

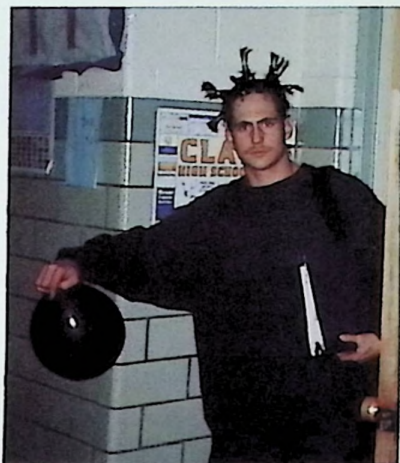


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Some Like It Hot

While the 1996 school year was filled with days and days of snow, Clay High School students still liked it hot! That is, classrooms were filled with hot topics, many students were on "fire," and the athletic teams were "smokin'!"

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Everyone would have to admit that 1996 was a "hot" year! Panther pride was seen throughout the halls — from the sometimes — silly seventh graders to the sensational seniors.

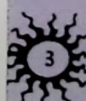
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Some Like It Hot! Some Don't!



Brooke Vaughters

"I'd rather be in school when it's cold. At least you don't burn up in the classrooms. You just freeze!"



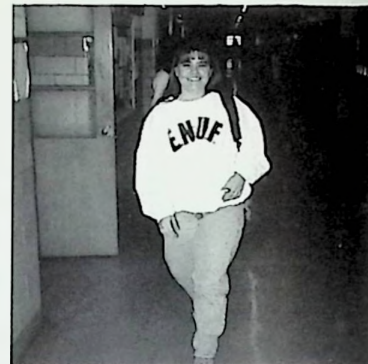
Josh Skeans

"If it's cold outside I wouldn't want to be out there doing anything. If it's warm then get me out of the classroom."



Justin Horsley

"I like to be in school when it's cold. You might as well be there then. At least I don't want to be outside when it's cold."



Sarah Wallace

"Neither! I don't like it when it's hot because we don't have air conditioning. I don't like it when it's cold because we don't have heat!"

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A copy of this 1996 Panther Yearbook sold for \$30.00, \$31.00, \$32.00, and even \$35.00. The variety of prices reflected the extra items which were available to students. These extra items included name stamps and plastic covers.

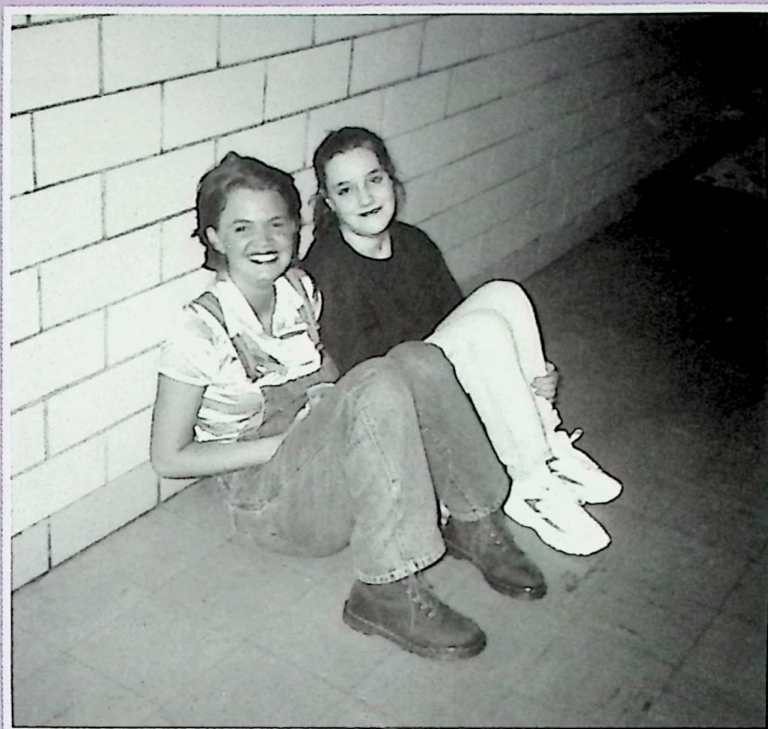
The year was 1996! Tensions and tempers were hot as students battled controversial issues. Loss of loved ones, racial indifferences, snow make-up days, and on again-off again relationships were just a sample. While it was hot inside, a dusting of snow seemed to keep delaying our summer days. As is usually the case with Clay students, however, we managed to weather all storms.





Big Brother Is Watching! Senior Dean McCleese was honored to have been chosen to participate in the All-Ohio Youth Fair Band. Dean's little brother Joey, a seventh grader, was proud for his brother too.

Let's Dance! Yearbook Editor Debi Harris and staff member Rhiannon Greene take a break from the hot junior high dancing. Debi, a senior, and Rhiannon, a junior, worked hard for the Panther staff.



Let Me Hear Your Freshmen Spirit! Freshman Beth Davis prepares balloons for the freshmen hallway during Homecoming spirit week. Why did Beth get this dubious job? Surely she's not filled with hot air!

Crazy Quartet. Junior Kristy Cottle and Seniors Amy Vastine, Misty Lawyer, and Courtney Patterson express their thoughts for the fine volleyball officiating that they just witnessed. All were varsity volleyball team members in 1996.

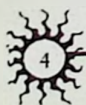
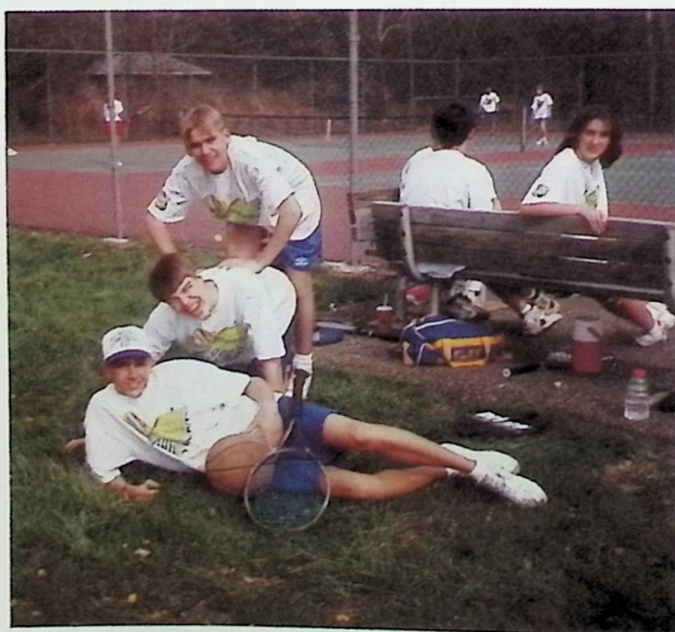
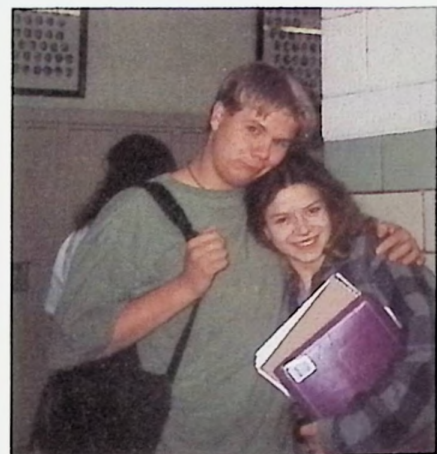
Leaders of the Pack. Freshmen Wendy Vastine and Tiffany Pollard were chosen to lead the Class of 1999. Both girls are very active in extracurricular activities such as softball and student council.

You look fine! Juniors Vanessa Downey and Becky Sosby enjoy a day away from school. While at the play *Hamlet* both girls decided it was time for the powder room and a little make-up application.



Santa's little helpers. Seniors Brooke Stout, Julie Liddle, and Kristy Voumazos are students by day and elves by night. Once the secret was out, these girls proudly wore their Santa-sponsored uniforms.

A Break in the Action. The varsity tennis team was so improved this year that Senior Nate Payne and Sophomores Eric Rodeheffer and Patrick Fitzer didn't even need to be on the court during their matches.

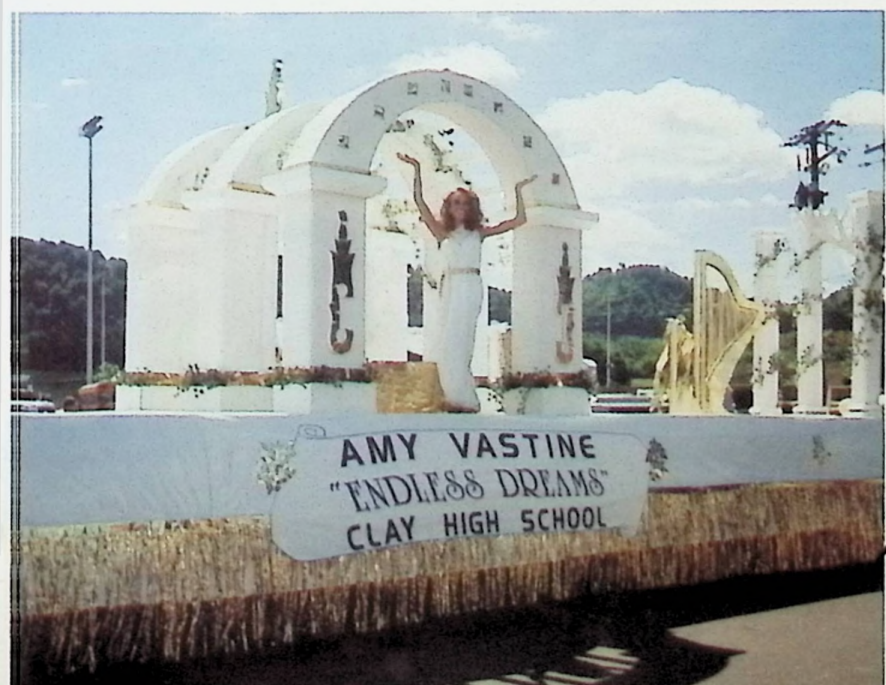
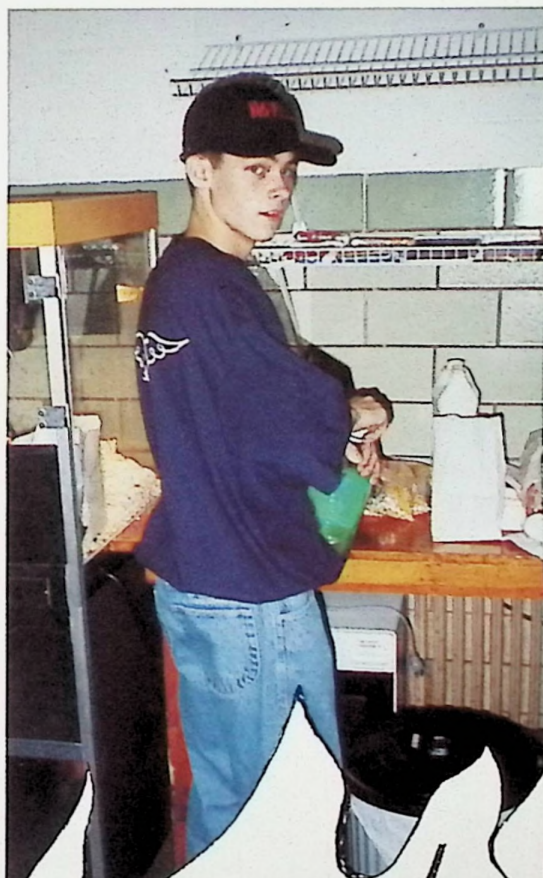


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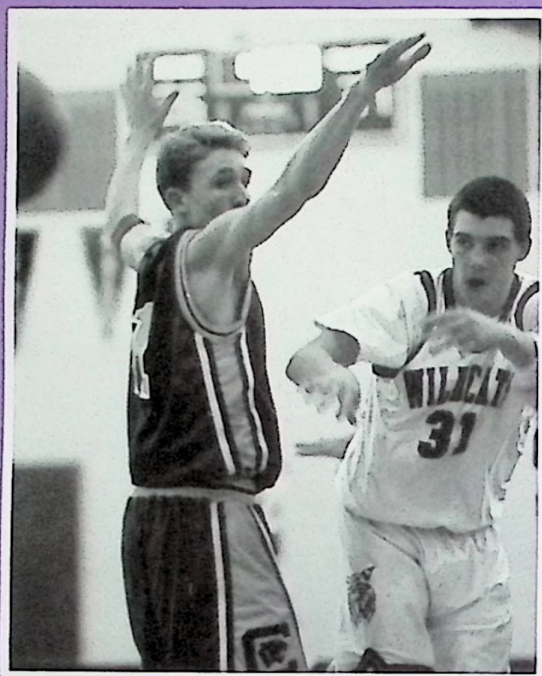
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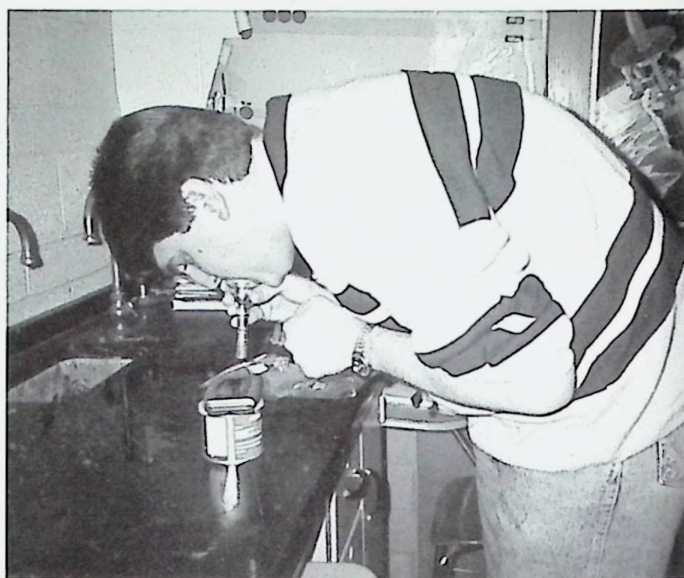
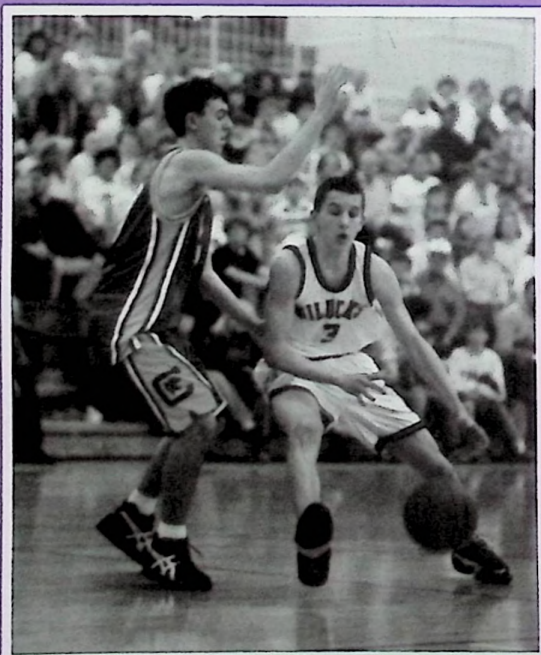


Senior Report:

One minute you're lookin' over your shoulder for that "senior" year ...



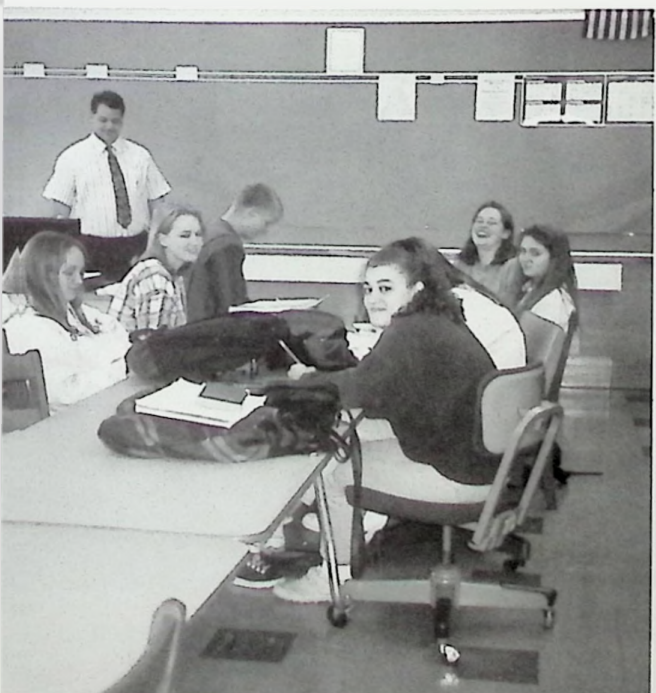
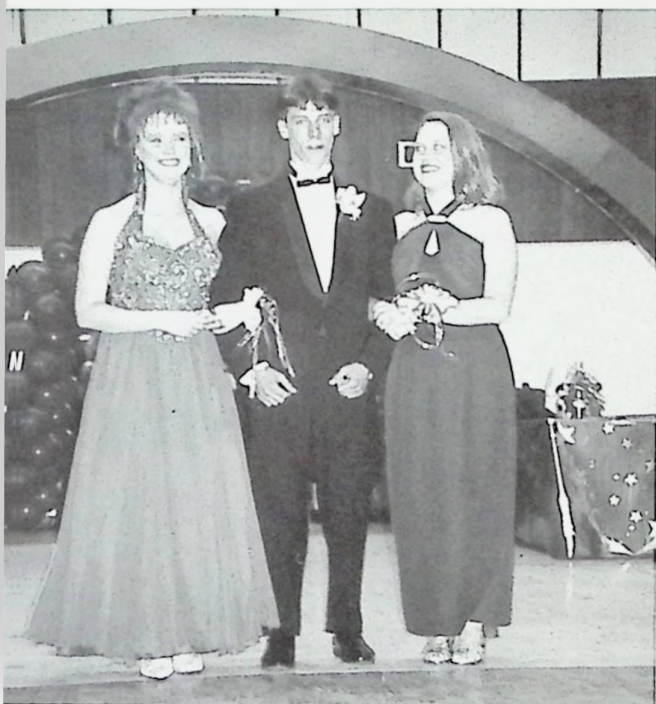
the next thing you know, it flies right by!





Andre Charles! Senior Clay Charles contributed greatly to the success of the varsity tennis team. Clay regularly won his matches at third singles.

The Sister Act. Robyn Flanagan, Kelli Hale, and Jennifer McKenzie are just a little too excited about being Seniors. Apparently they don't realize just how much they're really going to miss cafeteria food.



Don't Call Us Babies!



*We're Seniors!
We just look
young. As a class
officer, I will
speak for the
class by saying
"we're only
young at heart!"
If you don't
believe me then
just turn to pages
106 and 107 to
find out just how
young at heart we
really are!*

Who Am I?

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SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS:

MICHAEL GASHO
President

CRAIG MILLER
Vice President

AMANDA BROWN
Secretary

SCOTT DAY
Student Council
President



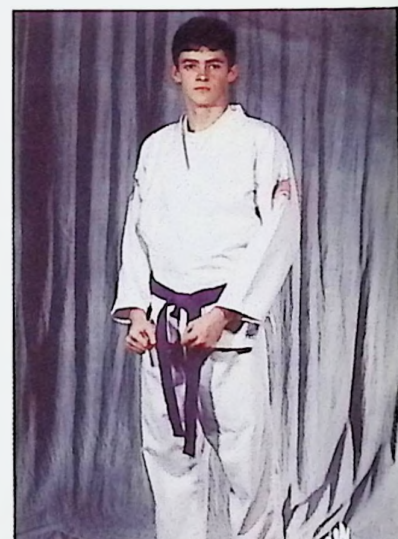
Amanda Brown



Katie Burke



Mike Clay



Clay Charles



Gal Pals! Debi Harris, Julie Liddle, Niki Roberts, and Kelli Hale enjoy a few moments of their final year in high school. These girls enjoyed their status as Seniors!



Scott Day



Brandi DeLotell





Jennifer Dotson



Sargina Engle



Robyn Flanagan



Rachel Fox



Michael Gasho



Mindy Haaf



Kelli Hale

The Minutes Just Melted Away!

Seniors Enjoy Their Last Year At Clay High School.

Seniors will admit that 1996 was the year that they had long awaited. From the unnerving seventh grade days through the years of inner discovery, the Class of 1996 has experienced it all. Yet, the class still waited with anticipation.

Reaching the top wasn't half as fun as being at the top. After all, the ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade years are only stepping stones to that pinnacle year. From the top the senior class

could see everyone and everything. The position seemed to also allow the seniors to have a hand in most everything developing at school. Being there, at the top, is euphoric.

Attaining the top position brings with it a close to another chapter. Unfortunately for most, senior status means it's almost over — a sad time. The minutes at the top were also the final minutes of school. These minutes just melted away too quickly.

Q: When you realize that you have just taken your last final, attended your last high school class, and experienced your last minute at Clay as a student, what will you do and how will you react?

"I'm going to sacrifice my government book to the 'senior gods!'"
— CRAIG MILLER

"I plan to follow in my sister's footsteps and pull the fire alarm. Just kidding Mr. Walker!"
— COURTNEY PATTERSON

"I'm going to hold a ceremony in my own honor. I plan to retire my basketball number for all my hard work."
— NATE PAYNE

"I will probably imbibe in a higher percentage fermented beverage!"
— RICKY PHILIPS

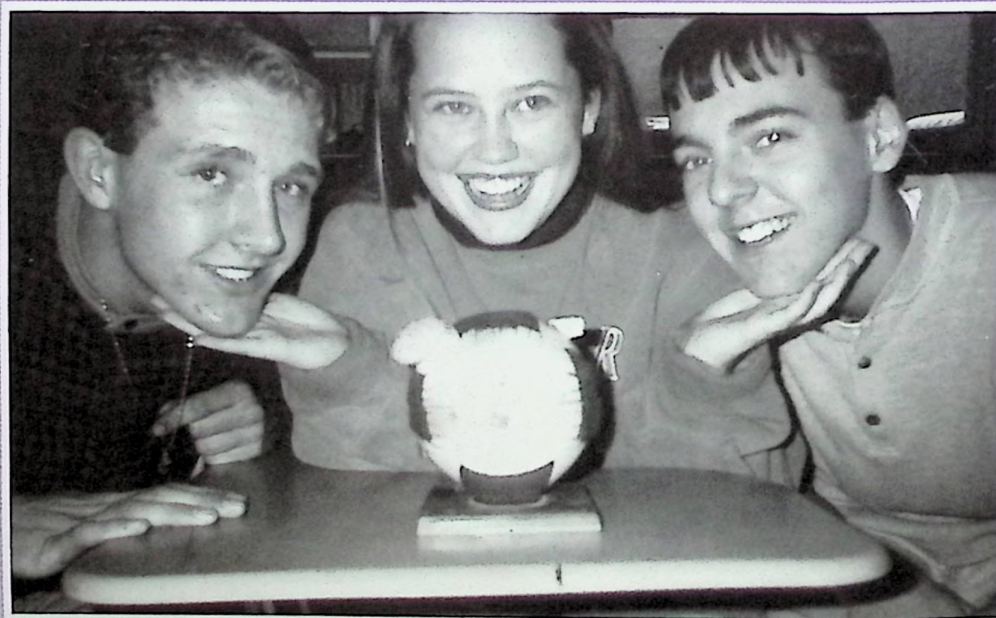
Class Brownies:
Dean McCleese, Misty Lawyer, &
Courtney Patterson

Class Flirts:
Scott Day, Misty Lawyer, & Court-
ney Patterson



Most Changed:
Craig Miller & Kristi Voumazos

Superlatives



Best Looking: Dallas Stewart &
Amanda Brown

Best Eyes:
Nate Payne, Craig Miller, & Mindy
Haaf





Most Popular:
Dallas Stewart & Julie Liddle

Best Dressed:
Nate Payne & Amanda Brown



Most Athletic:
Nate Payne & Courtney Patterson

Most Likely to Succeed:
Michael Gasho & Shanna Sparks

Class Clowns:
Ricky Phipps & Sargina Engle



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Angie Hansen



Debi Harris



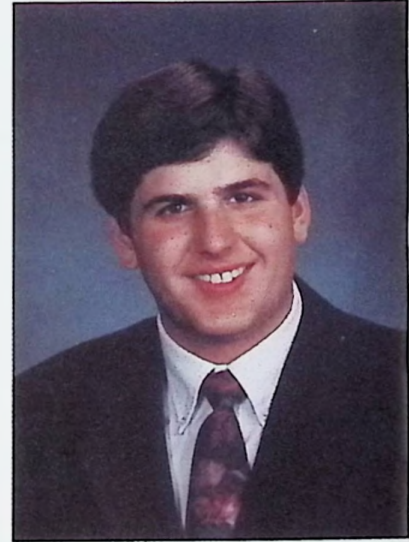
Julie Liddle



Misty Lawyer



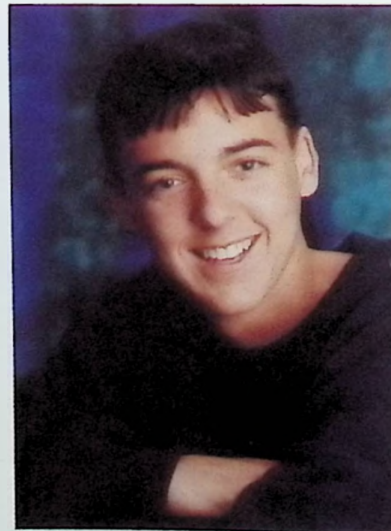
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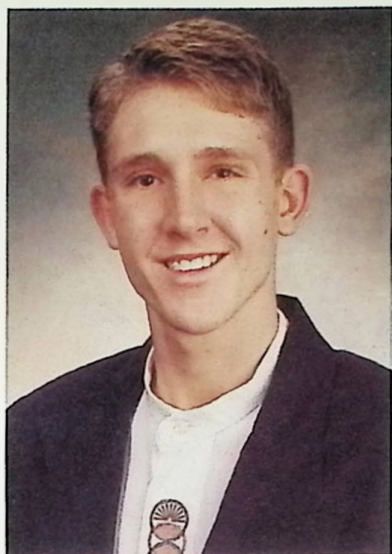
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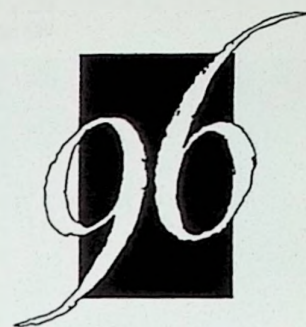
Courtney Patterson



Nathan Payne



Ricky Phipps



No Cavities Here Mom! Kathy Newman, Kelli Hale, Sargina Engle, and Mindy Haaf are all smiles as they break from art class. These diverse Seniors participated in a variety of activities available to Clay High students.



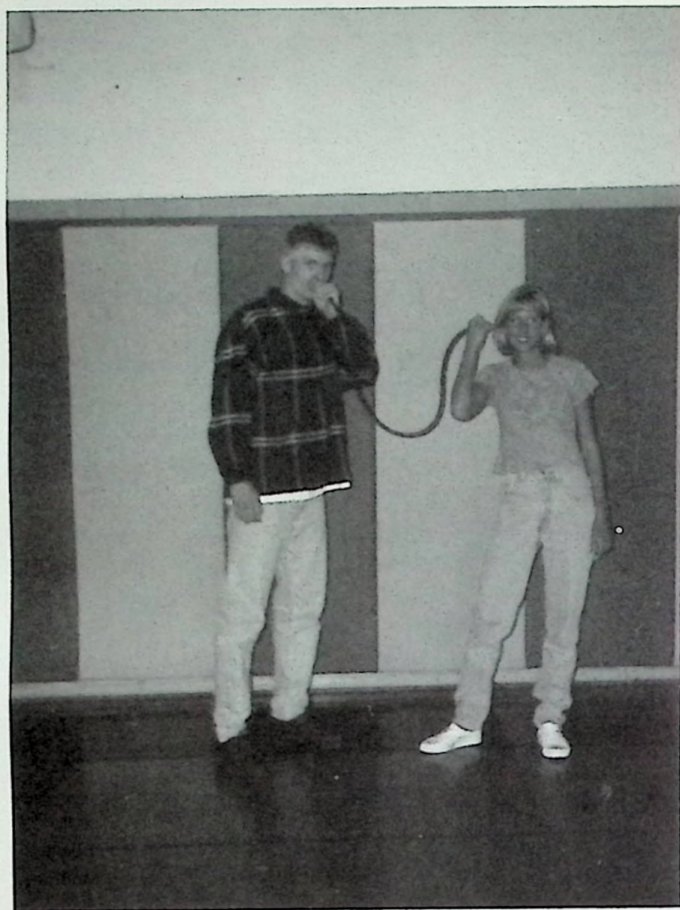
Teresa Reed

High Fashion! Julie Liddle, Michael Gasho, Debi Harris, Scott Day, and Craig Miller will do whatever it takes to get those bonus points. Undoubtedly the bonus points worked as all graduated with very respectable g.p.a.'s.

Batman and Robin! Even at a very young age Nate Payne and Craig Miller aspired to be crime-fighters. These dynamic cousins haven't changed all that much from their younger days of saving the world.

