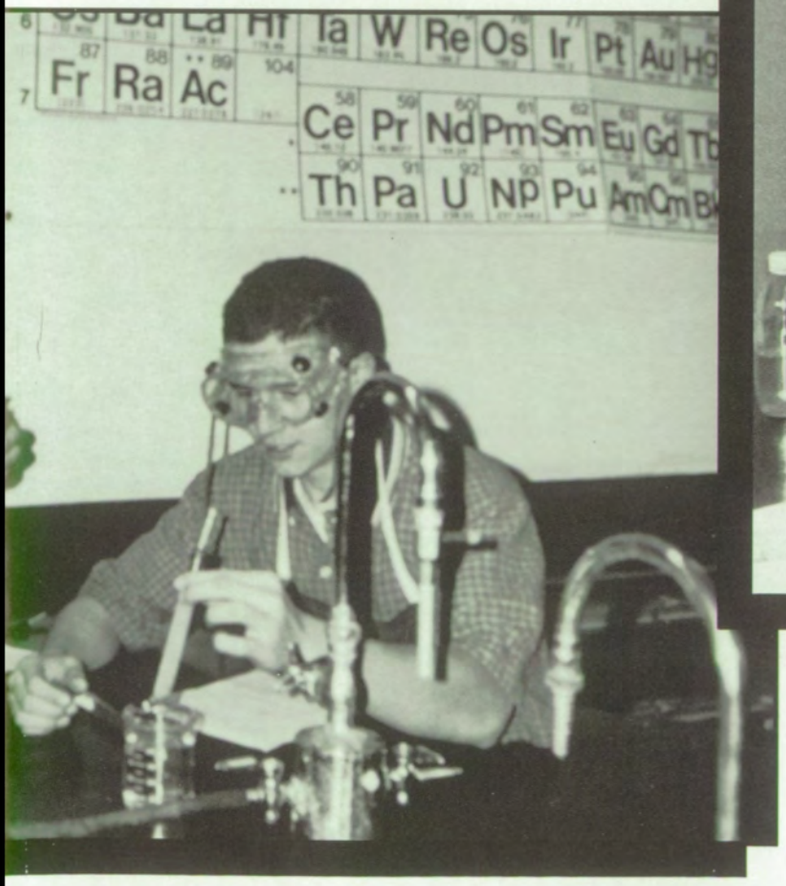


↗ What's the answer? Chris Caffey calculates a Chemistry II problem.
↑ How much more of this? Laurie Cmerek and Celia Naivar tire themselves with a Chemistry lab.
→ Dude, look at this fizz. . . Marvin Robinson and Edward Alderete experience how Chemistry really works.









↖ Caught in the act. Adam Christensen and Nick Mills are up to something disastrous.
↑↑ FISH! Paula Ortiz and Nancy Dominguez study their biology.
↑ Let me see here. . . Jennifer Kolinek prepares for her biology lab.

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Social Studies

Learning all about our past and how we got where we are

August 1996 A.D.- We started the first day of a new school year. Most of us walked into a new social studies class and soon realized something different. It was the end of an era; we had bid farewell to the beloved Mr. Crow and welcomed a new Social Studies Head, Mrs. Bennett. With Mrs. Bennett came new innovative ideas. Under her direction, Taylor High School held its first ever Presidential election, which turned out to be extremely successful. Another change was freshmen now took geography instead of U.S. History and some even found themselves taking World History with the sophomores. Every social studies class was also granted the ability to try out what many had never dared, the INTERNET! For the first time students were able to surf the web during social studies class, and most of us enjoyed it. We changed this year, and by changing we made our own history. Other historical moments were Fridays in Coach Tennill's Honors Government and Economics classes. We all will have fond memories of Trivia and Coach Tennill's favorite number 4. A.P. U.S History students will probably look back and smile when they think of all the hard work they did, knowing it was all worth it. If you ask anyone of Mrs. Bennett's World History students what they remember, they'll tell you "I Remember Arthur." Yes, it all came down to making our own history this year, a special history at Taylor High School.



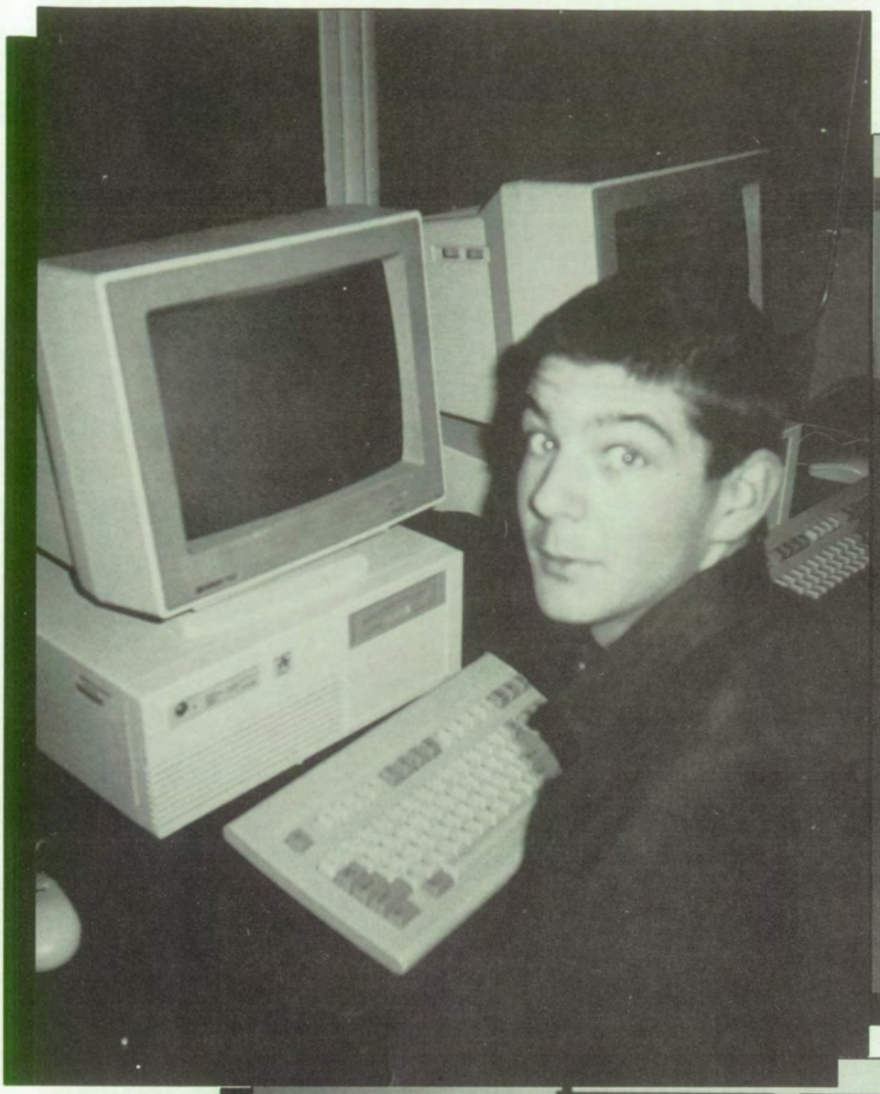




→ Lauren Rozacky and other World History students take a quick break from studying.

↑ Vote for Clinton! Carrie Nicholson casts her vote in the mock Presidential election.

↑ "Big" Mark Aleman loves his government class.









↑ www.confused.com. Paul Schroeder surfs the new and exciting Internet.

↗ Teacher's Pet! Josh Schernik poses with his favorite teacher.

↑ Mr. Tennill and his Government/ Economics class smile for a group picture.

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Electives

Looking at all the classes taken in high school, everyone remembers the elective courses. Electives are not just everyday boring classes; they give you a taste of the real world outside of school. The knowledge you receive is more specific to your interest and what you want to do with your life after high school. Electives give you the skills you need for your future career; they also help you decide which way you want to go. Some examples of elective classes include keyboarding, agriculture, foriegn languages, and criminal justice. These are just a few of the many electives that help you decide on a career.



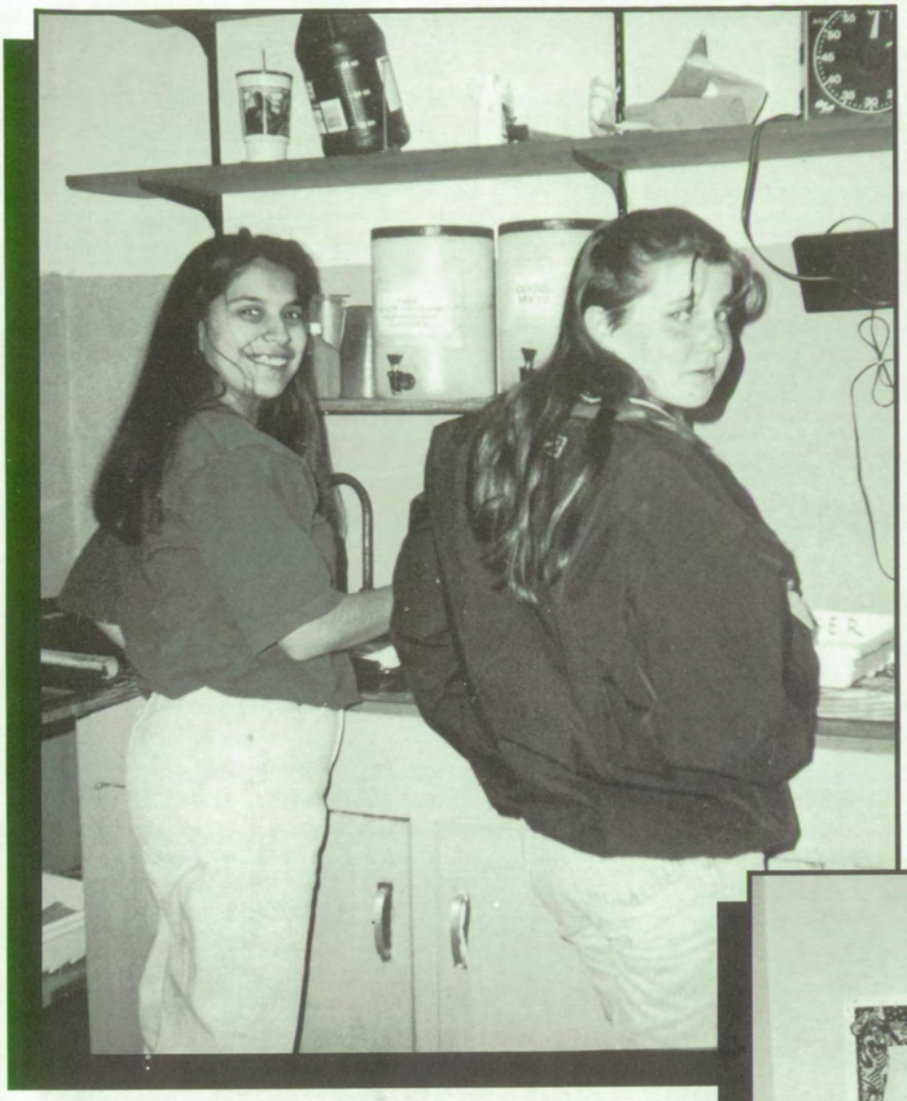




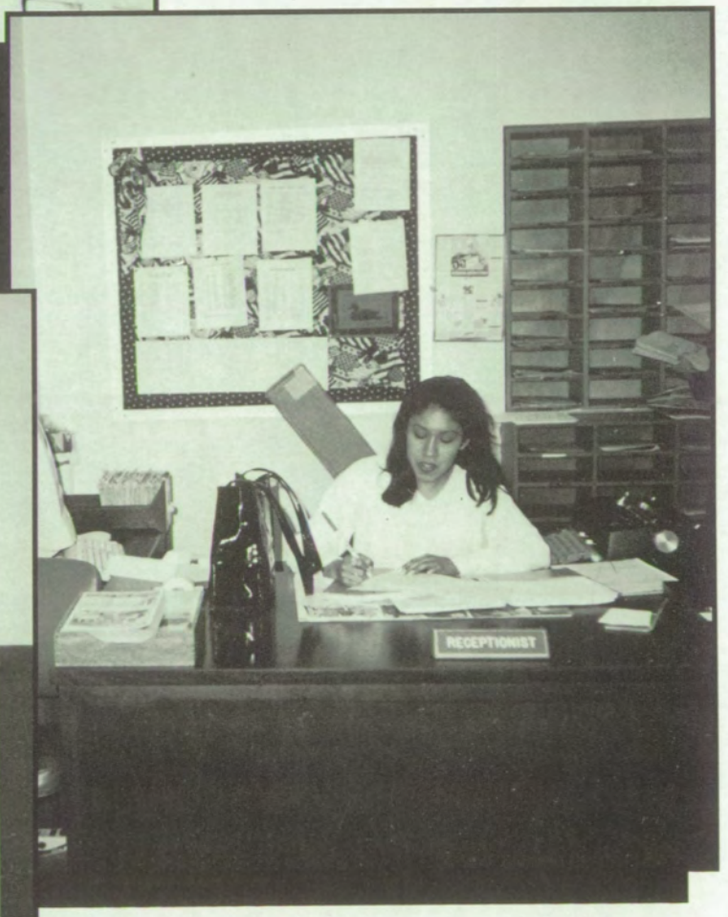
↗ Alison Behrends works in photography getting ready for some new shots.

↑ Mrs. Hendriex and Jeffery Simion discuss his new drawing idea in art.

→ An "Art" work done by Cody Louis Seigmund.









↞↑Janie Mata and Christen Martin take a pause in photography to cheese it.

↑ Merideth MaCuk, Marie Kirk, and Cody Dlouhy type-away in BCA.

↑Tisha Gayton works as an office aide in the office.

Advanced Placement

AP English III



1st row (l-r): Jalyn George, Vanessa Roberts, April Hennington, Celia Naiver, Amanda Wallace, Laurie Cmerek, Angie Bachmayer, Brittany Bullion, Sarah Fuentes, 2nd row (l-r): Cassandra Torres, Beth Solbach, Tracey Eulenfeld, Carrie Nicholson, Vanessa Dykoski, Marisa Bennett, Allison Behrends, 3rd row (l-r): Dawn Stefek, Jimmy Wright, Jason Vrana, Jason Naiver, Andrew Littlejohn, Kip Farr, Chris Gonzales, 4th row (l-r): Hunter Hargis, Joe Flores, Branden Seidel, Arthur Carter, Kevin Widmer, Terry Horne, Jeff Ochoa, Jeff Steffek

AP English IV



1st row: (l-r): Trissa Campbell, Carrie Minzenmayer, Justin Strickland, Tisha Gonzales, Lindsey Jahn, 2nd row: (l-r): Brian Caldwell, Elizabeth Cornell, Melanie Mikulencak, Amanda Stafford, Jennifer Enochs, Kelly Hewitt, 3rd row (l-r): Jared Fox, Andres Flores, Matt Reeves, Virginia Carpenter, Artimesha Kimble, Lawrence Kern, Elizabeth Foley

AP Calculus

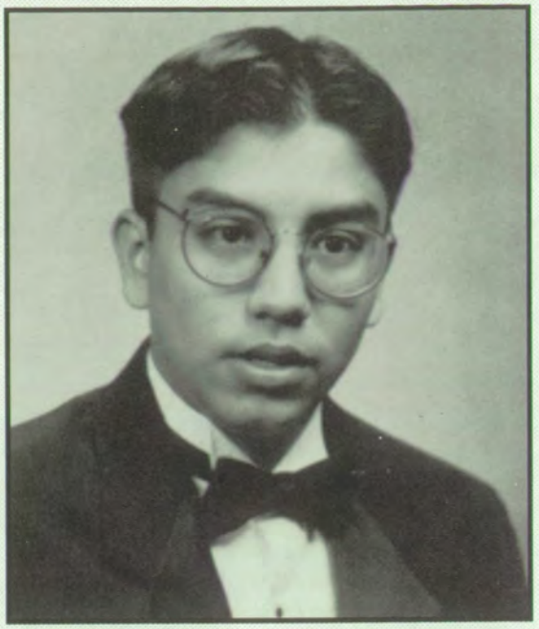


1st row (l-r): Elizabeth Cornell, Tracey Burba, Eric Ross, Jennifer Enochs, Trissa Campbell, Carrie Minzenmayer, 2nd row (l-r): Julie Janak, Melanie Mikulencak, Kelbi Doughy, Brian Caldwell, Lindsey Jahn, Sara Mueck, Dixie Ross, 3rd row (l-r): Jason Stiles, Ryan Jansky, Andres Flores, Mark Aleman, Jeremy Gray, Brian Dennis, Jared Fox, Jason Ward



AP American History

1st row (l-r): Jakub Szymanski, Amber Craig, Brittany Bullion, Jonathan Sanchez, Back row (l-r): David Chenoweth, Arthur Carter, Sarah Fuentes, Chachi Hernandez, Paul Quarles



AP Spanish IV

Rolando Delgado



AP Chemistry II

1st row (l-r): Celia Naiver, Laurie Cmerek, Jeff Steffek, 2nd row (l-r): Hunter Hargis, Terry Horne, Chris Caffey, Back row: Carol Sutton



AP Statistics

Heather Stence, Octavia Toliver, Brian Caldwell, Lisa Hewtty, Tally McAfferty














Dance...
HARD
...or don't
DANCE
AT ALL!



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VOCATIONAL

Working hard for the money

Taylor High School offers a wide range of classes so everyone can take the courses to best suit his or her wants and needs. Many students chose a vocational class. The vocational classes teach much responsibility and are a great way to learn what the real world is like. For many this program will help students out financially and also teach work skills. There are many different job opportunities that students are offered, ranging from working at H.E.B. to Central Office to EXXON. Working through the vocational program has taught many of us lessons about life, besides money, and how to handle situations that approach us out there in the real world.







↑ Hungry? Melanie Urbis prepares an order of fries for a customer at McDonald's.
↗ Beep...Beep...Beep...Carlos Lopez works as a H.E.B. cashier.
↗ Don't worry Julie the days almost over. Julie Janak works hard in the counselor's office.









↑ Hey Shanaye! Smile! Shanaye Jackson works hard to keep her department straight at Wal-mart.

↗ Paper or Plastic? Matt Reeves bags groceries at H.E.B.

↑ What's the name again? Lisa Haag types in some info to find her customer's lay-a-way items at Wal-Mart.

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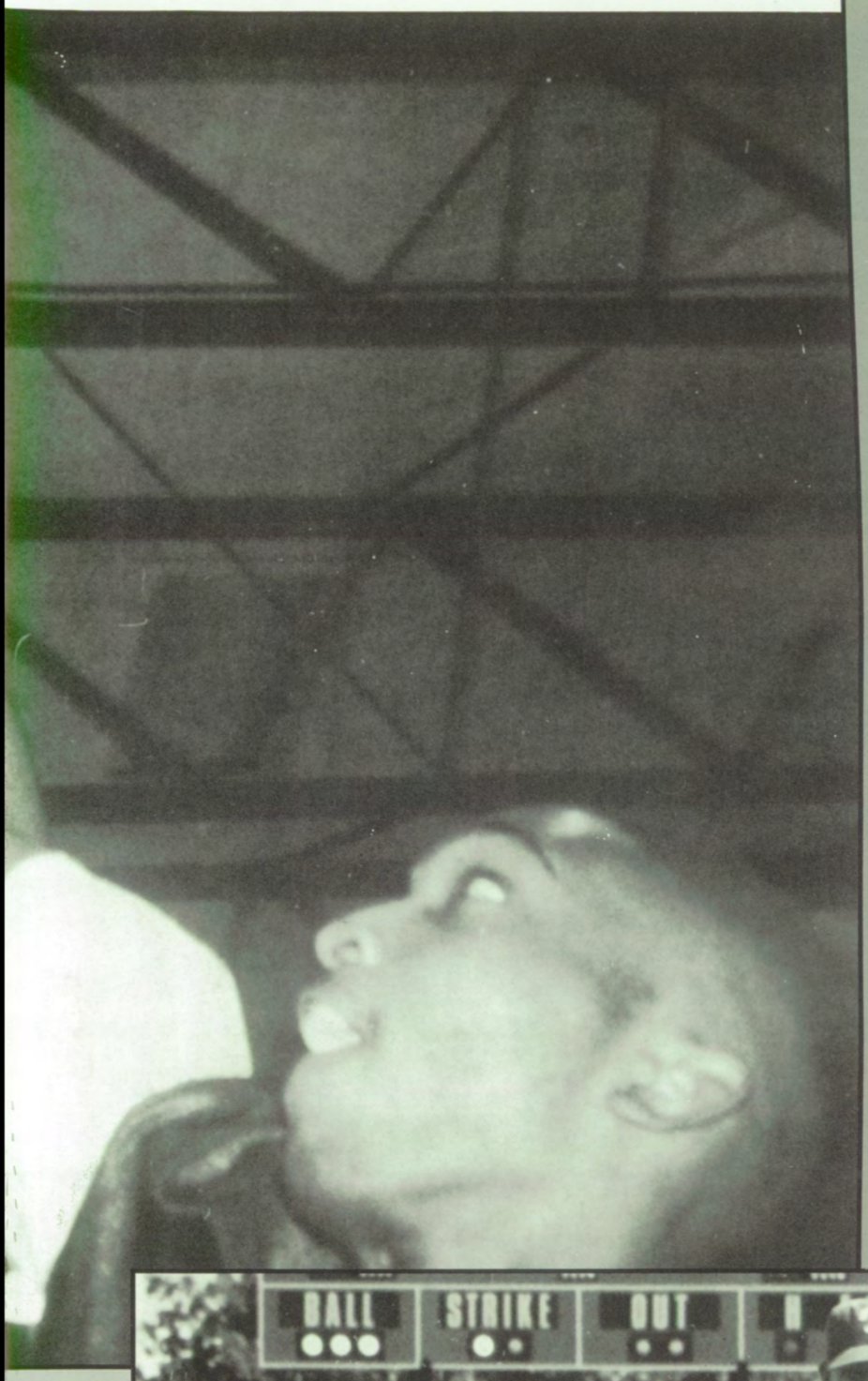
SPORTS



It All Comes Down To...

WINNING





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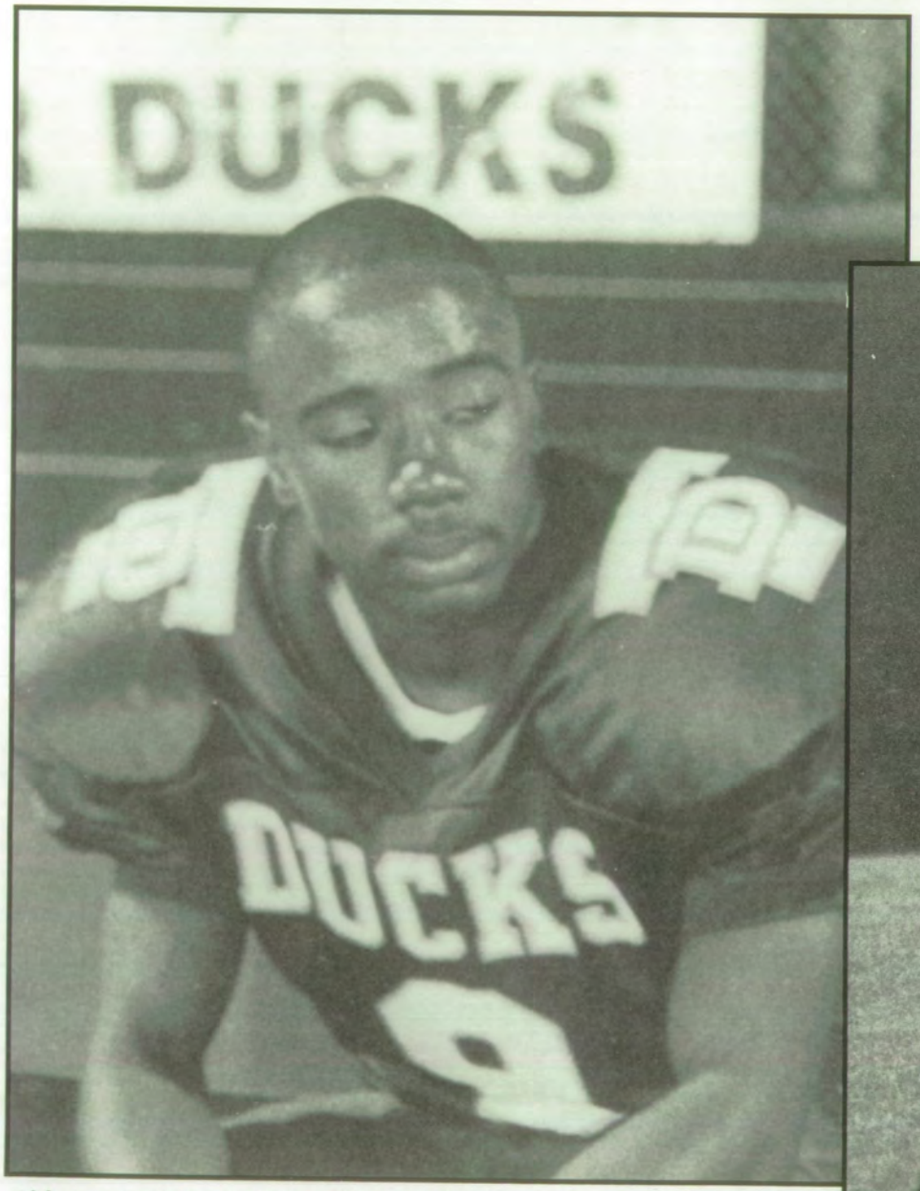
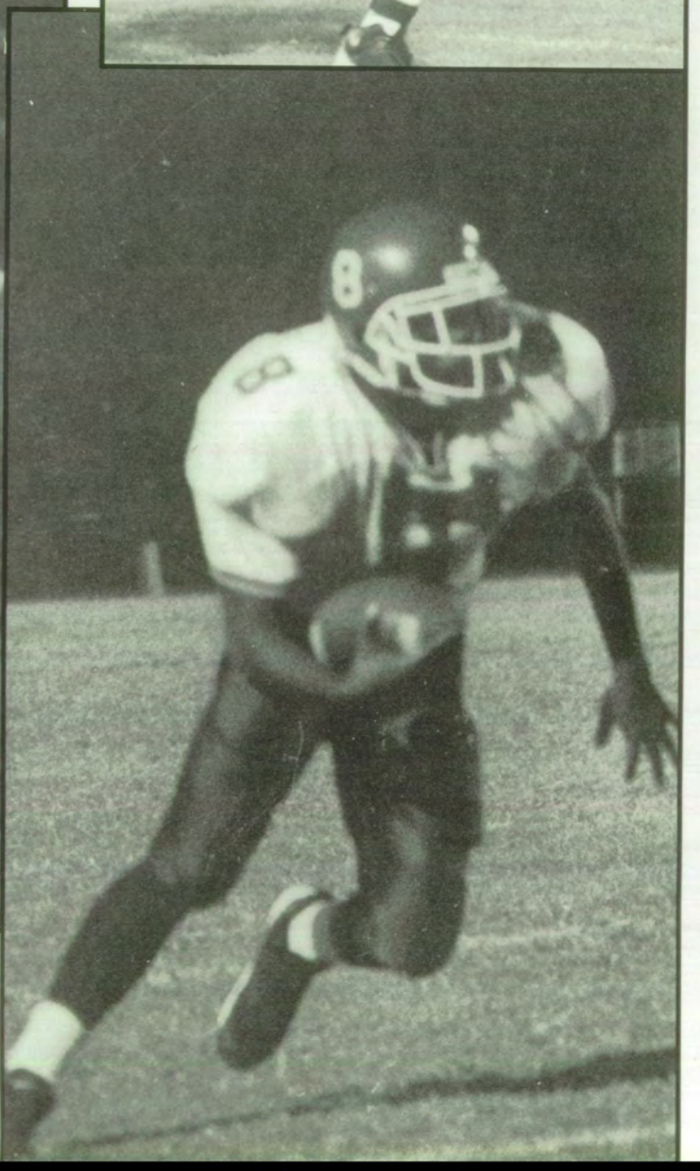
VARSITY What's all about its FOOTBALL

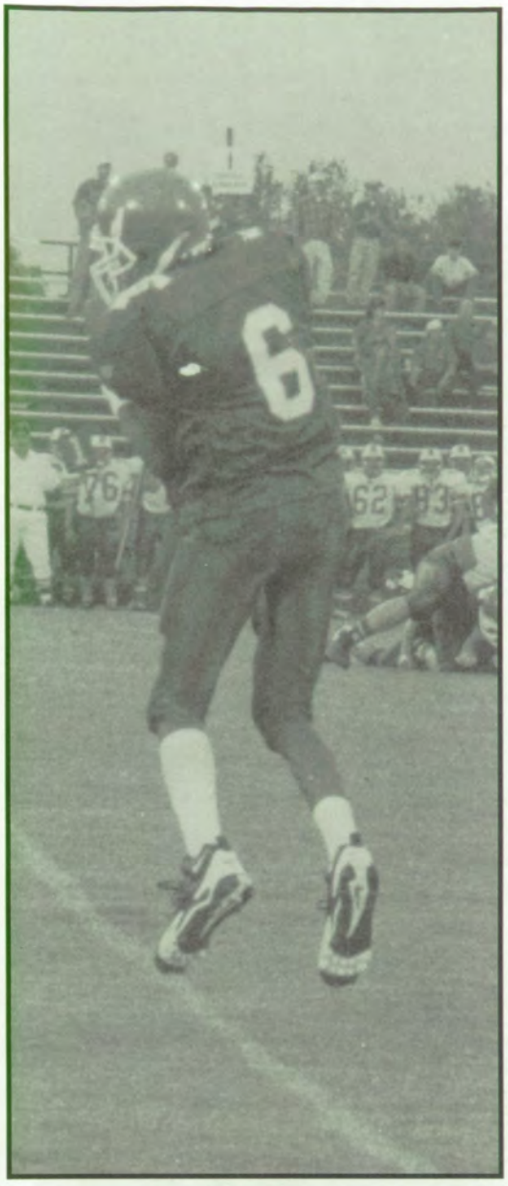
Bursting through the painted sign, we ran on to the field. We heard the crowd roaring, the band playing and the cheerleaders cheering. That's what it's like on a Friday night fo a Taylor Duck Varsity football player. After a great season last year all the football players were ready to fill the shoes that the Ducks had made in the 1996 season. The Ducks changed plans this year with a strong passing attack, featuring quarterback Alfread Collins (101 completions, 1663 yards, 14 touchdown passes and 9 rushing touchdowns). Many of his passes were to his faorite receivers, Tory Wilson (28 catches for 564 yards), and Kenan Frank (28 catches for 430 yards). This passing attack allowed the Ducks to quickly run off with the scoar or make last minute comebacks. We had a great season overall with a 6-4 record, but unfortunately we fell short of the playoffs. We will have a lot of people coming back next year and will be working hard to carry out the Taylor tradition of going to the playoffs.







↗ Ya just can't touch him! QB Alfred Collins runs the ball.
↗ Whew!! Kenan Frank takes a break after a big play.
→ It's primetime! Kevin Godwin cuts up the field for a touchdown.



IT ALL COMES DOWN TO WINNING



This was the best year of my high school football career. It could have been better if we would of all been there as a team.

Alfred Collins, Quarterback



We had a great season. I did wish, however, that we would have gone to the playoffs.

Wayne Schroeder, Head Coach

VARSITY SCORES

26	Fredricksburg	15
12	Rockdale	13
41	Del Valle	7
29	Lanier	0
49	Burnet	27
23	Marble Falls	32
40	Waco Connally	20
30	Lampasas	21
8	Waco University	38
6	Waco Midway	28



Bottom(l-r): Jeff Steffek, Xavier Mackey, Alfred Collins, Derrickk Zachary, Maurice Killingsworth, David Fields, Tory Wilson, Joseph Campos, Kevin Godwin, Kenan Frank, Drew David, Casey Kuempel, Chad Pitts. Second Row(l-r): Eddie Polasek, Jason Naiver, Barry Tealer, Chris Caffey, Jason Vrana, Derek Tillis, Jonathan King, Chris Williams, Jerrome Griffin, Brandon Dickinson, Matt Johnson. Third Row(l-r): Robert Strait, Eddy Mata, Cory Washington, Gene Shaw, Demetrius Pack, Andrew Littlejohn, David Chenowith, Brett Gola, Kelly Hamann, Ignacio Castro. Fourth Row(l-r): Tim Hejl., Chachi Hernandez, Truett Melde, Ryan Lear, Joe Flores, Kevin Widmer, Cedric Valdez.





↖↖ Up, Up, and Away. . . Tory Wilson gets some air catching the ball.

←← Hip Hip Hooray! ! ! Robert Strait celebrates after a fabulous tackle.

← Bursting through the wall. . . Here come the Ducks

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J.V. and Fish Football

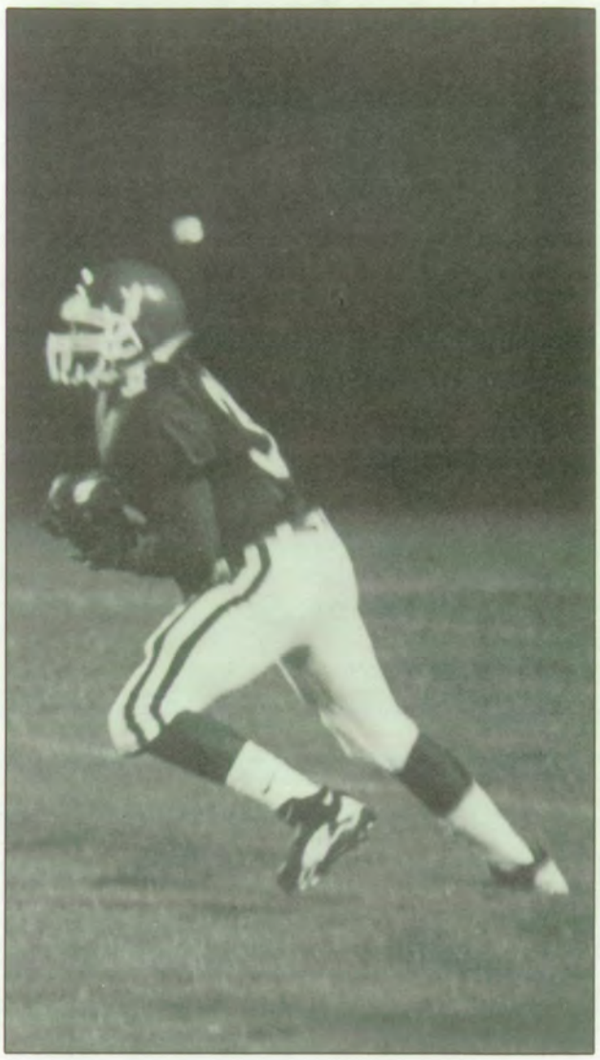
Giving it their all

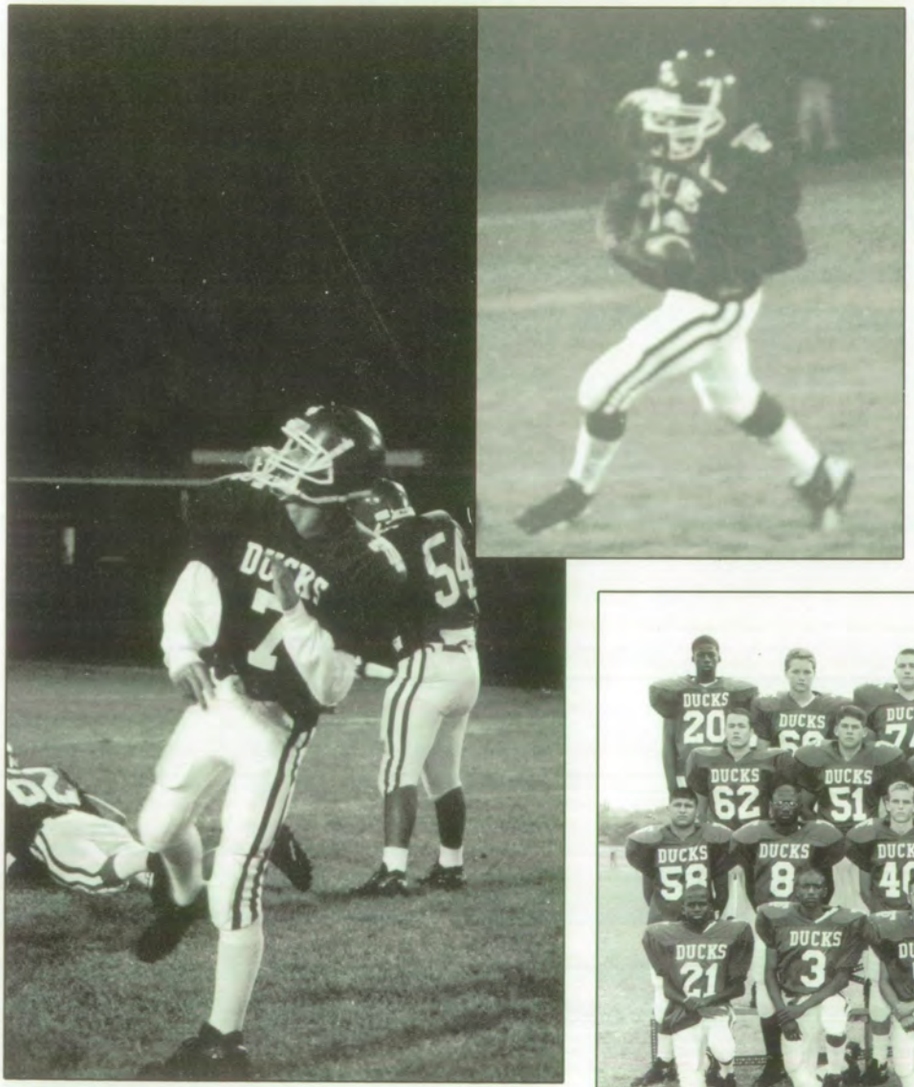
What so you think of 2-4-days in 100 degree weather with sweat streaming down your face and over cuts and bruises? Well, if you asked JV or Freshman Football players, they would tell you of the hard painful work they endured during the preseason.

