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Every year, friends, family and other curious folks line up to admire the creativity and technical expertise that Benson students put on display during Tech Show.

United *by* *Spirit*
Senior *Class of '98* *Junior* *Class of '99*





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Student Life At Benson High School

A Brief History

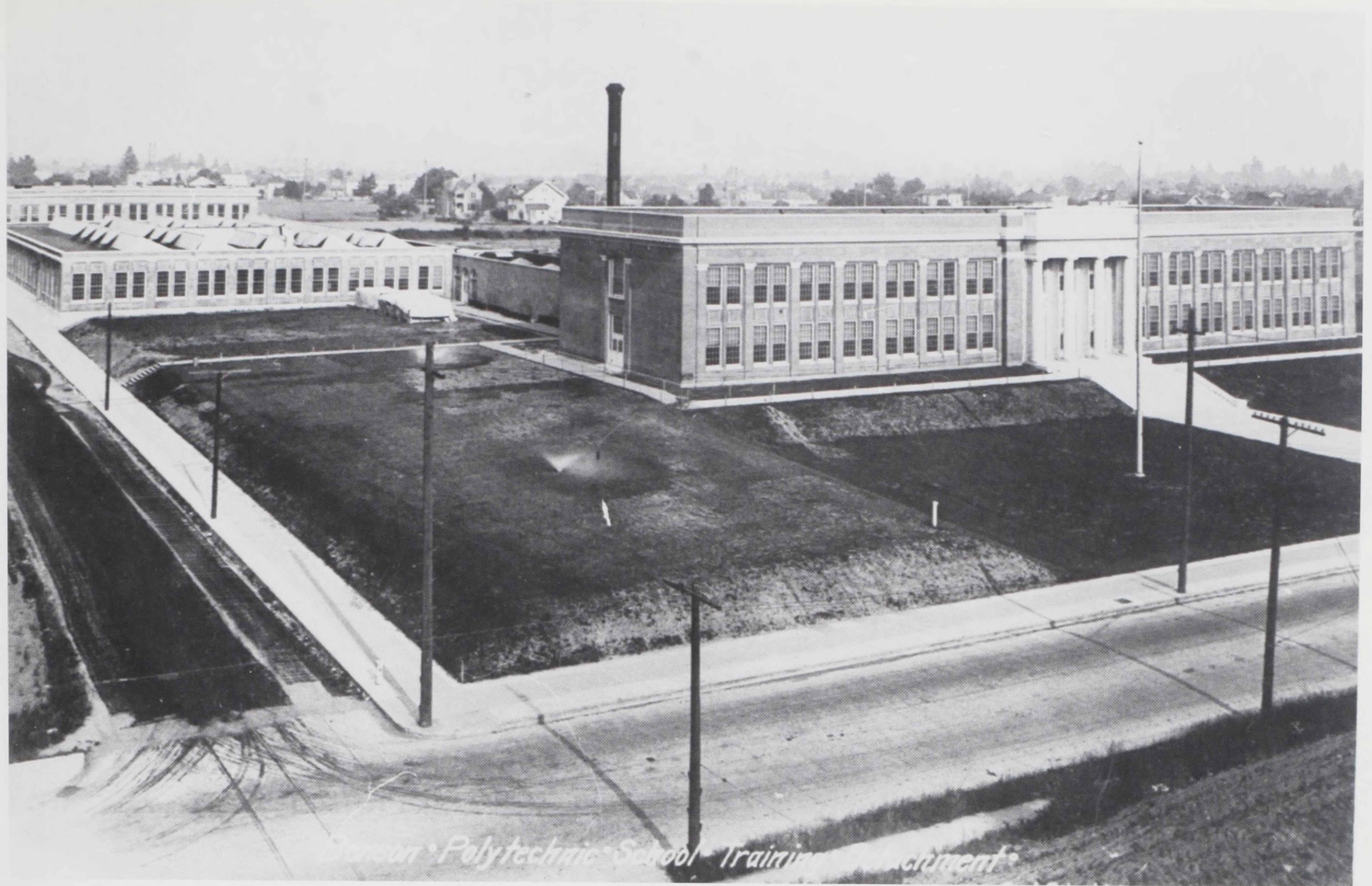
Benson Polytechnic High School began in 1908 as the Portland School of Trades, in the Atkinson Building at 11th and Davis in Northwest Portland. The Portland School of Trades had been established to give “boys who wished to enter a trade a better opportunity than do shops and factories of the present time.” The Portland School Board voted to change the school’s name to Benson Polytechnic High School after civic leader and philanthropist Simon Benson gave \$100,000 in 1917 to the Portland School District for the construction of a building to house a technical school. An equal amount was appropriated by the School Board. Six blocks of land at Northeast 12th and Hoyt were purchased and Benson was built. The new Benson Polytechnic High School opened its doors to 406 boys in September 1918.

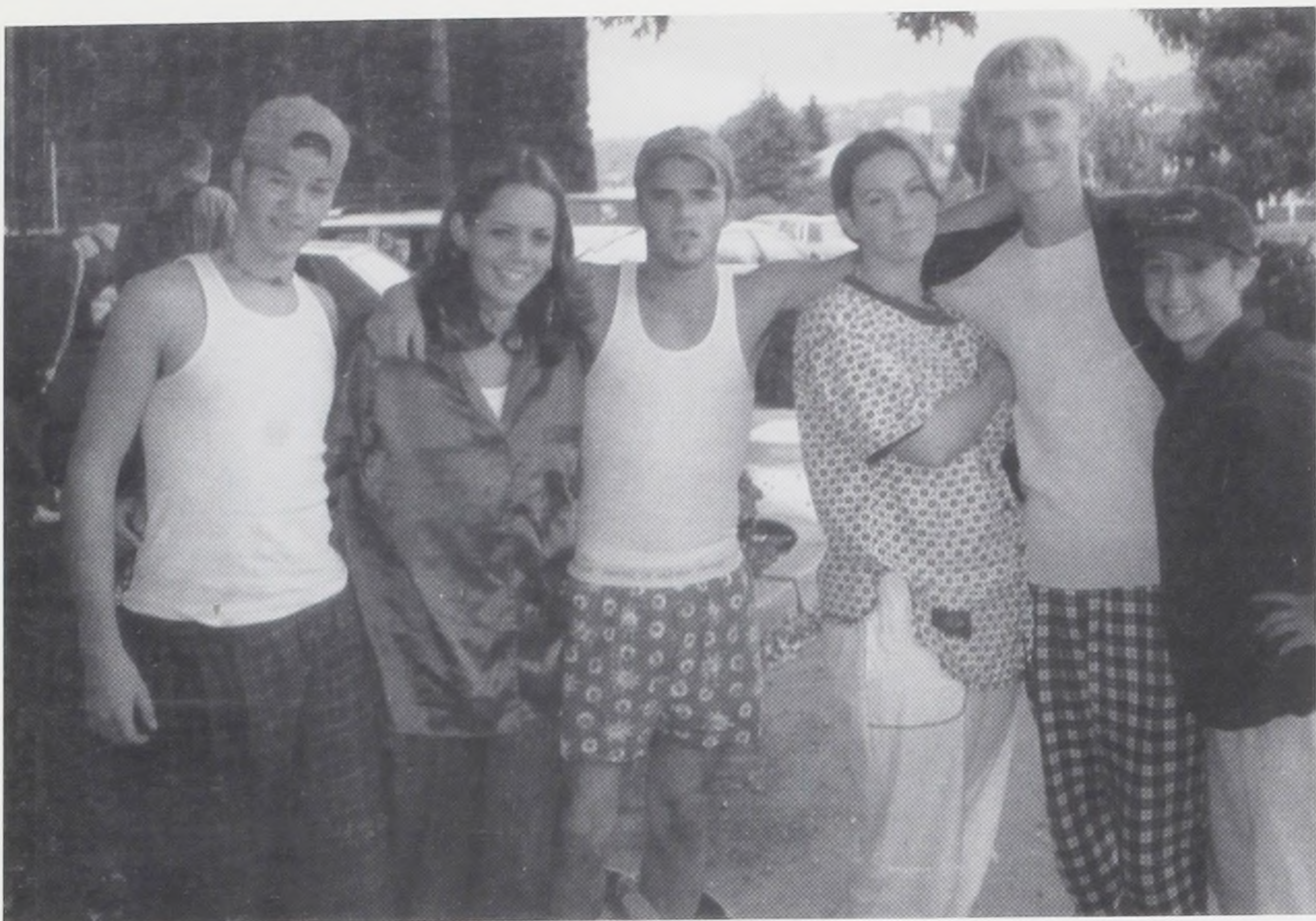
Benson grew rapidly in course offerings and in student population. In 1920, the printing department was set up and the school paper, the Tech Pep, was published. Throughout the years, more classes such as radio station KBPS and the aviation department were added to the list. By 1940, Benson had 2,800 students and was the largest school in Portland.

Deterioration of both the facility and the student body was a concern following World War II. Because the building had been in continuous use during the war, it was left in extremely poor condition. Due to the compulsory education law, many boys who didn’t want to were forced to attend school. Benson became a “dumping ground” for troubled students from 1945 to 1952.

Benson was strictly a boy’s school until 1980 when the health occupations program was moved from nearby Washington High School to Benson. The student body’s female population grew substantially.

Benson Polytechnic High School now serves a student body of about 1400. Students may choose between a challenging college-prep program and a practical job-prep program. Regardless of a student’s choice, all Benson students train in vocational-technical classes for two to four periods each day of their high school careers. Benson’s tradition as a Portland school of trades continues.



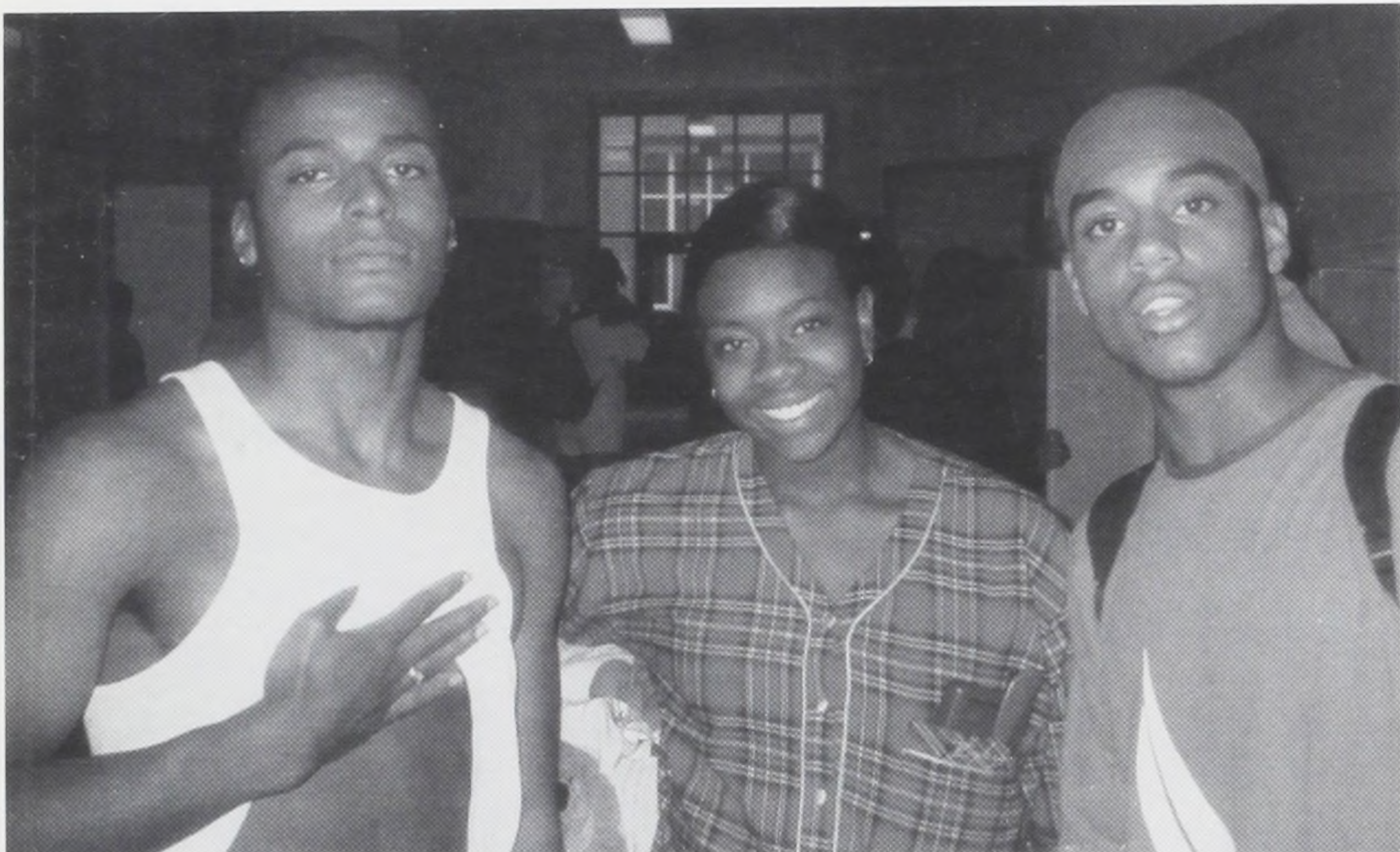
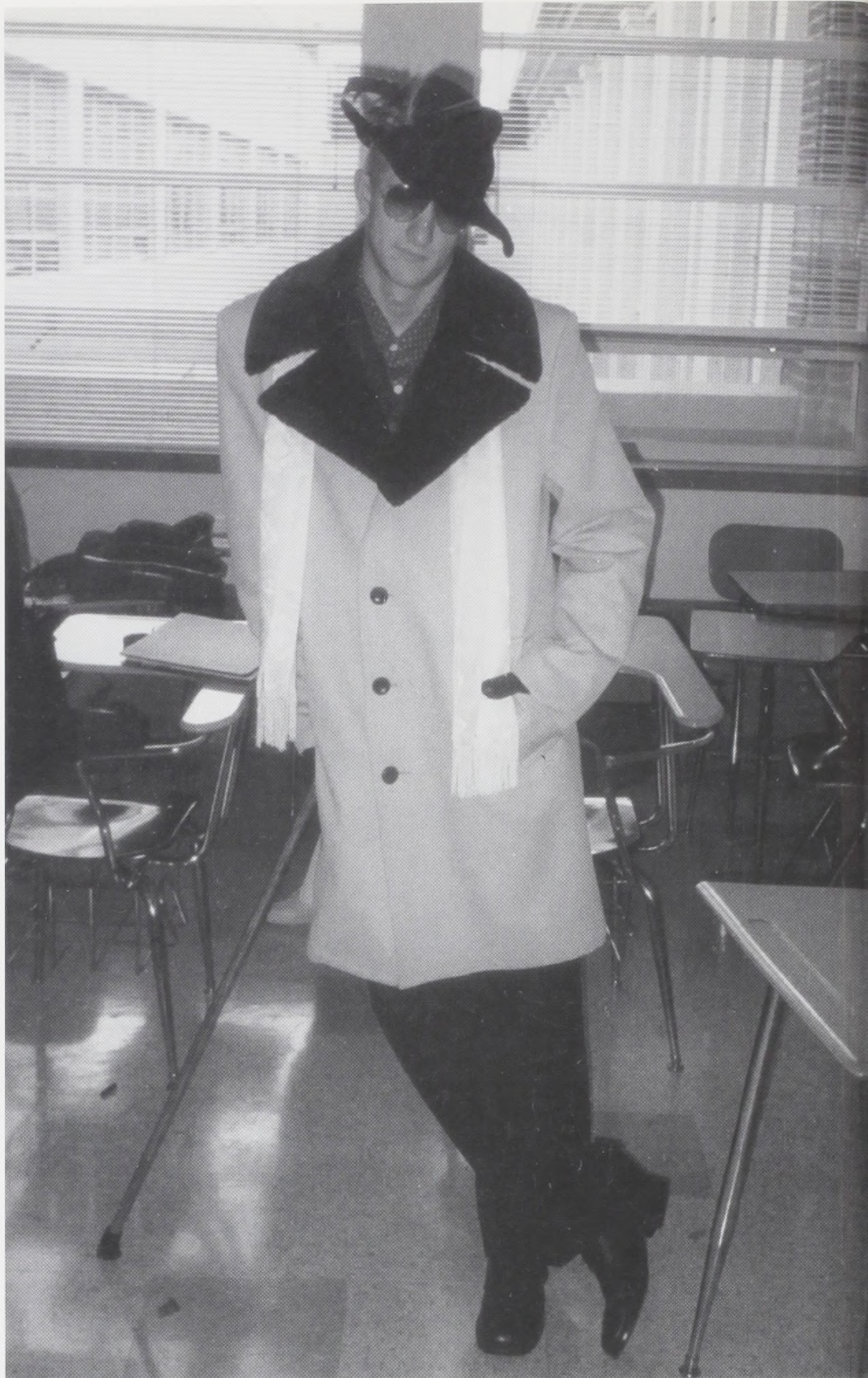


Above: Seiors Matt Brown, Stacy Magnett, Garrett Towle, Amanda Marsh, Adam Moore, and Jenelle Terhaar.

Below: Seniors George Weatheroy, Nydia Cambell, and Tunde Sobomehin.

Right: Senior Ryan Greenwood goes all out to recreate the memory of Shaft.

He's a bad mutha... Watch Yo Mouth!

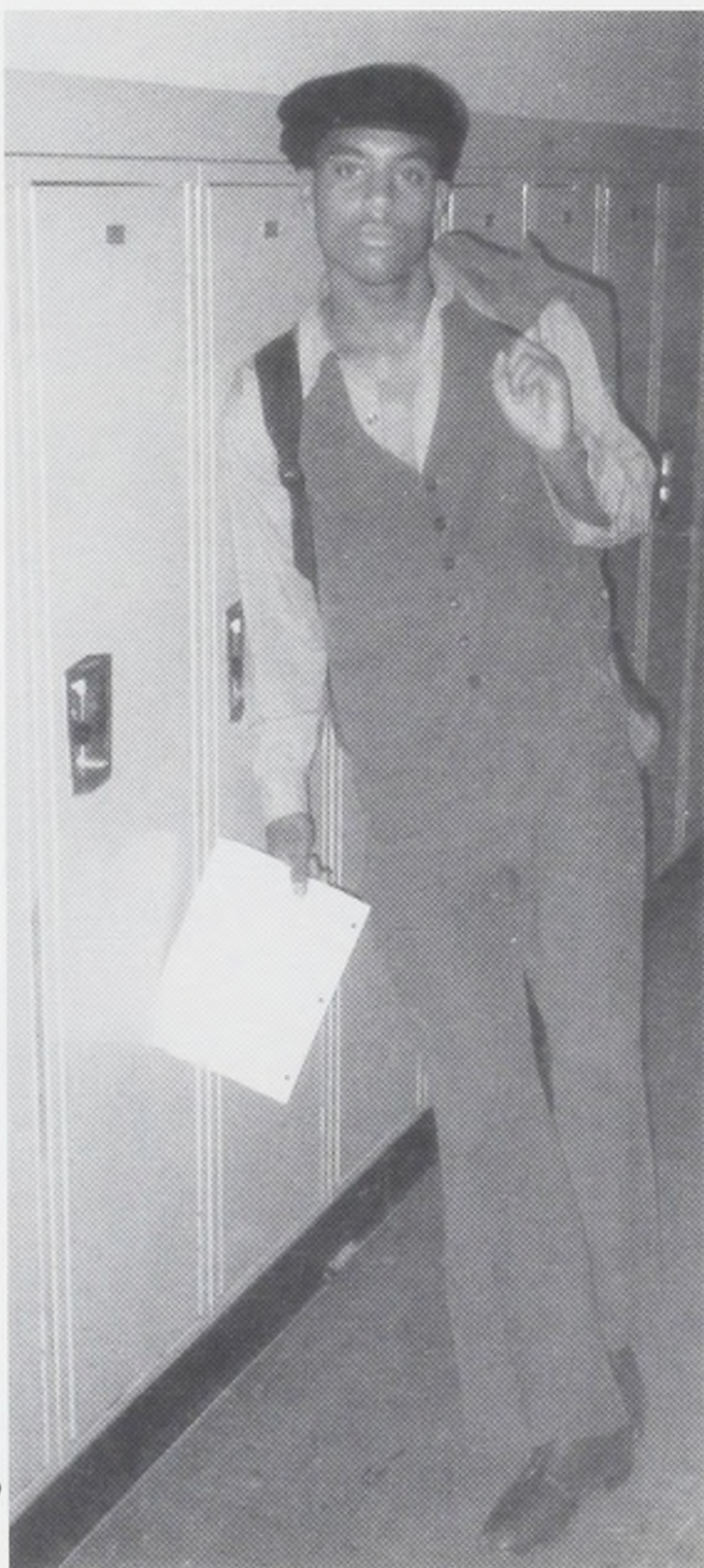


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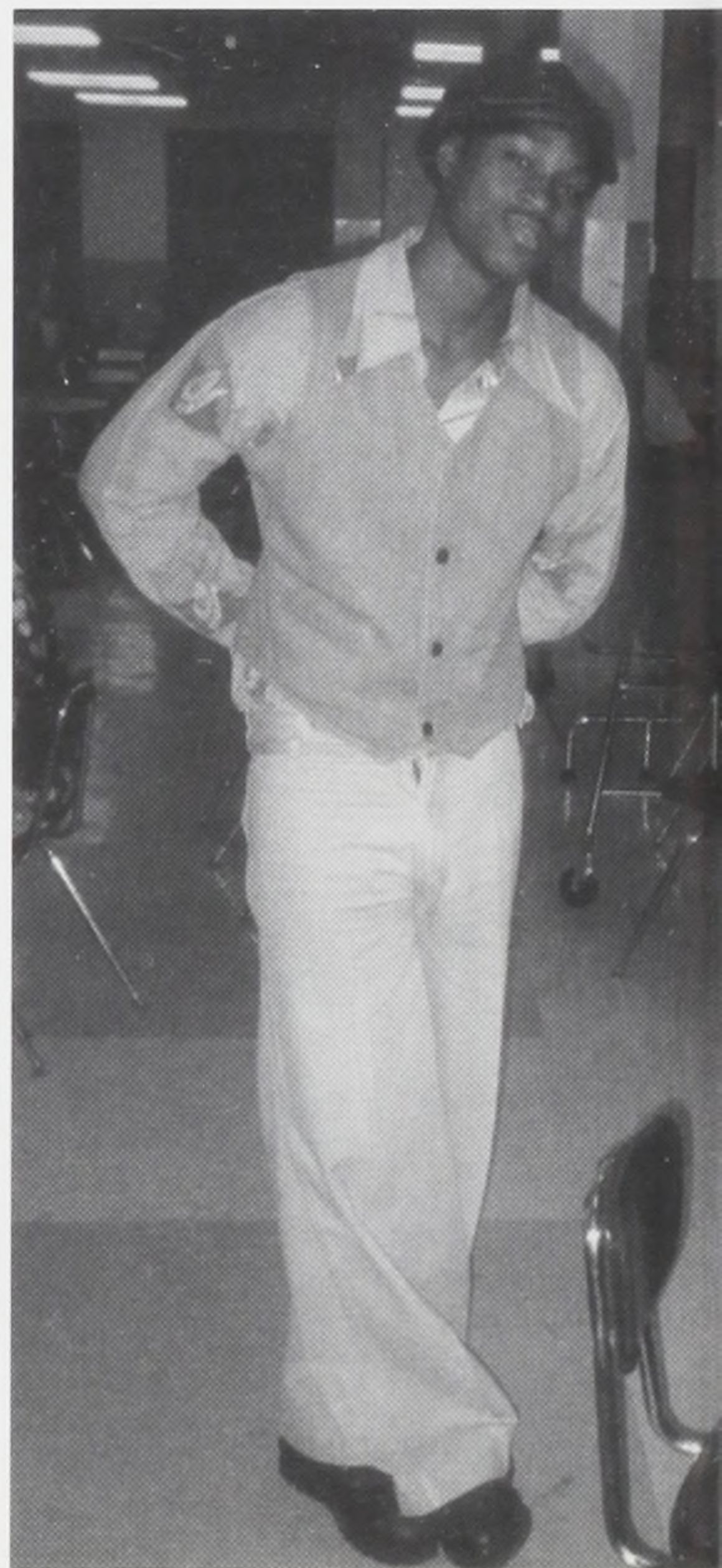
Ben Cerezo (12) on "Blast From The Past Day"

Tunde Sobomehin (12) sports his 70's Gear



Geoff Barfield (12) Dresses Crazy Everyday

Hakim Hasan (10) Flashin' Back





Left: Juniors Kara Nathman, Kafiya Majekobaje, Amanda Stutevoss, and Kristy Kerr made sure they didn't wear the same outfits.

Above: Juniors Abby Lovett, Omelina Orak, Kafiya Majekobaje, and Jill Laverdure
Below: Seniors Abolade Majekobaje, Sarah Welch, and Vanessa Phillips



Seniors Tunde Sobomehin and Vanessa Phillips Are Trying to Set the New Fashion Trend

Let's Just Be Thankful The 70's Are Over!!



Seniors Marc-Daniel Domond and Demetria Hines Pose in Their "Jammies"

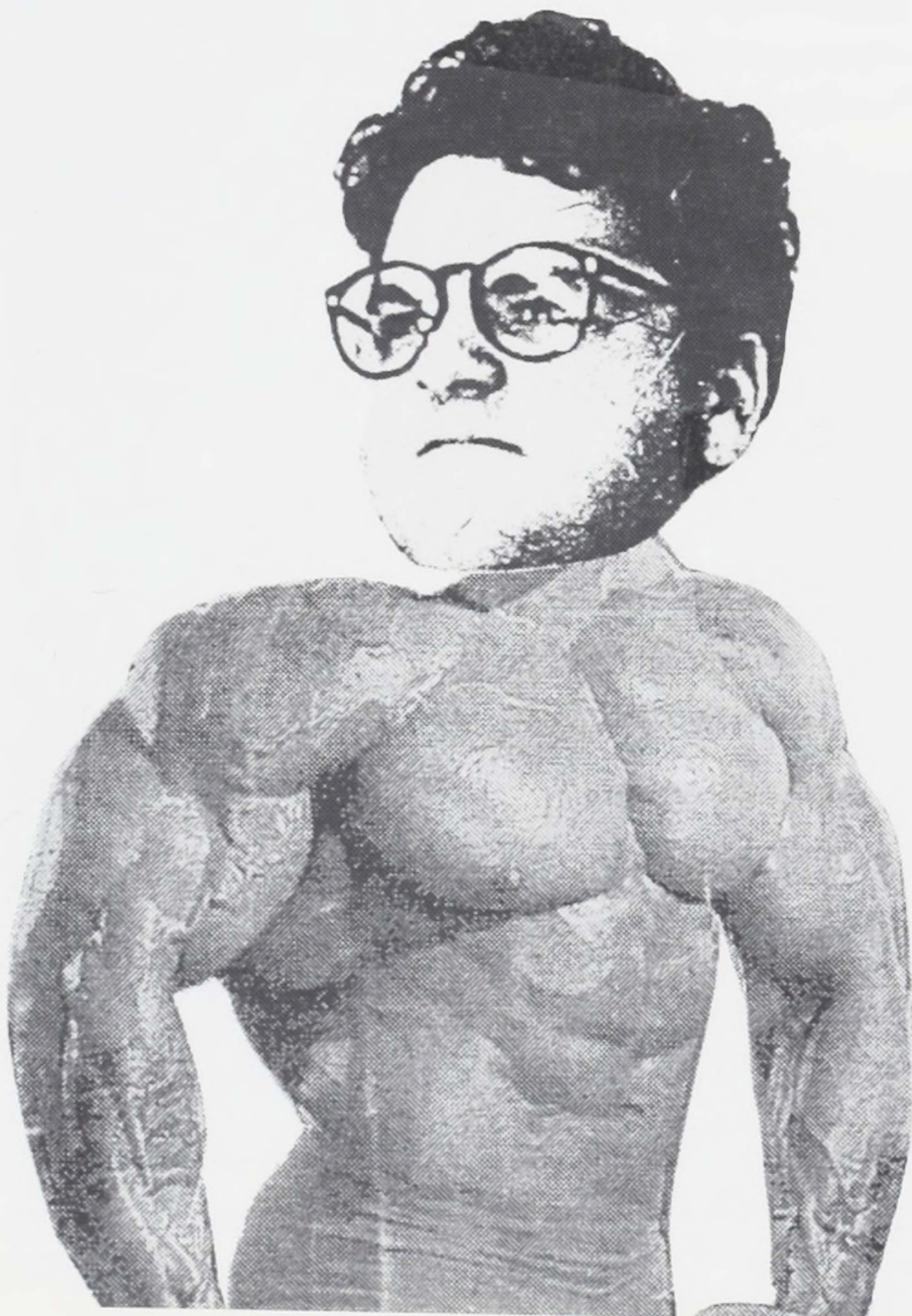
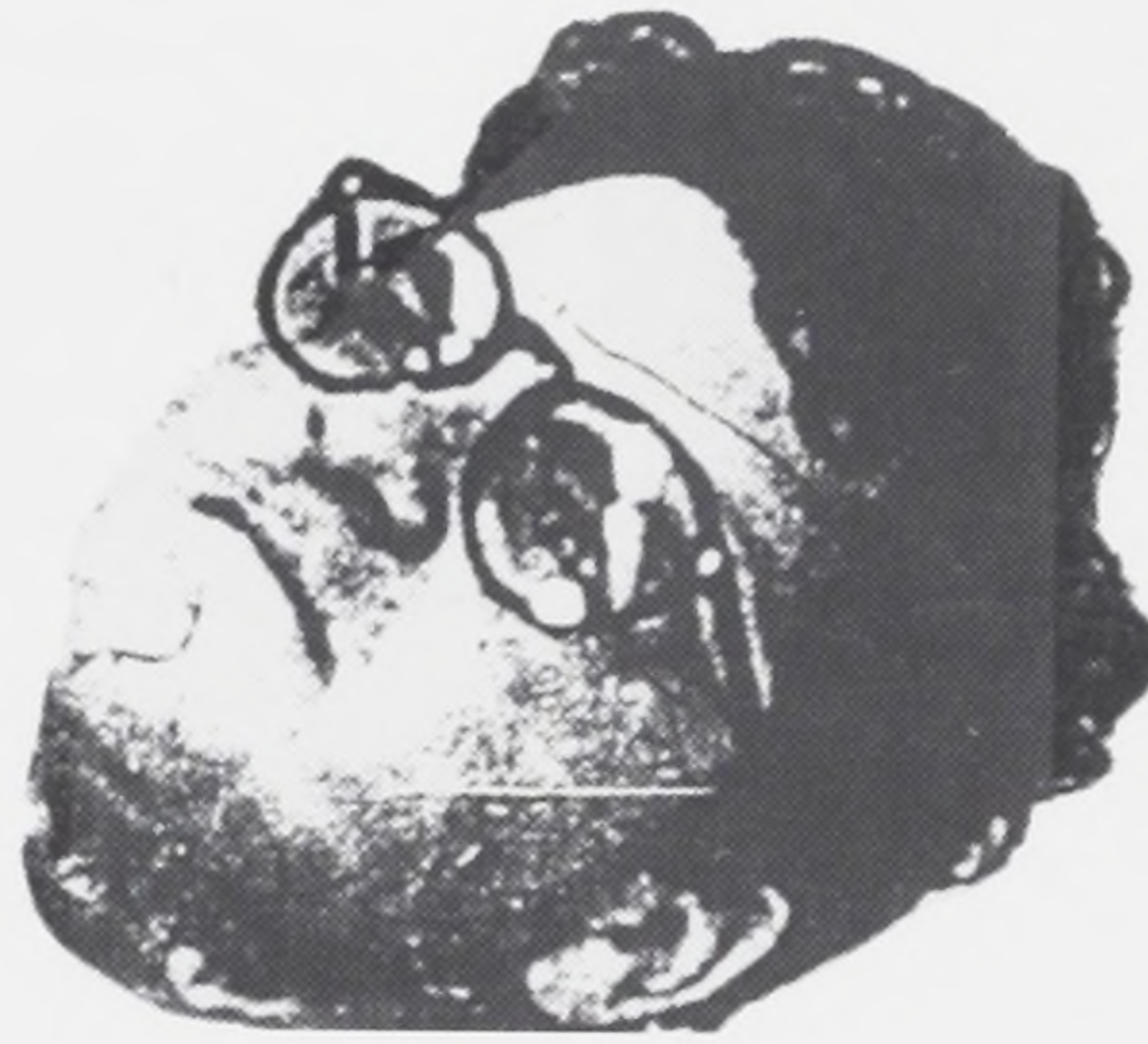


Juniors Kristy Kerr and Kara Nathman Look So Cute on "Twin Day"

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Schwad The Bod

Radio Show Of The 90's





Taking "Teen Sound" To a Different Level

In the beginning, Schwad created the show. He dreamed of a show where listeners could tune in and hear good music, funny people and get free eggnog.

From 3 to 5 p.m. KBPS airs a program referred to as "Teen Sound." This is a time when students majoring in radio broadcasting can play their flavor of music. This program caught the interest of juniors Mark Jwayad and Blake Hooper.

Jwayad has always had a flare for the humorous side of things. Because of this, he wanted to do more than just play music on his shift.

"I wanted to get more people excited about it and let them know that the program is there," he said.

While the idea for a show was still fresh in his head, Mark asked fellow junior and KBPS major Blake Hooper to be his "sidekick" on the air.

"Mark just came up to me and asked me if I wanted to help him on this comedy show that he was gonna do," stated Hooper. "I said 'sure'. As far as I knew, it was just another Teen Sound show. I should've known better."

There are a lot of things that make "Schwad the Bod" different from other shows. A lot more preparation goes into it. Mark and Blake spend an average of five hours before each show, writing various comedy bits, interviewing the public and advertising at different high schools.

"A lot of the bits aren't that funny, but that's what comedy's about...taking a chance," remarked Jwayad. "Bits such as, 'The Latest in Christian Rock,' and, 'The Beating of a Retarded Dog,' haven't been done because they're too offensive."

The main problem Mark and Blake have is keeping in mind that some things just aren't appropriate for a publicly funded radio station. Things that do get played, however, consist of top 10 lists, fake insurance commercials, random comments about the news, mock interviews with characters such as "Thug-Dogg-G-Money-Flow," and much more. They play some good music, too.

Mark and Blake have high hopes for senior year. When asked what these goals were Mark replied, "We want KBPS to be well-known in area high schools. When people think of KBPS, we want them to think of quality, student-run radio that's enjoyable."

"We want people to realize that KBPS is a real radio station, not just some slacker major," added Blake.

Assemblies

Who's House? TECH'S HOUSE!!!

WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL SPIRIT...

Great Leadership and an awesome student body are all Benson needs to have a good time.

WHAT ABOUT THE PEP SQUAD...

The Pep Squad put together some awesome assemblies this year. Each assembly takes a great deal of planning and a bunch of dedicated students.

WHAT ABOUT OUR COLORS...

Orange and Blue was scattered throughout the student body, not only during the pep assemblies, but all year long as part of their daily wardrobe.



Above: The gym erupted with laughter as the cupids danced around in their underwear during the Valentine's Day Assembly.

Below: The spirit level was soaring and students were having a blast when student body president, Tunde Sobomehin, was escorted into the gym by "Secret Service Agents," James Nussbaumer and Adam Moore.





Above: Tunde Sobomehin and Arleta Fowler were crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

Below: Senior Cole Mills (center) won the Most Spirited Award despite some fierce competition.

Right: After an interesting spin-off of the dating game, Tunde Sobomehin, his mother, and imposter Willie Zimmers share in the humor.

Below: Seniors Garrett Towle, Dan Raya, Morgan Jones, and Junior Greg Hall show off their school spirit the Cowboy Way.



Prom '98

"Sail The Night Away"





The senior class ended an excellent year with a romantic cruise down the Willamette River on the Portland Spirit. They made the prom's theme ring true by "Sailing The Night Away." From Metallica to Garth Brooks to Will Smith, the dance floor was packed with people "Gettin' Jiggy Wit' It."

"Prom was an exciting experience because I saw everyone having a great time. Before I actually went, I thought prom was just an over-rated dance. When I got there, I realized it was well worth all the money and stress," said Juantiyeh Morris.

It was only fitting that Cole Mills and Amy McArthur were named prom king and queen. Both put a lot of time and effort into making prom a night for everyone to remember.

Arleta Fowler said that, "Prom, for me, was definitely a fun and romantic evening. I strongly suggest that everyone should go at least once."

Everyone who attended looked absolutely fabulous. They all seemed to be having the times of their lives. I never knew our school could look so good!

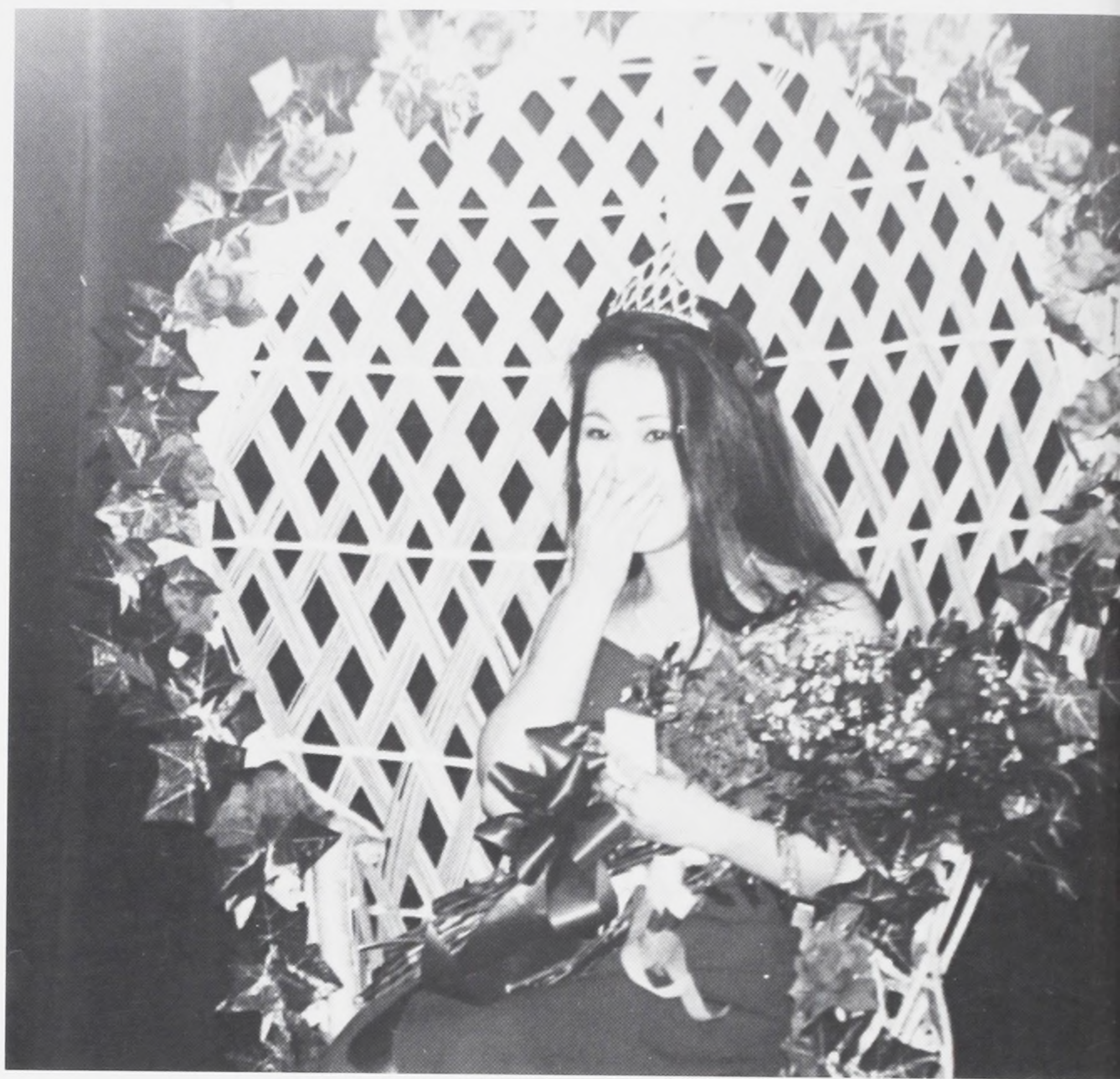
by Jennifer Bray

Rose Festival

Hail to the Queen



Above: Thao Hoang can't hide her excitement after being chosen by her peers as the 1998 Rose Festival representative for Benson High School.



Above: Still in shock, Thao Hoang sits decorated with the crown.

Below: The 1998 Rose Festival Court, from left to right: Larissa Estes, Abolade Majekovaje, Sarah Brunscheon, 1997 Rose Festival Princess Heather Marshall, Thao Hoang, and Jennifer Bray.





Right: Jennifer Bray stands proud as she recites her speech to the silent auditorium.

Top Left: Abolade Majekovaje chooses a rose. Attached is a mystery question

Middle Left: Larissa Estes listens intently while one of her opponents addresses the audience.

Bottom Left: Cole Mills escorts Sarah Brunscheon around the auditorium, while Tunde Sobomehin presents her many accomplishments.



Primary Color

How is it that red is so vulnerable and simultaneously appealing? What is it about lipstick crimson colors that arrests human attention -- or imagination. Perhaps its some ethereal magic about this primary color, or perhaps it is the type of woman who wears it.

A woman in red eclipses everything and is denied nothing -- especially not the crown.

On March 5th, Thao Hoang bloomed as the spring's reddest rose, and she was chosen as Benson's Princess for the Rose Festival. Her words on passion, and its ticket to adventure, were flawlessly delivered. While she wept, newly crowned, the staff and student body applauded their soft-spoken representative.

There were other flowers in bloom that day, and while unpicked, Sarah Brunscheon, Jennifer Bray, Larissa Estes and Abolade Majekovaje were equally vibrant.

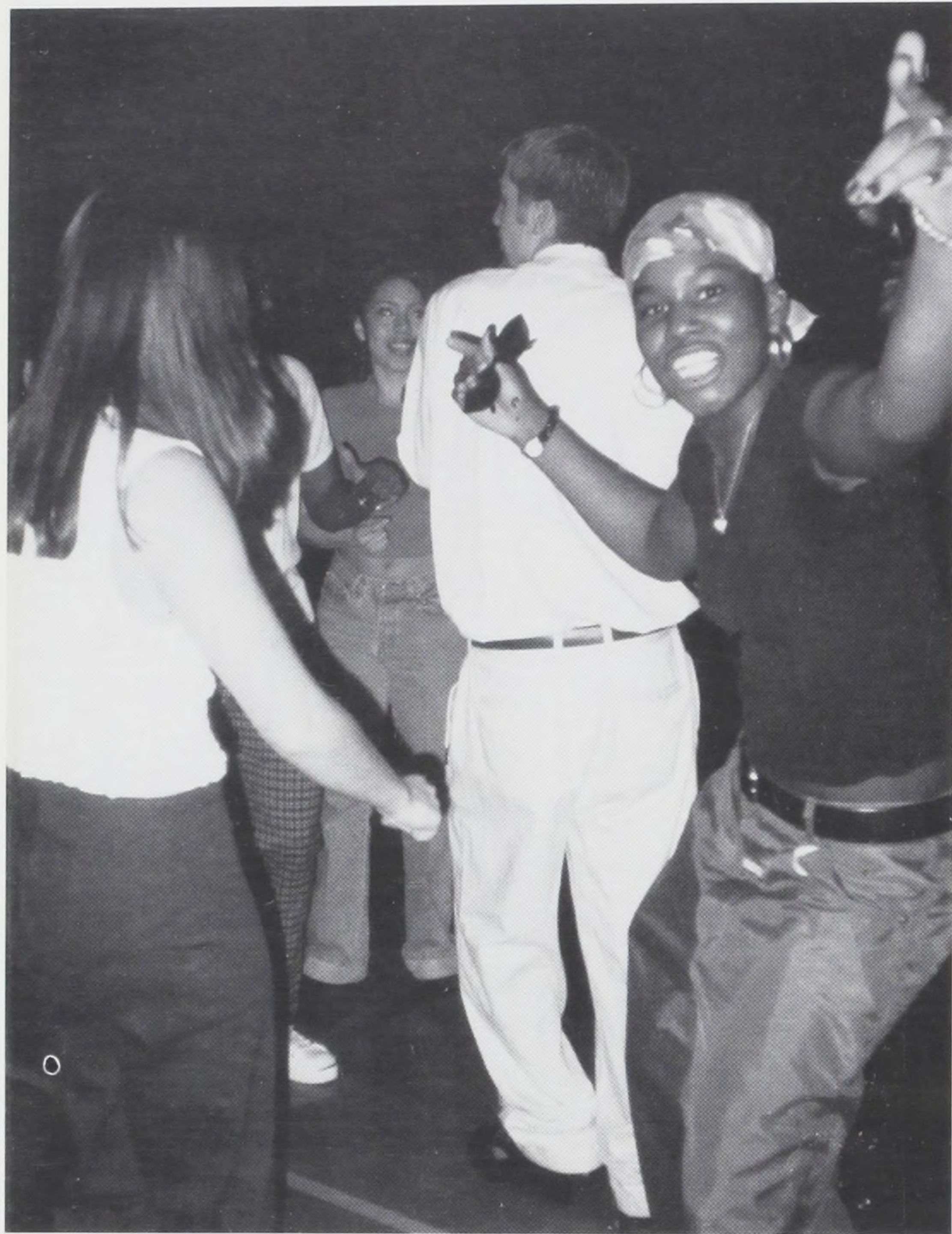
They strode the glossy length of the floor -- each a testament to beauty and intelligence. A dancer's gait melting into a reassuring smile, a perfect reflection of another's warm mannerisms, and finally, a pleasant reminder that powerful things do come in small packages, and sometimes

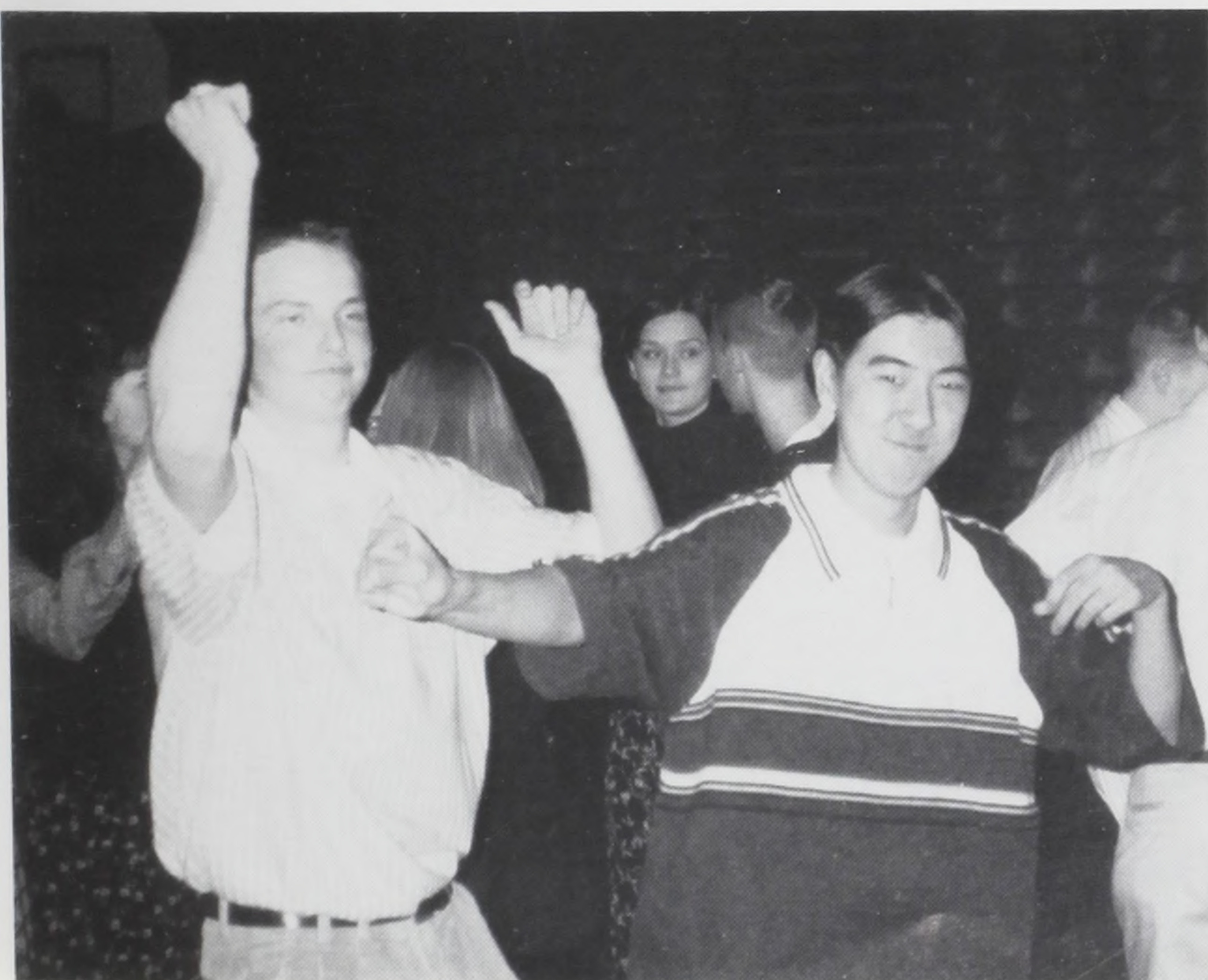
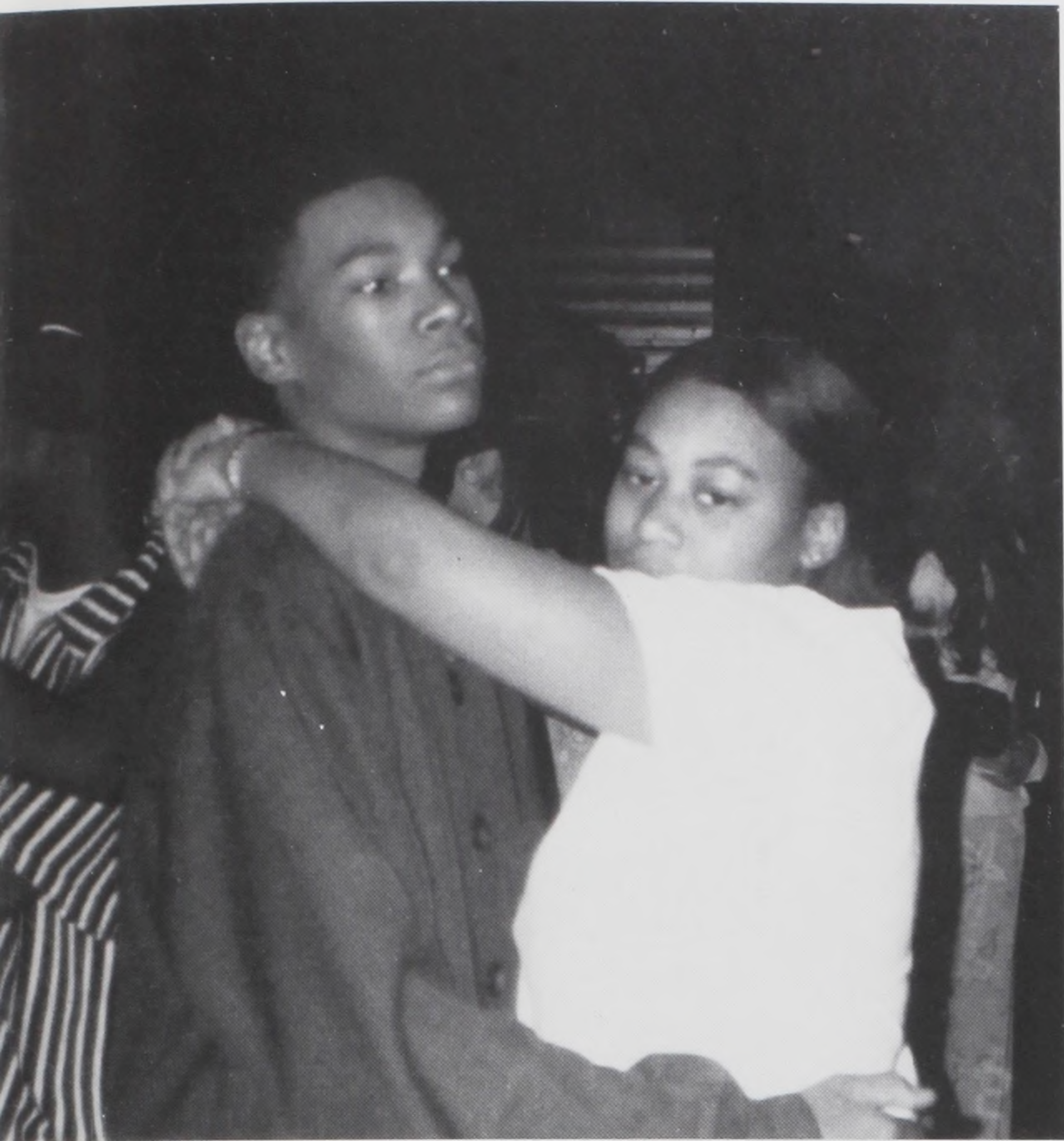
wrapped
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red.

By Indira Jones

Valentine's Day Dance

Cupid Has His Eyes On You!





This year's Valentine's Day festivities started out with a bang. Seniors prepared to hand out Vale-Grams, which included a love pop and a balloon, to raise money for the senior class. The following morning, however, when the Vale-Grams were to be delivered, disaster struck. The balloons, which had been filled with helium the previous night, had completely deflated. Despite this mishap, people were still happy to receive their tokens of love from those who cared.

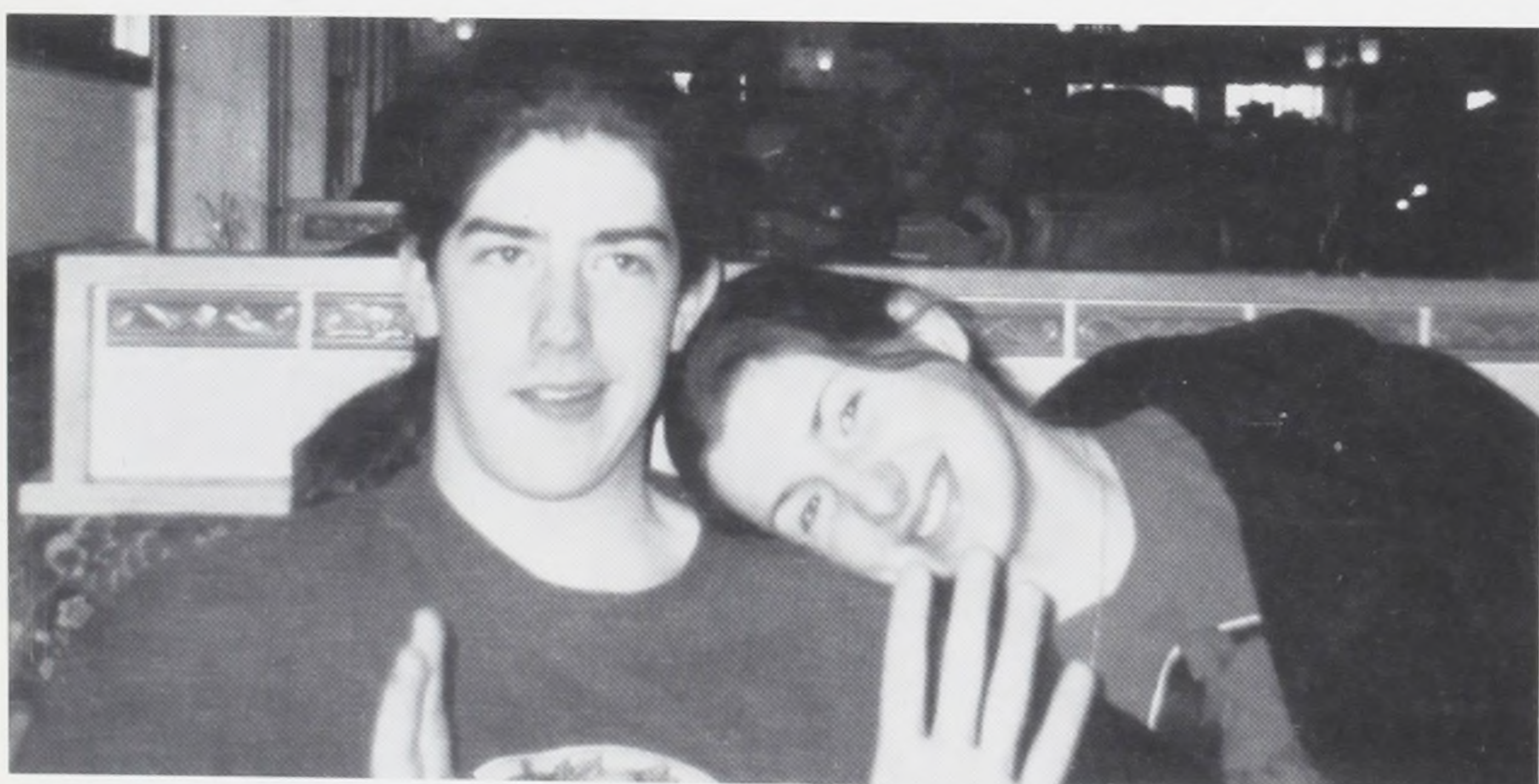
The next anticipated event was the first annual Valentine's Day dance. This was to be the first dance in school history held on a Saturday. The students' dance was set for the new gym, while an adult dance took place in the old gym, orchestrated by Benson's Orange & Blues band. The parents' dance was a flop, because no parents showed up. The students' dance showed a lot of promise at the start, but it led to a similar ending. The new gym was far too vacuous, and four huge safety lights limited people's love mood, because the room was just too bright.

Although the dance wasn't as successful as planned, it paved the way for future Valentine's dances and for other dances on Saturdays. All underclassmen should be grateful to the seniors for making this happen.

by Marc-Daniel Domond

Senior's Day in '98

A Day To Get Away From The Routine And Just Have Fun





It is a *tradition* that has been carried on by many generations and classes. Not only at Benson, but at every other school in Portland, in Oregon, and **throughout the Nation**. No matter what school you go to, it is going to happen. The only question is, When and Where? Fortunately for the students, teachers and administrators who learn about this **“confidential”** information realize that nothing they do will sway the intentions of the seniors. My parents said that when they were in high school, the threat was **expulsion** if you were to skip on the suspected day. Yet both of them graduated. The rules of the game haven't changed and neither has the ending.

It's a day to get away from the routine and just have fun.

Our young minds can only take so much of the *day-in, day-out* charade. Every once in a while we have to rebel and do something **against the grain**.

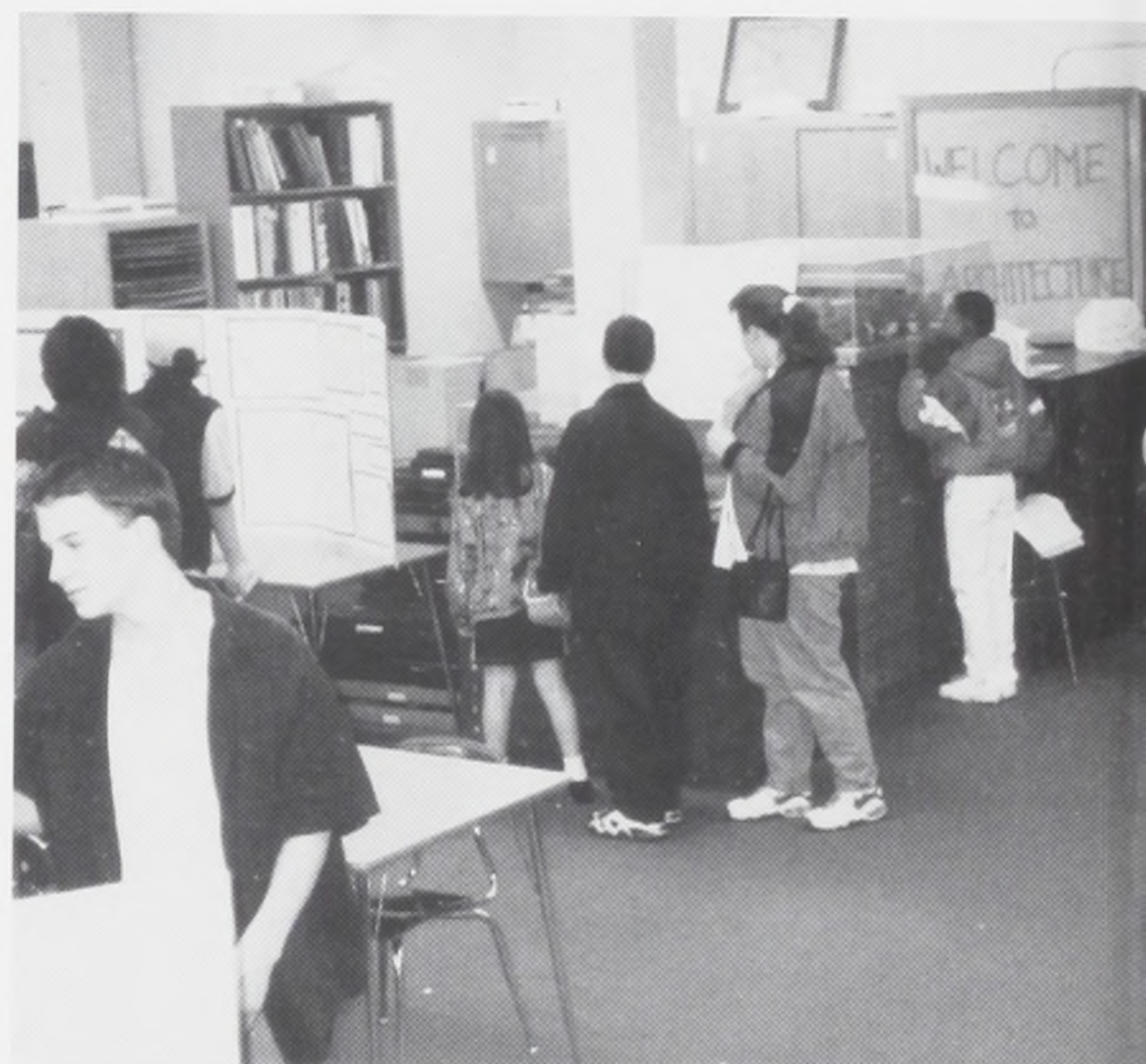
by Ryan Greenwood

8th Grade Magnet Night

Benson Students Help Middle Schoolers Choose The Right High School



Below: Architecture seniors displayed their senior projects ranging from Beach Houses and Recreation Centers to Playground Models and Futuristic Casinos.



Above: The various tables in the main hallway each represented one of the area's middle schools.

Above: Senior Shelley Grosjean and Electronics teacher Mr. Hryciw answer questions about the major and life at Benson in general.

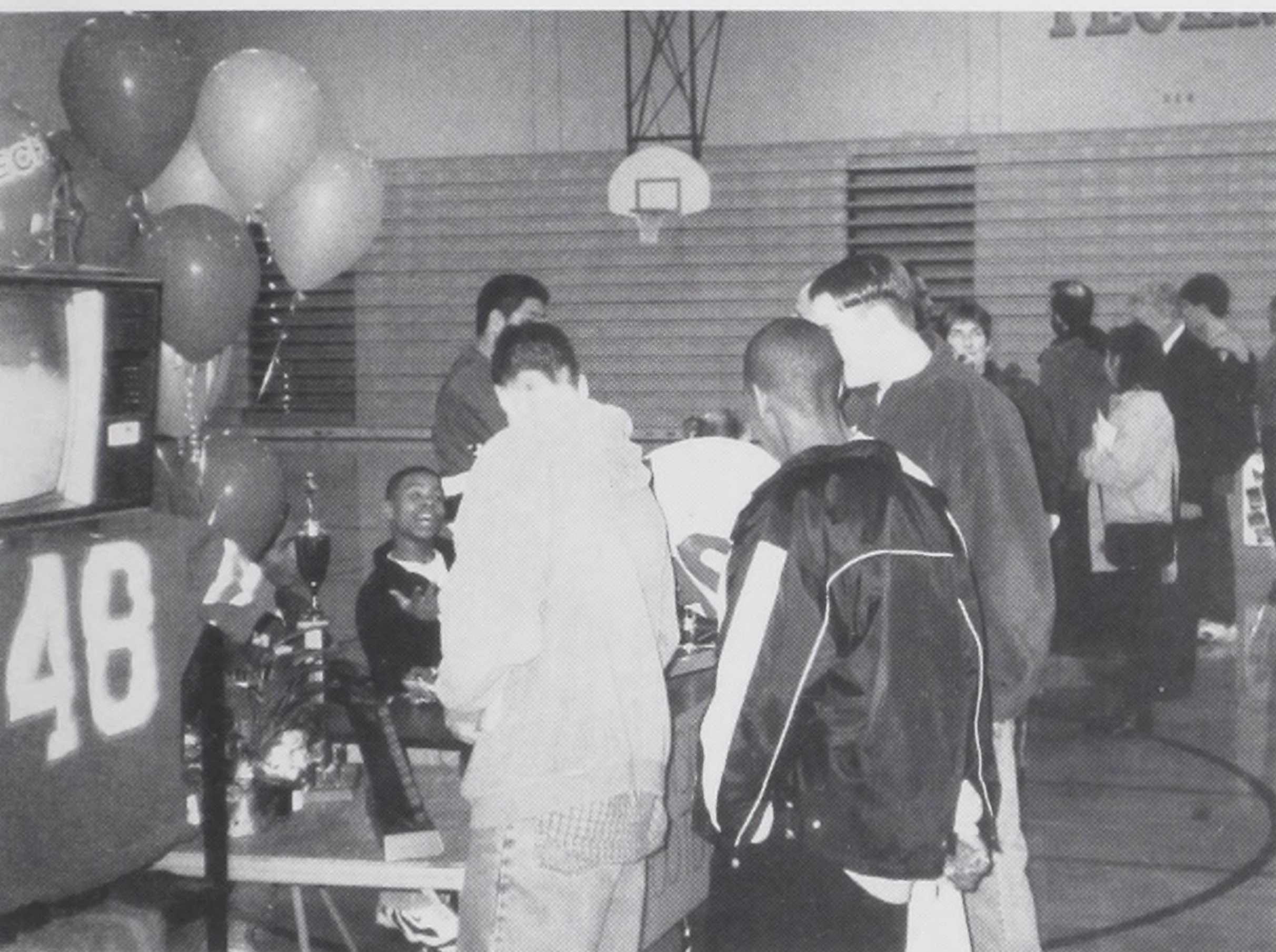
Right: Seniors Phillip Berlin and Steve Moulton demonstrate how to use the equipment in Manufacturing.





Above: Mr. Davis and Senior Adam Goska entertain the many visitors passing through Electronics.

Below: Prospective students gather in the New Gym to marvel at the numerous sports programs offered at Benson.



When I was in eighth grade at Ockley Green Middle School, I knew all the “cool people” and associated myself with the popular cliques. I thought I was a *big man on campus* and knew it all. Maybe I was there, but it would all change and I knew it. I wasn’t ready, or so I convinced myself. The change, of course, was the transition from Middle School into High School. Some people look forward to it. Others are happy where they are and want to stay put. Either way, they must move on.

Making sure they choose the right high school is very important.

If you are not comfortable in your learning environment, you just aren’t going to learn much of anything, plain and simple. Sure, you could start the year off fine with your old friends, but that’s not enough. In the long run, it is **the teachers, the administration, the positive atmosphere, and the feeling of be-**

longing that combine for a successful and productive high school experience. This is exactly why Benson has functions like 8th Grade Magnet Night. They demonstrate not only the talents and hard work done by Benson students, but also portray what Benson High School’s student body and faculty have to offer. It is only fitting that this year’s theme is,

“United by Spirit, Bonded by Name.”

The school spirit that is common in everyone brings us together. The name that we all **chose** to bear -- whether it be 4 years ago, 40 years ago, or as next year’s incoming freshmen -- will bond us for life.

Benson is a family, and families will support you throughout the years.

by Ryan Greenwood

Left: Principal O’Neill and Architecture instructor Mrs. Mangin promote the “Polytechnic” aspect of Benson while talking to interested parents.

Theatermaniacs

The History Of Benson's Drama Program

Below: Mark Jwayad and John Sustaita paint one of the sets for an upcoming production.

Right: Jennifer Bray, Katie Luck, and Denay Spliethof are three truly mad women.



Above: Jessica Eiden, Rian Turner, and Tim Kurkoski in "Mad Woman of Chaillot."

Right: Mr. Owens is hard at work, as usual, on the set.





Above: Hey, what's so funny? Oh, I know! It's, "That's the Spirit."

Below: All hail senior Adam Moore as he shows some leg in his mini skirt.



Right: Adam Palmer, John Sustaita, and James Nussbaumer perform in, "A Flea in Her Ear."



In the beginning at Benson High School, there was drama. Then, just like the dinosaurs, it became extinct. For about twenty years the massive auditorium lay dormant, housing only the occasional assembly and annual crowning of the Rose Festival Princess. That is, until three years ago when a group of determined students and two dedicated teachers decided it was time for a change.

The first thespian production in nearly two decades was performed in the auditorium on March 1st, 1996. The play was a three act French comedy entitled, "Madwoman of Chaillot." The second show, "Cages," a small, dark, one-act play was performed at Tech Show that same year.

The group, now known as the Theatermaniacs, produced two plays in its second season. "A Flea in Her Ear" was a comedy about adultery, mistaken identity and a crazy Spaniard. There was also a farce based on the story of "Robin Hood."

This year, the Maniacs expanded their horizons, taking on Euripides' Greek classic, "Medea." The program finished the year with two hysterical comedies, "That's the Spirit" and "One Day." Both plays, directed by students, thrilled audiences with outrageous characters and twisted plots.

The Theatermaniacs have tremendous amounts of fun and are always looking for new members, so go out and join in. Don't make excuses, make art!

by Jennifer Bray

A special thanks goes to Mr. Owens. Without his help, the Theatermaniacs could not exist.

Chinese New Year

The Year Of The Tiger

Chinese New Year is a big annual celebration for many students at Benson. For some families, it is a week-long event in which they attend churches, temples and honor ancient cultural traditions. In the past, some students, the majority being Chinese and Vietnamese, stayed home from school on the official day. However, this New Year came with a different trend.

This year, they chose to share the special celebration with their Benson brothers and sisters. On January 28, the official day of the Chinese New Year, a group of Asian students showed up at school wearing their own “Ao Dai”, the traditional Vietnamese dress, or “Xung Xam”, the traditional Chinese dress.

by Thao Hoang



Above: Chinese New Year would not be complete without the Lion Dance. Nghia Nguyen (09) is a member of the Lion Dance team at the temple he attends each Sunday.

Left: “Xung Xam”, also known as the traditional Mandarin dress can either be short or long. With a slit along the side, it is a figure-shaping gown that symbolizes beauty, elegance, and dignity.

Right: A slightly different version of the Mandarin dress is the “Ao Dai”, consisting of two long slits along either side. It is worn with a pair of white or matching skirt-like pants. It used to be the official uniform for female students in Vietnam.





Right: Freshmen friends Jessica McNichals, Liam Nagee, and Luke McDonald call their styles, "Hippie", "Punk", and "Skater", respectively.

Left: Seniors Kiki Drayer, Shekinah Brazzle, and Lavon Lloyd sport their summer gear to stay cool.



Below: The "Little Red Dress" was a hot item at the Valentines Day Dance.



There are as many different ways to dress in this world as there are people, cultures, and lifestyles. This is clearly shown through the fashion statement of each individual Benson student. This year, fashion at Benson has become an artform. It's no longer about choosing the popular brand or imitating what celebrities are wearing. Instead it is all about being original, expressing yourself and knowing exactly what you feel comfortable with. That's what fashion is all about.

by Thao Hoang

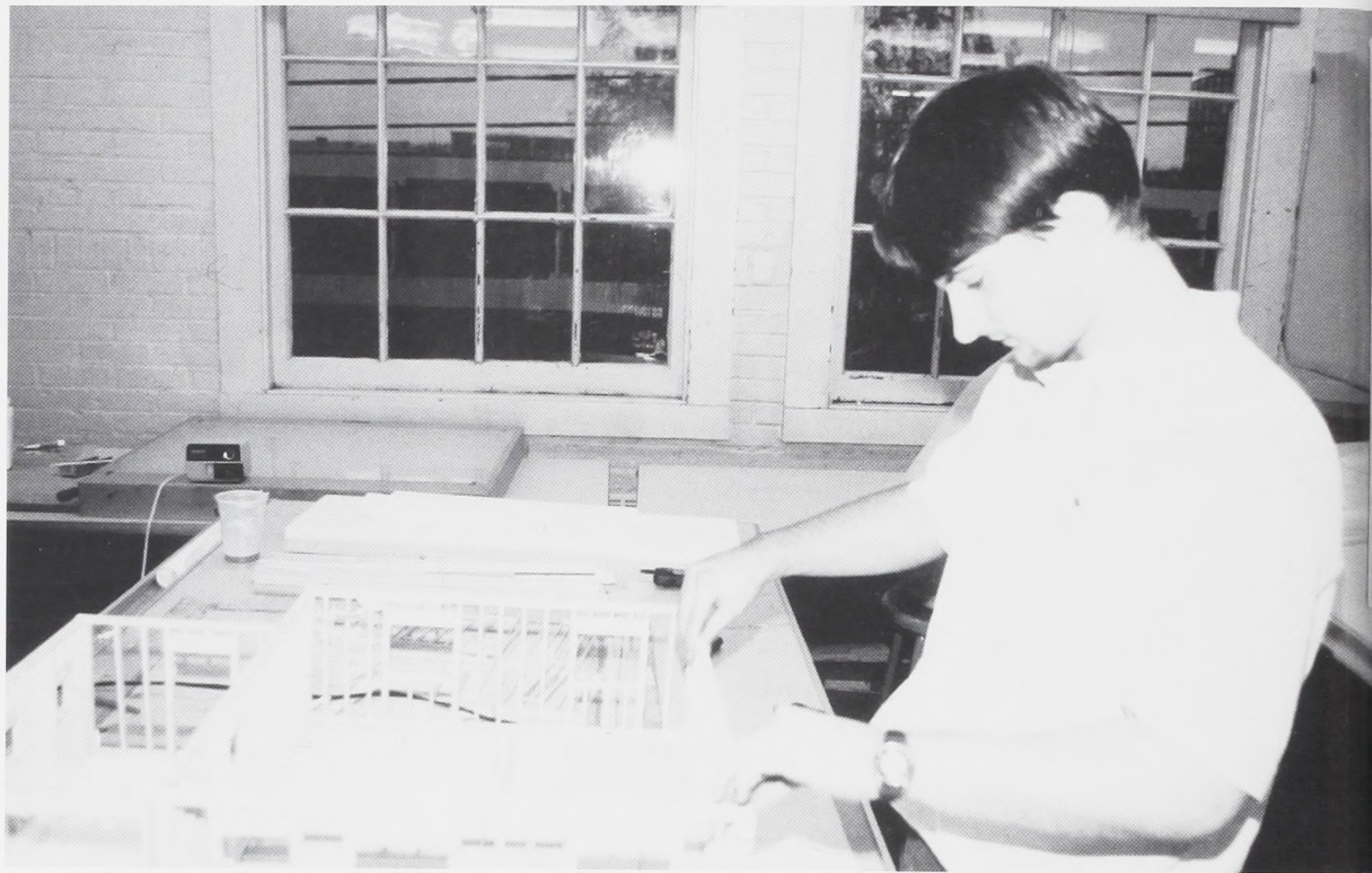
Fashion at Benson

What was in and what was out in 1998

Tech Show

When Benson Students Strut Their Stuff

Right: Senior Joe Bosnar works on his senior project as visitors pass by and quietly watch.



Below: Senior Bola Majekovaje demonstrates certain dental procedures for those attending the Tech Show.



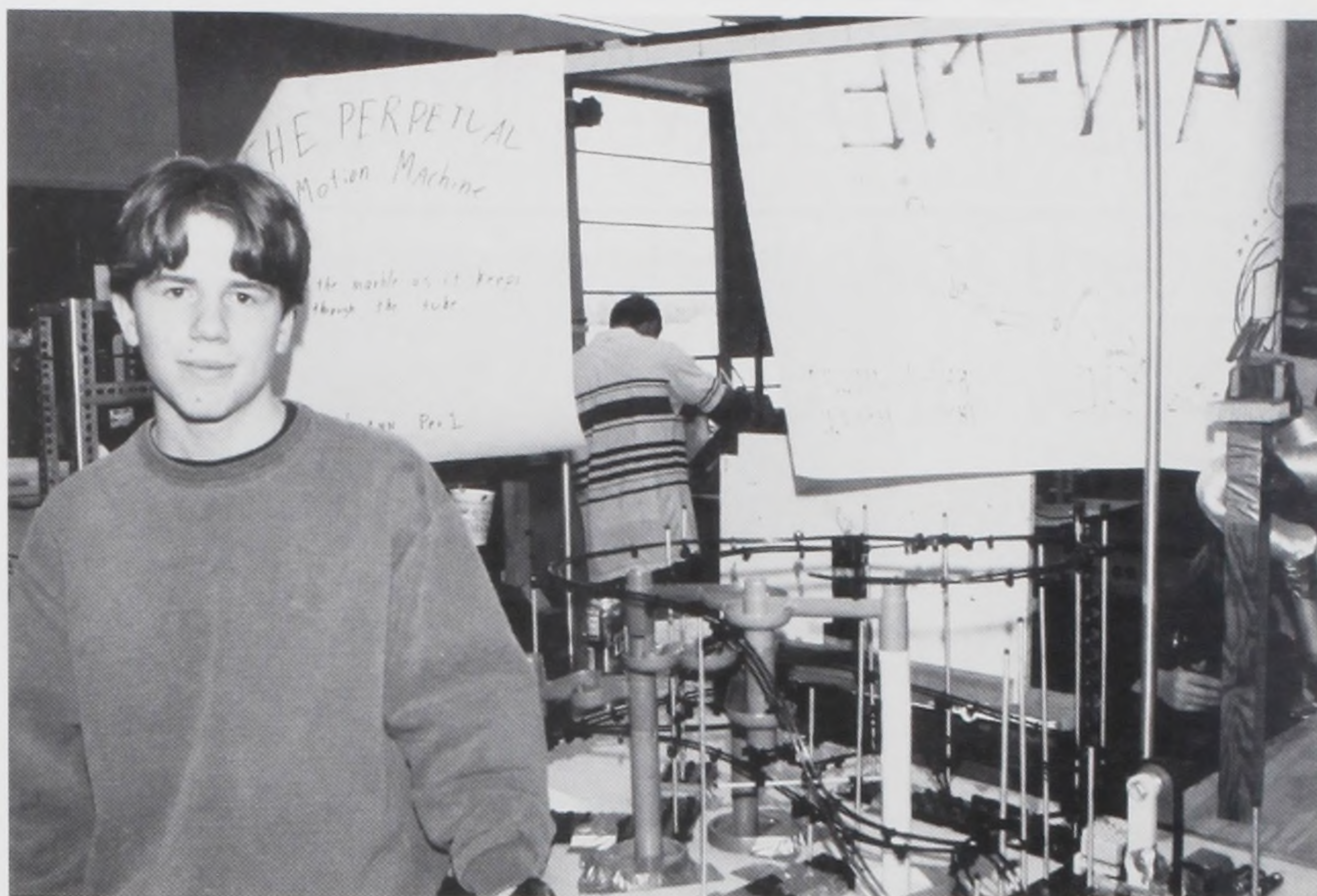
Above: Geometric solids like dodecohedrons and pyramids hang from the ceilings of the math classrooms.





Left: A visitor to Tech Show takes a test drive in the "Electric Chair".

Below: Junior Chris Wilson presents his science project on Perpetual Motion.



Below: Seniors Adam Moore and James Nussbaumer display their acting abilities.



Tech Show is more than just a day and a half off of school. It is also the time of year for Benson students to demonstrate their talents and hard work. Maybe even more importantly, it is when eighth grade students finalize their choice of high school to pursue their secondary education.

The halls become alive with decoration, the band room morphs into a jazz club, NHS distributes their famous rootbeer floats, and free health screenings of weight, height, and blood pressure are provided in the HOSA wing.

Many students do multiple Tech Show projects. The science classes are full of Rube Goldberg projects, the foreign language classes have illustrations, there are perplexing story problems in the math wing, and of course there are the majors.

by Ryan Greenwood

Construction Problems in C-Wing

Due To A Leaky Roof, Many Students Go Without Lockers For Months

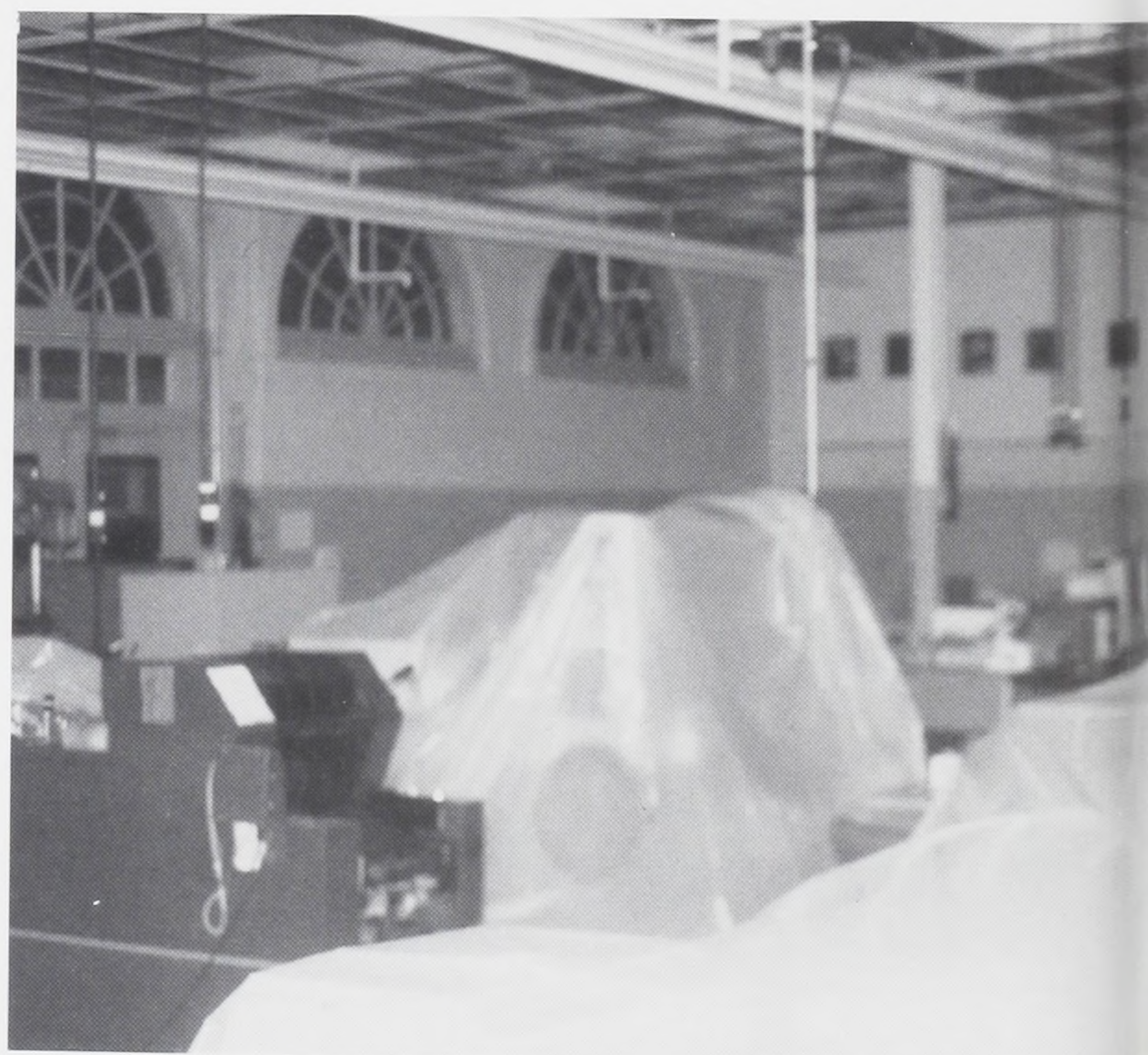
Right: Water damage in C-Wing, during the unexpected flood, left many students unable to reach their lockers.



Below: Many presses and computers were damaged by rain after Baugh Construction Company failed to cover the roof during repairs.



Above: With storage bins and a trailer in the faculty parking lot, the students' lot and spots along the streets were rarely empty, making parking more of a problem for everyone.



Shocking Flood Gives Students and Staff More Time to Prepare

Students and faculty were very surprised when they heard that there was a flood at Benson High School. It was shocking to the students, but it was also kind of nice. The freshmen and sophomores started classes two days late, and the juniors and seniors didn't start until September 8th. Senior Rachel Spada said, "I don't like to see my school like this, but I don't care about starting late." She added that she would use the extra time to catch up on sleep. A lot of students agreed with Rachel.

While the students were starting late, construction crews were scrambling around trying to repair heavy leaks and dry out the numerous pieces of school equipment that were damaged.

"It's better that it happened now when students aren't here, than if it had happened during the school year," superintendent Jack Bierworth said. Bierworth said the district and Baugh construction were right to try to fix the 40,000 square foot roof late in the summer. They were just unlucky.

"I don't like to see my school like this, but I don't care about starting late."

-Senior Rachel Spada-

"It probably makes the kids happy, and this will give staff a little more time to prepare."

-Principal O'Neill-

Mike Gardner, owner of Coral Roofing Co. in Tigard said, "I'm sure they tried to take a chance and save money, that's the cheap way to do it. The right way to do it is to tear off a section of the roof and make it water tight."

Principal O'Neill commented, "It probably makes the kids happy, and this will give staff a little more time to prepare."

In July, construction crews began a \$3 million upgrade by trying to repair the school's wings. After peeling off the old sealant, they found out the roof needed more work. Therefore, the roof was exposed when hard rains began. Benson suffered thousands of dollars in losses. More than 50 computers and much of the equipment in the Communications department, including most of the presses, were damaged.

by Adam Moore

Peek-A-Boo, I See You!

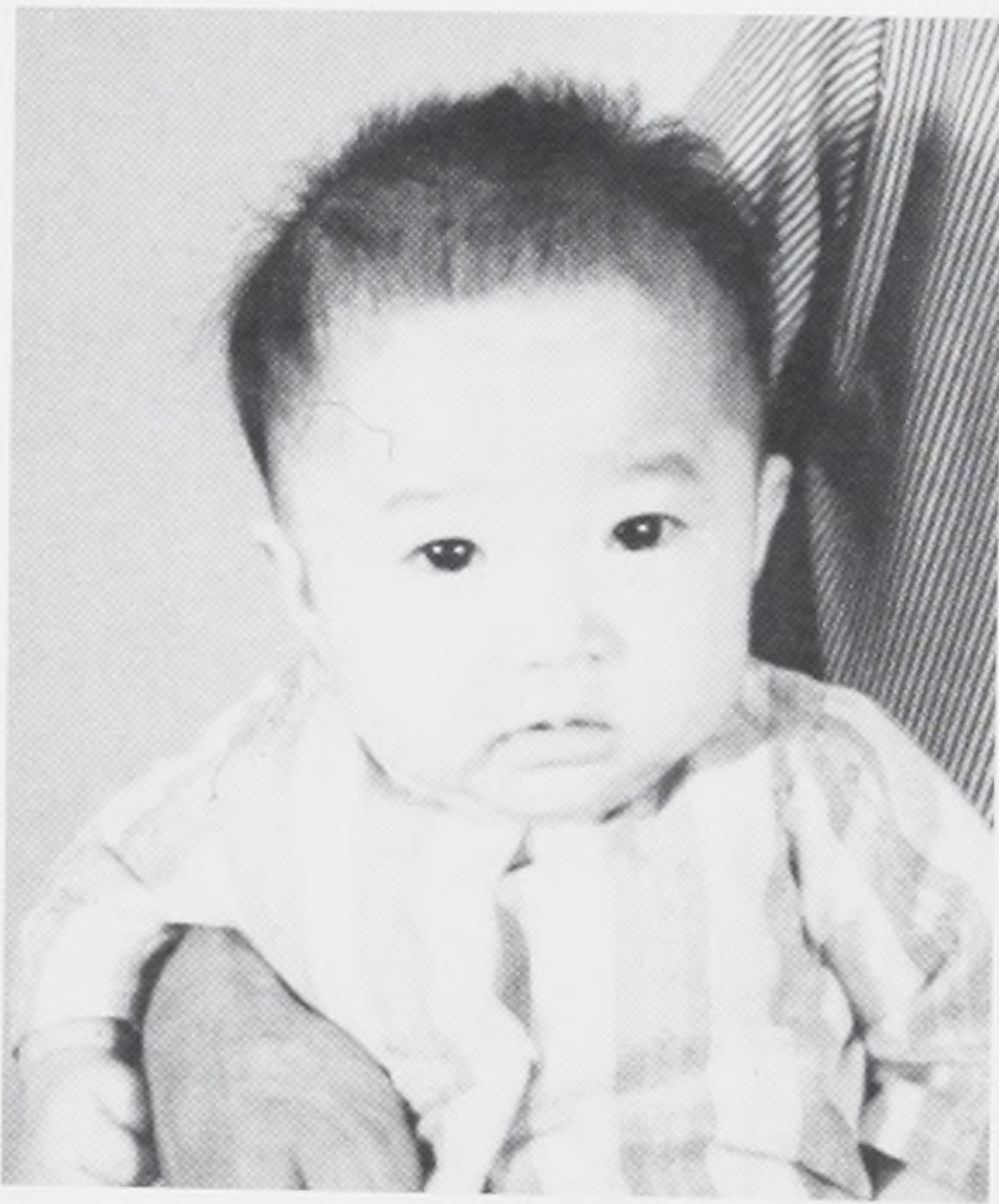
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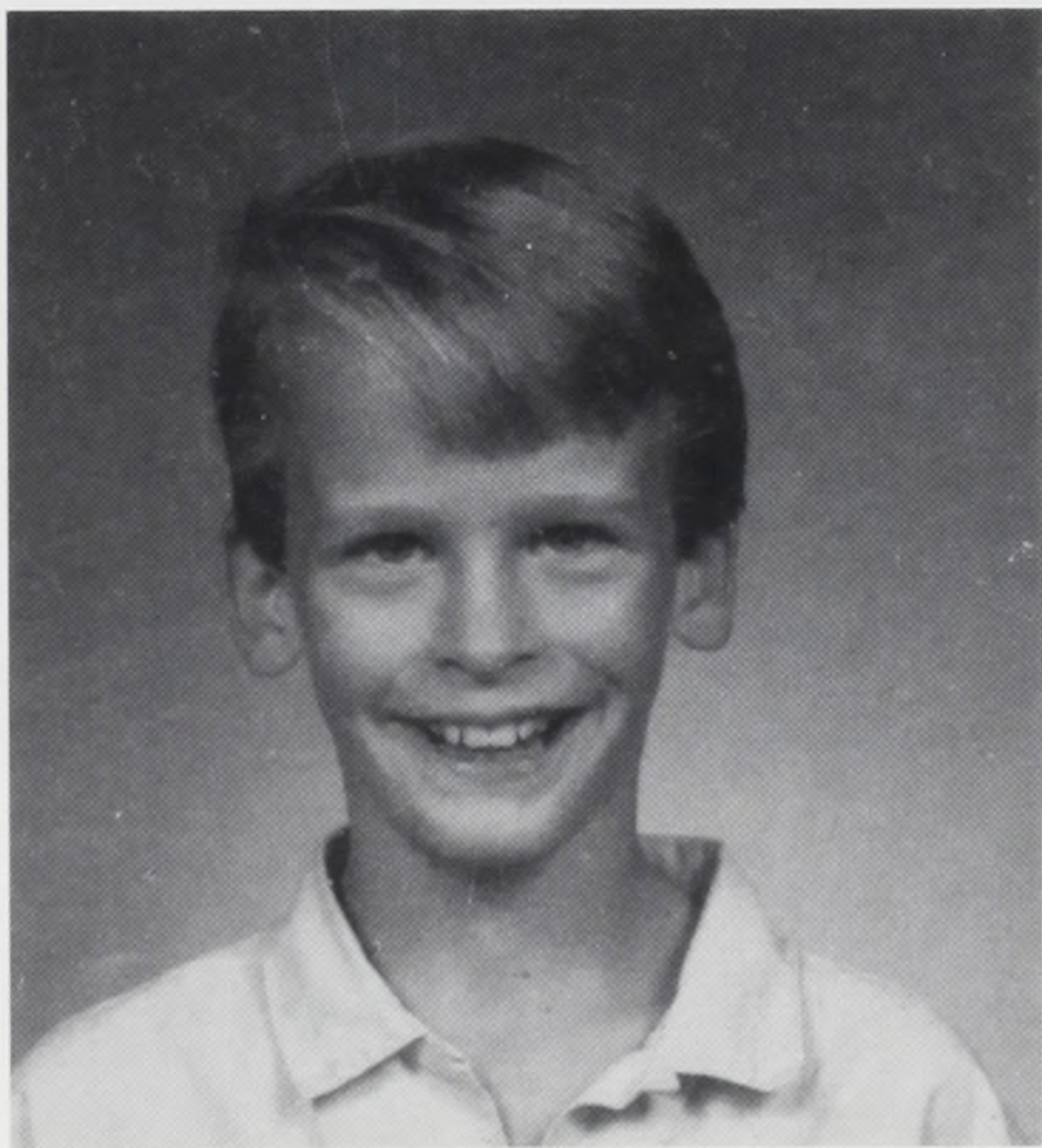
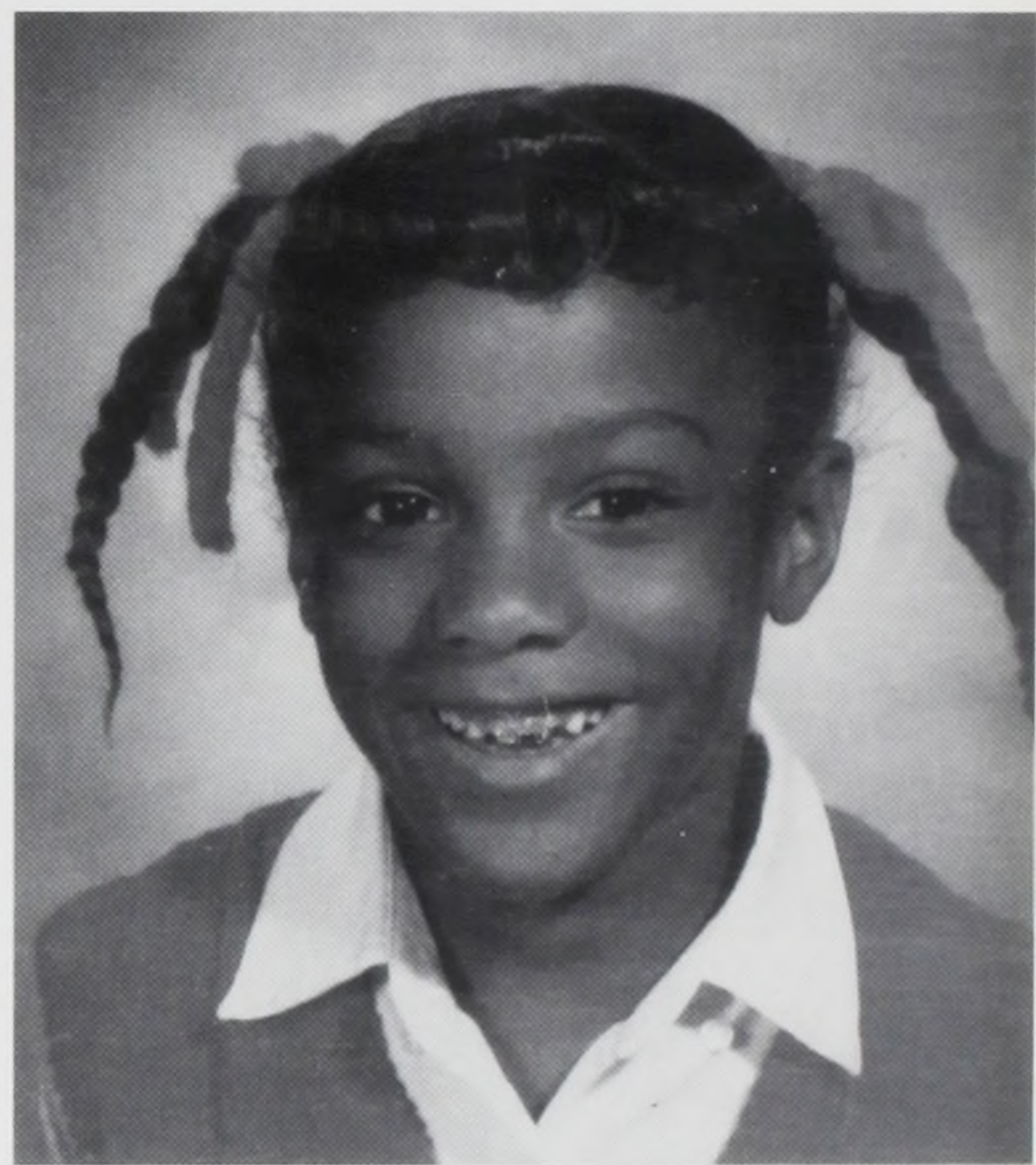
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Vanessa Phillips Bottom Right:
Arleta Fowler Bottom Middle:
Edward Marcell



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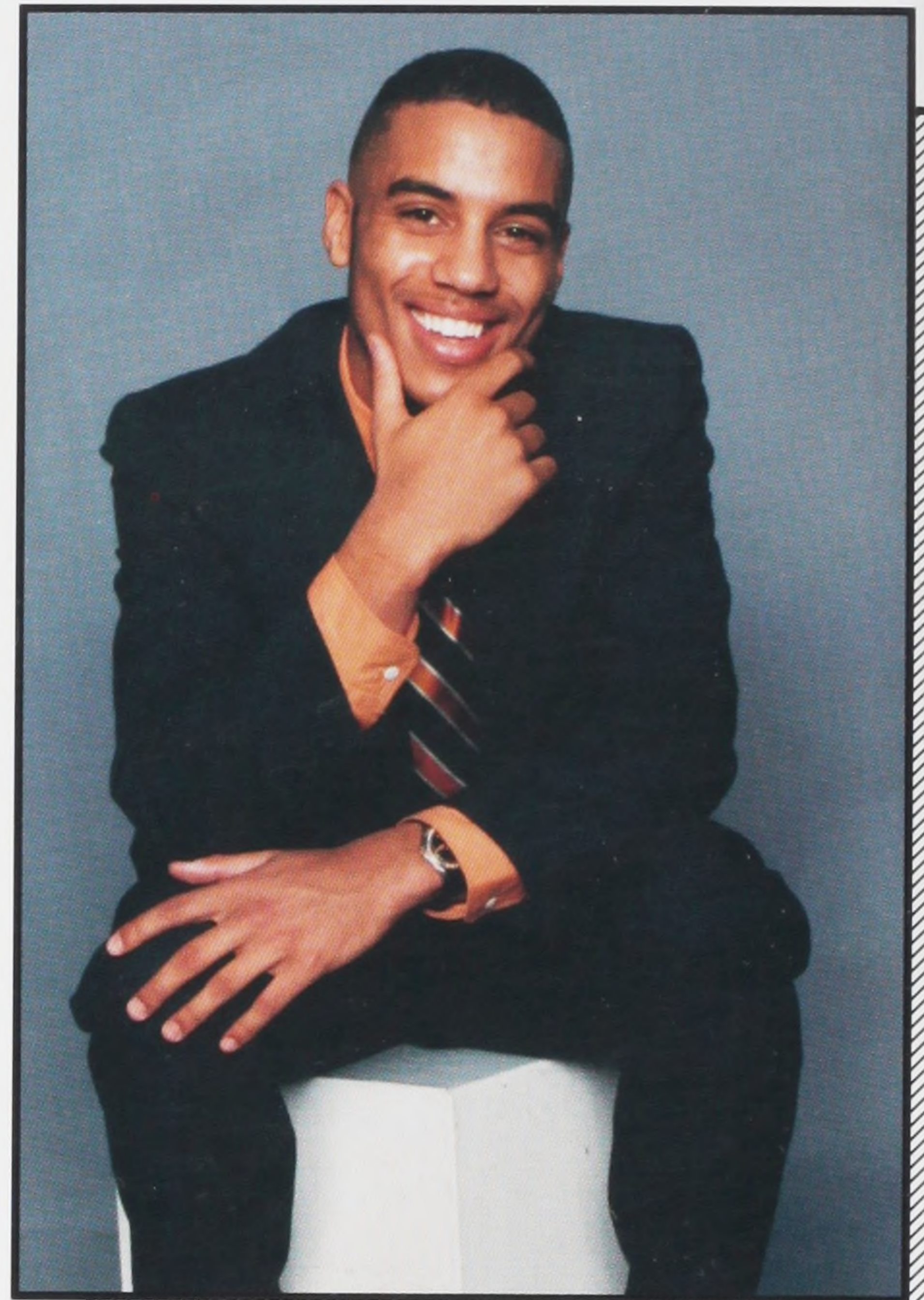
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Spotlight on Tunde Sobomehin