Class Airheads:
Tim Stevens & Julie Liddle

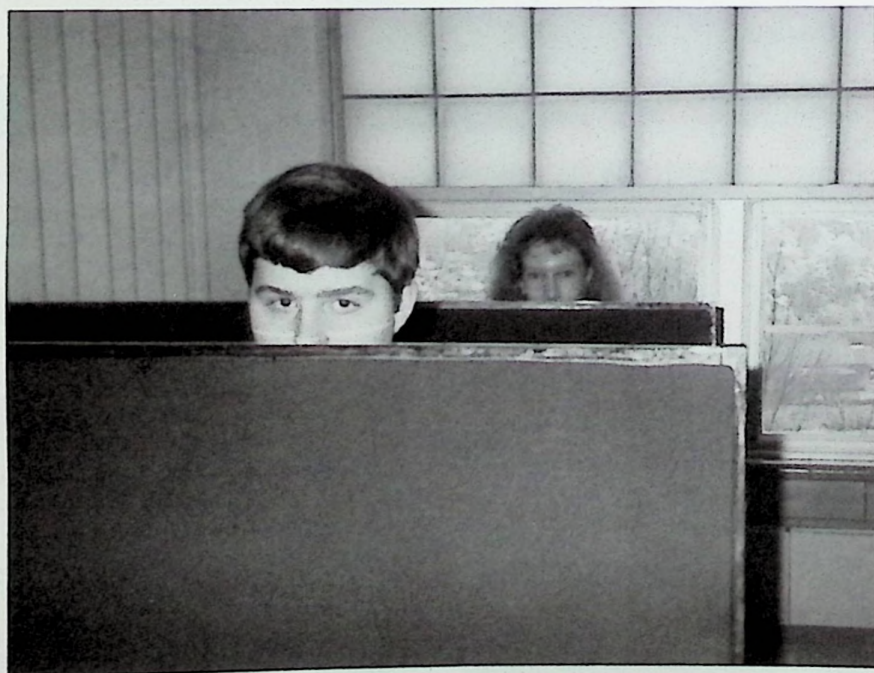
Worst Drivers:
Scott Day & Julie Liddle



Airheads — Tim & Julie



Shyest — Michael & Robyn



Shyest:
Michael Gasho & Robyn Flanagan

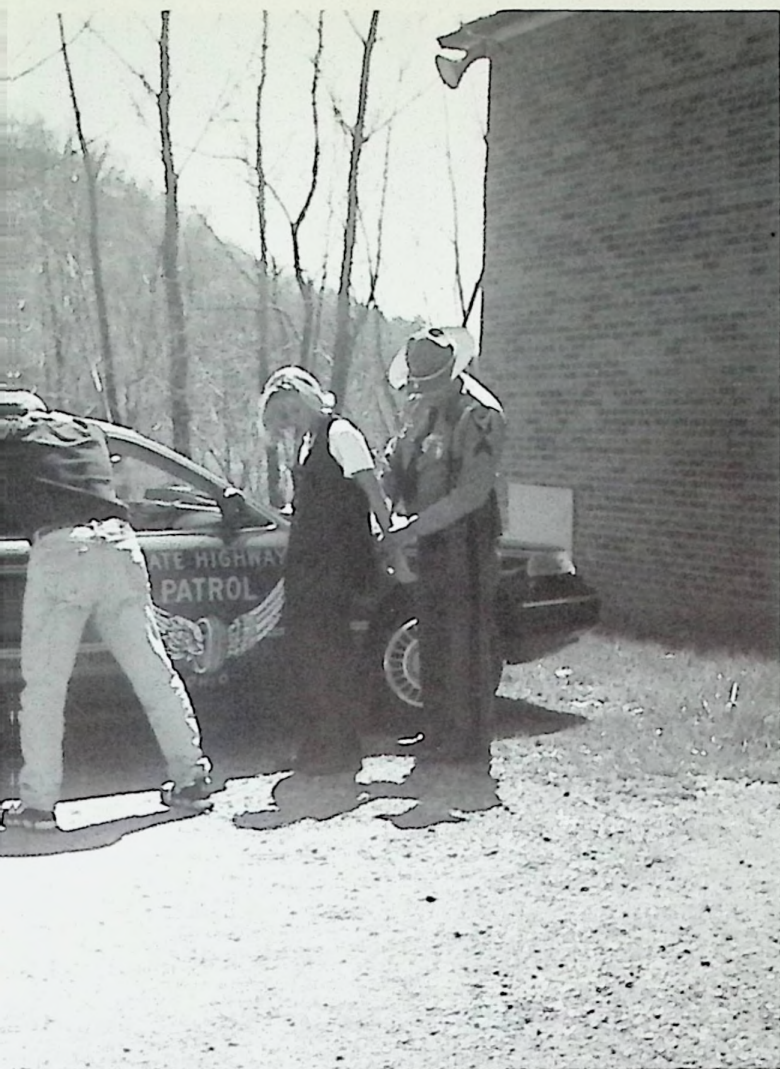
Friendliest:
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Friendliest — Nate & Courtney

Courtney



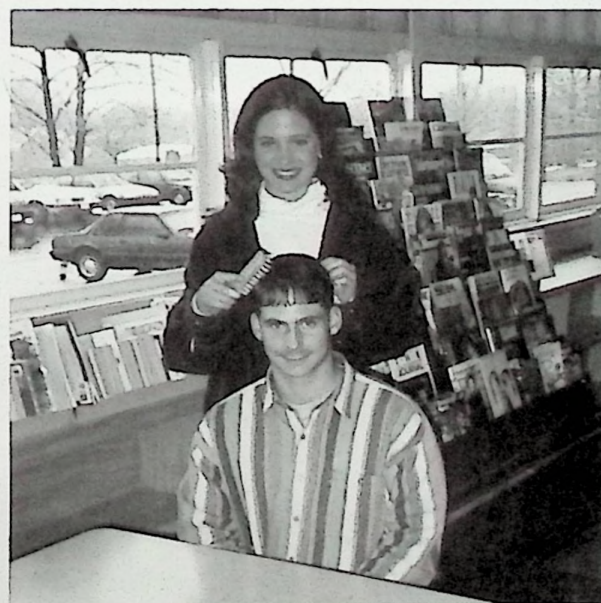
Gossips — Scott & Misty

Class Gossips:
Scott Day & Misty Lawyer



Best Hair

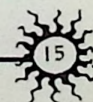
— Dallas & Amanda



Best Hair:
Dallas Stewart & Amanda Brown

Most Intelligent:
Michael Gasho & Shanna Sparks

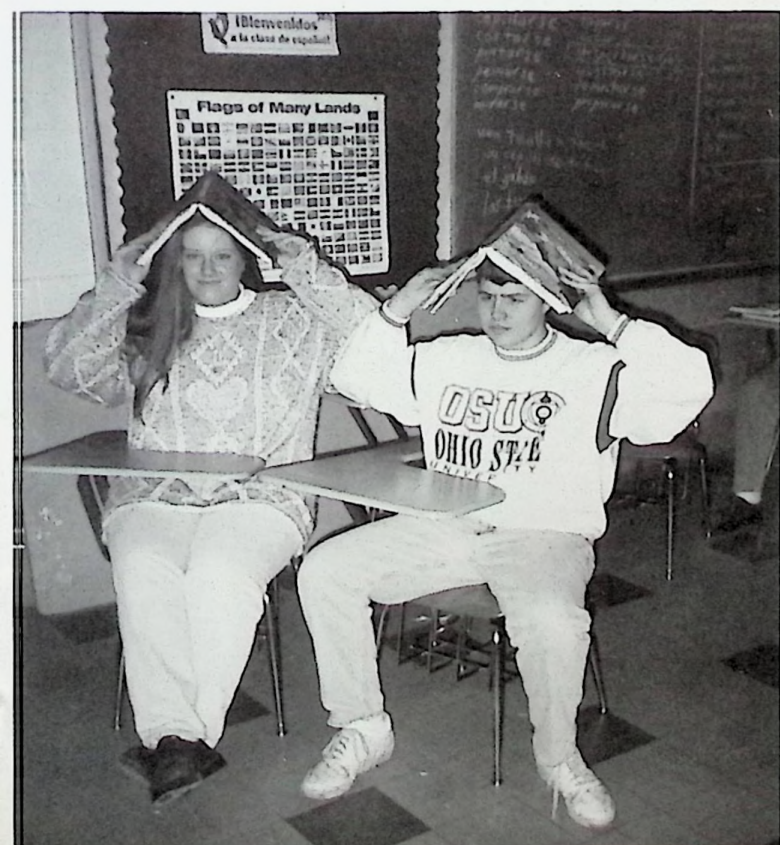
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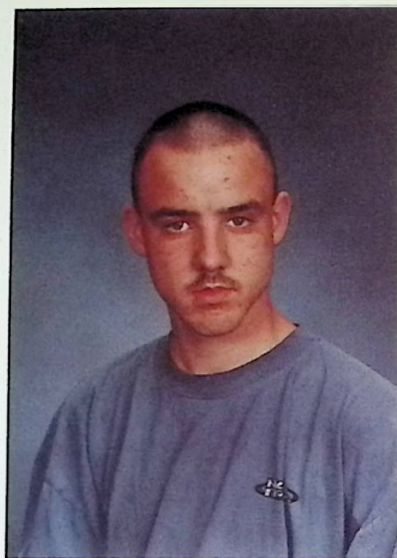
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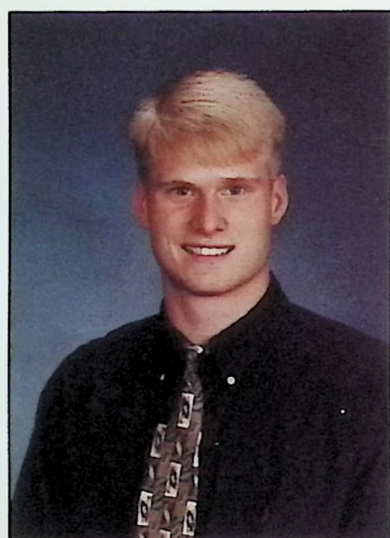
Niki Roberts



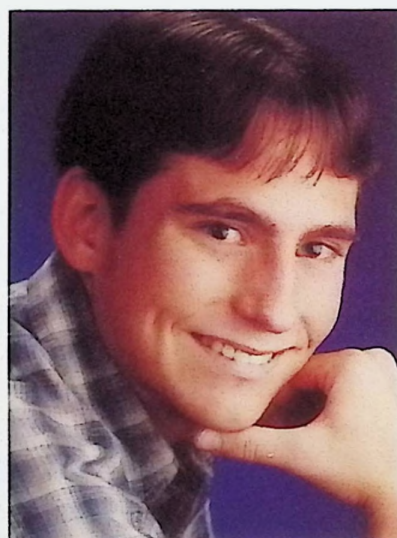
Phillip Smith



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Tim Stevens



Dallas Stewart



Brooke Stout



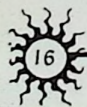
Debbie Tackett



Amy Vastine



Kristi Vournazos



SENIORS



Her Majesty! Brandi DeLotell reigned as the 1996 Homecoming Queen. Brandi is shown with her escorts, Tim Stevens and Nate Payne. All three are members of the graduating Class of 1996.

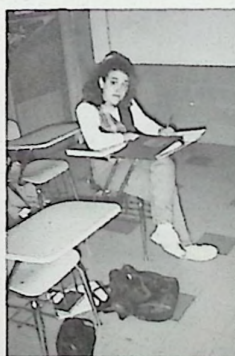
Trendy T-Shirts. As with tradition, seniors must design and make their very own "Senior Shirt." Debi Harris, Amanda Brown, and Julie Liddle show off their own copies of the "Senior Shirt."



CLASS of 1996

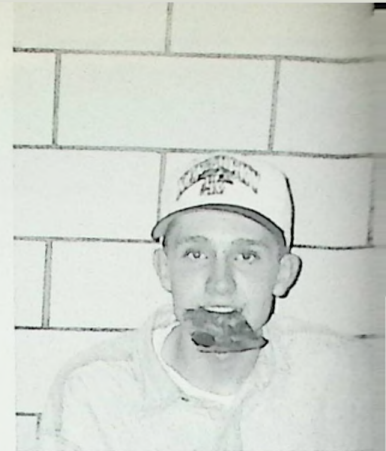


Earth to Katie! You cannot expect Katie Burke to be interrupted from working on her very difficult math exam. Katie worked hard to attain her status as member of the National Honor Society.



All Smiles! Star volleyball player Niki Roberts is all smiles because she knows that graduation is just around the corner. Niki will miss their days at old Clay High.





We've Come A Long Way!

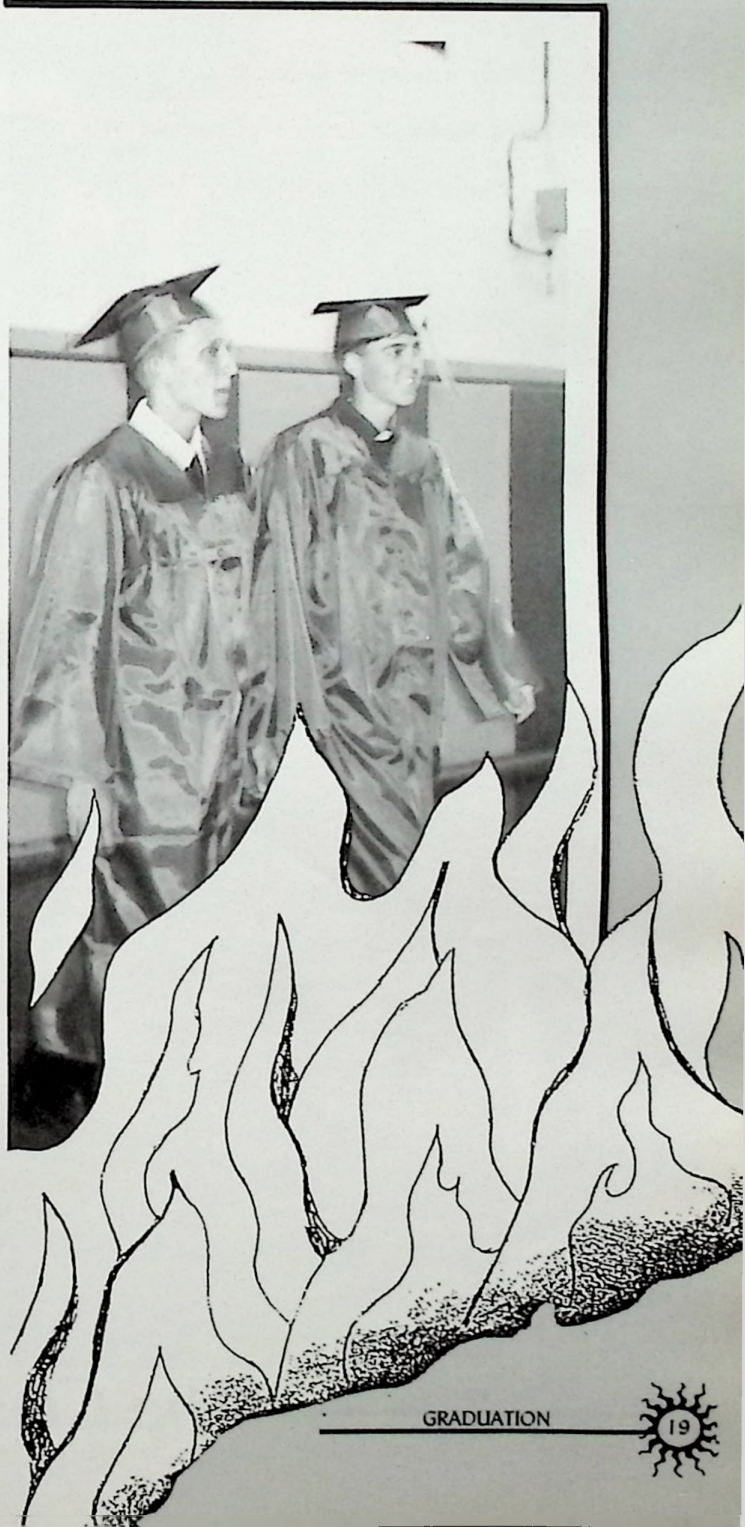


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GRADUATION

Graduation

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When an author finishes the last chapter of her book, she feels such great satisfaction. Similarly, high school graduates attain the same satisfaction. With this, however, comes a supreme feeling of accomplishment, as well as a miniscule amount of sorrow. The sorrow generally results when the graduate realizes a chapter is finished.

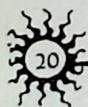
Clay High School's graduating Class of 1996 left the building stronger and prepared for the writing of their next chapter. Congratulations graduates!



CO-VALEDICTORIAN
Michael Gasho



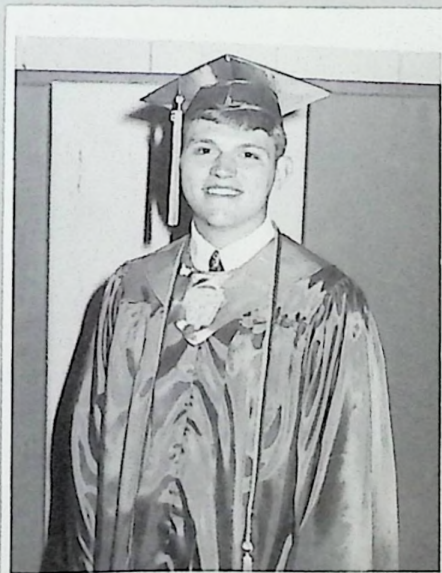
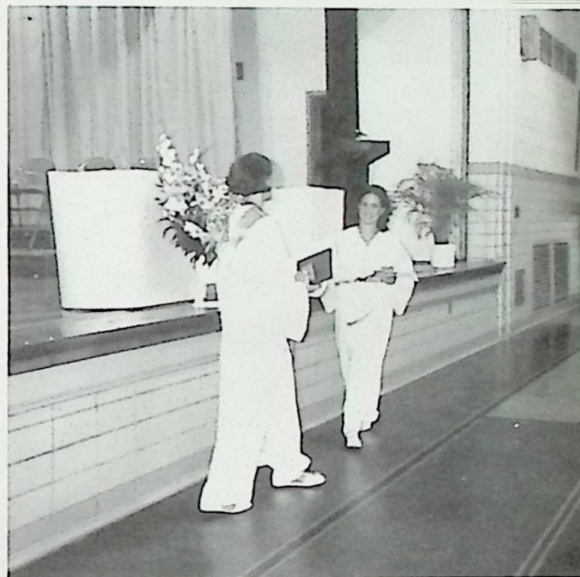
SALUTATORIAN
Courtney Patterson



GRADUATION

The Class Of 1996

Class of '97 Elected Leaders! David Spriggs and Zack Vastine, newly elected President and Vice-President of the next senior class, lead the graduating class of '96 into the gymnasium on graduation day.



CO VALEDICTORIAN
Scott Day



GRADUATION



Graduating National Honor Society Members! Senior members of the National Honor Society were Front: Brandi DeLotell, Misty Lawyer, Courtney Patterson, Katie Burke; Row 2: Shanna Sparks, Scott Day, Michael Gasho, and Debi Harris.



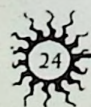
With Graduation Comes ...

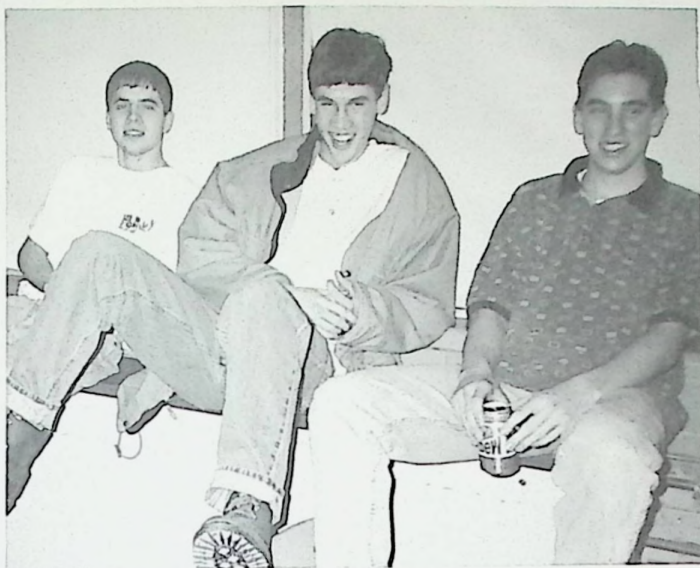
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The
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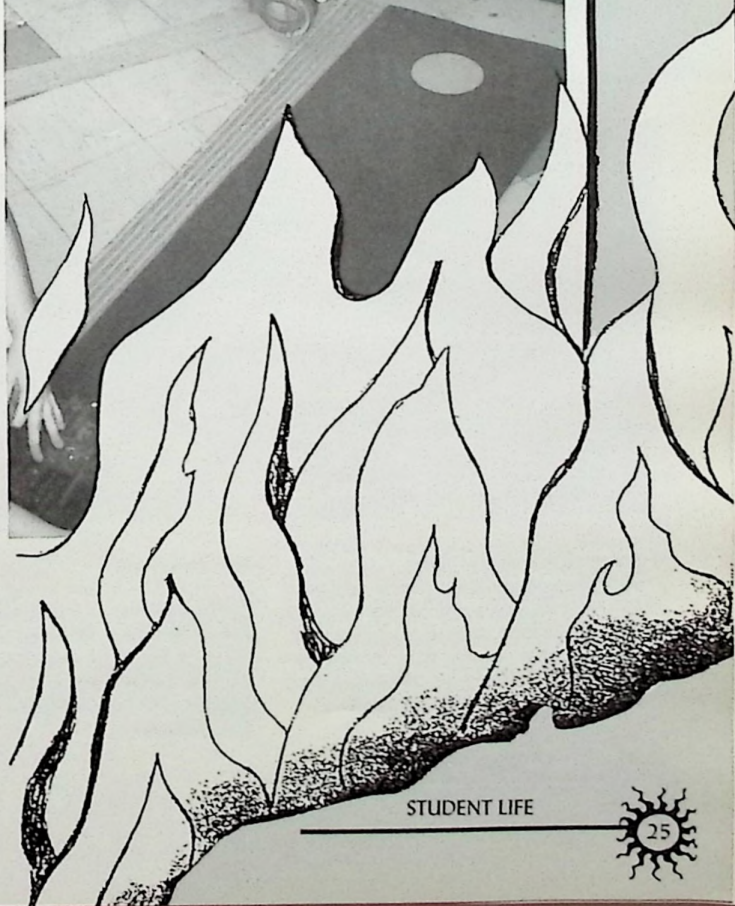
So Long Friends!





Student Life

BURNING DESIRES •



Even when parts of the building just want to fall down, the faces within the structure remain strong!

Faces In The Crowd

Hike for Hospice.

Mr. Buckler assembled his student council, along with some dedicated substitutes, to walk for the annual "Hike for Hospice." The group raised a lot of money for the noteworthy organization. All survived the "hot" walk including Mr. Buckler.

"Ex'squeeze' Me!"

Justin Daub and Kristen Sinclair just seem to be hanging around the principal's office. These two students, noted for how and what they drive, aren't in any trouble with Mr. Walker, they just enjoy the atmosphere of the hallways.



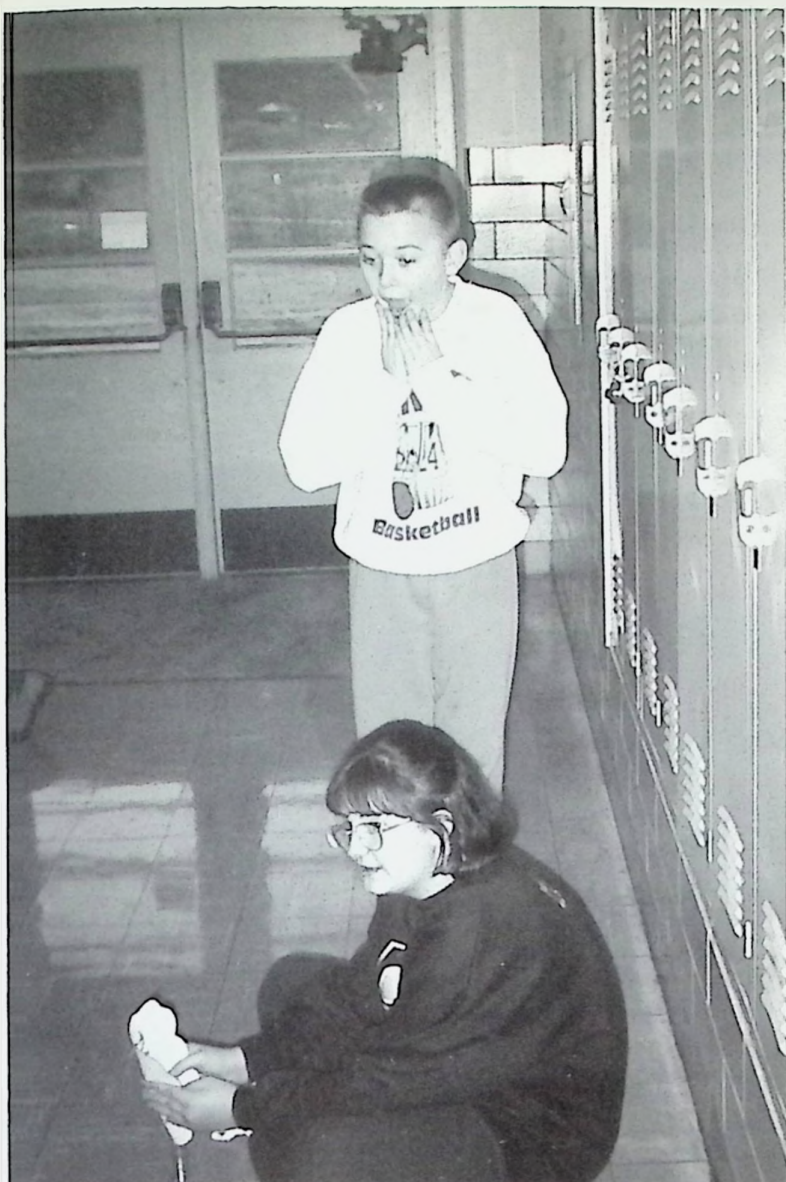
Hard work in Calculus class!

The Seniors choose their classes very carefully. After all, one would not want to take a very demanding class their Senior year. Obviously, that is why these notable Seniors chose Calculus. After all, what's there to do in an easy class like Calculus?!

This work is fun!

Juniors Rhiannon Greene and Kristy Cottle openly enjoy the Yearbook Staff sponsored junior high dance. Rhiannon and Kristy obviously enjoyed the counseling required to chaperone such a dance. Who knows when a junior high couple might be in need of some supervision.





What are you doing?
Seventh graders Robbie Huff and Brooke Vaughters work diligently to "dress up" the seventh grade portion of the junior high school wing. Both students were decorating their hallway for the 1996 Homecoming festivities.



No Horsin' Around!
Eighth grader Sarah Gable never believed that a picture of her on a horse would ever make it into the 1996 Yearbook. Sorry Sarah! This picture is appropriate as Sarah is known to her classmates as one who never horses around.



Friday Night Fever!
Ashleigh Clark, Alicia Craft, and Elizabeth Bostick are girls that just wanna have fun! These seventh graders truly enjoyed their first ever junior high dance. All junior high dances were sponsored by the Yearbook Staff.



Don't take that picture!
Eighth graders Tony Haaf and Jason McGlone glare into the camera as if they really didn't want their picture taken. Also noteworthy is the English book that is in front of them. Mr. Rose would be so proud of these hard working English scholars.

Spanish class is just way too much fun!
Amanda Easter, John Bloomer, John Thomsberry, and Tabitha Crawford look thrilled to be experiencing Mr. Liston's Spanish adventures. The Spanish classes are famous for their unique lessons. It's not everyday that one gets to have a siesta.

Queen of the Nile. Amy Vastine was delighted to be chosen as the school's Miss River Days candidate. For the entire summer, Amy and her family were busy preparing for the exhausting parade and exciting pageant.

Roses are Yellow! Someone was apparently pleased with Amy's float and her appearance as she immediately received yellow roses. Amy's float was spectacular and as a result, received a trophy in the float competition.

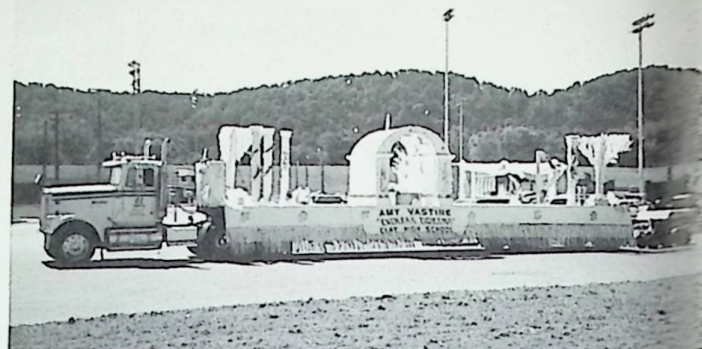


Here they are! The great sounding blue and gold marched proudly through the River Days Grand Parade. The marching panthers were led this year by Miss Alice Maggard. Miss Maggard joined the Clay High scene upon the retirement of Mr. Bilups.

The Little Roman. Amy Vastine received a lot of family and moral support. Shown with her little brother, Amy, and family, made a striking and elegant appearance in the 1995 River Days Grand Parade. How come his dress is shorter?



On With The Parade!



The Vastine family built an award-winning float!

Building a River Days parade float isn't the easiest of tasks. Just ask the Amy Vastine family. Generally, the entire summer is spent preparing for the one day event. The float, a big part of the whole River Days experience, takes up most of the summer time.



The marching Panther Band was definitely heard!

Senior Dean McCleese led the marching panther band as a student leader in the band. Miss Alice Maggard, a new member of the Clay High faculty, guided the band through the grand parade. Miss Maggard had previously taught at Glenwood High School. (Of course we won't hold that against her.)



Three cheers for old Clay High!

Members of the cheerleading squad arrived on the scene while riding a large semi-tractor trailer. All of the girls added a lively and entertaining addition to the Clay contingent. Miss Pam Reese served as Varsity cheerleading advisor.

The 1995 River Days celebration proved to be a very busy adventure for many Clay High School students.

Endless Dreams — A Summer To Remember!



Representing Clay High School. Miss Amy Vastine represented Clay High School in the 1995 Miss River Days pageant. Amy was very energetic and definitely charged up the Clay High audience. Although not placing in the pageant, Amy was definitely an elegant and talented participant.

Senior Spirit-Makers! Brandi DeLotell and Julie Liddle pose for the photographer while riding their River Days parade float. These two seniors provided a few years of talented and spirited cheerleading to the Clay High School crowds.

Endless Dreams! While Amy Vastine was a long way from the Nile River she was actually very close to the Ohio River. Amy's float entertained the thousands of people lined up to enjoy the always popular River Days grand parade. For her hard work, Amy was awarded with a trophy for building one of the best floats in the parade.

Captured In A Dream

Junior Attendant
ERICA PELPHREY
Escort — David S



Junior Vo-Tech Attendant
LISA SHAFFER
Escort — Justin Spradlin

Sophomore Attendant
JENNIFER SPENCER
Escort — Ryan Martin



Freshman Attendant
ALLISON BRAMMER
Escort — Billy Killian



HOMECOMING



Senior Attendant
JULIE LIDDLE
Escort — Craig Miller

Senior Vo-Tech Attendant
AMY VASTINE
Escort — Zack Vastine



Homecoming '96



THE REIGN OF QUEEN BRANDI!

Brandi DeLotell, daughter of Keith and Lois DeLotell, was the 1996 Homecoming Queen. Brandi was escorted by Nate Payne, son of James and Teresa Payne, and Tim Stevens, son of Roy and Diane Stevens.

During the festivities, Brandi's song was "One Sweet Day" by Mariah Carey and Boyz II Men. The attendants and their songs were: Allison, "I Can Love You Like That" by All For One; Jennifer, "Open Arms" by Mariah Carey; Lisa, "Love Hurts" by Nazareth; Erica, "Exhale" by Whitney Houston; Amy, "Hold On To My Heart" by W.A.S.P.; and Julie, "Endless Love" by Luther Vandross with Mariah Carey.

From Work To Play

Participants make the prom an evening to remember!

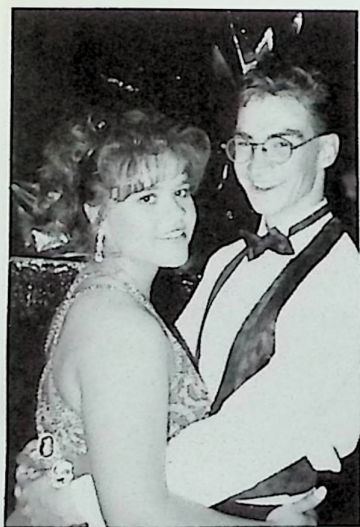


DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ...

