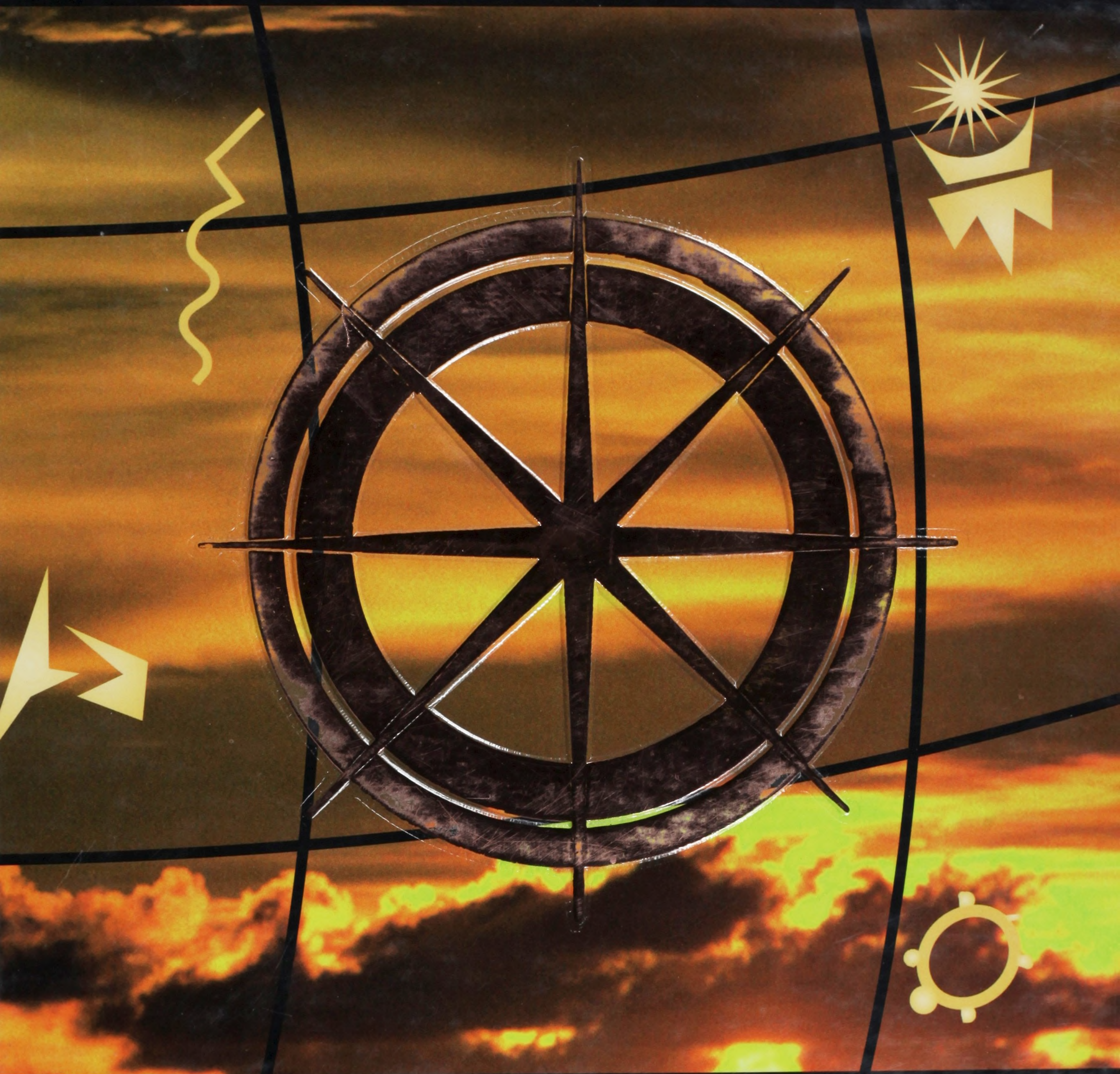


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# DIFFERENT WORLD

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**VICTORY!** Earl Clark gets carried off into the sunset, actually the darkness after he sank two free throws to get the win against Wilson.



# A Different World

ekaputra jabar

**For Benson, making a difference means being technologically advanced and culturally more diverse than the rest of the other Portland Public High Schools.**

Within a place where different dimensions abide, Benson High School rests at the center of the altar, proudly showing its motif of being technologically and culturally diverse. Benson is also the only all-magnet technical school in Portland, thus wielding its title even higher.

For years Benson has become the attraction for students from all over the metropolitan area to take part in its refined technical and health occupations majors. The technical fields which Benson sports include the Electronic department, Manufacturing, Communications, Construction and Transportation.

Benson has higher education standards than what most Portland Public Schools

require. A special Benson diploma not only shows competency in normal academic areas, but shows mastery of a technical skill. In simpler words, the future C.I.M. (Certificate of Initial Mastery) and C.A.M. (Certificate of Advanced Mastery,) set by the state of Oregon is basically reflecting what Benson has been doing all along.

Benson has made appearances in the *Oregonian* several times as proof that it is 'Ahead of the Pack.' This really accentuates that Benson is A Different World when compared to the other schools. Through hard work and determination, the students and staff of Benson will strive to maintain the tradition of excellence.

*Benson excels in academics and athletics than most other schools.*

Amonique Brown  
-Sophomore-



**FIX THE FREAKIN' TIRES.** Seniors Katie Magnett and Keith Ball help each other assemble a tire on a Chevrolet automobile in the Seniors' Automotive class. The automotive division is one of the many majors within the transportation department. Another associated major is aviation, taught by Mr. Kingsbury.

## IS THE FUTURE C.I.M. / C.A.M. PROGRAM GOING TO HELP SCHOOLS ACCELERATE?

**NO**  
80%

**Don't care**  
5%

**YES**  
15%

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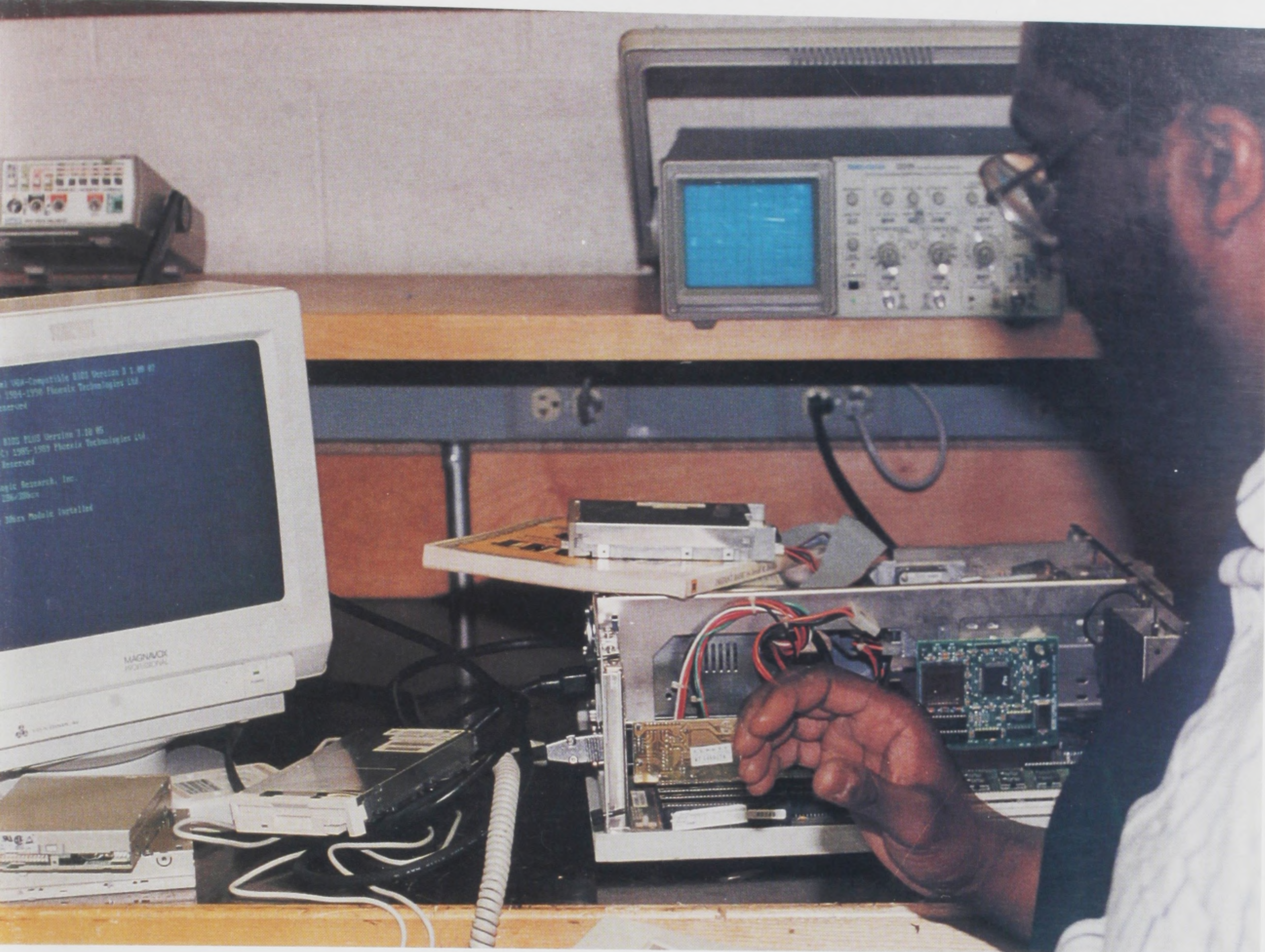
No. If we used the current assessment system effectively, we would not need a new assessment system. -Anonymous

Yes. Students learn more effectively when they can actually apply and use what they have been taught. -Anonymous

40 teachers surveyed







**THE MAN OF STEEL.** Mr. Burch shapes a metal rod using the lathe as intent freshmen students watch. This class is a required prerequisite if students choose to take a manufacturing major later on in their junior through senior year.

**GOING WITH THE GRAIN.** Mr. Hill helps sophomore Katie Leonard create a pattern in the Materials and Modeling class.

**VIDEO CARD INSTALLED!** Mr. Davis, an electronics instructor, installs a new video card in a computer. Students majoring in electronics will get a feel of computer logic, circuitry and the fundamentals. The electronic divisions include Computer Software Technology, Electronics Servicing and Electronics Engineering. There is also the Electrical major, which is a training course for future electricians.





**WHERE DO I PUT THESE?:** Junior Ezra Meredith fiddles with a bunch of C.D.'s, while fellow juniors Mark Thomas, and Matt Georges do their jobs for a broadcast in K.B.P.S.

**THAT'S MY VIEW:** Tim Tokstadt (11) expresses frustration over a class with juniors Sarah Lopez, Anthony Quillen, and Jenny Stonecipher. They are enjoying a sunny lunch break.





# A Different View

Candidates, ballot measures, political jokes, and the dreaded debates. These are the tell tale signs of an election in process.

Many Benson students were dedicated this year to supporting, or looking down on what was on this year's ballot.

"Although most of us students can't vote, we can still display our views on how we want the election to go," replied sophomore Rachel Lizio-Katzen on teens getting involved with the election process. Students showed their opinion on their views in many different ways. Most wore pins, stating a message on what they thought was right.

A record number of students got in-

involved to state their opinion on a very controversial issue in the anti-gay rights bill, "Measure 13." The bill seemed to be a common conversation piece in the two months of school before the election.

Measure 13 was not the only "hot topic" during the elections. Measure 16, a euthenasia bill, was passed by a slim, four percent margin, and Oregon became the first state in the union to legalize doctor assisted suicide. The courts kept the measure inactive, however. In the "mud-slinging" race for governor, Dr. John Kitzhaber won overwhelmingly over Denny Smith.

After election night, many students were just glad to see the election come to an end. Junior Ryan Hads said it perfectly, "Thank God it's all over!"

*"Thank God it's all over!"*

Ryan Hads  
-Junior-

*joe buttram*

**Benson students show different views on assorted political "hot topics" during the 1994 state elections.**



## YES!, or NO!

### on measure 13?

FROM 100 RANDOM STUDENTS POLLED, THIS IS WHAT THEY THOUGHT OF MEASURE 13:

# VOTE HERE!

Mark only one (1) box please!

YES on 13

36% of the people polled said they would vote yes, on mesure 13.

NO on 13

56% of the people polled said they would vote no on mesure 13.

NO opinion on 13

8% of the people polled said they had no opinion on measure 13.





cartooning by  
Joe Putnam

**-100 Junior and Seniors were polled-**

**SMASHED!:** Senior Tim Hillman wipes a bunch of gunk off his face after being smashed with a pie by cheerleader Kelly Dunn (11) during the homecoming assembly.



# A Different spirit

WHAT A YEAR! After having a very successful year in 1994 gaining school spirit, Benson Tech seems to have lost every ounce of that comeback.

Unlike other schools in Portland, Benson shows its' spirit in *Different* ways, displaying its own unique style.

What happened? With the most spirited graduating class in a very long time here at Benson, what's the deal? Where did all that wonderful school spirit run off too? Never-Never land? We sure hope not because it will never grow there.

In a **BLUEPRINT** survey of juniors and seniors, we asked if they thought that Benson sucked because of its lack of

school spirit. Most said it sucked but not because of its lack of school spirit. That however, was one of the major answers.

*"School spirit here sucks, almost everybody but seniors doesn't have any."*

Connie Hyun  
-Senior-

Even though Benson doesn't have an abundance of it, school spirit does occasionally appear here. Take in for instance the home basketball game against Wilson. There, current students and alumni, were spotted cheering for old Benson 'Tech.

Even though it doesn't happen very often, Benson's spirit is linearly increasing at a slow, but constant rate. It's just too bad that its peak couldn't be reached by the end of this year for the great class of 1995.

*Joe Putnam*





**GET A HAIRCUT, HIPPIE.** K.C. Scott and friends from the class of '96 mix funk with spirit during the homecoming assembly.



**GOTTA HAVE SPIRIT TONIGHT!** David Laymen, Jaimie ?, Jennifer Vomaska, unknown, and Amanda Doe show their sprit at the homecoming game with some fantastic smiles, and school colors.

**SPIRIT OF CLASS OF 1995!** Senior spirit shows with a tide of blue and orange as a whole grip (see tech pep page for definition) of them scream and shout at a spirit assembly.





**THE ROSE FESTIVAL PRINCESS COURT.** Hillary Lehman, Katrina Hopkins, Katie Magnett, Princess Karida Griffith, Nghat Nguyen, Mchella' Henderson.

**A BAD REACTION!** A group of Techmen react too a bad call from a referee during the state basketball championships.



# A Different school!

From its spirit, and educational styles, Benson Tech makes a whole different impression on everyone.

*I'm really glad I went here, even through all the hard work.*

Bryan Erickson  
-Senior-

**WATCH YOUR FINGERS!** Eric Botteran (10) drives a drill-bit into a helpless piece of plastic during a tech class.



*Joe Buttram*





**RA RA RA!** Trinh Nguyen, does a make-way cheer as she gets held up by other varsity rally team members.

**DRIVIN DOWN COURT!** DeAngelo Crawford (10) drives down-court during a "pick-up" basketball game in the old gym. Students played basketball in the gym on a daily basis.



It's February 18, 1995, 6:45 and the crowd is waiting for the game to start, with dream filled hearts hoping to crush Wilson once again at the 1995 basketball State playoff tournament. Included in the cheering section were not only cheerleaders, but spirited students as well. In the orange and blue mob students included were: Joel (CheerMAN) More, Kelly Dunn (11), and K.C. (Afro man) Scott (11). Also joining in the fun was Karida (Fearless leader) Griffith, Sabrina Sacdalan (11), Kellie (Wicked arms) Strode, Bahia (Muscles) Cross, along with Katie (Long legs) McBurney (11). Michella' (Round off) Henderson cheered as loud as her lungs would allow, with the help of Wanjeria (Springs) Washington, Loretha (Gliggles) Garner, Trinh (Around the world) Nguyen, Wintress (Winny) Watson, Lina (Power woman) Cha, and Tony Tellado. Checking out what was going on from the back was Kate Cunnington and Tim Hillman.

Everyone came out to support the Techmen, which gave us the most spirited crowd in the state.





# a year all to themselves

This class has some real stars in it. They make the *difference* between a dull school and one that shows the world how to run.

When Seniors were asked to describe their class the first words out of their mouths were pride, sportsmanship, and studious. All of these words and more describe the Senior class of 1995.

The class of '95 has been full of pride even as freshmen by sporting their year at assemblies and wearing the vibrant blue and orange colors of Benson Tech.

As for sportsmanship Benson has been outstanding. Not only have we had a great football, basketball, and track team for the last four years,

"Hangin' out with the friends that we have made in the last four years is one of the ways that we relieve the pressures of senior life."

*-Wintress Watson-*

we have had a number of outstanding athletes appear from all of the sports teams, both boys and girls. Patrick Johnson had this to say about the class of '95, "When I think of my class the first thing that comes to mind for me

is how many of the students came together through sports."

And it's not just the students who think that the class of 1995 has well rounded people. Teacher Mr. Melton stated that the class of 1995 was "One of Benson's finest."

And, although the class of '95 is full of pride and busy with studying, somehow they find time to have some fun. One of the class clowns, Wintress Watson, was sure that everyone can find time in their lives to have a little fun. "Hangin' out with the friends that we have made in the last four years is one of the ways we releave the pressures of senior life."

So obviously the class of 1995 is not just another graduating class from Benson High School. This class has something special. That something special is the ablitiy to intertwine the fast moving pace of Benson with the fun and excitement of teenage life.

by katie m°burney



Radio waves. Joel More works hard in KBPS and his other classes to make sure that he walks across the stage with his friends in June for graduating is very important to him.



sometimes even looks  
can be deceiving.

# Perfect Looks

by lina cha

Beautiful, so fine, and perfect faces—how do they get to be so good looking? Very few people are born with perfect look. Looks can also be deceiving. One may have the looks, but do they have the personality? Some people say that inner beauty is the key to becoming beautiful all around. Is that true? Are looks everything? To most guys, looks are probably the key thing they look for in a girl, since looks are attracting. But for girls, well, we're on the sensitive side and looks don't really matter. Most girls look for the personality and the humor.

## WHAT DO YOU LOOK FOR IN A GIRL/GUY?

"Style because it's harder to find and I like to hunt."

-Alisha McLelland-

"Looks because I can't be with someone who looks bad."

-Julia Conder-

"Personality because as people grow older, their body and looks will deteriorate but their personality won't."

-Kris Quinby-

"Body because I don't like things to sag."

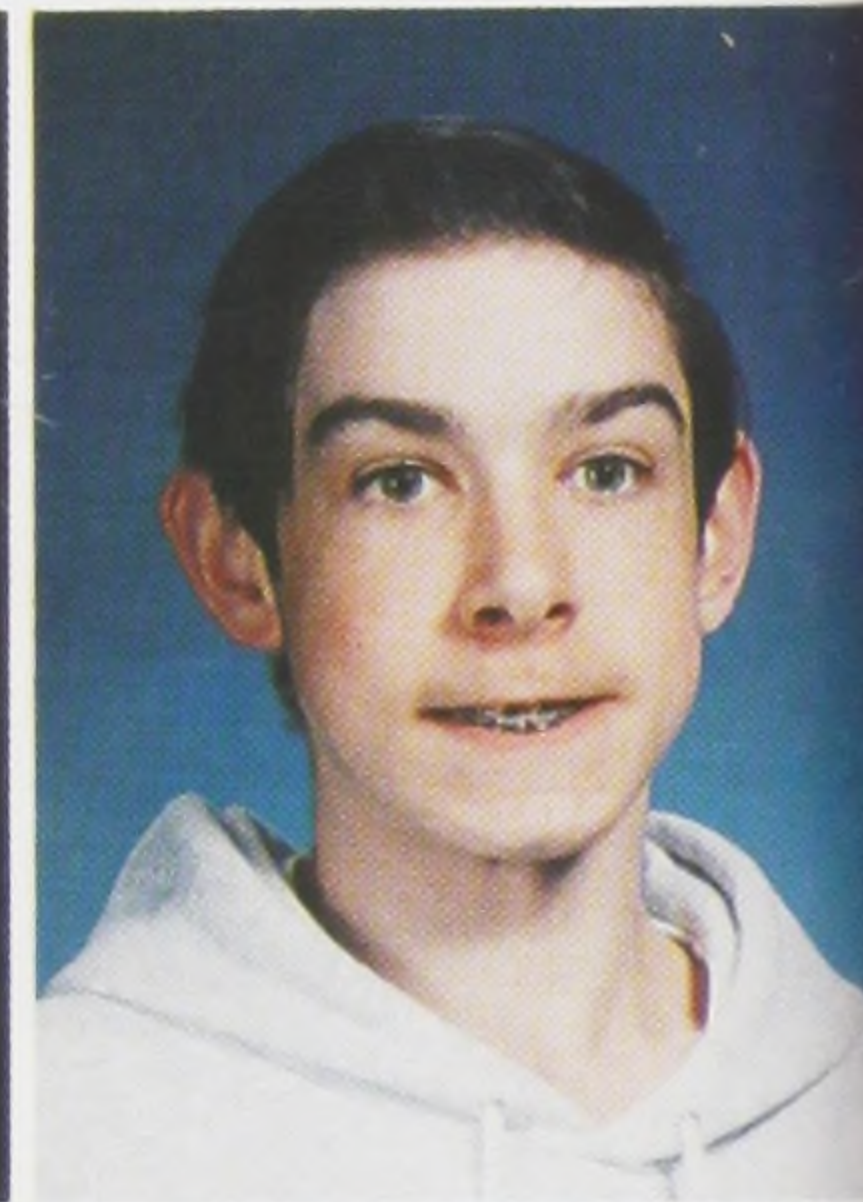
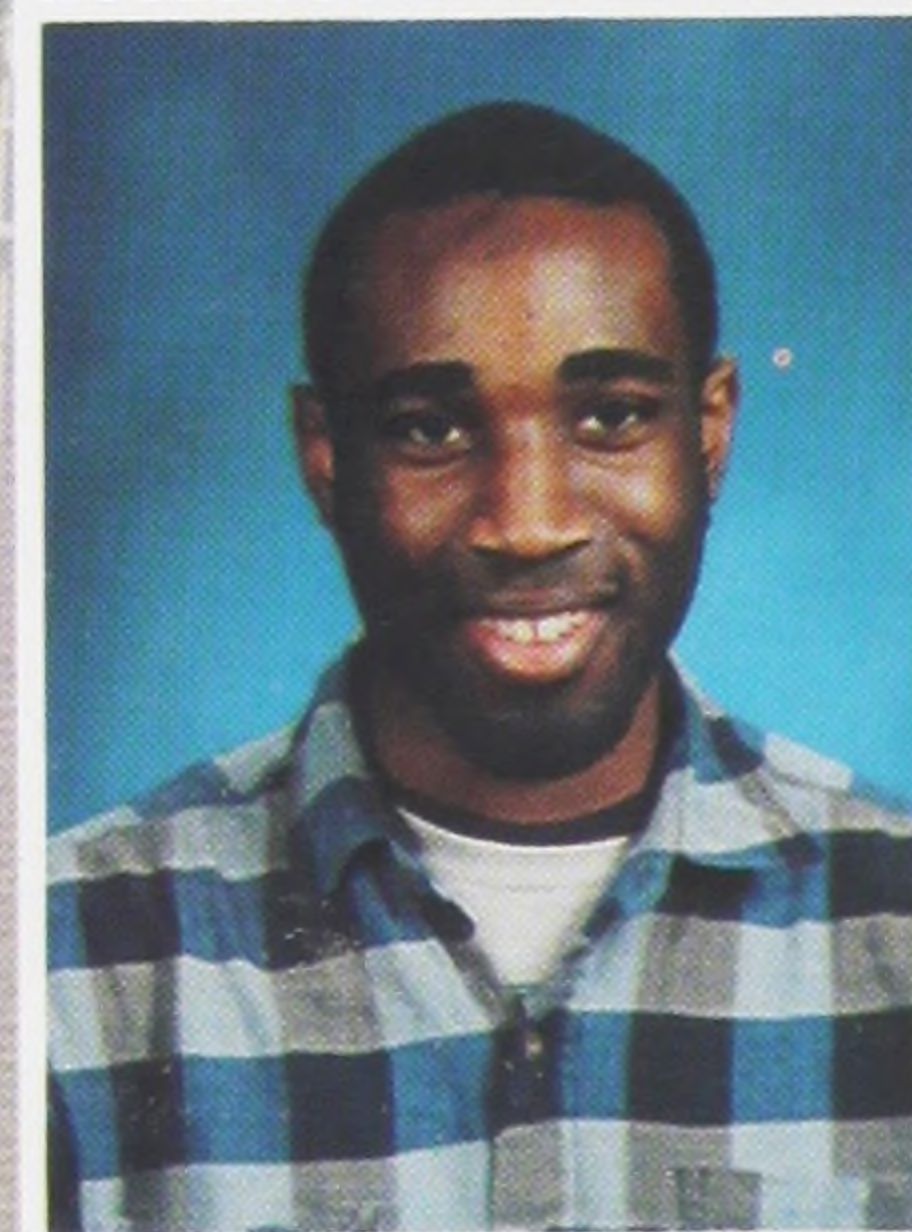
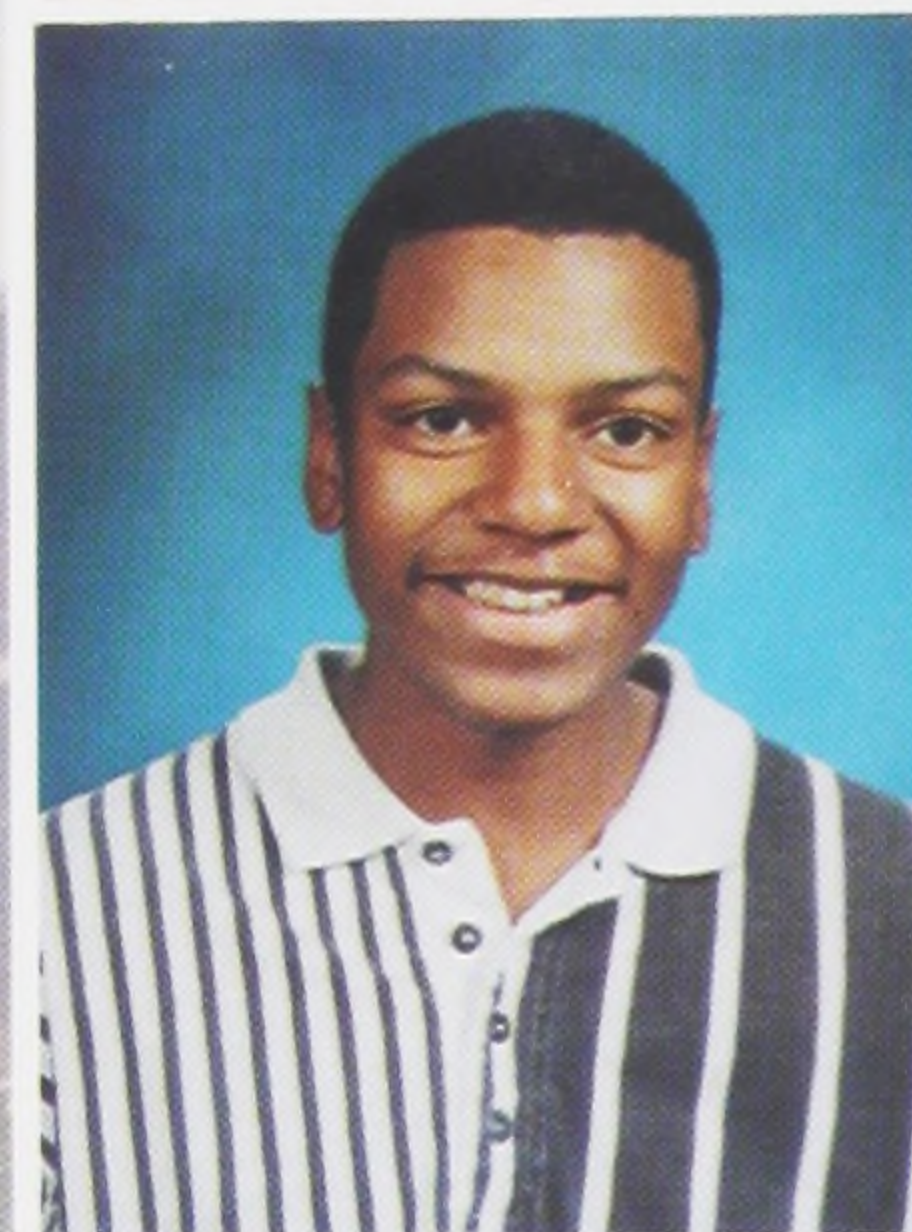
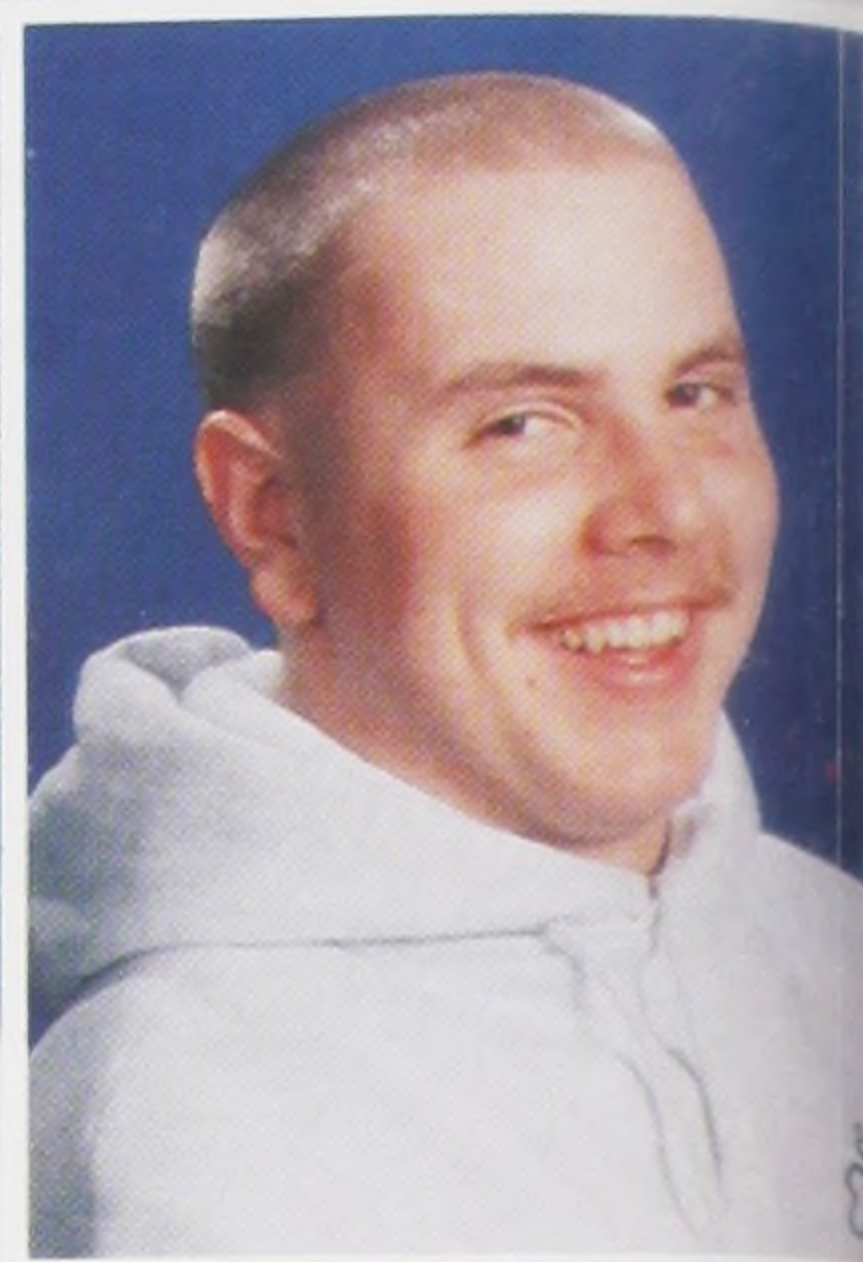
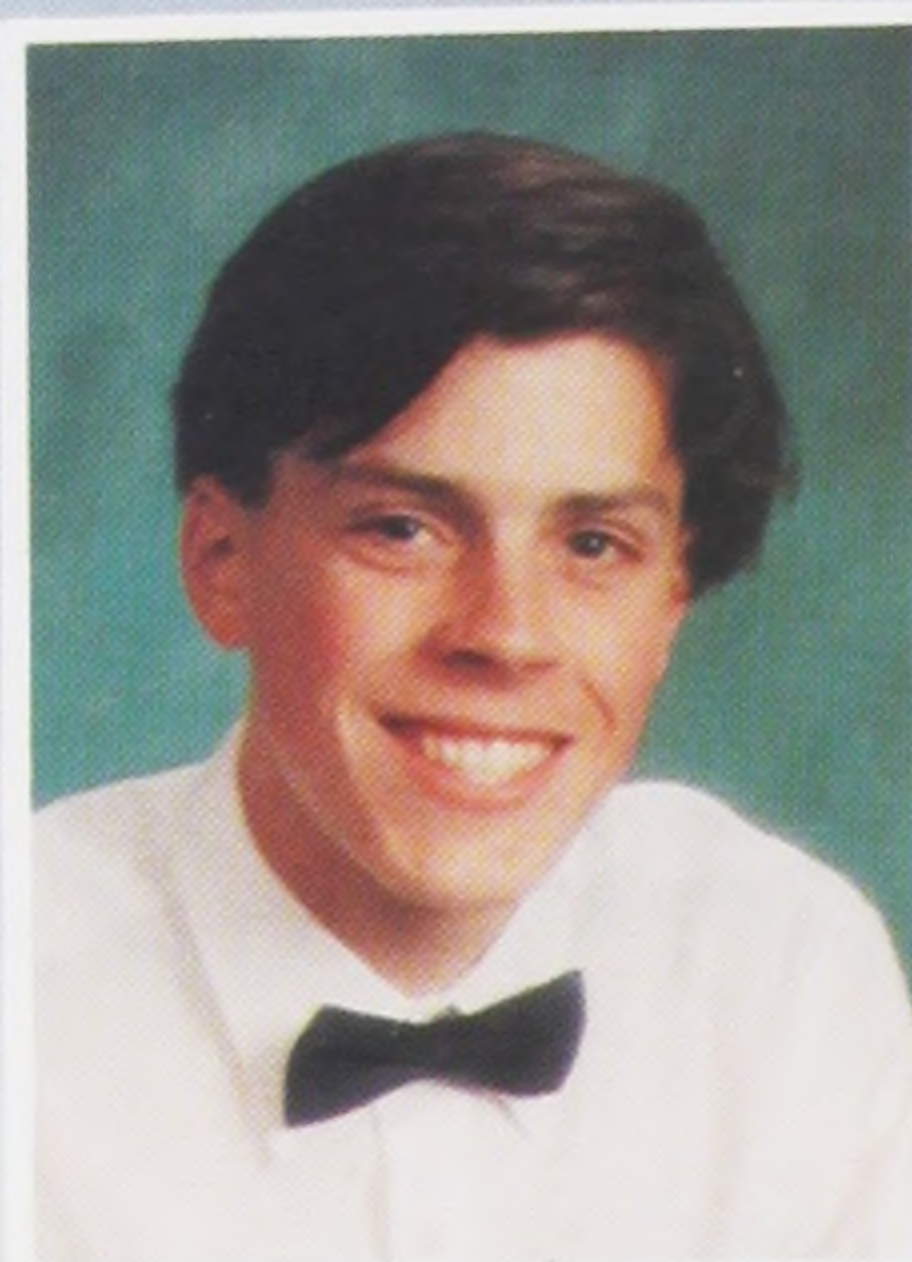
-Richard Estes-

**Best looking.** Catherine Trinh, Tony Tellado, Katie Magnett, and Darelle Miller pose as they style each other's hair. It probably wasn't too difficult to style Tony's hair, since he really has none

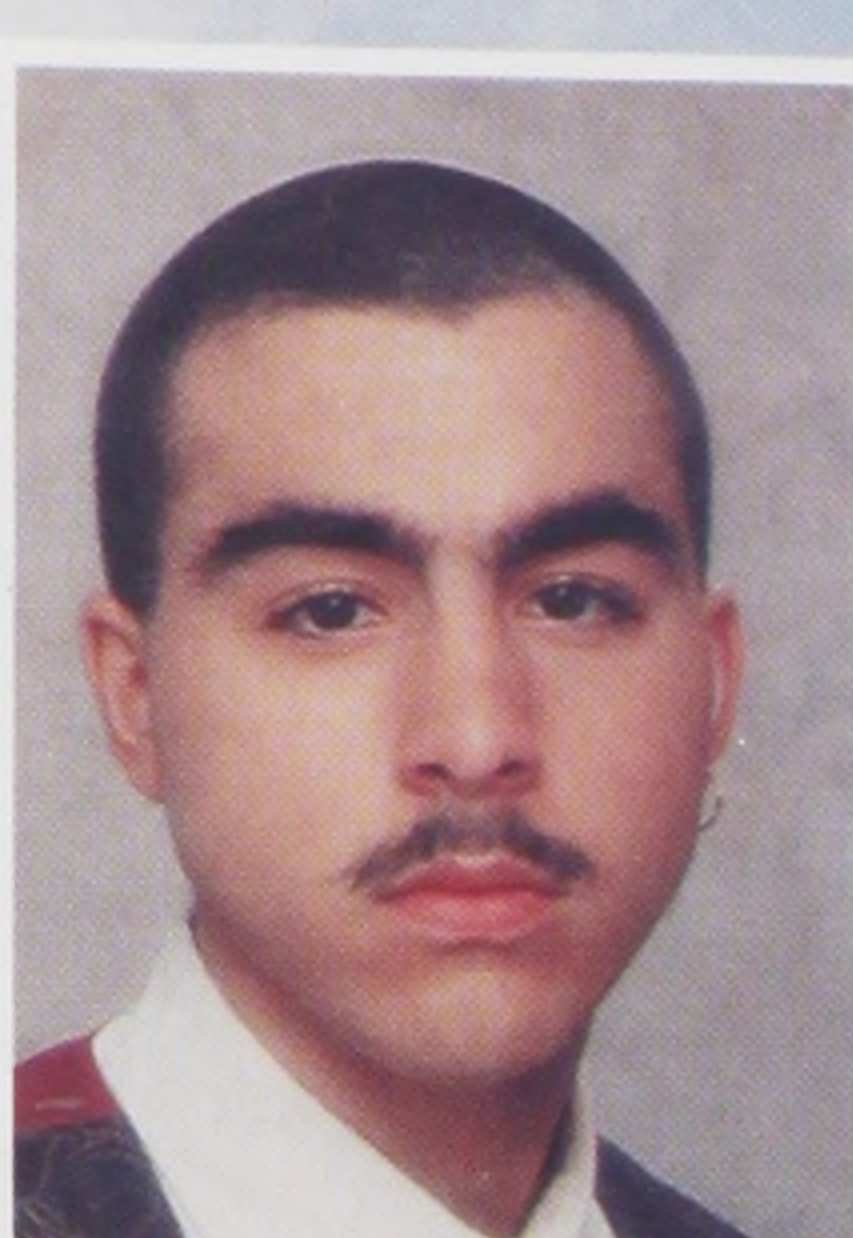
For Darelle Miller, the key thing he notices first is the looks and then the personality. After asking Katie Magnett why she thinks her classmates voted for her, she replied "I guess a lot of them felt I was pretty good looking."

When Catherine Trinh was asked about how she felt about being selected, she replied, "I feel very flattered, but I feel that there are many other girls

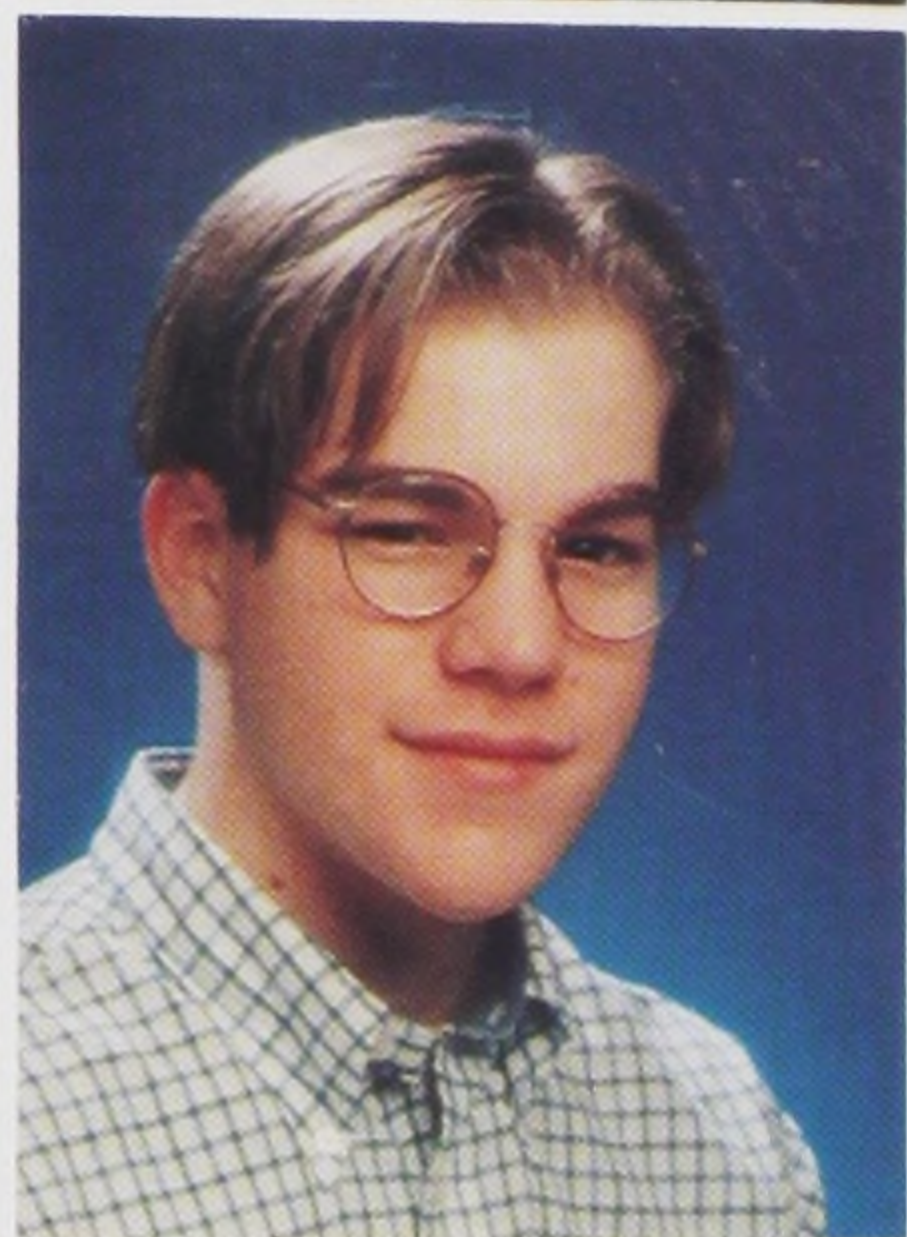
in this school who deserve this recognition as well." The class of 1995 chose these seniors as best looking.



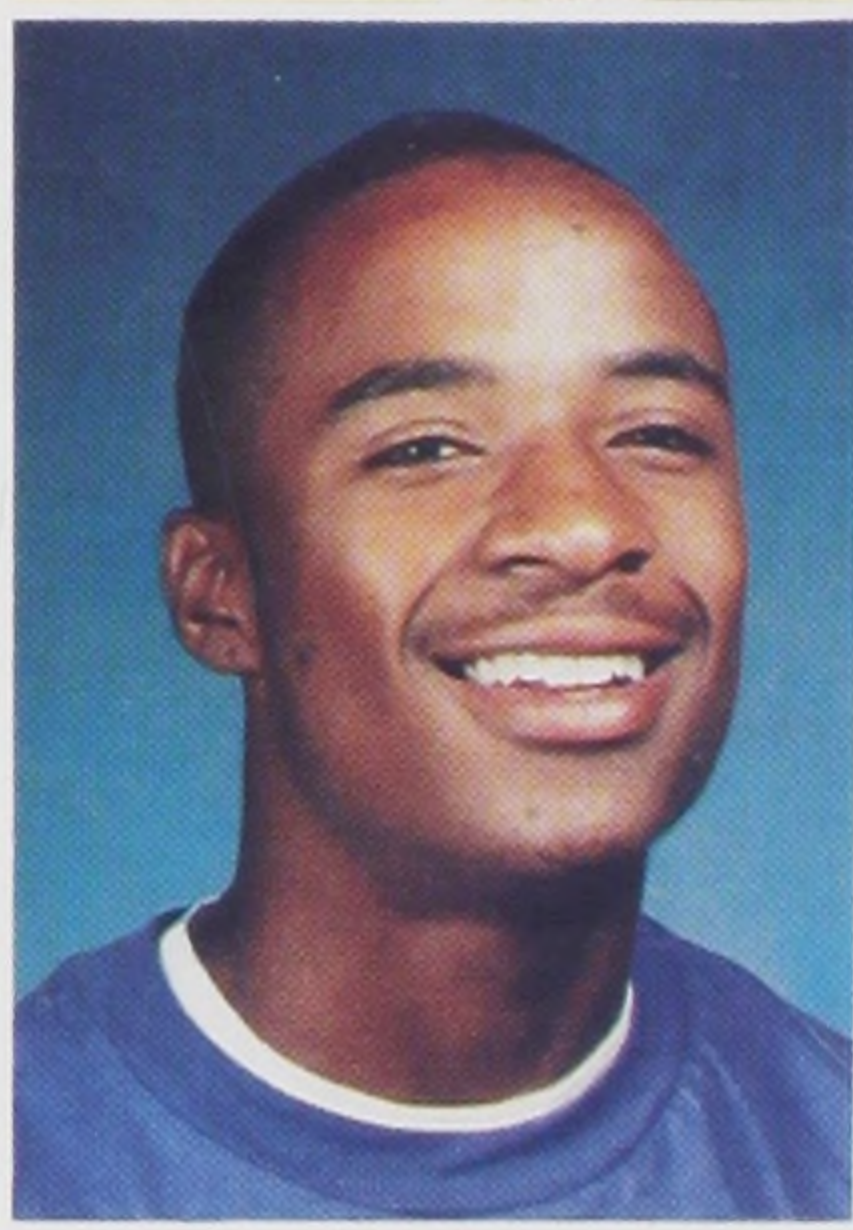
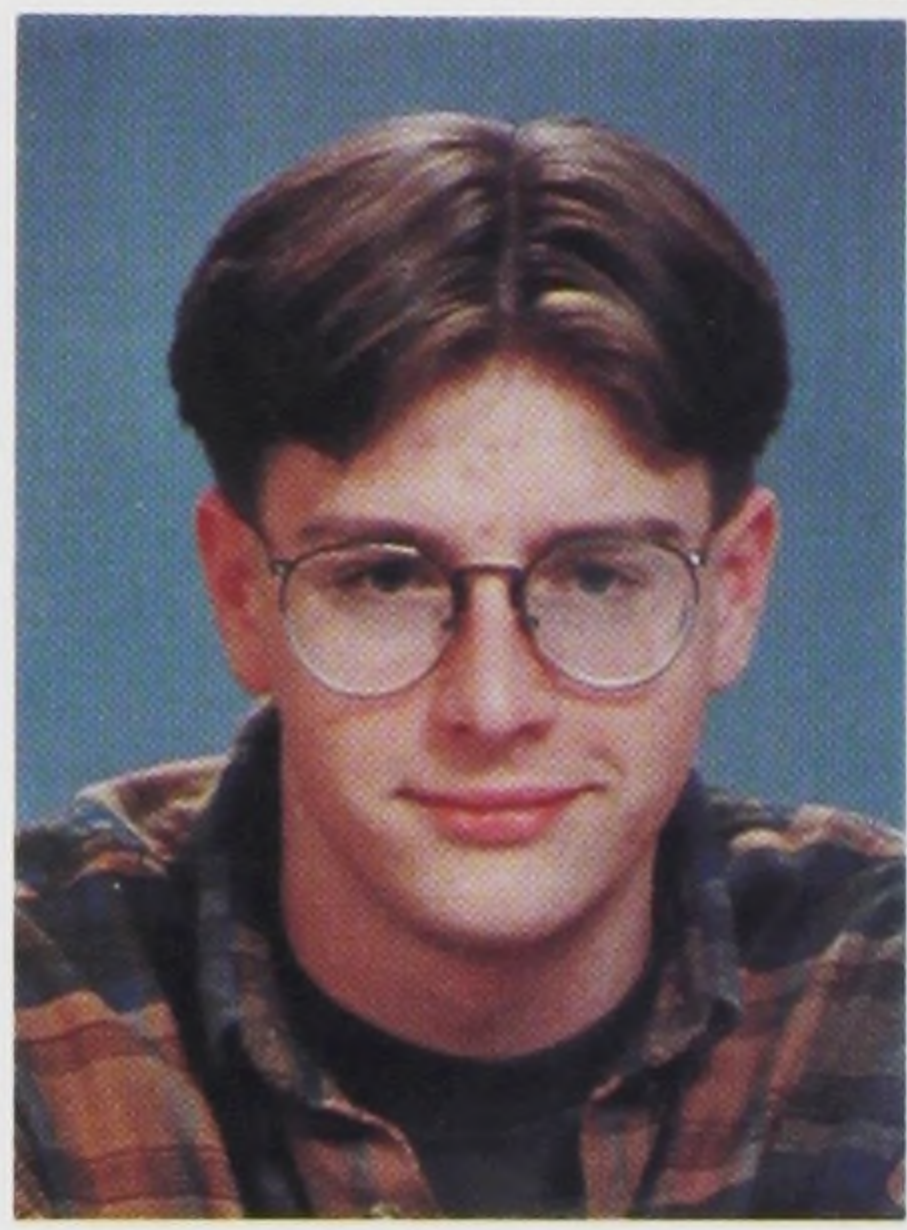




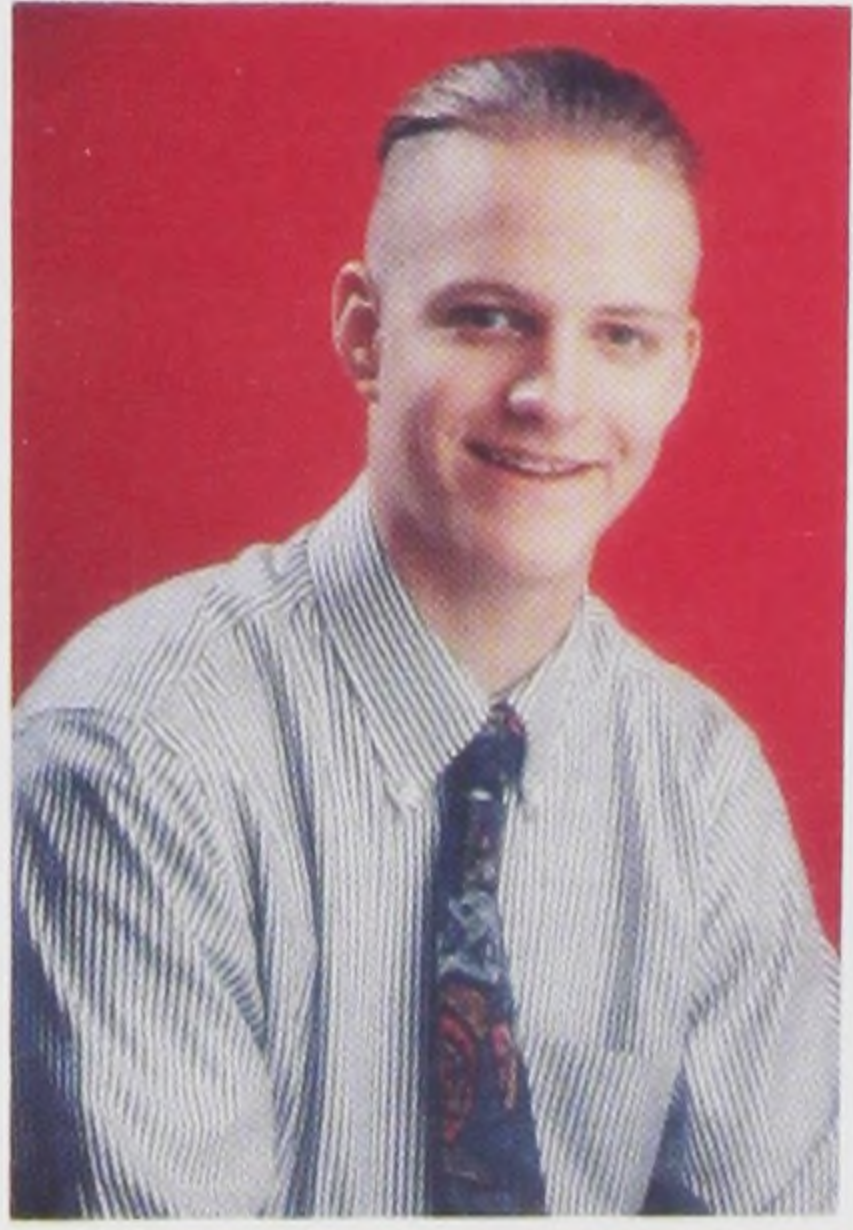
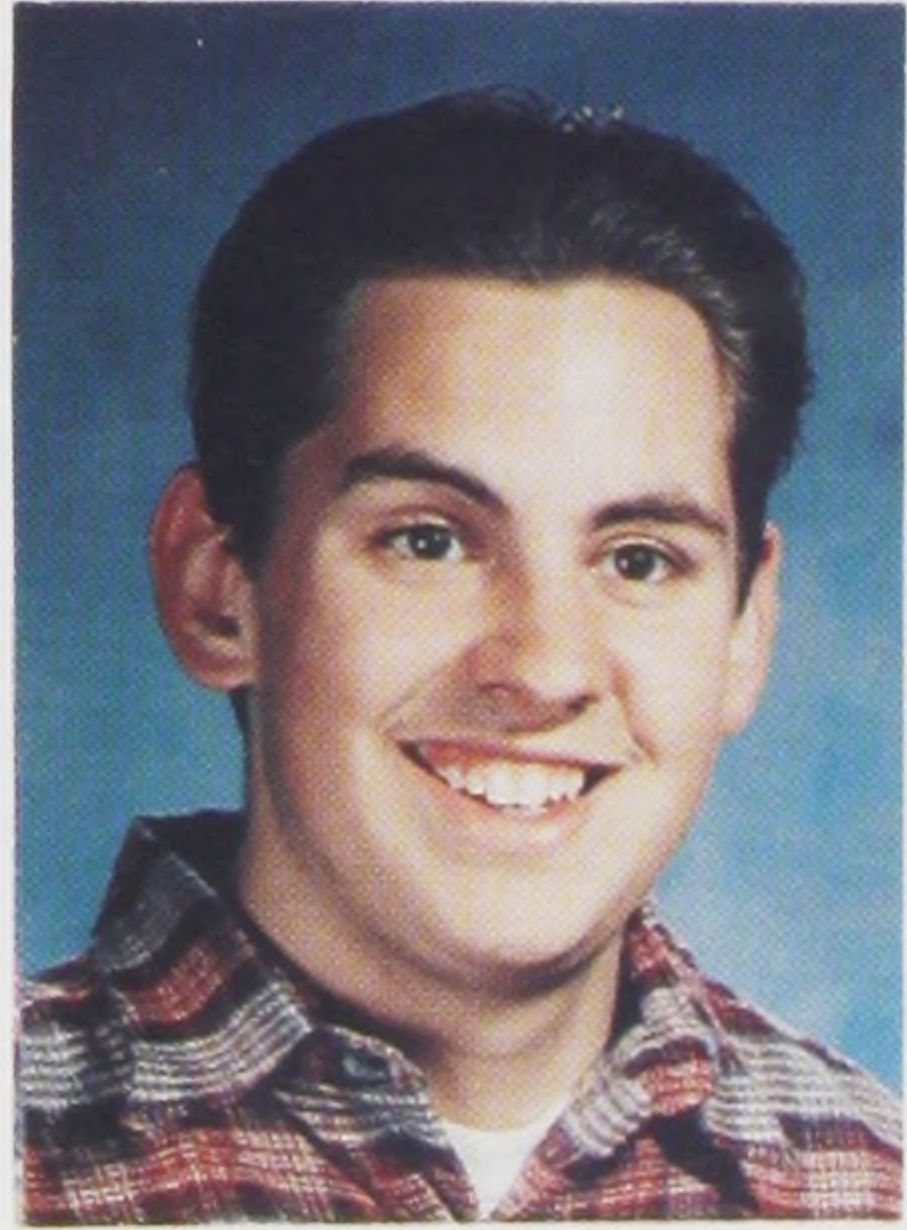
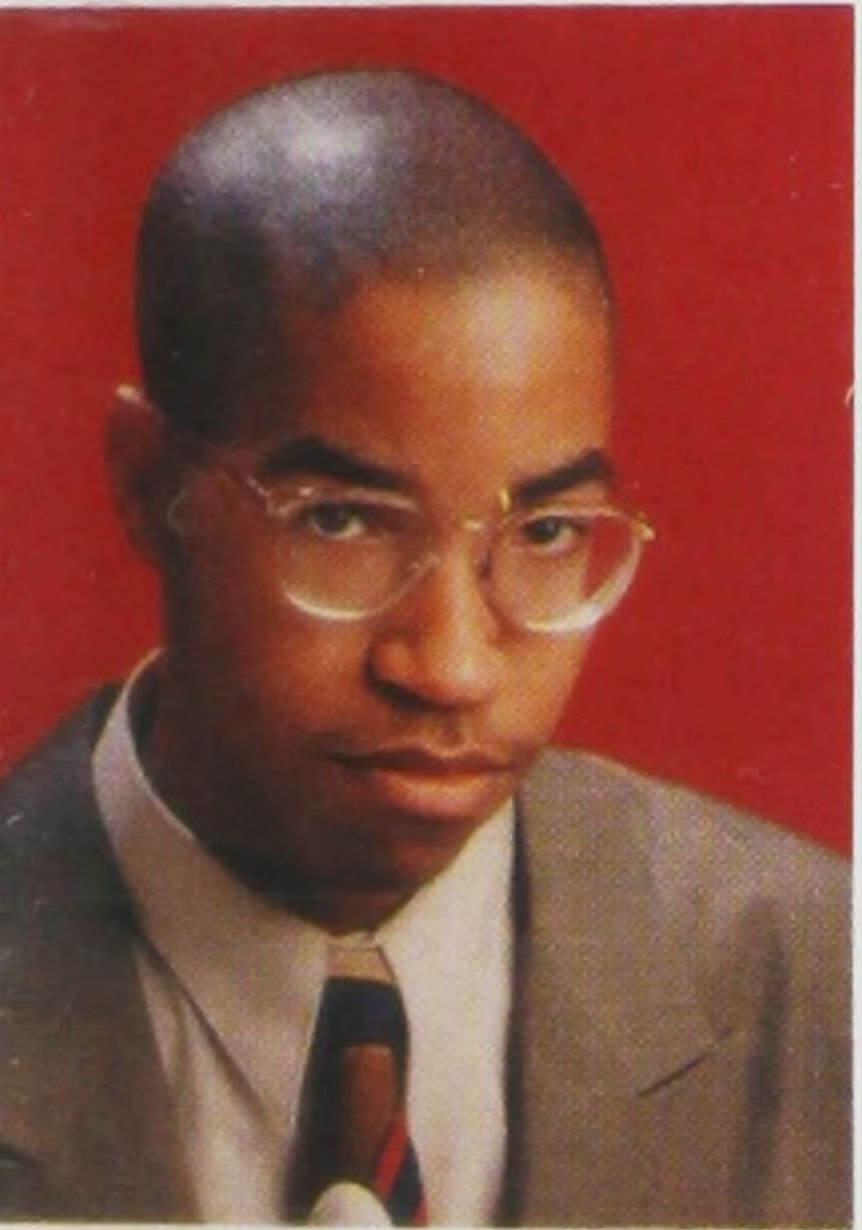
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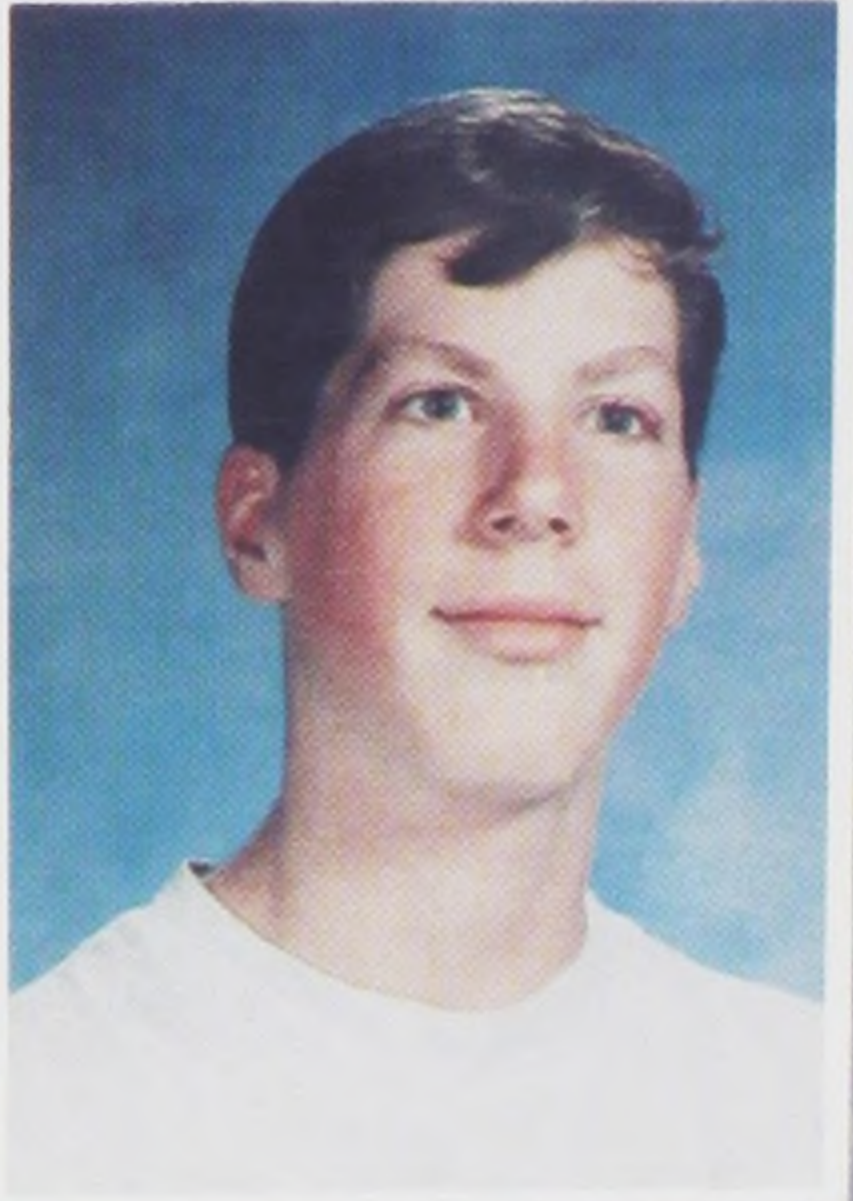
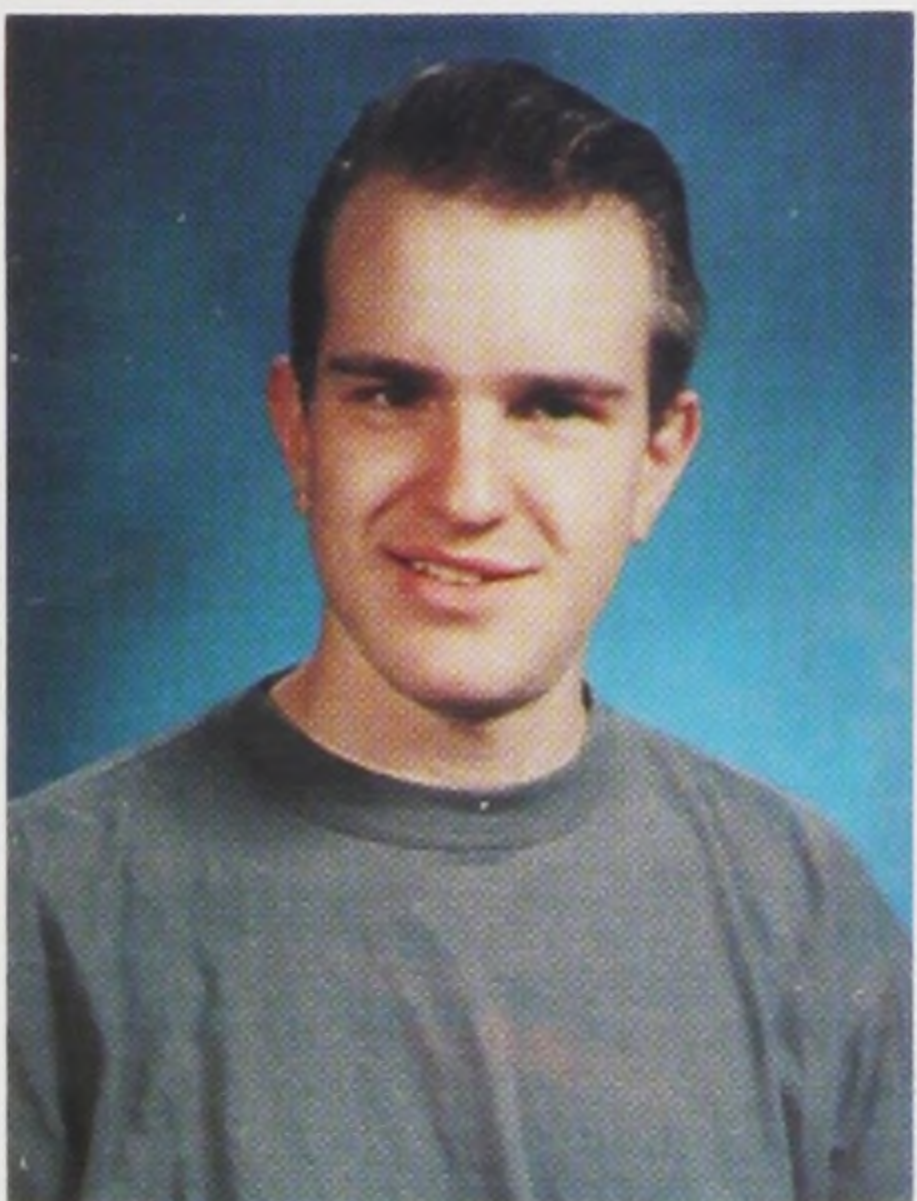
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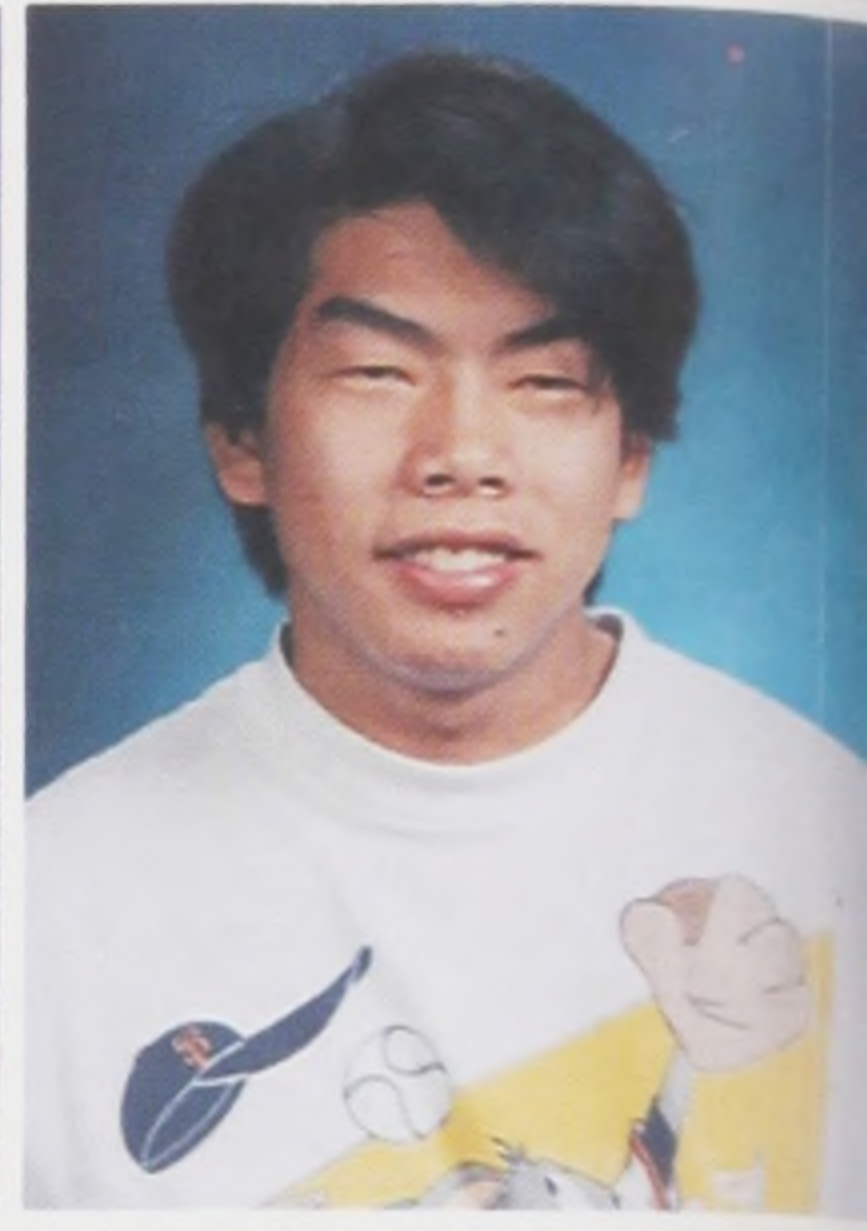
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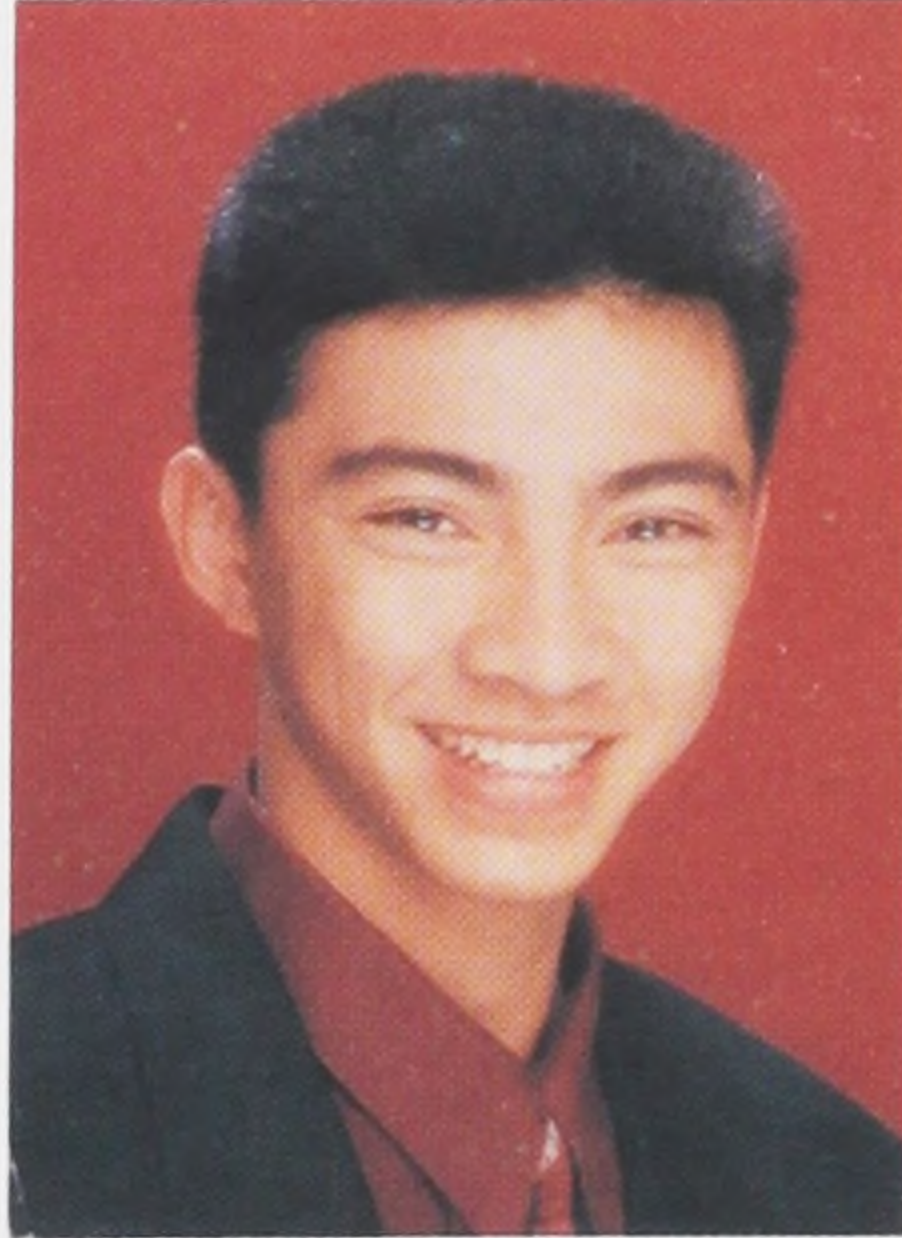
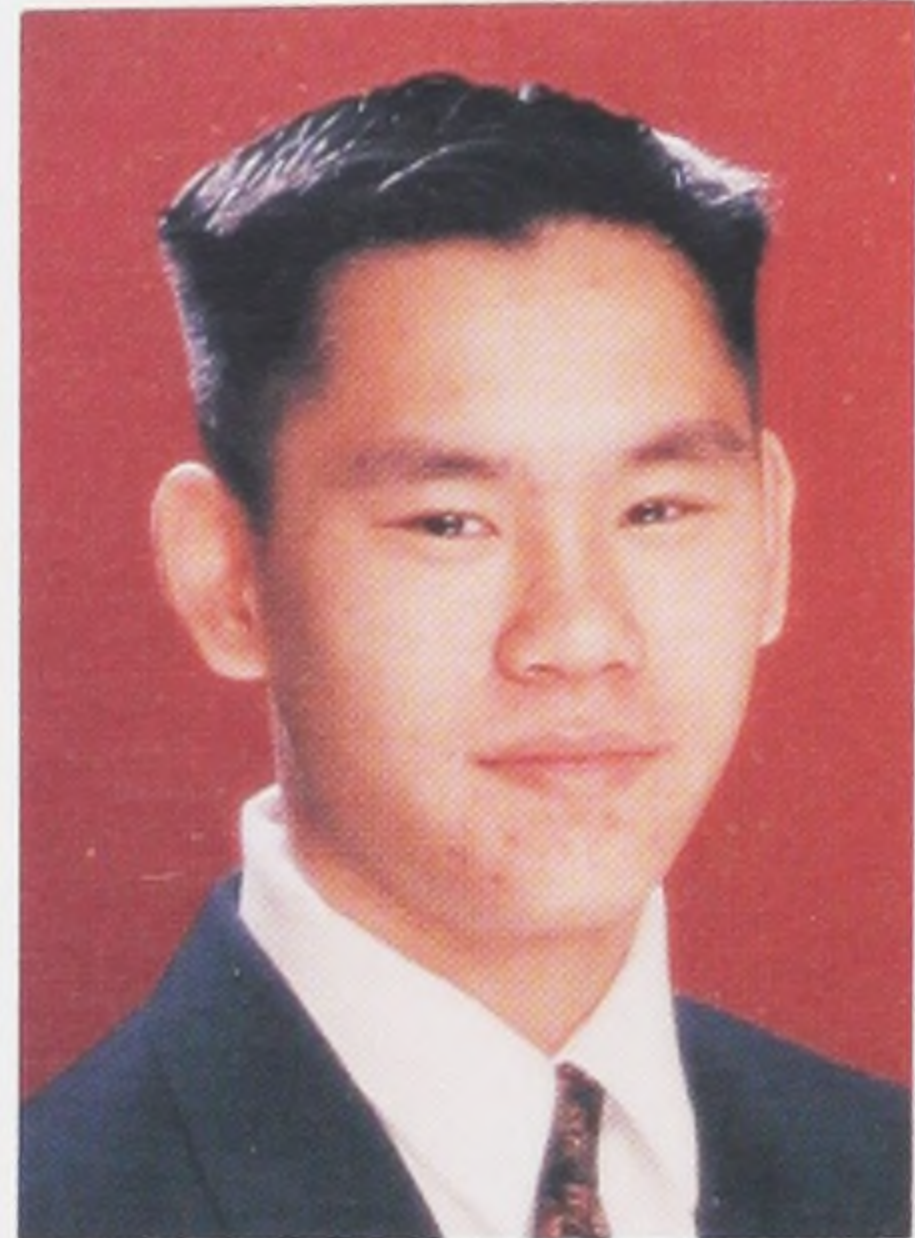
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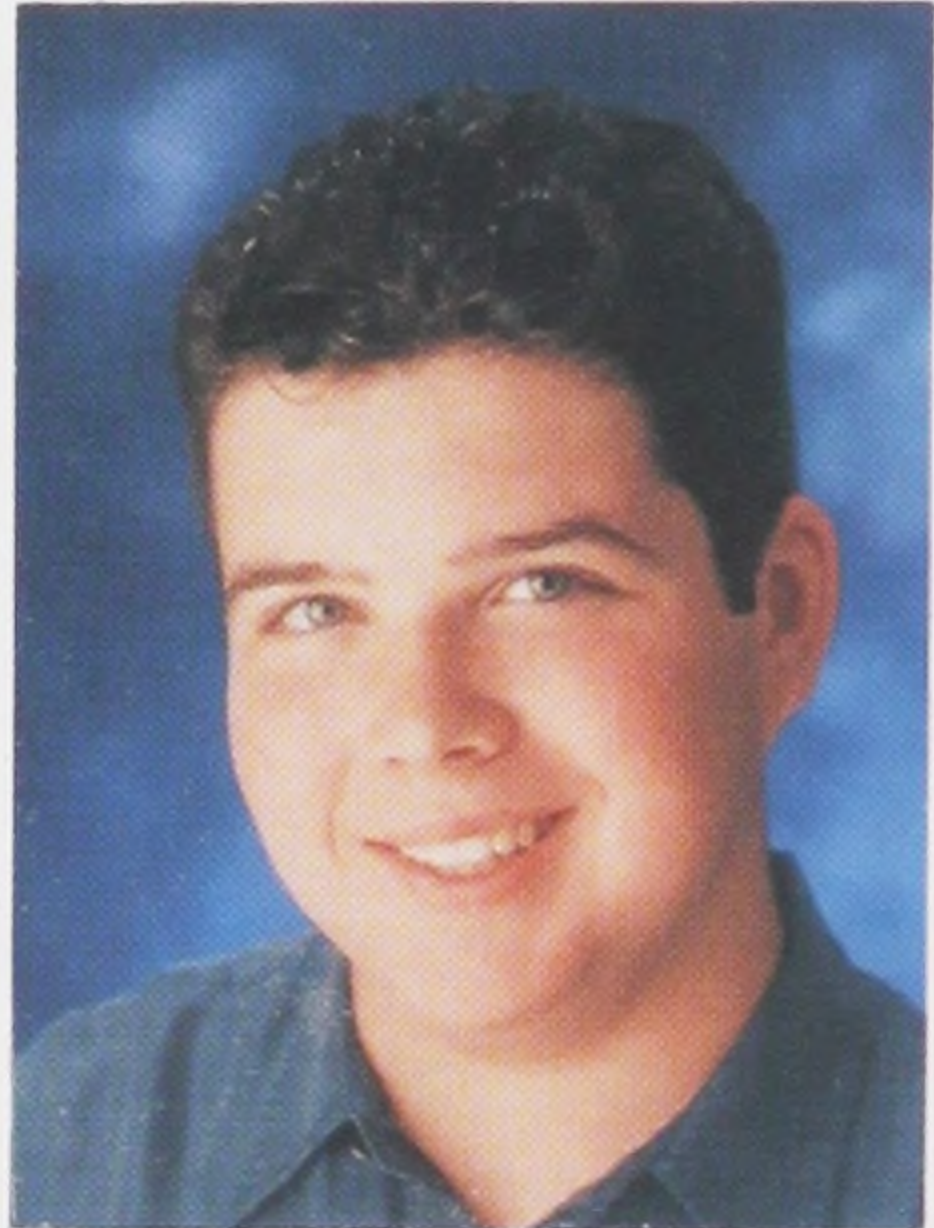
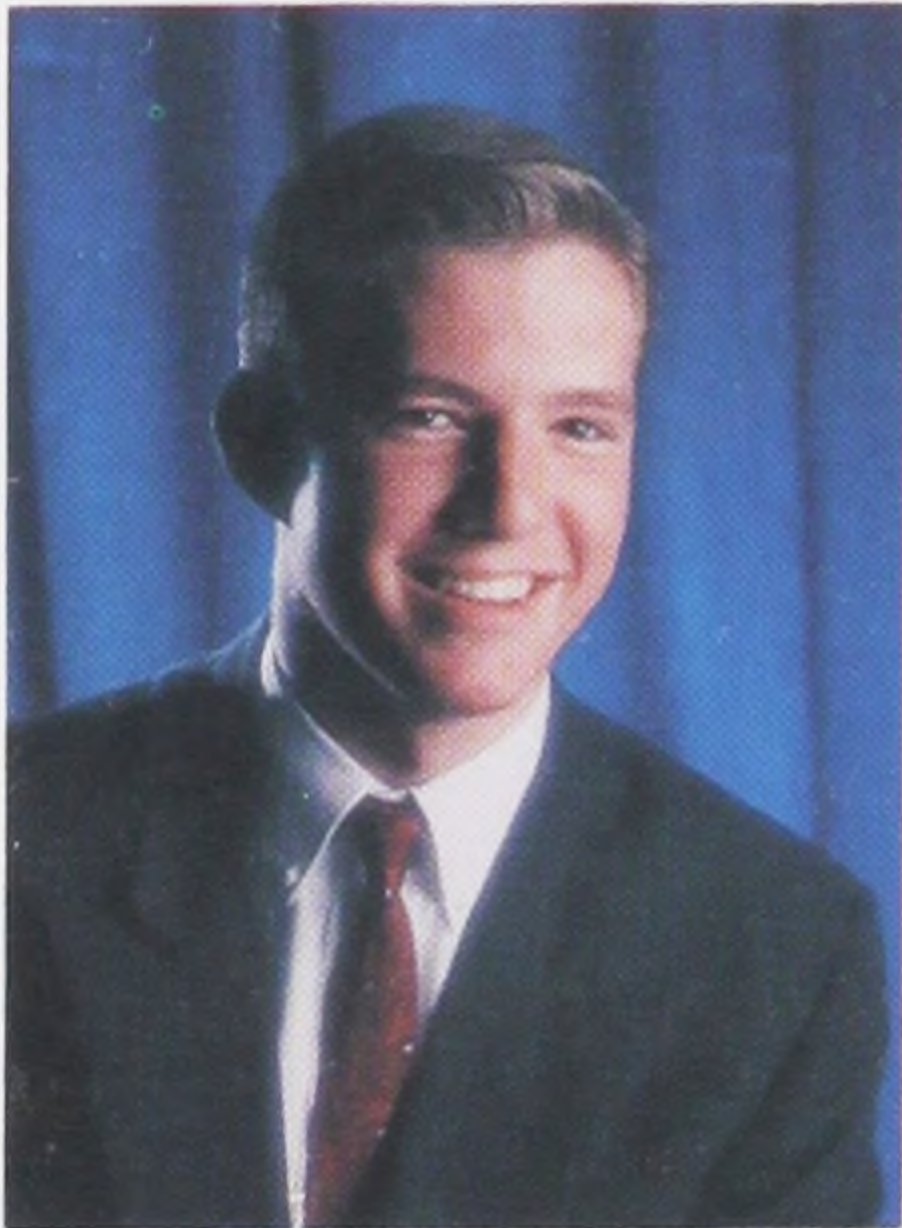
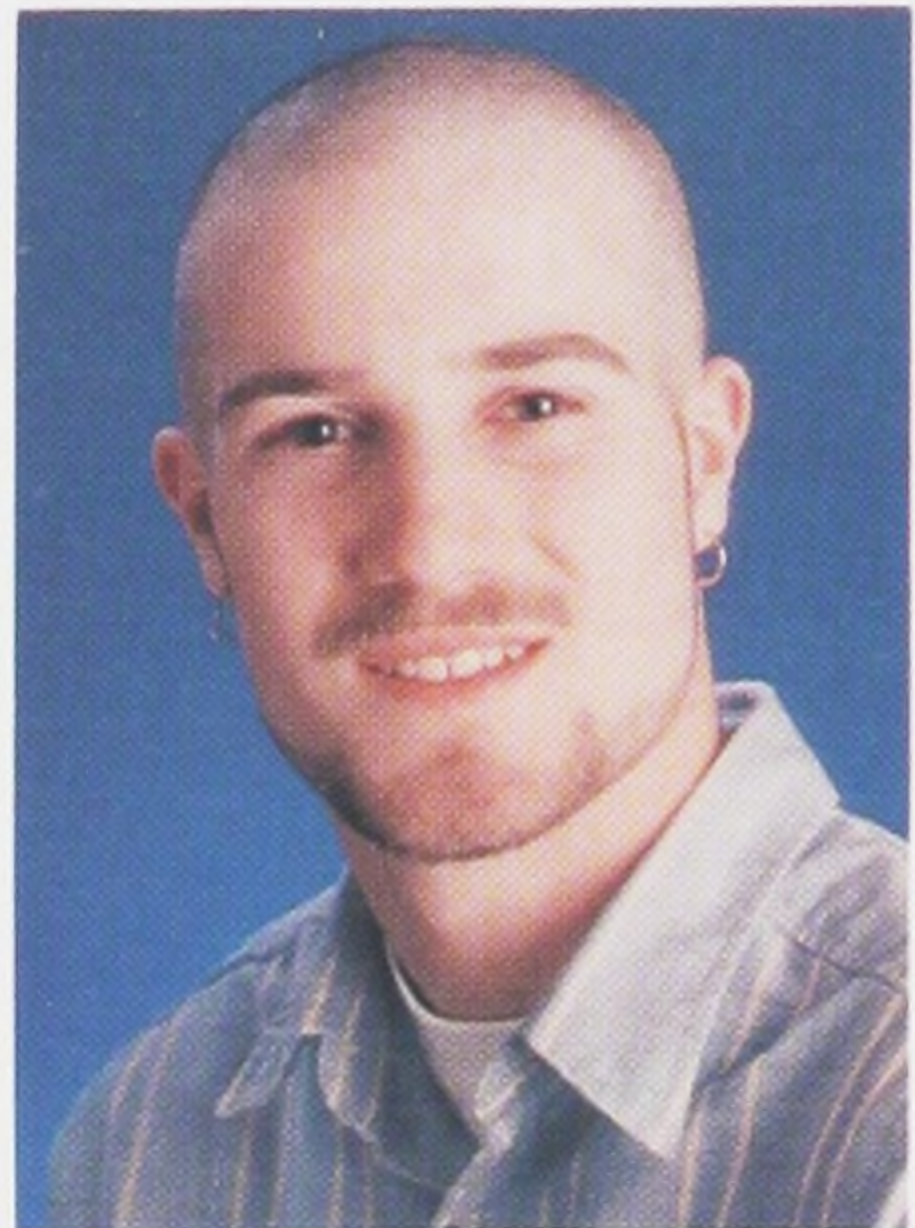
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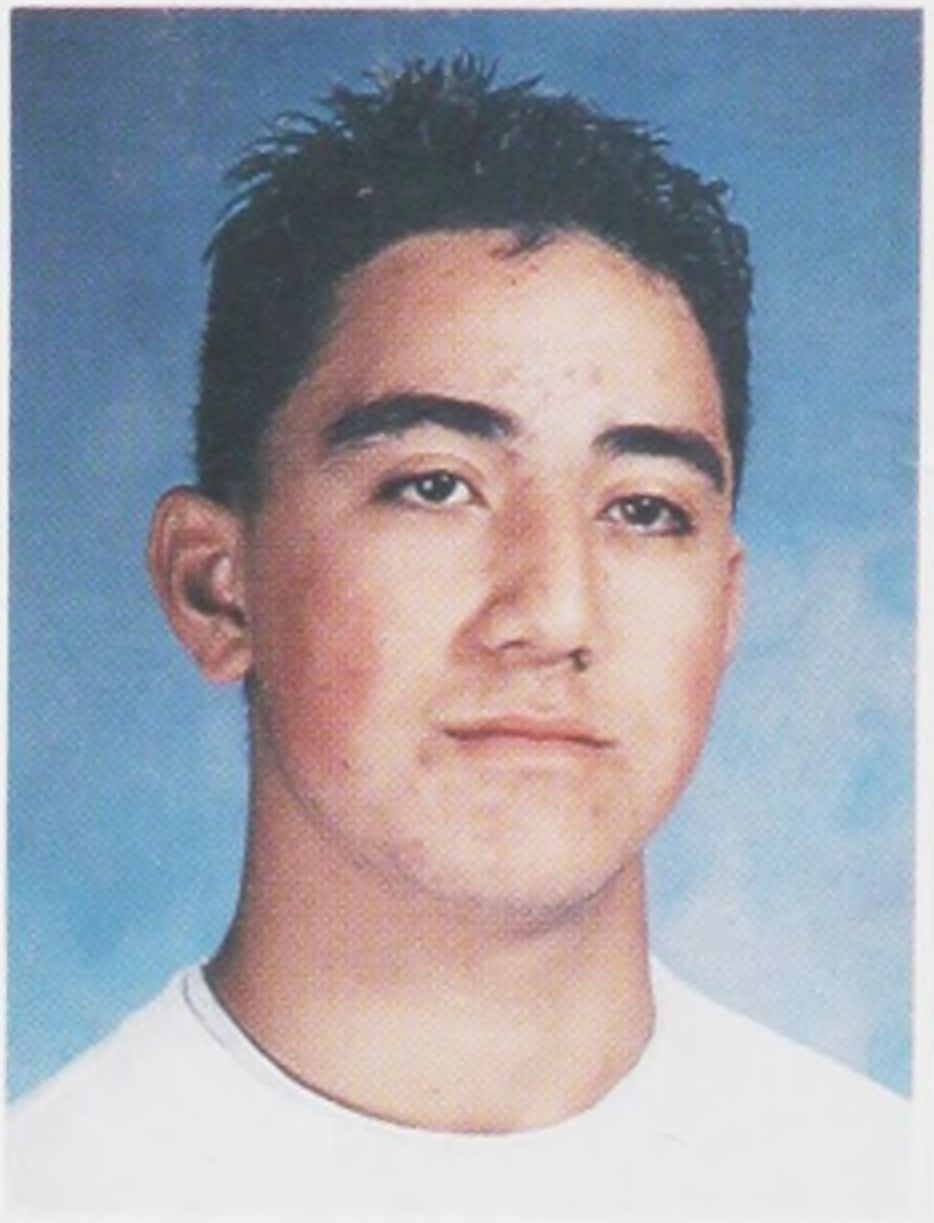
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goofing off is a way of life for these three.

# Goofy Seniors

by lina cha

Loudness, laughing, and jokes—these are some characteristics of the senior class clowns. They are always the loudest in their classes and they always have something to say. You will always see them laughing or giggling in the halls. A class clown is someone who is funny and likes to joke around a lot. Trinh Nguyen said she wants her classmates to remember her as the "Trinhster." What would your best friend say you are like? "Hopefully she would say I am a nice person and not evil! He he he." Well, as one of her good friends, she has some evil deep inside of her.

After asking Wintress Watson why she thinks her classmates voted for her, she replied "I keep them laughing and I like to joke around." She wants her classmates to remember her as a funny person who gets along with almost anyone.

**CLASS CLOWNS.** Wintress Watson, Marcus Gill (Ernie), and Trinh Nguyen cheese at the camera with their everyday smile.



# Rah Rah Tech!

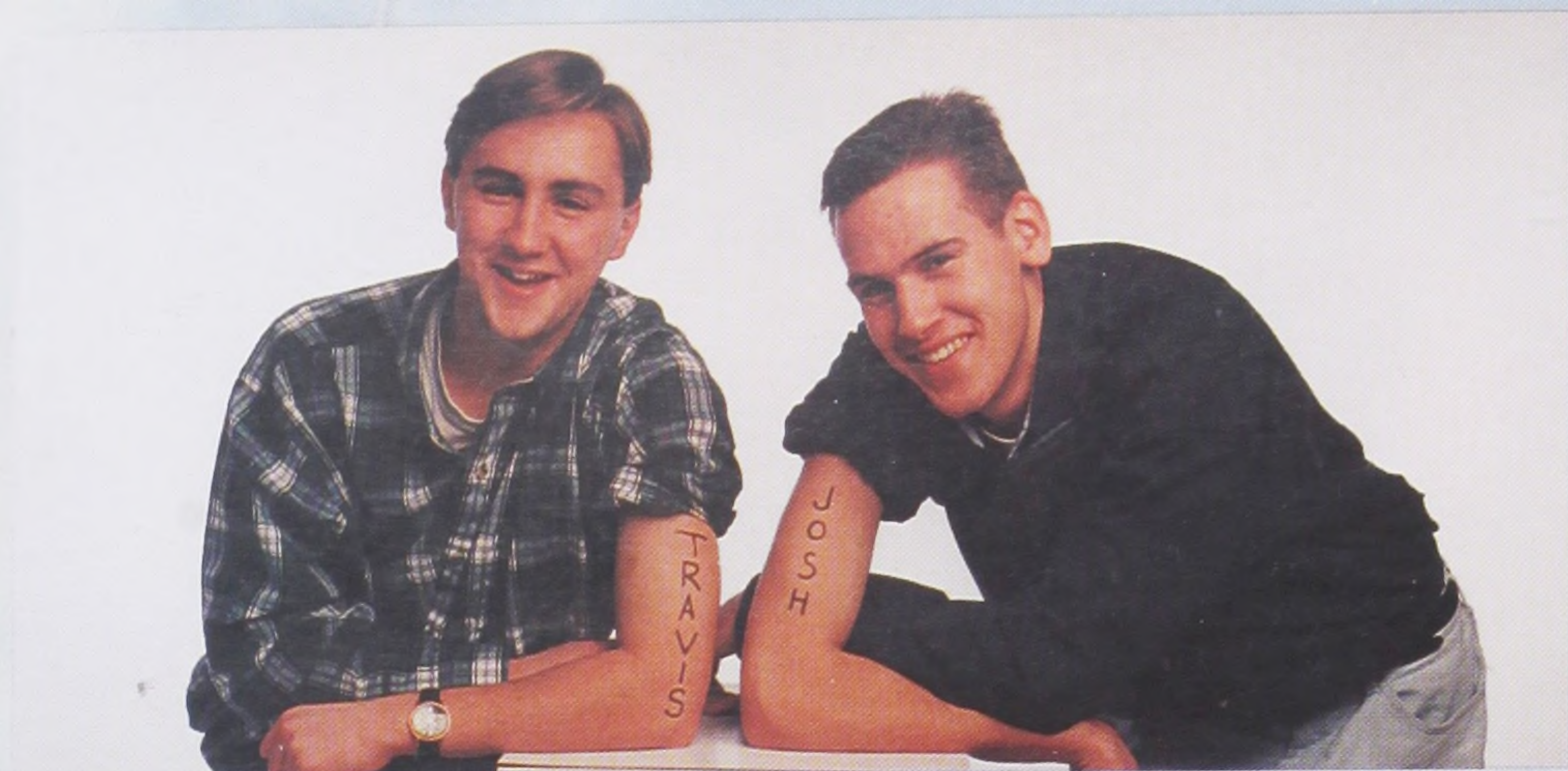
The two most spirited senior candidates who were unanimously voted for by the senior class were Joel Moore and Karida Griffith. Karida attended all of the basketball games this season. She was also on the Varsity football rally squad. At the basketball games you would see her holding pom poms and yelling GO TECH!

At the past football games and pep assembly, you would see Joel dressed up as a cheerleader, wearing last year's uniform with his long blonde wig and his nice, smooth, skinny legs. You probably wouldn't mistake him for a cheerleader. At the basketball play-offs, he was wearing rainbow hair, demonstrating his Benson spirit.

we are, we are the Techmen! by lina cha







# Friends 4 Life

this is what friends are for.

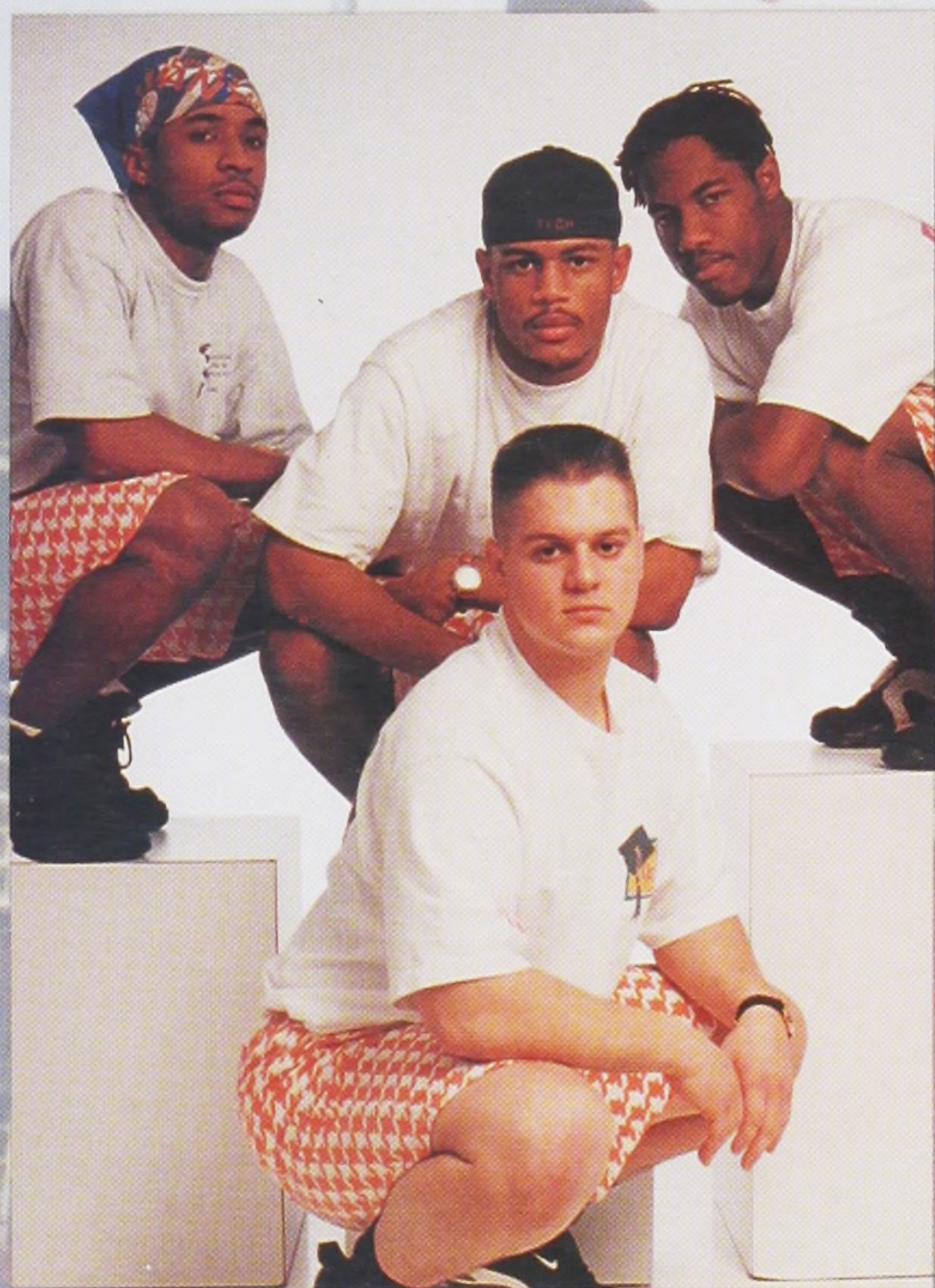
by trinh nguyen

Out of everyone in the senior class, these three groups of friends are the most mentioned.

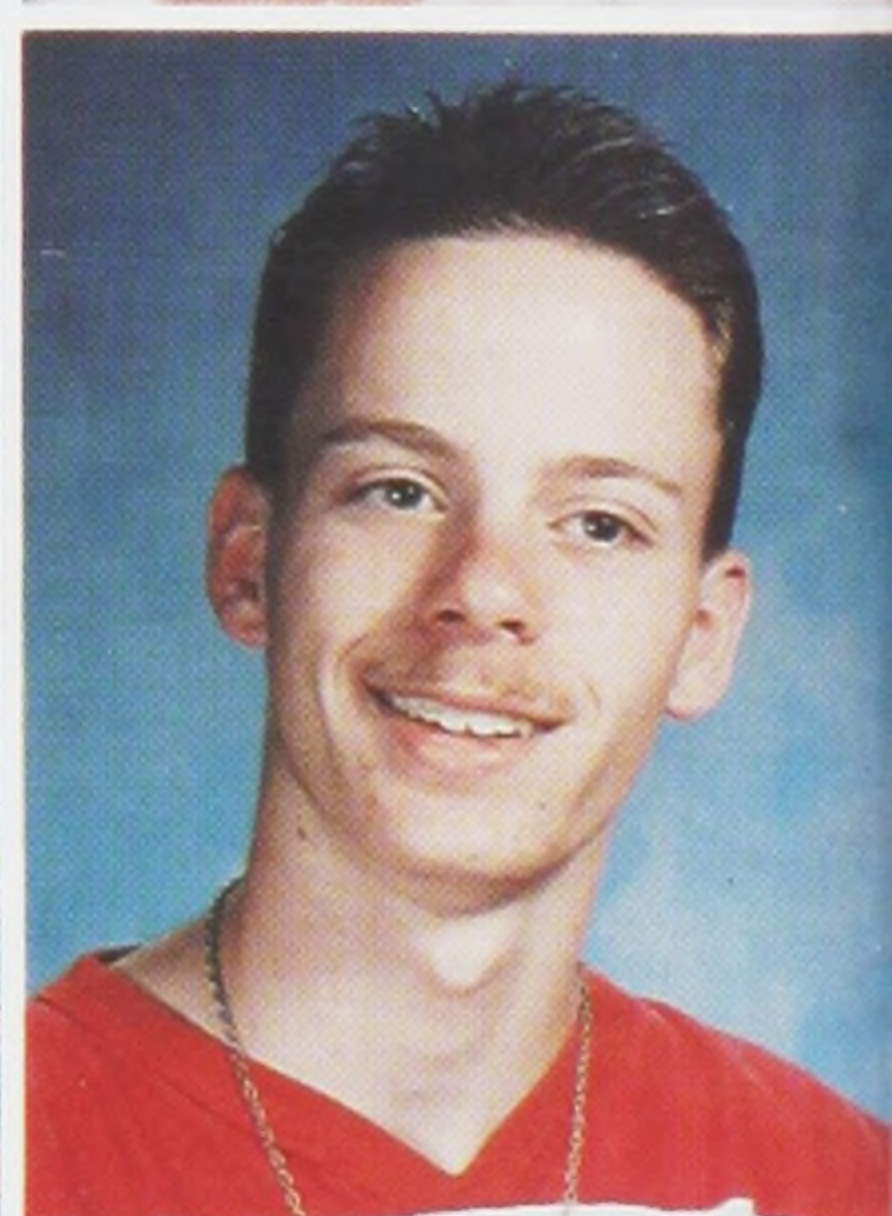
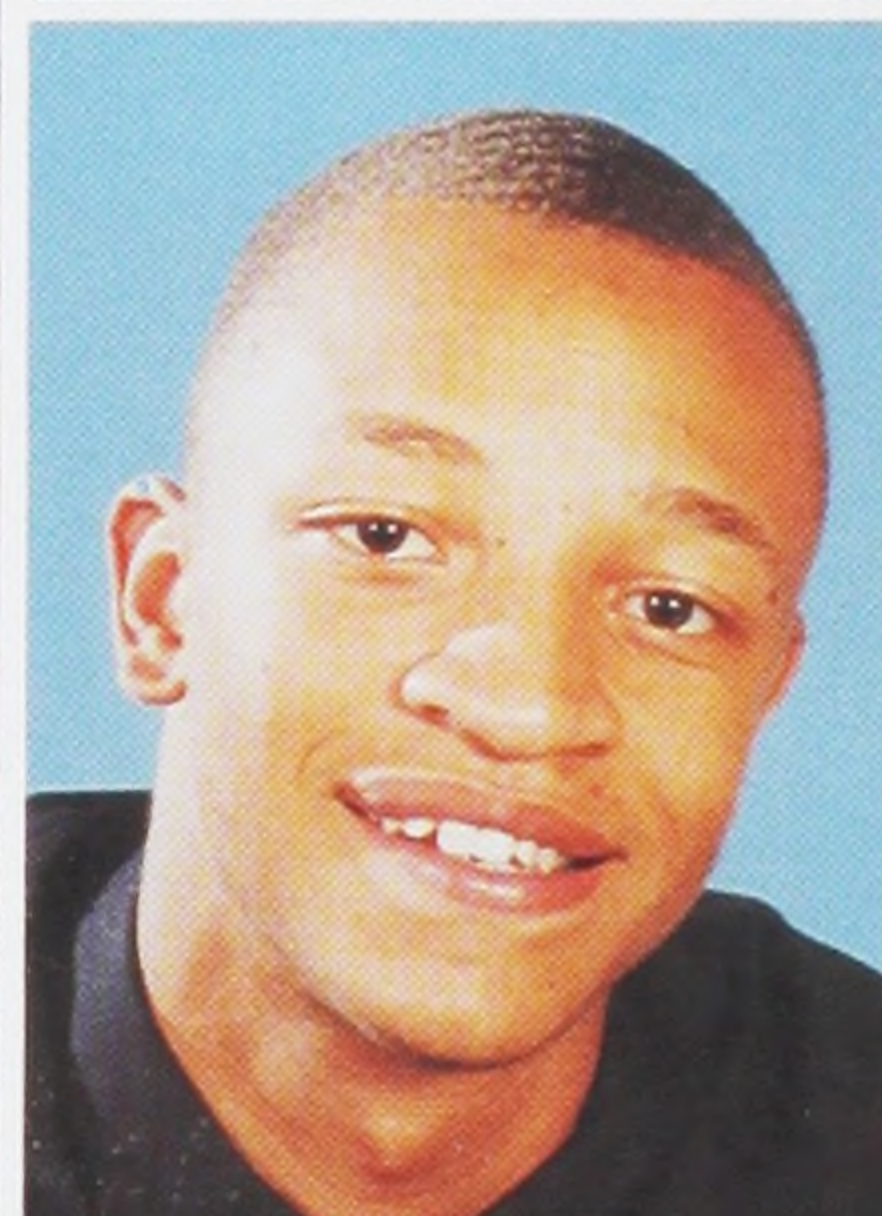
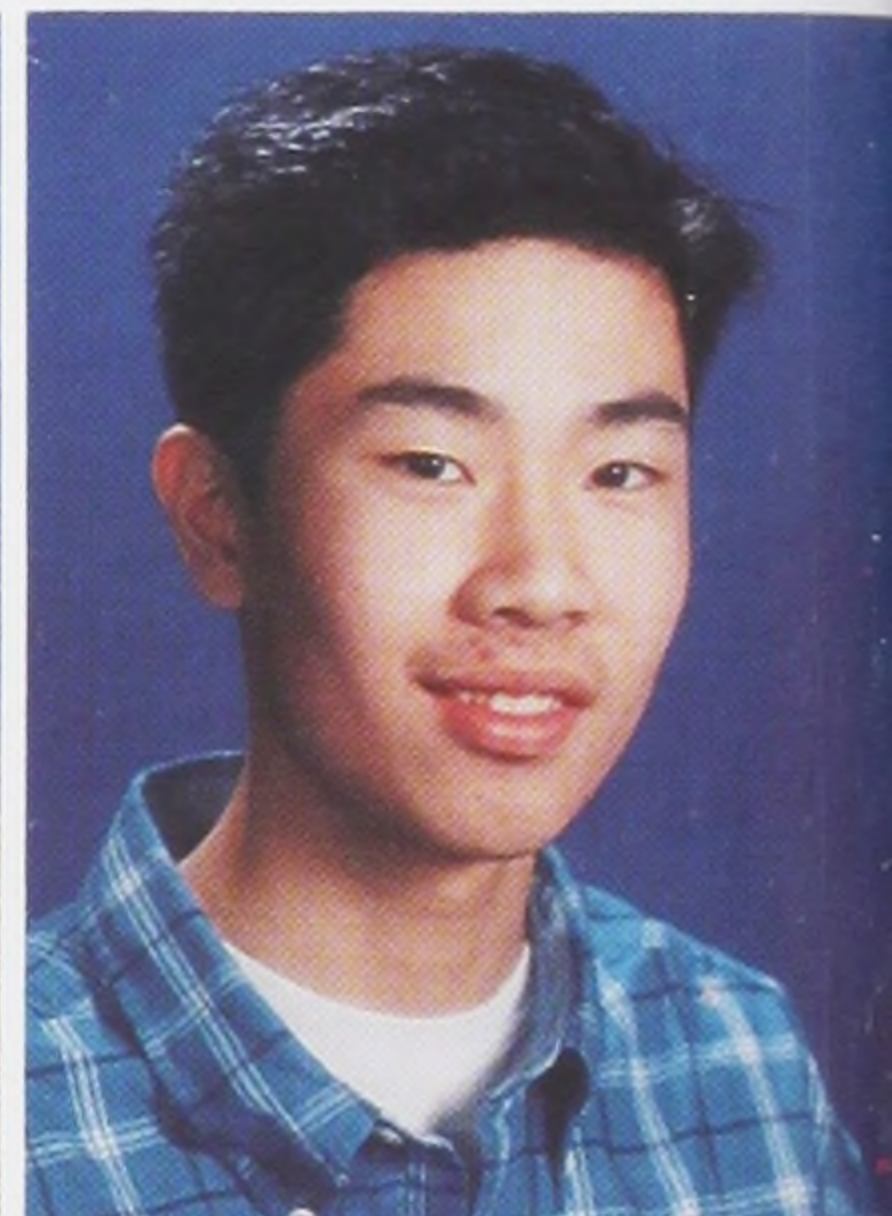
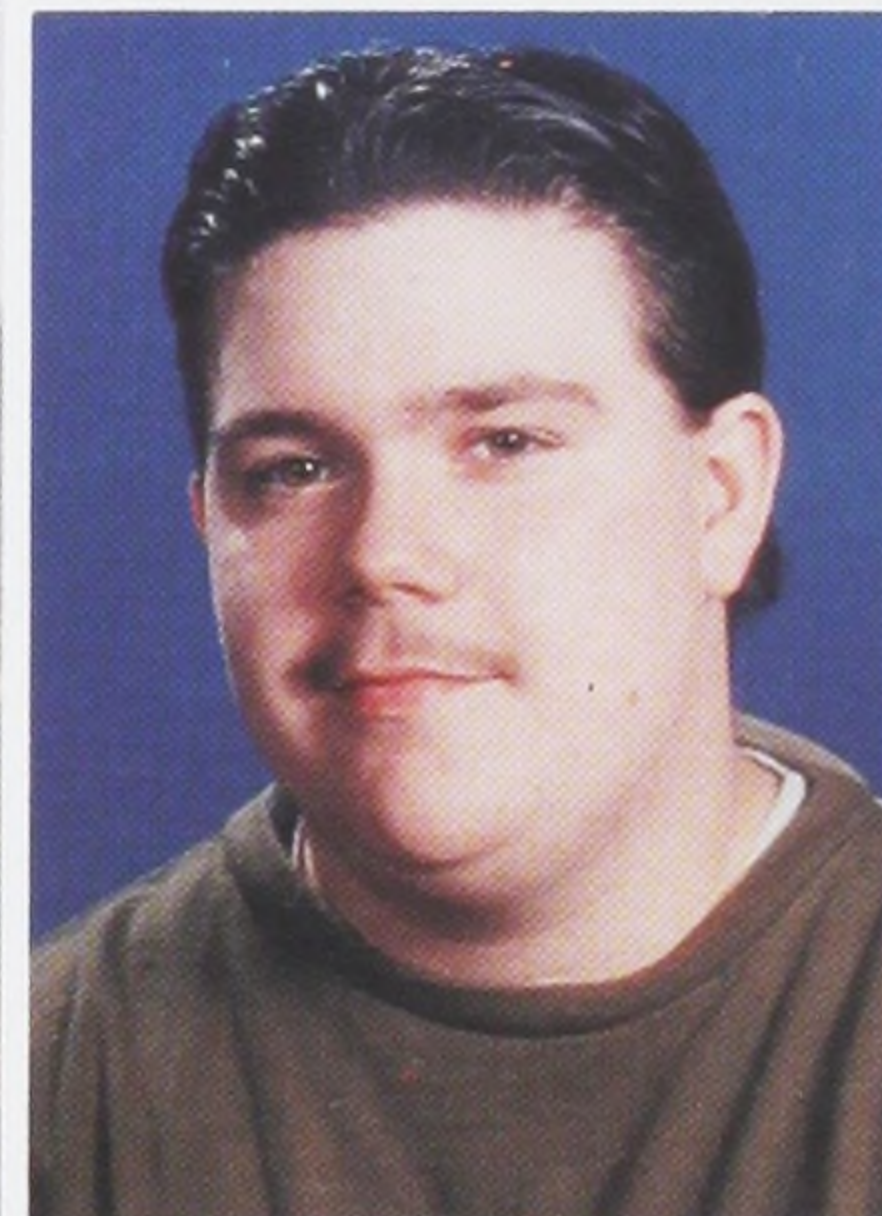
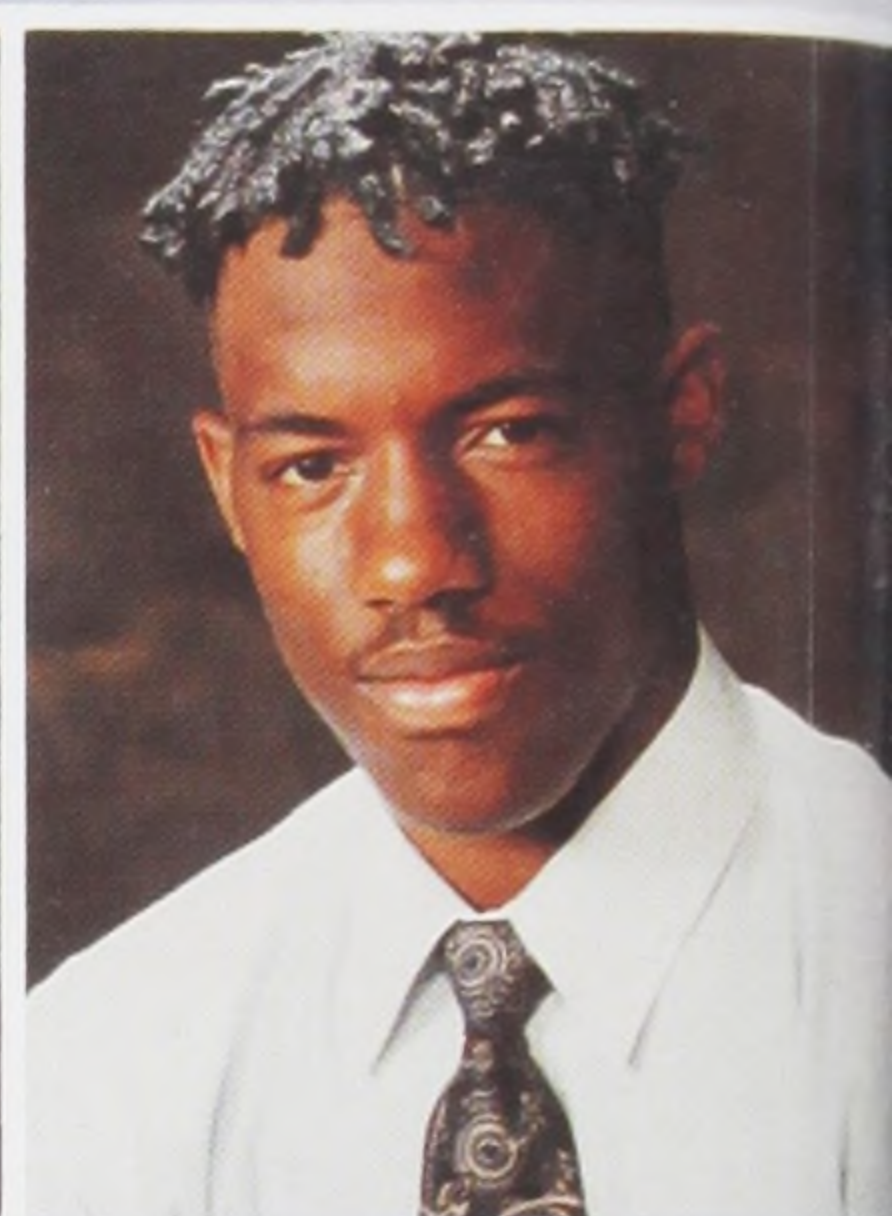
Josh Aune and Travis Baker have been friends ever since their freshmen year at Benson. "When I met Josh, I thought he was a nerd with glasses," Travis said (laughing), "We had to be best friends!"

Also friends since freshmen year is Alisha Colloway and Rachel Espedal. These two magnets do everything together. Can't you tell by their pose?

And as for the 128 Posse (Chris Beene, Tauheed Jermany, Desmond Faison) and Paul Lauritzon, all four think they "...are the GREATEST!!! Cause we are the best!!!"



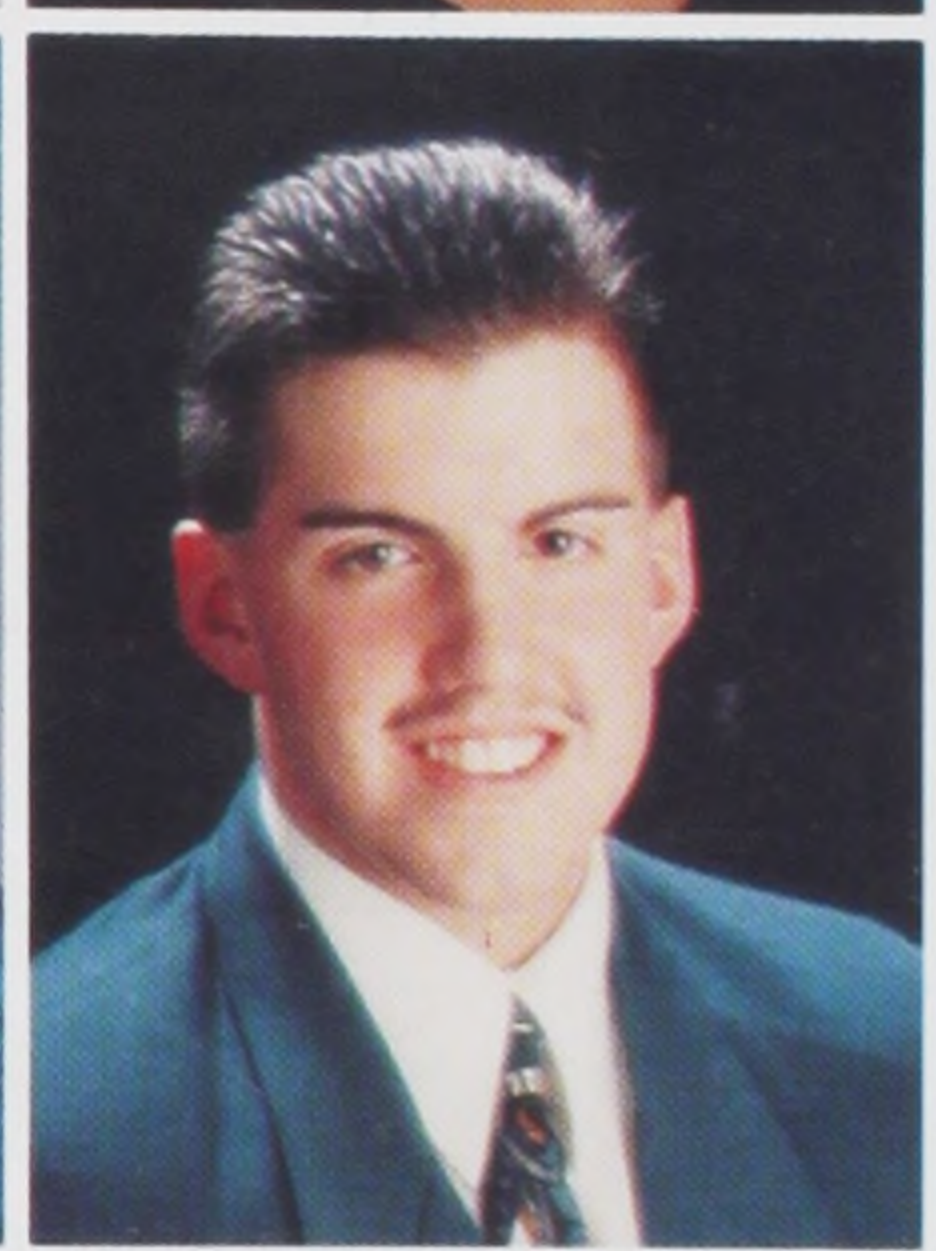
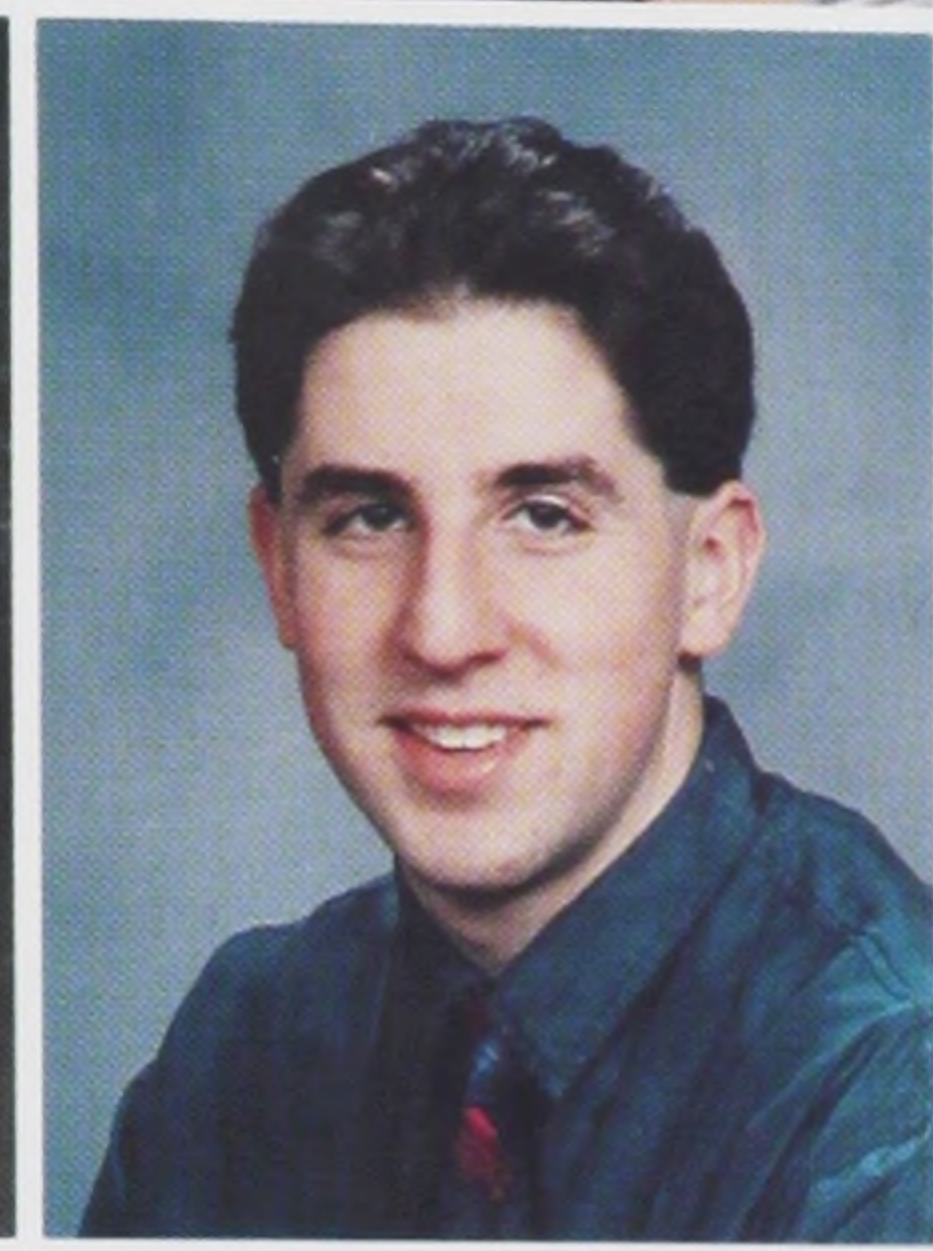
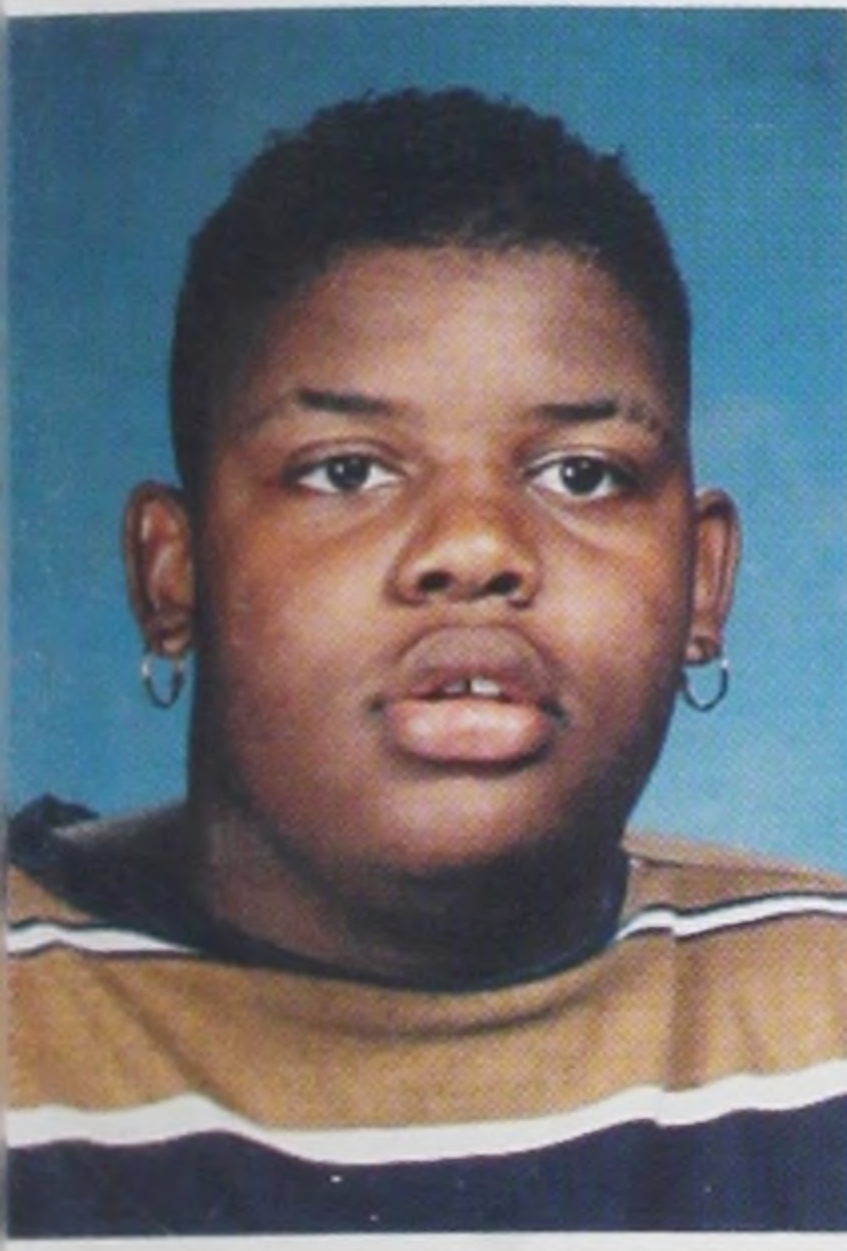
**THE GANG.** Josh Aune and Travis Baker shows off their temporary tatoos to pose in front of the camera. Also Alisha Calloway and Rachel Espedal demonstrate what they do in their spare time for fun. And as for the 128 Posse (Chris Beene, Tauheed Jermany, Desmond Faison) and Paul Lauritzon, they "... are the GREATEST!"



