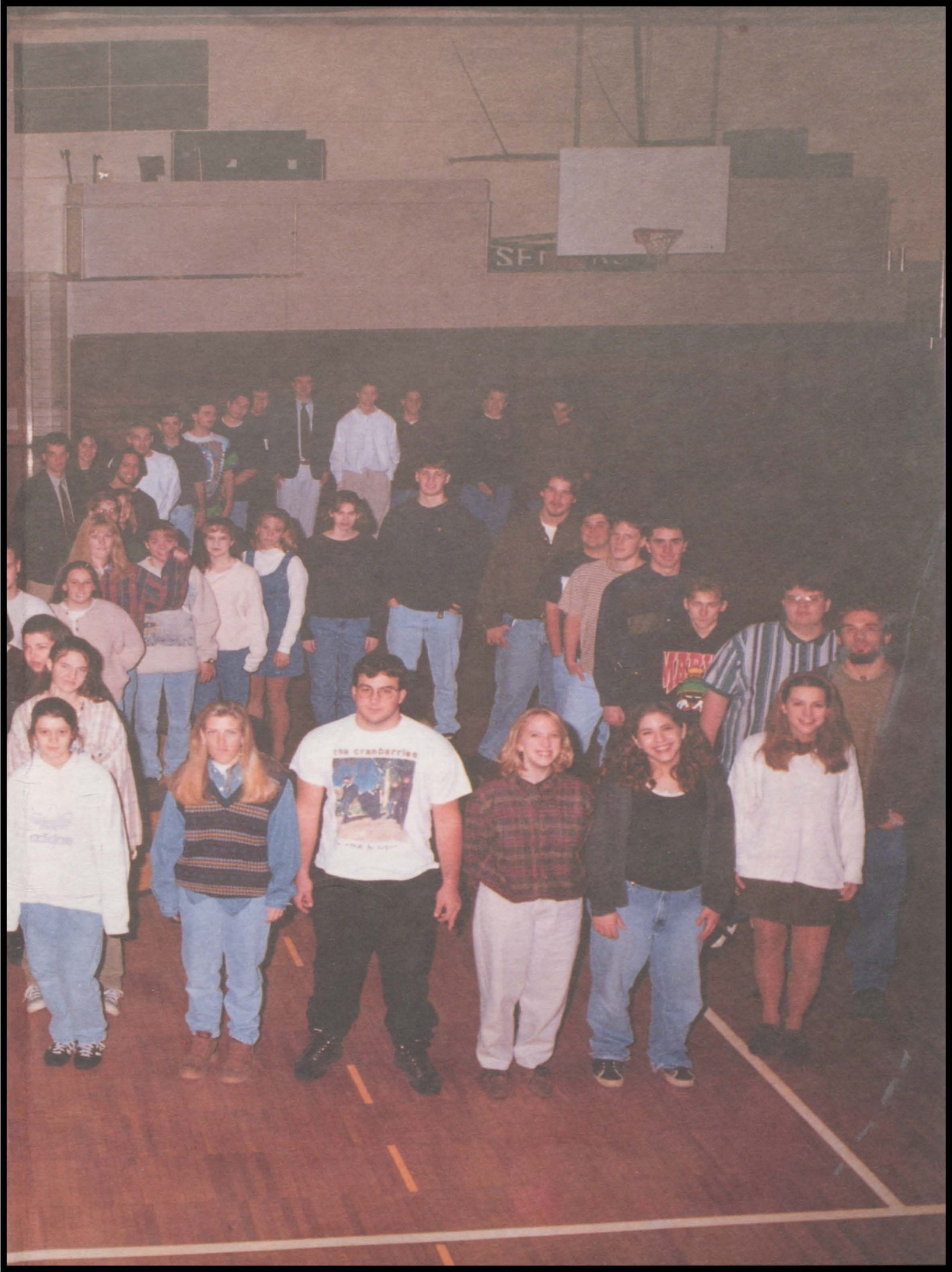
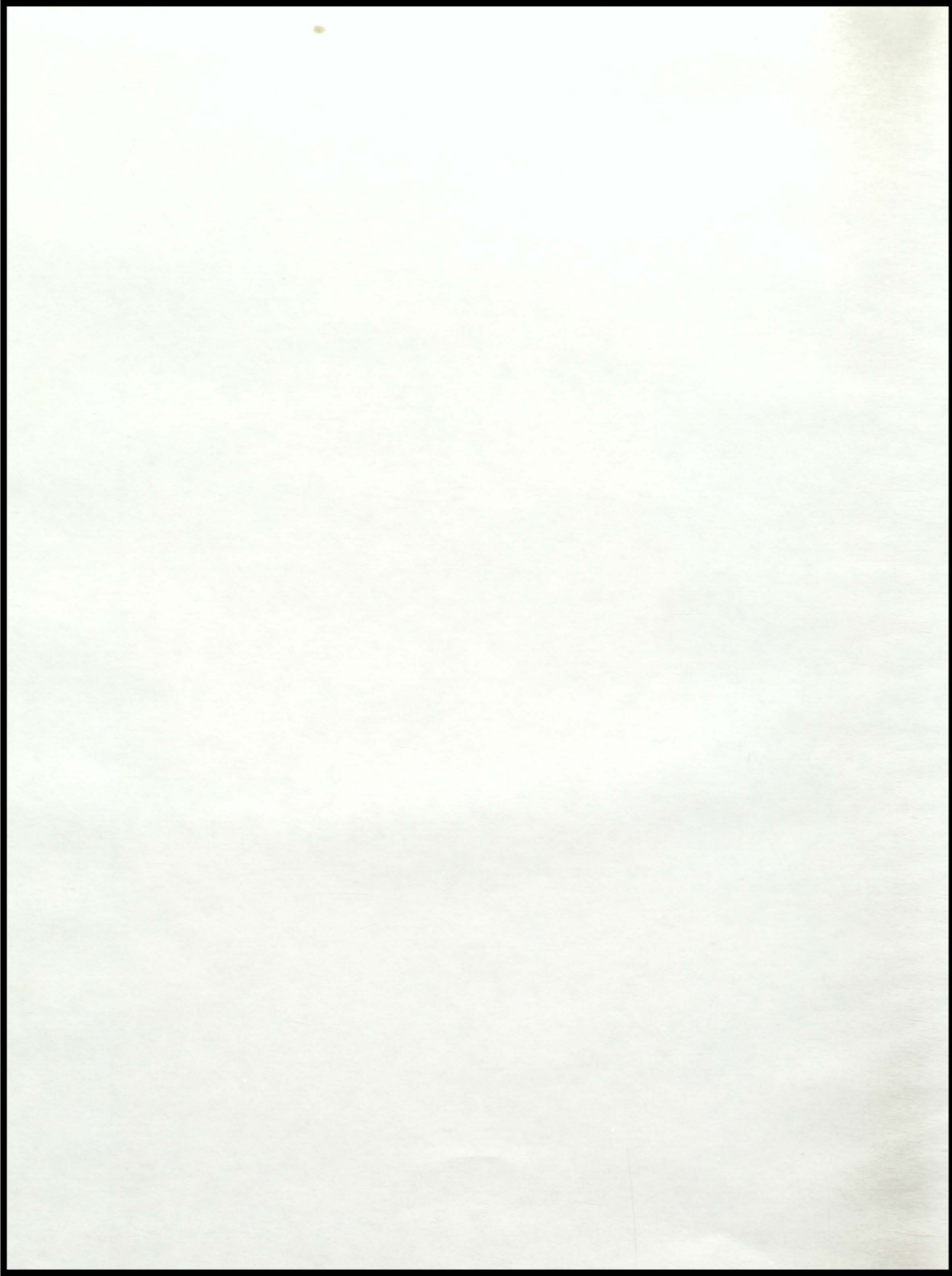


Highlights







Fall 1995

LIGHTING THE FIRE

From the first spark of the Homecoming bonfire to the last Friday night in the stands at the Eagle Aerie, our minds are filled with a **BURNING** excitement of what is yet to come.

As we watched the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame open, the O.J. Simpson trial, the passing of the bond issue for a new school, Jerry Garcia's death, and the Indians' greatest season since 1954, we realized this fall was

HOT!

"My most memorable event of high school was being crowned Homecoming Queen. I feel so honored to be the one to represent our school. It has always been one of my dreams, and it finally came true!"

-Amy Krall



OUT OF THE FRYING PAN...
What would Fall be without football? This season we watched as the team took on the fiercest competition in the county--and made us proud!

A WARM WELCOME
Awaiting the hustle and bustle of another school year, this building also holds our fondest memories of friends, fun, and education.



WARM FUZZIES

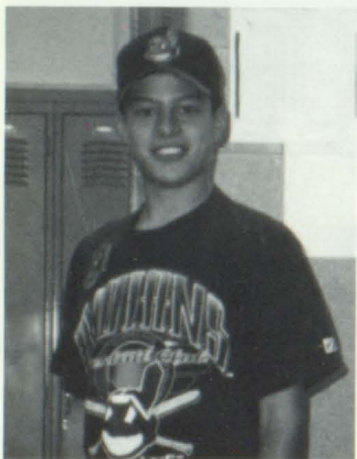
Being with friends again on a regular basis at school sponsored events is one reason that many students look forward to the start of a new year.

HOT BABES

Halloween, one of the most festive fall events, is one time that we all show our school spirit--and legs!

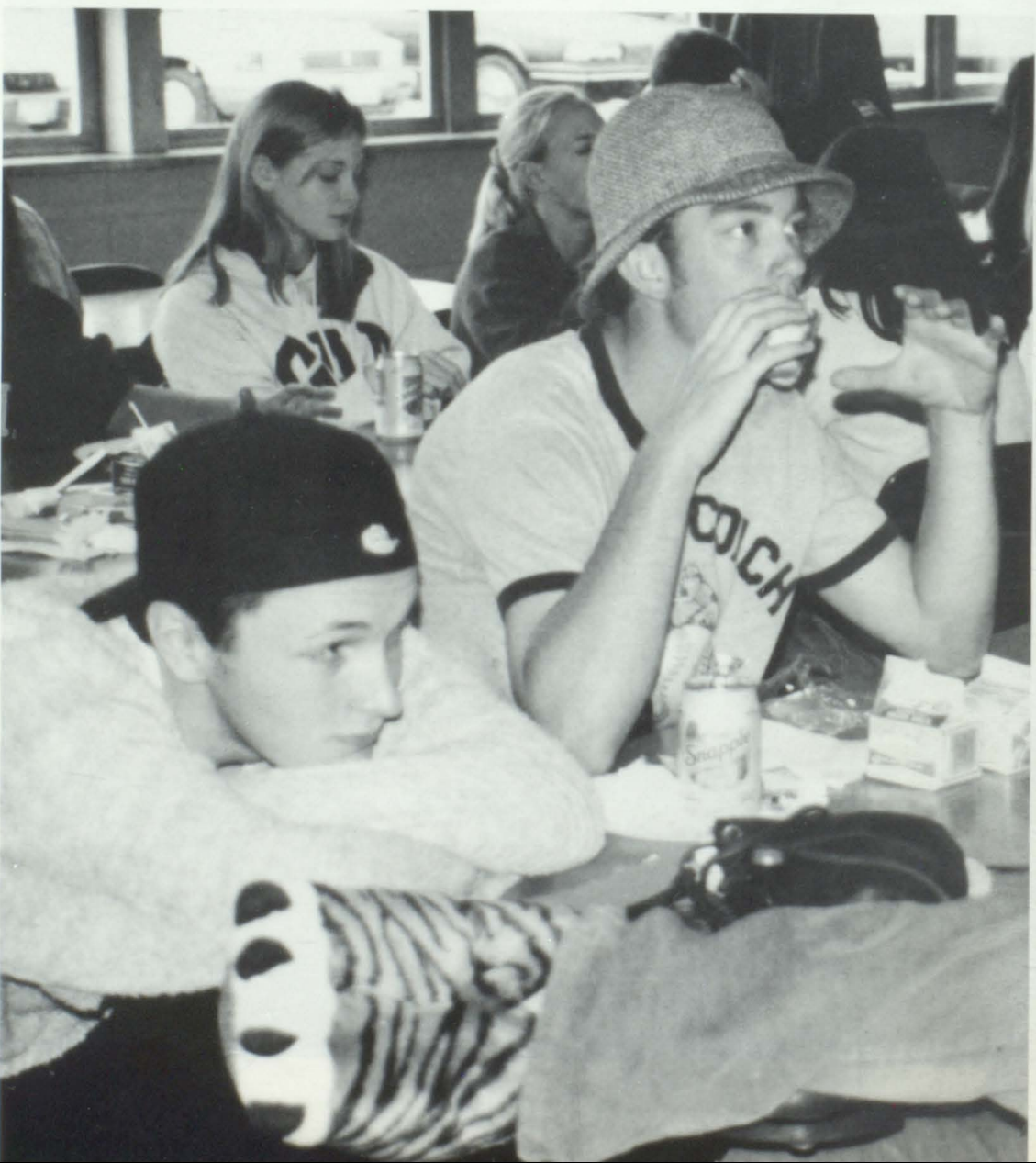
Gilligan or Dillion? Showing his enthusiasm during Spirit Week is Dillion Widener (right). Dillion, a junior, can always be counted on for a laugh or smile.

Plow the way! Nick Buchkovich (below) shows his spirit on Farmer Pride Day. Nick was one of the many freshmen that displayed their spirit and celebrated what Avon has been built around.



AVON PRIDE! Celebrating our spirit was easy this year as the Indians and the Eagles gave us something to cheer about. Paul Zepernick (above) shows his Eagle and Cleveland pride on crazy hat and sock day.

"Lunch Pals" Seniors Nate Peterson and Dave Rutter (right) heat up during spirit week by sporting their festive hats on hat day. Nate Peterson also gave many "spirited" service hours as Student Council Vice-President this year.



Hey, Mahn! Senior Dan Paull (below) tries to be the king of reggae during spirit week. Dan, who is in OWE, thinks that music is very important in trying to have fun.



SPIRITS AFIRE

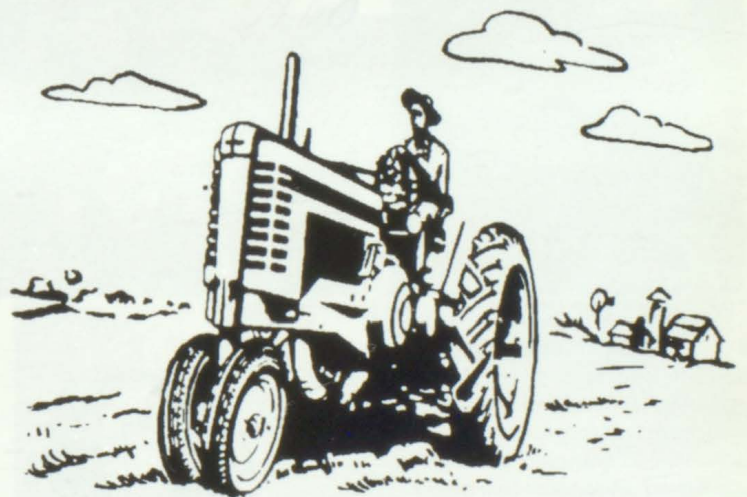
It's all *fire* and no ice in Spirit Week of 1995. The students at Avon show their spirit in many different ways. During spirit week, students dress up in hats and slippers, clown costumes, and 50,60,70, and 80's outfit's. We also celebrate our purple and gold, and, of course, our "farmer pride."

We end the week with a pep-rally. At the pep -rally each class has a chance to really show its spirit. Representatives from each class compete at games and the class

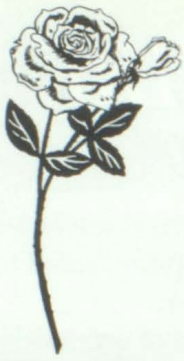
that wins is rewarded with a prize from Dr. Koehler.

A lot of time and effort go into planning Spirit Week and Homecoming. Senior and varsity cheerleader Anna Rak says " We pick these events for spirit week so we can get everybody excited for Homecoming. We know that everyone in the school will participate if we choose fun activities."

Thanks to the cheerleaders and student body, spirit week was a *scorching* success.



Clownin' Around- -Is what Matt Peterson(left) is doing. Matt, a sophomore, knows that keeping school spirit **hot** all year is just as important as showing it during Spirit Week. Matt, and many others, tend the **flames** of spirit by being involved in many activities such as Student Council and Ski Club.



IT'S NOT THE HEAT, IT'S THE HUMIDITY IN *THE RIVER OF DREAMS*

Homecoming '95



ROARING SENIORS! The seniors (top left) lead us off with a roar for their last Homecoming parade. They have festively decorated their float with school colors and everyone signed their name to a poster.

DISCO INFERNO! Jeff Benson and Jackie Ronyak (above) dance the night away at the Homecoming dance. By the looks on their beaming faces, we can tell they are having lots of fun.

THE ROYAL COURT! The 1995 Homecoming court (top) is blazing with (top row; left to right) Sarah Lengen, Heather Smith, Amy Krall, Nathan Peterson, and Bill Elliot. (Bottom row; left to right) Ely Wolfe, Whitney Englehaupt, Jackie Kennedy, Jamie Ball, and Kelly Rawlings.

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HOT CLASS OF '95! The seniors show what being at the top of the heap is really about. These seniors were among the most spirited to walk through the halls of A.H.S.

CRUISIN'! Senior Homecoming attendant Kelly Rawlings and her escort Nathan Peterson (below) display their happiness about being on the Homecoming court. Kelly and Nate both have a lot of school spirit evidenced by the many activities in which they participate.



THE INSIDE SCOOP

The excitement of Homecoming begins before the actual Homecoming game and dance. As the week gets rolling, the students team spirit is challenged each day in different ways. Spirit days are celebrated by dressing up as farmers, clowns, or as a person from the 50's, 60's, and the 70's.

The night before the big game, the whole school gets together to show our spirit at the bonfire. At this time our school cheerleaders lead us off with some cheers to get us all pepped up and excited. The football players get to cheer along and put in a few words themselves.

The day of the big game, we always have an exciting pep rally given by the cheerleaders. During school that day, we are in our school colors and the football players are the most thrilled and full of positive, winning spirit.

The game festivities continue on after school as the Homecoming parade

gets afloat. The parade starts at the middle school and ends at the high school. In the parade, there are floats made by the Senior, Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman classes. After the parade, but before the game, the queen and king for Homecoming are crowned. This year's king and queen are Willie Schober and Amy Krall.

The football game is played against our rivals, BROOKSIDE! The football players are very pumped up and ready to play their best game ever. We ended up winning the game, WAY TO GO EAGLES!!!

The final Homecoming festivity is the big dance on Saturday night. The dance is a memorable time for all, as our River of Dreams becomes a reality.



CROWNING! Willie Schober and Amy Krall (left) are pleased and proud to be crowned the King and Queen of Avon's Homecoming. With smiles like these, it's no wonder they are considered royalty!

A WHOLE LOTTA SPIRIT! Senior Mark Hricovec poses with his spirit-filled truck that his fellow teammates and the cheerleaders helped paint the week of Homecoming. In celebration of Homecoming, students often decorate their most prized possessions to show how spirited they really are.

CHEERLEADERS IGNITE SPIRITS

As The Fans' Excitement Explodes



HEATING IT UP! Varsity cheerleaders (right): (front left) Amy Krall, Heather Smith, Anna Rak. (back left) Katie Lengen, Joanne Hricovec, Whitney Englehaupt, Katie Czarney, and Gretchen Dechant.



LET'S GET FIRED UP! Varsity cheerleader Katie Lengen (above) keeps spirits hot at the stands of the Eagle Arie. This was Katie's first year in cheerleading. She was a great asset to the squad with her gymnastic abilities.

Eagle Fever! J.V. cheerleaders (right): (front left) Kelly Simkovich, Jenny Peregord, Katie Herbst. (back left) Judy Schlather, Jenny Roach, and Karen Szilagyi.





HOT PRIDE! Freshmen cheerleaders(left): (Front Left) Kristin Arendt, Kaite Gray, Angela Graziono. (Middle Left) Shauna Lohr, Olivia Grimes, Jennifer Kapucinsk. (Back Left) Ginny Miraldi, Michelle Colyer, and Jackie Kennedy.

HEY EAGLE! Senior Dawn Reichbaum and junior Joanne Hricovec (below) show the Friday night crowd that they have school spirit. Dawn helped to keep the eagle fever hot!



"My favorite part of cheerleading were the pep-rallies. Everyone's spirit made them great, and the pep rallies gave the players confidence for the game."
-Anna Rak



"My favorite part of being the eagle was bringing spirit to the crowd."
-Dawn Reichbaum



"My favorite part of cheerleading was riding on the bus on away games, and talking and goofing around with my friends."
-Judy Schlather



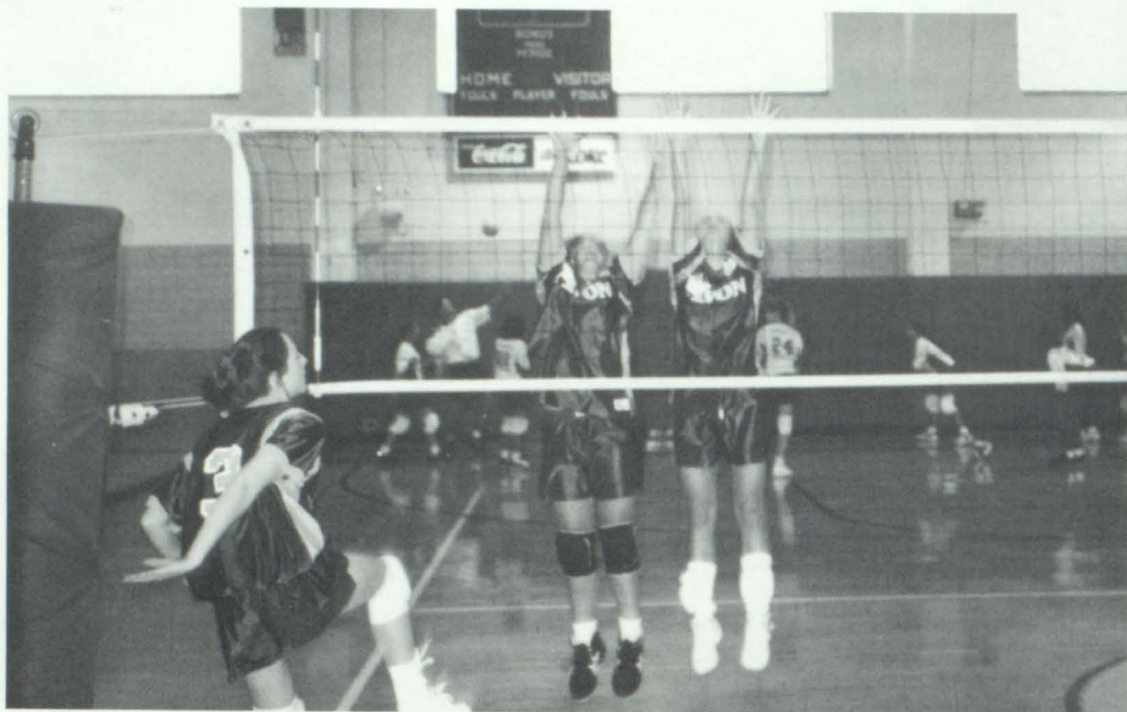
"My favorite part of cheerleading was going to the Lumberjacks game with all the other cheerleaders. That was the time I won't soon forget."
-Kelly Simkovich

JV GIRLS FIRE UP AS SEASON PROGRESSES

Spikers End Season With a Red Hot Record of 14-8

SPIKEIT! Gretchen DeChant (right) hits the ball past blockers Rachel Edwards and Trisha Pawson, all sophomores, during warmups. Gretchen was one of the key players that helped her team to a spectacular season.

DIVE! Sophomore Rachel Edwards (below) sacrifices her body as she goes for the ball. Rachel worked hard all season and was a great asset to the team.



"The leadership on the court was one of the keys to our success this season. People stepped up when it was needed the most."
-Katie Lengen



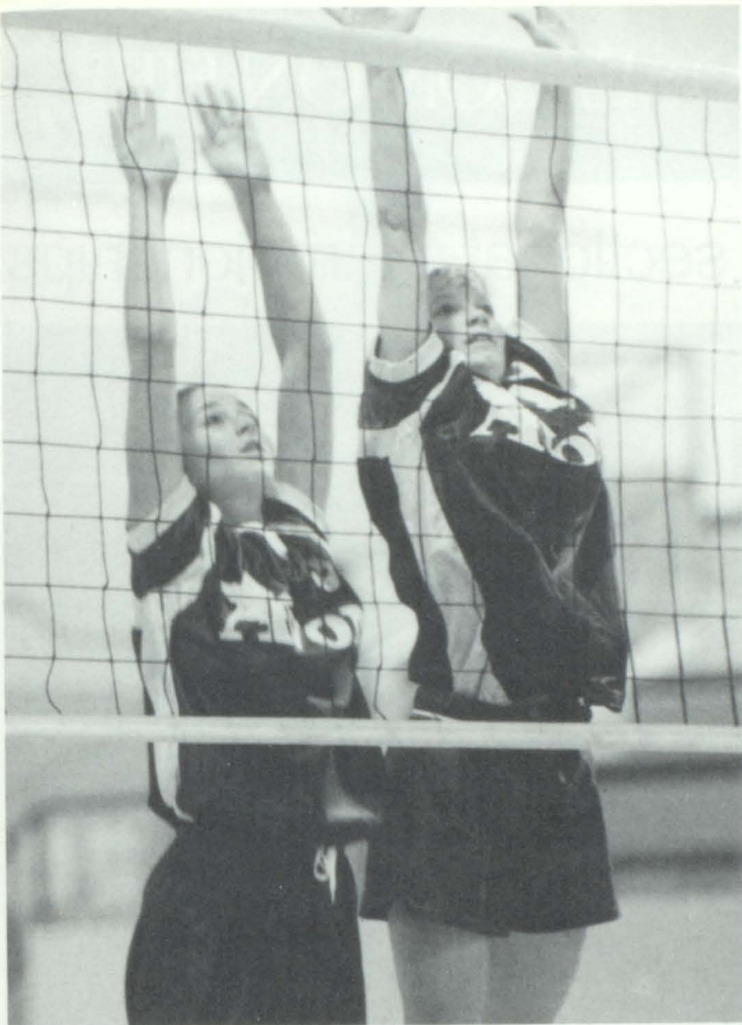
"We had a lot of teamwork and the terrific sets allowed us to have a strong offense."
-Ashley Wimmer



"We had a wonderful coach who helped us improve on how we played together. Our team has greatly improved over the years."
-Annie DeChant

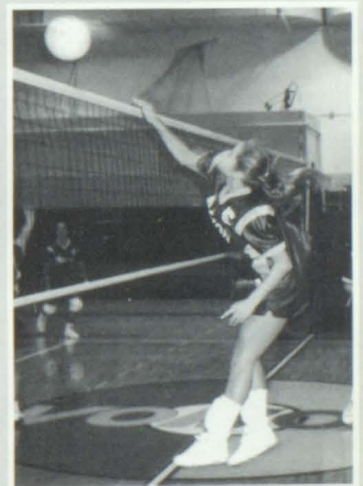


"We had a great season due to the hard work and dedication from every member on the team. We played very well together and had a lot of fun."
-Kristin Gilles



BLOCK! Tricia Pawson is on her way up as Katie Lengen (left) skies above the net in an attempt to block a hit from the opposing team. With Katie's natural ability, she has the potential to become a great volleyball player.

PASS! Judy Schlather (below) shows her perfect technique as she makes a pass during pre-game warmups. Jessica Biggs watches Judy as she waits for her turn. Judy and Jessica, both sophomores, played a major role on the JV team.



KILL! Sophomore, Tricia Pawson (above) makes it all look easy as she spikes the ball over the net during warmups. Tricia, being an "off the bench" player, did rather well in her first year on the JV team..

1...2...3... TEAM! Coach Kelly (left) gives the team a few pointers before they head back onto the court. Junior Rose Hovanitz doesn't seem to agree with the pep talk that Coach Kelly is giving.

VARSITY SPIKERS END SEASON ON FIRE

Volleyball team blazes into sectional championships

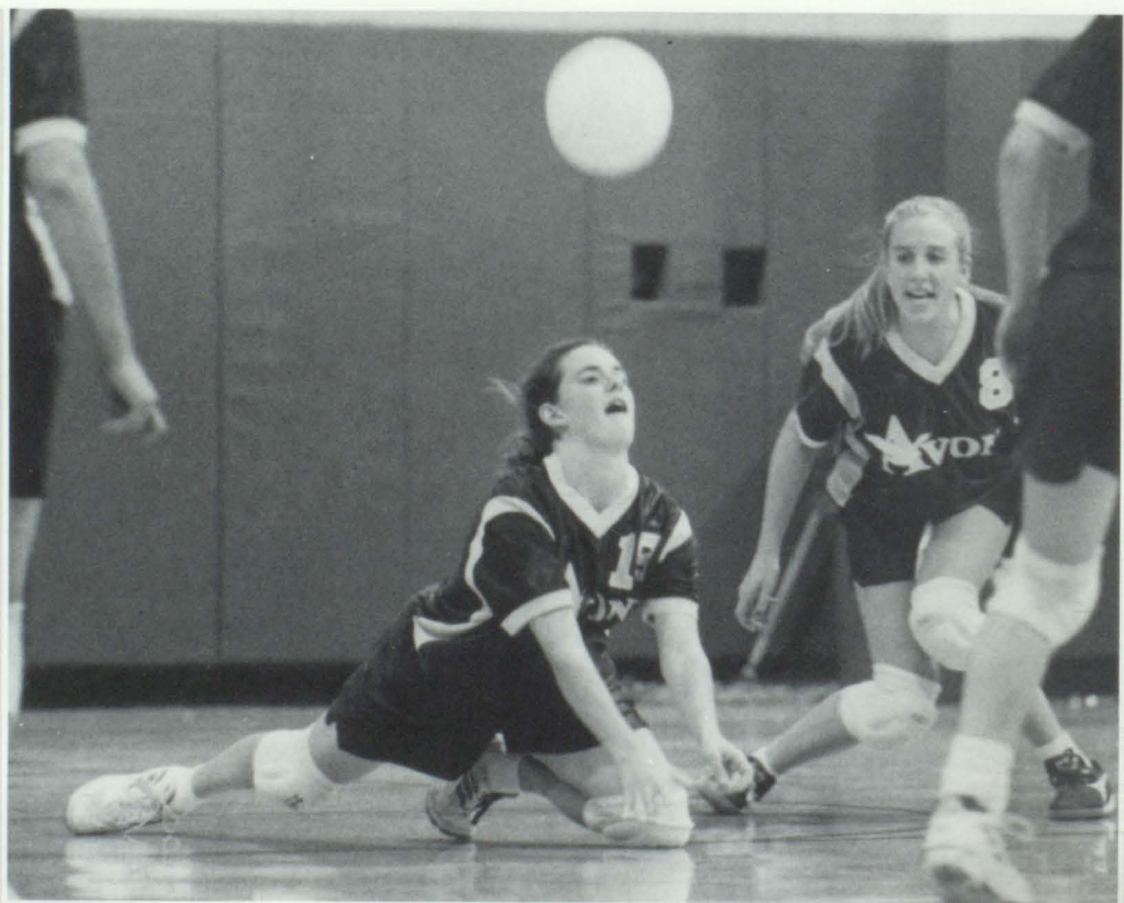
PASS! Junior Jenny Smith (right) demonstrates her teamwork in the backrow as she passes the ball to the setter. Heather Smith, a senior, watches with anticipation. Jenny was voted the team's best hitter.

ACE! Sarah Ballog and Jessica Erdei (below) prepare to practice their power serves and watch them sail across the court. Sarah played in the county All-Star game and was honorable mention All-County this season.



TEAM! Sarah Lengen (above) leads the team through the "Good Luck Hoop" to begin their pre-game warm-ups. It's a tradition for the volleyball team to run through the hoop for senior night each season.

DEFENSE! Beth Weaver (right), a junior, shows her leadership skills and takes over as she digs a serve. Beth was a starter and she also earned Academic All-County and All-District honors.



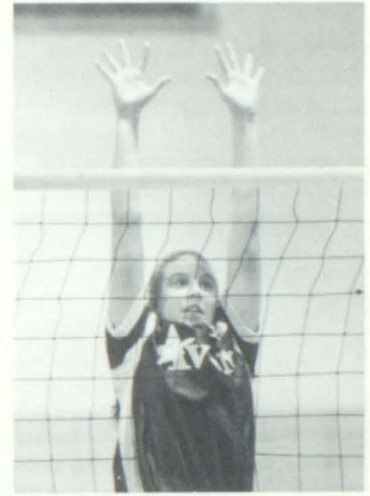
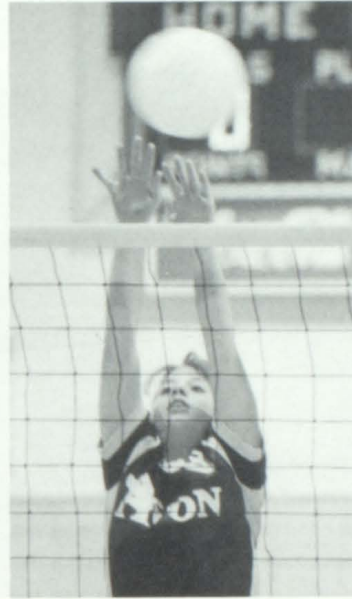


BUMP! Senior Lynn Wernert (left) passes the ball to Sarah Lengen so that Erin Limmer can spike it in the opponents face. All three players were starters and worked hard all season to help with the Eagles' success.

BLOCK! Sarah Lengen (below) attempts to block a shot from the opposing team. Sarah represented Avon in the county and district All-Star games. Sarah also earned All-County and All-Conference awards.



JUMP! Jenny Smith (below) is up in the air going for her All-Conference and All-County awards. Jenny was a key player on offense and defense. She played a major role in almost all of the games.



"Our victory over Brookside was the highlight of my season. We were ready for revenge, played together as a team, and had a lot of fun pounding the ball in their faces."
-Sarah Lengen.



"The highlight of my season was being the champions of the Brookly Quad. We played great and improved throughout the season."
-Dawn Reichbaum



"We played really good at the end of our season, especially in our tournament games. We worked together as a team, and finally found out what it meant to play like a team."
-Lynn Wernert



"We struggled in the beginning, but the end was terrific. The seniors helped us a lot, and they will definitely be missed."
-Erin Limmer

SOCCER TEAM EXTINGUISHES OPPONENTS

Co-ed team scorches into the 2nd round of playoffs

HEADER! Throughout the season, junior Rick Shepherd (right) showed great teamwork and hustle on the field. This was Rick's third year on the varsity team. He was a co-captain for the team.

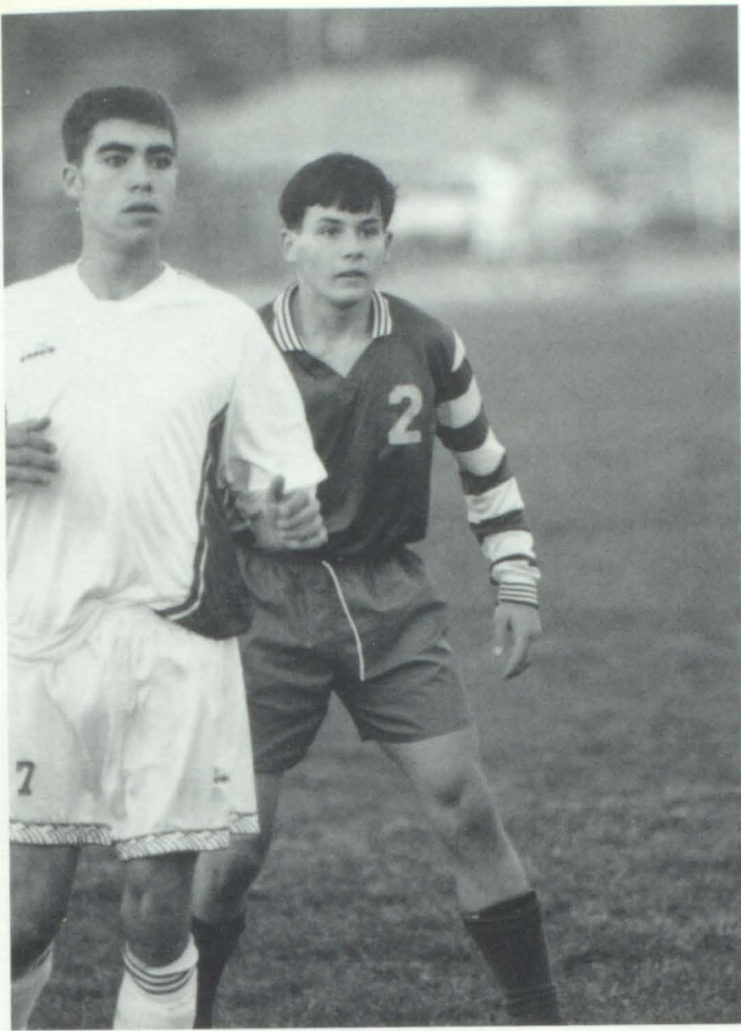
OUTTA HERE! Freshman Matt Yonkoff (below) chases after the ball against Oberlin. Matt was voted most improved for the 95 season and his efforts will pay off in future seasons.



DETERMINED! Taking the ball down the field, Joe Woodward (above) looks for a teammate to pass to. Joe is an up-and-coming freshman player who will prove valuable to the team in the future.

PASS! Matt Colbert (right) plays hard and beats the defender to the ball. He was player of the year and led the team in assists.



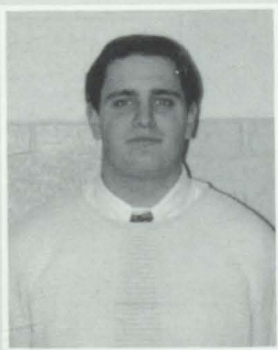


MOVE IT! Senior Ivan Martin (left) anxiously awaits the throw-in from his teammate. Ivan, a foreign exchange student from the Czech Republic, has been a great asset to the team.

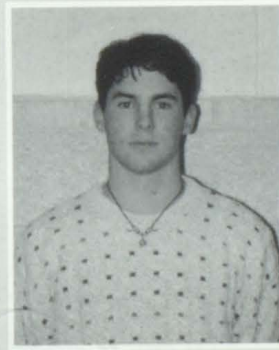
KICK IT! Mike Fischbach (below) is about to boot the ball down field. Mike was a co-captain who was both an offensive and defensive player.



PRESSURE! Sophomore Andy Ballog (below) fights for control of the ball against an opponent from Lorain Catholic. Andy was a dedicated and hard working player. This was his second year on varsity and he recieved the coaches award.



"We played a lot harder than our record showed. We had a tough year, but we managed to pull out a few wins."
-Brian Weaver



"We played with the best in the area. We were the first team from Avon to make it to the second round of the playoffs."
-Rick Shepherd



"This season was a tough one but we worked really hard to advance in the playoffs. We had a good team effort from everyone."
-Karen Robbins



"We played hard and had a lot of fun. We lost some close ones and our record doesn't show all the effort that we had. We had a young team and we should be good in the future."
-Jillian Syphers

GREAT BALLS OF FIRE!

Avon Golf Team "Putts" Out the Flames

GOING, GOING, GONE! Looking on in astonishment, senior Mike Zerbini double checks his aim. This was Mike's second season with the Avon golf team. Along with the rest of the team, he was excited about making the Conference Playoffs this year.

NOW WHERE DID THAT BALL GO? Intently watching a fellow golfer, senior Mike Zerbini (below) waits his turn to tee off. Mike was a great asset to the team this year.



CLUBBED! The 1995 Avon Golf Team (left):(top row from left)Adam Fitch, Mathan Petersen, Jon Jones, Dillion Widener, Doug Hayden, Matt Petersen, John DeChant, Mike Zerbini. (bottom row from left) Steve Krall, Scott Piazza, Eric McKenzie, coach Kevin Fitch, Matt Meeks, Brandon Ade, Jim Brunner.



CALM, COOL, CONFIDENT... Senior Jon Jones (left) tallies up another fantastic score. Jon's average this year was a **hot 38!** This was Jon's third season with the team.



GOLF VOGUE! Junior Dillion Widener (below) struts his stuff and shows us how seriously he takes his golf commitment.

