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Looking back at this year, we realized that much of what we did was all about rewriting the rules. From fashion changes to an entirely new breed of personalities, nothing about us was conformist; the student body had a collective change in attitude. Out of all this change came an all new Taylor High School who scoffed at the words can't and don't. By the end of the year, it was clear that the rules hadn't been bent or broken, but totally rewritten. Throughout these pages, you'll see things you've probably never seen in a yearbook before. But this couldn't be the '98 yearbook if we didn't break a few molds and rewrite all the rules.

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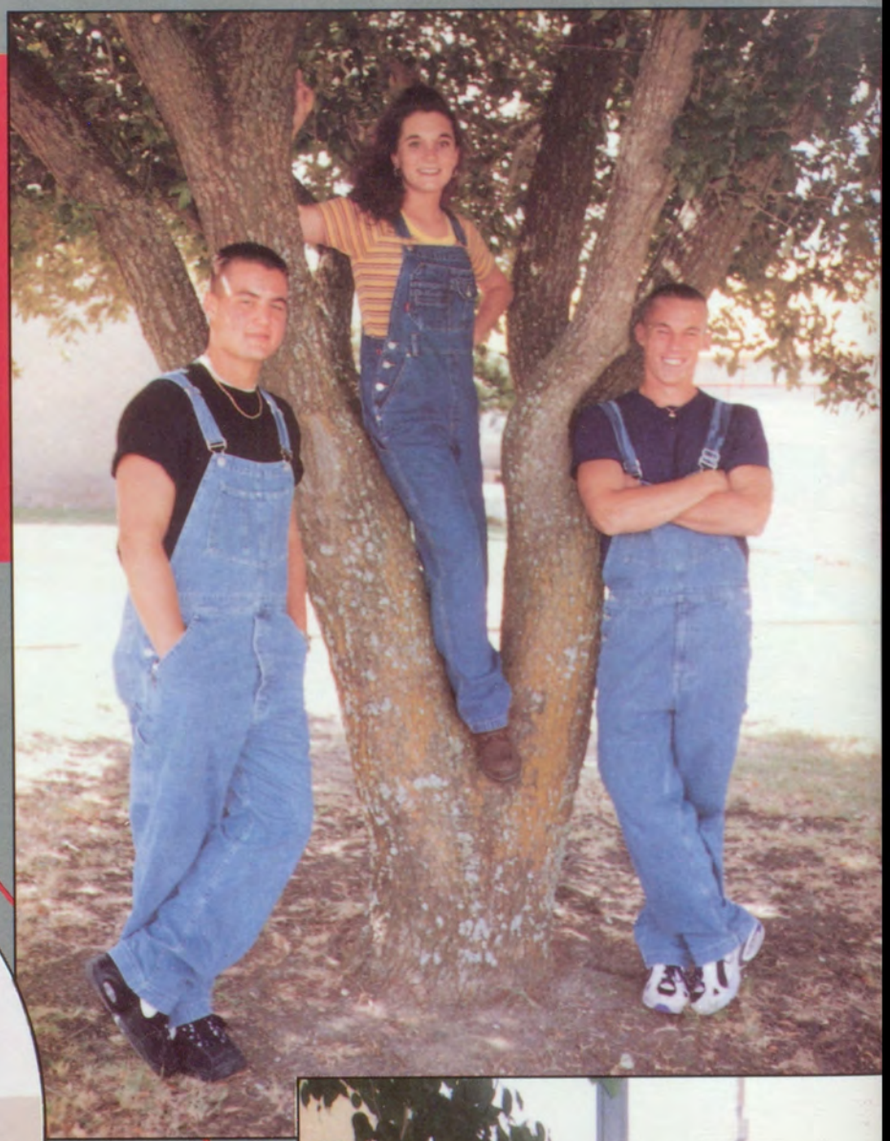






Fashion

As we walk through the halls of THS, we see a variety of unique styles expressed. While trends come and go, Taylor Ducks always keep up! When the seventies came back, we saw our share of platforms, go-go boots and bell bottoms. Name brands like Tommy Hilfiger and Polo were sported by people who chose to dress the preppy look. Grunge was also popular this year; skater pants, Doc. Martens, and solid T-shirts all grew in popularity. Another no-miss was the white t-shirt. Not only did Taylor keep up with national styles, but we created trends of our own! Dickies and Rudy Mikeska shirts along with polo boots were definately a combo unique to Taylor High School! Afros, blonde streaks in the George Clooney cut and body piercing were all popular traits of Taylor students in '98. No matter how you choose to dress, just being a Duck is always in style.









↗ Startin' the Overall Trend. Alison David, Brandon Dickinson and Lance Pavlicek take a quick break from working on the farm.

↑ Static Electricity? No, Moses Broadnax is showing his own unique style.

→ Linsay Harbers displays the kicker look with boots and pink Rockies.

→ Heather Guardiola wears a collared shirt with sweater. This proved to be a popular look this year.

↓ Nancy Dominguez and Chris Gonzales show off their famous brand names.

↓ Really Makin' a fashion statement! Tina Donkoney and Chealsie Shanafelt dress up in their go-go boots and bell bottoms.

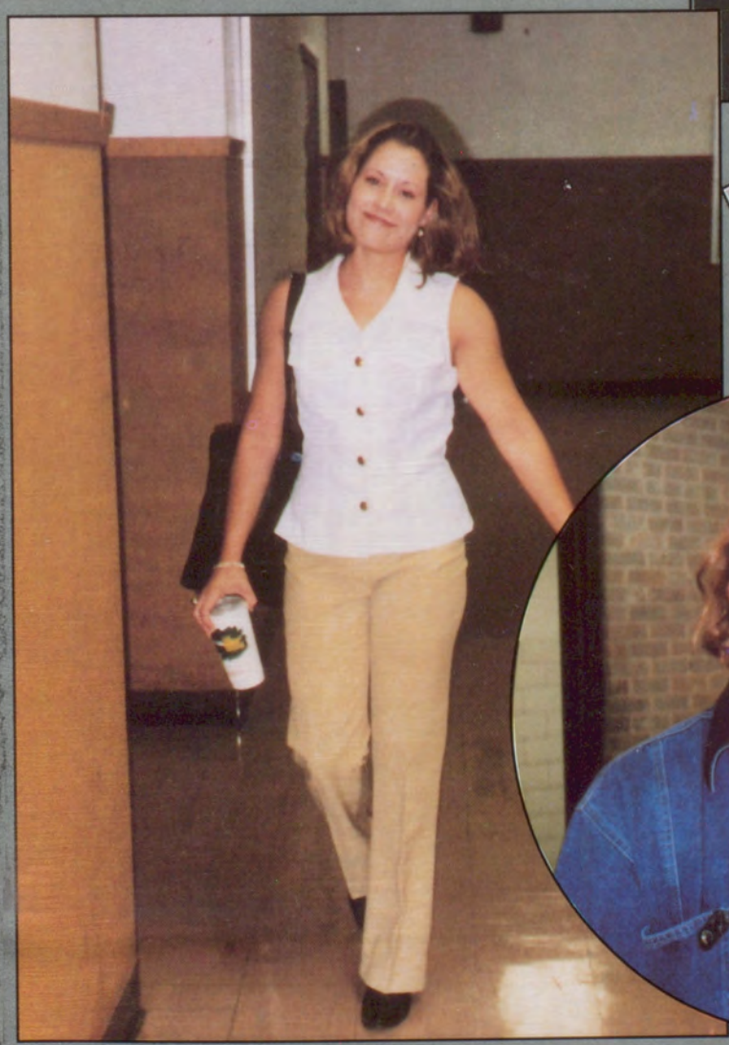
↓ Derek Lopez's highlighted/dyed hair has become a popular style throughout the school.

← Limpin and stylin'...Chachi Hernandez and Todd Eshberger prep alike to show school spirit.

↙ Struttin' it! Tracey Eulenfeld heads to class while wearing the latest fashions.











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Homecoming

Homecoming is one of the most memorable events of the year, especially for the seniors. We will all remember our last Homecoming at THS whether it is this year, next year or the next; each hold their own unique memories. This Homecoming seemed to be one of the most memorable to our school.

We all enjoyed the Homecoming dance, again held in our school cafeteria. Before the names of the nominees were read, we all held our breath... "Who will they be?" we wondered. Our question was answered when Mrs. Ross called out the names, most of which were no great surprise.

Spirit week didn't have the support it had in the past; encountering several obstacles such as two early release days and school picture day. People just weren't thinking about the Homecoming spirit.

Then the day came and everyone was anxious for the game. The clink-clink of cow bells on mums, the constant notes from the office aids saying, "You have something in the office.", the crowd of exes in the student center; the Homecoming spirit had hit our school at full force. The exes came back to join in the festivities, to look at the banners beautifully made to welcome them back by the different organizations, and to see the pep rally. This year, the thing we had all missed so badly last year, the black-out pep rally came back. It was a great success, with students overflowing from the stands and the Bunnet Hippie Homecoming Queens; it couldn't have been better.

Finally it was time for the game and the pregame ceremonies. All the nominees looked spectacular, but there can be only one queen and one king, and they were April Hennington and Chris Caffey. A crowd of more than 4,000 showed up to watch us bludgeon the Bulldogs, with a win of 56 to 16. We played a great game.









↑ The Royalty! King, Chris Caffey, and Queen, April Hennington, take time to smile after the crowning.

↑ Congratulations! Mrs. Potts gives Hollie Bollinger a congratulatory hug.

← Black Out!!! The crowd at the black-out pep rally gets rowdy!

↑ "That which we call a rose by any other word would smell as sweet"...or sweeter if it's in the mouth of one of the girls of the Homecoming court.





← **Hungry?** At the pep rally, Candace Benad chows down as "Big-Butt-Bertha".

← **The Crowning Moment!** Last year's Queen, Nicole Cantu, passes the crown on to April Hennington.











↑ **What's your sign?** Cindy Terrazas and Brett Helbert show their spirit!

← **What a Show!** The Steppers perform a thrilling half-time show.

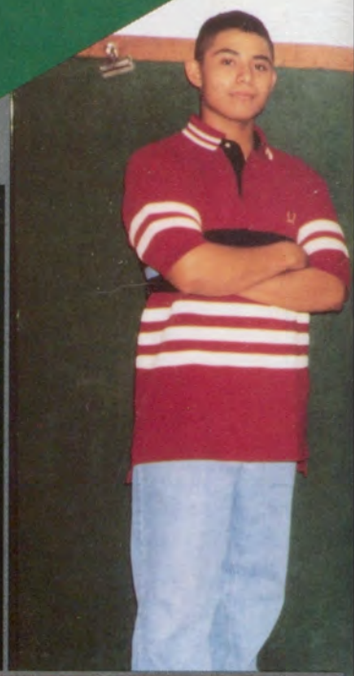
← **Smile Big!** At the Homecoming dance, Autumn Schneider gets the idea, but Todd Eschberger falls short.

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Seniors 98

When it comes to rewriting the rules, the Seniors of '98 were the masters. Throughout high school we had an attitude all our own. We were the class that, coming in our freshman year, all of our teachers were warned about. Although we had a reputation for being troublesome procrastinators, we turned out to be very successful. We all experienced many ups, including a fantastic prom, and downs, but no matter what happened, we stuck together as a class! No matter where we are in life, a part of the class of '98 will always be with us. The friendships we made, whether or not we've kept in touch, brought us many memories we will never lose. Though the halls of Taylor High School have not seen us for a while, our laughes, cries, smiles and tears will never be forgotten there.

As we move on, and grow as people, Taylor will continue to have Senior classes. They will put on proms, make memories, and graduate, but NO class will ever meet or beat the standards that were set by the class of '98. No one will ever have as much style, class, or heart as we did. Though the world moves on, it is nice to know that we were a part of a legend... The Taylor High School class of 1998! That's a rule that is carved in stone, a rule that will never be rewritten!





Cirilo Almanza



Angie Bachmeyer



Allison Behrends



Marisa Bennett



Brandon Bishop



Tami Blackwell









Hollie Bollinger



Amanda Bullock



Chris Caffey



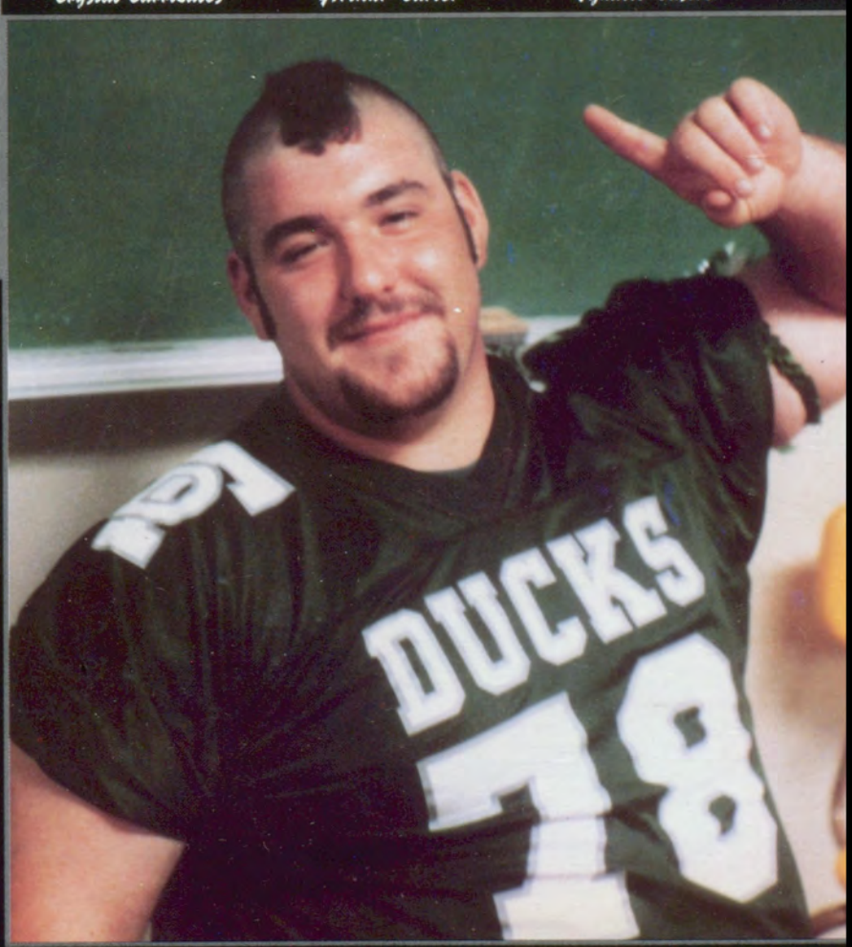
Crystal Carrizales



Arthur Carter



Ignacio Castro





David Chenoweth



Laurie Cmerek



Amber Craig



Andrea Crawford



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Jeremy Doherty



Tamara Dozier



Melissa Durkin



Vanessa Dykowski



Tracey Eulenfeld



Chad Farmer



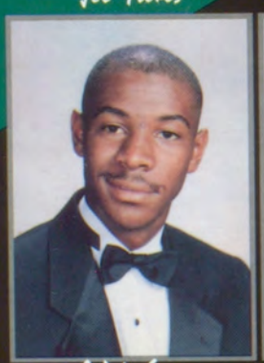
Kip Farran



Joe Flores



Sarah Fuentes



Cedric Gage



Jack Garcia







Jackie Garcia



Jennifer Gaswint



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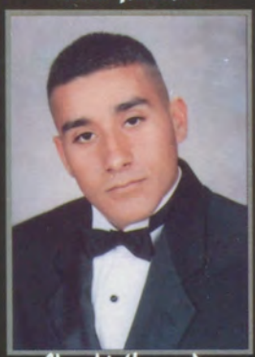
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April Hennington



Brandi Hernandez



Cha chi Hernandez



Terry Horne



Brian Jackson



James Jackson



Kettisha Jackson



Larry Jackson



Leslie Jackson



Jessica Jaramillo



Lauren Johnson



Courtney Kaiser



Maurice Killingsworth





Matthew Johnson



Allison Jones





Johnny King



Marie Kirk



Debra Koehler



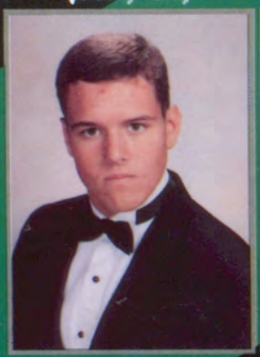
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Guadalupe Lara



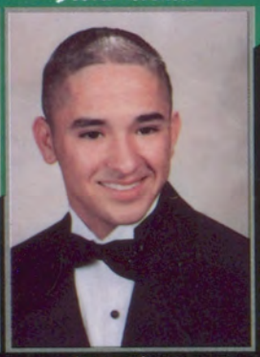
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Andrew Littlejohn



Veronica Lopez



Carlos Lucio



Monica Macias



Derrick Maticoat



Melissa Marcon









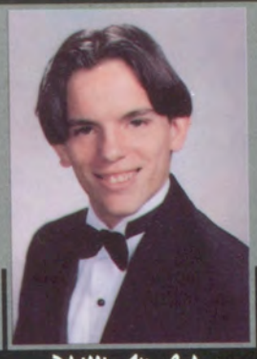
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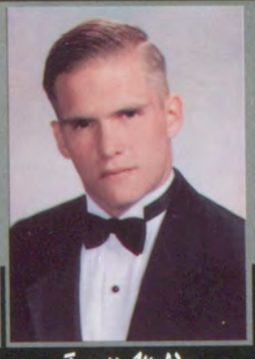
Narcisso Martinez



Sara Mata



Phillip Mc Cabe



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Robert Mendez



Nick Mills



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Maggie Moore



Iris Moreno



Jessica Moreno



Priscilla Moreno



Celia Naivar



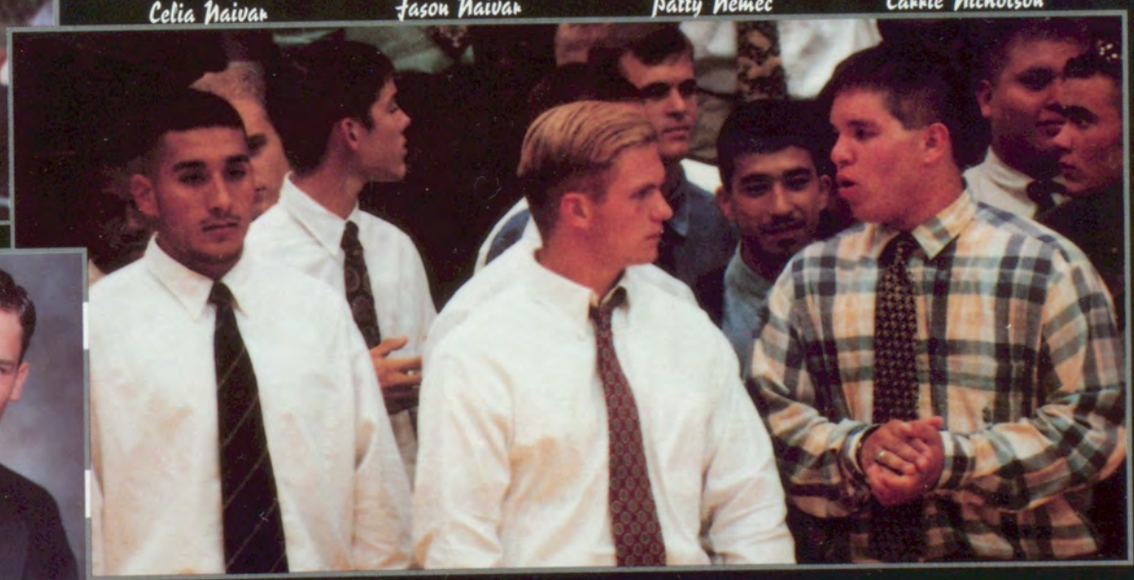
Jason Naivar



Patty Nemec



Carrie Nicholson





Stacie Nunez



Jeff Ochoa



Angela Oliver



Kristen Pistole



Kevin Pitts



Crystal Pokorny



Edward Polasek



Scott Raesz



Kim Raesz



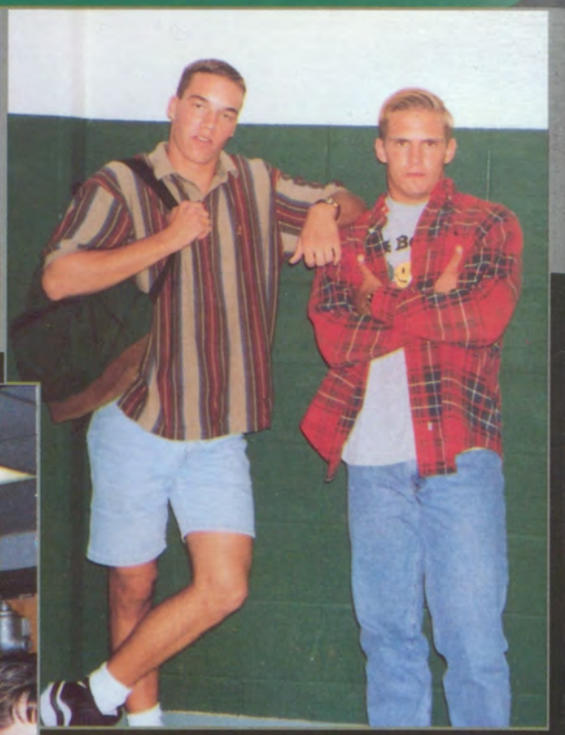
Terrance Robenson



Wanda Rodriguez



Shameika Rollie









Jennifer Rowland



Raquel Ruiz



Armando Salazar



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Beth Solbach



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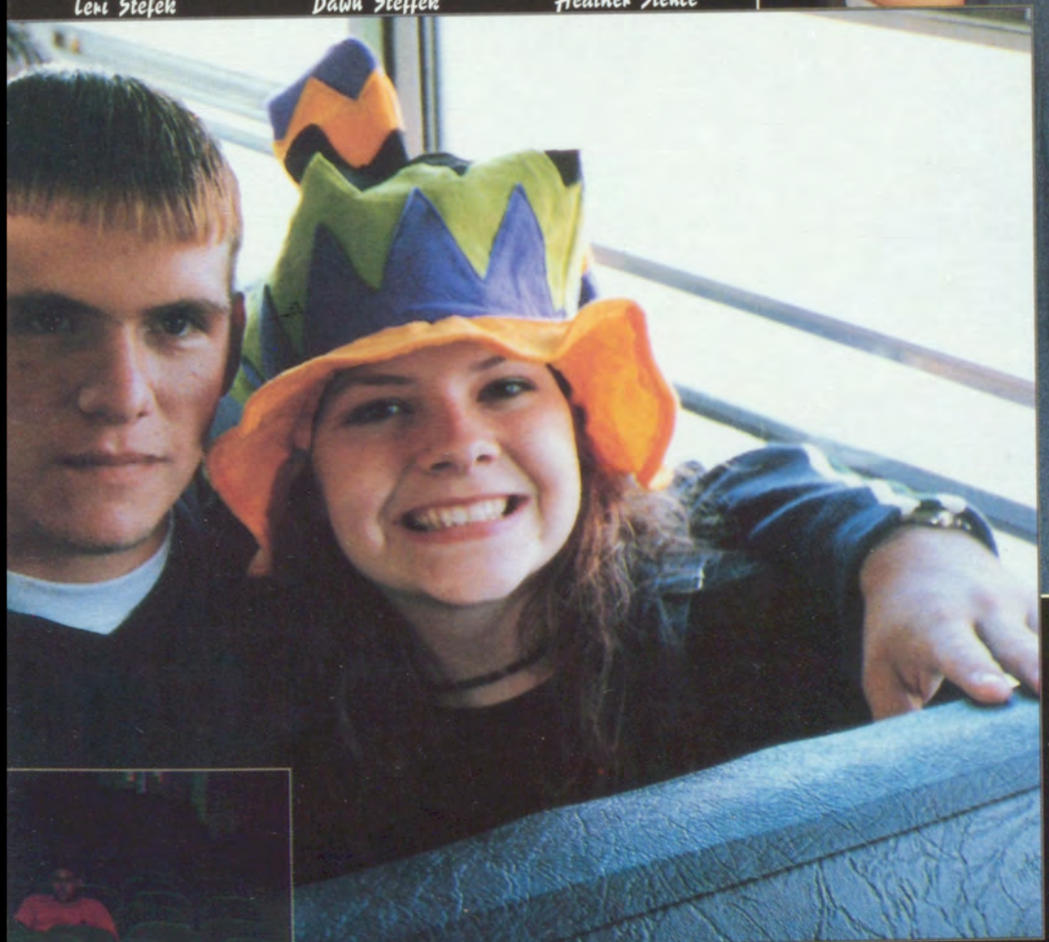


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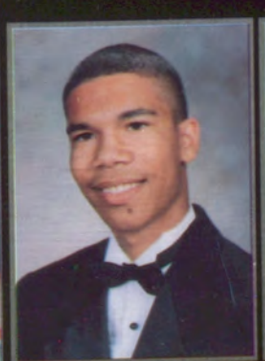




Nathan Stivers



Troy Talley



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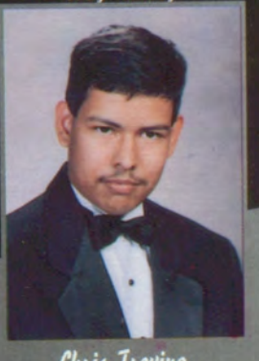
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Octavia Toliver



Cassandra Torres



Chris Trevino



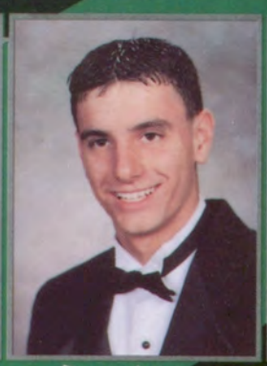
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Corey Washington



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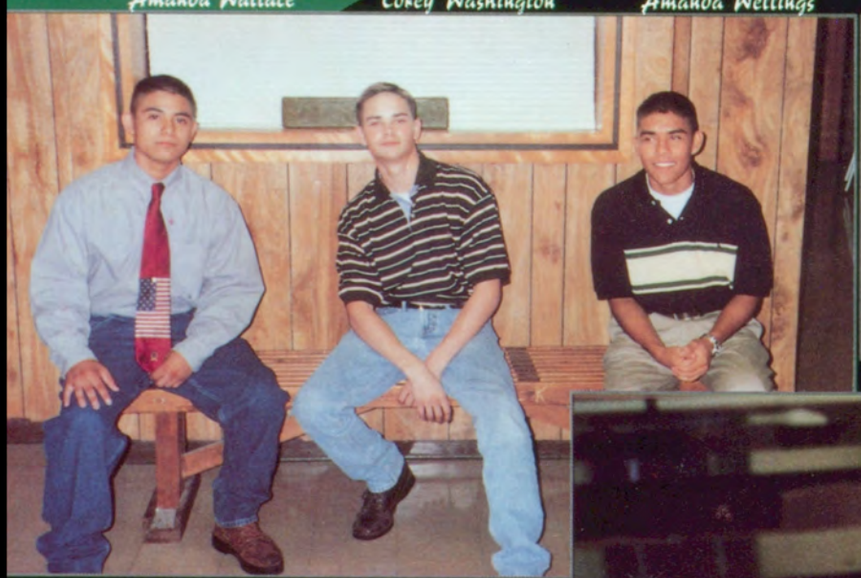
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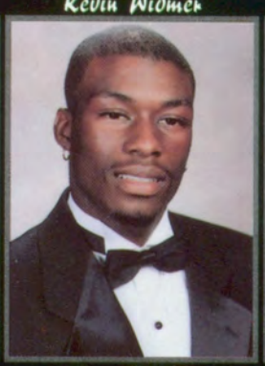


Amy Wilhelm





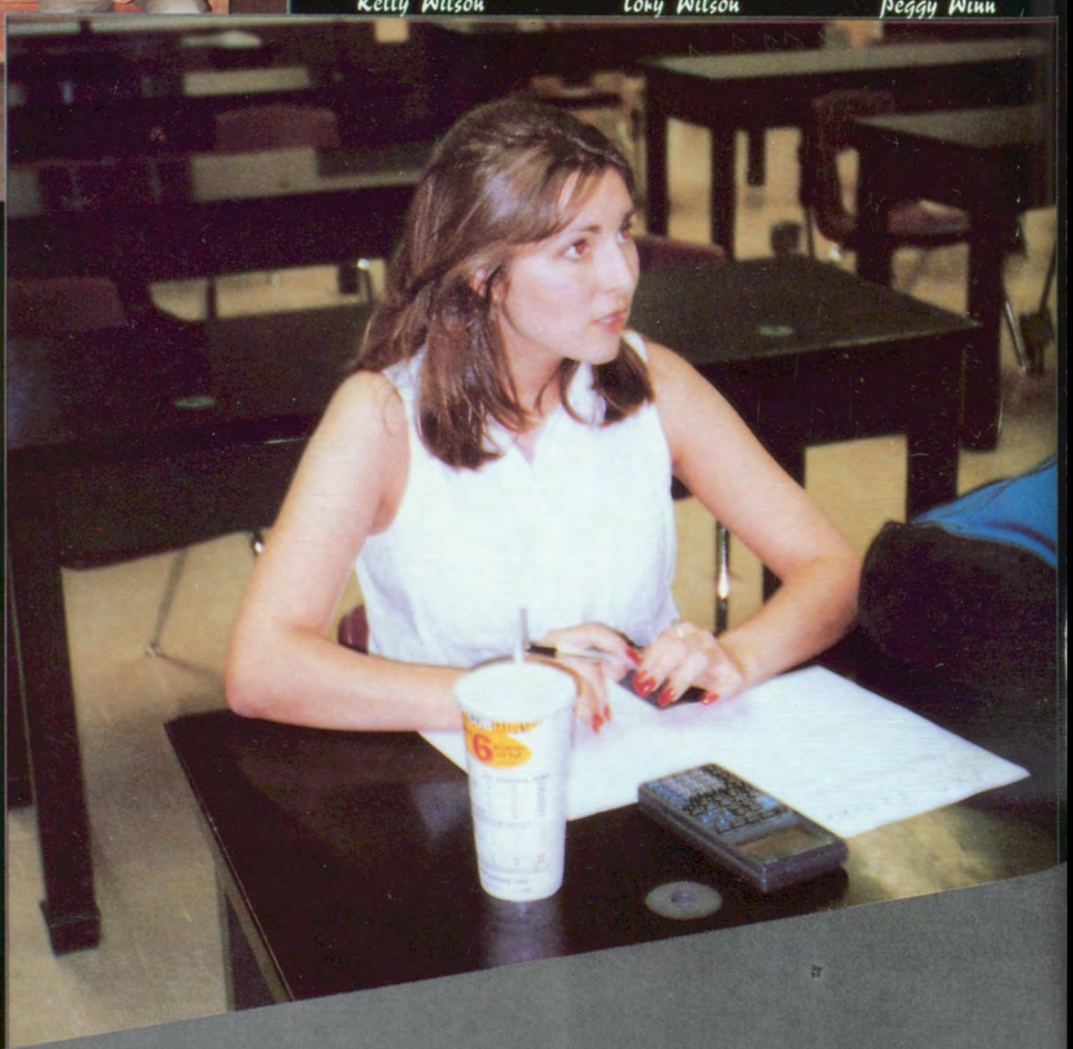
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Peggy Winn





Jimmy Wright



Jon Wyatt

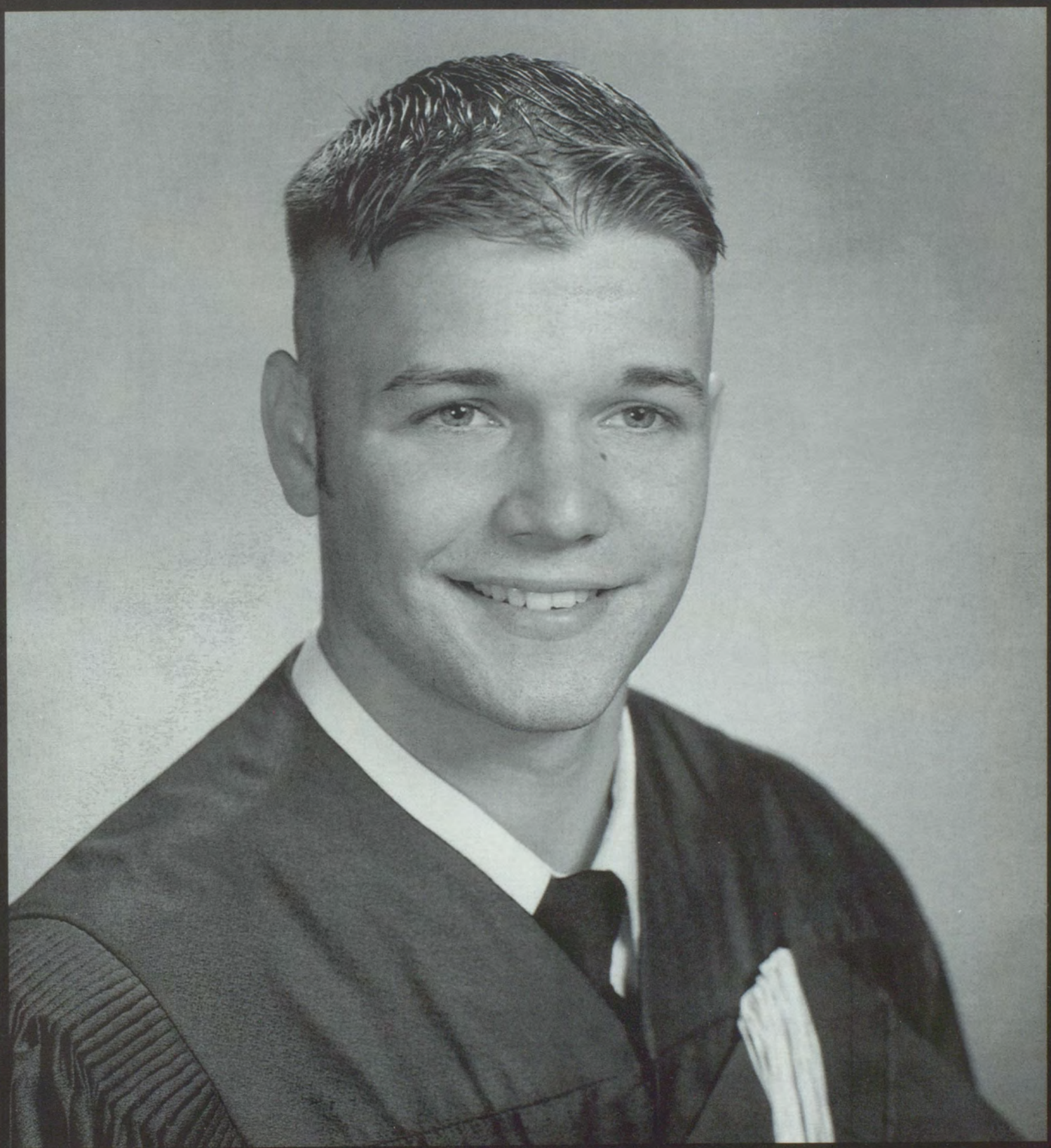


Derek Zachary



Tammy Zuehlke

In Loving Memory of



Nathanial Aaron Stivers

December 2, 1979 - February 13, 1998

Love knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope: It can outlast anything. It is, in fact, the one thing that still stands when all else has fallen.




















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Class Motto

Our friendships shall last forever. Even through the hardships we might endeavor. Our memories we will cherish in our hearts, and the Class of '98 will never part.

Class Colors

Gold, Silver, Forest Green

Class Flower

Stargazer Lily

Class Song

"Time of your Life"

Green Day

What's New in '98

El Ninoooooooo!!

Last year as 4A

New vending machines

Two "Gigantic" movies; Titanic is a big money maker, Godzilla a big bomb

UT gets a new coach...actually, a lot of new coaches

Yeti was a senior

No KDUC

Baseball goes to second round of the playoffs

So does softball

Basketball makes the third

Ken Starr investigates Clinton; *"What's so new about Clinto being under investigation?"*

Big year for UTL

"Does that make sense?" becomes the new expression

Class of '98 Graduated

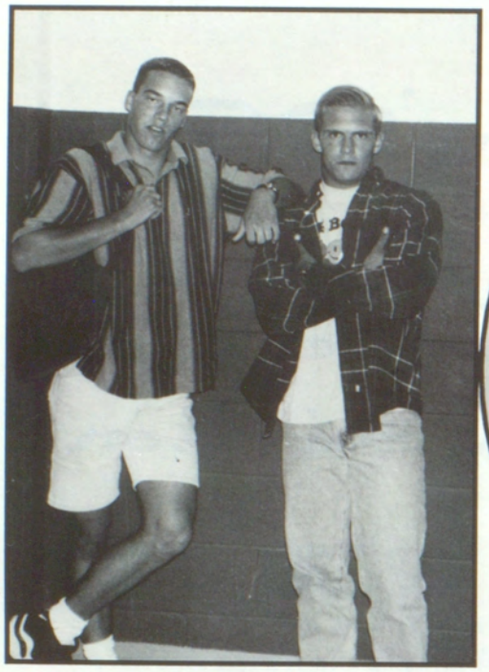
Close Up Washington

One thing that was new this year was a program lead by Government teacher Martin Conrardy called Close Up Washington. This being Close Up's pilot year, a lot of people weren't sure what exactly it was. Six students along with Mr. Conrardy went on a part educational, part recreational trip to Washington D.C. They got a chance to meet Congresspersons (PC term!) from our district including a long discussion with Representative Ron Paul on several issues currently in debate. The group consisted entirely of seniors who raised most of the money to pay for the trip by fundraisers and local business donations. The seniors who participated in the first year of Close Up are: Allison Behrends, Laurie Cmerek, Sara Fuentes, Andrew Littlejohn, Derrick Malicoat and Aimee Wilhelm. Everyone involved in the program is confident that Close Up will be looked back on as one of the most important new events of '98.





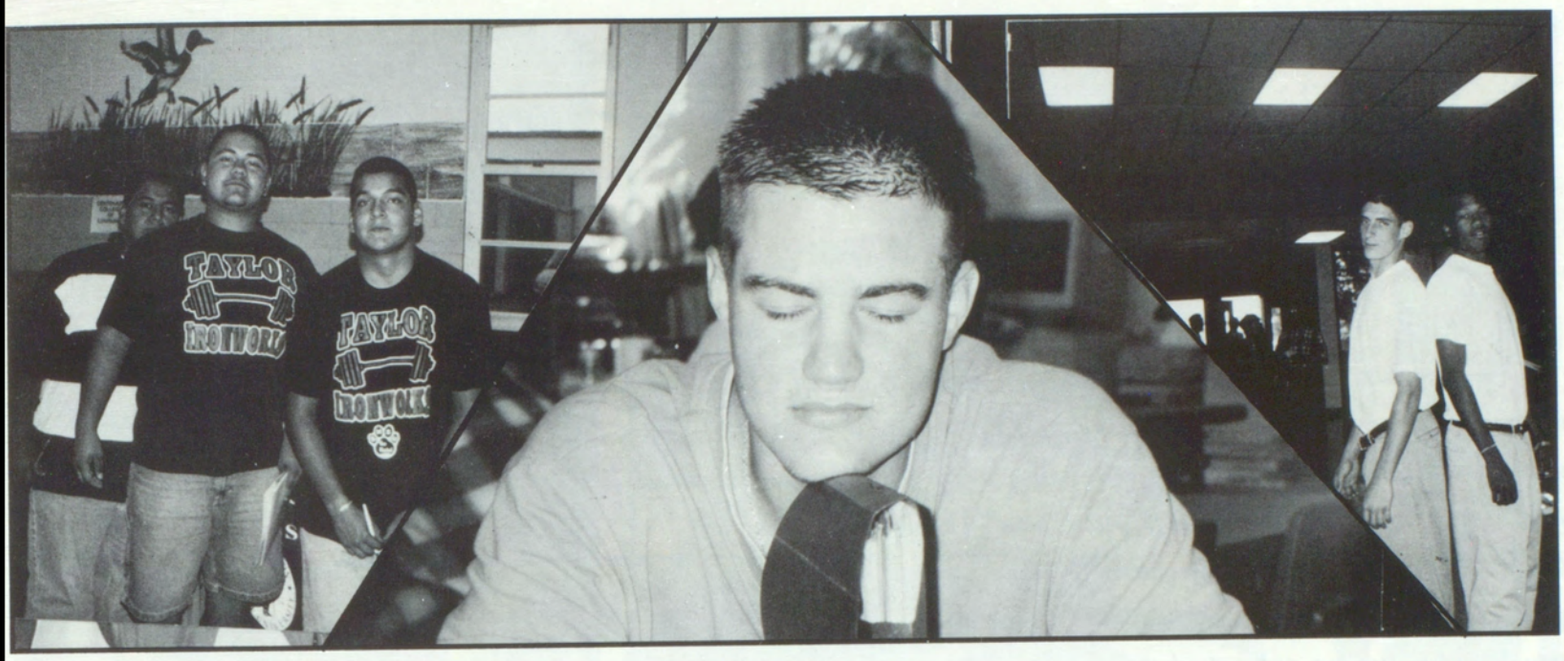






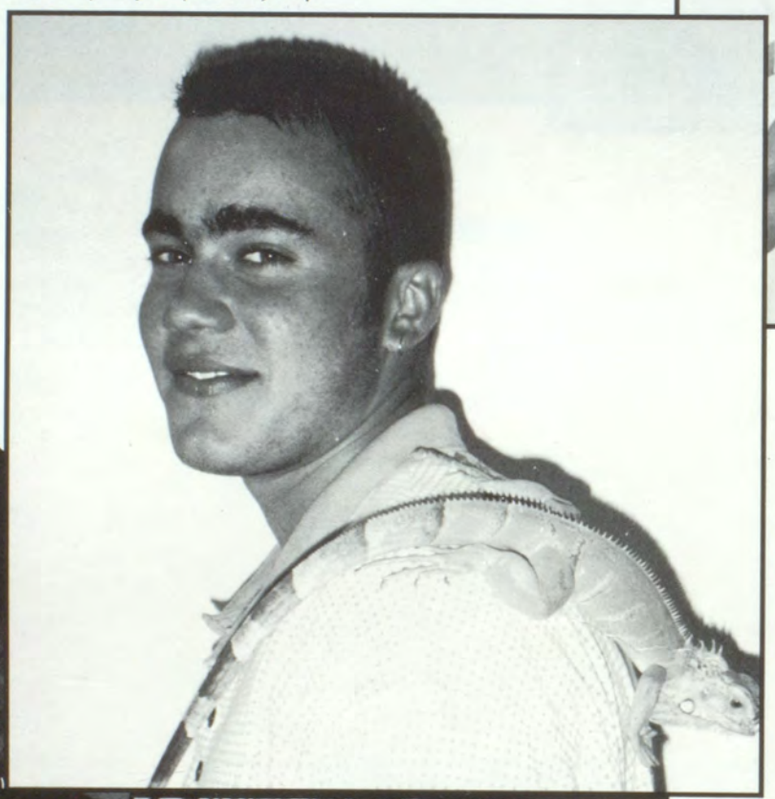
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Man's Pets Best Friend

Dogs aren't mans only best friend anymore. Many students have different and unusual pets; from lizards, to parrots, to chickens. Unlike people, pets don't judge you. No matter if you are young or old, they love you unconditionally for who you are and not what you look like. In owning a pet you will have a lifelong friend. They are there to snuggle, cuddle and brighten your day. "There is something in the unselfish and self-sacrificing love of a brute, which goes directly to the heart of he who has had frequent occasion to test the paltry friendship and gossamer fidelity of mere man" (Edgar Allen Poe).











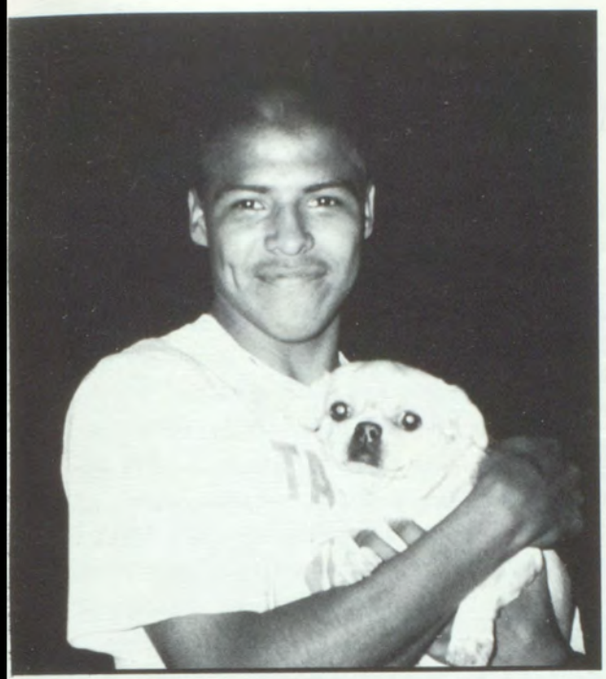


Strike a pose!!! Lance Thornton stops to take a quick picture with his baby Molly.

Hey chick! Autumn Schneider poses with two of her baby chickens.

Give us your best side!!! Butch shows off his favorite pet Travis Rozacky.

It's supper time. Patrick Richter poses while feeding his emus.









Sara Simmons and Hannah take time out of the day to play a quick game of fetch.



Here kitty, kitty. Alison Enochs cuddles with her two cats Mat and Catherine.



Laurie Cmerek cheeses hard with her frog Bud.

Squeel! Reagan Schroeder and his pig practice for an upcomming show.

Smile for the camera! Jack Garcia and Dookie show their dimples.

Friends
Read the Book

Try for a moment to imagine your friend as a book. A person, made up of many things, a book made up of many chapters. Check the table of contents on your friend... Chapter one--caring and trusting...Chapter two--fun and a person to hang out with...and Chapter three--Rainbows and Home-made pickles.

On page one, in bold print, the word "caring" appears. A friend is a person who cares about you, a person aware of your feelings. At he bottom of the same page, one will find the word "trust", a popular theme throughout any book of friendship. A friend is a person you can trust, a person to whom you can safely tell your secrets. Yours is the only valid library card when it comes to checking out your confidences. In capter two of your friend you will find the guidelines of what a friend should be...fun! With whom do you spend hours and hours just hangin' out? With whom do you spend all night just chatting and having fun? Your friend. Like a book, your friend is always there. Have you ever met a book you just couldn't put down, so you read it until three in the morning, when you finally finished. And, have you ever had a friend with whom you just talked and talked until three in the morning when your mom told you to get off the phone? A friend, like a book, is an infinite source of fun. When you have nothing else to do, a friend, or a book, will always be there. In chapter three you discover the things that make your friendship unique. When one asks different people what they think of when they hear the word, "friend", they will respond by saying many different things. From rainbows, to homemade pickles, to a radish, every friendship has something special in it, something that gives it a distinction form other friendships. With any good book, as with any good friendship, you are almost guaranteed to cry, laugh, and wait with anxious anticipation for the next time you meet.

You can already see what a wonderful book your friend truly is, and still, there is so much left unread. So, if you will, for I'm sure you can, don't close this book, just keep reading, it gets better.



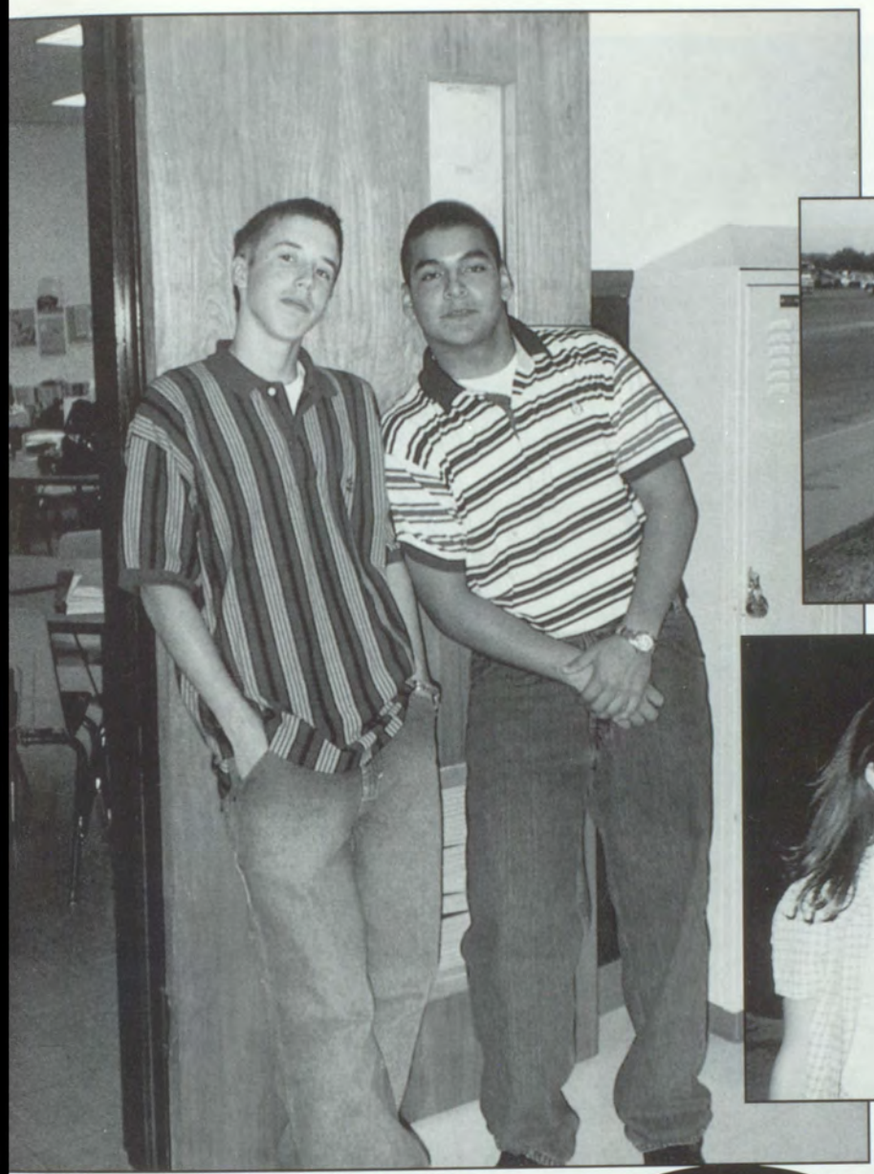








Mr. Attitude. Guy Oliphint and Eric Ariola are two friends in the running.
Closed Campus...What? Seniors JJ Sanches, Frankie Agundis and Chris Gonzales chill together on campus at lunch.
Peace brother! Juniors Andrea Wilson and Vidal Pina show that hippies can be friends too.















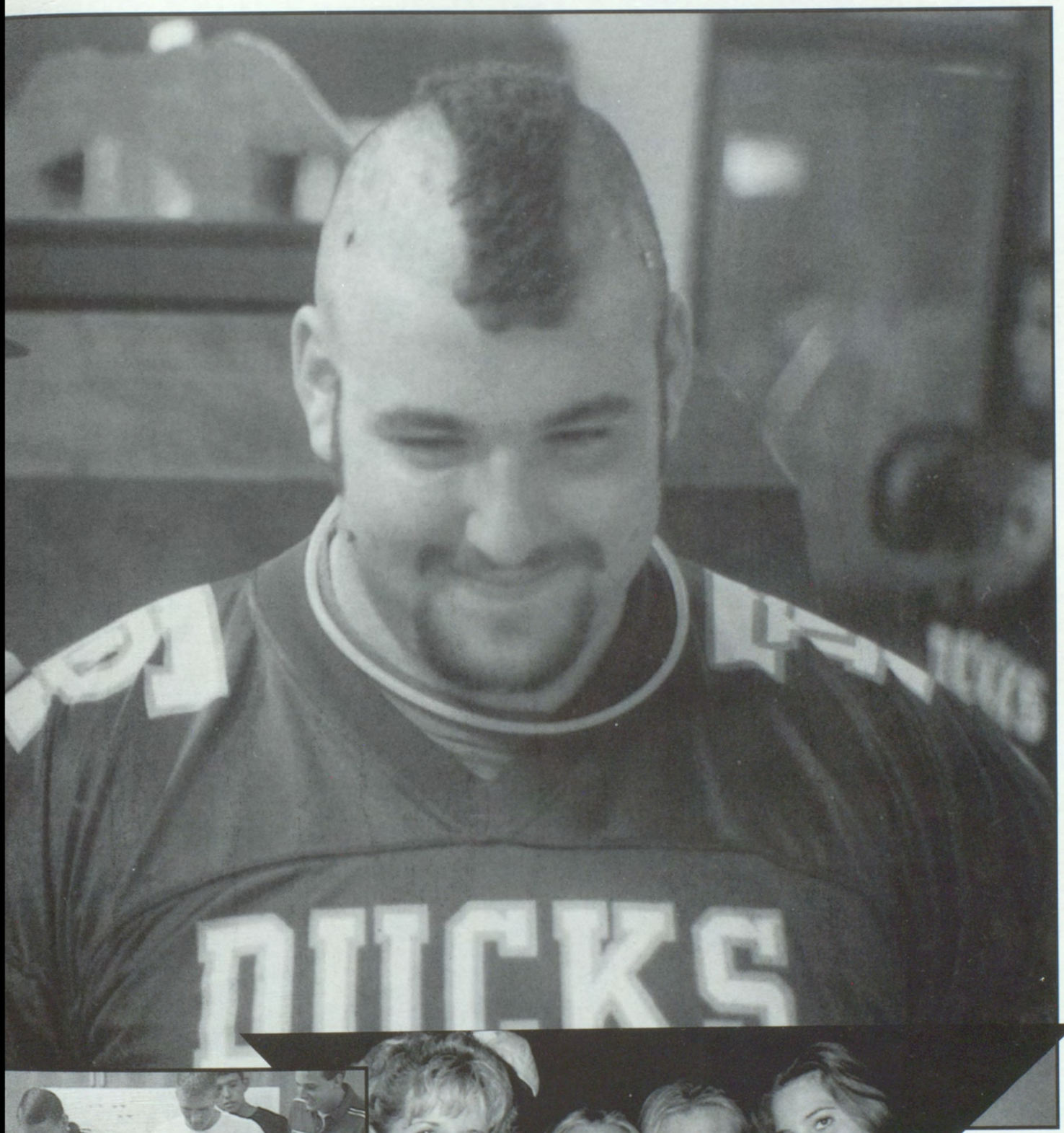


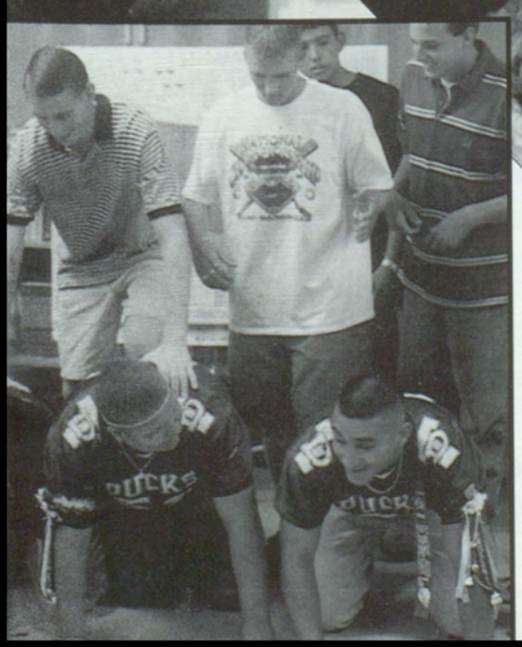
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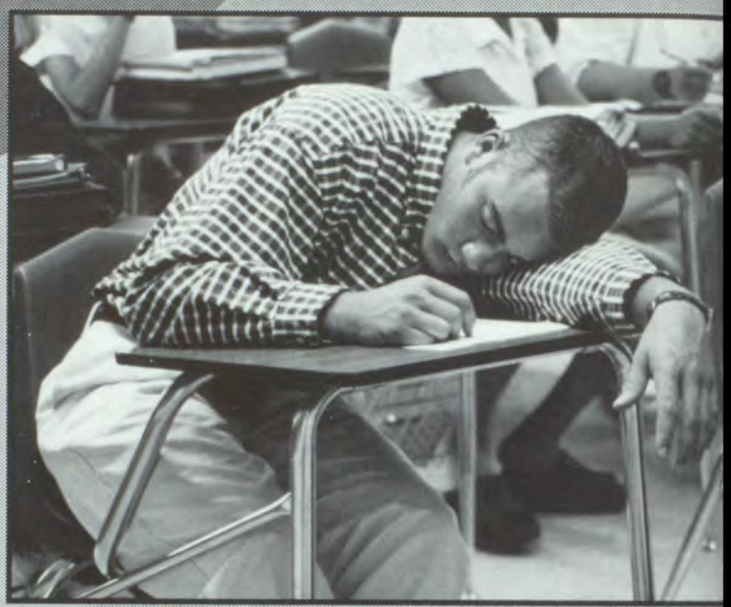


Juniors

Class of

As we started off on our junior year, we anticipated a year full of hard work. Braving our way through the bunches of classes would be no easy task, but together we could do it. Things always got rocky when Mrs. Parsons' research papers were due, and as always, Mrs. K's daily grades and quizzes kept us in a turmoil. Then we faced the prom preparations. The work help wasn't always great, but we had a blast with the few people that helped. Next is the savage SAT and ACT tests. We hope that the studying and preparations pays off.

All in all, we have learned a lot and although we know this year has put us through some very difficult times, we have had a lot of fun and made lots of memories. We've definitely made an imprint on THS forever, and with only one more year left, we plan on leaving with a flourish.



Darryl Ackerman
Edward Alderete
Solomon Alderete



Mauno Arias
Eric Ariola
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Jarod Balusek



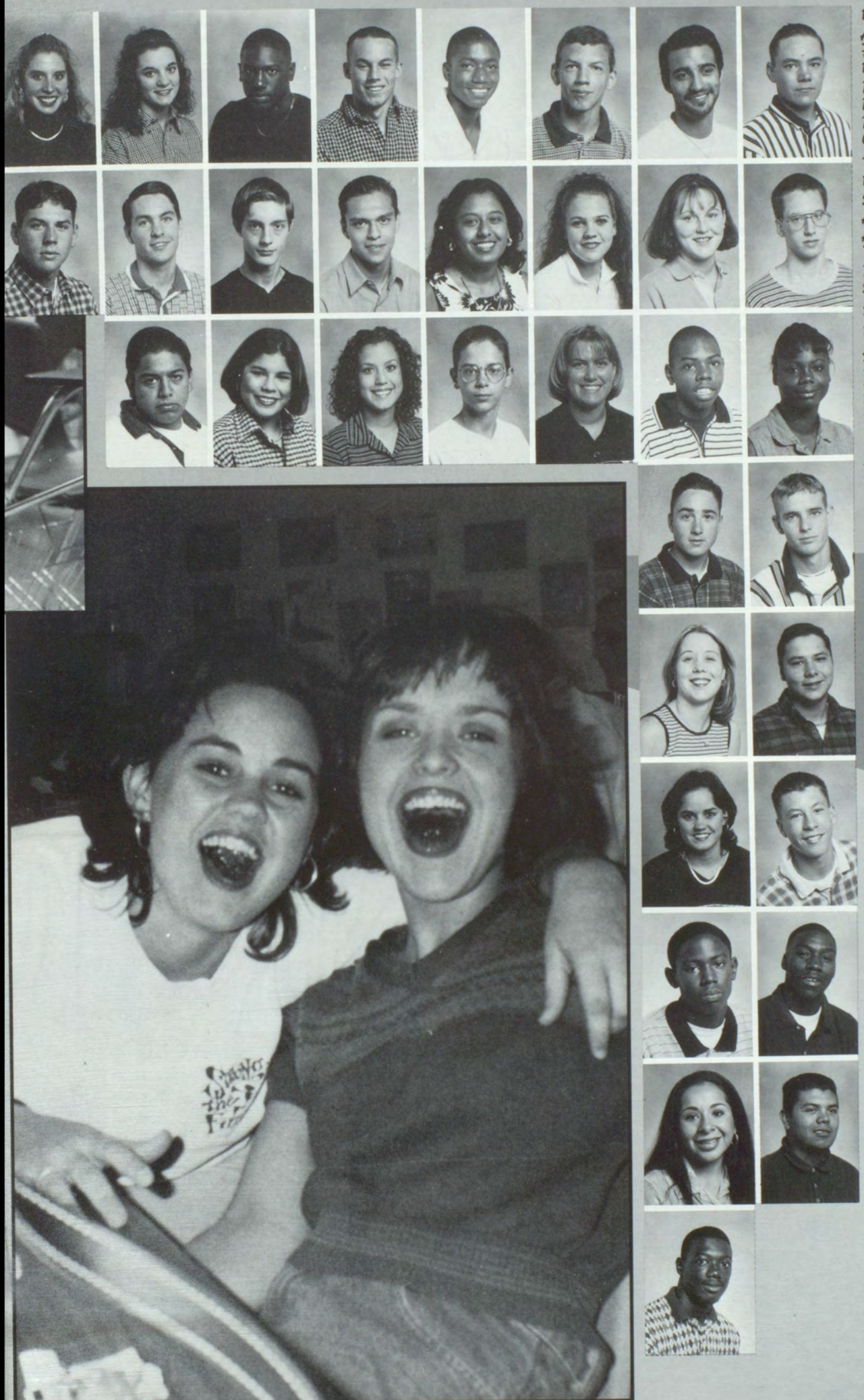
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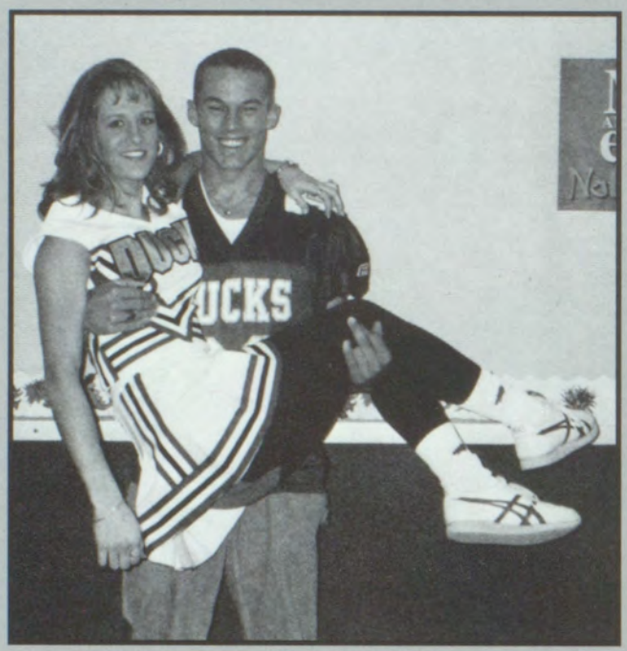
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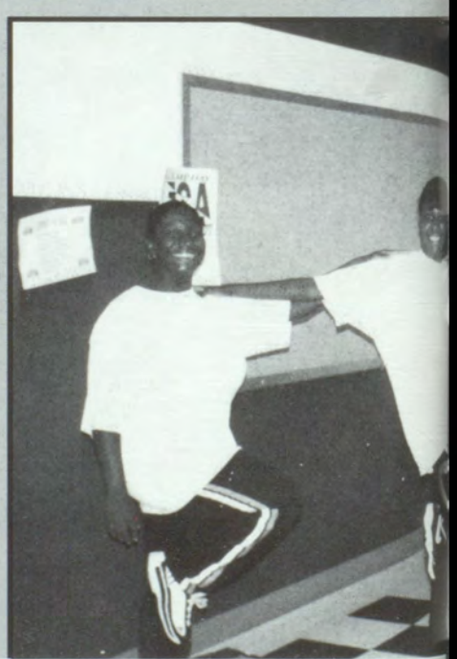


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Sophomores
Class of 2000

The class of 2000 leaped feet first into the new year with high aims to succeed as sophomores. We were no longer "Fish," as we strove for the future. This year brought many changes, including "The Freedom of the Road," with our license. We also received the privelege of leaving campus for lunch, unlike the "Fish." After facing the two extremes of LAAS, and PSAT, we are proud to say we survived it. As our sophomore year ended, we looked forward to being known as upper classmen.