The JV team came back and got right down to business, as they later went on to prove in a District Championship. The JV finished the season on Memorial Field against Waco Midway on November 7th. For the JV this game couldn't have ended better with a score of 36-18 OVER Midway and a bucket of ICE-COLD water over Coach Rucker!

For the Freshmen, this year started great as they had brought 17 straight wins over from T.S.S., and they were ready to show their Duck muscle to anyone who dared to intimidate them. The Freshmen played a great first year with 26.4 points averaged per game and 12.4 only points allowed per game. This showed that they are ready to jump into the shoes of the "BIG DUCKS" at JV level.

Overall, it's more than true to say that the Freshmen and JV gave everybody a taste of what it truly means to be a "DUCK." There's no doubt that with the additional talent these football players acquired this season, we are going to see a super Varsity and JV team next year, with definite DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS!





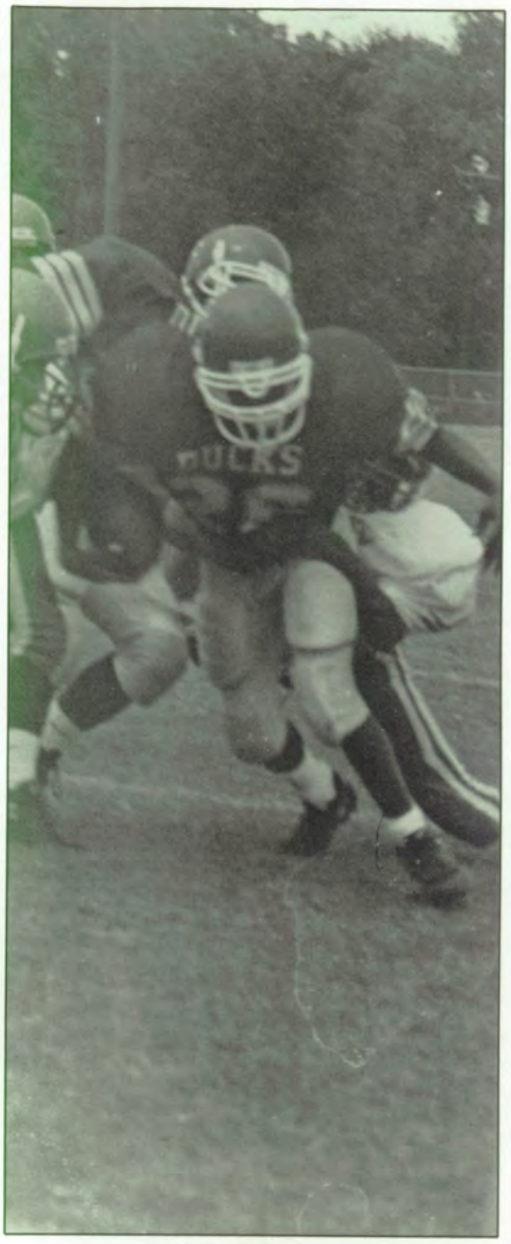
↑ Kyle Rinderknect looks for a completion after passing the ball down field.

↗ Whitney Brandon had no competition as he jets down the field.

↗ Going down the field, Terance Bailey will take nothing less than a touchdown.



(1st Row) Terance Bailey, Aaron "Cheeto" Crawford, Edward Hamilton, Eric Ariola, Jeffrey Davis, Frank Henry, John O'Campo, (2nd Row) Travis Rozacky, Todd Eschburger, Brett Helbert, Kyle Rinderknect, Marvin Robinson, Larry Jackson, John MaCuk, (3rd Row) Manuel Reyes, Anthony Hubbard, Tanner Hamann, Lance Pavlicek, Julian Pachicano, Whitney Brandon, Jack Garcia, Adrian Martinez, (Bottom Row) Tyrone Coleman, Malichi Dilworth, Larry Garza, Edward Alderete, Michael Harrington, Juan Garcia, Salvador Hirecheta





← BUSTED!! Tremon Harrell struggles for extra yardage.

← Kiss it goodbye! Justin Robinson takes down the unfortunate opponent.



(1st Row) Quincy Andrews, Joel Ayers, Justin Steffek, Clint Mokry, John Cuba,Jason Conner, Brad Robbins, Ike Houston, Richard Martinez, (2nd Row) Jason Moldenhour, James Ashley, Jonathon Hetzel, James Massey, Nicholas Mokry, Geraldo Alvarez, Clarence Barber, Maurice Jackson, (3rd Row) Marty Martinez, Bubba Talley, Clayton Turner, Kelly Kuhl, Jarod Stojanik, Nathan Quebe, Manuel Chavana, Justin Robinson, Fremin Aguirre, Javier Garcia, Matthew Pokorney, (4th Row) Tyrone Randle, Moses Dominguez, Miguel Salazar, Chris Kautz, Curtis Fields, Morris Fields, Kerry Murray, Stephen Ontiveros, Danny Ramirez, Carlos Menchaca, Tremon Harrell (Bottom Row) Blake Randig, Don Hernandez, Jimmy Sanchez, Leroy Aleman, Stephen Fisher, David Hiracheta, Matt Daenzer, Daniel Martin, Shane Cmerek, Heath Haverland

Freshman Scores

24	Fredricksburg	12
22	Rockdale	12
34	Del Valle	6
30	Austin Lanier	14
36	Burnet	20
6	Marble Falls	15
30	Waco Connally	8
40	Lampasas	18
30	Waco University	6
12	Midway	13

IT ALL COMES DOWN TO WINNING



"This year we blew everyone's minds by winning the DISTRICT Champsionship. This will give everyone else a greater expectation of what will happen next year."

-Jeffrey Davis



We had a good team this year. We had our ups and downs, and worked hard. Next season we'll work even harder and be proud DUCKS

-Stephen Ontiveros

Junior Varsity Scores

18	Fredricksburg	8
40	Rockdale	8
0	Del Valle	30
6	Austin Lanier	44
34	Burnet	20
22	Marble Falls	7
26	Waco Connally	6
18	Lampasas	12
36	Midway	18

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LADY DUCKS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Spike It Girl!!!

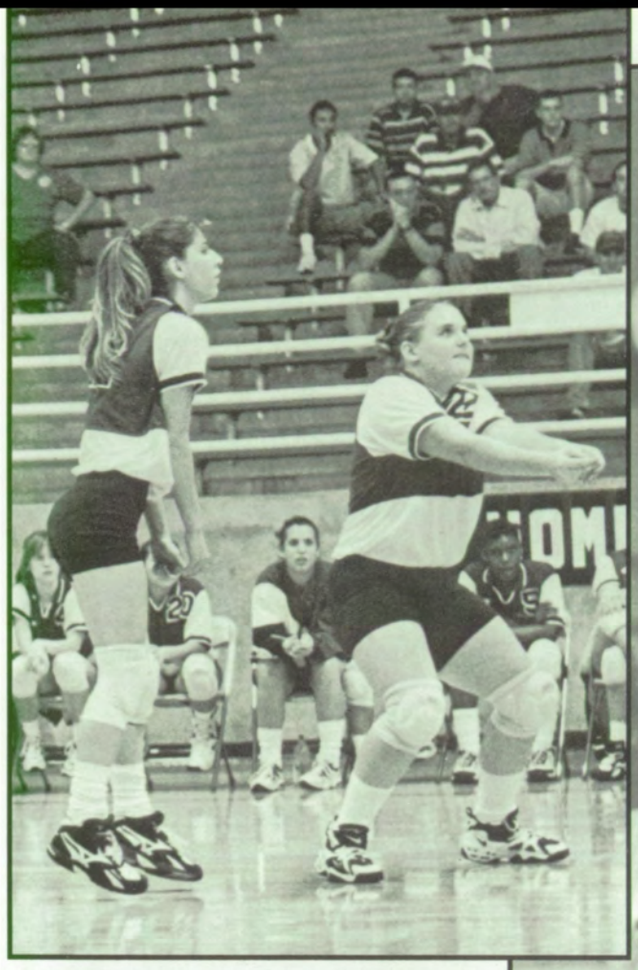
A good season is measured by the amount of dedication, hard work, and team spirit that is put into the effort. This year the girls varsity volleyball team personified a lot of these characteristics and completed an all around successful season. The team worked hard and overcame numerous difficulties in order to achieve their goals. The girls that comprised this team were full of determination and heart. All in all, it turned out to be a very memorable year for the Taylor Varsity volleyball players.

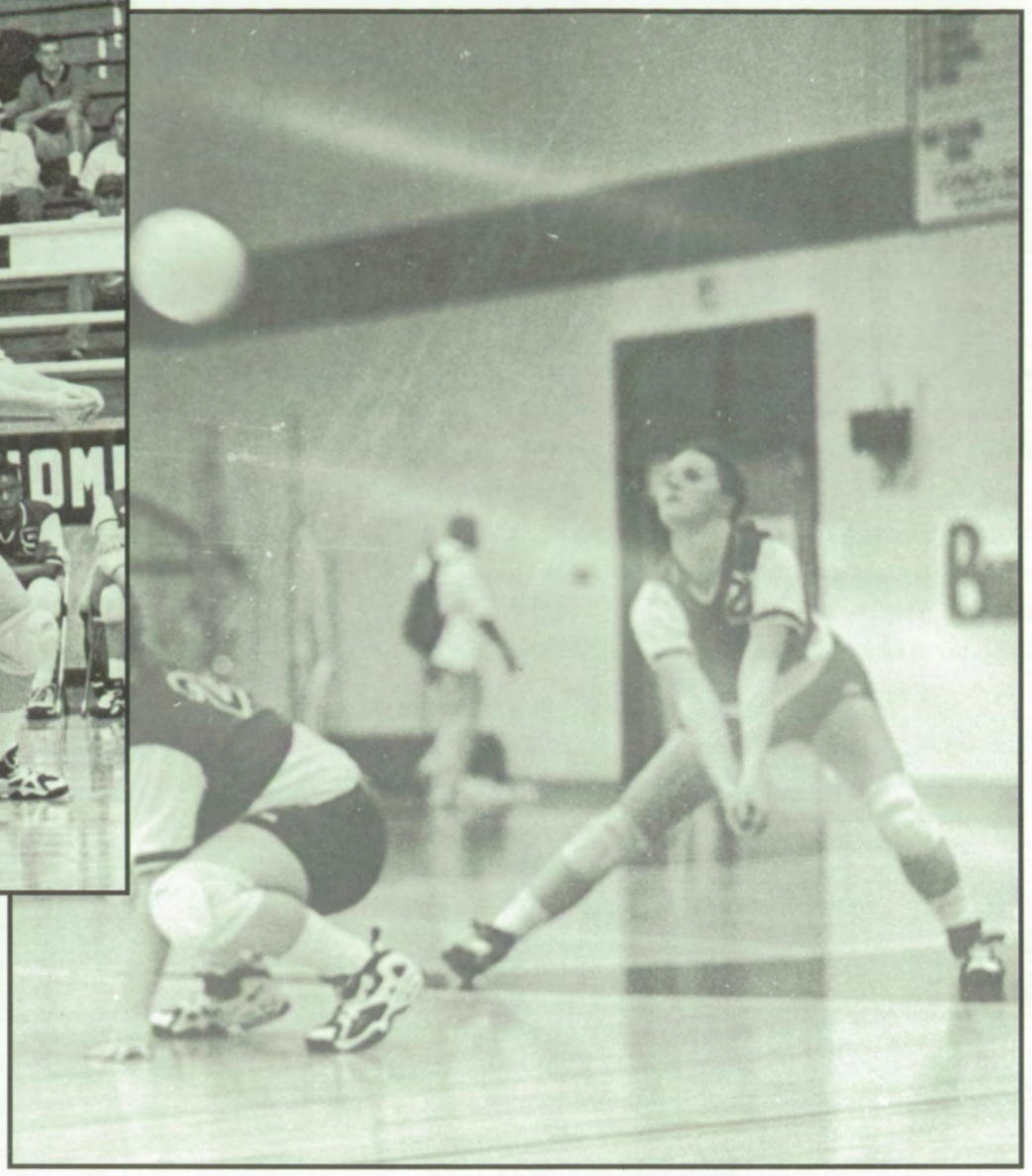






Front: (L to R) **Julie Janak**, Melanie Mikulencak. 2nd row: Meredith MaCuk, Talisha Raesz, Whitney Kolinek, Kylie Kerlin, Laurie Cmerek. Back: Amy Zucknick, April Green, Liz Cornell, Catherine Mueck, Sara Mueck.







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"For the first time in the past nine years we came together as a team and accomplished several goals. One of which was competing in district play, and therefore earning a playoff position."

-Melanie Mikulencak
Sara Mueck

1996 Roster

#3 **Julie Janak**
#4 Laurie Cmerek
#5 Atara Williams
#10 Telisha Raesz
#11 Whitney Kolinek
#12 Melanie Mikulencak
#14 Meredith MaCuk
#15 Catherine Mueck
#20 Bea Hernandez
#21 Sara Mueck
#22 Kylie Kerlin
#23 April Green
Tracy Eulenfeld
Lindsay Gossett
Coach: Armando Talavera

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Lady Ducks JV and Fish Volleyball

The freshman and Junior Varsity years of playing volleyball are a time for growing and learning experiences. Though the majority of the girls had played volleyball there 7th and 8th grade years, the experience of high school volleyball was completely different. They found the new world was full of ups and downs unlike any they had ever experienced before. The girls proved themselves to be unbelievably talented and willing to make a commitment to thier team. Thier friendships prospered as a result of their teamwork which helped them to have a great season. After seeing the commitment and extraordinary talent of these players, we were all sure that there were many great seasons of spirited competition to come. With these girls, the volleyball seasons of the future have a winning outlook.







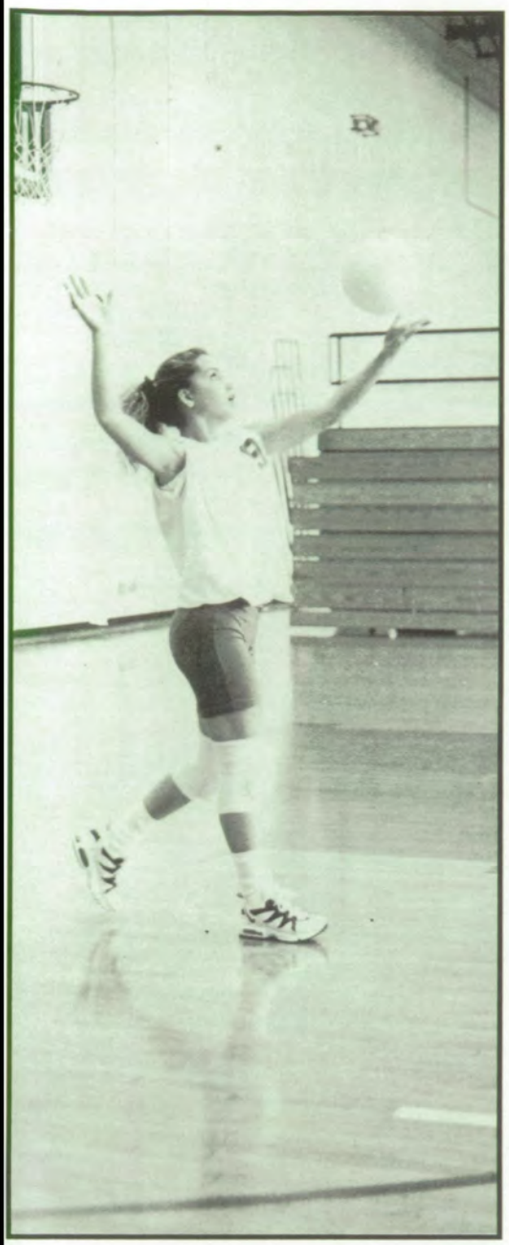


↗ Mine Mine! Freshman Volleyball players hustle to bump the ball.

↗ It's mine! Lindsey Gossett bumps one over the net as Kim Raesz backs her up.

↑ Spectacular Play! Stephanie Spells goes to her knees to save the rally.

Back: (L to R) Jennifer Gonzales, Lindsey Cmerek, Lisa Grimm Lauren Mikulencak, Stephanie Spells, Paula Ortiz, (2nd row):Carrie Jackson, Jamie Bigon, Dawn Hahmann, Kourtney Sakewitz, Stephanie Spruill, Nancy Dominguez, (front row): Laura Gomez, Maria Flores, Anna Alderete, Dana Carizales





←The Ace. April Maruska serves up a killer serve.

←1,2,3 Team. Freshman Volleyball players come together in unity.



(Front row l-r): Kim Raesz, April Maruska, Beatriz Hernandez, Amy Wilhelm, (2nd row): Amanda Wallace, Beth Solbach, Holly Bollinger, Tracey Eulenfeld, Michelle Ford, (3rd row): Sarah Cooper, Atara Williams, Lauren Johnson, Lindsey Gossett, Dawn Steffek, Jennifer Rowland

JV Scores

Marble Falls	L
Waco University	W
Waco Connally	W
Midway	L
Lampasas	W
Marble Falls	L
Waco University	W
Waco Connally	W
Midway	L
Lampasas	L

It all Comes...



"This year's vollyball season has been a great experience, not just for me, but for everyone on our Freshman volleyball team. This season was fun because of the great memories that will be in our hearts forever! Especially whenever the volleyball hit Christina F. in the head during our Hutto game, and we won the point. Coach Masters taught us a lot, such as to play as a team, and that winning comes not just by using our abilities but our hearts and minds. I hope next year will be just good as, or even better than this year."

-Lauren Mikulencak

Down to Winning

Freshman A Record

District
7-2

Freshman B Record

District
4-1

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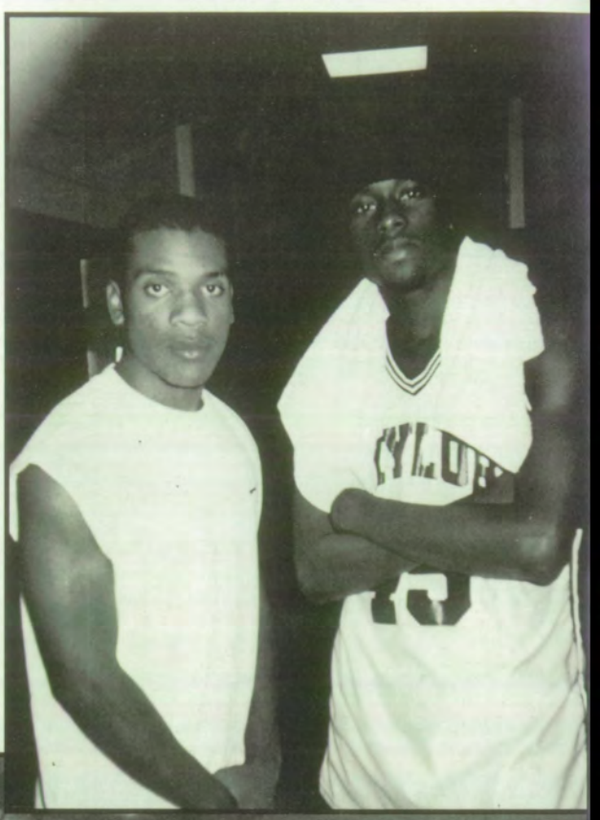
Varsity Basketball

Hoopin' it up for Taylor High

As the temperature outside began to get cool, the hearts of the Taylor Duck basketball teams began to beat faster and harder. Hard days of strenuous practice plagued these guys, but they kept on going. Basketball season strolled around, and the Taylor boys were out for vengence. It was Coach Bell's third year in Taylor, and he had a fairly young varsity team. He started from scratch and ended up with a magnificent team. Also the J.V. and Freshmen teams had the thrill of basketball in their minds. The freshmen had a lot to live up to following last years freshmen, and they proved that they can take thier place in the halls of Taylor High as Taylor Duck Basketball players.



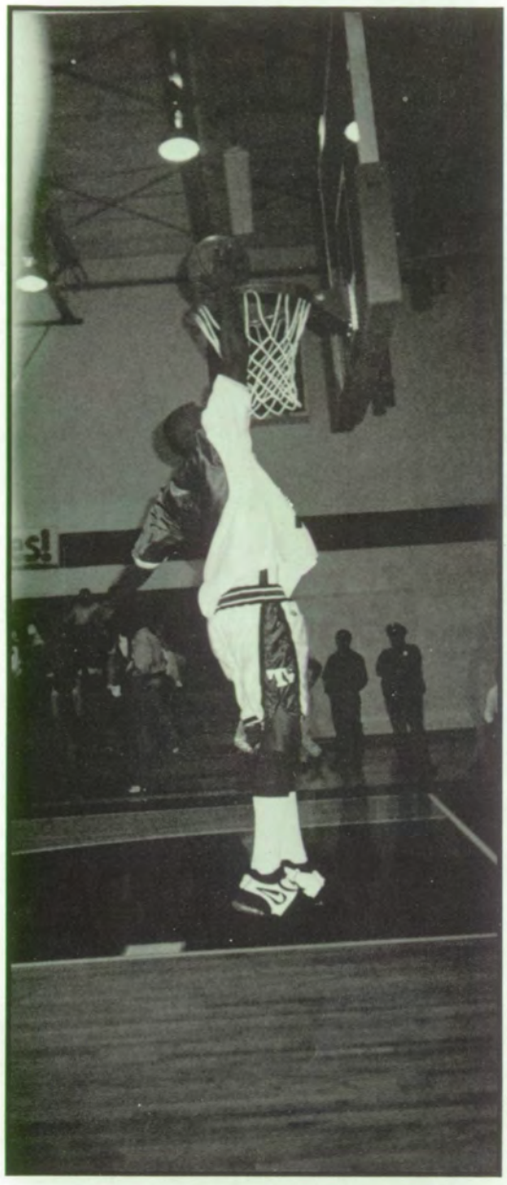




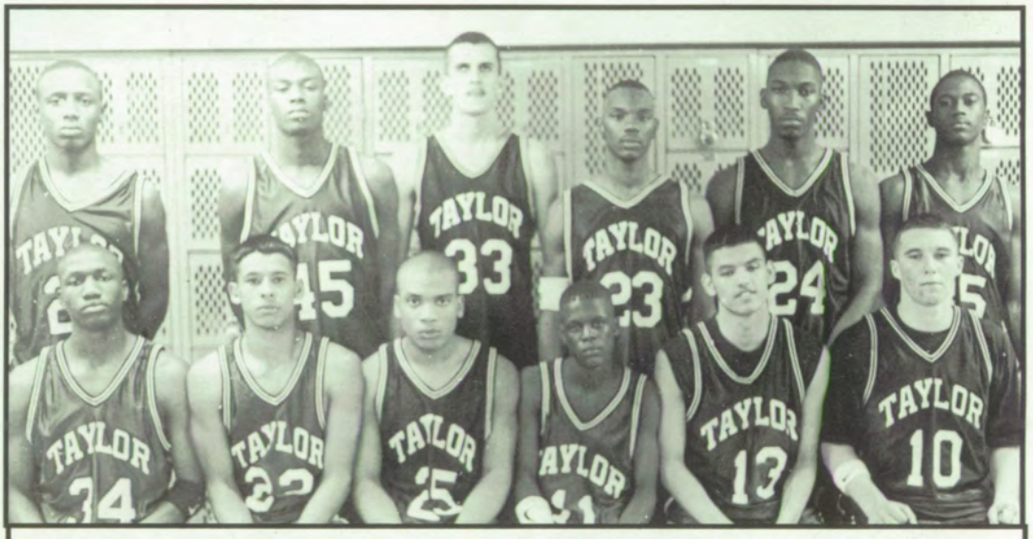
↗ It's all in the mind. Tommy Rivers and Tory Wilson get psyched before the game.

↑ Get some ups, baby!! Tory Wilson gets up high for two points.

→ That's how it's done. Gus Lucio shoots a perfect three.



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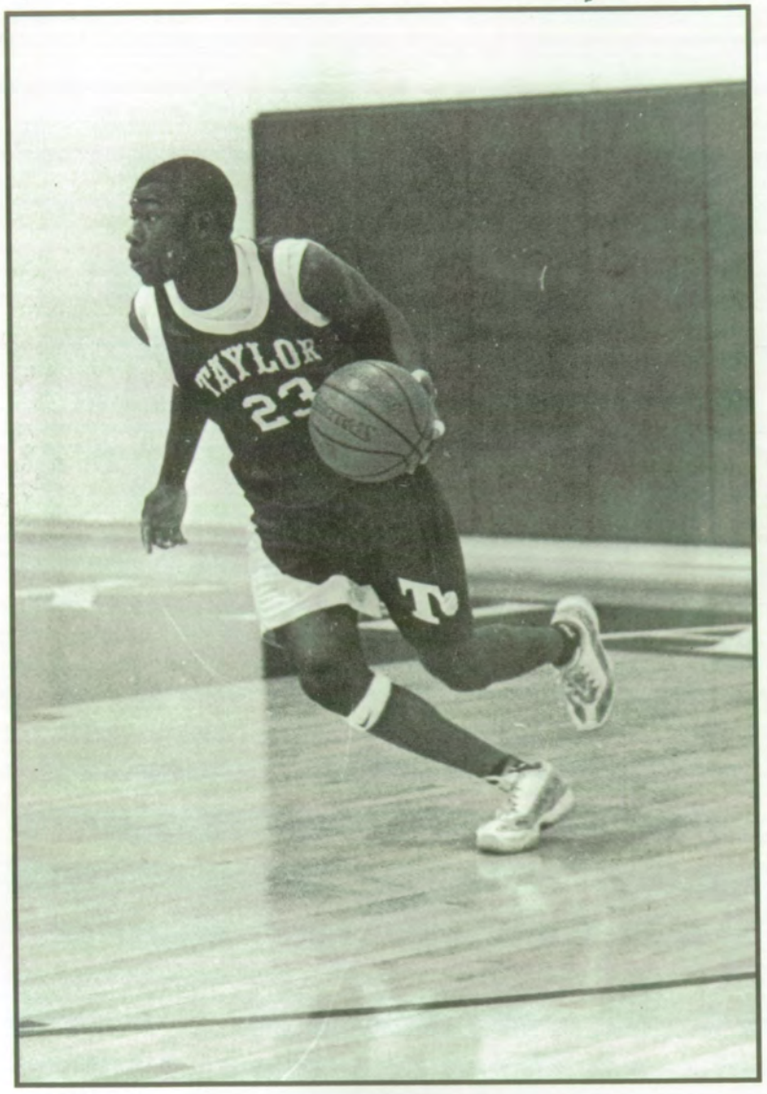
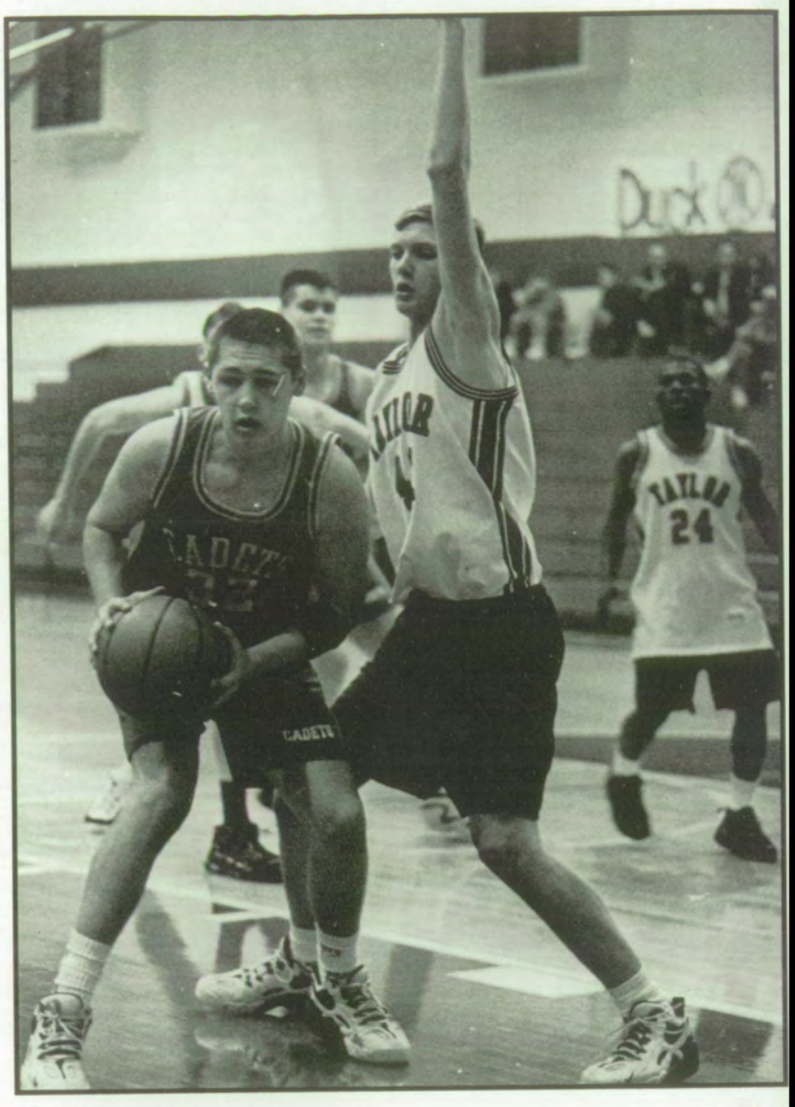
J. V. and Freshmen

Keepin' the dream alive







↑ Let's see what they got. Frank Henry begins a fast break.

↗ Don't even try it. Justin Stefek uses his defense to prevent a score.

→ Scramble!! Jonathan Gray scoops up a low ball while Jeffrey Davis holds back the defense.











↖ Try to get through this defensive wall. DarrenHelbert and Bubba Talley lead the defense to victory.

↑ Want it? Ike Houston dares an opponent to try to get the ball.

↖ Ball. . . Ball. . . Lyle Cmerek gives all he has as he chases down the ball.

↑ Rebound! Ike Houston pulls down a tough rebound.

← Where do you think you're going? Bubba Talley heads off a weak opponent, as Justin Stefek comes to help.

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Lady Duck Basketball

Women dribbling, shooting, and passing

The girls basketball teams had a very fun year. High spirits and determination kept those girls hopes alive. The varsity girls had worked extra hard this year because of the loss of several players last year. They started from scratch and had a wonderful season. The junior varsity and freshman girls learned what kind of fight it is to play in high school. Due to some unfortunate circumstances the junior varsity and freshman teams combined. This, however, was an advantage for the ladies, because it offered more players and the coaches had a larger selection of talent. Together they worked hard and concentrated on learning their basketball fundamentals. While all these girls were extremely busy with all their activities, they never forgot the team. The teams performed well against incredibly tough opponents and proved that the Lady Ducks will be ready for any and everyone.







↗ Tina Green and Atara Williams fight for a rebound.
↗ She shoots. . . she scores!! KylieMakes a difficult shot.
→ Get it April. April Hennington beats a Midway opponent to the ball.



IT ALL COMES DOWN TO WINNING



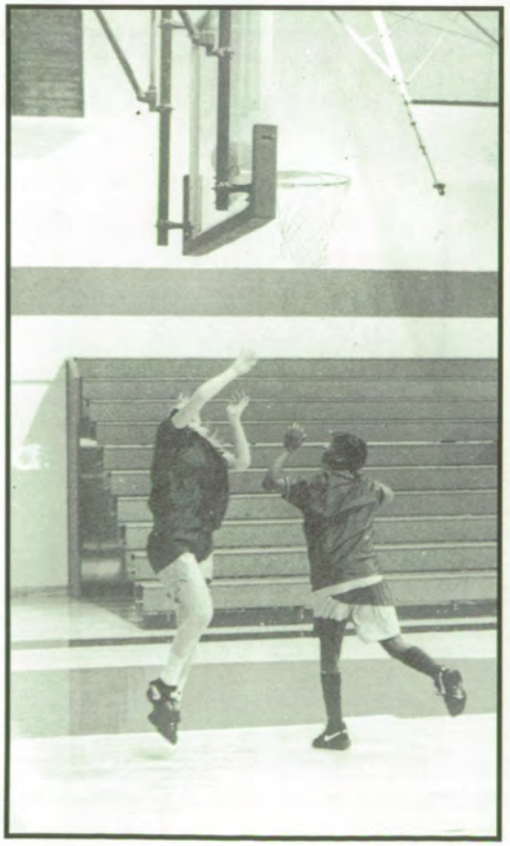
This year was a good year. We rebuilt our team, and it was a very young team. We are looking forward to a lot of success in the future with the Varsity Lady Ducks.

-Tessa Mikulencak

Varsity Lady Ducks Record 8 wins and 15 losses



Varsity Girls Basketball Team: (Bottom row l-r): April Green, April Hennington, Tessa Mikulencak, (2nd row): Tina Green, Kylie Kerlin, Brandy Kruse, Atara Williams, (Top row): Coach Masters, Virginia Carpenter, Christina Fosters, Coach Jones





↖↖ Take it away April. April Green outruns a Waco Connally girl.

←← Virgina Carpenter and April Green do a little practicing before the game.

← Tina Green has perfect form as she shoots her free throw

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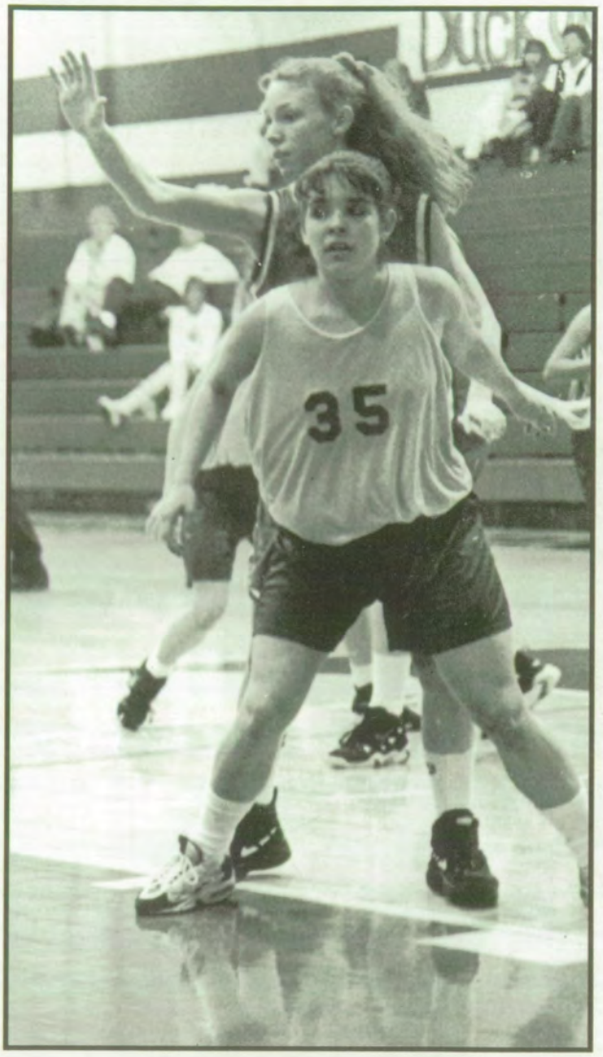
Junior Varsity and Freshman Basketball

Following in the footsteps of their older sisters, the Lady Ducks









↟ Freshmen girls defend an opponent.
↗ Block her out. Nicole Rowe show her defensive skills.
↗ C'mon baby. Tessa Mikulencak is ready for whatever.
↑ April Green takes the ball down the court.



(Bottom row l-r): Kristen Chait, Laura Johnson, Tamara Naiver, (2nd row): Maria Flores, Lauren Mikulencak, Denise Saminego, Stephanie Spruill, Krystal White, Brenda Hyzak, Tara Burba, (3rd row): Nicole Rowe, Jennifer Kolinek, Jessica Saminego, Dawn Hamann, Kelly Stewart, Stephanie Spells, Nancy Dominguez, Dana Carrizales









Freshman

Lady

Ducks

IT ALL COMES



This year was okay. Our team was young and we learned a lot.

-Kristen Chait



We had a young team this year. We tried our best and hopefully next year we will improve even more.

-Coach Downs

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J. V.