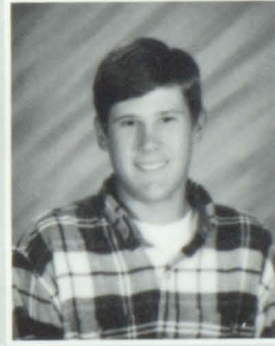
"AVON-YOU'RE UP!" Sophomore Scott Piazza (below) quickly digs through his bag for his golf balls as he rushes to the greens. Scott had a great second season this year. He also lettered and plans to golf again next year.



"The most crucial time of the season, for me, was the sectional tournament at Hinckley Hills because if we didn't win there, our season was over."
-Jon Jones



"The funniest moment of the season happened one morning at breakfast when I spilled hot chocolate all over our coach, Kevin Fitch."
-Mike Zerbini



"My cousin Kevin Fitch inspired me the most this year because it's his last year as a coach, so I wanted him to see me do good before he went away for college."
-Adam Fitch



"I have improved this season a lot because of skillful coaching by our coach, Kevin Fitch. He has reconstructed my game and I am proud to say that I was part of the team this year."
-Steve Krall

A TORCHING SEASON

The JV Football Team Soars to a 4-3 Record

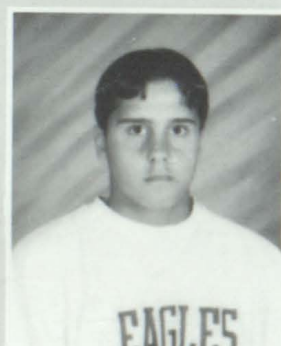
THINK, THINK! George Zilka (right) tries to think of what to do next. George racks his brain and comes up with a winning strategy.



FIGHTING FIRE WITH FIRE! Paul Hricovec and Adam Wilkins (far right) along with the rest of the team work really hard to achieve a victory for the team. Way to show your cooperation!



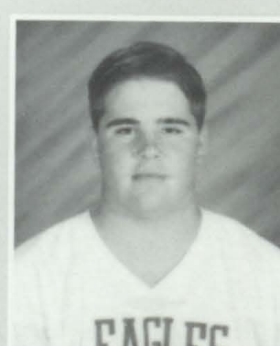
"I really think that we had a lot of teamwork and Mr. Hieronymous was a great coach. The cooperation of the JV's along with the varsity was just really spectacular!"
-Kevin Barth



"The best part of the season was that we had a lot of talent. The varsity team really showed us how to work hard and become a better team."
-Nick Ashofteh



"I really did not believe we could have had this great of a season, but we did! I felt very confident playing on Avon's team this year and I say next year we will be going all the way! ROCK ON AVON!"
-Michael Beard



"The best thing going for us this season was our great defense, we stopped everyone."
-Barry Nichta

Way to show your stuff! Derik Wilhelm (left) gets out in the open to receive a pass and score a TD. Derik's interest in masonry is not only apparent at the JVS, but also on the field as he lays a good foundation for his team

A NEW CHANGE! Brian Guyer (below) runs on in to help his team to victory. This year Brian has been a new and welcome edition to the Eagle team.



TACKLE TIME! Avon JV's go at it with the opposing team (above). The team really worked hard to bring a victory home for the Eagles.

TEAM SUPPORT! After a very trying game (left), the team still sticks together. Helping each other out is a part of the team spirit that the JV's developed this season.

THE EAGLES HEAT IT UP!

THE MIGHTY AVON EAGLES FOOTBALL TEAM BURNS THROUGH THE SEASON

TEARIN' THROUGH! Zack Mitchell (right) tears through the line trying to avoid the clutches of the enemy. Zack's great offensive playing helped Avon become a successful team this season.



DODGE 'EM! Tim Nelson (below) avoids the heated clutter of bodies as he charges for the end zone.





HELP! INJURED PLAYER! Senior Bill Stockard (right), shows off his spirited bruise before another big game. Bill, who took many hits for the team, helped complete many successful plays throughout the football season.

THE GREAT ESCAPE! Running back Will Schober (below) explodes with adrenaline while trying to escape from the arms of our rival, Brookside, at a game during the '95 season.



FLYING LIKE AN EAGLE! Steve Vega's (below) excitement is fired up as he catches the flaming pass. Steve is one of the key players of the team. GO EAGLES!!!



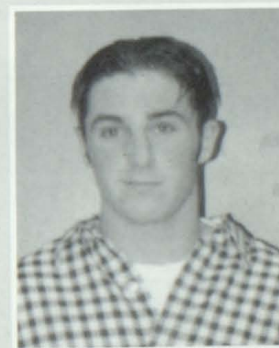
"The highlight of the season for me, was our conversations during stretching practice. Those were the times that I don't think I'll soon forget." -Bill Stockard



"My highlight of the season was when we beat Elyria West 42-41, showing that we were one of the best teams in the area."
-Dan Bigley



"The best part of the season was beating Elyria West because we've lost against them so many times. It was nice to be on the winning team for once."
-Tim Nelson



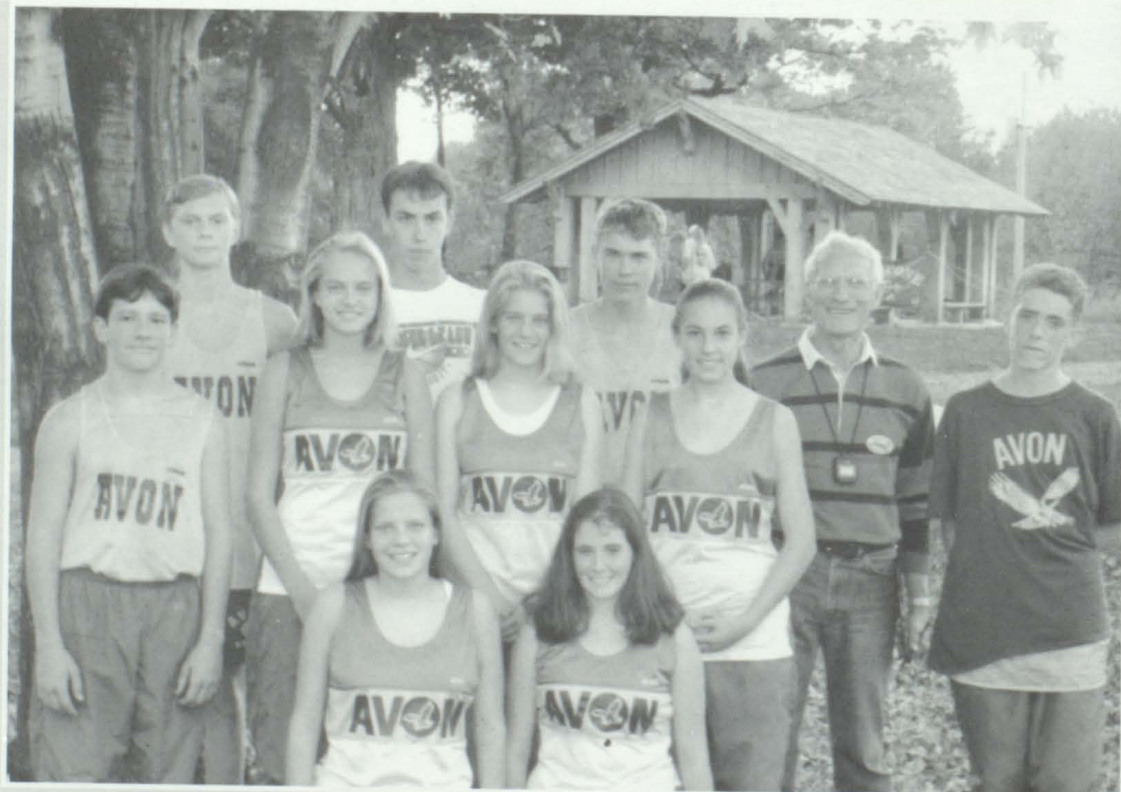
"The highlight of my season was that everytime I hit someone, they had to be personally carried off the field. This made me feel all tough and stuff."
-Zack Mitchell

CROSS-COUNTRY SIZZLES

Runners Have A Scorching Season!

GETTING FIRED UP! The Boys Cross-Country team (right) shows how hard you must push to be in the front of the "pack." This season was the first time in years that they could compete as a full team. From left to right are Scott O'Malley, Nick Buchkovich, Josh Guerrieri, Brad Knoble, and David Smith.

THE LAST STRETCH! Freshmen David Smith (below) rounds the final turn to the finish. Though, this was David's first year in Cross-Country, he received the 'Best Attitude Award.'"



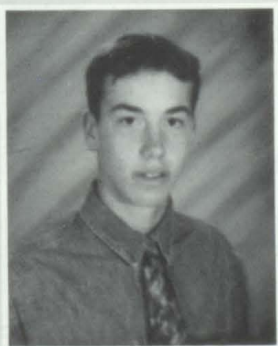
HOT RUNNERS (back row; from left) Scott O'Malley, Josh Guerrieri, Brad Knoble, Coach Jim Reynolds, and Nick Buchkovich. (middle row; from left) David Smith, Katie Schlessman, Jodi Porter, and Janet Hovanitz (front row; from left) Jackie Kennedy and Terra Buchkovich.



BLAZIN' BY! Junior Katie Schlessman (left) shows that determination and practice help out in the long run. Katie made it all the way to conference and was also awarded 'Runner of the Year.'"

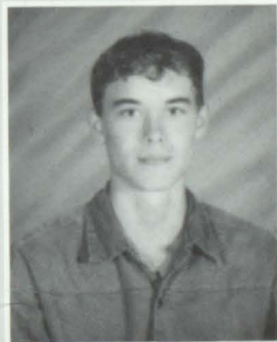


RUNNIN' BUDDIES! (from left) Jodi Porter, Katie Schlessman, Jackie Kennedy, and Terra Buchkovich (below) show that if you want to be a good team, you must stick together. This year the girls became good friends throughout the Cross-Country season.



"The best part of the season for me was when we won the LCCC Classic."

-Josh Guerrieri



"The best part of my season was when I placed 4th out of eight-three people at Tri-C."

-Brad Knoble



"I feel that the best part of the season was at the conference when I placed fourth and Katie, Jodi, and Jackie were right behind me."

-Terra Buchkovich



"The best part of the season for me was having a full team for both the guys and the girls. I thought that Cross-Country was a lot of fun this year."

-Katie Schlessman

WINTER 1996

FEEDING THE FIRE

From the first tip -off of the championship basketball season to the last snowfall of the '96 blizzard, our cabin fever **BOILS** over with anticipation of the **HOT** weather to come. As we witness the move of the Cleveland Browns take precedence over the murder of Israeli Prime Minister Yitsak Rabin, the First Lady going to trial for the Whitewater scandal, and the retirement of Avon legend Mr. Henze, we realize that that this year's winter was

SMOKIN'!

"My favorite part of the year so far would have to be winning the conference title in my weight class."

Kyle

Stivason



MUSIC IN "FLAMES" THE FANS...

A variety of musical presentations from the band and choir gives us even more reason to stay indoors during a frigid winter.

IT MAY BE COLD OUTSIDE...

Despite the Blizzard of '96 and many other snowstorms, Avon High School keeps our hearts warm and our minds sparked.



FOREIGN HEAT WAVE!

Foreign Language week, which takes place the second week in March, brings together Spanish and French students with many activities.

BASKETBALL FEVER!

AHS athletes make us forget the freezing temperatures outside as they turn up the heat inside.

THINK FAST! Showing the negative side of the debate, Joel Decker (below) gives his facts and figures in his rebuttal speech. Joel displayed one of the most crucial aspects of debating-- being able to think fast on one's feet.



POISED AND PREPARED Junior debator Nick Snavelly (right) proved to everyone that he had done a great job of researching the topic as he stumped the competition time and time again.



Debators tackle HOT topic!

HE SAID/SHE SAID

The 1995 Jr./Sr. Great Debate proved to be an eventful one. This year the Great Debators encountered many obstacles during the weeks preceding the debate. After the topic was changed a few times, and the format of the debate was revised, the senior debators, Terra Buchokovich and Sarah Koszewski, and the junior debators, Nick Snavelly and Joel Decker, could finally get their research underway.

Having spent a month researching during their English

and Social Studies classes, along with many long hours outside of school, the debators were ready for the big day. The morning of the debate was spent practicing speeches and trying to calm each other's nerves.

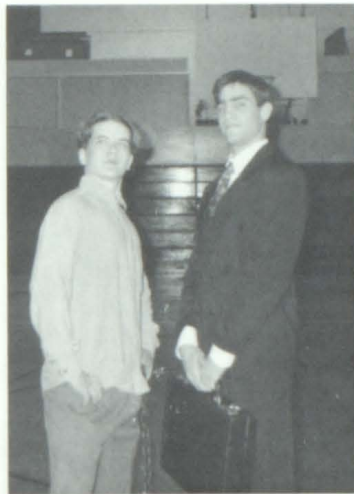
The debate itself went smoothly, while both teams created sparks trying to prove their side. In the end, though, the seniors proved to be the better debators, as they were awarded the purple and gold trophies.



PREPARING AN ARGUMENT Joel Decker and Nick Snavelly (above) discuss their position during a crucial point during the debate. Joel and Nick made excellent points and gave the Affirmative team a run for their money throughout the debate.



IS THAT FIRST LADY HILLARY CLINTON... or Sarah Koszewski? Displaying her cool and confident stature, this senior debator (left) puts the junior duo in their place. Sarah also participated last year, as a junior.



THE THRILL OF VICTORY... or in this case, the agony of defeat. Negative team members Joel Decker and Nick Snavelly (left) show that they have no pre-debate jitters. However, as these seemingly fearless men have learned, they obviously had things to worry about.



HANGING ON EVERY WORD are Terra Buchkovich and Sarah Koszewski (below). Paying very close attention to Nick Snavelly's speech was crucial for the affirmative team so that the girls could take his words and turn them around.



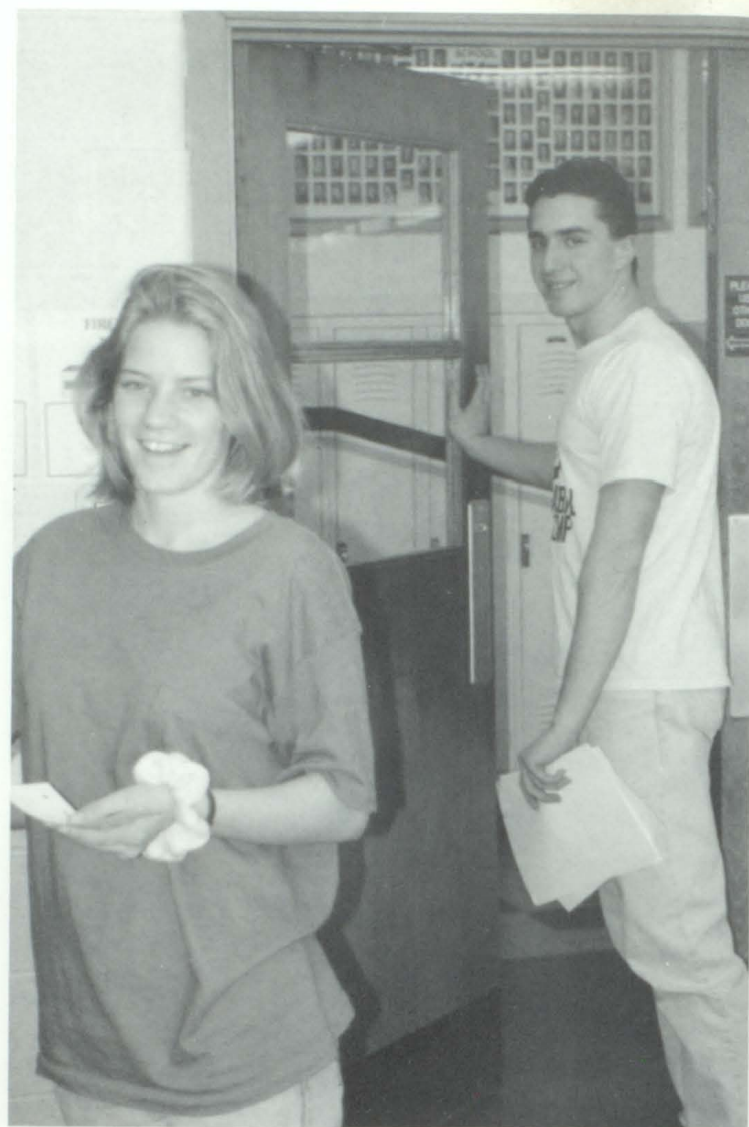
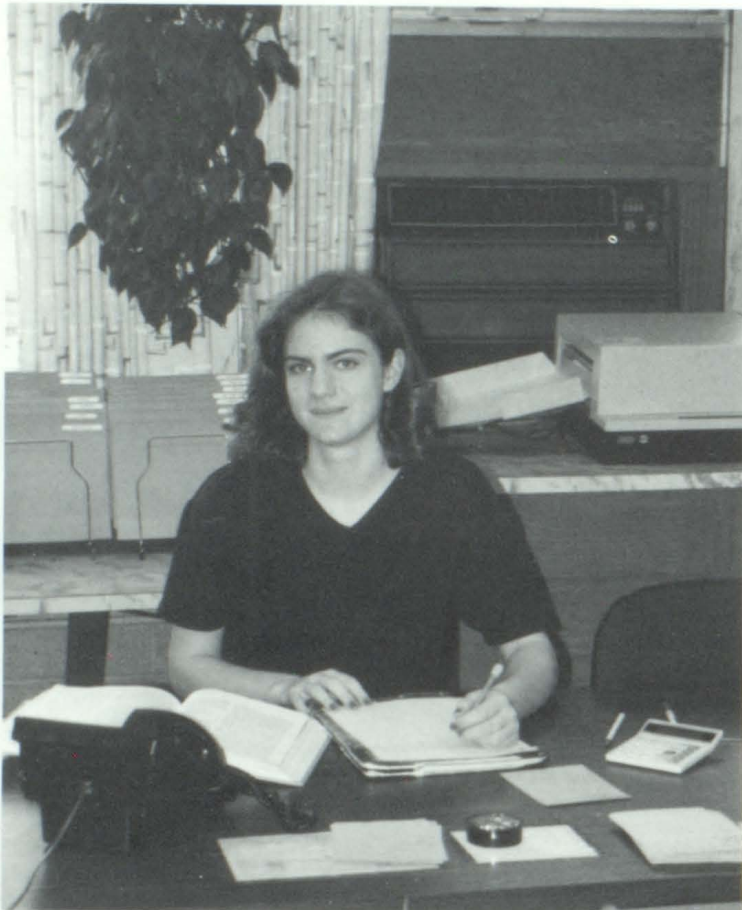
AND THE WINNER IS...THE AFFIRMATIVE TEAM!

The senior debators and their coaches proudly show off their trophies. (left to right) Mr. Bruening, coach, Terra Buchkovich, Sarah Koszewski, and Mrs. Buller, coach.



MAY I HELP YOU? Junior, Jennifer Danicki (below), displays her studious efforts as well as exceptional office skills. As a first period office aide, Jenny must collect attendance cards and deliver morning announcements.

ALWAYS ON THE GO! Working in the office for Mrs. Dever and Mrs. Wanosik can be hard work! Senior Josh Stell, and junior Jodi Porter (right) are always on their toes as a great ninth period duo.



Office/Guidance Aides

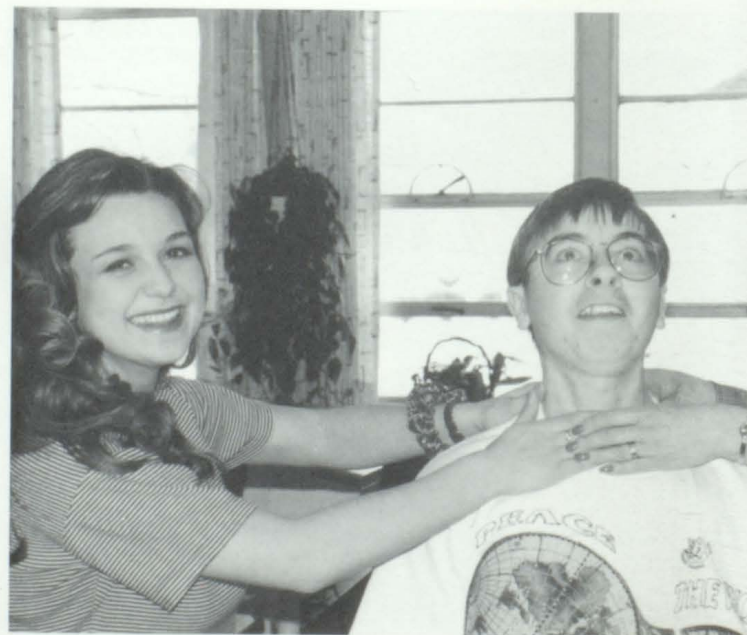
PREVENT FIRES FROM GETTING OUT OF CONTROL

To be chosen as an office or guidance aide is a prestigious honor. One must be dependable, responsible, cordial, and have a study hall in order to have time to work.

Aides must have exceptional talents and be able to handle many demands at one time. Mrs. Dever, Mrs. Wanosik, and Mrs. Fisher always have work that needs to be done and done right.

Working in the office isn't all work though. It can be a

nice break in the day from classes; and when it gets warm outside, one can enjoy the luxury of air-conditioning. When things are calm there is always time for conversation and relaxation. Office and Guidance aides are great assets to the school and are a necessity to assure that things run smoothly.



SOMETIMES I COULD JUST RING YOUR NECK! Although it can be frustrating sometimes, senior Amy Krall and sophomore, Brian Burch (above) are a great asset to the office staff.



YOUR NAME PLEASE? Jennifer Smith (left), a junior, shows just how hectic the office can get towards the end of the year. Part of the job is answering the phone for Mrs. Dever and taking messages for the staff.



GUIDANCE BUDDIES! Stephanie Mac Avoy, and Mrs. Fisher (right) take a break from their busy schedule to smile. As a junior, this was Stephanie's second year as a faithful aide.



ALWAYS READY AND WILLING TO GO! For juniors Joanne Hricovec and Heidi Wagenknecht (below) there is always something to do. Whether it is homework or running errands, a guidance aide's work is never done.

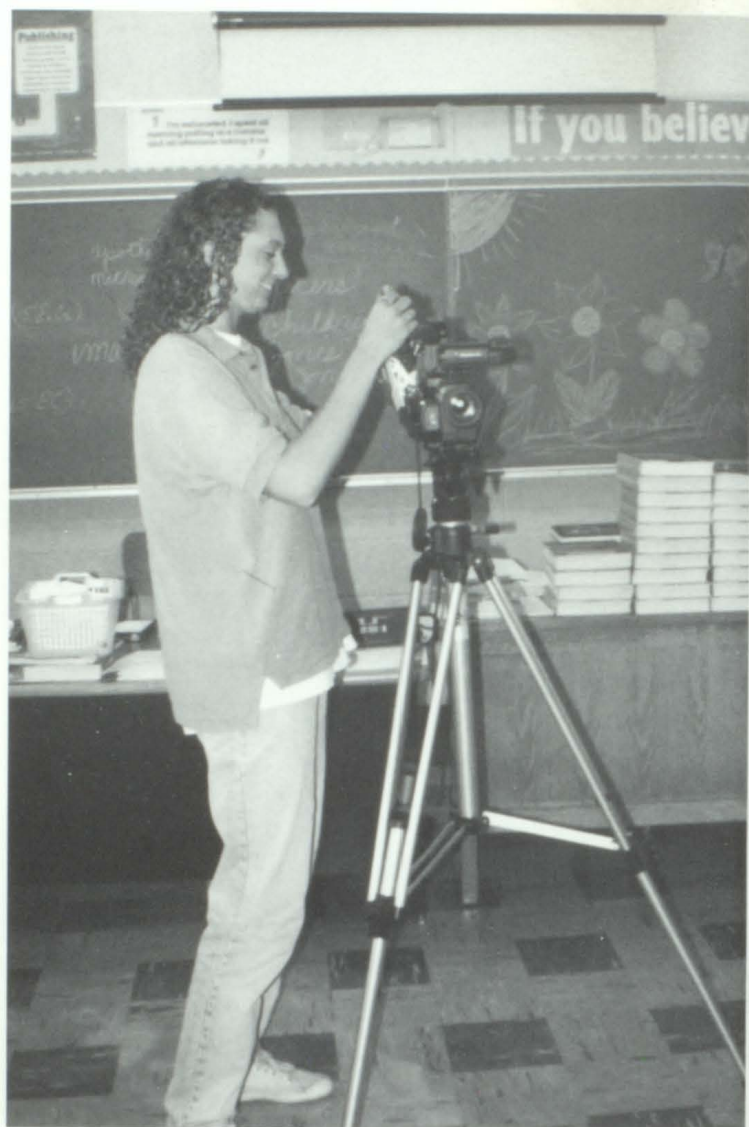


HOT HELPERS! The 1995-96 Office/ Guidance Aides



BIG MAN ON CAMPUS! Chairman of the Republican Party of Cuyahoga County, Paul Russo (below) speaks to the seniors. Paul gave the seniors some tips to help make their elections run smoothly.

TAKE TWO! Junior Amy Miesle (right) gets the camera ready for the morning announcements. Taking Speech Class has helped Amy prepare for her desire of a career in communications.

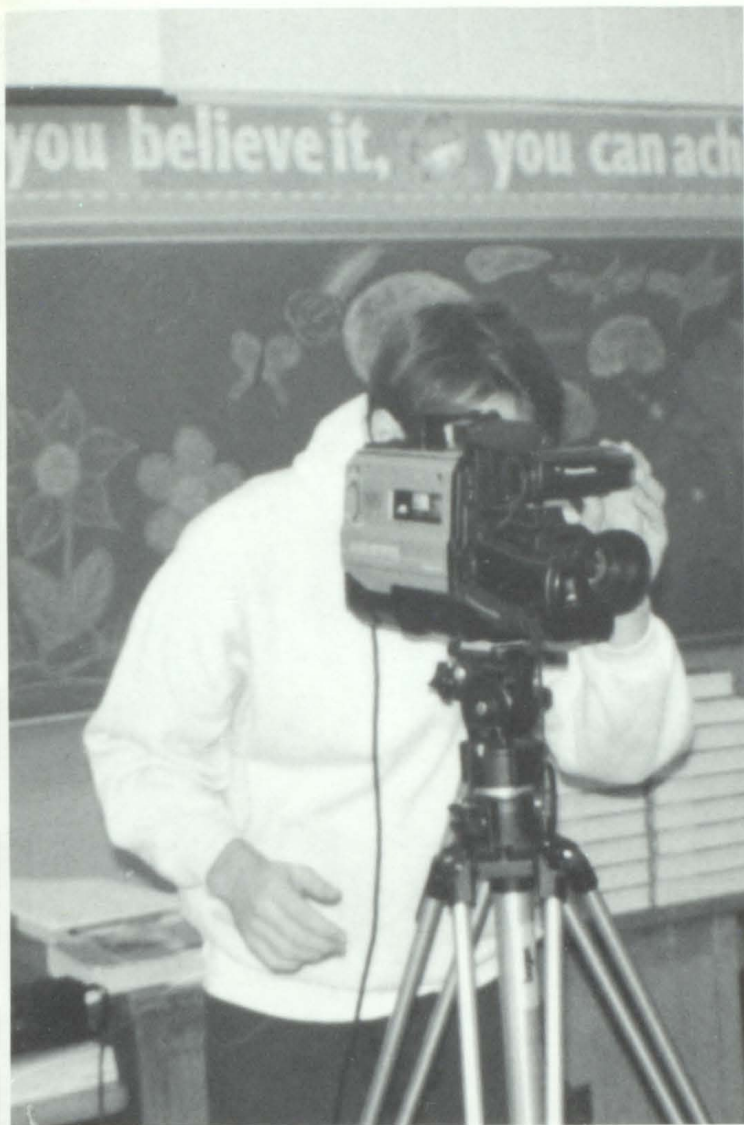


Students Get Fired Up

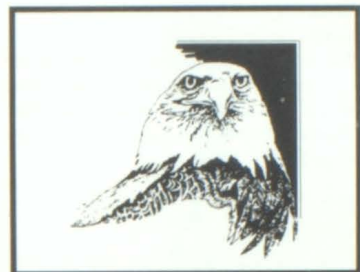
SPEAKERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS TURN UP THE HEAT



INSPIRATION! A motivational speaker (above) talks to the students about the monthly themes. Dr. Koehler created these themes to help encourage students and teachers throughout the year. Some of the themes were thankfulness, respect, perseverance, courage, and patience.



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! Dave Rutter (left) adjusts and focuses the camera while taping the morning announcements. When it came to filming, Dave was the expert. He was also involved in the AV Club.



GUNTHER AGAIN?! Yes, that's Tim Gunther (left) joking about his childhood memories. Tim, who speaks here often, is able to keep the students' attention while getting his point across.



GOOD MORNING AVON HIGH SCHOOL! Katie Marsiglia and Amy Miesle (left) give the latest sports updates and school activities to students, via the morning announcements. The WAHS News was viewed throughout the school during third period this year.



EXCITED? BORED? HAVING FUN? Seniors (above) show their mixed feelings while listening to speaker Paul Russo, from the Republican Party. Paul shares his ideas with the government students, and gives them a good idea of how our country is run.

SPEECH CLASS

- Jamie Ball**
- Lucas Buchanon**
- Doug Hayden**
- Rachel Hronek**
- Jenny Kowalczyak**
- Brad MacArthur**
- Katie Marsiglia**
- Amy Miesle**
- Kelly Rawlings**
- Dawn Reichbaum**
- Justin Rhodes**
- David Rutter**
- Ivan Martin**

MARCH, YOU HUSKIES! MARCH! Senior Justin Rhoades (below) smiles at the thought of being Field Commander this past fall for the marching band. Justin was the lucky senior this year chosen to be Field Commander—way to go Justin!

WELL, BLOW ME DOWN! Junior Joel Decker (right) puts that hot air to work during a pep rally. Joel was also one of the Avon Band "Ball Heads" that actively supported our basketball team this year, keeping in "tune" with the band's mission to keep spirits high!



AHS BAND ENTERTAINS WITH

HOT MUSIC!

Throughout the years, the AHS band has proven to be one of the most original and interesting activities to be involved in. When senior Jesse Martin was asked what he thinks makes band such a **HOT** activity he said, "It is extremely exciting when a huge team of 70 students can work together to produce beautiful music...we are truly unique."

Not only is band original and unlike any other activity here at AHS, but it can also be

a great learning experience— as many freshmen found out. "Even though freshman initiation has some bad parts (like waking up with toothpaste on you or finding out your shower curtains are gone)" said Kim Koszewski, "it was really fun."

There are tons of great things that could be said about the AHS band, but Jesse Martin sums it all up when he says, "the underlying theme is this: **AVON BAND ROCKS YOUR WORLD!!**"



FLAG BEARING FRIENDS The Flag corps have been an exciting addition to the band, waving away to the awesome music. The flaggers pictured above are: (clockwise from top left) Kim Koszewski, Megan LaLonde, Jessica Biggs, and Mary Shepherd.

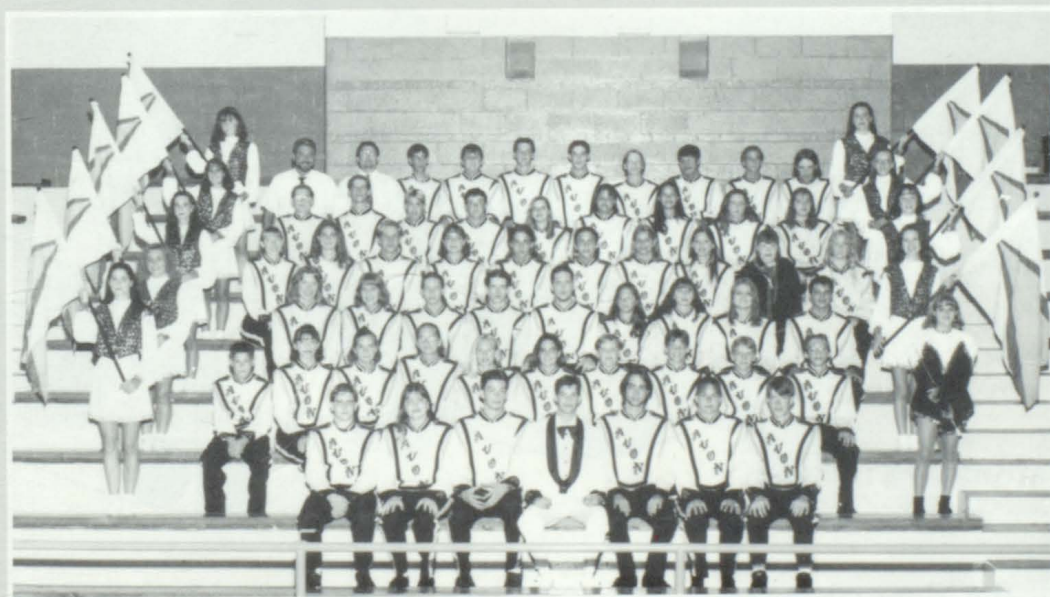


FOLLOW THE LEADER And what leaders those band members (left) have proven themselves to be as they lead the Homecoming parade down Stoney Ridge back to AHS for the big game.



THE BEAT GOES ON Pounding on his drum is freshman Brian Bauer (left). It's nice to see that Brian is using his abundance of free time well by adding his talent to the band's percussion section.

FALL IN! One of the many rituals of football season for the band members is to line up on the field and prepare to perform the National Anthem. Here Jenny Peregord (below) leads the pack.



Front row (bottom): R. DiLuciano, D. Douglas, J. DeTardo, J. Rhoades, J. Martin, M. Teschner, C. Scott; 2nd row: N. Redinger, A. Shepherd, M. Bitzer, C. Teschner, M. Reising, S. Kowalczyk, K. Jennings, J. Henry, B. Rawlings, B. Bauer, J. Berlyoung, J. Mitchell; 3rd row: W. englehaupt, R. Hronek, J. Poruban, D. Douglas, J. Decker, J. Dreger, K. Szilagyi, R. Boris, J. Eldred, A. Hricovec, K. Herbst; 4th row: M. Lalonde, j. britton, j. Danicki, E. Wolfe, J. Peregord, J. Mackeigan, J. Mackeigan, M. Shelton, A. Hall, M. Viers, K. Parsons, G. Dechant; 5th row: J. Biggs, d. hoban, j. Littell, L. Rhoades, B. Kowalczyk, S. Plotz, D. Morales, A. Brawner, D. Winchester, J. Aunspaw, K. Koszewski; 6th row: M. shepherd, director dave Viglione, Asst. Dir. Paul Harbert, J. Guerrieri, B. Hall, R. Krystowski, J. Tracey, E. Rolnicki, J. Brawner, T. Cook, P. rogers, e. calderwood

MR. VIG'S TOP 10 SAYINGS

1. You Pukes!
2. Starting line--ya hoo!
3. Drive Safely
4. Grow a tongue, clarinets
5. Hey Hrodge, where's your folder?
6. That'll make 'em eat steak!
7. Lobster, Lobster, Lobster man!
8. Trumpets, you sound anemic!
9. Don't be a Schweitzer!
10. Who's the puke who turned the heat up to 90 degrees?!

Firey Threesome! Kevin O'malley, Brian Butchko, and Steve Robbins (below, left to right) give the crowd a reason to get fired up. These choir members are just a few of the many boys in choir this year. Way to go guys!



Singing Up A Storm! Freshmen Ginny Miraldi (right) belts out a solo with great confidence. Ginny, who is always upbeat, is a valuable member to choir.



FA LA LA LA HOT!

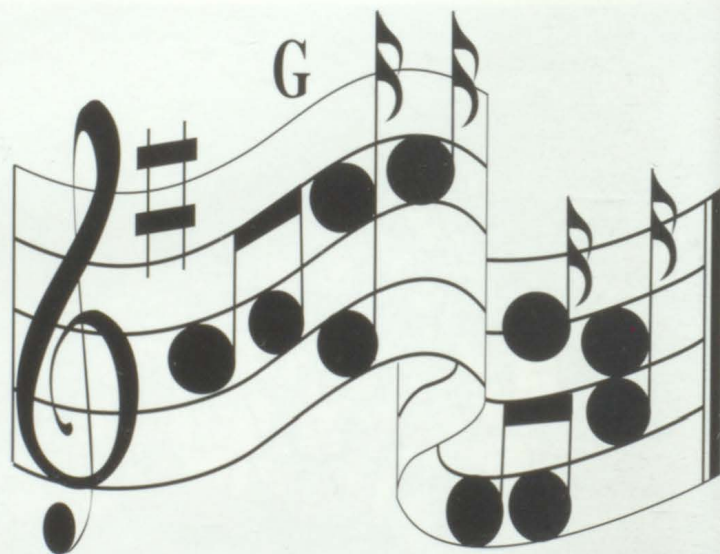
CHOIR HAS A SEARINGLY SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Choir has grown from a small ensemble to an overflowing group. This year's choir went to contest for the first time in years. They performed excellently, for a rating of "two" over all.

At concerts, old and new voices filled the crowds with warmth.

Another highlight this year for choir was a trip to Toronto to see *Phantom of the Opera*. While there they also visited Casaloma, The C.N. Tower, and a seven story mall.

As the population in Avon keeps growing, the enrollment and interest in choir keeps building year after year.

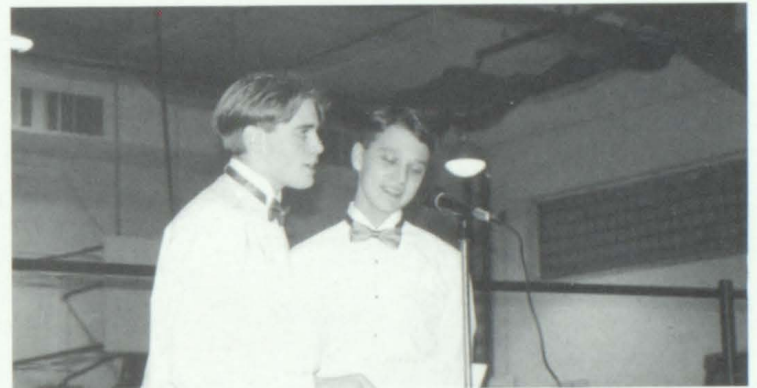




Vibrant Voice! Erin Calderwood (left) lets everyone hear her beautiful singing voice at the winter choir concert. Erin has been involved in choir for many years and has often been a featured soloist.



Warming Up the Crowd! Sophomore Ronna Richardson (left) dazzles the crowd with *Silent Night*. This is Ronna's first year at Avon and, besides having a sparkling voice, she is a member of track and Spanish club.

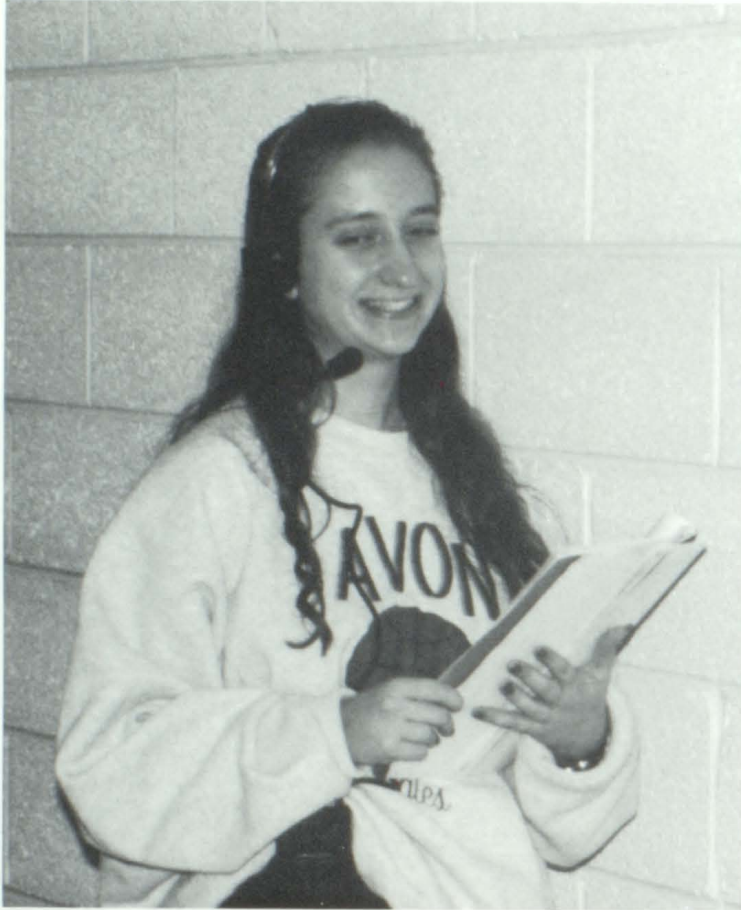


Infamous Duet! Brian Butchko and Steve Robbins (below) are the Cheech and Chong of the winter concert. These guys know how to make the crowd laugh with their silly antics, but they also know that the show must go on.