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Anna Alderete
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Leroy Aleman
Geraldo Alvarez



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James Ashley
Torsten Auerbach
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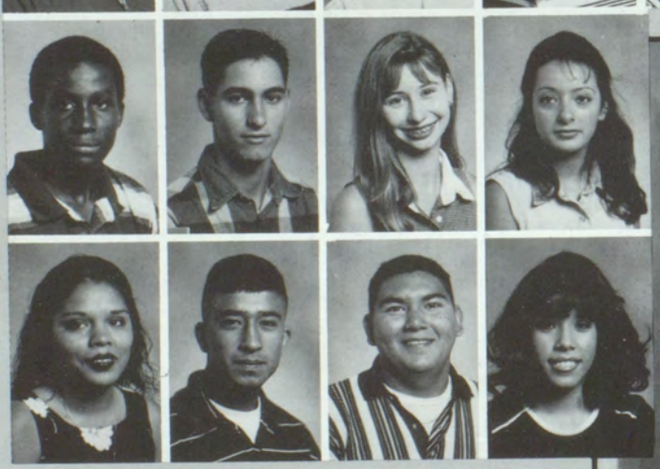




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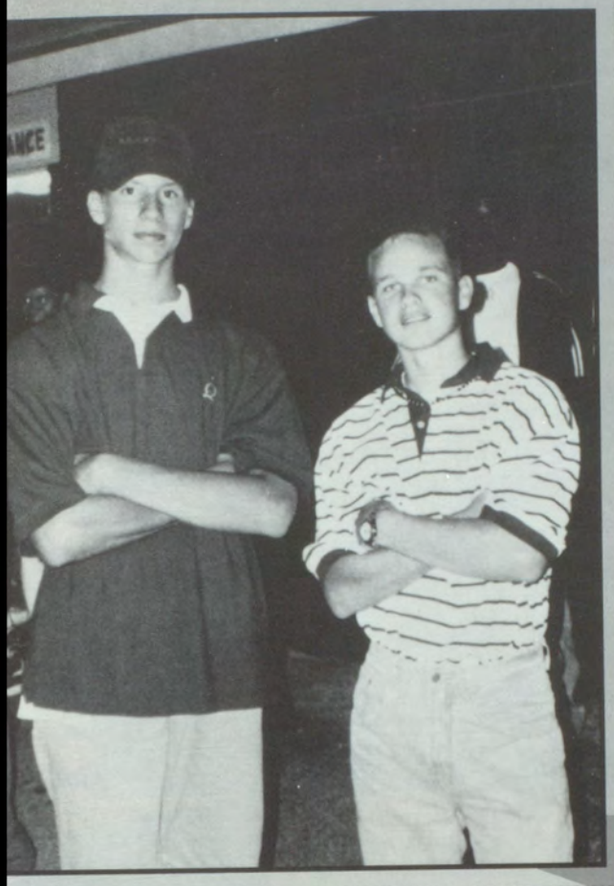
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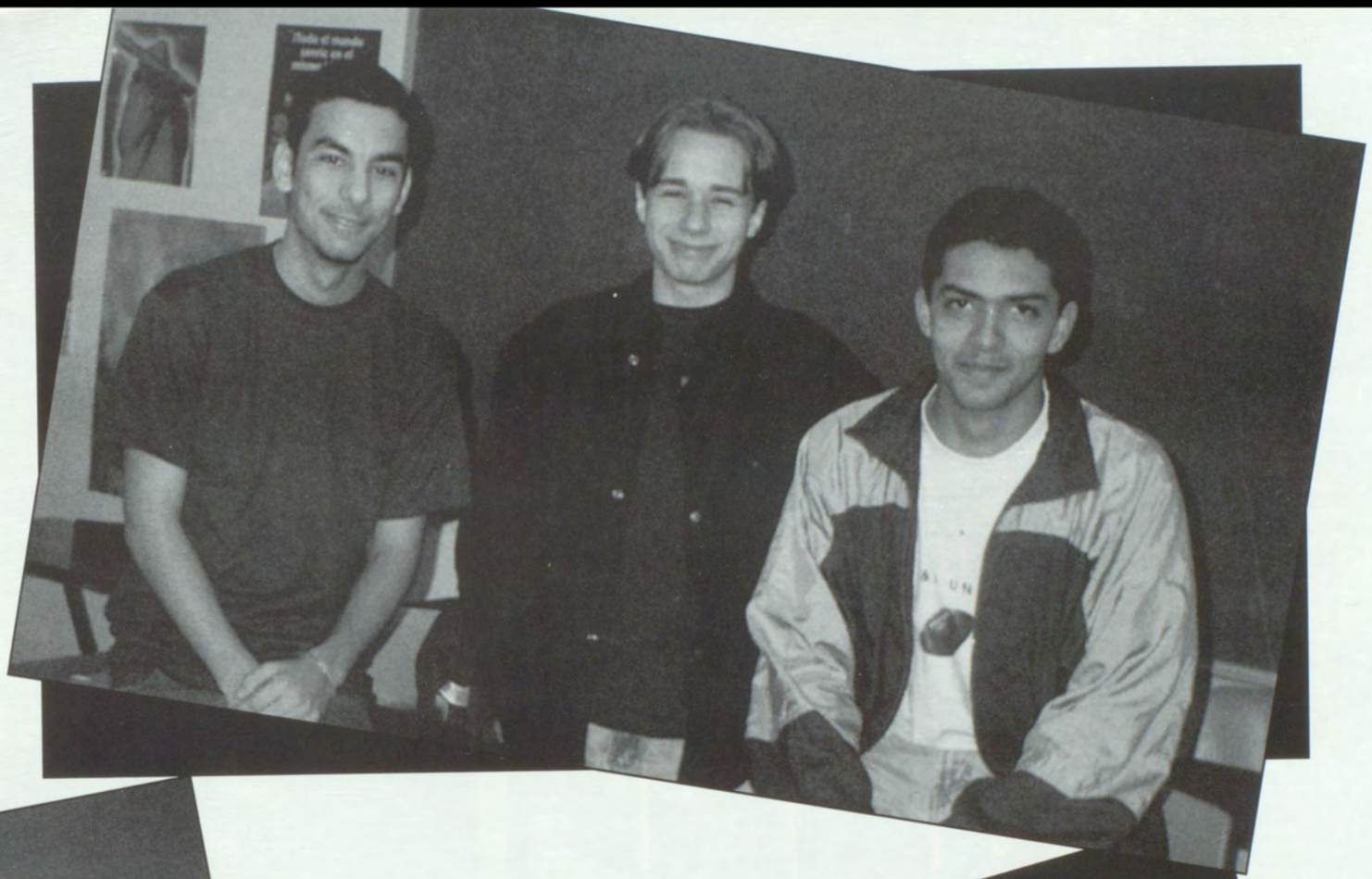
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A Taste of the World
-We Love Exchange Students-

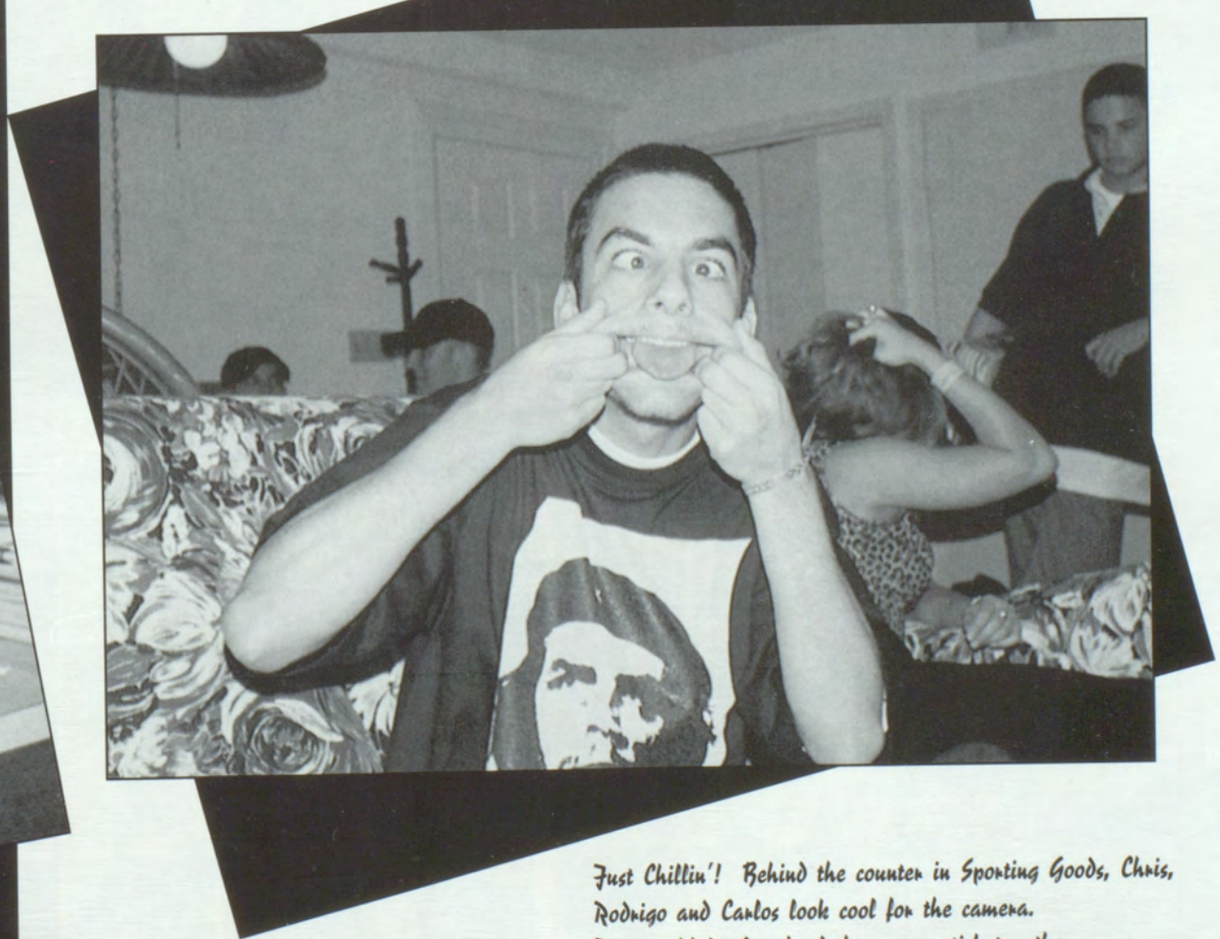
Taylor loves exchange students! Every year our school is blessed with the arrival of new exchange students - but every year it's a little different. One year it might be a Polish person, another a French girl, or perhaps a Brazilian (we almost always get a Brazilian). This year we were sent two, Christiano Souza and Rodrigo Daniel. If one was to ask them why Taylor receives so many people from Brazil, they would probably both answer, "because Taylor loves Brazilians." It also might be because so many over the years have loved Taylor. Along with Chris and Rodrigo, we also were visited by Carlos. Carlos Cunca is from Spain and lived with the Campbells along with Chris. Rodrigo's hosts were the Suttons. Yes, Mrs. Sutton the Chemistry teacher and Mr. Sutton, Middle School Principal.

These three guys effortlessly fit in at our school, going to most sports events and being involved in activities. They were considered nice guys by everyone they knew and they were always a lot of fun to be around. It is only unfortunate that their stay is confined to just one year.









Just Chillin'! Behind the counter in Sporting Goods, Chris, Rodrigo and Carlos look cool for the camera.
Inseperable! At school these guys stick togather.
Exchange Studnet Silly! Carlos acts goofy...watch out, you might get stuck like that.

Freshmen
Class of 2001

Successful (adj) - victorious, unbeaten, undefeated, prize-winning

If one word could describe this year's freshman class it would probably be successful.

Our first success came when we earned over $550 on our first high school fund-raiser. As the year progressed, we achieved even more. Members of the freshman class worked together to build a first place Homecoming float with eight of our Herculean hunks carrying "King Duck" on a litter and dragging the Bunnet Bulldogs behind! Even though this was our first high school Homecoming, we definitely got in the spirit at the pep rally and showed our creativity.

As if all of this wasn't enough, a month later we proved ourselves again when our Christmas tree won the contest and came out on top. Of course, we did have some help from our sponsors Mrs. Foley and Mrs. Moehnke who decorated it with burgundy and gold ornaments had plaid ribbon. After the contest the tree was donated to a needy family.

But after looking back at our freshman year, not only at the fun we had but also the pitfalls and dilemmas, surviving it seems like the greatest success of them all! Perhaps what Robert Louis Stevenson said can apply to the class of 2001:

That man is a success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who leaves the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem or rescued soul; who never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who looked for the best in others and gave the best he had.

Christina Agundiz
Amy Alderete
Anna Alderete
Monica Alderete





Rebecca Alderete
Cynthia Aleman
Greg Alford
Alexander Anderson



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Chris Auerbach
Michelle Avila
Aaron Bachmeyer



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Vanesa Bullard
Colbey Bullock
Ryan Burkhalter



Amber Byfield
Leah Caldwell
Mark Cantrell
Ruben Cantu
Angie Canzales
Chad Cervenka
Tammy Cervenka











Coratta Cleveland
Jason Conner
Jennifer Cook
Nalitha Cook



Bobby Cowan
Juan Cruz
Chandler Dabbs
Jade Daenzer



Crystal Daniel
Alisha David
Lamont Davis
Earley Deary



Shakira Deary
Gregory Demps
Dominick Devastey
Angelica Diaz



Anna Dominguez
David Duncan
Trey Dunn
Jason Edwards
Peter Ellis
Stephen Emmick



Elisa Estrada
Becky Estrada
Michael Evans
Kristen Farmer
Josh Fennell
George Fiegel



Willie Fields
Antonio Fitzgerald
Nicholas Flannery
Martha Flores
Traci Floyd



Anne Foley
Brandy Ford
Christina Ford
Chris Fox
Maria Fraire



Nichole Frazier
Nathan Gamble
Jessica Garcia
Lori Garcia
Maria Garcia

Ramiro Garcia
Margaret Garry
Lisa Garza



Veronica Garza
Christopher Gayton
Tobias Gayton



Jermaine Gipson
Brook Gomez
Larry Gonzales



Veronica Gonzales
Evelyn Good
Jennifer Grady





Justin Graef
Micah Grau
D'Neshia Griffin
Fred Griffin
Heather Gaudiola
Lindsay Harbers
Wesley Heil
Monica Hernandez



Jesse Herrera
Nicole Holder
Jim Hopkins
Travis Huber
Louie Jahn
Emily Johnson
Katana Johnson
James Jonas



Keitha Jones
Lathesa Jones
Pedro Juarez
Caleb Kilborn
Derek Klepac
Meghan Klotz
Dustin Kruse
Stacy Kruse

Joe Lara



















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Rebecca Lewis
James Littlejohn
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Marcelino Lopez
Stacy Lopez
Tracy Machu
Sean Mack

Rebecca Magana
Brandi Martinez
Debbie Martinez
Ernest Martinez
Marissa Martinez
Mike Martinez
Patsy Martinez
Jesus Martinez-Lopez

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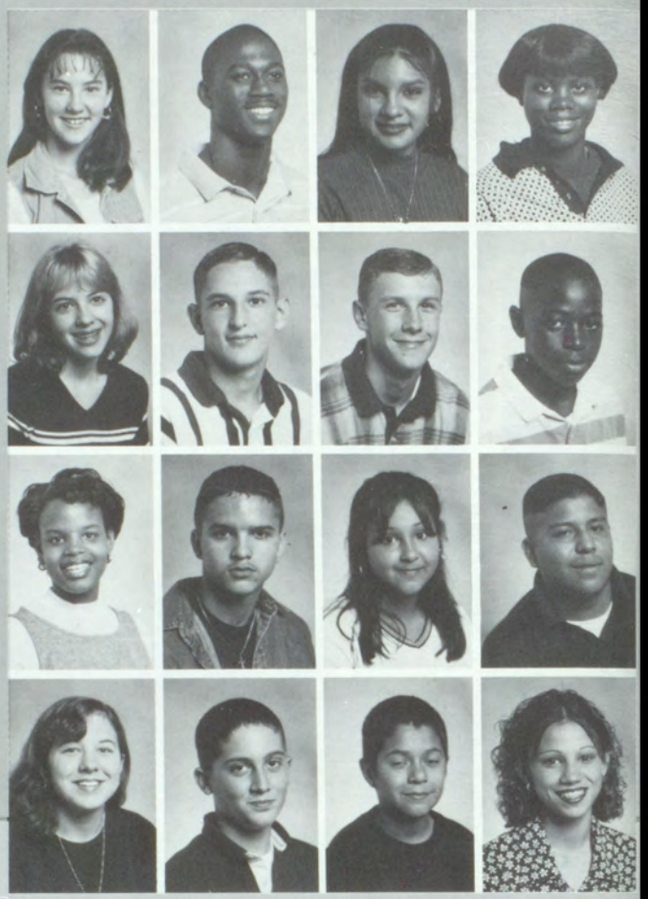
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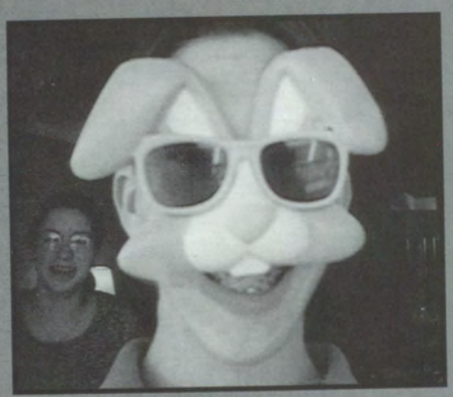






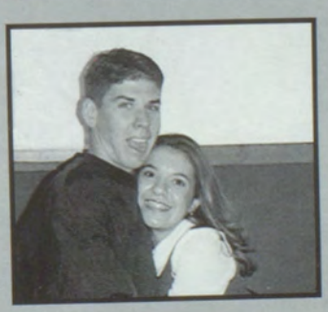


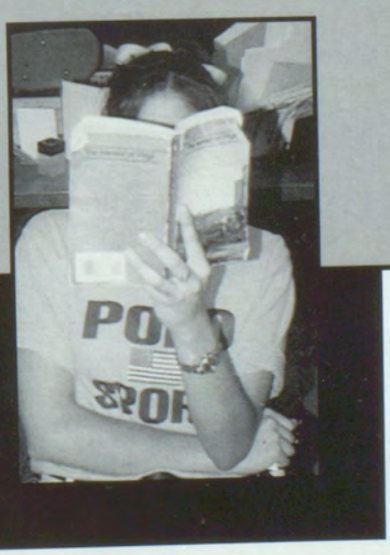










Faculty

There aren't many people that get the chance to touch our lives as profoundly as our teachers. They help us grow as people. They have been there and done that. Even though we were just positive they didn't know what they were talking about we eventually understood that their life experiences could teach us many valuable lessons. Teachers never got the respect they deserved, but now that we are looking back, we see that they always wanted what was best for us. Now is when we begin to appreciate and respect everything they did for us; it is now that we say, "thank you." The faculty of THS in 1998 was one of the best ever. They helped us deal with much change. They touched our lives in a way that totally shaped our futures, it is only now that we understand.



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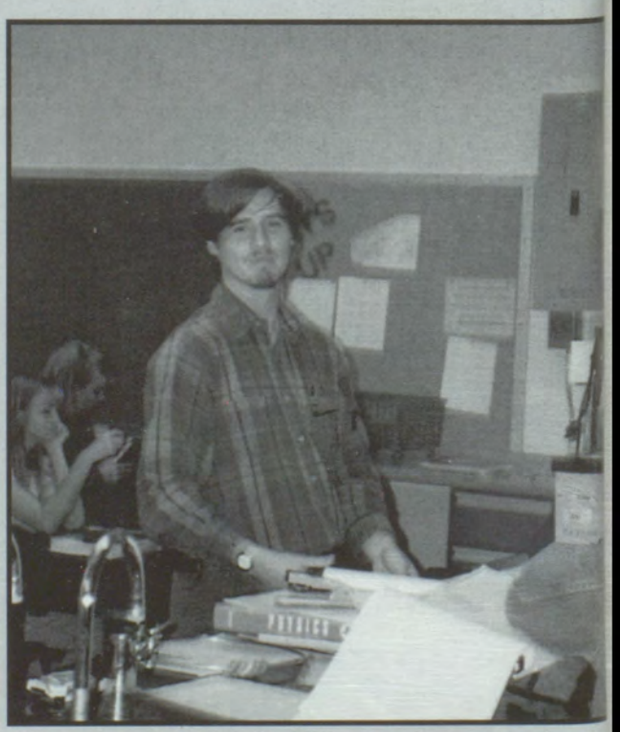


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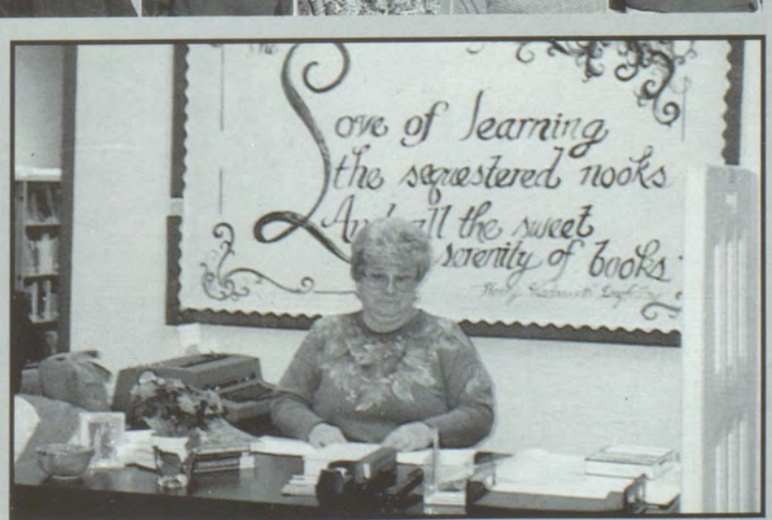





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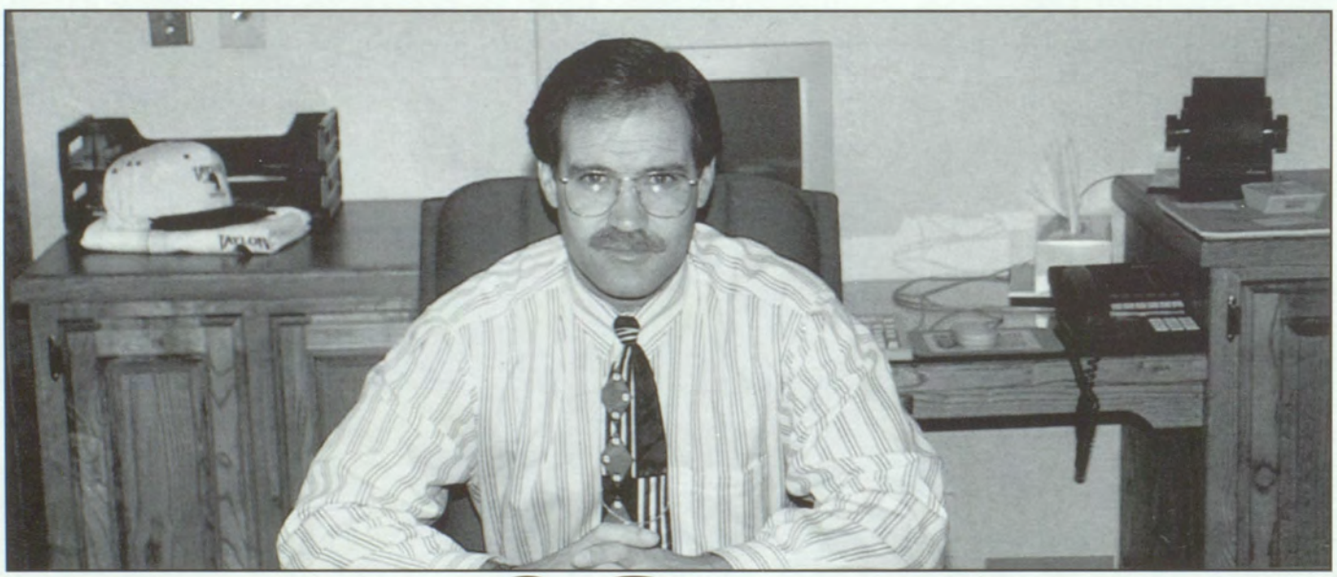
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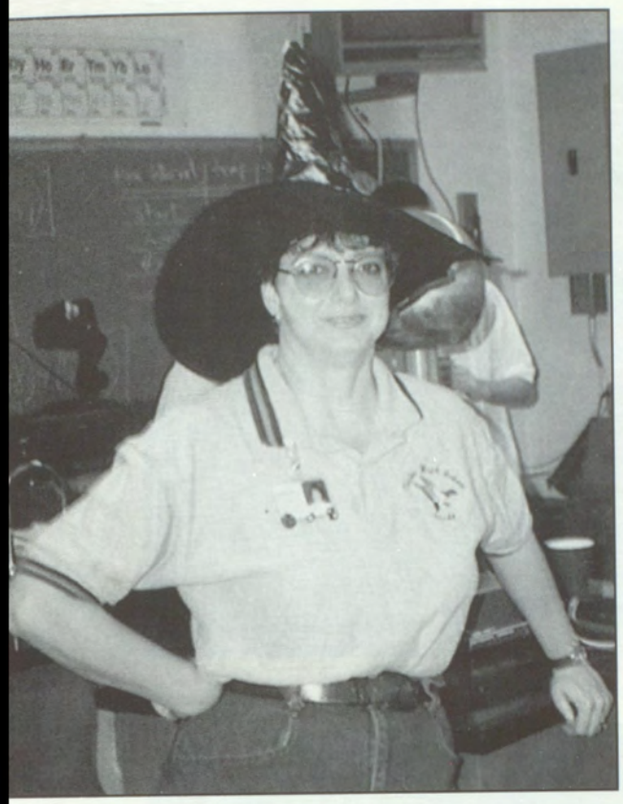


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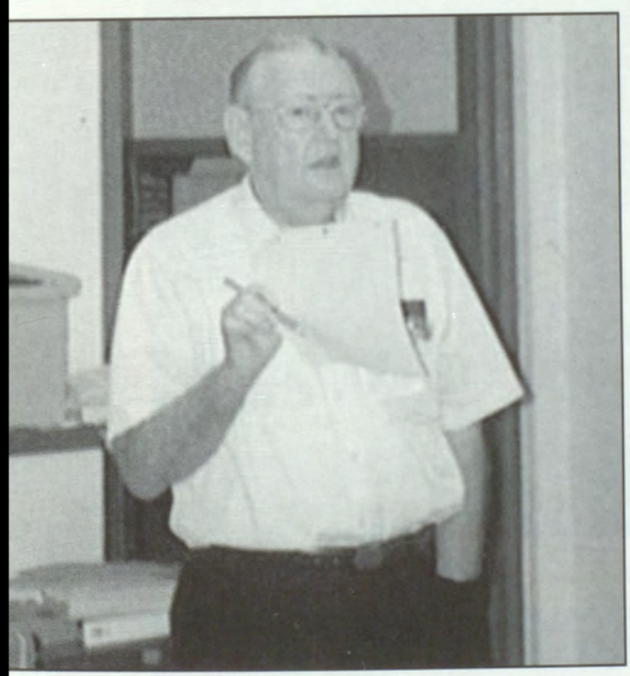


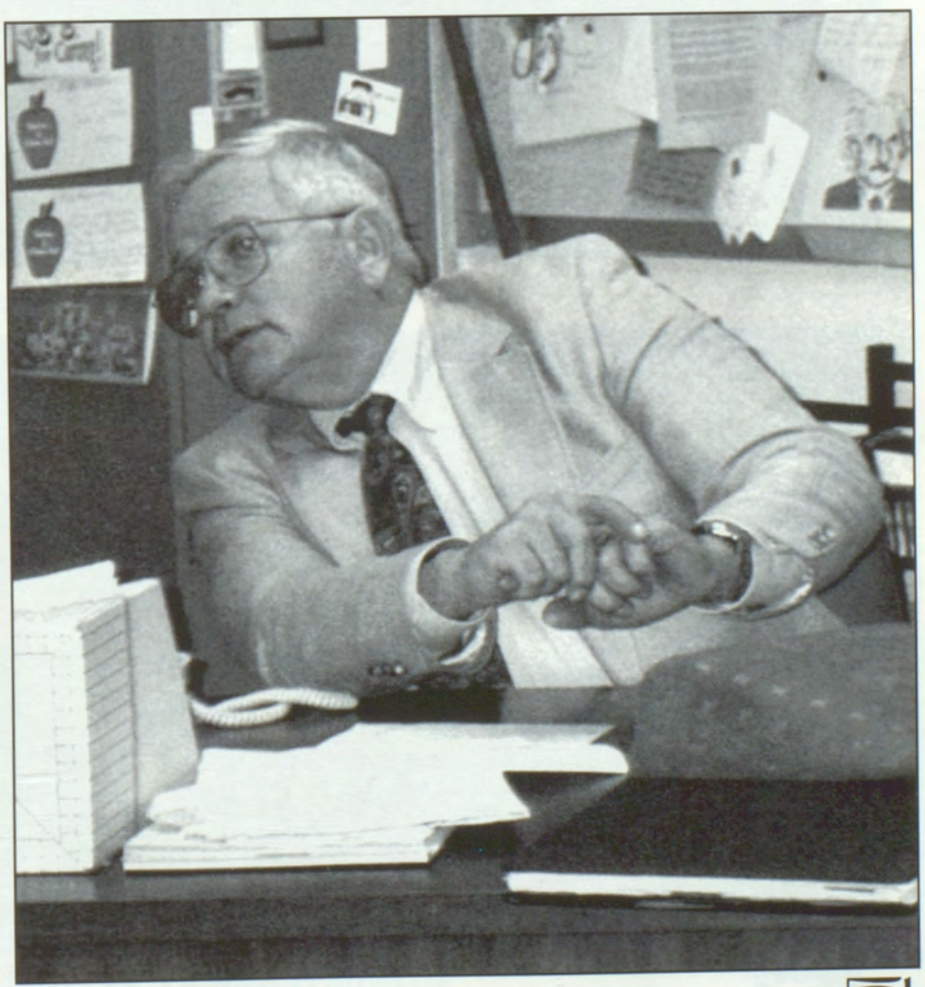
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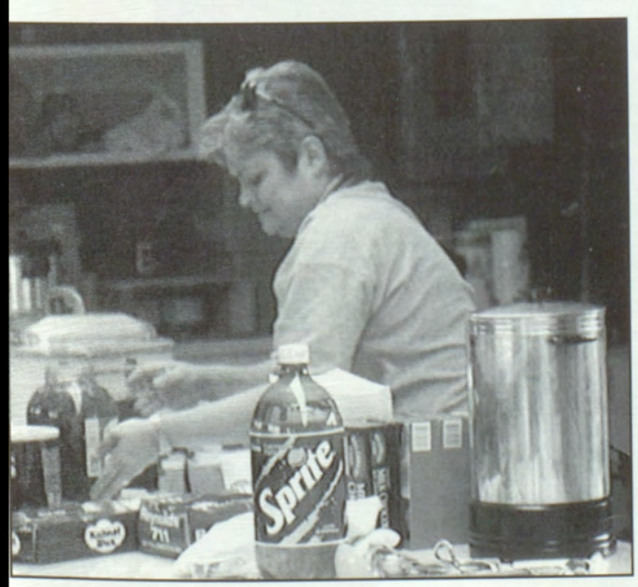
(Front row l-r) Griffin Teggerman, Dr. Ron Wenner, Lupe Torres, Barbara Dale (Assistant Superintendent), Eddie Tealer.
(Back row l-r) Gary Patterson (Superintendent), James Marek, James "Bo" Stiles, Arnold Cuba.










Sprite

Remember When?

Yeah, we stole this idea and even a few of these remember whens from the Cotton Boll but everyone seems to like them and I don't think Mr. Powell will mind.

Remember When...

...Dances at the Jaycees Hut in Middle School

...Parker pens were a must have.

...Me so Stupid

...Jeff's party in eighth grade

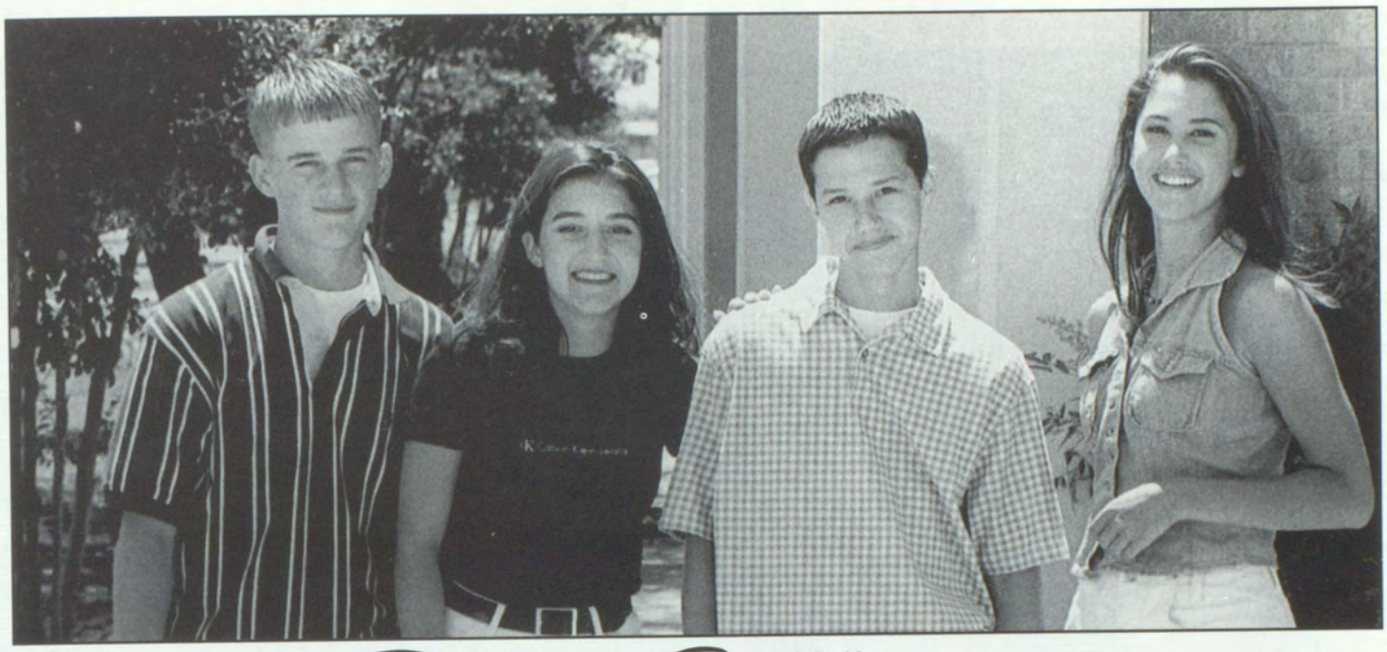
...Intramurals

...The party at the pavillion was crashed

...The Pretzel at Sandy Lake

...Yeti

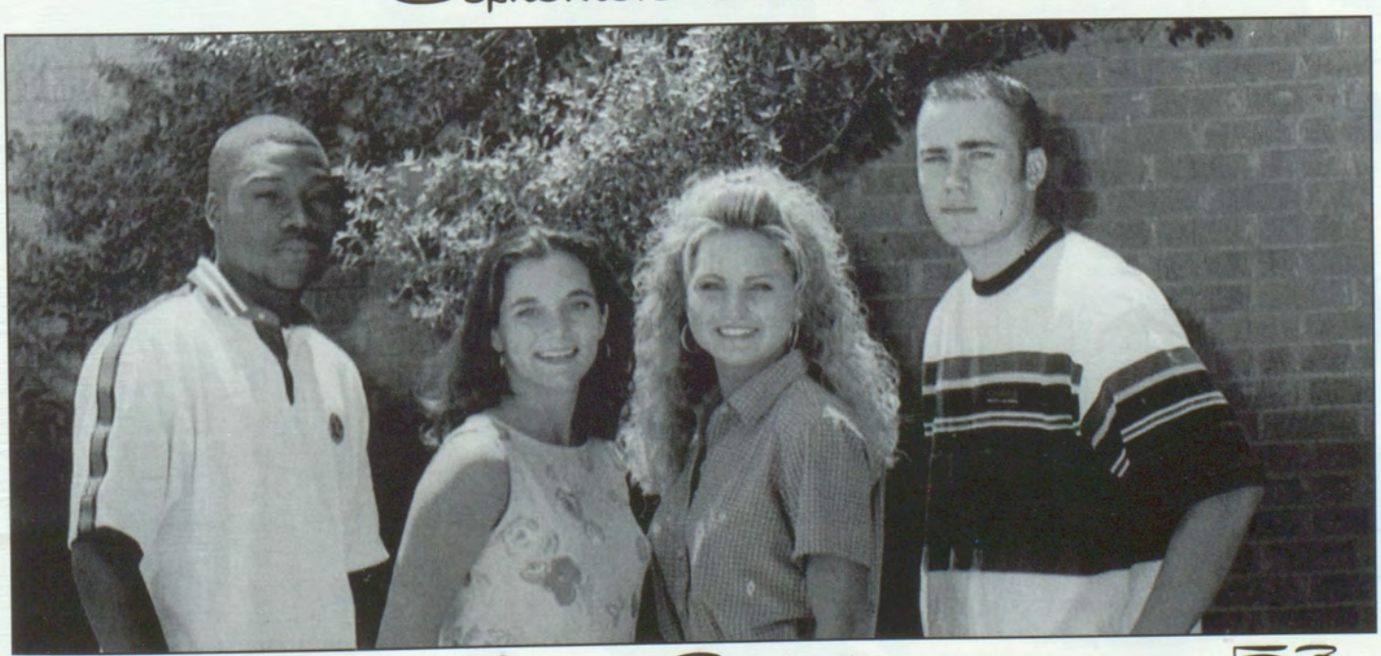
Hey, I'm not going to pretend to know all of the good remember whens so here's some room for you to add your own.



Freshmen Goodfellows



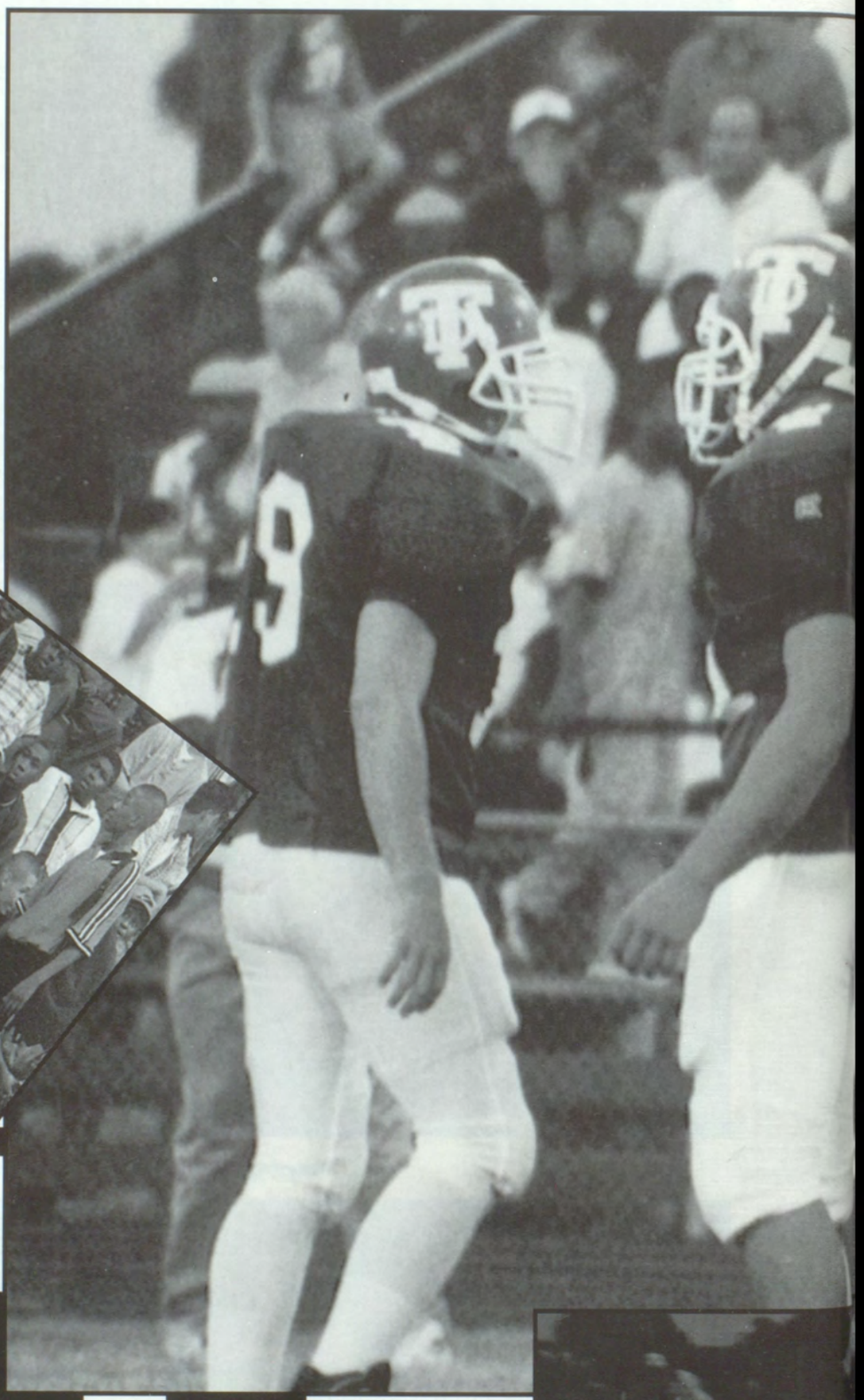
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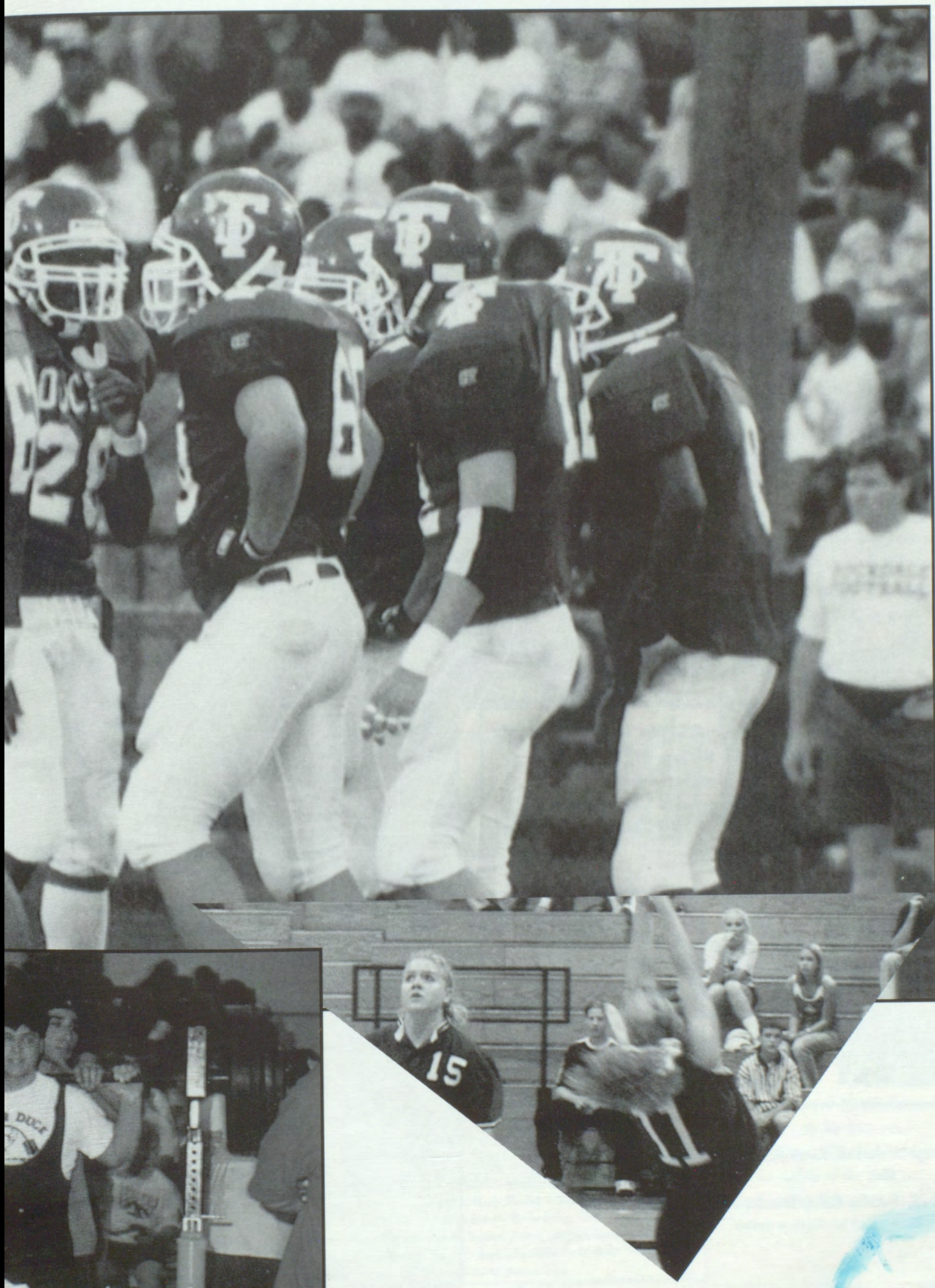
Junior Goodfellows

Replaying the Season









Football

Football has always been an American pastime, but at Taylor High School it was more than that, it was a tradition. The Taylor football program not only served as an outlet for the young player's energy and skill, but as a center point for the community's involvement and fellowship with one another. "Football" was more than a word; it meant Homecoming, team spirit, and most of all, school pride. Unlike any other extracurricular activity at Taylor, Football united the entire student body as one. Cheerleaders lead the frantic crowds in intimidating cheer, moms pointed proudly onto the field at their sons and daughters, and fathers and coaches alike quickly planned the next quarter's strategies. This year our team struggled through a lot of adversity, but never quit. There were a lot of injuries that hurt us and our back up people stepped up to fill the holes. Our defense stayed tough throughout the year and kept most of the games close. Overall it was a good experience for the entire team.





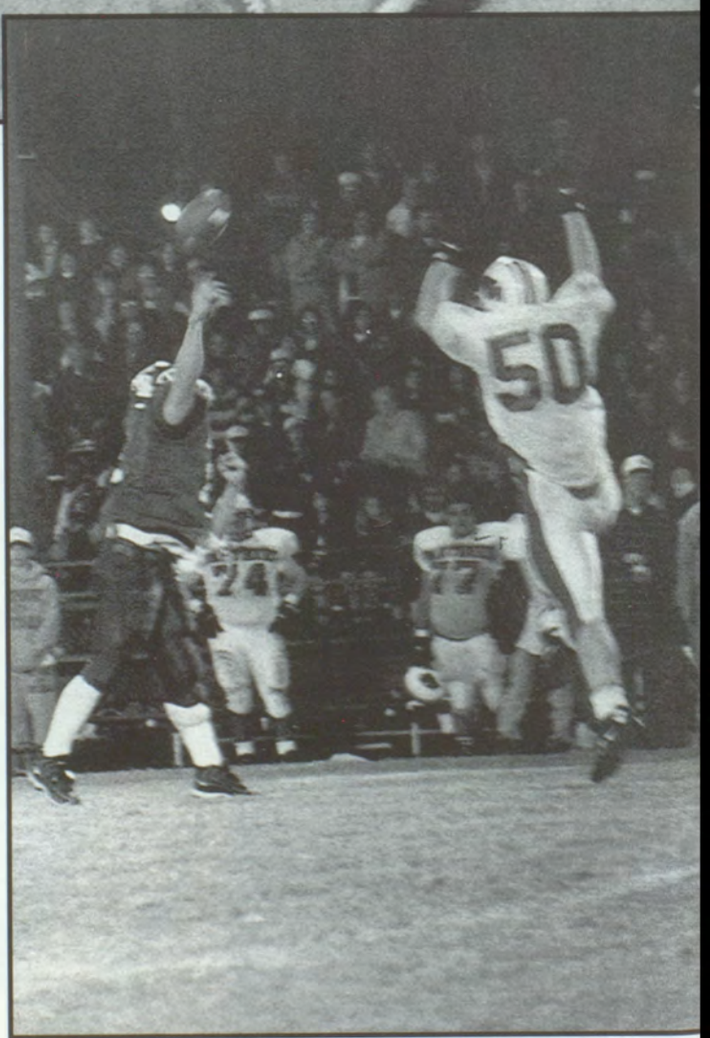
Even though we didn't make the playoffs this year, we did play tough together as a team. Overall we had a decent season.

-Joe Flores



Missing the playoffs made this season a disappointment to not only the seniors but also the whole varsity team. The team put forward a lot of hard work and we really worked together.

- Chris Caffey



↗ Keep your eye on the ball, Lance Pavlicek kicks off to start the game.

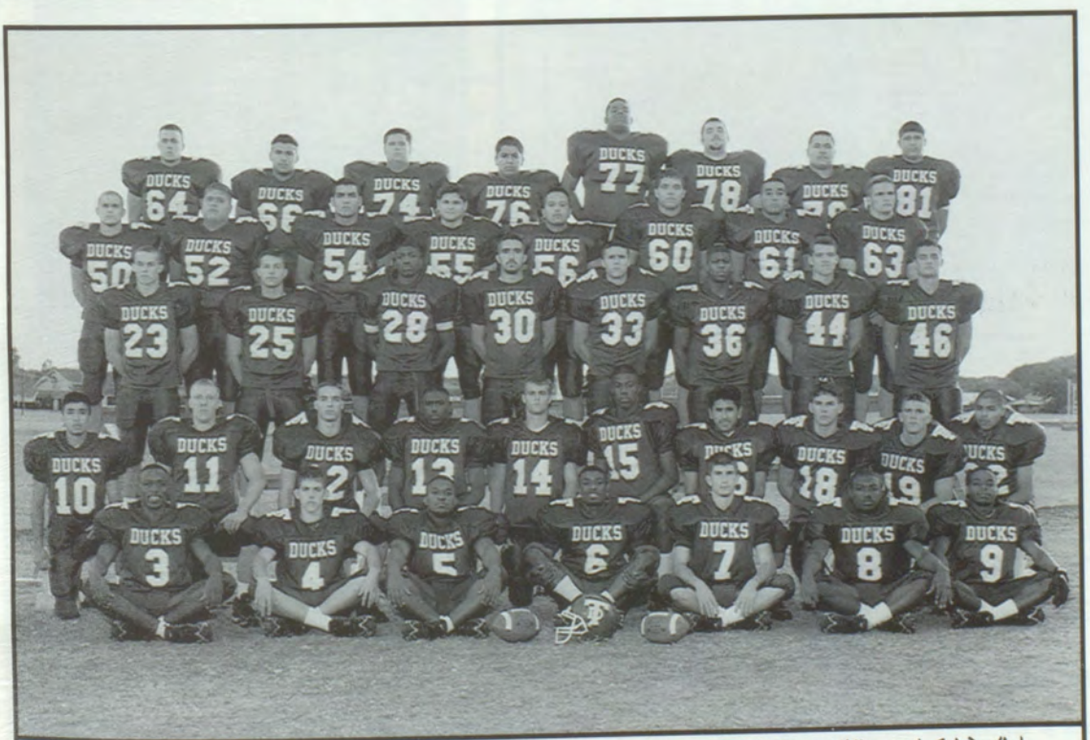
→ Just got it off, Brandon Bishop launches a pass over the defenders.











Bottom(l:r):Derek Zachary, Jason Vrana, Johnny King, Tony Wilson, Kyle Rinderknecht, Anthony Hubbard, Maurice Killingsworth, 2nd Row(l:r): Stephen Ontiveros, Brandon Bishop, Jason Naivar, Jeff Davis, Chris Caffey, Terence Bailey, Todd Eschberger, Bubba Talley, Jack Garcia, 3rd Row(l to r): Brandon Dickinson, John MaCuk, Corey Washington, John O' Campo, Marvin Robinson, Whitney Brandon, Andrew Littlejohn, Lance Pavlicek, 4th row(l to r): David Chenowith, Marty Martinez, Eric Ariola, Jeff Stefek, Adrian Martinez, Tim Hejl, Chachi Hernandez, Truett Melde, 5th row(l to r): Travis Rozacky, Joe Flores, Kevin Widmer, Juan Garcia, Quincy Andrews, Matt Johnson, Edward Aldecete, Manuel Reyes

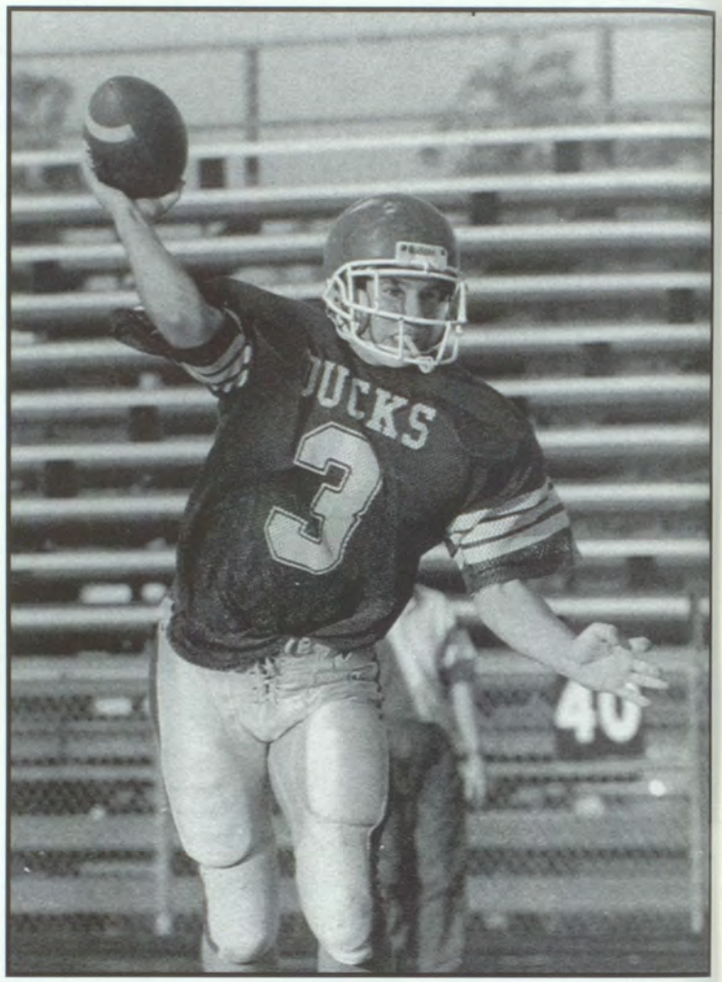
↖ Block one, two; The offensive line is getting ready to open up the holes for the running backs.

↑ What's wrong? Chachi Hernandez wishes he could help his team out.

↑↑ Here I come, Brandon Dickenson rushes up the middle of the field.

↖ Look at that hole, Anthony Hubbard makes a quick cut to get through the gap.

Football



"DOWN," the Quarterback yells, as you look into the fierce eyes of the blocker in front of you. "SET," you check down the line to make sure everything is right, "HUT!" You burst through the blocker and see the Quarterback's eyes turn to you as you knock him off his feet. You get up and look proudly into the stands as you enjoy your spot in Football Glory! This is what it's all about!

Well, with the coming of the '97 JV Football Season came immediate setbacks as they lost 9 starters from the Freshmen Team. They opened the season against Fredericksburg, but the Billies fell on the Ducks like a ton of bricks, with a score of 38-8. But, have no fear. The Ducks responded to this loss with scores of 43-14 and 33-0 over Rockdale and Del Valle. The Ducks had woken up. The JV continued throughout the season to fight hard, scoring 28.3 pts per game and allowing 23.8 pts per opponent. Overall, they went 3-1-1 in District.

The Freshmen Ducks went through the normal transitions to T.H.S. Football. Unfortunately, the Freshmen took a heavy load of losses, including Fredericksburg, Rockdale, Burnet, Waco University (we'll get 'em back...) and Waco Midway. But, as always, the Freshmen had their moments of glory over Del Valle, Austin Lanier, Waco Connally and Lampasas, and were forced to settle for a tie against Marble Falls because of a little too much rain.

Well, the statistics are in the books for '97, but we can look to next year and hope to see CHAMPIONS in the making.



1st row (L to R): Danny Ramirez, Curtis Fields, Tyrone Coleman, Don Hernandez, 2nd row (L to R): Christopher Kautz, Malachi Dilworth, Matthew Pokorney, Blake Randig, Heath Haverland, Tremon Harrell, Kenny Murray, 3rd row(L to R): Quincy Andrews, Kelly Kuhl, Jarod Stojanik, Jason Moldenhour, Fermin Aguire, Javier Garcia, Manuel Chavana, Shane Cmerek, 4th row (L to R): Daniel Martin, James Ashley, Nicholas Mokry, Justin Steffek, Joel Ayers, Geraldo Alverez, Ike Houston, Matthew Daenzer, Carlos Menchaca Not pictured: Brad Robbins, Miguel Salazer, James Massey, Paul Cunningham, William Simmions, Torsten Auerbach, Terence Johnson, Clayton Turner



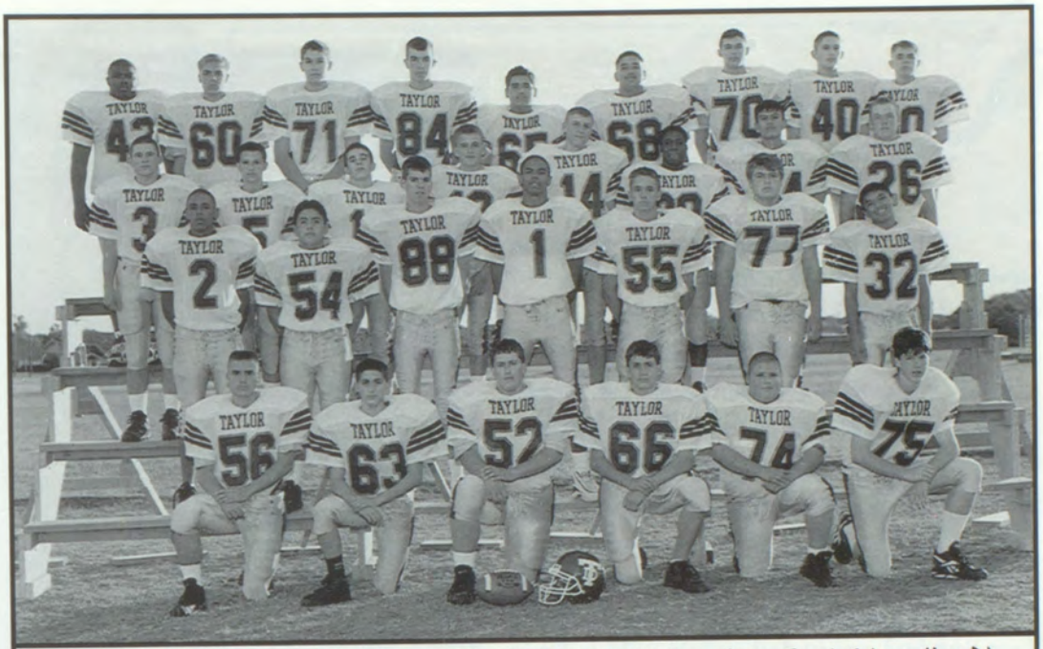


↑ Brandon Raesz launches the ball to a HOPEFULLY open receiver.

↗ "Almost got him!" Justin Steffek takes down the rival.

→ "Bursting through the sign." JV guys get ready for the game.





1st row (L to R): Justin Graef, Kyle Rydell, Jordan Schmidt, C.J. Stal, Bud Vega, George Fregel, 2nd row (L to R): Lamont Davis, Mike Martinez, James Littlejohn, Dominick Devasty, Sterling Teague, Chad Cervenka, Steven Sanchez, 3rd row (L to R): Brandon Raesz, Steven Teggeman, Britt Oliphant, Travis Huber, Josh Richter, Jermaine Gipson, Larry Garza, Chris Beckerman, 4th row (L to R): Frederick Griffin, Christopher Fox, Ruben Cantu, Wesly Heil, Arthur Pachicano, Thomas Pickerell, Derek Klepac, Carl Richter, Caleb Kilborn



"We started off with a rocky season, but we pulled together as a team to win district."

-Matt Daenzer



"Although we had our setbacks, I enjoyed the first year as a Freshmen Duck and look forward to an even better season next year."

-Chris Fox



"I had a fun year. We worked hard as a team and I can't wait until next football season."

-Tremon Harrell



"I thought we had a good season. Although we had setbacks, it came together for a great year. I look forward to a District Championship as Varsity."

-Kelly Kuhl



↖ "Kick it into high gear." Lamont Davis is speeding to complete a first down.

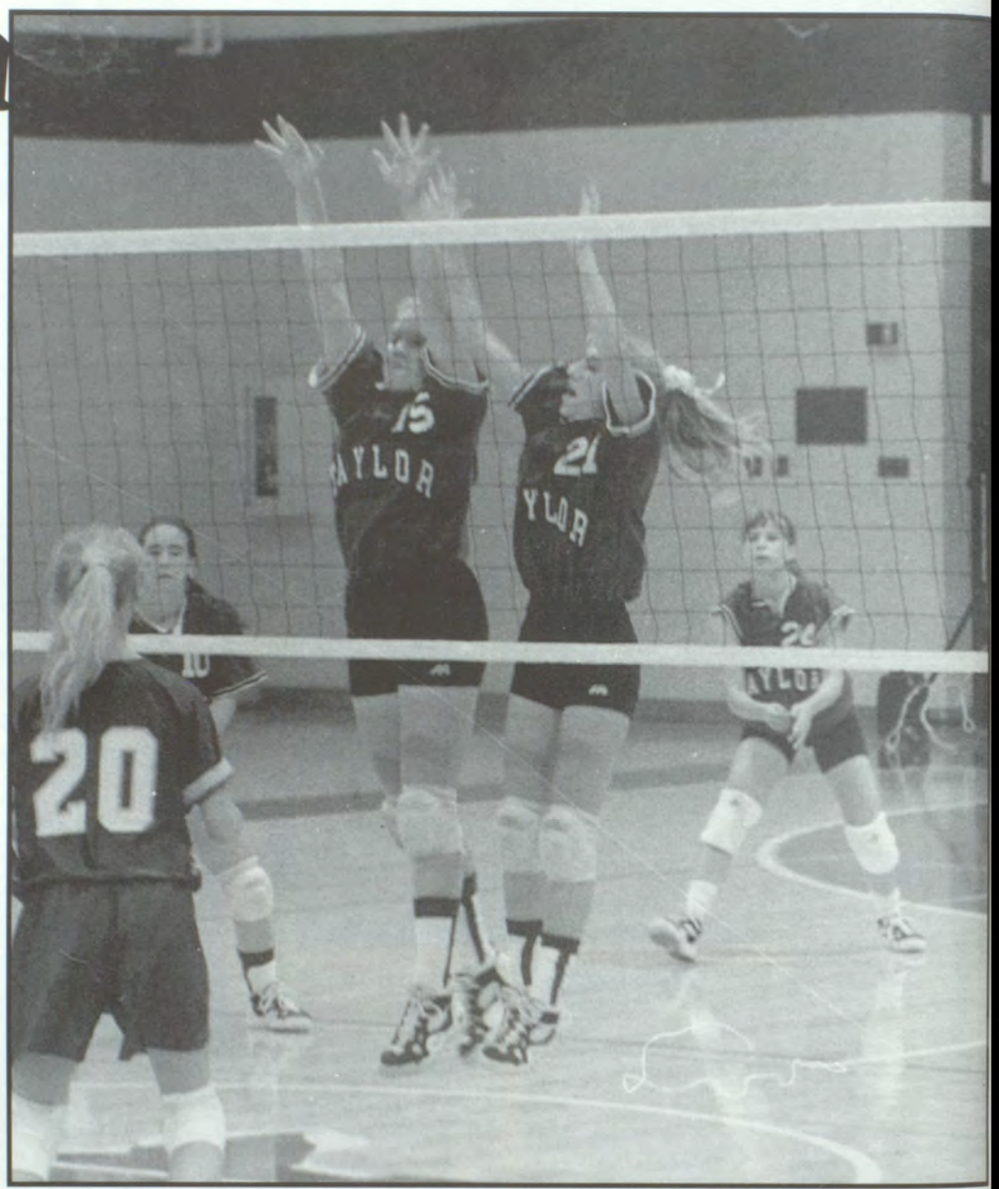
↑ Frederick Griffin is going for a good completion, surrounded by the enemy.