Senior Jennifer McKenzie explains the latest gossip to classmate Rachael Fox. Amused with the situation, Senior Robyn Flanagan and date laugh the gossip away. All of these seniors enjoyed their last C.H.S. prom.

THE FEARLESS LEADER!

Again and again, Mrs. Brammer sees to it that the Clay rendition of a prom is nothing but the best! Mrs. Brammer oversees a committee which works diligently to produce an evening to remember.

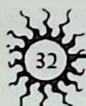


HOLD ME! SQUEEZE ME!

Junior Yearbook Editor Sarah Wallace enjoys her moments with her Wheelersburg prom date. Sarah wore a dazzling purple evening gown to her first Clay prom. In fact, Sarah's dress received many compliments as the prettiest dress.

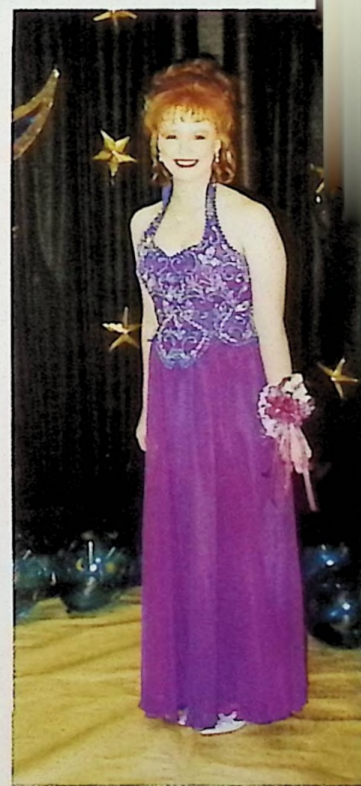
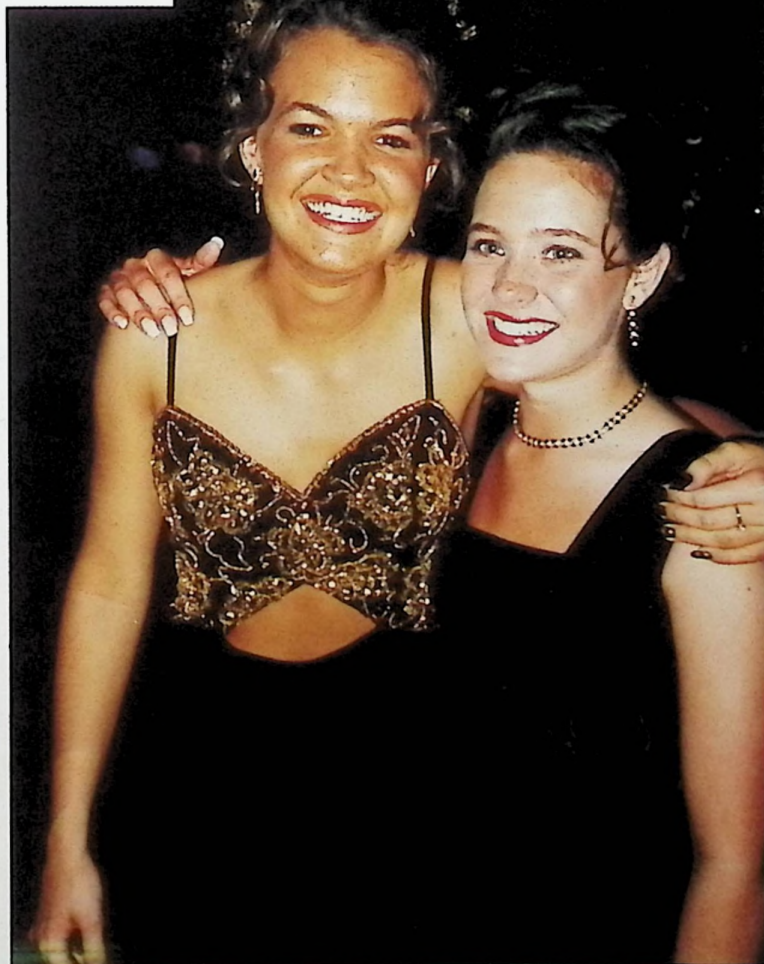
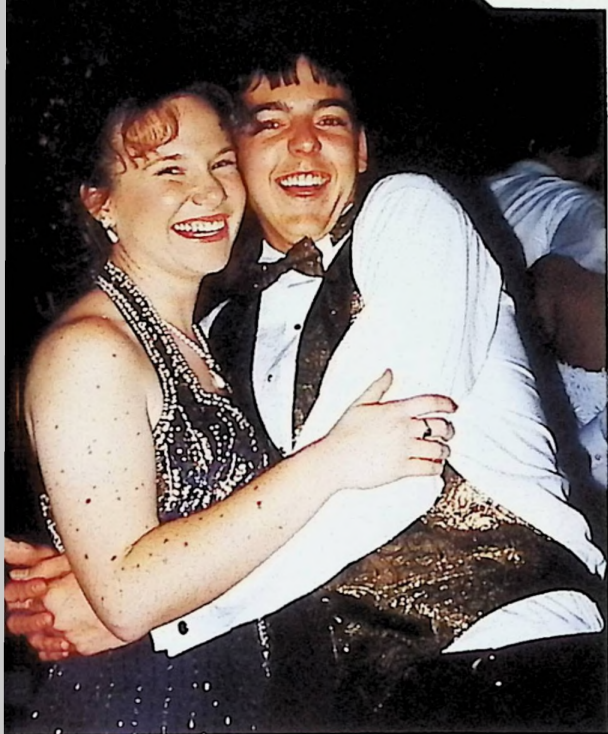
TAKE A BREAK! WE DID IT!

Members of the prom committee have a lot to be praised over considering the beauty of the 1996 prom. The committee members are comprised of prom hosts and hostesses as well as junior class officers.

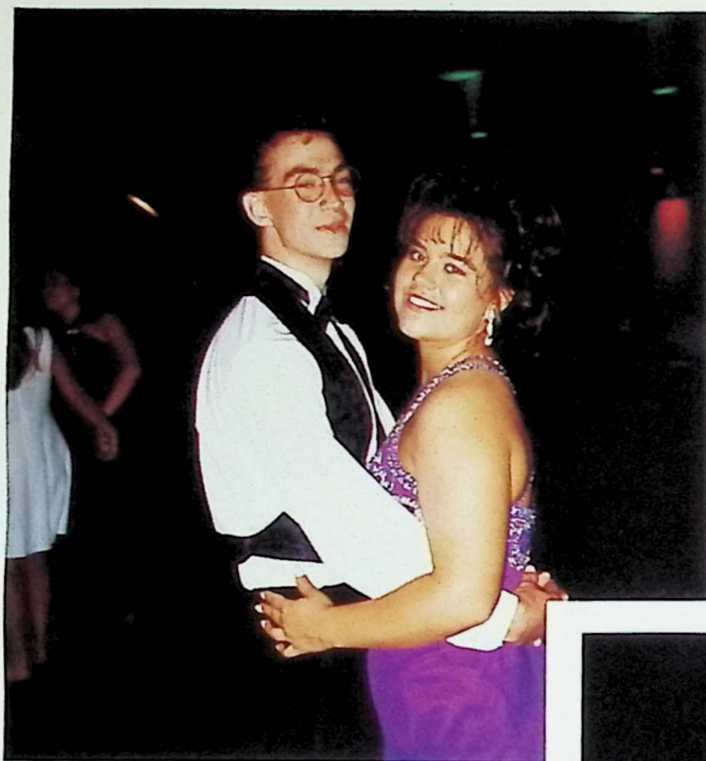


Dancin', Datin', Ditchin' ...

Must Be Prom!

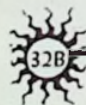


Friends 'til the end! Seniors Debi Harris and Amanda Brown enjoy their last high school prom as students. Debi and Amanda, good friends, both were varsity cheerleaders.

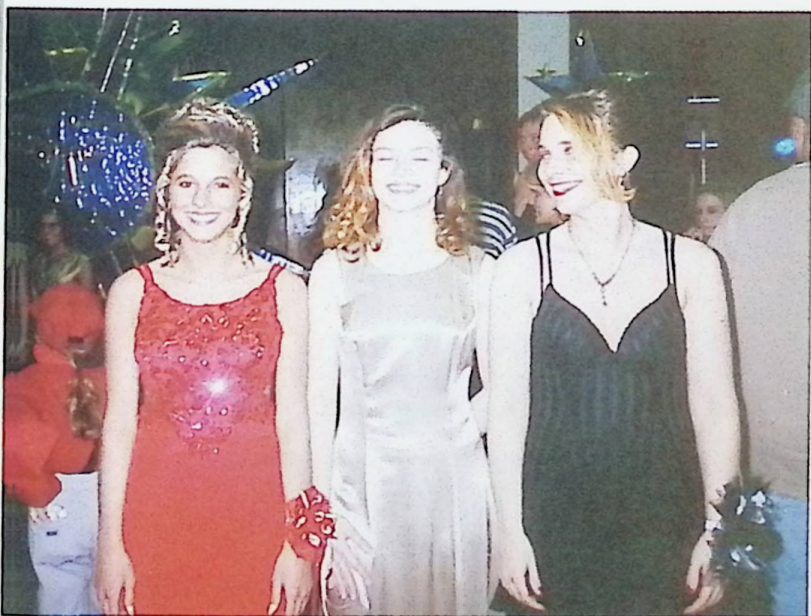
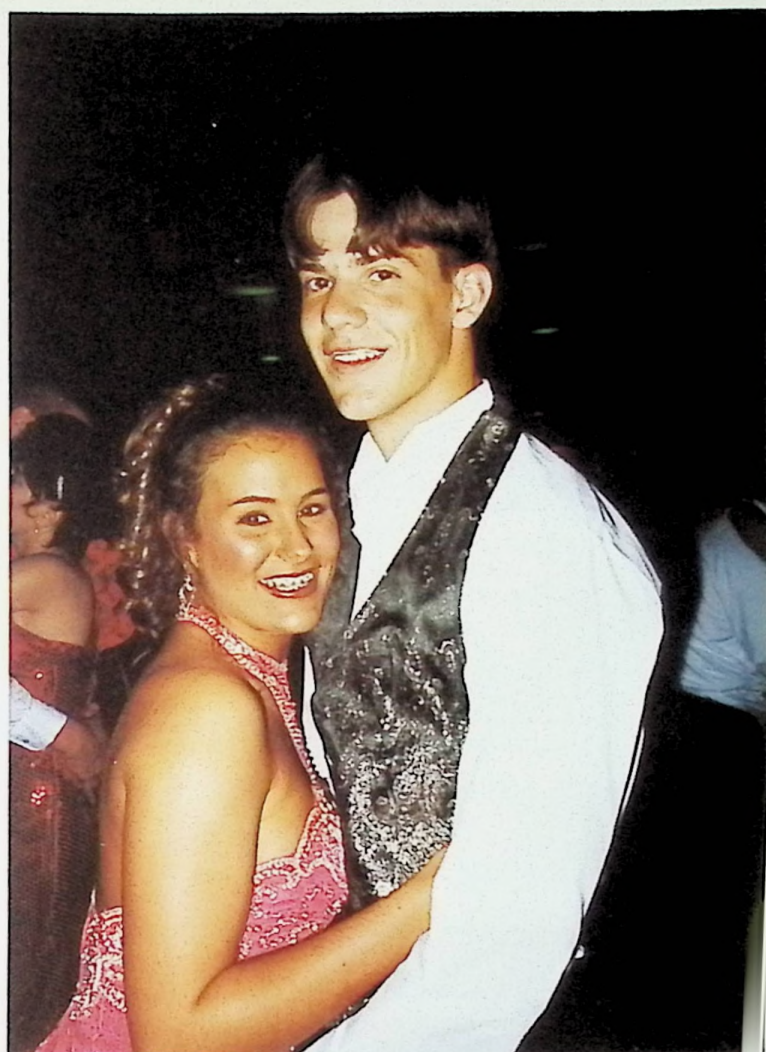
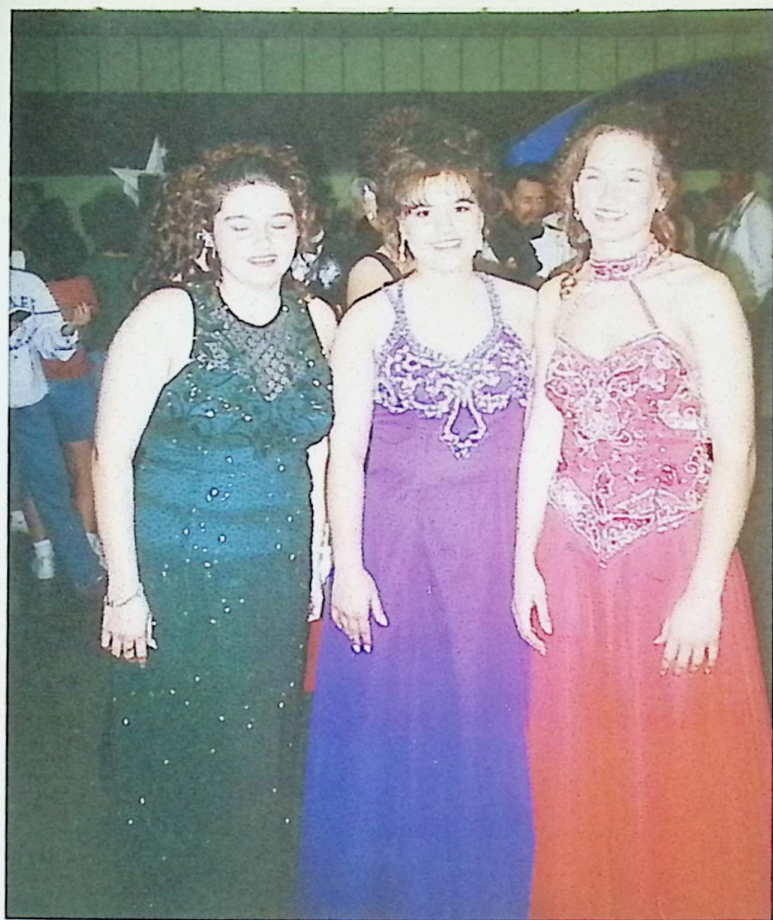


Look! Our Public! Seniors Dallas Stewart and Julie Liddle wave as if it was their last prom as Clay High Students. Actually, these graduating seniors ended two fantastic high school careers.

Just Hold Me Up! Senior Brandi DeLotell seems a bit tired after dancing the night away. Wearing beautiful yellow, our Homecoming Queen and her date enjoyed a very exciting prom.

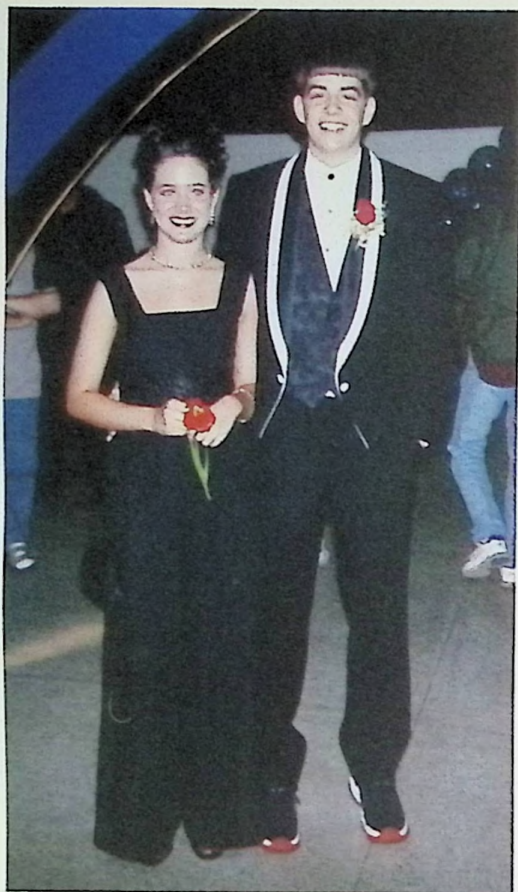


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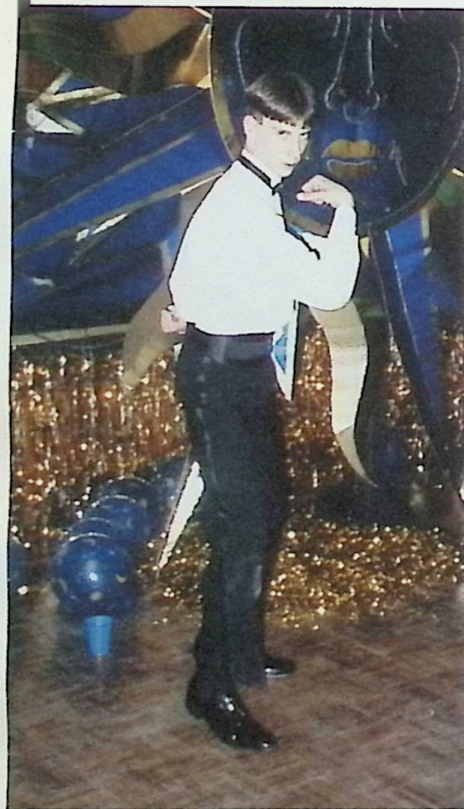
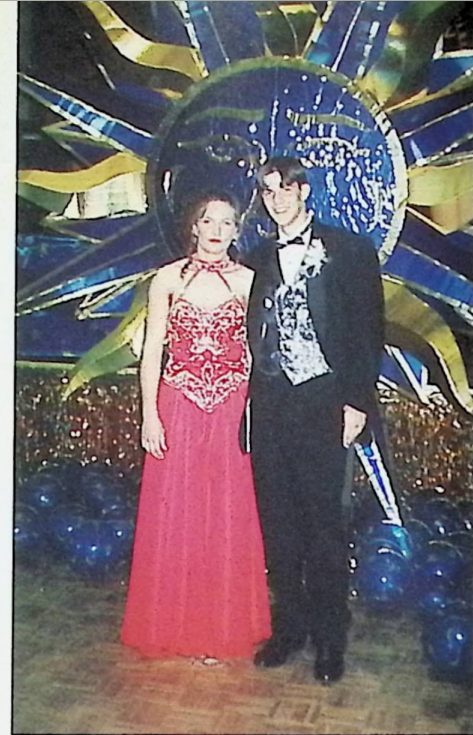


Let's Make a Toast! Senior Niki Roberts and Junior Erin Ash enjoy their tasty drinks while at Frasier's Chateau Club. Niki and Erin wore very trendy evening wear to the '96 Prom.

We're Ready! Steve Johnson poses for parents while picking Vanessa Downey up at her house in Portsmouth. Steve and Vanessa, juniors, enjoyed their first every Clay High Prom.



"Mrs. Brammer can
sure throw a party!"



A Chippendale? Senior Ricky Phipps shows why he simply amazed the many females attending the 1996 Prom. Ricky is known for his mighty biceps, genuine wit, and ability to give birth.



PROM



TWO DATES ARE BETTER THAN ONE

Junior John Bloomer found himself a thorn between two beautiful roses. Actually, John enjoyed being between Senior Courtney Patterson and fellow Junior Kristy Cottle. The biggest dilemma ... who do I dance with first?

SENIORS! JUNIORS!

Jennifer McKenzie, a senior, and Joni Porter, a junior, enjoy their time at the 1996 Clay High School Prom. For Jennifer, it's her last, but for Joni, it is a chance to experience a very exciting evening with the knowledge that you can do it again next year.



WATCH YOUR BUTT, PLEASE!

Sophomores Amy Hansen and Josh Bloomer were lucky enough to be chosen as a prom hostess and host. These honors, however, also bring serious duties and responsibilities. Amy and Josh had to work very hard to make sure that the prom was a success.



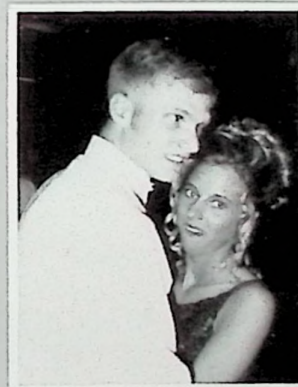
Phillip Smith and his date enjoyed an evening of elegance. Even though the evening required formal attire, Phillip, as well as the other promgoers, looked their very best for the very special evening.



Junior Mendy Justice wore a dark green beaded dress for her first ever high school prom. Mendy, although injured for most of her athletic season, did manage to dance with her special date.



Senior Kelli "without the 'e'" Hale brought her longtime date, Chad to her senior prom. Kelli seemed to appreciate the hard work and effort that the prom committee and Mrs. Brammer put forth so that her evening was special.



Tim Stevens and Kristi Vournazos, graduating seniors, danced the night away! In fact, Tim was quoted as saying that this particular prom was the "best DAWG-gone prom he has ever been to!"

STATE PARTICIPANTS. Seniors Debi Harris and Amanda Brown, along with partner Julie Liddle, advanced to the state science fair competition. The three competed as a team.

HIGH SCHOOL QUIZ BOWL. Members of the quiz bowl team included C. Patterson, K. Burke, S. Sparks, M. Gasho, G. Eldridge, T. Crawford, M. Haaf, and S. Day.



For Members Only



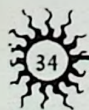
Occupational Work Adjustment (OWA)

Front Row: Mashell Smith, Bernice Lane, Andra Lane, Amy Hightower. Row 2: Rosetta Horton, Arron Miller, Amanda Blair, Dana Whisman, Misty Hurt, Jennifer Riggs, Aaron Bradley. Row 3: Mr. Warnock.



Jobs for Ohio's Graduates (JOGS)

Front Row: Mr. Trapp, Craig Miller, Kathy Newman, Katie Burke, Jennifer McKen, Shanna Sparks. Row 2: Mike Clay, Teresa Reed, Clay Charles, Dallas Stewart, Robyn Flanagan, Michael Gasho. Row 3: Nate Payne, Scott Day, Courtney Patterson, Louanna Laxton, Mindy Haaf, Sargina Engle, Brooke Stout. Row 4: Tim Stevens, Julie Liddle, Kristy Vourzos, Angie Hansen, Amanda Brown, Debi Harris, and Niki Roberts.



Membership Has Its Privileges!

“Being a member of a student group tends to provide future opportunities. Who knows, one of our student leaders may become one of our future success stories!” — Mr. Buckler, Advisor, Student Council



LEADERS OF THE PACK. Scott Day served as the President of the Student Council. Classmate Michael Gasho served as the vice-president of the student governmental group.

SPANISH CLUB. Members of the Spanish Club join Mr. Liston for a photograph of the entire organization. As pictured, the whole group tended to be very wild and energetic.



Student Council

Front: Scott Day. Row 2: Craig Miller, Amanda Brown, Michael Gasho. Row 3: Erica Pelphrey, Sarah Wallace, Kristy Cottle, Shelley Johnson, Amy Newsome, Josh Bloomer. Row 4: Tiffany Pollard, Jennifer Brown, Wendy Vastine, Amanda Spriggs, Aaron Payne, Melissa Bloomer, Robbie Huff. Row 5: Mr. Buckler.



Science Club

Front Row: Craig Miller, Michael Gasho. Row 2: Courtney Patterson, Crystal Bender, Steve Johnson, Amanda Brown, Erica Pelphrey. Row 3: Nate Payne, Zack Vastine, Debi Harris, Erin Ash, Kristy Cottle, and Justin Daub.

Prom Committee

Front. Kristy Cottle, Erica Pelphrey, Justice, Sarah Wallace. Back. Bender, Jason Williams, Justin Spradlin, Zack Vastine.

Drama Club

Row 2. Leanne Robinson, Jennifer Spencer, Kathy Newman, Mari Grace Harness, Heather Shoemaker. Row 2. Aaron Payne, LeighAnn Binion, Linda Bibb, Courtney Benner, Amy Newsome. Row 3. Christina Scaggs, Tabitha Crawford, Misty Pauley, Robyn Flanagan, Jennifer McKenzie. Row 4. Mike Bianco, Debi Harris, Julie Liddle, Brooke Stout, Niki Roberts, and Angie Hansen.



Newspaper Staff

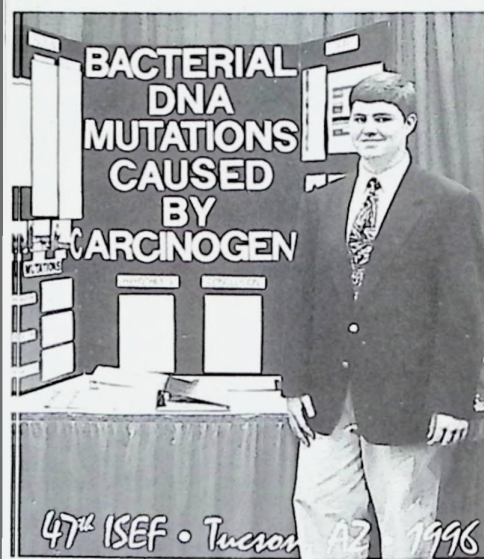
Newspaper Staff members were Rachael Fox, Katie Burke, Louanna Laxton, Mindy Haaf, Kathy Newman, and Sargina Engle.



I.S.S./Office Workers

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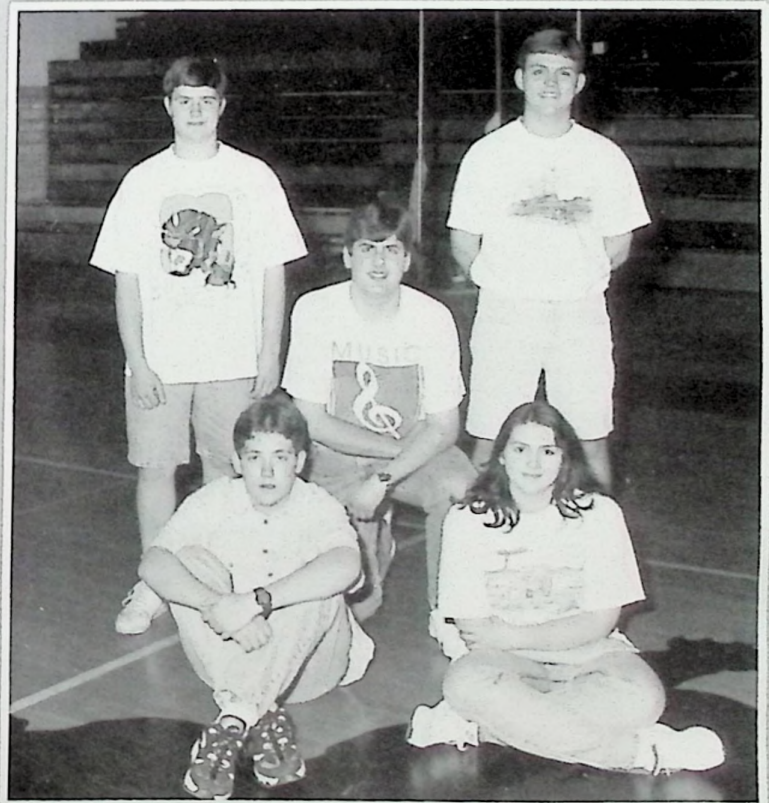
Michael
Gasho

International
Science Fair
Participant



1 Spelling Bee

Eighth-grader Emily Hempill won the junior high spelling bee while classmate Sarah Gable was the runner-up.



Hi-Y

T.L.C.

Members of T.L.C. included Aaron Payne, Courtney Patterson, Robyn Flanagan, Stephanie Haney, Kera Horsley, Jennifer McKenzie, Amy Newsome, Shelley Johnson, Katie Burke, and Dean McCleese.

Participating in Hi-Y were Gary Eldridge, Tabitha Crawford, Michael Gasho, Dean McCleese, and Scott Day.

Scholarship Teams

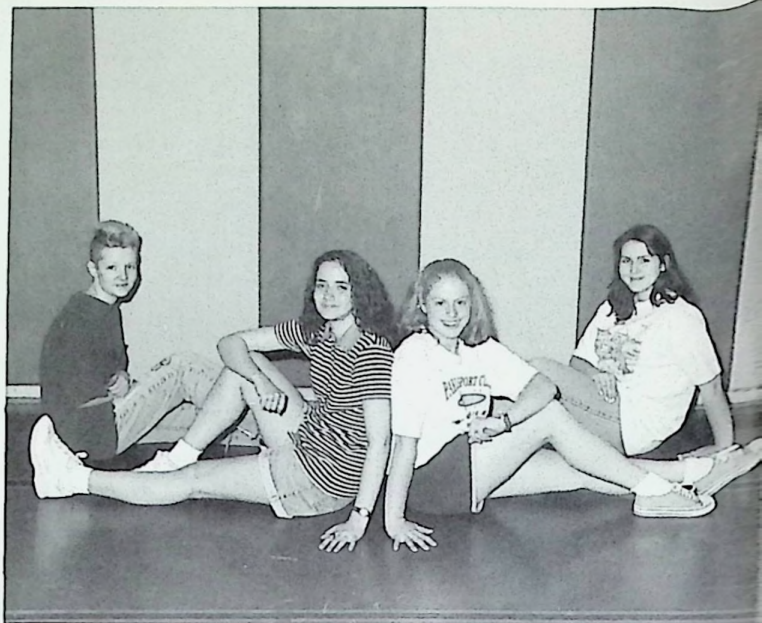


English Scholarship Team. Members included Gary Eldridge, Shelley Lewis, Katie Burke, Tiffany Pollard, B.J. Newman, Erica Pelphrey, Kristy Cottle, Crystal Bender, and Josh Bloomer.

Math Scholarship Team. Members of the math team were Craig Miller, Michael Gasho, Erik Ratcliff, Scott Estep, Nikki Spradlin, and Denise Gasho.

History Scholarship Team. Members of the history scholarship team were Courtney Patterson, Amanda Brown, Justin Spradlin, and David Spriggs.

Spanish Scholarship Team. Members of the Spanish scholarship team were Amy Grac... some, Leanne Robinson, Mari Grac... ness, and Tabitha Crawford.



Science Scholarship Team. Members of the science team were Beau Vastine, Dean McCleese, Scott Day, Zack Vastine, Errin Wilburn, and Amanda Easter.

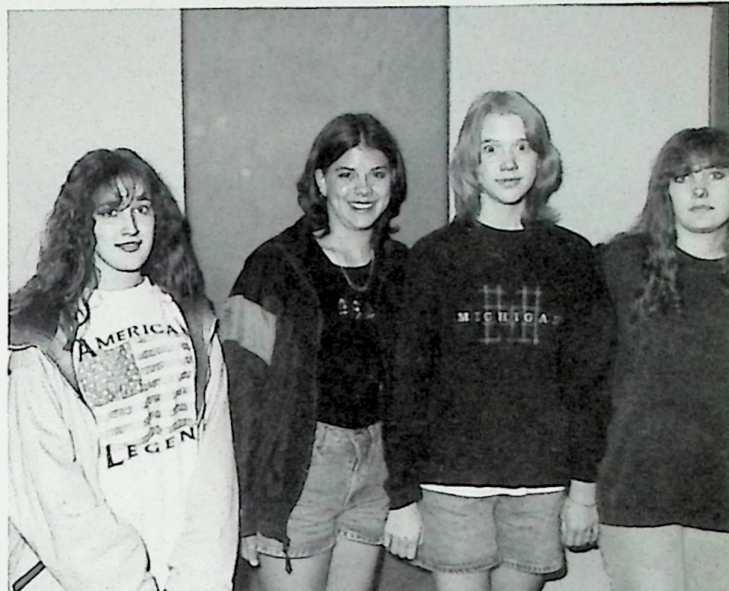


Jr. High Science Olympiad. Members include Aaron Payne, Chris Day, Taylor Williams, Tim Shaffer, Matt Large, Leigha King, Cassie Clark, Emily Hempill, Emily Carr, Derek Hodkinson, Sara Workman, Amanda Spriggs, and Benji Richard.