SINGING ANGELS?! Avon's girls of choir know how to bring a smile to the crowd. Their endless hours of practice pay off in the end when the choir presents a HOT concert.

FIRE BEHIND THE SCENES! Kristy Arendt (below) keeps the **FLAMES** under control with her "behind the scenes" work. Kristy also has assisted in both plays this year. She is also involved in volleyball and cheerleading.



RISING STAR! Senior Jill Fairbanks (right) is a valuable member to the Avon Drama Club. Jill has had many leading roles during her three years in Drama Club.



Burning Up The Stage

DRAMA IS DYNAMITE

Drama has done a dynamite job this year. The Fall play this year, "The Uninvited" and the spring play, "Hearts and Faces", were great successes. In the past two years, drama has become more musical, also. With beautiful voices from Jill Fairbanks, Ronna Richardson, and Kevin O'Malley, the musical "Hearts and Faces" was a great success.

Drama will be losing many **HOT** actors and actresses this year. Leaving are president of the Drama Club Jason Detardo, as well as vice-president Jesse Martin, and Jill Fairbanks.



SCORCHING UP THE STAGE! Jason Detardo, Jill Fairbanks, and Katie Herbst (above) show their **SIZZLING** acting abilities at the fall play *The Uninvited*. Jason has been in Drama for four years, and this year he had the honor of being chosen president of the club.



FIRED UP ACTRESS! Jenny Britton (left) **FIRED** up the stage at the spring play *Hearts and Faces*. Jenny is a loyal member of Drama club and has acted in several other plays.



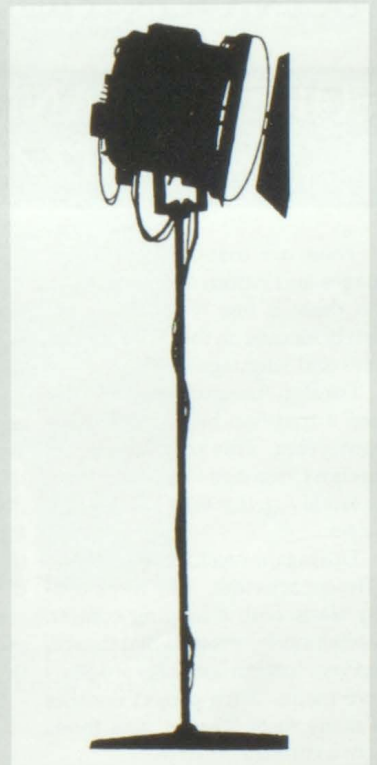
SPARKLING SINGERS! Ronna Richardson and Kevin O'Malley (left) are adding a little bit of **SPARKS** to the musical. Their powerful voices captured the attention of the crowd, keeping them coming back for more.



ENCORE! ENCORE! Jill Fairbanks and Jesse Martin (below), both seniors, hard at work on their last play with the AHS Drama Club.



THE 1995-1996 AHS DRAMA CLUB Front row (left to right) Jenny Britton, Kristy Arendt, Ronna Richardson, Jason Detardo, Katie Herbst, Jesse Martin, Whitney Engelhaupt, Suzy Plotz, Gretchen DeChant, Jenny Peregord. Second Row (left to right) Ginny Miraldi, Steve Robbins, Erin Calderwood, Michelle Coyler, Brian Butchko, Kevin O'Malley, Justin Rhoades, Rachel Hronek, Ely Wolfe, Jenny Danicki, Debbie Morales, Sarah Vale, Sarah Skinner, Jeannette Poruban.



I WISH I WAS AN OSCAR MAYER WEINER! Matt Peterson (below), as the Oscar Meyer Wiener, picks up some of his very favorite toppings. Matt, along with the rest of his group, performed in a commercial during Foreign Language Week.

POSE FOR THE CAMERA! Wendy Adkins and Suzanne Balak (right) pose in front of the University of Toledo sign during Foreign Language Week. Each student was granted a chance to earn extra credit by wearing a foreign language shirt.



BONJOUR !HOLA! SHALOM

FOREIGN LANGUAGE WEEK SIZZLES

There are many different languages and cultures here at Avon and there is one week that completely focuses on the different cultures and languages.

Foreign Language week has been a tradition here in Avon for many years. This year's theme for Foreign Language Week was *Peace the World Together With Foreign Languages*.

During the week there are many different activities. The week usually starts with a judging contest. Teachers judge projects that the second year foreign language students have made. Each project consists of many facts, visuals, and foods from a country.

The next activity consisted of a speaker from Nordson, where students learned how knowing a foreign language can help in the business world.

Then came the infamous foreign skits and commercials which were performed by the second and third year foreign language students. Finally, the week ended with foreign exchange students speaking about their countries and what the differences are between their countries and our. Foreign language week was definitely a spirited filled week this year!!



PEPSI, THE CHOICE OF THE NEXT GENERATION! Emily Feuchter, Kate Herbst, Gretchen Dechant, and Jessica Biggs (above) participate in a Spanish commercial. Could they be advertising Pepsi-Cola? Only Spanish students will ever know the truth.



PUT 'EM UP! Jessica Doszta and Ashely Wimmer (left), duke it out during Foreign Language Week. Who's going to win? Maybe Mike Tyson.



SET 'EM UP! Jenny Danicki and Meagan Harless (left), set up for the program during Foreign Language Night. Many people attended the program which was a huge success.

WHERE ARE THE DWARVES? Johnny Brawner (below), a third year student, plays Snow White during the Foreign Language Program. Just like in the olden days, when women weren't allowed to go on stage, Johnny show's his femininity.



SUGAR AND SPICE AND EVRYTHING NICE! Myia Lowman and Whitney Englehaupt put on their commercial for Foreign Language Week. Second year students know that Kix are for Kids.

READ ME ANOTHER STORY!

Kelly Simkovich (below) reads a book to her little friend at Pre-School, a part of Mrs. Magee's Child Development Class. The Pre-School is held three days a week for five weeks.

CAN YOU PLEASE HELP ME?

Kristen Gilles (left) lends a helping hand to Kristina, who attended Pre-School. Johny, Adam, and Eddie sure loved coming to school with the "big kids".



Members Flaming With Excitement

HOME EC CLUB FIRES IT UP

The Home Ec Club had another fun filled year. They participated in a lot of activities, many of which benefited the community.

To start off the year, they collected toys and made Christmas stockings for battered women and their children. These were donated to the Genesis House. Also at Christmas time, the members made all kinds of chocolate candy. Some of the candy was given to family and friends as gifts. For Valentines' Day, the club baked cookies for teachers to show their appreciation. Members collected

money at Easter to buy Easter Baskets for children who are less fortunate. The club also had the opportunity to attend the Home and Flower Show at the I-X Center, which was a lot of fun. Throughout the year, members were able to babysit for PTA meetings, bake for bake sales, and do many other things to earn credit points. At the end of the year, the students and their parents attended a banquet at the Macaroni Grill. The credit they earned turned into money towards their dinner. It was a wonderful evening, as well as a great year.



WE'RE OUTTA HERE! Teachers Melissa Fernengel and Beth Weaver (above) celebrate with their favorite students from Pre-School. The graduation ceremony is held on the kids' last day. Each day the teachers read the students stories, teach them songs, do crafts, have snacks, and have a special playtime in which the teachers play with the kids.



LOTS OF LAUGHS! Katie Gray, Maria Donofrio, and Kim Koszewski (left) take a break from dinner to have some laughs. The Home Ec Banquet was held at the Macaroni Grill.



MOTHERDAUGHTERMOMENT! Katie Lengen (left) and her mom are sure having fun at this year's banquet. The credits that Katie earned for her hardwork and dedication were turned into money towards her dinner.

PUT SOME MONEY IN THE BUNNY! Juniors Amy Shoup, Heidi Wagenknecht, and Tammy Gilles (below) are generously putting in a little time for the less fortunate. The money collected went toward buying Easter Baskets for the needy of Avon.



The members of the 1995-96 Home Ec Club pose for a quick group shot before getting back to work on organizing their upcoming activities. The Club had many activities throughout the year, most of which were done for the benefit of the community.



RED HOT! Derik Wilhelm (below) puts the finishing touches on his class wall. This was one of Deriks many projects throughout the year in his Masonary Trades class.

NEED A HAIR CUT? Junior Yolanda Cruz(right) is working on her mannequin head for her Cosmetology class. She is graded on how she cuts, dyes, and braids.



Avon students are flaming with success

J.V.S. SPARKS AN INTEREST

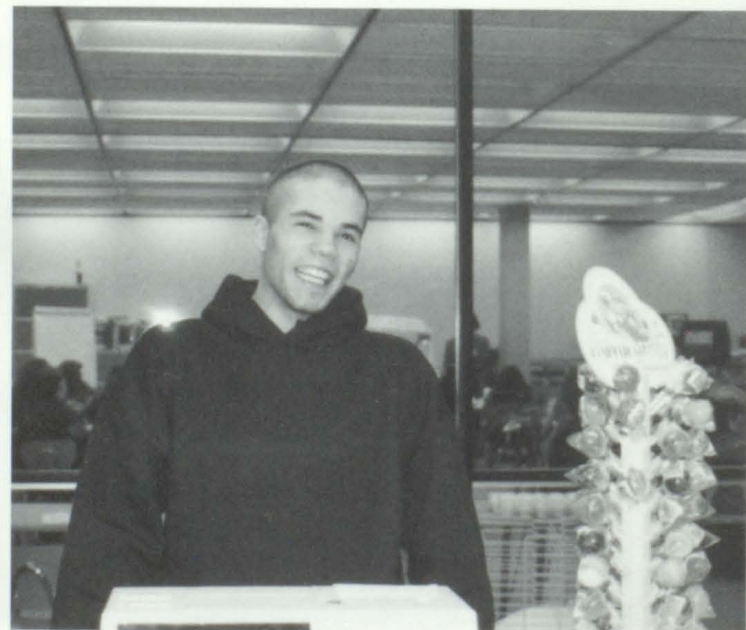
At J.V.S., Lorain County Joint Vocational School, students receive the training they need for modern day careers. There are four main requirements for acceptance into J.V.S. First, you must be a junior or senior, and you must have an average grade point average. You need to be attentive at school, and you also should choose classes that show interest in the kind of career you're looking forward to.

JUNIORS

Yolanda Cruz, James Laux, Liz Liszniansky, Daniele Polovich, Peter Parziale, David Reehorst, Hector Rivera, Rick Scrivens, Christine Votava, Derik Wilhelm, Frank Wysocki.

SENIORS

David Kloos, Heather Leslie, Amy Lauk, Eric Smith, Teri Vasiloff, Brian Zadorozny.



HOT STUFF! Junior Hector Rivera (above) manages the J.V.S. store for his marketing class. By attending J.V.S., Hector plans for a future in business.



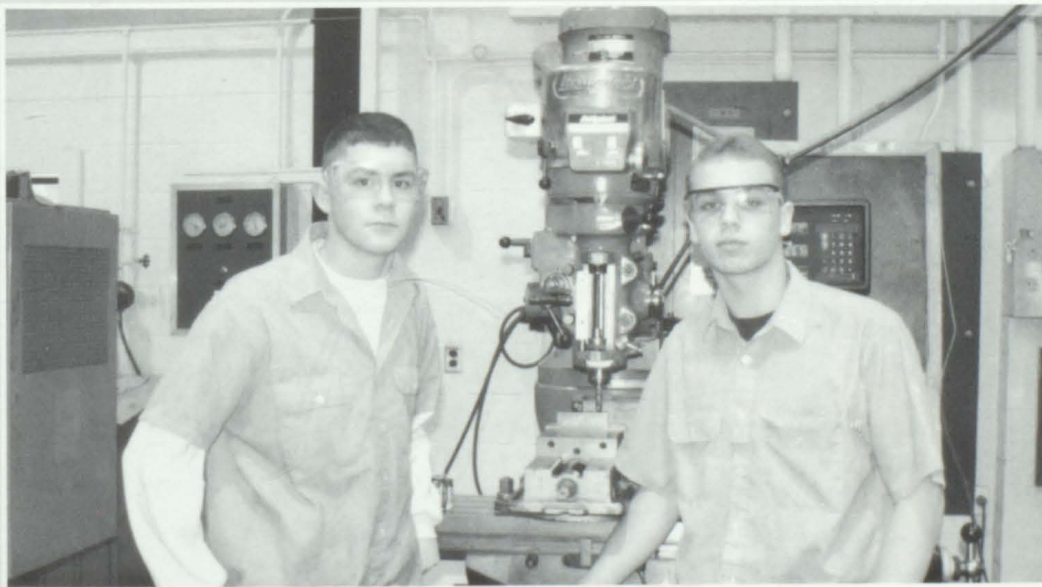
CAN I HELP YOU? Junior Daniell Polovich (left), who is in marketing, displays and straightens the **hot** merchandise available in the J.V.S. store.



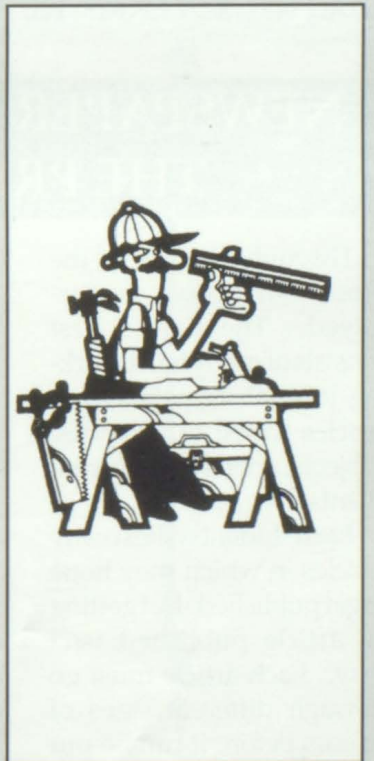
WIZ! Junior Liz Liszniansky (left) shows her electronic skills in an Accounting class. Liz will learn the basics on the computer for a future in business.



ZAP! Junior Peter Parziale (below) assembles electrical components for an upcoming project in his Industrial Electric class.

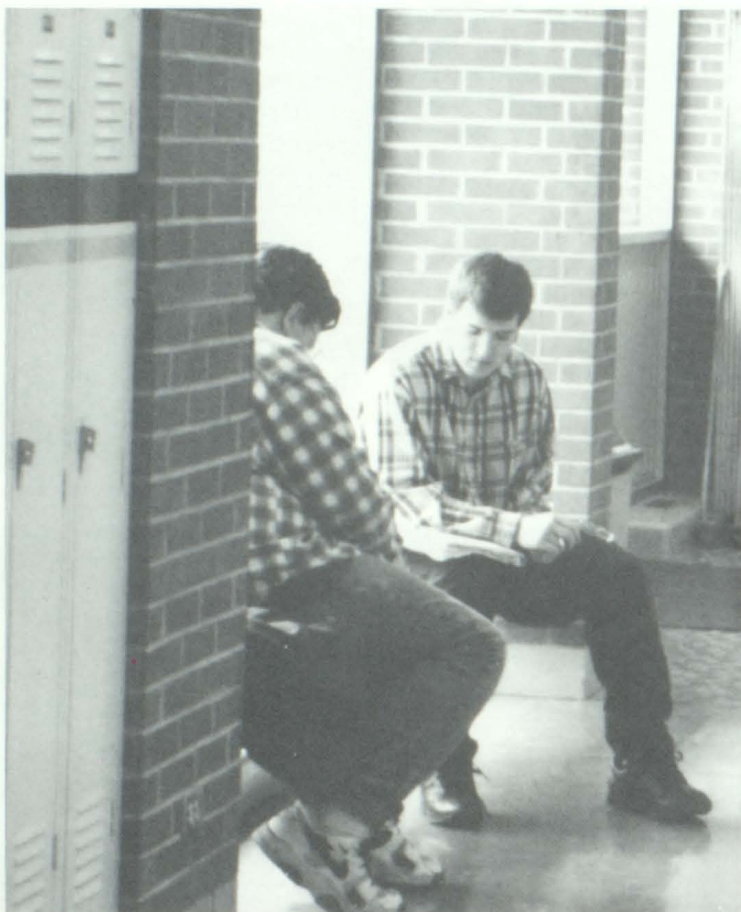


MEAN MACHINE! Rick Scrivens and Frank Wysocki, both juniors, show that safety comes first. They must wear safety goggles in their Precision Machine class to protect their eyes from particles of metal.



A NEW IDEA... Brad MacArthur (below, right to left) and T.J. Jackson discuss the upcoming newspaper. Each student comes up with his own idea for a story.

LISTEN UP! Rachel Hronek (left), listens intently as Mrs. Hull explains the theme for the next newspaper. Rachel Hronek is the editor of the Eagle's Nest this year.



EXTRA, EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

NEWSPAPER IS HOT OFF THE PRESSES!

Through the eyes of the press, our school is portrayed. The *Eagle's Nest* consists of many hard working journalists, who write articles to tell of activities, subjects, sports and current events.

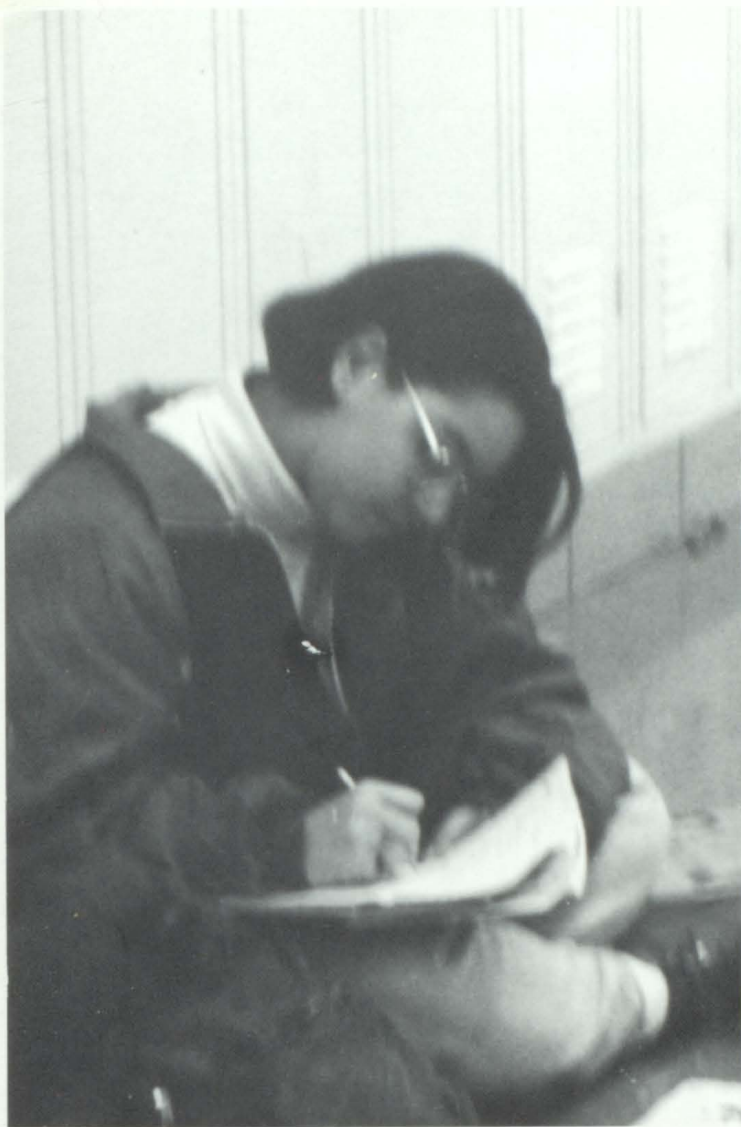
Each student writes many articles in which they hope to get published. But getting an article published isn't easy. Each article must go through different steps of editors before it can be put on the press. Junior Rachel Hronek, editor, and advisor

Mrs. Hull, are just a few of the rings of fire through which aspiring journalists must pass to make it to the top.

Besides just trying to get an article in the paper, the Newspaper Staff has many other tasks. These include laying out pages, typing and editing stories, and meeting before school twice a week to meet their hectic deadline of publishing a paper each month of the school year.



THINK, THINK, THINK! Gretchen DeChant (above, left to right) and Katie Herbst try to think of a new and exciting story for the newspaper. Both girls are sophomores and are very valuable to the newspaper.

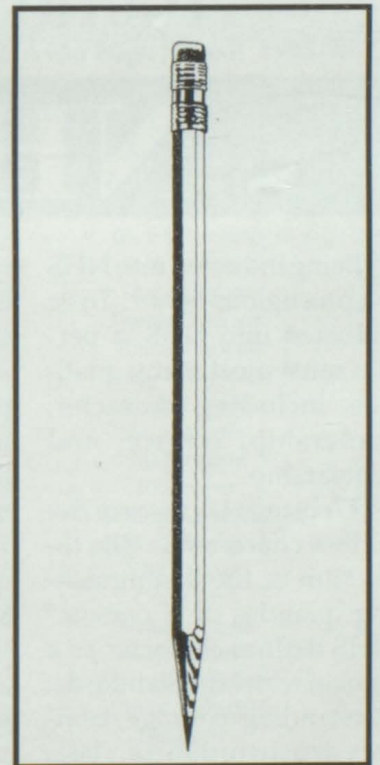


I SEE THE LIGHT! Jenny Derryberry (left) sits in the halls hoping to be inspired with something to write. Jenny is a freshman and an excellent writer for the newspaper this year.

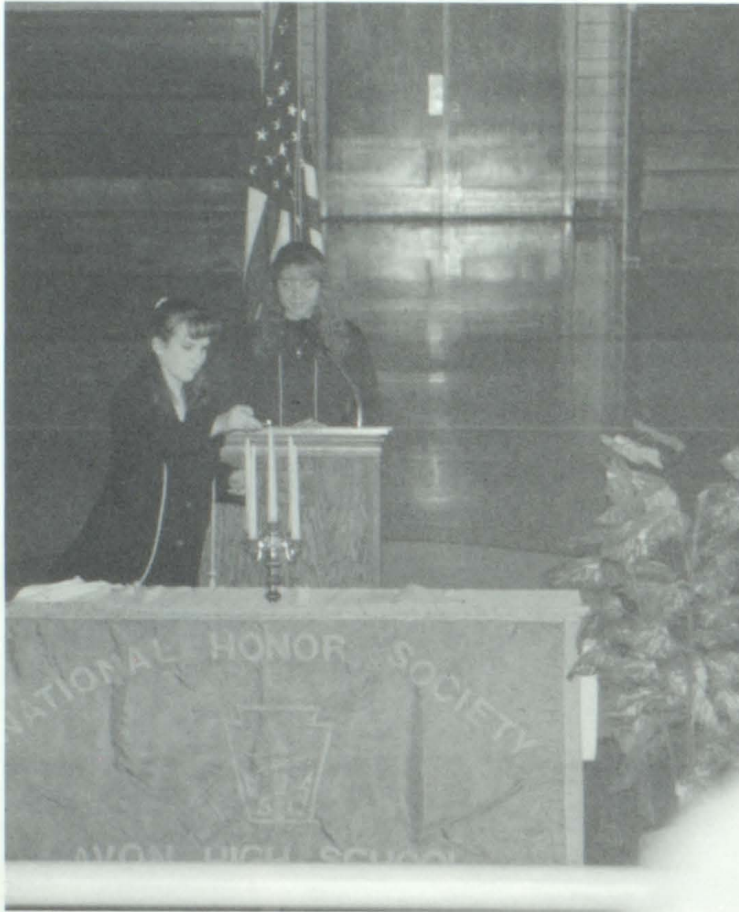
ONCE UPON A TIME! Stephanie Vielhaber (below, left to right) and Cindy Vielhaber listen as Mrs. Hull reads a story. These stories are read to entertain and teach the students new and exciting ways to write.



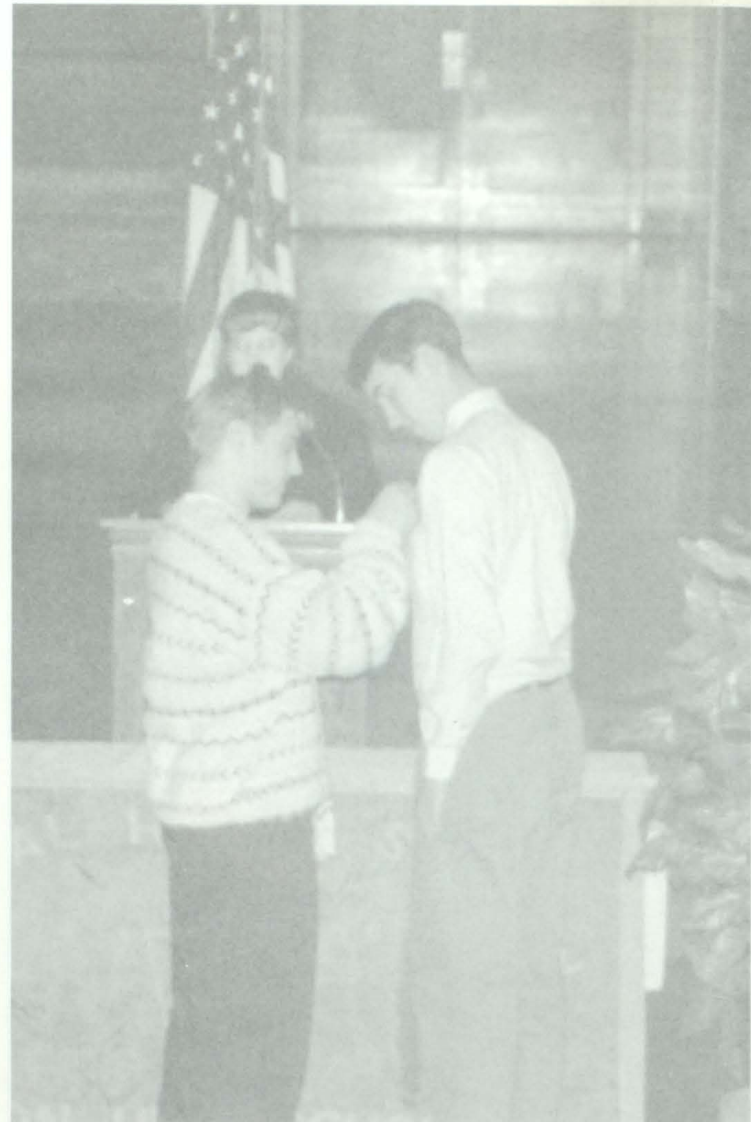
NEWSPAPER TAKES OVER! The Newspaper staff (above) poses in front of the HOT! HOT! HOT! yearbook sign. Members include: Anna Rak, Rachel Paige, George Zilka, Cindy Vielhaber, Stephanie Vielhaber, Rachel Hronek, Jeannette Poruban, Jenny Derryberry, Gretchen DeChant, Katie Herbst, Jenny Britton, Amy Shoup, and Jerry Stepnicka.



LIGHTING THE CANDLE (Below) Heather Smith (left) lights the first candle during the National Honor Society induction, as Sarah Lengen (right) gives a speech. Each candle has a special meaning.



GETTING THE PIN (Left) Will Schober (left) pins the official NHS pin on new NHS inductee Josh Guerreri (right).



THE HONOR OF

NHS

Being inducted into NHS is a prestigious honor. To be inducted into NHS, a person must meet many qualities, including character, leadership, service, and scholarship.

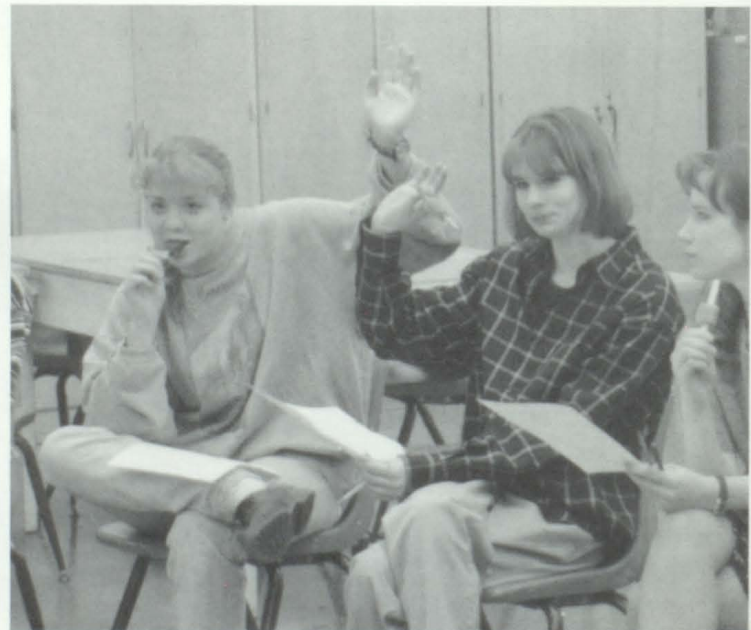
Webster's Dictionary describes character as "the total sum of the distinguishing qualities of a person." NHS defines character as a person with high standards, outstanding courage, honesty, trustworthiness, class, and ethics

Leadership is the willing-

ness to compromise, to be bold, and to provide a start for others.

Service is showing, through time and care, hard work for a cause through school, church, or community.

Scholarship is the quality of exemplifying knowledge and learning that a person achieves as a result of dedicated study.



TIME FOR A SMILE BREAK! (Above) Sarah Lengen (left) and Jenny Kowalczyk (right) wave to the camera during a short break of a National Honors Society meeting.



LIGHT IT UP! (Left) Terra Buchkovich (Left) escorts Joann Hricovec (right), new inductee, down to light the candle that each member holds. Heather Smith (top) calls down each inductee individually to light his candle.



SIZZLING ACADEMICS! (Below) The new inductees to NHS are (Back row; left to right) Jill Newman, Rachel Hronek, Joann Hricovec, Doug Hayden, Josh Guerrieri, and Jennifer Danicki. (Front row; left to right) Jodi Porter, Jeannette Poruban, Katie Schlessman, Nick Snavelly, and Todd Wills.



"Getting inducted into NHS was a real honor. I feel that being inducted also helped to boost my school spirit."
-Josh Guerrieri

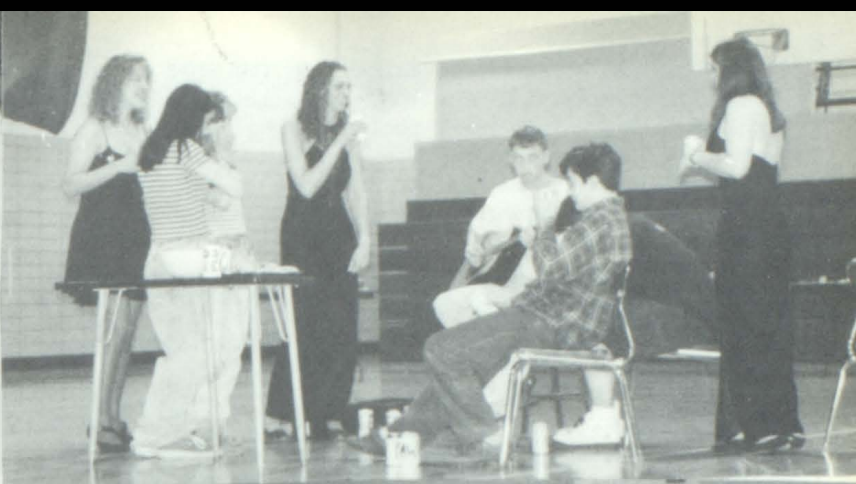


"Getting inducted into NHS opened a door to new opportunities in my life. This is what National Honors Society means to me."
-Jill Newman

Avon High School 1995-96 National Honor Society

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- Cindy Vielhaber
- Todd Wills





GIVING ORDERS! Seniors Doug Haden, Kristy Hudak and Mrs. Nowacki (below) get ready for spring. Every year SAVE members plant flowers of all kinds around the school and help to maintain the landscaping from previous years.

BLISTER IN THE SUN! Senior Lynn Wernert and junior Jamie Ball (right) busily plant flowers before the temperatures rise. Both SAVE veterans, they keep busy helping with paper collecting every week to recycle, and with t-shirt sales.



RED-HOT LANDSCAPERS

STUDENTS OF AVON VALUE THE ENVIRONMENT

SAVE is an organization put together by AHS for students who care about the environment. This year was an especially challenging year as SAVE students took on all responsibility of maintaining the school as well as the city.

This year, SAVE members sold t-shirts to raise money for saving the environment, collected used paper to recycle each week, and planted flowers around the school and City Hall.

SAVE is just one of the many environmental improvement organizations throughout Lorain County that helps to beautify the school and community.

To be in SAVE you must get a teacher recommendation. You have to care about the environment, take responsibility, and be willing to make an effort. SAVE is a great activity to join if you care about your own future as well as that of others!



S.A.V.E. Does its part to make both the outside as well as the inside of the school look great.



RED-HOT SALES! Megan Harless, Suzanne Kohut, and Renee Fisher (left) distribute t-shirts sold to raise money for saving the environment.



WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK! Senior Dawn Reichbaum and junior Katie Czarney (left) work away on spreading mulch. Both returning SAVE members, they work hard to improve our school.

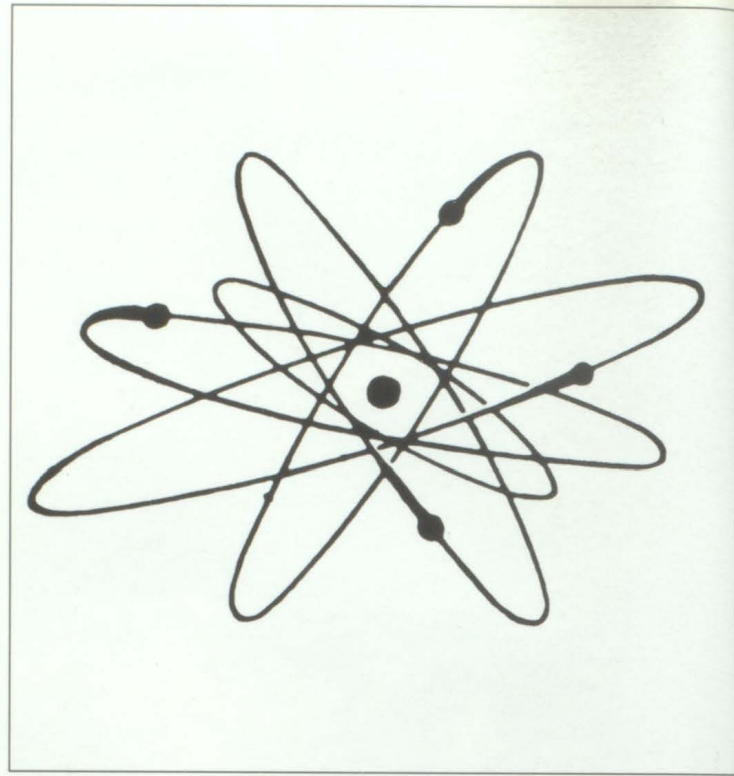


DIG, DIG, PLANT, PLANT! Seniors Nicole Harless (below), also another SAVE veteran, busily plants away. Nicole plans on attending BGSU next year to major in Special Education.



BURNIN' UP! Jackie Kennedy, Sarah Graf, Michelle Colyer, Kristin Arendt, and Claire DeChant (above) all first year SAVE members., plant flowers for spring. Keeping the flower beds is an important job, especially in the summer. Some SAVE members even decided to take part in keeping the city looking good.





ATTENTION! Jodi Porter (left) pays careful attention to what one of the three Science Olympiad advisors are saying. To get high scores in their events, the students need to listen and use all of the advice that each advisor has to offer.

BREAKTIME! Aaron Hurley (below) takes a break from all of the strenuous activities of Science Olympiad to play a card game.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD HEATS IT UP

Science Olympiad is an activity for those students who excel in academics. Each student uses his or her special knowledge to figure out problems in biology, physics, chemistry, and other branches of science.

To be in Science Olympiad, the student must sign up for the project or projects that they wish to participate in. Some of the projects involve building, identifying, and investigating.

Some students participate in building projects to see whose is better. Other students participate in identifying different kinds of plants and bugs.

Each student tries to win the districts so that they can move on to the regionals. During the regionals, all of the student's attend to support the other team members.

This year's team won several honors by placing in the top three at both the district and state levels.





THE ADVISORS. Mrs. Wearsch (left) and Miss Zunich, the Science Olympiad advisors, lead many of the students to regional and state competition. Besides being the Science Olympiad advisors, Mrs. Wearsch is the biology teacher and Miss Zunich is the chemistry teacher.

TIME TO GO! Adam Snavelly and Brandon Ade (above, right to left) take a quick picture before leaving for a Science Olympiad meet. Adam, who made it to state competition, was an excellent example for the other Science Olympiad students.



THE BRAIN TRAIN: (Above) (top row; left to right) Aaron Hurley, Josh Guerrieri, Doug Hayden, Nathan Petersen, Nick Pallas, Katie Schlessman. (middle row; left to right) Willie Schober, Rachel Paige, Brandon Ade, Craig Scott, Meagan Harless. (bottom row; left to right) Joanne Hricovec, Terra Buchkovich, Heather Smith, Jodi Porter, Sarah Lengen.

AHS SKI CLUB

HEATS IT UP

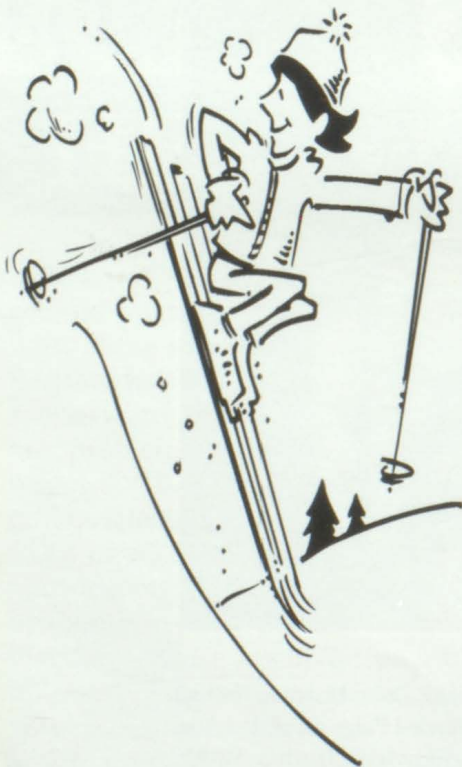
For most students in ski club, skiing is in their blood. When the snow first falls, skiing starts running through their veins. "I definitely know that feeling!", said junior Melissa Fernagel. Melissa continued, "I love the adrenaline rush that you get when we pull up to Boston Mills and see the slopes for the first time of the season."

However, nothing beats the rush of adrenaline that is felt when skiing for the first time. Jackie Kennedy describes her first time skiing as "An experience that I'll never forget." Many first-timers came off of the slopes bruised and tired, vowing never to give up this sport.