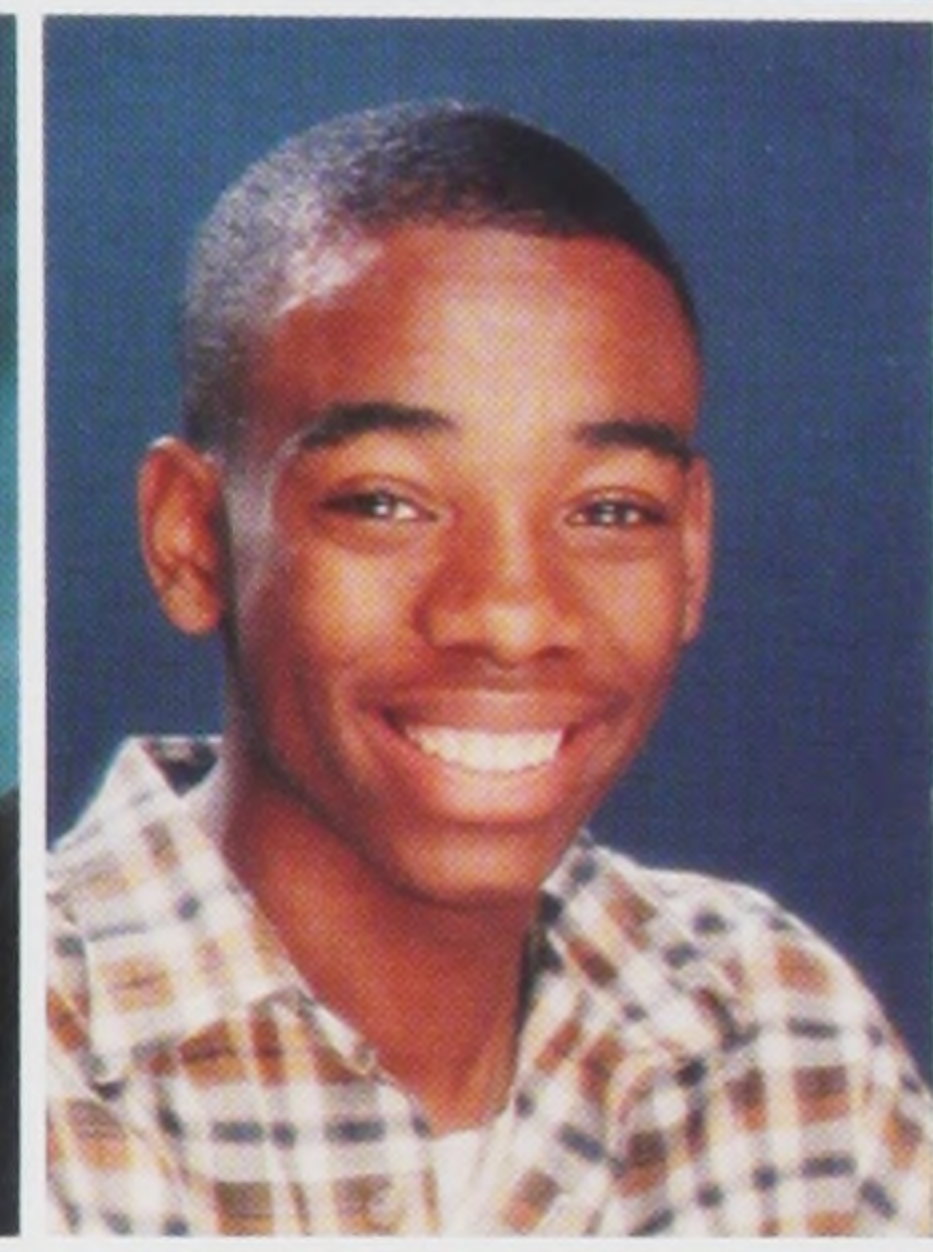




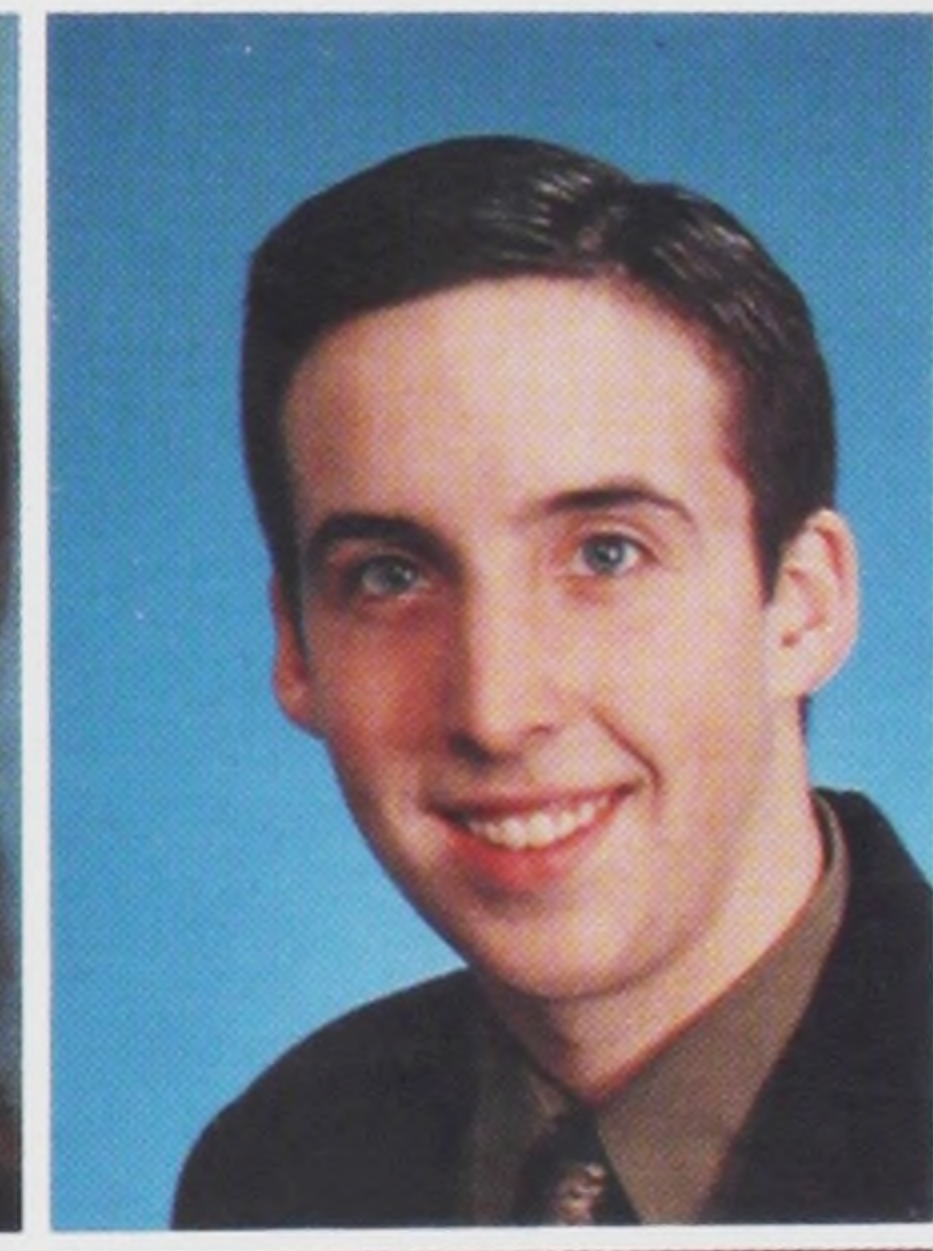
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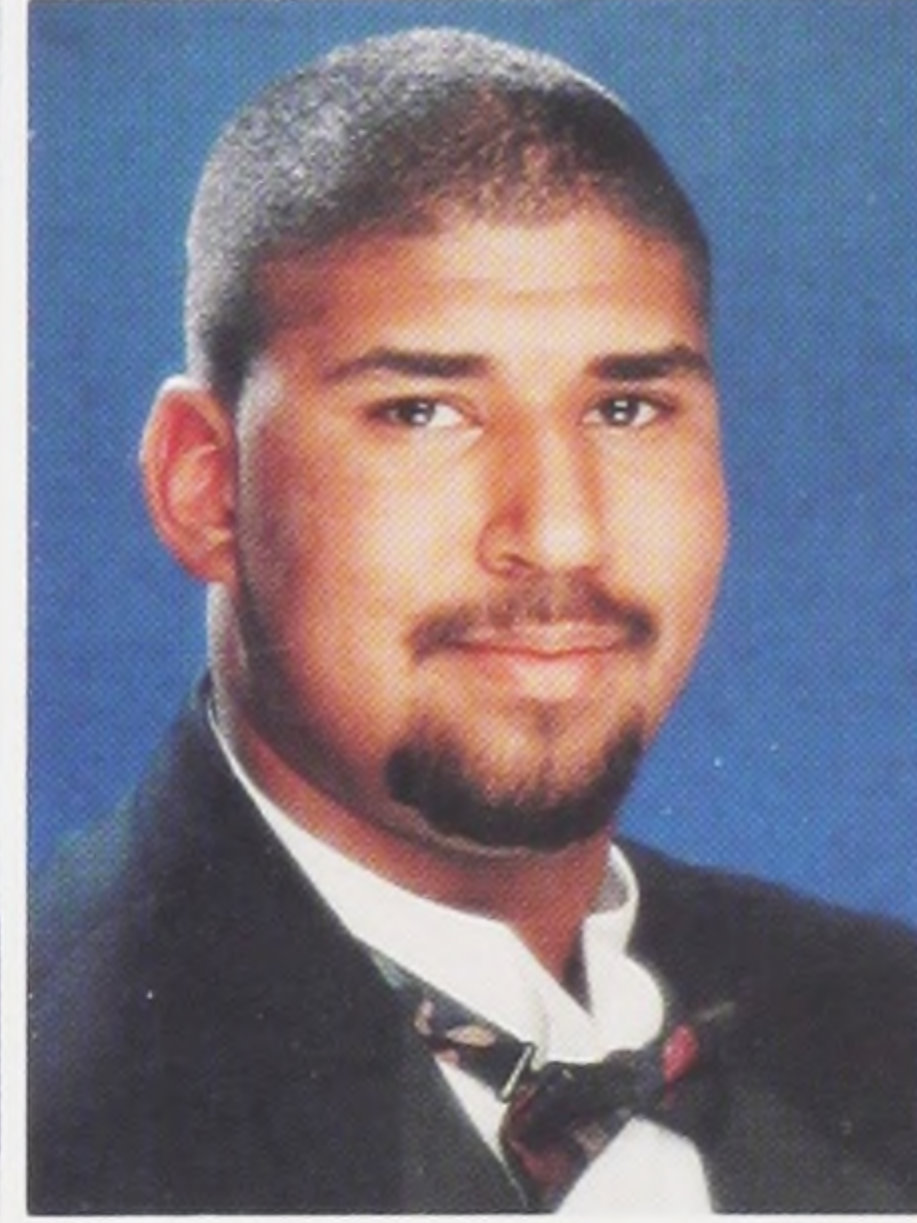
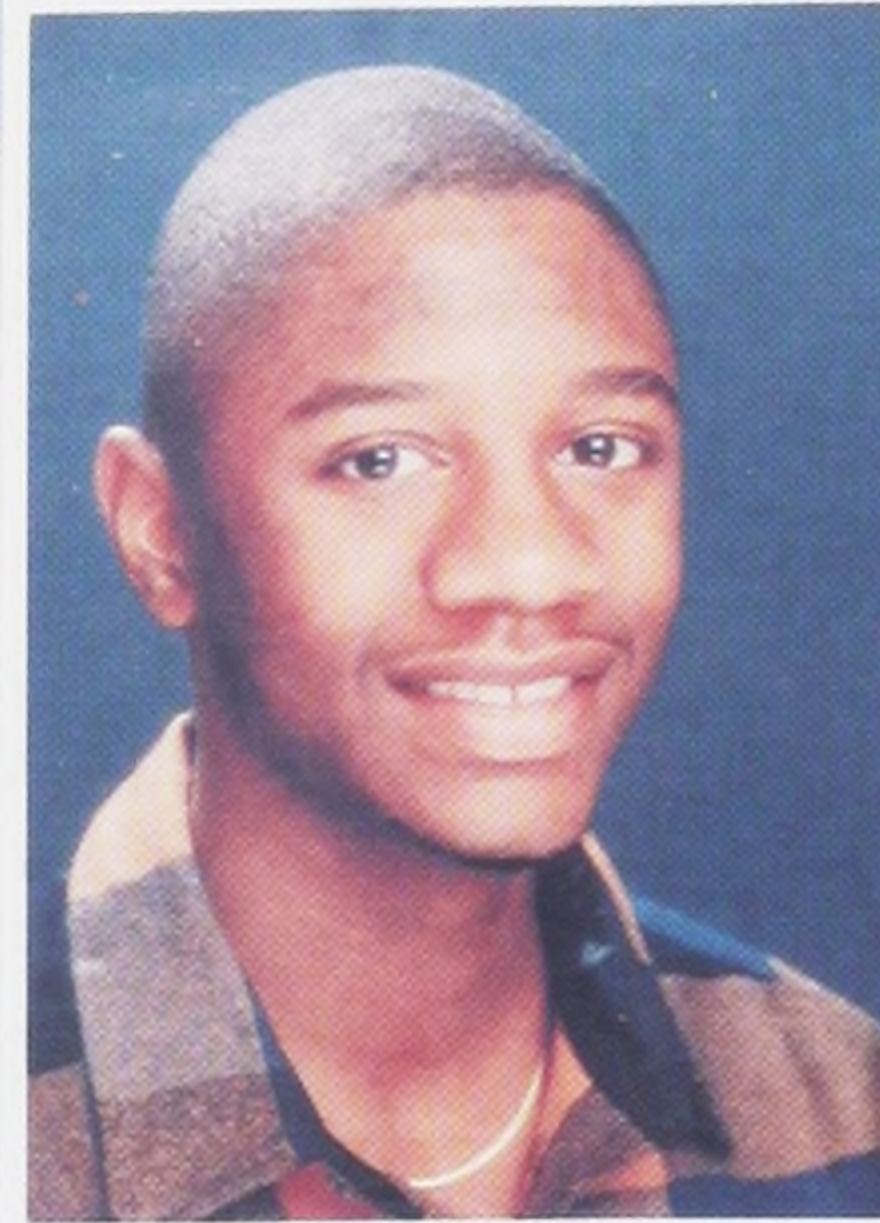
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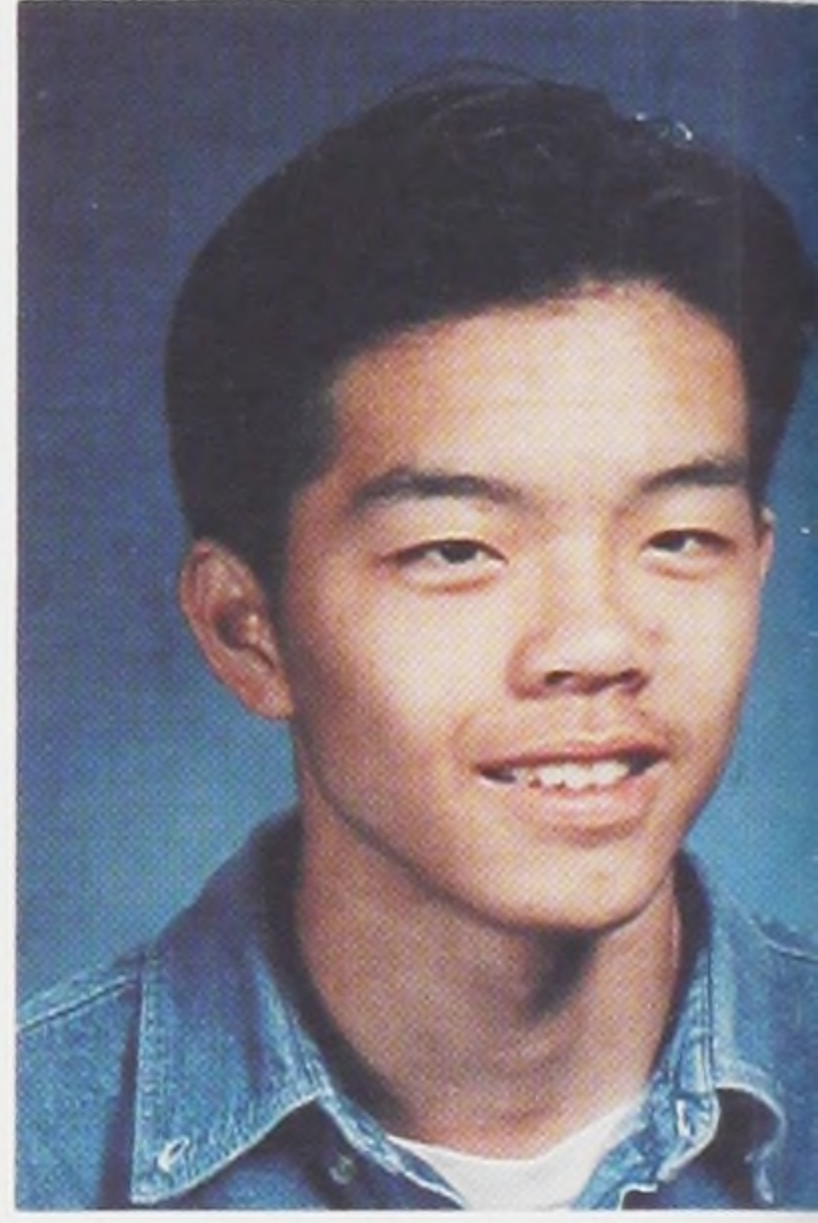
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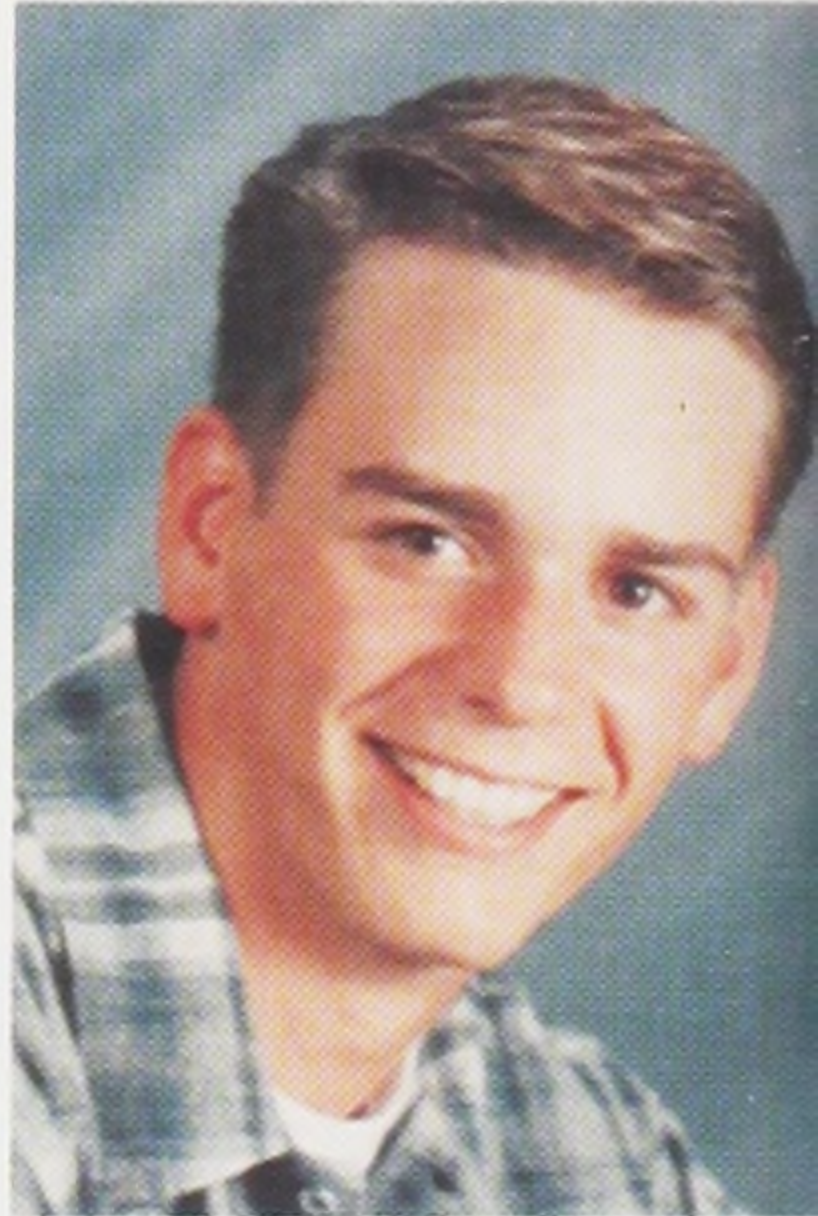
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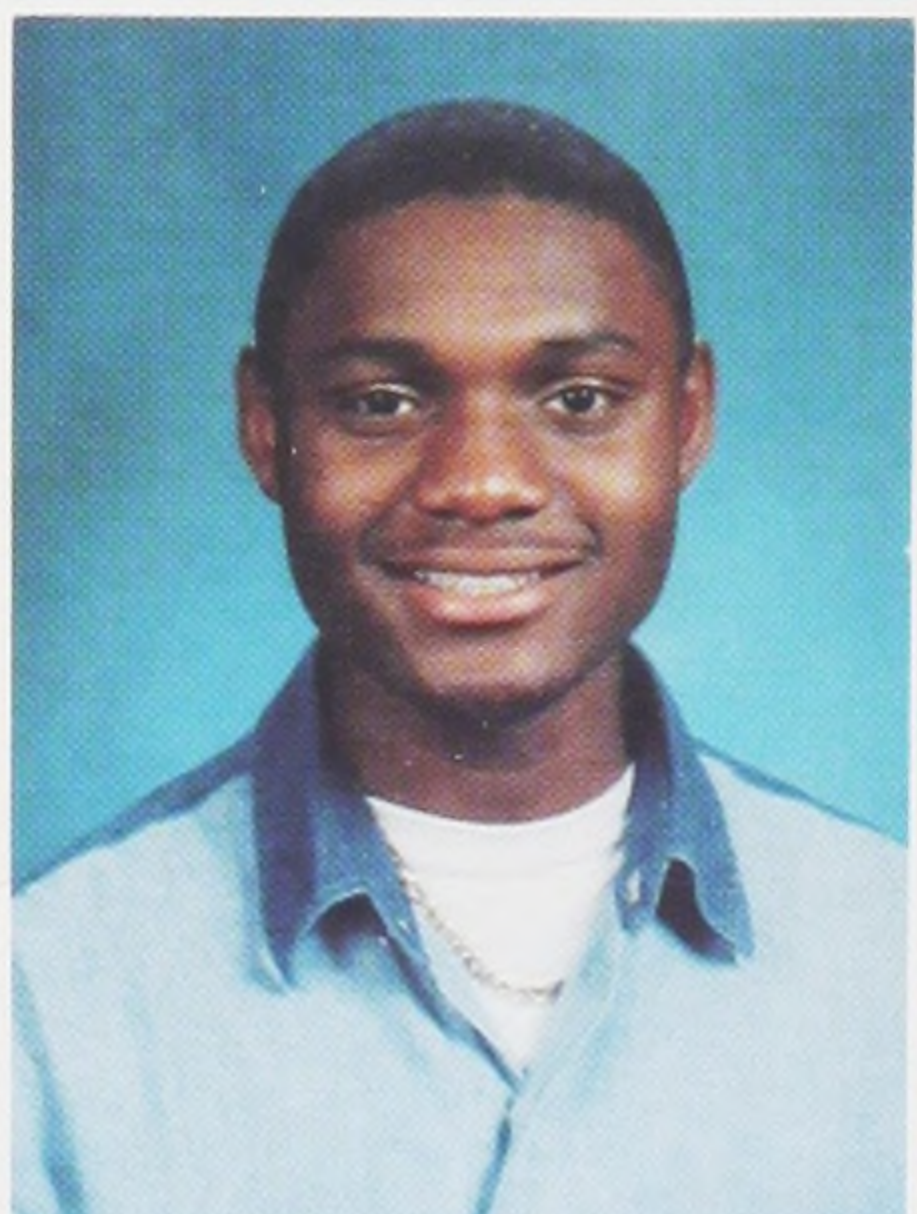
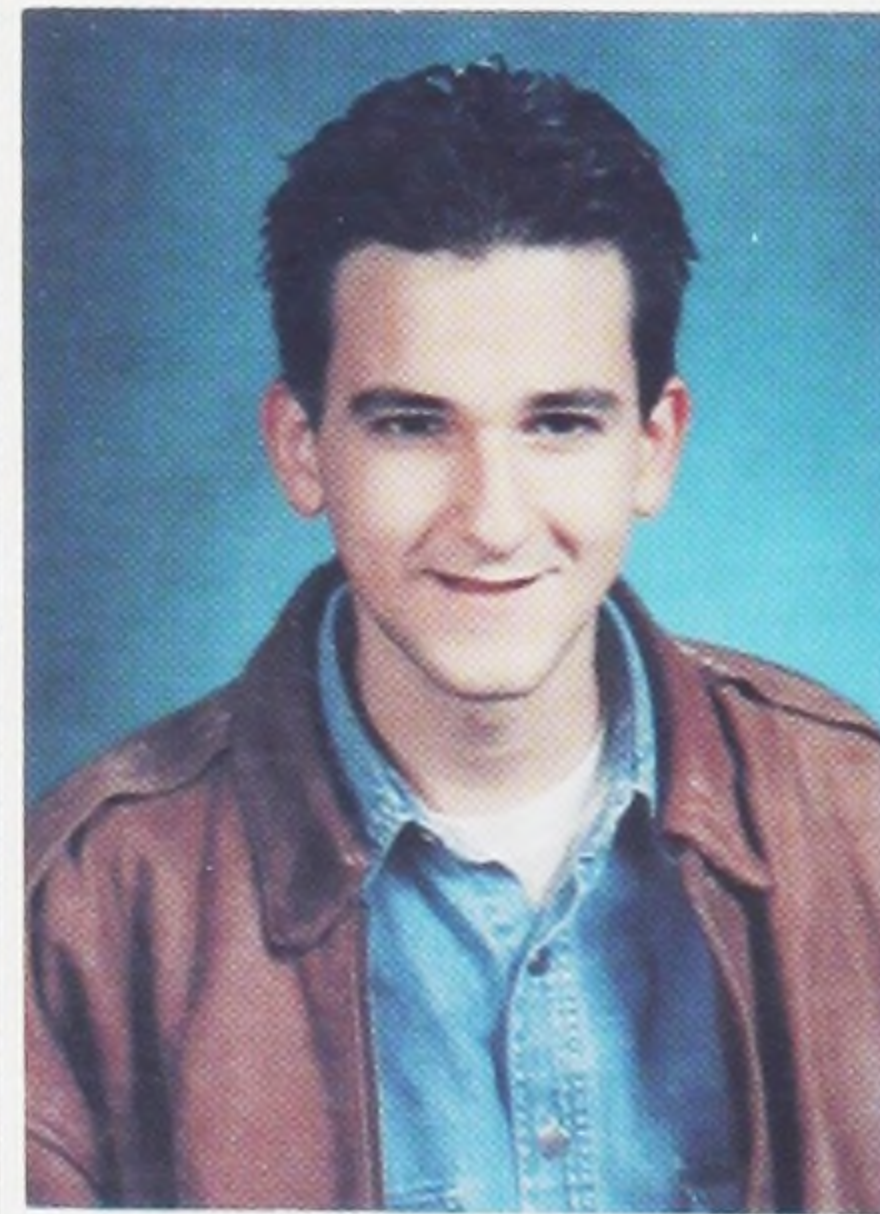
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year-round determination to be the best in the school.

# Athletic Talent

by lina cha

**B**enson offers a variety of sports. Each year several trophies are awarded in the different kind of sports. Benson is known for the academics as well as the sports. This year the senior class voted for the two best candidates that had great athletic talent. Varsity softball, and basketball are sports Talunaka Washington plays. She has been actively involved in athletics at Benson for four years. During her four years of playing softball, she has won awards for most inspirational, most improved, and second team all league. During her four years of playing basketball, she has won the awards for the most valuable player, most improved, team captain, and coaches' award. Six-foot-four with dunk ability, the top scorer for the Varsity basketball team, and one of the team captains describes Jason Franklin, who was a key player for the Benson Techmen. He has received many awards, including being selected in the all state first team, all-state tournament team in the state playoffs, as well as PIL first team. Both Talunaka and Jason have had successful athletic careers at Benson. "I'm honored to be selected as most athletic because the class of 95 has a lot of great female athletes," said Talunaka.

## *What kind of sports do you play?*

"Weight training to look good for my honey."

-Hien Do-

"Rock climbing because you strain every muscle clinging to the rock but when you reach the top, you experience an unbelievable high."

-Kris Quinby-

"Nothing because I'm a lazy bum."

-Melanie Cotton-

"Cheerleading because it's a sport which keeps you in shape and you learn how to become flexible."

-Loretha Garner-

"Nothing—I just like to watch them. I wouldn't want to break a nail."

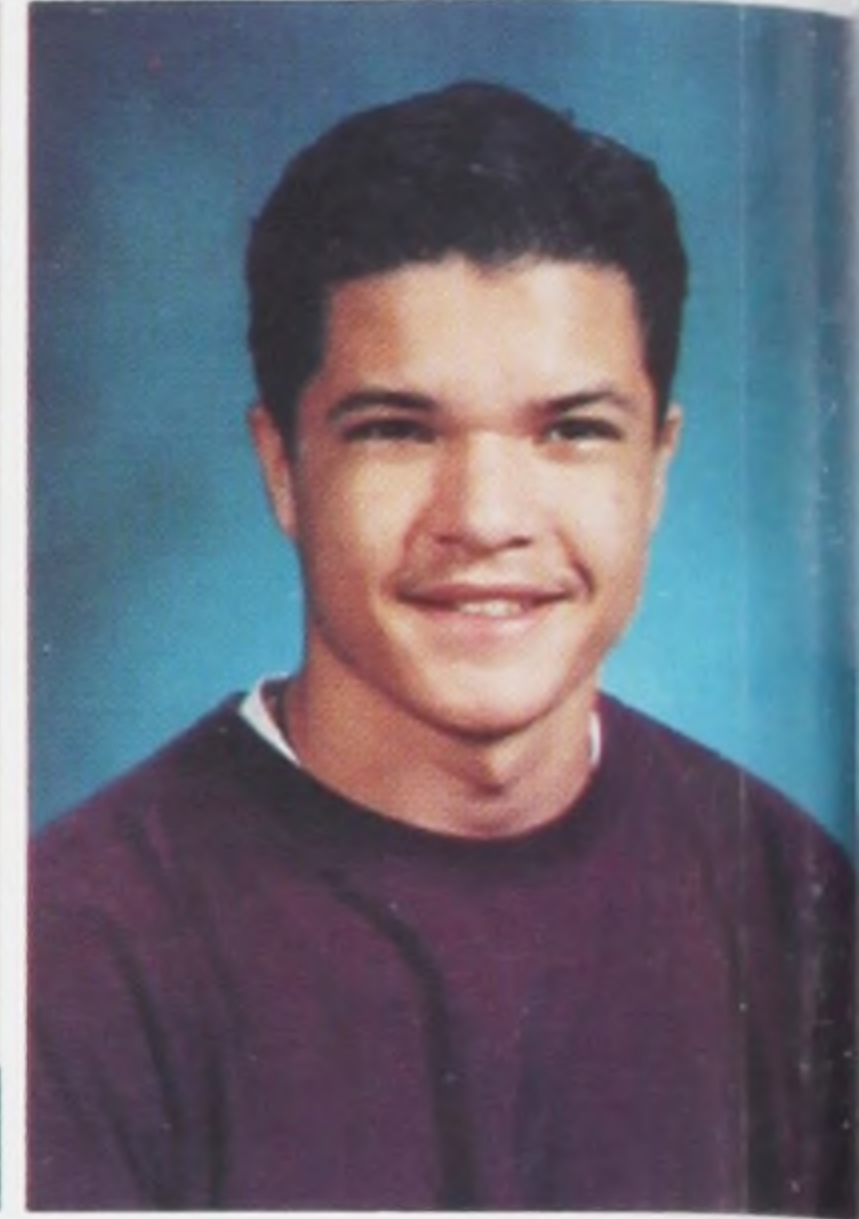
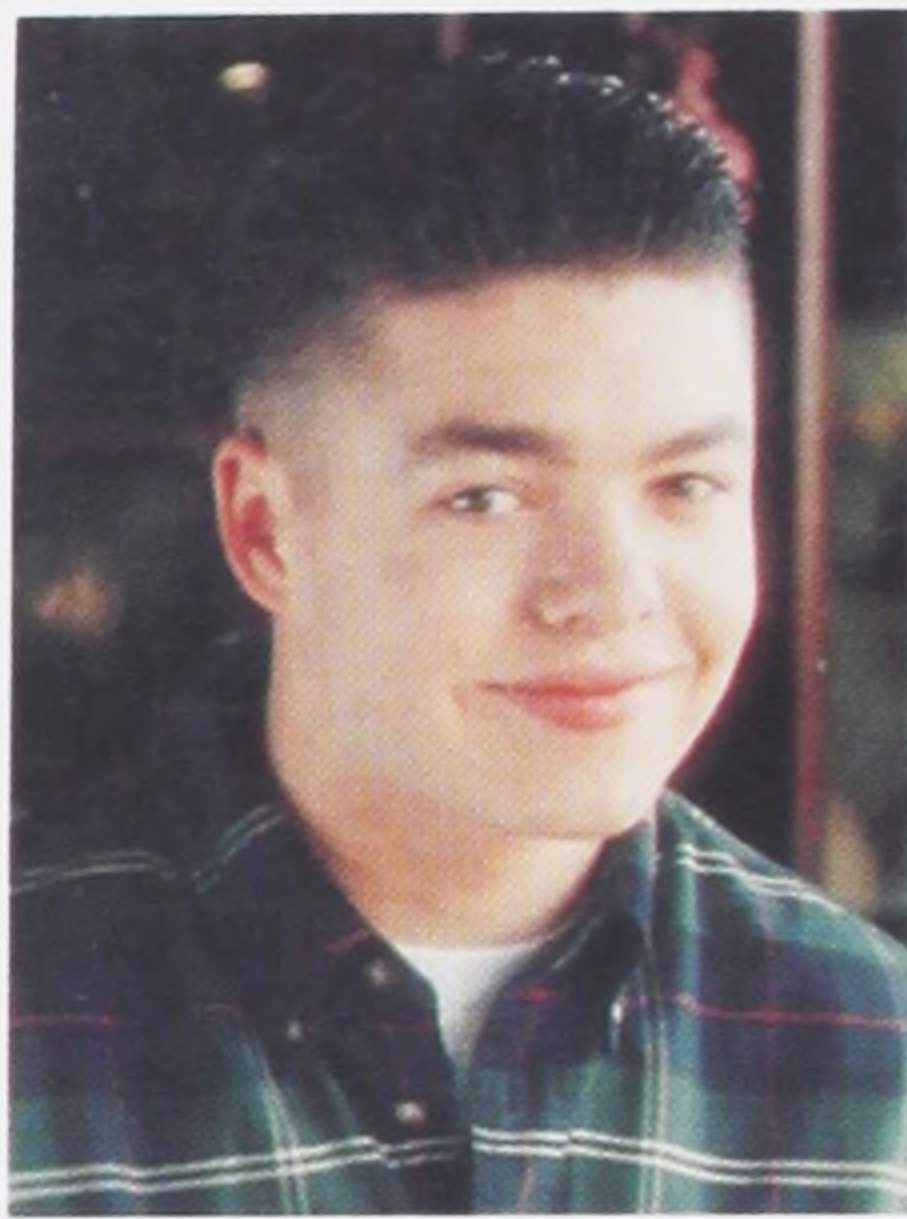
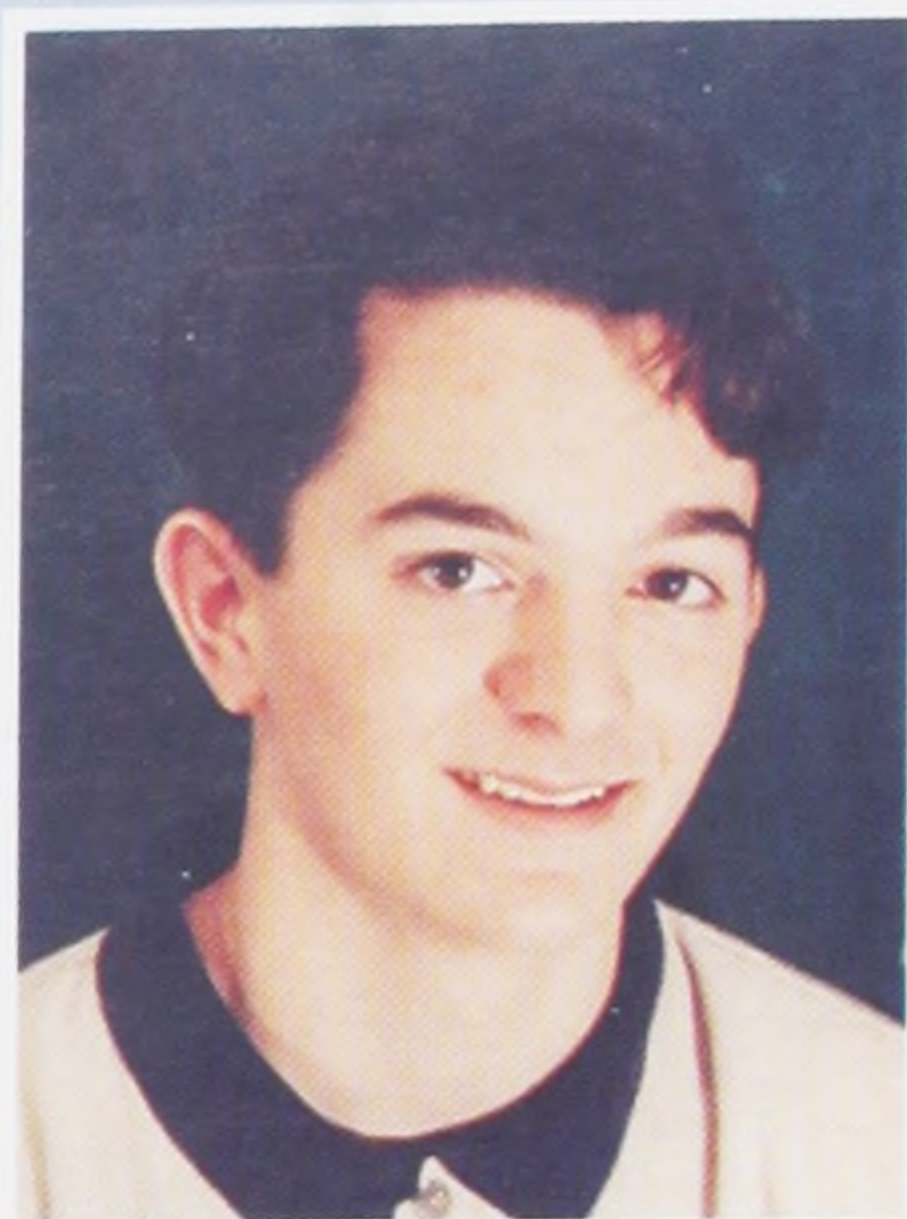
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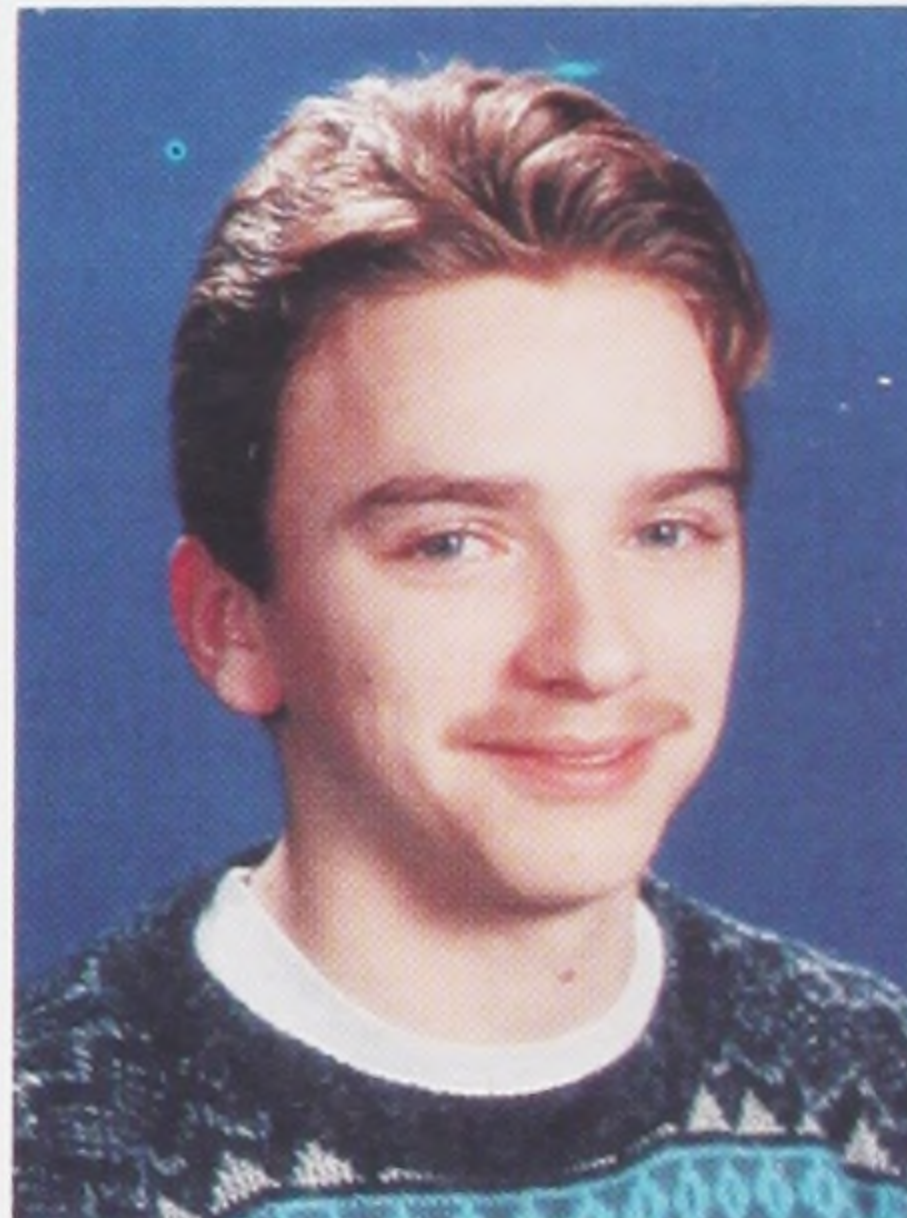
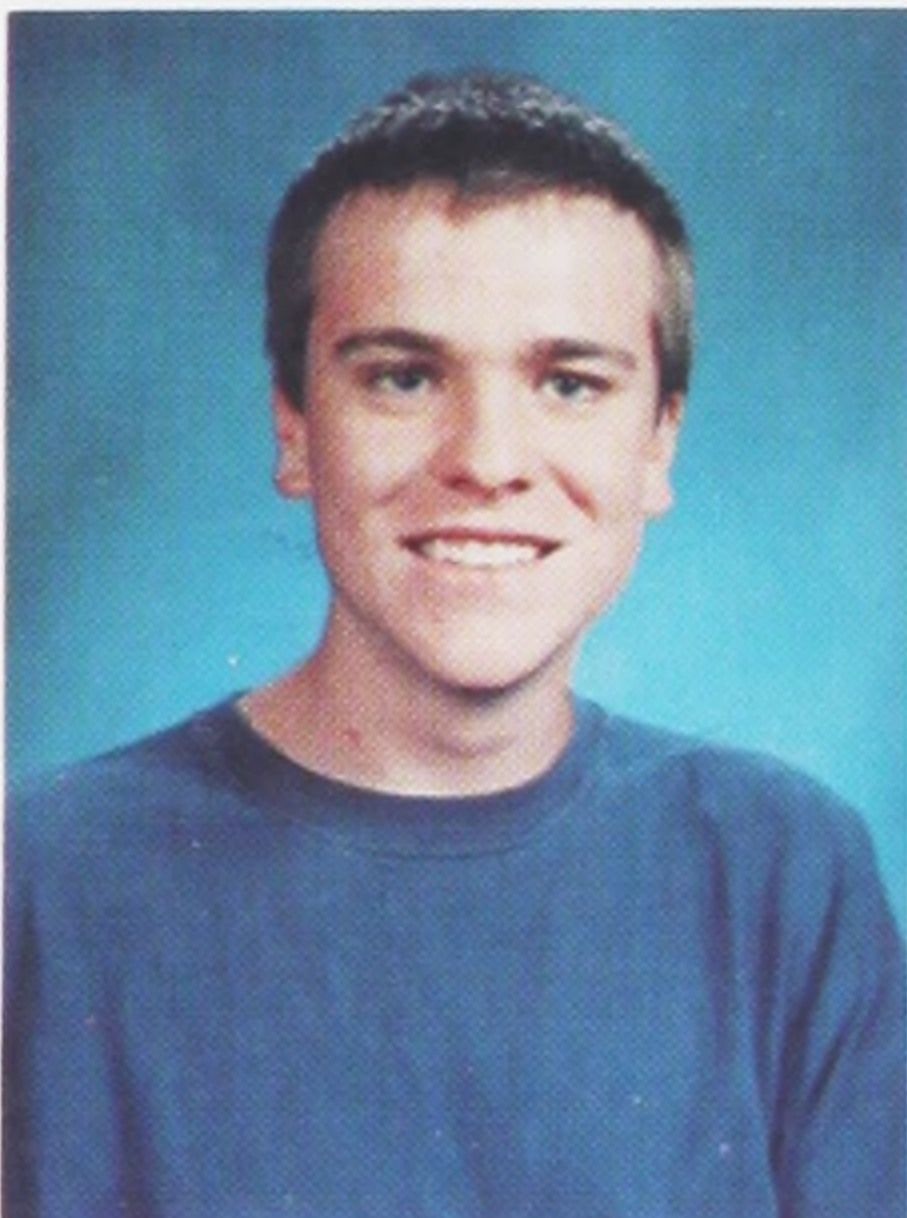
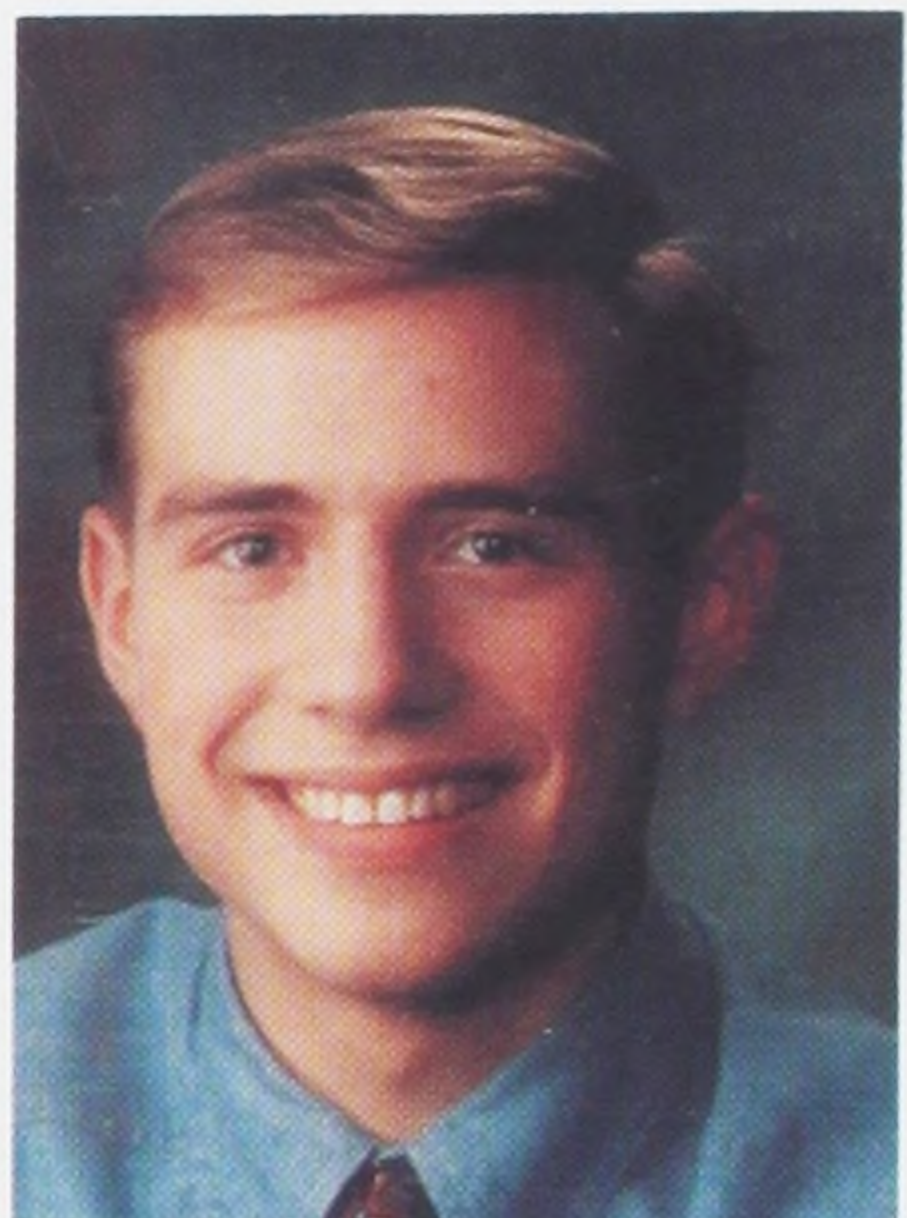
**SPORTING IT.** Talunaka Washington and Jason Franklin pose together in their matching warmup suits.



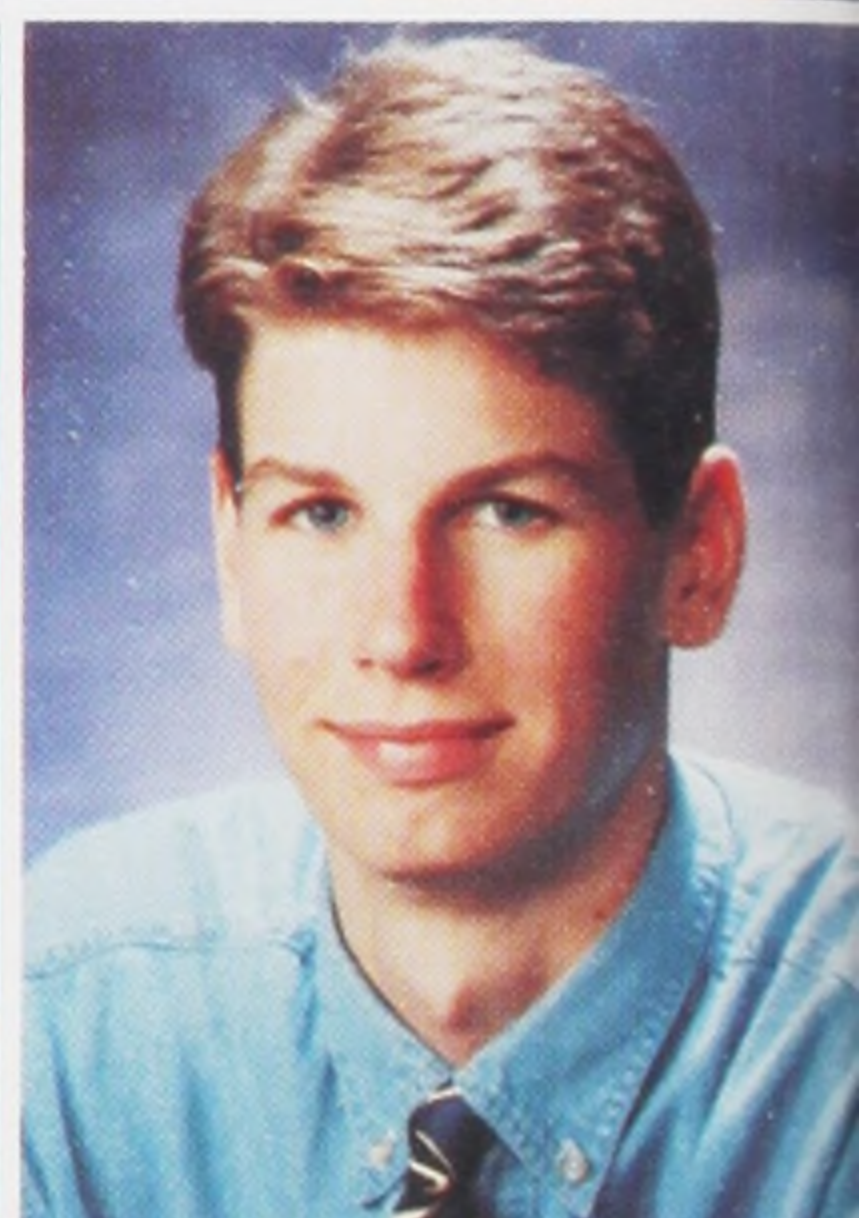
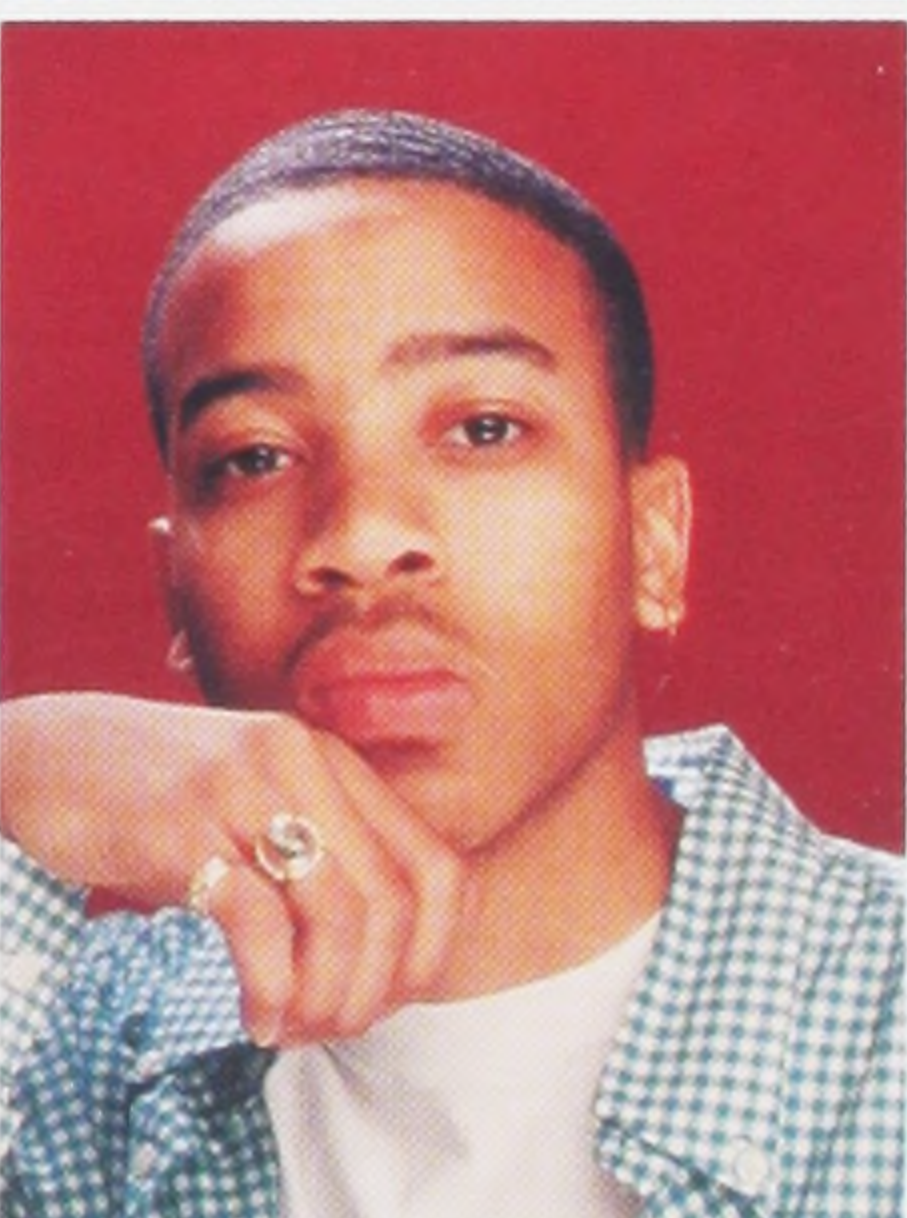
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# One Step Ahead

by kimsa tharpe

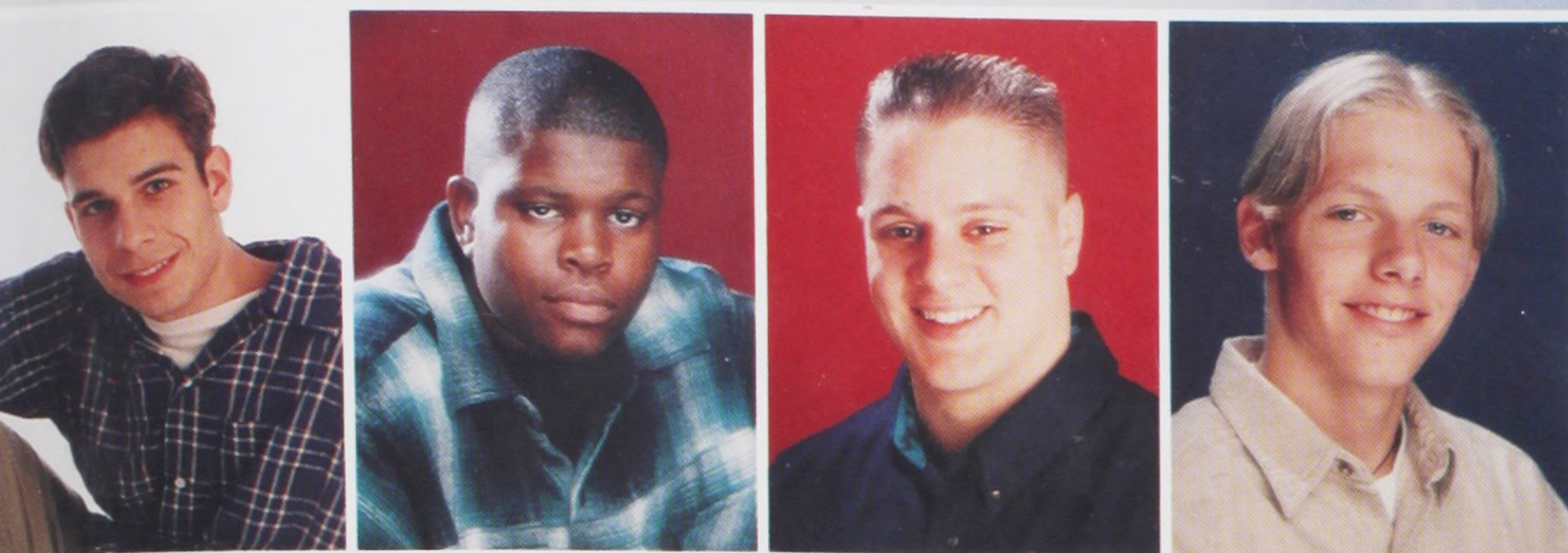
it takes a lot of hard work to be a success.

**MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED.** Daniel Achterman and Jinah Lee have a "million dollar smile" as they pose for the camera. These two will be able to achieve many things in life.

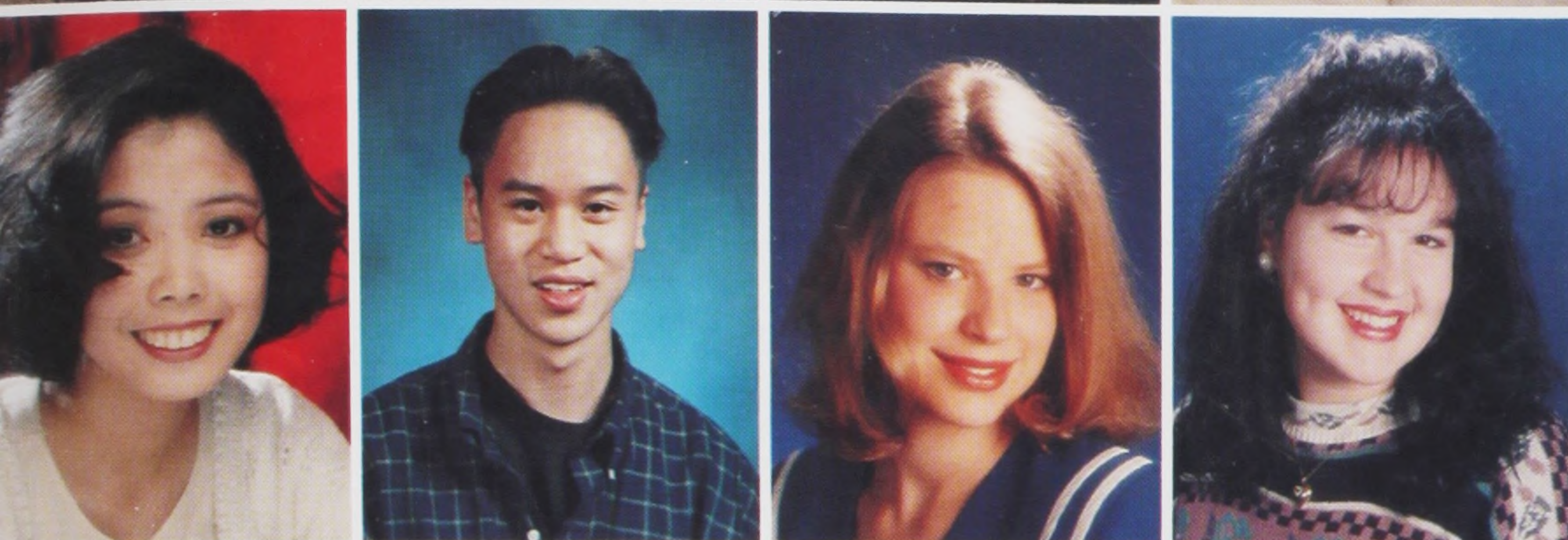
In today's world we spend each day of our lives striving for success. More and more we struggle for the "expectations" of life. Those "expectations" are anything from family life to your standing in a social atmosphere. In high school, success for teens seems to start freshmen year. The candidates for this category definitely meet that classification. "Success is what you make of it. Everyone is successful in some area." says Jinah Lee. Jinah feels it is important to do your best in everything you do. She was pleasantly surprised and honored for being selected for this category. Daniel Achterman plans to attend Princeton.



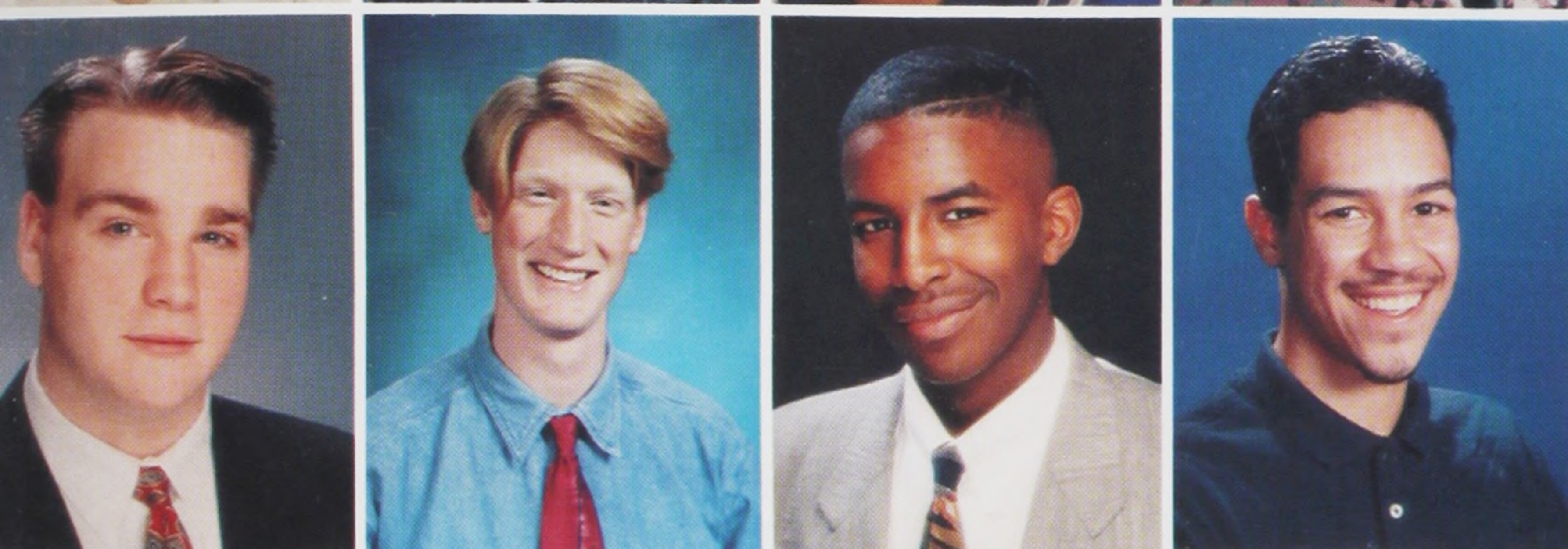




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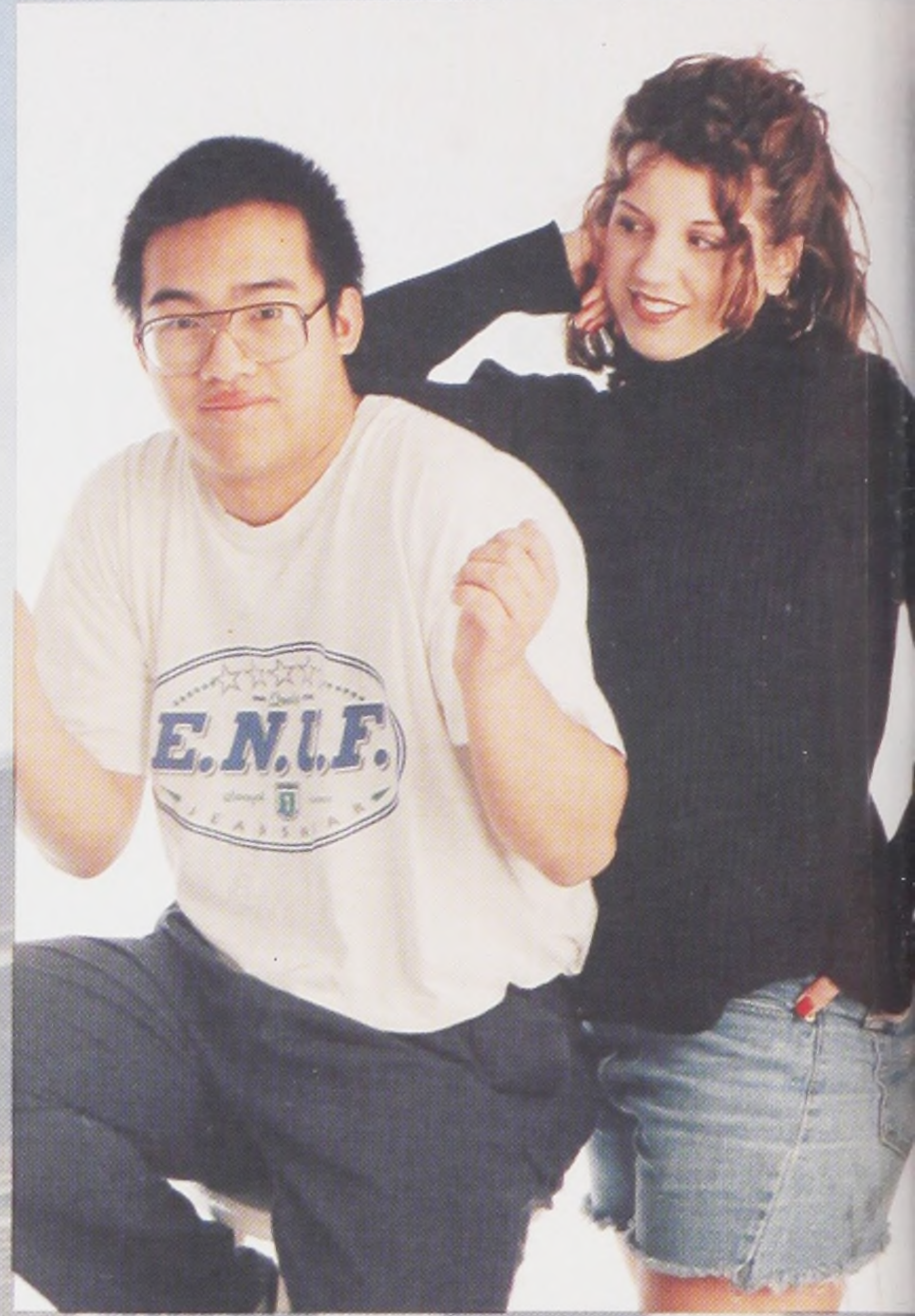


# Out of the Ordinary

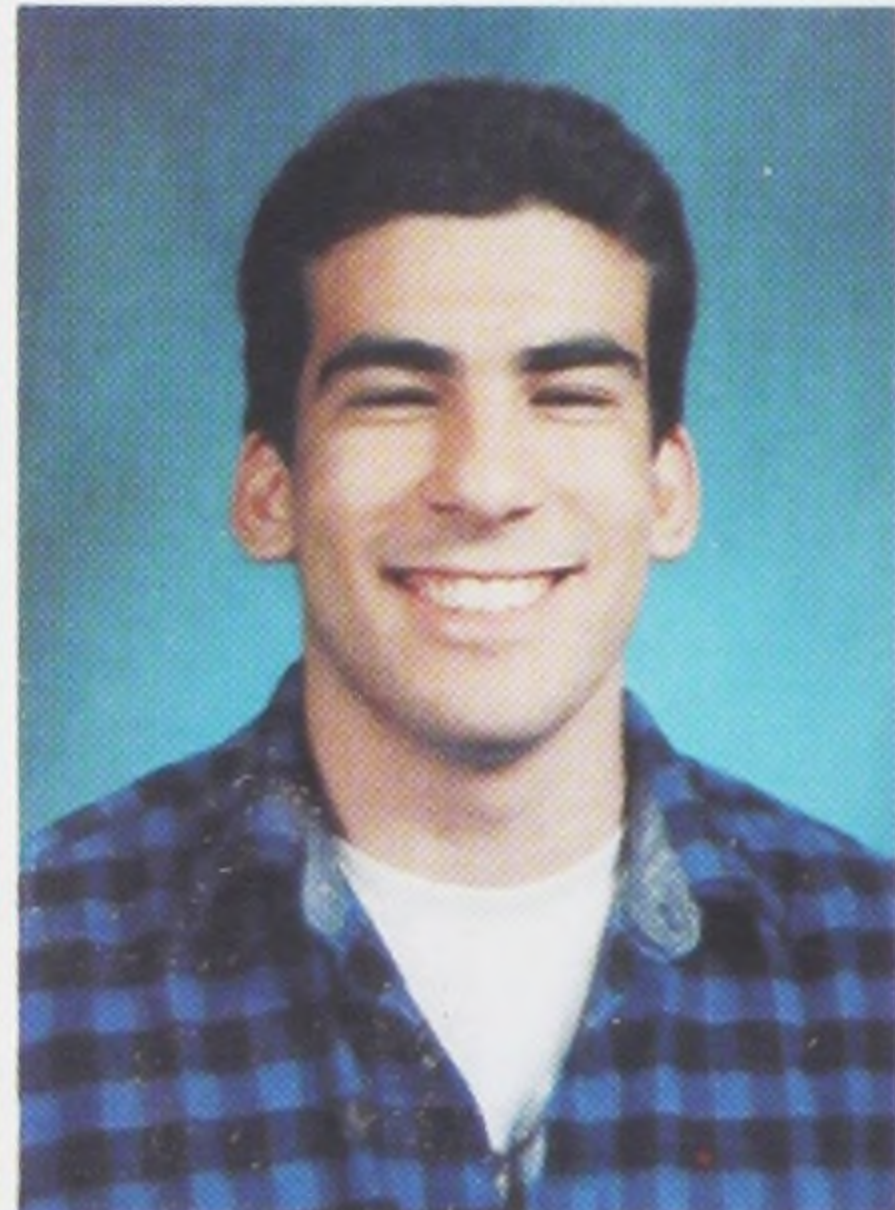
being unique is a part of life.

by kimsa tharpe

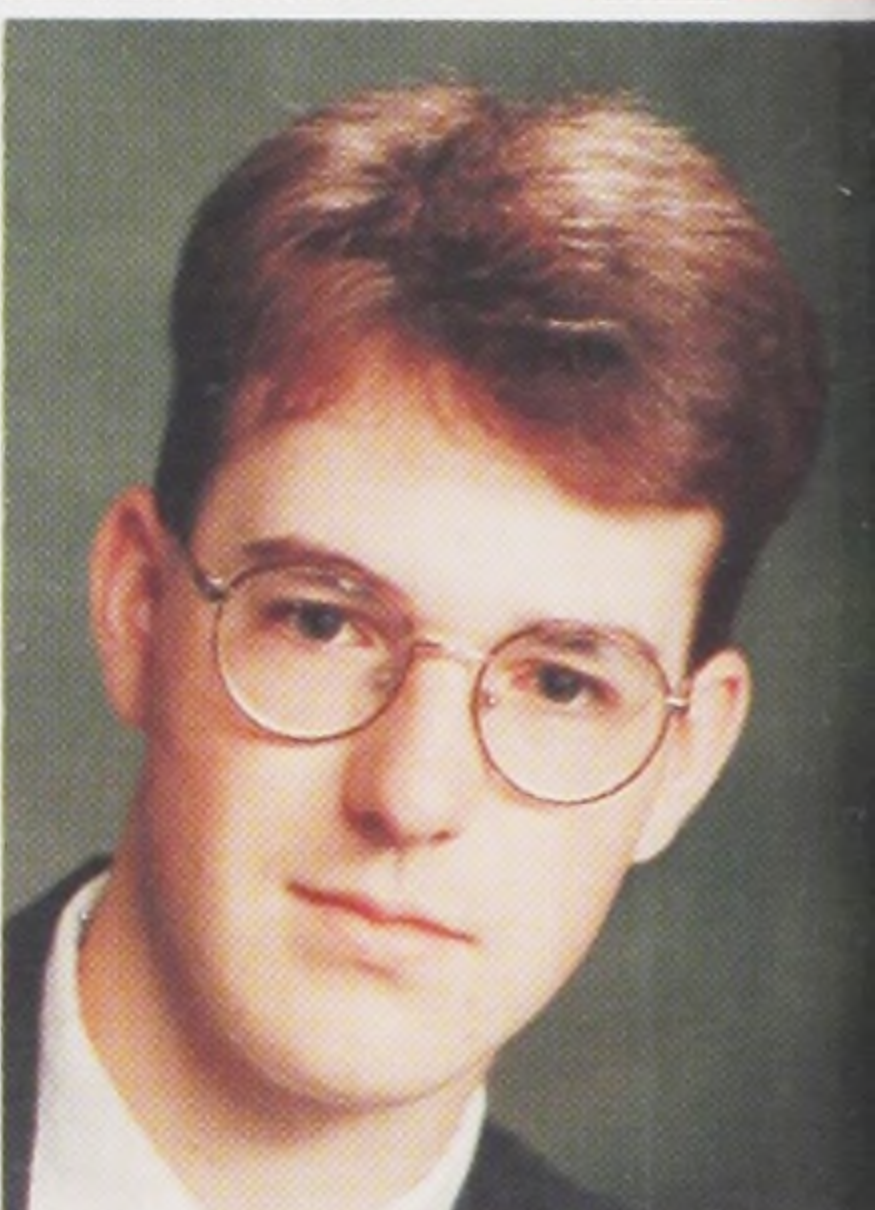
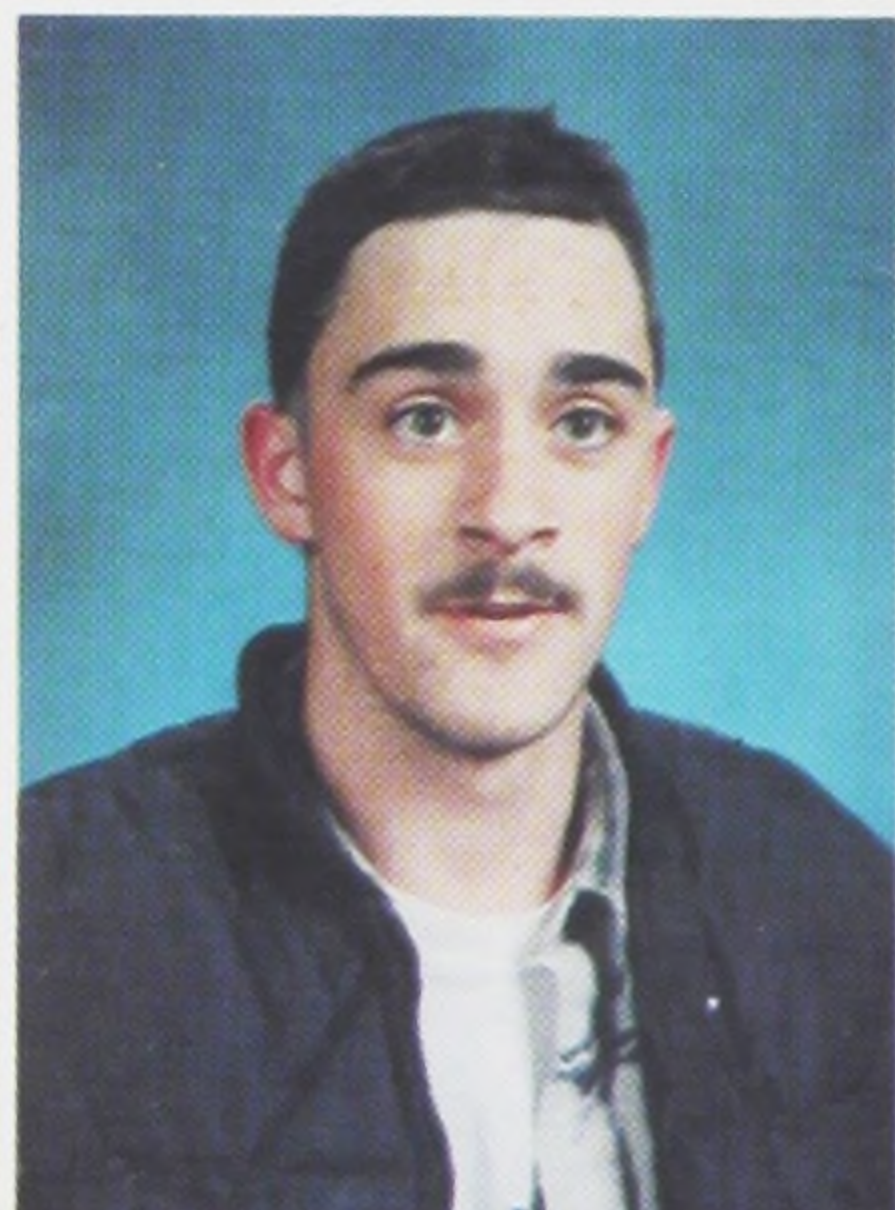
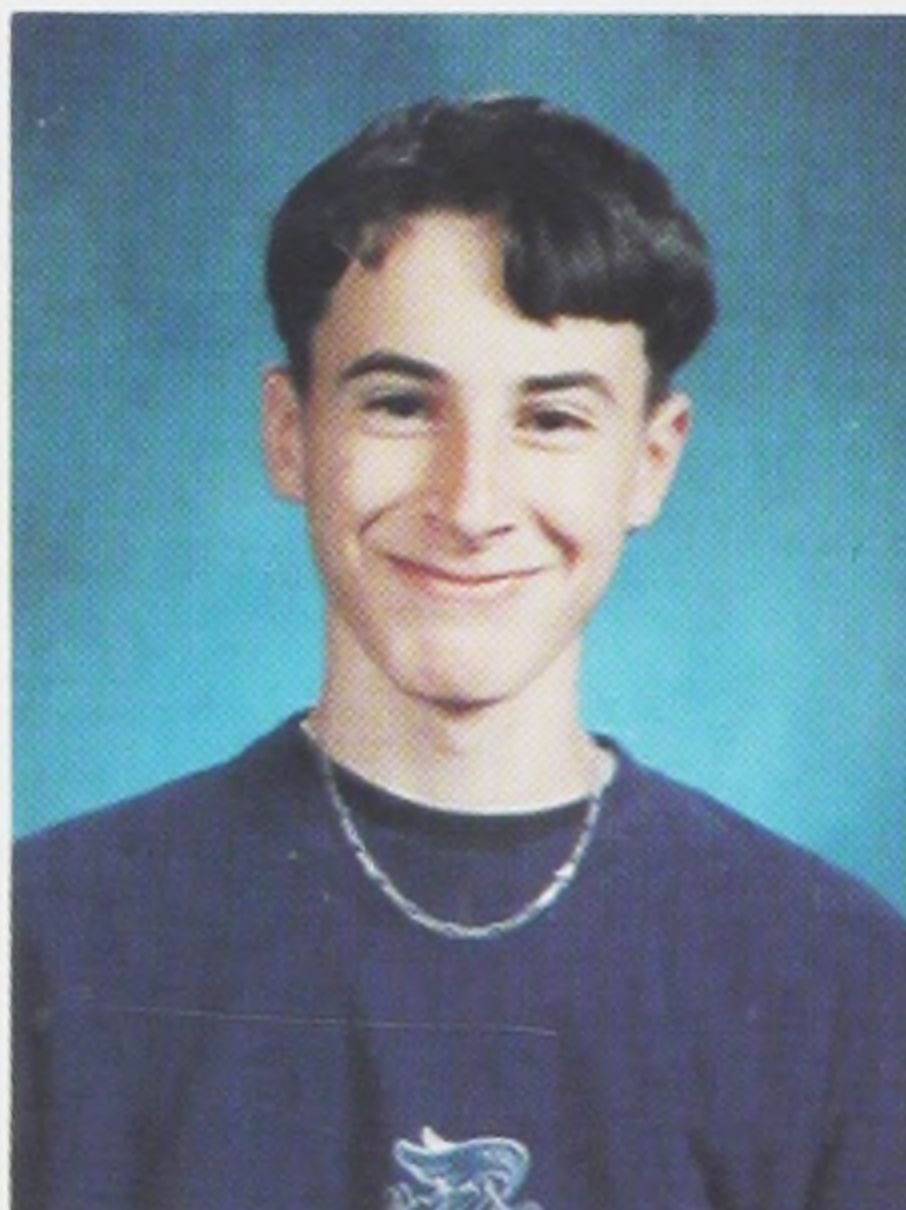
**W**hat is unique? According to Webster's dictionary, unique means being the only one of it's kind. These days being unique isn't uncommon. "It's all about how you express it," says Mandy Zelinka. Sure there are different styles of clothing, a million ways to wear your hair and then there's personality. A person's personality is definitely a unique characteristic; how you act and feel is difficult to duplicate. "Everybody's unique in their own way" is how Michael Louie feels about being unique. After asking Mandy how she felt about being selected, she replied "I think it is nice to know that during the high school years when there are so many people who are followers, or try to fit in, that I stand out as someone who is different and unique. I don't try to be something I'm not. I'm myself and I say what is on my mind."



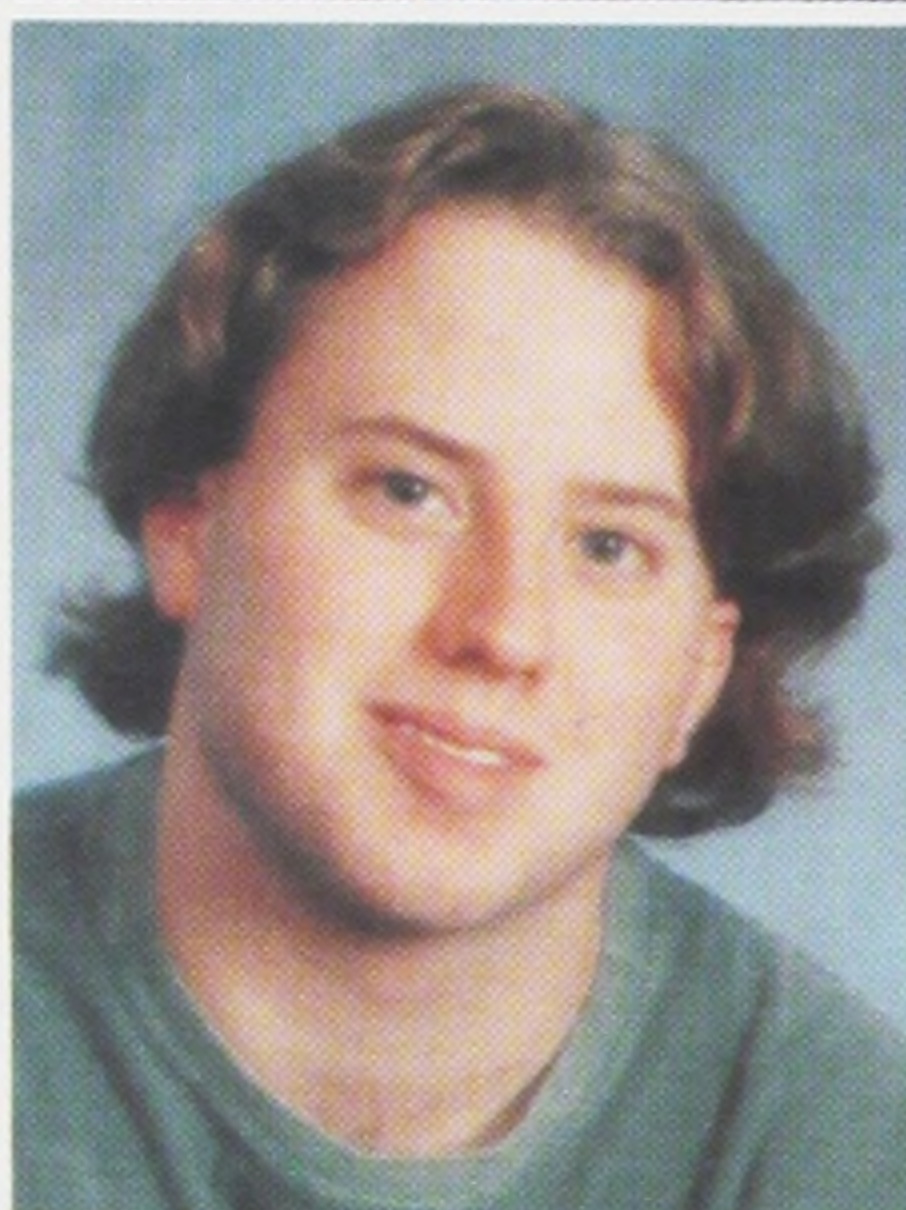
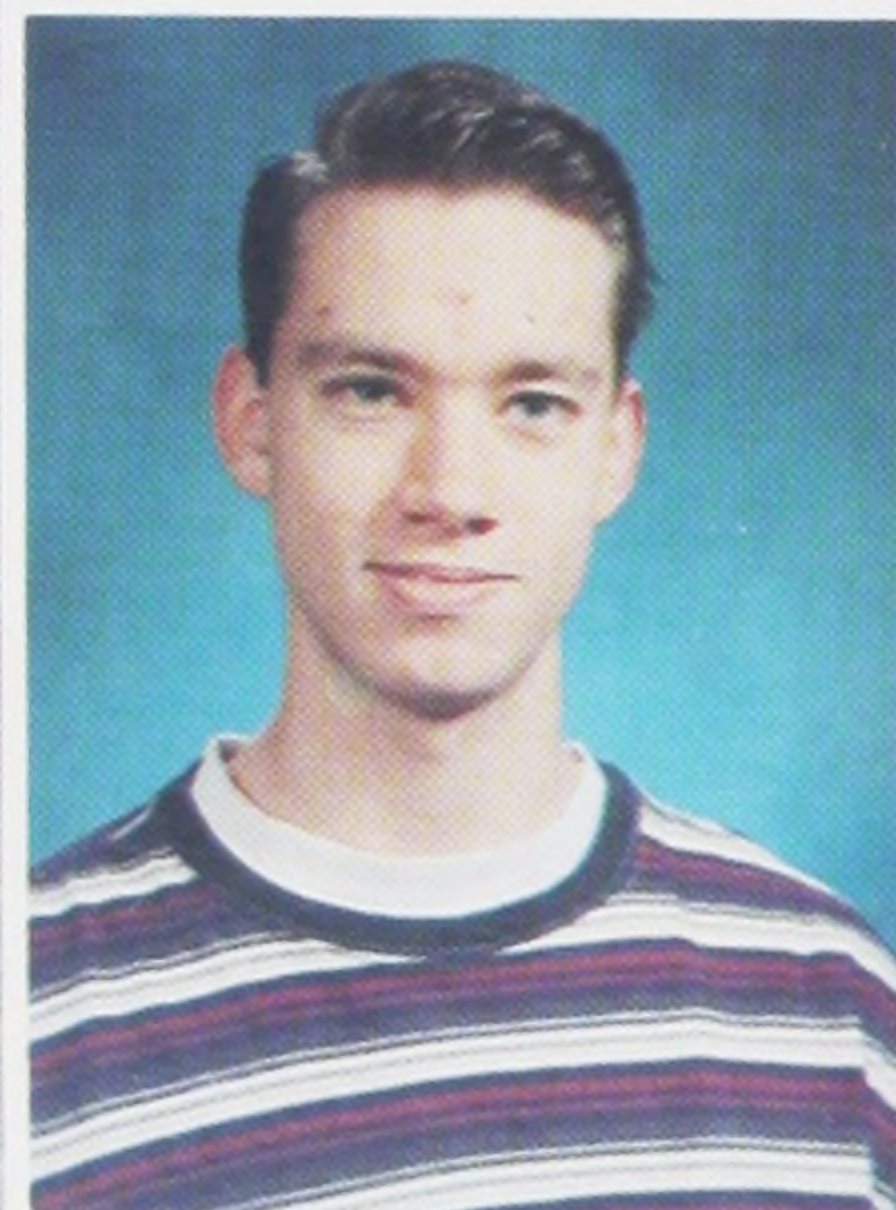
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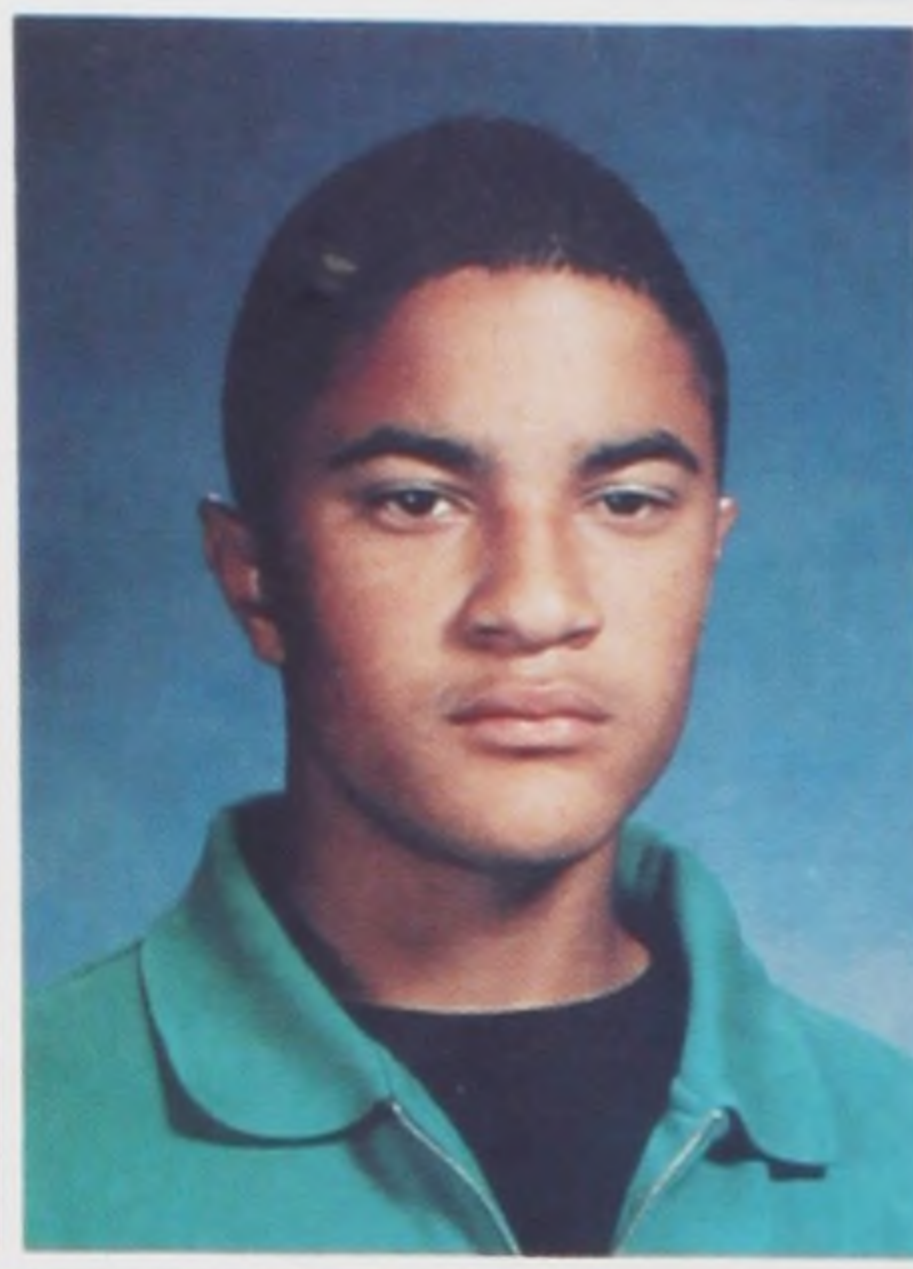
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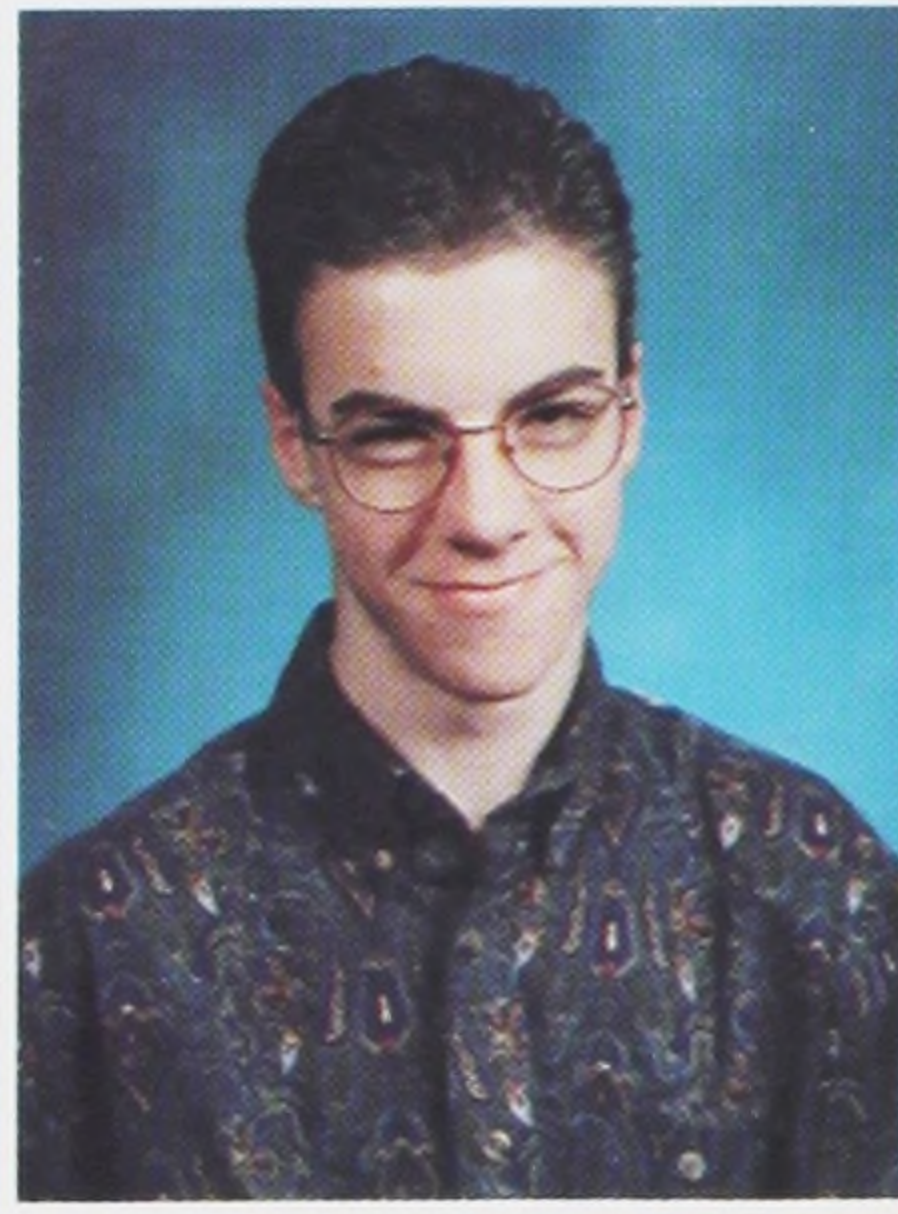
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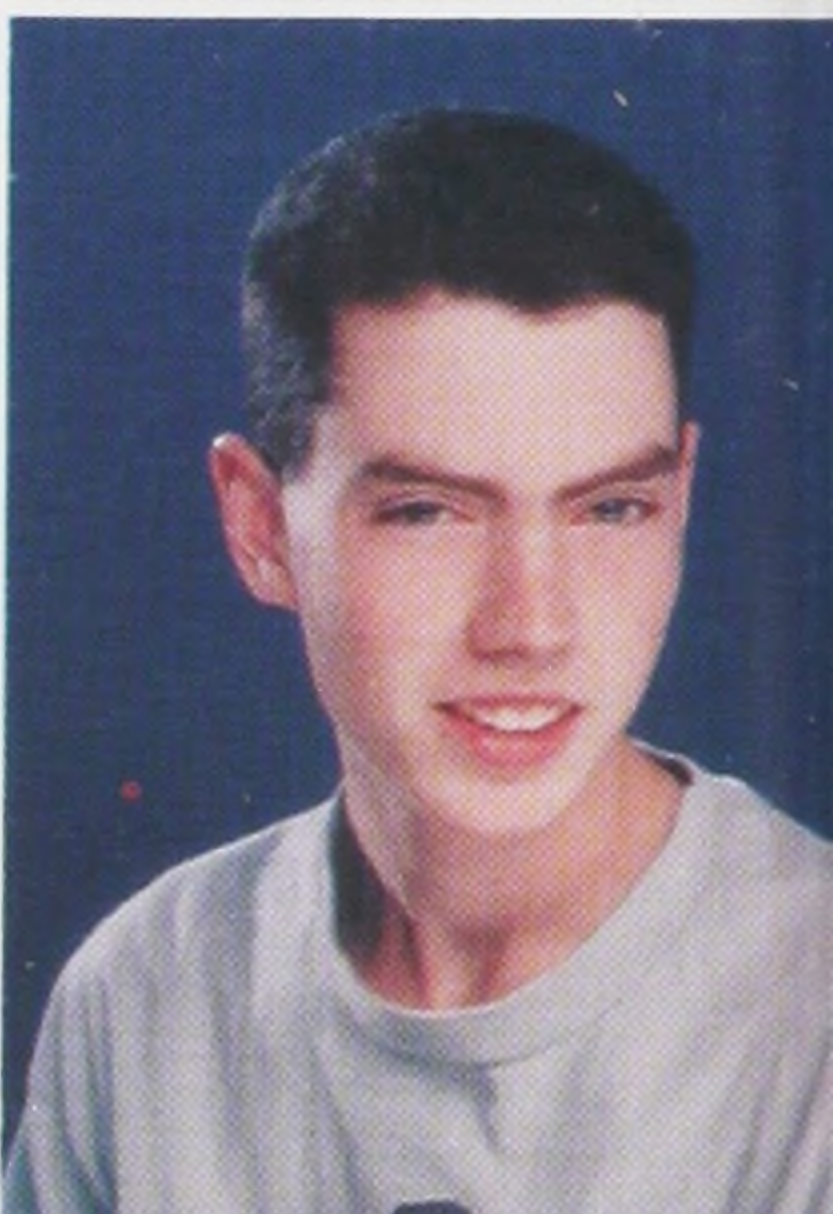
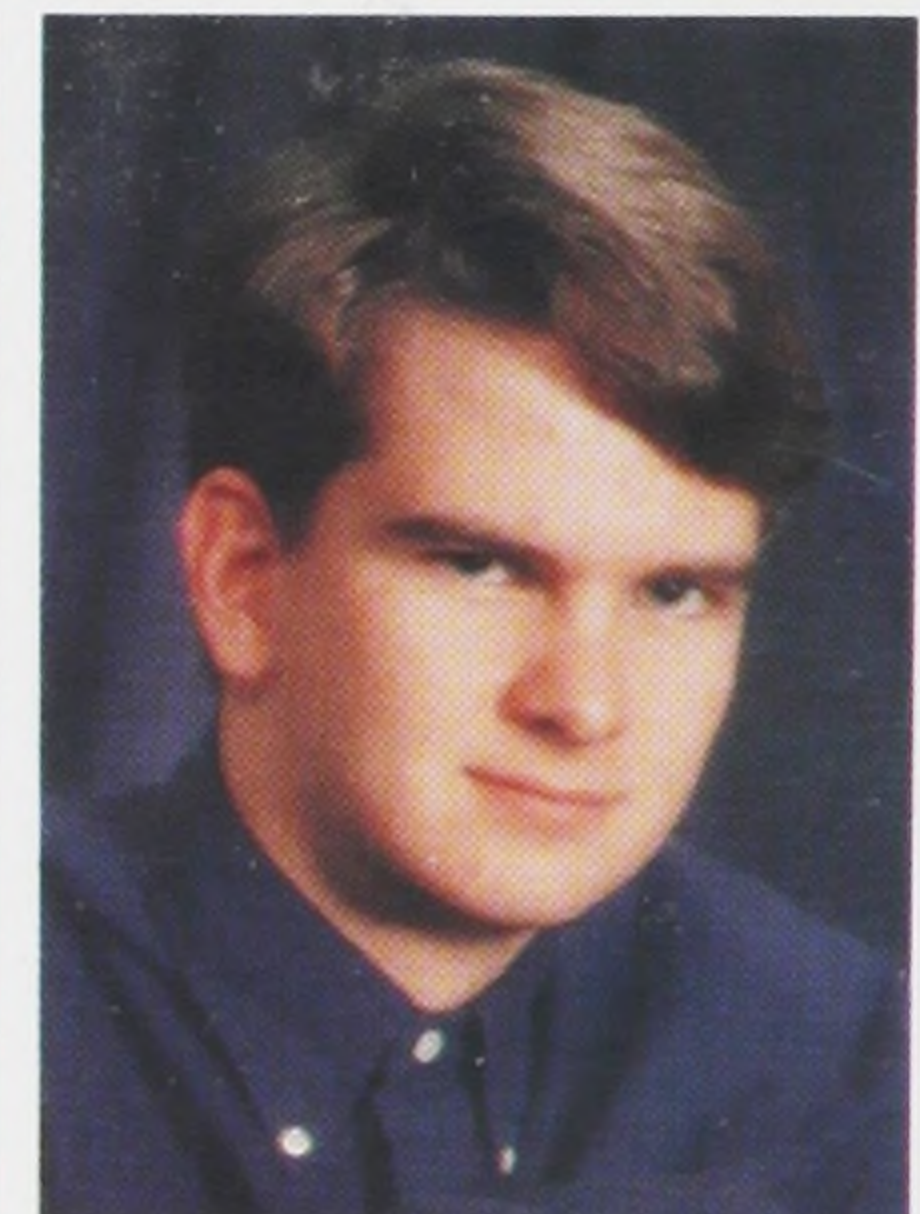
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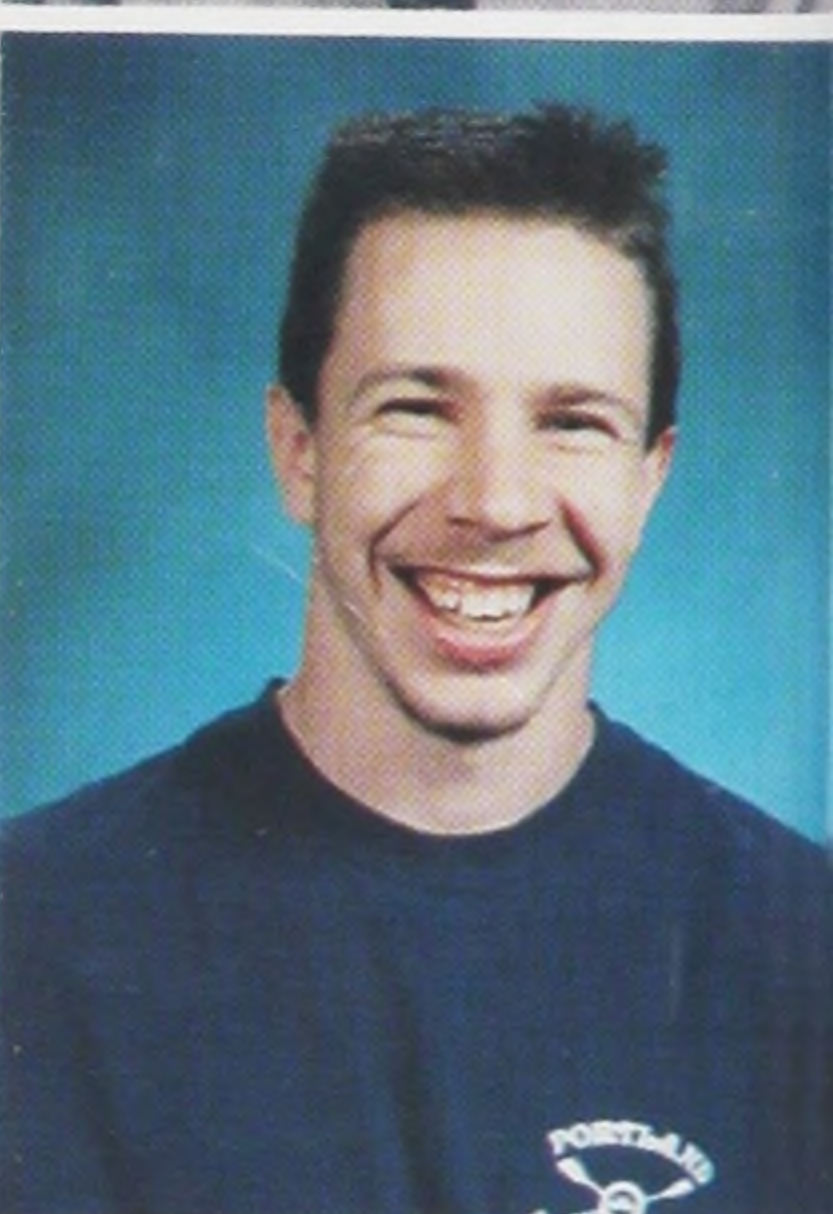
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# Perfect Body

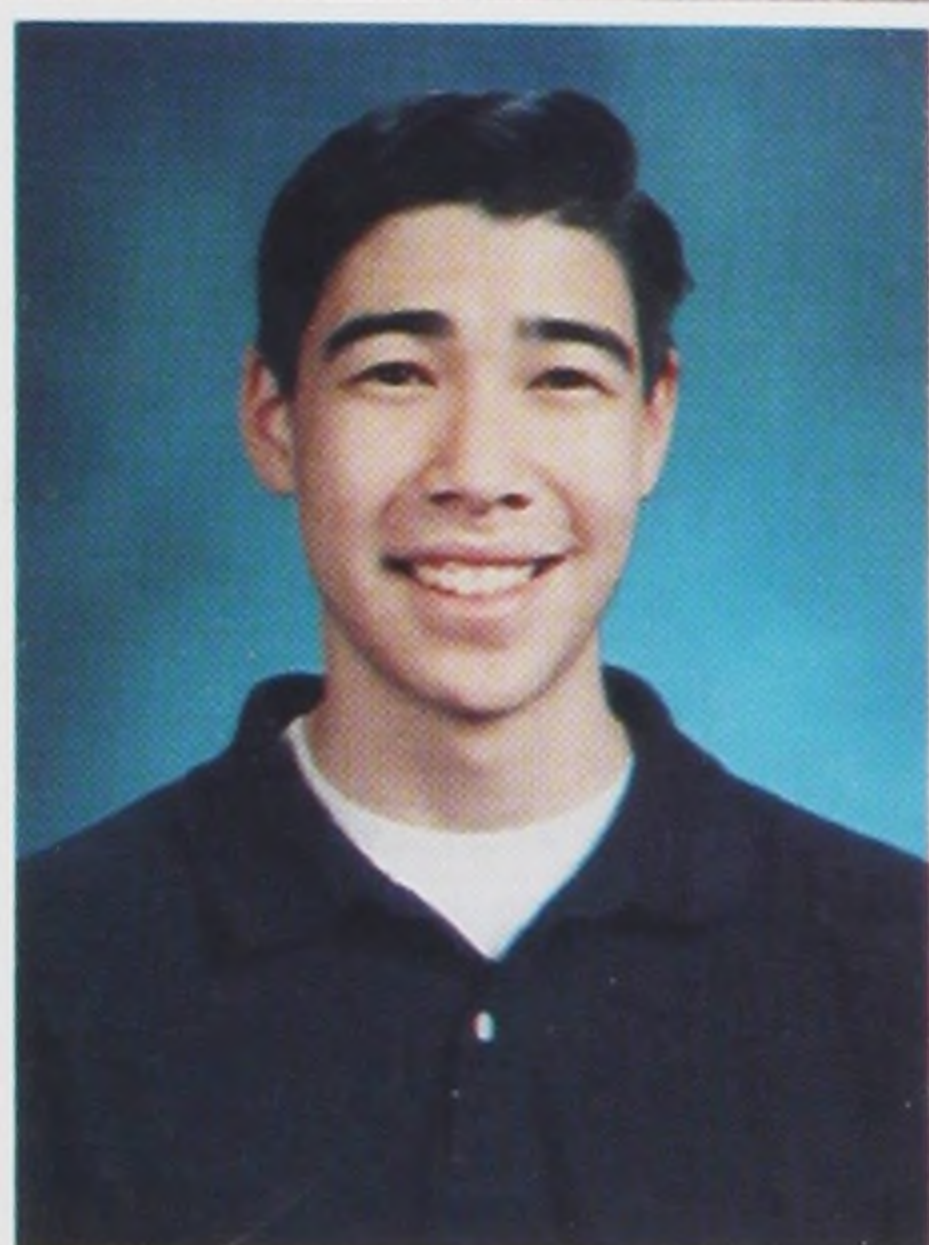
by lina cha

you can look, but  
you can't touch!

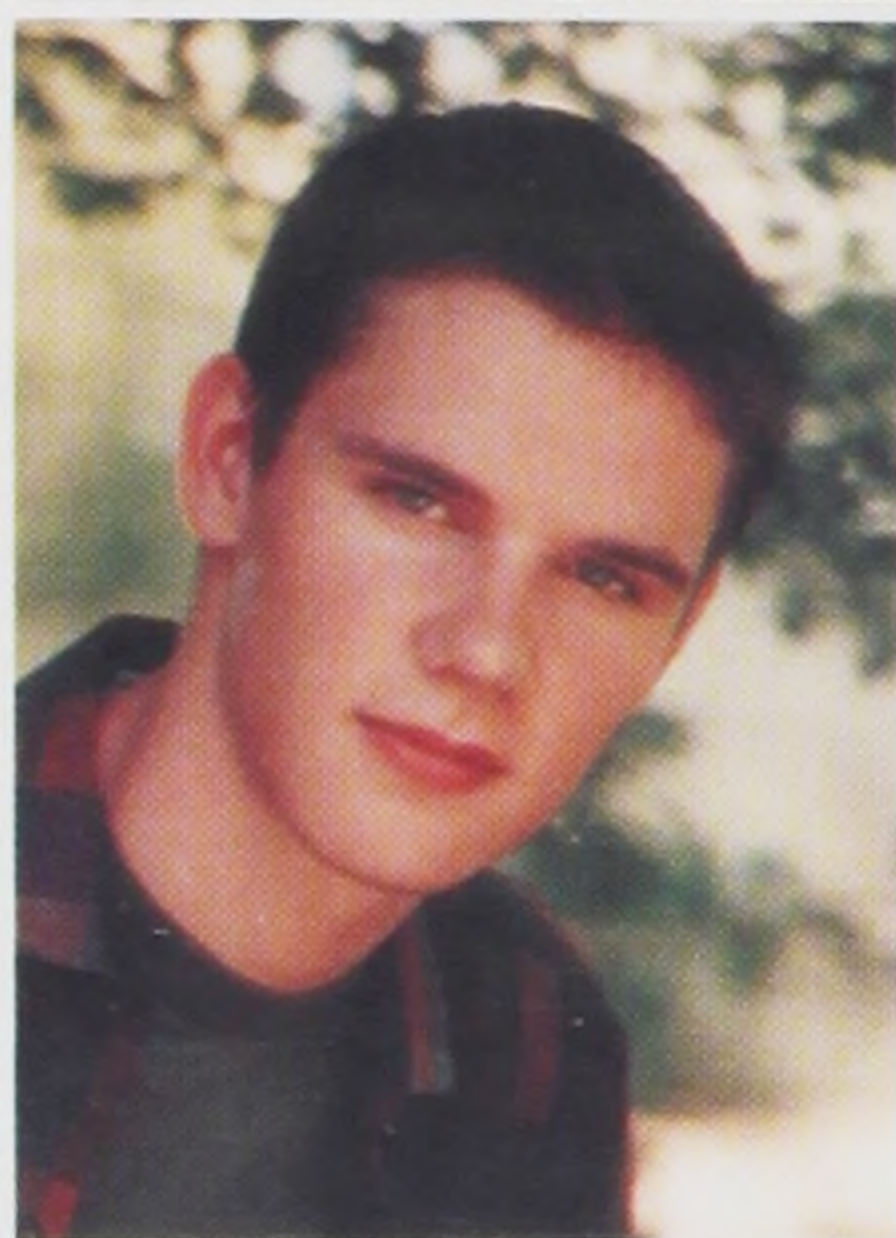
Perfect shape, nice figure, 36-24-36, and tall. These adjectives describe a perfect female body. Katrina Hoopkins and Felena Rucker were selected by the class of 95. Katrina runs track in the spring. This keeps her body in shape through the summer. During the winter, she keeps in shape by lifting weights and working out. Built, buff, and muscular describe Ryan Guerra, who was also voted for by the senior class. "I want the class of 95 to remember me for my personality, not for my body. In ten years, it might not look like this," stated Katrina. After asking Falena how she feels about being selected, she replied, "I was surprised, maybe a little shocked because I thought if I would be chosen for anything, it would be friendliest. I don't know why my classmates voted for me because I don't reveal anything and they don't see me too active."



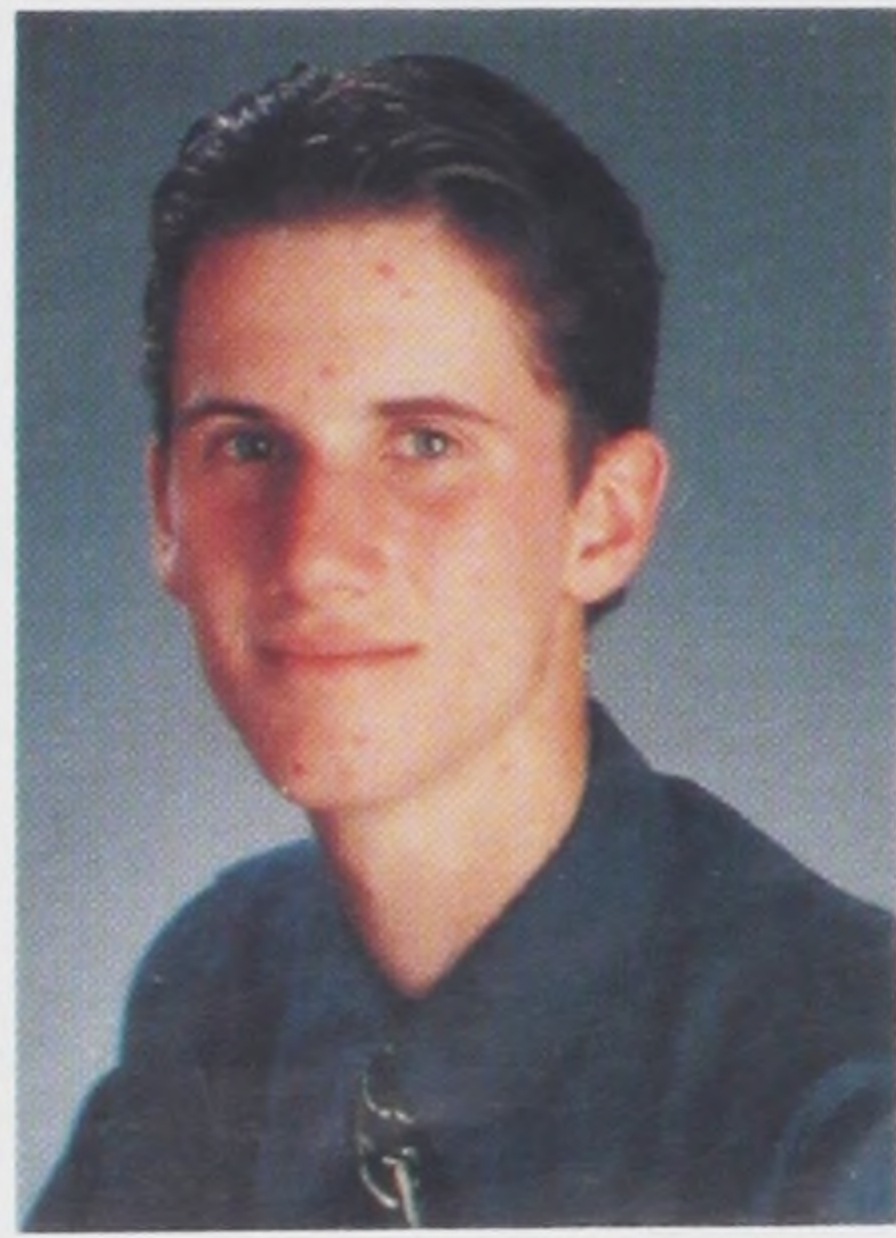
**BEST BODS'** Ryan Guerra, Katrina Hopkins, and Falena Rucker have a sexy and serious look as they display their body for the camera.



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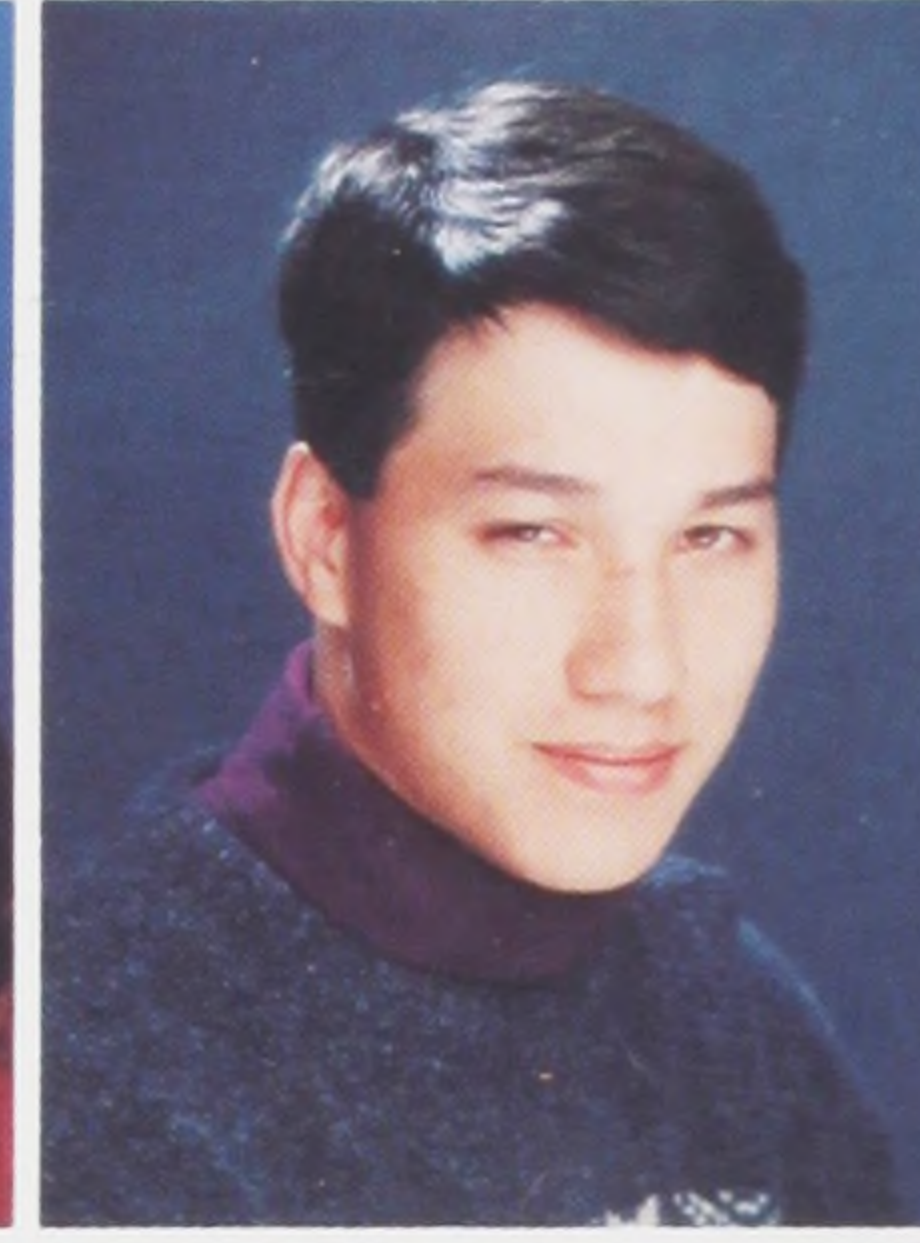
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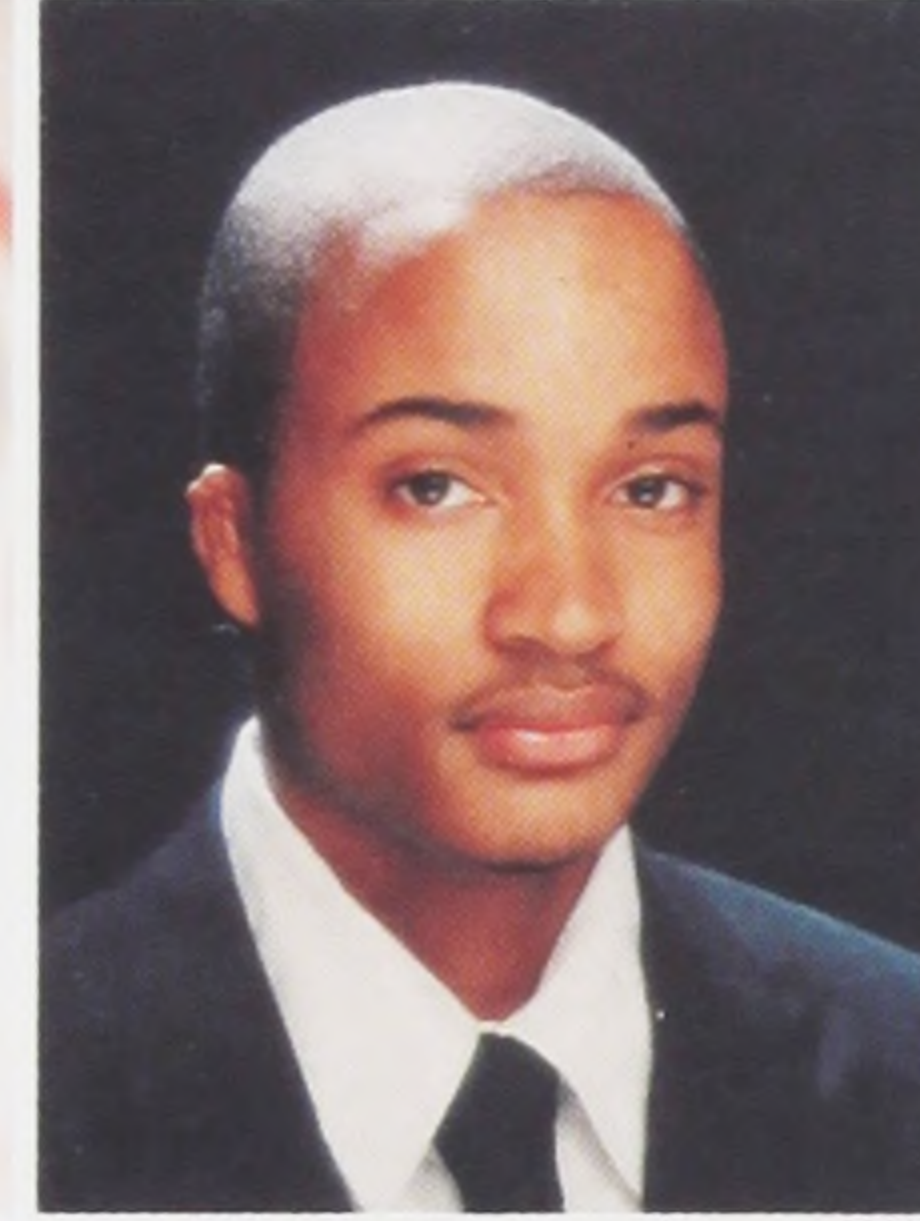
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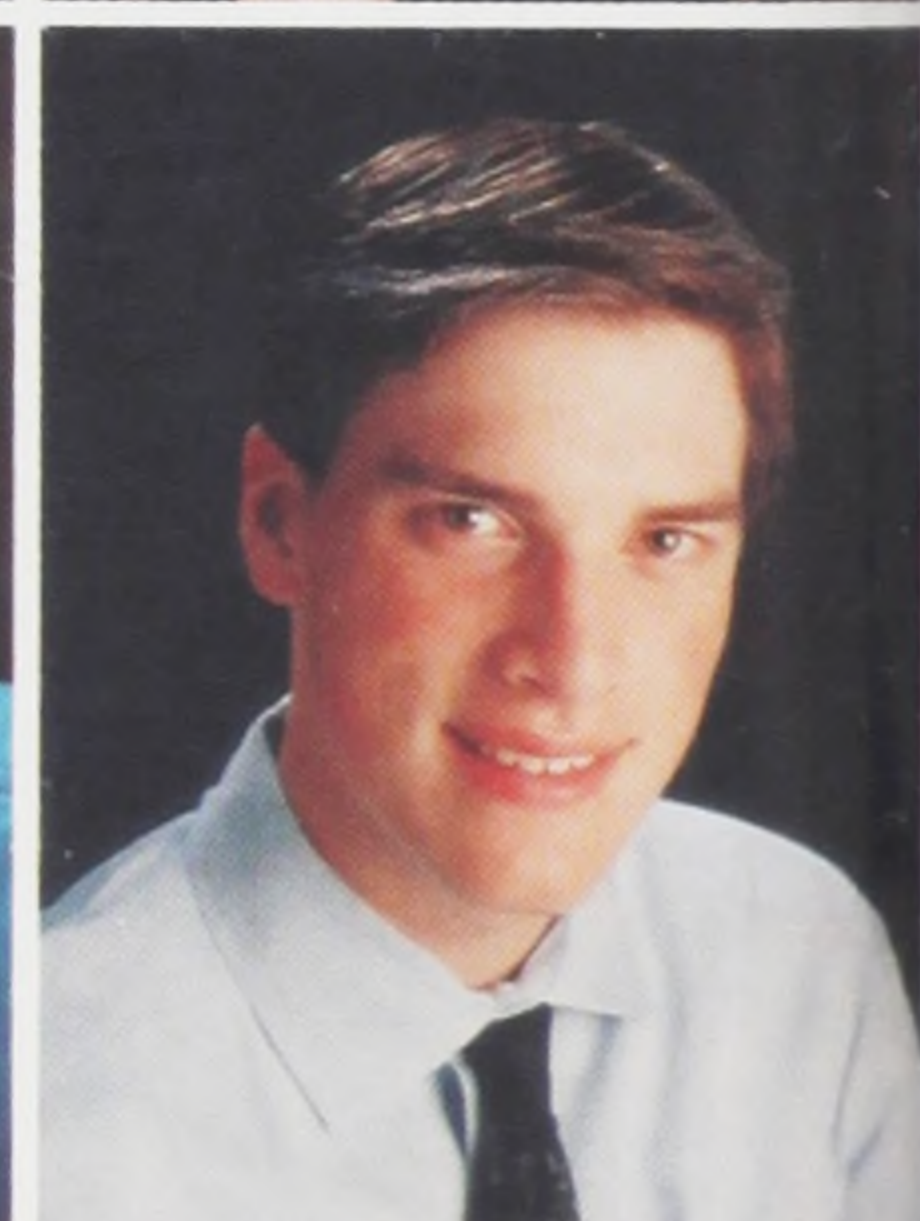
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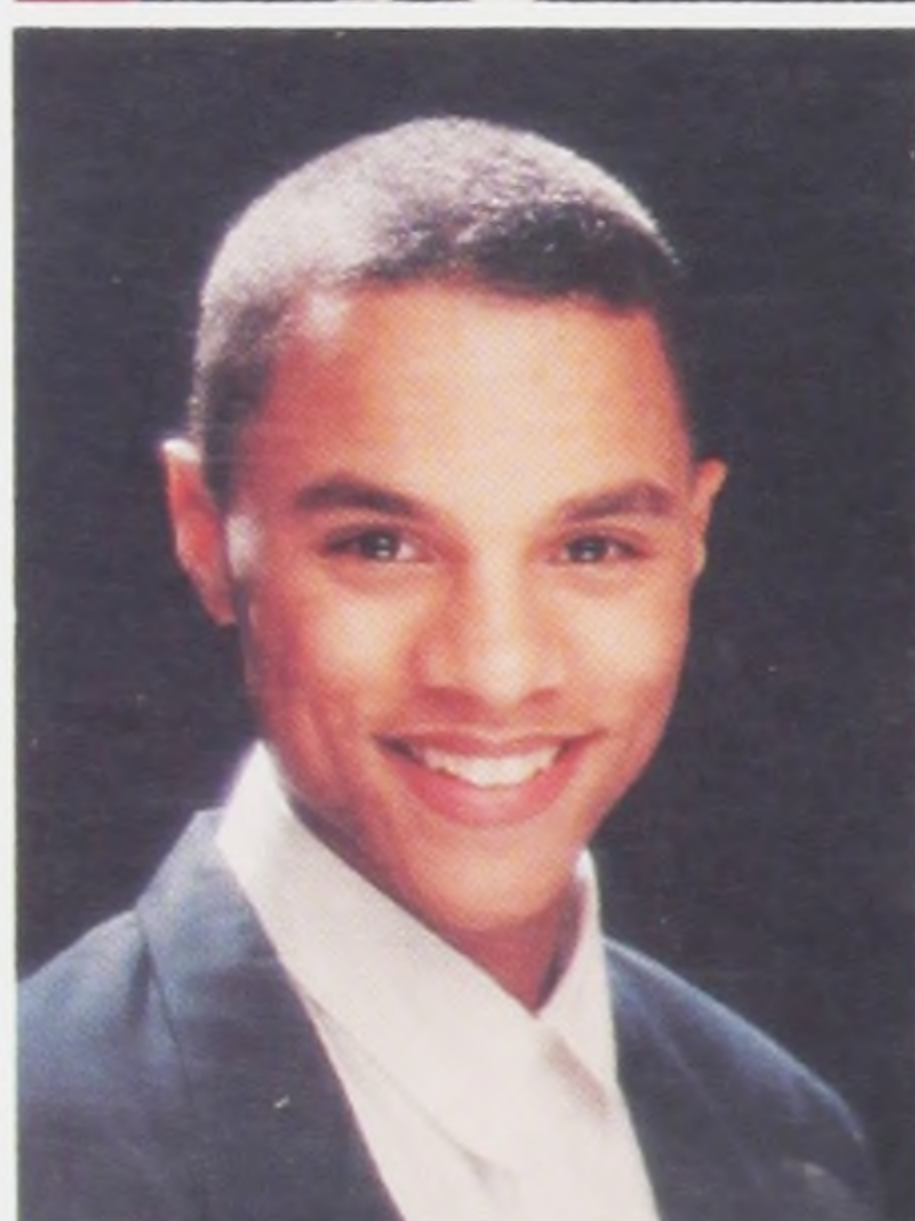
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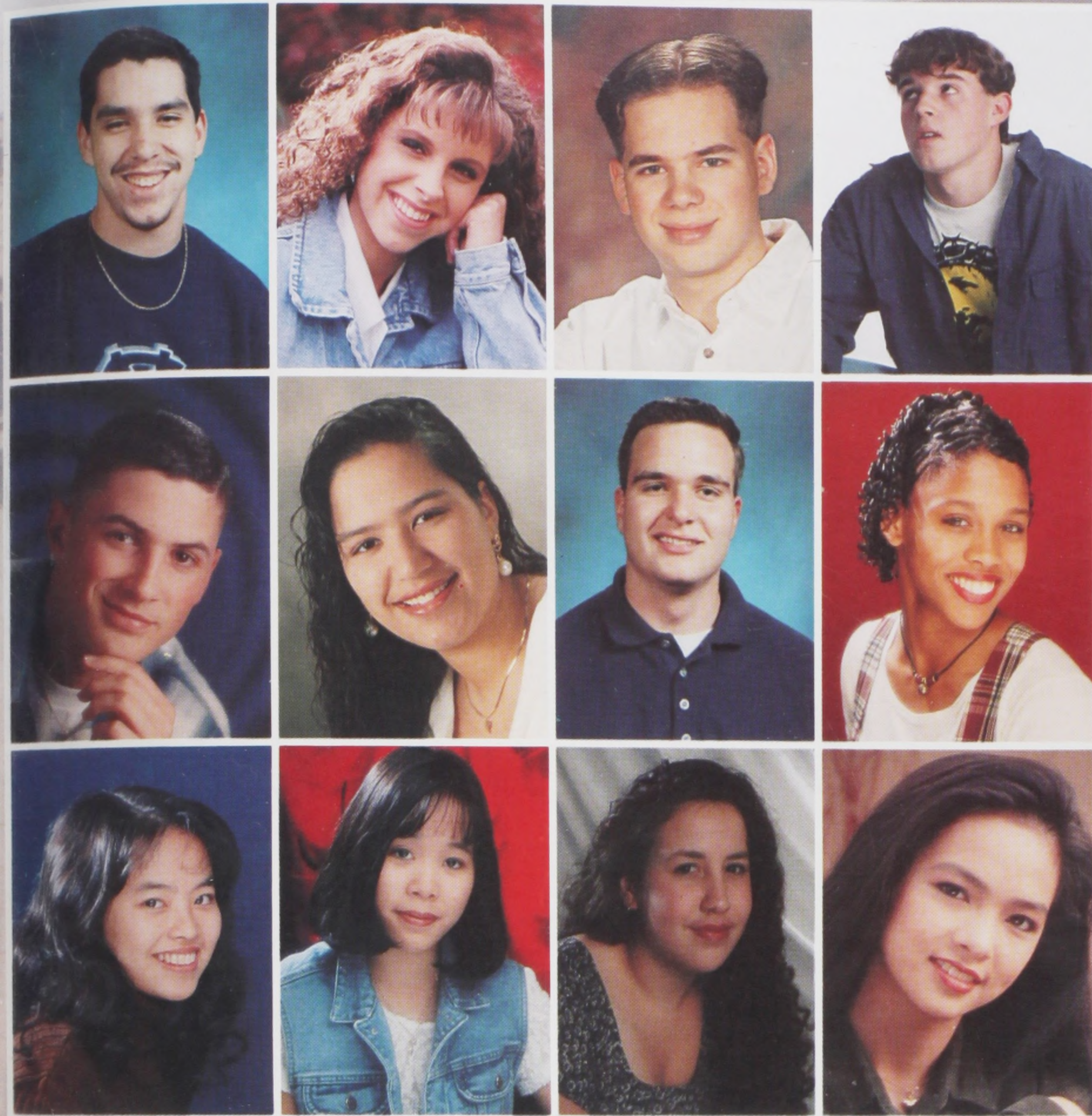
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the insight and making  
 of popularity.

# Personality At

by kimsa tharpe

**Work** **O**utgoing: to be sociable, open hearted, and friendly. Being nice to others and treating them with respect are two personal characteristics that got Russel Jackson voted for most outgoing. "I feel great knowing that my friends thought of me for this award," said Russel. To Nguyet Nguyen, being outgoing means being involved, energetic, happy, and positive. Students feel that being outgoing includes going the extra mile for a friend and helping out whenever possible. Nguyet said she thinks her classmates voted for her because she is expressive and energetic. She feels honored to be selected. After asking Russel how he felt about being selected, he replied, "I feel like a million dollars!" He wants his friends to remember him as being the greatest person they ever met.







the shoes, the pants, the shirt, the wear.

## A *Fashion Statement*

by trinh nguyen

**A FASHION STATEMENT!!!** Above, Jamaal Lane and Lakesha Roper display styles that show their attitudes. At center left Lina Cha shows a little trend of '95.