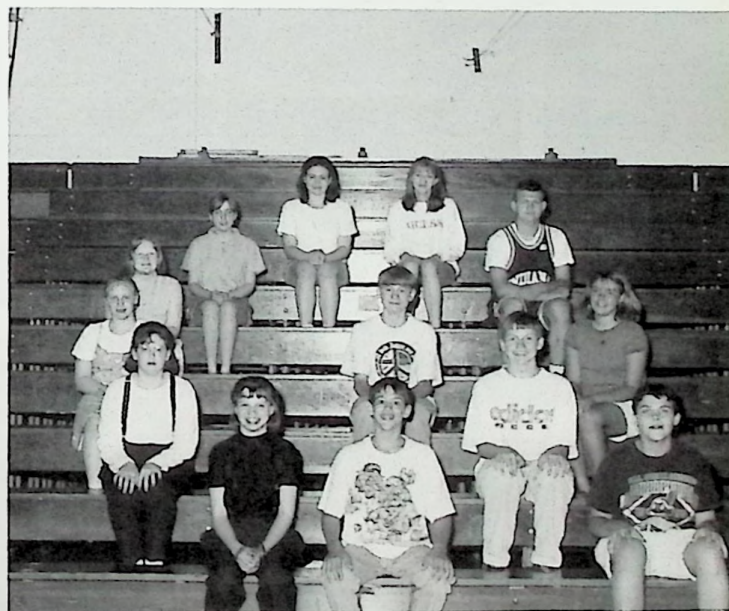
Activities, Groups



Library Workers. Student librarians were Andra Lane, Leigha King, Beth Foster, and Bernice Lane.



Office Workers. Principal's Office workers included Amanda Blair, Mashell Smith, Bernice Lane, Carolyn Yates, and Dana Whisman.



Jr. High Quiz Bowl. Members included Megan Warnock, Aaron Payne, Matt Large, Heather Bihl, Tim Shaffer, Brandy Summers, Derek Hodkinson, Brooke Fitch, Beth Bostick, Amy Reiser, Chris Day, Emily Hempill, and Emily Carr.



National Honor Society. Members of the National Honor Society included Debi Harris, Scott Day, Michael Gasho, Courtney Patterson, Katie Burke, Shanna Sparks, Erica Pelphrey, David Spriggs, and Kristy Cottle.

Sweet, Sweet Music!



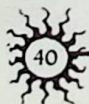
CHORUS! Members of the chorus included Front: Amanda Brown, Angie Hansen, Nate Payne, Debi Harris, Mari Grace Harness; Row 2: Heather Shoemaker, Kristi Voumazos, Courtney Patterson, Brooke Stout, Niki Roberts, Julie Liddle; Row 3: Rachael Fox, Jennifer Dotson, Jennifer McKenzie, Katie Burke, Mindy Haaf, and Kathy Newman.



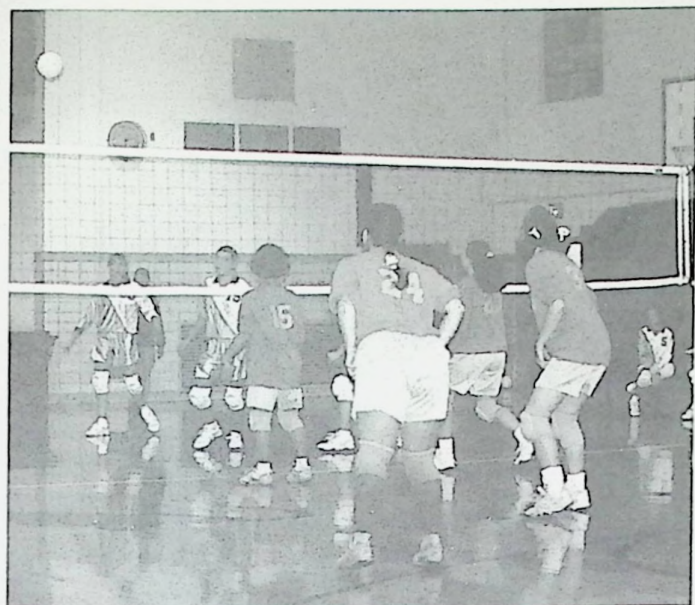
STAGE BAND! Members of the stage band included Front: Tim Shaffer, Sara Workman, Emily Hempill, Matt Large, Aaron Payne, Denise Gasho, Bobbie-Jo Graff, Kristin Wheeler, Chris Day; Row 2: Jessica Riddlebarger, Misty Pauley, Amanda Easter, Eric Roshaffer, Bethany Smith, Autumn Hysell, Alison Brammer, Nikki Spradlin, Abby Workman, Leanne Robinson, Errin Wilburn; Row 3: Dean McCleese, Paul Rideout, Shawn Stratton, Steve Harness, Scott Day, Chris Shaffer, Michael Gasho, Gary Eldridge, B.J. Newman.



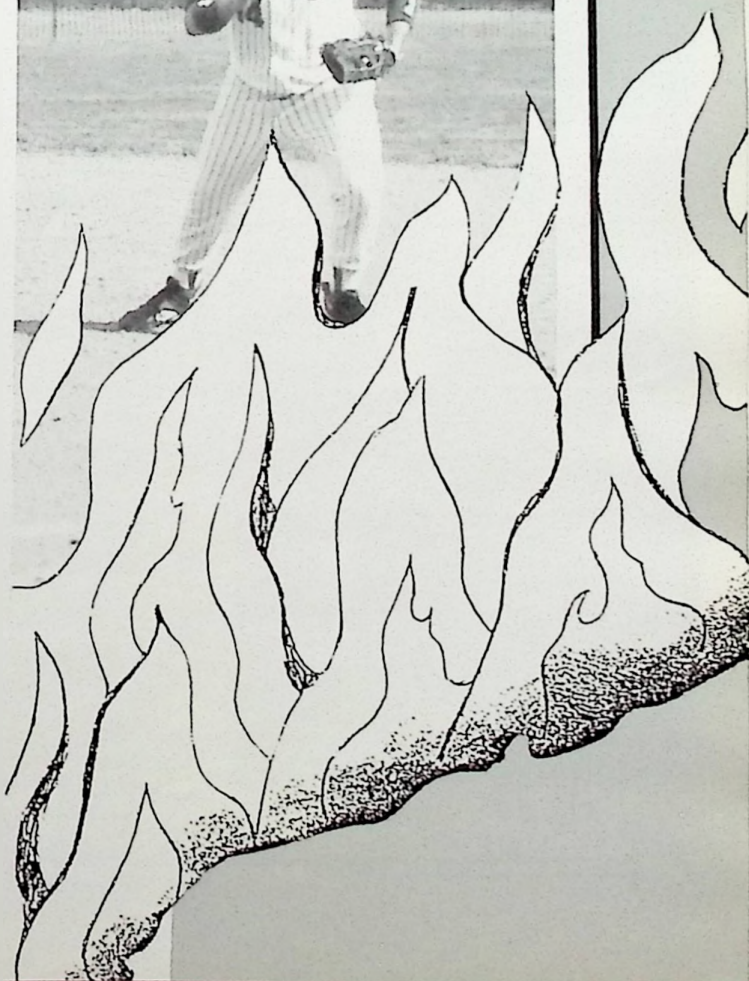
JR. HIGH BAND! Members of the junior high band included Front: Jason Luther, Sean Boldman, Daniel Ratcliff, Megan Warnock, Heather Bihl, Marcia Horton, Brandy Summers, Johanna Richards; Row 2: Josh Kirkpatrick, Eric Martin, Josh Kirkpatrick, Randy Wolfe, Brandon Smith, Robbie Huff, Joey Hammond, Wade Kotcamp; Row 3: Taylor Williams, Derek Hodkinson, Eric Eubank, Jan dan Howard, Benji Richard, and Joey McCleese.



SCORCHING THE OPPONENTS • SCORCHING



THE OPPONENTS • SCORCH



The 1995 athletic season proved to be a successful one for the Varsity Soccer Team. Despite all the distractions and injuries which popped up throughout the season, the team managed to stay focused. A 9-7-2 mark proved to be the school's best record ever.

Out Of The Cellar!

Junior Zack Vastine makes his presence known to an unexpecting Pirate booter!

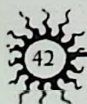
"I was very pleased with our record," Coach Dave Munion announced, "considering we only won three games last year!" Senior leadership, led by Tim Stevens, Craig Miller, and Sargina Engle, was a major reason for Coach Munion's excitement.

Team records, including the overall win-loss record, were set. Tim Stevens' five goals in one game broke his and the school's previous record. David Spriggs' goal-keeping, aided by a strong defense, awarded the team with the S.O.C.'s most shut-outs.

It was a terrific season for the soccer team. This is evidenced by the many awards and accolades received. David Spriggs was awarded 2nd Team All-SOC and 2nd Team All-District; Justin Spradlin and Chris Shaffer received a District Honorable Mention award; Craig Miller received both 1st Team All-SOC and All-District; and Tim Stevens was named 1st Team All-District.



Top: Junior Jason Williams and Sophomore Chris Shaffer watch teammate Craig Miller attack an advancing Wheelersburg Pirate. Craig, a Senior, earned many honors for his play on a surprisingly good Panther soccer team. The Varsity Soccer team surprised several teams — Minford, New Boston, and South Western — during the regular season. MIDDLE: Chris Shaffer and Junior Justin Spradlin move downfield as Goalie David Spriggs kicks the ball. David, a junior, was recognized for his outstanding safeguarding of the Panther goal. Chris and Justin received soccer awards as well.





THE PANTHER TALE:

Minford	(3-2)	Win
Wheetersburg	(0-3)	Loss
Valley	(1-0)	Win
New Boston	(4-3)	Win
South Webster	(1-0)	Win
Northwest	(1-3)	Loss
St. Joe	(4-1)	Win
Minford	(0-3)	Loss
Wheetersburg	(1-9)	Loss
Portsmouth	(4-3)	Win
Valley	(10-5)	Win
New Boston	(2-3)	Lost
St. Joe	(3-2)	Win
South Webster	(0-0)	Tie
Northwest	(0-0)	Tie
Portsmouth	(3-5)	Lost
T: St. Joe	(3-0)	Win
T: Minford	(0-6)	Lost



VARSITY SOCCER: Team members include B. Newman, B. Vastine, P. Fitzer, J. Bloomer, J. Fannin, S. Harness, S. Engle, C. Marasek, Coach Munion, J. Williams, B. Killian, C. Shaffer, E. Rodeheffer, D. Spriggs, Z. Vastine, S. Estep, J. Spradlin, T. Stevens, and C. Miller.

Sophomores
Scott Estep and
Patrick Fitzer
and Junior
Justin Spradlin
join Senior
Craig Miller as
he moved the
ball down the
field against the
Pirates of
Wheetersburg
High School.

Top Photo. Varsity Volleyball! Front Row: Kim Hansen, Misty Lawyer, Amy Vastine, Courtney Patterson. Back Row: Coach Pam Reese, Mari Grace Hamess, Niki Roberts, Kristy Cottle, Sarah Wallace, and Tiffany Pollard, Manager. Bottom Photo. Junior Varsity Volleyball! Front Row: Kristin Wheeler, Bobbie-Jo Graff, Jessica Osborne, Denise Gasho, Jennifer Brown, Allison Brammer, Wendy Vastine. Back Row: Coach Pam Reese, Leslie Turner, Bethany Smith, Coach Pam Reese, Leslie Turner, Bethany Smith, Autumn Hysell, Abby Workman, Nikki Spradlin, Leanne Robinson, and Tiffany Pollard, Manager.



Top Right Photo. Stylish Settin'. Sophomore setter Kim Hansen sets the tone for the entire team. If her sets aren't on, neither, usually, is the team. Senior Courtney Patterson and Junior Kristy Cottle are ready and prepared to handle Kim's set.



Misty Lawyer and Niki Roberts were Seniors ready for the action!



Above Photo. The J.V.s are ready! Freshmen Kristin Wheeler, Jennifer Brown, Jessica Osborne, and Allison Brammer show their form for the junior varsity volleyball team. Left Photo. I'm ready, bring it on! Freshman Leslie Turner shows her ready stance. Leslie is one of many talented freshmen on Coach Reese's rough and tough J.V. volleyball team.

Starting anew is sometimes a very difficult thing to do. The panther volleyball program started the school year with a brand new coach. Miss Reese, the school's art teacher, joined the program as the new coach after Coach Wolfe re-

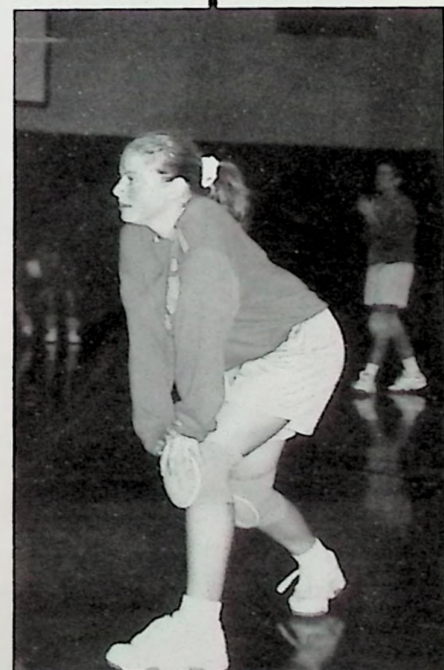
Hot Volleyball Action

tired. Coach Reese worked extra hard to prepare a varsity and junior varsity team. These teams saw great enthusiasm as aspiring players heavily turned out at the beginning of the season.

The varsity team was led by its powerful group of seniors. Those talented seniors were Amy Vastine, Niki Roberts, Courtney Patterson, and Misty Lawyer. These all-around players saw continuous playing time and were thus found to be proven leaders. Joining them were Junior Kristy Cottle and Sophomores Mari Grace Harness and Kim Hansen.

Coach Reese had to prepare both teams, that is, scheduling practice times and instruction times, on her own. Clay High School offers no assistant coach for girls' volleyball. Such a position, however, is badly needed as the number of girls turning out for volleyball is steadily growing each and every year. Despite the hard and rigorous times, Coach Reese prevailed and so did the two strong teams.

Sophomore sensation Mari Grace Harness is always prepared for aggressive volleyball action!



The sport of golf isn't just a leisurely stroll around a large green pasture. For the Clay High School varsity golf team, the game is very competitive and versatile. Senior Dallas Stewart led the way as the team marched through its regular season of play. Fellow seniors Michael Gasho, Scott Day, and Nate Payne added additional skill to the team as did Sophomore Josh Skeans and Junior Greg Martin. Guiding the strong team was everfaithful Coach Dick McCleese.

A Red Hot Green.

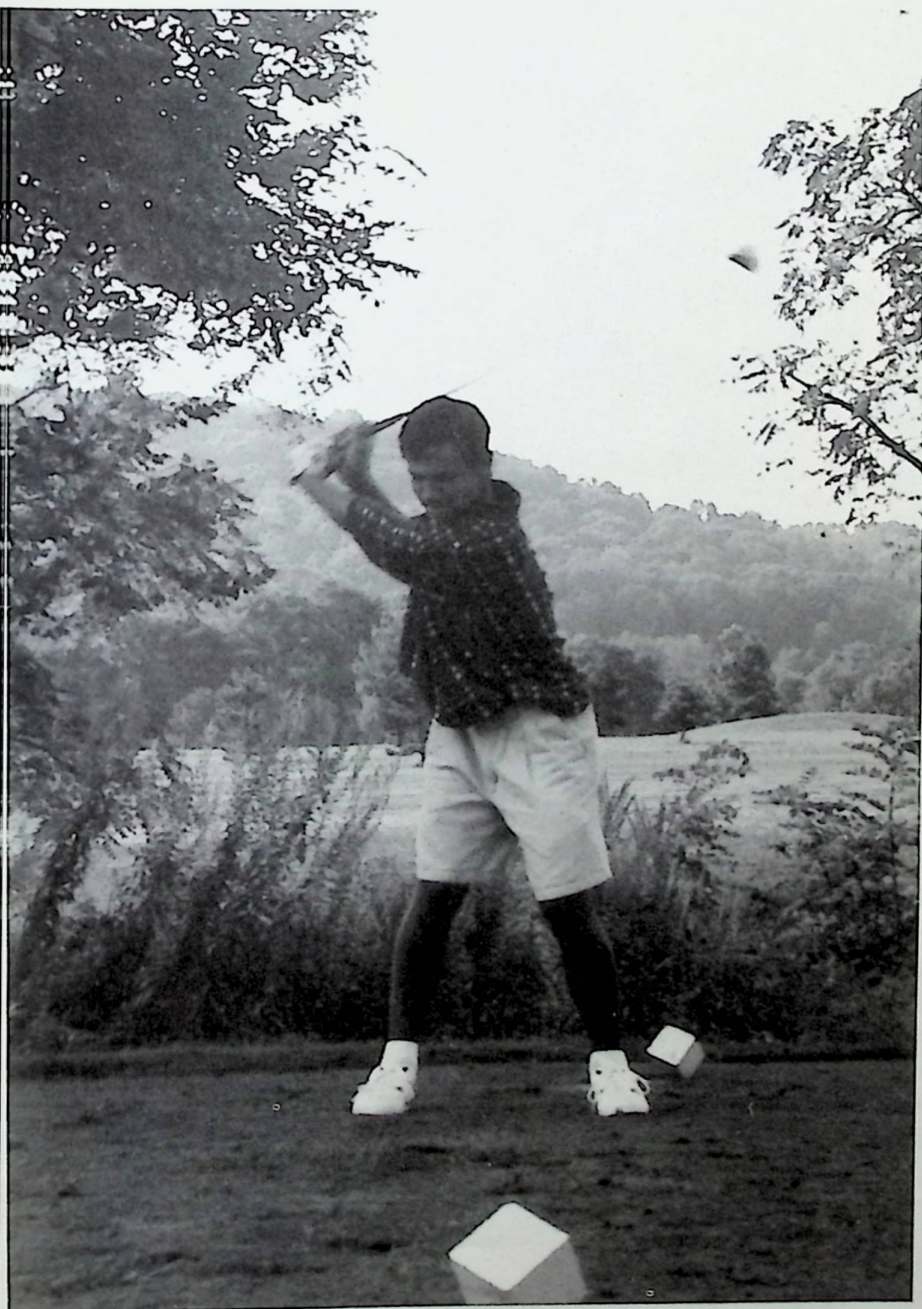
Sophomore Heather Shoemaker was the lone female on the varsity golf team. Heather definitely made her mark!

The season proved to be a highly competitive season for the team personally. That is, with so many talented golfers, team members fought each other to jockey a position. Not only did the senior class have to stave off each other, but the seniors found them-

selves working to gain a starting position from a very talented group of underclassmen. Such a rivalry will indeed help the varsity golf team in the upcoming years.



TOP: Senior Nate Payne lines up his putt. Nate a devoted basketball player joined the golf team to experience a new sport. His membership was well received by the team as senior leadership is always very important as well as needed. MIDDLE: Scott Day provided senior leadership to the very strong golf team. Scott, an avid golfer, enjoyed the competition developed locally as well as developed more personally on the team. BOTTOM: Junior Greg Martin and Sophomore Josh Skeans were vital contributors to the golf team this past season. Both will be called upon in the future.



There could be a Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, or even a Tiger Woods on this team! Who knows? The sport of golf is ever increasing across the country and throughout the world. Clay's very skilled young golfers could wind up making a million dollars a year just enjoying the game they love.

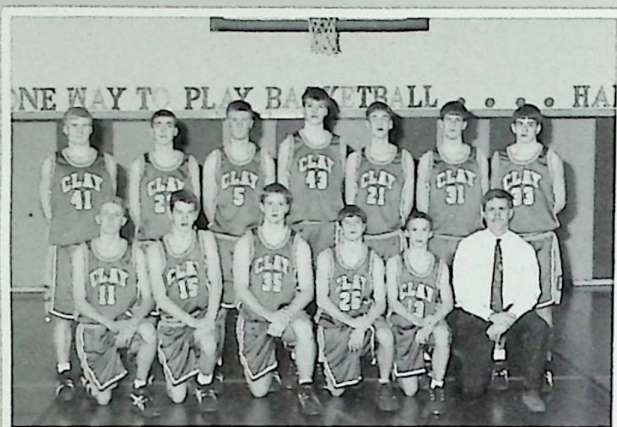


Members of the varsity golf team include Front Row: Scott Day, Michael Gasho, Dallas Stewart, Nate Payne; Row Two: Heather Shoemaker, Steve Johnson, Chad Rayburn, Greg Martin, Eric Oliver, Josh Skeans, and Coach Dick McCleese.

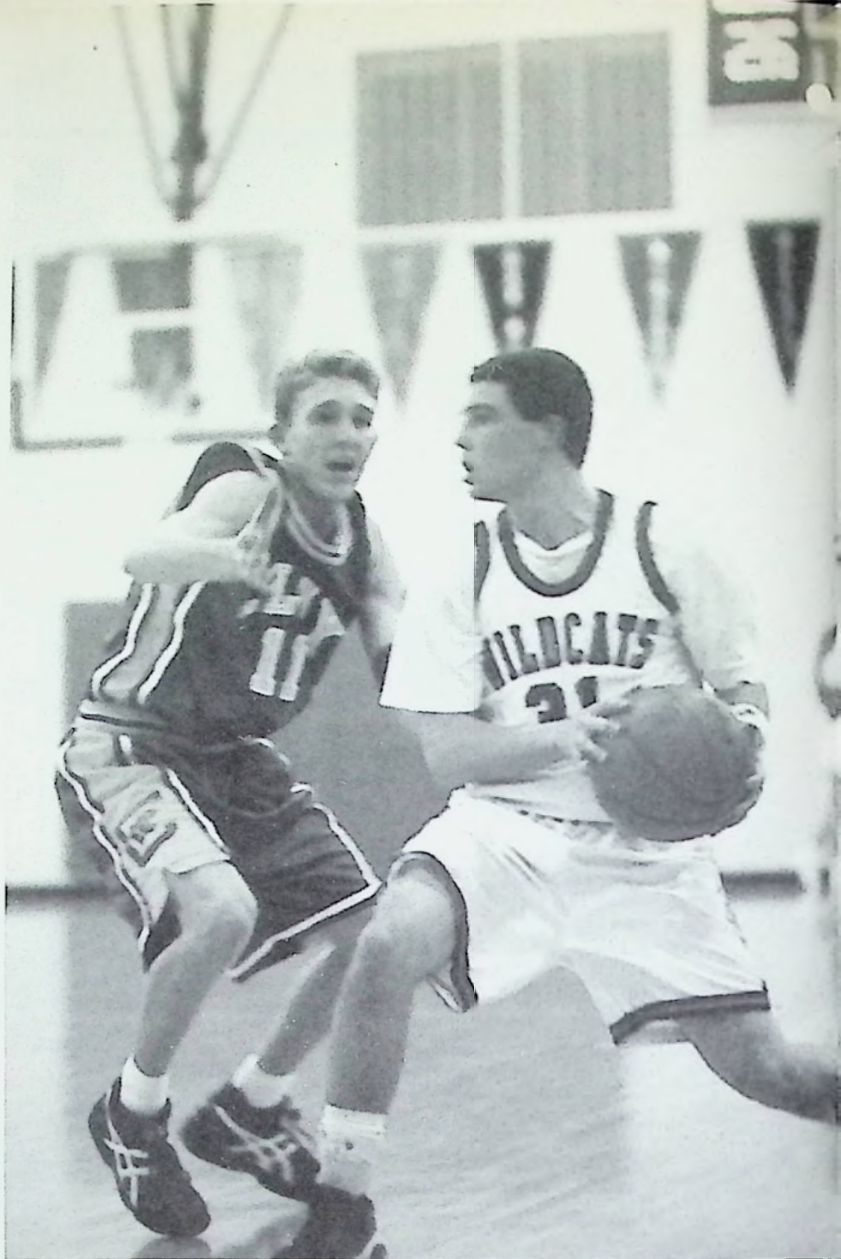


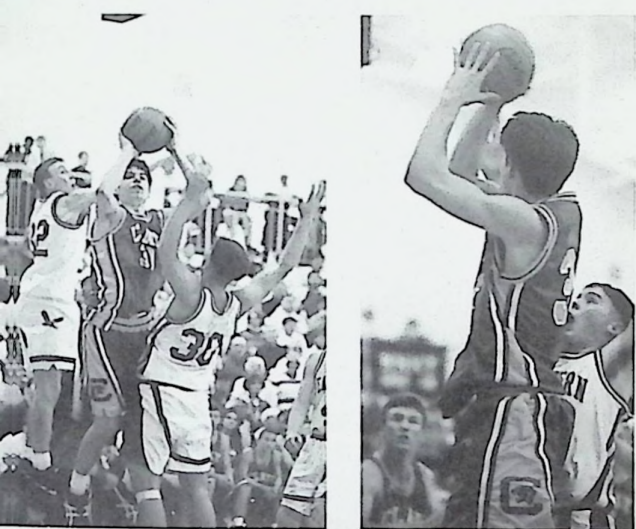
Sophomore Josh Skeans prepares to set his mark on the green against the S.O.C. competition. Josh certainly made his mark on the team as he maneuvered to a position of leader.

Varsity Basketball! Members of the varsity basketball team included Front Row: Nate Payne, Chris Shaffer, Erik Ratcliff, Ryan Martin, Jamie Artis, and Coach Todd Warnock; Row 2: Tim Stevens, Craig Miller, Justin Spradlin, Eric Rodeheffer, Scott Estep, David Spriggs, and Zack Vastine. J.V. Basketball! Members of the J.V. team included Front Row: Jeff Fannin, Beau Vastine, Josh Bloomer, Ryan Martin, Jamie Artis; Row 2: Coach Brian Jackson, Billy Killian, Chad Rayburn, Eric Rodeheffer, Scott Estep, Chris Shaffer, and Randy Menda.



Sophomore Erik Ratcliff uses his strength to position himself among the Manchester players. Erik, a sophomore, was a major contributor to the varsity team.





Coach Todd Warnock pulled out all the stops as his Clay Panthers surprised many in the Southern Ohio Conference. Led by Seniors Nate Payne, Tim Stevens, and Craig Miller, the varsity team hauled in some very impressive wins. Adding to the senior strength was Juniors Zack Vastine, David Spriggs, and Justin Spradlin. Additionally, Sophomore Erik Ratcliff worked extraordinarily hard to manhandle

You Gotta Have Faith!

some varsity playing time.

The varsity team had its ups and downs, but altogether, the team was a surprise to everyone but the coach who had faith in them. Coach Warnock, known for his tough conditioning and practices, knew he had the makings for a very talented ballclub. He only had to make his players believe this as well.

Coach Jackson's junior varsity team proved to be equally impressive. The J.V. team won every game but one.

Senior Tim Stevens takes the ball in for two. Tim used his athleticism to help the Panthers battle their conference foes.



Coach Jeff Rase has assembled a girls' basketball team which will survive the test of time. The 1996 edition of the varsity team includes many underclassmen. In fact, Coach Rase will only lose the talents of Brandi DeLotell to graduation. Of course, the loss of Brandi is hard to replace, but the bench from which



The Up And Coming Team!

Senior Brandi DeLotell was the elder-statesman of the team.

Brandi's leadership enabled a young team to emerge on the S.O.C. scene.

to choose looks great. Coach Rase can only be pleased.

This varsity season produced some very hard fought games and some very eager and surprising wins.



While the team missed the athleticism of Mendy Justice for the season, as well as the few weeks without Mari Grace Harness, the underclassmen stood strong as they faced the opposition. Junior Kristy Cottle paced the panthers but was joined by her very talented teammates such as Abby Workman, Tiffany Pollard, Autumn Hysell, and Nikki Spradlin.





Varsity Basketball! Members of the varsity basketball team included Front Row: Bobbie-Jo Graff, Mari Grace Hamess, Tiffany Pollard, Jennifer Brown, Sarah Wallace; Back Row: Coach Jeff Rase, Mendy Justice, Nikki Spradlin, Brandi DeLotell, Autumn Hysell, Abby Workman, Kristy Cottle, and Manager Julie Ratcliff. J.V. Basketball! Members of the J.V. team include Row 1: Bobbie-Jo Graff, Tiffany Pollard, Jennifer Brown, Alison Brammer; Row 2: Coach Jeff Rase, Jennifer Spencer, Autumn Hysell, Nikki Spradlin, and Beth Davis.

Senior Brandi DeLotell goes for the jump ball as the Lady Panthers begin their action with the Glenwood Lady Tigers.

On hand to wish fellow cheerleader Amy Vastine good luck in the Miss River Days pageant are cheerleaders Leanne Robinson, Allison Brammer, Vanessa Downey, Wendy Vastine, Mari Grace Harness, and Jennifer Brown.

Working hard to root the team on are cheerleaders Kim Hansen, Debi Harris, Brandi DeLotell, Julie Liddle, and Amanda Brown. Debi, Brandi, Julie, and Amanda are Seniors while Kim is a Sophomore.



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: Members of the squad include Kathy Newman, mascot, Amanda Brown, Julie Liddle, Debi Harris, Brandi DeLotell, Amy Vastine, Vanessa Downey, Kim Hansen, Allison Brammer, Wendy Vastine, Leanne Robinson, Mari Grace Harness, and Jennifer Brown.

Riding high upon the River Days float for cheerleaders are Vanessa Downey and Mari Grace Harness. Vanessa is a first year member of the cheerleading squad while Mari Grace enters her second straight year of cheerleading.



Amanda Brown, Debi Harris, and Julie Liddle are senior friends. This trio will be missed by the entire school as their pep enthusiasm could really fire up the crowd. These three were truly some of the best that Clay had to offer.



Let's Go!

Cheerleaders work hard to improve skills. All work to improve crowd participation.

It may look easy but cheerleaders truly have a difficult job at Clay High School. The school is known for its low-key student section. Because of this, it is very hard for the cheerleaders to get the spirits up of these sedentary students. The varsity cheerleaders, however, worked diligently to pep everyone up.

Miss Reese served as the varsity cheerleading advisor this year. Her

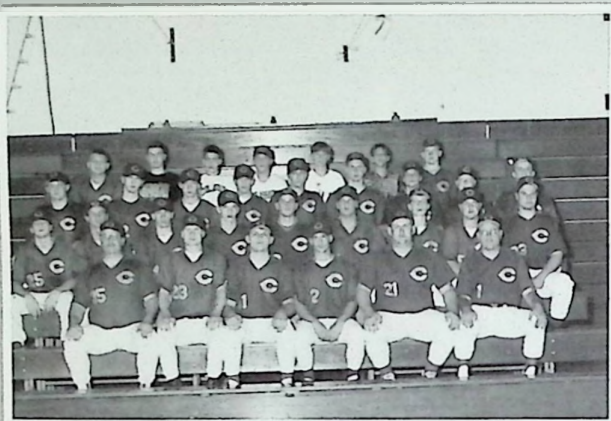
job is even harder than that of the cheerleaders. After all, it is the advisor's responsibility to try to maintain order and civility among the cheerleaders. As is always the case, cheerleaders can prove to be the most difficult beings on Earth.