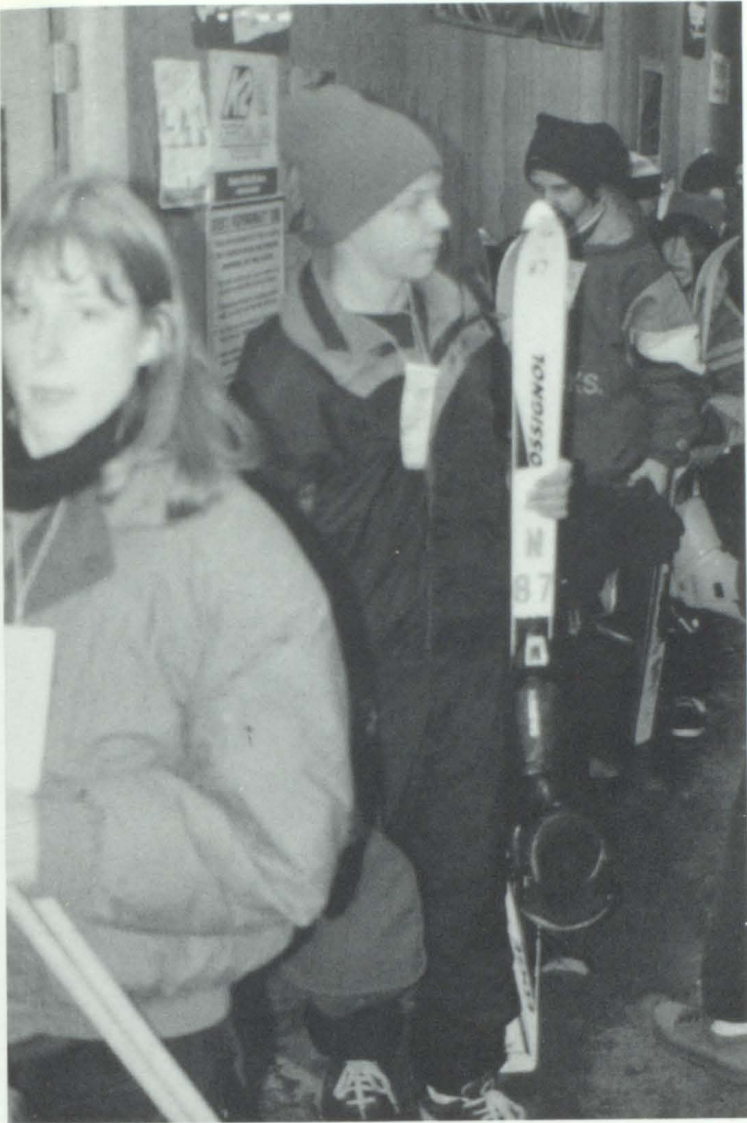
Experienced skiers still feel that rush too. Veteran skier Sarah Koszewski says, "skiing is the ultimate rush. There's nothing like the feeling of the wind and snow burning your face, your feet racing over chunks of ice and snow, and sharing some wild memories with your friends."

LOOK MOM, I'M GOING SKIING!

Freshman Adam Tobiaz (right) prepares to fly down the slopes in his cool rental skis. Hopefully Adam practiced the safe skier rules while enjoying the slopes of Boston Mills.



Skiers from bus #1 gather for a quick camera shot before hitting the slopes. This is about the only time that several AHS ski club members can be found together as several different levels of "ski skill" can be discovered in our group.



WHAT NOW? Asks freshman Jeff Butchko (left). As many skiers have learned, going through the rental line can be quite confusing. Here Jeff is a prime example of this confusion.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU DON'T HAVE MY SIZE SKI BOOTS?! Danielle Winchester and Susan Balek (below) calmly wait for the rest of their ski equipment.

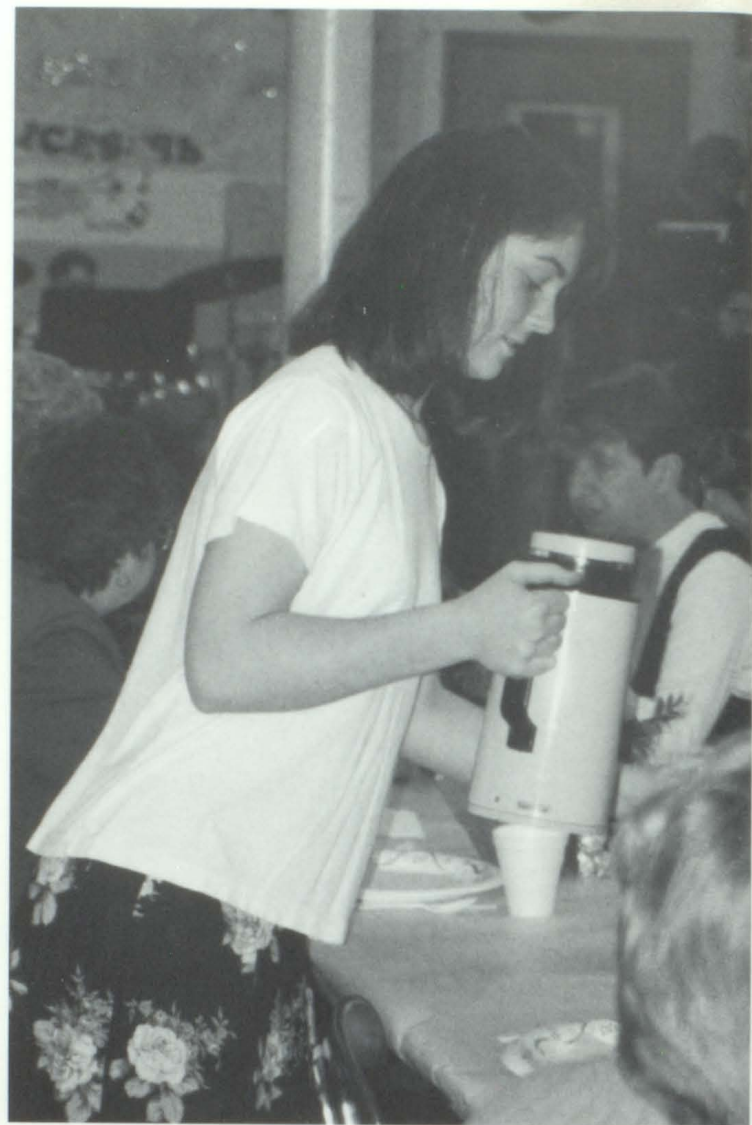


THE BETTER HALF?! The second bus of the ski club poses for the yearbook camera before they swoosh off into the night. The ski season was capped off with the annual trip to Seven Springs, Pennsylvania.



NOW JUST PUT YOUR FEET UP AND RELAX Senior Rachel Paige (below) smiles nervously as she waits for her blood bag to fill. Student Council sponsors the annual Blood Drive to help the community.

MORE COFFEE SIR? Doing a great job of serving the teachers at the Staff Breakfast is sophomore representative Mary Shepherd (right). This year Mary led a dedicated life through her service in Student Council.



Student Council Members

SERVE UP A HOT HELPING OF LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Student Council Members are a valuable and vital part of our school and community. Throughout the year, members are constantly working hard to make everything they do a great success.

The first momentous occasion that student council must plan and prepare for is Homecoming. From picking the theme to putting up the last balloon in Avon East's gymnasium, everyone has a job he must do. Other activities include planting flowers at City Hall and

serving the staff an appreciation breakfast.

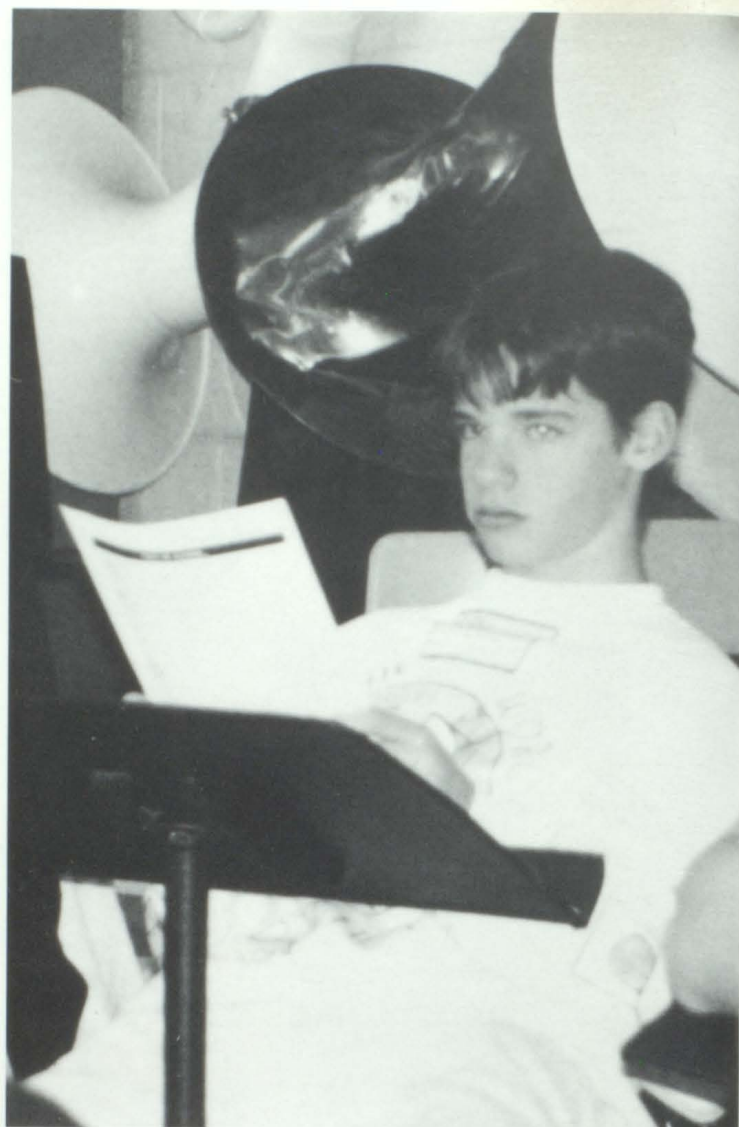
To become a student council member is not an easy task. One must fill the many strict requirements set forth by the advisor, Mrs. Zelina. First and foremost, one must show leadership qualities and be willing to put time and effort into everything. Among others, one must also serve at least fifty hours of school or community service while keeping at least a 2.0 grade point average.



YOU WANT TO DO WHAT FOR A FUND RAISER?! The Student Council Officers (left to right) Nathan Petersen (VP), Jenny Kowalczyk (T), Dawn Reichbaum (S), and Amy Krall (P) (above) laugh at a fellow member during a meeting.

TOPOFFICIALS! Each year T.I. elects officers to help in the group. The 1995-1996 officers (below), are Michelle Teschner (President), Rachael Murray (Vice President), Missy Viers (Secretary), and Danielle Winchester (Treasurer).

WATCHFULEYES! Brad Rawlings (right), attentively listens and watches with watchful eyes as the T.I. advisors tell of the upcoming events.



TEEN INSTITUTE

MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Teen Institute is an activity in which many young people come together to encourage other students and young people to make positive choices now and in the future. Some of the things that they encourage students **not** to do are drugs, drinking, smoking, swearing, caving in to peer pressure.

To be in T.I. there are a few requirements. The students in Teen Institute must

not smoke, drink, or take drugs. They also must be prepared to go to the meetings which are held during activities day.

Besides just encouraging good, the T.I. members also do many special activities including lock-ins, door decorations, meetings, Hoola Trainings and many more things.



THE WHOLE GROUP. Teen Institute poses in front of the Hot '96 background. The members of T.I. are (front row, left to right) Rachel Murray, Danielle Winchester, Sherine Nejadfard, (middle row; left to right) Brad Rawlings, Christine Teschner, Missy Viers (back row; left to right) Bill Wood, Mark Polinski, Sarah Vale, and Michelle Teschner. Not pictured: Jason Tracy and Mike Scaletta.



ATTENTION! Sherine Nejadfard and Missy Viers (left), listens as another T.I. member reads what is on on their paper. Is Sherine really paying attention?

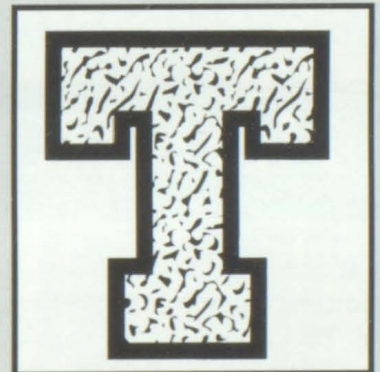


THINKING! Mike Scaletta (left) thinks about what the speaker is saying at one of the Teen Institute meetings. Is that steam coming out of his head?

FRIENDLY ADVICE! Bill Wood (below) gives Brad Rawlings some advice on how to talk to younger students.

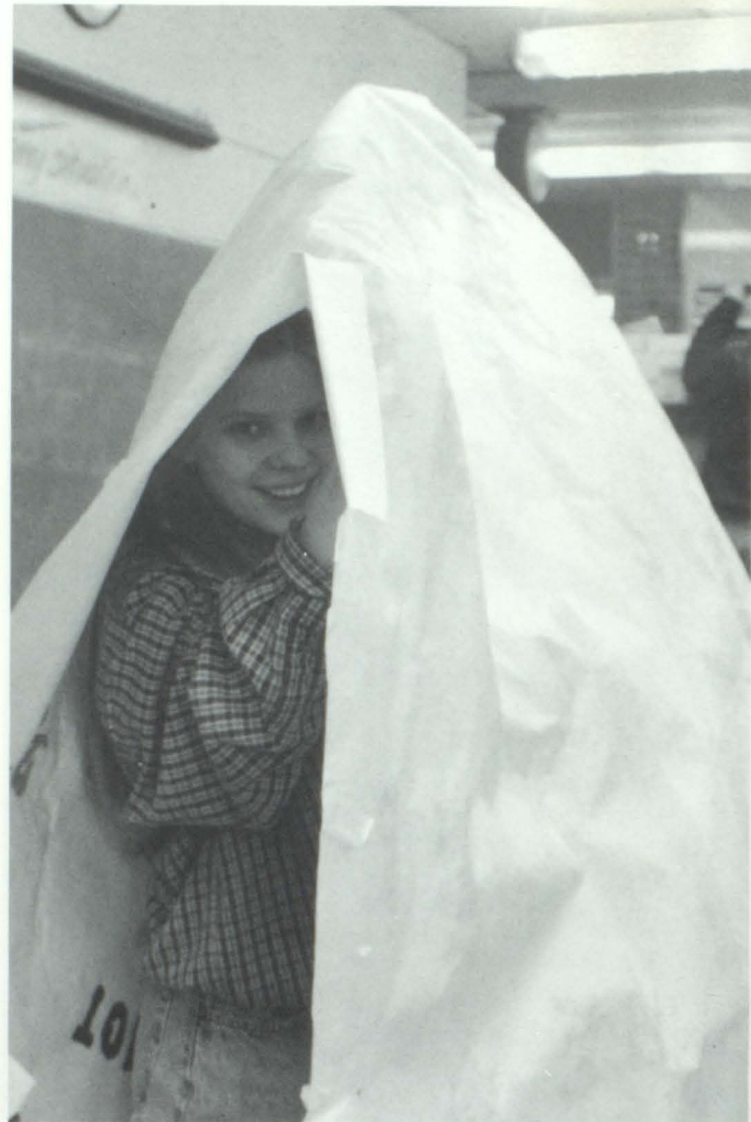


The whole group (above), poses for the camera during a Teen Institute meeting. (front row; left to right) Sherine Nejadfard, Missy Viers, and Mrs. Hull. (back row; left to right) Sarah Vale, Rachael Murray, Christine Teschner, Danielle Winchester, Brad Rawlings and Bill Wood.



HOT YEARBOOK STAFF! (Bottom row, from left) Kelly Simkovich, Jackie Kennedy, (middle) Annie DeChant, Melissa Fernengel, Beth Weaver, Maribeth Graf. (top row) Sarah Kowzewski, Heidi Wagenknecht, Brandy Cozmyk, Melodie Hylton. (Not pictured: Tricia Davis)

PEEKABOO! Freshman Jackie Kennedy (right) helps clean up at the end of class. With her creative thoughts and high morale, Jackie's first year on staff was fun and successful.



1995-96 YEARBOOK IS

HOT! HOT! HOT!

It was great to be a yearbook staff member in 1995-96! This was the year that brought sweeping changes in the way *Highlights* is produced.

Perhaps the most sizzling change was that yearbook became an academic class that meets during the course of the school day. This move enabled several students to be a part of the yearbook who otherwise would have had a time con-

flict after school. The class proved to be fun and productive as all deadlines were met!

Another exciting change was that staff members were excused from school to sell ads for the book. Staff members were permitted to leave during the class meeting time to go to area businesses in support of *Highlights*.

The yearbook staff had a challenging year in that it wanted to present a yearbook that would be used time and time again, but that would still be **HOT** today!



CAPTION CRUSADERS! Maribeth Graf and Heidi Wagenknecht (above) are hard at work brainstorming captions. Maribeth gave Heidi a hand on her spreads by offering a bit of experience and expertise to the "rookie" staffer.



IN AWE! Kelly Simkovich and Jackie Kennedy (left) smile at seeing an actual page of the 95-96 book from the plant. Both Kelly and Jackie worked hard this year to make *Highlights* a success.

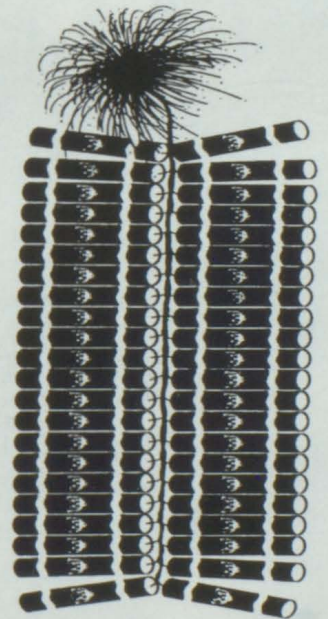


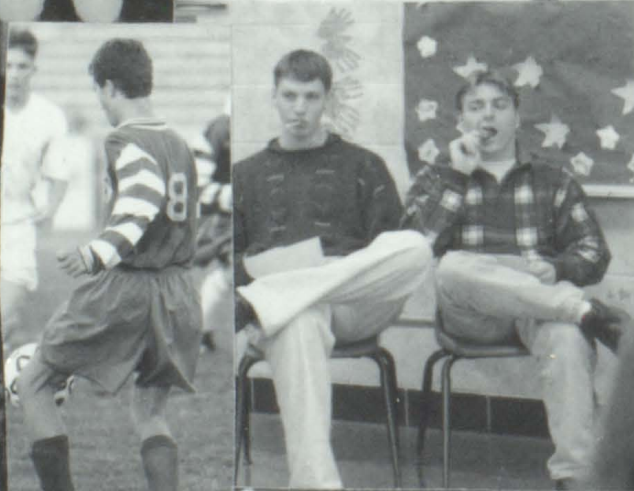
THE BOOK IS SO BRIGHT, I HAD TO WEAR SHADES! Taking the yearbook to new dimensions is Beth Weaver (left). Beth, a veteran staff member, works on several sports and activities spreads to make the book great.

ANYTHING TO SELL A BOOK! Heidi Wagenknecht and Annie DeChant (below) display their sign-making ability in hopes of getting some yearbooks sold. Many do not realize the variety of tasks that staff members must perform.



CIRCLE UP GIRLS! Our fearless advisor, Mrs. Edwards (above), tries her hardest to keep us fired up and focused on the subject at hand. The staff often got together to brainstorm ideas for stories, advertising strategies, and to share successes as well as frustrations.





FIRING THE FIRST SHOT

Freshmen Girls Get Tough



BOXING OUT! Avon's freshmen girls (above) (left to right) Alison Brawner, Kathy Jennings, and Erin Bauers put out their opponents flames as they push and fight for possession of the ball. Their great skills contributed to the team's great season.

HOT SHOOTERS! Mary Reising (right) makes another 2 point shot to keep the Eagles in the game. Although Mary is a freshman, she also got to play for the J.V.'s because of her outstanding abilities.



"My highlight of the season was scoring 9 points and helping my team beat EC by 12."

-Shannon Andrews



"My highlight of the season was when I scored 10 points in a loss to Brookside. That was my season high."

-Jenny Krinks



'95-96' FRESHMEN LADY EAGLES (above); (left to right) Shannon Andrews, Sarah Grimm, Molly Urig, Mary Reising, Jenny Krinks, Michelle Colyer, Erin Baures, Ali Brawner, Shauna Lohr, and Kathy Jennings. (front) Coach Belak.



ON FIRE! Jenny Krinks (left) shows that she has perfect form when shooting her 3 point shots. Jenny was a great asset to both the freshmen and J.V. teams.

CHARITY STRIPE! Shannon Andrews (below) adds a point to her many others to help the team when they need it most. Shannon's hard work was a great example to her teammates.



FAST GET AWAY! Giving it all she's got, Shauna Lhor (above) quickly chases after the loose ball. Shauna's great defense was very important for the team this year; she helped contribute to their victories this season.



"My highlight of the season was being part of our many wins and supporting my team during losses."
-Molly Urig



"My highlight of the season was beating Wellington by 17 points and Kathy Jenning's assisting me in 8 points."
-Sarah Grimm

JV GIRLS HAVE A SPARKING SEASON

Keepin' Their Spirits Alive Through A Tough Season

1995-96 JV team (from left to right) K. Seman, R. Edwards, J. Roach, M. Shepherd, J. Aunspaw, J. Peregord, J. Eldred, J. Hozanitz, K. Gilles, in front Coach Simon.

BLOCKIT! Junior Rose Hovanitz (below) eagerly waits for the ball. Rose was a great asset to the team and really enjoyed playing on the JV team this year.



"I think that the highlight of our season was seeing our team progress and working together to make a successful season."

-Janet Hovanitz



"I think that the highlight of our season was that all of the players on the team got along well no matter if someone made a mistake or not."

-Rachel Edwards



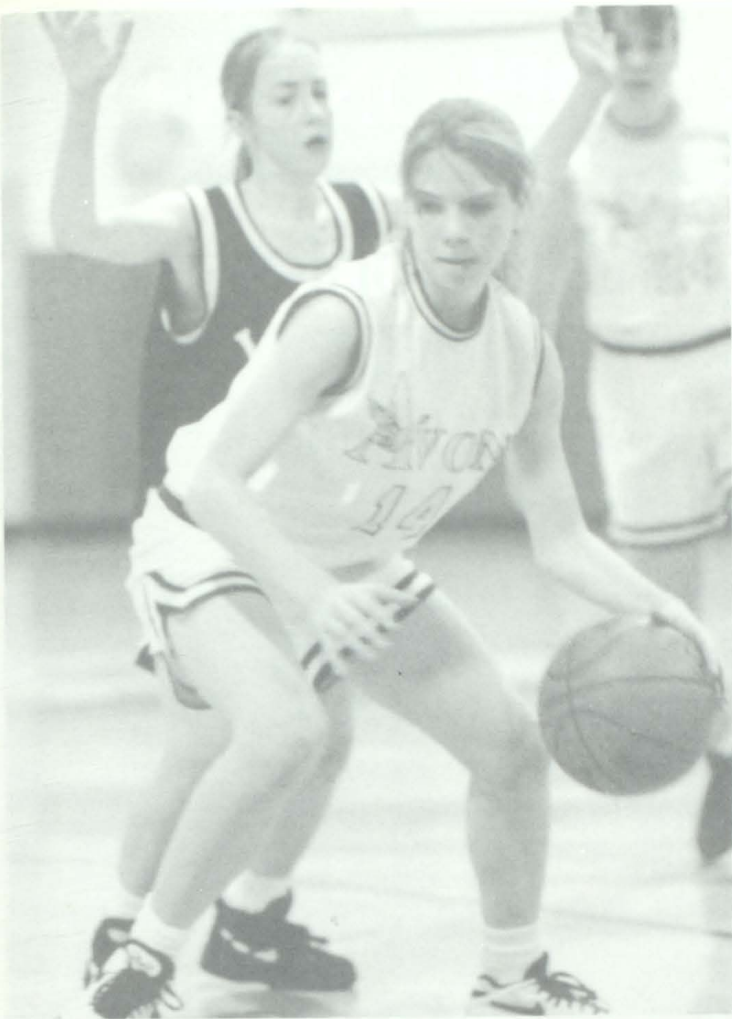
"The highlight of my season was making it through the first game without any broken bones. Watching the team get better and win games was the highlight of my season."

-Kim Seman



"One of the highlights of my season was making the winning shot against Brookside. But watching the team improve and strengthen themselves with eight players was probably the highlight of my season."

-Mary Shepherd



OUTTA MY WAY! Sophomore, Kristin Gilles (left) successfully dribbles past a Wellington Duke. Kristin was a starting player for the JV and helped the team out in times of need. She was also a great help to the volleyball and softball teams.

GRAB IT! Julie Eldred (below), sophomore, attempts to steal the ball away from her opponent. Julie could be counted on to score when the team really needed the points.



GO FOR IT! Jenny Roach, sophomore, (above) goes after the ball. Jenny helped the team out many times this season with her rebounding ability. Jenny tried her hardest and was a help to the JV team this



JUMP! Jenny Peregord, sophomore, (above) jumps along with a Wellington Duke attempting to catch a pass. Jenny, a very active student, was a key player for the JV team this year.

REACH FOR IT! Sophomore, Julie Aunspaw (left) gives her best effort reaching for the ball. Julie, who always gives 100% to all she does, helped the team in several victories.

HOOPSTERS BURN OPPONENTS

Varsity Girls Finish Third in Conference

SENIORS! Heather Smith, Dawn Reichbaum, and Sarah Lengen (right) stand with their parents during the annual Senior Night. This is always an extra special night for the seniors, being the last home basketball game of their high school careers.

PASS! Daniele Polovich (below) willingly passes the ball to a teammate as she gets one of her many assists. Daniele was awarded with Honorable Mention All-County for her hard work this season.



SHOOT! Claire DeChant (above) gives a head fake before going up for the shot. This was Claire's first year on varsity.

WARM-UPS! Joanne Hricovec (right) practices her free throws during pre-game warm-ups. The team members are preparing themselves for an intense game which is about to begin.





DRIVE! Dawn Reichbaum (left) aggressively drives the lane to get past a Wellington defender. Dawn represented Avon, along with Sarah Ballog and Lynn Wernert, in the County All-Star game.

REBOUND! Lynn Wernert (below) goes up for the rebound, in an attempt to convert it into two points. Lynn was strong on the boards all season, which led to being chosen as the team's most valuable player.



SCORE! Karen Robbins (below) shoots for two despite the defensive effort by her opponent. Karen's high scoring helped the Eagles to their 10-11 record. Karen, this being her second year on varsity, was the recipient of the team's offensive award.



"The highlight of my season was scoring a career-high of 22 points against Elyria West and getting a Nike swoosh shaved in the back of my head."
-Karen Robbins



"Our team had a lot of talent from different areas. We were able to put it together for a good record and a few close games. The girls were a great group of people to be with for five months."
-Sarah Ballog



"The highlight of my season was all of the fun that we had as a team. I also enjoyed playing in the All-Star game. I'll miss this team next year."
-Lynn Wernert



"Our record doesn't show how good we really were. We had a lot of fun and improved throughout the year. The seniors helped us out and taught us what varsity basketball was all about."
-Joanne Hricovec

OVERTIME FEVER

Freshmen Boys Get Rough



REBOUND! Ryan Krystowski and Brian Butchko (above) get ready to grab an offensive board in an intense game. With Ryan's height, he was the leading rebounder in many of their games.

TWO POINTS! Showing perfect form, Bill Barak (right) scores a lay-up off of a fast break. Bill was a tremendous defensive player, and could step up to help his team when they needed it most.



"The most memorable moment of my season was beating Keystone on their home court."
-Adam Snavelly



"The highlight of my season was defeating Wellington in triple overtime."
-Christian Wimmer



'95-'96 Freshmen Boy's Basketball (above): (front left) Coach Wojciechowski, Ryan Krystowski, Christian Wimmer, Coach Maloy. (back left) Nick Buchkovich, Jeff Stack, Brian Butchko, Mark Gannet, Kevin Barth, Nick Higgins, Brian Mauer, Josh Ball, Bill Barak, Adam Snavelly, Matt Yonkof.



DETERMINATION! Matt Yonkof (left) aggressively drives the lane in an attempt to "school" his opponent. With Matt's great perimeter shooting, he lead the team in 3-pointers, helping them to an 8-9 record.

JUMP SHOT! Brian Butchko (below) skies over an Elyria West defender to score a field goal, and help his team to a another victory. Brian was a great asset to the team with his terrific ball handling skills.



BOXOUT! Christian Wimmer (above) puts a body on his opponent and converts this rebound into two points. Christian's hardwork and dedication in the off-season, helped him to earn a starting spot on the team.



"The best part of my season was winning all of our regular season games that went into overtime."
-Kevin Barth



"Scoring 13 points in a single game was the highlight of my season."
-Josh Ball

JV GETS THE FLOOR BOARDS BURNIN'!

TEAM SMOLDERS DURING 95-96 SEASON

NOBODY BLOCKS ME! Aggressive sophomore Adam Fitch (right) pushes his way towards the basket for a shot. Adam was a great asset to the JV team this season. Adam also dressed Varsity during the tournament games.

MOVE IT! Joe Guerrieri, sophomore, (far right) tries to push past two rival Cardinals while driving to the basket. Joe could be counted on to play off the bench and help the Eagles to a victory.



"My most memorable moment of the season would have to be beating Midview by three-points because I had the winning basket."
-Joe Guerrieri



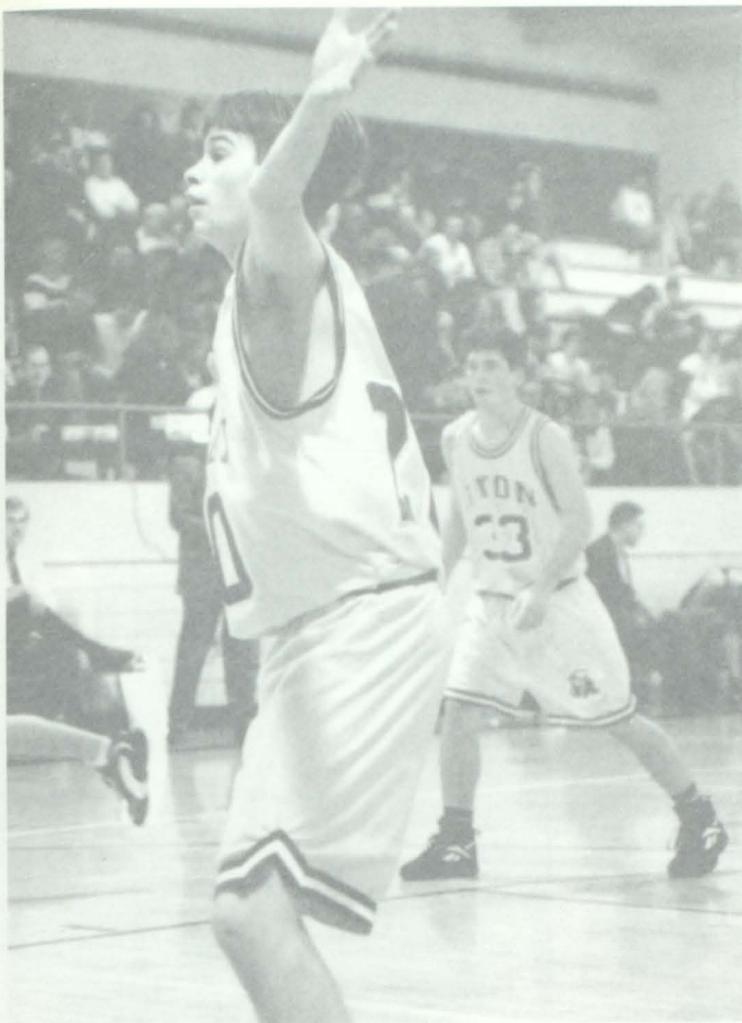
"My most memorable moment of the season was when we played against Lakeridge when I had 16 points."
-Eric Kloepfel



"My most memorable moment of the season was just playing and winning. Every win was great!"
-Jim "SPOON" Witherspoon



"My most memorable moment of the season was the fact that I loved playing with the two basketball legends, Adam Fitch and Mike Fischbach. Oh yeah, Rick Shepherd is a legend too."
-Brian Guyer



I'M OPEN! Sophomore Mike Fischbach (left), both a JV and Varsity player, stays open while waiting for a pass. Mike was a starting player for JV and a Varsity player at times. He was a great asset to both teams this 1995-96 basketball season.



UP AND AT 'EM! Jim Aunspaw, junior, (below) goes up for the rebound. Being so tall gave the team an advantage for getting rebounds and for making lay-ups. Other than being a star player on the basketball court, Jim also played football.



NOBODY BLOCKS ME! Sophomore Adam Wilkins ("Wilks") (above), shows off his jumping ability while rebounding another shot put up by the Eagles. Adam was a key shooter and rebounder for the team this season.

The 1995-96 JV Basketball team: (left to right) M. Fischbach, B. Guyer, J. Guerrieri, A. Wilkins, J. Witherspoon, A. Ballog, R. Destefanis, A. Fitch, S. O'Malley, E. Kloppel, J. Brunner, Coach Matuszak, and ball-boy B. Simkovich.

FLAMING EAGLES

Varsity Basketball Players Light Up the Court!!

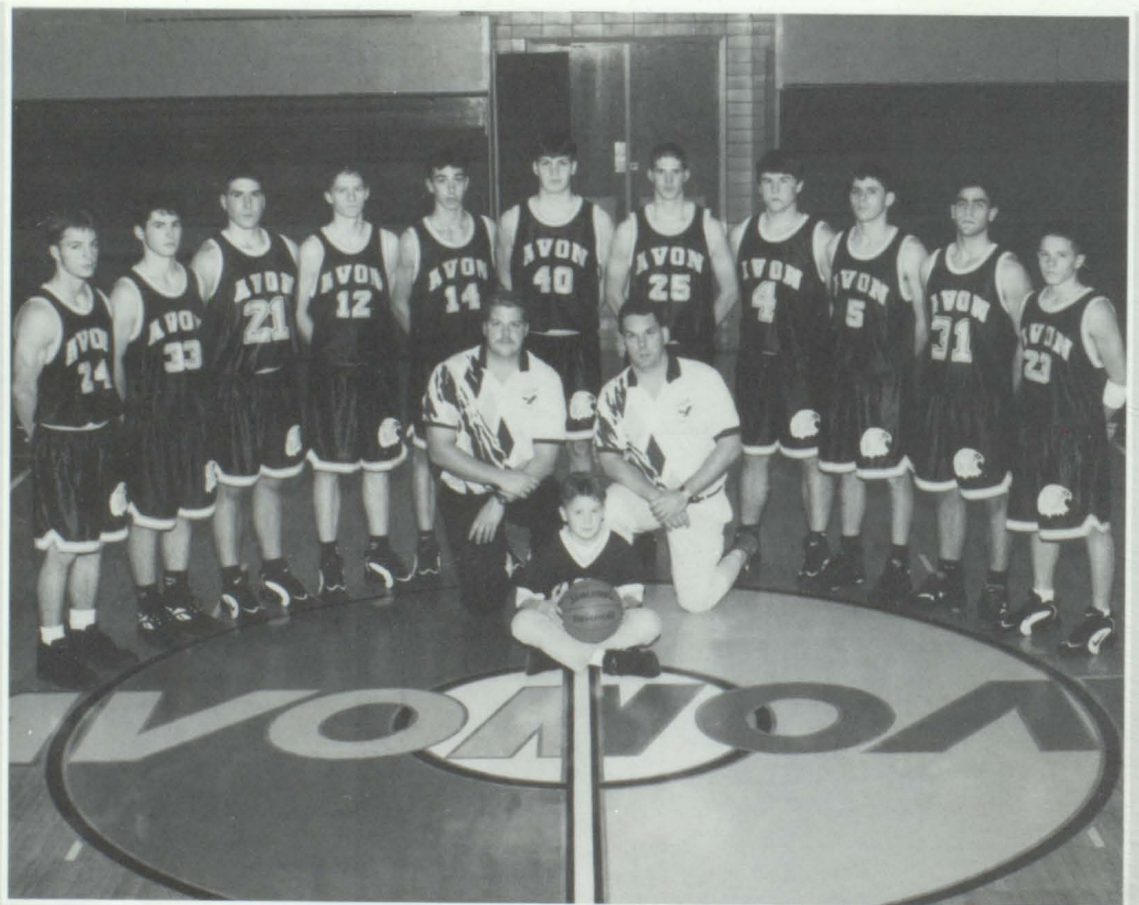
FIRED UP! Avon Eagle Steve Vega (far right) dribbles down the court in hopes to make a basket for his team. Steve helped to lead the team to many victories.

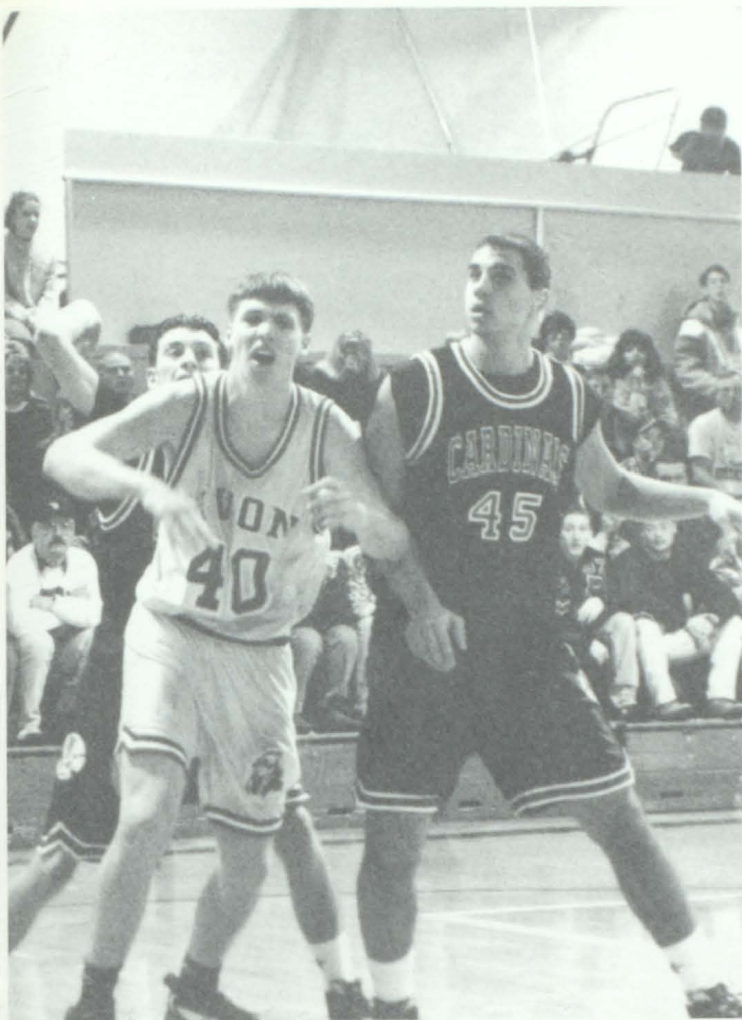
UP, UP AND AWAY! Josh Guerrieri (right), a junior, takes one of many shots during a game. Josh was a key player in helping the team to reach playoff status.



BURN OUT! Scott Crawford leaps for a rebound as a Brookside Cardinal misses his shot. Scott heated up the Eagle's this season with his great defensive plays.

FLAMING EAGLES!! Mike Beard, Ricky Shepherd, Scott Crawford, Jon Jones, Josh Guerrieri, Doug Hayden, Jim Aunspaw, Jeff Benson, Aaron Hurley, Nick Snavelly, and Steve Vega along with Coach Kudela and Coach Kelly and their ballboy Bret Simkovich.





PASSING THE FLAME! Doug Hayden (left) passes the basketball to another player while being blocked by a Brookside Cardinal. Doug, a senior, has played varsity for the last two seasons.

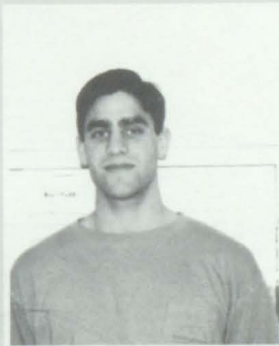
HOT RECOVERY! Avon Eagle's Jon Jones (below) goes to recover the basketball, with the opposition at his side. Jon is a senior this year at Avon High.



FIREBALL! Steve Vega (below) goes to make a basket with a Cardinal close behind. Watching and hoping for the basket is teammate Doug Hayden.