**T**he four-inch heels, the latest trend, and the bargain shopper. These few words describe our senior bests for this category. But

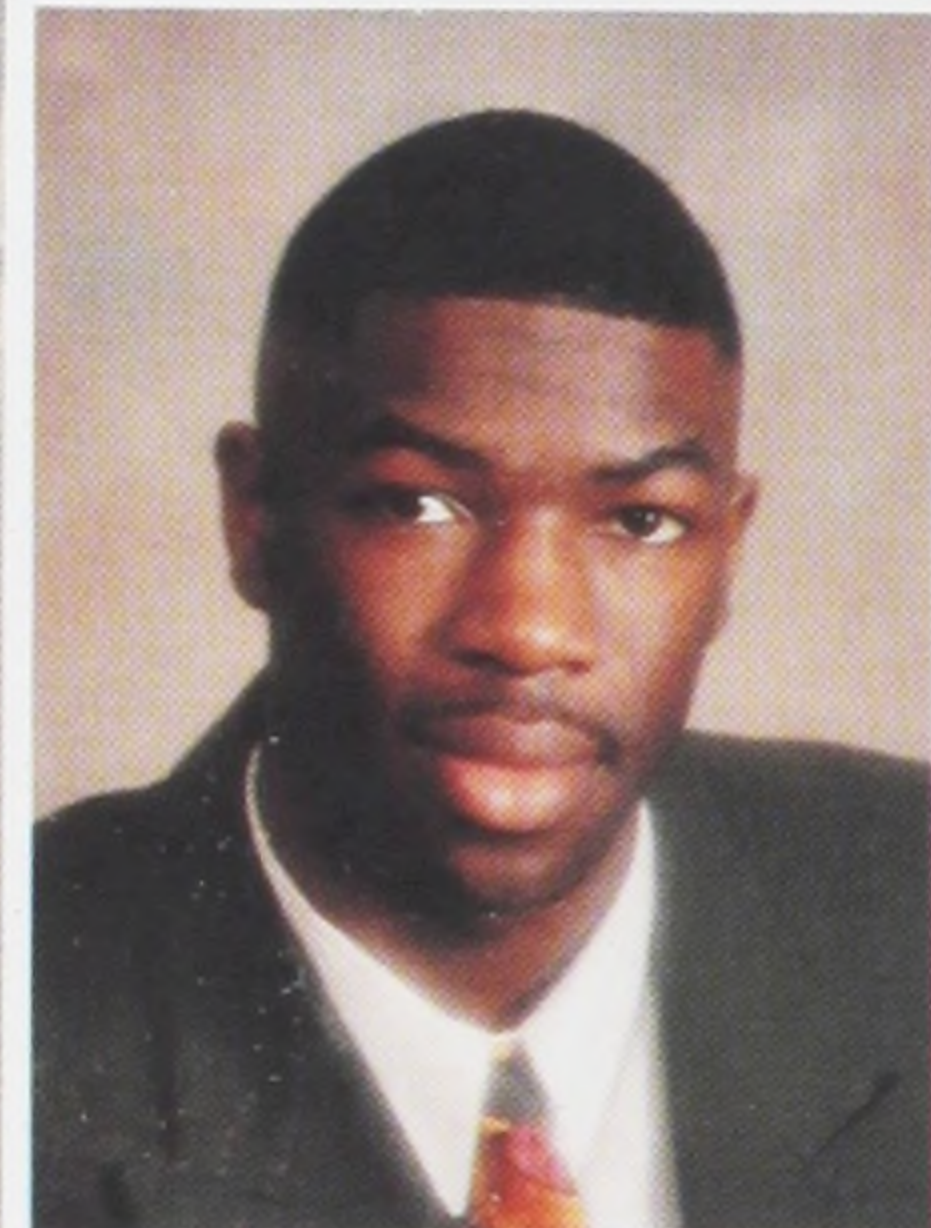
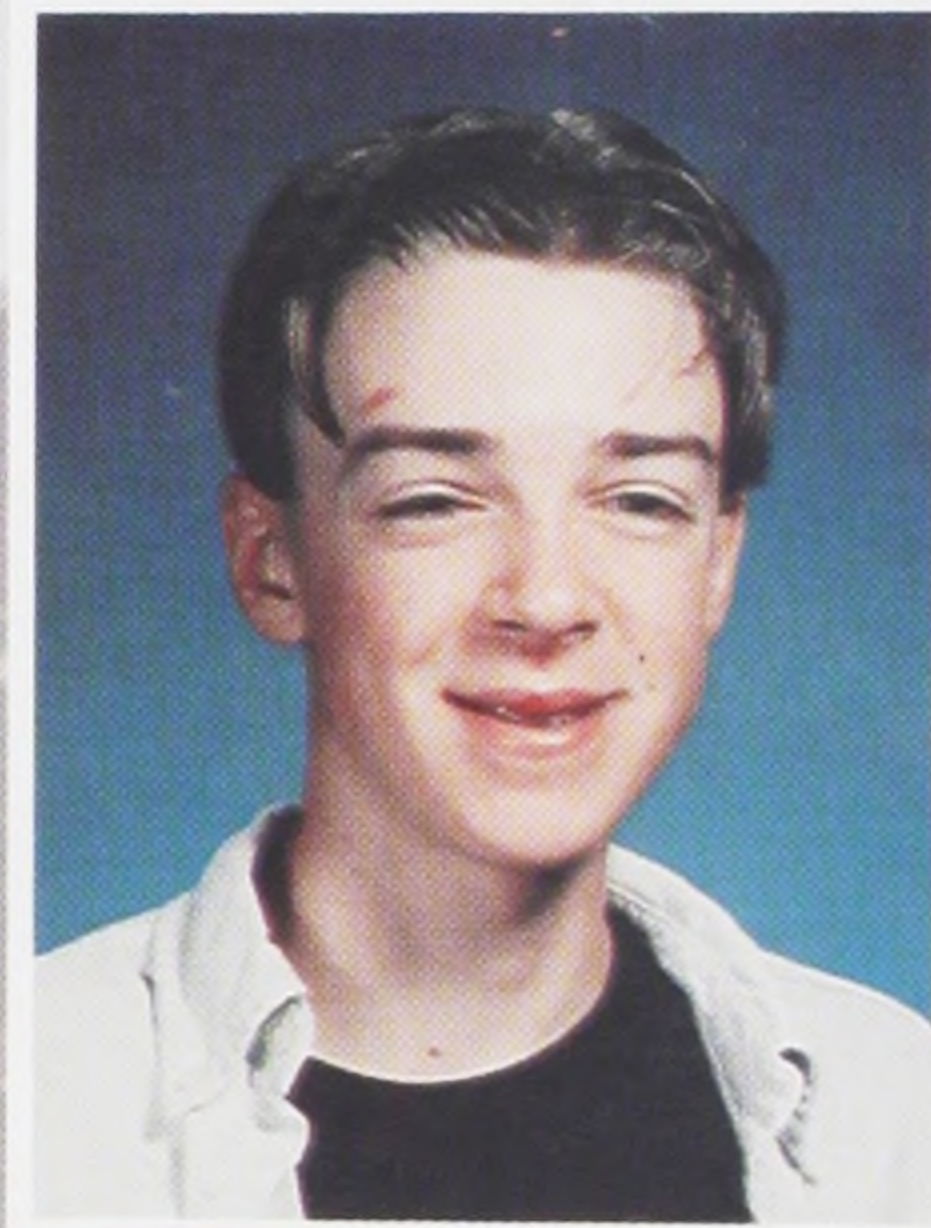
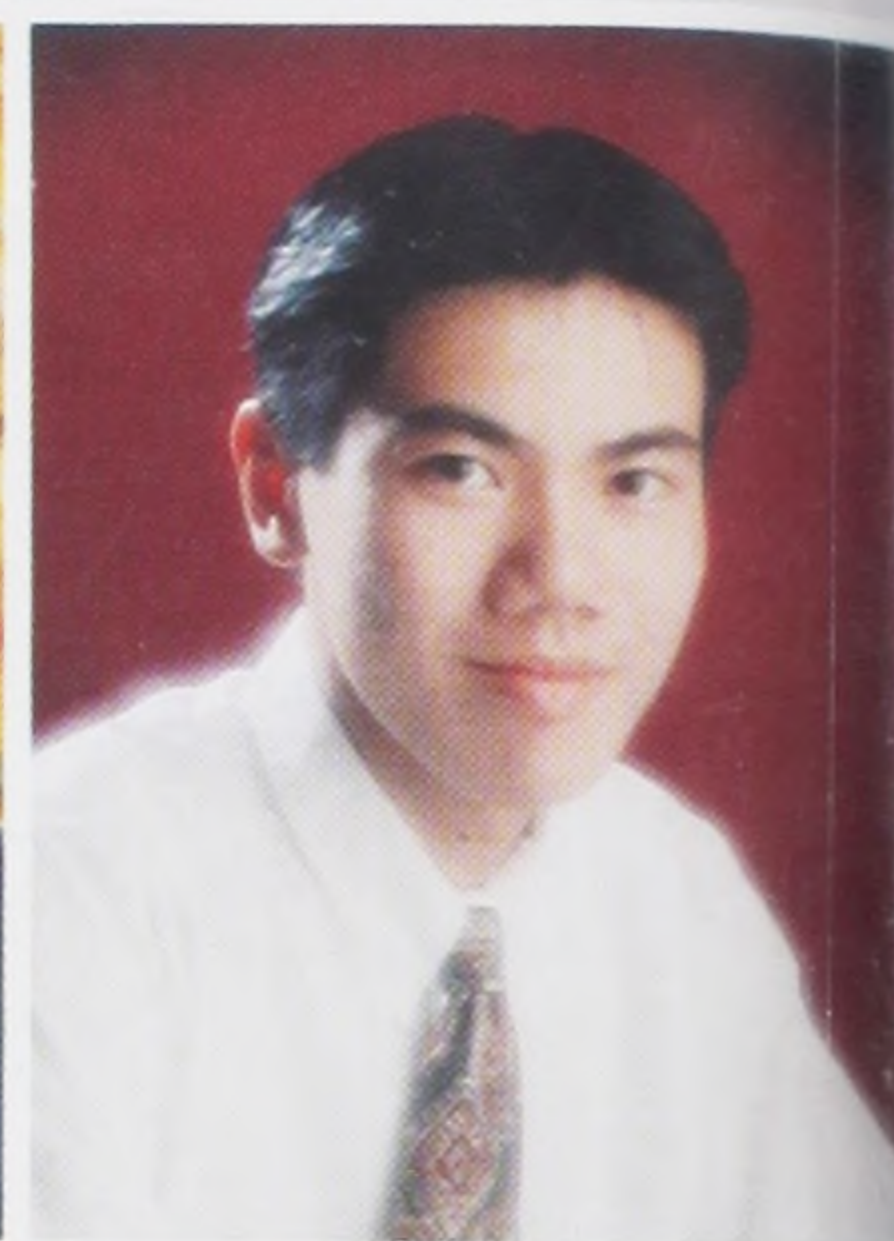
what really separates these three from the 285 other seniors?

"I have a unique style of dressing. Most people wouldn't wear the clothes that I wear," Lakesha Roper mentioned in a brief survey.

When asked what would your best friend say about you, Lina Cha replied, "I like to shop, especially when clothes are on sale!"

For these three, their unique style of dressing sets them apart from the rest.

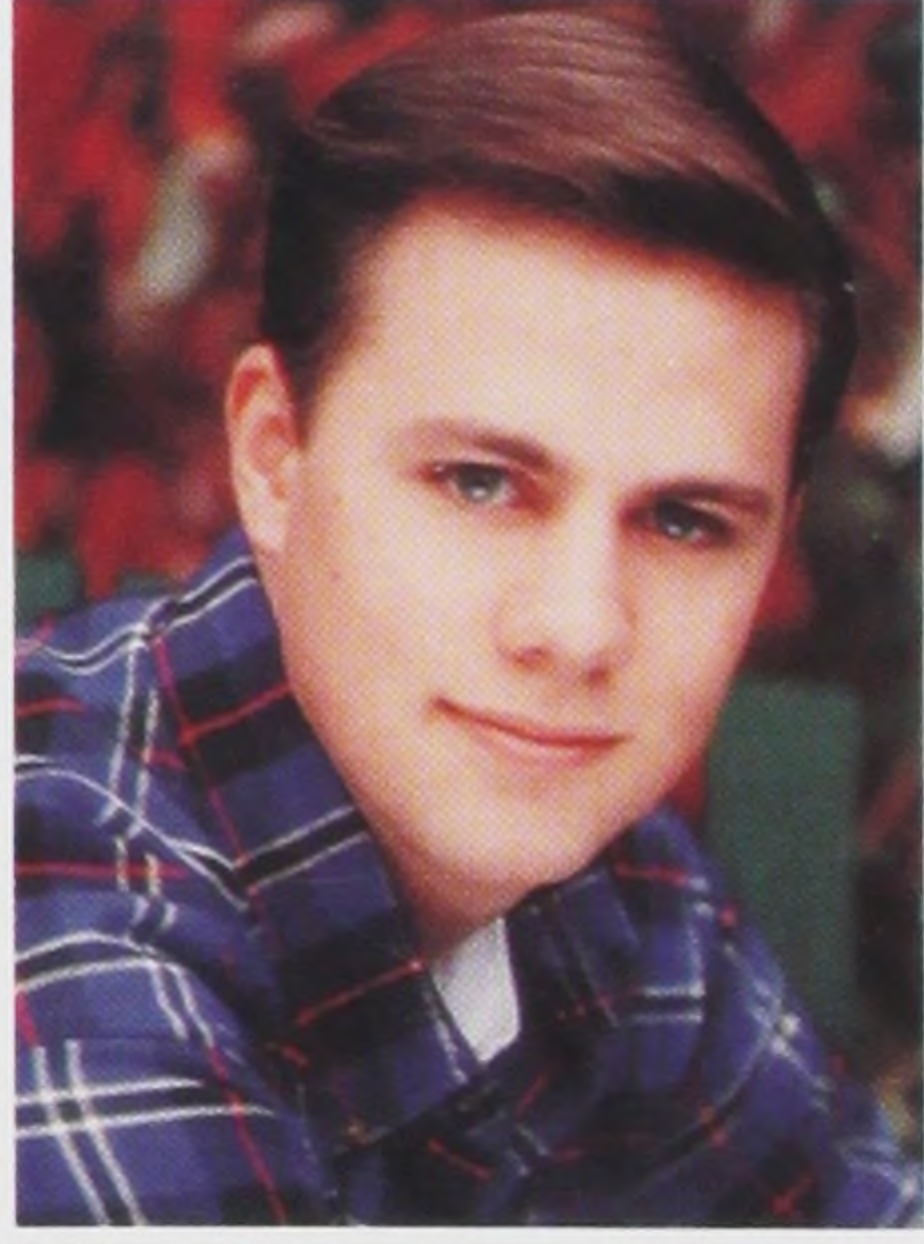
How do they feel about being selected? "It's not like I won a million dollars," says Jamaal Lane. Well, to many a million dollars is something big, but for now, these three are the class choice for **BEST DRESSED!!!**







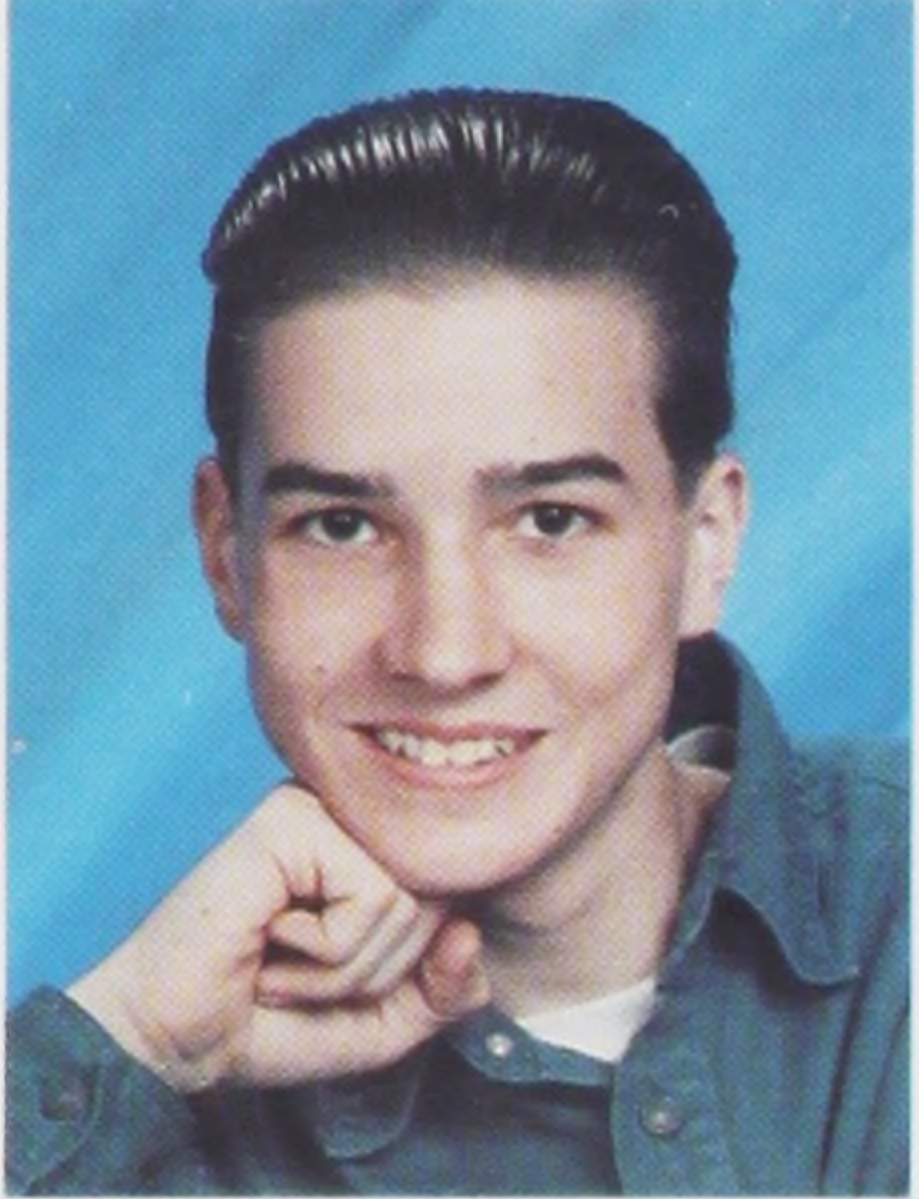
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**ACE MECHANICS.** Seniors Chris Quinby, Brian Foster, and Donnie Barron check out a Chevy truck engine while enjoying a snack.



**LUNCHTIME BREAK.** While enjoying a warm spring day, senior Mike Bradley assists classmate Erik Bangsund with his homework.



**SENIORS NOT PICTURED:**

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Shad Pilip-Florea  
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Joshua Miller  
*Building Construction*  
M. Haydee R. Palomo  
*Architectural Drafting*  
Jennifer Zimmerman  
*Transportation*



Kristi L. Wolf  
*Dental Occupations*



Terry Woodards  
*Manufacturing*  
Elinor Wooderson  
*KBPS*  
Kongchith Xamonthieni  
*Electronics*



Andy Yost  
*Transportation*  
Sylvia Yu  
*Journalism*  
Madarin Zelinka  
*KBPS*



**COMPUTER WHIZ!** In her architectural drafting class, Rebecca Needles uses the computer to draw the metal shape in her hand.





Steve Stone (12), Shawn Murray (11), and Cardis Berry (11) fly into the air as they and other varisty basketball players get tricked into doing cheerleading moves during a pep assembly.





# a different perspective

**Benson students show *different perspectives* by involving themselves in numerous activities.**

design by Joe Putnam

Do you ever hear your classmates say they came to Benson for the social life? No way, we all know that social activities like dances, fun and entertaining assemblies take a back seat to the academic and vocational offerings. Thus Benson really is a *different world* from other high schools.

Benson students really do take a different perspective on activities, because students here don't have the same types of activities as other Portland schools.

The headliss TEchman, a.k.a. Peter Shultz, stands by a masterpiece of spirit he and other juniors made at the varsity football game against Franklin.

What we lack in social functions is made up in the activities related to majors. Students can join a science, H.O.S.A., or V.I.C.A. club and interact with classmates while learning more on a particular subject.

Thanks to the help of student body president Russel Jackson (12), Benson enjoyed one of the most successful homecoming weeks in years, which was capped off by Benson's first homecoming dance in two years. For all that he has done, Student Body President Jackson has been deemed "the best student body president in a long time" by many students.

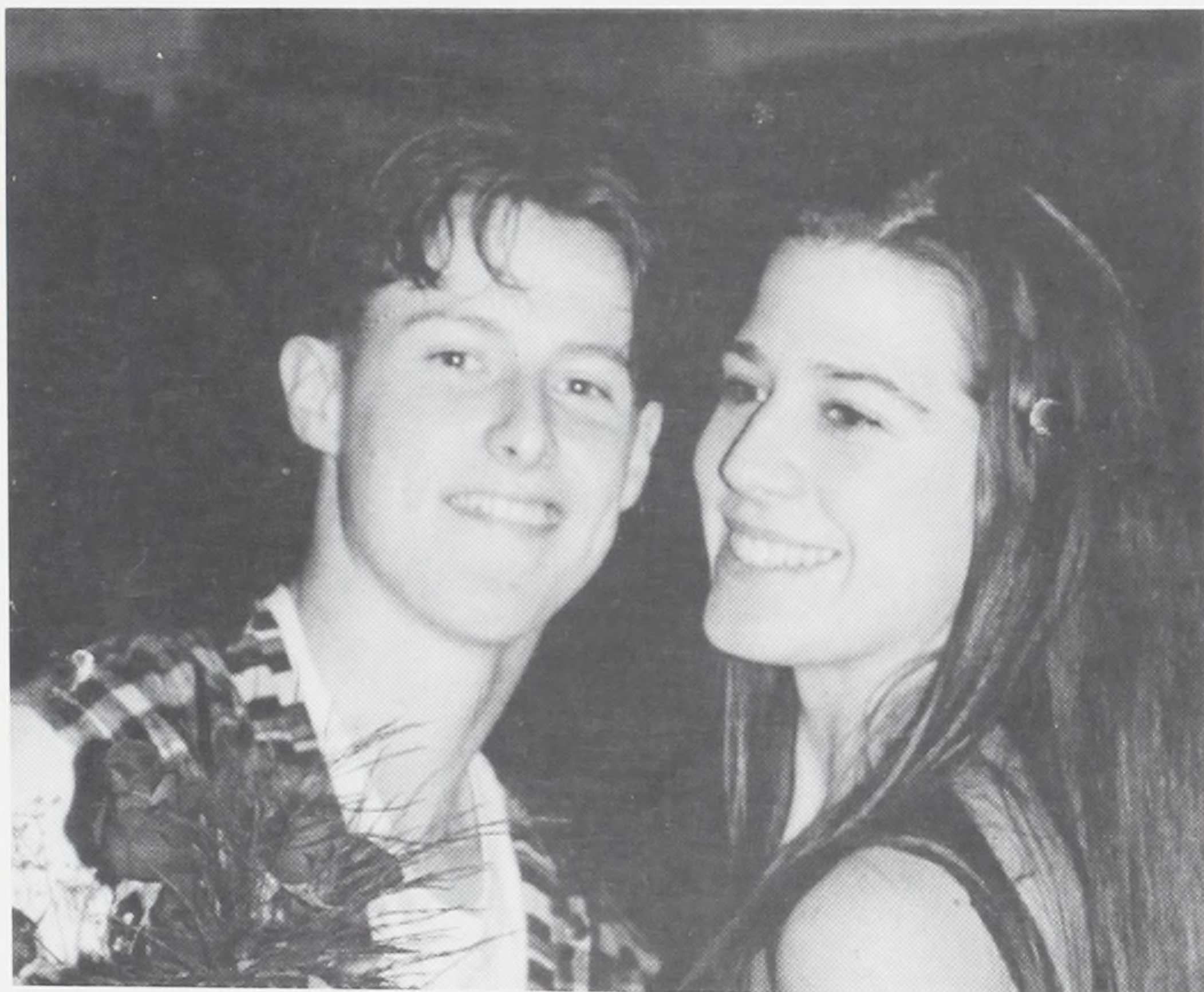
An occasional pep assembly or a cultural assembly in January adds interest to an otherwise very serious day for the students. And seniors can enjoy the traditional prom, commencement and grad all-night party.

In spite of only a few fun activities, students always enjoy a calm atmosphere and an interaction with friends before and after school, at lunch, and at sports events.

The class of 1998 fires out a patriot missile of orange and blue during the homecoming assembly, proving their spirit to the entire school during the homecoming assembly.







**THE COOL AND THE POPULAR.** Tim Hillman and Kate Cunnington take the floor as they are announced King and Queen of Homecoming at the Homecoming dance.

**HUGS & KISSES:** Tim Hillman and Chris Beene show their own school spirit by embracing each other during the pep assembly.

## The BEST and WORST of Homecoming

" I THINK THE BEST THING ABOUT HOMECOMING IS THAT YOU GET FREE PUNCH AT THE DANCE. THE WORST THING IS THAT YOU DONT GET TO VOTE FOR THE KING AND QUEEN." (ACTUALLY STUDENTS DID HAVE THE CHANCE TO VOTE IN THE CAFETERIA AT LUNCH—MAYBE IT WASN'T WELL PUBLICIZED.)

*Annie Widerburg (10)*

" THE BEST THING ABOUT HOMECOMING IS THAT YOU GET TO DRESS UP IN WEIRD CLOTHES AND ACT CRAZY. THE WORST THING ABOUT IT IS THAT THERE IS NO SCHOOL SPIRIT. NOBODY CARES."

*Johnatae Ivory (10)*



# GAMES

## FUN AND

Some people may think that Spirit week was stupid, but others think that it was the week with the most fun of the year. What do you think?

Most students at Benson High School would say that Spirit Week is their favorite thing about Homecoming. The football game and the dance come in a close second.

During Spirit Week students dressed up in hat, ties, and shades, school colors, 50/60's clothing, sport outfits, and pajamas. You see some pretty weird people during this week, even guys wearing satin pajamas, tu tus, heels, and lipstick.

Students also enjoy the Homecoming assembly. It is a time for all the students to come together and show their school spirit. The Homecoming court was announced, and they got to strut their stuff in front of the whole student body. The winners were announced at the assembly and at the Homecoming dance later that night.

Every year at the assembly there is a fun activity. This year pre-selected stu-

dents from each class were allowed to get down on the floor and have a class dance off. While most of the students were dancing the Butterfly and the Cabbage Patch; one student, Connor Doe (11), did an amusing Michael Jackson routine.

Next came the football game against Roosevelt. Benson won, blowing out the Rough Riders 19-6. Joe Putnam (11) said, "I thought our Homecoming really kicked ass because it showed a lot of school spirit."

Later that night was the Homecoming dance. During the dance, Tim Hillman (12), and Kate Cunnington (12), were announced as king and queen. The dance was sold out, unlike last year's that was canceled due to the lack of ticket sales. It's nice to know that spirit has finally come back to Benson.

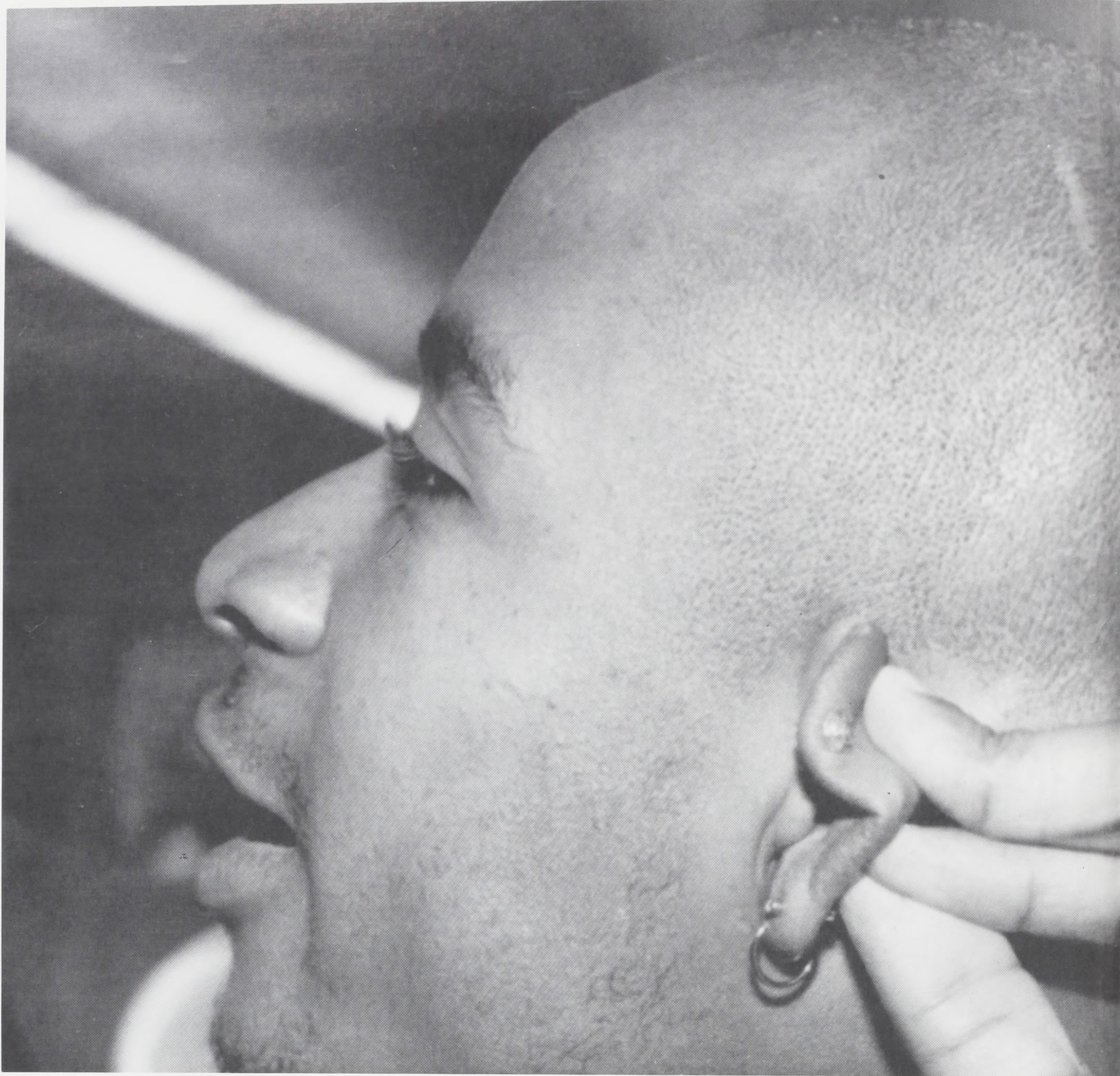
*By Mariah Vaquer*



**STRUTTING THEIR WEIRD STUFF.** Juniors Ezra Meredith and Connor Doe hang out at the Homecoming dance.

**HOMECOMING COURT—FRONT ROW:** Tim Hillman, Kate Cunnington, Tim Warren, Rebecca Njoroge. **SECOND ROW:** Ezra Meredith, Taira Warren, Daniel Nguyen. **THIRD ROW:** Cathy Tran, Keeahni Wesson, Bryan Tierney, Jennifer Mays.





**BODY PIERCING.** It used to be that only girls got their ears pierced, but now it's normal for people to get their nose, belly, and nipple pierced. Senior Chris Beene shows that even three earrings on his ear are normal for guys.



**THE LITTLE GIRL LOOK.** Haydee Palomo shows that thigh highs are one of the key accessories to her outfit. She also wears a short cheerleading-type skirt which tops it off.



**A LITTLE SKIN.** Wintress Watson wears one of the summer's hottest item, which is the jelly sandals. Sabrina Sacdalan shows off her knee highs, wrap around skirt, and a buttoned down tiny T.



# STYLE HOUSE OF BENSON

1994-1995

**From short mini's to oversized T's, students have different trends which are portrayed everyday at Benson.**

What's hot and what's not? Is there a certain style for Benson students? Everyday in the halls, you would see many girls wearing the latest trends, from suspenders in the fall to mini's in the spring.

Fashion styles are always changing for girls; but for guys, it remains the same. For guys, many were dressed in flannels and baggy jeans. You would also see other Benson students dressed casually, grungy, or even wearing just sweats or warm-ups.

Wearing the latest styles doesn't mean you want to fit in with others, but it might mean you have an interest in clothes. At Benson, students have their own way of dressing.

This year the 60's came back for the girls with knee highs, jelly shoes, mary-janes, apron dresses, tiny T's, short pleated skirts, and barrettes. Miniature backpacks were also a hot item. This fad was a total change from chokers, baby doll dresses, and body suits in 93-94. Next year, who knows?

## the key elements

- mini kilts
- teeny wrap skirts
- tiny art tees
- belly-buttoned miniskirts
- thigh highs and knee highs
- suspenders



**STYLING IN VOGUE.** Sophomore Tiffany Jackson has it all: the miniature backpack, the mini short skirt, the tiny T.

**EXTRA-LARGE.** Freshmen Julie Dinh, Rose Nguyen, and Santana Taylinh show that their style is oversized T's, baggy pants, lengthy belts, and Filas.



**ROSE FESTIVAL COURT.** Hillary Lehmann, Katrina Hopkins, Katie Magnett, princess Karida Griffith, Nguyet Nguyen, Michella Henderson.

**A NEW PRINCESS.** 1994 princess Kelly Jo Lemay singles out '95 princess Karida Griffith, making her Bensons addition to the Rose Court of Portland.



# SOMETHING GOING ON SPECTACULAR

MADRAS JONES

**Something spectacular happens when six wonderful young women hope to be queen of "Rosaria."**

Voices from the crowd cry out in support of their favorite, but the persistent weaving is unnerving and soon all the friends of the candidates are standing, applauding for their choice. Former princess Kelly Jo Lemay wanders onto toward one side of the candidates and stands behind the new Princess—Karida Griffith.

Even though it takes only minutes to crown the princess, the selective "weeding out" of candidates takes five weeks and two days.

The Rose Festival has

been a tradition in the City of Roses for 88 years, and few students know what the selection process is really like.

The candidates must prove themselves to have character, poise, and a good GPA by a series of interviews with judges. Through four hours of academic, and personal questioning, six are finally chosen. The next two weeks were spent rehearsing speeches, selecting dresses, and practicing poise.

In the end, Karida's black gown was as eloquent as

her speech. She first thanked Benson for the strength it had given her and then for the legacy Benson had passed onto her and would continue to pass on to others. Benson's legacy was, for her and many others, "Something Spectacular."

"We supported each other. It was fun," reflected senior Nguyet Nguyen, who was one of the candidates. Only one rose; Karida Griffith was chosen—all six candidates represented young women who are academically talented, beautiful and respectable.



# From a *Different* View



*Katie Magnett*

**Q:** Why do you think you didn't win?

**A:** "Well, Karida did a great job!"

**Q:** What were the new experiences for you, with being a candidate?

**A:** "Well, everything. Being able to speak in front of all those people, and well, just everything."

**Q:** Katie, do you think that you should have won?

**A:** "NO!"



## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

The tension is broken as members of the 1995 court engulf princess Karida after the coronation.

## **TEARS OF JOY.**

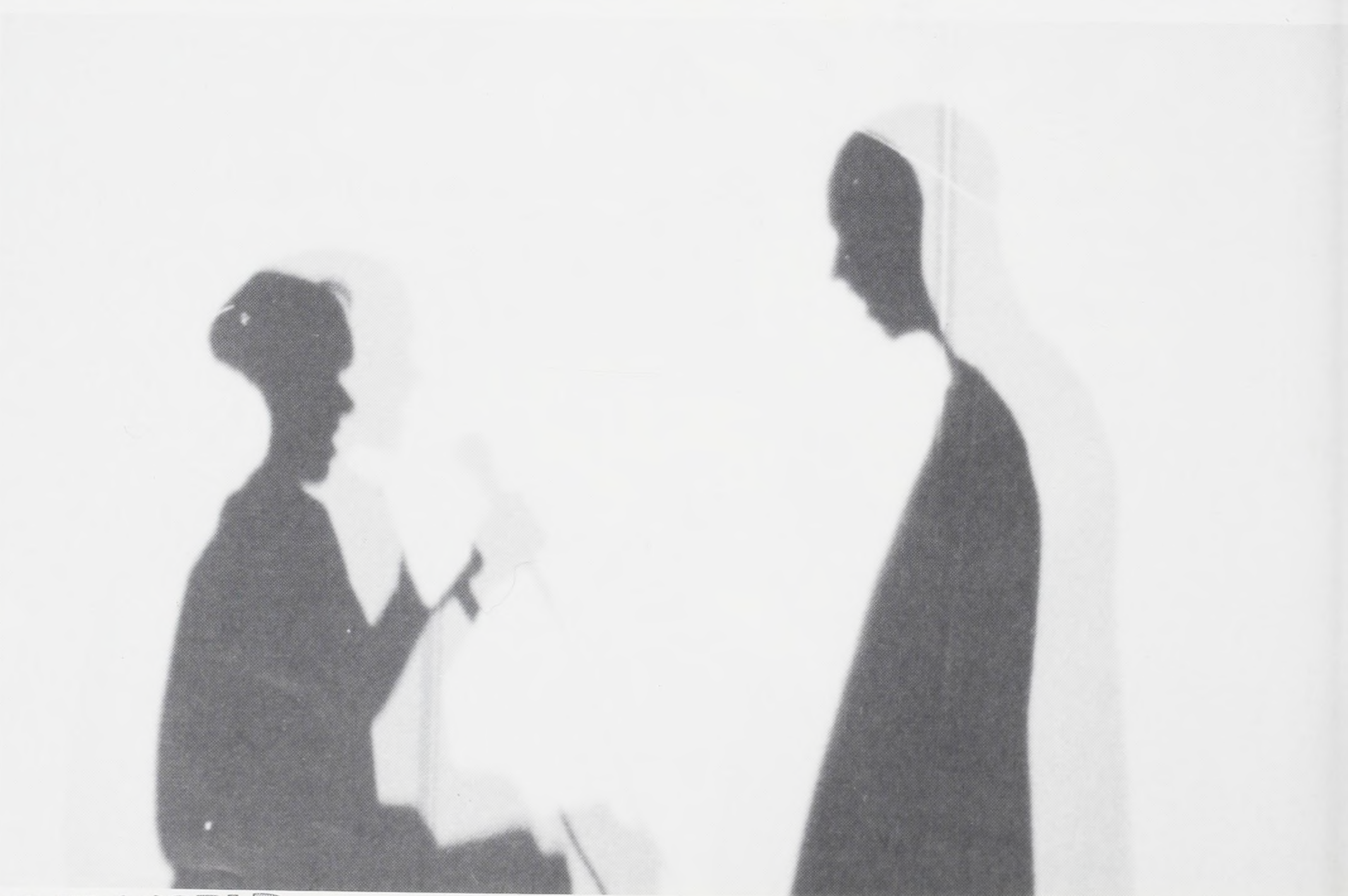
Karida cries her way to representing Benson in the Portland Rose Festival court.





**STRETCH, REACH, STEP!**

Bahia Cross (12), Karida Griffith (12), and Jessica Padden (12) strut their stuff to promote Planetary Peace. The whole dance routine was the result of only a week of practice and it turned out well.



**MASKING THEIR**

**IDENTITY.** Senior Bahia Cross and Junior Maurice Goss talk about the good, the bad, and the ugly issues concerning sexual activity among young people today.



# What ABOUT Diversity



**Some fail to see how the Martin Luther King assembly showed diversity and equality.**

In rushing to prepare 90 minutes of song, dance, and speech, is it possible that the real meaning of this occasion has been forgotten?

Some don't think so. "I think it showed diversity by the different races in the groups that performed," reflected freshman Mitch Myrick. It is true that we are one of the more diverse schools in Portland. However, if most of the diversity in our school is sitting in the audience, the issue becomes how cultural diversity is being shown on the stage.

Many students were concerned with the small or nonexistent numbers of races other than Blacks and Whites in the choir, dance groups, and role plays. Other issues included the emphasis on Christianity and the African American culture.

When asked if the MLK assembly really showed the concept of diver-

sity and equality, Maggie Dials (10) stated, "No, it only lasts for an hour, if that, and I don't think an hour per year is enough. We need to have diversity spray painted on our heads, and one hour of positive talking and/or cultural diversity (equality) is not enough."

What it all really comes down to is making the dream come alive in our everyday life, not just on stage. And though the assembly may not have shown equality and diversity, many students are taking steps to accept others in order to keep MLK's dream alive.

The most common things included: not worrying about a person's skin color, keeping your cool, choosing to be open minded, trying not to be prejudiced, and setting examples for younger brothers and sisters.

So if some can show acceptance in our everyday lives, the dream hasn't died yet.

MADR4 JONES

**Do you think that the MLK assembly really showed the concept of diversity and equality?**

**41%**

**no**

**39%**

**yes**

**11%**

**didn't see**

**9%**

**don't know**

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Do you agree that assemblies are a waste of time or do you think that they are helpful to you personally?

# GET ON THE STAGE

This year's assemblies at Benson High School were not so great, or were they? Some of us enjoy them (it makes our dull classes shorter). Some of us cry about them (just kidding!) and some us hate them (it wastes our time and we could have had more time to finish a quiz).

Did you know that if you get into the school spirit during pep assemblies by jumping up and down, screaming, yelling, and

making a lot of commotion helps relieve some stress? Remember, though, only do this when appropriate or you may get sent to the vice principal!

The Martin Luther King assembly was an understanding one for all of us. We were able to hear about some of our fellow students' feelings and how MLK helped changed our lives.

You've probably come across a situation that you were in that made you feel

unwanted. Those people who approached you just might have had a bad day or they were racists. Compared to back then in MLK's time to now, things sure have changed!

Many of us enjoyed the Diversity multi-media slide assembly because of its purpose to show us that we are all equal, no matter what race, sex, or religion we are. There are people in our society who just think in a negative way about others,

but we learn to live with them.

"Ooo! Oh how she looks so pretty!" say many of your friends when a candidate for the Rose Festival princess walks across the stage and smiles. The Rose Festival princess assembly was a first-show for the ninth graders, but for the other classes, this was not as well done as the other ones in the past. We still, though, have to say congratulations to our contestants.

## How many of us enjoyed the following assemblies?

- °83% loved the Multi-media Diversity assembly.
- °71% liked the pep assemblies
- °56% enjoyed the Rose Festival Princess assembly
- °48% enjoyed the MLK assembly



**THANK YOU!** Judy Roeske receives a gift from a Rose Festival representative for her hard work in helping with the Rose Festival assembly. Vice Principal John Vingelen also assisted.



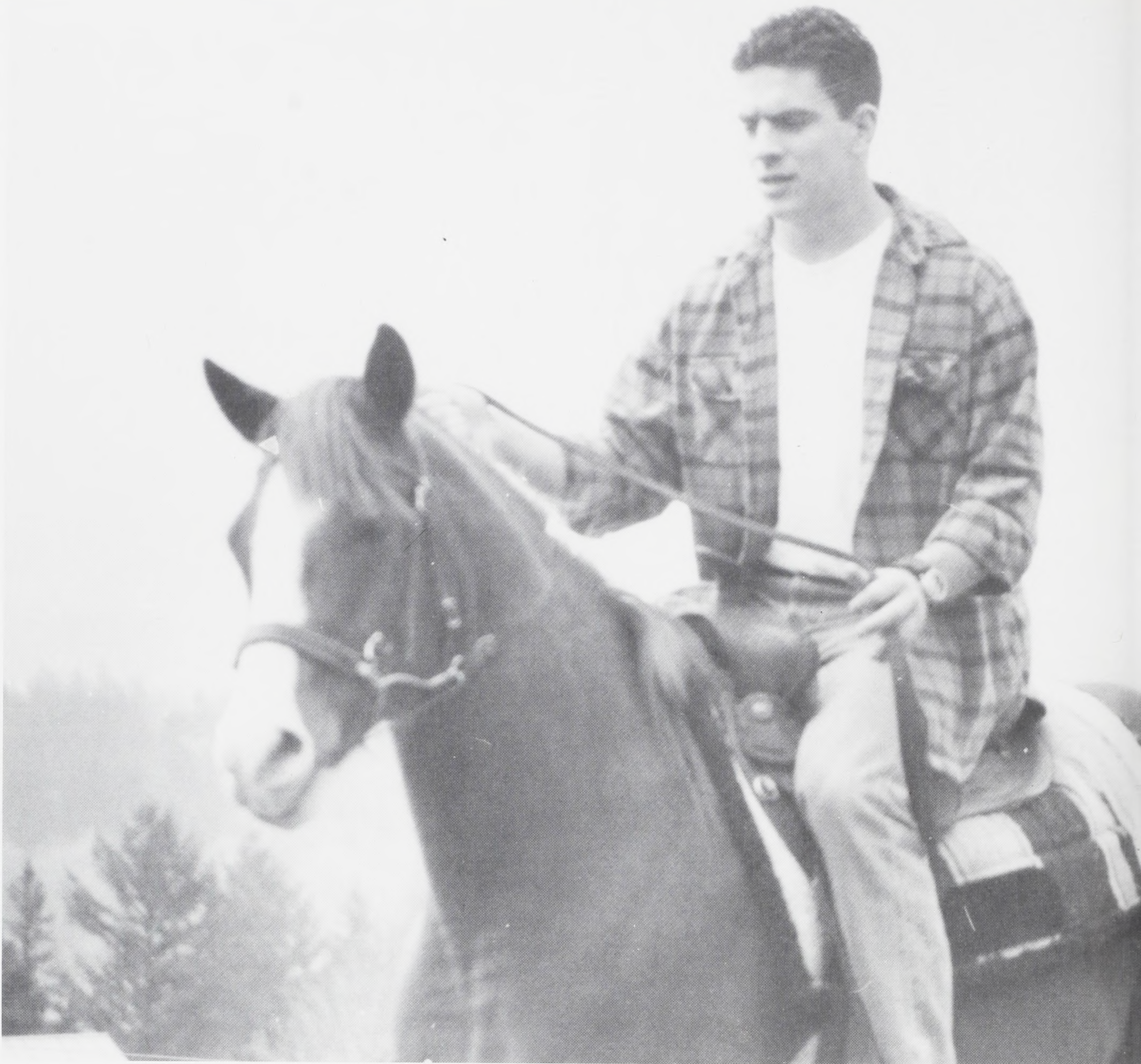


**MIXED EMOTIONS.** While some seniors enjoy the diversity assembly, another finds time to sleep.

**RESPECT FOR OTHERS.** The three screens show scenes from the diversity multi-media slide assembly.

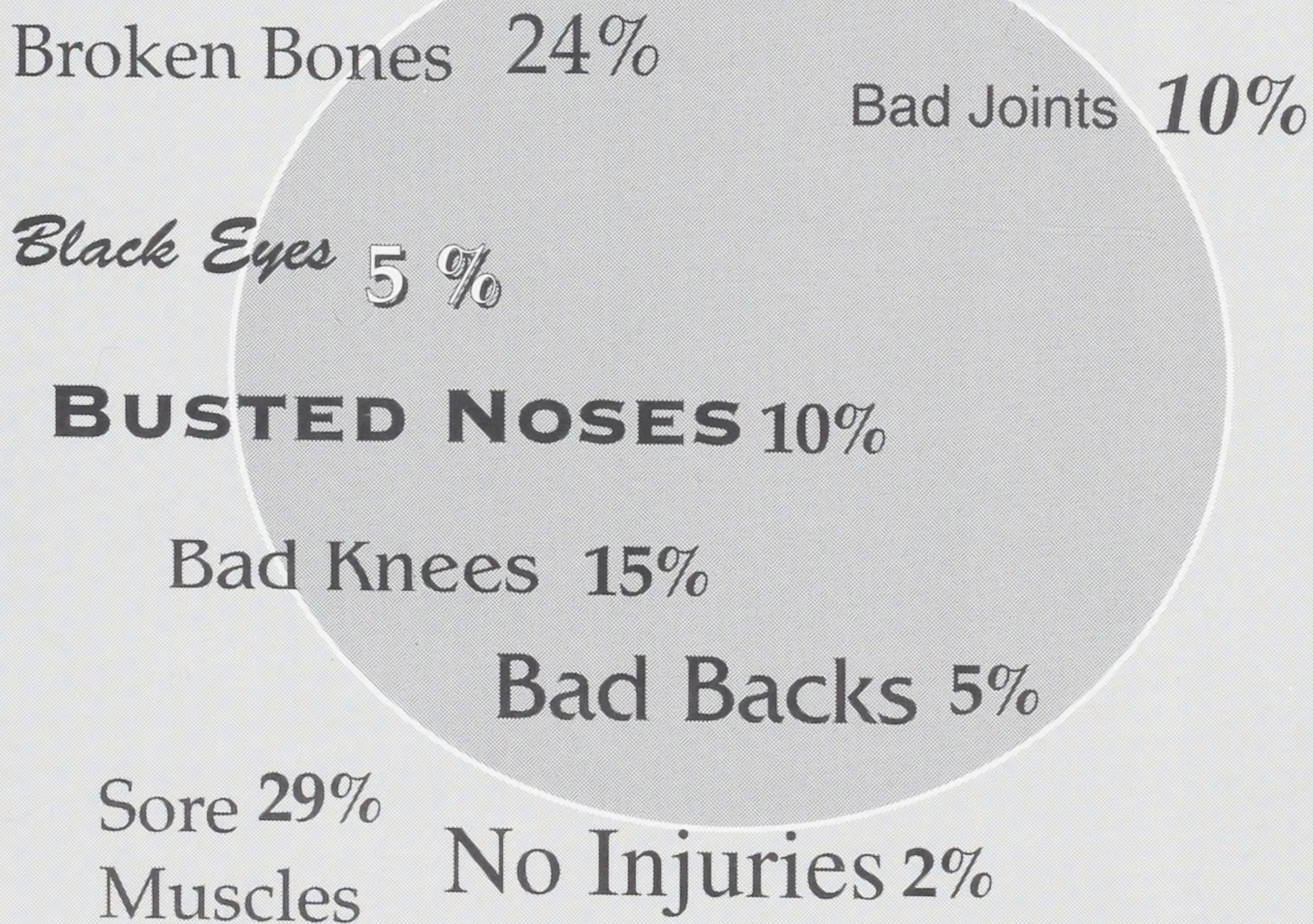
**LET THE GAMES BEGIN.** Student body president, Russel Jackson (12), presents the next candidate for the Rose Festival princess during the assembly.



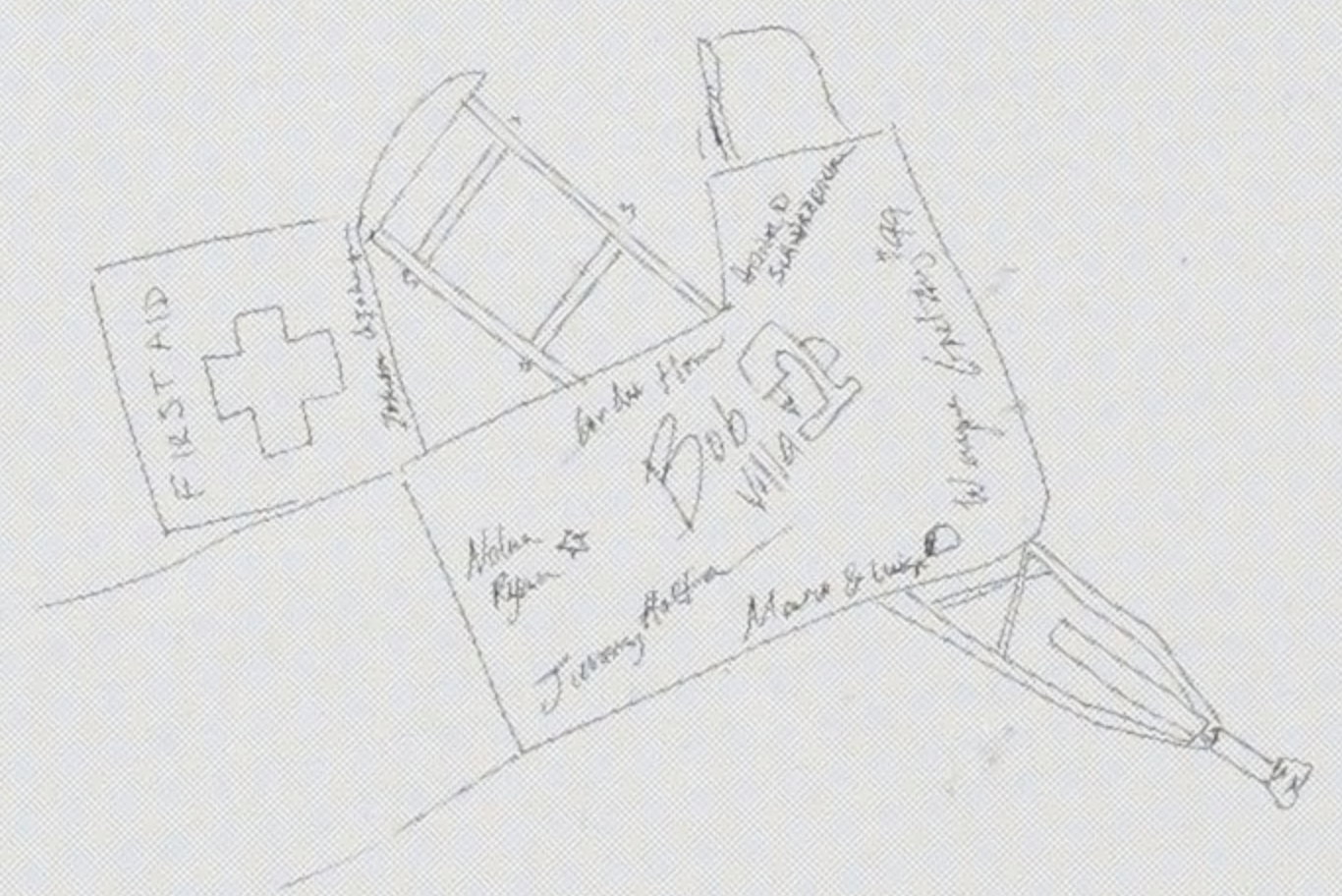


**COME RIDE WITH ME.**  
Mike Bradley (12) gallops along while he rides with friends at a ranch in Northwest Portland.

**G E T T I N G**  
**KNOCKED DOWN** ↓



This Blueprint survey shows how many injuries and ailments happen to Techmen and Techsters every year while playing their favorite alternative sports.



cartooning by Joe Putnam (11)



# A WHOLE BALLGAME NEW

WARMED UP

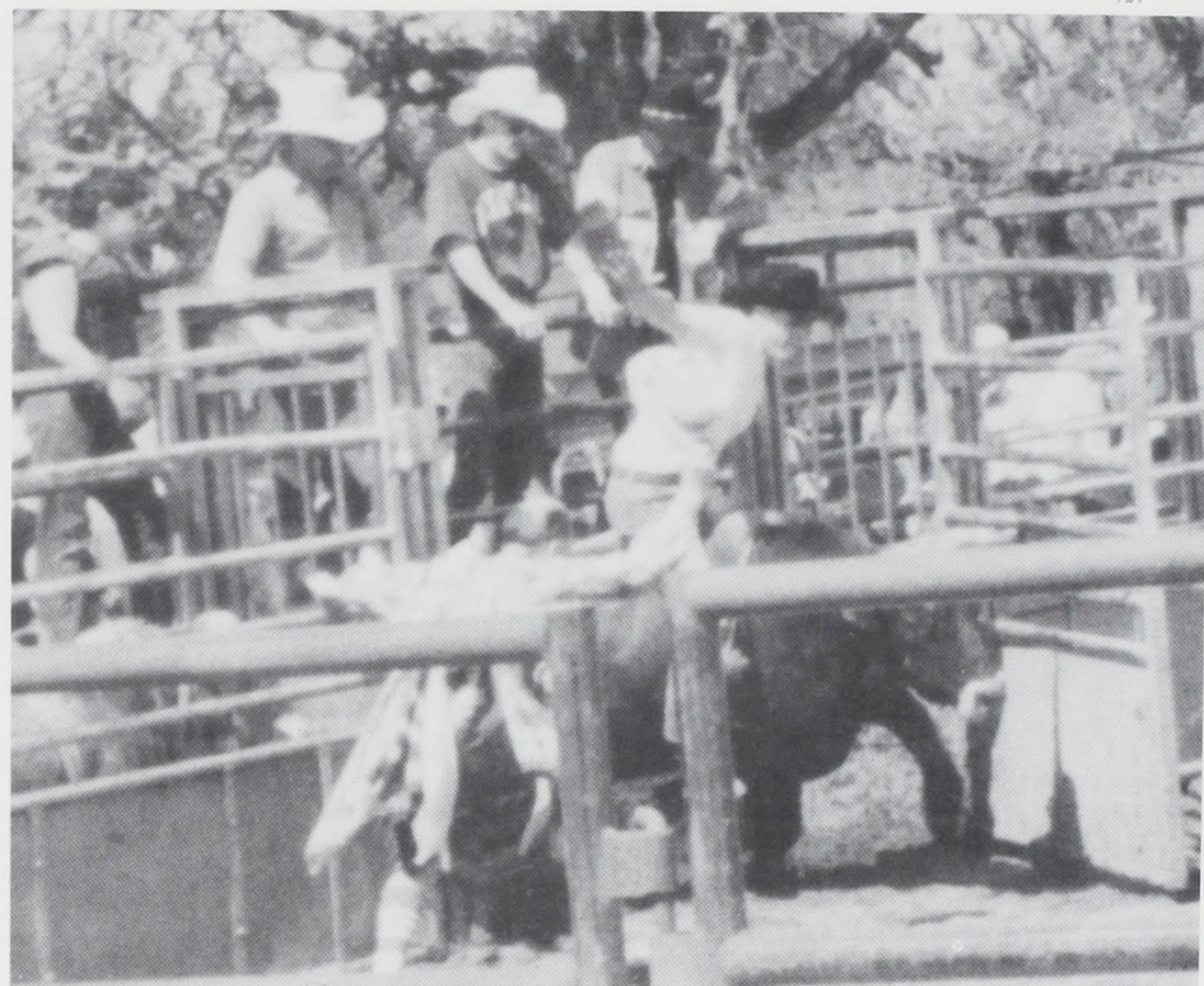
**Benson students play it up in different sports not offered by the school.**

From rodeo to Kar-a-te, Benson students went all out while playing out-of-school sports. After school, jobs, and other assorted activities, Benson students strapped up and headed off to enjoy either blasting people away while paint balling as did sophomore Eka Jabar, or shooting slap-shots at goalies like senior Bryan Erikson. "It just feels good taking out all that stress on somebody," Bryan said.

When students asked why they participated in sports outside of school, many students replied that they did it just to be out of the ordinary. "The reason I horseback ride is to get the stress out, and to get

the fresh air of Germantown Road into my lungs," said Katie McBurney (11) on why she horseback rides. With all the people at Benson going into western-style sports like rodeo, horseback riding, and hunting, you'd think that Benson students came right out of the show "Bonanza." But most of these students are very civilized, non-Ponderosa protecting people.

What one person might think is a sport, like hackey sack, some people don't. How can you consider a sport a sport, though, and what goes outside the limits of sports? The world may never know the answer to that question. But if you ask students who participate in that type of activity, they'd most likely say it's a sport.



**HACK IT UP.** Tim Kurkoski stalls the little sac during a lunch time game. Many students played hackey sack next to the round house by the track.

**YEEEEEE-HAW!** Eric Imes (12) rides a huge bull to glory. Imes has been doing rodeo for several years, and hopes to do it professionally someday.





**ON THE TRAIL.** Rachael Lizio-Katzen (second from right) goofs off with several fellow Eagle Fern SC's during her first week at Outdoor School.



**JUST GIDDY!** Jody Dauphinais (11) squints in the sunshine of Camp Howard. Dauphinais has been counseling for two years at Howard.



**BY THE YUPPIE CABINS.** Sophomore Rachael Lizio-Katzen stands with her cabin group for a picture after a rainy morning.



# BACK-TO INSTINCTS PRIMAL

BOB 9/1/94  
AKA JOE PUTNAM

**A small group of Techmen and Techsters takes a week out of their school work to teach 6th graders about the environment.**

Taking a week out of Benson is a tough decision. But when it's for a good, actually great, cause like Outdoor School, it's easy.

Being a counselor is tough. In many cases, being a guy counselor who's experienced is bad; you may be stuck in a cabin watching 8-12 tiny sixth graders who torment you to death.

The Outdoor School program has been around since 1967 and serves all the sixth graders in Multnomah county. That's several thousand students in just 15 weeks in the fall and spring.

Although there are seven camps, the majority of Benson students

went to the more lush "Eagle Fern" and "Sandy River" sites. Others dared to tough it out at the more rugged camp that received snow and power outages.

The group of students that dedicated at least one week to the program was at a dismal 20 students this year. This group gets smaller every year, even though the camps need more counselors. One of the major reasons is that teachers won't allow students to go twice a year, which is unfortunate. But overall the O.D.S. program at BHS was fun and educational. Hopefully it won't be cut by the state due to lack of funds.

*It's really a pain in the butt when teachers won't let you go!*

Joe Putnam  
-junior-

his reaction to being rejected by Mr. Coles to let him go to Outdoor School again in the spring after being snowed out in the fall.



**WINNY FACE:** Outstando-counselor Brian Briggs (12) makes a funny face while in a "cabin moment" at Eagle Fern in the Spring of 1995.

## O.D.S. Trivia

**Here are some questions that all Outdoor School Counselors ask sixth graders. Do you remember the answers from sixth grade?**

- 1** What does it take to make soil?
- 2** What insects lays the most droppings in the forest?
- 3** What is the plant pigment that makes those wonderful oxygen producers green?
- 4** What is the region of water that light is able to reach?

Answer key: 1) Time, 2) The Caterpillar, 3) Chlorophyll, 4) The Photic Zone.



**Pilot Shot Down!**

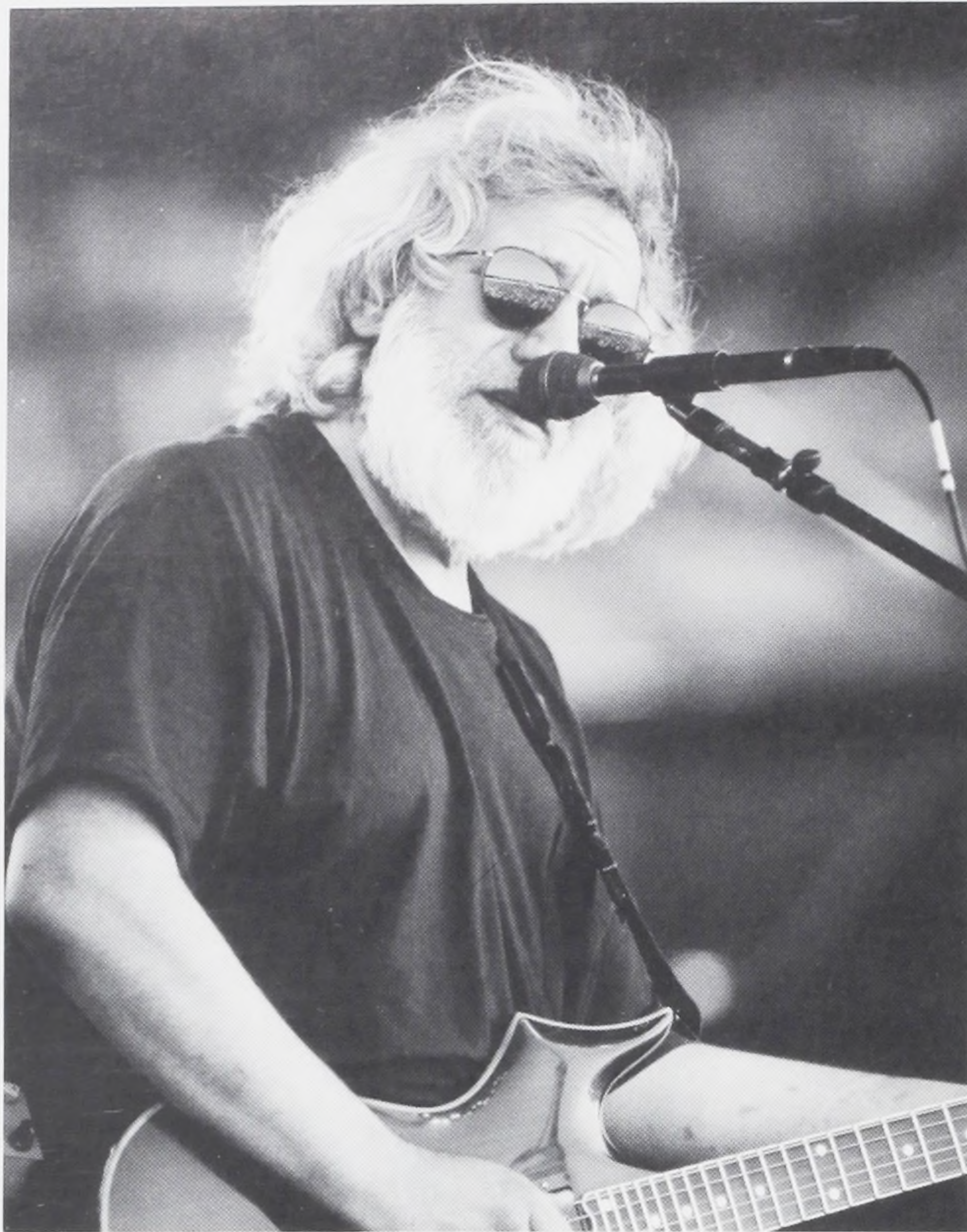
Getting further involved in the Bosnian Civil War, U.S. Pilot Captain Scott O'Grady is shot down over Northwest Serbia while enforcing a "no-fly zone." The accident happened just days after President Bill Clinton said he would use American forces to end the war if asked to by the United Nations. O'Grady spent six days in Serbia while American forces thought he was either dead or captured.

**Terror in the Heartland**

The Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is the target of domestic terrorism on April 19th, 1995. The building was demolished by a two-ton fertilizer bomb planted supposedly by the FBI's suspect, Timothy McVeh. The explosion killed 170 people, including two dozen children who were at the center's day-care facility. Conspiracy theories spread like wildfire throughout the country after the attack.

NEWS AS IT'S HAPPENING

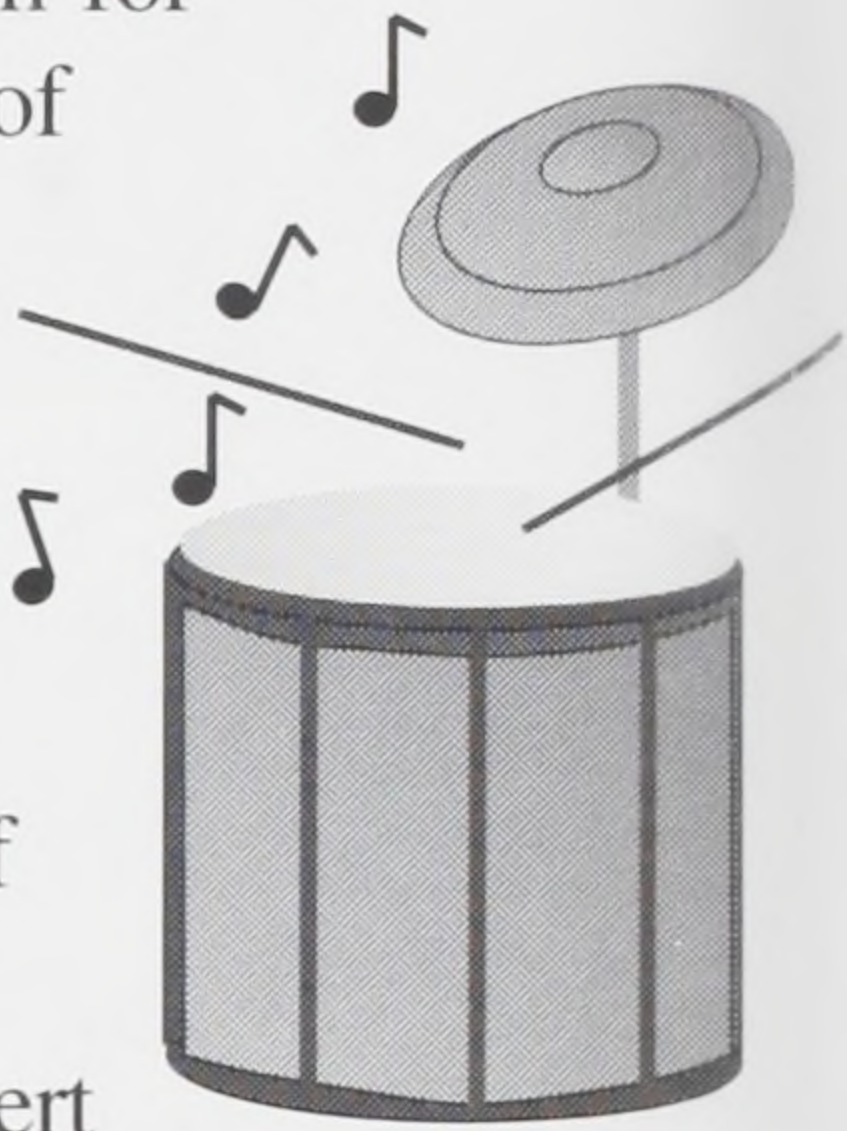
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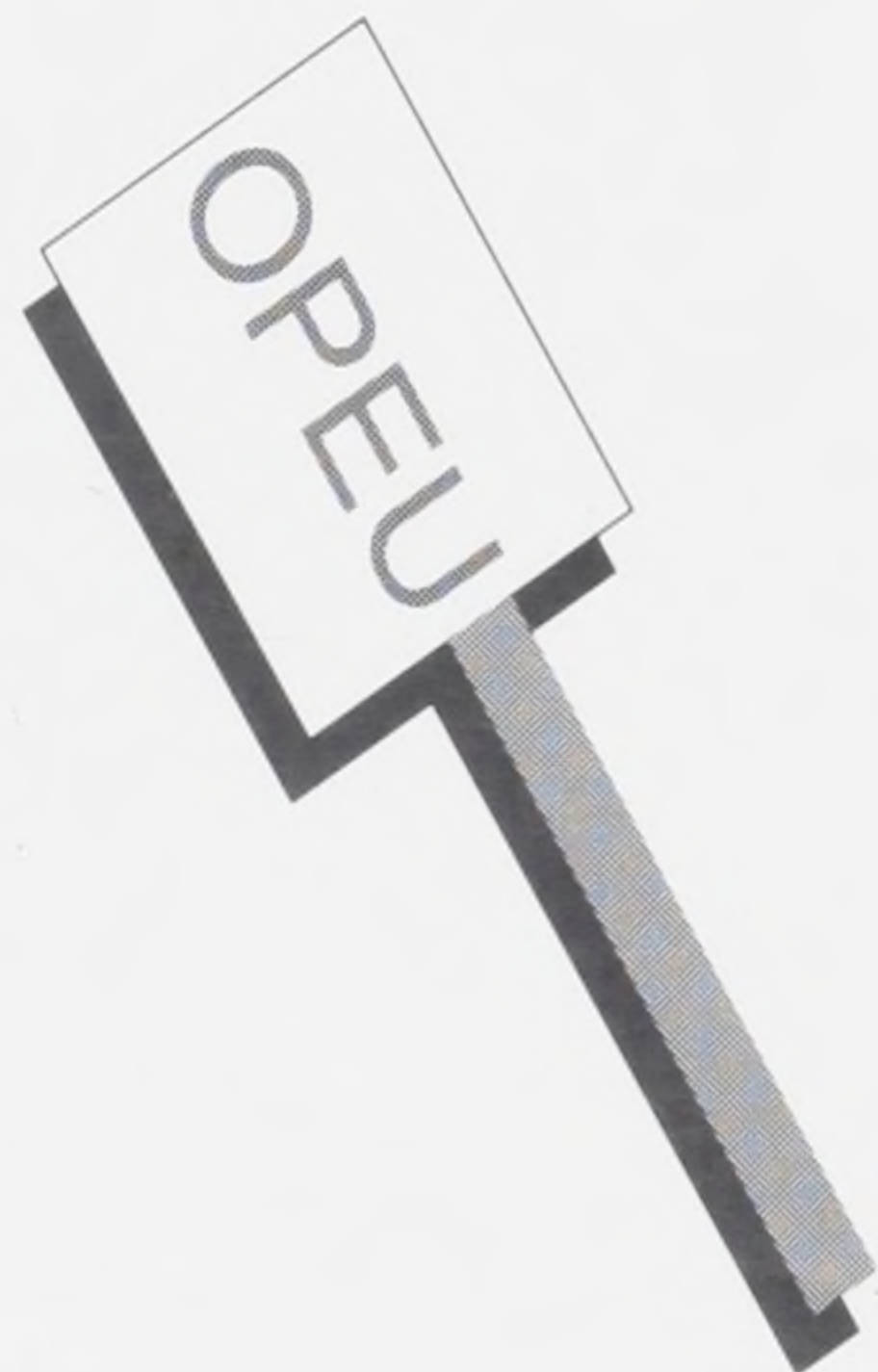
Jerry Garcia with his lively pot-smoking band the Grateful Dead, rolled into Portland during late May for a two day gig, playing to crowds reaching 30,000 people or more at Portland Meadows.

The Dead, known for their laid back style of music that was first performed during the hippie days of the late 1960's, still provides entertainment to millions of people year-round.

The bands' concert brought confusion to North Portland, with parking problems for the two-day residents. Other problems included two deaths, one which was caused by an overdose of heroin.



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A strike for public employees was called in May after the public voted in Measure 8, a public employee pension bill which forced all public employees to take a 6% pay-cut directly from their paycheck that would go to the states' retirement fund. The bill, which was passed by a very slim margin, went against the workers' contract which said the state would pay for the retire-

ment, if the employees didn't receive a cost of living pay increase. Then the employees voted to strike. State offices like the DMV were closed for a full week.

To further complicate the issue, a state supreme court judge threw out the law, saying it was unconstitutional, even after the state and its employees had agreed on a 7% pay increase to cover the pay decrease.





1994 / 1995

# World beat





Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein orders his troops to the border of oil-rich Kuwait. The U.S. sends 350 warplanes to the area to support the Kuwaiti forces. By October 11, Hussein orders the withdrawal of most of his forces.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin calls out his poorly trained military to subdue a rebellion in Chechnya, a southern republic the size of Connecticut. Critics accuse Yeltsin of resorting to totalitarian methods of the old communist Soviet regime to keep the shaky Russian Federation unified.

Europe's worst flood in this century kills at least 30 people across Europe. Inland floods caused by melting Alpine snow and relentless rains hit Belgium, France, Germany, and the Netherlands, whose famous dike system begins to crumble late in January 1995 in the face of rampaging rivers. Dutch authorities evacuate 250,000 people from the lowlands.

Camilla Parker Bowles, allegedly Prince Charles' mistress, announces her divorce from her husband, Andrew Parker Bowles. Princess Diana is said to be negotiating a divorce from Charles, who will be free to remarry without giving up the throne—unless unhappy subjects force a referendum on the monarchy.

More than 900 passengers die, 140 are rescued when the Estonia, a 15,500-ton Baltic ferry sinks off the coast of Finland in a violent nighttime storm. The storm's 30-foot waves swamp the ship which lists and sinks in a matter of minutes.

# PEOPLE



Reuters/Bettmann

After a peasant uprising in Chiapas and two major political murders, Mexico gets a new president. Ernesto Zedillo, an economist, assumes office only to face a stockmarket crash, a ruined economy, and a loss of international confidence in the wake of the North American Free Trade Agreement.



Busquet-Sordo from Gamma/Liaison

On July 25, U.S. President Bill Clinton welcomes King Hussein of Jordan, right, and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to the White House, where the two sign a historic nonaggression pact that ends a 46-year state of belligerency between Israel and Jordan.



Conservative religious groups and those who believe in individual rights clash over issues of education for women and family planning at the U.N. International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo, Egypt, September 5.



AP/Wide World

Joyful residents of Belfast celebrate after the Irish Republican Army (IRA) announces an end to its military operations in Northern Ireland as of August 31. After 25 years of British military presence and over 3,000 killings, the IRA says it will now seek Irish union only through political channels.



Reuters/Bettmann



AP/Wide World

Tipper Gore, wife of U.S. Vice President Al Gore, visits Rwandan refugee camps in Zaire in July. Thousands of refugees, fleeing ethnic conflict in Rwanda, die of cholera, dysentery, and other infectious diseases. Fresh water supplied by the United States military greatly reduces the number of cholera deaths.

When their Army helicopter accidentally strays into North Korea in December, Chief Warrant Officers Bobby Wayne Hall and David Hilemon are shot down by the communists. Washington does not admit to espionage as the North Koreans want, but negotiates for survivor Bobby Hall's release by expressing its sincere regret over the intrusion.

Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasir Arafat returns to Palestine in July 1994 after 27 years of exile in Tunisia. Arafat kisses the ground in the Gaza Strip, now a Palestinian autonomous zone under the terms of a 1993 peace accord with Israel.



Maher Altar, Sygma





AP/Wide World

**M**illions of South Africans travel weary hours and wait in mile-long lines to vote in the first all-race elections. After more than a century of white rule, the voters choose former political prisoner Nelson Mandela to preside over the dismantling of apartheid.

Jimmy Carter, former U.S. president and self-styled global troubleshooter for peace, negotiates on behalf of the U.S. in Haiti, Bosnia, and North Korea. He even offers to help settle the baseball strike.



AP/Wide World

**I**n Japan, an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.2 collapses buildings, derails trains, buckles elevated expressways, and causes fires throughout the city of Kobe. Over 5,000 people are killed and 26,000 injured. The Japan quake occurs January 17, 1995, one year to the day after a quake devastated Los Angeles.



Larry Downing, Sygma

**U**.S. President Bill Clinton, right, and British Prime Minister John Major take part in ceremonies in June 1994 at a military cemetery during the 50th anniversary commemoration of the Allied D-Day invasion of Europe, the event that sealed the fate of Nazi Germany during World War II.



India suffers an outbreak of pneumonic plague, carried by flea-infested vermin. Workers in Bombay earn five rupees for each exterminated rat; one thousand rat-tails earns a color TV.



Catherine Henriette, iCONE

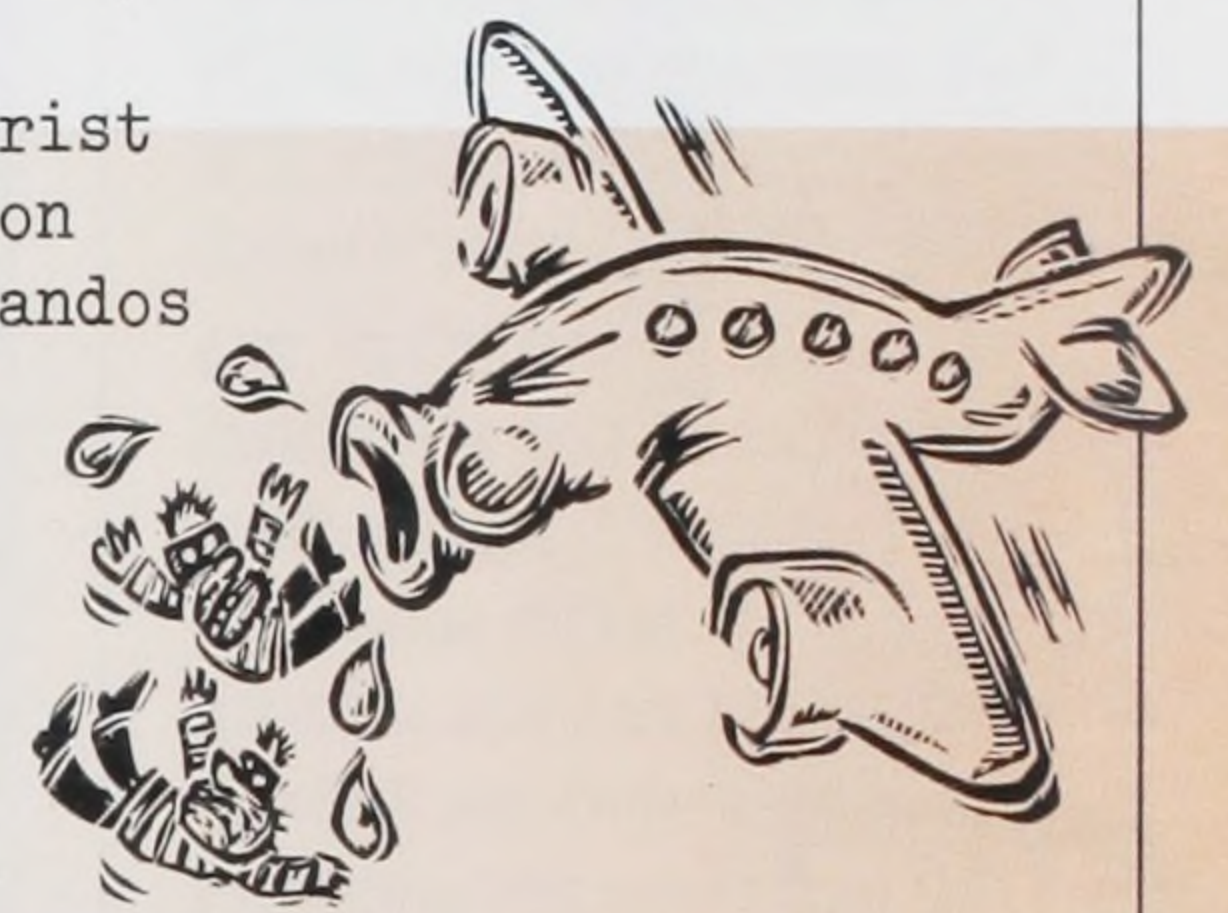
**C**hinese school children, dressed to look like Colonel Sanders, welcome the president of Kentucky Fried Chicken to Shanghai in May 1994. Few of the country's many foreign business ventures thrive, but KFC becomes a Chinese favorite. The finger-lickin' enterprise makes plans to expand its outlets from 28 to 200.

**A** triumphant Jean-Bertrand Aristide reclaims his position as president and restores democracy to Haiti with the help of U.S. troops. Haiti had suffered under the rule of a military junta led by General Raoul Cedras, who goes into exile after reaching an agreement with U.S. mediators.



Reuters/Bettmann

In one of the most successful antiterrorist operations in aviation history, French commandos storm an Air France jet-liner and kill four Algerian hijackers, freeing the plane's 173 passengers and crew.



Allan Tannenbaum, Sygma

**T**housands of Cubans flee their economically depressed homeland, hoping for a better life in America. Many set off on homemade rafts and other small vessels only to be intercepted by the U.S. Coast Guard. The United States and Cuba reach an agreement in September that allows 20,000 Cuban immigrants to enter the United States each year.



In the wake of the 1994 Los Angeles earthquake and the southern California wildfires of 1993, California experiences more natural disasters in January 1995 when rainstorms cause flooding that kills 11 people and leaves 3,000 others homeless. Flooding is so high in Santa Barbara, fun-seeking teenagers dive off a freeway overpass into 15 feet of water. President Clinton declares 34 counties federal disaster areas.

In 1994, the U.S. registers a one-year population growth of 2.7 million. One-third of the increase is due to immigration, the largest such influx since 1914.

Author and humanities professor, Ralph Ellison, dies at age 80. His 1952 novel, *Invisible Man*, has been called the most powerful novel written about alienation, identity, and racism in America.

A huge increase in killings by 14- to 24-year-olds raises the nation's homicide rate, while violence blamed on preteens rocks communities nationwide. A boy, 13, is sentenced to life for strangling a four-year-old. In Chicago, an 11-year-old boy kills a 14-year-old girl and is then executed by his own gang. In Washington state a pair of 12-year-olds shoot a migrant worker.

# STATISTICAL NEWS

The death of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis in May 1994 marks the end of an era, a time when America was prosperous, fighting for civil rights, and heading for the moon. The former first lady is buried next to her husband, President John F. Kennedy, in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C.



Sygmia

Called the Republican revolution, November mid-term elections put the Republican party and its anti-big government platform in control of Congress for the first time in 40 years. Georgia's Newt Gingrich, author of the GOP's "Contract with America," is the new Speaker of the House.



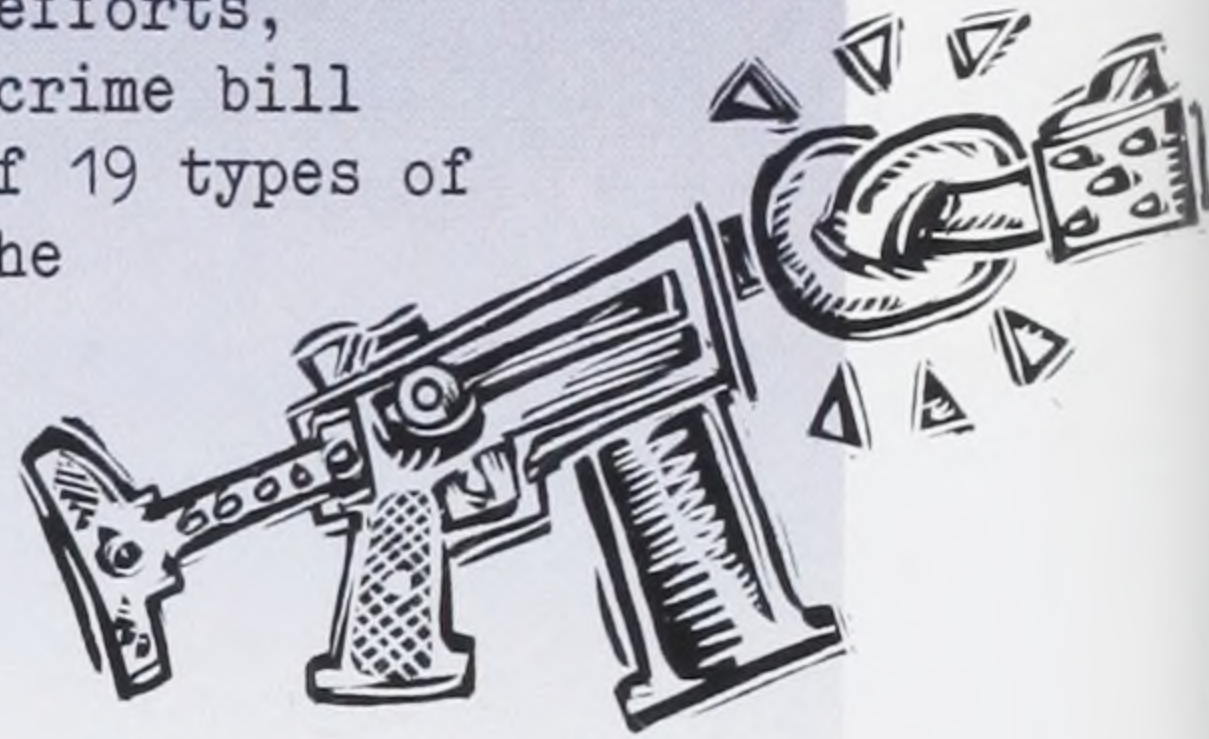
Heat, drought, and lightning combine to set Western states ablaze in late June and July. Fires consume 2,000 acres in Colorado's South Canyon when 50 mile-an-hour winds whip the flames into a firestorm, killing 14 specially trained firefighters; 10 men and four women.



Jeffrey Markowitz, Sygmia

The volunteers for Silent March bring shoes from every state for one of the quietest demonstrations to ever take place in Washington, D.C. Each empty pair of shoes represents one of the more than 40,000 Americans who have been killed by handguns.

Despite powerful National Rifle Association lobby efforts, Congress passes a crime bill banning the sale of 19 types of assault weapons. The Brady Law goes into effect; in one month 23,610 people with criminal records are denied the purchase of a handgun.



AP/Wide World

The prosecution seeks the death penalty in the case of Susan Smith, who dupes the nation with a frightening tale of the abduction of her two little boys. The community's early support grows quickly to hatred when Smith confesses to murder—she sent her children to their deaths at the bottom of a lake.



AP/Wide World



George Grabel, Gamma/Liaison



The 37th U.S. President, Richard Nixon, dies in April 1994. Nixon was responsible for restoring normal ties with the People's Republic of China following the signing of the Shanghai Communique in 1972.



Rick Phillips, The Jamesville Gazette

A rare white buffalo named Miracle draws crowds to the humble Wisconsin farm where it was born August 20. Native Americans believe the calf is the fulfillment of a Lakota Sioux prophecy. Five hundred years ago, White Buffalo Woman told her people that she would return as a white calf to usher in a new age of harmony between all races of mankind.



The U.S. Food and Drug Administration blasts the tobacco company executives at a congressional hearing in March 1994 for denying that nicotine, a drug found in cigarette smoke, is addictive. Tobacco industry workers fear losing their jobs if the FDA succeeds in classifying and restricting cigarettes as a drug.



Weiner, Gamma/Liaison

The Flint River overflows, washing coffins out of a Georgia cemetery after torrential rains from tropical storm Alberto flood Georgia and the Florida-Alabama panhandle. Thirty-two people die, 40,000 are temporarily homeless, and 10,000 square miles are underwater, causing \$100 million in crop damage.

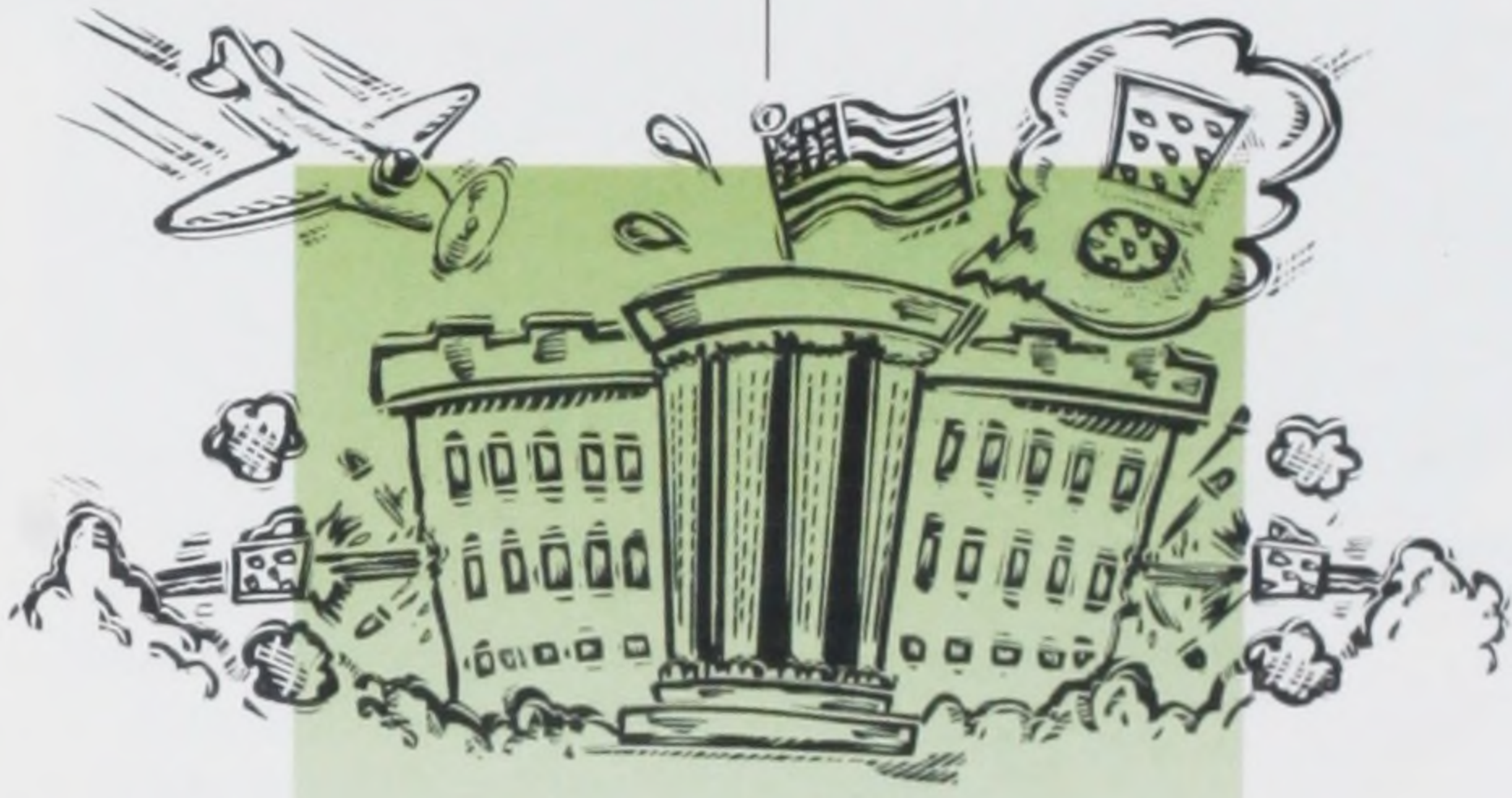
Former football star O.J. Simpson is charged with the June 12th stabbing death of his ex-wife Nicole and her friend Ronald Goldman, causing a non-stop media avalanche. The sensational case familiarized watchers with spouse abuse, a televised ride in a white Ford Bronco, "Kato" Kaelin, and DNA testing. Simpson faces the jury in January.



Reuters/Bettmann

President Clinton, with Republican leader Bob Dole, signs legislation implementing the U.S. role in an expanded General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), one of the most sweeping trade liberalization pacts in history. The legislation makes the U.S. a member of a new 125-member World Trade Organization. Protectionists worry that GATT may promote world trade but won't sufficiently protect American jobs.

Tod Bigelow, Black Star



The Secret Service considers restricting public access to the White House after a gunman fires 27 rounds at the building's facade in October. In September, a small Cessna airplane crashes on the South Lawn and comes to rest at the base of the White House below President Clinton's bedroom, killing the pilot.



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The U.S. Interior Department moves the bald eagle from its endangered species list to the less critical "threatened" category. The Pacific Northwest's spotted owl is left to fend for itself when in June a federal judge lifts the 1991 injunction that halted logging in the owl's habitat.

The fossil of a previously unknown dinosaur, the 25-foot-long *Cryolophosaurus ellioti*, is found in Antarctica.

Despite a so-called fitness craze, the National Center for Health Statistics confirms the American overabundance of food combined with a sedentary lifestyle is creating an epidemic of obesity. Since 1980, the number of overweight adults has ballooned to one-third of the population, with an alarming increase among children.

Some of the 599 newly revealed secret ingredients major cigarette-makers add to improve taste and texture: beeswax, butter, carrot oil, citronella oil, cocoa shells, corn silk, dandelion root extract, 31 chemicals that start with ethyl, oak chip oil, vinegar, and dimethyltetrahydrobenzofuranone.

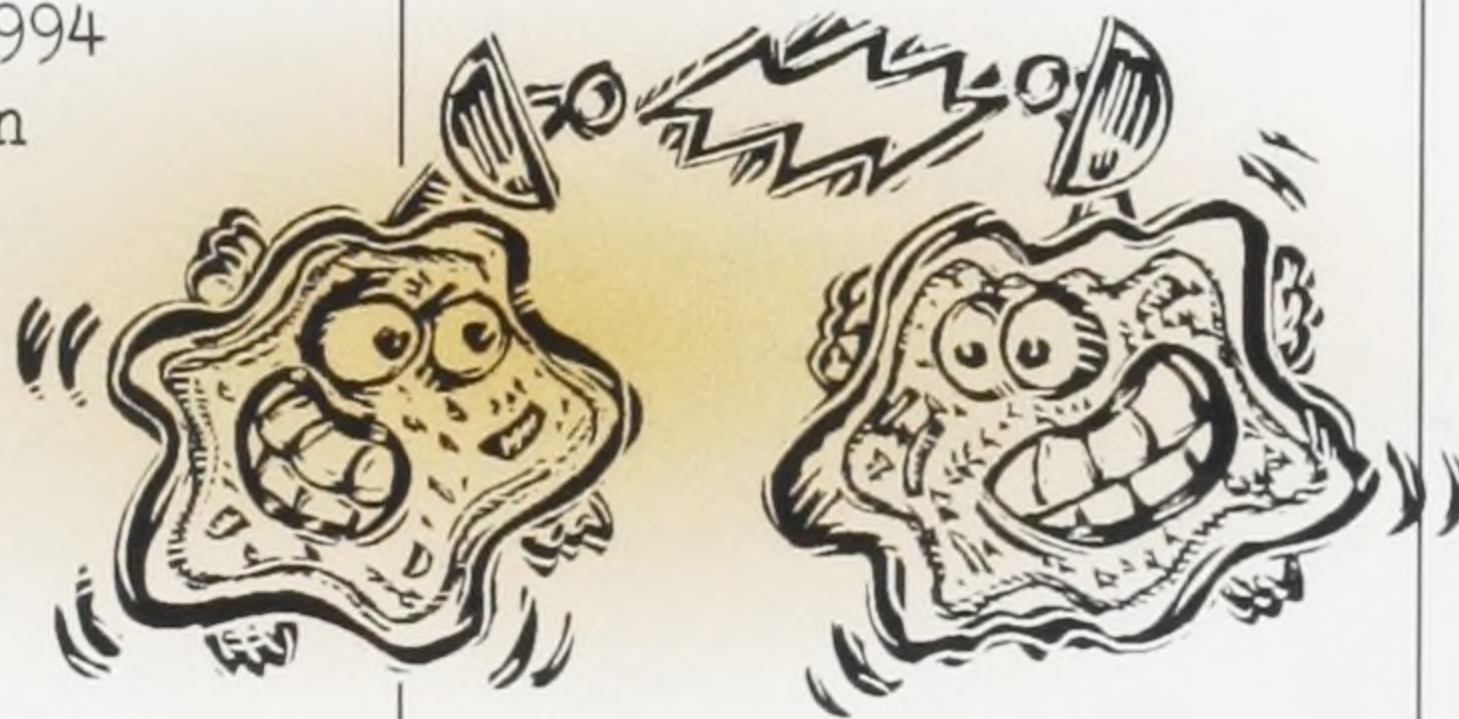
Three planets are discovered orbiting a pulsar star 3,000 light-years away in the constellation Virgo. One is the size of the moon and two are three times more massive than Earth; all are rocky worlds without an atmosphere.



NASA

NASA's space shuttle mission 64 tests the operations of a Simplified Aid For Extravehicular Activity Rescue (SAFAR) device. Crew member Mark Lee maneuvers successfully outside the Discovery, while Carl Meade photographs him against the background of Earth.

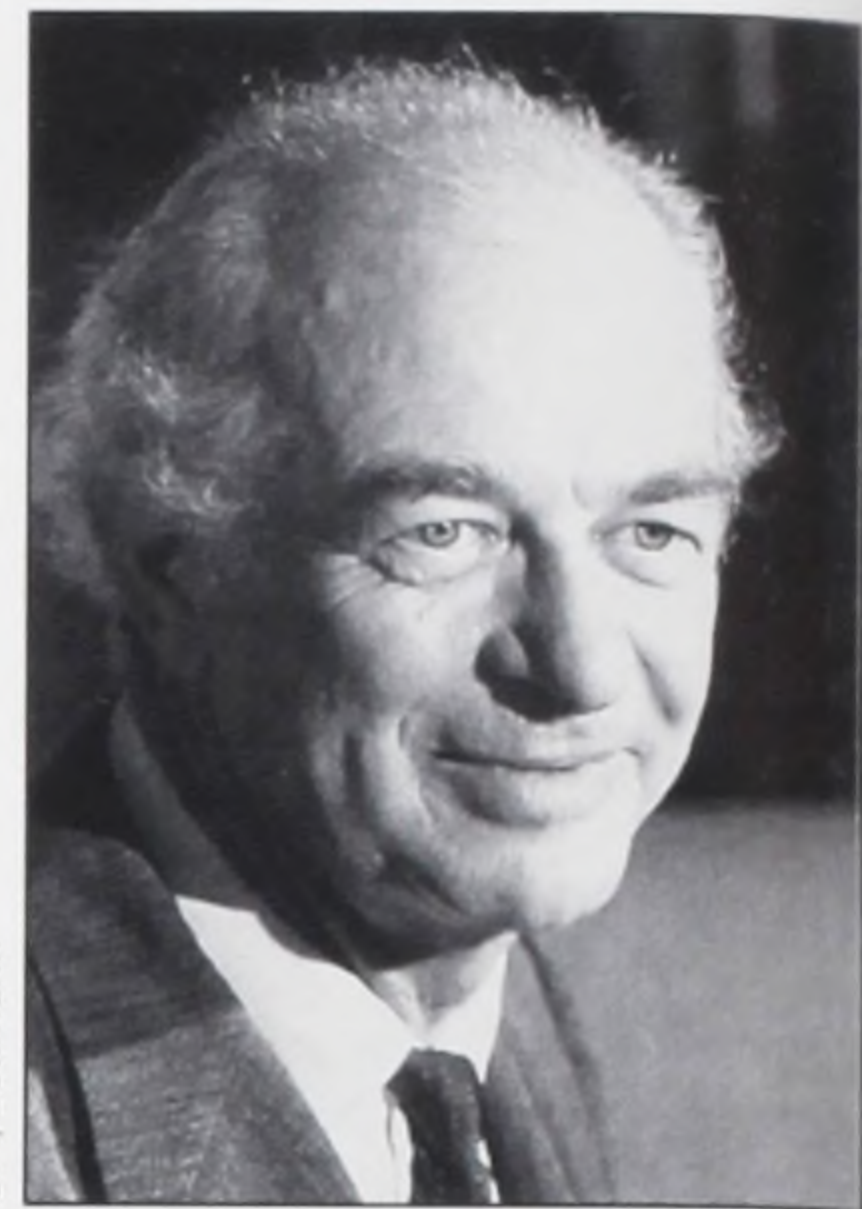
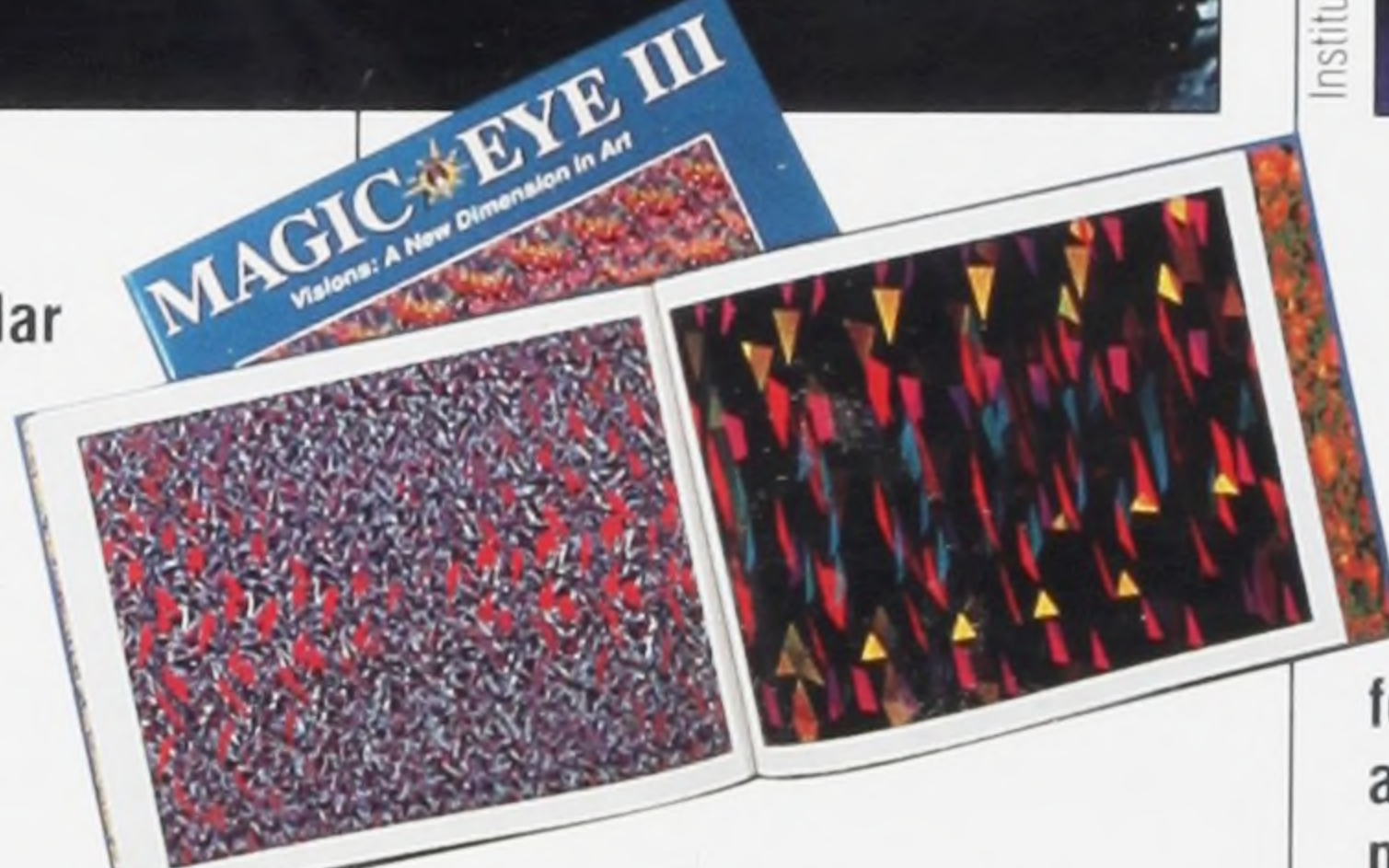
Martin Rodbell and Alfred Gilman are awarded the 1994 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for developing a model of cell communication that has medical implications from cholera to cancer.



The Food and Drug Administration institutes new food labeling on almost all foods in response to consumer protest against the many misleading claims of food producers. The new readable labels provide realistic serving sizes, list calories from fat, and allow you to compare different nutrient values.



Autostereograms, popularly known as Magic Eye, cause legions of people to stare cross-eyed for long periods of time. Based on a mystery of neurology and 3-D objects, pattern elements fuse into left-eye and right-eye images of a single hidden object which appears to be floating.



UPI/Bettmann

The century's greatest chemist and antinuclear activist, Linus C. Pauling, winner of the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1954 and the Nobel Peace Prize in 1962, dies at the age of 93. His work on DNA laid the foundation for Crick and Watson's discovery of the double helix.



Institute of Human Origins

In Ethiopia, anthropologists discover the skull of a human ancestor, *Australopithecus ramidus*, 4.4 million years old. The new species has features midway between apes and humans and promises to provide clues to still earlier evolutionary stages.

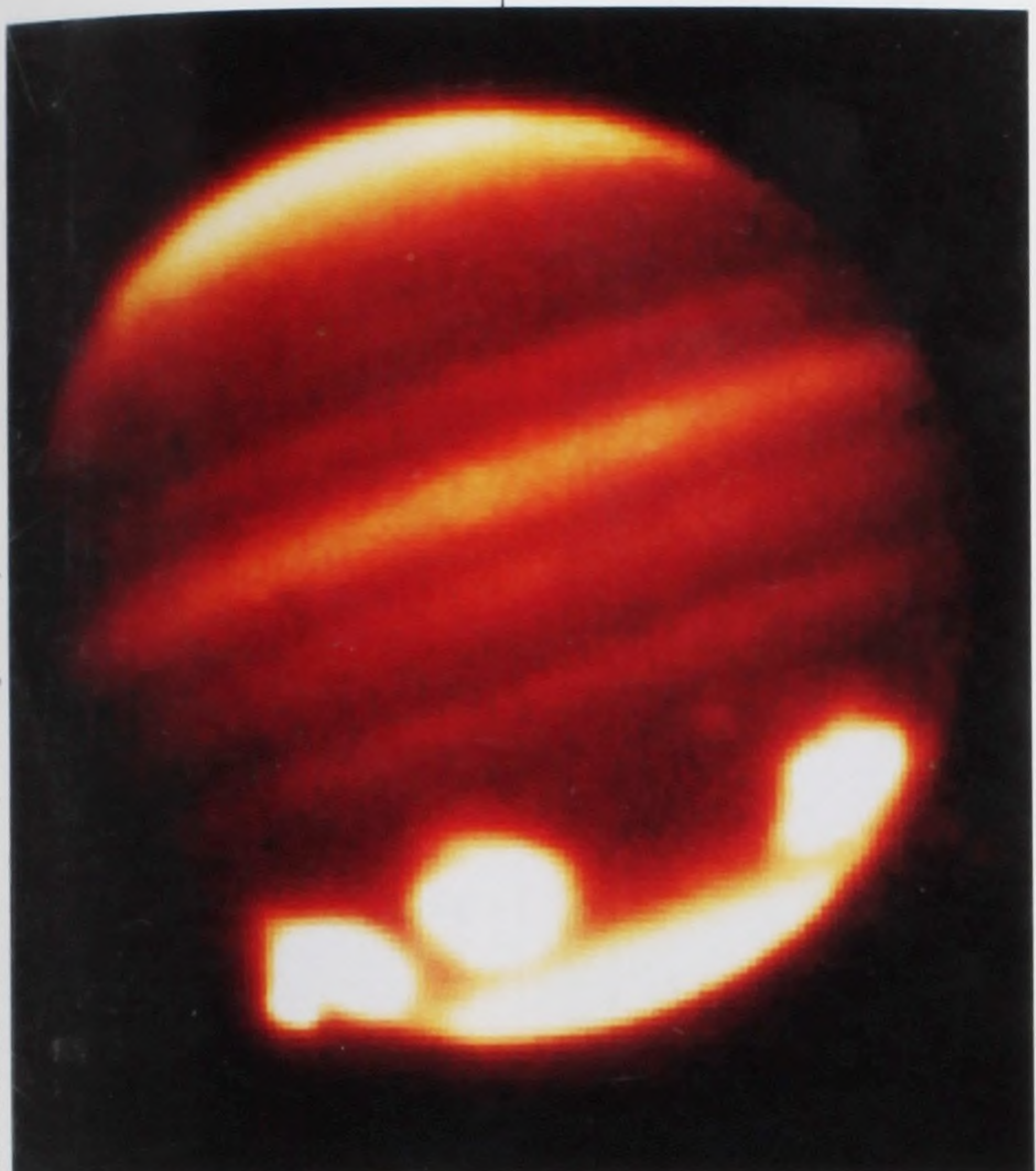


Japan's "Love Love Simulation" computer program allows couples to take a non-scientific look at future offspring by digitally combining their own photos to predict a child's appearance.

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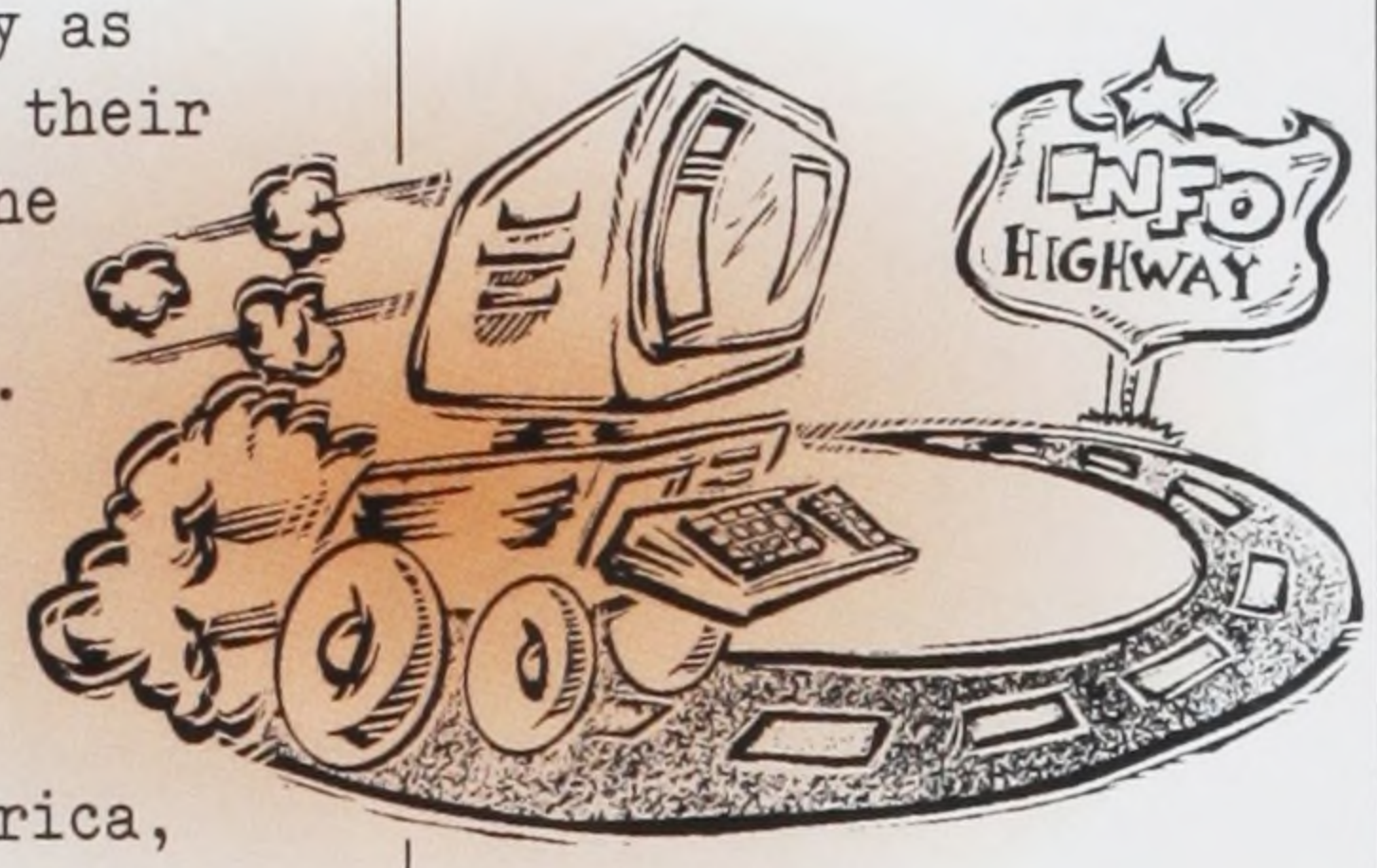


Max-Planck-Institute für Astronomie, Heidelberg, Germany

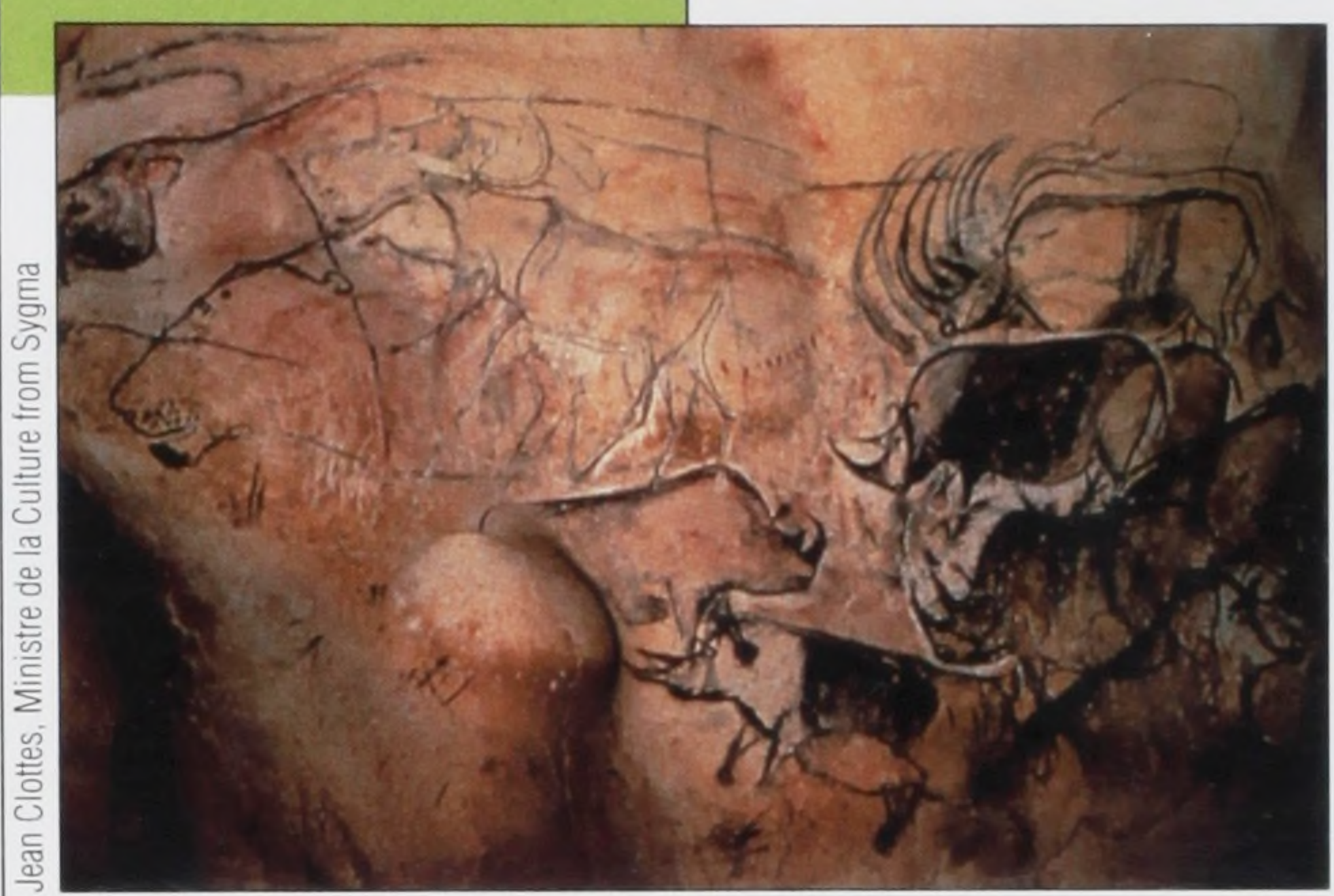


**A**stronomers wait at every major telescope in the world to see the historic cosmic crack-up of the 21 big fragments of Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 as it smacks into the atmosphere of Jupiter at 134,000 miles an hour. Plumes of fire shoot up hundreds of miles, high enough to become visible to telescopes on Earth.

Internet activity rises sharply as surfers find their way around the information superhighway. Advertisers, rock music reviewers, the worldly Voice of America, and others decide it's time to jump on.

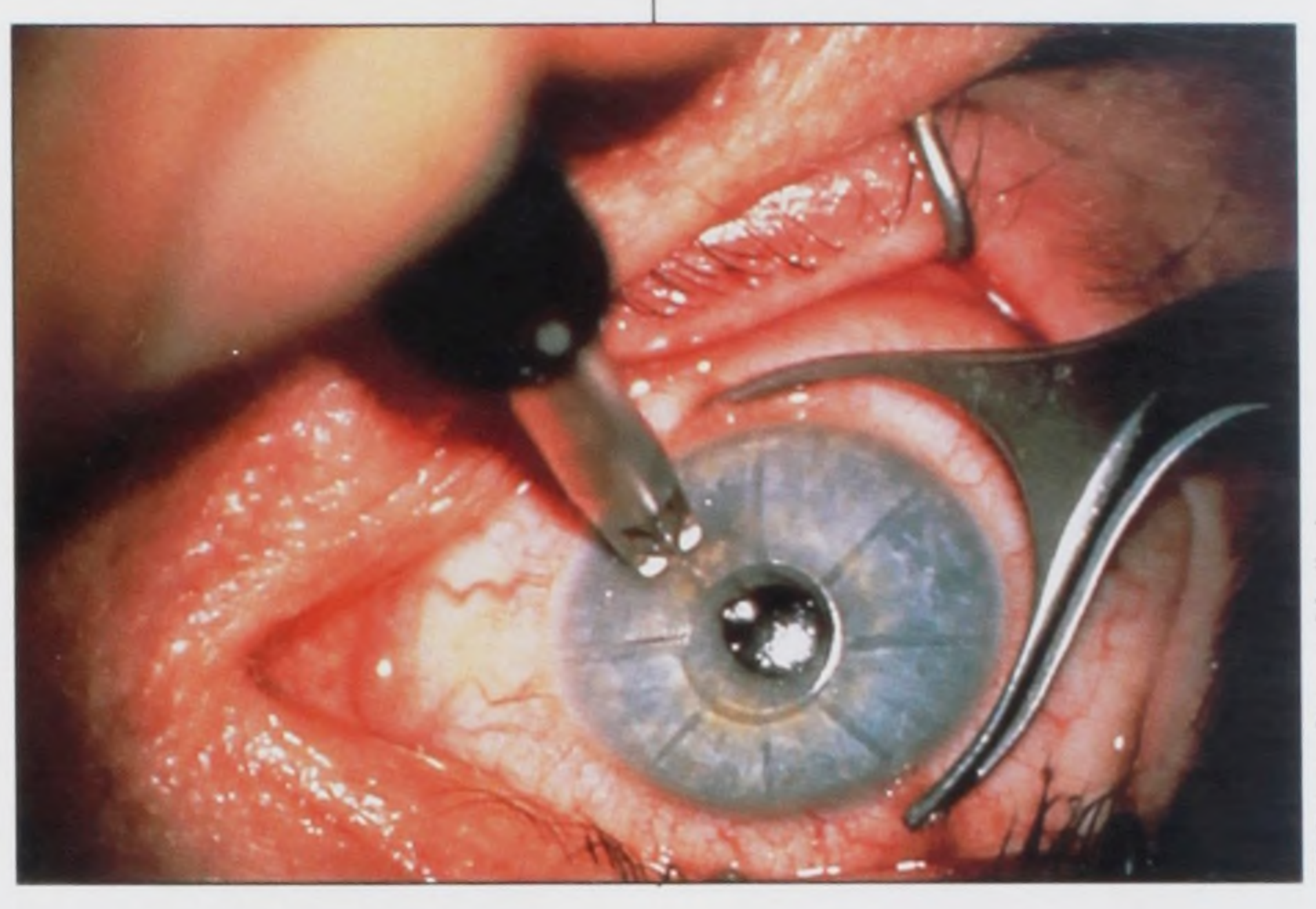


NASA publishes a new report supporting the theory that a giant comet hit Earth 65 million years ago and vaporized 100 billion tons of sulphur to create the cloud barrier that froze Earth's atmosphere and killed the dinosaurs.



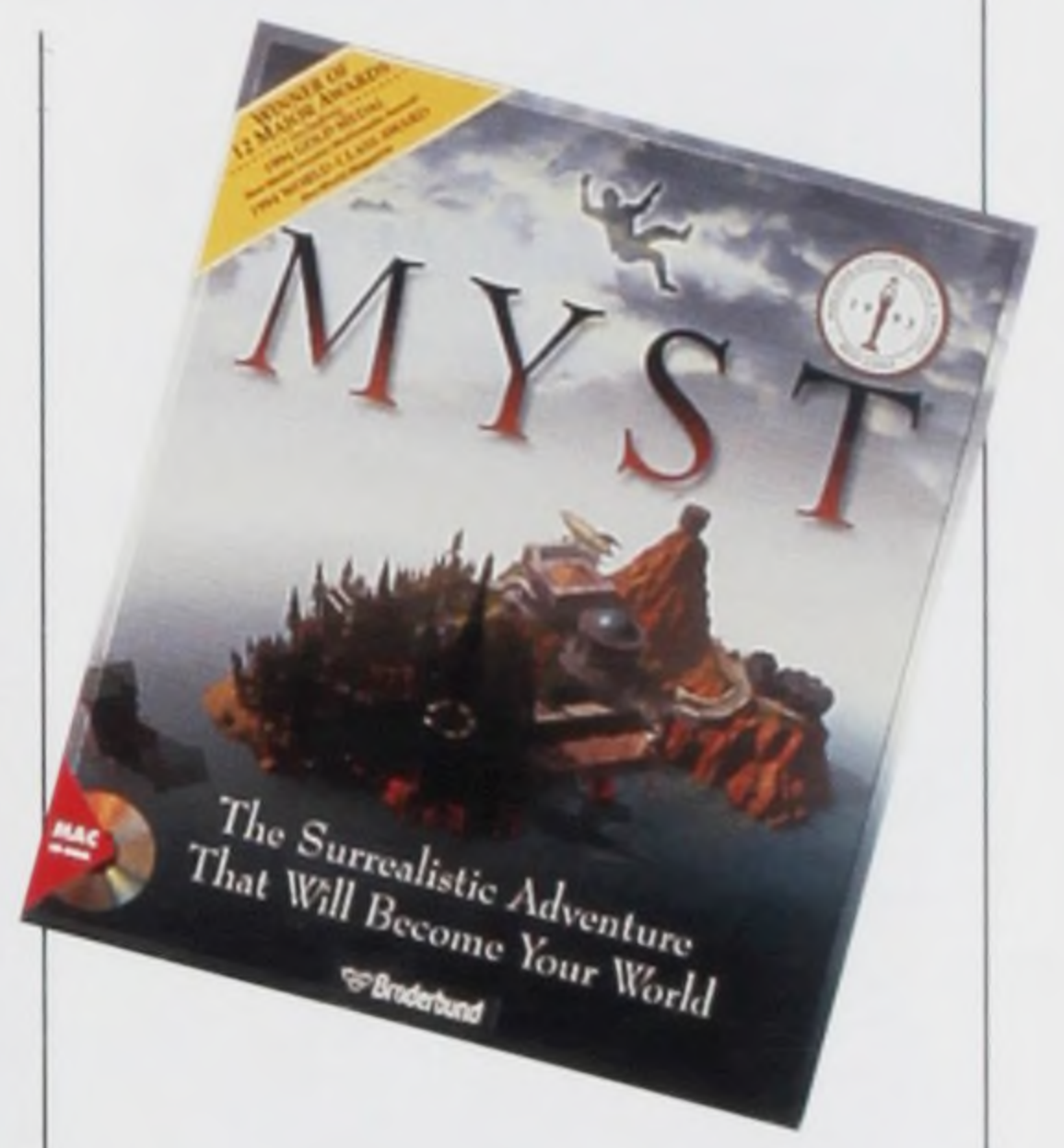
Jean Clottes, Ministre de la Culture from Sygma

**A** cave is found in southern France, full of 300 vivid paintings of woolly-haired rhinos, bears, mammoths, panthers, and owls made about 20,000 years ago. The Stone Age artists also left behind bear skulls, flint knives, footprints, and fireplaces. Experts call it the archaeological find of the century.



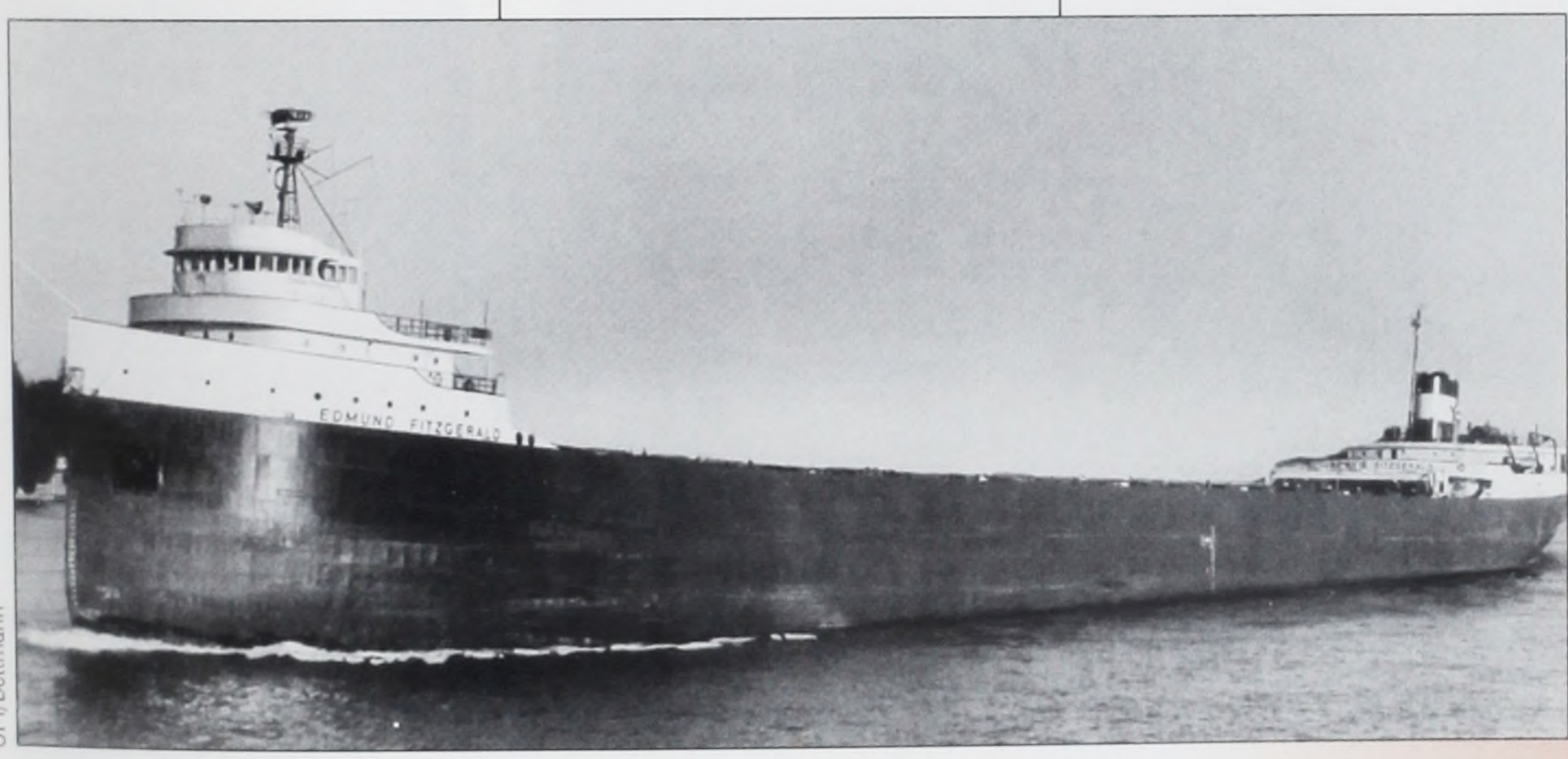
BSIP from Custom Medical

**A** long-term study of radial keratotomy finds it generally safe and effective. For the nearsighted, tiny spokelike incisions into the eye improve focusing ability and eliminate the need for eyeglasses. The patient is awake for the procedure.



**T**he non-violent CD-ROM game *Myst* by Cyan, Inc. becomes a best-selling phenomenon, winning legions of devoted fans and spawning imitators. The fantasy-adventure's graphic visuals are hyper-real; the written word is the key to the mystery.

UPI/Bettmann



**O**ne of Lake Superior's enduring mysteries is solved by scientists and marine historians who explore the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald, an ore carrier that sank with its crew in a 1975 storm. The ship, overused and in poor condition, was ripped apart by 90-mph winds and 30-foot waves. Most of the 29 crewmen are entombed inside the wreckage, well preserved in the 39° waters.



Gerard Lacz, Animals/Animals

**C**utbacks in military spending force the U.S. Navy to reduce its elite 100-dolphin fleet trained for use in sonar research, mine sweeping, and underwater recovery. Too tame to be released in the open sea, the veterans of conflicts from Vietnam to the Persian Gulf retire to aquariums and water parks.



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The most popular names for newborns this year are Ashley and Michael.

Young people serve their country by volunteering under a new program called AmeriCorps, where 20,000 people aged 17 and up work with community-based organizations in exchange for \$7,500 plus money toward college tuition or loans.

One percent of the nation's 50 million school-age children learn at home as families seek alternatives to public schools. In a handful of high-tech experiments, kids submit homework by modem, download books and artwork from the Internet, and collaborate on academic projects with other children around the world.

A survey of college kids reveals their favorite sources of sugar and caffeine during all-night studying to be: powdered iced tea, peanut butter mixed with marshmallow cream, baby food, ramen noodles, raw cookie dough, and trail mix made from chocolate chips, graham cracker bits, and mini-marshmallows.

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A lively new cafe society centers around the 5,000 gourmet coffeeshops which spring up around the country. To the often young and trendy patrons, the social interaction is just as important as the espresso. Some cafes offer full-time Internet links so patrons can sip and chat with other Internet latte-drinkers.



Yoga, a Hindu system of stretching exercises for well-being, surges in popularity, mostly because the older generation seeks a technique for alleviating stress and finds yoga better than aerobics.

Colla, Gamma/Liaison



Aerobic boxing, with boxing-style leg and arm work, turns out to be one of the year's hot exercise trends, showing up in workout studios and attracting those who want to work off their aggression by throwing a right and a few jabs.



Besides recycled clothing like license-plate bustiers, bottle-cap jewelry, trash-bag and duct-tape dresses, fashion trends include the schoolgirl look with thigh-highs, and the grunge-turned-beatnik look of long, straight hair and a goatee.

A new survey shows that over 12 million Americans are vegetarians, choosing the no-meat lifestyle because of concern about animal cruelty, cost-efficiency, eco-friendliness and/or improved health and fitness.



The hottest merchandise around is Mighty Morphin Power Rangers, so hot Cabbage Patch dolls pale in comparison. Parents criticize Fox's super-violent TV show, but their kids crave Dragon Daggers, Megazords, and the 4-foot, \$230 battery powered car. "Go, go, Power Rangers!"

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A hot new collectible derives from an old household item. Milk caps, known in some regions as pogs, originally capped the bottles left by the milkman but have now gone funky with colorful printed designs and variations that are traded and used in games.



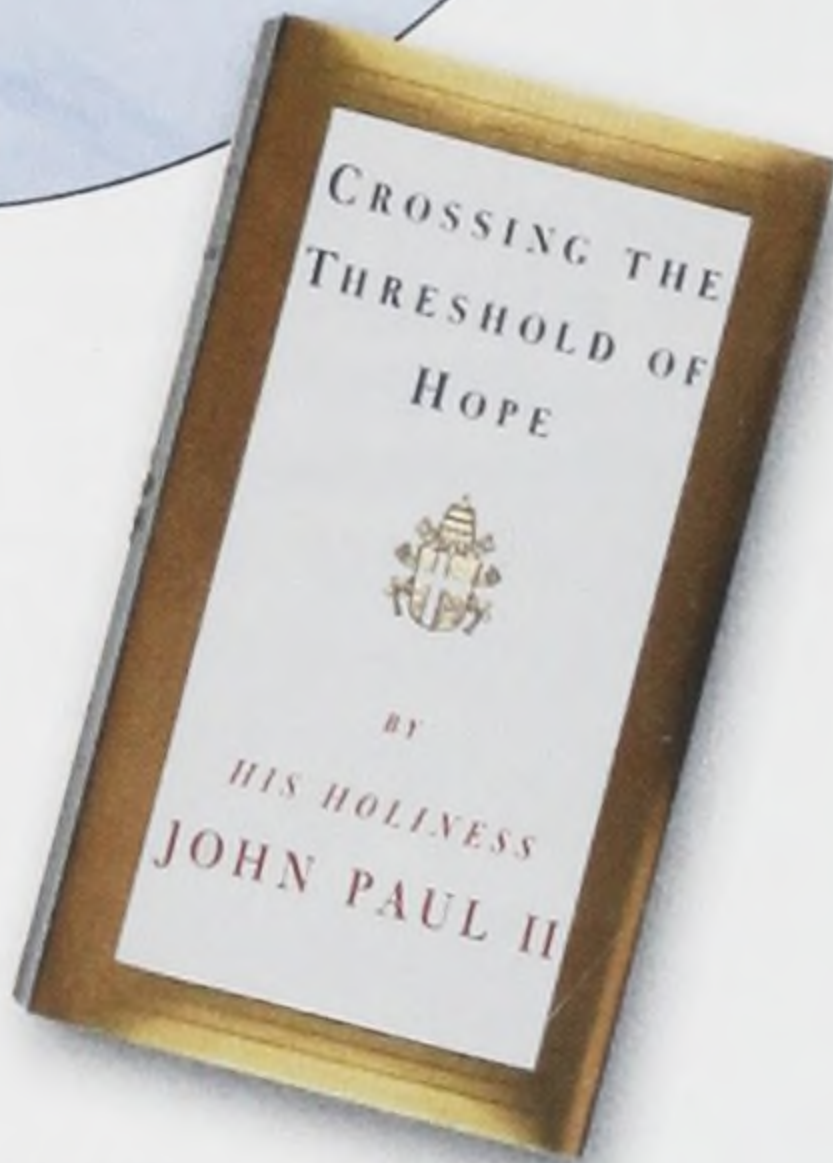
Although most are forced to settle for Oakley wrap-arounds, stylin' kids, like in-line skaters and urban youth, clamor for Arnet's \$80 Ravens with the silver-chrome frames.