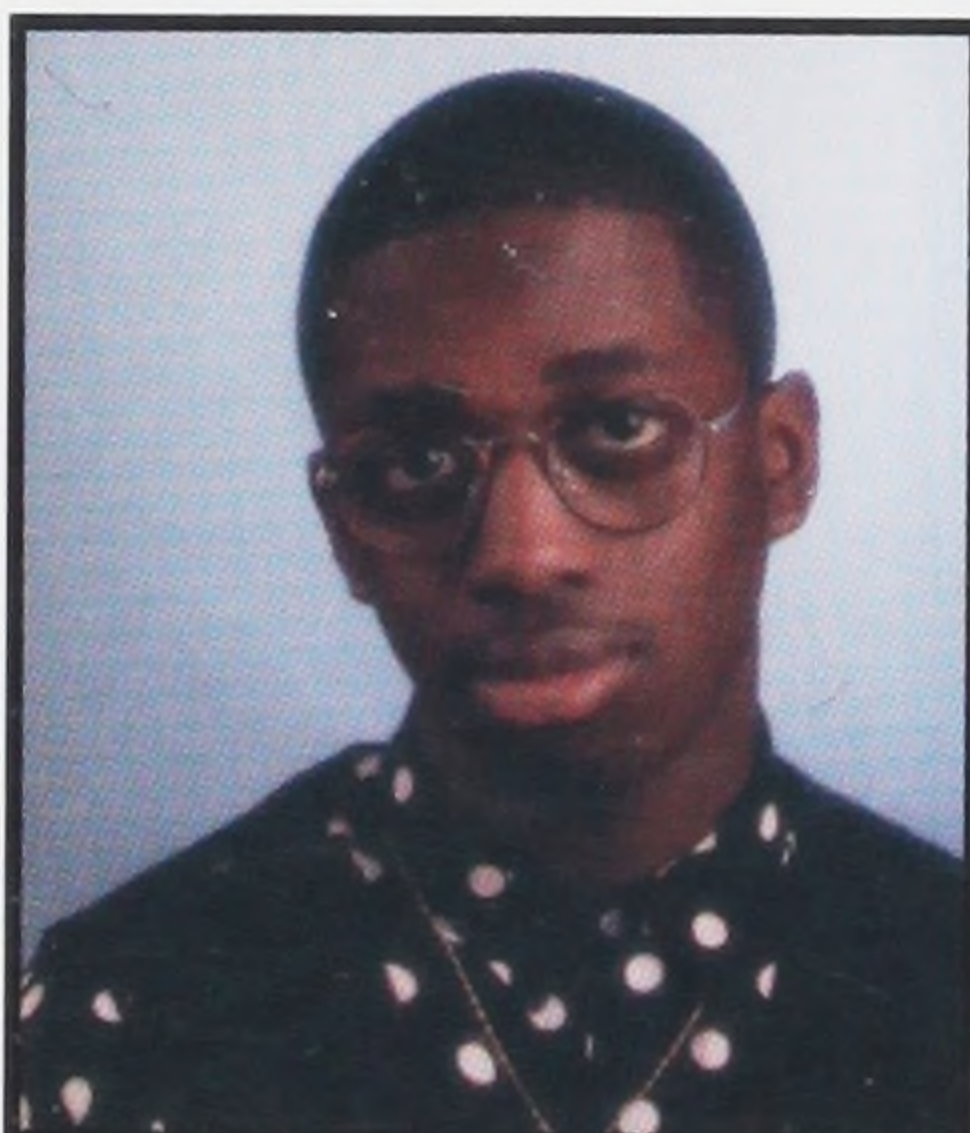
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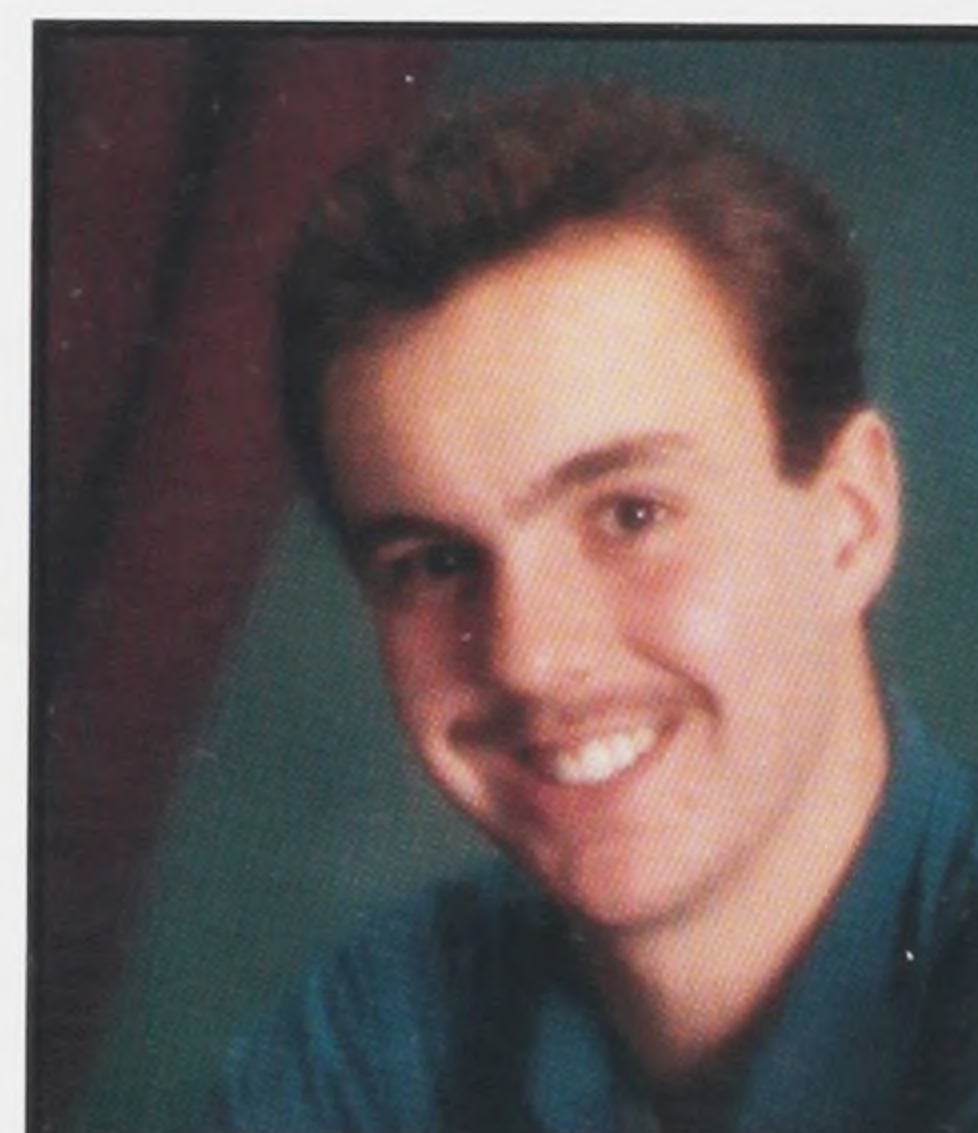
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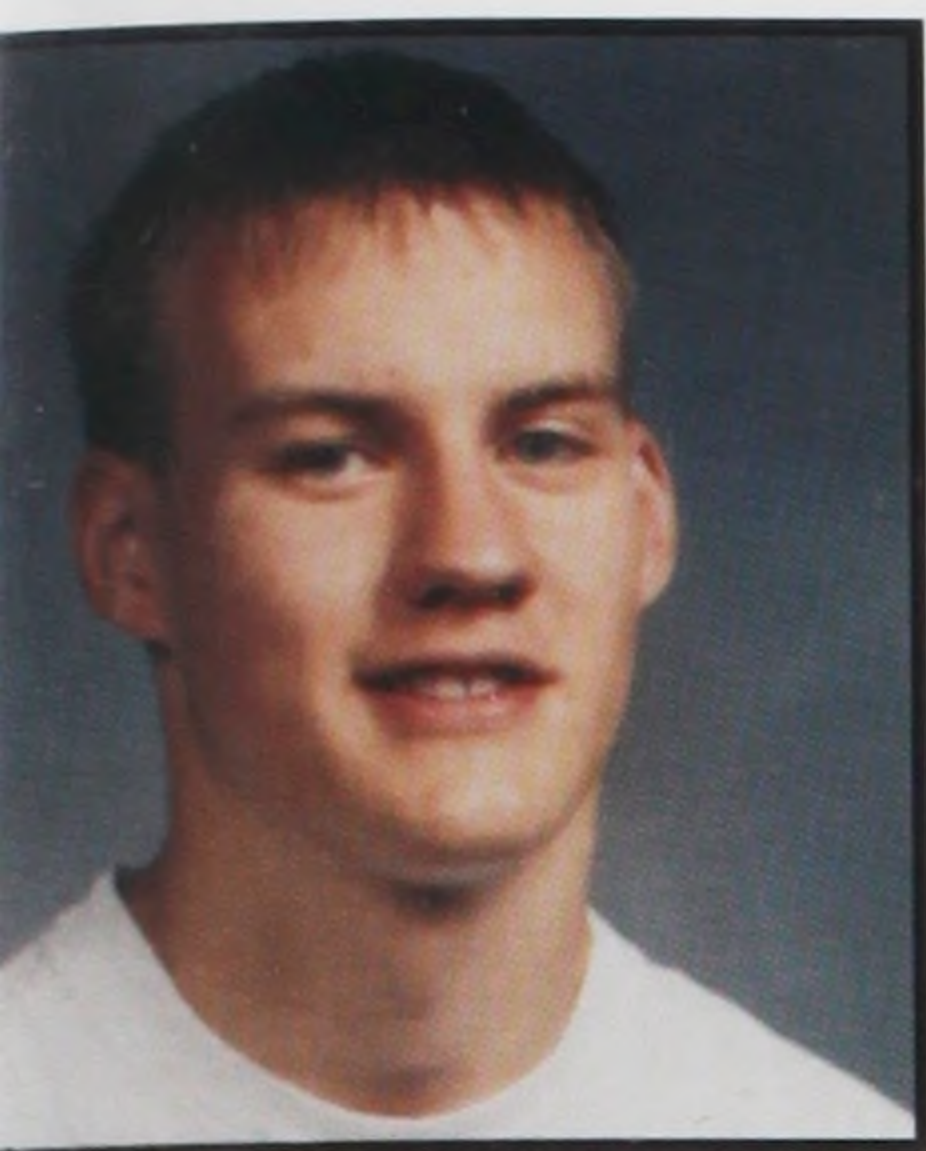
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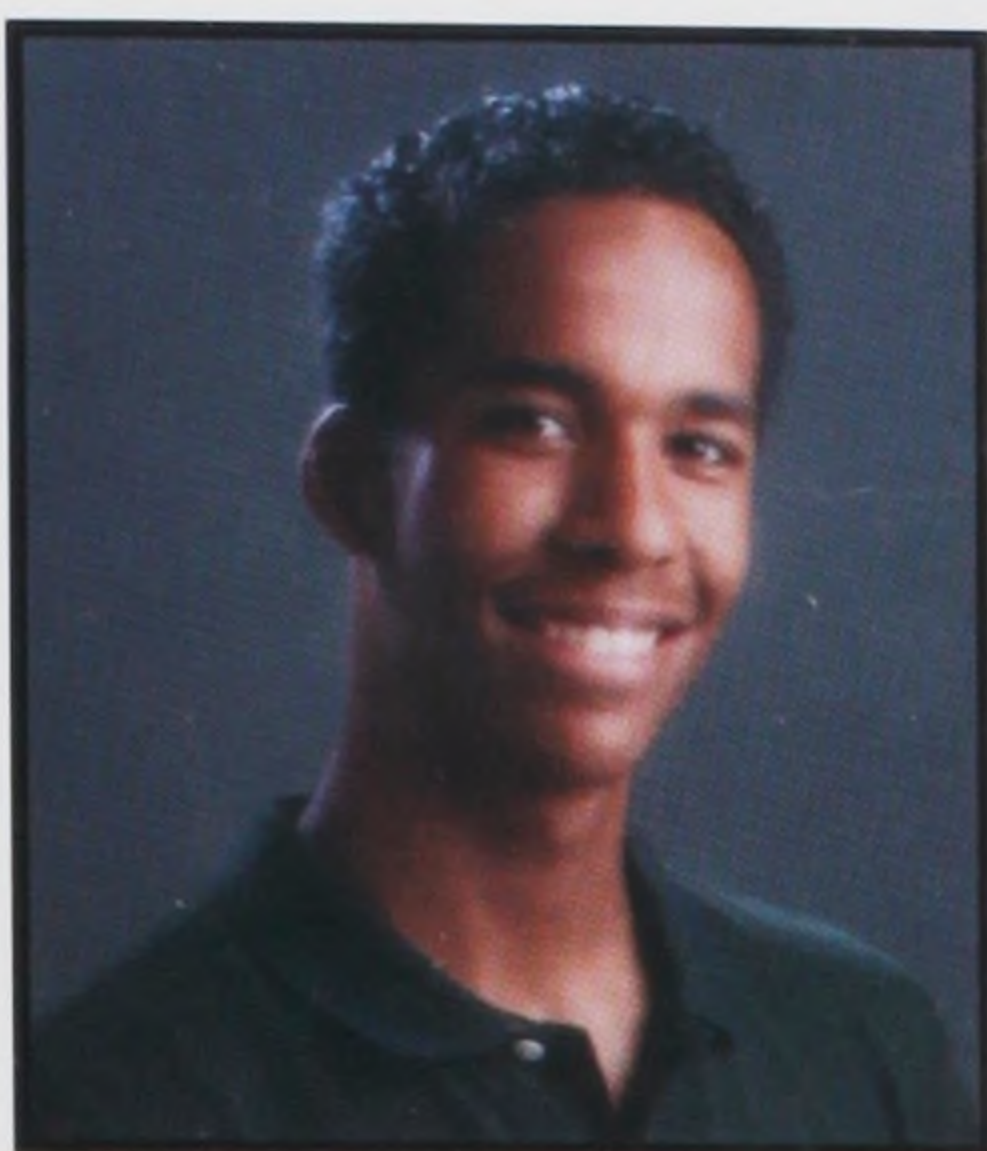
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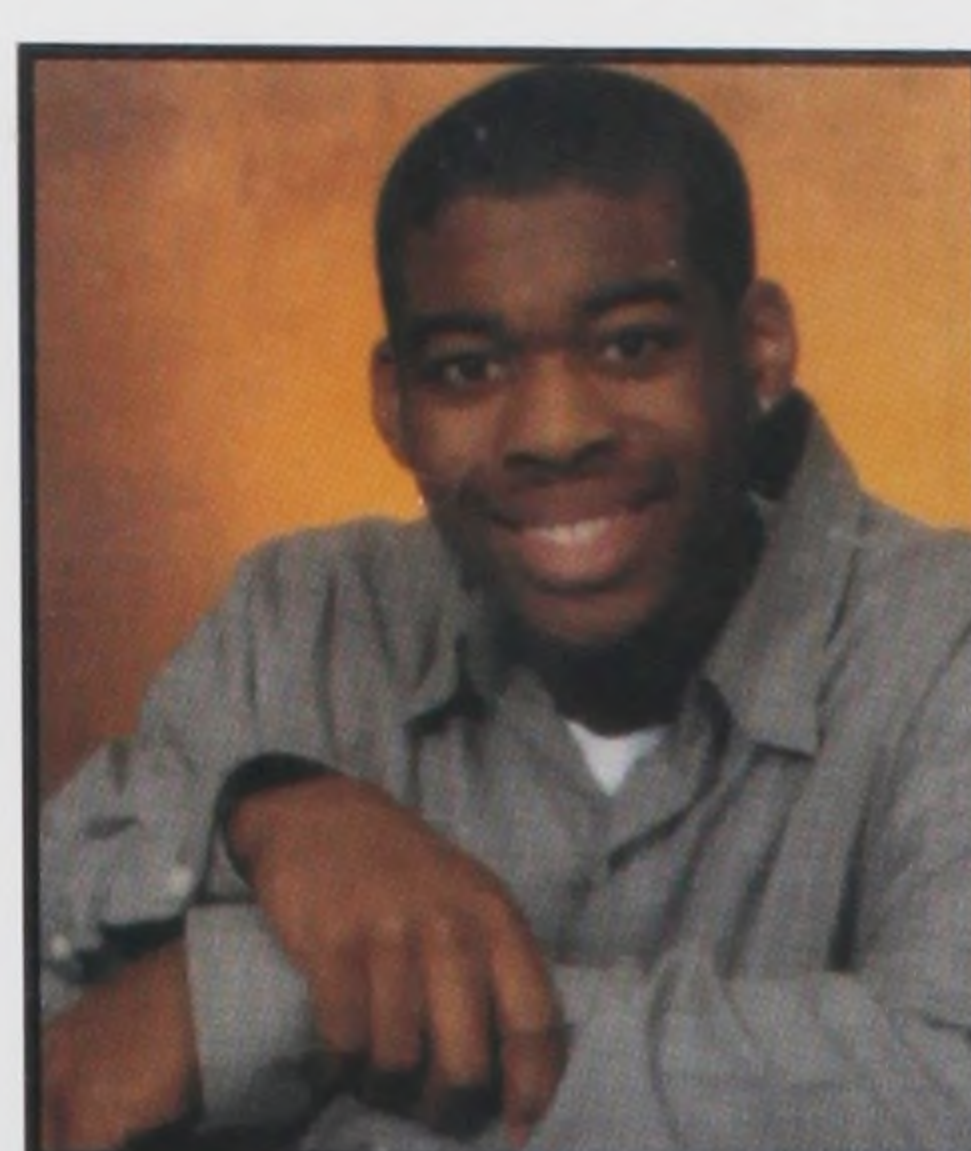
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Electrical Engineering



Brian Biondo
Drafting Engineering



Darly Birgman
Architechure



Gregory Paul Black
Aviation



Caroline Blackledge
Health Occupations



Austin Bounds
Unknown



Chrostopher Boyd
Drafting Engineering

**Tunde Sobomehin,
the man who made
“United By Spirit Bonded By Name”
a Tech-house phrase**

Jennifer Bray
Drafting Engineering

Matthew Brown
Buliding Construction

Sarah Ann Bruncheon
Health Occupations

Nicole Bryant
Health Occupations

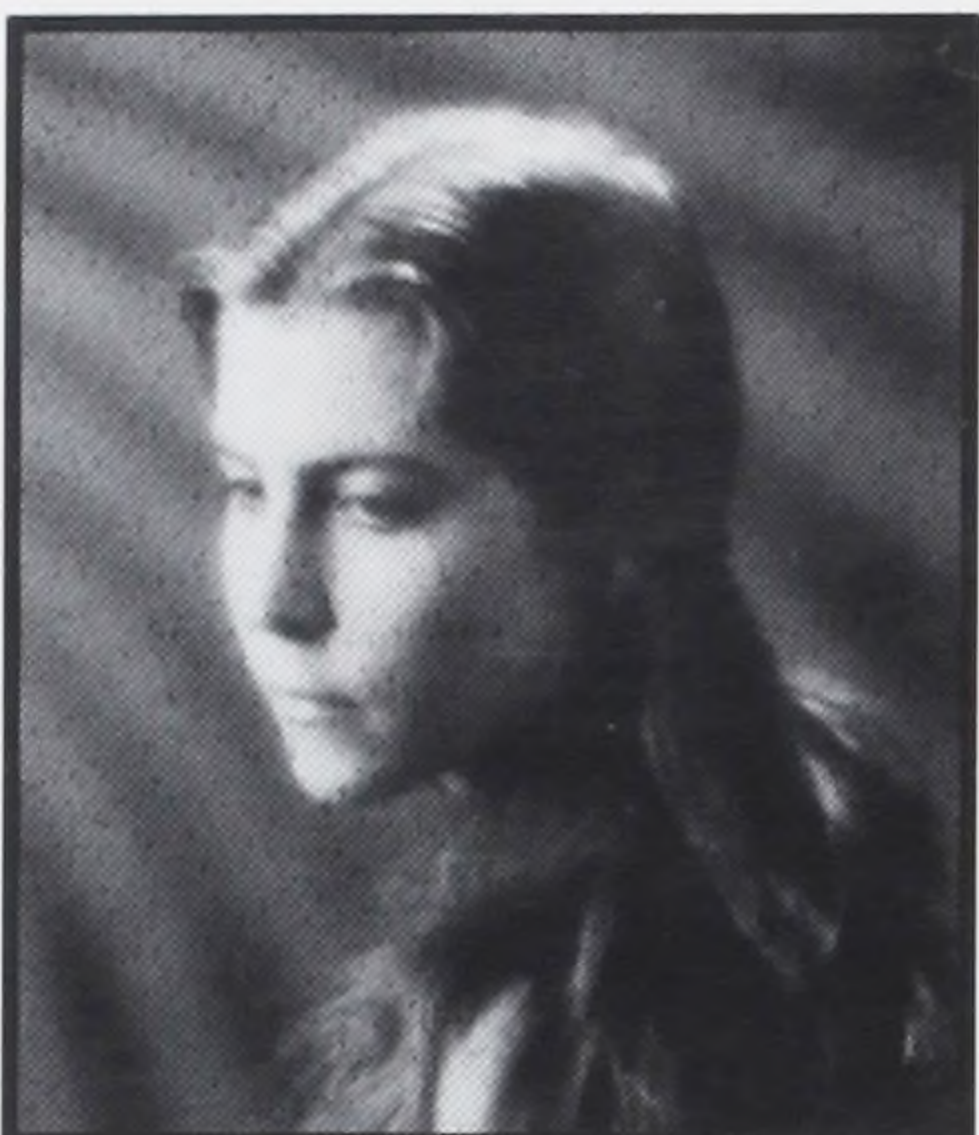


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Communications

Anthony Robe Buntjer
Unknown

Matthew Wayne Bush
Health Occupations

Littrell Byrd
Manufacturing



**I got Blue Pride, oh yeah
I got Blue Pride, oh yeah
I got B-L-U-E-P-R-I-D-E**

Cole Mills and Jennifer McBride are Most Spirited



Kaleah Cage
KBPS



Heather Cain
KBPS



Nydia Lynn Campbell
Health Occupations



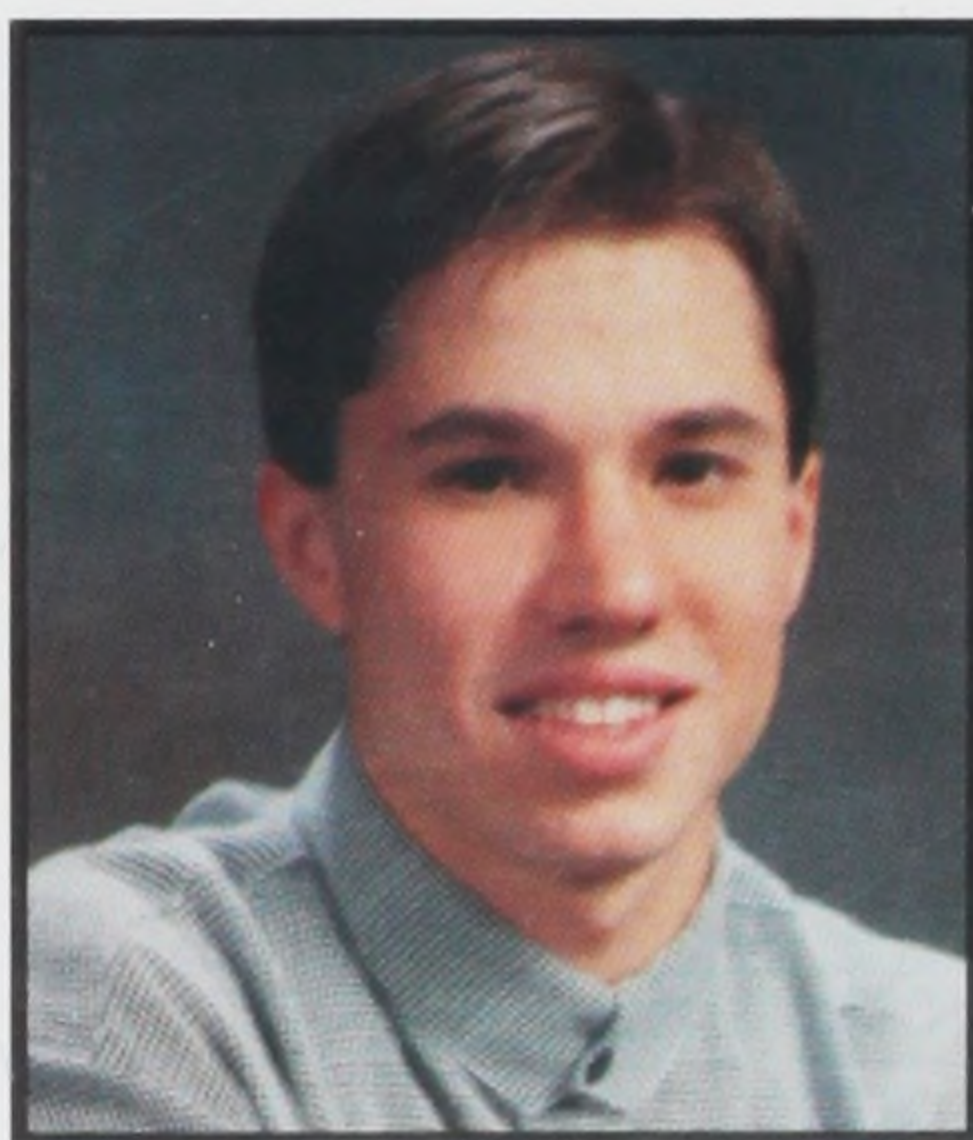
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Manufacturing



Nathan Chambers
Communications



Christopher Chandler
Manufacturing



Johnathan Chaney
Architecture



Rachna Chaudhrey
Drafting Engineering

Move your feet
and
free your soul

Tia Lynae Clemons
Health Occupations



Michael Conkey
Drafting Engineering



Jay Craviotto
Health Occupations



Kevin Dalrymple
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Laveta Defreese
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Terica Devoreh-Spratt
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Julie Dinh
Dental



Marc-Daniel Domond
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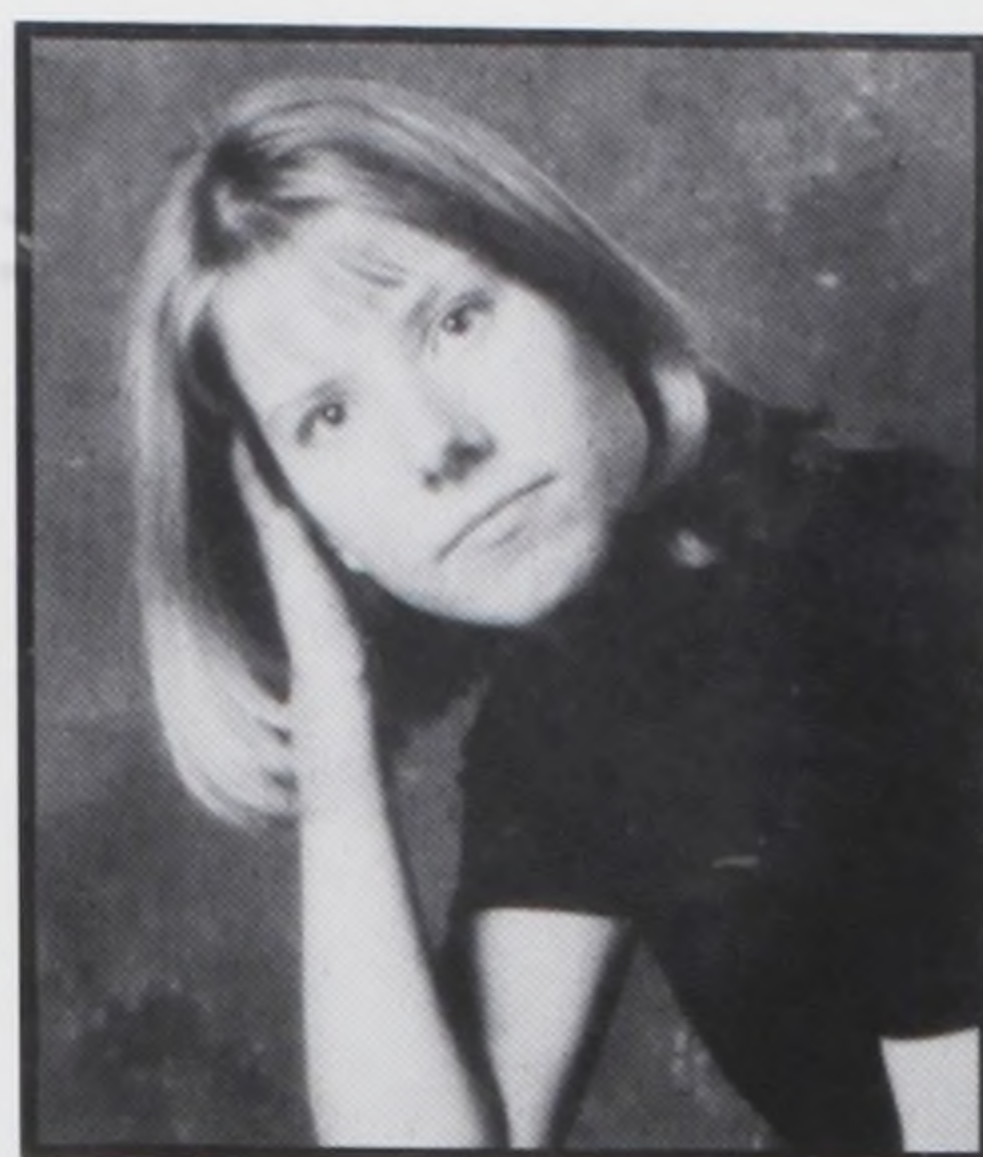




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Larissa Estes
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Julia Ethen
Communications



Dianna Evers
Health Occupations



Will Fackler
Electric



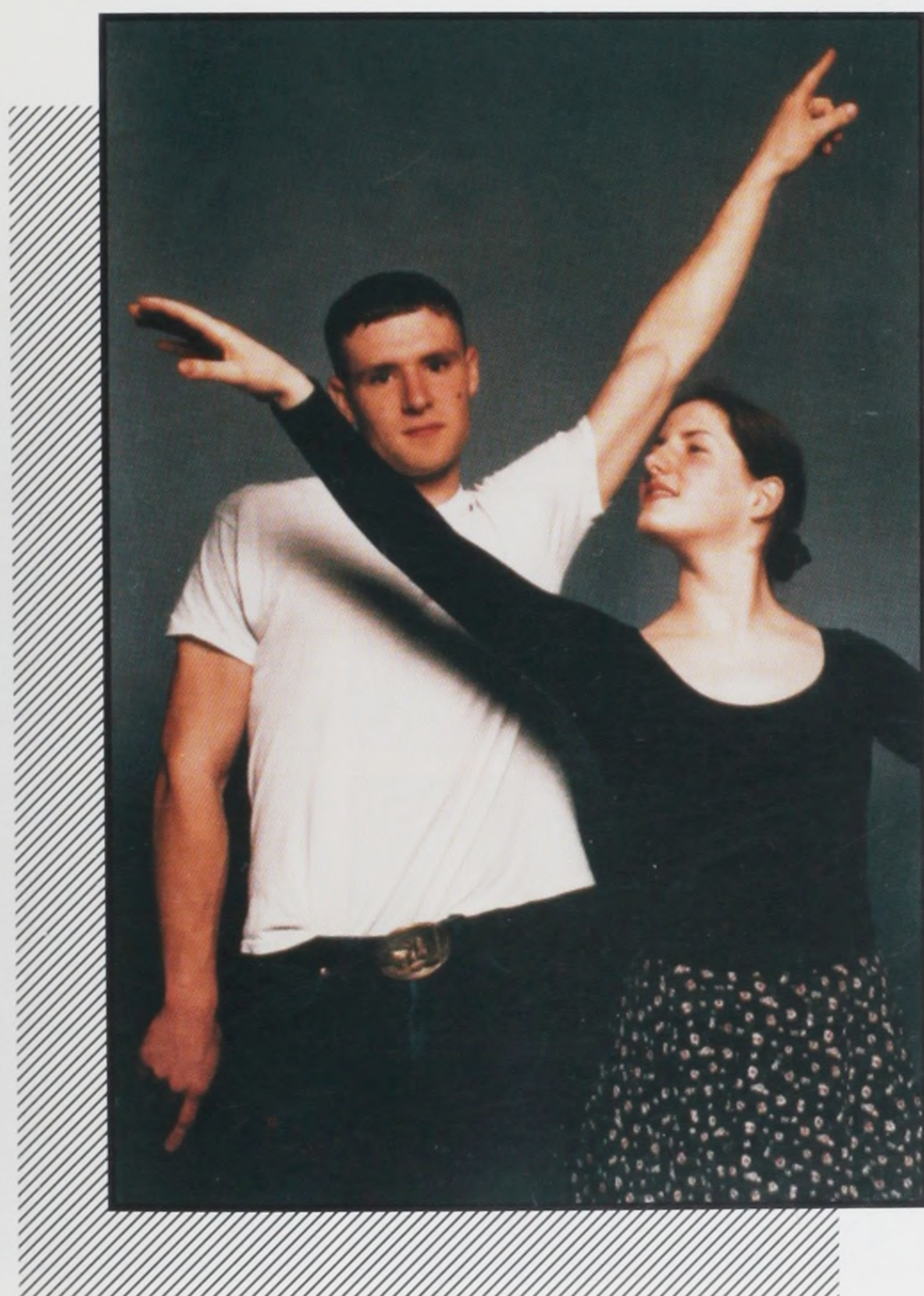
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Architectural Drafting



Anna Fassell
Transportation



Micheal Fischer
Health Occupations



**When its time
to dance,
Jennifer Bray
and
John Stoffer
lead the way**

Arleta Fowler
Communications

Corwin Frauguadas
*Computer Software
Technology*

Sarah Jane Furst
KBPS

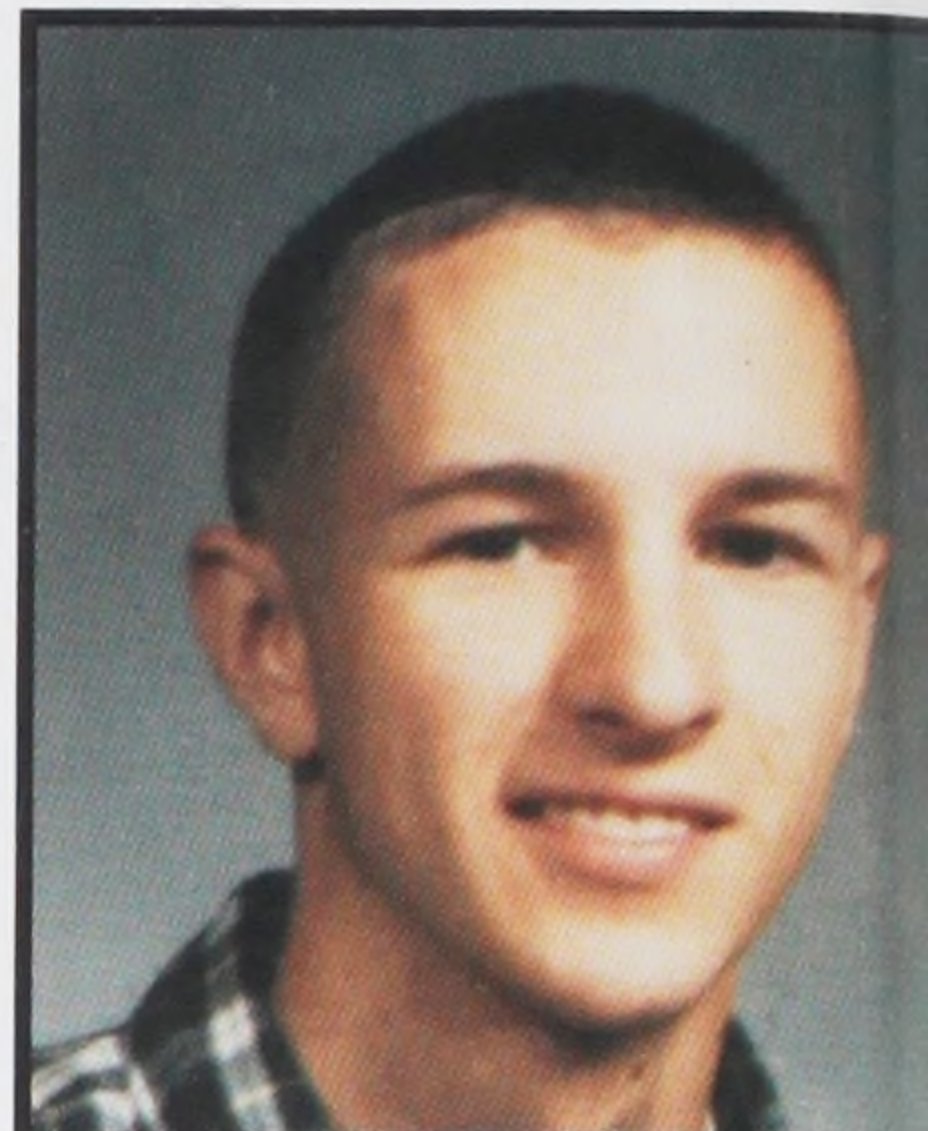
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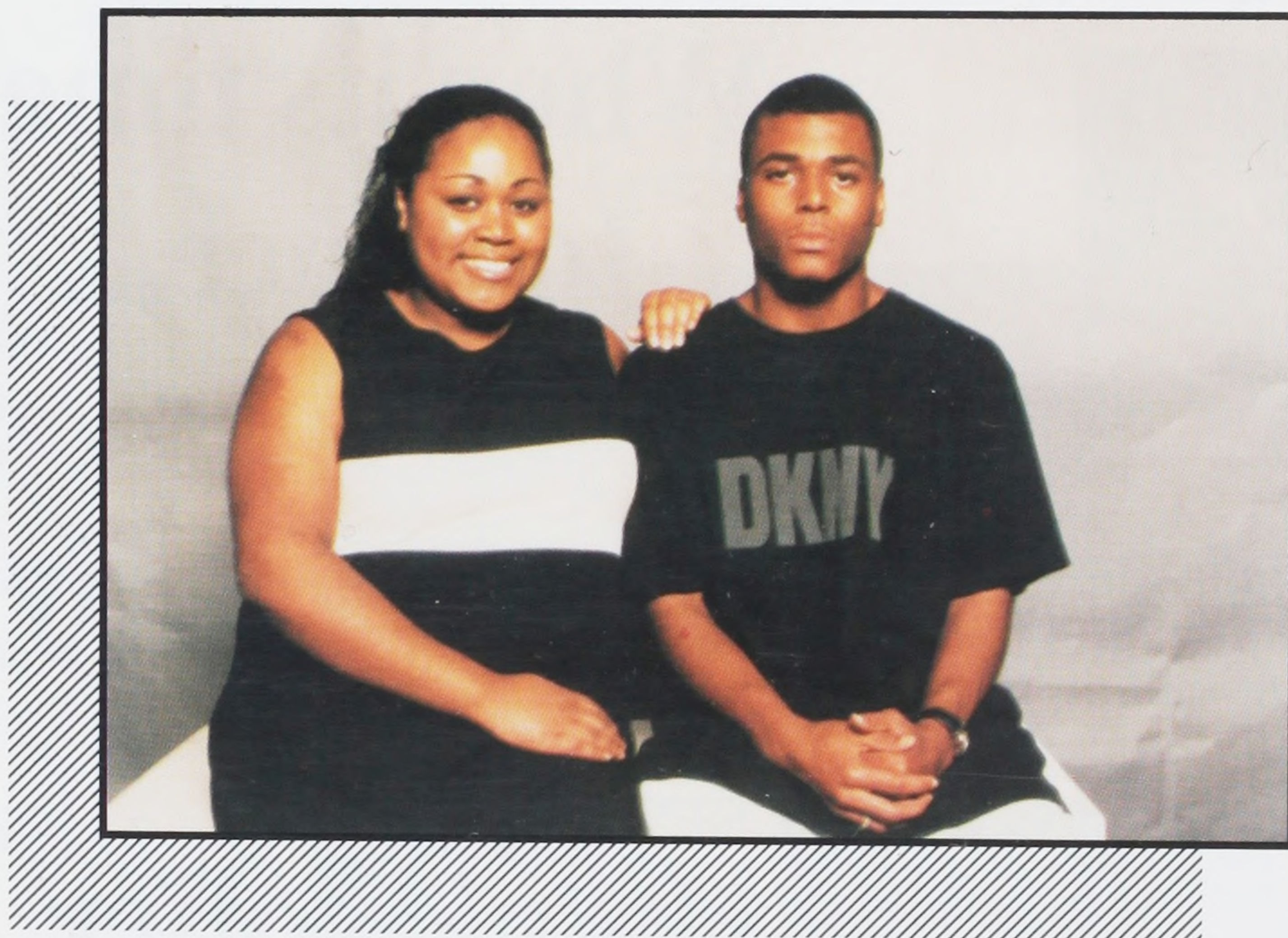
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Architectural Drafting



If you need a friend, talk to Bola or George



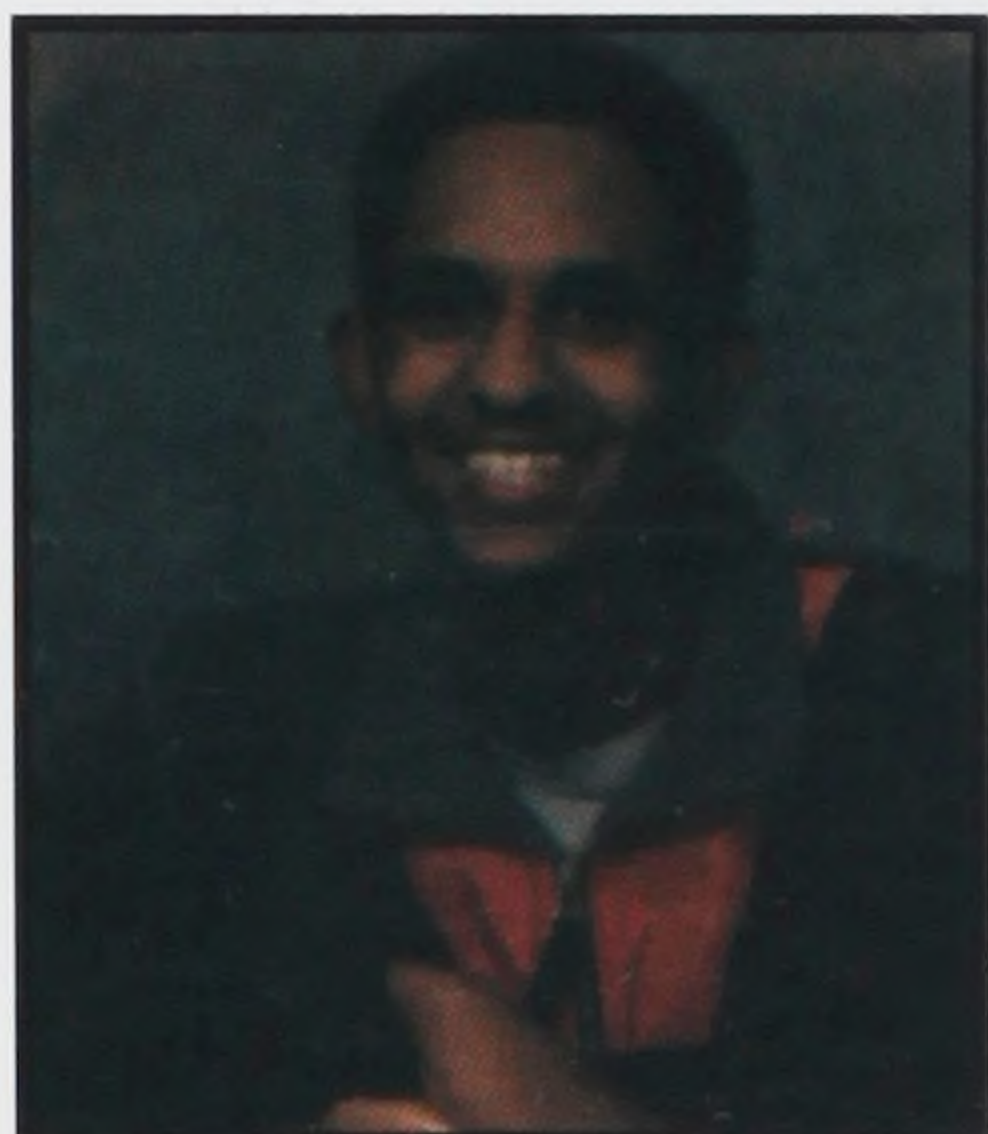
Most Personable

When you need somebody to lean on...

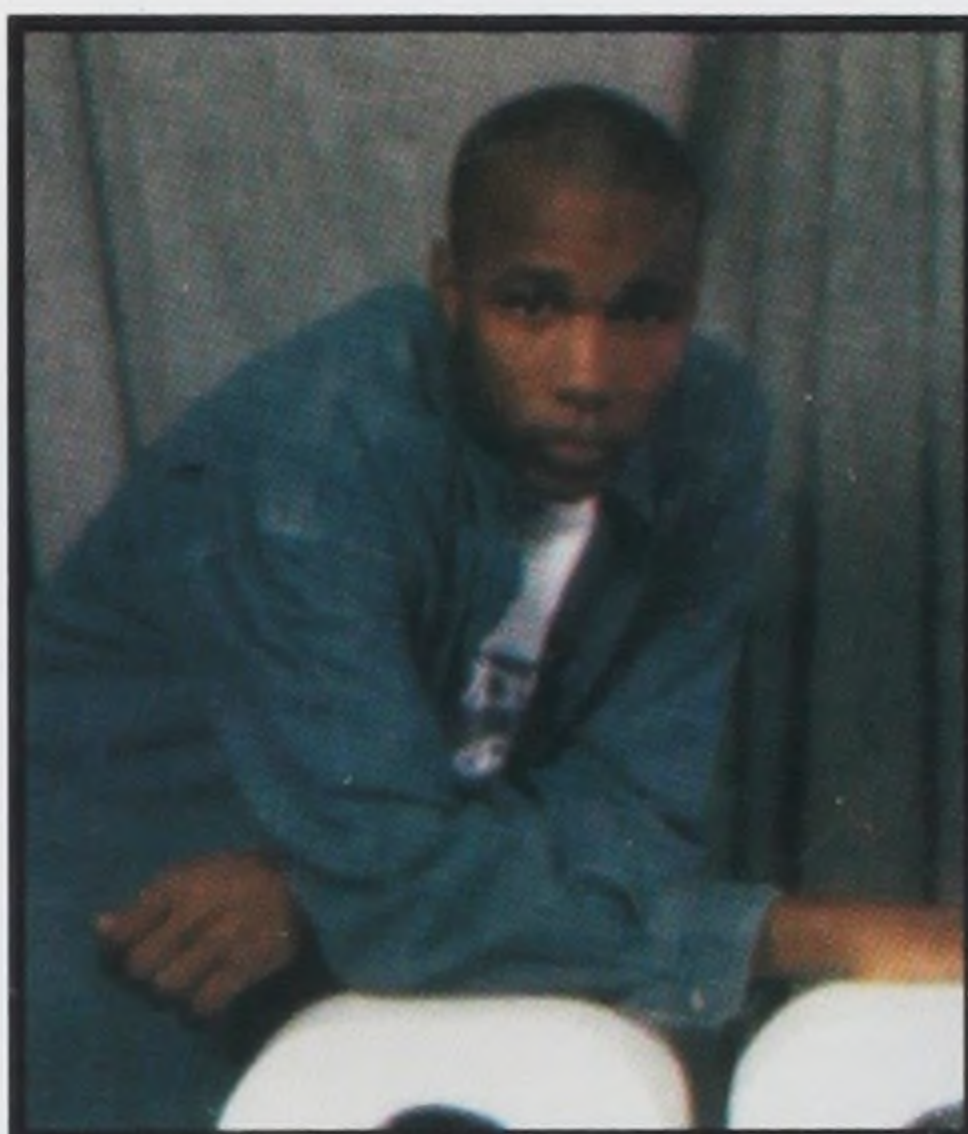
Lean On Me!



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Michael Habtemariam
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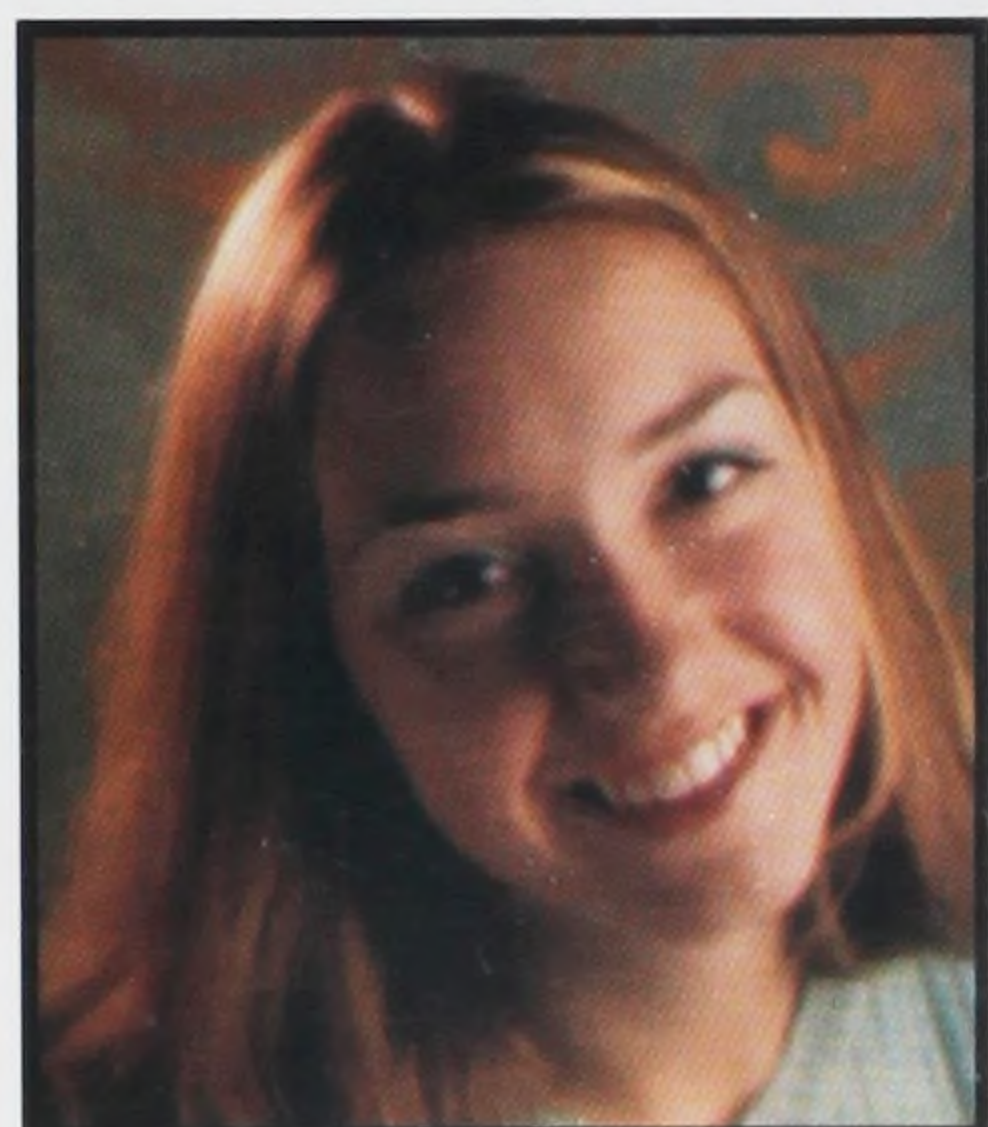
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David Lynn Hamilton
Drafting Engineering



Kareem Haqq
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Katherine Harbaugh
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Courtney Harmon
Drafting Engineering



Korrine Harris
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Most Unique . . .

Indira Jones & Gabe McGovern

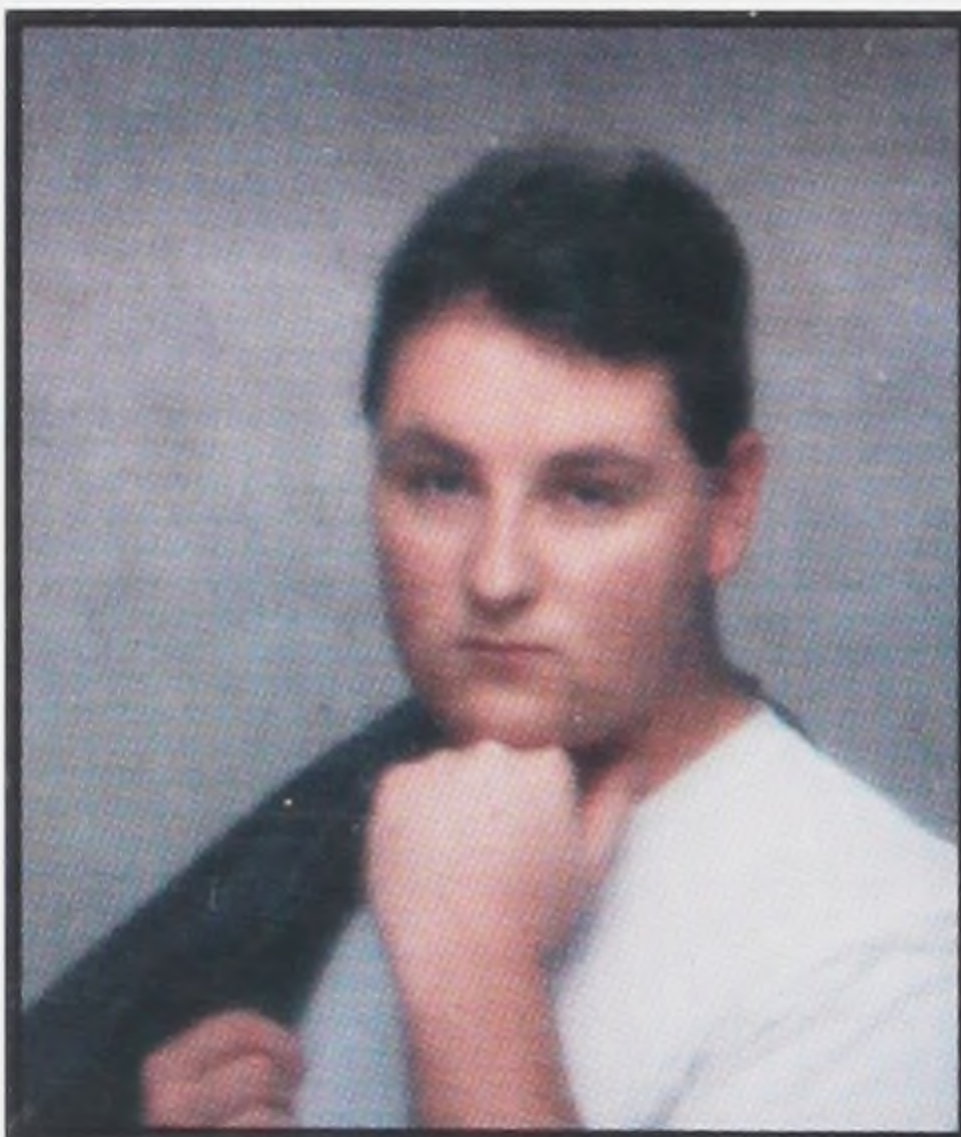


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Richard Helzer
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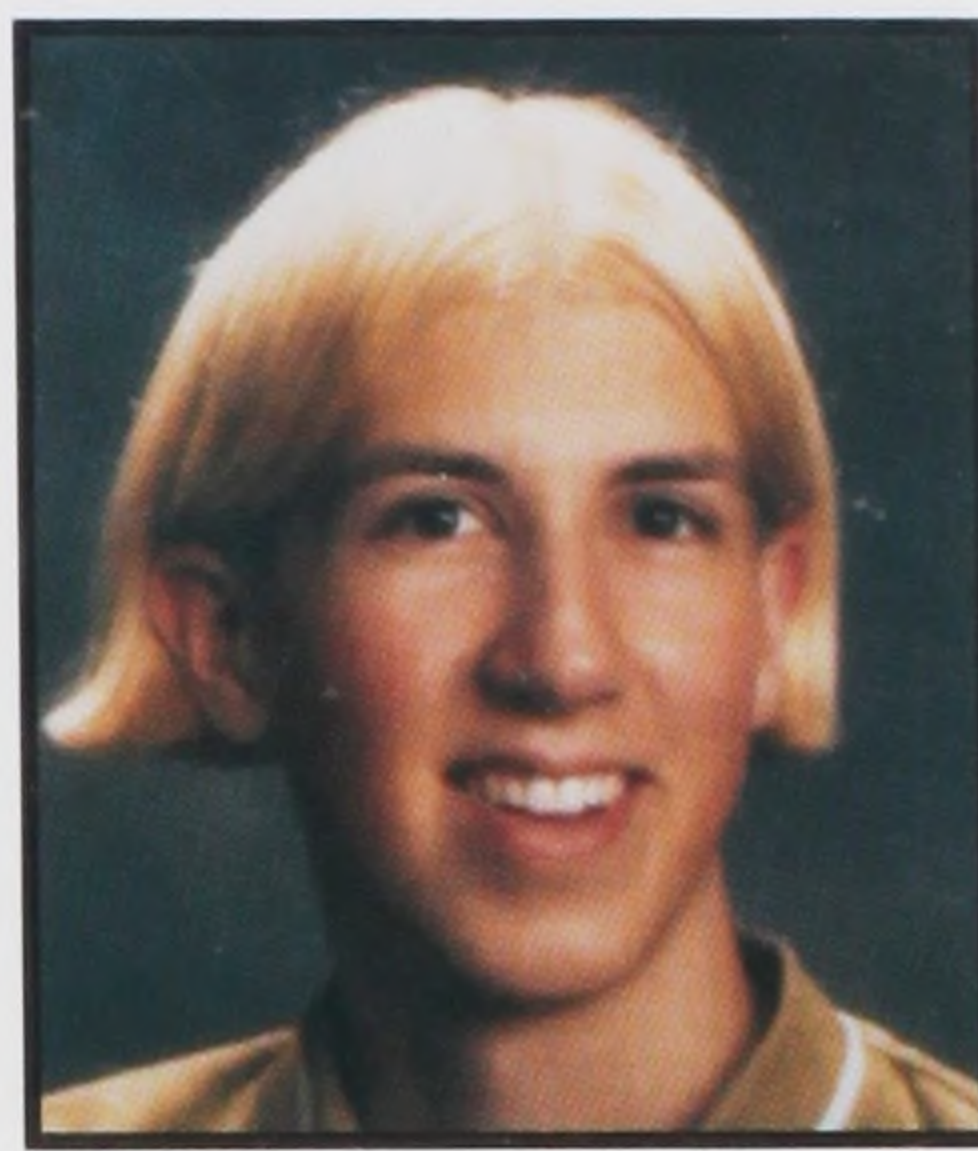
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Travis Scott Hill
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Thao Hoang
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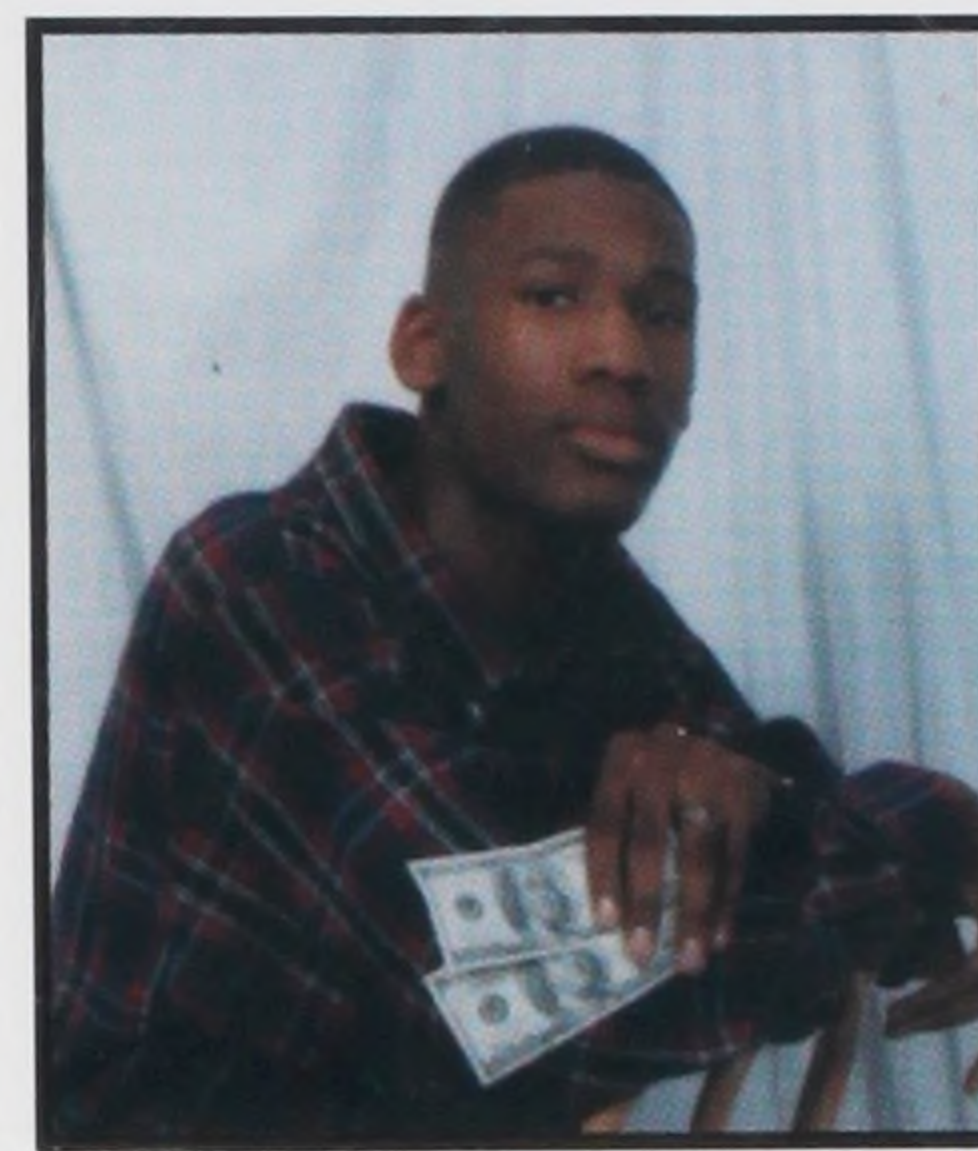
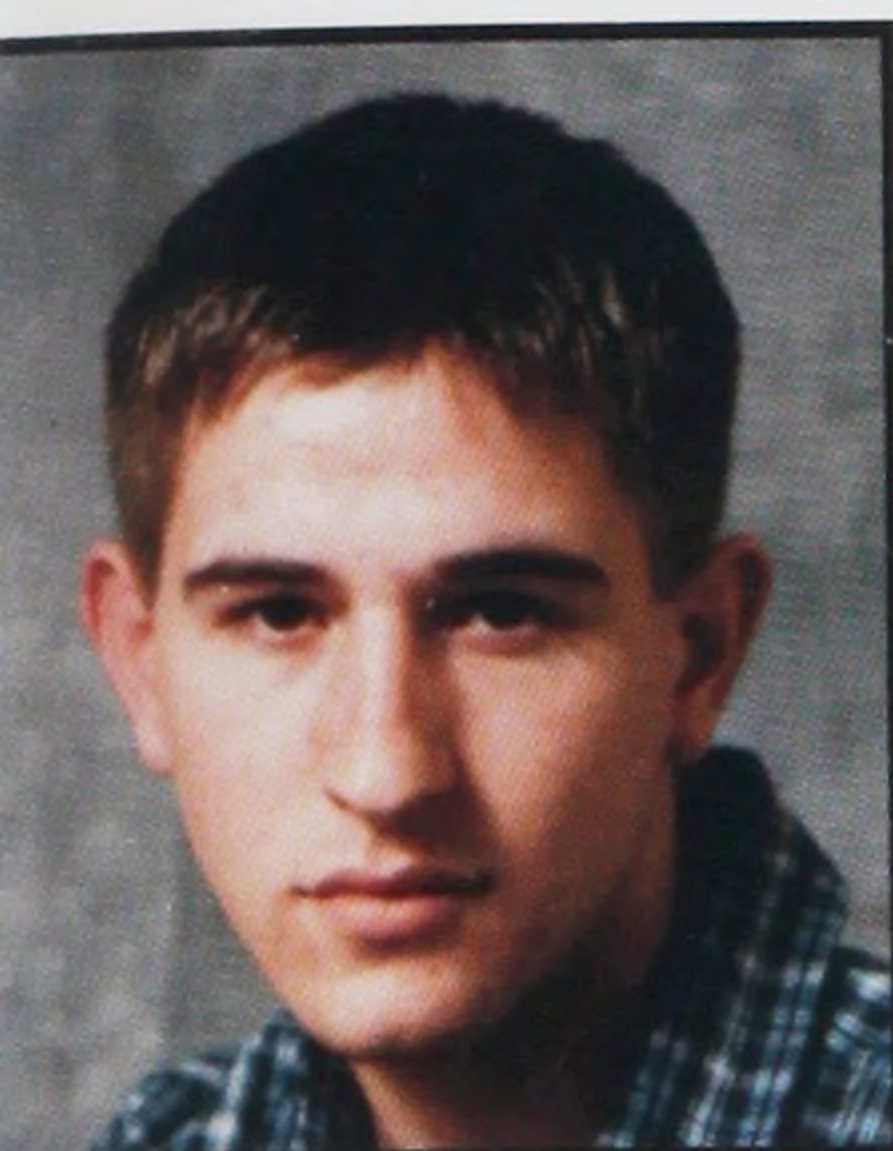


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Communications

Ryan Holmes
Automotive

Hawley Hubbard
Construction

Ben Hugeback
*Computer Software
Technology*



Taze Hull
Unknown

Rochell Jackson
Drafting Engineering

Shalonna Jackson
Communications

Bashone Johnson
Communications

**Uniqueness is simply a form of
expression**

Colby Johnson
Dental Skills

Amanda Johnston
CNA

Carmen Marie Jones
Health Occupations

Omari Jones
Electronics

Tanite Kane
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Sean Kearns
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Felicia Killian
Communications

Jamie Kim
Health Occupations



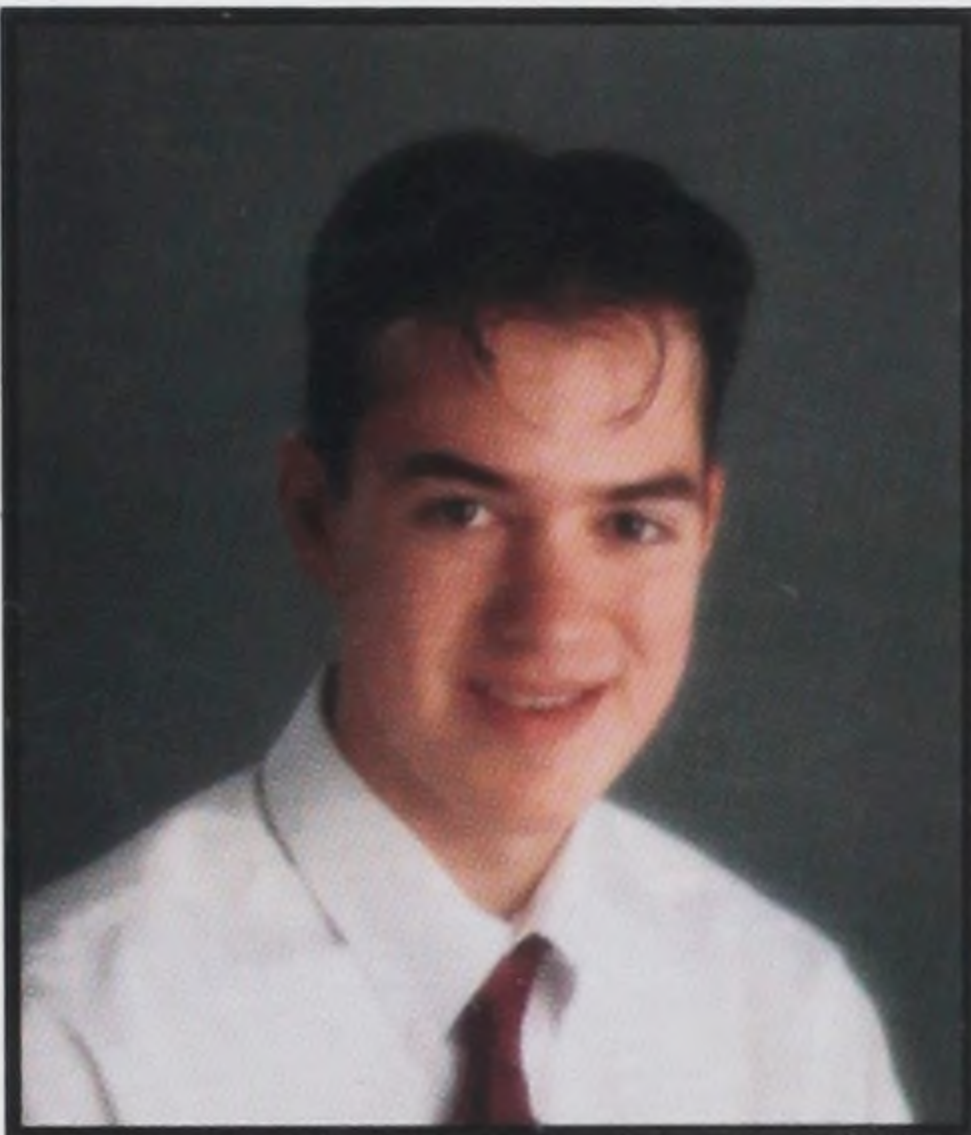
**When it comes to games, these
two are good sports**

Most Athletic . . .

Leon Holiday & Larissa Estes



Micheal Kirk
Architectural Drafting



Christopher Kirkley
Health Occupations



Phi Chi Lai
Communications



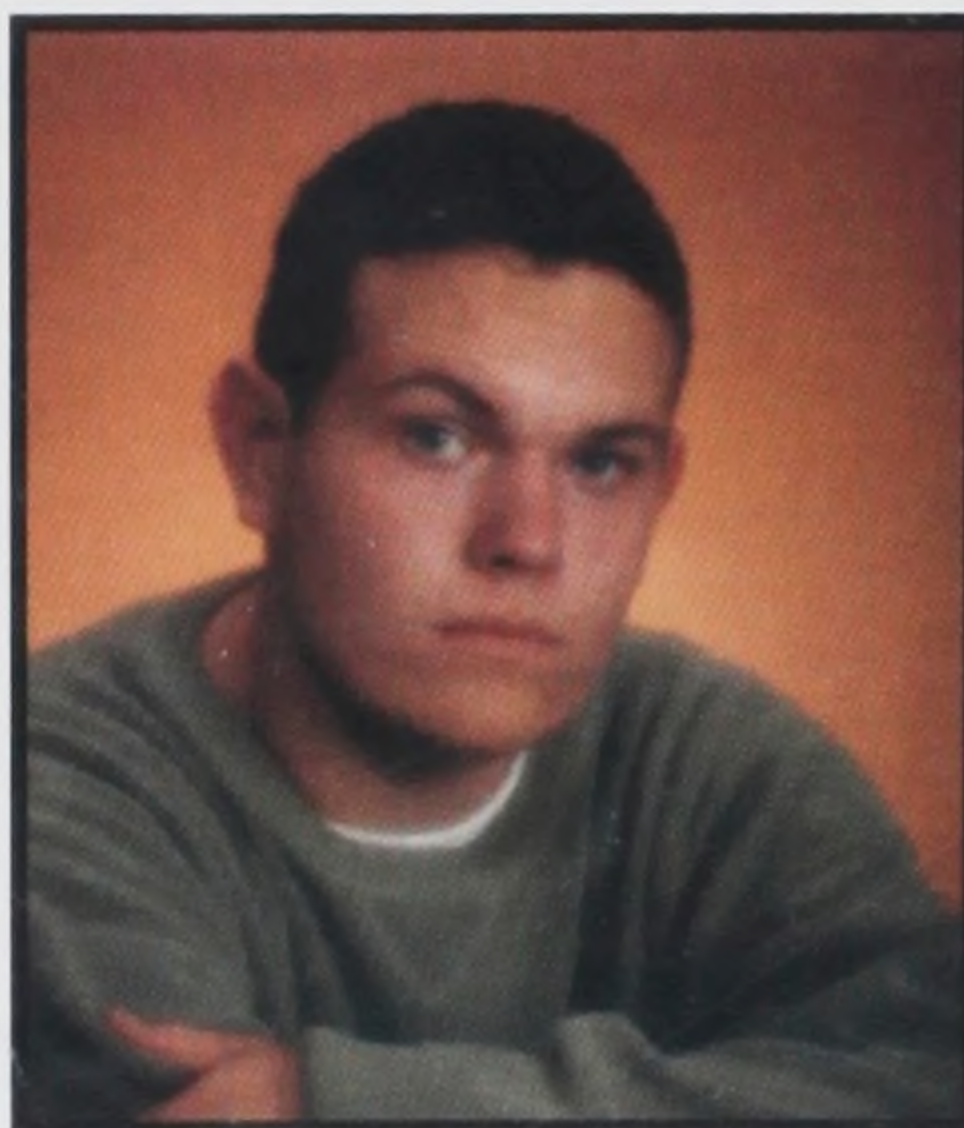
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Building Construction



Daniel Lankow
Electronics Engineering



Trevor Larson
*Computer Software
Technology*



Christopher Lawrence
Unknown



Robert Lee
Architectural Drafting

Winter, Spring, Summer or Fall
all you need to do is call . . .

Whitney Lemmon
Electronics



Craig Lewis
Communications



Jack Lim
*Computer Software
Technology*



Clarissa Liu
Health Occupations



Rose Marie Lockett
Health Occupations



Shonna Iesha Lucas
Architecture



Ashley Luzader
Unkown

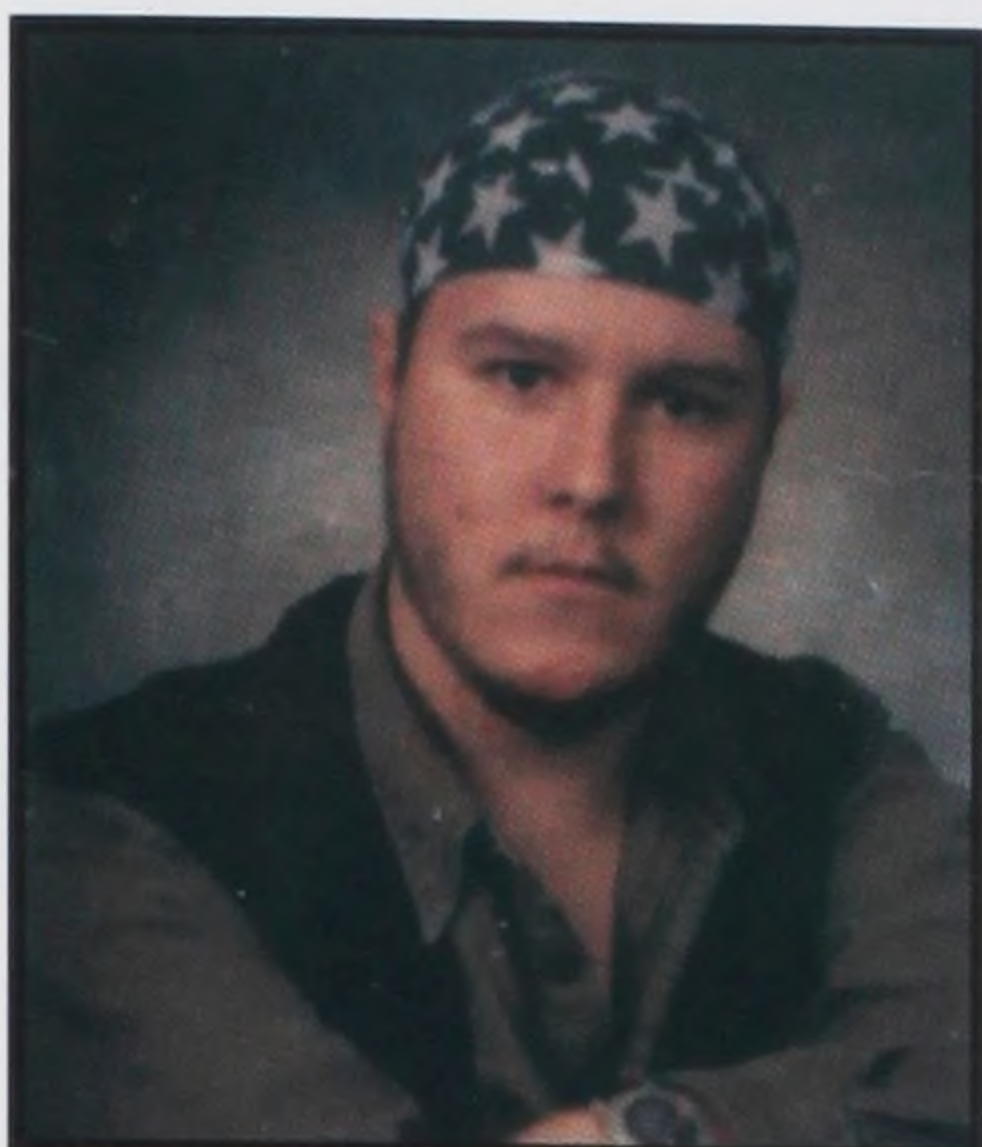


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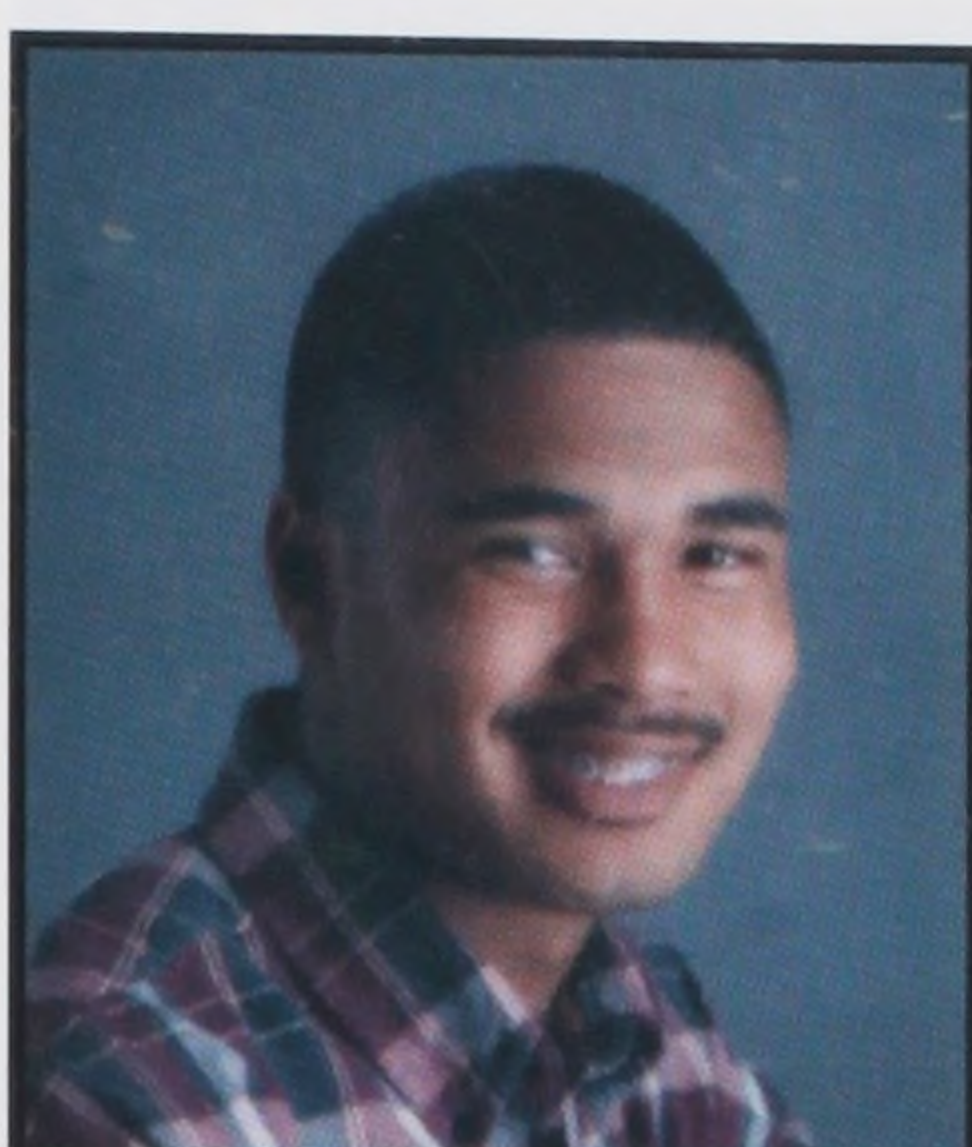




Abolade Olukemi
Majekovaje
Health Occupations



Barry Richard Mapes
Aviation



Edward Marcell
Health Occupations



Denae' Marshall
Communications



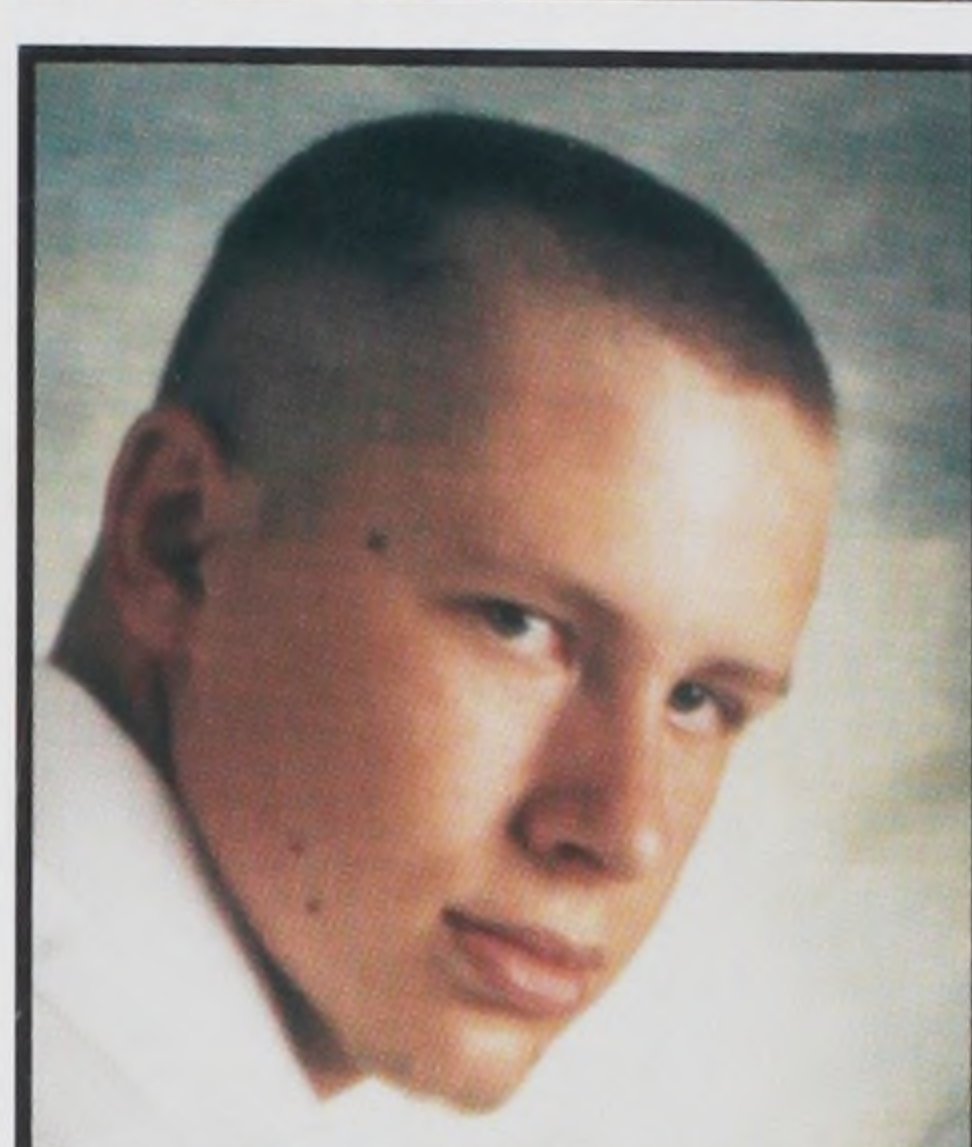
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Architecture



Amy McArthur
Health Occupations



Jennifer McBride
KBPS



Jeffrey McCourtney
*Computer Software
Technology*



Nelly Parks and Diana Evers

Best of Friends

Micheal McGlohlon
Unknown

Gabriel McGovern
Electronics Engineering

Aly McKininn
Health Occupations

Josh McKinney
Unknown



Annie Merrell
Communications

Cole Mills
Health Occupations

Adam Moore
Communications

Kenya Kibibi Moore
Health Occupations



Arleta Fowler & James Nussbaumer

Every leader needs a follower



Paul Joseph Natta
Drafting Engineering



Colin Neuberger
Unknown



Joshua Nevala
*Computer Software
Technology*



Albert Ng
Health Occupations



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Drafting Engineering



Nathan Ohm
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Jessica Owen
Health Occupations

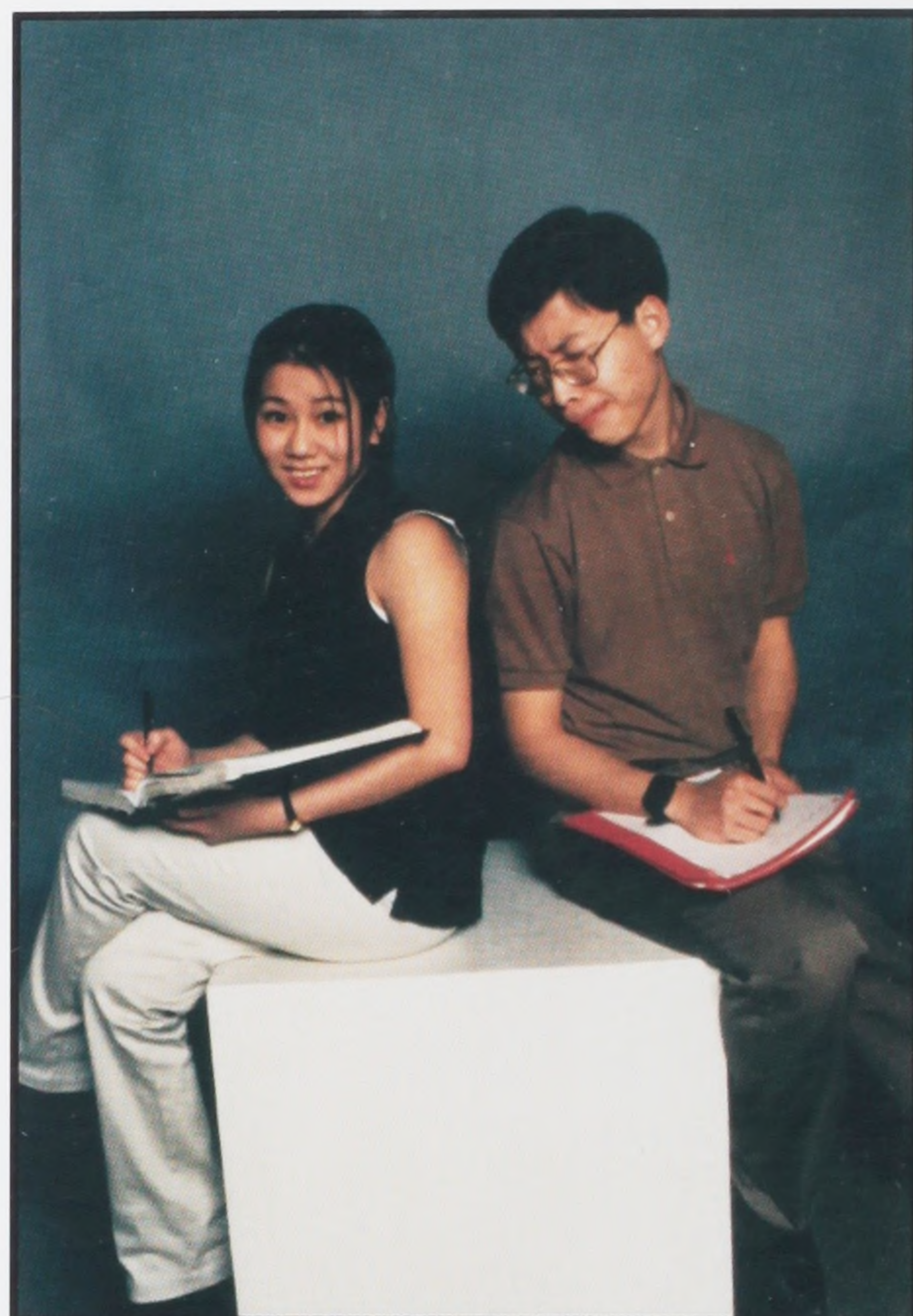


Glen Pak
Architectural Drafting

So you think you're smart ?

What about

Jack Lim & Thao Hoang



Sara Parker
Unknown



Jeanette Pelster
Communications



Jamie Perkins
Health Occupations



Thomas Pham
Unknown



Vanessa Phillips
Health Occupations



Daniel Raya
Unknown



Aaron Reimer
Unknown



Nancy Rios
Architecture





Janira Robertson
Communications



Megan Robson
Communications



Kim Rogers
KBPS



Marva Ruff
Health Occupations



Farm Saechao
Communications



J.R. Scales
Communications



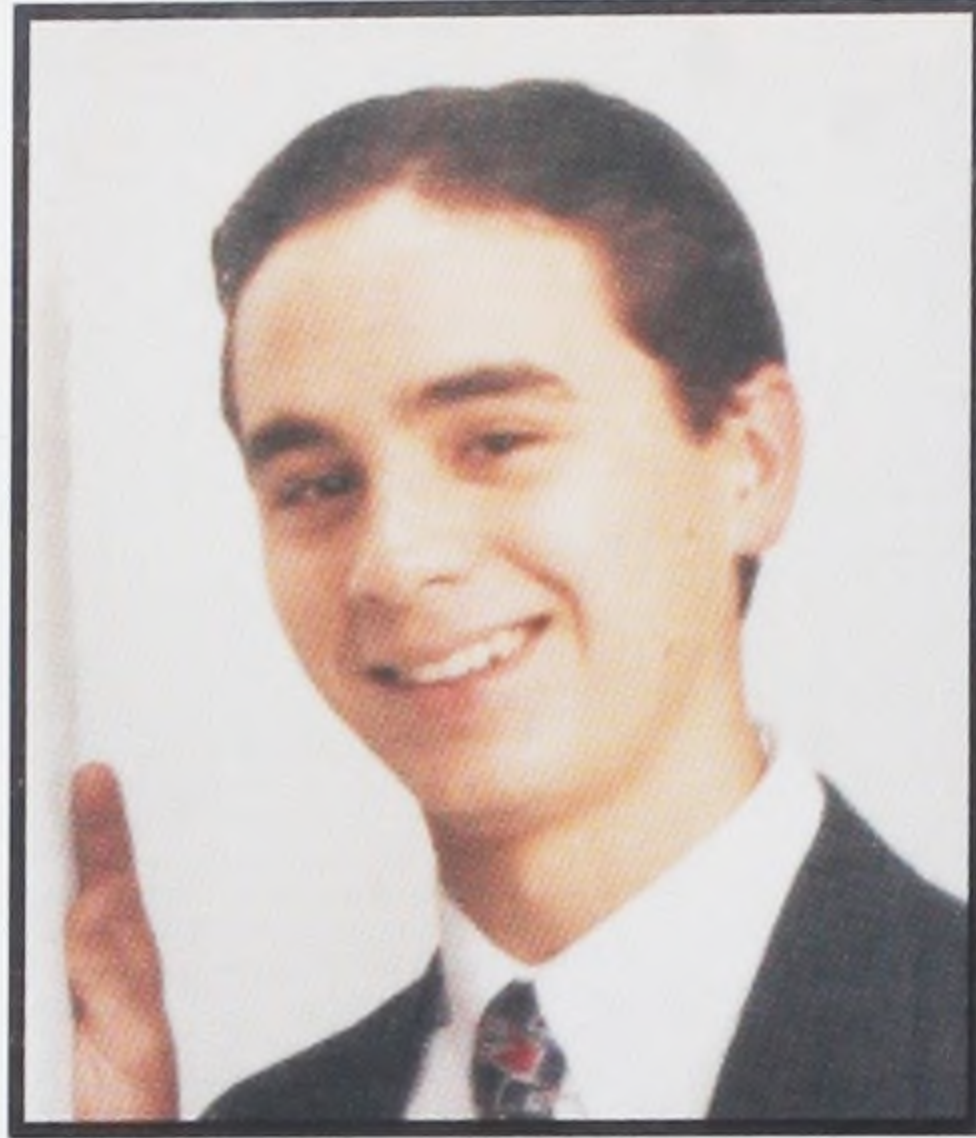
Lakisa Sloan
Transportation



April Smith
Communications

All I know is I don't know nothin'

Robert Stephens
Electronics



Justin Stevens
*Computer Software
Technology*



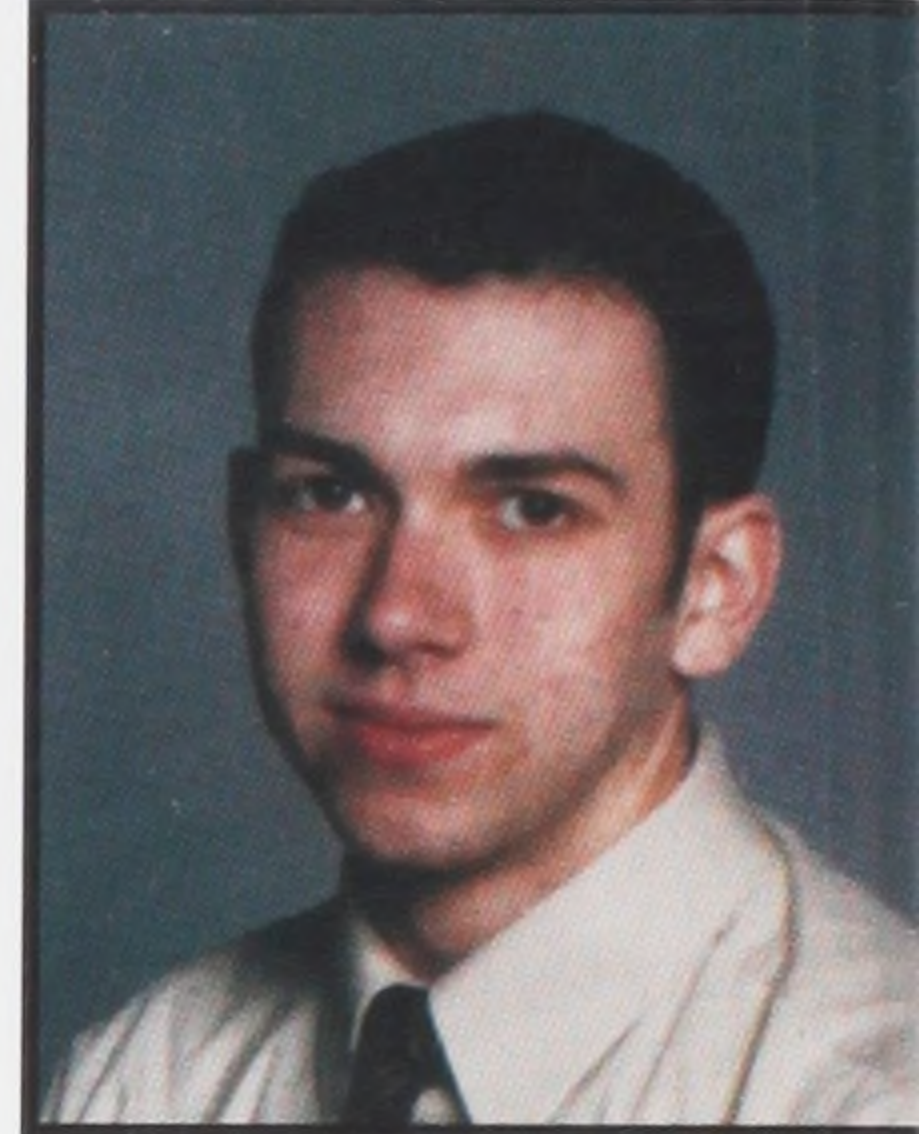
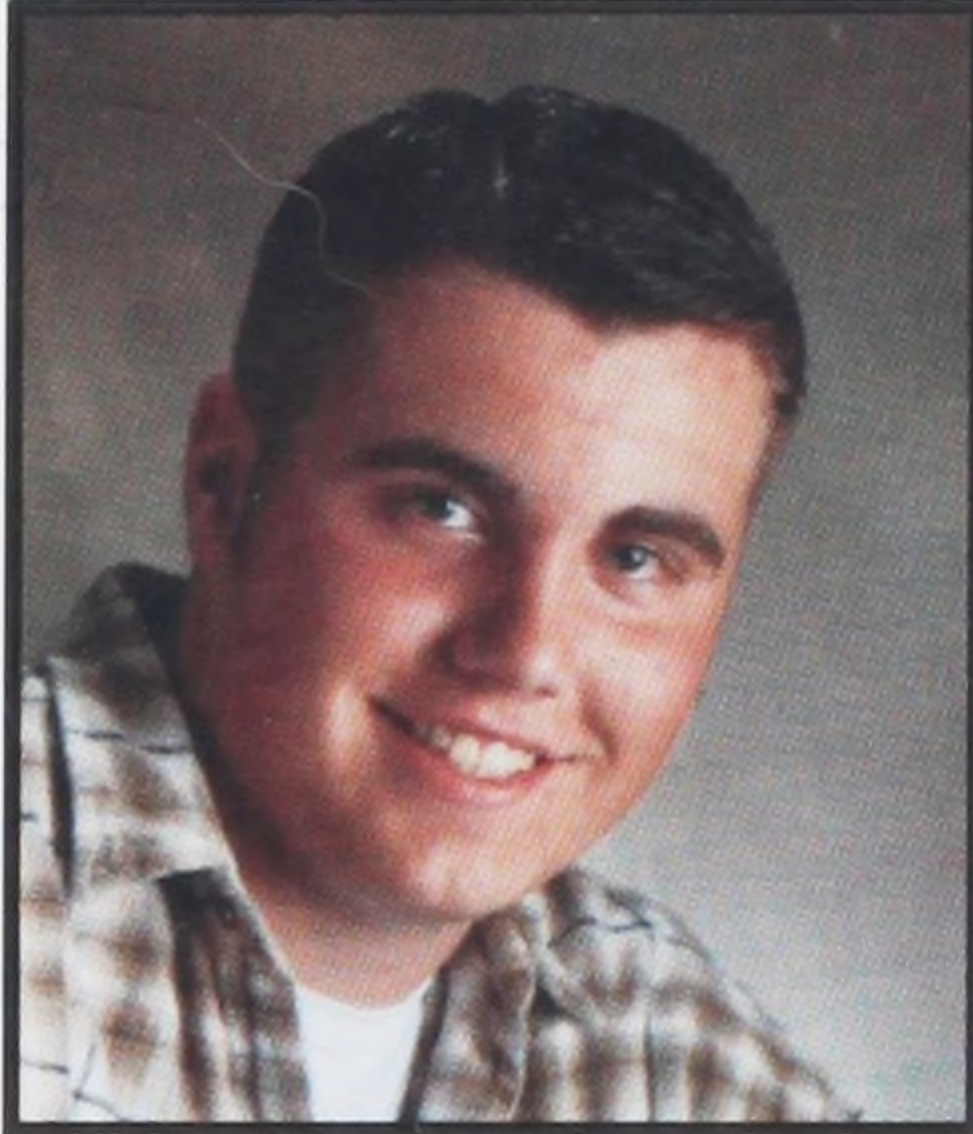
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Building Construction

Kayin Alexea Talton
Drafting Engineering

Jenelle Terharr
Communications



Derick Thompson
KBPS



Alissa Tinnon
Drafting Engineering

Bryan Tosh
Communications

Advice for the younger high school students:

“Take advantage and have fun in these 4 years,
because before you know it, they’ll be gone, for
real.”

-Kerry Watkins

- Height: 6'1"
- Weight: 200 lbs.
- Date of Birth: 7/29/80
- Major: KBPS
- How he describes himself: "Arrogant, but a true friend, who would go out of my way to help somebody if needed."



Possibly the person who made the biggest changes over his four years at Benson, Kerry describes himself as a "homely child" in his beginning years in high school. "The long hair was horrible," Kerry stated. "I think that was the worst, in addition to the crooked teeth and a skinny frame."

It's amazing what a haircut, braces, and nearly forty-five pounds of muscle can do. In his senior year he's made a complete transformation, sporting a stunning smile along with a nice fade. Kerry was easily recognized on campus by wearing his trademark FuBu clothing or a muscle shirt to show off his arms. "I started lifting weights as a sophomore for football, and when a body came with it, I got addicted."

Kerry has been playing football since the fifth-grade, and as a senior he was an all-conference selection and voted as the Benson defensive MVP. His success on the field carried over into the classroom. Kerry maintained a 3.0 GPA throughout high school and earned a 3.8 in the first half of his senior year. "My parents have always stressed academics first, and when I started slippin', they wasted no time getting on my case."



Hang Tu
Architectural Drafting



Rian Turner
Computer Software Technology



Robert Michael Vang
Aviation



Jennifer Vomaske
Health Occupations



Luan Vu
Health Occupations



Willesh Wade
Health Occupations



Jessie Walker
Constuction



Christopher Warren
Electronics

Like Two Peas in a Pod . . .



