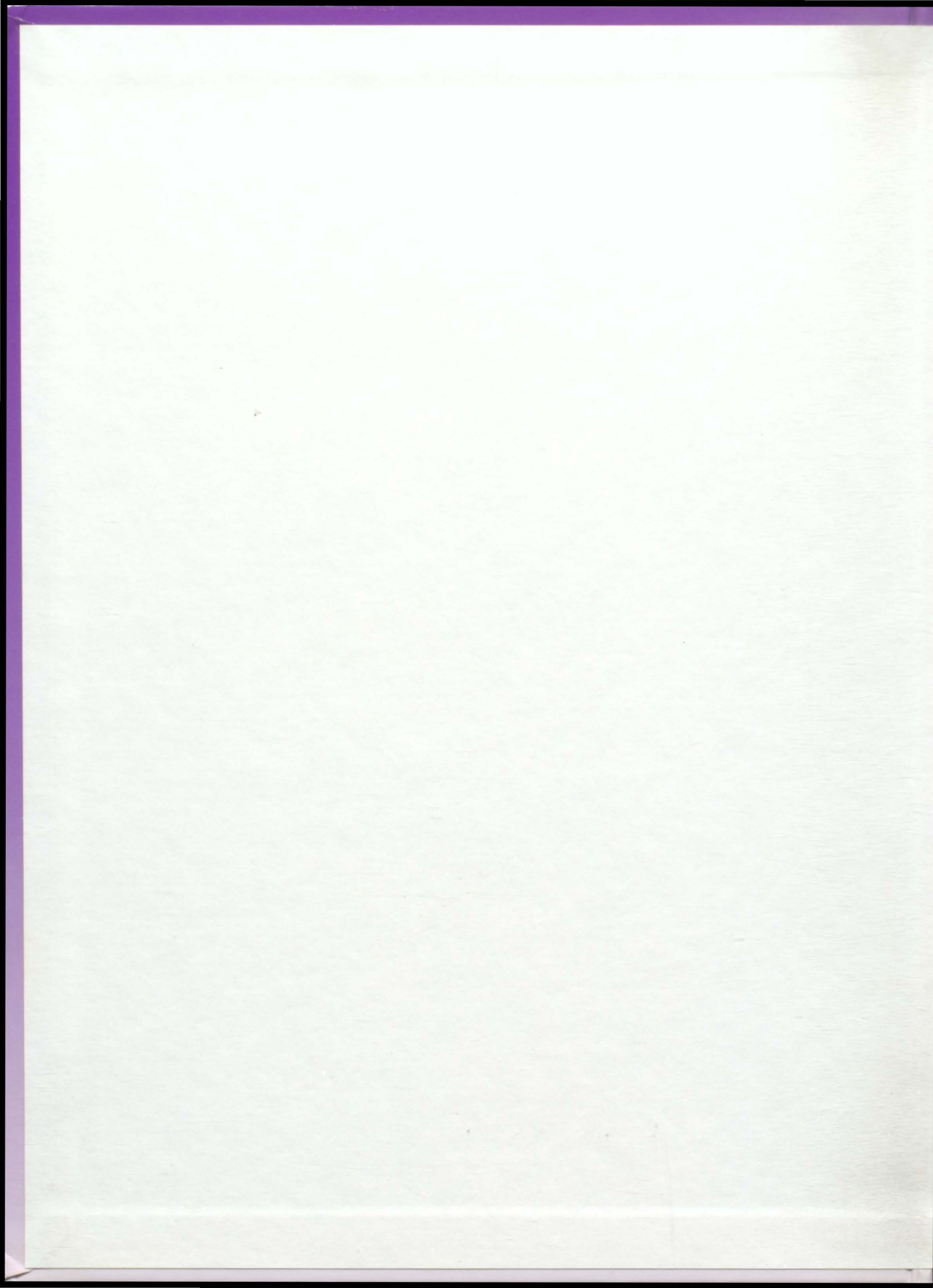
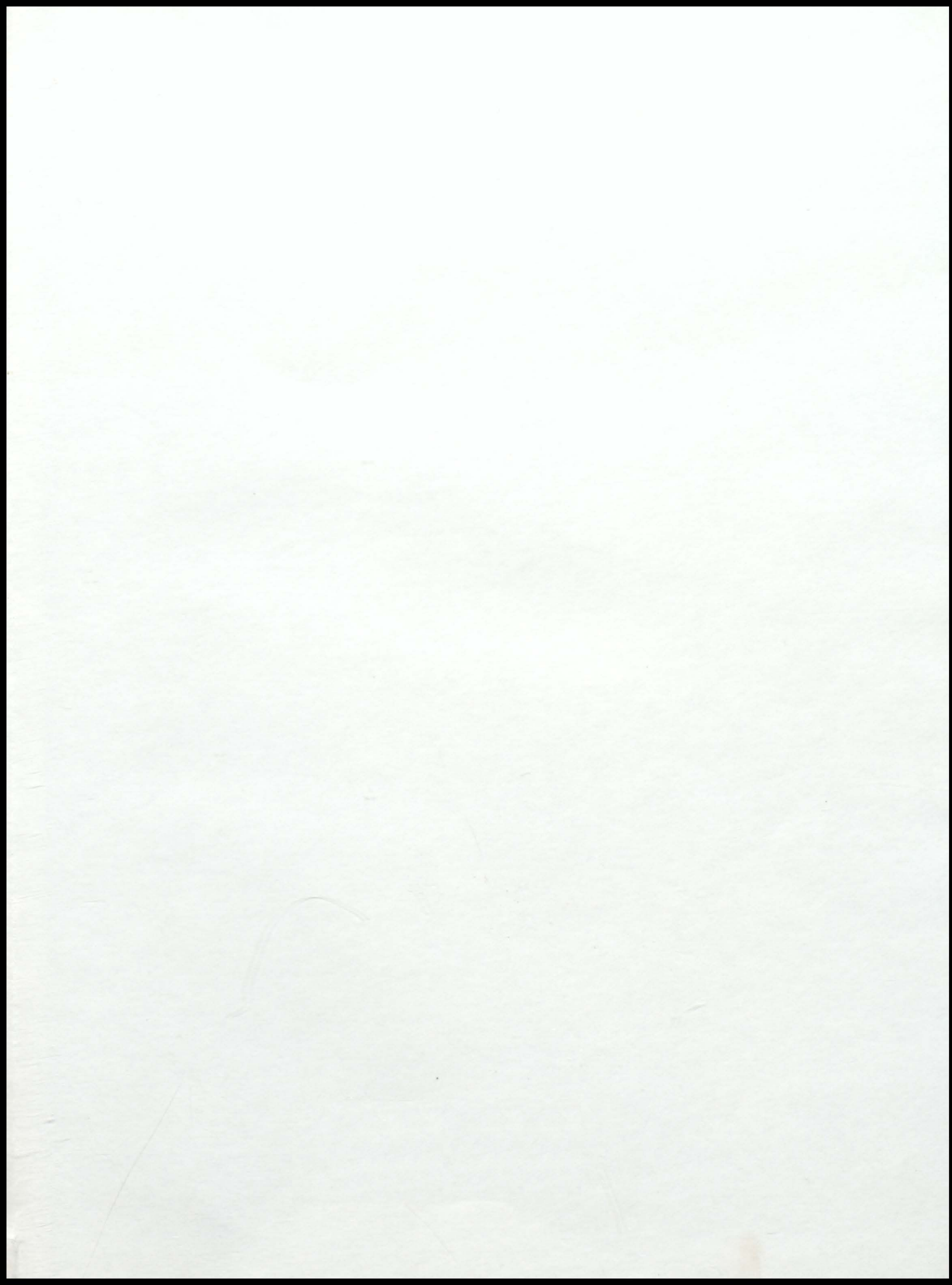


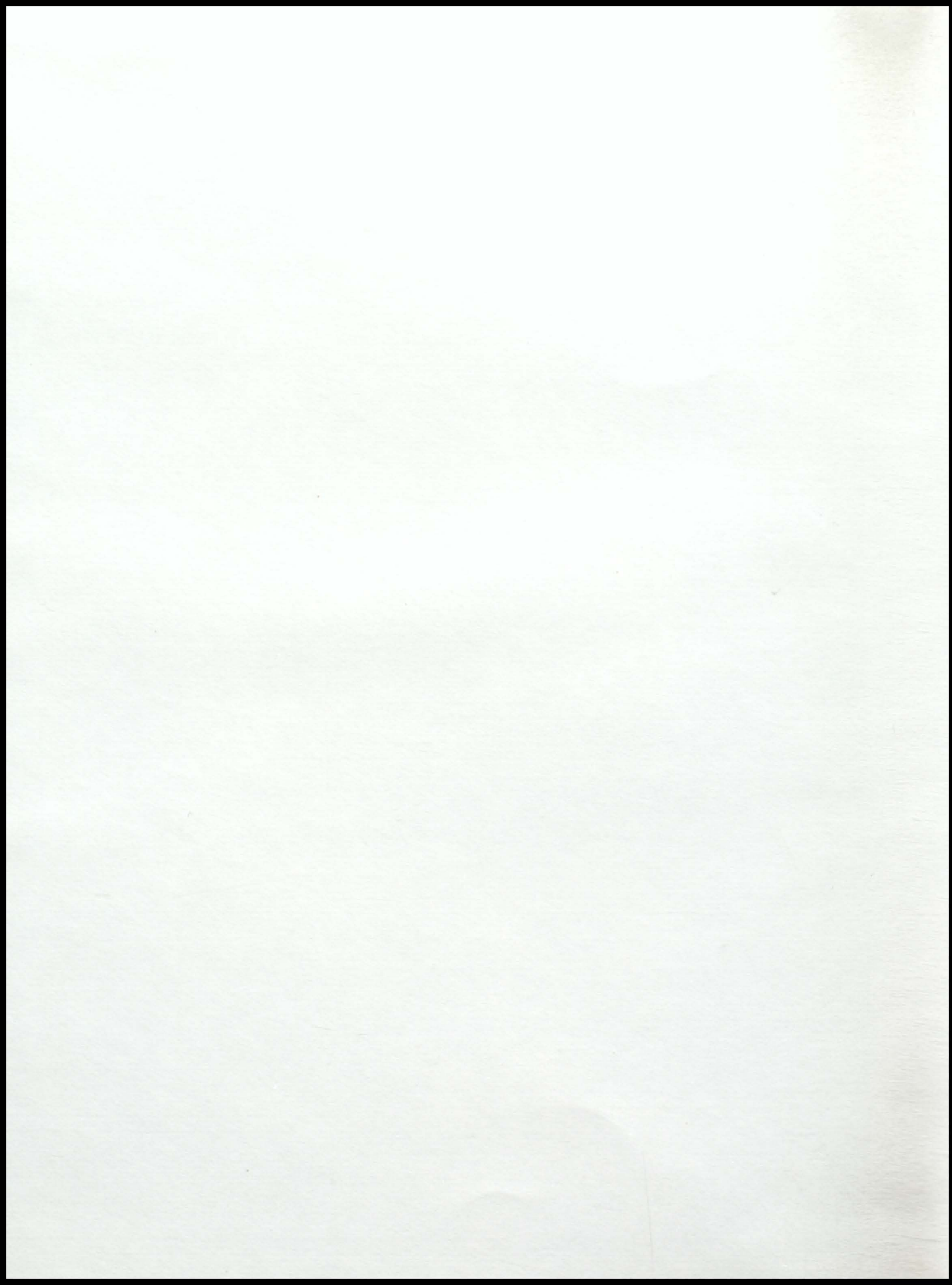
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HIGHLIGHTS







Keep your Eye on the Ball!
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The doors open on the first day of school to welcome the last graduating class from the old AHS. Although everyone looks forward to the new high school with anticipation, our thoughts center around making this year the best. Through crowded halls and shared lockers we make the most of our last year in this building and keep our eyes on the future!

Keep your eye on the turkeys! Seniors in Mrs. Buller's class (right) make their Thanksgiving turkeys as a symbol of their last Thanksgiving in high school. All of us are able to be thankful for all that we have and all we are able to give to others.

Keep the goods times rolling. Seniors Eric "Beezo" McKenzie, Emily Feuchter, Kim Seman, Rocco Destefanis, Megan Sabo, and other seniors (below) show their pride on the 1998 senior float. Every year each class decorates a float to ride in the Homecoming parade.



Keep smiling! Sophomores Sara Milivec and Mary Hricovec (right) attend the bonfire together Thursday night before the Homecoming game. Both Sara and Mary participate in sports and are active in school events.





School Spiriters. Juniors Shannon Andrews(top) and Jenny Krinks (middle) and senior Ely Wolfe (bottom) demonstrate their school pride at a football game. Shannon is a student trainer and involved in basketball. Jenny was the "Eagle" and she participated in volleyball and basketball. Ely participates in band and choir.



SENIORITY! (Top left) (top row, left to right) Jason Tracey, Nick Mariani, Jared Hricovec, Marc Piwinski, Joe Guerrieri, (2nd row) Brandon Ade, Adam Wilkins, Nick Ashofteh, (3rd row) Jeff Brunner, Steve Vega.

BAM! Geno Schwartz (above) puts his head down and runs over two Brookside defenders for a first down. Geno was the starting tailback and outside linebacker. He received honorable mention All-Northeast District.

YOU MISSED AGAIN! Steve Vega (top right) breaks a tackle towards the open field. Steve started at quarterback and middle safety. He received First-team All-Conference, and Most Valuable Defensive back in Lorain County Division IV, V, and VI.



GET OFF ME! Geno Schwartz (above) leads the way to the endzone for one of his several touchdowns. Geno received second team All-conference and All-county as a junior.

A tradition to keep your eyes on!





LET'S GO! Adam Wilkins (left) breaks through the hoop at the Eagles homecoming game against Brookside. Wilkins was a captain and was voted MVP by his teammates. He received honorable mention All-Ohio.



NICE TRY! Adam Wilkins (left) tosses a blocker out of his way in the process of ripping another running back. Adam Wilkins lead the defense in tackles; he received first team All-Conference and County for the second year.

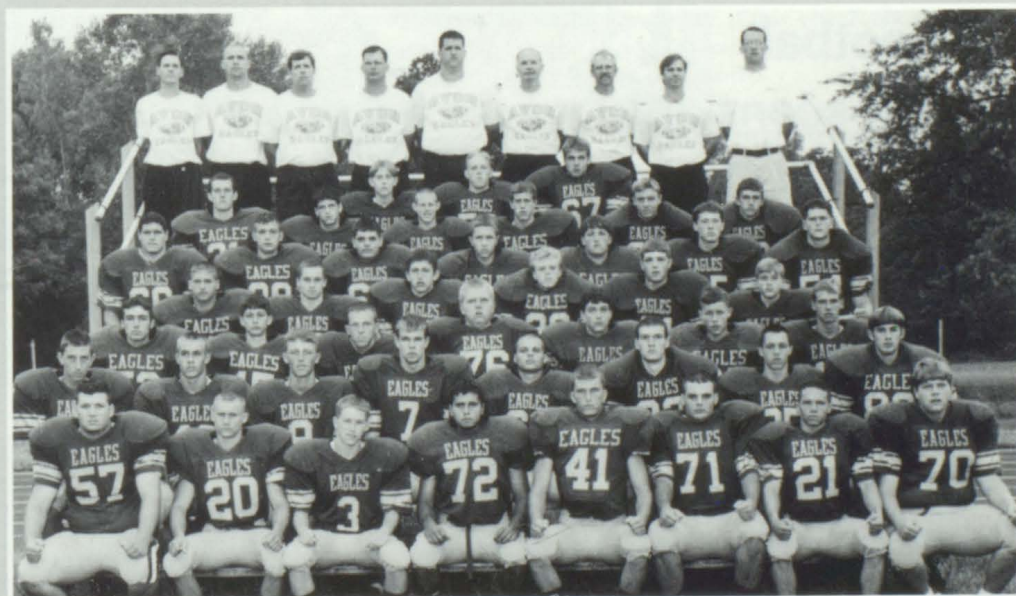
CATCH ME! Jason Gorman (below) breaks ahead of the pack as Jeff Brunner looks to help block. Gorman was the leading receiver and also received second team All-Conference.



1997-98 Season

Lorain Catholic	36-14	W
Cuyahoga		
Heights	13-12	L
Columbia	21-7	W
Wellington	28-0	L
Oberlin	12-0	L
Brookside	47-3	W
Midview	35-12	L
Clearview	20-6	W
Keystone	19-6	W
Firelands	24-0	L

Go Eagles!

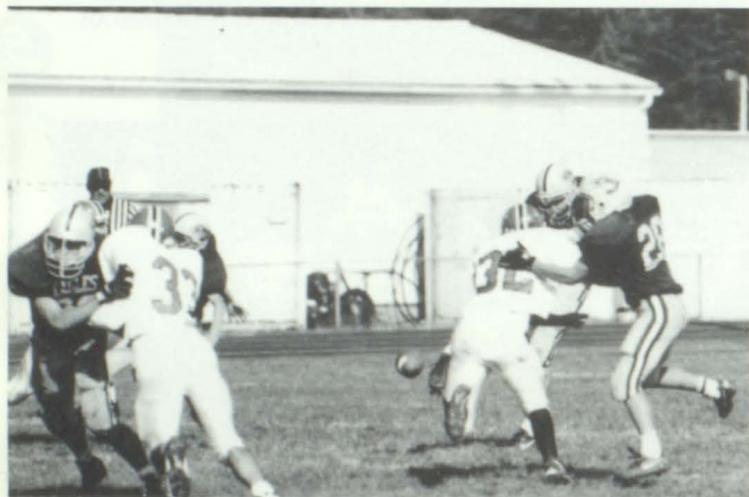


THE 1997 AVON EAGLES VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM. (above) (top row, left to right) Joel Woods, Eric Kiesel, Paul Hieronymus, Brett Betz, Mark Hollars, Dale Eaton, Bob Lindway, John Lengen, Jim O'Leary, (second row) Derrek Zilka, John Shindler, Jamie Wimmer, (3rd row) Matt Krystowski, Jeff Schwartz, Patrick Henry, Bill Hassel, Jacob Schober, Scott Wicker, (4th row) Dan Meyer, P.J. Neiger, Jeff Bailey, Jim Dosztal, Charles Gardener, Steve Bacher, Sam Popa, (5th row) Justin Carrasquillo, Mark Toth, Donny Gumble, Teddy Nicola, Eric Mirasovich, Steve Kozak, (6th row) Matt Greco, Rich Low, Brian Maurer, Brian Hixson, Rob Low, Dan Zegarac, Chris Cornett, (7th row) Joe Guerrieri, Geno Schwartz, Jason Gorman, Christian Wimmer, Andy Hricovec, Ryan Krystowski, Steve Szabo, Jason Tracey, (8th row) Nick Mariani, Brandon Ade, Jeff Brunner, Nick Ashofteh, Adam Wilkins, Jared Hricovec, Steve Vega, Marc Piwinski.

FUMBLE!(right) Avon defenders Jake Schober (28) and Ryan Krystowski (back) wrap up the ball carrier and cause a fumble. Ryan also participates in basketball and track. Jake play's basketball.

HUDDLE!(right) Coach Keisal gives a pep talk to the Mighty Eagle defense during one of the tougher loses of the year. The Eagle JV team finished up 2-5-1. They lost many close games.

TAKING OFF! (bottom left) Scott Wicker breaks through the Firelands defense. Scott's brute strength helped pound for some key touchdowns this year. Scott also participates in basketball.



JV Football

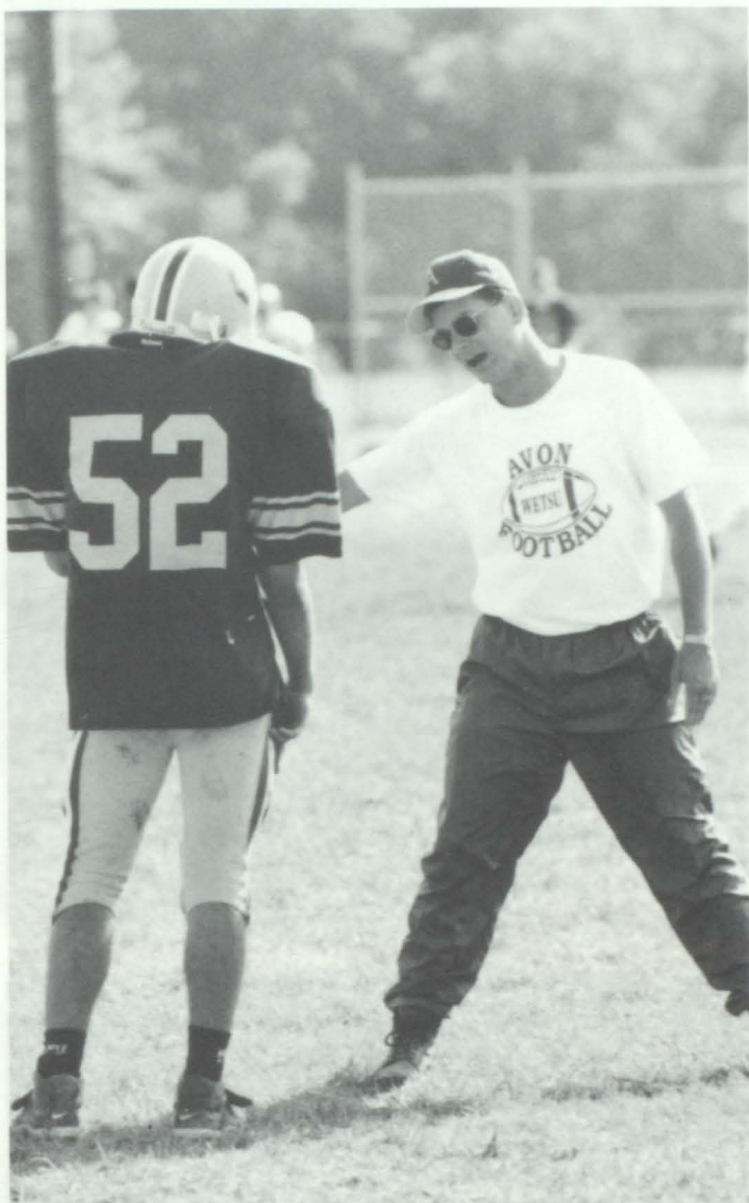
OPPONENT SCORE

Lorain	22-12 W
Catholic	
Cuyahoga	12-6 W
Heights	
Firelands	12-6 L
Wellington	36-0 L
Oberlin	22-0 L
Brookside	34-0 L
Midview	*
Clearview	12-6 L
Keystone	6-6 T
* score not reported	



STAY DOWN! (above) Avon defenders Jim Dostzal (48), Marck Toth (37), and Brian Maurer (ground) tell the Firelands ball carrier to "eat the grass" as the Eagles stop the Falcon offence. Jim play's basketball, Mark and Brian are active lifters.

Making it through a rough season...



HELP! (above) Chris Cornett looks to the sidelines for guidance from the coaching staff. Chris's hardwork and leadership kept the JV football team in all of the games. Chris also participates in basketball.

LISTEN! (above left) Matt Greco gets some last minute information from Coach Betts. Although Matt spent most of his time on varsity when he played JV his great blocking techniques and great nose for the ball contributed to the team greatly. Matt also participates in baseball.



WRAP! (left) Teddy Nicola (36) and Jake Schober (28) wrap up the Firelands ball carrier. Teddy's great intensity and will to win helped the Eagles to their two victories. Jake also participates in basketball. Teddy participates in ski club.

GONE! (above) Billy Hassel jukes out one of the Firelands defenders in a tough 22-6 loss to the Falcons. Bill's hard running this year moved the chains many times this year. Bill also participates in basketball.

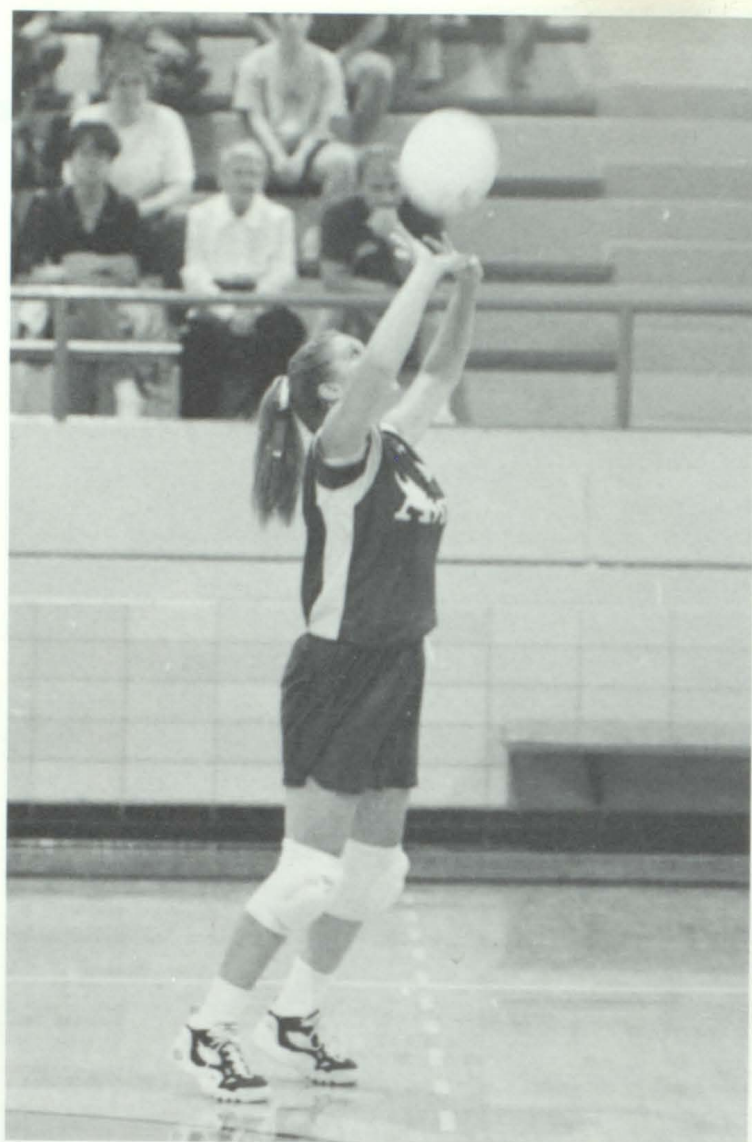
Keeping hopes high



UP, UP, AND AWAY! Senior Katie Lengen (above) eyes the ball in preparing to kill it over the net. This year, Katie was voted team MVP, team captain, and was selected to the Senior All Star Team and earned 2nd Team All County honors.

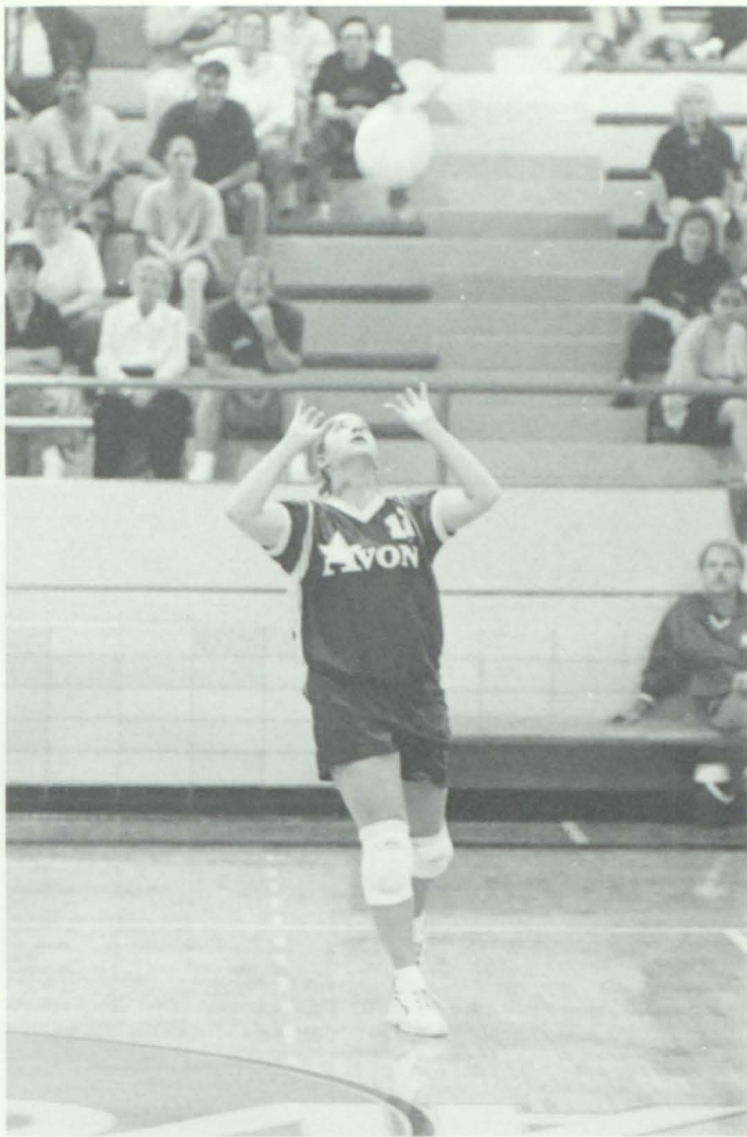
AIRBORNE! Junior Molly Urig (top left) leaps into the air and smashes the ball over her defenders to get one of her many kills. Molly was voted Best Hitter on the team, and earned her first varsity letter.

SETTING IT UP! Sophomore Heather Lange (top right) sets up a pass to a fellow teammate for one of her many assists. Heather's great athletic ability earned her a 2nd year varsity letter and 2nd Team All Conference.



GOT IT MINE! Junior Kathy Jennings (above) awaits a serve from an opponent during a match this year. Kathy was switched to a back row player and played great defense all year.





KEEPING HER EYE ON THE BALL! Senior captain Jenny Peregord (left) concentrates on setting up the ball to keep a play going. Jenny's great determination not only helps her in volleyball, but in basketball and cheerleading as well.



PERFECT FORM! Jamie Lengen (left), one of three sophomores on the team, bumps the ball in hopes of a hitter smashing it over the net. Jamie's young talent enabled her to make the varsity team and become a valuable player.

CONCENTRATION! Sophomore Jessica Bawiec (below) sets her sights on passing the next serve. While coming off of the bench this year, Jessica always did her best and contributed a lot to the team.



OPPONENT	SCORE
Luthern West	14-16, 15-10, 11-15
Oberlin	15-10, 15-7
Firelands	8-15, 5-15
Midview	13-15, 4-15
Wellington	9-15, 11-15
Clearview	9-15, 11-15
Elyria Catholic	5-15, 4-15
Columbia	14-16, 15-6, 17-19
Keystone	8-15, 6-15
Open Door	15-13, 7-15, 8-15
St. Augustine	15-6, 17-15
Brooklyn	13-15, 15-9, 15-1
Chanel	15-12, 15-7
Brookside	9-15, 15-11, 10-15
Oberlin	15-10, 15-6
Firelands	4-15, 6-15
Midview	7-15, 7-15
Wellington	7-15, 0-15
Clearview	*
Keystone	*
Brookside	3-15, 15-13, 13-15



1997 AVON EAGLES VARSITY VOLLEYBALL (above) (top row, left to right) Heather Lange, Jenny Peregord, Jenny Krinks, Jessica Bawiec, Molly Urig, Coach Lange. (bottom row, left to right) Jamie Lengen, Katie Lengen, Kristin Gilles, Kathy Jennings, Jessica Biggs.

LCC	OVERALL
2-10	5-14

"I GOT IT!" Yells Sophomore Amy Forthofer(right) breaks the serve with a beautiful pass. Amy was the teams leading passer.

POWER SERVER! Jessica Kowalczyk, sophomore (below) makes serving look so easy as she powerfully serves the ball over the net. Jessica was the teams starting setter.



JV Volleyball

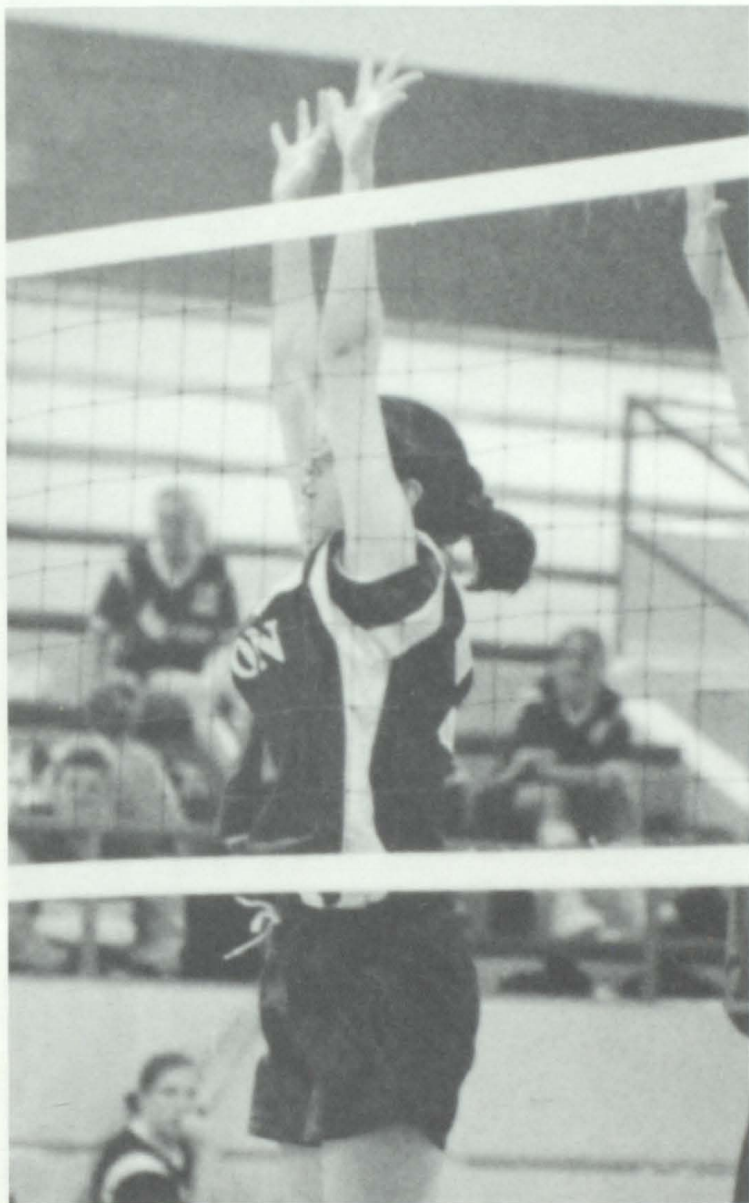
Luthern West	L 5-15 11-15
Oberlin	W 15-11 15-8
Firelands	L 10-15 6-15
Wellington	L 10-15 10-15
Clearview	L 14-16 14-16
Midview	L 10-15 11-15
Keystone	L 8-15 12-15
Open Door	L 6-15 15-12
	7-15
Brookside	L 7-15 10-15
Oberlin	L 15-6 7-15
	6-15
Firelands	L 6-15 8-15
Wellington	L 8-15 5-15
Clearview	L 15-17 15-10
	8-15
Midview	L 8-15 14-16
Brooksie	L 9-15 4-15



JV VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Back Row: (left to right) Jenny Miesle, Vicky Szilagyi, Heather Demers, Lindsay Mitchell, Tatiana Stross, Vicky Paige, Jenny Vitou, Coach Mike Vacco Front Row: Stephaine McKenzie, Erin Guyer, Vicky Polovich, Jessica Kowalczyk, Emily Kodger, Sara Milavec, Amy Forthofer

Eyeing up the Competition



BLOCK! Sophomore Tatiana Stross(left) jumps high above the net to get yet another block. Tatiana led the team in most blocks. **KILL!** Sophomore Heather Demers(above) blasts the ball over the net for an unreturnable hit. Heather was one of the teams best hitters.