Led by brash young skate and surf types, two million snowboarders nationwide discover the joy of swooping down slopes on one board instead of two. No hard boots, no poles, no crossed tips, make it easier than skiing. Since their giant frozen wave is a ski hill, snowboarders annoy old-style skiers who want their slopes left undisturbed by shredders.



Nathan Bilow/Allsport

The first generation to ignore colas in favor of fruit drinks, today's young people give Snapple popular cult status. The trend breeds juice wars as Snapple imitators like Fruitopia vie for youth market shares and inundate the airwaves with Generation X-type advertising.



Pope John Paul II authors *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, a blend of theology, evangelizing and personal reminiscence. It becomes a best-seller in 35 countries.



Jacques Chretien, Gamma/Liaison

Remaining a virgin in the face of peer pressure finds new respect among teens who defend their freedom to forgo sex in a sex-crazy world. The movement is both a demand for real love and a reaction against unwanted pregnancy and health risks, since today one out of four kids are infected with sexually transmitted diseases by the age of 21.



Will and Demi McIntyre/Photo Researchers

Kool-Aid makes a cheap hair-dye, an alternative to bleached hair with, say, Prizm Blue added for sheen. The "city fade" shaves the sides of your head and leaves the top longer, and the matted hair look is achieved by leaving the soap in and forgetting to comb.

It's called "the year of the cottage industry" as more Americans adopt different work arrangements in response to corporate downsizing, either by telecommuting or starting businesses out of their homes.



Reed Williams, Animals/Animals

The designer pets of the year are African pigmy hedgehogs, and some 3,000 find homes with humans. They are gentle, like to be petted, and need a once-a-day feeding of pet food or mealworms. They don't smell and will even eat your roaches.



John Travolta and Samuel L. Jackson star in *Pulp Fiction*, an "extravagantly demented low-life lalpalooza with outlandish twists." The film's plot revolves around a watch, a briefcase, and a large syringe in a darkly humorous scene which reportedly causes a few audience members with needle-phobia to fall out of their seats in revulsion.

John Candy, the large and lovable star of films *Splash*, *Cool Runnings*, *Home Alone*, and many other family favorites, dies at the age of 43. Whether Candy played jerks, slobs or loonies, his natural goodness came shining through.

# entertainment news



Gamma/Liaison

"Life is like a box of chocolates," says its title character. *Forrest Gump*, starring Tom Hanks, surprises everyone with its popularity, attributed to the audiences' thirst for the film's theme of simple values and good intentions. Fascinating special effects place Gump into real news footage with U.S. presidents.



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Every Tuesday night 20 million homes tune in to "Home Improvement," television's No. 1 show, starring comedian Tim Allen as Tim Taylor, the how-to host of "Tool Time," with his wife Jill and three kids. Fans love this funny real-life reflection of middle-class family life.

With a tried-but-true storyline, the TV show "Me and the Boys," becomes an immediate family favorite, with stand-up comic Steve Harvey playing a widower who's left to raise three lively sons singlehandedly.



ABC from Shooting Star

Reality-based television programs rule the tube with "Cops," "American Detective," "FBI: The Untold Stories," "Top Cops," and "Rescue 911." "America's Most Wanted" and "Unsolved Mysteries" enlist viewers' help in tracking down fugitives.



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Comedian Jim Carrey's career is s-s-smokin'. In *The Mask*, Carrey plays shy Stanley Ipkiss, who discovers that a mythical mask can turn him into a very cool green-faced cartoon-like dude. While waiting for sequels to *The Mask* and *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*, Carrey fans enjoy current hit *Dumb and Dumber*.



Diego Uchitel, Shooting Star

Shameless prime-time soap opera "Melrose Place," co-starring Heather Locklear and Grant Show, attracts legions of fans with its silly-sensational plotlines and shallow-but-beautiful characters. Fans even buy the TV show's soundtrack and "MP" clothing.



Geffen Pictures from Shooting Star

Tom Cruise bites as the elegantly evil vampire Lestat in the film based on Anne Rice's novel *Interview With the Vampire*. Brad Pitt costars in the story that's been a favorite with millions of readers for twenty years.



Steve Granitz, Retna

Comic Margaret Cho stars in the first all-Asian sitcom "All-American Girl," about a college girl who's not making enough money to move away from home and has to live with her rigidly traditional Korean immigrant parents.





The animals aren't cuddly, but Disney's 32nd animated feature *The Lion King* is still a box-office smash and a sure classic. The story of a young lion, Simba, on the path to maturity combines five Tim Rice/Elton John songs with comedy that leaves audiences roaring. Just say "Hakuna matata," Swahili for "no worries."



"Living Single" is hailed as a New York City version of "Designing Women." The comedy is about four women who share a big apartment, and features Kim Fields and rap star Queen Latifah, whose quiet presence and dignity singles her out as a star.



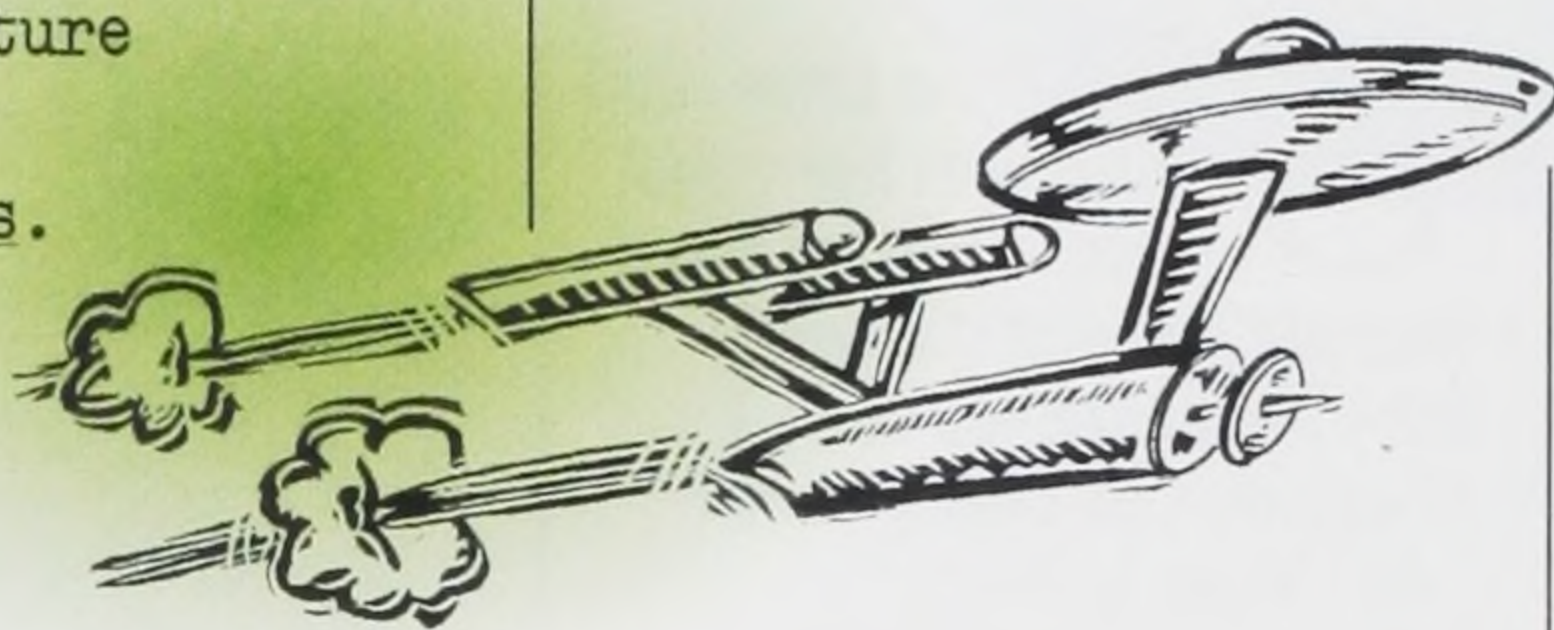
Talented young Claire Danes stars as a savvy 15-year-old confronting adolescent anxieties in the ABC television series "My So-Called Life," which receives critical acclaim. Danes also stars in the movie *Little Women*, with Winona Ryder.

This year's Emmy for best comedy series goes to TV's "Frasier," the story of a radio psychiatrist with a dysfunctional family. Star of the critical and main-stream hit, Kelsey Grammer dedicates his best-actor award to the dog "Eddie" whose off-screen name is Moose.

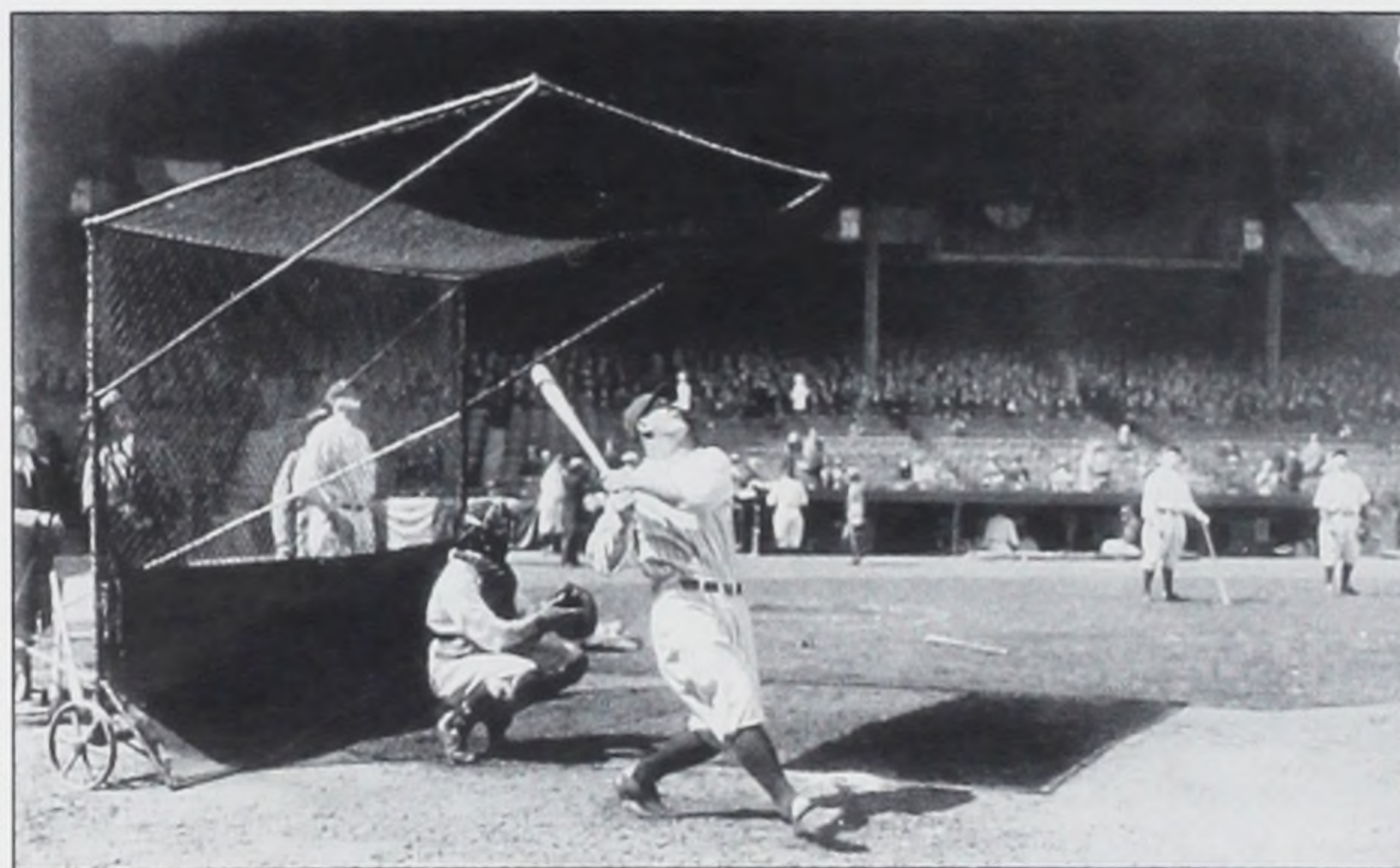


After his villain in Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* and his title role in Bertolucci's *Little Buddha*, actor Keanu Reeves buffs up to play an action star in *Speed*, about a bomb and a runaway bus, one of the year's biggest box office hits.

With the first female starship captain, TV's "Star Trek: Voyager" is the newest offshoot of the enduring Star Trek phenomenon, after "Deep Space Nine," "The Next Generation," and this year's full-length feature *Star Trek: Generations*.



Lou Gehrig's last day, Sandy Koufax on the mound, and Jackie Robinson's arrival are all part of the Ken Burns film "Baseball," an 18 1/2-hour historical mini-series on PBS. "Baseball" touches on American issues of race, labor, immigration, the role of women, urban renewal, popular media, and the nature of heroes and mythology.



Although his action fans may prefer *True Lies*, Arnold Schwarzenegger, with co-star Danny DeVito, cracks up audiences in *Junior*, where the strongman plays a boringly-serious scientist who tests a fertility drug on himself, learns the joys of motherhood, and falls in love with the baby's mom, Emma Thompson.



"Baywatch," the world's most-watched syndicated TV show, is a feel-good action/adventure about a Malibu lifeguard, played by David Hasselhoff. Sunny beach scenes take the pressure off plot or character development. In tribute to its popularity, Mattel, Inc. creates Baywatch Barbie.



*Hoop Dreams* is a documentary about two young Chicago athletes who dream of playing in the NBA. Arthur Agee and William Gates soon realize the dream will have to come at the expense of everything else. *Hoop Dreams* offers as much drama, excitement, and emotional ups and downs as anything to come out of Hollywood.



After their Woodstock '94 performance scores them mass adulation and an onstage mudfight, punk-pop trio Green Day wins the title for this year's best new band. Their album *Dookie*, featuring "Basket Case," goes triple platinum.

LPs make a comeback when major recording labels give in to pressure from artists and fans. New titles are released on vinyl, as well as CDs and tapes. Pronounced dead in the '80s, the revived 12-inch long-plays come complete with the art-covered sleeves and lyric-sheet inserts that make them collector's items.

Liz Phair follows up *Exile in Guyville* with *Whip-smart* and songs like "Super Nova" and "Jealousy." Her music is said to be about self-parody, defensiveness, beautiful flaws, and cluelessness.

Futuristic noise mavens Nine Inch Nails and singer Trent Reznor drive home a point with their "Closer" single and hit video, from their album *The Downward Spiral*.

Mosh pit heroes Bad Religion get plenty of play with "21st Century Boy" and their album *Stranger Than Fiction*.

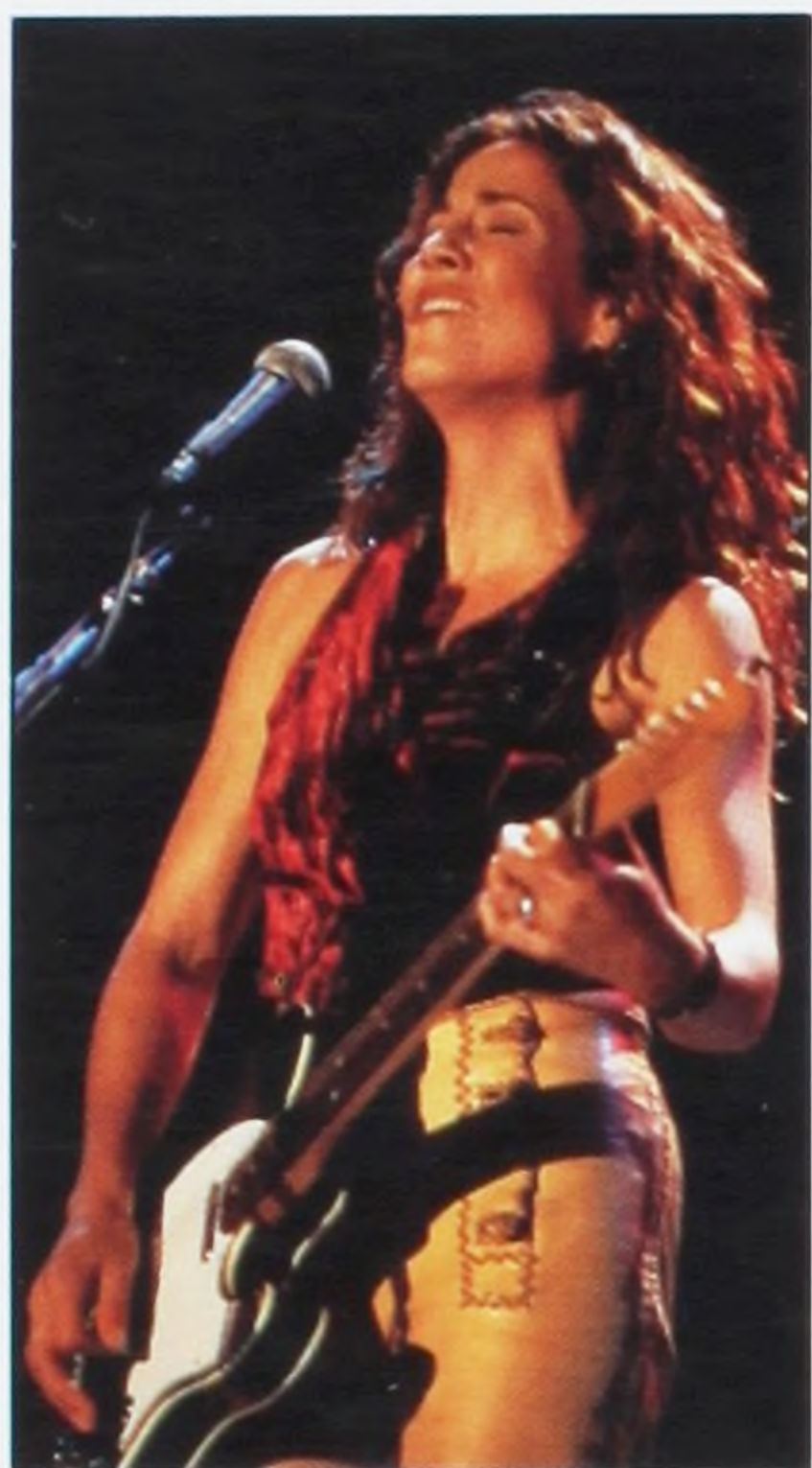
Beastie Boys release their fourth hip-hop album */// Communication* on the heels of their highly popular *Check Your Head*.

*Superunknown*, a 70-minute, 15-song opus, debuts at No. 1 on the *Billboard* charts. Fans and critics say it's the best record of metal band Soundgarden's career.

# THIS YEAR'S NEW



Brooks Kratt, Sygma



John Alashian, Retna



Jim Graham, LGI

They dress alike and rule Motown. It seems like Boyz II Men only makes mega-hits, like "On Bended Knee" and "I'll Make Love to You." Their second album, *///*, goes straight to No. 1 on the R&B charts.



Singer Sheryl Crow hits paydirt with her debut album, *Tuesday Night Music Club* with the seedy-but-upbeat sounds of "Leaving Las Vegas" and "All I Want to Do."



Jim Graham, LGI

Jodeci, two pairs of brothers whose funky ballads coined the term "Feenin'," bring gospel harmonies to their new album *Diary of a Mad Band*, which goes platinum.

With quirky lyrics and bass-voiced singing on hits like "Mmm, Mmm, Mmm," the Crash Test Dummies' album, *God Shuffled His Feet*, becomes a chart-topper in the U.S. and Europe.



Filex from Shooting Star

Although Madonna's bad-mannered appearance on Letterman begets criticism, her album *Bedtime Stories*, with hits "Take a Bow" and "Secret," is a solid chart-topper.



Eddie Malluk, Retna

Seattle rock band Pearl Jam and front man Eddie Vedder give youthful angst a good name as they rock hard with their third album, *Vitalogy*, considered their strongest yet.

Music, moshing, and lots of mud define Woodstock '94. The 25th anniversary of the original 1969 "summer of love" has ATMs, Pepsi, and '90s prices: \$135 tickets and \$4 hamburgers. After happily grooving to everything from Bob Dylan to Nine Inch Nails, 350,000 fans depart peacefully.



Scott Weiner, Retna

Pop-siren Janet Jackson's body language and lyrics draw large concert crowds to see her perform hits like "You Want This/70's Love Groove." Jackson wins an MTV Music Award for her video "If."

Singer Vince Gill makes country music history by winning the Country Music Association's award for top male vocalist four years in a row. The CMA also awards him 1994 Entertainer of the Year.



S. Nannareello, Shooting Star



Marc Morrison, Shooting Star



EMI Records releases *Live at the BBC* a two-disc set of radio concerts recorded by the Beatles in the early '60s. "Free as a Bird," an original unfinished track by the late John Lennon, is finished, mixed with the live voices of Paul, George, and Ringo, and included in the set.

Nominated for best female vocalist, country singer Mary Chapin Carpenter croons at the Country Music Awards ceremony, but loses to Pam Tillis. Carpenter's album *Stones in the Road* tops the country charts.



Jay Blakesberg, Retna

It's a year of hits for buzz band, Gin Blossoms. Their top-selling album *New Miserable Experience*, covers "Hey Jealousy," "Found Out About You," and "Until I Fall Away."



David Corro, Retna

Hailed as the crown prince of reggae, Buju Banton's album, *Buju Banton: Voice of Jamaica*, pumps the party with "Walk Like a Champion" and "Man a Look Yuh."



Ronnie Wright, LGI

Dismissed as kiddie artists, three 12-year-old rappers who go by the name of Immature, get a new sound. Album *Playtime Is Over* and hits "Never Lie" and "Constantly" pump them up to stardom.



Katie Ladyko, Shooting Star

Hit single "Cryin'" wins MTV's Video of the Year award for singer Steven Tyler and metal band Aerosmith, who ride a wave of success and release their new album *Big Ones*.

The rock-spectacle Rolling Stones tour, named after their album *Voodoo Lounge*, combines a light show, computer animation, video blowups, and gigantic inflatable props. Millions watch the Stones prance through their classic and current hits like "Love Is Strong." *Voodoo Lounge* becomes the highest grossing tour in history with \$115 million in ticket sales.



Scott Weiner, Retna

The Canadian band Cowboy Junkies, whose big hit this year is "Sweet James," sings of isolation and despair on their latest album *Pale Sun/Crescent Moon*.



Deniz Kalkavan, Retna

Powered to the top with their pure pop sound, Swedish quartet Ace of Base tops the charts with *The Sign*. Their sound is a contagious blend of reggae-splashed pop known as "China Reggae."

Mascis emerges as a prolific and versatile songwriter for the punk-rock band Dinosaur Jr. with "Outta Hand" and major hit "Feel the Pain," both on their latest album *Without a Sound*.



Larry Busacca, Retna



Tommy Calder, Shooting Star

The Benedictine Monks of Santo Domingo de Silos release their CD, *Chant*. Heavy rotation on MTV turns the collection of ancient Gregorian chants into an unexpected best-seller.



Niels Van Iperen, Retna

Irish rock foursome, the Cranberries, tour the United States playing the sad, pretty melodies from their second hit album, *No Need to Argue*.



Jeffrey Scales, LGI

Rappers with a self-reliant attitude, Salt-N-Pepa keep their *Very Necessary* vibe going this year with hits "Shoop" and "Whatta Man" which wins them, along with En Vogue, an MTV Music Award.



Michael Benabib, Retna

Rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg's performance makes the movie soundtrack *Above the Rim* a best-seller. His video "It's a Doggy Dogg World," which reunites all the '70s black exploitation film stars, wins an MTV Music Award.



Ranked No. 1, the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers finish their unbeaten season by defeating the Miami Hurricanes to win the national title. Quarterback Tommie Frazier earns MVP honors by guiding the Huskers to two fourth-quarter touchdowns and a frenetic 24-17 victory.

She was a pro at 13, a millionaire at 14, and out of the game at 17. After getting booked on charges of marijuana possession, tennis star Jennifer Capriati enters a drug rehab program and makes a comeback in autumn where she plays well but loses her first-round match.

Former Wimbledon champ Andre Agassi wins the 1994 U.S. Open and beats champion Pete Sampras at the 1995 Australian Open. Called the most popular tennis player in the world, the tennis phenom has a new girlfriend, former model Brooke Shields.

The National Hockey League plays only 48 of the 82 games in the season this year due to a lockout. Following baseball's example, hockey owners put salary caps on their players, who strike but lose out to the owner's rule.

Track and field star Wilma Rudolph dies at the age of 54. The 20th of 22 children, she overcame polio, scarlet fever, and pneumonia to become a basketball star at 13, an Olympic bronze medalist at 16, and a winner of three gold medals in the 1960 Rome Olympics.



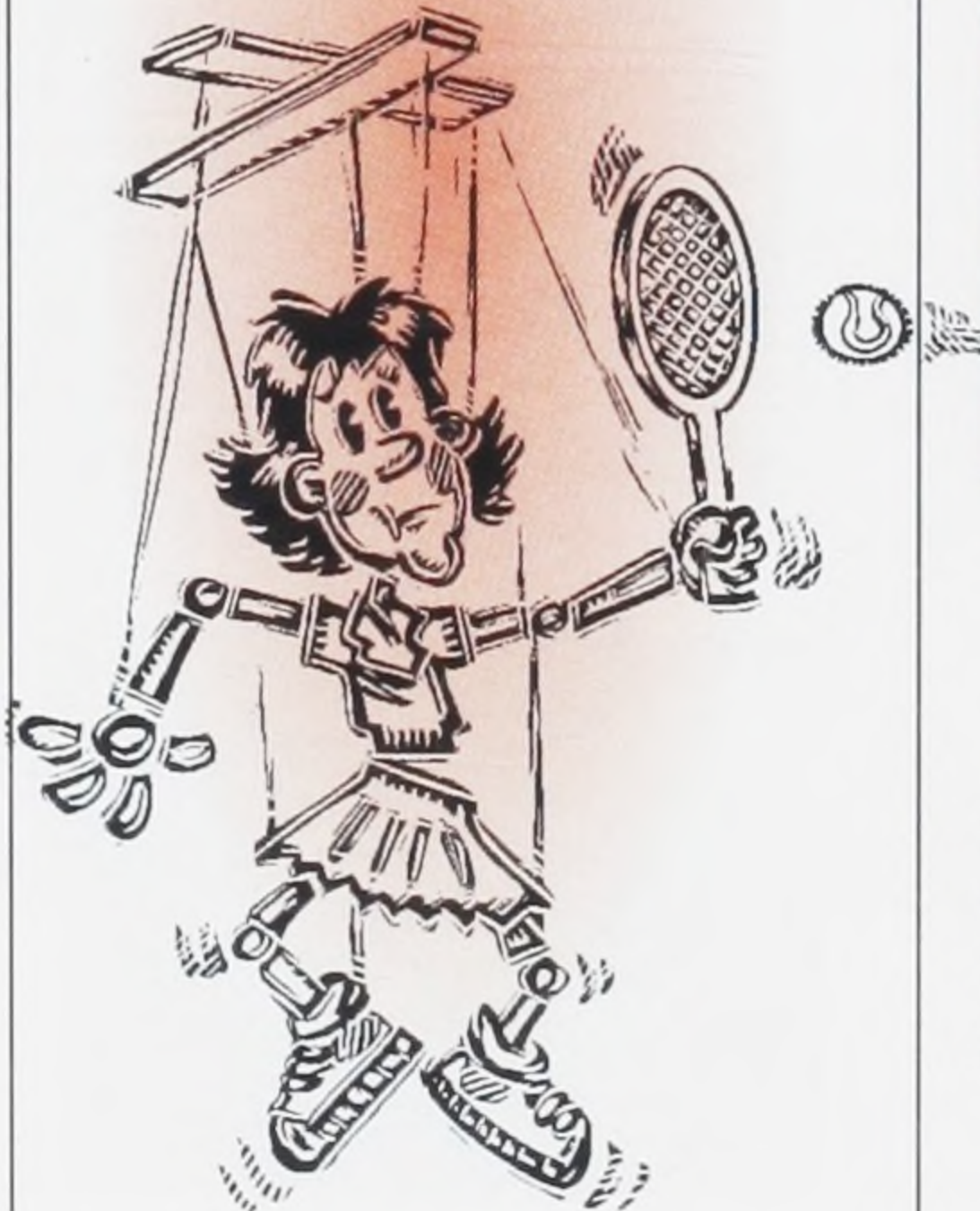
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Whenever the Magic, led by 7'1" 300-pound Shaquille O'Neal, score 110 points, the Orlando McDonald's restaurants redeem home game tickets for a free Big Mac. With the team selling out all 16,000 seats, the Golden Arches supply a massive Mac attack, consoling fans for the lack of a playoff victory.



Focus on Sports

Pitchman George Foreman, 45, wearing the same red trunks he sported when he fought Muhammad Ali 20 years earlier, wins the world's heavyweight boxing title from Michael Moorer with a 10th round knockout.



The high rate of early burnout in women's pro tennis from media pressure, trainers, and sponsors causes the parents of Venus Williams, 14, to delay her pro debut.



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Pete Sampras defeats Gorn Ivanisevic in the men's singles final at Wimbledon in July 1994, for his second straight Wimbledon title. In January, pressure of defending the title causes him to break down in tears at the 1995 Australian Open.



Allsport

Having already announced her retirement from singles tennis, nine-time Wimbledon champion Martina Navratilova waves good-bye to an emotional crowd, after losing to Conchita Martinez in her last Wimbledon match.



Reuters/Bettmann

In July, Miguel Indurain of Spain makes a triumphant entry on the Champs Elysées in Paris to win the Tour de France for the fourth straight time. He wins the 3-week, 3,218 km contest easily, finishing five minutes, 39 seconds ahead of the field. Greg LeMond, the only American to win the Tour de France three times, retires from racing because of health problems.

SPORTS

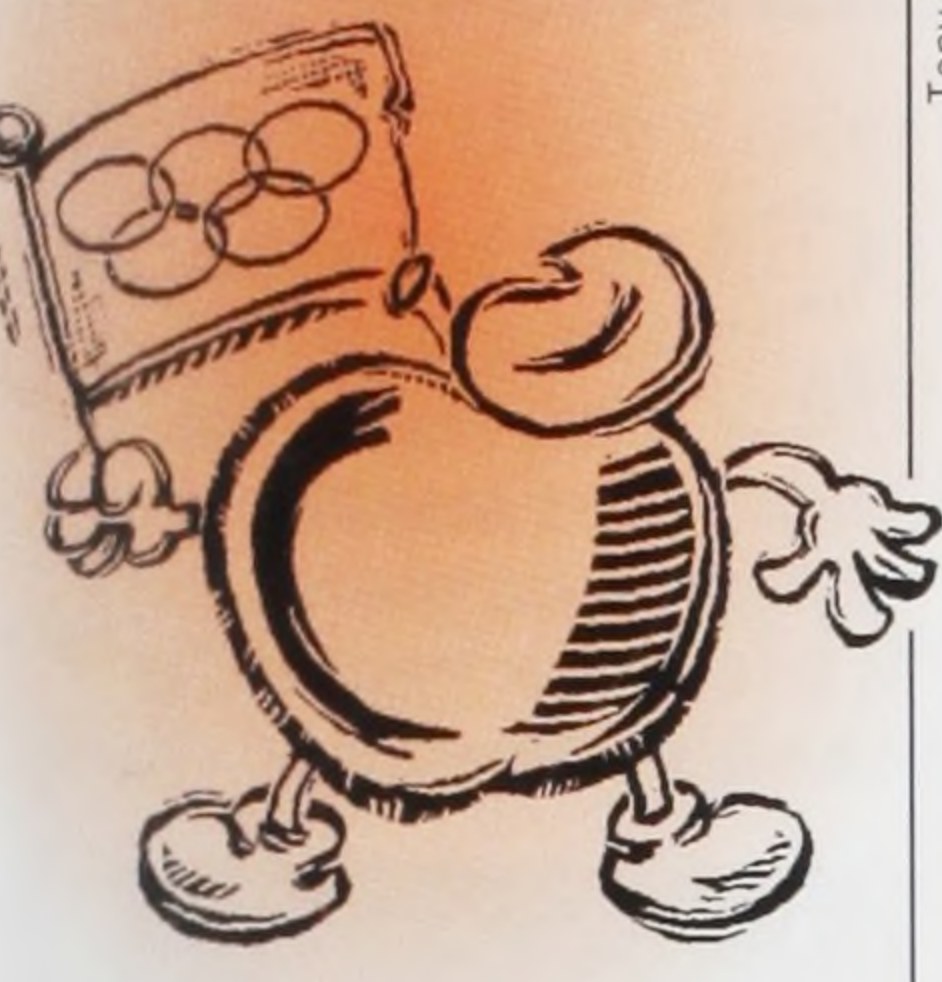


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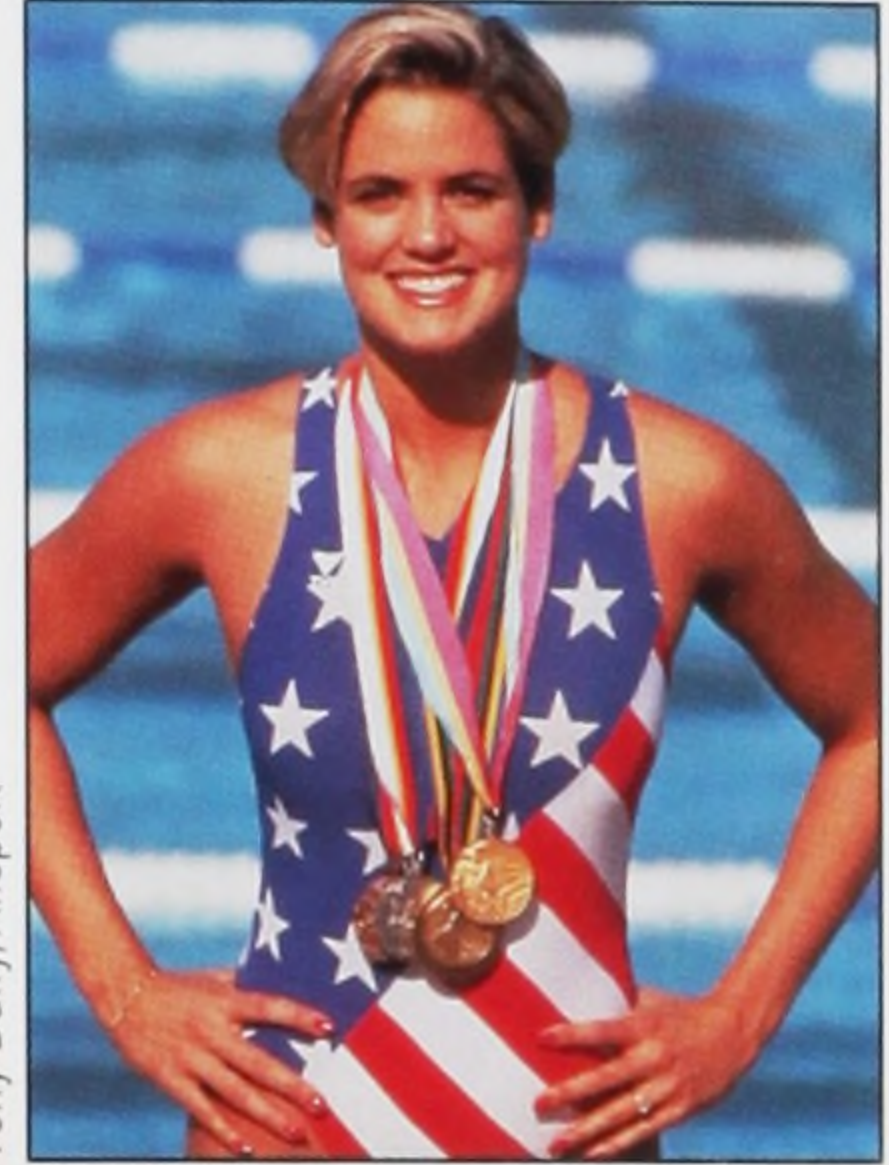


On June 14, the New York Rangers defeat the Vancouver Canucks 3 to 2 in the seventh game of the Stanley Cup play-offs, winning the coveted hockey cup for the first time in 54 years.

The Centennial Olympics will be in Atlanta, Georgia in 1996. The city will emphasize its multicultural aspects to honor athletes from around the world.



Tony Duffy/Allsport



Dara Torres-Gowen becomes the first Olympic swimmer to model swimsuits in the Sports Illustrated annual swimsuit issue. Gold-medalist Torres-Gowen's sporty looks break the "waifs and glamazons" mold dictated by fashion.



Fans are openly angry when a dispute between players and team owners over salary caps and other issues threatens to shut down baseball. A work stoppage begins on August 12, and no World Series is played for the first time since 1904.

Strong, Gamma/Liaison



Tonya Harding, barred for life from organized skating for obstructing justice in the investigation of an assault on Nancy Kerrigan, is offered \$2 million by the All Japan Women's Pro Wrestling Association to wrestle as a baddie.

In Super Bowl XXIX in Miami, the San Francisco 49ers beat the San Diego Chargers 49-26, in their record-breaking fifth Super Bowl win. Quarterback Steve Young passes for a record six touchdowns to win most valuable player.



Pascal Rondeau/Allsport



After 52 wins, four PPG Cup titles, and \$10 million in earnings, Indycar champion Mario Andretti races for the final time in his 31-year career. The four-time Indianapolis 500 champion retires in October 1994.



Ernie Els wins the 1994 U.S. Open golf tournament in sudden-death playoff. The U.S. women's golf team, led by Dottie Mochrie, beats Europe for the 1994 Solheim Cup.

Chris Cole/Allsport



Basketball star Sheryl Swoopes leads the U.S. women's basketball team to a gold medal at the Goodwill Games in Russia. Earlier she led Texas Tech to an NCAA title and signed an endorsement deal with Nike.

AP/Wide World



World Cup soccer comes to the U.S. for the first time: 24 teams play 52 World Cup games in nine cities to 3,567,415 fans, culminating in a title match between Brazil and Italy. Earlier the U.S. upset Colombia, but lost to the Brazilian team, who went on to win the cup.



Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun, 85, who wrote the majority opinion in *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark 1973 case that guaranteed a woman's legal right to abortion, announces his retirement from the court after 24 years.

The Charles and Diana fairy-tale-turned-sordid-soap continues: A German newspaper prints nude photos of Prince Charles; he publishes a confession saying he never loved his wife. Princess Diana is suspected of making crank phone calls; an old friend who claims to be her ex-lover hawks a trashy kiss-and-tell book.

Tabitha the cat spends 12 days and 32,000 miles in the fuselage of a Tower Air 747 jet when she escapes her cat carrier and gets lost in the cargo hold. Tabitha makes television appearances after her rescue with her aspiring-actress owner. Tabitha lost two pounds during the ordeal, her owner lost six.

The Florida judge would not allow Paul Hill to use justifiable homicide as a defense in the shootings of Dr. John Britton and his bodyguard outside a Pensacola abortion clinic. Hill is found guilty of murder in the first degree.

Anna Paquin, 11, wins an Academy Award for her performance in *The Piano*. Says actor Gene Hackman, "I guess now you'll have no trouble getting cast in your school play."



Reuters/Bettmann

Ronald Reagan, 83, announces he is in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease, which will cause him to rely increasingly on wife Nancy. Doctors say the easy-going ex-president should be able to function normally for several more years.

Despite hurled obscenities and death threats, Shannon Faulkner, 19, battles the all-male Citadel for the right to become the first female cadet in the 152-year history of the state-supported South Carolina military school.



Reuters/Bettmann

Sending a worthy message to pageant-watchers, Heather Whitestone, a deaf Alabama college junior who works with handicapped kids, is crowned 1994 Miss America by her predecessor Kimberly Aiken.

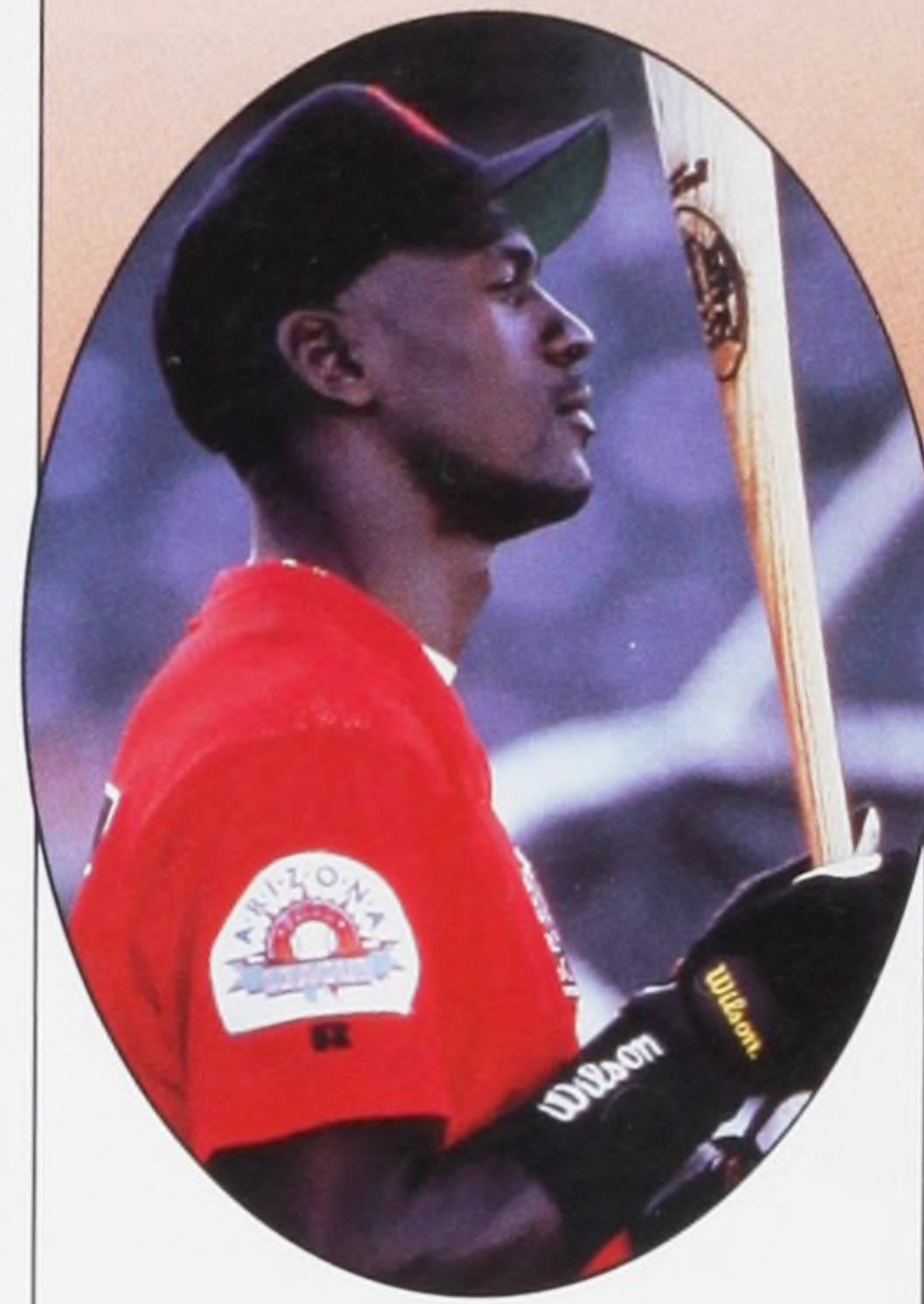


Reuters/Bettmann

In Singapore, American teenager Michael Fay is convicted of vandalism and publicly caned four times by a martial arts master, despite pleas from his family and President Clinton.



Reuters/Bettmann



Applying his new fame to good works, actor Antonio Banderas, of *Philadelphia* and *Interview With the Vampire*, spends a week on a goodwill mission helping UNICEF draw attention to wartorn Somalia.



Ron Davis/Shooting Star

Former basketball superstar Michael Jordan improves his game for the Arizona Scottsdale Scorpions, a minor-league baseball team. He still has no plans to return to the hoops.

In about the most surprising event of the year, Michael Jackson weds Elvis' daughter, Lisa Marie Presley in a secret ceremony, May 1994. Journalists wonder if the union isn't a business arrangement or an attempt to polish Michael's public image, tarnished by claims of child molestation.



AP/Wide World

Scruffy movie idol Johnny Depp and wispy model Kate Moss have a headline-making lovers quarrel. Depp is arrested for trashing the couple's hotel room.



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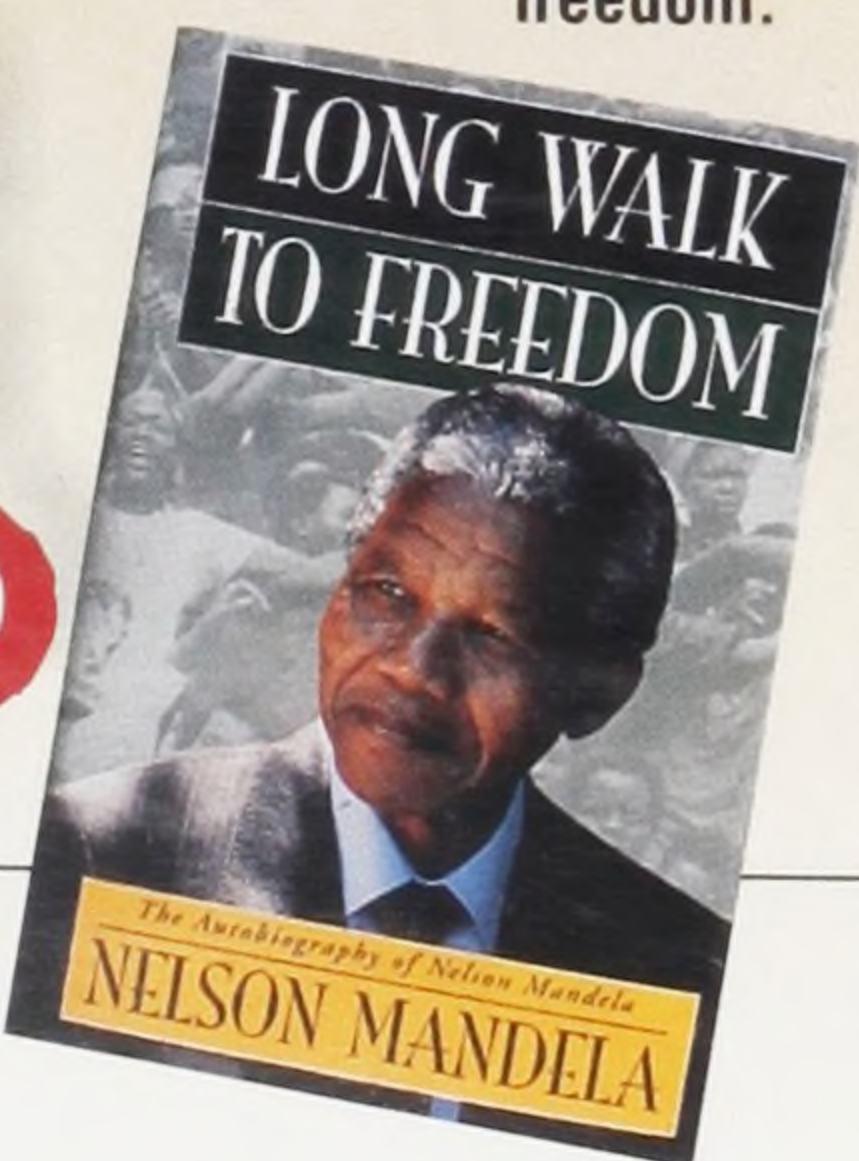
Model Cindy Crawford and actor Richard Gere, dubbed the world's sexiest couple, announce their separation. Hollywood books Crawford for her first movie.



Steve Granitz/Reina Ltd.

# FLASH

Nelson Mandela, an international hero who won the Nobel Peace Prize, writes his story. *Long Walk to Freedom: The Autobiography of Nelson Mandela* covers the author's 27 years as a political prisoner, his release, and black Africans struggle for freedom.



Cartoonist Gary Larson announces that he will retire *The Far Side*, a feature that began in 1978 and has appeared in 1,500 newspapers.

## THE FAR SIDE By GARY LARSON



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**THE NEW GOVERNOR:** Dr. John Kitzhaber became Oregon's new governor on January 2, 1995. The democrat, who had been the speaker of Oregon's house of representatives, is a huge advocate for public education and children's rights.

The new governor defeated conservative Denny Smith by a huge landslide. Kitzhaber was one of the few Democrats to win elections in '94, due to the huge Republican Revolution which sent the Elephants into the majority for the first time since the 1950's.

During the first year of his term, Kitzhaber also dealt with Measure eight, school funding, Measure 16 and other things.

**BASEBALL'S BACK!** Baseball made its return to Portland after a year without it. The Portland Beavers left town after their owner moved the team to Salt Lake City in 1993. Portland fans rejoiced after the then Bend Rockies, a single A minor league baseball team moved to Portland. Fans came to the Rockies opening game in droves as nearly 20,000 people turned out to watch the game.

Baseball had a rough year,

especially in the Major Leagues, where players walked out after their collective bargaining agreement ended. . Even with a plea from President Clinton to keep playing, the teams walked out, and there was an end to one of the most exciting years of professional baseball in recent history. There was no World Series for the first time since 1904. After their return, many fans boycotted professional games and stayed with the minor leaguers.



Mid February snow forced everyone to bulk up for a snowy Valentines day. The snow hit a whopping eight inches in some places, forcing snow-day-resistant superintendent Jack Bierworth to cancel classes for all of Portland's schools for three days.

The snow was one of two cold fronts that blasted mild Portland over the winter. The first storm being in December.

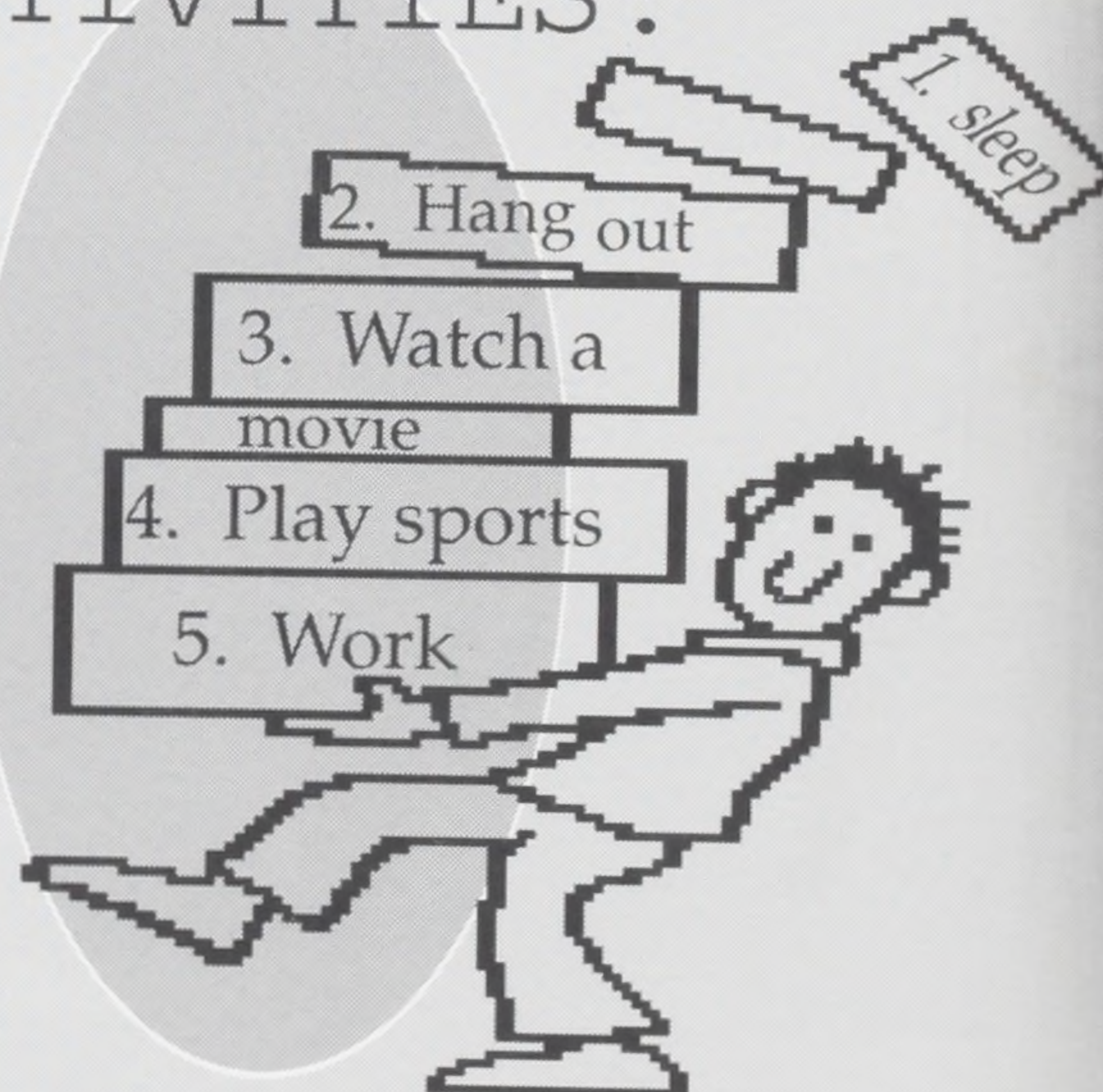




**VIDEO GAMES.** The pinball game catches Kristoffer Quinby's (12) attention. Arcades usually draw many teenagers' interests.

**ACT III.** During their weekend activities, some students at Benson catch a movie at Lloyd Mall Cinemas.

The top choices for the WEEKEND ACTIVITIES:



25 students were surveyed



# WHEN OUT SCHOOL'S

**What? It's  
Friday?  
The  
weekend?  
Now? Are  
you sure?  
Wooohooo!!  
Time to eat,  
sleep, and  
P-A-R-T-Y!!**

...Tick...tock...tick...tock...tick...  
tock... It's Friday, with only  
oneminuteandeightseconds  
left of 9th period. The teacher  
is still yapping.

...Tick...tock...tick...tock...  
tick...tock... Willsheeverstop!!

...Tick...tock...tick...tock...tick...  
tock... Just give us our assign-  
ment so we can go!!

...Tick...tock...tick...tock...tick...  
tock... Ahhhhhhhhhhhhh!!  
RING!! Whew!! Thankgood-  
ness!! Finally, now I can do  
anything....

During the weekdays, the

students cram their tiny little pea  
brains full of useful and even  
uselessinformations, but...during  
the weekend, the students are  
free to go out, have fun, and  
PARTY!! Someactivitieshatthe  
students participate in are: hang-  
ing out with friends, going to the  
movies, and doing nothing.

Thoughweekendsaredaysoff  
totakeabreak,somestudentsare  
involved in such things as other  
school events, sports, and even  
work.

In addition, Saturday and Sun-  
day are just another 48 hours.



**THE KAMIKAZE.** Some students enjoy  
taking rides in theme parks as in Rose  
Festival. Don't hurl on me!

**WATCHING THE BIRDS.** The Wildlife  
class goes bird sighting on their  
field trip to Tillamook. This is  
what some students do on their  
weekends.



**FRESHMEN FRIDAY ALERT!** Two incoming Freshmen try to show off their puny muscles, showing that no upper-classmen should mess with them next year.



**ART GALLERY.** A parent and her eighth grade daughter examine the art creations. Benson artists explore various media, and many of them enjoy airbrushing.



**HUEY, DUEY, AND LUEY.** Juniors John Stainbrook, Connor Doe, and Ezra Meredith show pride in a Tech Show project well done.







**MUSIC TO OUR EARS.** The "One More Time Around Band" plays in the old gym for an audience that included parents, incoming Freshmen, students of Benson, and members of the community. English teacher Dr. Marie Wachlin performs in her free time in the band, which boasts to have over 500 members. "That's what I call easy listening," said band leader Dan Foster.

# WELCOME

## TO TECH'S

### COUNT DOWN TO TECH SHOW

- **Two weeks to go** - Teachers start to inform students of a chance to get some extra credit, and tell them their responsibilities and duties during Tech Show.
- **Seven days to go** - The students of Benson High School are in a hurry to sign up for last minute time frames for Tech Show.
- **Three days to go** - Benson Students are huddled in groups in their classes working on last minute Tech Show projects. Many students spend time after and before school trying to test their projects.
- **First night of Tech Show** - It's five o'clock and the students and staff begin to arrive at school. The night begins at six and the hallways are filled with the sounds of music and the smell of root beer floats and sausage rolled into every classroom.
- **Last night of Tech Show** - The last night of Tech Show and the public start to enter through the front doors. The students are ready and the demand from the people is overwhelming. By the end of Tech Show the Benson halls had been looked over by more than 4,000 people.





**AMTRAK AHOY!** Mr. Harlan admires the project of juniors Jake Miller and James Mauck. The train travels around a two-level track controlled by a pulley.



**IS THIS, AN ART GALLERY?** Students of Benson takes an opportunity to view other students' photography.



**BEHIND THE WHEEL.** Zach Blalack (10) gets helped out in a spin experiment by Craig McCulloch (11) in the physics department.



# TECH SHOWS OFF

**Tech Show allows Benson students to display their minds and efforts through major projects.**

The 75th annual Tech Show brought old and new memories to the faces of former and present Benson students. This year ticket sales tripled last year's amount, and was the second highest amount sold in the last five years. Over 4000 onlookers attended the 1994-1995 Tech Show, and they were amazed at the performance of Benson students.

This year, the highlights of the Benson Tech Show included: the class of 1999 information center, the "Orange and Blues" jazz band and the "One More Time Around" band

which serenaded the alumni. The communications department handed out T-shirts with eighth graders' names to incoming freshmen. The Health Occupations department did C.P.R. demonstrations, blood pressure readings, dental check ups, and hand massages.

Other popular projects or demonstrations included manufacturing plastics, chemistry/physics/biology projects and labs, electronics programming, the R.C. Tech Club (remote controlled cars), English and math departments.

Overall the Tech Show was a success with help from the volunteers of Benson who worked together to highlight the best of Benson.



**TO BE OR NOT TO BE.** Ms. Scally and sophomore Shyla Tarpo smile for the camera while dressed up in medieval attire for the English department.





**WAVE YOUR HANDS IN THE AIR!** As a tradition, "YMCA" was one of the chosen songs from the past which everyone participated in vibrantly.



**WATER RUNS DRY.** Slow dancing to BOYZ II MEN, prom couples show their affection towards one another.



**TWO LOVEBIRDS!** Trung Nguyen and Thu Hao Nguyen smile happily as one of the many couples at the prom.



# GARDEN

## THE SECRET

1995

About 319 tickets were sold this year, which turned out to be a great success for the school, staff, and students.

The atmosphere at Shenanigan's was full of excitement and glamour on May 6. Most of the girls were wearing floor length gowns that showed a little skin. Most of the guys were wearing vests which were in style, a mild departure from recent years when cumberbunds were in.

It was a night of fantasy, romance, and remembrance. This was the one time where everybody looked like Hollywood stars. "I think our prom was diverse culturally, and everybody focused

and admired how extravagant each other looked. It was certainly a night out," said Bahia Cross.

Everybody seemed to have a good time as the dance floor was filled with fancy dancers. There were plenty of appetizers and beverages there for everybody to devour—\$5000 worth. For the class of 1995, prom was the last memorable Benson dance that symbolized the coming of graduation.

Following the prom, many groups went out from dusk to dawn. After a fairy tale weekend, the students had to come back to reality.

**GET A LITTLE CLOSER!** Melanie Cotton and Joel Moore pose as they cuddle together during a slow song.

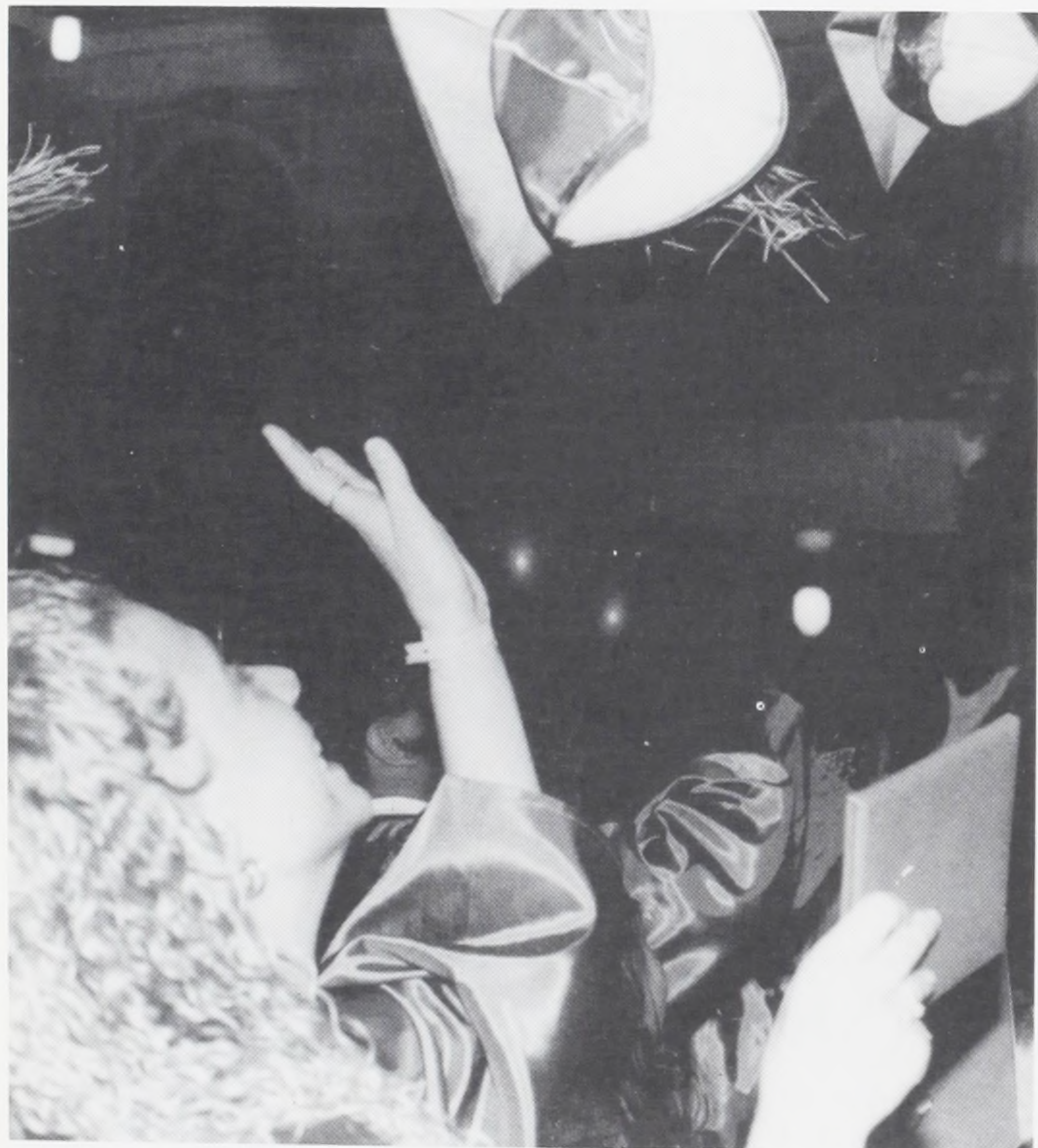
**THE ROYAL DANCE.** Queen Falena Rucker and King Tim Warren have a dance of their own after they were crowned. The Prom Court also included: Tim Hillman, Ryan Guerra, Krissi Vanderwall, and Katie Magnett.







**ICANTWAIT!** Wanjeria Washington smiles and enjoys the moment she and other seniors have long been waiting for.



**HATS OFF!** Senior Jessica Padden lets off a holler when the principal ushers them out into a different world.



**I'M OUTTA HERE!** Desmond Faison shows the whole auditorium that he's finally made it after he received his diploma.





# IT'S OVER! FINALLY!

1994-1995  
TOMAS COYNE

**The time has finally come for the class of '95 to depart and enter the world of college. This was the highlight of their high school years.**

"Seniors, change your tassels from left to right!" said class Vice-President Karida Griffith as the graduation came to a close for the 274 graduates. With this final announcement, members of the class of '95 realized at last they were on their way to the real world. The moment has come for the seniors to close another memorable chapter of their life. For some, it may have been the happiest day of their four years at Benson, but for others it may have been difficult to leave high school and their fellow classmates and friends.

Although the ceremony may have been long, each senior waited with anticipation to receive their diploma and be the center of attention

for five seconds. "We are the best class to ever leave these halls!" Said Jinah Lee, one of the four valedictorians. Clifford Mah, and Tim Hillman also gave an outstanding valedictory speech. Finally, Dan Achterman topped it off with juggling and a long humorous speech about how the senior class will have a big impact in the future.

As the graduation came to a close, many seniors threw their caps in the air. But others didn't want to lose it, but save it as a souvenir. Afterwards, many families were outside waiting for their Benson graduate to take pictures and congratulate them on a job well done. It was finally over for these outstanding seniors.



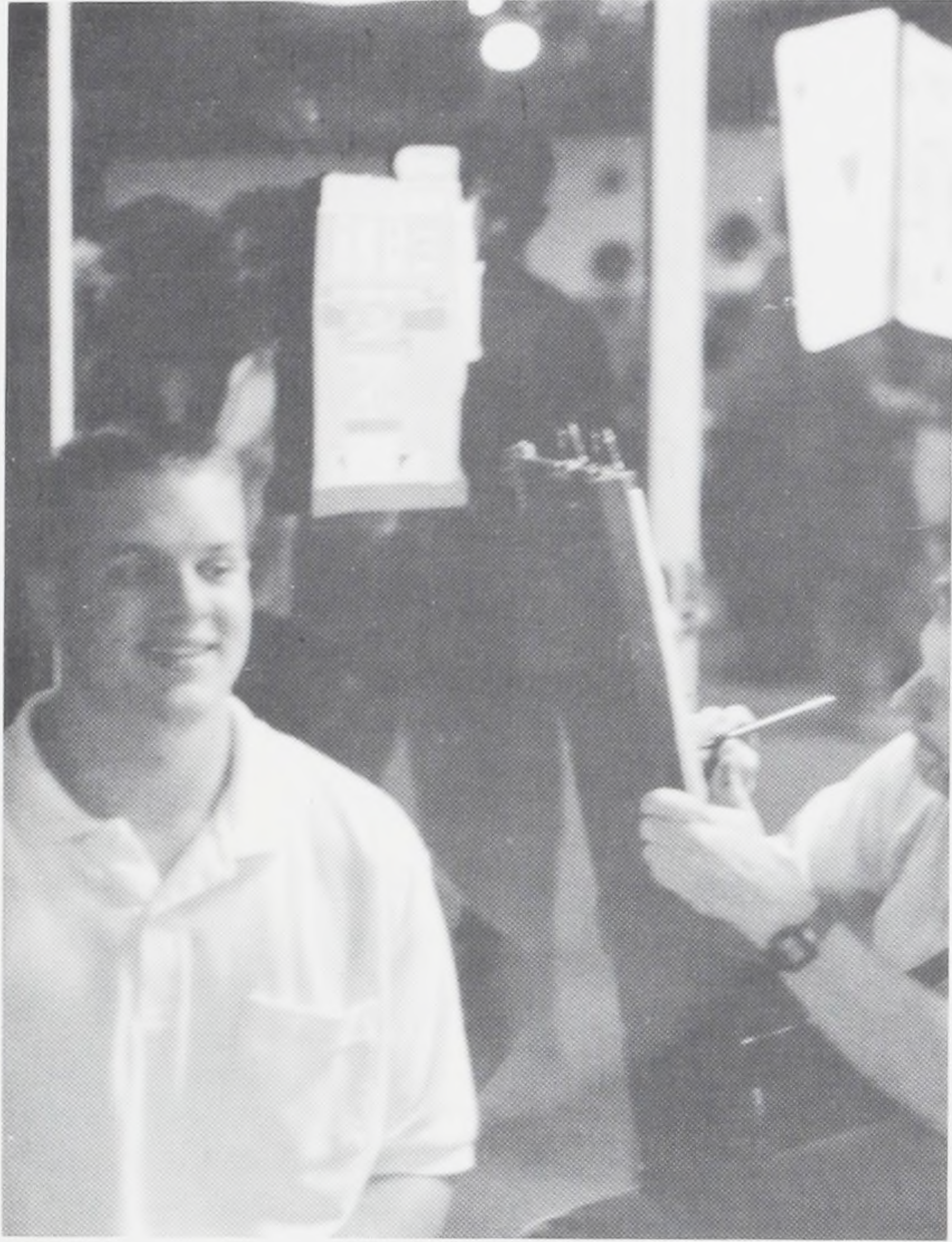
**STRETCH IT OUT.** Karida Griffith graces the stage as she performs an exhilarating ballet dance during the ceremony.

**OH SAY CAN YOU SEE...** Trinh Nguyen sings the National Anthem with harmony to begin the commencement.



**GOTTA GET IT!** Senior Derek Loven hurls his body forward quickly, attempting to fasten his hands on the velcro before the bunji pulls him back. He is attempting to beat to his opponent Eric Svenson.

**PROFILE PLEASE.** A cartoonist captures Paul Lauritzon's facial features in his cartoon version of Paul.



**EIGHT BALL, CORNER POCKET!**

Graduates recall their geometry skills as they calculate their next move. The assorted boxer shorts prizes hang on a clothesline in the background.





# GOTTA AWAKE STAY

By David Lee

**Goodnight,  
class of  
1995, but  
let the  
night party  
go on.**

As Benson students and staff say farewell to the departing seniors, the new graduates celebrate their new-found victory at the Marshall Center in Vancouver for the all-night party. 230 graduates stayed up to compete in many activities, such as sumo wrestling and basketball.

Everyone received a T-shirt. There was plenty to eat, plenty to do, but not plenty of sleep for them. It was a night for the class of 1995 to interact with each other one more time.

Some grads were entertained by the Michael Jackson-style

karaoke by Desmond Faison, some had a splash with swimming and volleyball, others played bingo to win assorted boxer shorts, and some even had bunji cords hooked up to their waist as they launched themselves and tried to grab the velcro.

There was a cartoonist who drew caricatures of students and a photographer who took pictures of students sitting on a background of a glittery moon.

The theme was "Goodnight '95," but most of the students didn't go to sleep. They stayed awake for one final party to rejoice with their friends.



**HEAVYWEIGHT GRUDGE** Trung Nguyen and Trinh Nguyen battle it out with brute strength and stuffed bellies.

16% grads didn't

84% grads attended

*Sleep or Party:  
274 grads decided.*



# different is good

**329 students strong, and the Class of 1996 has come a long ways since freshmen year. Now they are ready to prove that they have what it takes to be school leaders next year.**



The juniors have come a long way from being the silly, immature, newcomers they were freshmen year in 1992. Three years has passed since then, and the juniors have matured—big time. For some, it seems just like yesterday when the juniors were entering the jammed-packed halls of the school. The things the juniors found difficult freshmen year, such as making new friends, pleasing dissatisfied teachers, and trying to get over the homework blues, now seem to be trivial. Except for the homework problem, the juniors

seem to have overcome all the underclass troubles.

Most juniors manage all year long to hold down a job, play a sport, do homework, and, most important, get their drivers license so they can keep their social lives flourishing.

The juniors could be argued as the most spirited class at Benson. Maybe this is because the junior class of 1996 doesn't hesitate to show how proud they are of being Techmen and Techsters.

Soon the juniors will be seniors and everything will seem like

**by victoria collins**

a breeze. Some look forward to prom, all night grad party, and for some early graduation so they can get the heck out of here. Senior year is something that the juniors will be looking forward to, since then they will be ready to show that they can be the school leaders.

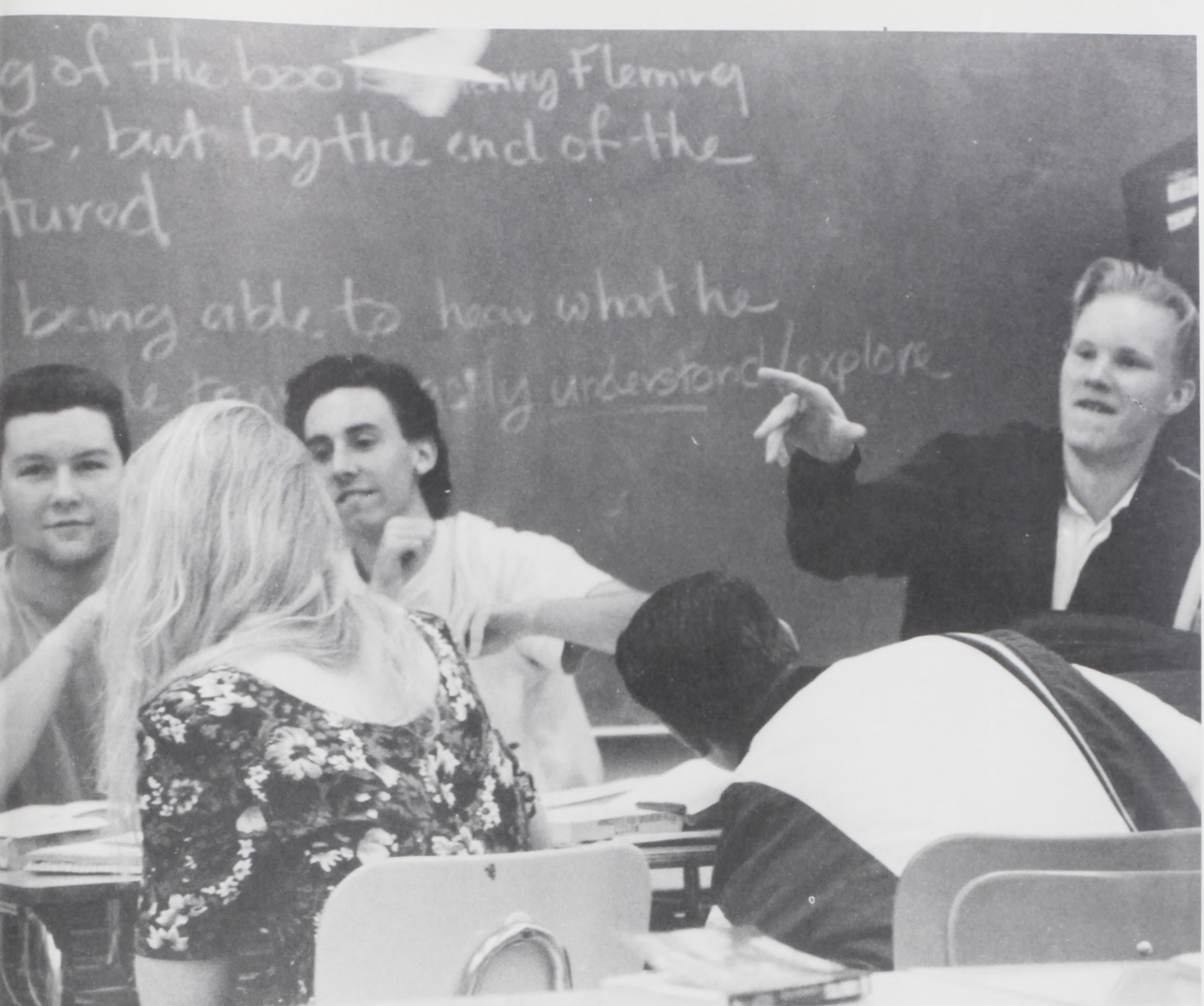
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During a free English period, juniors Matt Hochstetler, Juliann Jantz, Ryan Hads, and Jason Hambleton watch on as David Buckley launches a paper airplane to amuse everyone.



At KBPS junior Ezra Meredith plays the golden oldies for everyone to hear.





Junior Angela Munar chills outside during lunch with her freshmen friend, Caalon Dullinger-Fry.

Principal O'Neill informs the class of 1996 of the expectations of the school year.



# The spirit of

by Victoria Collins

Once they were freshmen. Now the juniors are in a different world—a world where they are not quite ready to assume the leadership role. In this world they also enjoy a greater sense of freedom and responsibility. The junior class spends a majority of its time anticipating the graduation of the seniors.

They bide their time dreaming about the awesome respect being a senior brings. Although this is an important time in the lives of high schoolers, the juniors' world is somewhat burdenless. Maybe this is why they are debatably the most spirited class.

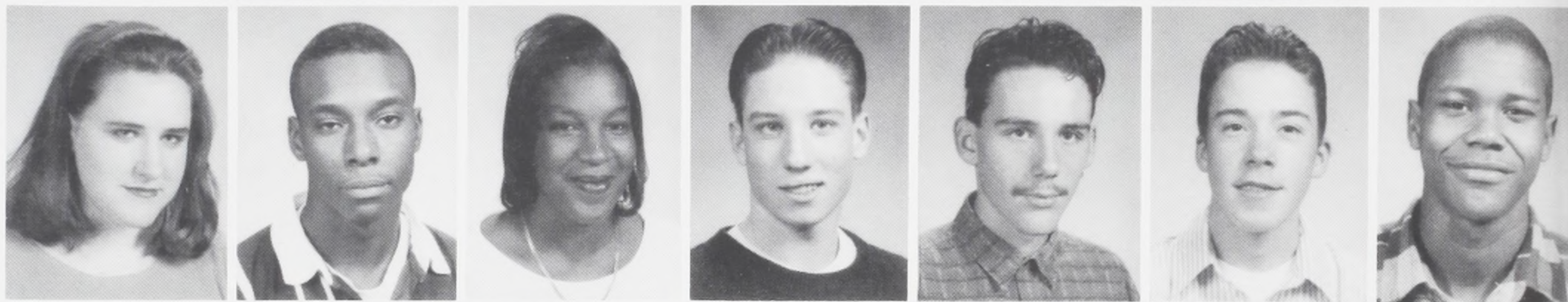
Now the juniors begin to think seriously about their

future. As upperclassmen the juniors understand that they are examples to the lower classmen. It is important, at this time in their lives, for the juniors to take more responsibility and assume leadership roles. Soon they will be seniors. Leadership and responsibility is essential at this crucial time in their lives.

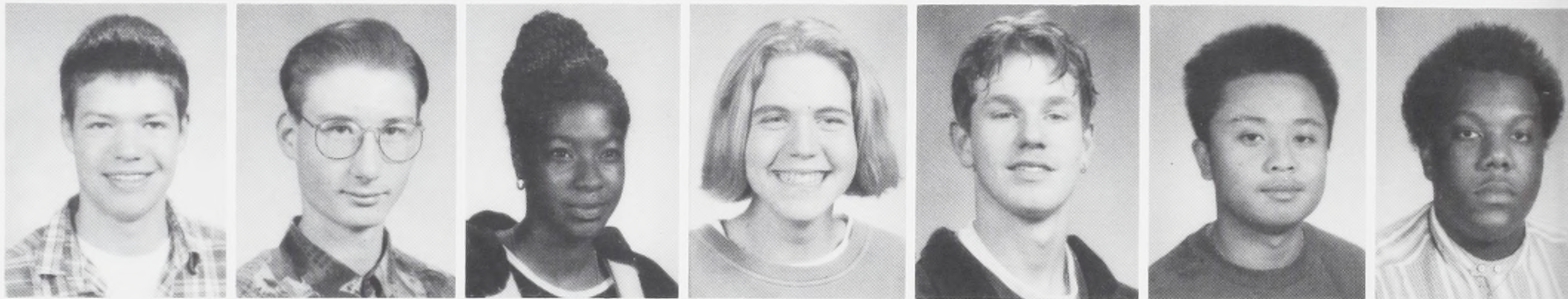
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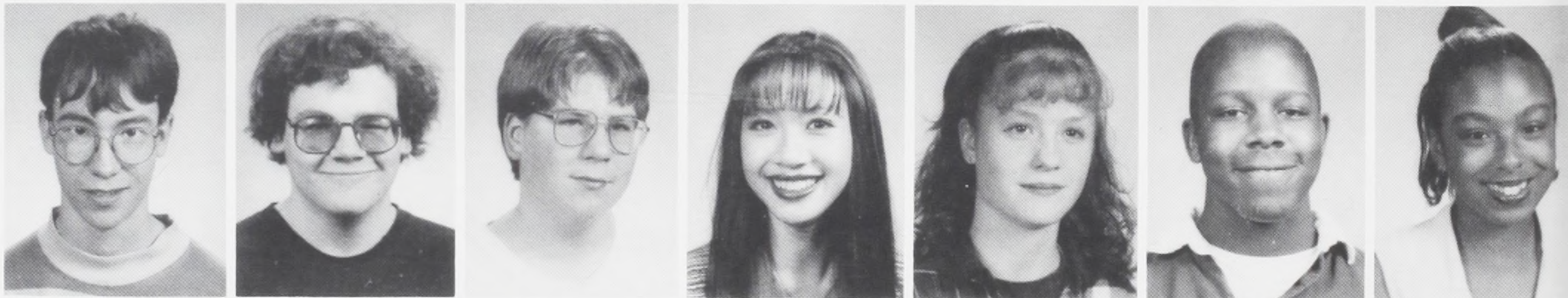
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Patti Carter  
Carrie Carver  
Kao Cha  
Kong Cha  
Mayland Chan





# 96 comes alive



**I WOULD RATHER READ.** Jalanda Curry, a junior, takes a break from her assignment to read a magazine during class.



**UMPH, STUPID CHEMISTRY!** Yuneuen Moreno and Courtney Lucero, both Juniors, show frustration after a long lab in Mr. Rodgers' class



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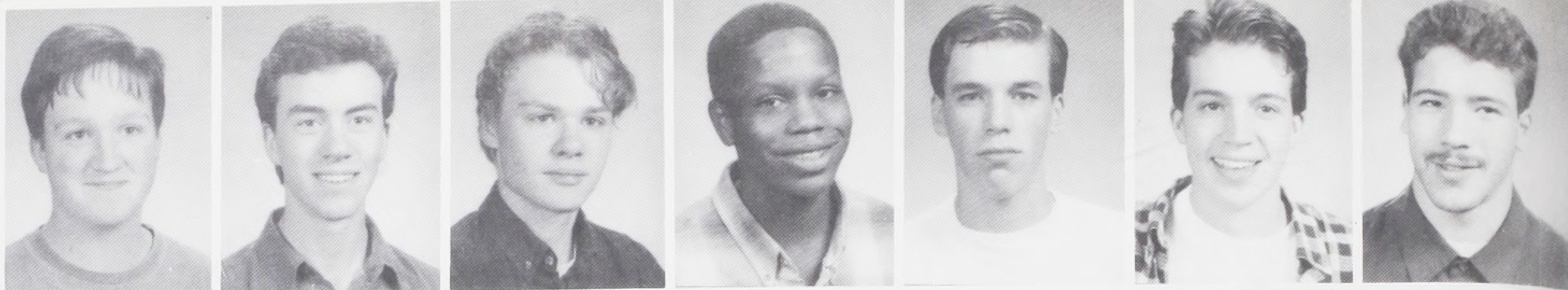
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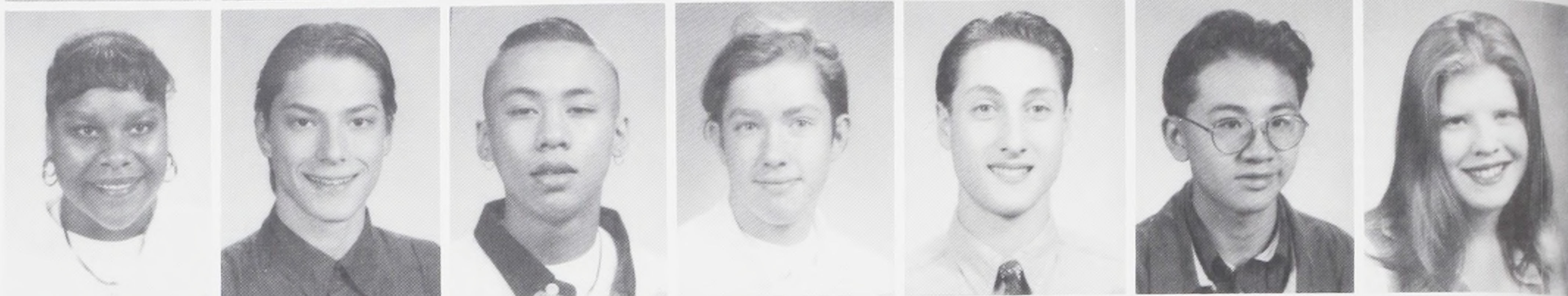
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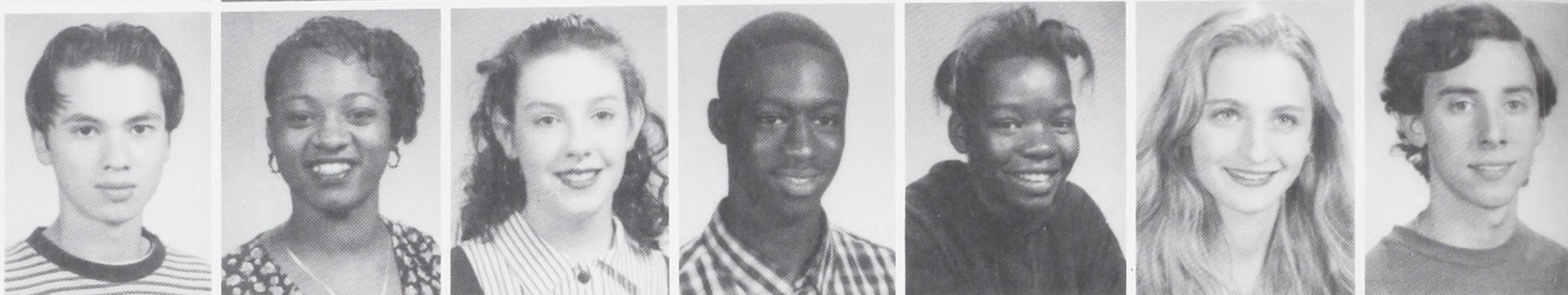
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 Nathanael Hanes  
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*What should happen to increase school spirit ?*

"At assemblies, they *should* play some music, not **band**. Rally could do *some* **HIP HOP DANCE**.

**People will** participate. And include every class."

**Princess Owens**

"Let *us* sit with whom **we** want and *come up* with some *better* **activities**.

**Today's activities are not *fun*.**"

**Charles Fitz**





Jeffery Harbaugh  
 Michel Harmon  
 Aretha Harris  
 Isaiah Harris  
 Jason Harris  
 Michael Hawkins  
 Cory Hedges

Peter Helzer  
 Milynn Henkel  
 Stephan Henrichs  
 Katie Hill  
 Thomas Hill  
 David Hillesland  
 Jacquelyn Ho

Matt Hochestetler  
 Joshua Hoffert  
 Nicole Hooper  
 Melissa Hugeback  
 Evan Hylland  
 Freddie Jackson  
 Katie James

Juliann Jantz  
 Casey Jelliffe  
 Kenneth Jensen  
 Andrea Jimenez  
 Leann Jobman-Nelsen  
 Abhay Johnson  
 Eric Johnson

*"More pep assemblies with better activities that involve the whole student body."*

**Angela Schenck**

**"It is not the quantity of the assemblies but the quality of them. The *Student* body needs to be made aware of the *importance* of all our *sports* and *activities* and be PROUD of every last one of them."**

**Kelly Dunn**



*What's the worse thing that happened to you on a date?*

**"My boyfriend was teaching me how to drive a stick and I ran into a curb."** Sky Eastwood

**"We were up at a park eating a romantic picnic lunch. After a while, mosquitoes came. The next day it looked like I had chicken pox."**

Juliann Jantz

**"I locked my keys in the car."**

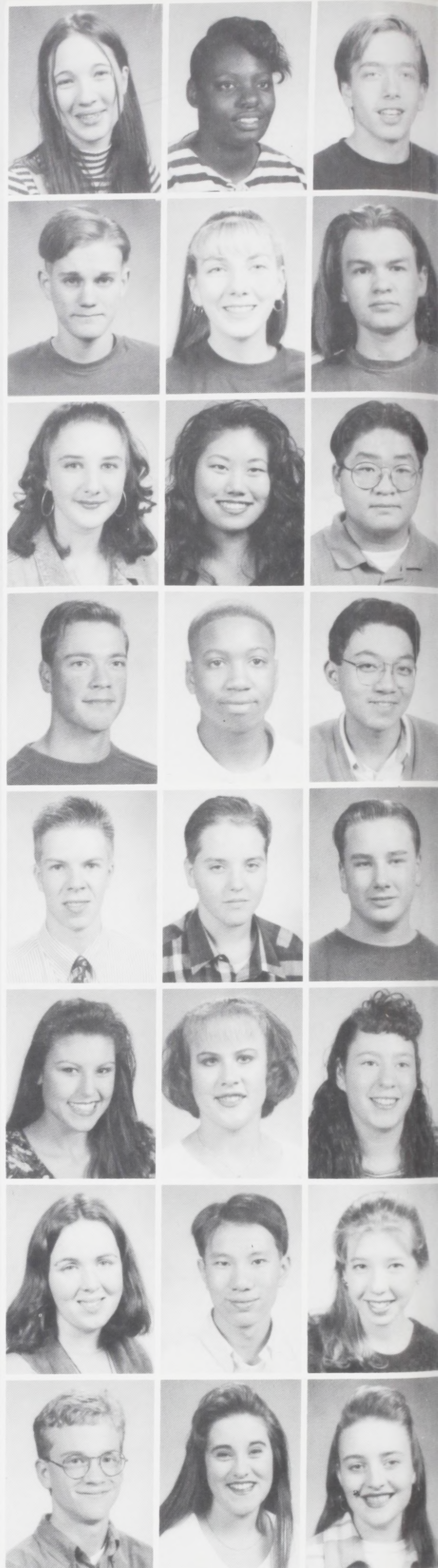
Ben Edtl

**"One time I went to the zoo, and when I reached the monkey cages, the zoo keeper thought that I was a monkey out of my cage and they threw me in. I had to live in there for three days. It was hell."**

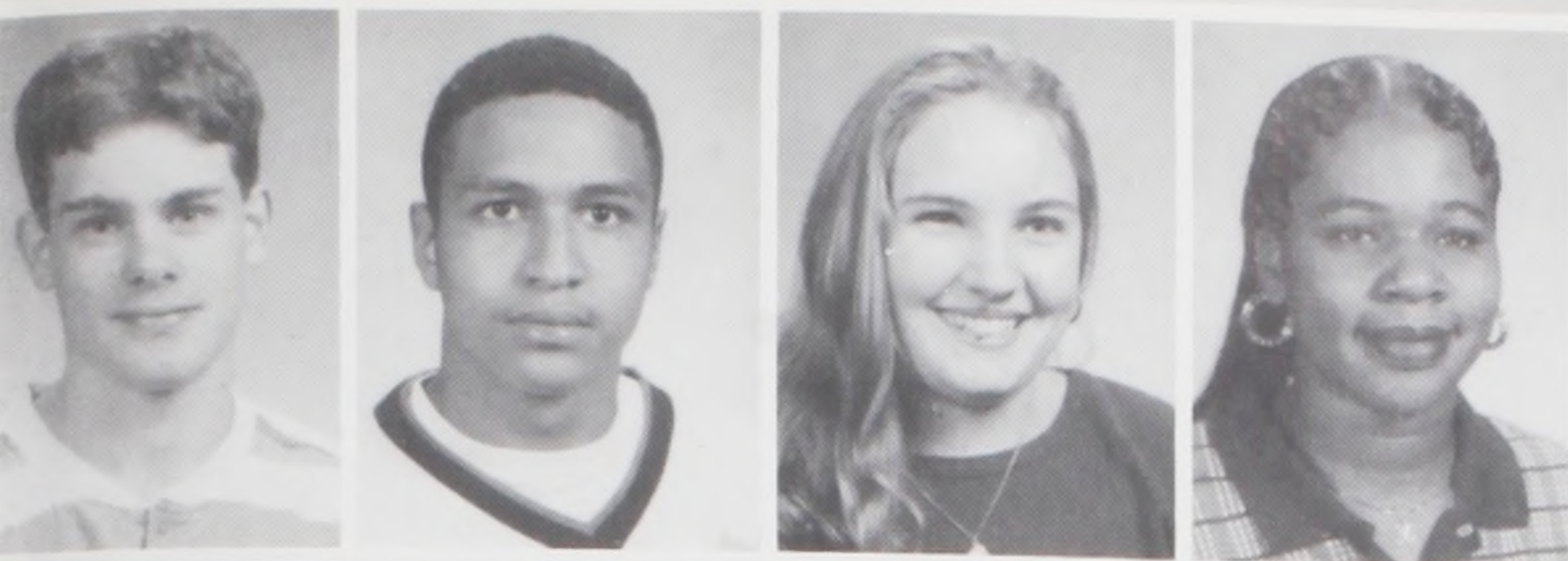
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**"I fell asleep, and spilled my drink in my date's lap."**

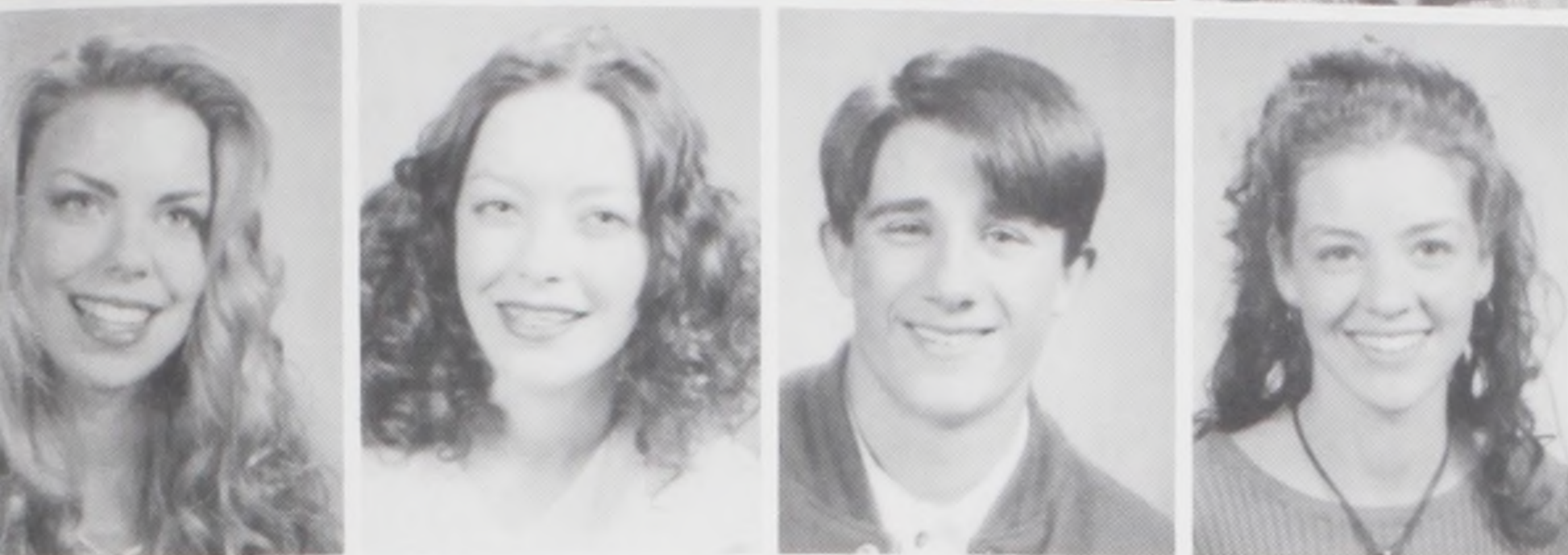
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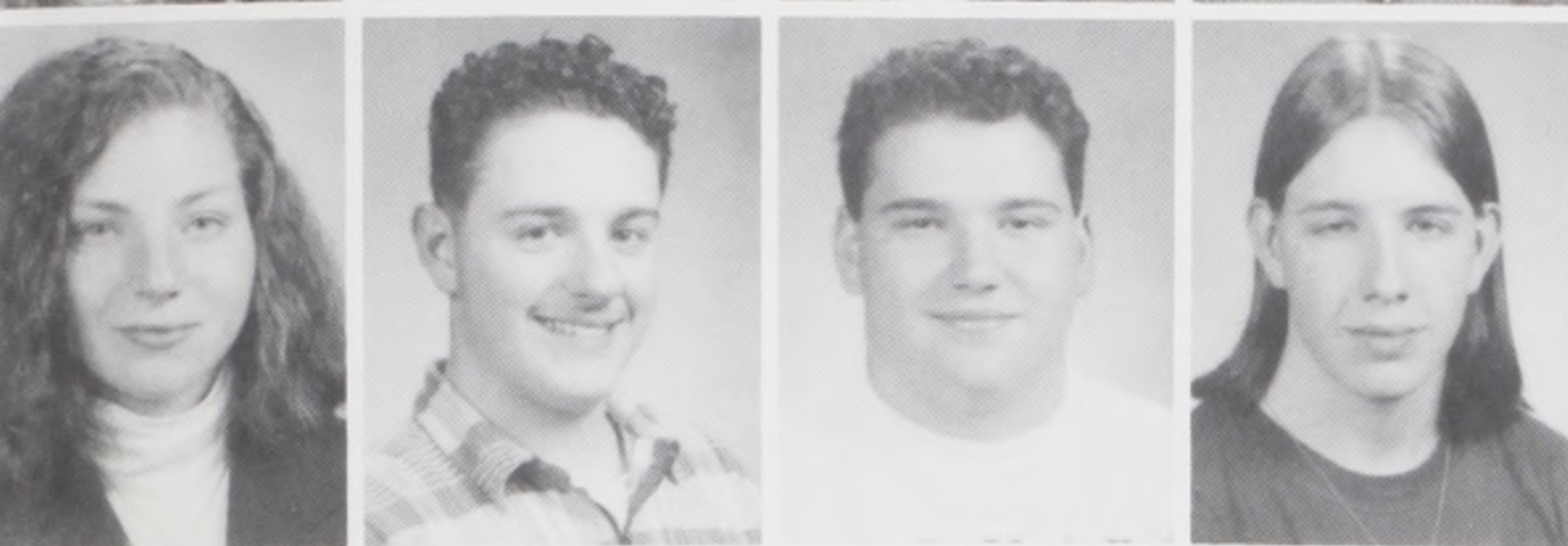




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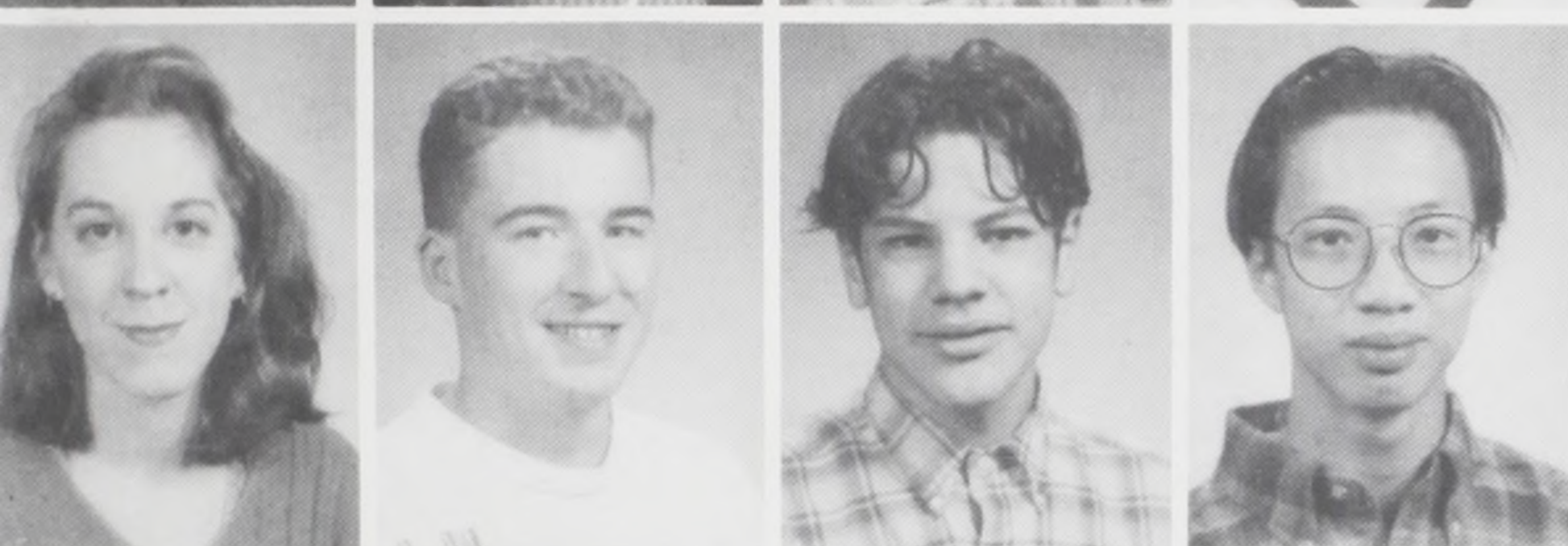
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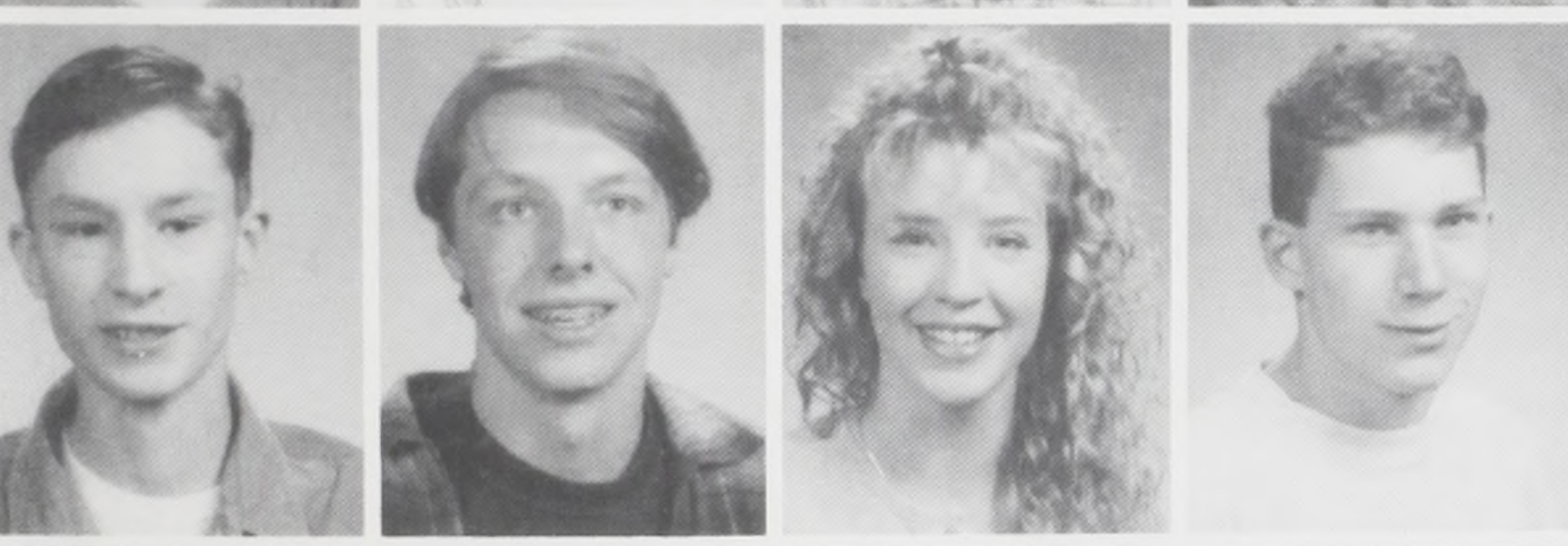
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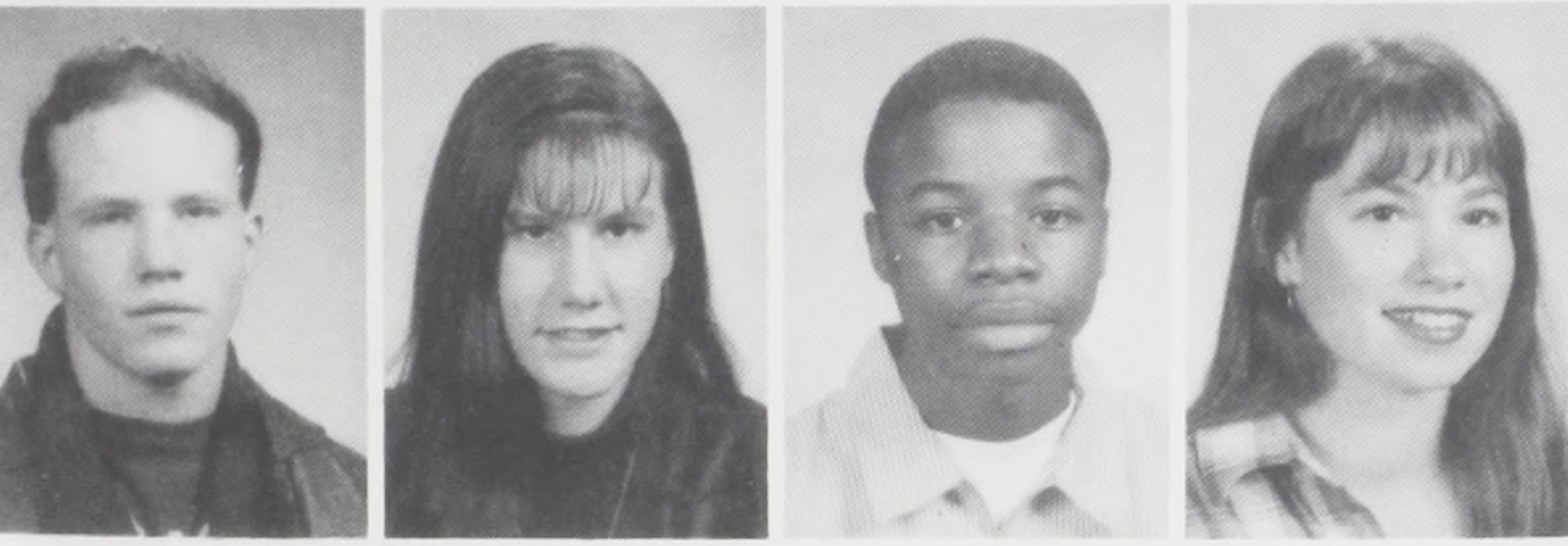
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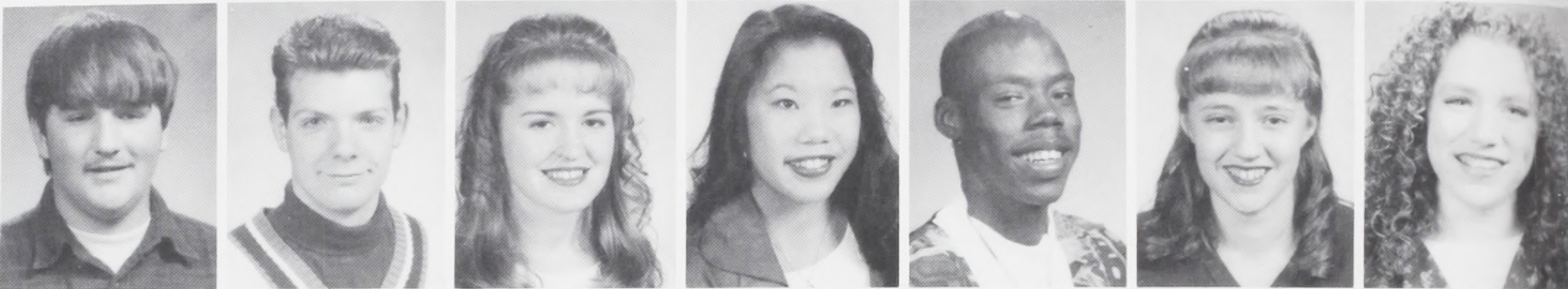
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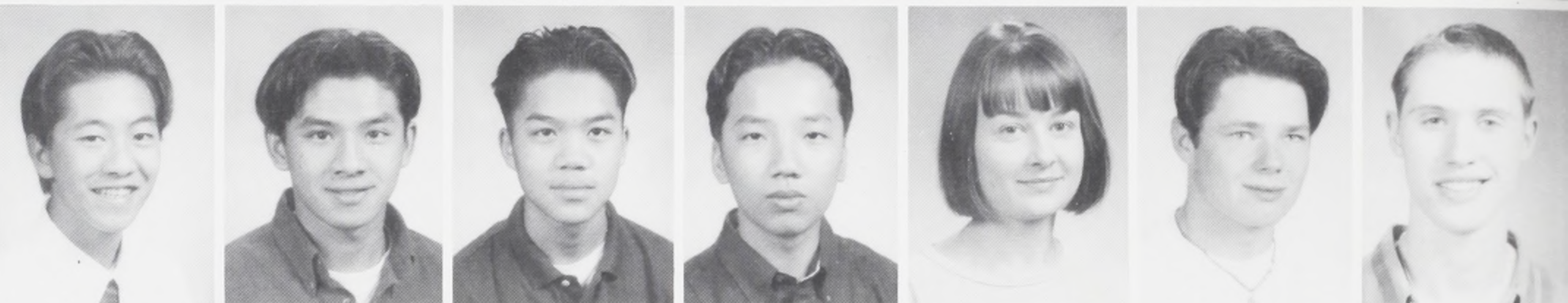
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## Do you like the job you do?

**"Yes. I like the people, pay, hours, and it's not that hard once you get going."**

**Elaina Merrell**

**"Yes. I like it because I make a lot of money and don't have to do much to earn it."**

**Paul Memmer**

**"Yeah. Because it's fun, people like me. They like my smile and attitude."**

**Aretha Harris**





Chika Otti  
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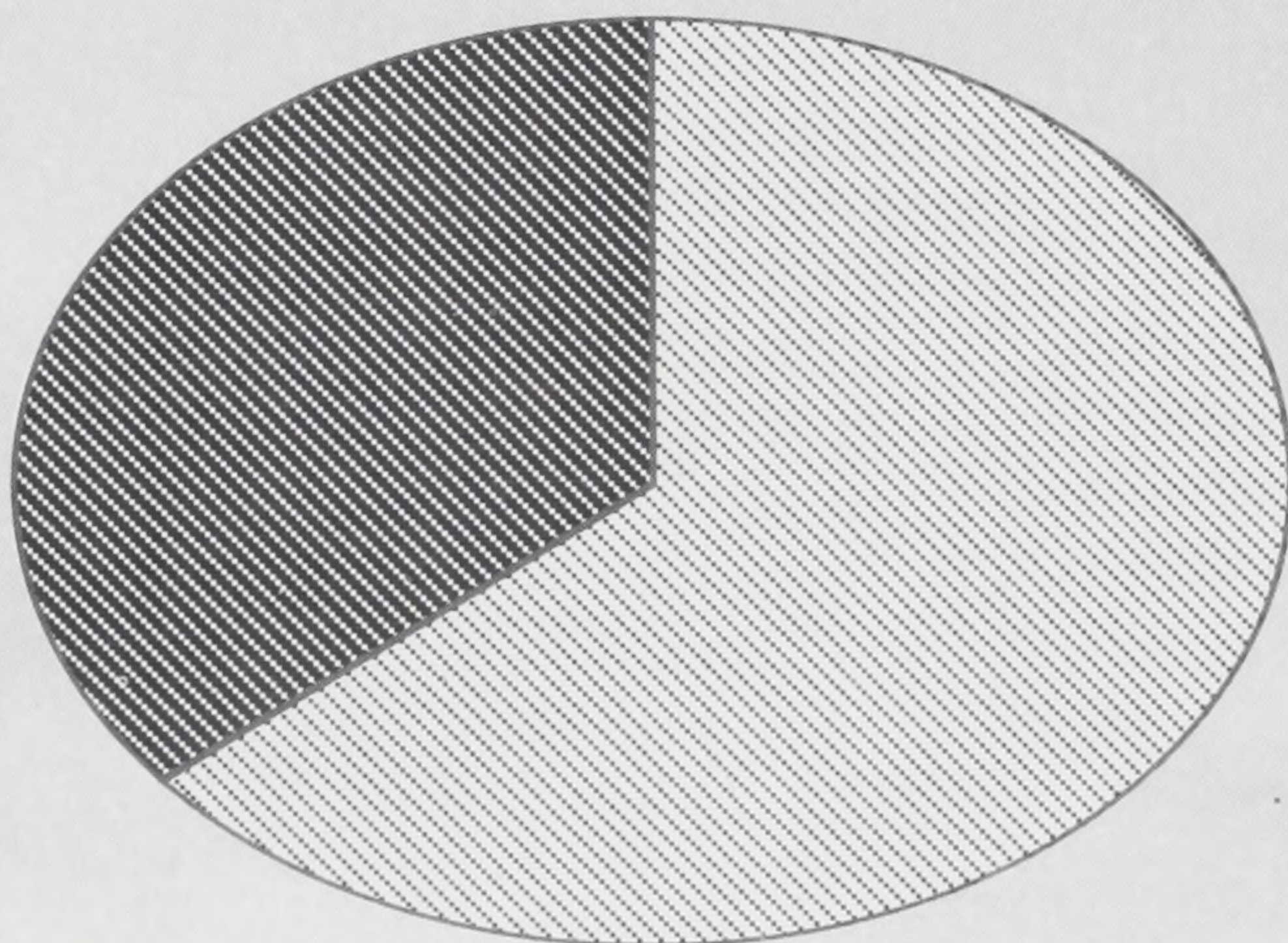
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**"It's easy and it gives me enough time to still do homework. Plus it's very flexible."**

**Jeremy Probst**

Are You presently employed

	yes	64.0%
	No	36.0%

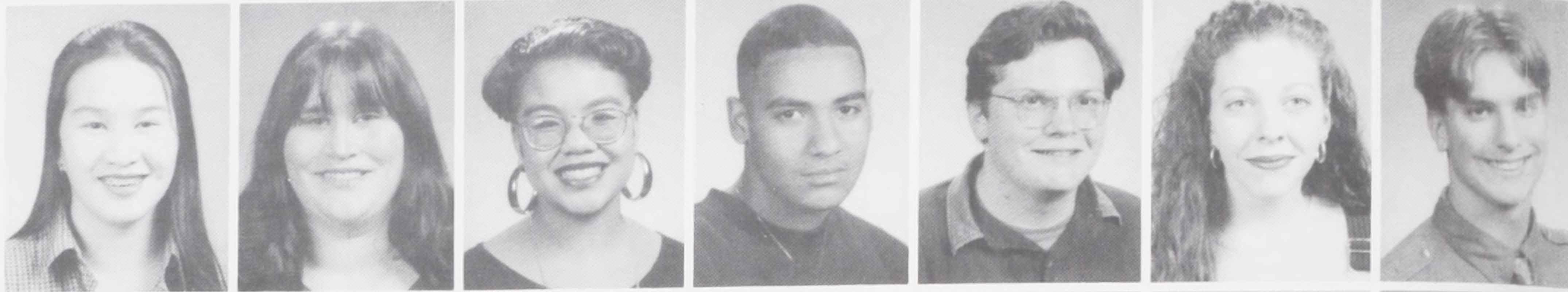




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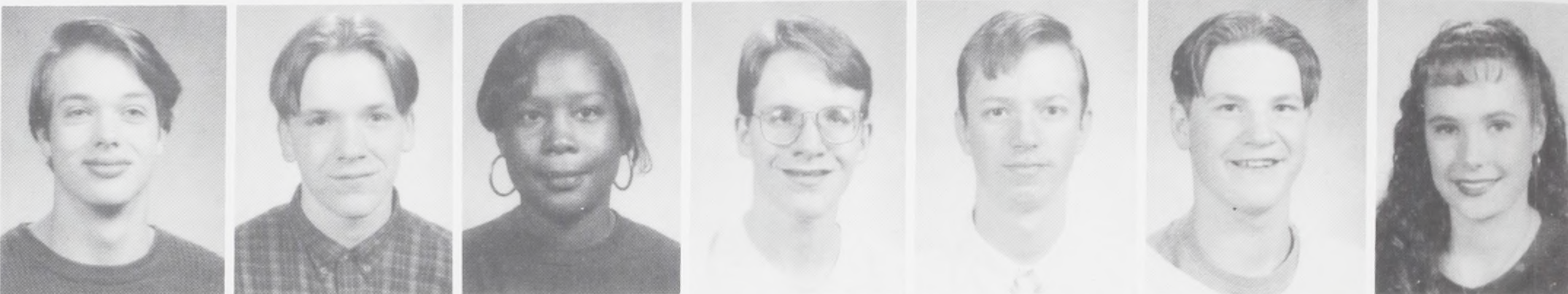
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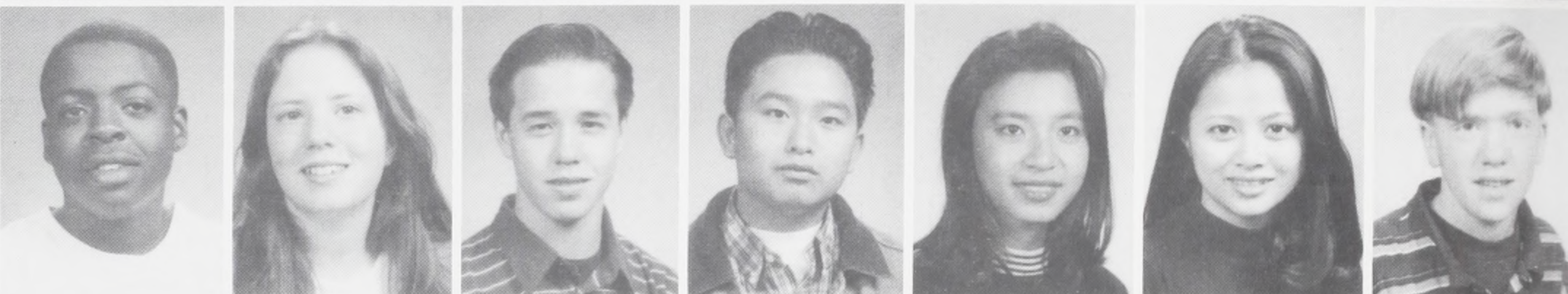
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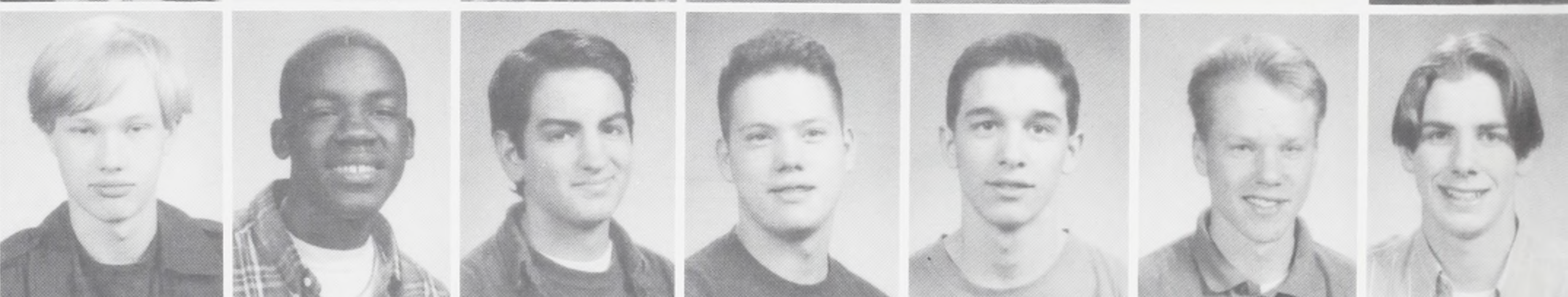
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# Do you think teenage drivers have a good driving reputation?

"Not really. A lot of teenage drivers do things for some kind of a reaction. Many forget that they're other people on the road that don't have the same wish to die."

**Christa Siemssen**

"I don't think they don't because a lot of the accidents today involve teenagers and even if it wasn't their fault they will get blamed because adults think teens are not responsible."

**Jessica Jose**

"No because they try to show off to their friends and then they get into an accident and become another statistic."

**Brook Loving**

"No, because many teenagers act stupid when they get behind the wheel."

**Cardis Berry**

"No, because there are always those few who ruin it for the rest of us. Just because a few screw up they assume everyone in our age group will."

**Michele Mechling**



Selena Boswell

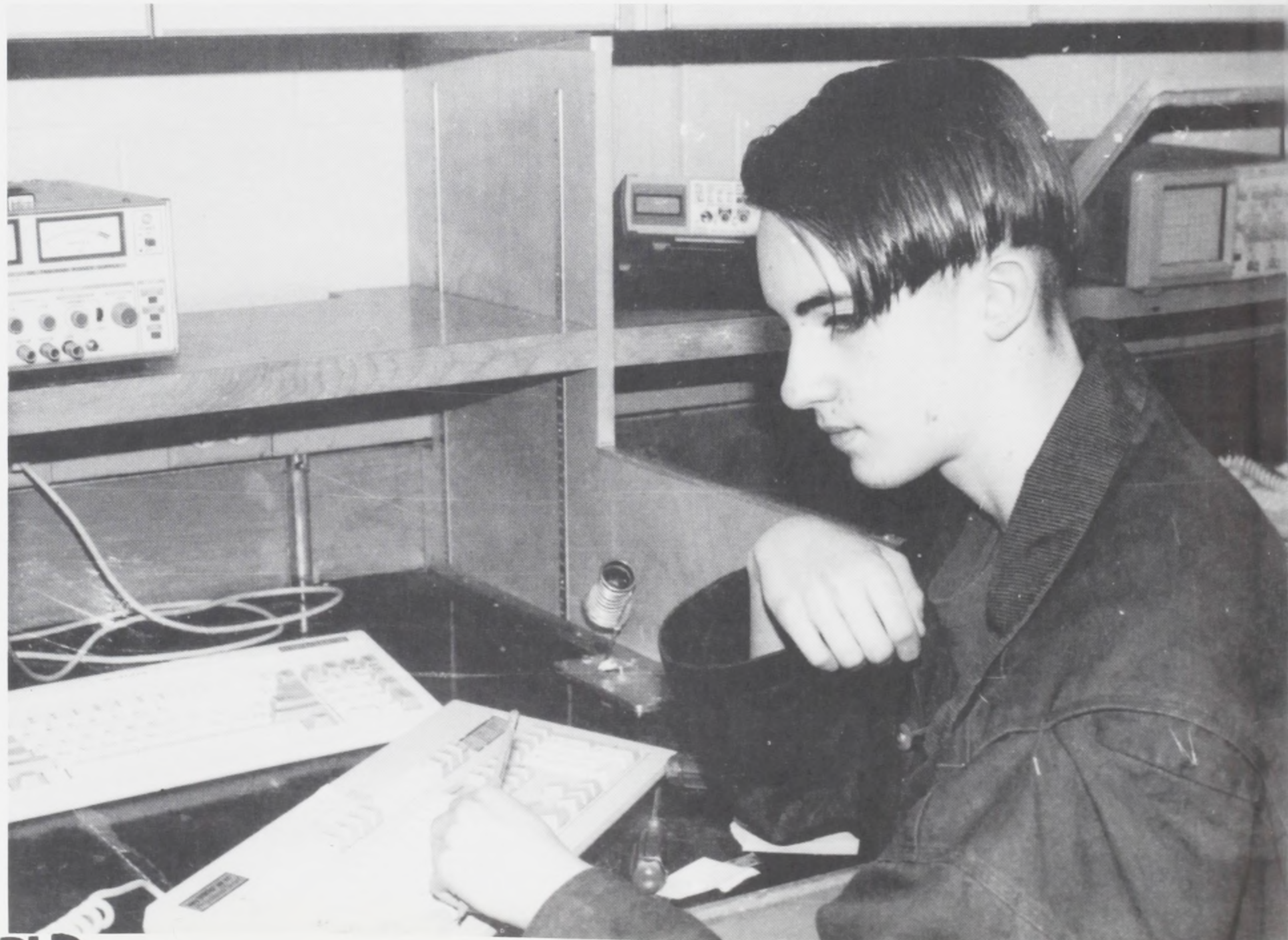
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David Buckley	Justin Swanson
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Kyle Griffith	Tey Watkins
Joshua Hamilton	Keeahni Wesson
Richard Hopkins	Rukiya Willams
Phong Le	Malinda Willis
Meguel Longoria	Alyissia Wincher





Sophomore Damian Ramsey ponders lightly about assembling code lines during his free time in the sophomore's Electronics class.





# a world of their own

**after a year of being rookies within a new educational zone, sophomores return as seasoned veterans.**

Sophomores—all 357 of them. After a year of extensive training during their freshmen year, the sophomores are now seasoned veterans, ready to embark on new ground towards their future high school goals. By applying their freshmen knowledge learned from the previous 1993-1994 year, they must now do their best in trying to ace their sophomore classes in order to choose their path to success.

Sophomores Cydne Potter, Erin Armstrong, Aaron Seemann, Heather Marshall and Shyla Tarpo prepare to play a series of medieval music within the Elizabethan domain of Miss Scally's English class during Tech show.

In a way, the average sophomore is a whole new different breed when compared to the seniors, juniors, and of course, freshmen.

Sophomores are not upperclass members, nor are they the first year rookies. Sophomores are in a class by themselves, different and special. They possess unique hidden talent which is yet to be discovered in later years. They are in the stage of metamorphosis. The sophomores, however, are also prone to unkind mishaps.

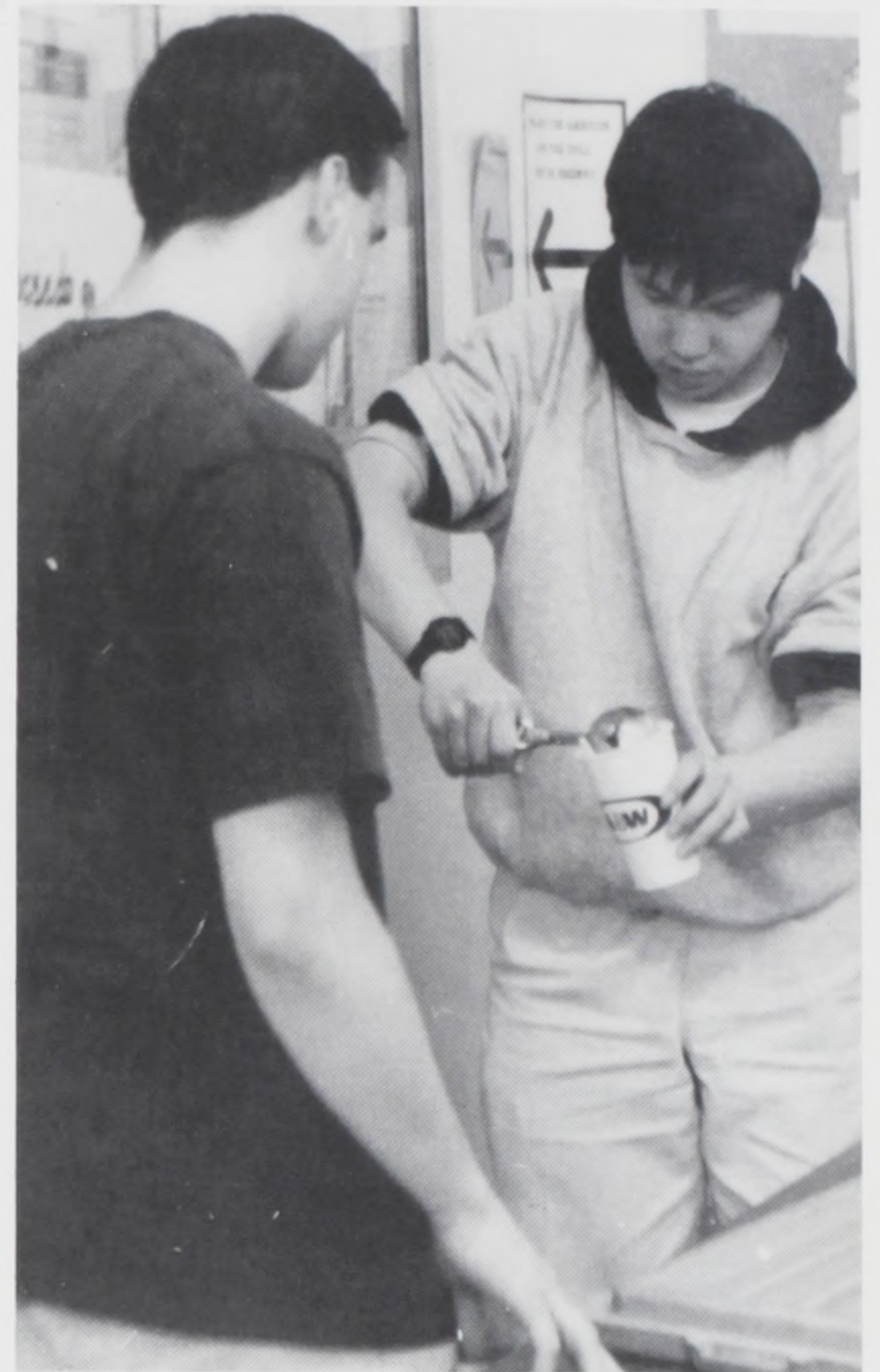
Being a sophomore is tough. They learn to adjust themselves towards wicked pressure and they try to set their goals straight. Some also question the meaning of education. Some of them go beyond the edge. In the end, however, the struggle to a meaningful path will comply, and as a note for all the sophomores, patience is usually a virtue.

With spirited determination, the struggle for being the best continues within the minds of the class of 1997, as in all of the other classes. For now, the sophomores will train to succeed in a world of their own.

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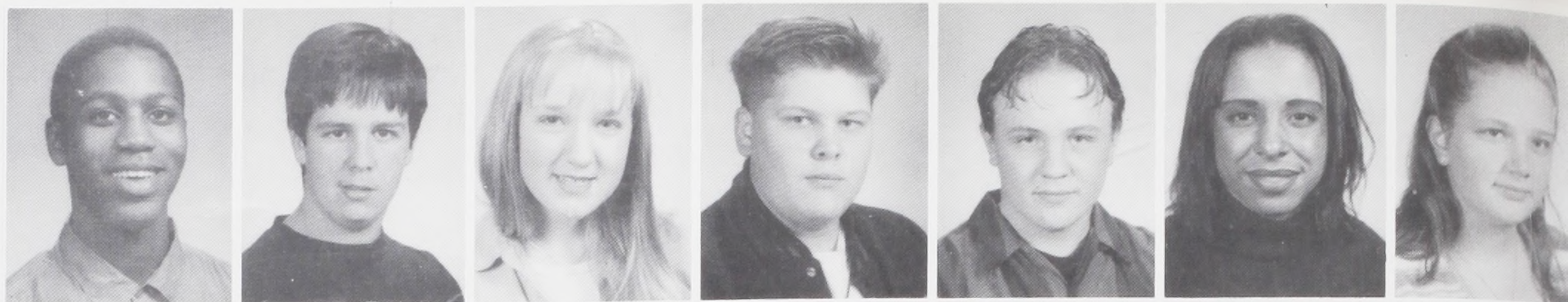


The lofty smell of ice cream and root beer fill the halls as sophomores Joel Schulbach and David Lim help sell root beer floats for the National Honor Society. The money collected is used as a fundraiser for Doernbecher.

by ekaputra jabar



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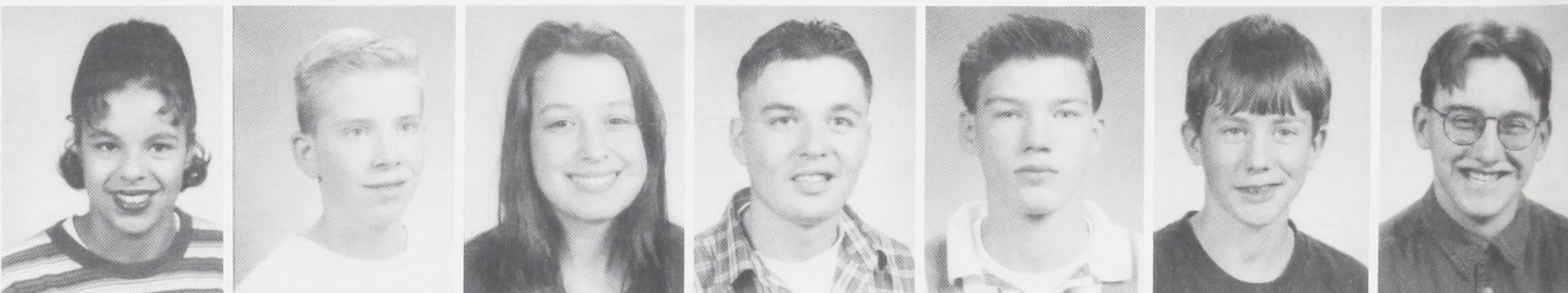
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 Noah Chadd  
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# Reign of Substitutes

## Rebellion of Students.

There comes a time when a teacher is ill, or needs to be absent. As a result, a substitute is sacrificed to the students. The door of opportunity is torn down by the students' stampede of terror. Pranks are an all-time high, ranging from simple gags to rearranging the whole classroom.

Teachers leave lesson plans, but students often (almost every time) rewrite the lesson within their own standards. The students' last joke is when the teacher comes back, and realizes what has happened. Then the students praise their teachers, and display their bright and faithful halos.

*by david lim*

*Are there advantages when subs come?*

"When substitutes come, it's a free period. They don't know what they're doing."

- Ben Poff (10)

*What methods have you witnessed that seems to work on substitutes?*

"Substitues are gullible, if you can deliver a line properly, subs bend at your will."

- Alex Hill (10)



Ben Poff and Karl Larsen sneak a forbidden minesweeper game on the IBM in the sophomore electronics class while watching the background for trouble. Faded in the background, Alisha Eze distracts Mr. Krell's substitute, Mr. Sunken, with her electronics project.