**Mohammed
Jalloh
&
Justin
Phillips**

Chaka Maria Washington
Communications

Kerry Watkins
KBPS

George Weatheroy
*Computer Software
Technology*

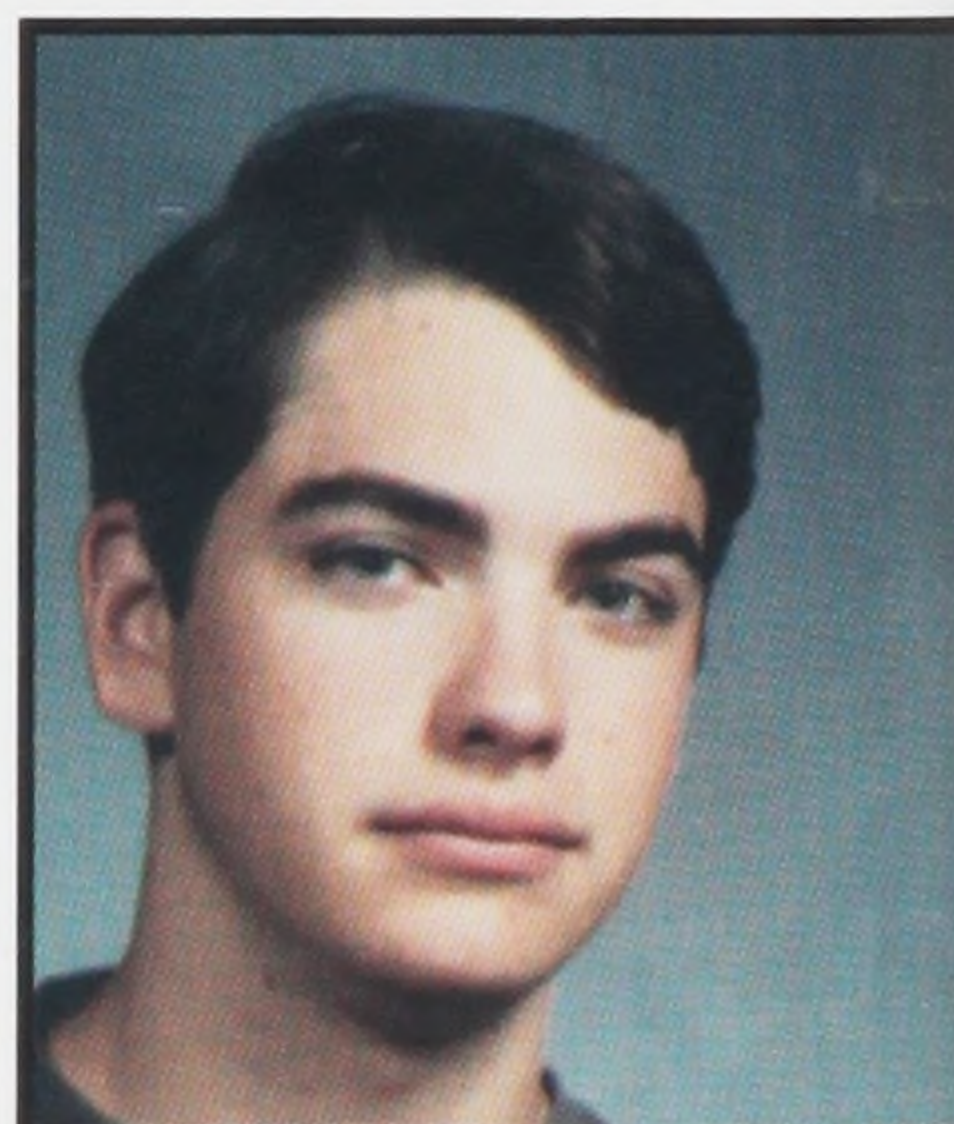
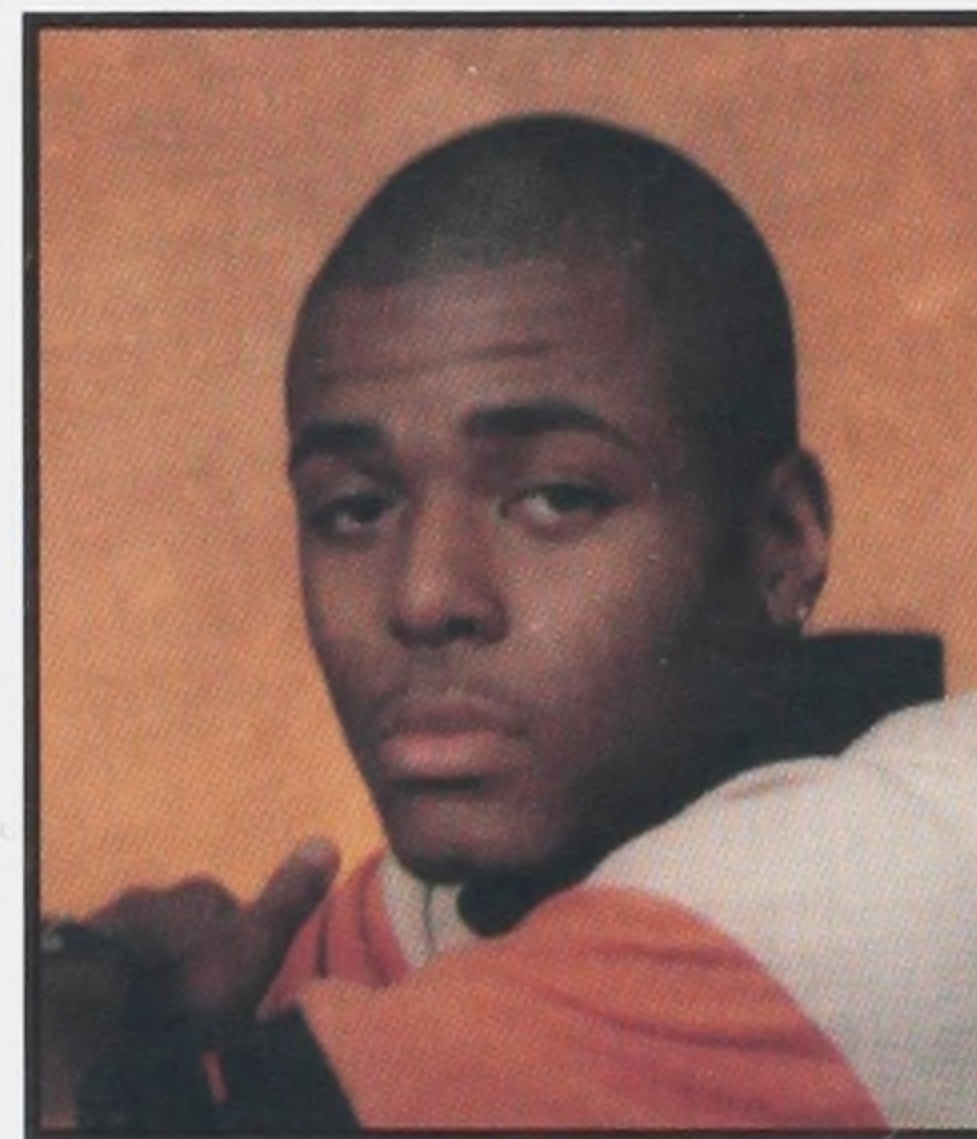
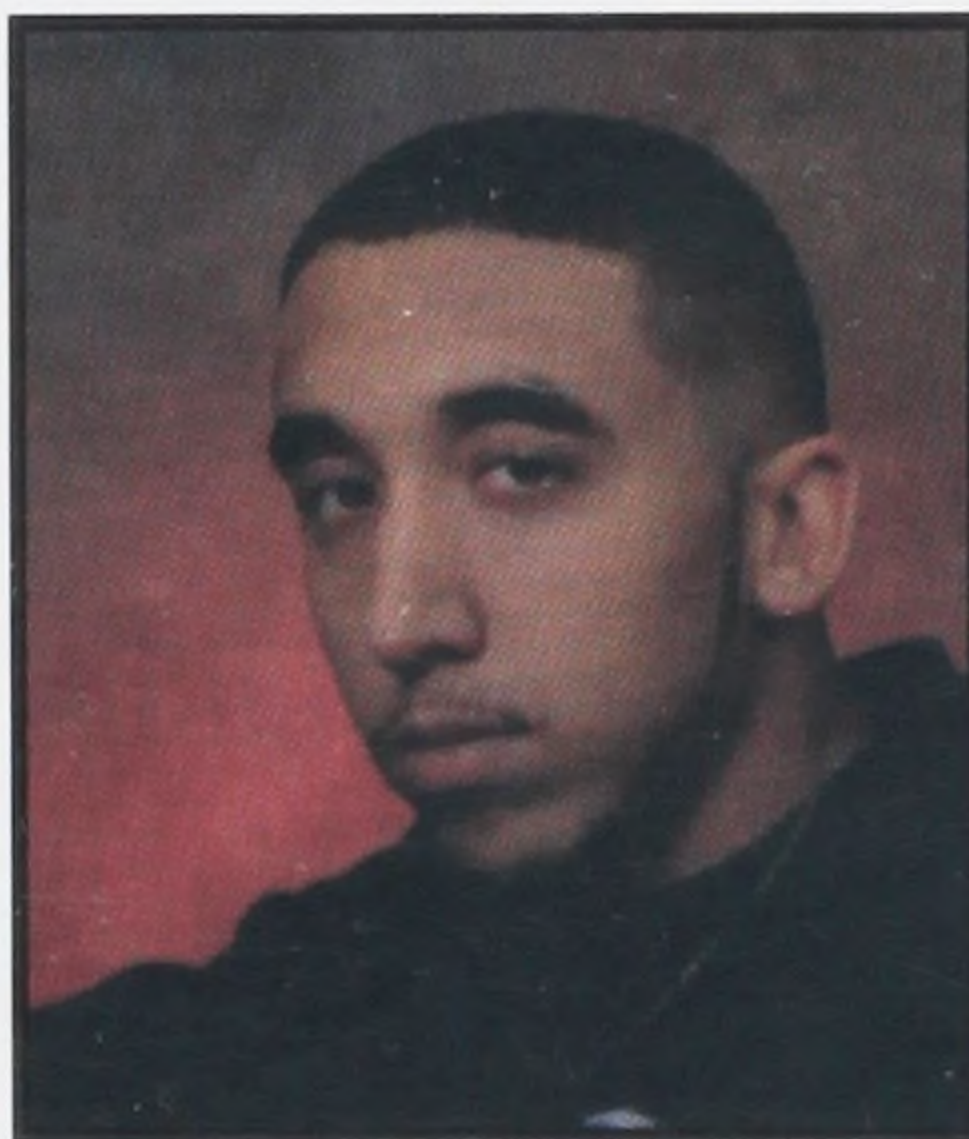
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Automotive

Stephen Webb
Transportation

Sarah Marie Welch
Health Occupations

Eric Robert Wiley
Architecture

Robert Wise
*Computer Software
Technology*





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Architecture

John Wong
Health Occupations

Jennifer Wright
Architecture

William Zimmers
Drafting Engineering

Abbot & Costello...

The Wayans Brothers...

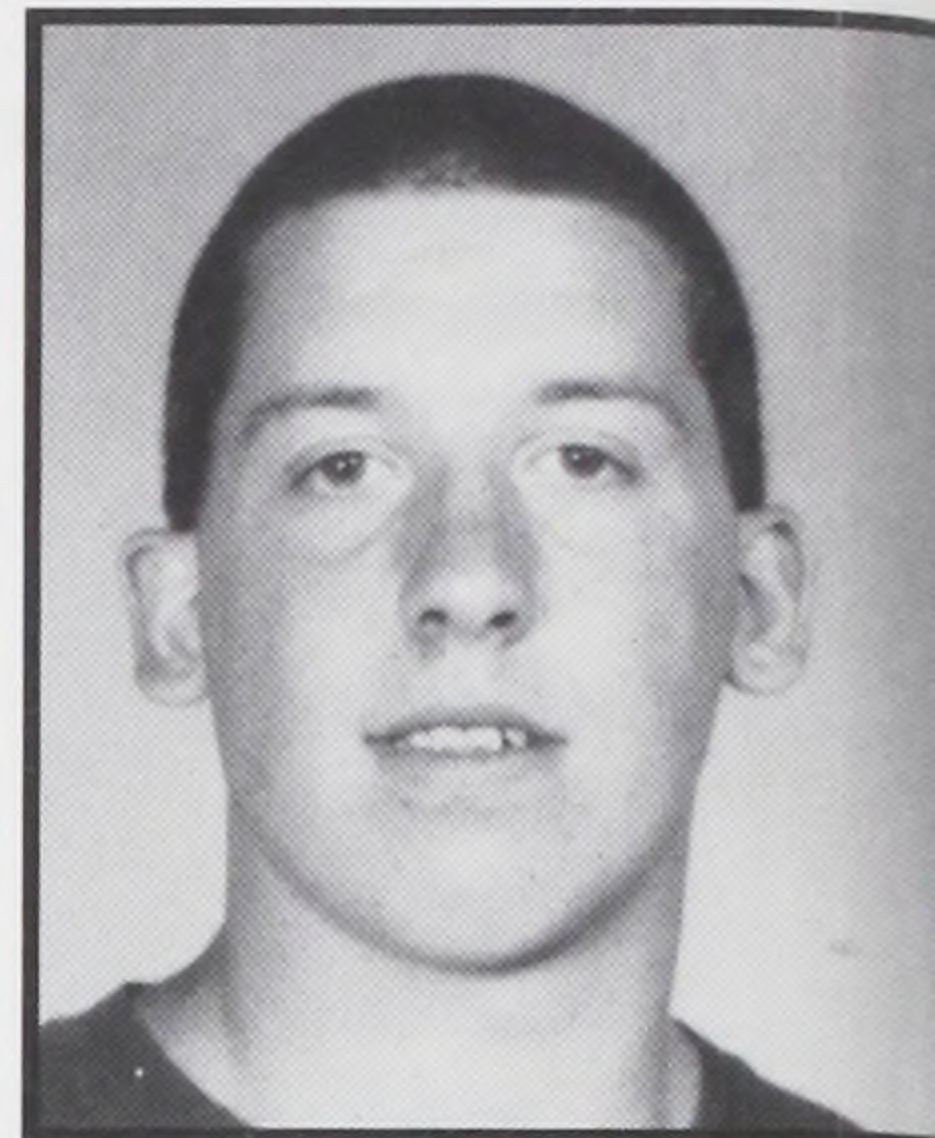
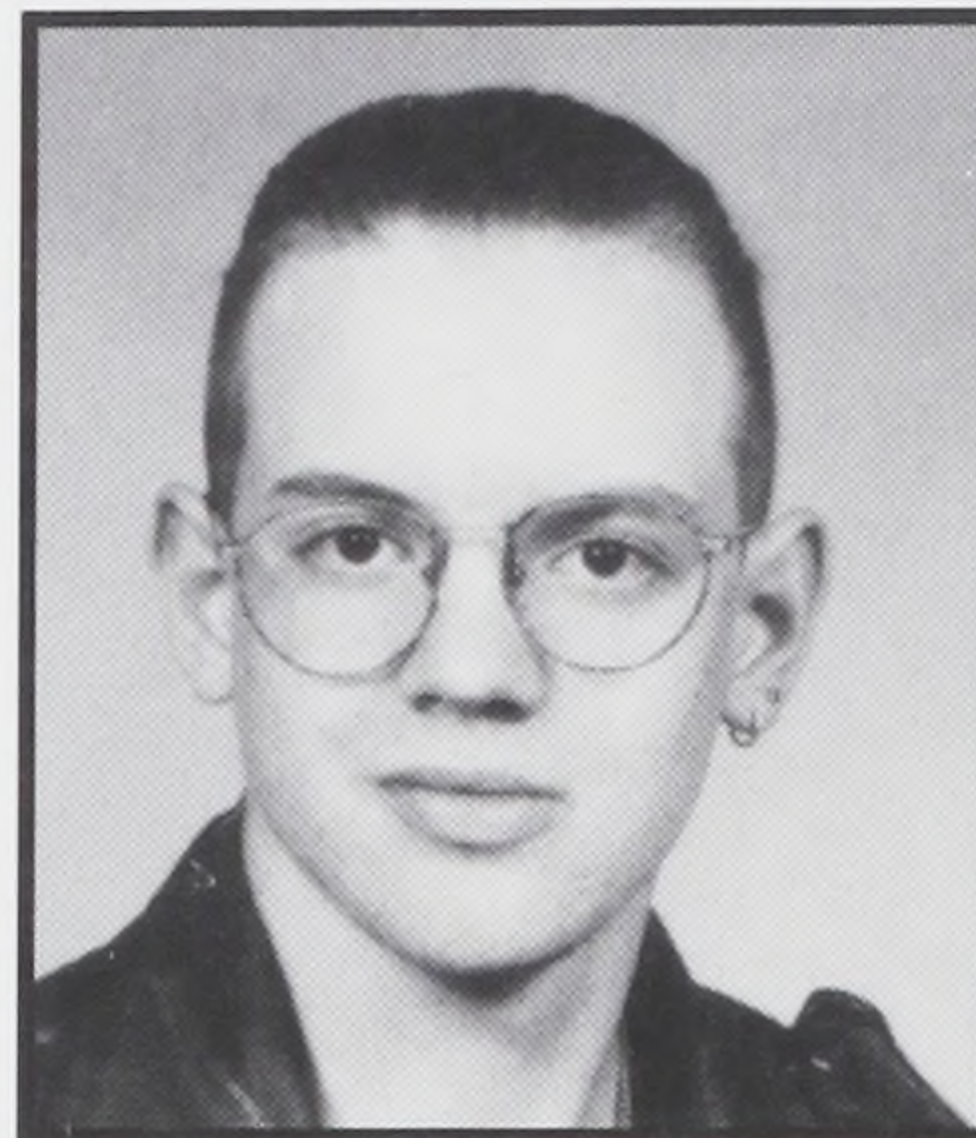
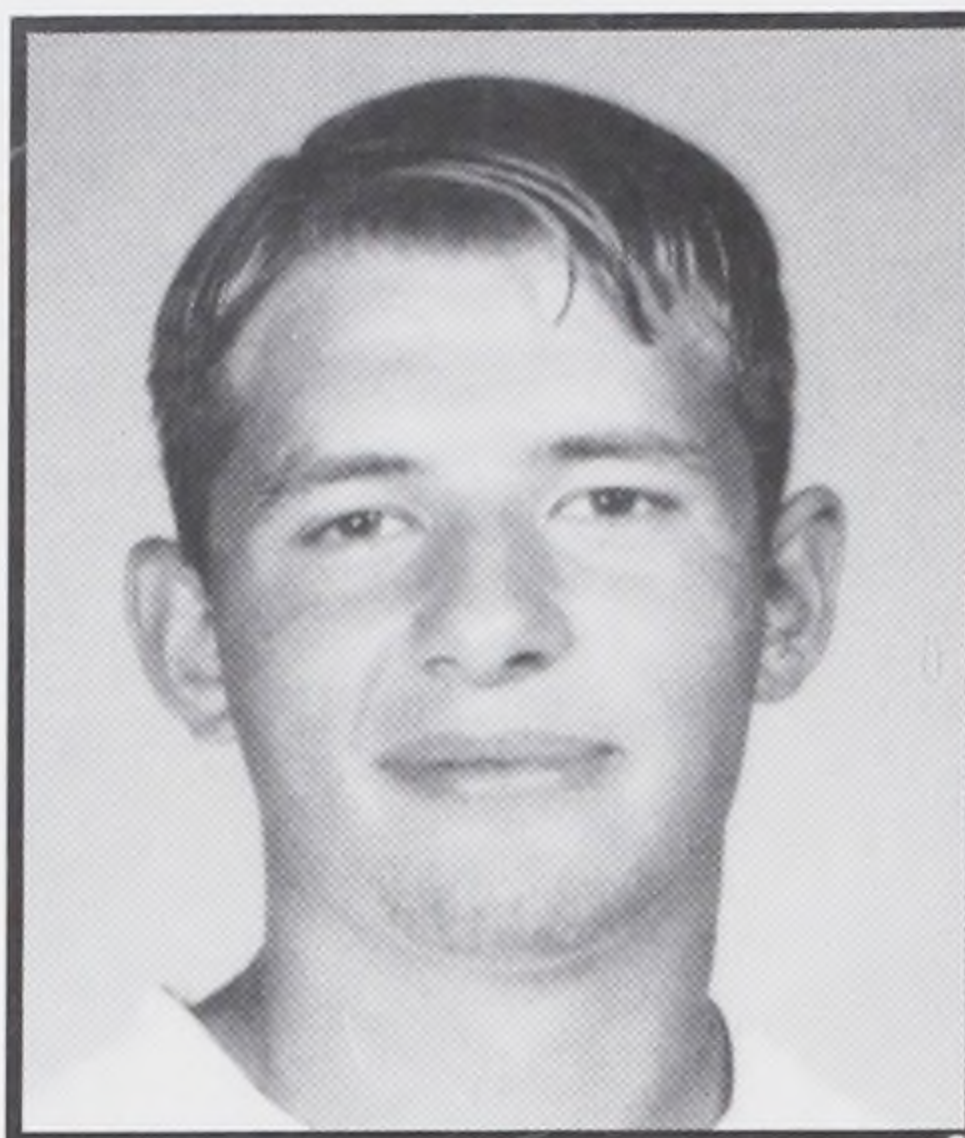
Laurel & Hardy...

Wendy Lynn Abshire

Shane Bachman

Daniel Barton

James "Doc" Bennett

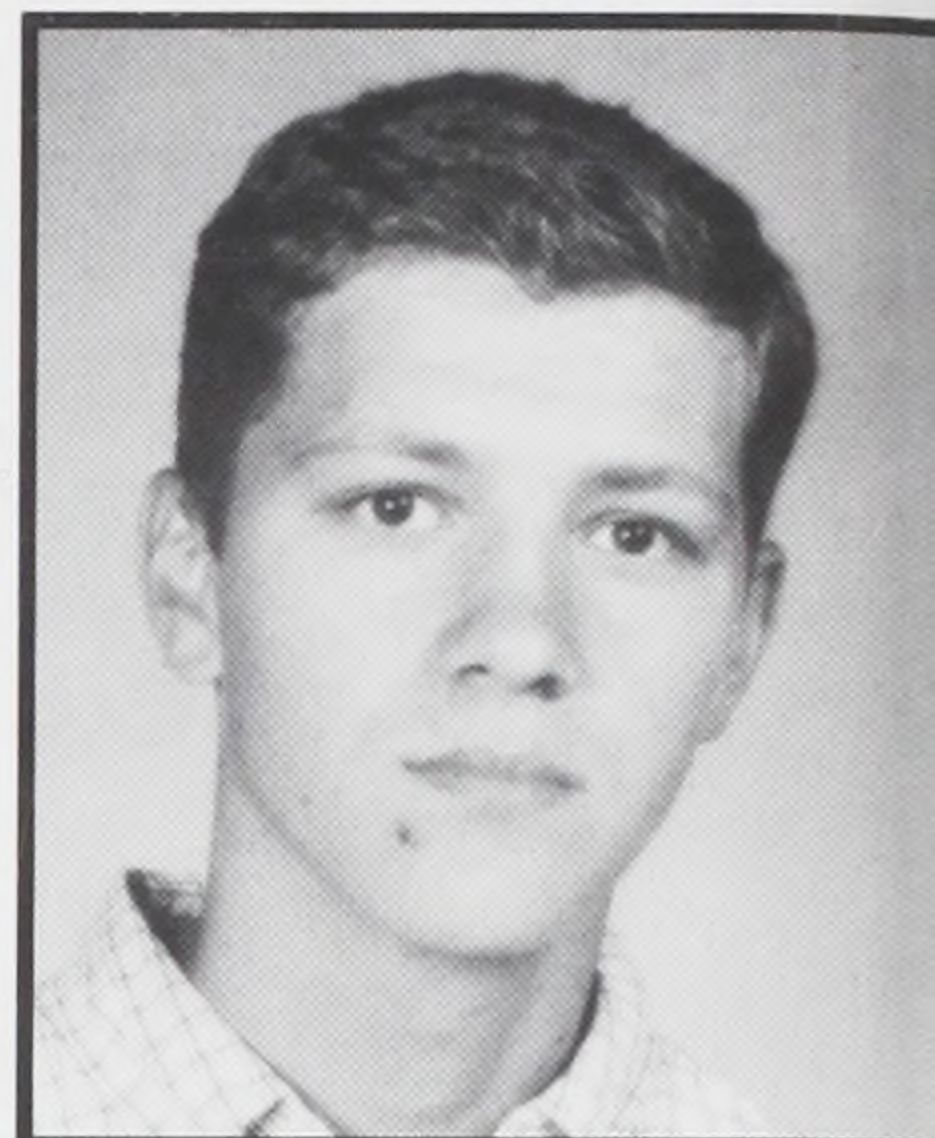
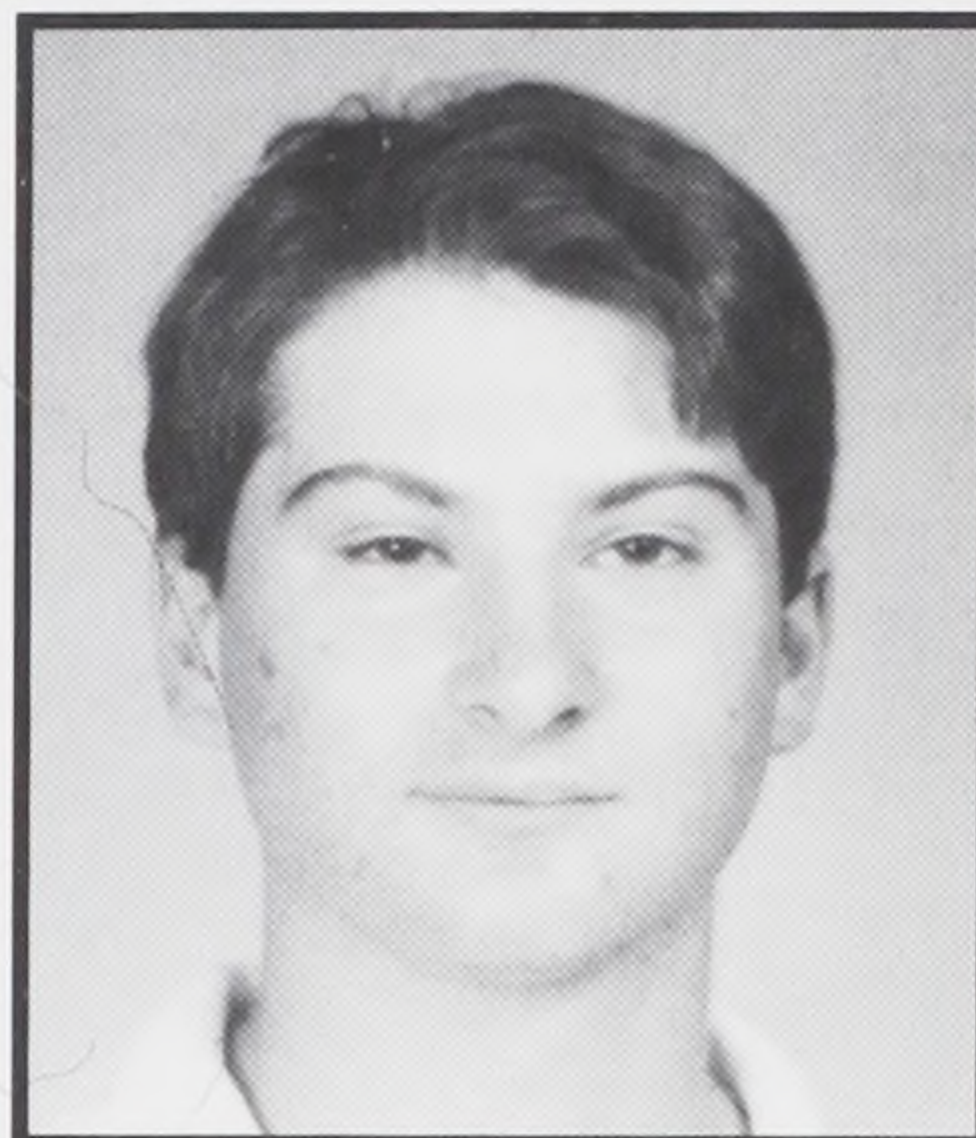
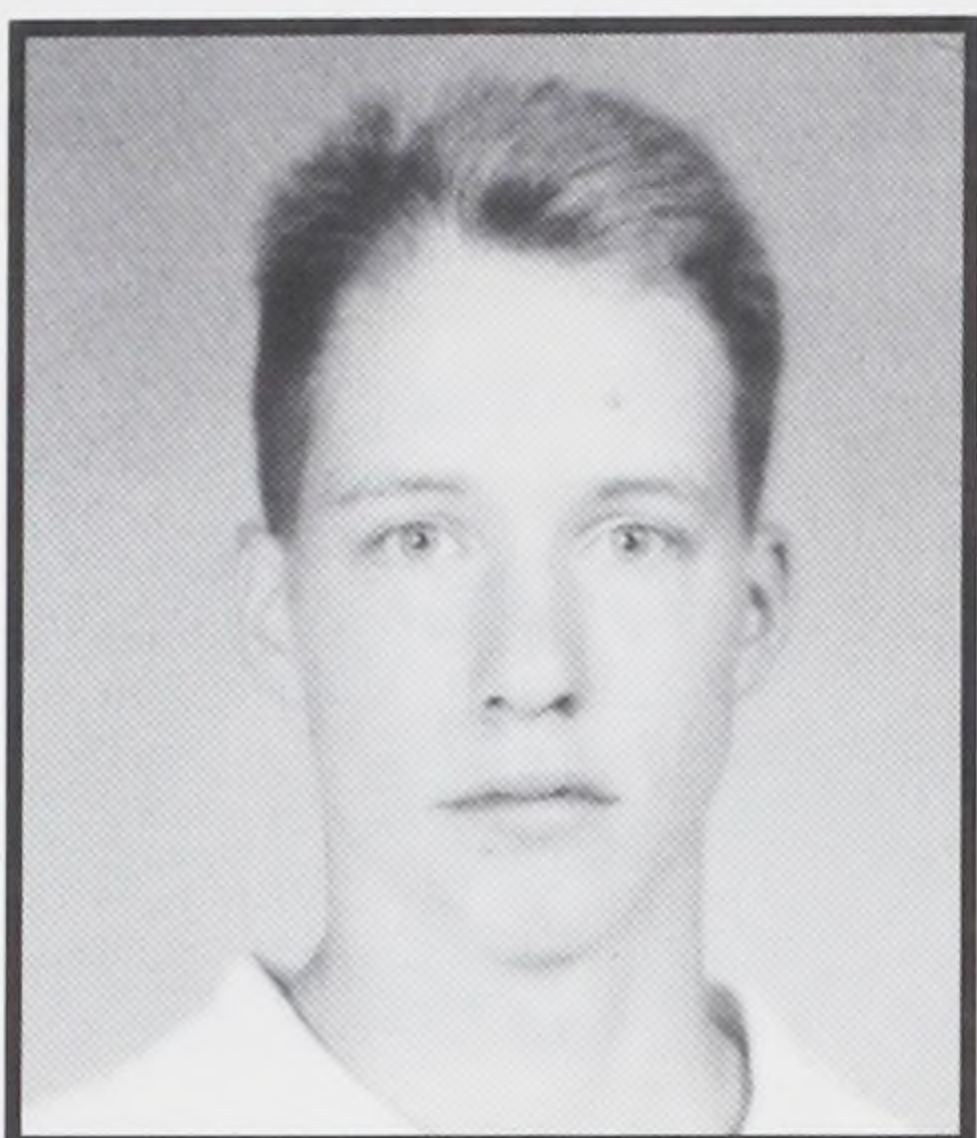


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Tamara Blagoeva

Joseph Matthew Bosnar

Adi Botez



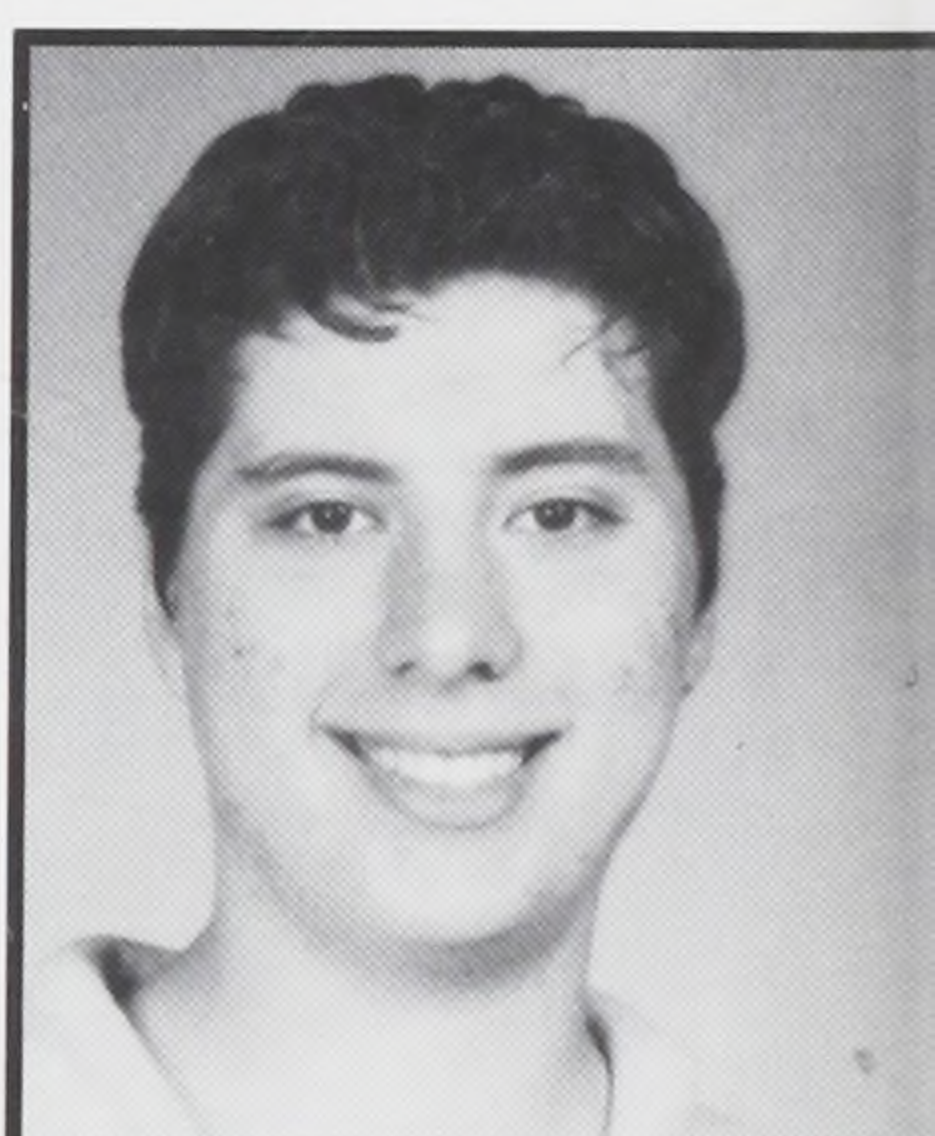
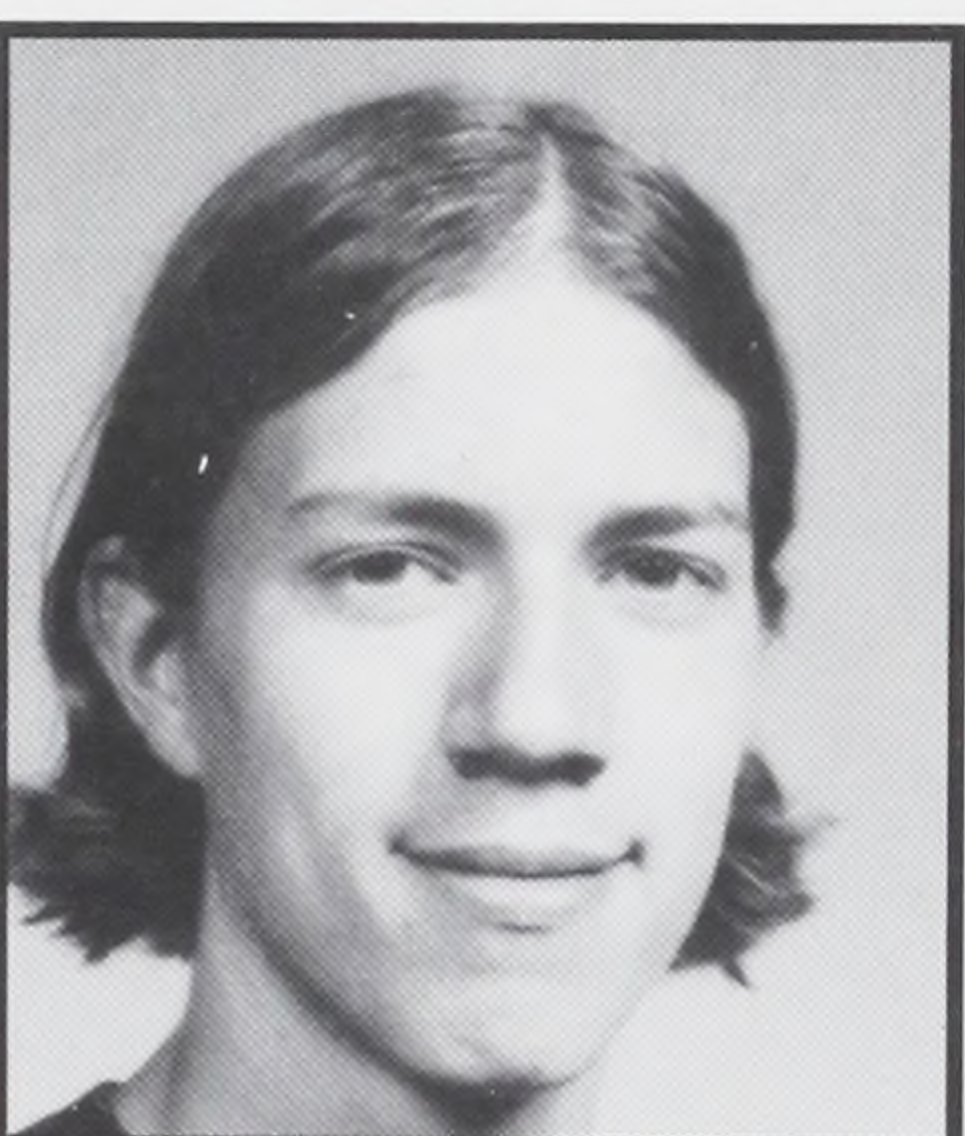
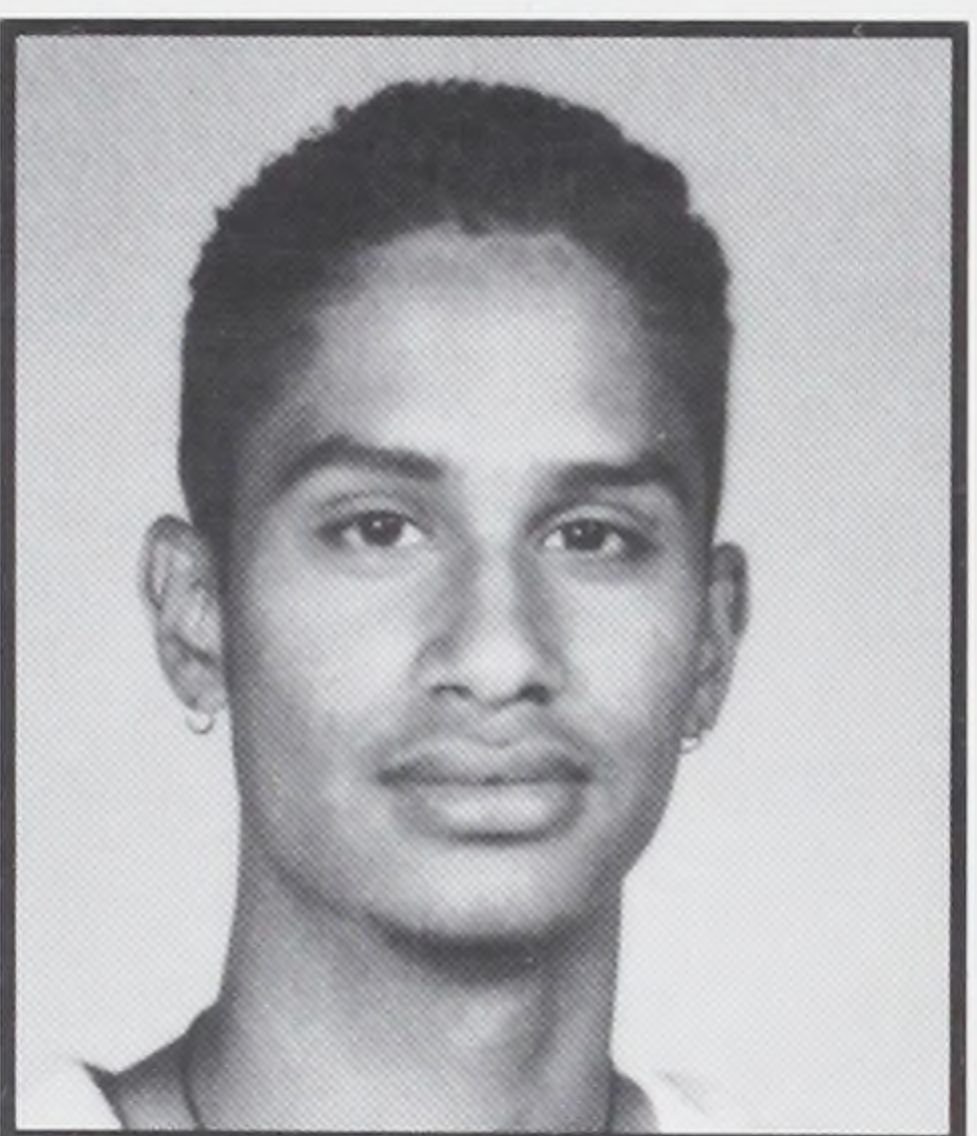
“It takes us all to keep things poppin’!”

Terrence Cavil

Mark A. Carter

Jasen Christianson

Ryan Clark

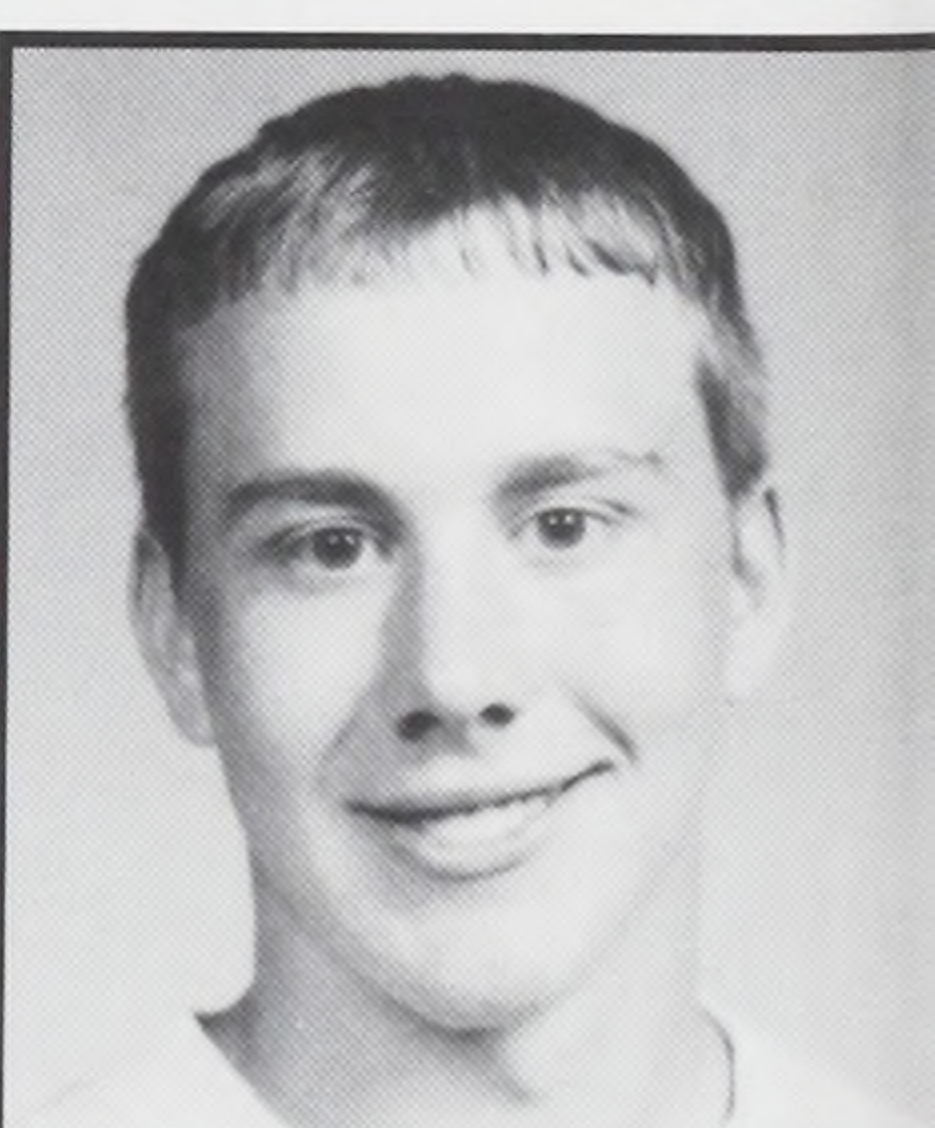
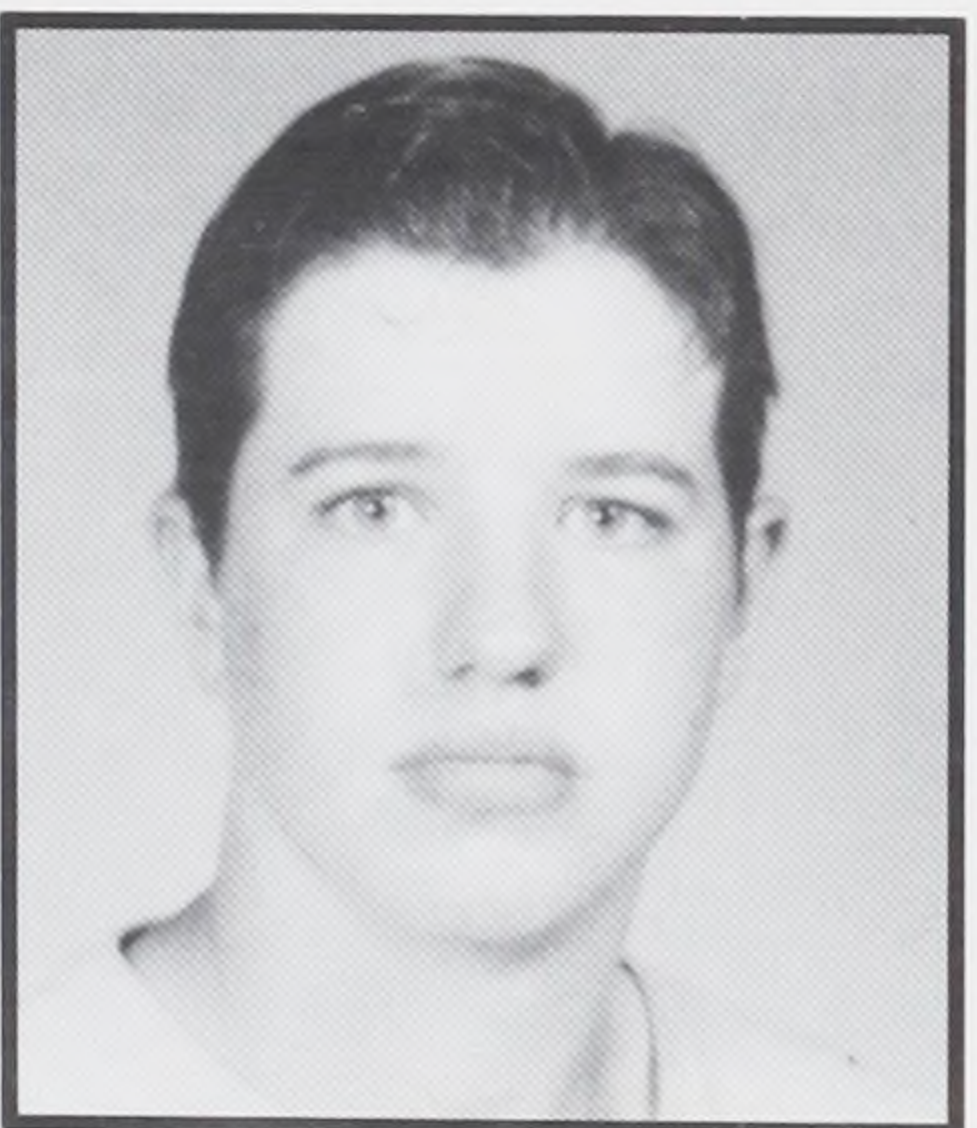


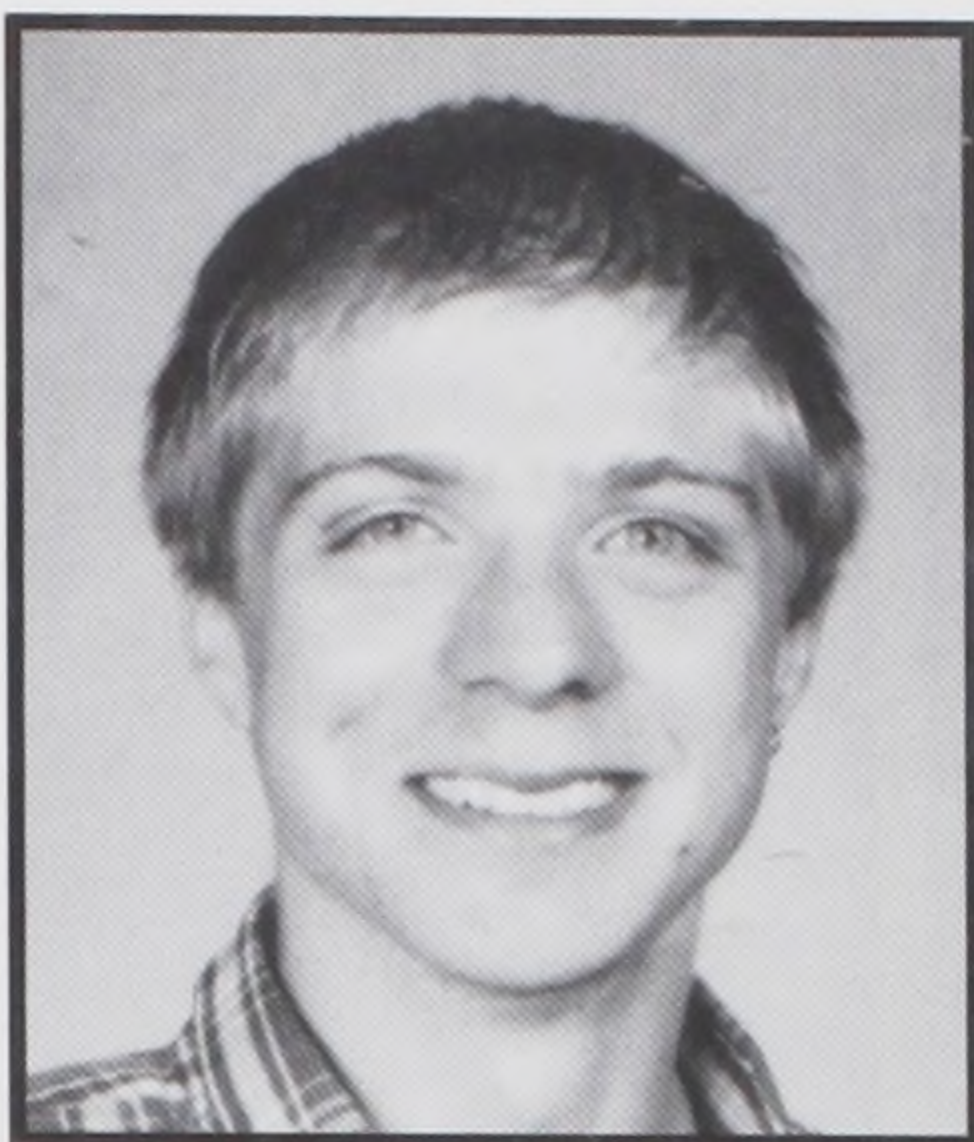
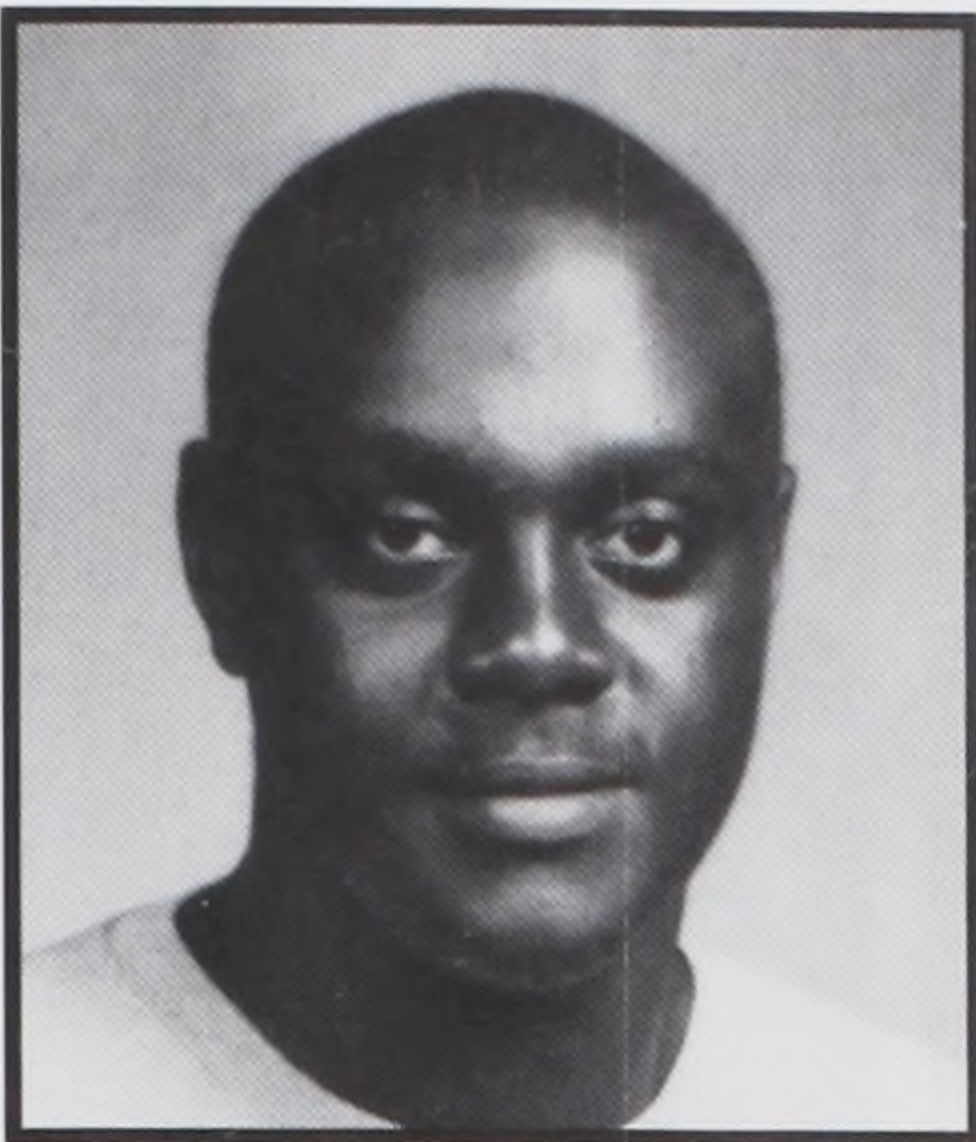
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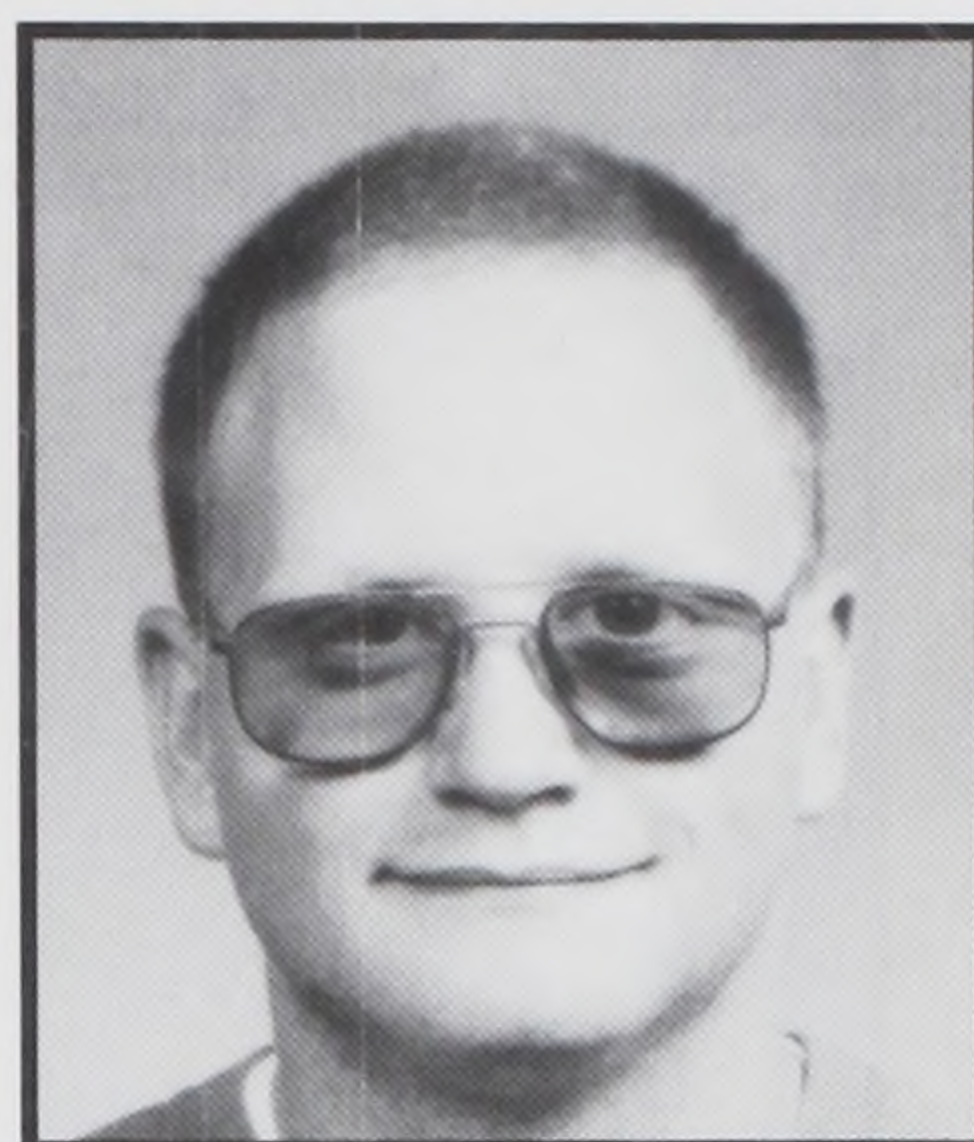
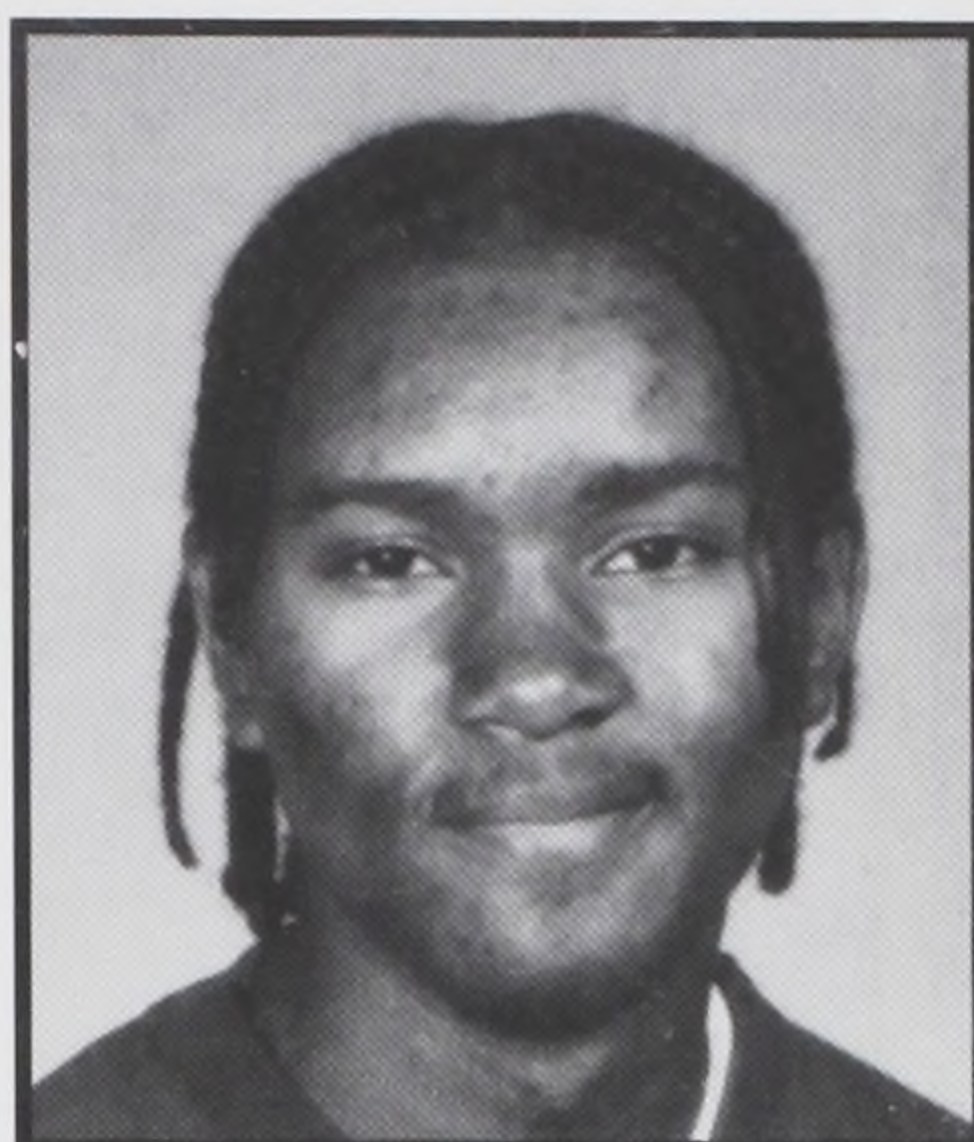
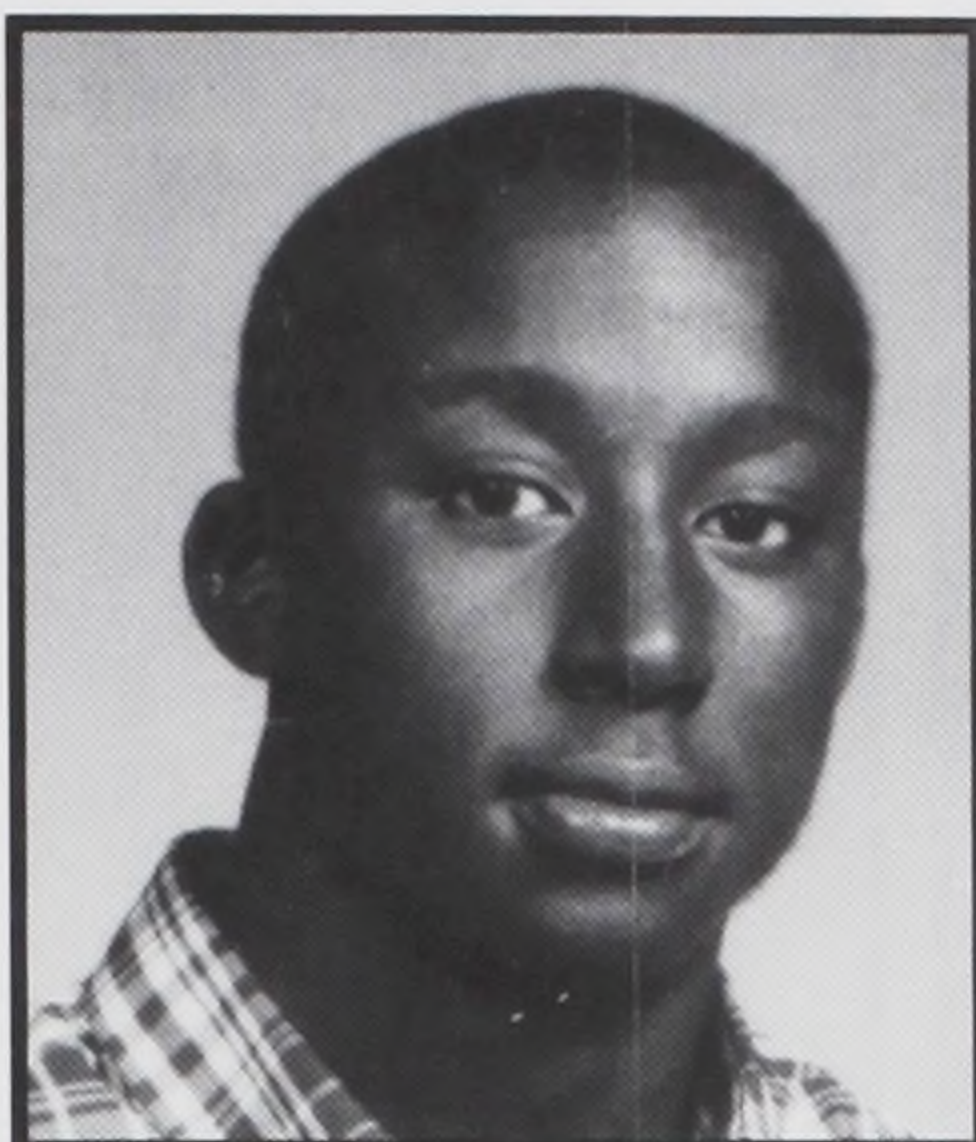


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Porsha Glover



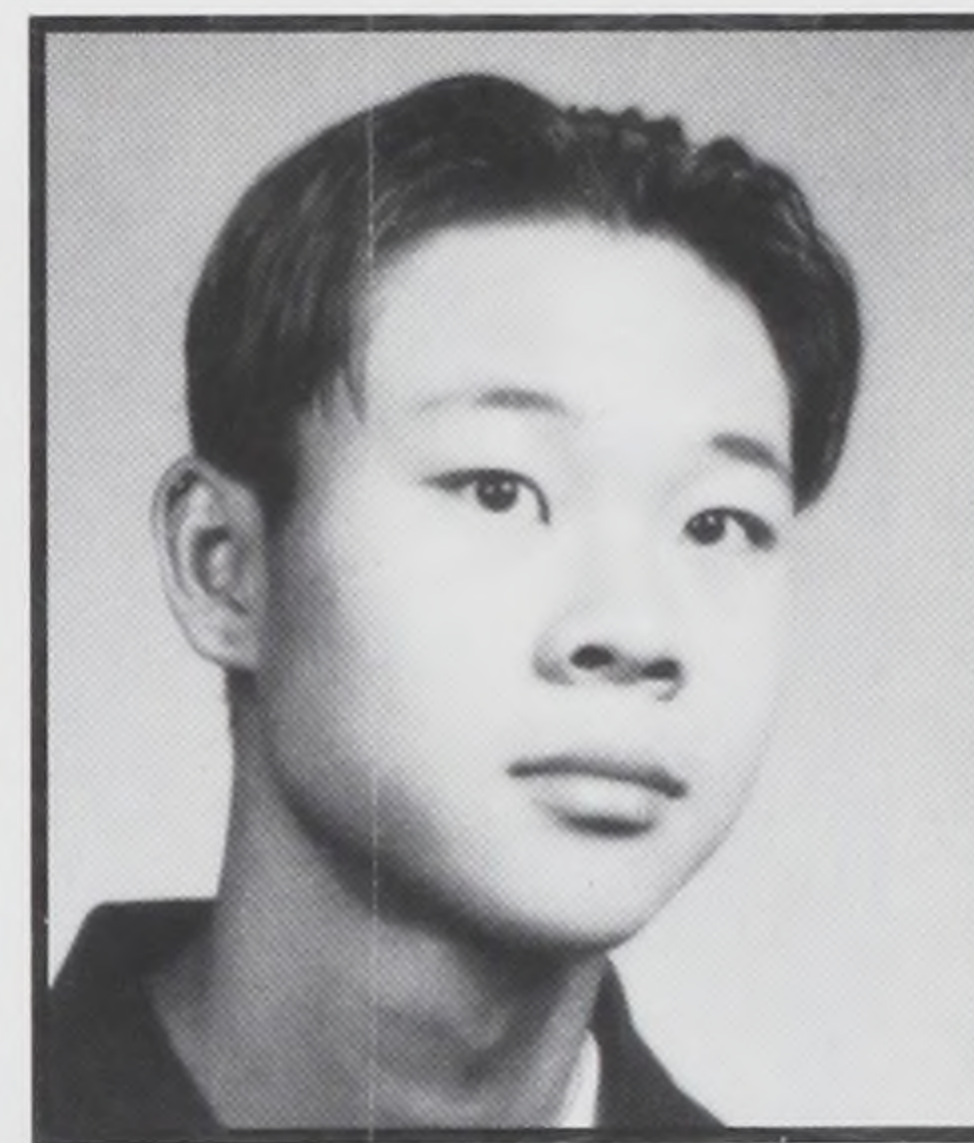
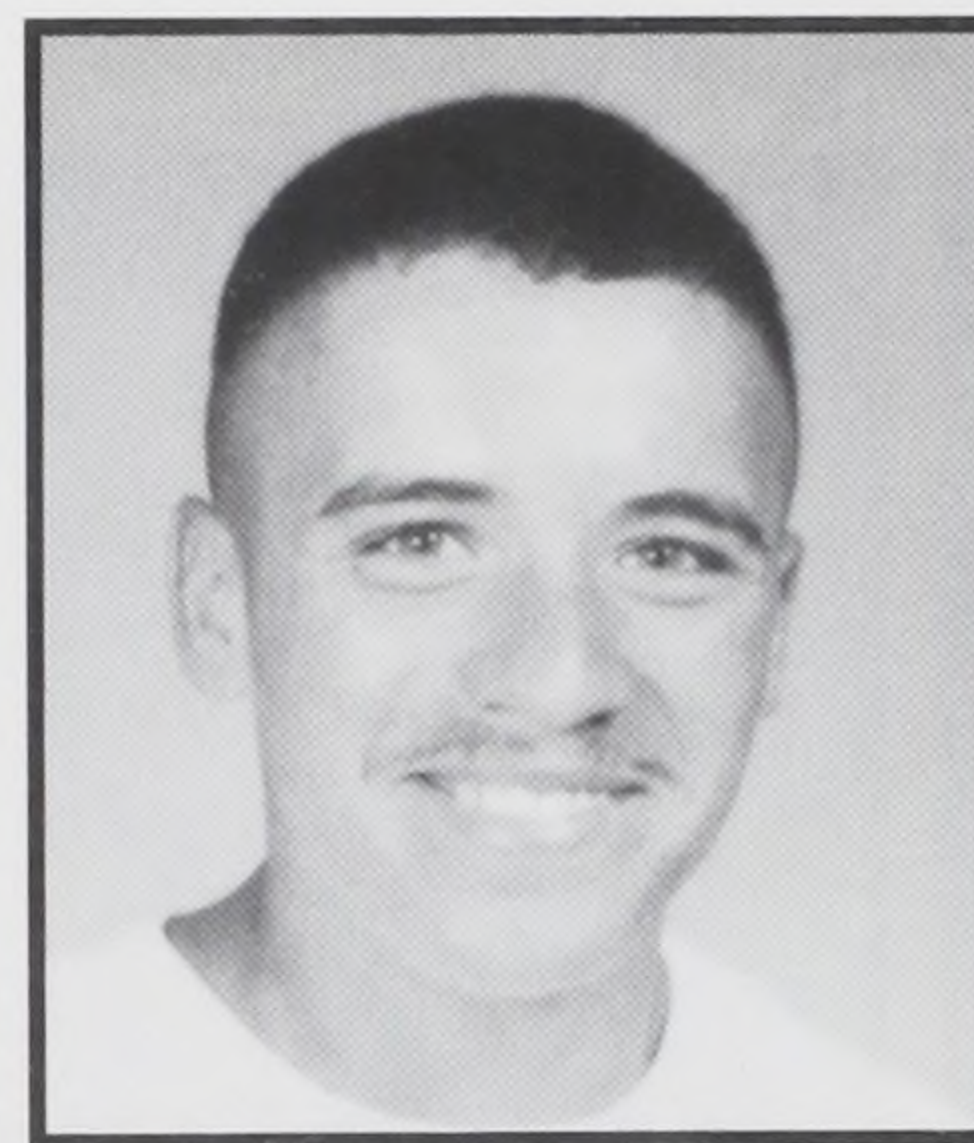
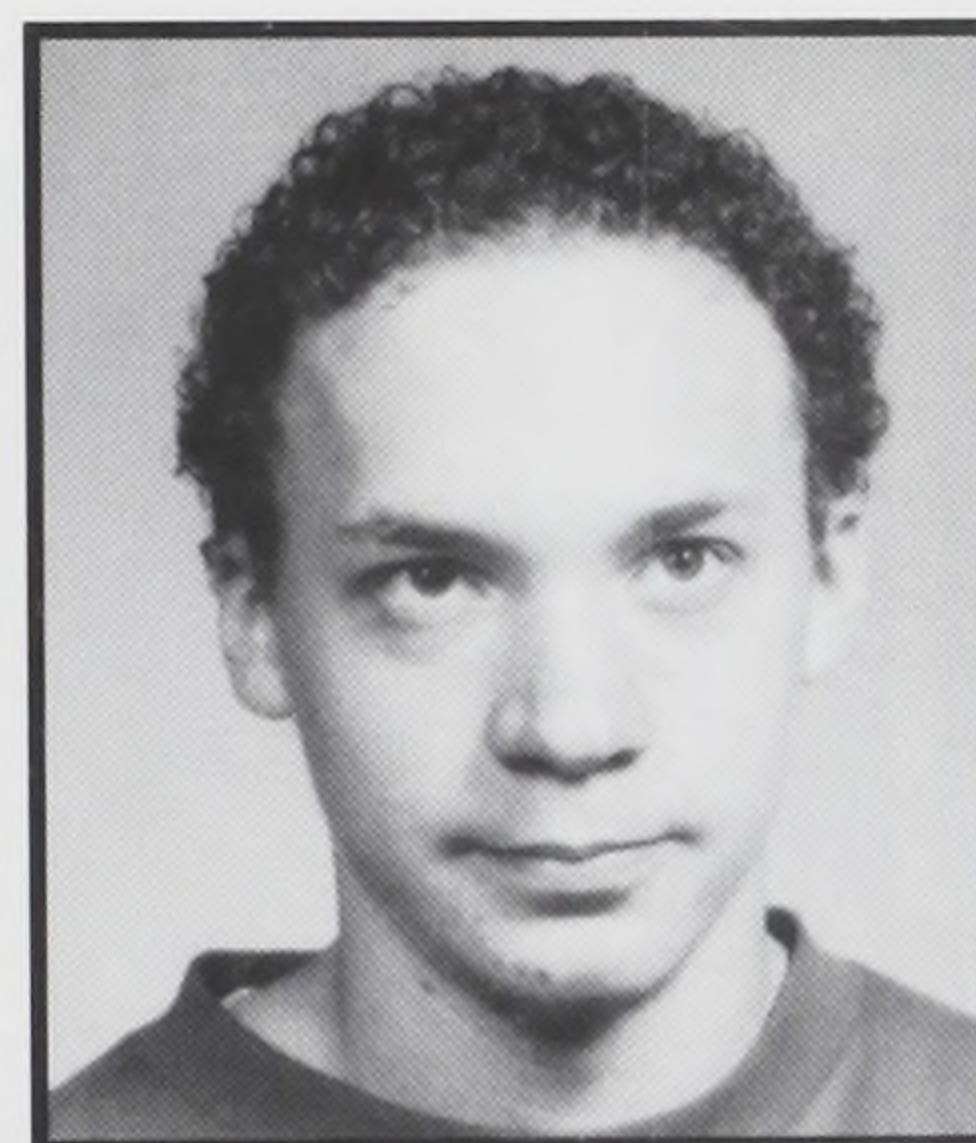
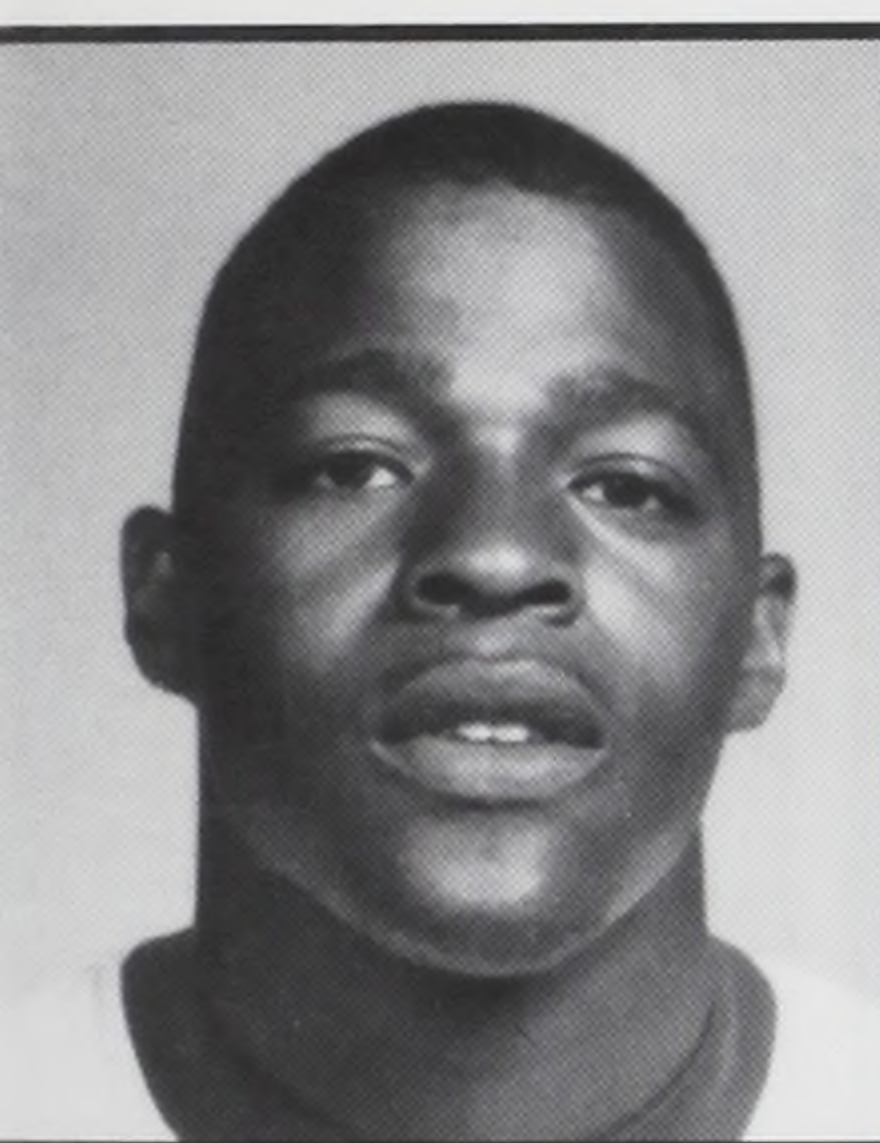
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Dennis Ray Harris

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“All means all, even you!”

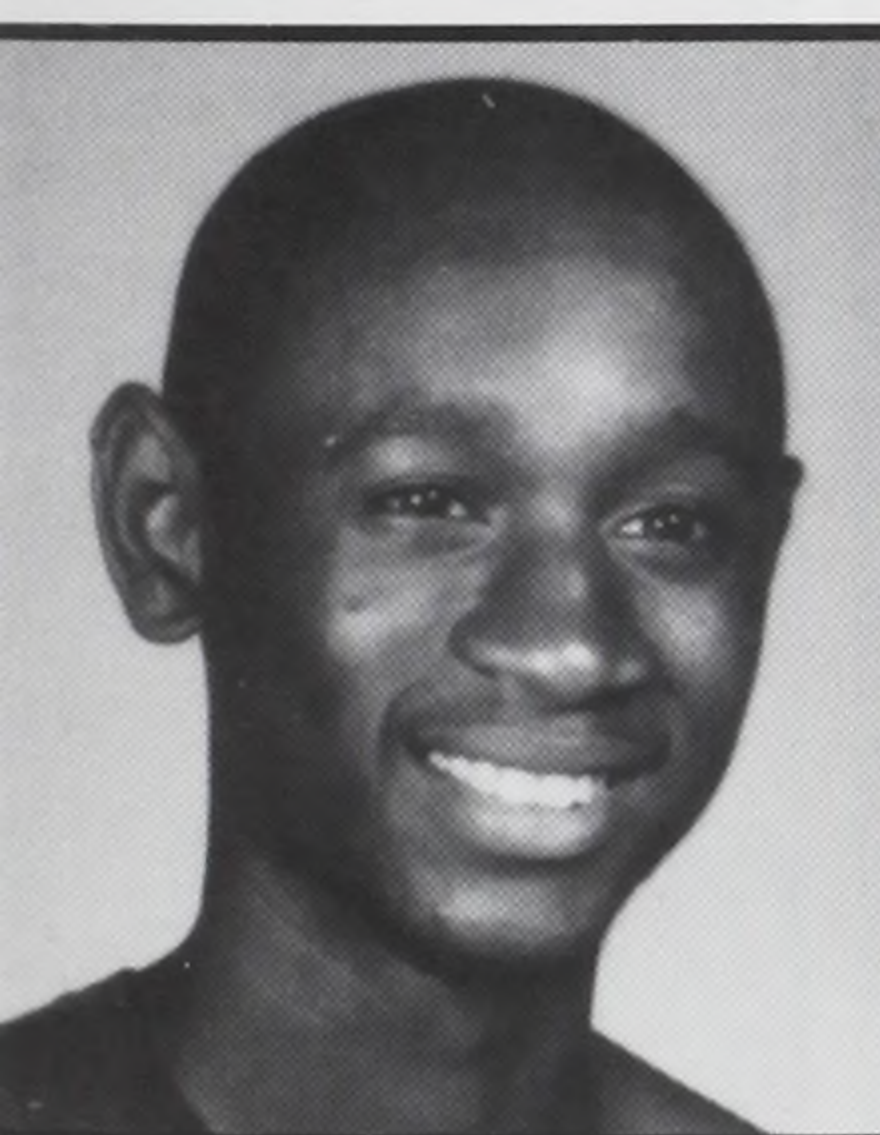


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Thomas Humphrey

Dalton Husband

Sikhiu Huynh



Mohammed Jalloh

Amanda Jane James

Andrew S. Jeffs

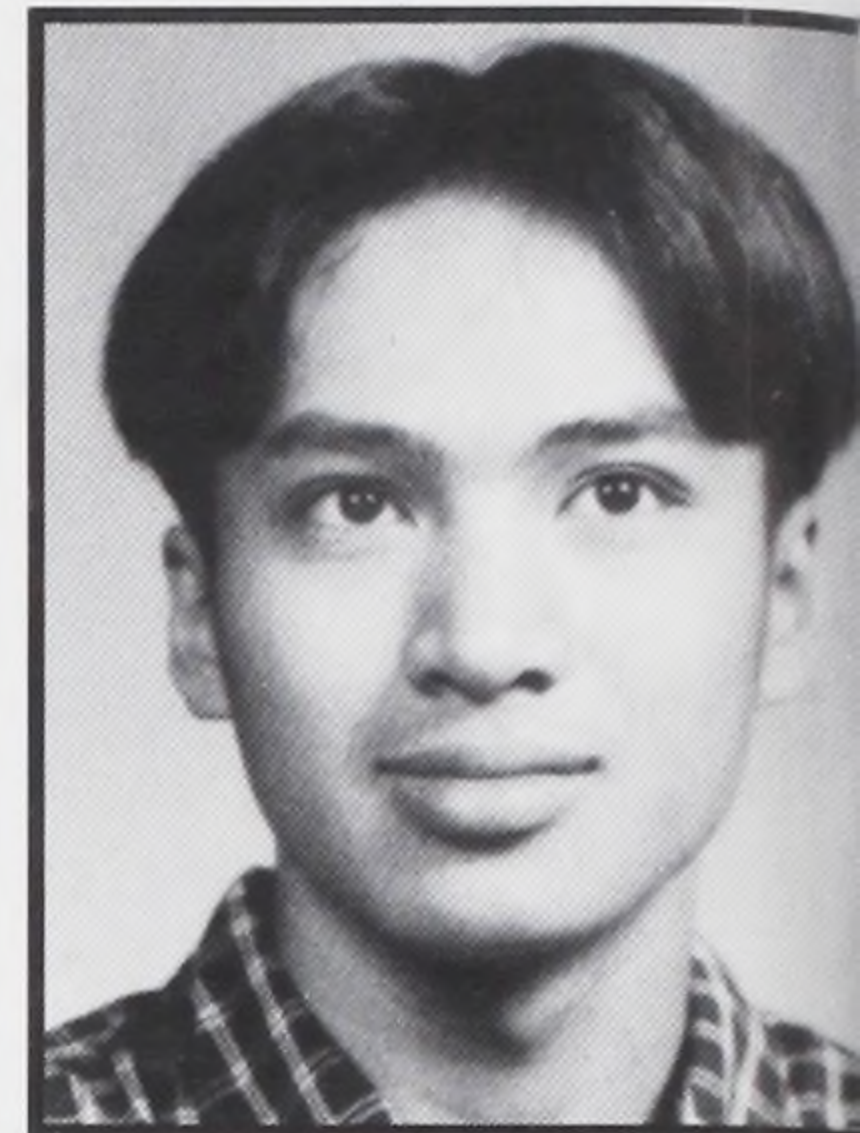
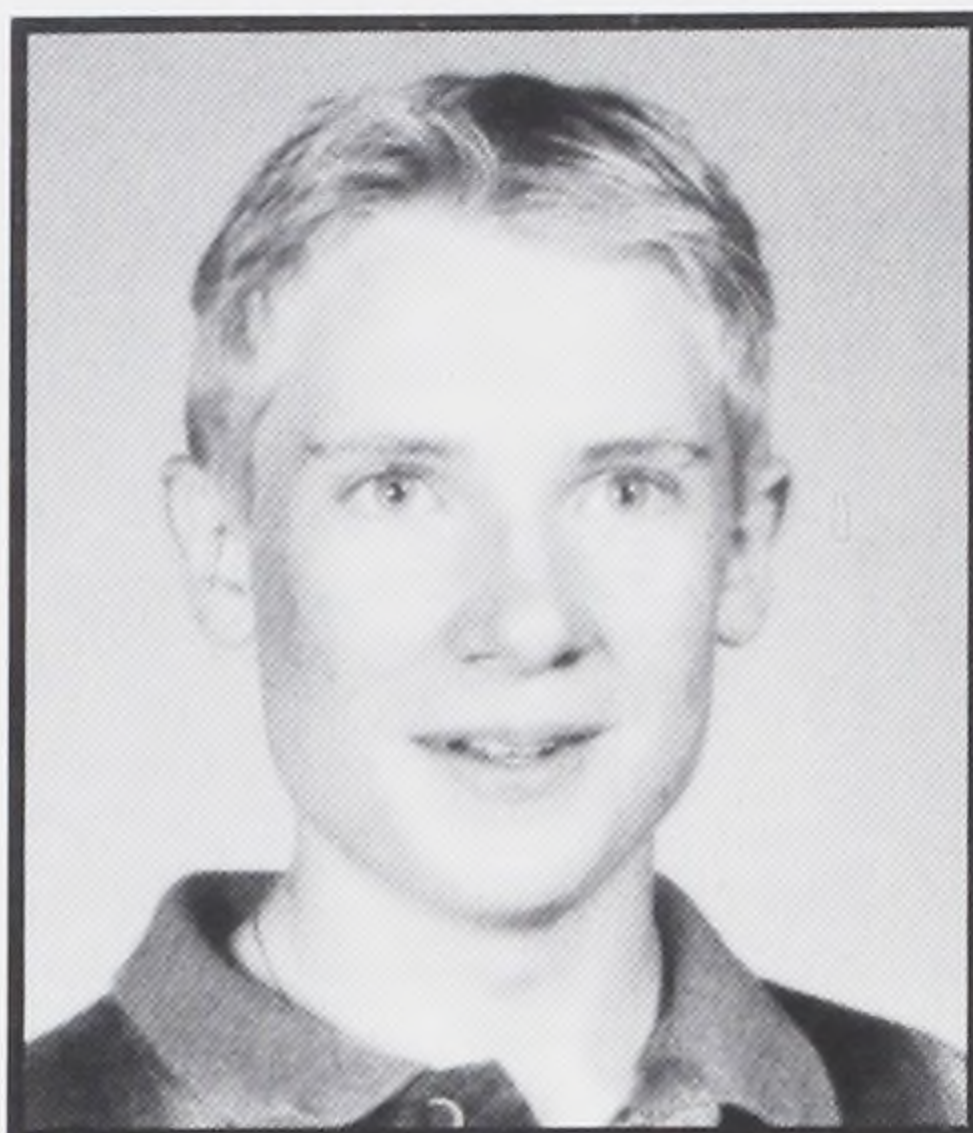
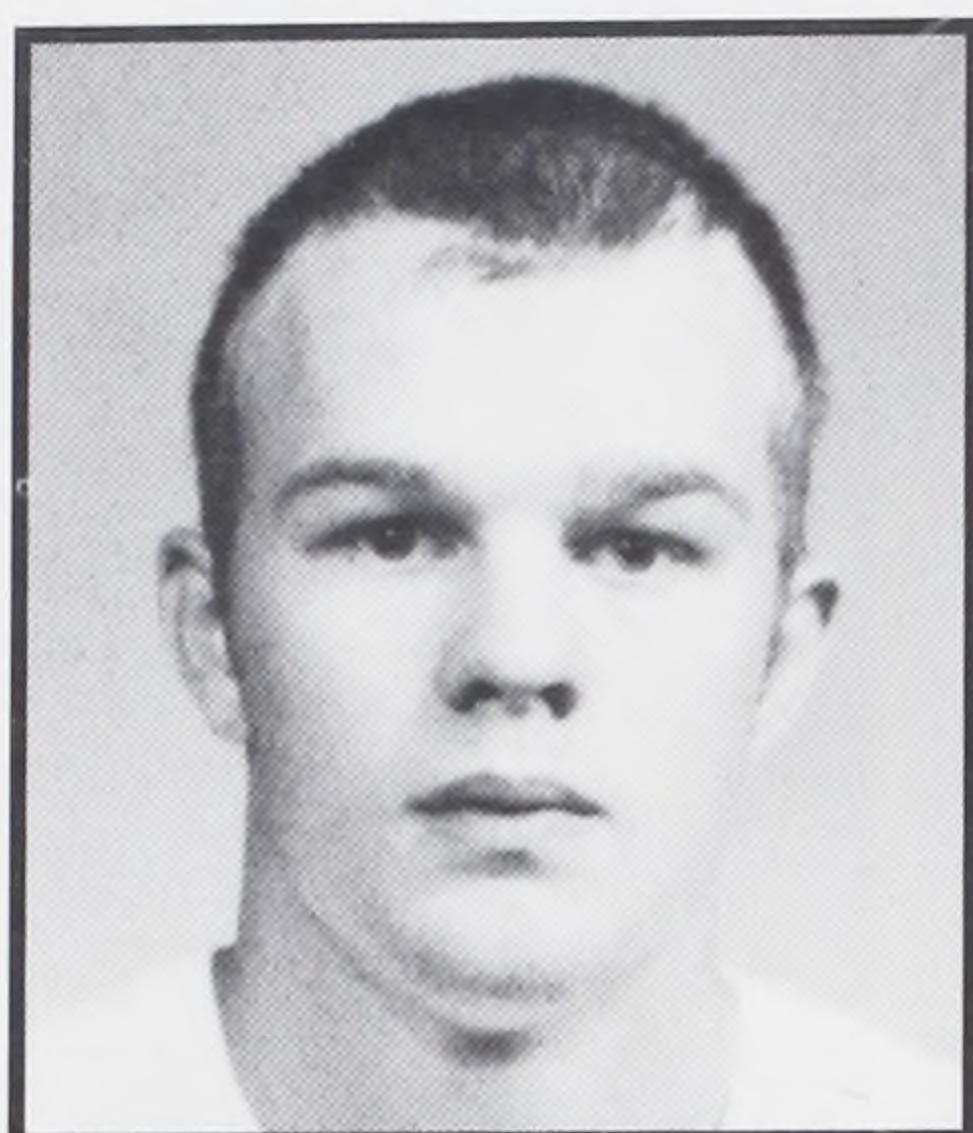
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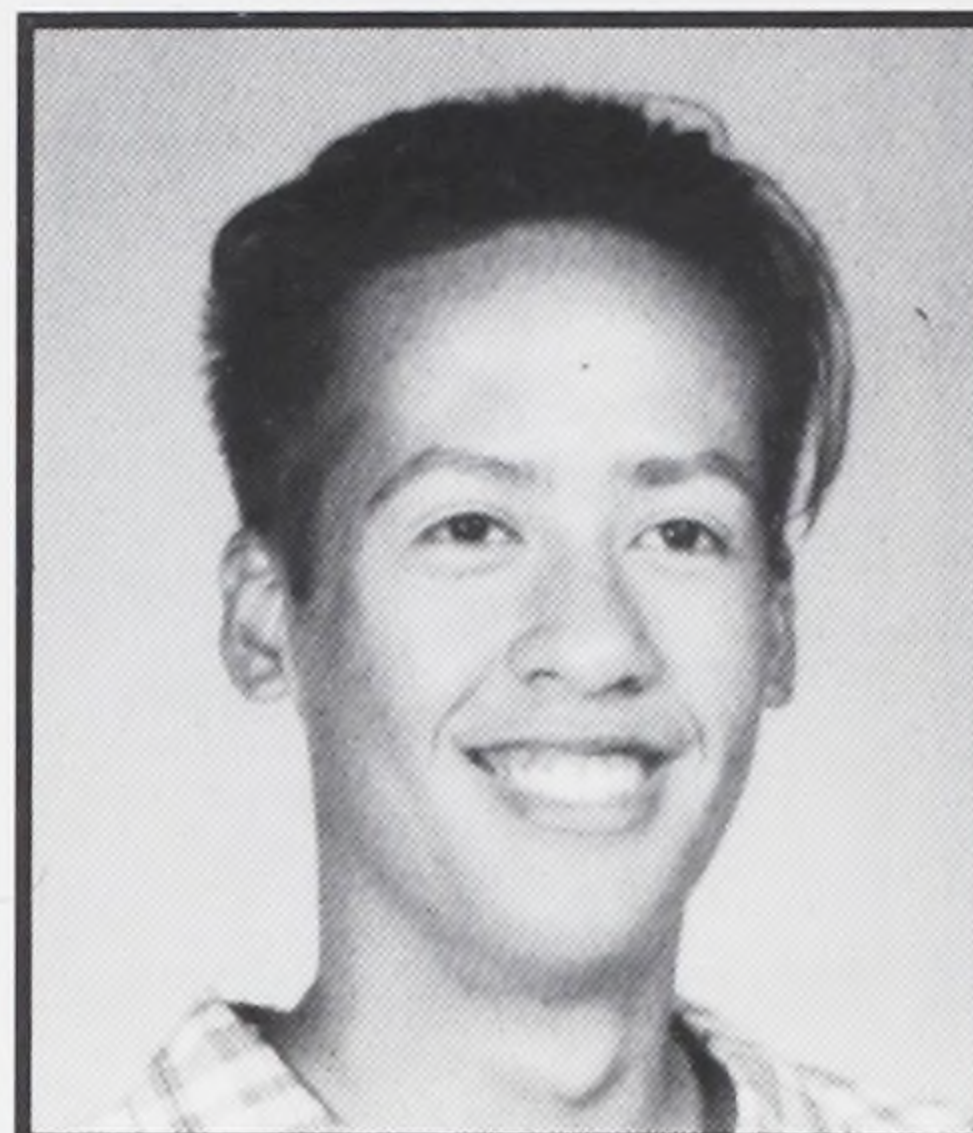
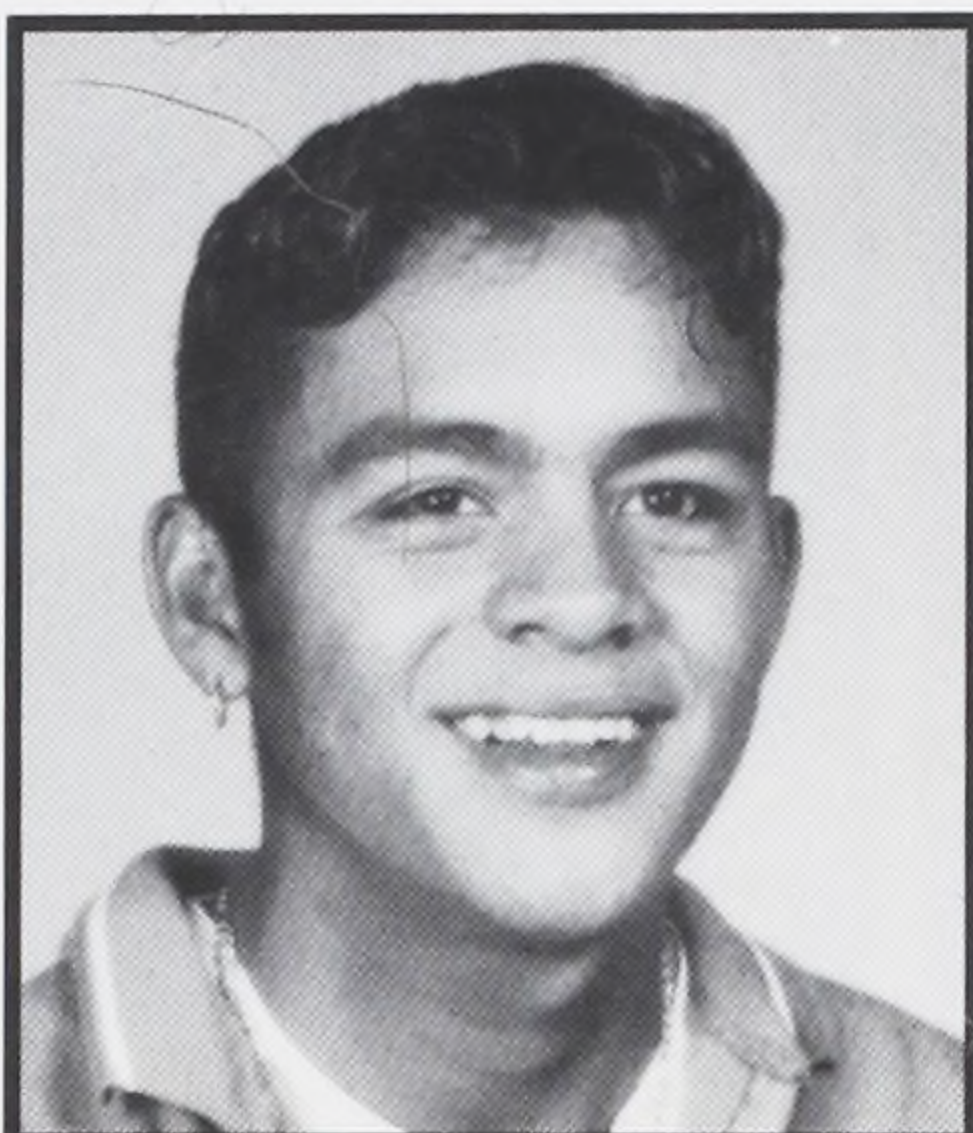