Volleyball

Like any other sport, Volleyball is one that requires great stamina and determination. For the 1997 squad, endurance and teamwork were hard to grasp.

The season started out on August 15, vs. Rockdale in a scrimmage which Taylor lost. Losses seemed to plague the team continuously until the Hutto Tournament in Pre-Season. Taylor knocked off Farrell (ranked #3 at the time), and took down another team before being taken by Hutto in the championship game. Coach Talavera commented to the Lady Ducks after the Farrell game, "This is the level you can compete on...and if you work hard, you can beat anybody." When district came, the Ducks continuously had trouble getting control and staying in control of the game, but then came Lampasas. Lampasas was the curb in the season that kept Taylor alive in District, but, as before, the same problems continued to trouble the Ducks, with the occasional wins and morale boosts. Finally, Taylor faced Lampasas for the last time at Lampasas and flew high over the Badgers with scores of 15-10 and 15-13.

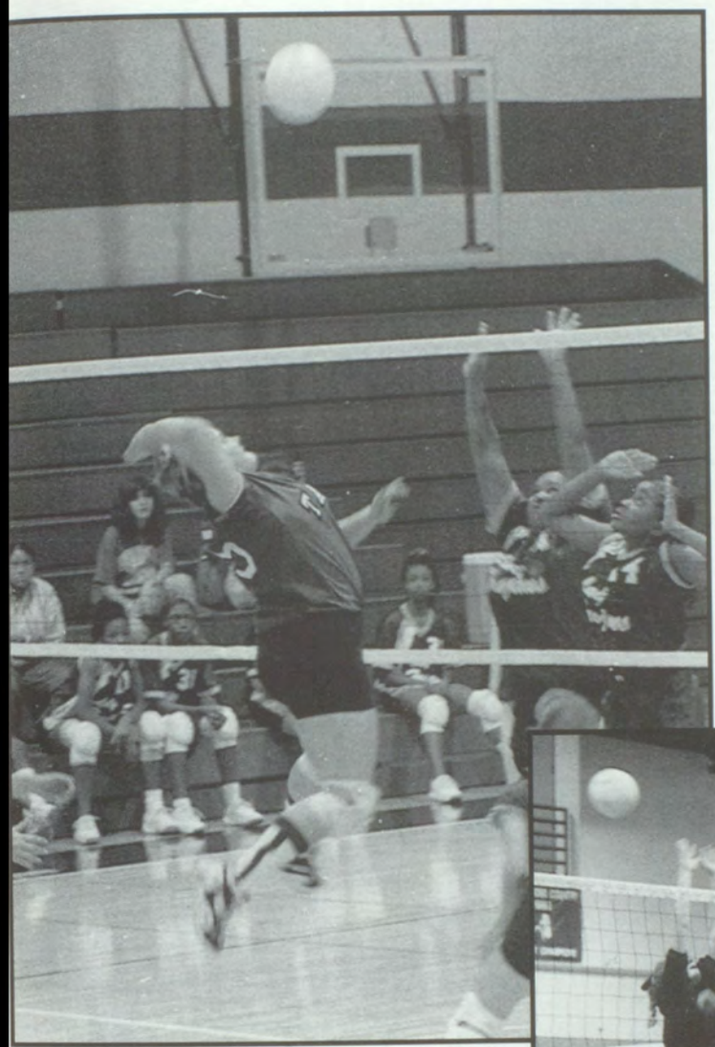
The girls learned some important lessons this season. Those include; 1) You must work together as a team, 2) Don't ever let up on the opponent until you have won, and 3) The Ducks have the potential to beat anyone, it just requires a hard fought game.







1st row (L to R): Tina Green, Beatriz Hernandez, Kylie Kerlin, 2nd row (L to R): Mgr. Nathan Dixon, Stephanie Spells, Catherine Mueck, Lauren Mikulencak, Kim Raesz, Mgr. Casey Jones, 3rd row (L to R): Carrie Jackson, April Maruska, Lindsey Gossett





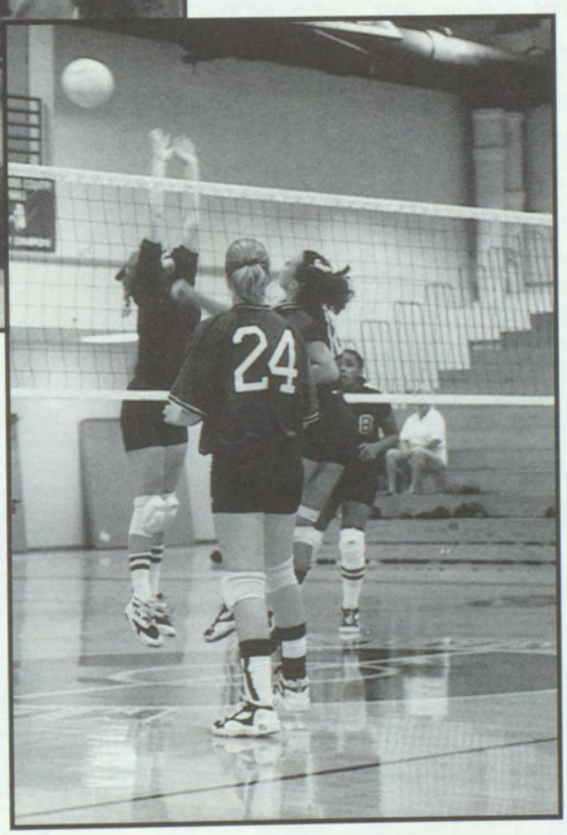
"As my final year came to a close, I was able to look back and be proud of what we had accomplished as a team."

- Kim Raesz

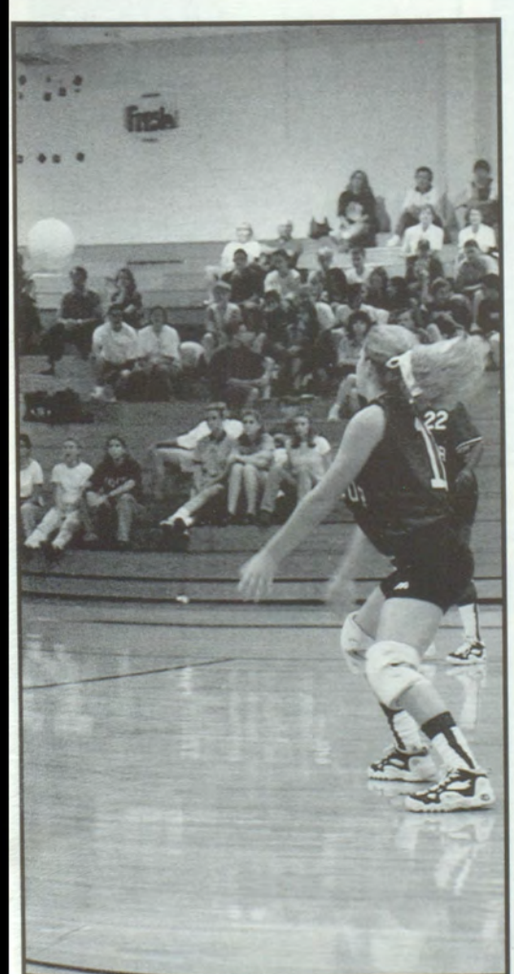


"I enjoyed this season, although we had many setbacks. With hard work and dedication, next year will be one to remember with a District Championship is not better."

-Kylie Kerlin









↖ "Pucker up...your about to kiss the ball." Kylie Kerlin gives a killer spike.

↖ Gossett tips the ball over out of the defenders reach.

↑ "Don't miss!" April Maruska hurrys to hit the ball.

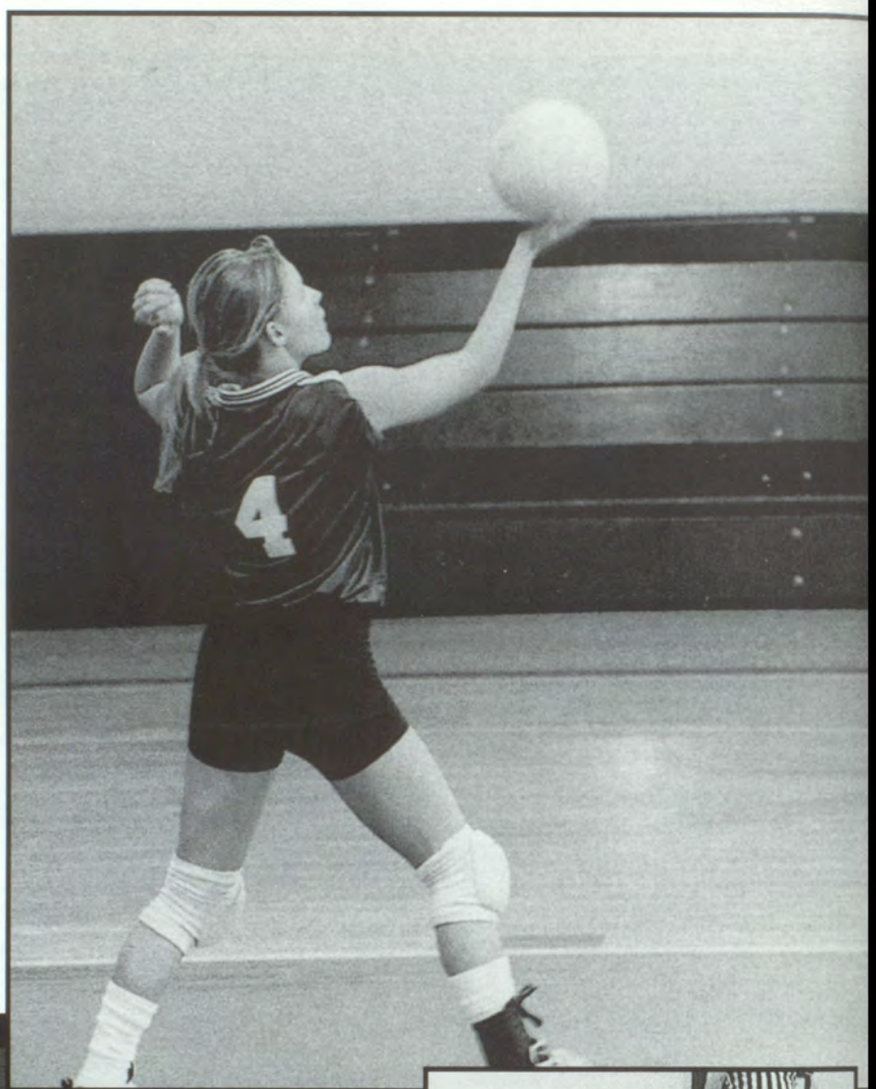
↞ Tina Green knocks the ball over the net.

← Telisha Raesz hurrys to hit the ball.

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Volleyball

Taylor Lady Duck Volleyball. To everyone that played this year, those words brought forth many sentiments. Fun times, learning experiences and friendships are a few of the first that come to mind. On a more serious side; dedication, hard work, and even a little adversity challenged our young players. With a new coach, Ms. Hampton, the freshmen sharpened their skills and went through the season playing their hardest and totally committing themselves to the sport they love. Leading the Junior Varsity was Coach Downs. Although the team lost a total of five players throughout the season, they managed to stick it out and have a blast in the process. Together, they learned to always play 100% and heighten their intensity level. These players showed great potential for next year. With all their great effort and hard work, they will surely improve and are looking forward to the future.





1st row (L to R): Brandy Ford, Asleigh Paige, 2nd row (L to R): Amber Seidel, Becky Estrada, Amber Byfield, Alison Mayer, 3rd row (L to R): Lindsay Harbers, Nina Ontiveros, Katana Johnson, Julie Schumpert, Kristin Farmer, 4th row (L to R): Coach Hampton, Anna Dominguez, Christina Ford, Heather Guardiola, Meghan Klotz

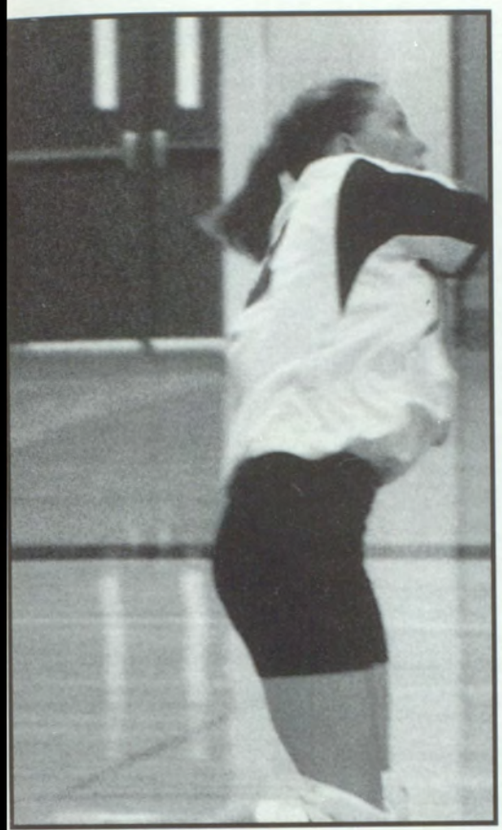




↗ Traci Floyd gets ready to send a torpedo to her enemies!

↗ Monica Hernandez and her teammates work to keep the ball in play.

→ Maria Flores bumps to Jennifer Gonzales for a potential spike setup!





1st row (L to R): Maria Flores, Paula Ortiz, 2nd row (L to R): Jennifer Gonzales, Tara Burba, Lindsay Cmerek, 3 row (L to R): Dawn Hehmann, Lisa Grimm, Nancy Dominguez



Although we lost a lot of players this season, we pulled through and had a great time along the way. We played hard as a team. I hop that next year is even better and twice as fun.

-Nancy Dominguez



Volleyball season was great. We worked hard to accomplish our goals. The team gained a lot of experience and we are looking forward to next year.



This year our volleyball team had a lot of talent. We didn't go too far, but we improved. We worked very hard and we all had great attitudes.

-Megan Klotz



This year has been a blast. I have learned so much from my coach and teammates. I hope for the best next year. This year was a year of learning, and I believe my next three years will be years of success.

-Tracy Floyd



↖ Tara Burba sends over an ace that only the ground touches. ACE!

↑ The JV Girls huddle up for a quick pep talk with Coach Downs.

Basketball

The Varsity Girls Basketball team had a good season this year. Hard work and determination is what made this team as strong as they were. They have learned the real meaning of teamwork. By learning each other's fundamentals and expertise, they were always ready for the toughest opponents, especially with the crowd cheering at every game. The Lady Ducks had high hopes and spirits and they were ready for anyone at anytime. Their record of eight wins and nine losses and their district results proved that all their hard work and comittment paid off. All the girls on the varsity team will always be real winners in our eyes, no matter what the circumstances.



We had a great year despite finishing district without a trip to the playoffs. With the players that will be returning, next season will be even better.

-Kylie Kerlin

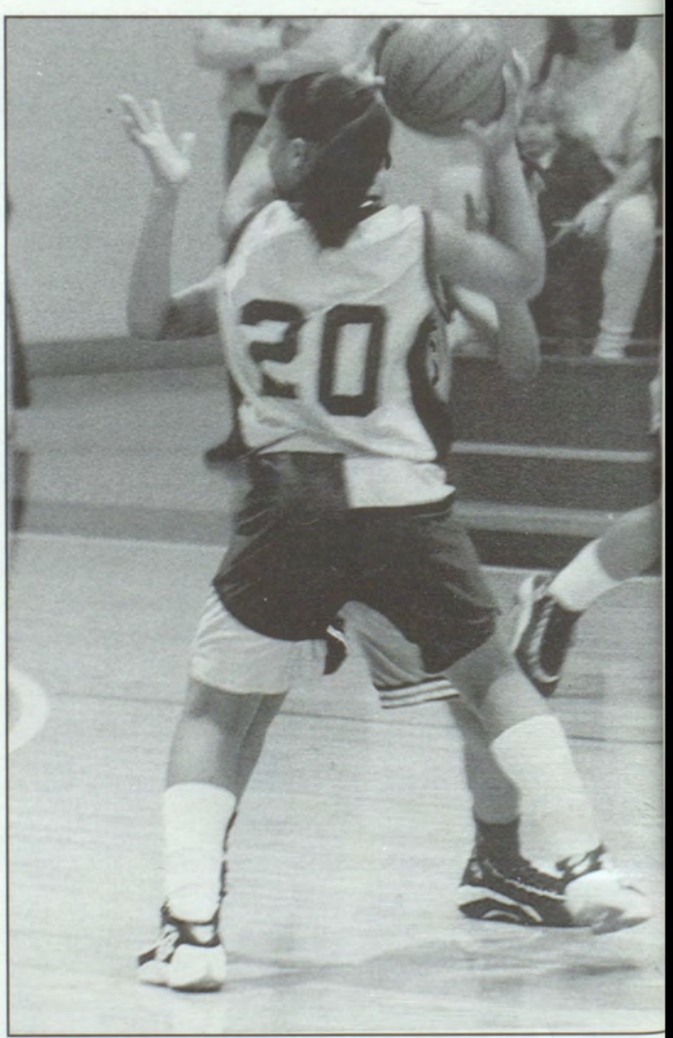


Even though we didn't make it to the playoffs, I still believe we had a great year.

-Stephanie Spells













Top L-R: Paula Ortiz, Kylie Kerlin, Tina Green, Coach Jones, Christina Foster, Coach Downs, Katara Johnson, Stephanie Spells. Bottom L-R: Brandy Kruse, April Hennington, Tessa Miculencak.

Basketball

The Freshmen and JV girls had a tough season and with this came improvement, not only as individuals, but as a hole team. They learned to work together and to have good sportsmanship. The year was full of learning and good experiences. Although the fish were hew and naive, they showed great spirit and determination as ninth graders; they showed great potential and developing skills for the future basketball seasons. This came by practicing not only during the week, but also on the weekends. Basketball was always first priority even though they were involved in other extracurricular activities. The players are all looking forward for the years to come and they hope to do as well or better.









↗ Freshman Julie Schumpert out dribbles her opponent.

↗ JV's Stef Spruill chases after a free ball.

→ Sophomore Keli Stewart takes her time as she prepares to shoot a free throw.





J. V. Girls Basketball



This year was a great experience, even though we didn't have a winning season. I had a lot of fun and I hope next year is just as good or better.

-Amanda Welch



We had a tough year, but we stuck together and learned a lot from each other.

-Denise Samniego



This season was fun because we worked as a team and we did our best.

-Julie Schumpert



Even though we didn't win all the time, we worked together.

-Christina Ford



↖ Amanda Welch braks the press as she dribbles down the court.

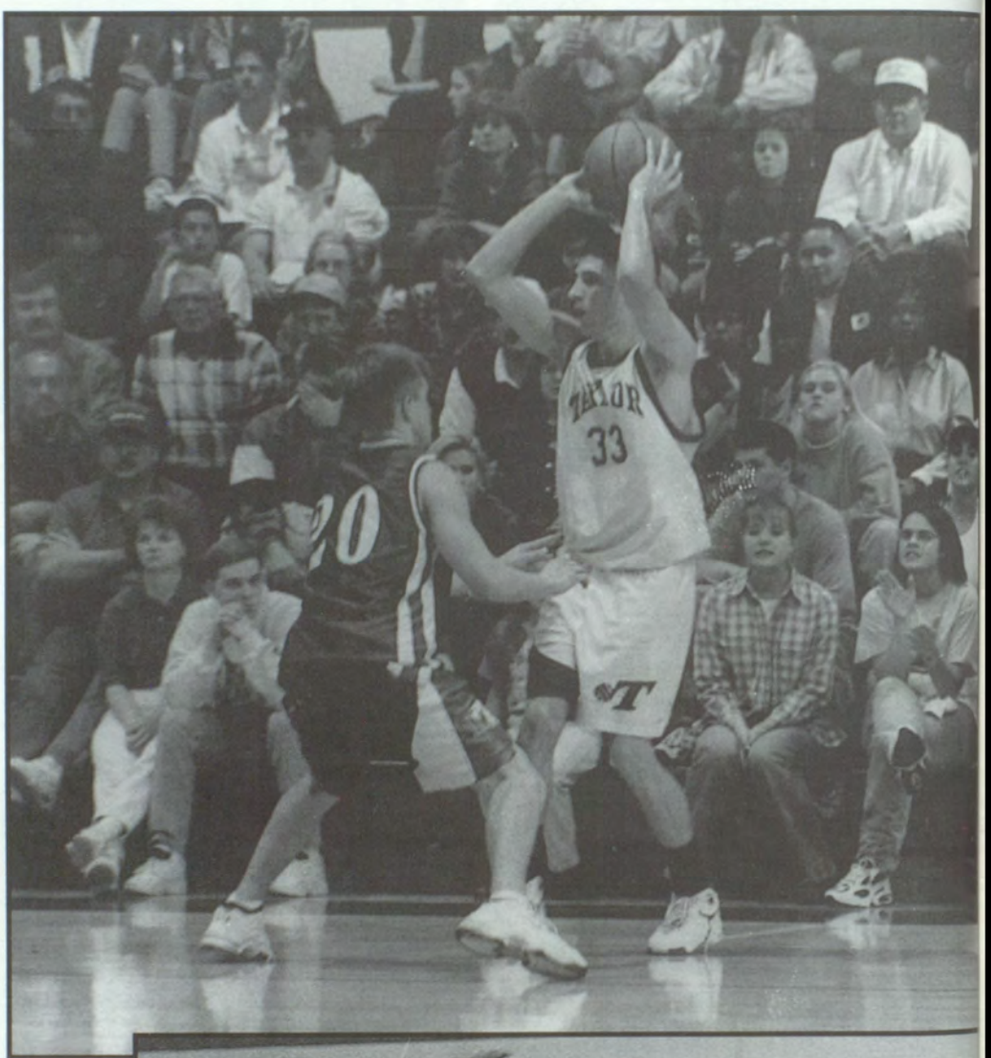
↑ After hesitating, Christina Ford gets around the defense.

Basketball

The past few months have been filled with many wins. The road to victory was not an easy one. The unity has never been this strong between the coaches, managers, and the players. This years varsity basketball team worked very hard for a trip to round two in the playoffs. This has not been achieved since 1978. Earlier this year, THS was the sight for a basketball tournament. Eight schools from the surrounding area had attended the tournament. Many of the different teams had played very hard for the first place spot. Two schools had received awards, along with several basketball players.

The two schools who receive awards were Taylor and Jasper. Jasper received second place. Several of our players had received awards at the tournament.

Outstanding players are as follows. First all district Jeremy Dorherty, second all district James Jackson, and Tony Wilson AKA Snake. Honorable Mention Jimmy Wright, and Jeffery Davis. Newcomer of the year Josh Bell. Second team all region Jeremy Dorherty.





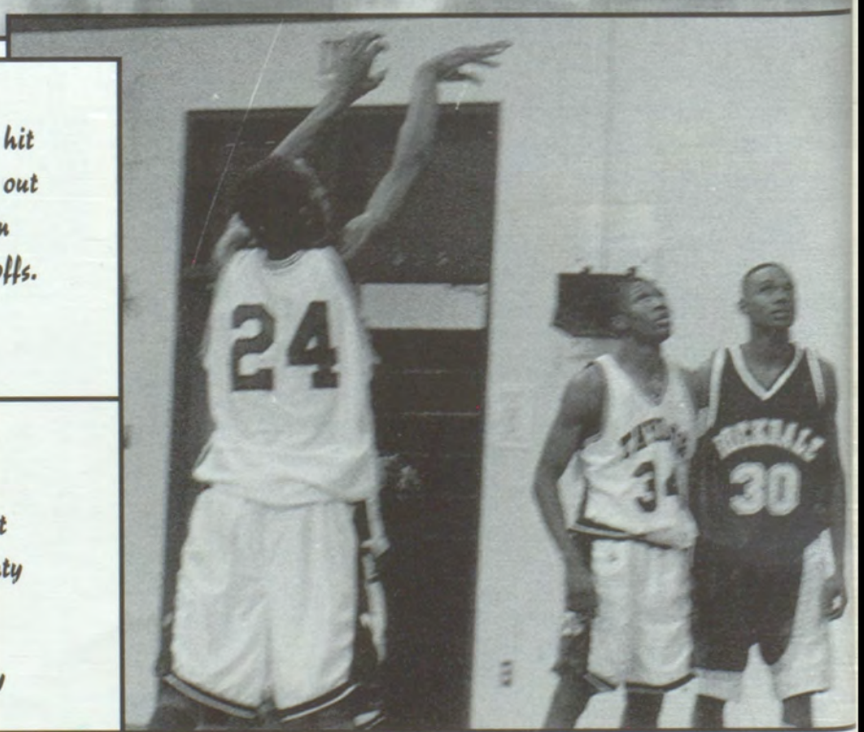
This year we started strong, but hit a dry spell through mid season; out team rebounded to finish third in district and advance to the playoffs.

-Jimmy Wright



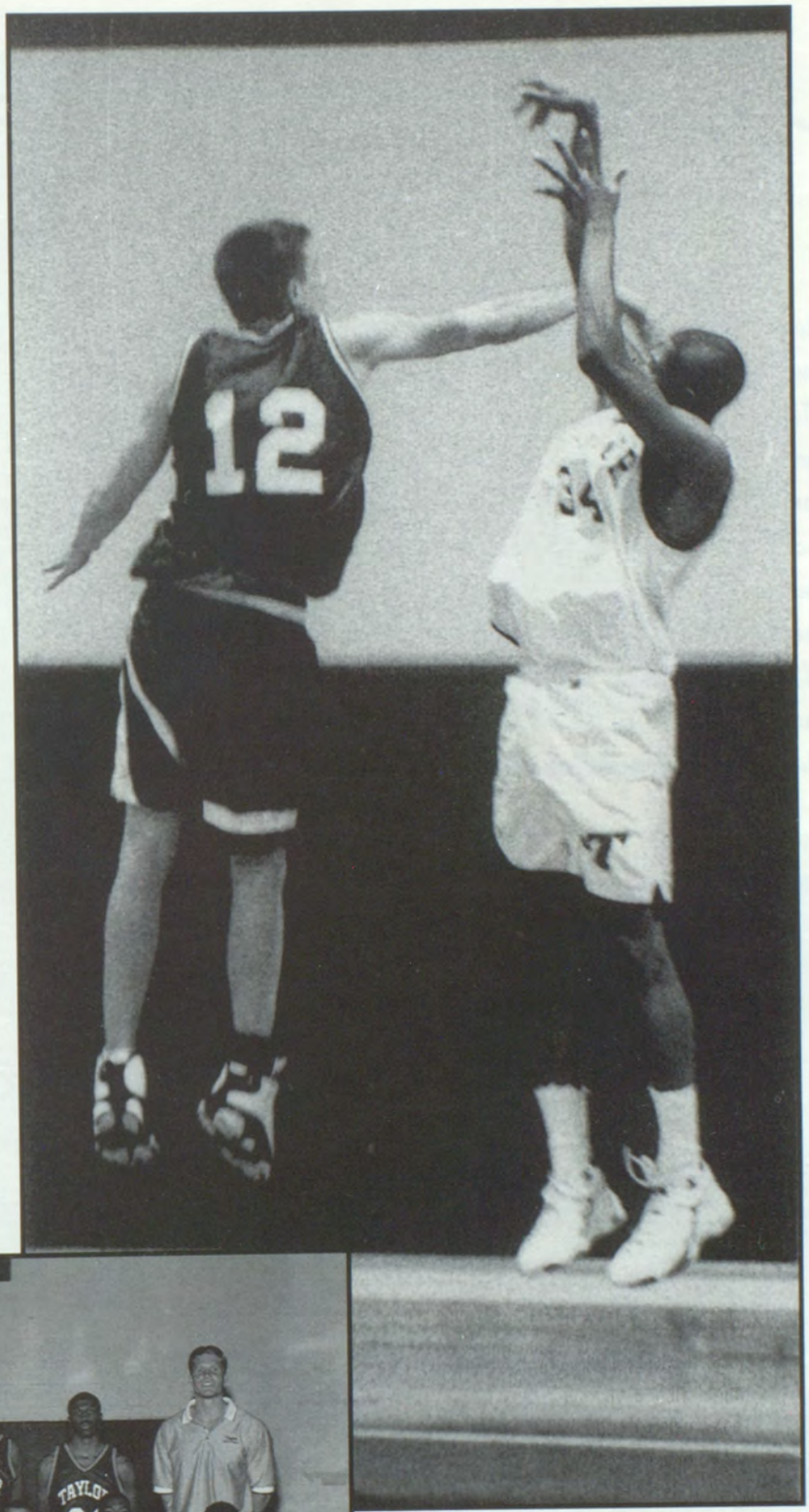
With hard work and great coaching we accomplished what hasn't been done in over twenty years.

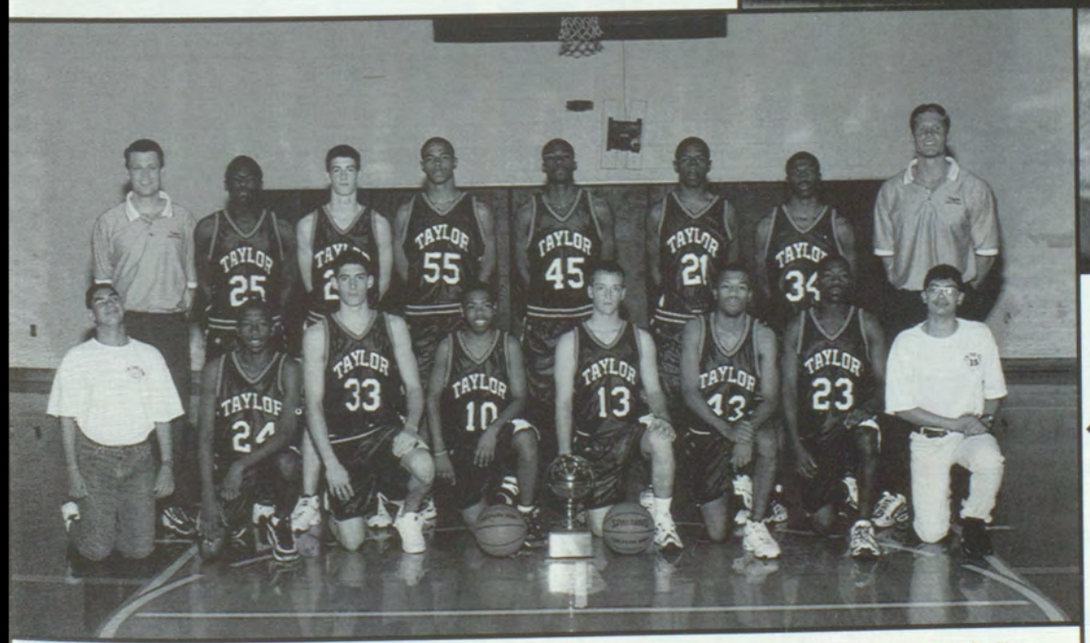
-Jeremy Dorherty











Front: (L to R) Joe Tamez, Maurice Jackson, Jeremy Doherty, Johathan Gray, Jimmy Wright, Jeffrey Simien, Frank Henry, Angleo Frain. Back: Coach Jeff Bell, Jeffery Davis, Josh Bell, Dominick Devasty, Tony Wilson, Derek Zachary, Corey Washington, Coach Richard Hastings.

Break! Jeremy Doherty looks for the open man.

Swoosh! Maurice Jackson shoots a freethrow.

With 20 seconds left, Johnathan Gray advances the ball to the other side.

Protecting his rock. Jimmy Wright milks the clock.

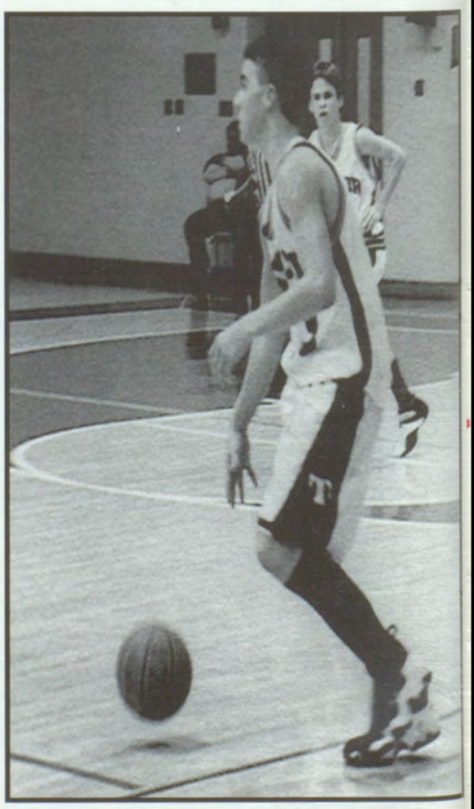
Tough blow! While getting fouled, Corey Washington still makes the basket.

Basketball

Four months ago the basketball season looked to be very long. Even though the hours were long and arduous it was amazing the way the members of the team have held together. The road to victory was a long one, including several tournaments which had impacts on the regular season. We have seen the good and the bad. However, the end result brought us together. The road has been paved by this yearTs team who should be commended on their hard work that was put into this season. Many hours were put into practicing for games here at home and away. The future looks good for the next year. The drop to 3A will not change the way the ducks play. The shirt says it all, "Have faith, dream big, work hard and never quit."



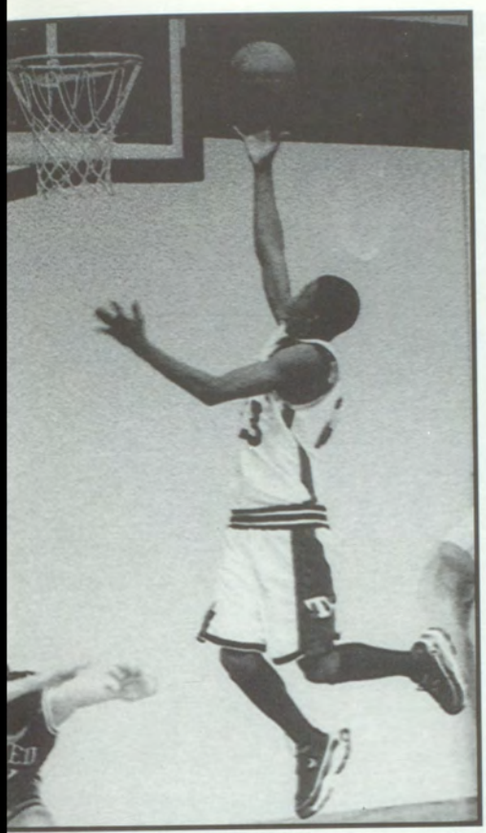




↑ George Turosik gets the ball over the defender to make a bucket

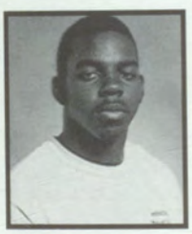
↗ Defense! Taylor plays good defense to get the ball back.

→ Push it!! Brian Heeke gets the ball up the court.





J.V. Boys Basketball



It was a good season. I am already looking forward to next season.
-Ike Houston



We really played to the best of our abilities. I expect to see a good season next year.
-Brian Heeke



We're gonna come out next year even stronger than we were this year. Just wait.
-Tremayne Pool



I enjoyed this season. Everyone got along well and we played as a team.
-Darren Helbert



↖ Quincy Andrew really gets up to score a basket for the ducks.

↑ Jason Hennington fights his way around the defender.

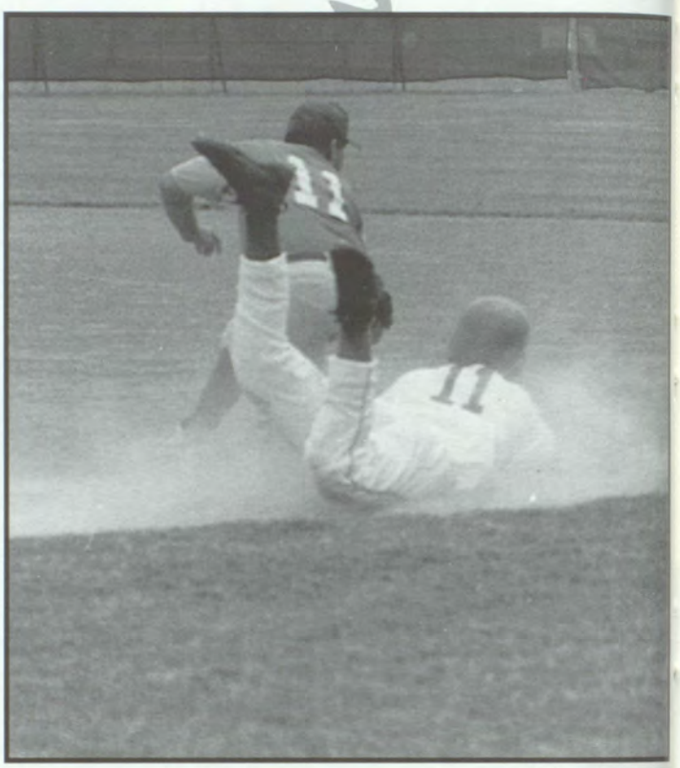
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Baseball

The Taylor baseball program has a reputation for excellence. Over the years, they have almost always ended up in the playoffs and have made two trips to the state championship. This year's team lived up to the high expectations set by teams of the past. With an excellent non district performance including a nine game winning streak and only two losses against several 5A opponents, the ducks were ranked ninth in state.

This proved an excellent warm up for district action as the ducks went 8-2 including a last round sweep. The momentum created by these five wins in a row was carried into the first round of the playoffs against Austin Travis. The Ducks won the first of this best of three series due to an excellent pitching performance by Clint Mokry, a few key hits and some good defensive plays. The second game, at Nelson field, was under the complete control of the duck's hot bats. We amassed ten runs in the first two innings and pitcher Scott Raesz made short work of the Travis hitters. Unfortunately the breaks went against the ducks in the second round against Hays. We were defeated in two heart breakers to put us out of the playoffs and end the season.

The team's record was not the only thing that was a success this season. We established several friendships in our years of baseball and hundreds of memories we will never forget. We will all always remember that Hunter Hargis is responsible for providing seeds and we will all miss the music provided every game by 77 Sanchez. This year's team will never be forgotten.





It's hard when you realize that you'll never play baseball again after it's been a part of your life for such a long time. I can't think of another team that I'd rather play my last season with than our's.

-Hunter Hargis



We accomplished a lot this season. I am especially proud of sweeping the second half of district and beating Midway for the third year in a row. Our nine game winning streak and advancing to the second round of the playoffs is also very memorable.

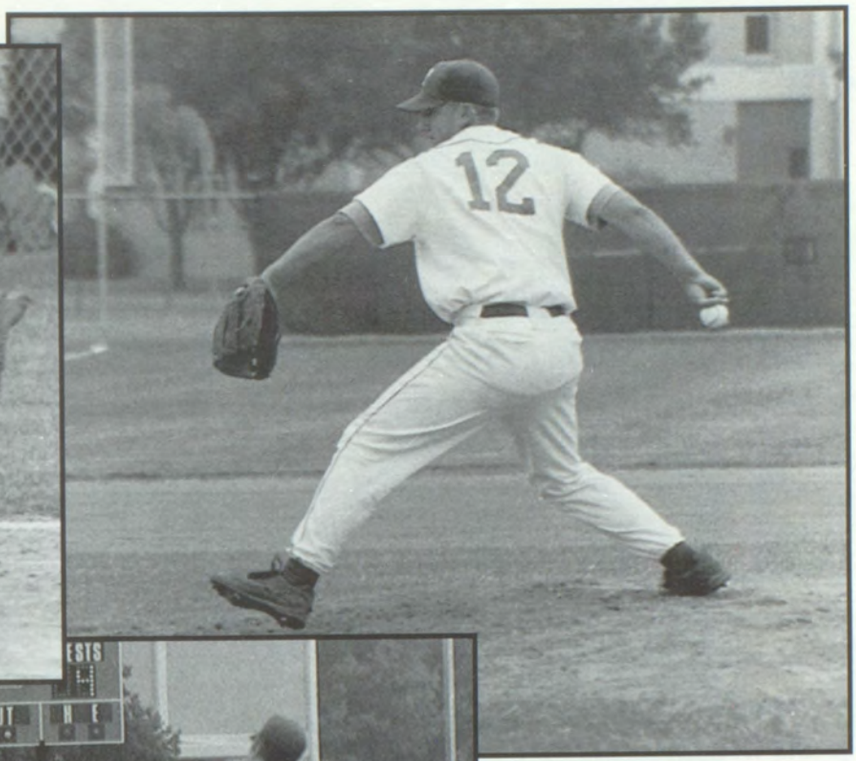
-Jimmy Wright



↗ No he's there! Brandon Bishop dives to just beat the throw to first base.

→ Don't serve the curve. Jimmy Wright sits awaits the pitch.











Front: (L to R) J.J. Sanchez, Kelly Kuhl, Hunter Hargis. Second row: Lance Pavlicek, Jason Martin, Jimmy Wright, Cody Doughy. Back: Chris Caffey, Lance Pavlicek, Clint Mokry, Brandon Bishop, Scott Raesz.

↑↑ Here comes the heat...Scott Raesz prepares to blow a fastball by the batter.

↖ Put it here! Hunter Hargis sets up the target.

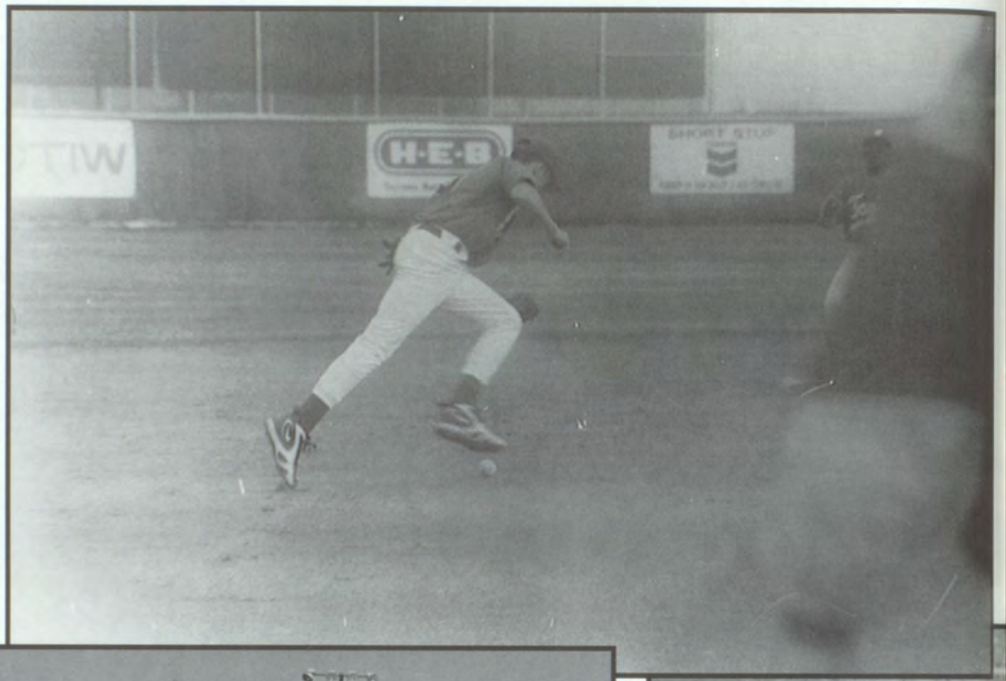
↑ Allright we're ready...Lance Thornton, Scott Raesz and Cody Doughy finish their conference on the mound.

↑ Gimme a fastball! Jason Martin hopes for a fastball.

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Baseball

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



Freshmen Baseball





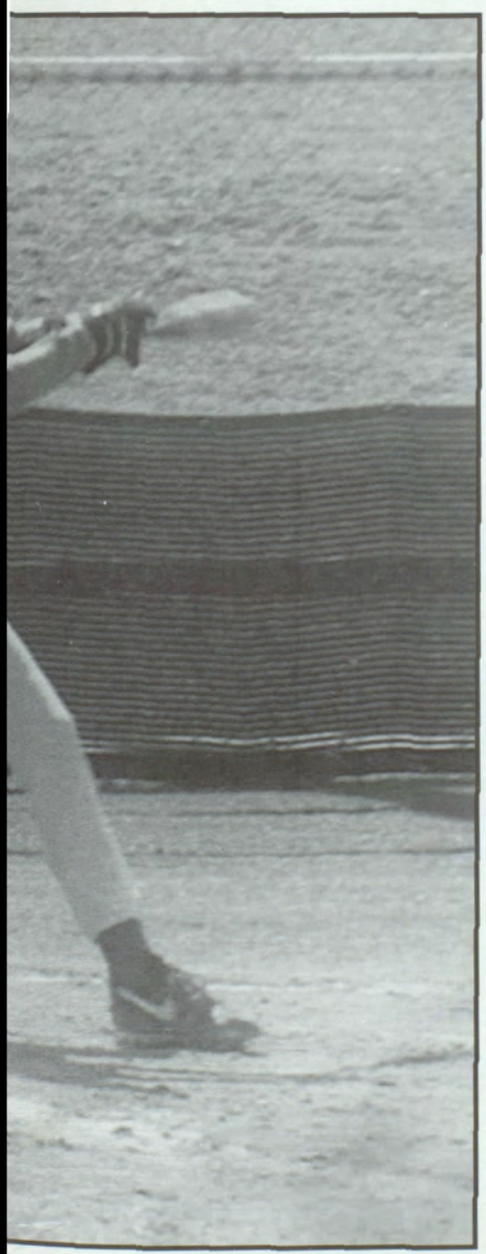


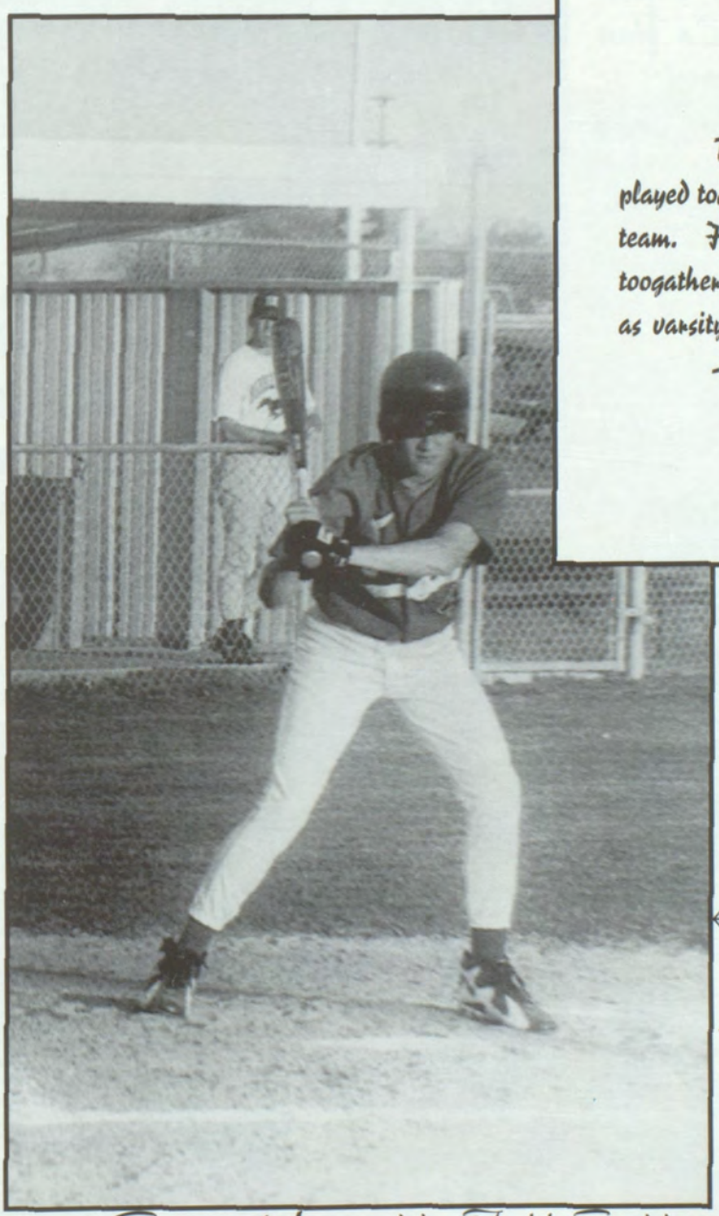
This was a good first year for us. We all played well and improved over the year. We have a lot of talent and we are playing well as a team.

-Lance Mills

J. V. Baseball







This year we all played togather to have a good team. I think we will come toogather even more next year as varsity players.

-Todd Eschberger

↖ *Hard work in practice pays off fielding this bunt!*

← *Ball two! The freshman team drew many walks by laying of pitches like this one.*

↞ *Squeeze! Coach Ball's call for a bunt pays off.*

↞ *Turn on it! The ball sails to left field for a base hit.*

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Softball

The 98 Taylor Varsity Softball season was all about winning. We started out the season successfull. We went into a tough 4A district and dominated most of our opponents. We worked hard and came out on top as Bi-District Champs. In the Playoffs, with hard work and the help of our fans we defeated Austin Lanier. In San Marcos we just couldnTt come through and unfortunately we suffered a loss. Overall our season was a blast and gave us many memories to cherish. Our new coaches, Sally Naiver and Bobby Cervenka, helped us achieve all we did throughout the season.











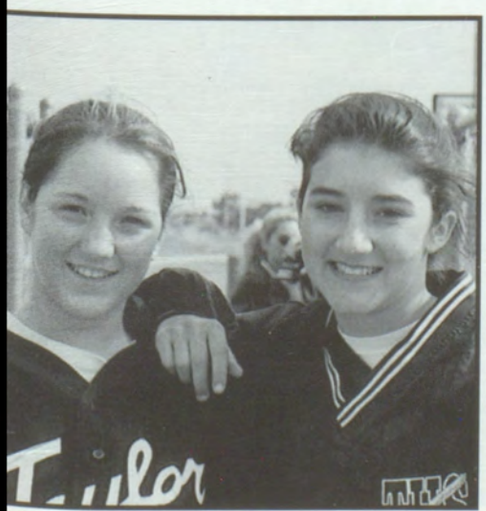
This year was so much fun! Having a new coach taught us a lot of new skill. We really came together.
-Rhea Urbis

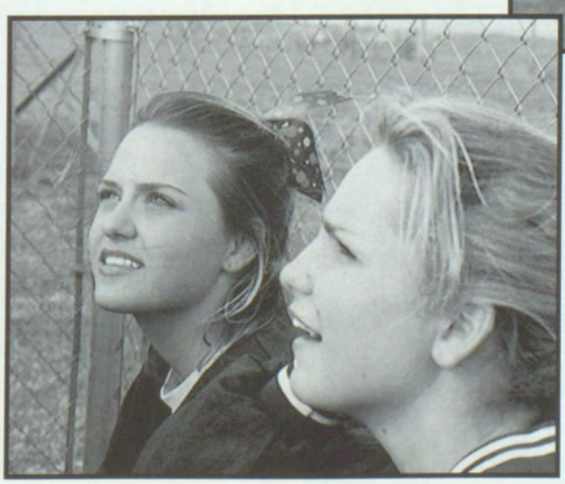
I had a lot of fun this year. We had a great team and it showed. We got into the playoffs which was fun!
-Shameika Rollie











↑ Captain Rhea Urbis fires in a strike.
← What was that again? Stacy Huber and April Maruska listen attentively to the coach.
↖ 3 up...Infielders huddle up to start the inning.
Smile! Freshman teamates Christiina
↞ Ford and Alisha David take time out for a quick shot.

Softball

This year was a dominant one for the Taylor Lady Duck JV softball team. The team was combined of juniors, sophomores, and freshmen all playing together as one successfull team. The lady ducks played hard and went very far. Their only losses were against Midway; otherwise they were undefeated. The JV participated in many tournaments throughout the season. Coaches Bobby Cervenka and Sally Haiver proudly stated that their team never gave up and always ended up on top with the winning number on the scoreboard.

















We played hard and had some tough opponents, but we pulled through and won most of our games.

- Nicole Rowe



I had a lot of fun pitching this year and learned a lot along the way. It was a great season.

-Jennifer Koinek



We achieved a lot this year in softball. We won a lot of games and played our best. Overall we worked together and had a lot of fun.

-Julie Schumpert



We had so much fun this year. We won most of our games and played as a team.

-Mansosa Martinez



↖ Swing batter!!! Brandy Ford watches the pitch.

↑ Good stop! Julie Schumpert scoops up a pitch.

Tennis

Once again, the Taylor High School Tennis team completed a successful year. We fell short of qualifying anyone for regionals, but at the end of the season, six players were rewarded with all-district honors and one with newcomer of the year. These honors were long deserved by every member.

These successes were the product of hard work and dedication. We attended a tournament almost every weekend, giving up our plans on Saturday to strive for the best, withstanding any weather conditions. There were times when we went to tournaments and did not get to play, or those when we sat around untill 11:00 just to hear we had to come back tomorrow to play our matches. No matter what, we stuck together like a family and had a blast. We gained memories to last a lifetime.



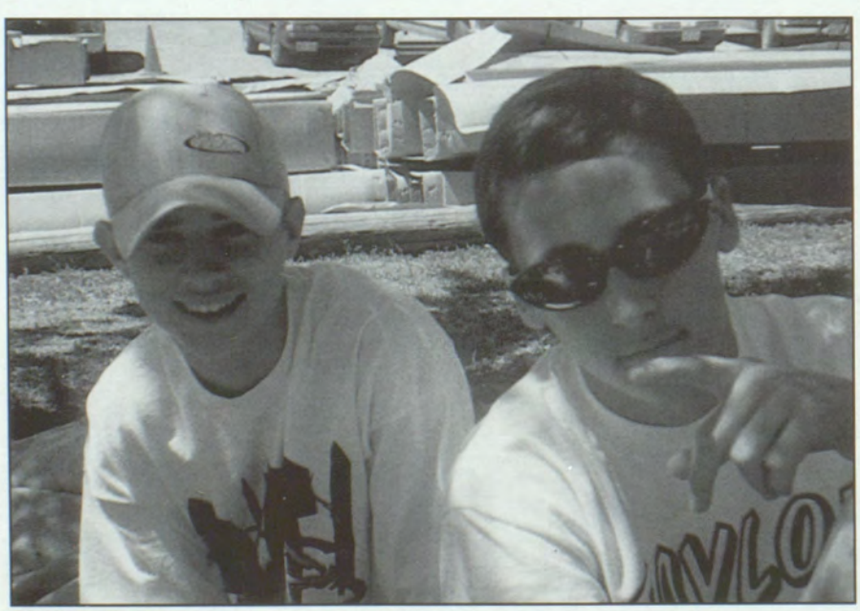
This was a good year for tennis. Everyone improved themsselves and I'm looking forward to a great season next year.

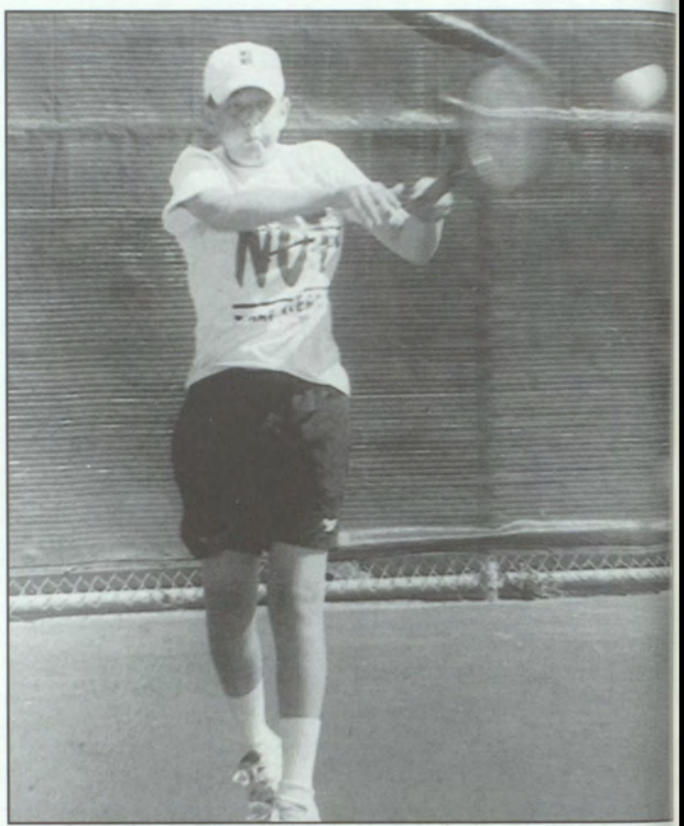
-Lad Moehnke

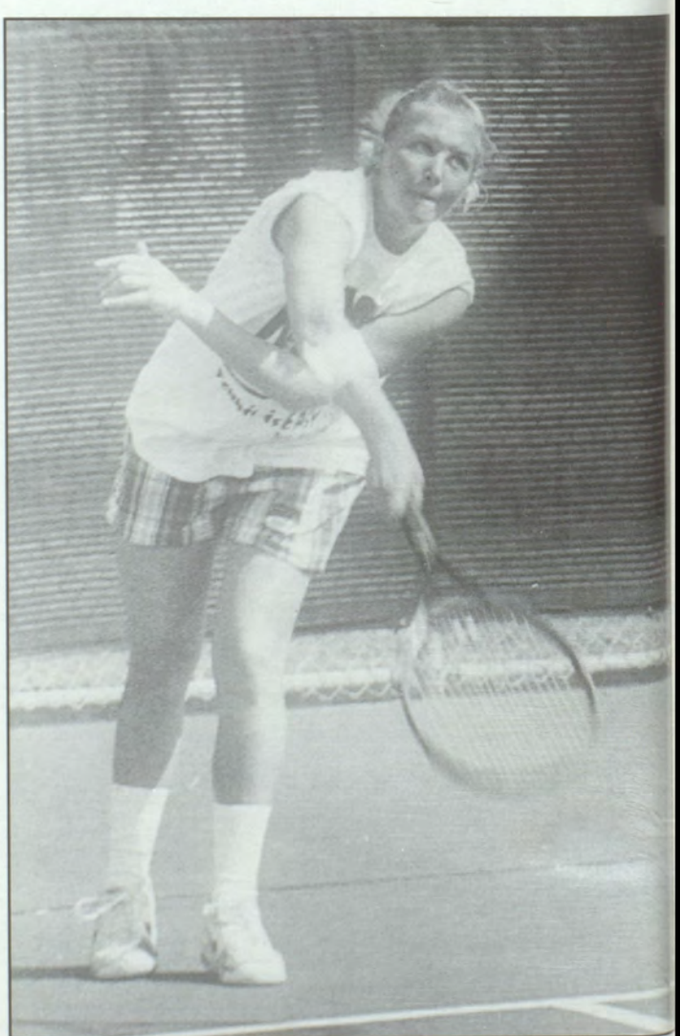


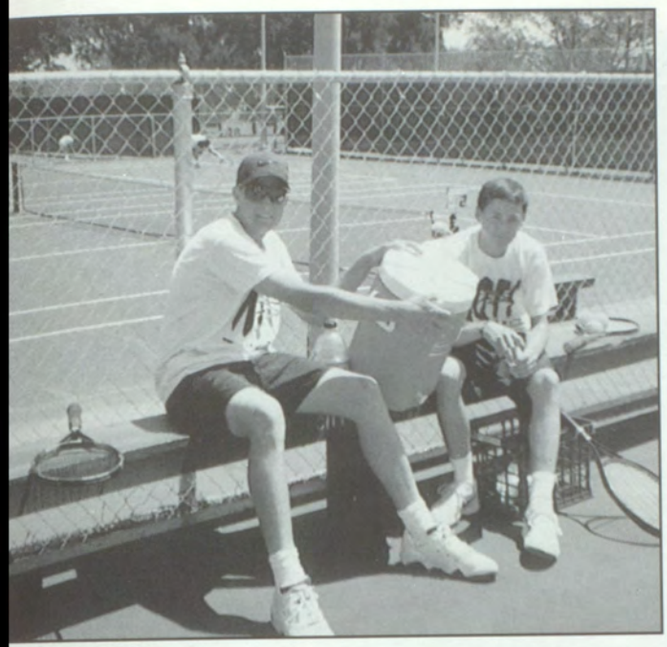
I always look forward to tennis season. This year was especially fun because everyone was each others friend. We also played very well.