Although there were ups and downs, the varsity cheerleaders got the job done! The crowds seem to respond to this year's squad.



Miss Reese, Clay's resident artist, served as the advisor to the varsity cheerleading squad. Miss Reese worked with a squad consisting of six seniors, one junior, two sophomores, and four freshmen.

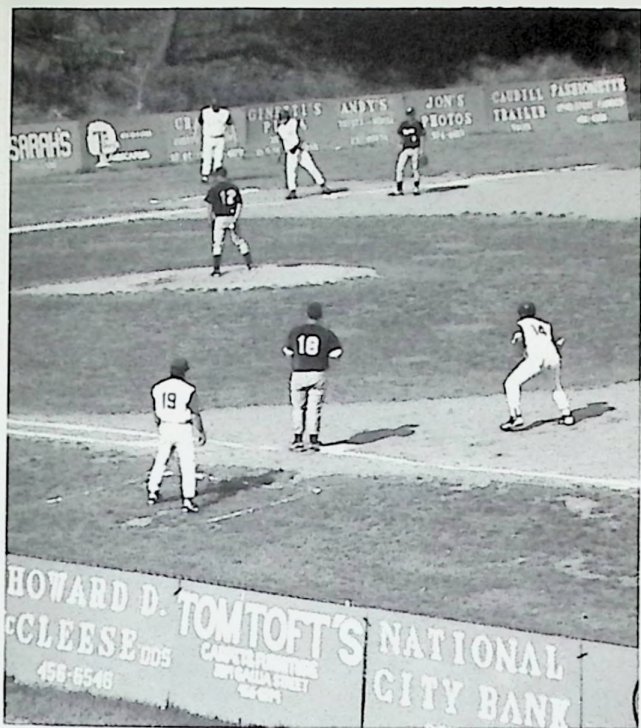
Brandi DeLotell, Jennifer Brown, and Allison Brammer scream and cheer for their Panthers. Such work is hard to do when you're confined to the small gymnasium at New Boston High School. The cheerleaders have to work extra hard there.



Varsity Baseball! Members of the varsity baseball team included Front row: Assistant Coach Mark Trapp, Tim Stevens, Scott Day, Dallas Stewart, Coach Ron Allen, Coach Dick McCleese; Row 2: Ryan Martin, Josh Skeans, Josh Bloomer, Chris Shaffer, Greg Martin, Jason Williams, Steve Johnson, B.J. Newman, Andrew Home; Row 3: Nicholas Kongos, Bill Runyon, Randy Menda, Chad Rayburn, Steve Harness, Erik Ratcliff, Chris Pridemore, John Thomsberry, Shawn Stratton; Row 4: Managers Chris Day, Benji Richard, Joey McCleese, Matt Large, Derek Hodkinson, Aaron Payne, and Tim Shaffer.

Junior hurler
Greg Martin
fires a fastball
right at the
opposition.
Greg was the
usual starter for
the Panthers.
Greg's skills
improved
greatly as the
season wore
on.





"Take me out to the ballpark" is a very popular cry for many young baseball fans. Well, for many high school boys, the sentiment works just as well for them. For the last couple of years, Coaches Dick McCleese and Ron Allen have been building some very positive momentum as the boys have been coming out in droves to play the original American pastime.

A League Of Their Own.

The 1996 edition of the Panther baseball team included All-S.O.C. player Dallas Stewart. Dallas, a graduating senior, enjoyed a very successful year. For his efforts, Dallas will be playing baseball for the Morehead State University Eagles baseball team.

For those who sit and wait the time seems to never just fly by. But with a new season and graduation, starting positions are usually up for the grabs!



While wins did not come easy for the varsity team, improvement was seen and underclassmen were challenged early in some key starting positions. For these younger guys, baseball at Clay High School Will prove to be a busy sport as they will play for several successive years.



Many say tennis is the sport of ladies and gentlemen. This is especially true when you're playing at Wimbledon. On the high school courts, however, tennis is just another hard fought sport with many different and colorful competitors. Well, Coach Carol Vice's squad was no exception!

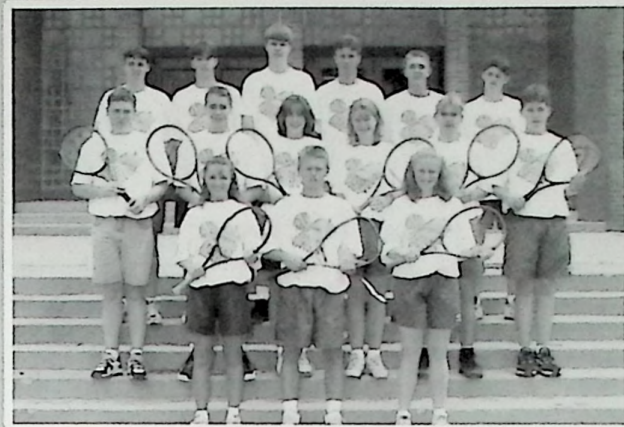
In This Game, Love Stinks!

David Spriggs bypassed baseball to join the varsity tennis team as the number one singles player. David quickly showed his tennis skills.

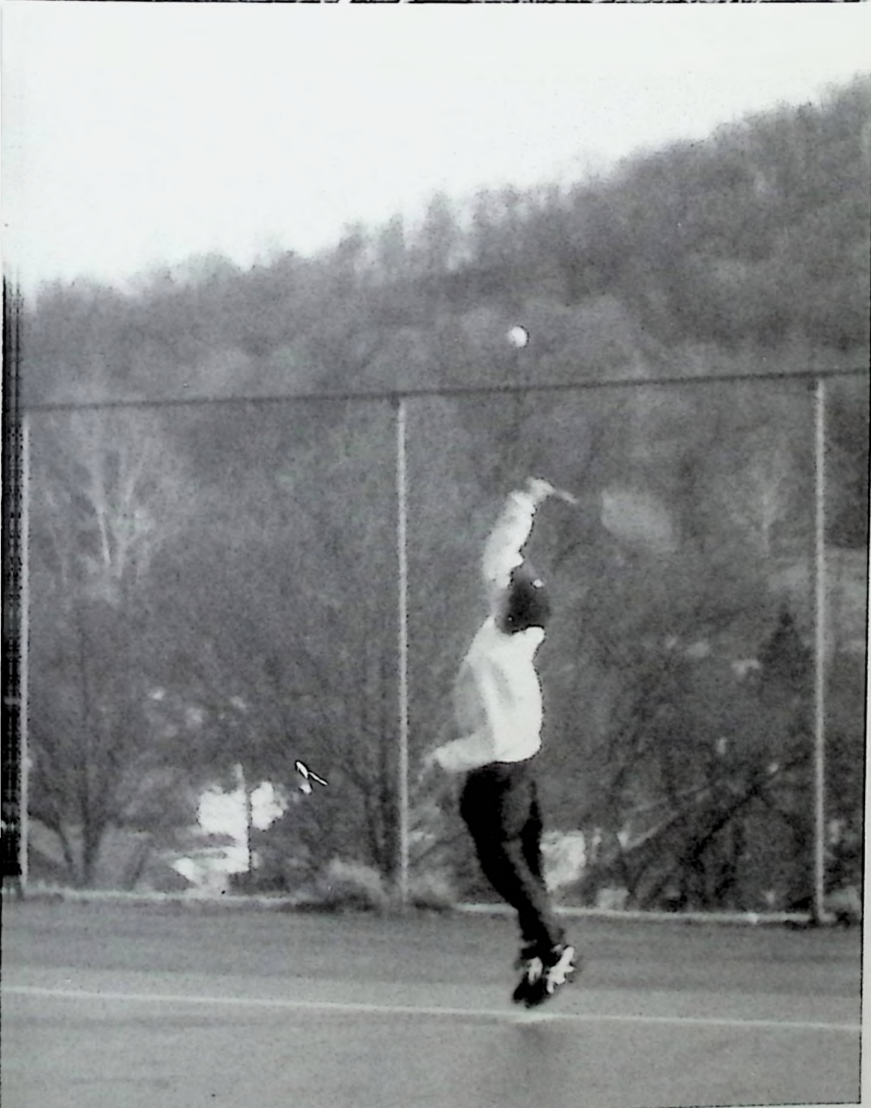
Leading the team was Senior Craig Miller. Craig was a four year member of the varsity tennis team. He participated this year at second singles. Craig gladly accepted this role when Junior David Spriggs decided to join the team. This one-two combination really

sparked the entire team. Other strong members of the team included Seniors Nate Payne and Clay Charles. When he was well, Junior Justin Spradlin was a big contributor to the team. Sophomores Mari Grace Harness and Jason Bloomfield, along with rising star Jeff Fannin, a freshman, worked hard with the other varsity members to unleash Clay's best tennis team in history!



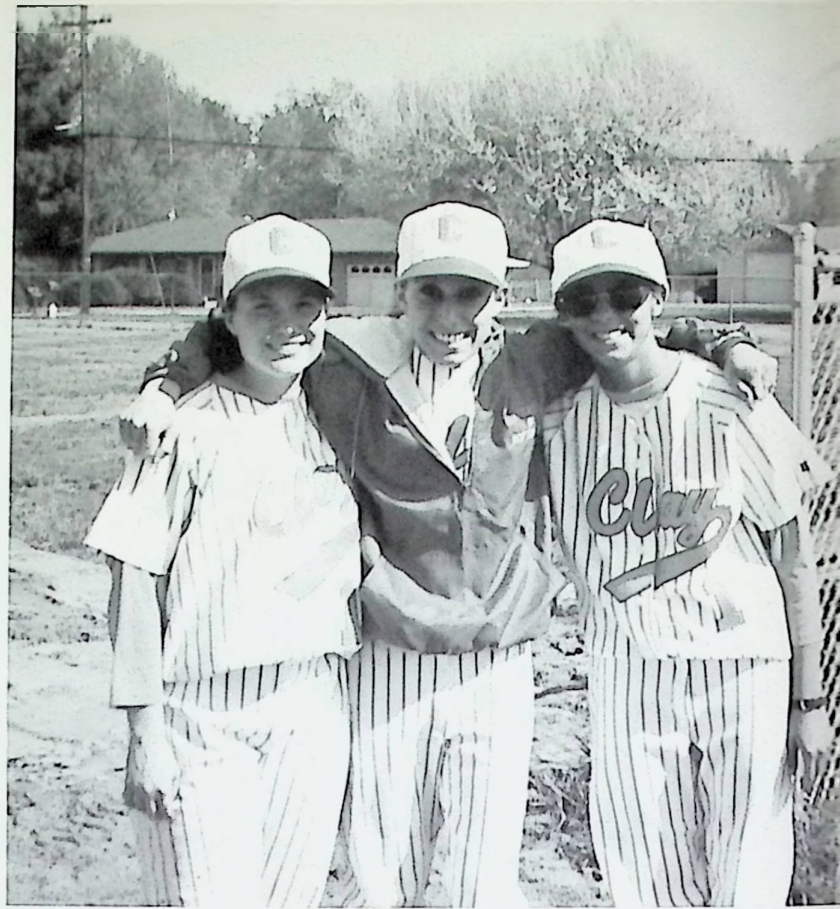


Members of the varsity tennis team included Front Row: Alison Brammer, Jeff Fannin, Mari Grace Harness; Row 2: Jason Bloomfield, Beau Vastine, Autumn Hysell, Nikki Spradlin, Patrick Fitzer, Gary Eldridge; Row 3: Craig Miller, David Spriggs, Eric Rodeheffer, Justin Spradlin, Nate Payne, and Clay Charles. The varsity team was coached by Mrs. Carol Vice. This '96 edition of the tennis team posted victories over Valley, Waverly, West, and New Boston.



Serving is a major part of the game. Here, Senior Craig Miller demonstrates the importance of a proper toss. Craig is practicing at the team's Rosemount courts.

Seniors Courtney Patterson, Amy Vastine, and Kristi Vournazos helped lead the panthers to another appearance in the Regional Finals. Their graduation will be sorely missed by the softball program.



Varsity Softball! Members of the varsity softball team include Front Row: Amanda Thornberry, Amy Vastine, Courtney Patterson, Kristi Vournazos; Row 2: Sarah Wallace, Bobbie-Jo Graff, LeighAnn Binion, Beth Davis, Jennifer Brown, Denise Gasho; Row 3: Manager Amanda Spriggs, Wendy Vastine, Abby Workman, Kristy Cottle, Jennifer Spencer, Tiffany Pollard, and Manager Sara Workman.





If a person could make one prediction concerning sports and sporting events, that prediction should include the Clay High School girls' softball team making to the Regionals. The Clay tradition is unparalleled. No other school in Southern Ohio can boast the success that the Clay team has faithfully compiled. And again, the '96 edition of girls' softball at

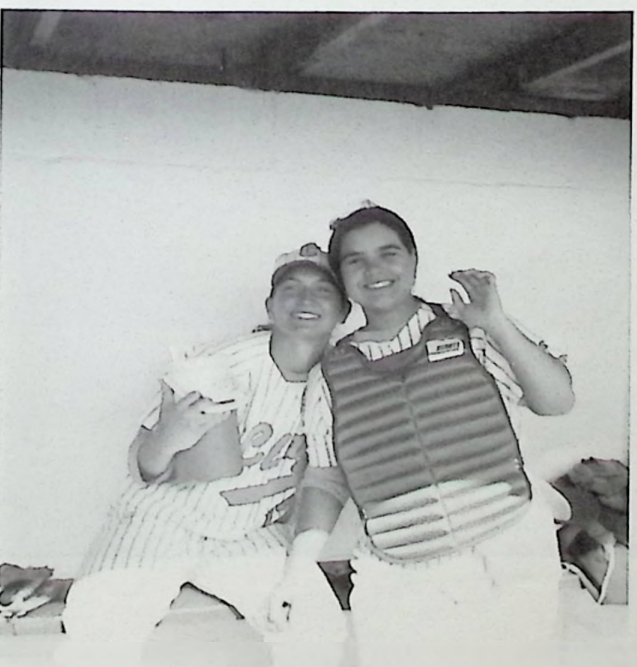
The Dynasty Continues!



Clay lived up to that tradition.

Led by junior ace Kristy Cottle on the mound, the panthers once again advanced to the round of eight teams left in state softball competition. But, like last year, the team missed the state tournament by one game. While that milestone was disappointing, the girls did enjoy winning the S.O.C. again! As well, the girls secured sectional and district championships.

Kristy Cottle, a junior, powered the softball team at the plate as well as on the pitcher's mound.



Coach Teresa Ruby and her gang worked the girls hard so that the Clay softball tradition continued. No doubt next year's crystal ball will be signalling the same success story.



Killer Serve! Eighth grader Amanda Spriggs provides the killer punch that the eighth grade volleyball team needed. Besides volleyball, Amanda also "served" as an 8th Grade Student Council representative.

Conference Time. Coach Ron Allen greets his eighth grade boys' basketball team in the huddle with some words of encouragement and advice. This 8th grade team provided some hard fought victories and quality entertainment.



Junior High Cheerleaders! Members of the cheerleading squad include Tarrah Evans, Ashleigh Clark, Kim Clark, Rachel Vrbanic, Tonia Miller, Melissa Bloomer, and Christi Gilliam.

Reaching In! Chris Day, a member of the talented 8th Grade Boys' Basketball team, is shown warming up before the start of the game with South Webster. Chris was a powerful player for Coach Allen's team.



The 8th Grade Athletes

ONE WAY TO PLAY BASKETBALL HARD



8th Grade Girls' Basketball

Front Row: Amy Hightower, Jennifer Skeans, Leigha King, Christy Knauff, Lorrie Benner. Back Row: Coach Arnold King, Emily Hempill, Angel Pay, Sara Workman, Amanda Blair, and Manager Carolyn Yates.

ONE WAY TO PLAY BASKETBALL HARD



8th Grade Boys' Basketball

Front Row: Chris Day, Aaron Payne, Noah Riggs, Derek Hodkinson. Back Row: Matt Large, Benji Richard, Dustin Hall, and Tim Shaffer. Not Pictured: Coach Ron Allen



8th Grade Girls' Volleyball

Front Row: Crystal Bennington, Leigha King, Christy Knauff, Cassie Clark, Emily Hempill. Back Row: Coach Arnold King, Emily Carr, Amanda Spriggs, Sara Workman, and Lorrie Benner.

More teams than ever provide extra excitement for an already exciting junior high school. Junior High athletes have plenty to do.

A Hot Time In The Junior High!



D-E-F-E-N-S-E! Angel Pay, Sara Workman, Emily Hempill, Leigha King, and Jennifer Skeans, also known as the fabulous five, were no match for many county junior high teams. These girls were definitely fun to watch.

Let's Go Blue! Seventh Grader Ashleigh Clark worked the crowd at an 8th grade boys' basketball game. Ashleigh, a cheerleader, helped liven up the large crowds that usually come to see the junior high in action.

Preparation. Benji Richard and Matt Large, members of the 8th grade team, take their warm up time very seriously. Both saw plenty of action on an 8th grade team which produced several wins for C.J.H.S.

The 7th Grade Athletes



7th Grade Girls' Volleyball

Front Row: Brandy Summers, Melissa Bloomer, Amy Reiser, Tarrah Evans, Rachel Vrbanic. Back Row: Coach Arnold King, Johanna Richards, Brooke Vaughters, Brooke Fitch, Heather Bihl, and Elizabeth Bostick.



7th Grade Boys' Basketball

Front Row: Wade Kotcamp, Robbie Huff, Joey Hansen, Eric Martin, Jason Van-Deusen, Jimmy Harness. Back Row: Brandon Smith, Joey McCleese, Lucas McGlone, Scott Winebrenner, Michael Craft, and Joey Hammonds.

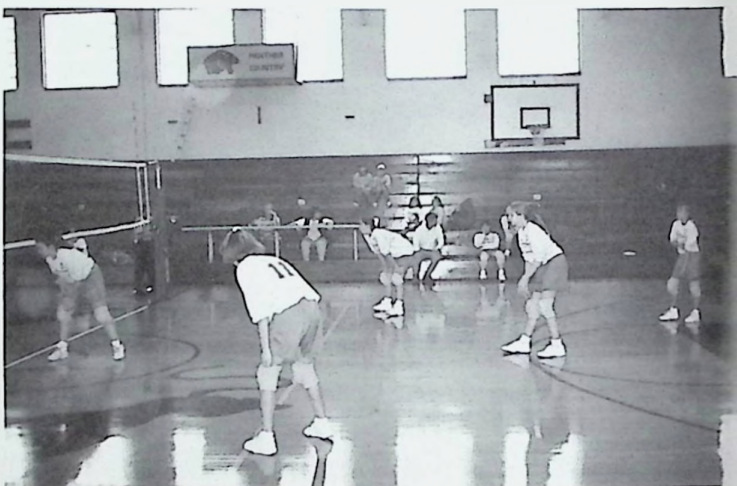


7th Grade Girls' Basketball

Front Row: Elizabeth Bostick, Melissa Bloomer, Brandy Summers. Back Row: Coach Arnold King, Heather Bihl, Brooke Fitch, and Brooke Vaughters.

Time Out! Eighth grade cheerleader Kim Clark takes a few moments for herself. Being a junior high cheerleader at Clay isn't too easy as you must cheer for several teams.

Strategy Session! Coach Arnold King gathers his 8th grade girls' basketball team for a few seconds of strategic planning. Coach King volunteers his services to almost all junior high athletic teams.



Bring it on! The 8th grade girls' volleyball team is shown ready for the action to begin. These girls were learning how to bump, set, and spike so that they will be fully prepared for high school volleyball.

Small But Mighty! Eighth grader Cassie Clark was a solid participant in the new junior high volleyball program. Cassie will be a strong contender for a starting junior varsity position next year.



Girls' Volleyball was new to the scene this school year. Its introduction brought a new outlet to many junior high girls.

The Action Was Hotter Than Ever!

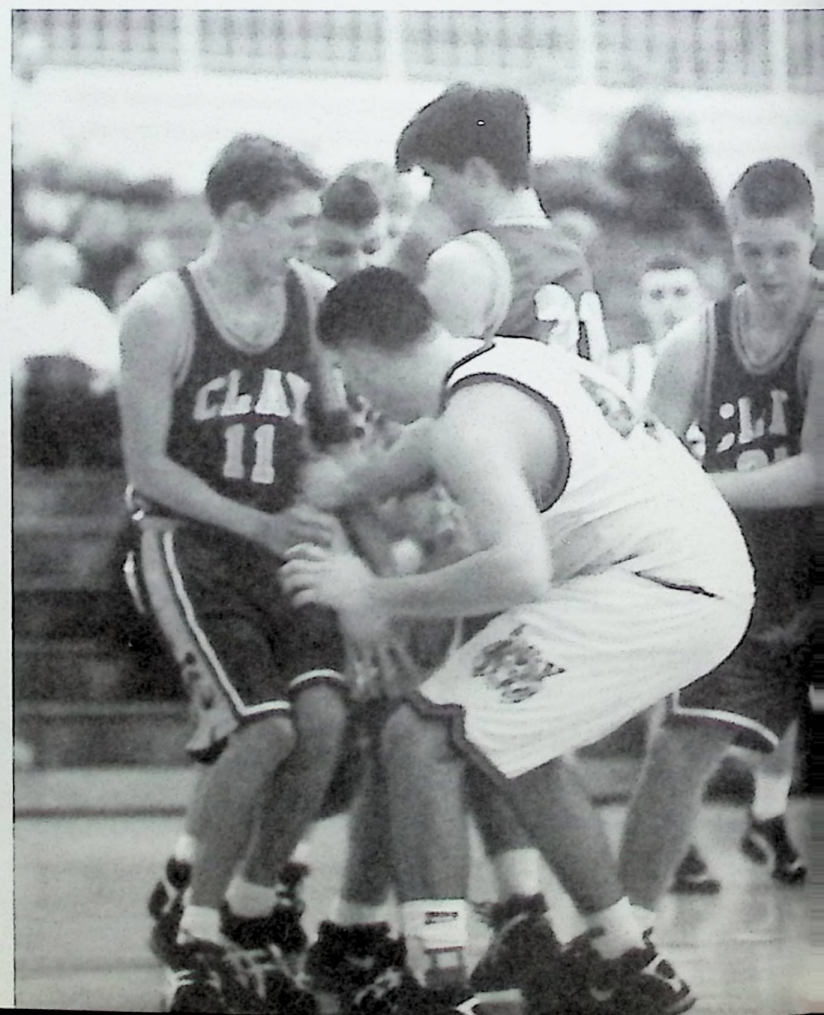
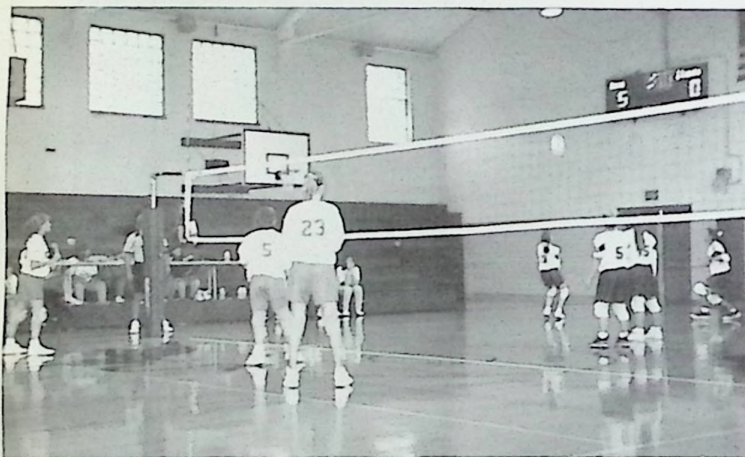


We're Waiting! Members of the 8th grade girls' basketball team wait for the basketballs during pre-game warmup. The team saw a very good turnout as several girls re-entered the world of basketball.

Hard Work Pays Off! Listening to your coach can certainly pay off. For the 8th grade boys' basketball team, the message was always clear as Coach Allen's voice was not hard to hear or understand.



A Serving Line. Several of the junior high girls' volleyball team members are shown practicing their serving before the start of their match. Junior High volleyball was new to the sports scene this year.

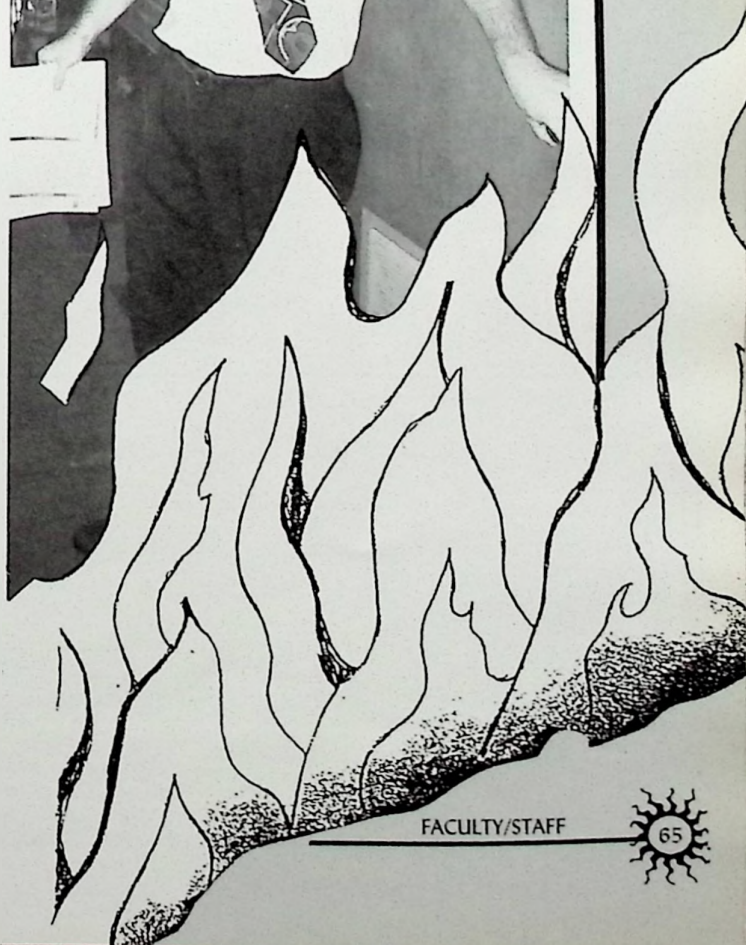


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Teacher's Pet

DO OUR TEACHERS HAVE THEIR FAVORITES?

"My black lab, 'Koty,' gives me unconditional love. He keeps me company and is a great watch dog. When he had cancer he would wear a Clay Panthers t-shirt around the house. Koty has never been alone; he's extremely spoiled. When we go to the bank, instead of a lollipop in the canister, Koty gets doggy treats!" Miss Boldman — Health & P.E.

"I've had my horse 'Barren' for 23 years. As a child I'd always wanted a horse but my father wouldn't allow it because his sister died from a fall of a horse. So when I got my first paycheck I bought Barren. I spent my check on the horse and had to go on a diet until my next paycheck!" Miss Pfleger — English

"My yellow lab, 'Hunter,' minds better than any student I've ever had, as well as my wife. It's about time I finally found someone (or something) that's worthy to be willed my fortune." Mr. Rose — English



Board of Education. Board of Education members include Dr. Howard McCleese, Connie Estep, Bill Warnock, Mark Harris, and Kevin Craft.

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Faculty/Staff



Theodore Adams — Superintendent
B.S. — Ohio University; M.Ed. — Xavier University; Ed. Specialist — Ohio University; Ph.D. — Ohio University



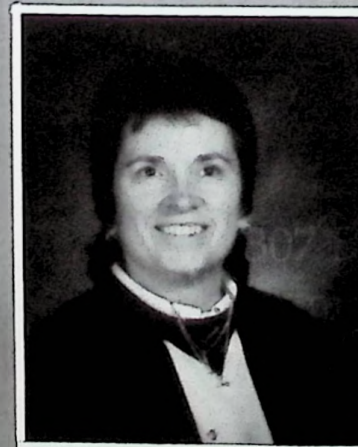
Ron Allen — History
B.A. — Malone College



Ric Allwood — Science
B.S. — The Ohio State University



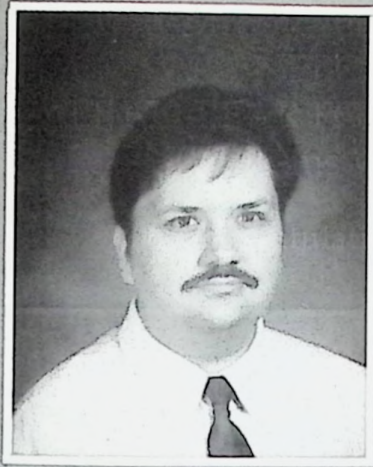
Betty Applegate — Treasurer
A.A.B. — Shawnee State University



Terri Boldman — Health & P.E.
B.S.Ed. — Ohio University; M.S. — University of Dayton



Claudia Brammer — Learning Disabilities
B.S. — Ohio University



Jerry Buckler — Mathematics
B.S. — Rio Grande College; M.Ed. — Ohio University; J.D. — Capital University Law School



Julie Caudill — Teacher's Aide
Portsmouth West High School Graduate



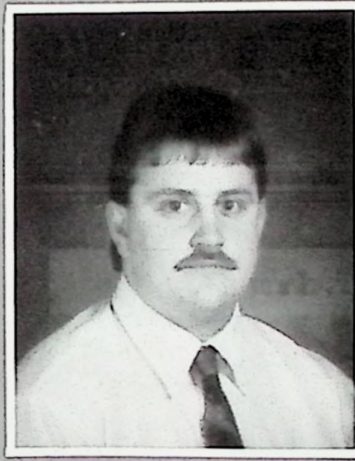
Brian Colley — Science, English
B.S. — Shawnee State University



Gail Craycraft — Technology Coordinator
B.S. — Ohio University



Janet Deal — History, Government
B.S. — Ohio University



Ron Goodson — Study Hall Coordinator
B.A. — Shawnee State University



Rita Graf — Business
A.A.S. — Rio Grande College; B.S. — Rio Grande College



Nora Horsley — Remedial Math and Reading
B.S. — Ohio University



Brian Jackson — Mathematics
B.S. — Rio Grande College

Another detention? Miss Boldman shows her signs of happiness as she learns that there is another fun situation to handle in I.S.S. Miss Boldman serves as Dean of Discipline

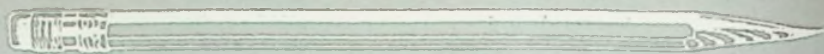


A work-day walk! Mr. Goodson provides guidance for all students who have a study hall. Mr. Goodson, a graduate of Minford High School, is also an avid soccer player and coach.