Lady

Ducks

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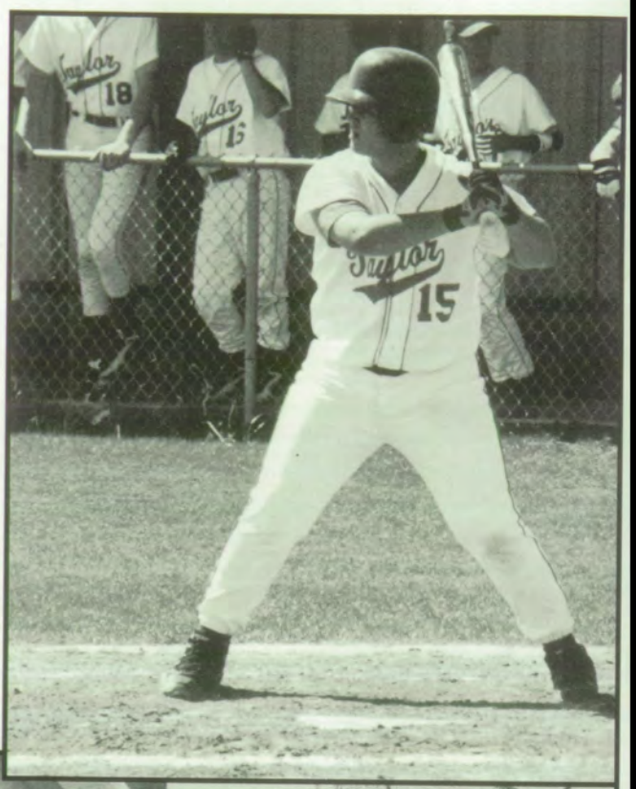
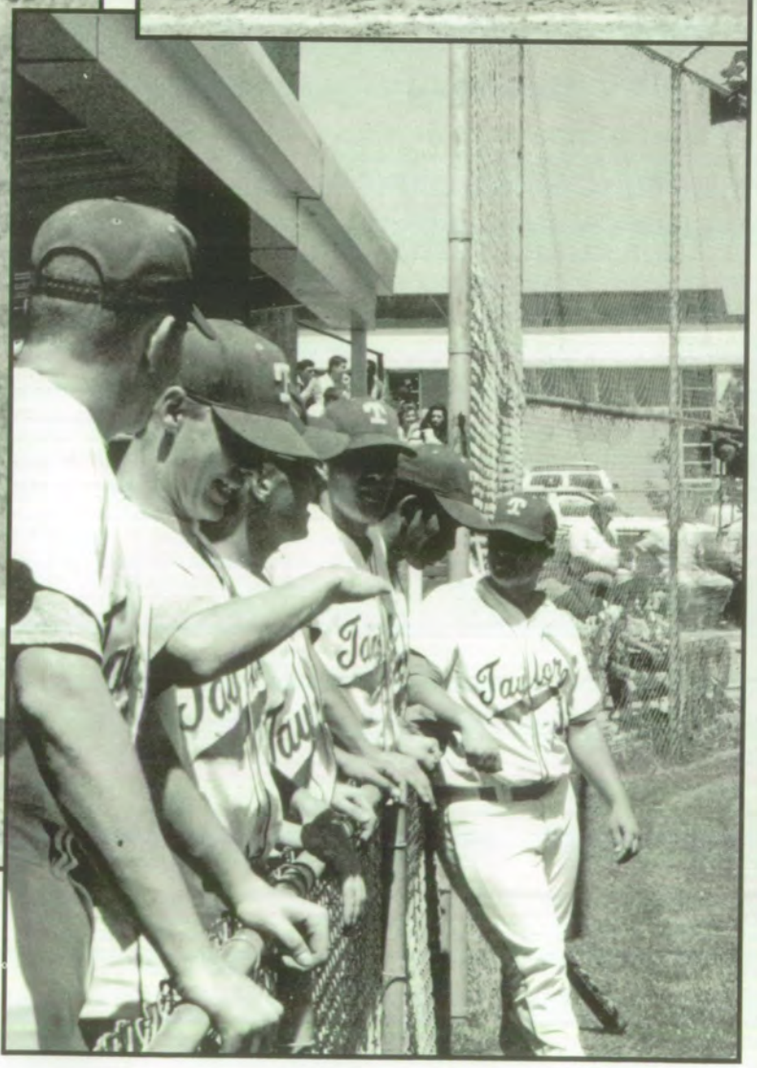
Baseball Varsity

Varsity Baseball. It's the greatest sport at Taylor High School. Never before has there ever been a better TEAM, than the 1997 Varsity Baseball team. The season began great, standing at 7-2; the rest of the season seemed like it was going to be a breeze. But that's when we began our learning experience. We lost seven in a row and it took us thrashing Waco Connally to get out of it. From there on we won eight of our last nine games and experienced the greatest time in our baseball careers. Bus rides to out of town games were always memorable. Five million dollar questions and "*Swamp*" were an every trip tradition. Stretching in center field, cross overs and "defense wins ball games" was how we began every game. During the game fans could hear the encouraging chants of "*RIP, RIP*", "*Base Hit, Base Hit*", and "*Hit it -HARD.*" The greatest thrills of the season had to be the Midway game and our hard fought playoff game. Kenan stealing home, Scott's pitching peformance of a lifetime and Chris's leaping slide at the plate were highlights from the greatest win all season. The night before the playoff game vs McCallum, the entire team went and ate at Chili's. No coaches, just players. We waited a hour and a half for our table, but it was all worth it. Everyone will remember Martin's trip to the restroom and how Coach Kuhl almost ended up with the bill. Saturday, May 3, was the big day. We played good and with two outs in the bottom of the fifth we began our rally. The crowd got loud and hyped. We were out for revenge, for their pitcher had beaned Hunter in the face with an 88 m.p.h. fast ball, and we weren't going to give up with out a fight. Five runs scored that inning, and when the runs scored, we all were the most excited we had ever been in our entire lives. We went into the top of the seventh needing three outs. Those three outs never came; Carlos gave up a grand slam, and we lost the game. It was a very disappointing loss, but we are Taylor Ducks, and we knew the best team had not won that day. For the Varsity Baseball team it all came down to being a TEAM. The greatest team of all time.







↑ Hit it hard GALA! Brett Gola prepares for the pitch he'll rope in the gap for a double.

↑ Two Touches to the Shoulder, Three down the arm...Hunter Hargis recieves the pitch call from Coach Rucker.

→ Everybody up! Baseball players stand up against the fence to show their support of each other and for their love of the game.



It all comes...



"We had a great season. A lot of hard work paid off, and I'm going to miss all the excitement."

-Brett Gola-1B



"We started the season good, but we hit a dry spell and lost seven in a row. We came back tough in district and beat Midway in a big game to make the playoffs."

-Jimmy Wright-SS

Down to Winning

District Record
8-2
2nd Place

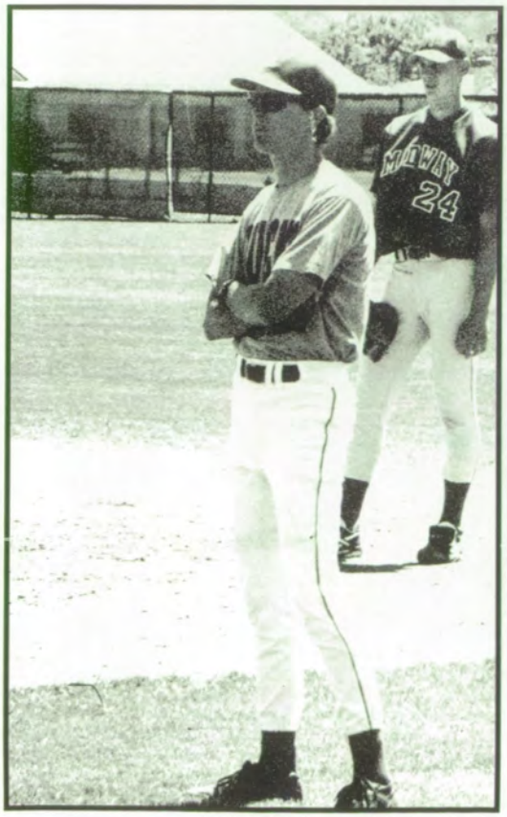
Marble Falls	4 - 7
Waco Connally	16 - 1
Lampassas	6-2
Waco University	3-1
Waco Midway	0-10
Marble Falls	5-3
Waco Connally	10-4
Lampassas	2-0
Waco University	10-5
Waco Midway	4-2

Playoffs:

McCallum	5-9



Front: (L to R) Jason Martin, Hunter Hargis, JJ Sanchez, Kenan Frank, Jimmy Wright. 2nd row: Justin Strickland, Cody Dlouhy, Drew David, Brett Gola. Back: Carlos Watson, Joseph Campos, Clint Mokry, Brandon Bishop, Chris Caffey, Scott Raesz.





↖ Watt! Scott Raesz begins to deliver a devastating pitch, BY-YOU!

⇇ Pick up Rucker!!! The master of stealing the other teams signs, Coach Rucker, eyes the situation at the plate.

← Oh yeah, how sweet it is! Brandon Bishop and Justin Strickland make their way back to the dugout after scoring against Midway.

JV and Freshman Baseball

You might have forgot, but there are other baseball teams at Taylor High School besides the Varsity. Ther are the J.V. and Freshman teams. These two teams work extremely hard in order to prepare themselves for the chance to one day play Varsity baseball.

The J.V. season was a roller coaster. In our first two games we out-scored their opponents 36-2. After that, we had the hardest time winning. When district began, we came back to life. We lost a close one in our district opener to Marble Falls. From then on we never lost another game. Beating Connally, Lampassas, University and even Midway. The Midway game was special. It sprinkled almost the entire game, which made it even more memorable beating Midway in Waco. We ended in a three way tie for first, going 4-1 in district.

The freshman season was very successful as well. We lost only three games all season. Instead of practicing on our home field, we practiced on the pony-colt field. With a stacked team of ball players, we recorded win after win. Our star pitcher, Clint Mokry, was so good that they moved him up to Varsity, when he pitched as a closer. Coached by one of the greatest Taylor baseball players ever, Kenny Cmerek, the Fish showed everyone what type of baseball they were capable of playing.

It was a great season for the J.V. and Freshman baseball teams. For us, it all came down to playing hard and showing everyone some great baseball.







→ It's going, going, gone! Lance Pavlicek pulls a pitch deep to left.

↑ Rock 'n Fire! J.V. ace Travis Rozacky strikes out the batter.

↗ Good eye, good eye. Lance Thornton watches a pitch go by for a ball.





It all Comes...



"We started the season out slow but we came back and finished the season playing well in district."

-Travis Rozacky



"This season was a learning experience, we hope to come back next year to play even harder and do even better."

-Clayton Turner

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Softball Varsity

It was a great year for girls softball. We fought hard to become bi-district champions. The season started out great for the Lady Duck. With seven returning starters, we seemed destined for our best season ever. But of course nothing comes easy. We had our ups and downs, but learned from it all and played tough throughout pre-season and district. As district came to an end, we ducks stood 6-4 and were third place in district. The coin fell on our side and the first round of the playoffs was held in Taylor. Playing on our new field, in front of hundreds of people, we played like champions. Magnificent defensive plays by Sara Meuck and Stacey Huber saved the day. Offensively, Catherine Meuck led the way by hitting a home run over the left-center field fence. Once the last out was made, we celebrated on the pitchers mound and everyone knew the Lady Ducks were number one. In the Area round of the playoffs we played Kerville Tivy. We didn't come out of the game with a win, but we did come out with pride and gratification. We had made the playoffs for the first time and made memories that will last a lifetime. This year, Softball all came down to being great. Great playing and great girls.



It all Comes...



"We had a really great season this year. We came together and played as a team and worked hard to go to the playoffs."

-Rhea Urbis



"This year we really worked as a team. We played hard, and even better, we played great."

-Melanie Mikulencak

Down to Winning

District record:
10-6
3rd place in District

Playoffs:
Anderson
10-6
bi-district champs

Kerville Tivy
0-10



Stretch those arms. Sara Mueck and Melanie Mikulencak have fun stretching before an indoor practice.



1997 Varsity Softball: Front: (L to R) Lauren Mikulencak, Courntey Michna, Melanie Mikulencak, Liz Cornell, Sara Mueck, Stacey Huber. Back: Coach Ward, Hollie Bollinger, Rhea Urbis, Dawn Steffek, Coach Roberts, Catheringe Mueck, Erin Schmidt, Sarah Simmons, Coach Reyes.

J.V. and Freshman Softball



Front: (L to R) Jennifer Gonzales, Chastity Garcia, Gladys Marinez, Laura Gomez. 2nd row: Amy Johnson, Jennifer Kolinek, Michelle Ford, April Maruska, Sara Cooper, Jennifer Whatley, Janlyn Mokry, Nicole Rowe. Back row: Melissa Grady, Krystal White, Amber Craig, Erin Schmidt, Lynsey Tiemann, Stafanie Spells, Coach Roberts, Coach Reyes.

Who are the young ladies preparing themselves for Varsity Softball? They're the hard working J.V. and Freshman softball players. It's always the greatest thrill putting on the uniform for the first time. Many of the girls experienced that feeling. Others experienced what it was like to play and practice day in and day out. Many of the girls played both on the J.V. and Freshman teams. On both teams they learned what competitive high school softball was like. The season had both its ups and downs for the young Lady Ducks. Many games had to be played in difficult conditions and some were even canceled. Even if they didn't come out with a win, they knew they had given all they had to give. A great learning experience for some J.V. and Freshman softball players was getting a chance to play on Varsity during the playoffs. Some saw some action, but it was a thrill getting to be a part of the Varsity Softball team. It all came down to wonderful experiences for J.V. and Freshman softball players. Experiences that will help them become stars on the Varsity.







"We had a productive season and a lot of Great Action."

-Dawn Hahmann



"I had a lot of fun playing with my classmates and the upper classmen. It was a fun learning experience."

-Stephanie Spells

BOYS TRACK

Running in the fast lane

Another year of success was accomplished by the boys' track team this year. A school record in the mile relay with a time of 3:19.9 was broken this year by relay members Brandon Dickinson, Anthony Hubbard, Derek Zachary, and Tory Wilson. The new record is now 3:19.45. The Ducks ran the sprint and mile relays, along with a few individual events, inthe Region IV Track Meet in San Antonio. The mile relay team placed second and earned the right to run in the State Track Meet in Austin. The Ducks returned home with winning hearts and pride knowing that they were fifth in the State of Texas! They are state-bound for next year and are expected to return within the top three!







↑ Push it...Derek Zachary gives his all in the 300 hurdles.

↗ Go boy...Anthony Hubbard finishes the relay strong.

↗ Little Harder...Whitney Brandon and Malachi Dilworth sprint the 100!



1996-1997 Track Team: (front row l-r) Clayton Turner, Josh Tealer, Barry Tealer, Anthony Hubbard, Jeff Davis, Whitney Brandon, Andrew Littlejohn, (second row l-r) Vidal Pina, Marty Martinez, Brad Robbins, Frank Henry, Tory Wilson, Tim Hejl, Brandon Dickinson, Terence Bailey.





↞ Big Dave! David Chenoweth throws the discus.

← Hand...Tory Wilson and Brandon exchange the baton in the sprint relay.

↓ Jump it..James Ashley jumps his 300 hurdles.

↙ Get it boy...Jeff Davis flies over the110 hurdles.

↡ Just a little further...David Fields finishes the 300 hurdles.







"It was a long and exhausting year, but it turned out to be triumphant and victorious."

-Brandon Dickinson



"It was fun and victorious this year, exhausting at times, and very memorable!"

-Anthony Hubbard



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GIRLS TRACK

The need for speed

The Lady Duck Varsity track team turned in a superlative performance at the District 25-4A Track Meet, held at Midway High School this year. The girls finished in second place with 96 points. The 400 and 800 meter relays, both consisting of April Hennington, April Green, Tina Green, and Christina Foster made it to the Region IV-4A meet in San Antonio. Regional long/triple jumpers were April Henington and April Green. Christina also qualified for the 100 meter dash while April Green qualified for the 200 meter dash. The girls had their injuries and arguments, but they had the courage and the strong hearts to pull them through anything, and with that, another successful year of running came to an end.









↑ Up and Over . . . Tina Green clears the high jump.

↗ Push it girls . . . Nicole Caffey and Tina Green sprint the 400.

↗ One, Two, Three . . . April Green completes the triple jump.

1996-1997 Girls Track Team: L-R: Denise Samaniego, Atara Williams, Jessica Samaniego, April Hennington, Belinda Coleman, Nancy Lopez, April Green, Andrea Wilson, Tina Green, Nicole Caffey



← I'm coming . . . Jessica Samaniego strides home to a victory.

↓ Juniors April Hennington and April Green warm up for thier relay.

↓ Andrea Wilson and Nicole Caffey cheese it up during a track meet.

↙ Go fish . . . Libby Krepps runs the 800.

↓ Almost there . . . April Green finishes her leg on the 800 meter relay.







IT ALL COMES DOWN



This year in track was extremely strenuous yet progressive. Although we went through a lot physically and mentally, we still managed to pull together and suceed. I'm definetly looking forward to next year.

-April Hennington



This year we had to work hard to pull together through tough times. But all in all we had a great season.

-Andrea Wilson

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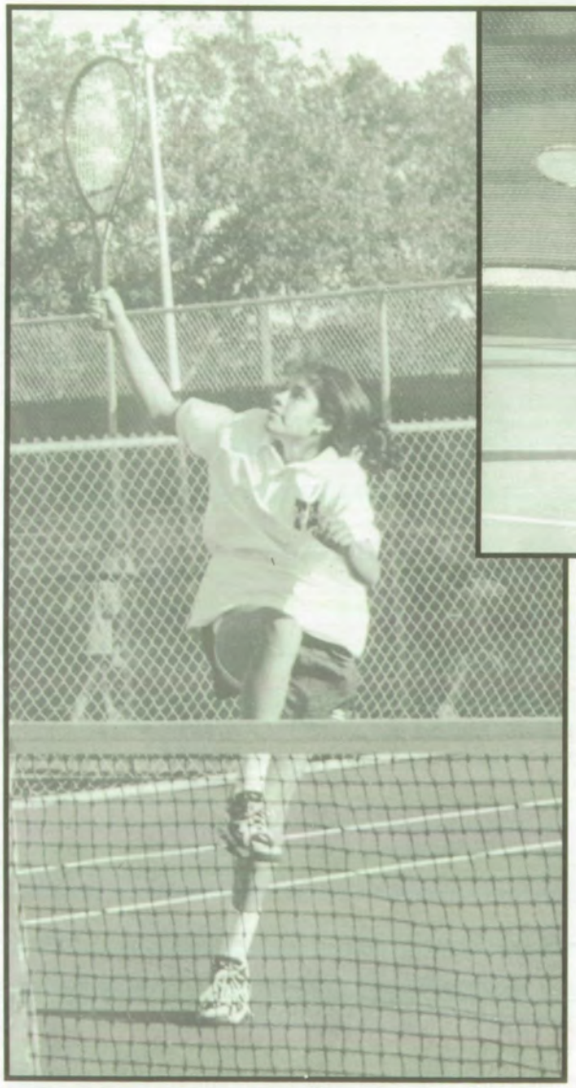
Tennis
Advantage Ducks

As the Taylor tennis team completed another successful year by qualifying the doubles team consisting of Jason Stiles and Jeremy Gray for regional competition, we look back at the hard work and dedication each member contributed to the team. Losing seven seniors from last year, we began our year as a young team but proved ourselves worthy during the course of the season. The honors of All-District that were given to few members were long deserved. The team practiced strenuously together during the week to prepare for every match. Many of the players even stayed after practice, or went on the weekends to put in that little bit of extra time to place them over the top.

As always, the tennis team shared a bond not common in most athletic groups. This closeness allowed us to share many memorable events such as Kerville and Mason or Saturdays when we had other plans, but got stuck waiting for the rain to quit beating down to begin play. The team shared many wins and losses, good times and bad, and none of these memories will ever be forgotten.









→ The 3 Stooges. Jeremy Gray, Jason Stiles, and Jared Fox relax after a hard day of playing tennis.

↗ He's a force at the net! Nick Mills slaps down an opponent's shot at the net.

↗ Give me your best shot. Amy Hughes awaits her opponet's serve.



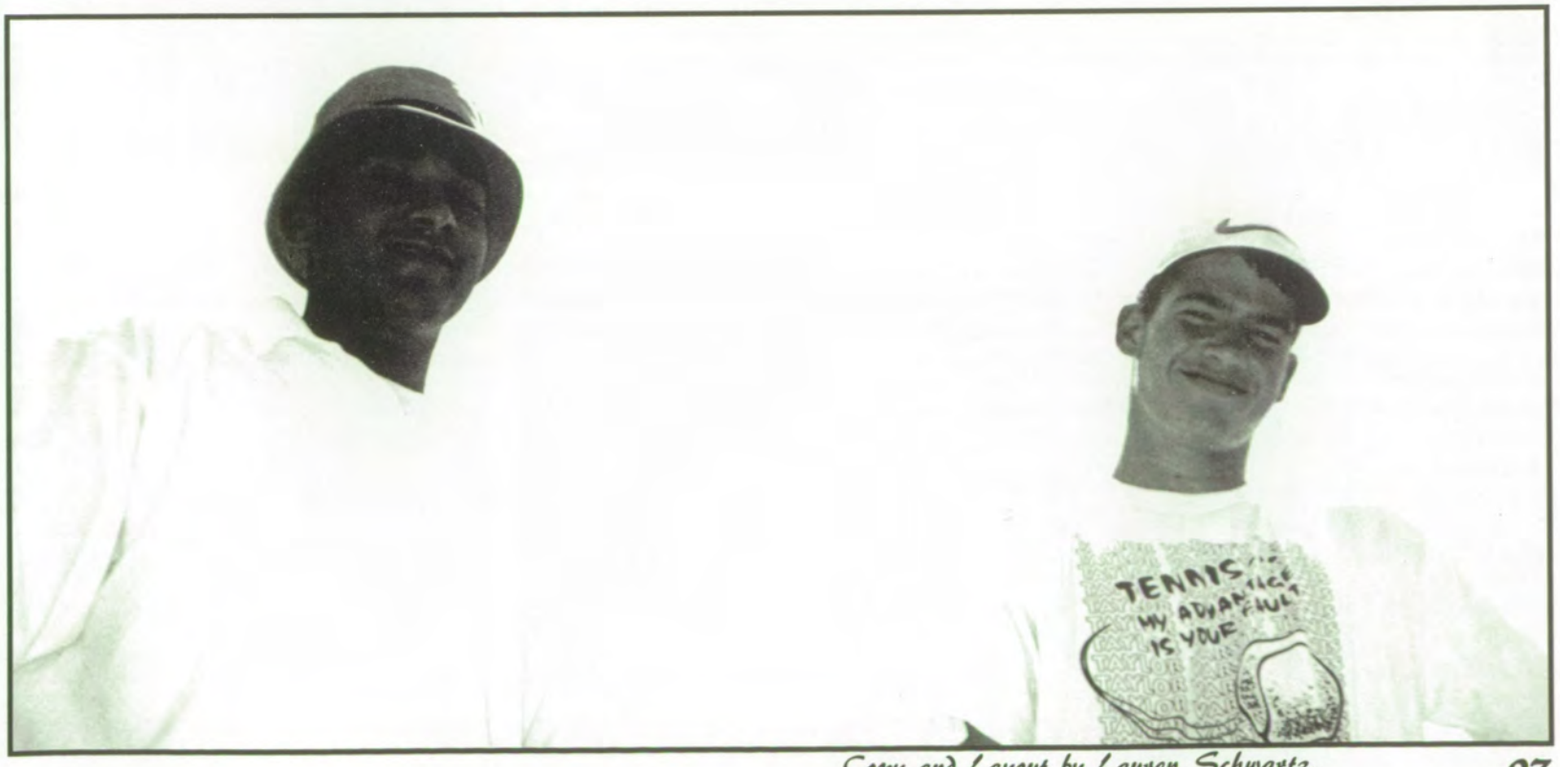


← Is that all you've got! Lauren Rozacky taunts one of her friends at practice.

←Good shot. The tennis team roots for their comrades.



Front: (L to R) Lisa Grimm, Lindsey Cmerek, Lacie Grieger, Samantha Ging, Alison Enochs, Coach McCord. Back: Cassie Taylor, Jesse Ortiz, Chris Heil, Nick Shelton, Kenneth Horne, Amy Hughes.



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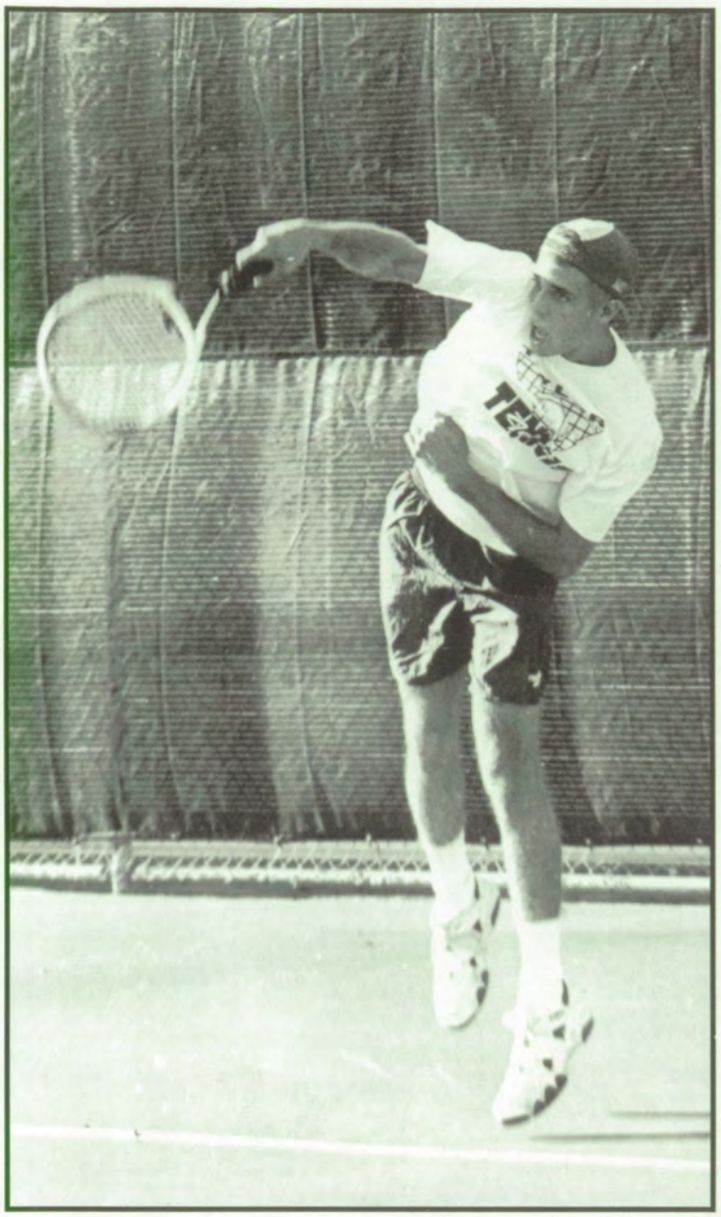
→» Sweet Dreams! Chachi Hernandez takes a quick nap at an exhausting meet.

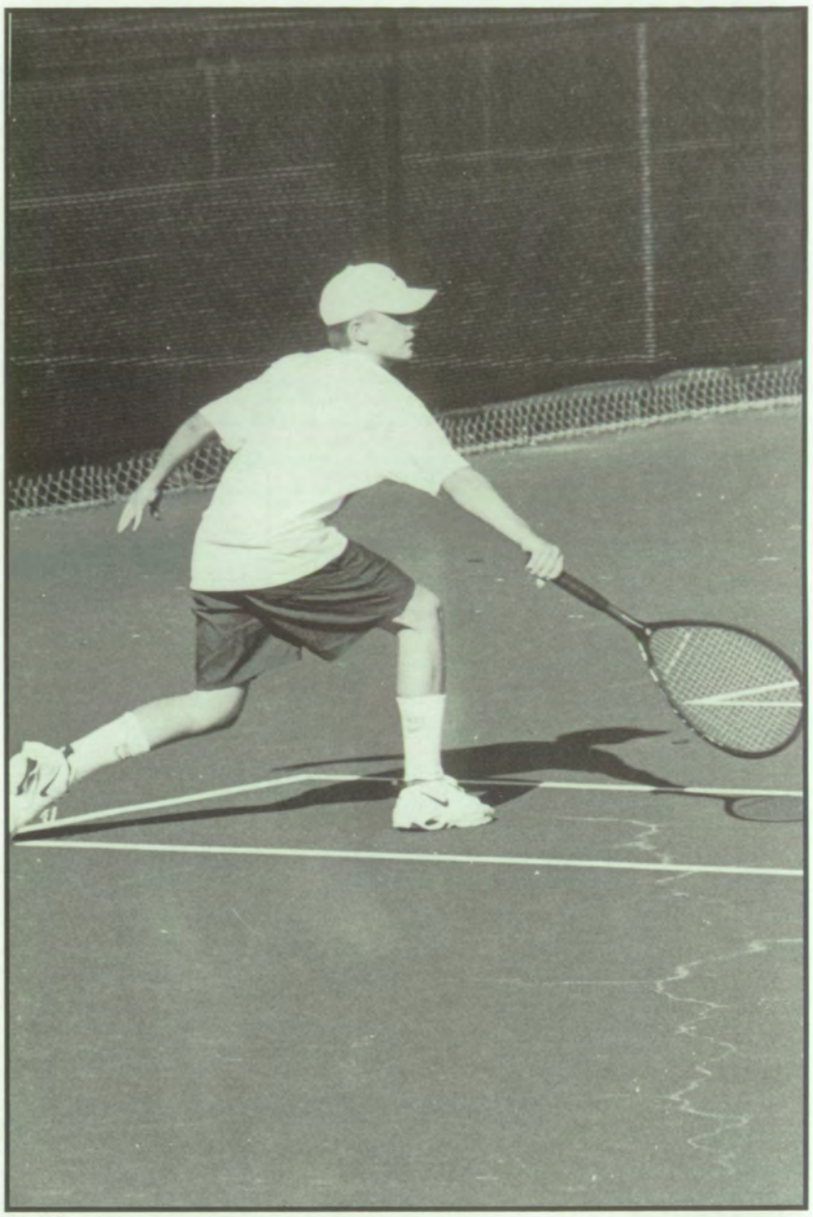
→ Nice backhand! Randa Stiba hits a cross court backhand to win the point.

↗ Excellent serve Lindsey! Ray Matysek, Jeremy Gray, Lauren Rozacky and Kenneth Horne watch Lisndsey play.











Front: (L to R) Coach Hall, Lauren Schwartz, Lauren Rozacky, Beatriz Hernandez, Whitney Kolinek, Randa Stiba, Lindsey Gossett.
Back: Lyle Cmerek, Jared Fox, Jeremy Gray, Jason Stiles, Mark Reeves, Brian Lawrence, Cuauhtemoc Hernandez.

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Hole in Golf One

The Taylor Golf Team had a very successful year; they showed their talent! Hard work and dedication throughout the season led them toward success. They were a young team after the loss of six seniors from last year's team; however, their determination conquered all. The girls team finished 5th in district, and Carrie Minzenmeyer was named All-District. The boys team also finished 5th in District, with Terry Horne being named All-District and Bob Cavo was Honorable Mention All-District. Both teams were young and inexperienced; however, Coach Potts is excited about next year's team which will be contenders for next year's district title.





↑I am Tiger Woods!!! John Houston practices his pro golf swing.

↗ Did you get the right one? Nicole Cantu picks the perfect club to win the tournament.



Boys Golf Team: Front: Troy Dominguez. Back: (L to R) Terry Horne, Bob Cavo, Coach Potts, Justing Sladek, Cody Welch.







Front: (L to R) Nicole Cantu, Brooke Gonzales. Back: Monique Cantu, Coach Potts, Carrie Minzenmeyer.



↖ Brooke Gonzales puts it in the hole.

↑↑ Concentrate...Carrie Minzenmeyer concentrates on driving the ball.

↑ Keep your eye on the ball. Monique Cantu keeps her eye in focus on the ball.

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Powerlifting

Only you can beat you

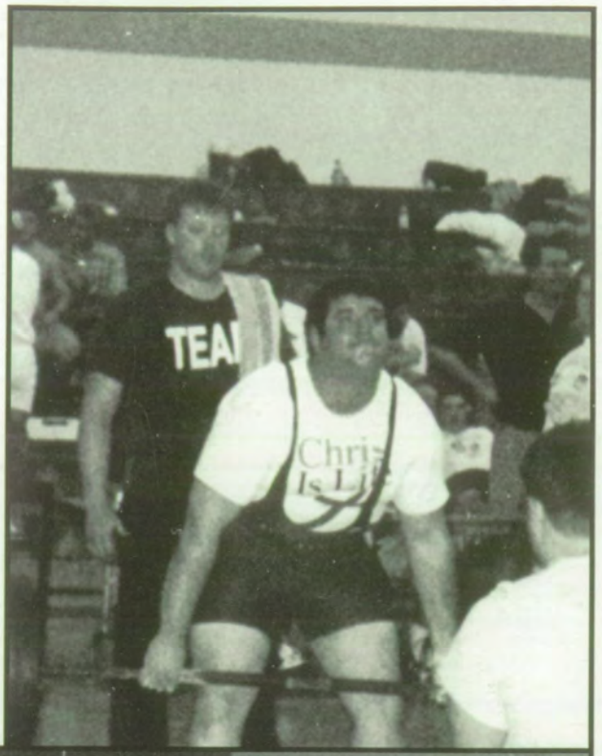
Who remembers when Shameika put chalk all over herself like indian war-paint? When Casey pulled a 520 lb deadlift to go to state or perhaps the hotel in Houston?

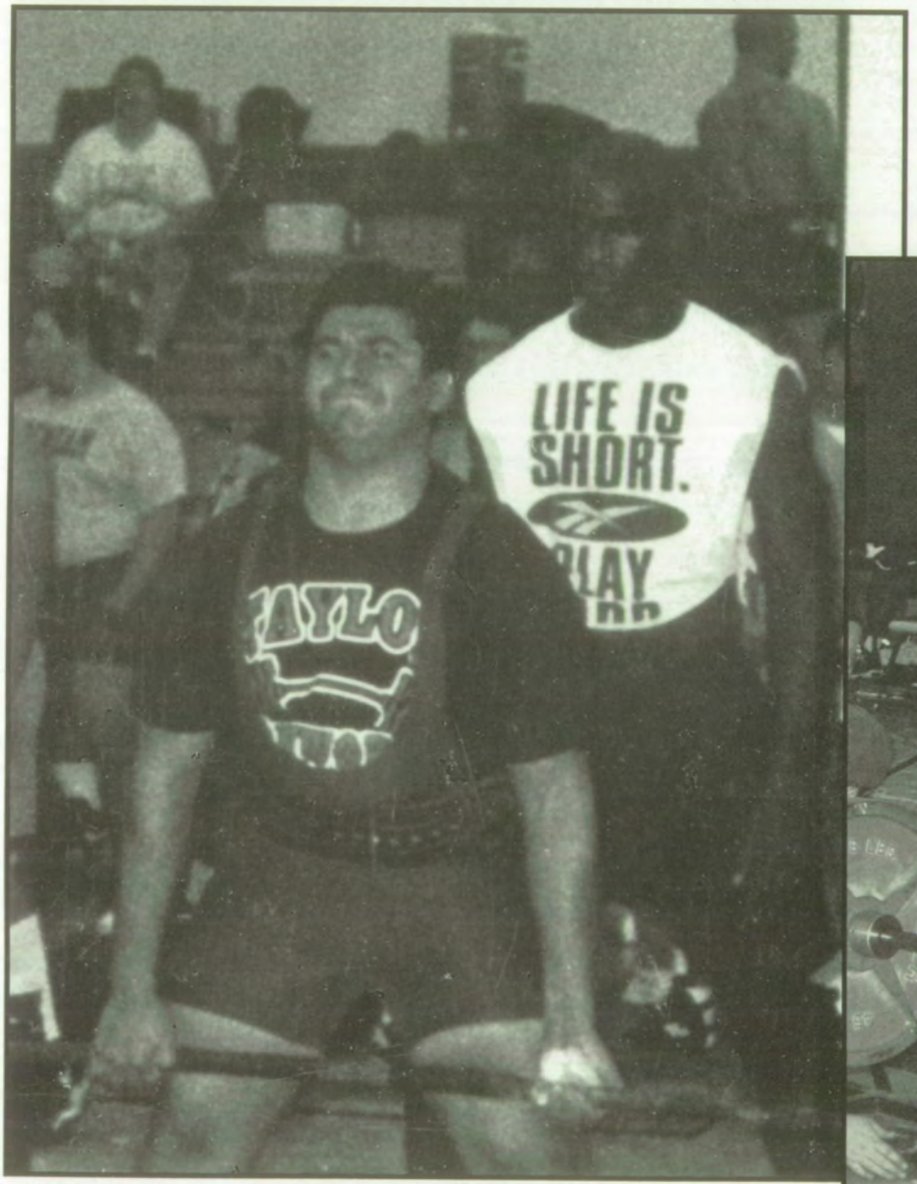
1997 was truly the best year for the Taylor "iron-men." Close to 70 high school students came out to "check out" what the powerlifting program was all about. Veteran powerlifters and Coach Lord welcomed each one with open arms, teaching them technique and encouraging them in every way possible.