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Richard M. Lammers

Jason Lesser

Yen Hoang Ly



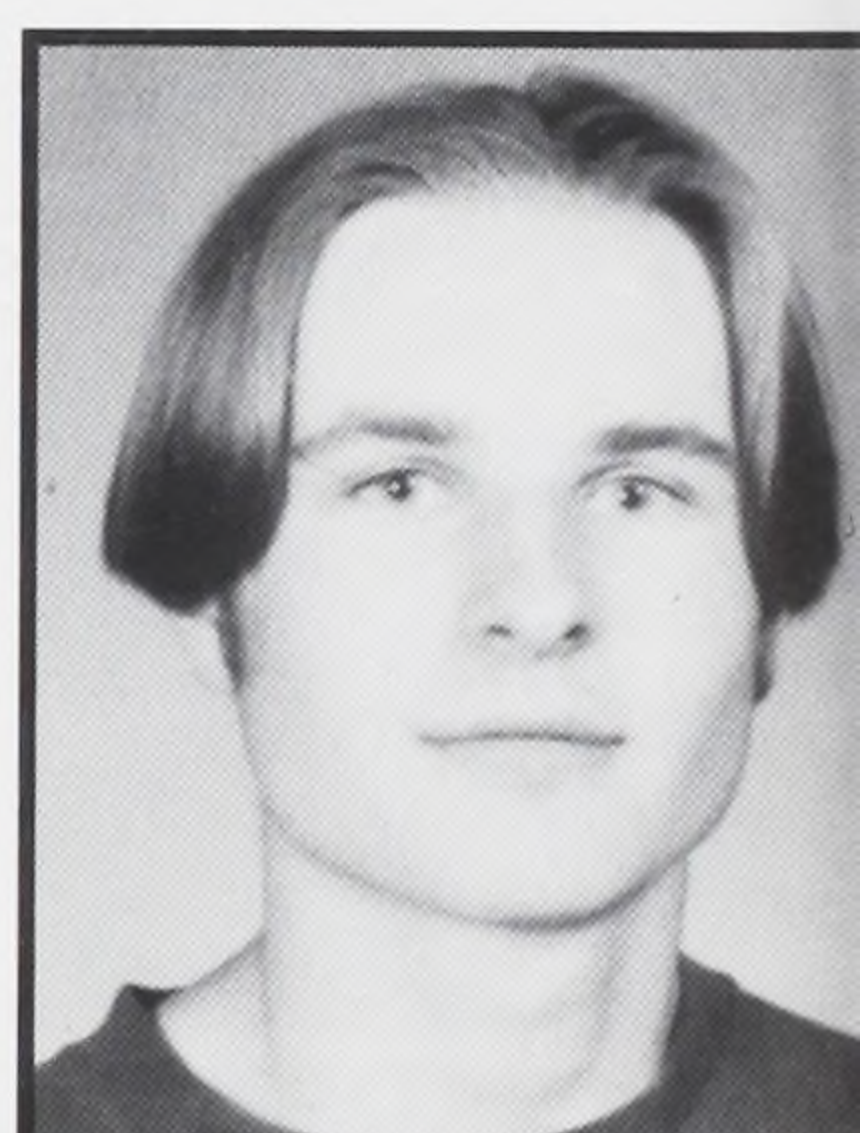
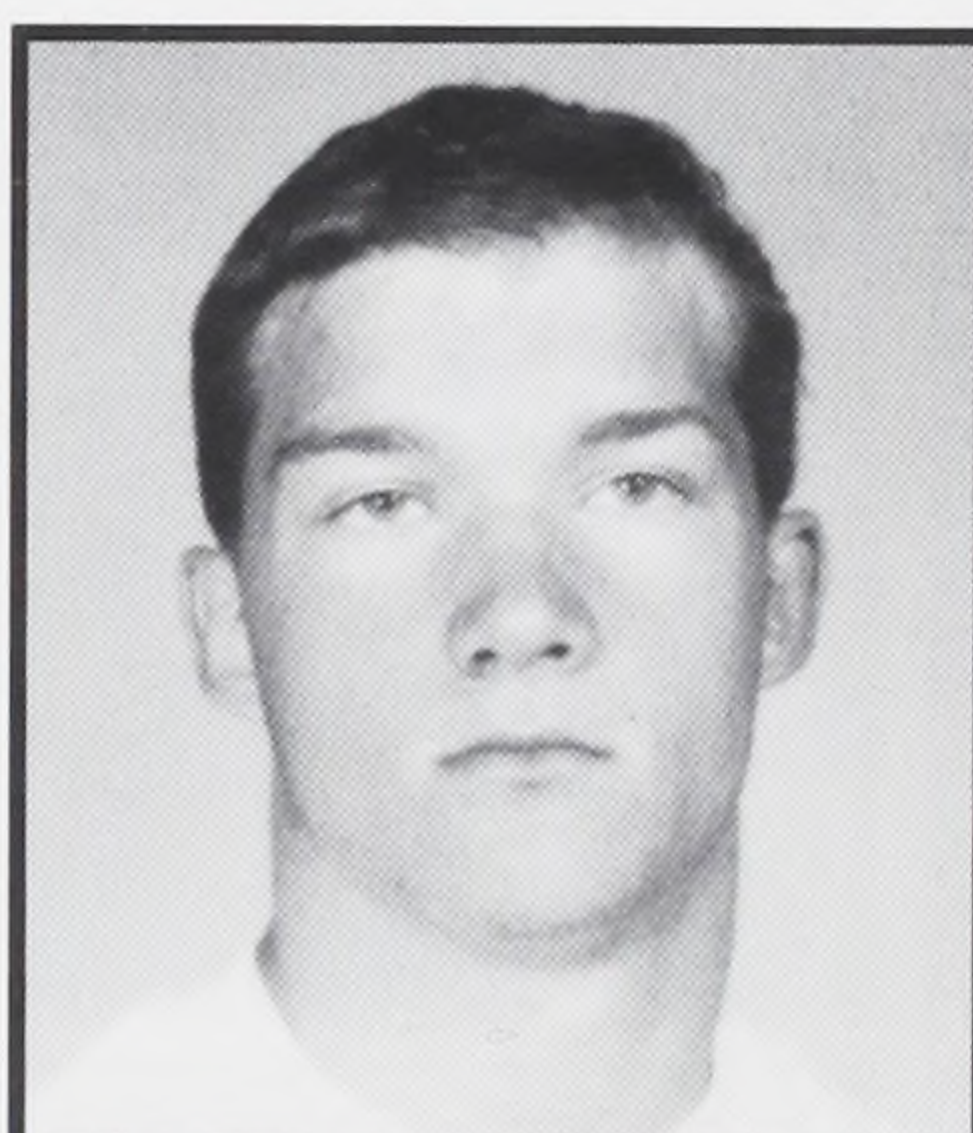
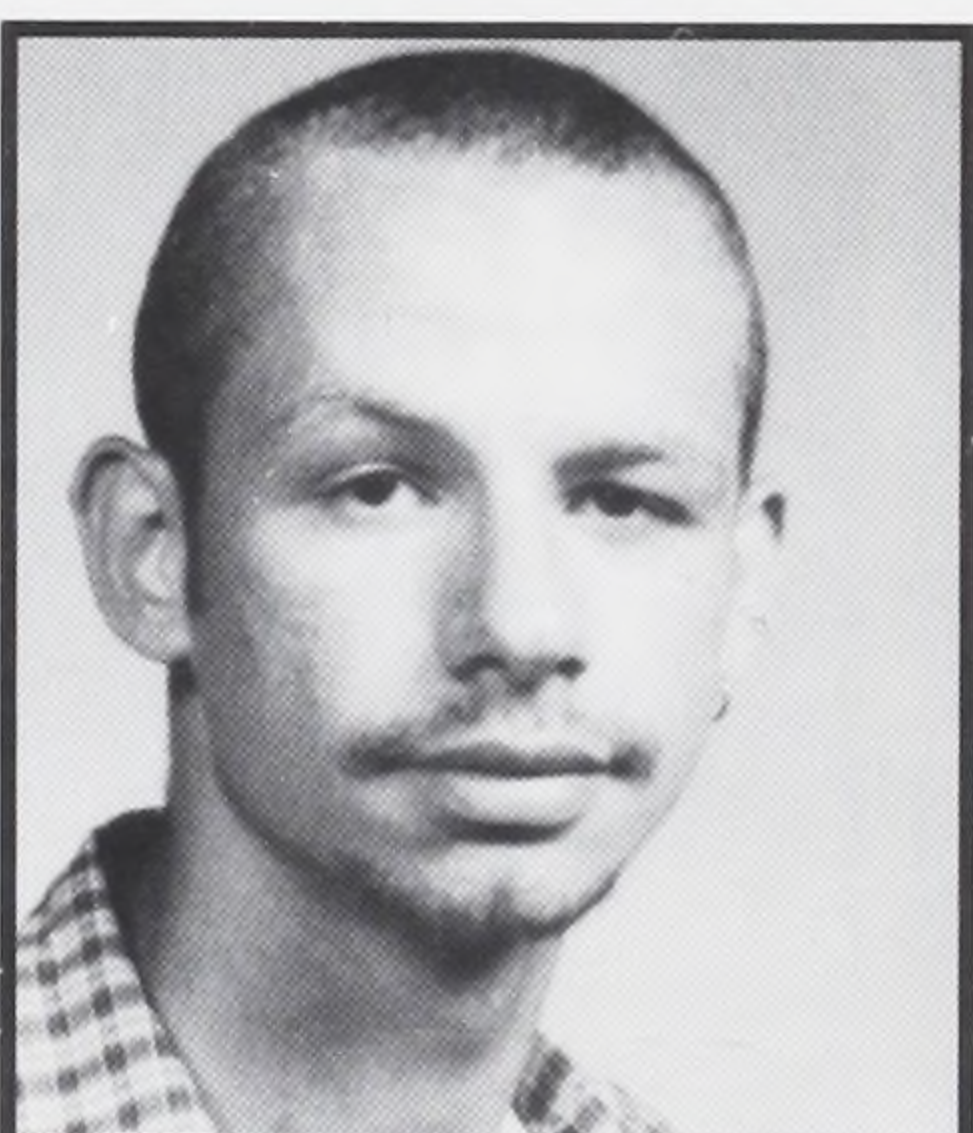
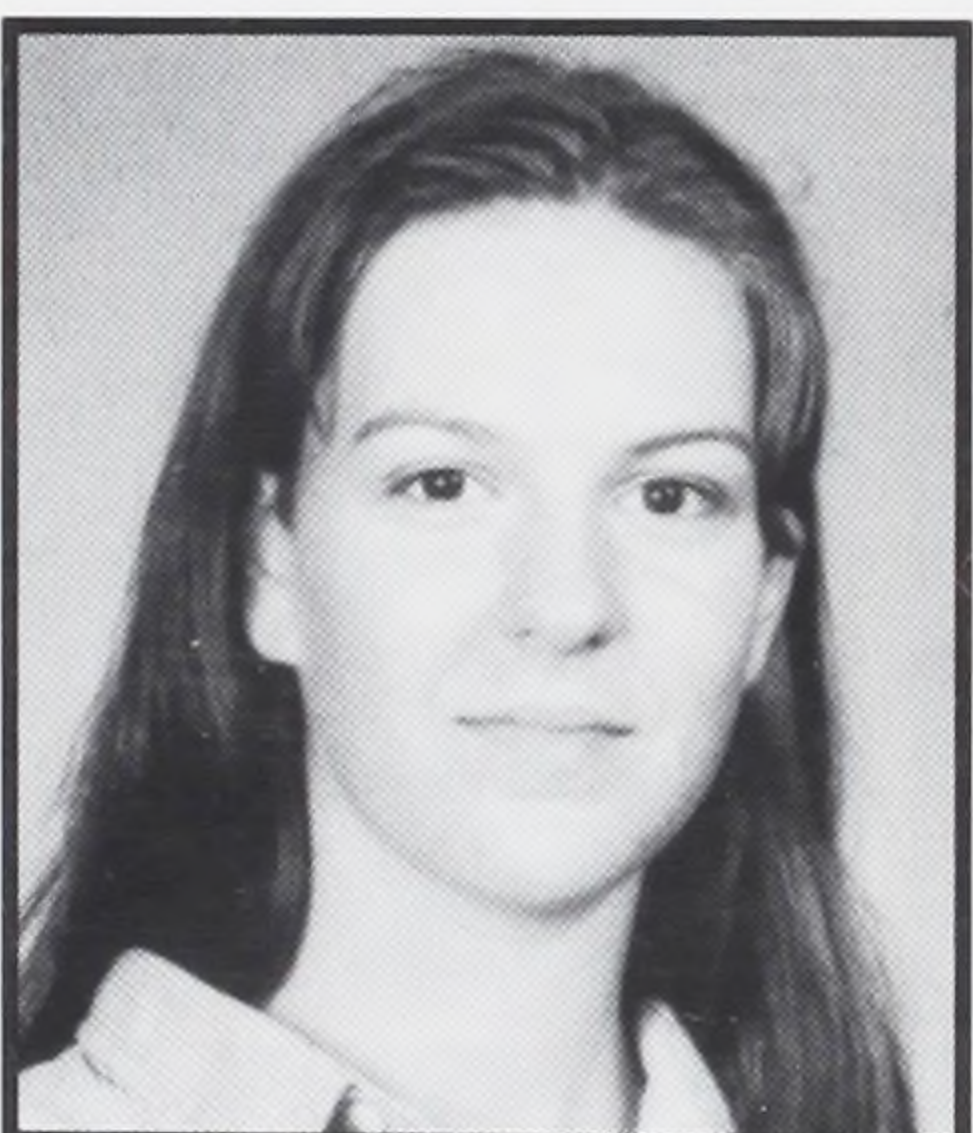
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Amanda Marsh

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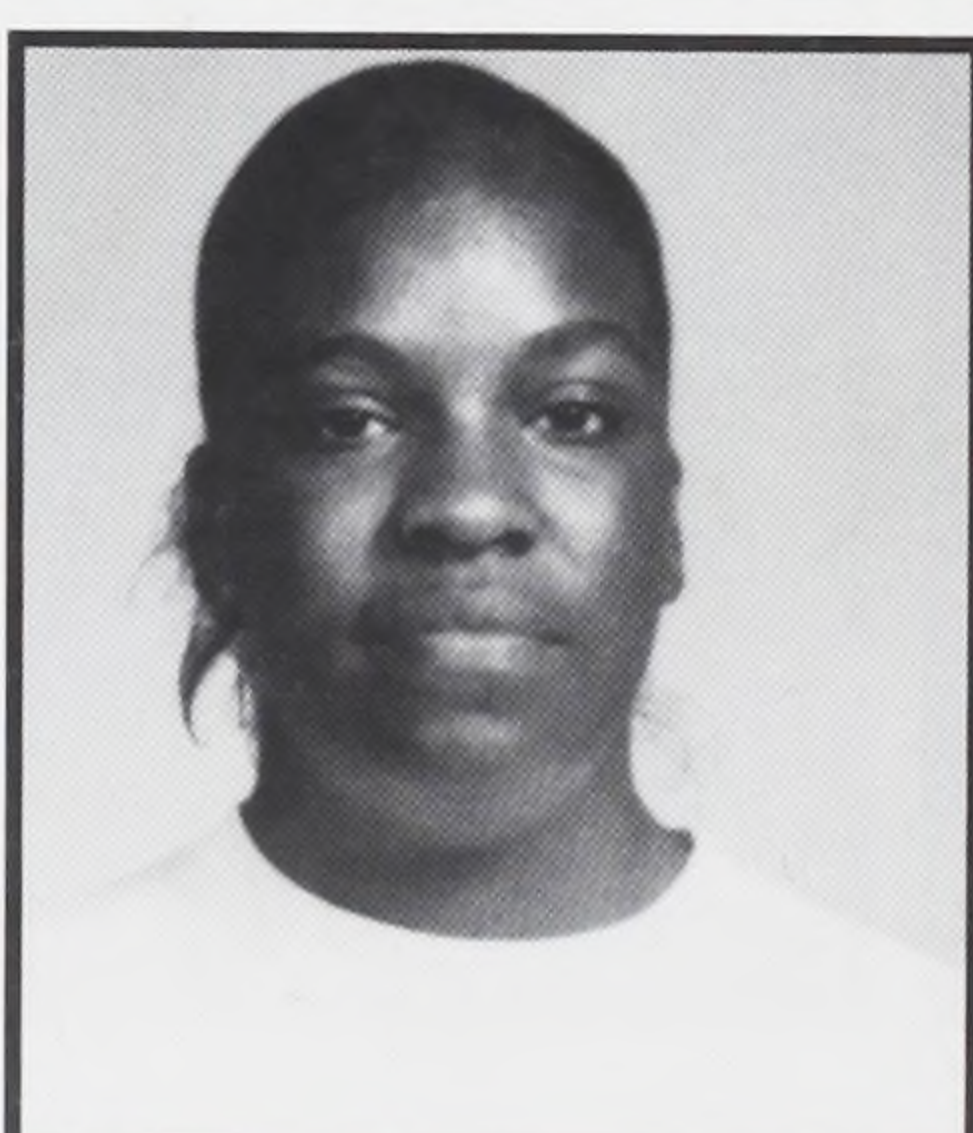
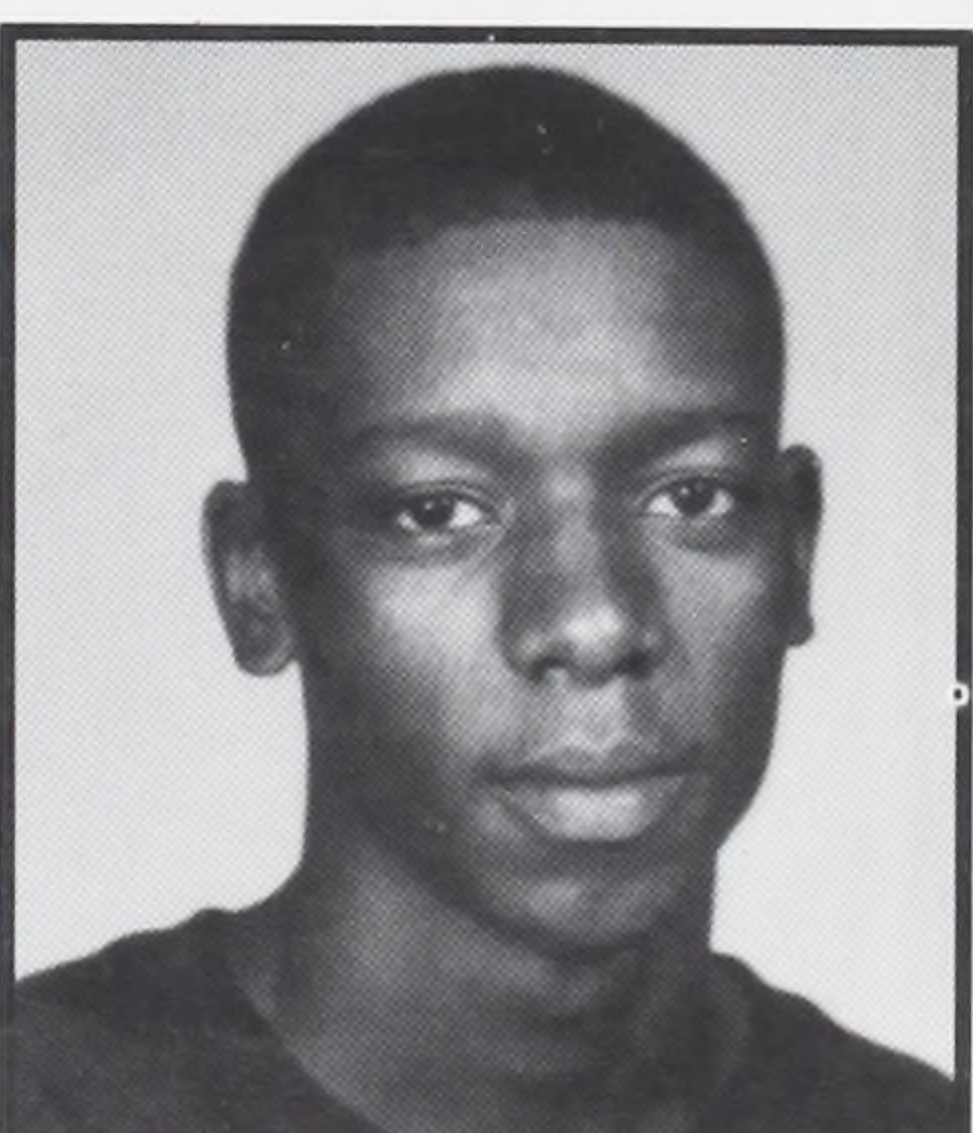


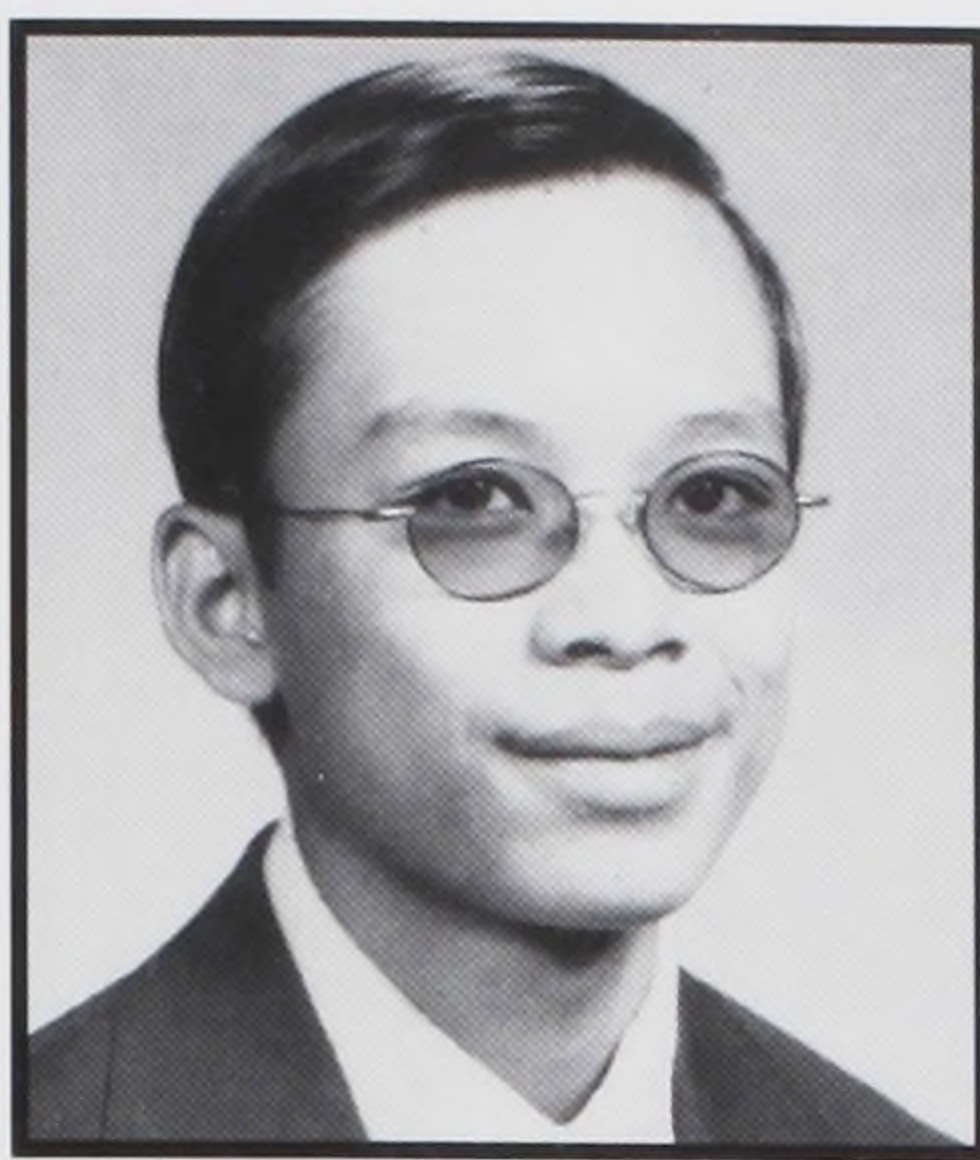
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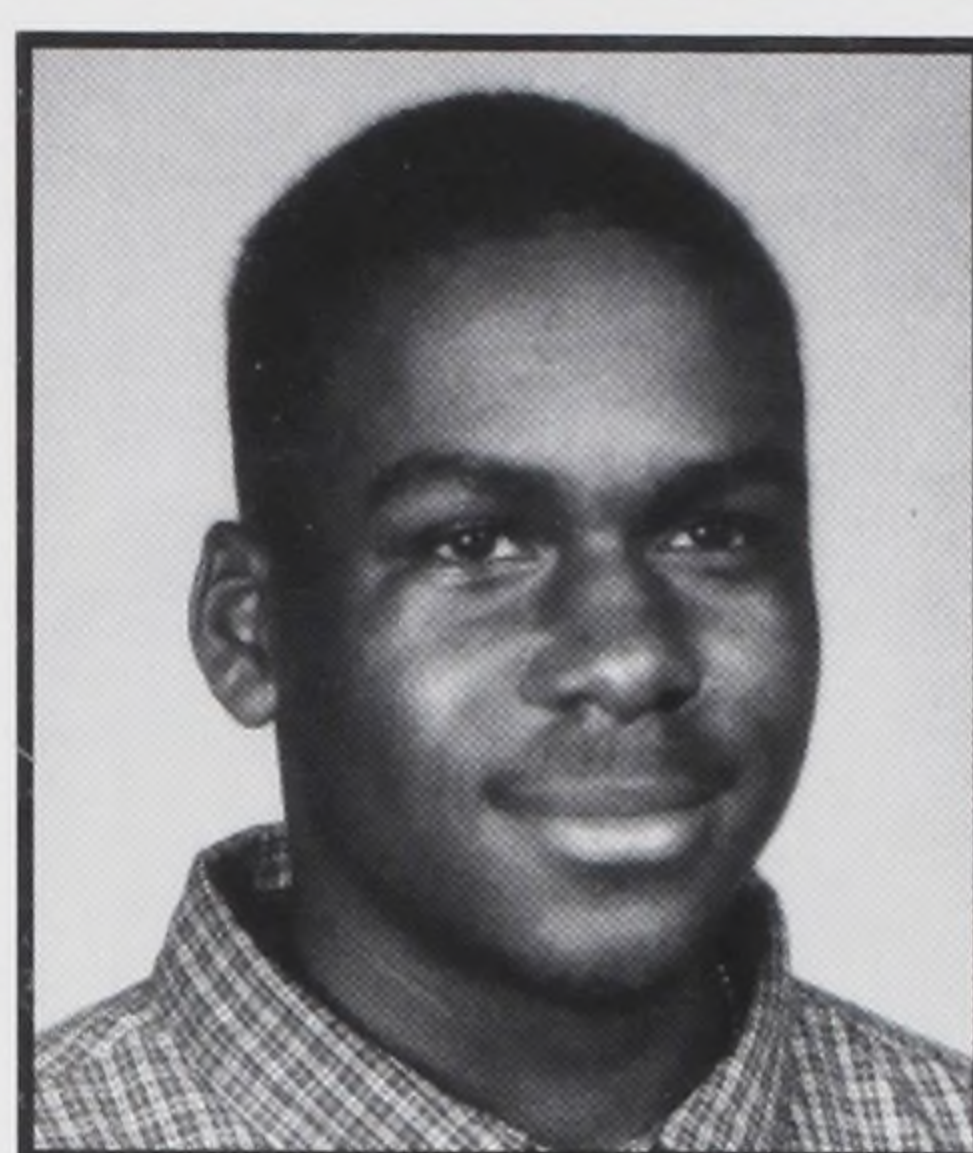
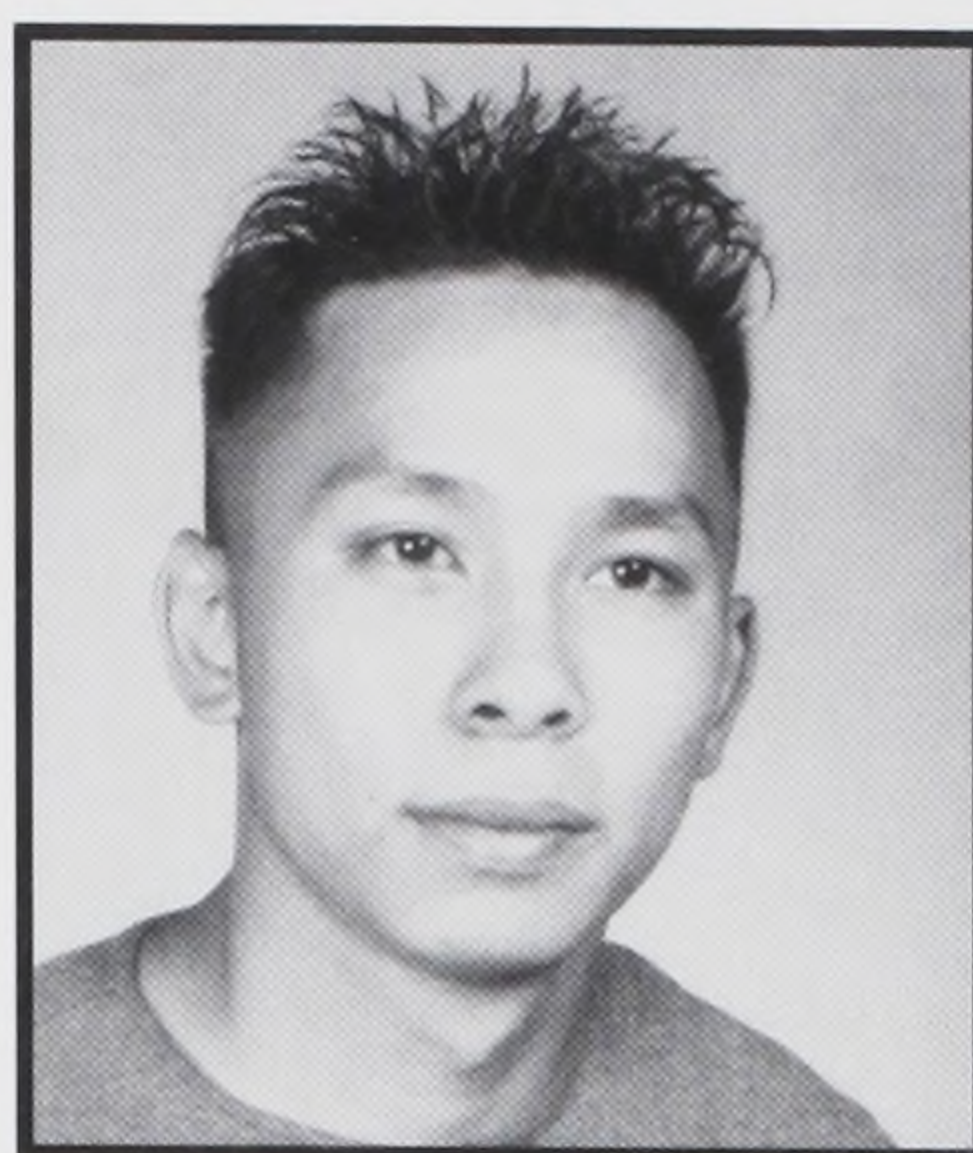
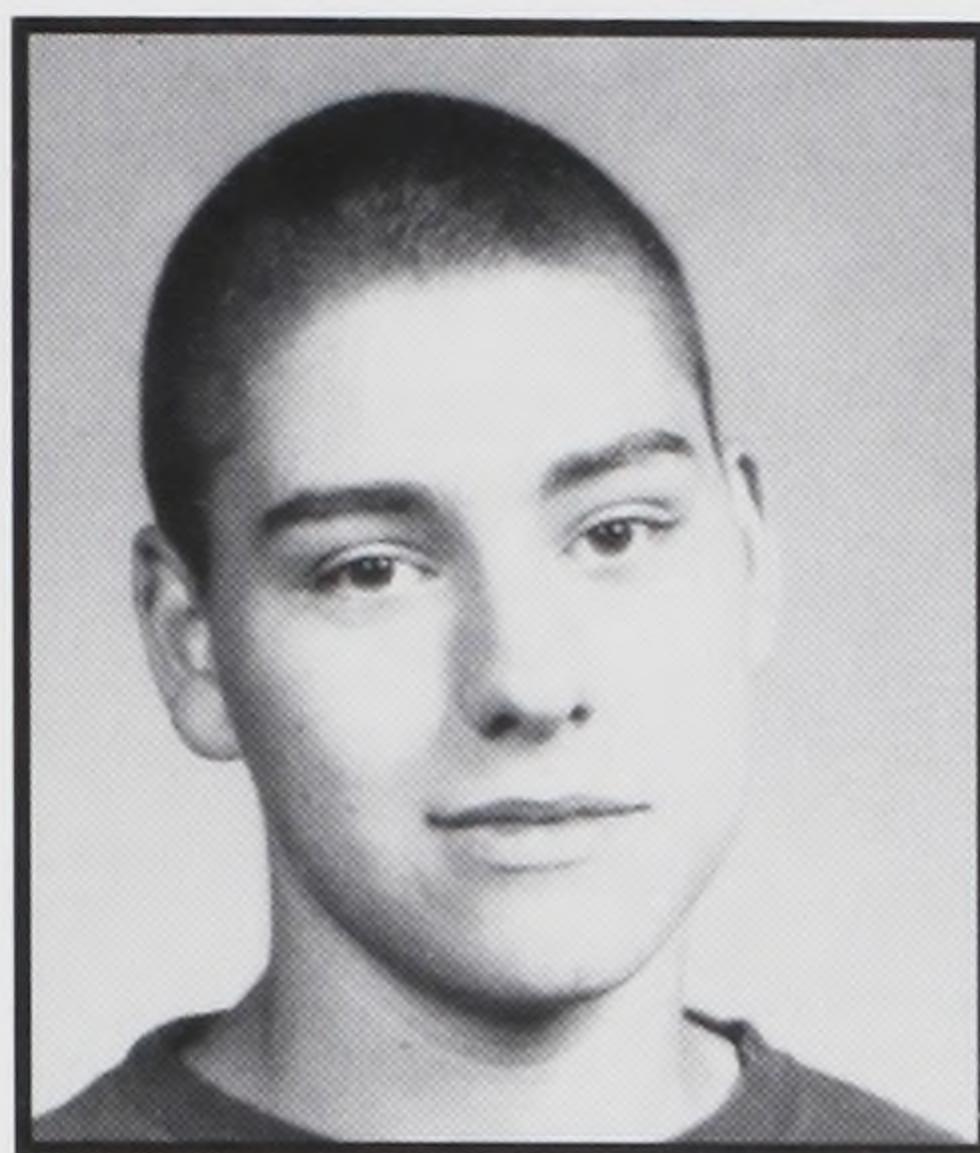


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Alla V. Panchenko

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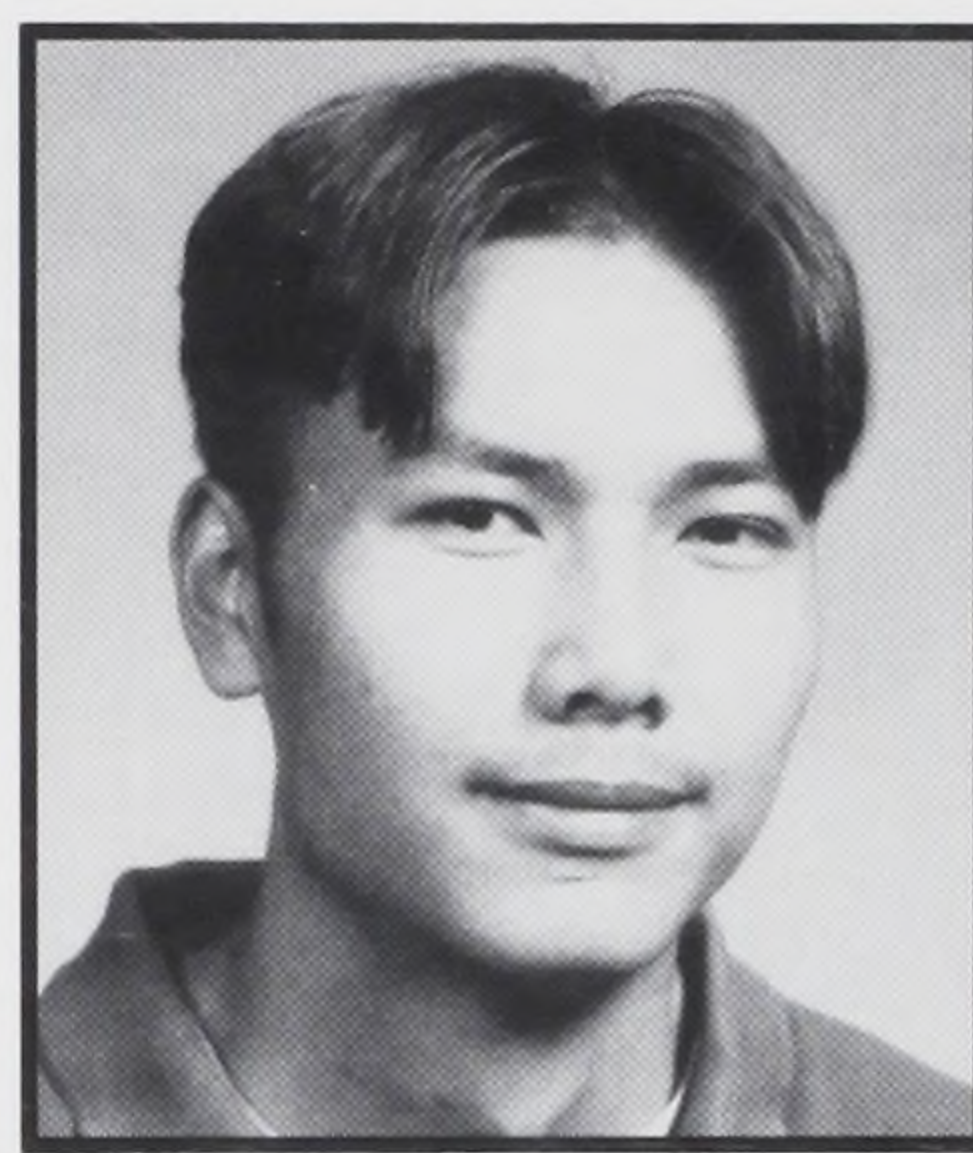
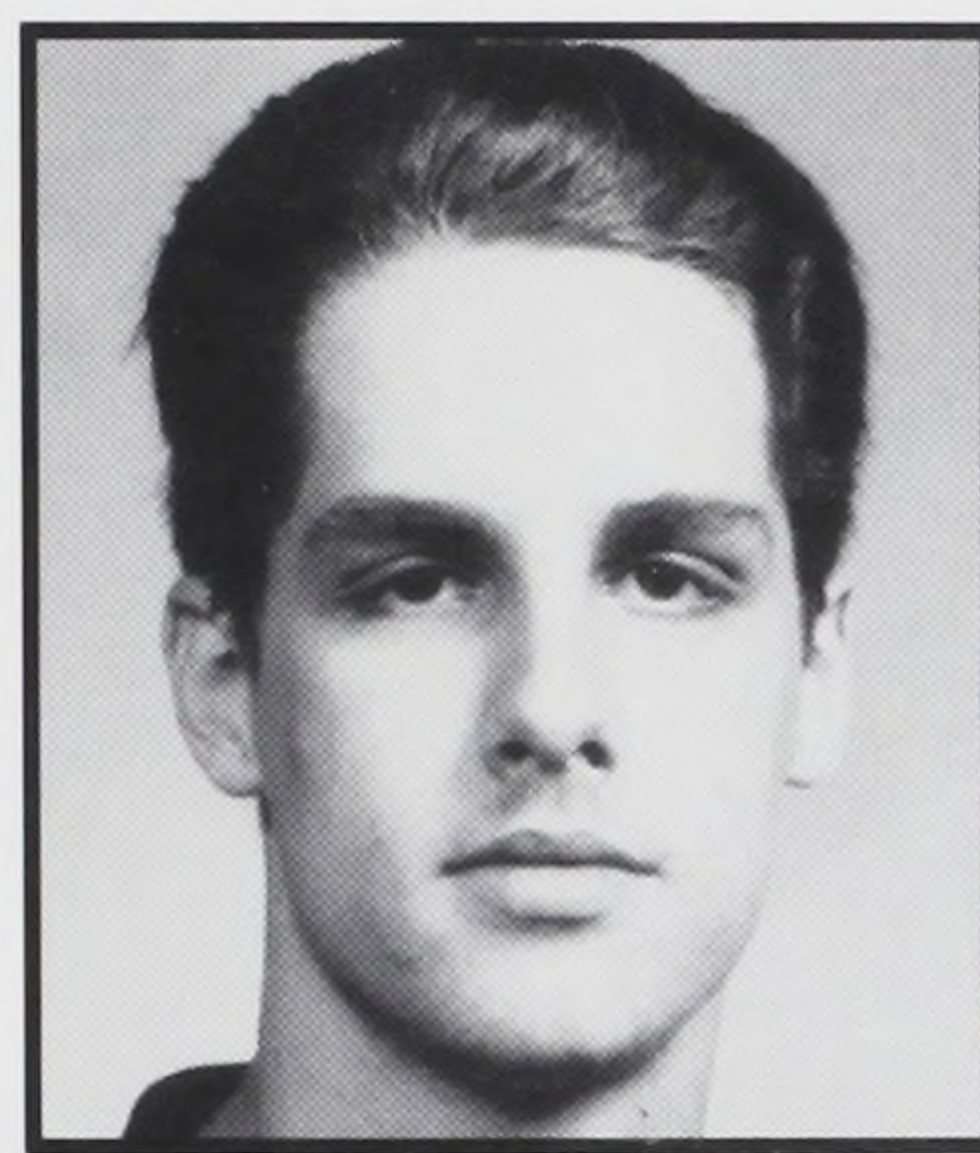
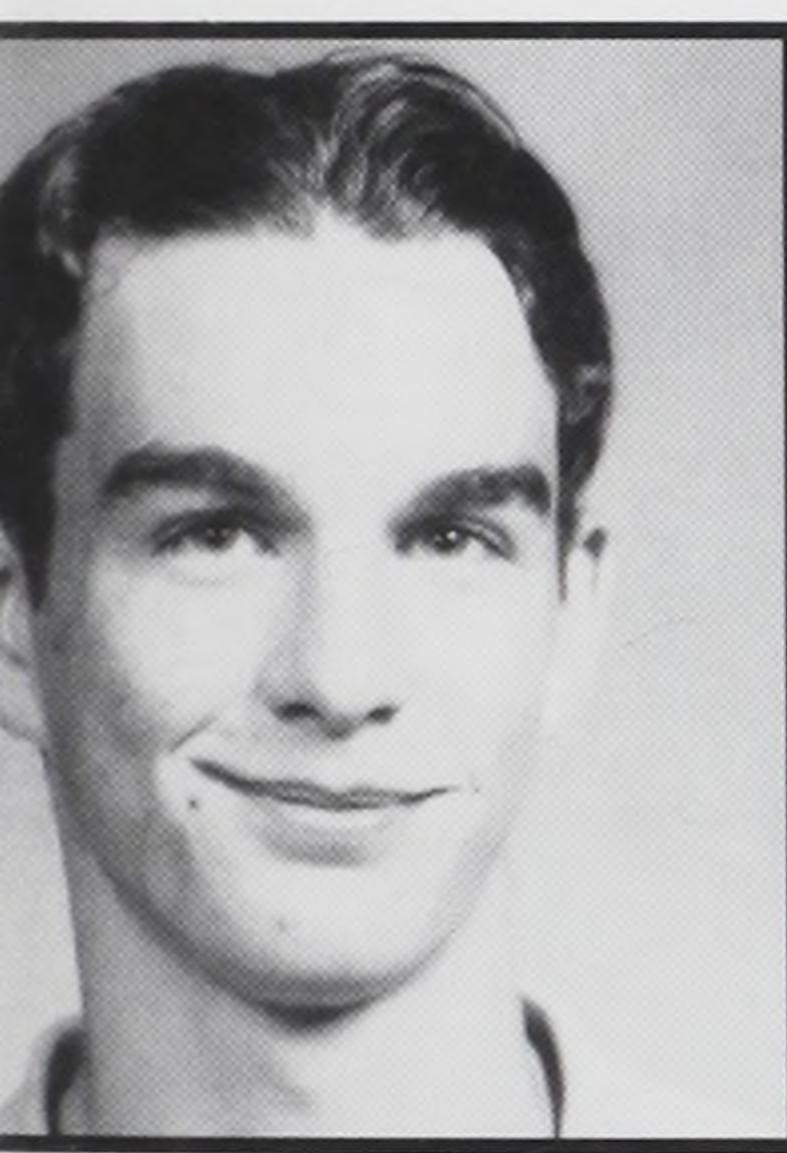
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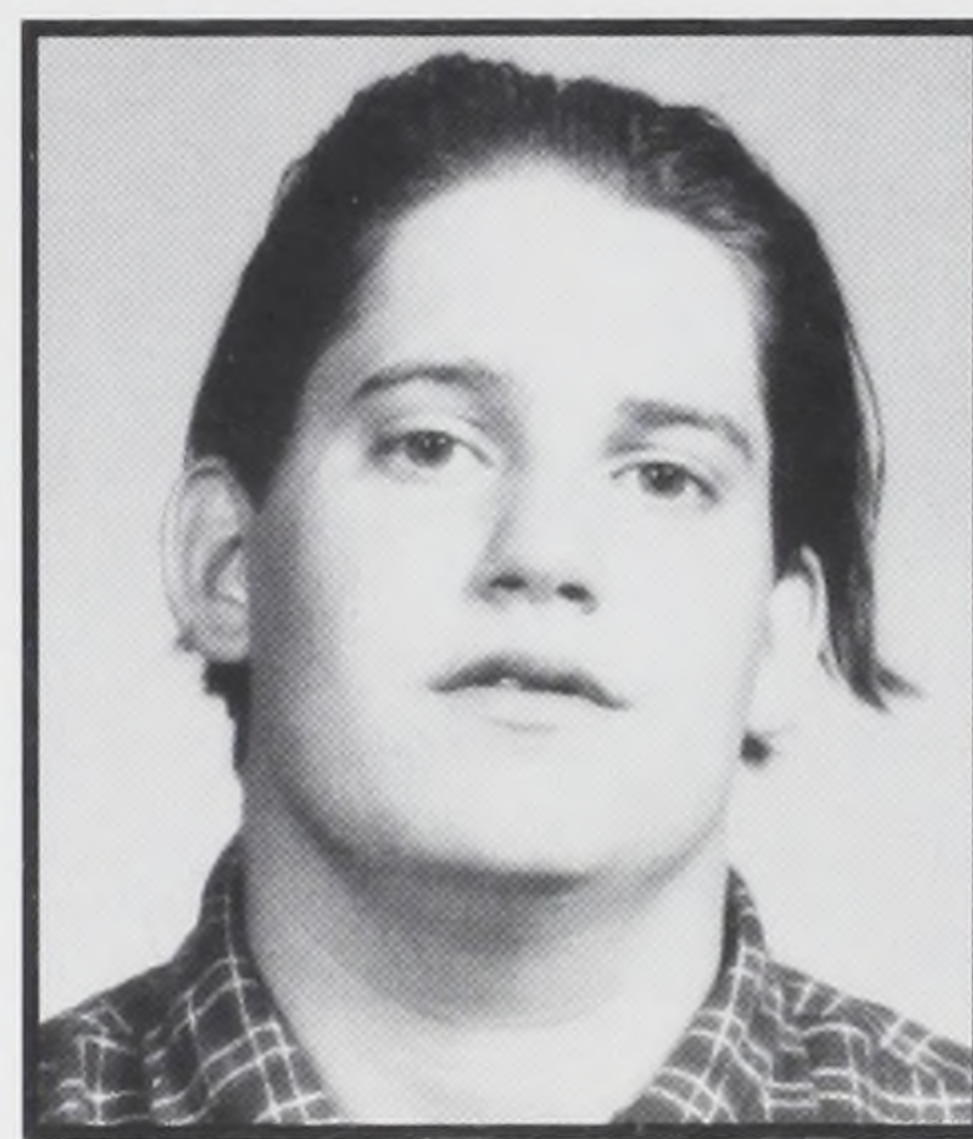
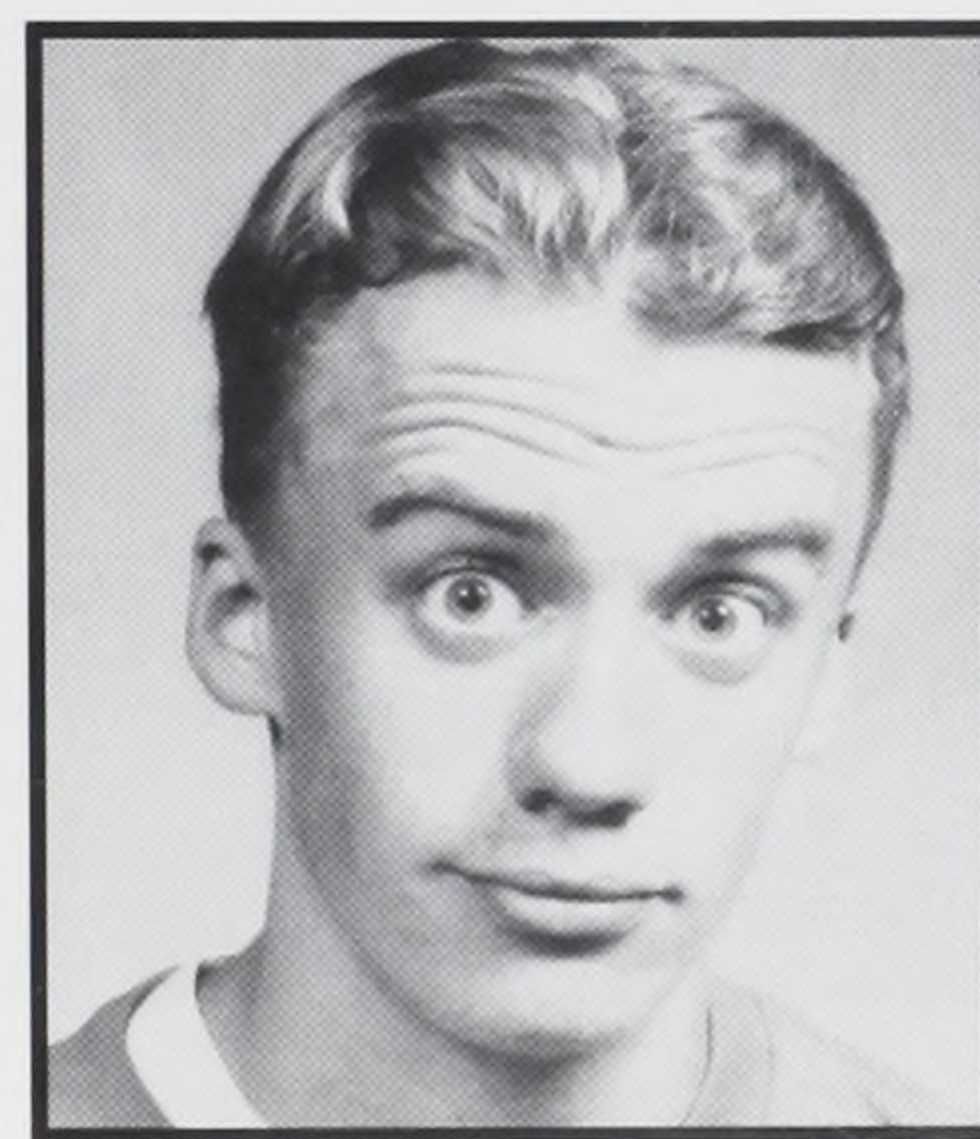
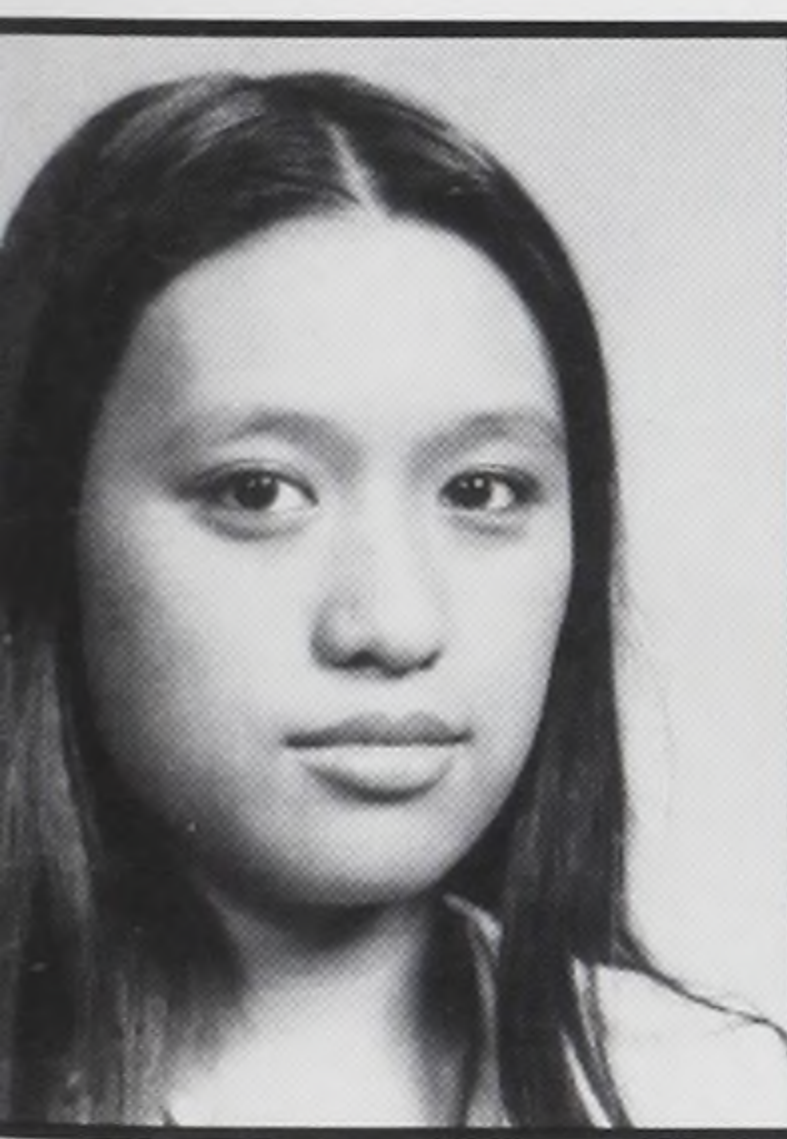


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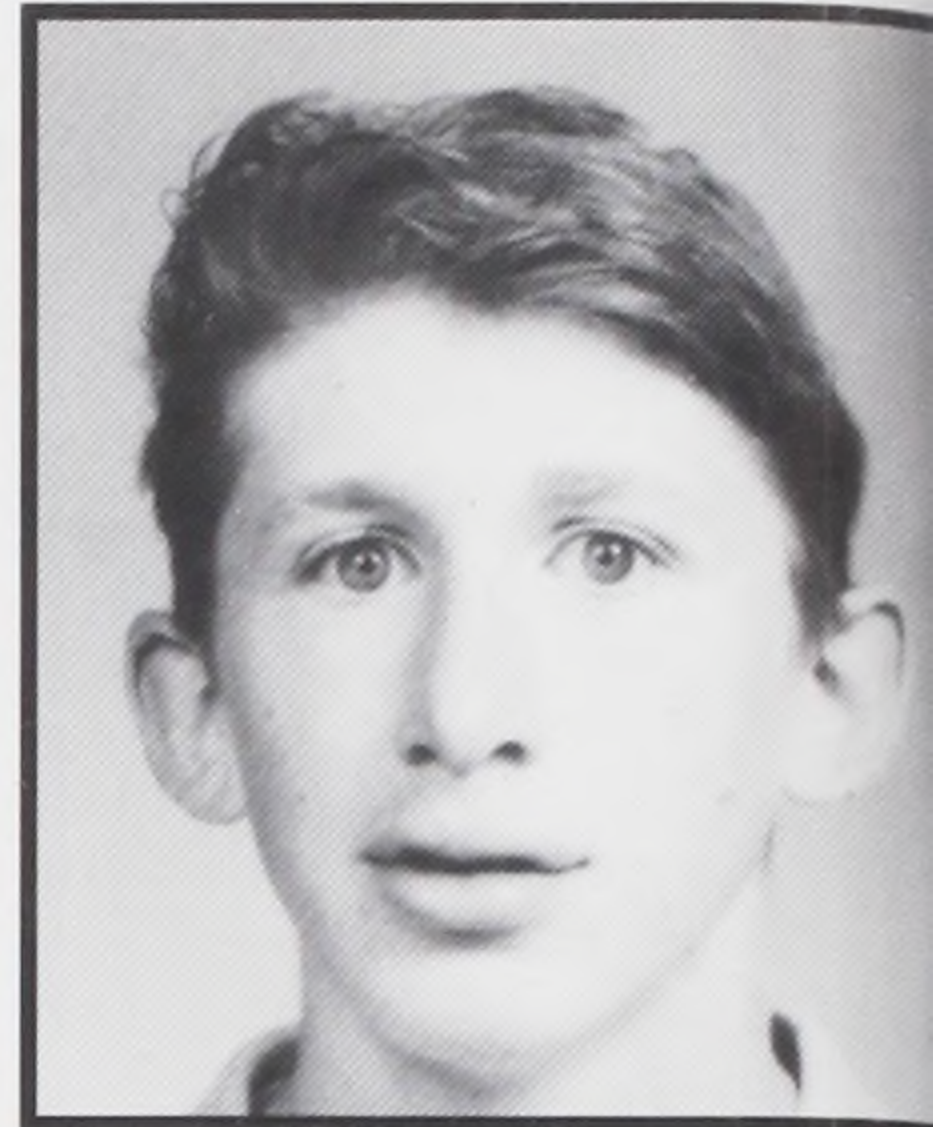
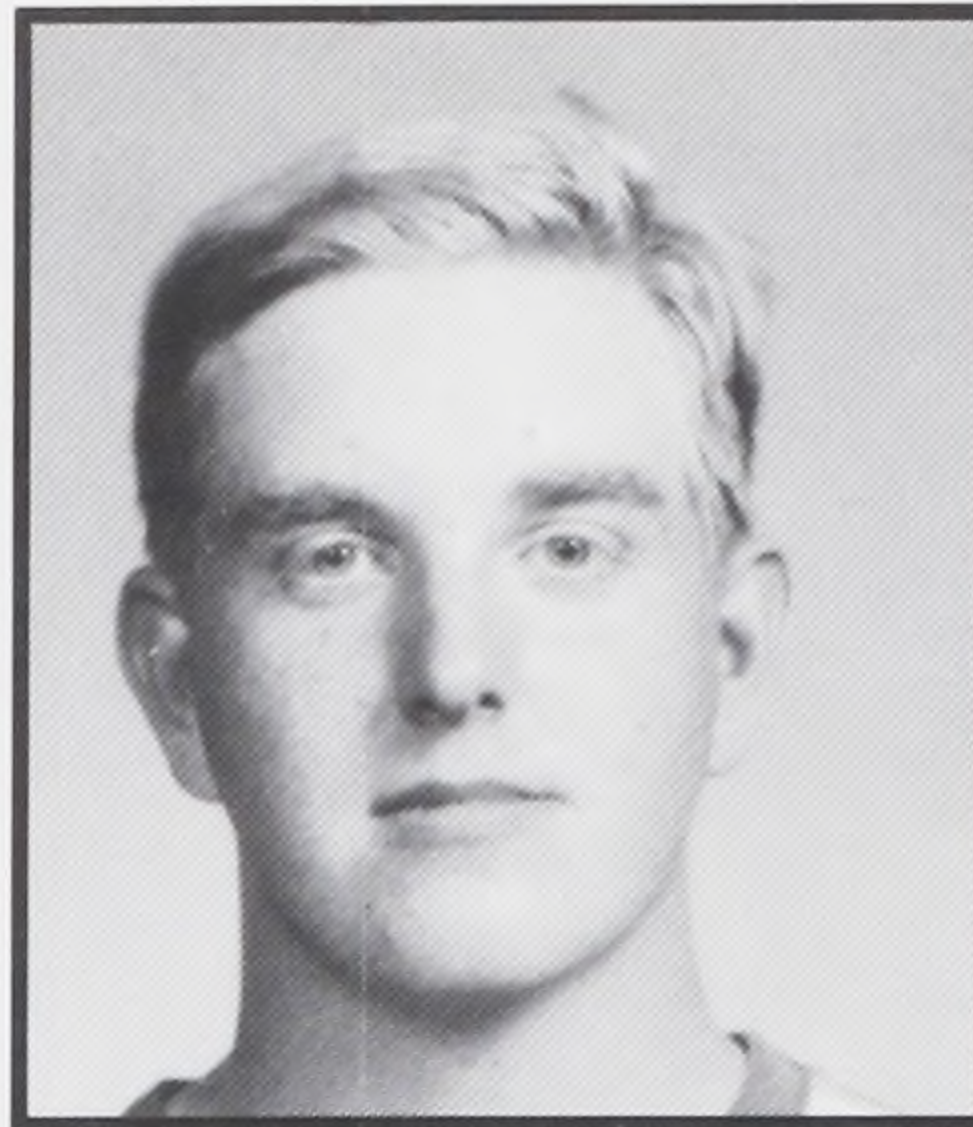
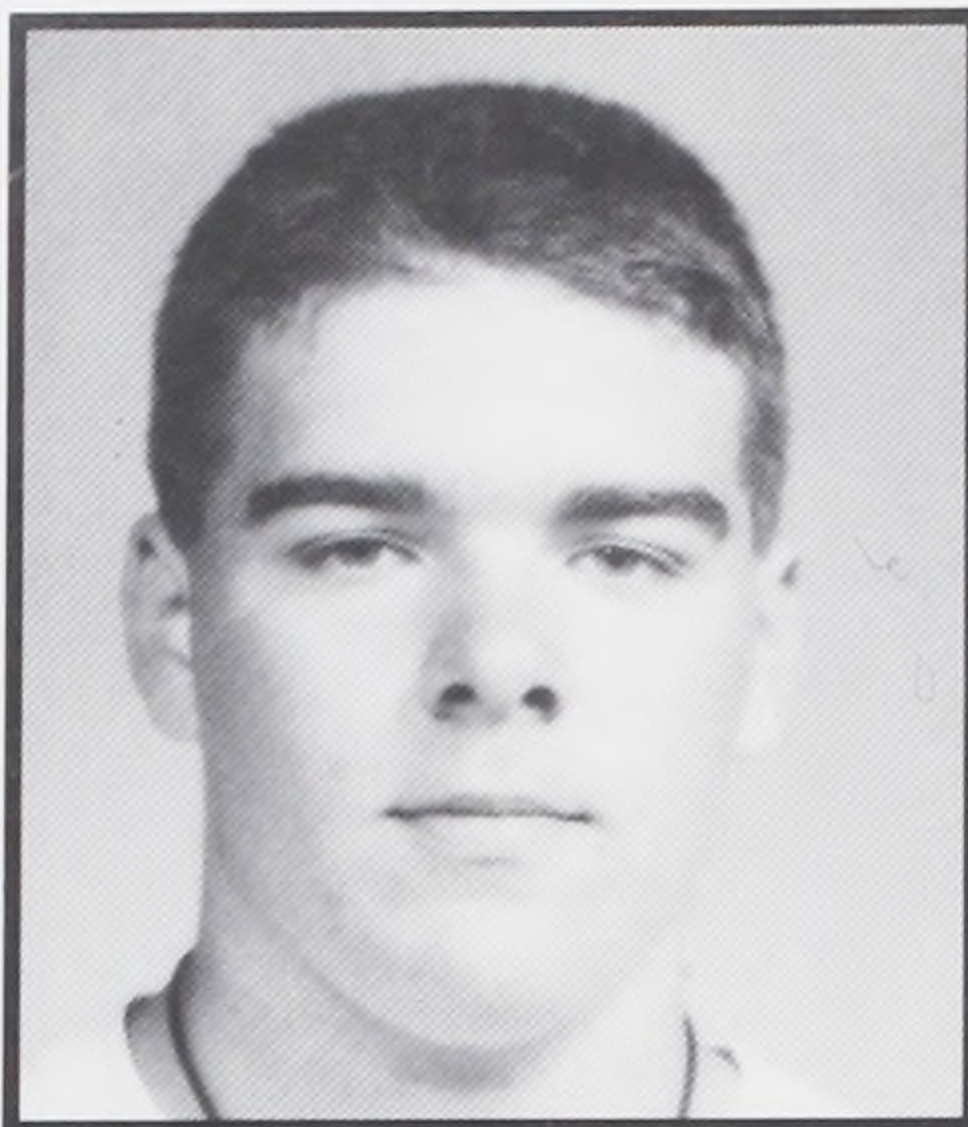
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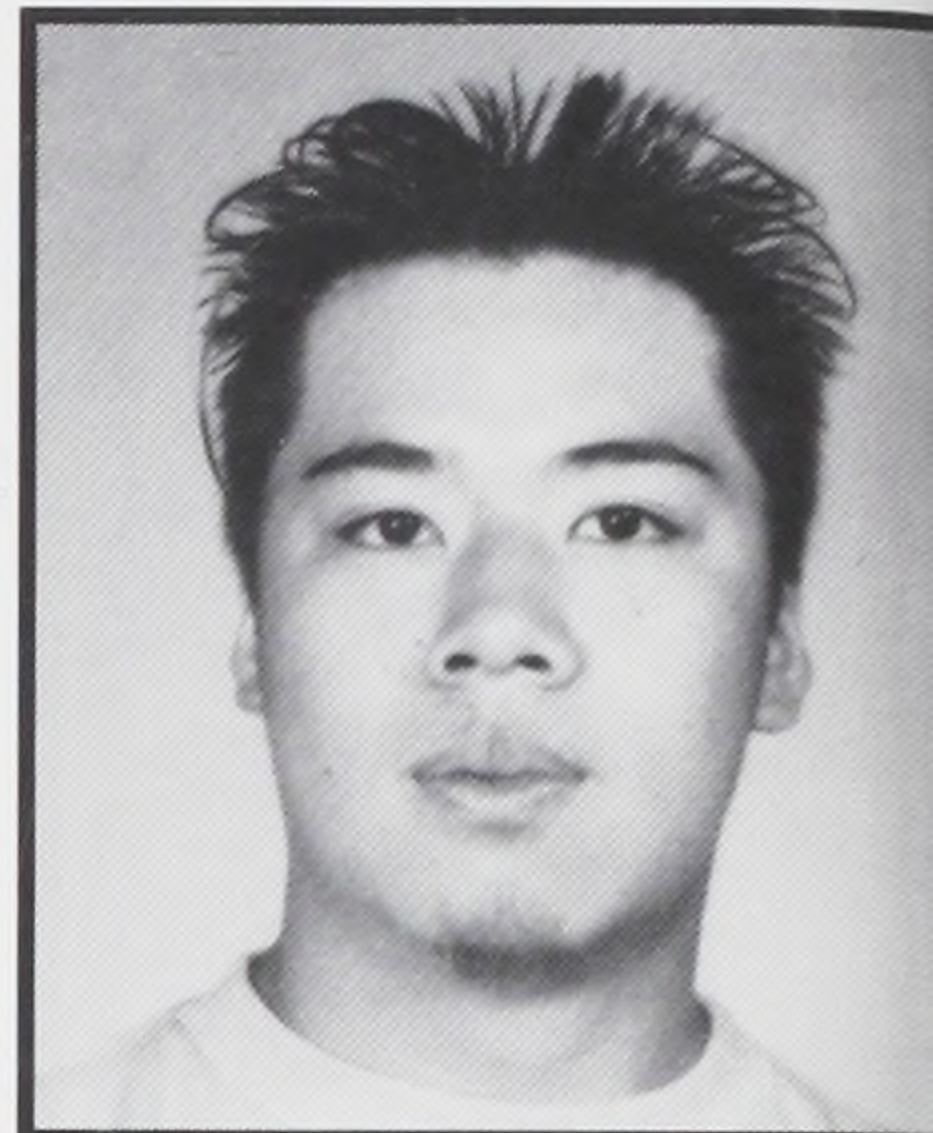
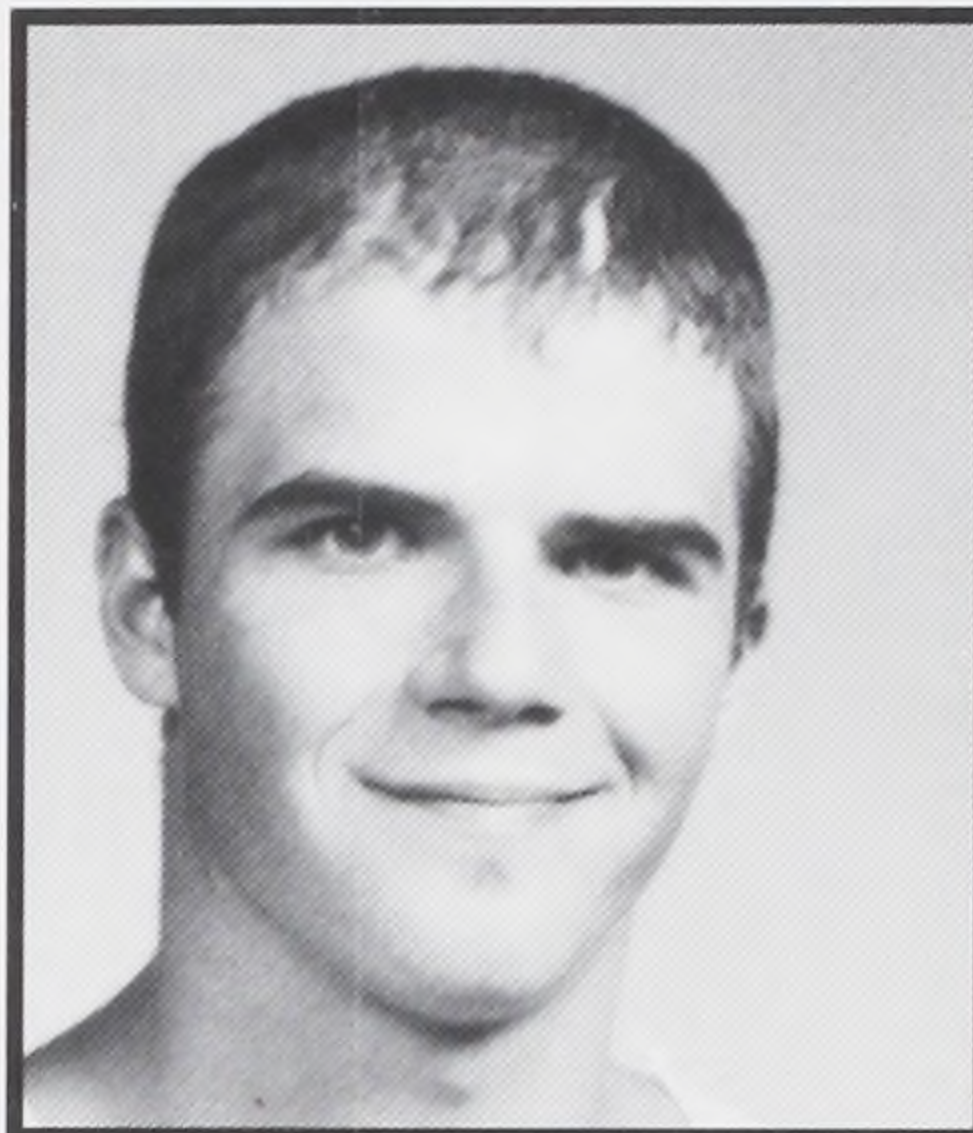
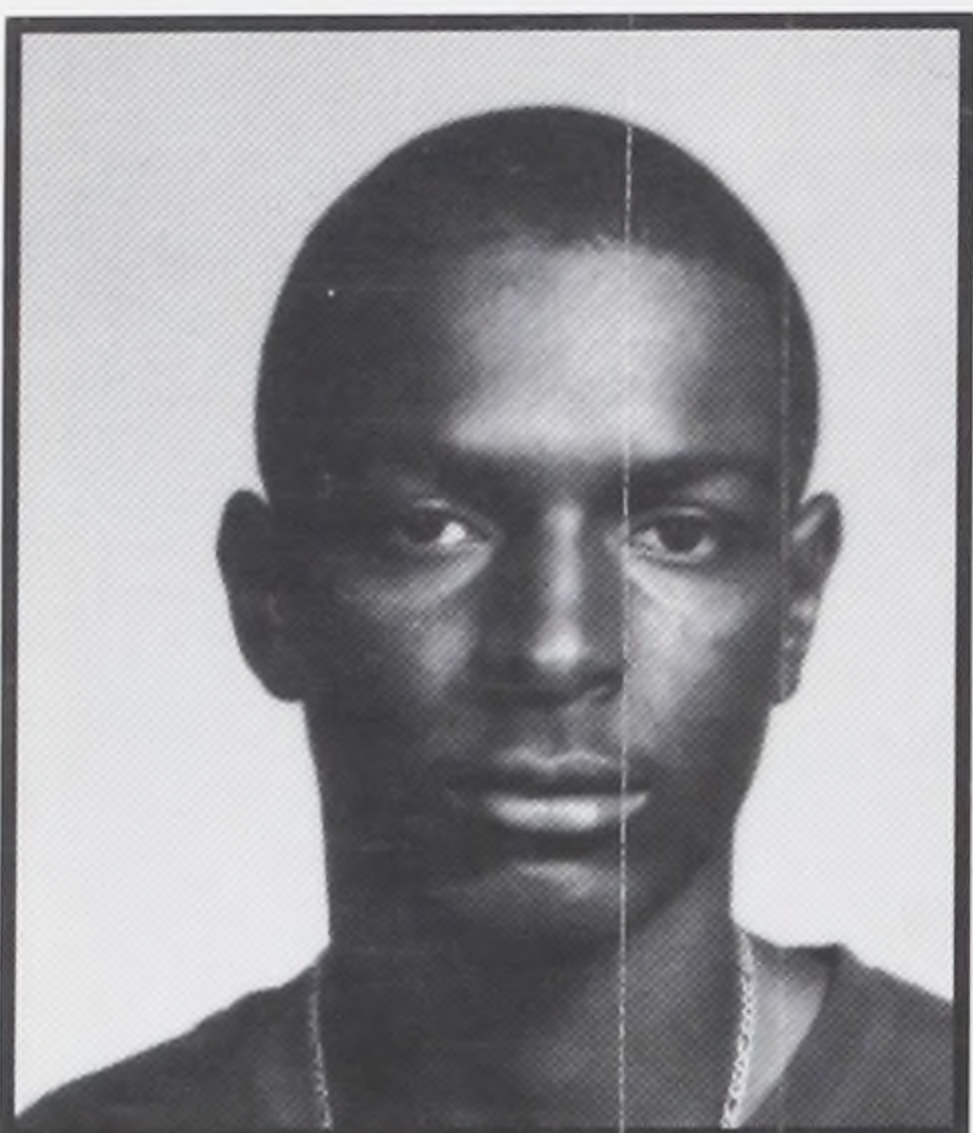


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“It takes us all to keep things poppin’!”

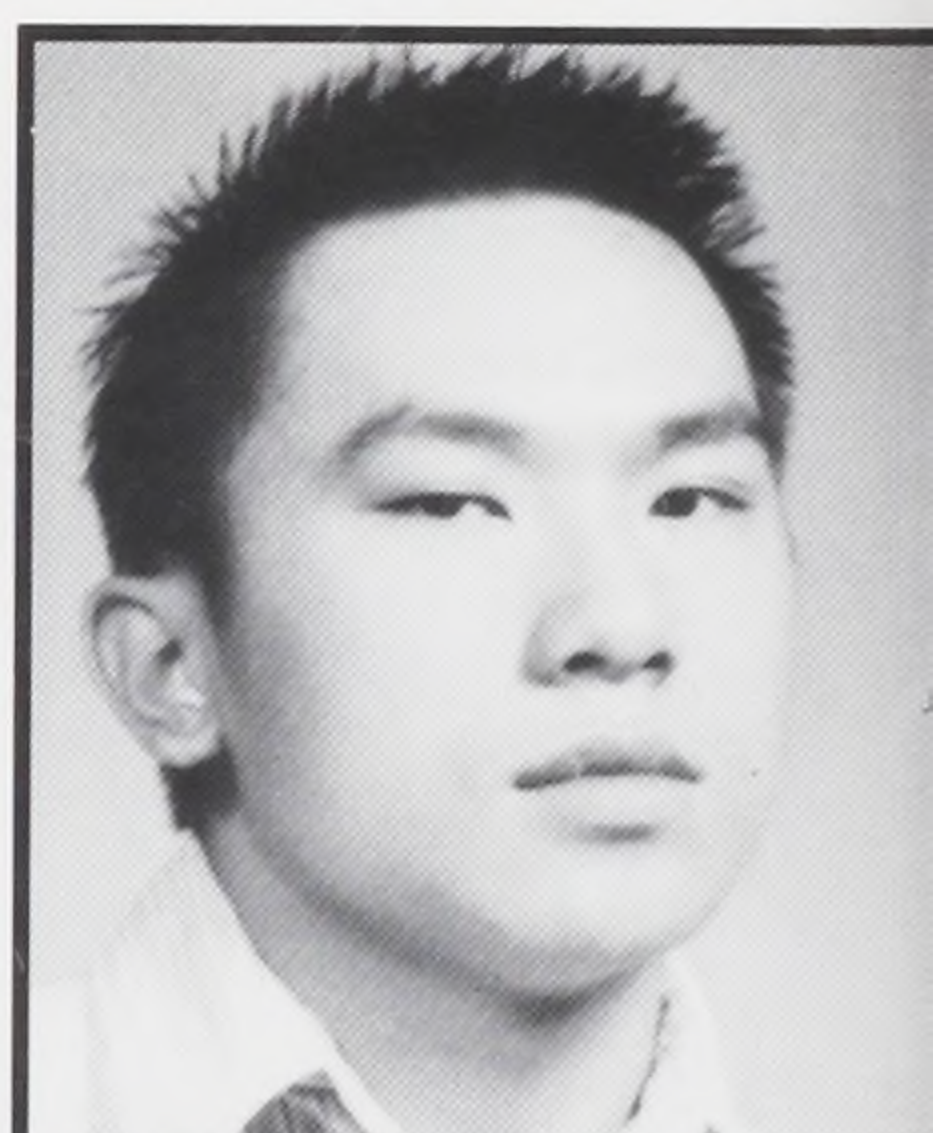
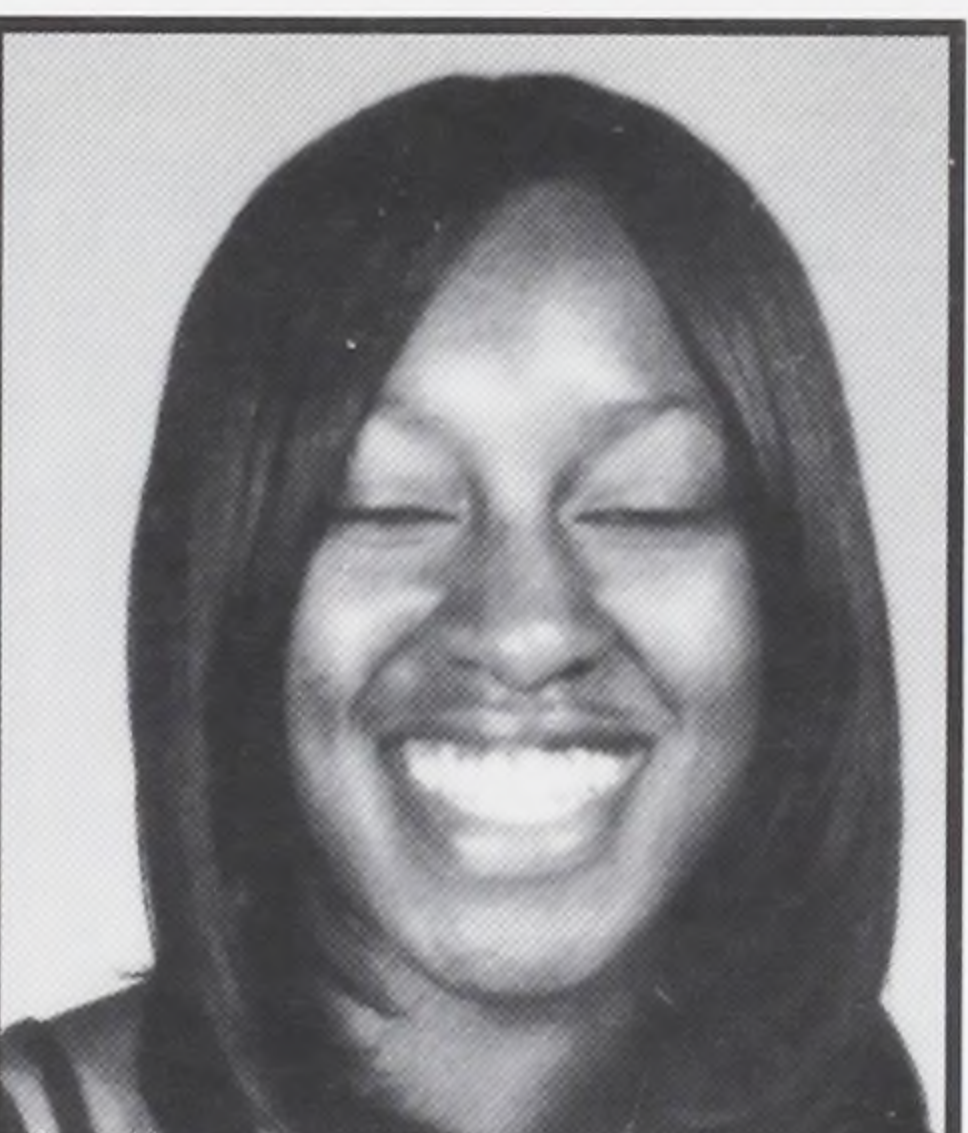
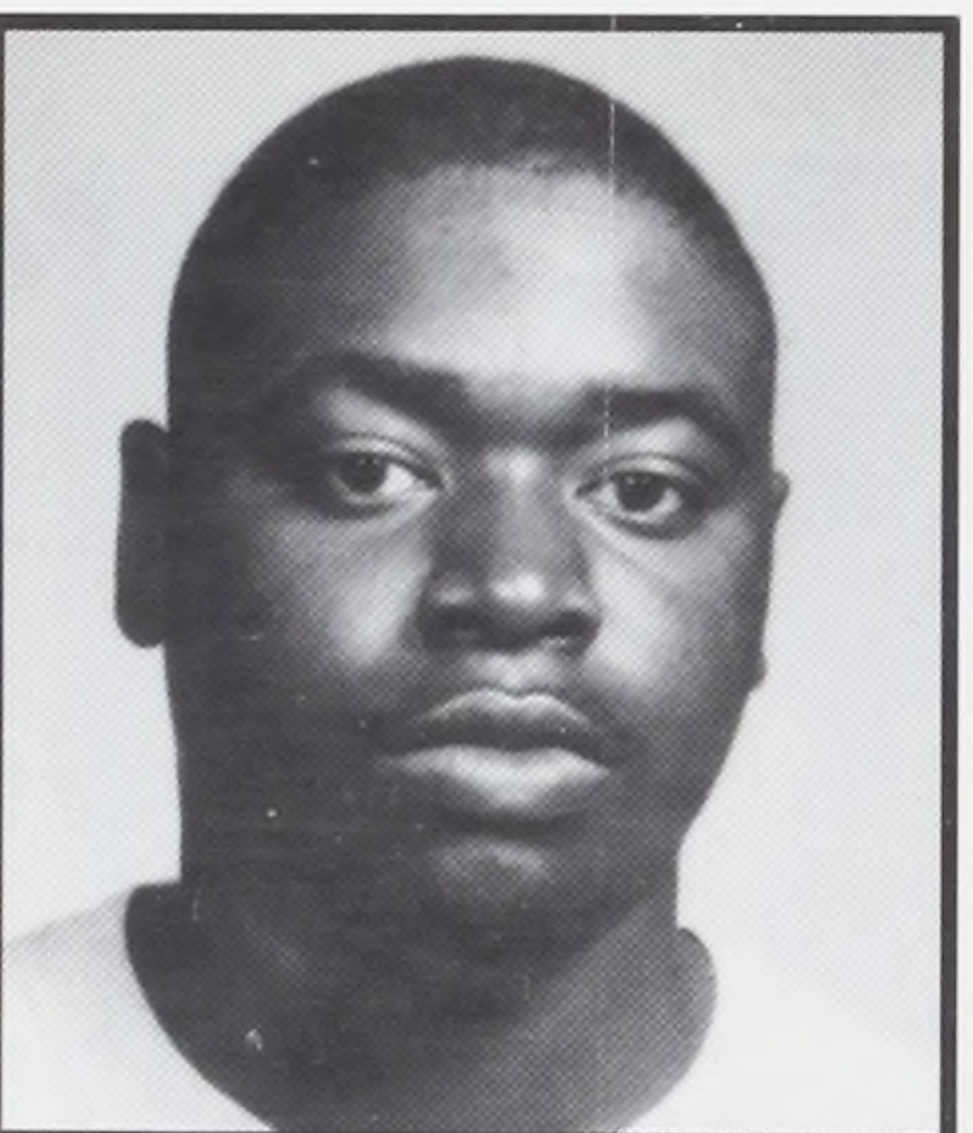
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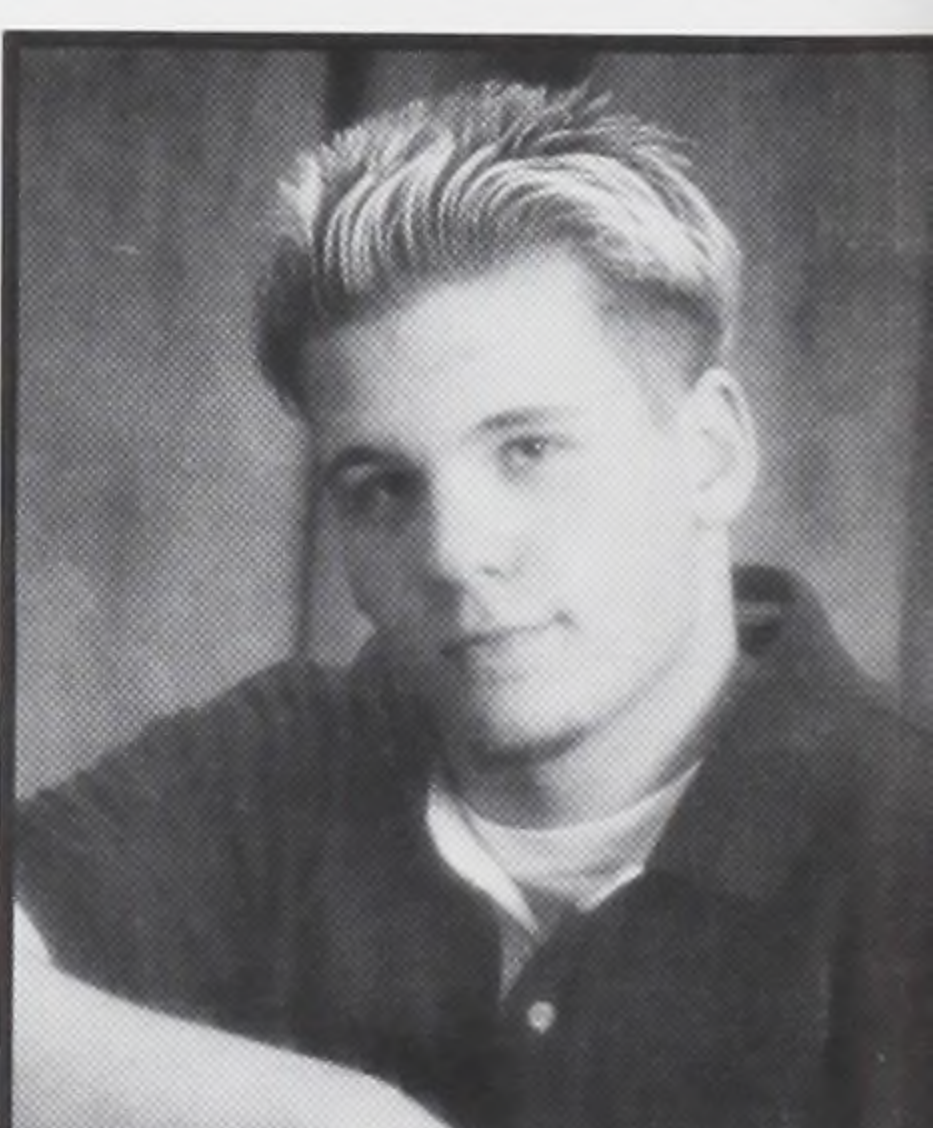
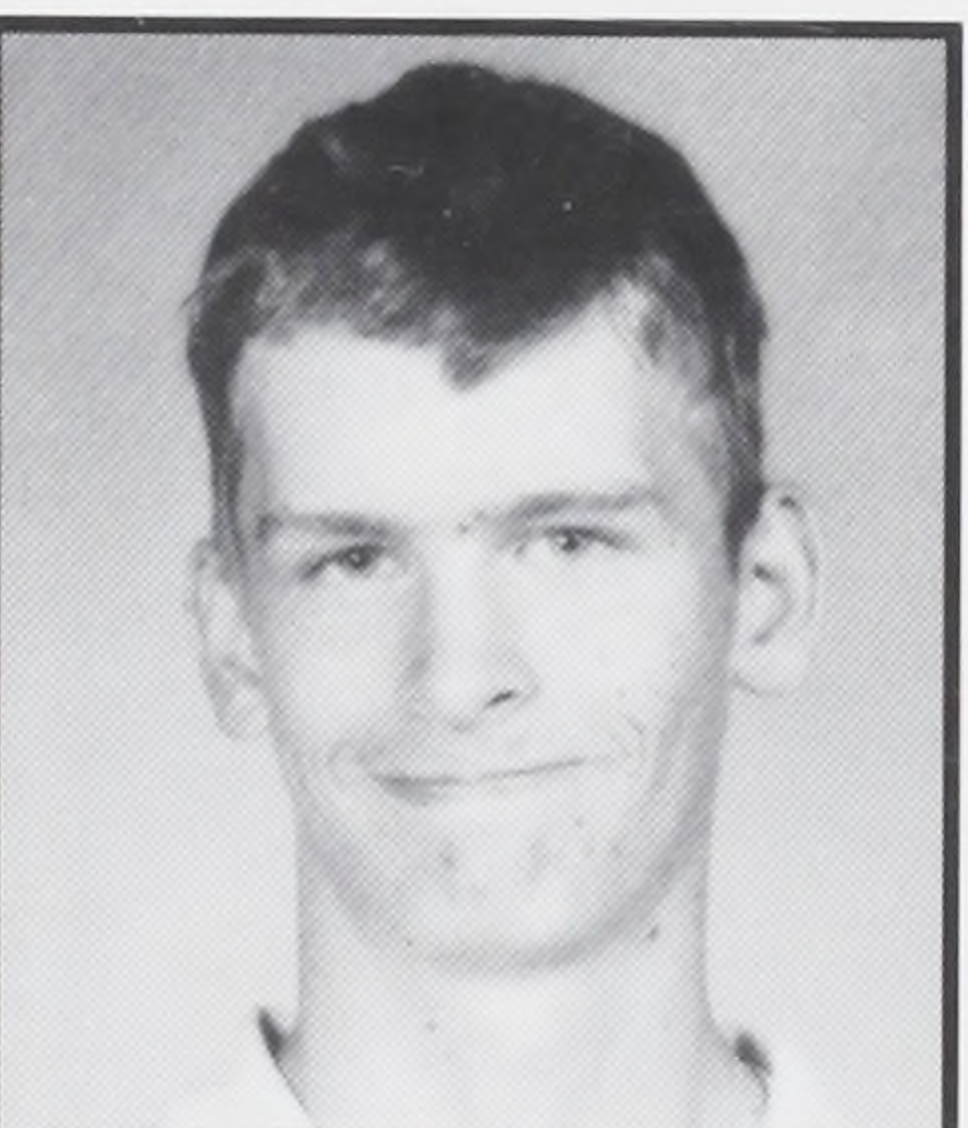
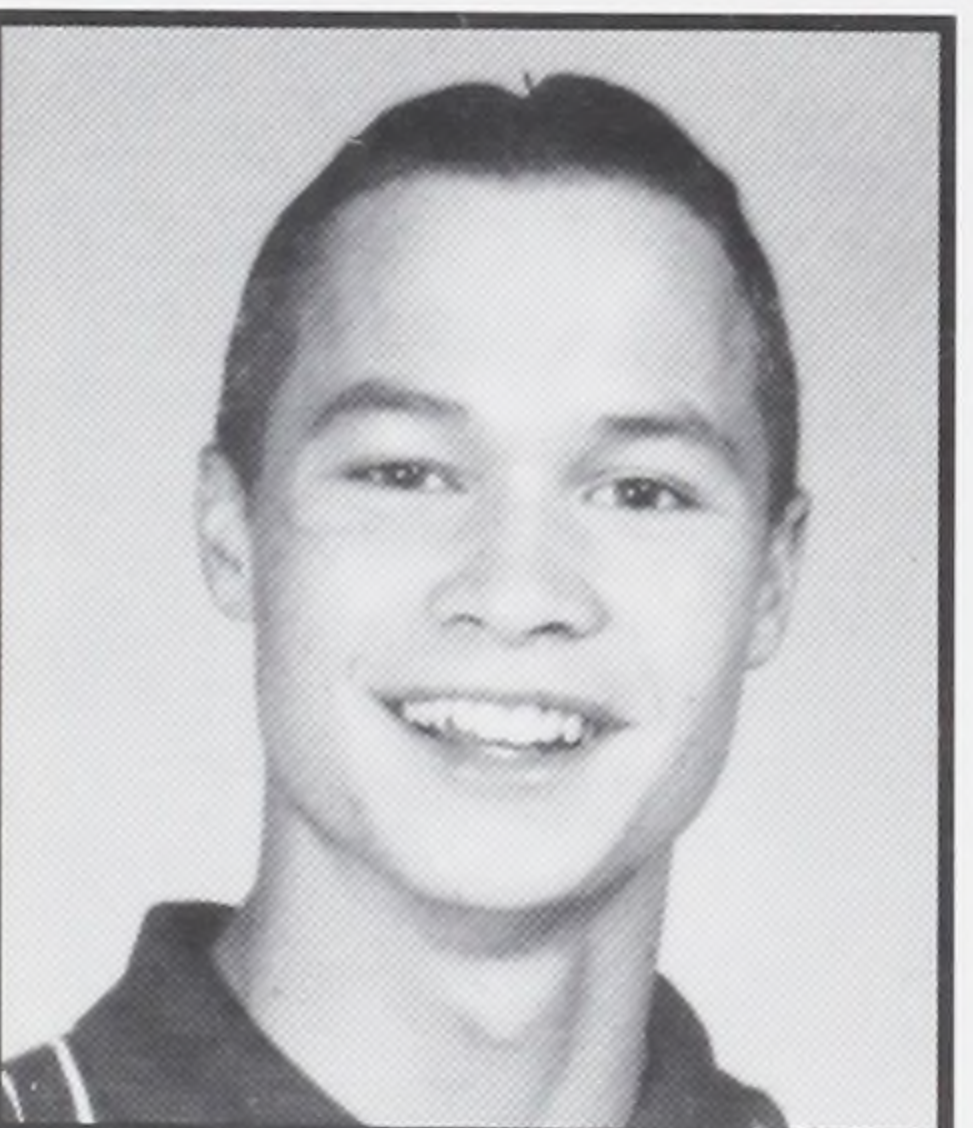


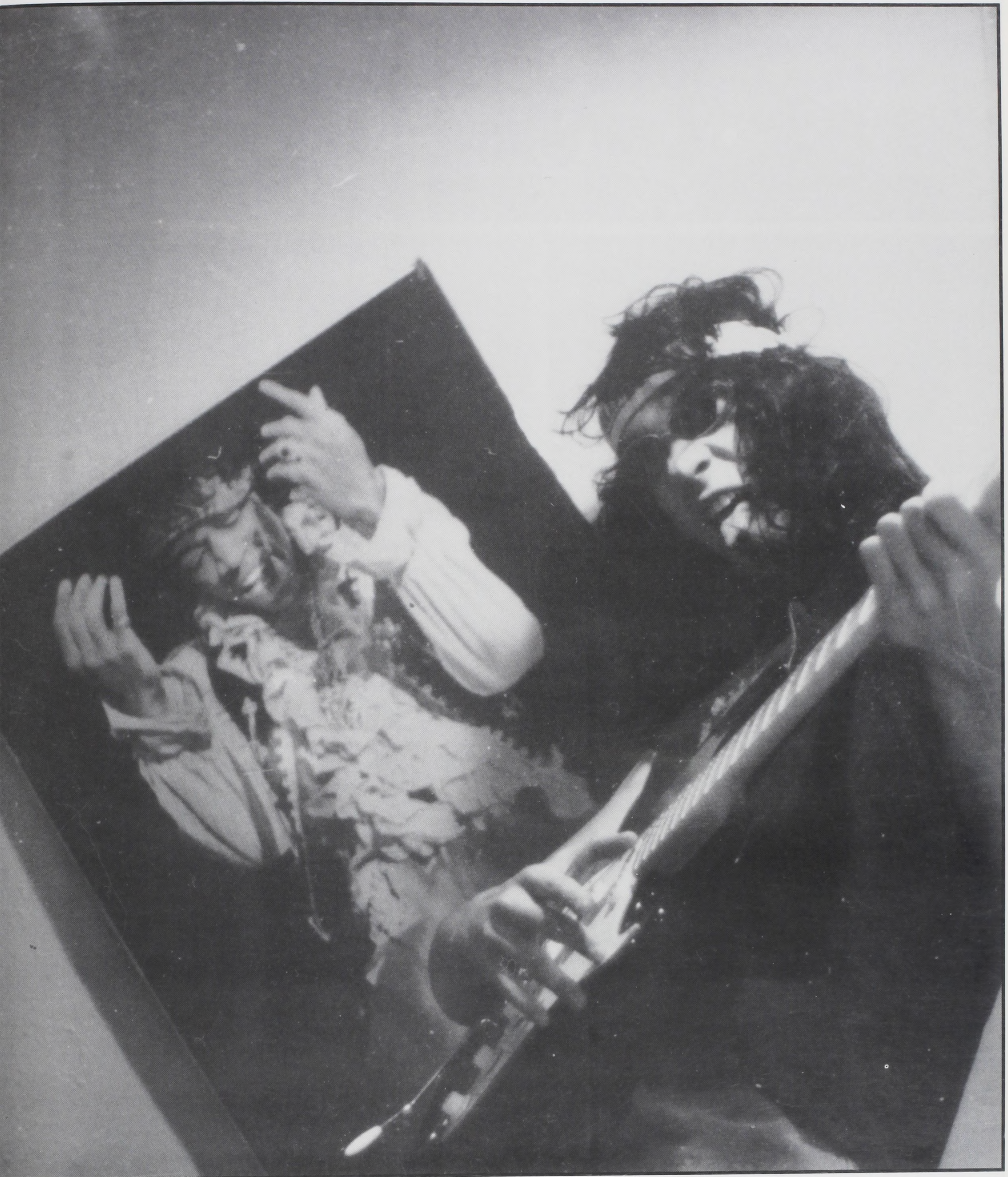
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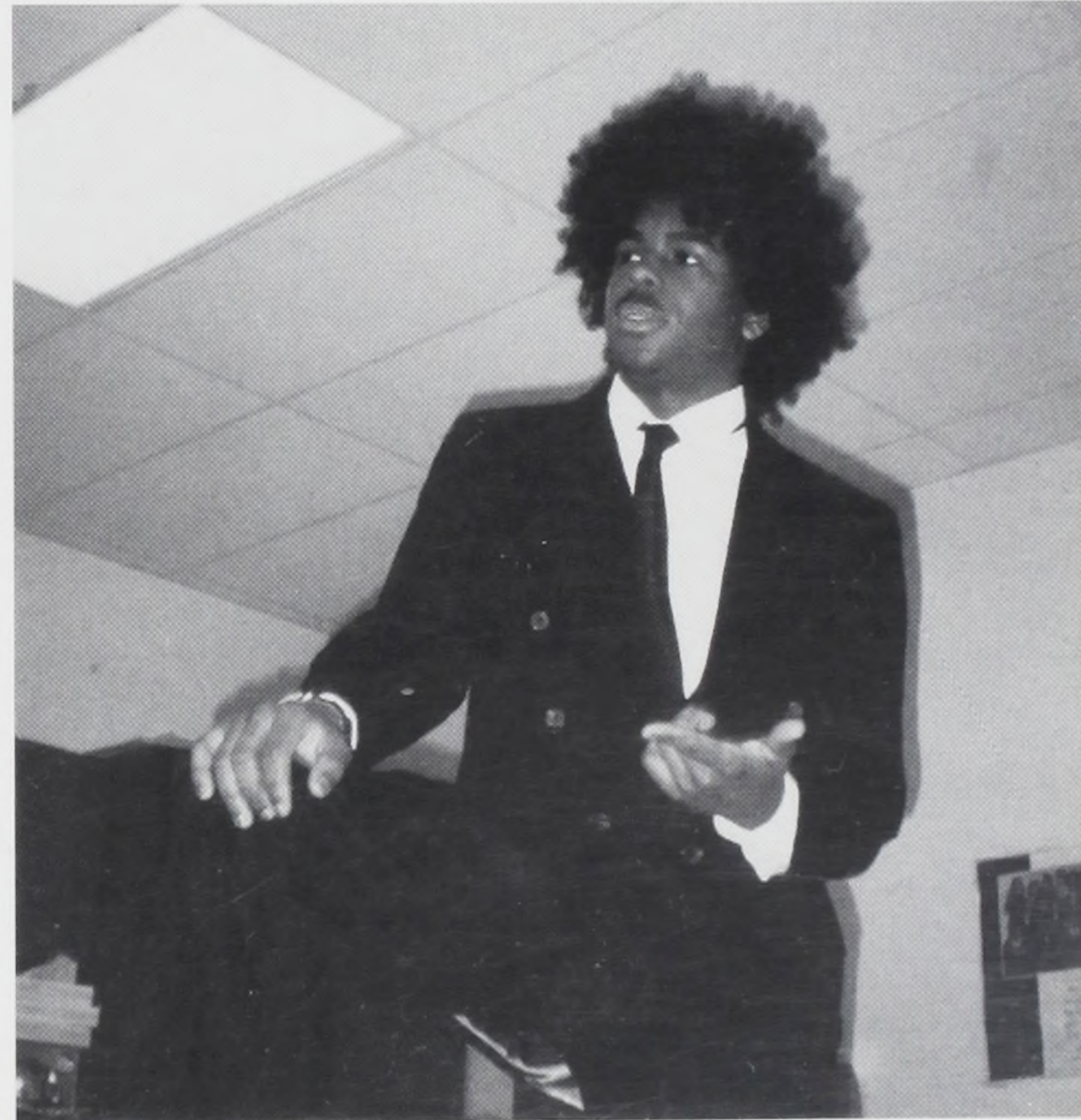
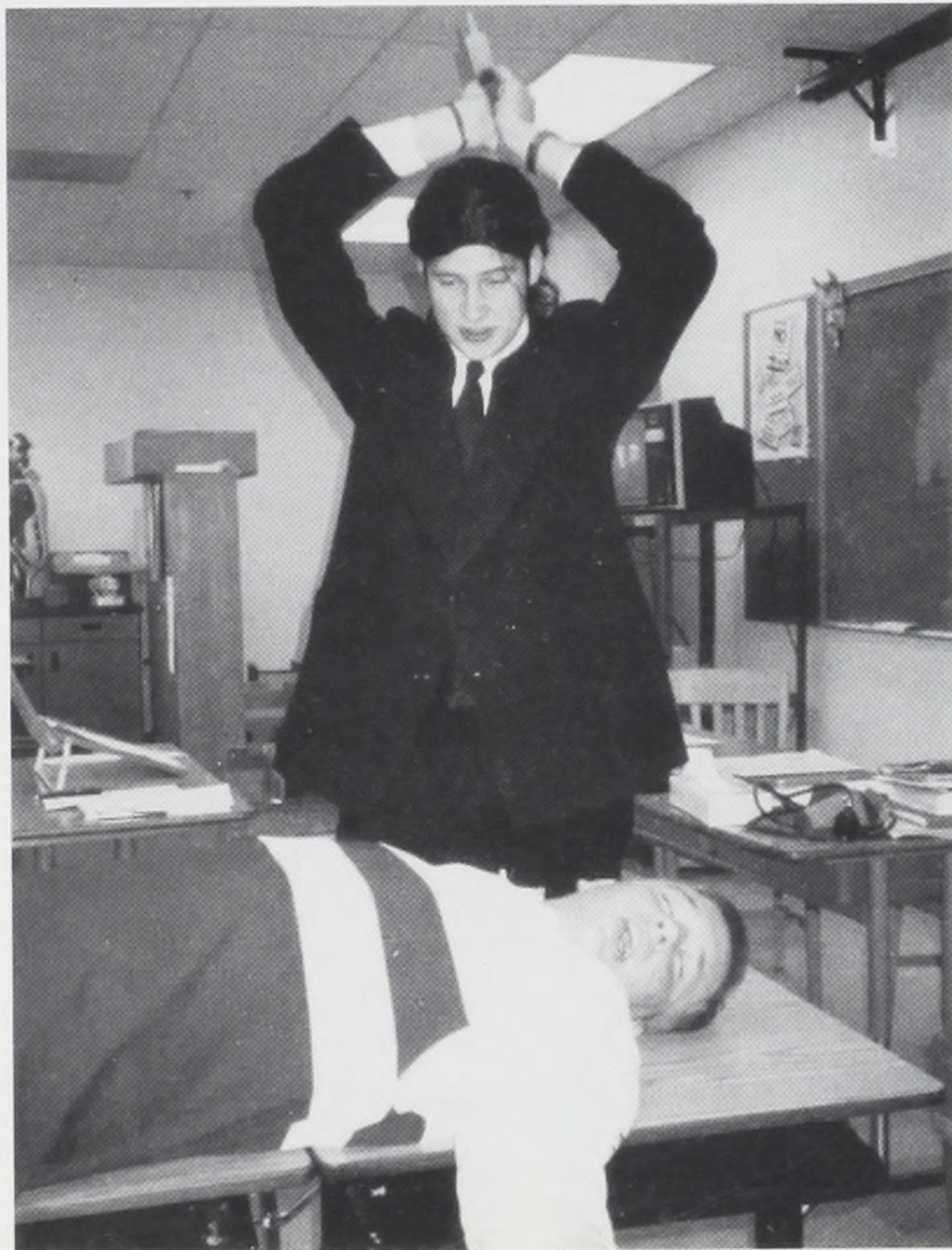
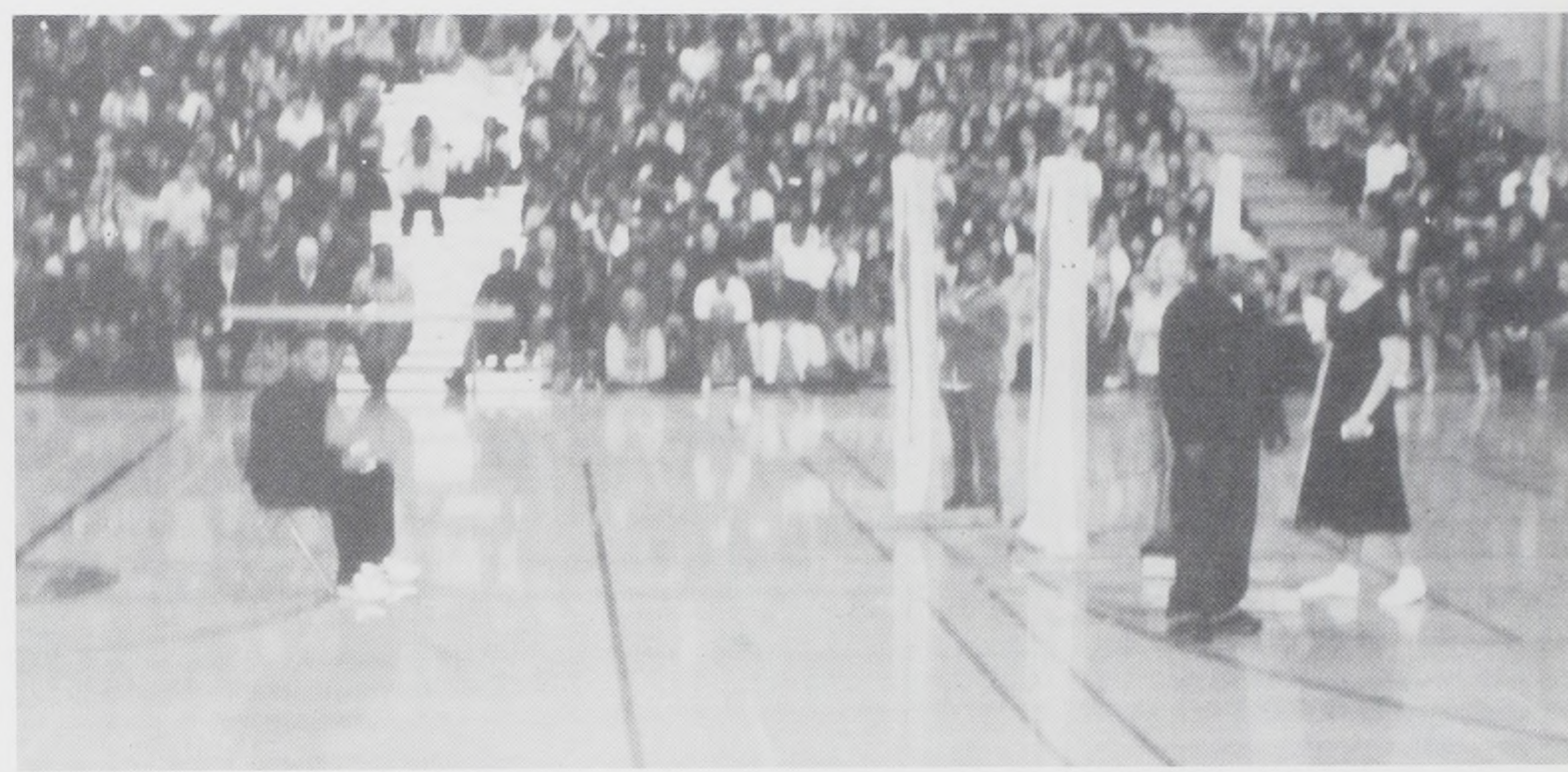
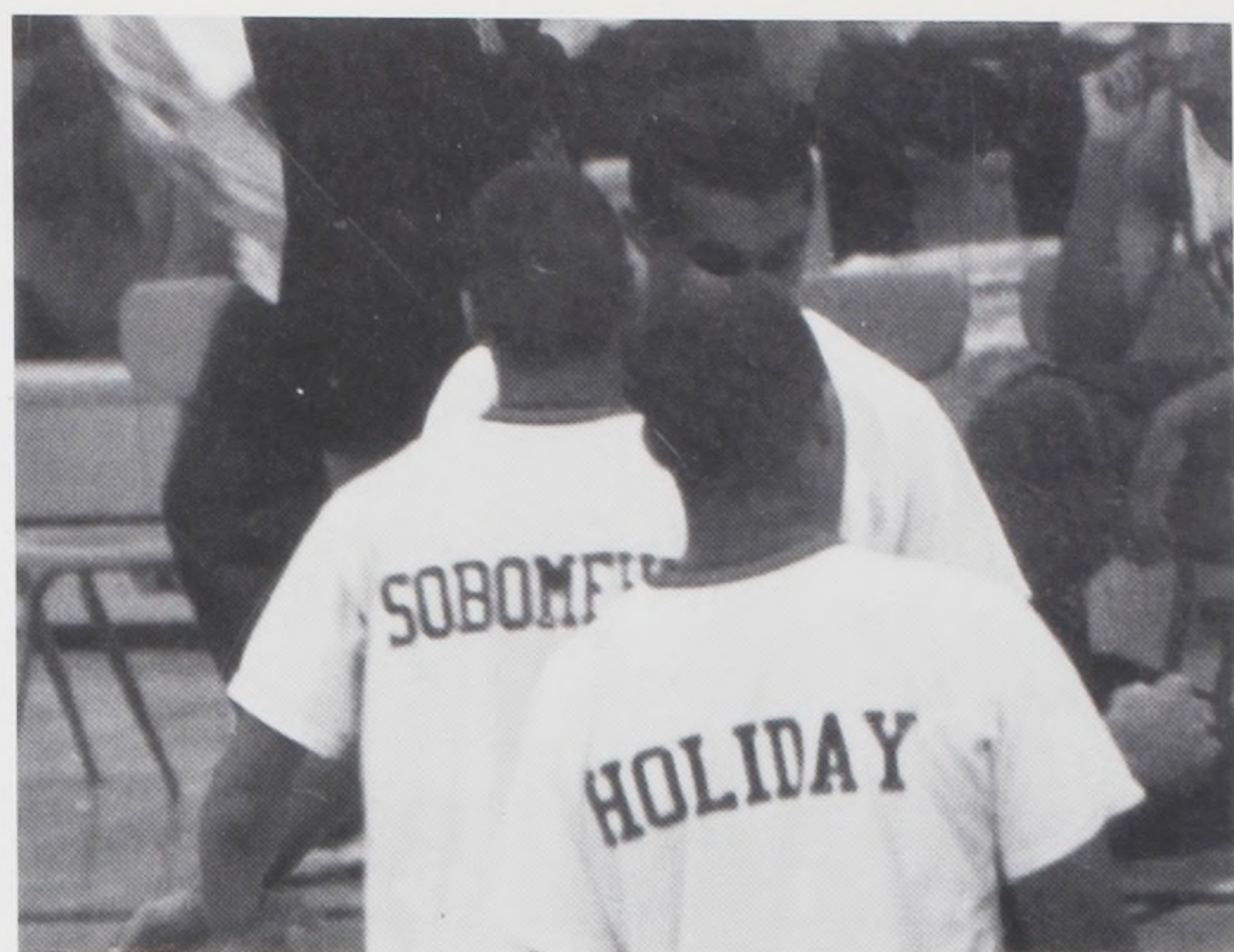
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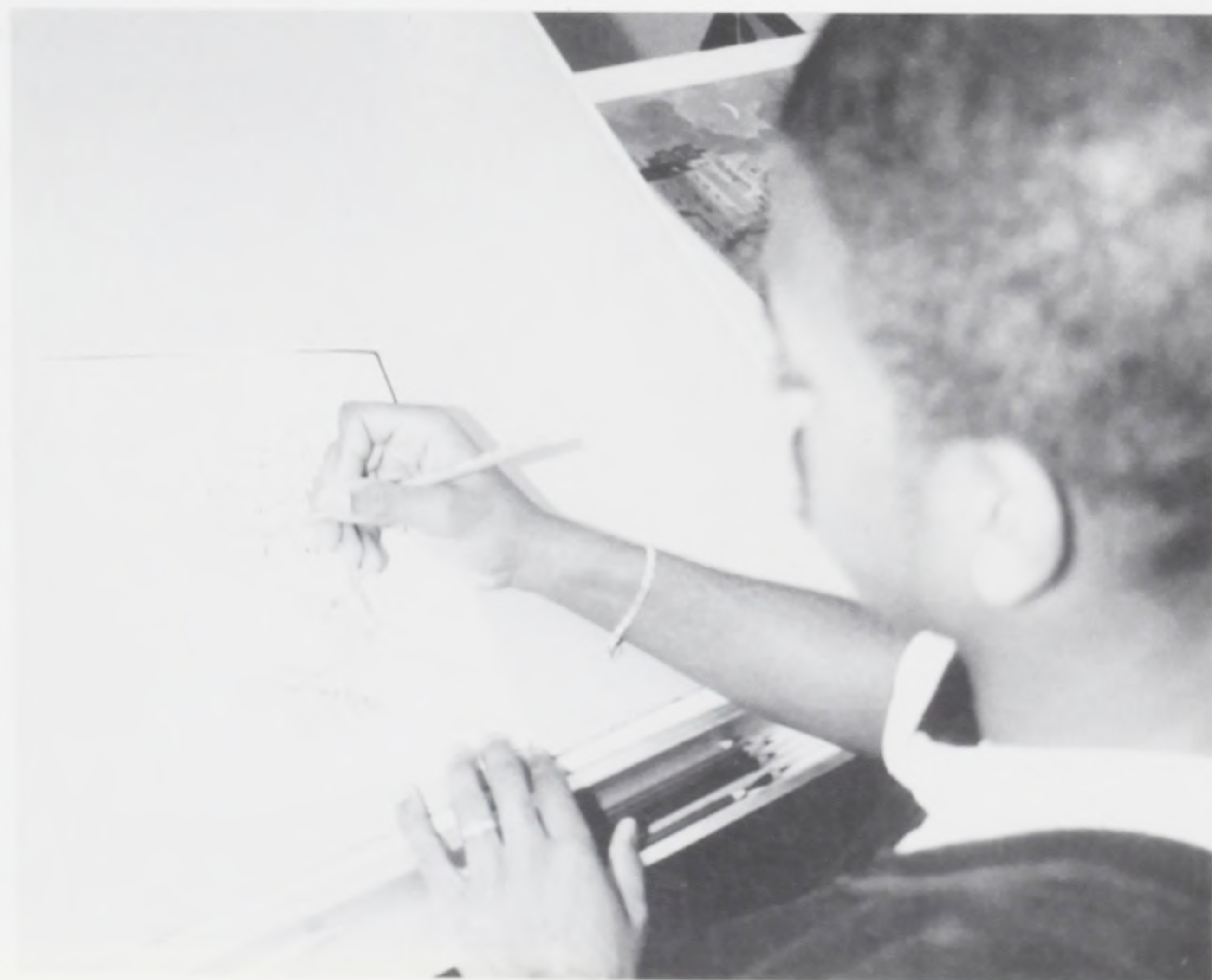