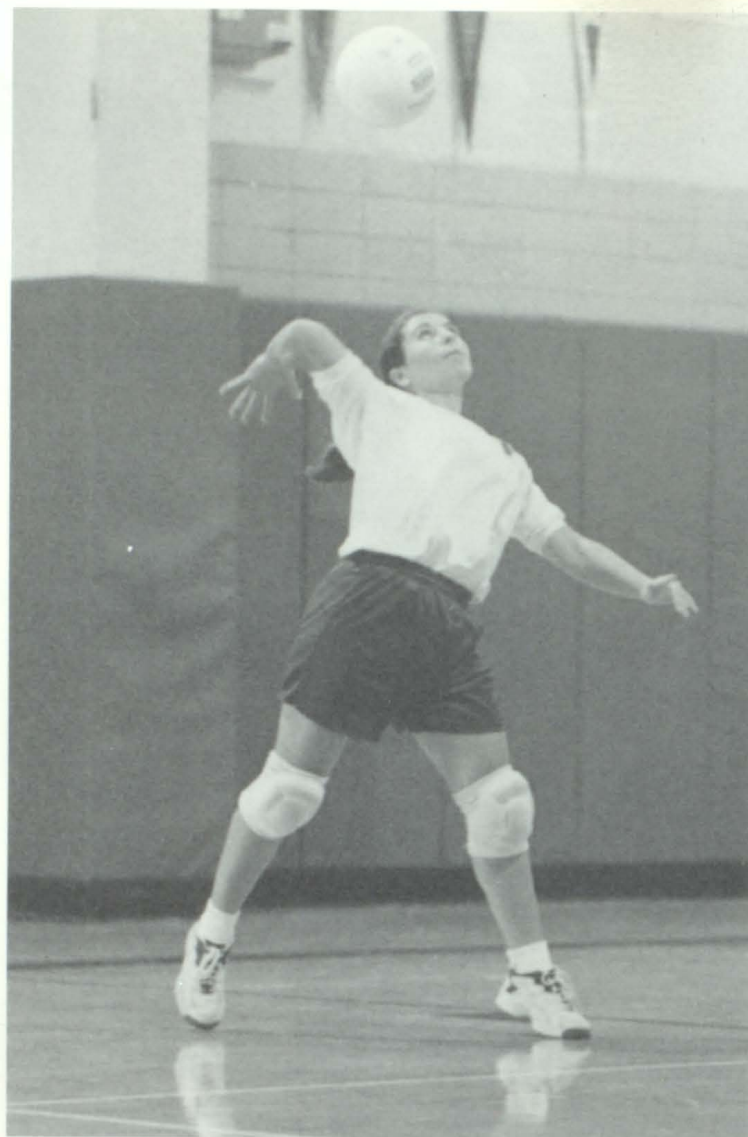
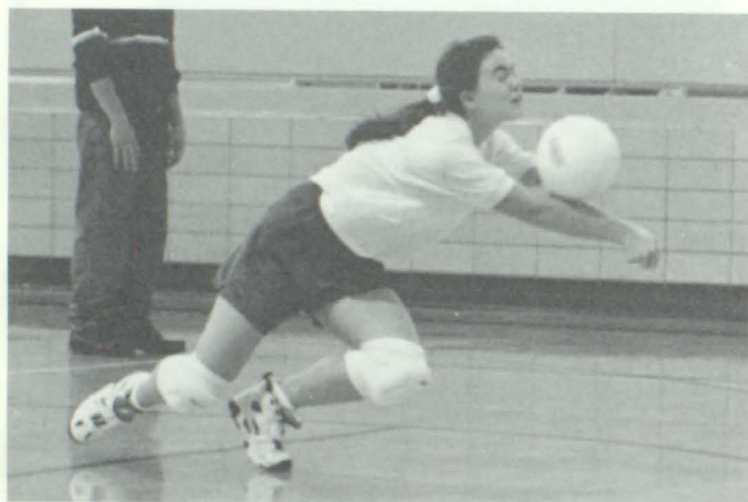
DOWN AND READY! Sophomores (left) Tatiana Stross and Heather Demers get ready to back up Junior Vicky Szilagy as she digs the ball out of the net.

STRETCH! Junior (above) Jenny Miesle stretches out to reach a short serve given to her by the opposing team. Jenny was an outstanding backrow player.

ACE! Power server Janelle Biggs (right)sails another unreturnable serve over the net. Janelle was one of the teams most important setters.

MINE! Susie Schwartz (right) calls the ball as it comes over the net. Susie is an outstanding front row player and is also on the freshmen basketball team.

DIVE! Jill Okamoto (below) makes an outstanding play as she reaches out for a tough serve. Jill was an asset to the team.



FRESHMEN

L. West	W	15-4, 15-8
E. Catholic	W	15-11, 15-13
Firelands	W	15-2, 15-1
Columbia	W	15-5, 15-5
Clearview	W	15-11, 15-10
Midview	W	15-10, 15-11
Keystone	W	15-9, 15-12
Brookside	W	15-8, 15-13
Columbia	W	15-2, 15-10
Firelands	L	5-15, 11-15
E. Catholic	W	15-11, 15-11
Clearview	W	15-4, 15-5
Midview	L	5-15, 7-15
Keystone	L	5-15, 2-15
Brookside	W	15-10, 15-2



Freshman Volleyball Team

Back row (Left to Right) Dianna Yonkof, Nicole Pawson, Racheal Smitek, Susie Schwartz, Jackie Hricovic, Julie Neiswonger, Lindsay Jones, Front Row: Marie Gigliotti, Cindy Swartz, Cassandra Ault, Krista MacArthur, Laurie Lengen, Janelle Biggs, Laura Molnar, Jill Okamoto

Keep it going, Freshmen!



A PERFECT PASS! Setter Janelle Biggs (above) is given a perfect pass by teammates to set up for hitter Krista MacArthur. Janelle also participated as a flag in the Avon High School Marching Band.

READY! Krista MacArthur (left) waits for her teammates to pass her the ball. Krista, one of the teams setters, also played back row. She is active involved in track as well.



PASS! Cindy Swartz (left) passes the ball while teammate Jackie Hricovec (#16) looks on from the bench. Jackie was an exceptional front row player through out the season. Both were assets to the team.

GOT IT! Julie Neiswonger (above) sets herself under a tough serve in attempt to make an easy pass for the setter. Julie was an outgoing teammate who kept the teams spirits high.

Eyeing The Title



All eyes on the all- star

Sophomore Jessica Kriz (above) explodes in her first season as she earns First team All District and First Team- All Conference. Jessica lead her team to the Regionals where they took fourth place.

Ready.. set.. go

Ashley Syphers and Tonya Buchkovich first year runners, (right) round the first turn. The girls dedication to cross country this season helped them gain the L.C.C title.



One right behind the other

First Team - All Conference members Ali Danchuk and Ronna Richardson (above) push themselves to cross the finish line. Ronna's senior leadership helped the underclassmen improve.



1997-98 Avon Cross Country Team (top row L - R) Coach Jim Reynolds, Sarah Skinner, Jessica Kriz, Ginny Miraldi, Jessica Ault, Janet Hovanitz. (bottom row L - R) Ashley Syphers, Shauna Lohr, Lauren Smith, Tonya Buchkovich, Debbie Smith.

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Eyeing the finish line

Junior Nick Buchkovich (left) shows his determination as he approaches the finish line. Nick was a strong runner this year and helped his team reach regionals where they finished sixth.

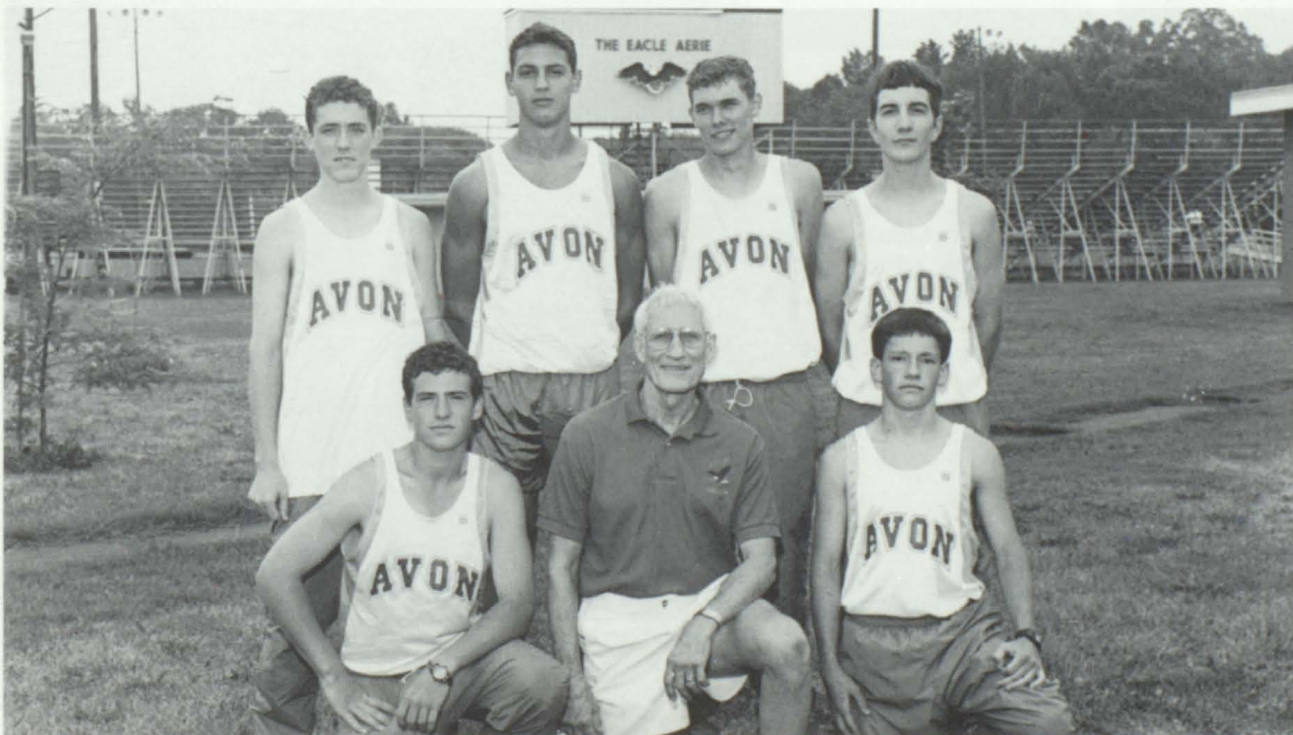


Determination

Dave Smith (left) a three year letter winner, paces himself throughout the race. X-Country is a very hard sport to participate in; it takes year round training.

And he's off

One of two seniors, Brad Knoble (below) pulls ahead of his opponent. Brad also runs long distance for the track team in the spring.



1997-98 Boys Cross Country Team

(top row L -R) Nick Buchkovich, Andrew Ballog, Brad Knoble, Scott Wendell.

(bottom row L - R) Brett Kowalczyk, Coach Jim Reynolds, David Smith

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Smooth! Senior John Dechant (above) demonstrates poetry in motion with this beautiful shot. John was a four year varsity letter winner and enjoys watching the t.v. show Seinfeld.

A Lesson! Senior Eric "Bezzo" McKenzie and sophomore Dan Fitch (upper left) look on as Senior Adam Fitch gives a few tips on swinging to Brian Butchko. Adam was a great leader on a spectacular team this year.

All Star! Senior Scott Piazza (upper right) glares on with a determined look in his eyes. Nothing was about to stand in his way. Scott was "da man" on the team this year earning an all-star award from the Lorain Morning Journal.



Fore! Eric "Bezzo" McKenzie (above) swings for the green hoping he won't hit the bird passing by. This was Eric's first year as a full time varsity player.

Keep swinging away!





Aauurgh! Junior Brian Butchko (left) takes his childhood aggression out on the ball, because he never received the tricycle he wanted for Christmas. Brian was a second year varsity letter winner with huge potential for next year.



Bring it on! Senior John DeChant smiles after finding out his opponent gave up. John's mere presence was enough to intimidate any team.

Faith! Senior Scott Piazza (below) hopes for a gust of wind to give the ball that extra "ummph" to help it drop in. This was Scott's third year as a Varsity letter winner.



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Golf



The 1997 Golf Team
(top left) Adam Fitch, Chris Chappo, John Krinks, Matthew Peterson, John DeChant, Eric McKenzie, Dwayne Cunningham, (bottom left) Brian Fich, Brian Dunnegan, Matt Meeks, Scott Piazza, Dan Fich, and Coach Kevin Fitch



Man On! Most improved player Jerry Reising (top left) keeps the ball away from the Wellington defender. Captian Joe Woodward follows behind. Joe was nominated for Player of the Year honors this season.

He Shoots, He Scores! The Wellington goalie stands ready to defend Matt Yonkof's kick. (bottom left) Matt's intensity was a big part of his game. New coach George Shengelya, from Russia, helped change the soccer program here at Avon.

Bring It On! Dan Jennings(top left) a starting forward moves over to defend the ball. The hard work with Mr. Tim conditioning over the summer really paid off for the 1st year Varsity Player.



All Eyes On You . Sophomore Mike West(above) passes the ball to a teammate James Gallager. Mike's late season injury was a disappointment to the team. Mike was a great scoring threat when he was in good health.

George leads team to first winning season!

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Eyeing Up The Ball.

Offensive player Matt Yonkof (top left) eyes up the ball. Matt a member of the four horseman showed great pride in his play. Matt recieved the best attitude award.



Under Control. One of three seniors, Andy Ballog (top right) takes control of the ball. His offense and defense skills were greatly appreciated. Andy not only showed his skills on the soccer field, but on the winning X-Country team.

Defense. Carrying out the Gallagher tradition, James (below) plays on. Despite the lack of playing time, James gave his best in every minute he played. He will be a big part of the winning team next year.



Open Door	1-1	T
Cuyahoga Hts	2-0	W
Mapleton	11-2	W
Midview	1-1	T
Wellington	3-4	L
First Baptist	5-1	W
Brookside	3-3	T
Firelands	3-5	L
Oberlin	0-3	L
Midview	0-5	L
Lorain Catholic	3-1	W
Wellington	1-0	W
Brookside	2-1	W
Lake Ridge	1-7	L
Firelands	1-3	L
Oberlin	2-1	W
Playoffs		
Lutheran West	3-4	L



1997 Avon Varsity Soccer (top L to R) Coach George Shengelya, Matt Yonkof, Mike West, Dan Hoch, Nick Frioud, Joe Woodward, Andrew Ballog, Jerry Riesing, Lucas Rhodas, Coach Tim Hagerty. (bottom L to R) Katie Burik, Dan Jennings, Mike Fishbach, Steve Robbins, Jillian Syphers, Brain Saloman, Rob Viers.

L.C.C	OVERALL
3-5-2	7-7-3



our eyes on Spirit



Senior Spirit. The senior float (above) was a festive addition to the parade this year. Seniors on the float took part in decorating with balloons and school colors. Seniors anxiously awaited the announcement of King and Queen along with the upcoming dance.



Jewels of 2001. Freshmen Tonya Buchkovich, Michelle Diedrick, Susie Schwartz, Kevin Adkins, and Cindy Schwartz, (above) are in festive costumes for the parade this year. The freshmen won the float contest with their interpretation of Jewel of the Nile.



Gems of 2000. Sophomores Lindsay Mitchell, Jamie Lengen, Jackie Bugaj, Dave Vezdos, Mary Hircovec, and Dan Weaver (above) ride the sophomore float. Sophomores worked on their float for 2 days before it was ready for the parade. Sophomores who rode the float participated in the decorating.



Cheer like an Egyptian. Seniors Jenny Peregord, Trisha Pawson and junior Jenny Krinks (above) ride the varsity cheerleading float at the Homecoming Parade. Jenny P. and Jenny K. are both involved in volleyball and basketball. Trisha is a member of S.A.V.E. and NHS.



Smile! Sophomores Sara Milavec, Mary Hircovec, and Jamie Lengen (above) take part in festivities at the bonfire. Sara is a member of track; Mary is involved in basketball, and Jamie is a member of basketball and volleyball.



Peace. Retired guidance secretary Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Nowacki (above) smile for the camera. Hippy Day was one of the activities taking place during Sprit Week. Mrs. Nowacki can always be counted on to show her school spirit.



Senior Pride. Senior Gretchen DeChant (above) takes part in the parade awaiting the announcement of King and Queen. Gretchen was crowned Homecoming Queen at pregame ceremonies. Gretchen is a varsity cheerleader and writes for the school newspaper.



Cheery Friends. Sophomores Vicky Paige and Jenny Vitou (above) wait to lead the crowd in cheers at the bonfire this year. The bonfire has been a tradition leading into the Homecoming Game. Vicky and Jenny are members of the volleyball team.



Seniority. Senior Annie DeChant's van (above) was a festive addition to the parade this year. Her van was covered in all 103 senior names.



Walk like an Egyptian. Freshmen Krista MacArthur and Bobby Kujala (left) show school spirit dressing up as Egyptians. Bobby and Krista are both involved in basketball.

Hippie Days. Seniors Annie DeChant and Andrew Ballog (above) pose for the camera during Hippie Day. Hippie Day is one of the favorite activities during Spirit Week. Andrew is an active member in track, cross country, and NHS. Annie takes part in S.A.V.E. and J.O.G.S.

S tarry-eyed at the Jewel of the Nile



It's almost game time! Anxiously awaiting the kickoff, the National Anthem is played. The tension and excitement in the players builds as game time soon approaches. Our rivals, Brookside, are in for a big surprise as they are defeated 48-3.



Taking a break! Seniors Kim Sernan, Jeff Brunner, Mike Fishbach and Adam Wilkins, along with Junior Josh Ball (above), take time to pose for the cameraman. Josh and Jeff play on the varsity basketball team; Adam is captain of the varsity football team. Mike is a valuable player on the soccer team. Kim is captain of the varsity basketball team and writes articles for the school newspaper.



Awe... how special! Juniors Kathy Jennings and Brian Butchko (above) were nominated by their classmates for the Homecoming court. They have both been inducted into the NHS this year. They are also both active in the sports program here at school. Wow, what tremendous accomplishments!



Dance, dance, dance! Senior Missy Viers, and Juniors Chrissy Teschner and Amy Drda dance the night away to the end of an exciting evening. Missy is very active in band and Amy and Chrissy are both involved in the T.J. program.



Where's the shoes? Great! It is time for the electric slide! Everyone (above) is moving to the beat and showing off their stuff. Josh Ball casually strolls through the crowd as the others slide the night away.



The royal court of the Nile! The members of the 1997 Homecoming court (top to bottom, left to right) Jaime Wimmer, Adam Wilkins, Nick Ashofteh, Jeff Brunner, Brian Butchko, Kristina Mitchell, Katie Lengen, Kristin Gilles, Kathy Jennings, Katie Forthofer, Gretchen DeChant, Scott O'Malley, Jessica Kowalczyk, and Matt Greco.

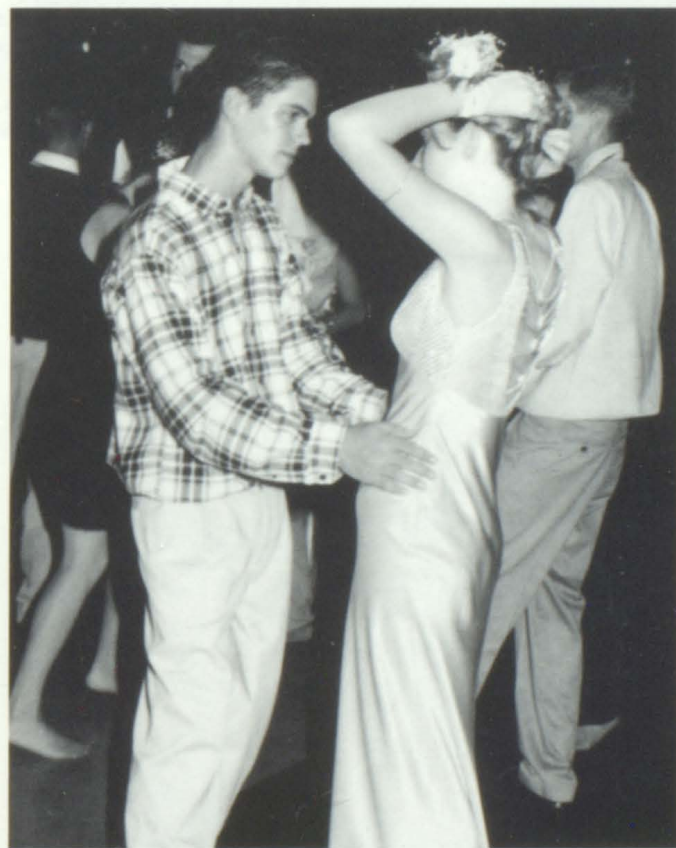
Homecoming 1997



What a night! Members of the junior class and their dates (above) have a great time tonight. Brett Kowalczyk, Nick Buckovich, and Jessica Kriz are all active on Avon's cross country team. Ryan Krystowski is active on both the football and basketball teams. Ryan McLaughlin is an avid writer for the school's newspaper.



Senior Friends! Kelly Simkovich and Sara Britton (above) share time together as they cherish their last homecoming memories together. The seniors last dance will soon be here and before they know it, graduation day will be here. This year, Kelly is editor of the yearbook and Sara is an active S.A.V.E. member.



What a special moment! Seniors Scott O'Malley and Gretchen DeChant (left) are thrilled as they are crowned king and queen of Homecoming 1997. This will be a special memory that they will share for the rest of their lives. Scott is active on the varsity basketball team. Gretchen is active in drama club and is a member of NHS.

You sparkle like a jewel! Junior Bobby Sparks compliments his date, Valerie Radke (above), also a junior, on how beautiful she looks tonight. Bobby attends the JVS this year for half of the school day. Valerie is a new student to our school and is adjusting well to the changes.

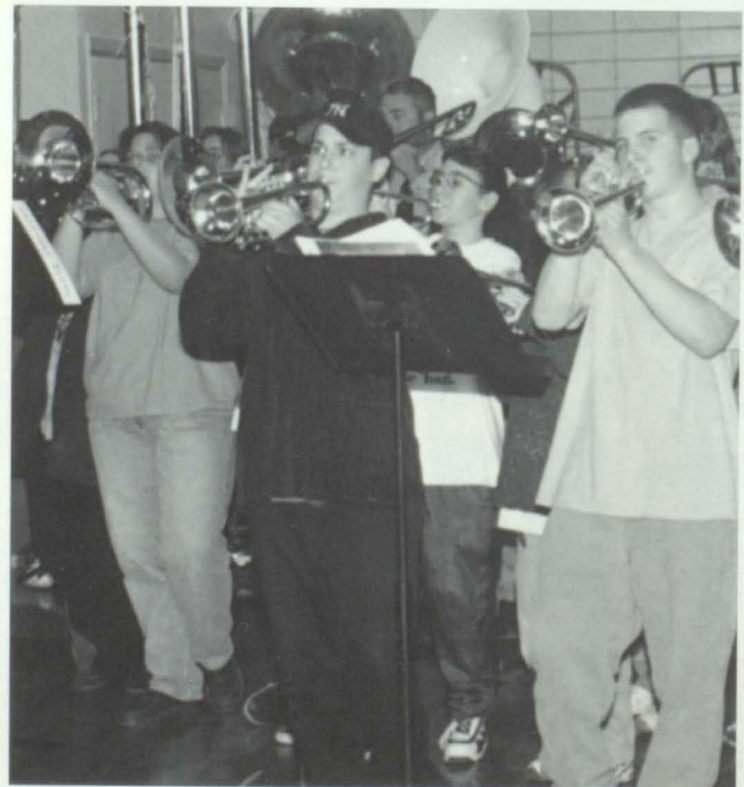
Avon Band keeps the beat!



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MAGIC HANDS Debi Morales laughs as a yearbook member takes a picture of her showing off. Debi is playing conductor while Vig is away. Debi tried out for Kent All-Star band and made within the top ten. Debi has many accomplishments she went to solo ensemble and got a rating of one, which is superior.



Who are those mysterious band members anyways? This is the Pep band. We go to the games and cheer the team on and we are doing this out of the goodness of our hearts. We don't get special recognition or go to contest. We just do this for fun. That is what being in Avon "Mighty Eagle" Band is all about. Members may come and go but we have many moments at Pilgrim Hills to long hours on the field and best of all the week before contest.



WOW, We're Good Brad Rawlings and Jenni Wiggins(left) take a break after their outstanding performance during half time. Brad is in drama and Jenni is a cheerleader.

Top Notch Jessica Baweic And Justin Littel (below) are first chair players in band. Justin is in pep and jazz band. Jessica is in track and a varsity volleyball player.



Nice Sideburns! Lucas Rhoades jams on one of the snare drums at the game right beone of the varsity team comes out for basketball. Lucas is a member of the bowling team. he is one of the drummers in the Jazz Ensemble. He plays on the soccer team. He is a really good team player.



Play Louder Mo Shelton, Brian Hall and Josh MacKeigan play their best in band. Everyday these three exert themselves. Mo and Josh were squad leaders and are planning on attending college. Brian is in O.W.E. and has an afterschool job.



What A Site! Our beloved band director is goofy enough to pose for the yearbook. He put in many long hours on the field to win the trophies that you see him with. The plaque if from state contest where we received a superior.

Keep on singin'

Vicky Paige

"The thing I remember most is singing at the IX center. It was great!"

Mary Beth Olen

"The thing I remember most is everyone getting excited preparing for a concert."

1997-1998 Avon High School Choir (at right) (Front, left to right) Shannon Andrew, Jenny Roach, Jamie Lengen, Ginny Miraldi, Kevin O'Malley, Brian Butchko, Kristy Arendt, Cassandra Ault, Tiffany Walzak, Aimee Evans, Amy Drda, (second row) Whitney Englehaupt, Nancy Erent, Stacey Udowski, Vicky Paige, Michelle Colyer, Beth Moore, Jessica Beckwith, Brook Whitney, Sarah Graf, Jenny Kapucinski, Brian Abshire, (third row) Debi Morales, Ely Wolfe, Steve Robbins, Adam Tobiasz, Scott Wendell, Tim Sprague, Will Mitchell, Chris Heinebrodt, Ken Wenner, Ed Bammerlin, Katie Herbst, Mrs. Ritzert, (forth row) Laurie Lengen, Olivia Grimes, Tonya Buckovich, Jessica Ault, Angie Graziano, Laila Sadney, Michelle Diedrick, Taryn Dagermond, Jill Okamoto, Marie Gigliotti, Mary Beth Olen, Kara Pocos.



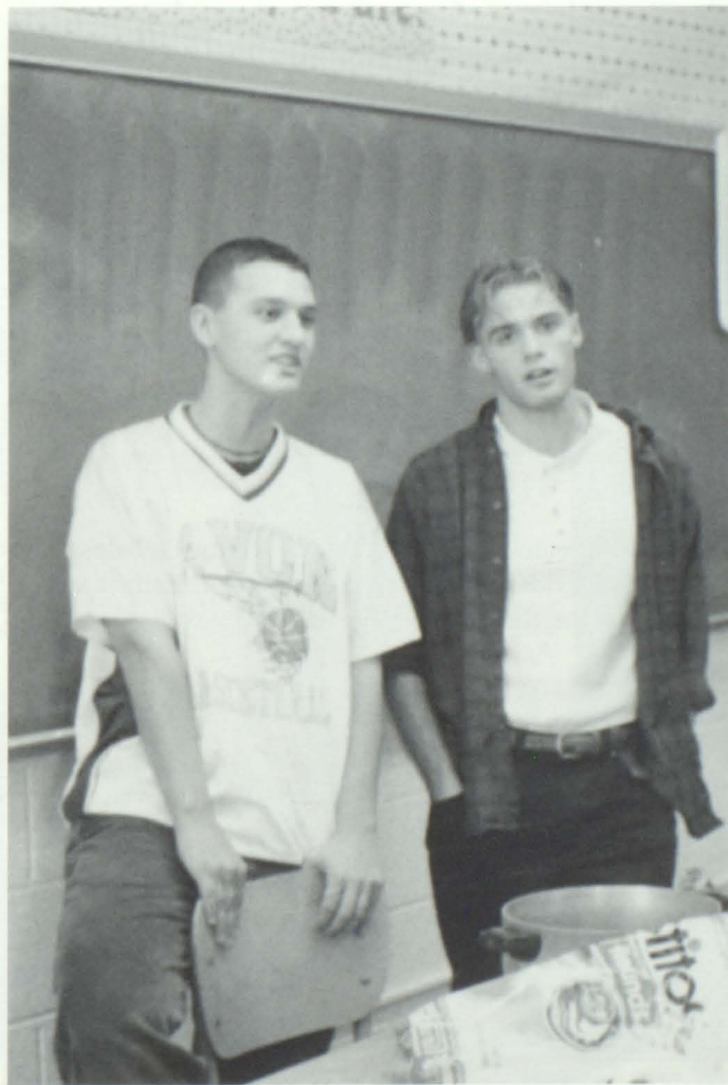
Stickin' Together! The altos (above top) pose for a picture while writing for the professor from Northwestern. The altos section was very succesful this year. Good Luck to the whole choir in years to come.

Live entertainment! The 1997-1998 High School Choir (above) traveled to Chicago. In this picture the choir members were asked to sing at the German Resturant that they were eating at. Not only was it a pleasure it was also a great experience. The choir will always remember this.



Everything Must come to an end! Whitney Englehaupht, (above) Ely Wolfe, Shannon Andrews, Jenny Roach, Adam Tobiaz, Sarah Graf, Debi Morlas, and Jenny Kapucinski pose in front of a train at the Science Museum. This group of friends were enjoying their last stop in Chicago. This trip was very fun and exciting everyone will remember the trip.

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Sing to us! After much begging and pleading Junior Brian Butchko, and Senior Steve Robbins (above) sing The National Anthem to the yearbook class. Not Only are these guys good friends they also share a lot of memories together.

All eyes on the stage!

Drama club has done a terrific job this year. The fall play "*Twelve Angry Jurors*," and the spring play "*Fools*" were big successes. The drama department has worked hard all year to perform eyecatching performances. Everyone contributed a lot of effort, whether they were on or off stage. The director, Mr. Eldridge, was new to the Avon High School drama department this year. He did a phenomonal job.



Is she dead? Senior Laila Sadny (above), Juror 11, helps try to unravel the evidence by reenacting the death. Laila is also a member of the choir.



Stay focused! Katie Herbst, Brian Butchko, Steve Robbins, and Gretchen DeChant (above) sit in the Zubritsky's home in Kulyenchicov. Brian (Leon) eagerly tries to break the curse which made them all stupid. Unfortunately, he can't explain it to everyone without them getting everything mixed up.



Encore! Encore! As you can tell by their expressions, the cast and crew of *Twelve Angry Jurors* (above) are pleased with a fantastic performance. They worked long and hard for their success on their first performance this year.



Looking good! The 1997-98 Avon High School drama club members looking their best as always. This group provided the high school and community with quality entertainment.



Look out! Senior Whitney Englehaupt, Juror 8, and Junior Jim Hunter, Juror 3, re-enact the murder in *Twelve Angry Jurors*. They both do a magnificent job battling through the evidence.

What's going on? Brad Rawlings, Jenny Kapucinski, Zak Zajac, Ashley Palmer, and Kristy Arrendt (cow) (below) are confused at what's happening during Act II.



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Take a good look! Senior Steve Robbins (Dr. Zubritsky) (above) and Junior Andrew Shepard (Magistrate) test their eyesight at the doctor's office. Neither of them realizes what he's doing; not even the doctor!



Lights, camera, action! Senior Jerry MacKeigan (above) does an excellent job keeping the lights focused for an uplifting performance. Jerry is also a squad leader for the percussion in the Avon Mighty Eagle Marching Band.

Starry-eyed Senior Katie Herbst (Sophia) and Junior Brian Butchko (Leon) (right) display their love and affection for each other. Sophia desperately wants to know what it's like fall in love, while Leon continuously tries to break the curse.



K

eepin' it goin'

Kristin Gilles, Senior

Shannon Andrews, Junior

Amy Forthofer, Sophomore

Dianna Yonkof, Freshman

"I've worked in the guidance office for four years and I've really enjoyed it. It was great being able to work with the staff members and to lend them a helping hand. Working in guidance wasn't only me helping others, but others helping me. The staff members were great, and I'll miss them all."

"Being a guidance aide was a big help for me because I got to use the time as a study hall, and to help Mrs. Shelton answer the phone and file papers. Answering the phone was hard at first because I am a little shy when I talk to someone I don't know."

"Being an office aide at the beginning of the school year was a great experience. Jessica and I enjoyed running around the school delivering messages for the teachers. We also loved the treats and chocolate Mrs. Dever and Mrs. Wanosik gave us. It was pretty fun."

"This is my first year as an office aide. I enjoy helping visitors and students. I plan on continuing working in the office in the future."



Keep Your Eye On The Screen! Jamie Lengen (above), one of the many guidance aides, types away to get the job done. Jamie has also actively participated in volleyball, basketball, and softball. Jamie will go on to become one of the very first guidance aides at the new high school.



"Avon High School, Student Speaking." Dianna Yonkof (above) is a willing worker in the main office of the high school. Diana not only answers phones and collects attendance sheets, but is always around to do whatever is needed. Diana also is a wonderful team member to play volleyball and basketball with.



Thank you for calling! Brian Birch (above) always extends himself to be as courteous as possible. Brian has been a hard working office aide for three years. He was also involved in Bowling for two years.



Quick glance. Always busy doing something, Ronna Richardson (above) pauses to give a quick grin for the camera. Ronna is very involved in NHS, track, cross country, and student council. Ronna has been in the office since the beginning of the year and will attend college in California.



On The Ball! Michelle Colyer (left) works hard in giving a helping hand in the guidance office. Michelle is a junior and is looking forward to helping out at the new school next year. Michelle also cheerleads and her school spirit shines throughout the year.

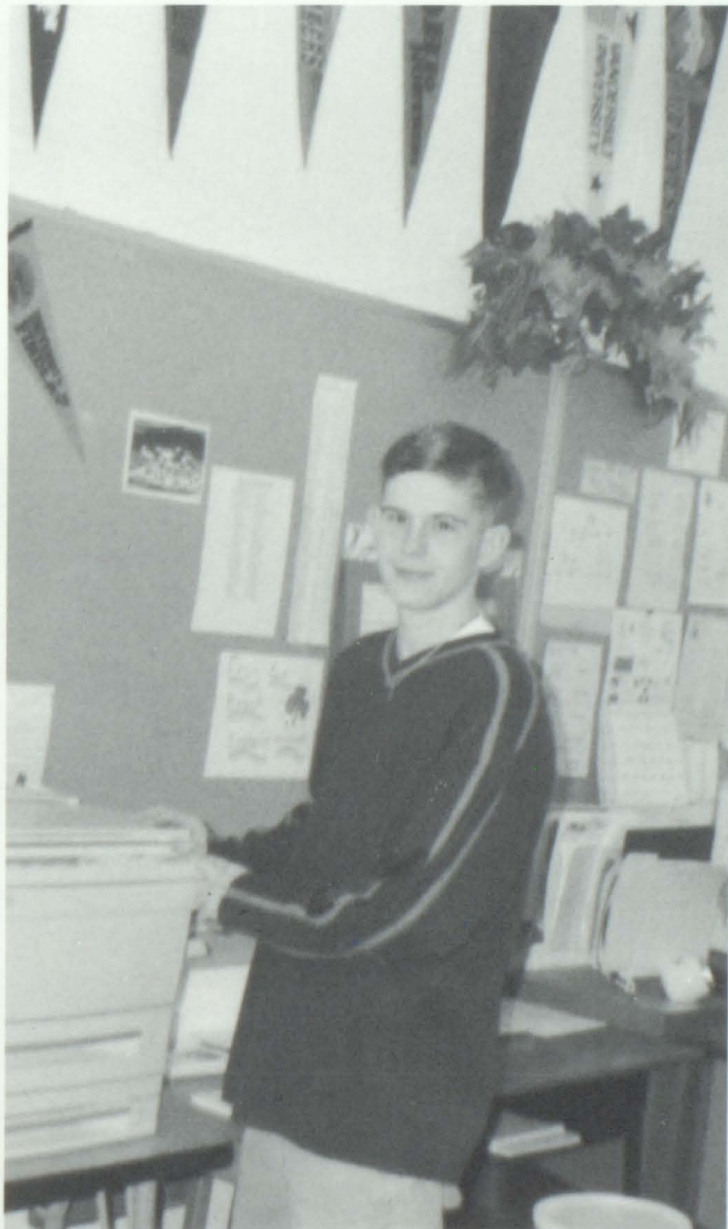


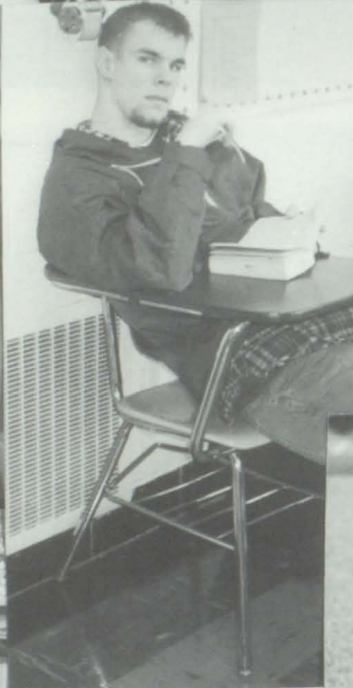
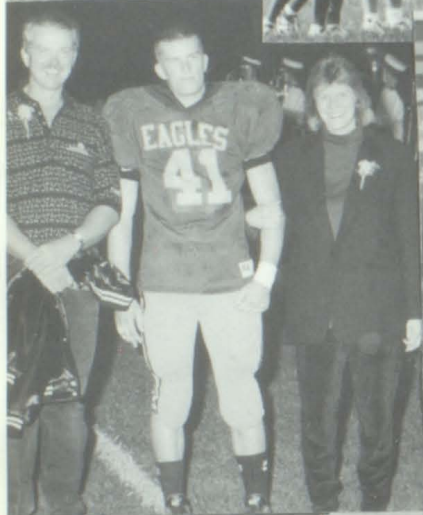
She's A Keeper! Mrs. Shelton is the new secretary for the guidance office this year. Mrs. Shelton took over half way through the year when Mrs. Fischer retired. She had some pretty big shoes to fill, but she is doing a great job.

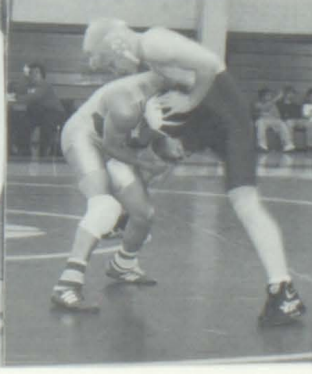
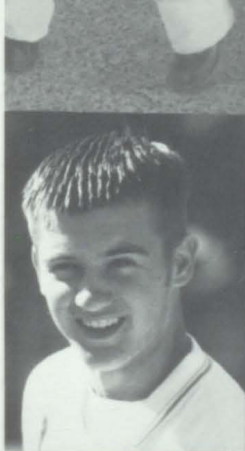


Keeping track! A lot of filing is done in the guidance office and with the great office aides like Stephanie MacKenzie (above), things are always on track. Stephanie is active in both volleyball and softball. With all the hard work that Stephanie has done, one would never guess that this was her first year working for the counselors.