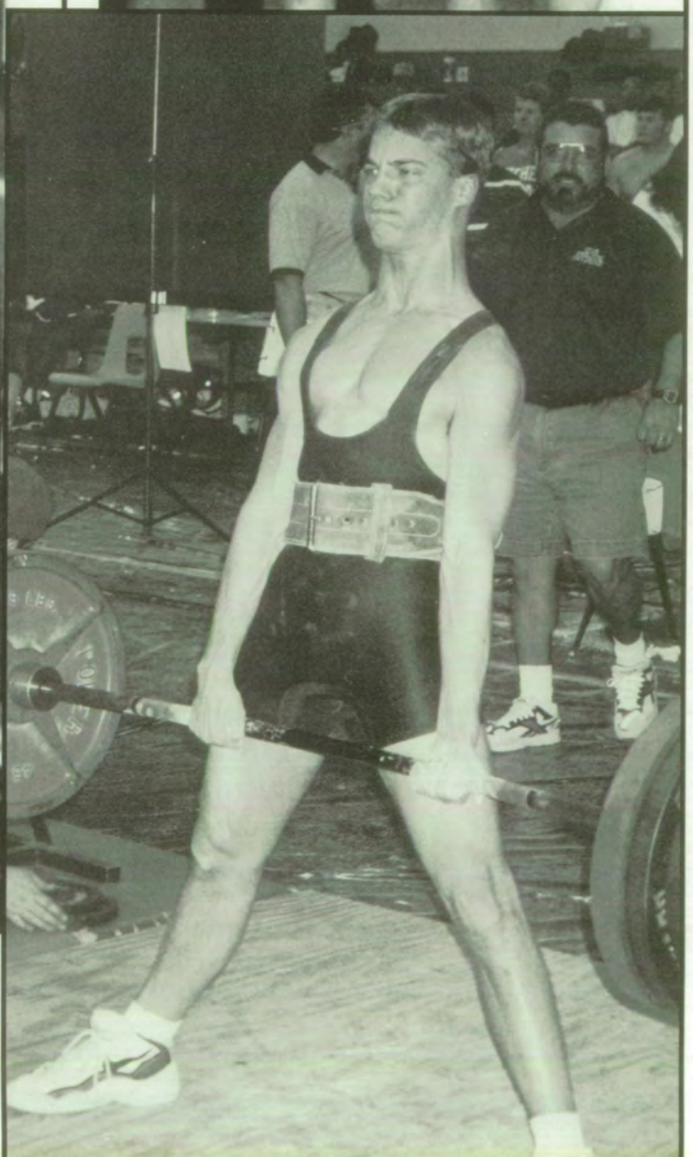
"Only you can beat you!" is something Coach Lord said often and proved to be the right medicine as the team never placed below fourth at any meet. "Powerlifting, unlike other sports, is not about size, it's about desire and want to."

Last year many lifters qualified to lift at the regional meet and two males qualified for the state competition held at the University of Houston. In the 114 lb class, Eddy Mata placed third in state while setting all the school records. In 165 lb class, Casey Kuempel set the squat, bench, deadlift and total records at THS and was a state qualifier in his first year out.

On the girls side, Tisha Gonzales and Yolanda qualified for state in the 97 lb class as did Sara Mata in the 105 lb class. Each has set at least one school record. Maria Gonzales and Janie Estrada also qualified for state competition in just their first year out. In the 165 lb class, Meredith MaCuk had a very successful year, setting all the THS records and placing third out of 24 lifters in the state competition. In 181 lb class, Shameika Rollie set all the THS records and became a 2-year state qualifier as a junior.



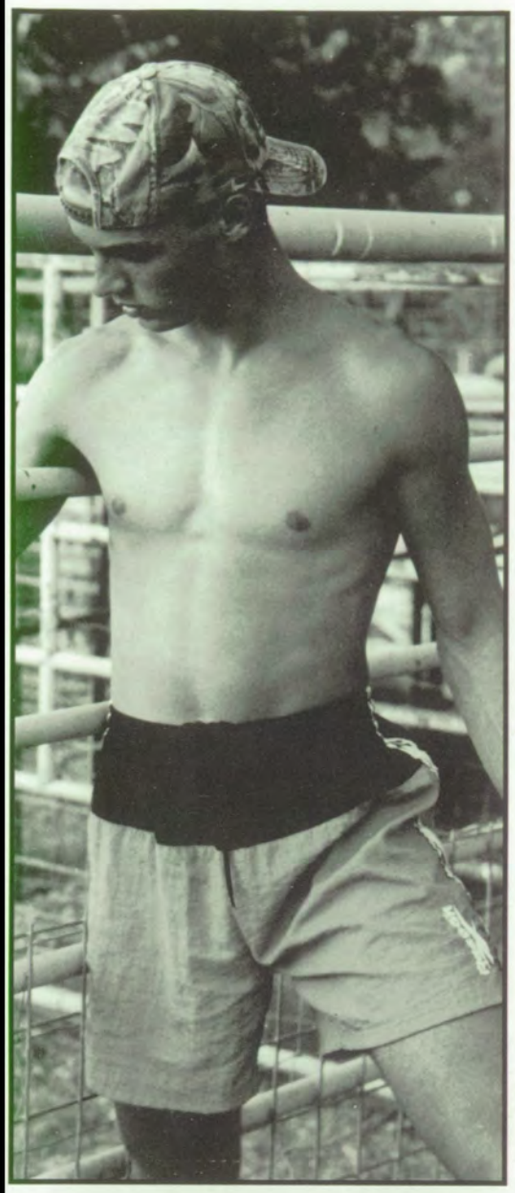




↗ Ahhhhhh....Matthew Johnson stand up with a deadlift

↗ ↗ Mr. Deadlift. Joe Flores gets his deadlift at regionals.

→ Pump it!!! Jason Naivar throws up his deadlift.



IT ALL COMES DOWN TO WINNING



"Since the beginning of this program, many quality athletes have pushed themselves to the brink of starvation to achieve the ultimate goal of personal sucess. I appereciate the hard work and sacrifices by these young male and female athletes."

-Murray Lord



"These past two years of powerlifting have been outstanding. Although I'll miss coming out and competing, I wish Coach Lord and all the lifters the best of luck. Also, I would like to see Oscar S. and Leroy A. crush all of my records.

-Eddy Mata

Luling

Taylor- G-1st: B-3rd

Brownwood

Brady

Lockhart-2nd

Marble Falls-2nd

N.B. Canyon

Regionals

State



Front: (L to R) Maria Gonzales, Bertha Nunez, Tisha Gonzales, Yolanda Nunez. 2nd row: Kris Kautz, Fermin Aguire, Leroy Aleman, Kevin Widmer, Joe Flores, T.J. Bragg, Carlos Menchaca, Cedric Valdez. 3rd row: Jason Naivar, Jeff Stefek, Tim Hejl, Eric Ariola, Nick Mokry, Havier Garcia, Joel Arias, Matt Johnson, Casey Kuempel, Ryan Lear, Justin Voucher, Manuel Reyes, Meridith MaCuk. Back: Osacar Suacedo, Andrew Littlejohn, Jannie Estrada, Sara Mata, Shamika Rollie, Juan Garcia, Don Hernandez, Eddy Mata, LeRoy Aleman, David Chenowith.





↖↖ Flex em!! Jason Naivar shows off his muscles which won him first in many meets.

↞ First Place. Eddy Mata displays his spoils of victory.

← The '97 State Powerlifting Qualifiers.



It All Comes Down To...

WHAT YOU DO





National Honor Society

Honoring those who excel

The 1996-1997 National Honor Society had a great deal of fun this year. The new officers took charge and did an excellent job, following the officers of the past years. N.H.S. had many successful events this year. The chicken dinner was great and it had an excellent turn out. Also the charity coat drives were beneficial, especially for the children. Another landmark this year was the induction of new members. The ceremony was great and we had 26 new members. As the year came to an end, we had our annual N.H.S. work day at Murphy Park. We elected new officers for next year and enjoyed delicious fajitas. The fun of our day came from our soaking water fight. Nearly everyone went home wet. This year was successful, and hopefully, the traditions of N.H.S. will continue as more and more members are inducted.







NHS Senior members: (1st row l-r): Liz Cornell, Justin Strickland, Julie Janak, Melanie Mikulencak, Carrie Minzenmayer, Jennifer Enochs, (2nd row l-r): Tracey Burba, Lindsey Jahn, Erin McCoy, Trissa Campbell, Monique Cantu, (3rd row l-r): Brian Caldwell, Ryan Jansky, Jeremy Gray, Sara Mueck, Virginia Carpenter, Lawrence Kern



↗ Let's wrap this up. Tracey Burba and Liz Cornell wrap desserts for the NHS dinner.

↑ Water Buddies!! Laurie Cmerek and Ryan Jansky are just two victims of the water fight.

↑ Paper or plastic? Melanie Mikulencak opens bags for dinner plates.



NHS Officers: (1st row l-r): Erin McCoy (Treasurer), Ryan Jansky (President), Melanie Mikulencak (Reporter), (2nd row): Justin Strickland (Parliamentarian), Trissa Campbell (Vice President), Not Pictured Cheryl Weatherington (Secretary)









Inducted members: (1st l-r): Brittany Matoska, Sarah Simmons, Allison Jones, Justin Strickland, Trissa Campbell Ryan Jansky, (2nd row l-r): Eryn Graef, Karen Moore, Telisha Raesz, Tisha Gonzales, Allison David, Autumn Schneider, (standing l-r): Erin Scmidt, Lauren Schwartz, Michelle Ford, Bobby Leshikar, Beatriz Hernandez, Maggie Moore, Ramon Nazario, Vidal Pina, Randa Stiba, Steven Fuller, Guy Oliphant, Tessa Mikulencak, Angie Bachmeyer, Andrea Wilson, Beth Solbach, Beth Pullen, Cassie Harrison



Junior NHS Members: (bottom l-r): Jalyn George, Vanessa Dykowski, Celia Naivar, Laurie Cmerek, Scott Raesz, Marisa Bennett, Chris Caffey, (top l-r): Jeff Ochoa, Jimmy Wright, Jeffrey Steffek, Hunter Hargis, Kim Gerstner, Mrs. Parsons



↖ Tickets, please. Monique Cantu, Julie Janak, and Celia Naivar collect tickets for the NHS dinner.

↑ We're in NHS now!! Ramon Nazario, Beatriz Hernandez. and Guy Oliphant are proud to be inducted into NHS.

↖ Hey!! Cheryl Weatherington poses for a quick snap at t NHS work day.

↑ Let me show you how it is done. Carrie Minzenmayer and Ryan Jansky struggle to get a plate into a plastic sack.

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Student Senate

This year the Student Senate came to life! Led by Justin Strickland, Trissa Campbell, Marisa Bennett, Allison Jones, Celia Naiver, and Melodie Strickland student government at Taylor High School was active. The year for the Student Senate Officers started with the controversial thirty minute lunch issue. Believing thirty minutes was too short and fighting for forty minutes, the officers addressed the school board, conversed with administrators and rallied students in hope to have a forty minute lunch again. We all learned a lesson in politics; the school board voted to keep the thirty minute lunch, and the cause was lost. This year the Student Senate officers started meeting once a week on Tuesday to eat lunch together. We talked about what was going on in the school and what role we wanted to play. We came up with many new ideas: we got our own mail box in the office, began attending monthly school board meetings and did an exchange program with Pflugerville High School. The officers went to Pflugerville High School for a day and realized how great T.H.S. really was. We had a fun time; we had to adjust to a block schedule, and we learned how cool it was to be in band. Pflugerville students also came over to T.H.S. for a day and we showed them what they were missing by not attending Taylor Schools. We also conducted freshman class elections and acted as interim sponsers. Just like previous years, the Student Senate greeted student council members from other schools at mid-field before every football game to exchange gifts. We didn't always get something great (dead plants), but we always had a great time linked up and walking on the field. The Student Senate also held a successful leadership conference in the fall. At the conference we played games, heard guest speakers and put up Christmas lights in the heritage square. Homecoming was another big project for the Student Senate, we greeted the Ex's and had an organized car rally. In the spring semester we began meeting once a month as an entire Student Senate and continued our hard work ethic. It was a great year for us; we tried to begin what we hoped would be a standard of what student government ought to be. That's what it all came down to in 1996-1997 for the Student Senate.



1996-'97 Student Senate members: L to R (bottom): Melodie Strickland, Celia Naivar, Allison Jones, Justin Strickland, Marisa Bennett, Trissa Campbell, Brian Caldwell, (2nd row): Nancy Dominguez, Lisa Grimm, Tarisa Walker, Autumn Schneider, Randa Stiba, Beatriz Hernandez, Melissa Hernandez, Jennifer Gonzales, Lauren Mikulencak, (3rd row): Lawrence Kern, Sean Washington, Kelly Kuhl, Nicole Cantu, Ryan Jansky, Barry Risper, Clayton Turner, Carlos Watson, Lynsey Tieman, Amy Gonzales, Erin Schmidt, Lisa Hewtty, Lindsey Cmerek.



↑ Another "Munchkin Meeting!" Marisa Bennett smiles for a quick picture.



↗ Ice, Ice Baby. President and VP Justin Strickland and Trissa Campbell get ice for the Leadership day lunch.

OFFICERS



"This year's Student Senate was the best ever. Our officers were awesome, and I thank them for their dedication. Together we established a stronger student government."

-Justin Strickland



Front: (L toR) Justin Strickland. Back: Melodie Strickland, Celia Naivar, Allison Jones, Trissa Campbell, Marisa Bennett.









↑ Pflugerville and Taylor's student government officers pose together at the end of a fun day.

↑ "Look at the Light" Celia Navair shows her shopping skills at H.E.B.

← OH YEAH! Mellie Strickland munches on some sour dough bread during the weekly officers lunch meeting.

↑ Leaders aren't Cheaters. It wasn't so during the relays at the leadership day.

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Junior Historians



Junior Historian Members: (front row l-r): Elizabeth Cornell, Brian Caldwell, Sarah Fuentes, Lawrence Kern, Jennifer Enochs, Celia Naiver, Virginia Carpenter, Melodie Strickland, Beatriz Hernandez, Bobby Leshikar, (2nd row l-r): Hunter Hargis, Carrie Minzenmayer, Justin Strickland, Trissa Campbell, Heather Stence, Amber Craig, Shannon Faulkner, Sarah Simmons, (back row l-r): Patty Nemec, Kim Gerstner, Amanda Beran, Vidal Pina, Lucy Sanchez, Melissa Hernandez, Maggie Moore

ESPRIT



Esprit members: (bottom row l-r): Cassie Harrison, Elizabeth Cornell, Brian Caldwell, Lawrence Kern, Jennifer Enochs, Celia Naivar, Lindsey Jahn, Lauren Rozacky, Beth Pullen, Randa Stiba, Tessa Mikulencak, Beatriz Hernandez, (2nd row l-r): Sean Washington, Virginia Carpenter, Maggie Moore, Jarod Stojanik, Adrian Martinez, Vanessa Dykowski, Lauren Schwartz, Eryn Graef, (top row l-r): Mark Reeves, James Ashley, Brian Heeke, Clint Mokry, John Cuba, Ryan Jansky, Bobby Leshikar, Stephen Fuller, Shannon Faulkner, Vidal Pina, Erin Schmidt, Micheile Ford, Mrs. Bennett

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Class Officers

Who makes sure your class will be successful and fun? Class officers are the leaders of each of our classes. They are given a lot of responsibility and most importantly they are responsible for the success of your graduating class. As freshmen, the class officers begin to learn what high school leaders are supposed to be. As sophomores, they begin to think about prom and begin many fund-raisers. When junior year rolls around they embark upon tremendous amounts of work, THE PROM! Many memories involve putting the prom together, and everyone in your class talks about how much better your prom was that than the previous year. Then comes the senior year as a class officer. That's when all the hard work begins. Class motto, song, colors, flower, T-shirt, banner and graduation invitations are just a few of the responsibilities of senior class officers. Class officers are special people who lead each class towards the final day, graduation, and who try the best to make that day special. Four years of hard work and dedication all comes down to making great memories that will last a lifetime.



← Freshman Officers

bottom (l-r): Lisa Grimm (Treas.), Lindsey Cmerek (Vice. Pres.), Clayton Turne (Pres.), Lauren Mikulencak (Sec.), top (l-r): Sean Washington (Rep.), Tarissa Walker (Rep.), Nancy Dominguez (Parl.), Kelly Kuhl (Rep.), Lynsey Tiemann (Rep.), Jennifer Gonzales (Reporter)

↓ Sophomore Officers

bottom (l-r): Whitney Kolinek (Sec.), Randa Stiba (Pres.), Cassie Harrison (Vice. Pres.), Josh Schernik (Tres.), top (l-r): Melodie Strickland (Parl.), Erin Schmidt (Rep.), Beatriz Hernandez (Rep.)

↓ Junior Officers

bottom (l-r): Allison Jones (Reporter), Kevin Widmer (Vice Pres.), Hollie Bollinger (Pres.), Marisa Bennett (Vice Pres.), Angie Bachmayer (Parl.), Sara Mata (Treas.) top (l-r): Chris Gonzales (Rep.), Cassandra Torres (Sec.), Tracey Eulenfeld (Rep.), Allison Behrends (Rep.), Johnny King (Rep.)



↘ Senior Officers

bottom (l-r): Carlos Watson (Rep.), Monique Cantu (Treas.), Tisha Gonzales (Sec.), Brian Caldwell (Rep.) top (l-r): Melissa Hernandez (Rep.), Ryan Jansky (Rep.), Erin McCoy (Vice Pres.), Trissa Campbell (Pres.), Mark Aleman (Parl.), Lisa Hewtty (Rep.)





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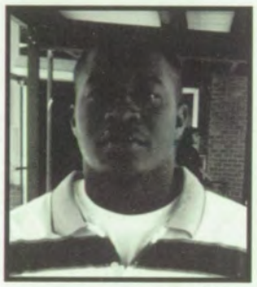
Duck Pals

Helping the future generations

Do you remember when you were in elementary school? The people in high school were your biggest heros, whether it was a varsity athlete or a cheerleader. There was a group of high school students who visited Northside, T. H. Johnson and Taylor Middle School, and became friends with younger students. This group was called Duck Pals. These high school students really cared about their Palees. The Pals listened to the problems their Palees had and tried their best to help them out. Being a Pal is a big responsiblity. It was like being a big brother or sister. Through the Duck Pal program, friendships have been made and lives were changed.



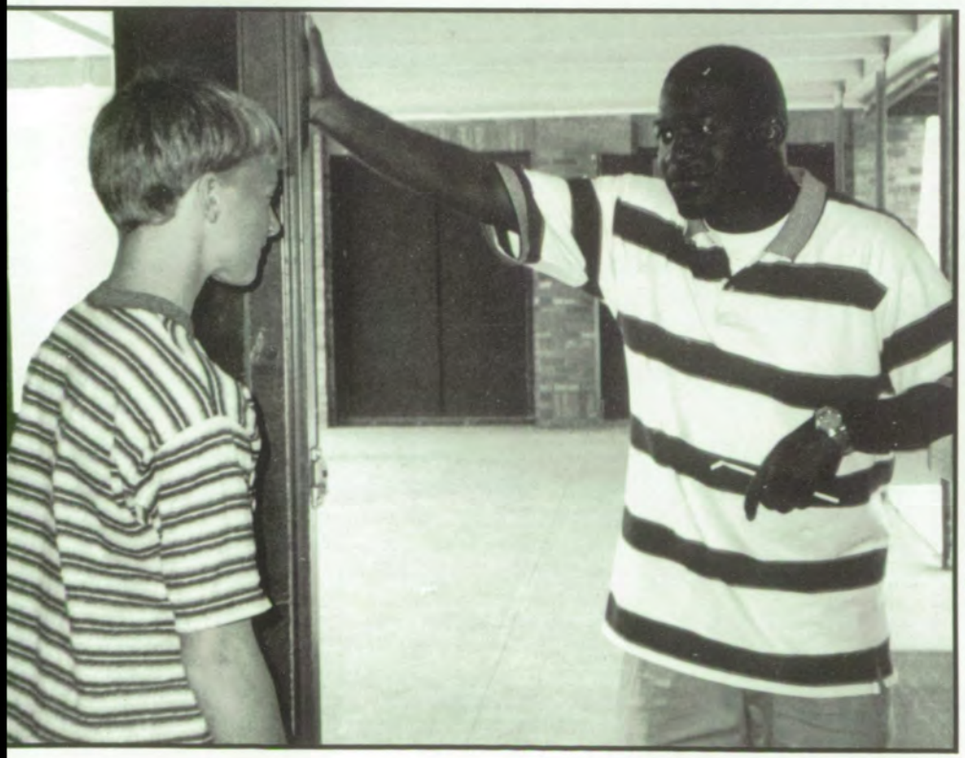


It was a real enjoyable experience going to help and talk to the kids. We helped them do better in and out of school.

-Jonathan King



96'- '97 Duck Pals: (l-r): Sara Mata, Jennifer Enochs, Andrew Littlejohn, Allison Jones, Johnny King, Marisa Bennett





↖ My buddy and me. Jennifer Enochs and Kevin Widmer pose with their Palees.

↖ What's up? Sara Mata talks with her Palee.

← Let me tell ya something. Johnny King gives his palee some advice.

↑ Meet my Palee. Jennifer Enochs poses with her palee.

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K-DUC

"Teachers, please turn your monitors on for KDUC!" The video yearbook of Taylor High School, KDUC was a special class devoted to informing the student body about numerous activities. Usually putting together two shows a week and somtimes three, we worked hard to put together great specials and make the announcements interesting. KDUC started the year off with thirteen members and once again with a broken camera. The beginning of the year was more of a learning experience for KDUC members because everyone was new to the class except for Justin Strickland. It took awhile for everyone to learn how to use the equipment, but it eventually happened. We learned how to film, "zoom in," and how to be creative with our shows. Mr. Volek headed up the class for its fourth year of existence, and we still had to sit through the legendary Volek lectures. Working together we all grew closer and added our own KDUC trademarks. Hummmm, became the word of choice, and we put together many great shows. We added onto our board of graffiti and put up Francisco's Wall. In the second semester Santa read his mail and got rid of Pooch Dog and left us Yoda. Our shows faltered a bit, but we perservered. Mr. Volek became full time counselor and "SO" we had to have a new teacher, Ms. Osborne. Everyone in KDUC will have special memories of Andrew, Vrana and Bob in dresses, H.E.B. and Taco Bell, Chinese and Toliet announcements, Tracey- "the girl who can't read announcements," Celia- "Oh my god, what is that word!", remember Beth-I can't help you, Raschke and his love for cats, Derrick's internship, Kim's crazy dance, Allison's trouble with the clicking 8mm and Justin's "Make sure you have fast forwarded before you start recording." KDUC put together many great shows and showed T.H.S. what fun it is to be on TV. That's what it all came down to, all the way until the last "Thank you and that's all the announcements."



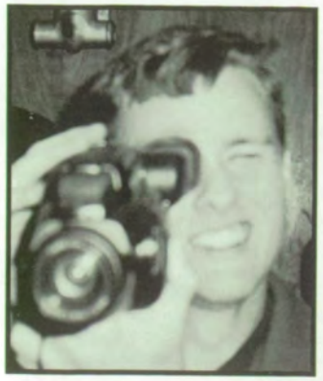


↑ We're trapped!!! Justin Strickland films the excitement of being locked in the K-DUC room.



↗ The K-DUC board of Graffiti. Tracey Eulenfeld and Allison Behrends are proud of the sacred board.

STAFF



"K-DUC is the greatest class in our school. You make special memories and I will forever miss it."

-Justin Strickland



1996-'97 K-DUC members: L to R (bottom): Kim Raesz, Tracey Eulenfeld. (2nd row) Allison Behrends, Allison Jones (3rd row) Celia Naivar, Justin Strickland, Bob Cavo, Matthew Raschke, Derrick Malicoat, Beth Solbach. (back) Andrew Littlejohn, Terry Horne, Jason Vrana.









↑ Y-O-D-A!!! Kim Reasz, Tracey Eulenfeld, Celia Naivar and Beth Solbach spell it out.

↗ Try to be creative. Allison Behrends, Kim Raesz and Justin Strickland fool around before saying the announcements.

← Filming's cool! Andrew Littlejohn has fun filming for an up-coming show. (no Beatles music on that one.)

↑ "May I please have your attention for today's KDUC announcements." Tracey Eulenfeld and Beth Solbach get the school's attention.

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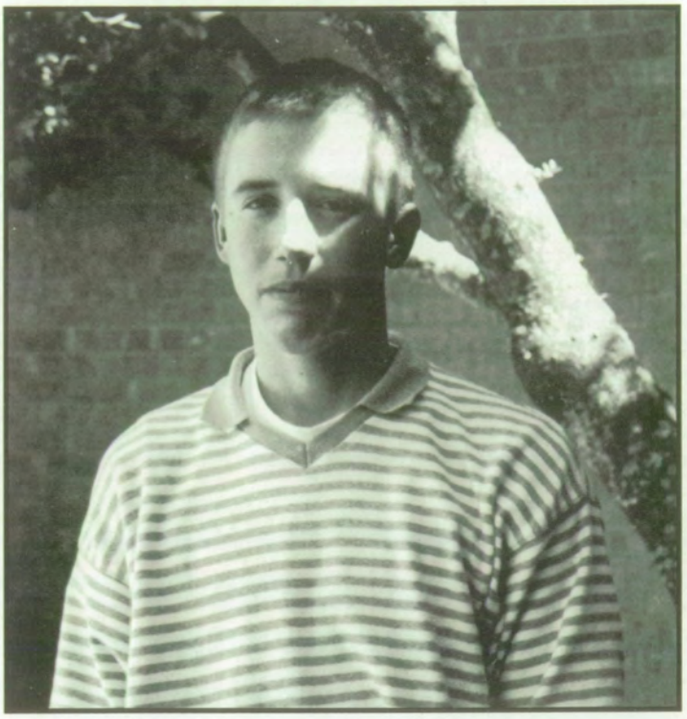
U.D.L. Participants



Tammy Zuehlke, Accounting



Guy Oliphant, Number Sense



Cody Seigmund, Editorial Writing



Monica Ruble, Calculator Applications



One Act: Front: (L to R) Kim Gerstner, Allision Jones. 2nd row: Kip Farrar, Monica Ruble, Allison Behrends, Beth Solbach, Lawrence Kern. Back: Melodie Strickland.



Jennifer Kolinek, Spelling



Celia Naivar, Ready Writing

I Never Sang For My Savage One Act

One Act is basically a three act play condenced into a 38 minute performance and two months of hard work and fun. This year, one act started at half-speed on a seldom attempted challenge, a comedy. The comedy was The Curious Savage, a play involving a mental house and it's patients. A month into rehersal, we lost a fourth of our cast, and it seemed very unlikely we would be ready for competition, just one month away. The decision was made, by Mr. Volek, to forget The Curious Savage and start new. So, we again had auditions, this time for a drama, I Never Sang for My Father. This play involved a disfunctional family, grown apart. The glue of this family, the mother(Allison Berhends), sadly dies and the family (Andrew Littlejohn, Beth Solbach, and Lawrence Kern) is left to take care of their problems. Everyone did a great job. Lawrence got All-Star Cast, Beth and Andrew received Honorable Mention All-Star Cast, and all of us, as a cast, got alternate. It would be an understatement to say we were disappointed; we felt we were the best at competition. Sure, we didn't say our name was Raja, but we never sang for our father.







↑ The One Act women pose--An actress must always smile big for the camera.



↗ On Stage, Monica Ruble and Banana Boy (aka Citrus Boy and Blueberry Boy) are in the midst of the hospital scene.

THE CAST



"I am very proud of the cast as well as myself for overcoming all of the barriers we had this year and putting on a great show. We produced the best show I have been in while participating in One Act."

-Andrew Littlejohn



Front: (L to R) Kim Gerstner, Allison Jones. 2nd row: Kip Farrar, Monica Ruble, Allsion Behrends Beth Solbach, Lawrence Kern. Back: Melodie Strickland.









↑ During The Curious Savage, Allison Behrends, Lawrence Kern, and Mr. Volek work hard on the blocking for the "crazies".

↗ Mellie and Bethy (as passengers) wait for the cue. "I wanted to love my father."--1 one-thousand.

←"It's rough Dad, I know. It's bound to be rough." Lawrence Kern and Andrew Littlejohn in the middle of a father-son scene.

↑ In the middle of a scene, Beth Solbach and Andrew Littlejohn listen to their father, played by Lawrence Kern, rant.

Students United for Responsible Fun

What is SURF? What does it do? SURF is a special club centered around chemical free activities. The second largest club at Taylor High School SURF devoted many of it's activities to discourage drugs and alcohol, promoting alternative activities. The school year began early for SURF members with a summer leadership day at Granger Lake. A group of leaders planned what direction the club would take in the upcoming year. Along with planning were games and greased watermelons. Dues were collected at the beginning of the year, and many of the activities began to get underway. Red Ribbon week was extremely successful and with a slogan "A Drug Free Taylor Begins at Home", we knew it would be a special week. At the football game, in cooperation with the Student Senate, a big red ribbon was stretched across mid-field to show unity in our fight toward a drug free community. Another SURF activity was the annual Homecomning Dance. At the dance the Homecoming King and Queen Nominees were announced and everyone had a great time. In the spring semester SURF members traveled to Round Rock High School to pick up a $250.00 check for the Chemical Free After Prom. Taylor students had to go up in front of the entire Round Rock senior class, and Justin Strickland had to expain what goes on at Taylor's After Prom. He was nervous to say the least. After the assembly was over, we came back to Taylor and decided we were hungry and went to lunch. Chick-fil-a never tasted so good. As the year came to an end, SURF members wished they could have done more, but they realized that SURF all came down to being an important role model for other clubs.



1996-'97 SURF Members



↑ I have an Idea! All of Surf's 96-97 plans are on those sheets of paper.



↗ Absolutely, 100%, NOT GUILTY. Liz Cornell, Justin Strickland, Trissa Campbell, Kevin Widmer, Carrie Minzenmeyer, Tisha Gonzales and Melanie Mickulencak pose with D.A. Ken Anderson.

OFFICERS



"SURF is a great club because it promotes positive activities and discourages drug and alcohol use.

-Liz Cornell



Bottom row: (L to R) Beatriz Hernandez, Jason Naivar, Brooke Gonzales, Allison Jones, Liz Cornell, Justin Strickland, Melanie Mikulencak, Carrie Minzenmayer, Joe Tamez. Top row: Sean Washington, Lacie Grieger, Randa Stiba, Vanessa Dykowski, Beth Solbach, Amanda Wallace, Celia Naivar, Allison Behrends, Cassie Harrison.









↑ Eat-More-Chicken....several SURF members pose in front of the Chick-fil-a sign after a delicious lunch.

↗ They're wrappin it up! SURF members play a toilet paper relay at the end of the Summer leadership day.

← Kevin Widmer and Mrs. K. raise the flag to let everyone know about the prom promise.

↑ Show me the money!!! SURF members wait to receive a $250.00 check for our after Prom party.

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Science Club

If you were to ask someone what was the biggest club at Taylor High School in 96-97 the answer would be the Science Club. Science Club had a total of 211 members; the most it has ever had. The year started early for members with a summer car wash at Wal-Mart, a lot of hard work raised $200, which was used for FISH CAMP 96, a fun day for freshman to familiarize themselves with high school. As soon as the year began Science Club began planning for Florida for our yearly trip. With 211 members we had to make a strict criteria for eligibility. Two meetings attended in the first semester and two projects. Members could have helped with the car wash, Fish Camp, hauling text books, concession stand, Christmas tree decorating and the Mr./Miss Pageant. Yes, Science Club brought back the famous Mr./Miss Pageant. The Pageant was extremely successful, Jason Ward (Anita Mann) was the Mr./Miss winner with Chris Caffey (Electra) and Kelly Kuhl (Trixy) rounding out second and third. After a semester of hard work, 15 Science club members actually found themselves boarding a yellow school bus on their way to Florida. We ran into many difficulties that threw us off schedule which included the bus breaking down at 1:00 a.m. and traveling 1 m.p.h., but we still had a great time. We went to different beaches, Thomas Edison's house, Jefferson Davis' house and Disney World. Everyone had a great time and have their own special memories of the trip. In the second semester Science Club also brought back Data Match (Heart to Heart), and everyone was able to see who they were most compatible with. We also tried to raise money by working at Bealls, helping to get the store ready for its grand opening. As the year came to a close, members thought of all the great things we had done this year and smiled. In 96-97 Science Club all came down to being the best club at Taylor High School.



1996-'97 Science Club Members



↑Cool Hats...Justin Strickland and David Chenoweth sport their new hats from Disney World.



→ Stop!.....Mr./Miss security guards take a break to show how tough they are.

OFFICERS



"This year in Science Club we set a lot of club records. We took a trip to Florida and had a lot of fun. Hopefully in the future it will be as exciting as it was this year."

-Carrie Minzenmayer



Front: (L to R) Melodie Strickland, Liz Cornell, Trissa Campbell, Julie Janek, Justin Strickland, Melanie Mikulencak, Sara Mueck. Back: Virginia Carpenter, Kevin Widmer, Carrie Minzenmayer, Allison Behrends.









↑M-I-C-K-E-Y M-O-U-S-E Science Club members take a quick picture before a fun filled day at Disney World.

↗"I would have to say Ivory," Ryan Lear describes what type of soap he would be as he hula's on stage.

← It's time to remember the Magic! Science Club members pose for a quick picture in front of Disney's castle cake.

↑UH-OH, the bus is broken!!! Even in the middle of a crisis they kept smiling until 5:30 a.m.

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Spanish Club

It's that little dialect south of the border that everyone's learning, and it's not the Macarena. You guessed it- Spanish! Everyday was a new experience learning about the history and culture of the Latin American countries. In additon to learning the language, classes participated in various activities throughout the year that involved the literature and folklore, such as this year's Cinco de Mayo program. Spanish III also did a vast research project on the tradition and foods of Spanish speaking countries. Spanish II focused more on art and writing styles of the language. No matter what level you were though, the teachers brought to life this beautiful romance language in their classrooms.



→ The Cinco de Mayo program, Round Rock Ballet Folklorico.

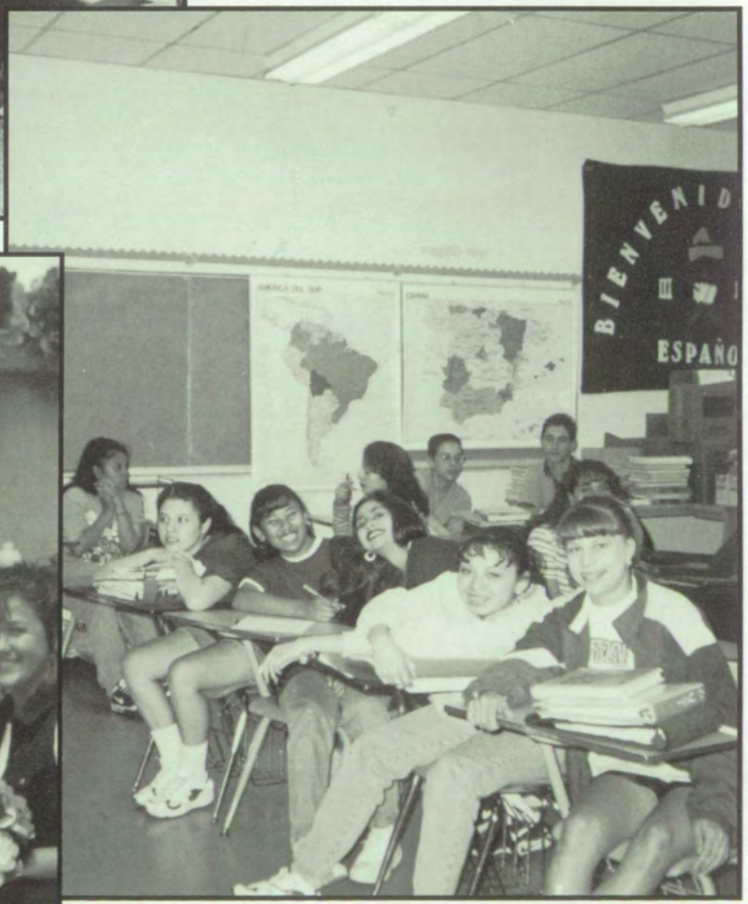


The 96-97 Spanish II and III Classes









↑Spanish III poses for a shot with their banner.

←Paula, Maria, Laura, Latisha, and Amanda demonstrate their ability to make flowers for Cinco de Mayo.

↑ Say Cheese! The Spanish I class takes time out for a quick picture.

↑ Christina Foster helps a new friend celebrate Cinco de Mayo.

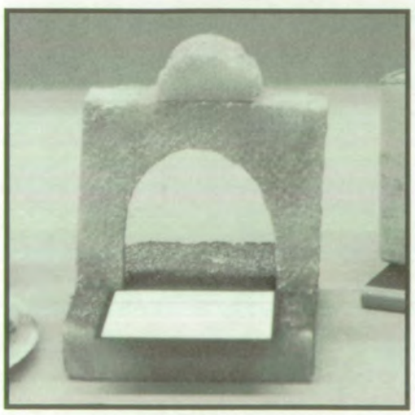
Latin Club



Each year, the Latin Club seems to grow, and this year was no exception. They managed to participate in and sponsor numerous activities that proved beneficial to the school. For example, in December we raised money for a foster child to have a special Christmas. We also got together during the year to experience the play, *Julius Caesar*. It proved to be an awesome, unforgetable experience. Extra money raised by club members went to finance a trip to Astro World. Every activity proved to be a true learning experience about Roman history, but it also helped us appreciate the Latin language.