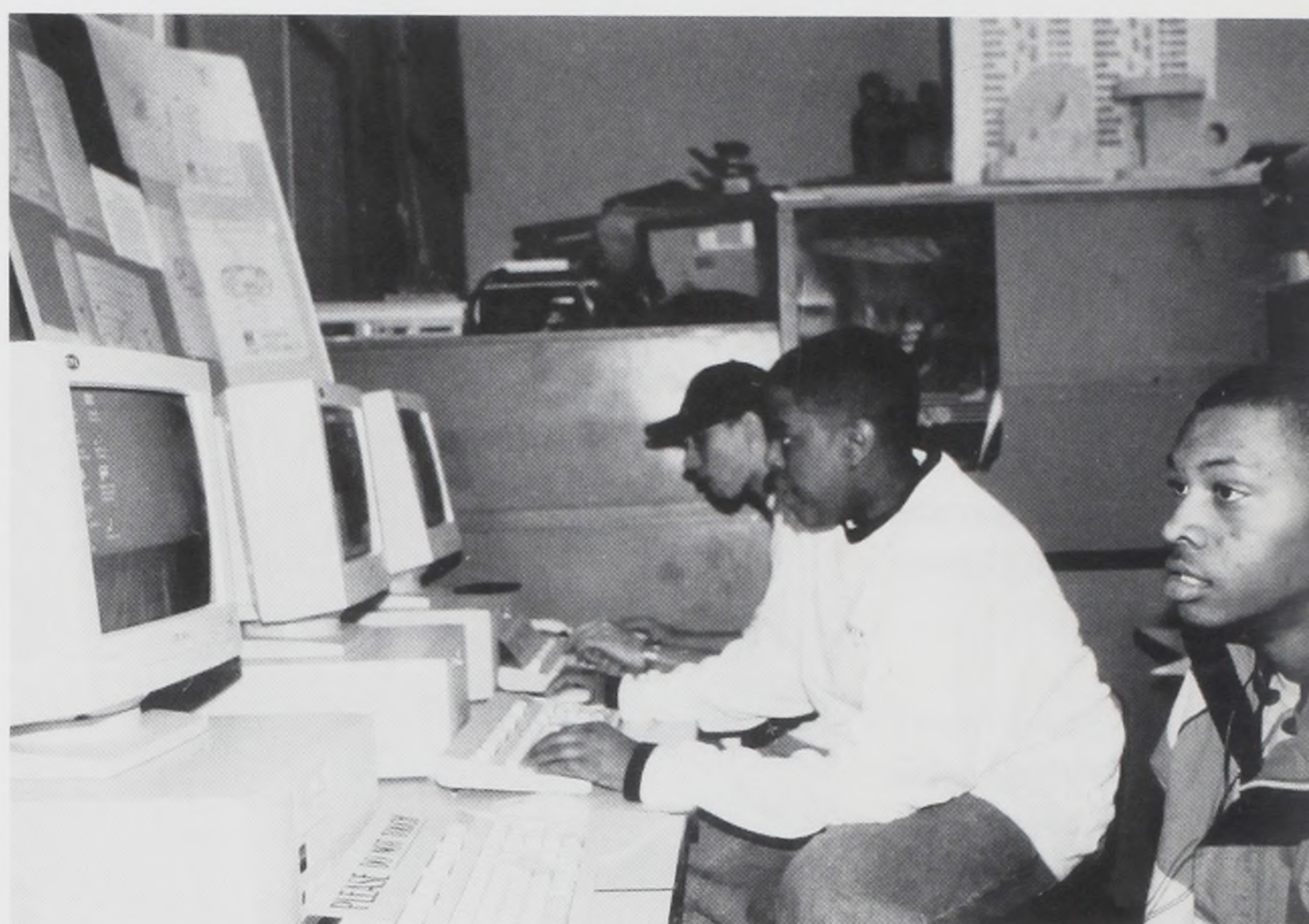
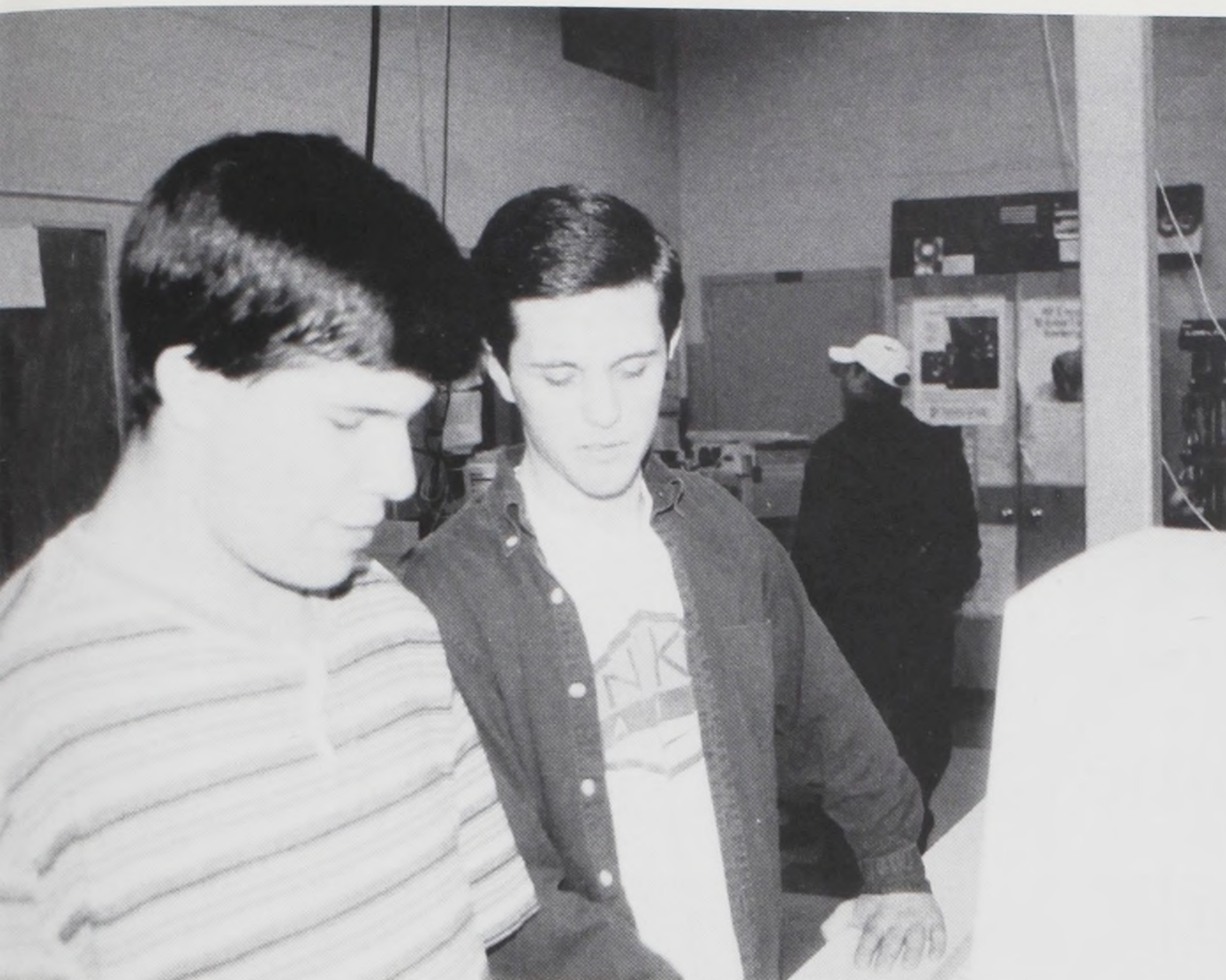




Underclass Division

Next Year's Leaders





Don't Stress Out!

What Stresses **YOU** Out?

"Thinking about what's gonna happen when I get out into the real world."

-Danny Wood-

"Working and getting all my assignments turned in."

-Rosita Rodriguez-

"Deciding which one of my women to go out with on Saturday night."

-Robin Preator-

"Girls
and
Home-
work."

-Trushar Patel-

"You don't know what **stress** is!" my dad exclaimed. "I run my own business, I pay the bills, I have the responsibility of a family with two teenagers in high school--one of whom is going to college next year, and *you* know that

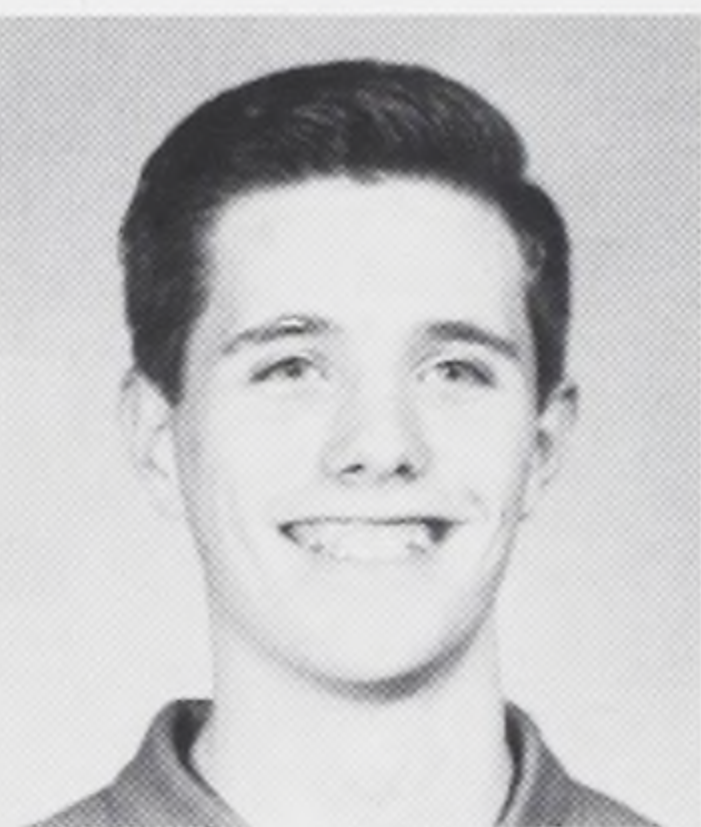
money doesn't grow on trees!

So until *you* slip into *my* shoes, Junior, don't complain about how **stressful** *your* life is!"

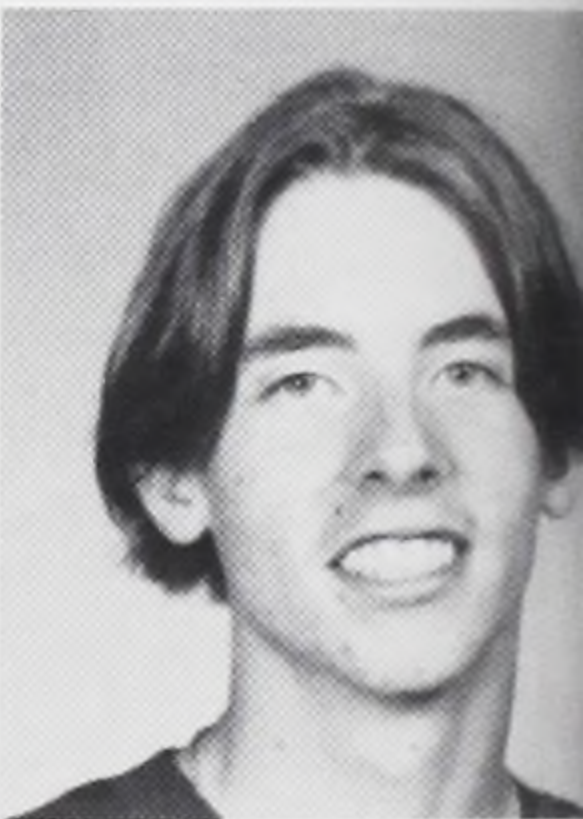
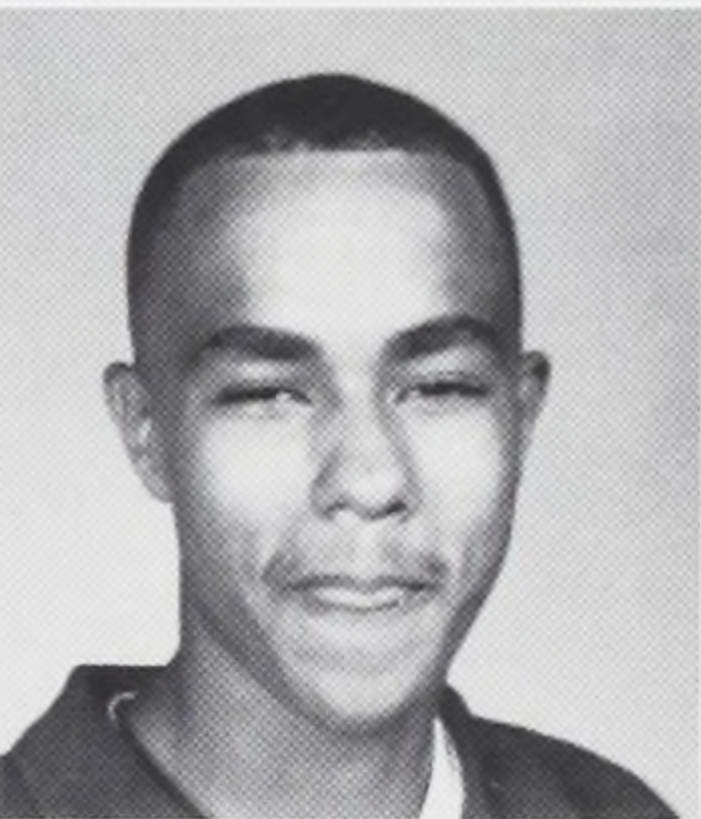
Out of breath, my father left the room. Needless to say, I didn't follow him. Our problems and sources of **stress** as students are different from those of our parents, yet this does not mean that our problems are any less important.

by Ryan Greenwood

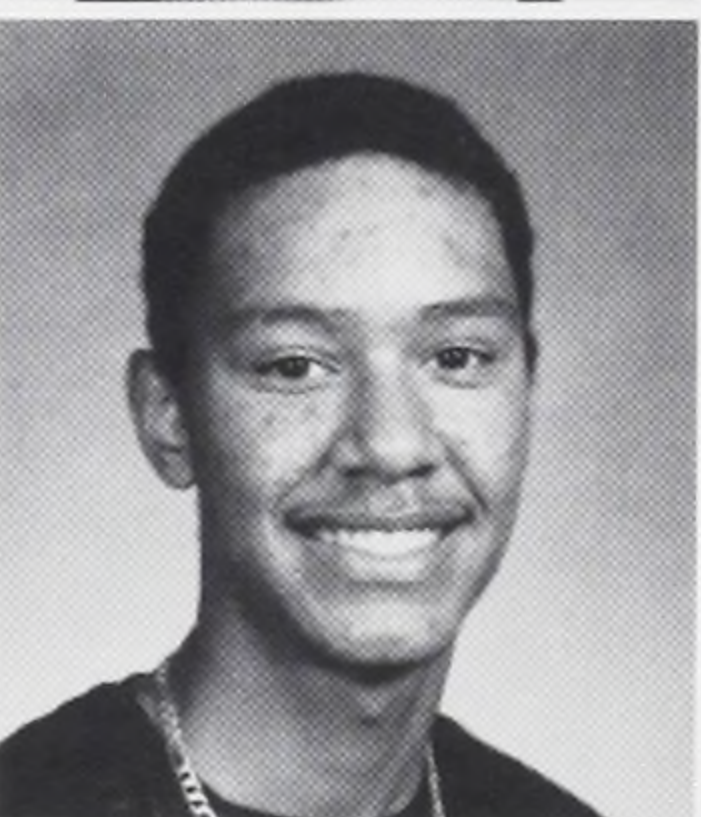
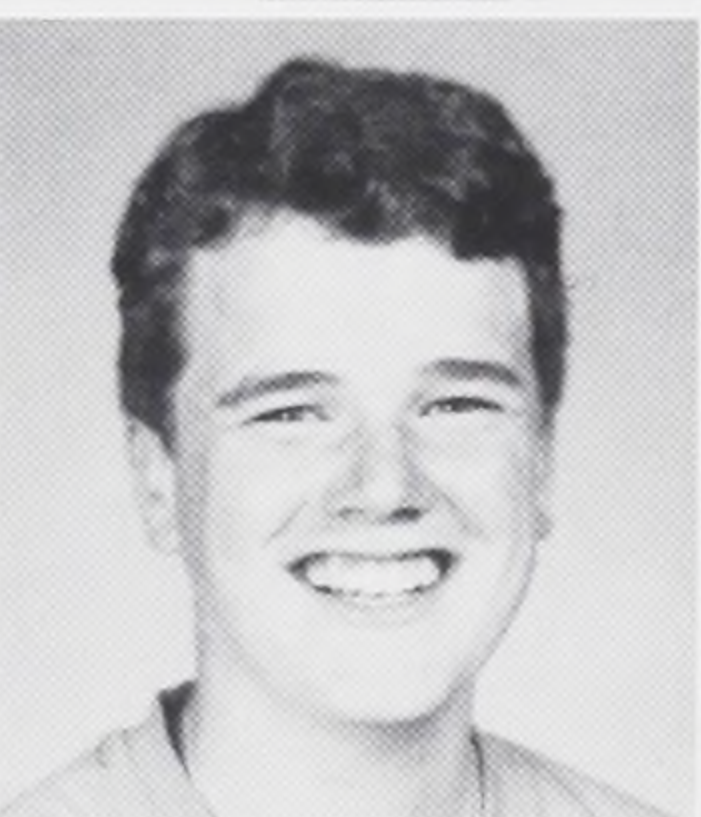
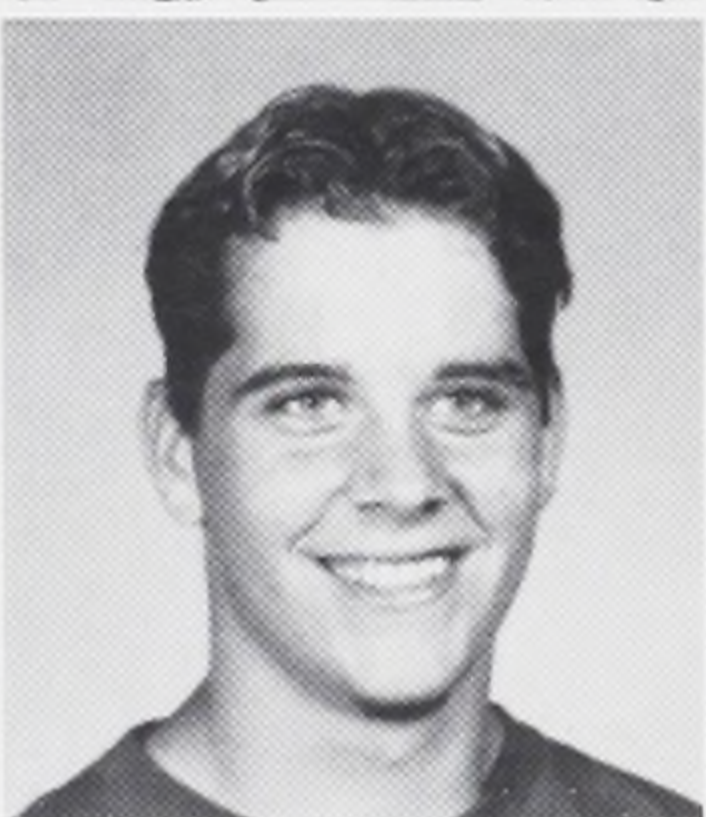
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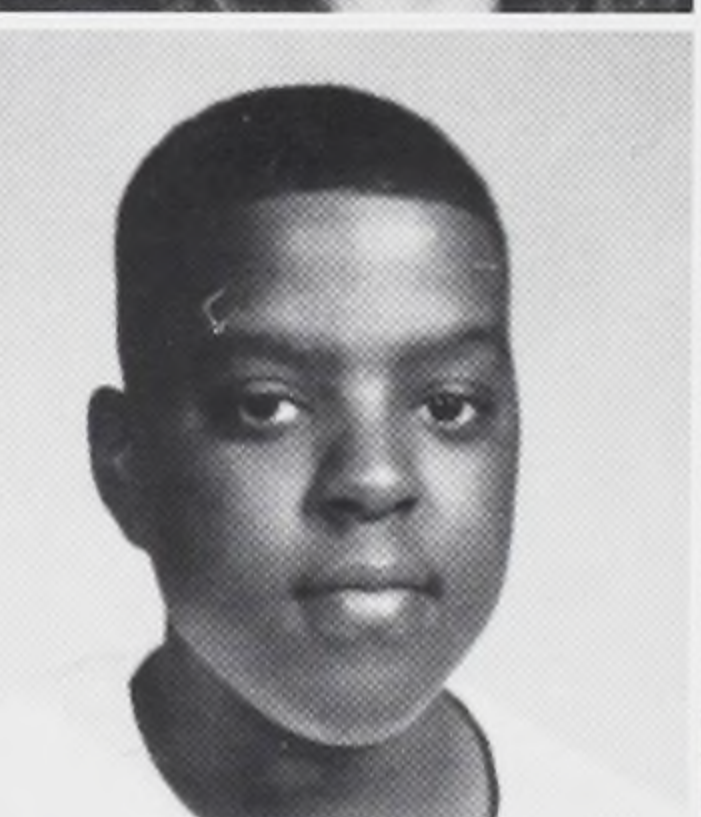
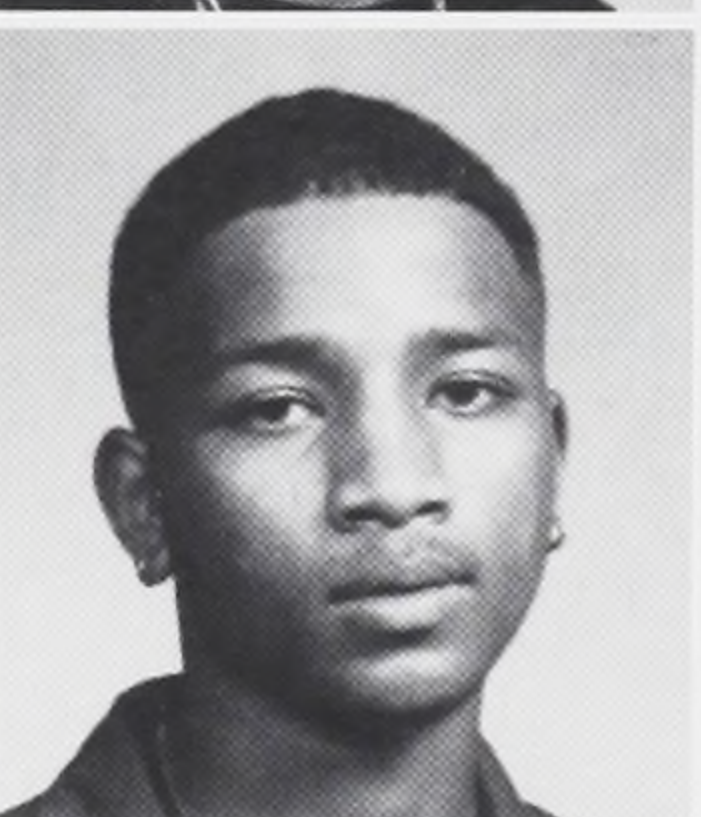
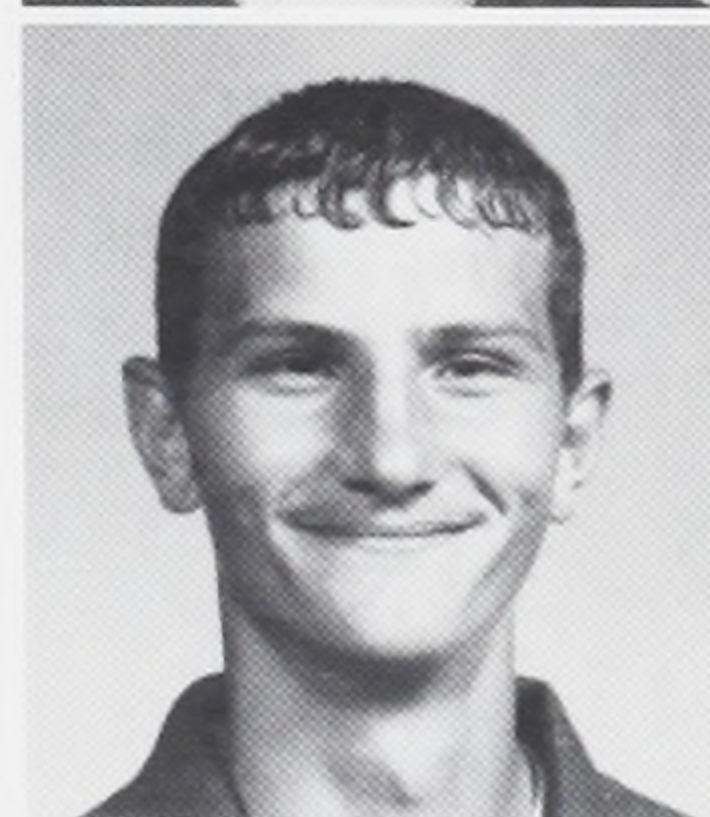
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The Ten Best Things About Going To Benson



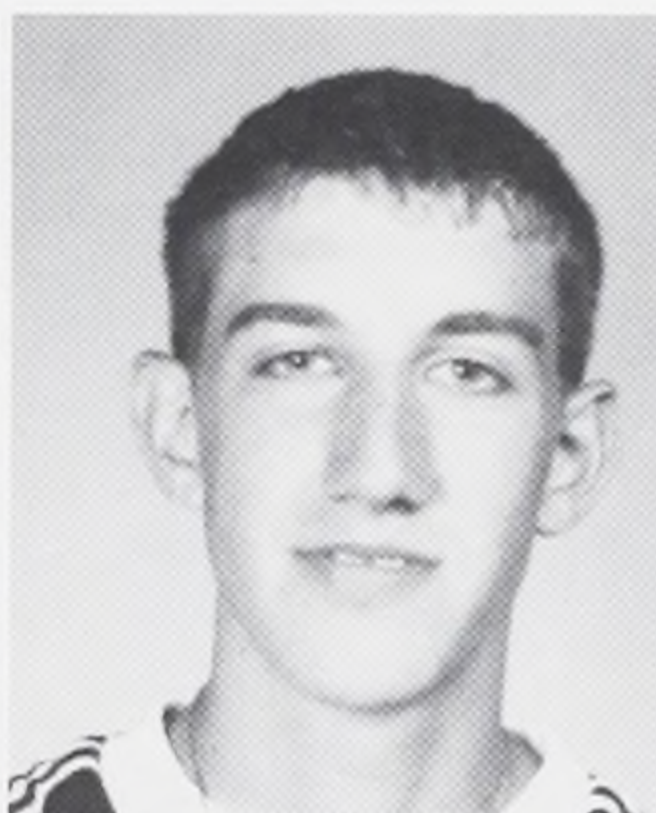
10. Great teamwork
9. Good sports teams
8. School spirit
7. The learning atmosphere
6. The ability to have a great school
5. Good teachers
4. The choice of classes
3. A variety of majors
2. Lots of extracurricular activities outside of class

And the #1 best thing about going to Benson is . . .

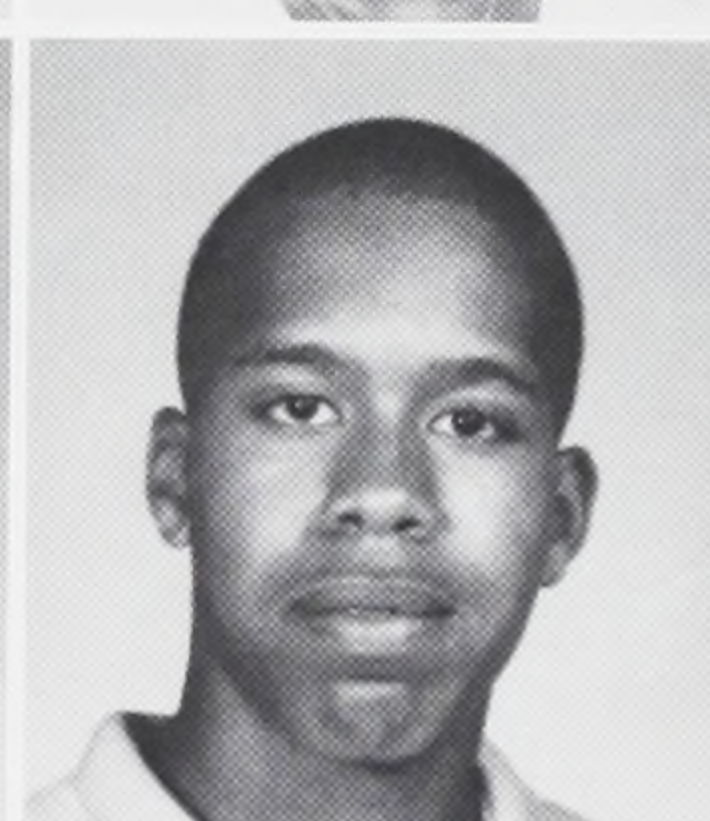
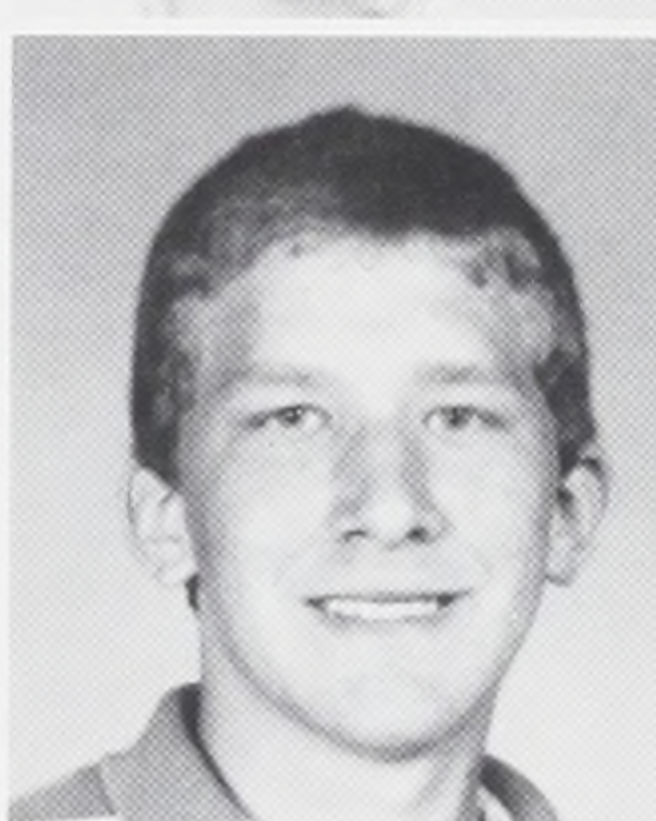
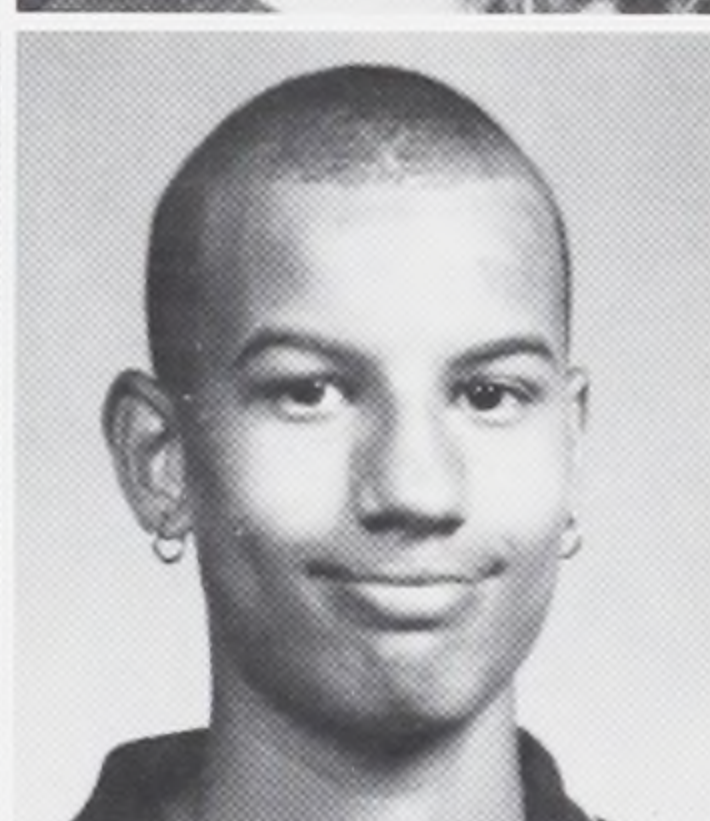
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compiled by Laura Tate

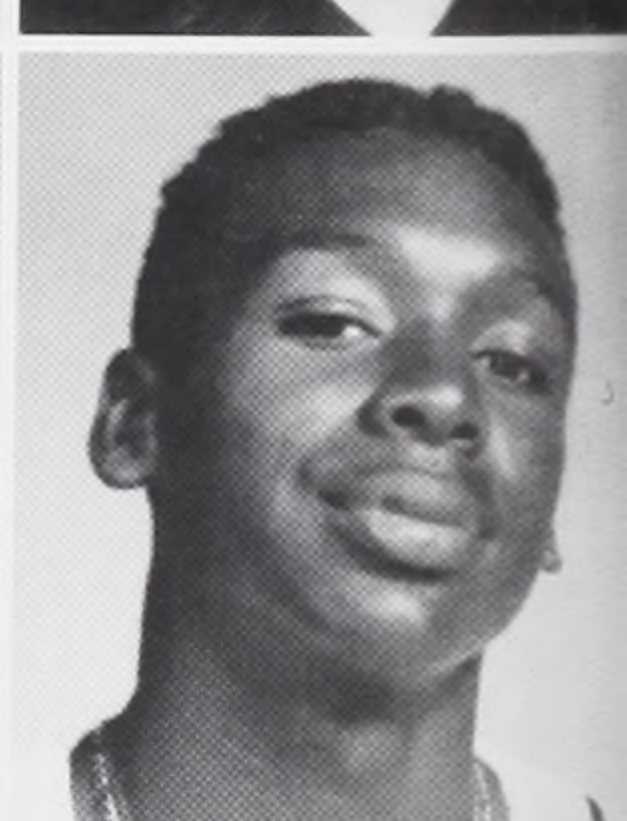
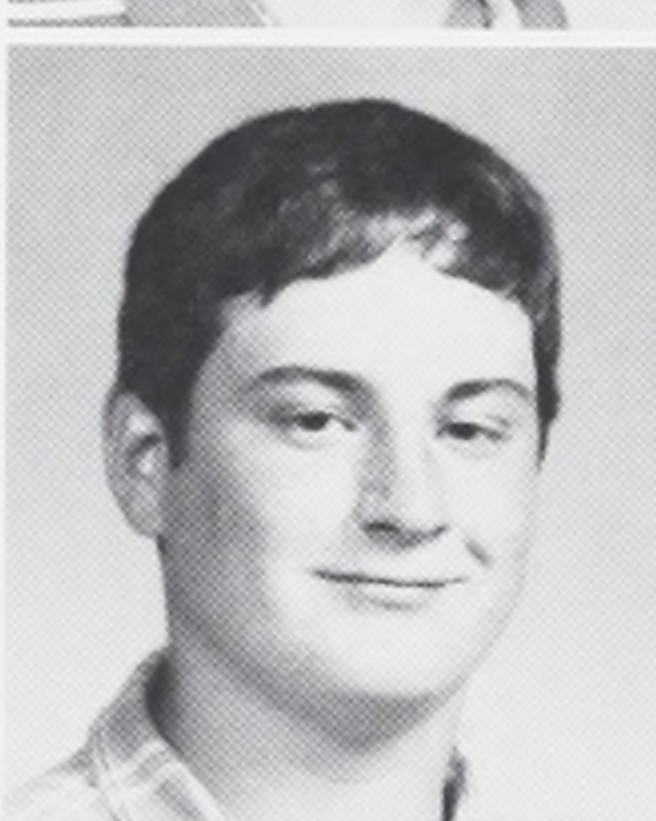
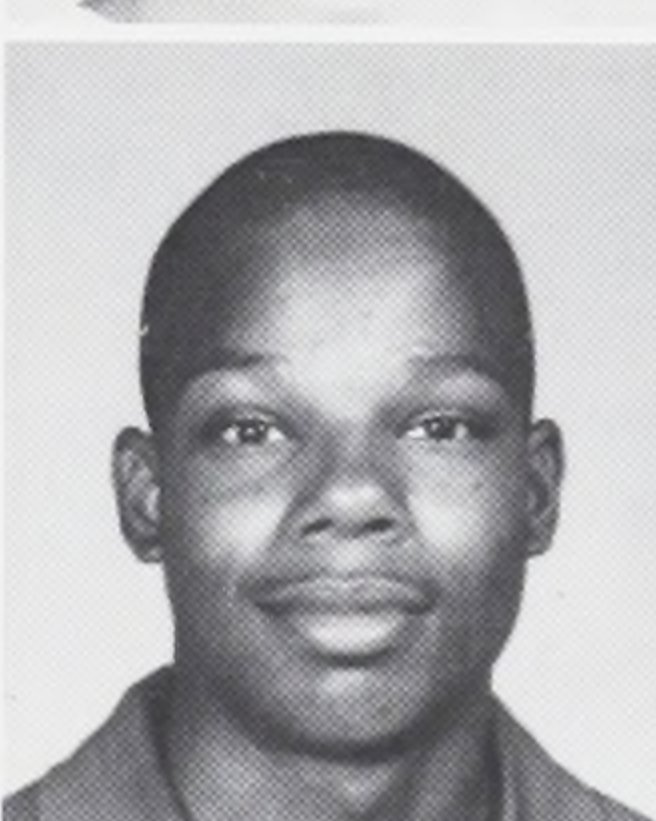
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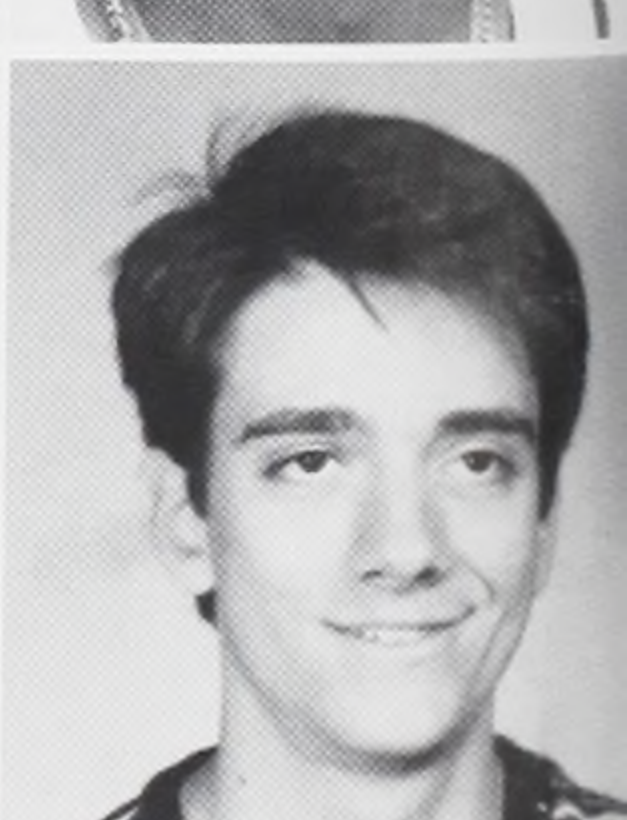
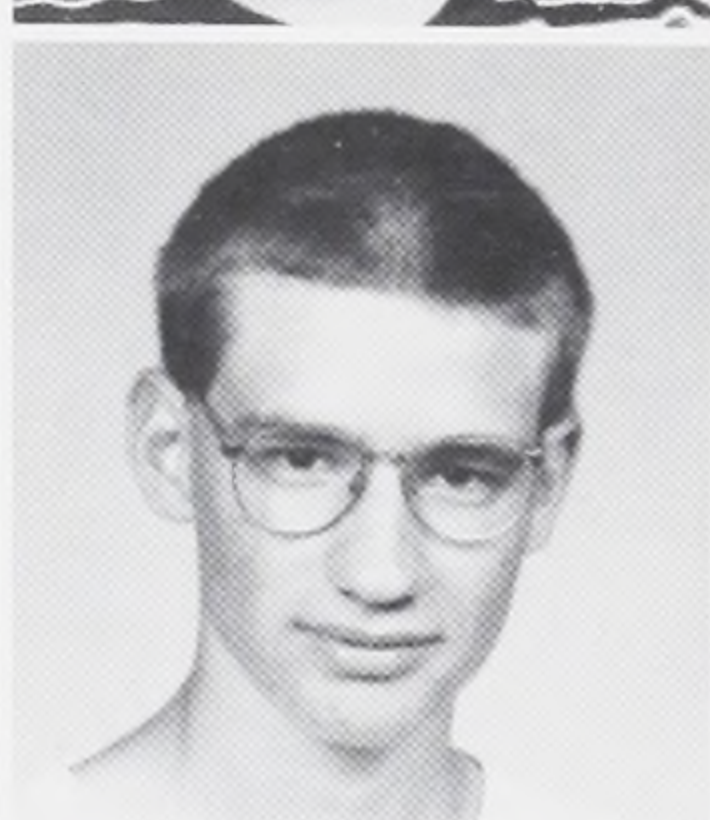
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Eleven Years In Hindsight

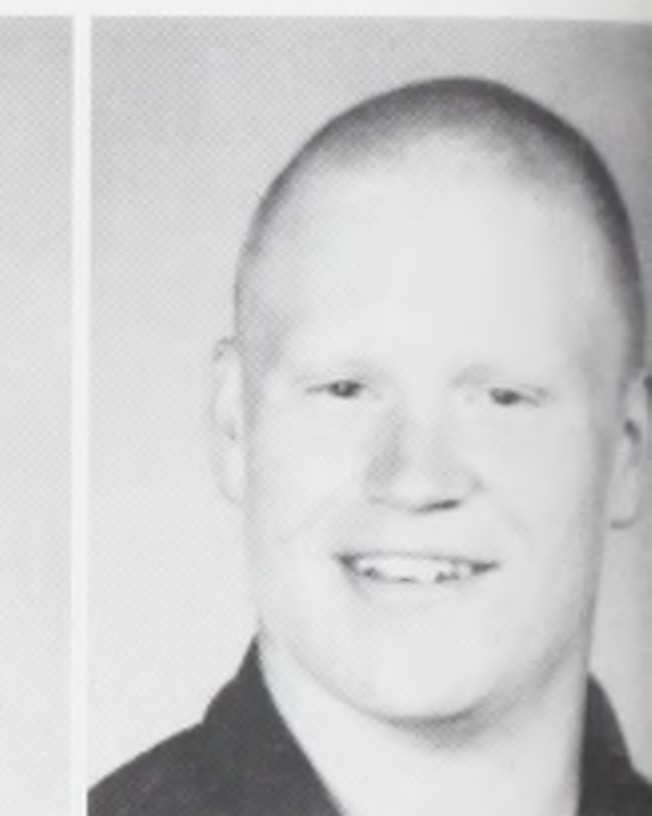
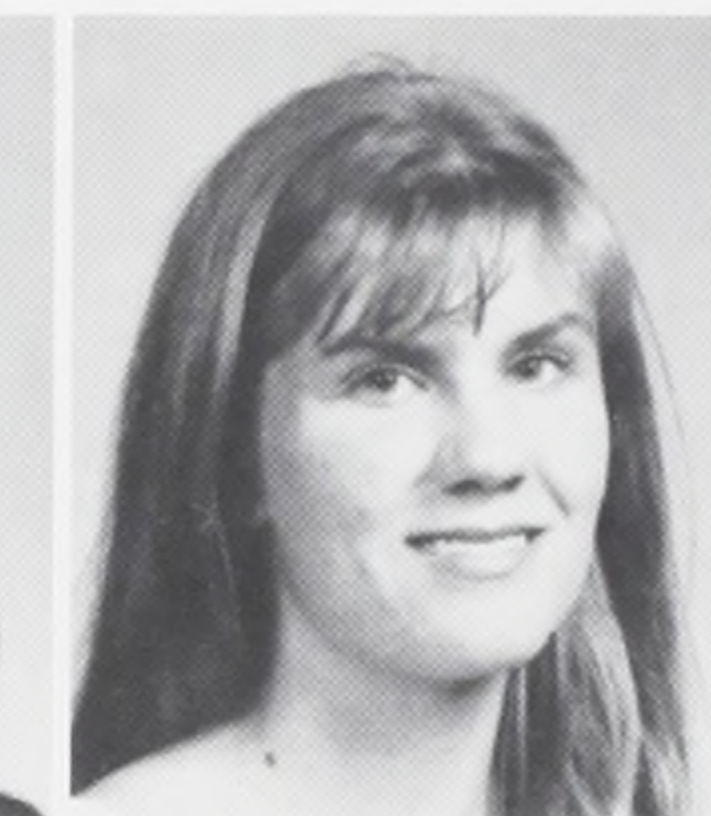
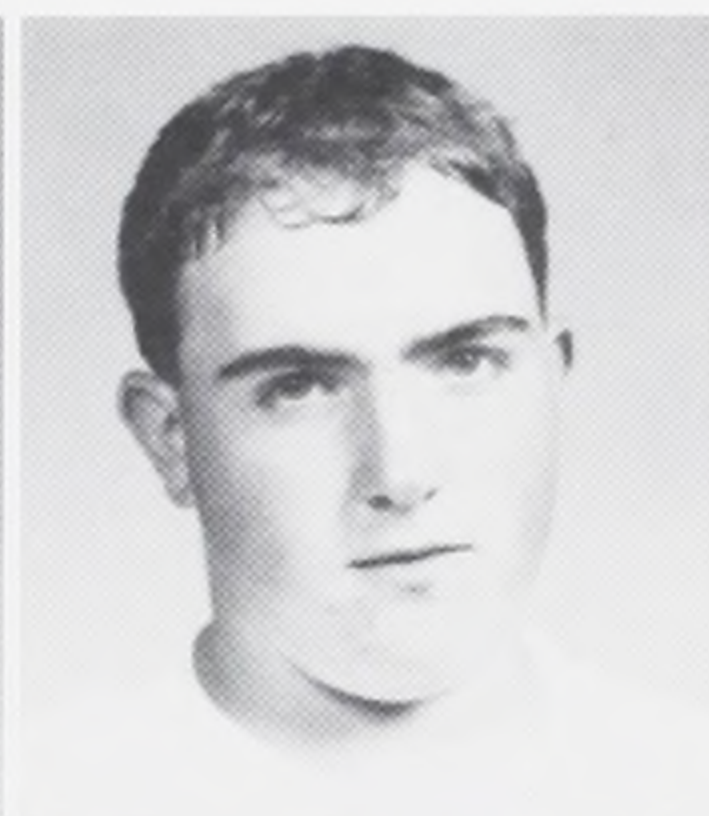
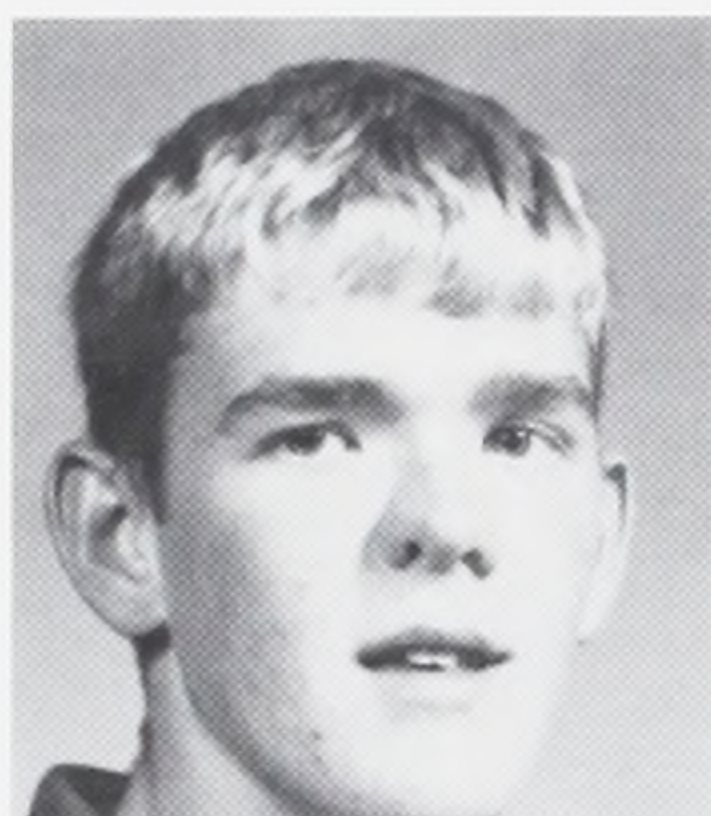
What is Junior year? It is an odd eleventh year of education and a time in which adolescence finishes its finer tuning. The Junior exists in an ephemeral stage of socioacademic development. In essence, they experience the springtime of their high school career, having wintered a few season's worth of extracurricular activities. Potential is discovered and a precedent for academic achievement (in college's eyes) is established for the next five years. The eleventh grade is a crucial stepping stone between domestic dependence and independence.

The experience one gains between the ages of sixteen and seventeen are -- to say the least -- quite memorable and unable to be duplicated. There is the first love (okay, lasting more than six months), drivers test(s), contact with illegal substances, kiss and summer job. (So perhaps not the first kiss, but there are other firsts that can be experienced in the place of that ...) Whatever combination of the experiences occur, the effect on the individual is indelible. While this year may be blurred when being experienced, hindsight puts everything in focus.

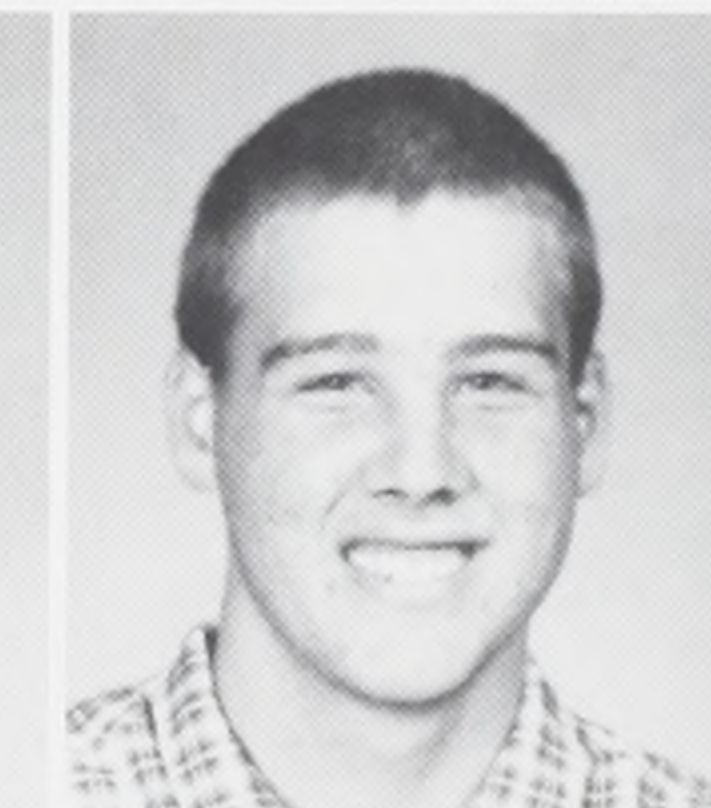
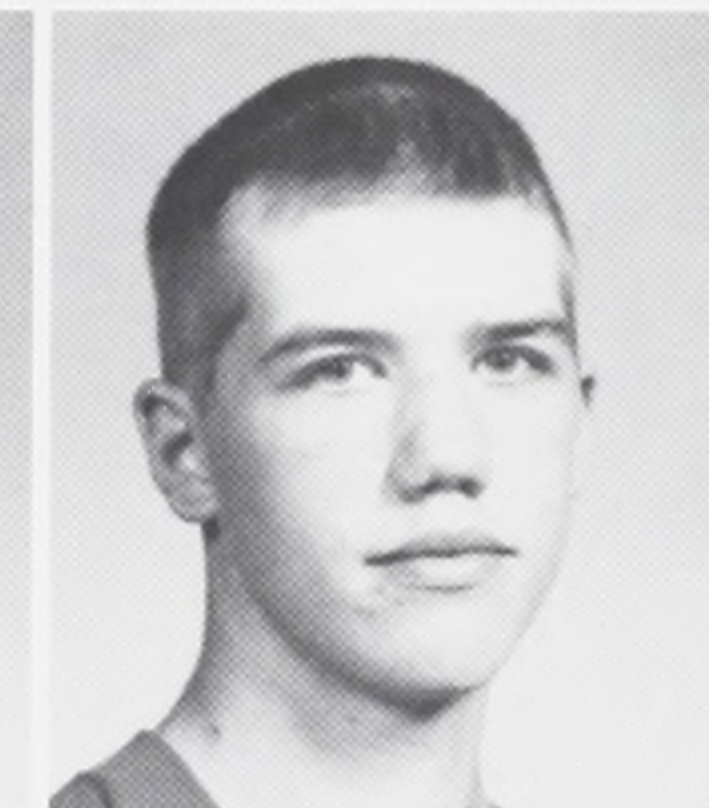
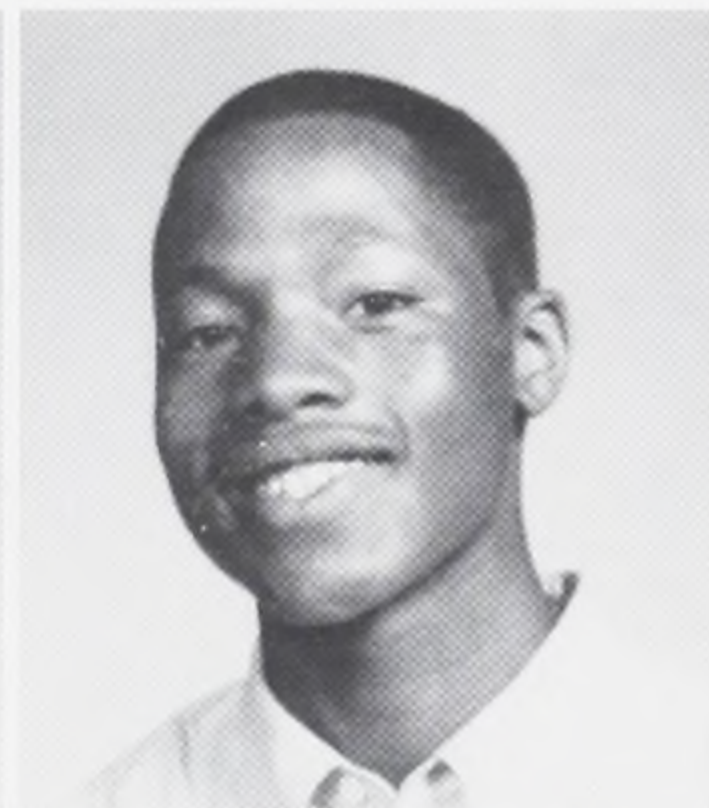
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by Indira Jones

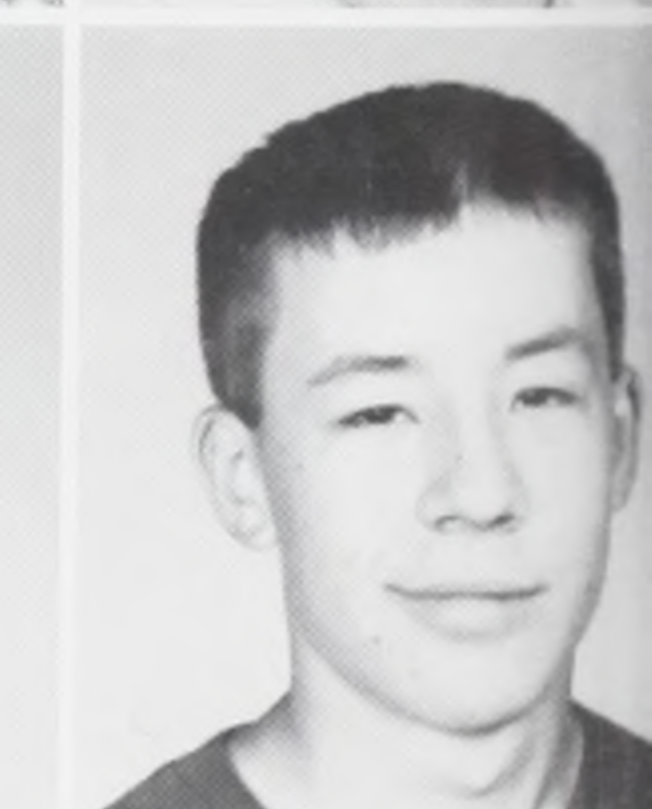
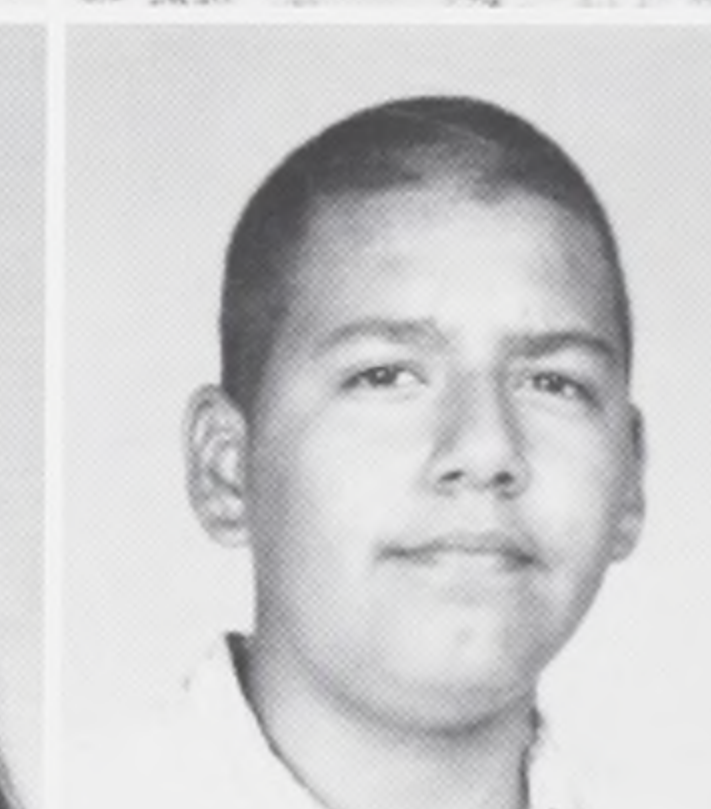
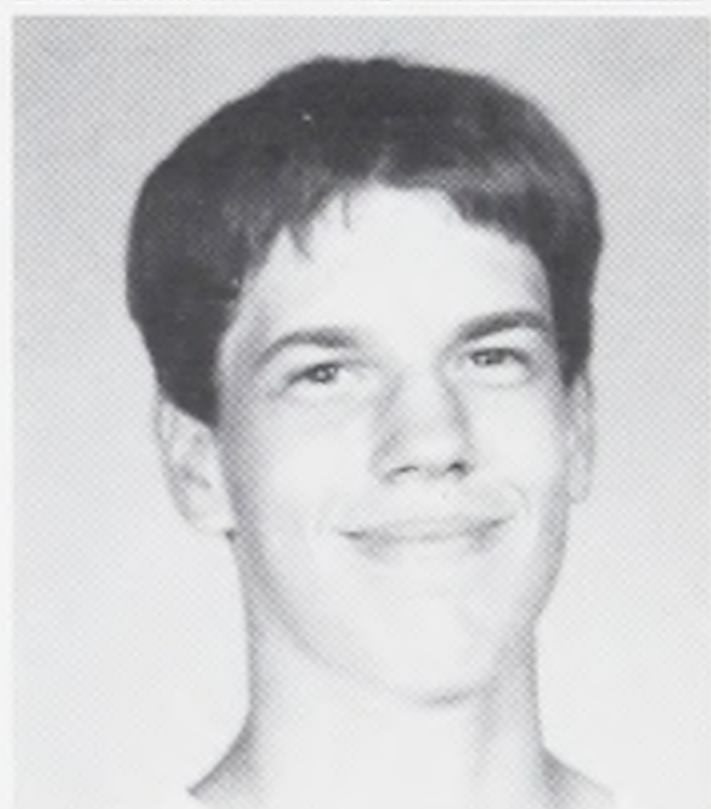
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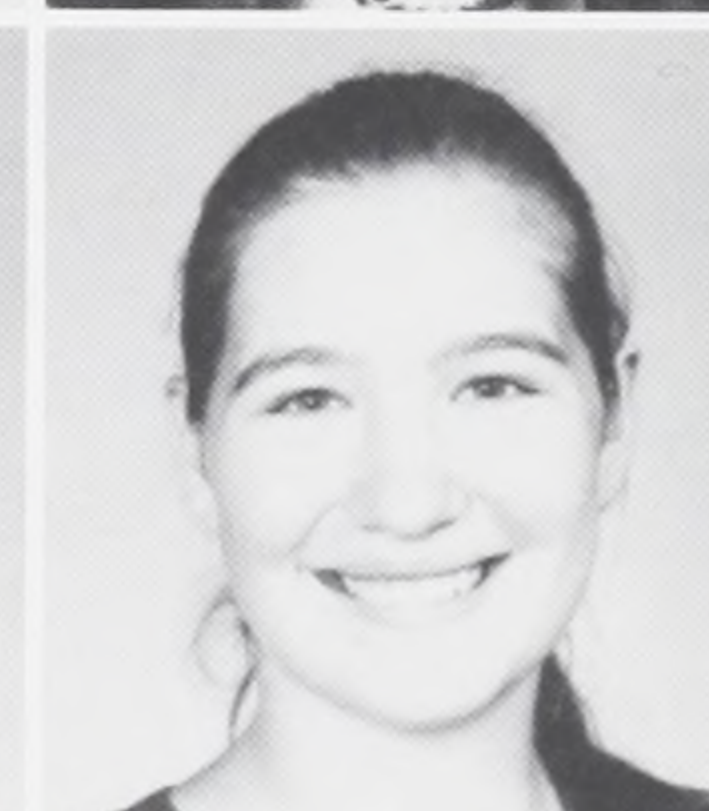
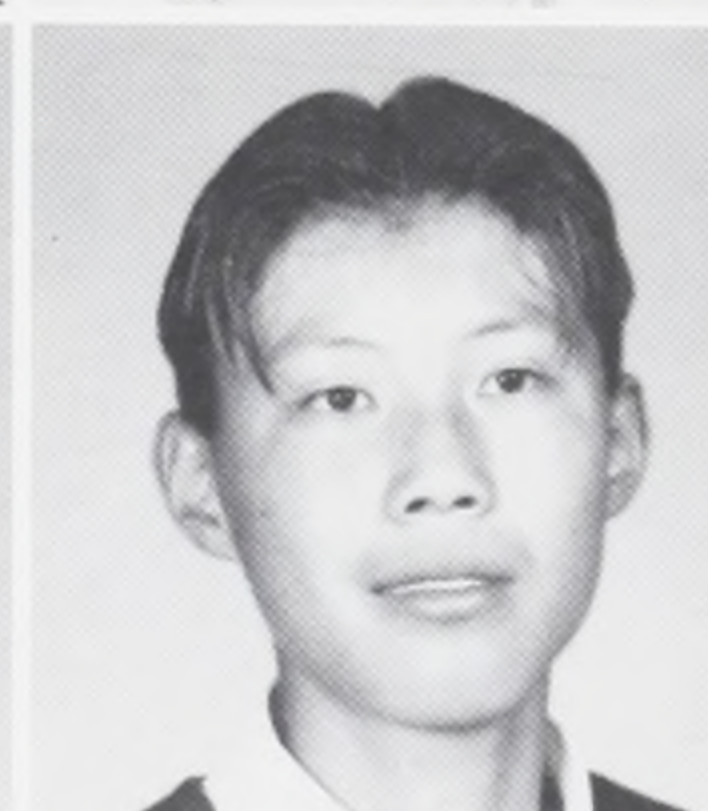
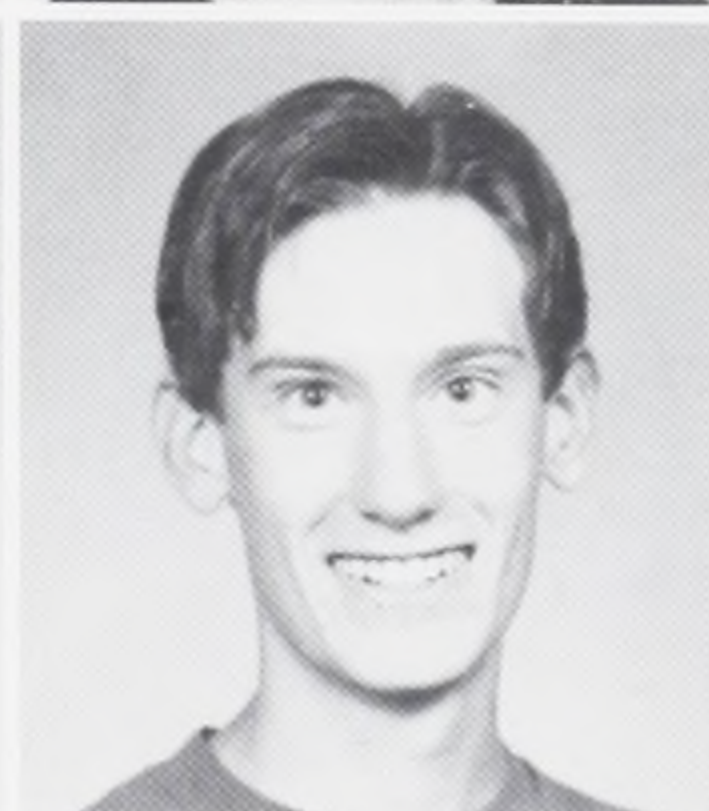
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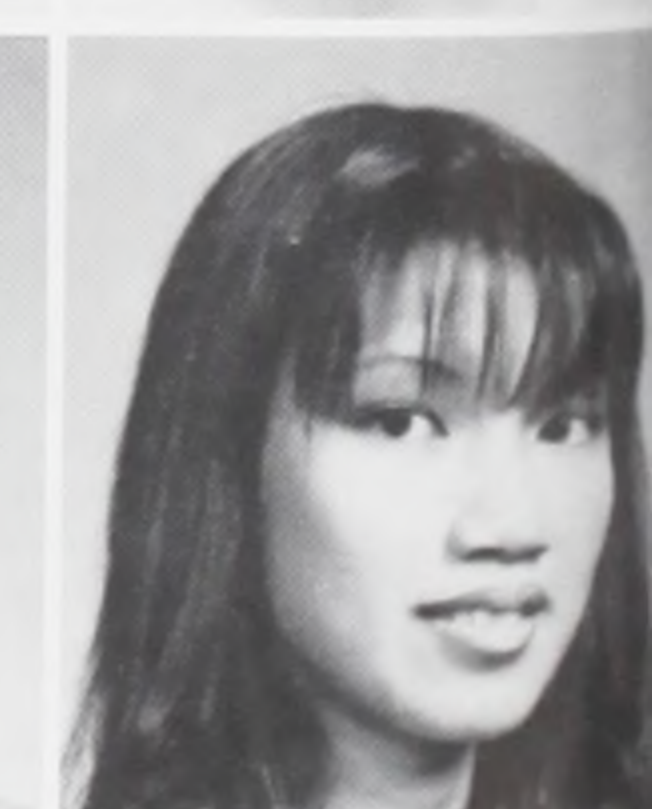
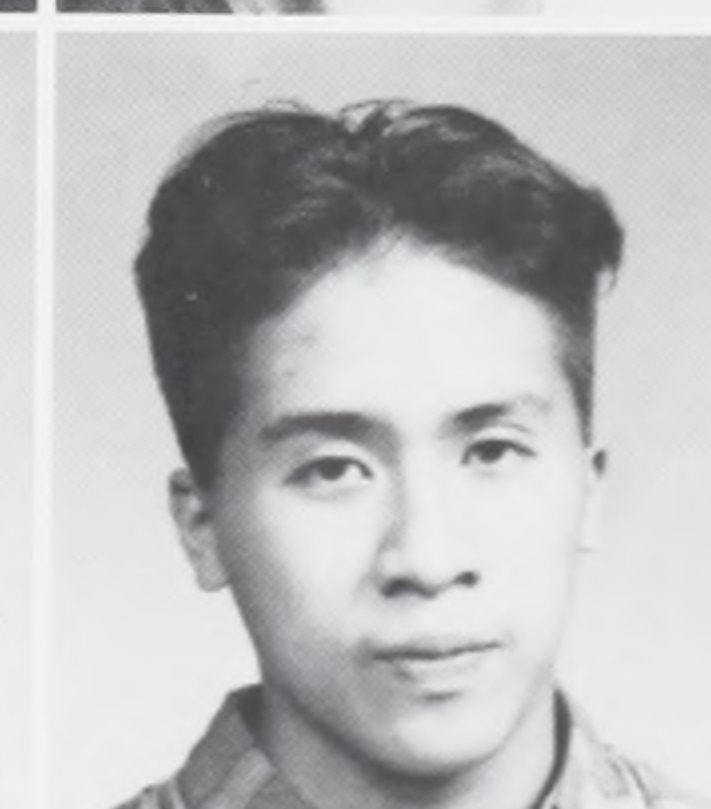
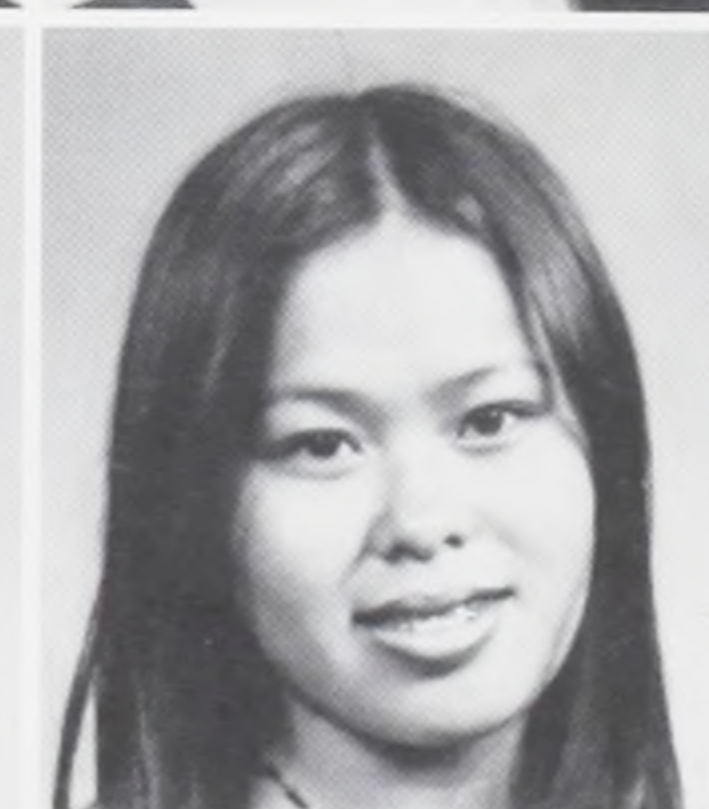
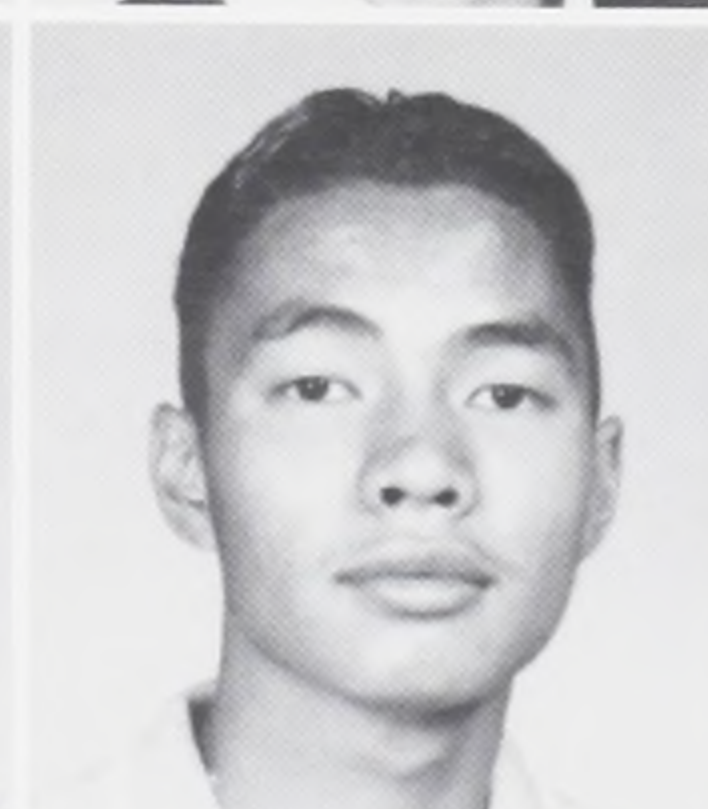
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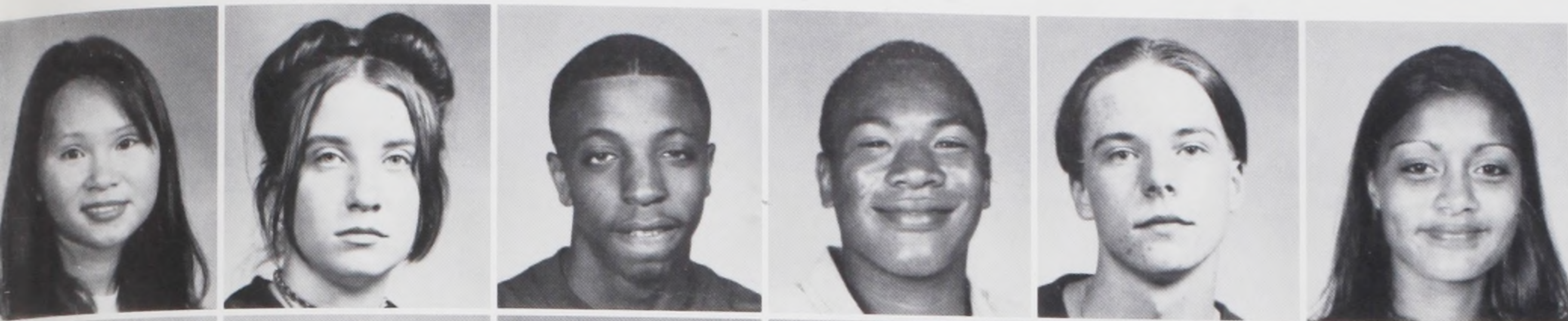
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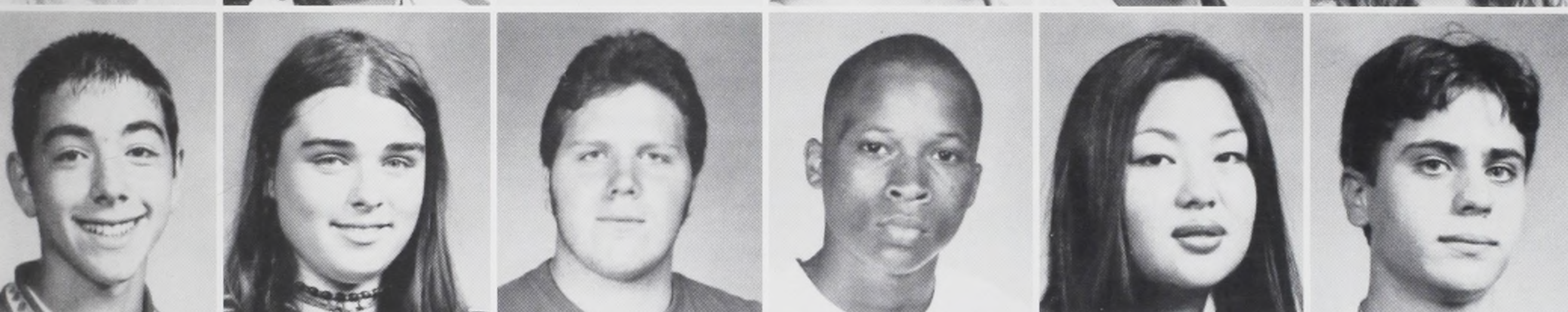
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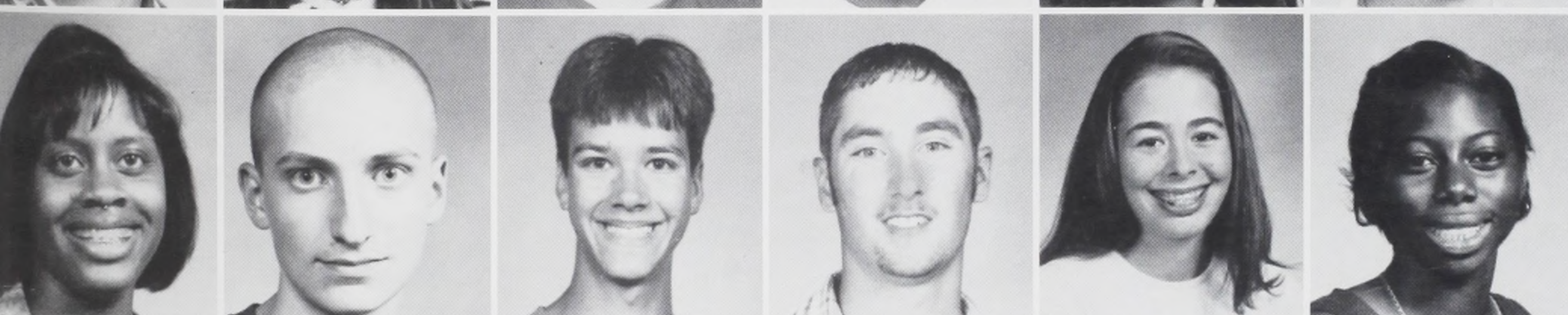
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'CAUSE BREAKIN' UP IS HARD TO DO

It's been six months and you've finally become desensitized to the length of her legs and the deliciousness of her proportions. Why are you with her? Upon meeting her, she had a nonchalant sophistication that struck you as being desirable. She was even aware of this, saying that she had "an odd juxtaposition of sophistication and common sense".

She's still the mild intellectual you were attracted to last June. She still has a sexy way of calling you "babe" over the phone, but there's a bit of restlessness rousing in the back of your mind. It's this awakening of new desire that is drawing you away from your summer love.

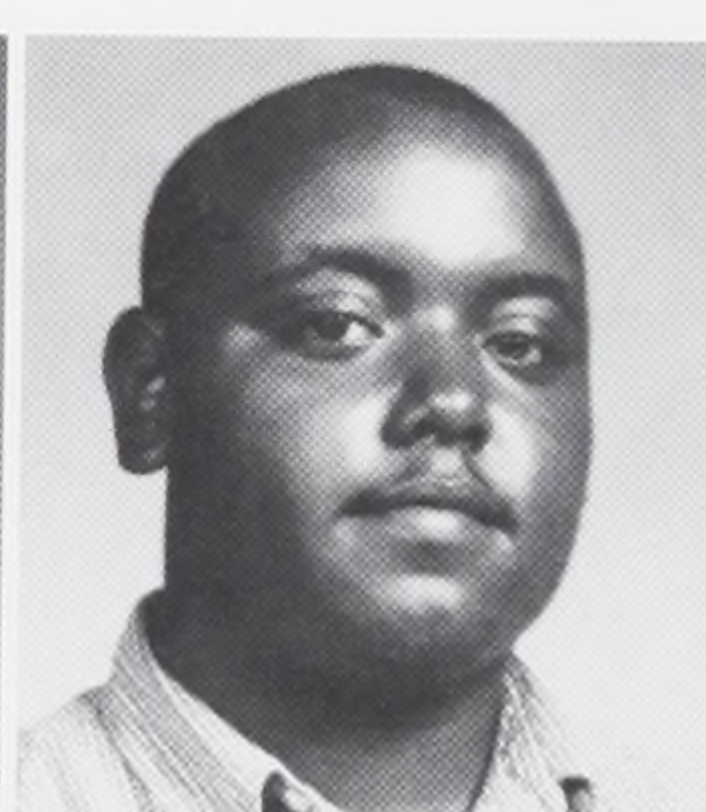
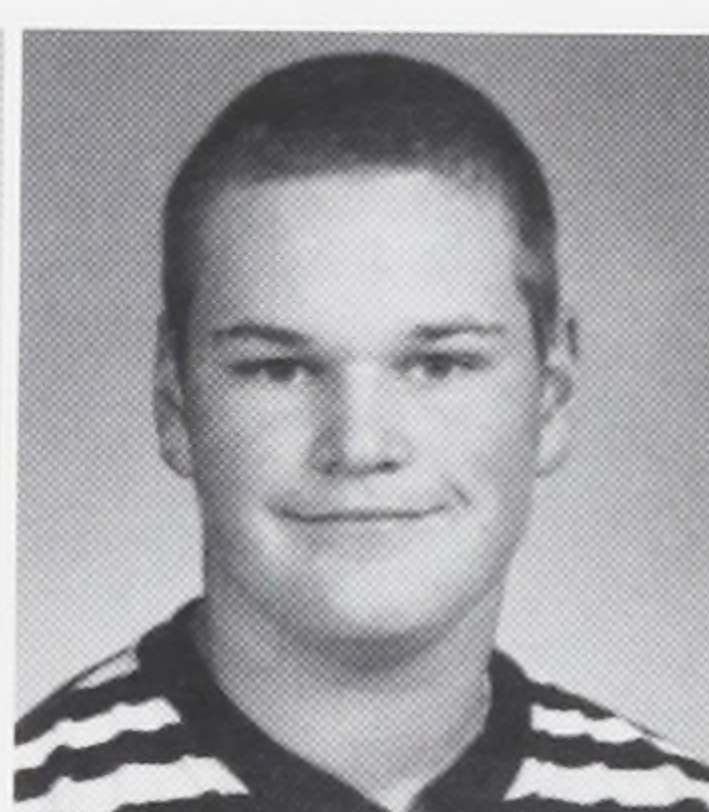
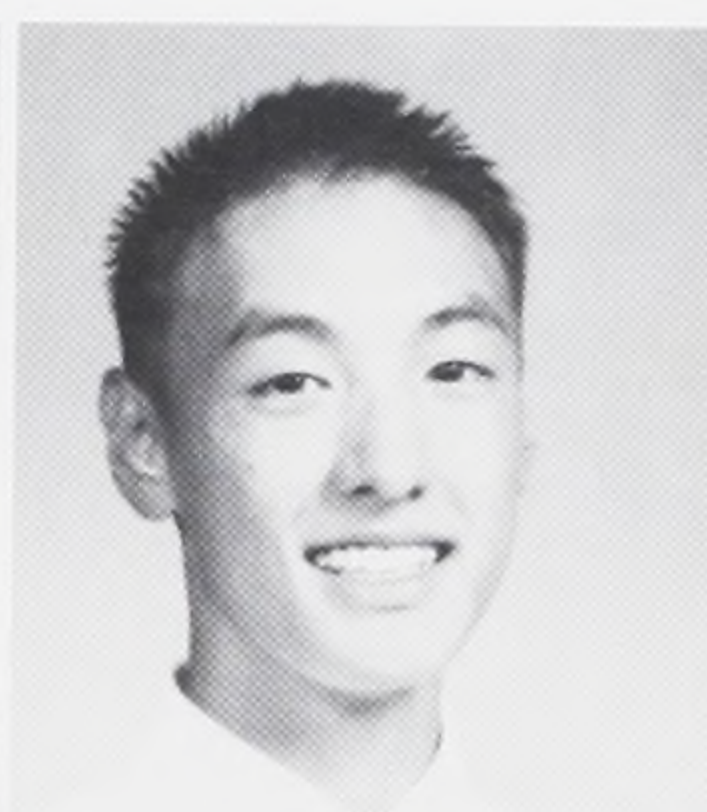
So, what next? A grueling drama? A guilt riddled month of phone conversations? While these scenarios are undoubtedly ineffective, they are replayed year after year in high school. The methods of breaking up are as ludicrous as the couples who use them. There's the:

- Messy conversation: "I'll leave a message."
- Straight negligence: "She'll get the point sooner or later."
- Indirect facial: "Joe'll tell her. She'll listen to him."