"My most memorable time of the basketball season was when we went on a run beating Firelands, Clearview, and Wickliffe. That was the best we played all year!"
-Steve Vega



"My most memorable time of this basketball season was beating Wickliffe in the playoffs. If we could've played like that all season we would've been conference champs."
-Nick Snavely



"My most memorable time of the season was when we beat Wickliffe in the playoffs."
-Josh Guerreri



"My most memorable time of the season was when we beat Wickliffe because nobody thought we would win."
-Scott Crawford

GRAPPLERS SIZZLE THROUGH A REBUILDING SEASON

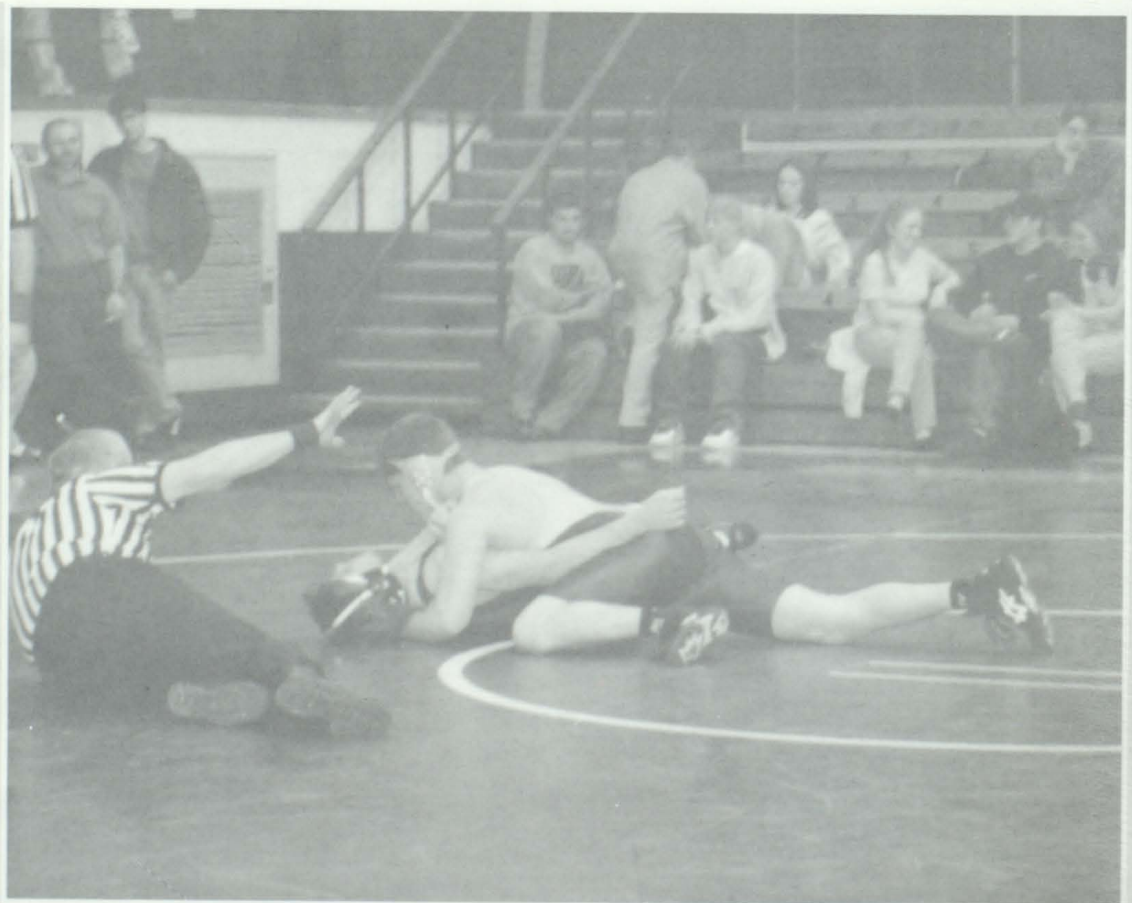
Three Advance to Districts

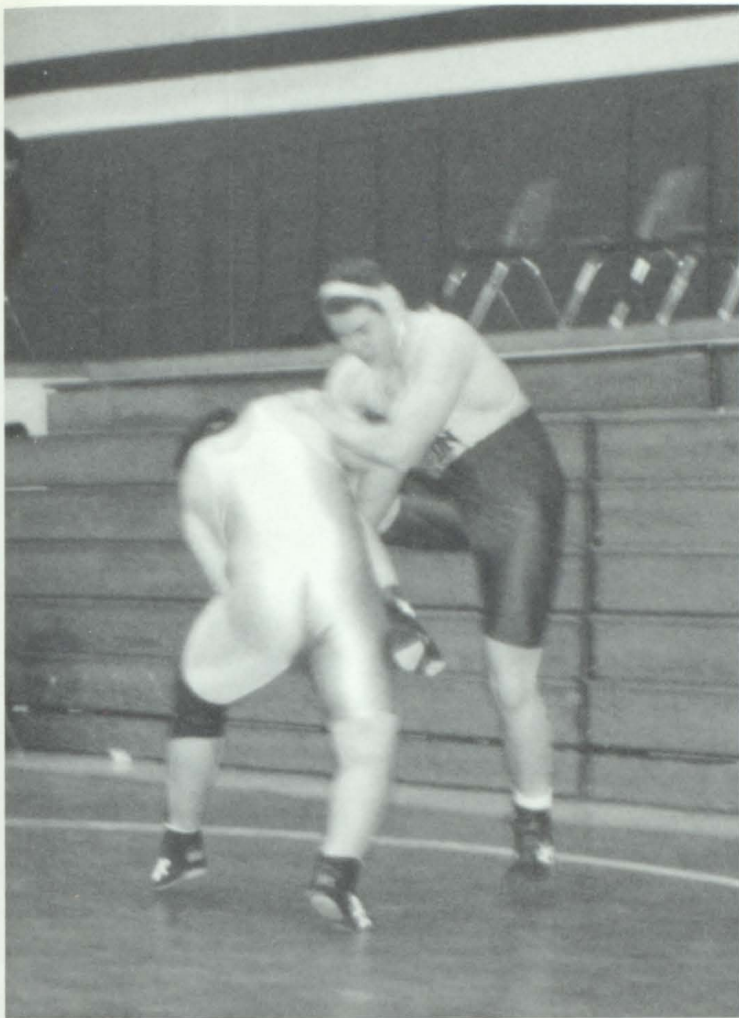
1995-1996 Varsity Wrestling Team (right): (top left) Coach Gumble, Jason Tracy, Mark Piwinski, Will Mitchell, Coach Carpenter. (middle) Patrick Hrivnak, Todd Wills, Joe Kennedy, Kyle Stivason, Adam McCarthy. (bottom) David Smith, Mike Scaletta, Brett Kowalczyk, John Pallas, Marc Schueszler, Brad Rawlings.



WHERE'D THAT HOT DOG VENDER GO? Freshmen, Jason Tracy and Mike Scaletta (above), enthusiastically cheer on their teammates.

PIN! Senior Kyle Stivason (left) has the upper hand and is about to pin his opponent. Kyle was voted M.V.P. this season. He cruised through sectionals and qualified for the district tournament.



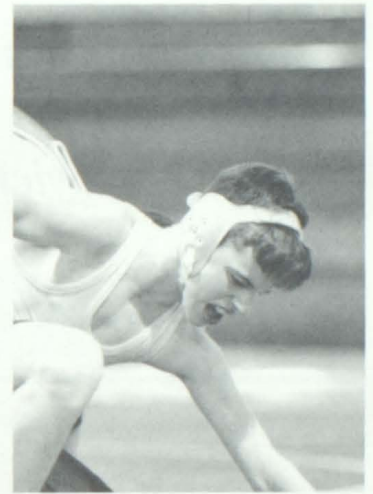
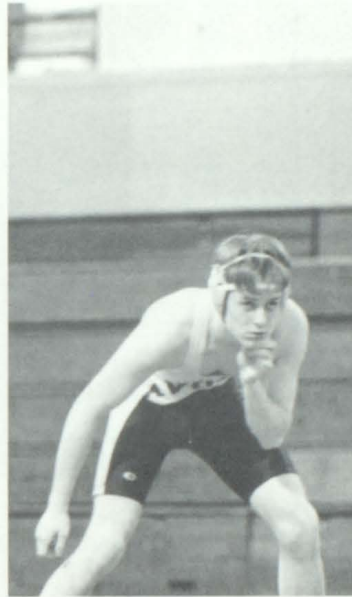


ESCAPE! Junior Joe Kennedy (left) tries his hardest to escape from the grips of his foe. Because of his tremendous effort, Joe earned the coach's award for the 1996 season.



FACE TO FACE! John Bordon (below) is down and ready, while contemplating his next move. John, a sophomore, was a valuable asset to the team.

BREAK FREE! Freshman Brad Rawlings (below) gives his best effort to break away. Brads positive attitude carried him throughout the season.



"The highlight of my season was when Joe, Kyle, and I qualified for districts."

-Will Mitchell



"The highlight of my season was when we won our first match in three years against Oberlin."

-Joe Kennedy



" What made the season memorable was our team spirit."

-Brad Rawlings



" The highlight of my season was being the conference champion in my weight class."

-Kyle Stivason

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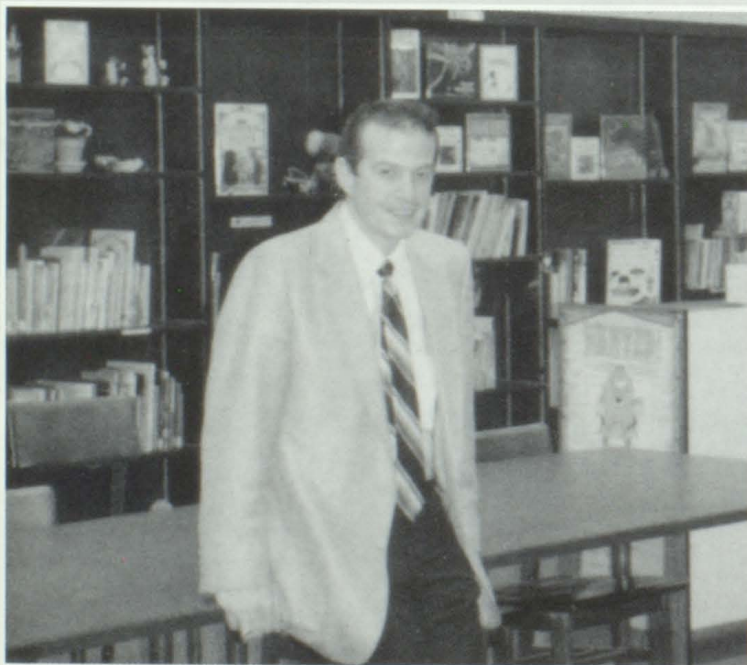
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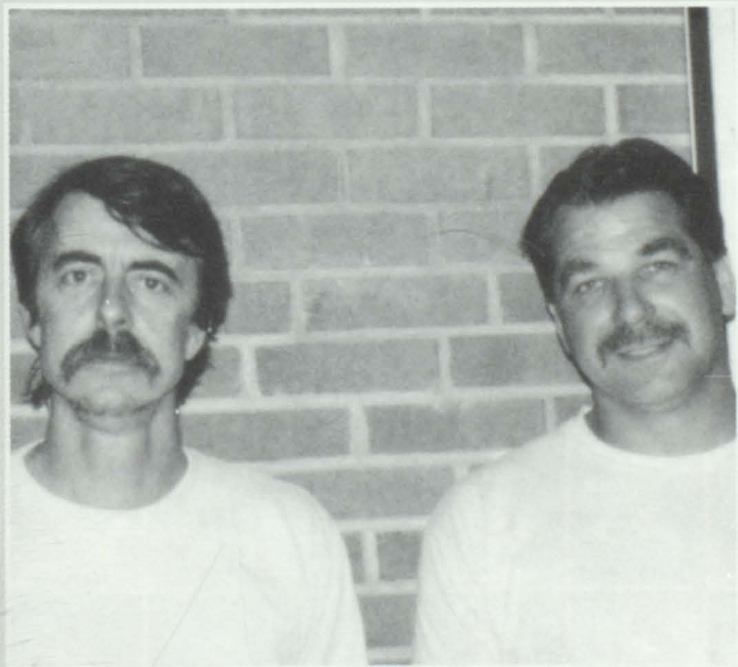


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JUNIORS~CLASS OF '97

**THREE
DOWN, ONE
TO GO!**



**How many
times did it take
you to pass your
driver's test?**

- A. Once-68%
- B. Twice-21%
- C. Three times-5%
- D. Four or more-6%

**What is your
favorite sport?**

- A. Volleyball-18%
- B. Basketball-30%
- C. Football-31%
- D. Baseball/
Softball-21%

**How many
times a week do
you shave?**

- Boys
- A. 1-2 days-38%
- B. 3-4 days-43%
- C. Once-14%
- D. Never-5%

- Girls
- A. Every day-16%
- B. Every other
day-53%
- C. Once-22%
- D. Never-9%

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Kristofer Bauers
Michael Beard
Jeffrey Benson
James Billings
Johnny Brawner



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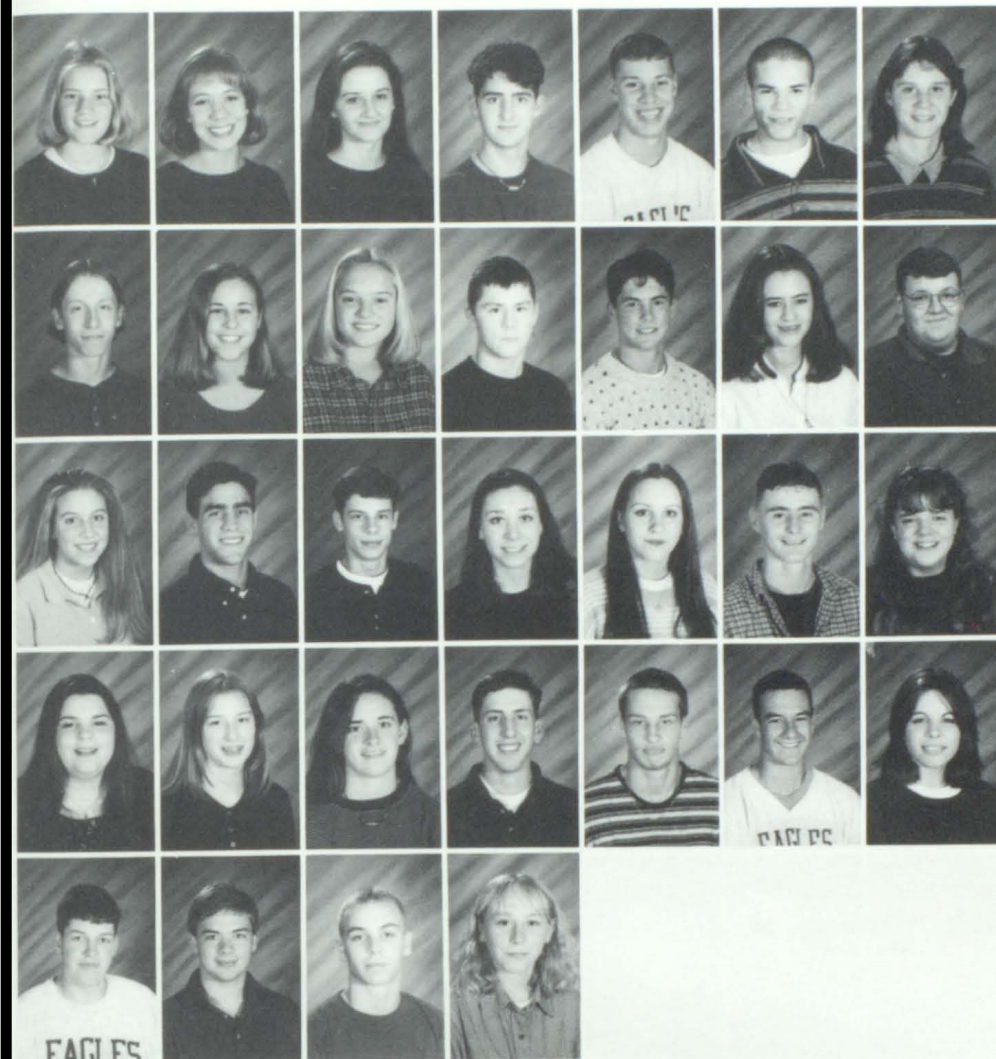


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SOPHOMORES~CLASS OF '98

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Where do you go after a Friday night game?

- A. Pizza Hut-21%
- B. Burger King-47%
- C. Friend's house-19%
- D. Home-11%
- E. Other-2%

Where is your favorite place to shop?

- A. The GAP-29%
- B. American eagle-19%
- C. County Seat-36%
- D. K-Mart-11%
- E. Other-5%

What are your predictions for the next two tears of high school?

- A. Successful-38%
- B. Average-31%
- C. Failure-23%
- D. Drop out-8%

Melissa Achtziger
Brandon Ade
Wendy Adkins
Nicholas Ashofteh
Melissa Ault
Julie Aunspaw
Kristopher Bacher

Suzanne Balak
Andrew Ballog
David Barnosky
Jessica Biggs
Nicolas Billings
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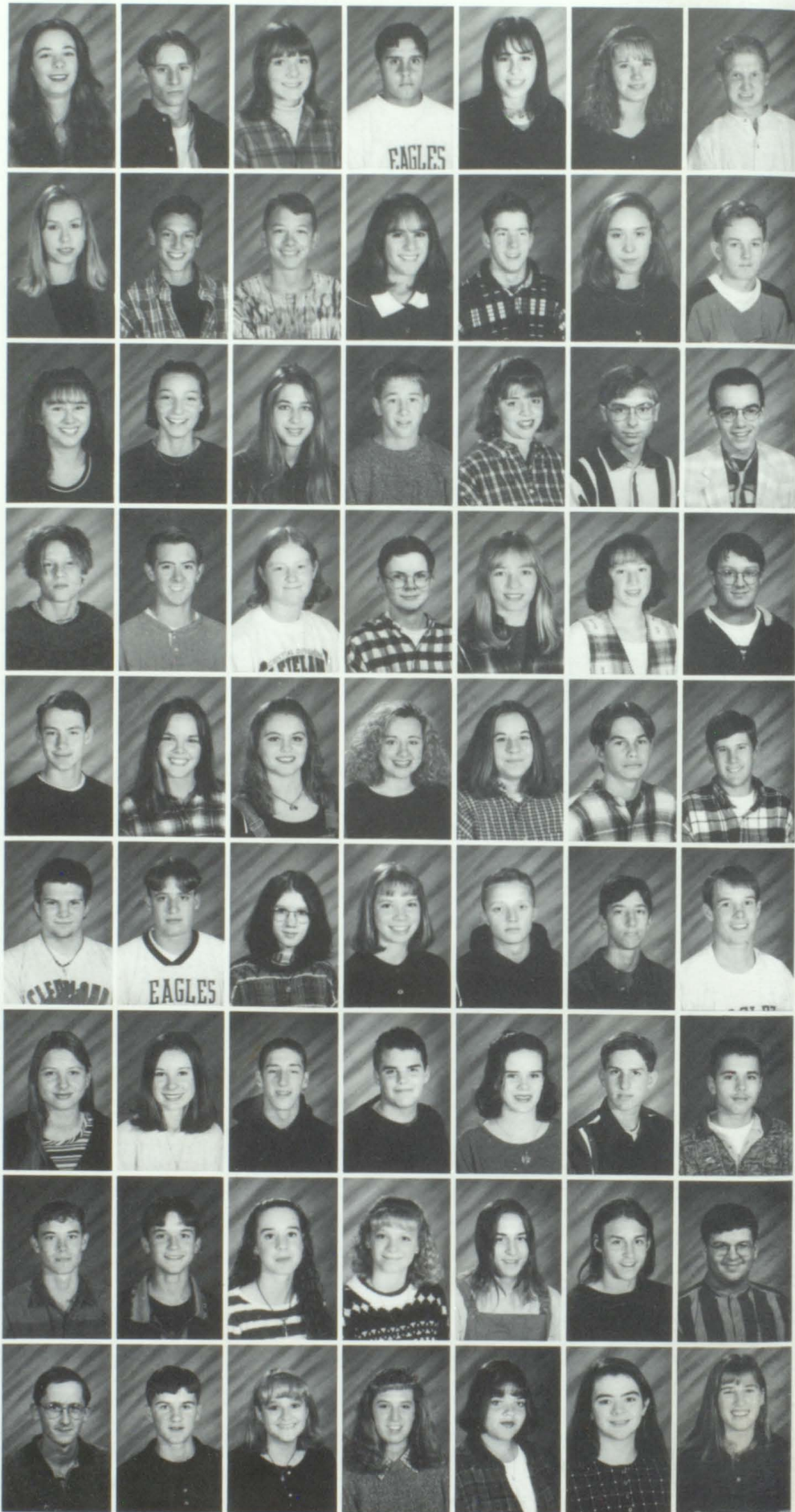
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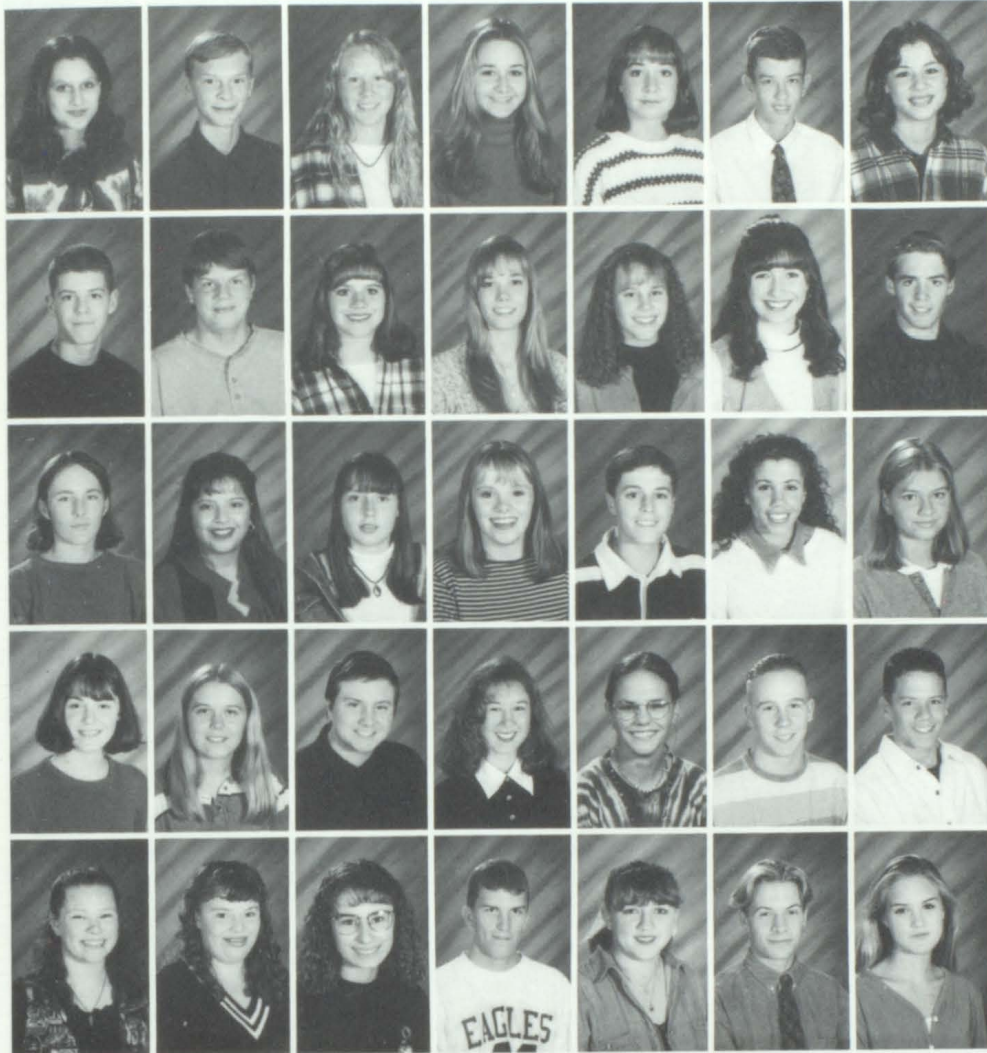
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 Robert Dull,
 James Kowalski, Laila Sadny, Joshua Simms, Robert Steele, Jason Tracey, Brandy Wenner



FRESHMEN~CLASS OF '99

**SO FAR,
SO
GOOD**

**Which cartoons
do you still
watch?**

- A. Power Rangers-11%
- B. Bobby's World-6%
- C. Flintstones-34%
- D. Scooby Doo-45%
- E. Other-4%

**What's your
favorite school
lunch?**

- A. Pizza-58%
- B. Hamburger-3%
- C. Chicken sandwich-18%
- D. Taco-15%
- E. Other-6%

Shannon Andrews
Kristin Arendt
Jessica Ault
Joshua Ball
William Barak
Kevin Barth
Brian Bauer



Erin Bauers
Colleen Bawiec
James Berlyoung
Patrick Bigley
Monica Bitzer
Alison Brawner
Franklin Brawner



Vanessa Bruehler
Nicholas Buchkovich
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Brian Butchko
Jeffery Butchko
Curtis Chluda
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Travis Cook
Dwayne Cunningham
Edward Davis
Jennifer Derryberry
Maria Donofrio
Amy Drda
Eric Frymier



James Gallagher
Mark Gagner
Sarah Graf
Katie Gray
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Olivia Grimes
Sarah Grimm



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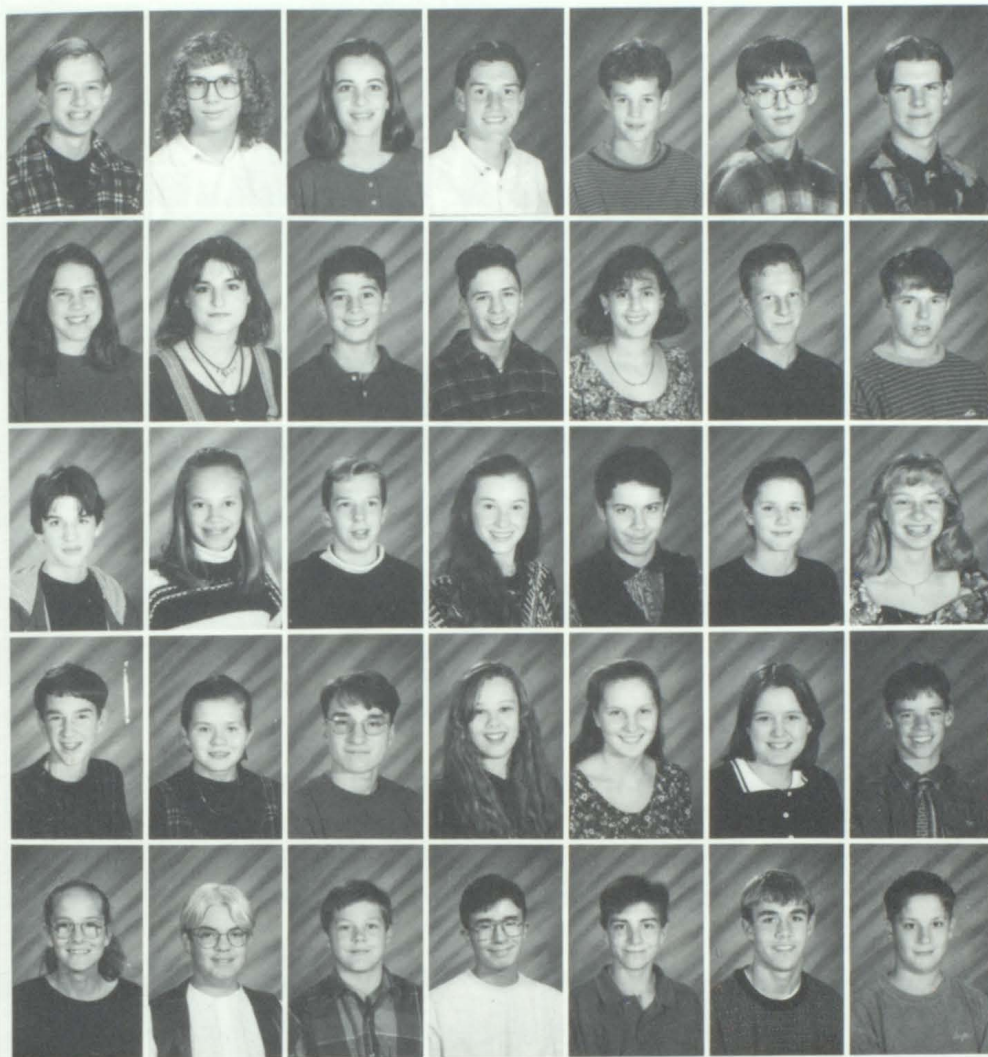


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Stephanie Kowalczyk





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Robert Lambie
Michael Liszniansky
Justin Littell

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Alison Loughren
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Russell Lugar
Angela Martinez
Brian Maurer
Adam McCarthy

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left)- Molly
Urig;
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right)- Shannon
Andrews*

Not Pictured:
Michele Basen,
Jeffery Hughes,
Geoffrey
Kroeger, Bucky
Walls, Brandon
Wilhelm, Scott
Wright



FRESHMEN~CLASS OF '99

How often do
you get your
hair cut?

- A. Once a month-34%
- B. Every other month-37%
- C. Once every six months-22%
- D. Never-7%

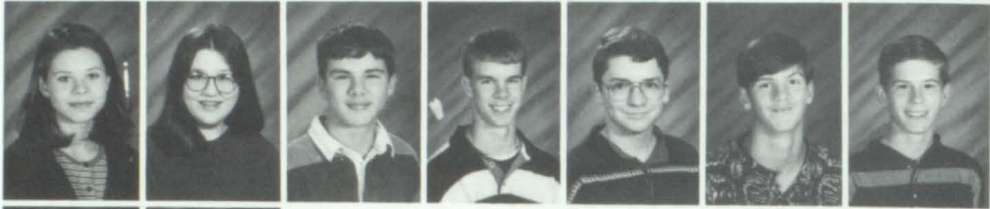
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Christine Teschner
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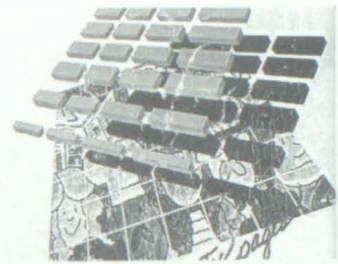
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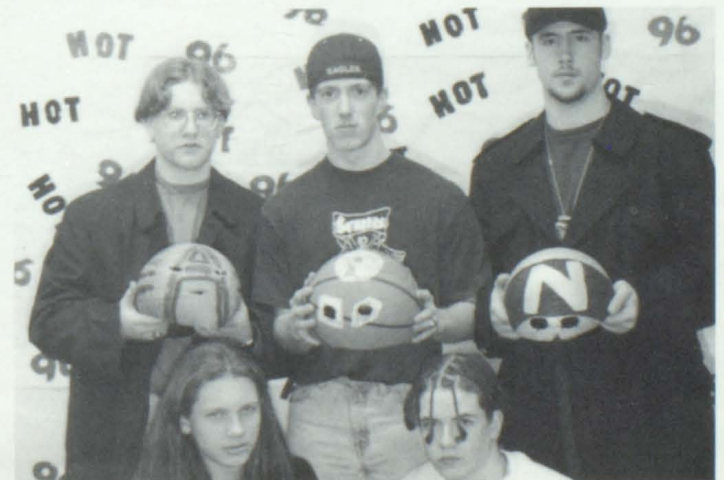
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Sarah Ballog	Jesse Martin
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Jillian Fairbanks	Craig Scott
Douglas Firca	Heather Smith
Douglas Hayden	Michelle Teschner
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HONORS DIPLOMA

Sarah Ballog	Jesse Martin
Terra Buchkovich	Jill Newman
Jillian Fairbanks	Brian Peregord
Douglas Hayden	William Schober
Craig Scott	Sarah Lengen
Heather Smith	Cynthia Vielhaber
Jennifer Kowalczyk	

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Sarah Ballog	Jesse Martin
Terra Buchkovich	Jill Newman
Doug Hayden	William Schober
Craig Scott	Sarah Lengen
Heather Smith	Cynthia Vielhaber
Jennifer Kowalczyk	

SENIORS OF THE MONTH

Cynthia Vielhaber	-September
Jesse Martin	-October
Sarah Ballog	-November
Sarah Lengen	-December
Justin Rhoades	-January
Sarah Koszewski	-February
Jon Jones	-March
Josh Stell	-April
Kelly Rawlings	-May

SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
Terra Buchkovich

OHIO ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Sarah Lengen

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Sarah Lengen

TEEN OF THE MONTH

THE CHRONICLE-TELEGRAM
Douglas Hayden

OHIO ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM

Sarah Ballog

HOT PICKS '96

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Sarah Lengen
Nate Petersen
Katie Schlessman
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Brandon Ade	Rachel Paige
Andrew Ballog	Nate Petersen
Sarah Ballog	Jodi Porter
Terra Buchkovich	Nick Pallas
Megan Harless	Aaron Hurley
Katie Schlessman	Craig Scott
Sarah Lengen	Nick Snavelly
Ronna Richardson	Heather Smith

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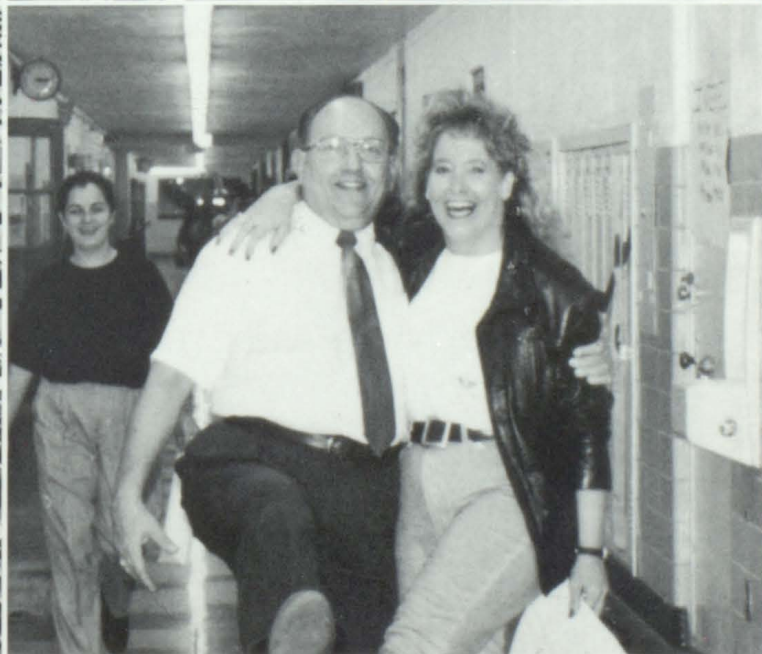
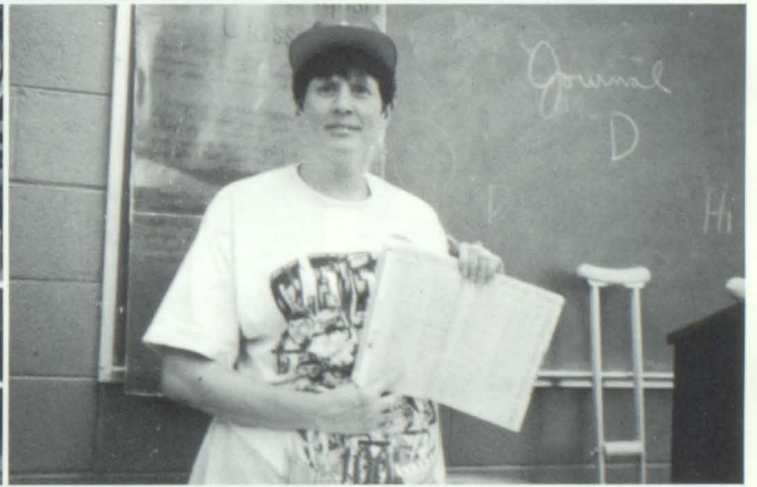
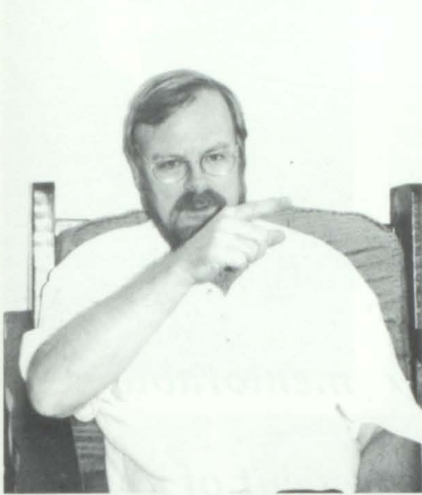
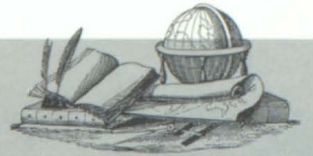
BUCKEYE GIRLS STATE

Rachel Hronek
Katie Schlessman

Staff sets young minds ablaze in '66!



A CLOSER LOOK...



SPRING 1996

FANNING THE FIRE

From the first gun shot of the track season to the last cap falling at graduation, there is a **BURNING** feeling of "Senior-itis" in the air.

As the record snowfall and cold temperatures cool off that itching-to-get-outside feeling, we witness the tragedies of the ValuJet crash, the death of seven year old pilot Jessica Dubrof, and the retirement of Mr. Zimmerman. On the up side, we are cheered by Josh Stell being honored as a 5-Star Student on the Morning Exchange. As the year comes to a close, we realize that this spring is

BLAZING!

"My most memorable event of high school was our crazy advanced biology field trip to Stone Lab my junior year."

-Sarah Lengen



WONDERFUL TO-NIGHT

Prom '96 was a spectacular event at the Spitzer Renaissance Hotel in Lorain. After-prom was held at Goodtimes, here in Avon.

SPRING ARRIVES... OR HAS IT?

Avon High has shielded us from the elements this spring, including record snowfall and 80 degree temperatures.



BASEBALL IS HOT

Spring brings many of our favorite sports, including baseball, softball, and track.

LOOK OUT WORLD HERE WE COME!

Graduation is the most exciting, and tearful, time of the year for the seniors and all of their friends. Goodbye Avon High!!





JV GIRLS HEAT IT UP

Softball Team Has Flaming Season

'96 JV SOFTBALL (right)(front left) Shannon Andrews, Kathy Jennings, Sarah Grimm, Kristen Gilles. (back left) Molly Urig, Sarah Graf, Jenny Smitek, Annie DeChant, Coach Pollack.

SAFE! Sarah Grimm (below) applies the late tag to an Elyria Catholic baserunner who attempted to advance to third base. With Sarah's infielding skills, she was able to make the big plays and help out her team.



"The best part of our season was all of the fun that our team had. We all got along really good, which made our season great."
-Kathy Jennings



"The thing that I liked most about our season was when we would joke around and stick together like a team."
-Sarah Graf



"The highlight of my season was stealing and having Mrs. Vasiloff as our third base coach. She was a riot."
-Annie DeChant



"The best part of my season was when I was pitching and I would strike people out."
-Kristen Gilles



STRIKE THREE! Kristen Gilles (left) delivers a pitch during an intense JV game. Kristen, a sophomore, was the team's main pitcher this season



PLAY'S AT HOME! Rachael Edwards (below) throws to first to get a key out in the inning. Even though Rachael usually played first base, she filled in at second when needed.



SHE'S OUT! Shortstop Annie DeChant (above) fires the ball to the first baseman to get the out. Annie was a terrific infielder and was also a threat to the opposing team when she was at the plate.

HOME RUN! Molly Urig (left) swings for the fence to keep the inning alive. Molly was a good hitter and was also a utility infielder this season.

VARSITY SOFTBALL BURNING WITH YOUTH

Intensity Flares Up As Season Progresses

'96 VARSITY SOFTBALL (right) (front left) Rose Hovanitz, Nicole Harless, Dawn Reichbaum, Daniele Polovich, Kim Seman, Sarah Lengen, Meagan Harless. (back left) Heidi Wagenknecht, Beth Weaver, Jenny Kowalczyk, Maureen Shelton, Beth Eby, Jenny Danicki, Jessica Erdei.

SHE'S GOING! Daniele Polovich (below) snatches the ball thrown by catcher Sarah Lengen in an attempt to stop the runner from stealing second base. Daniele, being the starting short-stop, sacrificed her body for the team many times this season.



GOOD EYE! Jessica Erdei (above) takes a look at a low pitch before deciding not to swing. Jessica had one of the highest batting averages on the team, which helped her to earn 1st Team All-County.