-Lauren Schwartz



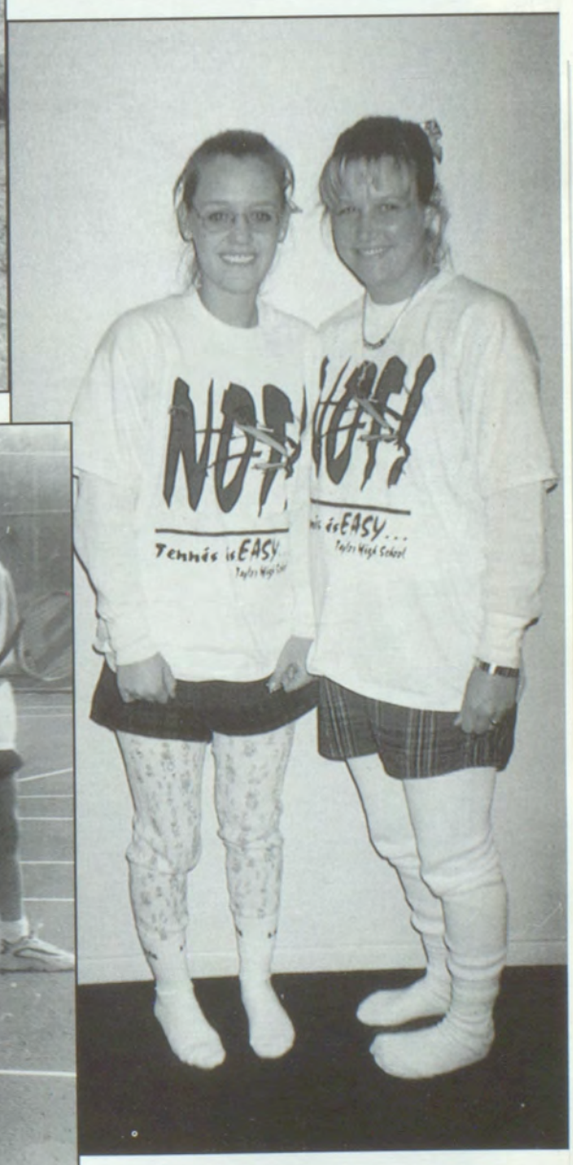












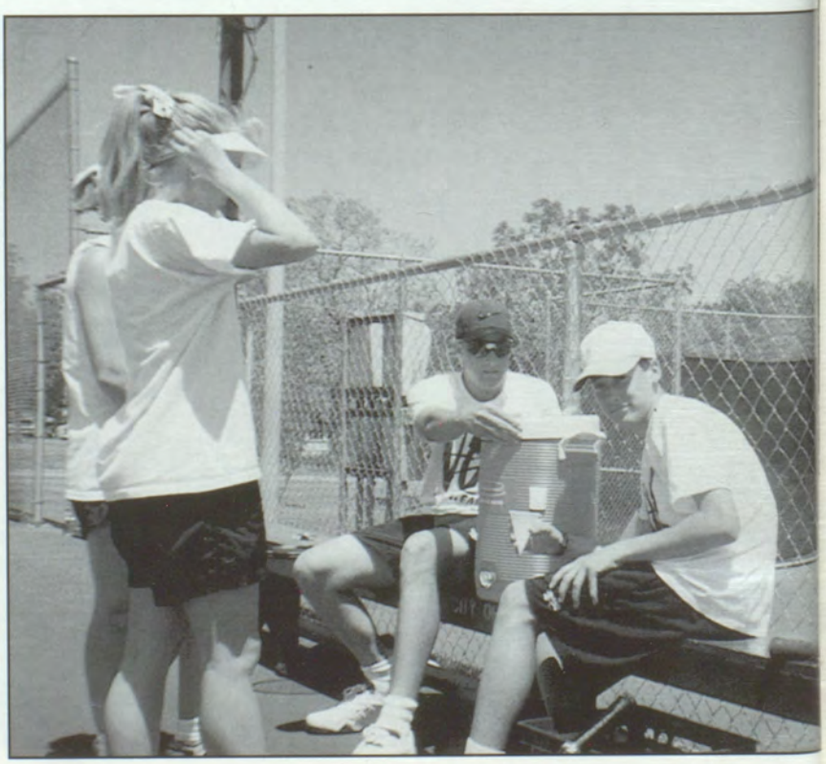


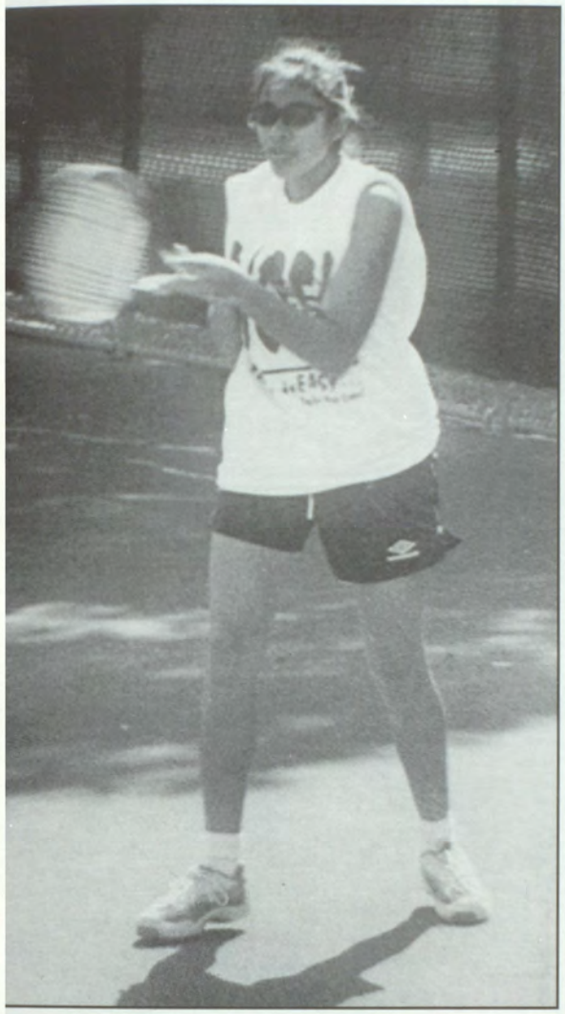
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Track

During the past year, the girls' track team faced many transitions and new challenges. The Lady Ducks worked hard at the District 25-4A Track Meet held at Waco Connally. The team was small yet successful. A lot of heart and dedication was put in by each and every girl to get them where they ended the year. A new coach was again brought to the team this year from Westlake High School. Coach Hampton worked the girls hard from start to finish. You might have heard lots of complaining, but they wouldn't have been winners without her. A lot of freshmen ran this year, and hopefully they will continue to work at it and make it part of their high school career. Congratulations girls on a successful year and we'll see you next year!!









↗ Just a little bit further...Senior April Hennington warms up her triple jump.

↑ Amaris, Monica, Coach Hampton, Andrea and April take it slow.

↗ I think I can...Freshman Becky Estrada prepares to long jump.

→ Monica, Nancey, Jessica and Denise relax for a picture.







This year track definitely had its ups and downs. Through hard work and dedication, however, our team managed to stick toagether and have a successful year.

-April Hennington



Even though it was tough, we still had our fun. Hopefully, we'll have a bigger team next year!

-Andrea Wilson



I'm really glad I ran track this year because I made a lot of new friends and really improved my times.

-Emily Johnson



Well, I can't wait for next year!

-Becky Estrada





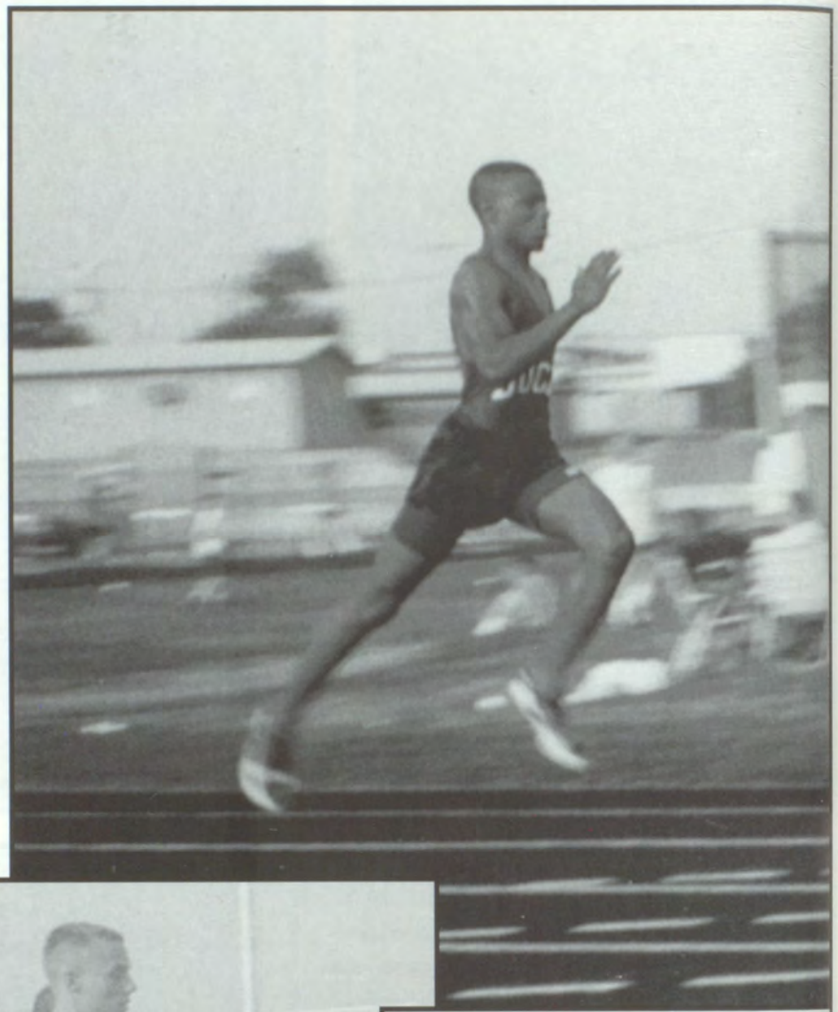


Hurry up...Fish Alison Mayer and Becky Estrada smile for the camera.

↑ Pace yourself...Junior Andrea Wilson pushes herself around the track.

Track

Another year of success was accomplished by the boys' track team this year. The guys went to state again as expected because of a great first place finish at the District 25-4A track meet held at Waco Connally. Everyone would agree that the times were better at the district meet than at state, however, both meets had awesome times! Throughout the final two weeks of track, records were broken three times in the mile relay. The new record set by Derek Zachary, Brandon Dickinson, Anthony Hubbard and Tony Wilson is a time of 3:14.8. The sprint relay consisted of Anthony Hubbard, Tony Wilson, Brandon Dickinson and Malachi Dilworth who ran in a time of 41.5. Tony Wilson took a second place medal from the state meet in the 400 meters with a time of 47. Derek Zachary returned home with a fourth place medal in the 110 hurdles running a time of 14; having a personal record of 13.6. The ducks had a great season this year bringing a second, fourth, sixth and seventh place medal home from the state track meet. We will be losing two of our relay members, however, others will compete to fill their shoes, and fulfill their dreams of running in state once again.









↗ Coming down the Backstretch...Derek Zachary hit every hurdle clean.

↑ Getting ready for the big race!! Brandon Dickinson and Malachi Dilworth warm up.

↗ Feranamo!! Malachi Dilworth hopes he gets in the pit.

→ Airborne...Augie Alderete gives his all in the 300 meter hurdles.







It has been a good year for Taylor in track. We ran hard and gave it our all. With our performance we have put Taylor on the map as one of the best programs.

-Derek Zachary



This has been the best year of all because of our hard work and dedication. It has paid off with all the accomplishments we acheived.

-Brandon Dickinson



It has been a great year representing T-town and heading to state for the second time is going to put Taylor on the map.

-Anthony Hubbard



I felt this year was one of my better years in track because we came together as a team and we worked hard in practice as a team, and that's why were where we are, IN STATE.

-Tony Wilson







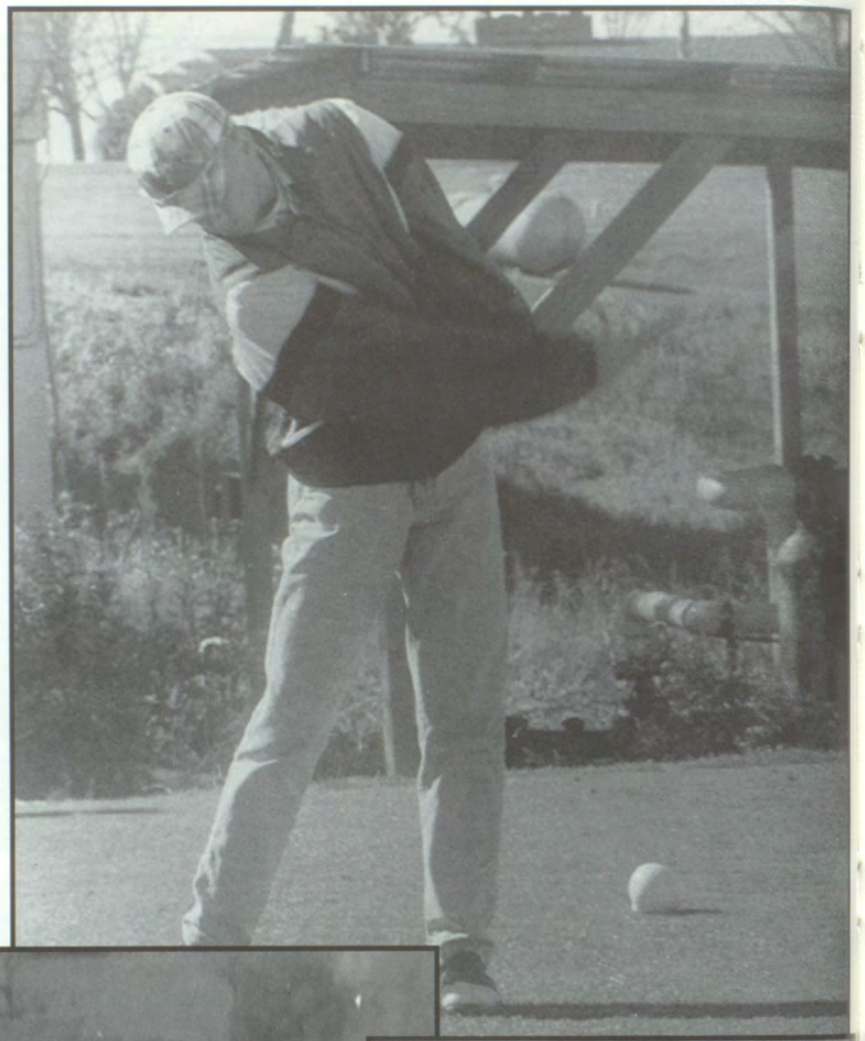
This better go far...Tim Heil competes in the shot put.

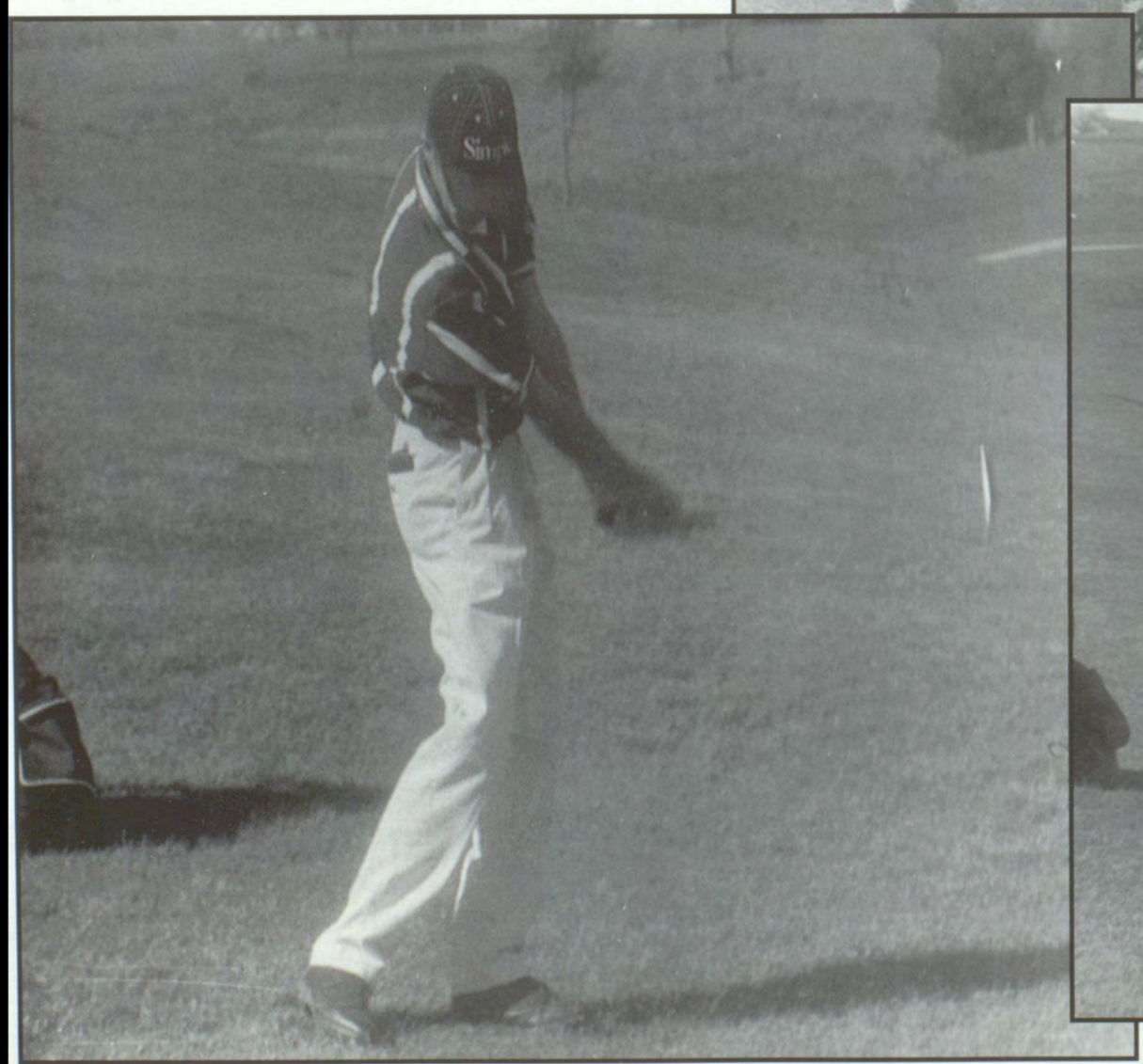
1st place baby...Tony Wilson, Anthony Hubbard, Derek Zachary and Brandon Dickinson accept the medals.

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Golf

The Taylor High School golf team had a great year on the course. They showed their talent with hard work and dedication. Even though they were a young and small team, with a new coach, the girls golf team showed great potential this year. Even with the loss of the seniors, the boys team made many accomplishments. Many of the new players, despite their lack of experience stepped up and the veterans showed significant improvement to make the Taylor team one of the toughest in the district. The Taylor golf team looks to be even tougher next year with several returning seniors. On a rate of one to eighteen, Taylor golf earned a whole-in-one.

















This year was fun and very exciting.
-Candace Renad.



We didn't have many girls, but it is not how many play, it's who plays. These young ladies' attitudes and dedication made this year a winning season.
-David Carrizales.

Candace Renad gets ready to put one in the hole.

Now it's Nicole Frazier's turn to show her stuff.

Hello, I'm gonna beat all the other schools...the confident Candace Renad waves at the camera.

Nicole Frazier places the tee exactly where she wants it.

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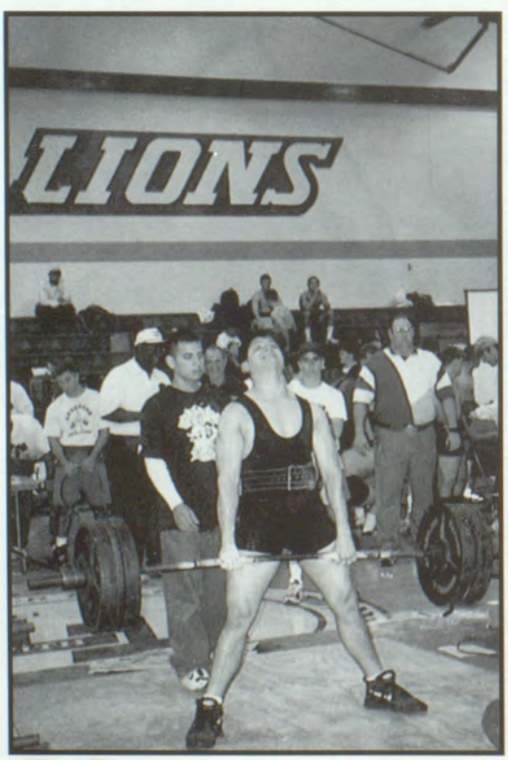
Powerlifting

Hard work. Sweat Determination. What do these three have in common? This year, Powerlifting advanced to a new level. We started this year out on a long journey, traveling into Trojan territory in Louisiana. For the first time out of state, the Powerlifters did surprisingly well. Joe Florez upset the tides by bringing home a metal and Shamika Rollie also placed.

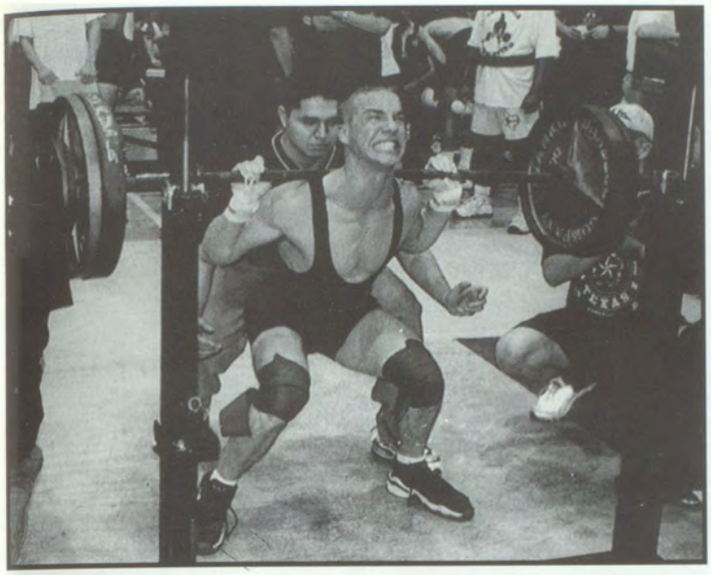
Coach Lord pulled off a Gridiron Masterpiece by putting together the largest Powerlifting meet in the State of Texas! Taylor did very well, in coming together to put a 7-platform meet together. The lifters worked extremely hard throughout the whole season. We had a few stand outs from the others, with all of the girls qualifying for regionals and five boys, LeRoy Aleman, Britt Oliphint, David Chenoweth, and Joe Florez. They all did a great job at regionals, but unfortunately only the top two qualify for state. Setting all the records, Joe Florez placed second. Britt Oliphint and David Chenoweth both qualified as alternates for state by placing third.

On the girls side, three qualified for state. Shamika Rollie blew away the competition by bringing home the gold from regionals, qualifying for state. Sara Mata also qualified for state. Had it not been for an injury sustained during bench, Joe Florez could have possibly brought the State Title back to Taylor.















Front: (L to R) Sara Mata, Shameika Rollie. Back: Coach Burges, Britt Oliphint, David Chenoweth, Joe Florez, Coach Murray Lord.



-Jeff Stefek

Powerlifting this year was a great success for both the girls and the guys. Everyone worked hard int the weightroom, which was shown at the various meets that we attended.



-Shameika Rollie

This year's Powerlifting season was great because we had a female coach along with coach Lord which helped us out a lot. I am thankful to have coaches like them.



↑ Drive it...Jason Naivar works to get the extra poundage on a squat.

↑↑ Lock it out even...Sara Mata attempts to get a personal record.

↑ Look up!!! David Chenoweth attepts to get his third squat.

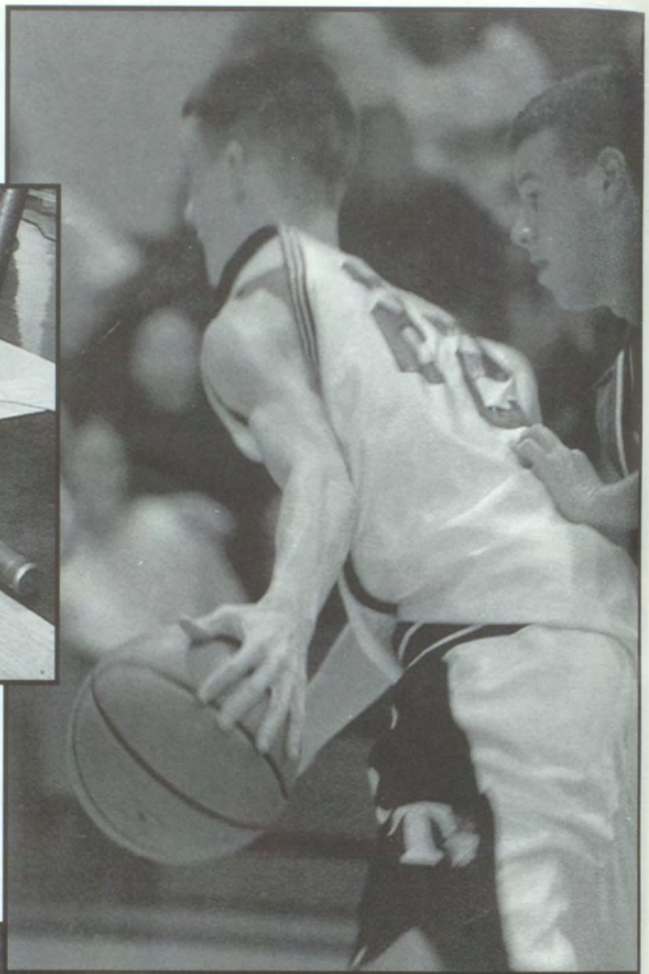
← Make the face for extra power. Shameika Rollie uses her face to get the squat she needed at the Taylor meet.

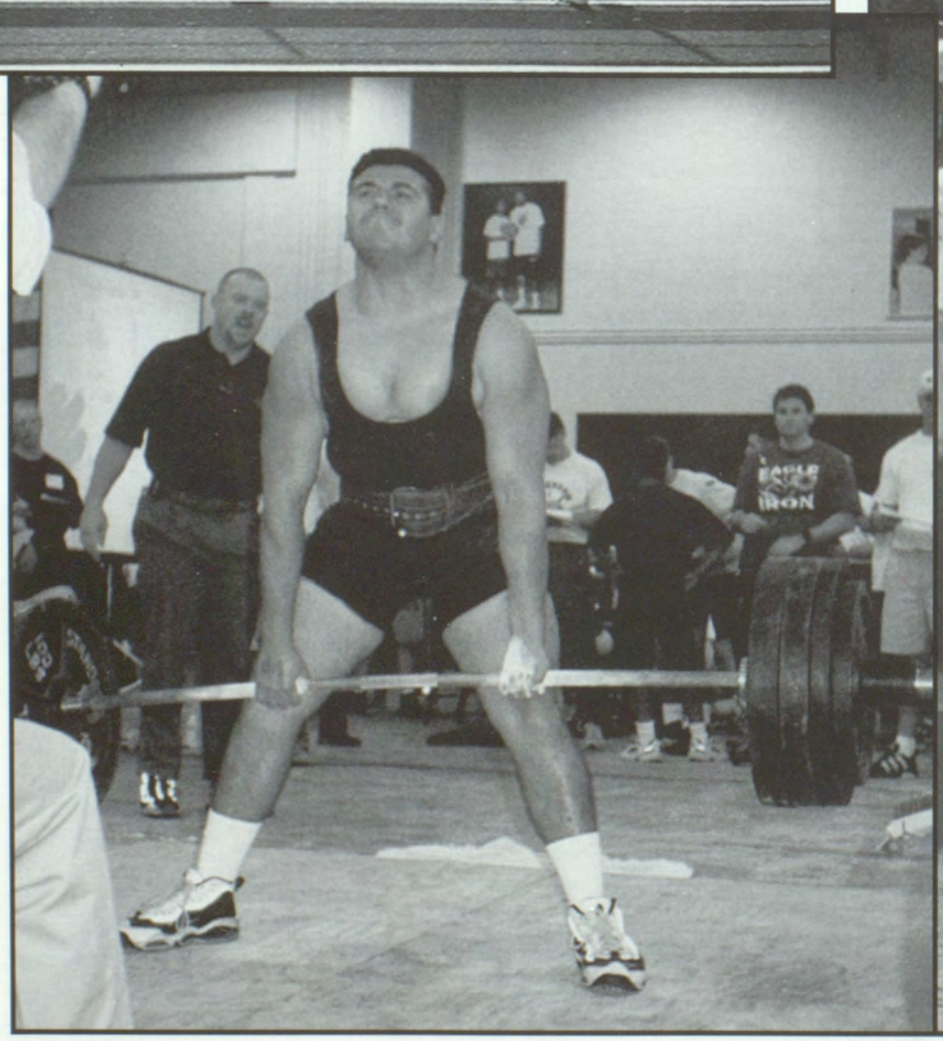
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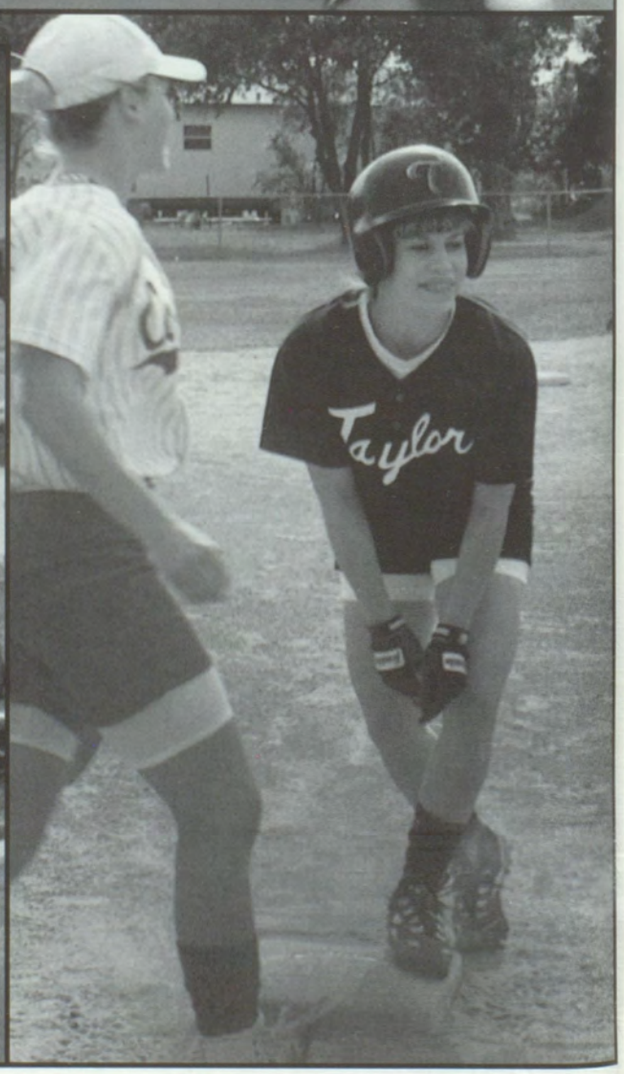
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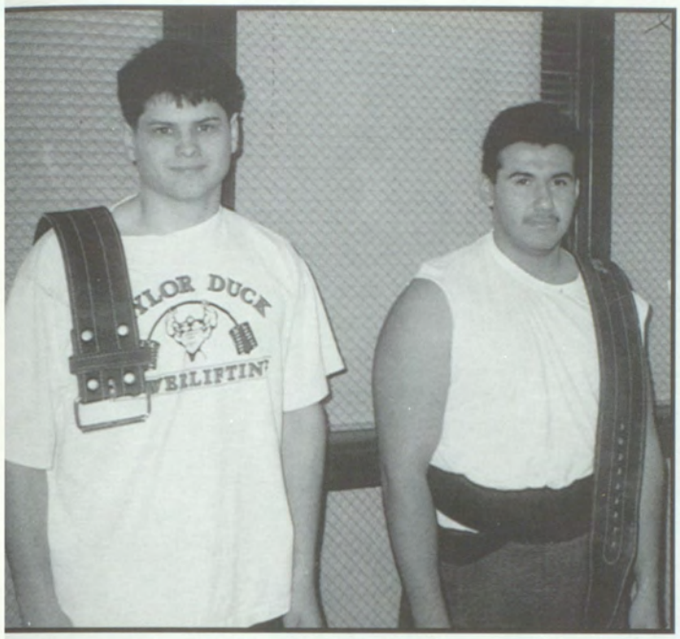


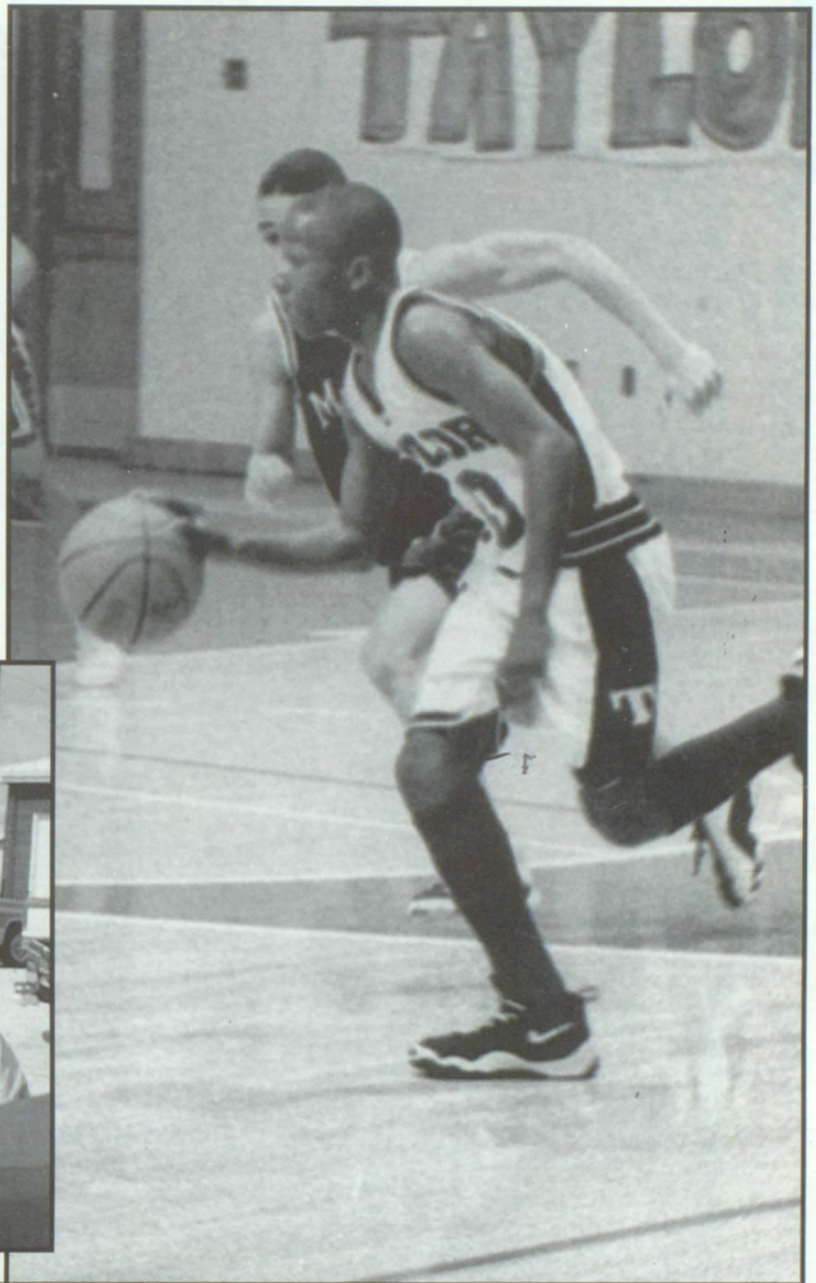


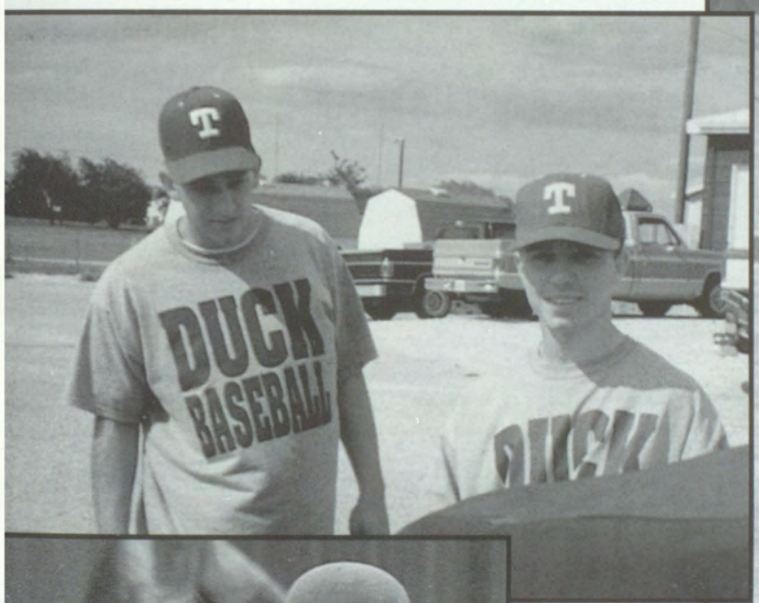


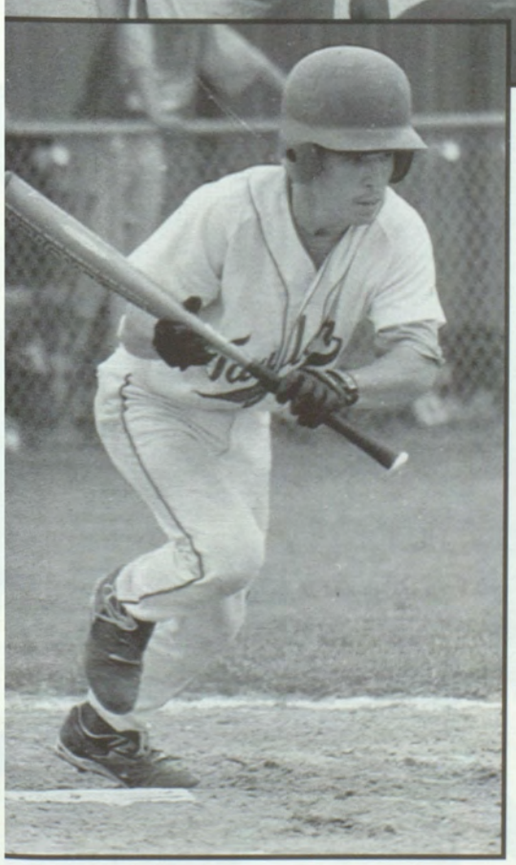







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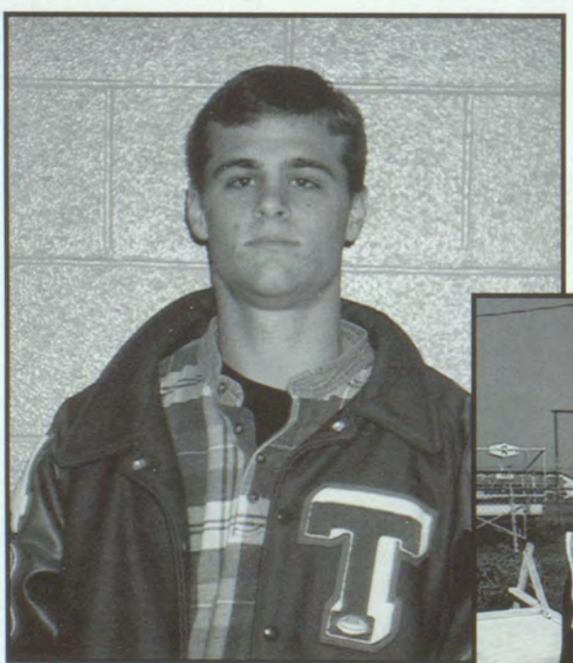


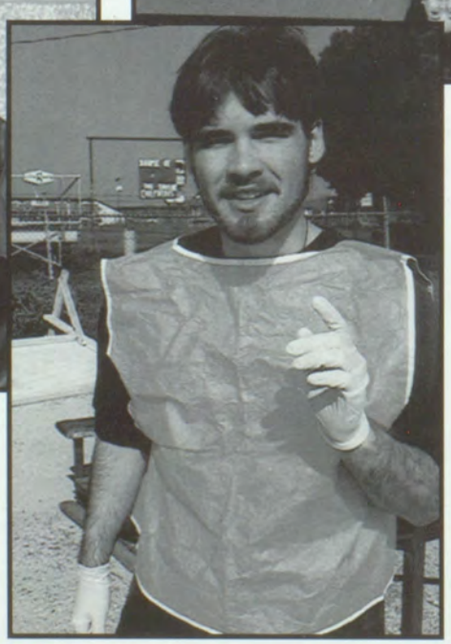
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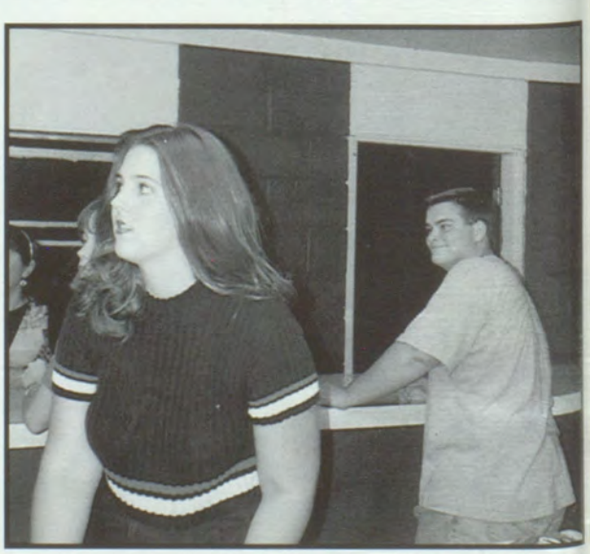
What is NHS? Is it just a satiny collar you wear at graduation? No, it's also a great honor. National Honor Society is a prestigious organization devoted to service to the community. Every member of NHS has to participate in three service projects; different members choose different thing to do. Among the many projects adopted by NHS were adopt a grandparent, which has been successful in the past, and a project new to this year, Habitat for Humanity. Many other members participated in Red Santa and volunteered work at the local food pantry to fulfill their individual service requirements. We also served at both the Rotary Banquet and the Chamber of Commerce Banquet. At the beginning of the year many of us helped with book distribution to the faculty. Along with community service, the National Honor Society held two successful fund-raisers. In the fall, NHS held a Lasagna Dinner, and in the spring every member sold bags full of candy. We inducted one of the largest groups of new members this year. These members had to meet our vigorous requirements: high grades, club involvement, teacher sponsorship and approval by a board of high school teachers. We are proud of the work we did this year, and we are happy to know we work for that satin collar.











↗ Junior NHS members

↑ Newly inducted members

→ Bobby Leshikar works hard to complete his last service project.

→→ Celia Naivar volunteers her time in the concession stand.

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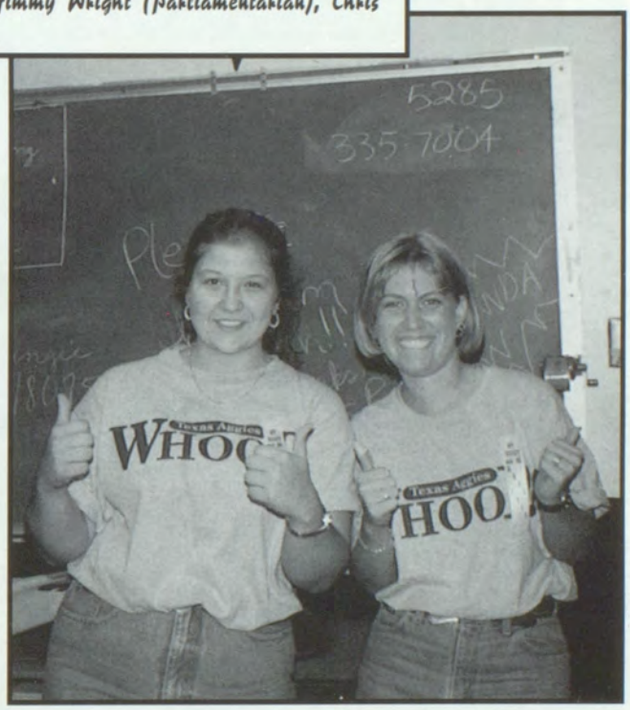


I am proud of NHS this year. We got some new things started that I hope to see future NHS groups continue with.
-Hunter Hargis



Front: (L to R) Vanessa Dykowky (reporter), Laurie Cmerek (Treasurer), Celia Naivar (Historian).
Back: Kim Gerstner (Secretary), Hunter Hargis (President), Jimmy Wright (Parliamentarian), Chris Caffey (Vice-President).





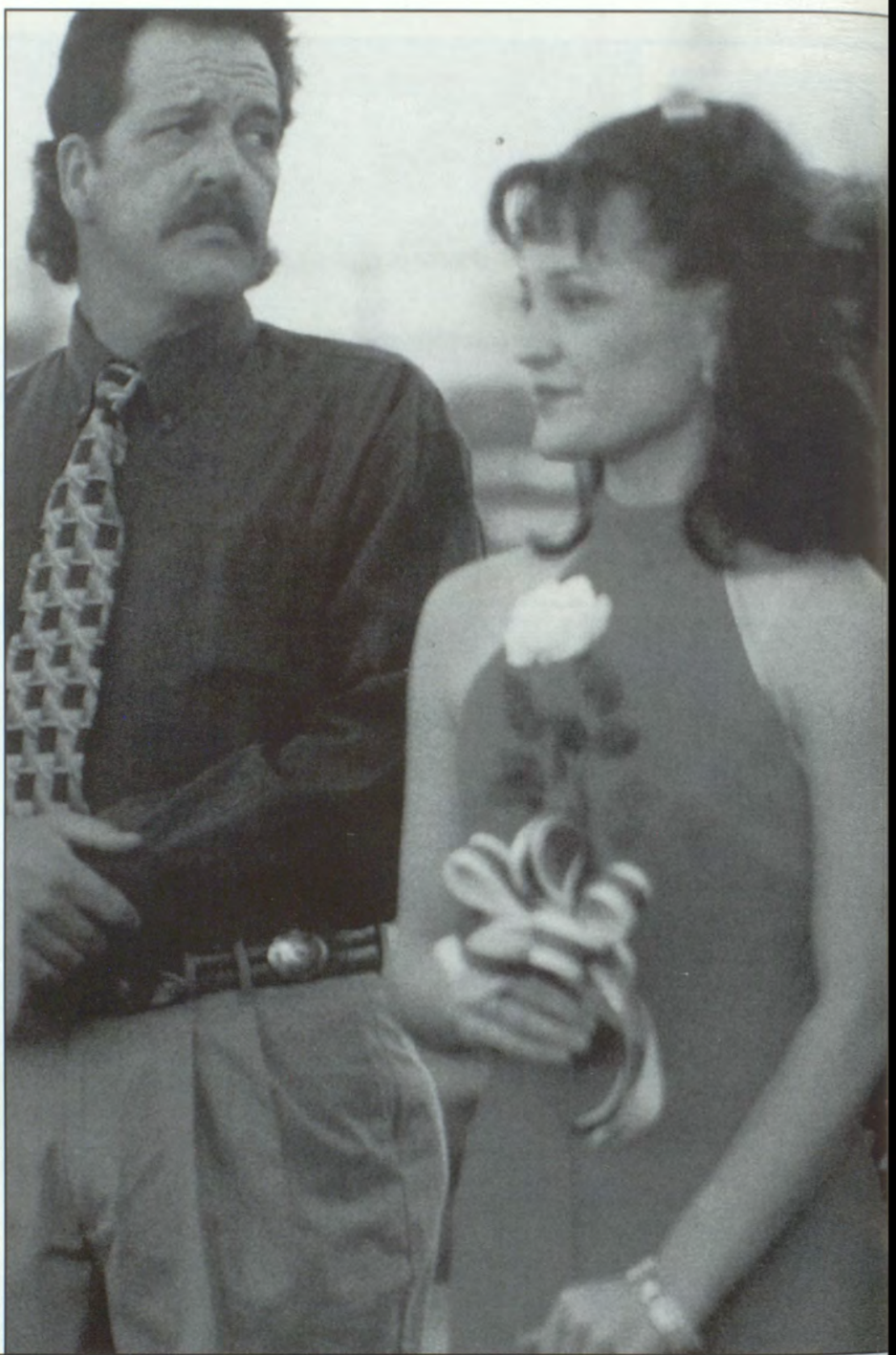




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Student Senate

The Student Senate was extremely active this year. We sponsored several events, such as: the annual leadership conference, donut breakfast during appreciation week, Christmas tree contest, and put flags in every classroom so that we could say the pledge every morning. We also always do the class favorites and homecoming votes, plus, we helped decorate Heritage Square over the Christmas holidays. We had a great group of officers that worked hard and got a lot done. Overall, Student Senate was an extremely successful club that accomplished a great deal for our school.









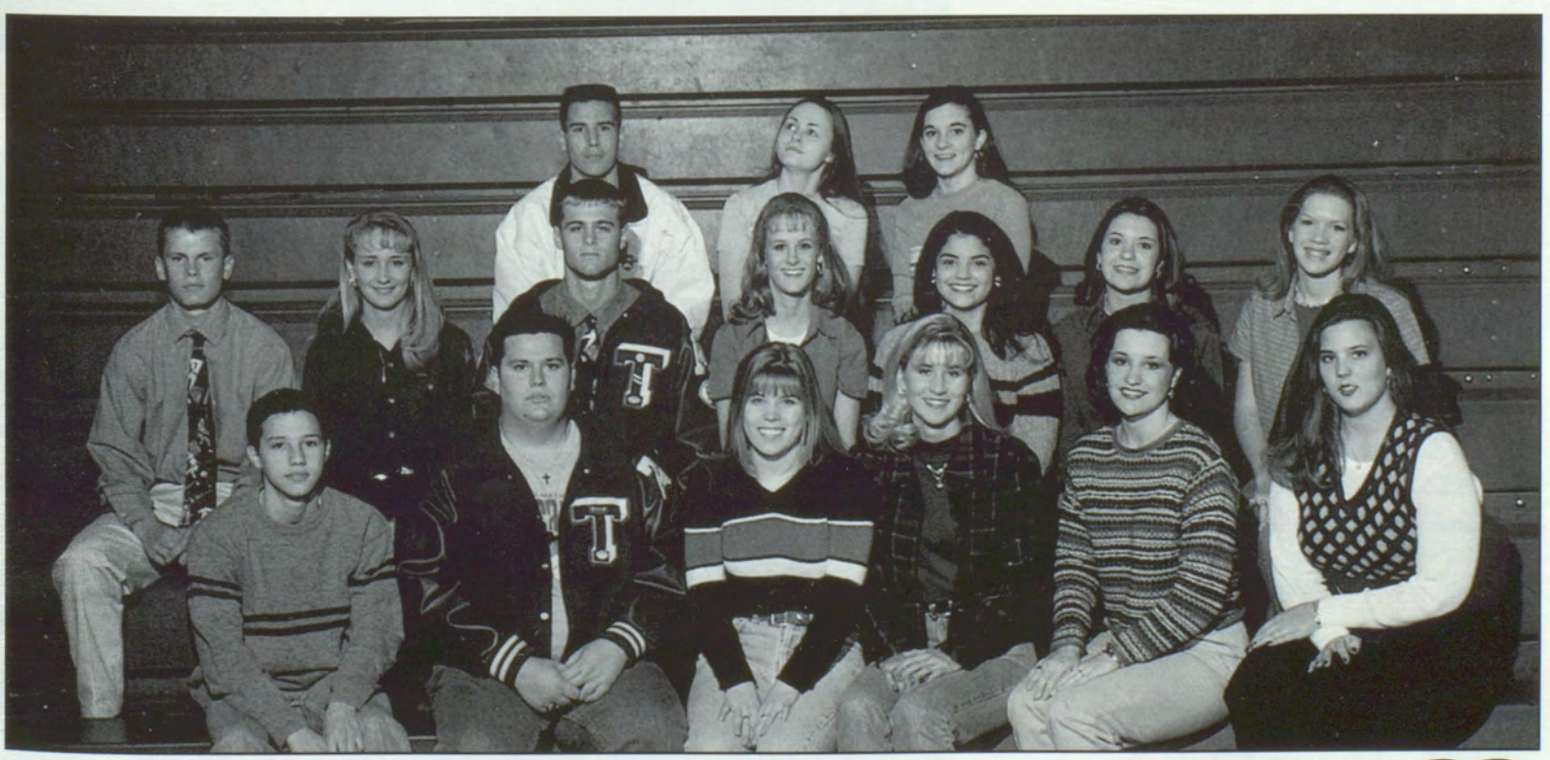


As president of Student Senate, I am very proud of all the accomplishments we made for our school!
-Marisa Bennett









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Class Officers

The elections were held and everyone voted. We all held our breath as the names were announced over the P.A.- "the class officers for the 97-98 school year are..." Some were new to the class officer game, and others seasoned professionals, but all ready to serve their class to the best of their ability. The freshmen quickly relaxed into their roles as class officers, meeting regularly and winning the Homecoming float contest. The sophmores, as well, took to their place and worked hard with fundraisers, like the candy sales (mmm-mmm). But perhaps the biggest challenge lay at the feet of the junior class officers... the Prom. They organized, and organized, then worked and worked some more to make the Prom the best it could be... but it was well worth it. The senior class officers got a chance to look back, and remember all the fun times they had as freshmen, sophmores, and junior class officers, when at the same time they had to make decisions about their class motto and banner. Every class had good, hard working officers who truly rewrote the rules when it came to dedication to one's class.

Freshmen

Jordan Schmidt, Rep.; Justin Bohls, Rep.; Steven Teggeman, President; Christina Ford, Secretary; Alisha David, Vice President; Meghan Klotz, Treasurer; Justin Graef, Parliamentarian.



Sophomores

Kyle Kaiser, Vice President; Kelly Kuhl, President; Lida Grimm, Treasurer; Heath Haverland, Rep.; Lindsey Cmerek; Lauren Mikulencak, Secretary; Tara Svehlak, Rep.; Amanda Welch, Rep.; Sean Washington, Rep.; Jennifer Gonzales.





This year was exciting and a lot of fun. We raised a lot of money and it was a good experience.

-Steven Teggamen.



It was fun being class president; we sold a lot of candy and had a lot of fun.

-Kelly Kuhl.



This year, being class president was fun and rewarding, but challenging. I enjoyed working on prom and I'm thrilled that it was such a success.

-Alison David.



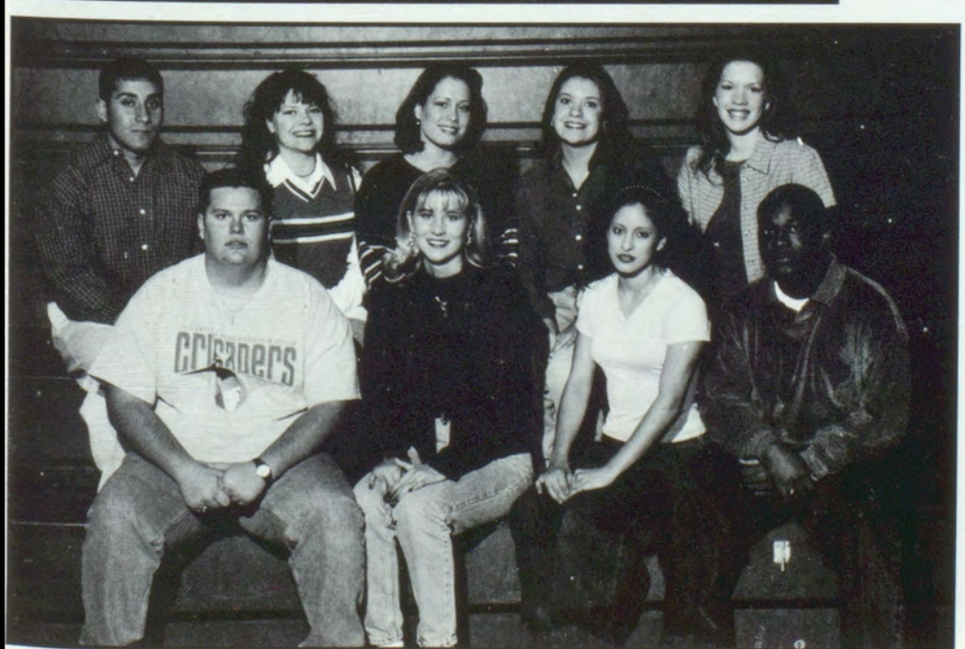
The event that definetly sticks out in my mind as a class officer is the junior/senior prom we put on last year. Our prom was one of the best ever, and we are extremely proud of it.

-Angie Bachmeyer.



Juniors

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Seniors

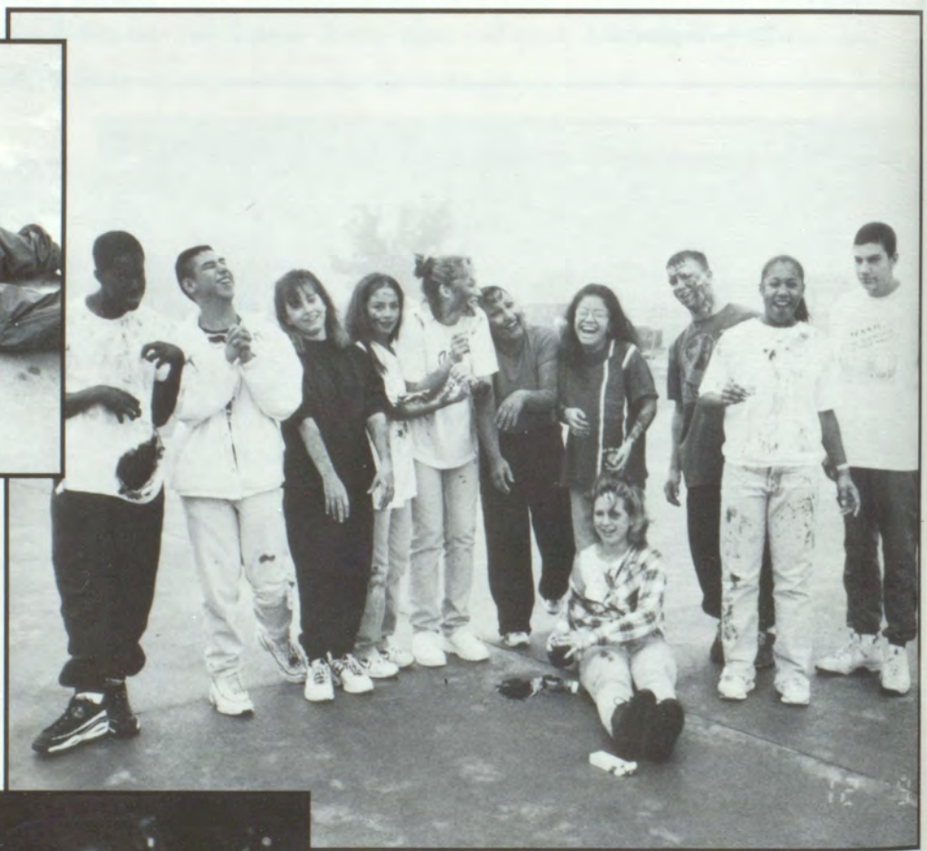
Kevin Widmer, Vice President; Angie Bachmeyer, President; Sara Mata, Treasurer; Johnny King, Rep.; Chachi Hernandez, Rep.; Allison Behrends, Rep.; Tracey Eulenfeld, Rep.; Allison Jones, Reporter; Hollie Bollinger, Parliamentarian.

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H.O.S.A.

H.O.S.A. - Health Occupations Students of America was brand-new to our school this year. The club was offered to students involved in Health Science Technology and who were interested in a health care profession. Students participated in area and state competitions in nursing assisting, vet assisting, medical terminology, medical spelling, CPR, first aid, medical math, health careers and many other events. It was very exciting, considering this our first time to ever compete and they went all the way to state! H.O.S.A. held fundraisers from selling everything from candy to first-aid kits. This year they went to an awesome museum where one could actually walk through the human body and learn things that one probably never would have known or even seen before. It was really a great learning experience and fun, even for someone who is not at all interested in the medical field. They were also given the chance to examine three hearts of three people who had passed away. One was the heart of a person who died from the use of steroids, which, by the way, was extremely big! That was probably the part everyone enjoyed the most. This year was extremely successful for all of the H.O.S.A. members. Mrs. Dodson was awarded for introducing this club to Taylor High School and hopefully she will be here for many more to carry it on, because it really is a rewarding club for those interested in a medical profession.











↑↑ Terrance Roberson plays dead.

↗ HST patients prepare for mock explosion.

↑ Mrs. Dodson takes a break.

→ Tanisa Walker shows off her state-bound poster.

→→ H.O.S.A.'s state qualifiers.

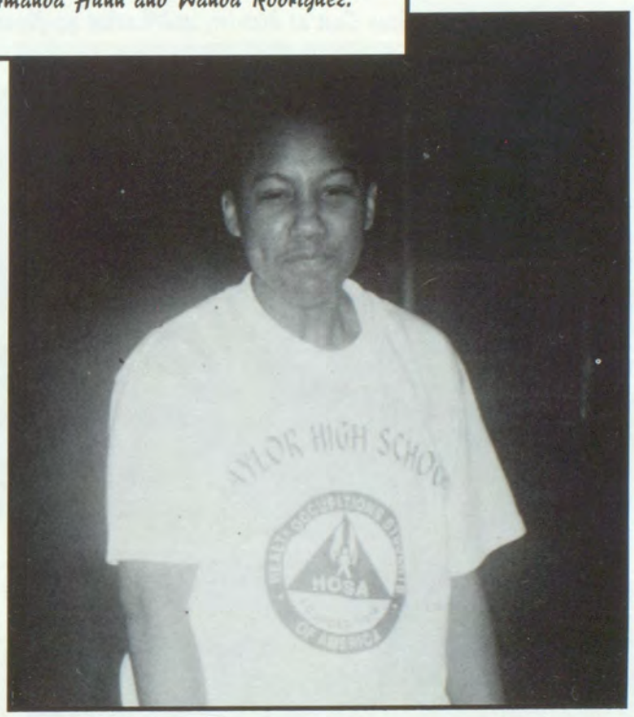


As president of H.O.S.A., I've learned more about the health profession as a whole and how much people in the health profession help others. -April Hennington.



Julie Daniels, Eryn Graef, Nicole Caffey, April Maruska; Amanda Hunn and Wanda Rodriguez.







One Act Play

The One-Act class had a one-derful time in Wonderland. A new style of play for our school, Alice in Wonderland, proved to be the trick to advance us to Area (translation: we won district!). The last time Taylor had advanced was way back in 1969; so our pride was expected. And boy did we work hard to get there! Rehearsals began in January and went on into April; we even rehearsed during half of Spring Break! Before we left for competition, many a person told us "good luck" (a curse to an actor), opposed to telling us "break a leg," but regardless of our curses we still advanced. leaving us all wondering if the old actor's superstition of saying "break a leg" was only just that-a superstition. Competition was not the only fun of the trip. We also played with bubbles, stayed in a hotel, hung out with Michelle, went bowling, played pool, met Josh, Josh, Josh, and Larry, didn't go swimming, watched a movie, stayed up late talking, and rode in a van with Mr. Rubio. Even though Willie didn't wear pink, and Melodie hit Tarisa too hard with the mallet (sometimes), we still had a lot of fun. We also had a lot of success... Monica and Melodie got Honorable Mention, and Bobby and Tarisa got All Star Cast at district, and Tarisa go Honorable Mention at Area. Overall, it was a good experience which all of us are proud of and none of us will ever forget.











↗ "It doesn't much matter which way you go... as long as you advance to Area. Sean "Cheshire Cat" Washington and Tarisa "Alice" Walker question their way through a scene.

↑↑ "He was a good man!" Nicole, Tarisa, and Sean give Kyle a flowery funeral outside our hotel.

↑ In the hotel, the actors study their art by watching a movie.

→ "Shall we dance?" Melodie and Bobby take advantage of their chance to dance at pizza hut.

CAST



The four years that I have been in One Act, the best thing will always be the moment right before the lights come up; the feelings of fear and excitement are perhaps the greatest of all.

-Beth Solbach.



T-B, L-R. (curtseying) Melodie Strickland, (arms streched upward) Nicole Cantu, Nicole White, Kyle Kaiser, Maria Fraire, Sean Washington, (crouching) Beth Solbach, (with clarinet) Tarisa Walker, (with bunny) Monica Ruble, (kneeling) Micah Grau, (in big hat) Bobby Leshikar, (with saxophone) Willie Fields.