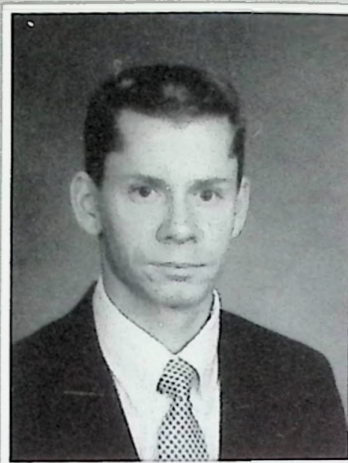
Bouncin' Back! Mrs. Vice is back and better than ever. It is now obvious to everyone that nothing, including illness, can get this great teacher and coach down.



Spanish golf? Is there a difference between playing Spanish golf and playing English golf? If there is an answer to this dubious question only Mr. Liston would know! He is the master of Spanish.



Alan Leichtenheimer — Custodian
Portsmouth High School Graduate



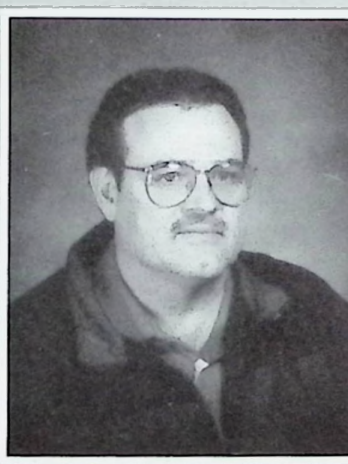
Chester Liston — Spanish
B.S. — The Ohio State University



Kathy Lovenguth — Guidance Counselor
B.S.Ed. — Ohio University, M.S.Ed. — University of Dayton



Alice Maggard — Band, Chorus
B.S. — Ashbury College, M.A. — The Ohio State University



Dick McCleese — Health & P.E.
B.S. — Ohio University



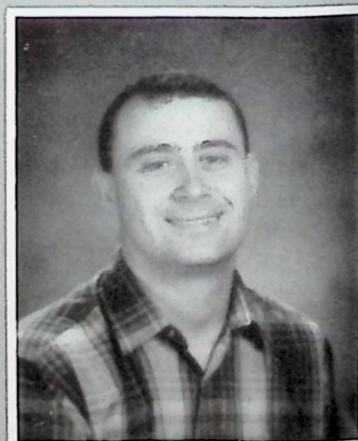
Jean Moore — Home Economics
B.S. — Morehead State University, M.A. — Ohio University



Cindy Parker — Librarian
B.S. — Ohio University, M.Ed. — Ohio University



Mary Ann Ritzler — English
B.A. — Ohio University, M.A. — Ohio University



Jeff Rase — Industrial Arts
B.S. — Morehead State University

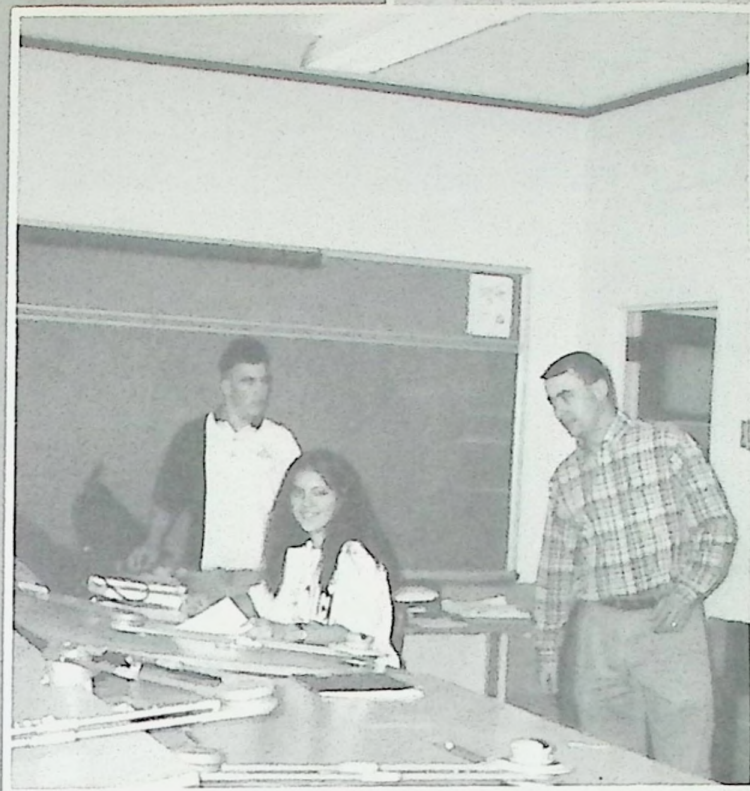
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Carolyn Redden — Orthopedically Handicapped
B.A. — Milligan College



Jane Redding — Secretary
Glenwood High School Graduate



Pam Reese — Art
B.S. — University of Rio Grande



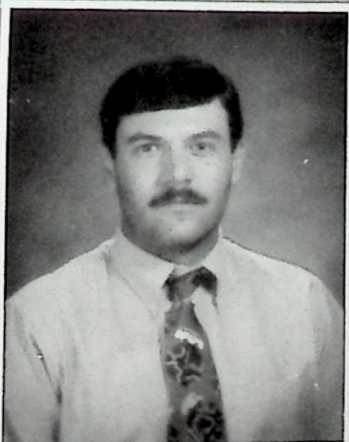
Sherlyene Rice — Science
B.S.Ed. — Ohio University



Arlene Richard — Guidance Secretary
Clay High School Graduate



Josh Rife — Assistant Treasurer
A.A.B. — Shawnee State University
B.S.B.A. — Shawnee State University



Mark Rose — English
B.S.Ed. — Ohio University



Helen Trapp — Secretary
Glenwood High School Graduate



Man for all seasons. David Turner serves the school district in many capacities. Not only does Dave manage to keep the high school rolling but he also transports students to school.

Take This Job And Love It!

What inspired you to enter the teaching profession and what is your reward?

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"When I graduated from high school women could go into two professions — nursing and teaching. I couldn't stand the sight of blood so teaching was the best choice for me. My parents were also teachers so that helped to influence my decision. The rewards I receive from teaching would be seeing teenagers develop into young men and women."

— Mrs. Deal — History

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"The reason I went into teaching was a chance to help educate the future because the future generations will be the ones to take care of us. My reward is seeing that I made a difference in someone's life."

Mr. Goodson — Study Hall Coordinator

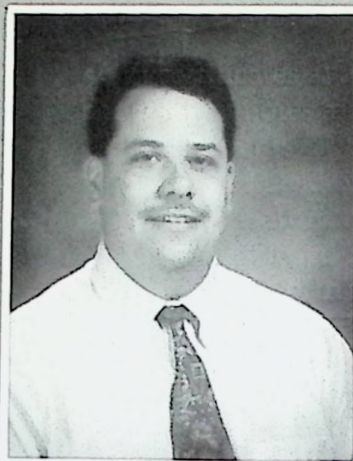


Food for thought. Audrey Erwin and Inga Locher serve the district by serving nutritious meals each and every day. Their duties are sometimes overlooked and under-appreciated.

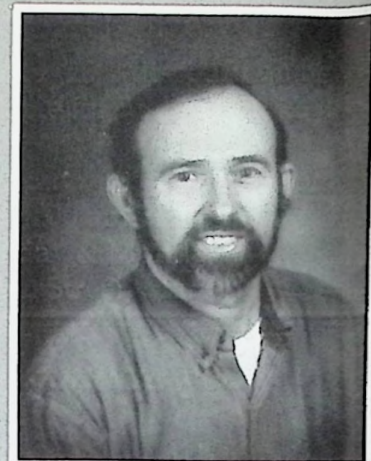


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Mark Trapp — J.O.G.S. Coordinator
A.A.S. — Shawnee State Community College



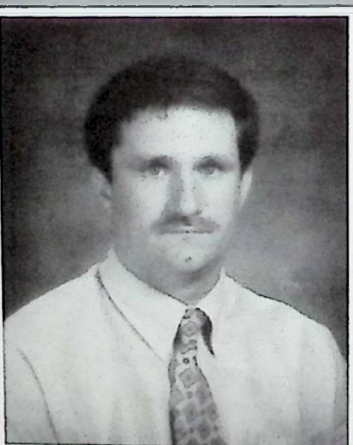
David Turner — Custodian Maintenance
Glenwood High School Graduate



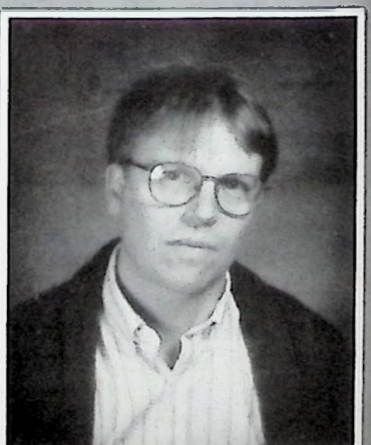
Carol Vice — Developmentally Handicapped
B.S. — Ohio University



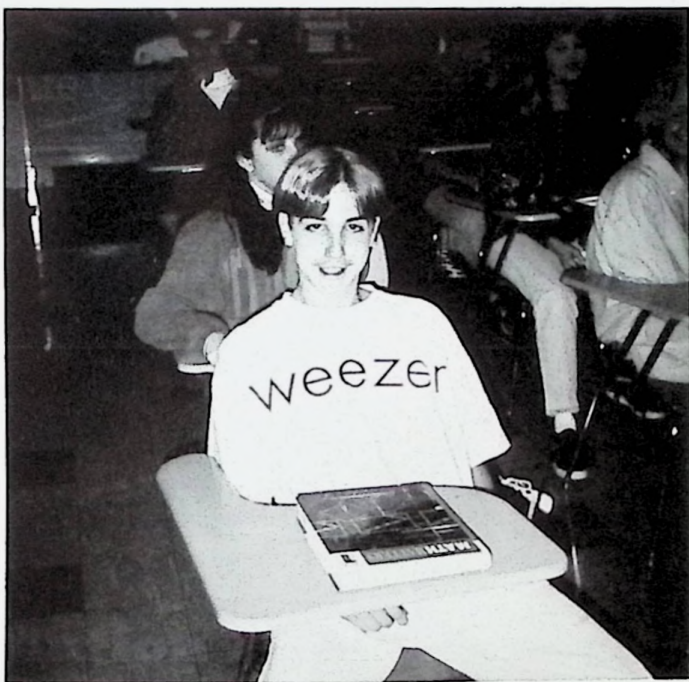
Rodney Walker — Principal
B.S. Ed. — Ohio University, M.Ed. — Ohio University



Todd Warnock — O.W.A. Coordinator
B.A. — Marietta College



John Wittenmeyer — Teacher's Aide
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Classes

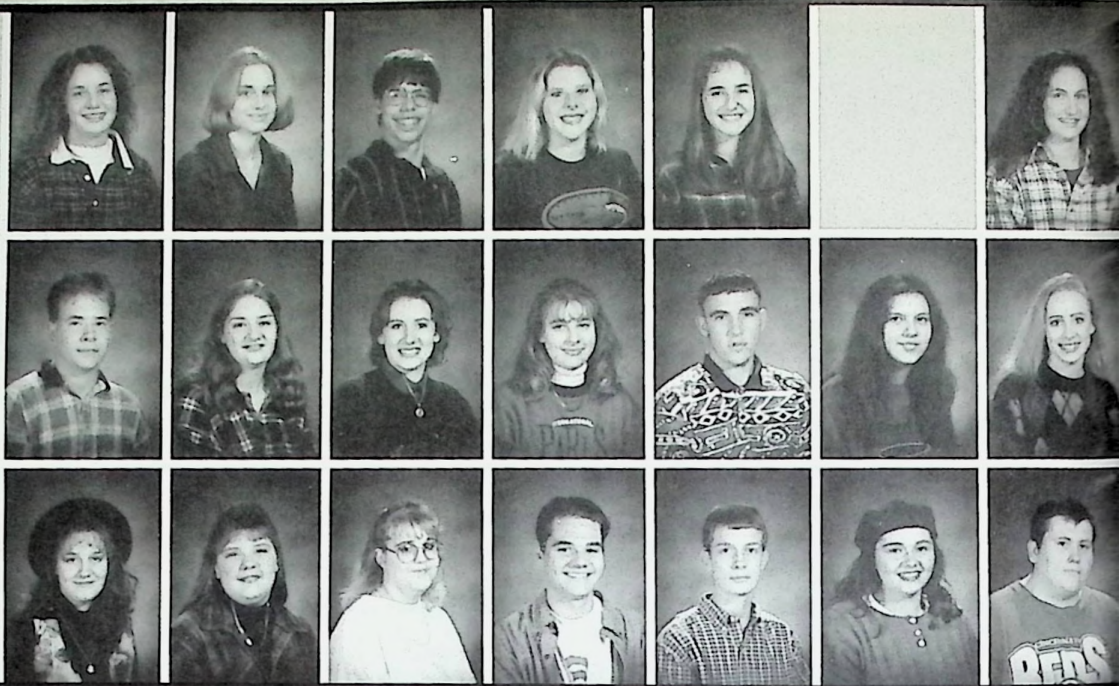
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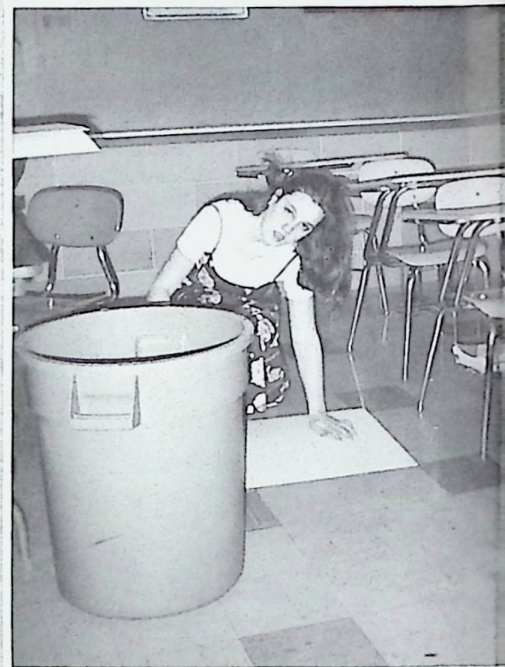
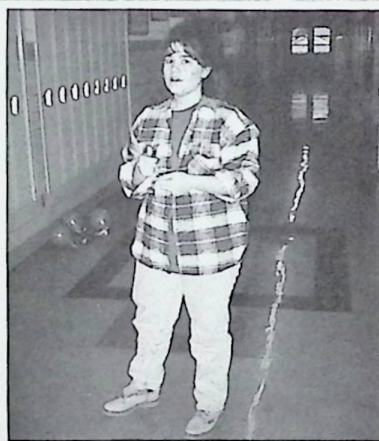
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Downey, Vanessa
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Eckstein, Chris
Fisher, Melissa
Fitzer, Jessica

Greene, Rhiannon
Hicks, Sherri
Hoover, Kristi
Home, Andrew
Johnson, Steve
Justice, Mendy
Kimbler, Shaun



CLASS of 1997



Junior Class Officers: For the Class of 1997, the girls ruled the roost! Erica Pelphrey served as vice president, Sarah Wallace held the position of secretary/treasurer, and Kristy Cottle maintained the presidency.





Martin, Greg
Miller, Amy
Partlow, Cory
Pelphrey, Erica
Porter, Joni
Reed, Mike
Sell, Ellen



Shaffer, Lisa
Sosby, Becky
Spencer, Jason
Spradlin, Justin
Spriggs, David
Vastine, Zack



Wallace, Mike
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Warnock, Christina
Whitley, Jason
Williams, Jason



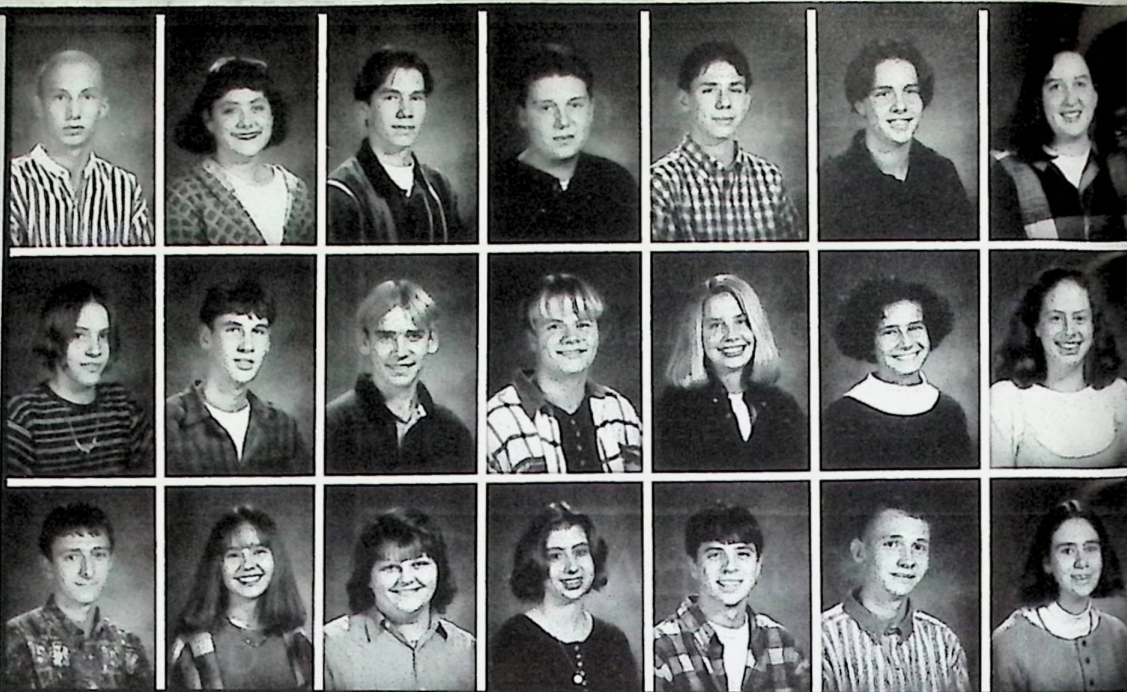
The Ticket. Erica Pelphrey was the Junior Class vice presidential nominee while Kristy Cottle was the presidential nominee. This strong ticket was duly elected as the top officers of the Class of '97.

Prom Friends. Vanessa Downey, Leanna Prater, and Ellen Sell enjoyed a few moments together before the start of the 1996 Prom. Leanna, a Clay vocational school student, visited the Prom to support her friends.

Artis, Jamie
Binion, LeighAnn
Bloomer, Josh
Bloomfield, Jason
Boehm, Tim
Carver, Jason
Dotson, Morgan

Engle, Aaron
Estep, Scott
Fitzer, Patrick
Freauf, Eric
Hansen, Amy
Hansen, Kim
Harness, Mari Grace

Harness, Steve
Howard, Cindy
Johnson, Shelley
Marasek, Cassie
Martin, Ryan
Menda, Randy
Moore, Annie



CLASS of 1998

You Crack Me Up! Mari Grace Harness always chuckles when Mr. Allwood tells those crazy jokes. Mari and her classmates never dreamed that Biology, especially dissecting, would be so much fun.

Class Officers. Sophomore officers included Josh Bloomer, Secretary; Treasurer, Amy Newsome, Vice President, and President Shelley Johnson. These officers worked hard as members of the Student Council.



You Can Never Escape! Cindy Howard and Eric Oliver finally realized that you just cannot escape the yearbook camera. All students, for that matter, know that the camera is somewhere around the corner.



Lost in the 90s. Miss Moore's home economics class is just so free spirited. In fact, as these sophomores indicate, the clothing selection resembles the days of Woodstock. Peace man!



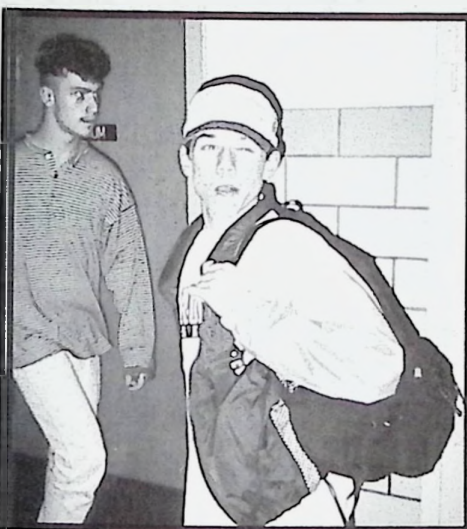
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Musick, Jamie
Newsome, Amy
Oliver, Eric
Phipps, Weston
Ratcliff, Erik
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Rideout, Paul
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Shaffer, Chris
Shoemaker, Heather
Sinclair, Kristen
Skeans, Josh
Sparks, Todd



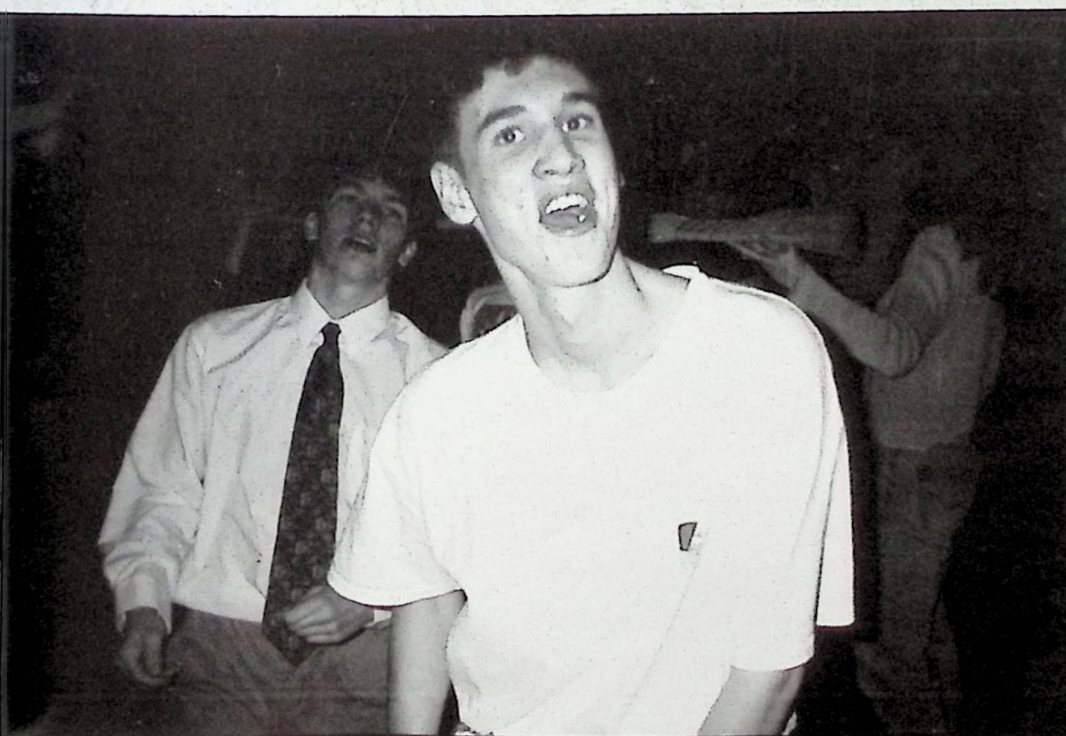
Spencer, Jennifer
Stewart, Mark
Stratton, Shawn
Thompson, Eddie
Wallace, Bridget
Yates, Carolyn



Important Job! Carolyn Yates and Cindy Howard have the very important duty of introducing the marching Panther Band. Carolyn and Cindy have held this position for a couple of years. These girls are the leaders of the pack.

Boogie Down! Eric Rodeheffer is universally known for his stylish demeanor and unbelievable dance moves. Eric participates in basketball, tennis, soccer, and yearbook. Eric especially enjoys helping with junior high dances.

Is Thin In? Scott Estep is shown clowning around during his chaperoning duties at a Yearbook-sponsored junior high dance. Scott has proven himself to be the "king of male dancers" at Clay High School.



Bianco, Mike
Bradley, Aaron
Brammer, Allison
Brown, Jennifer
Crawford, Tabitha
Davis, Beth
Easter, Amanda

Eldridge, Gary
Fannin, Jeff
Foster, Brooke
Gasho, Denise
Gill, John
Graff, Bobbie-Jo
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Hysell, Autumn
Killian, Billy
Kongos, Nicholas
Lane, Bernice
Laxton, Frank

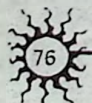
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Miller, Arron
Miller, Stephanie
Newman, B.J.
Osborne, Jessica
Penwell, Krista
Pollard, Tiffany



CLASS of 1999



Freshmen Class Officers. Representing the Class of 1999 were Wendy Vastine, Vice President, Jennifer Brown, Secretary/Treasurer, and President Tiffany Pollard. Obviously, the ladies ruled the roost.



FRESHMEN

In Memory



05/30
1980

04/04
1996

Timmy Kimbler

Remembering When

His beautiful blue eyes with heavy rimmed glasses covering them up.

His cute little laugh sounded almost like a flute playing, light and soft.

His funny little remarks made everyone grin.

It isn't hard remembering when.

*In Memory of Timmy Kimbler
Written by Kerri Jennifer Lute*



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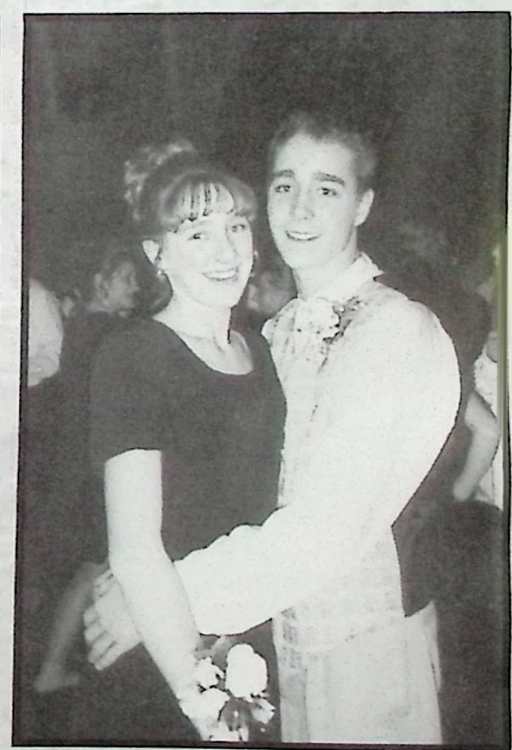
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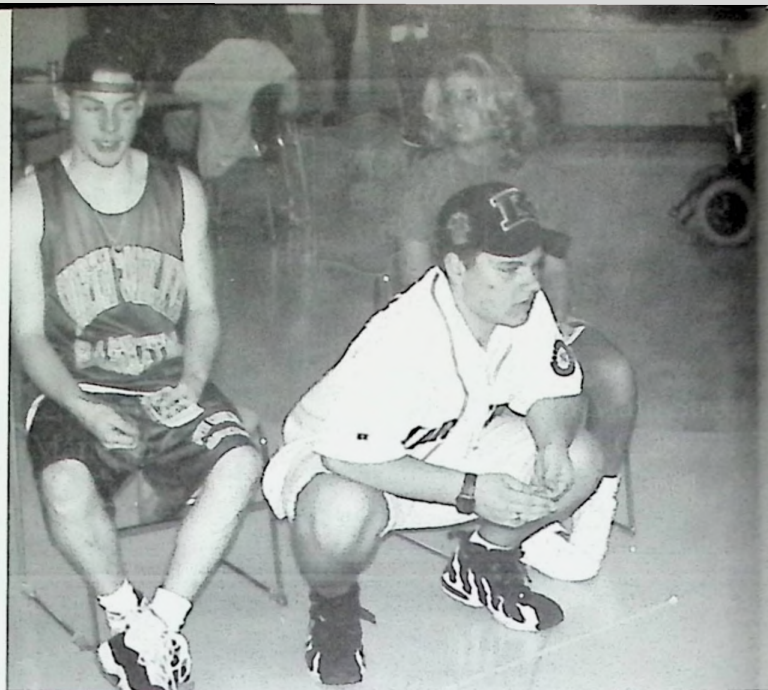
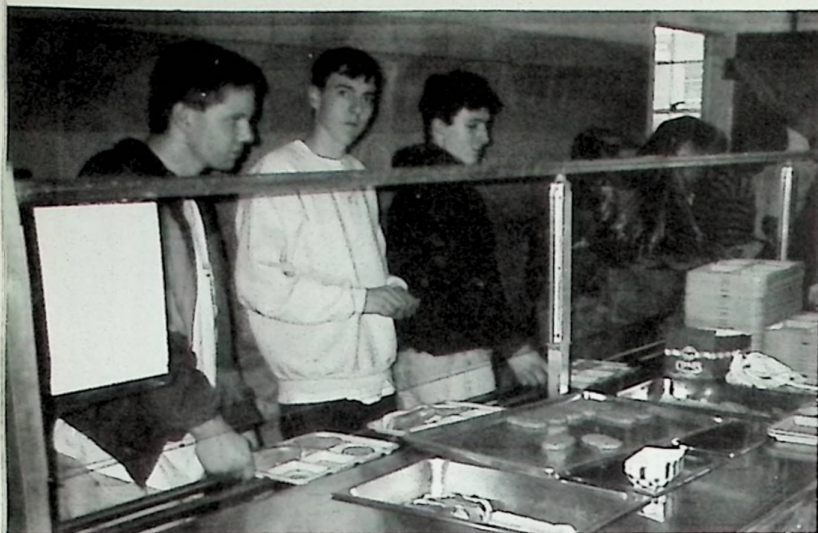
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The Dream Team! Autumn Hysell and Beau Vastine just seem to make the perfect couple. Autumn and Beau have been dating regularly for a lengthy period of time. Both participate in basketball and tennis.

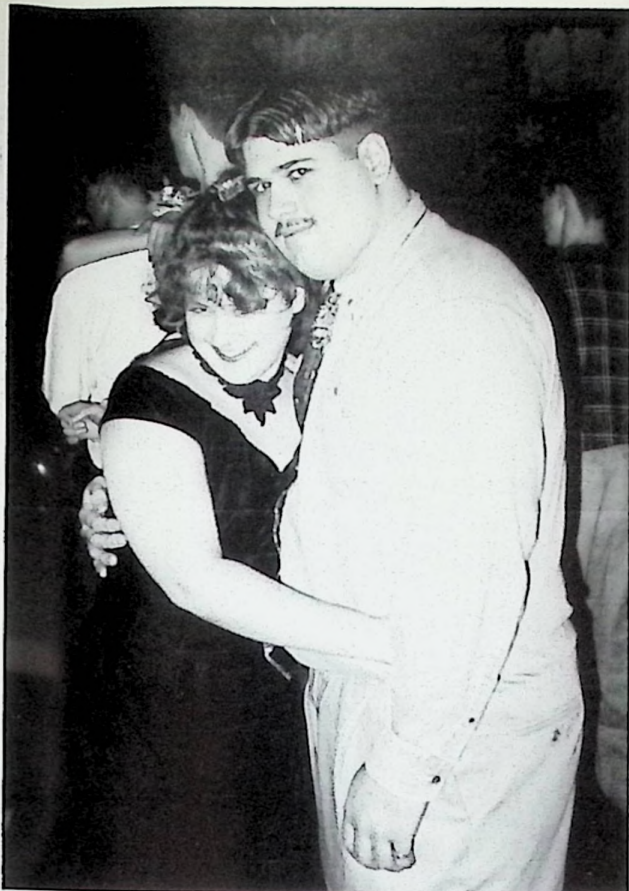


Wake up little Billy! Denise Gasho surely doesn't have to hold Billy Killian up as they dance! Billy must have been having a great time if he fell asleep. Maybe that look is just his "cool" look and not his sleepy look.