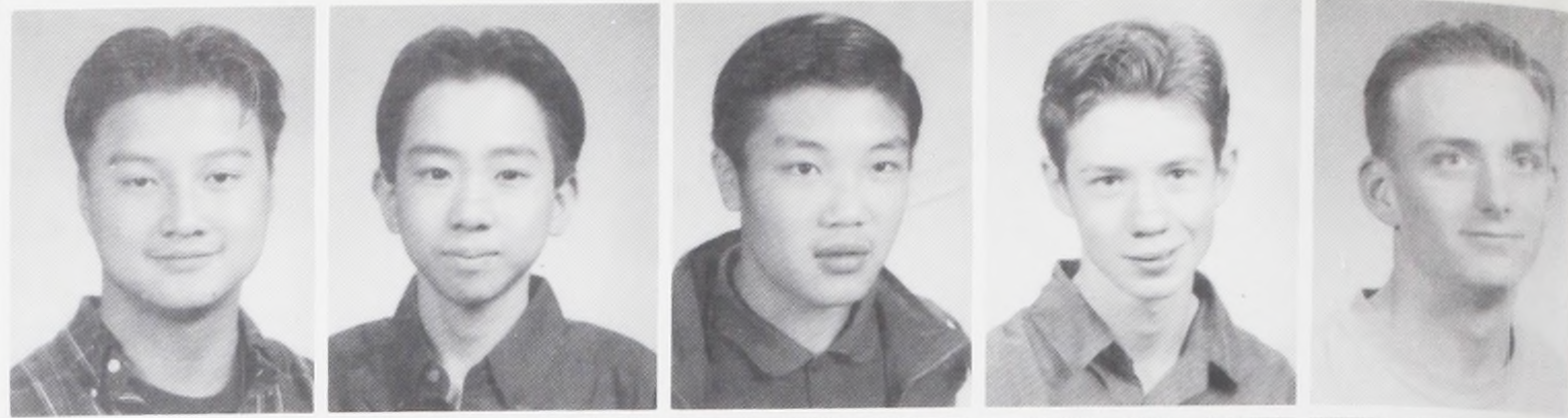
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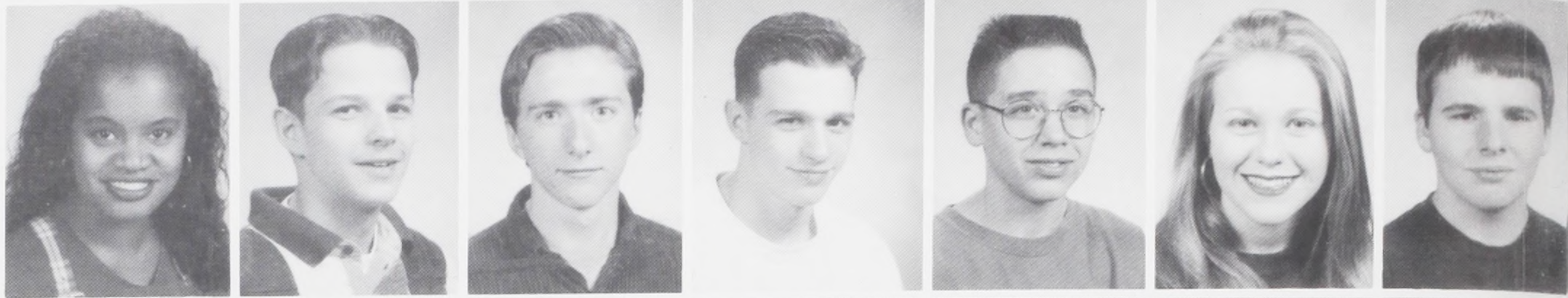
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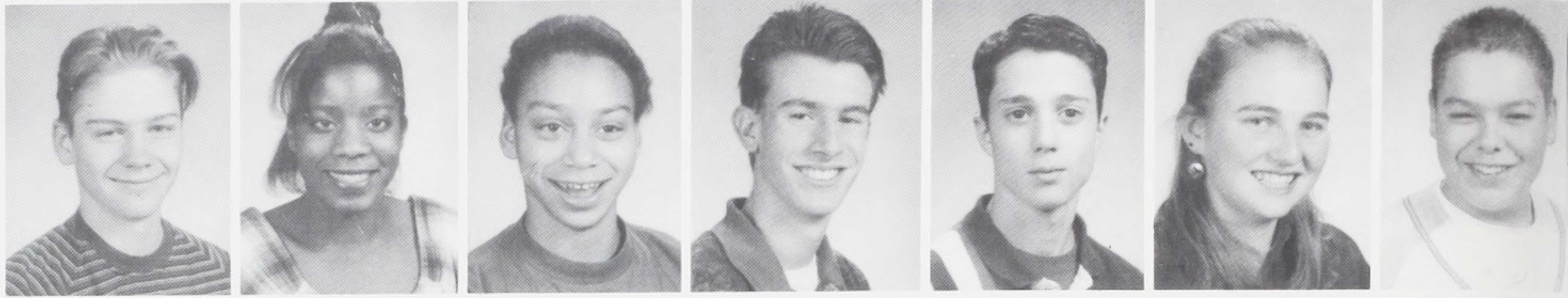
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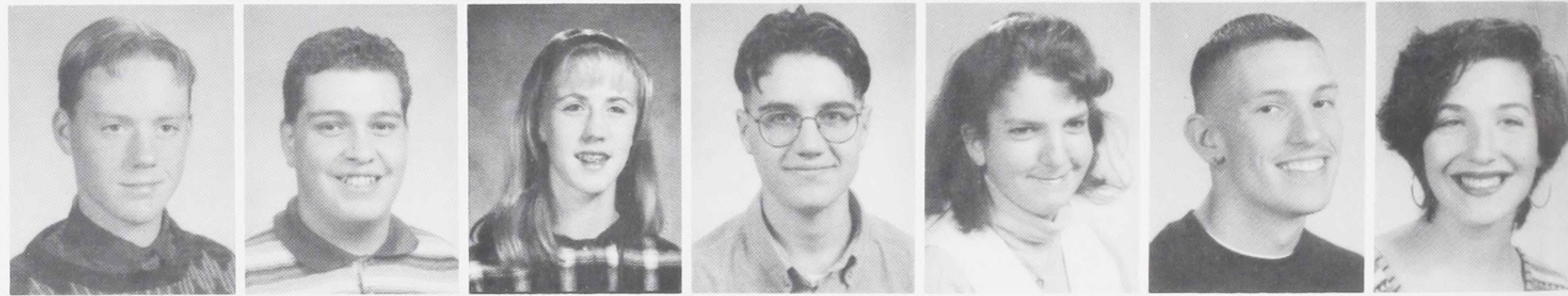
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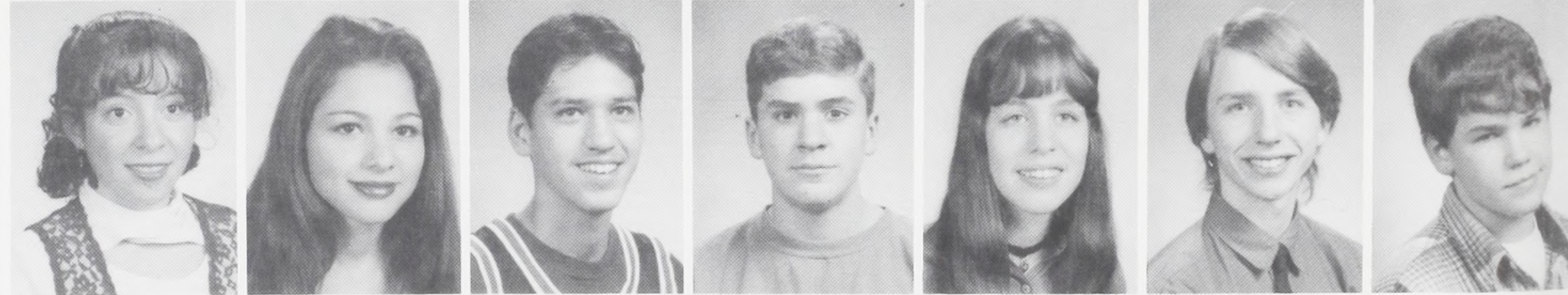
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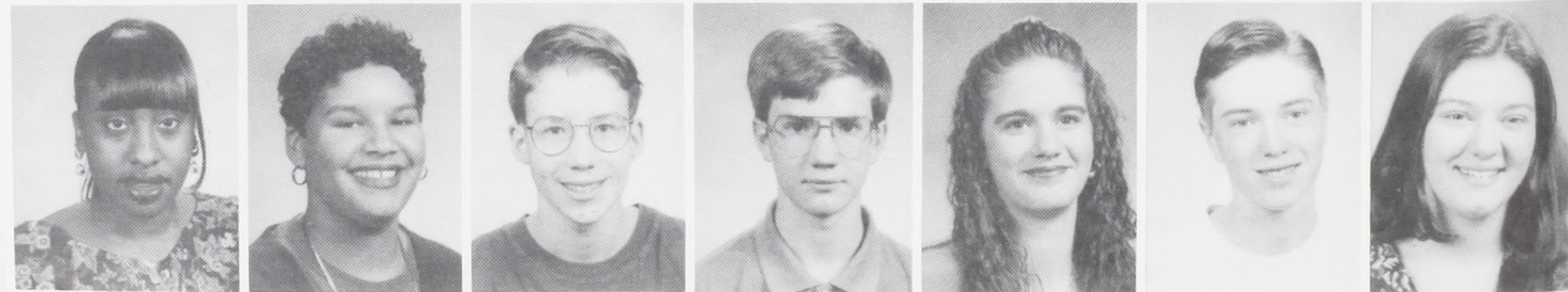
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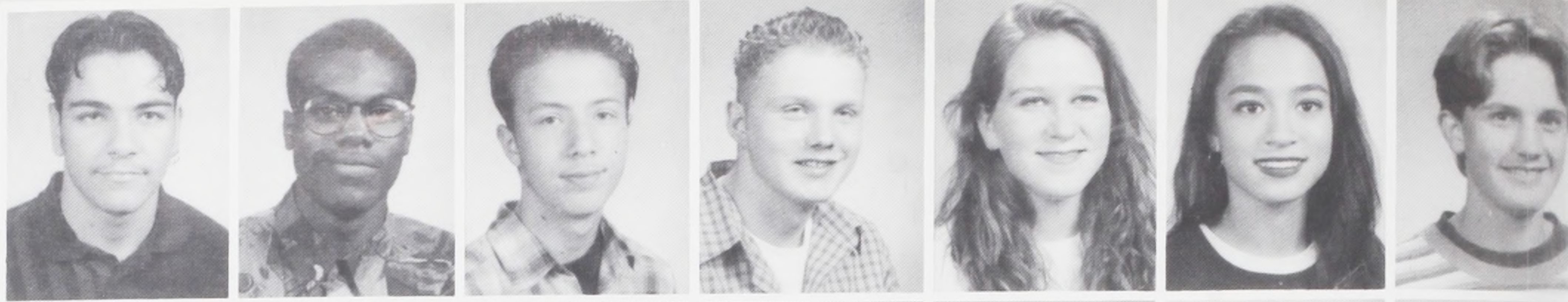
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# Top Ten Reasons why Techmen are Better than Techsters

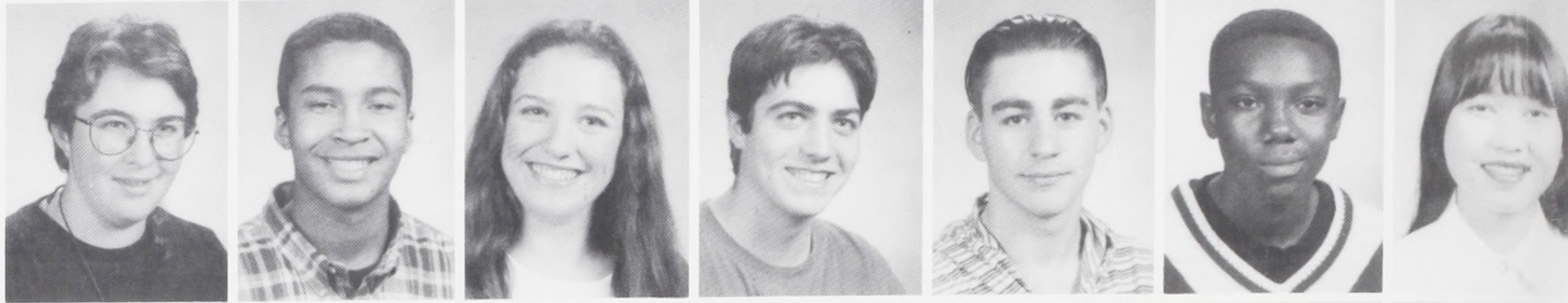
- Reason #1 *Techmen are courageous and bold*
- Reason #2 *Techmen are more inventive, and creative*
- Reason #3 *Techmen aren't fragile and soft*
- Reason #4 *Techsters must sit on the toilet*
- Reason #5 *Techmen don't use five pounds of makeup*
- Reason #6 *Techmen don't worry about their figure*
- Reason #7 *Look at all the presidents*
- Reason #8 *Techsters are too choosy*
- Reason #9 *Techmen don't need maternity wear*
- Reason #10 *Techmen don't need pagaents for good looks*



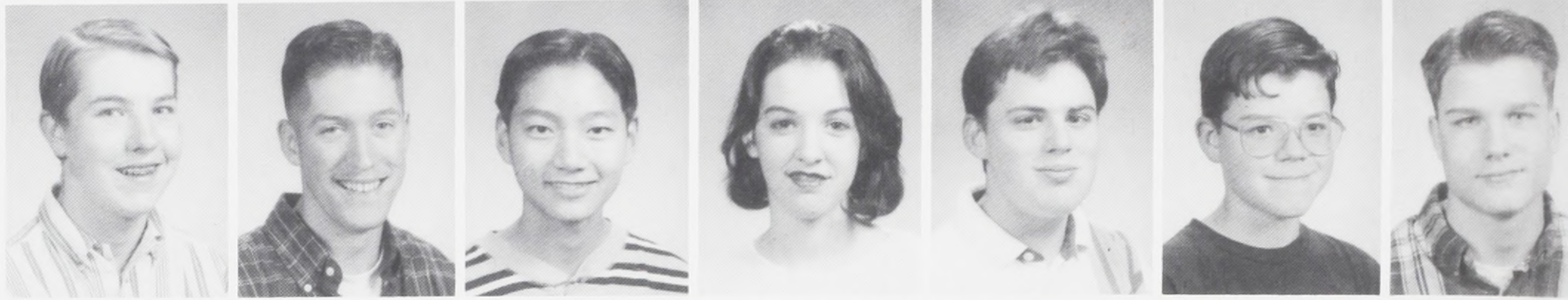
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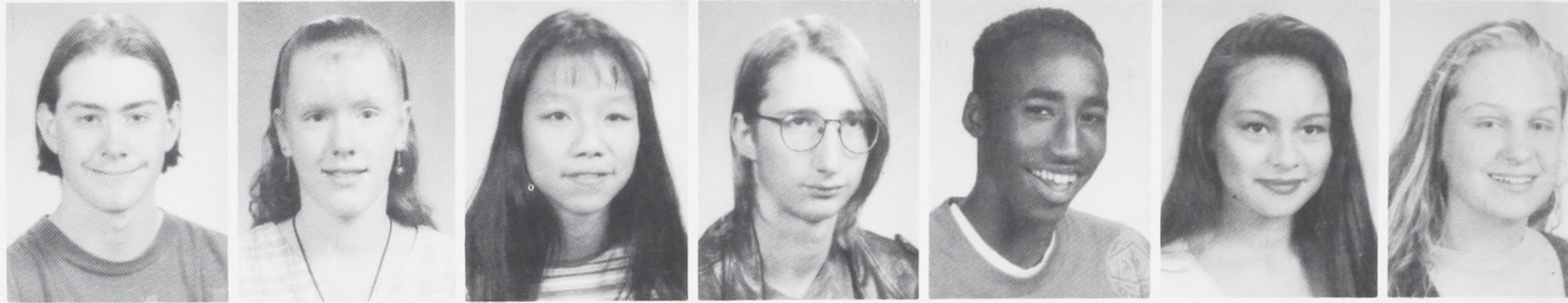
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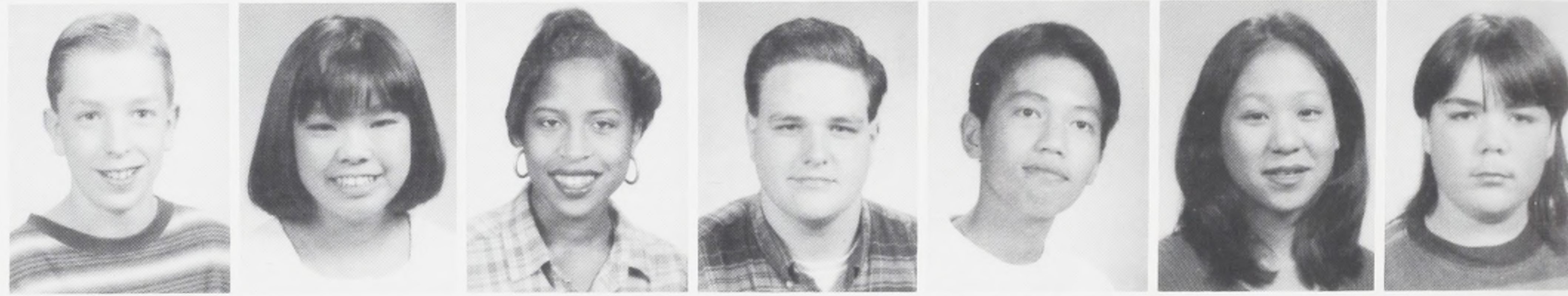
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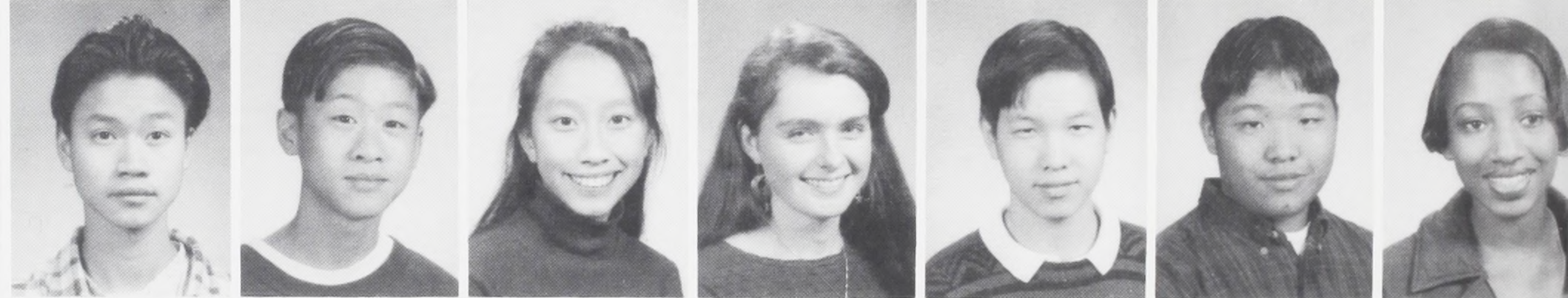
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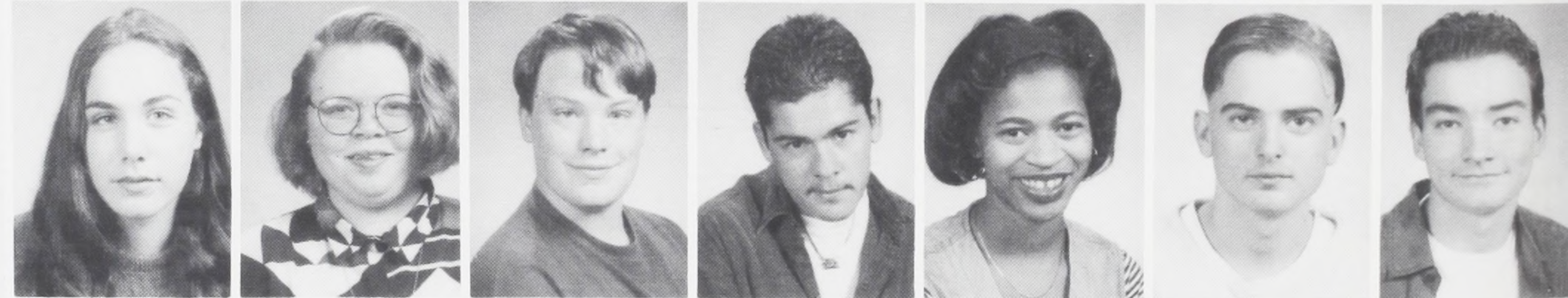
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# Top Ten Reasons why Techsters are Better than Techmen

- Reason #1: *Techsters are more modest than Techmen*
- Reason #2: *Techsters are more sensitive and caring*
- Reason #3: *Maturity, Techsters are just more mature*
- Reason #4: *Ever heard of cleanliness?*
- Reason #5: *More attractive, more organized*
- Reason #6: *Dedicated to goals*
- Reason #7: *Sturdy and unchangeable Ego*
- Reason #8: *More flexible , physically, mentally, and emotionally*
- Reason #9: *Techsters are more elegant, charming, and delicate*
- Reason #10: *Optimistic toward problems*



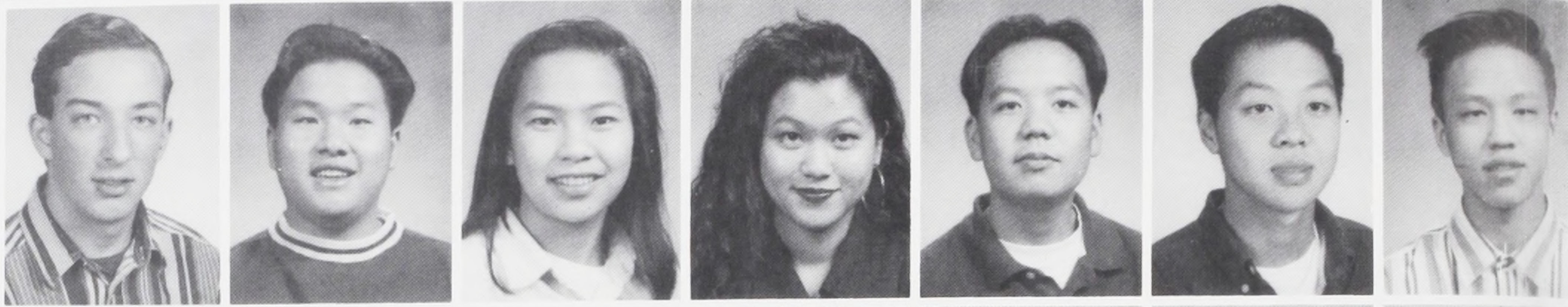
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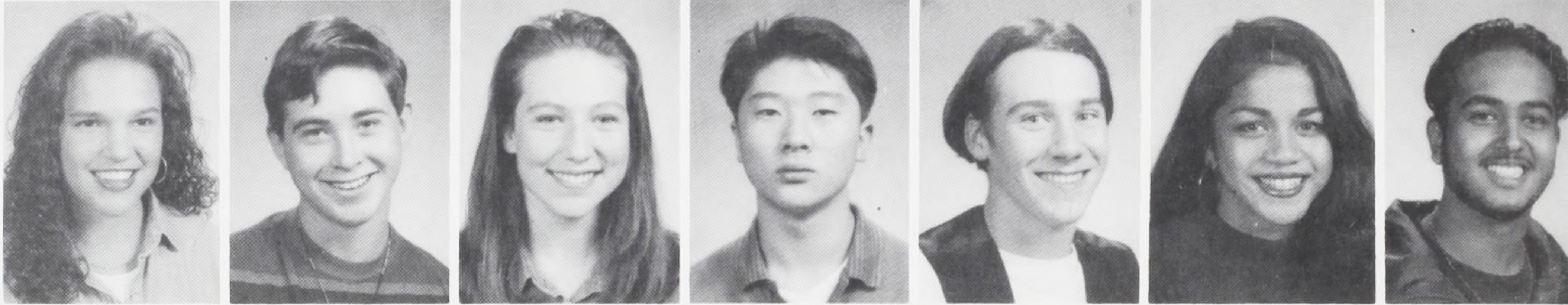
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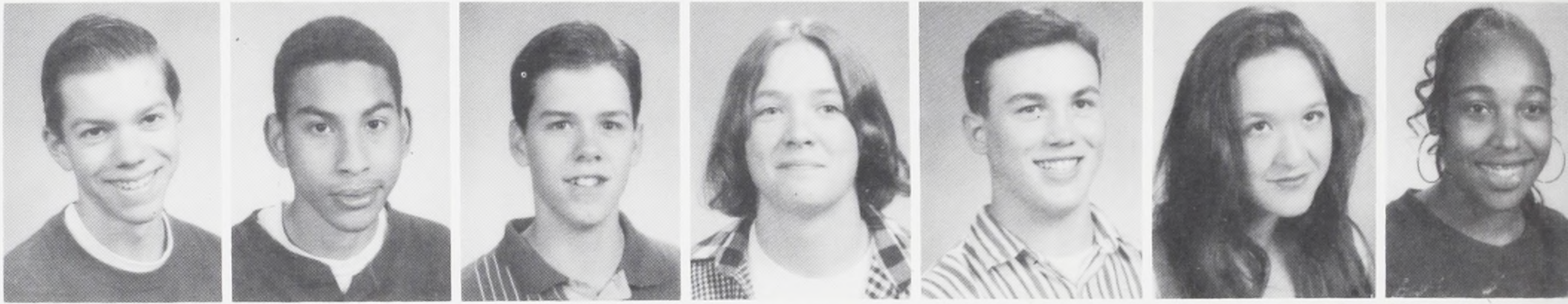
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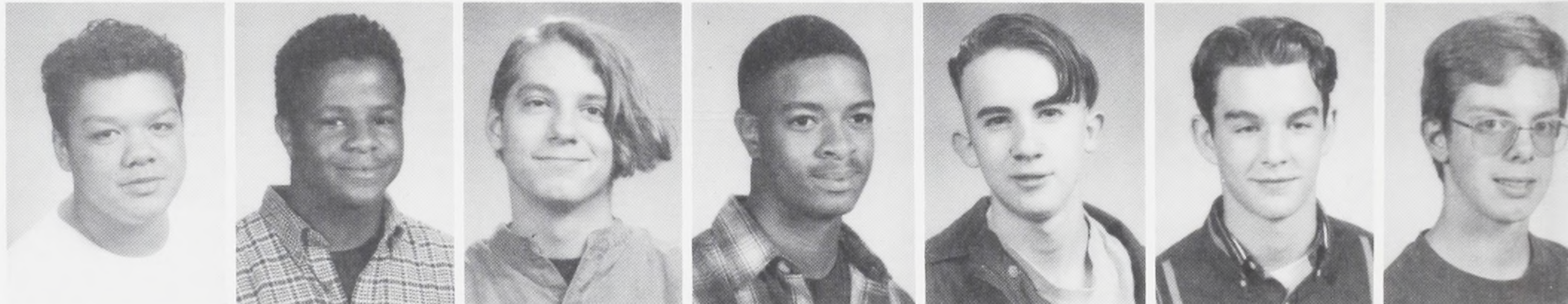
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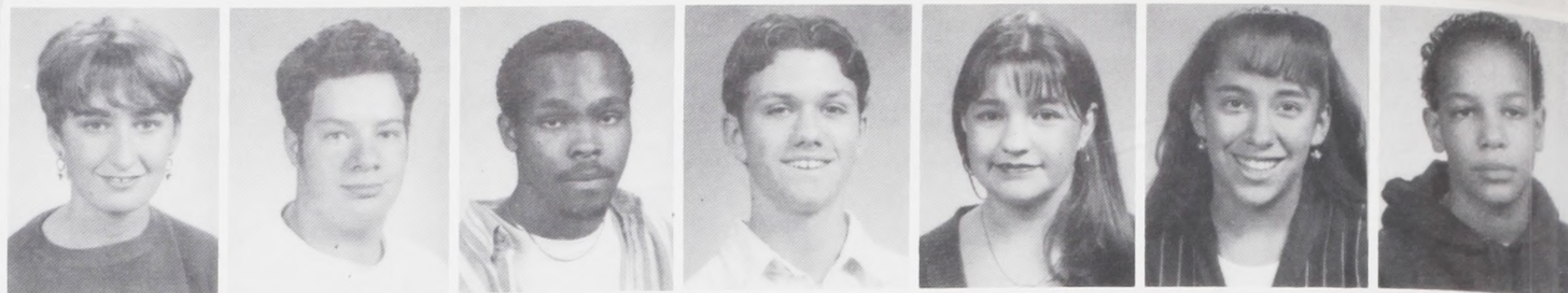
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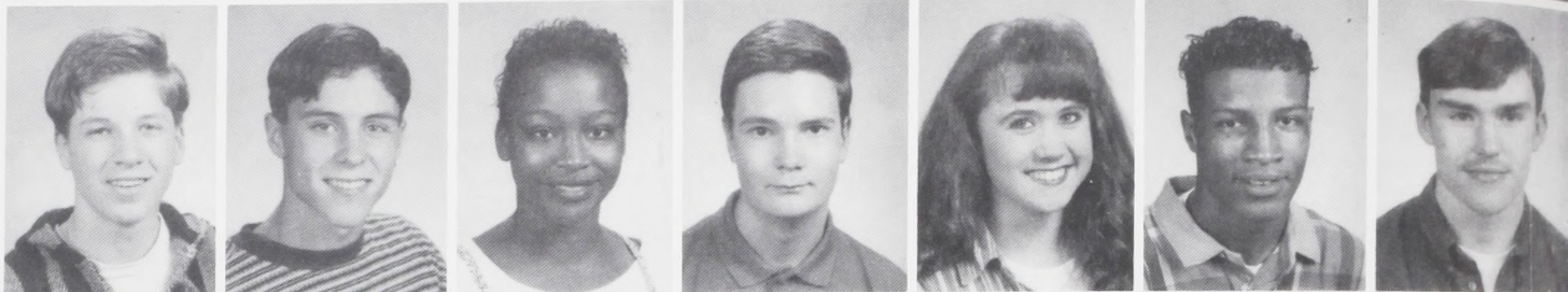
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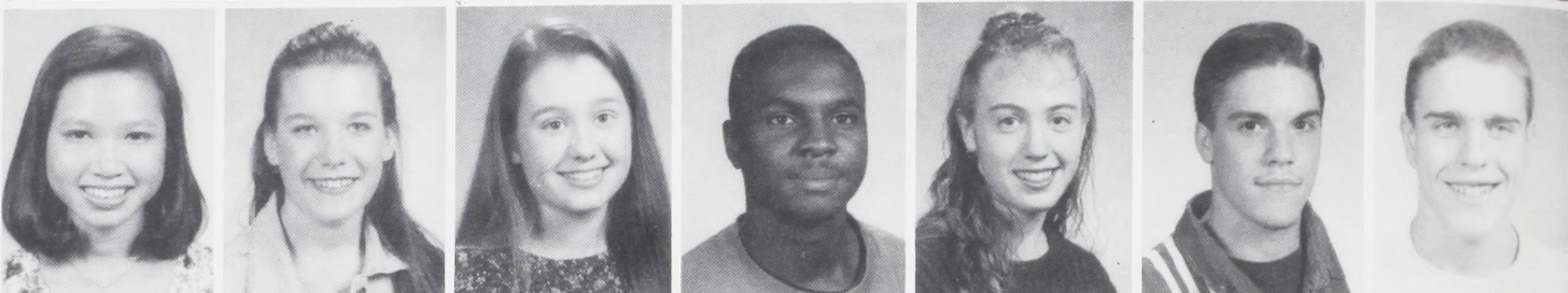
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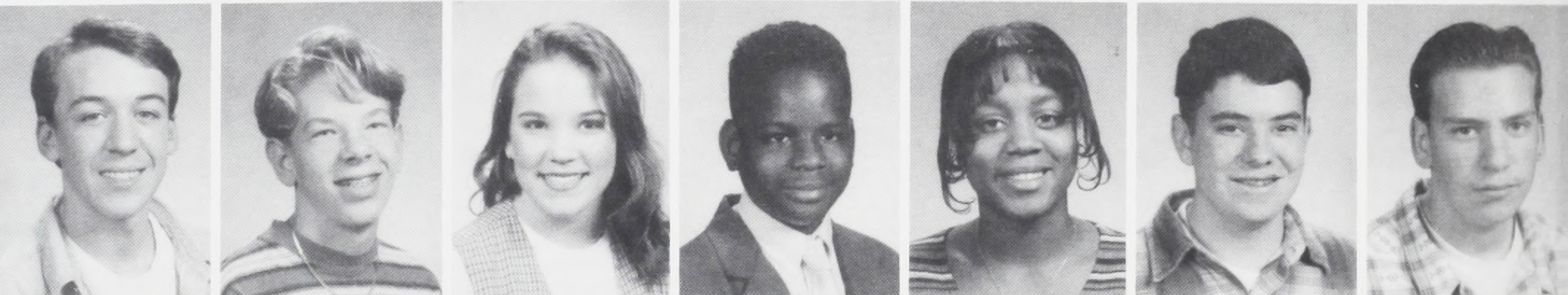
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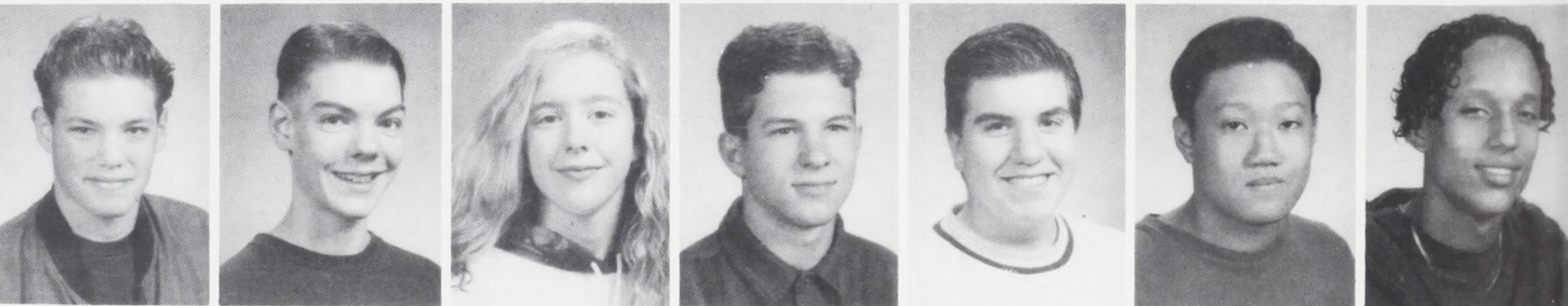
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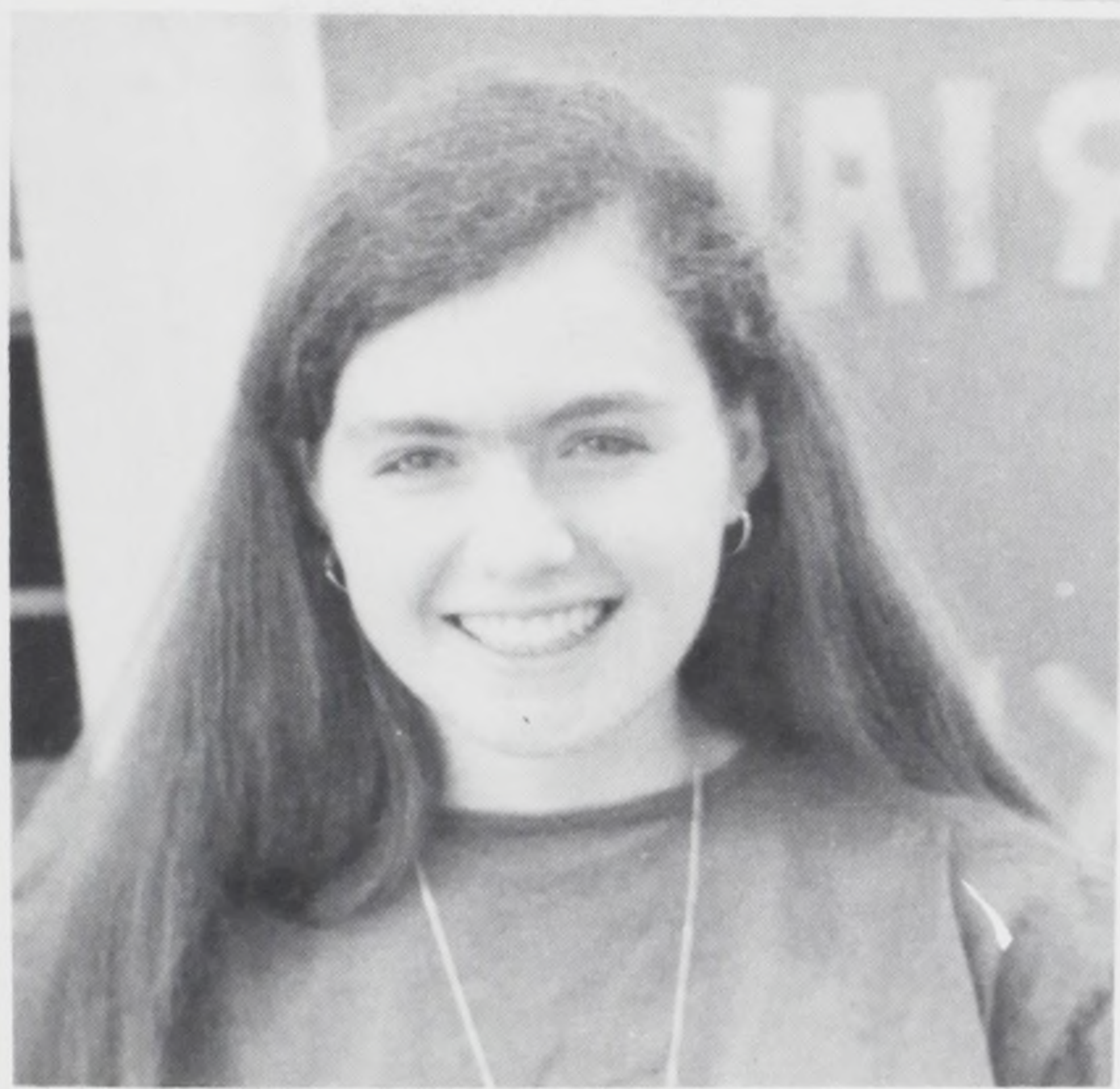


# *Things to do* before my **Senior year**



*"What do I want to do before my senior year?"  
**Amonique Brown** (10) states, "I want to run the 100  
meter dash in 12 seconds."*

***Geoff Bakker** (10) smiles, "  
I want to create the greatest  
airbrush masterpiece."*

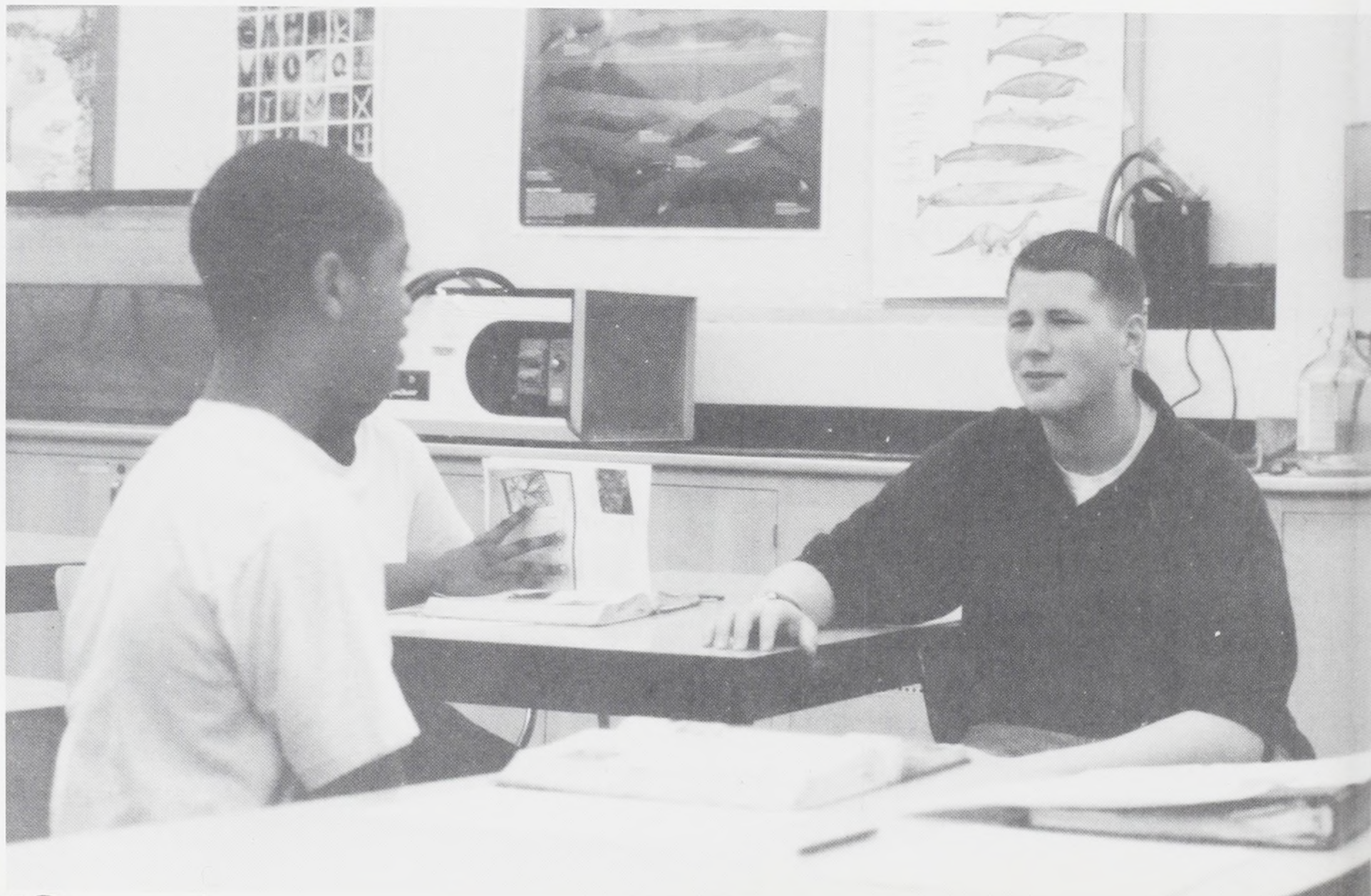


*"I want to pole vault for the varsity  
track team," says **Katie Leonard**  
(10).*





All work and no play can be dull. Bradford Lockett Jr. and Cole Mills "kill time" in their freshman biology class by socializing.





# different dimensions

400 ninth graders from all over Portland join forces to make adjustments to a unique high school.

When you hear the word FRESHMAN what does it really mean? Well, to the seniors, they are "nobodies", to the juniors they are "people who come and have another four years at Benson High School" and to the sophomores, "they are someone younger to pick on!" The real meaning of a freshman is really: Fresh'man, n. - a person in his or her first year in school or congress.

The freshmen identified themselves as "amateurs." They also identified the other classes as: Sophomore- "an amateur who can find his locker," Junior- "an amateur who can find his locker and his way around school," Senior- "an amateur who knows everything (that's in their own opinion) and who is at his or her last year of high school!"

When the question "In what way is BHS like a different world for you," many freshmen said that the open campus for lunch makes them feel "free" and it's not like middle school where you can't leave unless there's a good reason. They found out that they are cooperative and eager to do new things and getting used to nine classes a day, along with daily homework assignments. Last, they feel as if they are "sprouting" up quickly into the young adult world.

by angela k. munar

DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS



freshmen



Hmmm, what classes do I have? These "newcomers" are eager to see what they are taking during their freshman year.



by Jack Lim

# just say no?

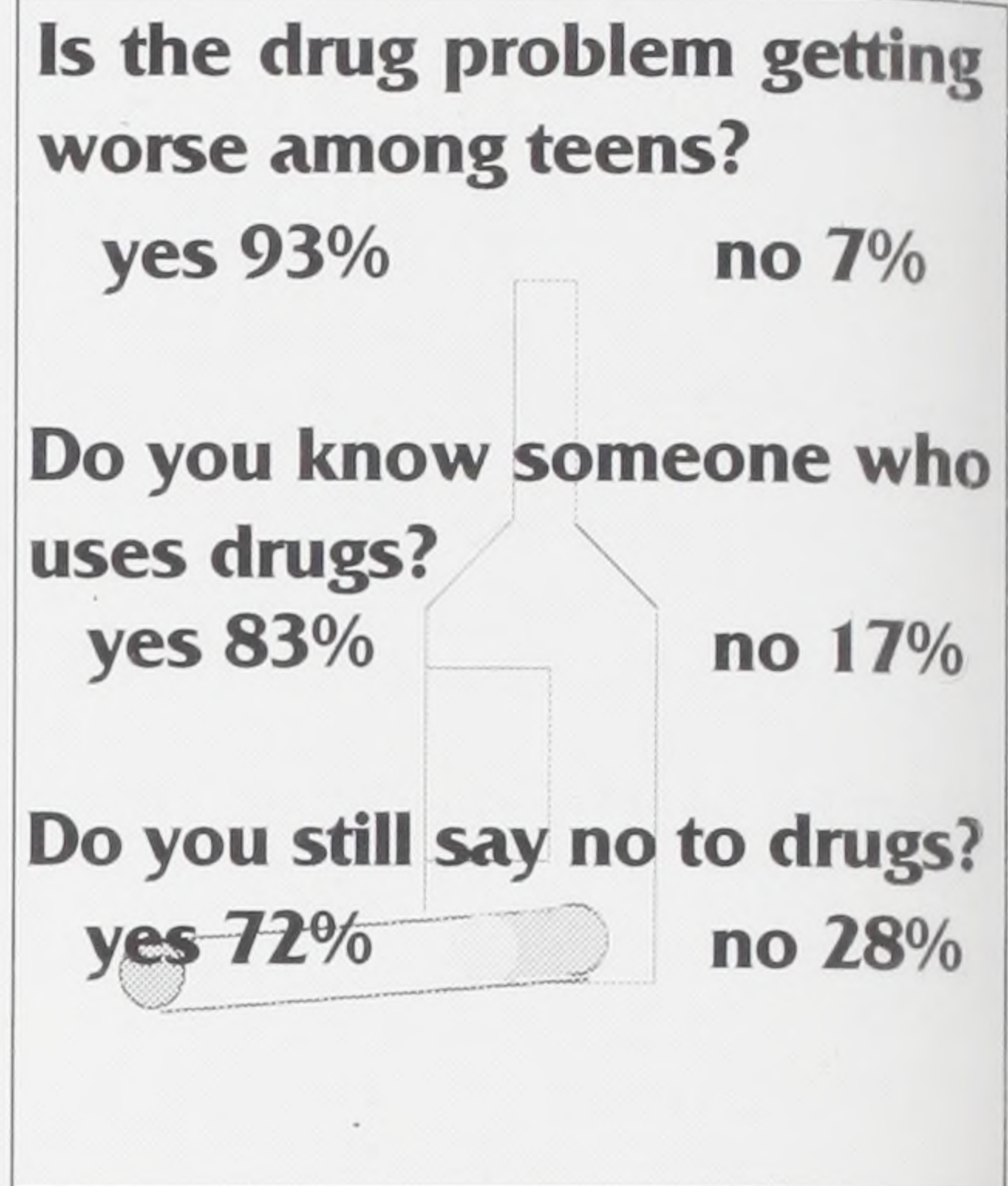
*Did Nancy Reagan's program in the 1980's really get through to the current generation?*

Is the drug problem among teens in the United States getting better or worse? Sixty-four out of the sixty-nine freshmen students surveyed feel that drugs have risen among teens in the past few years. Although peer pressure doesn't always have to do with getting involved with drugs, it is still a major influence that brings more and more people into this problem.

Fifty students of the sixty-nine say that they still say no to drugs. Most students that were willing to say why they started using drugs stated that they started out of experimentation. There was also a student who started drugs to "piss off my mom" and another who said that their

mother made him or her do it. This information may not be true, however, because our survey was not scientific.

Although the majority of the students think drug popularity has risen in teens in the past few years, most of them (49%) don't think that the end of the "War on Drugs" has meant new popularity. Eight people didn't quite know how to answer this question. Eighty-one percent of the people actually knew someone who used drugs.



69 Freshmen students surveyed in English classes.

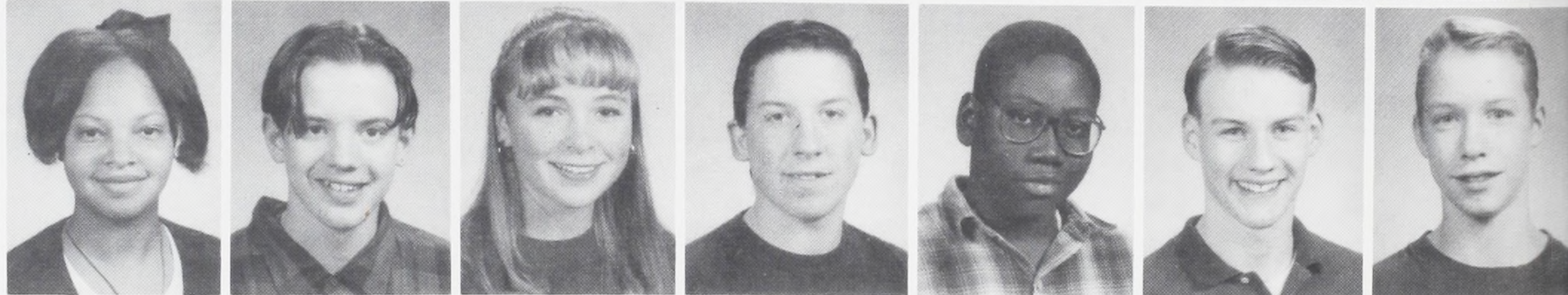
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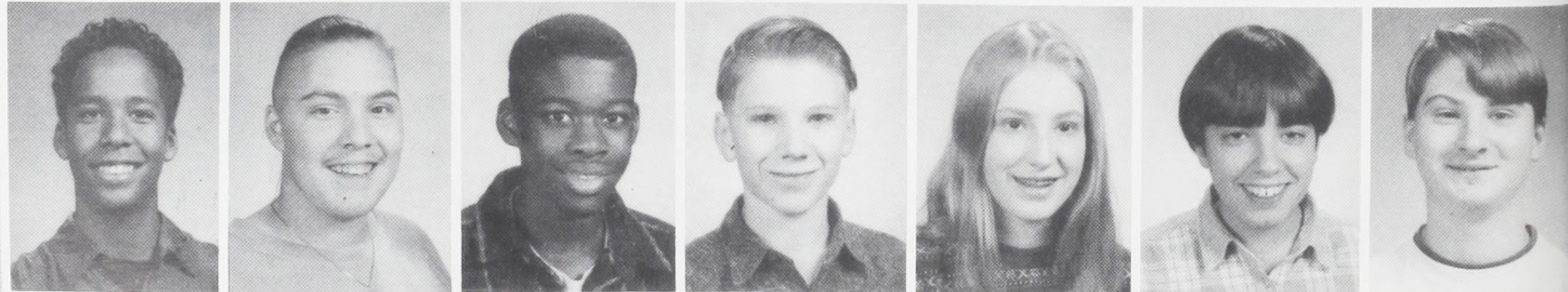
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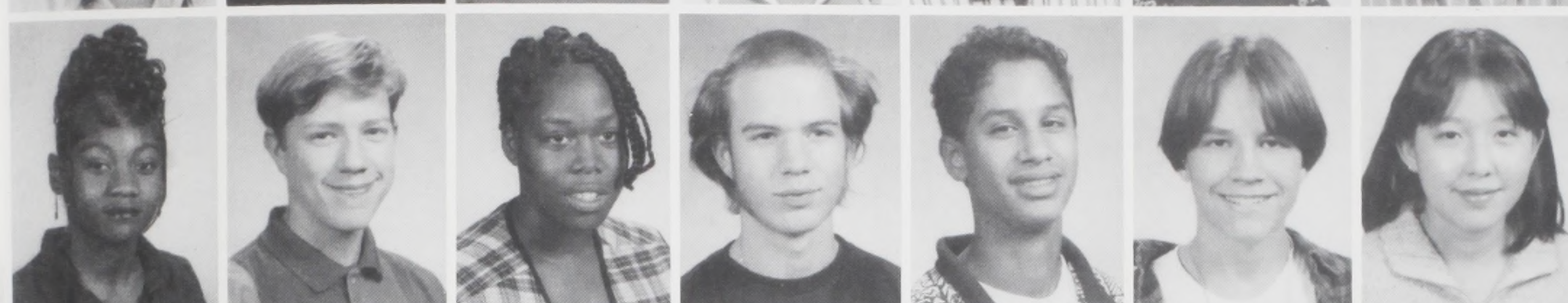
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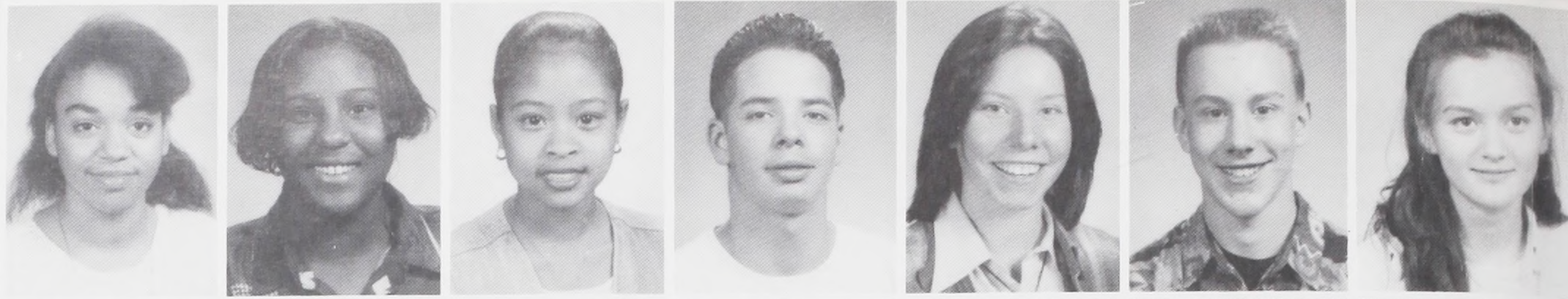
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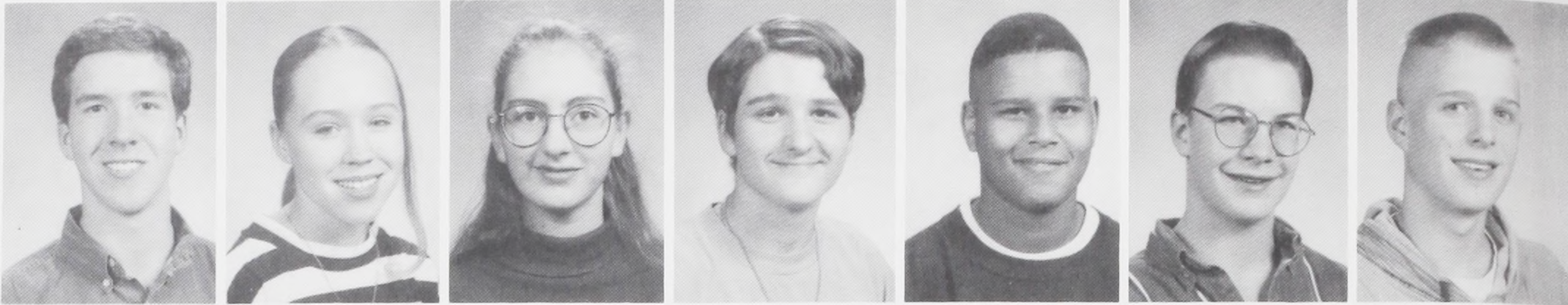
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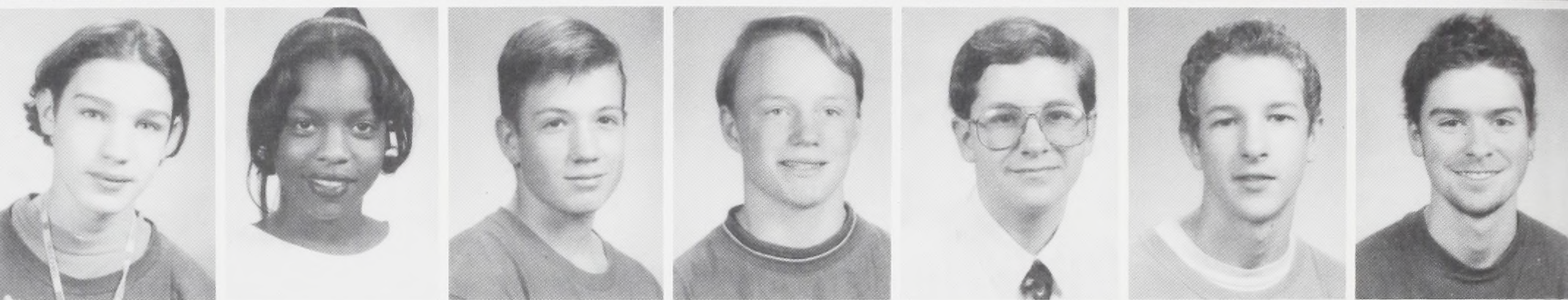
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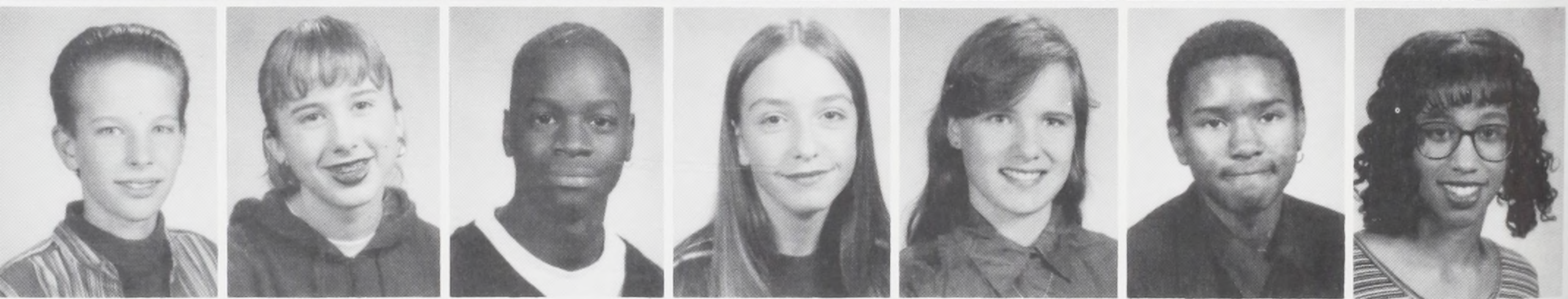
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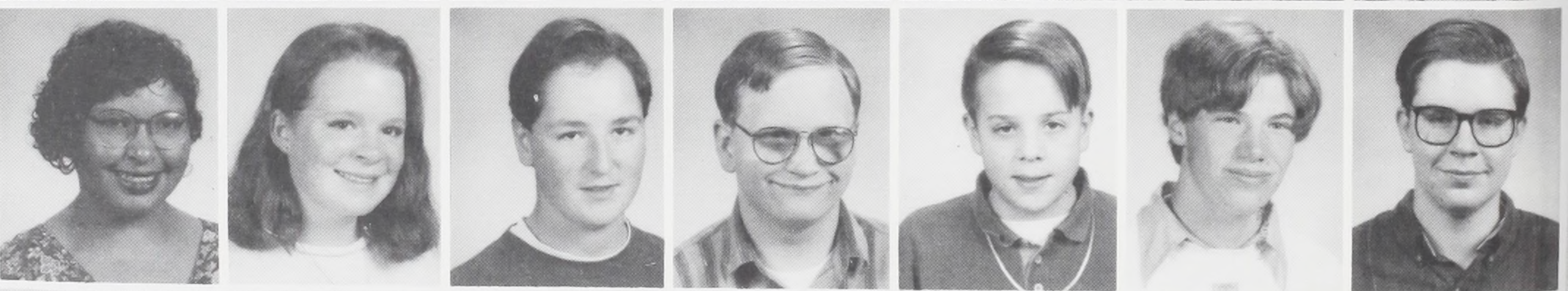
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## What Do You Think is a Typical Benson Freshmen?

*"I think a typical Benson freshman is one who tries to get the easy way out of school. They try and struggle hard to conform with everyone else."*

*-Thao Hoang*

*"Someone who puts up with too much crap from the class of '97."*

*-Anonymous*

*"The typical Benson freshman is immature, just the opposite of the typical freshman."*

*-Jenni Vomaska*

## Describe Yourself as a Benson Freshmen.

*"Tired, tries to make time for too many things. Barely able to hang with the workload."*

*-Mitch Myrick*

*"I am sick and tired of going to school and I feel like shooting someone."*

*-Anonymous*

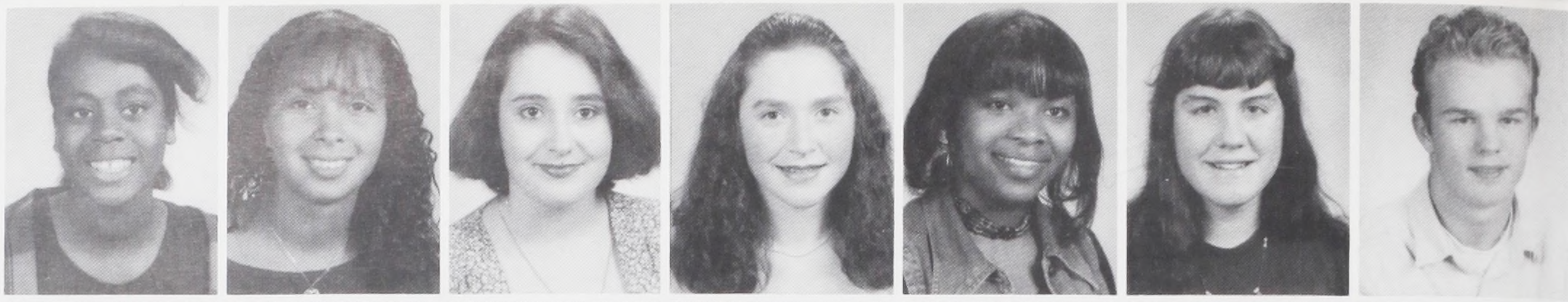
*"I work hard for grades but I also relax about it and do sports after school. I like being a freshman, even if we're looked upon as the bottom of panel scum by the upper-classmen."*

*-Anonymous*

**By Jack Lim**



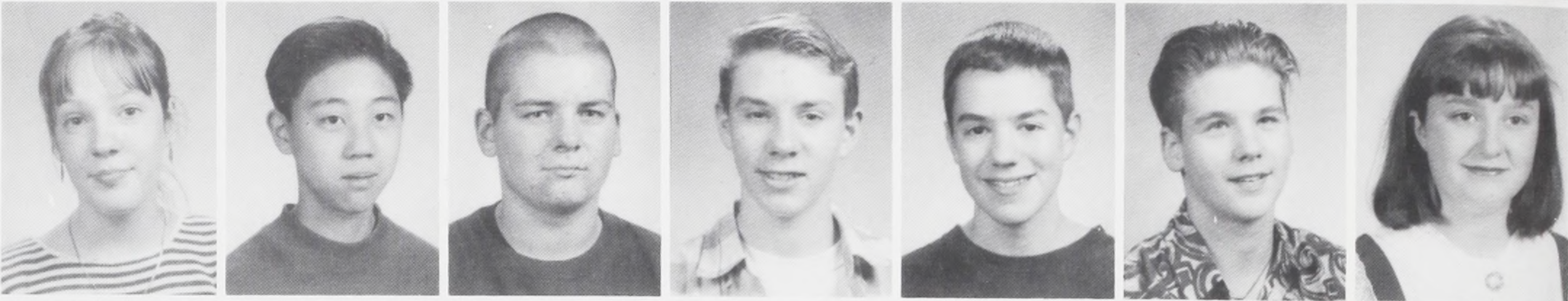
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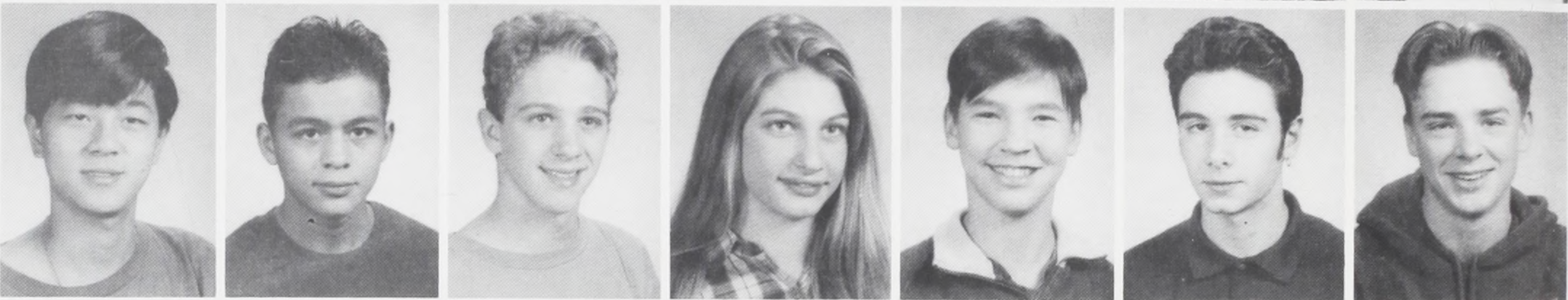
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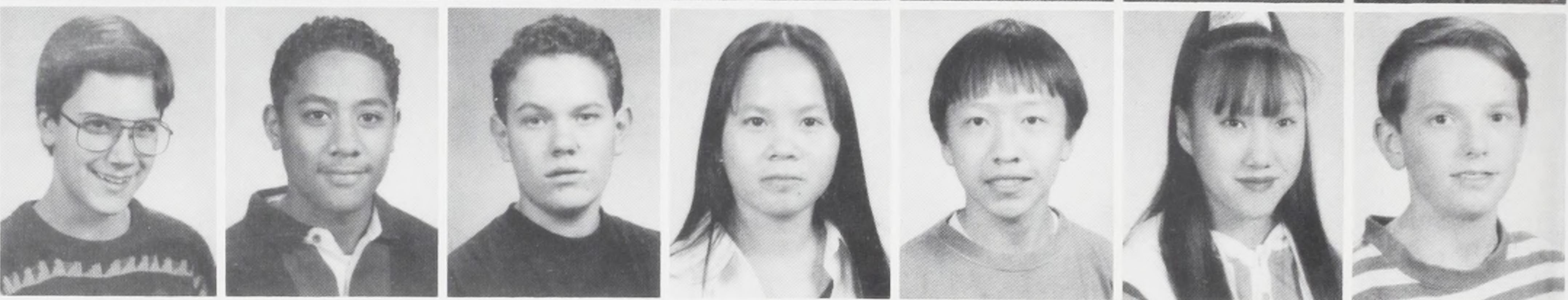
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## *Things That Annoy You Or Drive You Crazy :*

*Nineteen random freshmen were surveyed. After each item below is the number of times that item was selected.*

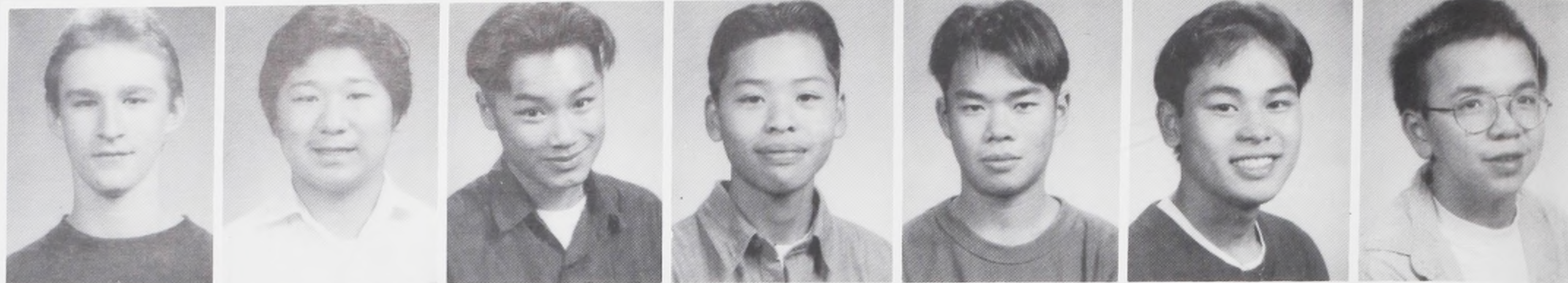
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- 5) People who butt into every one else's business 4
- 6) Teachers (the ones who give too much homework) 4
- 7) Wanna-be Gang members 3

- 8) Backseat or inconsiderate drivers 3
- 9) Racism 2

**Katie Bucher writes, on the survey about #9, "Every person is racist and ignorant in one way or another, so basically the entire human race annoys me. So I try to ignore the bad things in people and focus on the good."**



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 Kenneth Payne



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 Thomas Pender  
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 Jamie Perkins  
 Deasha Peterson-Allen  
 Anthony Pham  
 Thomas Pham



*What had the most influence on your decision to go to Benson?*

*VICA 23 %*

*Friends 3%*

*Other 14%*

*HOSA 2 %*

*Reputation 23%*

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*Parents 12%*

*Being Close to Lloyd Center 5%*

**Based on a survey of 87 Freshmen. The remaining eighteen percent could not follow directions and had more than one choice.**





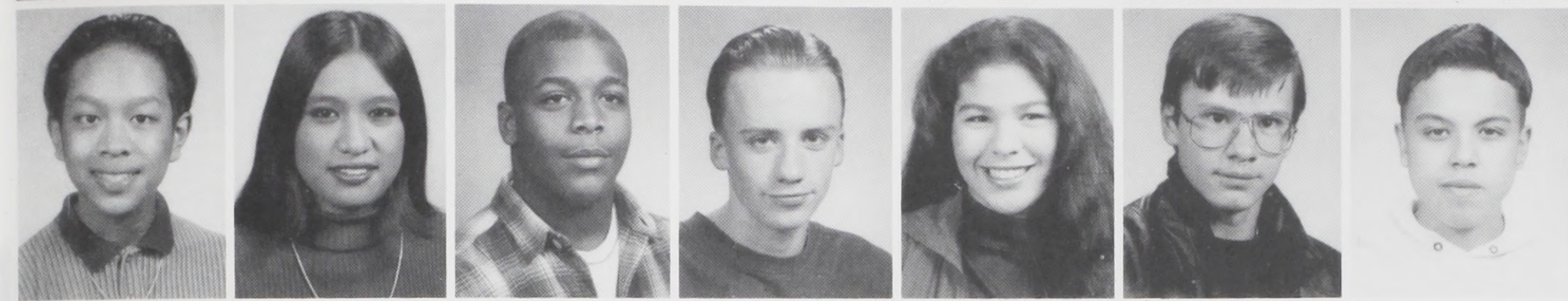
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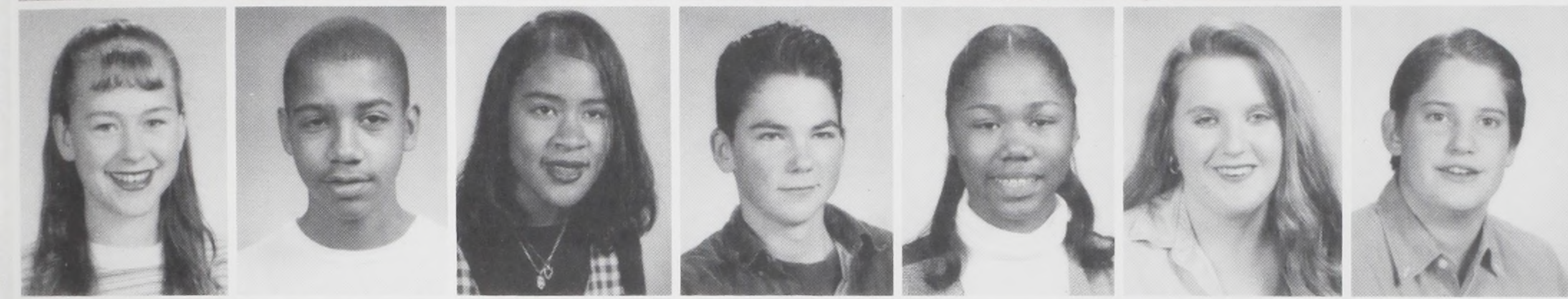
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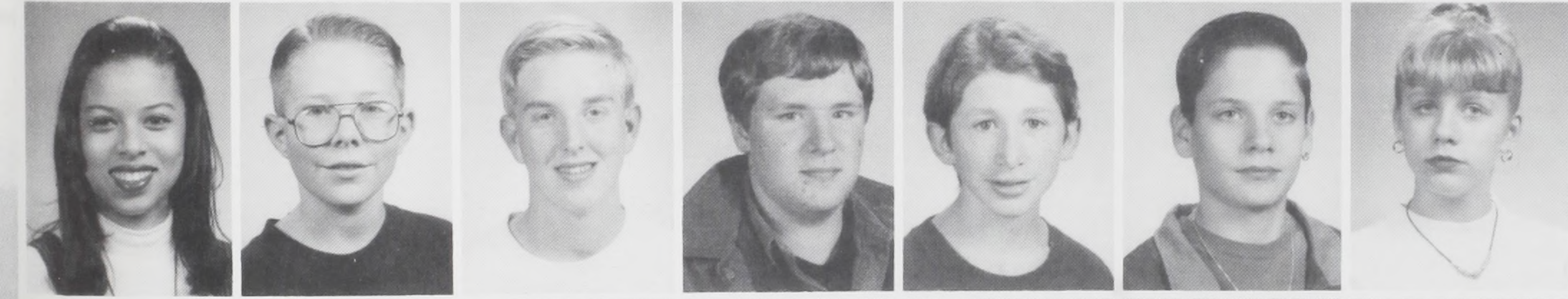
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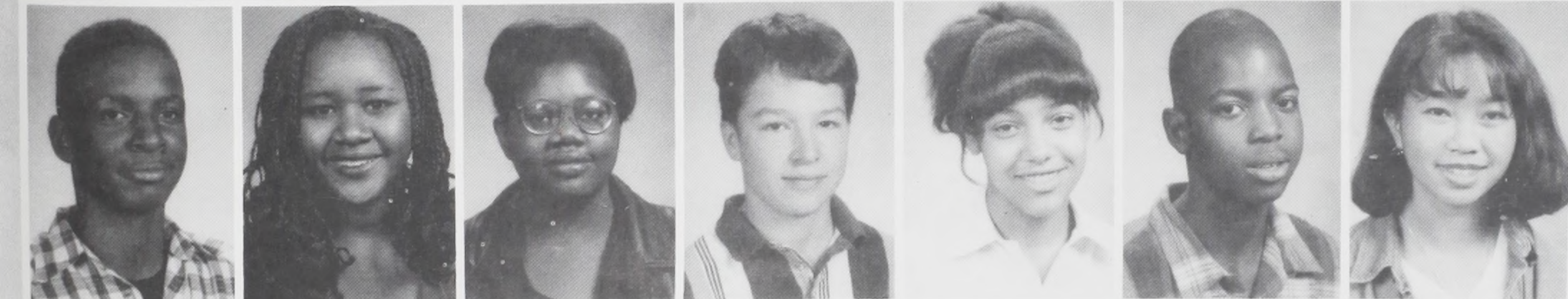
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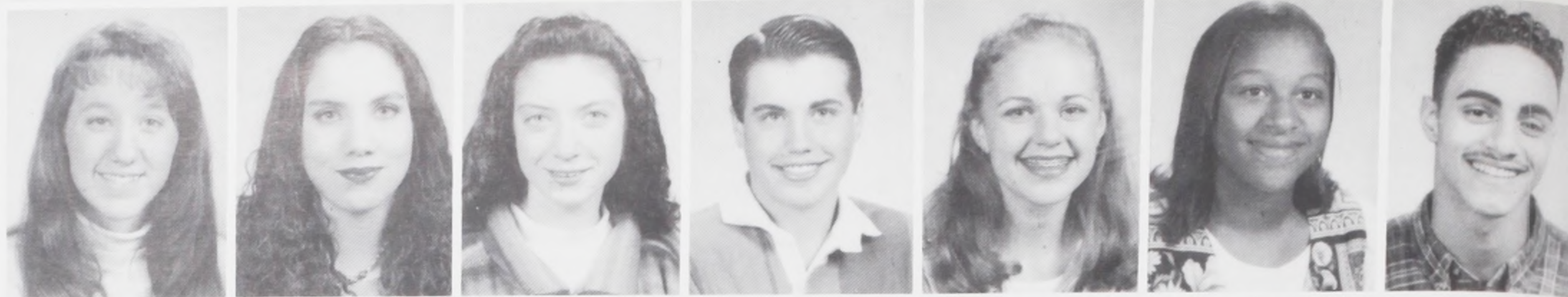
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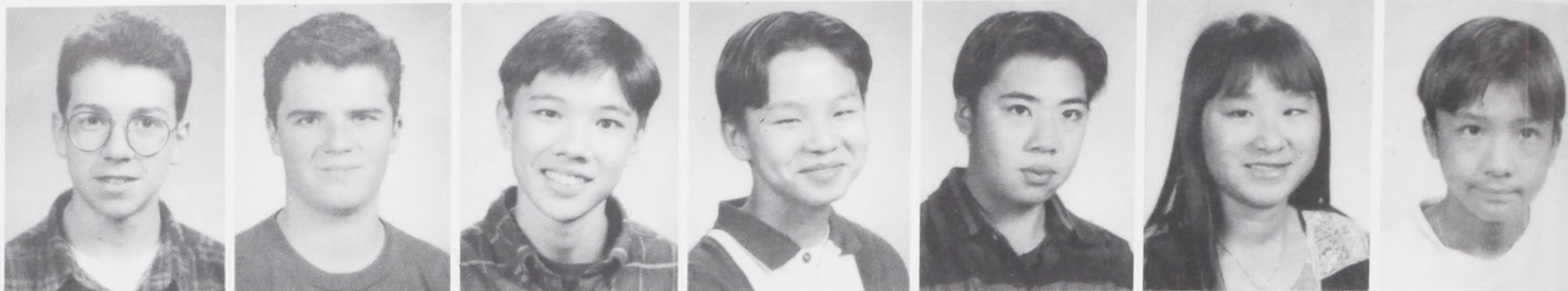
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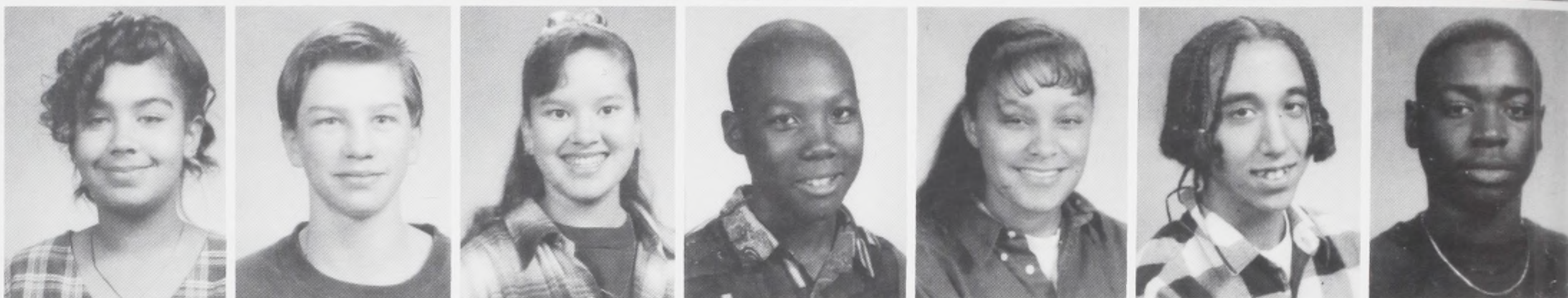
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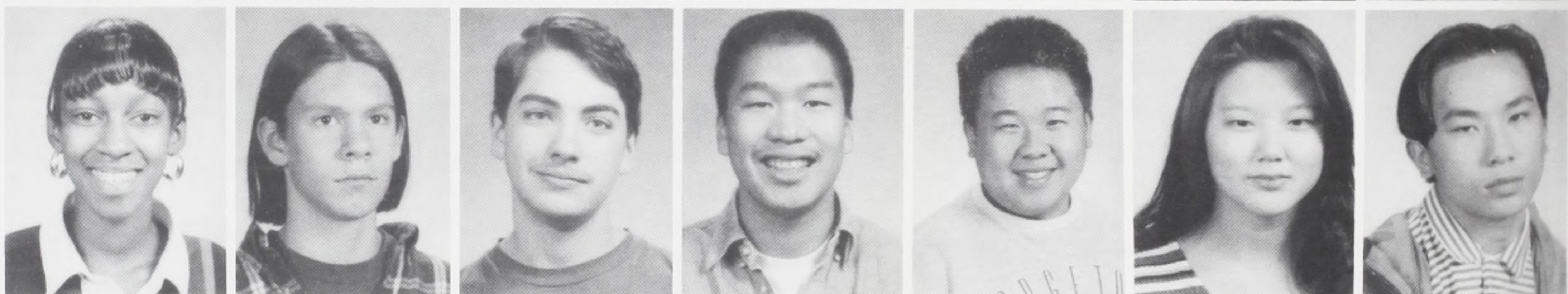
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 Nicole Boedeker  
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By Sarah Lee



Do you think the school needs  
more social events?

**C/O 98**

responds with:

Field Trips: 20%

"Entertaining" Assemblies: 15%

Carnivals: 10%

Dances (Without Rap): 2%

Dances (With Rap): 10%

Other: 6%

The people who are **ILLITERATE** or just  
can't follow directions: 37%





# a different age

once a student, now a teacher, but  
always learning.



My Teddy Bear! Ms. Roeske comes to school comfortably in her "Sleepless in Seattle" pajamas and with her fuzzy and soft teddy bear on pajamas day during Spirit Week.

Before they became the teachers that they are now, it's different to think that they all were once students going through the educational process. Some teachers feel confident teaching about material since they've taught for many years, and they've probably spent many more years learning it. Then there are some that forgot how many years they've been teaching. As Mr. Martin states, "I'll always be a student at heart. We are learning new things constantly."

As civilization evolved, so has the material taught and the methods. Dr. Wachlin states, "Times have changed the relationship. Compared to when I began teaching, teachers now treat students with greater sensitivity and respect. And students now treat teachers with greater insensitivity, disrespect and rudeness." As different as the world is now, most teachers still set the same expectations. "There needs to be trust, respect, and a love of learning," Mr. Harrison said.

A different world is the world of the future when the students will soon become the leaders of tomorrow. Many students now think about a career to focus on, but they may never realize that they become teachers when they grow up, no matter what occupation they're in. "Students become teachers

**by david lim**

when they share what they have learned," Mr. Markin said, and in a technical school, we share a lot of knowledge.

Dr. Wachlin and her husband spend their summers teaching a post-graduate English course in The People's Republic of China. Their shirts were made at Benson High School in Mr. Hewitt's printshop. To the Western eye, the shirt design looks like a cross and sword; to the Chinese it says "friendship."

During her vacation Mrs. Poling relaxes in the cool waters of Maui by snorkeling.







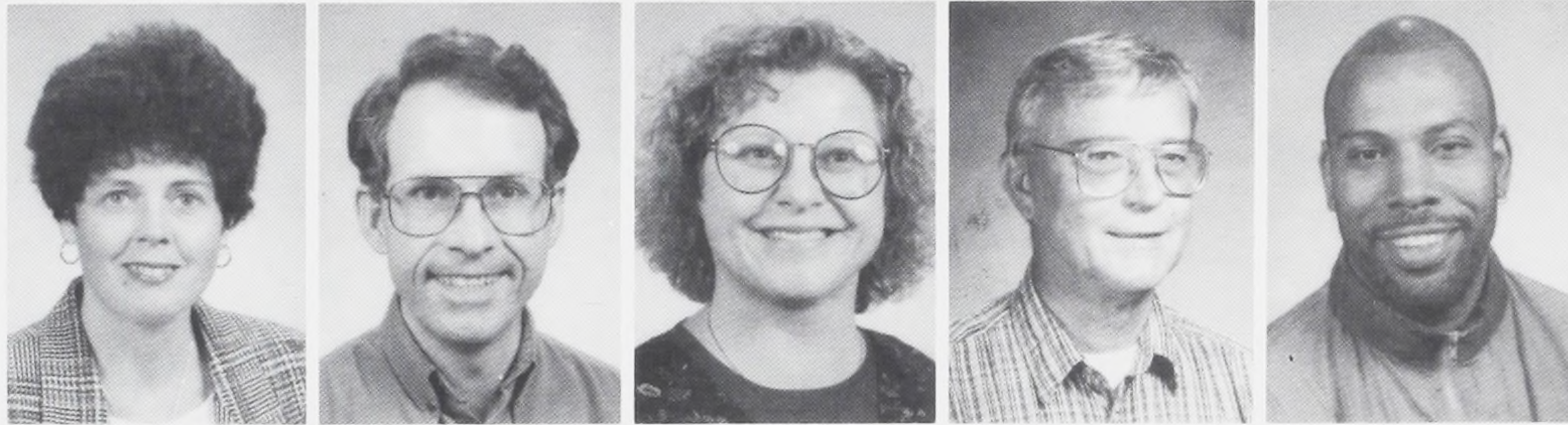
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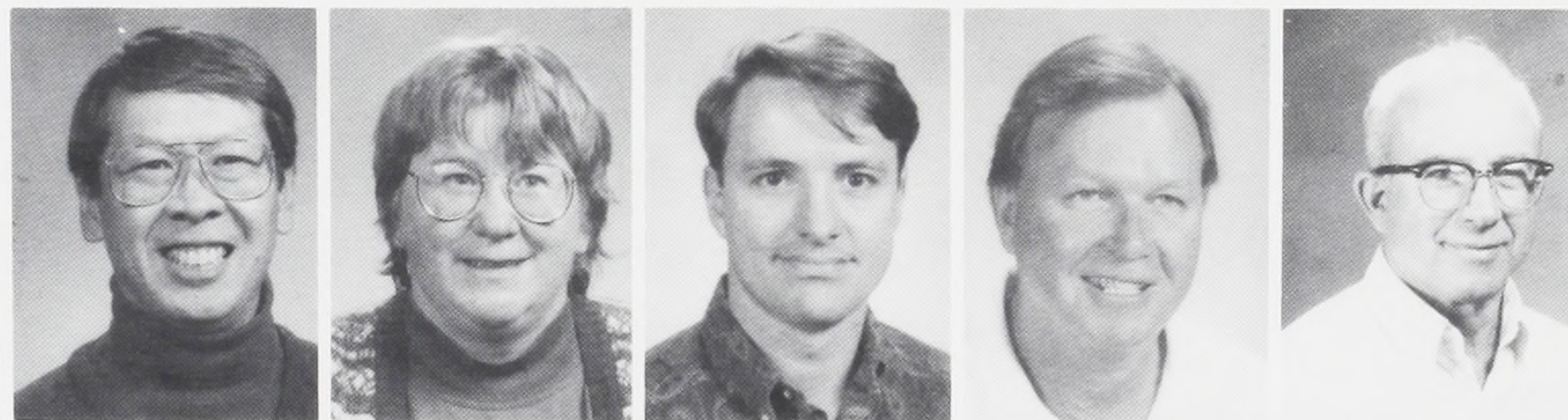
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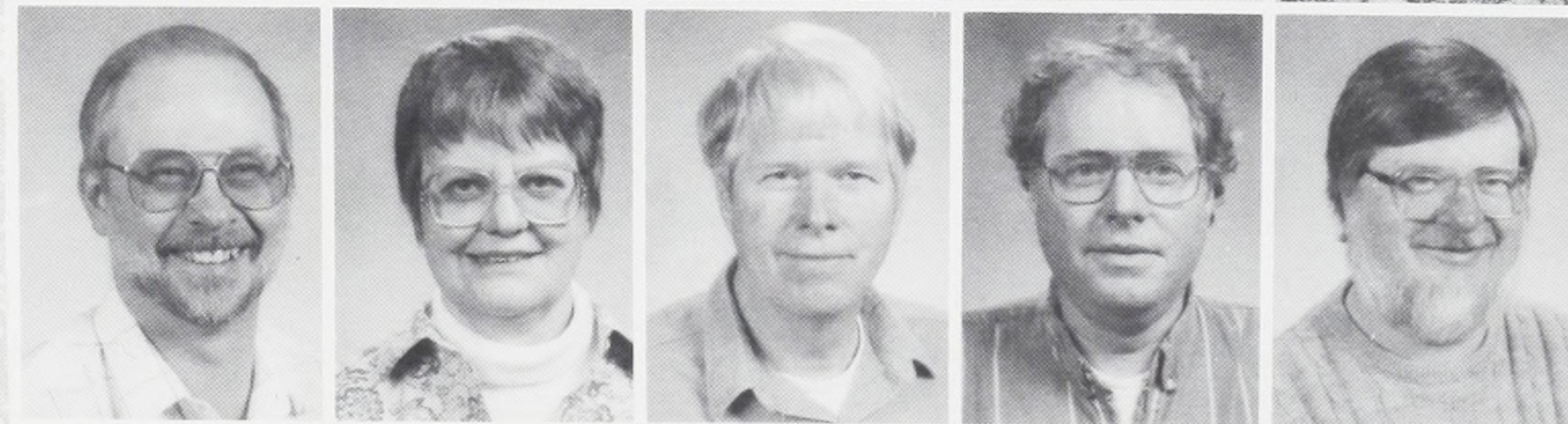
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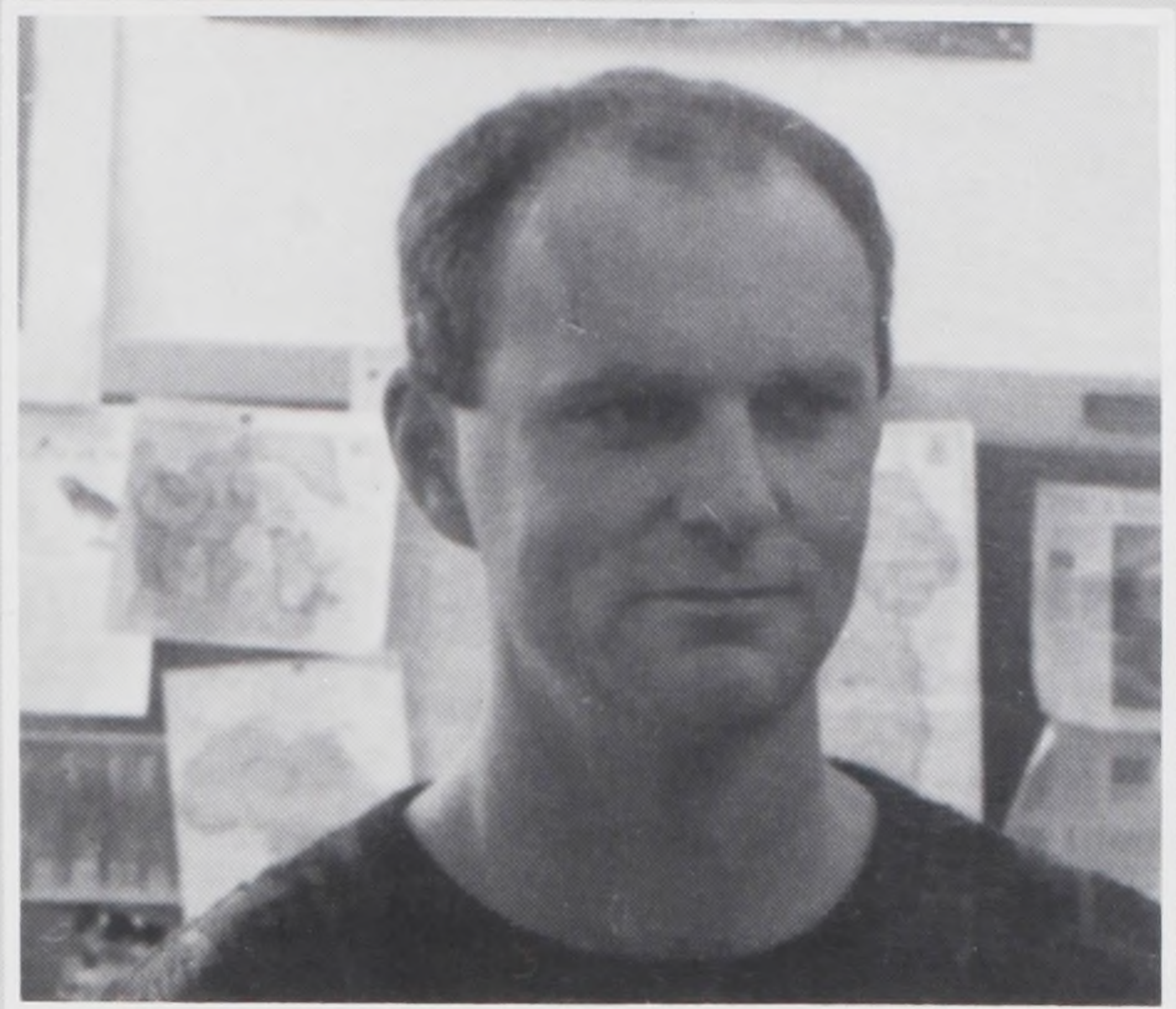


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# Q uestion & A nswer



## through the mind of Mr. Ryan

- Q: How is Benson different from other schools where you've taught?  
 A: *It has gravity*
- Q: Are you glad to be teaching at Benson? Why or why not?  
 A: *It's a good interplanetary study of different life-forms.*
- Q: If you were principal, what changes would you make?  
 A: *I would build a dome over the baseball field. Baseball is the favorite and only sport on our planet.*
- Q: What is your greatest frustration this year?  
 A: *I miss my 6 wives and 37 children back on Seti Alpha Centaur.*
- Q: What is the unusual thing that happened to you this year?  
 A: *I stopped time on the planet for six hours and was able to tattoo a picture of our planet's mascot on the left pinky toe of every left-hander at Benson.*
- Q: In your world of imagination, how do you picture education to be like in the year 2100 A.D.?"  
 A: *This planet will realize that education is unnecessary. You "people" will finally figure out the "big picture."*
- Q: Without mentioning names, tell about your most difficult student.  
 A: *The student body!!*
- Q: What do you do on weekends to unwind?  
 A: *Strip out of this earthling costume.*
- Q: How do you control your classes?  
 A: *44 magnum — the most powerful handgun in the world!*



Doris Fong  
 Librarian  
 Tony Franciscone  
 Building Construction  
 Del Gerber  
 Science  
 Gene Gillock  
 Campus Monitor  
 Pamela Haines  
 Special Education

John Harlan  
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 James Harrison  
 Social Studies  
 David Hewitt  
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 Liz Hilger  
 Data Clerk  
 Robin Hill  
 Manufacturing



## How do you control your classes?

*"Through clear, concise expectations."*

- Mrs. Niedermeyer

*"Don't ever have a sub!"*

- Mrs. McBride

*"Constant battle. Never seems to be one answer to every student problem."*

- Mr. Vogel

*"1. Try to make it interesting*

*2. Vary Activities*

*3. Treat students with respect and they usually treat me with respect.*

*4. Make rules and consequences clear."*

- Mrs. Cleaton

*"I try to develop a care for others' attitude (this encourages peer pressure to work against disruption and selfishness)."*

- Mr. Hill

## What do you consider to be your greatest award or reward in your teaching career?

*"Watching the process of growth in my students."*

- Mrs. Niedermeyer

*"When students realize they learned something useful."*

- Mrs. McBride

*"The kids that come back to see me after graduating. Many have gone into electrical careers. Watching them grow up."*

- Mr. Vogel

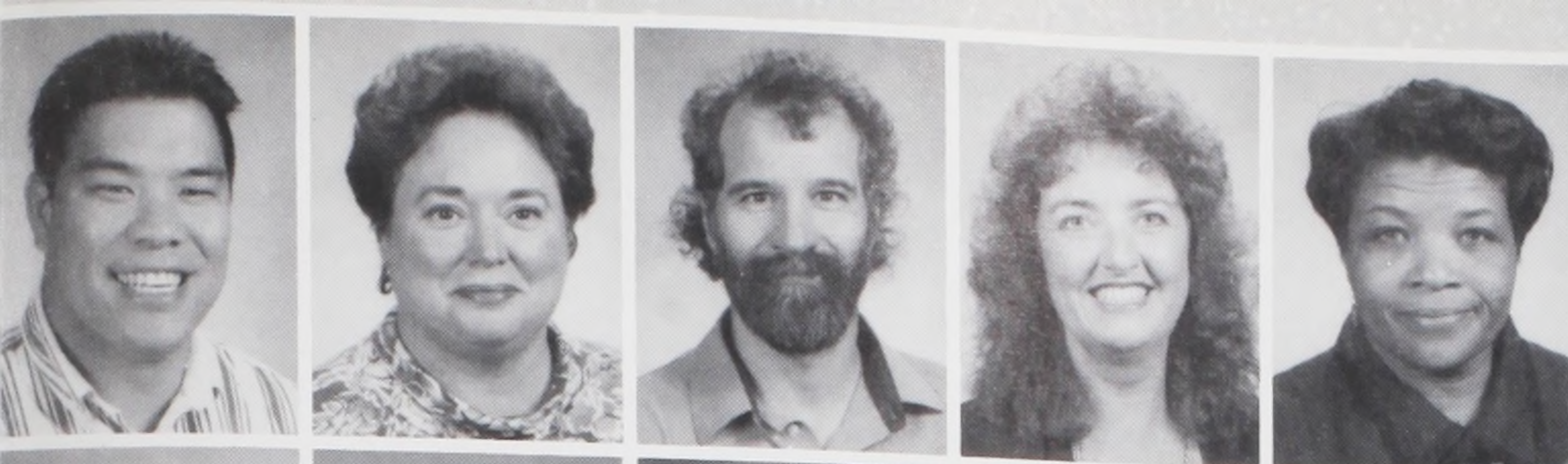
*"Seeing students get excited about learning."*

- Mrs. Cleaton

*"I am still teaching after 19 years and still enjoy it!"*

- Mr. Hill

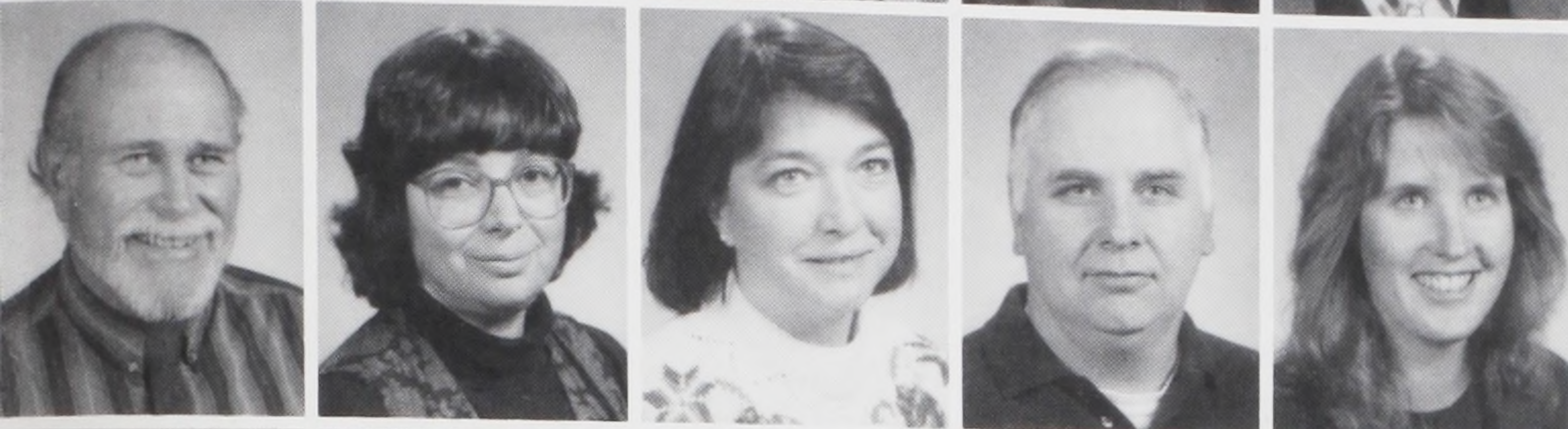




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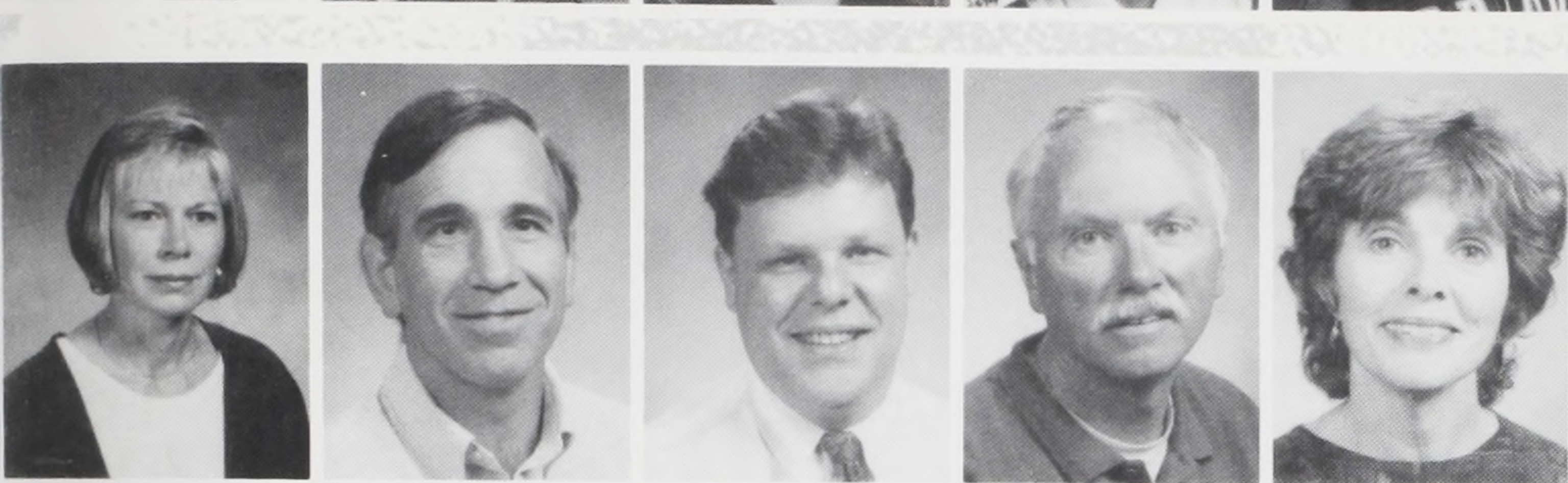
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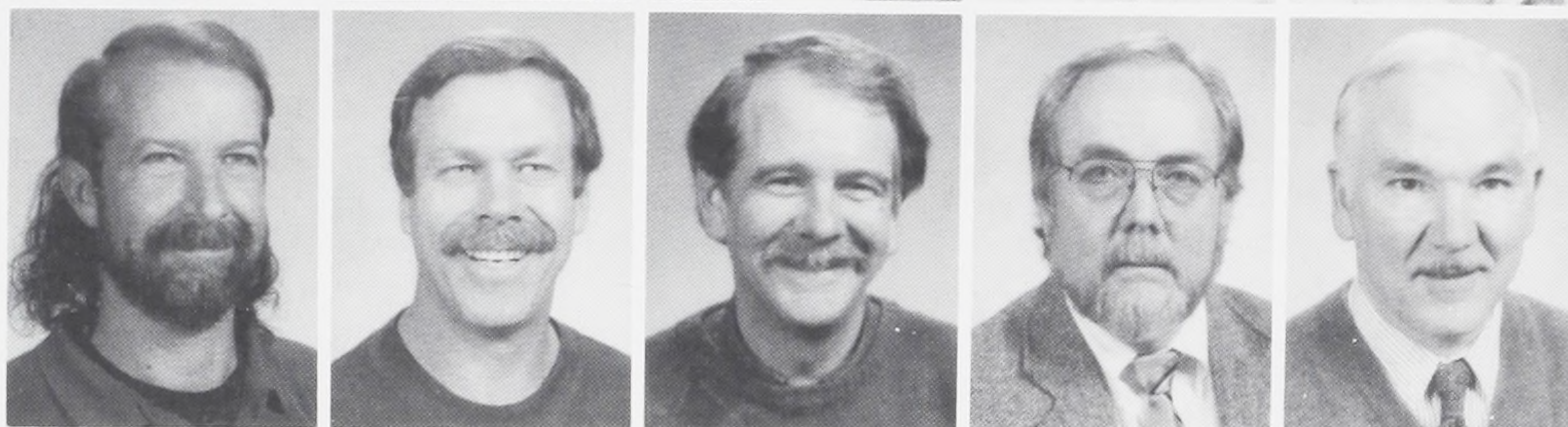
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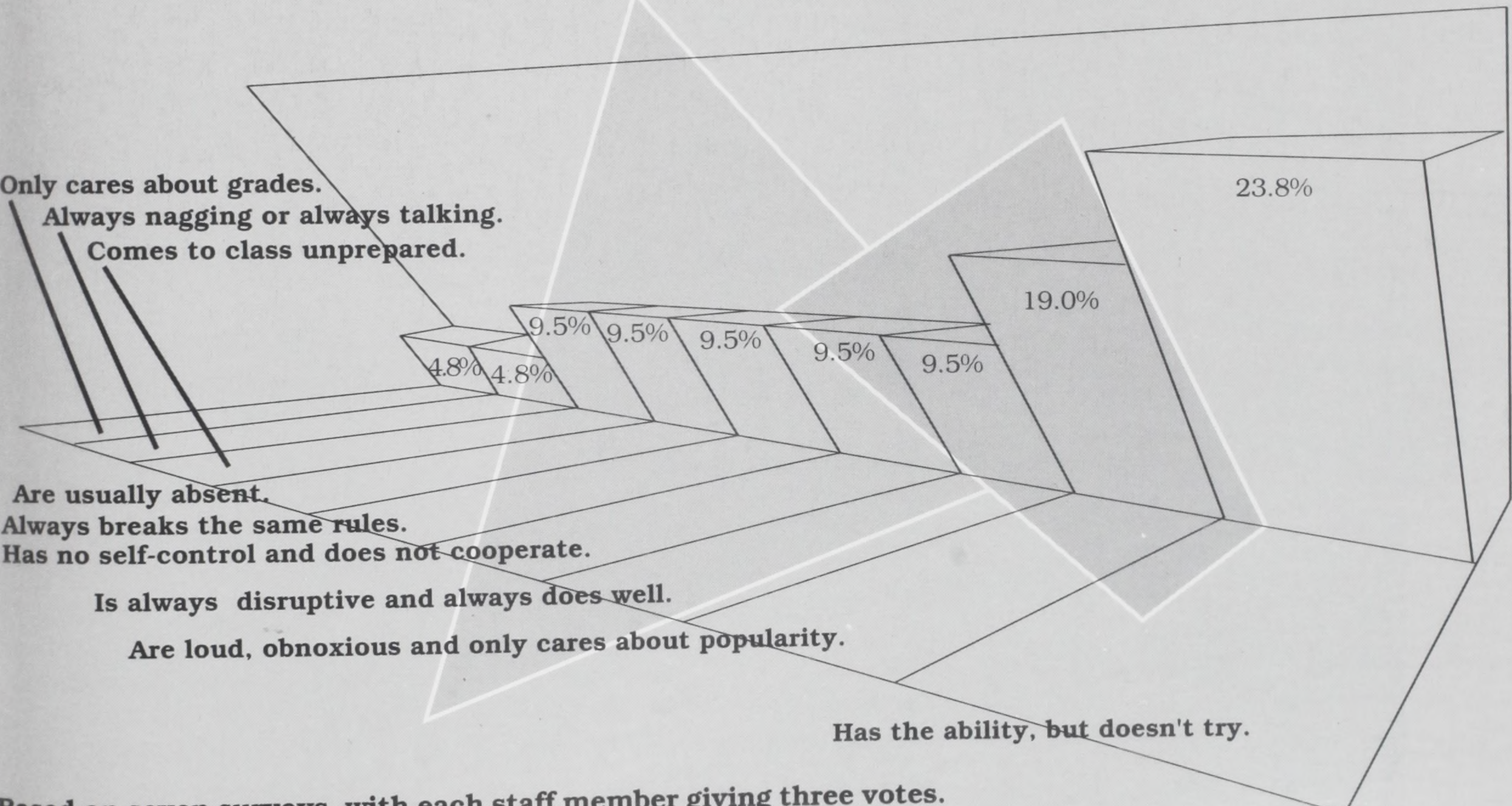
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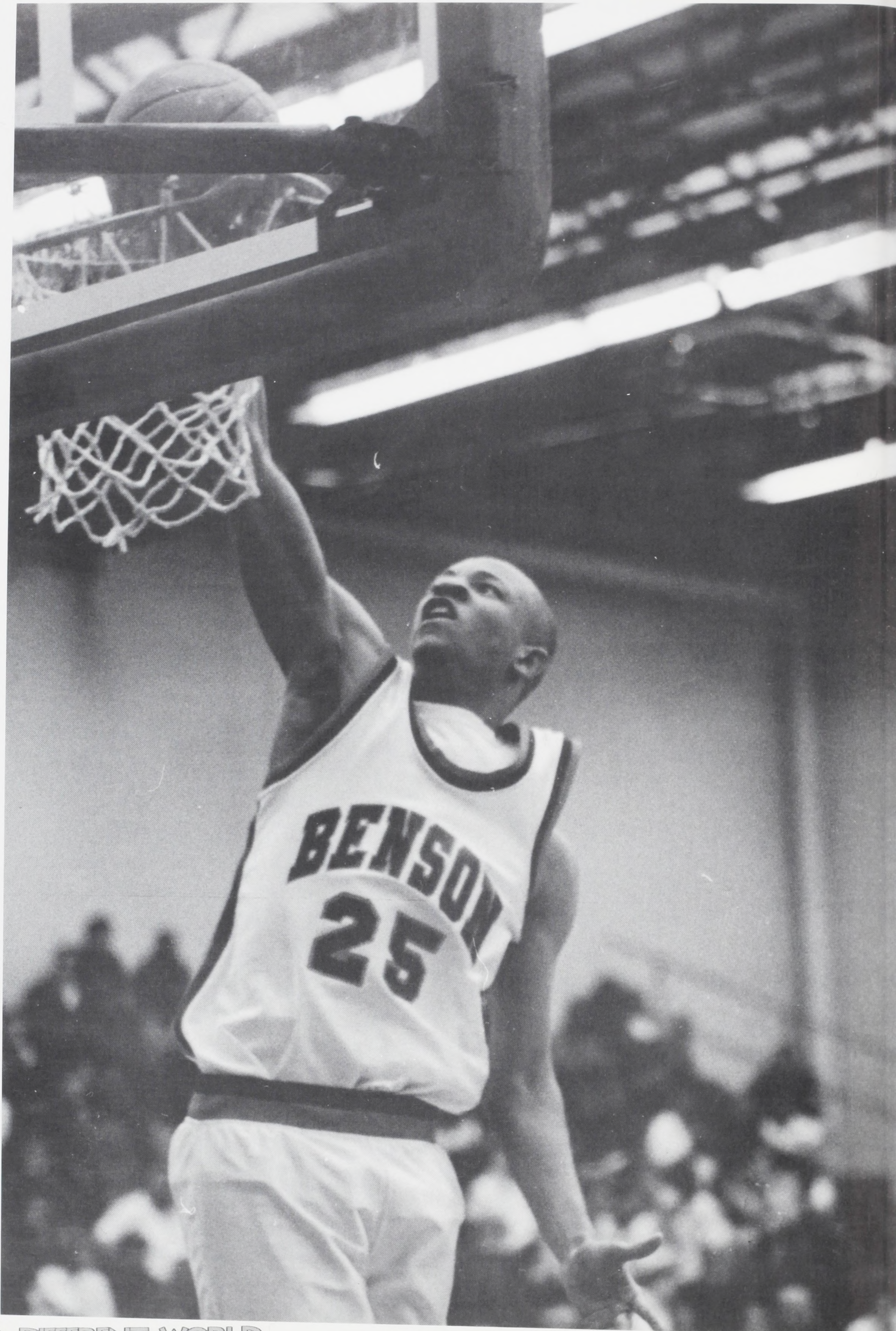
# The Most Difficult Student Profiles

## A Student Who...



Based on seven surveys, with each staff member giving three votes.







# a different ballgame

**1994-95 Benson sports had its own different attitude. Going from city to state, Benson sports carried us all through the year.**

The world of sports is a long and very stressful one. Benson students participate, aware of stresses caused when practice and games cut into homework and free time.

Standouts are few as many participants dream of the one-in-a-million chance to play professional sports. Anyone who has sufficient grades can play the sports they love. They can excel in anything, from wrestling to track, or volleyball to football.

Benson sports were successful in 1994-95. We began the playoff trips for football, volleyball and cross country and continued them until

Jason Franklin (12) gracefully soars through the air as he dunks a ball in a game against Marshall.

basketball, swimming, wrestling, and track. All teams competed on an extremely high level. Techmen and Techsters alike literally punish opponents in games and matches.

With the passing of the class of '95, Benson will add yet another era of great sports and teams into the already thick archives. But with the upcoming underclassmen and the leadership of the class of '96, Benson will continue to rule the battlefields that they have won on so many times.

When people think of Benson, they think of high tech and sports. Sports have been great because of outstanding individuals who come to Benson with dedication and seriousness about their future, both academically and in sports.

Benson truly does play a totally different ball game. Our students are in a league of their own.

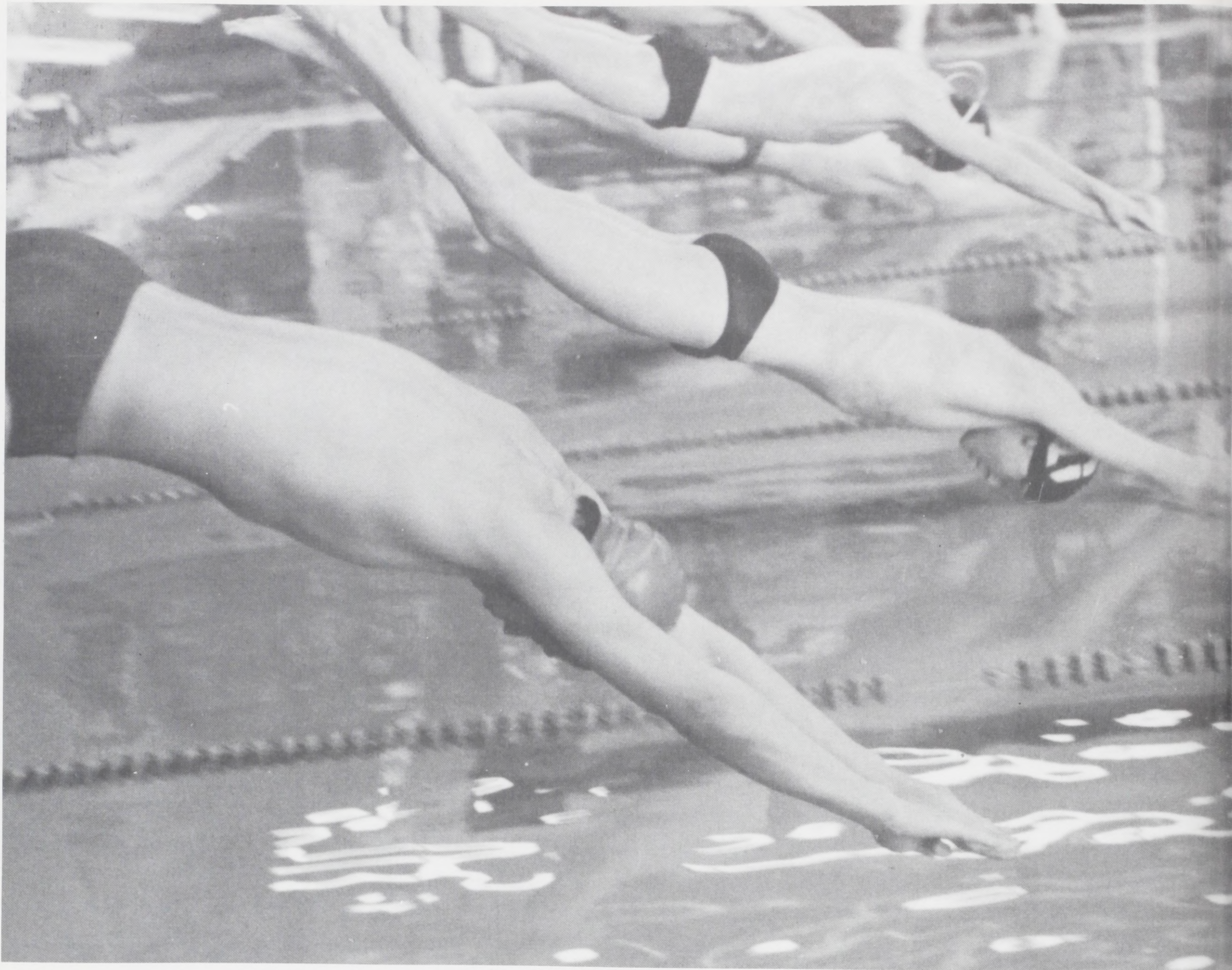
by joe putnam



Freshmen Eric Wiley flies over a hurdle in a track and field meet against Wilson.





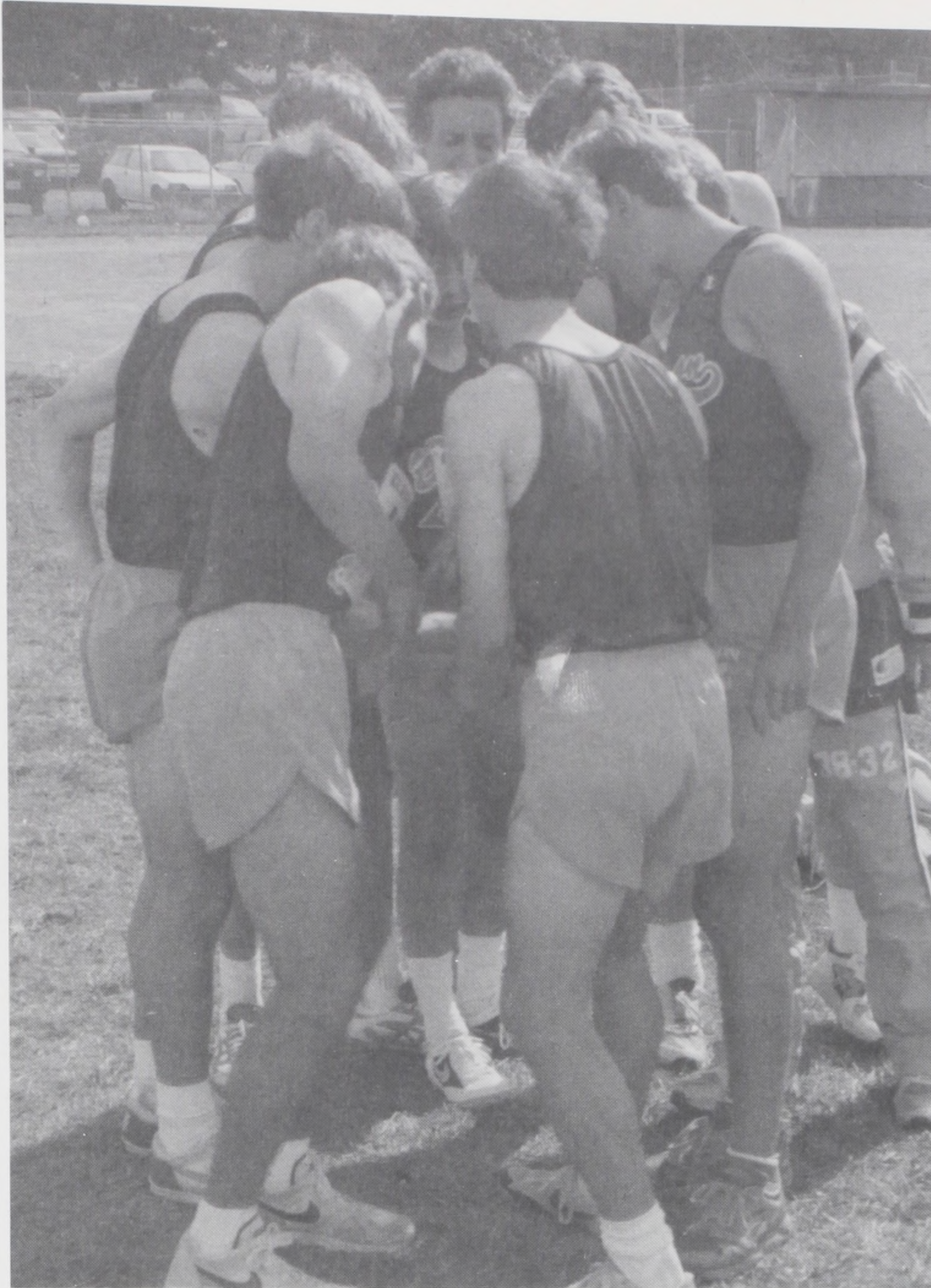


Benson Tech swimmers dive in deep to reach their goals of finally taking the city championship.

Jackie Barnes (11) signals for the ball during a women's varsity basketball game.







Benson Tech Cross Country runners gather up for a team cheer before heading off onto dirt trails during a meet.



Several Benson runners relax underneath the bleachers before a district meet run at Wilson.







**DOWN & DIRTY.** Senior Heather Varney flies towards the ball, narrowly beating out a Cleveland opponent for control of the ball.



**THERE IT IS!** Larissa Estes spots the ball on its way down from being punted by a Cleveland defender.

## leader of the pack

**NAME: HEATHER VARNEY**

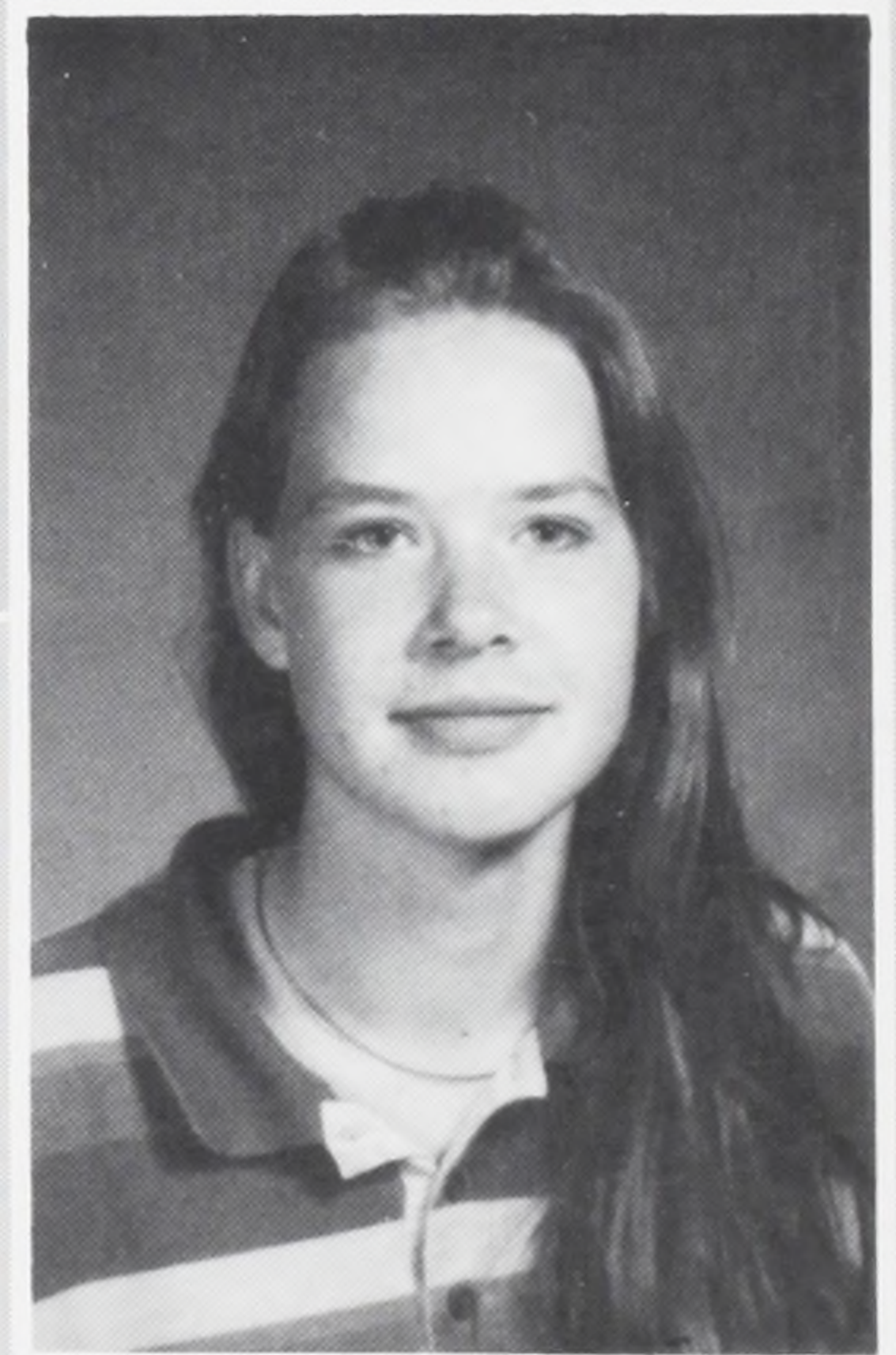
**SPORT: SOCCER**

**EXPERIENCE: FOUR YEARS**

**VARSITY**

**SOCCER**

**STORYLINE: AFTER HAVING ARTHROSCOPIC SURGERY ON HER KNEE HER SOPHOMORE YEAR, HEATHER CAME BACK TO LEAD THE GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER TEAM, SERVING AS A CAPTAIN AND A FRIEND. SHE LED THE TEAM IN MANY DIFFERENT AREAS AND PLANS TO GO TO COLLEGE AFTER GRADUATING FROM BENSON.**



Heather Varney



# never say die

**T**he girls soccer team was not outstanding. As Jocelyn Wong put it, "I don't have anything to say about this year. We Stank!"

After last year's fairly successful season, the Techsters were looking forward to another good season. But due to lack of turnout

by returnees and incoming freshmen, the team was starved for new talent.

The girls seemingly were led by a chain by second team all-city soccer star

Heather Varney, MVP She'Meka Newmann, and several players.

After the first few games of the season, the Techsters got their only win of the season against Marshall by outthinking the miniscule Minutemen four goals to one. It was a great win for the Techsters, as several players united as a network to outshine the Minutemen.

After the season was over, junior Jackie Barnes replied, "Although the season wasn't so good, we still tried our hardest to succeed." What more could you ask for? Good job, ladies.

*I can't wait until next season, hopefully we'll be a lot better and win a few more games.*  
Shannon McCrary  
-sophomore-

through a tough season the girls tried hard to do their best.

**DON'T TRIP** Junior Jackie Barnes switches directions towards a Cleveland defender after making her way towards the ball.



*by Joe Putnam*

# SCORES

BENSON 0	SANDY	6
BENSON 0	GRESHAM	4
BENSON 0	WESTVIEW	2
BENSON 1	REYNOLDS	4
BENSON 1	N. SALEM	2
BENSON 0	GRANT	8
BENSON 0	LINCOLN	5
BENSON 0	MILWAUKIE	1
BENSON 4	MARSHALL	0
BENSON 0	MADISON	2
BENSON 0	WILSON	5
BENSON 0	FRANKLIN	3
BENSON 0	CLEVELAND	4
BENSON 2	ROOSEVELT	3

**SEASON RECORD: 1 WIN, 13 LOSSES**



**GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER—FRONT ROW:** Clarissa Liu, Jocelyn Wong, Shawna Musgrave, Carla Peragine, Barbara Hamann, Larissa Estes. **SECOND ROW:** Caroline Blackledge, Michelle Musgrave, Michelle Moini, Shei'Meka Newman, Shannon McCrary, Lena Owens, Krista Wehrley. **THIRD ROW:** Martina Gill, Brook Loving, Jessica Owen, Mariah Kiersey, Heather Varney, Jackie Barnes, Shireen Moini, Coach Sharon.



With 6 wins and 4 losses, the Techmen roll into third place in the P.I.L.

# touchdown

**T**his season started off with a team full of spirit, pride, and talent. Ranked number one isn't the

fans than ever before. And not just fans that came to the games on nice days when we were winning, although we'll

P.I.L. before the season started, Benson was picked to take the city title. With a couple of wins under their belt, the Techmen started to reach for the title.

Later in the season Benson started to see the power, and luck, of the other teams in the P.I.L. "This season was a real disappointment; I was sorry to see the season go like it did," Coach Bill

*This season was a real disappointment. I was sorry to see the season go like it did.*

Coach Bill Dressel

Dressel stated as he reflected on the Techmen's losses.

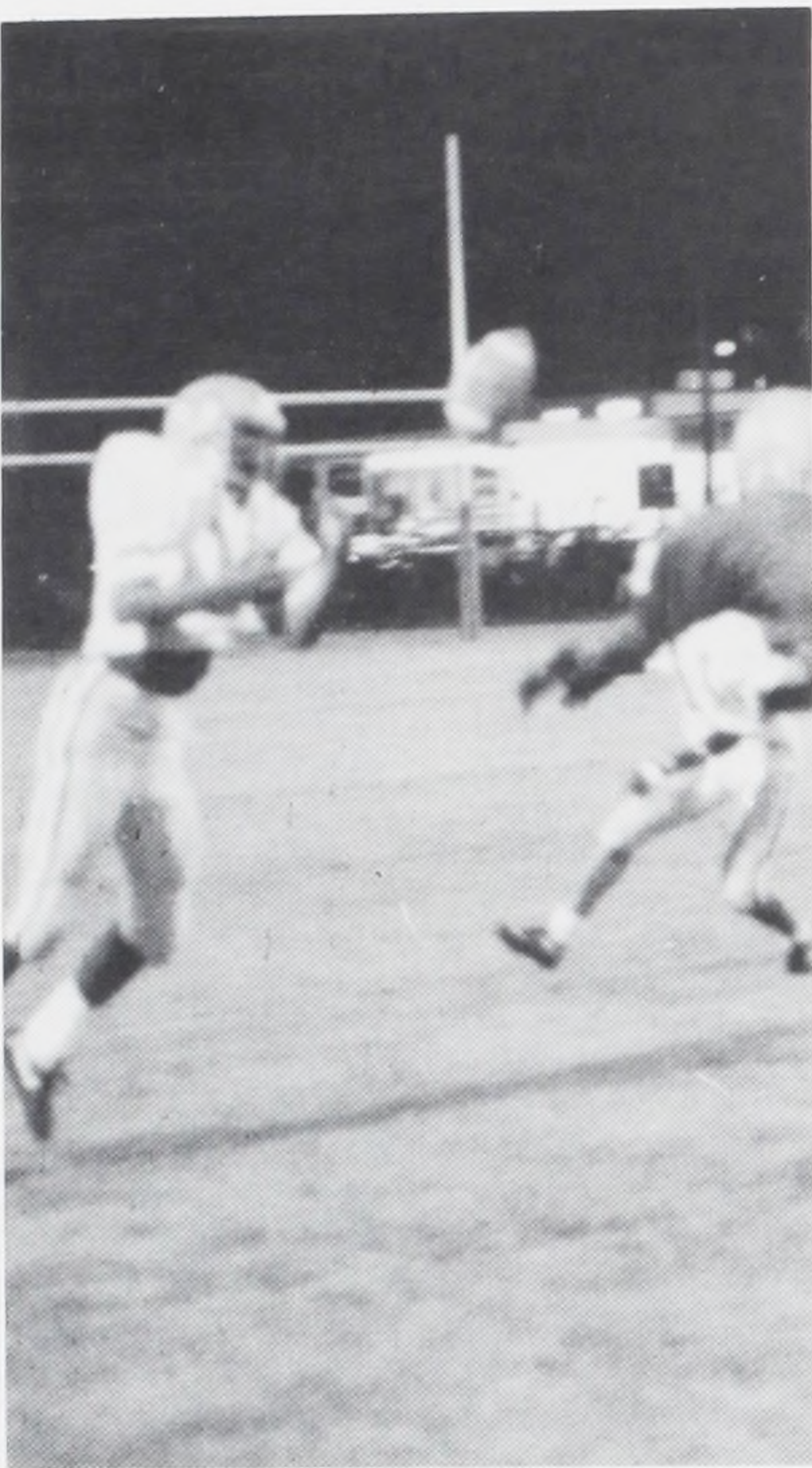
But for many others this season was not a disappointment. This season we had more

take any kind of fans we can get. They were there for the team in the rain, the upsets, and the winning moments. This year's football team brought the student body together with cheers of joy and rallies to victory.

Although this season did not come out as many people wanted it to or expected it to, the Techmen did place third in the P.I.L., and went to the

playoffs for the State championship again. All the coaches, staff, and players are looking forward to next year to make another run at the state championship.