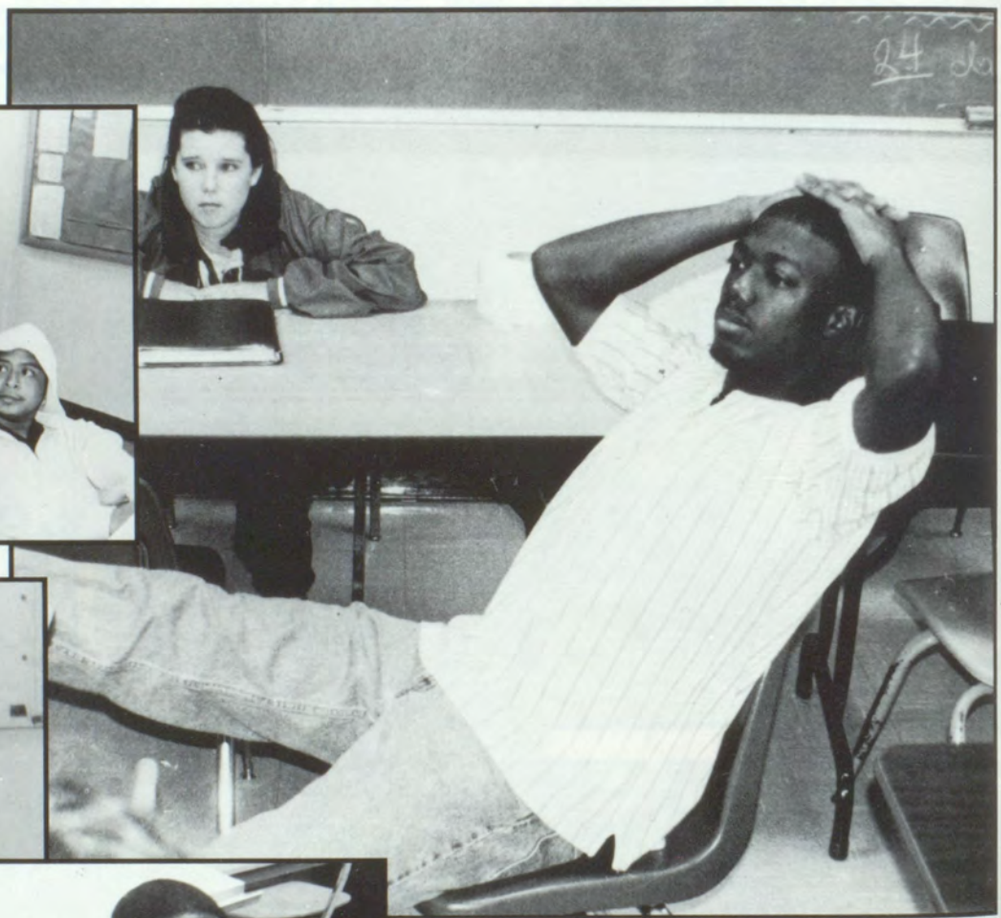
Michelle! With our friend and hostess Michelle, Mellie and Bethy smile!

As good as it gets! During the movie Nicole gets cozy with Willie.

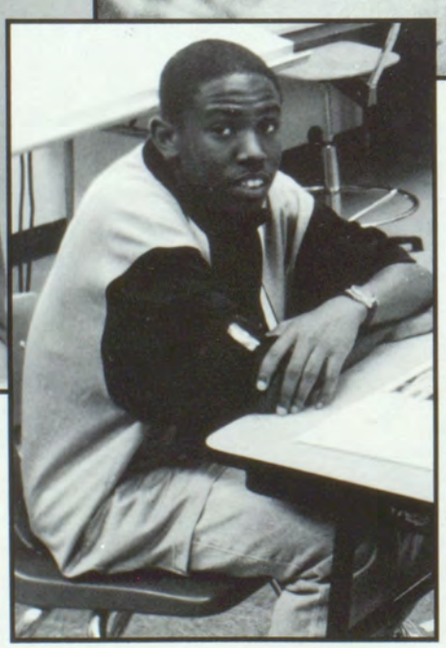
Cotton Boll

This has been a good year for Cotton Boll; we had our share of good times and bad times. The fun times were well worth the trouble we went through to get the paper out in time. The constant nagging by Mr. Powell to get things finished turned our to be a motivating factor to finish the assignment. There were times when we didn't get a paper out at all, but sometimes life lessons can be learned by what hasn't happened. The class as a whole would like to thank all those people who helped contribute to the production of the paper: the first period for their typing skills, the numerous teachers who helped proofread various pieces, and the Photo 77 students for all their picture taking skills and help. Journalism is an interesting field of study that has many aspects that will help students later in life. Deadlines are a real life dilemma and having a safety net like school can help prepare for those later in the real world. Cotton Boll taught us to depend on each other and to help each other whenever help was











↗ It's time to take a break!

↑↑ Hey, Hunter, let's go and take pictures.

↑ What is going on? thinks Kristin Martin.

→ Jason is willing to stop working and pose for a picture.

→→ Don't walk too hard, Allison.

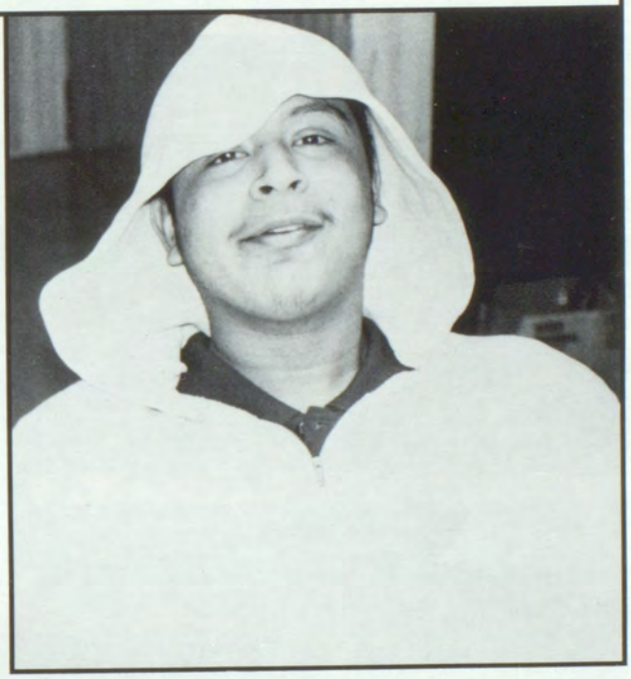


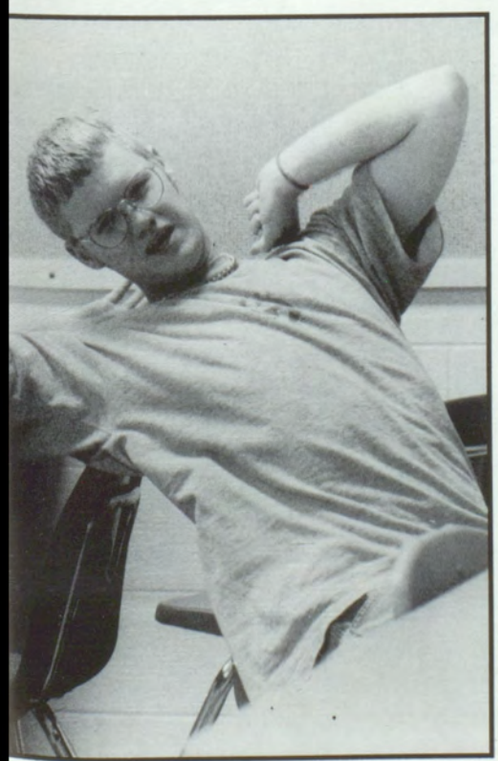
Being in Cotton Boll was a great experience. Thanks to all of the help from th e journalism classes, we were able to have a successful year despite our small staff. -Allison Behrends.

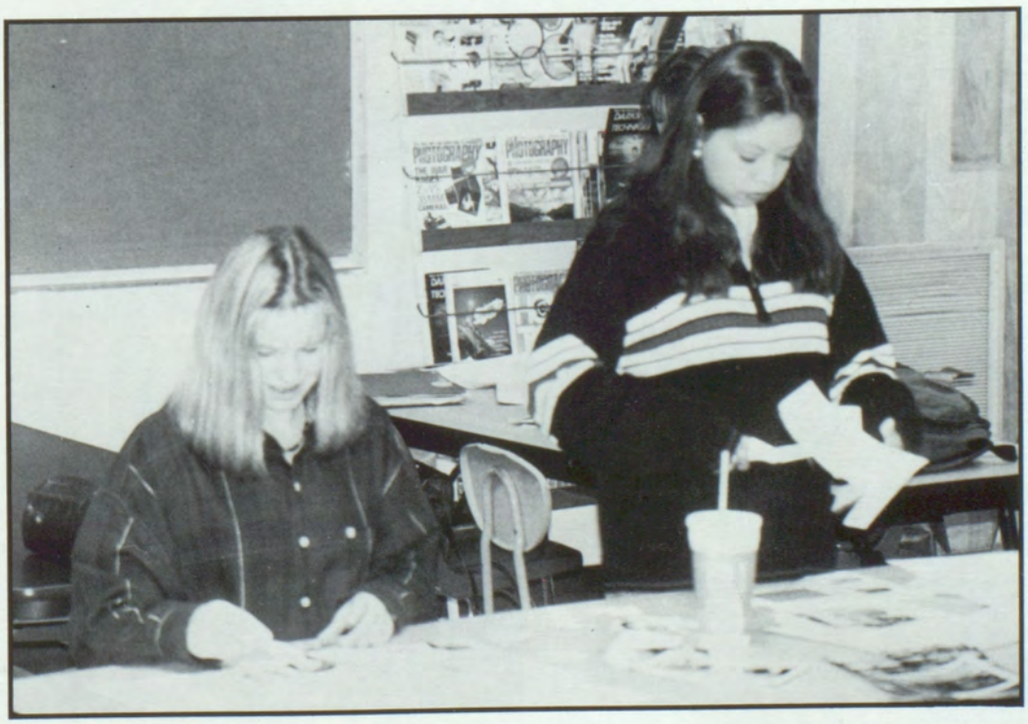


Mr. Powell, Allison Behrends, Jennifer Jaramillo, Kendra Jirasek, Anthony Hubbard, Cody Seigmund, Truett Melde, Tara Svehlak, Isabel Velasquez, and Angela Ruiz.







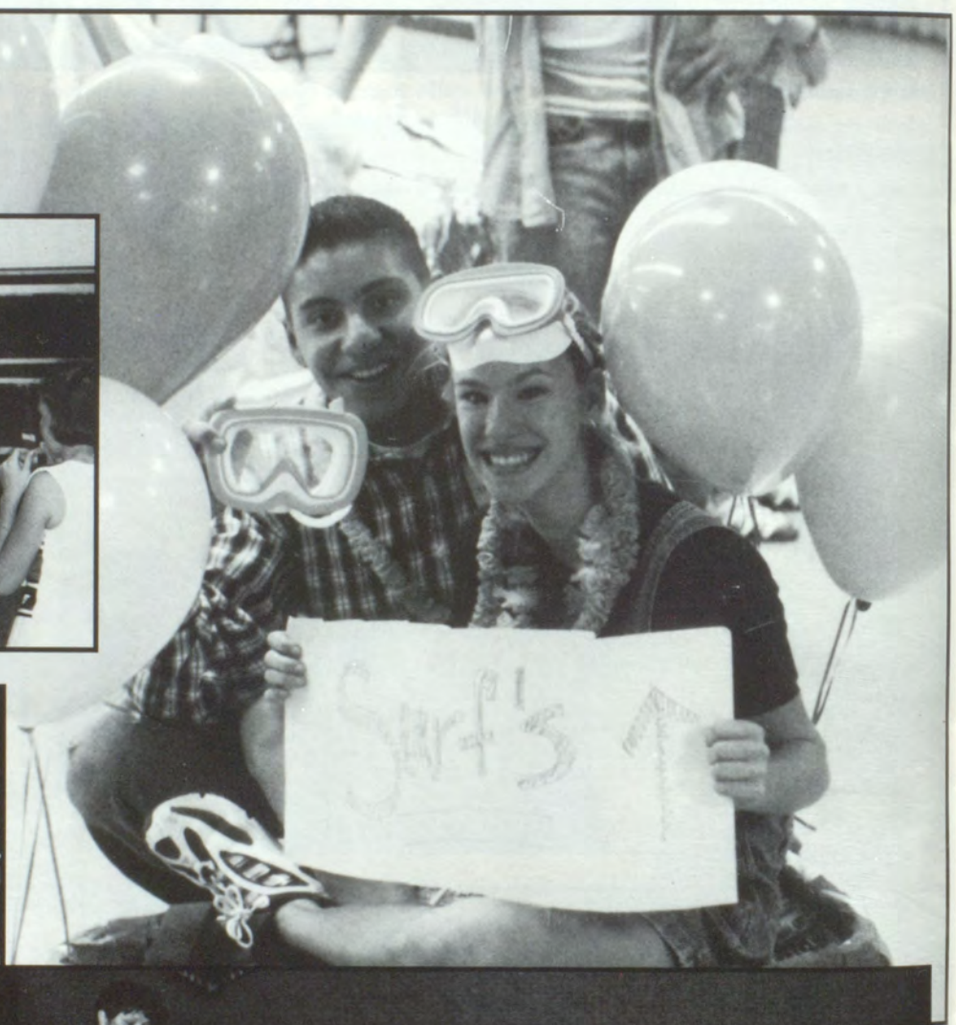


Surf

This year's SURF club was the best ever! We started out with an awesome Homecoming Dance. After much debate, the officers finally decided on a "Sun, Moon, and Stars" theme. Our last-minute dj was great, and the whole evening was very memorable. We made a few trips in the spring. Watching the Ice Bats and the Waco Wizards was a blast! Many of us had never been to an ice hockey game.

Promoting responsible fun and providing alternatives to drugs and alcohol is what SURF is all about. With a big membership this year, we made many friends who shared our beliefs in responsibility. SURF was a great club to be a part of! It was an experience none of us will ever forget.









↑↑ Amanda Wallace and Celia Naivar show great teamwork in the concession stand at the University game.

↑ This group of THS students had a great time at the Homecoming dance.

→→ Now what we have to do is... Mrs. K. runs a meeting at lunch.



SURF was able to accomplish a lot this year with the help of the officers and Mrs. K., and we had a great time doing it!.

Allison Jones.





SURF was a blast this year! We had more fun than any other year!
-Amanda Wallace.





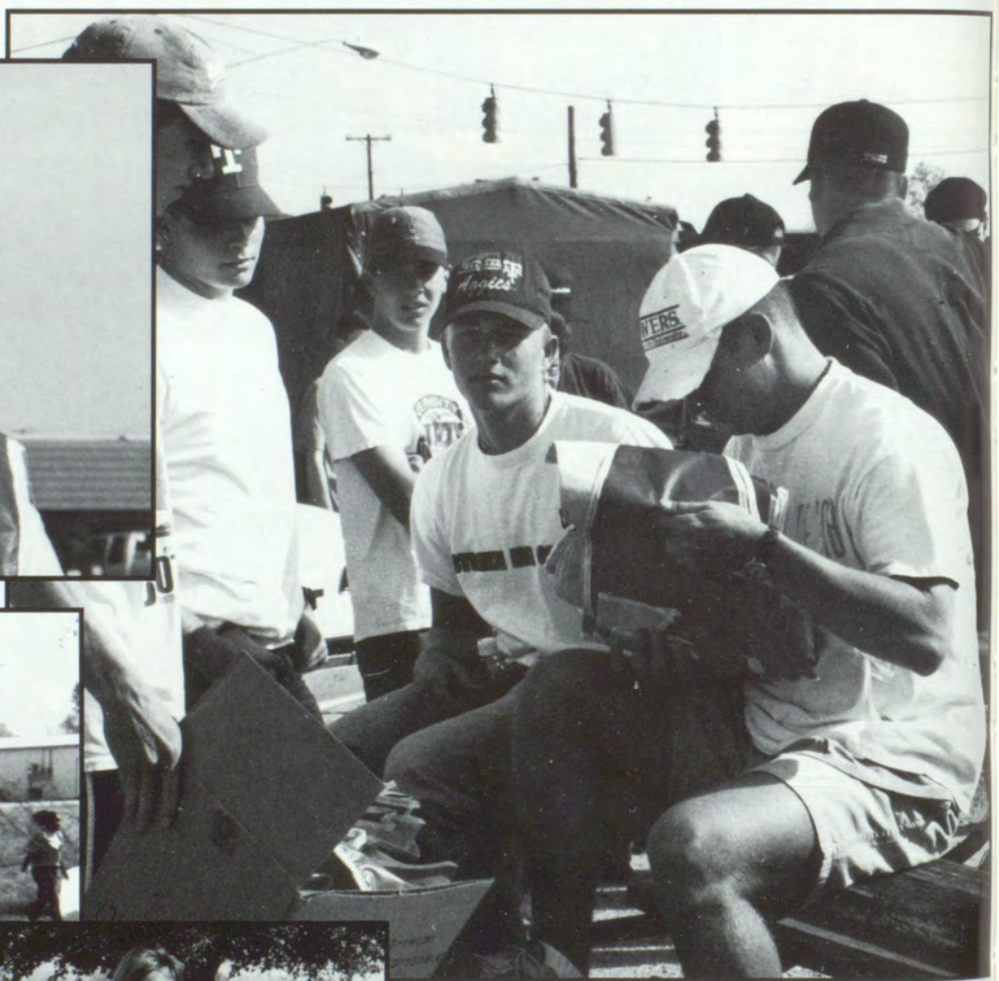


Science Club

One of the largest organizations in our school, science club doesn't only have to do with science, it has to do with helping the community. Every year science club helps to beautify the city of Taylor, participating in the trash offs in both the fall and the spring.

Many of the members sacrificed early Saturday mornings for the simple cause of the betterment of our community. But we not only helped the cleaning up of our streets of our city, we also aided in the home. Before Christmas we put together a Christmas tree and that tree went to a needy family. It is activities like these that make us proud to be part of science club, an organization dedicated to our community.











What a fashion statement! Truett Melde and Clayton Turner prepare to pick up trash.

Carrie Nicholson stops to smile for the camera while picking up trash.

Chris Heit shades his eyes from the sun during the trash pickup.

Amanda Larson takes time out of her Saturday to pick up trash.

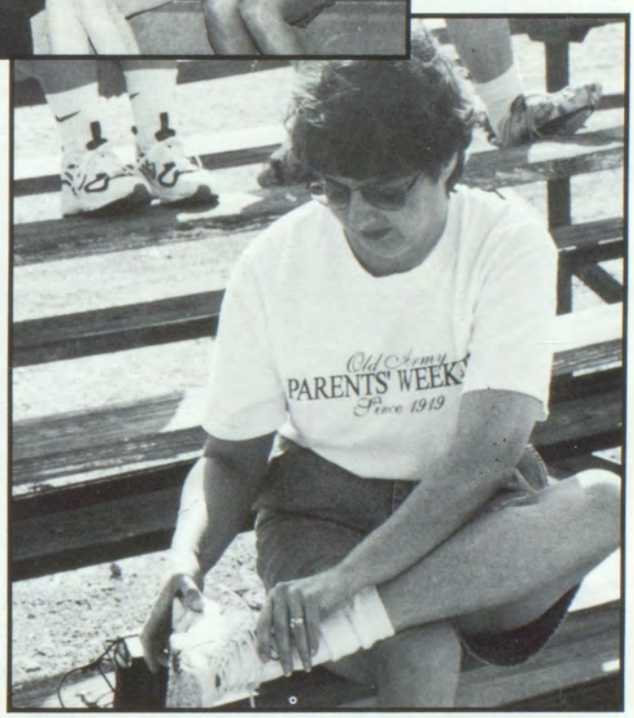
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Though we did not go on any trips, we did serve our community, and that is something that we are very proud.
-Melodie Strickland









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German Club

Guten tag! Wie geht es dir? This year the German Club went to the Wurstfest and Conservation Plaza. It seemed to be a tradition to go to the Wurstfest. The reason being is it is a part of the German heritage. Not only did we go to the Wurstfest, they also went to Conservation Plaza and saw how the Germans lived many years past. The German club wasn't only about taking trips, they also helped the community with many special activities. They always were a part of the Texas Trash Off. German Club was awarded second place for the Ruth Jackson Youth Leadership Award. That wasn't the only way they succeeded, though. They planted flowers in Murphy Park and planted an herb garden at the Moody Museum. Like everybody else, they too had concession stand duty, which was very successful. Who could forget Hunter Hargis' car that was decorated for the Christmas parade? Meetings consisted of pizza parties and chit-chat about what was going on, like Houstinfest and state competition. They had a good day to win at contest. Most of the Taylor competitors that won at Houstinfest went on to state competition. German club members did very well there, too. The German Club is always improving and they will always be proud of their helping the community.











↑↑ Members dance their feet away at state contest.

↑ Merry Christmas, and to all a good night!...say some of the German Club members following the Christmas Parade.

→ Mein hut es hat drei Ecken!

↗ We are always helping out!

→→ Posing pretty with the German man.

OFFICERS



Between our success at contest and on involvment in beautifying our community, we had a good year.
-Melodie Strickland



Historian Allison Behrends, 1st year Rep. Justin Graef, Parliamentarian Lisa Grimm, Secretary Melodie Strickland, 1st Vice President Hunter Hargis, President Hollie Bullinger, Treasurer Tessa Mikulencak, 2nd Vice President Lindsay Cmerek.

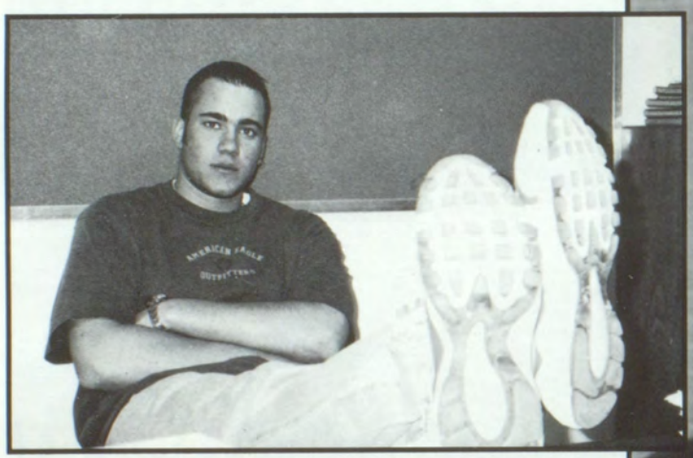




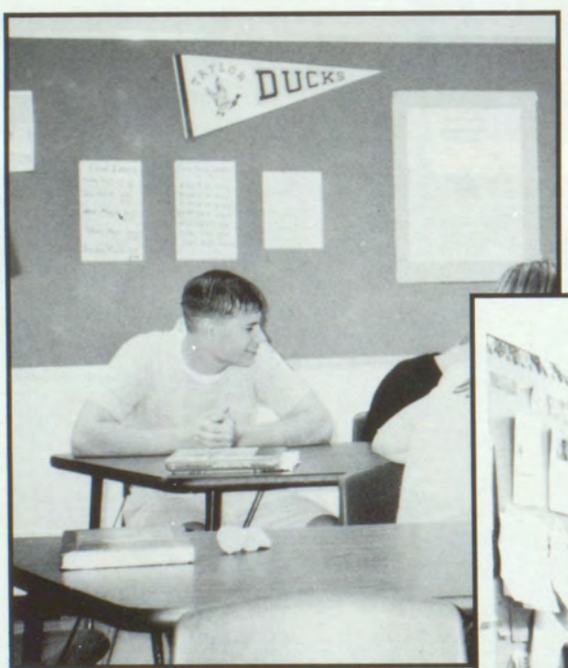


Latin Club

Latin Club had a wonderful year for 97-98. Even though they raised money, they weren't able to go on a trip. During football season, they worked the concession stand. Also, Latin Club had a fund-raiser selling candy. Not only did they make money, they donated it, too. During Christmas the Latin Club students donated money to the foster children for gifts. Latin Club expands each year. During the past few years, Latin has had Latin 777 students, and enough to make classes of their own.











↑↑ President Travis Rozacky relaxes during a Latin Club meeting.

↑ Freshman Mark Cantrell laughs hysterically during a Latin Club meeting.

→ Mrs. Schaefer is watching over a meeting while calling attendance.

→→ Freshmen Latin students keep themselves busy during a meeting.

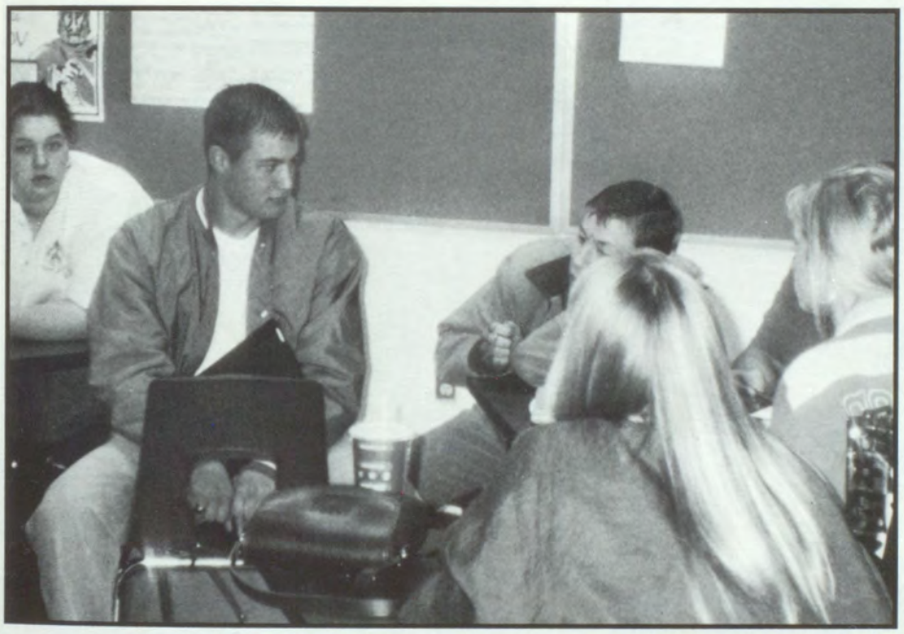
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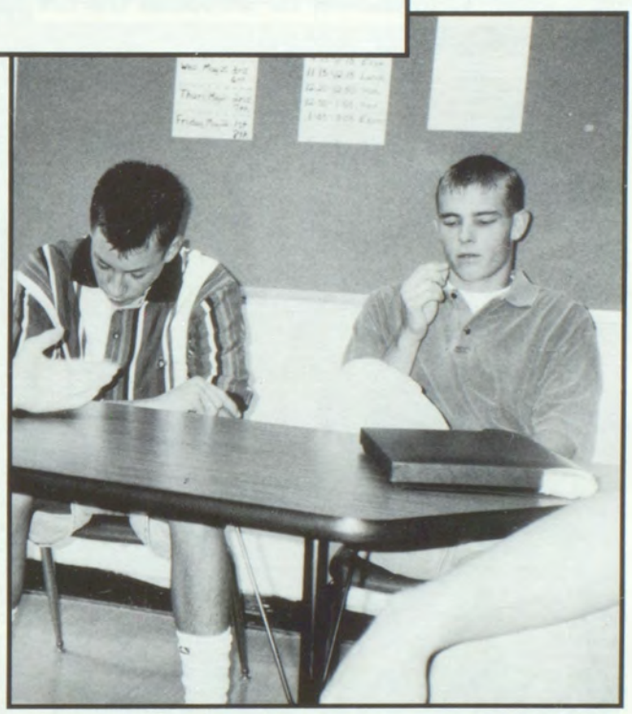


I've been in Latin Club for two years, and I had fun. I hope next year is even better.
-Tara Svetak.



Officers Travis Rozacky, Allison David, Jennifer Kolinek, Bobby Leshikar, Michelle Ford, Kelly Kuhl, Brett Helbert, Lynsey Tiemann, Tim Heijl.







Spanish Club

As another school year draws to a close, Spanish Club members will be able to say "Hemos hecho mucho este ano!" Early in the first semester the Spanish 3 and 4 students visited the San Jose mission and the Institute of Texan Cultures. All Spanish students were included in the opportunity to go to a Justo Lamas concert in Pflugerville. On Diversity Day, Spanish Club members and other Spanish class students all pitched in to put together a colorful and eclectic display of the Spanish and Mexican cultures. Besides pottery and jewelry, there were homemade doll costumes and paper flowers adorning the table in the library. Maria Gonzalez also helped out by wearing her quinceñera dress and standing by to answer questions. Later that afternoon Monica Ruble, Shannon Faulkner, Amy Samuelson, Andrea Wilson, Jonathan Gray, Andrew Morris, Elizabeth Flores, Javier Garcia, Bridgett Shannon, and Jason Moldenhour all paired up and did a Spanish Dance, sombreros and all! Spanish Club took one last trip to Fiesta Texas and even though they had a great time, they were all happy to be celebrating the end of the school year!



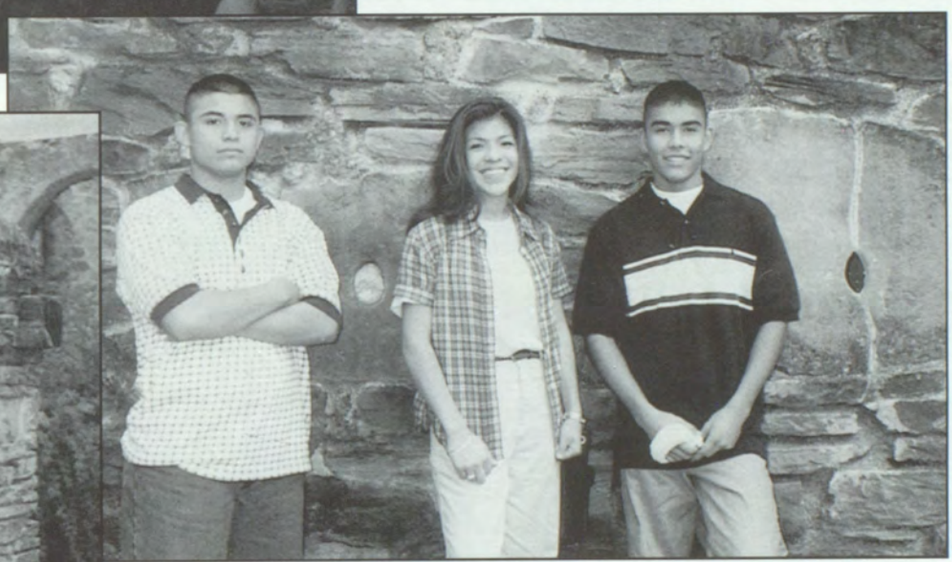


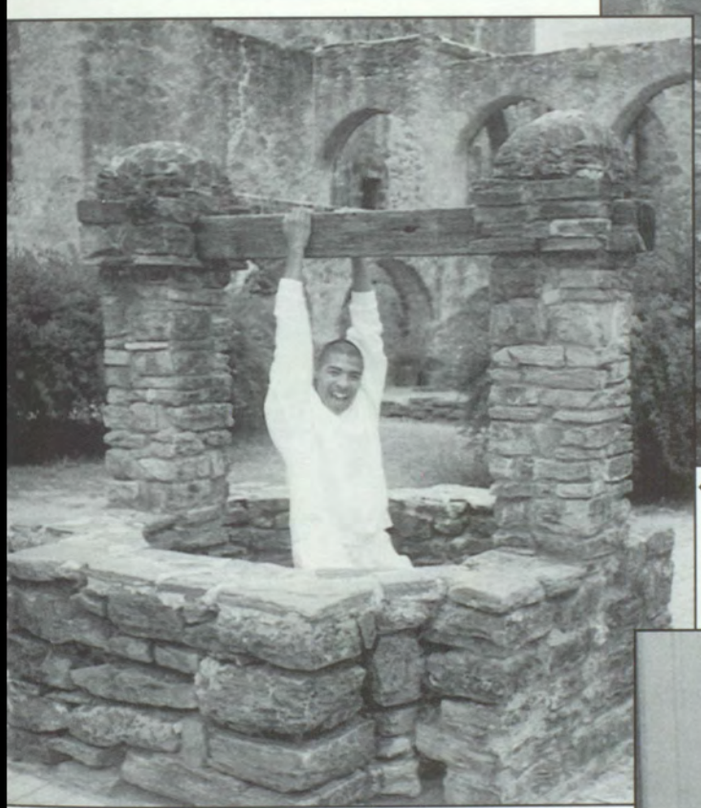












← Look what Jack Garcia is willing to do for a drink of water on a hot Texas day! (San Jose Mission)

↓ Even these Czech ladies were interested in learning about the Spanish culture on Diversity Day! The table was covered with items made at school or brought from home by club mimbers and other Spanish class students.





ack Garcia, Chachi Hernandez, and Manuel Raesz are the Men in White t the San Jose Mission!

hris Gonzalez, Jackie Garcia, and J.J. Sanchez pose for a picture inside the an Jose Mission.

Cheerleaders

Hypin' it up

Cheerleading was keeping up school spirit, working together as a team, being leaders and a bunch of work and stress! To keep up school spirit we held pep rallies for every Friday home game and painted signs for hallways and the gym. For the second consecutive year we threw footballs into the crowd with each touchdown scored! Even though the crowd didn't participate as much as we would have liked, we still cheered our hearts out. We supported our girls and guys by cheering at all athletic events. Because of certain circumstances we didn't make our yearly flight to Nashville, Tennessee for competition, but we knew deep down that our prevailing talent would shine through at Spring Show! Being leaders also meant working as a team, and to work as a team we had to keep our attitudes in line. We all had different personalities which sometimes caused conflicting attitudes, but we got through it and always stayed friends.











Front: (L to R) Meagan Kilborn, Sara Mata, Alison David, Courtney Kaiser, April Hennington, Nicole Caffey, Angie Bachmeyer, Andrea Wilson. Middle: Candace Benad, Amy Johnson, Kristin Chait, Amanda Welch, Jaulyn Mokry, Tina Donkony. Back: Keli Stewart, Abby Mott, Tanisa Walker, Stacey Lopez, Alisha David, Kristin Muegge









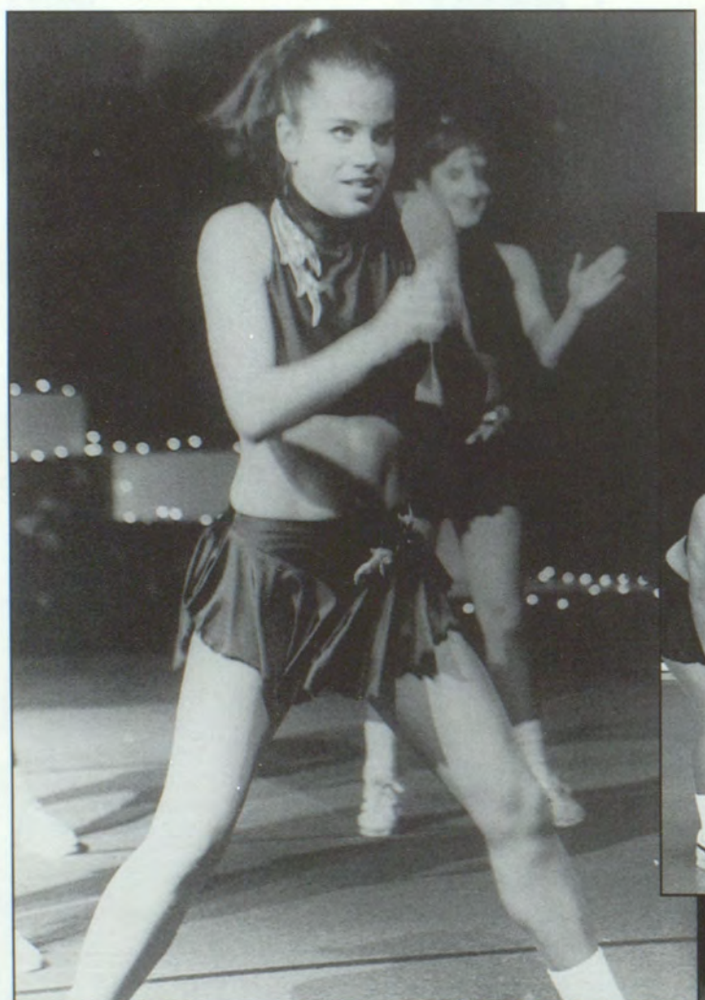


Cheerleaders

Spring Show

This year's Spring Show for the Cheerleaders was a long awaited affair. Not going to competition gave extra time to prepare and perfect our routine. It was a strenuous dance, but everybody worked extremely hard to make it the very best it could be. It was hard to get started due to unavailable practice space, but we were finally able to work in a warehouse on 2nd street. We weren't able to practice stunts because the ceiling wasn't high enough, but somehow we pulled it off. The seniors did an awesome job of creating a routine that we knew the public would love. The Spring Show is always the highlight of a Cheerleaders career and we are very grateful to the Steppers for inviting us to participate in their show.









Seniors Angie, April, and Sara stop for a quick picture before their last performance as Cheerleaders.

Andrea Wilson shows her stuff dancing her routine.

The nervous squad poses for some pictures before their dance.

Sisters' Alison and Alisha cheese it up after their first Spring Show together.



April really knows how to jam in her last dance as a Cheerleader.



It's all business when Sara Mata goes out to perform.



Meagan, Alison, Nicole and Andrea pose for a picture after finishing their 3rd Spring Show together.



Steppers

With the arrival of Ms. Vest, the Steppers went back to the traditional crowd-pleasing dancing with bright red lipstick. With dedication beginning early in the summer, the new girls attended a camp to get used to the kind of dancing that is required by a Stepper. The smaller team gave them a chance to bond and make friendships that will be in true heart for the rest of their lives. Beginning the year, the Steppers had a pool party to kick off Line Camp. It was then that the Football and pep rally routines were learned. As football season began, the Steppers exchanged gifts with "little" and "big" sisters along with the cheerleaders at homecoming. Along with the Little Stepper Camp, the High Steppers also were involved is selling poinsettias at Christmas. The dedication and commitment will never be forgotten in each of the Steppers' hearts. The hard work pays off each time a Stepper steps on the stage smiling and hears the applause and support of the crowd. Anytime anyone says "smile," "point your toes," or "5-6-7-8,' it will bring back memories that will last a lifetime.



Kelly Wilson, Sonja Stelly, Kellie Kalnasy, Erica Rohac, Carrie Nicholson, Jolena Caldera, Gladys Martinez, Kendra Jirasek, Carmen Razo, Kimberly Zachary, Chastity Garcia, Juanita Vasquez, Maria Gonzalez, Jennefer Zachary, April Flores, Christina Gonzales, Roxanne Torres, Isabel Velasquez, Lt. Nicole Cantu, Lt. Col. Allison Jones, Col. Marisa Bennett, Lt. Autumn Schnieder.







→ Allison Jones smiles for the camera while performing a military standing routine.

→ A group of Steppers smile before going on the field to perform.

→ Smiling big, a group of Steppers perform a pom routine for the first pep rally.













← She's not nervous. Senior Kelly Wilson smiles for the camera before going onto the field.

↑ Friends forever. Sonja Stelly and Jennifer Zachary smile big after their performance.

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Spring Steppers Show

With the encouragement of Ms. Vest, we permanently named Spring Show "Kaleidoscope." This year, the Steppers opened "Kaleidoscope" with their award winning pom routine. The team performed three routines at contest in which they received the Sweepstakes award. The officers this year performed their lyrical and jazz routine in which they received a Division 7 and a best in category officers award. Proudly this year the team took four solos and two ensembles. Solos were performed by Marisa Bennett, Allison Jones, Nicole Cantu, and Autumn Schneider. The ensembles were performed by Kim and Jennifer Zachary, and Jolena Caldera and Kendra Firasek. As the exciting show came to an end, seniors said their goodbyes and remembered their three memorable years on the team together. With big smiles and tears the Steppers closed "Kaleidoscope" with the traditional "Last Dance."











The officers perform for the last time together their best in Category lyrical routine.

The Steppers pose excitedly after performing their Elvis Novelty routine.











↖ The officers show the trophies off from contest winnings.

↑ Roxanne Torres and Christina Gonzales smile big during their kick routine.

↖ Keitha Jones smiles with relief because it's finally over.

Band

The road to success was a hard road to follow. The unity of the students displayed over the past year has been unbelievable. As a whole, we became a better band and our failure rate has been less each year that has gone by. The band is always improving. During the summer, we went from not wanting to gather into a band to a team that works together. Then when school began, we had to worry about playing in front of everybody on the field at the halftime show. Being in band was not as simple as you think. You have to get everything correct. If you don't, you can tell if there is a mistake. That is why we were so nervous about playing in front of everybody on the football field.

We also have to worry about contest. During the football season, we went to the Capital City Marching Contest, where we placed sixth out of nineteen competitors from other 4A schools. In addition to the marching contest, we had U.I.L. marching contest, in which we made a second division. It had been a long time since the band had a second division at the U.I.L. contest. The band put on a really good show and was and is always improving. It is not just about marching, it's also about having to be able to perform on a stage in front of your peers. Our Christmas concert was excellent, and we hope to see the future bands do as well as the 1997-1998 band did. Aside from our Christmas concert, we had a concert just to have one. This concert was a part of our third time to contest, and we made a second division rating in that for another U.I.L. contest. The spring contest, which we recorded, was also extremely good.





















Ah, yes! Yet another close to yet another year of band... This year has been one of many, many achievements, such as the Division two rating at contest. The future is bright with promise for the young and old. For now, though, the music is over until the summer is over.

-Bobby Lechika






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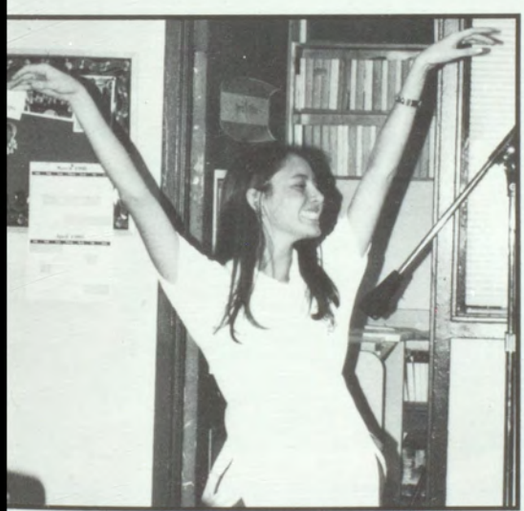



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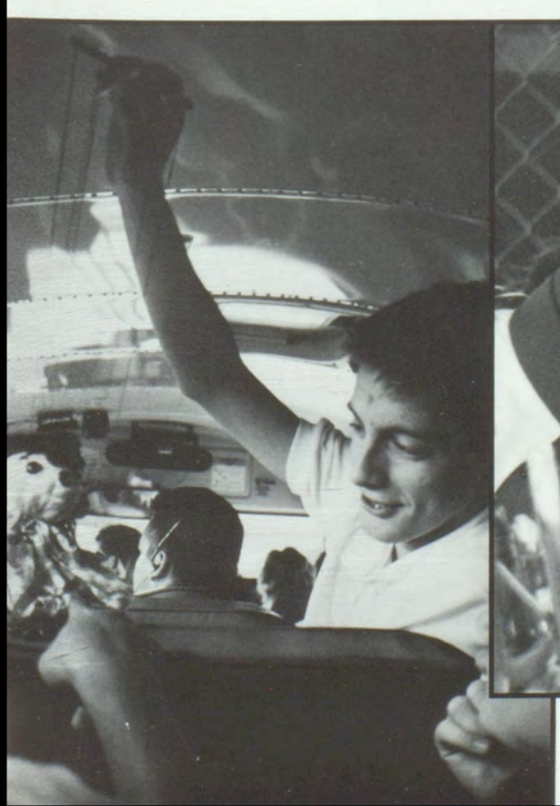






This year the band has finally met their goal of complete togetherness. Because we have all become such close friends, our playing skills have come to naturally blend into the beautiful harmonic notes you've heard this year.

-Sarah Fuentes.



















Taylor High School Band

Choir

'Tis a gift! The Choirs had many talented and dedicated members this year and consequently won a large number of performing awards. George Fiegel, Quincy Andrews, Nicole Rowe, Ahmon Tealer and Josh Tealer were named to the TMEA District Choir.

Our annual Holiday Concert was a beautiful vocal tribute to the season. An ensemble from the band joined the Concert Choir in the final selection, "One Star." Other performances included: The Homecoming Assembly, TMS, St. Mary's School, Diversity Program, Lion's Club and the Lenten Service at First Methodist Church.

In February, choir members sharpened their Italian, German and English diction for Solo/Ensemble Contest. The results of their efforts were realized with thirteen Division 1 ratings and two Division 2 ratings.

Being in choir isn't always hard work. The choirs went to Houston during Spring Break to see a Broadway show. Also on the agenda was shopping at the Galleria, dinner at Planet Hollywood and a fun-filled day at Astroworld.

We must now bid farewell to our senior members: Misty Vanderford (Soprano), Cheryl Cunningham (Soprano) and Ahmon Tealer (Bass). The Choir will not be the same without you.



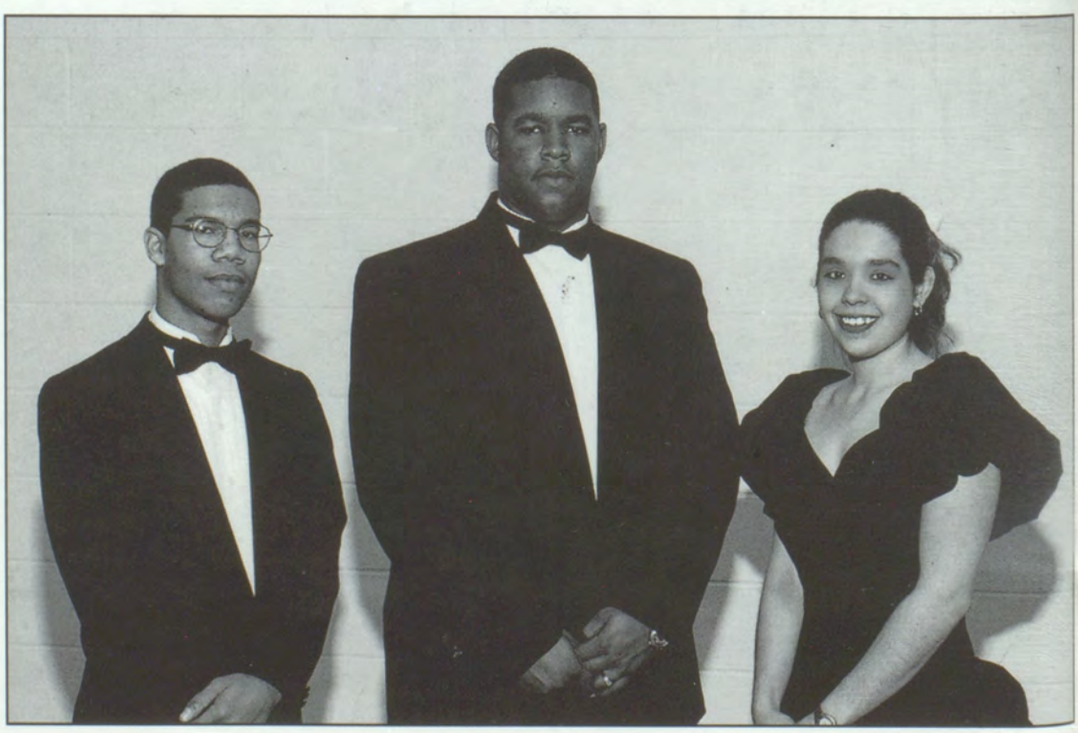




↑ Cassie Sacedo and Tweety wave to everyone back home.

↗ Misty Vanderford sings at the choir caboret.

→ TMEA All-Region Choir: Ahmon Tealer, Quincy Andrews and Nicole Rowe.

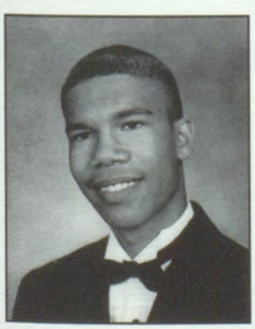




THS Mixed Choir: Front: (L to R) Elisa Estrada, Amaris Tealer, Matthew Bowker, Staci Parker, Chastity Garcia, Brandi Martinez. Back: Maria Cantaneda, Ruth Dixon, Scott Washington, Jimmy Sanchez, Elaine Good, Kerry Murray.







7 enjoyed field trips, UIL competitions and especially the achievements 7 accomplished in Choir.
-Ahmon Tealer



Front: (L to R) Josh Tealer, Ahmon Tealer, George Fiegel, Quincy Andrews. Back: Sonja Stelly, Martha Flores, Maria Castaneda, Nicole Rowe, Jennifer Zachary, Kimberly Zachary.

ENSEMBLE

Art Club

The Art Club has been very successful this year. We had several fundraisers. At Valentines, we sold lip suckers and throughout the year we sold other candy. For selling all of this, we also got rewarded, with many fun trips. We had a blast when we went to Laser Quest, and then made a stop at the Highland Mall. We also went to an Art Museum at the U.T. Campus and admired many masterpieces that we thought we could never create. One thing we found out for sure was that: the production of great artistic works requires knowledge and skill. To gain skill in art work, you must practice.

Art classes did a variety of projects such as designating paper-mache figures to painting boxes filled with all sorts of items. A number of these exhibits were displayed throughout the school. If you look at the walls in the art room alone, you can see the effort, determination, and creativity found in the Art Club and classes. We had a lot of good times and proved that art is not all work, but a lot of fun, too.











↗ Mrs. Hendriex and the football players pose in front of the Homecoming Masterpiece.

↑↑ Lance Thornton and Justin Klaus take a break to smile with Mrs. Hendriex.

↑ Alison David, Tessa Mikulencak, and Catherine Mueck know how to make a rooster happy while at the Highland Mall.

→ Tim Hejl stops at a snack bar while on a trip to the art museum.

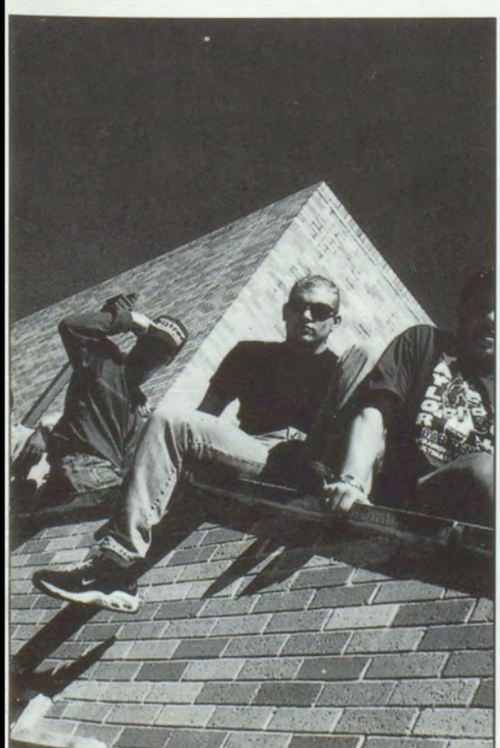


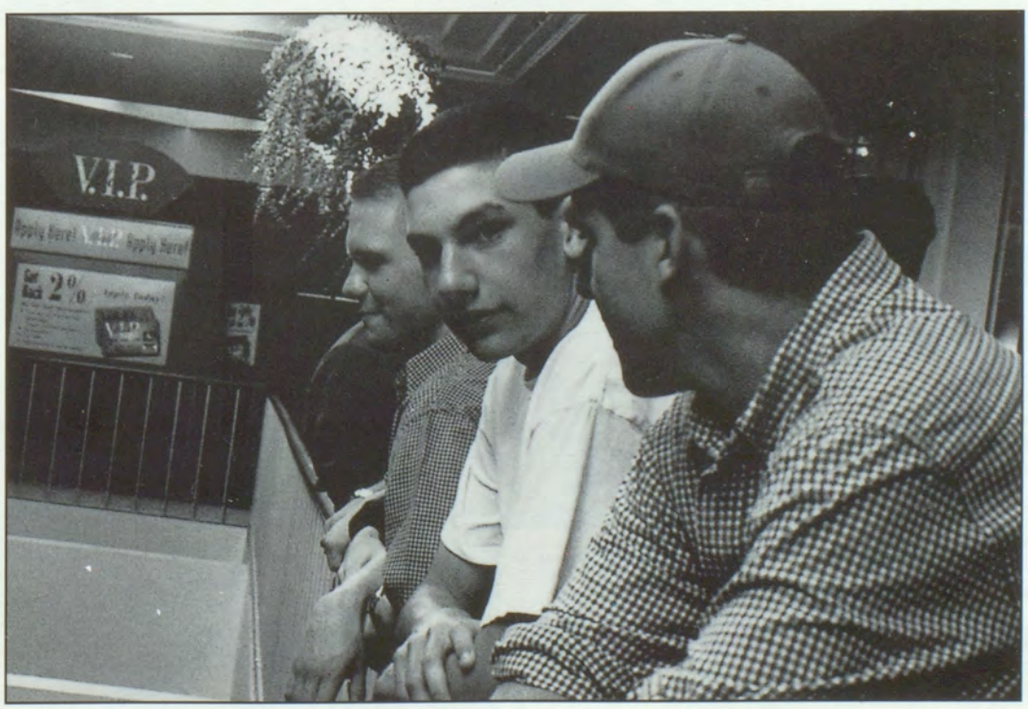
The Art Club was a lot of fun this year- especially the trip to Laser Quest.
-Jason Naiver
to take a break after











Odyssey of the Mind

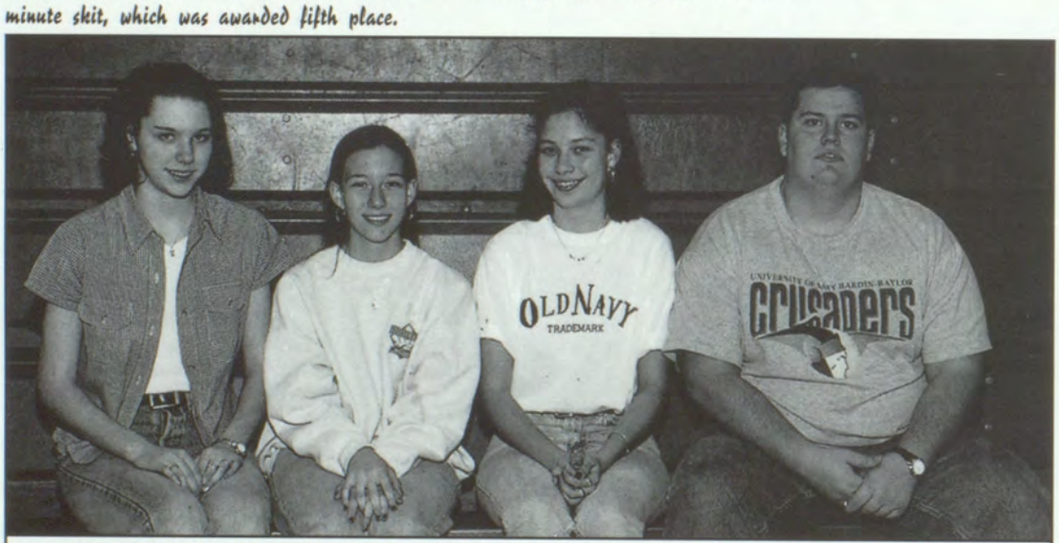


Everyone is creative, but this past year, 18 studetns from THS took their creative minds to competition through Odyssey of the Mind. All of Taylor's O.M. teams placed at the Regional Meet, although none had the opportunity to show off their extraordinary talents at the state O.M. competition.

The structure team, recieved a second-place silver medal for their hard work and determination. Their structure, which was made of balsa wood and glue weighed 14.5 grams, held a total of 407 1/2 pounds. This was the strongest balsa wood structure seen at the meet. The theme for this team was Camouflague Creation, and they interpreted it by having a desert motif and a camel named Flague.

Another team, whose problem was entitled Marvelous Mentor, came together as one to put on a marvelous skit, in which one of the members became Lucille Ball. Challenged with coming up with a product to sell, the O.M.ers created smiley baby food, which was advertised by their mentor, Lucille Ball. Third place was rewarded to this 7 member crew's excellent work.

A problem dubbed Morph Magic was solved by another group of 7. Their solution involved helping sea turtles distinguish plastic bags from their favorite meal, jellyfish, by teaching them to read. Comedy and creativity played a large part in the 8-minute skit, which was awarded fifth place.



Amber Bufield, Alison Mayer, Becky Espada, Kevin Widmer and not pictured Hunter Hargis.





↗ The Marvelous Mentor team shows their costumes with Ross Thornton as Lucile Ball.

↗ Phil McCabe is pleased that his remote control clam puppet actually works.

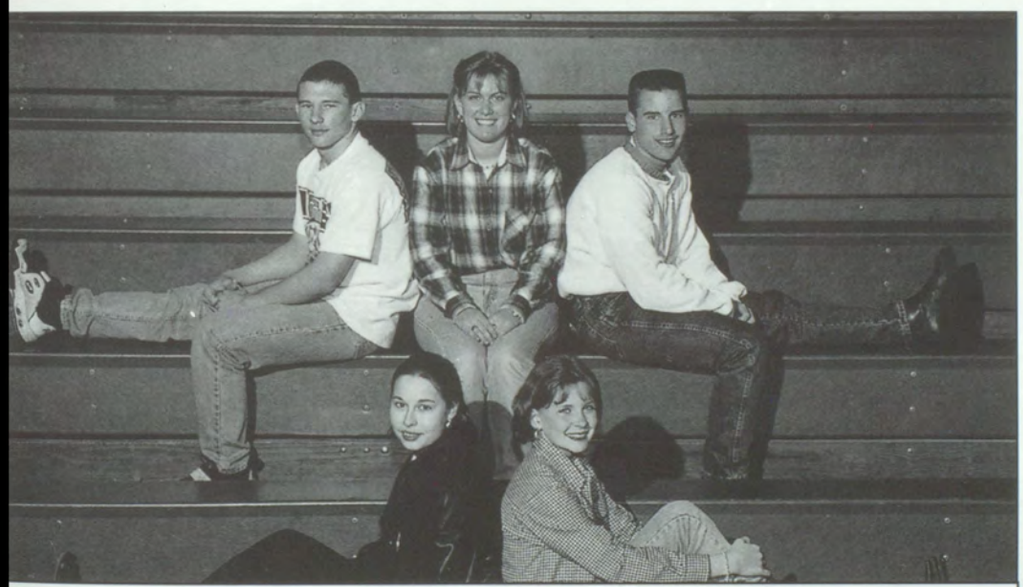
↑ Kevin Widmer uses his graceful sewing skills on a costume.



Morph Magic top to bottom: Kip Farrar, Sean Washington, Maggie Moore, Phil McCabe, Anne Foley, Amber Craig and Bobby Leshikar.







Brandon Raesz, Eryn Graef, Justin Graef, Tracy Machu and Candace Renad





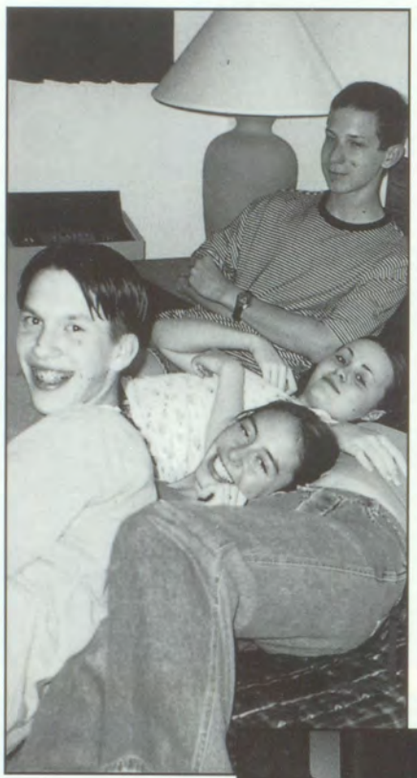
↖ The Camouflague Creation team poses for a quick picture after receiving their silver medals.

↑ The Marvelous Mentor team shines and smiles after receiving their gleaming third place medals.

↑ Phil McCabe models both his character's costume and attitude.

Junior Historians

The Junior Historians had a good year. We did a great many things and had a lot of fun doing them. We held fundraisers, served our community, and went on an incredible trip to San Antonio. We started the year off well, meeting regularly (often we had pizza) and discussing our future plans. In the fall we held a garage/bake sale in the Wal-Mart parking lot, nearly freezing to death (starting temperature was about 40 degrees) while we watched Mr. Quarles sit comfortably, with heater on, in his car. Needless to say, we showed up to the event rather unprepared- we lacked posterboard, tape, and price tags. Had it not been for the help of Mr. Doug Dixon, the event surely would not have been a success. In the winter, we sold candy, more candy, and jerky (and we still wonder what happened to case of beef jerky Mr. Quarles had?) After pressuring several of our members (you know who you are) to pay their debts, we had enough money to take a trip, set aside extra for scholarship money , and still had enough for the beginning of the 1998-1999 school years activities. In the spring we showed our support of our community by helping with the Historic Homes Tour.





This is the most active year we've had in around four years and it was the most cooperative group of students as well. I'll never forget it.

- Sarah Fuentes







These Junior Historians realize the importance of rest and relaxation on the trip to San Antonio in May.

Emily Johnson and Candace Benad were just two of the Historians who helped with the Historic Homes Tour.



Officers



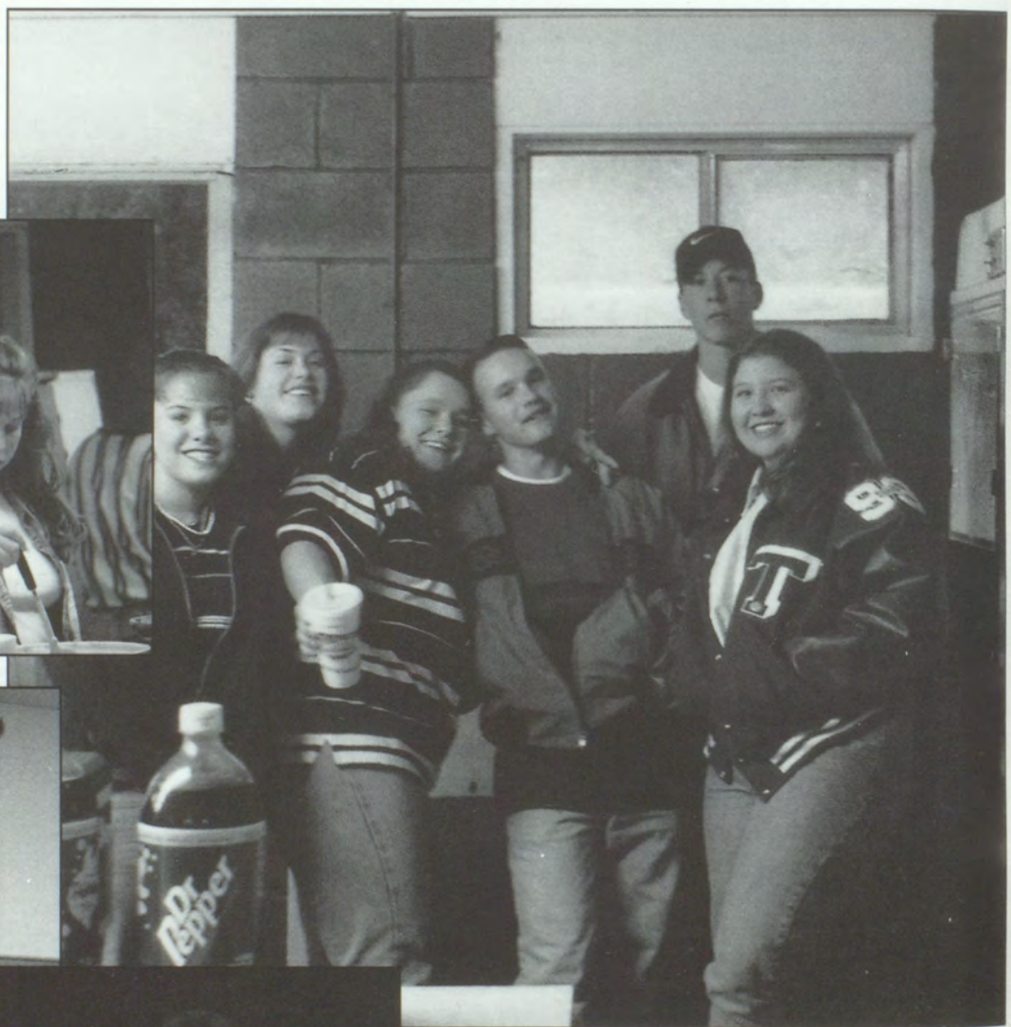
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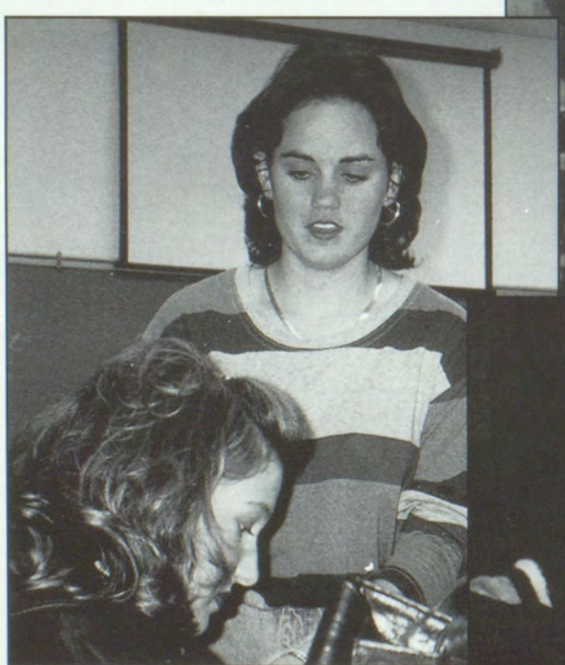
L-R: Front Row: Margaret Garry, Becky Estrada, Emily Johnson, Eryn Graef, Randa Stiba, Beatriz Hernandez, Lauren Schwartz, Hunter Hargis, Martin Conrardy. Second Row: Nicole White, Karon Moore, Guy Oliphant, Tessa Mikulencak, Cassie Harrison, Lauren Rozacky, Beth Pullen, Bobby Leshikar, Bradley Bohac, Adrian Martinez. Three Row: Vanessa Dykowski, Michelle Ford, Erin Schmidt, Shannon Faulkner, Maggie Moore, Sean Washington, Sarah Simmons, Javier Garcia. Back Row: Brian Heeke, James Ashley, Mark Reeves, Celia Naivar, Janlyn Mokry, Stephen Konarik, Heath Haverland, Carlos Manchaca, Andrew Littlejohn

Future Teachers of America

Future Teachers of America consist of a group of dedicated students who work together for the well being of others. This year a group of members attended the FTA State Convention and the FTA District Convention. There they learned many skills that would help them excel later in life. The hardwork they put forth benefited not only themselves, but also the campus of Taylor High School.