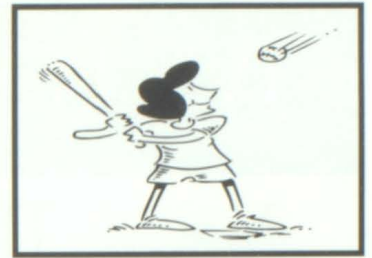
RBI TIME! Daniele Polovich (right) crushes the ball into center field as Dawn Reichbaum times the pitch. With Daniele's natural hitting ability and power, she was able to knock in a lot of runs throughout the season.





THE HEAT! Kim Seman (left) fires in a strike as Beth Weaver prepares to play defense. Even though this was Kim's first year pitching, she earned 1st Team All-County and 2nd Team All-Conference.

YOU'RE OUT! Shannon Andrews (below) picks up a grounder and whips the ball to first base to get the third and final out. Shannon, being the lone freshman on the team, was able to step up and get the job done at second base.



HEY BATTER BATTER! Jenny Kowalczyk (below) anxiously awaits for somebody to hit one out to right field. Jenny, a senior, spent the season playing left and right field. She was also a clutch hitter when the team needed it.



"The highlight of my season was when I tagged out a runner who was trying to steal home and I knocked her over."

-Sarah Lengen



"At the beginning of the season I wasn't too happy that I had to be the pitcher, but by the end of the season I really started to like it."

-Kim Seman



"The highlight of my season was when I got a hit against Keystone and ruined their pitcher's no-hitter."

-Beth Weaver



"The most memorable moment of my season was when I made a diving catch from center field in a game against Keystone."

-Dawn Reichbaum

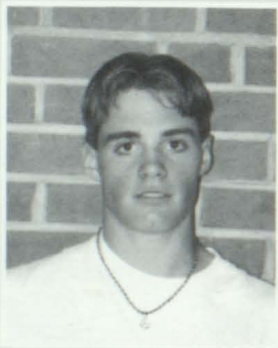
JV'S HAVE A SIMMERING SEASON

TEAM TURNS UP THE HEAT

THE DISTRAUGHT DUGOUT!

The team (right) anxiously paces the dugout in hopes of what's to come next. The players are stretching their minds thinking of what their next moves will be. Their great team abilities have been apparent throughout the season.

QUICK, THROW IT HERE! Freshman, Pat Bigley, (below) shortstop, covers his territory as the opponent attempts to steal second base. It is quite apparent that his love and talent for baseball must run in the family. Pat has an older brother that is now the freshman coach, and an older brother who plays on the varsity team.



"My highlight for this season would have to be the homerun that I made at Open Door. I hope I have many more for Avon. Thanks for a great year, Mr. Lindway"
-Steve Robbins.



"The highlight of my season would have to be that we had a pretty good team and eventually played together really well, once we got the hang of it."
-Justin Grimm



"I had a lot of fun playing on the team this year. It was great playing with the guys and having Mr. Lindway as our coach. Thanks for a great season."
-Steve Krall



"This season was a really great learning experience for me, and I had a lot of fun with the guys on the team."
-Johnny Brawner



AND HERE'S THE PITCH! Freshman Bill Barak (left), pitcher, makes the stretch and a wind up for his pitch. This is Bill's first year playing baseball for the high school. He has been a great help playing for both the freshman and JV baseball teams. Bill has also honed his skills by playing for Avon city teams.



HEY, IT'S BEEZO! Sophomore Eric McKenzie (below), a.k.a. Beezo, takes a pitch at the plate. Nice cut, Beezo! Eric's love of the game is evidenced by his intense concentration and interest in each game.



NICE THROW! Sophomore Eric Kloeppel (above), second baseman, makes a throw to Johnny Brawner at first base in an attempt to make an out. This is Eric's first year playing baseball for Avon and he has done a great job.

THE 95-96 JV BASEBALL TEAM: Back row (from left to right) Mr. Lindway, Matthew Meeks, Joseph Kozak, Johnny Brawner, Justin Grimm. Front row (from left to right) Steven Krall, Steven Robbins, Eric Kloeppel, and Rich Cihlar.

VARSITY BASEBALL

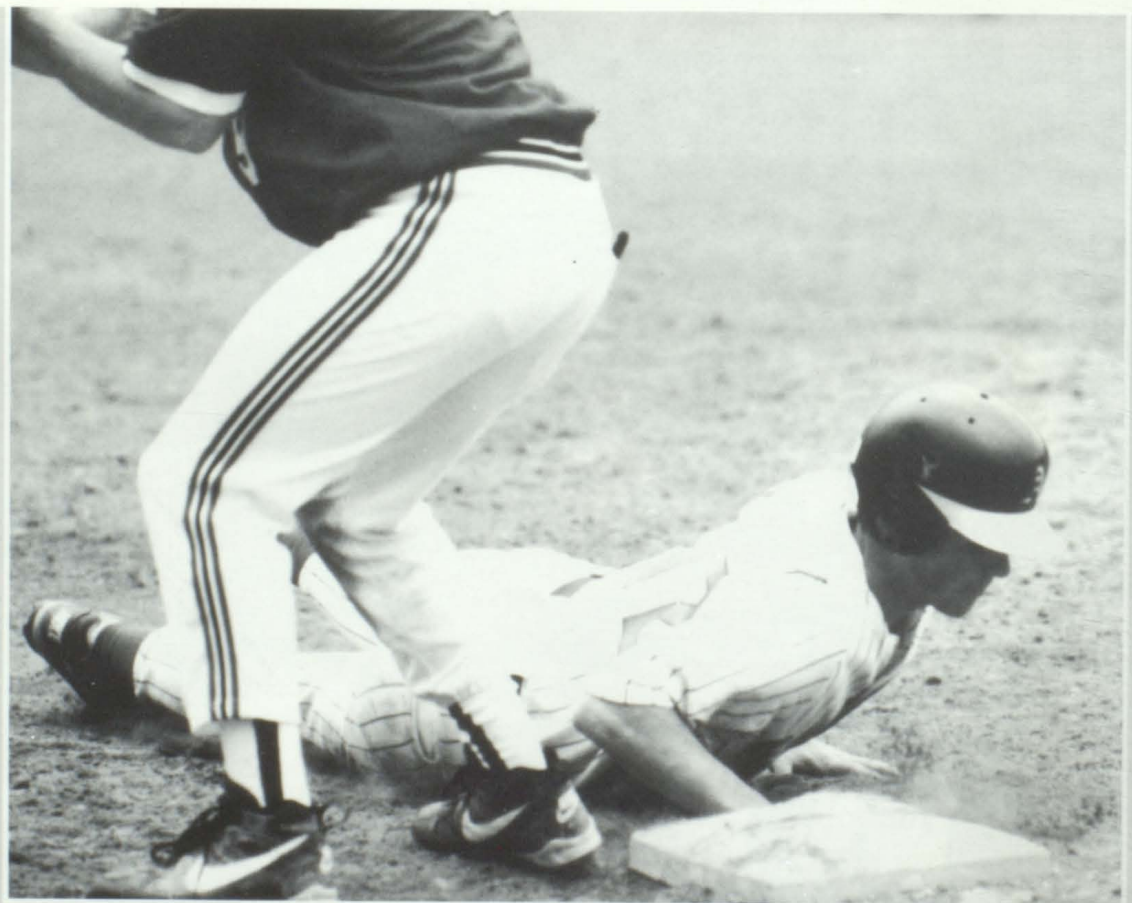
BLAZES THROUGH THE SEASON WITH A RECORD OF 5-14

THE 1995-96 VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM: front row (left to right) Paul Coleman, Derick Repko, Craig Scott, Brian Guyer, Doug Firca, Rick Di Luciano, Dan Bigley. Back row (left to right) Coach Eaton, Coach Beres, Rick Shepherd, Brian Peregord, Josh Stell, Bill Stockard, Mike Cothran, Scott Crawford, Dillion Widener, Kyle Stivason, Adam Wilkins.



GREAT PLAY! Junior Scott Crawford (above), a regular third baseman, guns down the baserunner at first from across the diamond. As a whole, the team had a fielding percentage of .844 this year.

SIZZLING STEAL! Rick Sheperd (right) expertly slides into third base to prevent an out. Rick led the team this year in stolen bases with eight, two of which were steals of home. This was his second year on the team.





WHAT A ROCKET! Sophomore, Brian Guyer (left), shows he has what it takes to pitch at the varsity level. As Brian's first year on the team, he comes away with a record of three wins and three losses.



WAY TO GUARD THAT BASE! Bill Stockard (below) keeps one of our rival Brookside Cardinals close to first as he waits for the pick-off play. Bill also had a batting average of .267 and went eight for thirty on the season.



KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE BALL! Adam Wilkins (below), a sophomore, displays a great hitting stance while anticipating the pitch. Adam had five hits for the team this year. He also played right field, left field, and caught two games.



"The best part of the season was when all the seniors got to play together in our last game."
-Dan Bigley



"The best part of my season was the thrill of pitching in our tournament game against C.V.C.A."
-Dillion Widener



"The most rewarding part of my season was when my hard work and dedication paid off by being able to play in the All-Star game."
-Kyle Stivason



"The most exciting part of the season was our win over our Brookside rivals."
-Brian Guyer

VARSITY STARTS THE FIRE

GIRLS' TRACK HAS A BLAZING SEASON

GIRLS TRACK BOILS OVER! Varsity girls track (right). Members include: Heidi Plotz, Jodi Porter, Erin Limmer, Katie Schlessman, Ali Brawner, Janet Hovonance, and Coach Reynolds. (Bottom), Joanne Hricovec, Shauna Lohr, Terra Buchkovich, Jackie Kennedy, Katie Lengen, Judy Schlather, and Whitney Englehaupt.

BURNING SENSATION! Heidi Plotz, junior, uses all her strength on the shot put. Heidi (below) did an excellent job in track this season. Way to go Heidi!



SIZZLING SHOT PUT! Claire DeChant, junior, successfully makes it to regionals with her amazing shot put ability. Claire also made it to state, where she took 7th place.

RED HOT RUNNER! Junior Erin Limmer (right), hurdles her way to a victory. Erin, along with the team, made it to districts as a result of a successful season.





HOT FEET! Ali Brawner, freshman, (left) tries her luck at the long jump. Along with the long jump, Ali also participated in the 100 meter dash.

KEEPIN' WARM! Fellow track members attempt to keep warm during a track meet. Katie Schlessman, Jodi Porter, and Janet Hovanitz (below) know that times like these seal friendships forever.



"There's not one 'best' part of track season. I had a lot of fun the whole season. I would have to say the bus rides with the guys were quite interesting. Mr. Reynolds was a great coach and Ali and Whitney were hysterical!"
-Judy Schlather



"This was my first year in track and everyone made it a lot of fun for me. The 'best' part though, was probably the long track meets and the bus rides talking to Judy and Janet and laughing at Ali."
-Whitney Englehaupt



"The season was great. I worked hard and had a lot of fun. I wish more people would join the squad next year and see how fun and exciting track is. Hard work pays off in the end, and I think this track season is a great example."
-Claire DeChant



"The best part of my season would have had to have been the conference meet at Avon. I felt that my whole team was running great and that everyone was concentrating on lowering times."
-Jackie Kennedy

VARSITY BOYS TRACK BECOMES *INFLAMED*

BOYS' TRACK HAS A SCORCHING SEASON

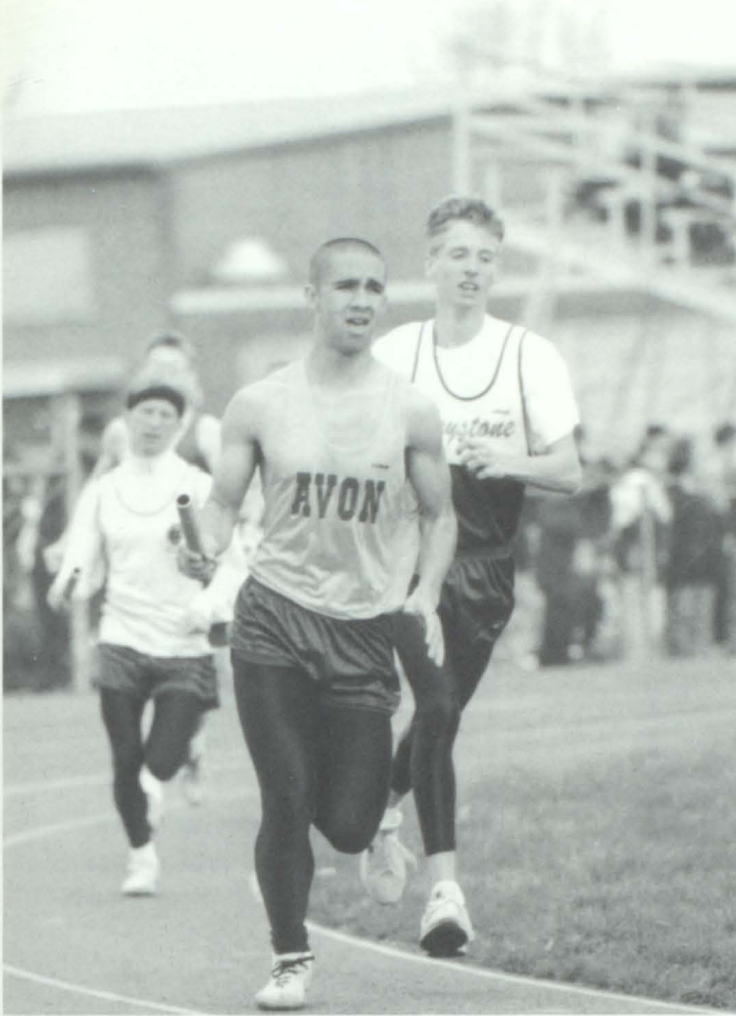
HIGH FIRE! Senior Doug Hayden (right) puts forth all his effort to try to clear the winning height in the high jump event. Doug was a valuable member of this year's boys track team.



HOT STEPPING Jon Jones, senior, (above) uses his great jumping abilities to try to qualify for conference competition and to score some points for his team. Jon also participated in the 4x400 meter relay and the high jump.

HIGH FLAMES! Junior Josh Guerrieri (left) takes the lead in the boys shuttle hurdles. Josh has worked hard for three years to be a great asset to his team.



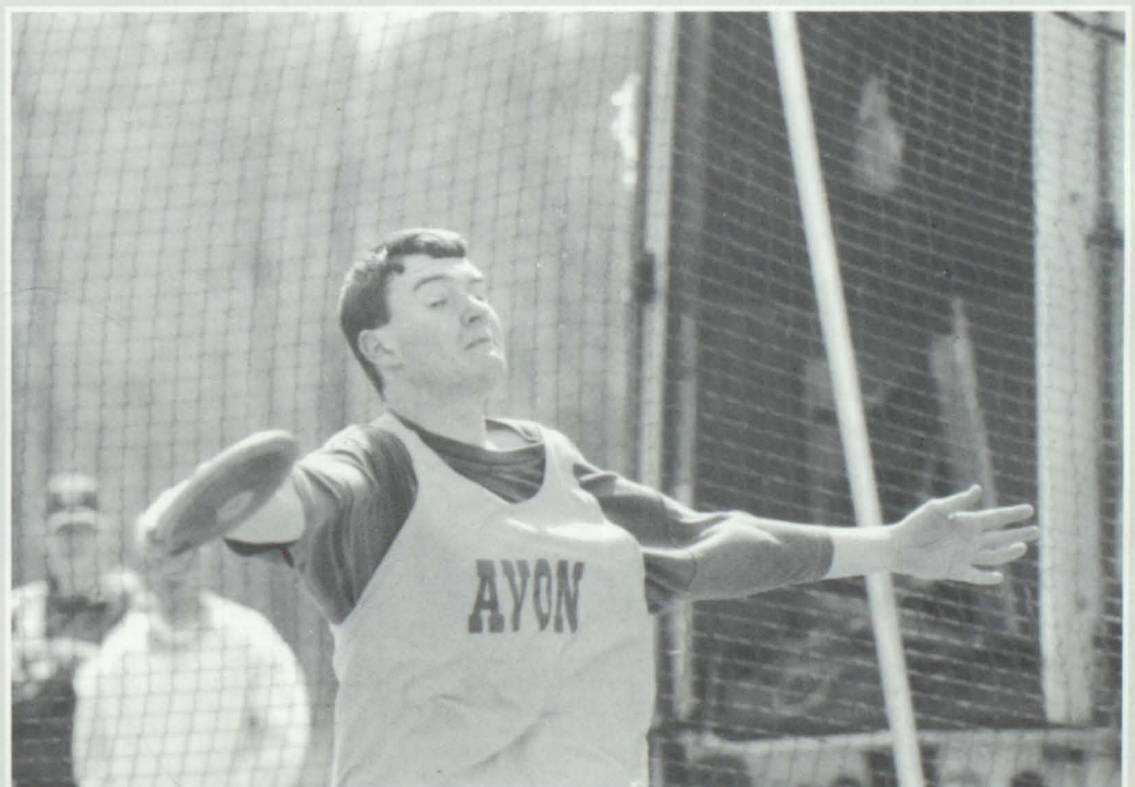


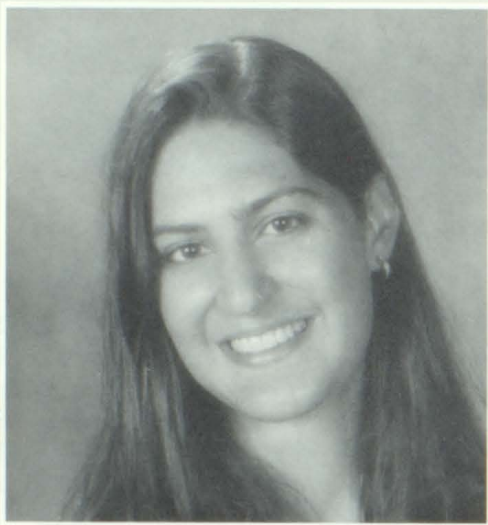
BLAZING BY! Junior Mike Parks (left) steps into the lead for his 4x800 meter relay team. Mike was a great asset by scoring points in the 800 meter and also in the 4x400 meter relay.

BOILING OVER! Senior Jon Jones (below) lifts spirits for the boys team by scoring many points in the high jump.

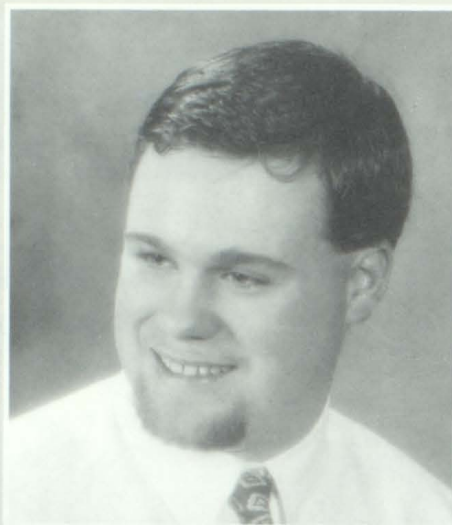


GOING THE DISTANCE! Ryan Krystowski, freshmen, (right) shoots for distance in the discus throw. Ryan had an excellent year as a freshmen by making it to regional and state competition. His talents point to a promising future for Avon Track!





Sarah Ballog



Daniel Bigley



Misty Billinghamurst



Kate Burke



Jennifer Butchko



Claïressa Cogar



Jason Detardo



Richard Diluciano



Dianna Douglas



Terra Buchkovich



Brandy Cozmyk



William Elliott

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Every day at Avon High is a memorable day for me!

-Clair Cogar

My most memorable day of high school is the day that we went to Epcot Center.

-Lynn Wernert



I would like to be reincarnated as a cow.

-Nicole Harless

I would like to be reincarnated as Chief Sanchez.

-Bill Elliott

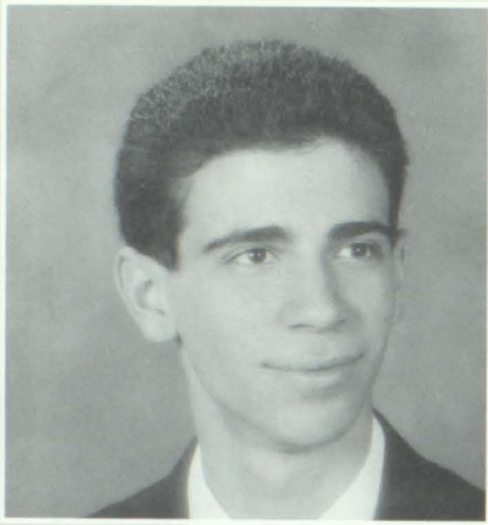


One word to describe my car is "enormous."

-Heather Smith

One word to describe my car is "dream-machine."

-Willie Schober



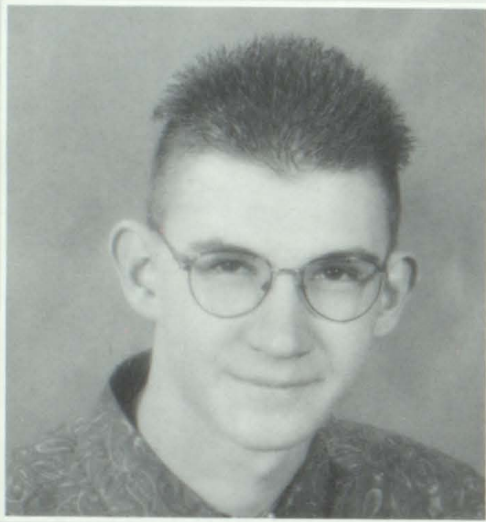
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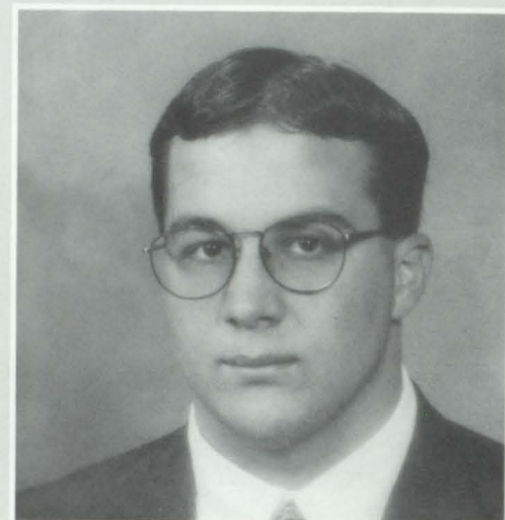
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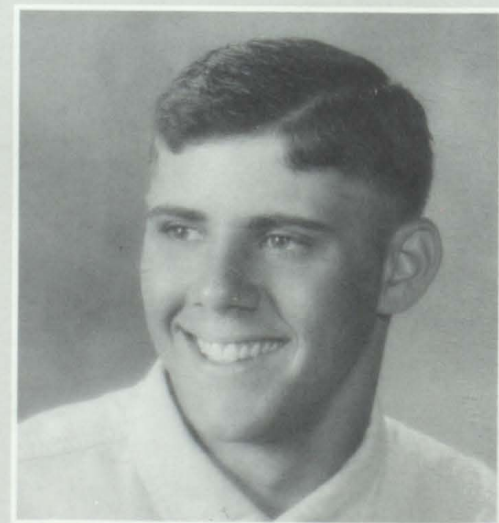
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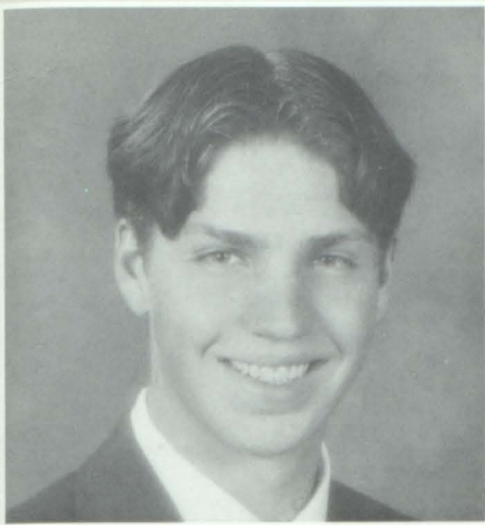
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My most memorable day of high school was the day that we set the football field on fire at Band Camp '95.

-Jesse Martin

My most memorable day of high school was the last day.

-Jenny Kowalczyk



I would like to be reincarnated as a Schober.

-Brian Peregord

I would like to be reincarnated as a professional baseball player.

-Sarah Lengen

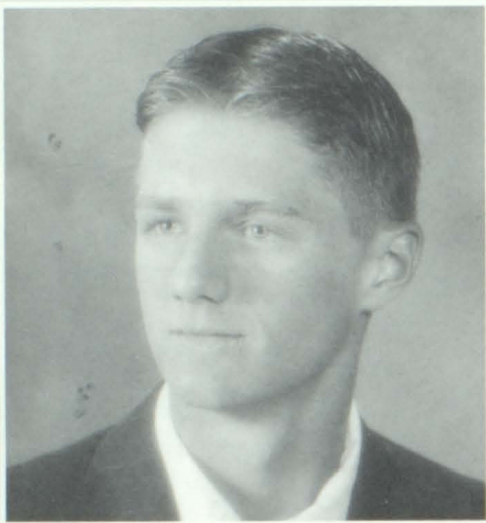


One word to describe my car is "beast".

-Dawn Reichbaum

One word to describe my car is "D.A.R.E."

-Craig Scott



Jon Jones



Susanne Kohut



Sarah Koszewski



Amy Krall



Sarah Lengen



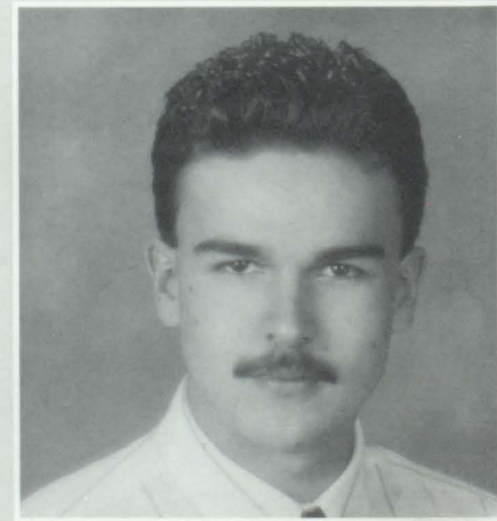
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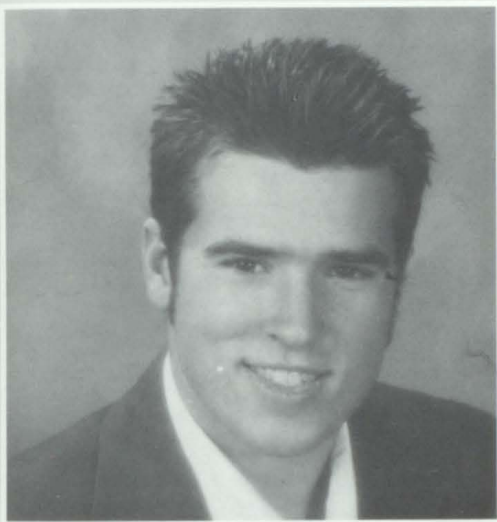
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Brad MacArthur



Jessica Nagel

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My most memorable day of high school was the day that we recieved a seven hour "detention".

-Sarah Koszewski

My most memorable day of high school was the day that Chantos took out Rudy singlehandedly.

-Nathan Petersen



I would like to be reincarnated as a dolphin.

-Kelly Rawlings

I would like to be reincarnated as Kyle's straw.

-Bill Stockard



One word to describe my car is "expensive."

-Brian Weaver

One word to describe my car is "Daihatsu."

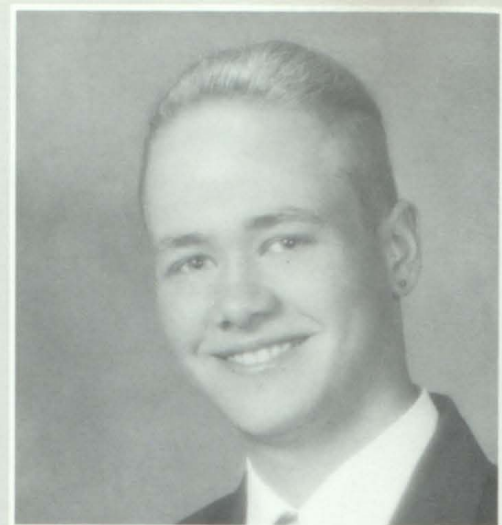
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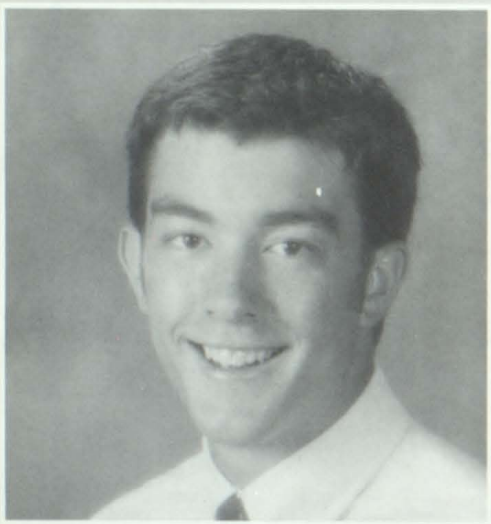
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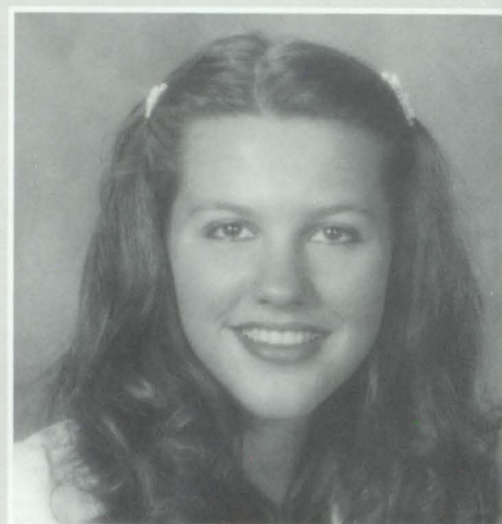
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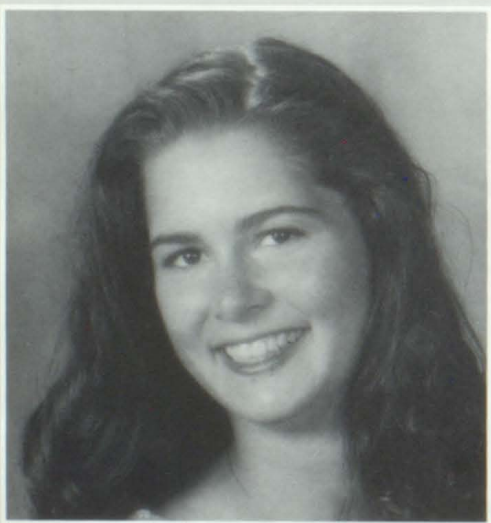
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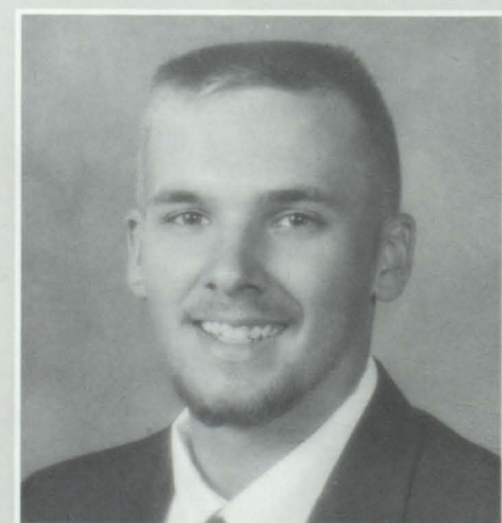
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Dawn Reichbaum



Sean Reinke



Brian Peregord



Kelly Rawlings



Gerald Rutter

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The most memorable day of high school was the day when the three nuns beat me because I didn't type my synopsis.

-Dave Rutter

The most memorable day of high school was the first time I smelled the lovely scent of dissection in Biology.

-Jill Newman



I would like to be reincarnated as a star.

-Rick Diluciano

I would like to be reincarnated as myself--I finally got used to being tall.

-\$arah Ballog

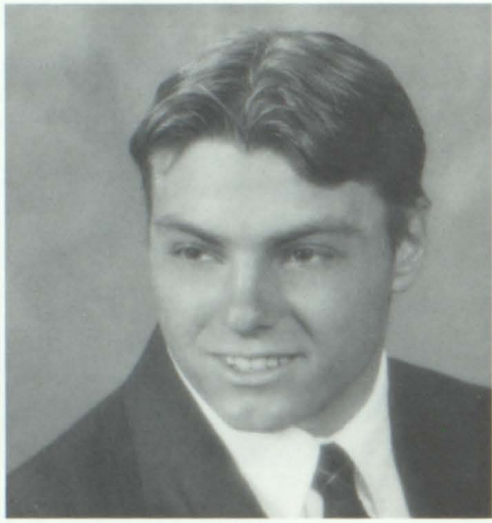


One word to describe my car is "stealth."

-Kyle Stivason

One word to describe my car is "patches."

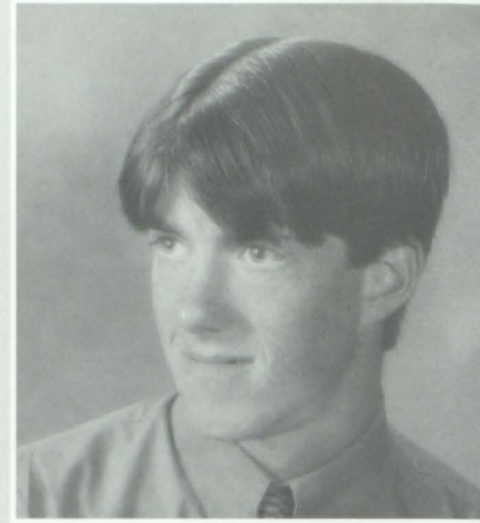
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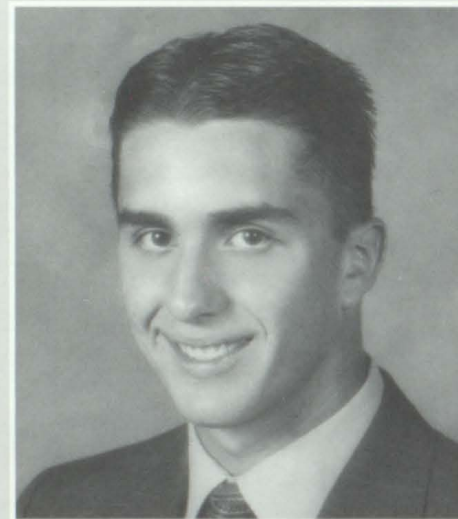
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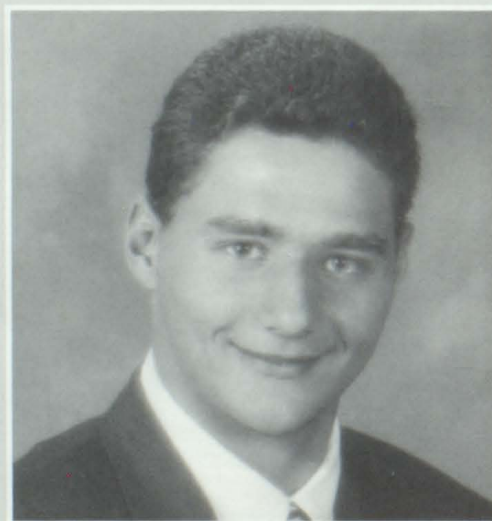
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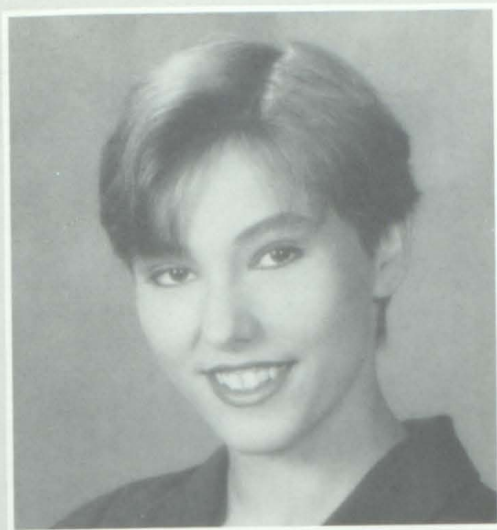
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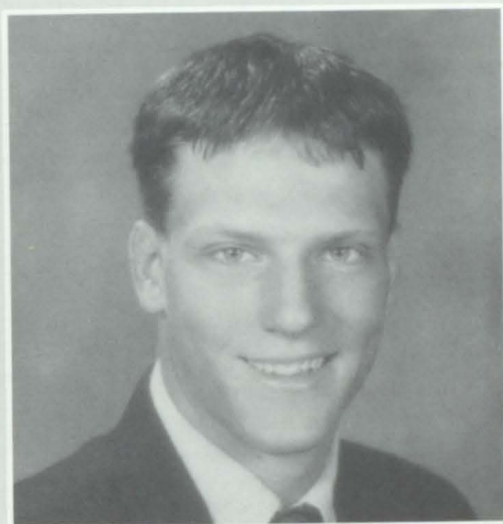
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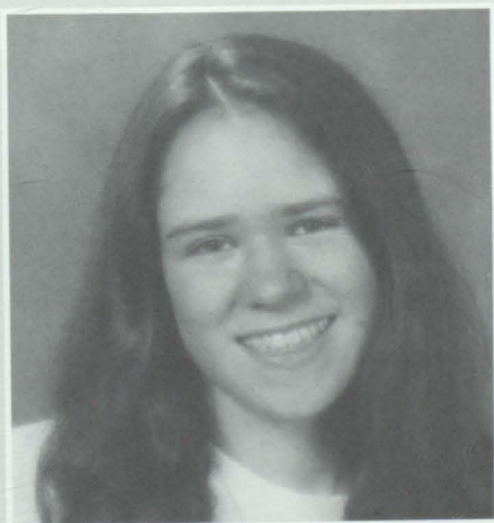
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My most memorable day of high school was the day that Mr. Bruening sent me to the office and forgot about me.

-Nona Redinger

My most memorable day of high school was the day of golf sectionals my senior year.

-Jon Jones



I would like to be reincarnated as a homeless man.

-Lucas Buchanan

I would like to be reincarnated as the road so that I could see the whole country.

-Chuck Hessler



One word to describe my car is "cool."

-Sean Reinke

One word to describe my car is "alive!"