*story by Katie McBurney & design by Joe Putnam*



**JUMP FOR IT!** Senior Chris Beene jumps after an opposing player to receive a punt during a game against Madison.



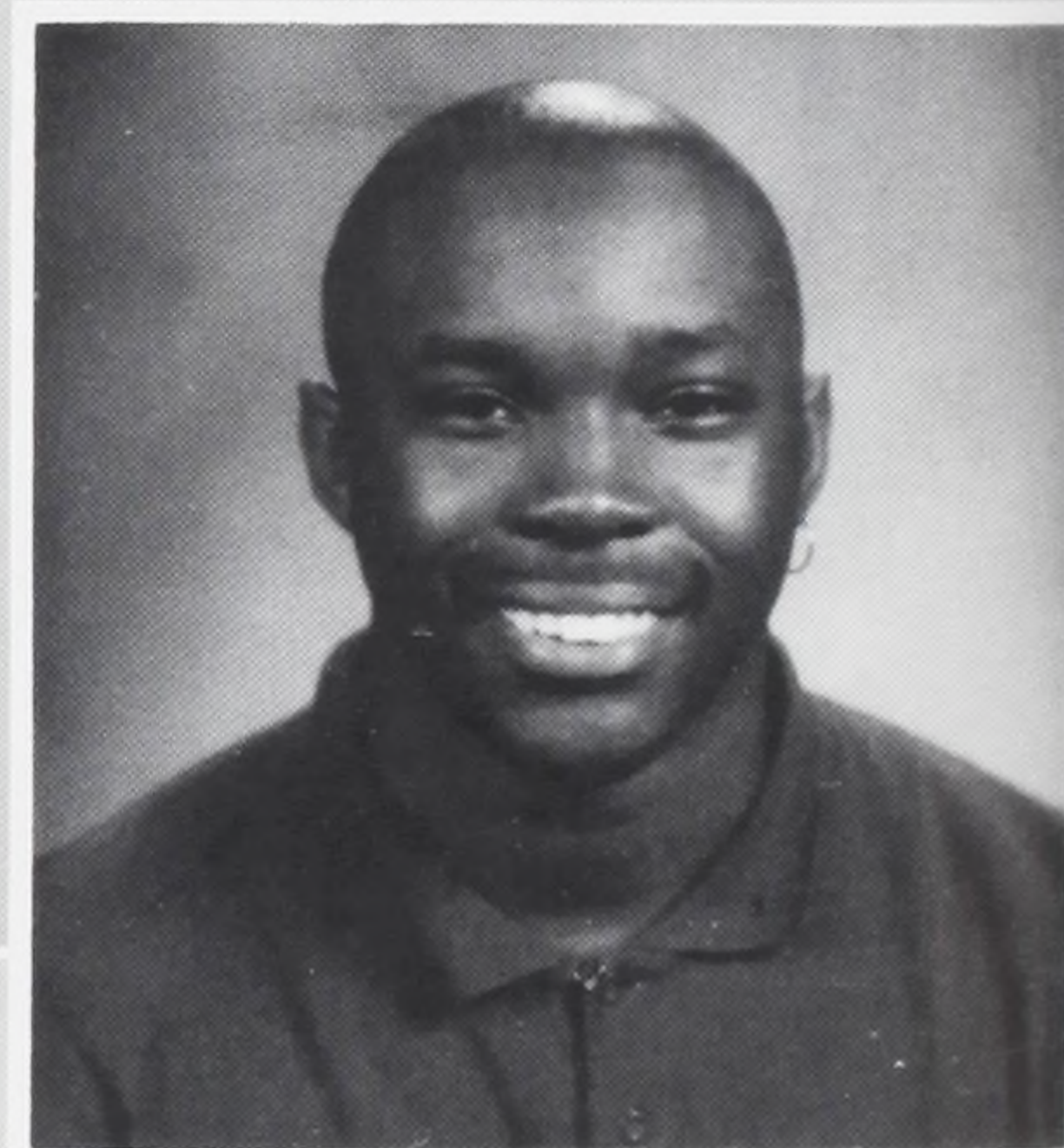
**CRUNCH!!!** Ronnie Stewart (12) pounds a running back from Franklin during a heart-breaking loss.

## Florida—FLASH

Talented, wise, quick, these are all words that describe senior running back sensation Patrick Johnson. After moving to Portland in 1993, Patrick chose Benson for his new high school, and the Techmen's backfield has never been the same.

Johnson has been deemed as the Florida flash, by his peers, and has excelled in Football and Track,

As Tri-met's December, 1994, student of the month, Johnson stated he puts class

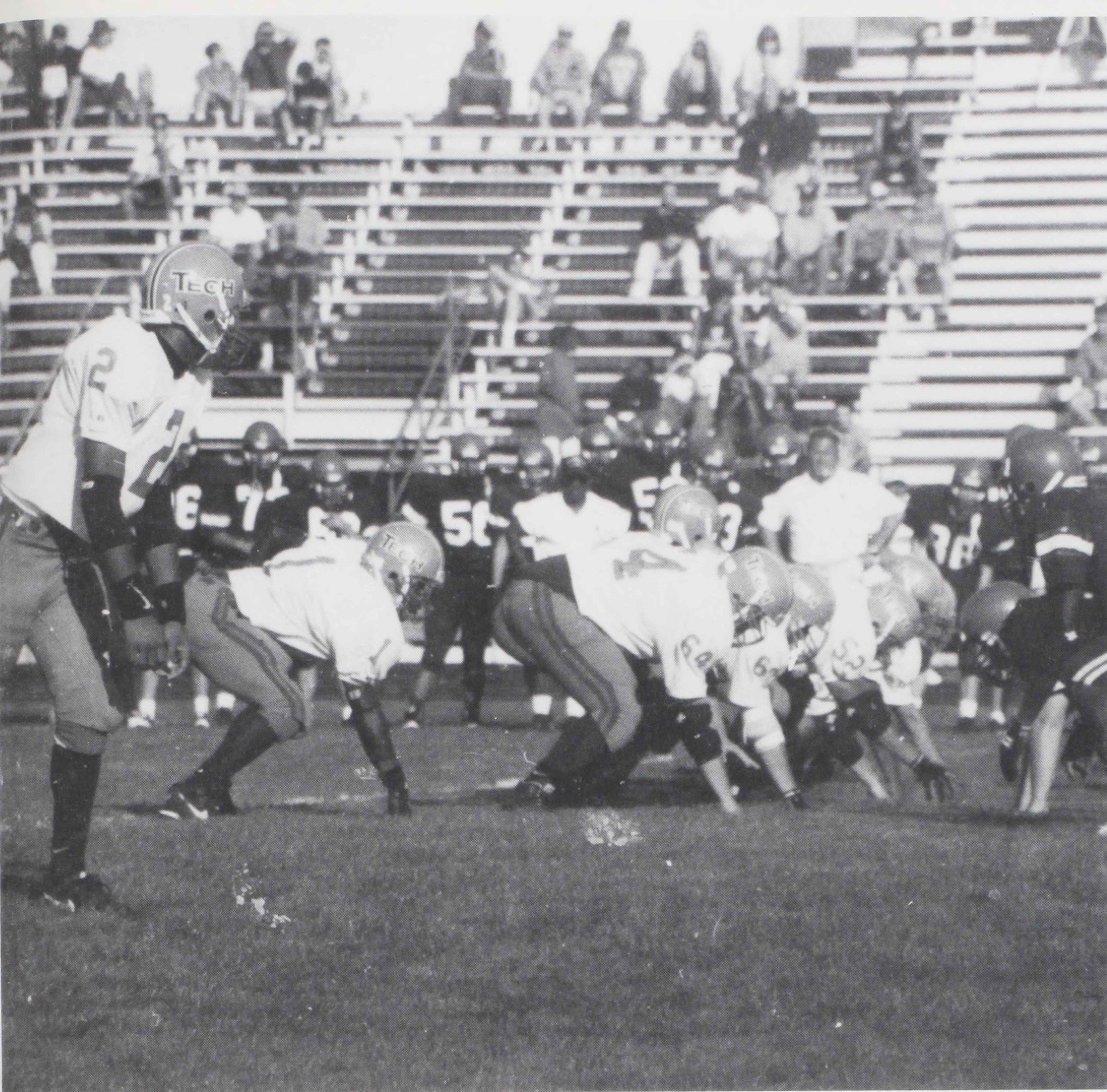


PATRICK JOHNSON

first, and sports next.

Hopefully Patrick Johnson will serve as a model for student athletes in years to come.





**ON THE LINE:** Techmen await the universal call "hutt" from senior quarterback Desmond Faison to start a play in the destruction of Marshall.

# SCORES

BENSON	13	GRANT	7
BENSON	34	MARSHALL	7
BENSON	12	JEFFERSON	19
BENSON	41	LINCOLN	9
BENSON	27	MADISON	13
BENSON	0	WILSON	14
BENSON	0	FRANKLIN	52
BENSON	19	ROOSEVELT	6
BENSON	60	CLEVELAND	6
BENSON	6	JESUIT	30
<b>SEASON RECORD: 6 WINS, 4 LOSSES</b>			



**VARSITY FOOTBALL— FRONT ROW:** J. Shaw, D. Alexander, E. Hodges, R. North, A. Young, T. Rodgers, S. Thurston, B. Burdick, S. Hampson, G. Espinoza. **SECOND ROW:** B. Edtl, P. Lauritzon, B. Tierney, L. Armstrong, D. Kersey, Z. Blalack, D. Devoux, R. Atherton, B. Fox, P. Drozdek, S. Sutton, Q. Canton, W. Mays. **THIRD ROW:** G. Baxter, D. Walker, S. Overton, Coaches Hiu, Melvin, McNeil, Trainer Mike Nelson, Coach Dressel, Waller, Ranta, Lemon, B. Collins, A. Banks, C. Carter. **FOURTH ROW:** C. Beene, R. Guerra, J. Ivory, J. Huth, R. Taylor, M. Coy, A. Sowles, S. Appleberry, M. Godt, D. Kruger, J. Brown. **FIFTH ROW:** L. Bowden, D. Barron, I. Meyer, C. Knight, J. Mills, J. Pelster, S. Barret, J. Sharp, B. Koster, R. Miller. **SIXTH ROW:** T. Jermay, D. Faison, J. Cunnington, R. Kellas, Masi Heamish, C. Henderson, N. Durant, S. Stone, P. Johnson.



It seems unbelievable that the freshmen lost to Roosevelt.

# seeing is believing

The freshmen started with a loss against the Marshall Minutemen, but came back with a victory against Jefferson. The Lincoln game was a game to talk about with a 56 to 12 win. Benson was out to prove that it was the best team in Portland. The Madison game proved that with another 44-point win. Poor Coach Vern Melvin got all wet for that one.

point Franklin was undefeated. It was a fight throughout the game. It came down to third with a minute left and they needed 10 yards to win. Franklin fumbled and Tech recovered. Tech was then number one in the P.I.L.

At home with Roosevelt, the last game went to the guys' heads. Benson lost when there was no point to lose. That hit the team hard. Even after a win against

Cleveland, it wasn't over.

Coach James Hiu and the Cleveland coach got into a scuffle. What a way to end the season!



### HE HAS HANDS OF GOD!

Craig Lewis jumps over the opposing team to catch the ball and to bring Benson closer to victory.

*Benson's football teams are the best.*

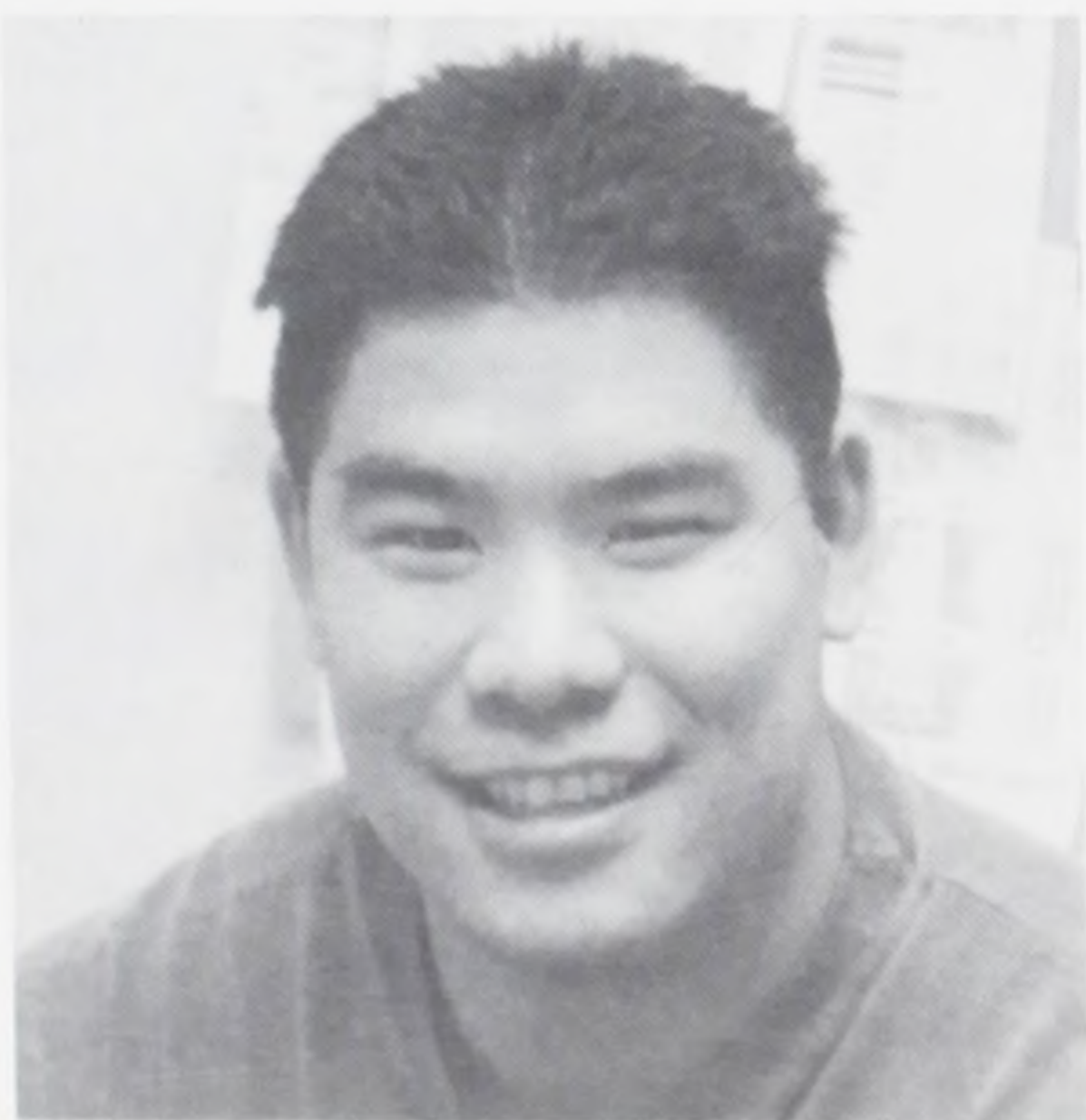
J.R. Scales  
Most Valuable Lineman -freshman-



## Jan Sahm

*We started on a positive point, but after a couple weeks everyone changed their attitude. But we picked back up and ended with a good record.*

*-Coach James Hiu-*



**GONE!** Patrick Motan cuts, slides, and leaves his opponents in the dust. He was never touched as he scored another touchdown.







**SEE YA!** As bad boy Leon Holiday MV-back breaks a tackle and heads for the goal, nothing can stop him from hitting the goal and celebrating.



# SCORES

## JV

BENSON 28	ROOSEVELT	18
BENSON 6	MARSHALL	36
BENSON 22	MARSHALL	32
BENSON 15	MADISON	12
BENSON 28	WILSON	21
BENSON 6	FRANKLIN	32
BENSON 16	ROOSEVELT	16
BENSON 14	MADISON(L)	16
SEASON RECORD:		
5 WINS, 4 LOSSES, 1 TIE		

# SCORES

## Frosh

BENSON 14	MARSHALL	22
BENSON 13	JEFFERSON	6
BENSON 56	LINCOLN	12
BENSON 46	MADISON	2
BENSON 14	WILSON	6
BENSON 12	FRANKLIN	8
BENSON 14	ROOSEVELT	28
BENSON 20	CLEVELAND	8
SEASON RECORD:		
6 WINS, 2 LOSSES.		



# so close

Benson forgets the past and looks forward to the next season.



**WHAT A MOVE!** Senior Joel Johnson puts the move on one of his many victims.

The Benson boys varsity soccer team was so close this year to making it to the state tournament. The season began with its hardships. The team had to adjust to a new head coach (Alan Sproates) and the first few games were pretty rough. The pre-season did not go too well and it didn't look good for Benson.

Just as if it seemed the team could do no worse, disaster occurred. Two starting players, Shad Pilip-Florea and Sol Pilip-Florea, were lost to the team. It was a great loss, but the team recovered and won an inspirational game against Grant, which lifted the moral of the team.

Led by Josh Aune, Joel Johnson, and Graham Capps at

the forward positions, the team had its offensive spark. In the backfield Gabe Larson did a good job at sweeper, with Seth Steward and Brent Stevenson backing him up. In goals George Kafouros made his contribution and kept the team going with some inspirations.

*Maybe next year!*

Chris Bird  
-Junior-

Benson, which had not been too highly rated at the start of the season, was making its mark. The regular season loss to Lincoln put some added pressure on the team as it entered the playoffs against Lincoln. But the players didn't let that stop them. They pulled off a miraculous victory and advanced to play Grant. Grant, who Benson had beaten during the regular season, was not such a pushover in the playoffs. Benson lost in a disappointing season finish.



## John Stainbrook

# SCORES

BENSON 2	GRANT	1
BENSON 1	LINCOLN	3
BENSON 3	JEFFERSON	1
BENSON 2	CLEVELAND	1
BENSON 1	MARSHALL	0
BENSON 3	MADISON	1
BENSON 1	LINCOLN	3
BENSON 3	JEFFERSON	1
BENSON 2	CLEVELAND	1
BENSON 1	MARSHALL	0
BENSON 3	MADISON	1
BENSON 0	WILSON	2
BENSON 1	FRANKLIN	2
BENSON 2	ROOSEVELT	0

5 WINS, 4 LOSSES.



**VARSITY SOCCER—FRONT ROW:** Coach Allan Sproates, Erik Power, Kao Cha, Dan Gilbert, Josh Aune, Kong Cha, Graham Capps. **SECOND ROW:** John Stainbrook, Chris Bird, Evan Hylland, Brent Stevenson, Kris Quinby, Alex Laskey, Seth Steward, Gabe Larson, George Kafouros.

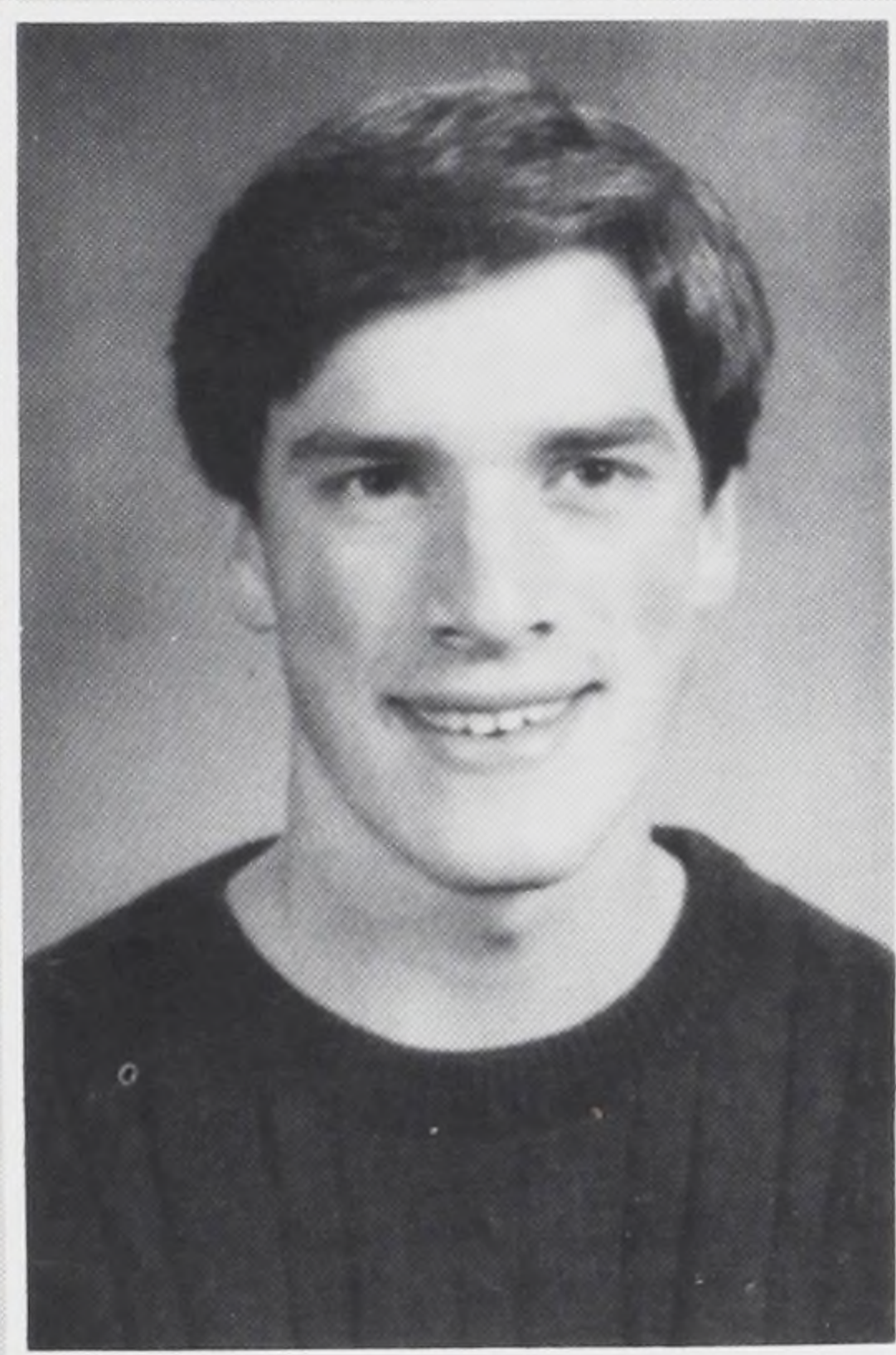




**MOVE IT!:** Seniors Joel Johnson and Josh Aune rush for the ball. Both Johnson and Aune played a large part in Benson's successful season.

## Portrait of a winner

Brent Stevenson had an excellent season in the backfield of the Benson Tech Varsity Soccer team. He had spent time in Europe the previous summer and he used some of his new skills to help Benson.



*Brent Stevenson*

thoughts on the season, Brent just about summed it up by saying, "I thought the season was fairly successful, seeing that we had a new coach. We had a lot of personality conflicts on the field. But that helped bring us together and led to a good season."

When asked about his



**WHOA!** Gabe Larson stops an attempt by the opposing team, using his defensive prowess and skill.



**BLAMM!** Ryan Baker kicks the ball past the Cleveland defender and the goalie to score.



# SCORES

## JV

BENSON 2	GRANT	1
BENSON 1	LINCOLN	2
BENSON 2	WILSON	0
BENSON 0	CLEVELAND	0
BENSON 5	MARSHAL	1
BENSON 3	MADISON	0
BENSON 0	WILSON	6
BENSON 0	FRANKLIN	1
BENSON 4	ROOSEVELT	2

**SEASON RECORD:**

5 WINS, 3 LOSSES, 1 TIE

## Frosh

BENSON 3	HOOD RIVER	3
BENSON 2	WILSON	2
BENSON 3	LINCOLN	2
BENSON 1	GRANT	3
BENSON 2	CLEVELAND	2
BENSON 1	WILSON	1
BENSON 0	WEST LINN	0
BENSON 1	RAINIER	2
BENSON 2	GRANT	2
BENSON 3	CLEVELAND	2

**SEASON RECORD:**

2 WINS, 2 LOSSES, 6 TIES

# SCORES





**BOYS JV SOCCER—FIRST ROW:** Kody Wilson, Mike Flores, Phil Cyphers, Francis Ortiz, Mike Olsen. **SECOND ROW:** Ryan Baker, Tim Madden, Matt Machado, Jordan Wiley, Jeremy Howard, Nick Swagger, Mark Freeman. **THIRD ROW:** Tyler Saling, Steve Peterson, Uri Osterhaus, Mike Joyer, Chris Boyd, Coach Barth Clouten.



**FRESHMEN BOYS—FRONT ROW:** Marc Daniel Domond, Frank Glankler, Michael Habtemariam, James Barnes, James Yoshihara, Pat Huntley, Mohammed Jalloh, Adam Moore, Adam Kostick. **SECOND ROW:** Shane Bachman, Aaron Payment, Colin Neuburger, Shane Heiney, Eric Wiley, Sean Evans, Derick Thompson, Nathaniel Chambers, Coach Mike Mechling.

## John Stainbrook



**WHAT POWER!** Tim Madden shows off his strength by giving the ball a hefty boot.

**WOW!** Mike Joyer shows off the moves of a champion in a game against Roosevelt.





**FLYING BY!** Senior Earl Clark flies by an opponent from Churchill during the state playoffs.

*by Joe Putnam*



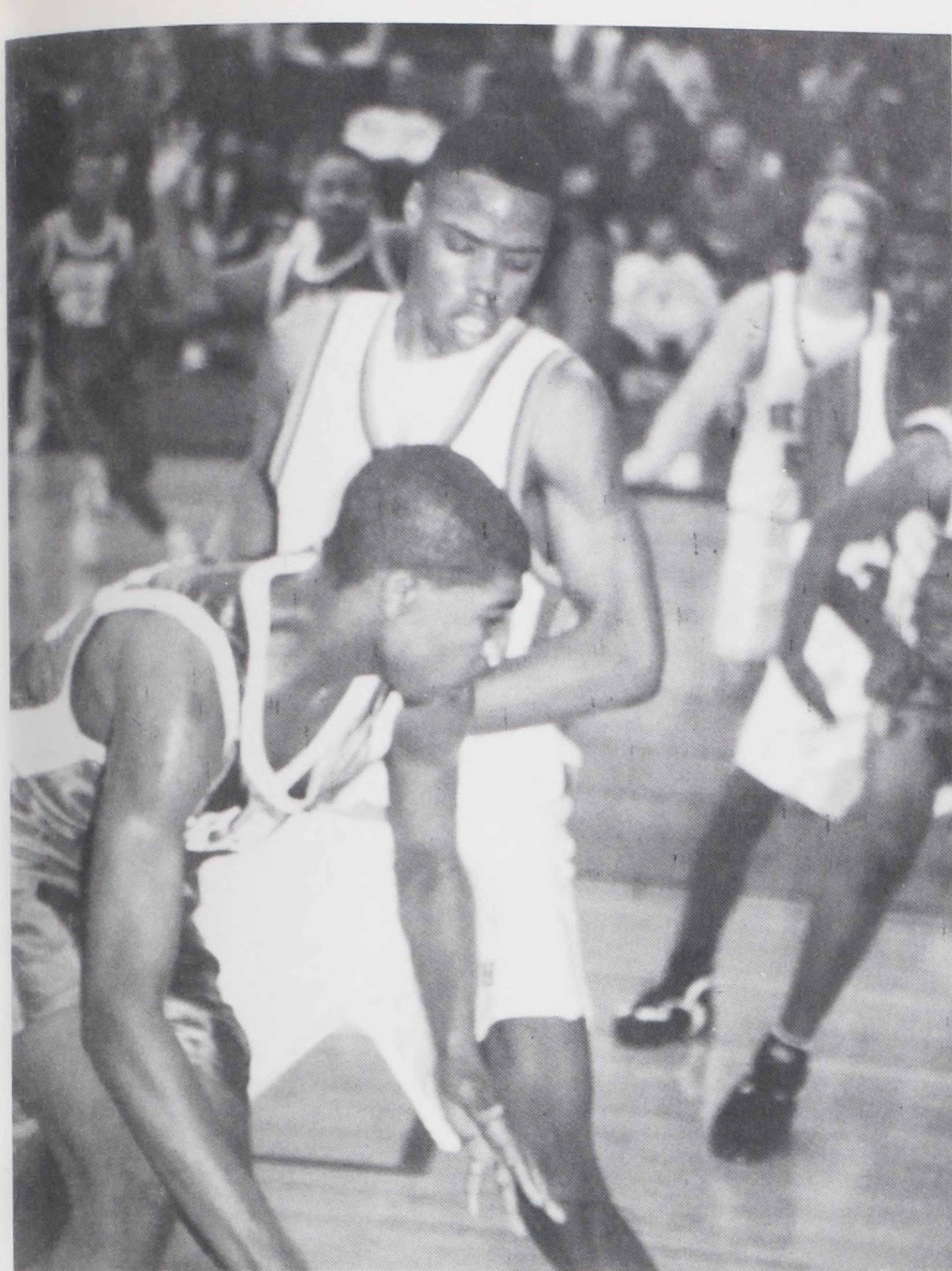
**VARSITY BASKETBALL— FRONT ROW:** Manager, Steve Stone, Craig Lewis, Earl Clark, Gary Burks, Vernon Cropper, Dyon Spencer, Tim Warren. **SECOND ROW:** Robert Kellas, Edward Lincoln, Shawn Murray, Coach Butch Gantner, Coach Troy Berry, Head Coach Don Emry, Coach Lono Waiwaiole, Coach Mike Ryan, Mark Thomas, Jason Franklin, Cardis Berry.

SCORES

BENSON	103	MADISON	59
BENSON	82	FRANKLIN	34
BENSON	70	GRANT	51
BENSON	86	ROOSEVELT	55
BENSON	70	WILSON	65
BENSON	91	MARSHALL	40
BENSON	79	CLEVELAND	66
BENSON	95	LINCOLN	55
BENSON	67	JEFFERSON	61
BENSON	66	MADISON	48
BENSON	71	FRANKLIN	32
BENSON	79	GRANT	45
BENSON	75	ROOSEVELT	30
BENSON	55	WILSON	53
BENSON	103	MARSHALL	59
BENSON	58	CLEVELAND	59
BENSON	80	LINCOLN	51
BENSON	61	JEFFERSON	54

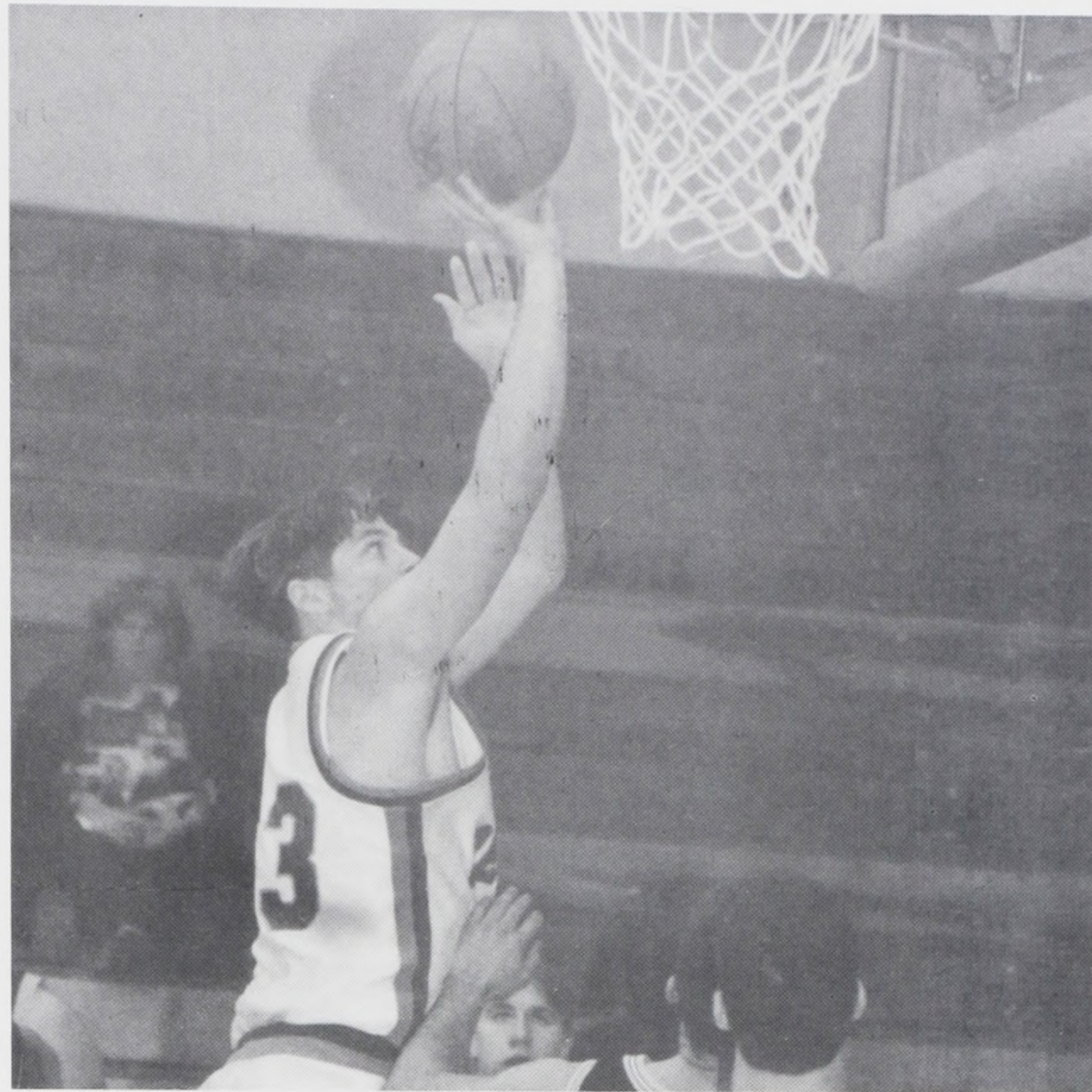
LEAGUE RECORD  
 17 WINS, 1 LOSS  
 SEASON RECORD  
 24 WINS, 2 LOSSES  
 P.I.L CHAMPIONS  
 THIRD IN STATE





**POSTUP!** Shawn Murray (11) posts up with a Wilson forward during a thriller at Benson in which the Techmen won by 2 points in the final seconds.

**UP TO THE RIM!** Mark Thomas (11) goes up to the rim in a big game against Marshall in which the Techmen won 103-59.



# slam & jam

**Benson blows away opponents all season long and takes third in state.**

**T**hroughout the entire season, the Techmen dominated the competition. Led by an extremely large group of talented seniors, the Techmen rolled through the P.I.L. lineup with ease in some cases, like games against Marshall and Franklin. But they also played thrill-a-second games against several opponents like Cleveland and Wilson in February.

During the home game against Wilson that was deemed as "the clash of the Titans" game between the mighty Techmen and the Trojans, the two teams battled to the final seconds when Earl Clark got a steal, and was fouled, forcing him to make two CRUCIAL free throws for the win. Clark was the man who sank both gimmes, and rode the crowd to victory (see page 1.) Cleveland was also a tough match-up, and the Techmen's only loss in the P.I.L. As Senior Jason Franklin put it, "We just didn't come out to play a real game, and we messed up."

The Techmen headed on to the playoffs, after defeating Jefferson for the final time of the season. After a great

pre- and regular season the Techmen jumped into the playoffs, clear of any injuries, and in good health.

In the first game against McNary H.S. at the Coliseum, Benson got startled, and chased McNary for two quarters, until a Jason Franklin patented dunk sent the Techmen flyin'. Benson rallied late in the game and won by six points in a thriller. After McNary, Beaverton seemed as easy as pie as the Techmen rolled to a 19-point victory.

The only loss in the state playoffs came under scrutiny to Churchill. Shotty, inconsistent officiating, and a huge giant Lancer contributed to Benson's loss. The next day Benson battled Wilson yet again, clinching third place for the Techmen and a trophy for the student body.

Several Techmen were honored as being the top players. Jason Franklin (12) was put on the first team all state and Earl Clark (12) was honored being named to second team.

Although the Techmen didn't achieve their goals of becoming State Champions, we know who's best.

*gotta  
make your  
free  
throws*

Shawn Murray  
-junior-



# trailing flames

by: Tadinan Jones

There's a lot of training that goes into making these fires blaze



**WARMING UP.** Keith Ball drives himself down the field shortly before his 1000m. On the home-stretch there is only one concept, mind over body.

**D**rizzle mixes with sweat as Trevor Carlson regains his footing on a grassy hill. It's 4:30, and there are 41 pairs of feet that will not stop running until they reach Wilshire Park. This is all part of the training and conditioning to develop efficient runners.

Throughout the summer, and up to six days a week, during the school year, runners train. Developing an aerobic base, weightlifting, stomach and leg conditioning and speed are all factors in becoming the faster runner.

However there is also the mental aspect of the training. "Cross

country takes mental endurance. It's in your head, not in your legs." Says senior Shaun Devoreh-Spratt.

"Everyone was more dedicated this year" reflected senior Kenneth Massengill. And along with many hours of practice, this turned out to be the winning combination for a good year. "It's one of the best teams in a long time." reflected Devoreh-Spratt. The only setback was that the Benson Girl's team did not have five runners competing at the varsity

level until the district meet. So, their regular season dual meet record was 0-9. The girls who turned out enjoyed the rewards.

*It's in your head, not in your legs*

Shaun Devoreh-Spratt -senior-

## SCORES

### P.I.L Meets- Varsity Boys

Benson 15 Marshall 58\*

Benson 42 Franklin 31  
Grant 49

Benson 18 Wilson 42  
Cleveland 90

Benson 38 Lincoln 25  
Roosevelt 73 Jefferson 111

### Invitationals

Sandy Tournament: 6th

Hood River Inivitational: 2nd

Nike Invitational: 5th

### District Meet

3rd

## brighter flames

### **BOYS**

#### Varsity

MVP- Shayne Devoreh-Spratt

MIP- Daniel Achterman

INS- Trevor Carlson

INS- Shaun Devoreh-Spratt

MD- Kenneth Massengill

MD- John Laney

#### JV

MVP- Dustin Brusse

MIP- Joey Glosenger

MIP- Joshua Mathisen

INS- Daniel Turner

#### FROSH

MVP-Tunde Sobomehin

MIP- Phi Lai

INS- Philip Lewallen

### **GIRLS**

#### Varsity

MVP- Ginnette Marberry

MIP- Jeanette Pelster

INS- Itoro Elijah

#### JV

MVP- Rachael Lizio-Katzen

MIP- Elizabeth Loving

MVP- Most Valuable Player

MIP- Most Valuable Player

MD- Most Dedicated

INS- Most Inspirational





**TAKE A DEEP BREATH**  
 Deep, paced breathing helps Elizabeth Loving maintain her lead.



**CROSS COUNTRY— FRONT ROW:** Trevor Carlson, Chris Kirkley, Josh Mathisen, Jeanette Pelster, Ginnette Marberry, Philip Lewallen, Robert Stephens. **SECOND ROW:** Zack Lee, Neil Maunu, Kenneth Massengill, Rachael Lizio-Katzen, Shayne Devoreh-Spratt, Dustin Brusse. **THIRD ROW:** Paul Memmer, Itoro Elijah, Daniel Turner, Jonathan Chaney, Sky Mikesell, Terica Devoreh-Spratt, Timothy Tokstad. **FOURTH ROW:** Shaun Devoreh-Spratt, Keith Ball, Elizabeth Loving, John Laney, Elizabeth Schroeder, Phi Lai, David Duncan, Michael Hawkins. **FIFTH ROW:** Matthew Johnson, Daniel Achterman, Glenn Koester, Kenneth Rosentreter, Coach Gerber, Benjamin Curths, Benjamin Leitch, Daniel Johnson, Ryan Hads. **NOT PICTURED:** Matthew Curths, Udemé Elijah, Nick Neill, Ebony Sloan, Tunde Sobomehin

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**League Meets- Girls**

Benson inc Marshall 35  
 Madison inc.

Grant 25 Franklin 49 Benson inc.

Benson Inc. Wilson 20  
 Lincoln 17 Roosevelt inc.

**Invitationals**

Incomplete at Sandy team  
 Incomplete team at Hood River  
 Incomplete team at Nike

**District Meet**

4th



# SCORES

BENSON 2	GRANT	1	BENSON 2	JEFFERSON	0
BENSON 2	MARSHALL	0	BENSON 2	FRANKLIN	0
BENSON 2	FRANKLIN	0	BENSON 2	CLEVELAND	0
BENSON 2	WILSON	1	BENSON 2	GRANT	1
BENSON 2	JEFFERSON	0	BENSON 2	ROOSEVELT	1
BENSON 2	MADISON	0	SEASON RECORD:		
BENSON 2	MARSHALL	0	32 WINS, 10 LOSSES		
BENSON 2	LINCOLN	0			
BENSON 0	ROOSEVELT	2			
BENSON 2	LINCOLN	0			
BENSON 1	WILSON	2			
BENSON 2	CLEVELAND	0			
BENSON 2	MADISON	0			

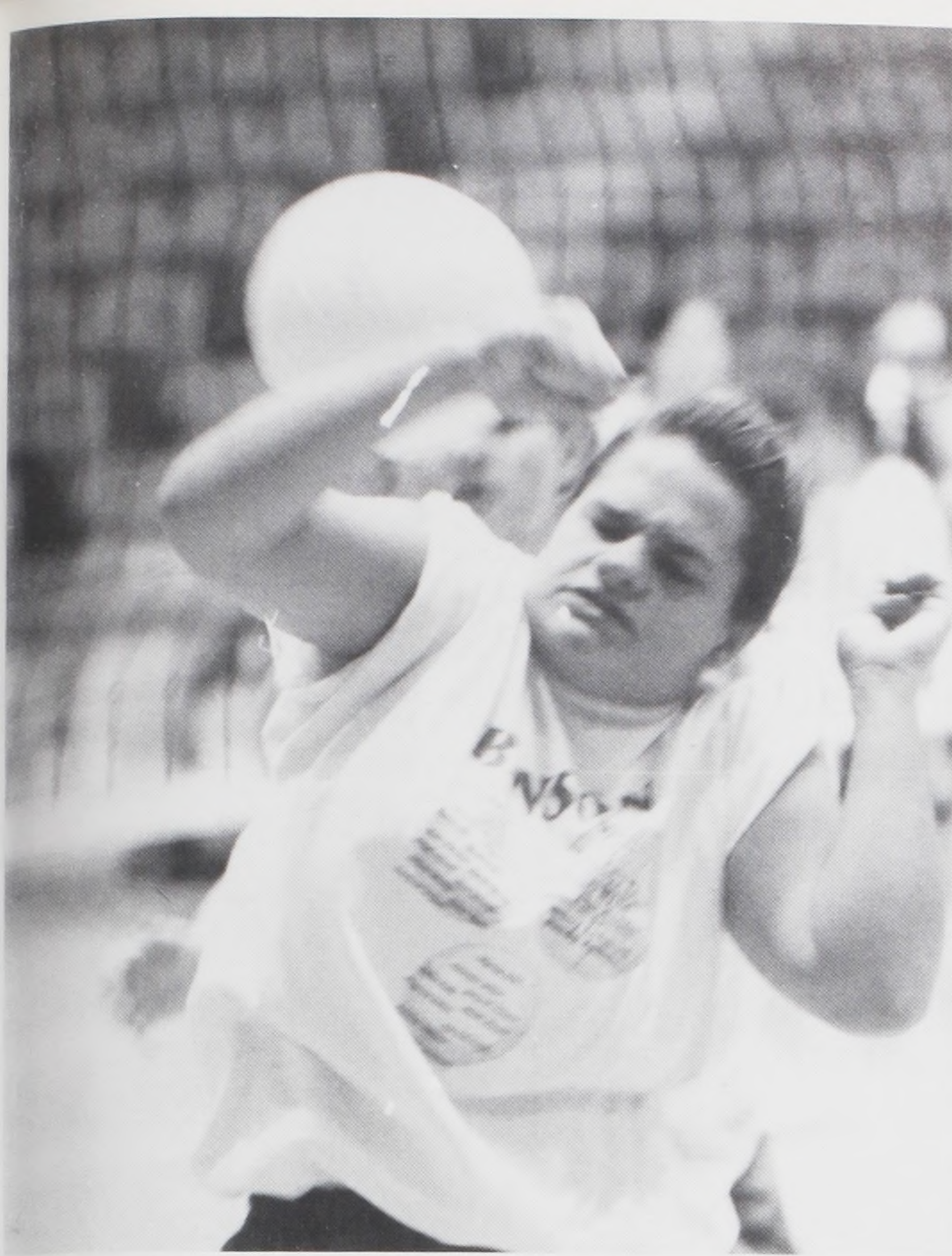
**SPIKE IT OVER!!!** Krisi Vanderwall (12) spikes the ball over the net to gain a point for the Techsters during the state championships.



**TALK TO US, COACH!**

The varsity team receives words of wisdom from coach Michelle Kissenger during the state championships.





**OUCH!** Kristi Wolf (12), unsuccessfully tries to block a hard spike hurled by an opponent during P.I.L. match-up.

**VARSITY VOLLEYBALL—FRONT ROW:** Kate Cunnington, Krisi Vanderwall, Mandy Zelinka, Kristi Wolf, Rebecca Spencer, Hillary Lehmann. **SECOND ROW:** Haydee Palomo, Elisa Bennett, Kathy Gipson, Coach Michelle Kissenger, Julie Moxley, Connie Hyun, Jessica Spencer.



# spiking to score

**T**he 1994 Benson Varsity volleyball team made the State Championship. "I'm very proud of this year's team. They played great!" replied senior Connie Hyun. For the second straight year, the girls won the P.I.L. and advanced to the state playoffs.

The team was composed mostly of seniors, five of whom were returning for their second or third year to lead the team. Mandy Zelinka (12) said, "It really helped that we had played together for four years now. It'll be hard giving it up."

Some of the team leaders in-

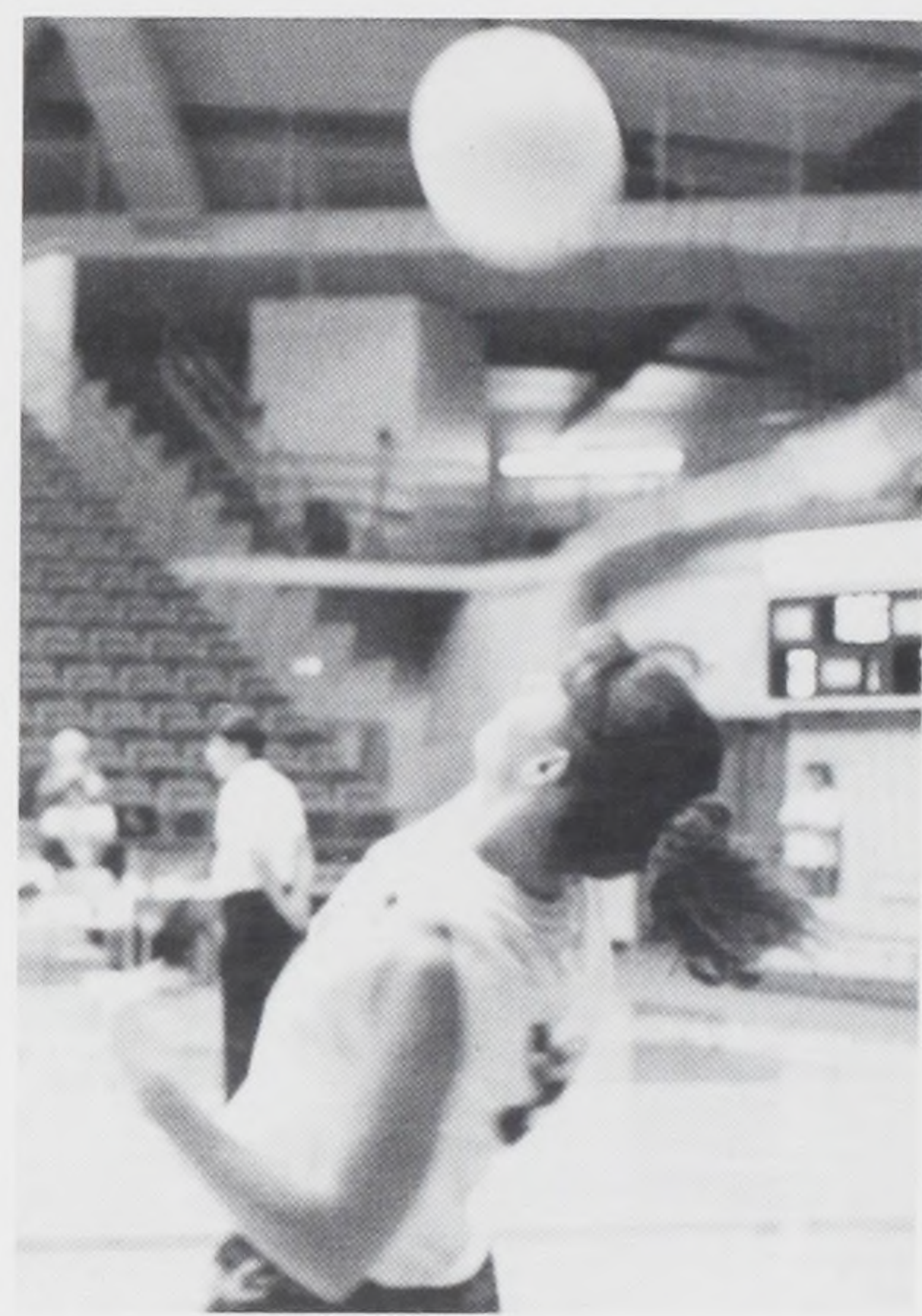
cluded Heidi Palomo (12), who was on the first all-star team for back row specialist. Julie Moxley (11) was on varsity for two years, being the only returning varsity player, and she had an honorable mention. Elisa Bennett (10) showed herself to be an all-around good sport. And finally, Connie Hyun's (12) dependable and supportive attitude should be acknowledged, and her serving skills.

Overall, the season was very successful, from the city championship to the heart-breaking loss in the state championships. The Techsters will be looking for a back-to-back city championship in 1996.

*We had a good coach and good teamwork*

Krisi Vanderwall  
-senior-

**Techsters place first in P.I.L. and make it to the State Playoffs.**



**SLAM IT!** Kate Cunnington (12) gracefully stretches out her arms to clobber the incoming white sphere.

*Sarah Lee & Indira Jones*



# are you ready...

For the Benson Tech Cheerleaders, we are ready for you!



**WE DON'T MESS AROUND.** The Benson cheerleaders have a spirited attitude as they cheer at the homecoming game.

**R**hythm, flexibility, loudness, sharpness, sportsmanship, and commitment are all characteristics one must have to become a cheerleader. One may think that cheerleading is not a sport, but think again! Cheerleaders practice and work just as hard as any other athletes.

During the summer, they go to a cheerleader camp where each day they work from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. learning cheers, stunts, and most of all, learning to bond together to become one big family. After camp they practice for two months from 9 to 12 weekdays.

Cheerleading not only

takes the time and effort, but it is also expensive to join. It costs about \$250 for the uniform, pomms, and shoes. Then you have to pay \$150 to attend a mandatory summer camp.

It's about time people respect cheerleading as a sport and not a popularity contest. This year the Benson cheerleaders have shown great improvement in cheers, stunts, and spirit. They

are also known to be the most racially diverse squad in the whole state of Oregon.

They are not like a typical rally squad, but they are a different and unique squad, making them stand out.

*Tech cheerleaders are in the house boyyyyy!*

Trinh Nguyen  
-senior-

*by Lina Cha*



**VARSITY BASKETBALL RALLY—FRONT ROW:** Bahia Cross. **SECOND ROW:** Michella Henderson, Kellie Strode, and Loretha Garner. **THIRD ROW:** Lina Cha, Katie McBurney, and Trinh Nguyen.

**1995**

## CAMP AWARDS

- Best Dancers-
- Most Spirited Squad-
- 2 - Team Award-
- Top Team Finalist-
- 6 - Superior Squad-
- 2 - Spirit Stick-
- 2 - Safety Award-
- All American Cheerleader-  
Wanjeria Washington

Out of forty high school rally squads, Benson got the most awards and also the largest award, which was the Spirit Award.





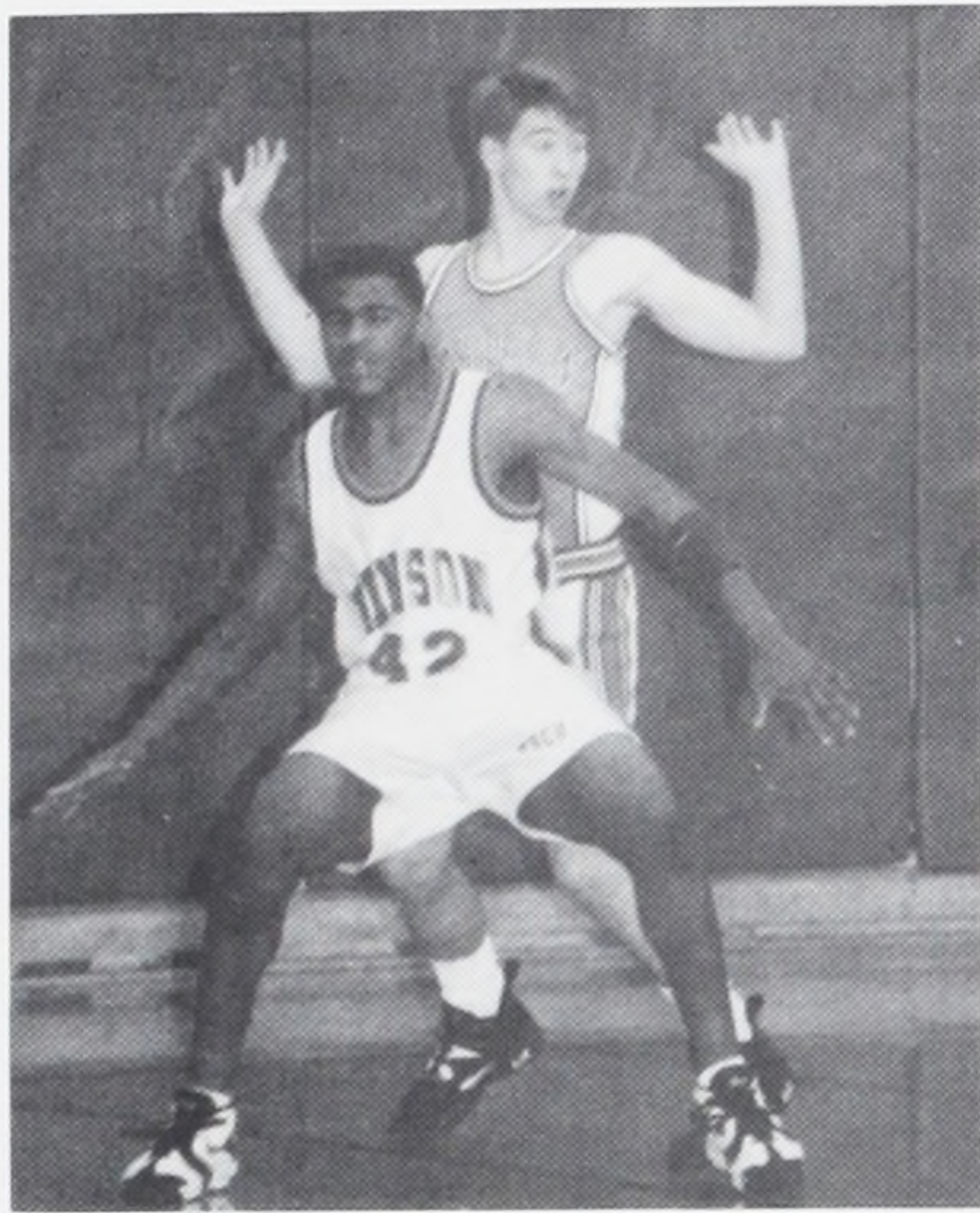
**UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL RALLY—FRONT ROW:** Karida Griffith.  
**SECOND ROW:** Kellie Strode, Katie McBurney, Wanjeria Washington, Wintress Watson, Kemi Sosanya, Andrea Thompson.  
**THIRD ROW:** Sabrina Sacclalan, Samantha Neubauer, Kellie Dunn.

**FLYING CHEERLEADER.** Katie McBurney and Michella Henderson base a basket toss stunt at a game against Lincoln.



# down and out

**Benson keeps up the tradition of a solid basketball season.**



**BOX OUT!** Leon Holiday gets caught napping while boxing out a Madison opponent for the rebound.

**I**n all this year the Boys JV and Freshman Basketball teams had excellent seasons. They both had winning seasons and overcame some past rivalries along the way.

The group of freshman new to the school and playing high school basketball for the first time showed that they were ready. They demonstrated hard work and dedication throughout the season. Mr. Ryan, long time coach of freshman basketball, did an excellent job of molding these fine fresh-

men into real players.

Most of the JV team had prior basketball experience at some level. They worked hard and had many notable accomplishments throughout the season. MVP Rakeem Washington said about the team's season, "Benson had a great year for basketball at all levels."

The boys Junior Varsity and freshman basketball teams both had excellent seasons. They accomplished their goals and were satisfied with the way the season turned out.

*I think we will have a great team next year.*

**Rakeem Washington**  
-Junior-



*John Stainbrook*

## Boys JV Basketball

BENSON	64	MADISON	51
BENSON	59	CLEVELAND	51
BENSON	62	GRANT	63
BENSON	70	ROOSEVELT	62
BENSON	47	WILSON	41
BENSON	75	MARSHALL	47
BENSON	78	CLEVELAND	90
BENSON	87	LINCOLN	47
BENSON	73	JEFFERSON	41
BENSON	73	MADISON	35

SEASON RECORD:

8 WINS, 2 LOSSES.



**JUNIOR-VARSITY—FRONT ROW:** Matt Godt, Liam Turnbull, K.C. Scott, Terry Hill, Zach Jones, Alex Laskey. **SECOND ROW:** Sean Sutton, Johntae Ivory, Grant Evenhus, Tyson Doyle, Coach Waiwaiole, Michael Canham, Mack Young, Geo Baxter, Rakeem Washington, Leon Holiday.





**SCRAMBLE FOR IT.** Leon Holiday, Grant Evenhus, and Liam Turnbull swarm around the opposing player, looking to regain possession.

Boys Frosh Basketball

BENSON 97	MADISON	57
BENSON 62	FRANKLIN	79
BENSON 61	GRANT	55
BENSON 71	ROOSEVELT	80
BENSON 53	WILSON	65
BENSON 66	MARSHALL	53
BENSON 81	CLEVELAND	78
BENSON 60	LINCOLN	52
BENSON 72	JEFFERSON	65
BENSON 104	MADISON	57

SEASON RECORD:

7 WINS, 3 LOSSES.



**FRESHMAN BASKETBALL—FRONT ROW:** David Moose, Brad Lockett, Elimu Jackson, Latrell Bird, Tunde Sobomehin, Chris Sutton, Mitch Myrick. **SECOND ROW:** Andre Cropper, Kareem Haqq, Donta Tanner, Andrew Larsen, Coach Ryan, Andrew Burnhard, Tyrese Hall, Adi Botez, Andre Reid.

SCORES



# techsters make the cut

The Techsters battled all season long, but finish second for the first time in three years.



**RACKIN' UP THE POINTS!** Sarah Green adds two points to the Techsters' lead against Central Catholic as she sinks two free-throws.

Football season is winding down but many athletes are just getting started. With tryouts just around the corner many girls are starting to work on their jump shots and free-throws. Finally the day has arrived and the team is chosen. Only the quickest, the strongest, and most talented girls made it on this year's team.

With a new team, the Techsters started the season with, of course, a win. And the Techsters continued to win until they met up with the Jefferson Democrats.

The Demos unfortunately won, but only by a few points. The Techsters' league rival this season seemed to outplay the girls and won the season series two games to nil. These two losses would place the Techsters in an unfamiliar second

for the first time in three years.

But overall the season for the Techsters was win after win and when asked how the team managed such a season, Martina Gill versed us in her philosophy, "We worked hard and did the best we could. That's all any of us could have expected."

And the best they could play was great. The Techsters placed second in P.I.L. at the end of the season and competed in the State Tournament, headed by outstanding players Talunaka Washington at forward, Udeme Elijah at guard, and Sarah Green at post. After an outstanding season the girls unfortunately lost to Lake Oswego in the first round.

But this team worked hard and showed that the P.I.L. is going to have to make more room next year for the mighty Techsters!

*"We worked hard and did the best we could."*

Martina Gill  
-Junior-

by *Katie McBurney*

## SCORES

BENSON	45	MADISON	39
BENSON	66	FRANKLIN	39
BENSON	49	GRANT	23
BENSON	60	ROOSEVELT	27
BENSON	49	LINCOLN	40
BENSON	47	WILSON	33
BENSON	64	MARSHALL	22
BENSON	44	CLEVELAND	18
BENSON	55	LINCOLN	38
BENSON	52	MADISON	34
BENSON	38	FRANKLIN	25
BENSON	59	GRANT	15
BENSON	61	JEFFERSON	65
BENSON	79	ROOSEVELT	34
BENSON	76	WILSON	50
BENSON	60	MARSHALL	21
BENSON	55	CLEVELAND	22

LEAGUE RECORD  
16 WINS, 2 LOSSES



**GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL— FIRST ROW:** Shantell Streeter, Keeahni Wesson, Talunaka Washington, Sarah Green, Itoro Elijah, Shauna Ceaser, Rachel Dees. **SECOND ROW:** Michelle Vickery, Connie Hyun, Martina Gill, Asst. Coach Sonora McDuffie, Head Coach Dennis Carline, Asst. Coach Darrel Moore, Udeme Elijah, ReShawn Lewis.





**SWOOSH!** Itoro Elijah takes a shot from the top of the free throw line in an effort to gain the lead in a game against Jefferson.



**STEP OUT OF MY WAY!** Shantell Streeter pushes through the Grant Generals to shoot a gimme lay-up.

## The Last of a Legacy

On this year's girls varsity team, there was more than just one outstanding player. But Junior Sarah Green just led the most. Throughout the season, this junior shined, leading the team in many categories and living up to the criteria of the Green name.

With her long body, and family history, she makes an outstanding player. She is definitely the kind of person that has basketball in her blood. Being the fourth Green to play for Benson, and with all the talent that she and her brother and sisters have brought to Benson over the years. The coaching staff surely wished that there were more Greens coming to Benson in future years.







**PICK & ROLL.** Larissa Estes dribbles to the right as she looks for a hole in the man-to-man defense of Roosevelt.

# SCORES

BENSON	14	C. CATHOLIC	39
BENSON	15	LAKERIDGE	39
BENSON	34	MADISON	23
BENSON	48	FRANKLIN	27
BENSON	21	GRANT	40
BENSON	41	ROOSEVELT	33
BENSON	17	LINCOLN	22
BENSON	27	WILSON	18
BENSON	52	MARSHALL	38
BENSON	52	CLEVELAND	34
BENSON	29	LINCOLN	25
BENSON	33	JEFFERSON	15
BENSON	38	MADISON	65
BENSON	48	FRANKLIN	34
BENSON	17	GRANT	50
BENSON	39	JEFFERSON	21
BENSON	27	ROOSEVELT	22
BENSON	23	WILSON	25
BENSON	58	MARSHALL	15
BENSON	48	CLEVELAND	65

**SEASON RECORD**

9 WINS, 11 LOSSES



**GIRL'S FROSH BASKETBALL—FRONT ROW:** Patrice Middleton, Sarah Brunscheon, Yen Ly, Debra Mawson, Larissa Estes. **SECOND ROW:** Kayin Talton, Amanda Miller, Jennifer Nelson, Tatiana Sims, Dianna Evers, Kaleah Cage, Wendy Barnes, Nelly Park.





**CELEBRATION!** Megan Seeley, Amanda Johnson, and Michelle Vickery celebrate a Tech win against one of many opponents this season.

**LOOKING FOR AN OUTLET!** Shekinah Brazzle watches for an outlet pass during a game against Wilson.

**TEAMWORK COUNTS!** The freshmen team gathers up for a pre-game pep talk by Coach Moore.



**GIRLS J.V. BASKETBALL—FIRST ROW:** Christina White, Michelle Vickery. **SECOND ROW:** Rachel Dees, Shekinah Brazzle, Shannon Farrester. **THIRD ROW:** Terica Devoreh-Spratt, Amanda Johnston, Shauna Ceaser. **FOURTH ROW:** Rochelle Jackson, Liz Schroeder, Coach McDuffie, Megan Seeley, Itoro Elijah.

# SCORES

BENSON 67	C. CATHOLIC 72
BENSON 15	McMINNVILLE 62
BENSON 33	LAKERIDGE 62
BENSON 35	MADISON 42
BENSON 41	FRANKLIN 31
BENSON 41	GRANT 37
BENSON 49	ROOSEVELT 42
BENSON 24	LINCOLN 37
BENSON 34	WILSON 42
BENSON 53	MARSHALL 29
BENSON 55	CLEVELAND 31
BENSON 43	LINCOLN 51
BENSON 42	JEFFERSON 49
BENSON 52	MADISON 29
BENSON 54	FRANKLIN 32
BENSON 39	GRANT 33
BENSON 41	JEFFERSON 58
BENSON 40	ROOSEVELT 43
BENSON 35	WILSON 58
BENSON 49	MARSHALL 31
BENSON 65	CLEVELAND 36
<b>SEASON RECORD</b>	
10 WINS, 11 LOSSES	



# not so soft balls

The Techsters struggle with rain delays, no playing time, and miss the playoffs by a few games.



**SWINGIN'** - Rebekah Spencer swings at a fast pitch from a Cleveland pitcher.

This year the softball team was ranked high, and was in the list of contenders to take the mighty P.I.L

Starting off their season in Southern California's San Diego, the Techsters season seemed to wake up on the wrong side of the bed. "Although we didn't win a lot in San Diego, we bonded not only as a team, but as friends," said Junior Andrea Thompson.

When the Varsity girls got back from their spring break run down to California, the typical Oregon thing happened. Like the baseball team's season, the girls were just hampered with rain that came down

like an Asian Monsoon.

With strong hitting from Senior Talunaka Washington, the batting from the Techsters went extremely well this season. Freshmen Jamie

Peterson also contributed with strong defense and offense as she played swing between the JV and varsity teams. Other stars on the team were seniors Rebekah Spencer, who fired hardballs from the mound and was voted by her team mates as the team's MVP, and Mandy Zelinka (12), who played solid as a rock in the outfield.

Overall, with the rain and no makeups scheduled to put out a decent season, the girls were stuck with a lousy season record and no way to correct it.

*I think we had a good season, but we had a lot of new players, so we had to play with new strategies.*

Shireen Moini  
-junior-

## Joe Putnam



**VARSITY SOFTBALL**— **FRONT ROW:** Kristi Wolf, Juanita Solis, Michelle Moini. **SECOND ROW:** Rebekah Spencer, Meghan Neilan, Shireen Moini, Shannon McCrary, Jennifer Nelson, Andrea Thompson, Mandy Zelinka. **THIRD ROW:** Coach Nelson, Katrina Pongracz, Cathi McGloghlon, Kate Cunningham, Talunaka Washinton, Coach Ross.

# SCORES

## Varsity

BENSON	14	LINCOLN	11
BENSON	4	GRANT	1
BENSON	0	MADISON	4
BENSON	1	WILSON	3
BENSON	6	LINCOLN	6
BENSON	3	GRANT	5
BENSON	13	JEFFERSON	1
BENSON	12	JEFFERSON	4
BENSON	1	CLEVELAND	0
BENSON	2	ROOSEVELT	3
BENSON	4	FRANKLIN	7
BENSON	0	MARSHALL	8
BENSON	3	MADISON	0
BENSON	1	ROOSEVELT	2
BENSON	6	FRANKLIN	2

SEASON RECORD

8 WINS, 11 LOSSES





**YER' OUT!** Talunaka Washington tags out a Wilson baserunner that tried to steal a base on the Techsters.

# SCORES

## Jr. Varsity

BENSON	1	SANDY	12
BENSON	11	LINCOLN	6
BENSON	7	GRANT	17
BENSON	6	WILSON	13
BENSON	20	LINCOLN	5
BENSON	4	GRANT	14
BENSON	17	CLEVELAND	5
BENSON	0	CLEVELAND	10
BENSON	2	FRANKLIN	13
BENSON	4	MADISON	14
BENSON	0	ROOSEVELT	7

### SEASON RECORD

3 WINS, 8 LOSSES



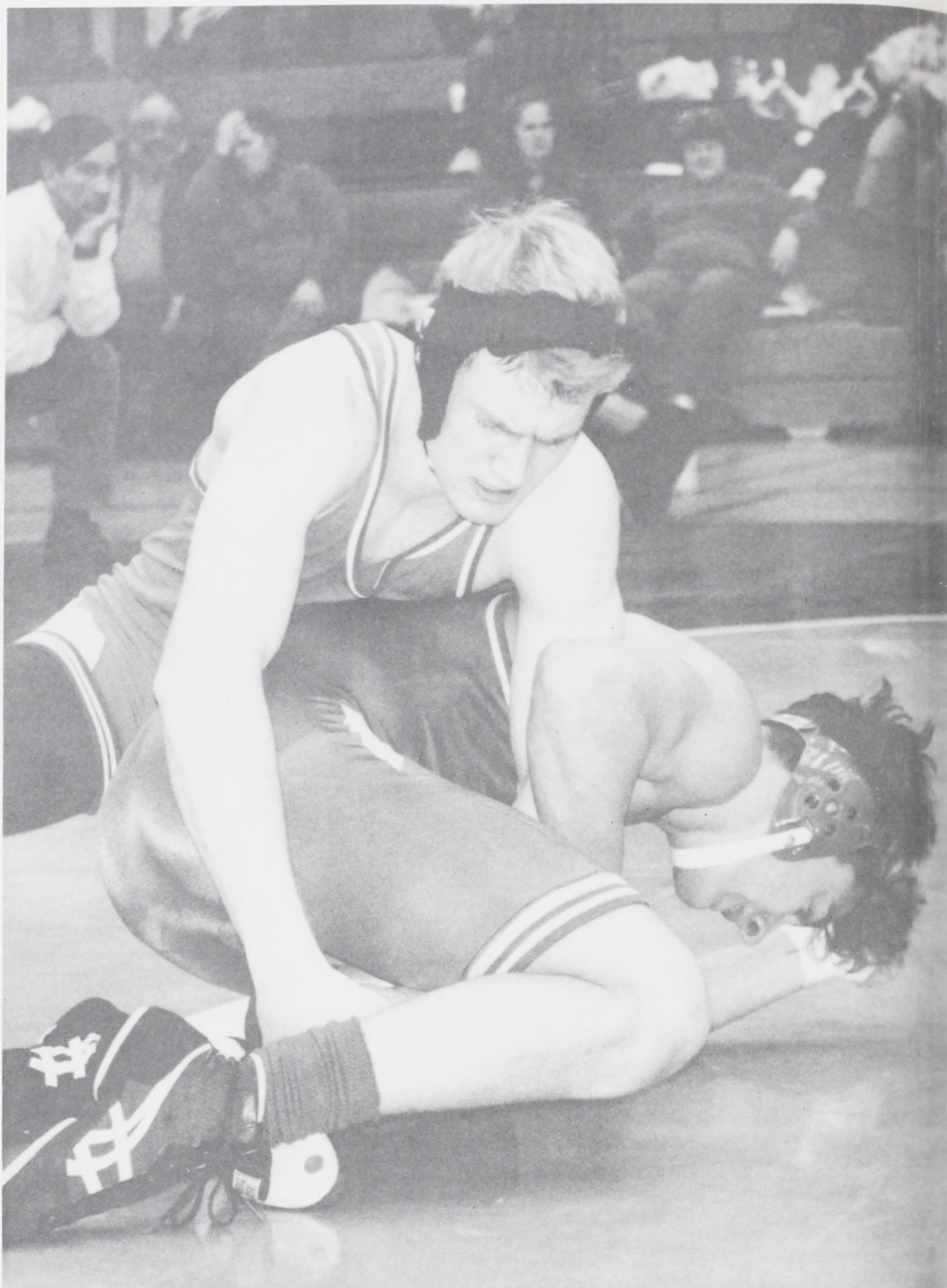
**JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL—FRONT ROW:** Deborah Mawson, Davia Maxwell, Sarah Brunscheon, Jamie Perkins, Clarissa Liu. **SECOND ROW:** Christa Groves, Becca, Vanessa Philips, Coach McNeil, Angela Herman, Amanda Miller, Michelle Vickery.



**PULL 'EM IN!** Charlie Hall (11) grabs an opponent's wrist in a desperate attempt to put the guy on his stomach for points.



**START UP THE CHAINSAW!** Team Captain Joe Hansen (12) tears apart his opponent with a "chainsaw" during a close match.



**TIGHTEN UP!** Kim Mai (11) squeezes an opponents head off during one of his many wins this year.

**VARSITY WRESTLING—FRONT ROW:** Kim Mai, Zach Blalack, Miah Robles, Trevor Jones, Agustin Enriquez, Jack Shoeffler, Chris Wagner, Joe Regas, Joe Mauck. **SECOND ROW:** James Stewart, Zeb Stern, Daniel Langkow, Byron Donner, Ray "Right Nut" North, Craig McCullogh, Sky "Scrot" Mikesell, Charlie "Left Nut" Hall, Zack "Q-ball" Morrison. **THIRD ROW:** Coach Hiu, Josh Shaw, Shawn Appleberry, Dalton Husband, Morgan Jones, Joe Putnam, Danny Gardner, Matt Marquez, Tim Rodgers, Jason Sharp, Darin Krueger, Coach Mechling.

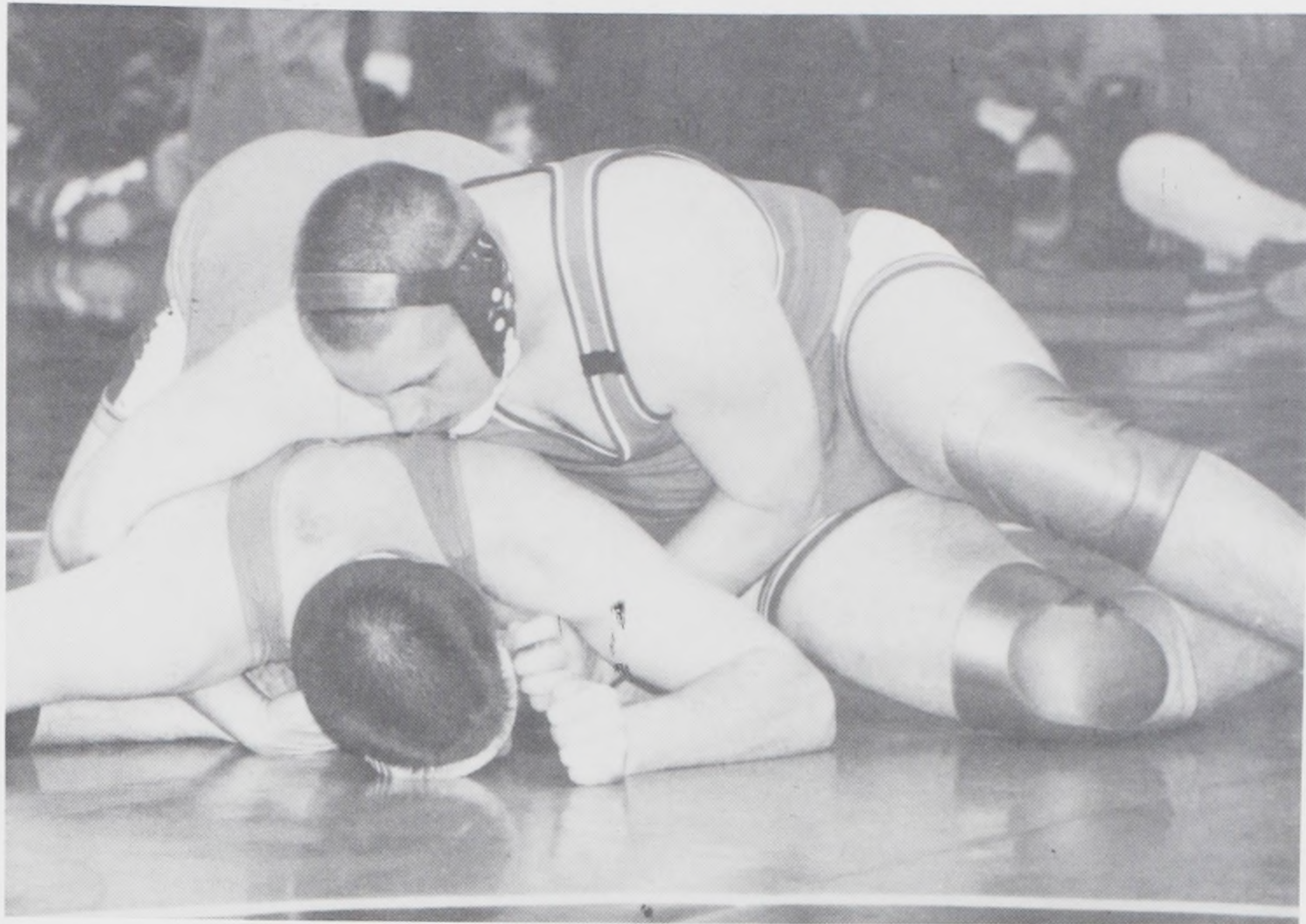




# SCORES

BENSON	15	LINCOLN	18
BENSON	28	CLEVELAND	54
BENSON	35	WILSON	40
BENSON	37	ROOSEVELT	43
BENSON	28	MARSHALL	28
BENSON	32	MADISON	38
BENSON	35	JEFFERSON	28
BENSON	35	GRANT	36
BENSON	48	FRANKLIN	7
SEASON RECORD:			
4 WINS, 5 LOSSES			

**GO FOR THE HALF!** Senior Shawn Appleberry forces a half-nelson on an opponent from Franklin.



## going for pins

Tech struggles though a tough season, but stays together to maintain a good team spirit.

From the very start of the season in November, varsity coach Mike Mechling was looking forward to this year's wrestling season. With returning team MVP and four-year letterman Joe Hansen (12), seniors Matt Marquez, and Shawn Appleberry, plus juniors Sky Mikesell, Charlie Hall, Kim Mai, and Joe Putnam, Benson seemed to have a very strong varsity lineup that was very competitive.

"It's gonna be a real toss-up," said Mechling at the beginning of the season. As the team entered the pre-season, Benson lost a huge part of its upper weight classes. This forced the team to fight harder in the lower weights to get more points. Persistent, the team went on, still pursuing its goals for a city championship.

As the long season went on, the

team entered the PIL matches where a lot of the matches went down to the wire, forcing big man Joe Putnam to produce wins, even with injuries lingering.

Benson ended the regular season with a disappointing four and five record. Entering Districts, Benson dominated its opponents by using strong technique, and good endurance.

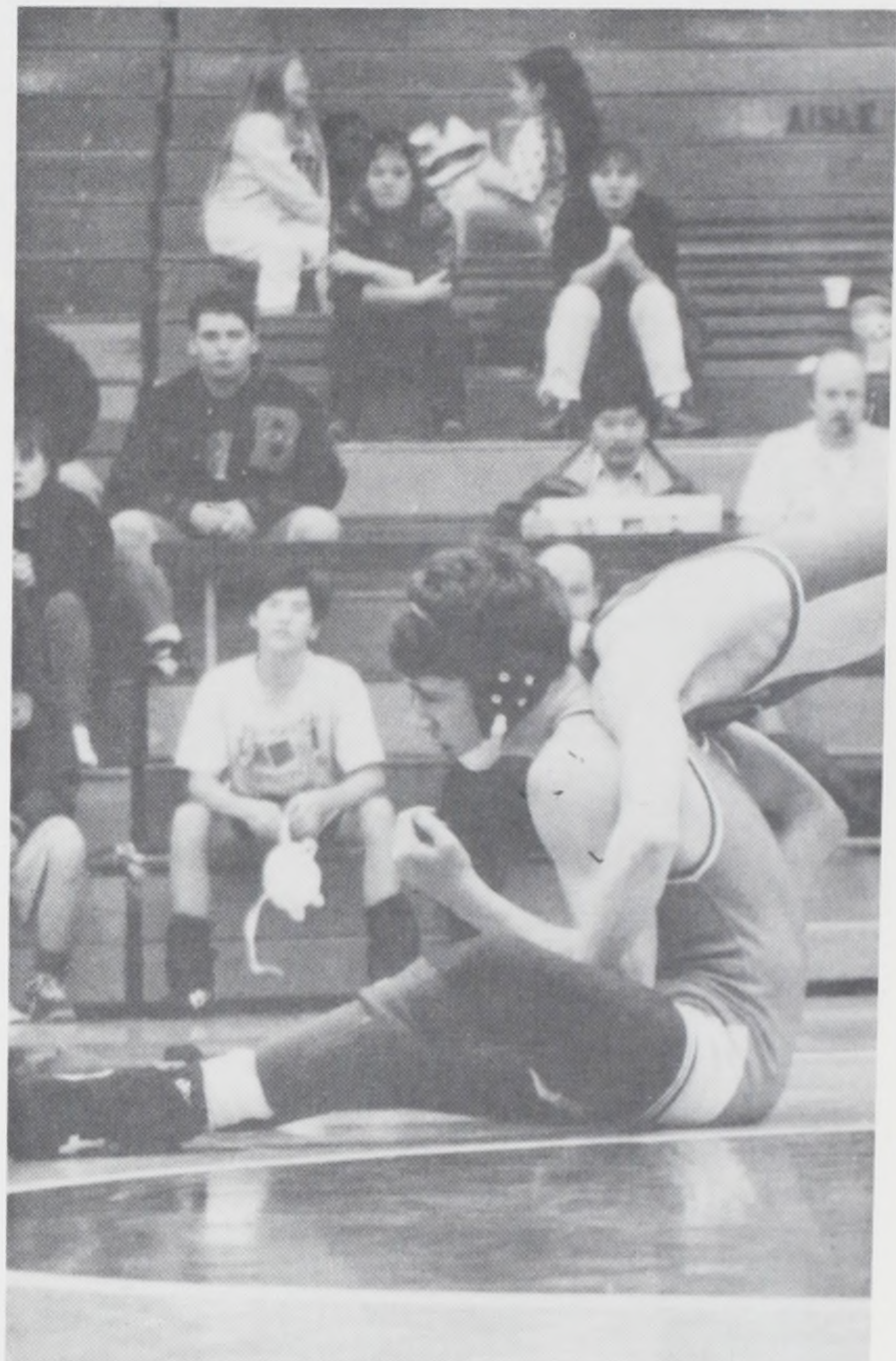
By the finals, two Techmen had already qualified for state, and Joe Hansen took the city championship at 142 pounds with ease, on his way to placing fourth in state.

"I think we had a good season. I was kind of mad we

lost a few that we definitely should have won, but I'm really looking forward to next year," said Coach Mechling at the end of the season. "Next year if we get all of our seniors and juniors back we'll be on top with a lot of hard work." he added

*All the guys looked like this.*

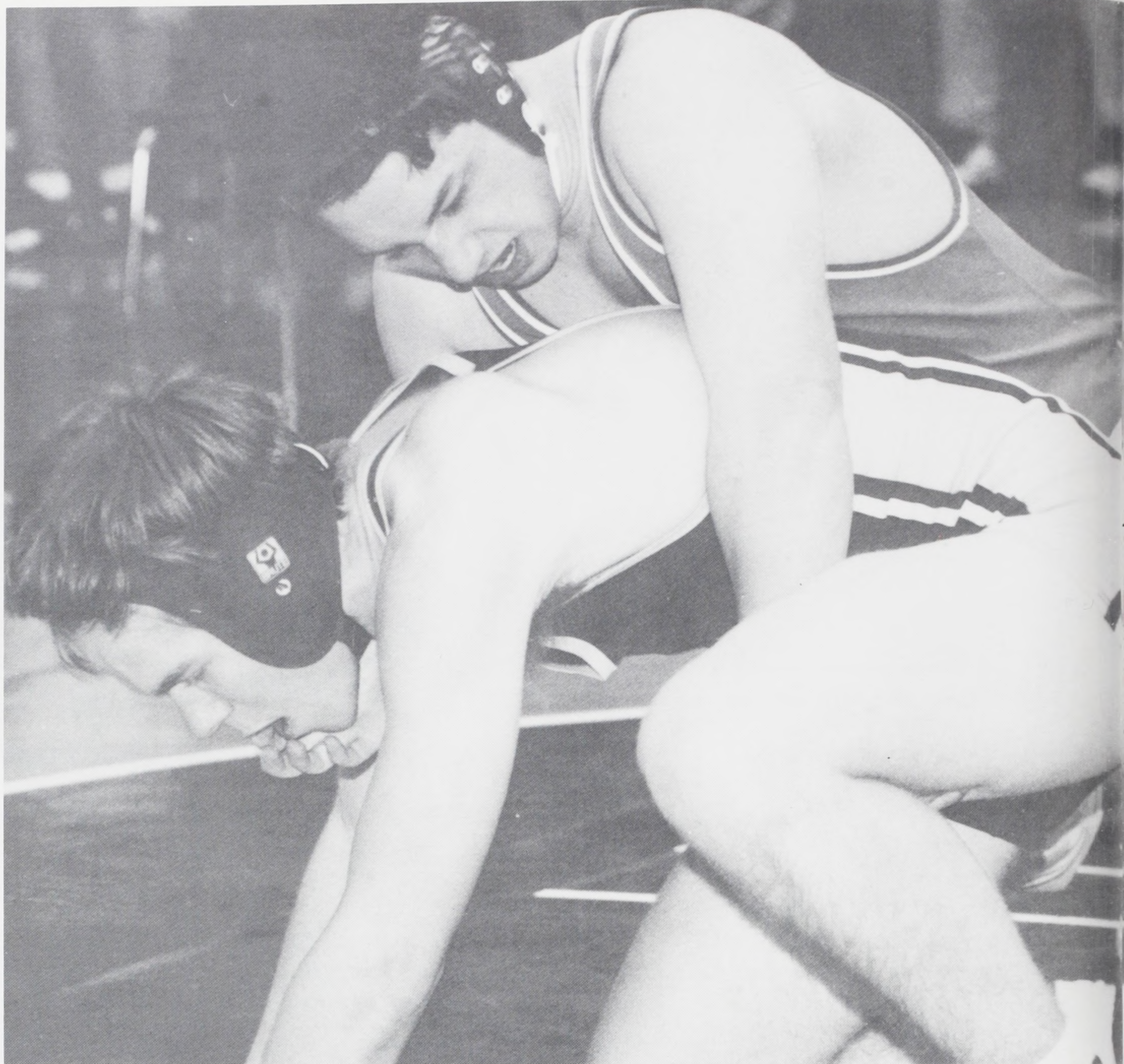
Joe Hansen -senior- on his injuries inflicted on his way to taking fourth in state.



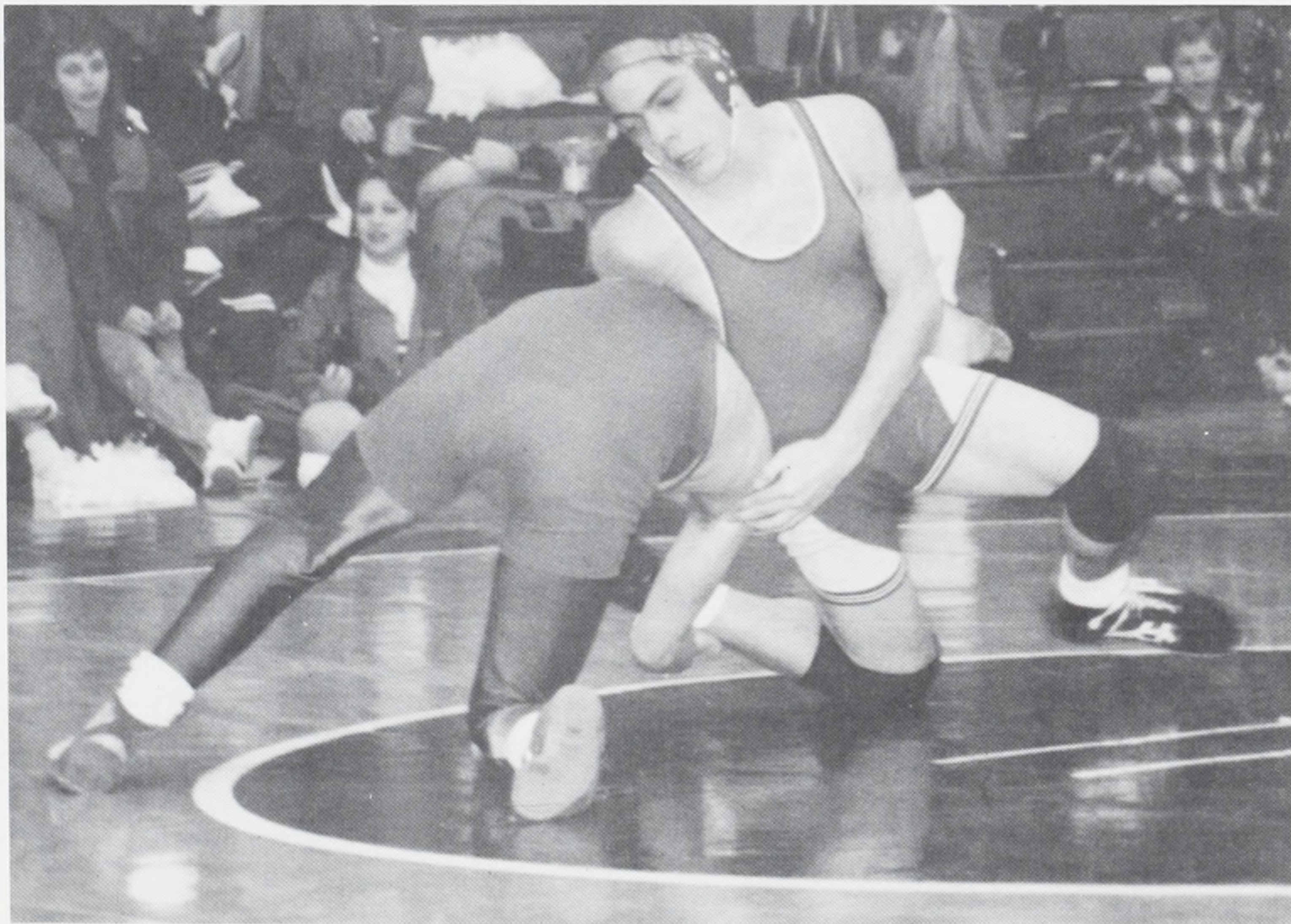
**SITTING OUT.** Sophomore Joe Regas ducks out of a hold by Cleveland opponent Steve Lyons.

*by Joe Putnam*





**HOLD EM DOWN!** Senior Martin Shultz holds down an opponent during a rough match.



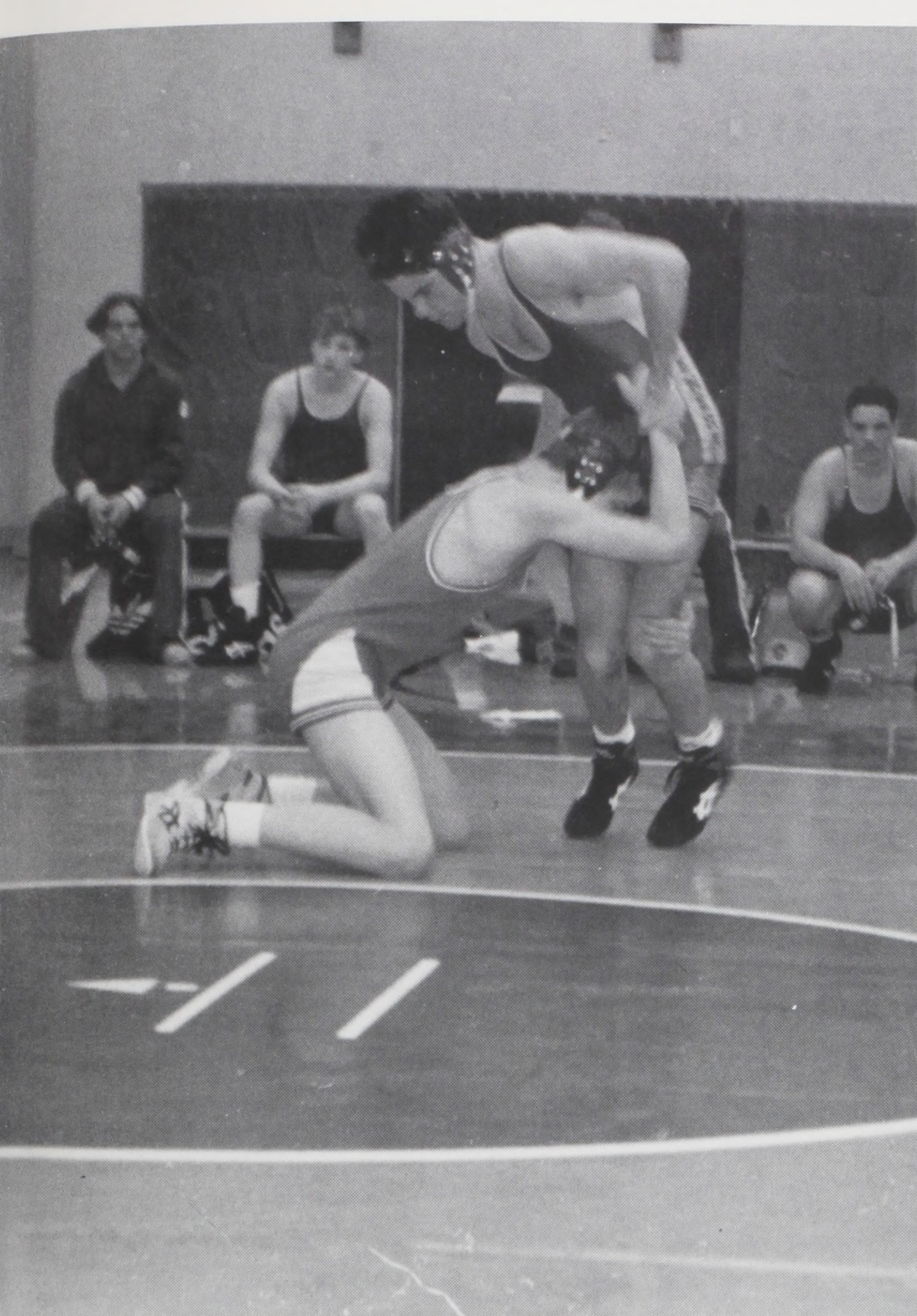
**HE'S GIVIN' HIS OPPONENT THE RUN AROUND.** Sophomore Miah Robles switches on his opponent for an easy two points.

# SCORES

## Junior Varsity

BENSON 15	LINCOLN	29
BENSON 28	CLEVELAND	22
BENSON 35	WILSON	6
BENSON 37	ROOSEVELT	28
BENSON 28	MARSHALL	6
BENSON 32	MADISON	3
BENSON 35	GRANT	23
BENSON 35	JEFFERSON	6
BENSON 48	FRANKLIN	0
<b>SEASON RECORD:</b>		
9 WINS, 0 LOSSES.		





**GET INTO IT!** Jack Schoeffler (10) shoots in for a single leg take-down during a match against Hillsboro.

**HEAD TO HEAD.** Junior Sky "concussion magnet" Mikesell goes head to head with one of his opponents during an intense match.



## LANGUAGE O' WRESTLING

Wrestling has a language all of its own, just like any other sport. Here are some of this year's team's more favorite wrestling phrases.

**STUCK:** To pin, or get pinned really fast

**SLAMMED:** To kick, or get your butt kicked.

**CHAINSAW:** Pulling your opponent's arm between his legs to hurt his gonads.

**HONEYMOON RIDE:** Split your opponent's legs and get settled in for the pin.

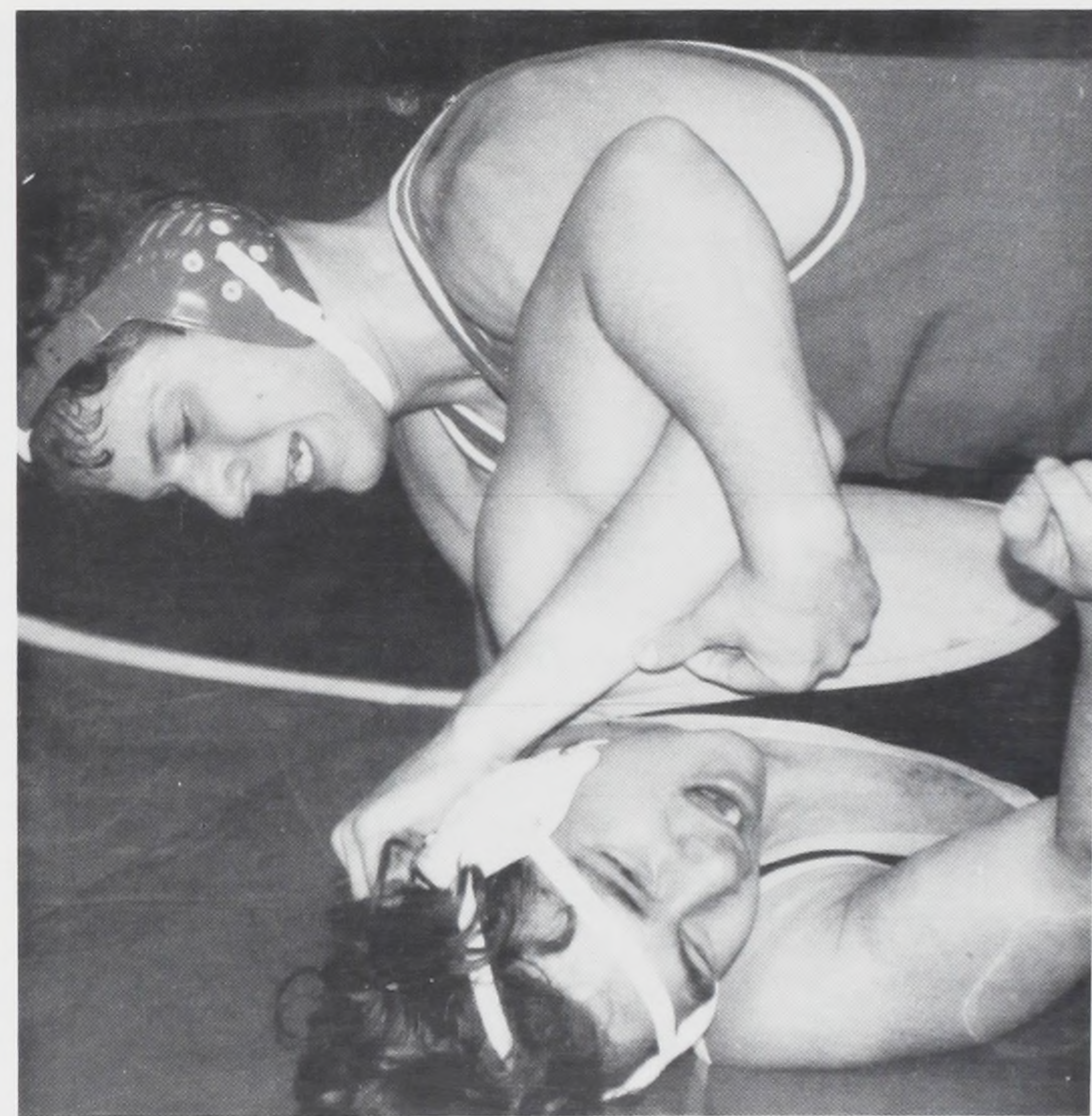
**OUCH!:** When Mechling AND Hiu yell at you.

**TEEKED:** To get smoked by 15 points.

**RUMBLE:** When the team pounds its feet on the ground when a teammate is about to get a pin.

**AN U.N.B:** When you can't stop a nosebleed. (unstoppable nose bleed)

**POPPINEYES:** To squeeze your opponent's head in a head in arm, so hard his eyes start bugging.



**THE PUNISHER!** James Mauck (11) punishes his opponent with a fierce half.



# High-Techs in motion



**THE HIGH-TECHS** are at center court for their halftime show at the state basketball playoffs.

**B**eing on the Dance Team is a thing that gets you going! Many of the Dance Team people say that some of the good points about it are: you get to meet new people, go to different places, meet other dance teams, improve team work, learn different things, become good friends with everyone, learn valuable leadership and dance skills and it's better than doing nothing.

Oh, Boy! The Benson Dance Team sure did a wonderful job at the State-wide competition. They

were only one place away from getting an award, a teammate placed 6th in drill down, and they all worked together.

**The Dance team nearly places, having one of their best years ever.**

*You get to meet a lot of new people!*

Michelle Thomas  
-freshman-

It changed the students' lives in many ways. Michelle Thomas says, "You get to go to different schools and meet a lot of new people. It's a lot better than flippin' burgers!"

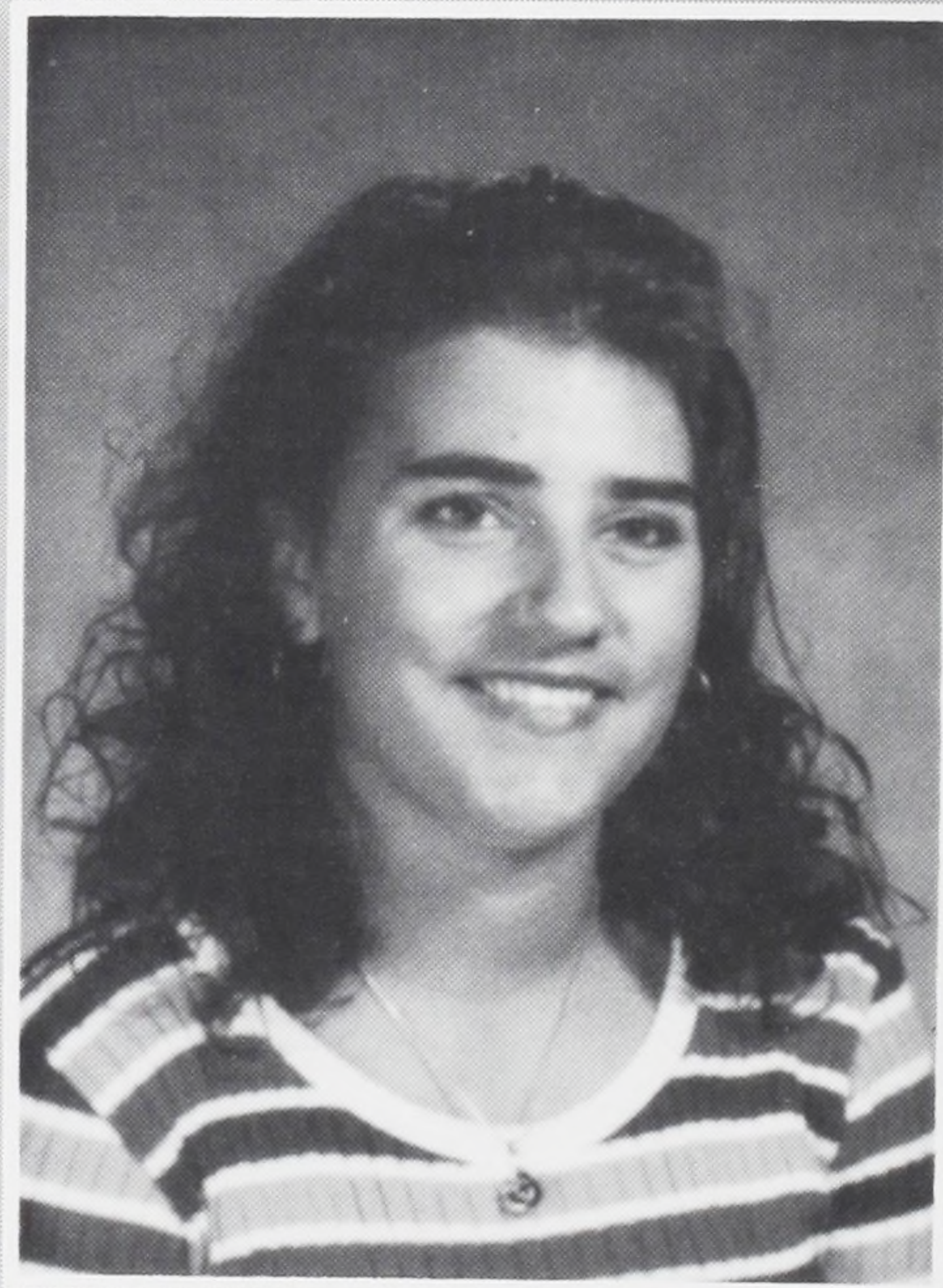
It helped them with confidence and self expression. Besides keeping them busy, it was a fun way to add spirit and keep in shape!

*by Angela K. Munar*



## THE TOP TEAMSTER!

Katrina Pongracz is one of the captains of the team. She is always there to help out the team, get their spirits up, and she has a high energetic mind to keep her still going. Her sister last year, Sabrina Pongracz, was captain of the team and passed her place on to Katrina.



Katrina Pongracz



HENRY'S  
STANDS FOR  
GREAT BEER.



**Let's Go Benson!** The Dance team warms up the crowd to help the football game come to a happy ending!

## Quotes from The High-Tech's

"The freshmen surely didn't feel privileged, sleeping on the floor during trips. Enough beds were not provided."

Laurie Simms



"One good point about dance this year is that we are a close family: we trained, competed, shopped, and had fun together."

Melissa Kerekes



"I had fun being a freshman, but some of the older people looked down on us just because of my age. The word 'seniority' was used way too much."

Renee Beaudoin



**DANCE TEAM-FRONT ROW:** Nicole Salvus, Michelle Thomas, Sky-laurie Eastwood, Rebecca Schmidt. **SECOND ROW:** Jennelle Terhaar, Katie Hargauth, Assistant coach Sabrina Pongracz, Coach Cindee Chadwick, Coach Ann Neito, Latasha Strong, Jennifer McBride. **THIRD ROW:** Jenny Wright, Renee Beaudoin, Chena Kim, Andrea Thompson, Laurie Simms, Heather Cain. **FOURTH ROW:** Tiffany Jorgensen, Stacy Magnett, Elizabeth Eggiman. **FIFTH ROW:** Andrea Vucinich, Katrina Pongracz, Matyas Pongracz, Melissa Kerekes.



# different strokes

What will happen to the sport of champions?

Benson golf has always been a honored tradition. Both boys and girls golfers have shared in the pride of being part of the great tradition of golf. The golf team consists of an elite group of students who have dedicated their spring time to the pursuit of perfection on the green.

This year's season was all but perfect, however. The boys suffered disappointing losses and had very few state qualifiers. The girls struggled as

well. A small group, they just didn't have the amount of team members they needed to be successful.

Although the sport of golf at Benson has undergone a decline in the past years, it's the hope of its members that in the future it will once again become a popular and competitive sport.

The Golf team will continue to look forward to next year and they will try to make a name for themselves among the golfing giants of the P.I.L. For now the team can only practise and think of things to come because another season has gone by for the golf team at Benson High School.

*The last two seasons have been a disappointment*

J.J. Lynch  
-senior-

## SCORES

### Girls Golf

BENSON 4	MADISON	8
BENSON 2	GRANT	10
BENSON 2	CLEVELAND	10
BENSON 0	JEFFERSON	10
BENSON 5	MARSHALL	5
BENSON 0	LINCOLN	12
BENSON 0	WILSON	12
BENSON 0	FRANKLIN	12
BENSON 2	GRANT	10
BENSON 0	ROOSEVELT	12

SEASON RECORD:

0 wins, 9 Losses, 1 Tie.

## SCORES

### Boys Golf

BENSON 188	LINCOLN	151
BENSON 199	CLEVELAND	201
BENSON 187	FRANKLIN	201
BENSON 188	ROOSEVELT	184
BENSON 184	GRANT	176
BENSON 187	JEFFERSON	287
BENSON 161	WILSON	191
BENSON 176	MADISON	164
BENSON 177	MARSHALL	206
BENSON 193	FRANKLIN	212

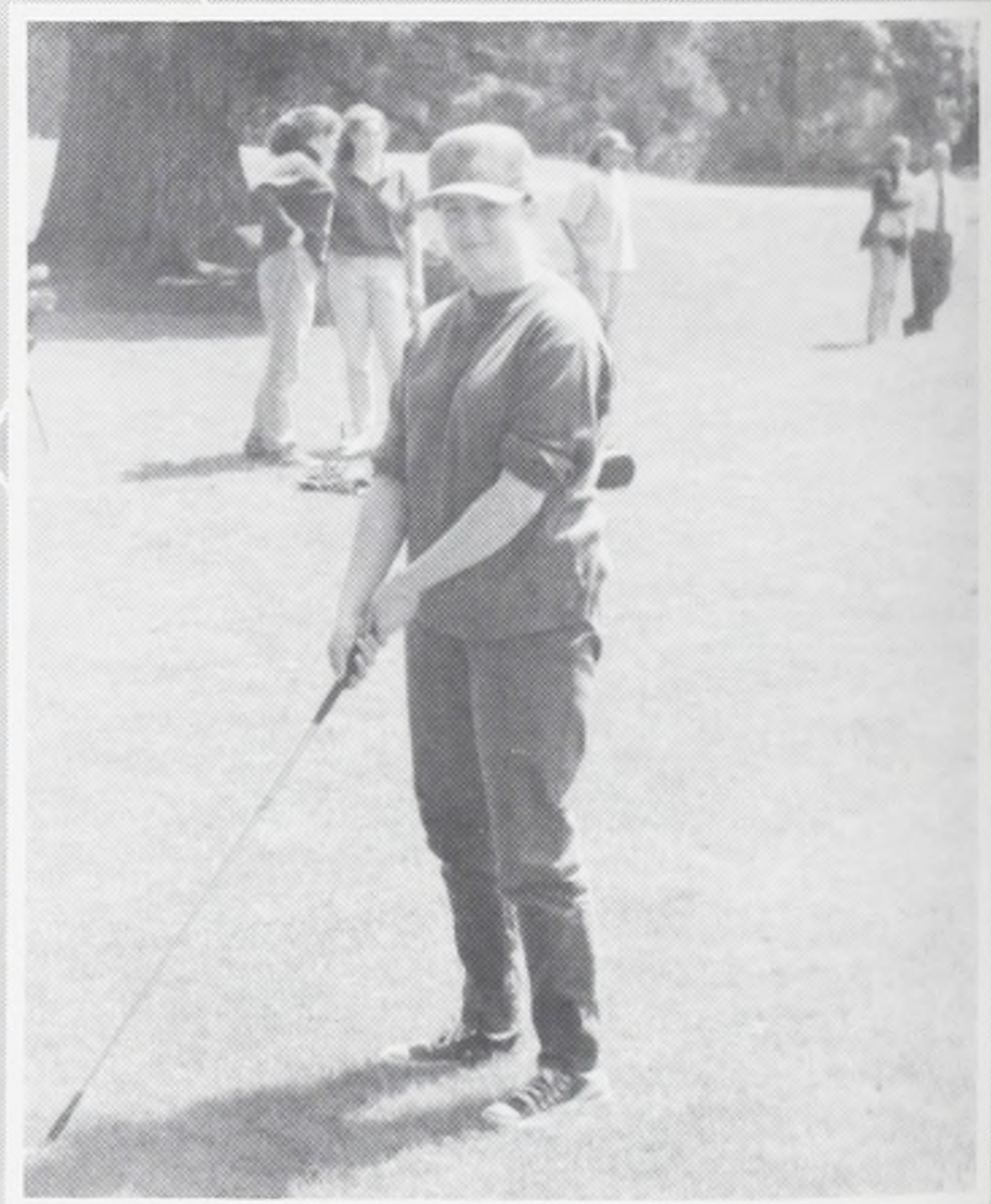
SEASON RECORD:

4 WINS, 6 LOSSES.

*by John Stainbrook*

## ON THE 18TH HOLE!

The sport of golf requires patience and concentration. The golfer must be able to handle pressure on a variety of shots from the T-off to a put. It takes a special kind of person to be comfortable with the sport of golf. Here at Benson the sport of golf is alive and well. We hope that the sport of golf will continue to be an integral part of Benson High School.



Jeanette Butler demonstrates the patience required of all golfers.





**FOURRR:** J.J. Lynch takes a mighty swing at the ball.

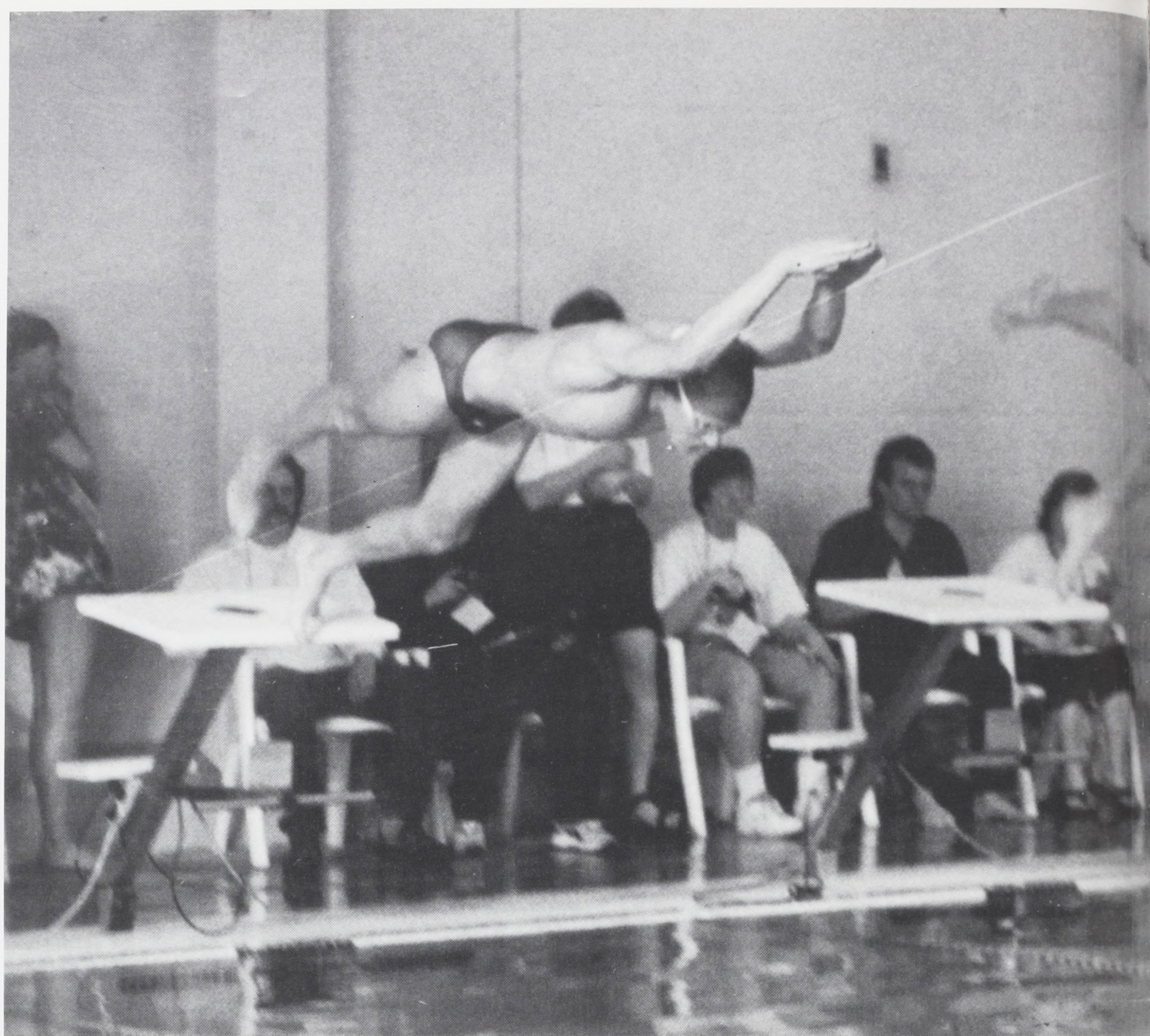


**GOLF**—Nicholas Graham, Matt Curths, Brian Piper, Ryan Richter, Pat Malarkey, J.J. Lynch, Ben Butler, Vince Sinnott.



**GIRLS' GOLF**—Sarah Harris, Rochell Jackson, Coach Ben Markin, Crystal Adams, Jeanette Butler.





**HOT DOG!** Dan Achterman (right) starts with excellent form.

### Boys Swimming

BENSON	52	DALLES	29
BENSON	125	JEFFERSON	27
BENSON	110	FRANKLIN	43
BENSON	94	RAINIER	70
BENSON	50	WILSON	44
BENSON	80	MADISON	3
BENSON	72	ROOSEVELT	12
BENSON	54	CLEVELAND	36
BENSON	63	LINCOLN	32
BENSON	63	GRANT	52
<b>SEASON RECORD:</b>			
9 WINS, 1 LOSS.			



**VARSITY SWIMMING—FRONT ROW:** Jennifer Brauckmiller, Rebecca Grover, Jeanette Ball, Heather Varney, Amanda Thornson, Angie Fryer, Holly Lance, Jessica Jose, Dawn Liu, Christa Siemssen **SECOND ROW:** Michael Olson, Matt Crum, Ken Jenson, Ryan Heath, Dan Achterman, Cody Wagner, Andy Kern, Matyas Pongracz. **THIRD ROW:** Keith Ball, Andrew Barna, Phil Lewis, David Weisenberg, Tim Barna, Glen Foster, Richard Helzer, Robert Stephens. **FOURTH ROW:** Brian Briggs, Nathan "lifevest" Heath, Coach Webber, Peter Helzer.



# staying afloat

Benson dominates and sends several to state, capping off a great season.

The Benson's men's and women's swim team both soared beyond the expectations of everyone. Besides Steve Sarina and a couple of other students the team had no student support at any of our their meets. "We had great parental support at all of our meets. Thanks," said Dave Weisenburg. According to Weisenburg, Coach Ed Weber did an excellent job of coaching and also supporting everyone of the swimmers. He also had his first loss in two years. But the team had a 25 meet win streak before that loss.

for the 100 freestyle. The relay was for the 200 freestyle and consisted of Matt Crum (10), Dan Achterman (12), Nathan Heath (12), and Glenn Foster (12). There were many others who did well but didn't qualify for the state championship. But they made the difference between the second place finish, and losing.

The boys JV team took the city JV championship for the third time out of the three-year history of the meet.

The girls varsity beat Cleveland for the first time in the team's history. And overall in the city they placed sixth. This

In the men's varsity district meet, the team did very well. One individual event qualified for state and one relay. The individual was Matt Crum (10)

was a valiant effort and they keep on placing higher every year. So look for some good girls swimming action in the near future.

*Overall it was a pretty good season!*

Peter Helzer  
-Junior-



**HOW DID I DO?** Coach Ed Webber and Matt Crum discuss statistics.

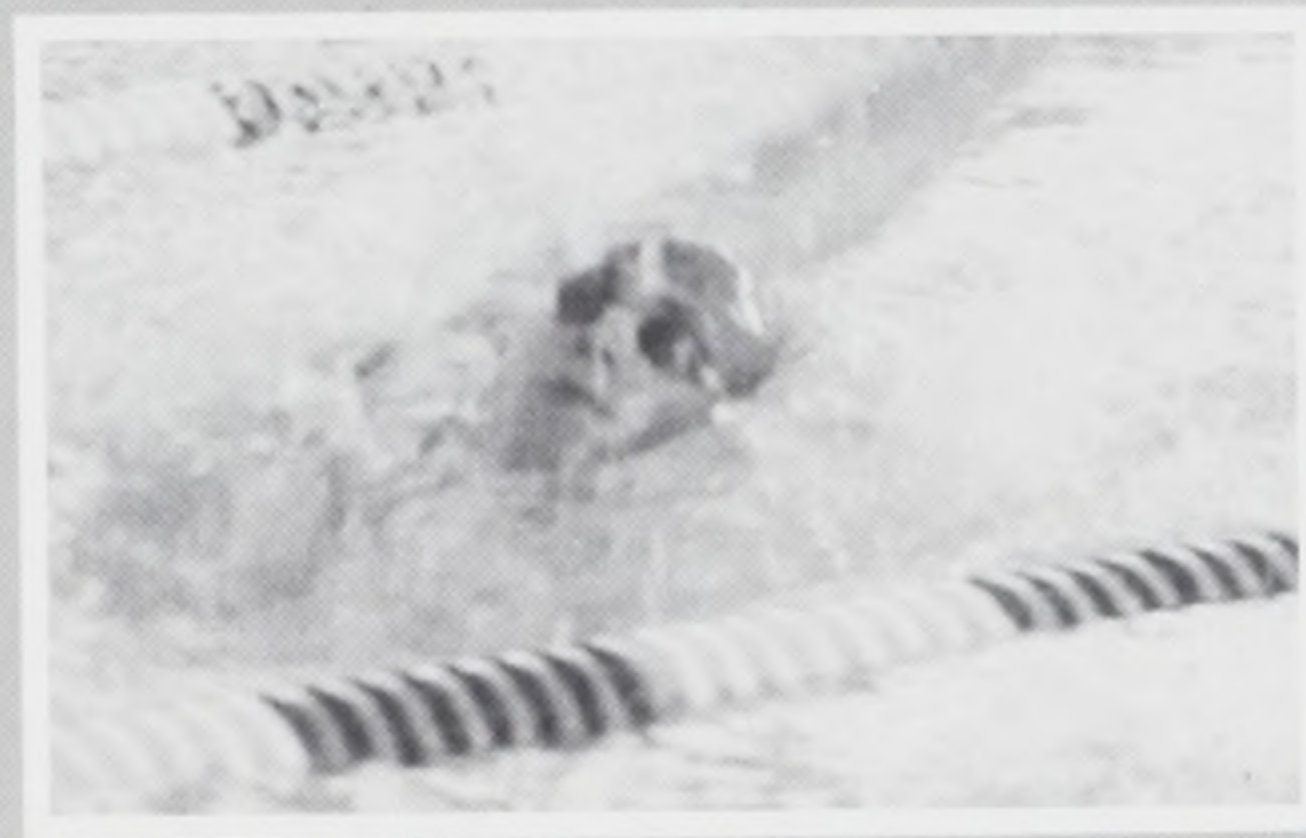
**HOW DOES SHE DO IT!** Dawn Liu glides through the water with amazing grace and precision.

*by John Stainbrook*

## HOW THEY STROKE IT.



The Freestyle Stroke: The swiftest of all the strokes.



The Backstroke: For those swimmers who like lying down.



The Butterfly: A difficult stroke which requires years of practice.



The Breaststroke: For those who want to take it easy.

## Girls Swimming

SCORES

BENSON	13	DALLES	72
BENSON	101	JEFFERSON	12
BENSON	58	FRANKLIN	96
BENSON	43	RAINIER	113
BENSON	21	WILSON	72
BENSON	49	MADISON	42
BENSON	37	ROOSEVELT	54
BENSON	46	CLEVELAND	39
BENSON	21	LINCOLN	73
BENSON	17	GRANT	76
SEASON RECORD:			
3 WINS, 7 LOSSES.			



# different swings

The Benson tennis team has its best finish in years.

**B**oys varsity tennis has been a sport dominated by the West Hills teams such as Lincoln and Wilson. But this season the North side has made its mark.

Benson came out fighting from the start. The team cleaned up with their pre-season matches and defeated long-time rival Grant in a controversial all-out grudge match.

When Wilson stepped onto Benson's home court Wilson knew it was in trouble. Their team tried to stall the match and play another time when they were

more organized. Benson's singles players made short work of their competition and then the doubles teams had to go all the way.

Benson's first doubles made a great effort, but were unable to win. The second doubles, after struggling, started to make a comeback. When the third doubles looked like an easy win, the Wilson coach threw in the towel and Benson took the decisive victory.

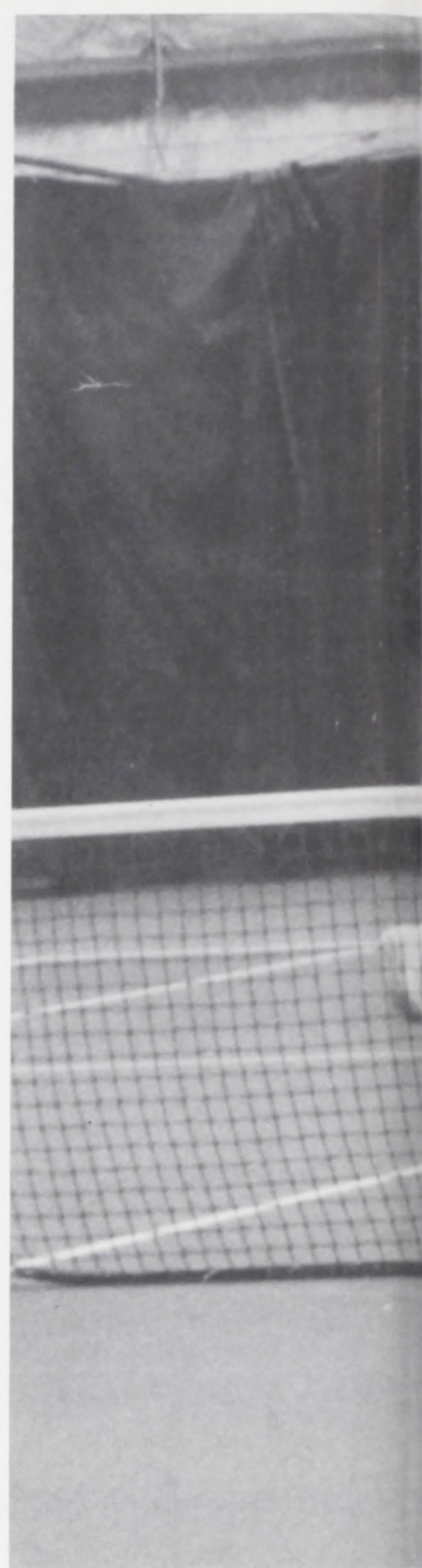
For the first time in many years Benson has made a name for itself in the sport of organized tennis.

*It was great to beat Wilson.*

Matthew Condit  
-senior-



**KA BOOM:** John Stainbrook (11) winds up for his power stroke, one of his most deadly weapons.



## Luan Nguyen

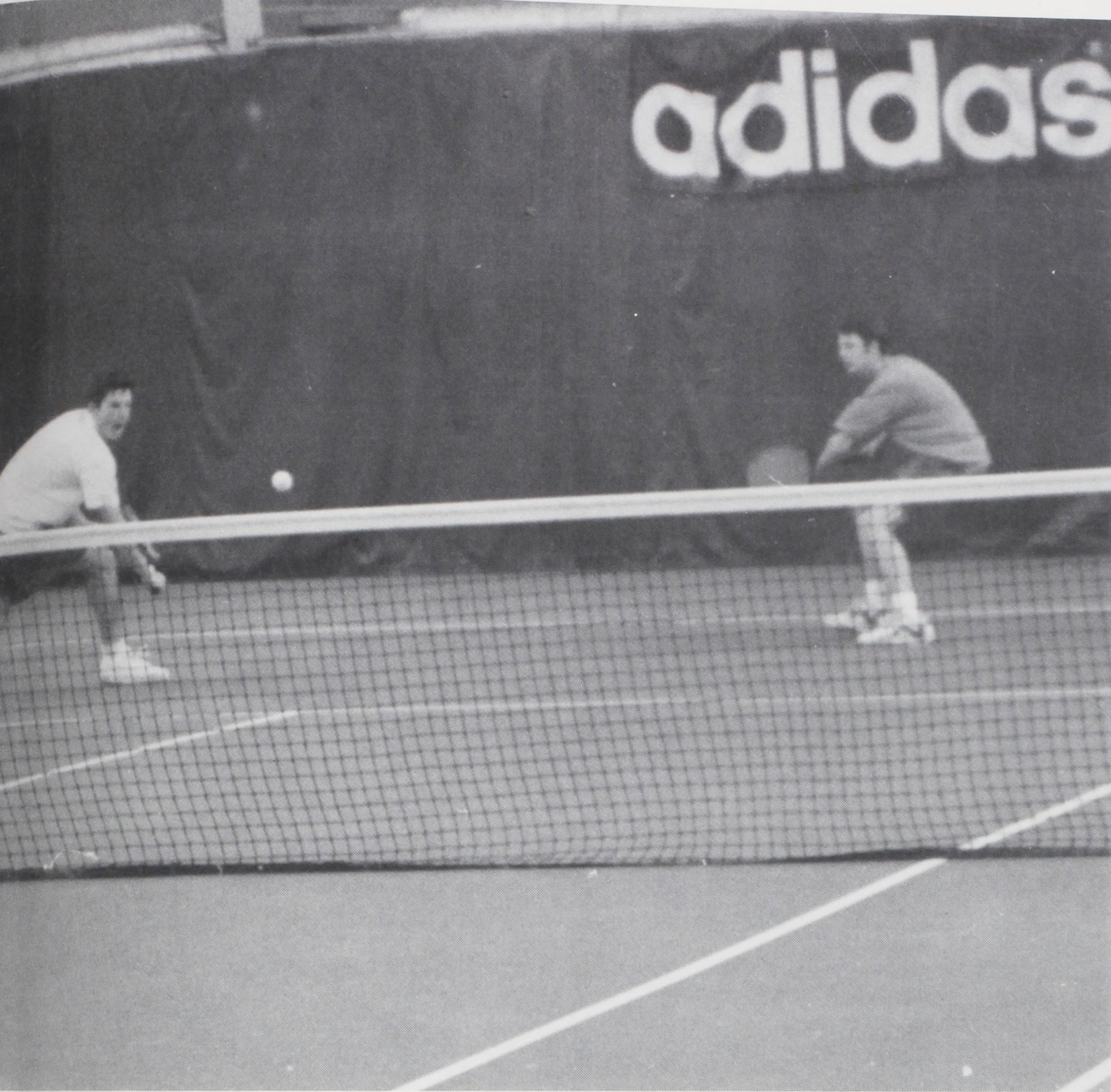
### Girls Tennis

BENSON 1	TUALATIN	7
BENSON 1	GRANT	6
BENSON 7	ROOSEVELT	0
BENSON 1	GLENCOE	6
BENSON 1	CLEVELAND	6
BENSON 2	MARSHALL	6
BENSON 6	JEFFERON	1
BENSON 3	WILSON	4
BENSON 5	MADISON	2
BENSON 4	FRANKLIN	3
SEASON RECORD:		
4 WINS, 6 LOSSES.		



**GIRLS TENNIS**— **FRONT ROW:** Tran Pham, Rebecca Lee, Jocelyn Wong, Jakee Benevides, Mey Saechao. **SECOND ROW:** Sara Welch, Hanh Ta, Yen Ly. **THIRD ROW:** Willesha Wade, Arleta Fowler, Somchanh Vongsoury, Coach Peterson, Tara Bennett, Carmen Jones, Lorie Lau.





**BRING IT ON!** : John Stainbrook(11) and Matt Condit(12) scramble for the ball in one of the district finals.

### Boys Tennis

BENSON 4	GRANT	3
BENSON 7	ROOSEVELT	0
BENSON 6	PUTNAM	1
BENSON 6	CLEVELAND	1
BENSON 6	JEFFERSON	1
BENSON 6	WILSON	1
BENSON 6	MADISON	1
BENSON 5	FRANKLIN	2
BENSON 7	MARSHALL	0
BENSON 1	LINCOLN	6

**SEASON RECORD:**

**9 WINS, 1 LOSSES.**



**BOYS TENNIS**—**FRONT ROW:** Ethan Bradford, Sonny Liu, Thomas Pham, Whitney Lemmon, Mark Daniel Damon. **ROW TWO:** Joe Bessman, Cliff Mah, Peter Nguyen, Mark Duong, Brian Wong, Daniel Nguyen, Phong Lam. **THIRD ROW:** Coach Fred B. Wong, Darwin Fong, Gary Burks, Eric Svensen, Matt Condit, Lady Choum, John Stainbrook, Min Kim, Dan Gilbert.

SCORES



# down and away

The Techmen skid on the field during a rainy spring and finish seventh in the P.I.L.

The Benson varsity baseball team started out this season with a boom louder than a French Concord airplane. With Superstar baseball players Bryan Veentjer (12), Tim Hillman (12), Tony Tellado (12) and rocket-arm sophomore Tyson Doyle, the Techmen seemed to be on the road to the P.I.L. crown. Instead, after gunning their way to a six and one start, they jetisoned to a dismal 9 and 13 record. "I don't know what happend. I thought we'd make it all the way to state. But I guess I was wrong," said Junior David Hillesland, who had a dominant role as catcher for the Techmen.

Like other spring sports in Portland, the baseball team was cursed with Oregon's worst natural re-

source—RAIN. When the baseball team actually got to play, the players were either slipping on wet grass or throwing water-logged balls. "The rain really ruined our season this year," said Tyson Doyle, "It was, you could say, a wash out."

After all the rain, Portland had a dry run for nearly two weeks. But with the the long layoff without playing, the Techmen skidded till the end of the season with a 3 wins and 9 loss run to end the season. With a long summer schedule, the

Techmen are looking forward to next year's season, when once again Coach Ryan and Crew will be looking for a championship flag to hang on the rafters of the gym.