↗ Eryn, Michelle, and Diana use team work as they serve in the concession stand.

↑↗ A group of FTA members take a break while working in the football concession stand.

→ Vanessa Dykowski excitedly makes hot chocolate to sell at the football game.

↑ Stir that cheese! Diane and Jennifer work hard in the concession stand.

→→ Eryn Schmidt and Mrs. Schaefer smile for the camera while attending the state leadership conference.



This was a good year for FLA. We attended district and state conventions and sold carnations for Valentines. I had fun doing these activities and hope that next year more members become involved.

-Vanessa Dykowski



Libby Krepps, Tessa Mikulencak, Alison David, Vanessa Dykowski, Beatriz Hernandez, Eryn Schmidt



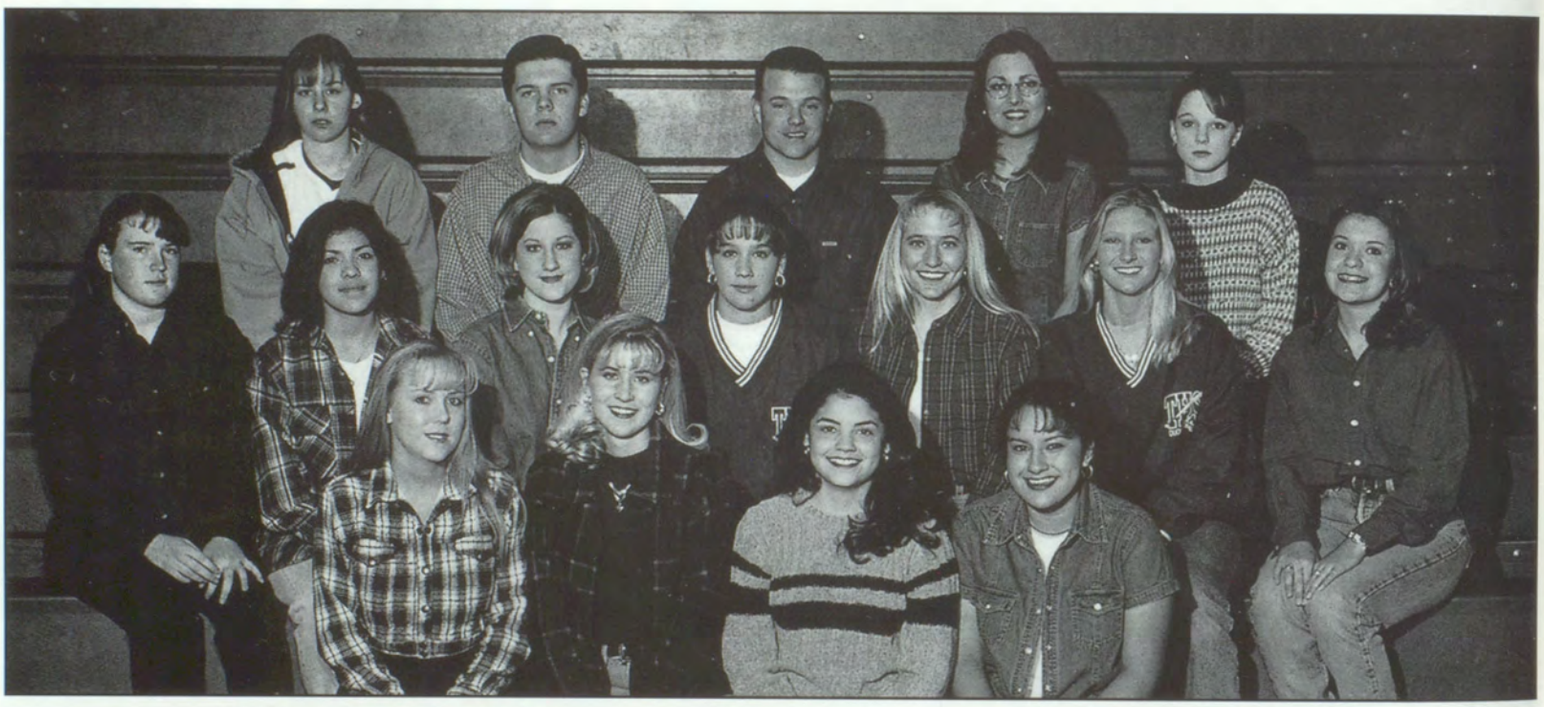




L-R 1st Row: Mrs. Burklow, Autumn Schneider, April Maruska, Tessa Mikulencak, Vanessa Dykowski, Alison David, Libby Krepps, Margaret Gary, Mrs. Schaefer; 2nd Row: Emily Johnson, Casey Jones, Allison Meyer, Amber Byfield, Erin Schmidt, Candace Benad, Melodie Strickland, Beatriz Hernandez, Jackie Garcia; 3rd Row: Kelly Kuhl, Kevin Widmer, Kristen Farmer, Amanda Berand, Michelle Ford, Amy Wilheim, Tara Svehlak, Amanda Welch, Alisha David

Business Professionals of America

Although many people have not heard of it, BPA is alive and well at Taylor High School. This year eight students went to contest and placed. Their different contests categories ranged from Administrative Assistant and Verbal Communications and many more. Lauren Johnson, Stacie Nunez, Tammy Zuelke, Crystal Carrizales, and Cassandra Torres went on to compete at the State Contests held in Houston on March 5th, 6th, and 7th. Mrs. Leschber is very proud of these fine young students and all of their accomplishments this year and hopes for an even better year next year.









↑ BPA members are busy working on another money maker.

→ Two students are helping Mrs. Leschber with the drinks.

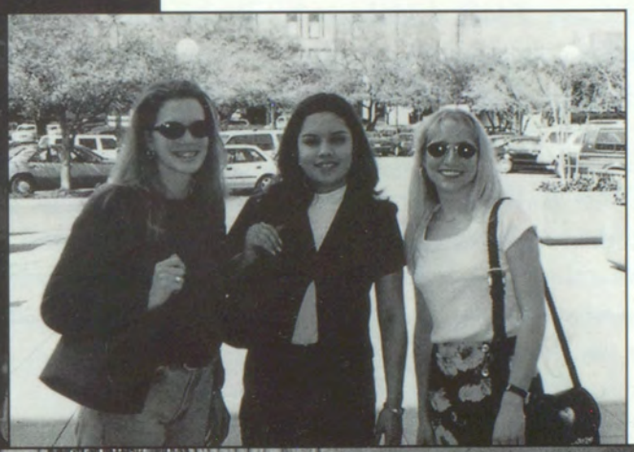
→→ Mrs. Hill, smiling like always, ready to take your order.

↙ Mrs. Manning and Dawn Steffek have the best job in the house.

↓ Side tracked, Hollie Bollinger, Cassandra Torres, and Kim Raesz are taking a break at the Galleria during the State BPA contest in Houston.

↓ This group is, without a doubt, very photogenic.









BPA helped me develop business skills that I will continue to use throughout my life.

-Hollie Bollinger



BPA Officers: Kim Raesz, Mrs. Leschber, Allison Jones, Beth Solbach

OFFICERS

HERO

The members of HERO, Health Education & Related Occupations, had a successful year. Several members of the club participated in regional contest at Corpus Christi, and a few advanced further to the State contest held in Houston . At regional contest, Kimberly Gerstner received a 2nd place award in Gov Interview. Angel Gourantou also got 2nd place in illustrated talk. The 1st place award for Chapter Service Project went to Alex Townsend, Delilah Olguin, and Patricia Nemse. At the state contest, Kimberly Gerstner won the 3rd place award for Job Interview. HERO members also participated in the Smoke Detector Drive, along with he FHA club. As a member of the HERO club, you gain firsthand how to handle the many tasks to maintain a home. This year students learned everything from how to bake to how to sew. Because of their participation in HERO, these students will surely be able to handle the demanding chores of a household.





1st Row: Mrs. Schneider, Alex Townsend, Patty Nemec, Tina Green, Angela Oliva, Dana Carrizales: 2nd Row: Jessica Faramillo, Jon Baily, Kimberly Gerstner, Delilah Olguin, Amanda Wellings, Derek Zachary





GO DUCKS! Kimberly Gerstner, Delilah Olguin, and Alex Townsend prepare the HERO float for the Homecoming pep rally.

Ready for competition. Delilah Olguin, Kimberly Gerstner, Alex Townsend, Patty Nemec , Angela Oliver



HERO OFFICERS: 1st Row: Alex Townsend, Kimberly Gerstner, Tina Green: 2nd Row: Dana Carrizales, Amanda Wellings, Derek Zachary, Mrs. Schneider



FHA

This year the Future Homemakers of America participated in several important events. During October, the FHA members decided it would be a benefit to the community to raise money to buy smoke detectors that would be put in homes in the community lacking smoke detectors. HERO aided in the raising of the funds, and together the two clubs raised a lot of money and were able to buy a good many smoke detectors for others in the community. Later the club baked cookies that were served to participants of a bike tour benefit for Dystrophoc Epidermysis Bullosa Research. The club baked over 1,000 cookies in support of the research. The students interest and willingness to help others in their community set a great example for their peers.





FHA OFFICERS: 1st Row: Monica Ochoa (Historian), Christina Gonzales (Class Rep.), Paula Vasquez (Treasurer), Shakia Deary (Secretary), Lorena Barber (Class Rep.), Mrs. Nelson (Sponsor) 2nd Row: Shareeta Fairley (Class Rep.), Maria Gonzales (Class Rep.), Carmen Razo (Class Rep.), Fernando Moreno (Vice Pres.), Joe Lara (President), Stephanie Spruill (Parliamentarian)



↖↖Shakia Deary poses for a picture before she goes and bakes some cookies to sell.

↑Let me help! Maria Gonzales always tries to lend a helping hand.

Future Farmers of America

Future Farmers of America was a great group to be a part of in '98! We learned about all aspects of farming. We worked hard for the first few months of school on our livestock projects. At the Williamson County Livestock show in December, we represented Taylor very well. We had a lot of fun at our Spring fish fry. All of our experience in FFA helped us learn many valuable things and we really grew as people. Being a part of this club made this a wonderful year which we will never forget! FFA is an organization of tradition that has been a big part of Agriculture's success in Texas. We are the farmers of the future. That is something we took very seriously!



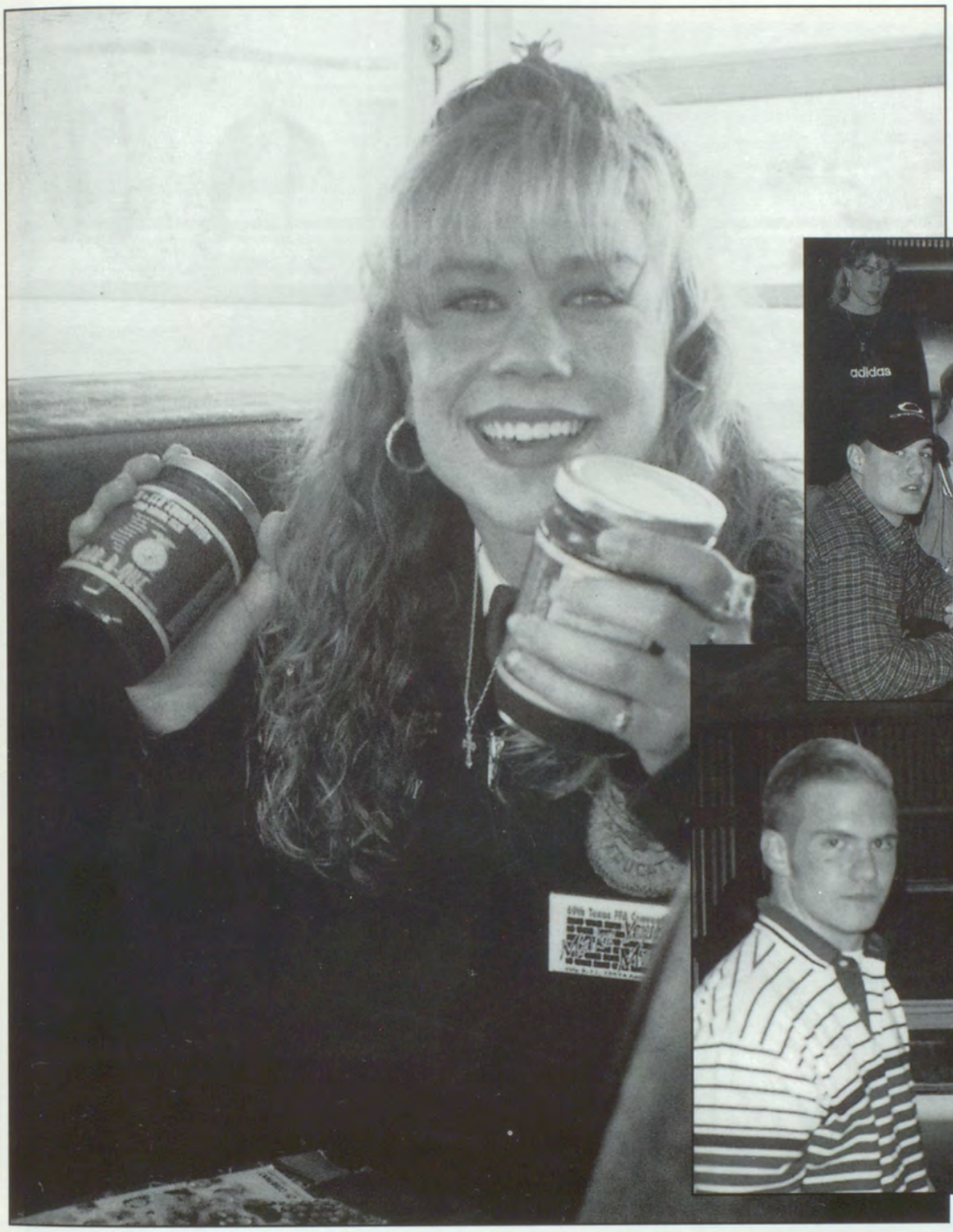
(Left to Right) Front Row: Matt Johnson, Brian Lawrence, Amy Hughes, Cassie Taylor, Justin Valchor; Second Row: Harold Kuntz, Torsten Auerbach, Blake Ward, Brandon Randig, Josh Richter; Third Row: Dustin Harrison, Herbert Shamard, Heath Grimm, Brett Helbert, Lance Pavlicek, Bubba Talley; Fourth Row: Josh Samuelson, Andy Urbanek, Matt Gillam, and Tanner Hamin



The annual fish fry was a great way for FFA members to get together and reminisce.



Amy Hughes stops to pose with her FFA friend Kendra Wolf of Thrall at state!



Amy Hughes shows off the hot sauce she bought at the State Convention. She looks like she's having fun!

Don't these FFA members look excited to be together!?! They all enjoy a laugh at their spring get-together.

Don't Truett Melde and Justin Valchar look like they're up to trouble?







I believe people are mistaken when they say computers are the wave of the future. I truly believe farming will prove to be one of the most important fields in the twenty first century and beyond.

-Truett Melde

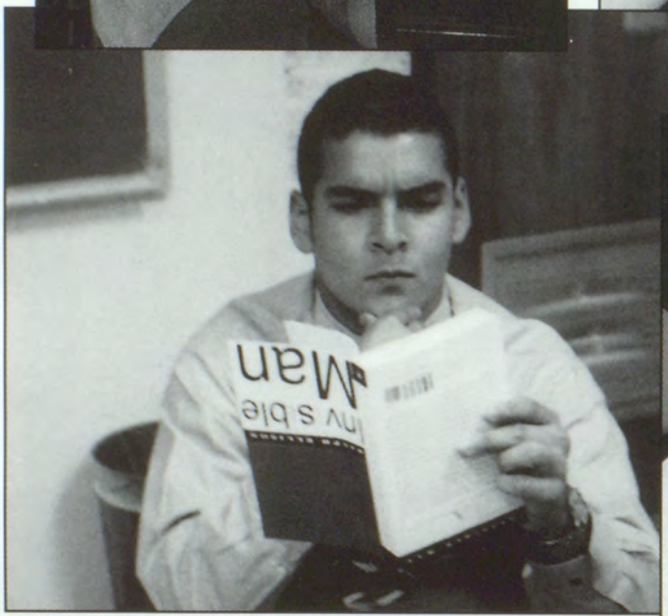


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Upward Bound Pilot Group


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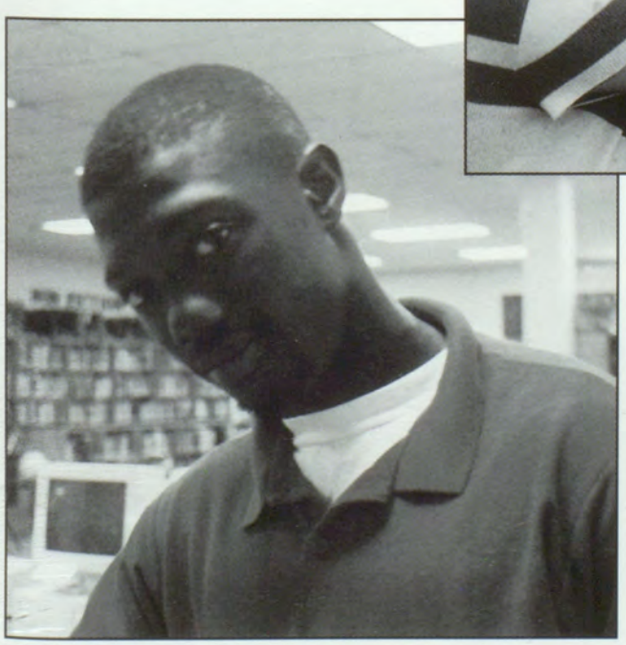














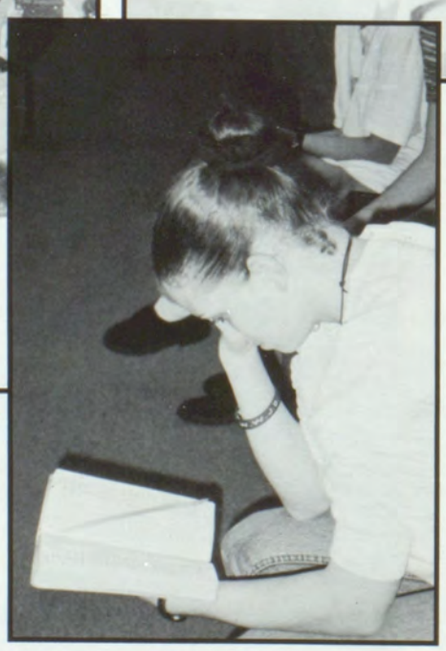
Fellowship of Christian Athletes

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a club committed to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This year, the FCA members held a car wash to help pay for the Acquire the Fire trip they took in February to Houston. They also raised money for Pastor Jimmy Bennett, to help with his hospital bills. NFL great Phil Dawson spoke in April along with other wonderful speakers: Alan Evans, B.J. McMichaels, T.J. Jones, Chris Wheel, and Glen Scruggs. This was Coach Lord's last year as the sponsor for FCA, so and end-of-year bash was our way of saying goodbye and thank you. All in all, we feel that this year we helped many people understand Christ better, in sharing His Word and love with others.











↑ Want that food! Alison Enochs and Lauren Rozacky race to get food at the FCA party.

↗ Finger-lickin good! Alison David enjoys eating her supply at the end-of-year bash.

↑ You go girl! Donna Barker leads the FCA group in some awesome praise and worship.

→ Get in the Word! Tanisa Walker reads her BIBLE before the FCA meeting begins.

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I have really enjoyed FCA for the past few years of High School. It has helped me in my Christian walk.
-Kevin Widmer.



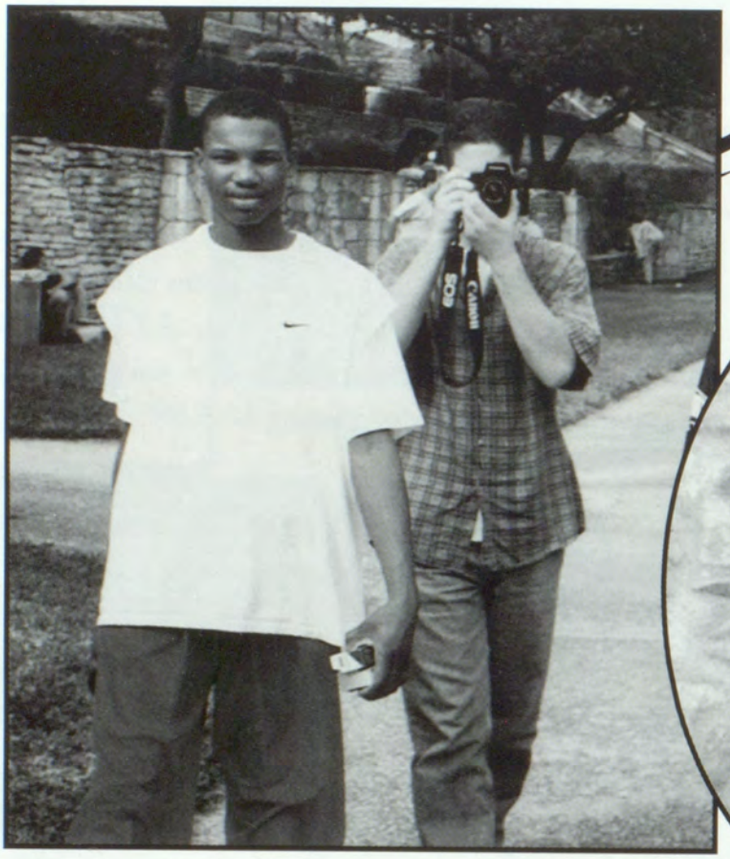
FR- Beth Pullen (secretary), Brandy Williams (treasurer); SR- Nathan Dixon (vice president), Becky Estrada (recruiter), Kevin Widmer (president).

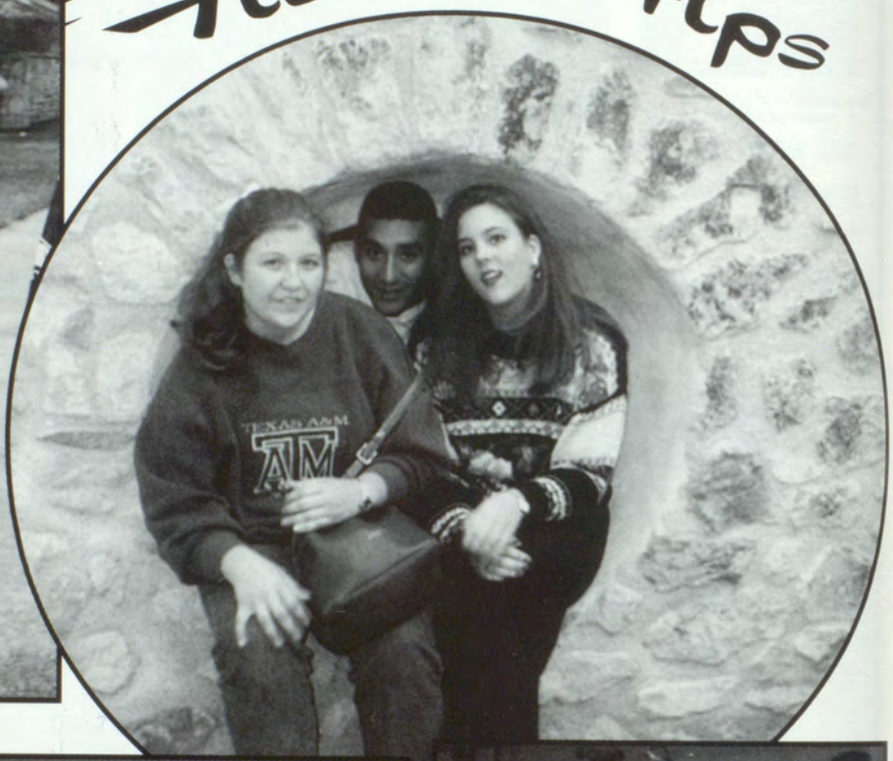






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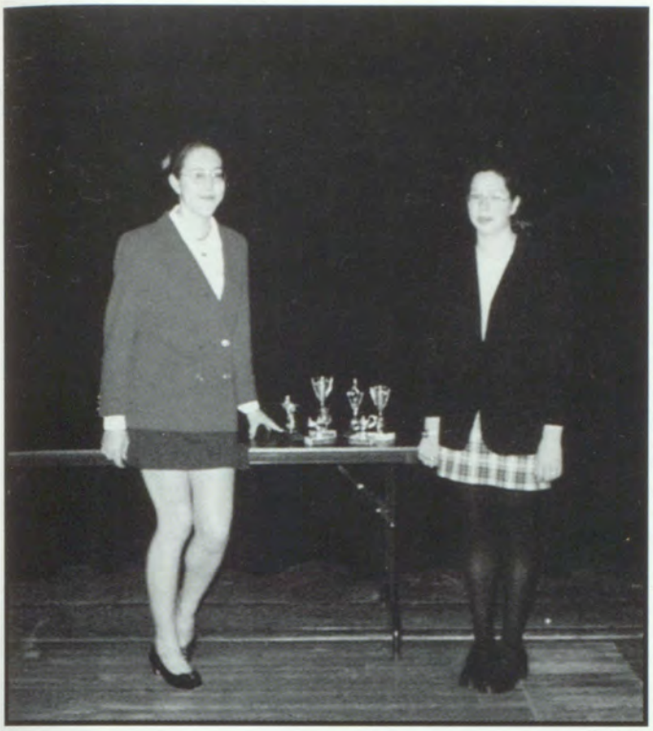












NFL

Along with debate this past year came the brand-new opportunity of being accepted into the National Forensics League, otherwise know as NFL. Not to be confused with the National Football League, this organization took debate to a completely different and more competitive level. Nicole White, who served as President for THS's chapter of NFL, acquired more than 150 debate and public speaking points over the past year. Sarah Raesz was Vice President , and achieved beyond 80 public speaking points.

All students who were accepted in the NFL thrived in areas of extemporaneous speaking, original oratory, persuasive, informative, impromptu, and other forms of debate. Nicole White won a trophy in extemporaneous speaking, 3rd place in the District Lincoln-Douglas Debate, and 5th in District extemporaneous. Rebecca Lewis earned 3rd place for Lincoln-Douglas Debate in Elgin. Another 3rd went to Michelle Ford for Lincoln-Douglas, and Sarah Raesz was awarded 6th place in District extemporaneous speaking. The Taylor team, consisting of Michelle Ford , Rebecca Lewis , and Nicole White, won 1st place for current events at District.



L-R Top: Maria Fraire, Rebecca Lewis, Nicole White; Bottom: Margaret Garry, Kelly Schennik, Sarah Raesz, and Dr. Rebecca Osborne.

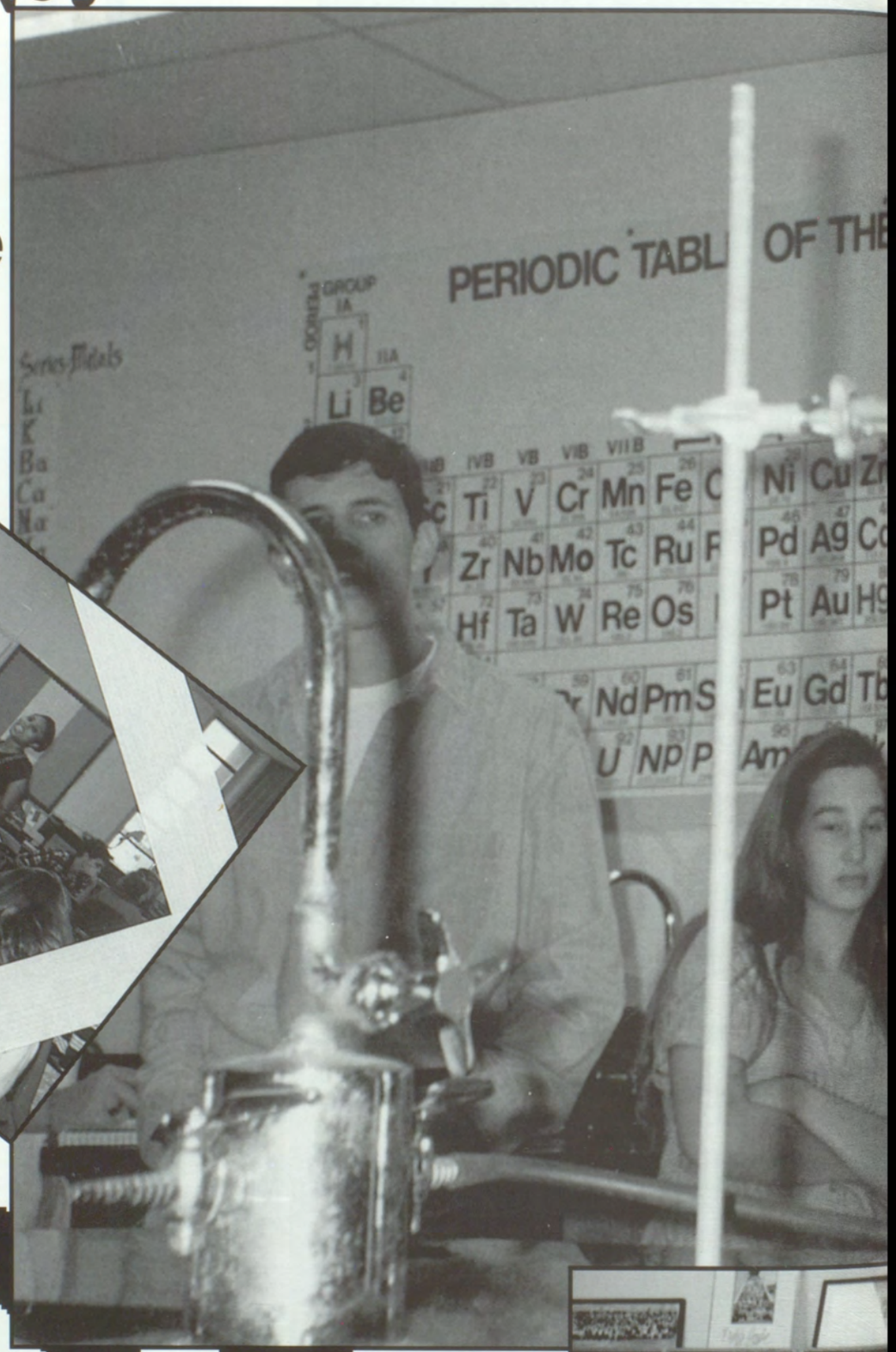


Rebecca Lewis and Nicole White pose with some of Taylor High's debate trophies.
Maria Fraire, Sarah Raesz, and Nicole White are NFL officers.
Nicole White and Rebecca Lewis stand together before a debate.

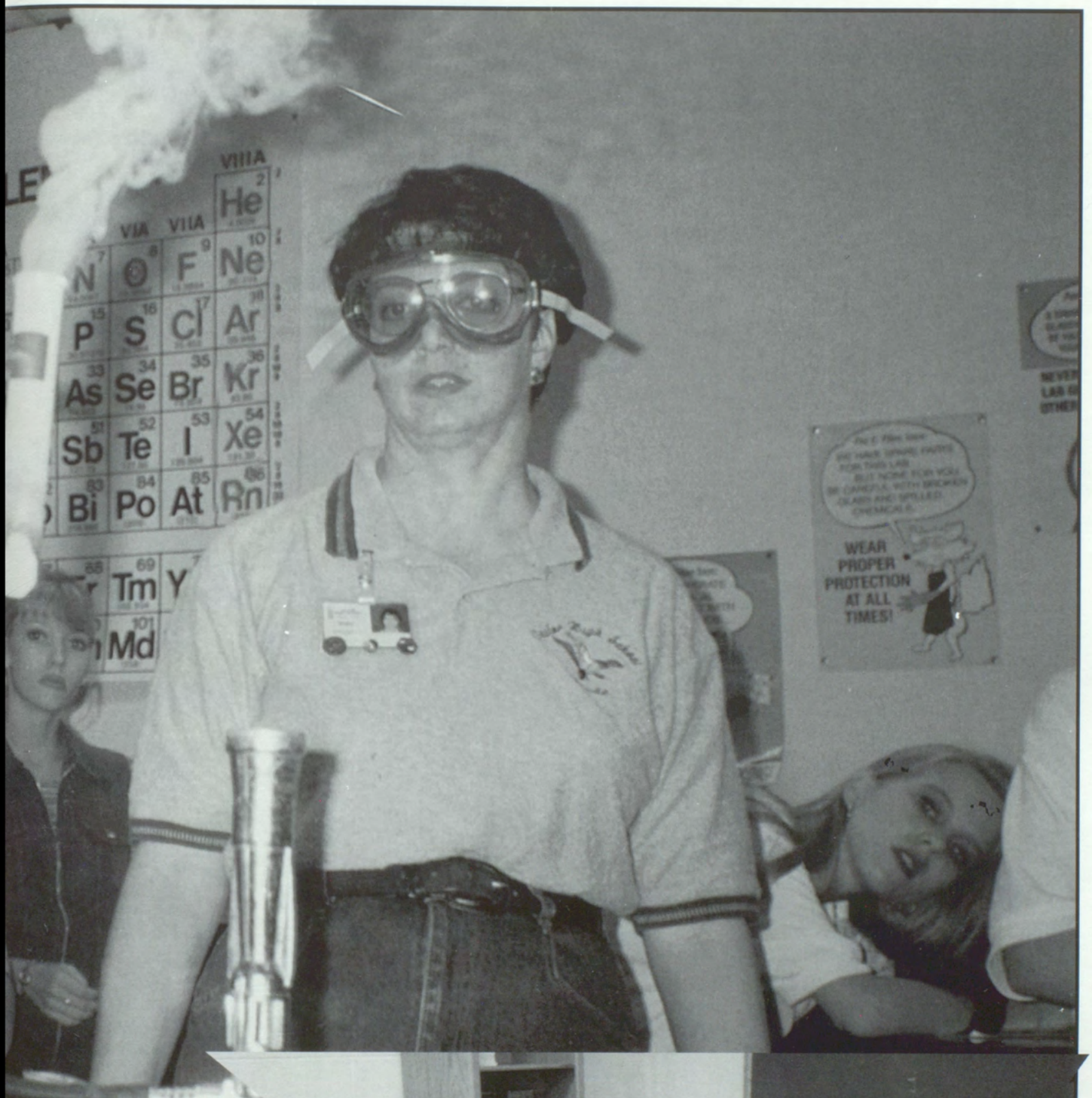


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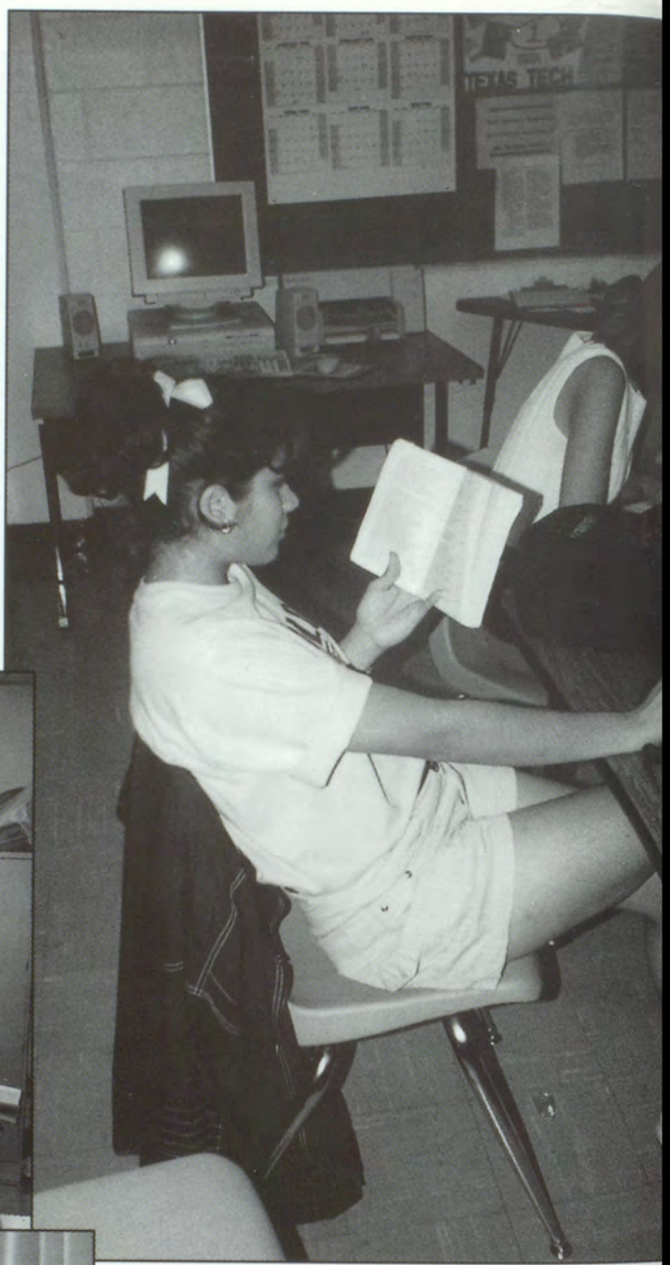


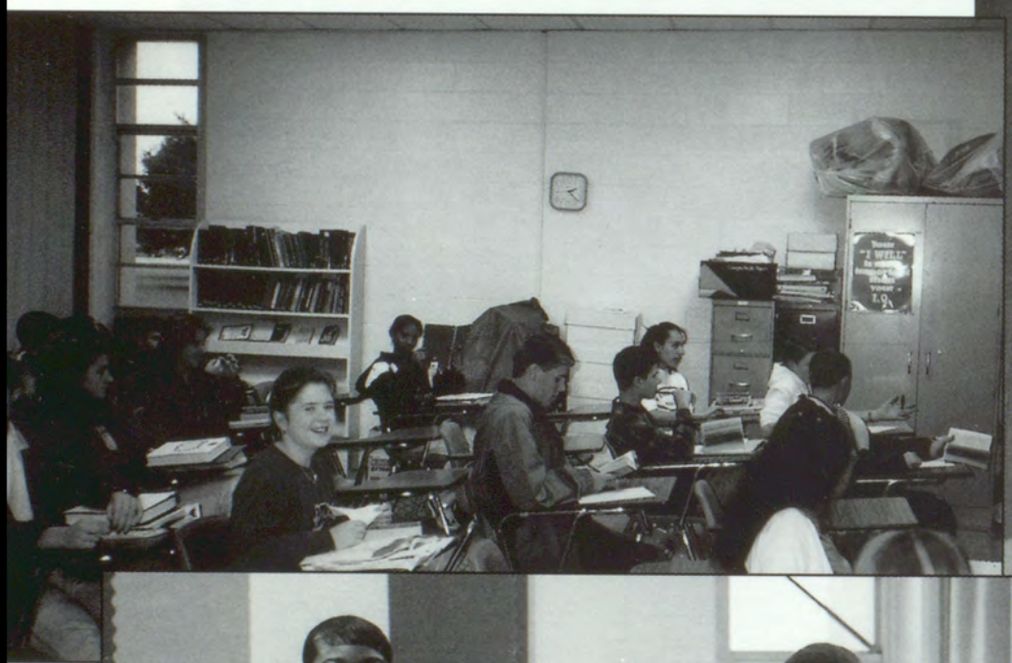


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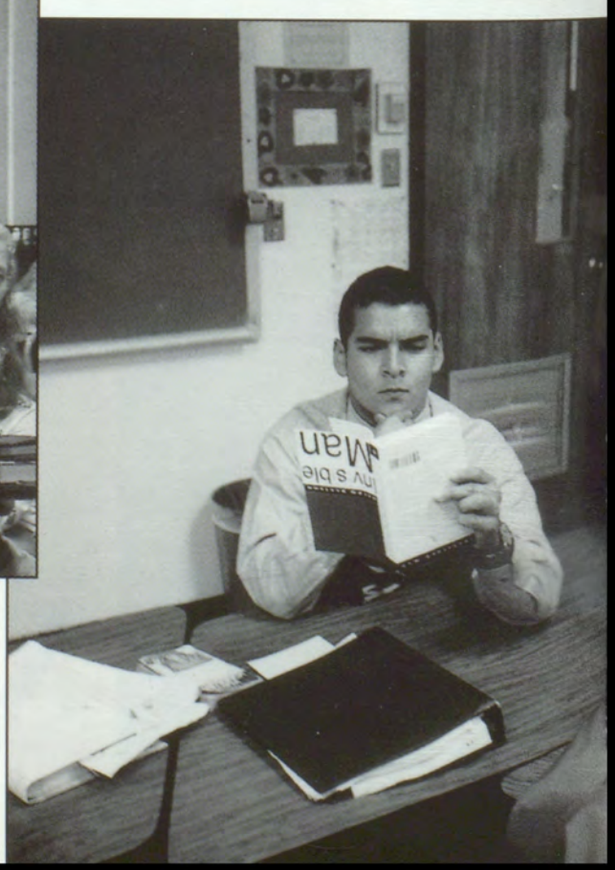
To be or not to be...

English is one of the most important subjects that everyone loves to hate. There's nothing like summer readings or research papers to take up our non existent spare time. This year the freshmen classes read Great Expectations, and A Raisin in the Sun. The sophomore classes read A Separate Peace, The Aeneid, and All Quiet on the Western Front. The Junior classes read The Great Gatsby, The Scarlet Letter, The Crucible, and Cat's Cradle. The Senior classes read 1984, Cyrano de Bergerac, Frankenstein, and Canterbury Tales. Even though most of us don't always enjoy reading, or at least won't admit to it, we learned some valuable lessons from what we read, and what our teachers taught us.



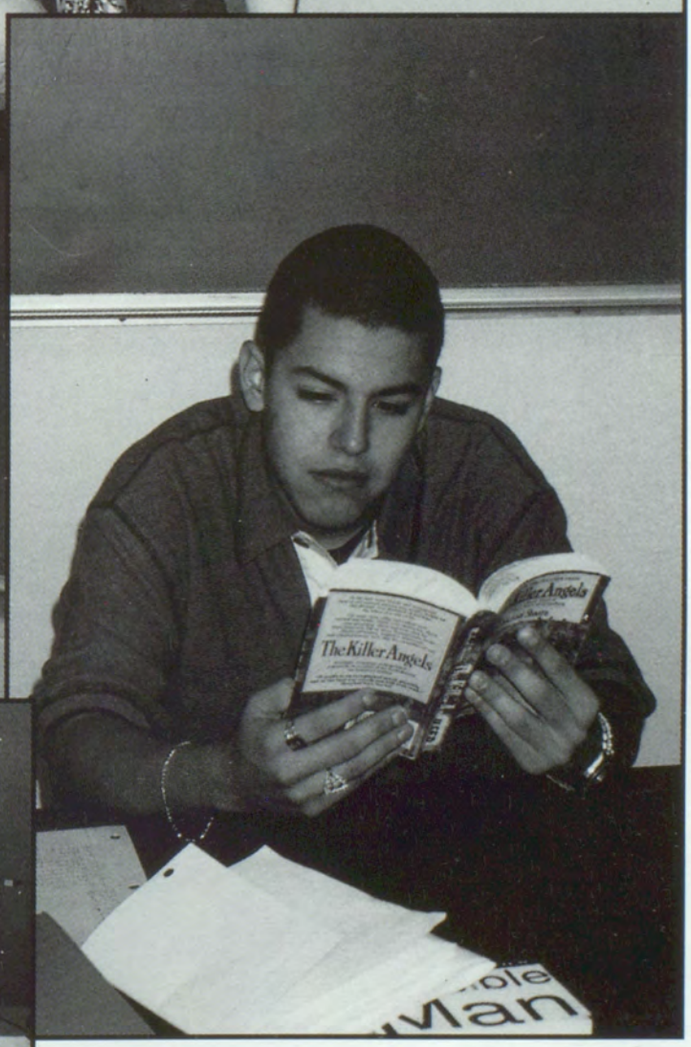


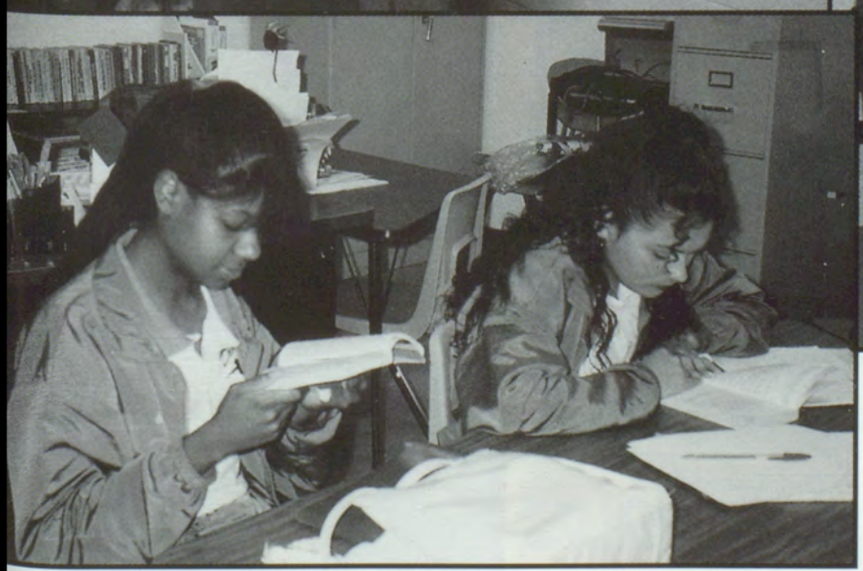












= Read it! These three use their time well in the library.

_ No a simile is not the same as a metaphor... Mrs. Burklow readily connects her students.

= Research paper victim! Working so hard on his paper, the pressure finally gets to him.

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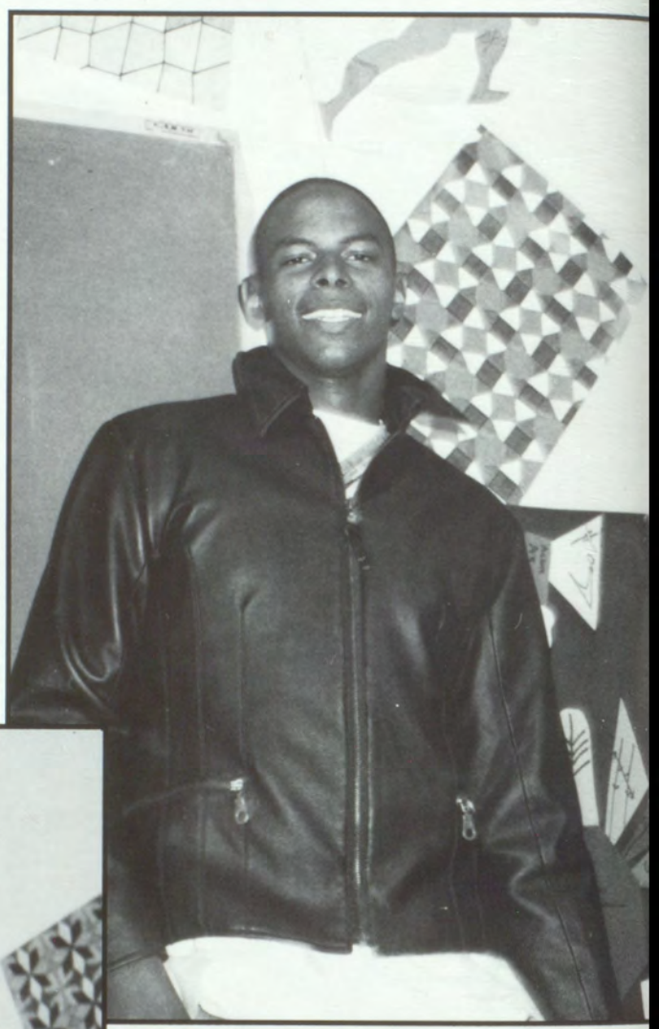
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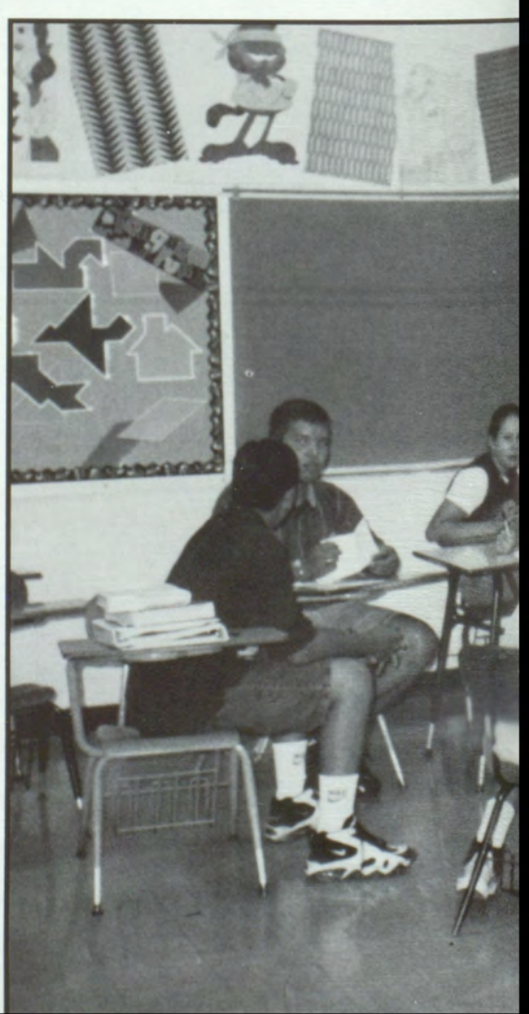
Who, may I inquire, off the top of their head, can solve 80 on the square root of 39 times 7^2 divided by the square root of 3? Not many of us could, but after our teachers worked long and hard showing us how, we topped the charts.

Although many pieces of paper were used in calculating and writing down formulas, classmates and instructors learned the laws of math. As the famous cliche says, "No matter how much you know, you can learn something new each day." This saying became reality in our Algebra, Geometry, and Calculus classes when we conquered the tribulations of solving every math problem possible.

This year, the Math Department was blessed with a new computer program called the "Geometry Sketchpad." They also had the privilege of the Algebra Lab. On top of the technological advances, it received a grant.





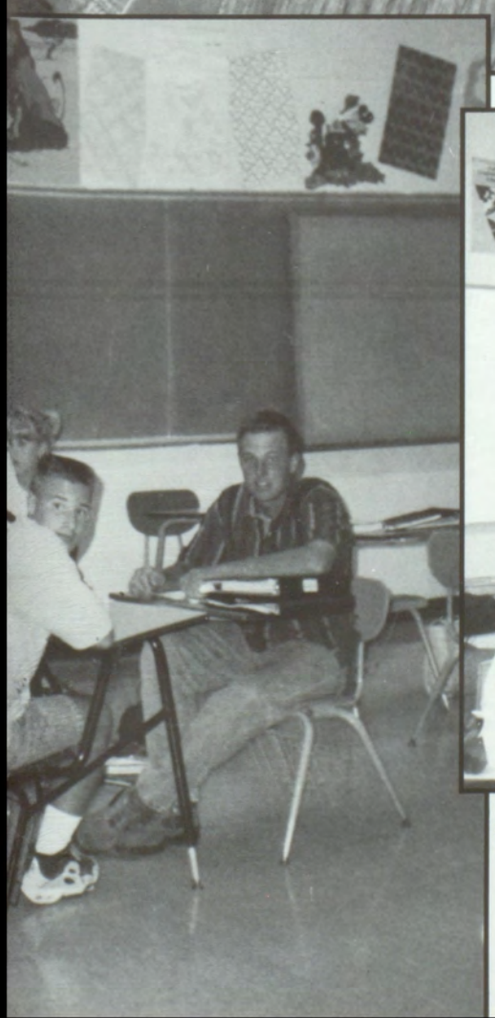


→ "Say Cheese!" Everyone looks up from their studies for a quick picture.

↗ Dominick Devosty poses for a picture during geometry.

↑ As Mrs. Downs helps a student, Candace smiles for a picture.







↑ Carmen Razo and Cynthia Aleman take time from their work for a giggle.

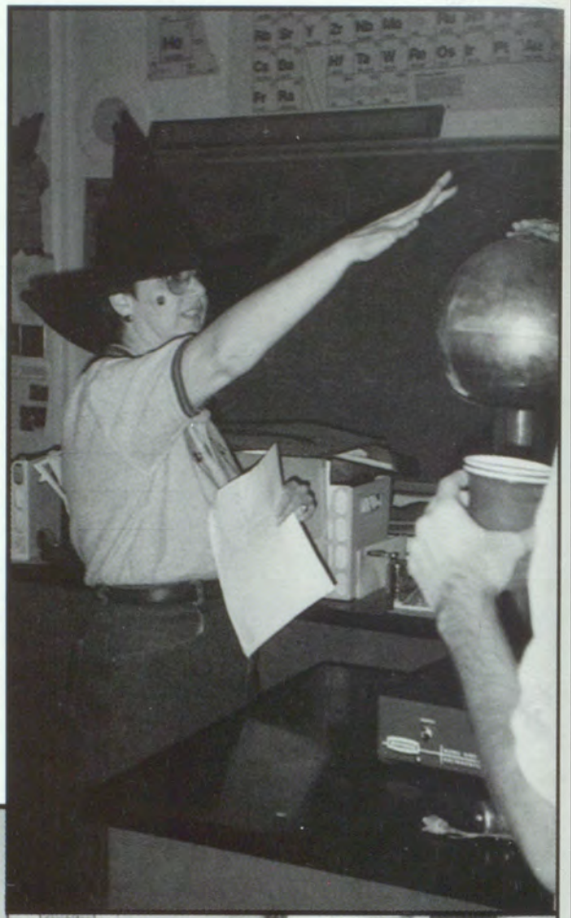
↑ Most of Mrs. Lord's class is busiliy working with a few exceptions.

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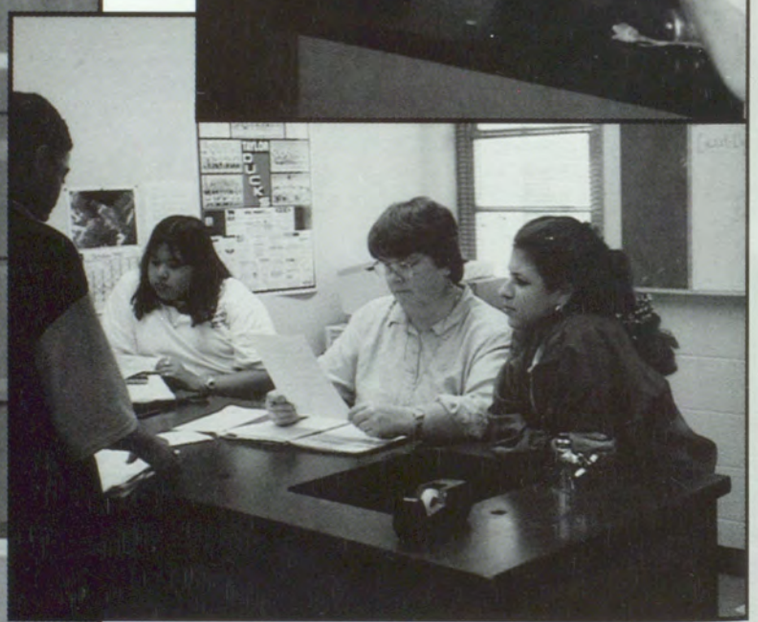
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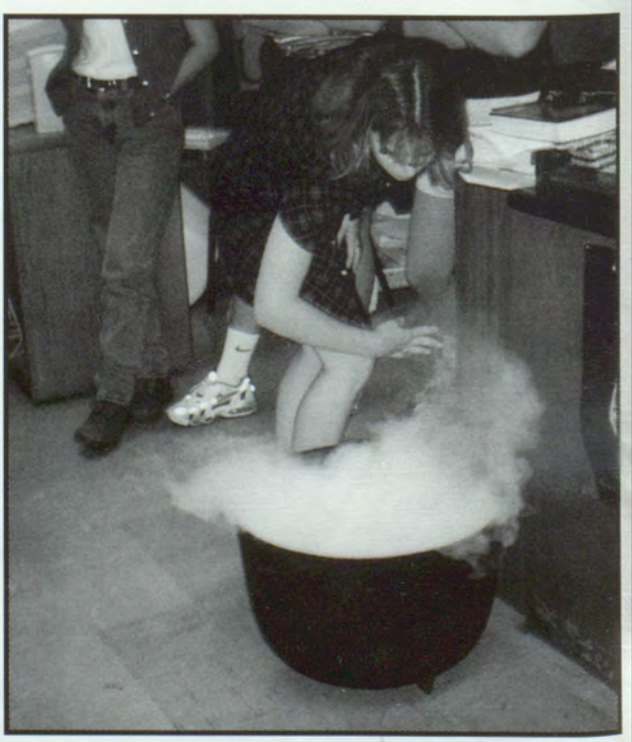
$E=mc^2$

Taylor High moved up a step this year by adding a brand new edition, a science wing. The science teachers eagerly anticipated these rooms throughout the first semester and welcomed them with open arms in the second. The new rooms gave the teachers separate areas for broadening our horizons through bookwork and experiments ranging from dissecting a fetal pig to using mind-boggling equations to solve problems. We were also grateful for the aquarium that was built into the wall which tended to draw our attention when we passed. Science always seems to be one of the most interesting subjects. The Science Department at Taylor High has given us a better view into the amazing world of science.







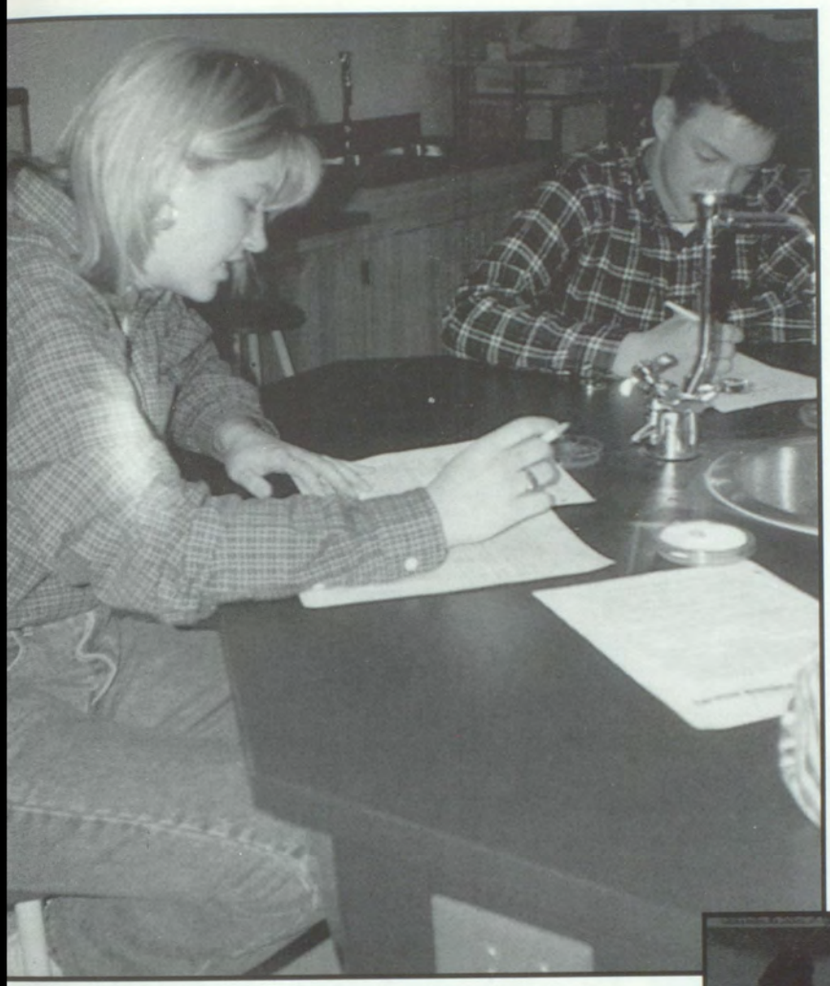


Clean up! Mrs Sutton cleans up after a chemistry experiment.

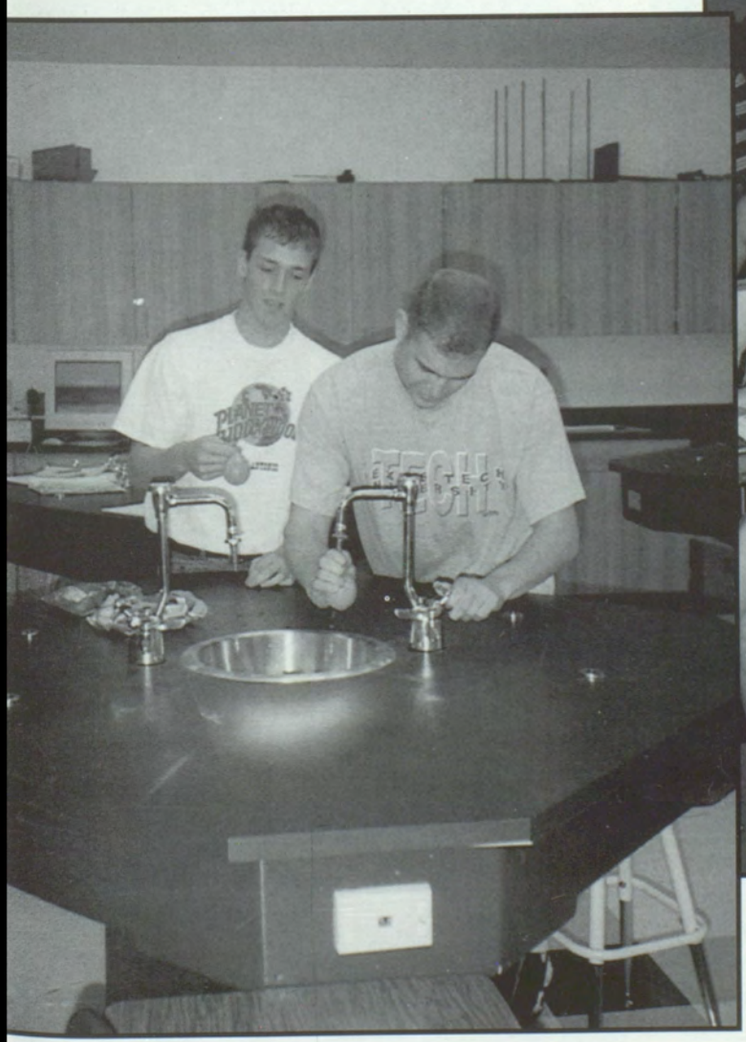
Withces brew! Chemistry 7 students are fascinated with the experiment.