How do you work this? These are some choice words one will never hear come out of Matt Yonkof's (right) mouth. Matt has been in the guidance office for two years. Matt is also involved in basketball, baseball, and NHS.







Eyeing El Nino

Winter 1997-1998

What do The A.H.S. Ski Club and President Bill Clinton have in common? Both had extremely bad luck during the winter of 1997. Because of El Nino the Ski Club was only able to ski a few times--no snow, no ski! The bad news of Bill Clinton's sex scandals combined with the pending retirement of the Jerry Seinfeld T.V. sitcom made it difficult for Americans to keep their eyes off the news.

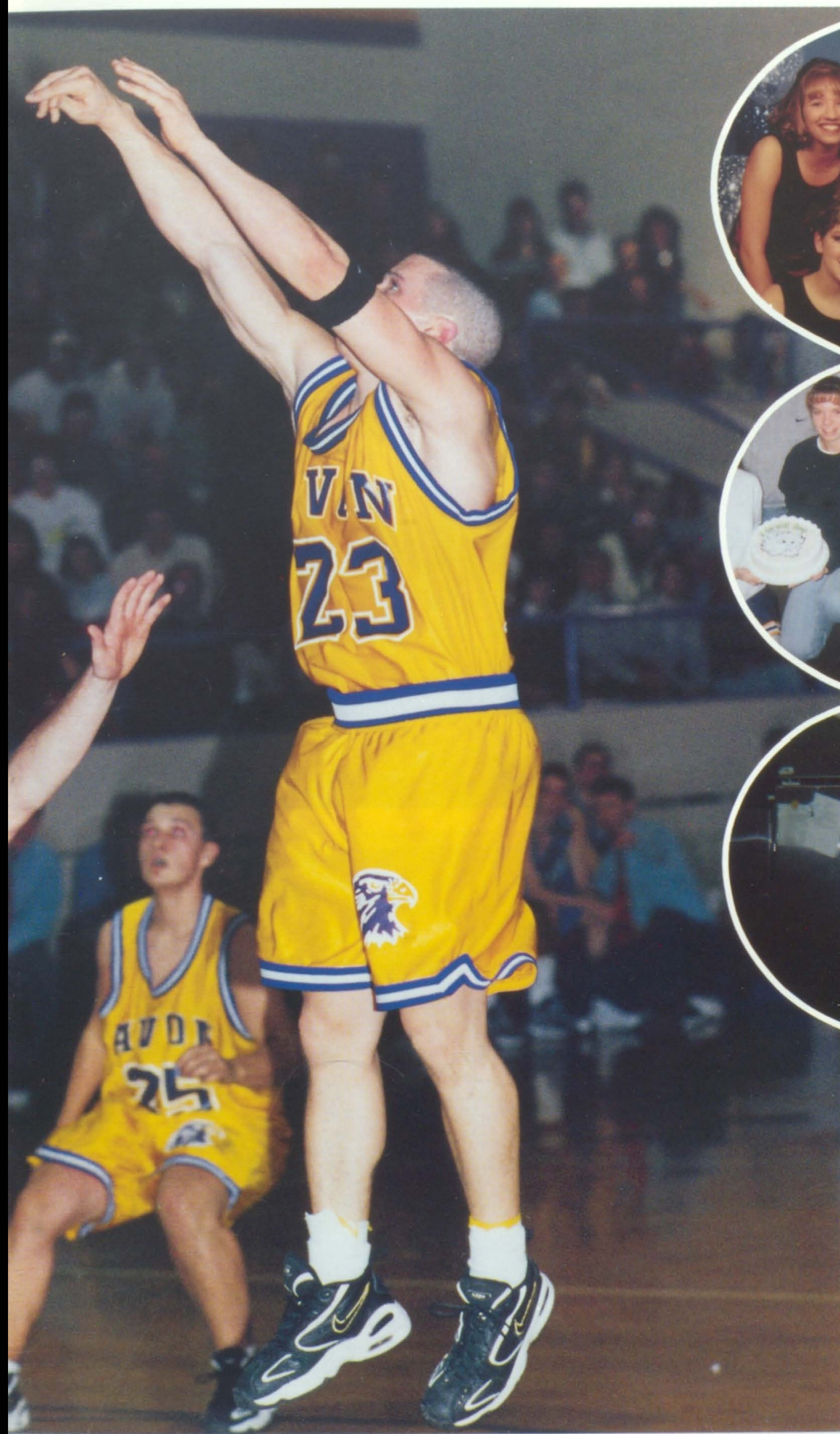
Lookin' almost ready. As we all look forward to the opening of the new AHS, (below) construction comes along slowly but surely. Next year all of the students will have their own lockers and all of the teachers will have their own classrooms. The famous "classroom carts" will be gone.

All eyes on Steve. From his freshman to his senior year, all eyes around Lorain County have been spellbound by Steve's ability. The short guy from West Virginia grew into Avon's most known and feared player. Steve earned awards including First Team all Ohio, Player of the Year, and Mr. Basketball of Lorain County. He was also nominated for the McDonald's All-American team.



Eyeing the food. Mrs. Buller and Mrs. Naylon, (right) two of the dedicated teachers who helped out with the senior breakfast, eagerly wait to serve all of the hungry breakfast seekers. The breakfast was to raise money for the senior trip to Washington. The trip was an amazing one that none of the seniors will ever forget.





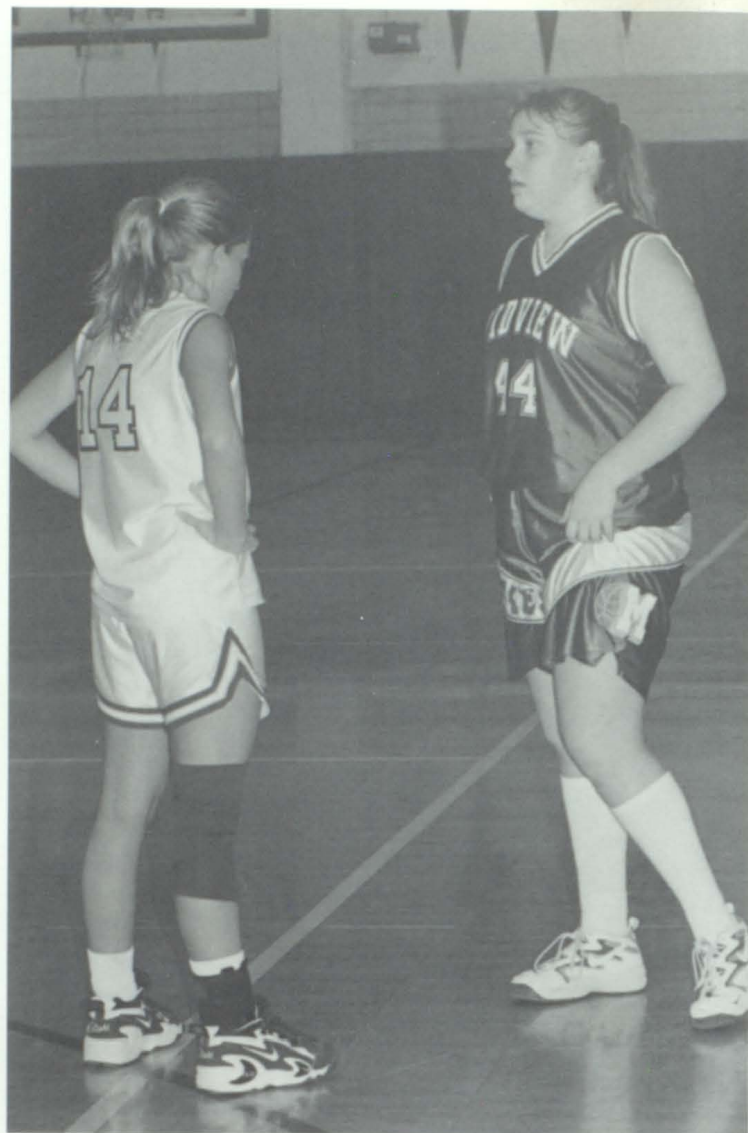
Keepin' the fun going. Seniors (top from back row) Annie DeChant, Judy Schlather, Kelly Simkovich, (front) Lauren Smith and Kristin Gilles attend the first annual Winter Formal.

S.A.V.E. Seniors Kristin Gilles, Rachel Edwards and Sara Britton (middle) take time to celebrate a job well done when working with animals.

Pancake Flipper Chef John DeChant (above) eagerly flips pancakes at the senior breakfast. John had to flip fast to keep up with the hungry crowd.

HEY YOU! Junior Molly Urig (below) yells for one of her teammates to get open so she can pass the ball. Molly, who was one of three juniors who played on JV, was a great asset and offensive threat for the team.

KEEPING HER EYES OPEN! Junior Jillian Syphers (right) takes a breather, but still keeps her eyes on her defender. This year, Jillian always hustled and gave everything she had.



1997-1998 Season

St. Augustine	47-40	W
Elyria Catholic	31-51	L
Columbia	28-14	W
Oberlin	42-44	L
Wellington	27-15	W
Clearveiw	56-20	W
Midview	37-40	L
Firelands	39-30	W
Keystone	51-17	W
Brookside	45-35	W
Oberlin	36-44	L
Wellington	37-17	W
Southveiw	44-34	W
Firelands	17-25	L
Clearview	36-29	W
Midview	27-32	L
Keystone	56-31	W
LC	39-42	L
Brookside	18-39	L
Luthern West	39-30	W



1997-1998 J.V. GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM (back row) (left to right) Dianna Yonkof, Rachel Smitek, Jillian Syphers, Molly Urig, Coach Simon. (front row) (left to right) Kate Moran, Amy Forthofer, Shauna Lohr, Mary Ellen Hricovec, Kristin Burge.



DEFENSE! Sophomore Kate Moran (above) attempts to steal the ball from her opponent, while Molly Urig looks on. Kate was a point guard for the team this year and she scored a season-high 26 points against Lorain Catholic.



DRIVING THE LANE. Jillian Syphers (left) looks to dribble the ball around her defender to get the team's offense going. Jillian was also a defensive threat as well this year.

CONCENTRATION. Freshman Rachel Smitek (above) receives a pass and attempts a shot. Rachel was one of three freshmen who contributed a lot to the team this year.

Take a closer look

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CONCENTRATION! Junior Shannon Andrews (above) prepares to shoot a foul shot during the game. Shannon started at point guard at the beginning of the season, but she soon realized she had more talent at the wing position. Shannon earned her second year varsity letter this year.

JUMP SHOT! Super sophomore Lindsay Mitchell (top left) muscles it up for two points. Lindsay's work ethic and love for the game really helped her improve this year. Even when she isn't on the basketball court, she is working to get better by lifting at Competitive Edge.

SCHOOLED! Speed demon, Kim Seman (top right) drives by her opponent. The co-captain's speed and defense was an important role on the team this year. Kim was voted MVP this year.



CORNER OF THE RECTANGLE! A second year varsity player, junior Janet Hovanitz takes the ball to the hoop on a fast break. The lack of height made the Lady Eagles use their speed to outrun their opponents. Janet led the team in scoring this season.



FOLLOW THROUGH! Junior Jenny Krinks (left) comes off of the pick and roll perfectly. Jenny's post moves, as well as her outside shot, made her a tough forward to defend.



EYEING A BASKET!

Jenny Peregord (left), a senior and team co-captain this year, receives an inbounds pass on an out-of-bounds play and gets ready to put it up for an easy two points.

KEEPING UP THE MOMENTUM!

Senior Kristin Gilles (below) keeps up the tempo during the game by driving to the basket. In the background, junior point-guard, Kathy Jennings watches the play that she started. Kristin received her second year varsity letter and Kathy received her first.



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1997-1998 Avon Varsity Girls Basketball Team (front row)(left to right) Shannon Andrews, Kathy Jennings, Kim Seman, Mary Shepard, Janet Hovanitz, Kristin Gilles, Jamie Lengen. (back row)(left to right) Assistant Coach Marty Ballog, Tatiana Stross, Jenny Peregord, Lindsay Mitchell, Jenny Krinks, Assistant Coach Daniele Polovich, Head Coach Marty Yonkof.

IN YOUR FACE! Dana Kozak (right) pulls up and shoots a three in the face of her defender. Dana was the starting point guard for the team this year.

DETERMINATION! Nicole Pawson (right) drives to the hoop in attempting a lay-up. Nicole is not only involved with basketball, she is also a cheerleader as well.

SURROUNDED! Post player Jackie Hricovec (below) pushes her defender out of the way to get the ball, as Nicole Pawson tries to help. Jackie was the leading scorer this year and she also had some playing time on JV.



1997-1998 Season

St. Augustine	26-15	W
Lutheran West	16-31	L
Brookside	31-16	W
Fairview	23-34	L
Midview	28-35	L
Brookside	19-17	W
Avon Lake	20-33	L
Lorain Catholic	27-36	L
Midview	27-35	L
Midview	19-34	L
Lorain Catholic	22-28	L
Brookside	33-16	W
Lutheran West	30-20	W
Southview	37-40	L



1997-1998 Freshmen Girls Basketball (back row) (left to right) Coach Belak, Jackie Hricovec, Susie Shewartz, Katie Forthover. (front row) (left to right) Laurie Lengen, Kara Pocos, Erin Walsh, Dana Kozak, Ashley Syphers. Not pictured, Crystal Peshek, Nicole Pawson.

Eye of the tiger



EASY TWO! Ashley Syphers (above) shows perfect lay-up form on a fast break. Ashley was a consistent player for her team this year, even when she broke her finger late in the season.

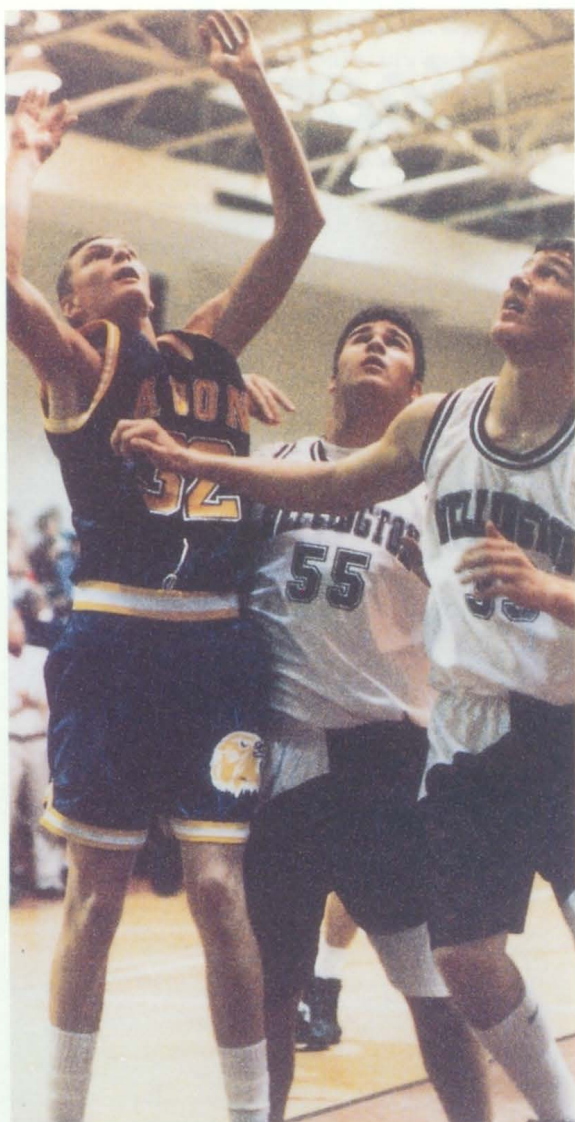
FOLLOW THROUGH! Kara Pocos (left) shoots an open jump shot while she's wide open. Kara was a consistent shooter and a hussler this year.



FAST BREAK! Katie Forthover (left) dribbles away from a defender by using her quick dribbling abilities. Katie contributed a lot to the team, and hopefully, she will play next year.

LISTEN TO ME! Coach Belak (above) gives his teammates some words of wisdom during a time-out. Coach Belak inspired his team to work hard and have fun this season.

7 he Season of Excitement



J-work! Scott O'Malley (above) puts up a fade-away jumper over two Dukes in the Eagles 55-51 win over Wellington. Scott played in the Lorain County All-Star game.

Zoo for two! Ryan Krystowski (top right) puts up a mid-range jumper over two Brookside defenders. He was the Eagles best shooter down low making almost 45% of his field goals. Ryan also led the Eagles in rebounding pulling down 9.4 rebounds per game. Ryan received honorable mention All-conference.



It's two easy! Steve Vega (above) drives the lane past a Midview defender in Avon's 73-72 win over the Middies. Steve finished second in Lorain County history and twenty-sixth in Ohio history with 2,001 career points. Steve received an All-American nomination and was rated in the top 25 point guards in the country.



Maybe next year! Josh Ball (left) puts up a finger roll over the craft from Wellington. Josh played a very important role, filling the 2-guard position as a junior. He was the Eagles third leading scorer, averaging almost 10 points a game.



No look! Christian Wimmer (above) throws a no look pass for one of his 73 assists on the year. Christian finished second on the team in assists and fourth in rebounding.



Get off me! Jeff Brunner (above) draws a foul in traffic at the Brookside home game. Jeff helped lead the Eagles to a 97-47 romp of the Cards in Avon's best offensive game of the year. Jeff played in the Lorain County All-Star game.

1997-98 Boys Varsity

Lorain Catholic	60-39	W
Lutheran West	84-87	L
Elyria Catholic	47-68	L
Oberlin	68-69	L
Fairport Harbor	79-58	W
Firelands	67-62	W
Vermilion	71-70	W
Wellington	57-55	W
Clearview	62-73	L
Midview	64-63	W
Keystone	59-61	L
Brookside	97-67	W
Oberlin	84-82	W
Firelands	74-65	W
Wellington	77-65	W
Clearview	59-65	L
Midview	54-69	L
Columbia	81-61	W
Keystone	54-69	L
Brookside	73-77	L
Woodridge	77-56	W
Lutheran West	76-91	L



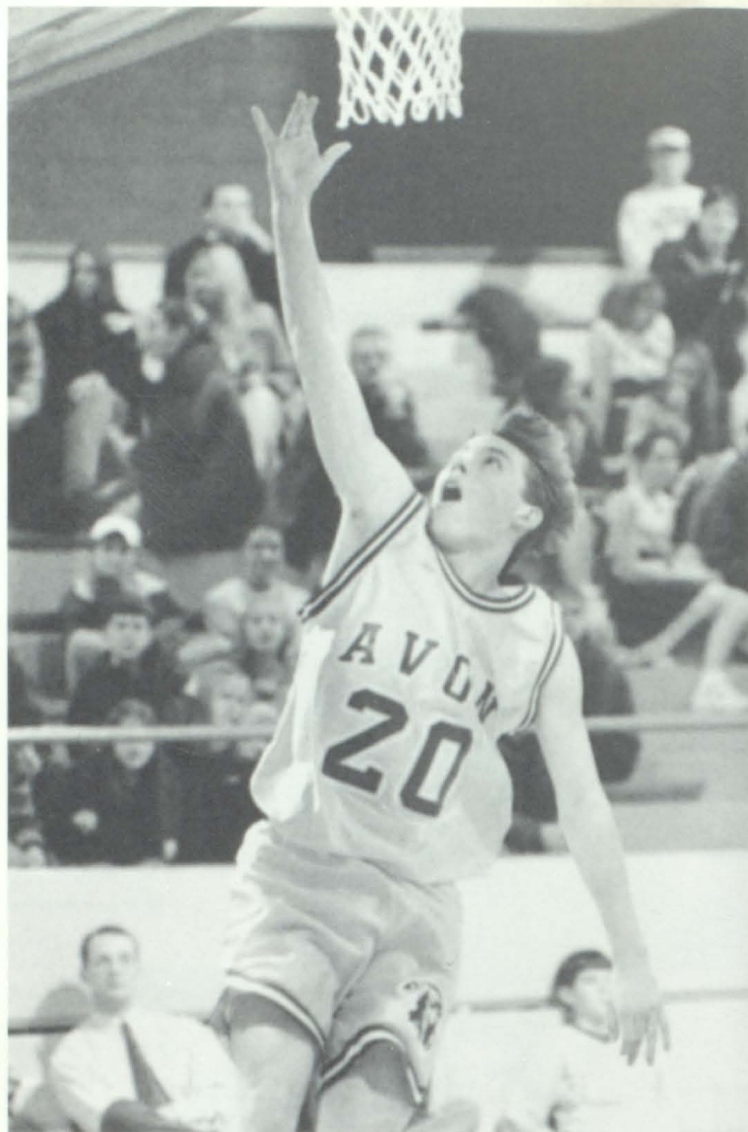
1997-1998 Avon Varsity Boys Basketball Team (front row)(left to right) Steve Vega, Brian Butchko, Josh Ball, Chris Cornett, Jeff Brunner, Matt Yonkof (back row)(left to right) Assistant Coach Mike Kelly, Christian Wimmer, Ryan Krytowski, Scott O'Malley Head Coach Dave Kudela.

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Skying high! Sophomore Nick Piasecki (right) elevates for the easy layup. Nick was a key player who really improved by the end of the season.

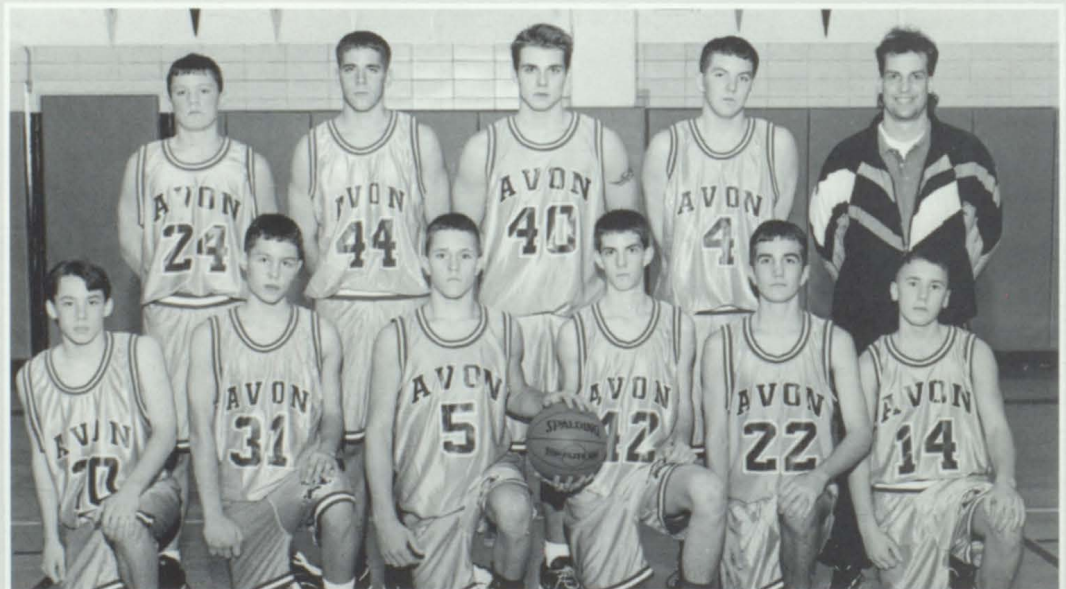
Foes! Sophomore Nick Frioud (right) eyes up his defender before taking him to school. Nick started for the J.V. boys team this year and played well.

Superstar! Freshman Erich DeChant (below) leaps to get the pass to teammate Nick Frioud. Erich showed much potential as a freshman starting for the J.V. boys.



JV Basketball

Lorain Catholic	30-20 L
Lutheran West	66-57 L
Elyria Catholic	60-38 L
Oberlin	49-37 L
Fairport Harbor	41-37 L
Firelands	45-48 W
Vermilion	61-49 L
Wellington	26-43 W
Clearview	48-53 W
Midview	44-37 L
Keystone	49-50 W
Brookside	44-30 L
Oberlin	43-61 W
Firelands	40-54 W
Wellington	57-46 L
Clearview	48-27 L
Midview	52-48 L
Columbia	39-41 W
Keystone	57-50 L
Brookside	51-34 L



JV BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

Back Row (left to right) Erich DeChant, Nick Frioud, Jaime Wimmer, Scott Posendeck, Coach Ken Matuszak
 (bottom row left to right) Nick Piasecki, Dan Zegarac, Jimmy Dosztal, Aaron Scott, Scott Wendell, Tommy Schwartz

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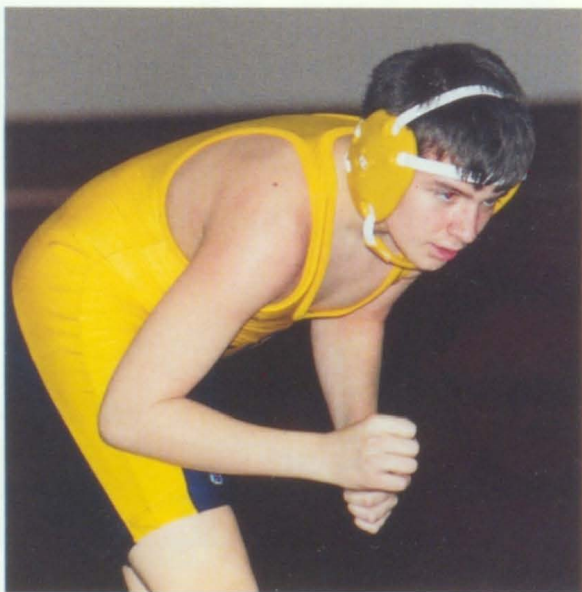
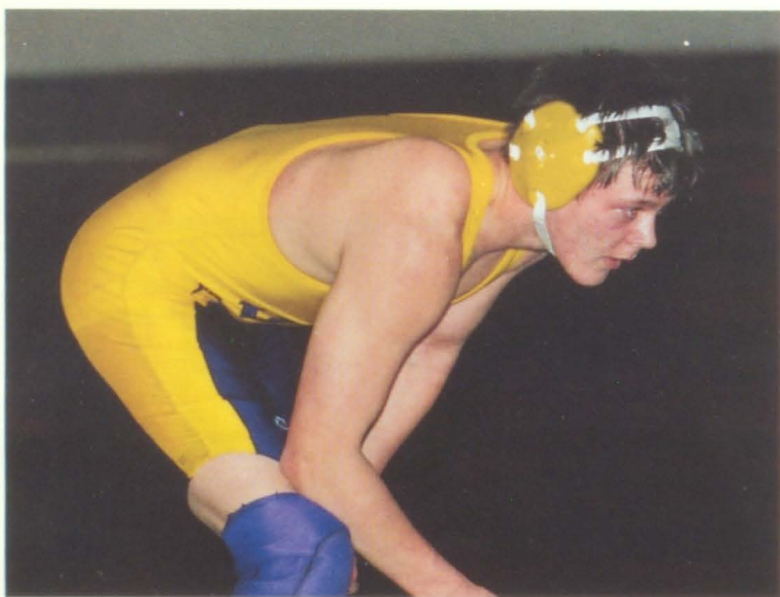
Words of advice! Coach Maloy (above) gives freshman Erich DeChant a few pointers on shooting. Erich started as a freshman on the J.V. squad.

Smoked! Sophomore Tommy Schwartz (left) blows past his defender with a nasty crossover. Tommy's "Allen Iverson-like" quickness was a valuable help to the team this year.



Boxout! Freshman Jaime Wimmer (left) sets himself for a monster rebound. Wimmer, besides being an outstanding basketball player, was also a varsity letterman in football.

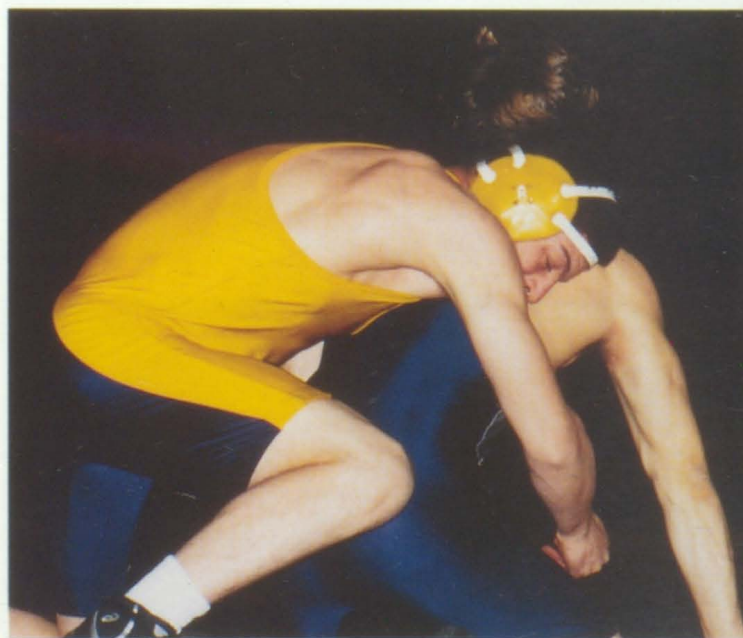
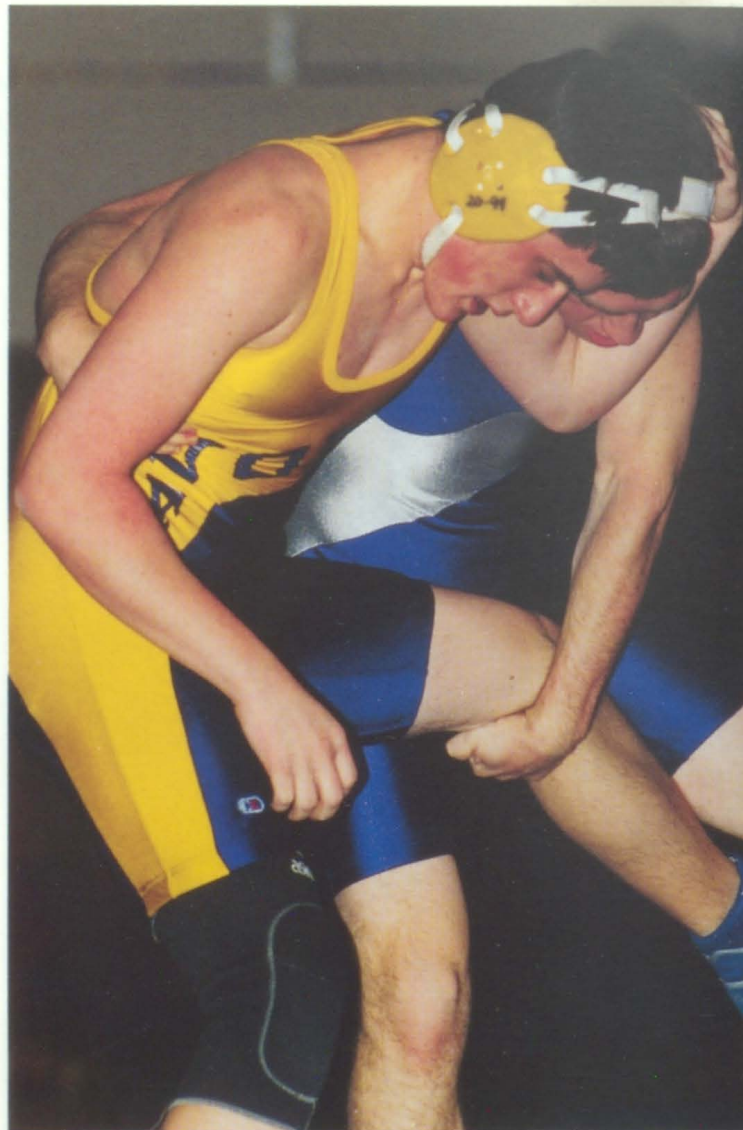
Gimme the rock! Sophomore Aaron Scott (above) looks for the backdoor pass and the score. Aaron Scott's determination proved as great leadership on the floor.



Ready Or Not, Here I Come! Mike Scaletta (top left) stands with a look of determination, before he takes on his competitor. Mike helped the team to several victories this season.

Keep It Coming! Chris Emling (above) takes his stance as he prepares to go up against another school. He has been a very hard worker this year, and this has shown in practices and his matches.

Keep Up The Good Work ! Dan Weaver (top right) desperately tries to defeat his opponent in the match, while keeping his balance. He did really well this year, and made it to the state finals.



Bear Hug! Paul Zepernick (above) wraps his arms around his competitor in an attempt to win the match. Paul is a third year wrestler.

P in To Win!

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Hang in there! Dan weaver (left) looking tired and sore, proves he's not a quitter . They're in great shape from all of the practicing after school.



Deep Thoughts Mark Schueszler and Mike Schueszler (left) watch with serious looks as one of their teammates wrestle on the mat. Now comes the realization that all those long, hard practices finally pay off.

BAM! Powerful Paul Zepernick (below) puts in all his might to make points on the score board and for his team.



Match Results

Wellington	63-17	L
Oberlin	21-52	W
Trinity	42-36	L
Cuyahoga Heights	59-18	L
Clearview	33-42	W
Keystone	50-21	L
Midview	28-42	W
Firelands	48-24	L
Brookside	46-31	L
Lutheran West	40-33	L



1997-98 Wrestling Team Top row, left to right: Coach Carpenter, Eric Kloeppe, Ryan Porterfield, Don Gumble, Will Mitchell, Marc Piwinski, Jason Tracey, John Schindler, Geoff Burgess, Dan Weaver, Coach Gumble. Second row: Marc Drellishak, Paul Zepernick, Mark Schueszler, Mike Scaletta, Mike Schueszler, Nick Ashofteh, John Henry, Mr. Pollock. Bottom row: Larry Hoekstra, Rob Viers, Mike Gumble, Chris Pollock, Nathan Kloeppe, Ival Dotson, Charlie Welling, Kevin Adkins.

Concentration! Chris Mandock (right) shoots over an Oberlin defender in an attempt to score. Chris was an asset to the team because of his great jumping ability. It allowed him to be one of the leading rebounders this season.

Warming up! (right) Avon's freshman basketball team prepares to take on the Firelands Falcons, hoping to defeat them in a close conference match. Avon worked hard as a team to place fourth at the conference tournament.

Defense! Nick Duelser (below) shoots over the Oberlin defender in an attempt to score. Nick played point guard and helped pull the team through many games. He also plays baseball.



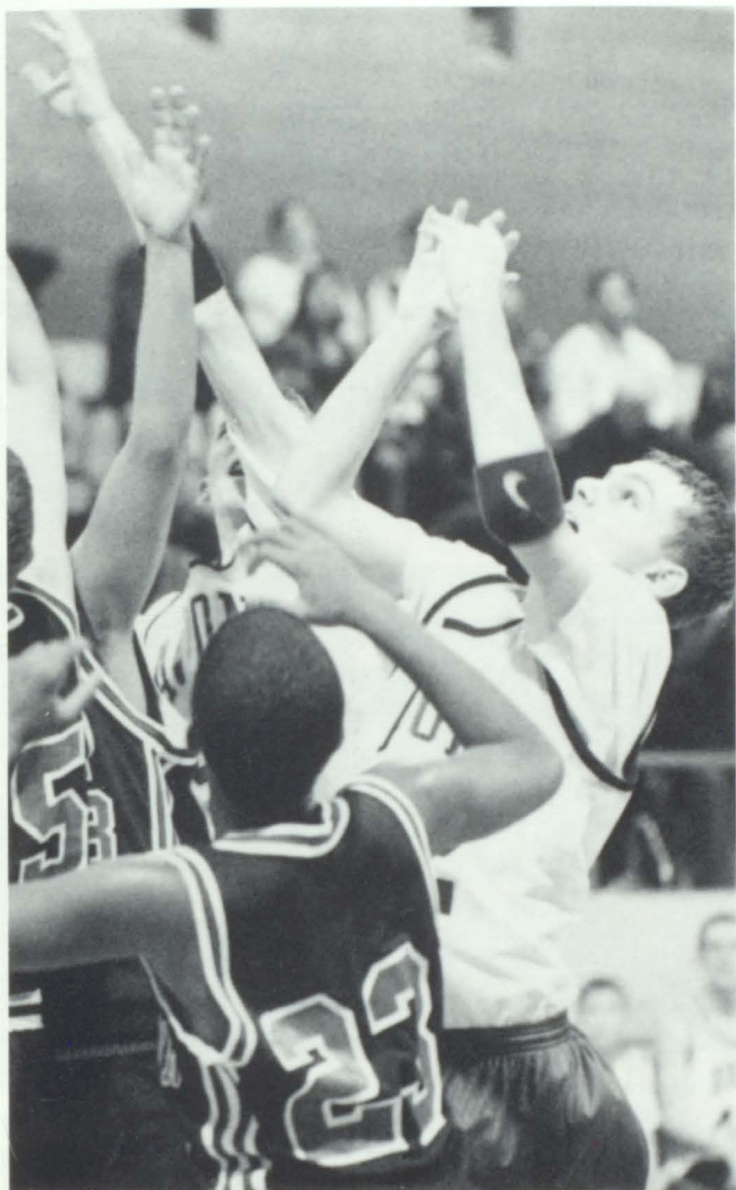
1997-1998 Season

Oberlin	44-40	L
Firelands	37-41	W
Wellington	30-39	W
Fairview	25-27	W
Clearview	38-25	L
Midview	22-45	W
Keystone	19-36	W
Brookside	44-38	L
Oberlin	34-46	W
Firelands	33-39	W
Wellington	25-24	L
Clearview	40-29	L
Midview	32-52	W
Keystone	46-19	L
Lorain Catholic	38-41	W
Brookside	44-29	L

KEYSTONE TOURNAMENT	
Clearview	32-38 W
Brookside	42-38 L
Keystone	39-33 L



Freshman Boys Basketball Team: (Back row left to right) Coach Snively, Nick Duesler, Ben Jones, Chris Mandock, Matt Krystowski, Scott Wicker, Bill Hassel, Coach D. Maloy. (Front row left to right) Bob Kujala, Josh Basen, Matt Barak, Adam Decker, Jake Schober, Pat Henry, Joe Reising, Coach P. Maloy.