*I don't know what happened, I thought we'd make it all the way to state. But I guess I was wrong!*

David Hillesland  
-junior-

by Joe Putnam



## SCORES

BENSON	13	LINCOLN	3
BENSON	10	LINCOLN	5
BENSON	5	GRANT	4
BENSON	8	WILSON	9
BENSON	0	MARSHALL	10
BENSON	4	ROOSEVELT	3
BENSON	2	FRANKLIN	10
BENSON	5	MADISON	12
BENSON	8	JEFFERSON	13
BENSON	2	LINCOLN	1
BENSON	1	GRANT	7
BENSON	0	JEFFERSON	3
BENSON	6	WILSON	13
BENSON	8	ROOSEVELT	9
BENSON	14	FRANKLIN	3
BENSON	0	MARSHALL	1
BENSON	10	CLEVELAND	5
BENSON	6	MADISON	5

LEAGUE RECORD  
9 WINS, 13 LOSSES



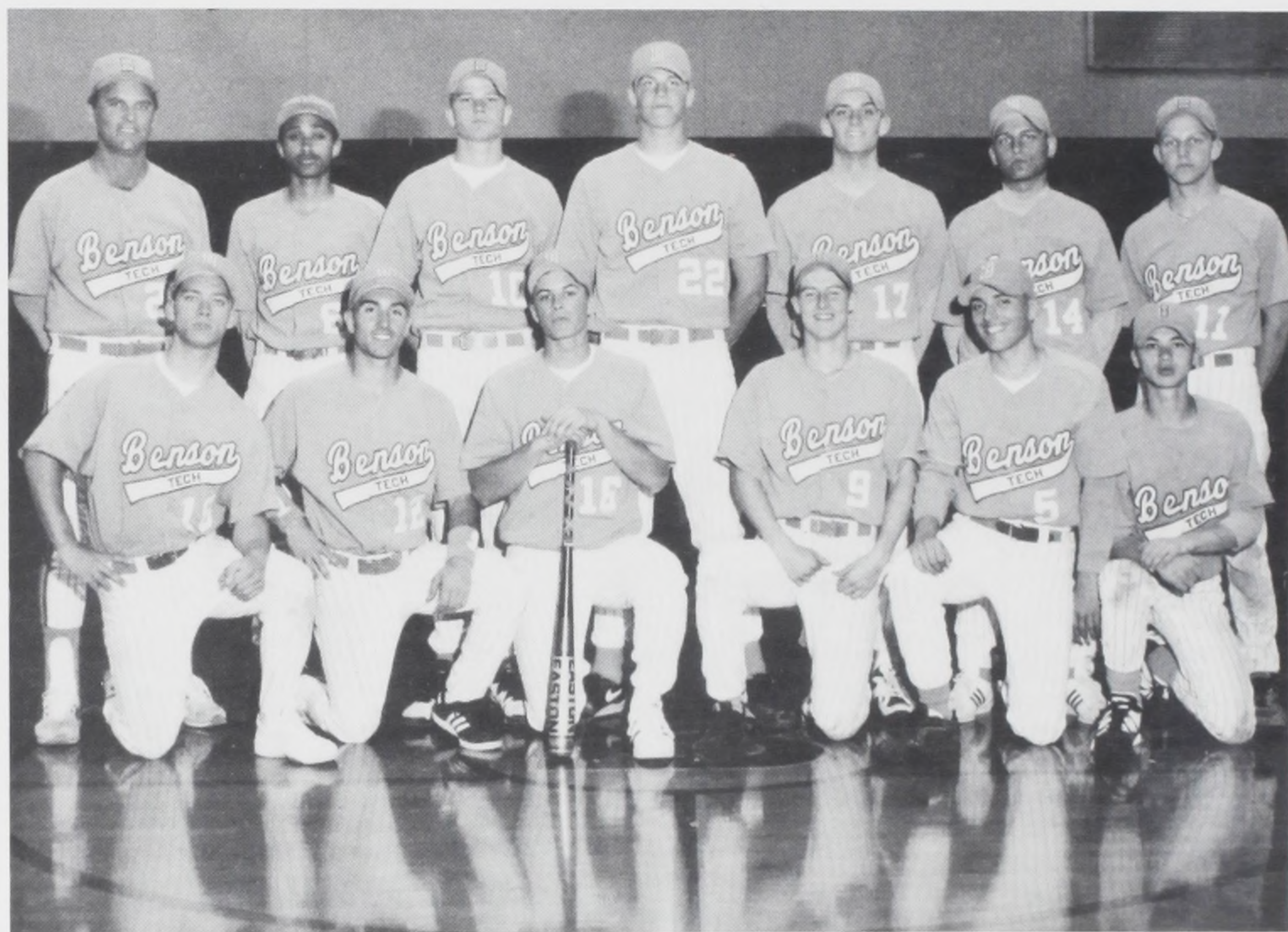
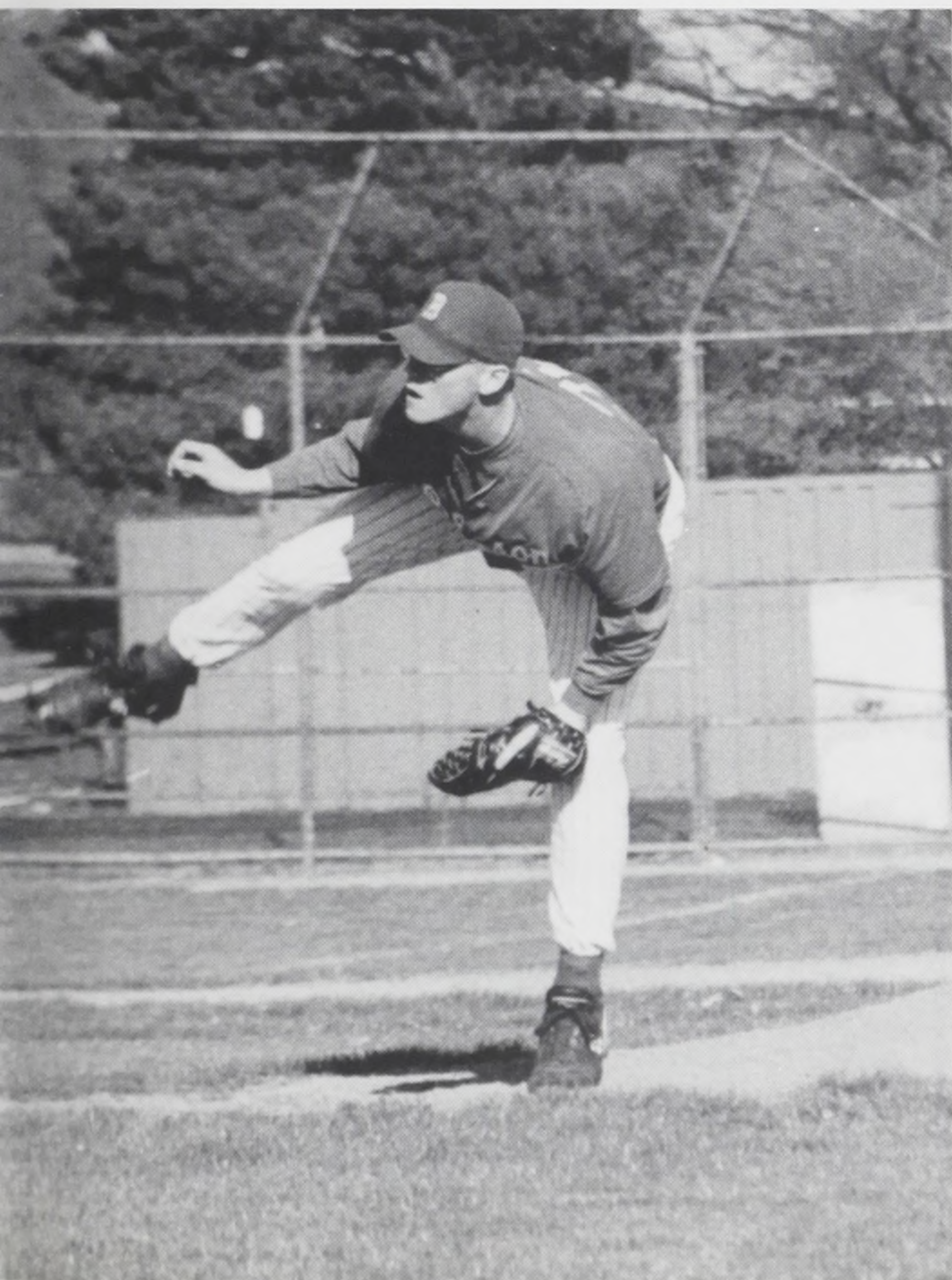
**GET DOWN TO GET IT.** Tim Hillman scoops up a ball at first base.

**THE HURLER!** Mark Thomas (11) rockets a ball towards home plate during a game against Lincoln.





**SWINGAWAY!** Senior Joe Disciascio swings violently at a fast pitch from a Cleveland pitcher.



**VARSITY BASEBALL.**-FRONT ROW: Steve McCourtney, Bryan Veentjer, Tony Tellado, Tim Hillman, Dan Johnson, Andrew Giesey. **SECOND ROW:** Coach Ryan, Rakeem Washington, David Hillesland, Mark Thomas, Tyson Doyle, Colby Archer, Joe Disciascio.





**LOOKIN THE OTHER WAY.** Andrew Larson (9) looks to Coach Berry for a signal to either stay at second or head to third.

SCORES

*Junior Varsity*

BENSON	17	LINCOLN	4
BENSON	10	GRANT	1
BENSON	5	WILSON	9
BENSON	30	JEFFERSON	0
BENSON	19	LINCOLN	0
BENSON	19	JEFFERSON	0
BENSON	11	WILSON	1
BENSON	11	FRANKLIN	4
BENSON	8	MADISON	9

SEASON RECORD

7 WINS, 2 LOSSES

SCORES

*Freshmen*

BENSON	7	LINCOLN	8
BENSON	6	GRANT	3
BENSON	16	WILSON	15
BENSON	9	JEFFERSON	0
BENSON	18	LINCOLN	6
BENSON	10	GRANT	13
BENSON	16	WILSON	6
BENSON	10	FRANKLIN	5
BENSON	6	MADISON	11

SEASON RECORD

6 WINS, 3 LOSSES



# strike 'em out

JV and freshmen teams dominate competition with strong will and big bats.

**W**e were the Stuff." as Agustin Enriquez put it. The JV & Freshmen baseball teams were all good this year. With several all star players like Enriquez, Dustin Brusse, and MVP Brett Strode, the JV team really rocked the house with the best record and best team in all the P.I.L. "I can't say we weren't the best team in the league because we kicked everybody's ass," said Kenny Slusher.

With humongous blow-outs like that of the one against Jefferson where the

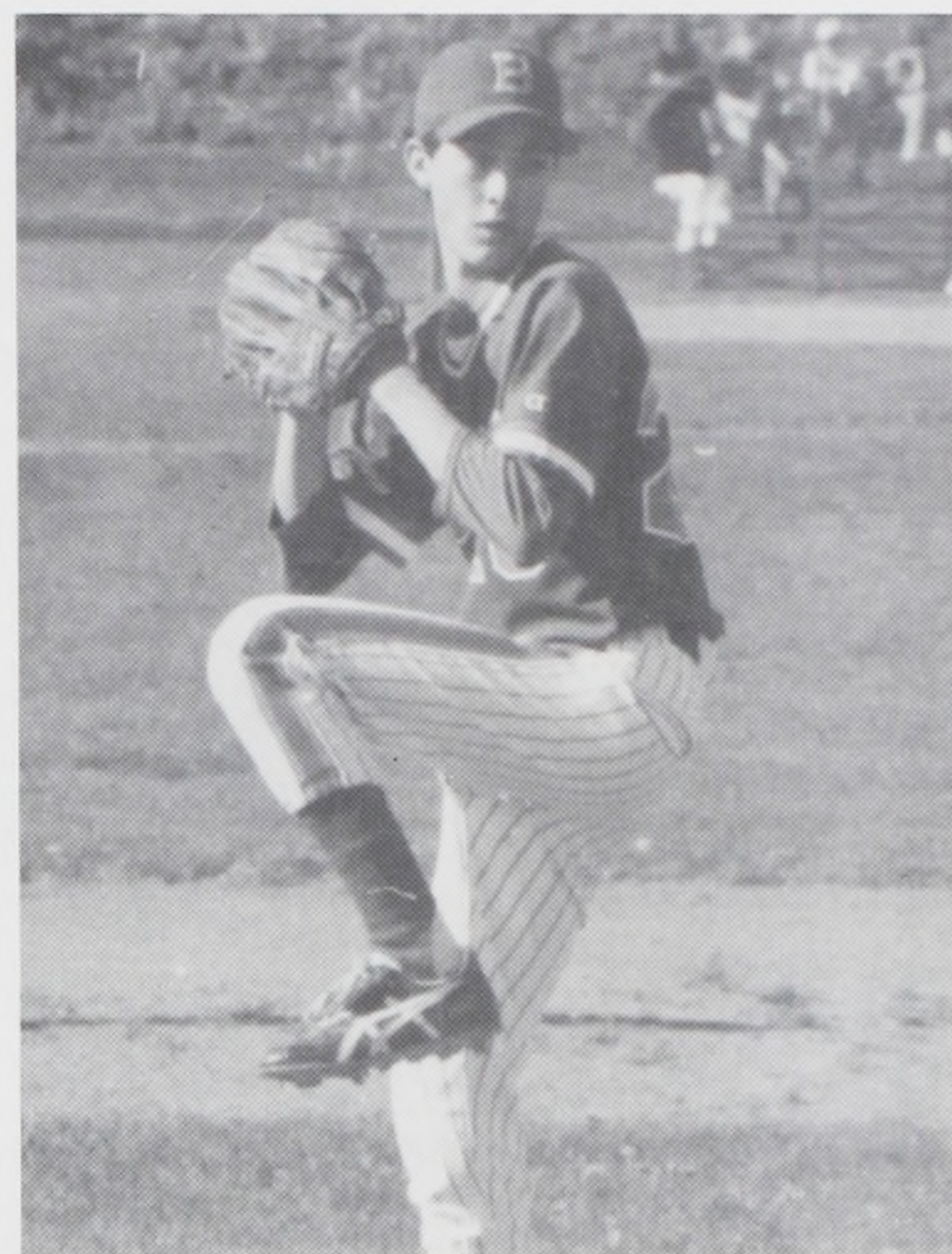
Techmen did like Republicans and landslid the Demos' 30 to nothing, the Techmen's ferocity and intellectual playing style baffled their opponents to obscurity.

As for the freshmen team, these young guys also annihilated their opponents.

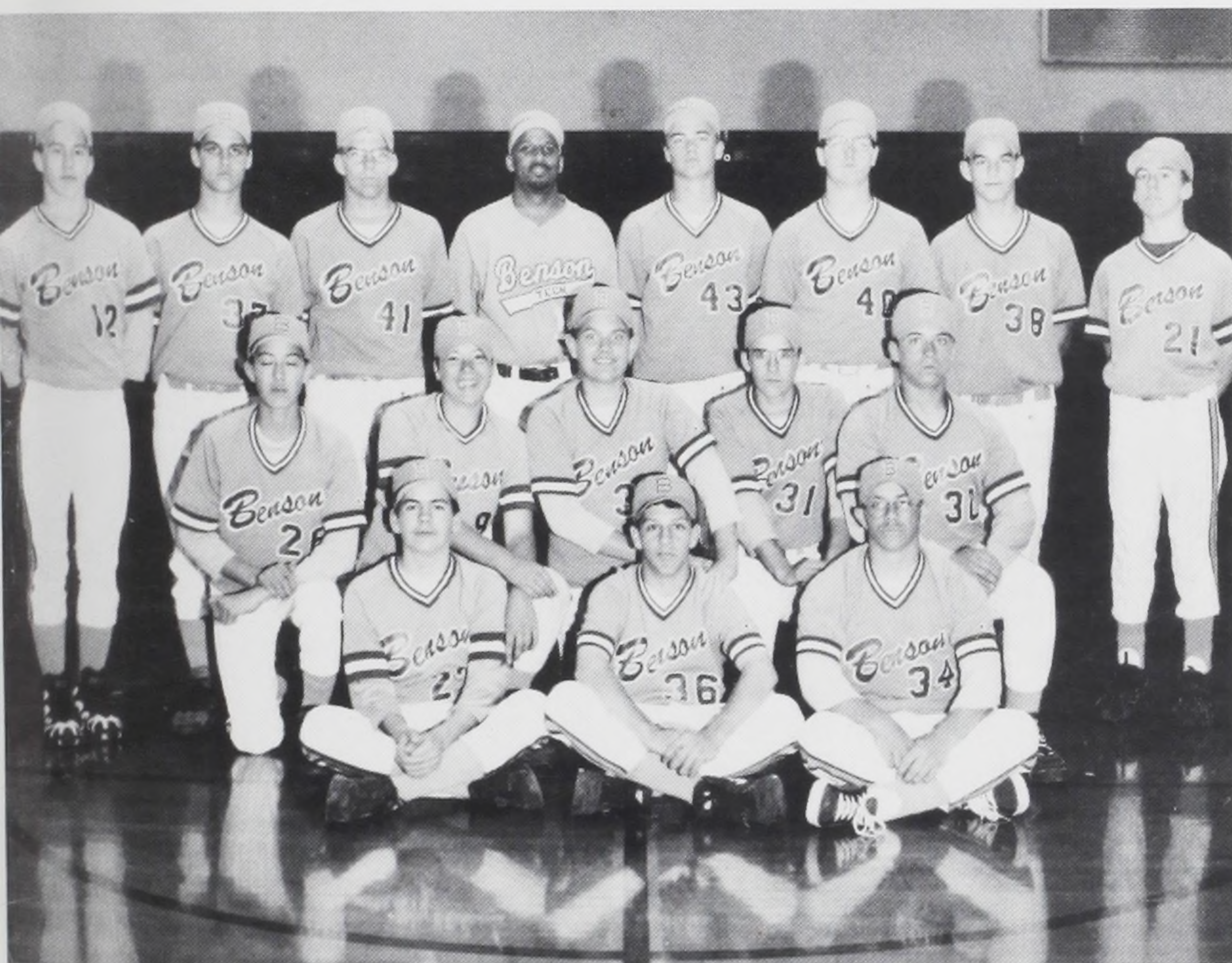
Led by MVP Dalton Husband, and Andrew Larson, and pitcher Travis Hill the team had an outstanding year,

showing that Benson does have a very strong group of young baseball players coming up in the ranks.

*I had a really great time playing for Benson this year. It was great.*  
Dalton Husband  
-freshmen MVP-



**IN THE WIND UP.** Travis Hill winds up for a curve in a game against Cleveland on a sunny spring day.



**FROSH BASEBALL— FRONT ROW:** Randall Imes, Nathan Ohm, J.D. Barnes. **SECOND ROW:** Travis Hall, Dan Raya, Chris Lawrence, Wesley Rice, Dalton Husband. **THIRD ROW:** Sean Evans, Aron Redden, Jeff Whitley, Coach Berry, Andrew Larson, Bobby Haskins, Scott Rankin, Pat Huntley.



**JV BASEBALL— FRONT ROW:** Agustin Enriquez, Joey Husband, Liam Turnbull, Paul McCormack, James Stewart, Dustin Brusse, Kenny Slusher. **SECOND ROW:** Coach Molony, Mario Molony, Brett Strode, Nick Weiss, Jeff Cunningham, Adam Palmer, Arne Widerburg, Joel Johnson.





**CLIMB IT!:** Amonique Brown pulls, reaches, grabs, and tries to ride out her long jump so that she can explode at the top for a few extra inches.



**JUST A FEW MORE YARDS.** Udeme Elijah pushes herself in the 100 m at the State Championship while adding a few points to the Techsters overall score.

*by Katie McBurney*

SCORES

BENSON	77	MADISON	67
BENSON	95	JEFFERSON	30
BISHOP AMAT INV. 7TH OF 50 TEAMS			
BENSON	107	CLEVELAND	37
SANDY INVATIONAL 1ST OF 18 TEAMS			
CITY RELAYS TIE FOR 1ST OUT OF 10 TEAMS			
BENSON	75	LINCOLN	69
BENSON	64	GRANT	81
BENSON	107	WILSON	28
BENSON	79	FRANKLIN	75
LEAGUE RECORD 6-1			
SEASON RECORD 78-11			
P.I.L. DUAL MEET CHAMPIONS			
P.I.L. DISTRICT CHAMPIONS			
3RD PLACE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP			



# we are family

**G**irls Varsity Track team was not something to be missed. With a league record of 6-1 Benson was one of the strongest teams in the P.I.L. Capturing wins against Madison, Jefferson, Cleveland, Lincoln, Wilson, Franklin, the Techsters were starting to look more and more like State champions.

Along with P.I.L. schools, Benson competed in the BishopAMAT Invitational. This year 50 teams were entered in the invitational and the Techsters came in seventh. The next non-P.I.L. meet was the Sandy Invitational and this time the Techsters came in first. The last invitational was Centennial. At Centennial teams and athletes from Washington and even some from California worked hard to earn the title, including the Techsters, who came in 4th of 21 teams.

Finally the Techsters were off to the State Competition. But with Ginette Marberry out of the running due to illness, the Techsters would have to work harder than ever to reach that State title. Members of the team knew they had to work hard and be a BIG DOG at every minute of the meet. So that's exactly what they did. Even though the Techsters did not have the numbers to reach the top, they did have the numbers to take third place at the State tourney.

Along with talent and coaches, students need each other to help push themselves along. The MVP of this year's team was Udeme Elijah and the MIP's of the team were Liz Schroeder and Itoero Elijah. All three of these girls showed hard work and determination which rubbed off on the rest of the team. The INS was given to Railynn Elliot, who overcame any obstacle.

**The Techsters work hard and stomp state and P.I.L. opponents to take third in State.**

*"Teamwork, determination, and good coaches are what make up a good team."*

Elizabeth Schroeder  
-Sophomore-



**GIRLS VARSITY TRACK— FRONT ROW:** Bahia Cross, Jenny Stonecipher, Taira Warren, Ginette Marberry, Shantell Streeter, Undeme Elijah, Amonique Brown, Robin Elliott. **SECOND ROW:** Assistant Coach Lavon Pierce, Maria Baker, Katrina Hopkins, Rose Lockett, Sheimeka Newmann, Porsha Glover, Miranda Gillespie, Itoero Elijah, Assistant Coach John Mays. **THIRD ROW:** Assistant Coach Del Gerber, Katie Leonard, Elizabeth Schroeder, Elizabeth Loving, Railynn Elliott, Dianna Evers, Treva Scott, Ebony Sloan, Coach Leon Mckenzie. **NOT PICTURED:** Katie McBurney, Assistant Coach Billy Fields.



**HIGH-STEPPIN!** Ray Lee Miller leaps over a hurdle during the state tournament in Eugene.



# the tradition continues

Mens track dominates  
as they take both the  
city and STATE  
championships.

## DOMINATING THE FIELD

This year, the Boys Track Team dominated everything, from field events to running. Here's a list of who won what at districts.

Relay Teams: Both the 400 meter and 1600 M Relay teams took it all

**Marcos Banks** left flames behind him on the way to taking 1st in the 400 Meter running event.

**Eddie Lincoln** (12) high-stepped his way to 1st in the 300 meter run

Senior **Shayne Spratt** paced the pack on his way to taking first in the 3000 meters and junior, big-guy **Darin Krueger** threw furiously to his first city title in the shot put event.

Consistently pushing their limits past the competition, the Benson boys track this year defeated all rivals and took the PIL and state championships.

Practive and constant competition derived a new sense of their future victory.

They supported each other through thick and thin. Senior Brent Fox said, "We are like another family."

The team was excellent in all seventeen events, such as distance, sprints, and re-

lays, but they dominated the 400 meter, conquered the 300 hundred meter run, and paced the 3,000 meter. There were some of the best turn-outs for this year, because of the team and the coaches, such as Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Gerber, Mr. Pierce, and the new coach,

*"We took it all, now give us applause"*

Desmond Faison  
-senior-

John Maze.

The boys finished the season with an 8-0 record. It is a season they will always remember, the season they were champions of everything.

*by Joe Putnam*



**PUTTIN' OUT.** Junior Darin Krueger sends a shot flying as during a meet against Wilson. Krueger eventually went on to win the city title in the event.

## SCORES

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BISHOP INV. 4TH OF 50 TEAMS

LEAGUE RECORD:

7 WINS, 0 LOSSES

CITY RELAY CHAMPS

CITY DUAL MEET CHAMPS

DISTRICT CHAMPS

STATE CHAMPS





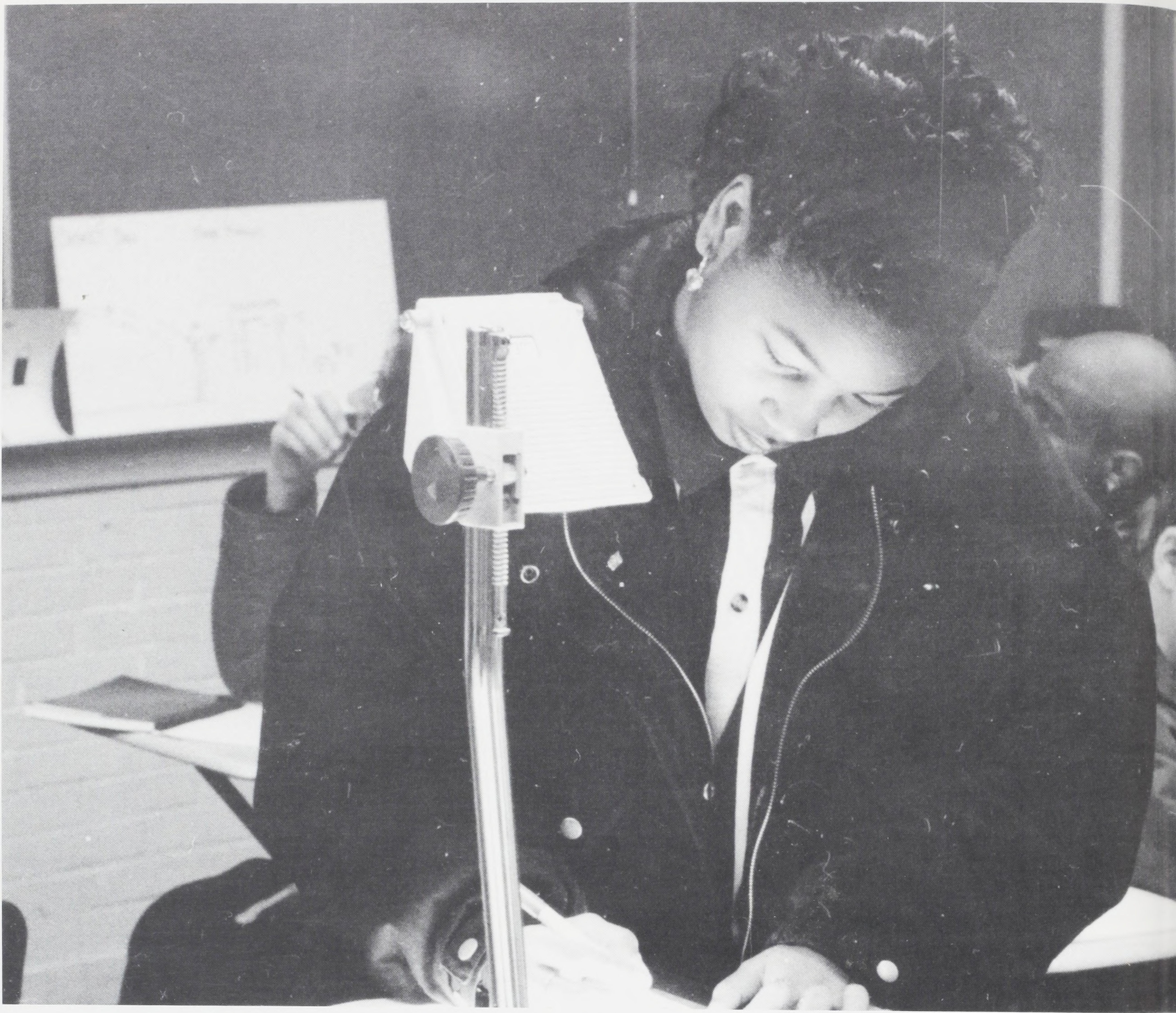
**LEADER OF THE PACK:** Russel Jackson takes a handoff from Tauheed Jermamy during the 400m relays at the State Tournament.



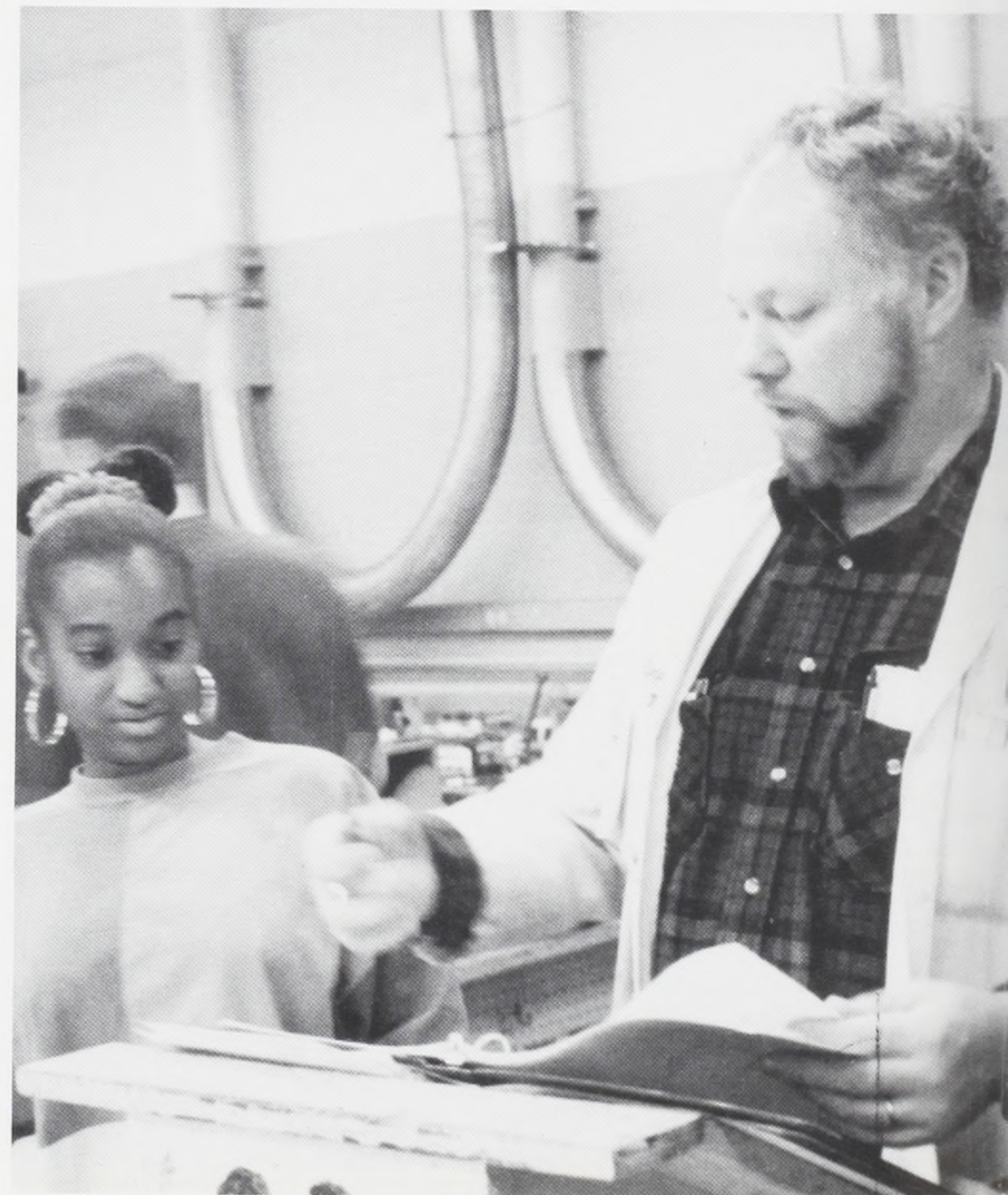
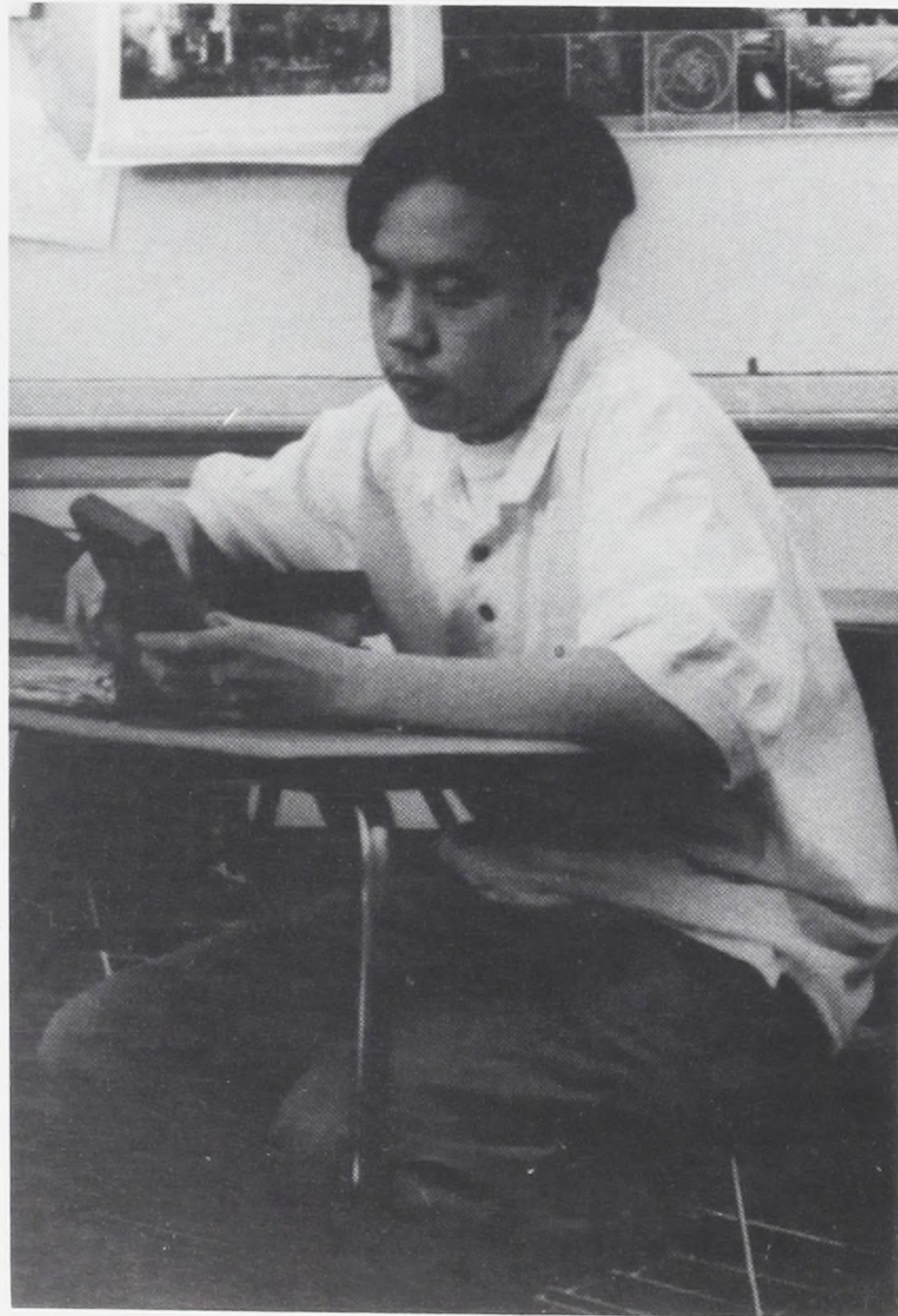
**THE FLYING FARMER!** Ryan Farmer flies like a plane during the long-jump event against Wilson.

**BOYS VARSITY TRACK—FRONT ROW:** Michael Olsen, Kenneth Massengill, Derrick Harris, Darin Krueger, Dan Achterman, Brent Fox, Shayne Devoreh-Spratt, Trevor Carlson. **SECONDRROW:** Coach, Ryan Hads, Ryan Farmer, Marco Banks, Matt Godt, Geovanni Baxter, Quentin Canton, Coach. **THIRD ROW:** Coach McKenzie, Chris Bird, Kyle Danel, Grant Evenhus, Eddie Lincoln, John Pelster, Desmond Faison, Russell Jackson, Taujhed Jermamy, Coach Gerber.





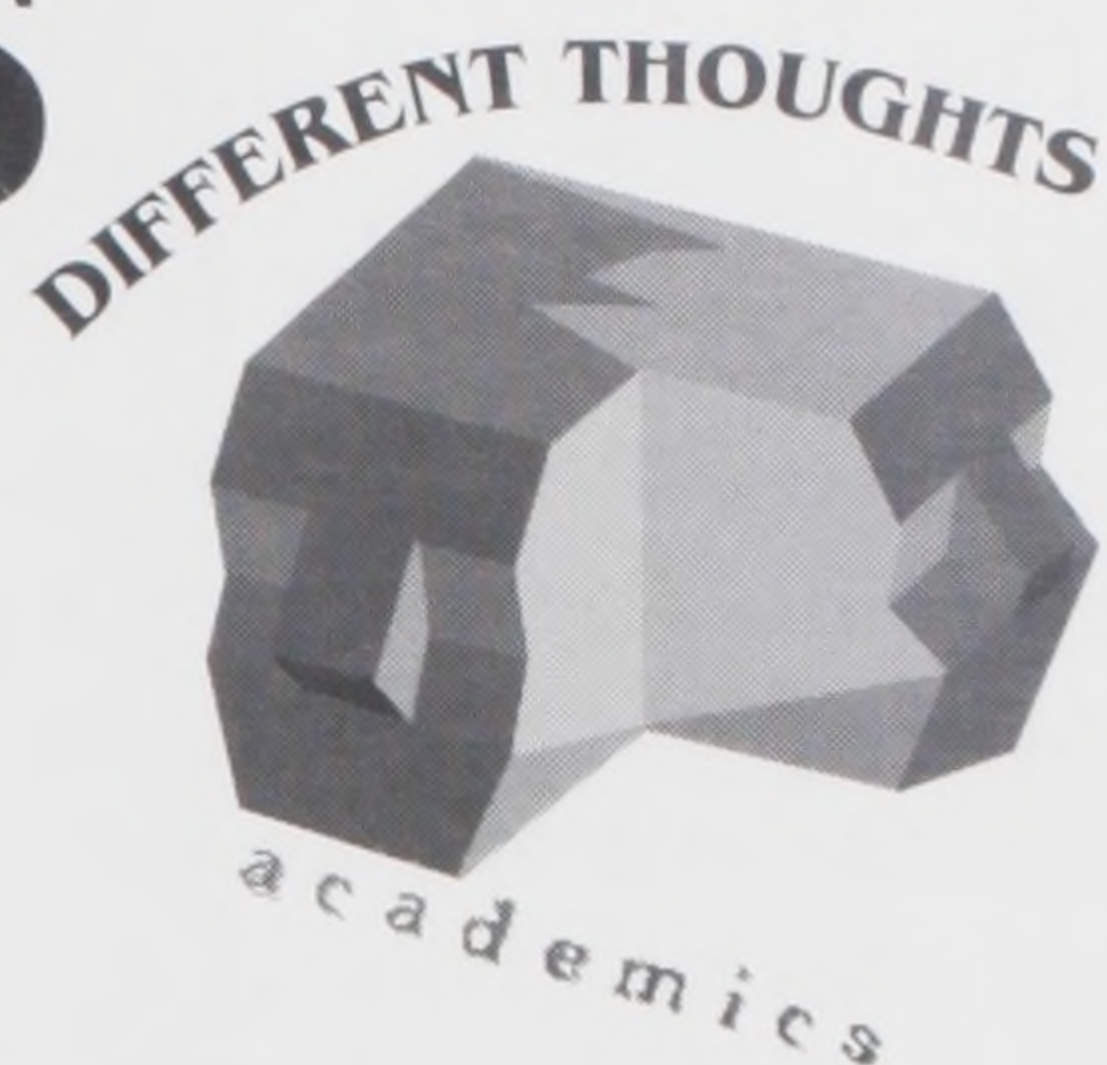
**Sophomore Peter Nguyen is relieved when the use of a calculator is accepted during a test for those hard number-crunching problems.**





# different thoughts

Benson students take the next step to academic rewards.



**Sophomore Yashica Island tests her ability to work as a "teacher" under the guidance of an instructor during an English class.**

**W**ith a flick of the wrist and the scratch of a pen, you have secured a position on a forecasting guide for the rest of the year of education which will get you in a formidable college and right into a well-paying career.

Benson students enjoy the possibility of securing a well-paying job in their future because of the level of high-tech education they receive. Whether it be in a shop, or a medical clinic, Techmen and Techsters alike make Benson the "finest technical school in the country."

Although many students don't take advantage of the fine level of education they get at Benson, most do. After the many hours at school and sports, most students go home to astronomical amounts of homework that keeps their Vivarin working till past midnight every school night to keep up with their teachers' strict rules on work. "I'm so tired" is a common phrase heard every morning about 10:00.

**With thorough instruction from Mr. Kingsbury, sophomore Tilara Cromwell gets the inside on what to do in the fluid power/aviation class.**

After all the hard work, the academic part of Benson Tech is worth all four years of struggle, and it will get every student who graduates from here a job, somewhere, due to the good academic reputation of Benson Polytechnic High School.



**Learning the basics is what it takes to excel in the technical classes of Benson. Here Mr. Fleming shows how to work the shaper safely.**

by nghi huynh  
& joe putnam



# and the band played on

The Benson Band has an outstanding year as they take the city championships.

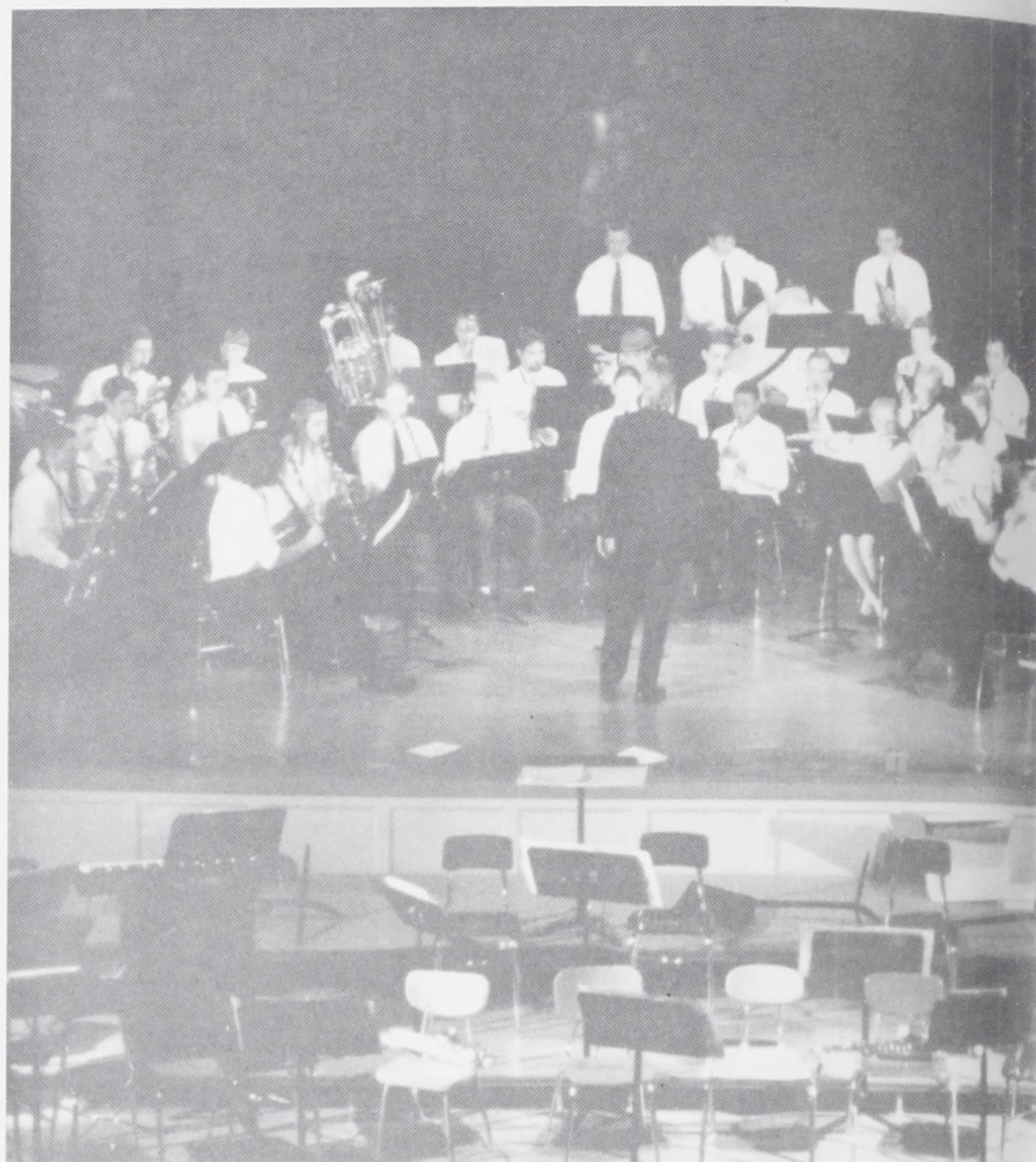
The Band has been an integral part of Benson High School. Although the band has attended sporting events, played at assemblies for school spirit, and performed their duty to the school faithfully, they have not always received the credit that they deserve. The band has been slighted and criticized. Even under such scrutiny, the band has managed to perform magnificently and helped to keep the school spirit alive.

The Band has not only performed here at Benson, they have also traveled abroad, en-

chanting audiences everywhere they went. The Band traveled to San Francisco where they performed for their fans at a local elementary school. They marched at St. Johns and took second overall. They won the P.I.L. district title and went on to compete at state.

The band has made many contributions to Benson High School. They have done their best to perform to the top of their ability gaining Benson respect among the musical community. No matter what, the band will always be an important part of Benson High School.

“  
**What about the band?**  
 Peter Sletmoe  
 - Junior -  
 ”



**WARM IT UP!** The Band prepares for its performance at the Spring Concert.

by john stainbrook



**PLAY IT AGAIN SAM:** The Le Tech Club entertains the Tech Show guests with their excellent music.



**JAZZ BAND—FRONT ROW:** Josh Piper, Dan Johnson, Joel Wetzel, Aaron Seemann, James Muir, Neil Maunu, Steve Sarina, David Weisenburg, Peter Helzer, Richard Helzer. **SECOND ROW:** Peter Swenson, Ben Nevills, Dan Achterman, Joe McCormack, Nathan Sweeden, Erin Armstrong. **THIRD ROW:** Robin Winike, Jeremy Cramer, Kenny Rosentreter, Larry Armstrong, Chris Chandler, Ray Kuhn, James Yoshihara. **NOT PICTURED:** Nathan Chambers.





**DUNT DUNA DUN:** The Pep Band plays a tune during a varsity football game at Civic Stadium.

# How the tune goes.

## A SURVEY FROM THE EXPERTS

### WHAT STUDENTS THINK ABOUT THE BAND.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I LIKE THE BAND.- LONG NGUYEN

I LOVE VARSITY BAND!!- JACK LIM

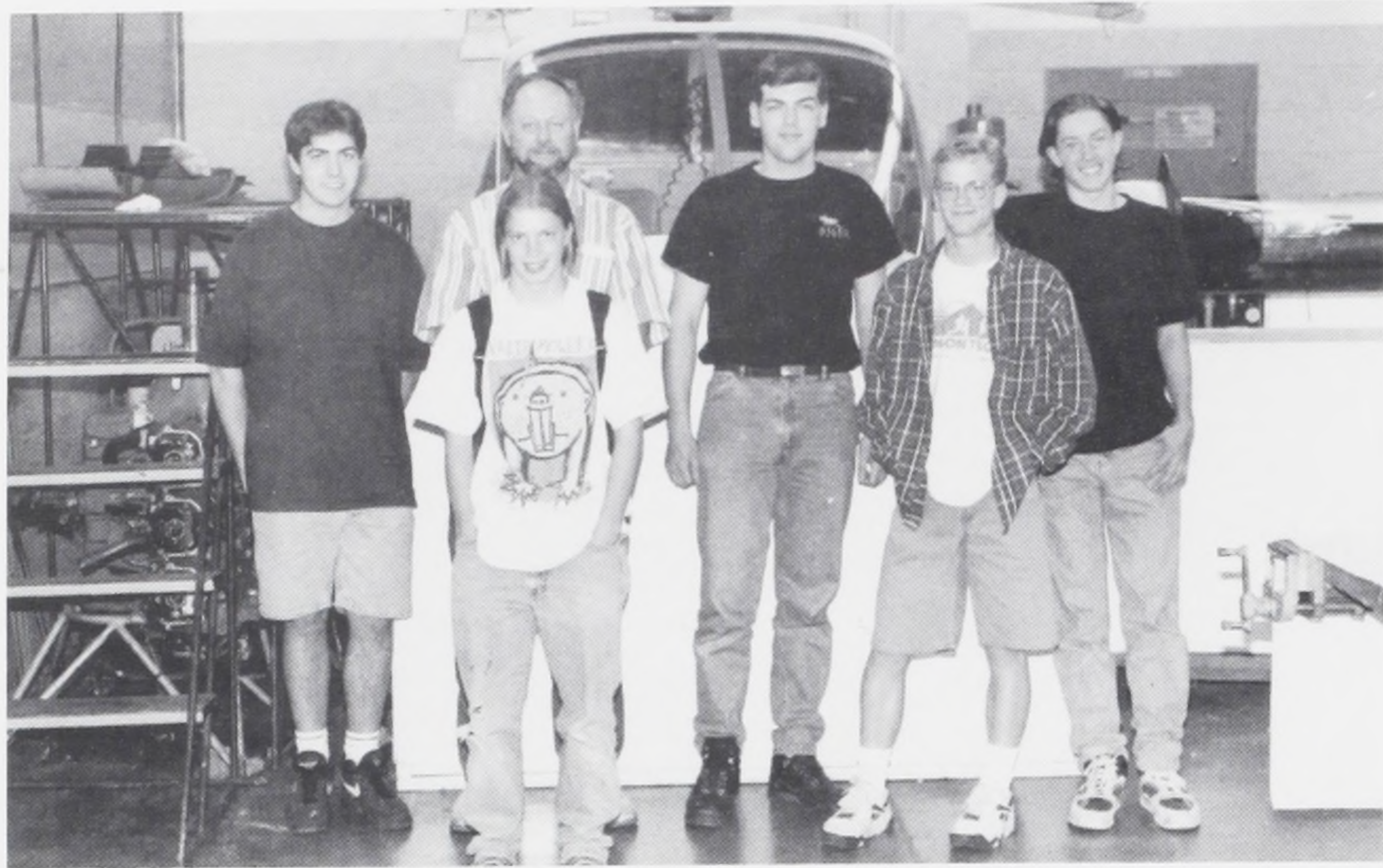
THE MUSIC HAS REALLY IMPROVED SINCE THE BEGINNING.- NGHI HUYNH

I LIKE IT WHEN THE BAND GETS REAL LOUD AT ASSEMBLIES.-STEVE MAR

WITHOUT THE BAND, SCHOOL WOULD SUCK.-MIKE ROHMAN



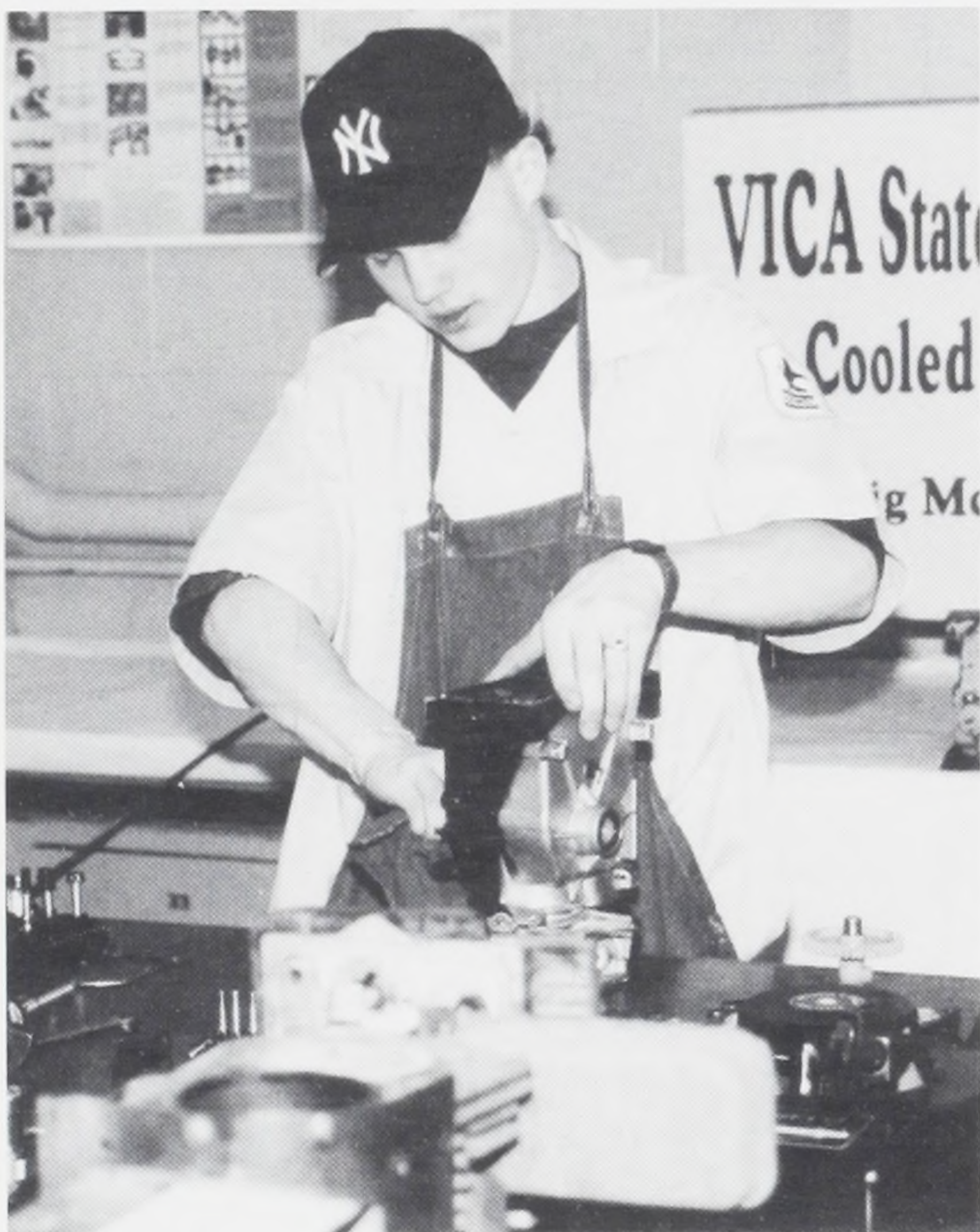
**WINGS CLUB—FIRST ROW:** Maria Garofoli, Neil Maunu. **SECOND ROW:** Mike Joyer, Mr. Kingsbury, Trevor Carlton, Justin Garofoli. **NOT PICTURED:** Tim Tokstad, Kevin Kent, Chris Schaefer.



**AUTOMOTIVE MASTERS.** Seniors Keith Ball and James Muir won 3rd place in the Annual Ford AAA Troubleshooting contest held on May 13th. The awards received were: a set of tools, their trophies and nifty state champion jackets.



# machinery & hydraulics



**TECHNO WIZARD.** Junior Craig McCullough shows off his skills as an automotive VICA state champion during Tech Show night.

*A high degree of precision makes the difference in Benson's Transportation Majors.*

Inside the abode where the clinging scent of oil dominates, students clothed in greasy uniforms learn to master the skills necessary to ace the automotive field. In the automotive major, students basically learn about the functions of the various parts of a car and how they relate to each other. Annually, a Ford AAA Troubleshooting contest is held for

students who wish to test their skills as an automotive expert. This year's participants were Kieth Ball and James Muir. They placed third in the state level.

Apart from the automotive industry, there is also the aviation department. In

this field, students learn about the mechanics and principles of aviation. A basic example would be Bernoulli's Principle, which basically states the movement of air particles going through a foil. Be-

sides terminologies, students also get a hands-on experience in building models of aircraft wings, fuselages and so forth.

“  
Up we go to  
the wild blue  
yonder  
JAMIL BONDAS  
- SENIOR -  
”

by ekaputra jabar





# TRANS-TECHNO<sup>®</sup>

## TERMS GUIDE<sup>™</sup> The brief primer for first timers

### AUTOMOTIVE

**ENGINE:** The machine within the hood of the car that uses energy from combustion to develop mechanical power.

**PISTON:** The snug-fitting engine part that is forced back and forth within a cylinder by the pressure of combustion, steam, etc.

**CYLINDER:** The chamber in which the piston moves in a reciprocating engine.

**SPARK PLUG:** An electrical device threaded into the cylinder of an internal combustion engine to ignite the fuel mixture by producing timed sparks between electrodes.

**TIRE:** An inflatable, vulcanized rubber or synthetic casing sealed to a wheel rim by a specified pressure and designed to reduce shock, improve traction and handling, etc.

associated club(s)- automotive club

### AVIATION

**FUSELAGE:** The main body of the aircraft.

**LIFT:** The upward force which causes the aircraft to take off and stay in the air. Lift is generated by the *angle of attack* of the wings and the basic principle which defines lift is *Bernoulli's Principle*.

**STALL:** A situation in which an aircraft cannot produce anymore lift.

**ANGLE OF ATTACK:** The angle at which the chordline of the wings meet the flow of air particles which judges lift. Too much angle of attack can produce a *stall*.

**BERNOULLI'S PRINCIPLE:** The pressure exerted by a fluid (in this case, air) decreases as its velocity increases. In simpler terms, the sky sucks.

associated club(s)- WINGS aviation club

**WING STRUCTURE, CHECK!** Aviation instructor Mr. Kingsbury highlights the strong points of the standard airplane wing to junior San Saechao.





# Quadratics works for me

Math classes at Benson are something that students should take advantage of.

Is Benson mathematics a foundation of student achievement? A lot of students seem to think that way. Ask students like Chris Hockert, a math all-star and Adrienne Newman, who won one of the competitions this year. If you include the contests this year, you would come to a conclusion that Benson is the best. The contests this year was a breeze for Benson. In one competition, Benson

won every place except for two. Another part of the mathematics program at Benson High School is the Math club and the Mu Alpha Theta National Math Honorary, which are good math experiences for students. The clubs play math games and compete in competitions. Classrooms are nearly filled with students who come in and are eager for another day of mathematics education.

“  
*Mathematics is the foundation for student achievement at Benson High School.*  
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John Stainbrook  
 - Junior -

**GEOMETRIC SHAPES.** The math classes combined to create intriguing three-dimensional hangings for the Tech Show in April.

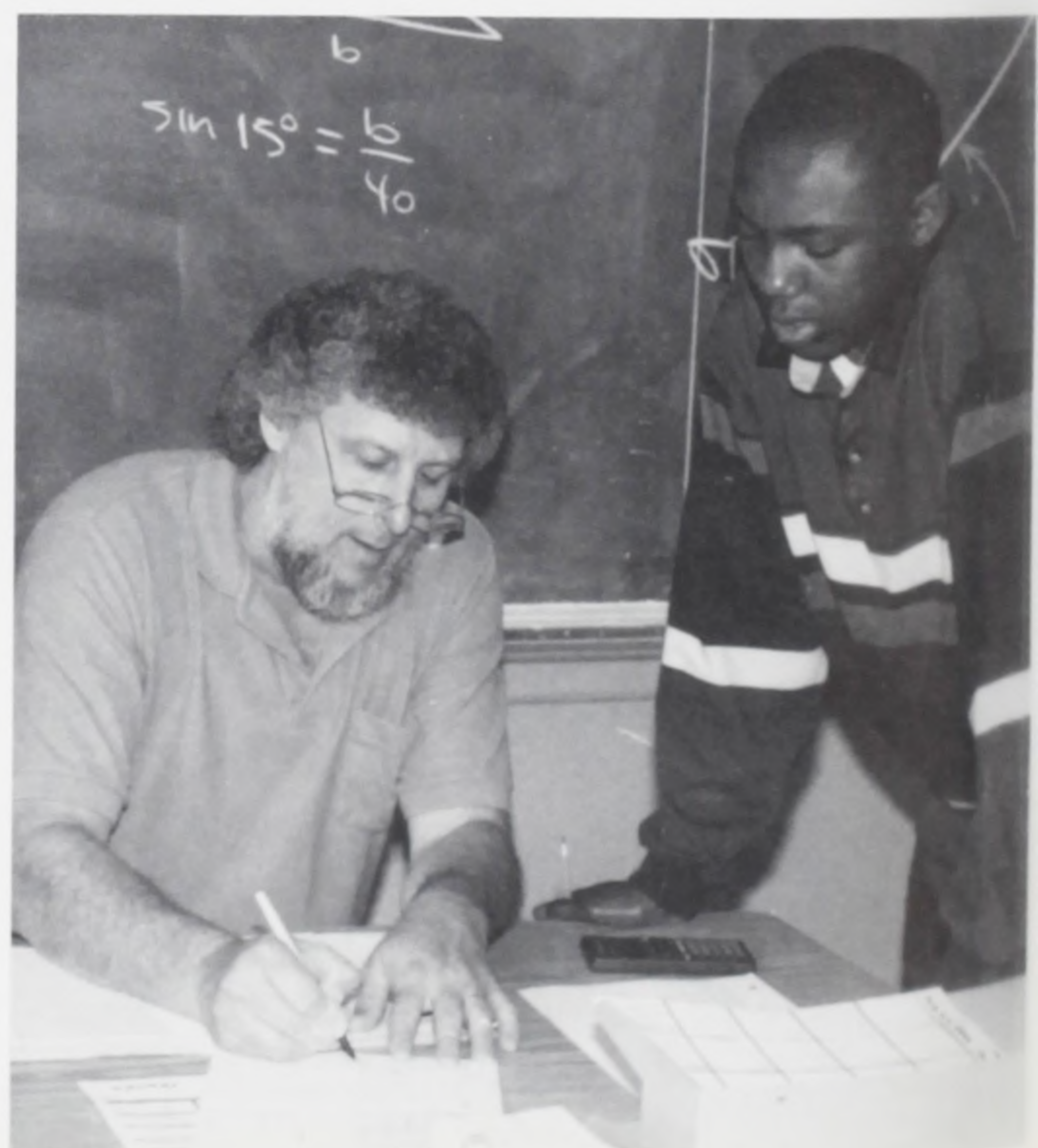


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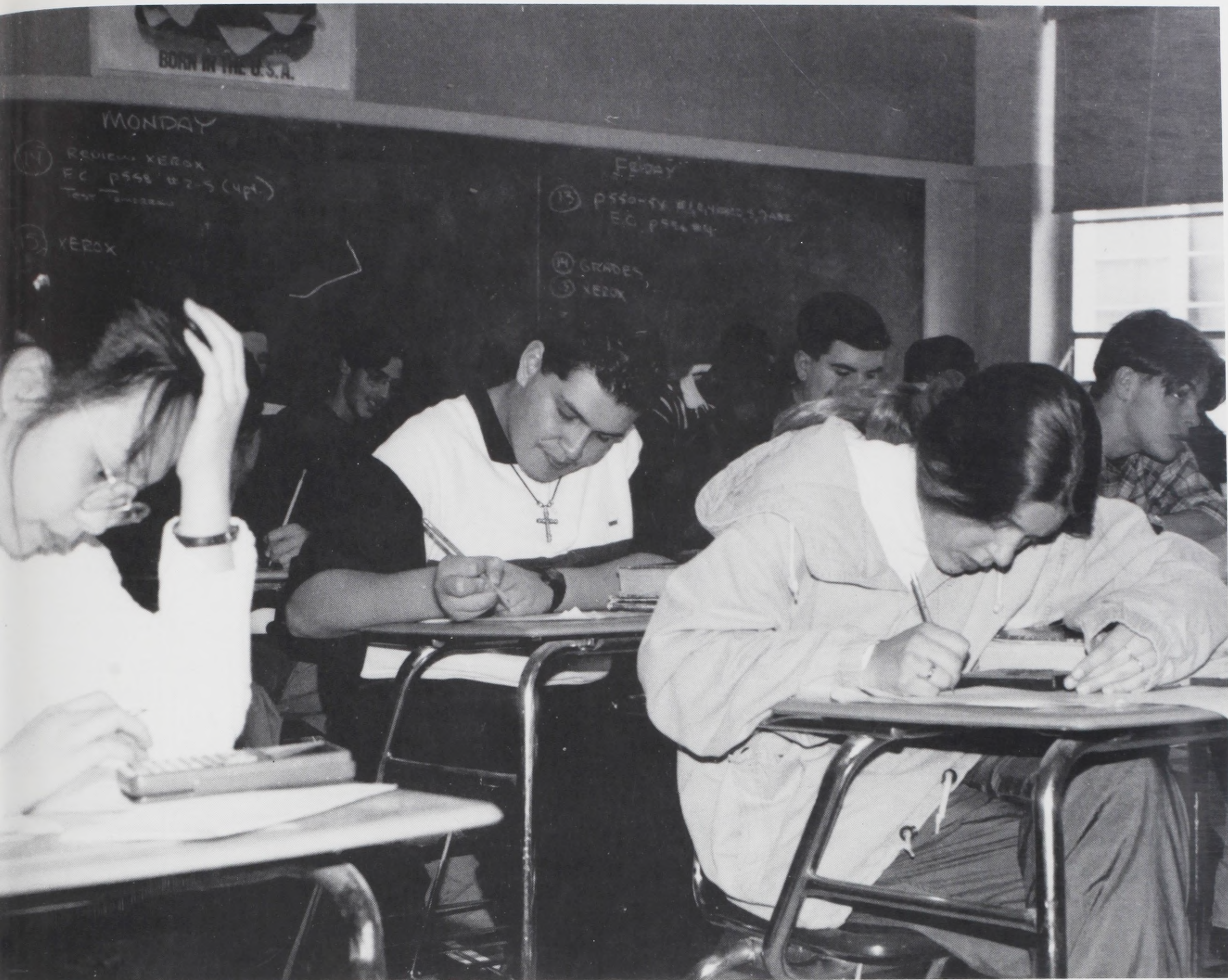


**THE MATH CLUB—FRONT ROW:** (left to right) David Brown, Katie Leonard, Chris Hockert, Steve Horton, Mrs. Anderson. **SECOND ROW:** Matt Johnson, Joel Wetzel, Patrick Voeler, Aaron Seemann. **NOT PICTURED:** Eric Botteron, Corey Jonas, Katie Luck, Matt Machado, Mayland Chan.

**HELP ME!** Mr. Thibodeau gives Issa Kamara a helping hand in geometry.







## What do you think of the Benson mathematics program?

(Here are some replies from your fellow Benson classmates)

- \* "The mathematics program here at Benson offers many opportunities to learn about mathematics and how we use it on the job. You can win fame and fortune if you are willing to try."  
—Chris Hockert-Senior—
- \* "It's NEAT!"  
—Adrienne Newman-Junior—
- \* "School without math is like a meal without rice."  
—Steven Mar-Junior—
- \* "Math is a breeze once you put your mind into it."  
—Linda Mai-Sophomore—

**CONCENTRATION.** Sophomores, Linda Mai, Hugo Gonzales, and Mehagan Seeley work on a test in geometry class.



# 3...2...1... You're On!

*KBPS radio station offers a unique dream experience for over 100 students.*

KBPS is one of the special things that makes Benson High School stand out. No other Portland area high school has its own radio station and that's the way the radio students like it.

The radio station was bought by Benson using the student body funds back in 1923 and it has been a part of our school

since then. There have been many changes since then. For example, the station moved into its new facilities three years ago. "What's surprising is that we are taking good care of it to the best of our ability and that's great!" stated Kevin Flink, KBPS director.

The number of students enrolled is about 100, with half being majors, and the other half

beginners. During the first few months of taking KBPS, students first need to learn how to operate the equipment and study the history of broadcasting.

*"Every year KBPS is getting better and more comprehensive for the students."*

Kevin Flink  
- KBPS director -

Some students would make a few changes. Aaron Floyd, Dominic Depaola, and Jonathan Swenson all agree that they would have the

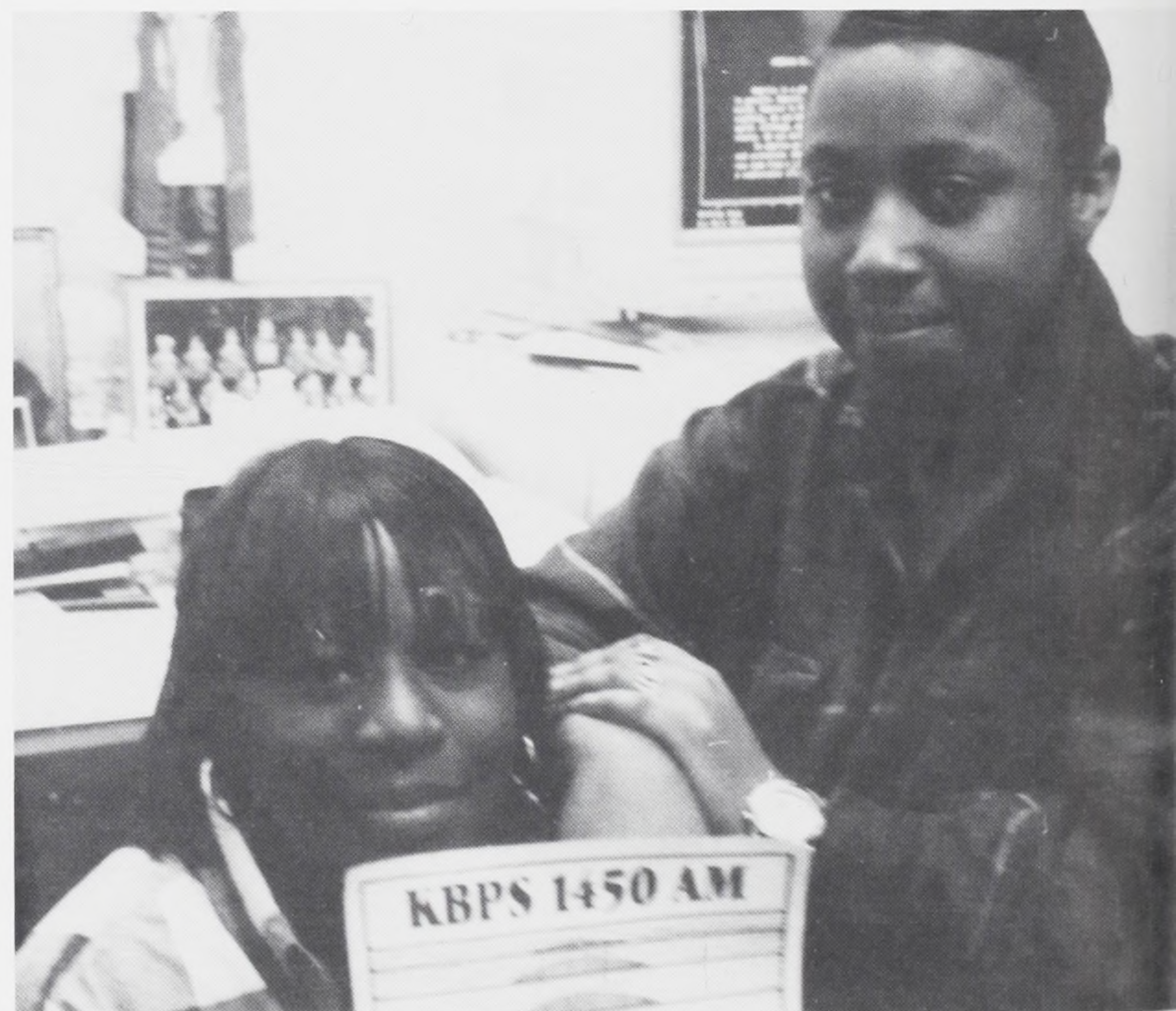
student station on the FM (stereo) because rock music sounds better there than on AM.

*by Angela Munar*



## KEVIN FLINK IS THE MAN!

One day, sometime during his "teenage" years when Kevin Flink was about 15 years old, there was an announcement in the bulletin about needing some students for broadcasters at Benson High. One of his teachers recommended him to try out. Out of many students, he was selected! He continued to be interested in radio, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree and is now helping students to get involved and teach them all about radio broadcasting to the best of his ability.



**LOOK AT THIS!** Nicole Williams and Sydiria Reese pose for the camera and show a flyer for a special event, in the KBPS facility.





**COME LOOK!** Cherise Broeth, Lakesha Rogers and Nicole Mitsch work with the controls in KBPS.

**HMMM-** Sitting in a KBPS studio booth, Ezra Meredith tries to decide what to play.



## KBPS

Jump up! Jump down!  
 Run! Run! Run around!  
 'Cause the KBPS students are in Town!  
 Dey make you laugh  
 Dey may make you cry(yeah right) but hey!  
 Dey make your time fly by!  
 Music! Dat's what dey play,  
 Rock, Classical, Contemporary, anything you say!  
 "What else?" you ask, "What else" you ask  
 They have Teen Sound durning the day!  
 Don't be frightened, Don't be shy,  
 Jus' give the KBPSers a ring and  
 They'll play your fave' thang!(song)  
 Da digits are, 280-5930 better call soon  
 'Cause they soon will be gone! (for de day!)





**FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORE OFFICERS:—FRONT ROW:** Linda Mai, Laurie Simms, Hanh Ta, Domineca Perry, Itora Elijah, Jesse Folk, Tunde Sobomehin, Sarah Brunscheon, John Wong. **SECOND ROW:** Sarah Lee, Angela Freyer, Railynn Elliott, Hugo Gonzalez, Shyla Tarpo, Amanda Johnston.

**staff**  
members





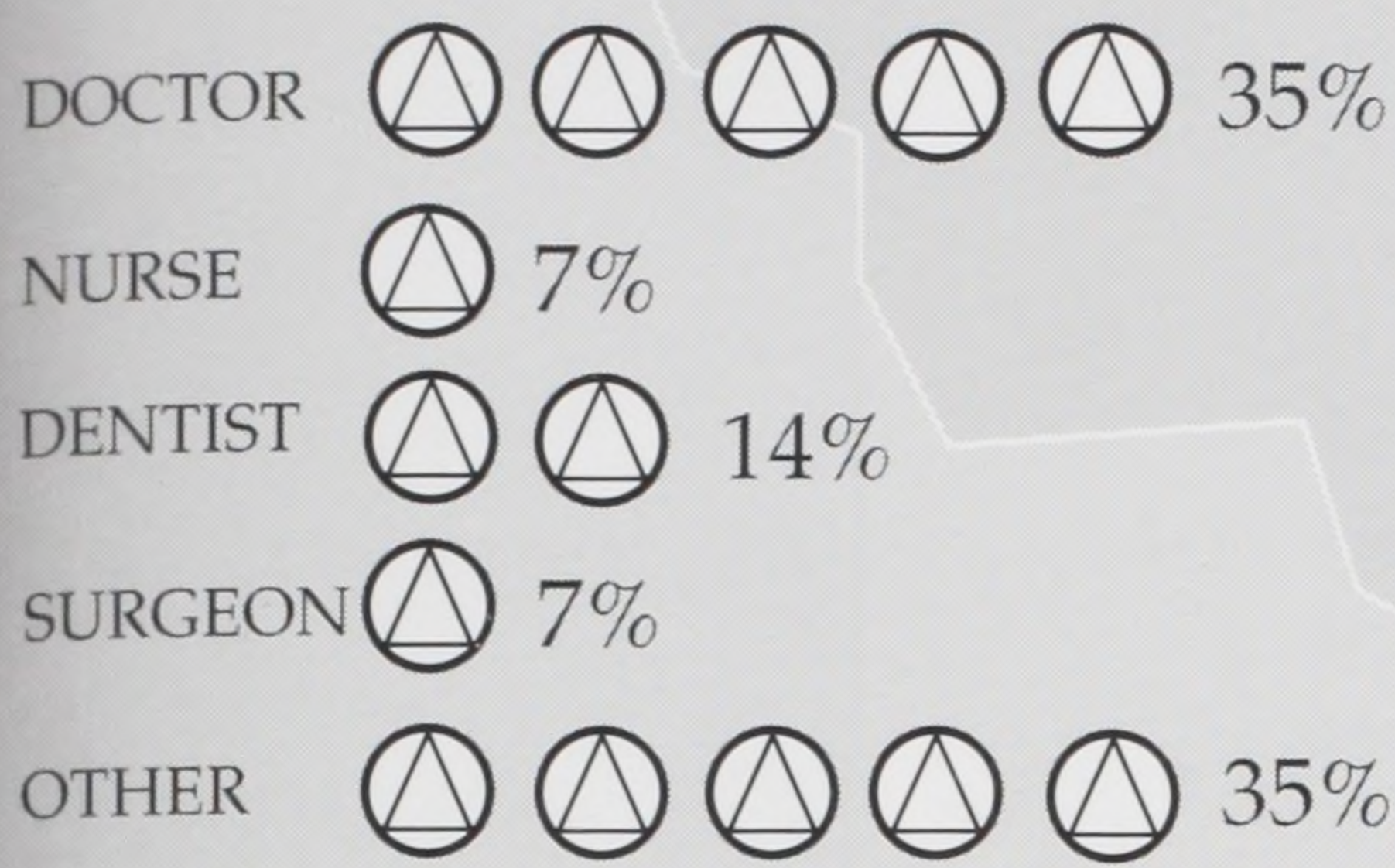
**OOOOUCCH!!!** From a stab in the eye, Dorea Tran practiced bandaging her patient, Travis Baker, in their First Responder class.

**BREATHAKING!** Tuyet Nguyen demonstrates CPR on Annie the mannequin for her class.

# healthy minds

## healthy futures!!!

Since you are in Health Occ., what are your intentions for the future?



-14 senior Health Occupations students were surveyed-

*The unique Health Occupations classes help students to start right.*

From the beginning of freshmen year through the ending of senior year, the Health Occupations Students of America show pride in themselves as well as their school.

"Health Occ. has helped me get an idea

of what my future would kind of be like," announced Uyen Truong, who wants to be a pharmacist.

From the entire four years of Health Occ., these preparatory classes have made Benson different from other Portland schools. The students know what they will be in the future, and that helps them on their journey into the medical field.

*“It has given me the beginning training that I need....”*  
DeMetrea Gill  
- Senior -



*by trINH nguyen*



**JUNIOR AND SENIOR CHAPTER OFFICERS— FRONT ROW:** Cathy Tran, Tuyet Nguyen, Lina Cha, Connie Hyun, Jajuan Finch, DeMetrea Gill, Melissa Kerekes, Aimee Mauck. **SECONDROW:** Hien Phan, Mayland Chan, Victoria Seid, Clifford Mah, Rachel Carter, Dawn Liu, Leticia Barajas, Elizabeth Graham, Jacquelyn Ho.





# Stinky Breath

In spite of all the germs, students acquire skills and are able to utilize them.

With bad breath, decay, and plaque, what is it that attracts students to the dental field? As one may say, "Brushing your teeth twice a day helps keep the dentist away." In most cases, that is not true.

Students in the Dental Assisting Program learn

what it's really like in the professional world of dentistry. As a senior, they learn a variety of skills, such as passing instruments, suctioning, taking an alginate impression, and mixing cements for a filling. After asking Nicole Edgerton what she liked most about this program, she replied "I enjoy going to the Dental School because it gives us hands-on experience and the opportunity to see all the different specialties."

*"I want to work after I graduate so I won't be poor like last summer."*

Kellie Strode  
- Senior -

by lina cha



**DENTAL ASSISTING STUDENTS—**  
**FRONT ROW:** Trinh Nguyen, Melanie Cotton. **SECOND ROW:** Kristi Wolf, DeMetrea Gill, Kellie Strode, Lina Cha, Cynthia Hui. **THIRD ROW:** Molly Ritter, Leticia Barajas, Kate Cunningham, Jajuan Finch, Mai Truong, Nicole Edgerton, Leslie Dunn.

**PROTECTING HERSELF.** Senior Lina Cha wears a gown, mask, and gloves to prevent contamination as she practices using the various dental instruments.







## DENTAL FACTS

OUT OF THE DENTAL CLASS, ALL 14 STUDENTS WERE SURVEYED.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT THE DENTAL PROGRAM?

OHSU:

57%



HANDS ON EXPERIENCE:

21%



OBTAINING A JOB:

14%



BECOMING X-RAY CERTIFIED:

7%



**DEXTER THE DUMMY** is being operated on as Leticia Barajas and DeMetrea Gill prepare for OHSU by inserting a rubber dam.

**INSTRUMENTS ARE PASSED** as Kate Cunnington assists a dental student at OHSU. Students are fortunate to receive hands-on experience.



# different perspectives

*What you will learn is an understanding of thoughts and judgments through different areas of training.*

Considering what we learned from computers five years ago to what we learn now, we see that the level of education is way higher and the demand for the use of computers has also increased dramatically.

In the years to come, Benson will offer programs that really help students to prepare for college. Its basic classes will help students to grasp the ideas of

drafting in the early stages of their development. In the later years you have a more diversified choice in the field of drafting.

The later classes involve interpreting, reading blueprints, and constructing accurate drawings using effective programs that are supplied

by the instructor. The drafting-engineering technology courses are competency-based programs that help students become aware of what the choices are in the future.

The goal of drafting technology is to prepare students for continued education and development.

*“The ones that do their best get the best.”*  
*Fred Wong*  
*— Drafting —*

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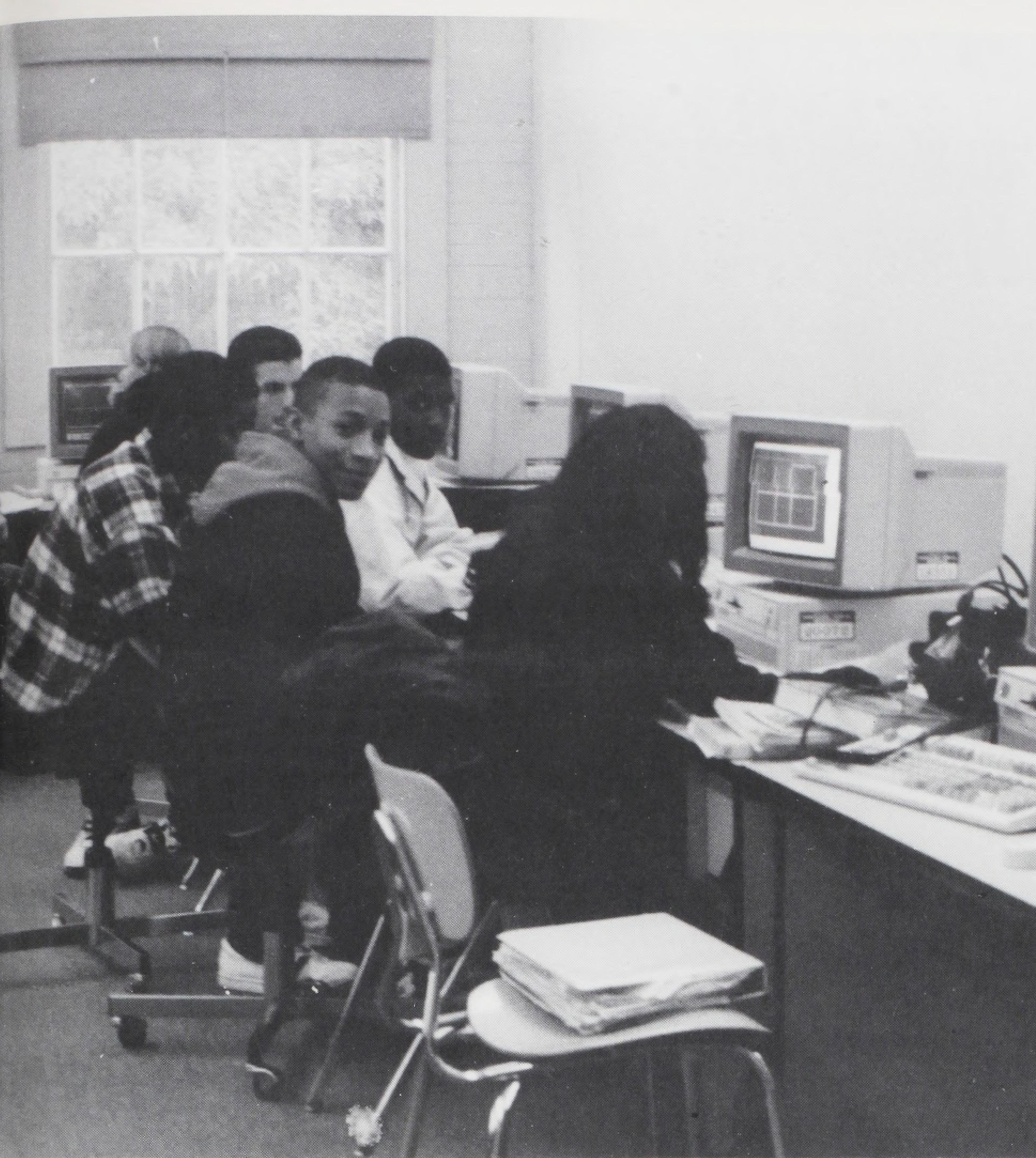


**TAKING CHARGE.** Mr. Wong is seen directing the Freshman Drafting course at Benson High.



**NOT NOW!** Although camera shy, Senior Mey Saechao is busily working on her drawing.





**LOOK!** Classes like this help understand what people do in drafting. Here, students in a Junior drafting class are working on drawings using Cad Key.

# jobs

You want a profession?

Here are the careers.

- **CAD Drafting:** Deals with computers and programs.
- **Architects:** Associated with drawing the schematics.
- **Interior Designers:** Deals with the technical knowledge of structural integrity.
- **Landscape architecture:** Shows the effects of proper placement of objects.
- **Building Inspector:** Inspects overall fit of the structure to a specified standard.
- **All types of engineering:** Predicts and defines critical factors that influence large decisions.
- **Industrial design/Packaging:** Deals with manufacturing and designing.
- **Commercial Art:** Involved in advertising for the general public.
- **Manufacturing Design Technicians:** Deals with the use of operating machinery.
- **Metal Fabrication Design:** Used to design and interpret assemblies being made.
- **Electric/Electronics Drafting:** Deals with the electrical and wiring assemblies.
- **Cartography:** Deals with creating proportional maps.
- **Teacher:** Trains students for the future.



# english in the work place

*Benson combines the English department with the vocational program to create a better learning experience.*

One major change in this year's curriculum was the combining of academic projects with the vocational program. This block program gave teachers the chance to work together and coordinate the course of study with a core group of students.

One senior block consisted of teachers in English, drafting, architecture, manufacturing, and building construction.

The teachers combined resources to assist students, for example, with research projects related to their majors. The many-period block of time allowed for flexible scheduling of activities, such as field trips.

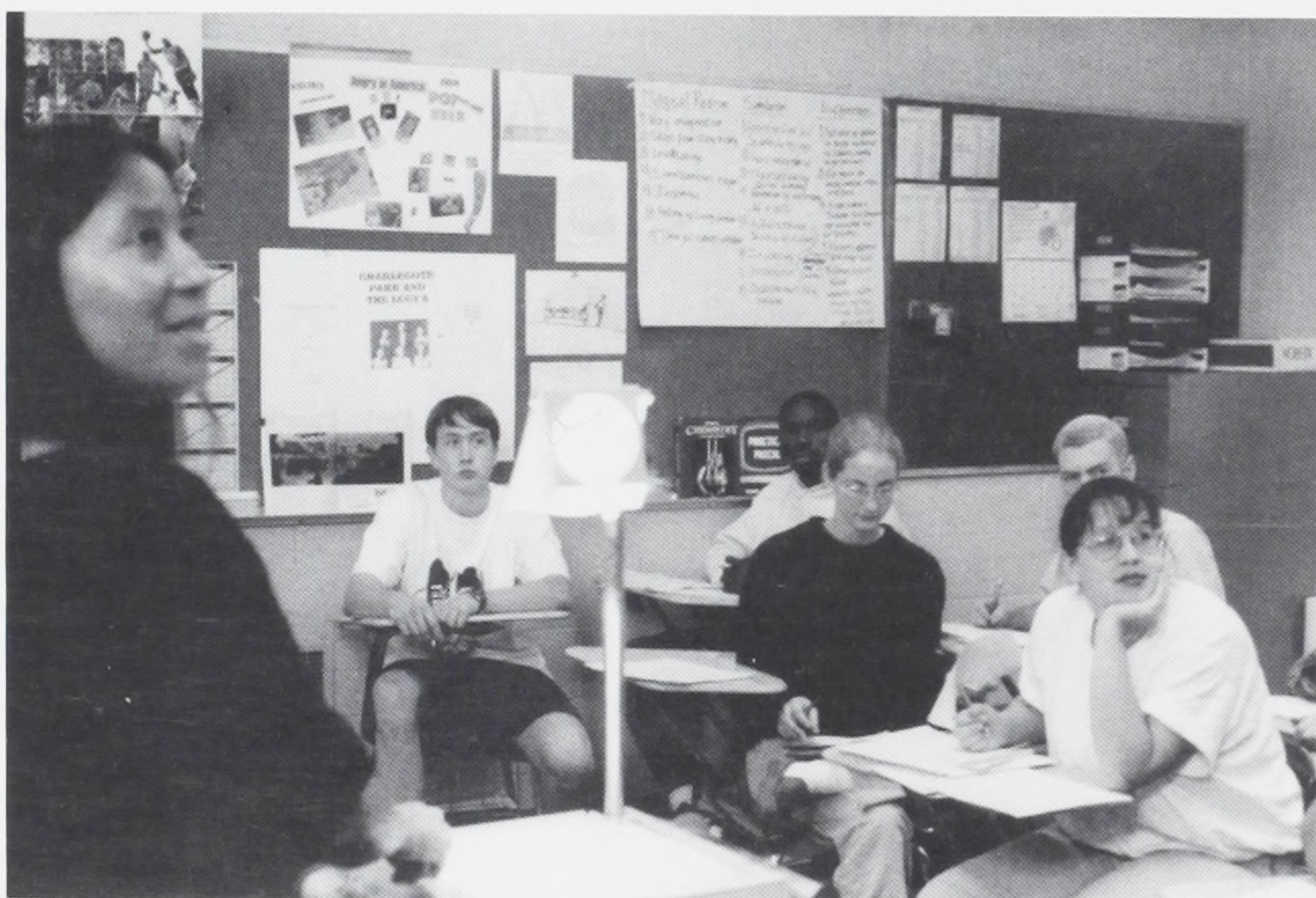
The block helped the teachers involved to become more aware of the relationship of the various classes, especially for the English teacher. "It helped me to give more direction to any architecture student who was doing a research paper for me," stated senior English teacher Brenda

Nelson. Architecture teacher Susan Mangin expressed her greater awareness of how the house designed by architecture students had to be modified for the needs of the building construction student who would build it as their major project.

For students, the block project made them more aware that education is not an accumulation of

isolated classes throughout the day. All subjects related in some way, and seeing the whole picture helped the students find their way to a successful career and future.

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**It helped me  
to give more  
direction to  
many of my  
students**  
Brenda Nelson



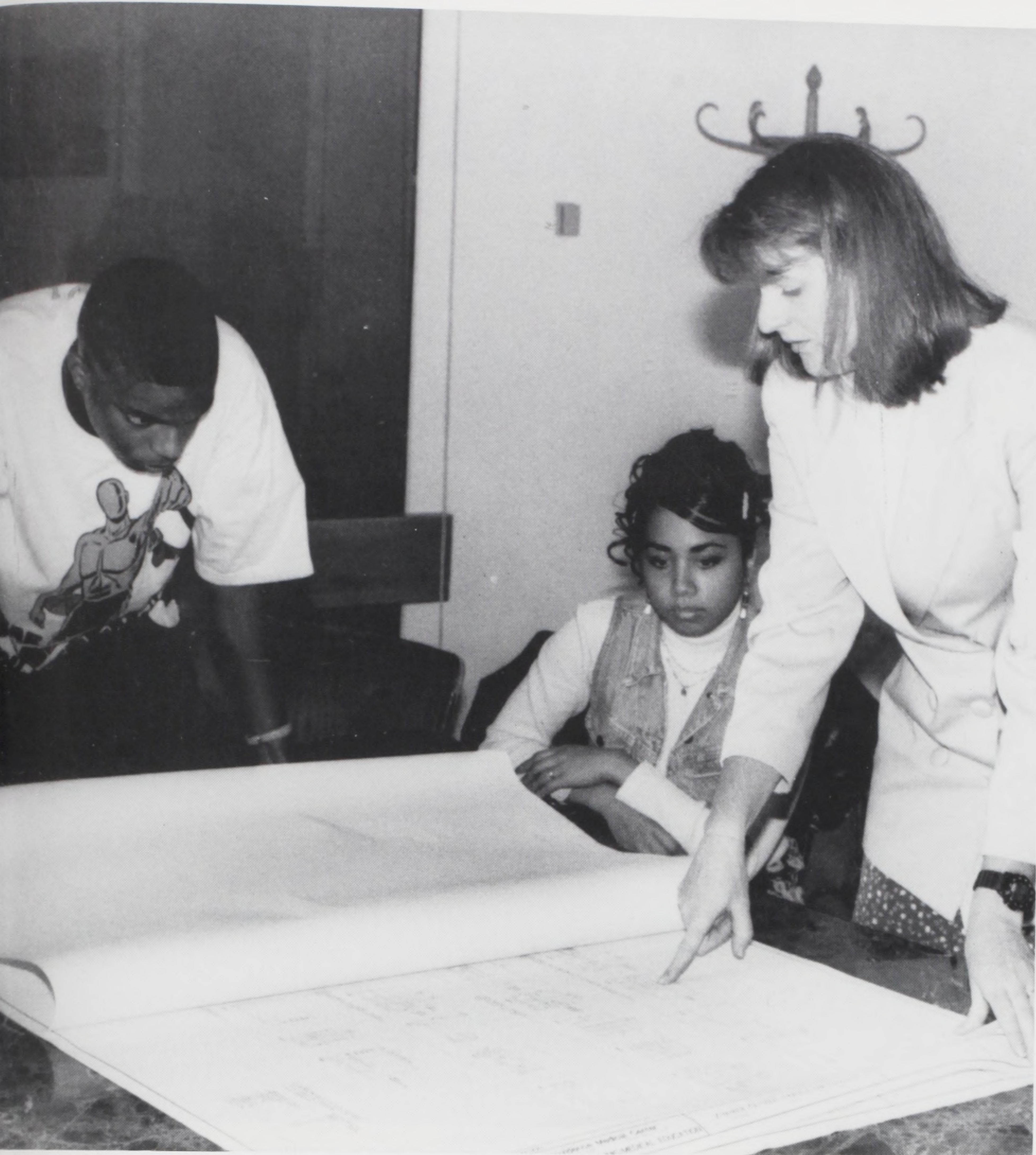
**INTENSIVE LISTENING.** Ms. Kontz's senior class listens as she explains her English lesson.

**TO BE OR NOT TO BE.** Kieth Scales, an actor from the Portland Shakespearean Company, visits English students to explain the play "Measure for Measure," which many students saw. Students took the MAX rail system to see the play in downtown.



by victoria collins





**THOSE FREAKIN' BLUEPRINTS.** Seniors Marco Banks, Gary Burks, and Haydee Palomo watch an employee at an architecture office. The field trip widened students' knowledge of the architecture field.

**ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT.** Seniors Erik Power and Reuben Snyder discuss their senior writing project with English teacher Brenda Nelson.







**Where's Bill?** What a great shot of the White House.

**SMILE!** The Close-Up group takes time out of their busy schedule to smile for the camera. They spent a week in the nation's capitol learning and expanding their understanding of the government.

## THE PORK BARREL

(otherwise known as Wahington D.C.)

**Common facts about our government and Washington D.C.**

*4 Did you know Washington D.C. was our nation's THIRD CAPITOL, and that George Washington selected the land himself because it was in close proximity to his home at Mt. Vernoun, Virginia?*

- The cornerstone of the Federal Captol building has been lost because of buildings always being built onto the capitol.
- The artist who painted the capitol rotunda died in the process of painting it.
- The government is wasting \$2 billion dollars on building a huge office building in D.C. while 40% of now-built office space is vacant.
- The starting wage for a senator or representative is \$120,000, and the president makes less than many people on his cabinet—a measley \$200,000 a year.



# walkin' and talking the part

*CLOSE UP students deal with what makes our great country run.*

The Close-Up program, led by Mrs. Tontz learned the finer points of government and economics for the whole year. The students in the program had to drag themselves to school each morning at 7:30 a.m. to participate. All that work and lost sleep finally paid off when the group went to the nation's capital and learned how the politics functioned.

They spent one week in Washington D.C. where the students experienced the finer points of the nation's lovely capital.

The visit to Washington was only for a week, but in that time the Close-Up students were able to see the sights of the

capital. The Close-Up experience is one that will not soon be forgotten. It holds many fond memories for those students who were involved.

A group of twenty or so students ranging between juniors and seniors set out this year to make it to Washington. They learned how the government functions and what it takes to make it in politics. The trip was very expensive and the Close-Up students spent

much of their time fundraising and trying to get money for the trip.

“  
**Going to DC helped me understand what Mrs. Tontz was talking about in class.**

Meagan Seivert  
-junior-

*by john stainbrook*

**ONE AT A TIME!** The pay phone gets lots of use in Washington D.C.

**THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT.** Close-Up students get an up-close and personal look at the Nation's great sights. They toured around the capitol and had a great time exploring the secrets of the nation.







**THE AROMA OF BRATWURST.** Shawn Dentler helps at Tech Show to raise money for the German Club by selling different kinds of sausages. One free cookie was given with the sausages.

**INTERNATIONAL CLUB- FRONTROW:** Mr. Martin, Shawn Dentler, Alden Dunbar. **SECONDRROW:** Carmen Jones, and Tara Barnett.



# a cultural affair

The goal of this year was for foreign language clubs to help integrate other cultures history into Benson.

**OOM-PAH! OOM-PAH!** The Oom-Pah band was invited to play at the annual Tech Show.



This year's Foreign language clubs were merely made of students who had some free time after school. In the beginning, the French, Spanish, German, and even the newly-developed Asian club got started with eager students who wanted to know about language and culture. But as the year ended, these eager students became too wrapped up in their spare time and lost interest. Meetings got shortened, lack of interest was in everyone, and the advisors were just there to listen,

“  
Ein vogel  
hat in mein  
bier  
geschessen!

Herr Owens  
-German Techer-

without input or output.

Even though a number of students attend these clubs, some of the school's greatest fund-raisers and activities were done by these students, such as the selling of German hot dogs at lunch hour. French club sold candy through out the year, Spanish club sold advent calendars, and the Asian Culture club sold roses, had a game booth during New Years, and attended the Asian picnic.

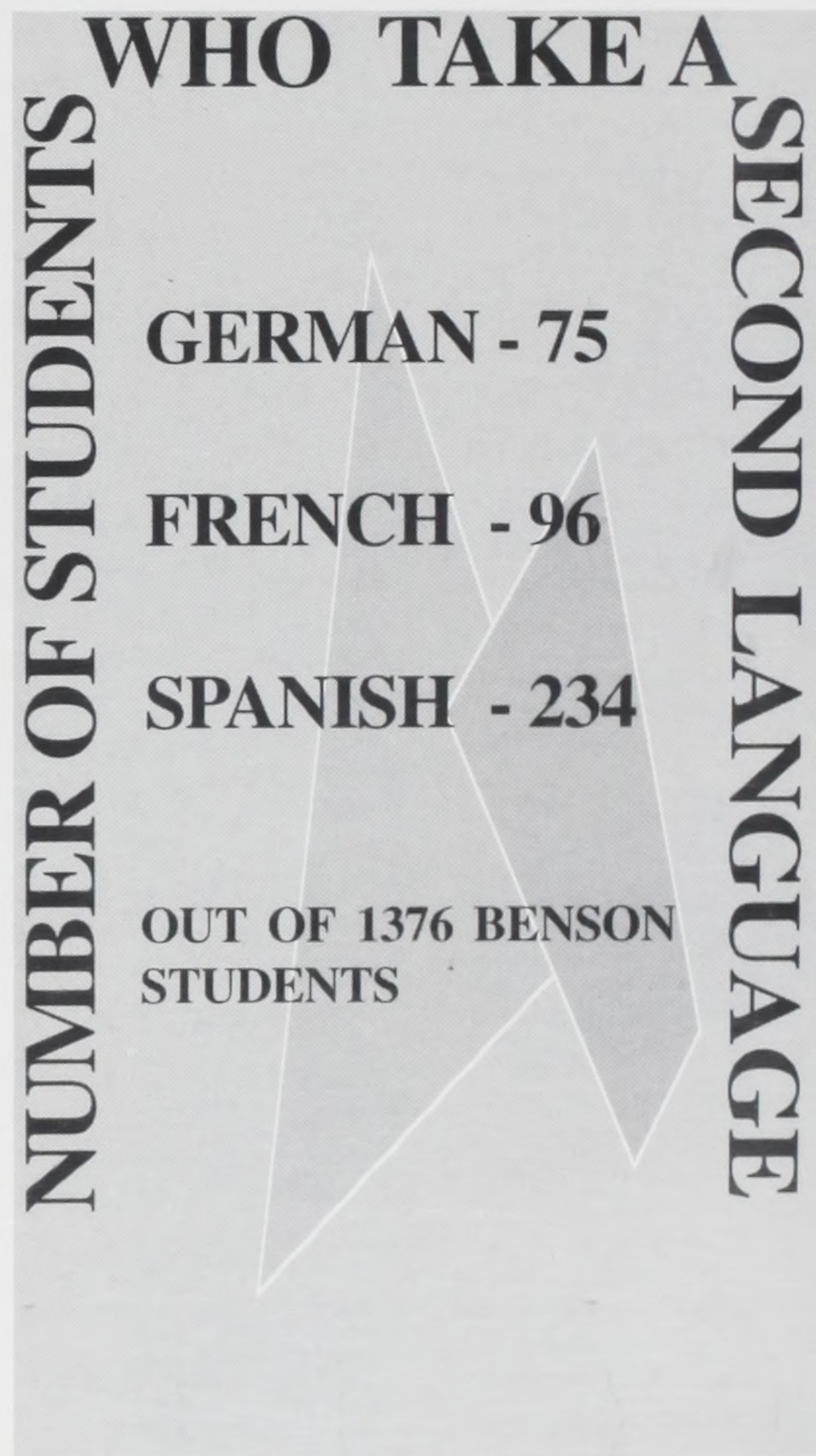
Overall, the foreign language clubs had willing students.

*by trinh nguyen*



**ANYONE FOR SAUSAGE?** Mr. Owens, the German teacher, provides the essential ingredients in making a German hot dog.

**ASIAN CULTURE CLUB.** The year started out with seven members and ended up with four. They are Luan Nguyen, Mr. Bob Rogers, Kim Mai, Trinh Nguyen, Lina Cha.





# Benson goes High Tech

Computers are in use all over the school, from the Electronics shops to Computer Applications...

Computers play a big role in Benson's classrooms. They are in use all over the school. From manufacturing where they use CNC (computer numerical control) equipment to produce precision parts, to the Sequent S27 mainframe that is the school's main Unix system connected to the Internet (a computerized information resource), to Computer Applications where students learn how

to use the most common business computer applications, computers are extensively used.

In Computer Applications, computers are used to teach the students learn how to build a database, spreadsheet, and word processing document.

Knowledge of these various programs is very important for the

careers in today's fast-paced and competitive job market.

Computers play a major role in Benson's electronics majors. They are used in Electronics Engineering to draw schematics of electrical circuits with a program called "Electronic Workbench."

Students in computer software technology learn

the fundamentals of computer software development with the C++ programming language.

Benson's Mainframe computer system, a Sequent S27, which has a total of eight processors with math coprocessors and over 2.5 gigabytes of hard drive space, was a very generous donation to the school by the Sequent computer company. The S27 is used as Benson's main Unix system connected to the Internet. This technology is a big plus for Benson.

“  
Computers play a major role in today's society.  
David Lim  
- Sophomore -  
”

by John Eide

## COMPUTER PROGRAMMING GUYS

Administrators of the Sequent S27 Mainframe for the 1994-95 and 1995-96 school year: Juniors Daniel Thom and Erik Walthinsen, Seniors Chris Hockert and Patrick Voelker. Chris and Patrick were the administrators for the '94-'95 school year. They will be replaced in '95-'96 by Erik and Daniel. To qualify for this job, each student has to attend a one-week training course provided by the Sequent corporation.

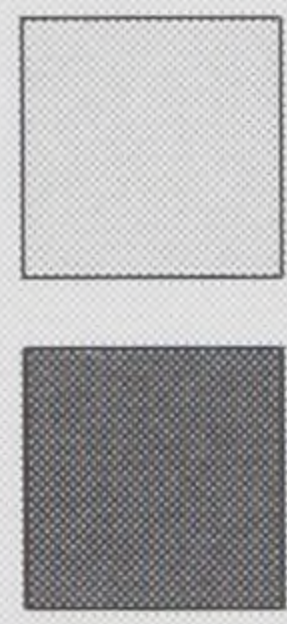
Staff members





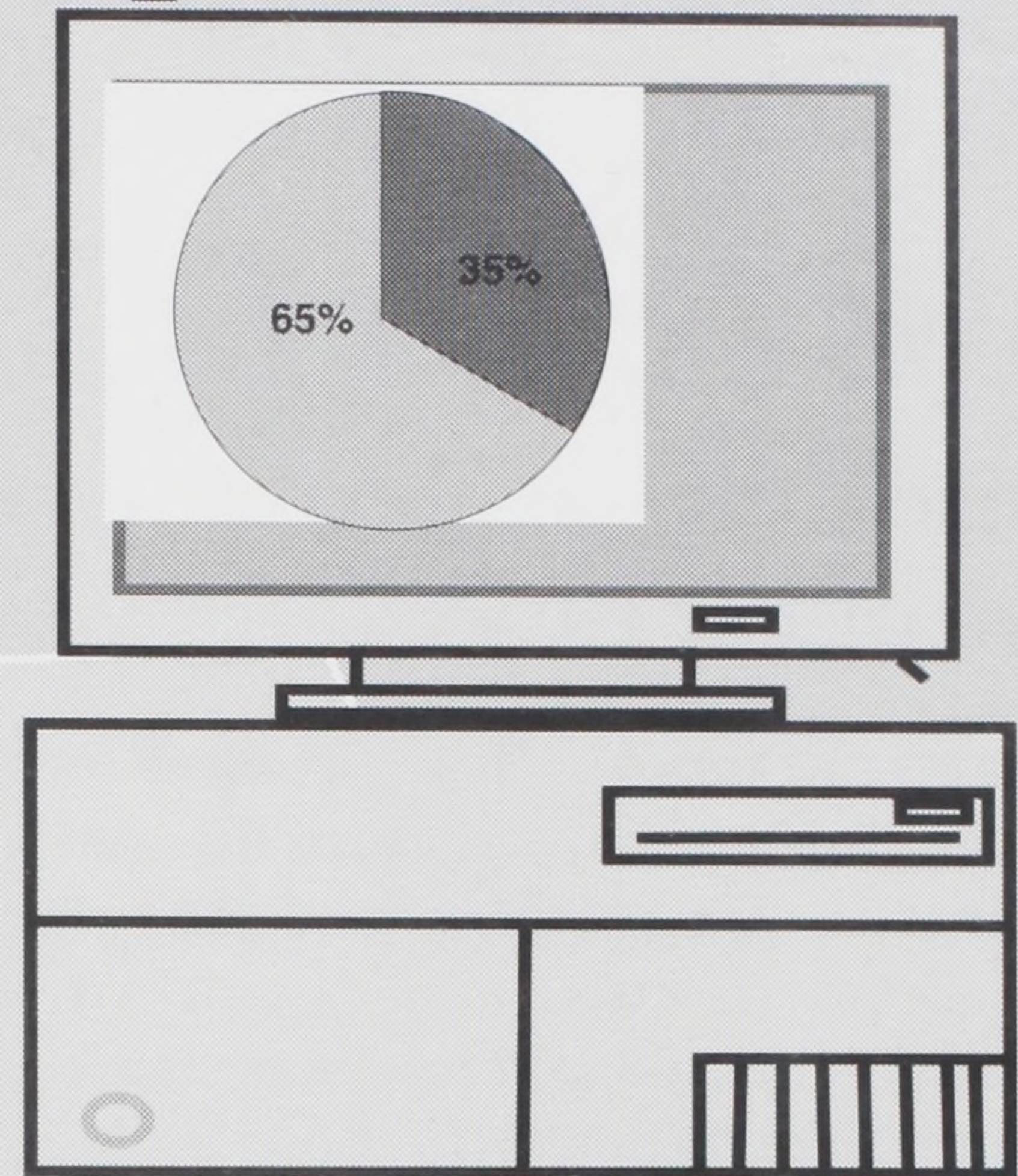
# Benson Students and Computer Literacy

Students in Mr. Berning's Computer Applications and Keyboarding classes were polled to see if they considered themselves computer literate halfway through each of the courses. The survey included approximately 90 students. Here are the results\*.

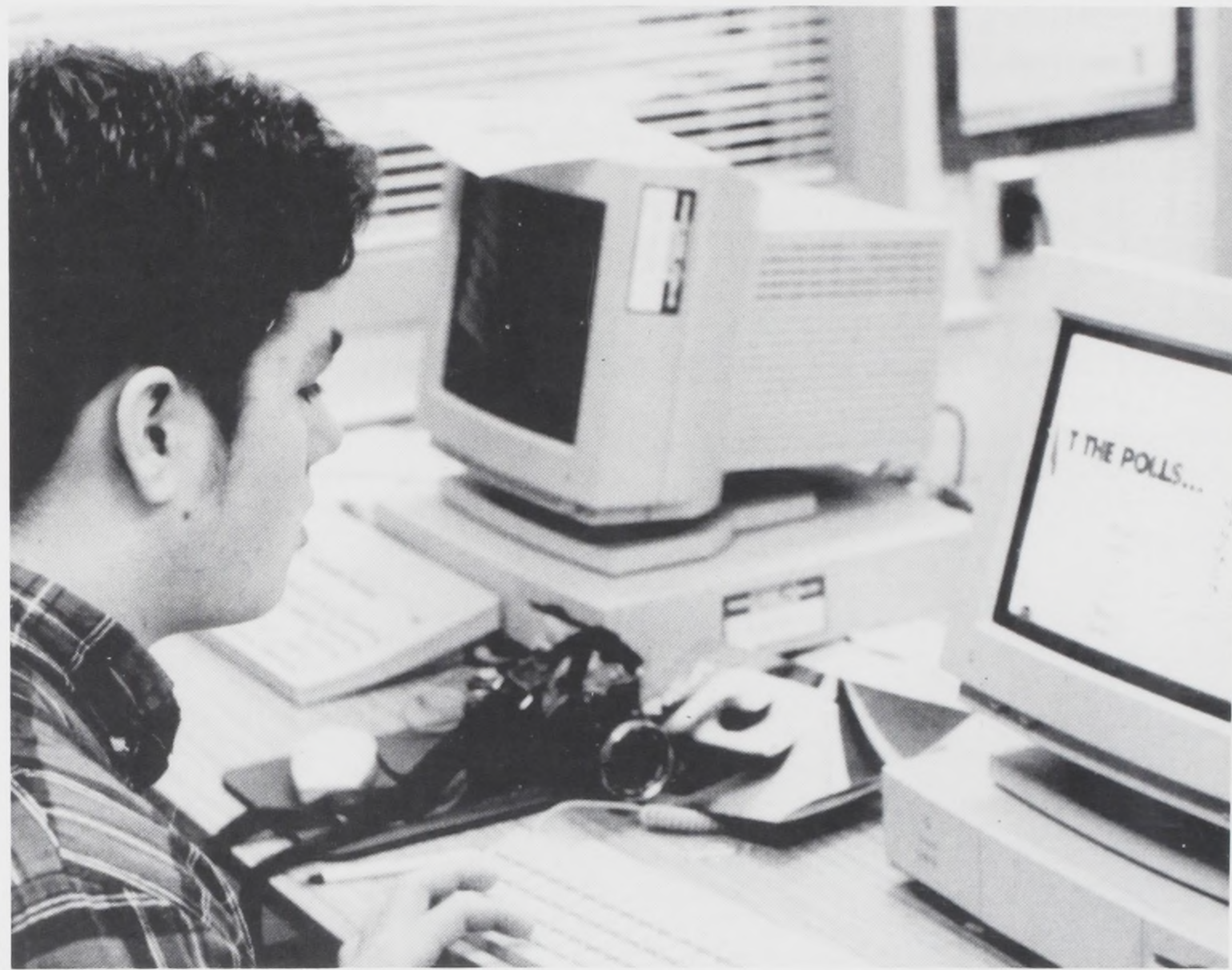
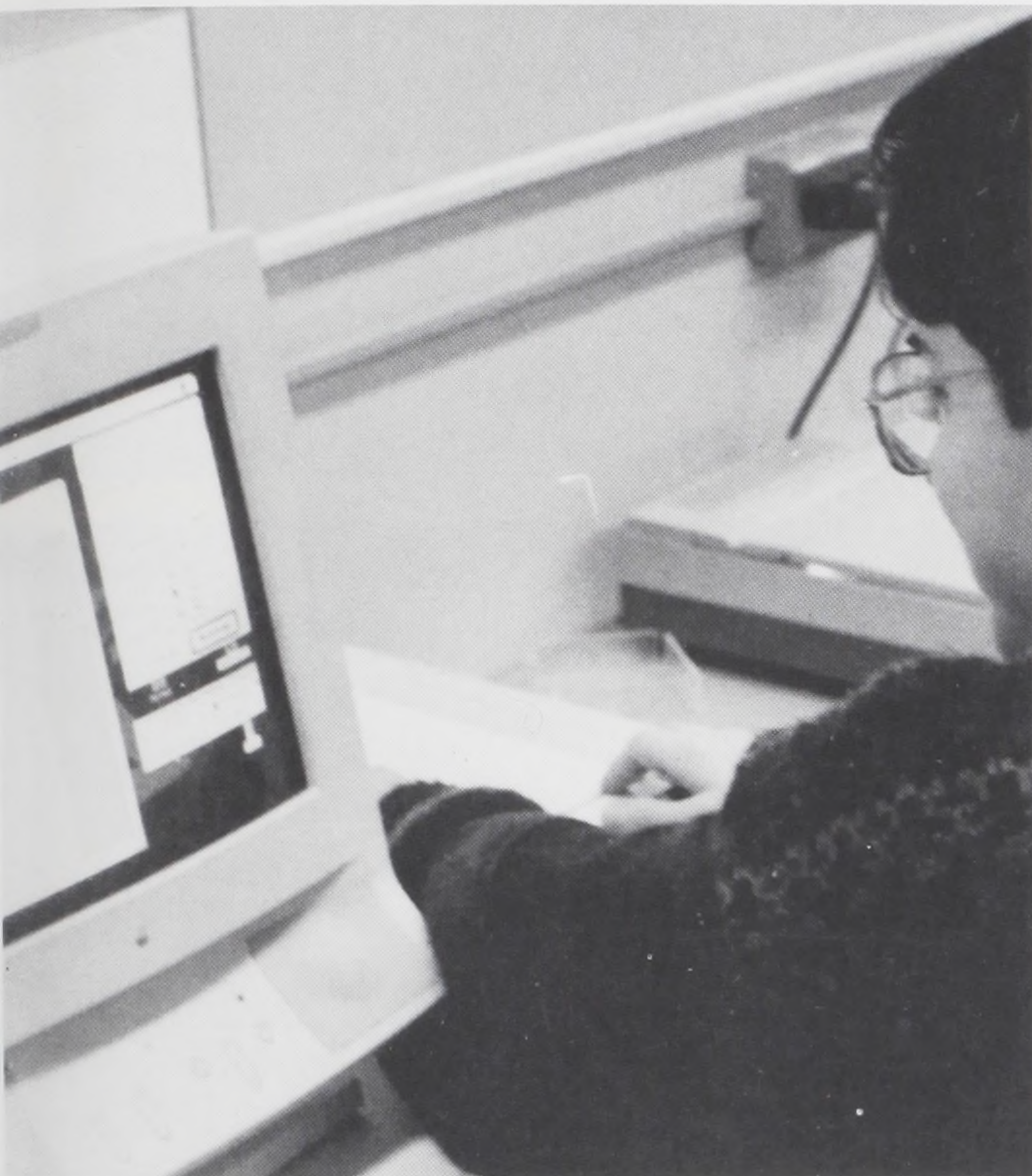


**computer illiterate**

**computer literate**



\*Survey is accurate to within 5%



**ANIMATION.** Trevor Larson gets a picture ready to be copied in to the computer with a color scanner which was loaned to the school for a month in November. The scanner was connected to Benson's Multimedia workstation which is used for making movies on the computer.

**ADMIRATION.** Joel Johnson pauses to admire the solemn beauty of the keyboard during his Computer Applications class.

**DESKTOP PUBLISHING.** Yearbook co-editor Joe Putnam uses the PageMaker program to create and edit a page of Benson's Yearbook. The entire 224 page book is produced on the computer with PageMaker 4.2 on the Macintosh computer.



# miracles of electronics

The Benson digital electronic department is a wave of the future.

by david lim

Looking around us, our world is quite influenced by the miracle of electronics. In Benson, students grasp the raw knowledge of electronics to better prepare for the future. From solder to silicon, these future electronic students will continue the prosperity of electronics.

It all begins within the freshmen year when simple projects are just a taste of what the career yields.

At the sophomore level

the projects are enhanced with increased depth. For those who chose electronics as their major, they begin experimenting with power supplies, analog sinewaves, and learning the transistor theory.

Proceeding into the senior level, the students apply their past experiences and new tech-

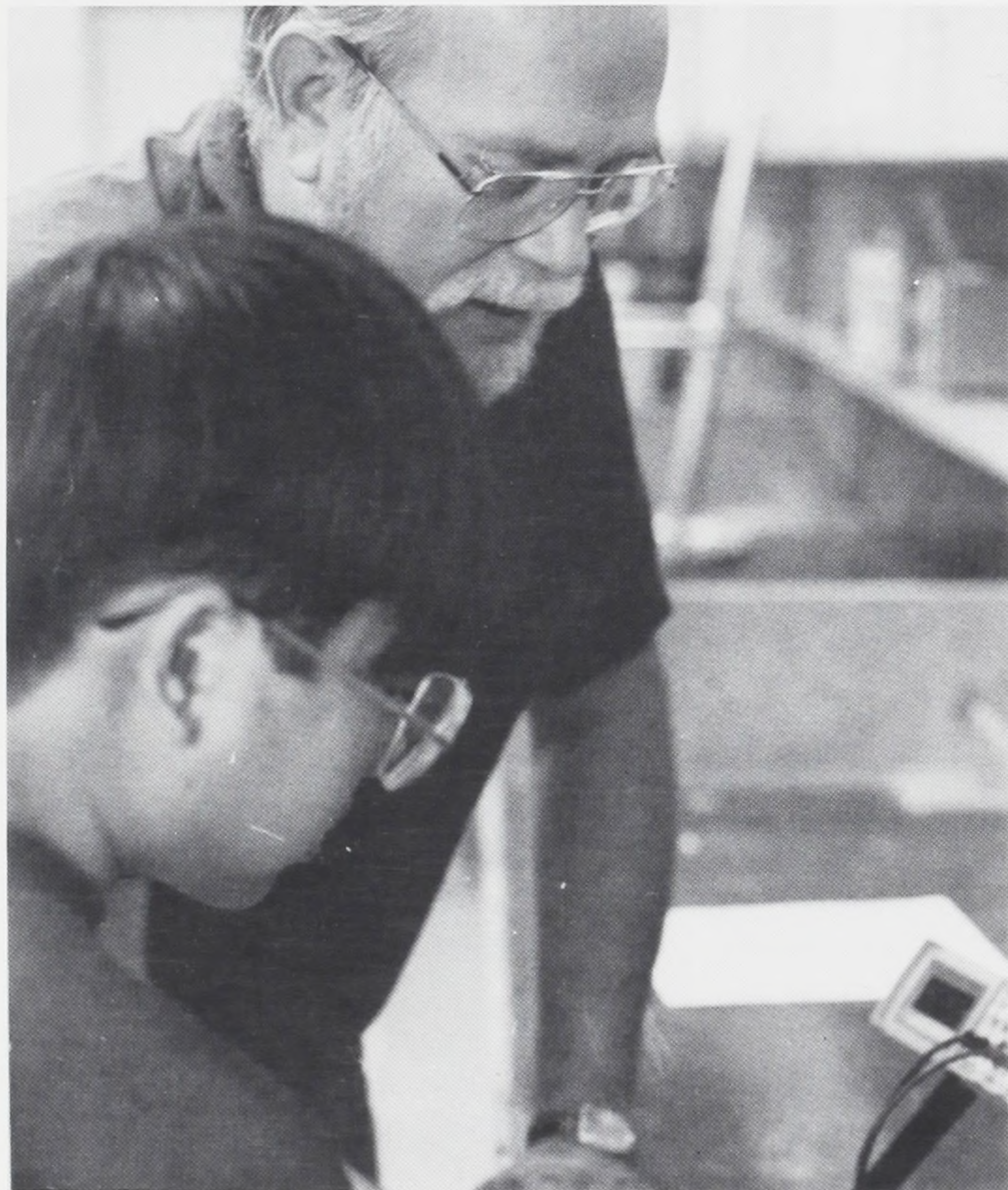
"I find the students at Benson High School are ready, willing, and able to perform tasks set for them."

Mr. Krell  
- Benson Electronics Teacher -

niques into more complicated matters, such as computer maintenance, and C and Pascal programming. This year they're focusing on Internet setup.

New faces in the department included Mr. Krell and Mr. Hryciw, who added new ideas and concepts to electronics.

The Benson Electronic Engineering Club, known as *Bees*, is offered to students interested in electronics. They are closely related to the Aardvarks, Benson's computer club.

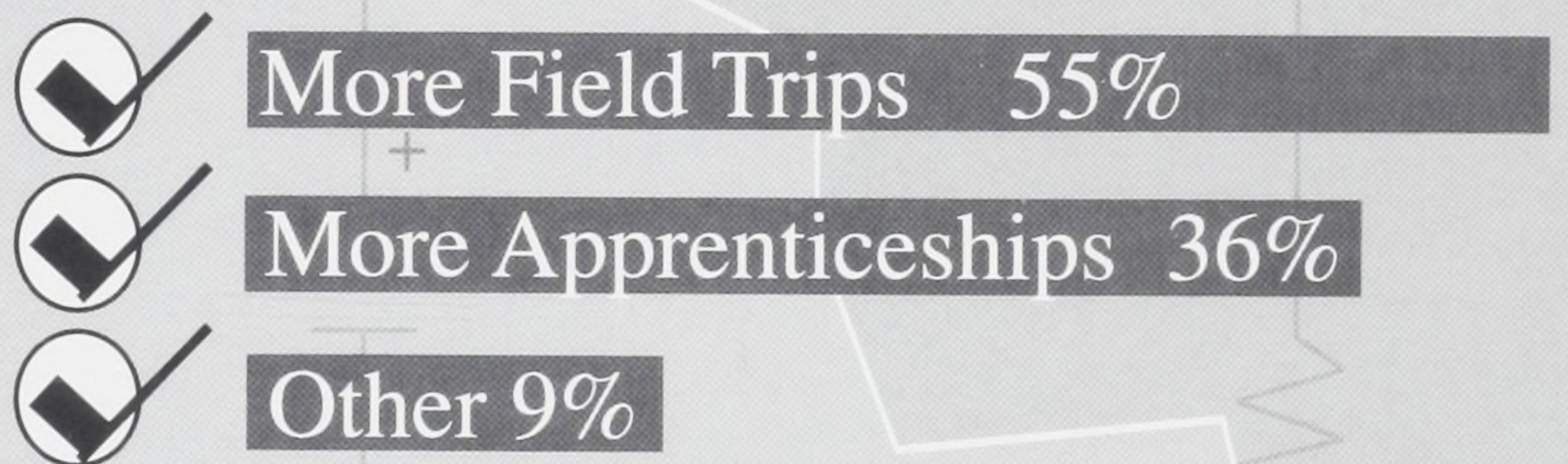


**"STUPID NEGATIVE RESISTANCE!"**  
Sophomore Shee Cha directs Mr. Krell to his problem, and Mr. Krell in turn points Shee to the problem, a cold solder joint.

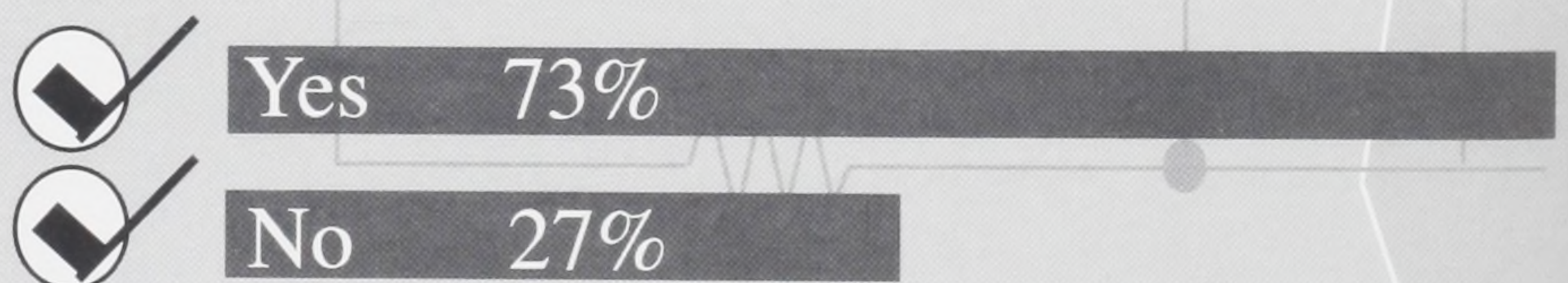
## World of Opportunity

Schematics to Careers Info

What would you change in Benson's Electronic Program?



Can you find a job in the electronic field right out of Benson?

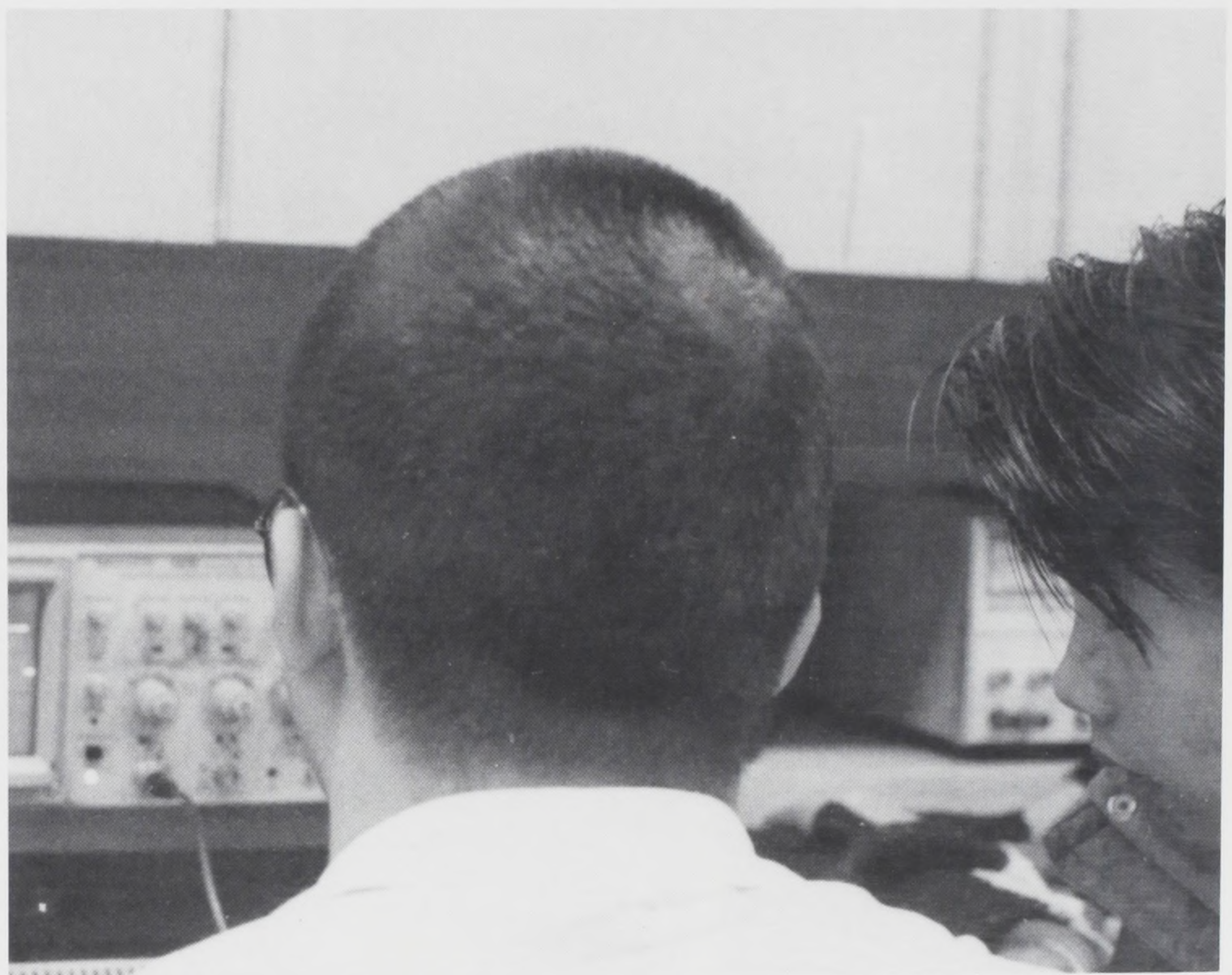
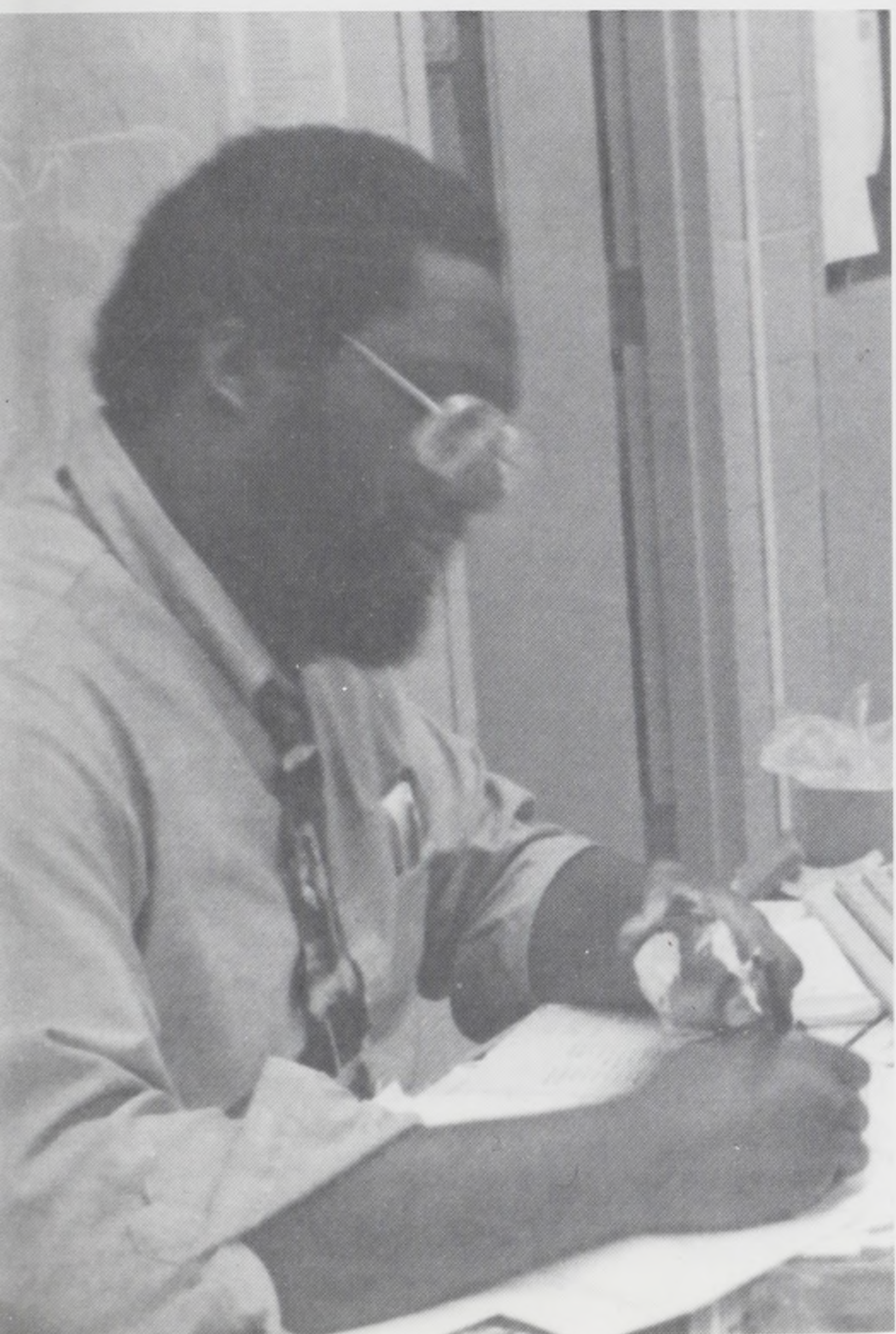


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Majors surveyed





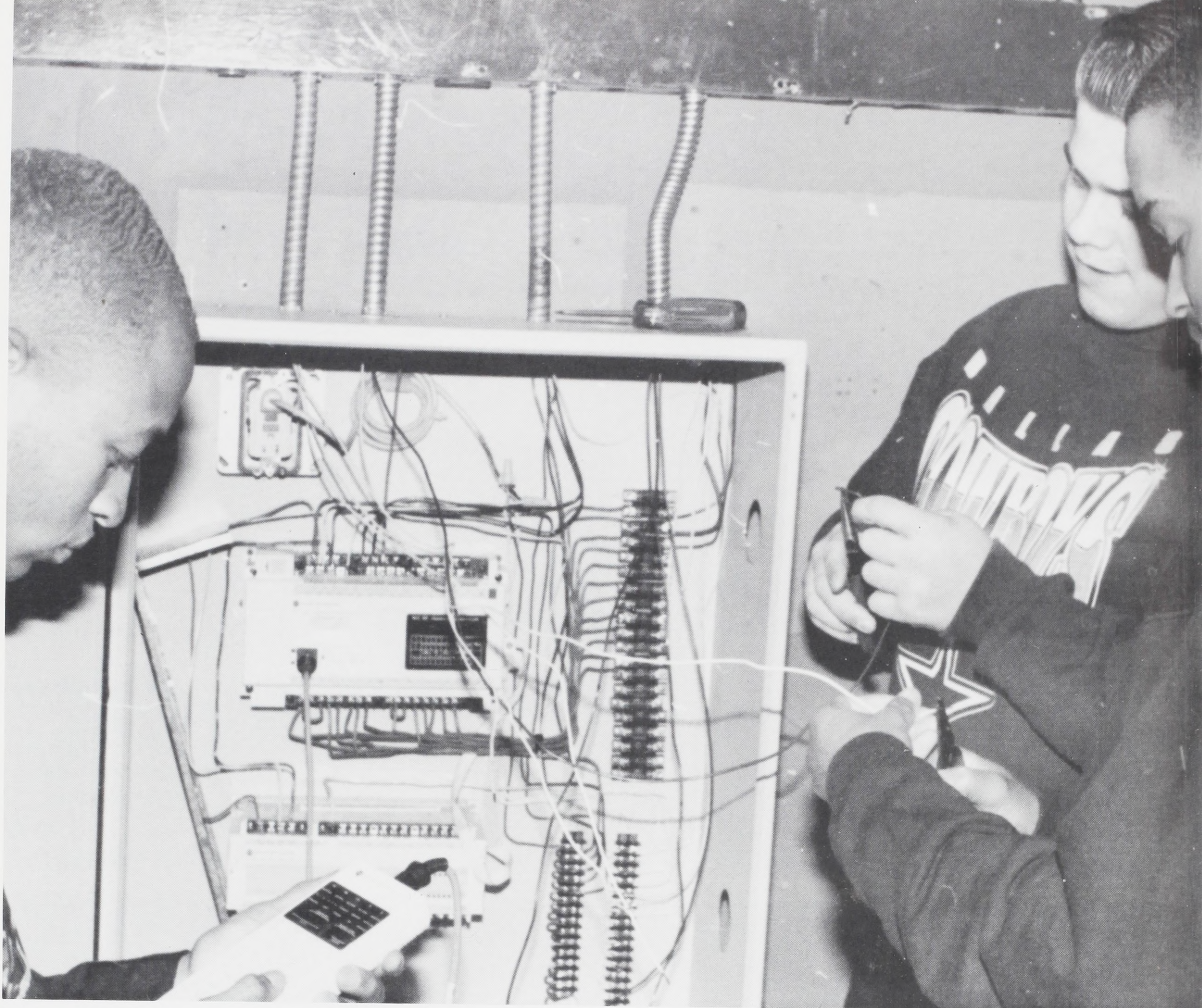
**These lights aren't blinking.** In the senior electronics class, Ryan Guentín (12) rubs his fingers against his index finger as Duc Nguyen (12) attempts to improve Ryan's situation with his electronic lab.