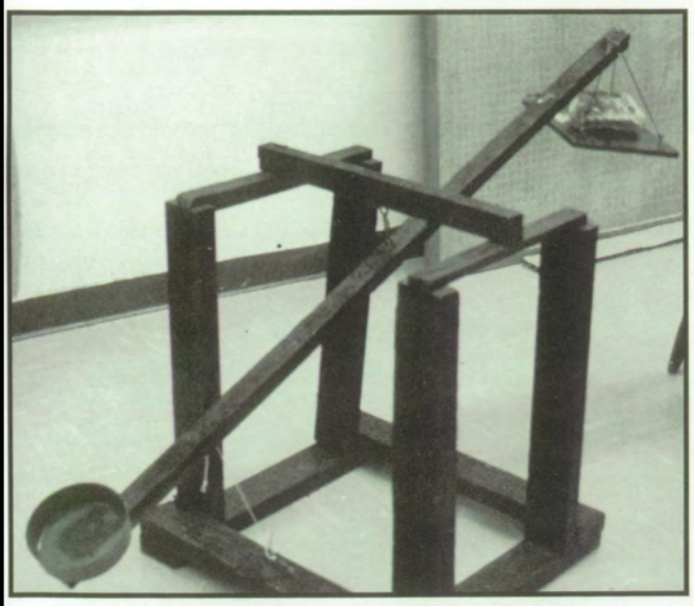
↑ Bobby Leshikar studies intently on some Latin work.

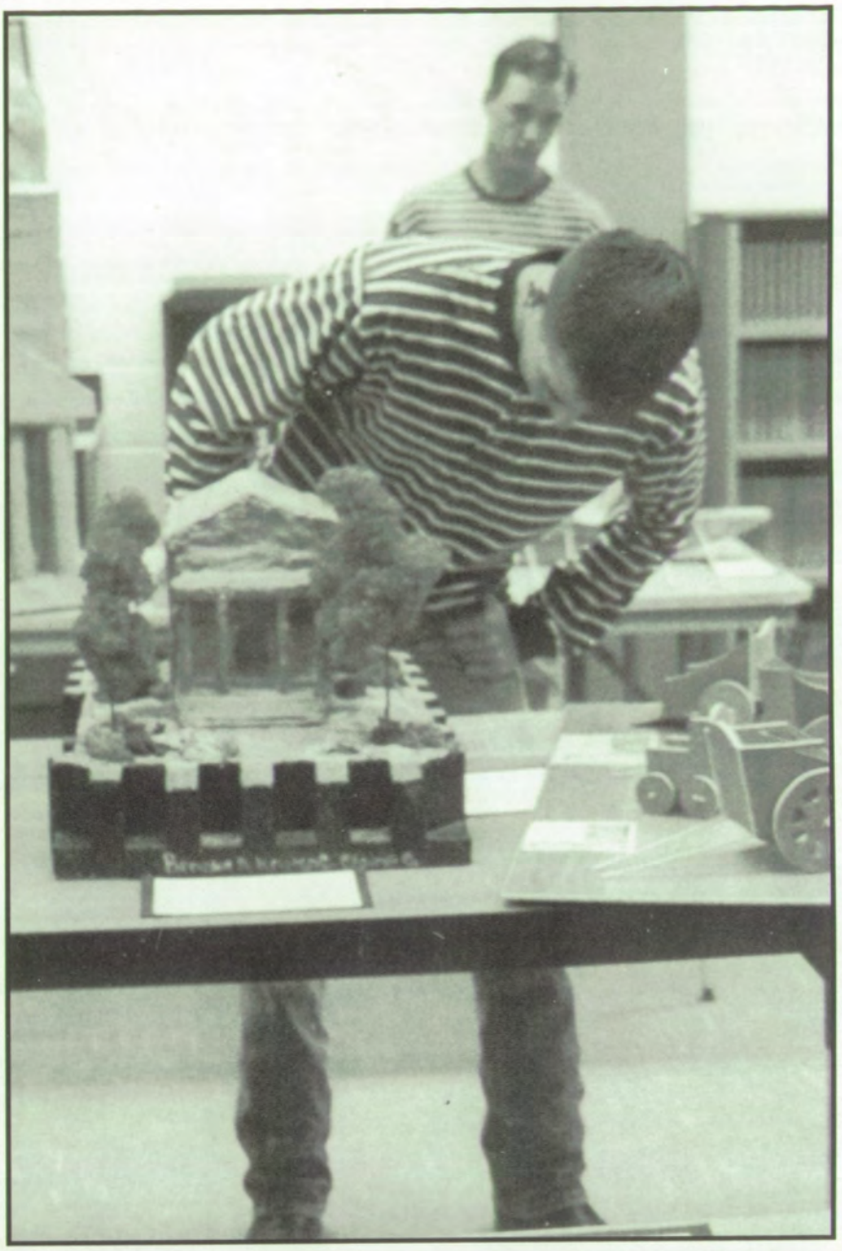
↑ Pictured is Alison David and Josh Schernik's famous arch.

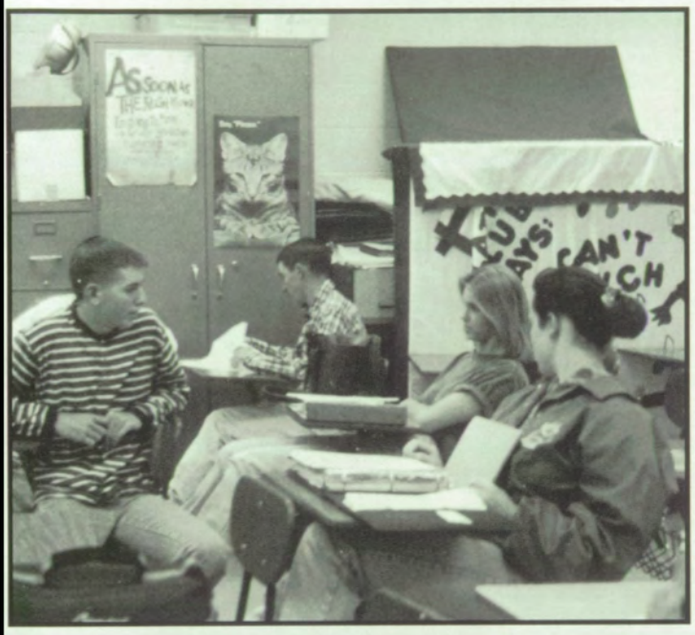
↑ Brittany Bullion, Tracey Eulenfeld, and Kelly Wilson discuss plans during a Latin Club meeting.



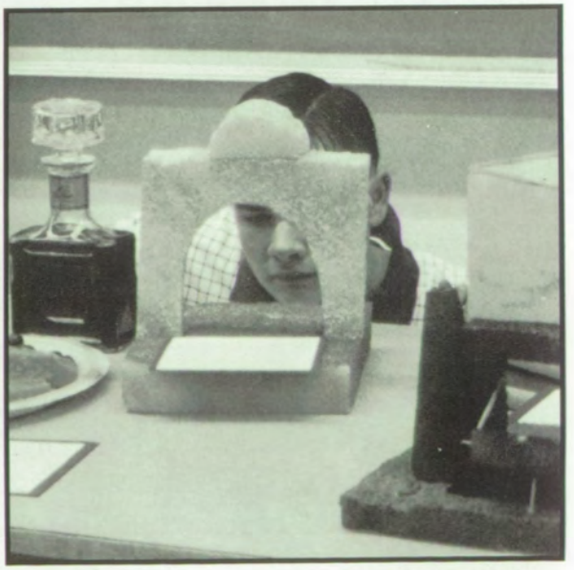
1996-'97 Latin Club Members











↖ Another awesome project in Latin. Patrick Richter and Blake Ward's catapult.

↑ Patrick Richter looks at one of the Latin I projects.

↖ A group of Latin II students wait for Mrs. Schaefer to start the days lesson.

↑ Derek Schaefer reads about the history of the arch.

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German Club

Sprechen Sie Deutsch? Was machst Sie Duetchen Klub? Und, liebst du deine toilette? These and other more important questions will be answered if you continue reading. The German Club, as always, proved to be a club highly involved in the community and other special activities. At this years Spooktacular, we had our own booth, where we painted faces and gave out candy. The German Club also held a profitable bake sale. We attended the annual Wurstfest, eating enough wurst among all of us to feed a small German village. The German Club competed in the Christmas parade, receiving first place for our wonderful job decorating Hunter Hargis's beautiful car. We also participated in the Christmas tree decorating contest, where the tree we decorated went to a needy family. Next, we went on to Houstonfest; the theme this year was "Team-German." We competed hard in events ranging from German Vocabulary to a German video production. We won many awards, including sweepstakes. From there we went on to State German Contest, yet again receiving our fair share of awards. In addition to all of these many activities, we helped clean up Taylor, in the Texas Trash Bash, and we planted flowers to beautify our school. We were also honored at a schoolboard meeting for going to State German Competition. Yes, this was a productive year; it is safe to say the German Club will look back with pride and smiles at all the hard work and fun.



1996-1997 German Club Members





↗ Kelly Hewitt smiles with her work of art, a customer, at the face painting booth.

↑ The folk dancers show off their stuff--dancing their way into 2nd place at Houstonfest.

→ The whole crew at Houstonfest, posing with all their trophies and ribbons.







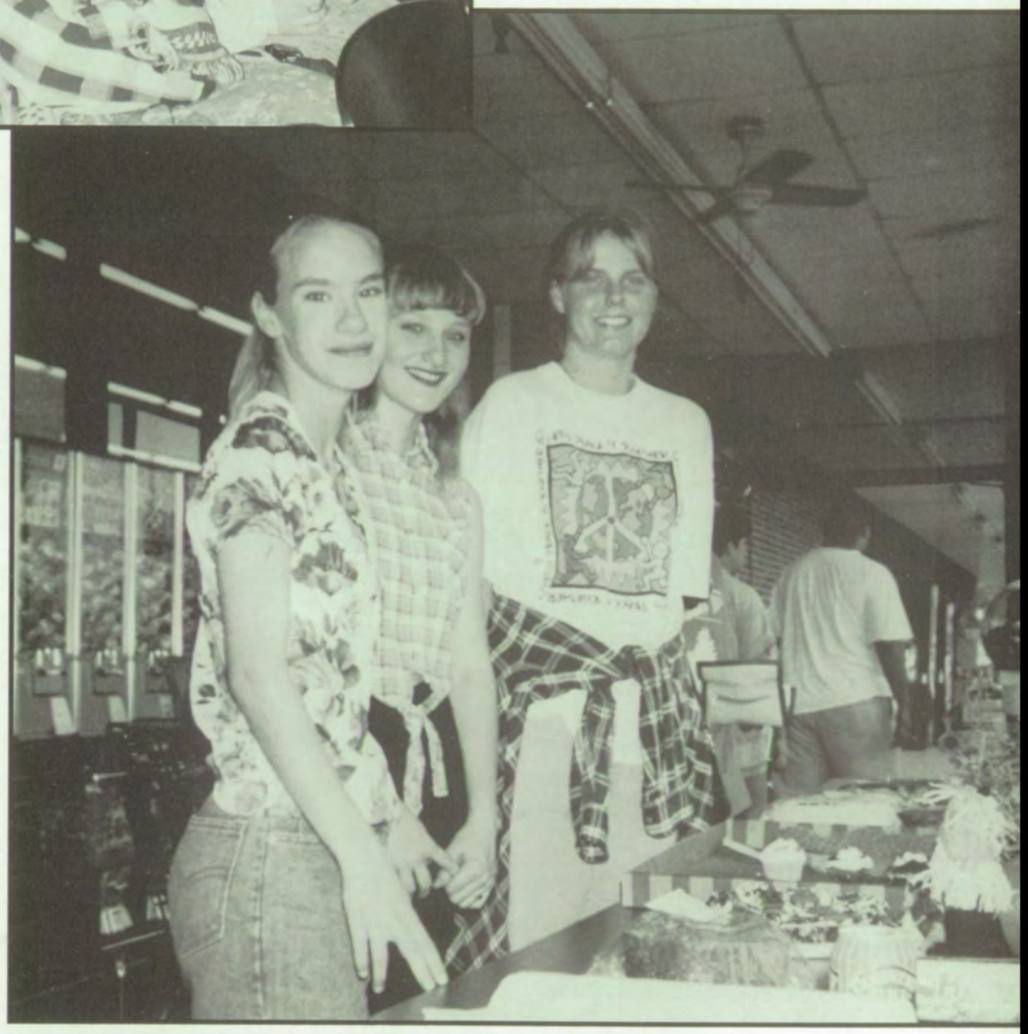
↓ At the bake sale, our happy saleswomen, Sarah Simmons, Courtney Menzel, and Virginia Carpenter take a break to smile at the camera.

←← In between events at Houstonfest Brian Heeke, Melodie Strickland,a nd Kenny Horne pose for a quick picture.

← Allison Behrends, Tessa Mikulencak, Eryn Graef and Lisa Grimm patiently watch from the audience at Houstonfest.

↙ Mandy Grimm, Justin Sladek, and Hunter Hargis prepare the German delicacy (Ha-Ha!) spaghetti ice.







"Our club had made many outstanding accomplishments during this school year, all of which helped to make our school, community and ourselves extremely proud."

-Kelly Hewitt



(Top row l-r): Trey Turner, Allison Behrends, Hunter Hargis, Lindsey Cmerek, (Bottom row l-r): Kelly Hewitt, Eryn Graef, Tessa Mikulencak, Lisa Grimm

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Choir

This year was an extremely busy year for us. We blew away the competition at several contests. At the TMEA All-State Choir Auditions, Henry Ruiz and Ahmon Tealer were both selected to the All-Region Choir. Fifteen members competed in the solo ensemble contest; seven as soloists, and a 12 as an ensemble.

Our annual Christmas concert was a success, as well as our Spring Cabaret, "Memorable Melodies." We performed for TMS, St. Mary's, the Rotary, Jr Women's, Lion's and Kiwanis Club. Our spring trip was to Houston. We saw the Gershwin musical "Crazy For You." Then we spent a fun-filled day at Astroworld. To Finish out the year we sang at Baccalaureate.

All of the hard work and dedication made for an exciting and memorable year.



Front row (L to R): Kim Zachary, Josh Tealer, Sonja Stelly, Ahmon Tealer, Jana Ware. 2nd row: Crysta Rivison, Maria Castanada, Amy Gonzales, Andrea Chavarria, Shinanae Pedro. 3rd row: Angela Ruiz, Jonathan Gray, Lindsey Hanacik, Jennifer Zachary, Henry Ruiz. 4th row: Quincey Andrews, Malachi Dilworth.



↗ What beautiful voices these lovely ladies have! The choir shows off their voices in the spring cabaret, "Memorable Melodies."

↗ Jonathan Gray and Mrs. Bartosh take a quick break to pose for a picture.

→ The twins, Jennifer and Kimberly Zachary, are all smiles on the the spring trip.

→ It's the guys turn to show off; What a great job they're doing.





↞ Which one is the cutest? Henry Ruiz shows off his new friends.

← These four pals made out wih all of the prizes at the Midway at Astroworld.

↓ My favorite student. Mrs. Bartosh takes a pic with one of her students.

↞ Listen to those lovely voices! The girls sing away at a concert.









Front row (L to R): Leslie Salazar, Jennifer Valerio, Bertha Nunez, Nicole Rowe. 2nd row: Delilah Olguin, Ruth Dixon, Amanda Beran, Julie Stabeno. 3rd row: Elaine Good, Libby Krepps, Crystal Wright.

Strikin' BAND Tune

The1997 Taylor High School Band proved itself to be the hardest of all hardworking Taylor Bands. With freshmen comprising over sixty percent of the band, members were challenged to learn marching drills, music, and sequences, but with the help of upperclassmen and the determination of the fish to do their best, the band, flag corps, and High Steppers put together the best of half time performances. Remember, playing music and making it sound good while marching is no easy task to accomplish, but we made it look like second nature.

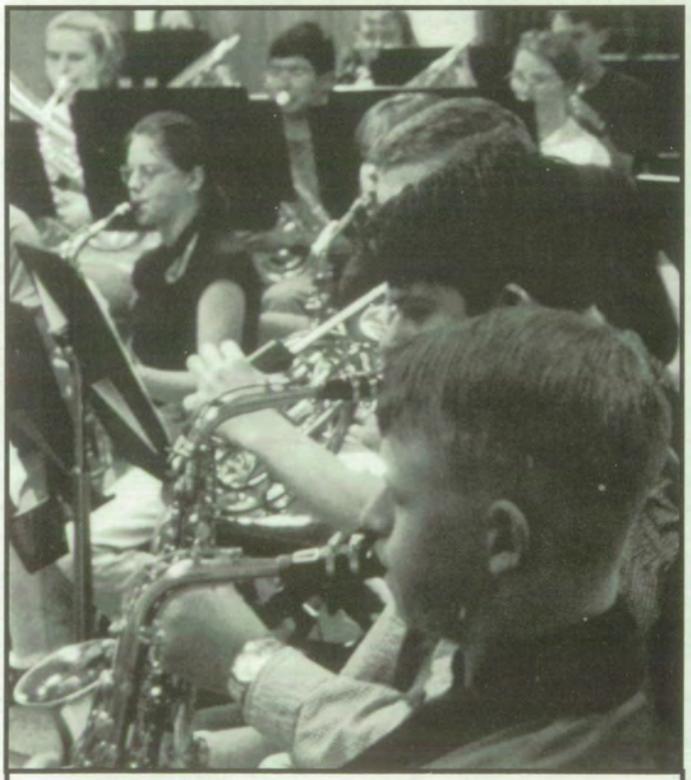
Some shows consisted of excerpts from the opera Evita! That halftime show gained us a Division II class rating at marching contest for the fall of 1996.

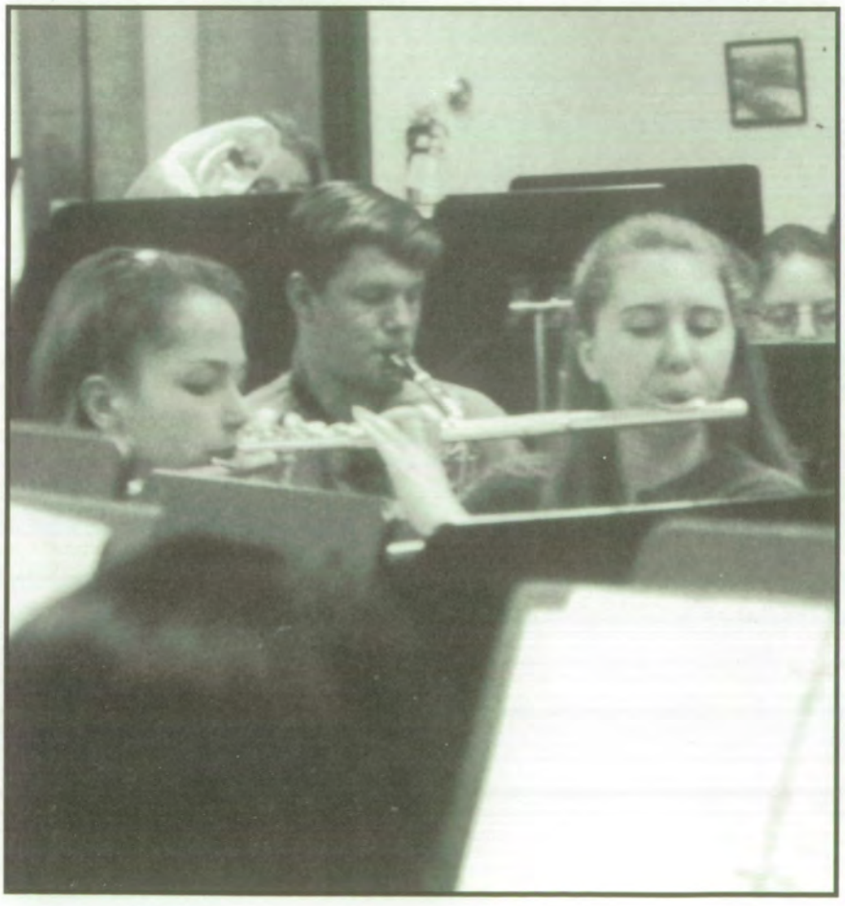
Our musical talents really began to shine after marching season was over when we got the chance to play pure music. Starting at eight o'clock every morning, we exhaustingly worked to produce our exquisite Christmas Concert.

Now we are waiting in anticipation for the UIL concert band contest at which we hoped to receive a Division I Rating.

Band was not all work and no play. During the 1996 summer, work and play were combined as the drum major and marching lieutenants and Mr. Rubio journeyed to band conference in New Orleans. During the rest of the year, yelps of laughter and surprise could always be heard leaking from underneath the band hall door. The next events to which we are looking forward were the end of school band banquet and the Schlitterbahn field trip. Next year should be even better. The freshmen of this year will be veterans; their shows should be something to watch!







↑↑Mr. Rubio conducts away on one of Taylor High School's award winning songs.

↑ The altos must be careful not to overpower the band.

←Kristin Chait and Desiree Gates strain to hit the high notes.













↑A group of band friends hug after a successful performance.

←The flag core huddles for warmth during a football game.

↑Band Beau and Sweetheart Lawrence Kern and Kelly Hewitt pose to think about their award.

↑Party Time! Break time was always a long awaited moment during football season.

↑Virginia Carpenter and her section try to be heard over the saxes.

↑The clarinets rock on during rehearsal.

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→ Tamara and Lacie knock heads while smiling for the camara.

↓ We got the beat! Scott Zuchnick and Joe Tamez play percussion.

↘ The clarinet section plays its heart out.

↓ Kelly Hewitt leaves the audience awestruck with her twirling talent.

↘ Bobby Leshikar, the drum major, jumps for joy as the bell for second period rings.















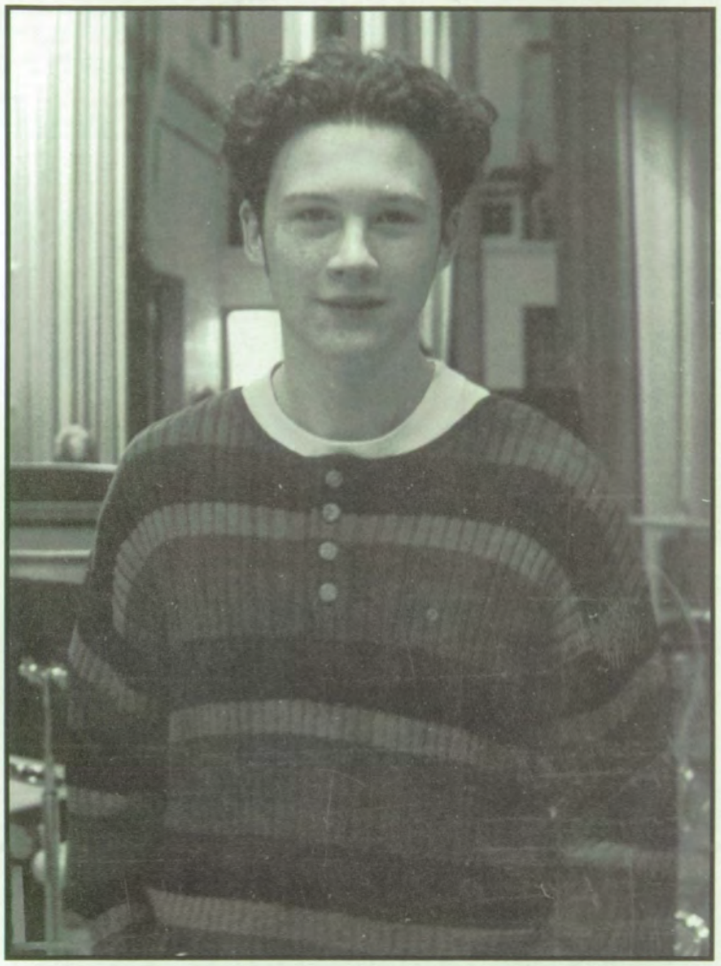



↖Torsten Auerbach is caught taking a break from his tireless trumpet playing.

↞Lawrence Kern is surprised by a camera in his face so early in the morning.

←That's not the routine! Vidal Pina sticks his tounge out during 'Evita.'

↙Joe Tamez, Kristine Muegge, and Scott Zucknick pose for a picture.

↓ Band Moms Mrs. Krueger and Mrs. Dabbs cheese it on the bus.





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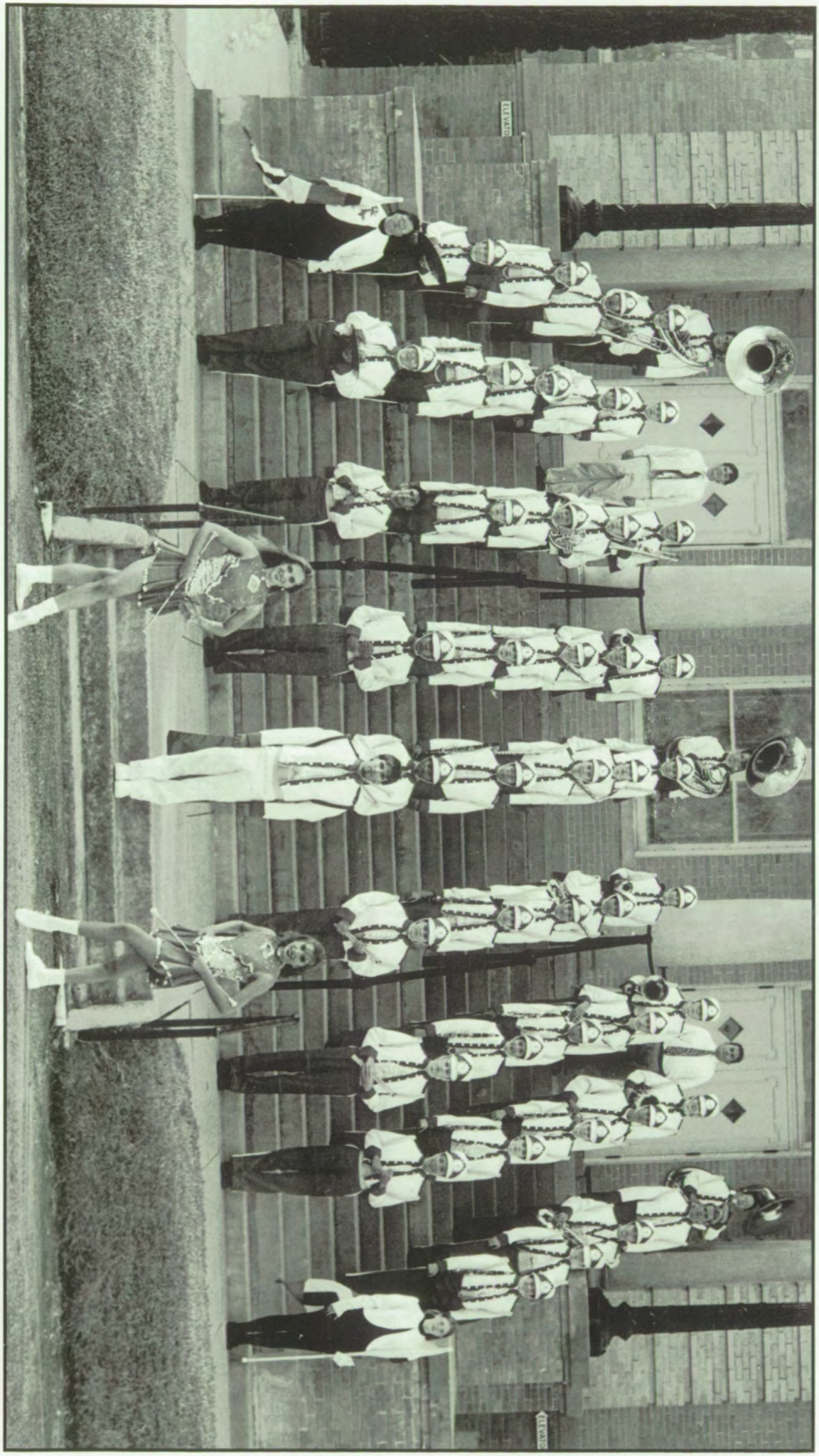
↟ Virginia Carpenter, the prime example of a good role model, shows the seriousness taken during marching band.

↟ Bobby's Gang. If you had to hang out with them you'd have that face too.

↑ Kelly Hewitt is overcome with joy after being crowned Band Sweetheart.

↗ The trumpets attempt to read new music.

→ Jalyn George is caught in the act of playing music.





Twirlers: Kelly Hewitt, Brook Dabbs

Drum Major: Bobby Leshikar

Officers: President: Lawrence Kern, VP: Chris Trevino.

Director: Robert Rubio

Cheerleaders

firin' em up

Cheering is what we do Best! This year the cheerleaders cheered for another exciting year of football and basketball. We added a new way of peppi'n up the crowd by throwing miniature footballs and basketballs after two-bits, and any exciting play, touchdown, or hoop. Football and basketball weren't the only things we participated in. Pep-rallies also played a huge part in our schedules, among other things such as the first-time ever, "Celebrate Taylor." Even though we didn't have the annual Black-out Pep Rally, we still had a visit from Waco University's Homecoming Queen, "Unis."

The games were also a blast and a lot of work at the same time. The bus ride was always the highlight of the evening with a performance by the Spartan Cheerleaders. If you were ever on the bus with us, you soon found out how to have a good time.





Varsity

Top Row: (L to R): Courtney Kaiser, Sara Mata, April Hennington, Angie Bachmayer. Bottom Row: Ryan Stevens, Tisha Gonzales, Trissa Campbell.



↑ Alison David, Nicole Caffey, Amanda Welch and Amy Johnson cudd'le together to stay warm at a football game.

↗ J.V. and Varsity take a quick snap after a Pep Rally.

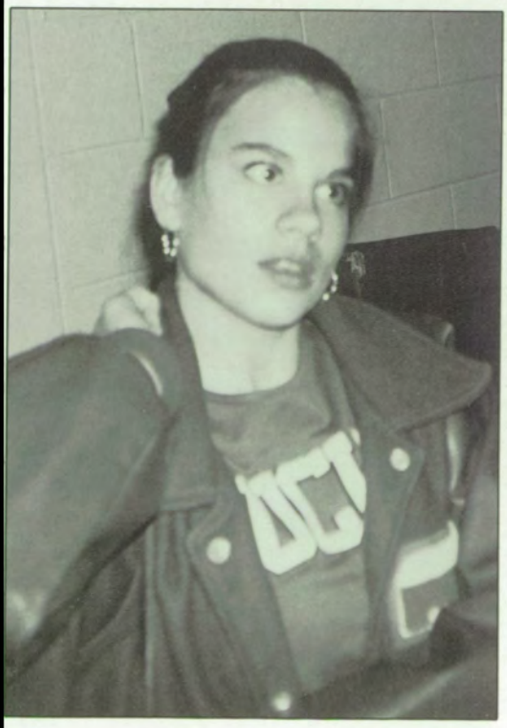


JV and Fish

Top Row: L to R: Amy Johnson, Janlyn Mokry, Andrea Wilson, Amanda Welch, Brooke Dloughy. Bottom Row: Nicole Caffey, Alison David, Meagan Kilborn.









↑ The Freshman Cheerleaders take time out for a picture before the game.

↑ These three seniors pose to show their spartan spirit.

↑ The four Sophs cheese it big before a B-ball game.

← Looking clueless as always. Andrea Wilson thinks about...nothing.

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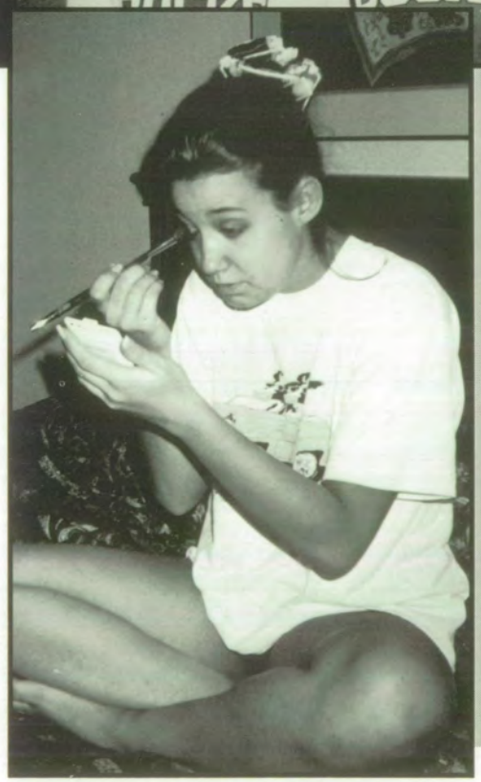
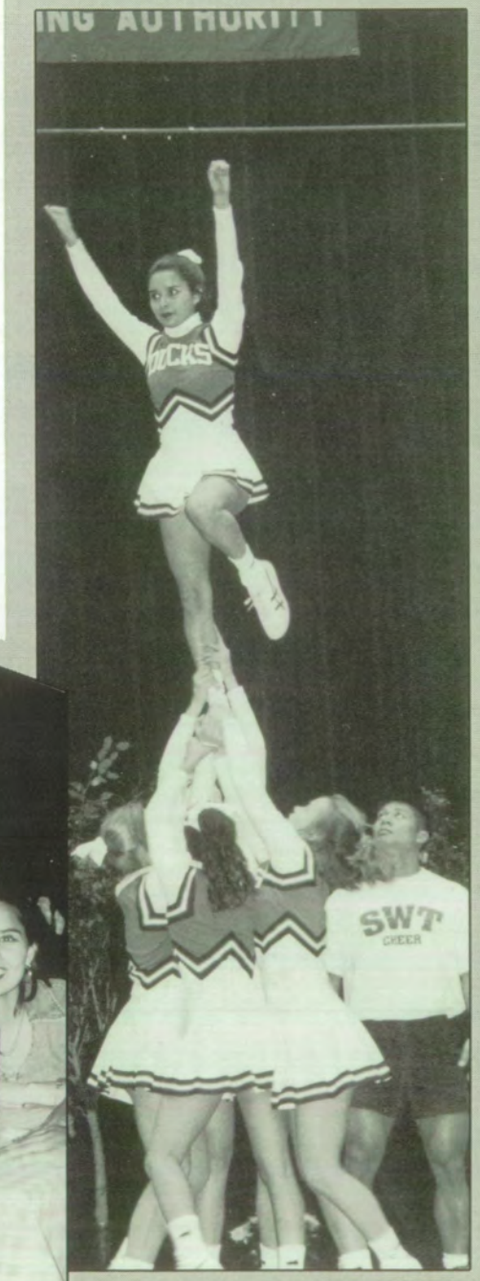
Cheerleaders *strivin' for first*

This year the Cheerleaders set their sights' on a different competition from previous years. We traveled to San Antonio, TX to compete in the "CHEERS" competition. Due to some unfortunate circumstances, we had to drop from large varsity to small. The loss of some teammates put a damper on our routine, but somehow we pulled through. We left Taylor not knowing what to expect, but once we arrived, we realized what we were in for. With our awesome routine, we came back with an unfogettable third place finish. It was a hard fight to get all the cheerleaders together; however, the Duck cheerleaders came home champions, if not by title, then by heart.









↑↑ The three juniors, ready to go, wait patiently for the slow seniors.

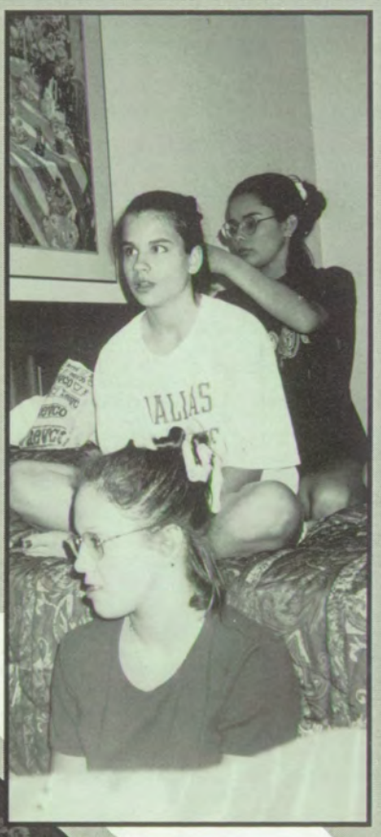
↑ Trissa Campbell applies a little make-up before performing.

→ The three senior cheerleaders wait to "grub up" on a meal at Hardrock Cafe.

→→ I hope I don't fall! Tisha Gonzales tries to retain her balance.







↖Chillin' outside of Hardrock Cafe, the cheerleaders pose for a quick pic.

↞ "Cheese!" Tisha Gonzales gets ready for competition early in the morning.

← Rollin' their hair is just one of the things the cheerleaders do the night before they compete.

↙ All smiles and nerves! The cheerleaders are ready to perform.

↓ The Cheerleaders anxiously await their turn to go on.





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Taylor Hi-Steppers

Steppen' with Taylor Pride

Football season brought lots of change for our high kickin', high steppin' Hi-Steppers. With the arrival of Ms. Dunn the Steppers went back to tradition, kickin' high and smilin' big. Before every game the Steppers said a prayer and a special friendship poem which spoke of the common bond shared by all the Steppers. This bond was exemplified with the friendships held between each Big Sis' and Lil' Sis'. But both Big Sis' and Lil' Sis' had to work hard before each game. Colonel Kelbi Dlouhy (with whistle) led this group across the field every game, performing better each time. Nevertheless, a lot of hard work went into preparing for that moment. During football season the Steppers were involved in different fund-raising activities, such as candy sales and a dance clinic for little girls. It takes dedication and commitment to be a Stepper, and lots of practice. You're not a Stepper just because you put on "Purple Rain" lipstick; you have to work at it. There is not a single aspect of Steppers that doesn't involve dedication. Just to think about the time it took to learn a new routine each week was enough to make the average person break into a sweat, but these girls did it and did it well. Every Stepper has heard it over and over in their minds, and they know it's football season, "Smile, point your toes, 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8!" It all comes down to dedicaiton.