Rebound! Nick Duelser (left) pulls down a tough rebound over the two Oberlin defenders. After this tough loss Nick helped defeat the Indians at their house 46 to 34.

Right on The Money! Adam Decker (above) releases a perfect shot over the Firelands defender. Adam also participated in band and soccer.



Huddle Up! (above) Coach P. Maloy's fiery attitude gave the Eagles a spark and helped them pull through many close games.

Falling Falling Falling! Matt Barak (left) scrambles for a loose ball in an effort to try and score an easy layup. Matt's hustle helped lead the team to a victory in the playoffs.

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eeping an eye on the crowd

Cheerleading '98



Varsity Cheerleaders (top row) (left to right) Katie Gray, Jenny Roach, Whitney Englehaupt, Jenny Peregord, Jenny Kapucinski. (bottom row) (left to right) Gretchen Dechant, Katie Lengen.



JV Cheerleaders (top row) (left to right) Brooke Whitney, Erin Guyer, Vicky Paige. (middle row) (left to right) Emily Kodger, Amy Forthofer, Jenny Vitou, Michelle Colyer. (bottom row) (left to right) Jessica Kowalczyk, Kristy Arendt.



Freshmen Cheerleaders (top row) (left to right) Jenny Wiggins, Heather Folz. (middle row) (left to right) Laurie Lengen, Taryn Dangremond, Cassandra Ault. (bottom row) (left to right) Laura Molnar, Marie Gigliotti. Missing: Nicole Pawson.



TAKING A BREAK. Senior Tricia Pawson and junior Jenny Krinks (above) take a break in between cheers. Jenny volunteered to be the eagle for the homecoming game this year.



Cheerleaders On Parade.

J.V. Cheerleaders(left) cheer wildly on the homecoming float to excite the crowd before the big football game.

School Spirit. On cold football nights, cheerleaders Whitney Englehaupt, Jenny Roach, and Tricia Pawson (below) are known to get the crowd pumped up before a game.



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High Hopes. Brooke Whitney (above) shows her cheerleading spirit as she jumps for a cheer. Brooke is also involved in drama.



Stretch It To the Limit. Nicole Pawson (above) takes form on a new cheer which will be used in the game the next day. Nicole also participates in volleyball and basketball.

Standing Tall. Marie Gigliotti (right) is full of spirit as she cheers for the crowd. Marie is known for her enthusiasm during games.



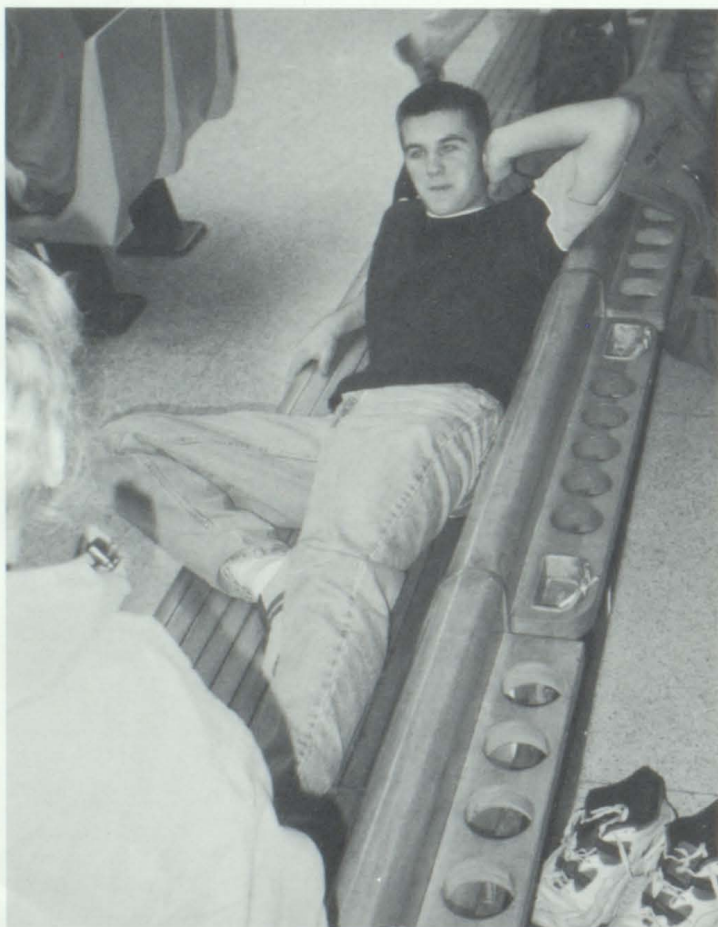


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eeeping the ball rolling... on the alley and in the world!



Top Row, from Left- John Kruszka, Brian Melendez, Bill Crompton, Jennifer Petriella, Matt Meeks, Brian Burch, Chris Heinbrodt, Jim Berlyoung, Steve Eby, Second Row, from Left- David Barnosky, John DeChant, Paul Zepernick, Racheal Murray, Chris Leon, Justin Littell, Lucas Rhoades Third Row, from Left- Jason Sobolewski, Eric Kloeppel, Julie Eldred, Ely Wolfe, Debi Morales, Caitlin Rhoades Fourth Row, from Left- Mo Shelton, Scott Piazza, Mrs. Argenti-Reinker



Model Shot! Matt Meeks (above) lounges around after his strenuous bowling exercise. Matt always participates in every event he can. He has taken part in bowling, baseball, golf, and Spirit Week. He is a hardworking student and a very good role model.



How Cute! Debi Morales, Ely Wolfe and Mo Shelton (above) all get together in a group to get their picture taken for the yearbook. All three are in band and were squad leaders this year. Debi and Ely made the Kent State All Star Band. Mo is a National Honor Society member.



We Know We're Good! Paul Zepernick and Matt Meeks (above) stand around waiting for their scores after they bowl their final round. Paul is on the wrestling team. Matt is on baseball team and the golf team.



Keep on Giving! Rachel Edwards, Kristin Gilles, Annie DeChant, and Jennifer Roach (left) all put together this Christmas basket for a local needy family. The girls and other members of Jogs participated in a Bowl-a-Thon to raise money to buy items. Members of the Jogs program were always willing to help out families in need.

J.O.G.S.

Jobs for Ohio's Graduates



Talk of the Air Force. Sergeant Navasco (above), was pleased to come and show students videos, and answer questions about the Air Force. The Jogs program welcomed many speakers to talk of future job opportunities.



Awaiting the Food! Julie Aunspaw, Rochelle Boris, Jenny Bugaj, Mrs Akers, Suzanne Balak, and Allana Hall (right), sit and await for their pizza. On occasions, the Jogs members recieved a free lunch when they had speakers come in. In the past, they had recieved Marcos pizza, Angelos pizza, and even Subway.



Having Fun at Geagua Lake! Rachel Edwards, Eric King, and Jenny Roach (above right), have a blast as they attend Hallowscream at Geagua Lake. Some Jog members also enjoyed themselves at the Lumberjacks game. They also traveled to Dayton, OH, to visit the Air Force Base.

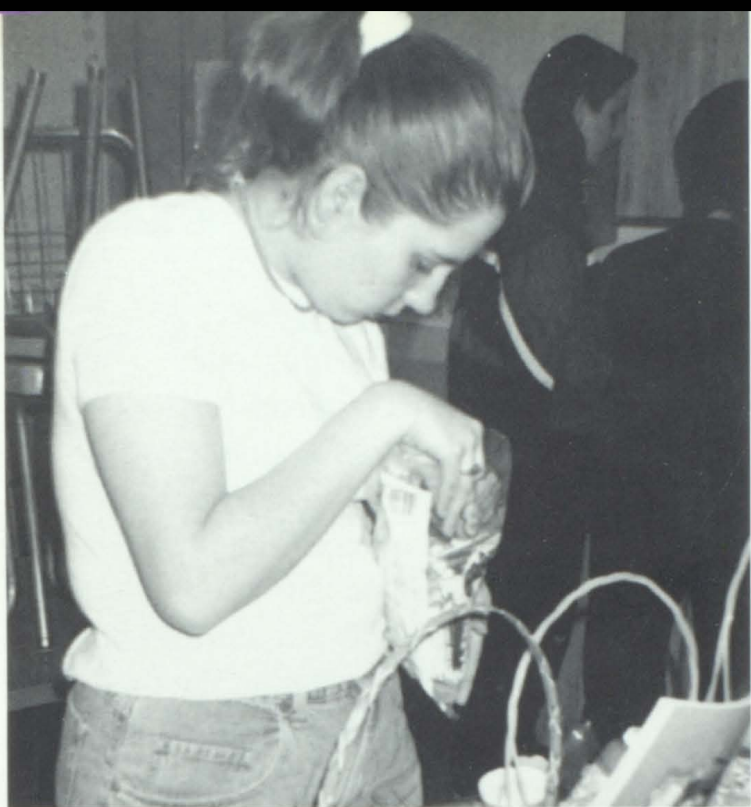


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Keep on Cookin' Home Ec. Club!



HOME EC CLUB '98 (Top row, L to R) Crystal Peshek, Jean Kelly, Annie DeChant, Maria Teubl, Vicky Polovich, Katie Steele, Jillian Syphers, Stacey Udowski, Brian Guyer, Bob Steele, Jeff Rayborne, Lisa Turchik, Mike Fischbach, Ligia Popa, Jessica Beckwith, Beth Moore, Jessica Kowalczyk, Amy Forthofer. (Middle row, L to R) Monica Slovak, Michelle Deidrick, Shannon Andrews, Jenny Peregord, Lindsay Mitchell, Susan Schwartz, Krista MacArthur, Sarah Henry, Beth Petersen, Jackie Hricovec, Rachel Smitek, Becky McKenzie, Jackie Koerner, Kara Walker. (Bottom row, L to R) Kristin Urig, James Stockard, Jessica Ault, Kim Koszewski, David Vezdos, Eugene Pallas, Chris Emling, Brandon Frier, Crystal Wilson, Felicia Kofth.



THE EASTER BUNNY IS COMING!

Jessica Beckwith enjoys putting candy into the Easter baskets for children who's parents couldn't get them one. This is Jessica's second year in Home Ec. Club. She also is a member of the choir.

LENDING A HELPING HAND!

Beth Moore, Katie Moore, Stacey Udowski, Beth Petersen admire the great job they did. Home Ec. Club has been doing this for years. Beth Moore adds the finishing touches.



MIXING UP SOME TREATS!

Katie Steele talks and has fun putting toys into the Easter baskets. She has enjoyed her second year in Home Ec. Club. Katie not only is a member of Home Ec. Club but, a member of band.



CANDY! YUM! Stacey Udowski separates mini candy bars into threes. Stacey has been a member of Home Ec. Club for two years.

HOME EC. CLUB PLAYS EAS-

TER BUNNY! Beth Petersen puts candy into the Easter baskets that the Newspaper staff and in Student Council. It is her first year in Home Ec. Club.





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eeeping an Eye on the News

Looking at the dark Avon High School building at seven o'clock in the morning, one classroom's lights burn brightly. In Mrs. Hull's classroom, the journalism students are hard at work creating the month's school newspaper. This year the Journalism I and II students learned journalistic writing and produced articles for the newspaper. The nine journalism students, along with the rest of the Eagle's Nest staff, were responsible for reporting the news and highlights of Avon High School in the monthly production of the newspaper. Though students were forced to come in a period early three days a week because the schedule did not have room for a journalism class, their perserverance and dedication was evident in the final product of each paper. Both students and Mrs. Hull also put in extra hours after school to create the paper. The staff's work made this year's paper a continuing service to the school.



Let's Write! Journalism II students Katie Herbst, Kim Seman, and Melodie Hylton (above) await the start of Journalism class. Katie, a senior, was editor of *The Eagle's Nest* this year and was also involved in drama, band, choir, and NHS. Kim, also a senior, played basketball and softball. Junior Melodie served as AHS's journalist for the NEXT section in *The Plain Dealer*.



"It's all about leads!" Mrs. Hull (above) emphasizes the keys to writing journalistically to her journalism students. Students appreciated Mrs. Hull coming in early Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings to teach Journalism I and II students. Mrs. Hull also served as the advisor for the *Eagle's Nest* newspaper club.

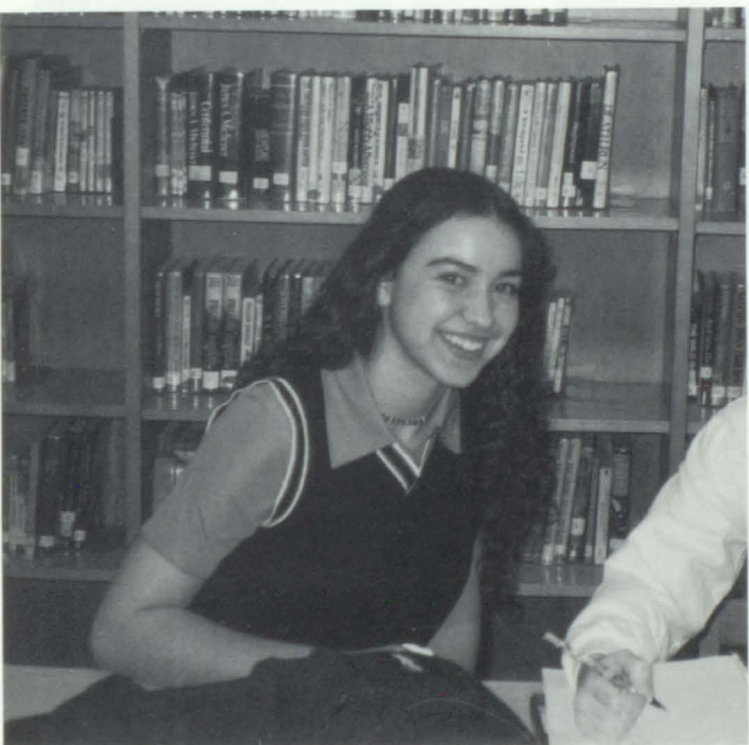


"We're working, really!" Stephanie Vielhaber and junior Mel Pupa (above) take a break from editing articles to smile for the camera. Stephanie was one of the five seniors on the newspaper staff this year and enjoyed contributing sports articles. Mel brought many creative ideas to the paper and was also enrolled in the Journalism I class.



Journalism class: (top left) Mrs. Hull, Amy Drda, Mel Popa, Melodie Hylton, Ryan McLaughlin, Kristy Arendt, Kim Seman, Katie Herbst, Gretchen DeChant, Lauren Smith, and Kelly Simkovich.

Journalism I class: Mel Popa, Amy Drda, Lauren Smith, Kristy Arendt, Kelly Simkovich, and Ryan McLaughlin. These students wrote articles for the paper and came in three days a week before school to learn to write journalistically.



Keep Writing! Marie Gigliotti, a freshman, (above) smiles for the camera at an *Eagle's Nest* meeting. Marie was also involved in cheerleading and Student Council. The freshmen contributed greatly to the production of the paper.

Writing buddies! Junior Lauren Smith and senior Kelly Simkovich (right) are busy creating the *Eagle's Nest* newspaper. Both girls enjoyed writing for the paper. Lauren was also involved in Student Council, NHS, cross country, track, and yearbook. Kelly was involved in Student council and served as editor of the yearbook.





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ever behind the eight-ball



1997-98 SAVE Members: (back row left to right) Mrs. Nowacki, Jessica Bawiec, Jessica Kriz, Audrey Wysocki, Beth Peterson, Shauna Lohr, Sarah Graf, Katie Steele, Jessica Beckwith, Vicki Polovich, Mel Popa, Stephanie Vielhaber, Lindsay Mitchell, Jillian Syphers, Emily Kodger, Vicki Guggenbiller, Laila Sadny, Taryn Dangremond, Michelle Colyer, Jackie Bugaj, Kristin Gilles, Megan Sabo, Jenny Roach, Sara Britton, Rachel Edwards, Annie DeChant, Amy Drda.



Lookin' good! Senior Megan Sabo (above) uses her artistic ability to design one of the boards done by SAVE. Each month the showcase in the junior high hallway was turned into an awareness message about the environment. Megan is involved in Home Ec. Club and yearbook as well as SAVE.



Keeping an eye on the planting Seniors Tina Reinke and Megan Sabo (above) busily plant flowers in front of the school. It was SAVE's job to keep the school looking good. Tina will be attending LCCC and Megan will be attending Kent. Both girls will be majoring in childcare.



Paper Pickin'

Seniors Doug Tykocki and Rich Chilar (left) pick up paper as their weekly job for SAVE. Each classroom had a box that was for recycling paper. This small job of recycling did a lot to improve the community.

Dig, dig, dig.

Rich Chilar, senior, (below) plants petunias in the springtime weather. Each SAVE member had a part in making the school ready for summer. Rich will be attending Cleveland State to study art.



Save Keeps AHS Beautiful

The members of SAVE worked extremely hard this year to make AHS look great. Students planted many flowers and trees to brighten up the school after the dark winter. Along with planting flowers, SAVE members raised money to donate to the Animal Protective League. SAVE's job is not only to make the school look great, but to help Avon stay beautiful and promote environmental consciousness. This year SAVE, one of the most active organizations in the school, was very successful.

Teaching Beauty. SAVE Advisor Mrs. Nowacki (right) helps her students out while they plant. Mrs. Nowacki has been the advisor for several years and has gotten the students involved in recycling, donating money to animals, and making the world a better place.



Staying focused

Academic Challenge Soars to New Heights

The Academic Challenge team soared to heights never achieved before by a team from Avon High School. They were scattered with new faces and young talent. Students from almost every grade represented the team.

Mrs. Naylon, the advisor, came to work for the first time. She proved to be a huge success in keeping the team together and at the same time, making it fun. Her hard work attitude proved to be a winning one.

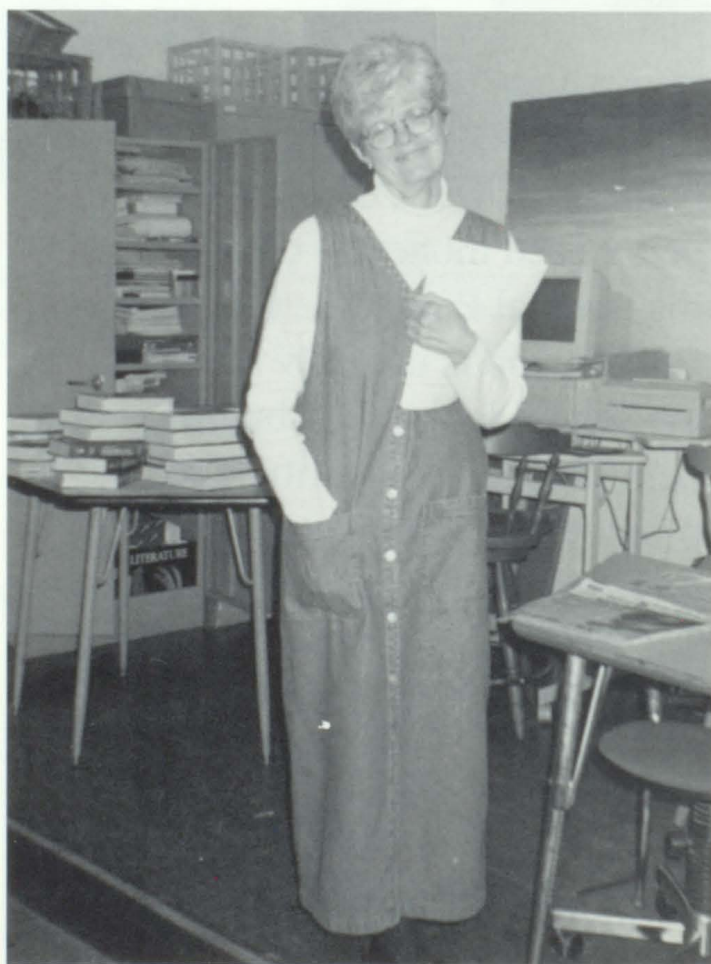
The team had a great attitude the whole year. Some of the people who represented the team said that the best part of the season was when they defeated the school's arch-rival, Brookside.



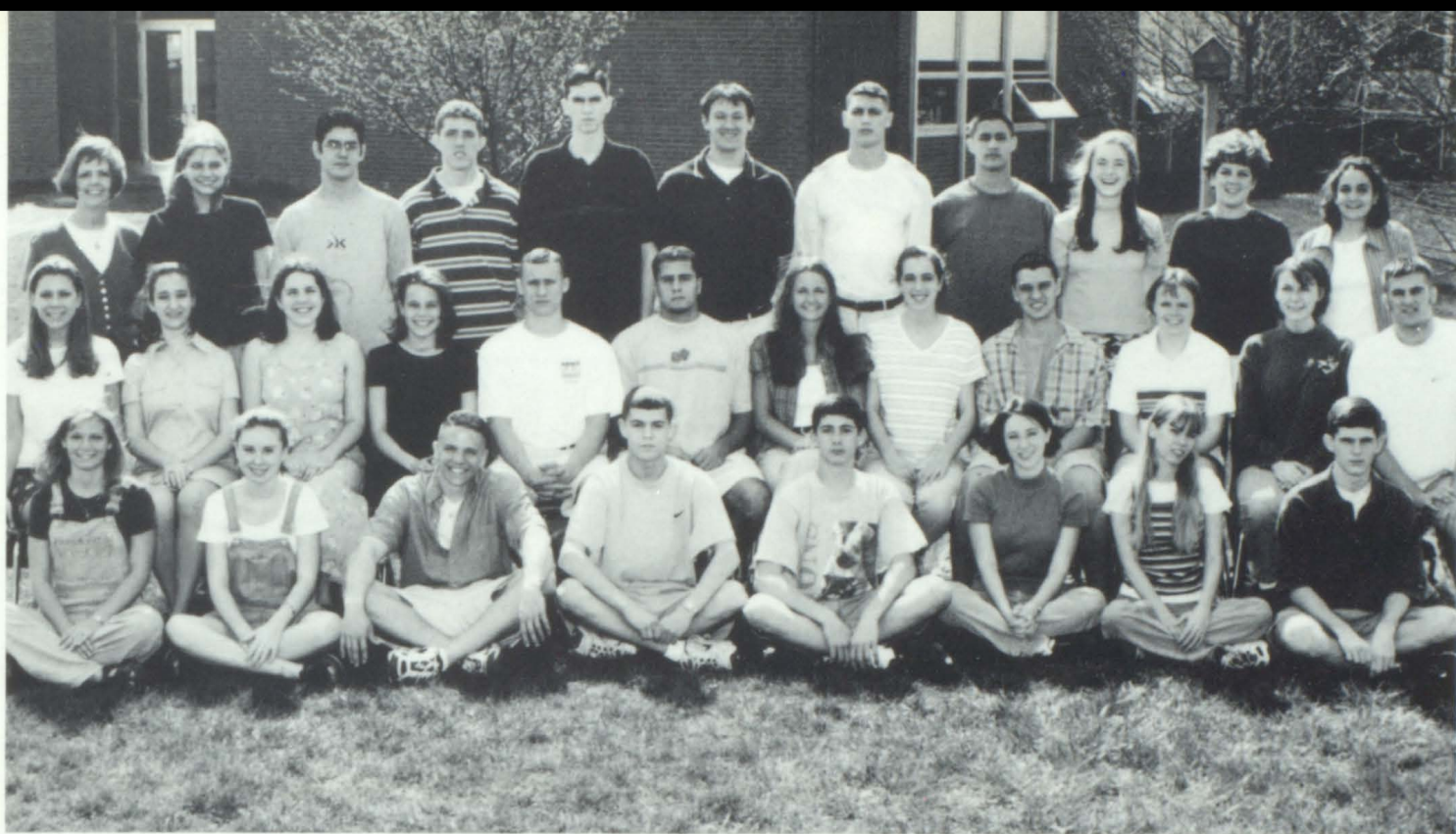
Smile! Dave Barnosky and Melodie Hylton (above) sit and ponder for the answer to the question. Dave, known as a jokester, was involved in track and bowling. Melodie was involved in many school activities, including bowling.



Hello, Avon calling Shauna Lohr and Kristy Arendt (above) pose for a picture during a break in the action. Shauna also participated in cross country, basketball and track. Kristy was the captain of the J.V. cheerleading squad.



Got Ya! Mrs. Naylon gets caught by the camera. This was her first year as the advisor of the team. She proved to be a great asset to the team with her knowledge and confidence in the team. Mrs. Naylon is also known as the Algebra II teacher at the high school.



NHS: (top, left to right) Mrs. Mostad, Maureen Shelton, John Kruszka, Nick Buchkovich, Kevin O'Malley, John DeChant, Drew Ballog, Adam Snavelly, Ginny Miraldi, Lauren Smith, Kathy Jennings, Sarah Skinner, Kristy Arendt, Shauna Lohr, Ronna Richardson, Brandon Ade, Nick Ashofteh, Tricia Pawson, Jenny Krinks, Brian Butchko, Judy Schlather, Wendy Adkins, Matt Meeks, Katie Lengen, Katie Herbst, Steve Vega, Scott Piazza, Rich Low, Gretchen DeChant, Tina Reinke, Matt Yonkof.

The Avon High School chapter of National Honor Society is of an elite group of students. One might think that induction into the society is based solely on good grades; this is not the case. Students must exhibit scholarship, and must also show character, leadership, and service. NHS begins the school year with senior members only. New junior members are inducted later in the school year. Students must maintain a 3.3 grade point average or above to be inducted into NHS. Members must also maintain their service, leadership, and character roles. After induction, the National Honor Society organized many things in the '97-'98 school year. NHS put on an informal Halloween dance and costume contest. It sponsored the United Way Campaign, in which money was raised by selling paper links. It helped sell doughnuts in the lobby before school. NHS had the opportunity to tutor younger students outside of school also. The students also served as escorts for the Career Day speakers. Mrs. Mostad serves as the advisor for NHS. National Honor Society is certainly one of the most active group at AHS, and sets a great example for the rest of the student body.

Have you ever wondered what organization is behind most of the great events that happen at Avon High School? Whose hard work and dedication organizes these events? The answer is Student Council. The Student Council is made up of representatives from grades nine through twelve elected by the student body. These students exhibit great leadership skills and have to be dedicated and responsible, and set an example for the rest of the school. Members of Student Council are expected to spend time in and out of school completing school and community projects. They are responsible for Homecoming and, a new tradition this year, the Snowball winter formal. Student council also organizes many charity events, such as the United Way campaign, food drives, and the blood drive. Student Council had an excellent president in senior Judy Schlather, and was supervised by Mr. Bruening. Student Council did a great job improving Avon High School this school year!



Student Council '97-'98 (above, top row): Ronna Richardson, Lauren Smith, Mary Shepherd, Judy Schlather, Ginny Miraldi, Jen Vitou, Sarah Skinner, Marie Gigliotti, Taryn Dangremond, Kristy Arendt, Kelly Simkovich, Jenny Peregor, (2nd row) Mr. Bruening, Rich Low, Adam Snavelly, Adam Tobiasz, Drew Ballog, Kevin O'Malley, Matt Peterson, Matt Meeks, Aaron Scott, Brandon Ade, Scott Piazza, Brian Butchko, Beth Peterson, Laila Sadny, Molly Urig, Jillian Syphers, Katie Lengen, Mel Popa, Stephanie Kowalczyk, Kathy Jennings, Jill Okomoto, Shannon Andrews, Jessica Kowalczyk, Erin Guyer, Amy Forthofer, Kate Moran, Kara Pocos, Laurie Lengen, Ali Danchuk, Jamie Lengen.



Get'em while they're hot! Freshmen Laurie Lengen, Cassandra Ault, and Marie Gigliotti (above) sell doughnuts on a Friday morning in the lobby. Student Council and NHS took turns selling the treats before school every Friday.



Making the Snowball happen! Seniors Kelly Simkovich and Judy Schlather and sophomore Mary Hricovec (above) assemble decorations for the Snowball winter formal, which was sponsored by Student Council. Kelly served as yearbook editor and wrote for the newspaper. Judy was president of Student Council and was also involved in track, cross country, and NHS. Mary was a band and flag corps member.



Student Council Sisters! Katie and Jamie Lengen decorate the hallway of Avon East for Homecoming. Katie, a senior, is also involved in NHS, cheerleading, volleyball, and Academic Challenge. Jamie, a sophomore, plays basketball, softball, and volleyball.



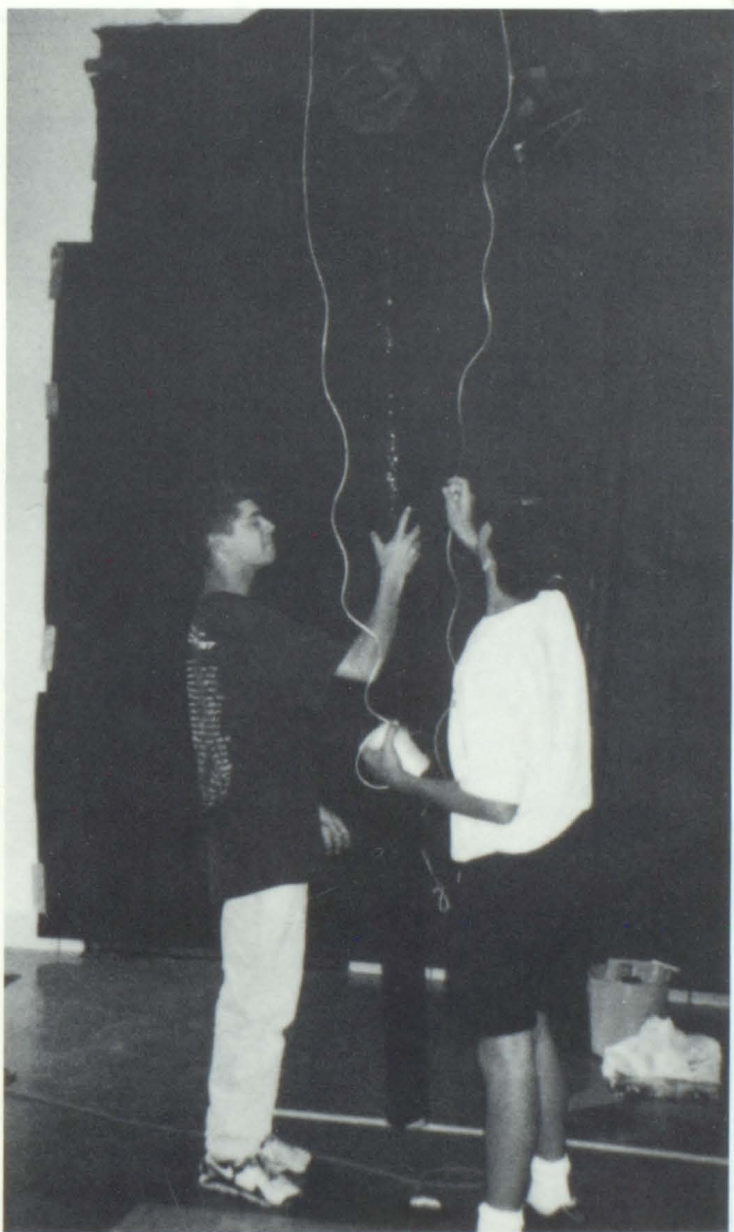
A snowflake takes form! Freshman Student Council Members assemble a snowflake for the Snowball winter formal. Beth Peterson (left) contributed greatly as a freshman member of Student Council, and she also wrote for the school newspaper.

Buckets of fun! Erin Guyer (below), a sophomore, is having fun painting a sign announcing Homecoming. Erin was also involved in softball, cheerleading, and volleyball.



Blood Drive Julie Aunspaw, a senior, (above) is attended to by senior student council member Mary Sheperd as she donates blood. The AHS Blood Drive, which is sponsored by Student Council, usually has an excellent turnout. It will continue to be a successful yearly event at Avon High School.

Homecoming gets tied together! Senior Scott Piazza and Rich Low (right) put up some of the decorations that will transform the Avon Village gym for Homecoming. Scott played golf for Avon this year. Rich, a junior, is involved in NHS, football, and baseball.



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Keep Your Eye On The Future

So what does T.I. stand for? And what is it? T.I. stands for Teen Institute. Teen Institute is a group of high school students who are against drinking and smoking. What does the students in Teen Institute do? A day time program or overnight training session is offered to the students in Teen Institute. This session is to help the members

work with the students at Avon East Elementary. This is so they know how to comprehend with the younger students.

Throughout the year Teen Institute does a number of things. Toward the beginning of the year T.I. sponsored Red Ribbon Week. Teen Institute also had a bake sales to raise money, and sponsored Prom Promise.

What is Red Ribbon Week? Red Ribbon Week is a week that encourages the whole school to stay away from drugs. One day pencils were handed out. One day the members handed out candy to the students who wore their safety belt to school as they pulled into the high school. The students that didn't wear their seat belts got bon-bons.

What is Prom Promise? Prom Promise is when the school assembly had an assembly encouraging students to stay alcohol free the night of prom.

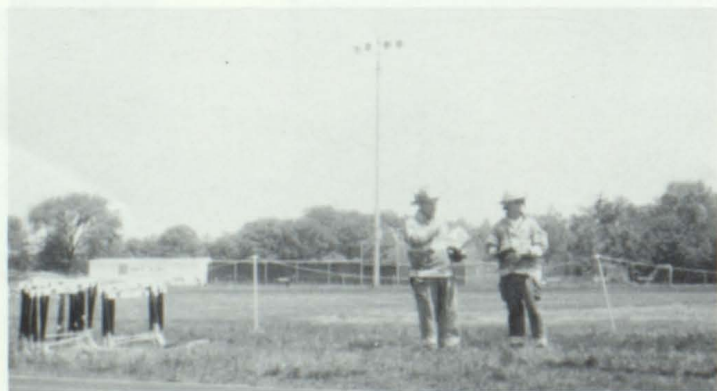
T.I. isn't all work. Teen Institute is a fun club to be in. Not only is the school encouraged to stay drug free, it's done in a fun way. Other fun things include the T.I. baquet and going to Cedar Point.



97-98 TI Club (back row L to R) Mrs. Ventresco, Katie Steele, Jessica Beckwith, Chris Heinebrodt, Stacey Udowski, Brad Rawlings, Chrissy Teschner, and Wendy Adkins (bottom row L to R) Rachel Hickie, Sarah Brawner, Amy Drda, Beth Moore, Aimee Evans, and Mary Beth Olen



RED TIES. While Chrissy Teschner (above) hands out candy; Dr. Kohler (above) helps Teen Institute tag cars whose drivers and passengers are wearing safety belts. The students who did not wear safety belts got bon-bons, and those who did got other candy. This is one of many activities T.I. planned for Red Ribbon Week.



Right on cue. These two firemen (above) wait for their cue to be on the scene of a car accident. The Avon police, firemen, and Metro General Hospital contributed in this Prom Promise assembly. Other volunteers were a recent high school student, Dan Burke, Katie Herbst, and Gretchen DeChant.



Cut out. The students at the assembly (above) see how a person is cut out of a car on the scene of an accident. In the car, a recent high school graduate plays the part of the person being cut out of the car at the Prom Promise assembly.



On the scene. Firemen(left) begin to demonstrate to the school what happens on the scene of an accident at the Prom Promise assembly. They demonstrate a person being cut out of a car, among other things. They show and tell how important it is to be drug free on the night of prom.

CHA-CHING Teen Institute member Beth Moore (below) prepares for the bake sale by pricing the goods, and Sarah Brawner awaits for the first customers. The bakesale was a success and most of the bakery sold.



Wheeled in. Being wheeled into an ambulance is one of the students who volunteered in Prom Promise (above). He or she helped with the assembly that was put on for the school.

D.O.A. Katie Herbst (right) was a participant in Prom Promise. The fire department, police, Metro General Hospital, and a few high school students helped out with the assembly. Katie Herbst was pronounced dead on arrival.



All eyes on us!

Jenny Krinks

"I liked putting on the program for everyone, and I also liked tasting all of the different foods."

Janet Hovanitz

"What I like about foreign language week is the skits that the spanish 3 students put on for the school, that was really cool."

Ryan Mc Laughlin

"I liked the food and seeing people in all the crazy costumes."

Erin Rowley

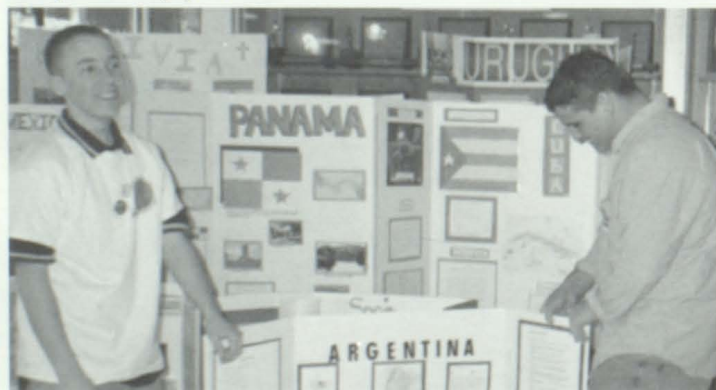
"I liked the country reports and the posters."