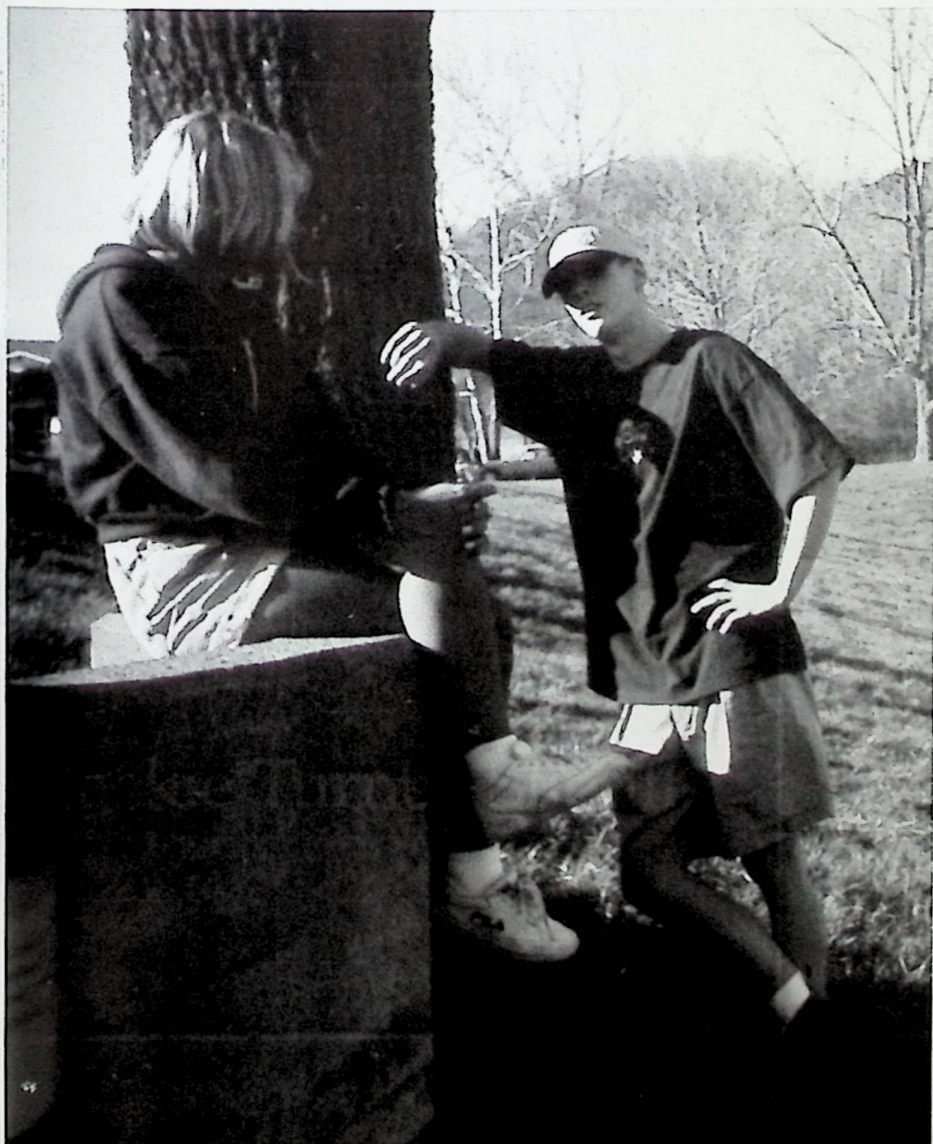
All Smiles! Leslie Burton shows off her trademark smile. Friendly to everyone, Leslie smiles because she genuinely enjoys being with her friends at school.

Basketball Buddies! Sophomore Jamie A. and Juniors David Spriggs and Zack Vasquez enjoy the food at the winter sports banquet. All three young men played basketball.



Just Hub Me! LeighAnn Binion holds on tight to her date for the 1996 Homecoming festivities. LeighAnn, a sophomore, enjoyed the special atmosphere of the dance held in the gymnasium.

Spanish Fiesta! Juniors Greg Martin and Crystal Bender lead the underclassmen in partying in Mr. Liston's room. As usual, Mr. Liston provided quality entertainment for his students.



Amett, Chris
Bender, Alison
Benner, Courtney
Benner, Lorrie
Bennington, Crystal
Blair, Amanda
Carr, Emily



Clark, Cassie
Clark, Kim
Collett, Candy
Cook, Mindy
Craig, Jamie
Day, Chris
Dixon, Jessica



Foster, Beth
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Haal, Tony
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Horton, Rosetta
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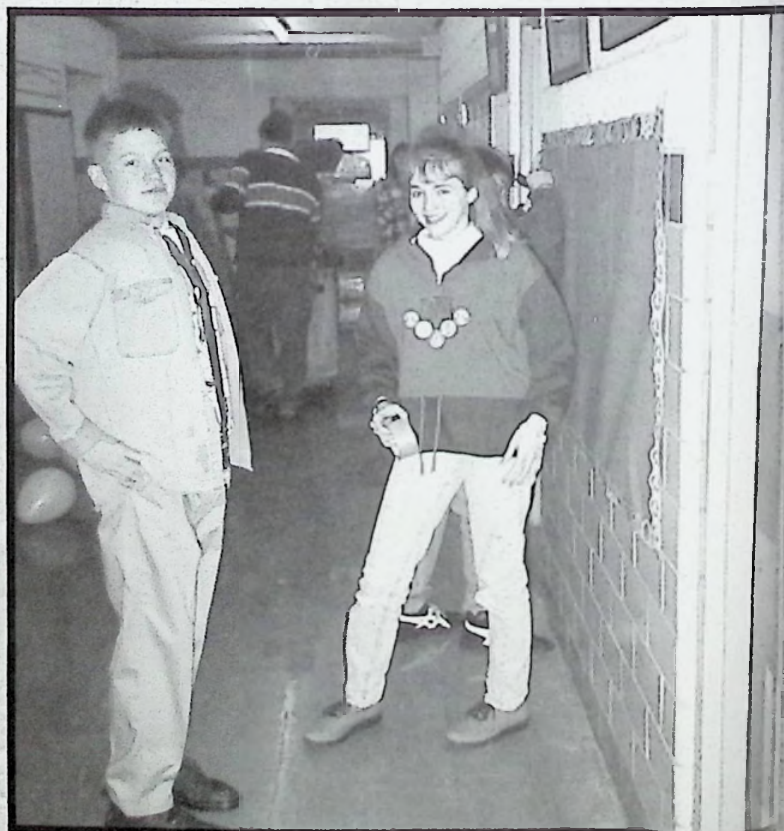


CLASS of 2000



Here We Are! Allison Kimbler, Misty Pauley, Jessica Singer, and Melanie Howell take a breather at the exciting junior high dance. These girls are amazed at the flash in the darkness.

Okay, We're Cool! Tim Shaffer sucks it in as Emily Carr laughs at Tim's attempt to show off his muscular self. Tim and Emily helped decorate the eighth grade hall in the homecoming decorating contest.





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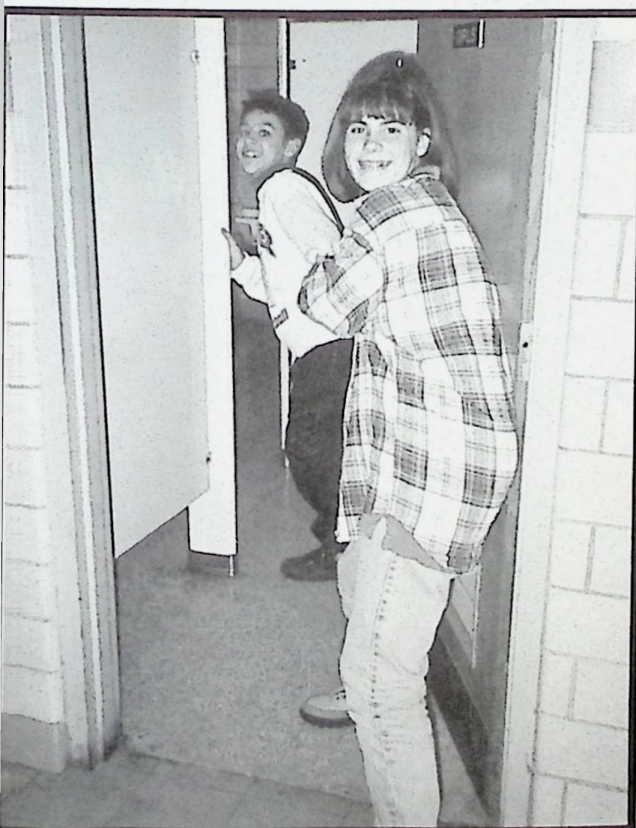
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Skeans, Jennifer
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Southworth, Kristy



Sparks, Tim
Spriggs, Amanda
Thompson, Jason
Williams, Ashley
Williams, Taylor
Winston, Rocky
Workman, Sara



Student Council Members! Amanda Spriggs and Aaron Payne were elected to be the 8th grade student council representatives. Amanda and Aaron were two very productive members of the group as they were always willing to work.



Principal's Secretary. Amanda Blair performed her O.W.A. duties in the confines of Mr. Walker's office. Amanda worked very hard to help the school secretary get the many jobs done that needed to be done.

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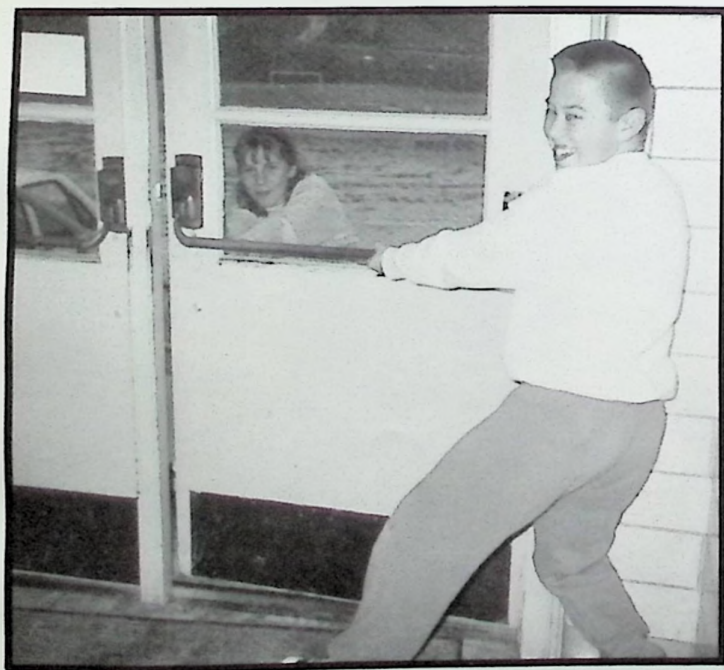
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Groves, Timmy
Hammond, Joey
Haney, Stephanie
Hansen, Joey
Harness, Jimmy

Hixson, Jennifer
Hollis, Andy
Hoover, Michelle
Hoover, Stephanie
Horsley, Kera
Horton, Marcia
Huff, Robbie



CLASS of 2001



Student Council Representatives:
Robbie Huff and Melissa Bloomer represented the seventh grade in all student council functions. These two active seventh graders were always willing to help Mr. Buckler.

7th GRADE

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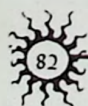
ALICIA CRAFT

A rose once grew where all could see
sheltered beside a garden wall,
And, as the days passed swiftly by,
it spread its branches, straight and tall ...

One day, a beam of light shone through
a crevice that had opened wide —

The rose bent gently toward its warmth
then passed beyond to the other side ...

Now, you who deeply feel its loss,
be comforted — the rose blooms there —
its beauty even greater now,
nurtured by God's own loving care.





Kirkpatrick, John
Kirkpatrick, Josh
Kotcamp, Wade
Louderback, Brian
Lute, Krystal
Luther, Jason
Martin, Eric

McCleese, Joey
Oswald, Chad
Mosley, Mindy
Newsome, Brandie
Phillips, Sarah
Ratcliff, Daniel
Reiser, Amy

Richards, Johanna
Smith, Brandon
Southworth, Jason
Spackey, Jamie
Stout, Debbie
Summers, Brandy
Tindall, Allison

VanDeusen, Jason
Vaughters, Brooke
Vrbnac, Rachael
Weaver, Sandy
Winebrenner, Scott
Warnock, Megan
Wolfe, Randy



I'm Outta Here! Michael Craft seems to be in a bit of a hurry. Michael, like most students, rush for the buses when that last bell of the day rings. If you don't hurry it is quite possible that you will miss the bus.

Helping Hand. The seventh grade student council representative organized a small group of classmates to help decorate the 7th grade portion of the junior high hallway. The decorating was a part of homecoming week.

Let's Go C.J.H.S.!

Eighth-graders Kim Clark and Tonia Miller hold the hoop while the seventh grade members of the junior high cheerleading squad prepare to cheer for the basketball team. Kim and Tonia were the only 8th grade members of the squad.



Big Man in the Hallway!

Jimmy Harness is a member of the seventh grade class. While Jimmy isn't the tallest member of his class, his attitude and personality are certainly big. Jimmy is a member of the seventh grade basketball team.



Mourners!

Several members of the Class of 2000 join Miss Reese in mourning the death of a poor little mouse found in the Art room. These big tough guys seem to be taking the tragedy just a little too hard.

Heartthrob!

Wade Kotcamp, a seventh grader, seems to be very popular with the high school female crowd. It must be his charm and good looks that just seem to kill the ladies. Wonder if Wade really loves the attention?



Teradactyl!

Eric Eubank just loved dinosaurs! His personal favorite seemed to be the teradactyl. Eric seemed to always entertain his 7th grade classmates with his very talented impersonations of animals. Aren't dinosaurs extinct?





Trick or Treat!

Eighth-grader Jason Harris enjoyed frightening the little trick-or-treaters alongside his street in Portsmouth. Somehow Jason managed to change his hair back from that awful yellow to his familiar red before school started the next day.

He Loves Me. He Loves Me Not!

Some seventh graders just need a little counseling in order to have fun at their first junior high Valentine's Day dance. This cute couple had a hard time deciding if they were really having a good time or not.



Lookin' For 2000 And 2001!

The seventh and eighth graders wonder if the next century will be as "hot" as this one.

The Clay Junior High School is made up of students who will be the first graduates of the next century. When you think about it, that just sounds weird. The year 2000 isn't, however, that far away!

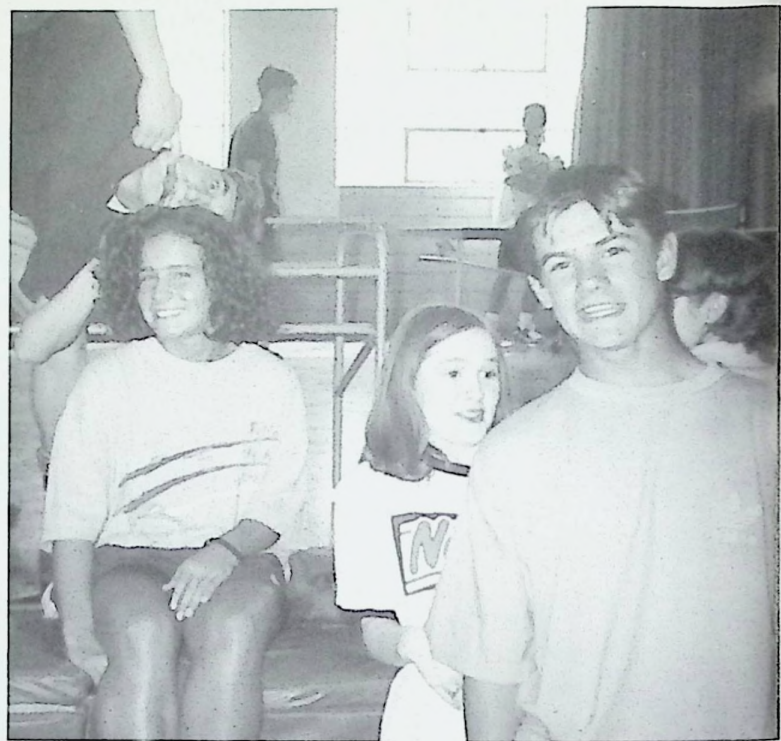
I Know It's In There!

Contessa LaValley, a member of the Class of 2000, searches her very organized locker for something terribly important. Contessa swears that she is trying to find her beloved Algebra $\frac{1}{2}$ book!



Because their graduation years are so different and new, junior high students have run into some unforeseen problems. Just how do you cheerlead with such numbers? Are the 8th graders supposed to say "O-O, O-O, O de O?"

These junior high students, however, are the ones to lead us in the future. The classes are filled with the brightest and bravest students.



First Dance! For the seventh graders, a trip to a junior high dance was a must. After all, the Class of 2001 was in the high school for the first time as students.

Mirror! Mirror! Sophomore Attendant Jennifer Spencer ponders whether she should ask the mirror any questions. For Jennifer, representing the Sophomore class was an honor.

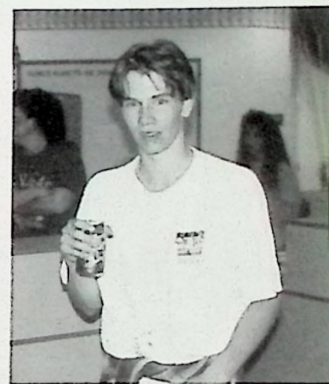


Hold on Tight! Aaron Bradley and Carolyn Yates enjoyed the 1996 Homecoming Dance. This cute couple danced all night and enjoyed the atmosphere created by the cheerleaders.





Staff Meeting! Senior Craig Miller and Freshmen Billy Killian and Beau Vastine discuss the production of the '96 Yearbook. All three were active members of the yearbook staff.



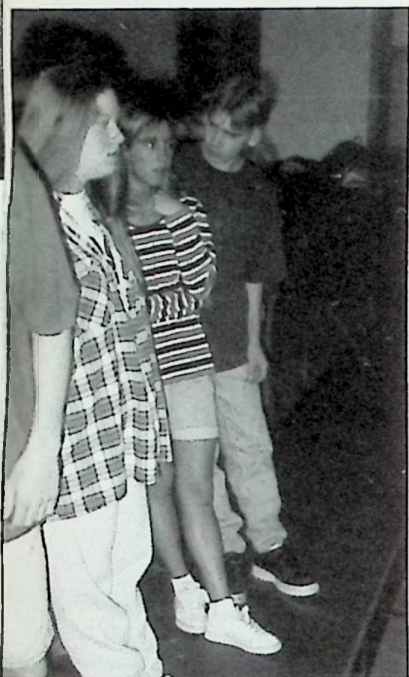
He's Back! Former Clay student Josh Ratcliff was invited to attend the Homecoming Dance by Wendy Vastine. For Josh, being with old friends proved to be an exciting reunion.



Pippy Longstockings! Mr. Rase demonstrates his take charge approach at keeping students in line. Obviously, he didn't appreciate the trendy hairstyle that Jennifer Brown wore.

Did I Wake Up? John Bloomer must have wondered if he came to school just a little too early when he saw Senior Debi Harris in her school attire. For Debi, nothing's too cool.

He-Men! Dallas Stewart, Josh Skeans, and Brian Picklesimer show their muscular ways for the school photographer. All three had a style unmatched by their peers.



Next Dance! Sophomore Patrick Fitzer looks as if he is ready to invite Senior Kristy Vournazos to the dance floor. Indeed, Patrick isn't afraid of a challenge.

Mock Trial. Junior Andrew Home and Senior Misty Lawyer participated in the county mock trial program. Andrew and Misty, shown with Judge Kirsch, joined the P.H.S. team.



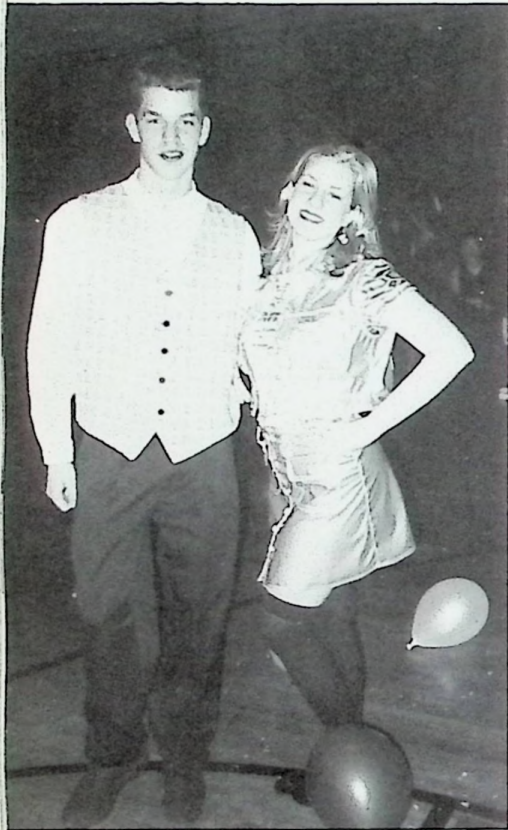
Warriors! The junior high girls' volleyball team is shown ready to defend its territory. The junior high program is new and is geared to prepare the girls for high school.



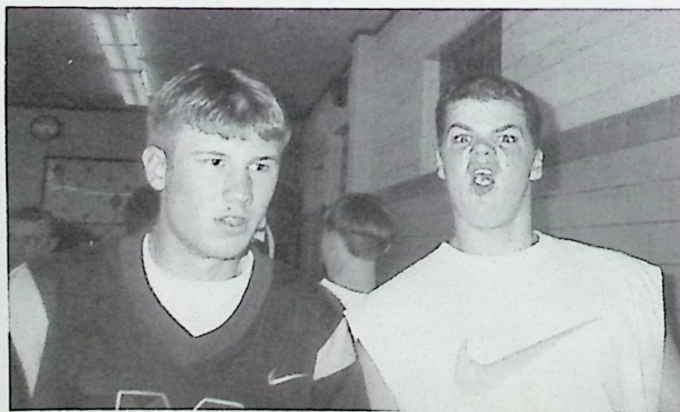


Let's Dance Forever! Freshmen Leanne Robinson and Jeff Fannin look as if they could dance the night away. Both freshmen are athletic as Leanne is a cheerleader while Jeff enjoys tennis.





What a Date! Sophomore Chris Shaffer really enjoyed the Homecoming Dance as his date seemed to be wearing "reynolds wrap!" All kidding aside, Chris witnessed wild dancing.



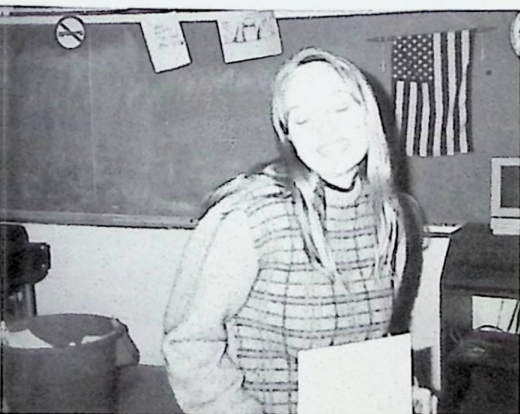
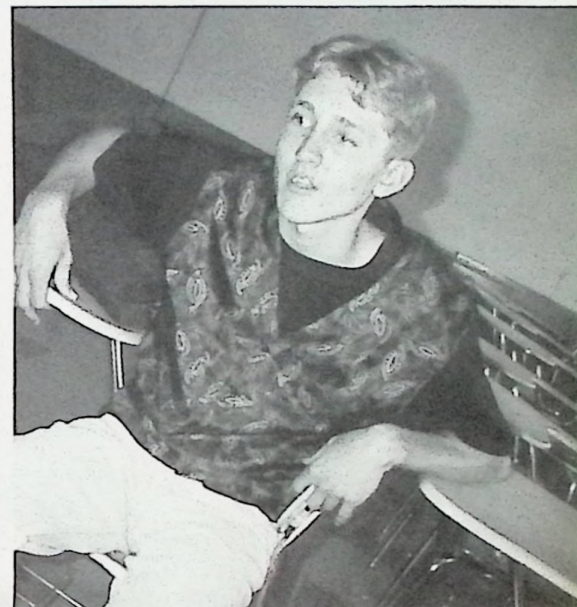
A Bench View. Not everyone can start on the varsity baseball team. Many players must suffer the pine for a year or two until they are called upon to hit the field.

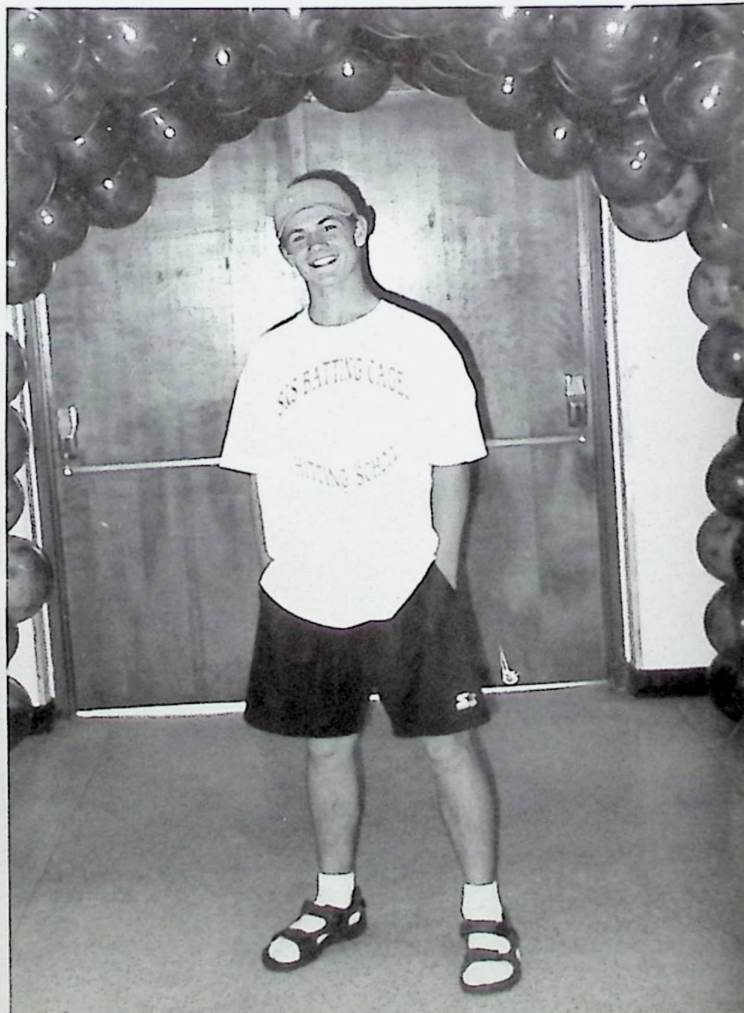
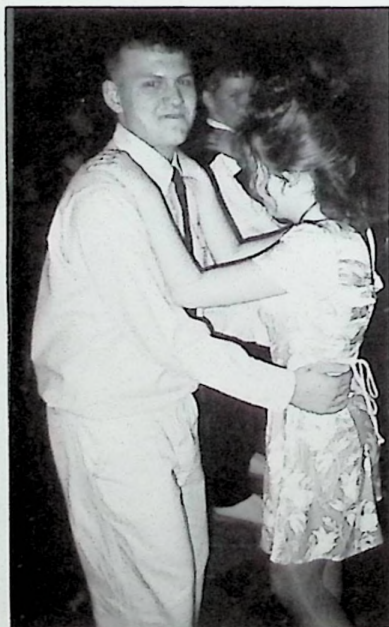
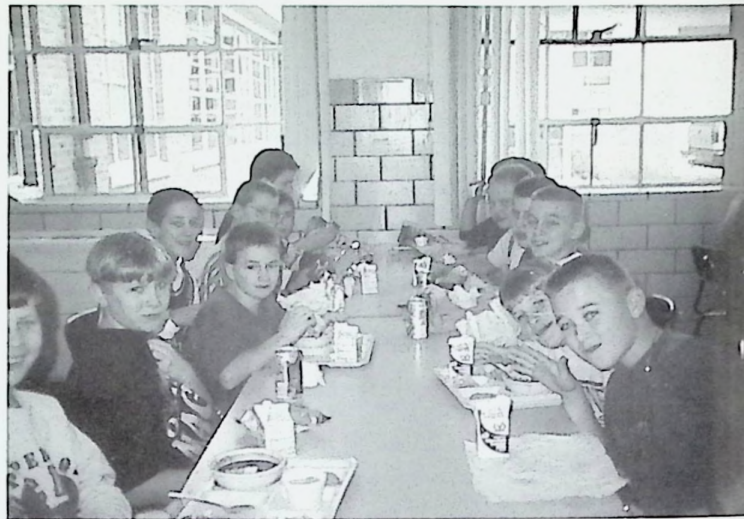
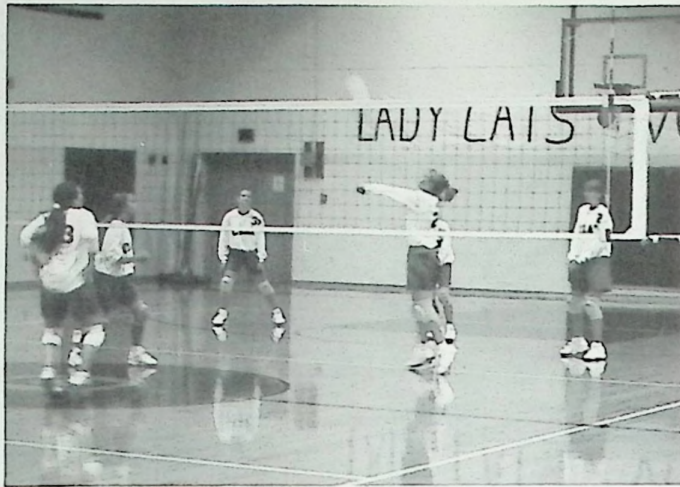




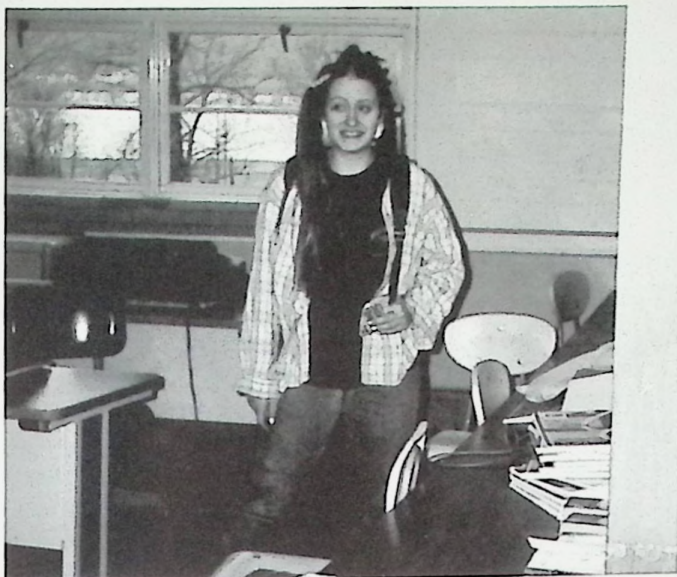
After Prom! The after prom was a big hit! Many students such as the ones pictured here enjoyed the many games and prizes available to all of the partying students. Expensive prizes were handed out during the after prom.