**ANNGH! THATS WRONG:** Mr. Davis corrects the students' computer work on the computer, then records them in his grade book.

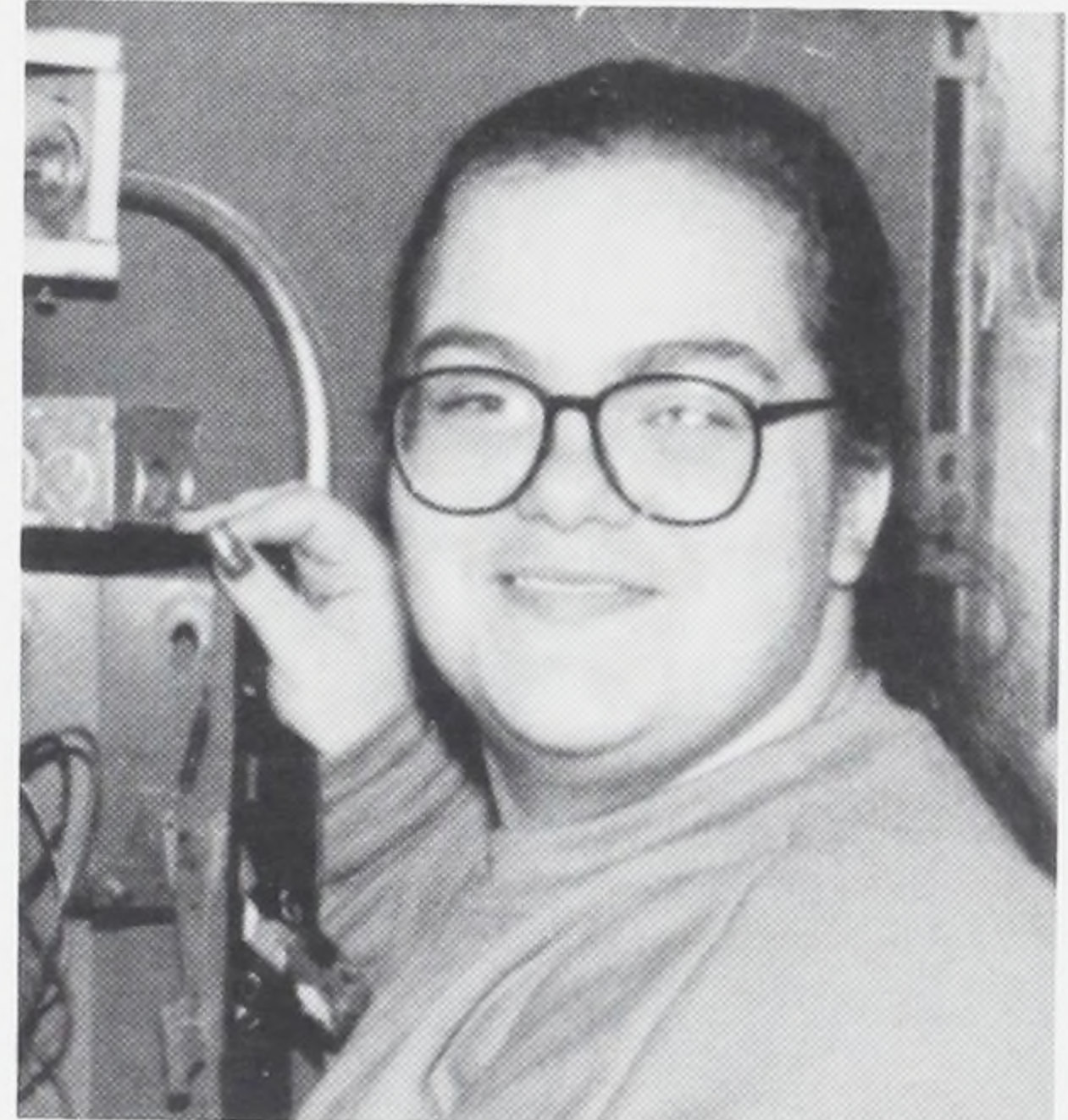
**TRY INCREASING THE VOLTAGE:** Jay Cha (12) twists the knob attempting to create a sinewave as Michael Louie (12) plots the wires in place.





**PROGRAM LIGHT CONTROLLERS.** Seniors Steve Miketin and Reggie Smith patiently fiddle with the wires, hoping to help Jason Franklin in any way. Students had to learn a certain kind of math to program this circuit.

“*This class is fun and easy. I really enjoy taking things apart and putting them back together.*”  
 Shawn Appleberry  
 -Senior-



**MORE WIRES.** Maria Baker, one of two females in this senior class, still has time in her busy schedule to smile for the camera.



**SENIOR SPARKIES—FRONT ROW:** Steve Miketin, Reggie Smith, Pat Fish, Shawn Appleberry, Conrad Goodwin, Maria Baker. **SECOND ROW:** Tim Warren, Pat Leonard, Jason Franklin, Nathan Langston, Hien Do.



# Shocking Experience

## Electric majors hope to avoid getting zapped!

Seeing the outcome of any project you work hard on is a thrill. When students struggle to get jobs done, or hassle over some circuit because it does not work (or work the way it should), it can all pay off

to finally say, "YES! IT WORKS!" That is one of the few things that makes this class worthwhile.

From working with sequencers to programming the Program Light Controllers, the Electric major is more than just another electronic class. Every day, students plunge right into the heart of this major, working with

house wiring, installing conduits and other electrical systems in the real world.

There is more power wiring and less math in

this class, which is to the students' liking. The students get to experience what their major deals with as they use hands-on training.

by Jack Lim

### Why did you decide to take this major?

"I wanted to get into a good field to support my family."  
-Maria Baker, Senior

"I took this class because I liked working with my hands."  
-Shawn Appleberry, Senior

"I like playing with the lights and colors, but mainly for the money."  
-Hien Do, Senior

"The Money"  
-Stan Estes, Junior

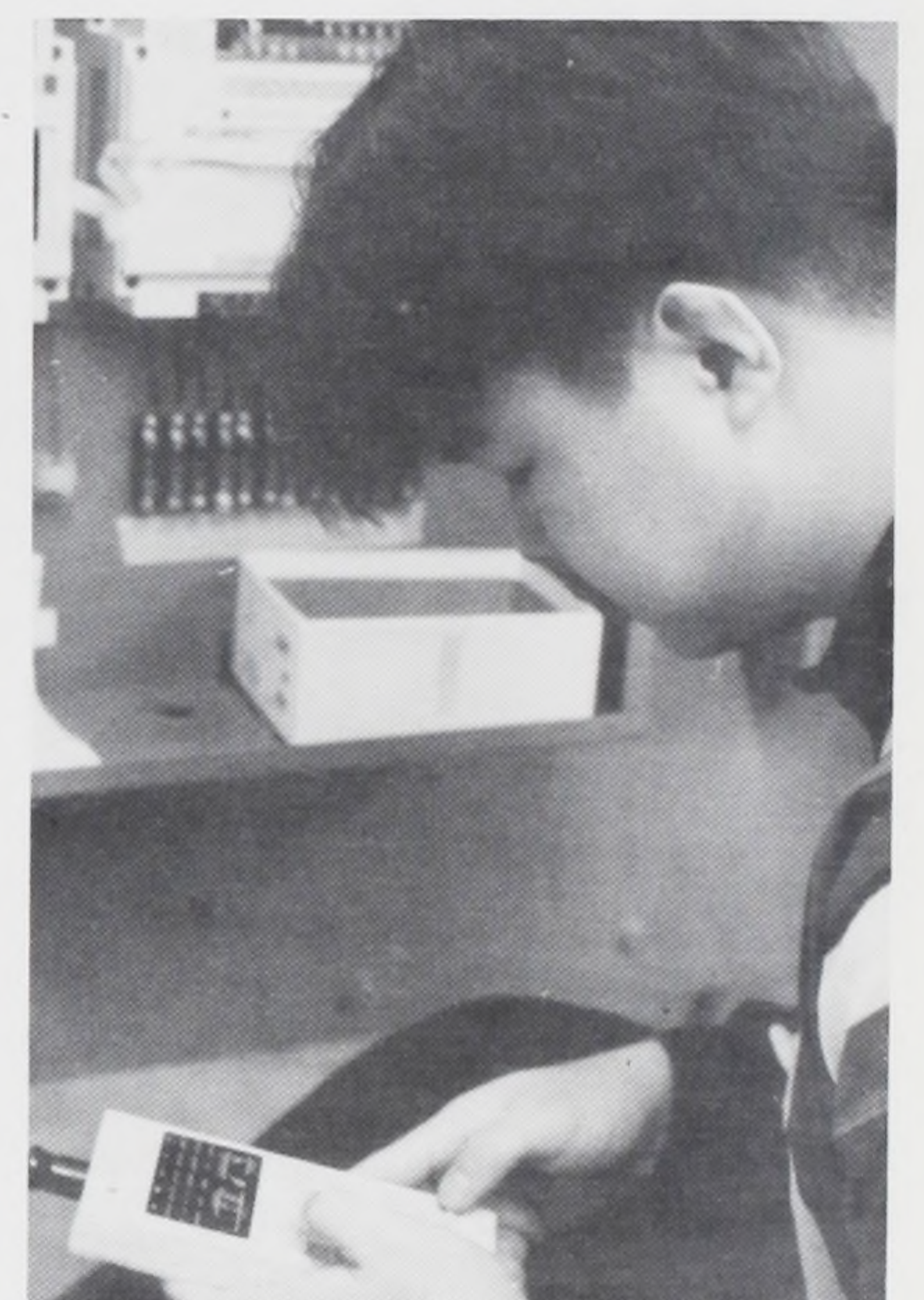
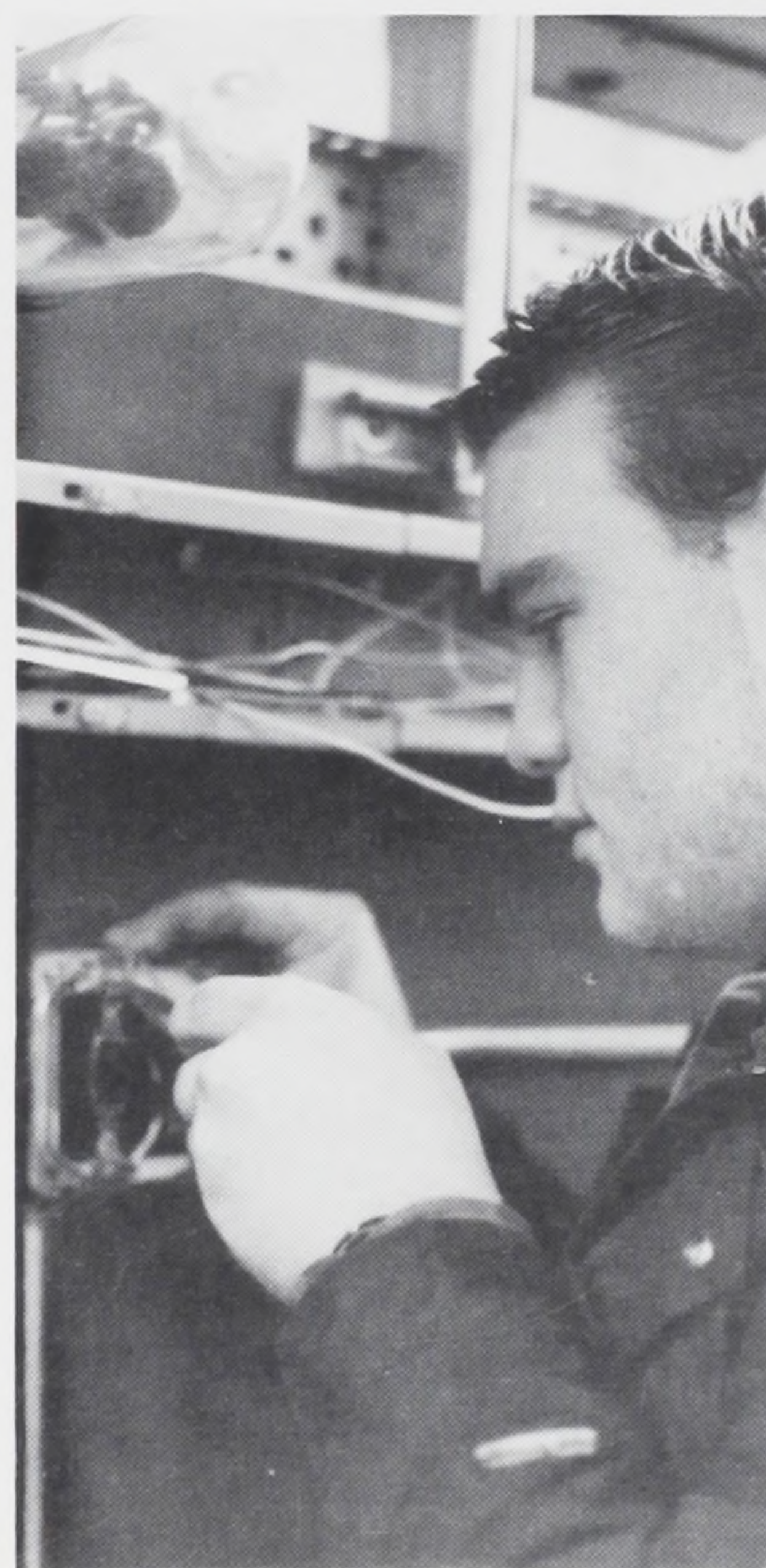


**WIRE IT UP.** Junior Josh Warner is configuring some circuits inside the electrical structure that the class works with in order to perfect their skills.



**JUNIOR SPARKIES—FRONT ROW:** Joshua Warner, Phounphalith Bounma.  
**SECOND ROW:** Stanley Estes, Aaron Floyd, Matt Georges, Dominic DePaola, Matt Roma, Kyle Danel, Doug Morris, Richard Hopkins. Not Pictured: Shawn Alhadeff.

**PRYING AROUND.** Senior Pat Fish works on an electrical switch without his gloves. He must be careful to avoid a shock.



**HANDS-ON TRAINING.** Hien Do (12), works with the PLC controller. "The hands-on training teaches you a lot because you can get a picture of what you're doing."



# different Determinations

*A school doesn't run by itself. It takes dedicated people like FEA, BEES, and BATS.*

There are always classes that are prevalent in helping students achieve their best without hesitation and accomplishments that will shoot them into the stratosphere of education. Some clubs that are into this type of thing are BATS (Benson Auditorium Technical Staff), BEES (Benson Electronic Engineering Staff), and FEA (Future Engineers of America).

Bats is run by Mr. Abrahamson. BATS runs the auditorium, sets up stage props, helps with administration and coordinates sound systems for the enjoyment of the general public. Some of their accomplishments were doing behind-the-scenes work for all the assemblies; including the Rose Festival assembly.

BEES is an engineering club that is run by the president, with majority voting. President Patrick Voelker leads the group to repair com-

puters, diagnose systems failures and setup networks around school. BEES has also accessed the Internet.

FEA, although not pictured, is run by Mr. Wong, who helps with the preparation of gifted students that can influence Benson. A project they accomplished were helping elders in a care facility. Although they were not readily available for pictures, they were not forgotten. FEA is a major part of Benson.

“  
Devoting time  
to something  
is more easily  
said than  
done  
Mr. Davis  
- Teacher -  
”

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**BATS:** Jim Peak, Tabitha Erhardt, Jon Strong, Andy Payne.







**WHATNOW?** Mr. Wong, who runs FEA, is busy right now and can't answer any questions.



**BEES—FRONTROW:** Erik Walthinsen, Katie Main, Dave Brown, Mr. Davis.  
**SECOND ROW:** Chris Hockert, Patrick Voelker, John Eide.



# a different frequency

*Electronic gadgets entertain and educate members.*

The Ham Radio Club is a group that meets weekly to learn more about radio and to eventually, get their license. The HAM RADIO advisor is Ms. Sally Niedermeyer who joined the club after the retirement of Mr. Nachtigall last year. There are two

members who have radios at home, but all have an interest in radio.

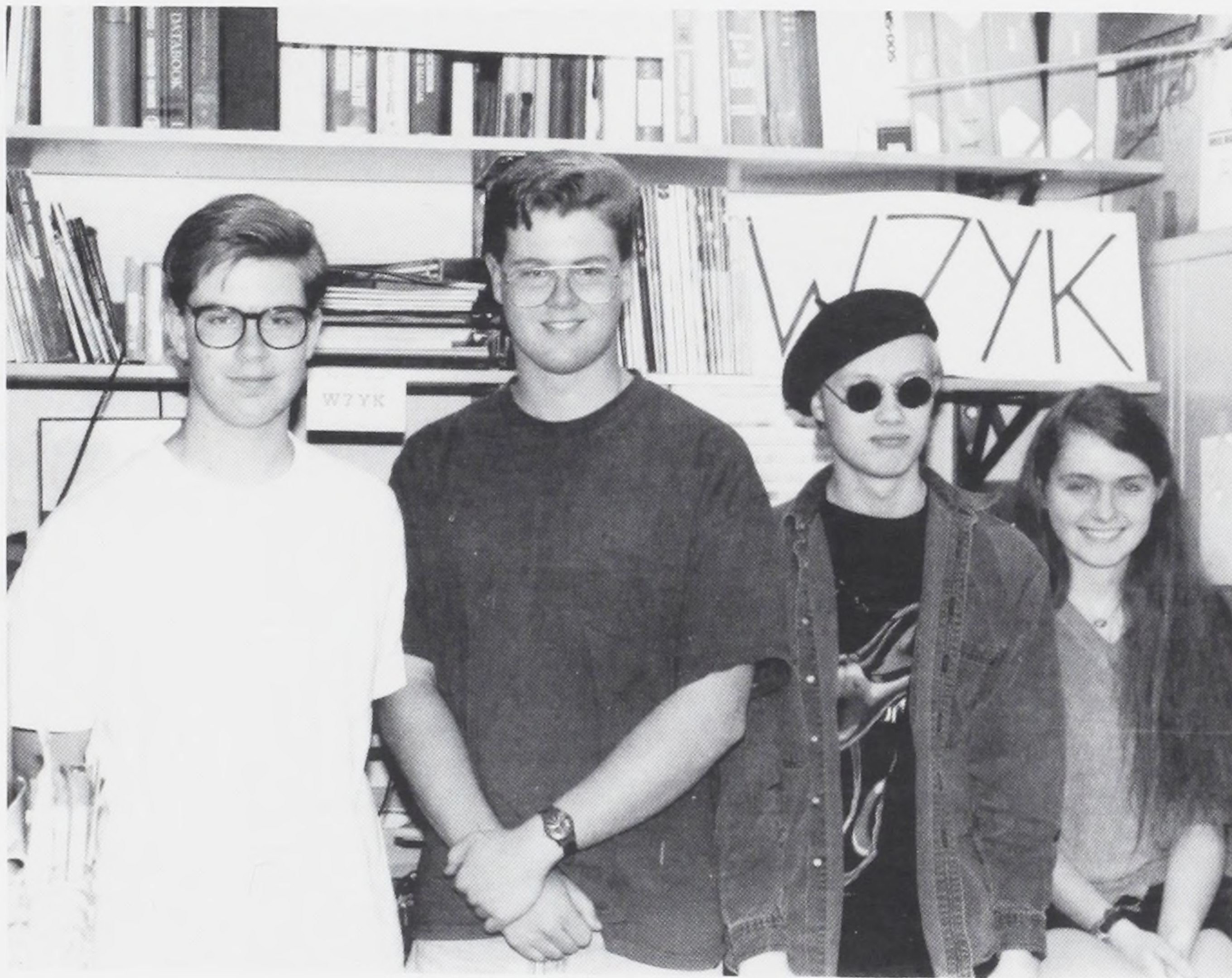
The most interesting radio contact for club members was with a twenty year old man from Hazel Dell, Washington. Richard Helzer of the club exclaimed, "We like talking to him because he is deep into Radio and is a most inter-

esting guy."

The R.C. Tech Club was found in 1989 by graduate Phil Vu. They are a group of students who wanted a time to get together to share ideas and techniques for improving cars. This club meets once per week after school. They work on their cars and demonstrate the R.C. cars. During the Tech Show they set up a track and demonstrated their car's abilities in the cafeteria.

“  
The kids enjoy jumping cars off high ramps.  
”  
Matt Pellico  
- RC Tech advisor-

*by virbia pack*



**HAM RADIO CLUB:** Richard Helzer, Peter Helzer, Derek Watson, Katie Leonard. Not Pictured: David Brown.



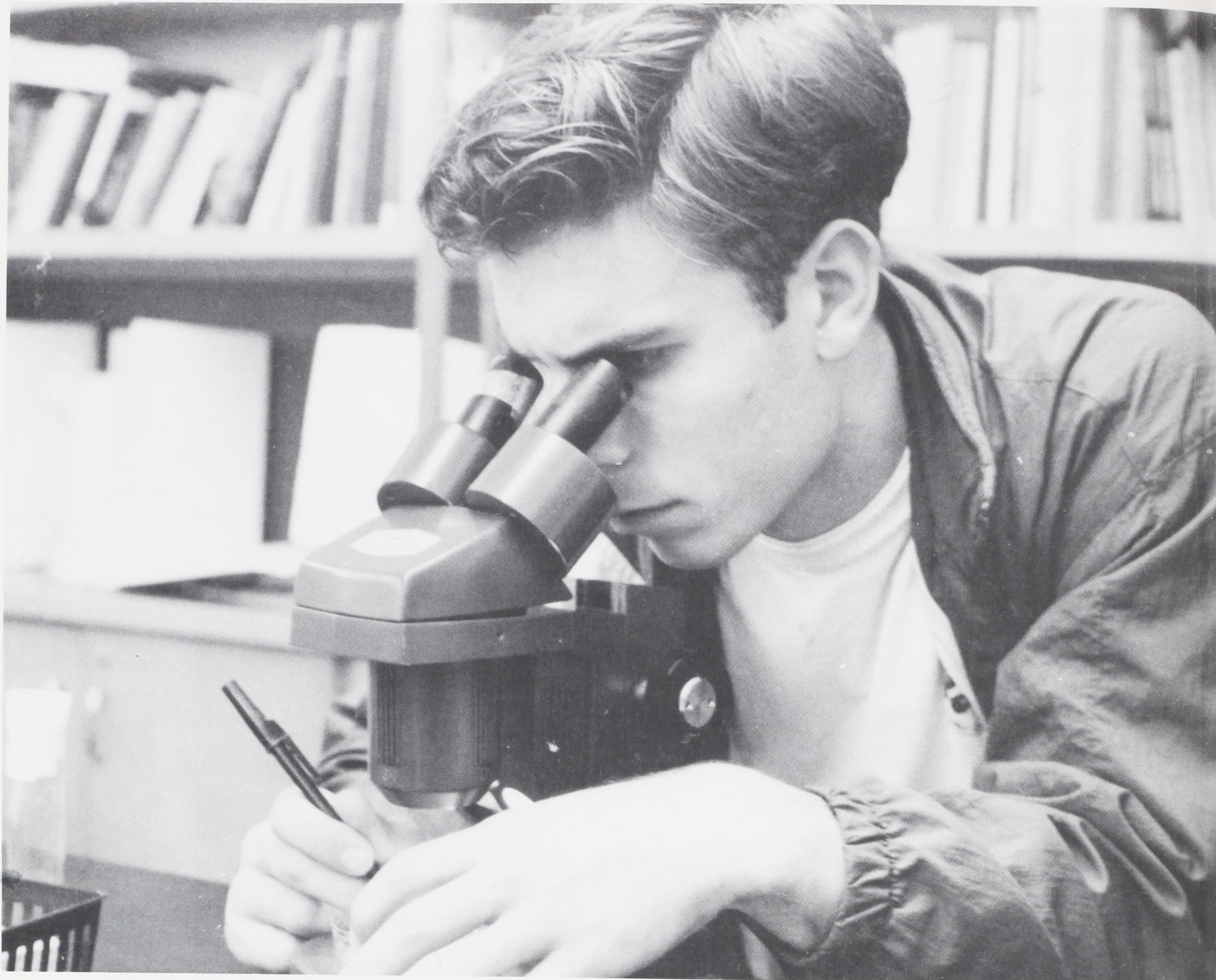
**PROMOTER.** At the Tech Show, Ham Radio club advisors Gil Brentley and Sally Niedermeyer inform eighth graders and others about their club activities.





**TRAFFIC CONTROL.** Remote control car club member Angela Munar gets an edge on the car operated by advisor Matt Pellico. The 10 club members demonstrated their model car maneuvers during the Tech Show.





**STAY STILL!** Gabriel Larson (12) carefully focuses his microscope to observe his fruit flies. Seniors taking biology had to participate in a *Drosophila* lab for studying genetic traits.

**BPA QUIZ BOWL TEAM A—FRONT ROW:** Patrick Voelker, Jinah Lee. **BACK ROW:** Krista Wehrley, Mrs. Eames, David Brown, Chris Hockert.



**MESA-FRONT ROW:** Kayin Talton, Lakisha Sloan, Amonique Brown. **SECOND ROW:** Indira Jones, Mrs. Eames, Miranda Gillespie. **NOT PICTURED:** Jason Harris, Katie Hill, Herbert Portillo, Peter Sletmoe, Seth Steward.



# The key to Technology

*The basis for everything all comes down to the topics these students experiment with.*

Science clubs this year were mainly preparing for science competitions. The three major ones were the BPA Quiz Bowl, the NW Science Research Project and the NW Science Olympiad. At the BPA Quiz Bowl there were 64 teams consisting of four to five members from Oregon and Southwest Washington. Of the two teams that Benson sent, one team of five received 13th place. For the Northwest Science Research Project, Benson came in second for the group project. The NW Science Olympiad consisted of 21 events and Benson came in

5th for Biology.

The purpose of MESA was to become a support group for students who have an interest in math and science. Members of the club were offered many Saturday workshops at PSU that they could attend to. Some of these sessions were about preparing for SAT's, PSAT's, job interviews and resume writing. There was also the Cadaver Workshop at OHSU. These students also took

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**I think the competitions for science clubs gives students a chance to show off what they can do.**

Mrs. Eames  
-Science Club Advisor  
and MESA Advisor

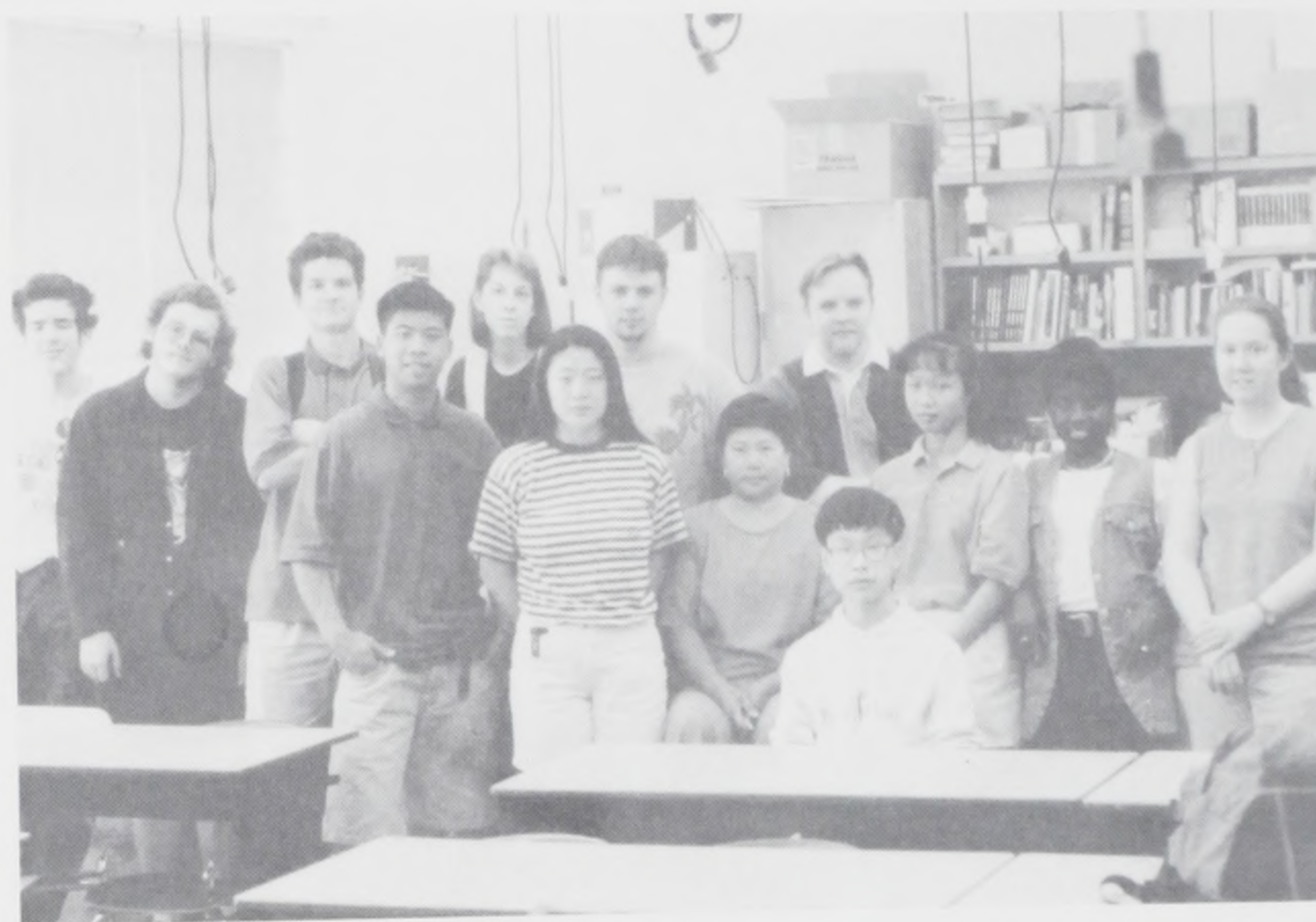
trips to technical sites like Tektronics, Intel, HP, and Fujitsu.

This year a lot of potential students didn't participate in many of the science competitions. The advisor for the clubs stated, "The kids are divided into many things this year." The PCC Regional Math Contest, VICA, and HOSA were scheduled at the same day as the Northwest Science Olympiad, which cut out most of the teams.

*by jack lim*



**BPA QUIZ BOWL TEAM B— FRONT ROW:** Connie Hyun. **BACK ROW:** Mayland Chan, Katherine Luck, Clifford Mah, Mr. Harlan, Michael Louie.



**SCIENCE CLUB MEMBERS—FRONT ROW:** Jack Lim. **SECOND ROW:** Clifford Mah, Connie Hyun, Mrs. Eames, Mayland Chan, Amonique Brown, Miranda Gillespie. **THIRD ROW:** Nathan Strong, David Brown, John Stainbrook, Katherine Luck, Patrick Voelker, Chris Hockert. **NOT PICTURED:** Doc Bennett, Joe Bosnar, Jeanette Butler, Eka Jabar, Trevor Larson, Jinah Lee, Michael Louie, Peter Shultz, Krista Wehrley.



# building

## from the ground up

*A tradition of excellence in the fields of construction and manufacturing continues.*

People who are interested in having a career in Building Construction or Industrial Manufacturing can join up with the VICA classes available to them. Two are seen here that are successful

in producing careers for students. contractors, architects, carpenters, home design and sales representatives.

In Construction Tech, the program is a curriculum that is used to teach students the basics of drawing, designing and building from scratch. Jobs that are associated with

construction are general and employment.

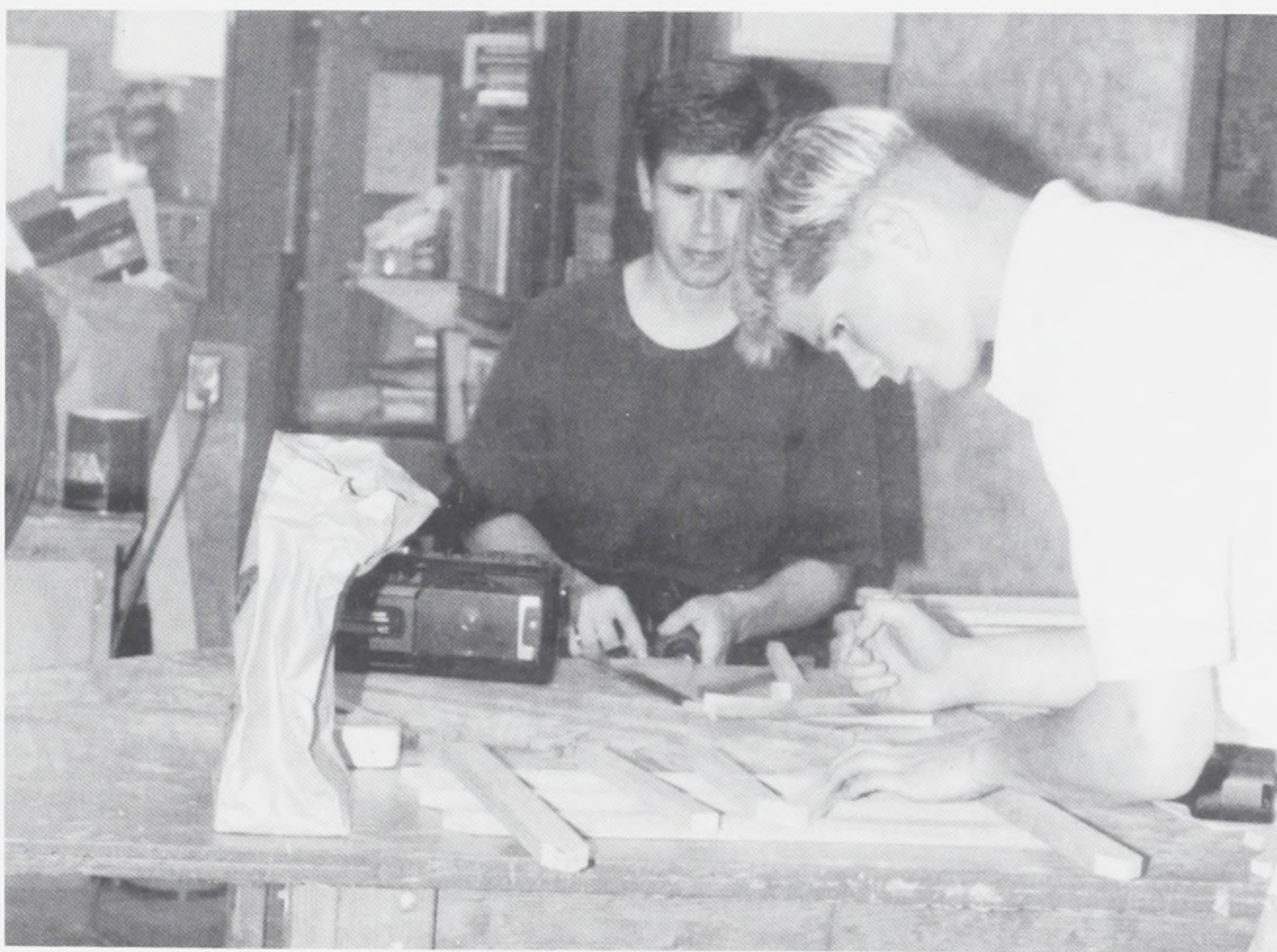
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**If you didn't  
do a good  
job, you did a  
piss poor job.**

Rick Ramsey  
—Teacher—

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Manufacturing Tech is a program that is designed to enable students to gain skill of systems design, operations and engineering careers for preparation of continued education

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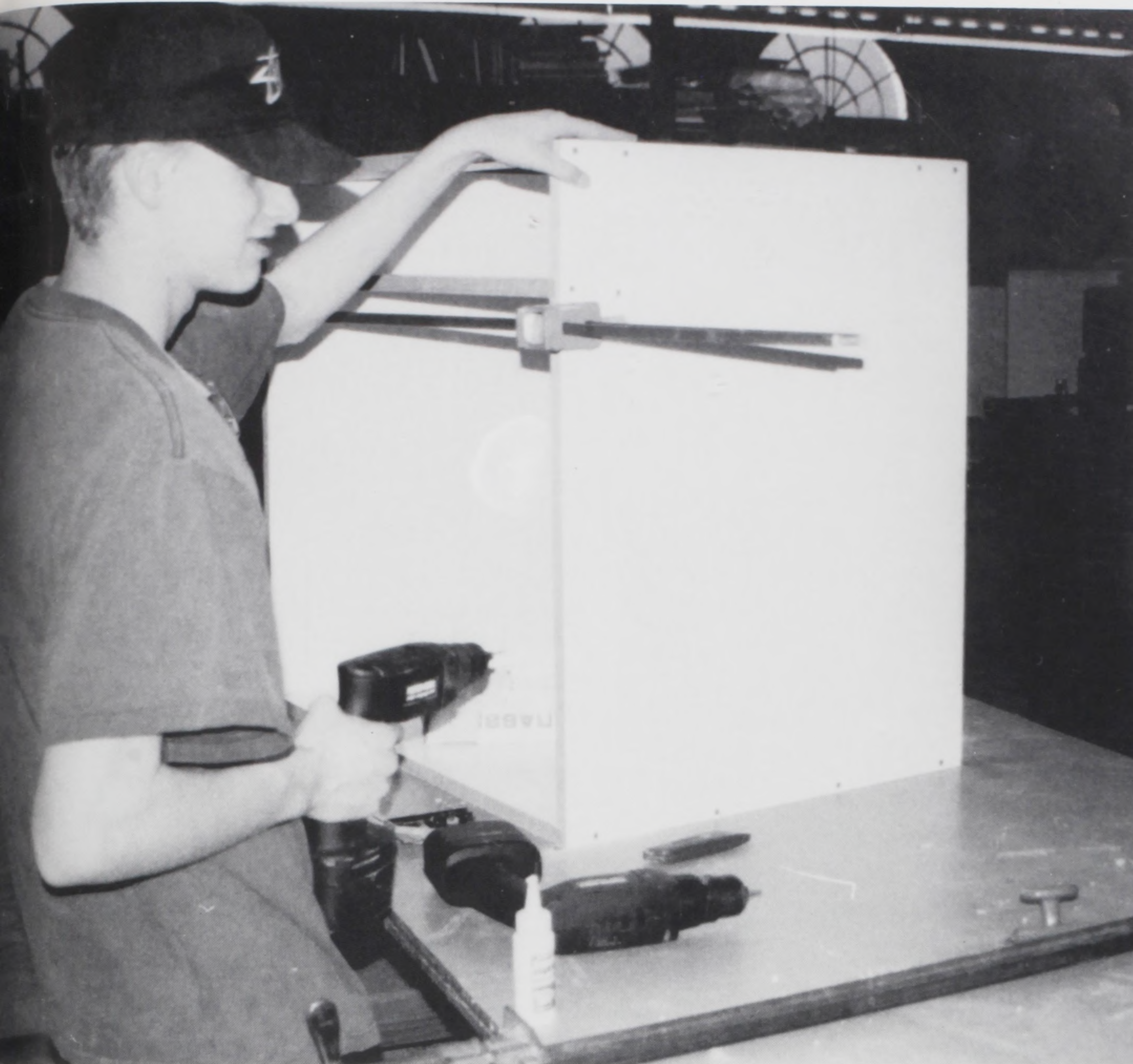


**WORK, WORK, WORK.** A determined Junior Steve Peterson and Junior David Hillesland work on marking sections for precise measurement in Building Construction.

**NO MISTAKES.** Junior Amenyonah Bossman works on painting sections for Building Construction.







**NOTE: HE IS NOT WEARING SAFETY GOGGLES.** Senior Greg Kimrey is busily drilling a hole in a cabinet for his concluding project in Construction.

## Ramsey's favorite phrases

- You did a **PISS** poor job!!
- What do you think you are doing?!!!
- Shut up when I'm talking!!!
- No, Principal, I didn't give any kids a red-neck.
- What are you doing?!!! Get to work NOW!!!
- Don't call me Ranger Rick.

## Our favorite comebacks

- I'm only a kid and you can't hurt me under school law #87475484, so na na na na na na!!!
- Get a life!!!

There are always teachers who influence us in a particular class, one of which is in Construction. There Mr. Ramsey teaches us the basics of life, like making us listen to what he wants us to do or else...



# we've got styles too

*From drop caps to good pictures yearbook stresses every year to get a good book out.*

Yearbook. How can you write a really good story about this. Co-Editors Joe Putnam, and Eka Jabar dealt with this torment seemingly every day this year. Like last year, Bensons' Blueprint got off to a very late start due to the turnover of last years staff, having only three returnees back on staff for a sophomore session on yearbook.

It takes a lot of work to get a huge publication like the yearbook out every year. Before you can even send in a double-page spread to the plant, you have to find surprisingly good pictures from the minuscule amount of pictures that the Blueprint took this year, and then put in all your information, and then send it to Berning, then to the editors, then back to Berning and the process seems to go on forever UNTIL finally the staff has enough pages to send in for what Jostens calls a deadline, but of course nobody cares about deadlines until the day before

the deadline. That's what we call procrastination.

But we did have a few highlights in this years staff room, sophomores Eka Jabar and David Lim amused us with their funny little white-board drawings that told us what to do. The bulletin boards that the gruesome twosome drew on helped out the staff a lot by telling when everyone's spreads "Final deadline" had to be met or you get an "F" in the class. Ha Ha. That's a little Blueprint humor we have there.

This year we did have a well designed book, but a less qualified staff than normal. In future years, the yearbook staff will composed of writers, photographers, and everything in-between, as it gets integrated into the Benson Communications department.

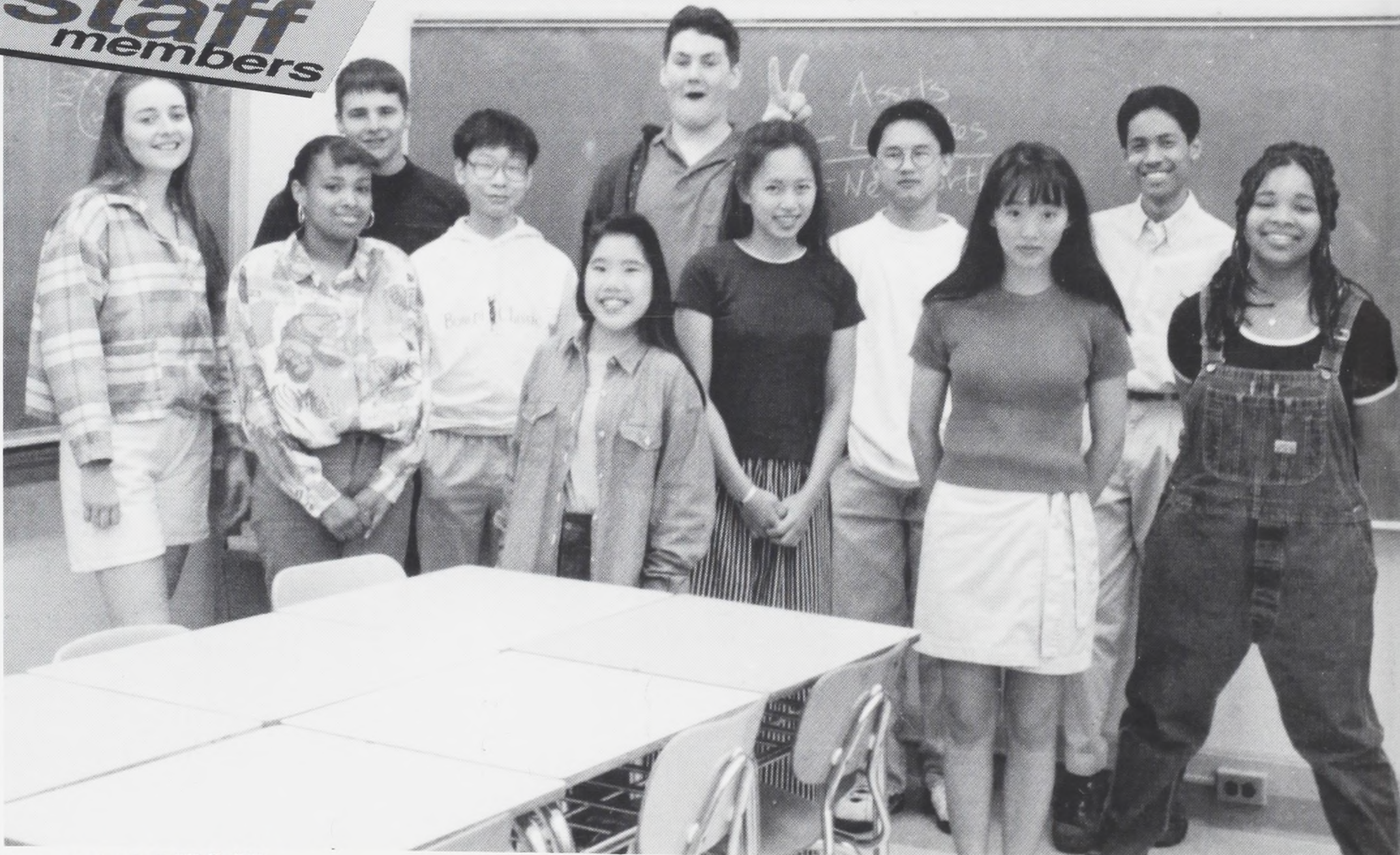
“  
It was just so much fun I can't wait to get out of it.  
”

Joe Putnam  
AND Eka  
Jabar  
-junior and  
sophomore

*by joe putnam*

## staff members

**BLUEPRINT STAFF—**  
**FRONT ROW:** Angela Munar, Lina Cha, Indira Jones. **SECOND ROW:** Katie M<sup>c</sup>Burney Victoria Collins, Jack Lim, Trinh Nguyen. **THIRD ROW:** John Eide, co-editor Joe Putnam, Nghi Huynh, co-editor Eka Jabar. **NOT PICTURED:** David Lim.







**HARD AT WORK.** Freshman Jack Lim and sophomore Nghi Huynh work strenuously on a layout due for the next deadline.

# INTRO TO THE INFOGRAPH

This year, as you may have seen, the Blueprint has introduced what staffers know as infographs. Infographs are mathematical information (for the most part) put into a picture that is interesting. Here's a step-by-step on how to design one of these "spectacular" items.



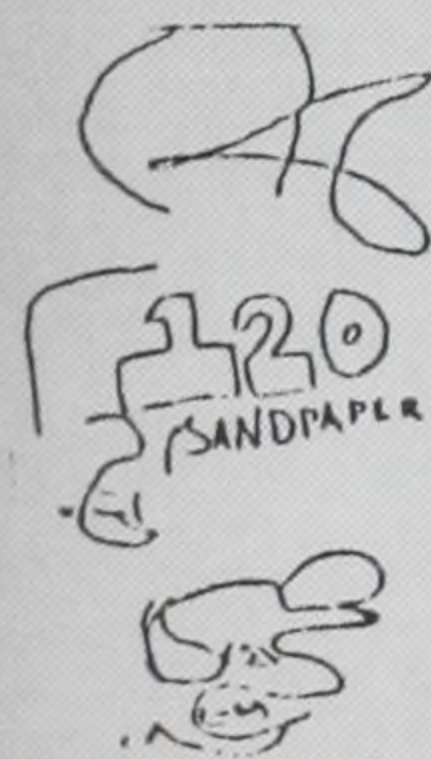
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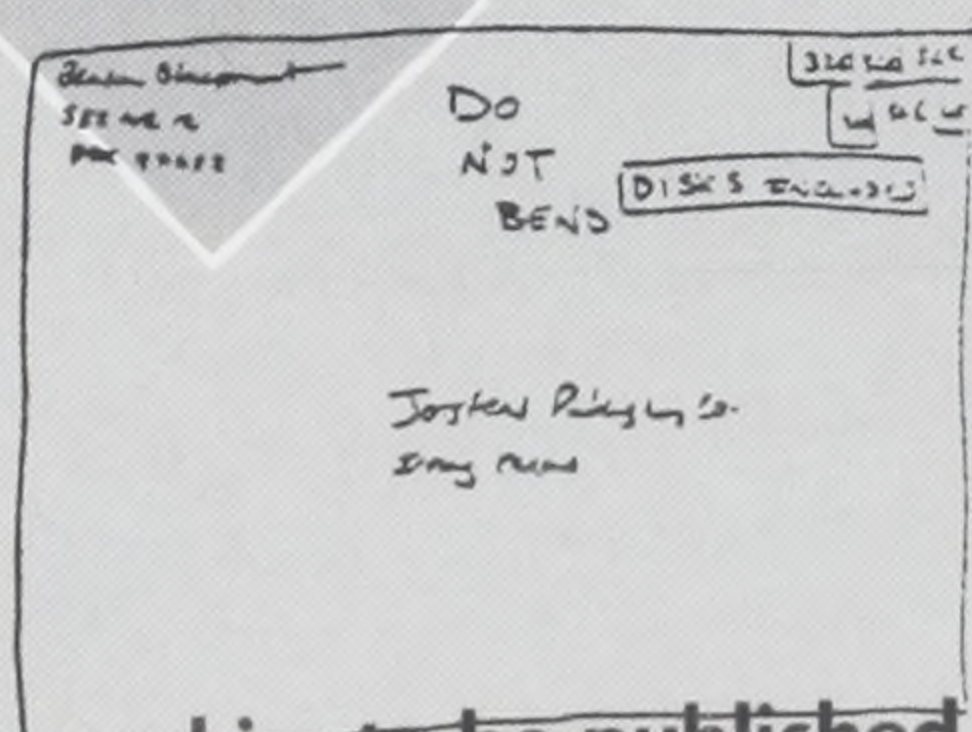
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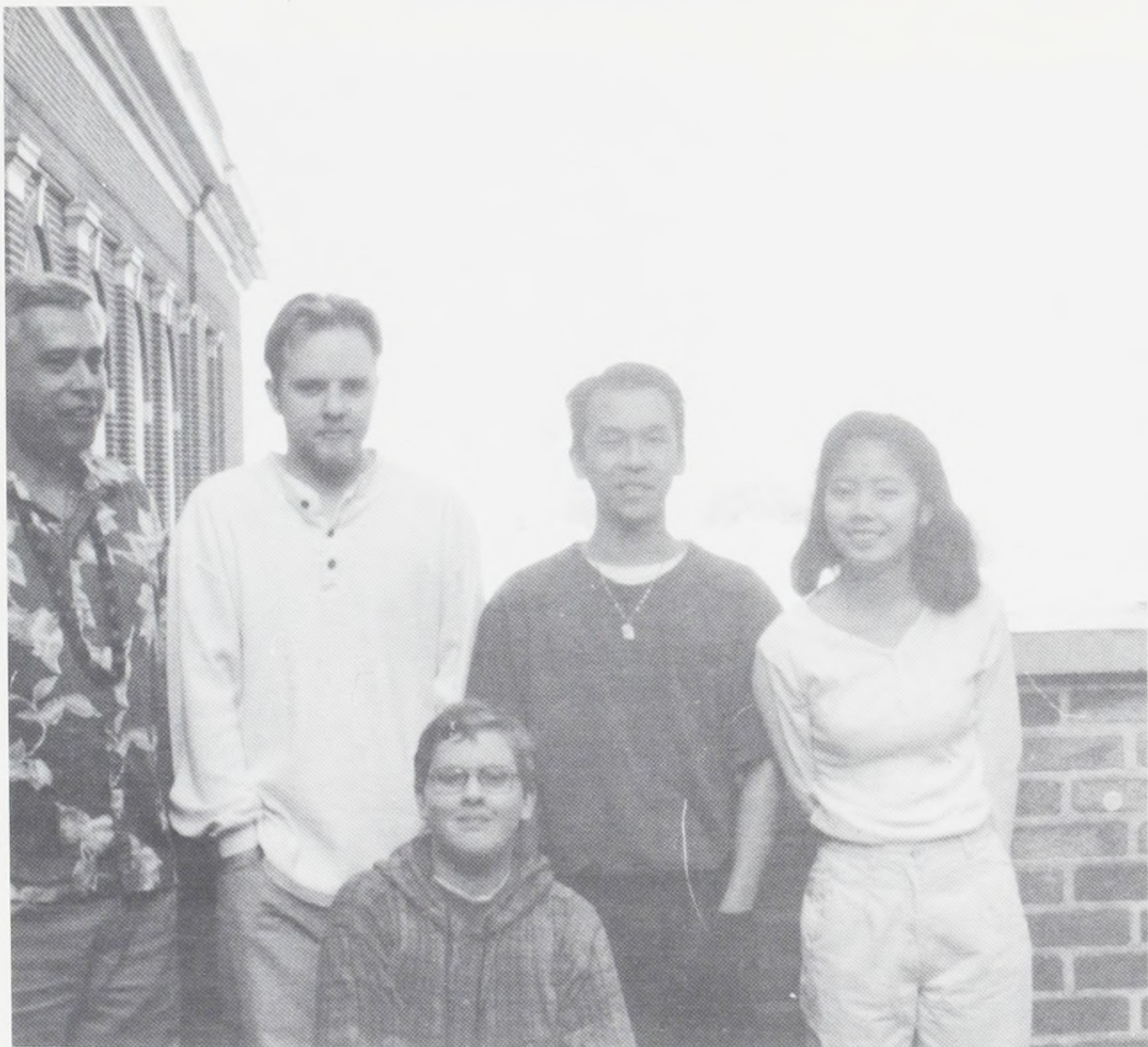


**WHO KNOWS MORE?** Advisor Dwight Berning, and Co-editor Joe Putnam tackle a desktop publishing problem while working on a Macintosh computer.





**GREAT MINDS THINK ALIKE.** Mind games attract thinkers, as the chess boards manage to draw competitors like Mike Hawkins and High Five advisor Mr. Waiwaiole.



**HIGH-FIVE TEAM— FRONT ROW:** Rian Turner. **SECOND ROW:** Mr. Waiwaiole, Chris Hockert, Hien Pham, Jinah Lee. **NOT PICTURED:** Shad Florea, Connie Hyun, Nick Miyako, Dan Achterman, Katie Luck, Shem Livingston, John Pelster, Eric Botteron.



**CHESS TEAM— FRONT ROW:** Jeanette Pelster, Ryan Turner, Katie Leonard. **SECOND ROW:** Adrienne Newman, Shaun Spratt, Shayne Spratt. **THIRD ROW:** Michael Hawkins, Mr. Ball, John Pelster. **NOT PICTURED:** Kenneth Massengill, Justin Swanson.



# thinking

Clubs that test your mental endurance: High Five and Chess club challenge the mind in the world of games.

## caps required

Here there are no short cuts. And no time outs. There is only the checkered battle field. For the past 90 minutes, all members of the chess team have been testing their mental endurance. "Chess can be psychological," commented Senior Shaun Spratt. If you don't play, you wouldn't know what the stress and strain of playing the board, and not your opponent, is like."

This year, the Benson team took second in state, for the first time ever, and went to nationals for three days in Chicago. In order to prepare for a tournament, they rest and get as much sleep as possible. Mr. Ball also gives the team a "pep talk" so that they can more skillfully play this mental sport.

If you don't want to sit and think, how about standing? With High Five, you've got to know, to be on the show. The fate of your team depends on the sound that a little red button makes when pressed, and if it doesn't buzz, your mind will.

It's silent, and Senior Jinah Lee is tense. She should know this one. She has 10 seconds to remember what glaucoma is. She thinks. 3... "a hardening of, of...." 2... "I should know this one!" 1... "Sclera?"

Unfortunately, the buzzer sounds and she's left pounding her head for the right answer. Sadly, this is how most of the year went for Benson's HIGH FIVE team. Although the team was recognized for its participation with a free lunch at Red Robin and some memorabilia, this was a one-shot deal. When Chris Hockert (12) was asked about how he thought his peers saw him as a High Five player, he replied, "They know you've got guts to stand up in front of a camera, and they know you're smart and you know what you're talking about."

"It feels strange when no one knows five questions in a row," reflects Hockert, one of only a few students who've ever participated in the quiz show twice. "It's easier at home." And with this, the rest of the team, composed mainly of seniors, nods with agreement. On the brighter side, B.H.S. has been invited back to compete.

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**You play it just to make 'em nervous! It has a psychological effect.**

Shaun Spratt  
-senior-



*Does your brain get enough exercise?*

**Do you often find yourself praying that the teacher will not call on you?**  
**Do you spend most of your time watching TV?**  
**Do you often turn your homework in late?**  
**Do you find it hard to concentrate for long periods of time?**

*IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO MORE THAN THREE OF THESE QUESTIONS, THEN YOUR BRAIN MAY BE OUT OF SHAPE. TRY READING A MAGAZINE, LISTENING TO THE RADIO, OR TRYING A NEW GAME (LIKE CHESS) TO BUFF UP YOUR BRAIN.*

**ANOTHER VICTORY!** John Pelster (10) rises another trophy above his head while still savoring over big win in the state chess tournament.

*by indira jones*



# *benson* Bunch

*The academically advanced return for another year of beating practically everyone in the school from the start of a job to the finish of an assignment.*

If anybody wants to join a club, being a little smart really helps. Getting in the most complicated ones will be a little difficult, but it is possible. The clubs that really influence the outline of Benson are NHS, VICA, Key Club, and Student Council.

NHS stands for the National Honor Society. This club develops leadership skills, public service, scholarships and character production. The projects were cleaning up the park by Benson and selling root beer floats at the Tech Show to aid Doernbecher Hospital.

VICA stands for the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. Vica offers all the needed training that is required for the job that a student is interested in.

Key Club is mostly for community service, that

is, related to helping the people in the most troubled areas. The people that run it are environmentally friendly and display good moral values in what they do.

Student Council is a group that discusses and votes on certain subjects and problems. Problems that arose was that the Project Second Wind was cancelled because of lack of enthusiasm and interest. They did, however, make up for it by having more assemblies and dances than last year.

“  
What do you  
mean you  
don't know, it's  
in your note-  
book!  
Fred Wong  
- Drafting-  
”



## *b y n g h i h u y n h*



**VOCATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CLUBS OF AMERICA:** Tabitha Erhardt, Courtney Harmon, Michel Harmon, Shamus Harmon, Jon Strong. **Not Pictured:** Summer Lalcagno.



**STUDENT COUNCIL—FRONT ROW:** Rachael Lizio-Katzen, Linda Mai, Hang Nguyen, Nguyet Nguyen, Larissa Estes, Clarissa Liu. **SECOND ROW:** Jatin Patel, Yolanda Penn, Russel Jackson, Joy Lisa Kelly, Heather Cain, LeQuiche Pennington. **NOT PICTURED:** John Stainbrook.



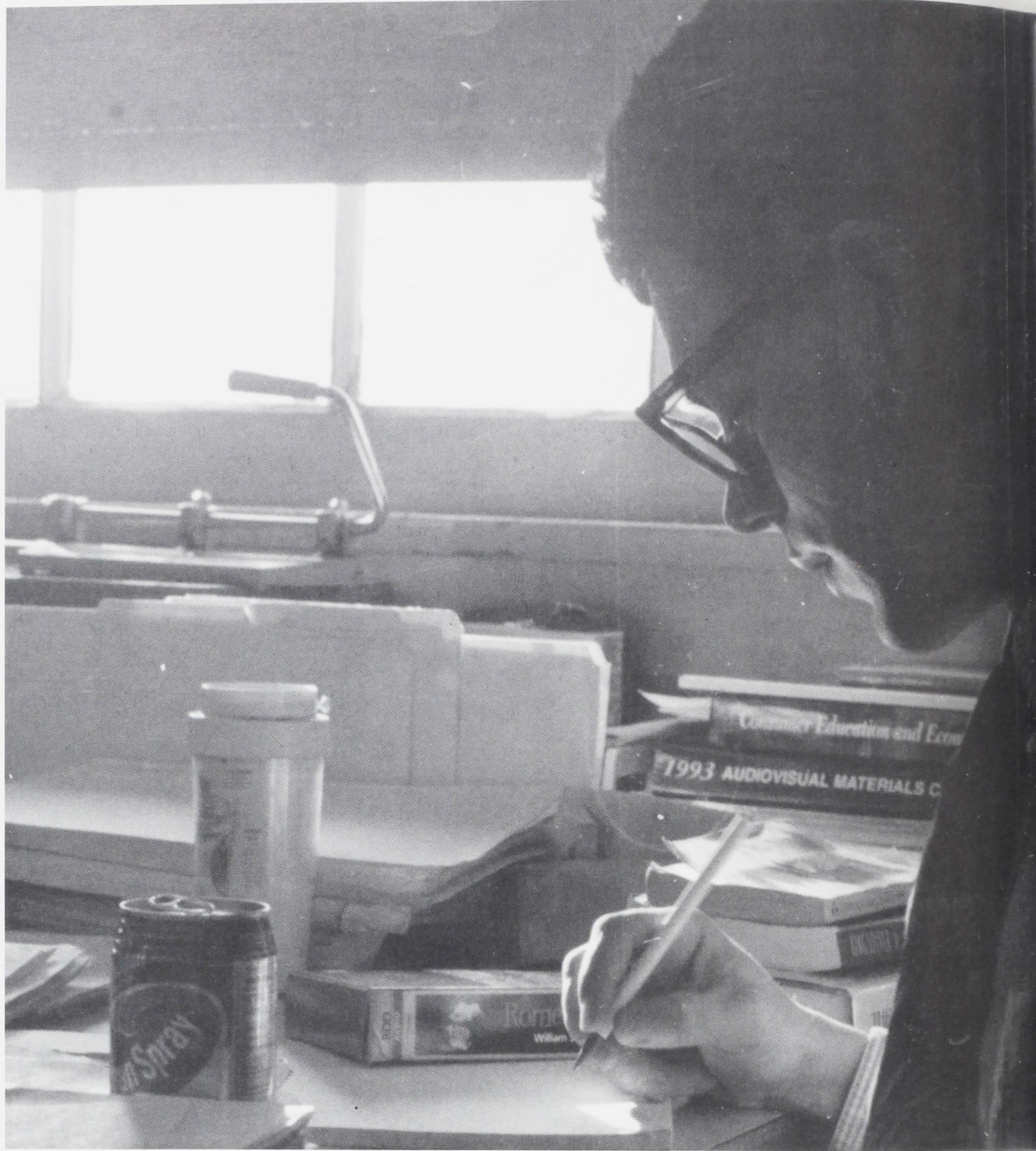


**A FROSTY IDEA.** Mr. Vingelen receives a root beer float from NHS members Shannon McCrary, Lina Cha, and Cynthia Hui, who raised money for the Doernbecher Hospital.



**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY—FRONT ROW:** Jinah Lee, Cathy Tran, Hang Nguyen, Nguyet Nguyen, J. Hein Phan, Eka Jabar, David Lim. **SECOND ROW:** Phan Chao, Connie Nguyen, Connie Hyun, Dawn Liu, Karida Griffith, Hong Lee, Long Truong. **THIRD ROW:** Phong Lam, Mai Truong, Clifford Mah, Josh Piper, Jasper Wong, Lina Cha, Darren Chan, Jennifer Brauckmiller. **FOURTH ROW:** Jessica Harrison, Quoc Nguyen, John Stainbrook, Michael Louie, Mrs. Nelson, Brent Robinson, Shyla Tarpo. **NOT PICTURED:** Aaron Suman, Alex Hill, Amonique Brown, Andrea Thompson, Chris Hockert, Cynthia Hui, Dan Johnson, Daniel Nguyen, Derrick Harris, Erin Armstrong, Hanh Ta, Heather Marshall, Jacob Potter, Jennifer Nelson, Joel Schulbach, Katie Leonard, Katie Luck, Lina Dixon, Mark Swagger, Mey Saechao, Mike Chaney, Mike Joyor, Miranda Gillespie, Miranda Schmidt, Monica Louie, My Truong, Nathan Sweeden, Neil Maunu, Quoc Phon, Rebecca Lee, Scott Tokstad, Sean Bennet, Shannon McCrary, Shem Livingston, Thuy Nguyen, Tiffany Jorgensen, Tim Tokstad, Tran Phan, Travis Pulley, Victoria Seid.





**REFLECTIONS** Mr. Unkefer, the literary magazine advisor, takes a moment to bury his thoughts in a world of fiction. He hopes for something that will shed some light on his writer's block.



**JOURNALISM—FRONT ROW:** Nicole Hooper, Elisa Bennett, Shenita Richard, Charles Fitz. **SECOND ROW:** Rukiya Williams, Elisha Weems, Mandy Zelinka, Ben Edtl, Adrienne Newman, Brooke Loving. **THIRD ROW:** Jeff Bayha, Nicole Bowles, Sylvia Yu, Melissa Hugeback, advisor Mike Kelly. **NOT PICTURED:** Latoshia Washington, Kathy Gipson.



**CREATIVE WRITING—FRONT ROW:** Jacobi Weathersby, Derick Harris, Robert Vang, Steve Horton. **SECOND ROW:** Shawn Dentler, Mr. Unkefer, Barry Mapes. **NOT PICTURED:** Jeanette Pelster.



# bridging

# the GAP

From fact to fiction, there is more than one way to show the world how we, the student body, perceive it.

The *Tech Pep* newspaper and the Creative Writing magazine are two ways that the gap is being bridged between how things are said to be and how things are as we see them. Acting as an artistic outlet, and bridging the gap from fact to fiction, is the Creative Writing's literary magazine, *Infinity Abridged*.

Through their poems and short stories, the staff

and student writers put the world in perspective.

"By putting out this magazine we're trying to display the creativity of students at this school," said editor Derrick Harris. Shawn Dentler, assistant editor, said, "There's a lot of creative talent here."

But where fiction ends, the world of reality picks up, and so does *Tech Pep*, the stu-

dent newspaper.

There is no hearsay, but instead, our interests, and the stories. In today's world that is swirling with issues of choice and chance, life and death, *Tech Pep* manages to examine, expose, and reflect the attitudes of the student body. This course was designed to help students communicate more effectively in their writing and with others. Somehow, while sifting through rumor and reality, the newspaper managed a paper nearly every five or six weeks.

“  
We write what  
students want  
to hear.

Elisa Bennett  
- Senior-

by Indira Jones

To better relate to the students, you have to know the language, they speak. So into the streets, hallways, and hangouts was the *SLANGLISH* commonly used this year.

DAT - that

BOMB- cool

COOL - great

I'M COOL WITH DAT -That's OK, I think I'll pass. (or sometimes used like That's great I like that.)

BOUSTA - about to

DOWN WITH [that/you/it] -I'm interested or invoved with [that/you/it]

"G" - gangster

I'M NOT TRYING TO . . . - I don't want to

STEP - leave, go out

FINE - very good looking

CUTE - good looking

GRIP - a lot, a bunch

DA - the



Between the stresses and strains of Benson's academic life, some of our students do find time to show off their more artistic side.

# From a *different* P.O.V.

by Indira Jones

## BEYOND THE EDGE

Quite deftly as a bolt of lightning  
The palms of Death clapped asunder  
Brimming legions of warriors battling,  
Splitting them like shrapnel all over  
Wasted sands expanding a thousand miles,  
Accompanied by the mechanical reveille  
Of distant iron beasts hinged in tight aisles  
Of fallen patriots cast like the salt of the  
ominous sea.

There stood I, far from the rising black smoke  
Of shredded prey whose once glorious pride  
Left none but vain bloodshed for enemies to  
soak,  
And stared I towards the grounds where  
precious friends died  
Not of pure wanton, but because of their  
pledge  
Towards duty which can drive any man,  
beyond the edge.

*Ekaputra Jabar*

Senior Jeff Bayha placed second in the poetry contest based on the theme "A Message From the Heart."

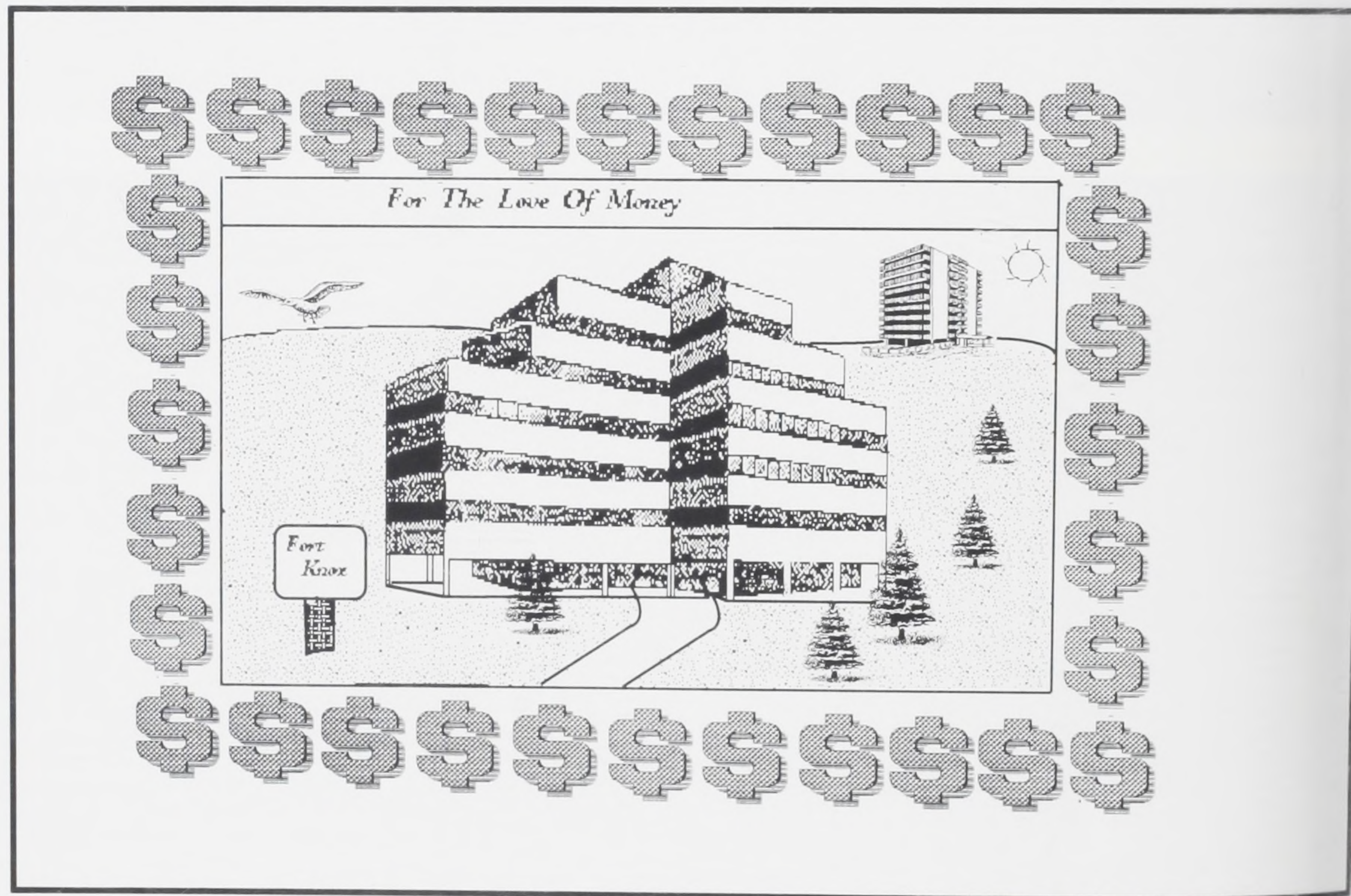
I have lost you  
It seems to have sunk in.  
Then it bites deeper.  
Falling into warm unconsciousness  
I dream and see your face.

Jeff Bayha

Love is the ultimate currency.  
It is given and accepted freely.  
Everyone has enough to last them a lifetime.  
Your love can't be taxed.

Nick Miyako

Freshmen Nick Miyako placed third in the poetry contest based on the theme "A Message From the Heart."



By Cole Mills

A computer graphic drawing using clipart and original artwork with Superpaint on the Macintosh.



## CLOSET DWELLER

There is a monster lurking behind the cabinets in our house. It used to come out only on holidays, or special occasions, so most people think that it is a good monster when I tell them about it. But it's not because now it comes out all of the time. It takes over my brother sometimes, and it makes him do scary things. Most of the time, my brother is sweet and nice, but when the monster gets him, I cry, because I am scared.

I tried to kill the monster once, and I thought that it would never come back, but my brother just got mad, and then he brought more monsters home. I guess that he doesn't know that the monsters are bad; but I know it.

Freshman Joe Mauck won first in a poetry contest based on the theme "A Message from the Heart."

## LIVE FLOWERS

Blossoms of life...radiant colors.  
Opening slowly, soft,  
tender...fragile.  
Shy, quiet, drawn back...alone.  
Seen, cut, smelled...used.  
Left out, missed,  
avoided...forgotten.  
Defunct, though, surviving...non-existent.  
Craving food, water...life.  
Annulled, gathered,  
crushed...burnt.  
An enchanting aroma of gumbo.

*Gwen King*

## TWO ENDINGS TO THE AGE- OLD STORY

Sleek shards of silver	none left
Arching	Enough for either
Across a universe	Not even the little red buttons
Overflowing	And the icy fingers
With Humanity	That fondled them
No sickness	For but an instant
No crime	(It was long enough, though)
No death	Remain
Perfection-	To feel the guilt
A mortal ZION	Of a foolish species...
	Now forgotten

*Shawn Michael Dentler*

Dead-  
Burnt and blackened  
Scorched by radioac-  
tivity  
No bodies to bury  
No dead to mourn  
Because there are

My heart is a  
well-worn cage from which  
love longs to break free to  
you.

Joe Mauck

## THE RACE

Before the race tears of anxiety form. An unsettled soul, yet so much anticipation. Who are you running the race for? Is it for yourself? It could be for that loved one in the stand or the coach waiting eagerly with his timer. It could be for your school, or it could be to beat someone else. But-when that gun goes up into the air nothing seems to matter any more; either you want it or you don't. There is no one to challenge you, but yourself. If someone passes you-

you either let them or you fight for your position. No one is there to tell you are doing it wrong or that you need to push yourself to do it. When you're running the race there are no clothes, no trips to the mall, no phone calls or TV sets. It's your own world where the only enemy is doubt, and the only strength is your heart and mind. Some give up, and some never try. The rest find peace in the race.

*Jeanette Pelster*



**AFTER ONE LONG NIGHT** Seniors Nathan Heath, Joel Moore, and Bryan Veentjer pose for a pansie picture after spending their last night at Benson on the football field. (*Blueprint* does not approve of the free-time activity of smoking anything)



# A *different year*

**Benson spirit comes alive as the school year ends and students look forward to the long summer.**

With the final quarter of school rolling around, Benson Tech seemed vibrant with spirit. With everything from no homework every day in class to water fights in the school, it seemed like anything that could happen in a school did.

"It's actually kind of sad to see such a great year end," said junior David Buckley.

But with no annual senior assembly to show off what the senior class is all about, the 1995 school year just didn't come to a really cool ending. But things did happen. On the night before their last day, over fifty seniors camped out on the football field for one last party. The occa-

sion seemed to have gone alright, except for a few police interventions. "Yeah, I guess we were like the first senior class to

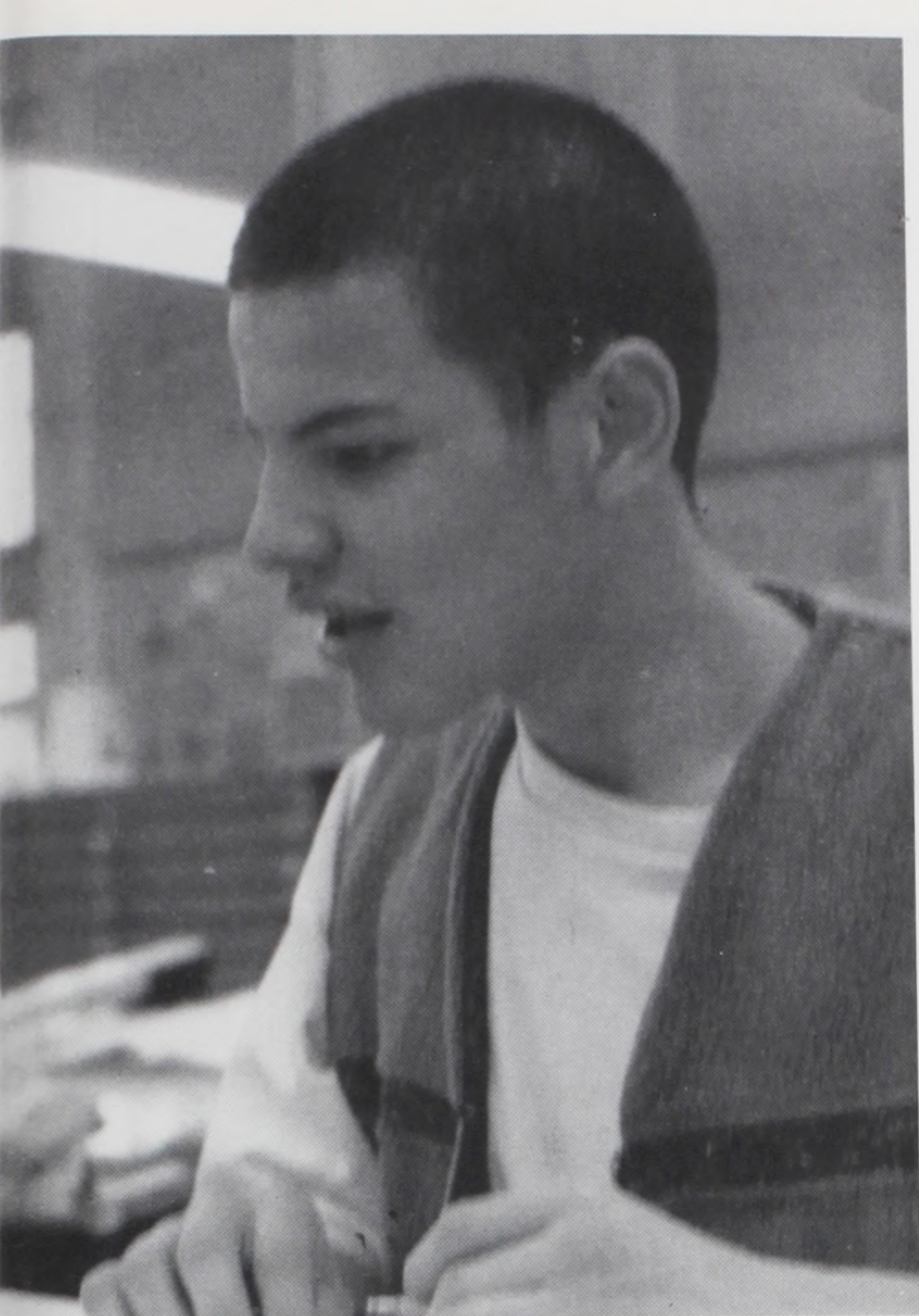
ever make it the entire night without the police kicking everybody out!" said Senior Joel Moore. "Mike Bradley just talked the cops into letting us stay all night," he added. This all-night melee of senior fun allowed the seniors to truly spend one last full day together in their high school.

But with the passing of the class of 1995, one era of Benson ends, and another begins. During the campout, seniors put the class of 1996 banner to flames to signify that the class of '95 will always rule.

*"Bye, bye, Benson. It's been great, but I'm outta here!"*

Brent Fox  
-Senior-





**GETTING DOWN TO WORK.** Junior Tim Madden squints at the intricate work done on his drafting project.

**OUR WONDERFULL SCHOOL**

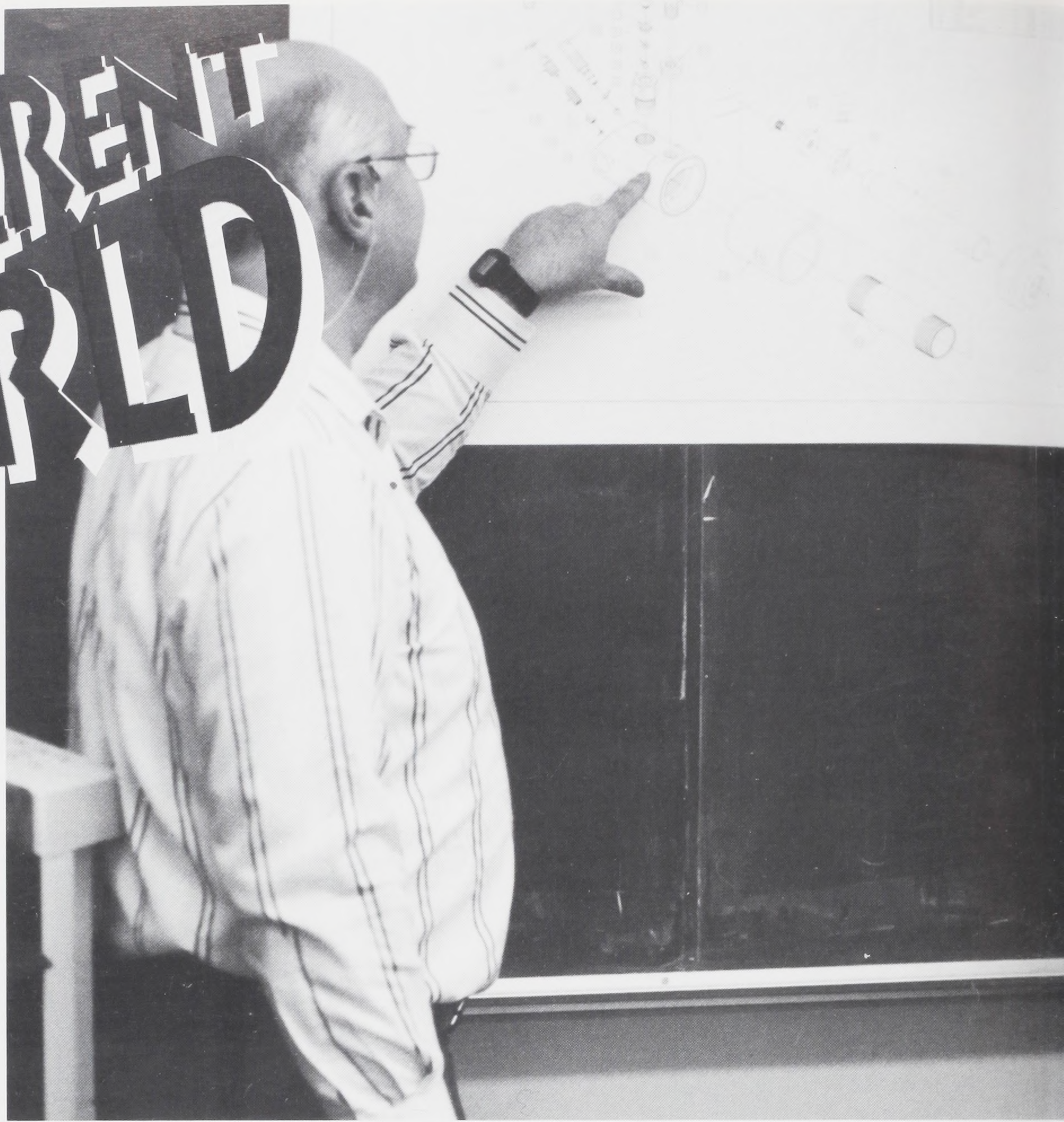
Benson High School shines in the morning sun on a late spring morning. Benson had an outstanding year altogether. Mt. Hood and the Cascades appear in the horizon.



**UP IN THE AIR** Senior Dan Achterman juggles on-stage during graduation while VP Allen Abrahamson watches. Achterman was one of many performers during the celebration.



# A DIFFERENT WORLD



**A SENIOR PROJECT WELL DONE!** Mr. Beck shows Josh Piper and another drafting student the intricate details of a drafting project.

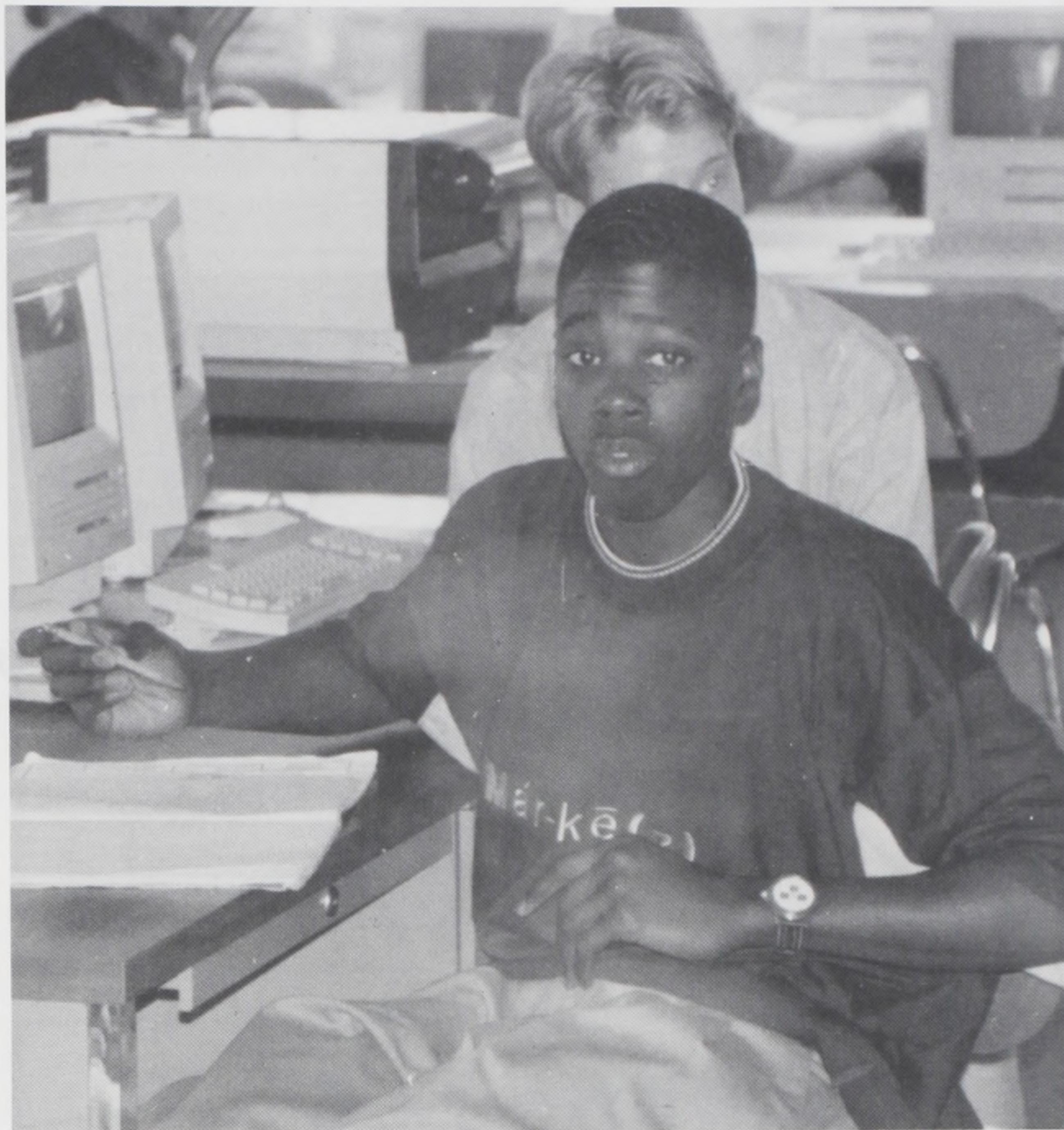
**CHEER ON!!:** The football and basketball rally squads cheer loud to pump up the school during the homecoming assembly.







**STUNNED:** Andre Reed gets stunned while gettin his picture taken unexpectedly duing a drafting class.



**THE MOST ADDICTIVE GAME ON EARTH!** Connie Hyun gambles intensely during the all-night party.

**HAND OVER THE CASH!** Junior Charlie Rodriguez hands over a grip of bills to freshmen Chris Yee, and another freshmen in the lunch line.



## Nathan Griffith

You are a special gift from God. We will always love you very much. Congratulations!

Mom & Dad



Look at you now, handsome and tall,  
It's hard to remember you started so small.  
But, you were always a good child, never loud,  
We knew you'd grow up and make us proud.

*Love,*

Mom and Dad



## Mandy Zelinka

*Koty called you Minnie. We called you boo. Some call you Manderin, or Mandy Mandy too. But wherever you go or whatever you do, remember, baby girl, we'll always love you.*

*CYLS ♥ MDK*



**Patrick  
O.  
Leonetti**

## Sterling Hall

STERLING,

**You were always so cute, it is what saved you so many times ! We love you and are proud of you!**

**Dad, Mom, Spencer, Racquel, and Gramma**

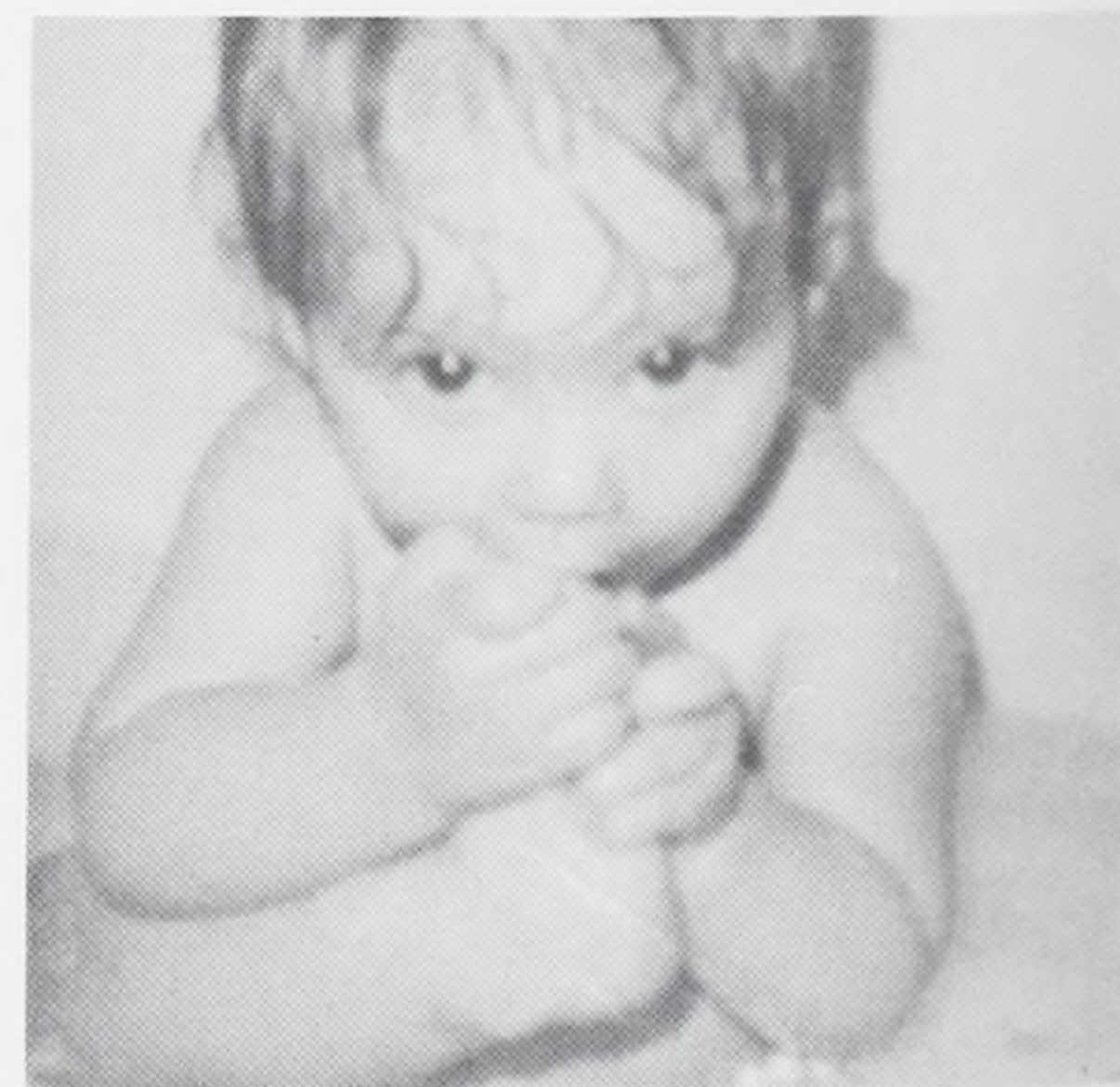


*Jon's 1<sup>st</sup> set of wheels*

Love you,  
Mom & Bruce

**Jon Fanning**

We wish you to have success in all that you do. We love you and will always be there for you. Congratulations on your graduation.



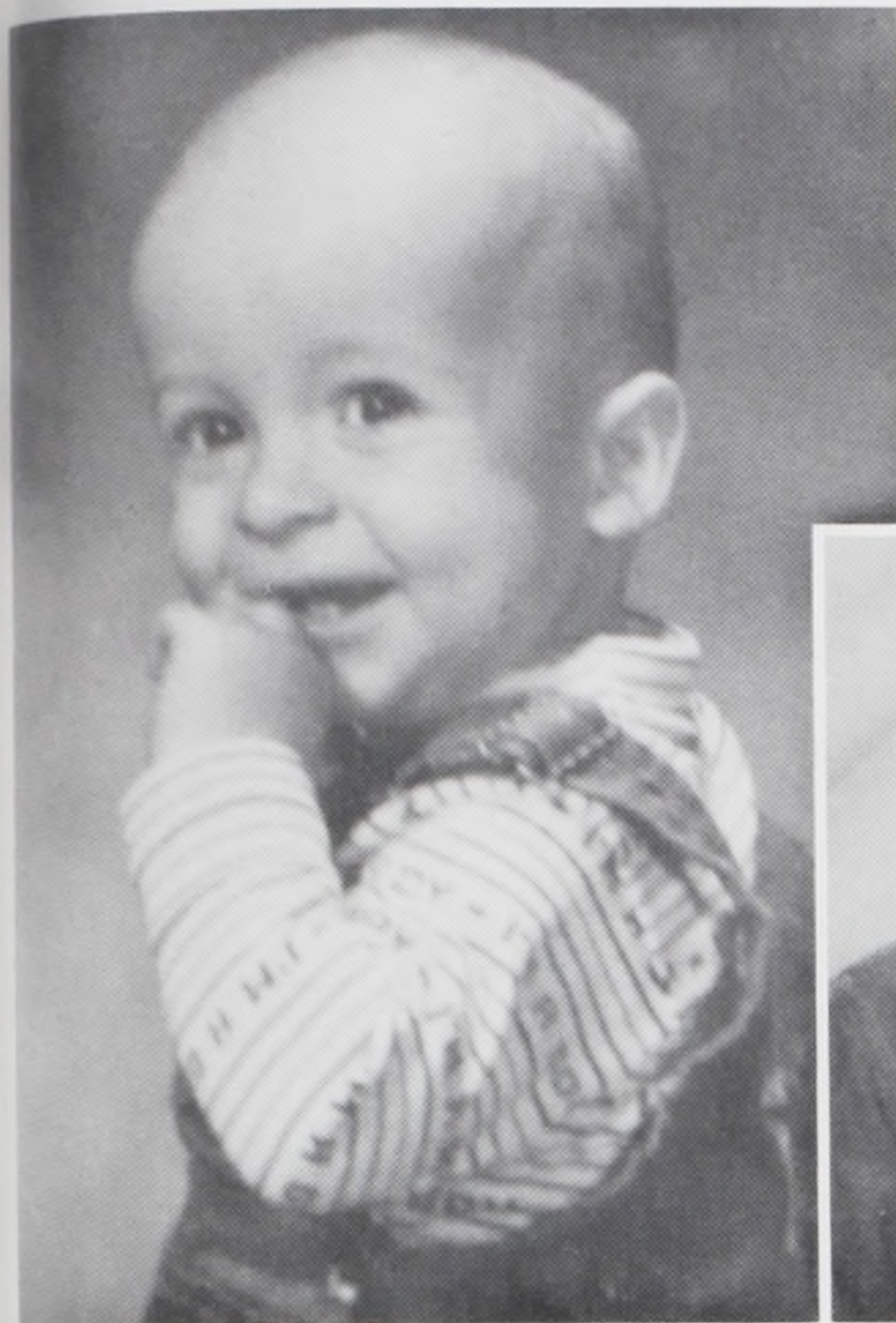
**Julia B. Condor**



**Congratulations, Josh—Great Job!!!**

You have become an exceptional young man. Wherever your goals and ambitions take you, my love will always be with you—I am so very proud of you!

All my love,  
Mom



**Josh Piper**



**Samantha Neubauer**



**Samantha,**

I've watched you grow from a baby in my arms to a beautiful young lady in just 18 years. It seems like only yesterday that you took your first step and now you are taking your first step into the adult world. We may not see eye to eye on everything, but you have made me very proud of you and all of your accomplishments.

Love,  
Mom

**Krista Wehrley**



You're little, but you're tough. Go get 'em boots. We love you lots.

Dad, Mom,  
Stephen & Jake

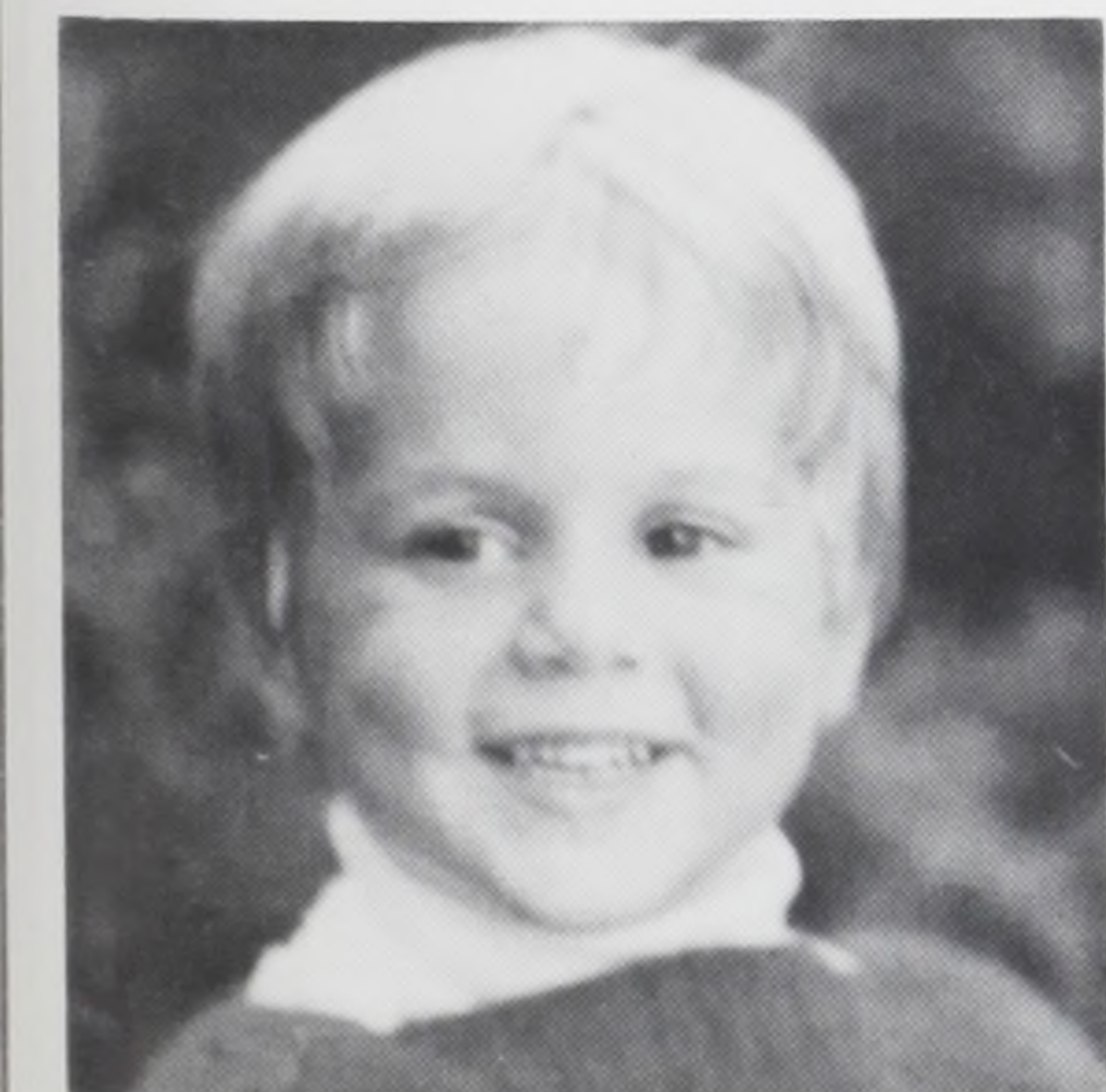
**Krisi Vanderwall**  
**Congratulations Krisi!**

You've made us proud. Wishing you a life of love, happiness, and success.

Lots of love,  
Mom, Dad &  
Heidi



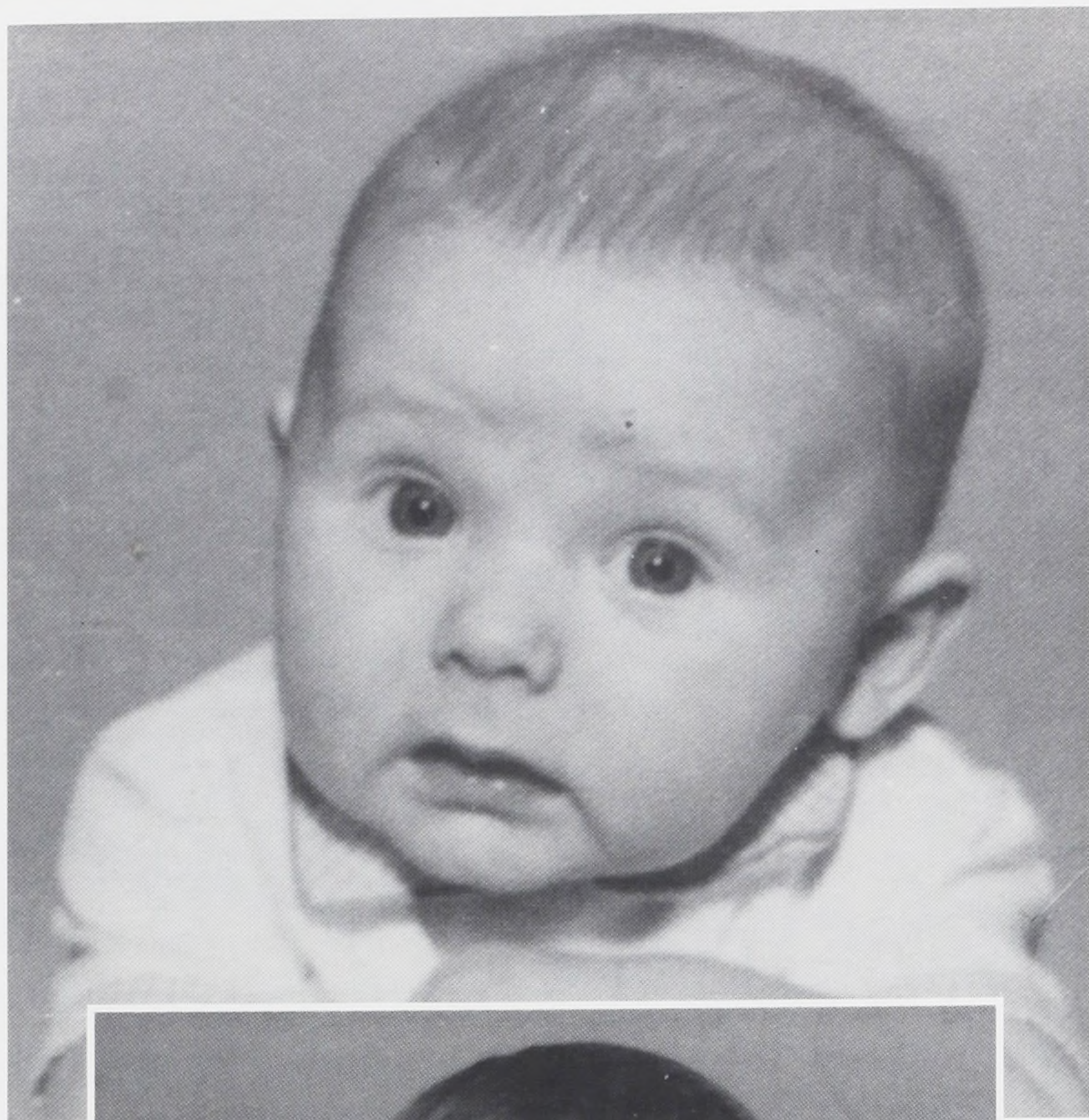
**PAUL LAURITZON**



LEARN FROM YESTERDAY  
LIVE FOR TODAY  
DREAM FOR TOMORROW

We are proud of you  
& we love you!  
Mom, Dad, &  
Lisa c/o '89





## Kris Quinby

Kris,

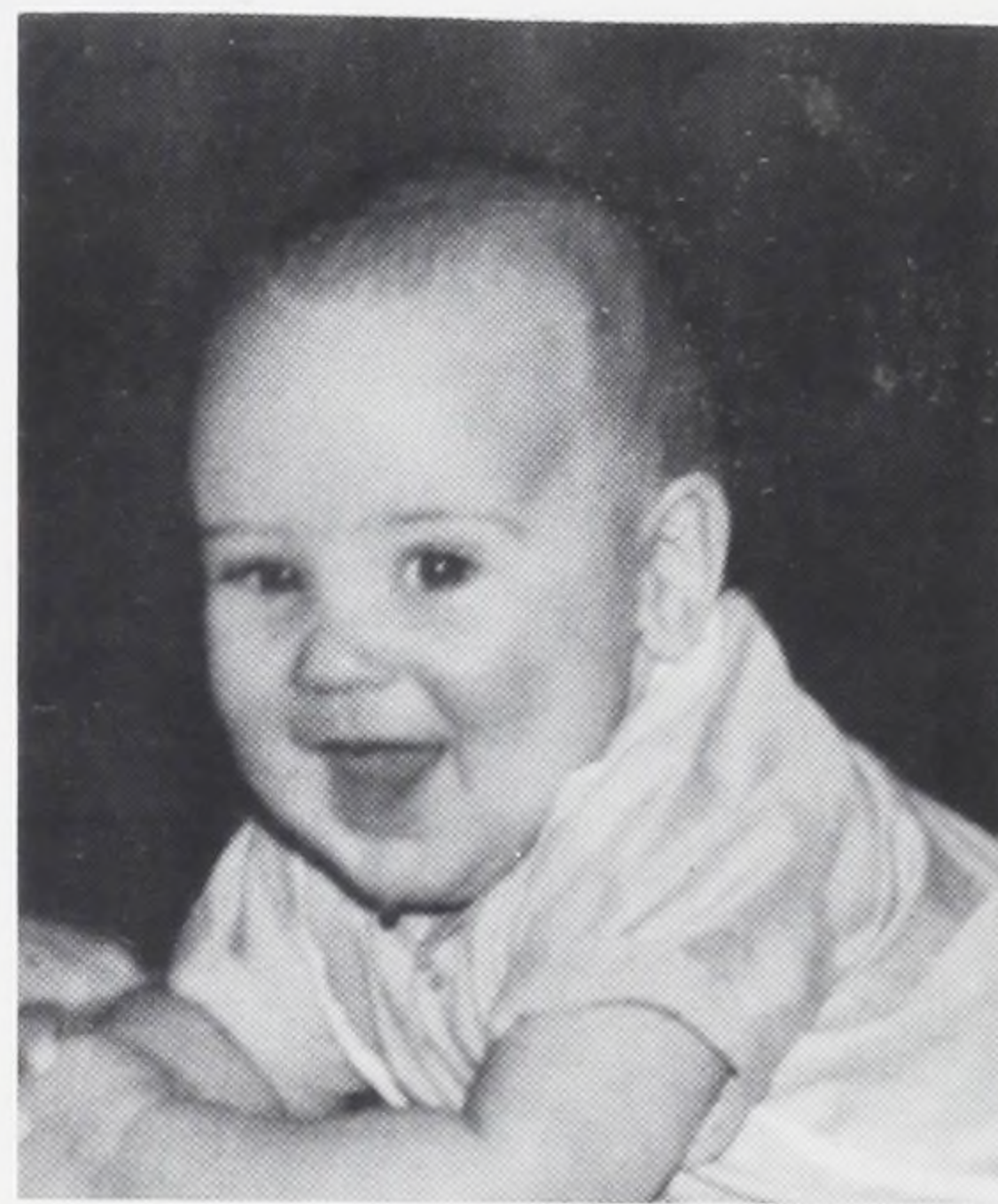
We are so very proud of you. Best wishes for a bright future.

Your  
Family

## Dan Achterman



Daniel,  
You're on your way now!  
We are so proud of you.  
Our love, best wishes, and  
congratulations.  
Mom, Dad, Sean and  
Mandy



You've come a long way, baby! Keep Going!

Love,  
Mom

Travis Baker

## Jessica Spencer

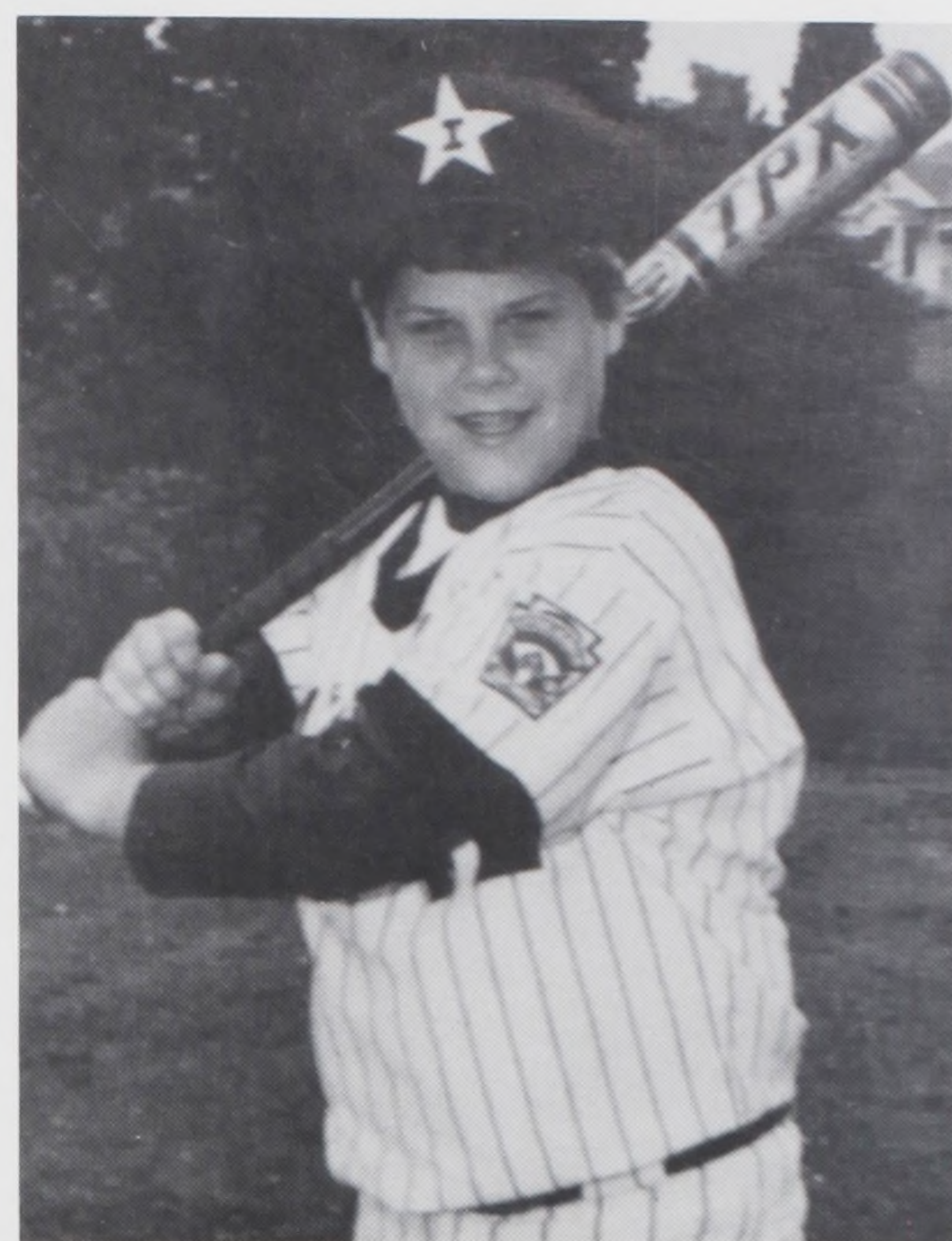


*The reason firm, the temperate will, endurance, foresight, strength and skill; A perfect woman, nobly planned, to warn, to comfort, and command.; and yet a spirit still, and bright, with something of angelic light.*

*Love,  
Mom and Dad*



# Steven J. Miketin

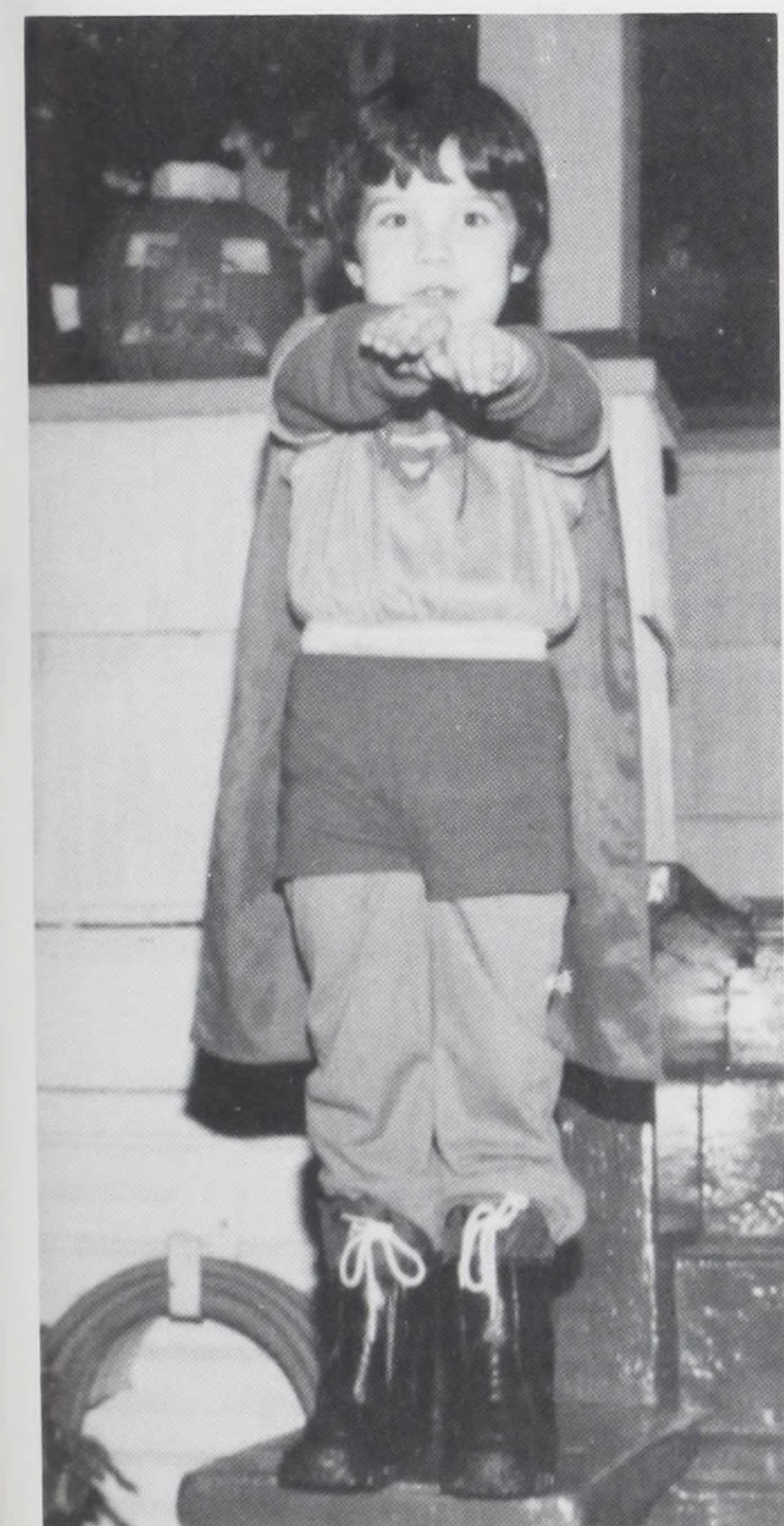


## Congratulations Steven!!!

Keep up the great work and you will succeed at anything. We're very proud of you!

We love you-  
Mom, Dad, Adam

## *Jeremy Cramer*



It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's Jeremy! You've been through many adventures with us and now you're ready to fly on your own. We are proud of all your efforts and accomplishments in the past, present and future.

Love,  
Mom, Dad and  
Shannon.



## Nathan Heath

Nater! Congratulations! We are very proud of you. Always put the Lord first in whatever you do and you will experience true success.

*Love*- Dad, Mom,  
Ryan, and Micah



CONGRATULATIONS!

"Good luck on your tests and be a credit to your mother."

Love,  
Dad and Mom

## Erik Bangsund



## Ryan Rice

Remember your heritage and know who you are; you will go far! It's been a pleasure raising you.

Congratulations on this important event. We love you!!!

Mom and Dad



## Katie Marie Congrats With Love, Linda & Dad



## Katie Magnett



## Ian Meyer

Congratulations, Ian! You've always made up proud to be your parents. I know you will do well in whatever you choose in life.

*Love and God bless always,*  
Mom & Tom



*Dear Maria,  
May you continue to light up the world around you as you have done for 17 years. Your light from within brightens the path you walk. You have no limits.*

## Maria Baker

Congratulations to our son Johnathon Hinsz. You have worked hard and we are very proud of you. We knew you could do it. You just had to hang in there.

Love you, Mom & Dad

Congratulations **Melanie** Cotton  
& Good Luck,  
Melanie!  
We Love You,  
Dad and  
Mom



## Josh Aune



Congratulations Josh! We are proud of you! We believe all your dreams can and will come true!

*Love you,*  
Dad, Mom, and James

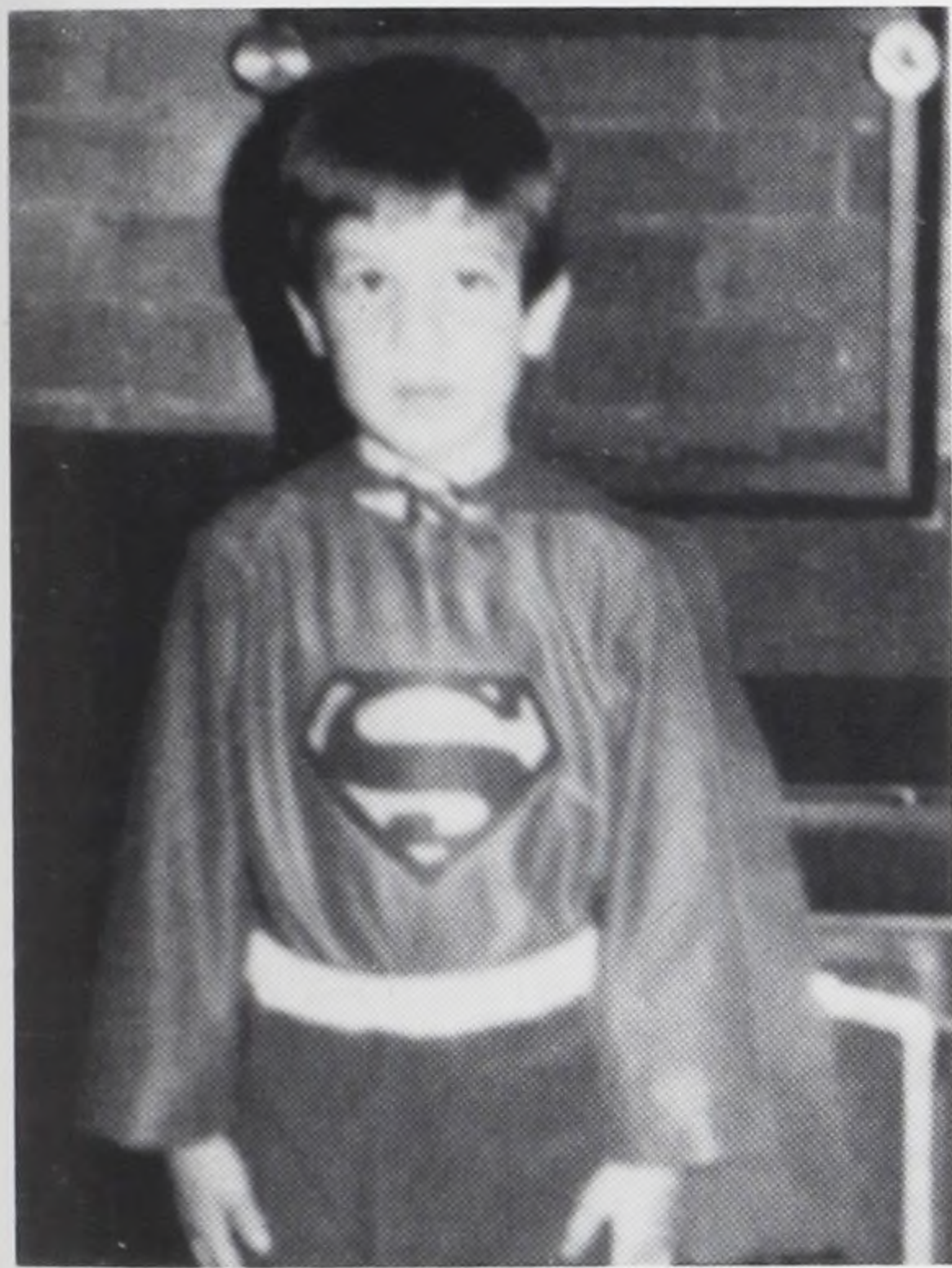


*Congratulations!*  
*Rebekah Spencer*



Good Job! We are proud of you!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Robin,  
Rodney, Rhonda



Glen Foster  
May you have  
a long, and  
bountiful  
journey!

Love,  
Mom & Dad



*Rene Kaiel*

You've come a long way, and we're proud of all you've accomplished. Good luck in the future.



*Tim Hillman*

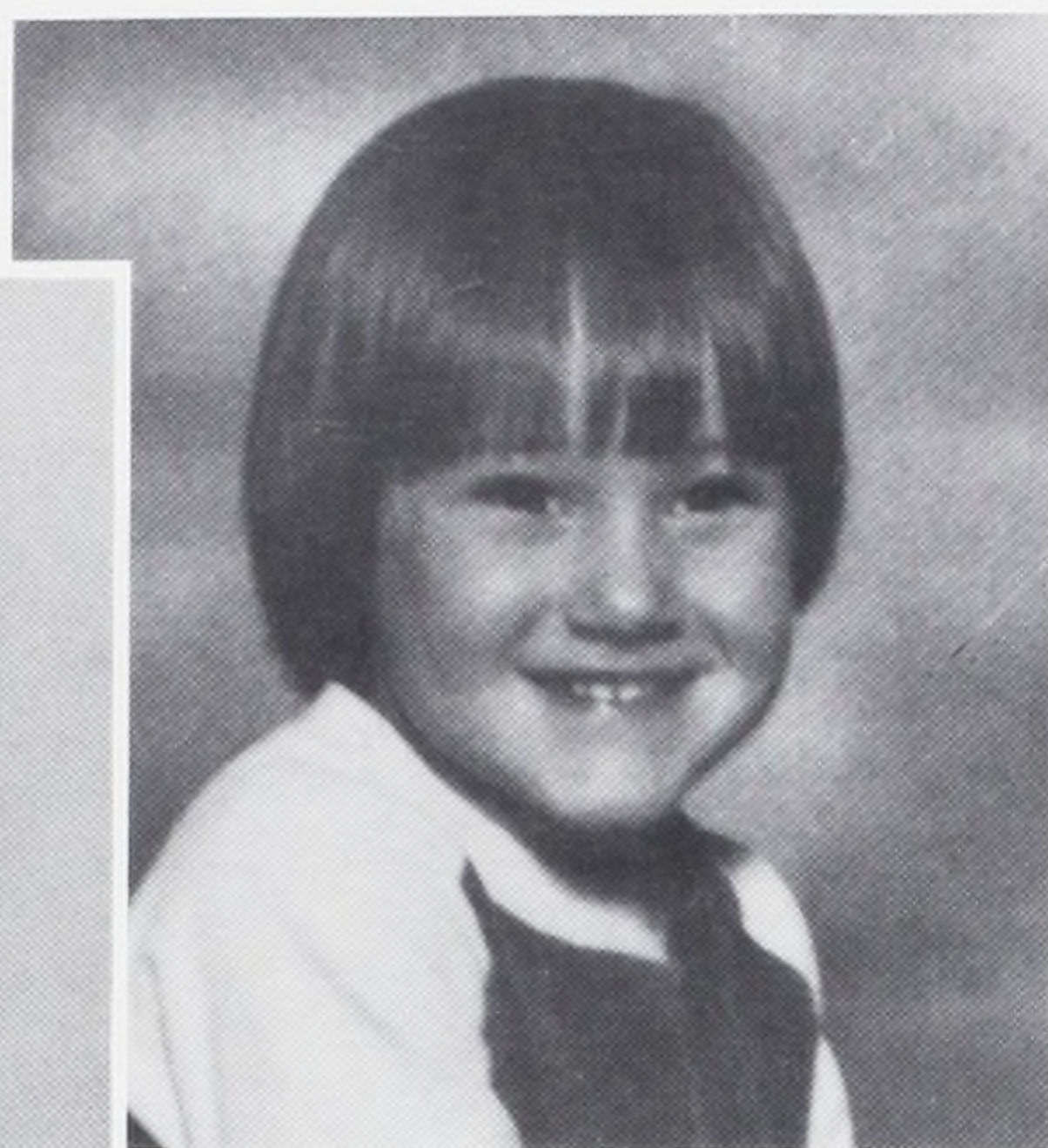
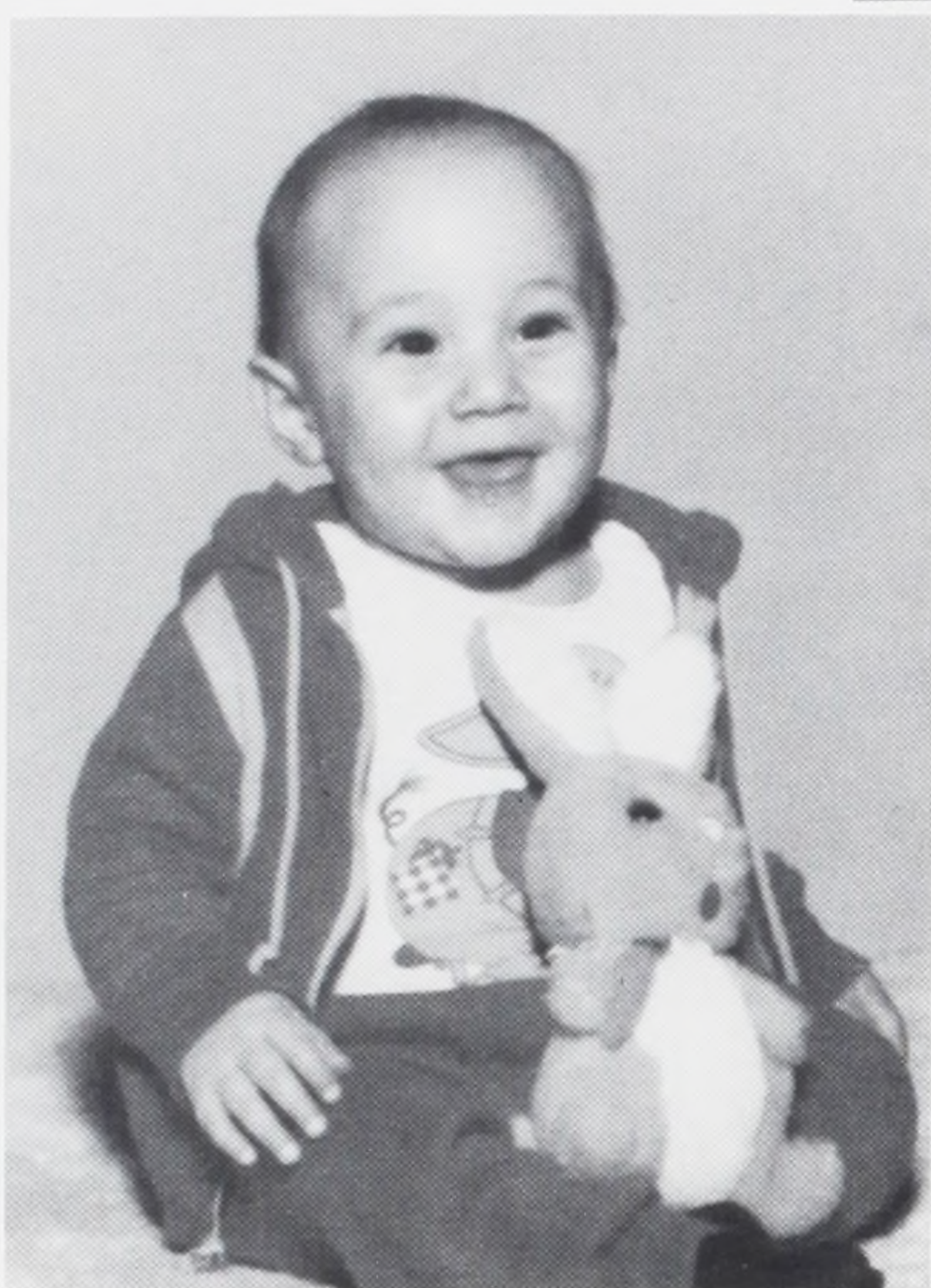
It has been a **GRAND** process, watching you grow up! Our love, pride and best wishes go with you as you continue through life.

Love, Dad and Debbie



# Gary Hedges

## Gary, Follow your dreams to a successful future



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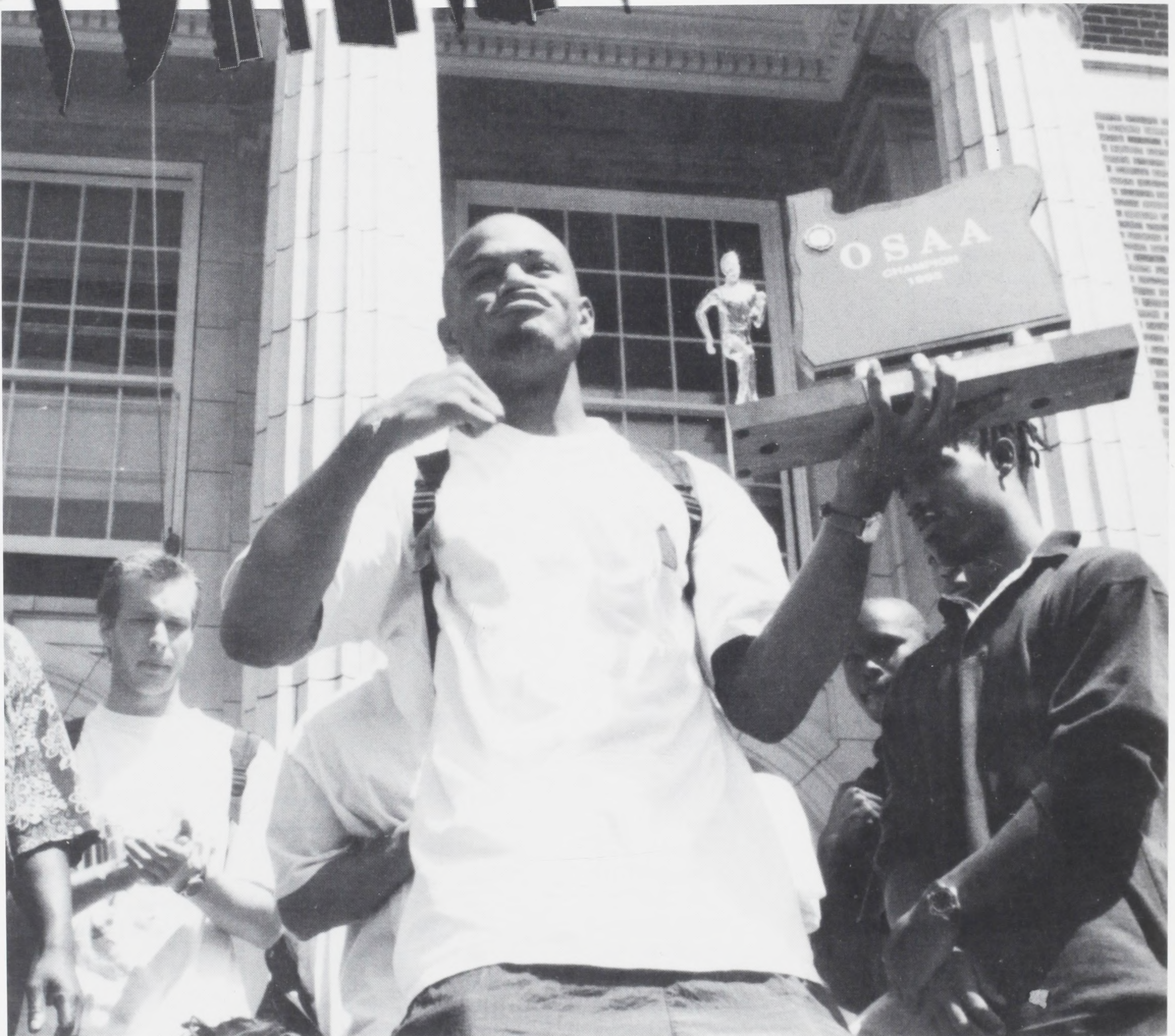
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