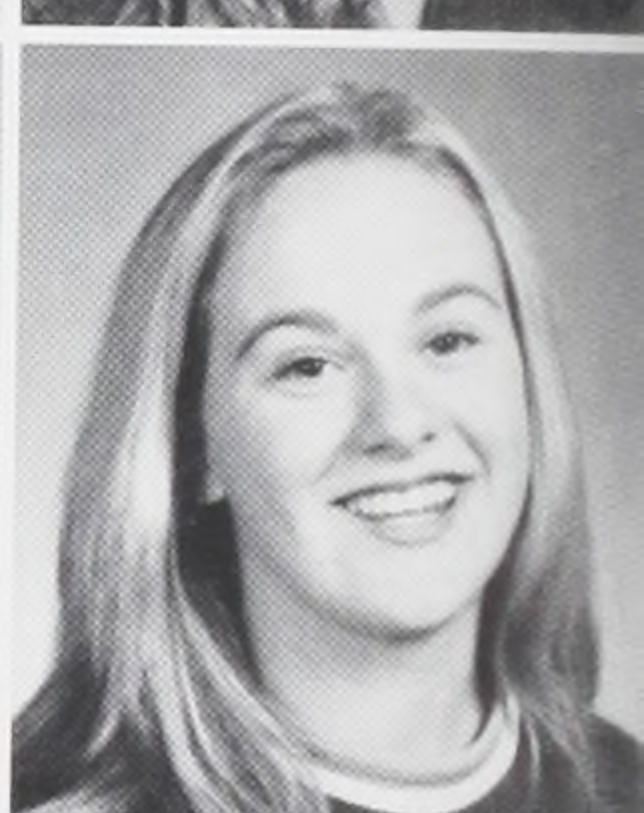
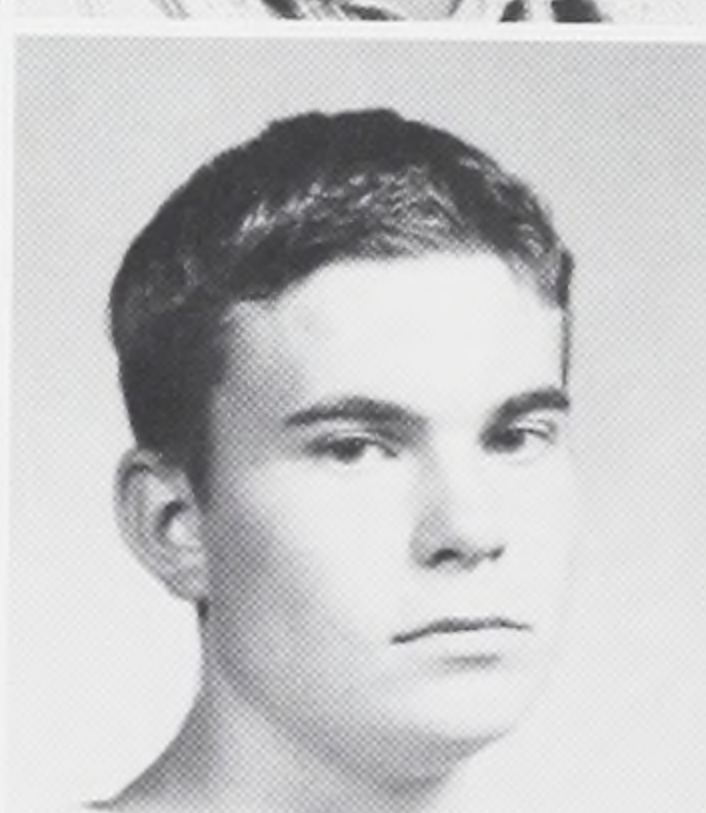
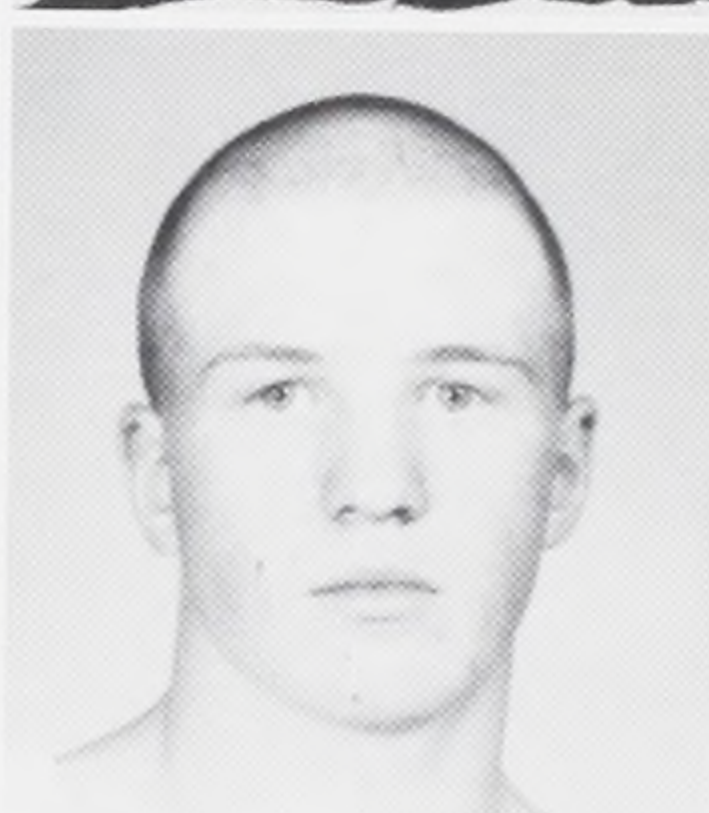
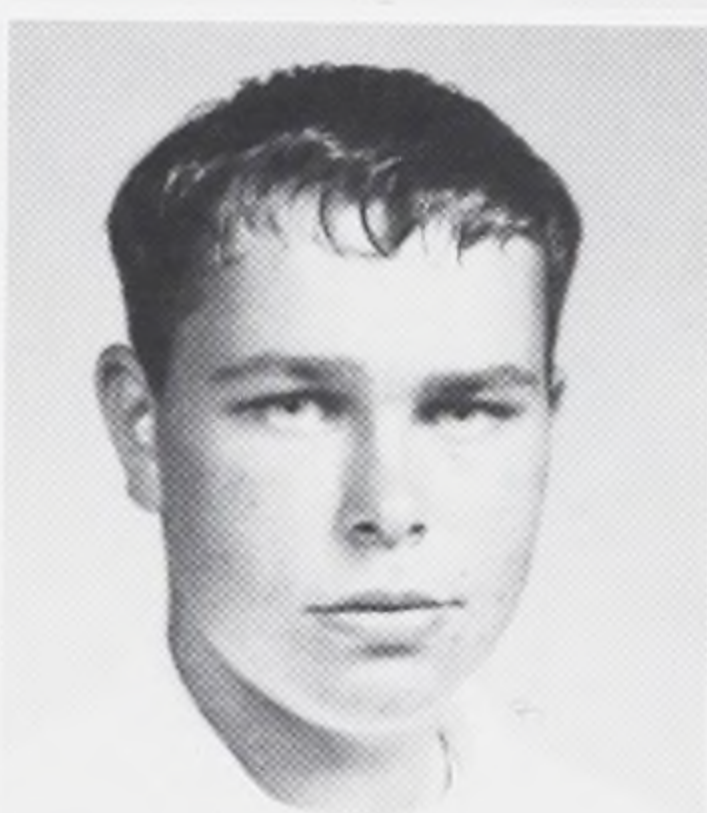
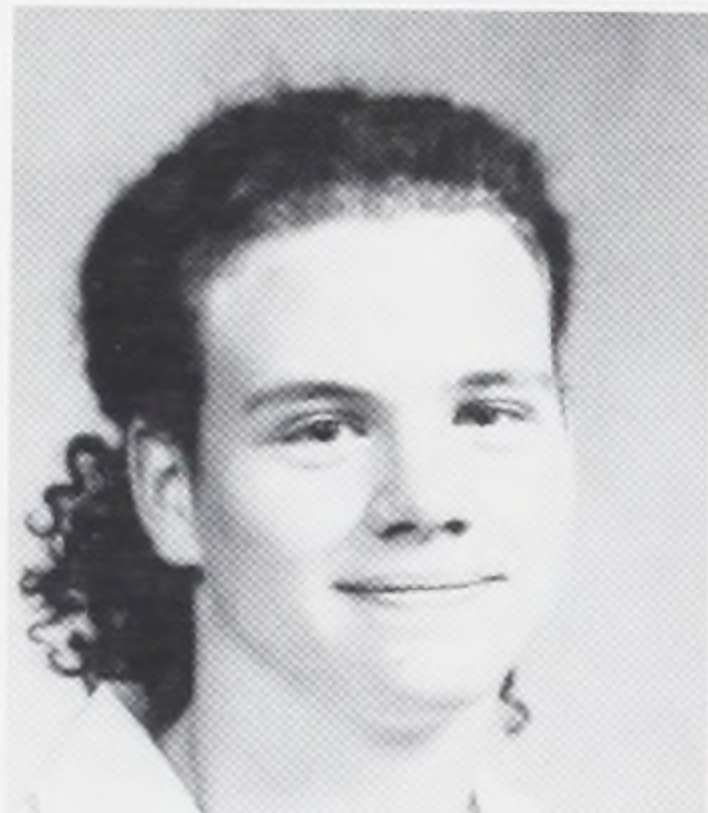
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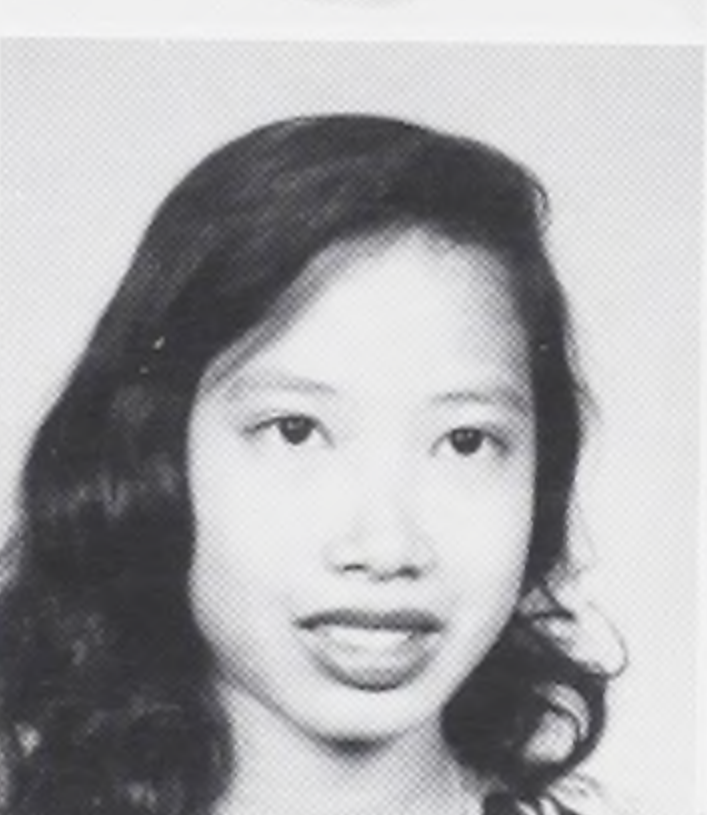
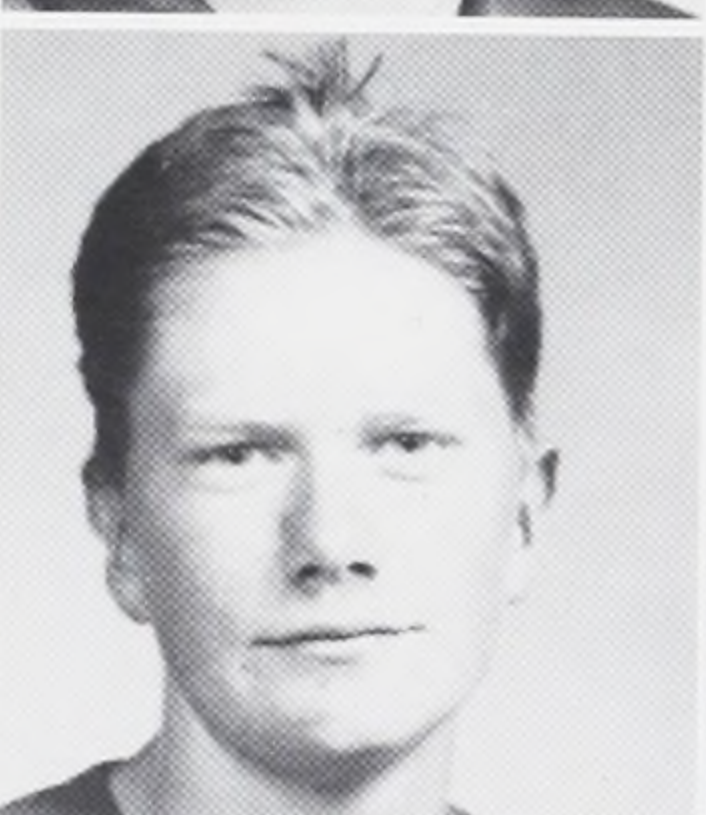
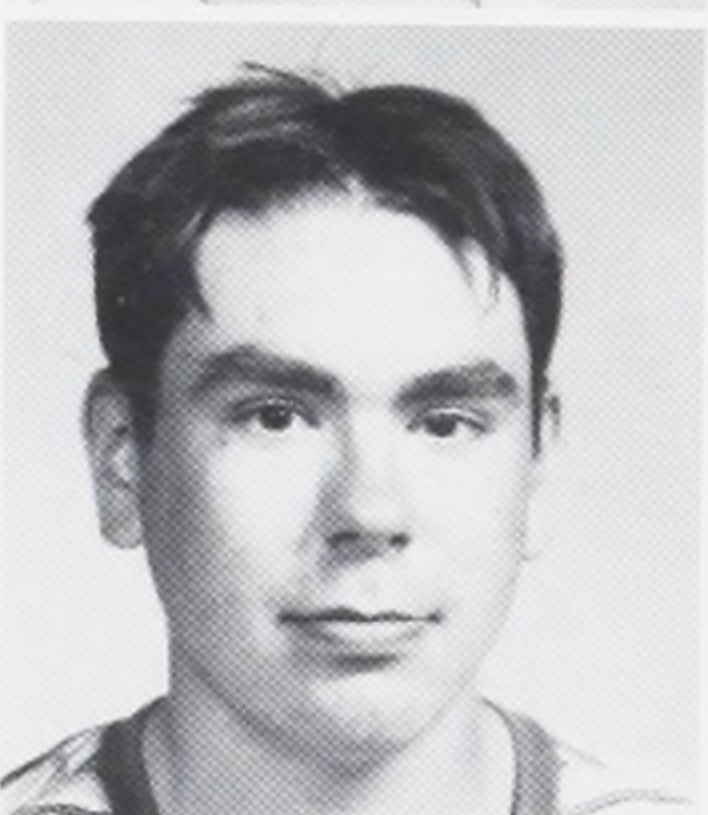
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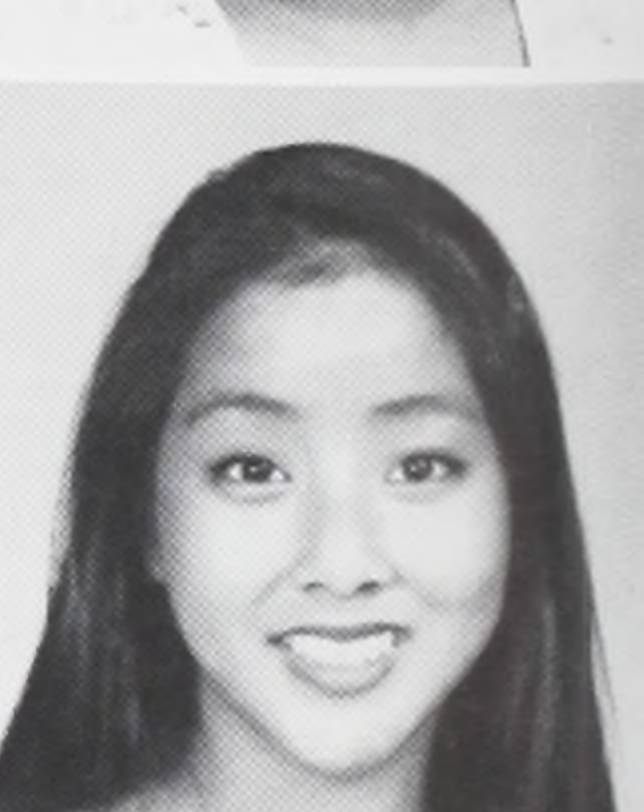
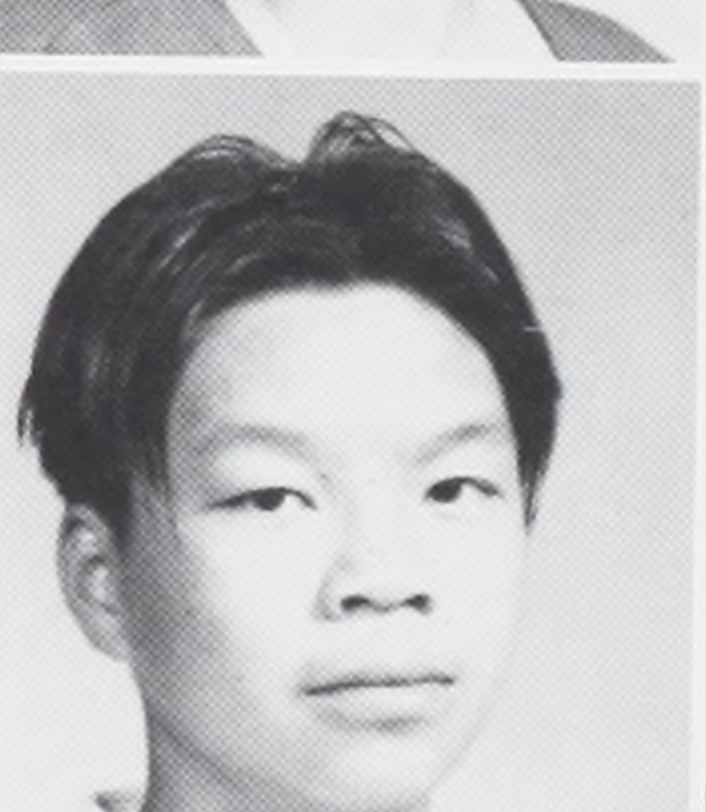
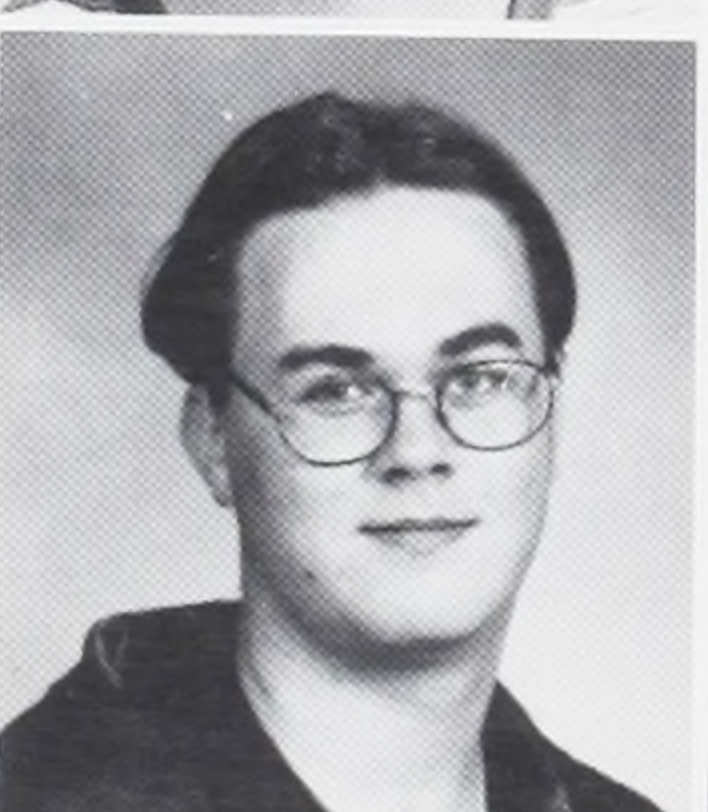
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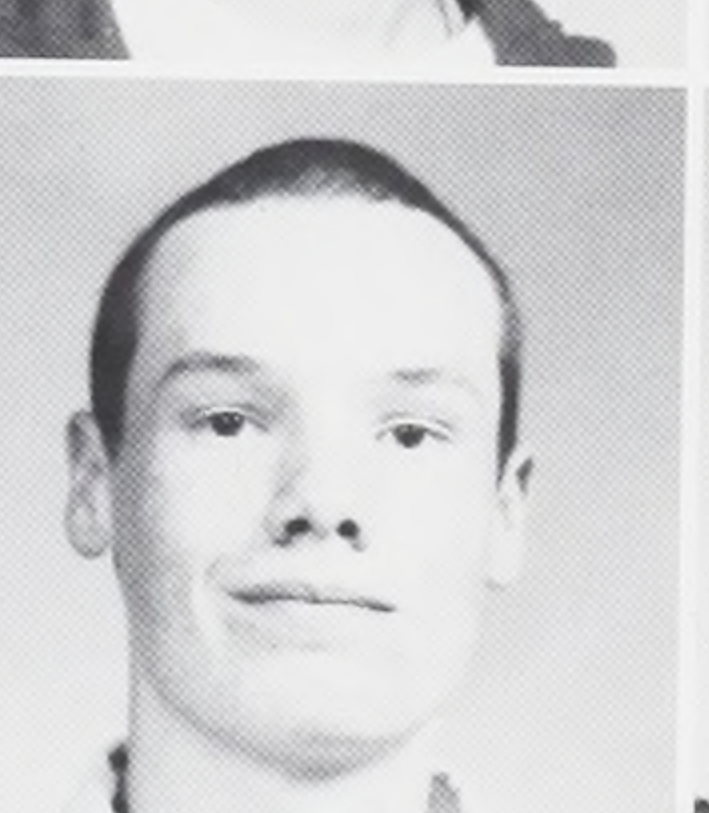
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What Should I Major In?

"I chose **Broadcasting** because it's easy. I get to listen to music all day, and if I'm good, I can make a lot of money."

-Sam Hayes-

"I like **Electronics** because it is really interesting, and I hope to someday become an electrician."

-Justin Mihalos-

"I want to major in **Health Occupations** because I want to be a psychologist. People already spill their guts to me and ask for advice. People just tend to trust me."

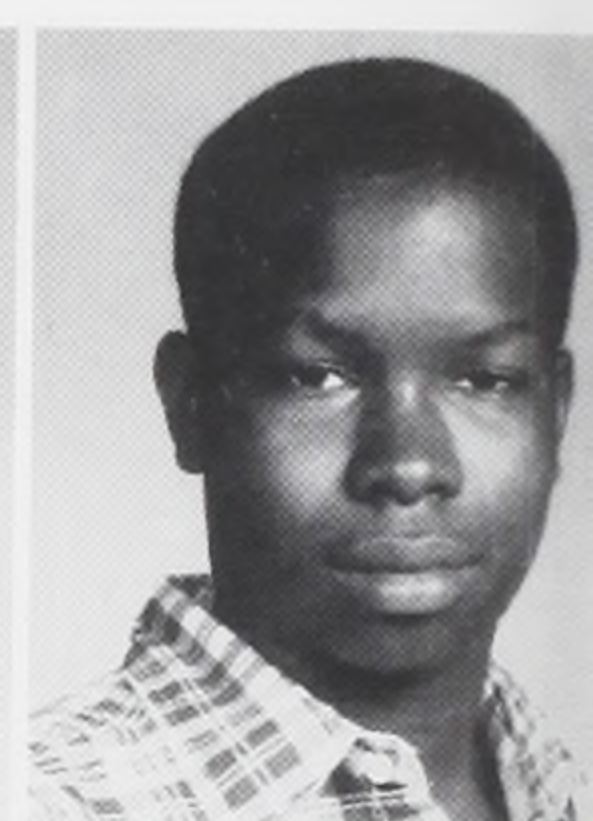
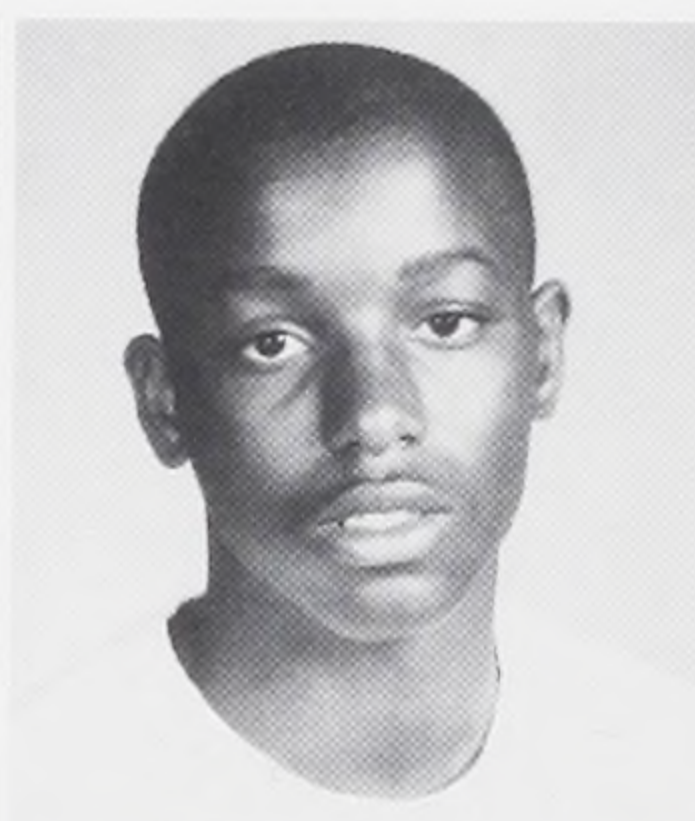
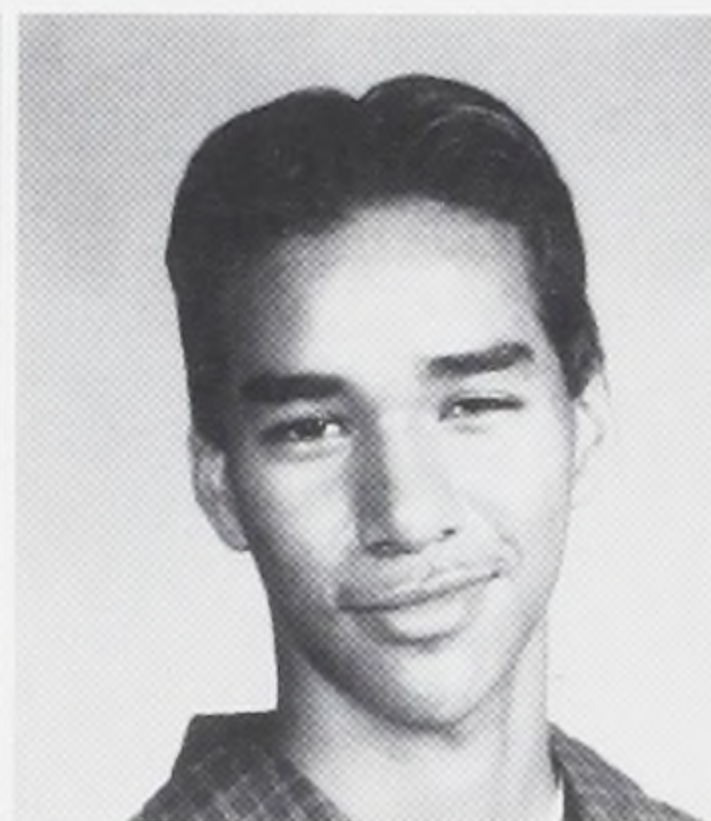
-Tara Chrest-

"I chose **Architectural Drafting** because I really like it and it is challenging. It keeps me on my toes."

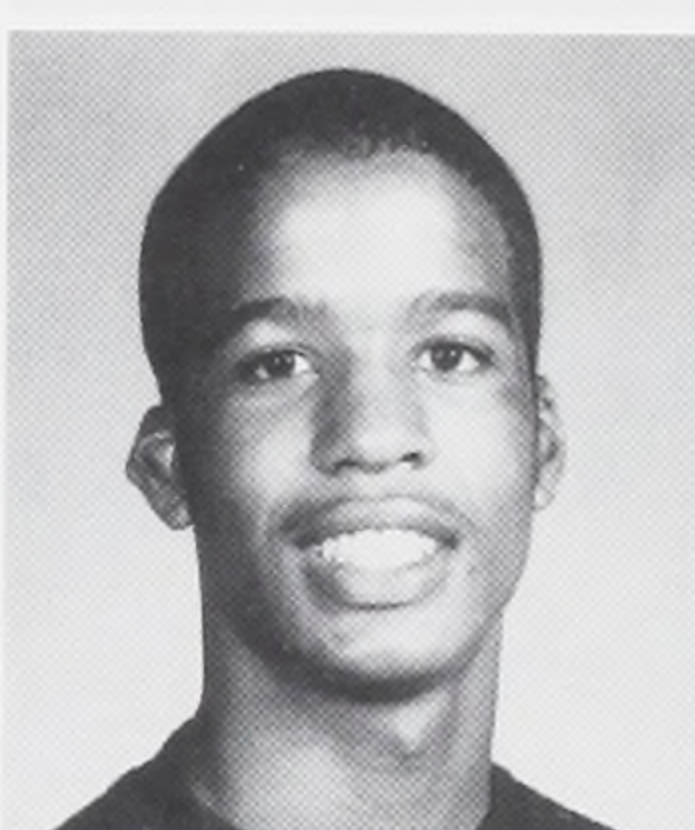
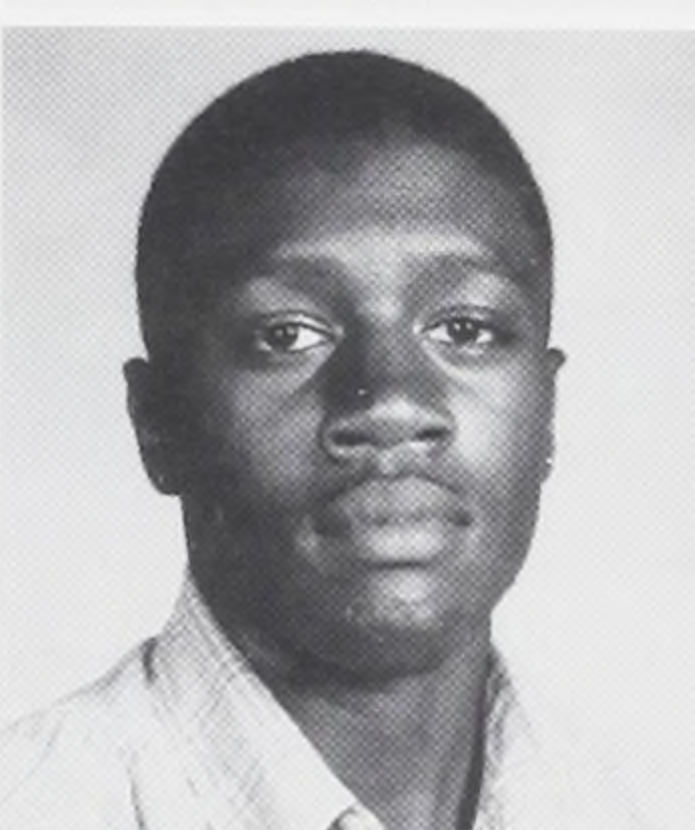
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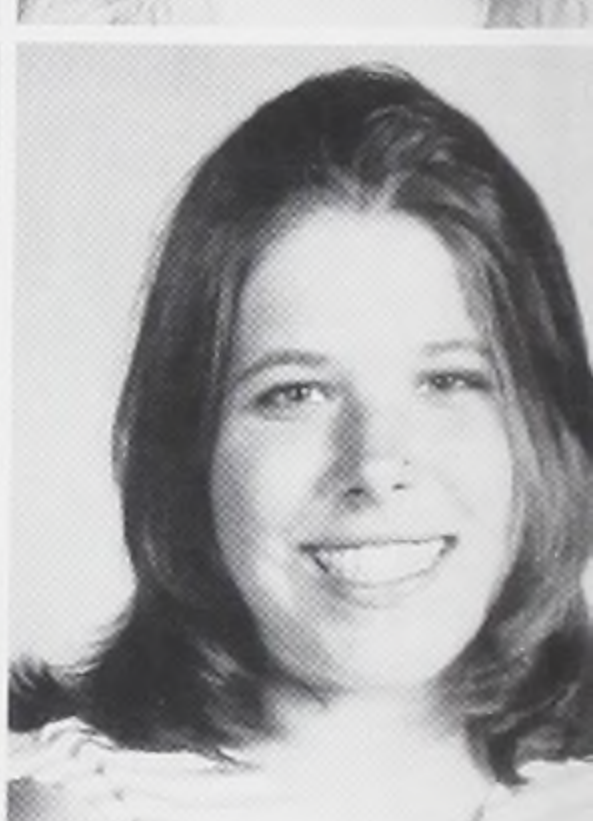
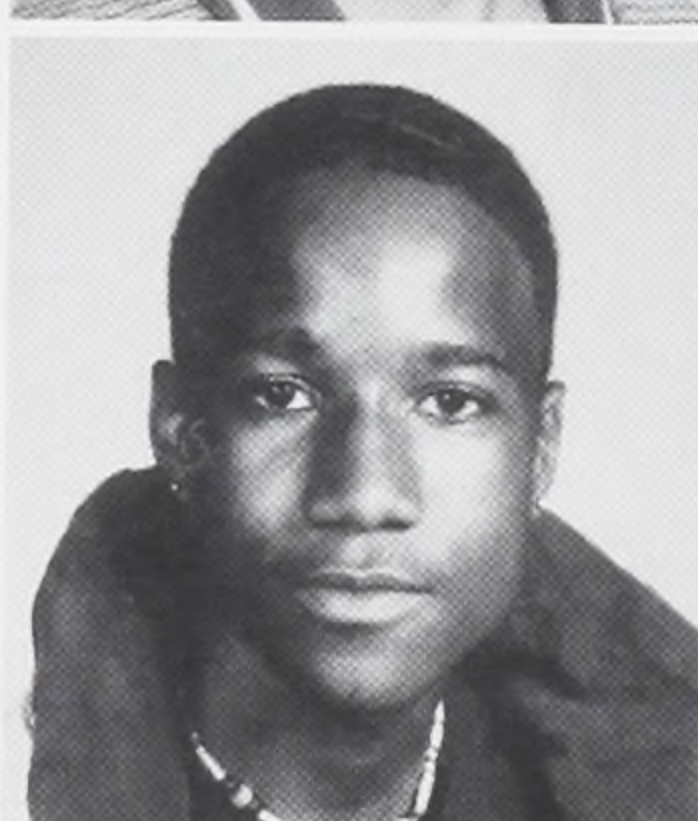
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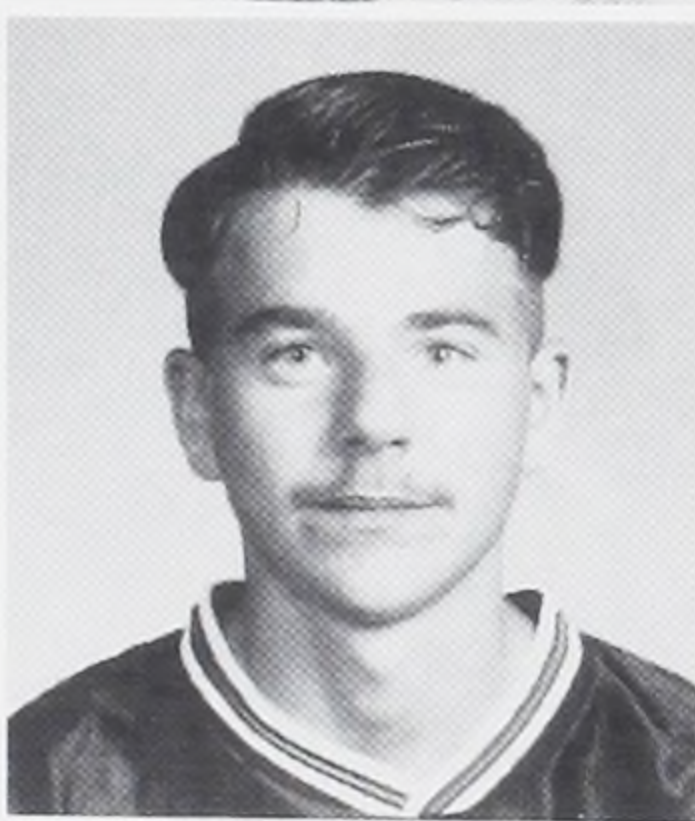
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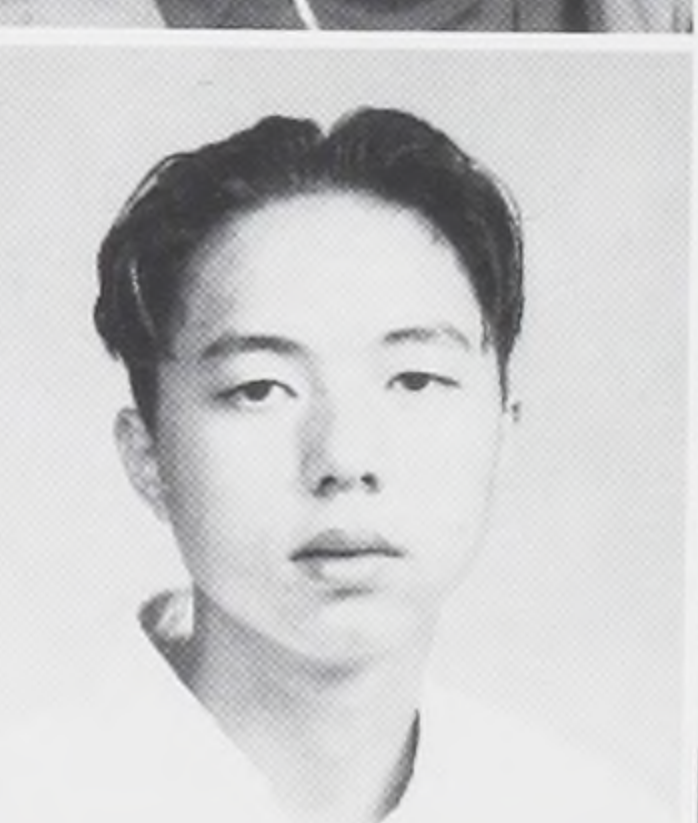
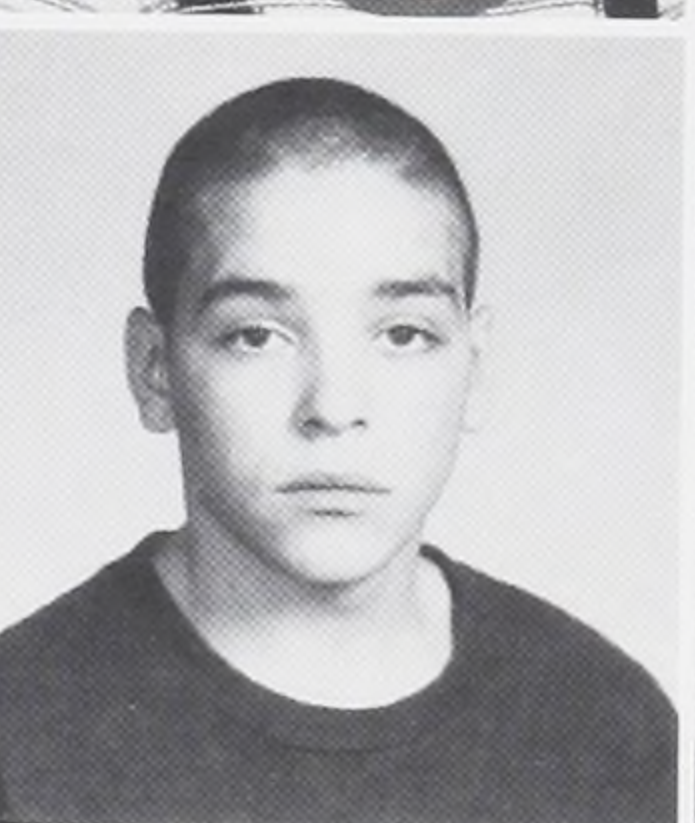
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Chelsea Brooks
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Brent Buckles
Tony Bui
Richard Bunch



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Cheryl Bynum
James Byrd
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Lindsay Childers

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Gerry Collins
Christina Cook
Sean Cox

Walter Craig III
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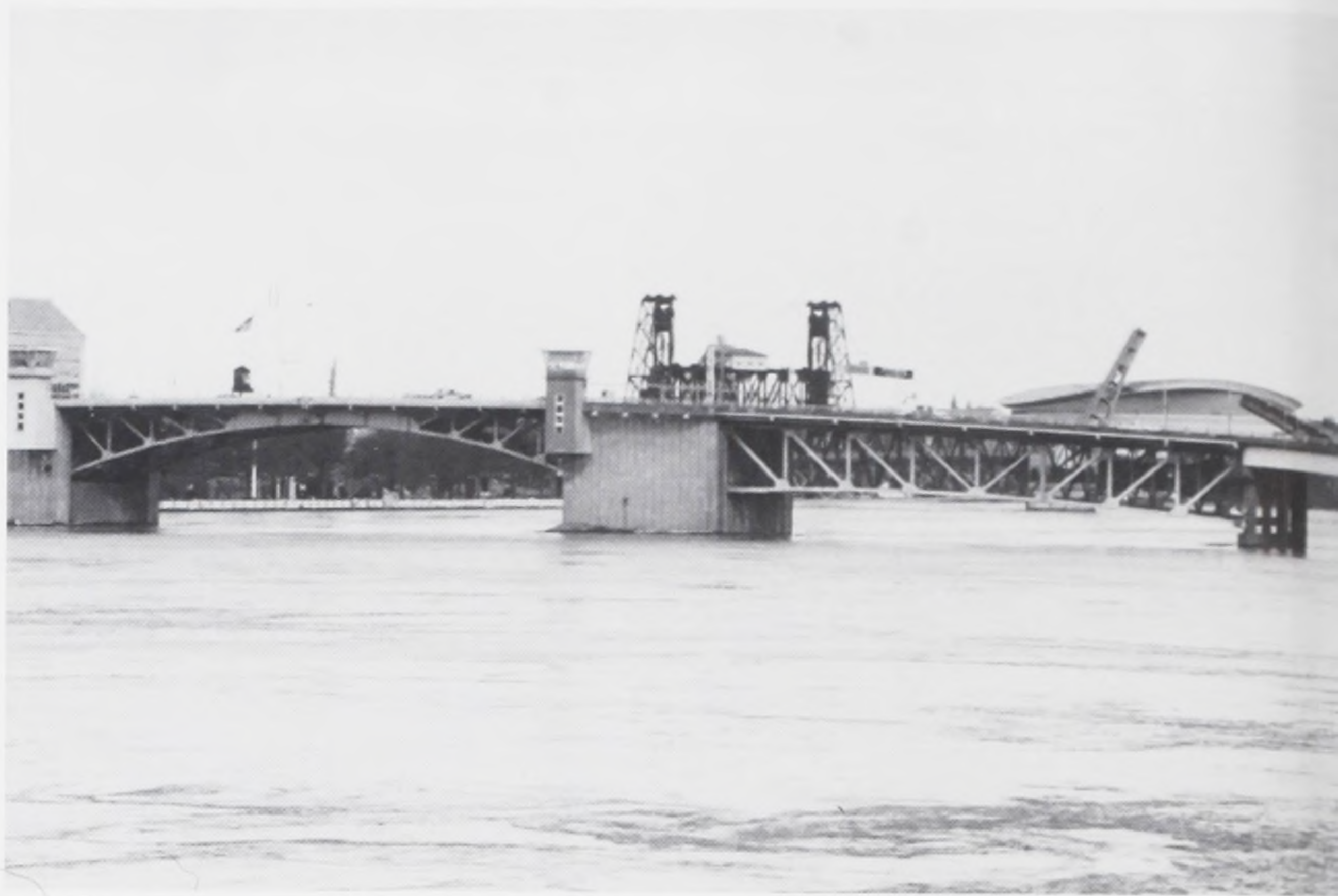
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WARNING: All Sophomores Beware

THE TOILET

Out it comes, down it goes
Where it stops, nobody knows
Push the lever, swirl, swirl
Everything goes round, twirl, twirl
Faster and faster it starts to leave
Now I am finally relieved
New water comes in, clear as glass
Can you believe what came out of my #@\$*!!!
Into the sewer, out it is let
Soon to arrive in the Willamette
We swim around, not knowing it's there
But when we get out, it's stuck in our hair.

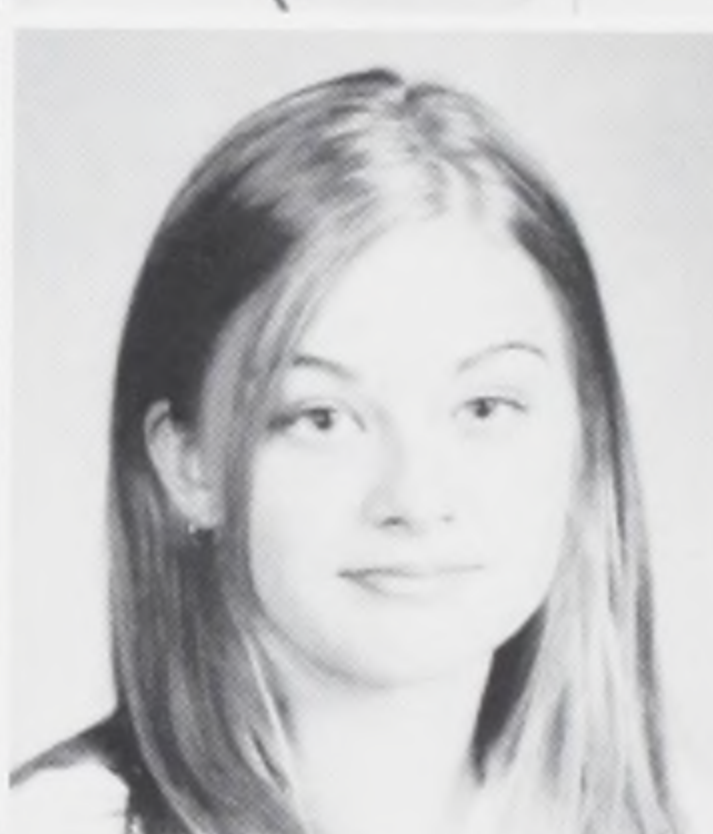
by a Benson Sophomore



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William Jameson
Emily Jeffs

Tabatha Jensen
David Johnson
Dustin Johnson
Miesha Johnson
William Johnson
Ryan Keeland

GET OFF THE ROAD!

by Jennifer Bray

"The day I get my license I want to drive to a pig farm and get a pig. After I get the pig I want to tie huge paper wings on it and put it on the top of my car. I'll drive down the freeway really fast, and then stop and watch the pig fly."

-Talik Eichinger-

Sophomore year is usually the year students start driving. Most new drivers have something they really want to do the minute they get out on the road by themselves. Here is what a couple of Benson sophomores had to say.

"I want to do two things when I get my license. I want to jump the Grand Canyon and preach street ministry out of my car."

-Sam Hayes-

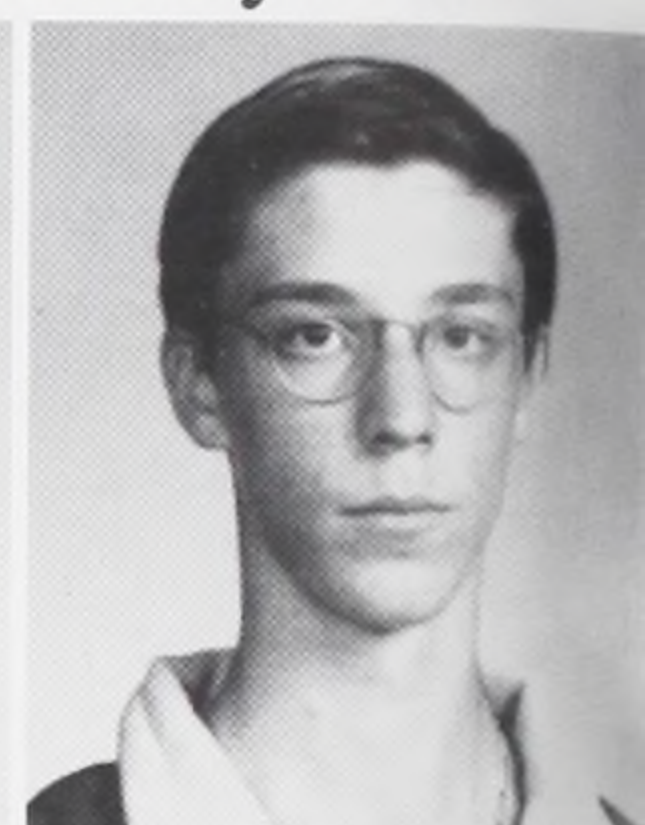
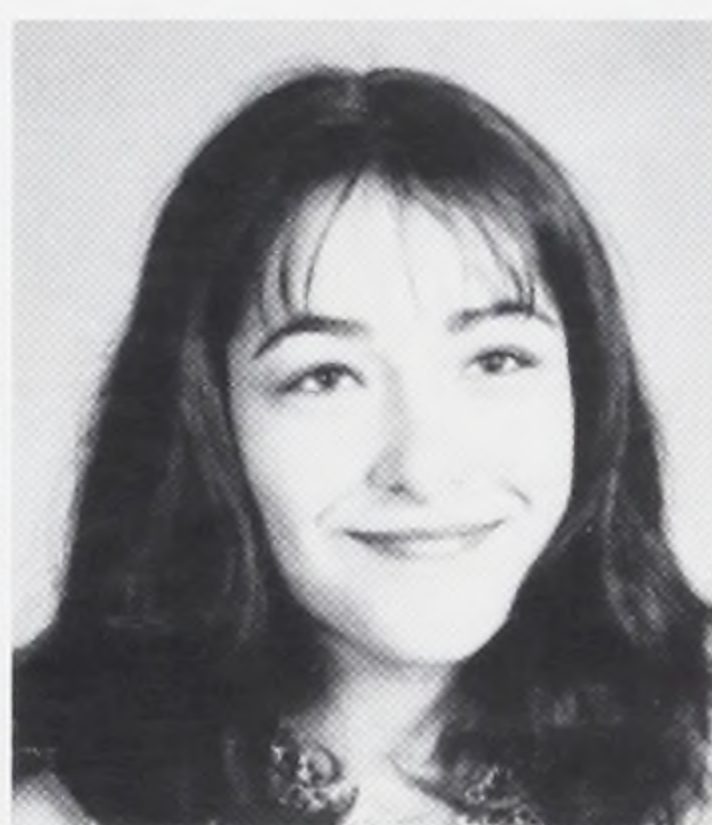
"I want to get a bangin' system for my car and go driving through my neighborhood to show it off to all the haters."

-Jemine Mode-

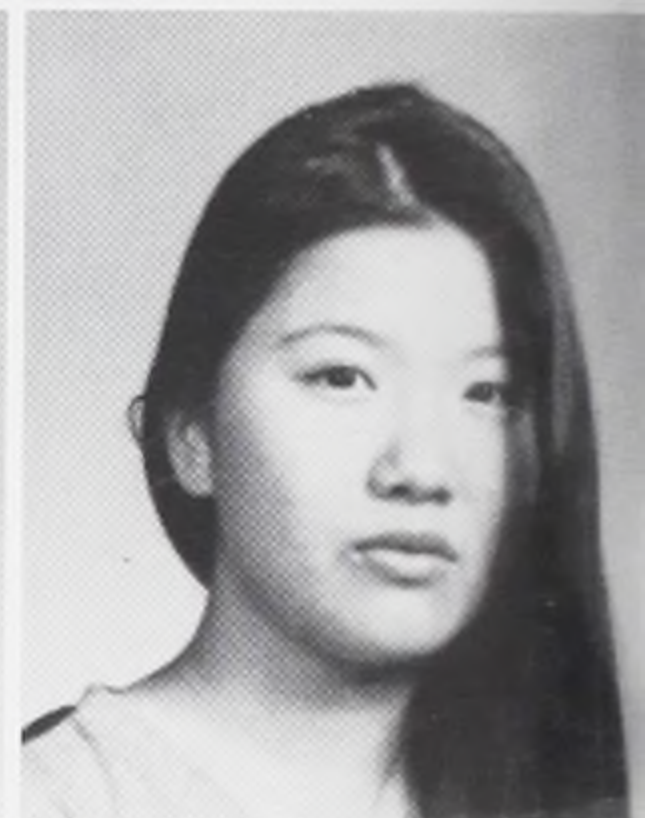
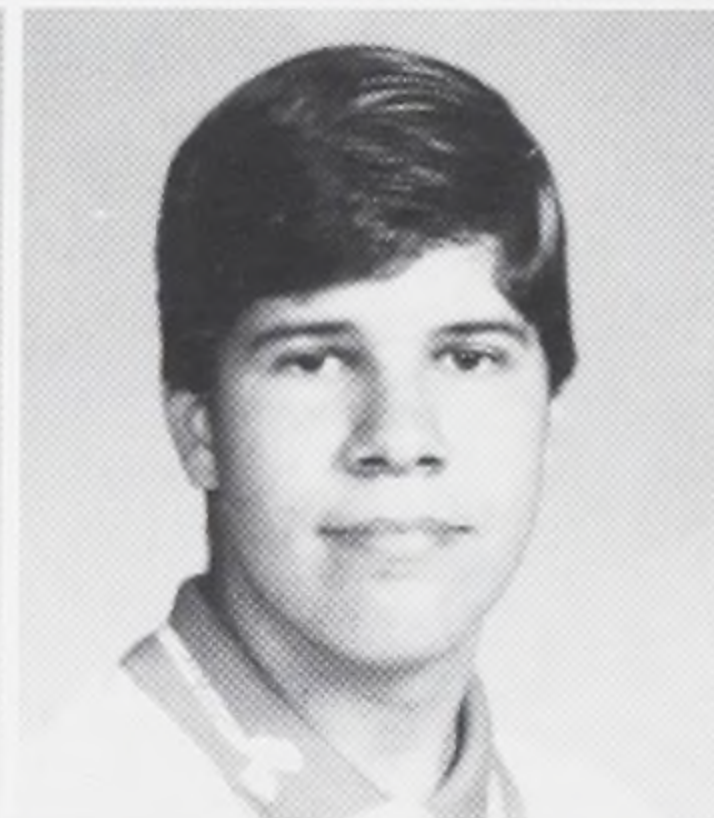
"I want to go to the Benson football field and spin some cookies all over the place."

-anonymous-

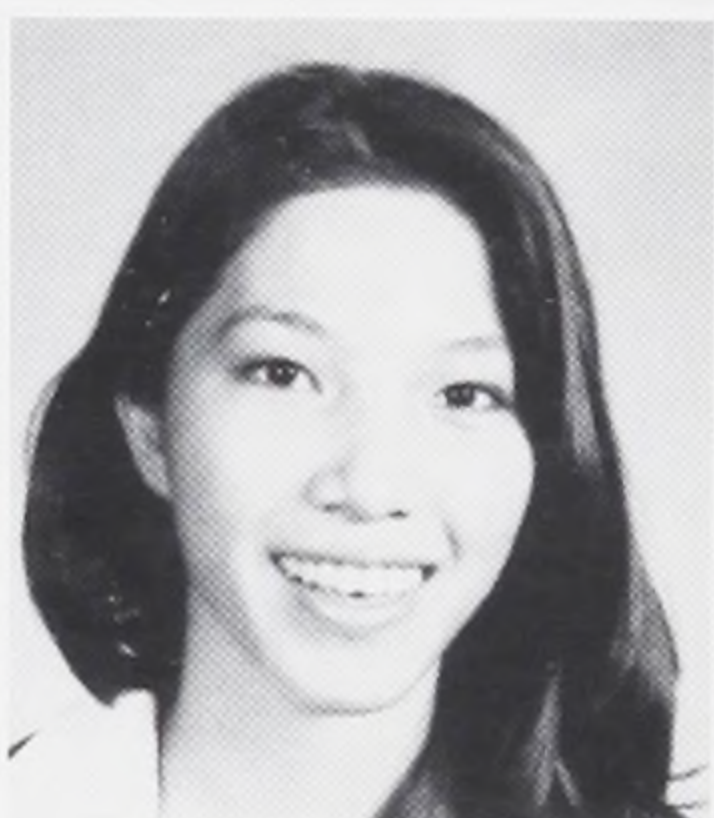
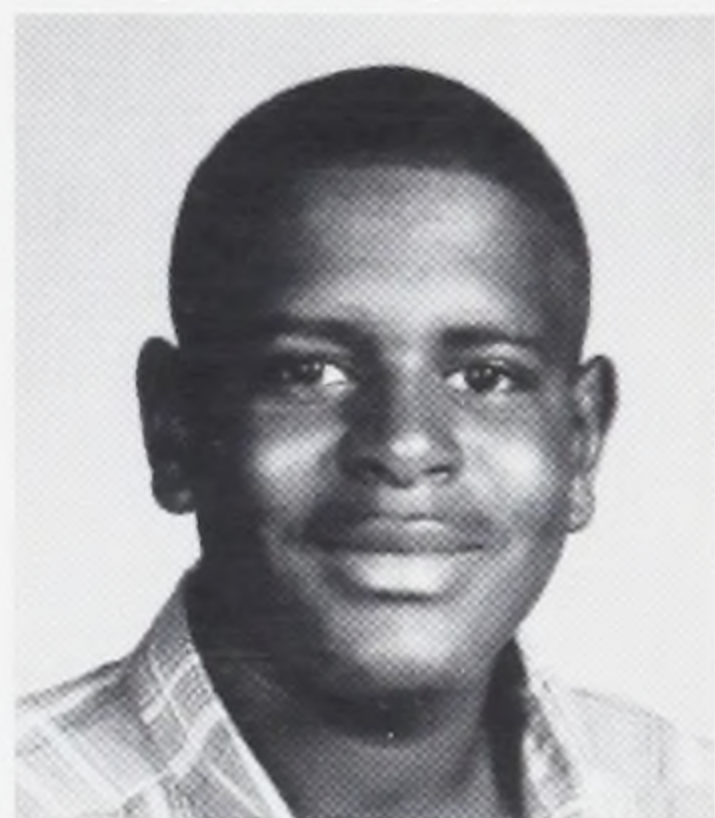
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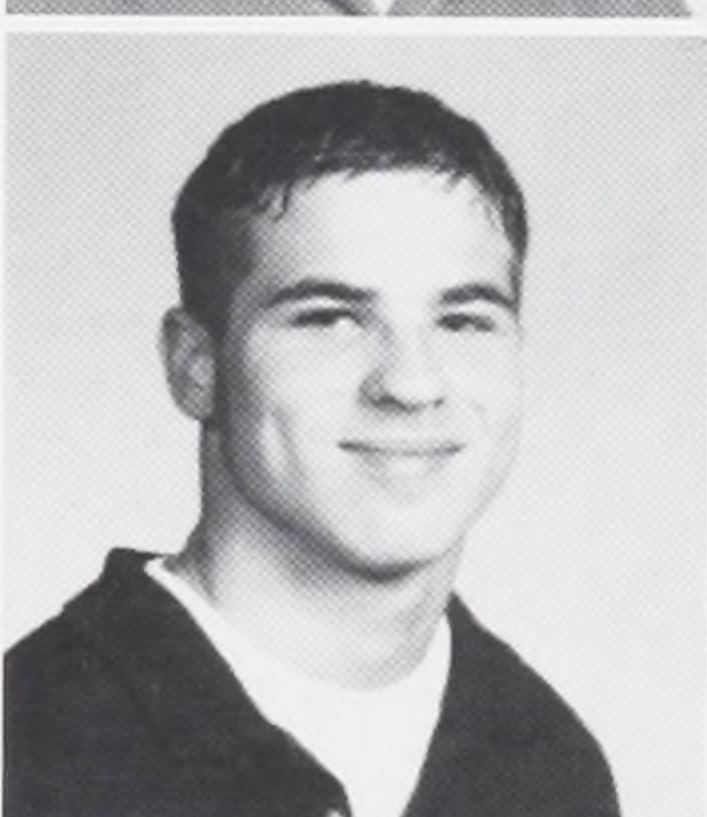
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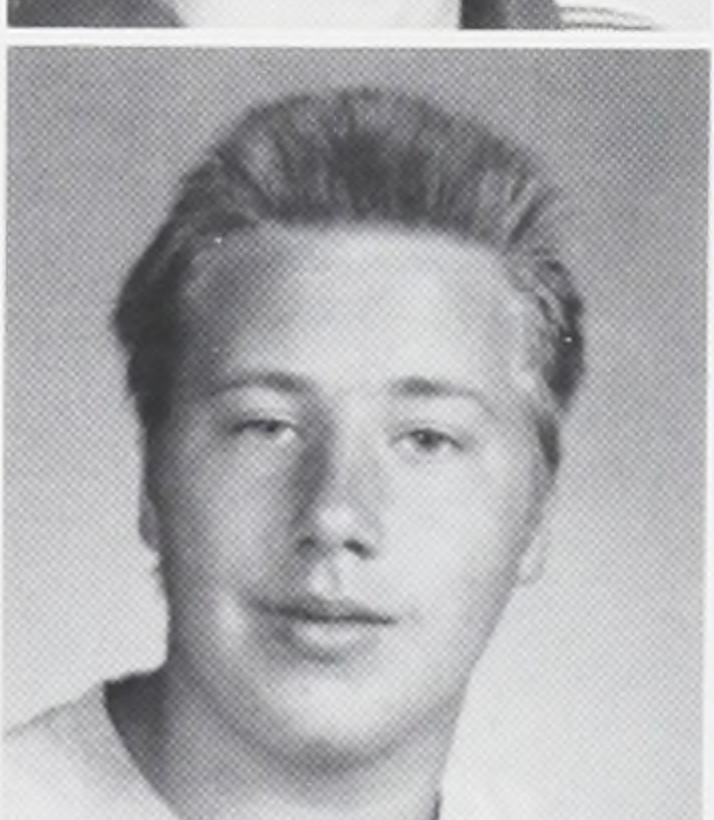
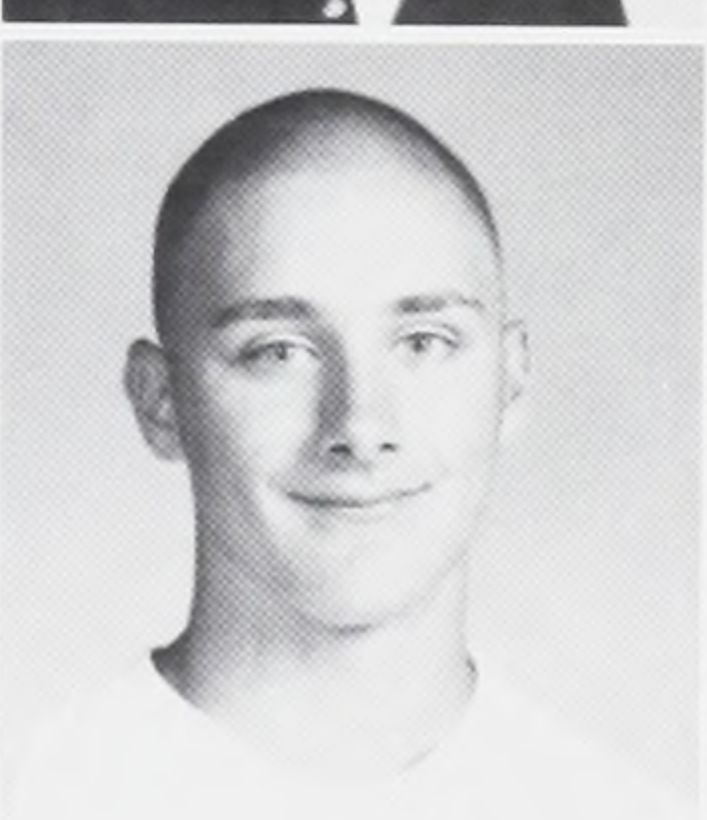
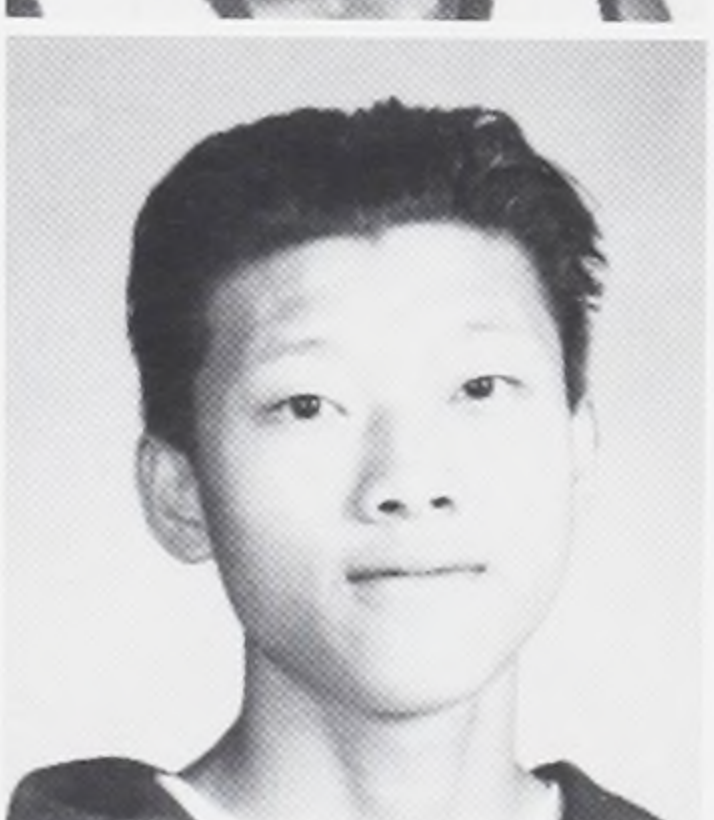
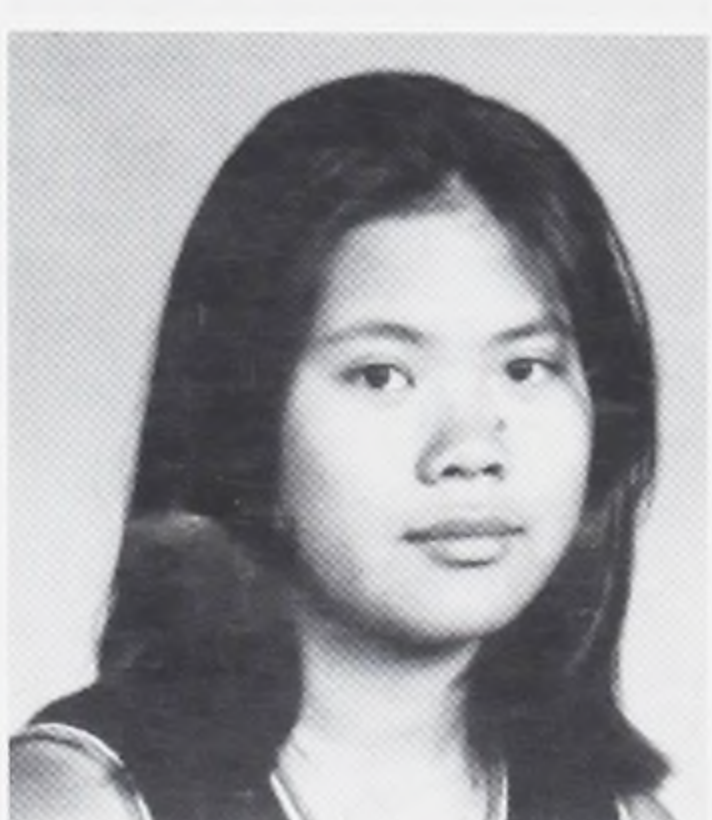
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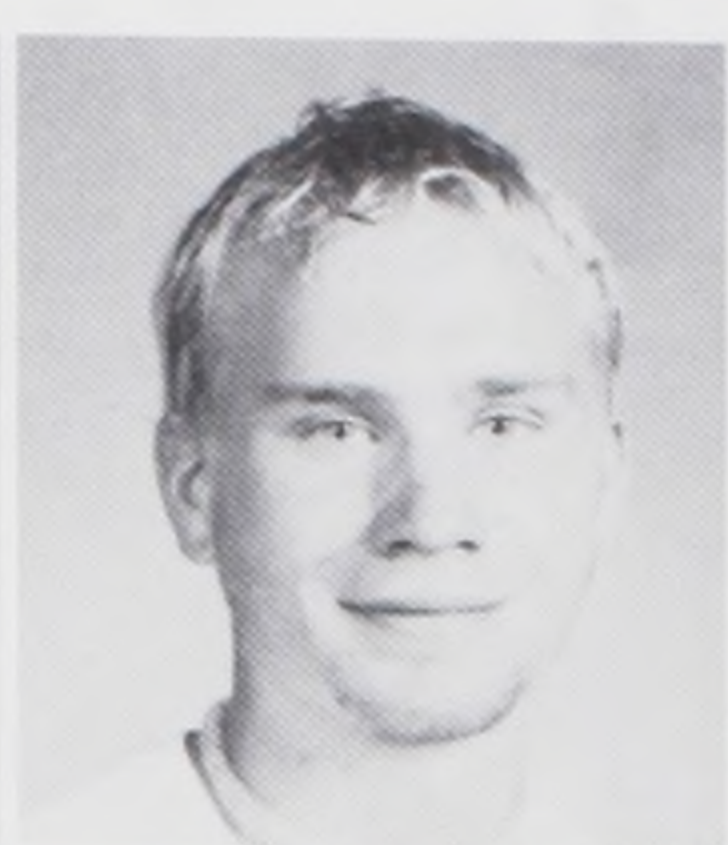
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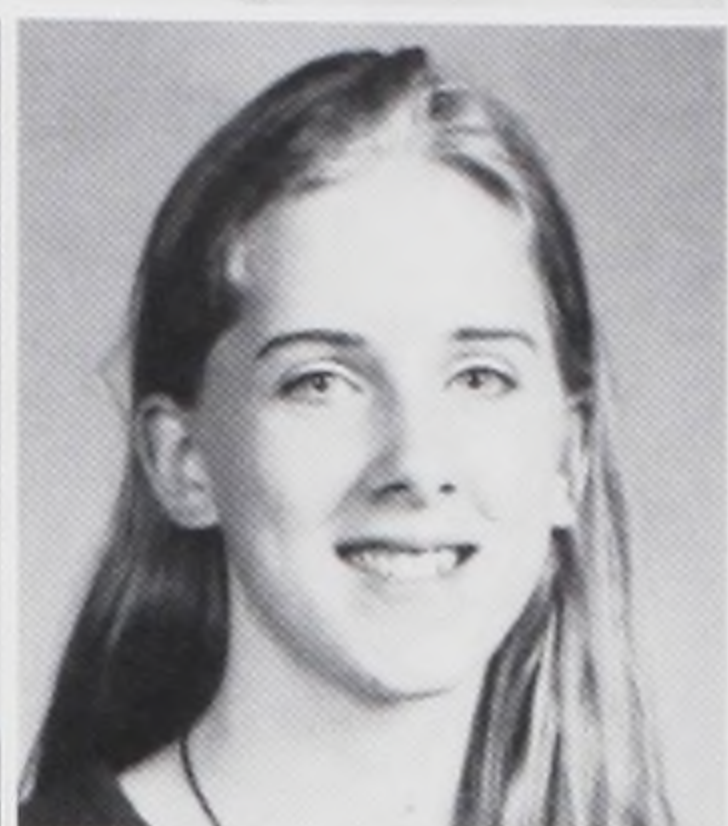
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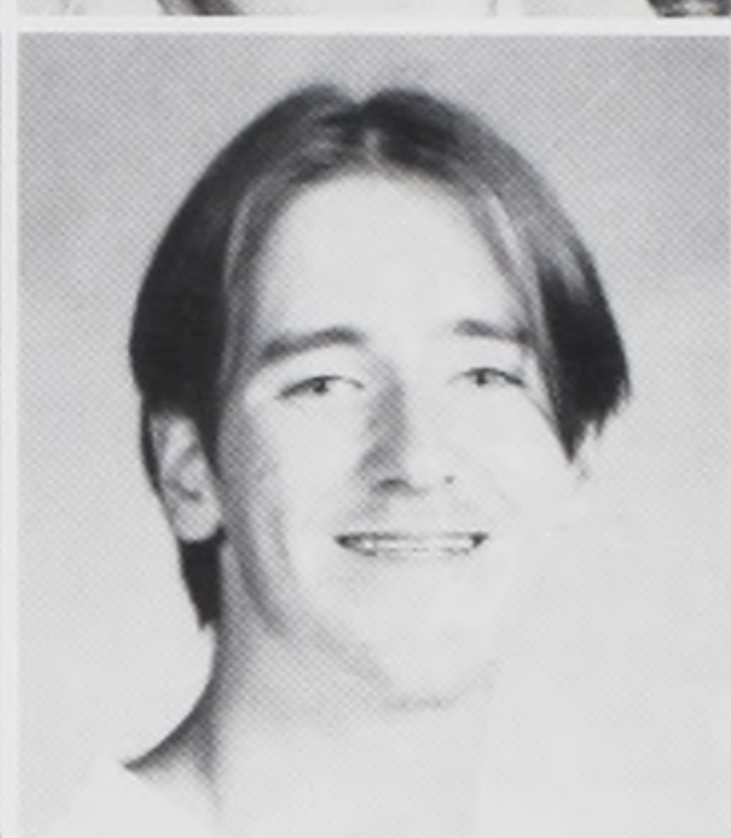
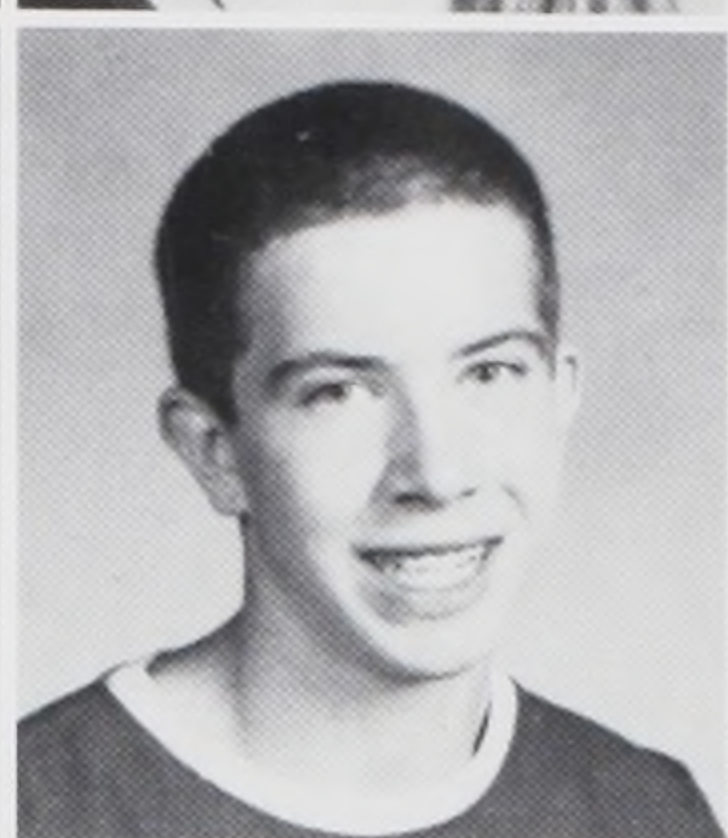
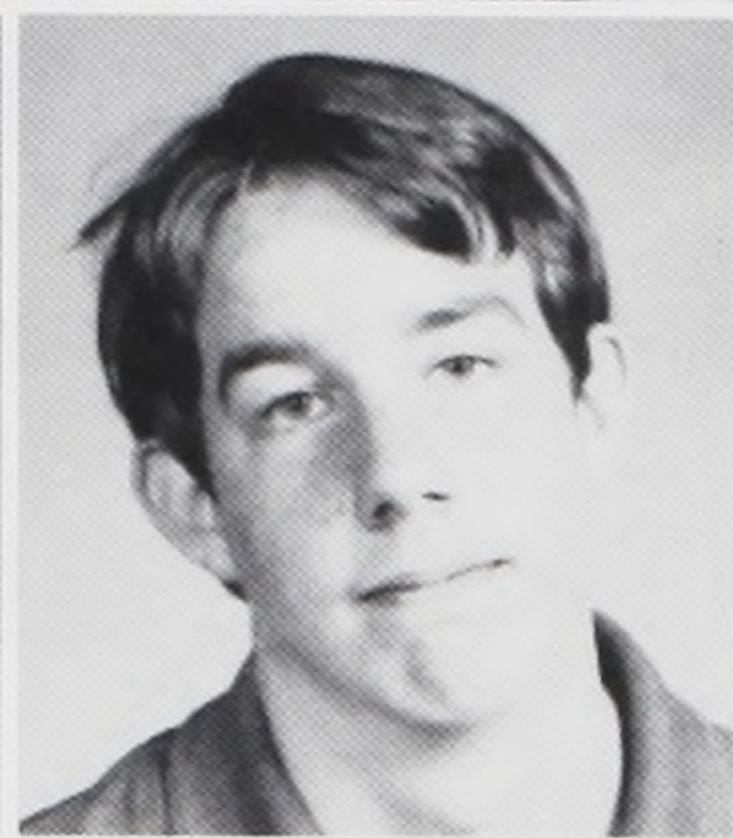
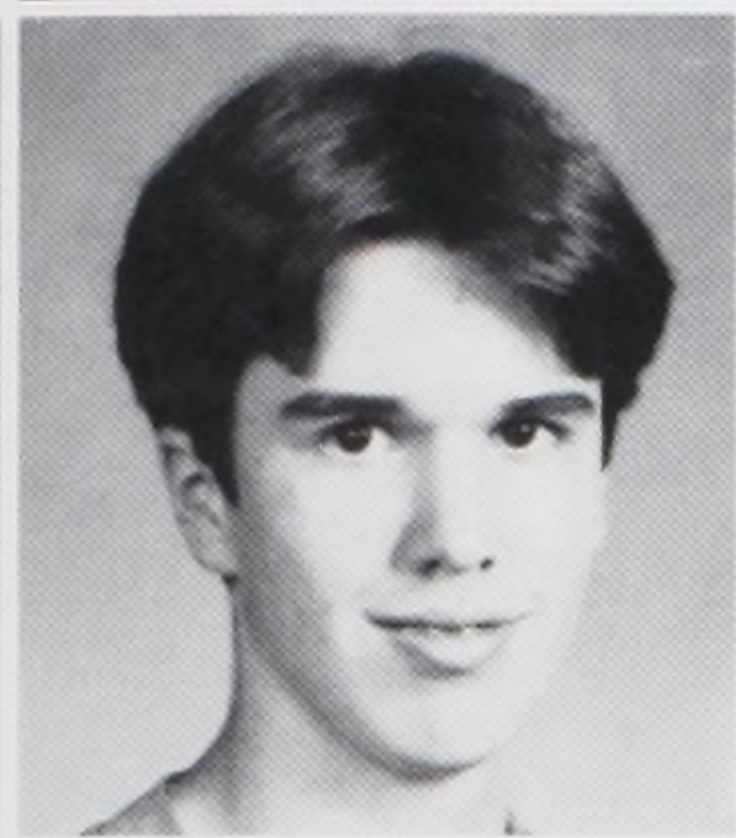
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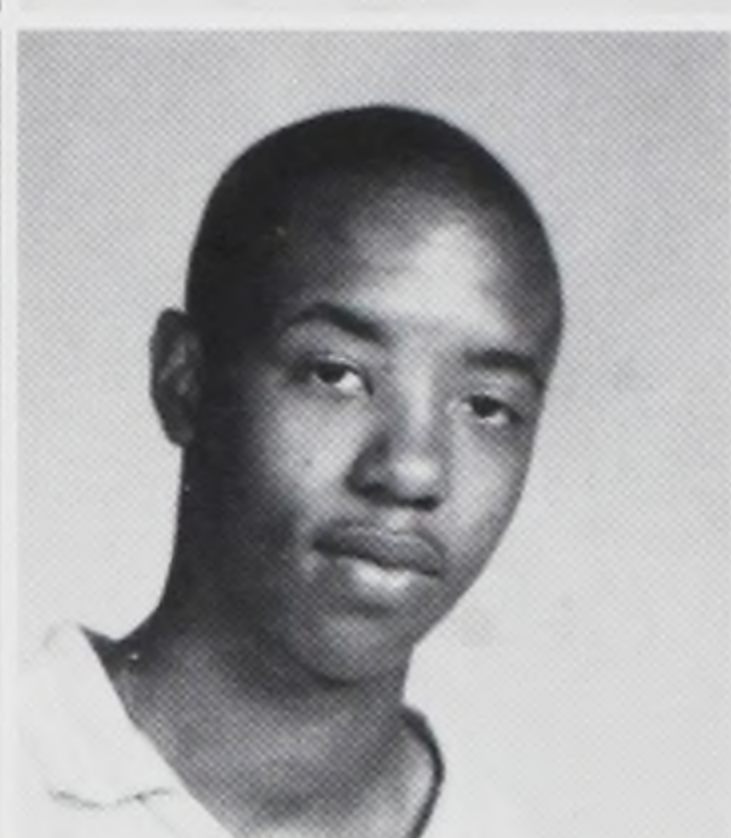
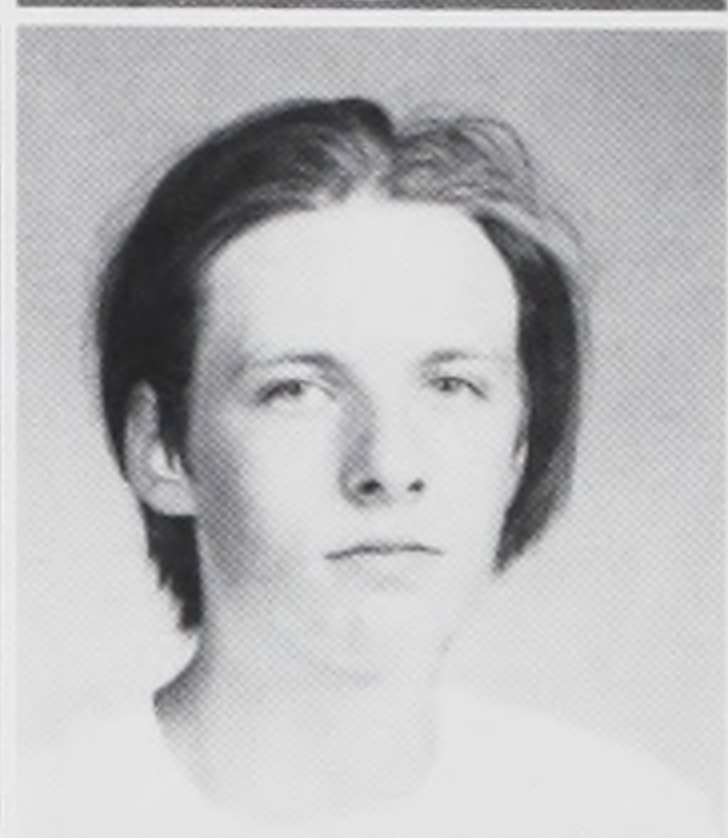
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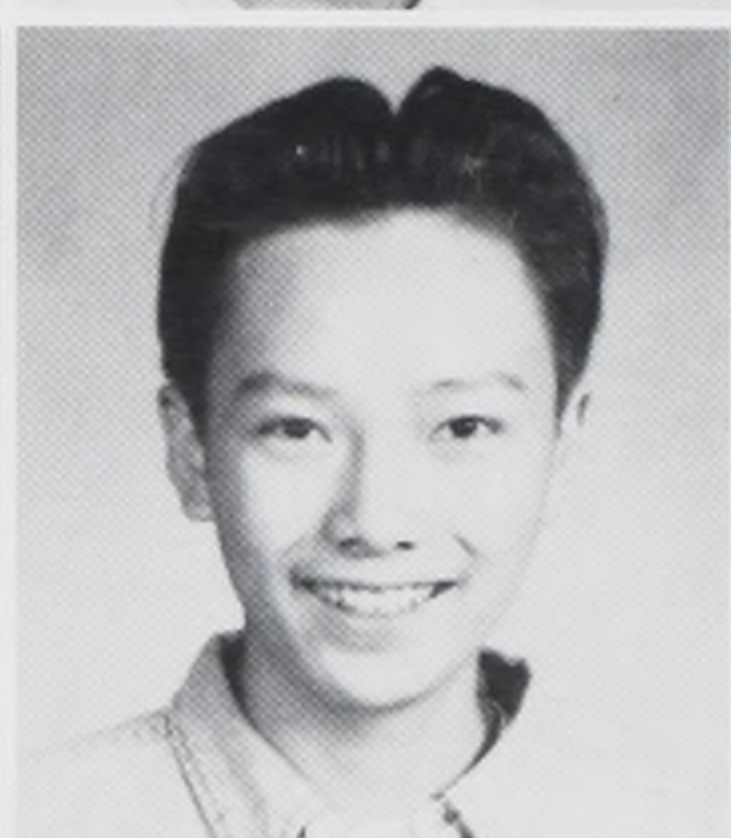
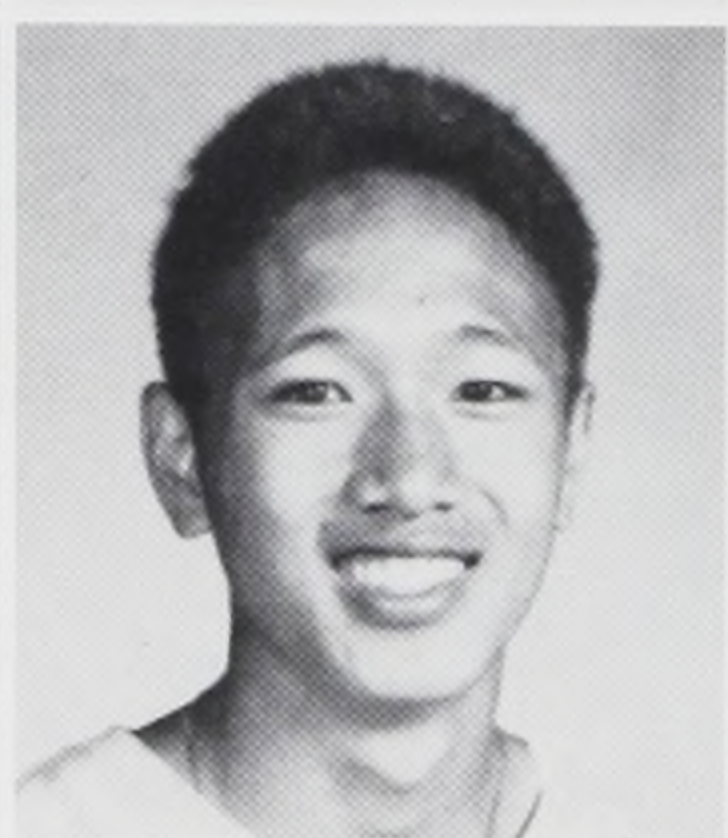
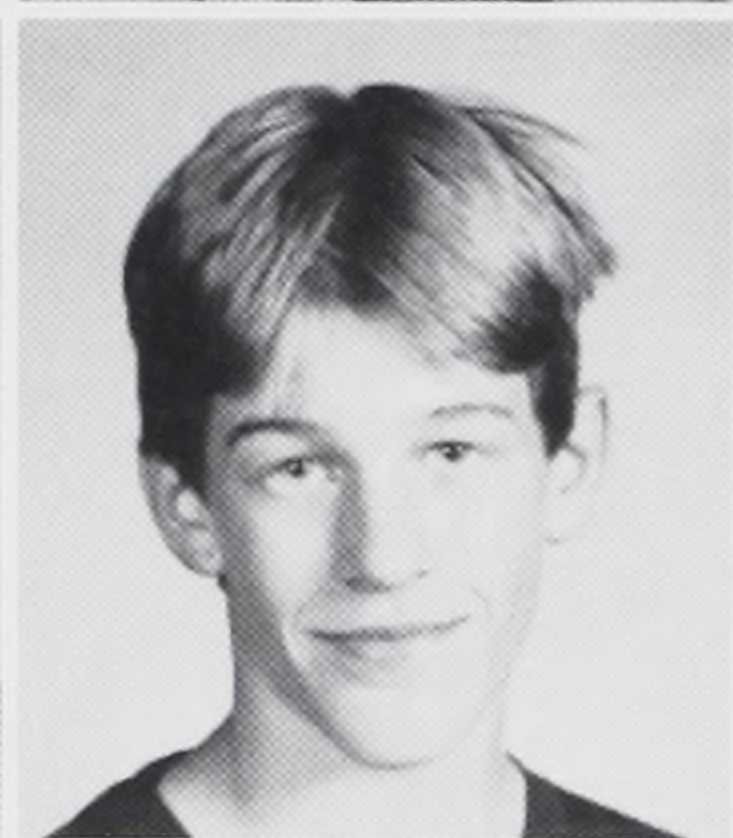
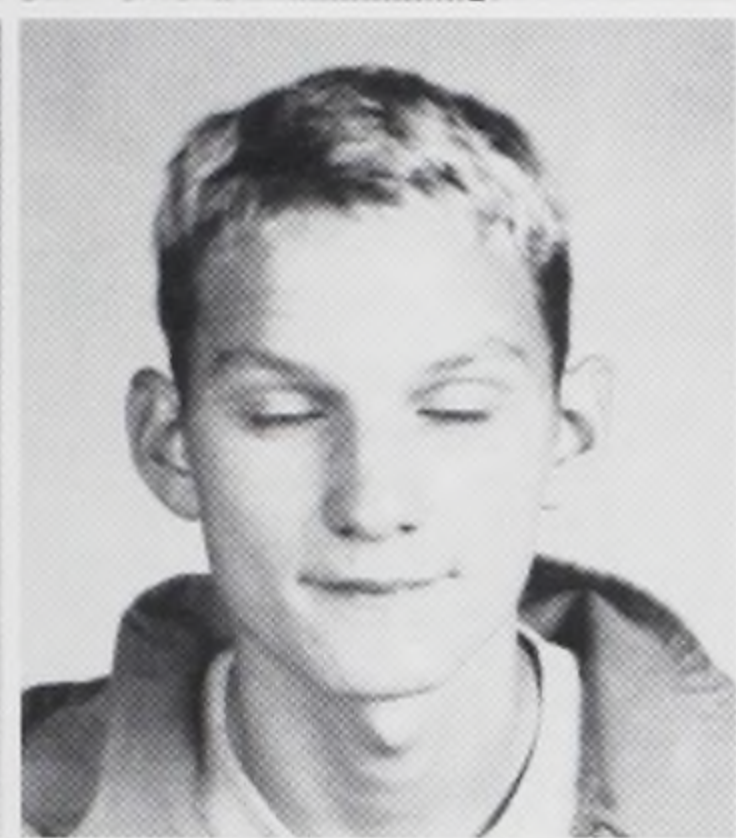
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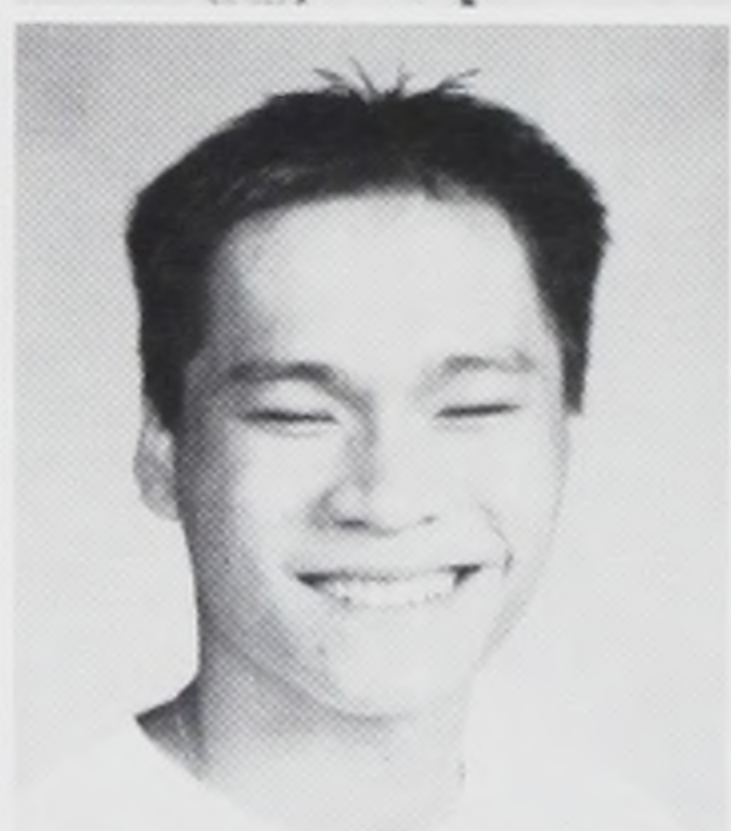
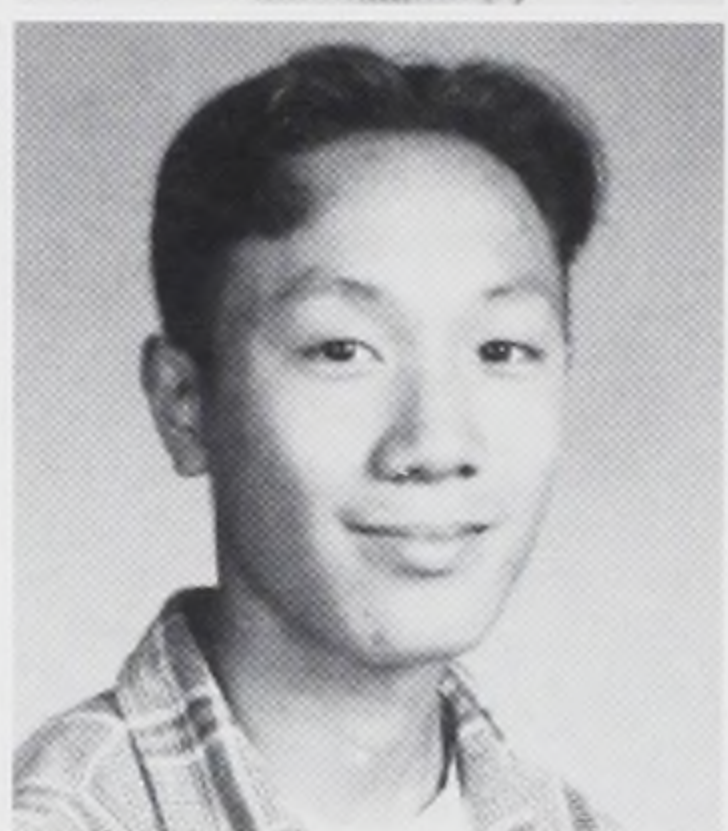
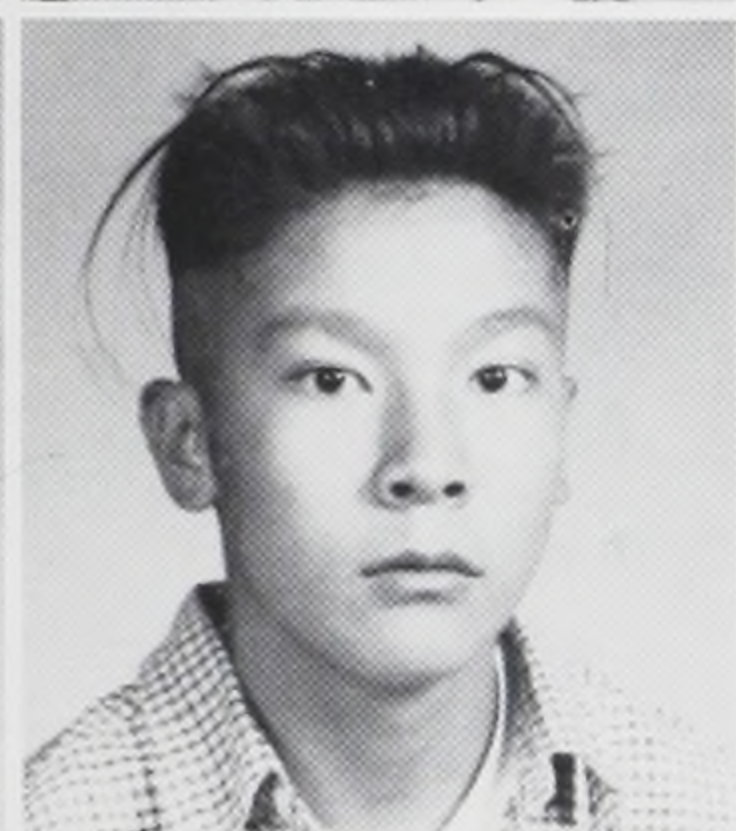
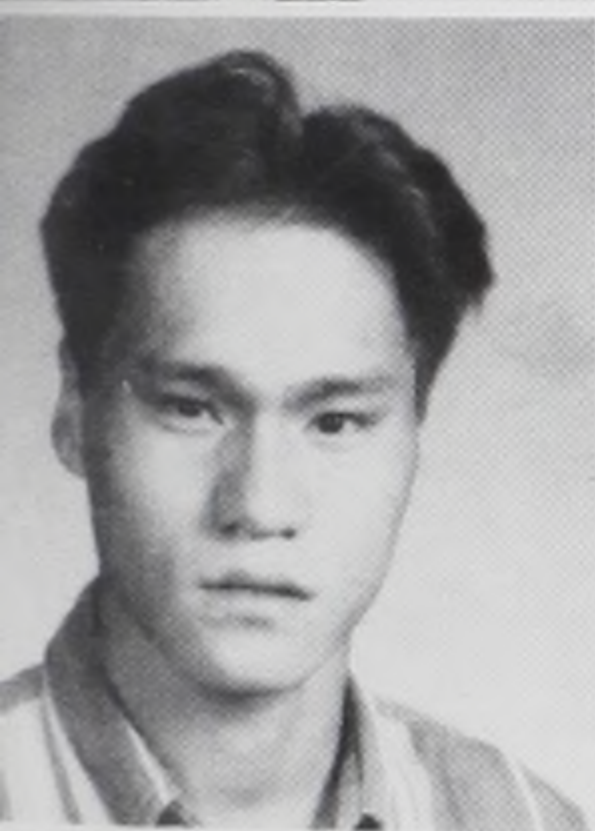
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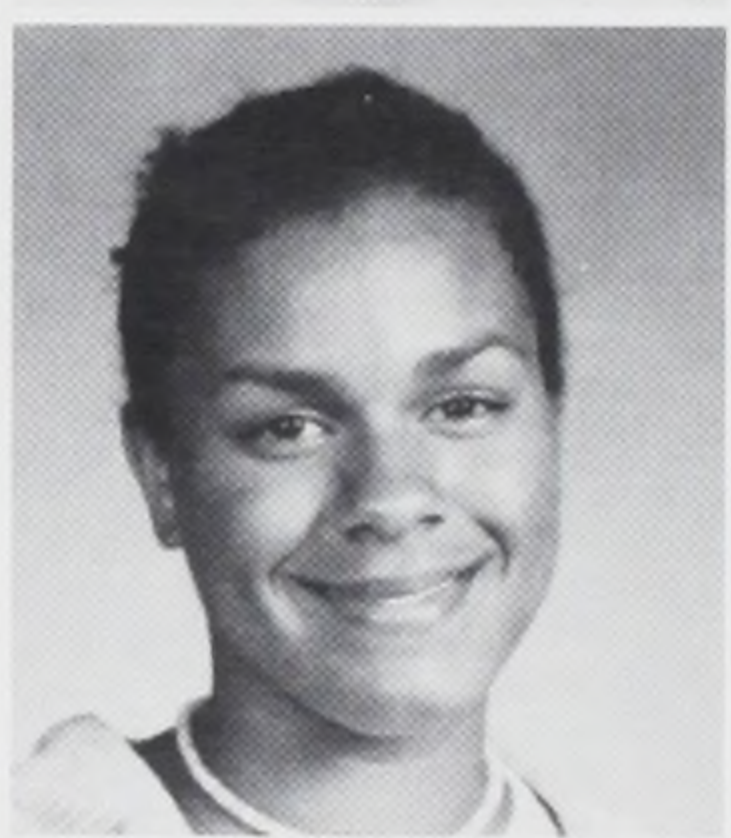
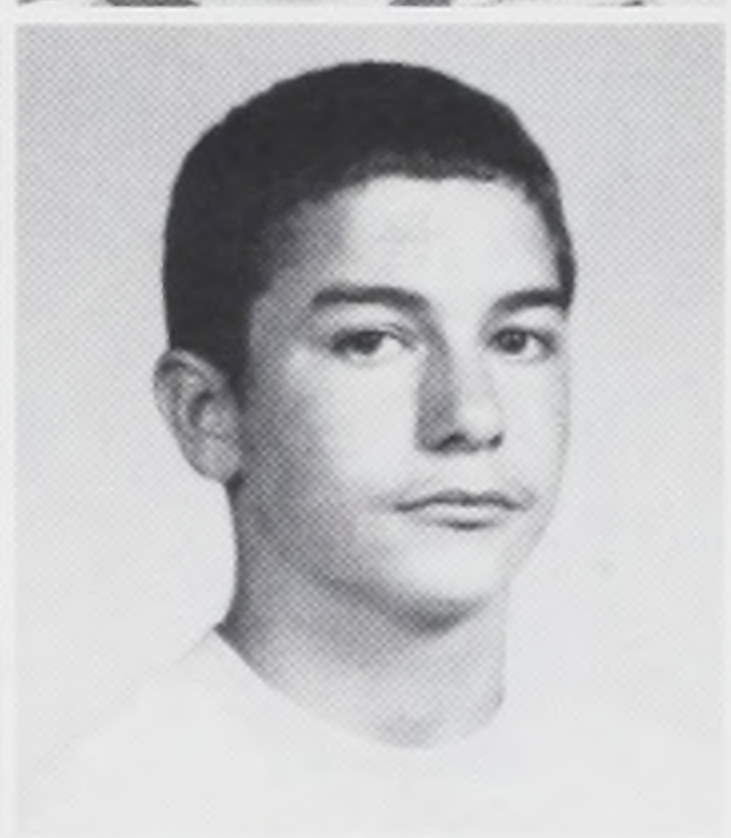
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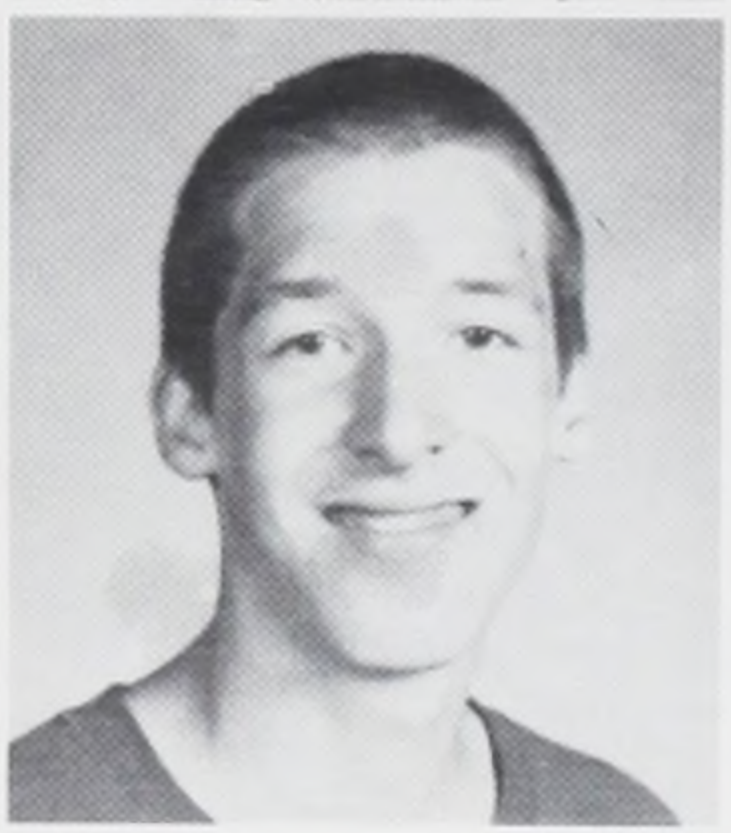
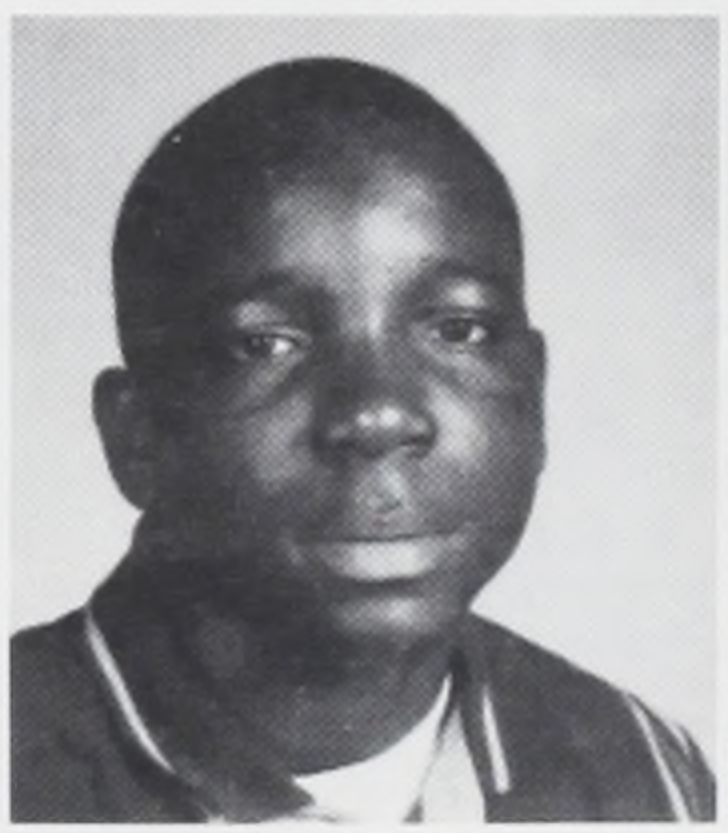
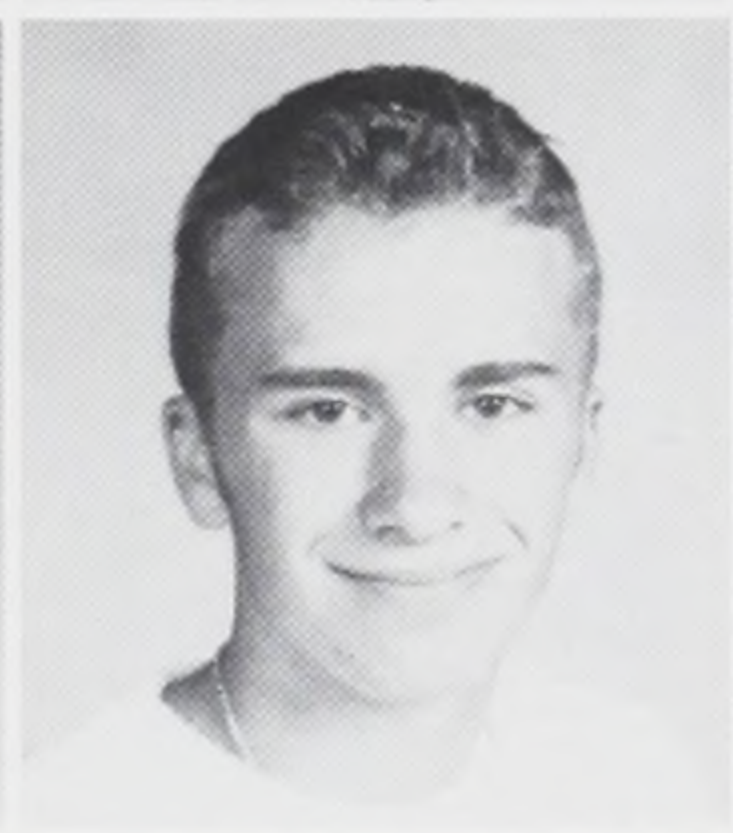
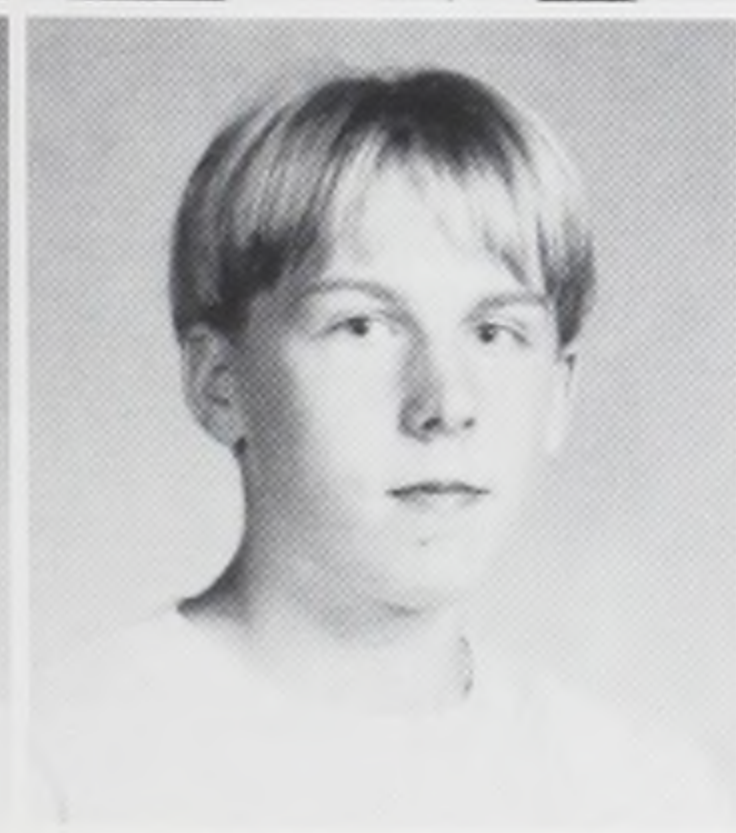
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What's Left to Say?

“You better know that ‘00’ are players to stay so don’t hate our way!”

Every class has its saying. This year another freshman class steps up to take their sophomore position. So what is their class saying?

2000 Times Better Than Y’all!

What do others think of this and the sophomore class all together?

“They think they’re bomb because they’re not freshmen anymore.”

-Senior-

“Sophomores are very energetic, spirited, and vibrant.”