'96-'97 Steppers: Front (l-r): Kelbi Dlouhy. 2nd Row: Marisa Bennett, Laurie Mayer. 3rd Row: Kelly Wilson, Octavia Toliver, Allison Jones, Allison Behrends, Dawn Ponkoney. 4th Row: Vanessa Roberts, Cindy Terrazas, Lisa Hewtty, Lindsey Hanacik, Nicole Cantu. 5th Row: Kimberly Zachary, Jennifer Zachary, April Flores, Carrie Nicholson, Kelly Kalnasy, Autumn Schneider, Erica Bohac, Marla Schwartz, Brooke Gonzales. 6th Row: Carmen Razo, Jill Winkelmann, Heather Morrison.



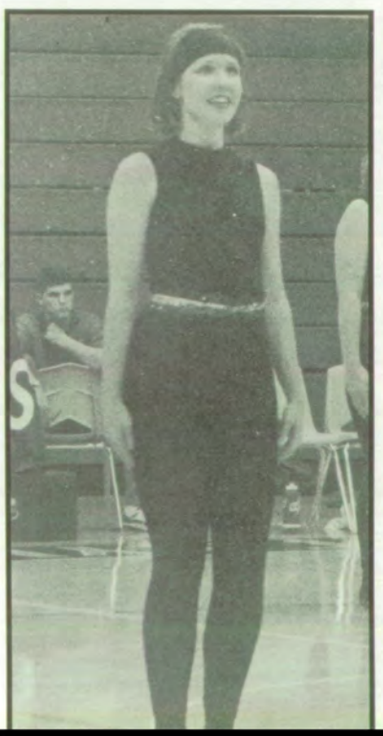


↗ Hit it Cindy! Cindy Terrazas practices a routine.

→→→ No nerves, only smiles! Carmen Razo and Nicole Cantu smile at the crowd as they perform.

→→ Getting in the kicking frame of mind. Kelly Wilson prepares for performance.

→ Stepper spirit! Carmen Razo shows the true stepper spirit with a smile.









↓ True sisterhood. Florencia Rozenthal and Paula Vasquez exemplify the bond of the Hi-Steppers.

←← Good Friends! Lisa Hewtty, Marisa Bennett, and Laurie Mayer pause for a quick snap during a game.

← Lieutenants stick together! Marissa Bennett and Allison Jones smile for the camera.

↙ Dig those crazy Steppers. Steppers get ready to pep it up at a pep rally.









↑ Always on for a performance. The steppers put on a show at a pep rally.

← Stepper of the Week. April Flores posses with Miss Dunn.

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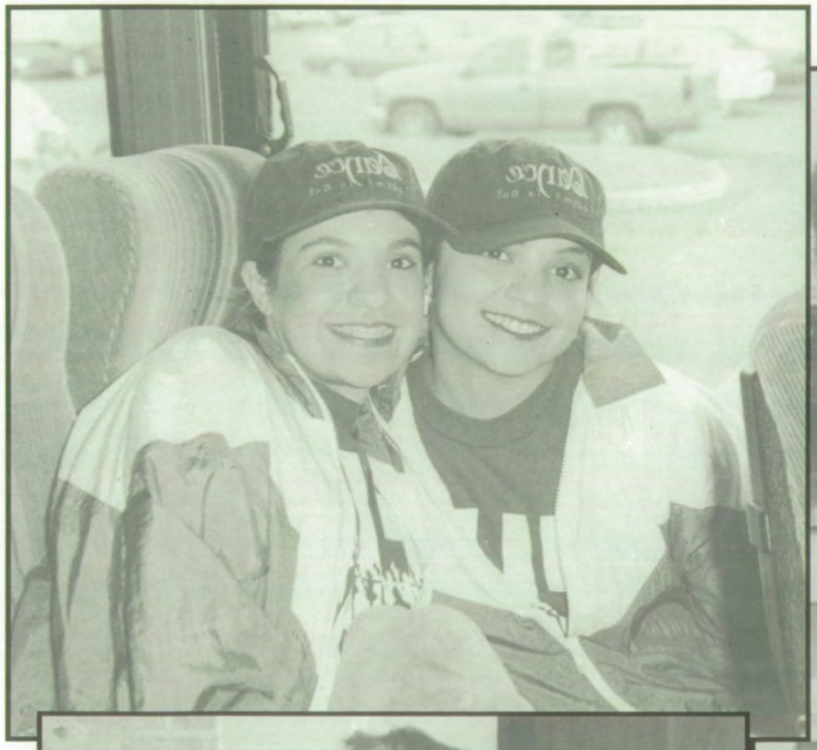
Spring Show

Struttin' their stuff

During the school year, Steppers performed at football games, basketball games, and pep rallies. All that hard work and practice helped them get ready for contest. This year the Steppers went to South Padre. They did excellent; all their hard work and dedication paid off. They received division one ratings (sweepstakes) in Jazz, Kick, Pom, and Officer lyrical and prop. The Steppers received a Judges Award in the Team Jazz routine. They also were awarded the Gussie Neil Davis Award for all their team routines. Both ensembles received division one ratings.

The Steppers really "Set the Night to Music" at the spring show this year. The spring show was also about dedication, teamwork, and school spirit. They showed their dedication by staying after school to put forth the extra effort that put them on top. They learned many new routines that called for a lot of team work, all this lead to a very successful and outstanding performance.









↑↑ Allison Jones and Cindy Terrazes smile big after a successful competition.
↗ Marisa Bennett and Mrs. Dunn get ready for another hard day of practice.
↑ Autumn Schneider is having fun before practice.
→ Colonel Kelbi Dlouhy takes a break to tie her shoe during practice.



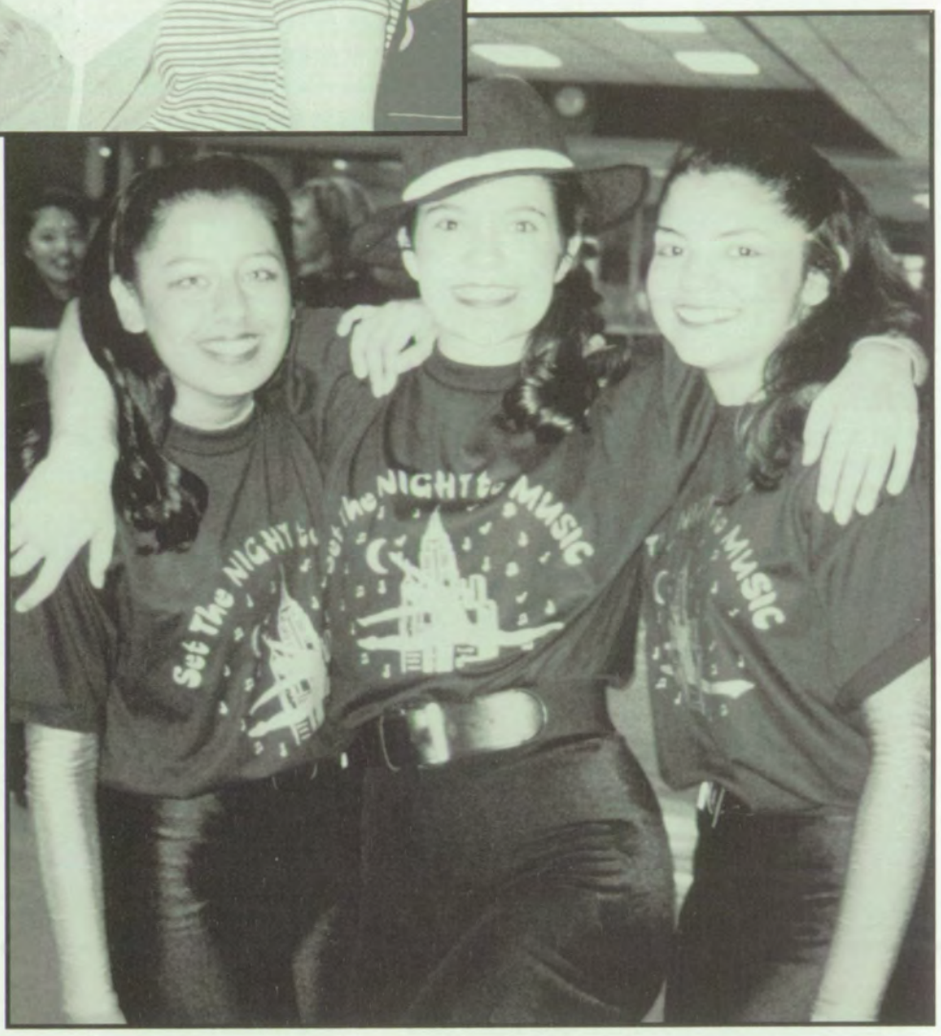


↞ Lisa Hewtty is getting ready to do the next wonderful routime.

← Cindy Terrazes and Kelbi Dlouhy are having lots of fun at contest in South Padre.

↓ April Flores, Allison Jones and Cindy Terrazes are excited about their wonderful performance.

↙ Kim Zachary and Sonja Stelly are singing beautifully to 'I Believe I Can Fly' at the Spring Show.











↞ Dawn Ponkony is working hard to 'Set the Night to Music.'

← Kelly Wilson is reaching for the sky as she becomes a star.

↑ April Flores is smiling big because she knows the show is a success.

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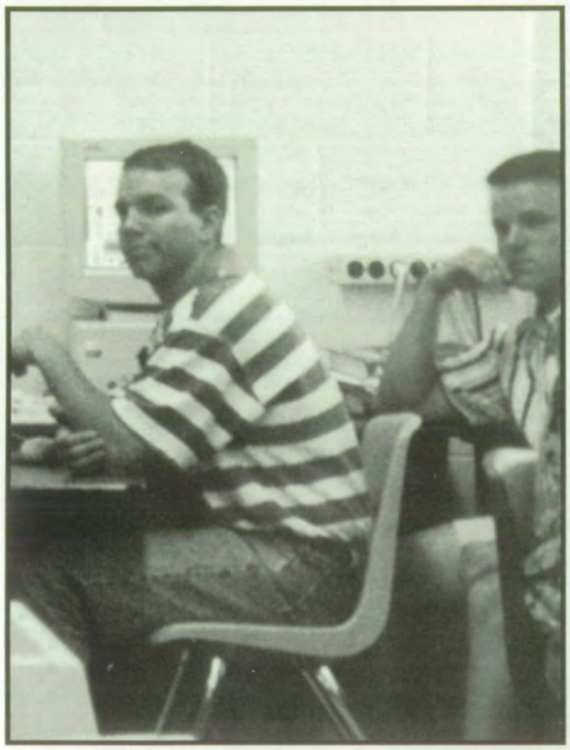
BPA

Business Professionals of America



Business Professionals of America (BPA) is an organization of students who are known for their talents, who display integrity, and represent THS. Members are those who have been taking office related courses or are members of the Office Administration Co-op. BPA was a way for some of us to learn about jobs and job opprotunities in the real world. We all learned many important skills at work and school. Many of us took on part time jobs which meant we would be learning skills while having great responsibilities. We definitely learned many computer skills and ways to communicate with others. Being in Business Professionals of America will contribute to many future successes in our lives!





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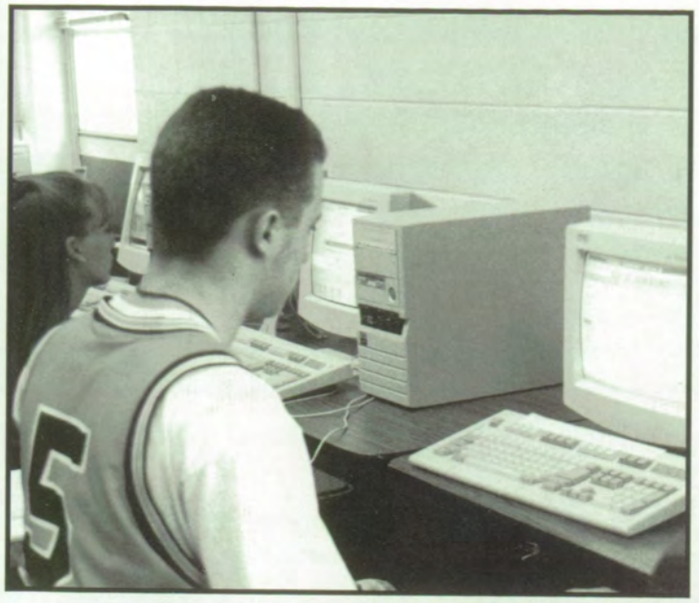
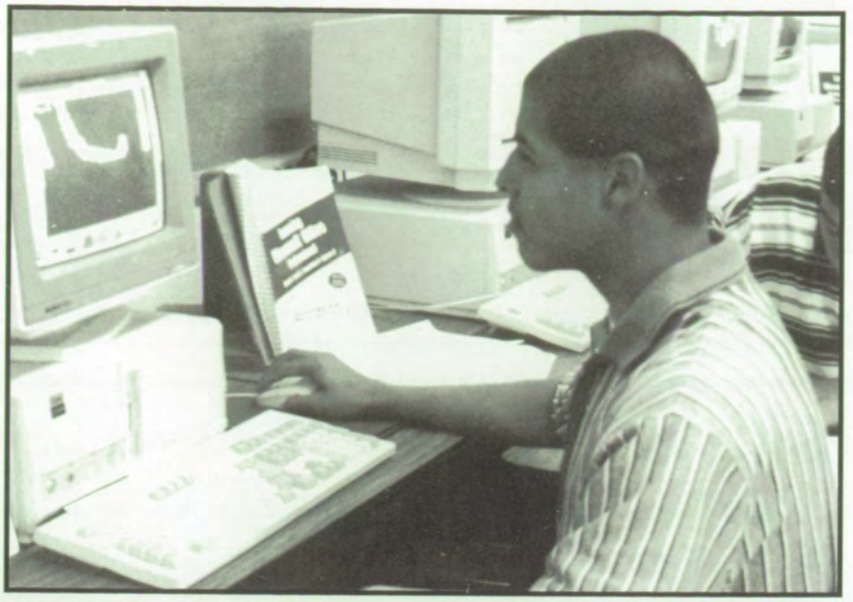
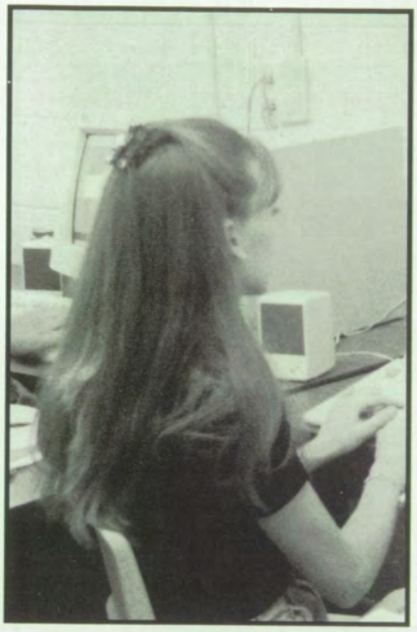
↗ Look at them go. . These BPA members work on programs.
↑ Hey, Cody, "Whatchadoin?" Cody shows how hard he works in BCA.
↑ Chachi Hernandez works hard to make his grades good.



BPA Officers: (l-r): Vanessa Dykowski, Celia Naivar, Marie Kirk









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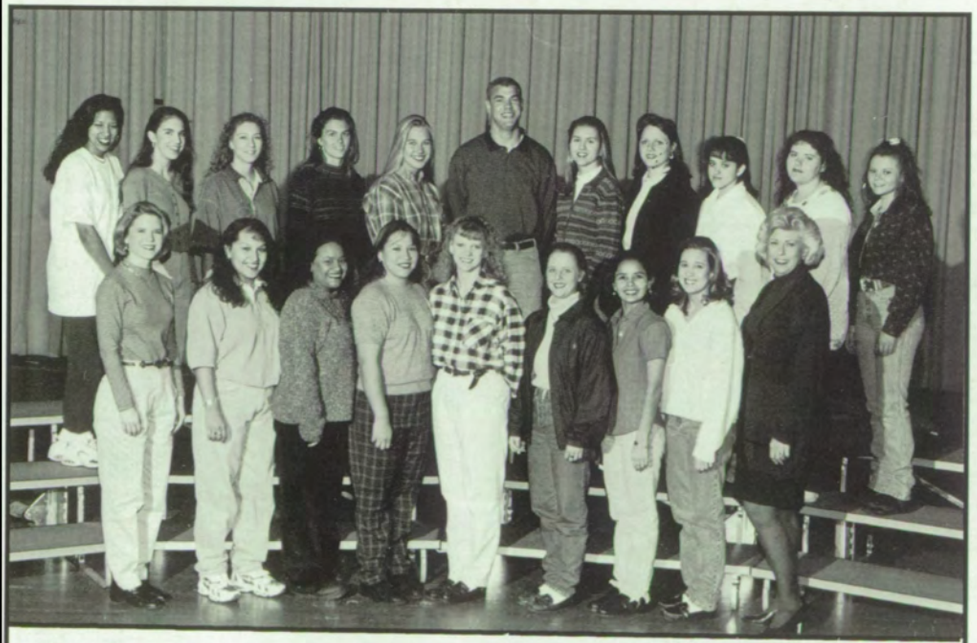

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↖ Branden Seidel tries to understand and do his work in Mrs. Hill's class.

↖ Melissa Marcon works on her class work for BPA.

↑ Jack Garcia draws a picture in paintbrush.

Huh? Jimmy Wright comprehends what his ↑ lesson book says on the screen.

Future Teachers of America

Future Teachers of America combined various dedicated students into a group for the purpose of working together and helping others. Meeting as much as possible, we united our minds and came up with brilliant ideas which benefited ourselves and the less fortunate. Another worthwhile program was the teacher appreciation week. By setting aside just one week of the school year to do special things for Taylor High teachers, we proved our admiration and respect for the educators in our school. Who knew learning didn't actually have to be boring.



Front (L to R): Randa Stiba, Beatrice Hernandez, Sarah Simmons, Melodie Strickland, Autumn Schneider, Alison David, Tessa Mikulencuk, Carrie Nicholson,Vanessa Dykowski, Rhea Urbis. 2nd row: Kelly Wilson, Tracey Eulenfeld, John Cuba, Kelly Kuhl, Derek Schaefer, Justin Strickland, Kevin Widmer, Lauren Rozacky, Lauren Mikulencak, April Maruska. 3rd row: Jennifer Gaswint, Whitney Kolinek, Aimee Wilhelm, Erin Schmidt, Hunter Hargis, James Wright, Patrick Richter, Nancy Dominguez, Lindsey Cmerek, Lisa Grimm. Back row: Kaye Schaefer, Michelle Ford, Amanda Beran, Amanda Wallace, Matt Reeves, Susan Wright, Alison Enochs, Rachael Burklow.



↑ Vanessa Dykowski and Beatriz Hernandez stand outside waiting for their next conference.



→ Carrie Nicholson, Erin Schmidt, Kelly Kuhl, and John Cuba chill before the conference.



"FTA was a lot of fun this year. The convention seemed to be a great success."
-Nicole Caffey



(L to R): Autumn Schneider, Randa Stiba, Beatriz Hernandes, Alison David, and Tessa Mikulencak.









↟Vanessa Dykowski, Carrie Nicholson, and Beatriz Hernandez sit and enjoy the conference.

↟Members of FTA stop to take a quick picture at the FTA convention.

←Erin Schmidt and Beatriz Hernandez study their notes during the convention.

↑John Cuba takes a break and socializes with other future teachers.

Cotton Boll

1997 was a hectic year for Cotton Boll. It had taken a whole new path with our new advisor and journalism teacher, Mr. Powell. Cotton Boll was now a fast paced, on the go class where you learned a great deal about the elements involved in running a newspaper and the responsibility of a professional journalist. From Angie's advertising to Cody and Chris's drawings, everybody had to do their part to get the job done. Mr. Powell also had a hard job, getting all of us to stay on task and push us to get our stories out on time, but despite the fashion controversy within our class about "ankle socks", we still had a whole lot of fun and definitely made a lot of friends and memories all at the same time!



→ Monica and Cindy look up for a quick pic.

↘ The Cotton Boll class takes a group picture.



1996-'97 Cotton Boll: Front: (L to R) Kylie Kerlin, Cindy Terrazes, Angie Bachmeyer, Jill Winkelman. Back: Chris Dietsch, Monica Macias, Cynthia Valdez, Cody Seigmund, John Powell.











↟The Cotton Boll class gets a breath of fresh air.

↟ The Cotton Boll advisor Mr. John (Pente King) Powell.

↑ Angie Bachmeyer and Jill Winkelman work on one of the great issues of Cotton Boll.

Department of Oral Communication

What's up DOC? Or, should it be what's up with D.O.C.? D.O.C., the Department of Oral Communications is Taylor High School's version of a speech and drama club. The idea was engineered by Mr. Volek, and it's like no other club. Instead of the normal "officers", we hade a board of directors, with a CEO (Beth Solbach) to lead. The Board of Directors met somewhat regularly to discuss all of our upcoming plans. During Homecoming we sold Homecoming shirts (Ones we would all wear with pride). During the Christmas Holidays, we went to see a play, *A Christmas Carol*, by Charles Dickens. We didn't do all we had wanted to, but we did communicate many ideas, and that is one of the purposes of The Department of Oral Communications.



The Department of Oral Communication





↑ My worst enemy...my hair! Melodie Strickland is strangled by her hair...with Brittany Bullion's help.

→ Back with ye! Bobby Leshikar wards off those who may sit by him at the performance of *The Christmas Carol*.



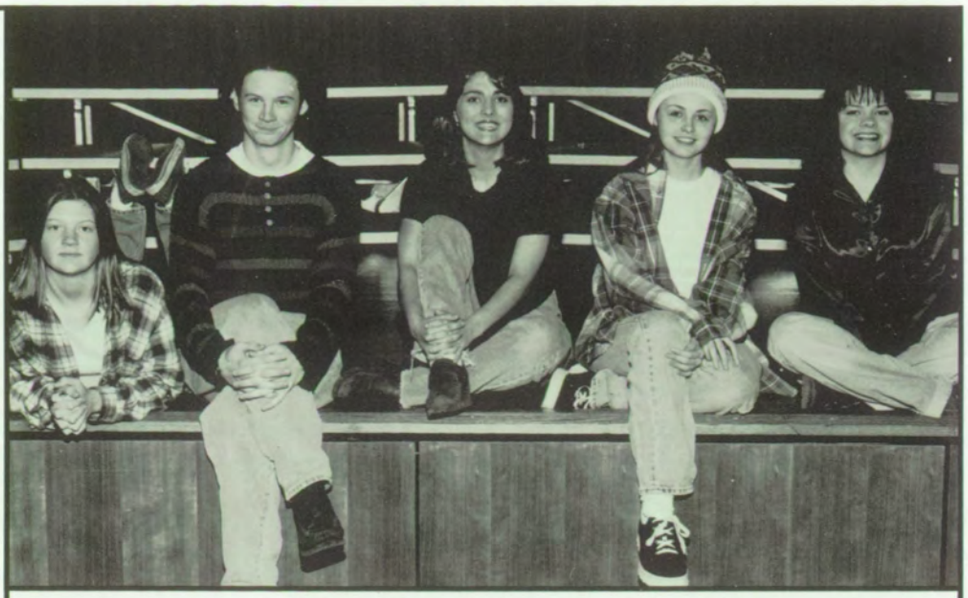
↑ Our benefactor, Mr. Volek, talks about future DOC plans with officer Maggie Moore.

The Board of Directors



"Most everyone in DOC is wierd, but not the officers like us."

-Melodie Strickland and Allison Behrends



L to R: Maggie Moore (Financial Advisor), Lawrence Kern (Technical Advisor), Beth Solbach (CEO), Melodie Strickland (Social Director), Allison Behrends (Public Relations).









↑ The group that went to see *The Christmas Carol* is having a great time.

↑ Maggie-Maggie Moore, "Can you never learn how to stick your tongue out correctly."

← OH MY-The world is too much! Brittany Bullion hides any where, even a free news paper box, to escape the horrors of the world (a bit dramatic, one might say).

↑ Munchin' at Tres Amigos. Our CEO, Beth Solbach, and friend, Kim Raesz have a quick bite to eat.

FHA/HERO

A home is the foundation of a person's entire future. Although cooking and cleaning are a part of every household, other aspects of homemaking are important. As members of FHA and HERO, we needed to learn about the responsibilities and values needed in a successful home. We learned that making a home wasn't just a woman's responsibility. Often in today's world, the man also has to know how to manage a home. It takes a tremendous amount of work, leadership skills and love. The things we learned in this class will certainly carry us into the future.





1996-'97 HERO: Bottom row: (L to R) Chris Gonzales, Barry Risper, April Green, Doug Dixon, Alex Townsend. Second row: Henry Ruiz, Lance Valdez, Cody Seigmund, Angela Oliver, Mrs. Schneider. Back: Kim Holubec, Melanie Urbis, Anna Dodgen, Jennifer Campbell, Kim Gerstner.



Officers: Front: (L to R) Chris Gonzales, Barry Risper, Alex Townsend. Back: Henry Ruiz, Melanie Urbis, Mrs. Schneider, April Green, Doug Dixon.

FHA



"It was a lot of fun. I learned a great deal about homemaking."

-April Green



Bottom: (L to R) Lucy Sanchez, Hollie Bollinger, Rhea Urbis, Alison Berhends, Susan Wright, Tracy Burba. 2nd row: Joshua Samuelson, Jon Houston, Demetrius Pack, Berry Tealer, Joey Alderete, Lance Pavlicek, Jeffery Carcamo. 3rd row: Marty Ruble, Roger Grady, Mauno Arias, Amy Hughes, April Flores, Jennifer Carcamo, Roxanne Torres, Mrs. Nelson. Back: Tory Wilson, Derek Zachary, Franklin Henry, Manuel Reyes, Malachi Dilworth, Chrystal Wright, Ivan Ivanof.









↑ Everyone is proud of the FHA/HERO float which they worked hours on.

↗ Nicole Cantu stops to take a quick picture on the Corpus Beach.

↖ Say Cheese!!! Six FHA members pose for a group picture.

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Future Farmers of America

Getting started in the agricultural business

One of the best aspects of high school was that it offered a wide variety of curriculum. No matter what our interest, there was always something for everyone. Many classes taught students who were interested in horticulture, agriculture, animal science, or welding. The organization that applied to this course was Future Farmers of America. In FFA, students learned the importance of careful planning and management in order to produce the best livestock and crops around the area. Many of the members participated in showing their livestock at the Williamson County Livestock Show. This gave students hands-on experience in caring for livestock because of the great deal of time that was spent with their pets. To many of the members, their farm animals became a part of their families. FFA members also participated in selling fruit to raise money, and in the end, they kicked back and had a fish fry to recall memories that they shared. FFA was an extremely important club that provided students with the knowledge of farming and animals for years to come.



F.F.A. Members: (top l-r): Mr. Kurtz, Josh Samuelson, Patrick Richter, Nathan Rowland, Truett Melde, Paul Schroeder, Gene Shaw, Justin Valchar, (middle l-r): John Houston, Marty Ruble, Andy Urbanek, Jeff Ochoa, Russell Schmidt, Matt Johnson, (bottom l-r): Courtney Menzel, Candi McDonald, Courtney Michna, Amy Hughes, Cassie Taylor, Eryn Graef.



↑ F.F.A. Crew Munch. The members enjoy their fish fry.

→ Look at that! Terri Steffek looks proudly at her ribbon.

→→ It doesn't get any better than this!! Amy Hughes seems to be having a blast at the stock show.









↞ Don't even think about it! Russell Schmidt and Cassie Taylor are grubbing it up.

↙ Grab it guys. Members load their plates with all the fish they can eat.

← All that hard work paid off. Amy Hughes shows off her award.

↓ Grubbin' it up. Between chunking down the food, the members exchange the days laughs.







F.F.A. was great fun this year, especially the fish fry we rewarded ourselves with for our hard work.

-Cassie Taylor



F.F.A. Officers: (top l-r): Matt Johnson (sentinel), Truett Melde (reporter), Russell Schmidt (vice. pres.), (bottom l-r): Amy Hughes (sec.), Justin Valchar (tres.). Not pictured: Trey Turner (pres.)

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DECA

Distributive Education Cooperation of America

DECA stands for Distributive Education Cooperation of America. This is one of the first things DECA students learned this year along with many other things. DECA helped students learn about and what jobs were like in the real world. It taught us how to handle work and public situations.

DECA was sponsored by Mrs. Tennill and she taught us many things. This year Mrs. Tennill and her Co-op class went on a field trip to Central Market in Austin. Also she and four students attended a leadership conference and four other students participated in DECA's district contest, where two students advanced to state contest.

DECA was very exciting this year. We all learned much; such as ways to earn and manage our money, and how to sell products properly. Having this course and the jobs we all had, helped us to realize that there are so many opportunities awaiting us in the real world. Eveything we learned will be helpful for many years to come.



DECA Officers 96-97: (L-R) Amber Johle, Travis Flint and Christie Pyle.







↑ Look at what I got! Tracy Collins proudly shows off her DECA District Winner plaque.

↗ Everyone smile! The DECA group takes time out to pose for a snap shot in the bluebonnets.

↑ Mrs. Tennill's 4th period class sneaks in a quick photo.



DECA provided me with the essentials I needed to get started in the work force. I now know how to budget my time and money.

-Matt Reeves



1996-1997 DECA Members: (1st row l-r): James Pulkrabek, Amber Johle, Deborah Salazar, Monique Cantu, Matt Reeves, Tami Blackwell, (2nd row): Aaron Pundsack, Neil Daniels, Jennie Roznavok, Christie Pyle, Mrs. Tennill, Travis Flint, Shanaye Jackson, Linda Paloma

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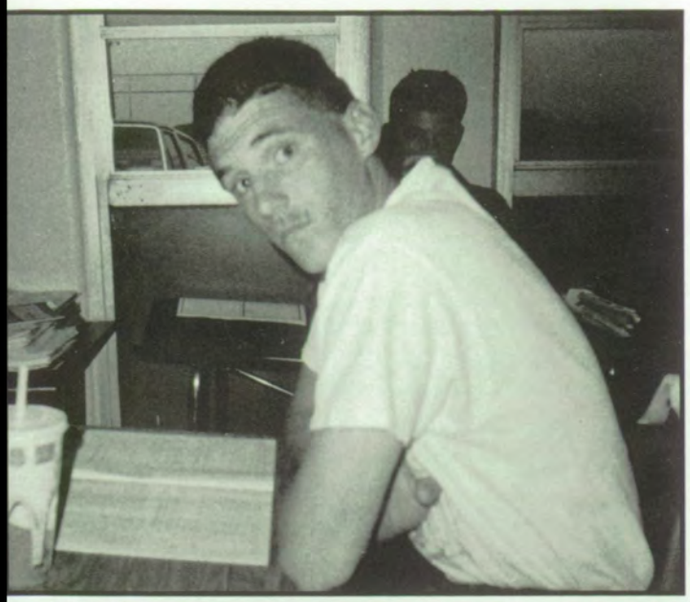
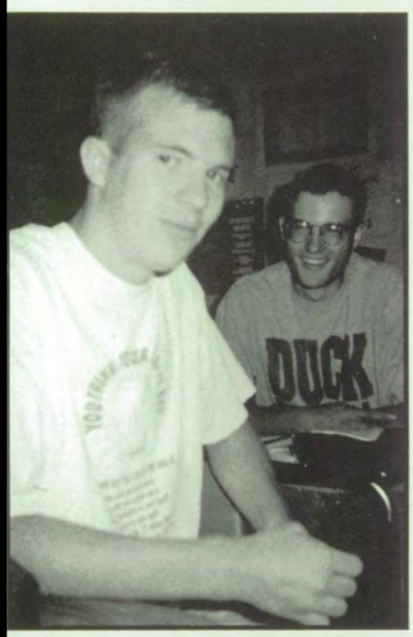


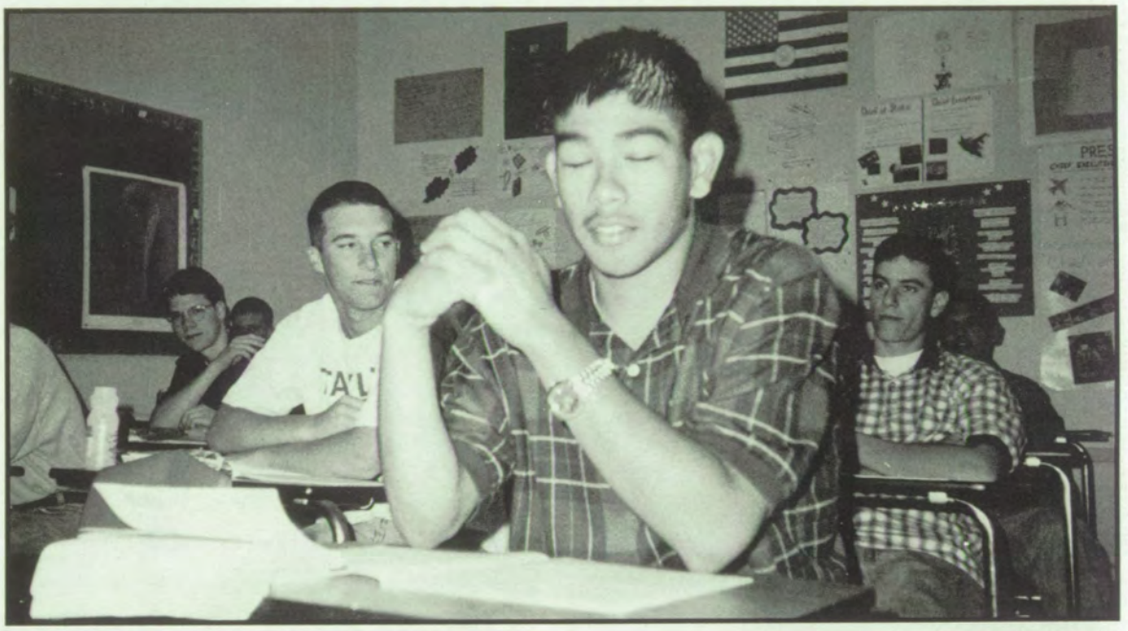
ICT

Industrial Cooperative Training

Industrial Cooperative Training (ICT) is an organization which provides a way to prepare high school students for employment in occupations classified as skilled ot technical. This organization, much like DECA, helped to prepare students for their careers and taught them how to deal with employers, co-workers and people in general.

Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA), sponsored by Mr. Tennill, is a great organization to get involved in; it helps to learn about responsibility. This organization was involved in the community and taught students how to make a living by letting them slowly realize how fast-changing and sometimes frightening the real world can be. Mr.Tennill also taught his students how to deal with the responsibility of having a job and allowing them to gage their future success in a certain field.







1996-1997 ICT members: (front l-r): Hunter Poldrack,Robert Reyna, Josh Hughes, (back row): Nathan Rowland, Patrick Roepke, Carlos Watson, Rochell Ruiz



↖ What? Gene Shaw gets caught off guard.
↖ Barret Sutton and Kevin Sammuelson chill before the beginning of class.
↑ Wake up! Carlos Watson gets caught with his eyes closed.
↑ Josh Hughes and Shane Prinz goof off during class.

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Art Club

Young talent unfolding before our eyes



When someone thinks of art, they usually think of some historic painting in a museum. Through Art Club, students were able to experience the true aspects of art. In class students worked on projects using different artistic methods and techniques. On field trips the members experienced art from a totally different view. Members learned that art is all around us and in everything we do. Art club had many fund raisers which allowed for two field trips. As always the interesting realm of art had to come to a temporary close for the summertime. Hopefully, no one will forget all the fun times they had learning about art and watching the beautiful talent flow out of the minds of Taylor High students.





1996-1997 Art Club Members





↗ We are art!! Jeremy Gray and Brett Gola chill during art class.

↑ Concentration is a must. An art student works hard on his sculpture.

↑ Glue, glue, glue! Robert Roddin glues away on his project.

1996-1997 Art Club Officers (l-r): Marie Kirk, Autumn Schneider, Brady Kolenovsky, Angie Bachmeyer



Texas Alliance for Minority Engineers

Gearing up for the future

Texas Alliance for Minority Engineers was great this year. Through TAME students learn more about engineering. It has been very beneficial and helped those interested into pursuing a degree in engineering. This year three students, Brian Caldwell, Andres Flores, and Jalyn George, attended the 22th annual Society of Women Engineers High School Conference. There students were exposed to the college aspect of engineering. They communicated with students from other schools and learned the different disciplines of engineering. Also the students participated in a design competition. The Taylor students combined with two other students, to design a propelled object with a given set of materials. Unfortunately, due to some complications, the Taylor product failed. Despite the loss, the students still had fun. TAME has been fun and taught students that engineering can be fun.







1996-1997 TAME members: Justin Strickland, Andres Flores, Jalyn George, Mary Kalbaugh (sponsor), Lisa Hewtty, Brian Caldwell



This is where it all begins. Andres Flores, Jalyn George and Brian Caldwell take a break in the Zachry Engineering Building.

Engineering, huh? Andres Flores thinks about his future.

It has to work!! Engineering students work on their design.

Chillin' with fellow engineers. Brian Caldwell and Andres Flores discuss engineering with other students.