BEING ARTISTIC Jon Dorries(above) shows off his artistic ability in a poster made to advertise Foreign Language Week. His artistic ability and creative imagination is shown in this project. During the week all the posters were displayed for everyone's enjoyment.



BEING FINALIZED Steve Eby and Michael West (above) proofread and edit their project before being finalized. The two students make sure they don't forget anything on their board. They want to be as prepared as possible for their oral report.

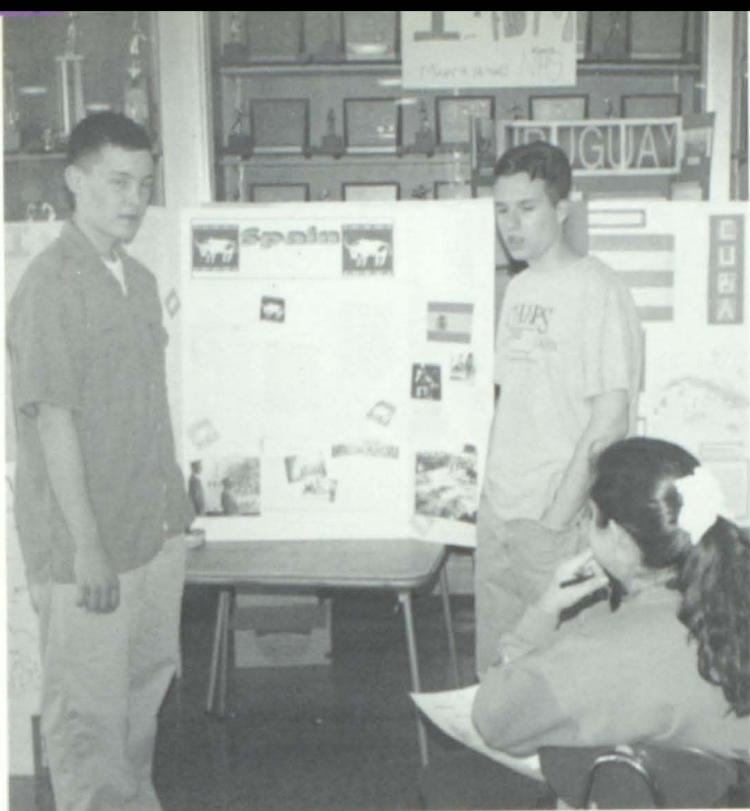


ALL A'BOARD'! Tommy Schwartz admires the hard work he and Dan Meyer (above) put into their foreign language board. This is Tommy and Dan's sophomore year at Avon High, and they are in their second year of a foreign language. These two students seem to be proud of their work.



HARD WORK AND DEDICATION. Jillian Syphers (above right) and Lindsay Mitchell (above left) present their foreign language project. They both contributed dedication and hard work to this project. They presented this to their teacher for a well deserved grade.

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ORAL REPORT. Dan Zegarec and Brian Wallace (left) give their oral report to Mrs. Ventresco. These two spanish students have put much time and hard work into their project. Their report seemed to interest their teacher.

PRACTICED AND PLANNED FOR Brett Kowalczyk and Ryan Krystowski (below) perform their skit during foreign language night. These two students have practiced and planned for this night well in advance. They performed well.



Standing Proud. Ligia Popa (above) was one of few students whose poster was chosen as a finalist. She stands proudly with her foreign language poster. She has a great artistic ability and uses it to her advantage.



PLAYING TOUR GUIDES. Adam Tobiasz, as Mickey Mouse, and Jenny Peregord, as Minnie Mouse, (above) played tour guides walking through a wax museum. In this museum, the french and spanish students each played scenes from Disney. These two played a big part in helping to make foreign language night a success.

TEAMWORK. Senior Lizbeth Rodgrieuz and sophomore Jodi Stell stand proudly in front of thier Mexico report. Their hard work and dedication paid off because they received an excellent grade on their country.



W'er're really rollin', now!

"This year yearbook was a challenge, it involved a lot of teamwork and responsibility."

-Annie DeChant

"Yearbook gives us responsibility and makes us feel like we have something to contribute to the school."

-Mary Beth Olen

"All the ideas and hard work that comes with it pays off in the end."

-Jenny Petriella

"This is my second year in yearbook and the rigatoni keeps getting better and better."

-Megan Niznik



1997-98 Yearbook Staff (above, top row, l-r) Patrick Henry, Christian Wimmer, Steve Vega, Mrs. Reinker. (middle row, l-r) Shannon Andrews, Jenny Kapucinski, Jenny Krinks, Jenny Petriella, Jenny Bugaj, Lauren Smith, Heather Demers, Tatiana Stross, Heather Huber, Mary Beth Olen. (bottom row, l-r) Kristin Gilles, Megan Sabo, Jenny Roach, Sara Britton, Kelly Simkovich, Megan Niznik, Annie DeChant, Rachel Edwards. Not pictured, Rocco DeStefanis.



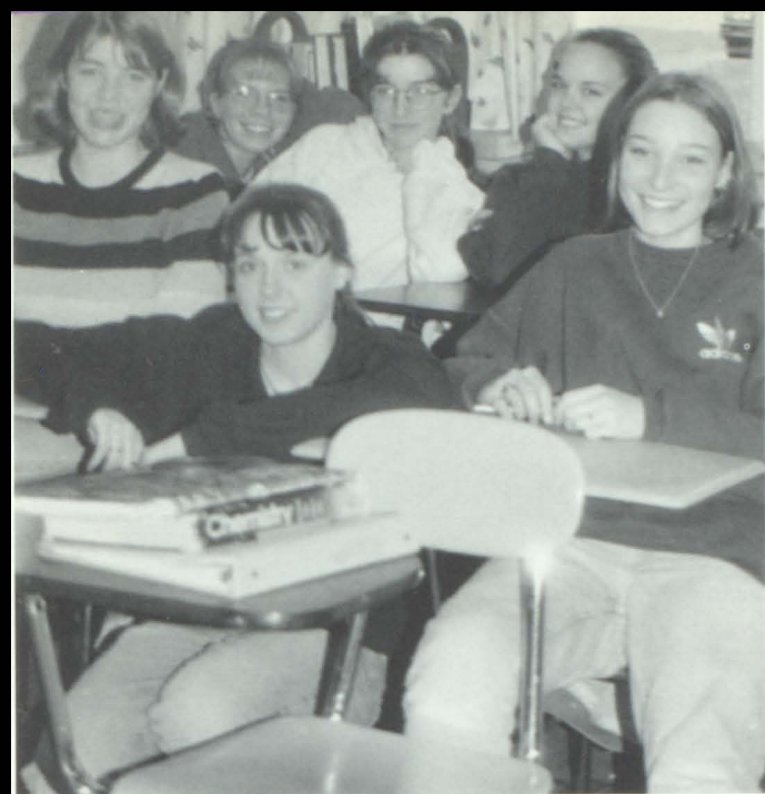
Taking a Good Look! Rocco DeStefanis, Jenny Krinks, Jenny Kapucinski, Christian Wimmer, Steve Vega, and Shannon Andrews (above) work together to make the deadline. These six members use team effort to make the yearbook a success! Not only are they working hard, they are also having fun!



Striving to Help Others! Christian Wimmer and Patrick Henry (above) shop willingly for this little boy. Members of the yearbook staff traveled to Elyria Value City to participate in the Mary Lee Tucker clothing foundation. By the look on Patrick's face he's thrilled to help out!



Keep the Memories Rollin'! Jenny Roach, Sara Britton, and Rachel Edwards (above) group together to create another memorable page in the yearbook. Not only do these girls take part in yearbook, they are also active participants in S.A.V.E. After graduation, they all plan on attending Lorain County Community College.



Look At Us Now! Yearbook senior girls: Jennifer Roach, Rachel Edwards, Sara Britton, Megan Sabo, Jenny Bugaj, and Kristin Gilles(left) all worked hard to make this yearbook a success. You can tell the yearbook staff is hard at work by just looking at Kristin and Jenny.

Keep Learning! Sophomore Heather Huber and Mrs. Reinker (below) type up captions to complete a spread. Mrs. Reinker always took time to help out whenever it was needed. Heather is also involved in drama, and band.



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Keep Up the Good Work! Junior Jenny Kapucinski (above), works diligently cropping a picture for her spread. Jenny is also active in drama, cheerleading, and choir. Jenny managed to cheer the class up when times were stressful.



Keep Your Eye Out For Good Bargains! Kelly Simkovich and boyfriend, James, (above) shop around for their needy child. All three of them enjoyed their day off by shopping.

All Eyes on Me! Editor, Kelly Simkovich (right), was dedicated since the yearbook became a class. She was also involved in Journalism. Next year, she will be attending Bowling Green State University, majoring in communications.



Eyeing the Future!

Spring 1998

Although the spring of 1998 brought memories of no snow days, El Nino, and the water break we all thought we'd go home for, we look forward to Prom, graduation, and the summer that lies ahead. We will all walk away from this AHS with fond memories of classes and friends. Avon High School has been a school for amny students throughout the years and will be missed as a "high" school by all.

Eyeing the ball. Junior Ali Brawner (below) takes a swing at the first pitch. She played third base this season and was a great asset to the '98 softabll team. Ali was also involved in band and jazz band.

Picture perfect. Seniors (bottom left to right) Dan Burke, Gretchen DeChant, Dave Barnosky and Mary Shephard (right) enjoy the picture show that took place at Prom after dinner. Each senior had a baby picture, then a senior picture displayed for everyone to get a good laugh at.



Eyeing the future. Senior Jason Sobolewski (far right) gets ready to take his final steps of high school. Every senior feels relieved yet unsure of what lies ahead. As these seniors were the last ones to walk these AHS halls, we all felt a little tug at our hearts knowing this was the end.





Keepin' an eye on the stars. Senior Brandon Ade (top) uses all his strength on the pole vault. Brandon participates in many track events and is an excellent art student. Matt Meeks, senior, (middle) practices his great pitching ability during a Varsity baseball game. Matt has played on the baseball team for four years. Matt has also played third base. Senior Brad Knoble (bottom) pushes himself to the finish line during each meet during track season. Brad is a very determined runner who does his best in each event.

K *Keep your eye on the ball!*



Swing away! Senior Adam Wilkins (upper left) swings at a ball that is just a little low. Adam Wilkins was a great asset to the team this year, batting .391.

Kleptomania! Junior Matt Yonkof (above) stares down the catcher as he prepares to steal third base. Matt Yonkof is not only a great athlete, but also a great student. Matt has been an honor roll student for three years.

Bringing the heat! Senior Matt Meeks (top right) hurls the pitch at the batter who eventually strikes out. In addition to being a great ball player, Matt is among the Top Ten of the class of '98.



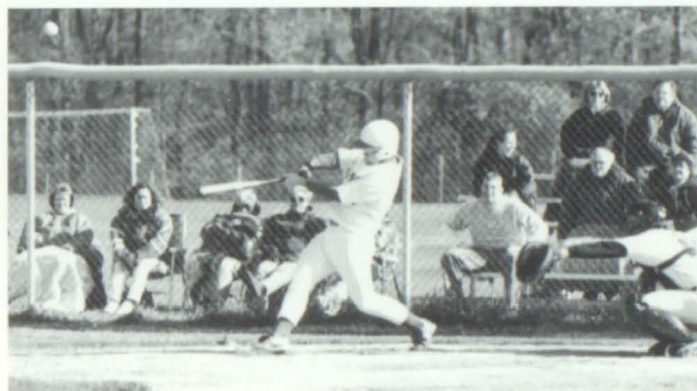
Clear the way! Senior Eric Kloppel (above) smashes a line drive that almost takes off the pitcher's head. This was Eric's first year on varsity and he led the team in homeruns with three.



Big Playa! Senior Brian Guyer (left) prepares to smash the cover off the ball. Brian batted .323 this year, and had a sweet E.R.A. of 3.86.



Chillin Out! Junior Jason Gorman (left) takes a break as he tosses the ball around. Jason Gorman is an all-around athlete playing basketball and football.



Kiss it goodbye! Senior Brian Guyer (below) blasts a ball into next year. Brian was a huge intimidation on the mound, striking out 54 batters on the year.

Baseball Scores

Open Door	6-0	W
Southview	3-8	L
Firelands	1-10	L
Lorain Catholic	9-10	L
Lorain Admiral King	4-11	L
Midview	5-6	L
Keystone	4-16	L
Brookside	4-5	L
Wellington	1-5	L
Oberlin	8-11	L
Firelands	1-12	L
Wellington	11-8	W
Wellington	5-8	L
Lorain Catholic	6-12	L
Lutheran West	3-13	L
Beechwood	21-8	W
Midview	6-7	L
Keystone	3-13	L
Brookside	1-8	L
North Coast	20-2	W
Oberlin	7-8	L

1-11 4-17
LCC Overall



The 1998 Varsity Baseball Team!
(Left to Right) Scott Grodi, Matt Yonkof, Eric "Bezzo" McKenzie, Eric Kloeppel, Adam Wilkins, Brian Guyer, Matt Meeks, Richard Low, Jason Gorman, Bill Barak, Patrick Kennedy. Coach on the left is head coach Dale Eaton, Assistant Coach Todd Coe.

Batters up! Steve Bacher (right) swings at a pitch sent by the opposing team. Steve was also a member of the Avon football team this year.

Ready! Nick Piasecki (below) stands at the plate ready for his first pitch. This hit could determine if Avon takes the lead.

I've got my eye on you! Eric Mirosovich (bottom left) prepares to throw a strike to the other team. He also was involved in football this year.

Long stretch! Eric Mirosovich (right) takes perfect form on his pitch to the other team that's up to bat. His participation to every practice has really paid off.



97-98 JV. Boys Baseball (top row left to right) Coach Johnson , Ryan Porterfeld, John Dorries, Eric Mirosovich, Steve Bacher, Dan Weaver, Aaron Scott, Nick Piasecki, Chris Leon, Ed Bammerlin, Dan Zegarac, Matt Greco, Michael Cornett.

7 heads up baseball!



Ready for the punch! Steve Eby (above) stands at attention in the infield ready to catch a fly ball. He also participated in bowling earlier this season.

Go long! John Dorries (left) sends a powerful throw to first base from the outfield. John improves his skills by playing baseball over the summer.



Laid back. Avon's team players (above) rest in the dugout when hitters are up. All the running and the home runs scored take up most of the players energy, but it is regained when they're resting in the dugout.

Slide into home. Aaron Scott (left) dives into home plate as he is called safe. His speed and alertness is what keeps him going strong in the game.

A n Eye to the Future

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>
Fairview	21-14 W
L. Admiral	7-2 W
King	
Southview	7-10 L
Southview	3-7 L
Keystone	15-4 W
L. Admiral	6-8 L
King	
Lake Ridge	18-17 W
Lake Ridge	5-8 L
Keystone	2-3 L
L. Admiral	1-18 L
King	



1997-98 Freshman Boys Baseball (back row left to right) Brian Soloman, Brandon Frier, Matt Barak, Nick Duesler, Jeff Baily, Jim Dosztal, John Schindler, Jeff Swartz, Coach Clanin. (front row left to right) Mike Gumble, Ryan Kiddey, Paul Esper, Tim Randall, Nate Kloeppel, John Graf, Marc Drellishak, Ival Dotson

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Lady Eagles building for the future



Good Eye. Ali Brawner (top left) watches a ball go by. Ali is a very discipline hitter and that is why she batted .359. Not only did Ali excel at batting but she was one of the top fielders. Ali recieved first team All- county.

Strike! Starting pitcher Jamie Lengen (top right) fires another strike. This was her first year pitching at a varsity level and she did a very good job. Jamie also recieved first team All- county as an utilty player. This is Jamie's second year on varsity, last year, as a freshman, she played rightfield.

Good Throw Slick! Freshman Kristen Burge (above), makes a throw to first from shortstop. Kristen's all around athletic ability allowed her to step up and play shortstop for the varsity Lady Eagles.



Team Conference. Kate Moran and Mo Shelton (above) give the ball to Jamie at the begining of the inning. Kate improves her skills over the summer when she plays for the Ashland Heat softball team, Kate was voted best attitude this season. Maureen, having three varsity years experience, was looked upon for leadership.



Athlete of the Year

Kenny Lofton or Kim Seman, (left) both of them are quick as lightning. Kim, an excellent outfielder could really cover some ground. Very rarely would a ball get past Kim. As captian of the team, she was selected to the county All-star game and recieved player of the year.



Consentration

Junior second baseman Shannon Andrews (left) tosses the ball to first on a routine ground ball. Shannon was a part of the varsity team her freshman year, but due to a student transfer, she decided to move down to JV her sophomore year to get the playing time she wanted.

Three outs.

Leftfielder Kathy Jennings (below) runs in after the third out which she made. With Kathy batting in the ninth spot, she was able to move the runners. This was Kathy's first year on varsity and she recieved the coaches award.



LAK	20-5	L
Bay	14-6	L
Southview	15-3	L
Firelands	9-1	L
Open Door	20-0	W
Fairview	7-2	W
	8-7	W
Keystone	4-0	L
Brookside	9-5	W
Wellington	6-1	L
Oberlin	16-1	W
Wellington	13-3	L
L.C.	11-10	L
E.C.	1-0	L
Midview	17-2	L
	17-2	L
Keystone	8-0	L
Brookside	10-8	L
L.C.	9-1	W
Columbia	5-4	L
Oberlin	5-4	W

Tournaments

North Coast	36-9	W
Loudinville	11-1	L

3-8 8-15
L.C.C Overall



1998 Varsity Softball (top row L to R) Sarah Graf, Ali Brawner, Lindsay Mitchell, Rachel Logan, Maureen Shelton, Coach Matuszak. (bottom row L to R) Kristen Burge, Kate Moran, Shannon Andrews, Kim Seman, Kathy Jennings, Jamie Lengen.

ROADRUNNER! Freshman Tammy Shoup (below) gets set to steal second base. Her hard work this year really boosted the team in close game situations.



FASTBALL! Freshman Cindy Schwartz (right) fires another strike down the middle of the plate. Cindy also participates in volleyball.



*TV
Softball*



Polovich Power! Sophomore Vicki Polovich (above) gets ready to smash a homerun over the fence. Vicky was the DH for the team after her throwing arm was injured.

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V Softball Eyes Improvement



1998 JV Softball Team. (above, top row L to R) MarieGigliotti, Jessica Kowalczyk, Vicky Polovich, Jackie Hricovec, Coach Stockart, Suzie Schwartz, Amanda Kauffman, Diana Yonkof, Kristy Walsh, Jean Kelly. (bottom L to R) Laurie Lengen, Erin Guyer, Janelle Biggs, Stephanie McKenzie, Cindy Schwartz, Emily Kodger, Tammy Shoup, Mary Hricovec, Cassandra Ault.



GOTCHA! Stephanie McKenzie (left) gets ready to throw out a runner at first. Stephanie, new to Avon this year, also participates in volleyball.



I'M READY! Erin Guyer (above) is ready for the throw to third base to put out a base runner. Erin, who is a sophomore, enjoyed playing third base this year.



AIR SMITEK! Freshman Rachel Smitek (above) flies through the air in her long jump event. Rachel also runs in relay races and she has already established herself as a great runner.



KEEPING IT UP! Junior Janet Hovanitz (above) concentrates in running the 4 x 800 relay race. Janet is known for her hard work when she runs distance events. She has three years of cross country experience to prove it.

K *KEEP GOING!*

Girls' Track '98



EYEING THE NEXT OBSTACLE. Katie Lengen (left) a four year letter winner, shows perfect form as she leaps over a hurdle. Katie is an all-around athlete; she's a star volleyball player and cheerleader.

MIGHTY WOMAN!

Freshman Lisa Truchir (below) jumps over a hurdle in a competitive race. This is Lisa's first year in track, and she has adjusted to running hurdles quite well.

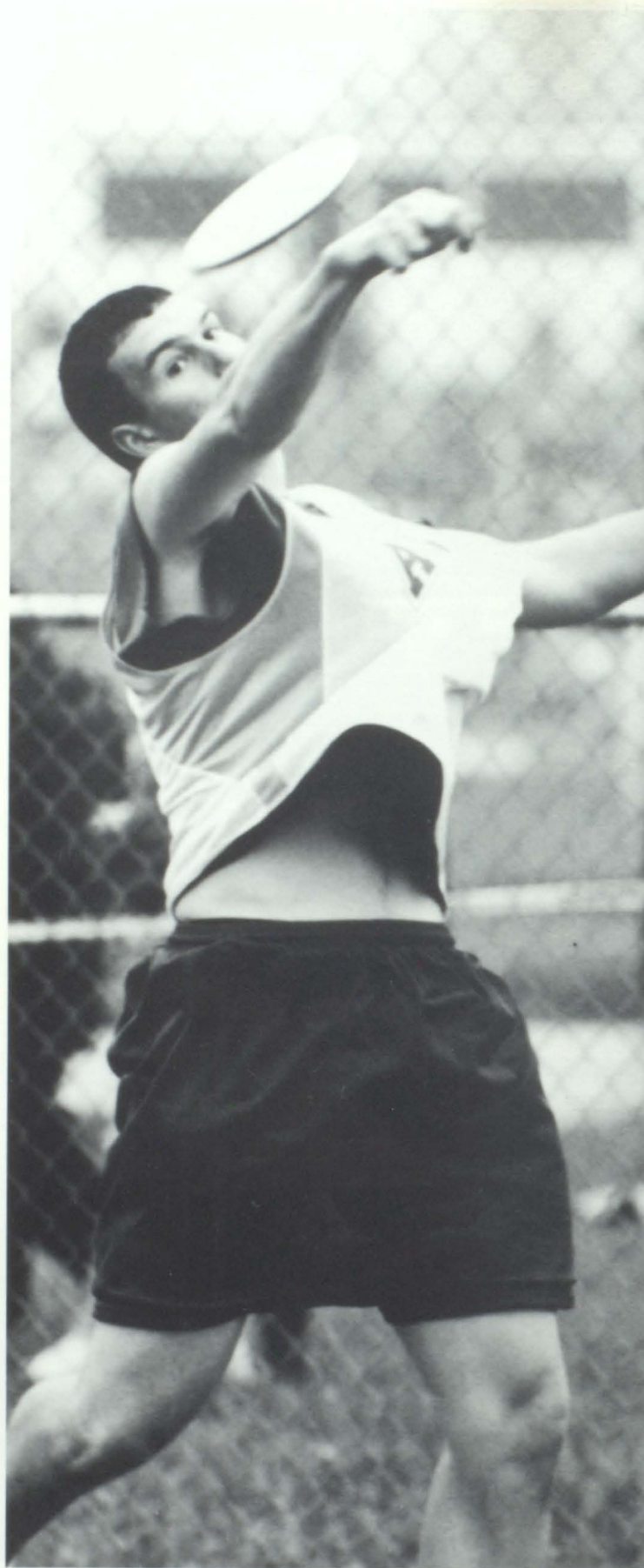


1998 Varsity Girls Track Team: top row (left to right) Mel Popa, Jenny Bugaj, Maria Teubel, Audrey Wysocki, Rachel Smitek, Jackie Bugaj, Ginny Miraldi, Michelle Dietrek, Julie Neiswonger, Tatiana Stross, Lisa Truchir, Ashley Palmer, Ali Danchuk, Taryn Dangremond, Jessica Kriz, Coach Reynolds. middle row (left to right) Larua Molnar, Amy Frothover, Katie Lengen, Shauna Lohr, Judy Schlater, Jessica Ault, Jackie Koerner, Sara Hull, Janet Hovanitz, Laruen Smith, Jessica Bawiec. bottom row (left to right) Erin Rowley, Jennifer Wiggins, Krista McCarther, Katie Forthover, Sara Milivec, Ronna Richardson, Kara Pocos, Tonya Buckovich, Jessica Zilka, Carrie Brawner.



I believe I can fly! Brandon Ade (above) vaults over the bar in one of his many successful vaults. He, and Rob Low, are Avon's best pole vaulters, 100m dash runner, and 200m dash runner.

The record setter! Ryan Krystowski (top right) throws the discus for one of his many first place finishes. He recorded marks of 50'10" in the shot put and 166'8" in the discus. Ryan was the District Champion in the shot put and discus. He also received the M.V.P. award for Avon's 1998 track team.



*Looking forward...
to the Finish!*



The race that never ends! Scott Wendell (left) runs away with the two mile run. Scott had Avon's best one and two mile times this year.



I'm sleepy! Christian Wimmer (left) is yawning in exhaustion during a very competitive meet. He placed in three different events. Christian is expected to be a big part of next year's team after his success this year.

It's too easy! Scott O'Malley (below) jumps over the high jump bar with ease. Scott had Avon's best performances in the high jump, 110m high hurdles, 300m hurdles, along with three season bests in the relays for Avon.



1998 Boys Track

McKay Relays	5th
Avon Lake	5th
Invitational	
Comet Relays	2nd
Avon Relays	2nd
Bell Invitational	5th
Lorain Co.	2nd
Conf. Meet	
OHSAA	6th
(District Tourn.)	

Season Record
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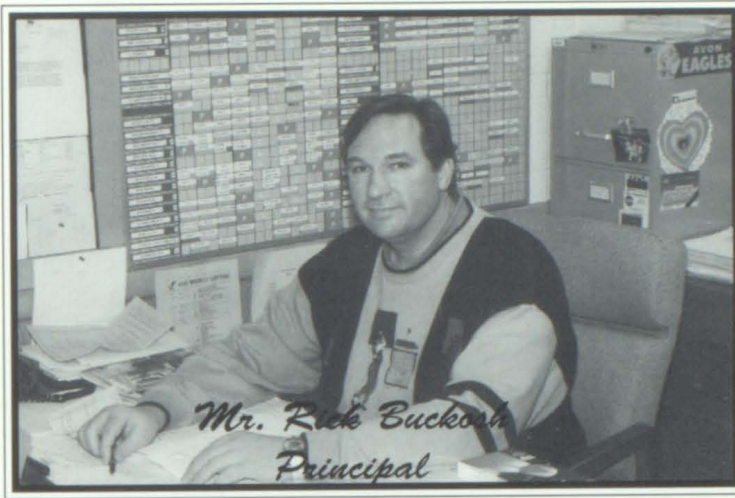
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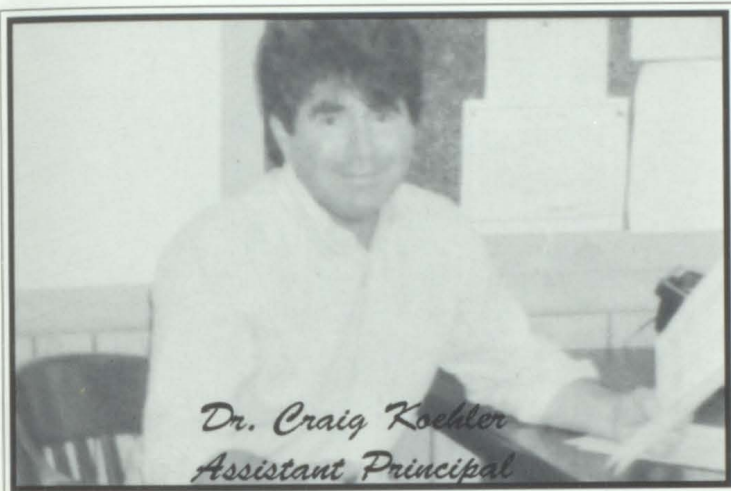




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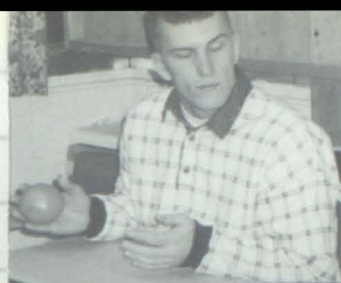
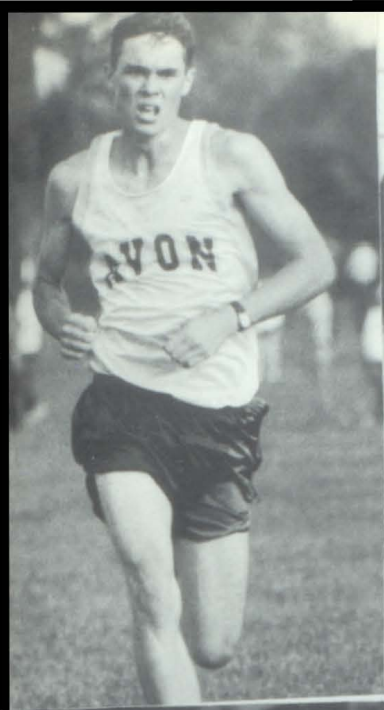
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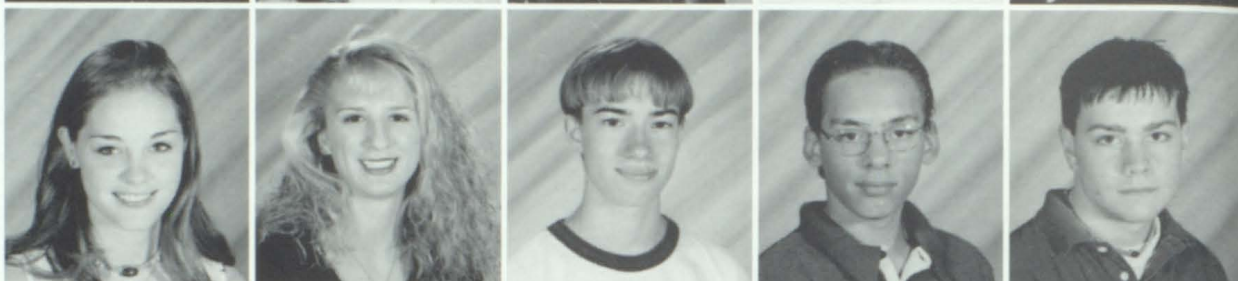




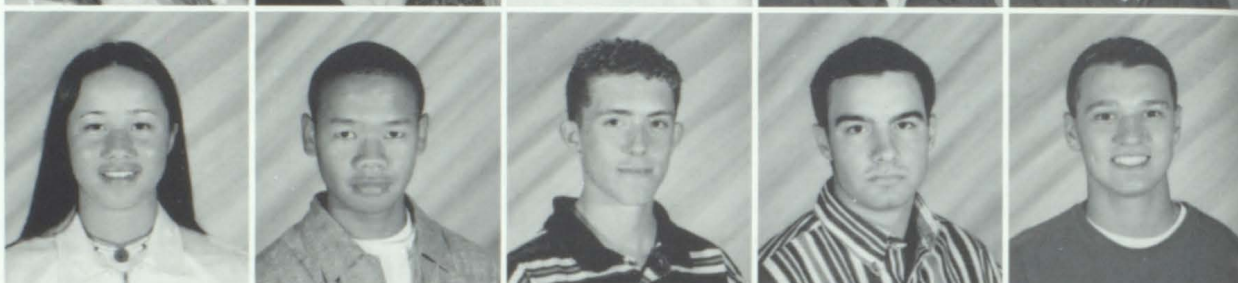
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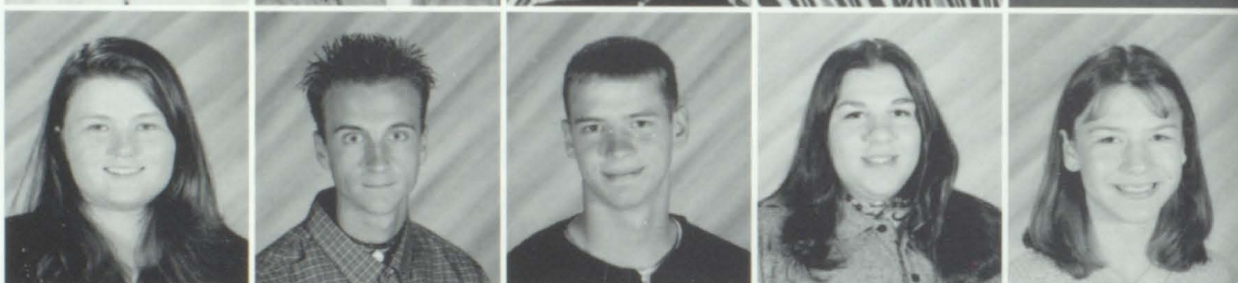
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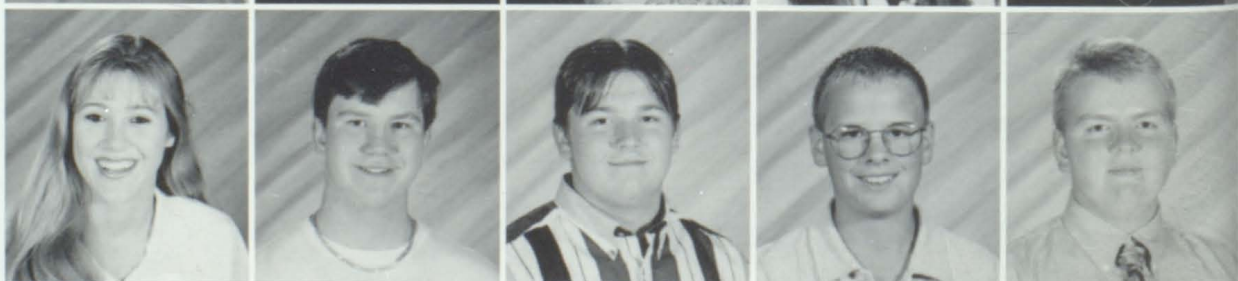
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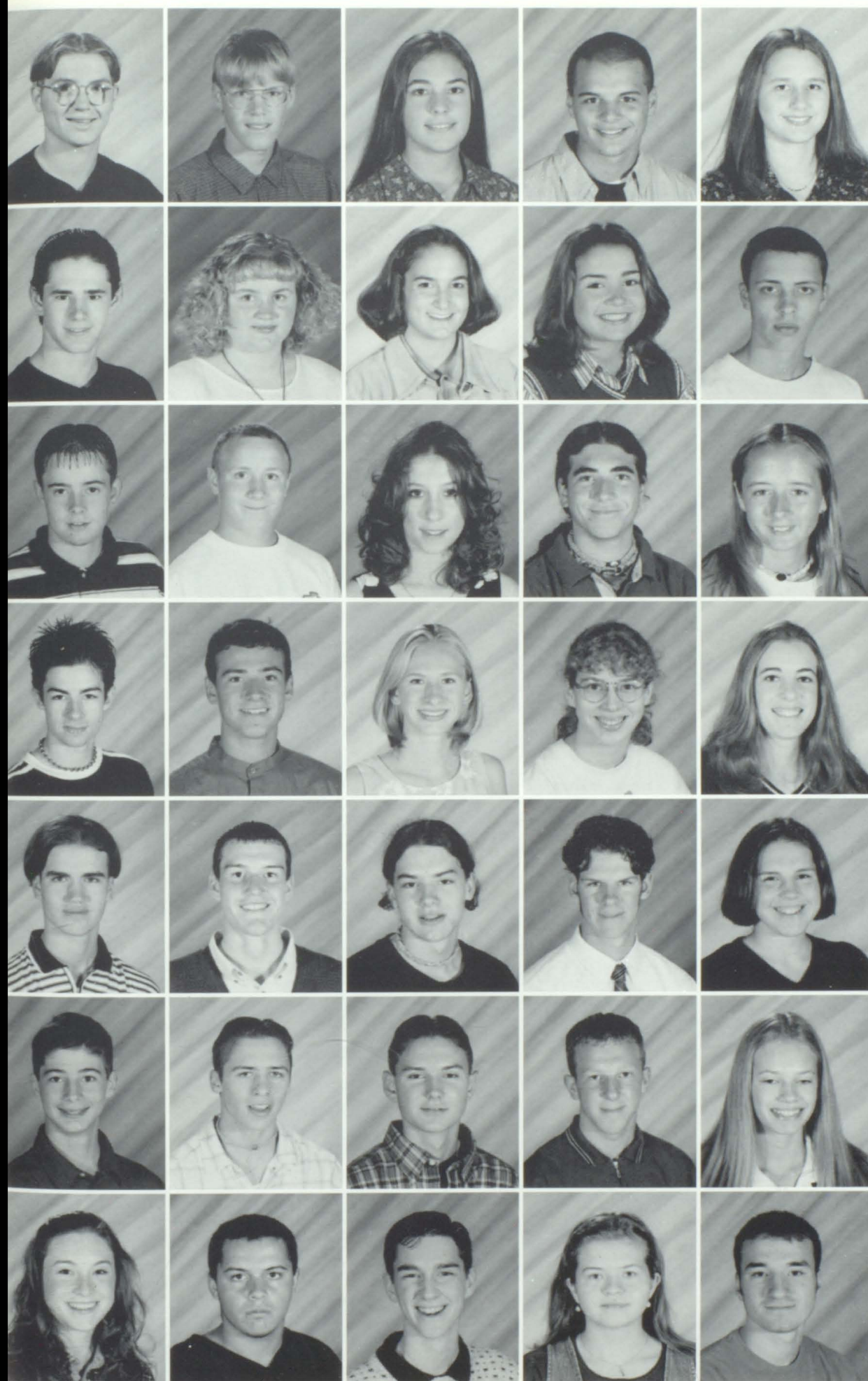