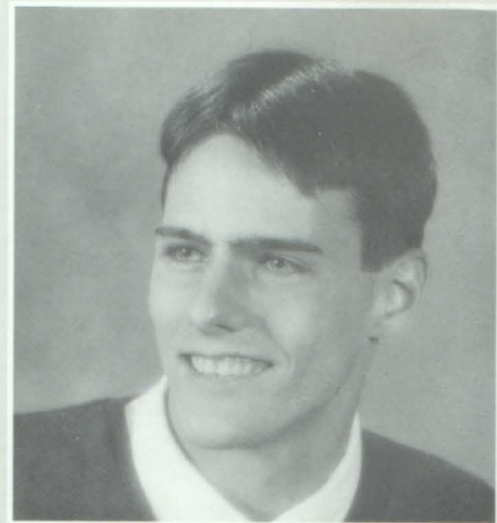
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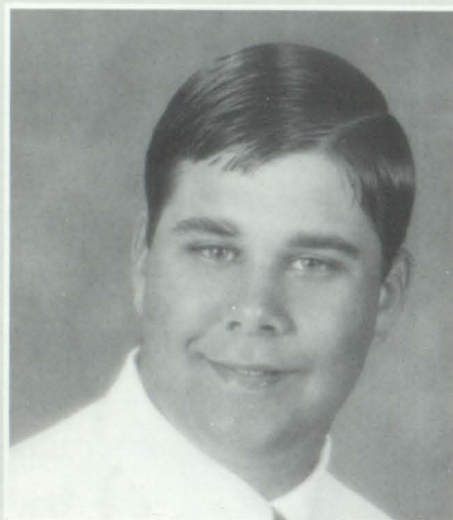
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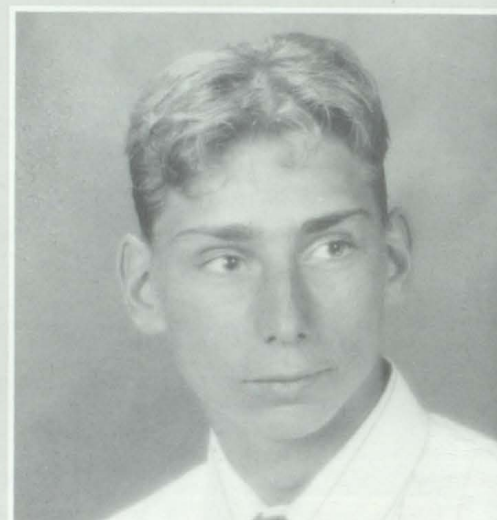
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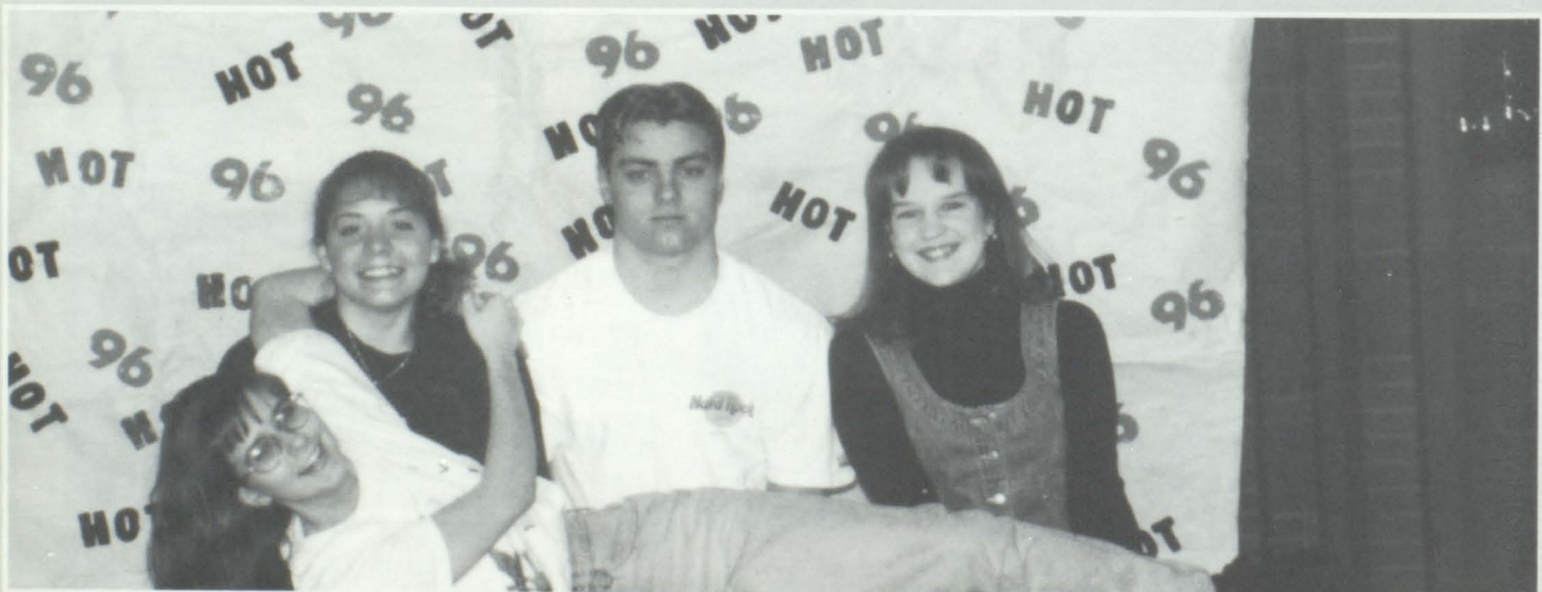
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Senior Class Officers The secretary Sarah Lengen, vice president Willie Schober, and treasurer Heather Smith show their support for their president, Sarah Koszewski.

To the Class of 1996,

Well, we've finally made it! We are no longer students of Avon High School- we are alumni. I'm sure that our time spent together at AHS was one of great experiences and great friends, a time not to be forgotten. However I'm also sure that we all have many more great times to look ahead to as we all go our separate ways, making lives of our own. As we all leave Avon and go our own ways, I'm sure that some of our bonds will be broken, but I hope that our memories will never fade. Thanks for all of the good times and great friendships. Good luck in all that you do, and I hope to see all of you in five years!

Sincerely,

*Sarah Koszowski
1996 class President*

SIZZLING SMILES! Prom Queen Kelly Rawlings and King Ethan Miller (right) smile for their fans. Voted this honor, the seniors will remember this dance forever.

DANCIN' FEVER Junior Katie Marsiglia and her date, sophomore John Borden (below), dance the night away. Katie and John were just one of the many couples to enjoy the "Wonderful Tonight" theme.



BLAZIN' GLORY

Heather Smith, Aaron Hurley, Sarah Lengen, Willie Schober, and many other seniors dance the "wonderful night" away. As this night of memories came to an end, everyone headed off to Goodtimes for after prom and then to Avon East for breakfast.

DIG IN!

Hungry prom-goers get ready to eat this delicious dinner at the Spitzer Renaissance Plaza Hotel. Dinner included chicken, roast beef, potatoes, green beans, and fettucine alfredo.

WONDERFUL TONIGHT

Avon prom-goers really live out this year's theme at the Spitzer Renaissance Plaza Hotel in Lorain; After Prom at Goodtimes; and breakfast at Avon East



NEW PROM DO! No, Anna Rak (below) didn't just come back from the Bahamas, this is just her way of expressing herself. Kristy Hudak, an admirer of Anna's sense of style, wonders if she could do the same.

WONDERFUL TONIGHT! Prom King Ethan Miller and Queen Kelly Rawlings sweep the crowd away with their honorary dance after the crowning.



STRIKE A POSE!

Jenny Peregord (above) is snapping a picture of her prom group. When they weren't posing for pictures, these **HOT** prom-goers were **BURNING** up the dance floor.



ROMANCING THE NIGHT AWAY

Brian Peregord, Katie Schlessman, Ricky Shepherd, Beth Weaver, and many others (above) dance the night away. Prom-goers seize the opportunity to cut loose with good food, good music and good friends.

GOT IT! Doug Hayden (below) carefully catches the delicate egg thrown to him by his partner. Doug, a member of the Black Team, proved to be a great asset to his team.

TWELVE... THIRTEEN... FOURTEEN... Attempting to swallow what must seem like his millionth marshmallow is senior Brian Peregord (right). Brian proved himself to be a "golden boy" to his Golden Team.



FEEL THE HEAT OF

THE TITANS CLASHING



GO! GO! GO! Senior Nathan Petersen (above) makes a mad dash back to tag his teammate as he rounds out the final turn around the cones.



NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL "USING YOUR HEAD" Crazy-catching-eggs-on-his-head-boy Doug Hayden(left) uses his intelligence and gently cradles the flying egg with the strainer in attempt to lead his team to victory.

DIZZY! Just a couple more spins around this bat and Joel Woods (below) won't be able to complete the obstacle course ahead of him.



DROWNED RAT Heather Smith (above) gets a hysterical reaction out of Rick shephard as she tries to climb out of the kiddie pool water trap.



YOU'RE A LIFESAVER! Terra Buckovich(below) passes out Lifesavers during the Presidential Election in hopes to win votes for Nathan Petersen. How many votes will these Lifesaver's win?

I FEEL... Craig Scott (right), speaks during the Presidential Election. Craig made Vice President in the election, after sharing his views on several different issues during campaign speeches.



FOURSCORE AND SEVEN YEARS AGO

GOVERNMENT CLASS TAKES OVER

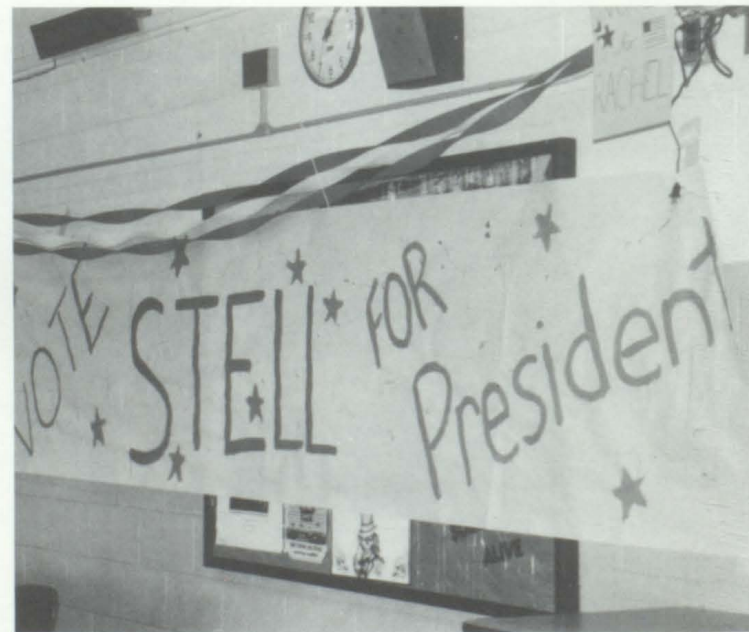
In the '95-'96 school year, the Government class made a dramatic change. Instead of having many classes during many periods, all the seniors were put together during the first period to form...**SENIOR GOVERNMENT CLASS.** For Avon High School, this was a major change. Never had Avon combined all the seniors together into one class. Not only did this change affect the students, it also affected the staff. The government class is taught by Mr. Bruening, Mr. Matuszak, and Mr. Hieronymous. How much get's done with these three in charge you ask? Well, more than a normal human would believe.

The purpose of the class is to establish a mock federal government.

With this goal in mind, the class holds a presidential election and establishes a legislature. Senior government class provides the ideal opportunity for all students to become a part of the democratic process.

Perhaps the most exciting aspect of the class is a trip to Washington D.C. The trip was the first one since some of our teachers were in high school. On the trip, the Seniors take in many sights, including the Everlasting Flame and the Changing of the Guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Though it seems that the Government class is all fun and games, each student works hard to pass the class. The Senior Government class gives a taste of what a college class will be like. For seniors, this experience is a building block to a future that is **HOT! HOT! HOT!**



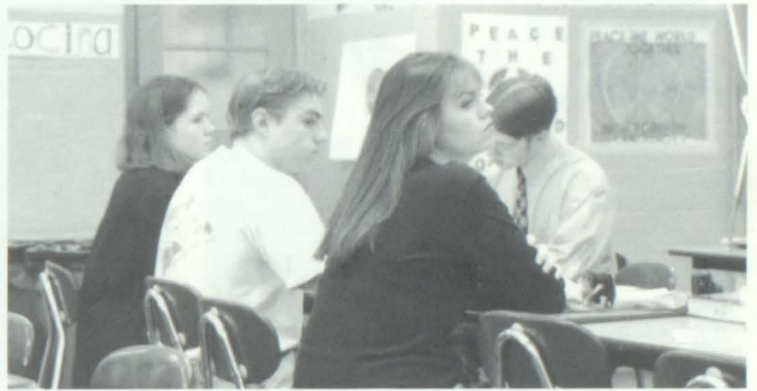
STELL FOR PRESIDENT! This sign (above) was one of many that could be found around the school in support of the Presidential candidates Josh Stell and Nathan Petersej during the Government class election. The signs were made by the committed employees of each candidate as they bid for the executive office.



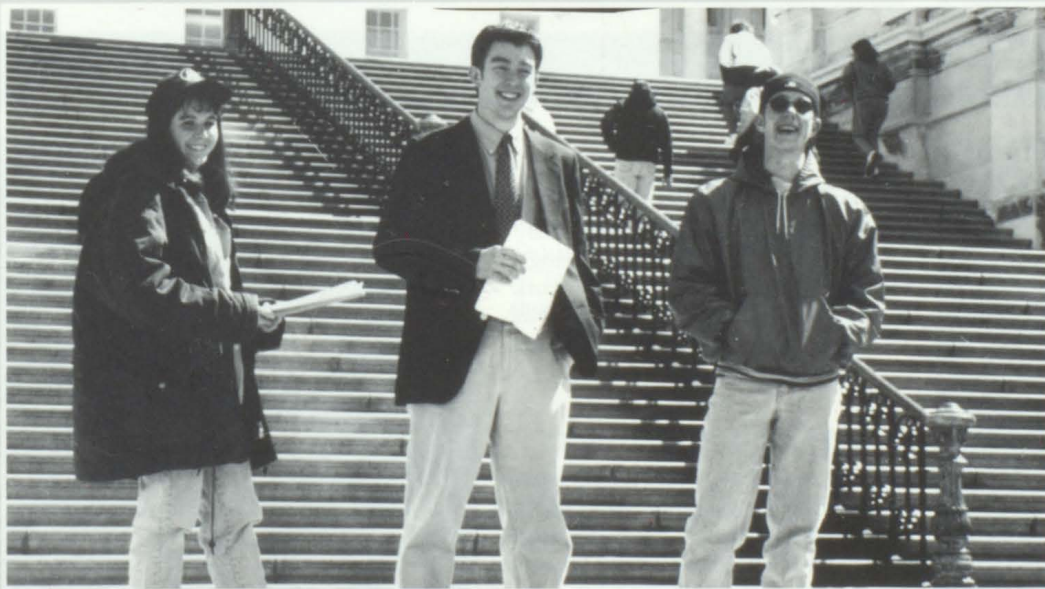
I DECLARE! Doug Hayden (left), gives his Vice Presidential speech during one process of the election. Doug and all of the candidates did an excellent job with their speeches. The rest of the class also learned of the importance of listening to campaign promises of future government policy.



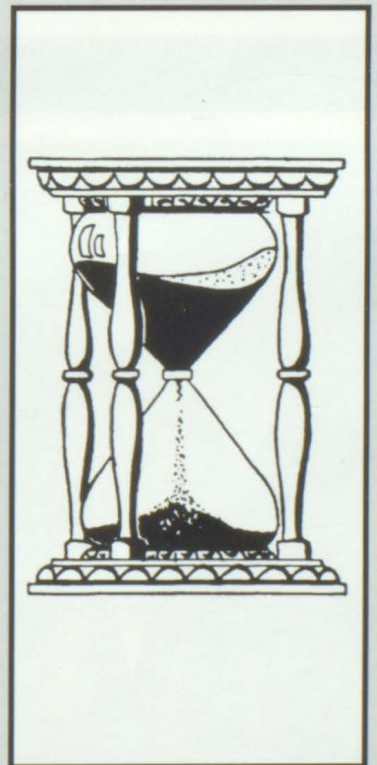
And as Your President... Josh Stell (left) who ran for President, gave his speech pertaining to many different issues. Though Josh did not win the election, he did a very nice job throughout the election.



WHAT WAS THAT? Cindy Vielhaber, Willie Schober, and Dianna Douglas (below), members of Nathan Petersen's subcommittee, concentrate intently while Craig Scott writes his speech.

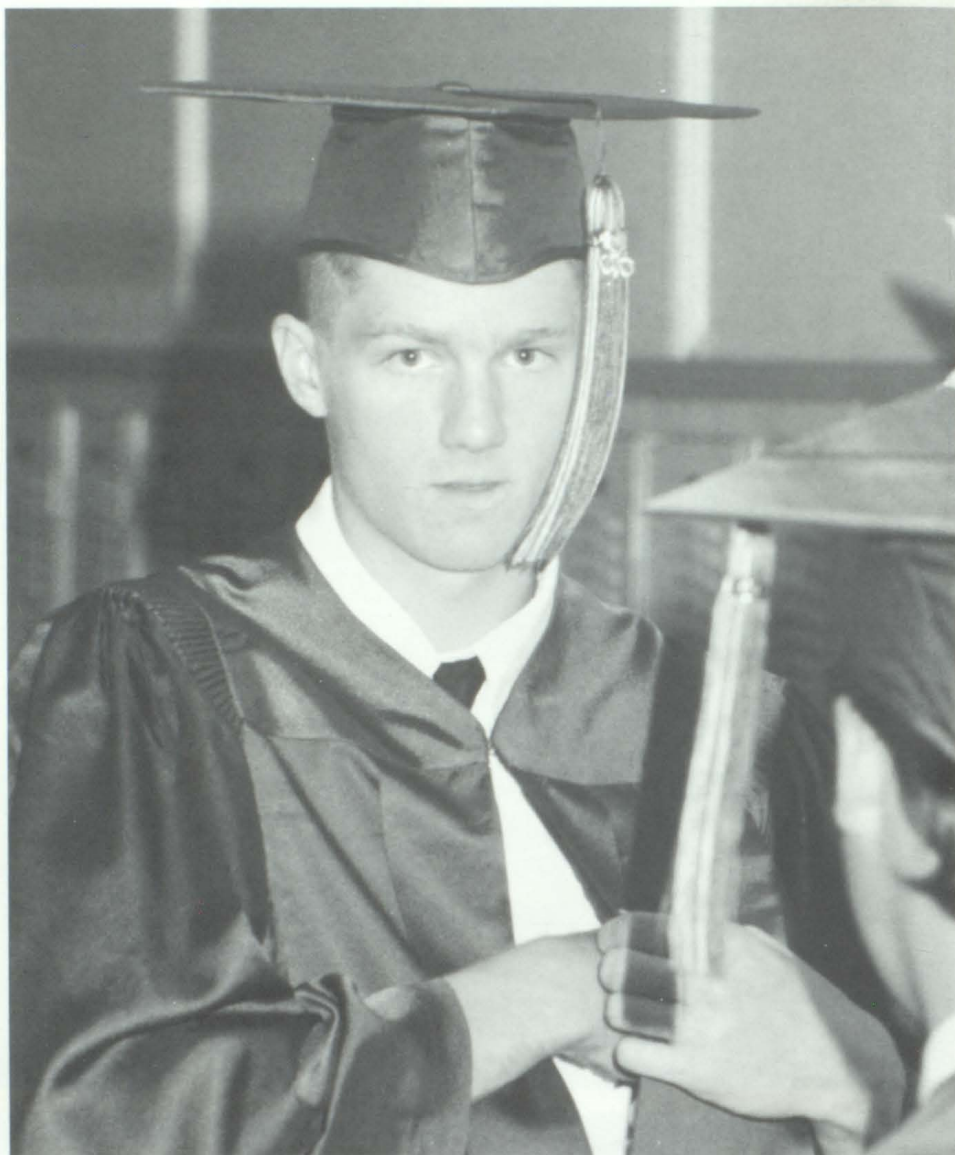


I SWEAR...! Terra Buchkovich, Nathan Petersen, and Craig Scot (above) smile on the steps of the Capital Building. Nathan, voted in as President by the government class, takes the oath of office during the senior class trip to Washington.



BURNING SENSATION! Jon Jones (right) looks ready and willing to graduate. Jon, who was active in football, basketball, and track, looks forward to a bright and promising future in Kentucky.

FIRED UP! Sarah Koszewski and Sarah Lengen (below) anxiously wait for the moment they have worked so hard for. Both girls were class officers their senior year. While Sarah K. represented the class as president, Sarah L. was the class secretary.

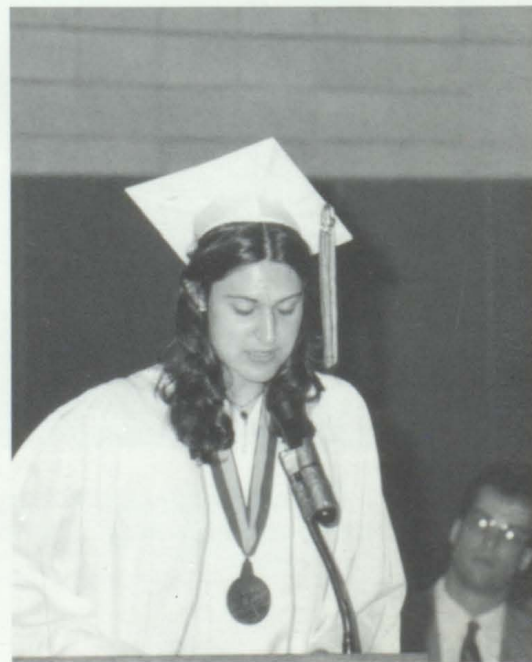


VALEDICTORIAN I

Terra Buchkovich (left) stands proudly as she reads her speech about being Valedictorian. For all of her hard work during her high school years, Terra has received a scholarship to Ricks College in Idaho.

VALEDICTORIAN II

To be Valedictorian, Sarah Ballog, (right) had a long, hard road that she had to travel, but she made it down that road without stumbling. Sarah's and the rest of the valedictorian's hard work pays great dividends in preparing for a promising future.



GRADUATION 1996

Seniors recall fond memories with smiles and tears and look to **blazing** futures during the Commencement ceremony.



FIRED UP AND READY! Will Schober, Heather Smith, Terra Buchkovich, and Jessie Martin (above, left to right) anxiously wait to get their diplomas. Will, Heather and Terra were active in sports, while Jessie was a composer and producer of some of the AHS band music throughout his high school years.

FLAMING FRIENDS! Jason DeTardo (left) hugs a fellow friend with congratulations. Jason was active in band and was a biology lab aid for Mrs. Wearsch his senior year.

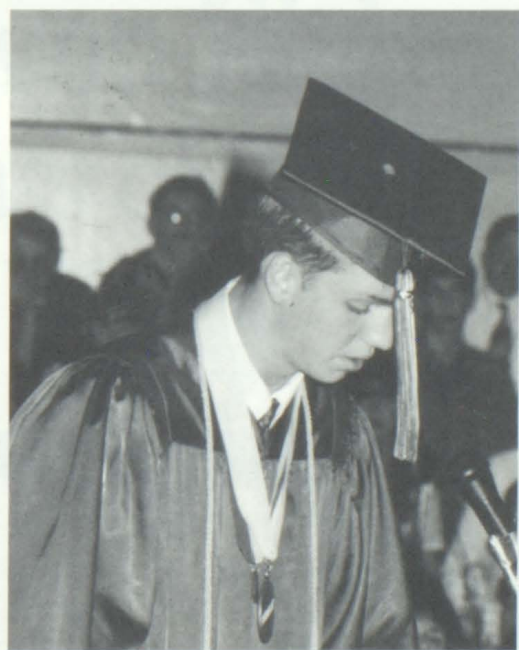


VALEDICTORIAN III

Sarah Lengen (left) delivers her speech on graduation day. The fact that three of the Top Ten tied for the honor of Valedictorian shows the stiff competition each was up against.

SALUTATORIAN

Doug Hayden (right) makes his salutatory address at the graduation ceremonies. The message that Doug gave us at graduation will be carried in our hearts for many years to come.



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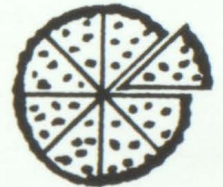


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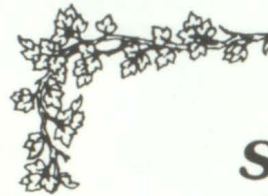
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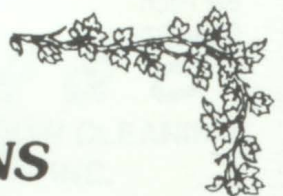
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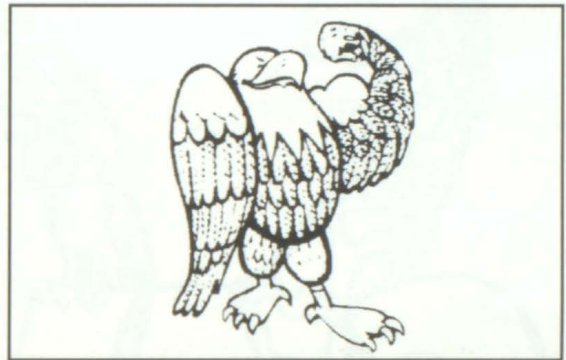
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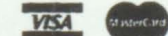
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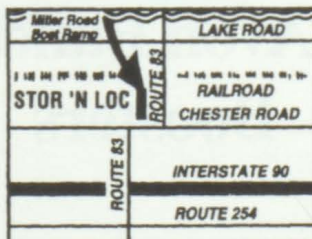
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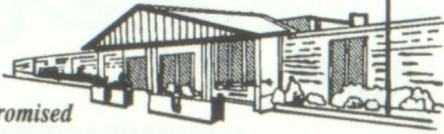
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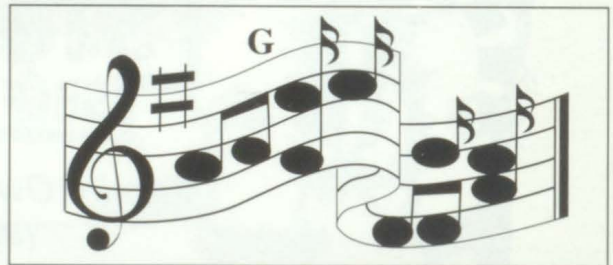
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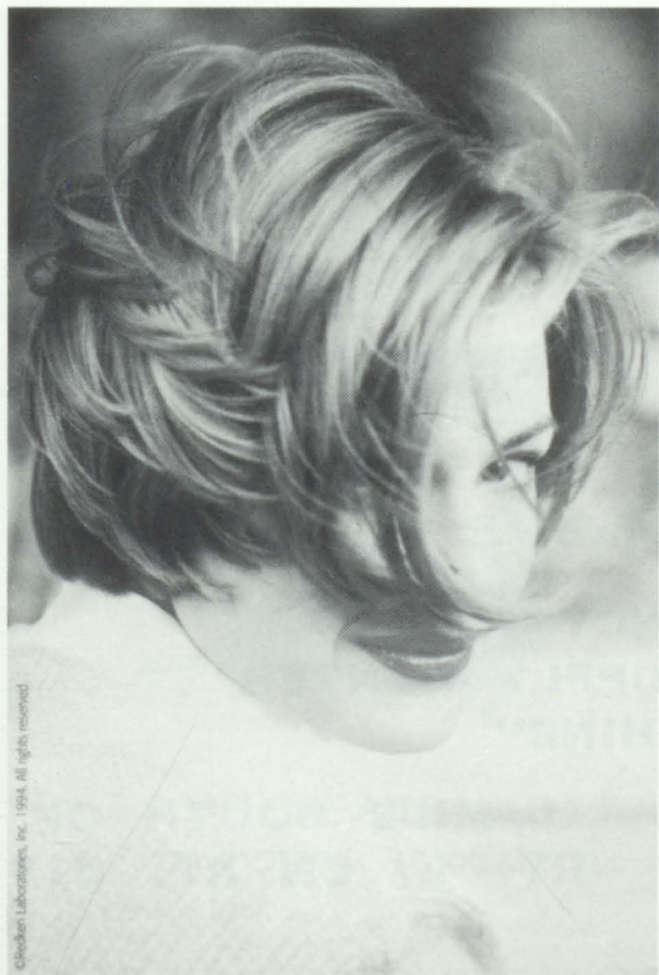
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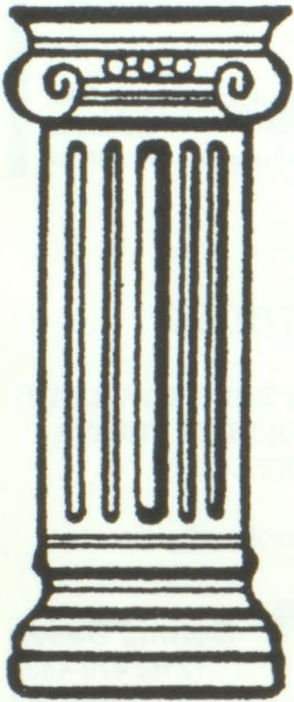
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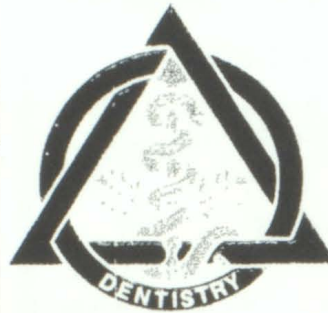
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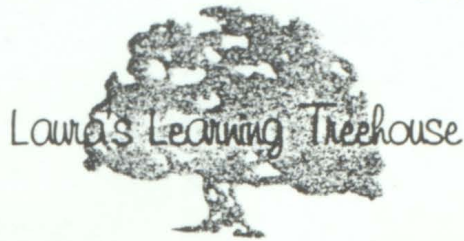
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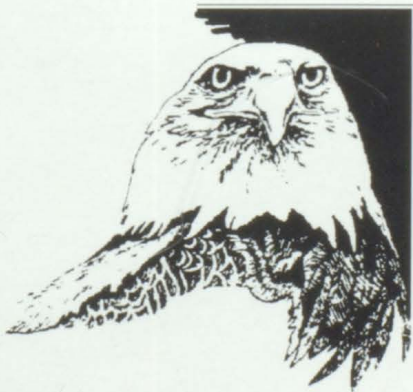
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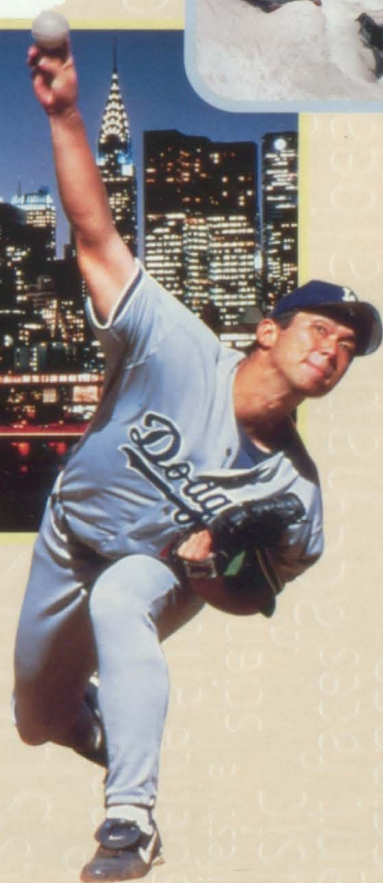
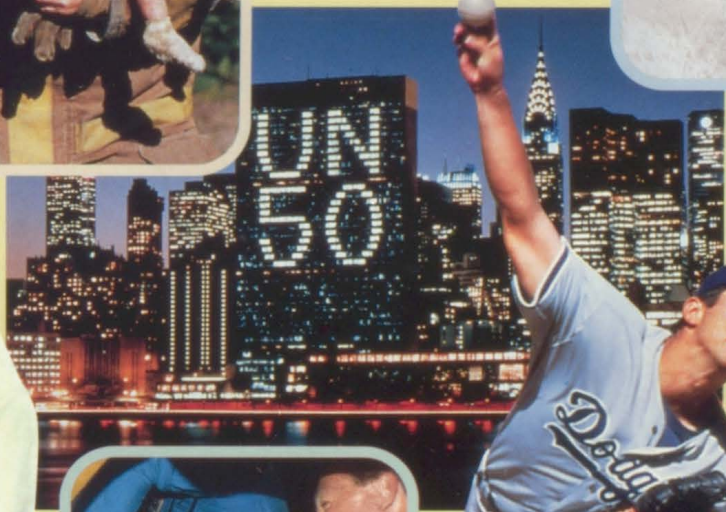
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G. Korganow, Gamma/Liaison

French transportation workers strike against their government throughout the month of December, shutting down the airlines and the metro system, after France increases the retirement age from 50 to 55 and lengthens the work week from 37 to 39 hours in efforts to cut spending.

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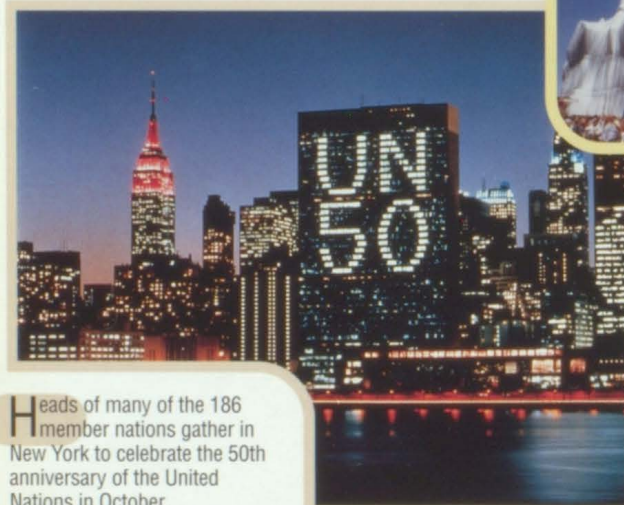


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Pope John Paul II visits New Jersey, New York and Maryland, and addresses the United Nations. He speaks out on social, economic, political and moral themes.



In late May, a doctor performs emergency surgery aboard British Airways flight 32 using a coat hanger, a knife and fork, and a scissors sterilized in brandy to save a woman whose life is threatened by a collapsed lung.



Schneider Pool from Gamma/Liaison

Heads of many of the 186 member nations gather in New York to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations in October.



Philippe Giraud, Sygma

Tahitian protests escalate into riots after France detonates a nuclear test device 750 miles from the South Pacific island. France's September resumption of tests after a three-year moratorium brings global condemnation.



John Fears, Sygma

In a powerful address to the U.N.'s Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China, attended by 30,000 women from 180 countries, U.S. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton declares, "Women's rights are human rights," to a desk-thumping, applauding audience.



Dan Dean, Gamma/Liaison

Shock waves hit the Middle East when Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is shot and killed while leaving a peace rally in Tel Aviv November 4. His murderer, Jewish extremist Yigal Amir, fanatically opposes peace negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

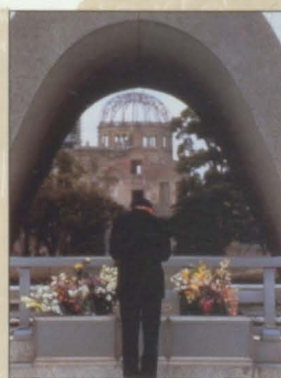


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Marxist Cuban President Fidel Castro abandons his Havana cigar and military fatigues for a suit and tie on a diplomatic visit to New York in October, where he tries to convince the U.S. to lift its 33-year-old trade embargo on still-communist Cuba.



Madman Shoko Asahara, leader of the Japanese apocalyptic religious cult, Aum Shinrikyo, is arrested on May 16 and charged with the Tokyo subway nerve-gas attack that left 12 people dead and injured 5,500 more in March.



Juli Press/APP from Bettmann

Jon Van Hasselt, Sygma

Fifty years after the end of World War II, Japan remembers those killed by the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima. A solitary building left standing after the blast, now a memorial called the Atomic Bomb Dome, symbolizes the horrors of war and the price of peace.

national news

A San Francisco sewer line bursts under pressure from battering rainstorms, creating a monster sinkhole that swallows a \$2-million house in the Sea Cliff district. One-hundred-mile-per-hour winds knock out power to tens of thousands of homes and nearly blow a truck off the Bay Bridge.



Brant Ward, San Francisco Chronicle/Gamma/Liaison

Three days of drenching rains in the Pacific Northwest swell rivers to overflowing, causing severe flooding in Washington in December. In the town of Carnation, a pastor conveys a woman to dry land with a wheelbarrow.



AP/Wide World



The federal government repeals the national 55-mile-per-hour highway speed limit, enacted in 1974 during the oil embargo. The legislation allows states to set their own limits. On Montana highways, speed limits are eliminated completely.



African-American men from across the country converge on Washington, D.C., for the Million Man March on October 16. The march, led by Nation-of-Islam minister Louis Farrakhan, promotes African-American unity, dignity, and family values.

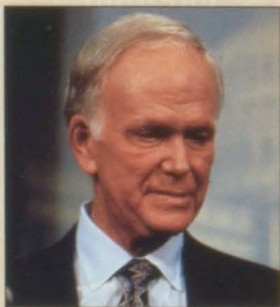


Larry Downing, Sygma



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Air Force Captain Scott O'Grady (right) is rescued from pursuing Bosnian Serb forces by U.S. Marines on June 8, six days after his plane is shot down over Bosnia. O'Grady survived on insects, plants, and rainwater.



Markel, Gamma/Liaison

U.S. Senator Bob Packwood of Oregon resigns on September 7, the day after the Senate Ethics Committee voted unanimously to expel him for sexual misconduct, embarrassingly detailed in his diaries, which were made public.



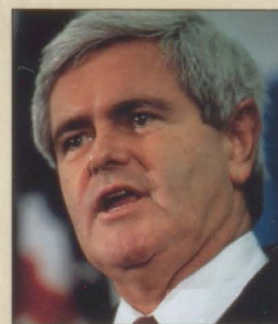
AP/Wide World

The nation comes to a standstill on October 3 as more than 150 million people watch live TV coverage of the outcome of the nine-month-long trial of the century. After less than four hours of deliberation, the jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson not guilty of the murders of his ex-wife Nicole and her friend Ronald Goldman.



Scott Olson, Sipa Press

Illinois suffers a record heat wave in July, with temperatures as high as 104°. The heat takes the lives of 457 people statewide. At Wrigley Stadium, Jaime Navarro helps faithful Chicago Cubs fans stay cool.



Gifford, Gamma/Liaison

After a year of fame as a conservative revolutionary, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich slumps in popularity, tainted by the government shutdown, his stalled Contract With America, and investigations into his political action committee and his financial affairs.



Lee Stone, Sygma

Two-thousand volunteer firefighters battle a raging wildfire in eastern Long Island, New York, for three days in August. The fire, following a 21-day drought, consumes 5,500 acres of pine barrens and damages a dozen homes. There are no injuries or fatalities.

The image of firefighter Chris Fields holding one-year-old Baylee Almon, who later dies, comes to symbolize the horror of the April 19 bombing of the Oklahoma City Federal Building that killed 150 adults and 19 children.

As more Americans invest, Wall Street enjoys a bull market. In November, the Dow-Jones Industrial Average hits 5000, a milestone indicating healthy corporate profits and low interest rates.



Zielenbach, Chicago Tribune from Gamma/Liaison



On April 30, the adoptive parents of four-year-old "Baby Richard" comply with an Illinois court order to turn the child over to his biological parents.

flash

Despite Americans' doubts and fears, U.S. troops head for Bosnia in December. The 20,000 U.S. forces, serving under NATO command beside 40,000 European allies, face the task of keeping peace among the country's warring Serbs, Croats and Muslims.

The State of South Carolina sentences Susan Smith to life in prison for the drowning murder of her two young sons in 1994.

An anonymous donor sends St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis \$1 million in the form of a winning ticket from McDonald's November "Monopoly" sweepstakes game.

In the wake of a growing number of random attacks from assailants with knives and guns, White House security is forced to close Pennsylvania Avenue to traffic.

After allegedly ignoring federal pollution regulations for years, General Motors agrees under threat of an \$11-million fine to recall 500,000 Cadillacs at a cost of \$45 million.



Charles H. Porter, IV, Sygma



AP/Wide World

The government shuts down for six days in November after the President and Congress fail to agree on how to balance the federal budget. The shutdown affects non-essential federal services, including the National Park Service. A longer shutdown follows in December.



AP/Wide World

A record snowfall paralyzes the East Coast in January 1996, stranding travelers and killing 100 people. Seven states, from Virginia to Massachusetts, declare emergencies. Philadelphia gets 30.7 inches of snow.



AP/Wide World

Warren E. Burger, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1969 to 1986, dies in June at age 87. Though appointed by President Richard Nixon, he ordered Nixon to turn over tapes in the Watergate hearings that effectively ended the president's career.



The Washington Post publishes a manifesto written by the unidentified killer known as "The Unabomber," at large since 1978 and wanted for 16 mail bombs that have killed 3 and injured 23. FBI agents scrutinize the article for clues to the bomber's identity.



AP/Wide World

A Chicago commuter train slams into the back end of a loaded school bus. The accident, allegedly caused by a poorly timed stoplight placed too near the tracks, kills 7 students and injures 28 on October 25.



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American women celebrate the 75th anniversary of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which granted women the right to vote. Women's suffrage leader Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906) first organized the fight for suffrage in 1848.