-Junior-

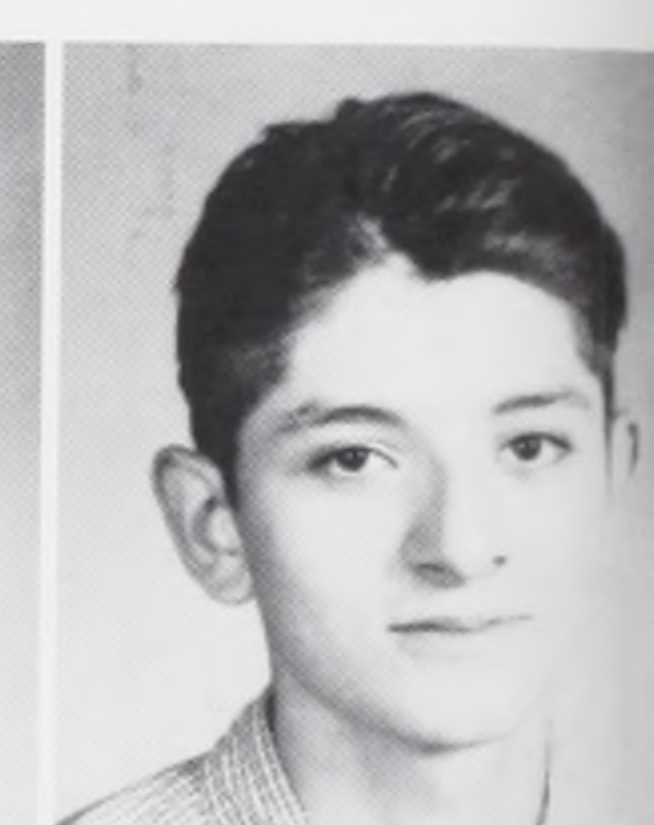
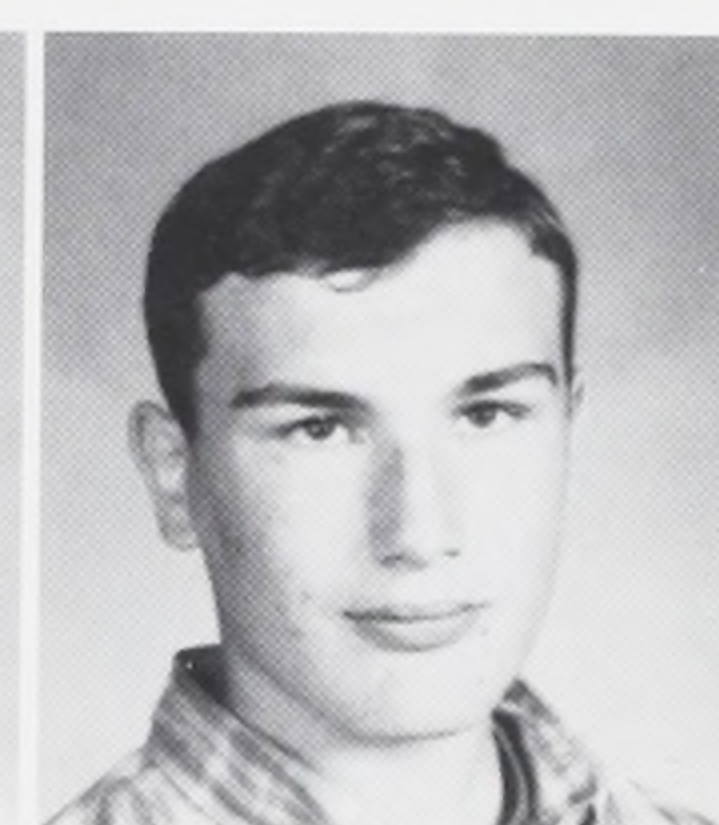
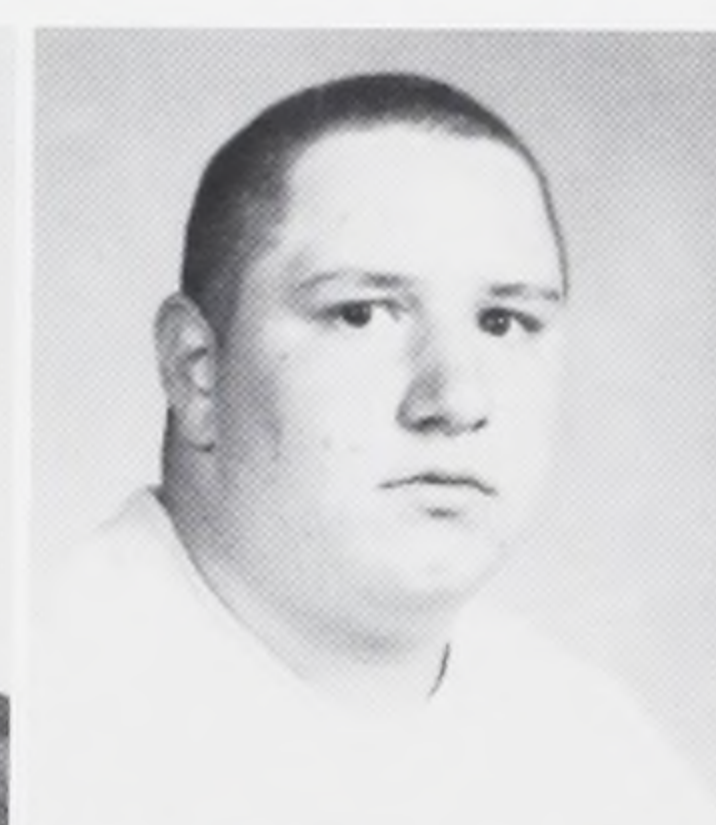
“Sophomores act like they are better than everybody else.”

-Freshman-

HOW DOES THE SOPHOMORE CLASS RESPOND?

by Denay Spliethof

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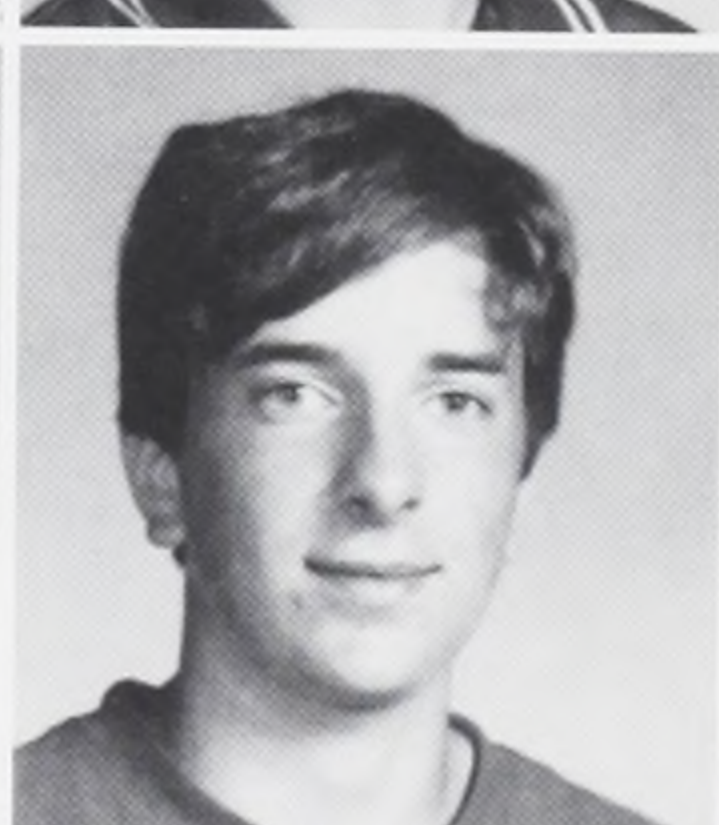
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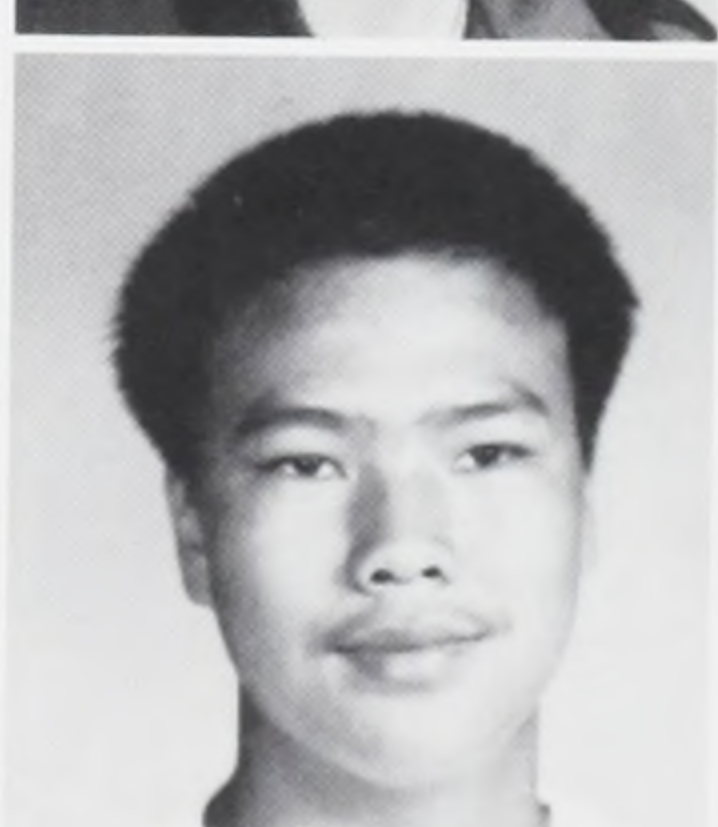
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Sophia Trieu
John Trump
Paul Turner

Sweet Dreams Sophomores

Sophomores Relate Their High School Horror Stories

compiled by Jeanette Pelster

**"Spiders
or any
other
insects."
-Jemine
Mode-**

**"Falling from a building then waking
up just before I hit the ground."
-Kyle Smilowski-**

**"Ronald McDonald chasing me
with a fork."
-Angela Upham-**

**"No Makeup,
I Would Just
DIE!"
-Julie Brokaw-**

**"When I was a kid, I had
this dream that I woke up
scared, and I went upstairs
to my parents' room. They
popped up as skeletons.
I'd go downstairs and all
these other skeletons
would come out of the
walls. I had it like 5
times."**

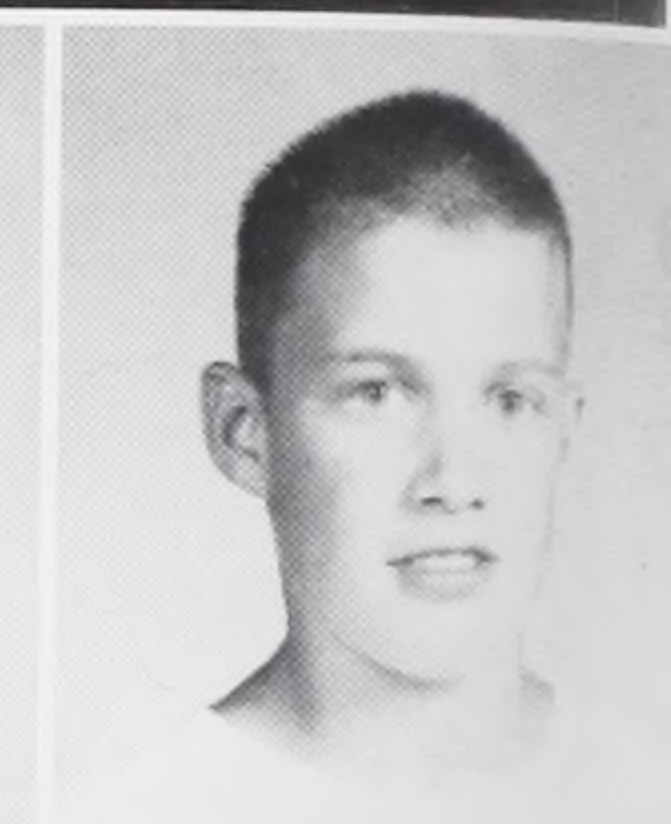
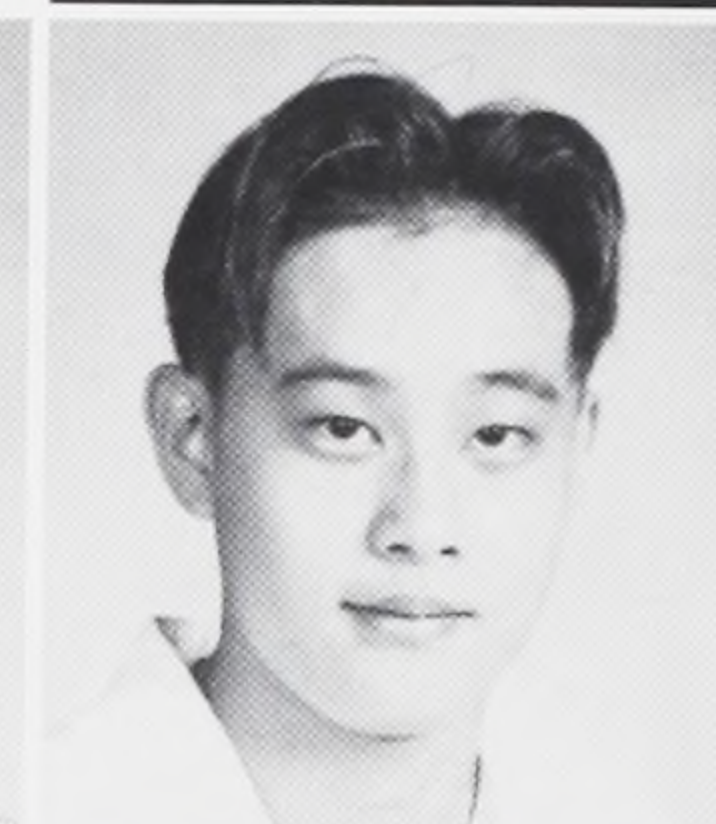
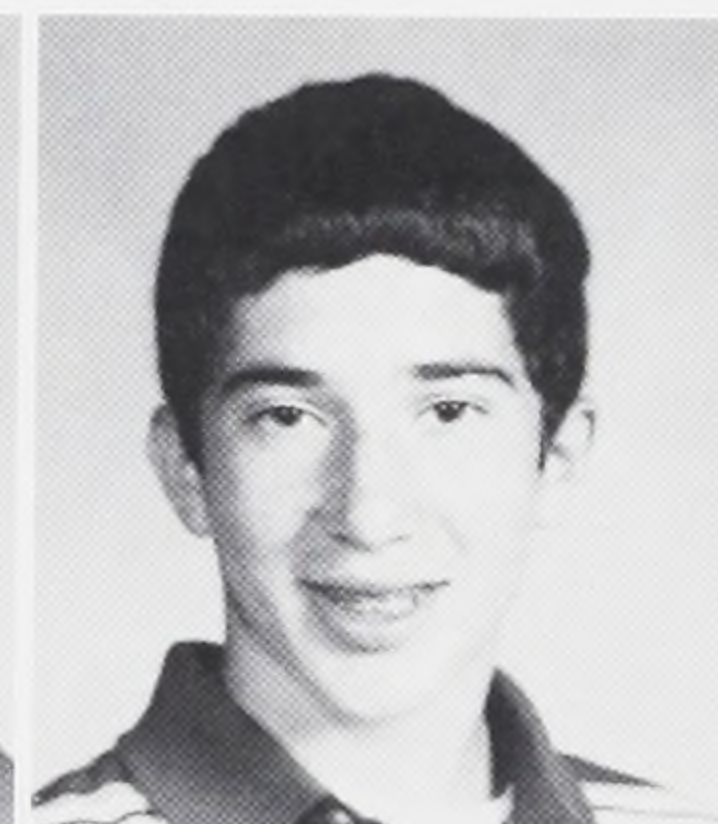
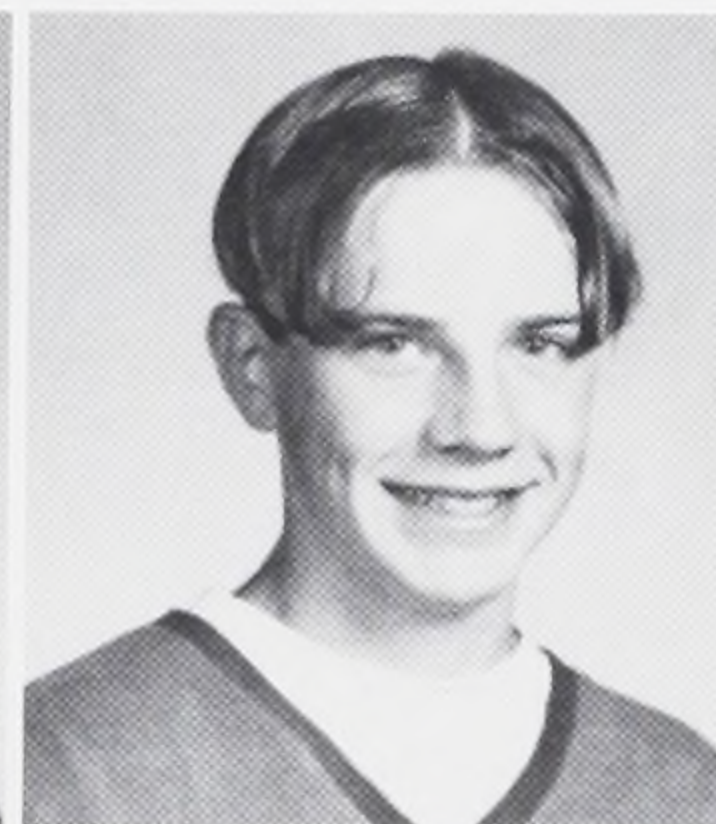
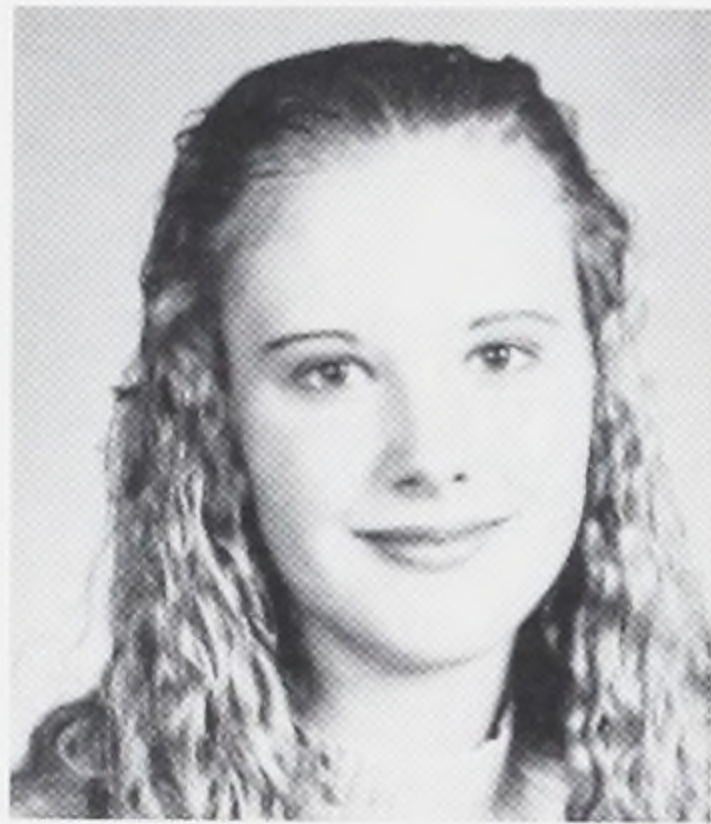
-Joe Graffeo-

**"Losing My Hair!"
-Ashleigh Weitzel-**

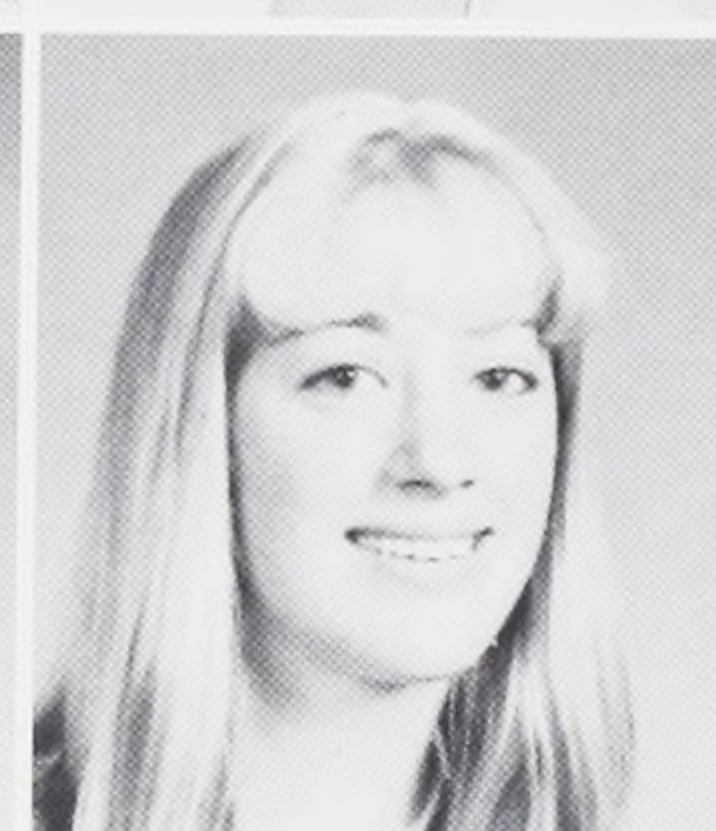
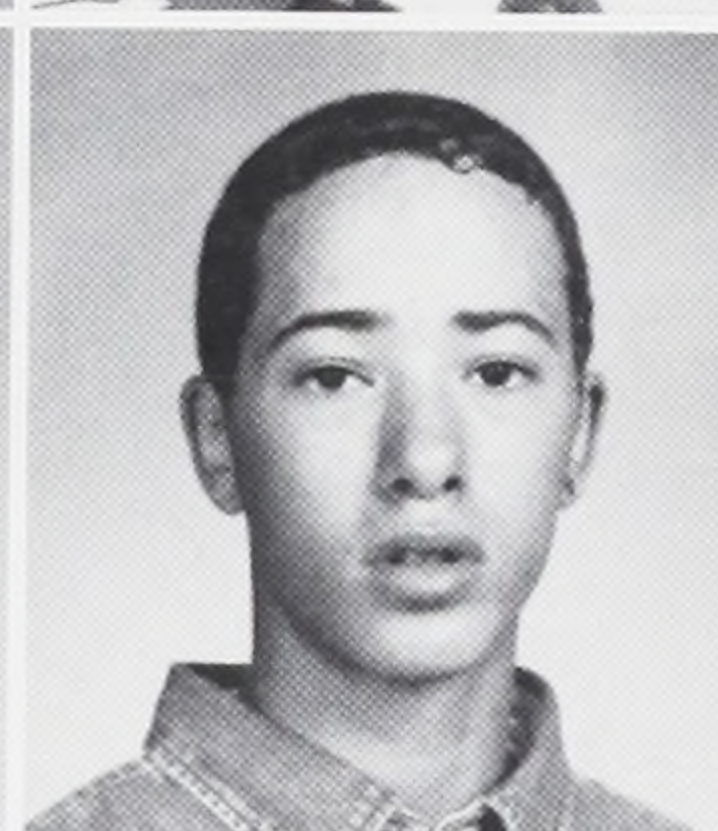
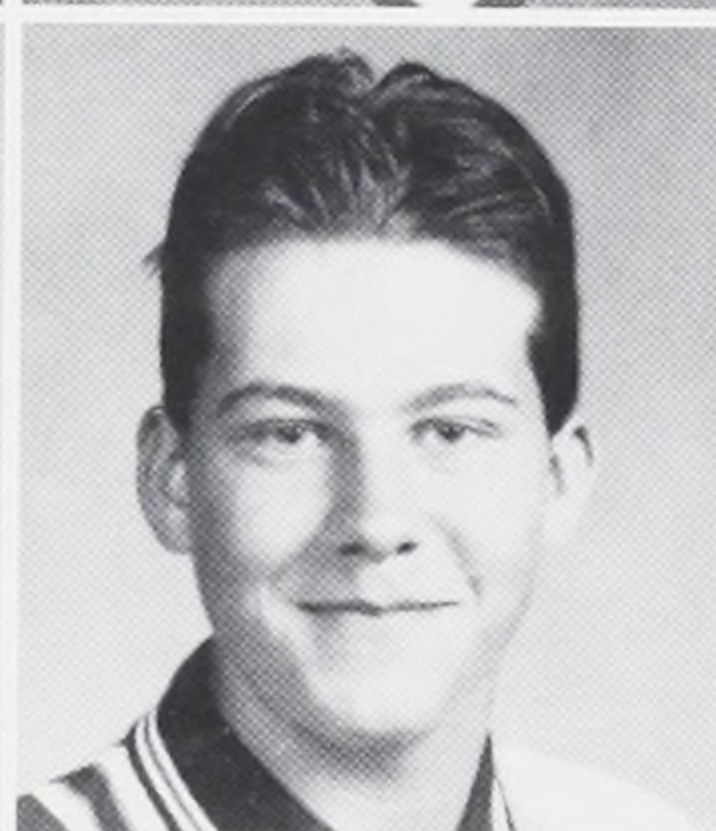
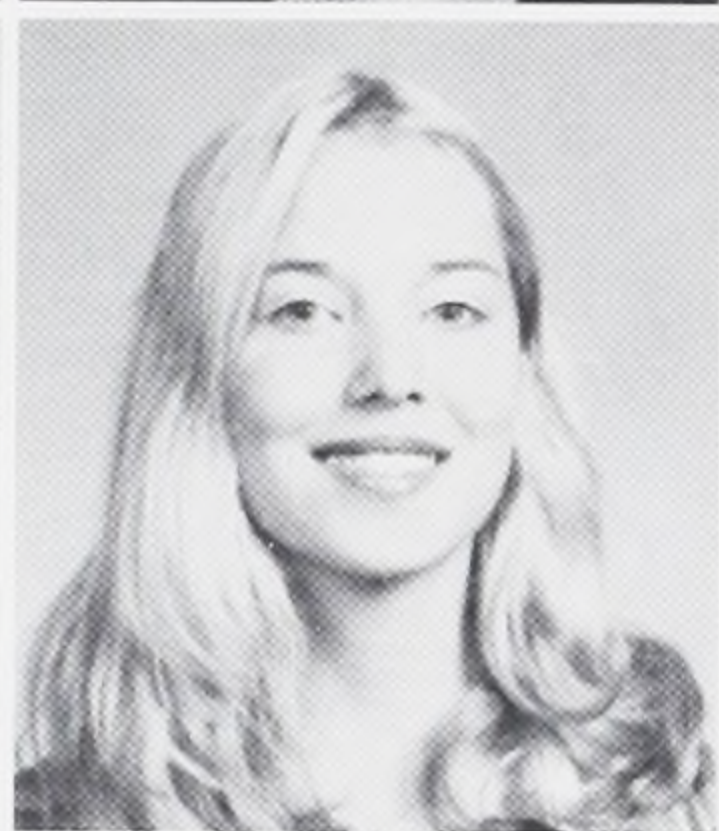
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-Homaira Kharoti-**

**"Micheal Jackson."
-Mike Wiebe-**

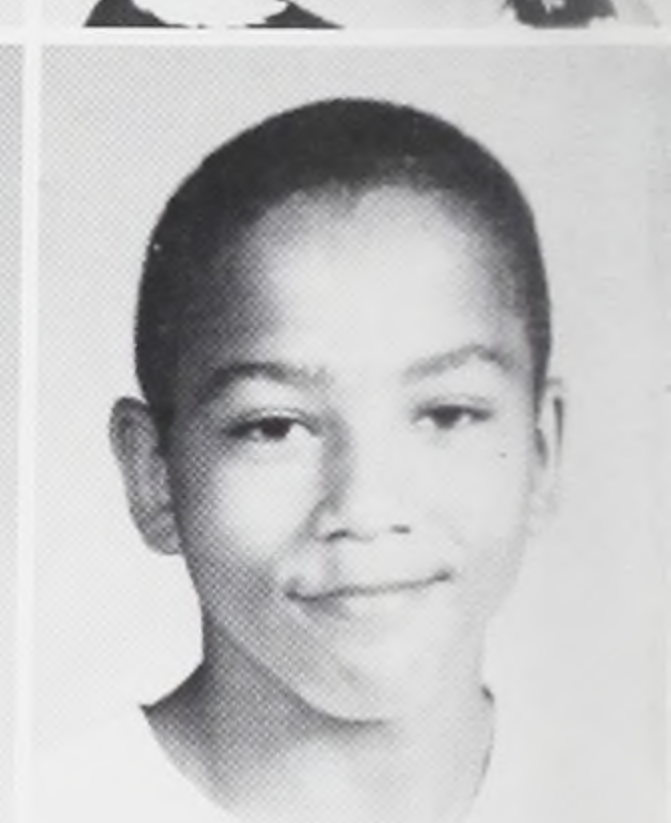
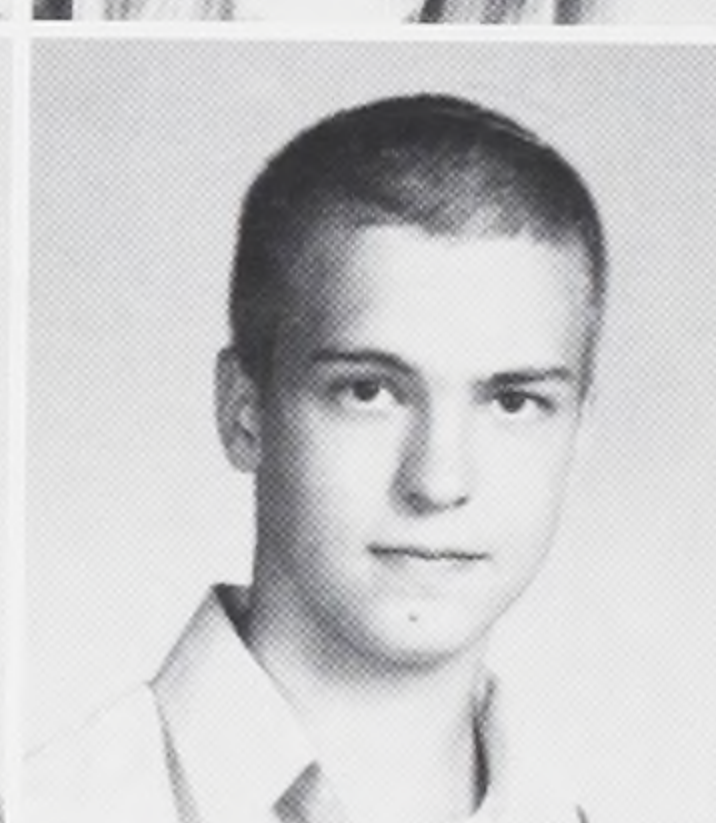
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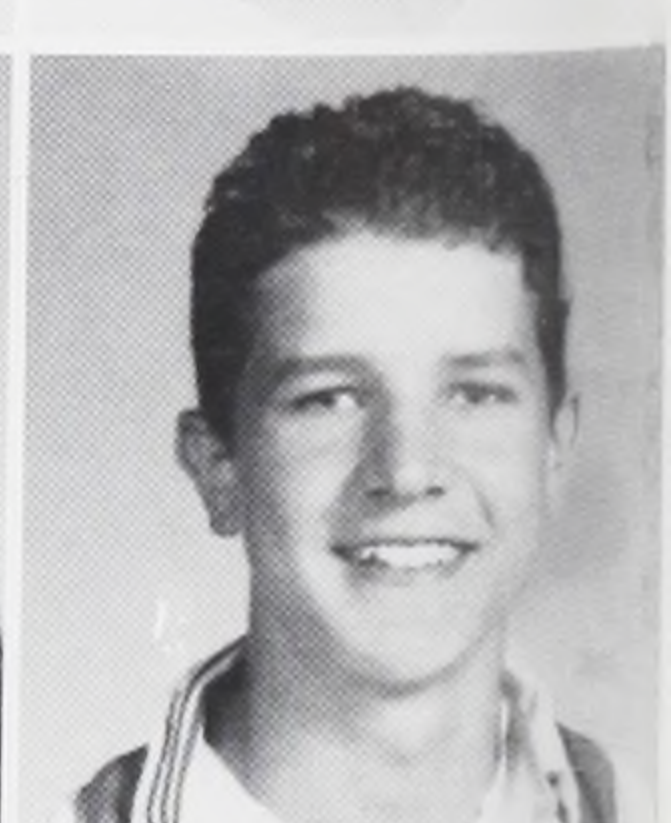
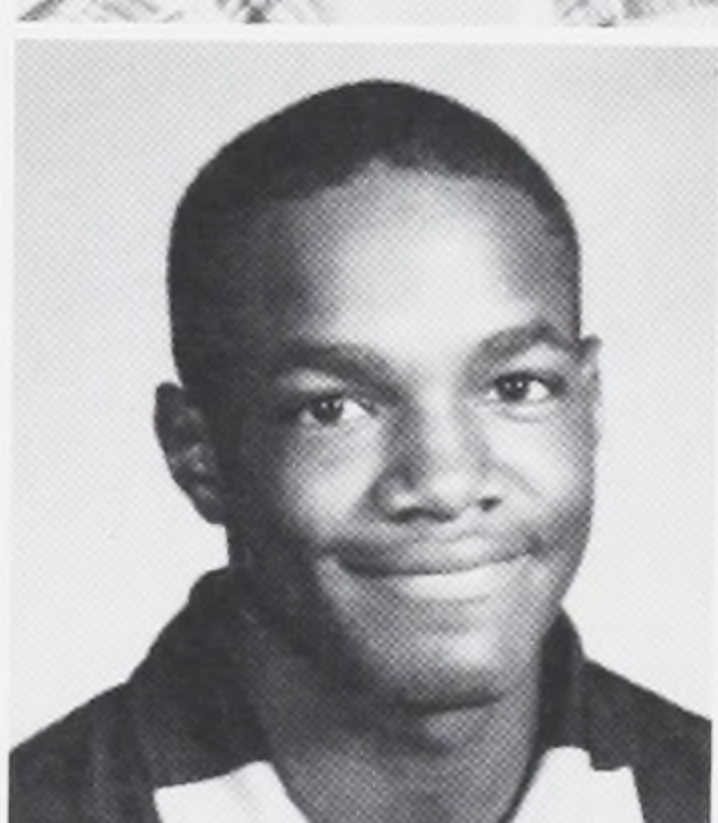
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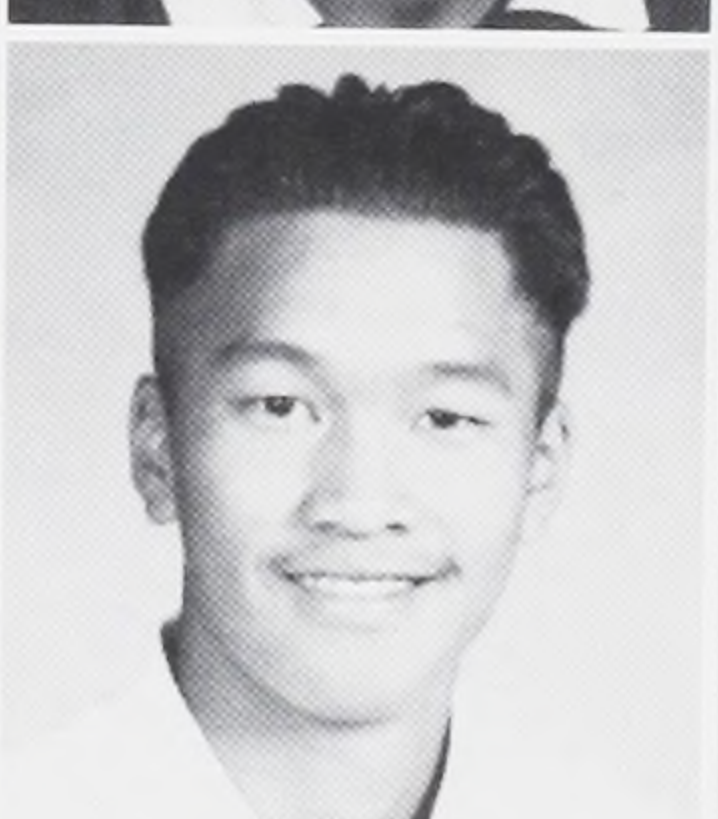
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Cody Wise



Andrew Wolff
Andrew Wolff
Jane Wong
Jonathan Wong
Martin Wong
Aaron Yanzick



The Sophomore Class of 2000 is the Shiznit

Old School Style

Jellies

**Daisy
Dukes**

Cortez

Footy Pajamas

Salt Water Sandals

Rat Tails

Velcro Shoes

Overalls w/one Strap Down

Osh

Kosh

Kross Colors

Box Hair Cuts

Striped
Socks

Hammer Pants

Swatch Watches

Keds

Starter Jackets

Spiked Hair

British Knights

Parkas

Chuck Taylor's Converse All-Stars



Kidus Yared
Tanara Young

Fanny Packs

Neon Spandex

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Not Pictured

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Fatae Allen
Natey Ayaribil
Marian Bone
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Jabari Campbell
Kenya Capers
Dominic Cia
Tiffany Coleman
Joseph Crowell
Anthony Dang
Ashani Degruy
Tifani Drain
Bill Dussin
Lucas Eslinger
Davina Eubanks
Aaron Flores
Deangelo Gaska
Justin Goodnight
Michael Grosz
Haddon Hall
Ryan Hammel

Ryan Hansen
Joseph Harmon
Nathan Hayes
Sara Howard
Christopher James
Adam Johnson
Seong Kim
Laron King
John Klein
Brian Klure
odd Koehler
Joshua Kreger
Adam Krein
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Derrick Lau
Ngoc Tuyet Le
Ezra Lizio-Katzen
Minh Ly
Benjamin Lynn
Ryan Mansfield
April Mawson

William McIntire
Charles McKinney
Elbert Mondaine
Aaron Morris
Alexandria Nunley
James Pierce
Cory Reck
Shawn Redford
Tina Rios
Travis Russum
Benjamin Sandberg
William Shaffer
Jonathan Taves
Samantha Thompson
Joseph Tierney
Robert Vickery
Cameron Ware
Ryan Wilker
Marquise Williams
Leia Wilson
Marcus Winklepleck

Do These SOUND Familiar?

New Kids On The Block

Another Bad Creation

Bel Biv DeVoe

The Beastly Boys

M.C. Hammer

Vanilla Ice

Paula Abdul

Milli Vanilli

Sir-Mix-A-Lot

Color Me Bad

Digital Underground

Kriss Kross

D.J. Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince

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The Freshmen Class of 2001

The Most Outstanding Thing That Happened My Freshman Year

"The first day of school I went down into the boy's locker room to get a soda. I didn't see the 'Men Only' sign above the door, so I went on in. There was this boy popping his zits in the mirror and he was only in his underwear. When he saw me he ran away screaming like a girl."

Elizabeth Munoz

"The best thing that happened to me this year, or you could say didn't happen to me, was all the freshmen



"The worst thing that happened to me this year was when I got some bento at lunch and I was walking back to the table where my friends were sitting. Suddenly someone ran into me and the bento spilled all over the front of me. I smelled like it for the rest of the day. It was sooo embarrassing!"

Emily Lothman

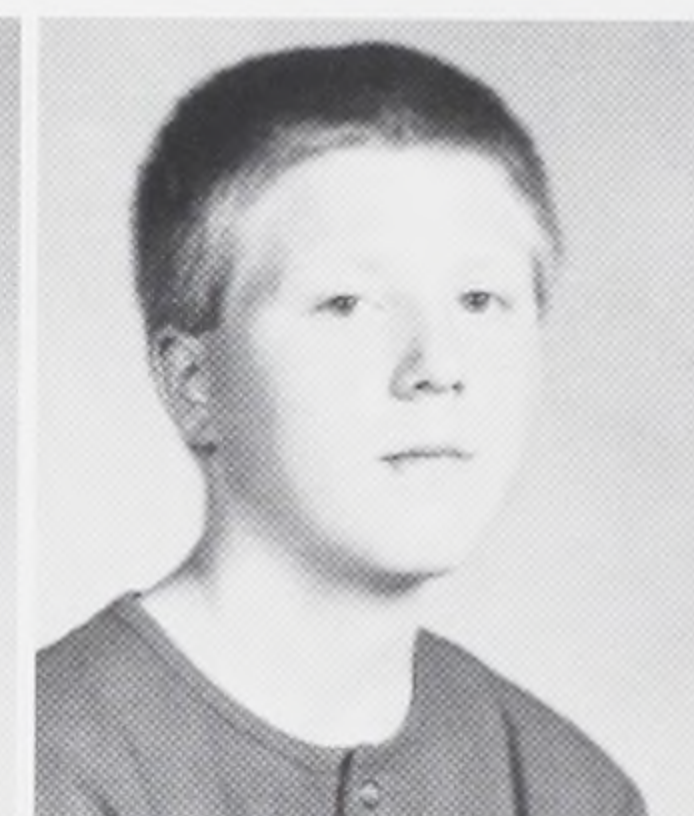
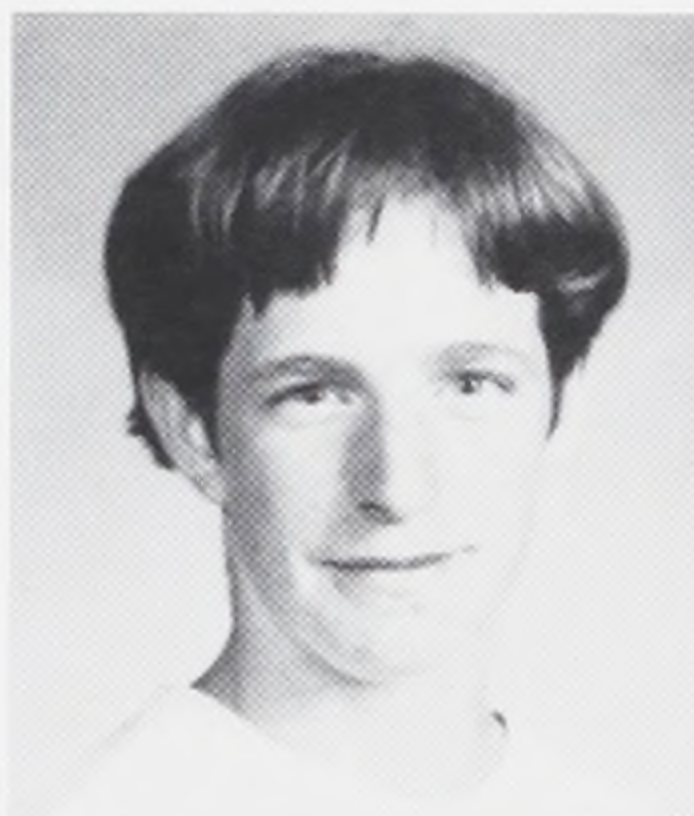


"The worst thing that happened to me this year was when someone pushed me and I fell down the stairs. My books and papers were scattered everywhere. The worst part is no one stopped to help me. People just stepped all over my stuff and laughed at me."

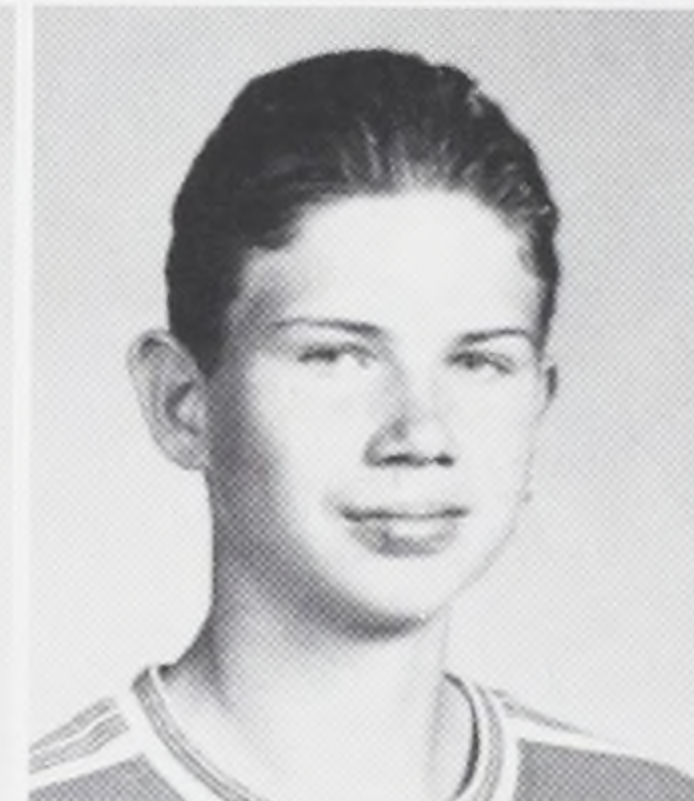
William Hill

were really nice!" -Mori Onick

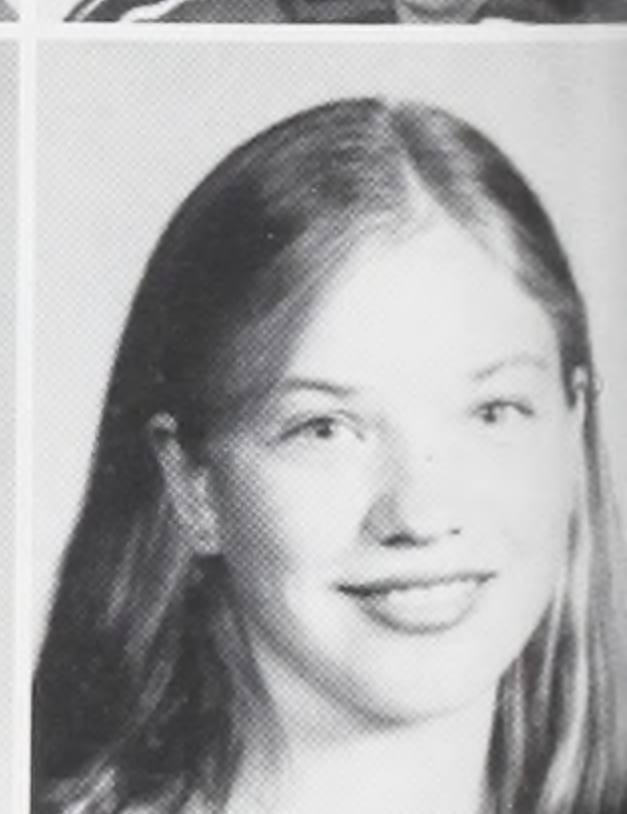
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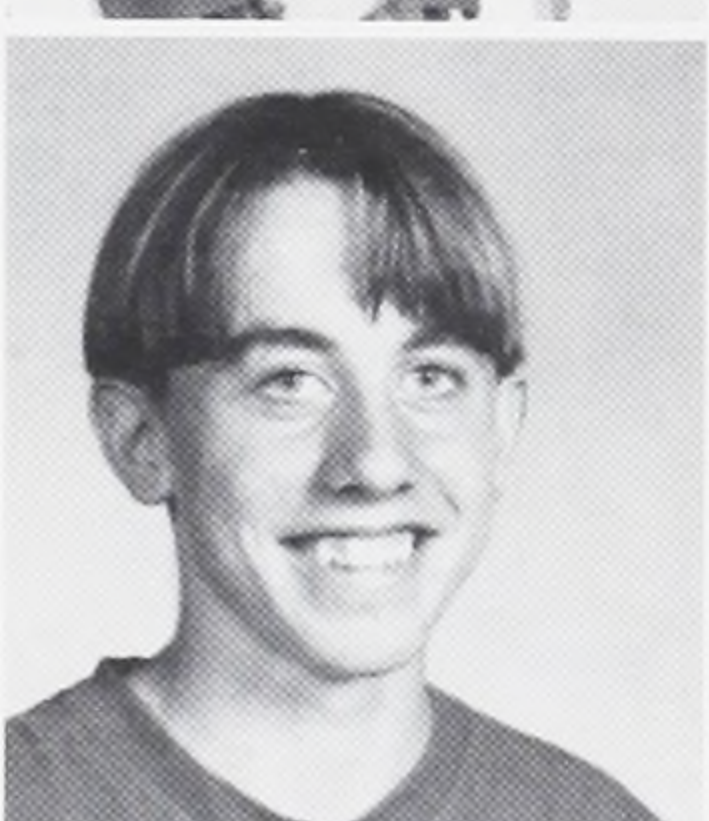
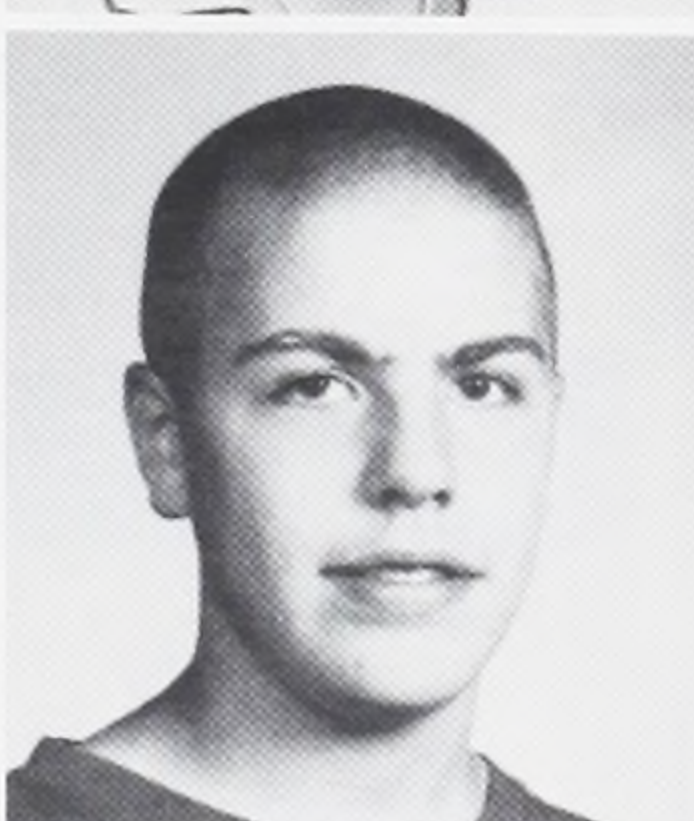
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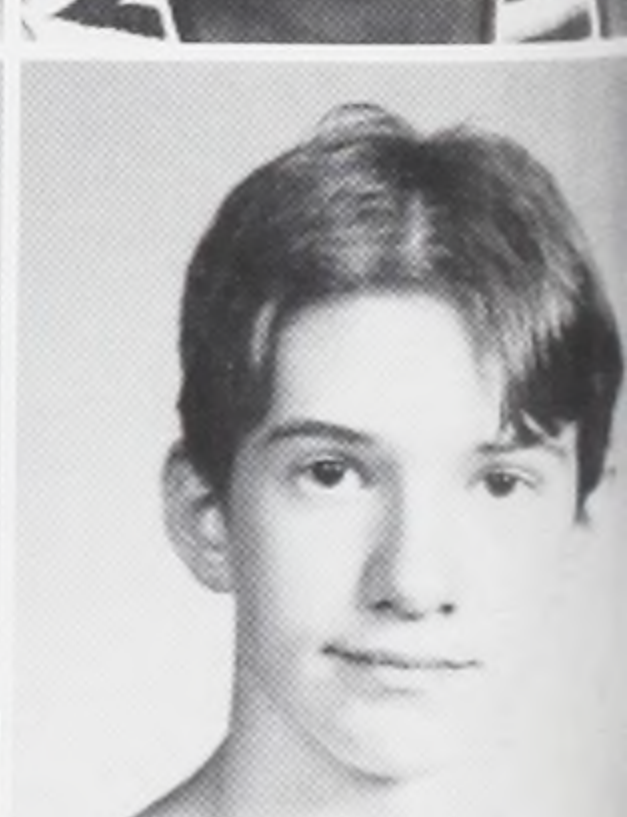
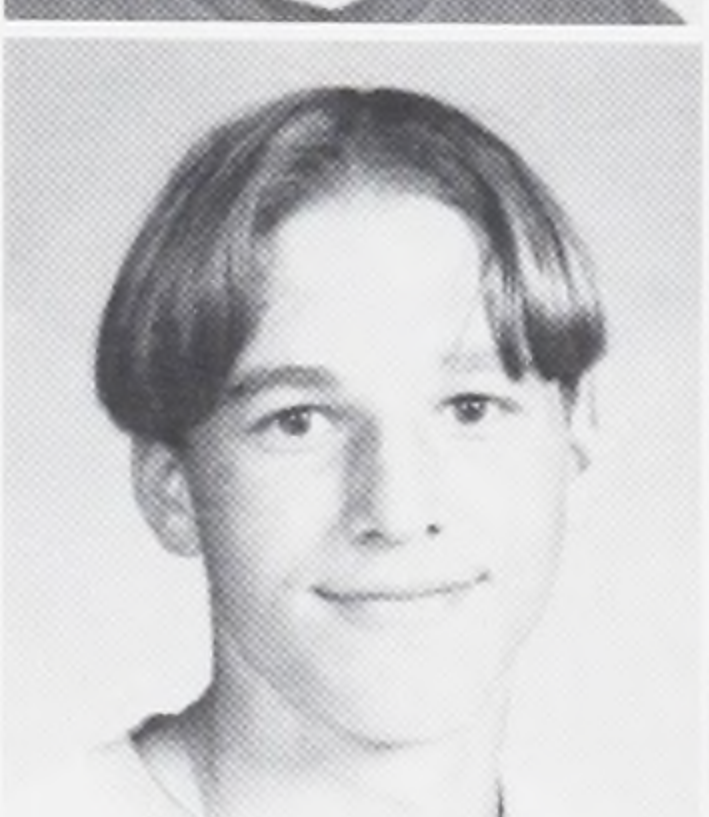
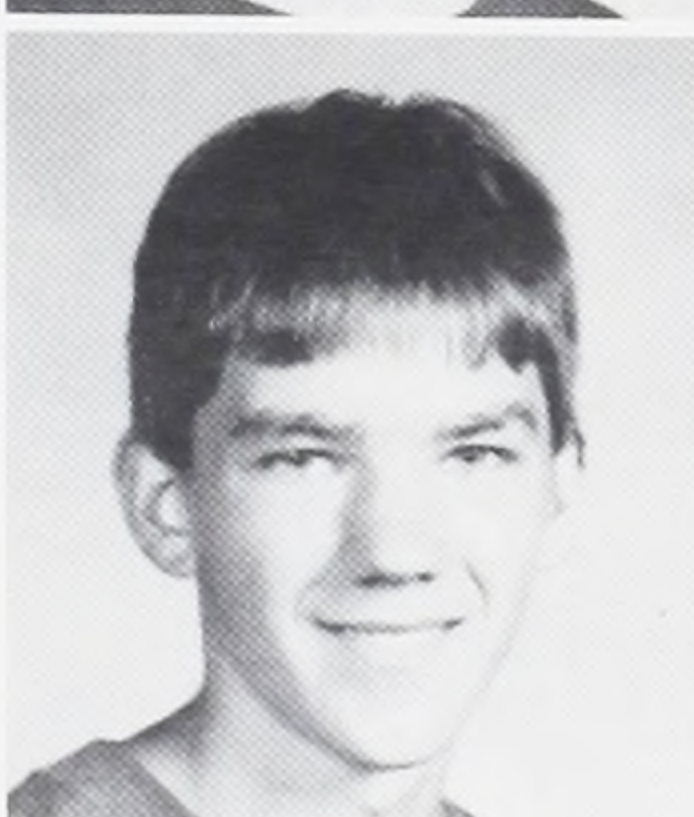
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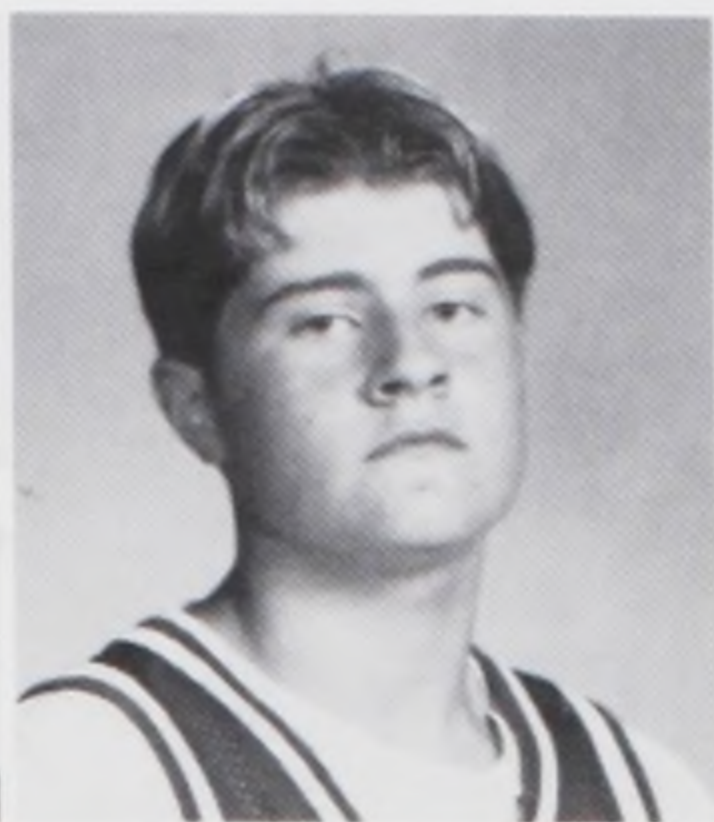
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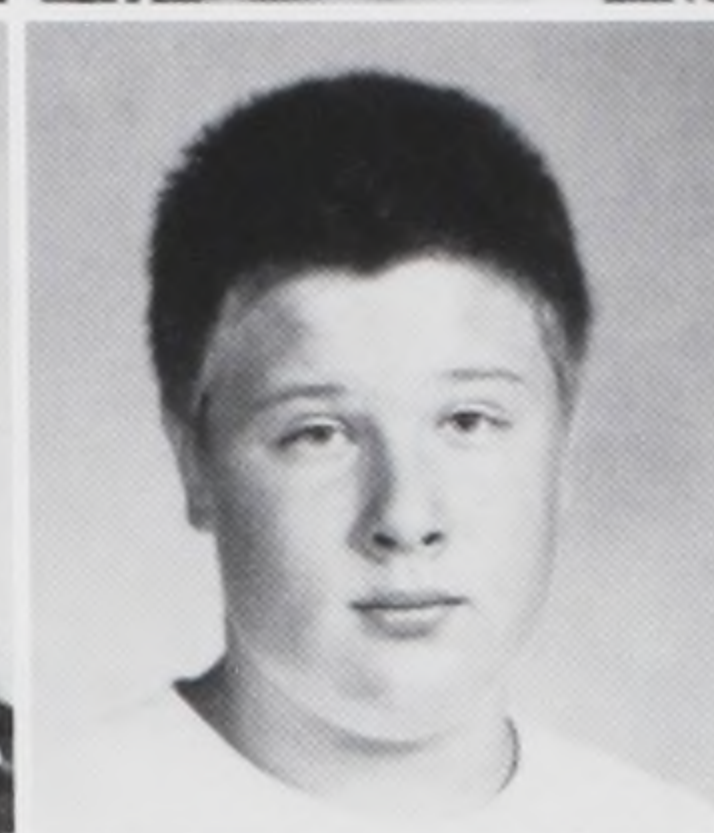
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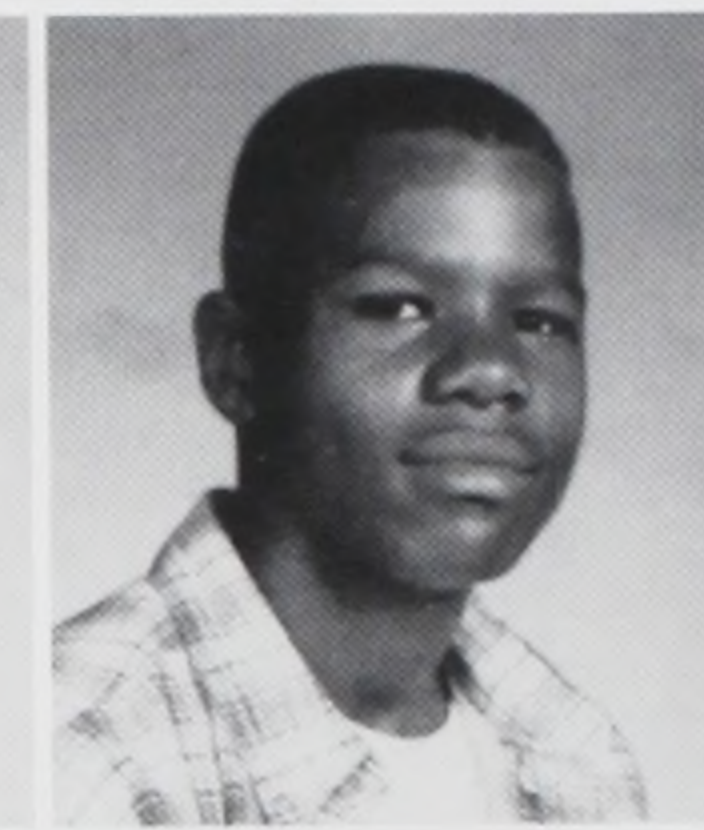
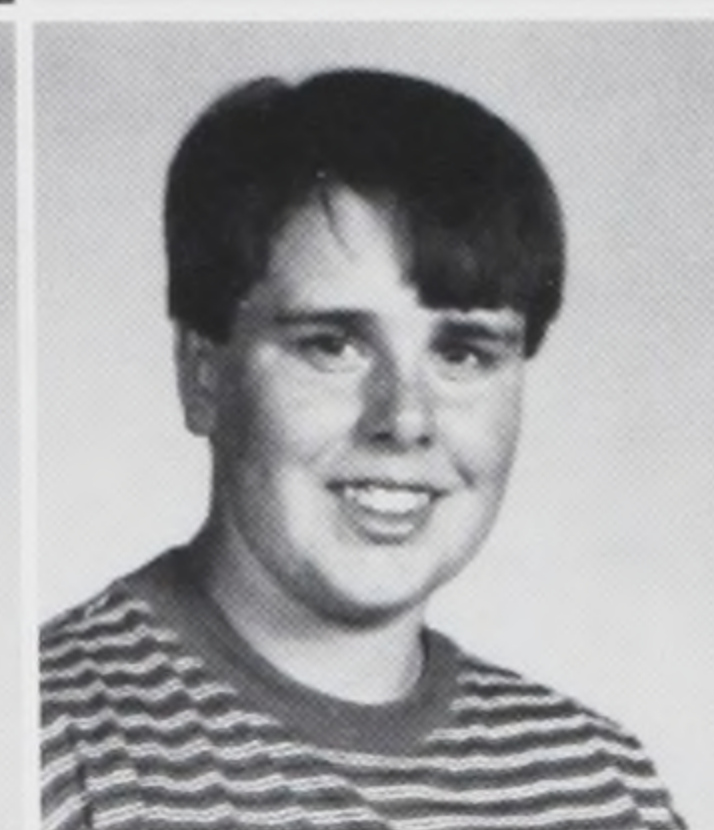
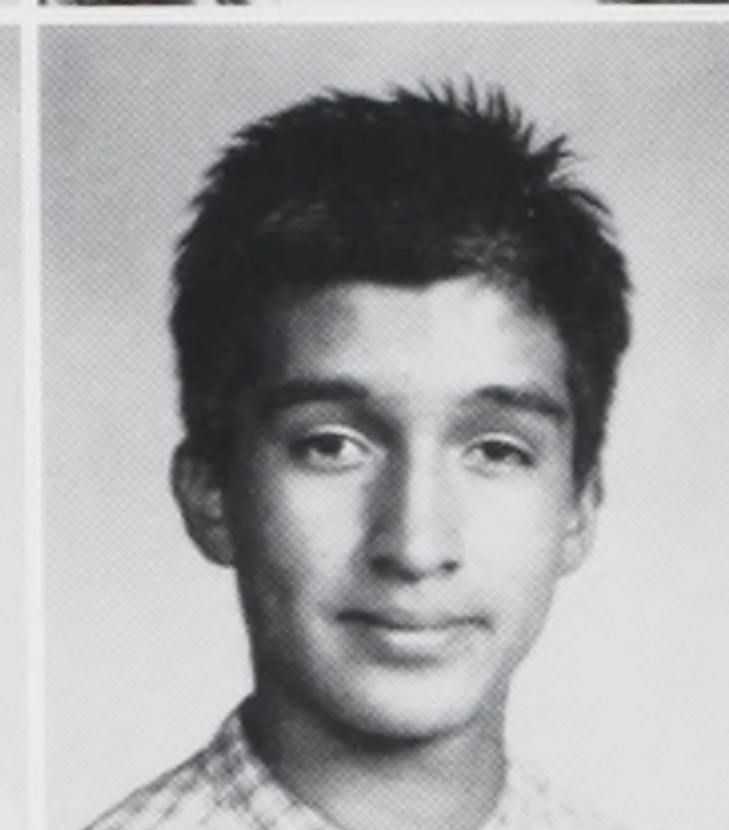
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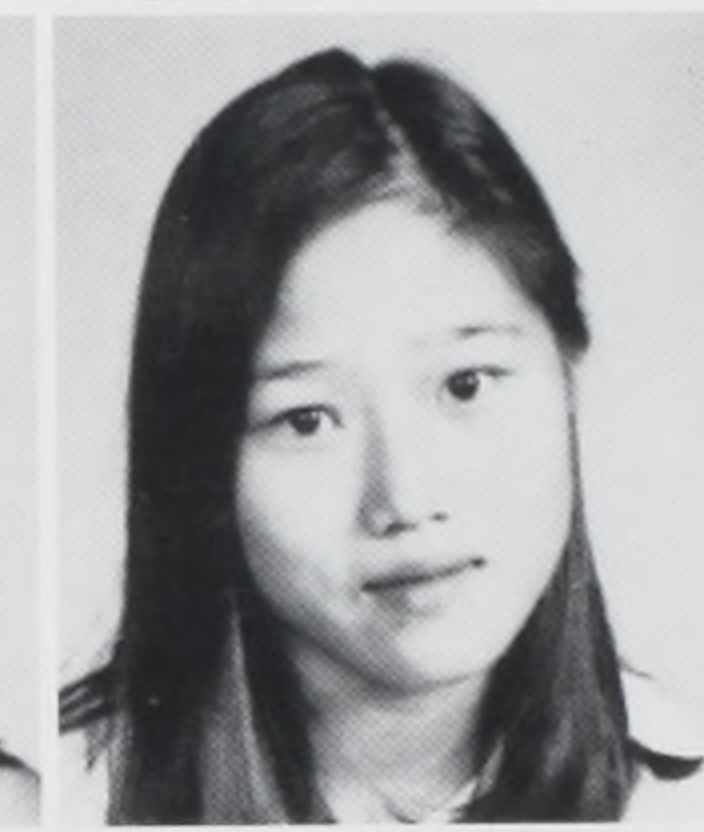
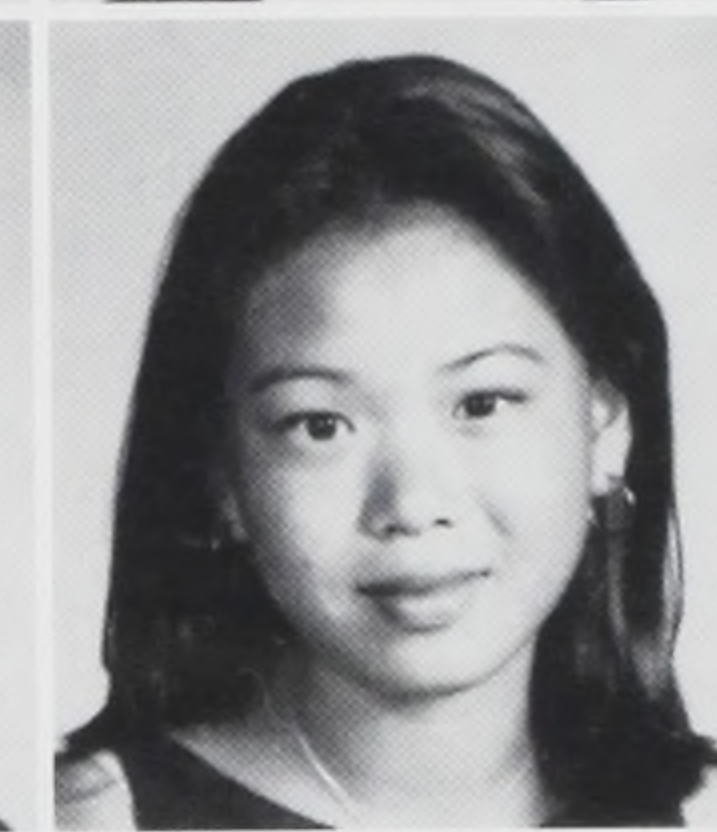
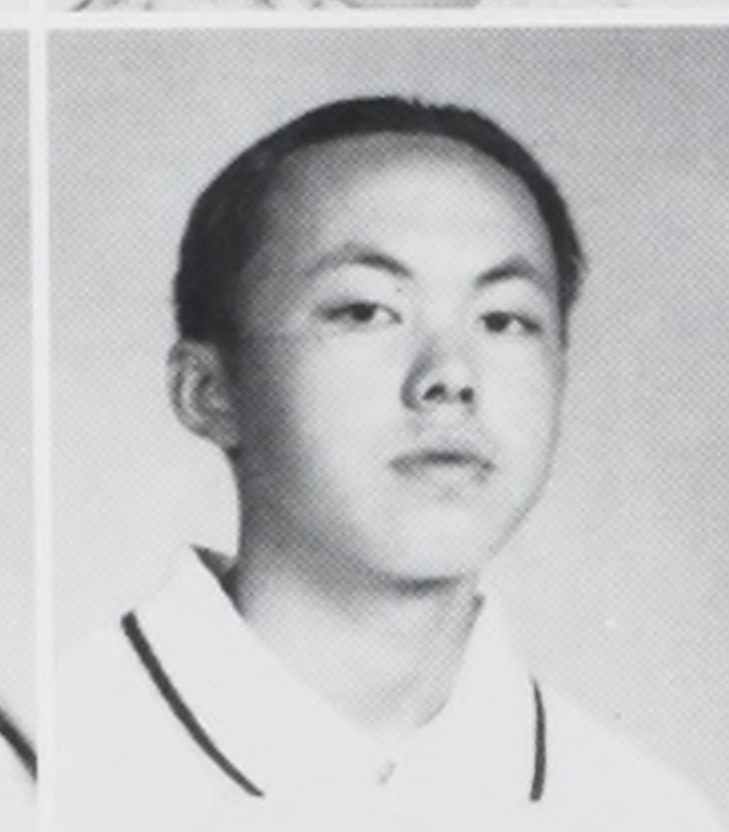
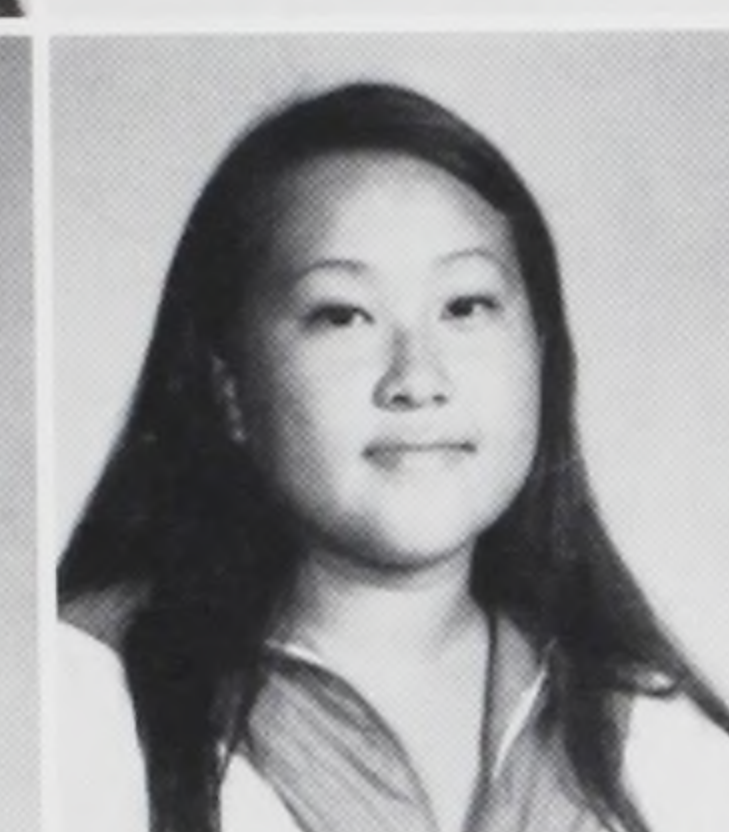
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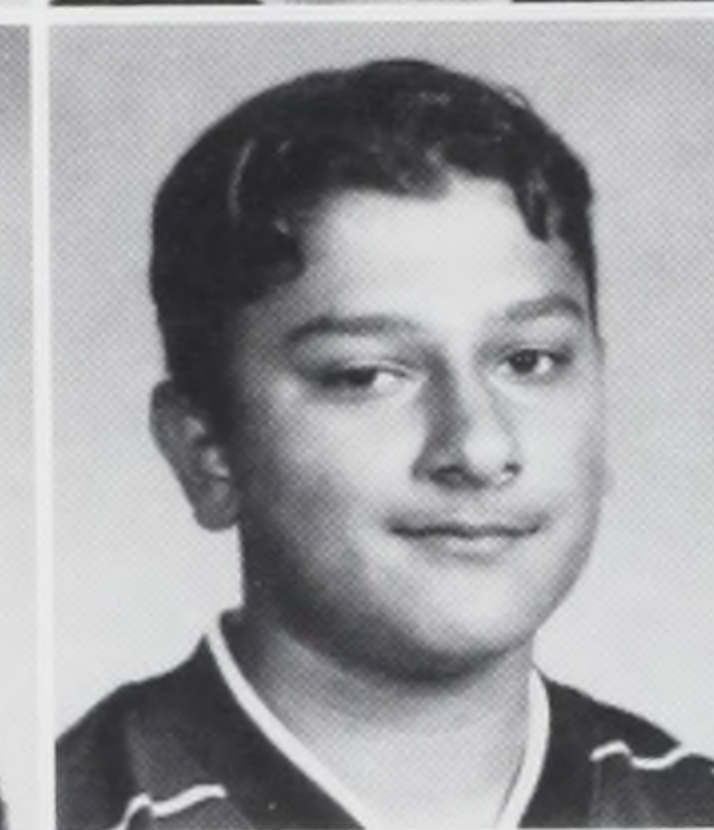
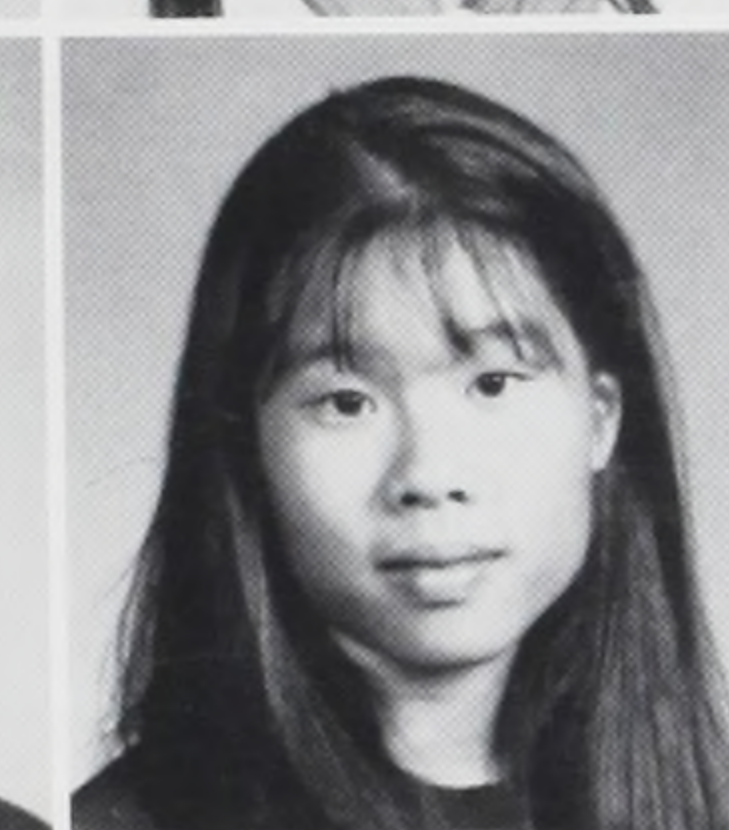
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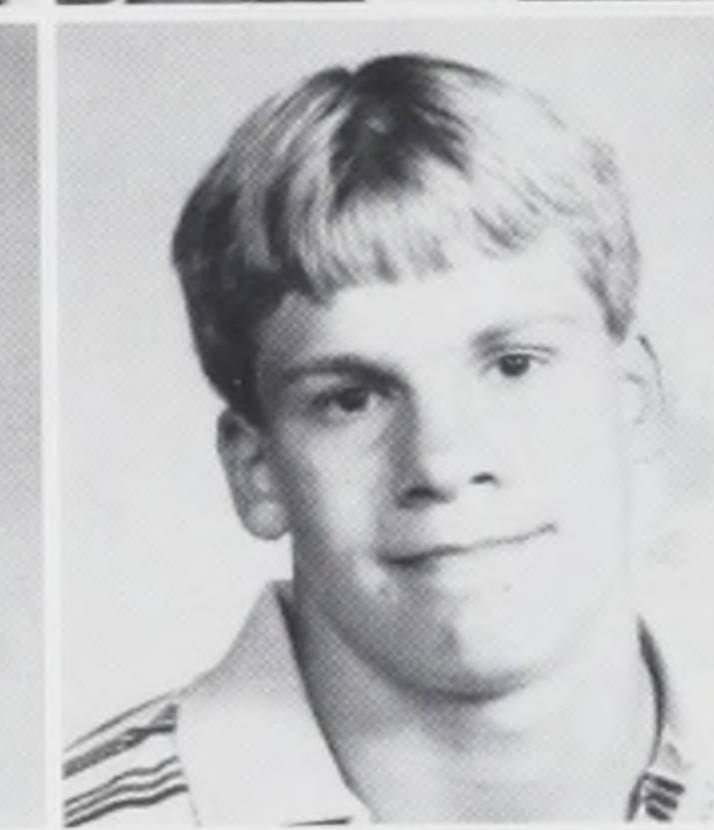
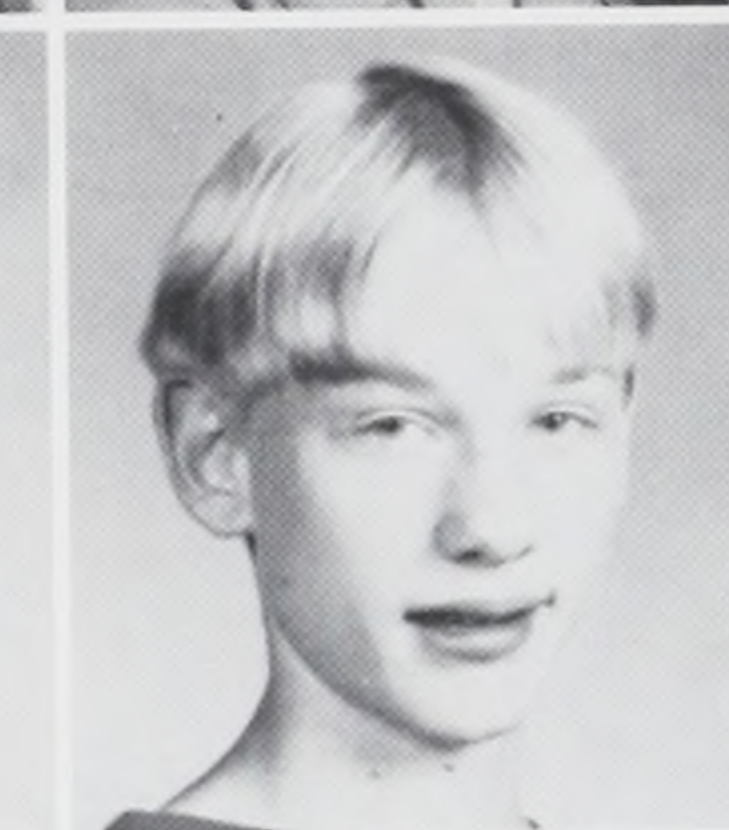
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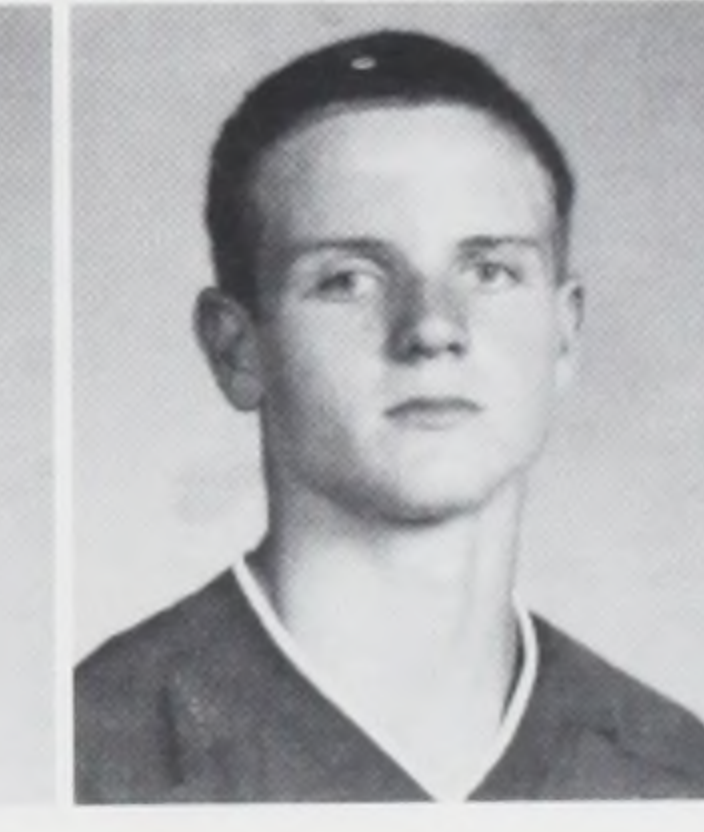
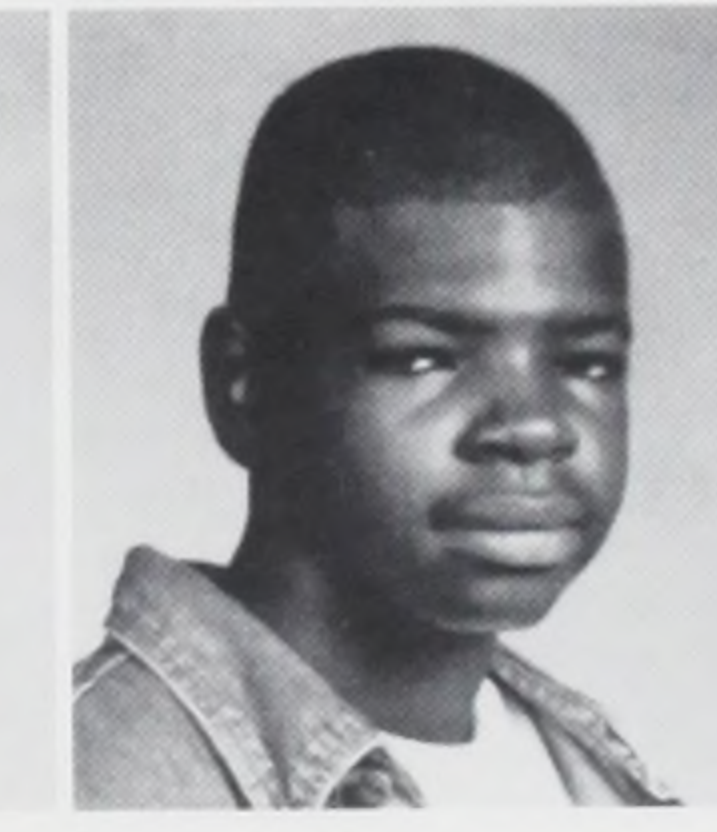
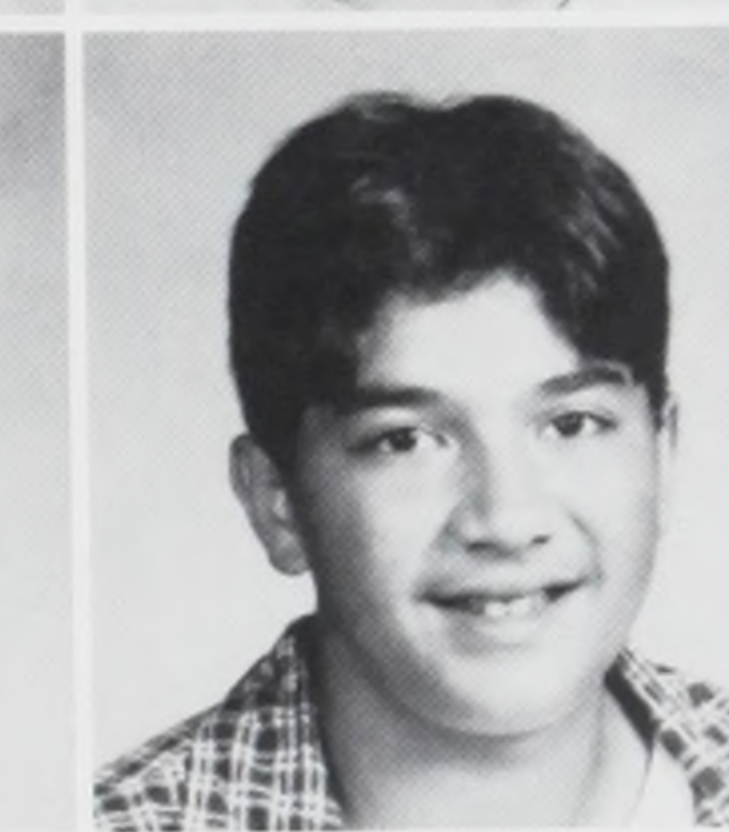
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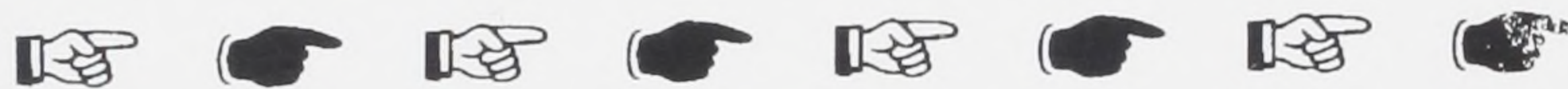


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The Top Ten Reasons NOT to Eat in the Cafeteria

- # 10) Hot dogs just aren't supposed to be **green**.
- # 9) I saw the bento lady on **America's Most Wanted**.
- # 8) I broke my tooth on a roll.
- # 7) I like using dental floss, **not** hair.
- # 6) The lunch lady has less teeth than my grandpa.
- # 5) **I would like to live** to see my graduation.
- # 4) This school recycles a lot of things, but **pizza** shouldn't be one of them.
- # 3) The cafeteria lady keeps **winking at me**.
- # 2) There is still food on the chairs from last year's food fights.