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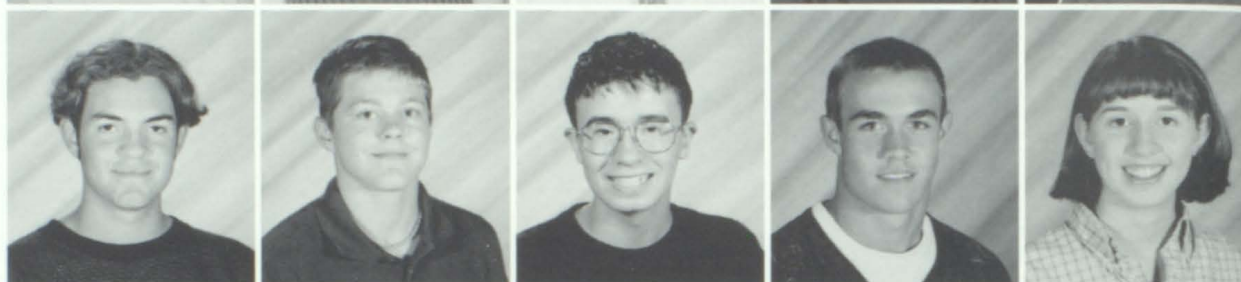
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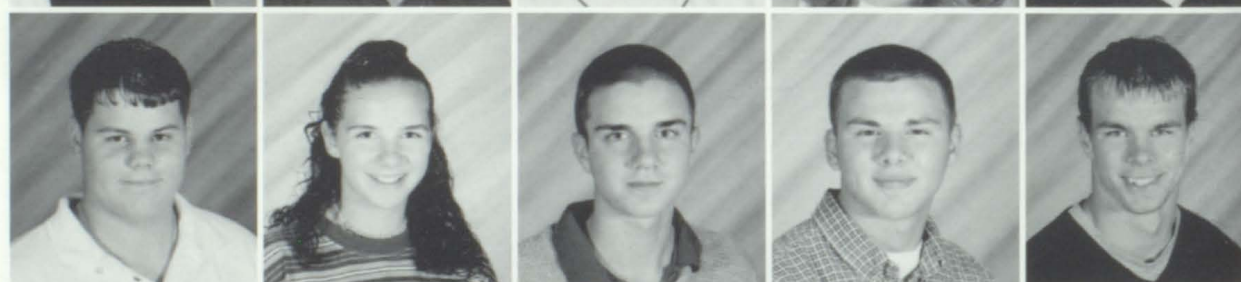
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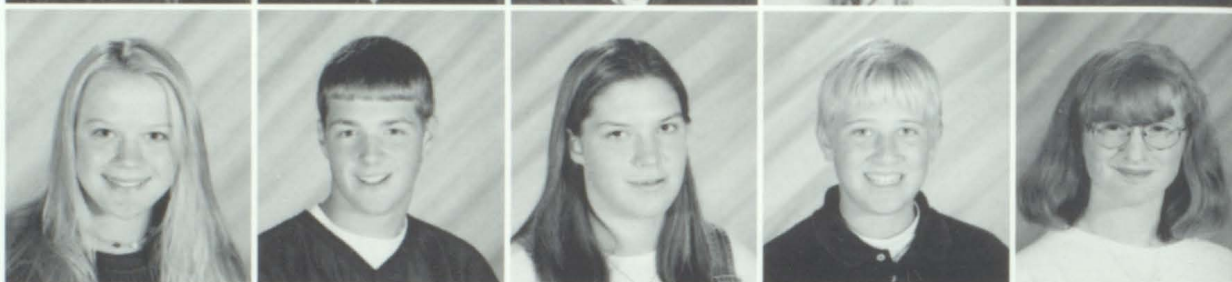
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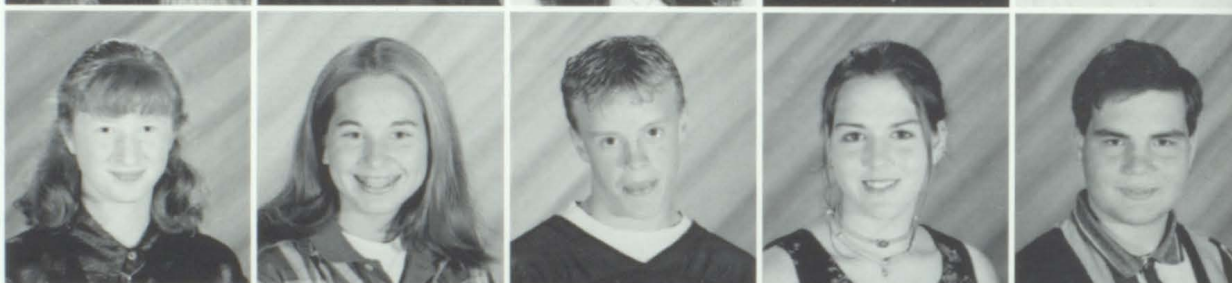
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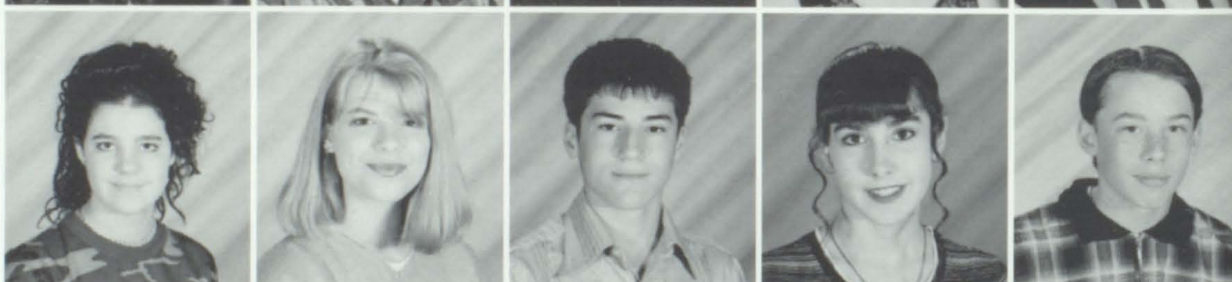
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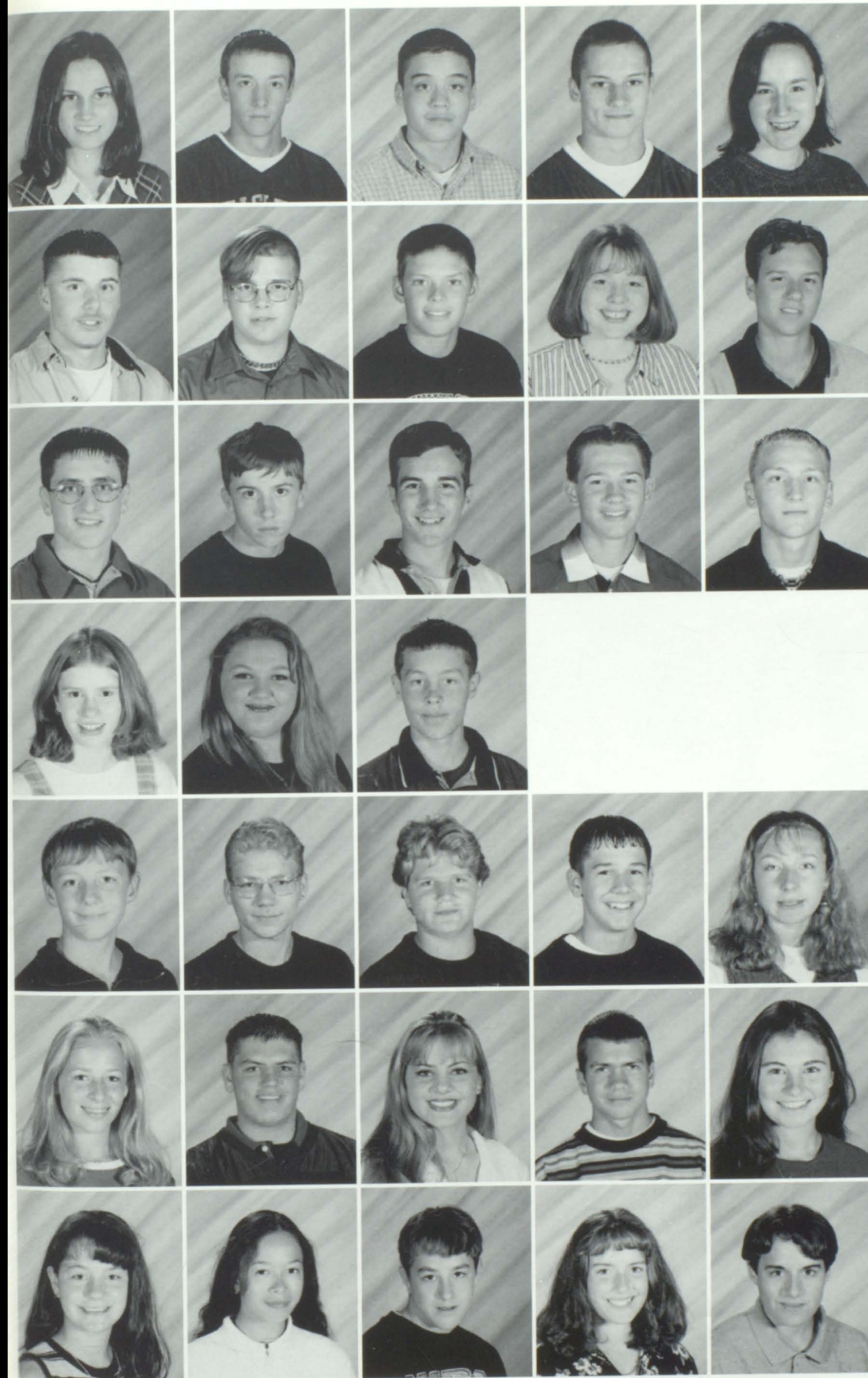


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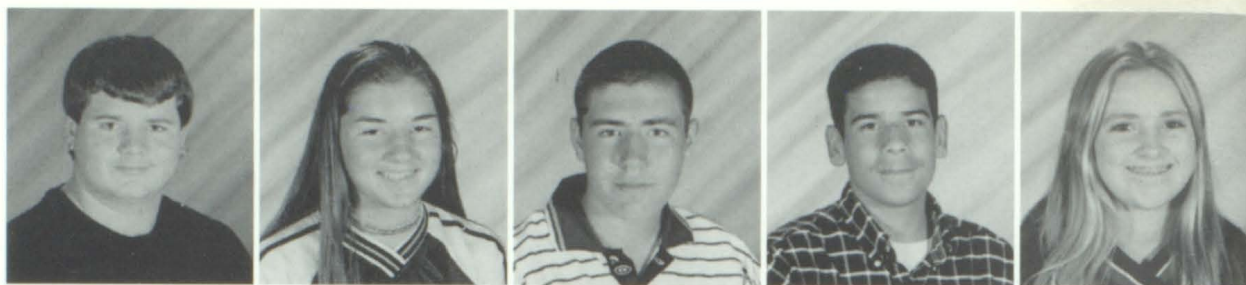
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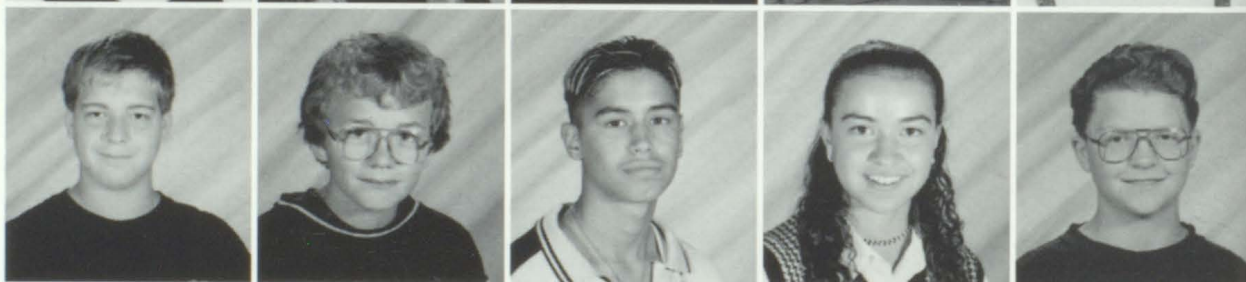
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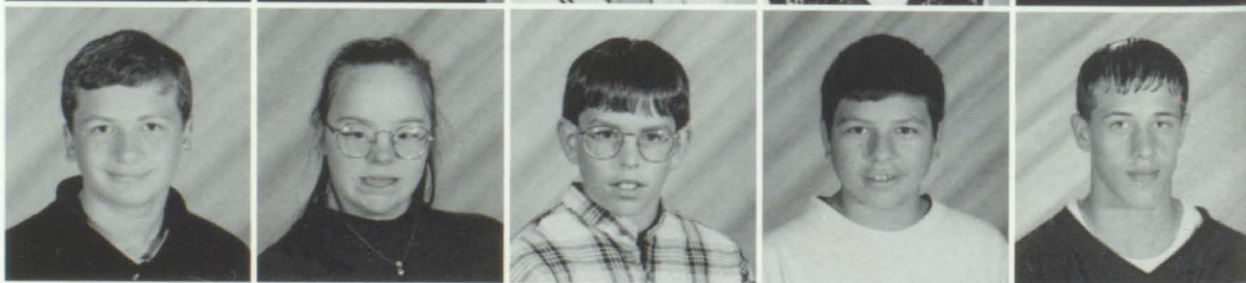
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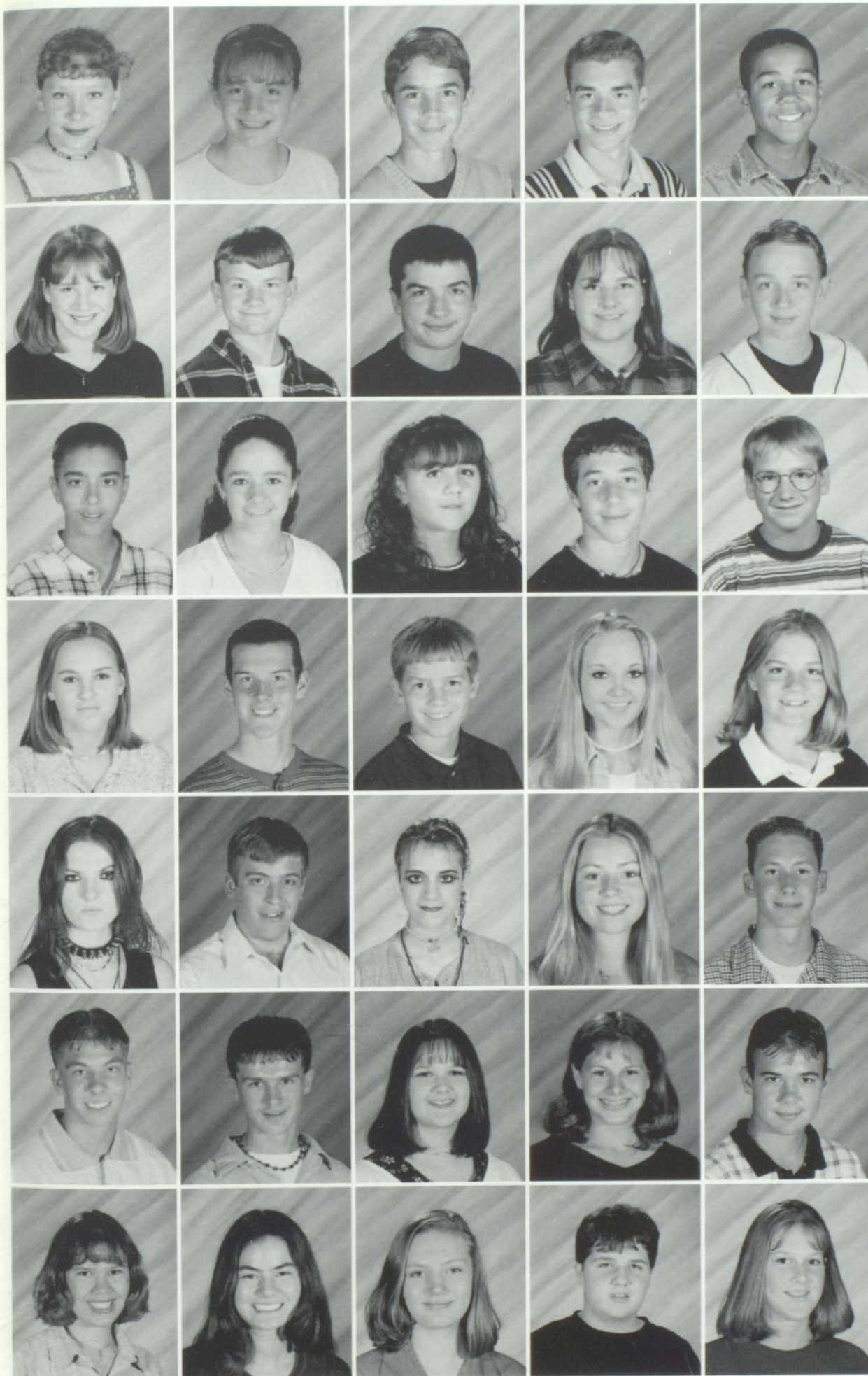


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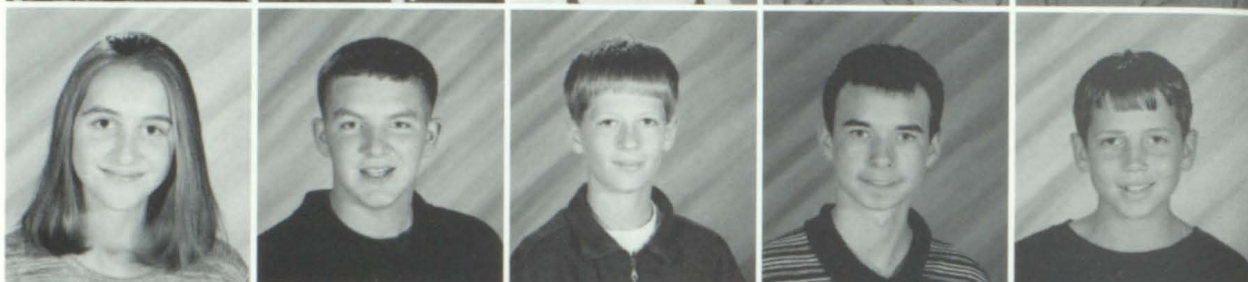
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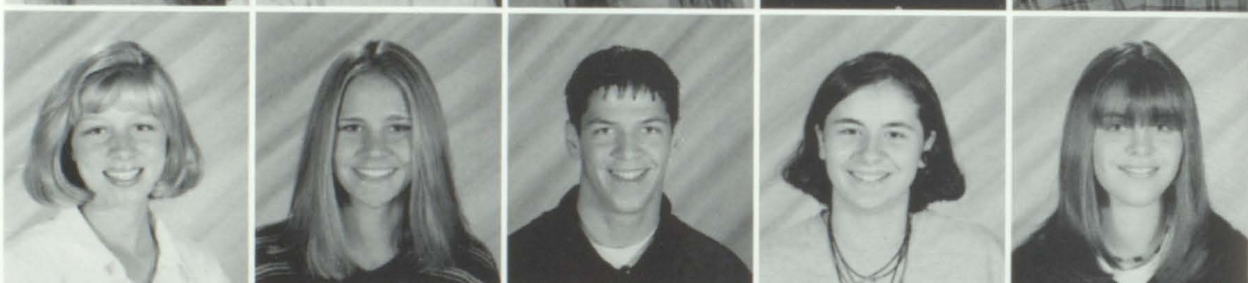
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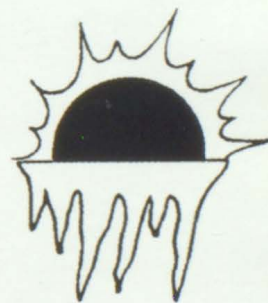


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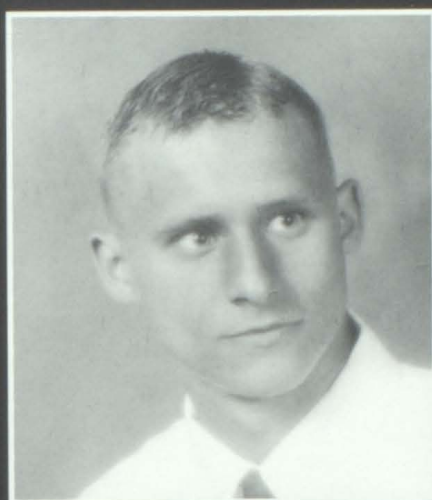
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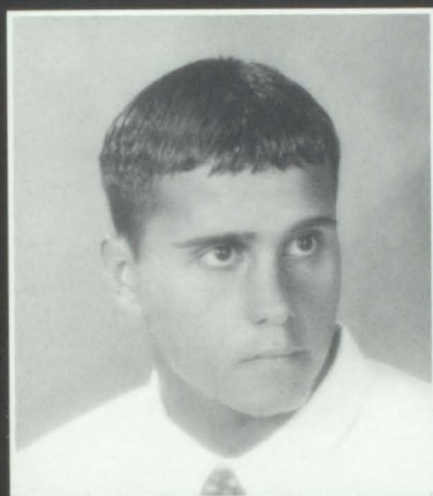
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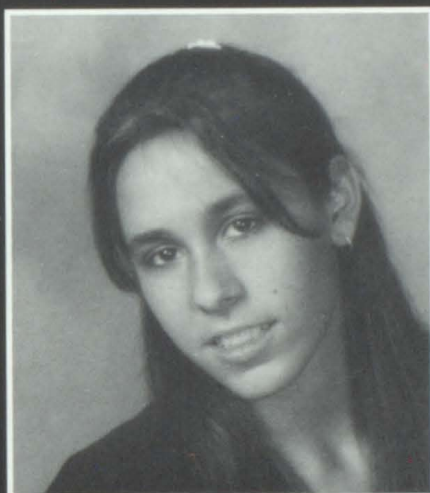
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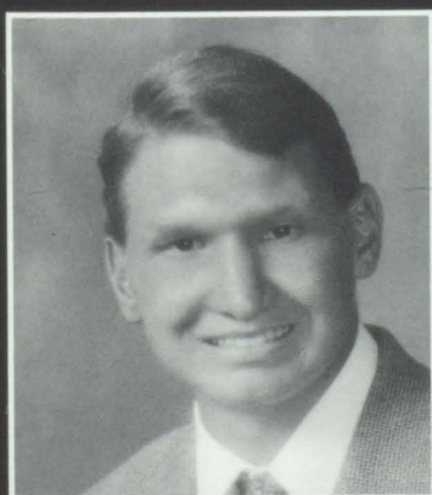
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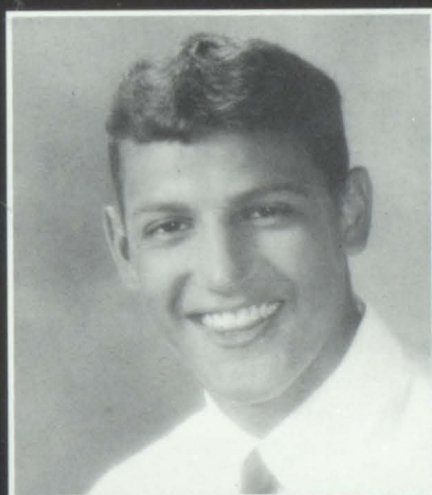
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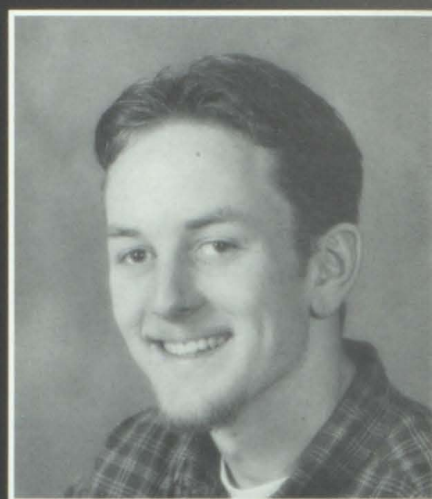
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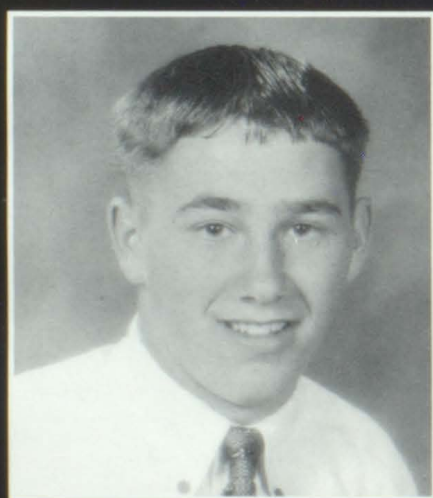
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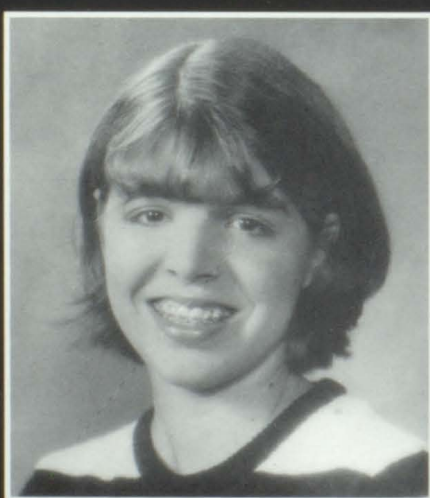
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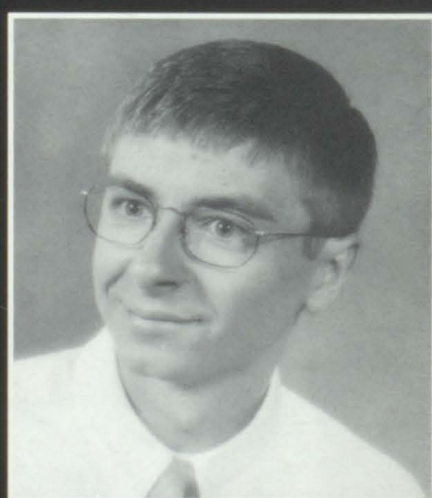
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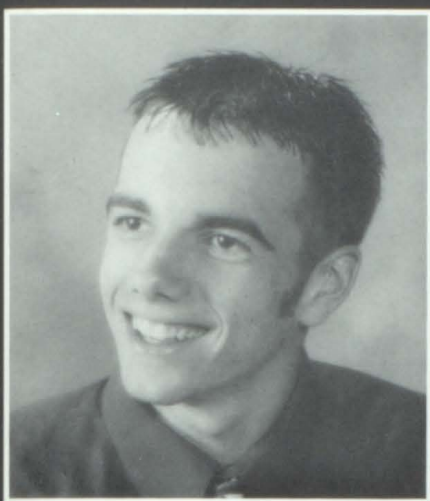
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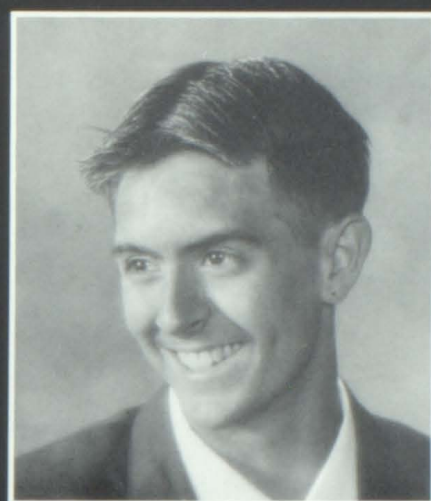
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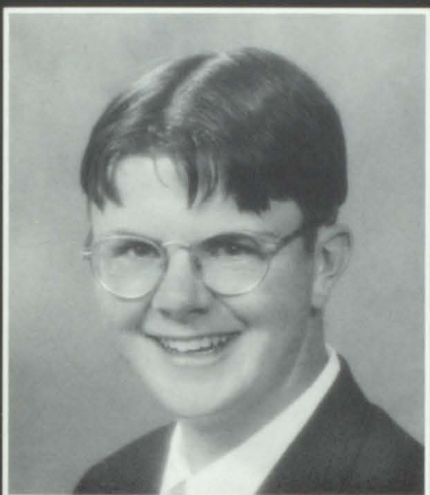
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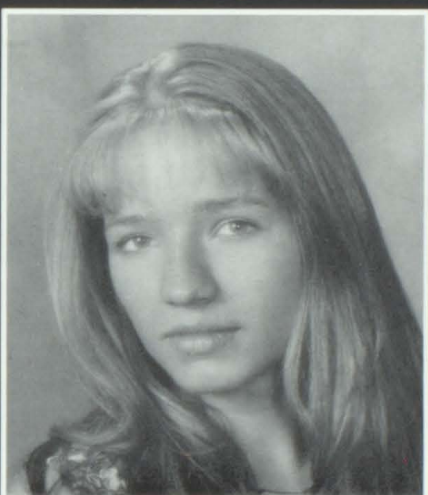
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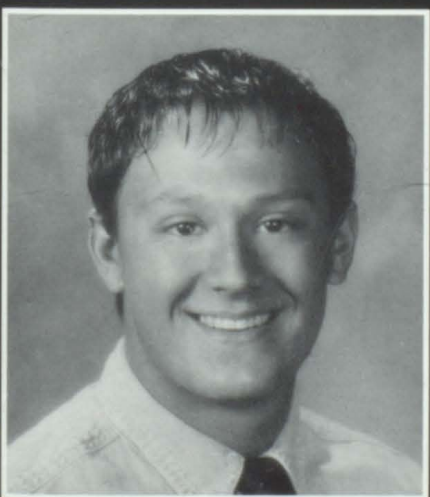
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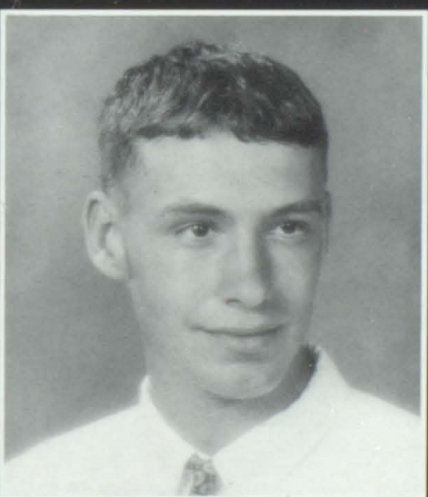
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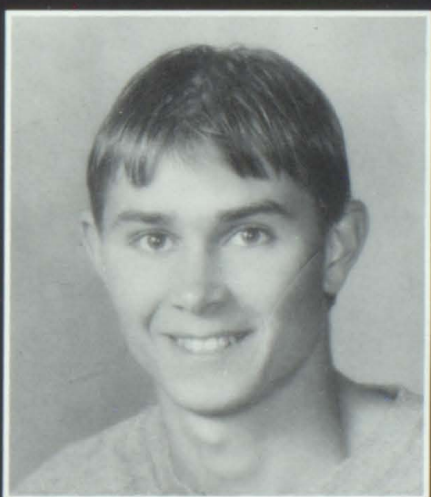
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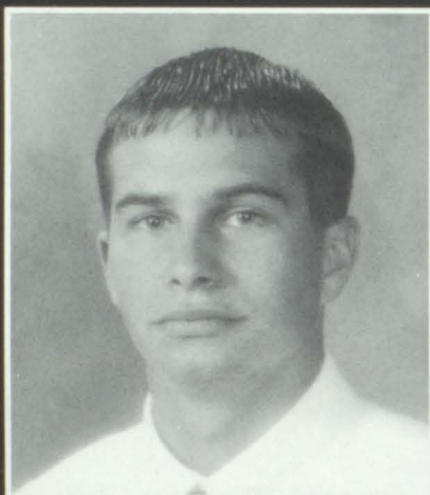
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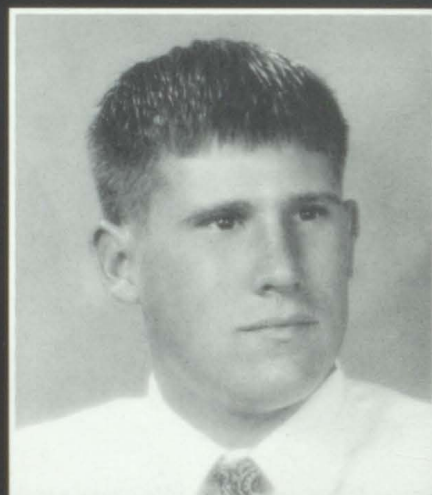
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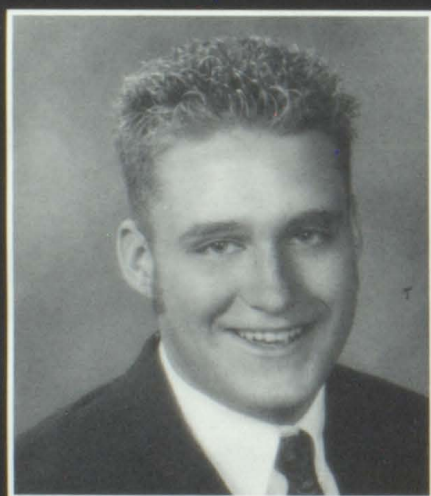
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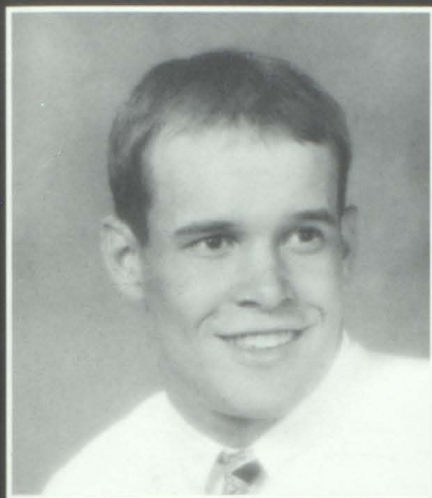
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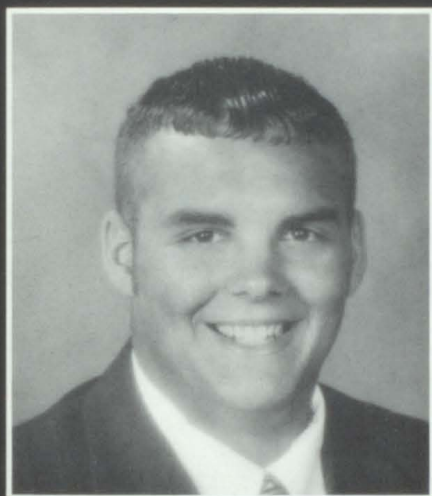
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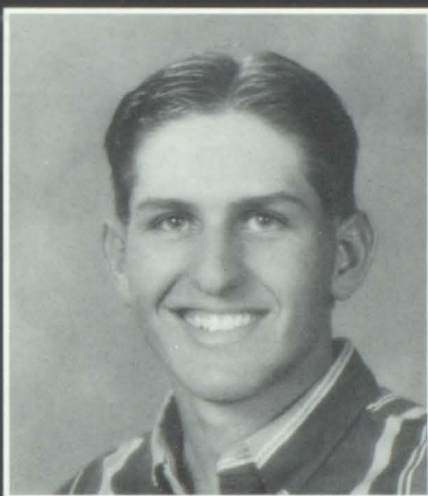
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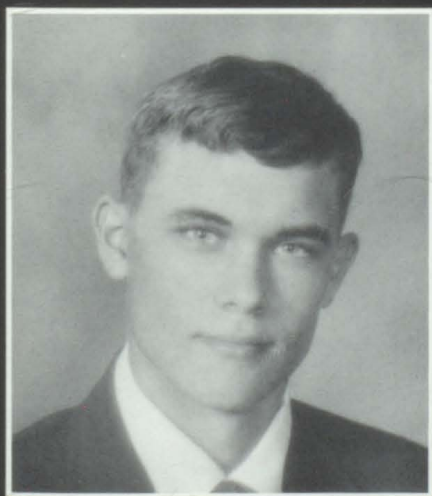
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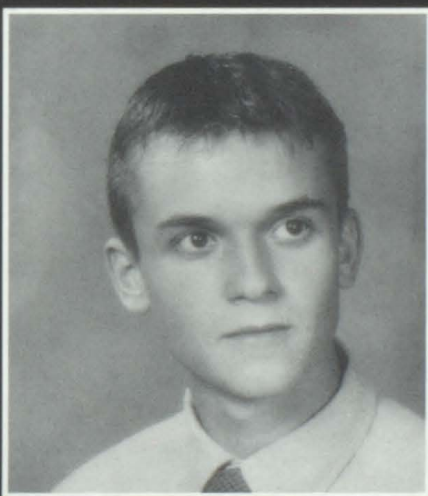
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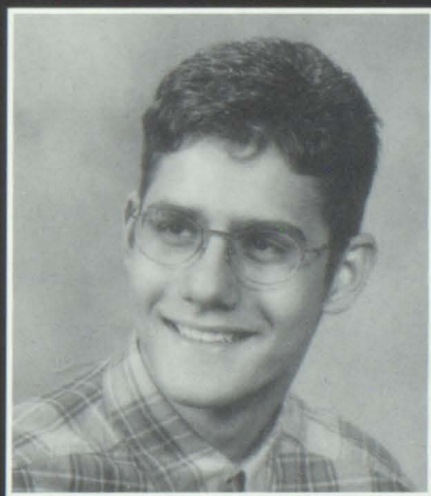
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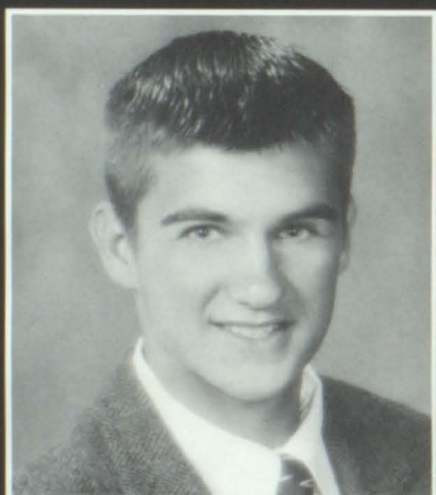
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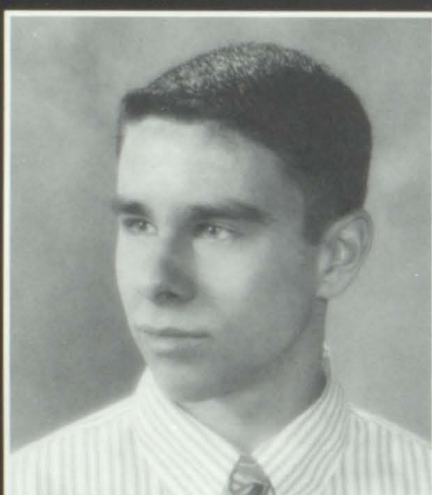
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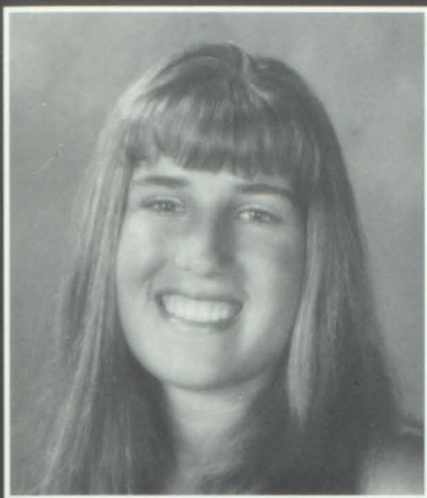
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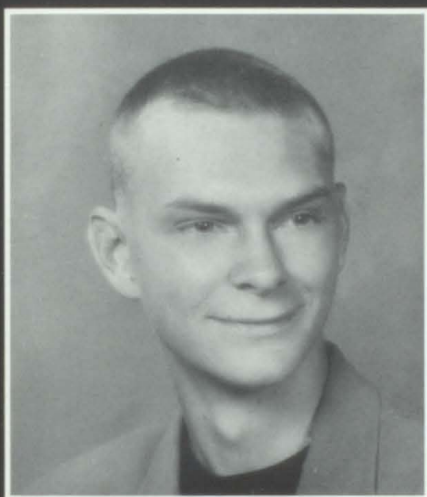
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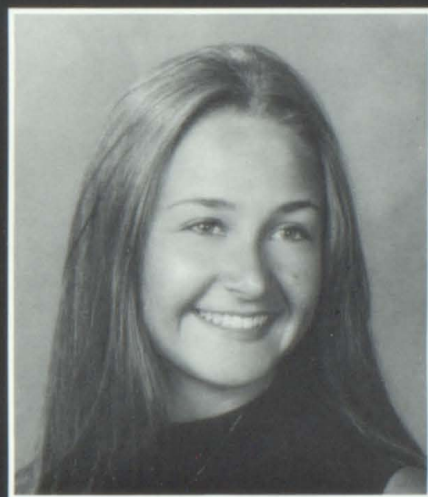
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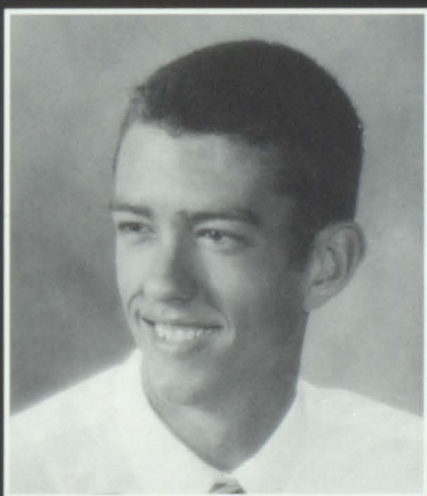
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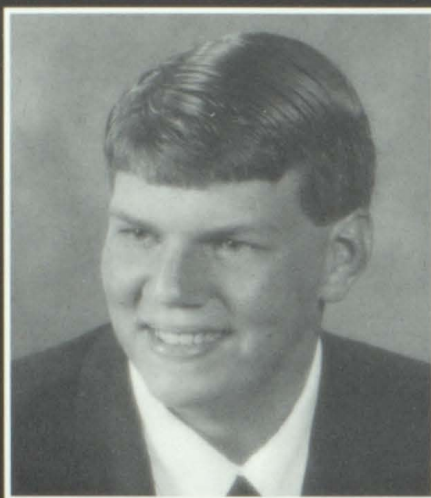
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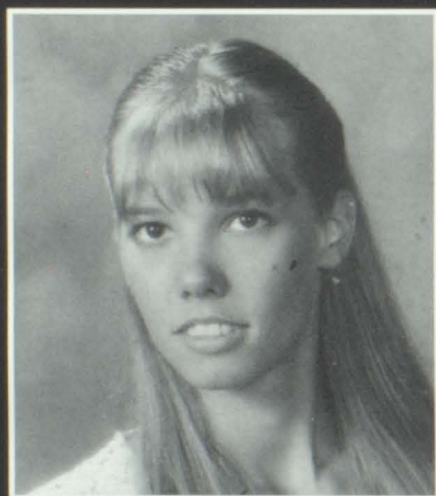
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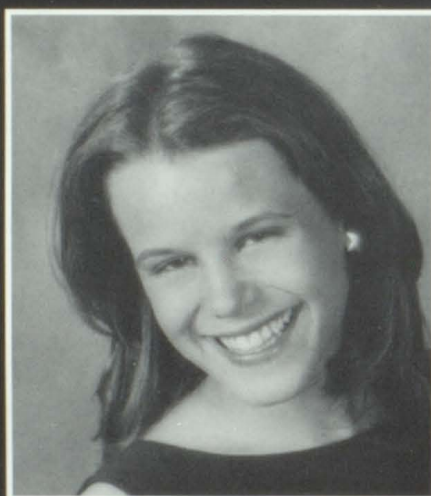
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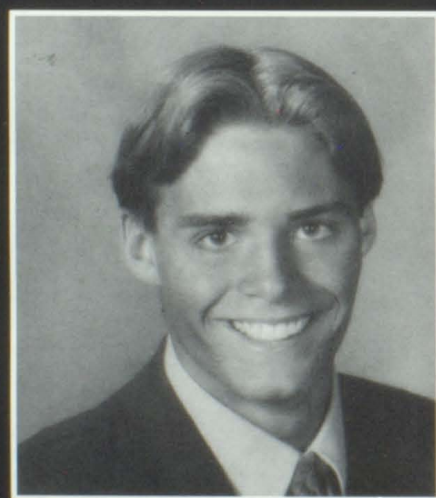
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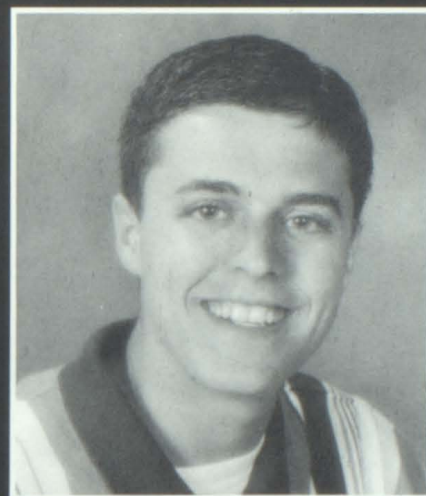
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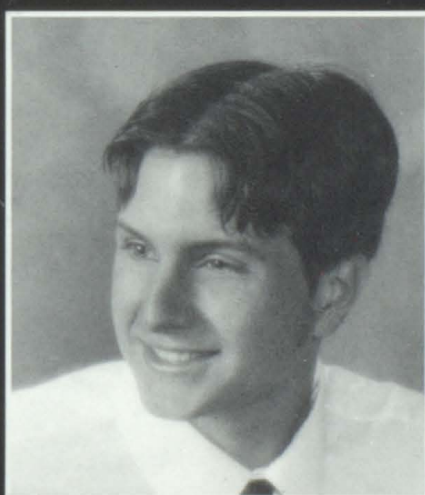
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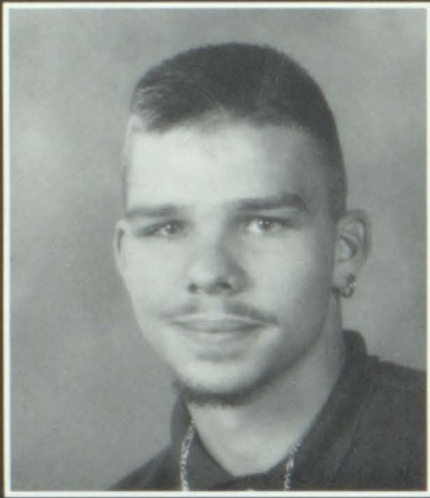
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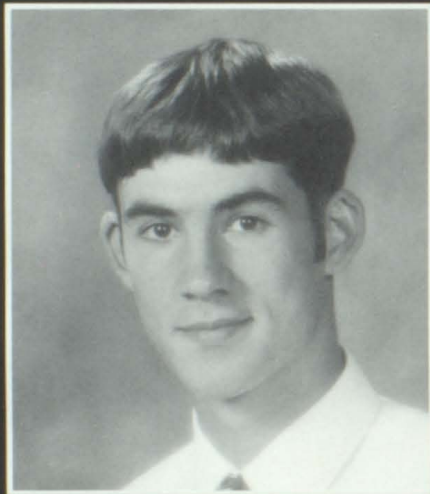
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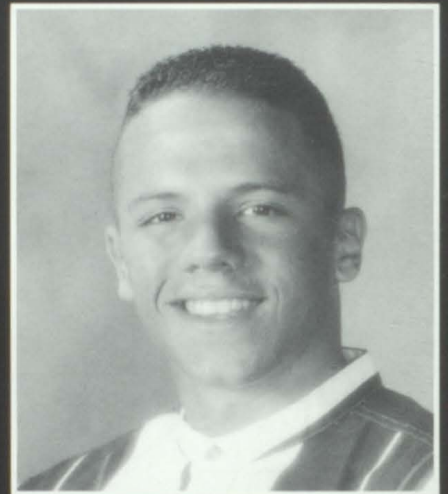
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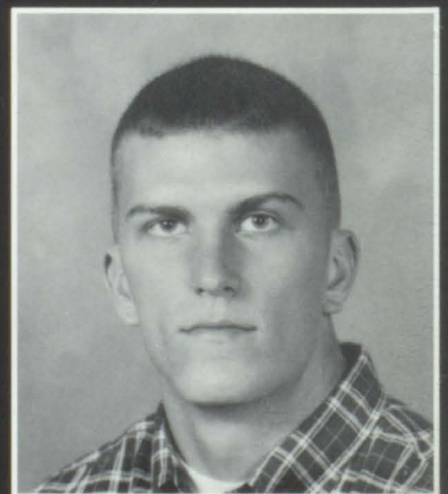
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Keep your eye on your mittens Megan Sabo, (below) Sara Britton, and Kelly Simkovich, *The Three Little Kittens Who Lost Their Mittens*, are adorably dressed for the Halloween Contest. These friends are active members of the Yearbook Staff and many other activities. The girls' participation in this tradition will live on as a happy memory of Avon High School..