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Soccer

Kicking up dirt and lovin it

Dribble . . . Pass . . . Shoot . . . No this isn't basketball, its soccer. This is the second year for the Taylor High School soccer club, and it was very fun and memorable. Coach Jeff Black and Coach Chuahtemoc Hernandez turned a group of 18 students into a team of star players. Due to some unforeseen circulstances, we were placed in a top divison and faced top ranked teams in the state. We werent as fast or as big as our oppenents, but we gave our best. We put up some good fights and toughed it out throughout the season, leaving our markon other teams. Our team grew close and we didn't want to stop playing. Some of us moved on and some stayed to keep the Taylor soccer club alive for the years to come.









↗ Hey guys. . . Adrian Flores, Andres Flores, and Brian Caldwell pay attention to the game while Beatriz Hernandez smiles for a picture.

↑ Hey pal. Eloy Villareal and Angelo "Killer" Fraire pose after a tough game.

↗ Well guys, you did good. Coaches Black and Hernandez congratulate the team on a job well done.

↑ Awesome twosome!! Jason Ward and Jon Wyatt get ready to relax after the game.



Soccer was fun this year, and I enjoyed playing some American soccer.

-Sebastian Frobe



1996-1997 Soccer Team: (1st row l-r): Eryn Graef, Beatriz Hernandez, Kim Holubec, Brittany Bullion, Sarah Simmons, (2nd row): Eloy Villareal, Kuba Syzmanski, Sebastian Frobe, Andres Flores, Brian Caldwell, Adrian Flores, (3rd row): Chuahtemoc Hernandez, Estevo Melo, Edgar Erujillo, Blake Ward, Mario Agundis, Chris Wyatt, Jon Wyatt, Angelo Fraire, Jason Ward, Jeff Black

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Odyssey of the Mind

It's all in the mind

Commitment, with a capital "C," is required without reserve if you want ot be a winner in the Odyssey of the Mind competition. We callit "O.M." and we are "omers." It isn't just a thing that we do for the fun of it: O.M. is an endless exercise in problem solving , creativity, divergent thinking, teamwork, spontaneity, adaptibility, responsibility, liberty, forebearance, envelopestretchng, skill building, brainstorming, and meeting deadlines . . .no matter what. Its a lot of hard work, and it is fun. We had a good year. We got 1st at regionals, and Bobby Leshikar received the highest creativity award, the Renatra Fusca, for his great job in Spontaneous. Bobby also received the Outstanding Omer Award, the Spirit of O.M. We went to state competition in Houston, where there was an estimated ten thousand people. The competition was tough, so we were proud of all our hard work and commitment to O.M. There is a spirit of triumph for all omers who complete the competition, regardless of where they place in the final standings, because sometimes the job proves too difficult ,a nd sometimes . . . rocks can talk.









1996-1997 OM Members: (sitting): Bobby Leshikar, Sean Washington, (kneeling): Maggie Moore, (standing): Amber Craig, Virginia Carpenter



↖ Paper-machie is A-Okay! Virginia Carpenter artfully works on the paper-machie Stone Hinge.

↖ Is it the grim reaper--the high priest--Mr. Magoo? No, it's Maggie Moore modeling costumes.

↖ Stayin' alive, stayin' alive, ah, ah, ah, ah, OM is stayin' alive!

Bobby Leshikar strikes a pose.

Would you mess with this OMER? Not I said the fly! Not me said the flea!

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A Knight to Remember

'97 Prom

Fire breathing dragons, drawbridges and chandeliers...a Knight to Remember indeed. The 1997 Junior/Senior Prom brought us back to knights and their horses, kings and their ladies fair. The student center was transformed into a medieval country side, with knights on horseback, a hideous dragon, and many signs advertising future tournaments. The cafeteria magically became an elegant dining hall, brought to the height of medieval perfection with an overhead chandelier, thrown for king and queen, and two roasted pigs. Gold coins and treasure boxes adorned the many tables, and some even had jewelry. To add to the splendor of the night, Liz Cornell was serenaded by a dashing friend (Prince Charming?). The evening came to a beautiful end with long-time couple Kelly Hamann and Amber Johle being crowned prom king and queen. Yes, the juniors worked hard on this year's prom, truly making it a Knight to Remember.





1997 Prom King and Queen, Kelly Hamann and Amber Johle



↑ Freshman Servers! Tamera Naivar, David "the court fool" Scarborough, and Laura Johnson perform their server duties.



→ He's so Wonderful! Liz Cornell is in a state of shock while Prince Charming sings to her.



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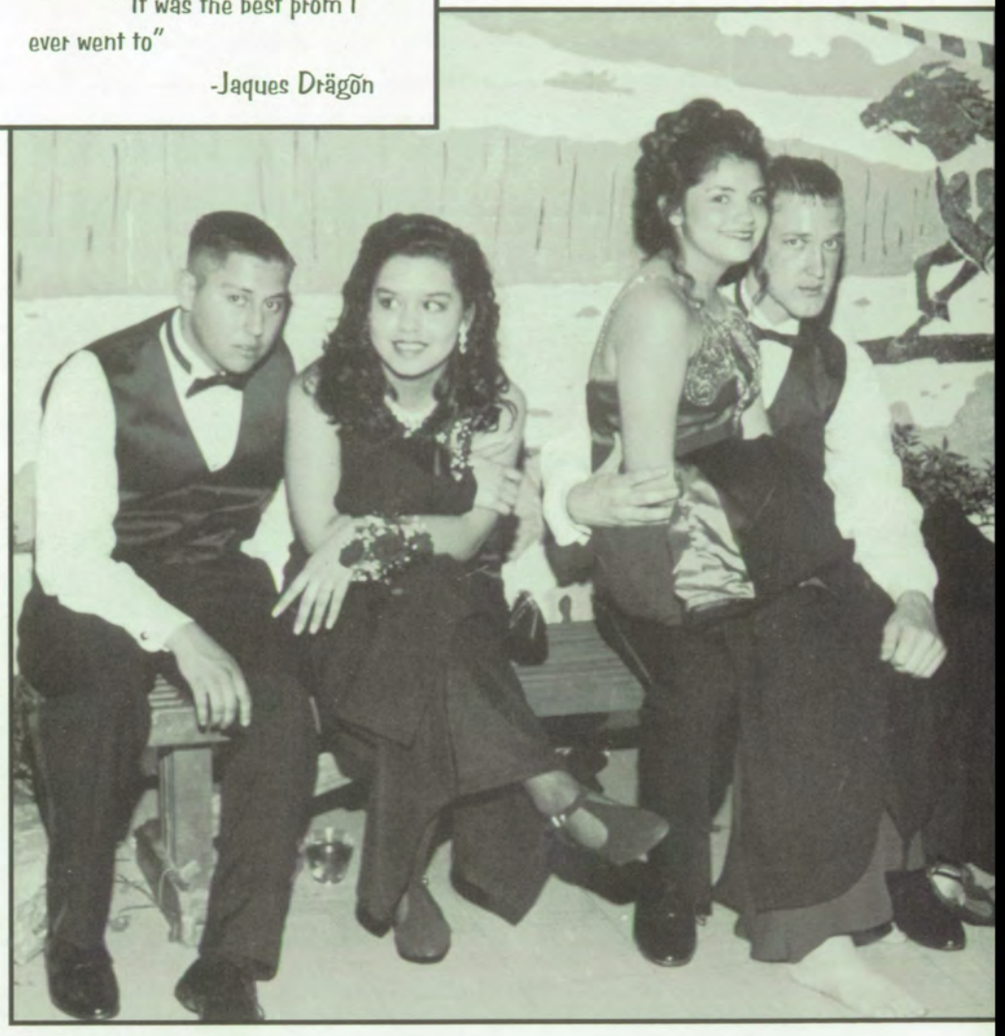
"It was the best prom I ever went to"

-Jaques Drägön

↞ Frankie Agundis and Cheryl Weatherington (minus shoes) stand out in the crowd.

↓ Greg Rodriguez, Cassandra Torres, Cindy Terrazes, Scott Schoener take a break from their dance floor to rest their tired feet.

↙ Kelly Hamann and Amber Johle in the middle of a heart-warming moment after the crowning.







Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Uniting youth for worship of the Lord

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a nondenominational Christian organization, dedicated to reaching the student body with the Gospel of Christ. F. C. A. sponsored many fun events this year, including: hosting Olympic star Josh Davis, celebrating Christ's birthday with a Christmas party, volleyball tournaments, and attending the "Acquire the Fire" youth conference in Dallas. Our monthly agenda consisted of hosting a guest speaker, watching a video, group Bible studies, and guy/girl Bible studies. This year was the second year for F. C. A. at Taylor High and it has came a long way since it began. It is our hope that F. C. A. will continue to spread the Gospel throughout the upcoming years.



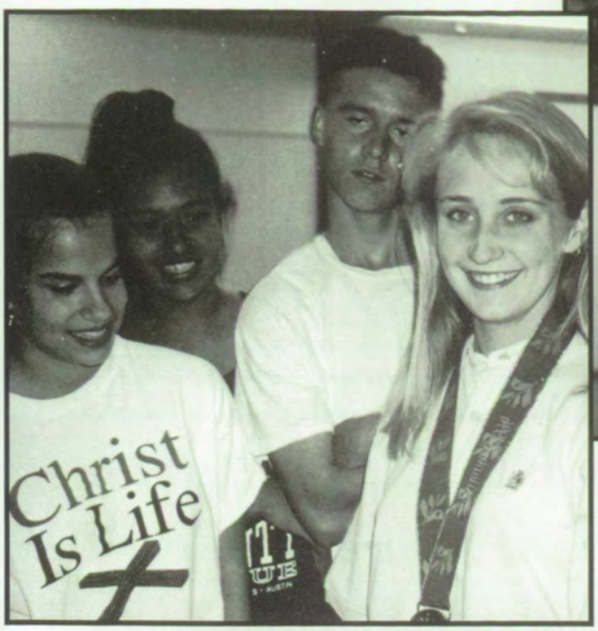
Top Row(l-r): Darren Helbert, Brandon Bishop, Brett Helbert, Matt Reeves, Josh Schernik, Terry Horne, (2nd row l-r): Cassie Harrison, Kevin Widmer, Mark Reeves, Josh Hughes, Jimmy Wright, Jason Naivar, Marissa Bennett, Sean Washington, Justin Valchar, Eryn Graef, (3rd row l-r): Nathan Dixon, Carmen Razo, Marvin Robinson, Patrick Richter, Guy Oliphant, Tarisa Walker, Shamika Rollie, Suzane Schramm, Julie Stabeno, Ruth Dixon, Amy Samuelson, (Bottom row l-r): Erin Schmidt, Brandy Williams, Randa Stiba, Beth Pullen, Alison David, Jennifer Enochs, Meagan Kilborn, Justin Strickland, Tracey Burba, Alison Enochs, Lauren Rozacky



↑ Tarisa Walker is ready to read the Word during a meeting

→ Explain! Coach Lord explains the material to be discussed.





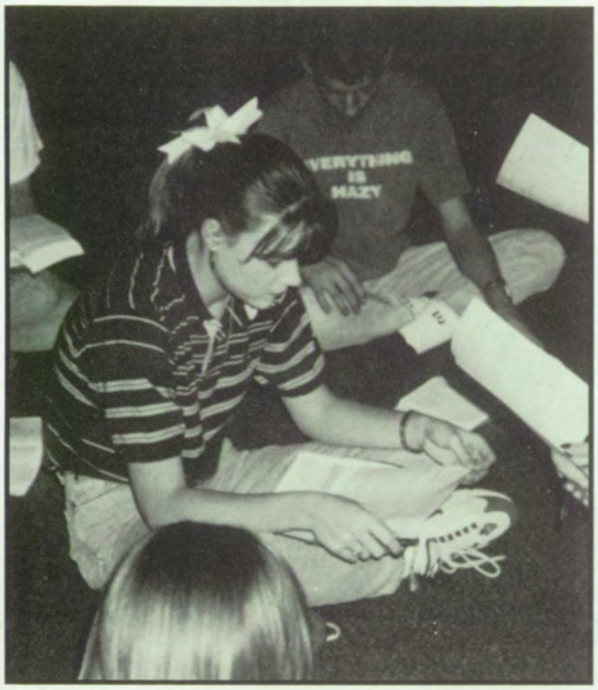


↞← Look at the gold! Randa Stiba tries on Josh Davis' Olympic gold medal.

← The Lords. Coach and Mrs. Lord have some fun during F.C.A.

↙ Brandy Williams concentrates hard on F.C.A. material.

↓ F.C.A. members welcome Josh Davis to Taylor.







F.C.A. has been really fun this year! I have grown more in my Christian walk, and I have had tons of fun with my friends learning about my Savior, Jesus Christ.

-Ruth Dixon



F.C.A. Officers: (top l-r): Beth Pullen (Vice), Kevin Widmer (Pres.), Nathan Dixon (Recruiter), (bottom l-r): Brandy Williams (Tres.), Jennifer Enochs (Sec.)

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When it All Came Down to What Happened

SATURDAY SCHOOL

Clinton re-elected

THE CRASH OF FLIGHT 800

Bombing at the Olympics

O. J. Simpson trial finally ended, again!

Bealls and Payless opened

O. M. went to state

FRESHMEN HAD CLOSED CAMPUS

A sheep was cloned A sheep was cloned A sheep was cloned A sheep was cloned

Tornados hit Jarrell and Cedar Park

Mr. Ruthven retired

TISD selected a new superintendant

Mr./ Miss Pageant came back

Powerlifters went to state

Softball went to playoffs for the 1st time

Boys sprint relay team placed fifth in state

Science Club went to Florida

1996-1997

Good Fellows



Freshmen:

Clayton Turner

Lisa Grimm

Tara Svehlak

"Bubba" Talley

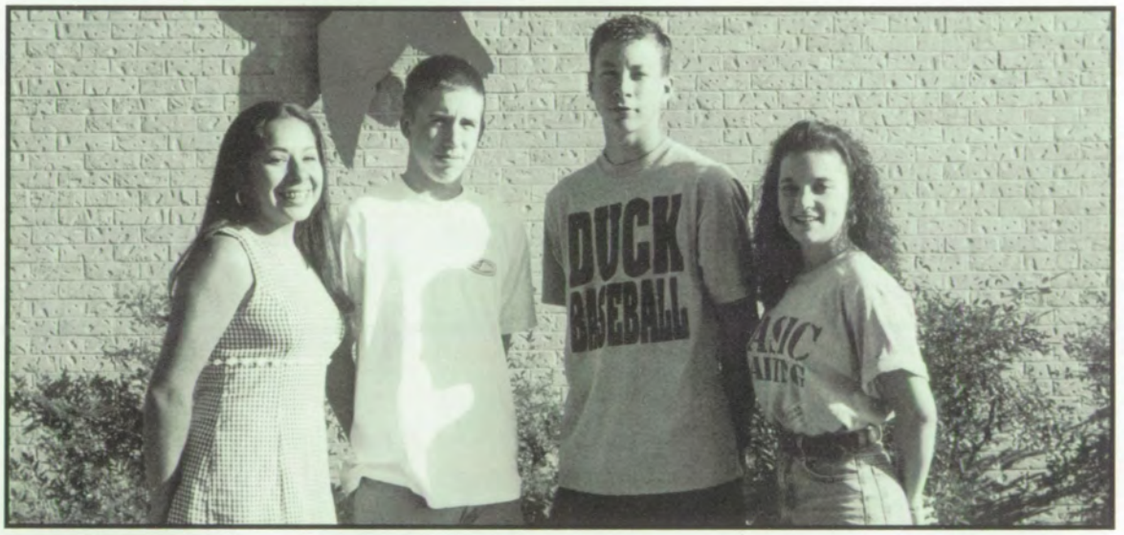
Sophomores:

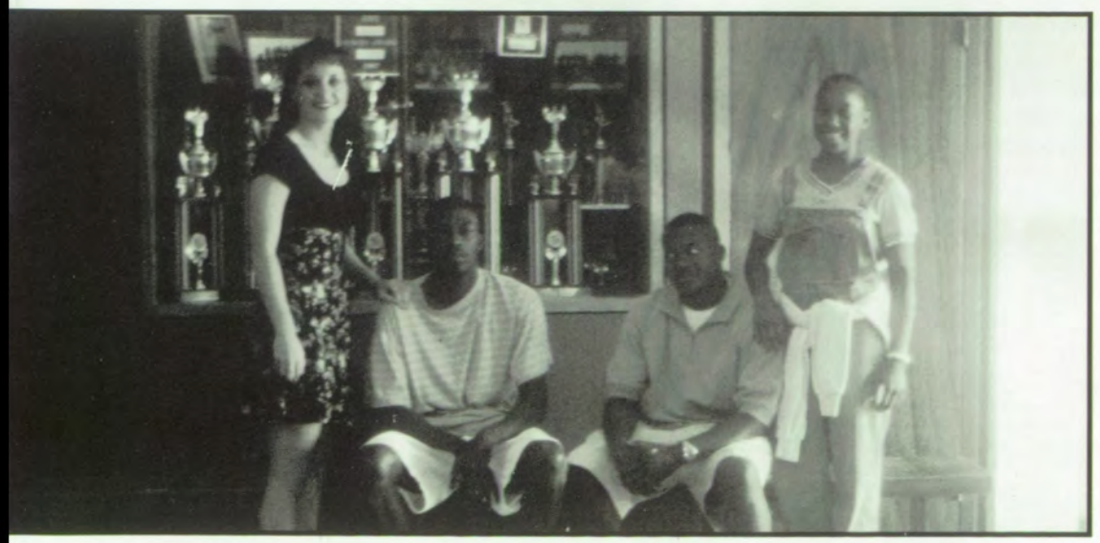
Beatriz Hernandez

Guy Oliphant

Brett Helbert

Allison David





Juniors:

Marisa Bennett

Tory Wilson

Johnny King

April Hennington

Senior Favorites

1997



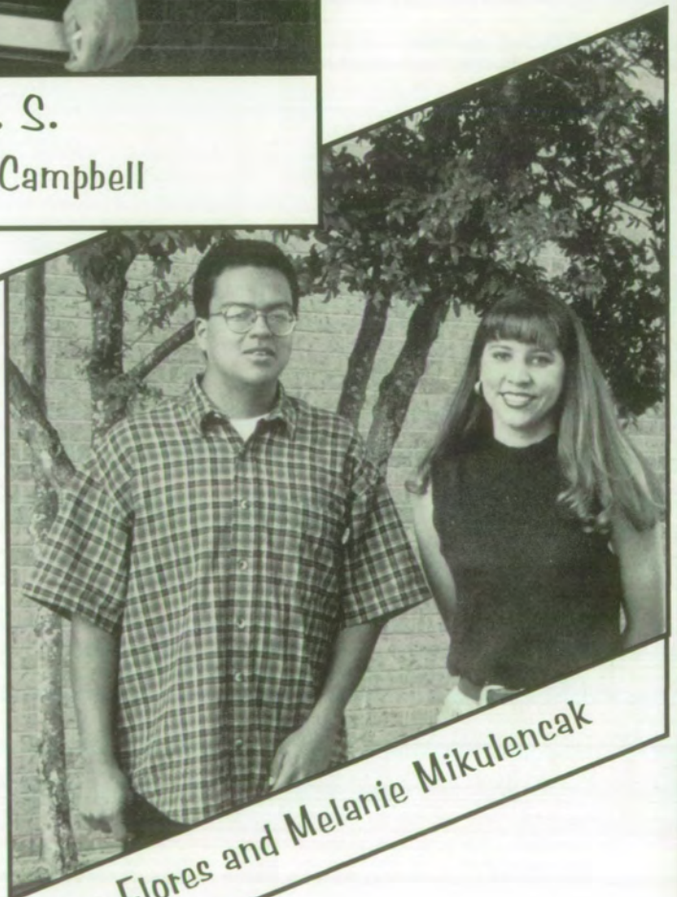
Mr. and Miss T. H. S.
Kelly Hamann and Trissa Campbell

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED



Mark Aleman and Elizabeth Cornell

MOST INTELLEGENT



Andres Flores and Melanie Mikulencak

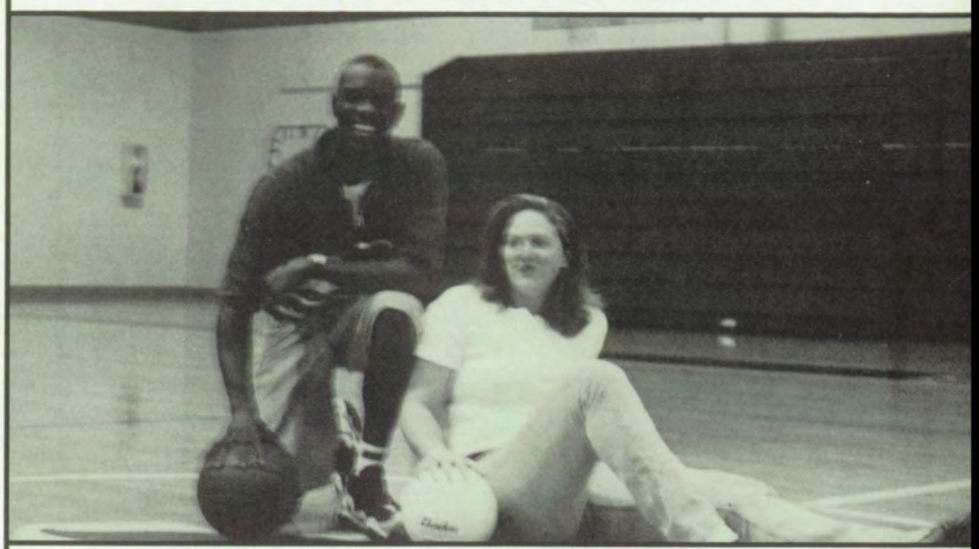
Senior . . . . . Favorites

MOST FRIENDLY



Chad Pitts and Lisa Hewitty

MOST ATHLETIC



Alfred Collins and Meredith Macuk

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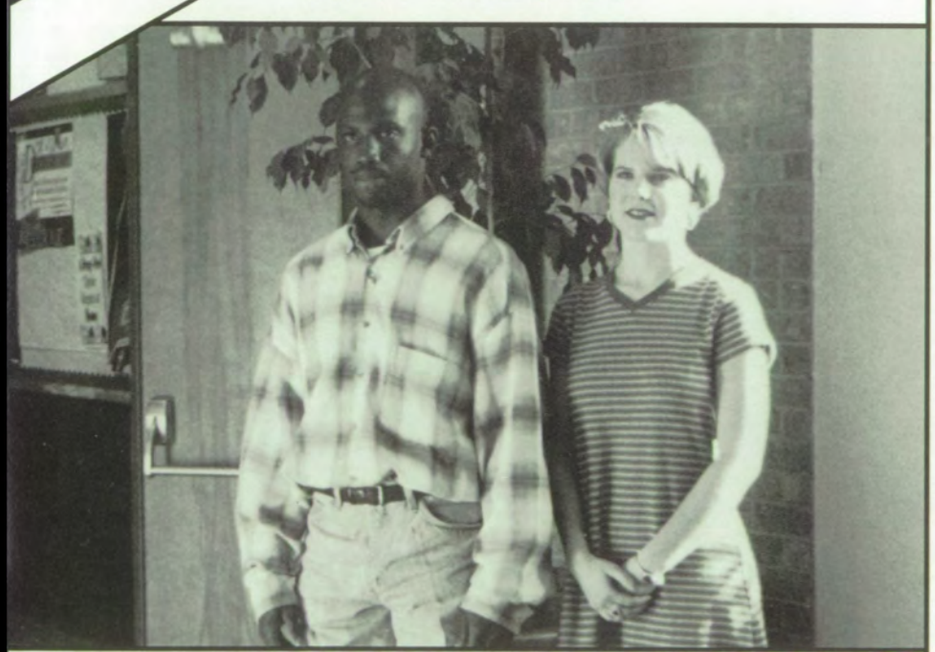
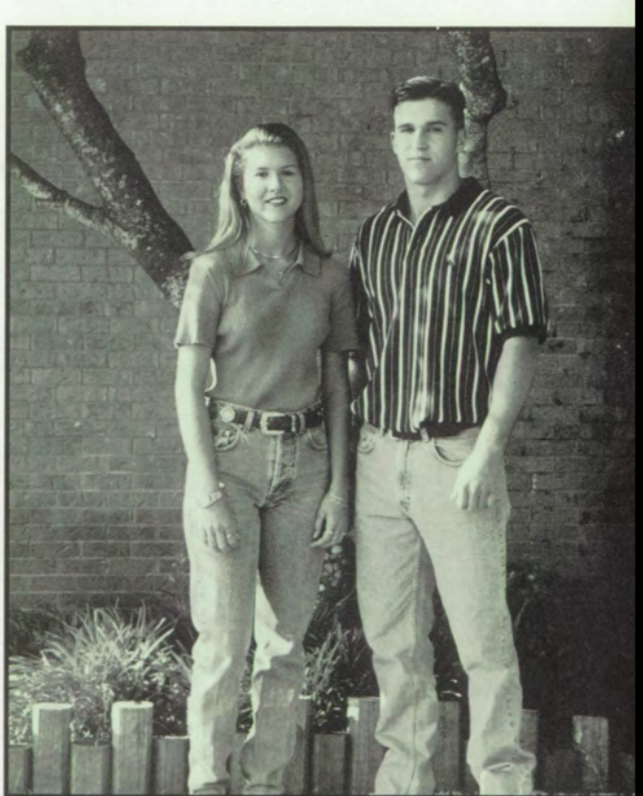


Barry Tealer and Shanna Bozovsky

MOST BEAUTIFUL

MOST HANDSOME



Casey Kuempel and Erin McCoy

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Honor Graduates

Valedictorian

Andres Flores 101.56



Salutatorian

Lindsey Jahn 98.89







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Scholarship

Aleman, Mark: Melasky Scholarship
Bozovsky, Shanna: Melasky Scholarship, Taylor Jaycees "Strive for Excellence", B.P.A. Member of the Year
Burba, Tracey: Ruth Scroeder Memorial Scholarship, HUGG Scholarship
Caldwell, Brian: N.G. & Helen Hawkins Scholarship, HUGG Scholarship, National Coalition of Title1/Chapter1 Scholarship
Campbell, Trissa: N.H.S. Jason Rydell Memorial Scholarship, N.G. & Helen Hawkins Scholarship, St. Mary's KC Scholarship
Cantu, Nicole: Austin Business College Scholarship
Cantu, Monique: N.G. & Helen Hawkins Scholarship, HUGG Scholarship
Carpenter, Virginia: Melasky Scholarship, Alpha Phi Pi/Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship, German Scholar Award, HUGG Scholarship, Taylor Area Businesswomen
Cavo, Robert: Ben & Lorene Sobotik Memorial Scholarship
Coleman, Belinda: Citizens for the Future
Collins, Tracy: Taylor Noon Lions Club Scholarship
Cornell, Elizabeth: Wmson. Co. A&M Mothers Club Scholarship, Bunnell-Rotary Academic Scholarship, Sidney Cinnamon Scholarship, HUGG Scholarship
David, Drew: St. Mary's K.C. Scholarship
Delgado, Rolando: City of Austin Water Wastewater Scholarship, K.C.'s 10012 Higher Education Scholarship
Dennis, Brian: Emil & Frieda Krieg Award
Dlouhy, Kelbi: Leslie & Ellice Green Scholarship
Enochs, Jennifer: Melasky Scholarship, Ralph Brookshire Memorial Scholarship, National Honor Society Scholarship, A.T.P.E. Scholarship
Flores, Andres: Texas A&M President's Award, Gernert Scholarship, Temple-Inland Foundation Academic Scholarship, Foy Wilks Valedictorian Scholarship, Wmson. Co. A&M Mothers' Club Scholarship, HUGG Scholarship
Fox, Jared: Melasky Scholarship, HUGG Scholarship
Gola, Brett: Gernert Scholarship, Jason Rydell Memorial Scholarship
Gonzales, Tisha: A.T.P.E. Scholarship, N.G. & Helen Hawkins Scholarship, HUGG Scholarship
Hamann, Kelly: Gernert Scholarship
Hernandez, Melissa: Intercraft Rotary-Vocational Scholarship, Catholic Daughters of America Scholarship
Hewitt, Kelly: German Scholar Award
Hewtty, Lisa: Our Lady of Guadalupe Higher Education Scholarship, Gernert Scholarship, Federal Pell Grant, Our Lady of the Lake University Grant, Tuition Equalization Grant
Hughes, Josh: Joe Downs Music Award
Jahn, Lindsey: Wal-Mart Scholarship, N.G. & Helen Hawkins Scholarship, Temple-Inland Foundation Academic Scholarship, German Scholar Award, National Honor Society Scholarship, HUGG Scholarship
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Jansky, Ryan: Gernert Scholarship. Optimist Club Young Texan. National Honor Society Scholarship
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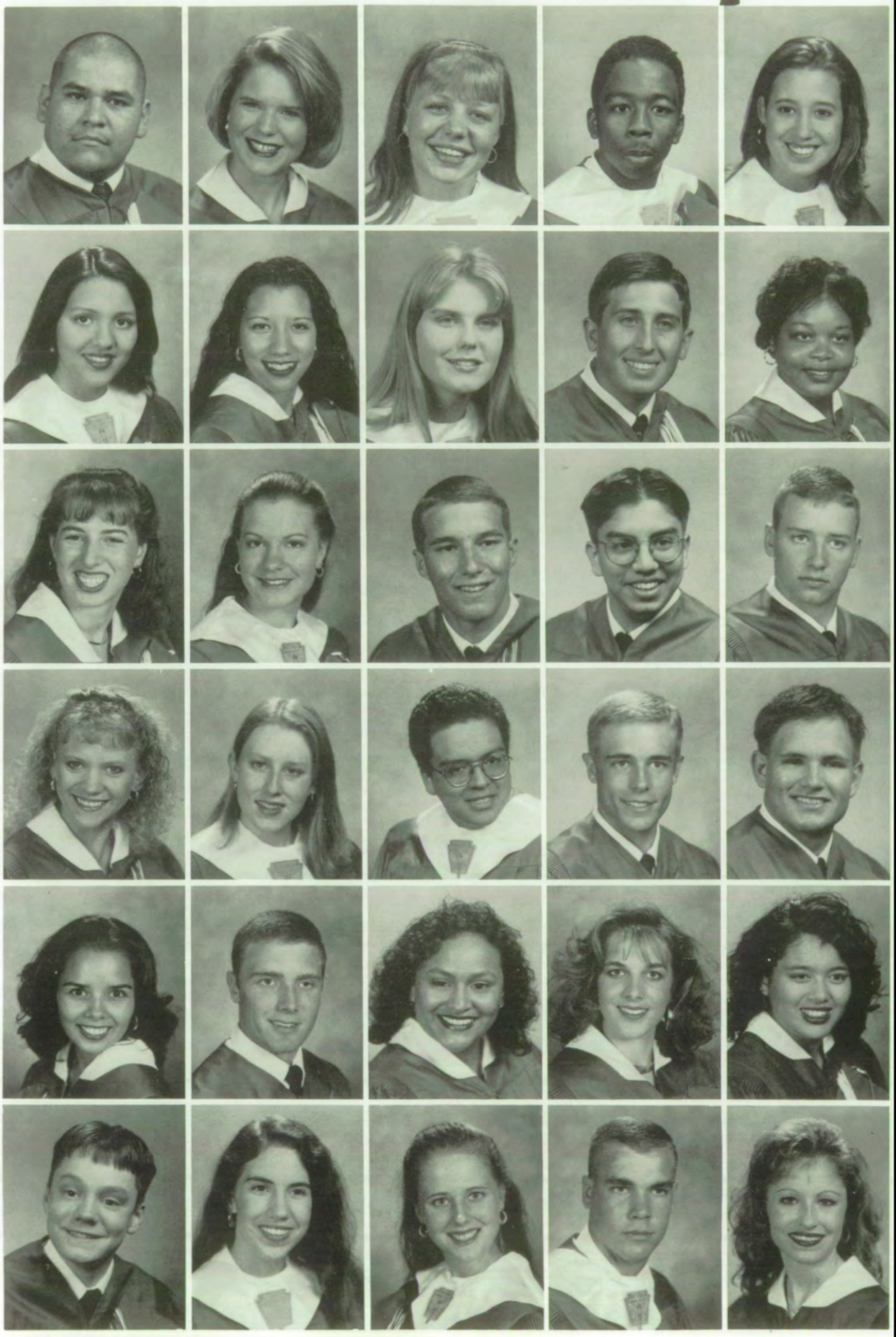

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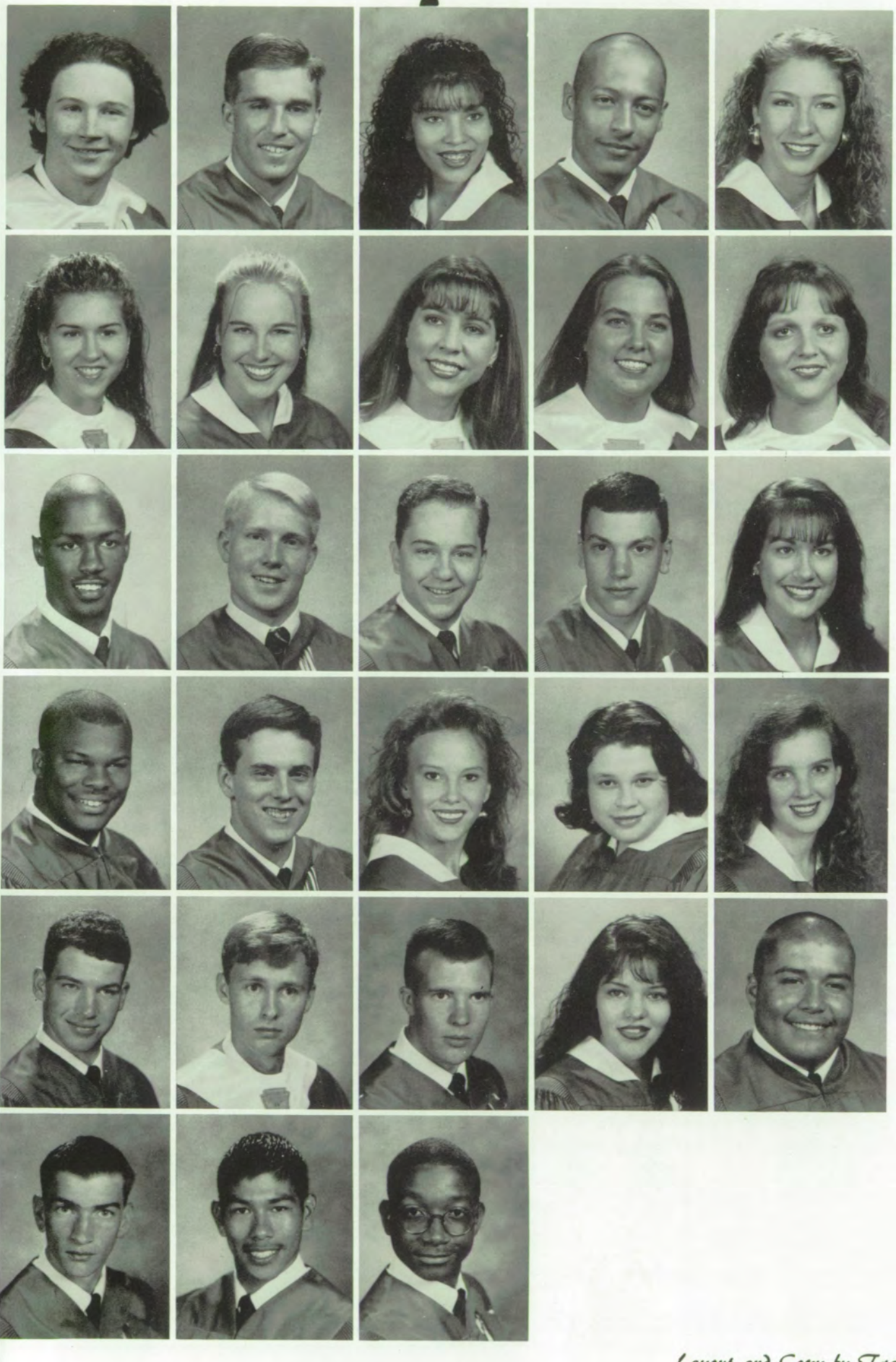

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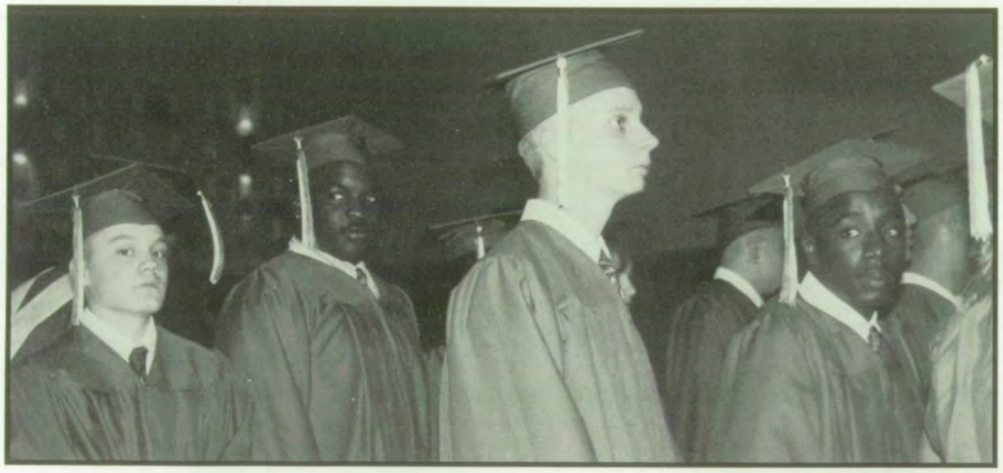
Graduation '97

Kiss my class my goodbye!!!!!