Hocus Pocus! Bobby Leshikar and Shannon Faulkner cast a spell on their class mates.

"I'm not prepared for lass", says Mr. Hartley.









Be careful! Monica Ruble and Brian Faltesek are going to conduct a dangerous experiment.

Is that correct! April Hennington asks Alison Enochs about some answers.

This is hard! These students try to do their worksheet in Chem 77

We aren't doing anything wrong. We're doing our work.

Social Studies
We the People...

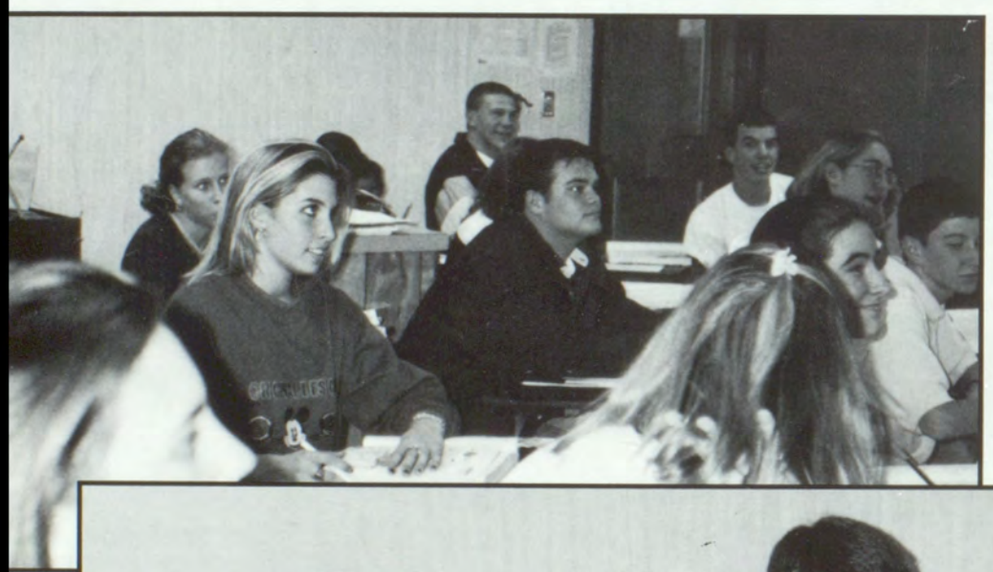
Outlines. Maps. The Court of Law. The history of all seven continents. You may ask what all of these have in common, and the answer lies within the two words SOCIAL STUDIES. The instructors of these classes passed their days teaching us the law of the land.

Even through hardships and strifes, students conquered the challenges of these classes.

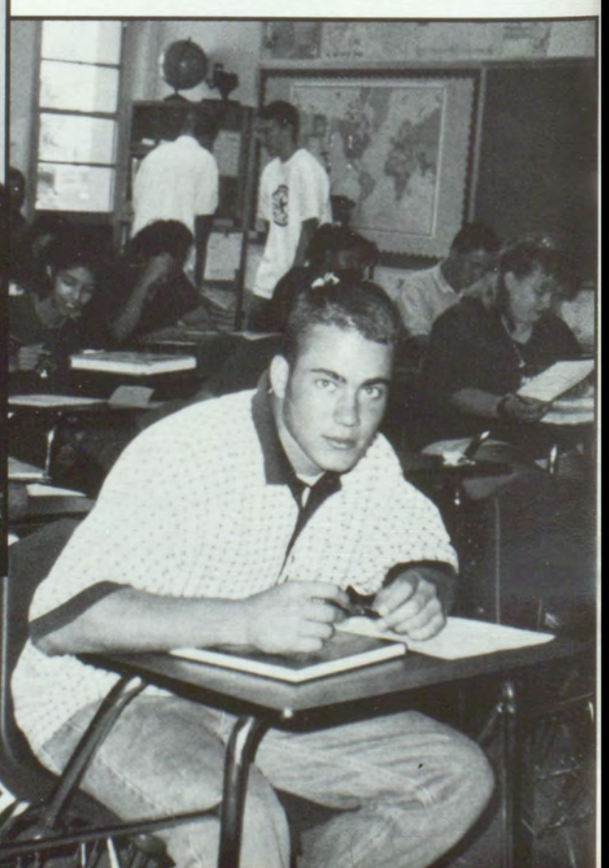
This was the first year that Honors World Geography was offered to students attending THS. Many people from each grade took advantage of this opportunity to be ahead. Others participated in criminal justice and World History. This year, students not only took part in history, they also experienced it.

Though the teachers of these classes may have given somewhat difficult tests, projects, or assignments, most classmates felt good about how they did in their social studies classes.







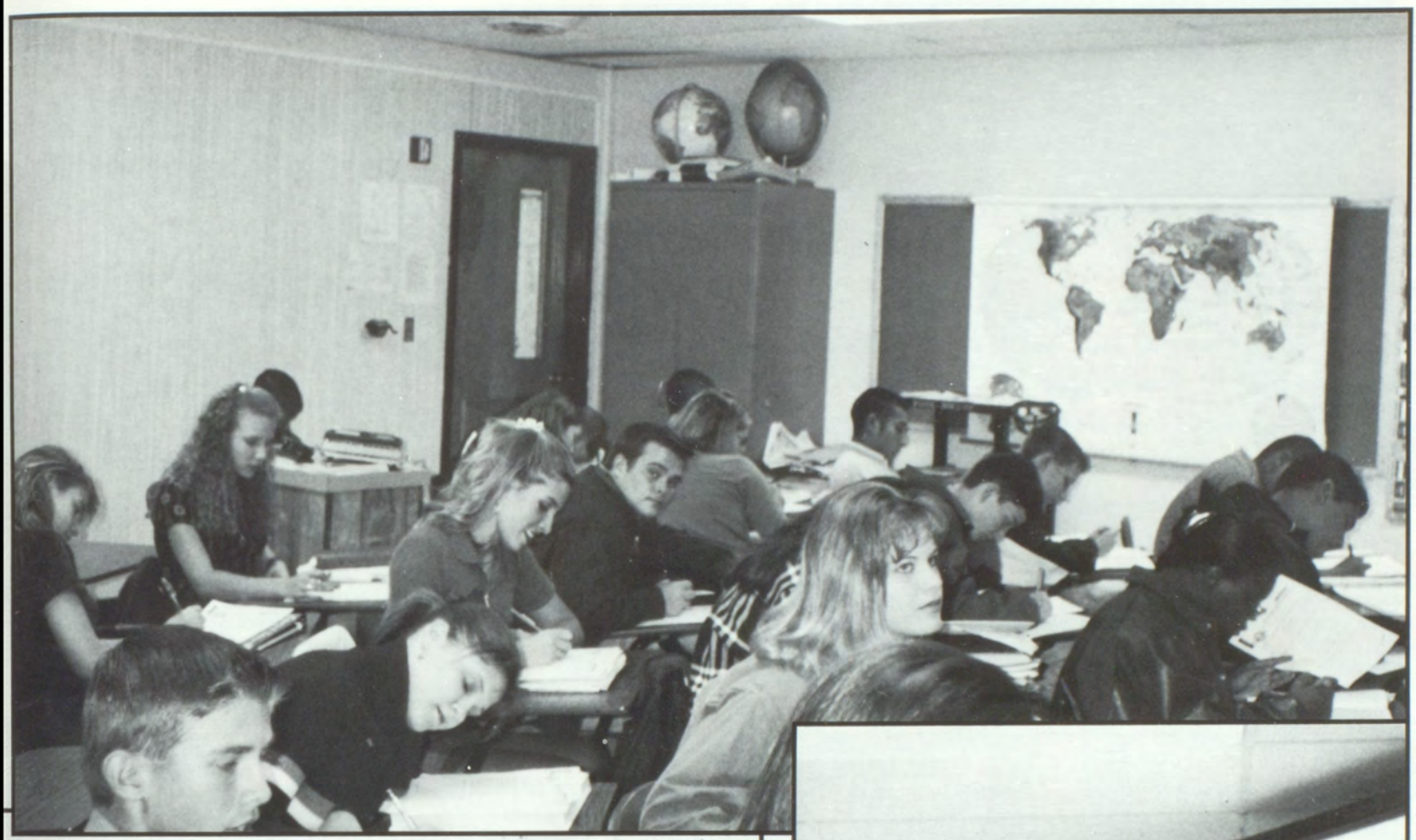


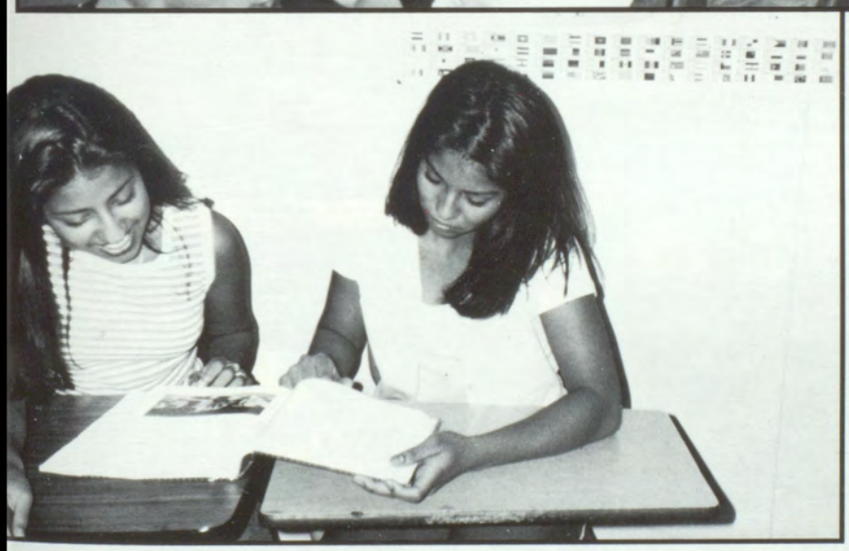
↗ Intensive listening pays off in Mr. Miller's 7th period World Geography class.

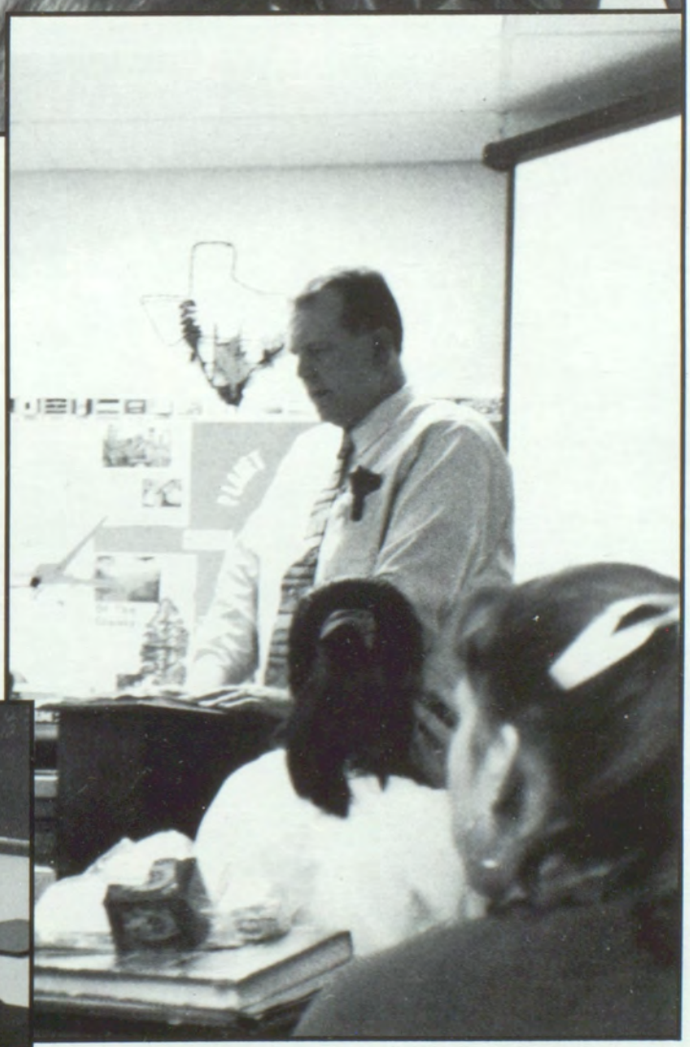
↑ Free time at the end of class is a relaxing change.

↗ "Now class..." Says Mrs. Bennett as she starts another lecture.

→ Travis Rozacky and the rest of his class chill after lots of hard work.









Mr. Miller's class furiously takes notes as he talks on.

Once again Mr. Miller lectures from his podeum trying to obtain civilized behavior in his 8th period class.

Two brains are better than one figure Nina and Monica as they work together.

Some people work while others have fun, but somehow everyone got their work done.

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Foreign Language
Et tu Brute?

Our school is lucky enough to have three active foreign language classes: Spanish, taught by Mrs. Rumel and Mrs. Delgado; Latin, taught by Mrs. Schaefer; and German, taught by Mrs. Jackson. Not only did the students in these classes learn the language they chose, they also learned other things about the cultures involved with that language. These classes also went on trips: Spanish to Fiesta Texas, and a concert at Pflugerville High; German to Wuerstfest and competed at the Houstonfest and state competitions. One thing all students learned is that being taught a foreign language is not only an important skill that can help you throughout your life, it is also a lot of fun.







↑ So much culture on one table! A display table at Diversity Day.

↗ The Latin look! Mrs. Schaefer looks over her Latin classes.

→ Wie Heisst du? Suszanne Schramm is happy and hatty at Wuerstfest.







↑ Very interesting! Truett Melde and Allison Behrends are taught a bit of German history from their guide.

↑↑ Is it a fiesta? No, it's lunch for these Spanish students on a fun field trip.

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Electives

What is art?

At Taylor High School, many exciting elective classes are offered. This year, students were given the opportunity to take classes such as band, journalism, horticulture, choir, and dance, just to name a few. We not only learned valuable skills that we can put to use in the future in our desired fields, but these classes also gave us a chance to have fun while taking courses out of the required academic realm.

Cotton Bowl, for example, gave students the chance to make the school news paper, the opportunity to see their work in print. Our art classes took on many outstanding artistic endeavors, showing how truly talented the students of THS were and how much fun art really was. Another exciting elective offered this year was theater arts. Students in this class learned about the "stage left" from "stage right", memorized lines and learned the art of performance.

The electives offered this year gave students more options to consider for their future careers, and more skills that can be put to use even after their high school days are over. But maybe even more important to the students, electives gave us all a chance to have fun!







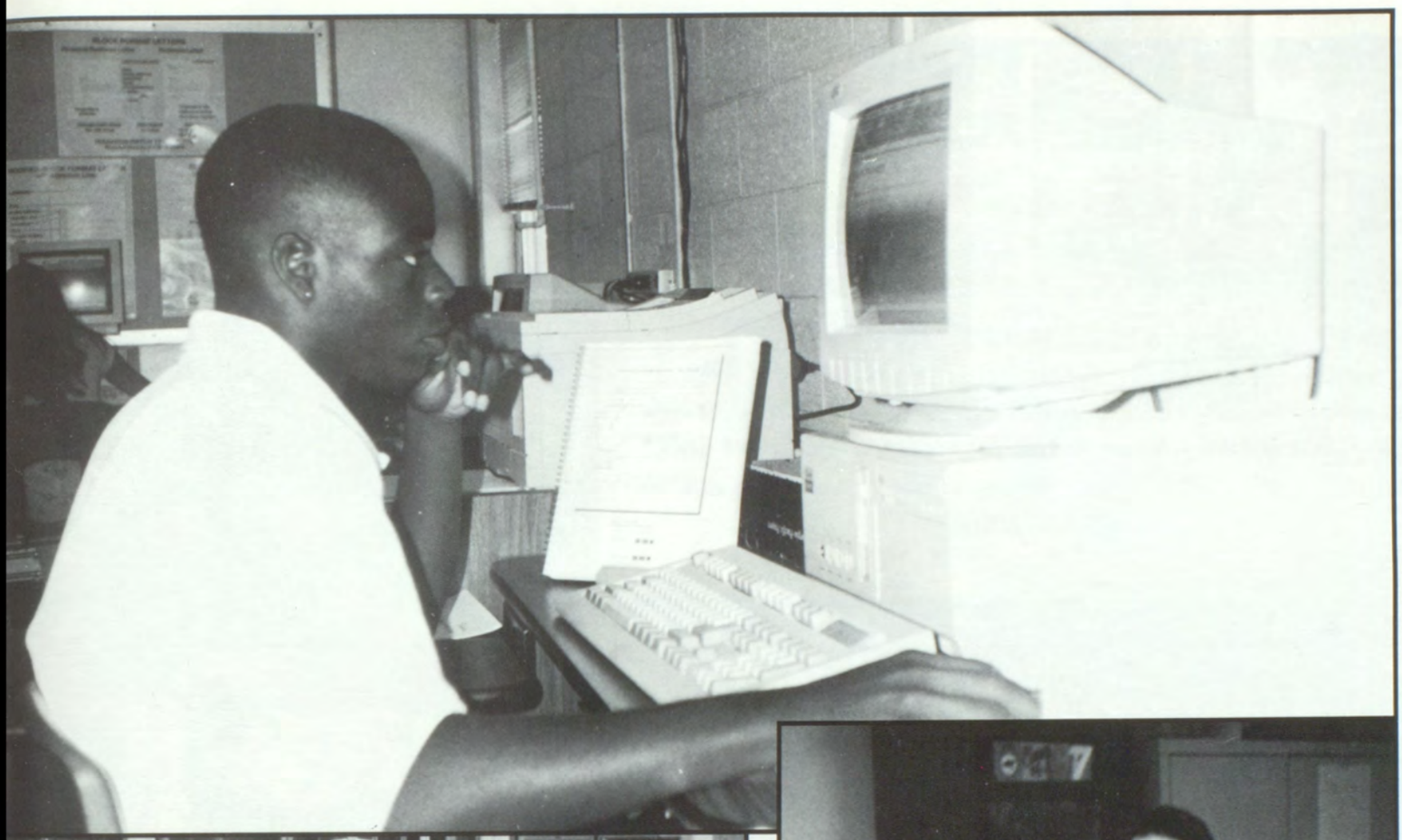


↗ It's a work of Art! The Homecoming board is beautified by art student Catherine Muek.

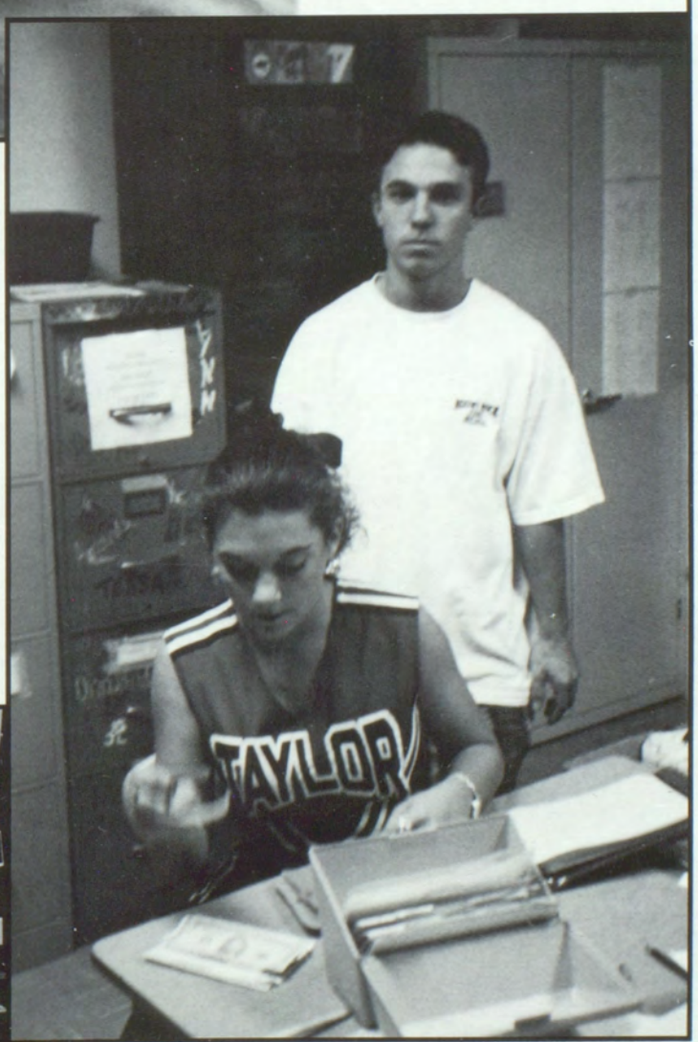
↑ Say Cheese! Photography student Andrea Crawford catches us off guard.

↑ Do-Ra-Mi-Fa-So-La-Te-Do! The choir class knows that practice makes perfect.

→ Et tu Brute? Adrian Martinez rehearses his lines for Theater Arts.





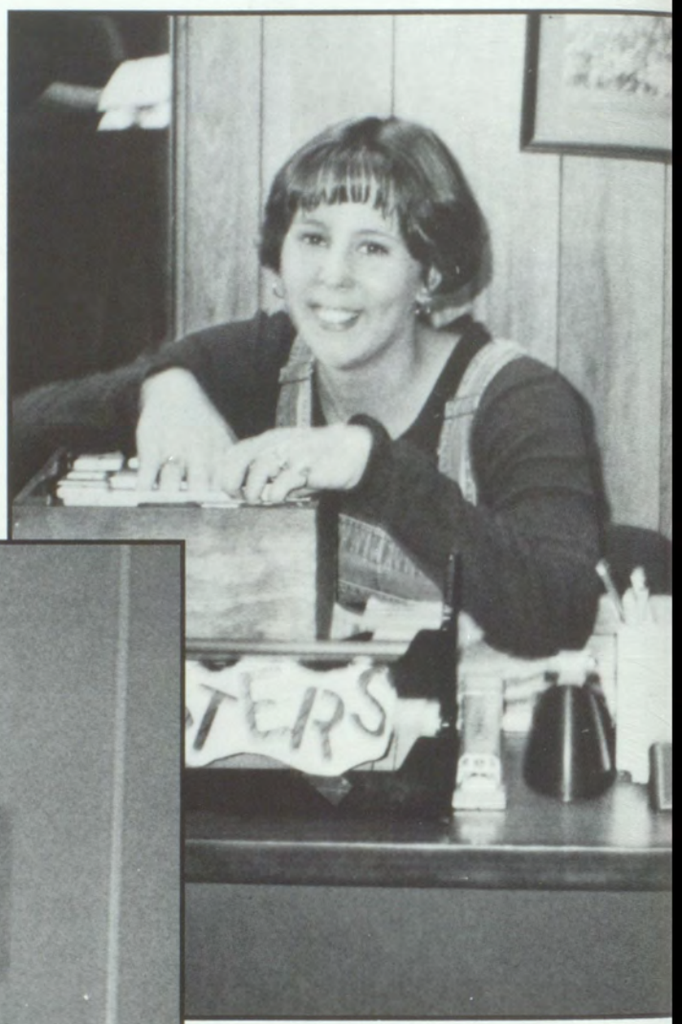


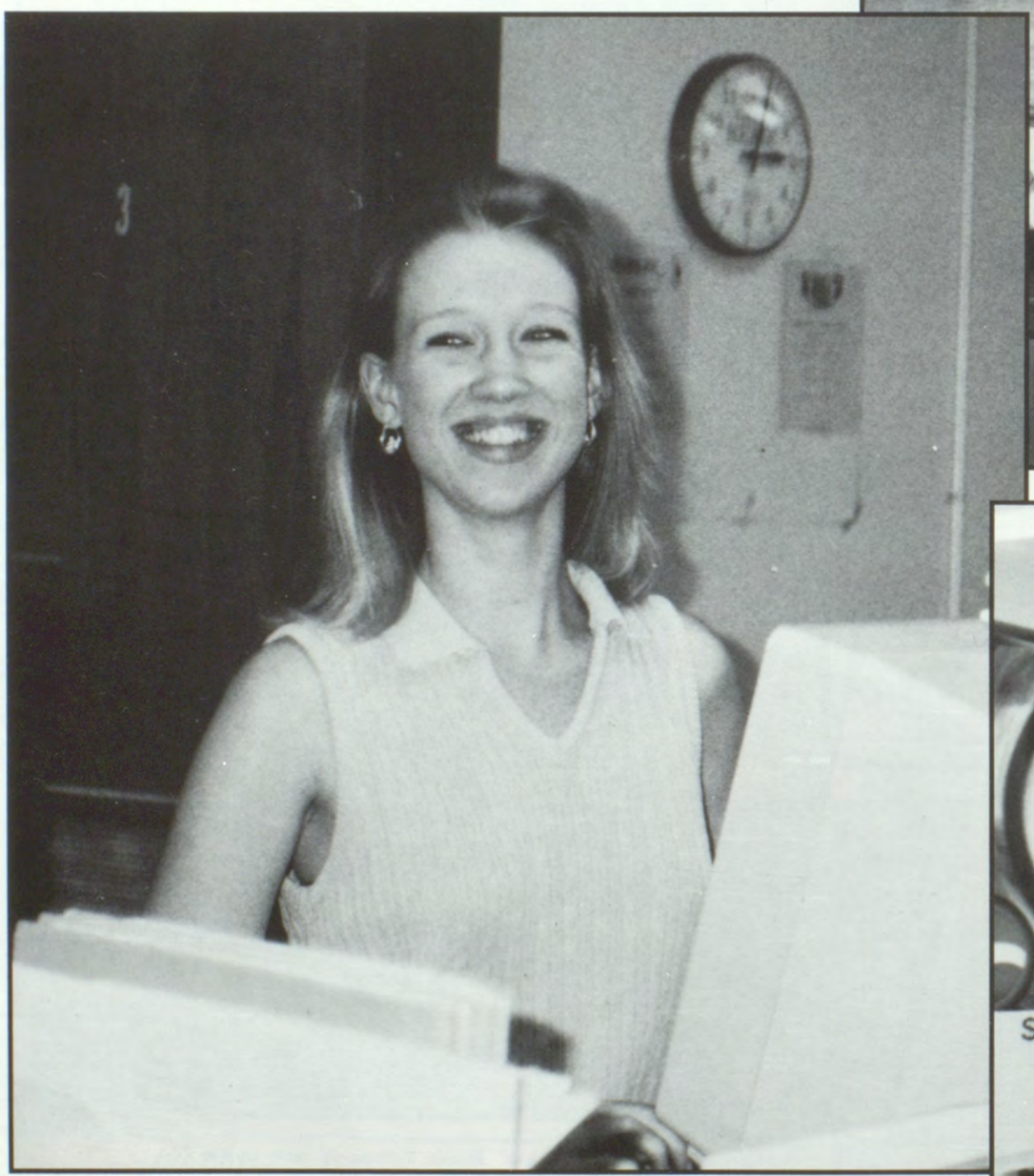


⇑ Work it! Maurice Killingsworth works hard in BCA.
↑ The Best Elective of All! In class, Mallard editor Hunter Hargis and business manager Alison David know it's true.
← Sociology is cool! That's what these students think while they take time out of class for a quick picture.

Vocational
9:00 to 5:00

Many Taylor High School students chose the vocational route as Juniors and Seniors. It's a way to earn money and still get your education. The jobs help our teenagers earn work skills, have new experiences and accept more responsibilities. The job sites range from being a library aide to H.E.B. and Mainstop. Not only do these students learn about real-life situations and prepare themselves for the real world, but they have fun doing it. Now they can go into the work force with previous jobs and skills on their applications.







Derek Schaffer concentrates hard as he pours ice on some soda at Main Stop.

↑ Jennifer Roland smiles as she looks up someone's name and class at Middle School.

↗ Amanda Bullock grins while checking out some Info on the computer.







↑ Angie Bachmayer separates some report cards, among her many talents.

↑ Some of the members of CO-OP pose for a picture at the Region V convention.

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Advanced Placement



AP Physics: (L to R) Jeffrey Stefek, Jimmy Wright, Amber Craig, Chris Trevino, David Chenoweth.



AP Calculus: Bottom: (L to R) Kevin Widmer, Jason Vrana, Marisa Bennett, Terry Horne, Laurie Cmerek, Vanessa Dykowski. 2nd row: Chris Trevino, Arthur Carter, Joe Flores, Andrew Littlejohn, Hunter Hargis, Jason Naivar, Celia Naivar.



AP Spanish: Celia Naivar and Karon Moore.



Ap Chemistry: Bottom: (L to R) Brooke Dabbs, Randa Stiba, Autumn Schneider, Beatriz Hernandez, Vidal Pina. 2nd row: Maggie Moore, Shannon Faulkner, Vanessa Dykowski, Steven Fuller. 3rd row: Erin Schmidt, Alison David, Mole, Tessa Mikulencak, Heather Poldrack, Brian Faltesek. Back: Karon Moore, Aimee Wilhelm, Mark Reeves, Guy Oliphint.



AP Enlish Language: Bottom: (L to R) Beatriz Hernandez, Andrea Wilson, Staceey Huber, Cassie Harrison, Autumn Schneider, Beth Pullen, April Maruska, Randa Stiba, Brandy Williams. 2nd row: Ramon Nazario, Karon Moore, Sarah Simmons, Vidal Pina, Alison David, Josh Schernik, Tessa Mikulencak, Tyler Schade. 3rd row: Jennifer Zachary, Erica Bohac, Erin Schmidt, Jill Winkelmann, Eryn Graef, Eric Ariola, Brandon Randig. 4th row: Kim Zachary, Sonja Stelly, Gladys Martinez, Maggie Moore, Brittany Matoska, Lauren Schwartz, Guy Oliphint, Steven Fuller, Mark Reeves



AP Government and Politics: Bottom: (L to R) Martin Conrardy, Kevin Widmer, Jason Urana, Marisa Bennett, Terry Horne, Laurie Cmerek, Tracey Eulenfeld, Celia Naivar, Allison Behrends. 2nd row: Johnny King, Arthur Carter, Joe Flores, Andrew Littlejohn, Hunter Hargis, Jason Naivar, Dawn Steffek. 3rd row: Brandon Bishop, Kim Gerstner, Jeffrey Stefek, Amanda Wallace, Kelly Wilson, Kim Raesz, James Malicoat, Angie Bachmeyer. 4th row: Maurice Killingsworth, Sara Mata, Trey Turner, Jeff Ochoa, Jimmy Wright, David Chenoweth, Chris Caffey, Branden Seidel. Back: Matthew Johnson, Maggie Moore, Aimee Wilhelm, Chachi Hernandez.



AP Biology



AP English Literature

UIL Participants



Current Events and Issues - Literary Criticism



Ready Writing - Spelling and Vocabulary



Debate Teams



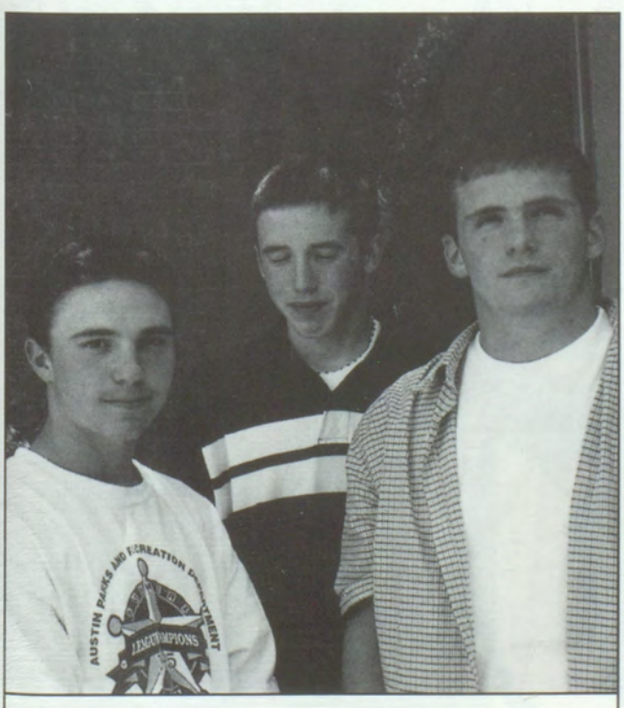
Speech Events



Computer Science - Science



Number Sense - Mathematics



Journalism Events



Accounting - Calculator Applications

Rewriting the Ending











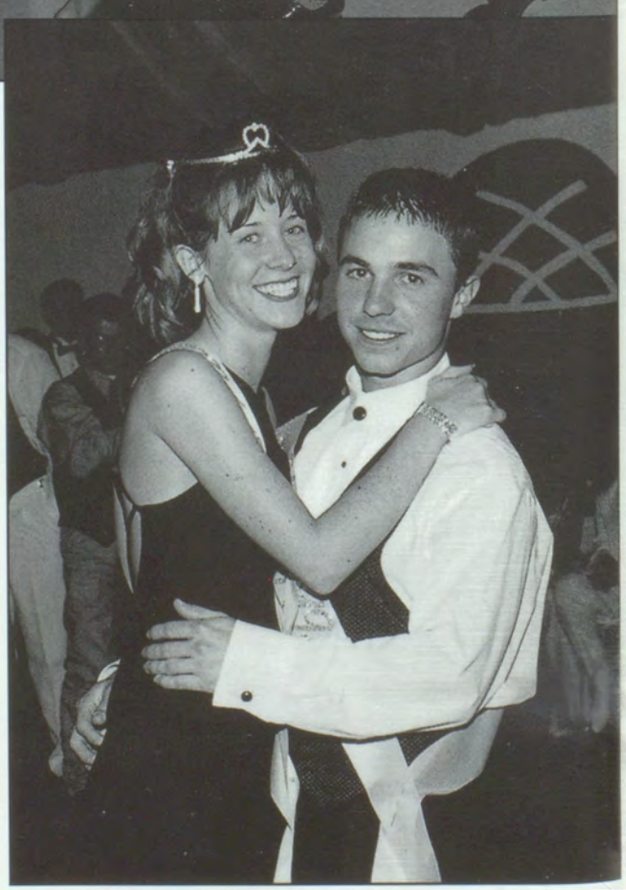


Prom

When you wish upon a star, do you ever dream of a fairy godmother taking you through an enchanted forest into a dazzeling ballroom for a night of romance and music? If so, then the 1998 Jr/Sr Prom was your dream come true! A beautiful fountain, the gorgeous view from the castle balcony, the pumpkin carriage and Cinderella's clock all set the stage for our dreamy night. With a warm air of laughter and music, a good time was had by all! Whether we went with our Prince or Princess Charming, or a group of our friends, many memories were made to be cherished. After Laurie Cmerek and Hunter Hargis were named King and Queen of the evening, the countdown to midnight began. Only a few more songs and the clock struck twelve and the magic ended. Our Jr/Sr Prom had been awesome. It was a wonderful night that we'll never forget!









Seniors Andy Urbanek and Tammy Blackwell take advantage of one of the two stepp'in country songs.

Here Kim Raesz, Andrew Littlejohn, Rhea Urbis, Amanda Wallace, and Angie Bachmeyer show that Seniors really know how to have fun!

Prom royalty Laurie Cmerek and Hunter Hargis smile happily during their spotlight dance.











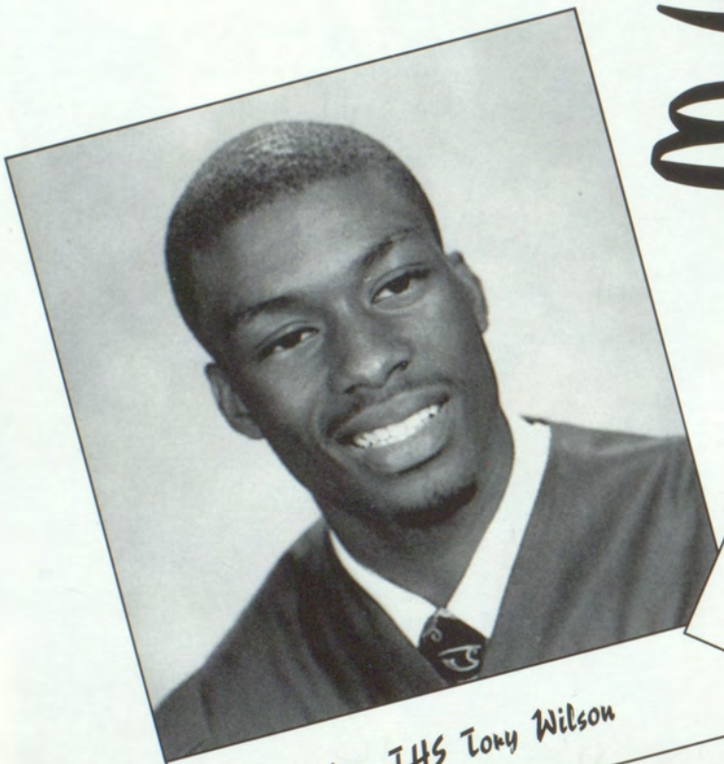
What is Lauren Schwartz looking at? She and Senior Jack Garcia dance to one of the many slow songs at Prom98.

Seniors Jason Vrana, Russell Schmidt, Tracy Eulenfeld, and Allison Jones take time out to pose together. Russell looks especially excited. The Cotton-Eyed-Joe is a tradition that Cody Doughy, Scott Raesz, and their dates took part in.

Johnny King gets a laugh out of his best friend as Tony Wilson gets jiggy with it!

Senior Troy Talley had a blast at Prom. Here he is laughing at his friends on the dance floor.

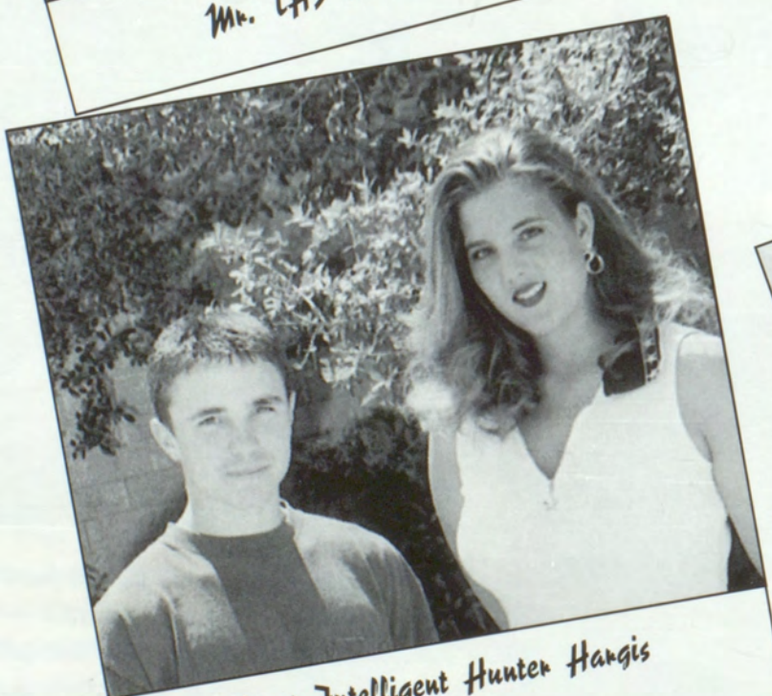
Senior Favorites '98



Mr. THS Tony Wilson



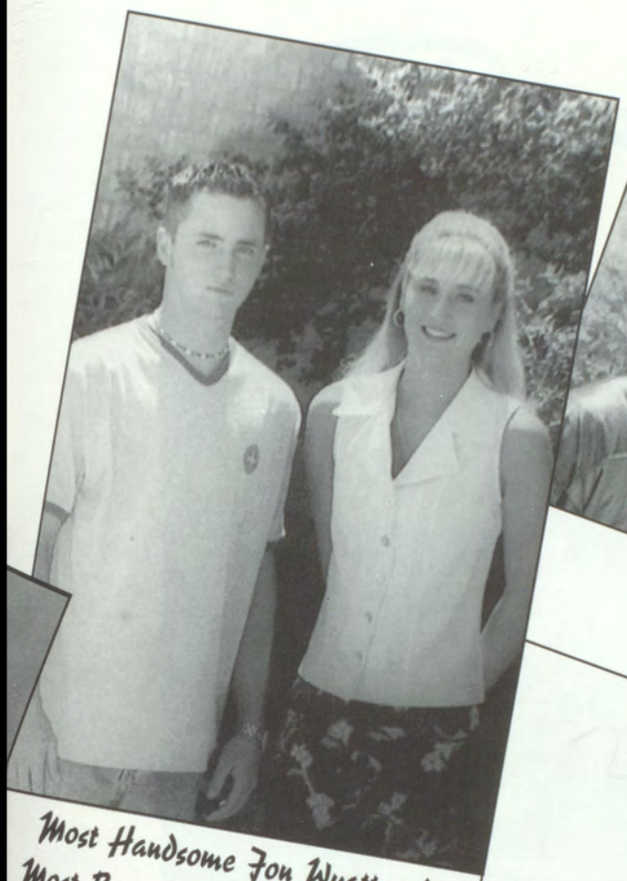
Miss THS April Hennington



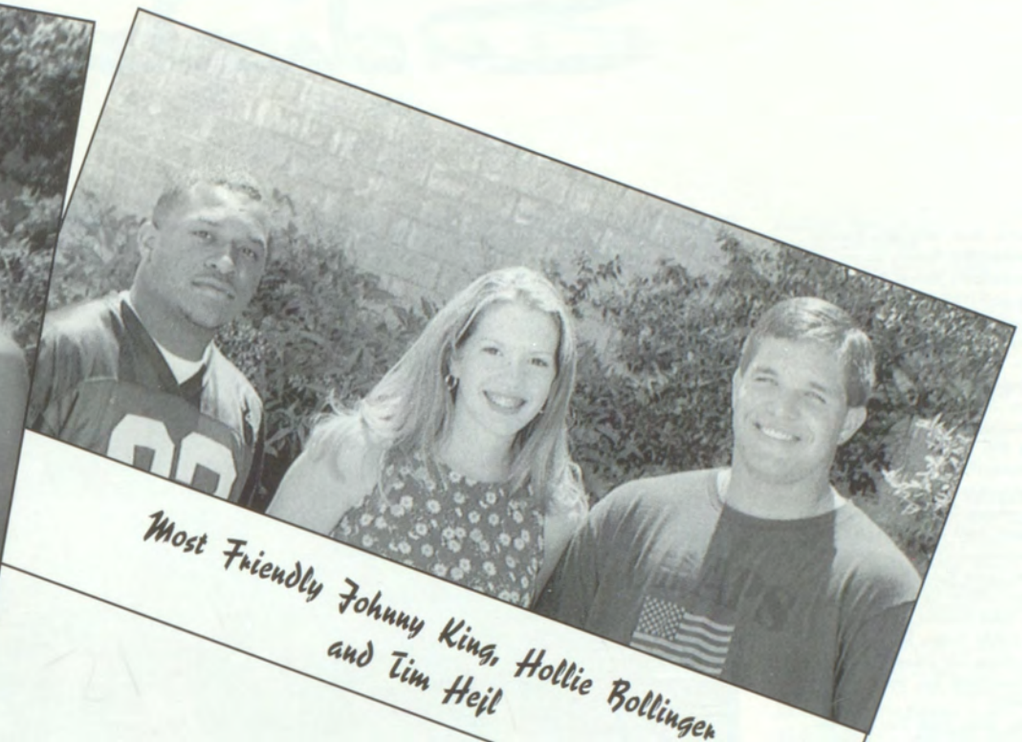
Most Intelligent Hunter Hargis and Celia Naiver



Most Likely to Suceed Jeffrey and Laurie Cmerek



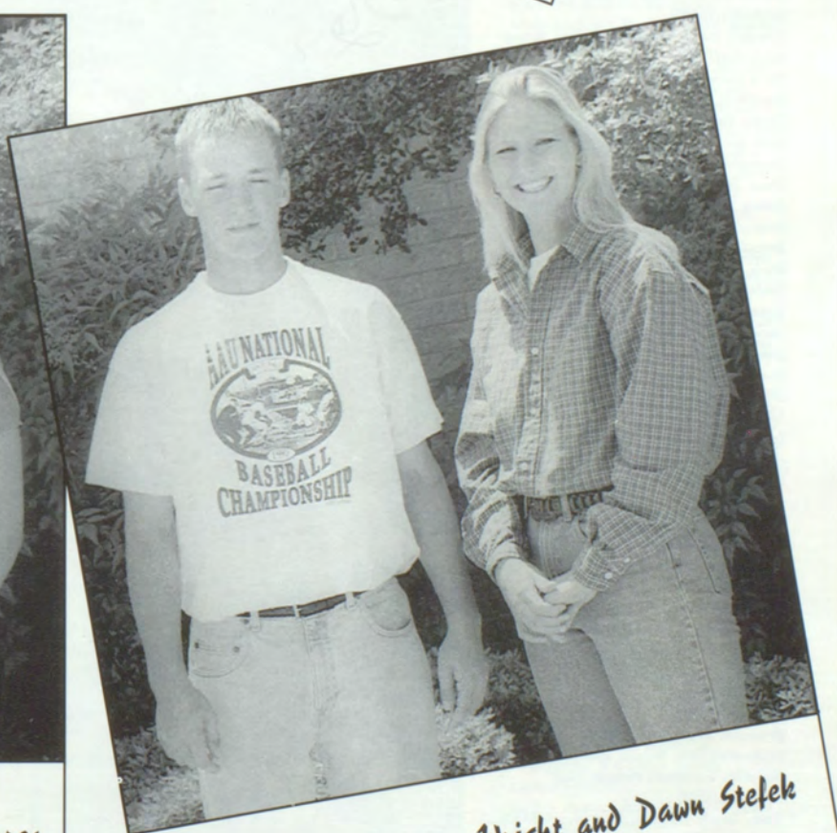
Most Handsome Jon Wyatt and
Most Beautiful Angie Bachmeyer



Most Friendly Johnny King, Hollie Bollinger
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Best Dressed Chachi Hernandez and Cassandra Torres

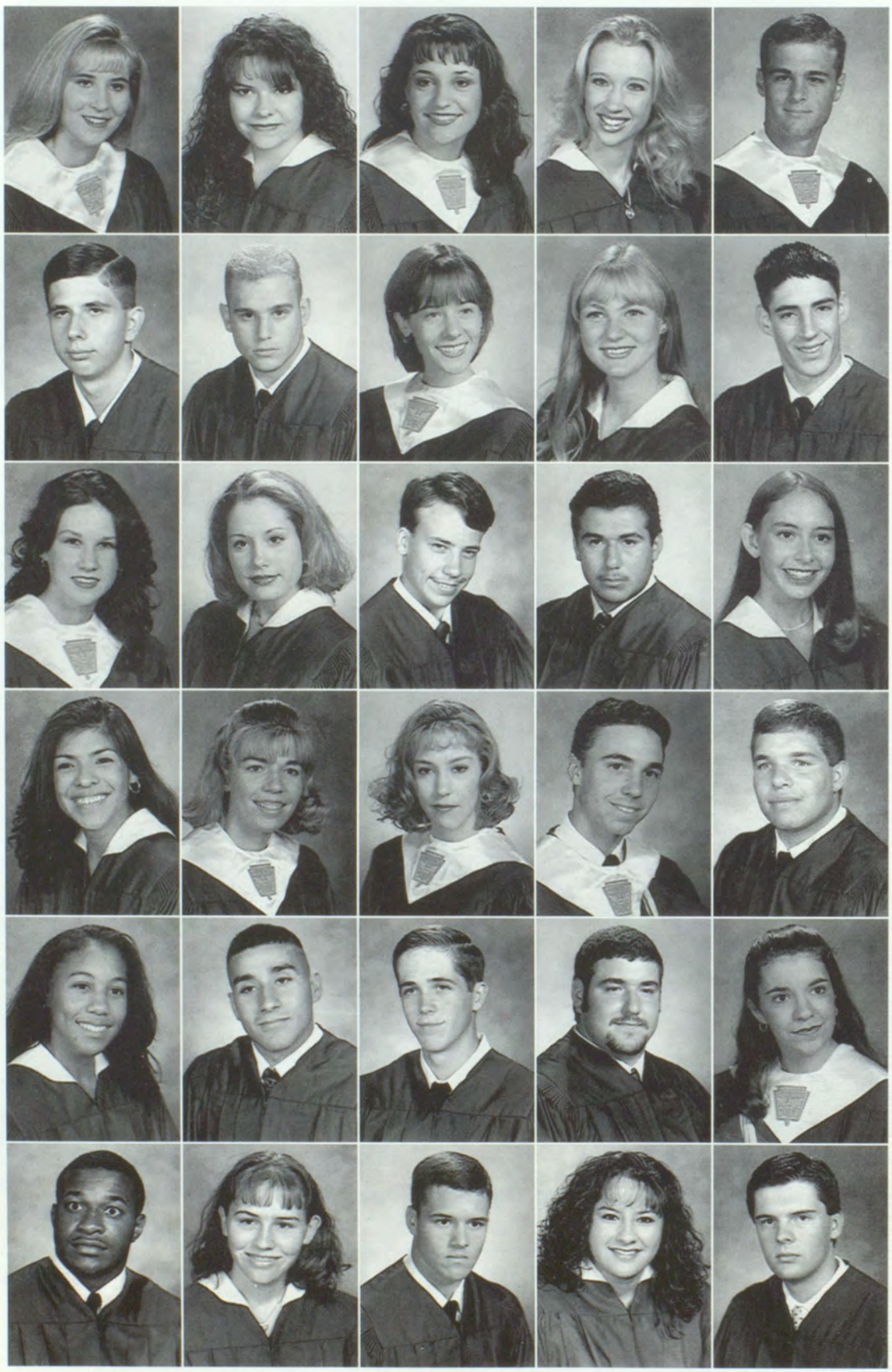


Most Athletic Jimmy Wright and Dawn Stefek

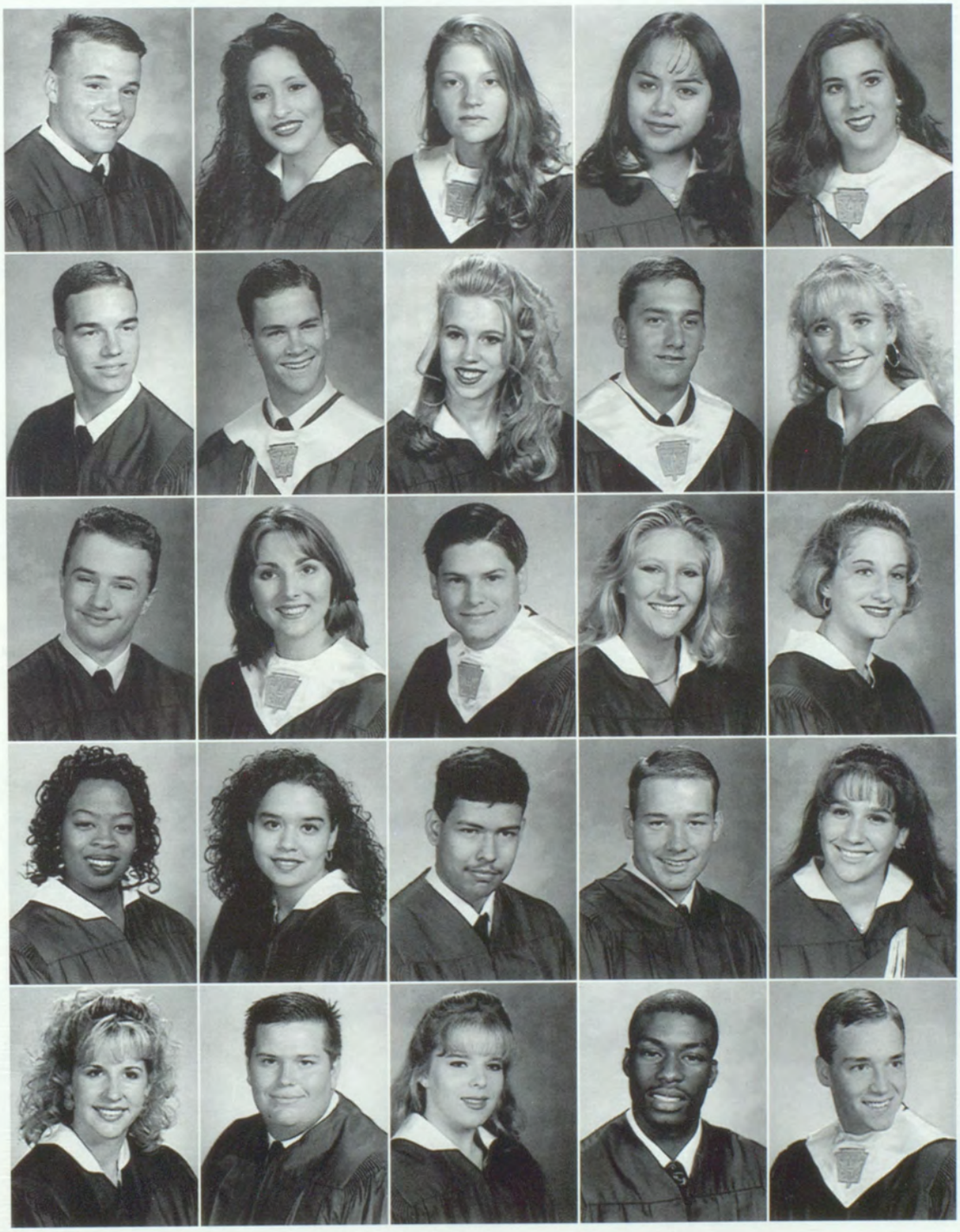
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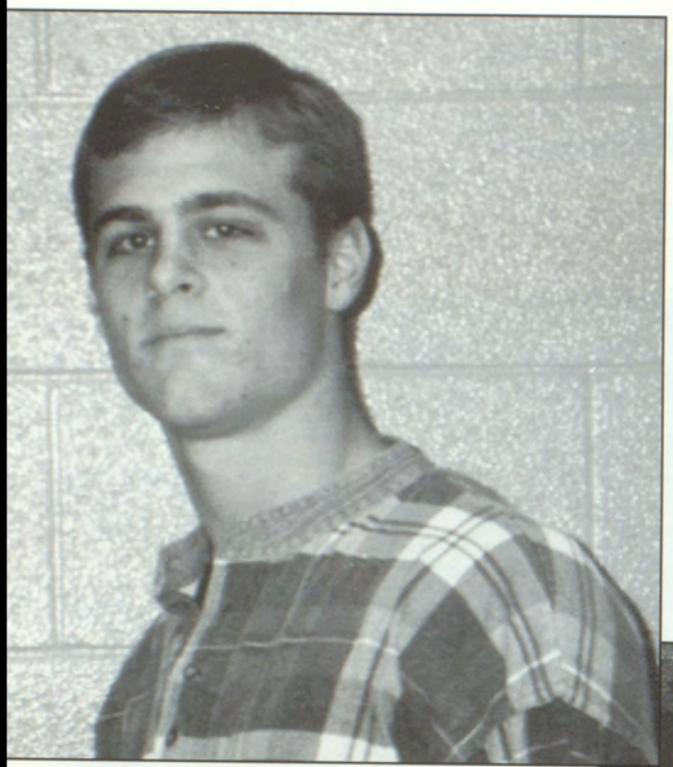
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Bullock, Amanda: Gay Lynn Brinkmeyer Memorial Scholarship($400)
Caffey, Chris: David Threadgill Memorial Scholarship($1200) Ranken and Louise Kennedy Scholarship($500)
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Craig, Amber: THS Livingood Jr. Historian Scholarship($200) Ruth Manton Scholarship($500)
Doherty, Jeremy Angelo State University-Basketball Athletic Scholarship($4000 per yr.)
Dykowski, Vanessa: John's Community Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship($500)
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Garcia, Jaclyn: Super S Scholarship($1000), Brinkmeyer-Hobbs-Wade Scholarship($500)
Gayton, Laticia: Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church Scholarship($500), Don & Helen Manson Memorial Scholarship($500)
George, Jalyn: German Scholars Award($100), Williamson Co. A&M Mother's Club, Scholarship($500)
Corrections Corporation of America Scholarship($500), Old Settlers Association of Williamson Co. Scholarship($1000), National Honor Society($200)
Gerstner, Kimberly: Monica Blaha Memorial Scholarship($500), Elks Scholarship($4000), Ruth Schroeder Memorial Scholarship($1000)
Hargis, Ryan Hunter: University of Texas-Engineering Scholarship($16,000), National Honor Society Scholarship($500), N.G.&Helen Hawkins Scholarship($2000)
Hejl, Tim: Citizens for the Future Scholarship($500)
Hennington, April: Jason Rydell Memorial Scholarship($500), Melasky Scholarship($1000)
Hernandez, Cuauhtemoc: Optimists Texan Scholarship($500)
Horne, Terrell: Joe Downs Music Awards($500), Taylor Lions Club Scholarship($500)
Johnson, Matthew: AIAE Scholarship($300), Taylor Band Roosters Scholarship($500), Marx Air Conditioning Trade & Tech Scholarship($750), Career & College Grant($1000)
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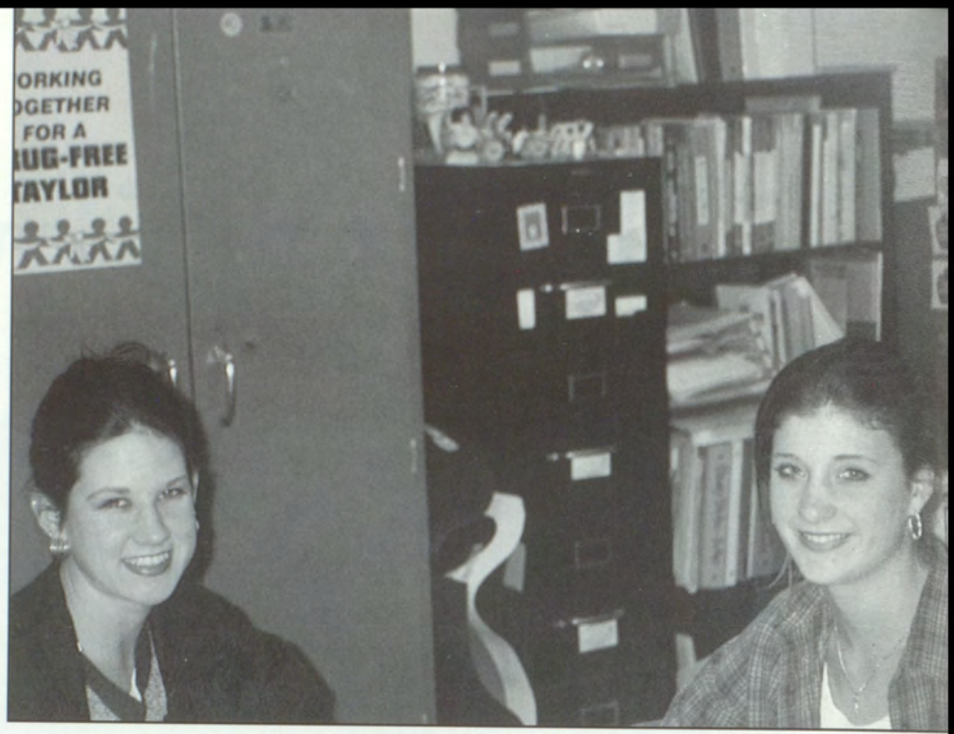


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Martin, Jason: Corrections Corporation of America Scholarship($500)
Mata, Sara: John's Community Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship($500) Career & Technology Scholarship($750)
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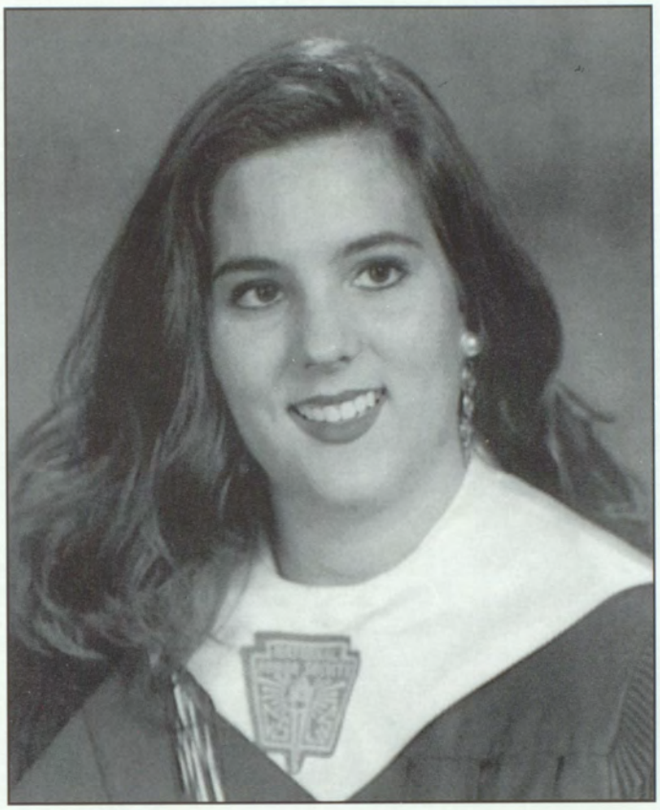

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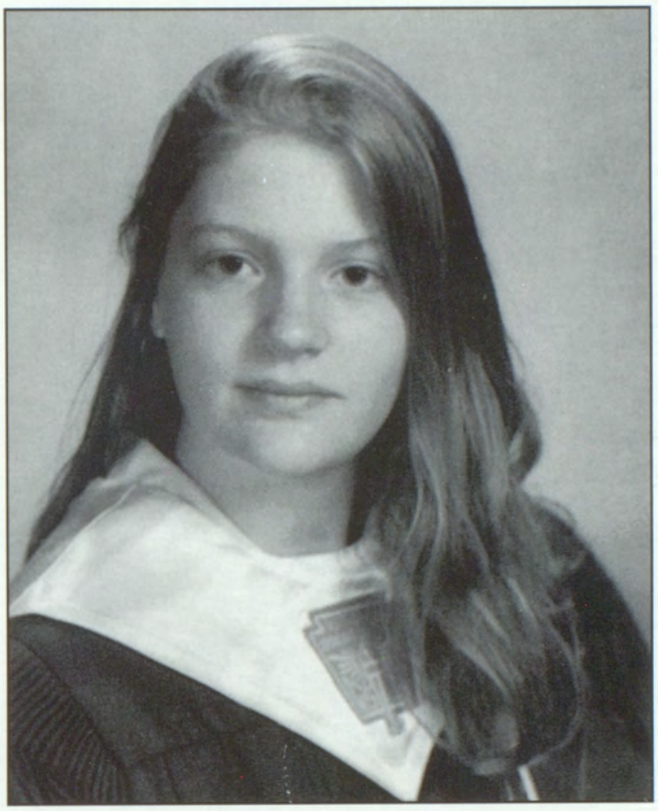