Seeing eye to eye. Mary Shepherd (right) and Jessica Biggs styling as the Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls, won the cutest costumes category. Not only did these two friends celebrate their winning the contest for Halloween, they also celebrated their winning streak in band.



All eyes on us Ronna Richardson, (above) Gretchen DeChant, Katie Herbst, Tricia Pawson, Jenny Peregord, Kim Seman, and Katie Lengen all participated in the Halloween costume contest. The contest was sponsored by Student Council and has been a tradition for years. The Halloween holiday was later celebrated with a costume dance.

Spider man strikes again Scott O'Malley, (right) as spider man, strikes a pose in his creative costume. Scott was elected by the school as Homecoming King. With his great height and abilities, he was an outstanding asset to the varsity basketball team.



Look into my eyes Adam Fitch (right) and Eric McKenzie are dressed as Mimi and Drew Carey, and Brad Knoble peeps in behind as a doctor. These senior comedians really know how to have fun, and make others laugh. Their great friendship is going to last as these three are furthering their education together at ATI.



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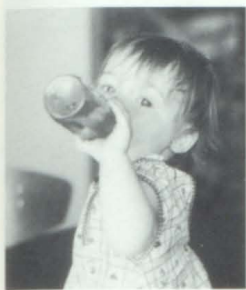


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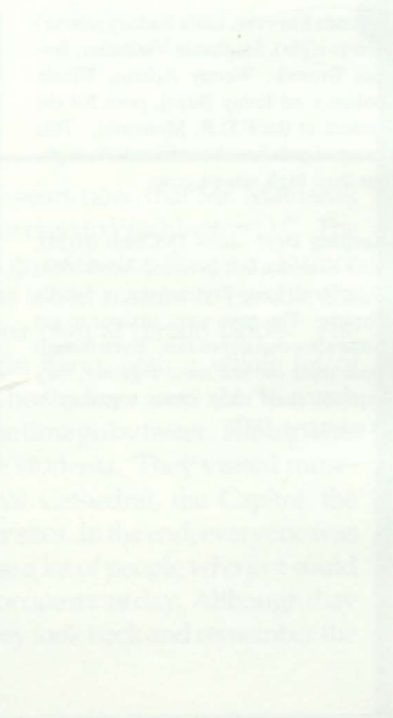
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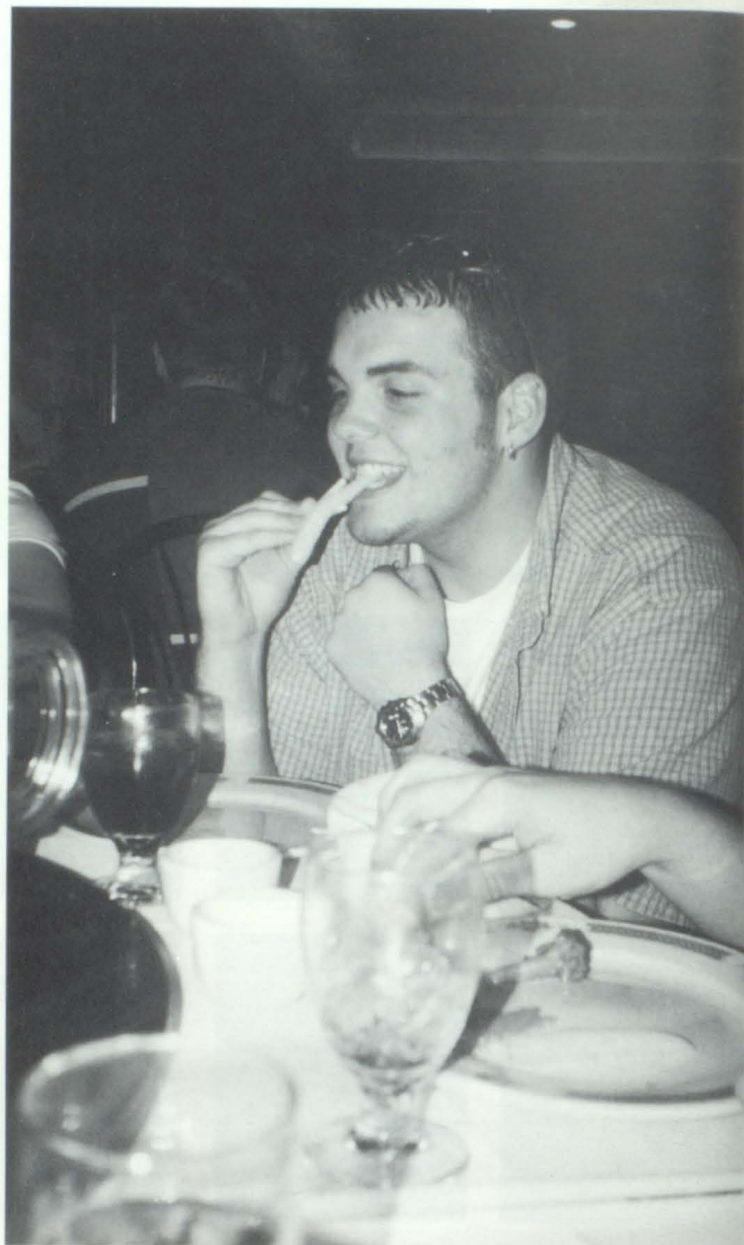
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Strike a Pose! Adam Fitch (below) (left to right), Nick Ashofteh, Katie Lengen, Bob Steele, Kim Seman, Tricia Pawson, Jessica Biggs, Jeff Brunner, and Adam Wilkins take a picture in front of the Jefferson Memorial. These seniors had a blast taking wild and crazy shots while in Washington D.C.



Chow Down! Jarred Hricovec (right), nibbles at a Chinese ear of corn. Jarred was always willing to try anything. Although Jarred enjoyed the Chinese food, like everyone, he was looking forward to the pizza later that evening.



Friends Forever. Laila Sadney (above) (left to right), Stephanie Vielhaber, Jessica Brostek, Wendy Adkins, Nicole Bolton, and Jenny Bugaj, pose for the camera at the F.D.R. Memorial. This group of girls have been friends throughout their high school years.

Keeping Dry! John DeChant (right), John Kruszka, and Brandon Ade huddle together to keep dry in front of Ford's Theatre. The guys were anxious to get home after that day of rain. Even though these three did not room together, they enjoyed their time spent together in Washington D.C.



Group Effort. Adam Fitch (right) (left to right), Sara Britton, Matt Meeks, Jenny Roach, Nick Mariani, Rachel Edwards, Brandon Ade, Scott O'Malley, and Brian Melendez take a break from the Chinese food and act a little crazy! This particular group always knew how to have a good time.



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Hangin' With the Girls! Mrs. Naylor (left) (left to right), Annie DeChant, Jenny Roach, Sara Britton, Kelly Simkovich, Megan Sabo, Rachel Edwards, Jenny Peregord, Katie Herbst, Mary Shepherd, Whitney Englehaupt, Gretchen DeChant, and Mrs. Buller, stand on the Burnside Bridge overlooking the beautiful view. The girls got to know how much fun Mrs. Buller and Mrs. Naylor really are.

Left, Right, Left! This event was called the changing of the guards. It took place every half hour at the tomb of the unknown soldier. All of the seniors thought it was neat to see how the guards clicked their feet together.



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Seniors annual trip to Washington D.C.

Washington's Capital. The capitol building in Washington D.C. was a very interesting place to visit. The capitol included the Senate and the House of Representatives which the seniors were able to see. Although the class had to climb a thousand stairs for many hours, they all had a blast!



It has been a tradition for a few years now, that Mr. Matuszak and Mr. Bruening take the senior class to Washington D.C. The seniors were lucky to be able to go on the trip this year. Rumor had it that the senior class was too immature to handle the responsibilities of being on their own at certain places. The group took a bus ride of eight hours with a whole lot of bathroom breaks inbetween. The students were able to watch a lot of funny movies to make the time go by faster. The trip was an educated experience for the students. They visited museums, monuments, the National Cathedral, the Capitol, the White House, and various other sites. In the end, everyone was a little bit homesick. There were a lot of people who just could not take being with each other for one more day. Although they were all excited to get home, they look back and remember the good times.

Hey, can I get a smile? Shannon Andrews and Steve Vega (below) pause for a picture while strolling through the buffet line. This was Steve's senior prom, and Shannon, being a junior, helped plan the prom. Everyone had a wonderful time at prom this year.

Look at that food disappear! Taking a quick glance at the buffet table, it may not look like much, but in reality, there was plenty to go around. The food consisted of chicken, rigatoni, roast beef, mashed potatoes, salads, breads, and desserts. Mrs. Resar and the juniors did an excellent job of feeding hungry prom-goers



Working hard, or hardly working? Two chaperones, Mrs. Hull and Mrs. Naylon (above, l-r), take a break from the chaos of prom. All the teachers were great chaperones and definitely were not shy with the compliments. The chaperones didn't work the whole time though. They too had the chance to eat, dance, and chat.

Keep the drinks coming! Eric Mirosovich and Valerie Radke (right) follow the crowds as they walk in to grab a drink before dinner. Even though these two did not come together, Eric was a gentleman and always got drinks for the ladies at his table.



Looking forward to next year! Becky McKenzie and Eric Schickel (right) show their enjoyment at prom as they smile for the camera. These two danced the night away as the music played on. These two had such a good time that they look forward to going to prom again next year.





Eye to eye. Seniors Katie Lengen and Nick Ashofteh (left) dance excitedly to the theme song "Hold On To The Night." The two seniors were nominated as Prom King and Queen. They were also Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the class of '98.

A look to the past and the present. Senior Rocco DeStefanis and junior Molly Urig (below) focus intently on the traditional prom slide show. The slide show consists of each senior's baby picture, and their senior yearbook picture. Everybody loves guessing who the baby is.



Hold on to the Night!

Holding On To The Memories!

Time for a break. Lucas Rhodes, Mielissa Viers, and Ryan Krystowski (right) take a rest from the over-heated dance floor. Everyone danced up a storm creating so much heat that a nice glass of ice water and a comfy chair was a must. This was Missy's senior prom, but the other two still have more to come.



The Junior/Senior Prom was held at Antlers in Lorain. The ballroom was beautifully decorated with balloons, party favors, and flowers. The decorations really made the night shine. The night was filled with entertainment- a slide show of baby pictures/senior pictures, and a great D.J. As the night wore on, more entertainment was awaiting with fun and games at Goodtimes and a scrumptious breakfast at Avon East. Then it was off to Cedar Point with only two or three hours of sleep for everyone.

One Last Song.

Seniors (below) Jeff Brunner, Judy Schlather, Katie Lengen, Wendy Adkins, Brandon Ade, John DeChant, Matt Meeks, Kris Bacher, and Melissa Ault sing thierAlma Mater one last time.



The Best of the Class.

Valedictorian Katie Lengen (right) gives her speech for graduation. Katie's words of praise and encouragement made us all think about where we are headed with our futures.



Eyeing the achievers.

Jenny Peregord, Judy Schlather, and John DeChant (above) receive the scholarships they worked so hard for. Jenny will attend Bowling Green, Judy will attend John Carroll and John will attend Baldwin Wallace.

The Final Steps! Rocco Destefanis (right) and his fellow classmates take their final steps before graduating. Each senior had a long hard road to success that all paid off in the end. Like Rocco, many other students look back at their memories at AHS, but they also are looking ahead.



Eyeing the Awards.

Many awards were given out to the students who applied for scholarships through school on graduation day. Kristin Gilles (right) received the Francis Fitch award which goes to a student who plans to major in education.





The Class of 1998!

With all the hard work and dedication these seniors (left) put into their high school careers, now is the time they look most forward to. These seniors will go on to bigger and better events, but AHS will always have a place in their hearts.

A Final Thought.

Saludatorian Nick Ashoftah (below) gives his final thoughts to all on as the last time he stands on this football field. Nick played football and was a member of the Varsity wrestling team. Nick will attend Ohio University to major in business.



Eyeing the future!



The Class of 1998!

With years of memories, friendships, and favorite classes behind us, the Class of 1998 is one to be remembered. Although we were the last seniors to ever walk this hall, the times we've all shared here have been great. Dave Barnosky, Ronna Richardson, and John DeChant (left) know better than anyone what hard work and dedication can do. Each senior has left their mark as being a part of Avon High School, a school that will never be forgotten by anyone who has walked through these doors.

Athletic achievers. Kristin Gilles and Andrew Ballog (below) accepted this year's Avon Athletic Club scholarship. The award went to the most accomplished athletes who excelled in sports and in the classroom.



Accepting with a smile. Scott O'Malley (right) gladly accepted his diploma with a sigh of relief. Scott worked hard in school, but always left time for fun. Does everyone remember Washington and his circle dance at Prom!?



A Grand Goodbye. Dan Burke (above) happily hugs a family member as many other students shed tears after receiving their diplomas. Dan was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it. Dan plans on attending Lorain County Community College to major in business.

Feeling Proud. Annie DeChant (right) gladly receives her diploma from Mrs. Polovich, an AHS school board member. Annie worked hard to get where she is today just as many of her other peers did. Annie will be attending The University of Dayton to major in Communications.



The Final Farewell! As hats fly and tears are shed, (right) the last moments of Avon High are before us. With hard times and good memories behind us, the future is in the eyes of the beholder.



To the Class of 1998,

As the Editor of the 1998 yearbook, no one knows of the hard work and dedication that goes into producing any yearbook. While many of you start your summer vacations the day after school is out, the yearbook staff is here working until the book is finished. Although at times the class was stressful, I wouldn't have traded the experience of working on the staff for three years for anything. Just as classes, term papers, art projects, and government tests were demanding, so was the yearbook.

Now, with all of those tasks behind us, we are able to look ahead to our futures and accomplish the goals we have set for ourselves outside of AHS. Even though we will all go our separate ways, we all have bonds and memories that will never be forgotten. We are now alumni, and the last seniors to ever walk these halls - of this we should be proud. We have succeeded, and now it is time to start our lives beyond Avon High. I wish all of you the best of luck, and I hope to see you in five years.

Enjoy the 1997-1998 yearbook, we worked very hard!

Sincerely,

Kelly Simkovich

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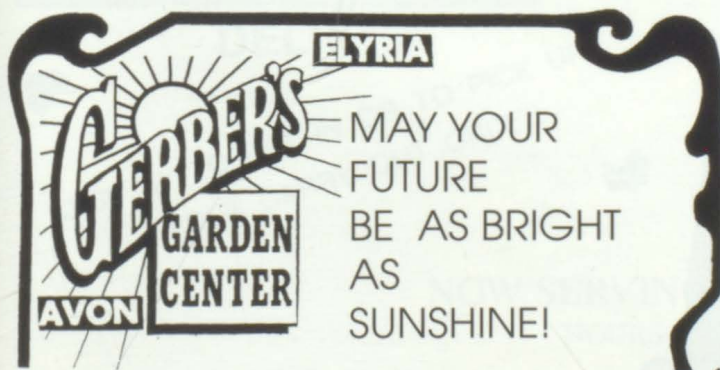
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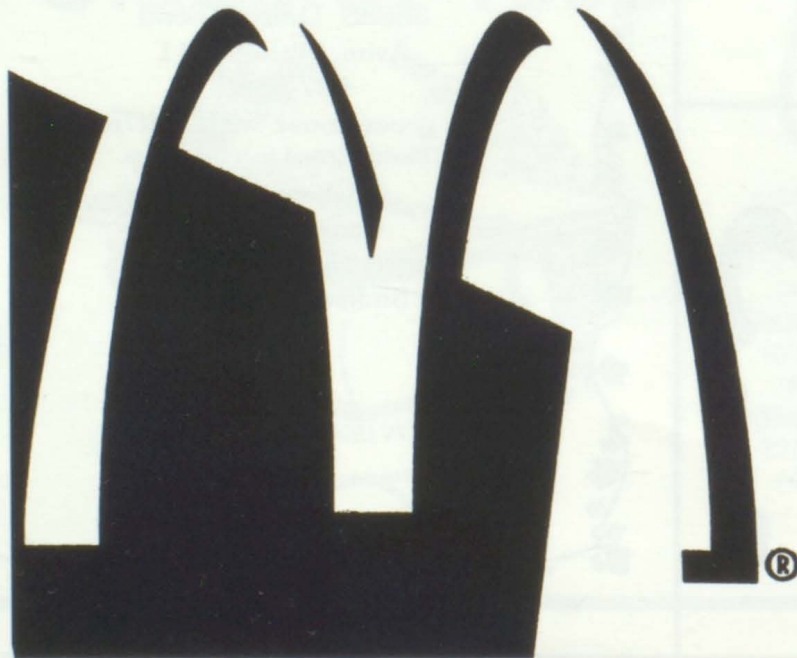
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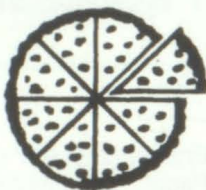


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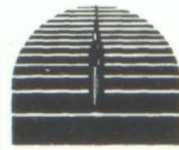
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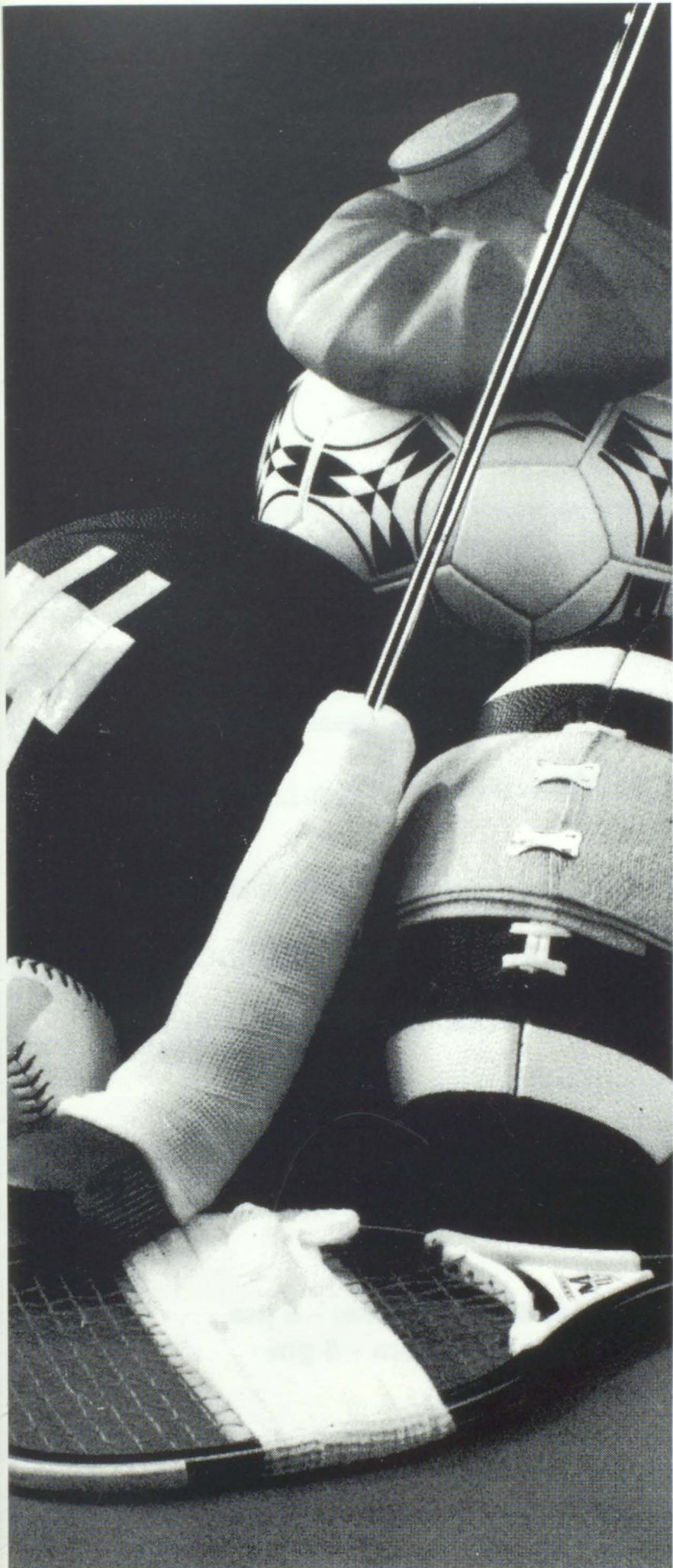
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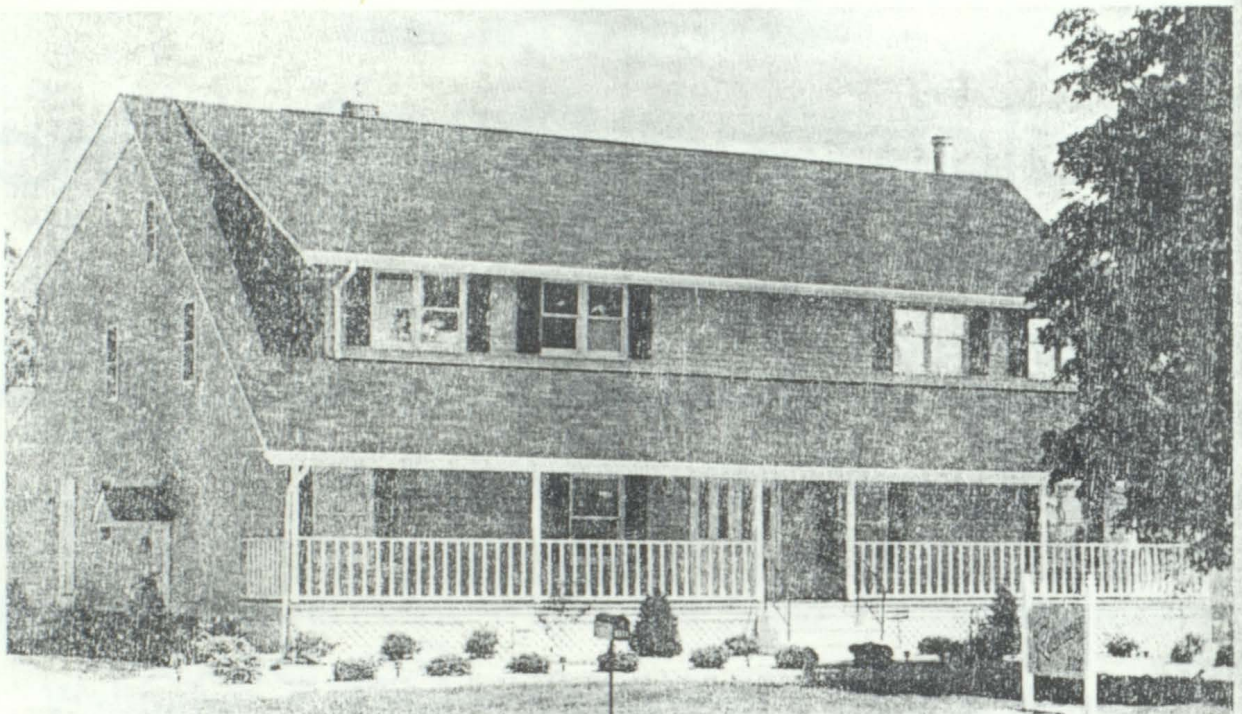
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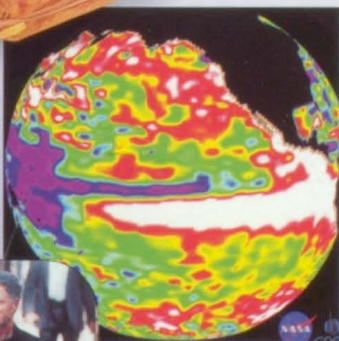
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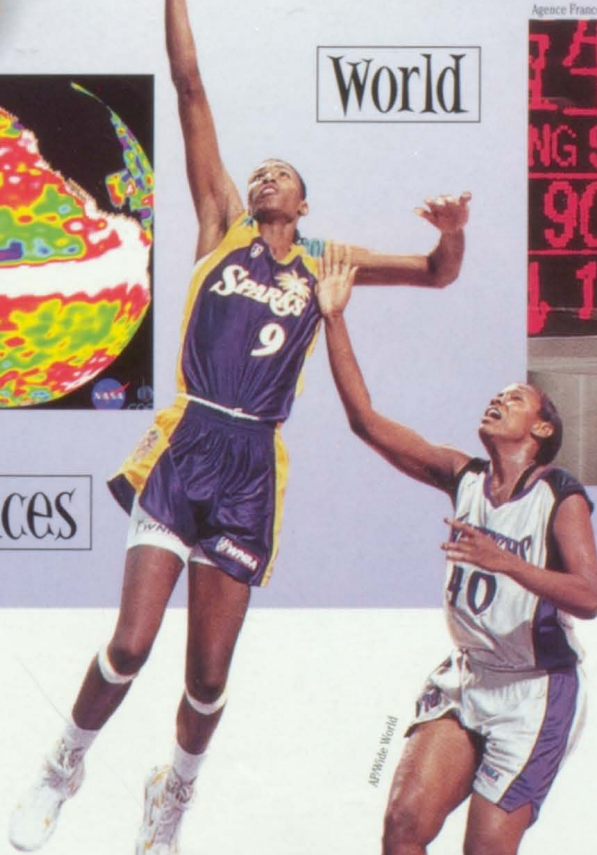


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- ▶ A 15-day school strike in Ontario, Canada, affects 2.1 million students. Late in October, 128,000 teachers walk out to protest a controversial bill that would alter educational funding and centralize government control of education.

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- ▶ Governments and businesses worldwide race to remedy the "Year 2000" problem. Unless key computer systems are reprogrammed to recognize dates in the new century the world faces the threat of catastrophic failure in critical areas like banking, air safety, public utilities and defense.



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- ▶ The remains of Ernesto "Che" Guevara, martyred Marxist revolutionary, are laid to rest in Cuba in October, 30 years after his execution in Bolivia, where his bones recently had been found.

- ▶ Asian economic turmoil triggers global unrest. In October, Hong Kong's stock market crashes. Asian countries receive billions in bailout dollars from the International Monetary Fund.