Graduation. Amazingly the long awaited day was finally here. Thirteen years of hard work was about to be rewarded all in one night. There had been chances of rain all day and almost everyone was hoping the weather man would be wrong. We weren't lucky enough and the rains came pouring down. The class of '97 had to hold graduation in the auditorium. We were somewhat upset, but as soon as "Pomp and Circumstance" began to play, those feelings fled our minds. We were about to graduate!

We took our seats and our class president, Trissa Campbell, welcomed everyone. Sitting in our green robes and wearing our green hats, we could look around and see all the faces we've made so many memories with. Good times and bad times filled our hearts and minds. We were about to graduate! Lindsey Jahn, our salutatorian, spoke of the good times we've made. Erin McCoy, our Vice President, said our class motto, and Barry Risper sang our class song. Our Valedictorian, Andres Flores, delivered a speech focusing on our great future that lay ahead of us all. He thanked everyone who had helped us and said a special message in Spanish.

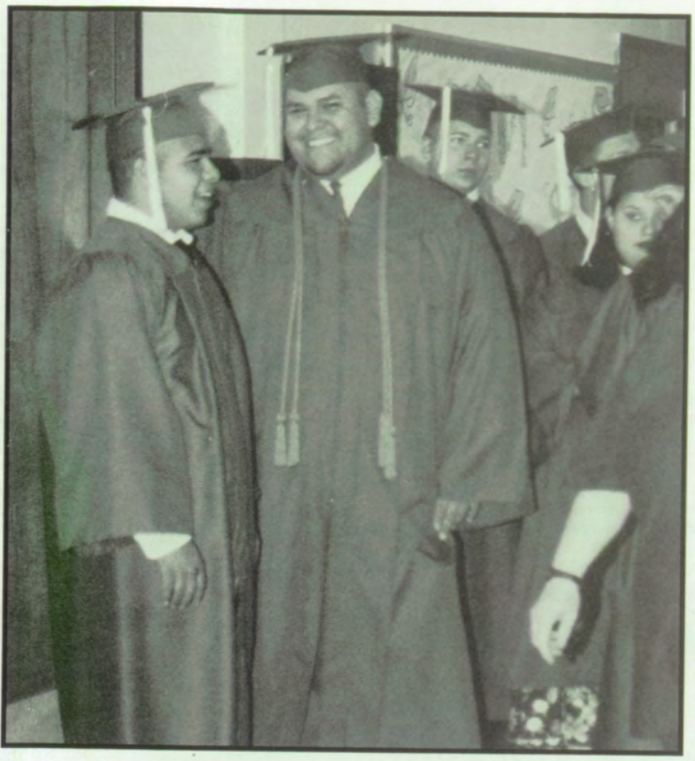
Our names were called out and each of us walked across the stage to receive our diplomas. Our parents were extremely proud. Some of us had special ways to walk across the stage that will be remembered by all. Some of us began to feel happy, and some of us began to feel sad. We were about to graduate! Mr. Ruthven scratched his face; the tassels were moved to the left, and we were officially graduated. As the school song played, we all sang together for the last time as a class. We walked out of the auditorium and into the Student Center to throw our caps. Huddled together, we threw our caps into the air. The Student Center was never so crowded, and we all gave each other hugs and said how much we would miss everyone. A sad time and a happy time. The class of 97 graduated; we're outta here!

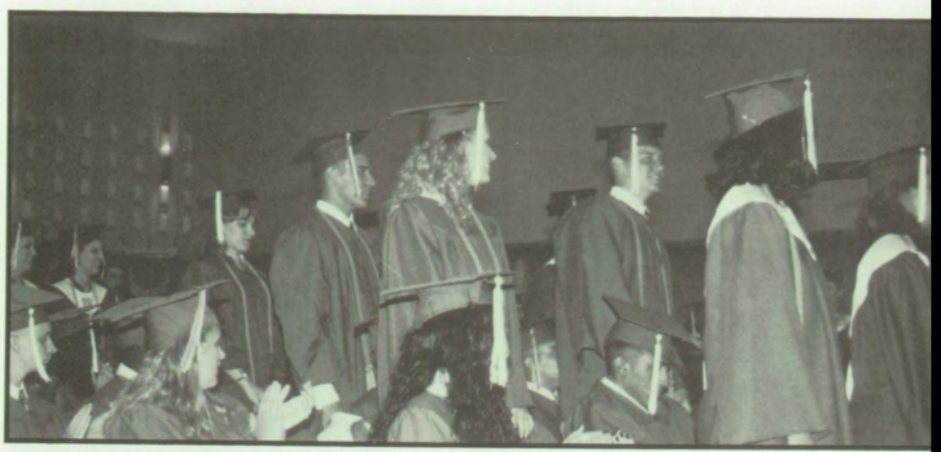


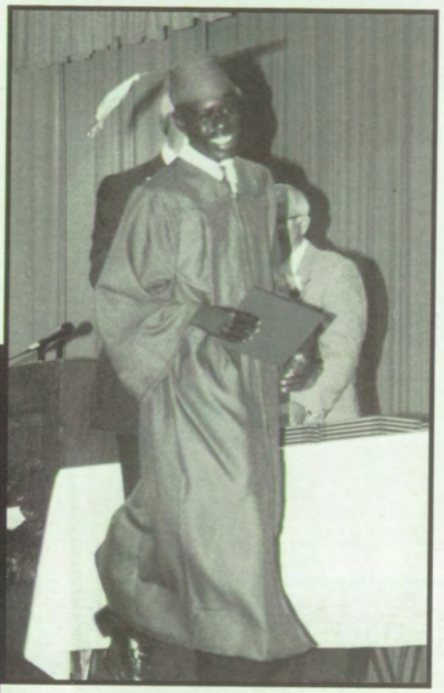


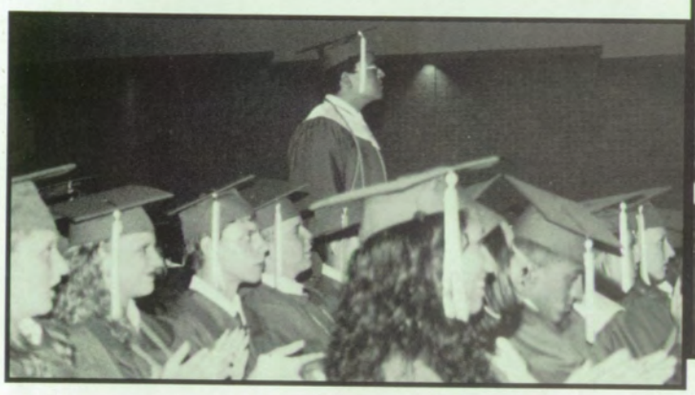


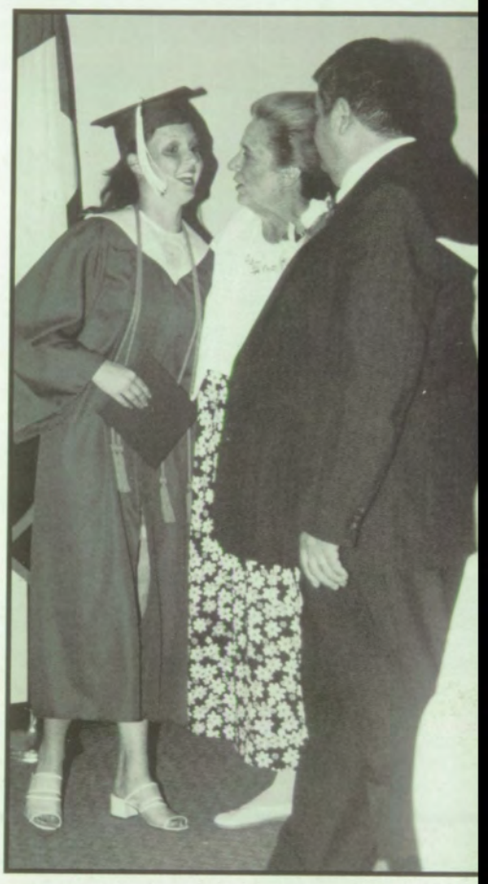




































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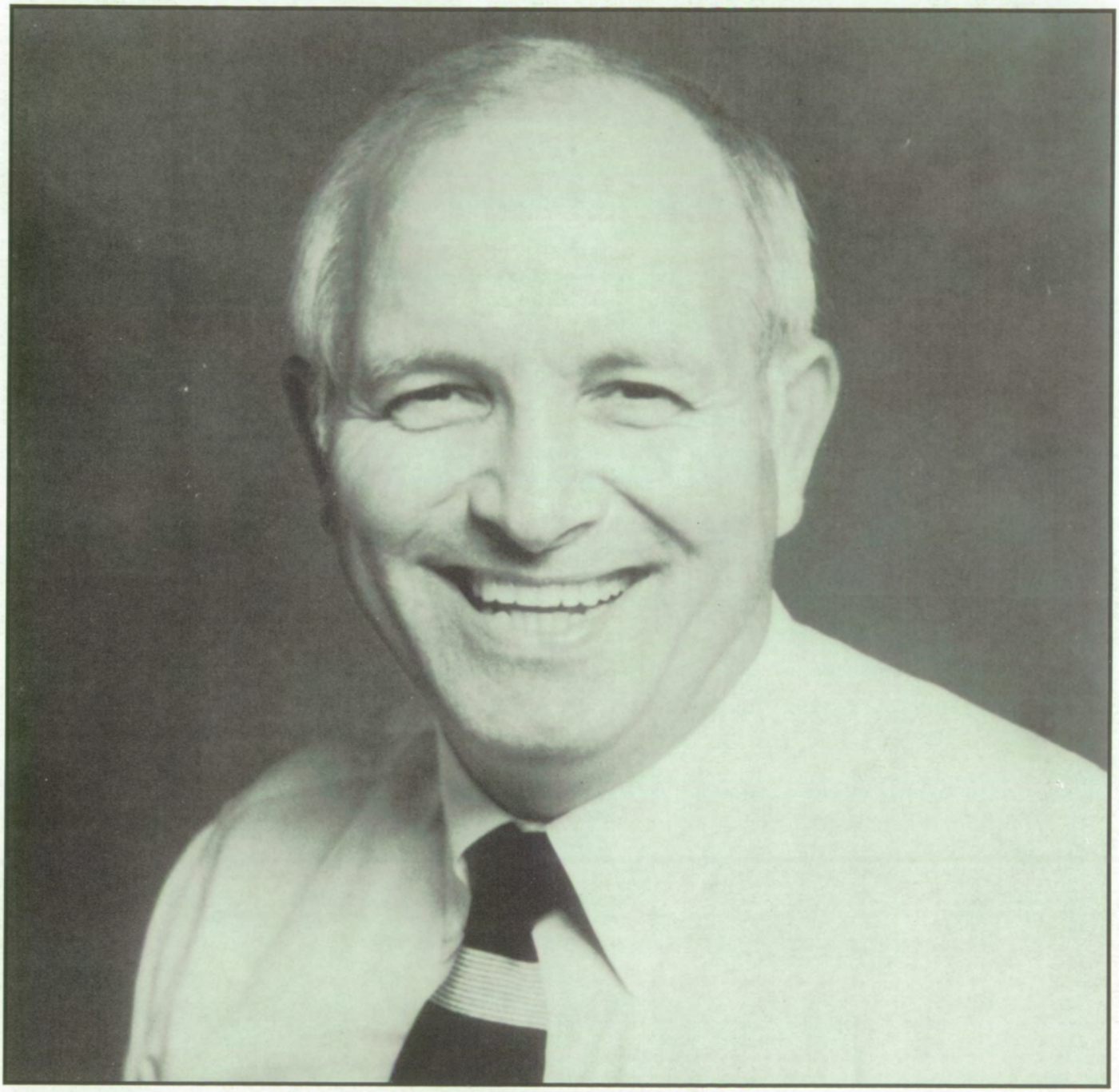

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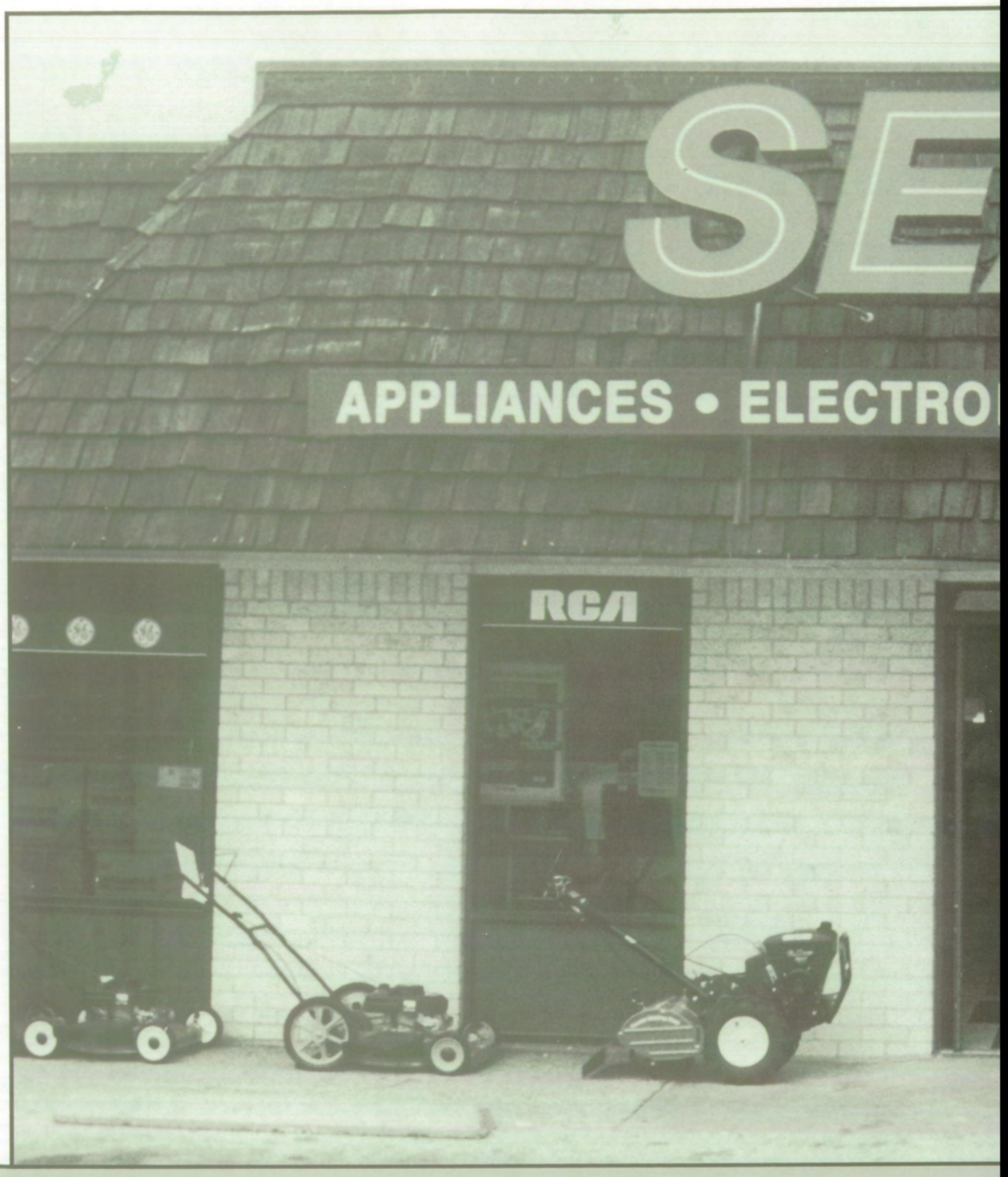

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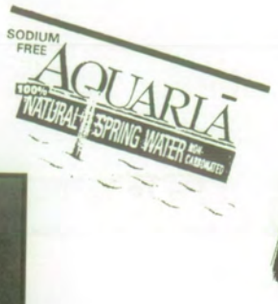



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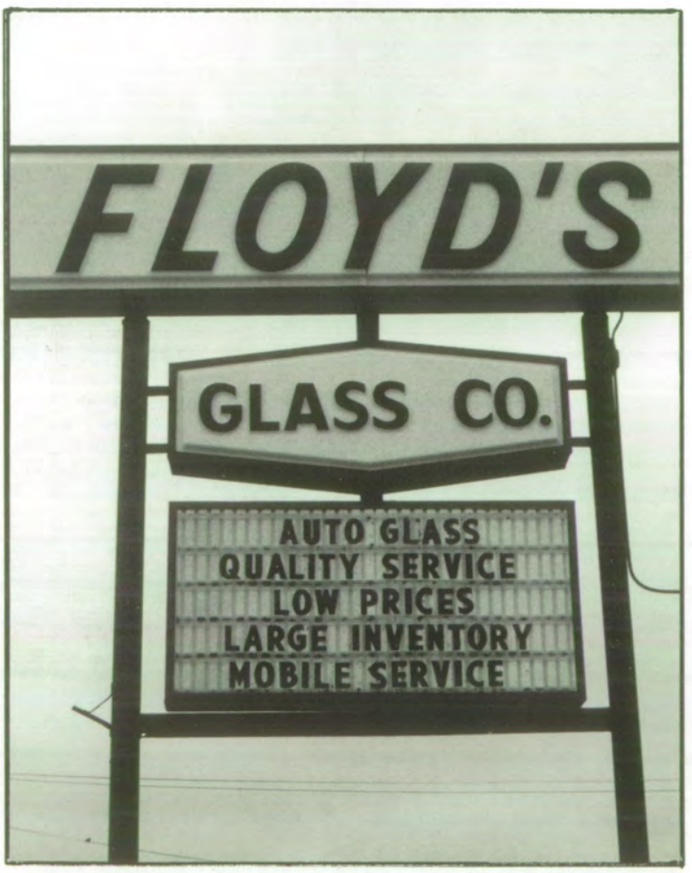

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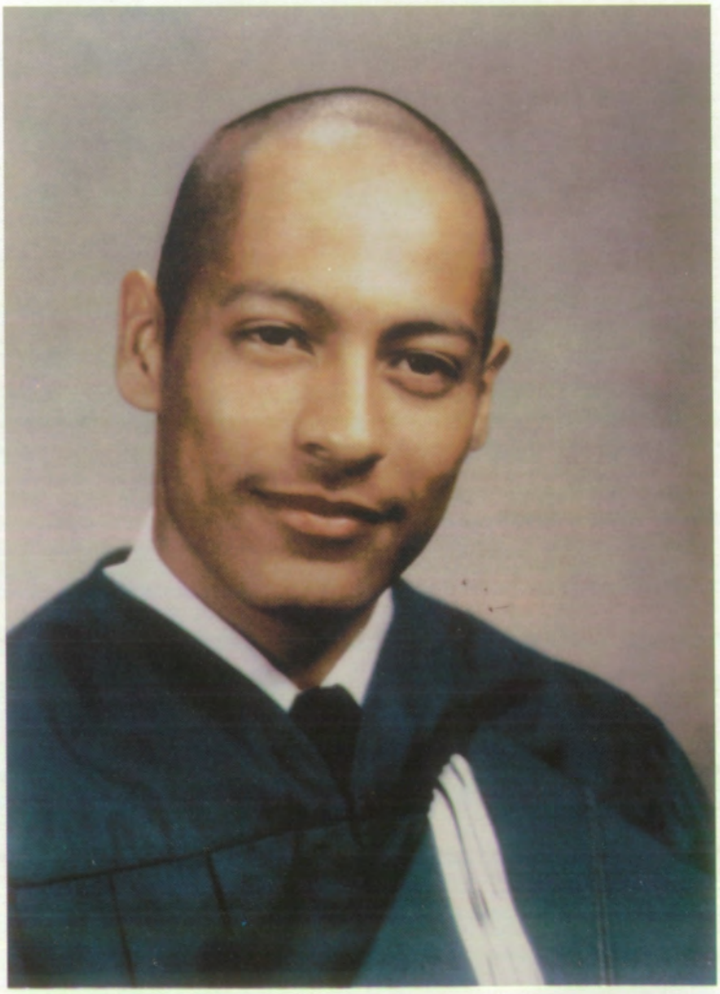

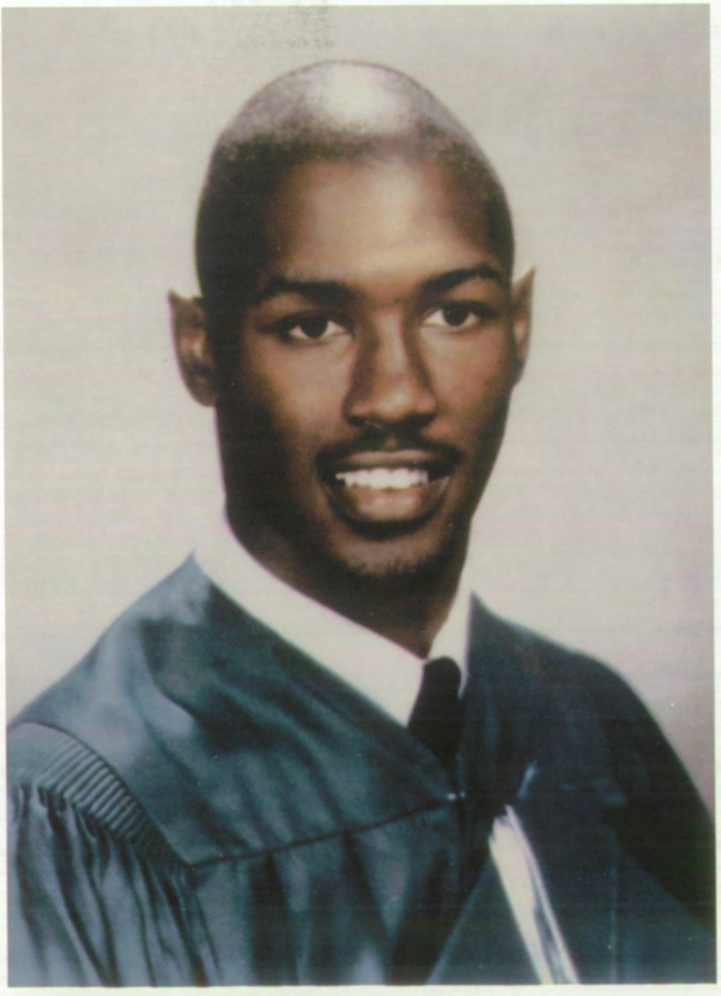


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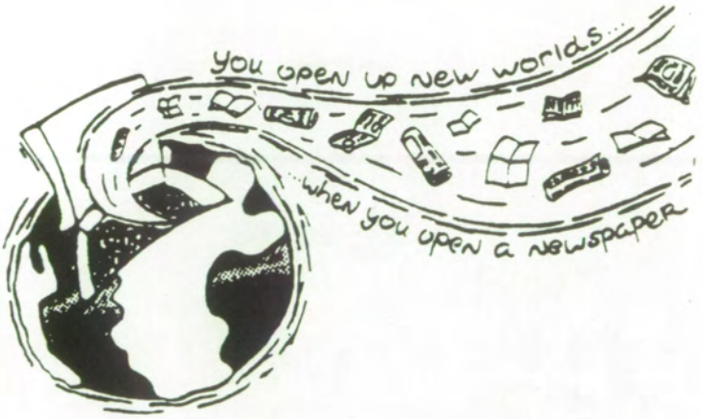

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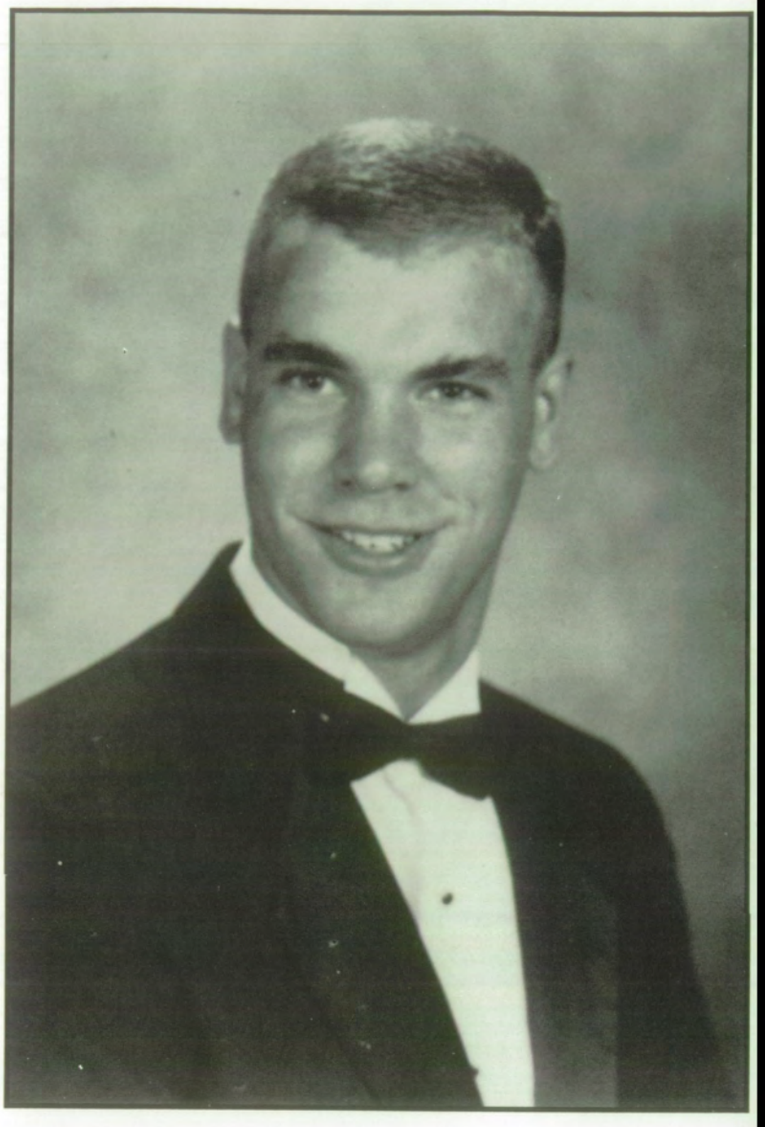

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Mallard taught all of us many things. One major lesson was responsibility and determination to finish what we had started. Mallard also taught us how to work together as a team and how to get along even though we may not have wanted to. The friendships that were made will always be treasured and never forgotten!

We tried our very best to cover all subjects and organizations and also to include everyone! We hope that this year's book satisfies everyone and brings back wonderful memories of the years shared in the halls of Taylor High.

When It All Came Down To It, the Mallard Staff worked extremely hard to put together this yearbook and we hope you enjoy it!



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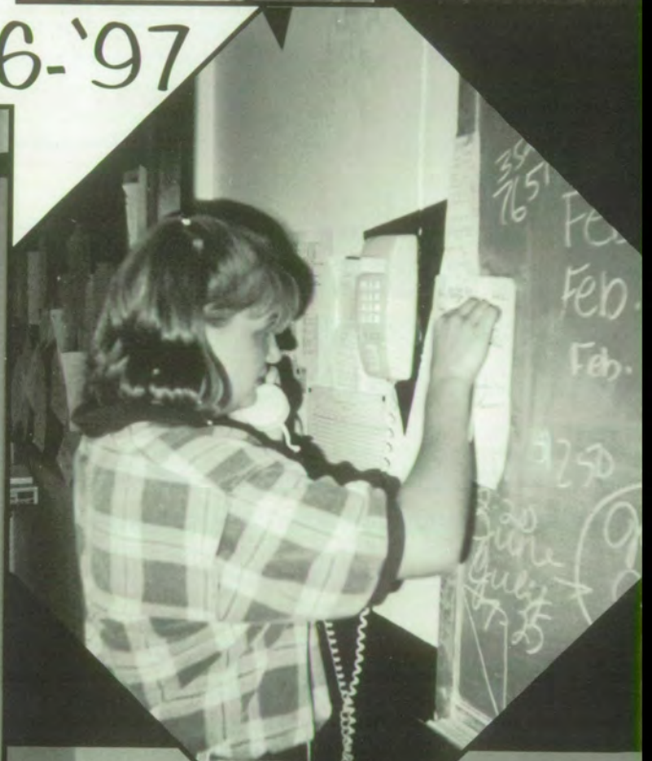



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Well, here it is guys! When It All Came Down To it, we finished the book with lots of memories which we hope will be shared with everyone who reads our yearbook. It's hard to find the right words to close a great year. There is no way we could sum up in a few short sentences what a great year this has turned out to be. The year flew past, but many memories and friendships were made and will never come to a close.

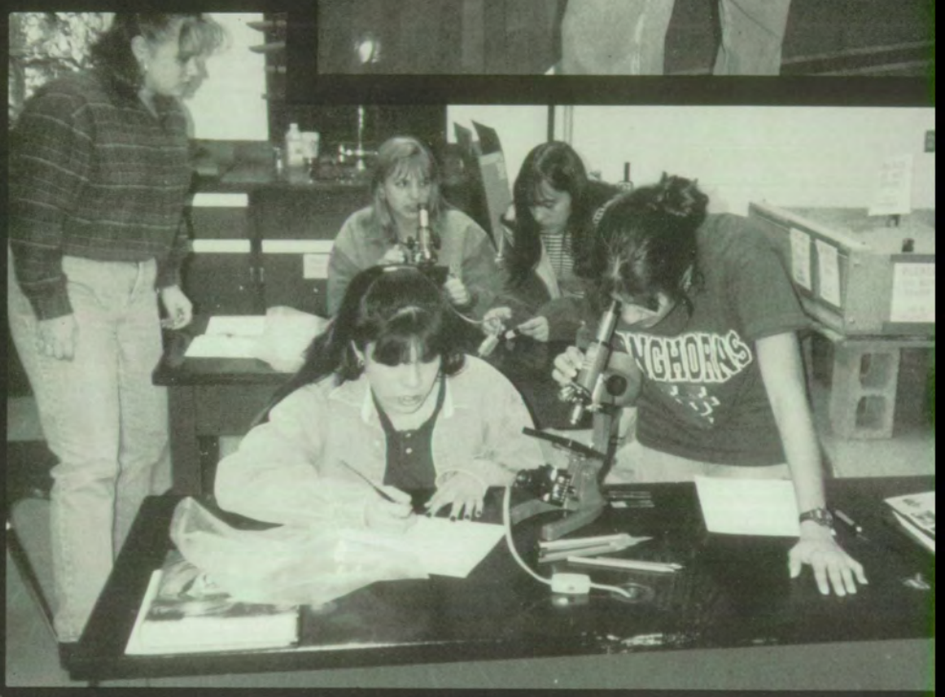
Many of us will now go our separate ways and make new memories. Many of us know what we are headed out to do; some aren't sure, but wherever each of us heads off to, Taylor High School will always be remembered.

We as editors (Tracy Collins, Brian Caldwell, and Hunter Hargis) hope you have enjoyed this year's book. We hope you will always treasure your yearbook and remember the times we all shared together at Taylor High!

The Editors

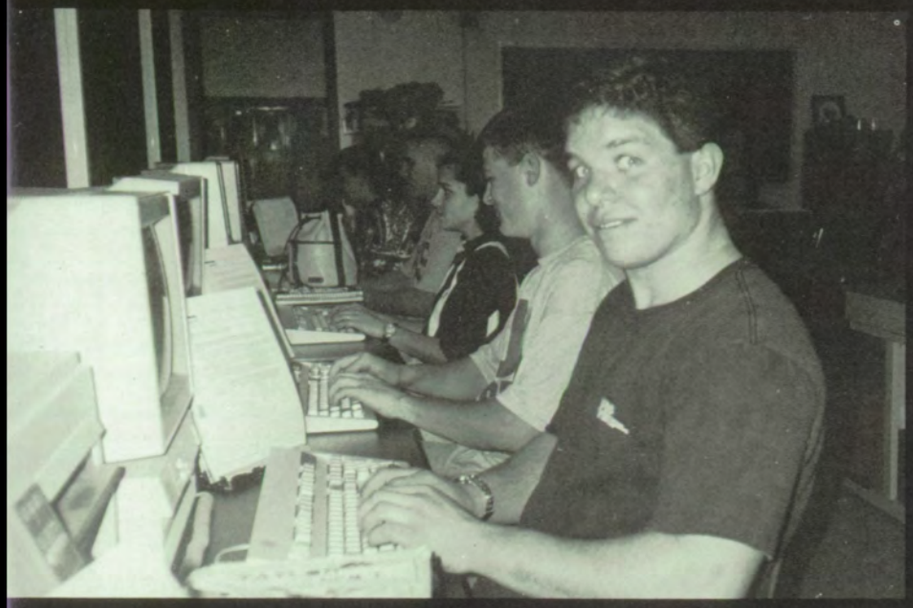


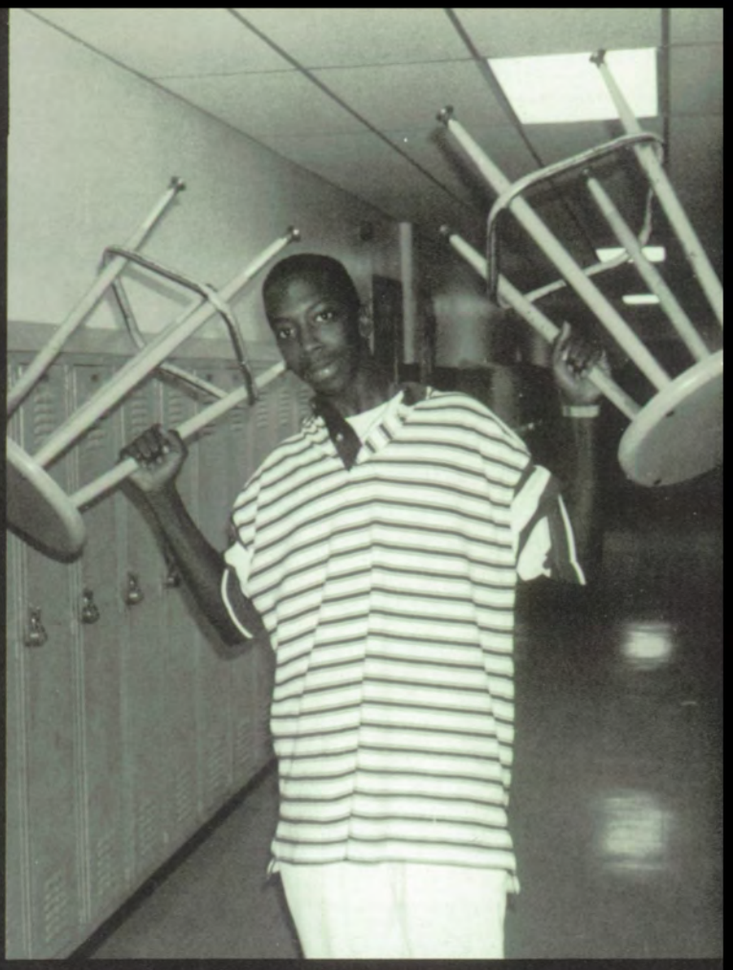








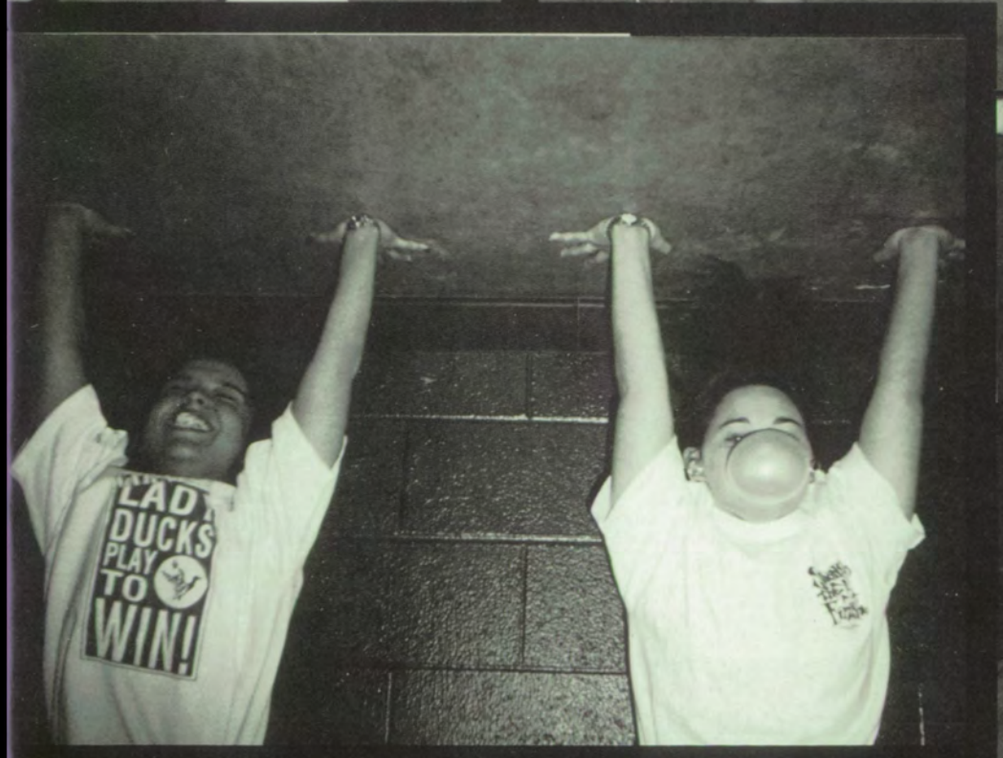














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