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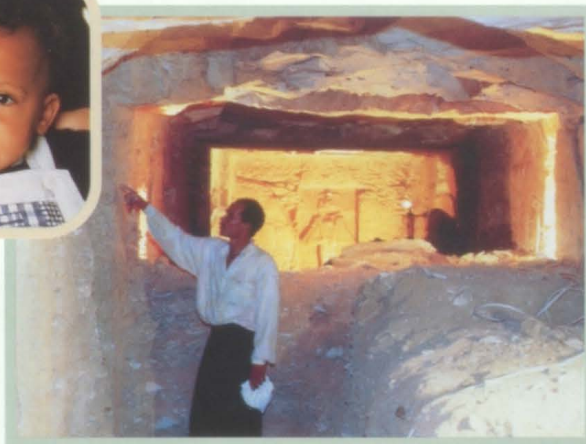
Wubbo De Jong/Het Parool from Sygma

As the result of an improperly cleaned test tube at a fertility clinic, a woman in the Netherlands gives birth to twin boys, each from a different father.



NASA

A stunning photograph from the Hubble Space Telescope captures a moment in the birth of a star in the Eagle Nebula, 7,000 light years from Earth. Light from the young star's nuclear furnace lifts towering pillars of hydrogen gas and interstellar dust.



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In March, the Federal Drug Administration approves a chicken-pox vaccine. Rarely fatal, chicken-pox affects 3.7 million Americans annually.

Archaeologists discover a 3,000-year-old tomb in May that is believed to hold the remains of 52 sons of Ramses II, Pharaoh of Egypt.



Dr. Jeffrey Fried, Gamma/Liaison

Researchers announce that they have isolated a gene in mice linked to obesity. Mice with a mutated OB gene are injected with the hormone leptin, resulting in dramatic weight loss. The public is tantalized at the prospect of leptin as a slimming treatment for use in humans.



© Cincinnati Zoo

The world's first test-tube gorilla is born at the Cincinnati Zoo in October as part of an effort to save the western lowland gorilla, an endangered species that numbers fewer than 450 animals.



Fossils of a jawbone (left) and leg bone (right) found in Kenya in August reveal a previously unknown species of upright hominid that lived four million years ago, pushing the emergence of bipedalism back half a million years. Walking upright is a key adaptation that separates humans from apes.



Via Mazzoni/Chicago Tribune

Media attention focuses on melatonin, a naturally occurring hormone used to induce sleep and slow the effects of aging. Lauded as a wonder drug, a kilogram of synthetic melatonin sells for as much as \$10,000.



In a procedure known as tissue engineering, scientists grow a human ear under the skin of a laboratory mouse. Researchers hope the procedure will play an important role in the future of transplant surgery.



AP/Wide World

As a protective measure against counterfeiting in the era of digital publishing, the Treasury Department redesigns U.S. currency bills, to be issued over the next five years, starting early 1996 with the new \$100 bill.

Former rivals in space become comrades in space after the historic docking of the U.S. space shuttle *Atlantis* and Russia's *Mir* space station on June 29. Astronaut Robert Gibson (in red) greets cosmonaut Vladimir Dezhurov.



NASA

In June, volcanic eruptions give birth to a baby island. A new member of the Tonga Islands emerges near New Zealand, 900 feet high and 140 feet wide.



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Gammal Laisson

flash

After a decade-long search, scientists isolate what may be the most important cancer-related gene. The ATM is associated with cancers of the breast, colon, lung, stomach, pancreas and skin, and may be carried by two million Americans.

Astronomers using the Hubble Space Telescope observe new moons orbiting the planet Saturn, adding at least 2 moons and possibly 4 to Saturn's previously known total of 18.

A team of French and British explorers believe they have found an ancient breed of horse previously unknown to scientists. In November, the four-foot high horse with a triangular head, which resembles the vanished horses of European Stone Age drawings, is named *Riwoche* for its home region in Tibet.

October satellite photographs show the recent rapid deterioration of the earth's ozone layer above Antarctica. Pollutants produced mostly by the U.S. cause the hole in the atmosphere's protective layer to increase to the size of Europe.

Buyers rush to stores for the new computer operating system Windows 95, spurred by Microsoft Corp.'s \$700-million publicity barrage and the promise of a friendlier interface.



A. Tannenbaum, Sygma

The movie *Apollo 13* opens in the summer after filming many of its scenes inside NASA's "zero gravity" plane, which mimics the weightlessness astronauts experience in space by diving into a 23-second freefall.



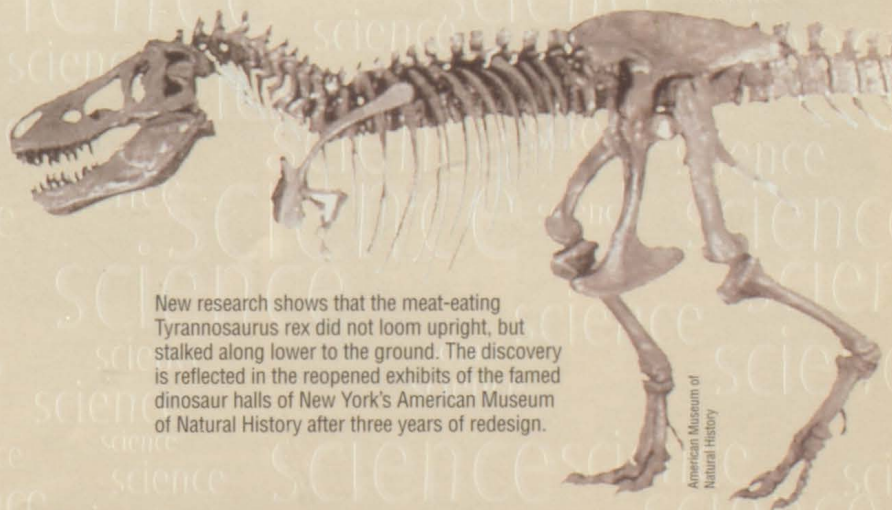
Visa International



Nintendo of America

In November, Visa introduces a cash-storage card that eliminates a pocketful of loose change. A chip in the plastic card tracks the amount of available cash, which is accessed with a reader at the place of purchase. The card can be taken to the bank and reloaded.

Now virtual reality comes in a handy travel size with Nintendo's latest, Virtual Boy, a portable 3-D video-game system with stereophonic sound.

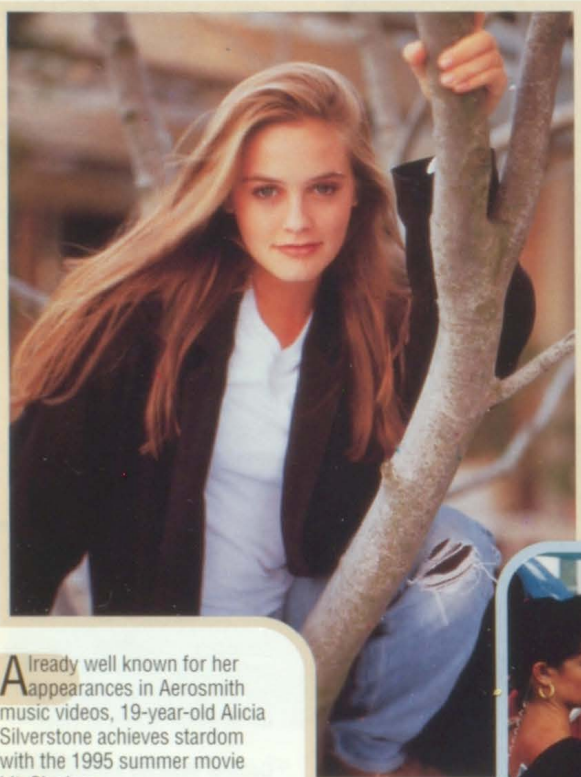


New research shows that the meat-eating *Tyrannosaurus rex* did not loom upright, but stalked along lower to the ground. The discovery is reflected in the reopened exhibits of the famed dinosaur halls of New York's American Museum of Natural History after three years of redesign.

American Museum of Natural History

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Dana Fineman, Sygma

Already well known for her appearances in Aerosmith music videos, 19-year-old Alicia Silverstone achieves stardom with the 1995 summer movie hit *Clueless*.



J.L. Bulcao, Gamma/Liaison

With \$150,000 saved during her 75 hardworking years as a washerwoman, Oseola McCarty establishes a scholarship fund for African-American students at the University of Southern Mississippi. For her selflessness, she is awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal.



Ron Davis, Shooting Star

Pamela Lee of "Baywatch" fame and husband Tommy Lee, Motley Crüe drummer, are the life of the party this year, frequently caught by the press engaging in public displays of affection.



Bill Jordan, Charleston Post Courier from Sipa Press

Trailblazer Shannon Faulkner (hand to head) withdraws from the Citadel after collapsing during "hell week." Faulkner singlehandedly attempted to bust the gender barrier at the all-male South Carolina military institution.



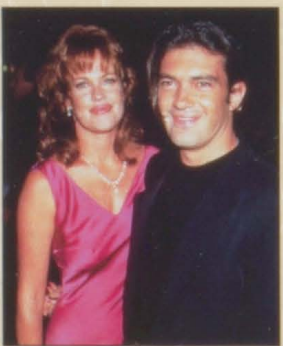
Frank Capri/Saga from Archive Photos

Millions of Americans tune in to Martha Stewart's TV show, subscribe to her magazine, and read her books. The popular cooking and home-decorating entrepreneur builds an empire by packaging a distinctive American nostalgic style.



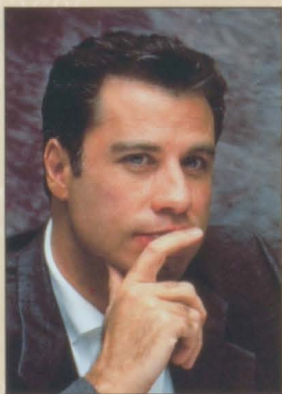
Marc Deville, Gamma/Liaison

Bill Gates, founder and chairman of the computer giant Microsoft, becomes the wealthiest man in the world on the success of his company's software. His book *The Road Ahead* hits *The New York Times* best-seller list.



Ron Davis, Shooting Star

Hot actor Antonio Banderas falls in love with another screen sex-symbol Melanie Griffith during the filming of *Two Much*. Banderas will co-star with Madonna in the film version of *Evita* and will star in Steven Spielberg-produced *Zorro*.



Yoram Kahana, Shooting Star

Seventies superstar John Travolta's motion-picture comeback in the 1994 hit *Pulp Fiction* continues with starring roles in *Get Shorty* and *Broken Arrow*.



Felix from Shooting Star

Sandra Bullock follows up her star-making role in *Speed* with the gentle romance *While You Were Sleeping*. Bullock's fresh, wholesome image earns her an "Entertainer of the Year" nomination from *Entertainment Weekly* magazine.

flash

America is disappointed in its high hopes for Colin Powell's 1996 presidential candidacy. At the close of his whirlwind book tour for *My American Journey*, the General and his wife Alma announce in November that he will not seek the Republican nomination.



Pete Souza, Gamma/Liaison



Stand-up comic and sitcom star Ellen DeGeneres makes the best-seller list with her book *My Point...And I Do Have One*.

Calvin Klein's provocative CK Jeans campaign causes an uproar in August, bringing nasty headlines, threats of retailer boycotts and an FBI investigation. The scandal only seems to help sales.

Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley announce their divorce almost a year after their surprise marriage. The tabloids have a field day speculating about the reasons for the marriage (was it a cold-hearted career move?) as well as the causes for the break-up (was he after Elvis' fortune?).

Breaking the Surface, the autobiography of Greg Louganis, former U.S. Olympic gold-medal diver who revealed earlier that he has AIDS, debuts at No. 2 on the best-seller list.



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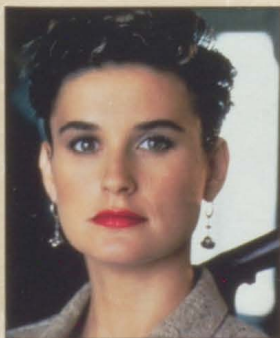
Sandra Johnson, Retna

Christopher Reeve, in a wheelchair and hooked up to a portable respirator, appears with his wife, Dana, at the American Paralysis Association's annual gala on November 9, less than five months after a fall from a horse left him almost totally paralyzed.

Popcorn magnate Orville Redenbacher, who transformed popping corn into a gourmet item, dies on September 19 from heart failure.

Two Chinese women set a new Guinness world record in November by living in a room for 12 days with 888 poisonous snakes. The previous world record, set in Singapore in 1987, was 10 days with 200 snakes.

A 10-year-old St. Louis schoolboy, Larry Champagne III, becomes a hero by taking control of his school bus after the driver suffered a stroke. Champagne is later awarded a \$10,000 scholarship by the bus company.



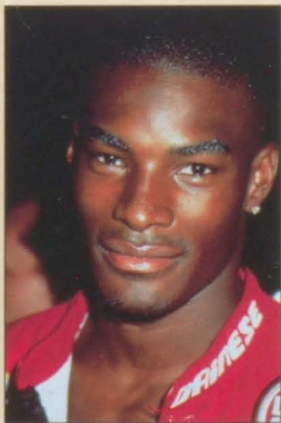
Marissa Roth, LCI

Actress Demi Moore becomes the highest paid woman in Hollywood, able to command \$12.5 million per movie, even after this year's flop at the box office *The Scarlet Letter*, loosely based on Hawthorne's classic.



Tim Mosentfelder, LCI

Favorite of America's heartland for his *You Might Be A Redneck If...* jokes, Georgia-born stand-up comic and author Jeff Foxworthy gets his own ABC sitcom in which he plays himself.



Nancy Kacerman, Shooting Star

Model Beckford Tyson, singled out by Ralph Lauren for his all-American looks, signs an exclusive contract with the fashion designer in 1995.



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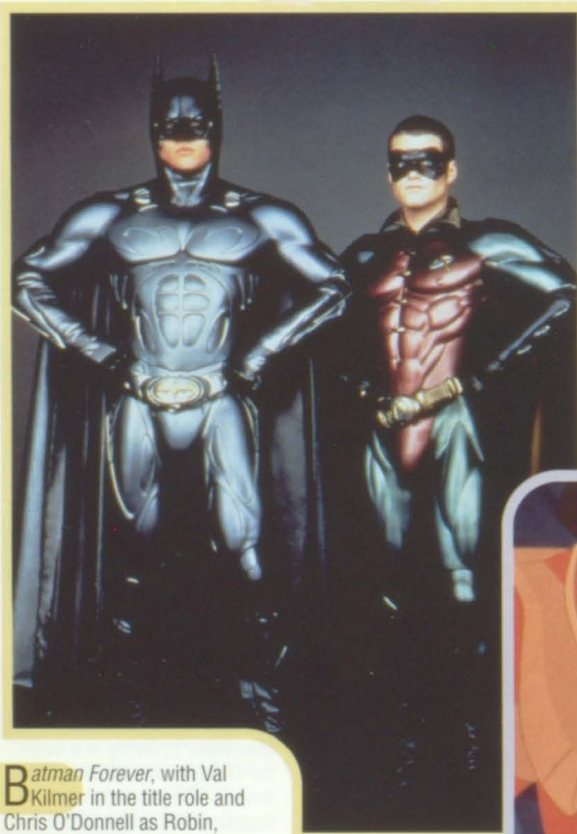
Miss Oklahoma Shawntel Smith is crowned Miss America on September 16. During the broadcast of the 75th pageant, viewers phone in their votes to retain the swimsuit competition.



Kurt Varnat, Sipa Press

John F. Kennedy, Jr., is cofounder and editor-in-chief of *George*, a glossy new magazine covering American politics. Hounded all his life by the press, Kennedy joins their ranks, contributing a feature interview to each issue.

entertainment news



United Artists from Shooting Star

The fifth actor to play 007 in the enduring film series begun in the 1960s, Pierce Brosnan abandons his Aston Martin for a BMW Z3 Roadster in *Goldeneye*, the latest and, some say, best James Bond movie.

Three 1995 movies bring Jane Austen classics to the silver screen: *Clueless*, based on Austen's novel *Emma*, and *Sense and Sensibility* and *Persuasion*.



Disney Pictures from Shooting Star



Disney Pictures continues its line of animated blockbusters with the Native American legend *Pocahontas*. The picture previews in New York's Central Park to an outdoor audience of 200,000.

Batman *Forever*, with Val Kilmer in the title role and Chris O'Donnell as Robin, becomes the third Batman movie and the summer's top-grossing film.

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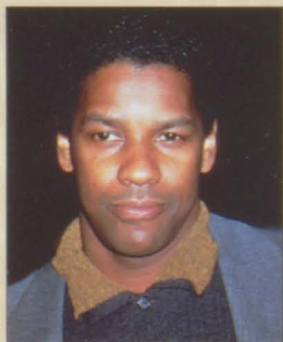
M. Gerber, LCI

After an unpromising start, Conan O'Brien quietly gains popularity as host of NBC's "Late Night," a slot previously filled by David Letterman. Letterman's current show on CBS slowly loses viewers.



Yoram Kahana, Shooting Star

Whitney Houston stars in the December film release, *Waiting to Exhale*, adapted from Terry McMillan's best-selling novel about the lives of four middle-class African-American women. Houston sings the title song for the movie soundtrack, which enjoys brisk sales.



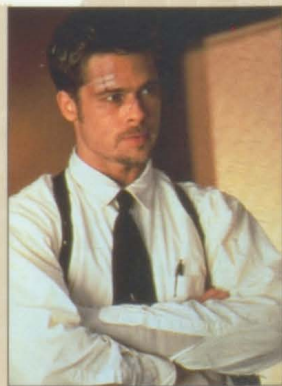
Ron Davis, Shooting Star

Denzel Washington, critically acclaimed for his performances in films *Crimson Tide* and *Devil in a Blue Dress*, receives highest praise from the City of Los Angeles, which honors him with the Martin Luther King, Jr., Award for his philanthropic work on behalf of children.



Bedford Falls from Shooting Star

Although ABC cancels her TV series "My So-Called Life," 17-year-old Claire Danes hits the big screen in *How to Make an American Quilt*, *To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday*, and *Romeo and Juliet* with Leonardo DiCaprio as her co-star.



Pachia, LCI

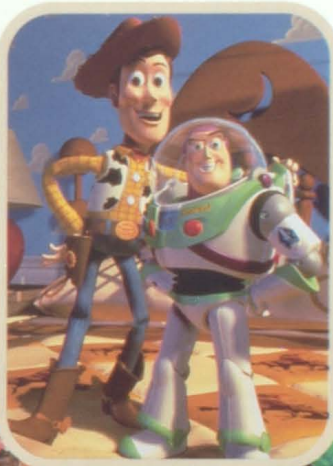
In the suspense-thriller *Seven*, heartthrob Brad Pitt attracts a wide male audience with his performance as a detective on the trail of a serial killer whose murders are based on the seven deadly sins.



Jeff Katz, Gamma/Liaison

NBC's hospital drama "E.R." continues to draw high ratings throughout 1995 thanks to its dramatic realism and the appeal of handsome George Clooney (middle right), supermodel Cindy Crawford's latest date.

Disney Pictures from Shooting Star



Disney Entertainment spends \$19 billion to purchase the ABC television network in July.

Toy Story is the world's first entirely computer-animated film. Released by Disney during the Christmas season, it features the voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, and Don Rickles.

flash

MTV introduces "Singled Out," an over-the-top dating game show where contestants ask random, pointless questions of a crowd of suitors, sight unseen, until the zany answers have eliminated all but that one perfect love match.

According to a Roper Youth Poll, the two hottest TV shows among teens this season are the daytime soap "Days of Our Lives" and the evening soap "Melrose Place."

"The Jon Stewart Show," a late-night talk show aimed at Generation X, fails to catch on. During the final taping, host Stewart says, "To all those people who said my show wouldn't last, I have only one thing to say. Good call."



Sam Jones, Gamma/Liaison

Jim Carrey earns \$20 million for the starring role in the comedy *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls*, a sequel to the extraordinarily popular *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*.

The popular NBC TV series "Friends" returns for a second highly rated season. Its runaway success inspires less successful imitations by other networks.



Ten years after creating the popular comic strip "Calvin and Hobbes," cartoonist Bill Watterson retires in December.



Horror-fiction author Stephen King signs a deal with Signet books to release his upcoming story, *The Green Mile*, as a paperback series.



Fox TV's "The X-Files" stars David Duchovny as an FBI agent who investigates supernatural phenomena. The show becomes a surprise hit, giving millions of viewers reason to look forward to staying home on a Friday night.



Devoted fans will not be denied another season of NBC's sitcom "Seinfeld" after all. Creator Jerry Seinfeld decides to keep his "show about nothing" going for an eighth season.

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music news



John Chasson, Gamma/Liaison

Their down-to-earth style and soulful pop songs make Hootie and the Blowfish popular favorites. Their debut album *Cracked Rear View* sells over 5 million, and the group is named Best New Artist at the MTV Music Awards in September.



Pacha, LGI

Blues Traveler emerge from the underground scene to widespread popularity with their album *Four* and the single "Run-Around."



Steve Grantz, Retna

Cleveland-based rap group Bone Thugs-n-Harmony vault to the top of the charts with some old-fashioned harmonizing on the album *E. 1999 Eternal*.



John Bellissimo, LGI

Rocker Melissa Etheridge follows top-selling *Yes, I Am* with her fifth album, *Your Little Secret*.



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Yoko Ono and Little Richard join a host of celebrities at the opening of the glitzy Rock-and-Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland on September 1.



Tim Mosanheimer, LGI

Twenty-year-old Canadian newcomer Alanis Morissette raises some eyebrows with her up-front, aggressive lyrics and attitudes. Nevertheless, her album *Jagged Little Pill* goes double platinum.



Felix from Shooting Star

Sixties icon Jerry Garcia, guitarist of The Grateful Dead, dies of a heart attack on August 9 at age 53. Garcia's musical roots in blues, country and folk are apparent in hits like "Truckin'." Legions of Deadheads mourn his passing.



Todd Gray, LGI

Brandy, whose self-titled platinum album and single "I Wanna Be Down" hit high on the R&B charts, sweeps the first Soul Train Music Awards in August. The 16-year-old singer wins Best New Artist, among other awards.



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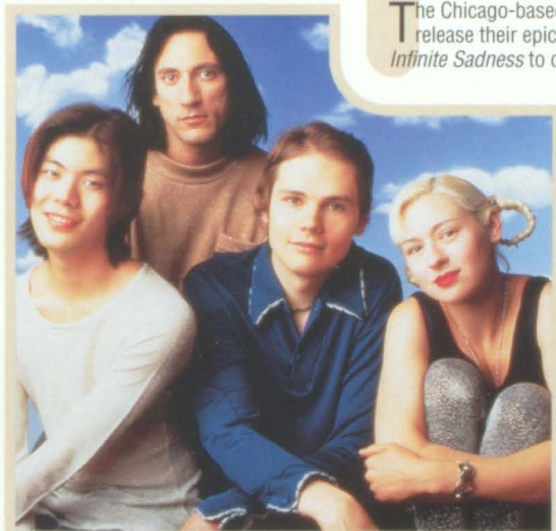
Beatlemania returns in 1995 with ABC's six-hour documentary *The Beatles Anthology*, the video releases of *A Hard Day's Night* and *Help!* and the album collection *Anthology*, featuring previously unreleased material.



Don Wilkie, Retna

The chart-topping movie soundtrack *Dangerous Minds* features Coolio's rap anthem "Gangsta's Paradise," the number-one single of the year according to *Billboard* magazine.

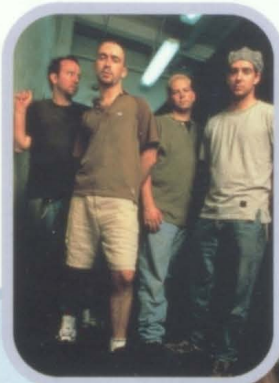
Live dedicate their single "Lightning Crashes" to victims of the Oklahoma City bombing. The rock band's *Throwing Copper* album yields three hit singles; Billboard Music Awards names them Rock Artist of the Year.



The Chicago-based rock band Smashing Pumpkins release their epic double album *Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness* to critical and public acclaim.



Mariah Carey's *Daydream* sells over 5 million copies, taking number-one spot on the *Billboard* album chart. Carey performs with Boyz II Men on the hit single "One Sweet Day."



Joe Giron, LGI

Mark Hauser, LGI

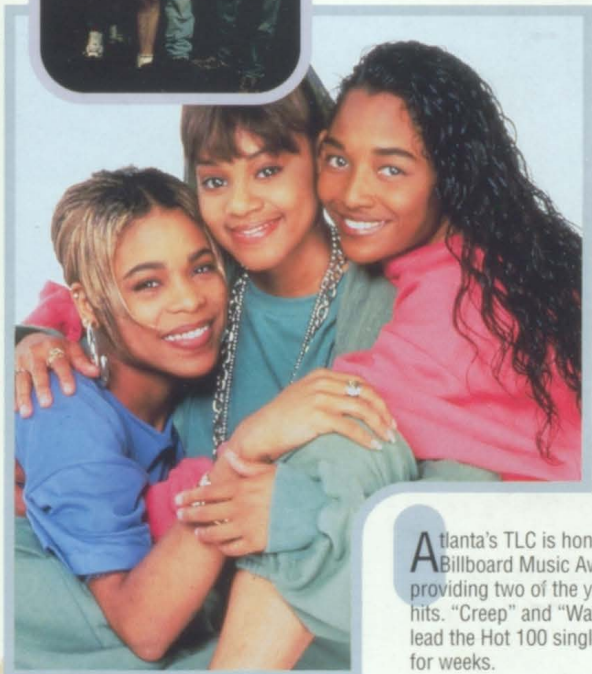
Ronnie Wright, LGI

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R.E.M.'s summer tour is interrupted by medical emergencies for three of the band's four members. The tour, their first in five years, is eventually completed with all members in good health.

In October, David Bowie and Nine Inch Nails wrap up the U.S. portion of Bowie's world tour. At each show, Bowie and Trent Reznor's band play a set together. In December, Bowie tours Europe with Morrissey as his opening act.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers tone down their trademark bawdiness in their newest album, *One Hot Minute*.



Jeffrey Scales, LGI

Atlanta's TLC is honored at the Billboard Music Awards for providing two of the year's biggest hits. "Creep" and "Waterfalls" both lead the Hot 100 singles charts for weeks.



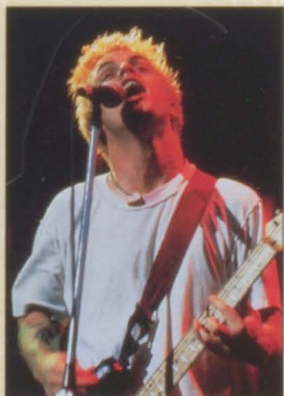
Steve Double, Retna

Former Nirvana drummer Dave Grohl plays a new sound as guitarist and lead singer in the Foo Fighters, an alternative rock band that enjoys three singles off their self-titled debut album in 1995.



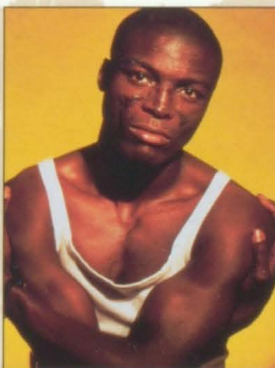
Ron Davis, Shooting Star

A hard-luck story turns into overnight success in the case of Canadian Shania Twain, born in poverty to an Irish mother and an Ojibway Indian father. Twain's 1995 hits include "Whose Bed Have Your Boots Been Under?," "Any Man of Mine" and the title tune to her 3-million-selling album *The Woman In Me*.



Steve Simons, Shooting Star

Success doesn't mellow the style of alternative rock band Green Day, who release their anxiously awaited fourth album *Insomniac*, their fastest and darkest album to date.



Steve Jennings, LGI

Seal's hit off the *Batman Forever* movie soundtrack, "Kiss From a Rose," is all over the summer playlists. The single propels the artist's self-titled album to the double-platinum mark.



Marc Morrison, Shooting Star

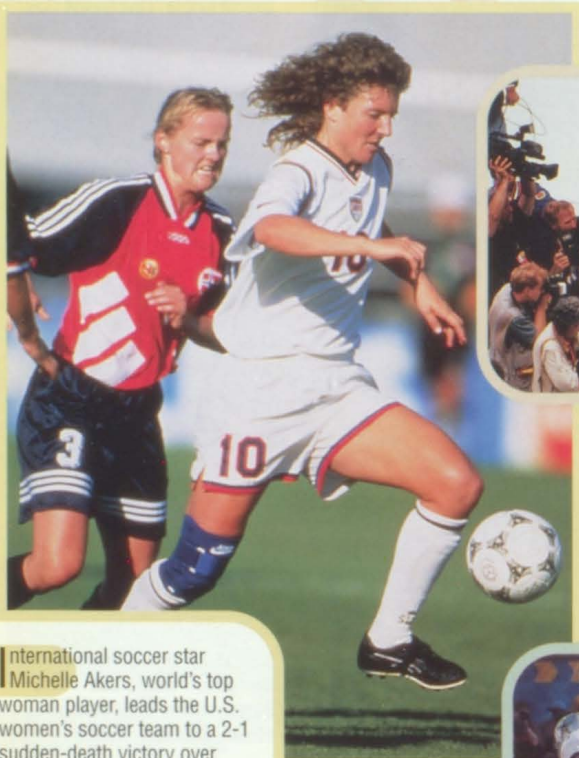
With the record-setting sales of his album *Fresh Horses*, only three musical acts in U.S. history outsell country music icon Garth Brooks: the Beatles, the Eagles, and Billy Joel.



Smith, Gamma/Liaison

Selena, the 23-year-old Tejano music queen, is gunned down in Corpus Christi in March 1995 by Yolanda Saldivar, former president of her fan club. The July release of a collection of Selena's hits, *Dreaming of You*, sees some of the fastest sales in music history.

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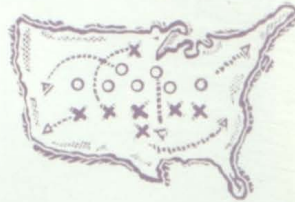
International soccer star Michelle Akers, world's top woman player, leads the U.S. women's soccer team to a 2-1 sudden-death victory over Norway in the U.S. Cup title game in August.

Chris Cole, Allsport



The New Jersey Devils win the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup, beating the heavily favored Detroit Red Wings in four straight games.

Focus on Sports



The most controversial moves are off the field this season as the Cleveland Browns NFL franchise announces its move to Baltimore and the Houston Oilers announce their move to Nashville.



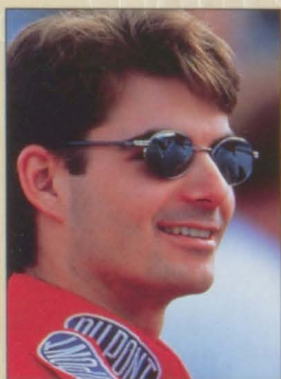
Clark Campbell, Sipa Press

In May 1995, Peter Blake's Team New Zealand in "Black Magic 1" defeats Dennis Conner's team in "Young America" in the first 5-0 sweep in the 144-year history of the America's Cup.



AP/Wide World

In Super Bowl XXX, the heavily favored Dallas Cowboys beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 27-17. Dallas cornerback Larry Brown ices the game for the Cowboys with the second of his two interceptions, and is named MVP for his heroics.



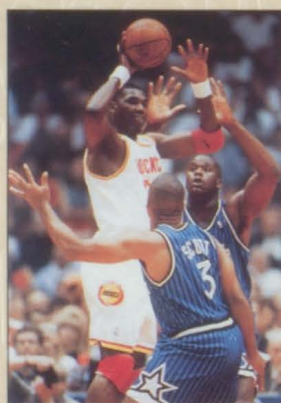
David Taylor, Allsport

Jeff Gordon, 24, dominates the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing's Winston Cup, winning 7 of NASCAR's 31 races and earning \$4.3 million in 1995, a record for the sport.



AP/Wide World

The University of Nebraska demolishes the University of Florida, 62-24, in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl to win their second consecutive national college football title and cap Cornhuskers coach Tom Osborne's 23rd season.



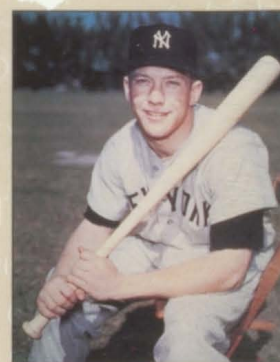
Reuters/Bettmann

The Houston Rockets, led by center Hakeem Olajuwon, win their second consecutive National Basketball Association championship in June, sweeping the series with the Orlando Magic in four games.



Steve Sherman, Gamma Liaison

Twenty-one-year-old tennis champ Monica Seles, returning to competitive play two years after being stabbed at a tournament in Germany, wins the 1995 Australian Open.



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Hall-of-Famer Mickey Mantle, a switch-hitter and one of the great sluggers in baseball history, dies of cancer on August 13. Mantle hit 536 home runs in his 18-year career and compiled a lifetime batting average of .298.

The National Basketball Association fines the Chicago Bulls \$25,000 when Michael Jordan wears his previously retired number 23 jersey for luck during championship playoffs against the Orlando Magic in May 1995.



Vincent Laforet, Gamma/Liaison



Clive Brunskill, Allsport

flash

Former L.A. Lakers point guard Earvin "Magic" Johnson announces a return to basketball in January 1996. Johnson retired in 1991 when he discovered he was HIV positive.

The Northwestern University Wildcats—long a gridiron laughingstock—pile up ten victories in 1995 and go to the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1949.

In his first fight in four years, former world heavyweight champ Mike Tyson disposes of challenger Peter McNeeley in 89 seconds. Tyson, who in March finished a three-year jail term for a rape conviction, earns \$25 million for the August boxing match.

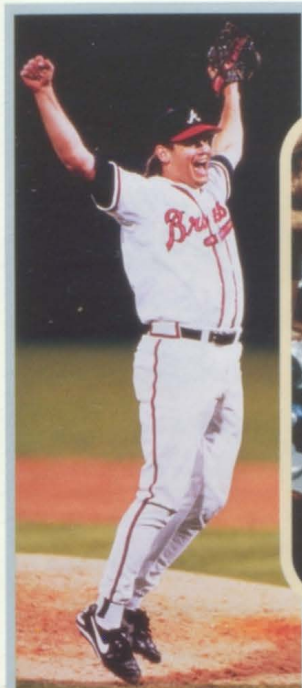
Pete Sampras, winner of the 1995 men's singles championships at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, ends the professional tennis season with a number-one world ranking.



German tennis star Steffi Graf, who won three of five Grand Slam titles in 1995, ends the professional tennis season ranked number one in the world.

National Basketball Association referees strike against the league for much of the autumn. Fill-in officials spark complaints of substandard refereeing.

The Atlanta Braves edge the Cleveland Indians 1-0 in game six to win the World Series on October 28. Closing pitcher Mark Wohlers leaps for joy.



Ric Stewart, Allsport

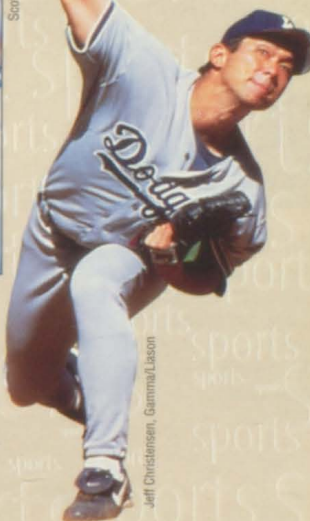


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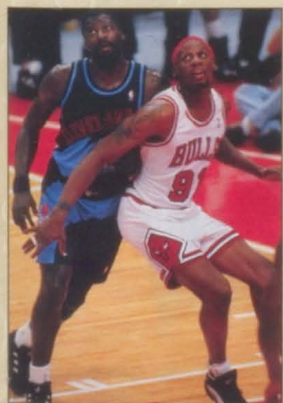
In September, Baltimore Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken, Jr., achieves a record-setting 2,131 consecutive games.

Master of the sinking fastball and still learning to speak English, L.A. Dodgers pitcher Hideo Nomo, formerly with the Kintetsu Buffaloes in Japan, is named Rookie of the Year. Nomo is the second Japanese-born player to join the U.S. major leagues, and the first All-Star.

Scott Hallinan, Allsport



Jeff Christensen, Gamma/Liaison



AP/Wide World

Known for his temperamental personality, his many tattoos and his aggressive playing style, basketball center Dennis Rodman (91) debuts with the Chicago Bulls after his trade from the San Antonio Spurs.



Mike Powell, Allsport

For a record fifth straight time, Miguel Indurain of Spain wins the 22-day, 2,270-mile Tour de France, the world's premier bicycle race. On the 15th day of the race, Italian road-race champ Fabio Casartelli is killed in a seven-man crash.



Focus on Sports

Betsy King wins her 30th tournament on June 25 and gains entry to the Ladies' Professional Golf Association's Hall of Fame, one of the most difficult attainments in sports.



Quarterback Dan Marino of the Miami Dolphins sets four lifetime passing records during the 1995 football season: 47,003 yards, 342 touchdowns, 3,686 completions and 6,467 attempts.

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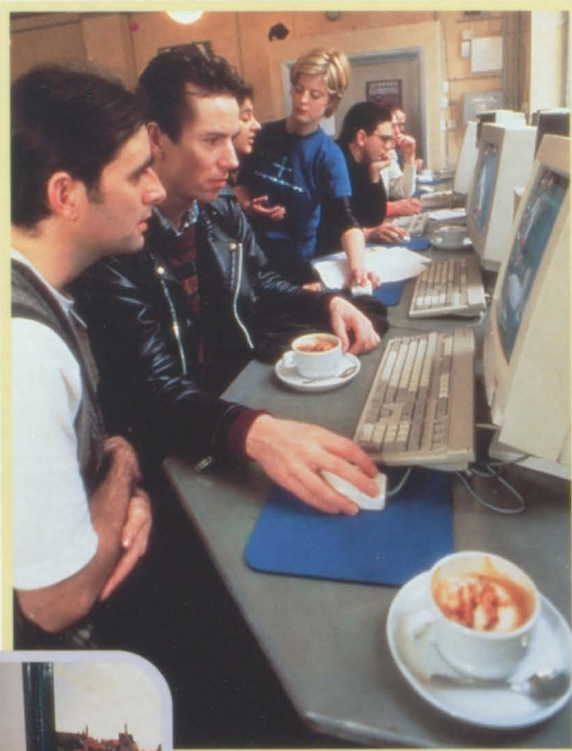
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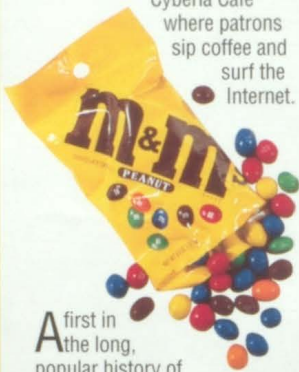


The most recent fad in purses takes the form of small backpacks.

Designer water spreads to the pet world. Doting pet owners buy tuna-flavored bottled water for Fluffy and beef-flavored bottled water for Spot.



Diners are treated to variations on theme cafes, as Hard Rock Cafe is joined by Fashion Cafe, Planet Hollywood, Harley-Davidson Cafe, and London's Cyberia Cafe where patrons sip coffee and surf the Internet.



First in the long, popular history of M&M's candies: a new blue M&M joins the colorful candy-coated mix.



Young people continue to follow wide-leg jeans trend, forsaking jeans for a loose baggy fit.



The tattoo craze leads to some but recent laser developments people from being marked for life. Pulsed laser light, a different wavelength for each color in the tattoo, removes pigment without leaving scars.



Logo-wear reaches a new level of sophistication. Among the reigning makers of athletic wear, only Nike can spark recognition without the use of its name.

Matthew Polak, Sygma



Reuters/Archive Photos

Americans consume culture and history as attendance at America's 8,000 museums climbs to 600 million people per year, more than movie, theater, and sports attendance combined.



Girlly things enjoy a surge in popularity with young women, who wear baby barrettes, knee socks, tiny t-shirts, little jumpers, and funky Maryjanes, and kid around with "Hello Kitty" accessories.



Lynn Goldsmith, L&L

Taking her place among controversial talk-show hosts as the "Oprah for the junior set," Ricki Lake speaks such concerns as, "Mom, when my boyfriend gets out of jail, I'm taking him back."



The angel message of "fear not" strikes a deep chord with Americans' yearning for spiritual growth and comfort in a stressful time. People enjoy angel collectibles, angel sites on the Internet, and angel books and magazines.



"Some pretty cool people drink milk" is the message carried by high-profile ad campaign featuring a raft of popular celebrities sporting a white upper lip on behalf of the healthy beverage. The milk-moustache effect is created with latex, a rubber-based paint.