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Santoro, Sigma

- ▶ Montserrat, once called "the Emerald Isle of the Caribbean," is devastated by ongoing eruptions from a volcano that had been dormant for 400 years. Two-thirds of the populace evacuates.

flash

Change sweeps Great Britain as Labor Party leader Tony Blair's landslide election in May 1997 ousts the Conservatives and makes Blair, at 44, Britain's youngest prime minister in 185 years.

Hurricane Pauline slams into Mexico's Pacific coast in October, causing flash floods, landslides and at least 200 fatalities.

The resort city of Acapulco is heavily damaged.



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- ▶ After 32 years of autocratic rule, President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire is deposed in May 1997 and later dies in exile. His successor, Laurent Kabila, changes Zaire's name to Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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- ▶ Hong Kong reverts to China at 12:01 a.m., July 1, after 156 years of British colonial rule. China says Hong Kong will continue its Western way of life and free-market economy.



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- ▶ Powerful earthquakes in central Italy kill 11 people and damage art treasures, including centuries-old frescoes by Italian Renaissance painters, in the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.



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- ▶ Halloween fever seizes France. At the base of the Eiffel Tower in Paris 8,000 pumpkins are displayed, and French children participate in an American-style Halloween celebration.

- President Jiang Zemin of China meets for summit talks with President Bill Clinton in October, the first visit in 12 years of a Chinese leader to the U.S. During his stay, demonstrators protest China's treatment of Tibet.



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- The death of "the people's princess" generates an emotional outpouring of love and grief, evidenced by floral tributes heaped at Diana's Kensington Palace home.

- Diana, Princess of Wales, one of the world's most famous and admired women, dies at 36 in a violent car crash in Paris on August 31.



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- One of the most poignant images of Diana's funeral: her young sons following her coffin into Westminster Abbey.

- At the funeral, Elton John performs "Candle in the Wind 1997," rewritten in tribute to Diana. The recording quickly sells more than 35 million copies, becoming the best-selling single of all time. Sales proceeds benefit the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.



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Floods, drought and mismanagement in North Korea create a severe famine. As many as a million North Koreans die of starvation.

Pope John Paul II visits Communist Cuba in January 1998, the first time a pope has done so. During his five-day visit the pope celebrates public masses and meets privately with President Fidel Castro.

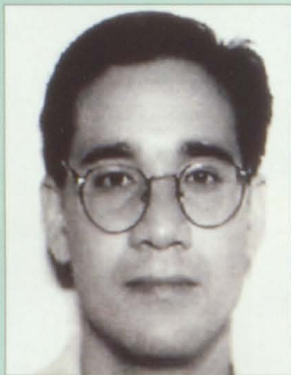
- Crisis flares again in Iraq in late 1997 as Saddam Hussein protests U.N. sanctions and blocks inspection of suspected Iraqi weapon sites.



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- In June, shortly before Diana's death, an auction of 79 of her evening gowns raises \$3.26 million for AIDS and cancer charities. Top price paid for a single gown: \$222,500.

National news



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On July 23 suspected murderer Andrew Cunanan, 27, commits suicide in Miami Beach. Cunanan was the prime suspect in a cross-country killing spree that left five dead, including fashion designer Gianni Versace.

Once-mighty Apple Computer is close to failure when arch-rival Bill Gates of Microsoft "rescues" it with a \$150 million bail-out in August. The event opens a new era of cooperation between formerly fierce competitors.



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Americans join "Stop the Violence" campaigns nationwide in an attempt to generate awareness of and solutions to the problem of violence in America.



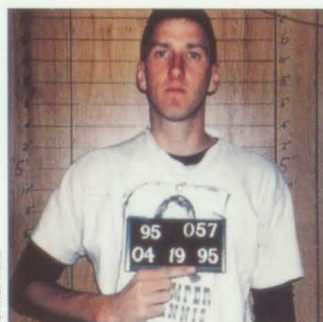
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British nanny Louise Woodward, 19, is convicted in Massachusetts of murdering a child in her care. The judge later reduces the charge to involuntary manslaughter and releases her.



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Timothy McVeigh is convicted of murder and conspiracy in June for the April 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. McVeigh is later sentenced to death.

Theodore Kaczynski admits he is the Unabomber responsible for killing 3 people and injuring 29 others in an 18-year bombing campaign. His January 1998 guilty plea spares Kaczynski the death penalty but condemns him to life in prison with no possibility of release.

UPS workers take to the picket lines in an August strike lasting 15 days. The eventual settlement is seen as a major labor victory.



Patrick Hagerth, Sigma

First Lt. Kelly Flinn accepts a general discharge from the Air Force, avoiding court-martial for lying about an affair and disobeying orders. Flinn had been the first and only female B-52 pilot in the service.

Brooks Kraft, Sigma



In April 1997, floods ravage the entire Red River Valley between Minnesota and the Dakotas. Ninety percent of downtown Grand Forks, North Dakota, is under water.

- ▶ A rare urban tornado prowls through Miami on May 12, uprooting trees, shattering windows and snapping power lines. Fortunately, the storm inflicts only minor injuries.

Arthur Harvey, The Miami Herald



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- ▶ Attorney General Janet Reno refuses to name an independent prosecutor to investigate Clinton administration fundraising, causing friction with FBI Director Louis Freeh.



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- ▶ Terry Nichols is found guilty of conspiracy and manslaughter in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. Nichols is spared a federal death sentence in January 1998, but still faces Oklahoma state charges.

- ▶ UFO enthusiasts gather in Roswell, New Mexico, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the alleged UFO crash there in July 1947.



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- ▶ Bobbi McCaughey, Carlisle, Iowa, gives birth November 19 to seven babies, the U.S.'s first living septuplets. McCaughey and her husband Kenny now have eight children.

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- ▶ At the Internet/Online Summit in December, Vice President Al Gore announces government initiatives to protect young Internet users from online pornography.



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- ▶ On October 25, at least 300,000 African-American women gather in Philadelphia for the Million Woman March. Winnie Madikizela-Mandela is one of the speakers.

flash

The all-male Promise Keepers movement inspires praise and controversy for its message of spiritual revival and personal responsibility for men. In October, the group holds a giant rally in Washington, D.C.

Once-secret tape recordings of former presidents Kennedy and Nixon are released publicly. The tapes provide an unvarnished, and sometimes unflattering, glimpse into the two presidents' actions and conversations in the White House.

- ▶ Fast-food giant Burger King is forced to stop serving burgers when supplier Hudson Foods recalls 25 million pounds of hamburger suspected of contamination with *E. coli* bacteria. It is the biggest beef recall in U.S. history.

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Science news



NASA

- ▶ Russia's aging *Mir* space station collides with an unmanned supply vehicle in June and is seriously damaged. This is only one in a series of crises casting doubt on the viability of the station.

- ◀ Viewers worldwide see the first-ever high-resolution color pictures of Mars when the *Pathfinder* spacecraft lands July 4. The lander and its rover, Sojourner, collect and transmit extraordinary data for three months.



NASA



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- ◀ In September, CAT scans of petrified dinosaur eggs found in China reveal a dinosaur embryo.

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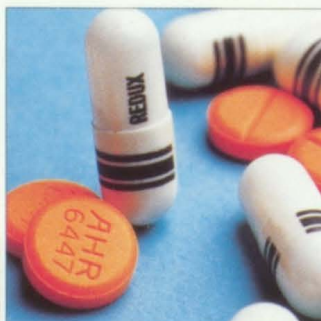
Fuel cells that convert a fuel's energy directly into electricity are being developed for use in cars, making possible an efficient, low-emission car of the future.

The first prescription pill for male-pattern baldness is approved by the Food and Drug Administration in December. The drug Propecia is made by Merck and Company.



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- ▶ Research produces medical breakthroughs, including a genetically engineered "bullet" molecule being tested to fight cancer and new drugs to control or prevent Parkinson's disease, osteoporosis and congestive heart failure.



Matt Mendelsohn

- ▶ The popular diet regimen fen-phen is pulled off the market in September. The combination of fenfluramine and phentermine is shown to cause heart valve disorders, as is the diet drug Redux, also recalled.

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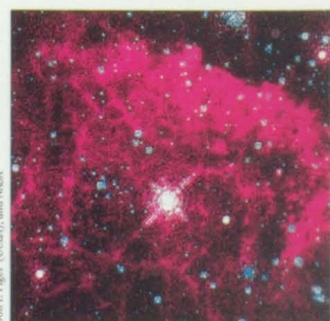


- ▶ For \$8.36 million, Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History buys "Sue," the most complete *Tyrannosaurus rex* fossil yet discovered. The sale occurs October 4 at Sotheby's in New York.



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- ▶ Scottish scientists in February 1997 announce the world's first cloning of an adult mammal. The sheep, named Dolly, fuels controversy over possible misuse of the technology.



Don F. Figer (UCLA), and NASA

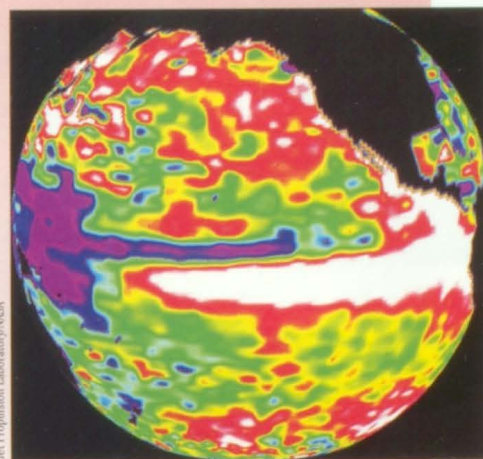
- ▶ Aided by the Hubble Space Telescope, astronomers discover the Pistol Star—the brightest star yet observed in the Milky Way. The Pistol Star is 25,000 light years from Earth.

- ▶ Comet Hale-Bopp captures imaginations worldwide as it streaks past Earth for the first time in 4,200 years—or, since 2203 B.C. Hale-Bopp next returns in 4397.

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- ▶ On October 13, the British jet car *Thrust SSC* becomes the first vehicle to break the sound barrier on land, traveling 766.6 miles per hour in the Nevada desert.



Jet Propulsion Laboratory/NASA



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- ▶ In December, 159 nations gather in Kyoto, Japan, and negotiate a climate treaty to combat global warming by reducing greenhouse gases.

- ▶ The Food and Drug Administration approves a dental laser for treating cavities. Unlike traditional dental drills, the laser in most cases causes virtually no discomfort.



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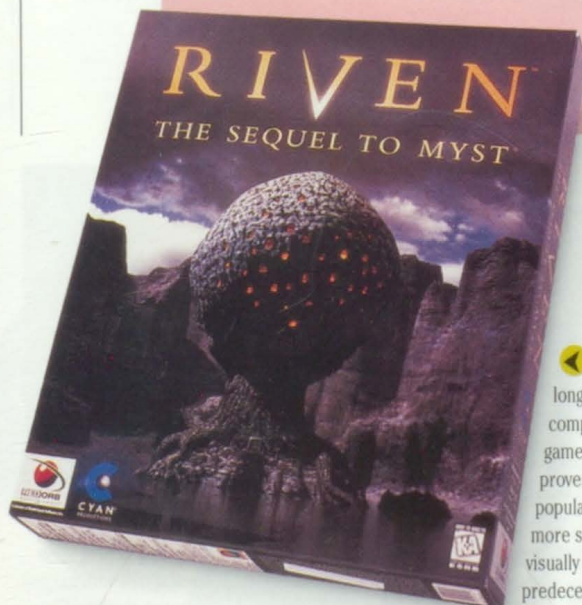
Premier Laser Systems, Inc.

- ▶ El Niño stirs up global weather patterns. Caused by warmer-than-normal water temperatures in the equatorial Pacific, the '97 El Niño is blamed for storms and weather problems worldwide.



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- ▶ Protesters unsuccessfully attempt to prevent the October launch of NASA's *Cassini* spacecraft to Saturn, fearing an accident could shower the Earth with the rocket's radioactive plutonium.



- ▶ Riven, the long-awaited computer adventure game sequel to *Myst*, proves to be just as popular and even more sophisticated visually than its predecessor.

flash

Hong Kong authorities in December order the slaughter of more than a million chickens in an effort to halt the spread of a bird flu virus that killed six people.

The space shuttle *Columbia* releases the errant *Spartan* satellite in November. U.S. astronaut Winston Scott and Takao Doi, the first Japanese astronaut to do a space walk, retrieve the satellite for return to Earth.

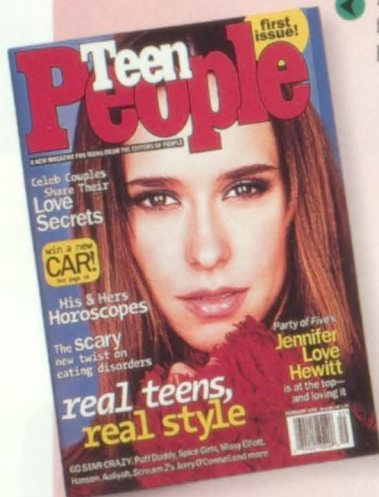


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- ▶ French oceanographer and award-winning filmmaker Jacques Cousteau dies in June at 87. His work gained renown through the popular television series "The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau."

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Teen People, a savvy monthly magazine for and about teenagers, premieres in February 1998.



Fashion advertising and clothing trends inspire the popularity of the color orange, which replaces neon green as the fad color of the year.



In October, a cyberfashion show at the M.I.T. Media Lab Wearable Symposium features fashions with built-in computer devices and electronic hardware. M.I.T. students designed the high-tech fashions.



Princess Diana tribute merchandise abounds, including a double CD set and a new Beanie Baby named Princess, a royal purple bear adorned with a rose. Profits benefit the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.



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Fashion looks to the Far East. The stick-on bindi, a tiny decorative accent worn in the middle of the forehead, is popularized by Gwen Stefani, lead singer of the band No Doubt.

flash

Nike introduces a new "I Can" advertising campaign on New Year's Day. The company does not plan to abandon its "Just Do It" slogan, introduced in 1985, which will continue to appear on T-shirts and posters.

Diet Scent Patches are introduced in June by Slimline, a British company. Designed to help people diet successfully, the small arm stickers produce an unpleasant odor to discourage the wearer from eating sweets.



Platform shoes, a fashion statement during the disco '70s, make a style comeback in a big way in 1997, inspiring even platform sneakers.



"Two Fat Ladies" becomes the Food Network's hottest new cooking show in the U.S., attracting fans with its unconventional British stars, two-overweight, middle-aged women.

This year's look in cosmetics is glimmering, sparkling and colorful. Riding this wave, cosmetics giant Christian Dior introduces Mascara Flash, temporary hair color in a variety of outrageous tints.

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Christian Dior



- ▶ The Chevrolet Corvette is named *Motor Trend* magazine's 1998 Car of the Year.

General Motors



- ▶ A new \$50 bill featuring a larger, off-center portrait of President Ulysses S. Grant is unveiled in October. Design details make the bill more difficult to forge.



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Softer Hairstyle

Smaller Chest

Larger Waist

Smaller Hips



- ▶ After nearly 40 years, Mattel's Barbie doll takes on a more realistic face and body shape than the Barbie of the '60s. The new doll will begin to appear in stores in early 1998.

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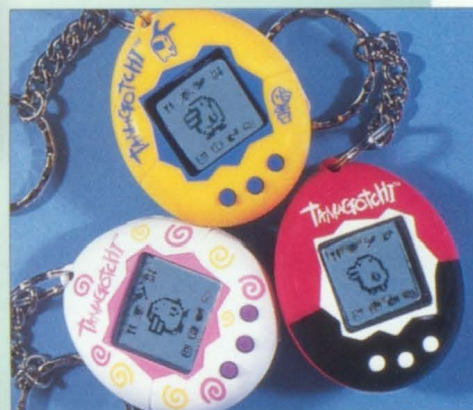


- ▶ Mattel introduces Share a Smile Becky in May 1997. Seated in a bright pink wheelchair, the doll is marketed as a friend to the traditional Barbie.



Karl Steinbrenner

- ▶ Mehndi, intricate designs painted on the body with henna dye, is a popular expression of the fashion trend toward Eastern themes and patterns.



- ▶ Digital "pets" are a 1997 toy craze. These virtual critters keep their owners busy by beeping when they need care or feeding. If ignored, they "die."

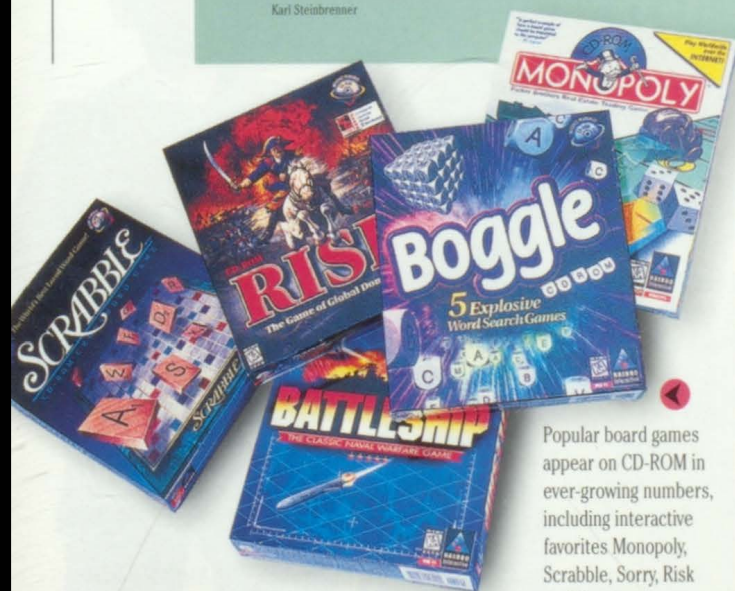
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As many as 700 school districts nationwide teach "emotional intelligence," aiming to develop children's values and people skills as well as their minds.

Beepers are a status symbol and a lifestyle must-have for many teens juggling school, jobs and after-school activities. More than 40 million beepers are carried in the U.S., an estimated 25 percent of them by people between the ages of 12 and 24. In some schools, beepers are forbidden as disruptive.



- ▶ Canada issues a Superhero postage stamp series that includes a 45-cent stamp featuring the colorful, comic-book image of Superman.



Popular board games appear on CD-ROM in ever-growing numbers, including interactive favorites Monopoly, Scrabble, Sorry, Risk and Boggle.

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ABC from the Kobal Collection

ABC's gritty police drama "NYPD Blue" remains one of the most popular one-hour dramas on television in 1997, capturing four Emmy Awards.



Universal Studios, Inc., from Shooting Star

► *The Lost World*, Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park* sequel, breaks summer box-office records everywhere. It earns \$229 million in the U.S.



Guno Milzont, Shooting Star

► Jerry Seinfeld, creator and star of the NBC hit "Seinfeld," announces in December that the 1997-1998 season is the show's last. The final episode airs in May, ending the popular show's nine-year run.



AP/Wide World

► Comedian Chris Farley dies at 33 of a drug overdose on December 18. He starred in NBC's "Saturday Night Live" and movies including *Tommy Boy* and *Beverly Hills Ninja*.

Columbia/Manday from the Kobal Collection



► Horror films draw teenagers to the box office. *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, starring Jennifer Love Hewitt and Sarah Michelle Gellar, is one of the year's biggest attractions.

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In its second season, the WB's campy sitcom "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" blossoms into a huge favorite with many viewers.

Jenny McCarthy stars in a new fall NBC comedy "Jenny" that, in January 1998, goes into hiatus only a few months into its first season. McCarthy had been an MTV personality before moving to the network.



Fox from Shooting Star

► Fox network launches "King of the Hill," an animated show that focuses on the lives of a propane dealer from Texas and his family. The show goes on to become a smash hit.



Dimension Films from the Kobal Collection

► *Scream 2*, the chilling hit sequel to *Scream*, is a wildly successful mix of carnage and comedy starring Neve Campbell, Jerry O'Connell, Tori Spelling, Jada Pinkett and a host of other stars.



Dreamworks Pictures from Shooting Star

► Critically acclaimed *Amistad*, directed by Steven Spielberg, tells the story of an 1839 slave ship mutiny. The film culminates years of effort by producer Debbie Allen to bring the story to life.

Religion is a common theme on eight fall-season network TV shows inspired by the success of CBS's "Touched by an Angel" starring Roma Downey, Della Reese and John Dye. New programs include ABC's "Nothing Sacred" and "Teen Angel."

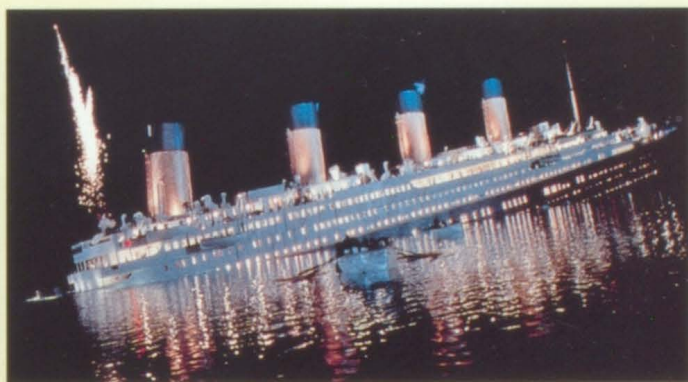
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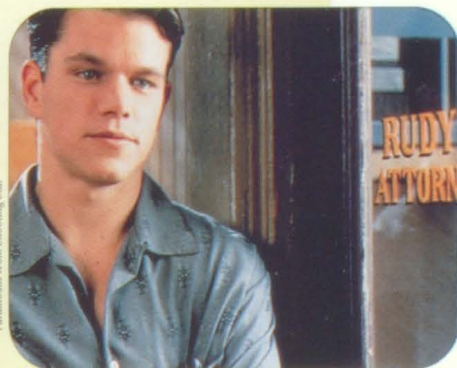


Titanic is a huge critical and box-office success. The movie event of the year, this \$200 million picture is the most costly in history. After 45 days in the theaters, *Titanic* had earned \$308 million.



Fox/Paramount from Shooting Star

Star Wars captures a new generation of fans when George Lucas re-releases the film trilogy 20 years after the first film was shown. In Washington, D.C., the National Air and Space Museum mounts a huge exhibition of now-historic *Star Wars* artifacts.



Matt Damon stars as an attorney in *The Rainmaker*, a movie based on the John Grisham novel. Damon's successes also include the film *Good Will Hunting*.

Michael Flatley's pulsating show "Lord of the Dance" fuels the extraordinary popularity of Irish dance. The show tours 15 cities in the U.S. through October.

In the fall, Fox debuts "Ally McBeal," a comedy/drama starring Calista Flockhart as a young Boston attorney. The show captures a Golden Globe Award in January 1998 for best series/musical or comedy.



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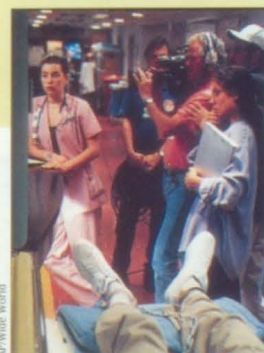
flash

The Wonderful World of Disney presents its adaptation of "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella" on ABC, starring Brandy as Cinderella and Whitney Houston as the Fairy Godmother.

Tomorrow Never Dies, starring Pierce Brosnan as 007, is a holiday box-office hit and confirms the enduring popularity of James Bond movies.

Summer blockbuster *Men in Black* grosses more than \$500 million worldwide to become 1997's biggest hit. The sci-fi comedy stars Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones.

Columbia TriStar from Shooting Star



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The 1997 season premiere episode of "ER" is broadcast live and draws 42.7 million viewers for NBC, including those who watch it on a giant screen in Times Square.

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- ▶ Fiona Apple, 20, one of rock's female superstars, is named MTV's Best New Artist in a Video. Her single "Criminal" soars to the top of the charts.

- ◀ Chumbawamba's hit single "Tubthumping" brings long-awaited success to this British band. The song becomes popular at pro sports events, kicking off games for several teams.



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- ◀ With their hit single "MMMBop," three young brothers from Tulsa become one of the biggest breakthrough acts of 1997 as the band Hanson.

flash

Drummer Bill Berry leaves R.E.M. after 17 years with the popular rock group. R.E.M. plans to continue as a trio.

Kenny G. enters the *Guinness Book of World Records* for holding the longest musical note—45 minutes, 47 seconds—on his saxophone.

- ▶ Smash Mouth popularizes a genre of alternative rock known as neo-ska with its hit single "Walkin' on the Sun" and debut album *Fush Yu Mang*.

AP/Wide World



- ▶ Rap artist the Notorious B.I.G. is killed in a March 1997 drive-by shooting in Los Angeles. He is posthumously awarded MTV's 1997 Best Rap Video Award for "Hypnotize" and is named *Spin* magazine's Artist of the Year.



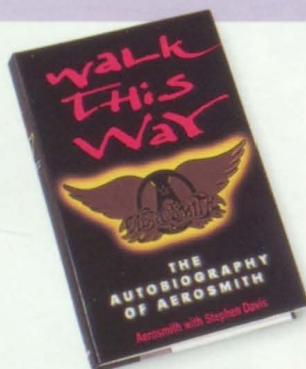
Jay Blakesberg, Retna

- ▶ Lili Fair, an all-female summer rock concert, draws large crowds on its 37-stop tour. Canadian singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan masterminds the festival and releases a hit album, *Surfacing*.

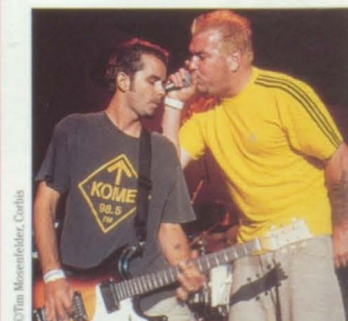


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- ▶ Country music superstar Garth Brooks releases *Sevens*, his first album in two years. The album sells 800,000 copies the first week.



- ▶ *Walk This Way: The Autobiography of Aerosmith* chronicles the long career of the band notorious for its excesses in the '70s and '80s. The group's new album *Nine Lives* is nominated for a 1998 Grammy.



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- ▶ British pop phenomenon, the Spice Girls, makes millions with mega-hits such as "Wannabe" and sells 14 million albums and 10 million singles.

Ron Davis, Shooting Star



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- ▶ Adam Yauch of the Beastie Boys engineers the second Tibetan Freedom Concert, held in June in New York, offering 27 music acts and a free-Tibet political message.



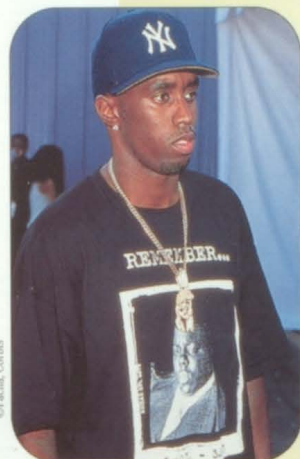
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- ▶ Third Eye Blind, after several years in San Francisco's underground music scene, goes big time in 1997. Their song "Semi-Charmed Life" is listed as the top-selling modern rock single for 1997 in *Billboard* magazine.

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- ▶ At 15, country music sensation LeAnn Rimes sells more than 12.5 million recordings in the U.S. in 1997 and is named *Billboard* Music Awards Artist of the Year. Her single "How Do I Live" is one of the year's best sellers.



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- ▶ The album *No Way Out* by Puff Daddy & the Family goes multiplatinum. Puffy's single "I'll Be Missing You," an elegy to his friend the Notorious B.I.G., also tops the charts.

- ▶ Sixteen-year-old R&B phenom Jonny Lang opens for the Rolling Stones' fall tour and spends 16 weeks at No. 1 on *Billboard*'s blues chart with his album *Lie to Me*.

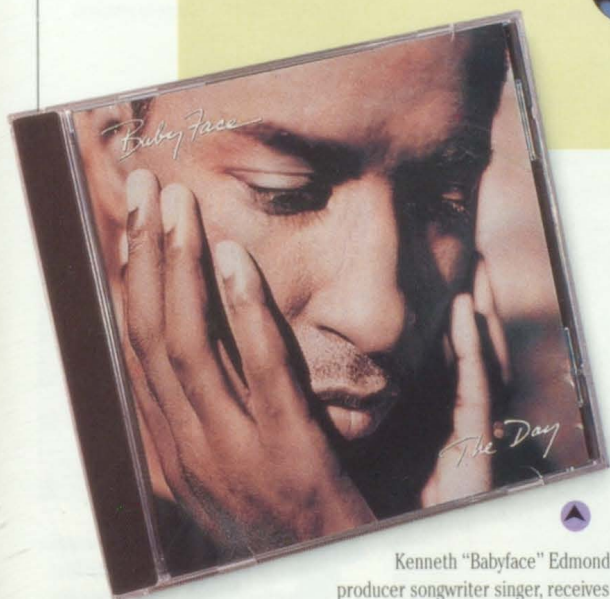


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flash

Metallica releases a seventh album, *Re-Load*, that confirms its position as the premier heavy-metal band in the music world.

Radiohead is *Spin* magazine's Band of the Year. Critics praise Radiohead's album *OK Computer*, variously described as haunting, revolting, inscrutable, stunning and gorgeous. The album receives a 1998 Grammy nomination for Rock/Pop Album of the Year.



Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds, superstar producer songwriter singer, receives more 1998 Grammy nominations than any other artist, including one for his album *The Day*. Edmonds and wife Tracey also produce the film *Soul Food* in 1997.

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- ▶ In July, 16-year-old Swiss tennis star Martina Hingis becomes the youngest Wimbledon champion since 1887. Hingis wins three of the four 1997 Grand Slam events.

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- ▶ The Florida Marlins are baseball's 1997 World Series champs and the first team ever to win the Series without winning its league pennant. The Marlins defeat the Cleveland Indians in seven games.

- ▶ Quarterback John Elway leads the Denver Broncos to a 31-24 victory over the Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl XXXII in San Diego, January 25, 1998. It is Elway's first Super Bowl win in four appearances.



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- ▶ Tiger Woods, 21, becomes the youngest golfer ever to win the Masters Tournament. His 18-under-par score sets a Masters record. Woods wins 3 other tournaments and sets a PGA Tour earnings record of \$2.1 million for the season.

- ▶ Mike Tyson bites off part of Evander Holyfield's ear and is disqualified in the WBA Heavyweight rematch in June 1997. Tyson is fined nearly \$3 million and his boxing license is revoked.



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flash

Swedish golfing phenomenon Annika Sorenstam, 26, tops the LPGA earnings list in 1997 with a record \$1,236,789.

Professional sports salaries keep skyrocketing. One of the most publicized of 1997 is Kevin Garnett's \$126 million contract to play basketball for the Minnesota Timberwolves.

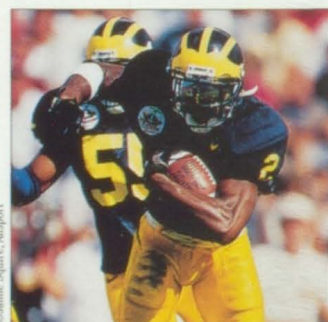


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- ▶ Pittsburgh Penguins' Mario Lemieux retires in April 1997 after a spectacular comeback from Hodgkin's disease and injury. Lemieux is elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in September.



- ▶ In April 1997, the premier issue of *Sports Illustrated Women* hits the newsstands. The magazine reflects the explosive growth of female participation in sports.



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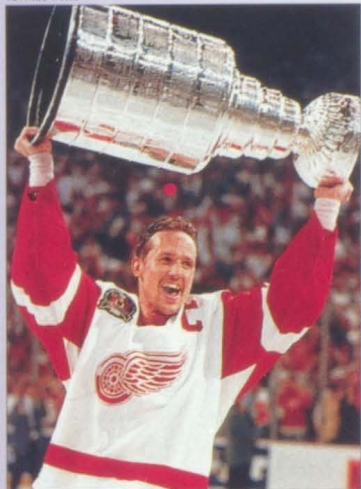
- ▶ Charles Woodson, Michigan's versatile junior cornerback, becomes the first primarily defensive player to win the Heisman Trophy, awarded in December.

▶ Jeff Gordon, at 26, wins the 1997 NASCAR Winston Cup, his second Winston Cup point title in three years. Gordon's 1997 points total 4,710.

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▶ Detroit Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman powers his team to the 1997 Stanley Cup championship, its first in 42 years, by sweeping the Philadelphia Flyers in four games.

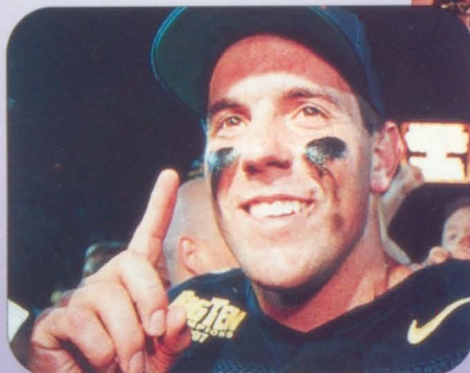
▶ The Chicago Bulls beat the Utah Jazz in June 1997 for their fifth NBA championship in seven years. Michael Jordan is chosen Finals MVP a record fifth time.

Scott Cunningham, NBA/Allsport



▶ When the college football season ends, two teams share the national championship. Michigan (12-0) is named No. 1 by the sports writers' poll, and Nebraska (13-0) by the coaches' poll.

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Women officiate in an all-male professional sports league for the first time. The pioneers, Dee Kanter and Violet Palmer, are referees in the NBA.

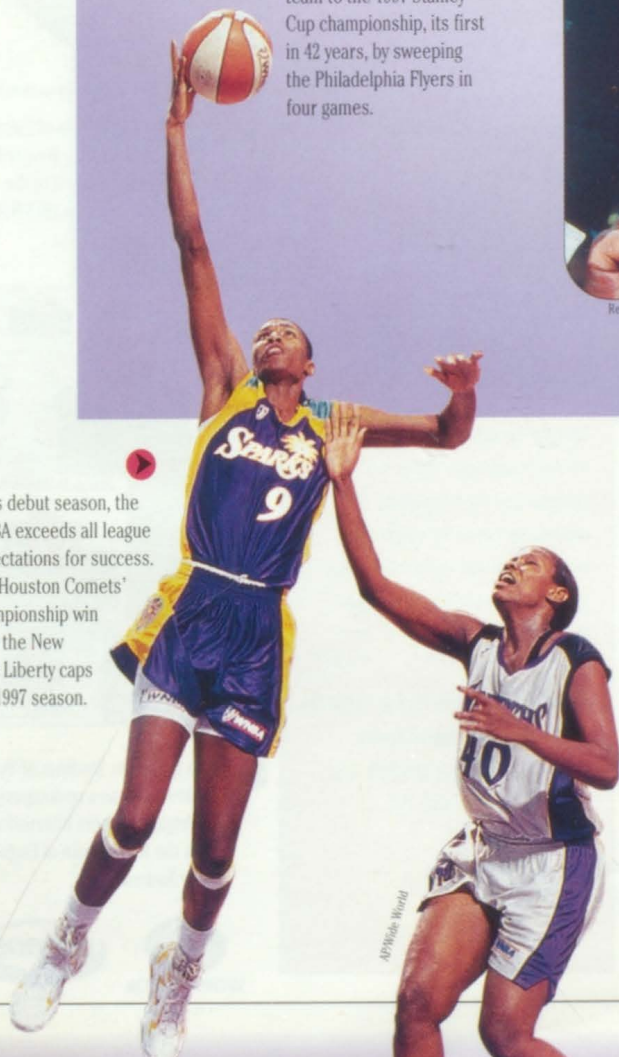
Mark McGwire, of the St. Louis Cardinals, slams 52 homers in 1996 and 58 in 1997. McGwire becomes only the second player in baseball history with back-to-back, 50-home-run seasons, the other being Babe Ruth.



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▶ Nagano, Japan, hosts the 1998 Winter Olympic Games during February. Three new medal sports make their Olympic debut: curling, snowboarding and women's ice hockey.

▶ In its debut season, the WNBA exceeds all league expectations for success. The Houston Comets' championship win over the New York Liberty caps the 1997 season.



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▶ Dean Smith, winningest coach in college basketball history, retires in October after 36 seasons at North Carolina. *Sports Illustrated* names him 1997 Sportsman of the Year.

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- Miss Illinois, Katherine Shindle, is crowned Miss America 1998. For the first time in its 77-year history the pageant allows contestants to wear two-piece swimsuits in competition.

- Chelsea Clinton begins her freshman year at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. Despite security measures, she reportedly will lead as normal a college life as possible.



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- For the first time, a computer beats a world chess champion when IBM's Deep Blue beats Russian Garry Kasparov in a six-game match in May 1997.

Shooting Star



- Beloved actor Jimmy Stewart dies in July at 89. Stewart's enduring nice-guy popularity is exemplified by *It's a Wonderful Life*, his 1946 movie that is now an American cultural icon.



J.T. MacMillan, San Diego Union-Tribune

- Roman Catholic nun Mother Teresa of Calcutta dies September 5 at the age of 87. Revered for a lifetime of helping the poorest of the poor, her many honors include the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize.



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- American Jody Williams and the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines are awarded the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize in October. The U.S. and China refuse to sign an international treaty that would ban land mines.



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- Ted Turner, vice chairman of the Time Warner media empire, pledges \$1 billion to United Nations programs. It is the largest single gift in philanthropic history.

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Former leader of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev films a TV commercial for Pizza Hut. He reportedly earns \$1 million for the appearance, money he plans to use to benefit his Gorbachev Foundation.

Singer John Denver dies in October at 53 when the experimental plane he is piloting crashes into California's Monterey Bay.



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- Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, appears in ads as a spokesperson for Weight Watchers International. She is the former wife of England's Prince Andrew.