Just Sittin' and Waitin'. Senior Nate Payne can barely stand the wait for graduation. Nate knows, as do so many of his classmates, that college is just around the corner. Because he properly prepared, Nate is ready for college.



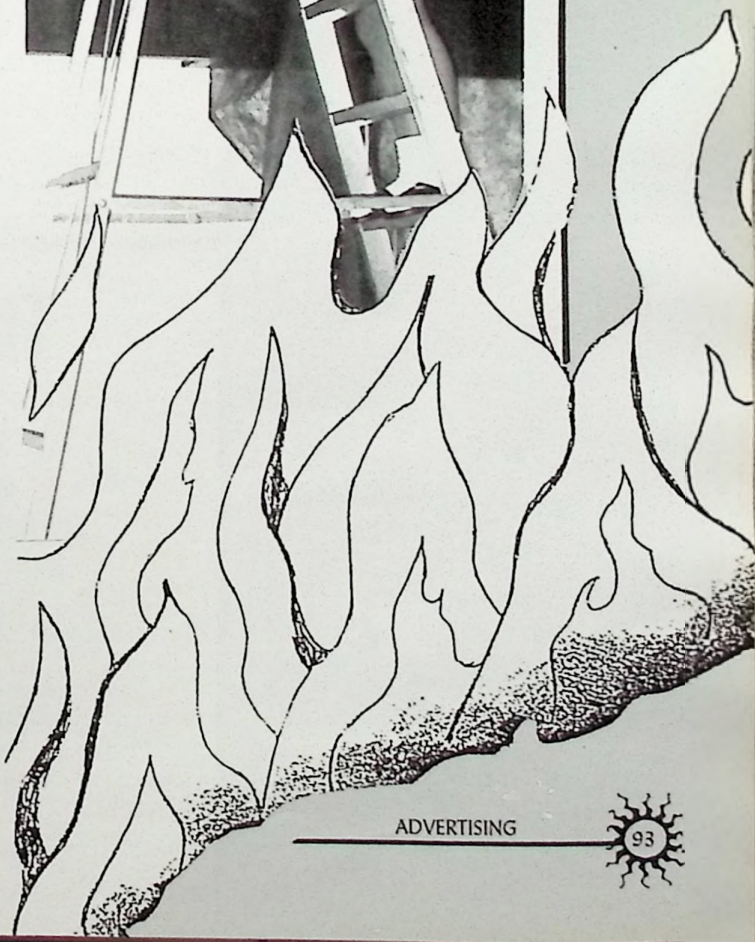
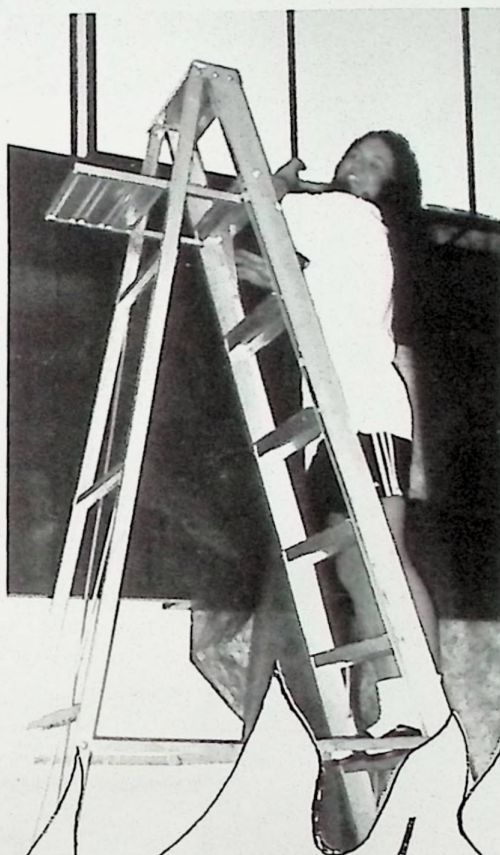


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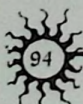


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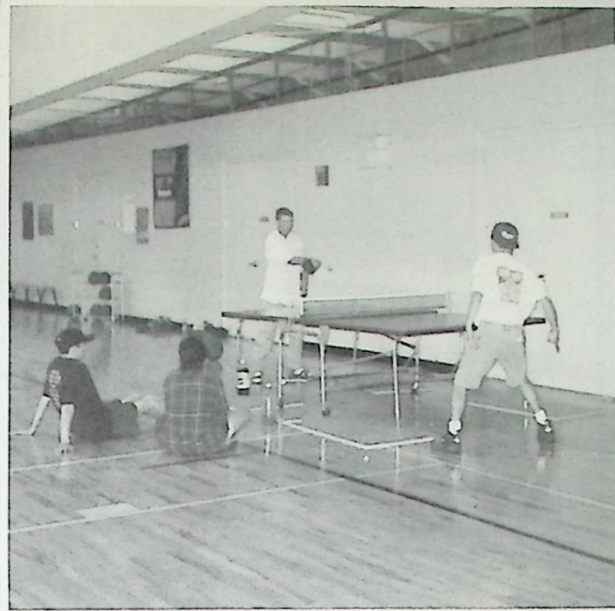
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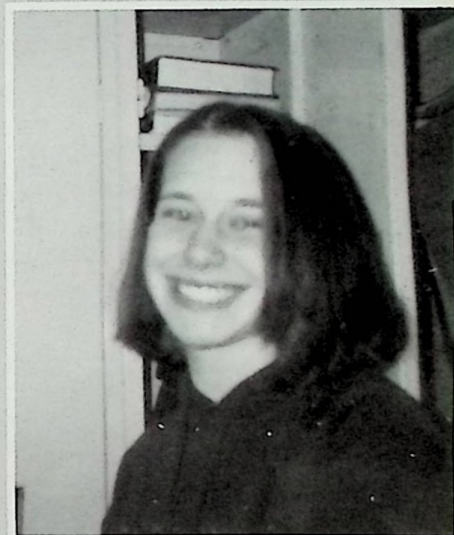
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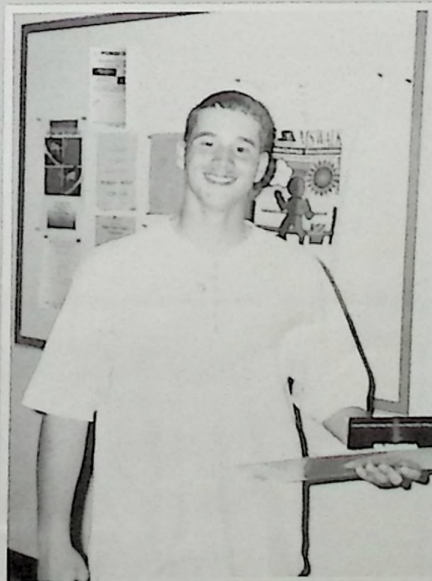
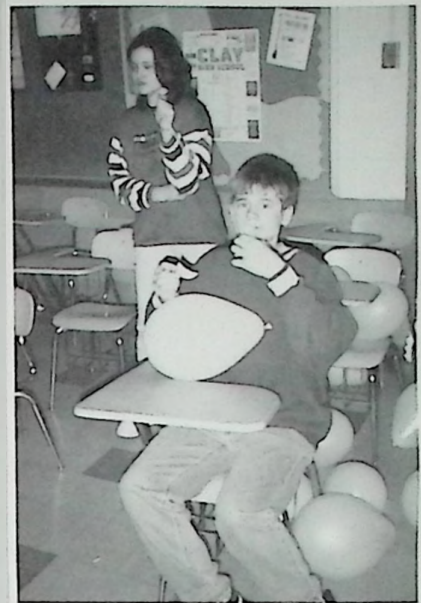


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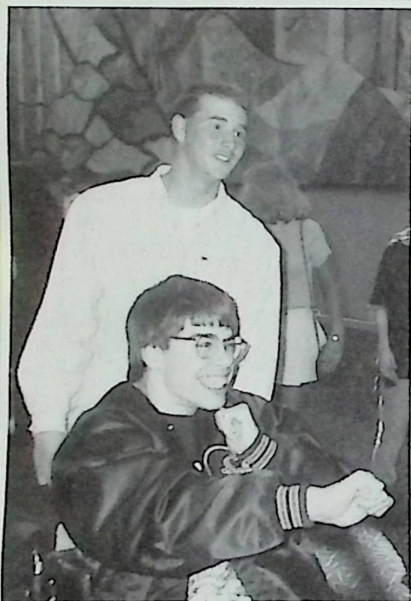
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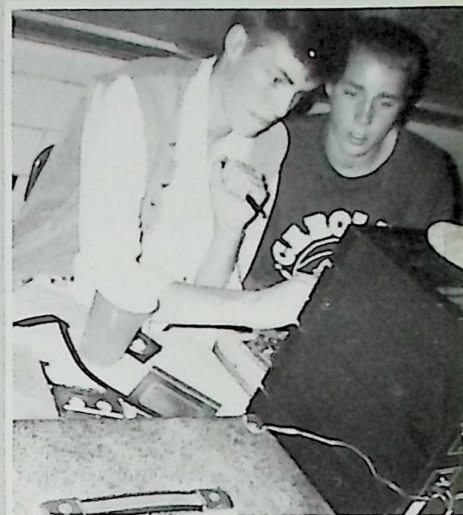
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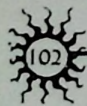
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Yes, Mr. Buckler! Staff member Rhiannon Greene knows exactly how difficult production can be as she was always asked by Mr. Buckler to do this and to do that. Before the school year ended Rhiannon was called upon to become the yearbook photographer.

This dance will cost you! Sophomores Mari Grace Harness and Josh Bloomer were very hard workers when it came to the staff's sponsoring of junior high dances. Mari Grace and Josh, for example, are shown teaching the junior high students how to 'cut a rug!'



This 1996 Panther is presented as a result of a lot of hard work. The entire staff worked diligently at selling advertising and copies of the yearbook to help fund the large expenses related to its publication. Because of the staff's dedication, this yearbook is without a doubt, one of the "hottest" Clay High School publications.





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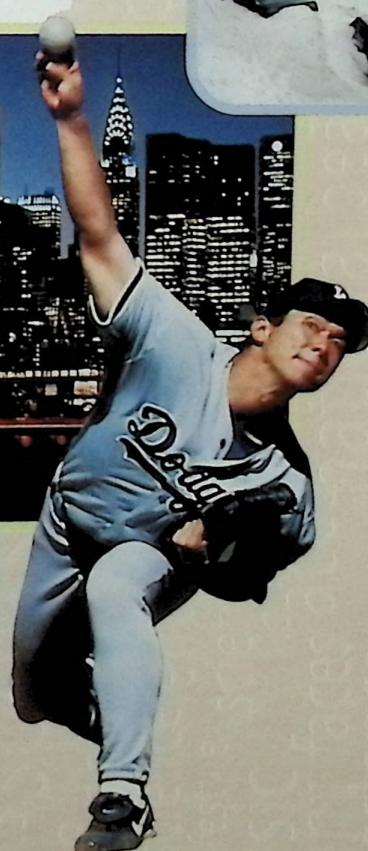
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G. Korganov, Gamma/Liaison

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.

AP/Wide World



Rudiger/Archive Photo

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 Fiana, 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.



AP/Wide World

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.



JUN Press/AFP from Bettmann

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.



John Fiana, 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.

An earthquake kills 51 people on the resort-studded Pacific coast of Mexico. The quake measures 7.5 on the Richter scale and is felt 330 miles away in Mexico City.



AP/Wide World



J. Ficara, Sygma

The first U.S. president to visit Northern Ireland, President Clinton receives a warm Christmas welcome for his show of support for peace between Irish Protestants and Catholics.

Hurricane Marilyn inflicts millions of dollars of damage in the Virgin Islands in September. Winds up to 127 miles per hour severely damage half the homes on St. Thomas.



G. Williams, Gamma Liaison

flash

In November, the Republic of Ireland narrowly passes a referendum calling for an end to the country's 1937 constitutional ban on divorce.

While competing in an international balloon race in September, two hot air balloonists, one English and one American, are shot down when their balloon floats off course over Belarus. The Belarussian army sees the balloon as a security threat and fires without warning. The balloonists fall to their death.

More than four years after Desert Storm, Iraq's President Saddam Hussein remains in power, though two of his sons-in-law defect to Jordan on August 8 and call for Hussein's overthrow.



AP/Wide World

Hope blooms for peace in Bosnia when Bosnia's President Izetbegovic (left) shakes hands with Serbia's President Milosevic on the opening day of the November cease-fire talks in Dayton, Ohio. Croatia's President Tudjman looks on. The ensuing Paris peace agreement of December sends 60,000 NATO peacekeeping troops to the war-torn country.



Brooks Kraft, Sygma

Quebec, Canada's largely French-speaking province, defeats an October referendum on Quebec independence by a margin of less than one percent.



Thomas Renault, Gamma Liaison

In July, without public explanations, Burma's military rulers free the country's most famous political prisoner, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of the pro-democracy movement and Nobel peace laureate, after six years of house arrest.



Cive Brunskill, Allsport

Russian figure skater Sergei Grinkov, 28, collapses and dies from a heart attack during practice with his wife-partner Ekaterina Gordeeva on November 20. The pair won two Olympic gold medals and four world pairs titles.



Gamma Liaison

Great Britain's Princess Diana shocks Buckingham Palace with a tell-all BBC interview. Defying royal protocol, she discusses her marriage to unfaithful husband, Prince Charles, her struggle with depression and bulimia, and an extramarital affair. The majority of English people express their support and sympathy.



AP/Wide World

Securities trader Nicholas Leeson is arrested in Germany in March 1995 for fraud, forgery, and breach-of-trust. Leeson racked up a \$1.32 billion loss that caused the collapse of Barings PLC, the 233-year-old British bank.

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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.

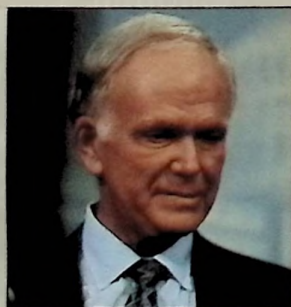


Larry Downing, Sygma



AFP/Bettmann

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.



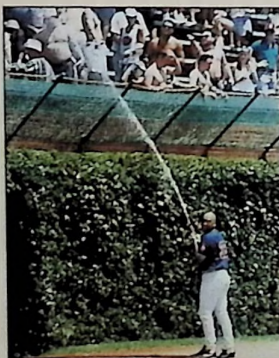
Markel, Gamma/Liaison

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.



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.

flash



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.

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



Zielenbach, Chicago Tribune from Gamma/Liaison



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.



AP/Wide World

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.



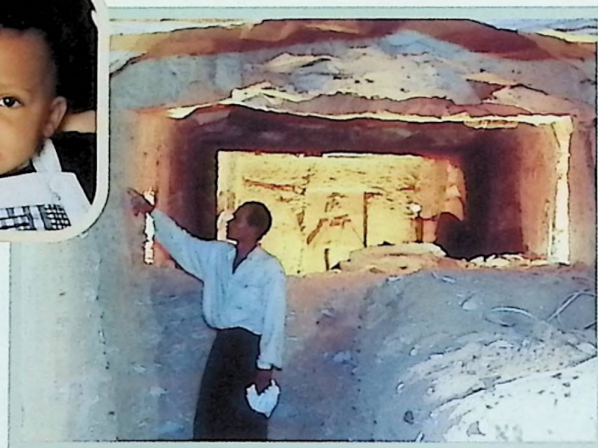
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American women celebrate the 75th anniversary of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which granted women the right to vote. Women's suffrage leader Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906) first organized the fight for suffrage in 1848.

science news

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.

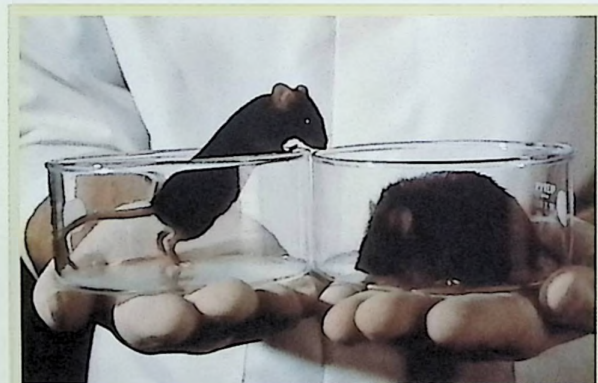


AP/Wide World



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.



Dr. Jeffrey Fried, Gamma/Liaison



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.

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.



Val Mazzenga/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.



AP/Wide World

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.



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.



AP/Wide World

flash

After a decade-long search, scientists isolate what may be the most important cancer-related gene. The defective gene known as 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.



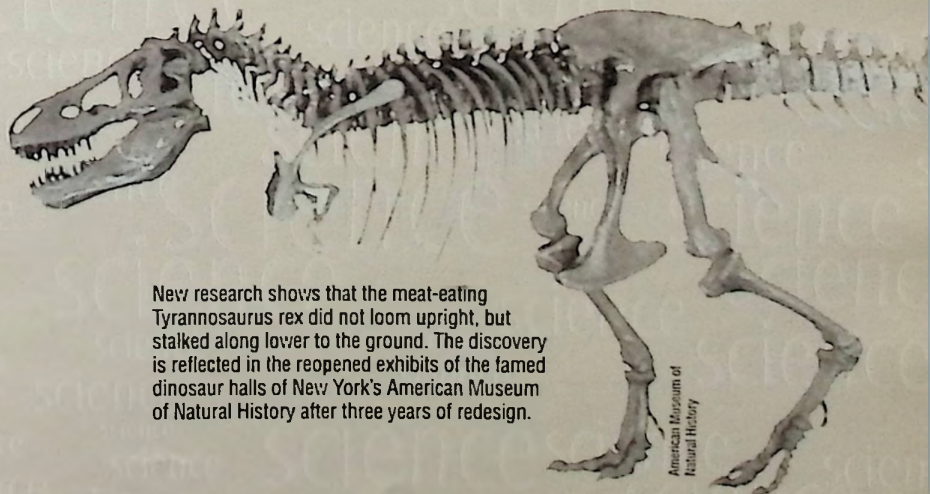
Visa International



Nintendo of America

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.

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.



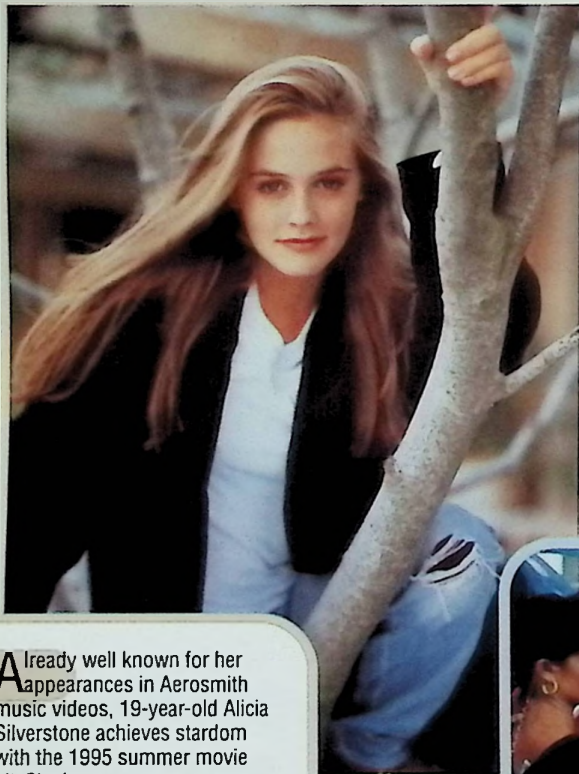
New research shows that the meat-eating *Tyrannosaurus rex* did not loom upright, but stalked along lower to the ground. The discovery is reflected in the reopened exhibits of the famed dinosaur halls of New York's American Museum of Natural History after three years of redesign.

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 Crue 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 Caprio/Sipa 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.



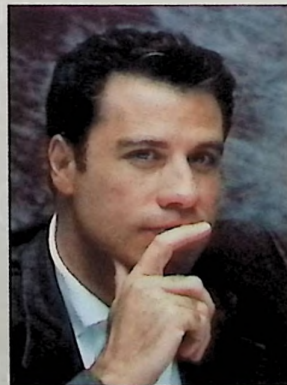
Marc Deville, Gamma/Liaison

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*.



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

Yoram Kahana, 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.

Yoram Kahana, Shooting Star

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*.



AP/Wide World

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.



AP/Wide World

flash

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.

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.



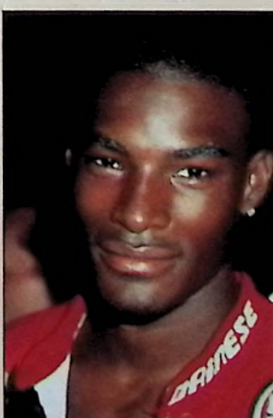
Marissa Roth, LGI

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 Mosenthal, LGI

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 Kazerman, 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.



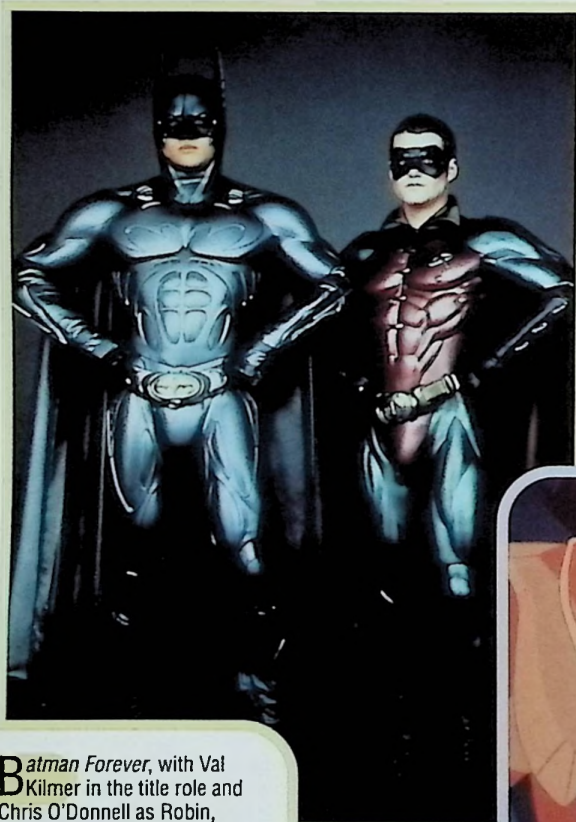
AP/Wide World

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 Vixen, 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.



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.

Syigma



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.



M. Geller, LGI

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.



Pichia, LGI

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 "Singed 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."

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.



Sam Jones, Gamma/Liaison



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Steve Hill, LGI

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



Fox from Shooting Star

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.

AP/Wide World

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

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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*.



AP/Wide World

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



John Bellissimo, LGI

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 Mosentfelder, 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.



Bettmann

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.



Deshaun Phillips

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.



Joe Giron, LGI

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



Mark Hauser, LGI



Ronnie Wright, LGI

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."

flash

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

Atanta'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.



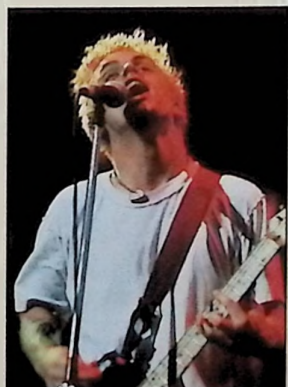
Steve Double, Retna

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.



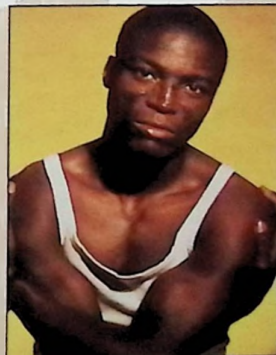
Ron Davis, Shooting Star

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

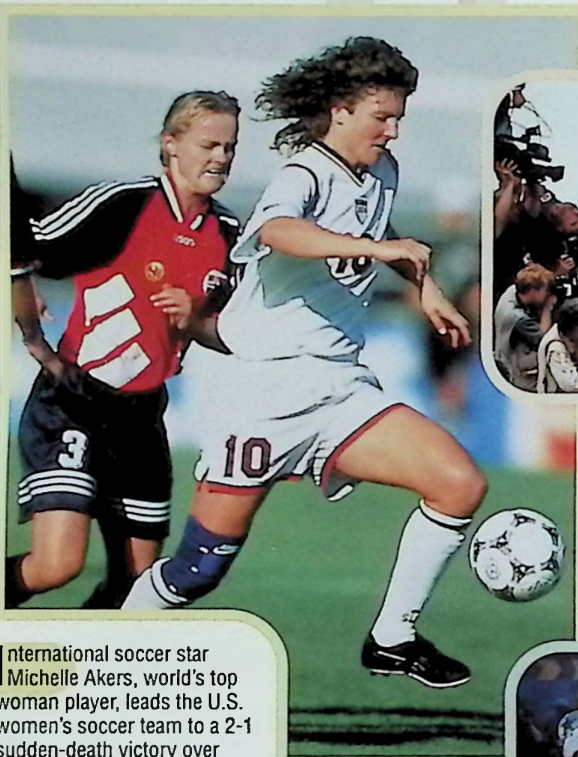
With the record-setting sales of his album *Fresh Horses*, only three musical acts in U.S. history outsell country music icon Garth Brooks: the Beatles, the Eagles, and Billy Joel.



Smith, Gamma Liaison

Selena, the 23-year-old Tejano music queen, is gunned down in Corpus Christi in March 1995 by Yolanda Saldívar, 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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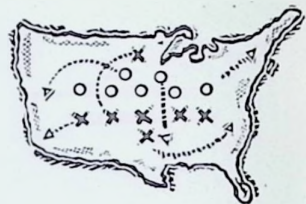
International soccer star Michelle Akers, world's top woman player, leads the U.S. women's soccer team to a 2-1 sudden-death victory over Norway in the U.S. Cup title game in August.

Chris Cole, Allsport



Focus on Sports

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



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 Berman, Gamma Liaison

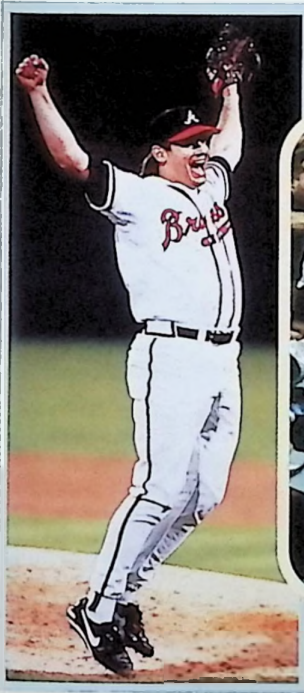
Twenty-one-year-old tennis champ Monica Seles, returning to competitive play two years after being stabbed at a tournament in Germany, wins the 1995 Australian Open.



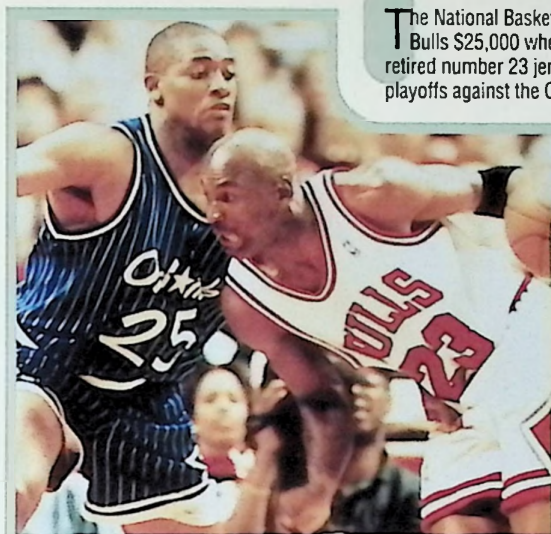
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Hall-of-Famer Mickey Mantle, a switch-hitter and one of the great sluggers in baseball history, dies of cancer on August 13. Mantle hit 536 home runs in his 18-year career and compiled a lifetime batting average of .298.

The 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



Vincent Laforet, Gamma/Liaison

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.



Clive Brunskill, Allsport

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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.

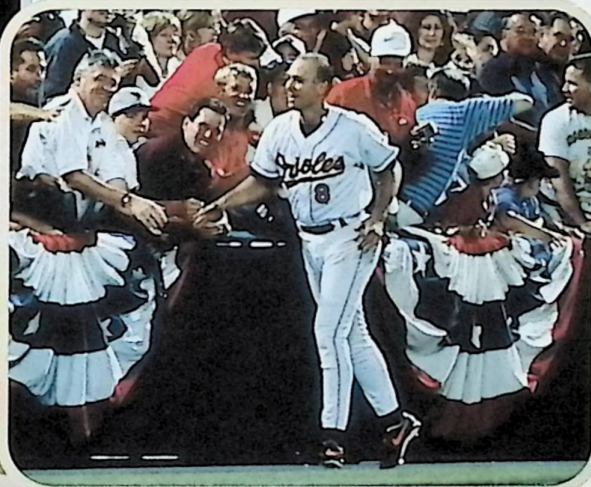
The Northwestern University Wildcats—long a gridiron laughingstock—pile up ten victories in 1995 and go to the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1949.

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.

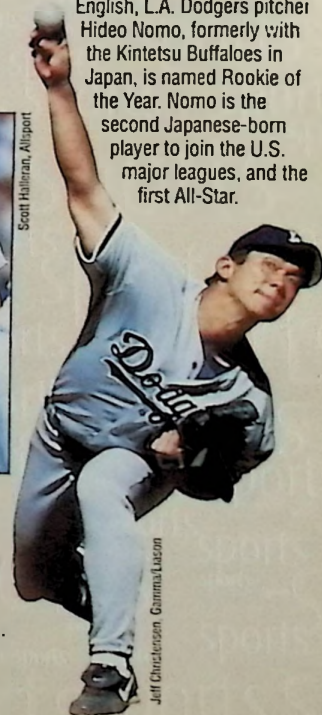
National Basketball Association referees strike against the league for much of the autumn. Fill-in officials spark complaints of substandard refereeing.



Doug Pensinger, Allsport

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.



Jeff Chickerson, Gamma/Liaison



Scott Holliman, Allsport

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.



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.



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.



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.

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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.



A 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 tight jeans for a loose baggy fit.



The tattoo craze leads to some recent laser developments keeping 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.



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.



Girly 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, LCI

Taking her place among controversial talk-show hosts as the "Oprah for the junior set," Ricki Lake speaks to 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 a 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.

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