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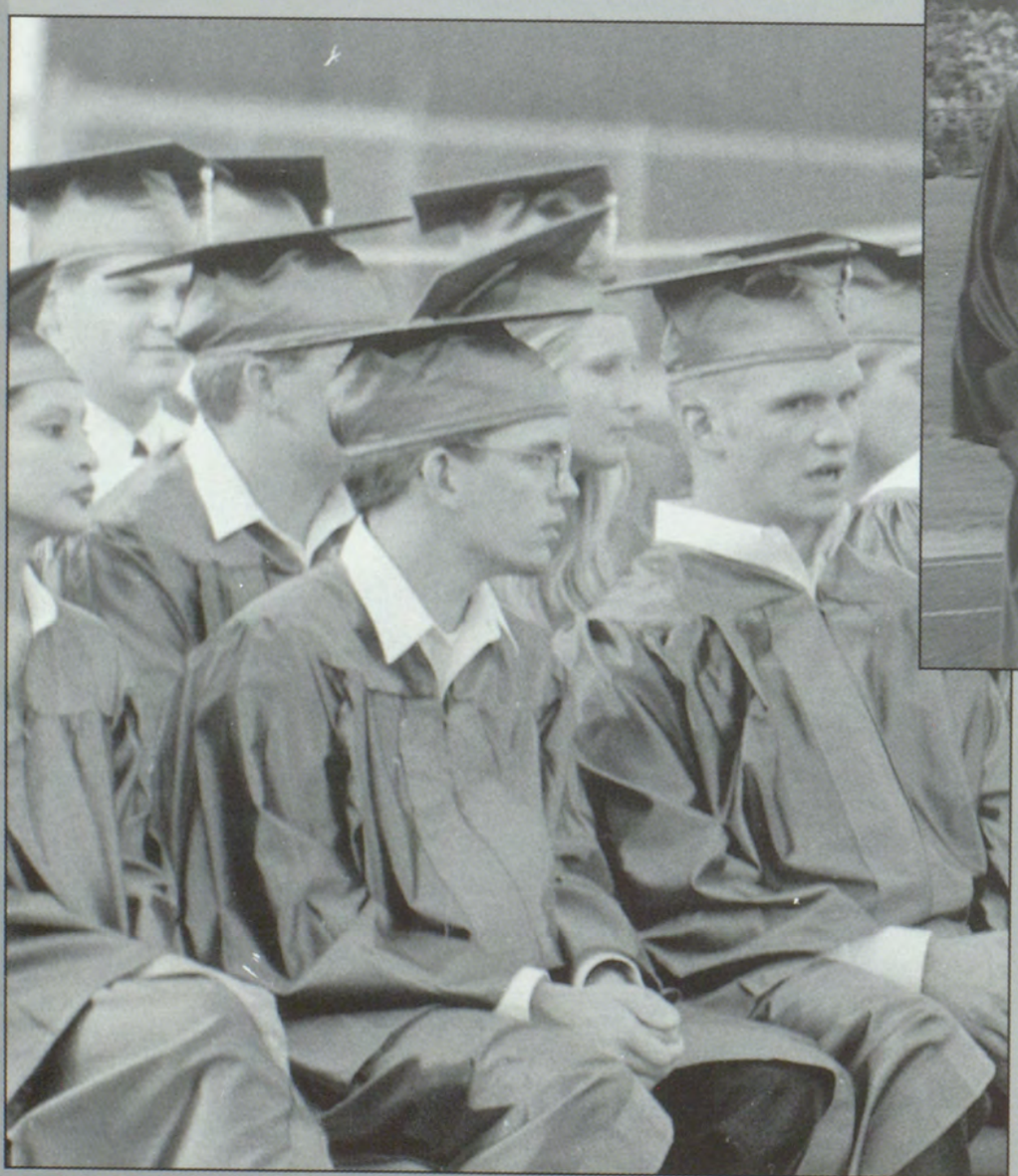
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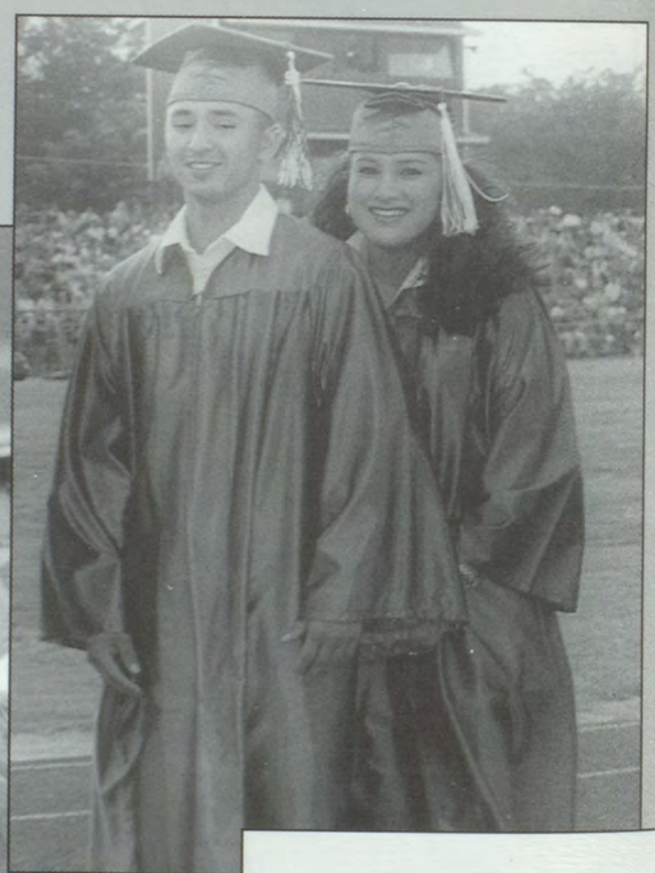


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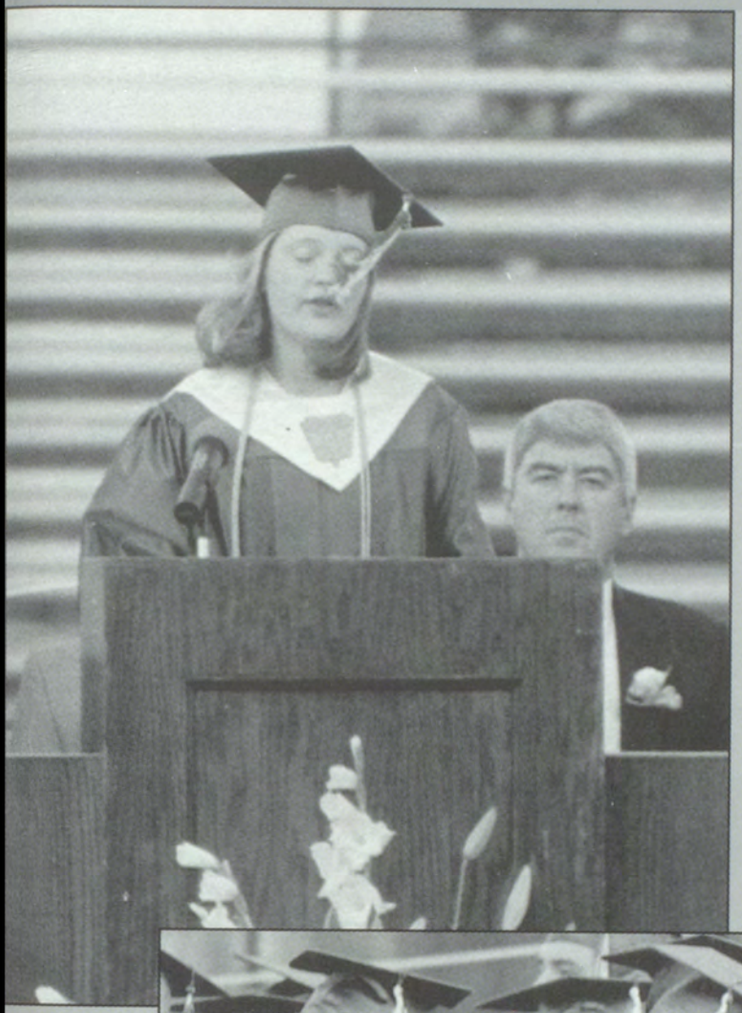
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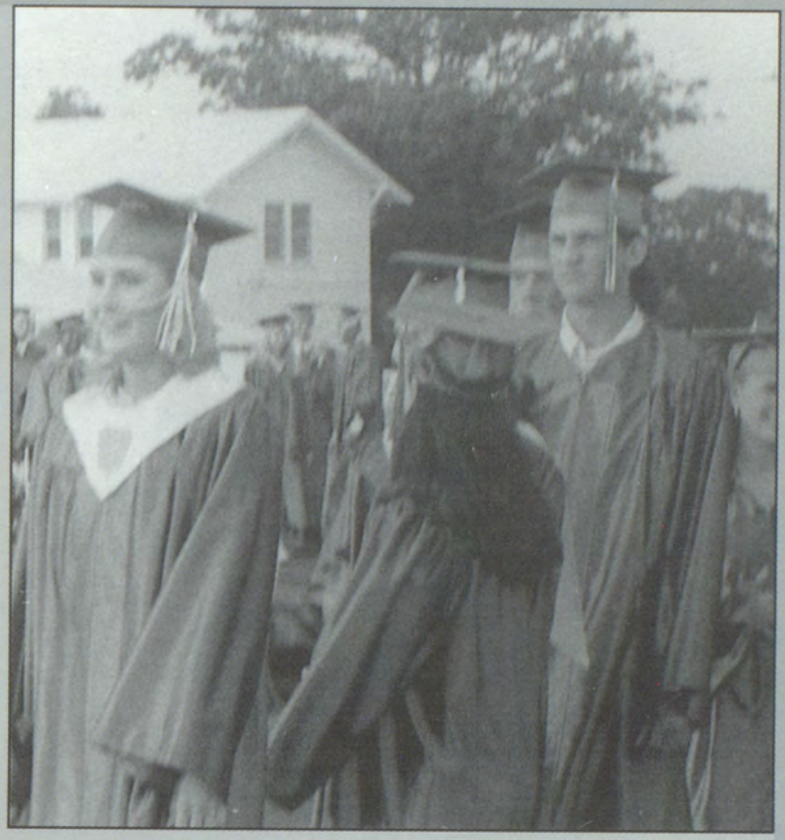
It took eighteen years of our lives and thirteen years in school to make it there, but we did. Graduation, the long awaited event that seemed so distant just three years ago-when we were going from freshmen to sophomores-now stared us bold in the face; we wondered how time could have passed so quickly. But graduation itself passed quickly. The speakers all delivered speeches under five minutes, and even though the speeches were short on time, they were not short on meaning. Our class song was played live by Green Day (really it was just played into a microphone via boom box) and our class president, Angie Bachmeyer, spoke. Our Salutatorian, Maggie Moore, gave her speech about friendship. Celia Naivar, our Valedictorian, presented challenges for the future in her speech. Our class was then presented for graduation and we began that once in a lifetime walk across the stage. Different thoughts and feelings swept over each of us as we traveled the last step of our journey. Some happy feeling, some sad feelings, but mostly feelings of accomplishment. Superintendent Patterson offered us a few words and told us we could turn our tassels and we were officially graduated. We stood and sang the class song for the last time together and made our way down to the goal posts of the end zone. On the count of three looking into our friends eyes, we tossed our graduation caps high in the air. We then made our way around the field giving joyous teary faced hugs to our classmates, family and friends. The class of 1998 was now a part of Taylor high school history. We truly had "the time of our lives."

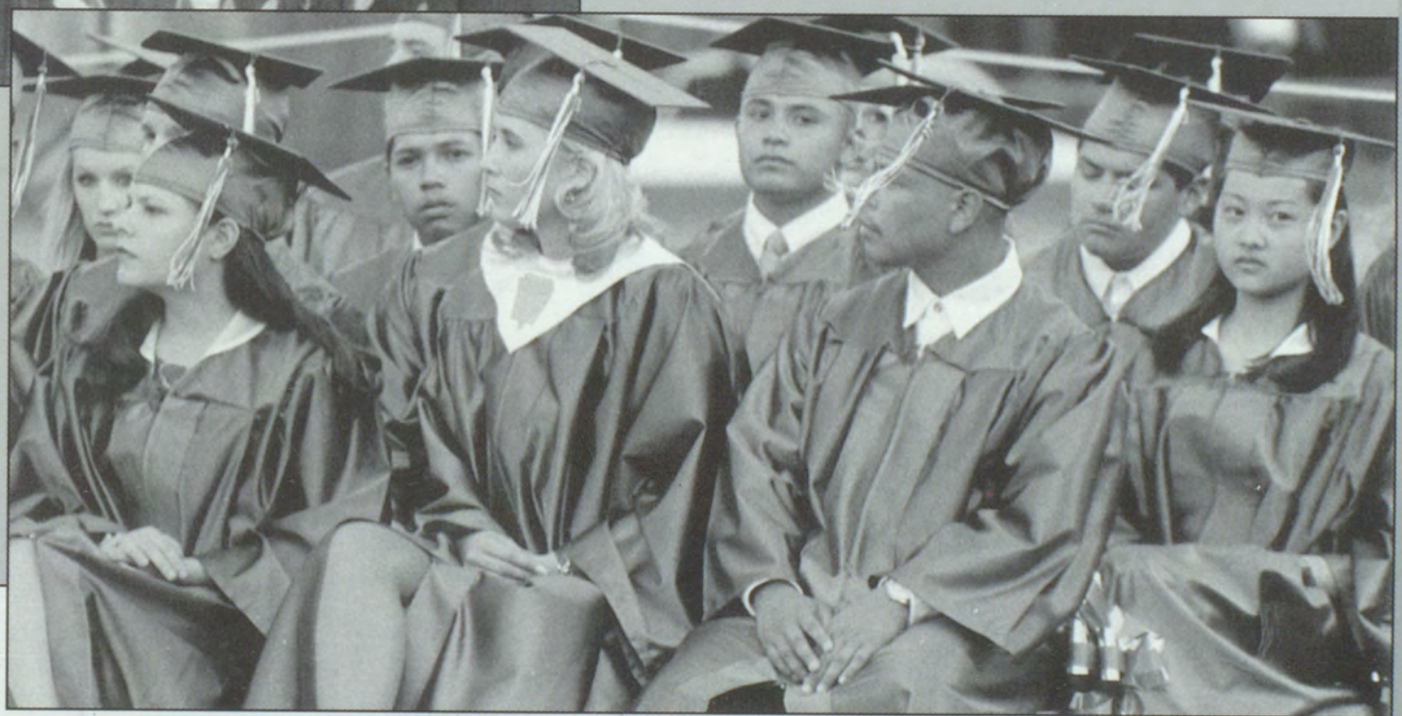


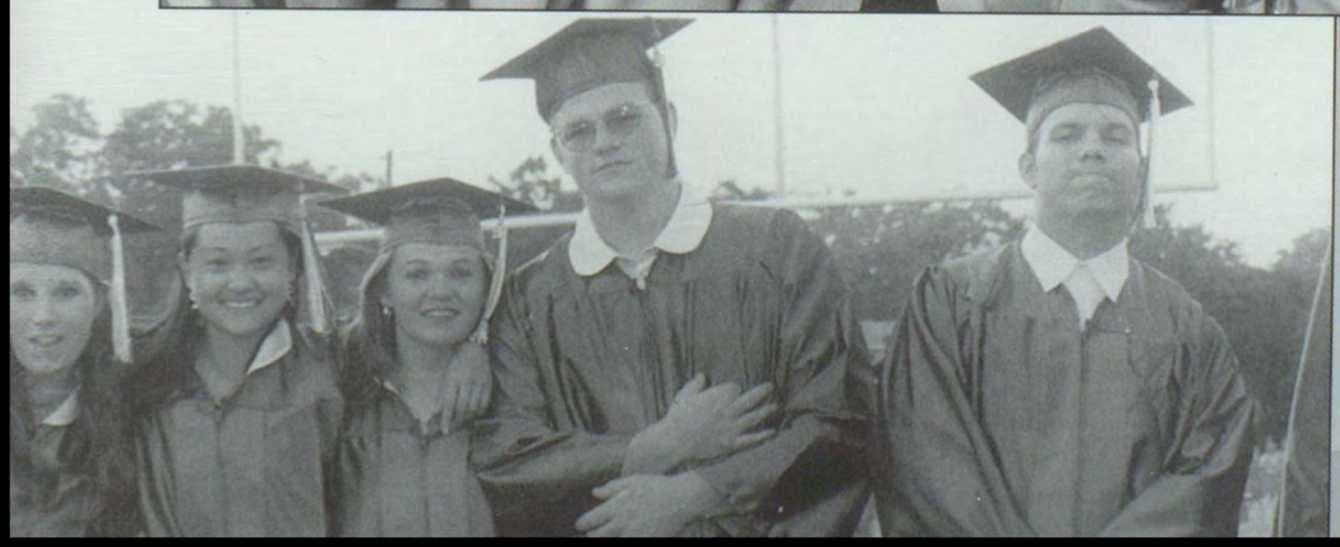


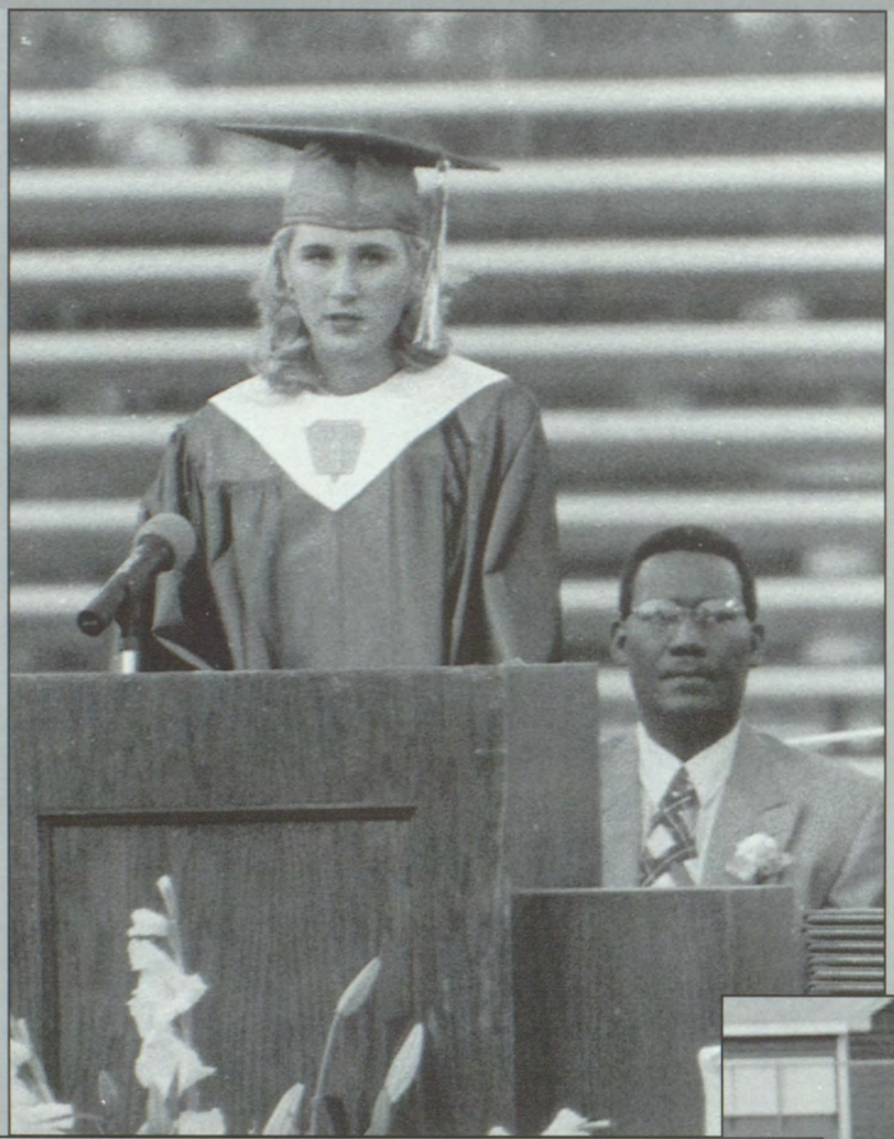


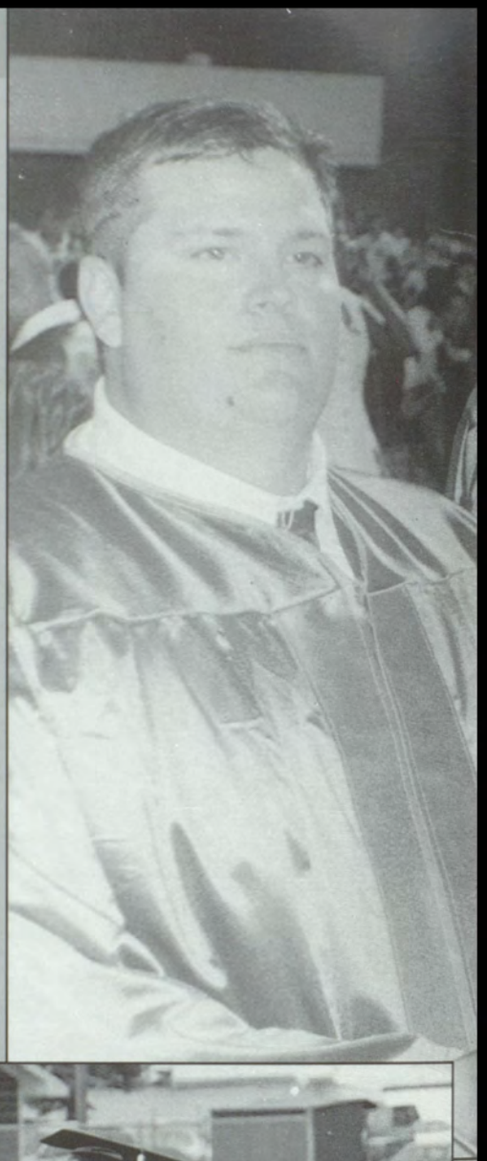


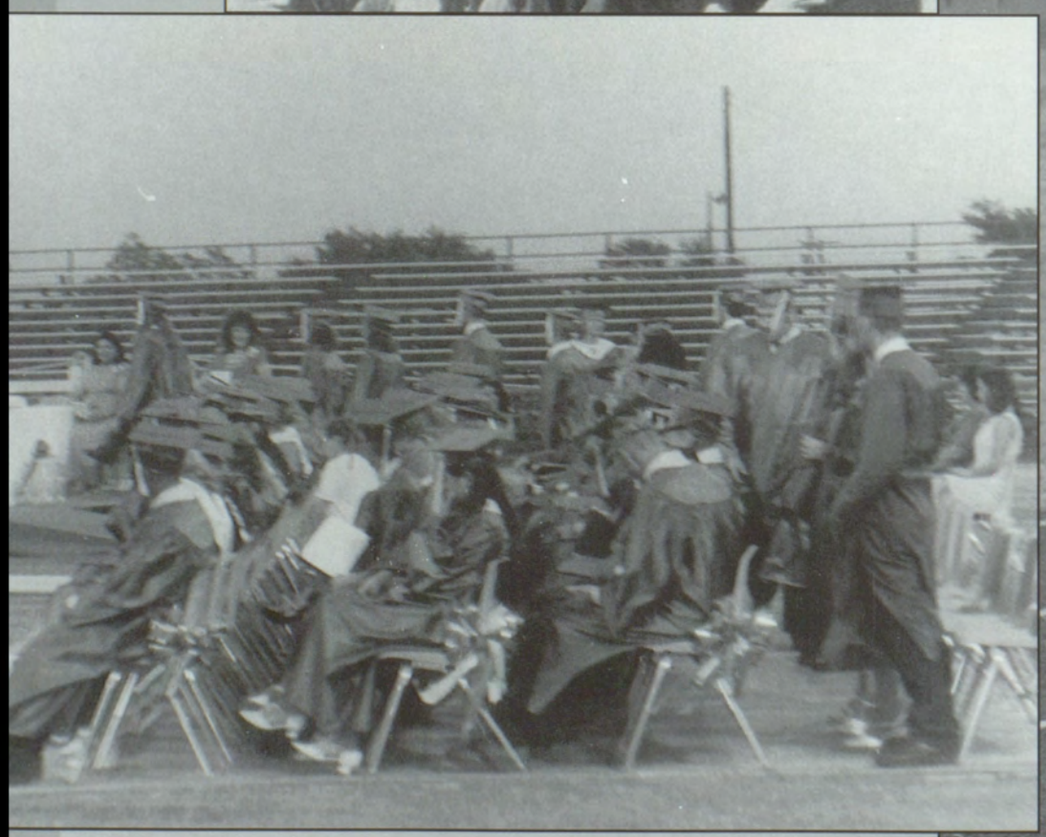






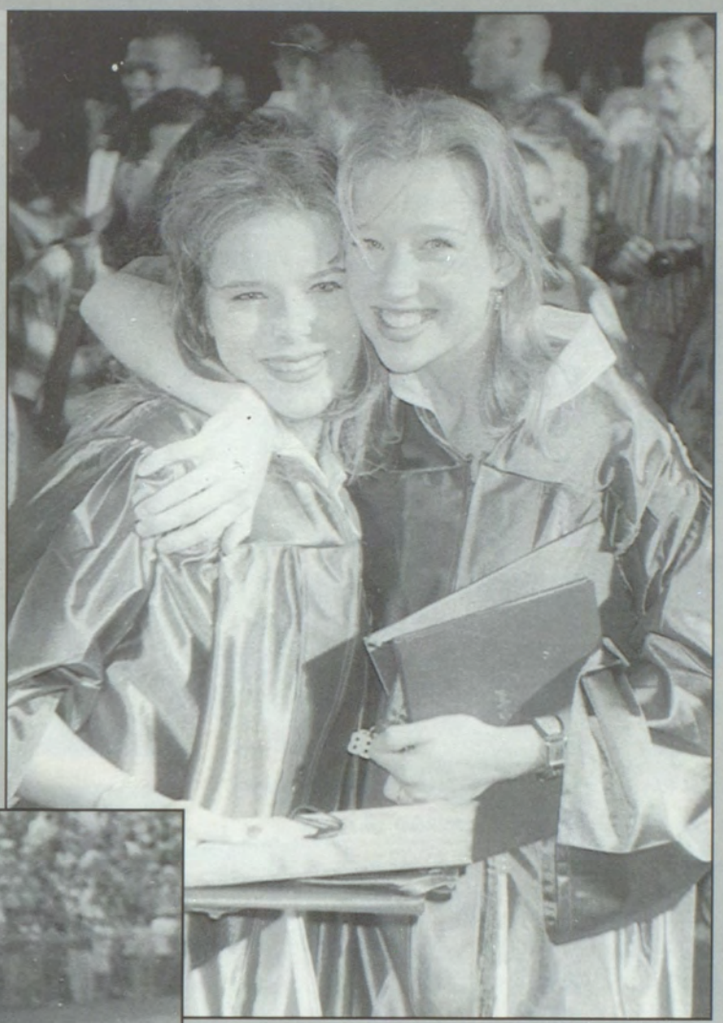


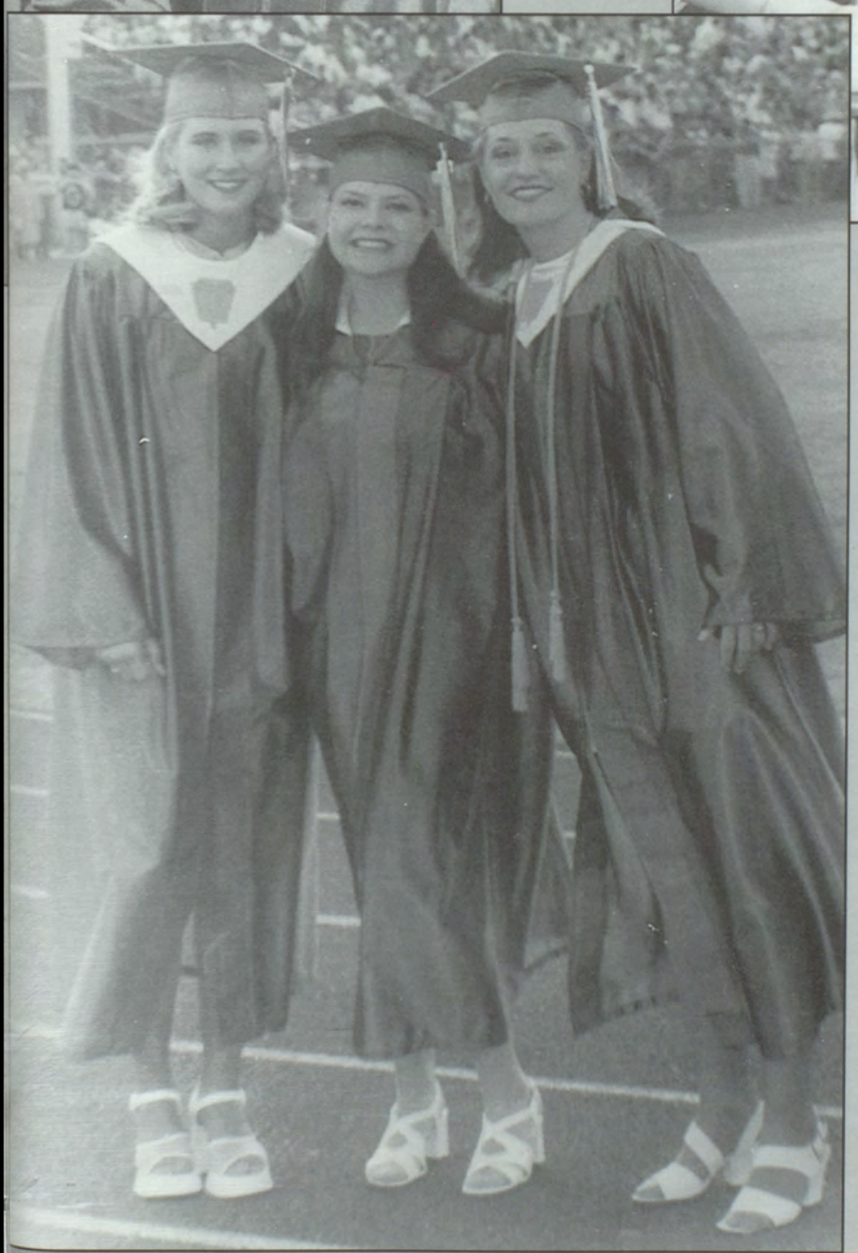


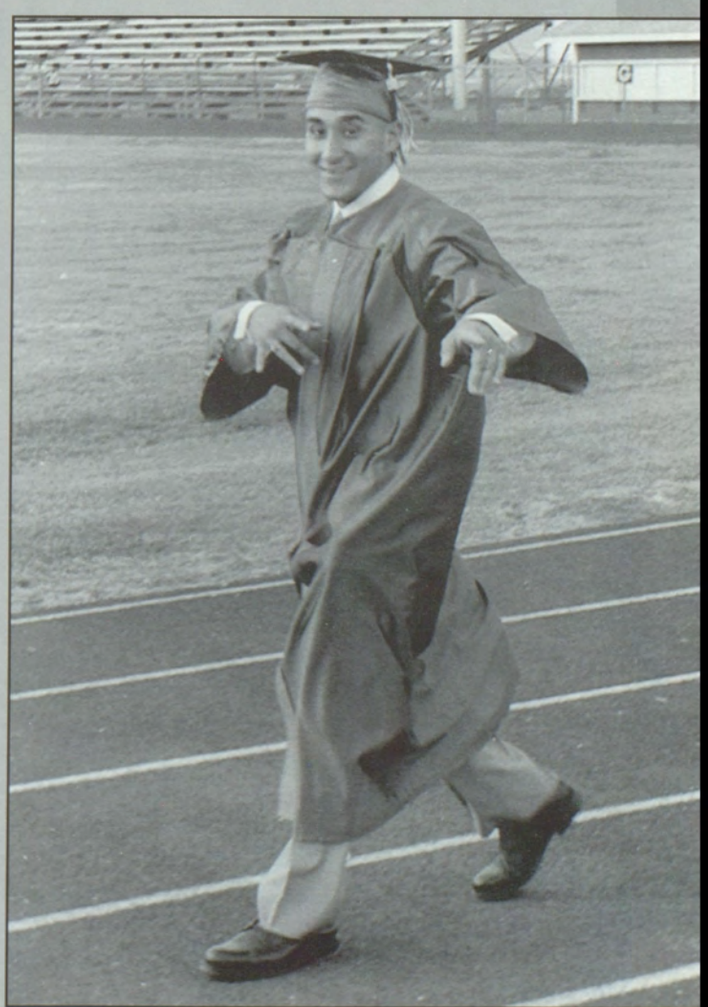








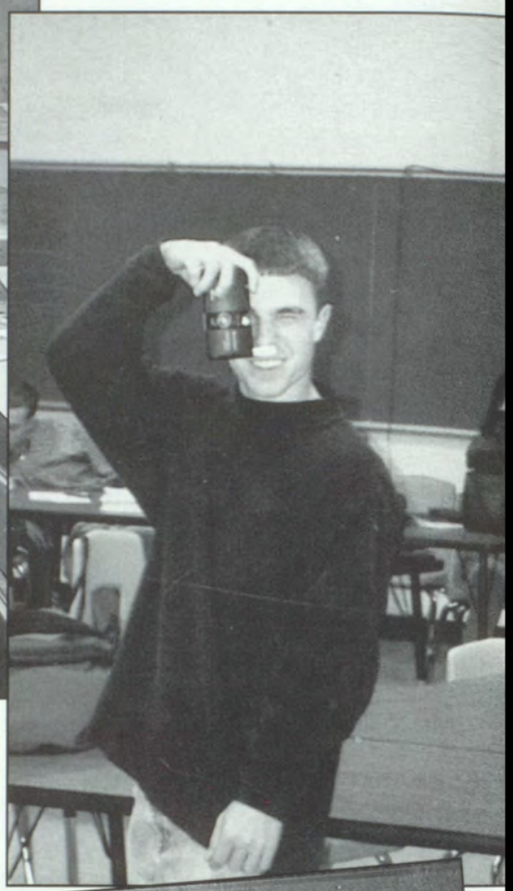




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Almost everyone sees a yearbook each year-whether it's their's or a friend's. But does everyone think about how much time, film, hard work and dedication it took to complete it? The mallard staff knows first-hand, because this year we did the work to bring our classmates the best yearbook ever-and we did! From drawing spreads, to taking pictures to writing copy, we put our all into the book. Many of us enjoyed taking pictures, but few of us liked being in them. One thing's for sure-we had a great time meeting our goals! We excahanged gifts at Christmas and made some awesome new friends that we'll cherish forever. Yeah, we'll admit there were a few times when the tension of finishing work on time seemed to come between some of our friendships but in the end we all pulled togather as friends. Especially in the last week of work when a few of us spent hours finishing what we thought would never be finished. Obviously we were wrong because you are holding the product of our efforts in its entirety. We promised you a book like you've never seen before and whether you like it or not there's no disputing that we truly have rewritten the rules of yearbook.



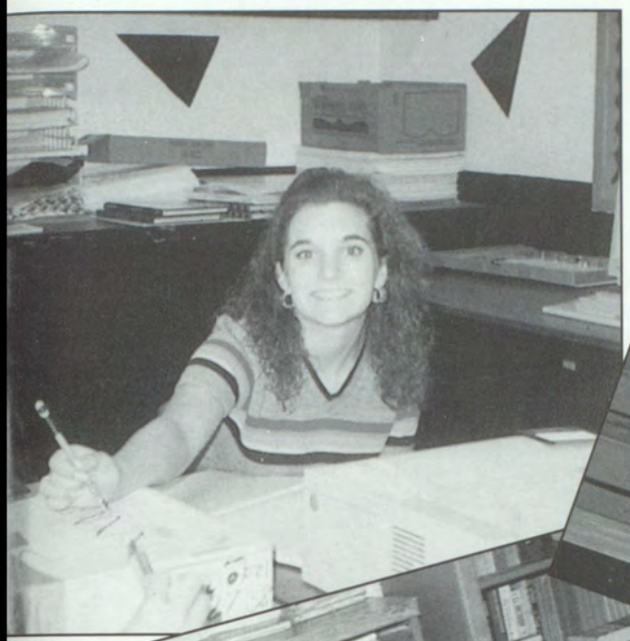






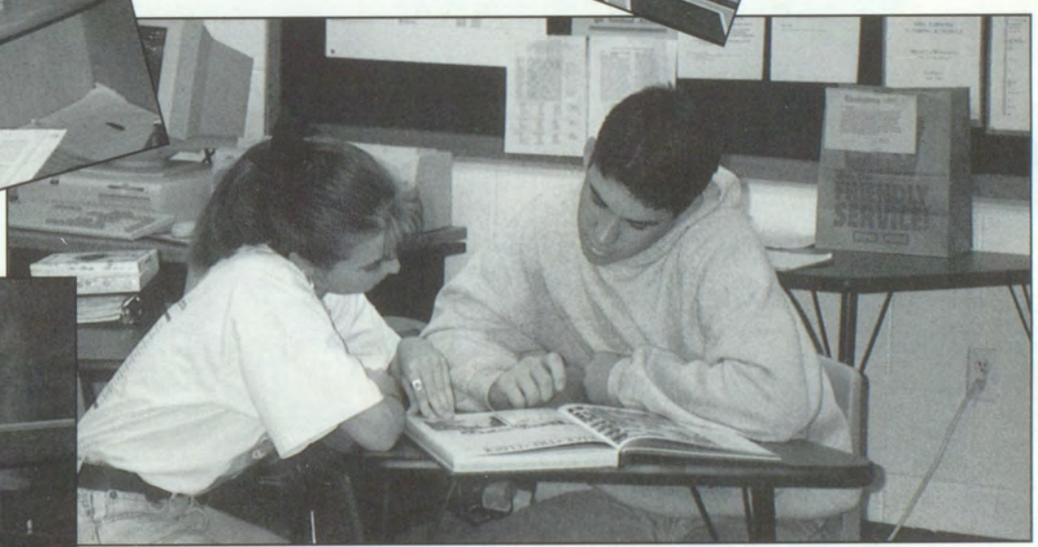


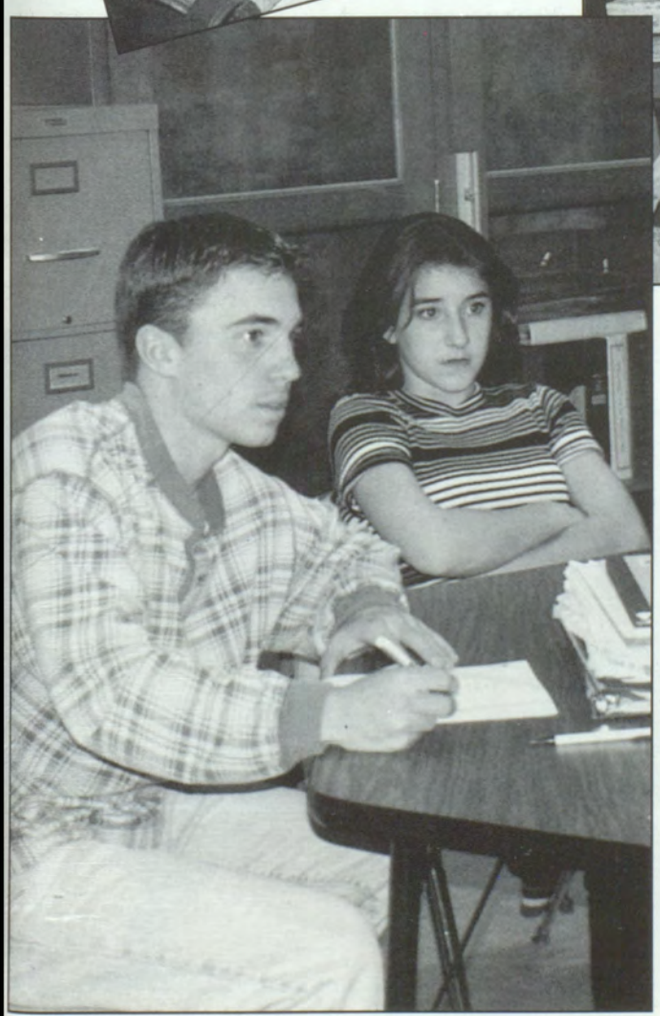














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Well, that's it. I hope you all have a totally new set of rules when it comes to what to expect from a yearbook. It's hard to look back and descibe what style of book this is. It's certainly not neo-classic and I really wouldn't call it artsy. It's not sombre or flashy. I guess when you rewrite all the rules, there really is no precedent. Having said that, it is clear that this book truly did fit the student body and especially the Srs. of '96. I hope that everyone reading this feels that some new precedents were set this year and that the some rules were rewritten. Regardless of whether we were directly connected with the change or even if we resisted it, we must be proud of the rules we've left behind. But now it's time to move on to new precedents, always knowing that the rules we've left behind can never be rewritten.

No, this isn't another paragraph of the closing; it's the stuff that a lot of people skip over but those who don't will see how grateful I am to those who have helped me put together this book. Yes, I know this isn't where it normally goes but weren't you listening to all that rewritting the rules and new precedent stuff I was talking about. Okay, here we go. I must first thank the staff of Mallard (no I'm not going to list them, if you want that go to page 189) including Mrs. Parsons because without them I wouldn't be writing this because there would be no book. Second a big thanks must go to Mr. Powell and his photography II class which includes Cini Almanza, Bertha Lopez, Andrea Crawford, Allison Behrends and Hunter Hargis. I would also like to thank Brian Smith for several photo contributions. Next, I wish to thank the Taylor School Board and THS staff for supporting the yearbook; I hope you have enjoyed it. Last, I'd like to thank whoever is still reading this for listening to who I wanted to thank. Anyone I have forgotten can get a personal thanks by getting in touch with me at UT, I'll be one of the 40,000 students there (good luck).

Hunter Hargis















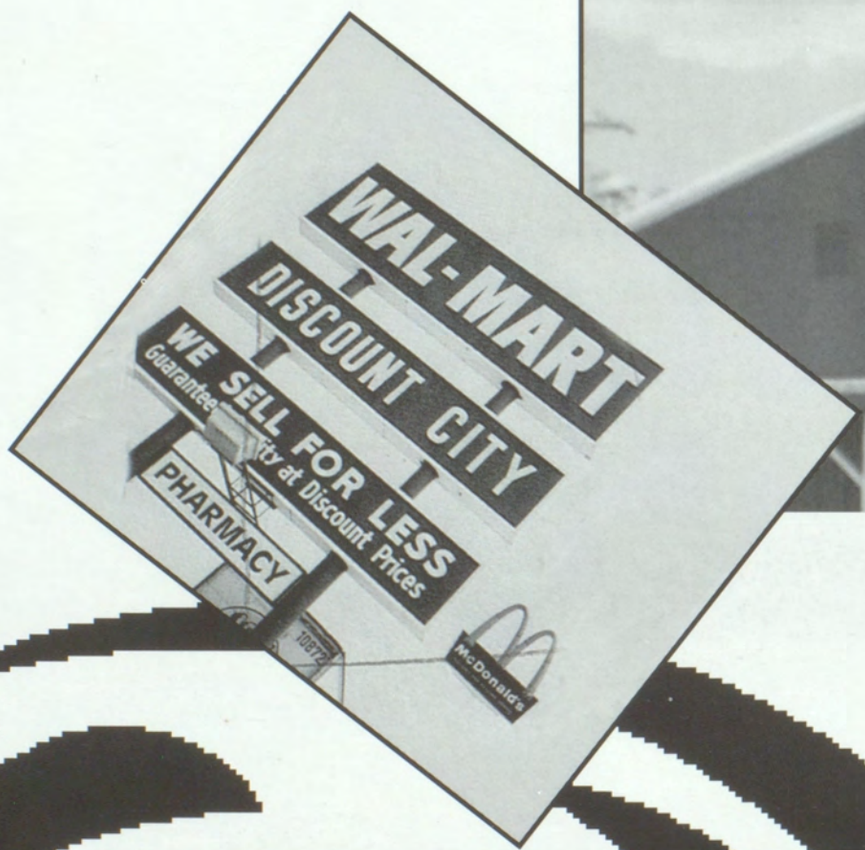




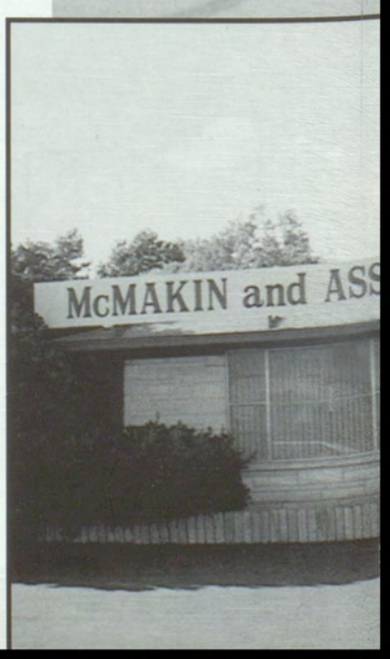


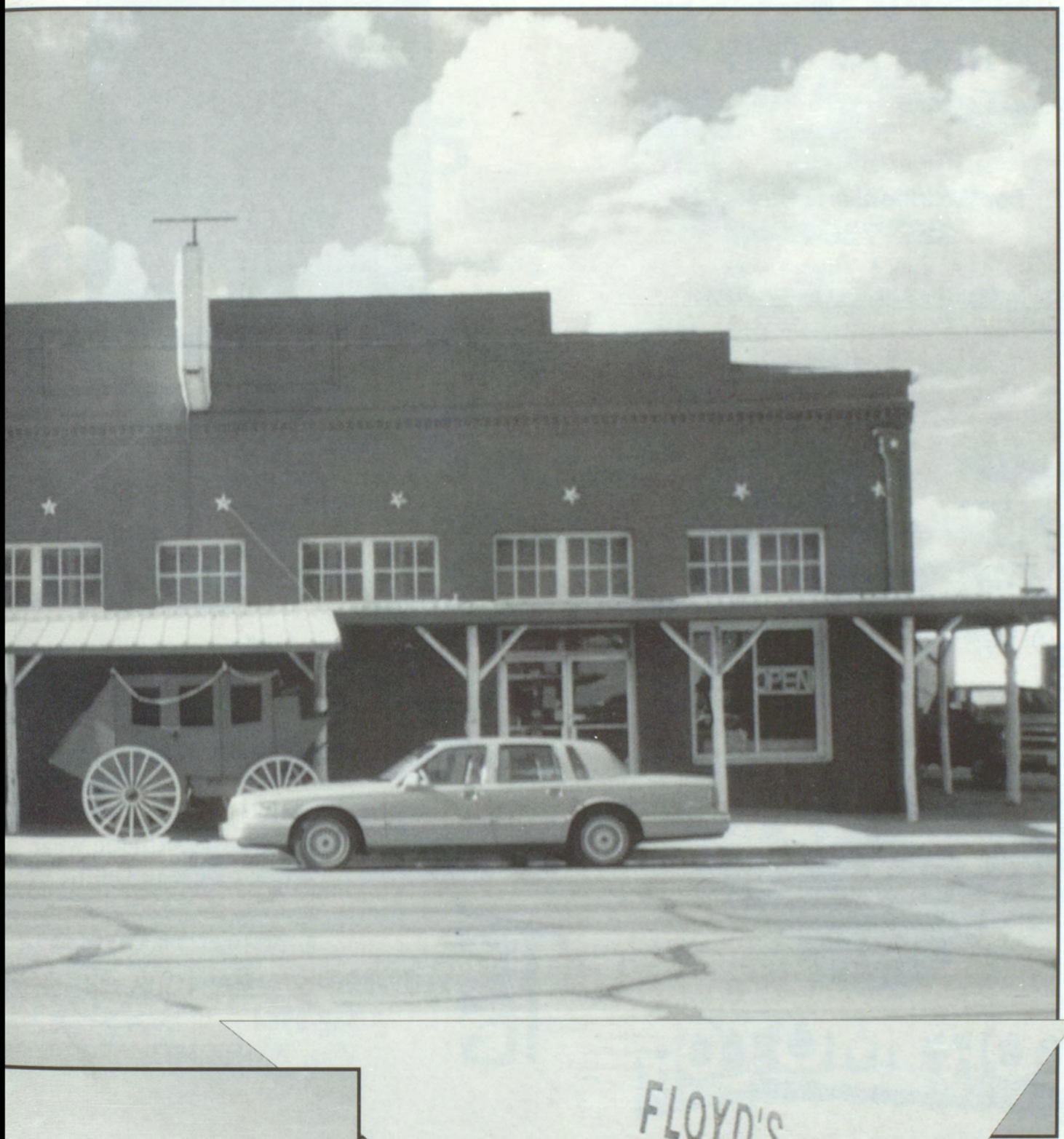


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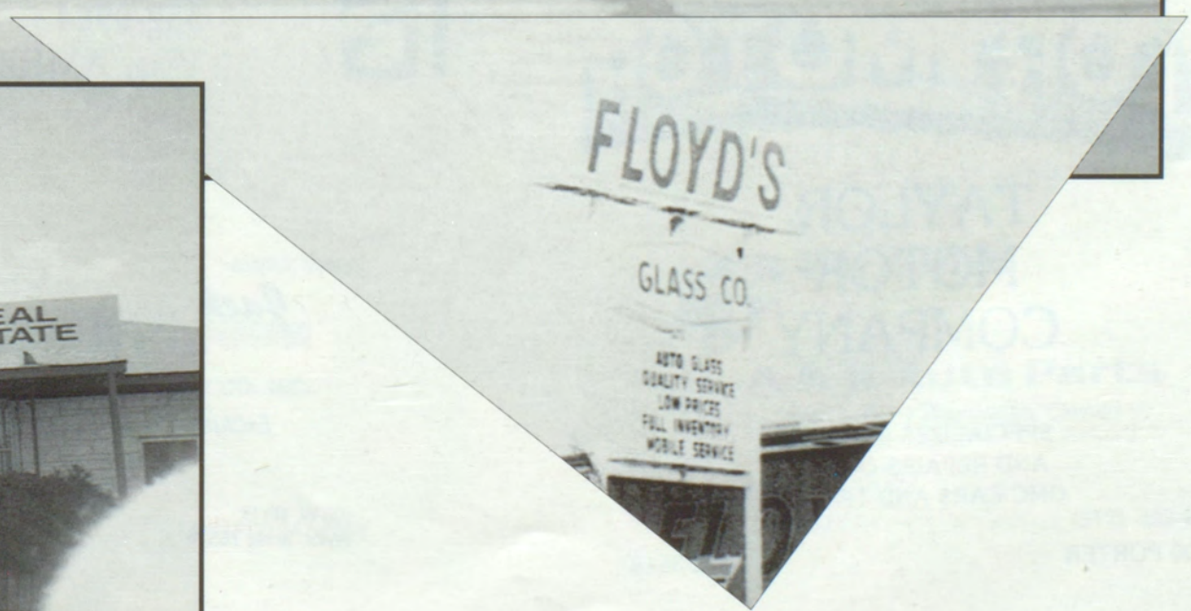







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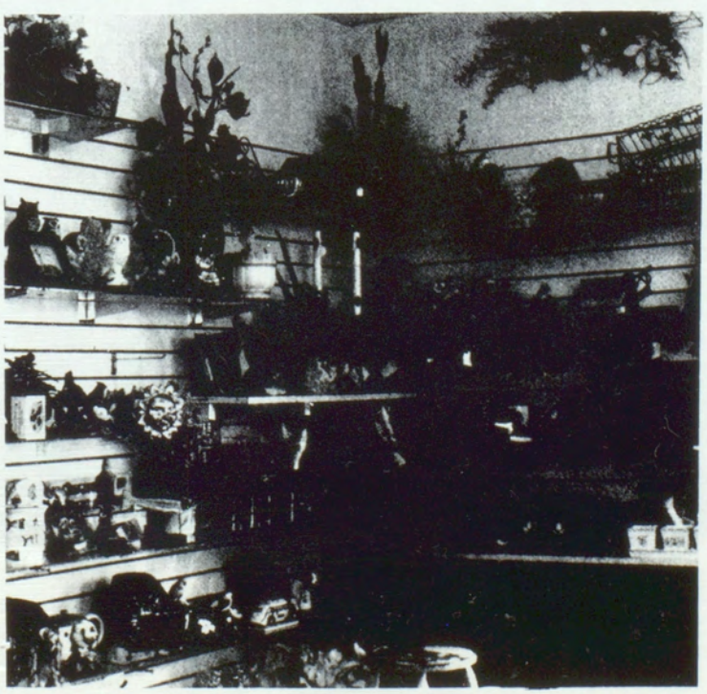
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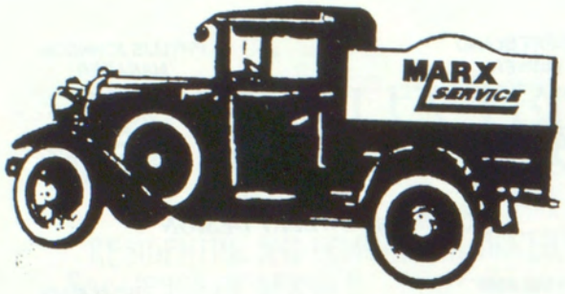


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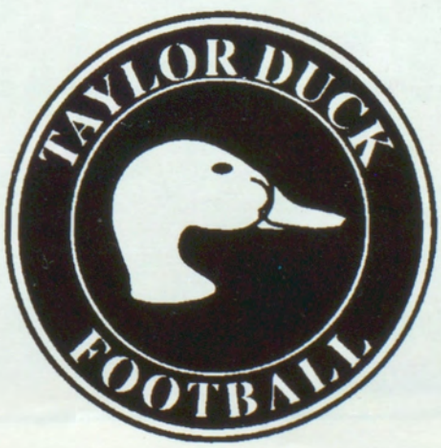
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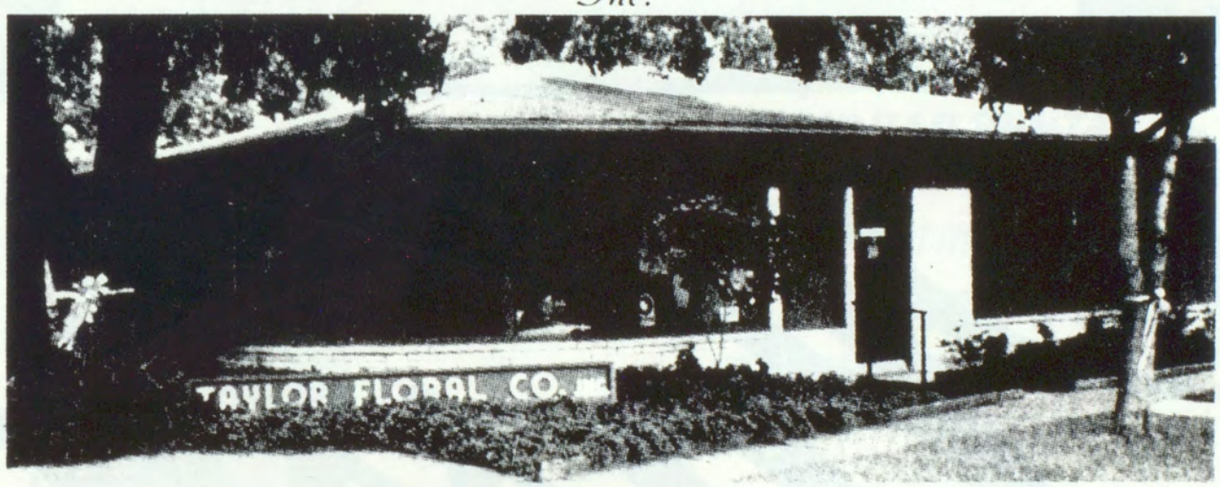
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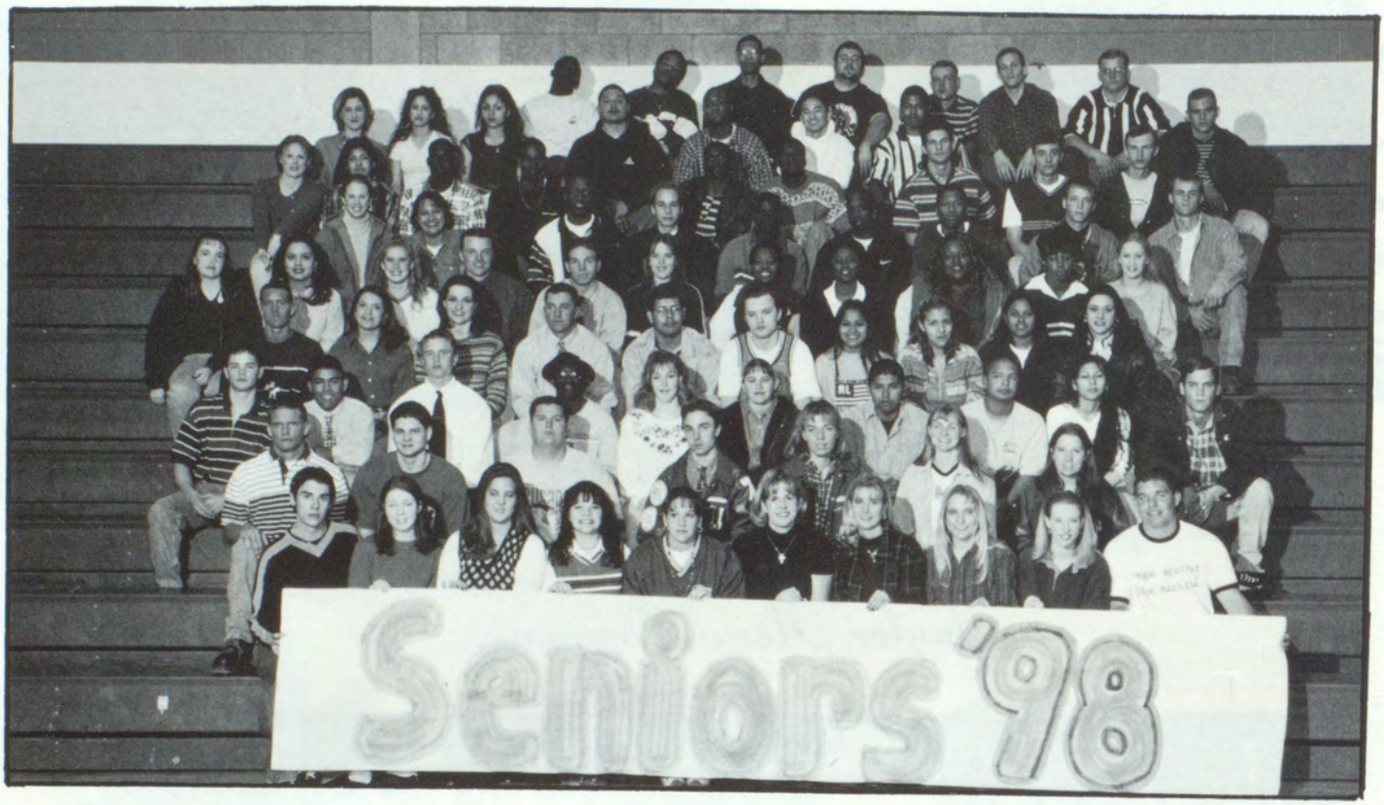
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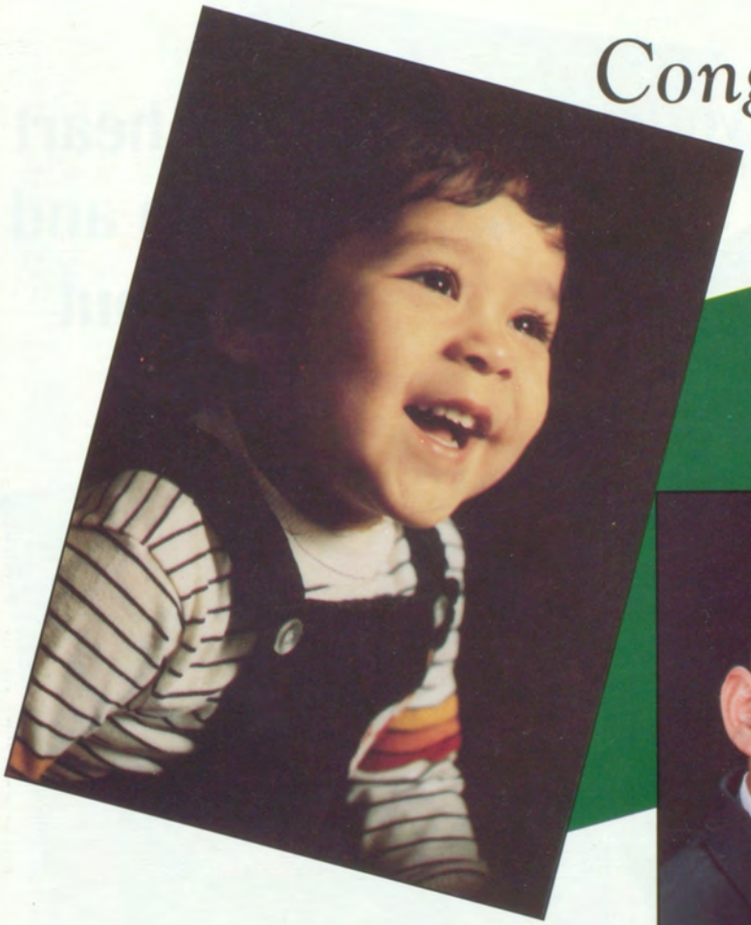


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Love Brenda & David, Suzie & Dave



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Congratulations Laurie & Jimmy!

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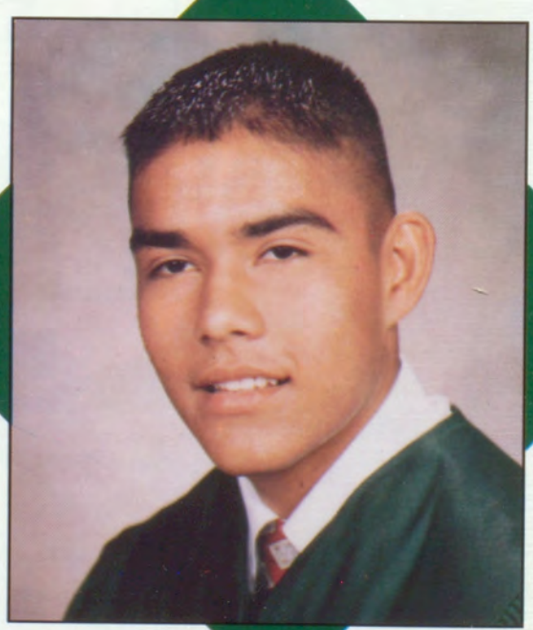
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Love,
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Grandpa

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To our first born: you've made us very proud. Keep up the good work and don't ever forget G.W.
Love, Dad & Mom















Marisa & A.J.
It's been four years filled with laughter, tears, fun times, and a lifetime full of memories. Congratulations and good luck at Texas Tech and Southwest Texas!

Love,
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Congratulations Tracey! We are proud of you!



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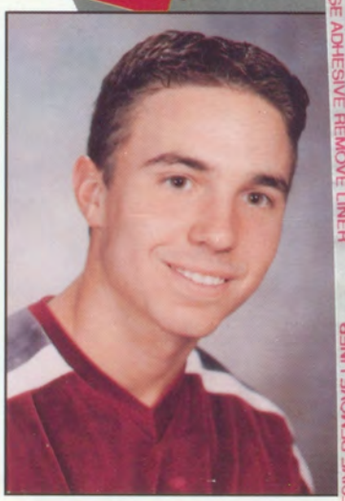


Hunter Hargis

Congratulations Hunter...We're proud of all you've accomplished.

Good luck at U.T.

Mom, Dad and Bradley



Tracey & Allison
Stay friends forever & have a blast in college together!
Love, your parents





Tracey Eulenfeld and Allison Jones

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