And the number one reason NOT to eat in the cafeteria is



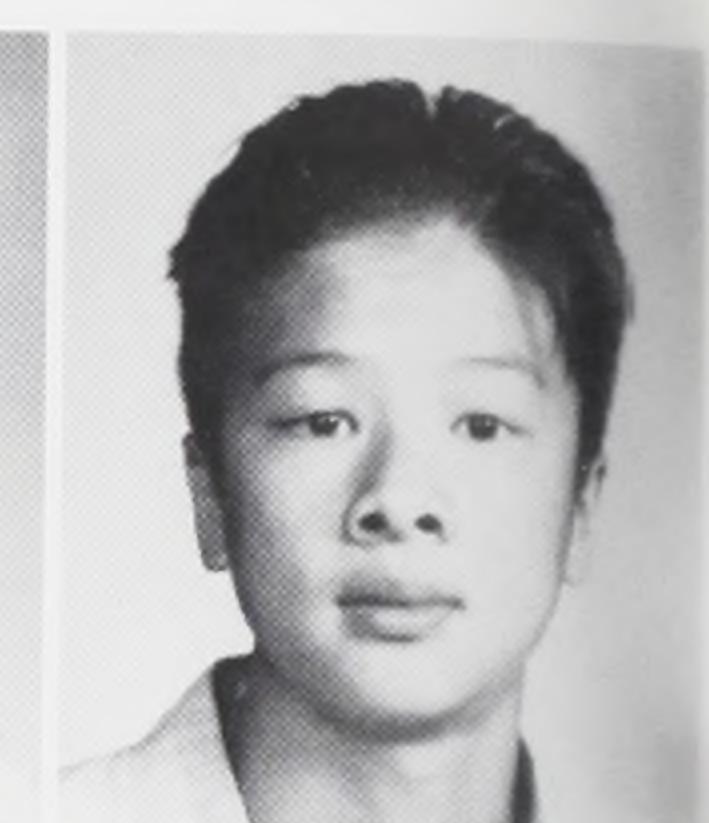
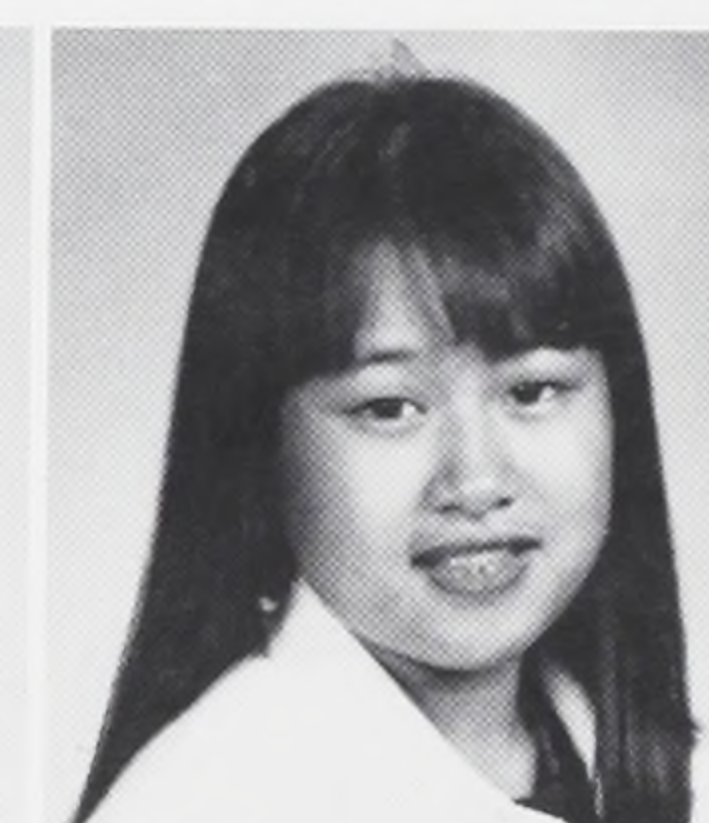
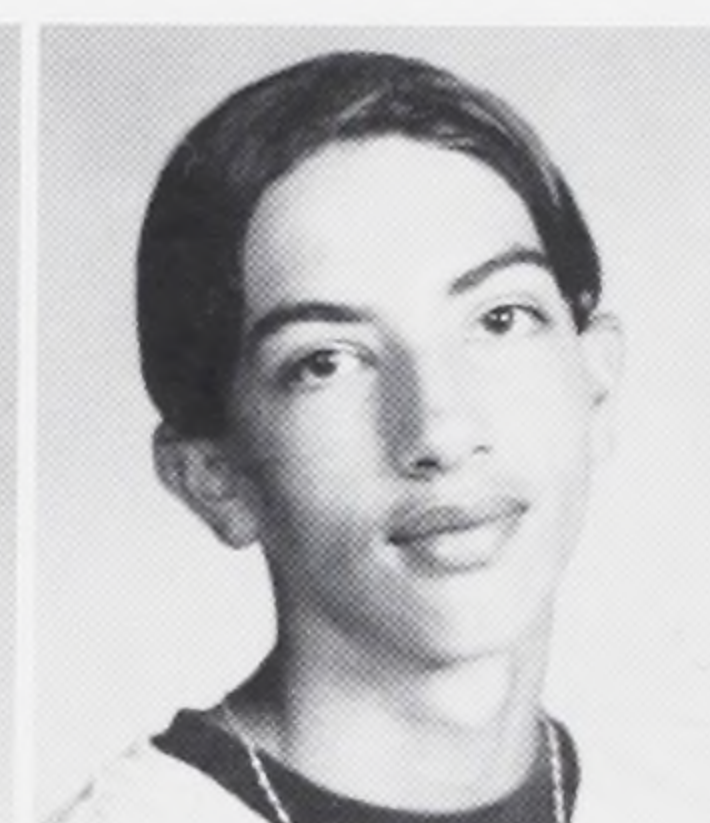
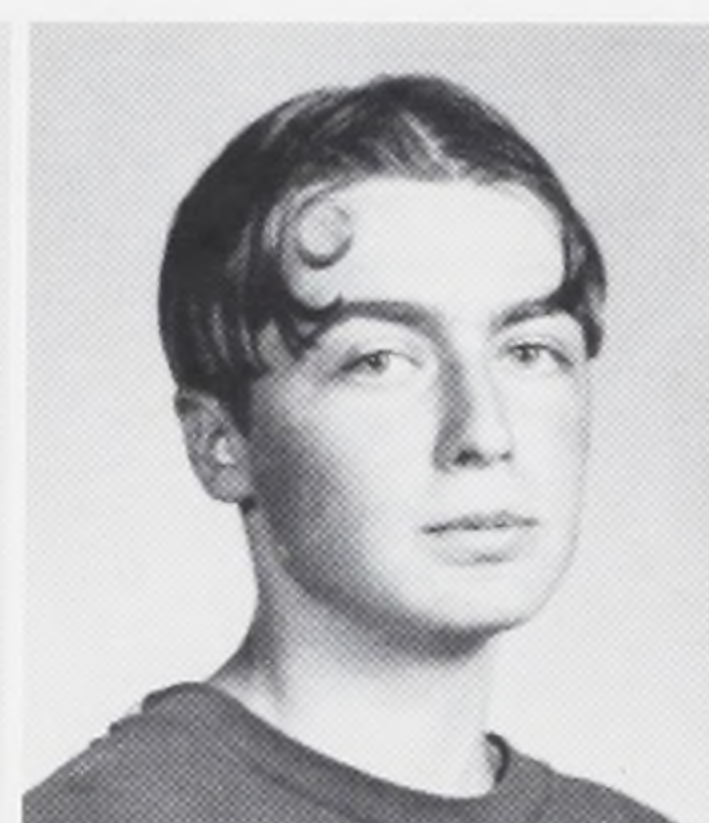
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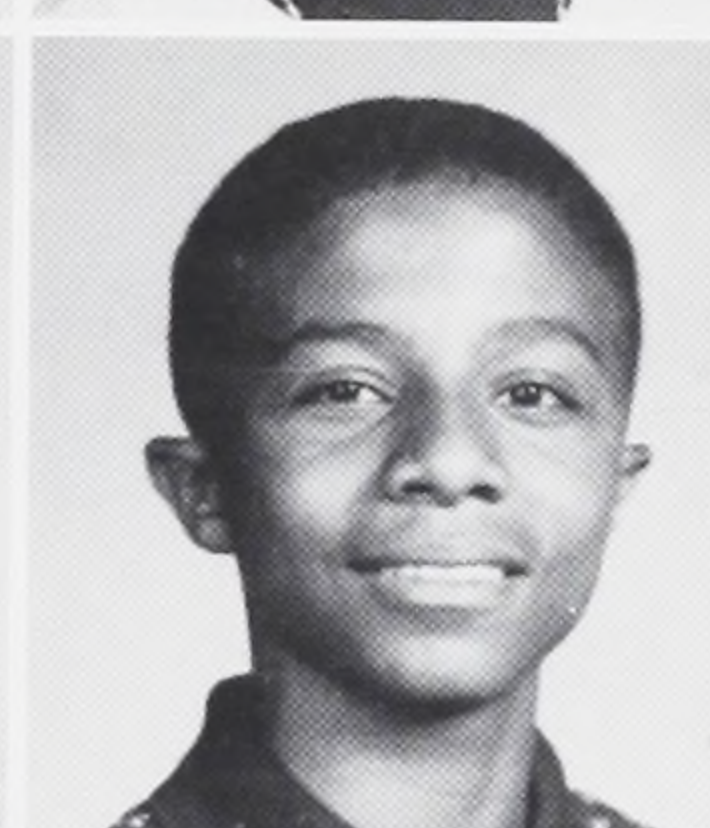
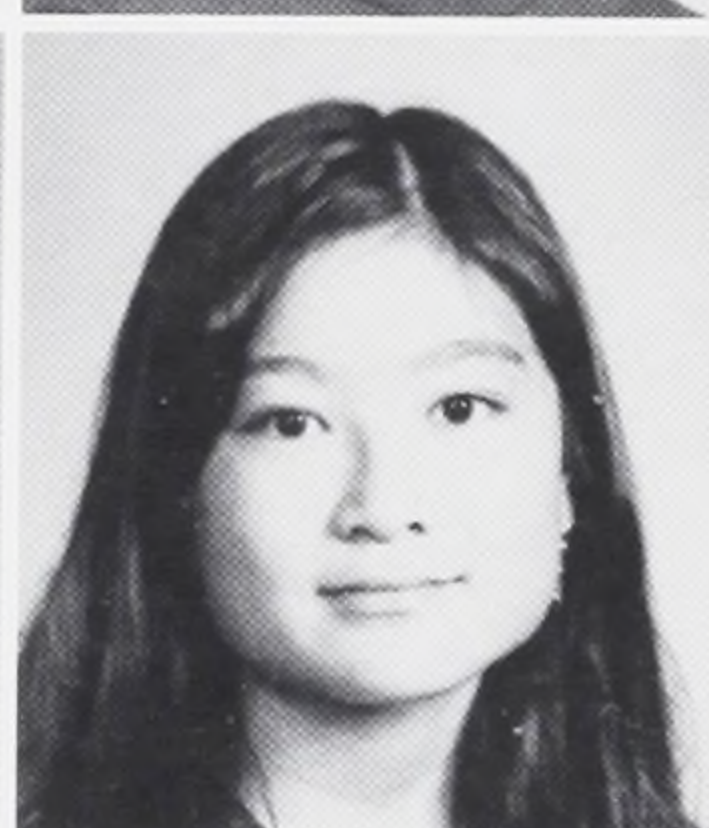
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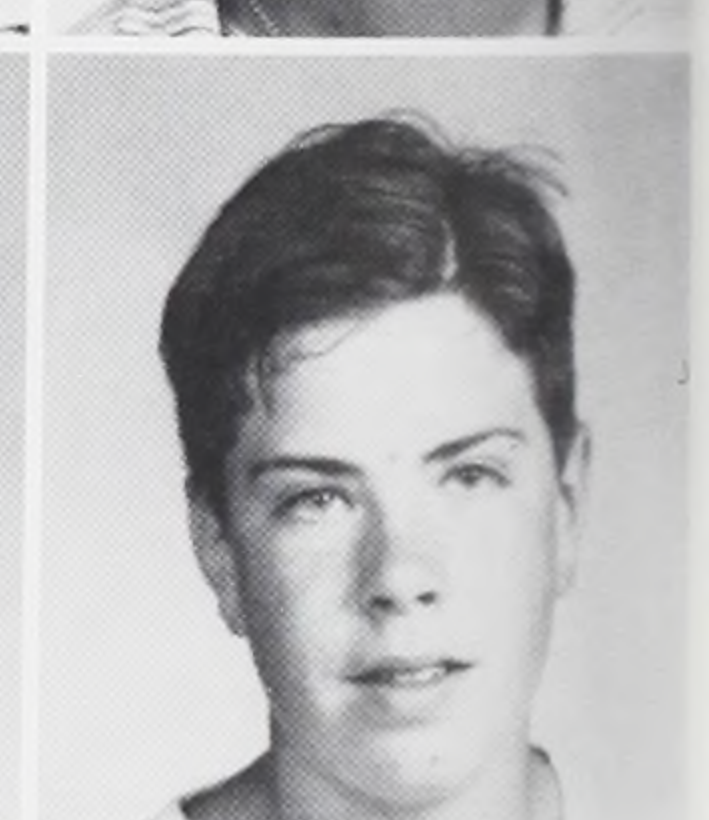
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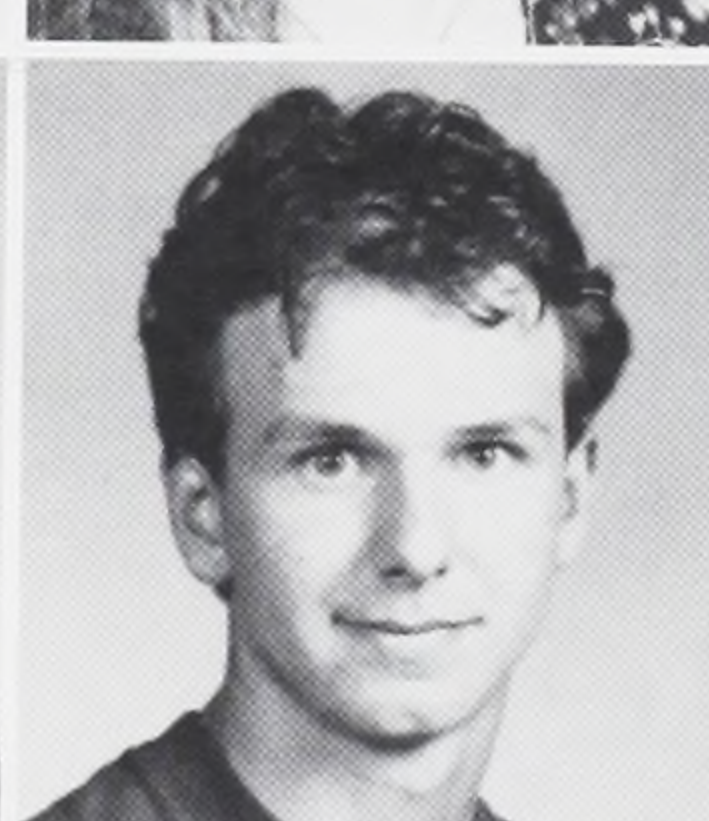
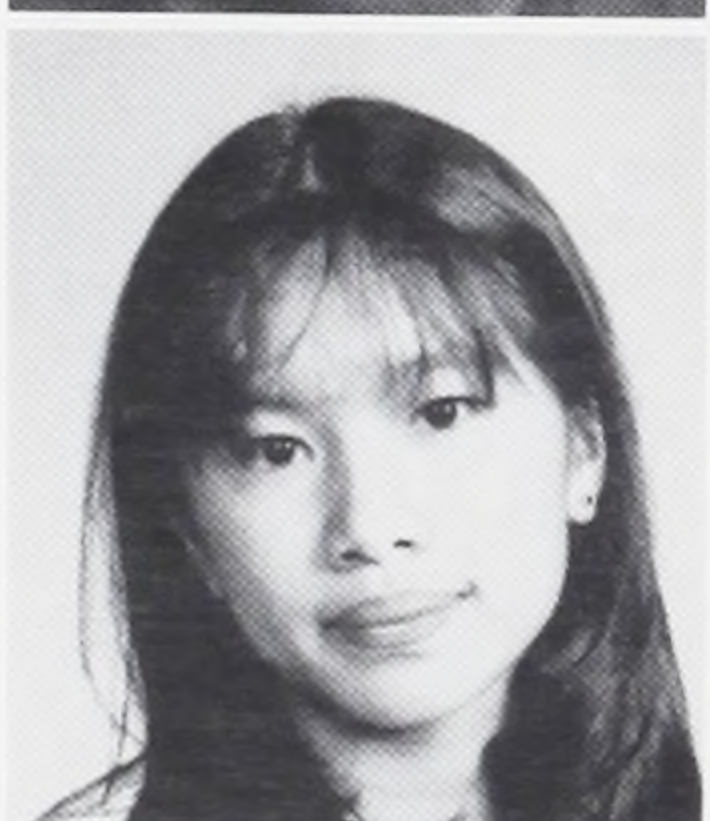
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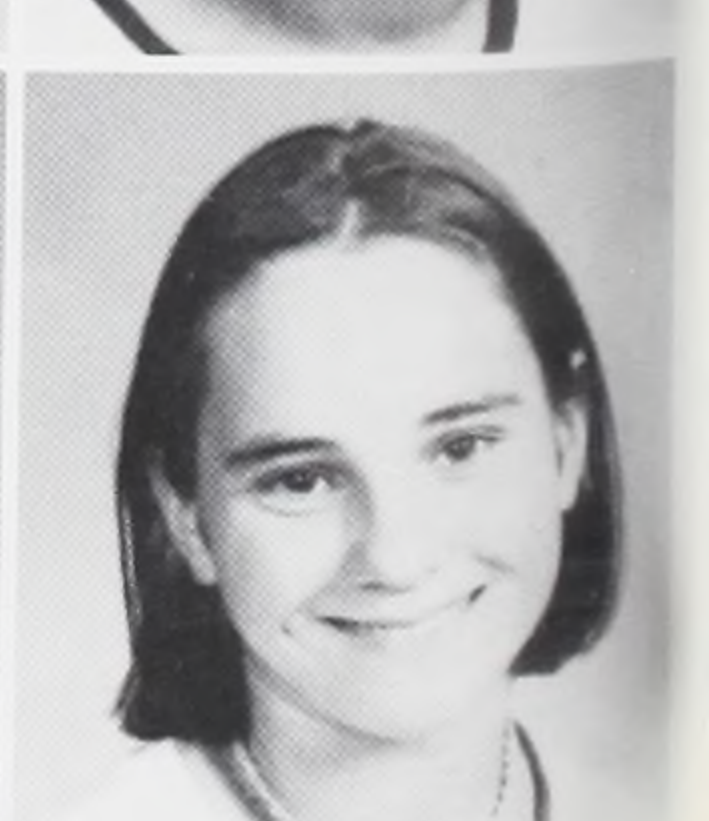
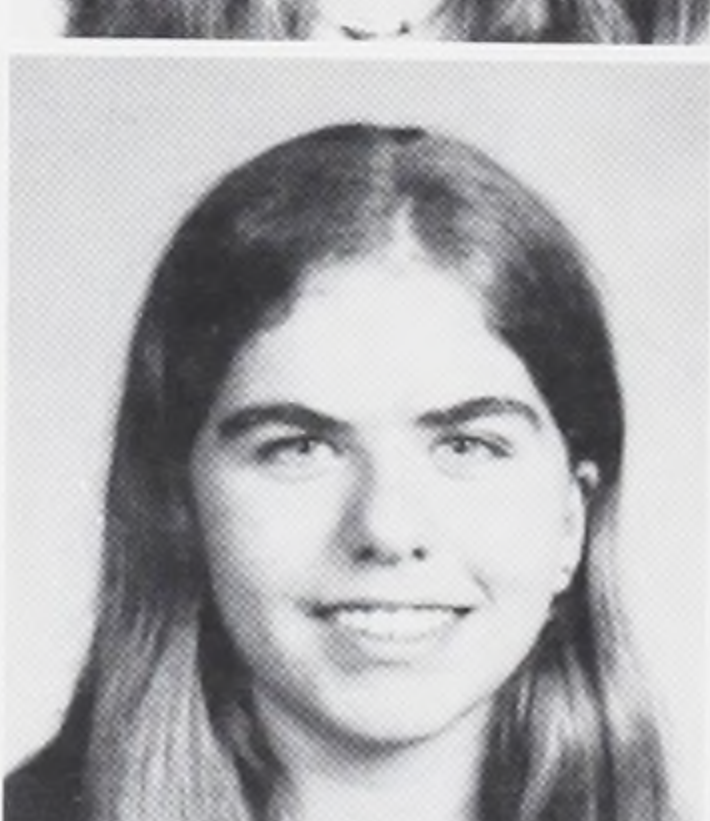
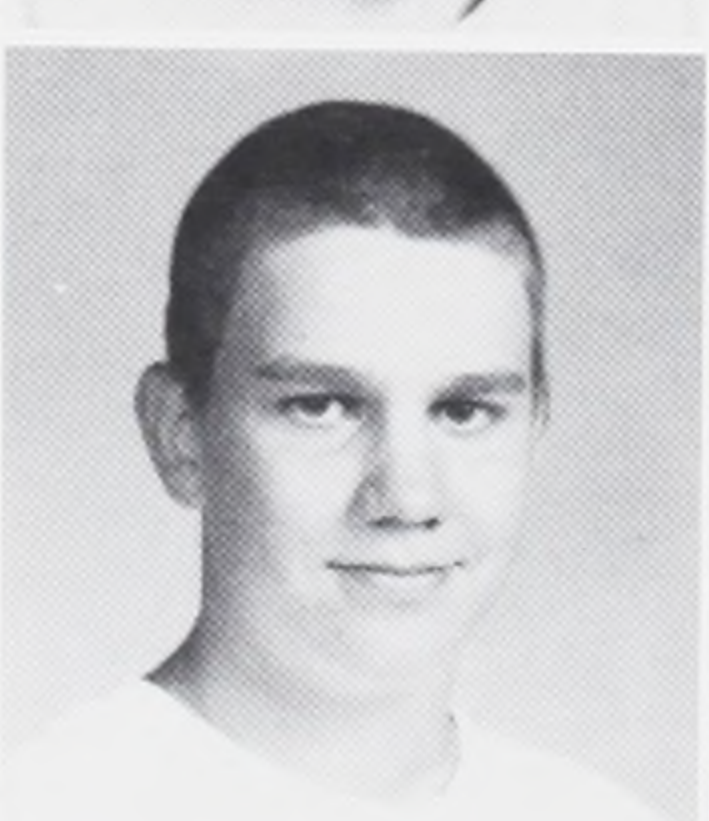
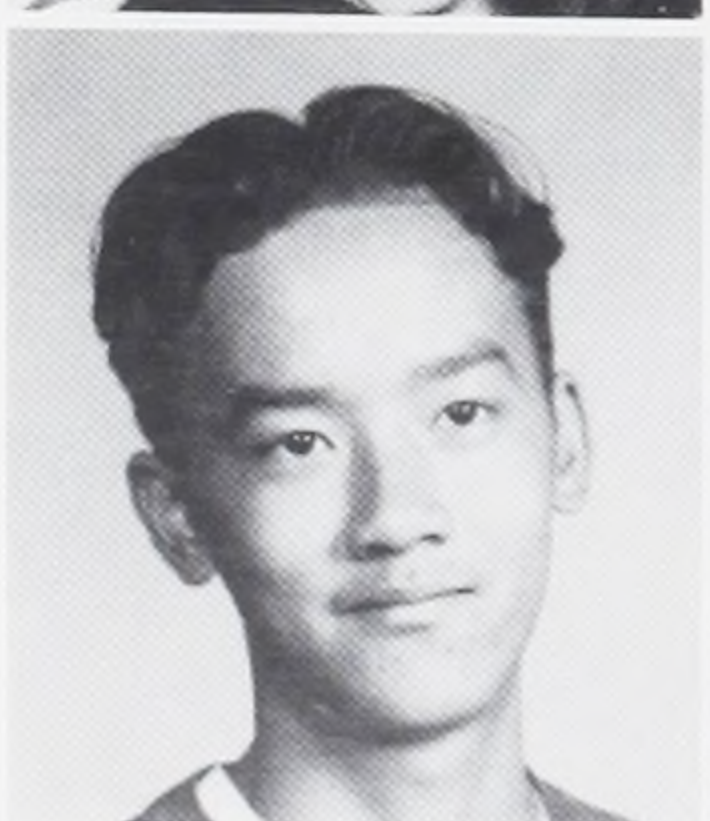
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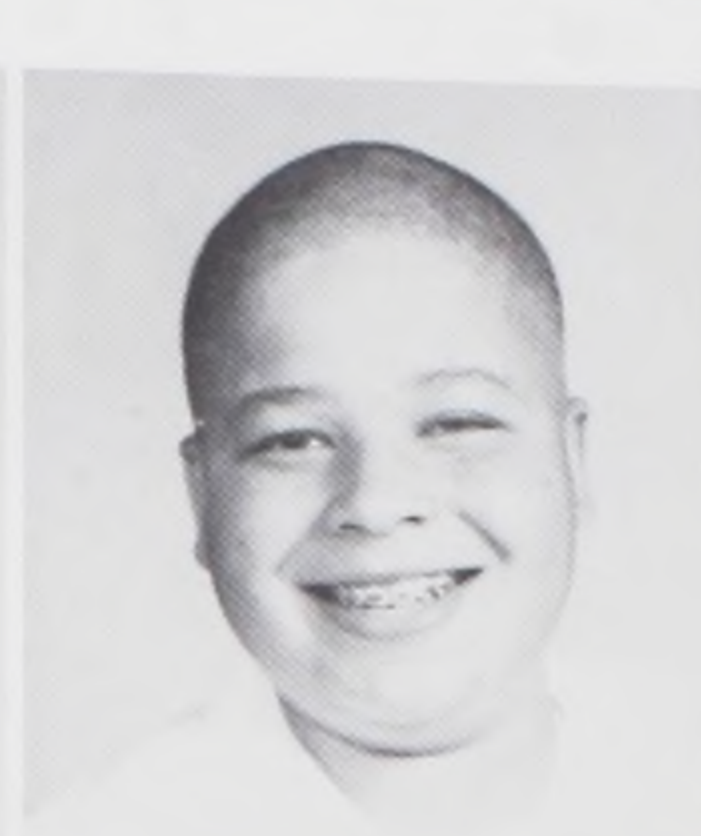
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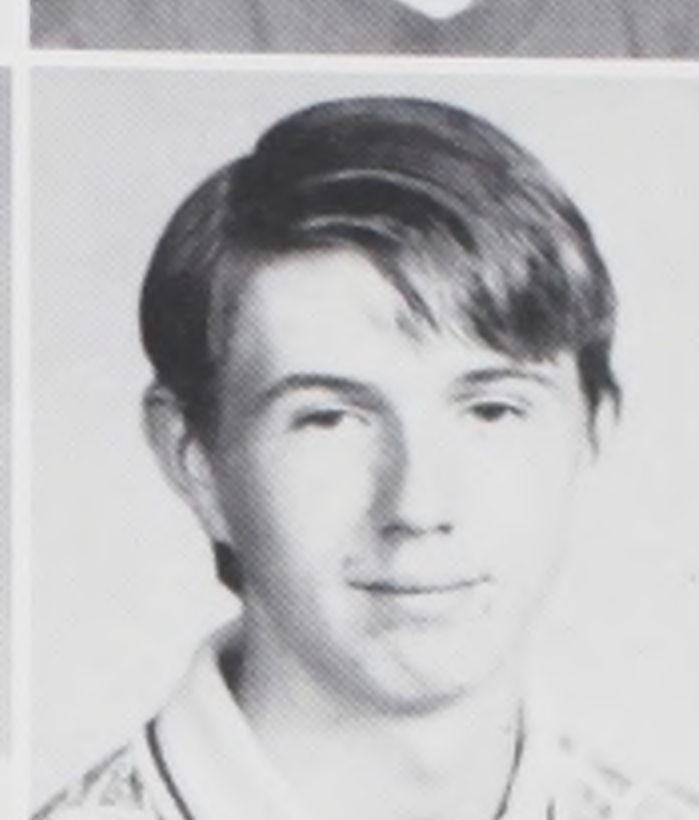
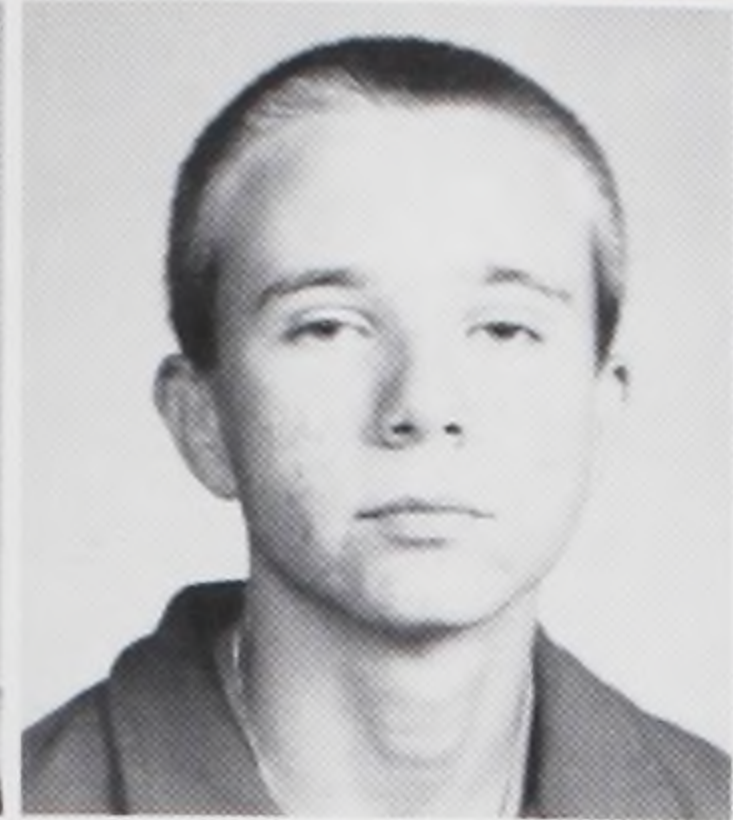
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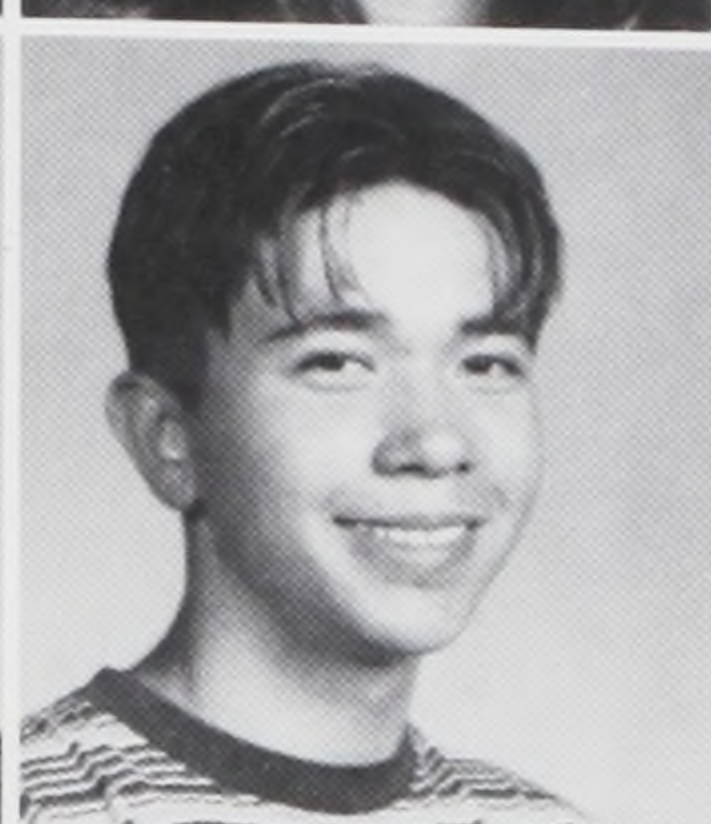
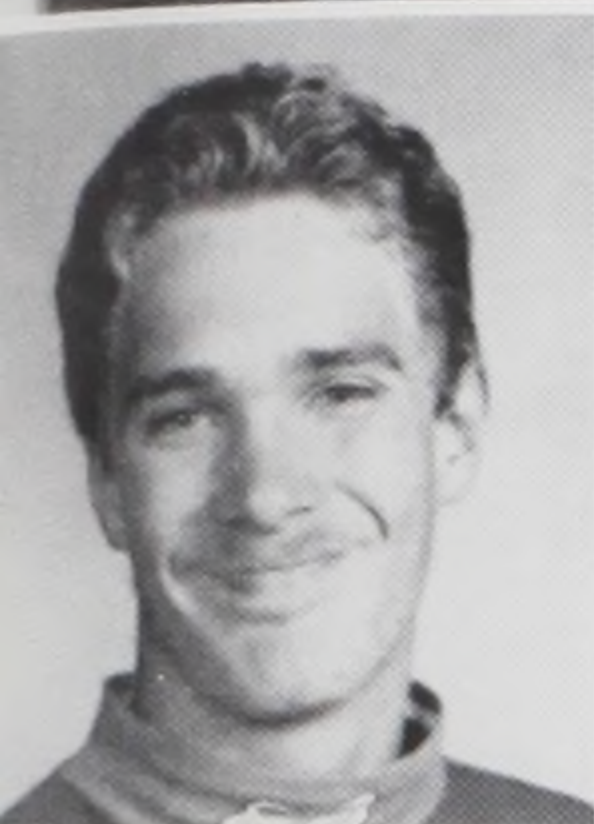
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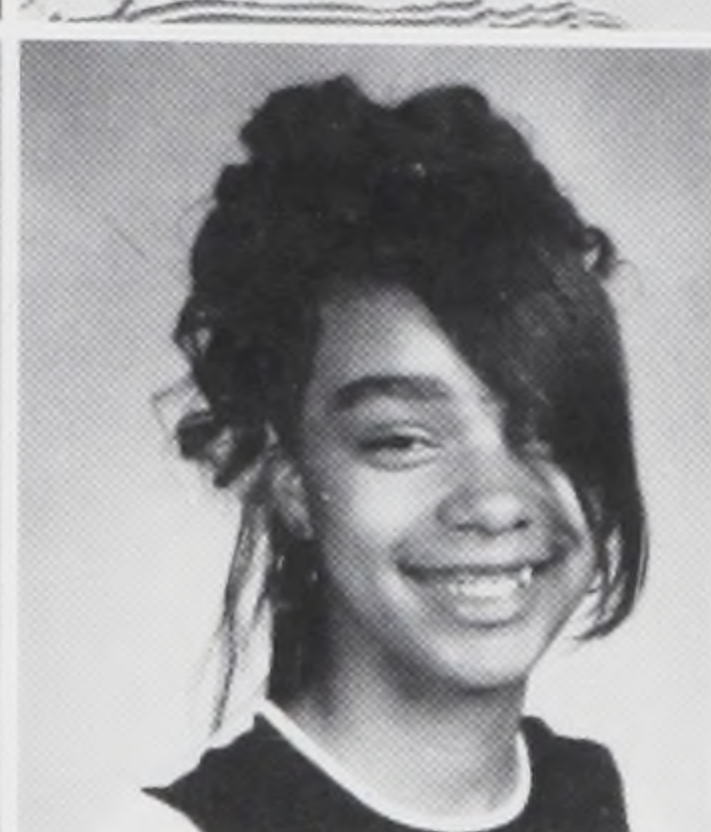
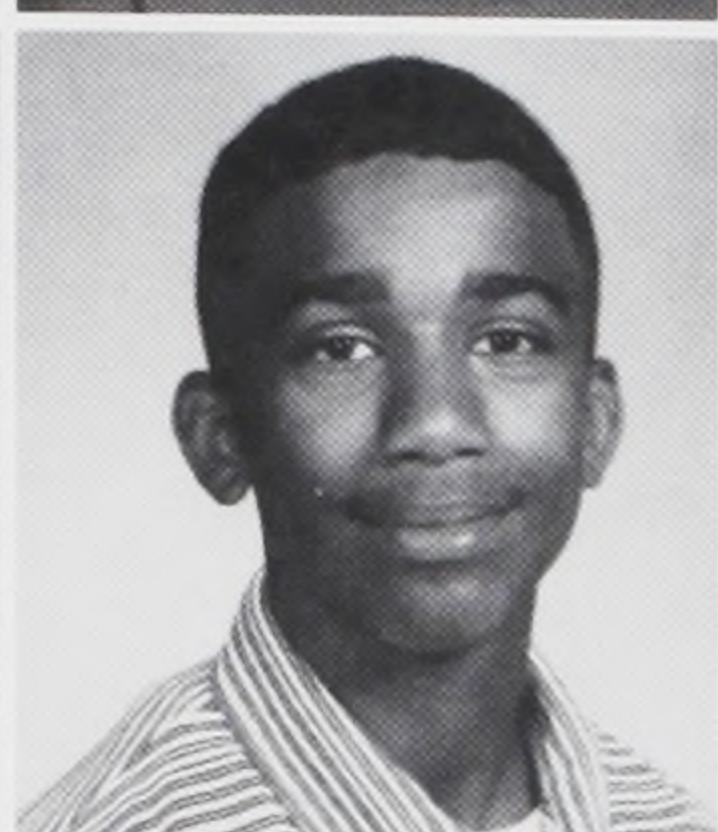
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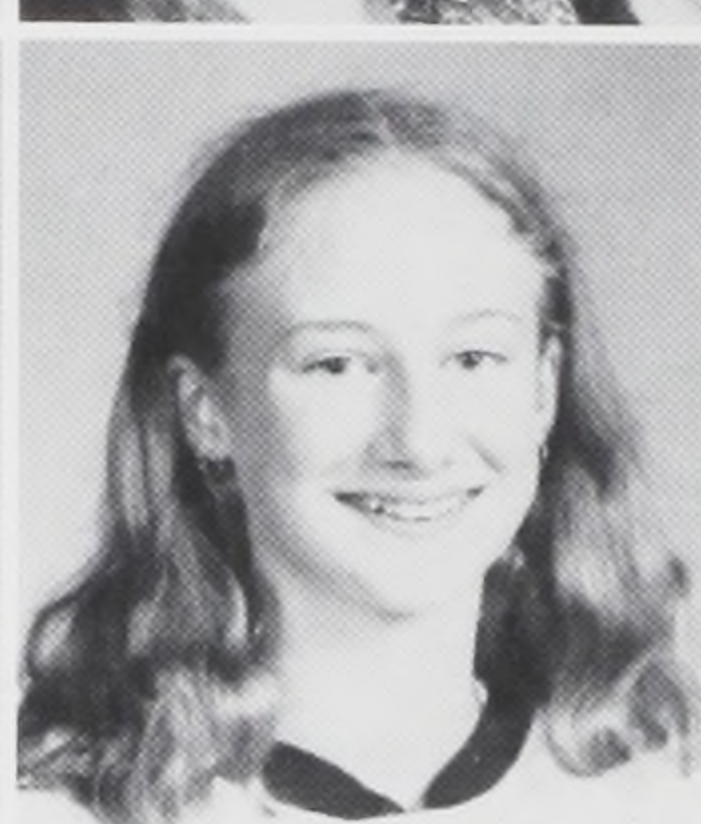
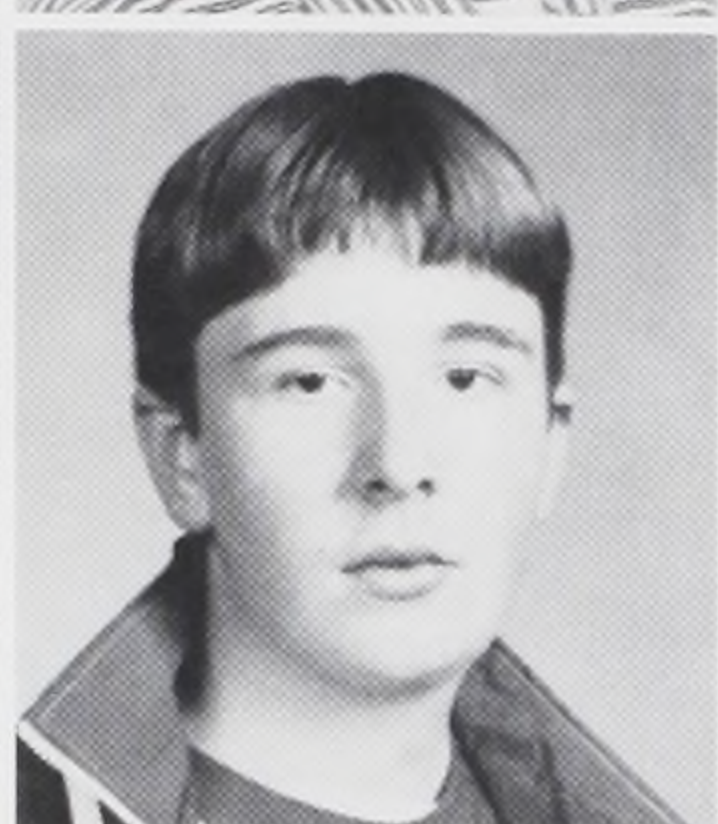
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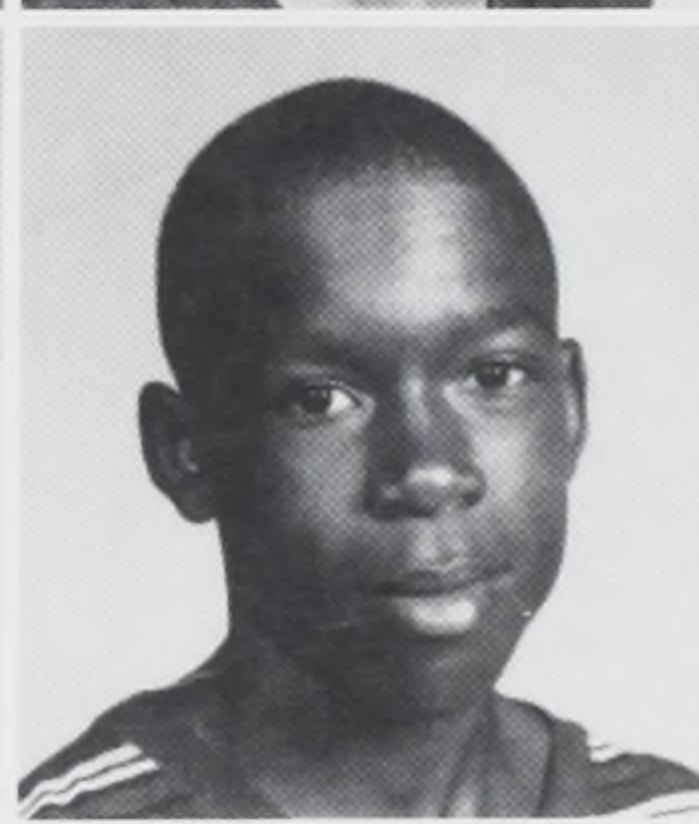
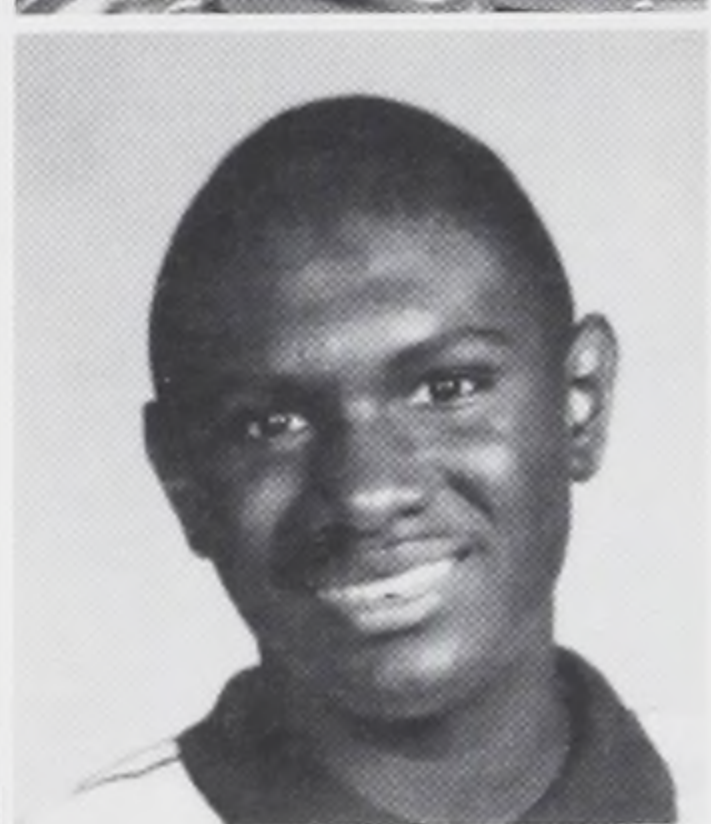
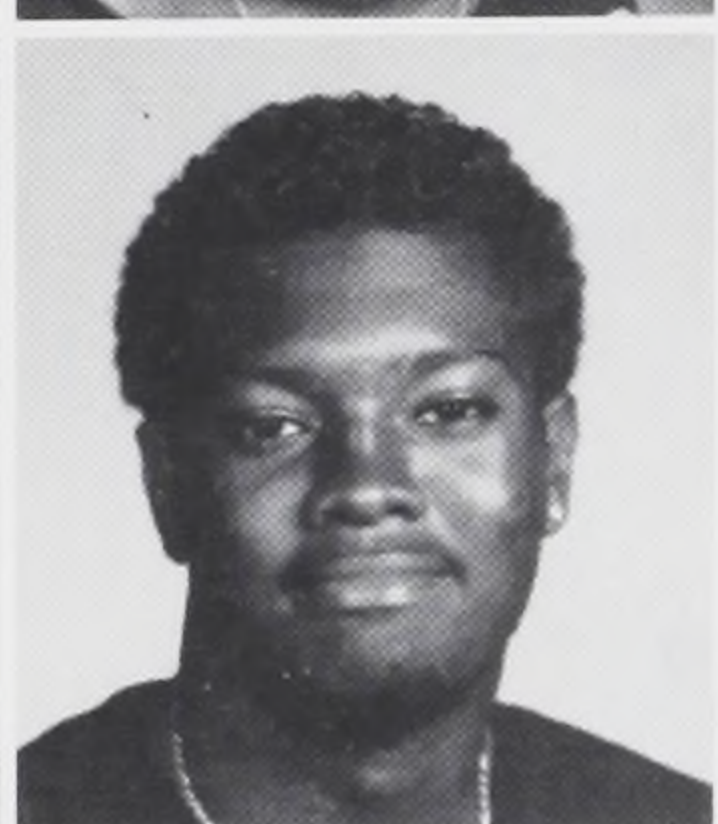
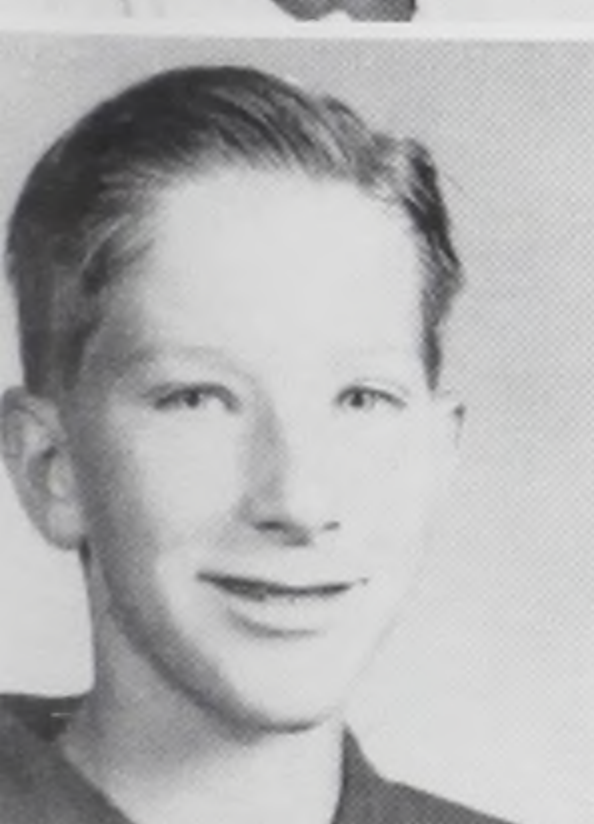
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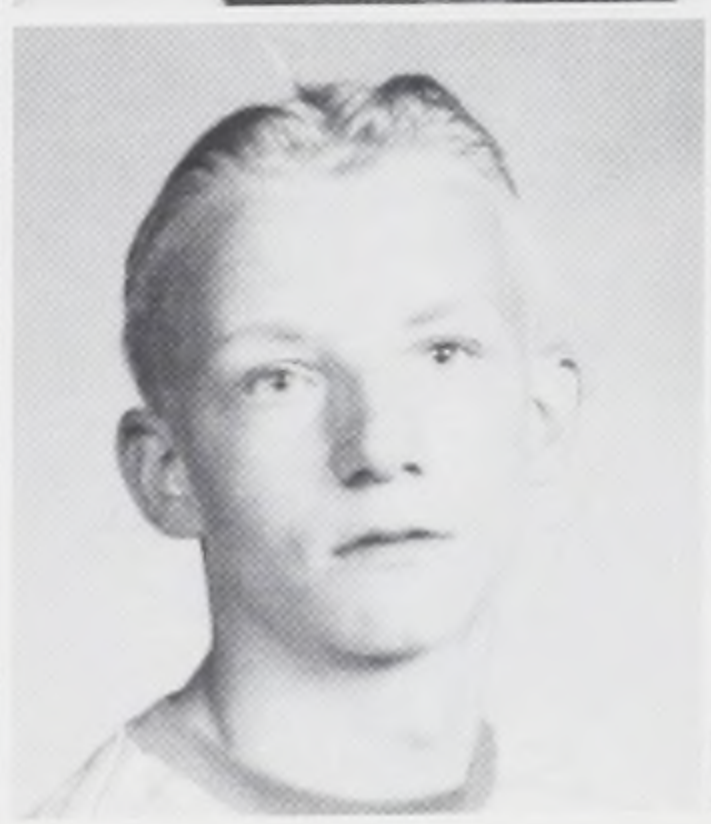
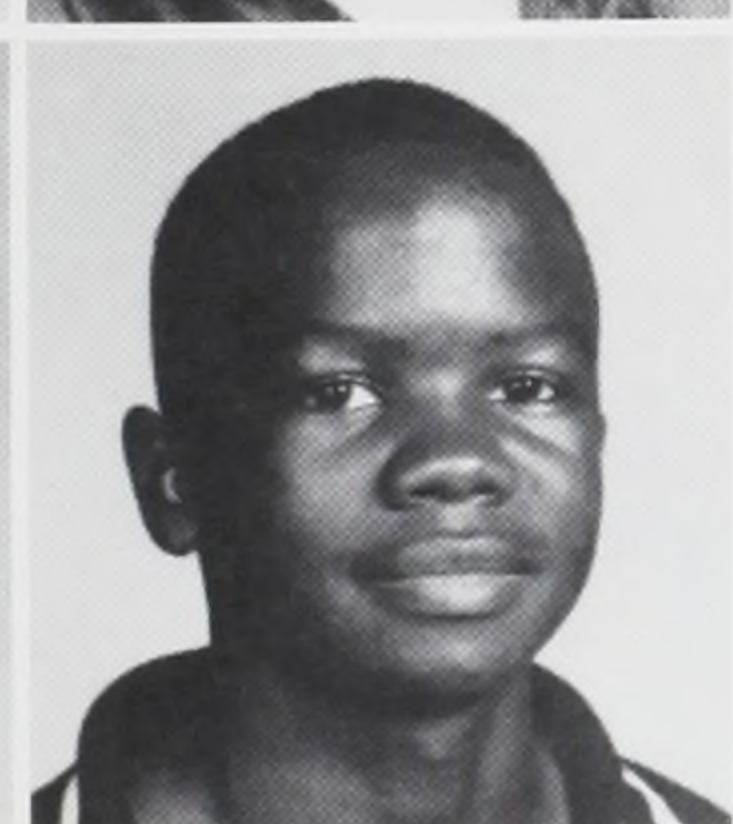
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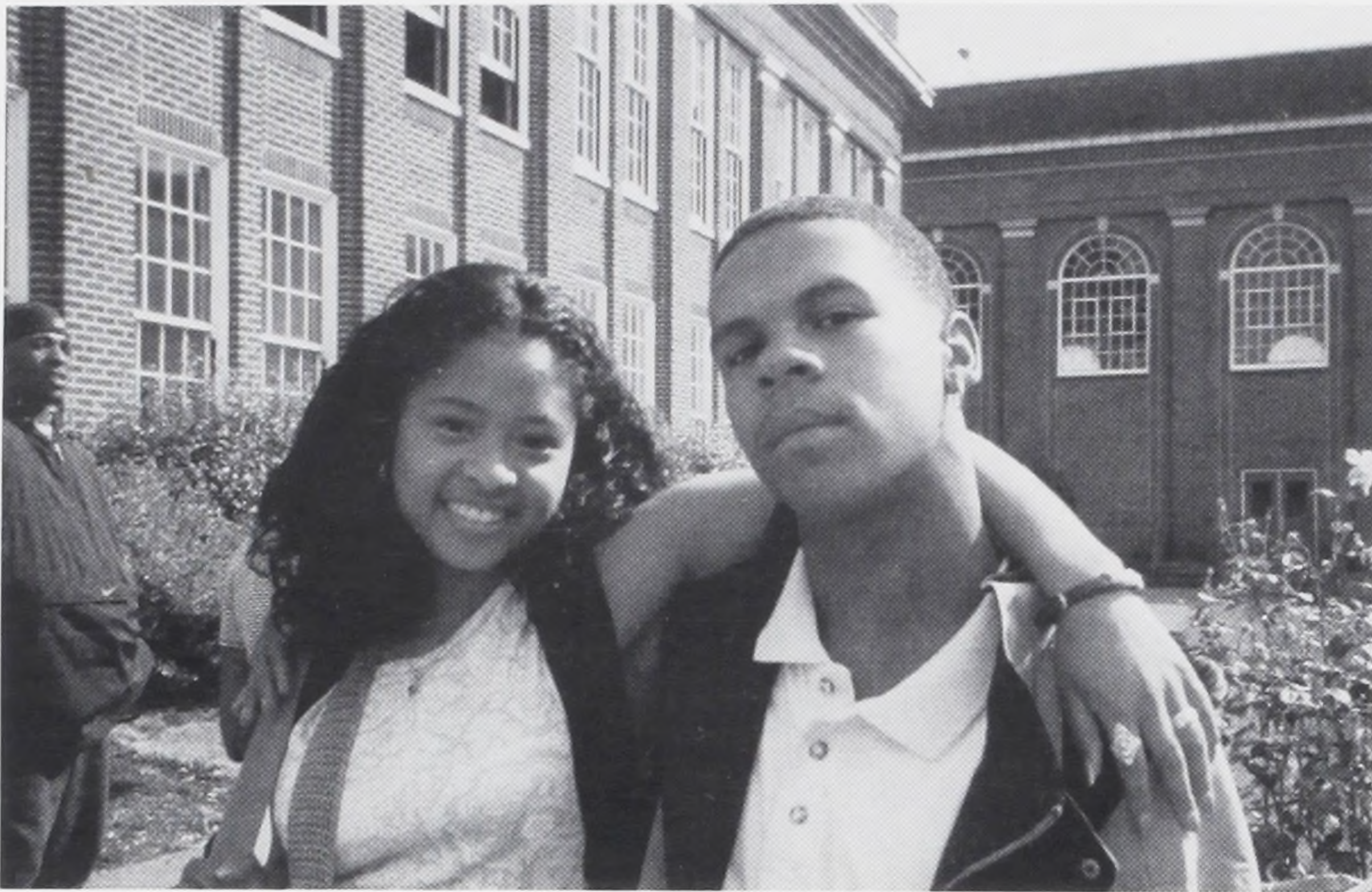


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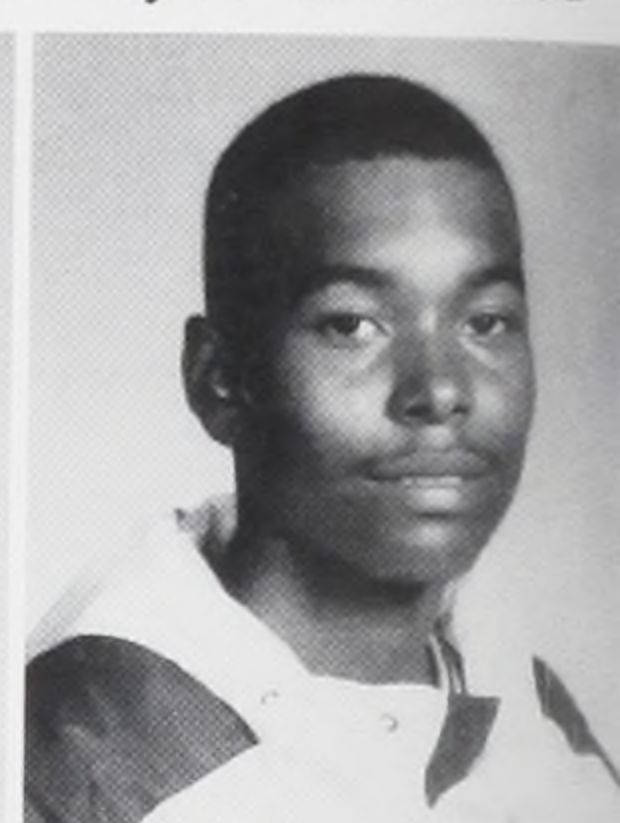
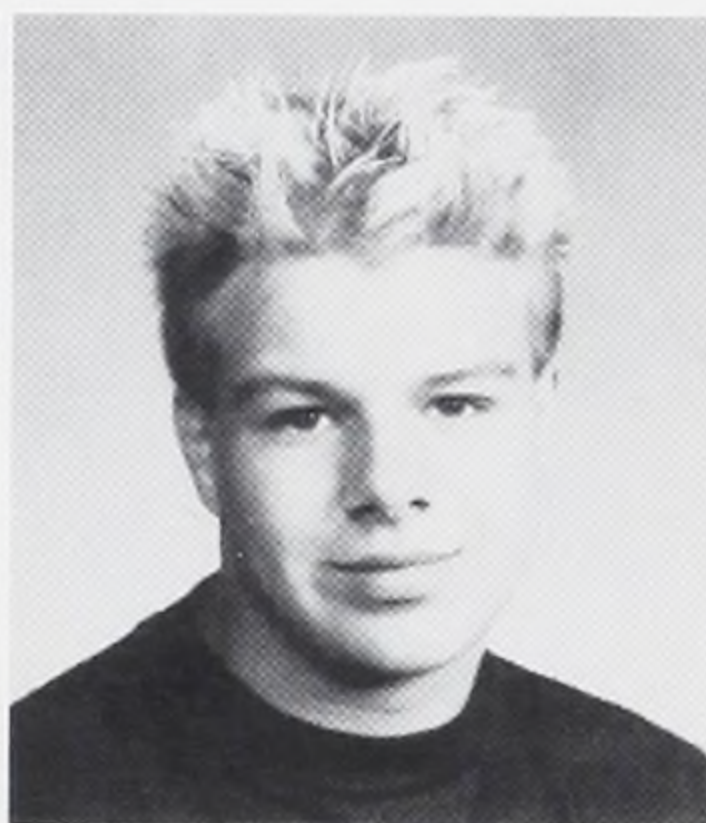
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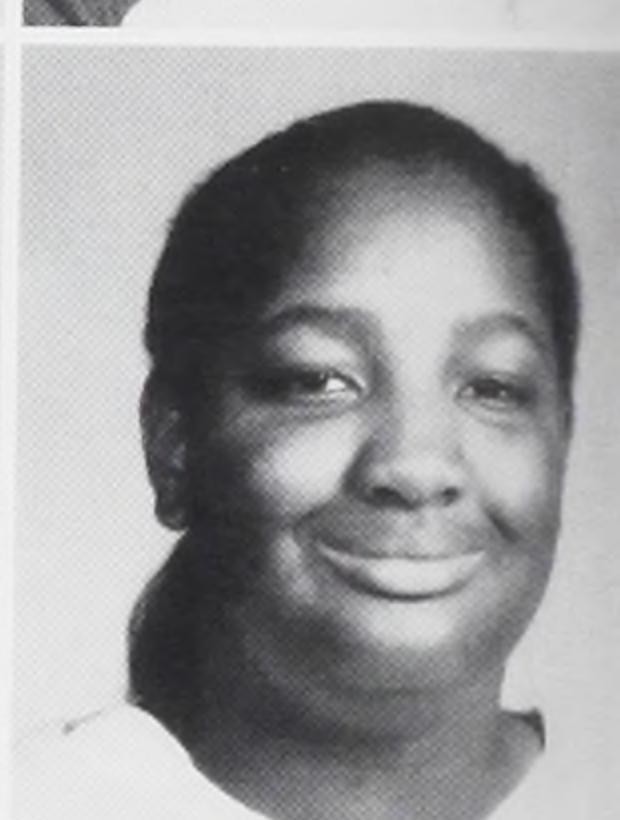
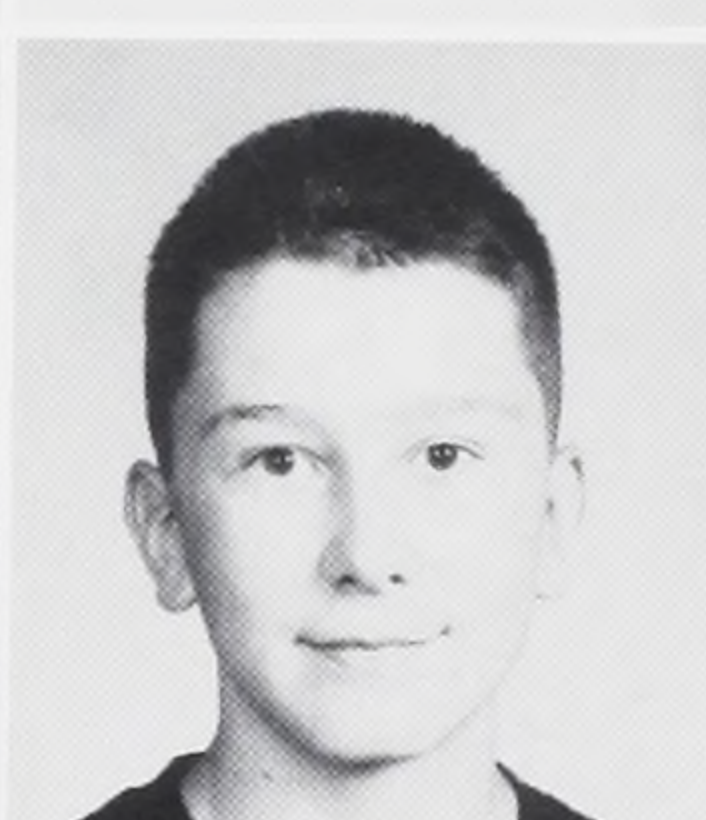
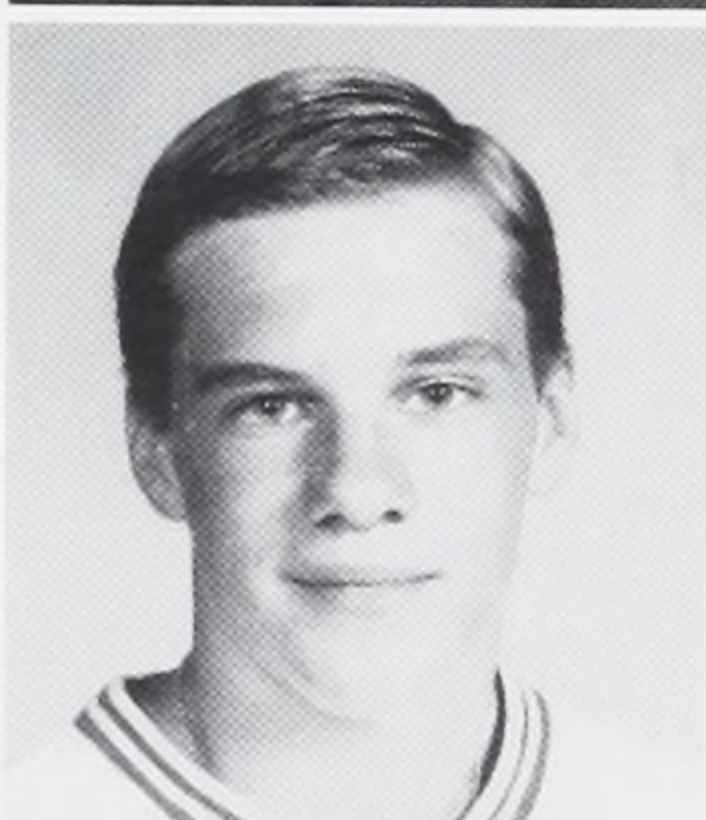
Some people come to Benson because their friends are going here. Some come because they don't like what other schools have to offer. But what attracts the majority of students to Benson is the two programs of majors. Benson has one of the largest and best programs for majors in the state of Oregon. We are also the only high school in the city of Portland that actually has a program where a major is offered. From Architecture to Dentistry and Construction to Computer Software, the list goes on and on. No matter what major you choose, you will receive a lot of hands on experience, and that's the best way to learn. Actually doing the physical work in the field is what prepares you to pursue a career in that occupation. You get a head start with the programs that are offered here at Benson Polytechnic High School, and that is the perfect reason to attend.

by Chris Reynolds and Ryan Greenwood

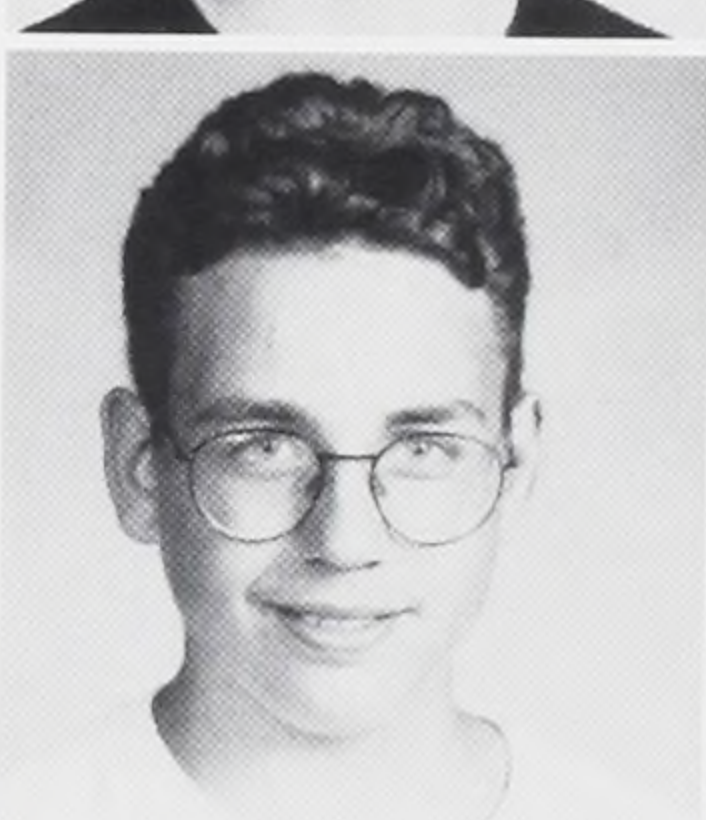
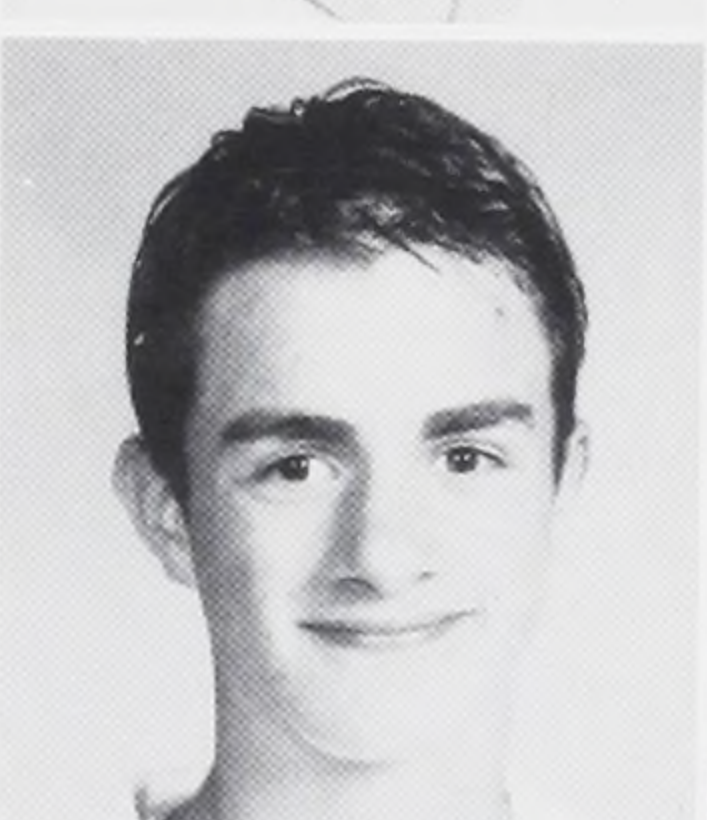
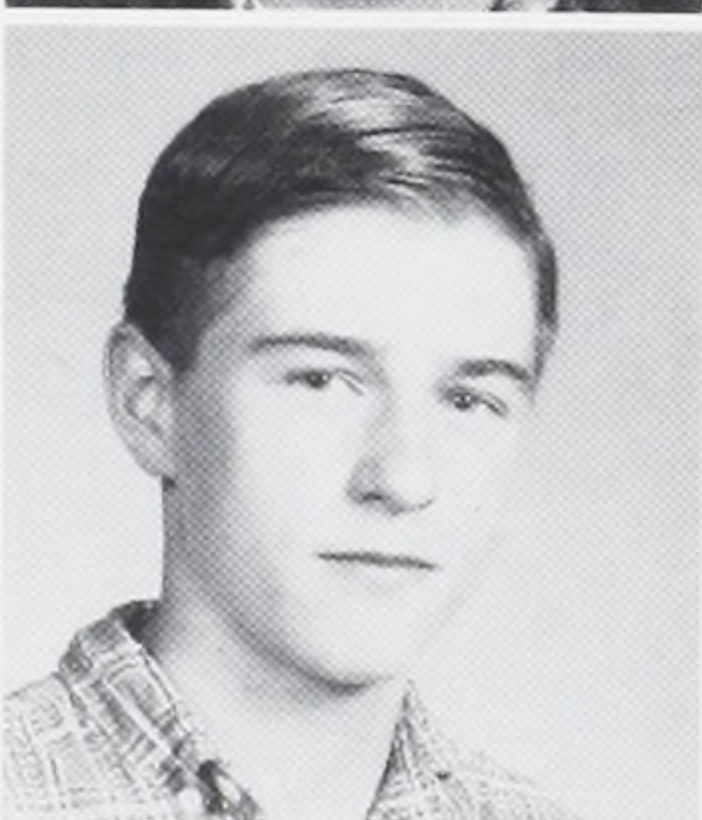
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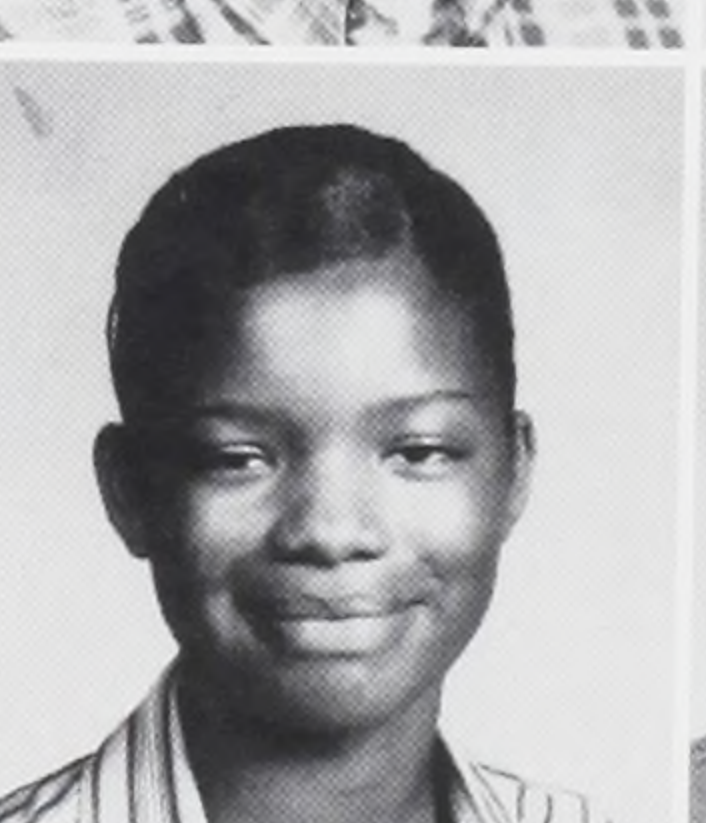
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The Ultimate Freshman Nightmare Experience

It was only my second week of high school and I barely knew anyone in my communications class. This particular morning, for some reason, my alarm clock didn't go off. When I finally woke up, I only had ten minutes to get ready. I had forgotten to do laundry the night before, so the only underwear that were clean were the ones I've had since the second grade, or so it seemed. There were little holes all over them and the elastic was coming off. There was also this girly pastel flower pattern on them. Let's just say they didn't look like I bought them at Victoria's Secret.

Eventually I got to school. About half way through class I got up to throw something away, and this guy I didn't even know came up behind me and pulled my skirt down all the way to my ankles. I just stood there in shock, with my mouth wide open. Everyone was laughing, and pointing, because not only had my skirt come off, but my underwear was partially off too, so my butt was hanging out! I can't even tell you how embarrassed I was. When I finally realized what had happened, I pulled up my skirt and started to laugh with embarrassment. By then the whole class had more than enough time to see the full view. To tell you the truth, I think the boy who pulled it down was, for some reason, just as embarrassed as me. He probably didn't think it would come all the way down. I don't know what he, or anyone else was thinking, but I will never forget it as long as I live.

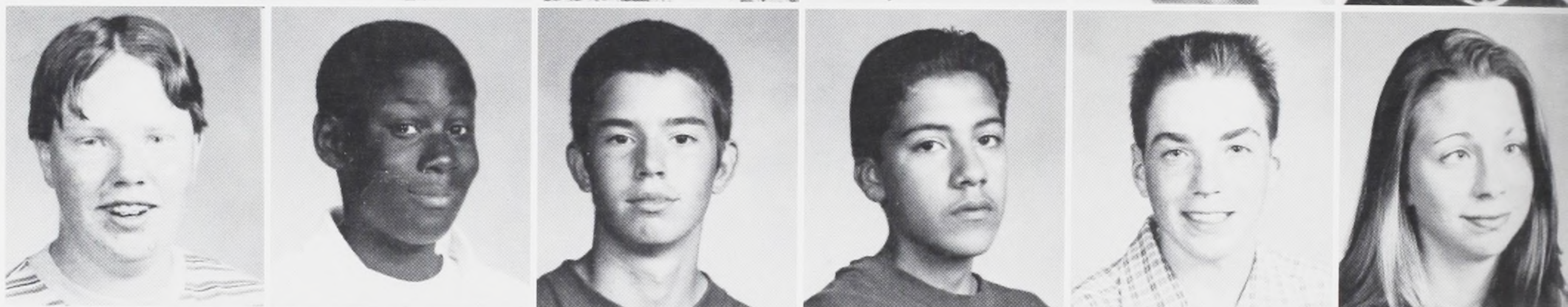
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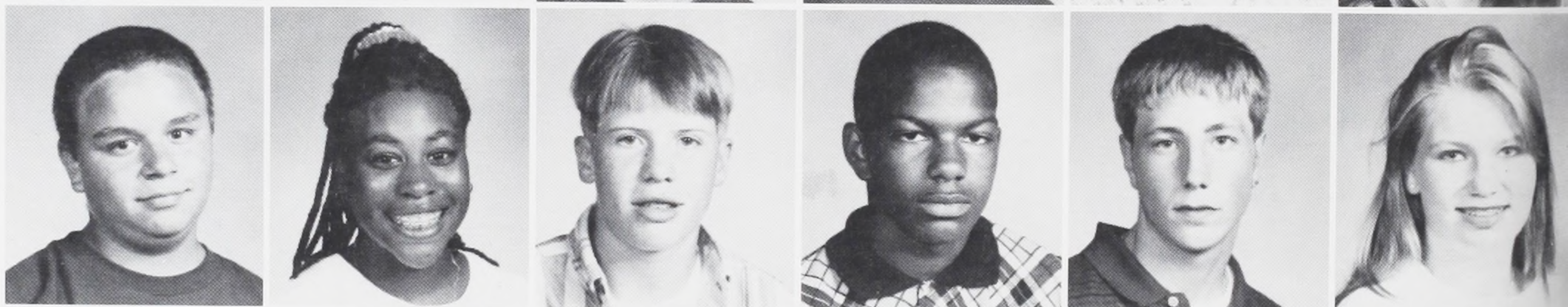
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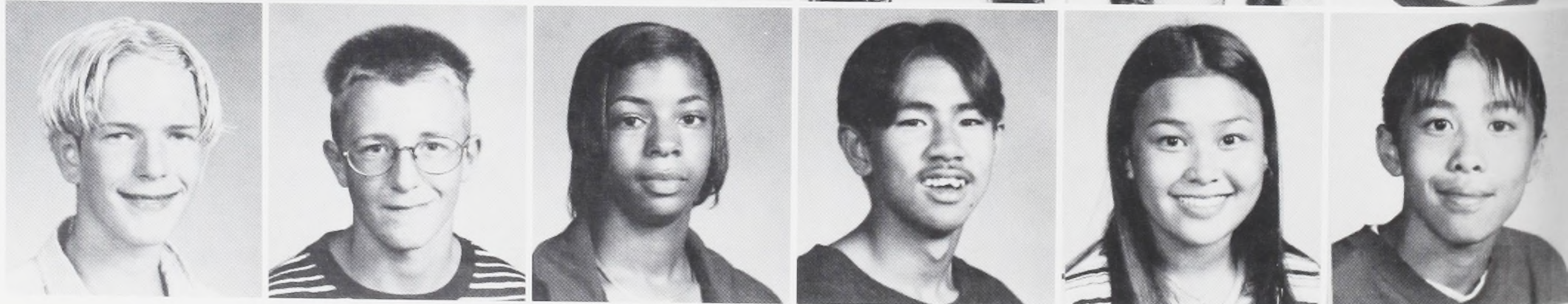
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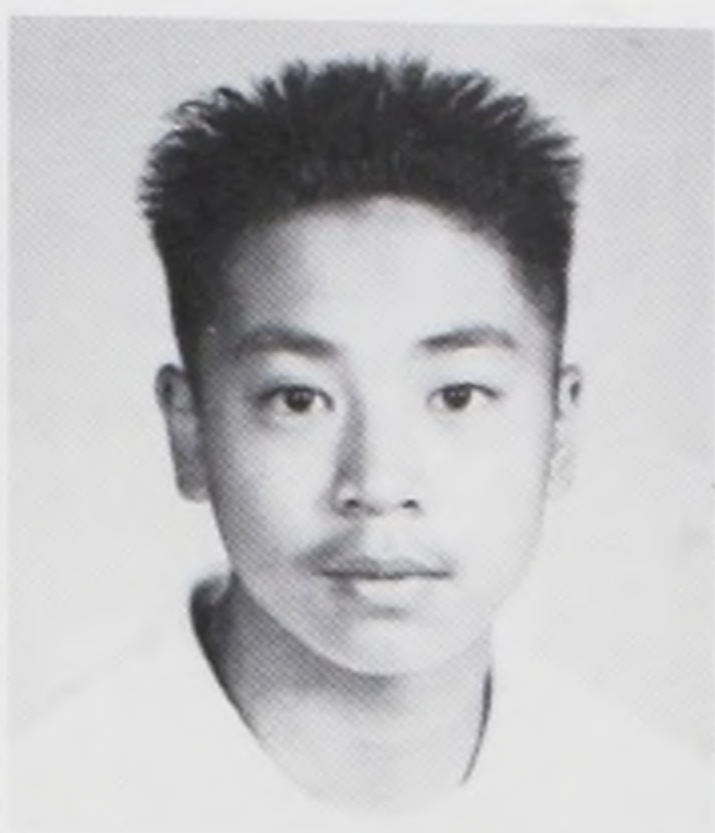
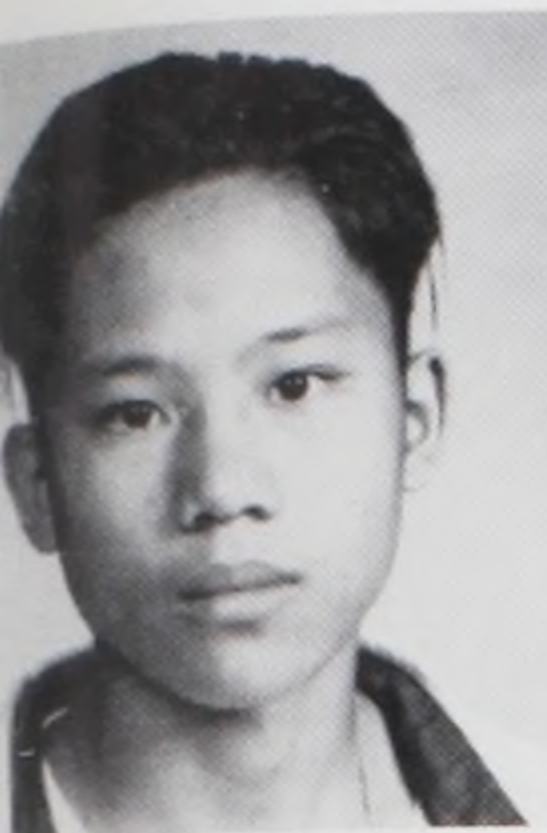


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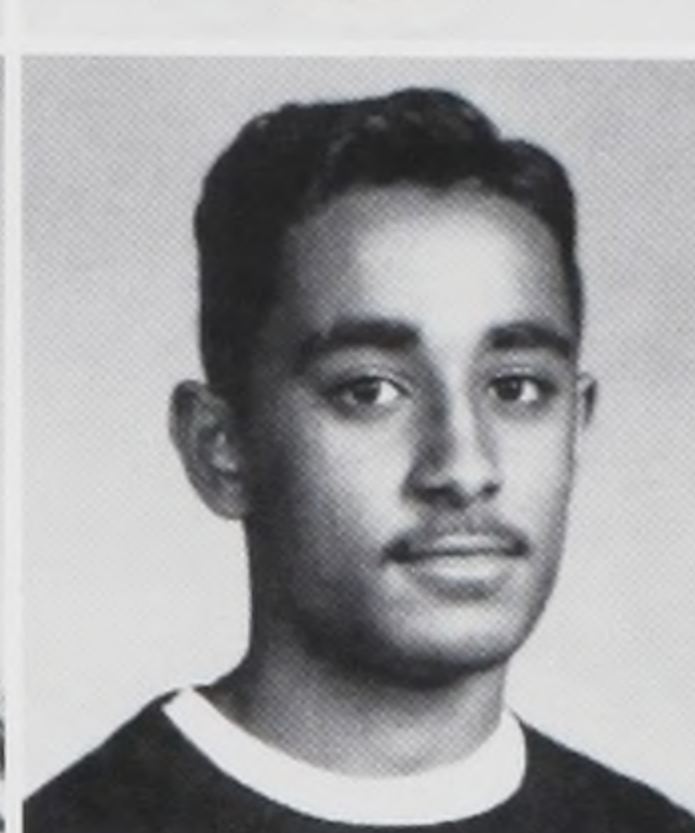




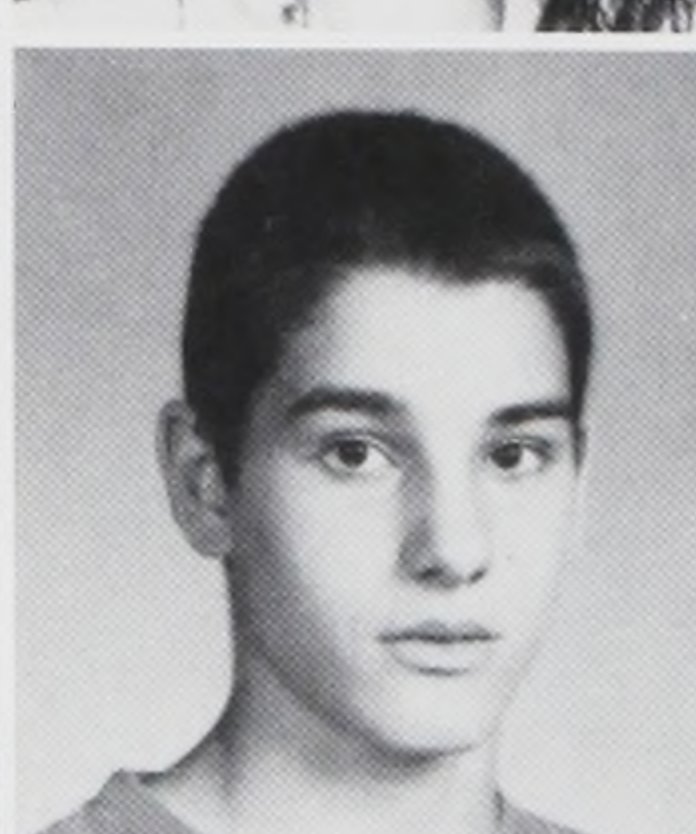
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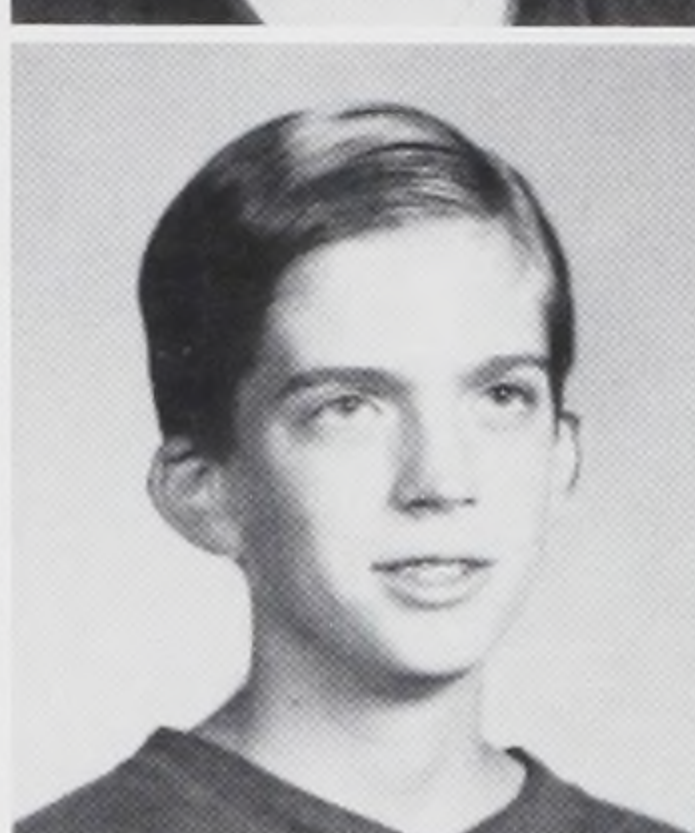
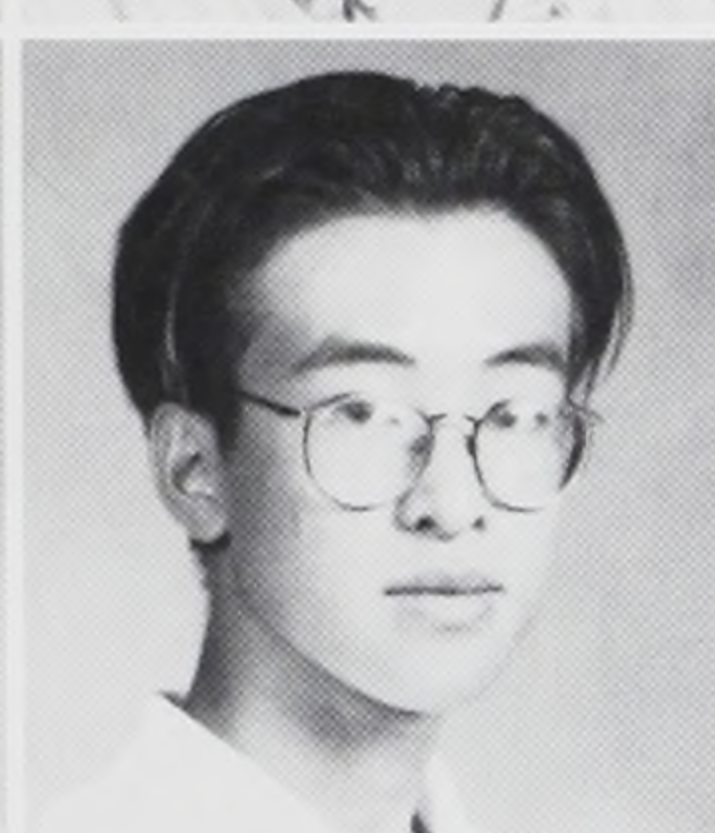
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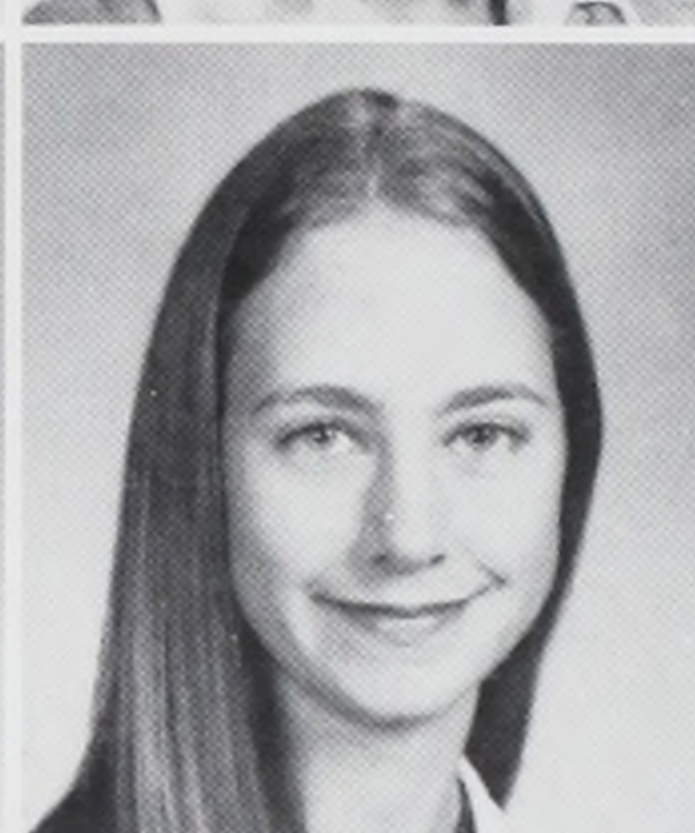
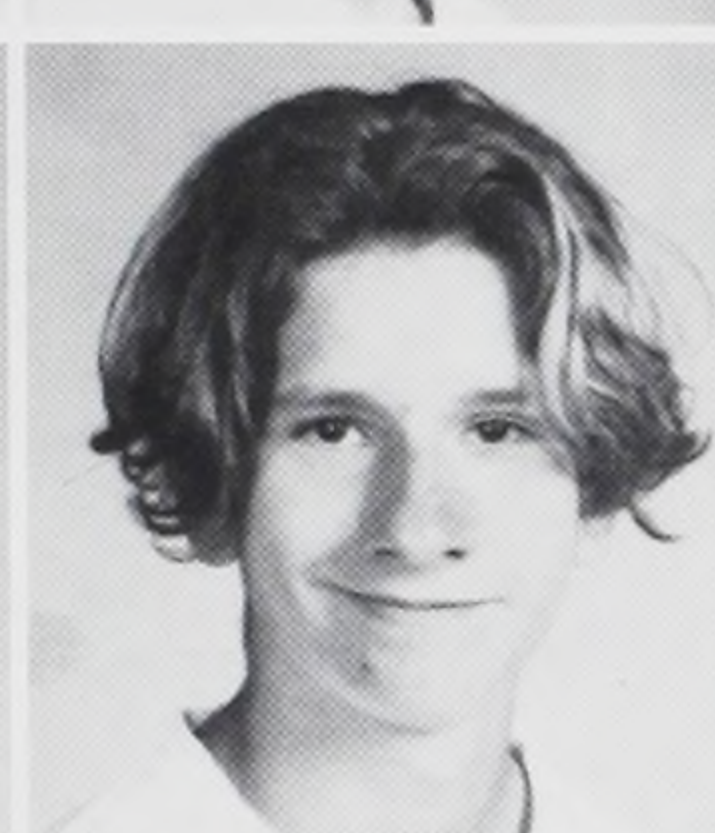
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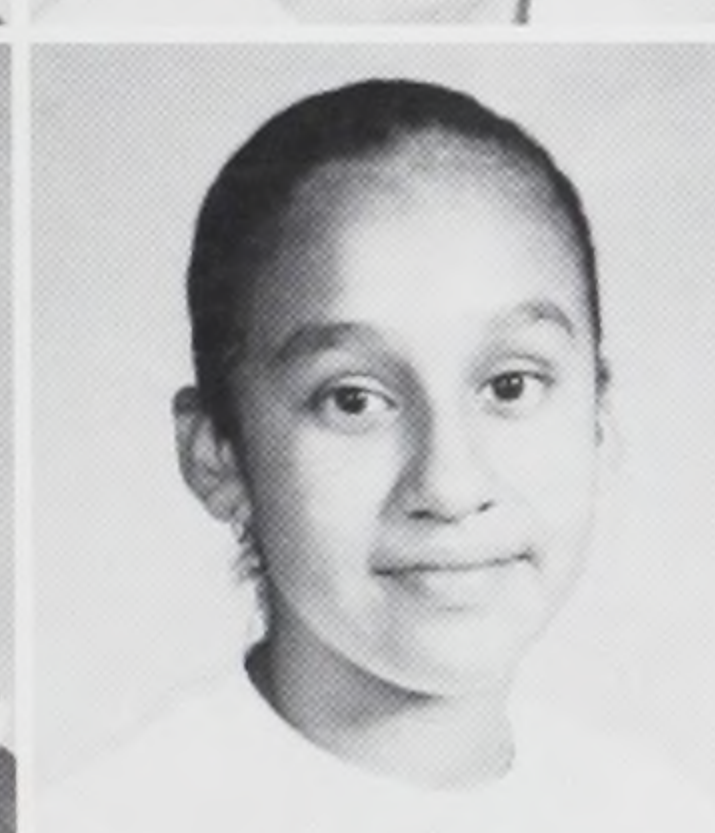
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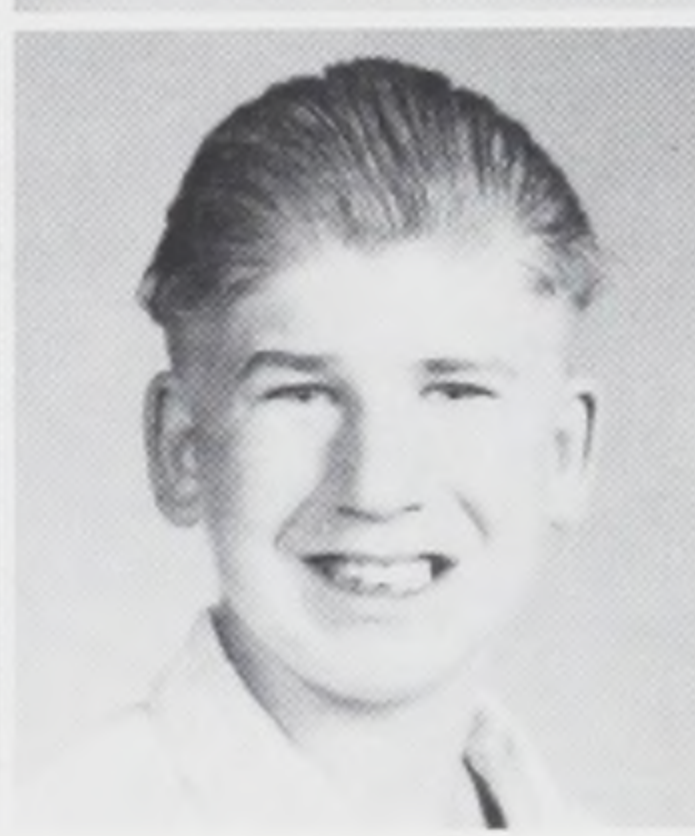
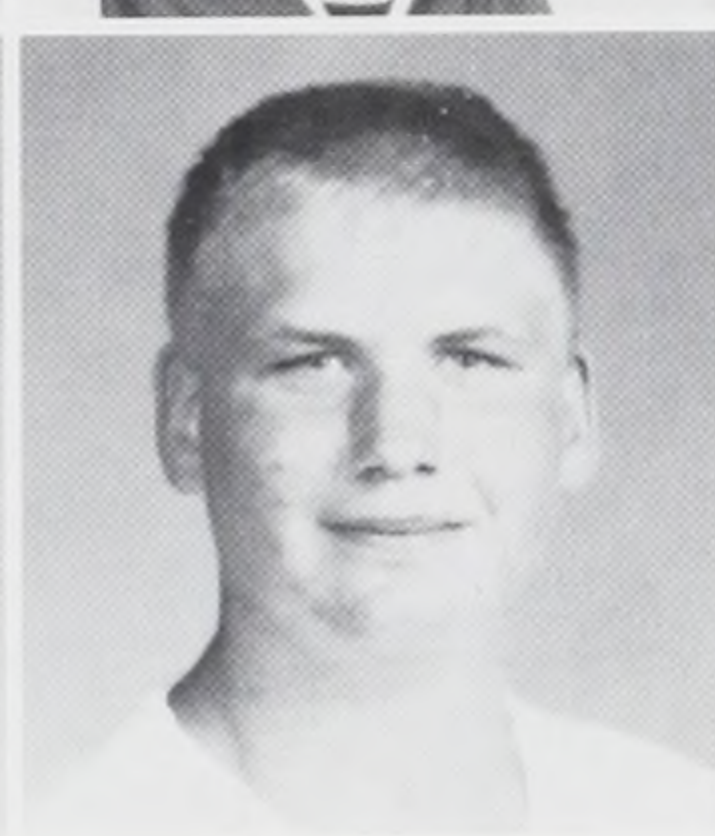
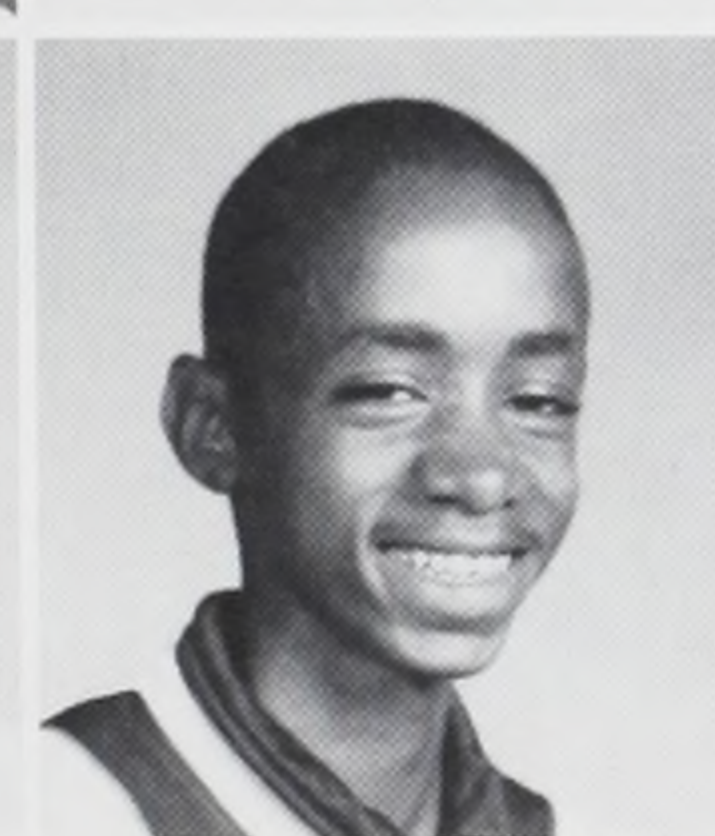
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The Pros and Cons

by Kayin Talton

It was fun being a hoodlum, but I hated school.

-Shane Heiney-

Everything around me was new, but I looked like a geek with bad hair and braces.

-Kerry Watkins-

I was the only guy on the Cross Country team. I got harrassed by upperclassmen every once in a while. As far as I can see, the quality of teachers has gone up.

-Mr. Ball-

My teachers were boring and the lunch was too short.

-Freddy Jones-

As we get older, we remember things differently. Some of us can look back and laugh at some of the things we were upset about in the past. With this in mind, here are a few quotes from past and present Freshmen, concerning what they liked or disliked about their Freshmen experience.

I've made a lot more friends and I'm enjoying learning. I really don't like some of the negative attitudes I see.

-Mario Odighizuwa-

There's too much homework, but that means more education.

-Sergey Durshpek-

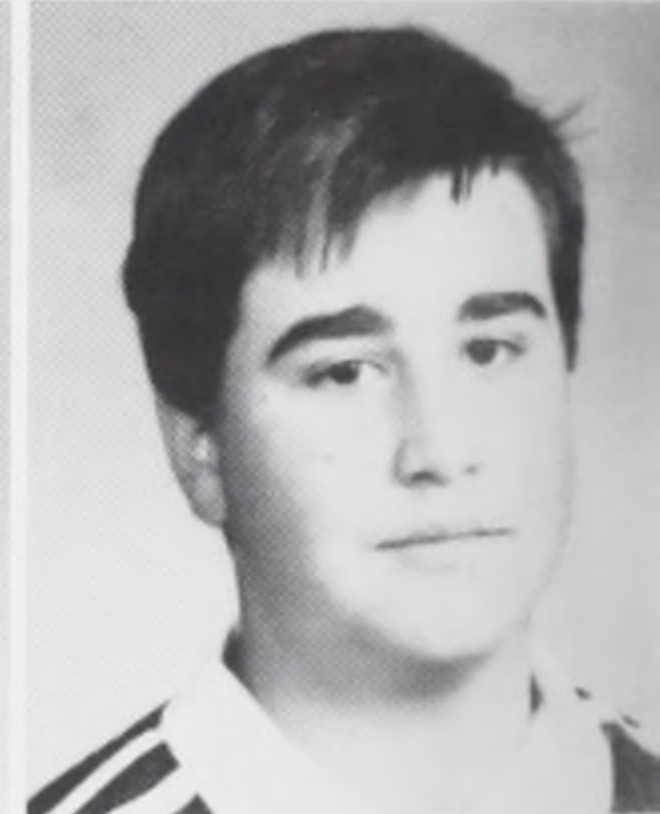
It's a lot better than Middle School. I'm having fun.

-Katie Weigandt-

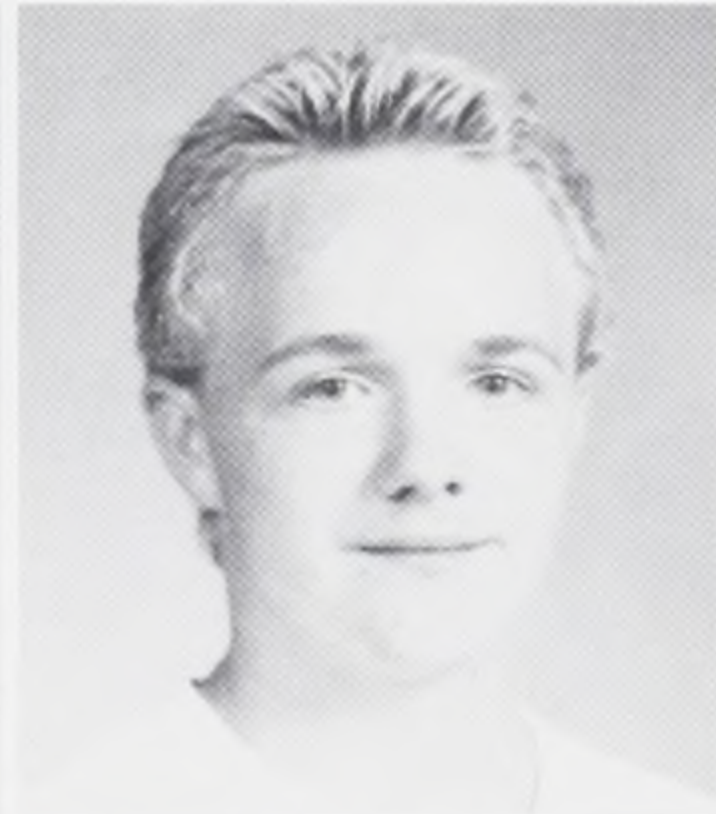
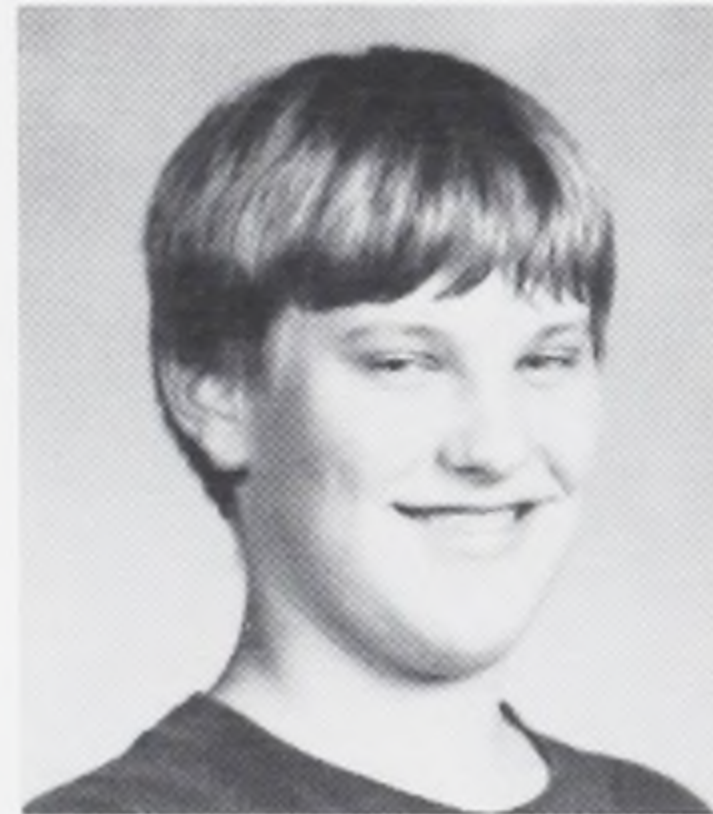
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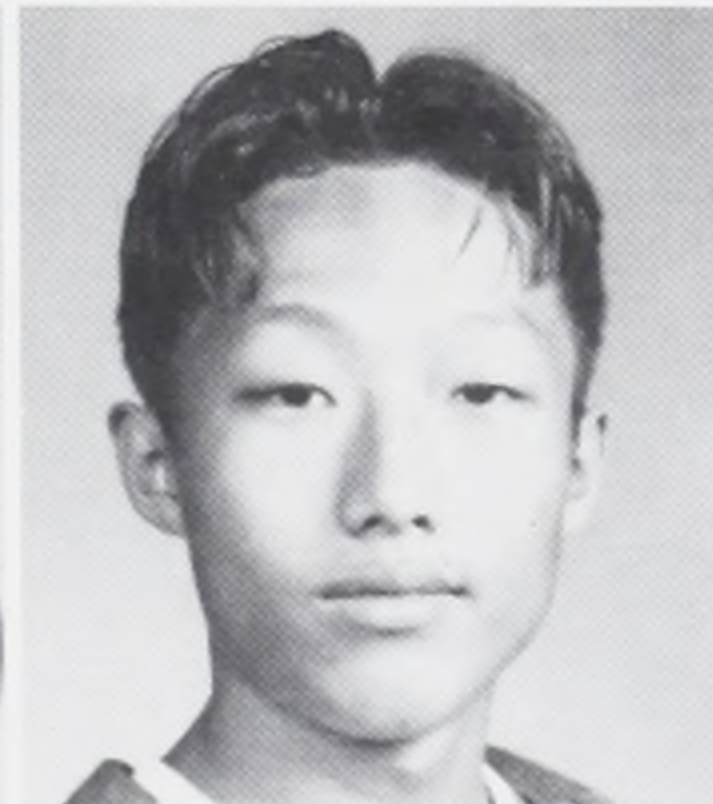
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The Freshmen Experience.....Class of 2001.....Two Thousand One Life



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Tam Vuong

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Joshua Wagner
Constance Walsh
Jeffrey Walton
Matthew Warner
Jake Warren

Serena Washington
Amy Webb
Matthew Webb
Kathleen Weigandt
Toshia Weitzel
Elias Wendlick

Let's Get Off the Moms!

Your Momma's so Dumb

- ...she sits on the T.V. and watches the couch.
- ...she tripped on a cordless phone.
- ...she thinks serial killers put poison in your cornflakes.
- ...she spent all night studying for a blood test, and failed.

She's so old her wig has a receding hair-line.

Your momma's so ugly, she's OOgly.

She's so old she went to an auction and TWO people bid on her.

Your mom has the face only a mother gorilla could love.

Tell your mom that Captain Ahab was looking for her.

She's not ugly compared to your granny.

I've seen nicer hair in my grandpa's nose than on your mom's head.

Your Momma's so Fat

- ...she has more rolls than Franz.
- ...when she tried to climb the curb it took her two tries.
- ...the phone company gave her her own area code.
- ...she sweats butter.
- ...her shoes smile when she takes them off.

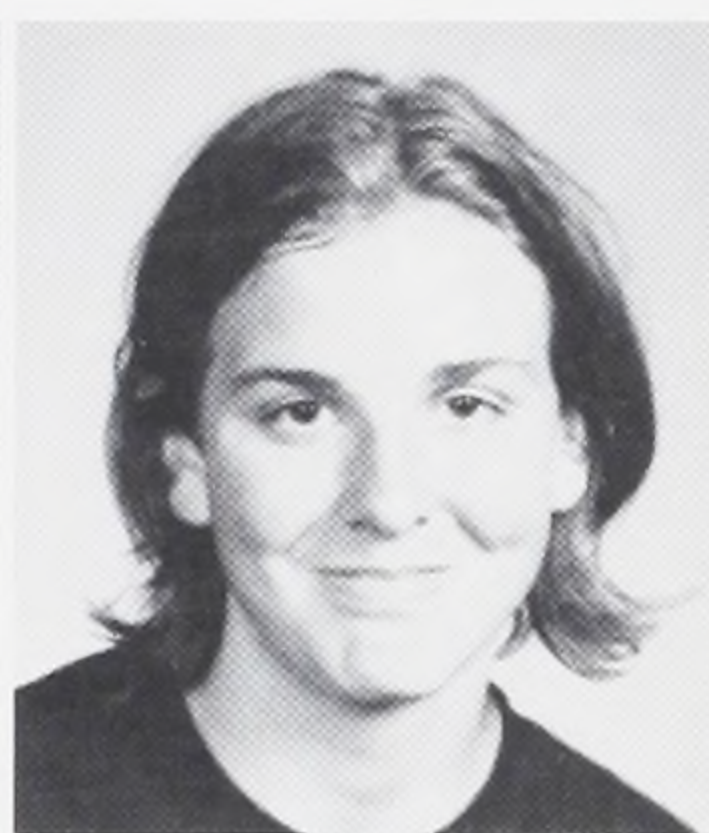
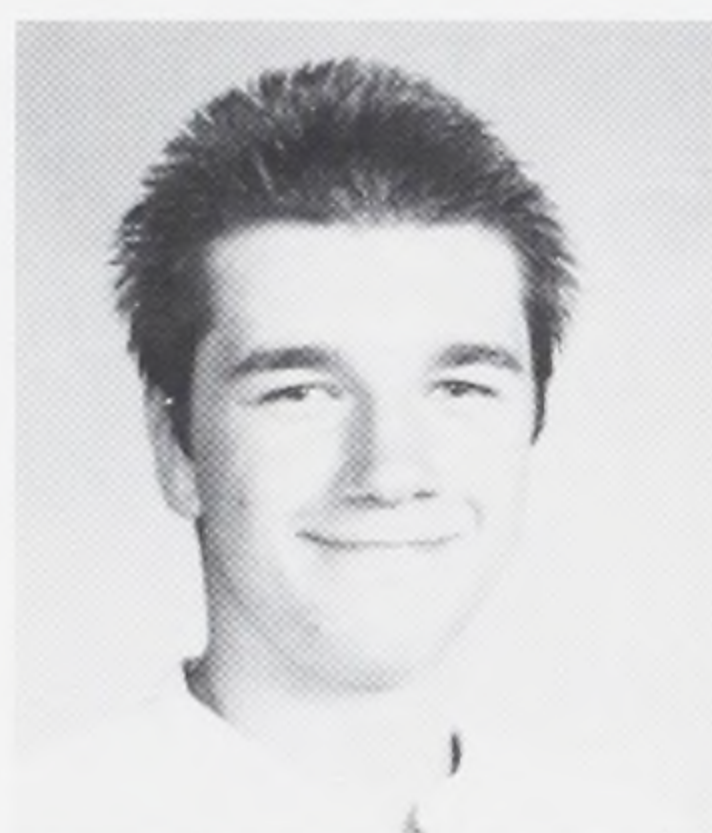
If your momma lived in caveman days, your daddy wouldn't use a club, he'd use a harpoon.

Your Momma's Mouth

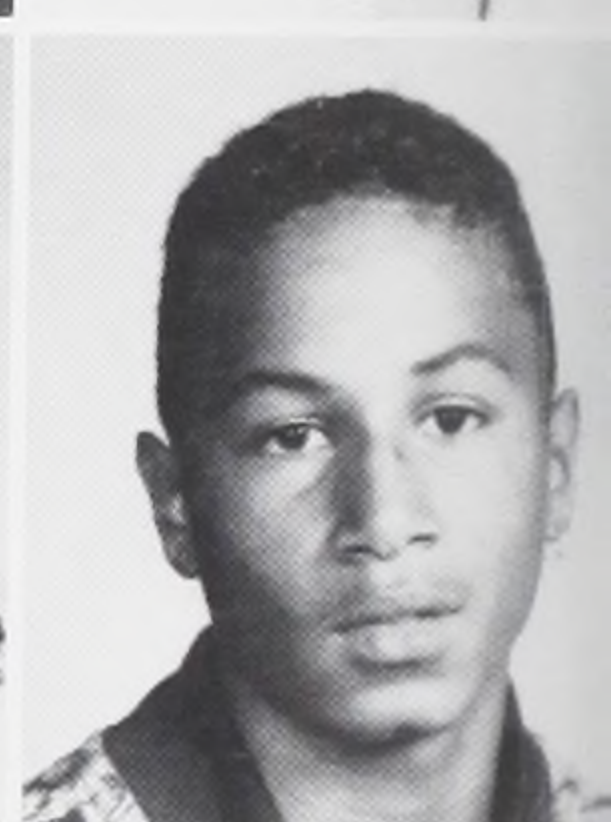
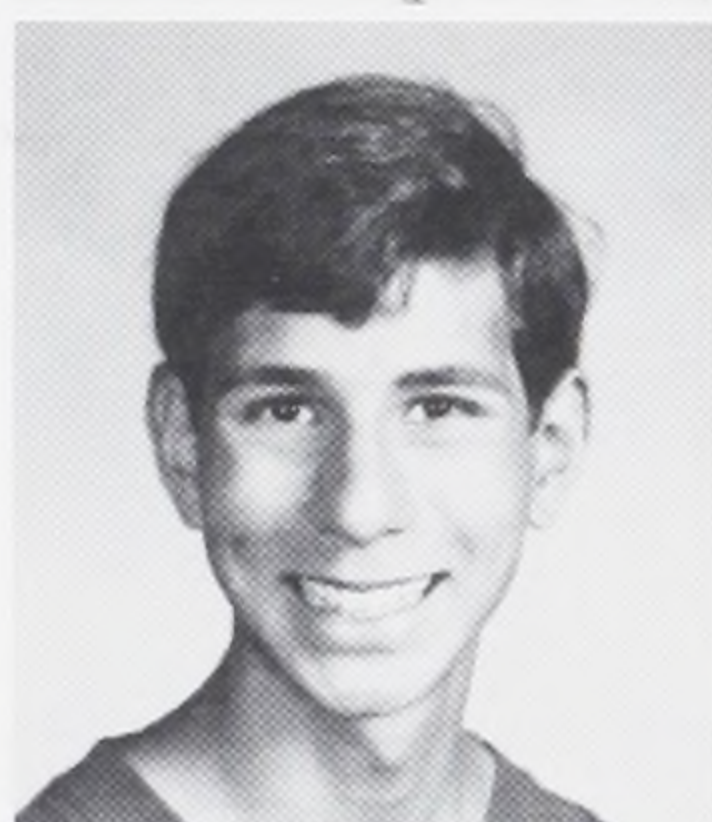
- Her teeth are like the stars, they come out at night.
- She has so many cavities she talks with an echo.
- Your momma goes to the dentist twice a year, once for each tooth.
- Her lips are so big Chapstick came out with a spray.
- Her breath is so bad you gotta feed her with a sling-shot.

compiled by Marc-Daniel Domond

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What Ever Happened To...

The Kid & Play

The Reebok

The Prep

The Electric Slide

The Cabbage Patch

The Troop

The Running Man

The Roger Rabbit

The Jordan

The Robo Cop

compiled by Jennifer Bray

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Back in the Day We Used to Play

Pac Man **Hide and Go Seek** Connect The Dots
Tiddley Winks Hop Scotch

Go Fish N.E.S. **Four Square**

Mother May I **Red Rover** See and Say Dodge Ball

Hungry, Hungry, Hippo

Red Light, Green Light Old Maid

Candy Land

Simon Says

Chutes and Ladders Uno **Atari**

Cartoon Tag

Memory

Teather Ball

Duck, Duck, Goose

Heads Up 7 Up

Fart Touch

Sorry

The World of Athletics

Sports Without an Education is a Long Shot

The great New York Yankee, Mickey Mantle, once said, "A team is where a boy goes to prove his courage on his own. A gang is where he goes to hide."

Most children learn the importance of working together on a team. It is where they first learn to cooperate with other people, develop athletic and social skills, and are introduced to failure, preparing them for the game of life. Not only that, it is where their dreams begin.

Thoughts of making it to the big leagues and playing with their favorite athletes run wild through children's heads. Some kids will devote all their time to practicing their jump shot or curve ball and not bother with school work. They don't see the need, because they are going to be earning millions of dollars after they are taken #1 in the draft. Unfortunately, most of the dreams will not become reality, and those who chose sports over school won't have anything to show for the past 12 years. This doesn't mean everyone should just give up. It means people must realize that sports without an education is a long shot.

Benson's sports program demonstrated that philosophy this year. There was a commitment to education throughout the season for all sports. Study tables in the evening and minimum GPA requirements insured that the athletes strived to meet their maximum potentials. Being a scholar-athlete is truly a recognizable accomplishment.

by Ryan Greenwood



Juantiyeh Morris, C'rel McAllister, and Antoinette Delaney spot Larissa Estes and demonstrate the epitome of teamwork.

LadyTech Volleyball 1997

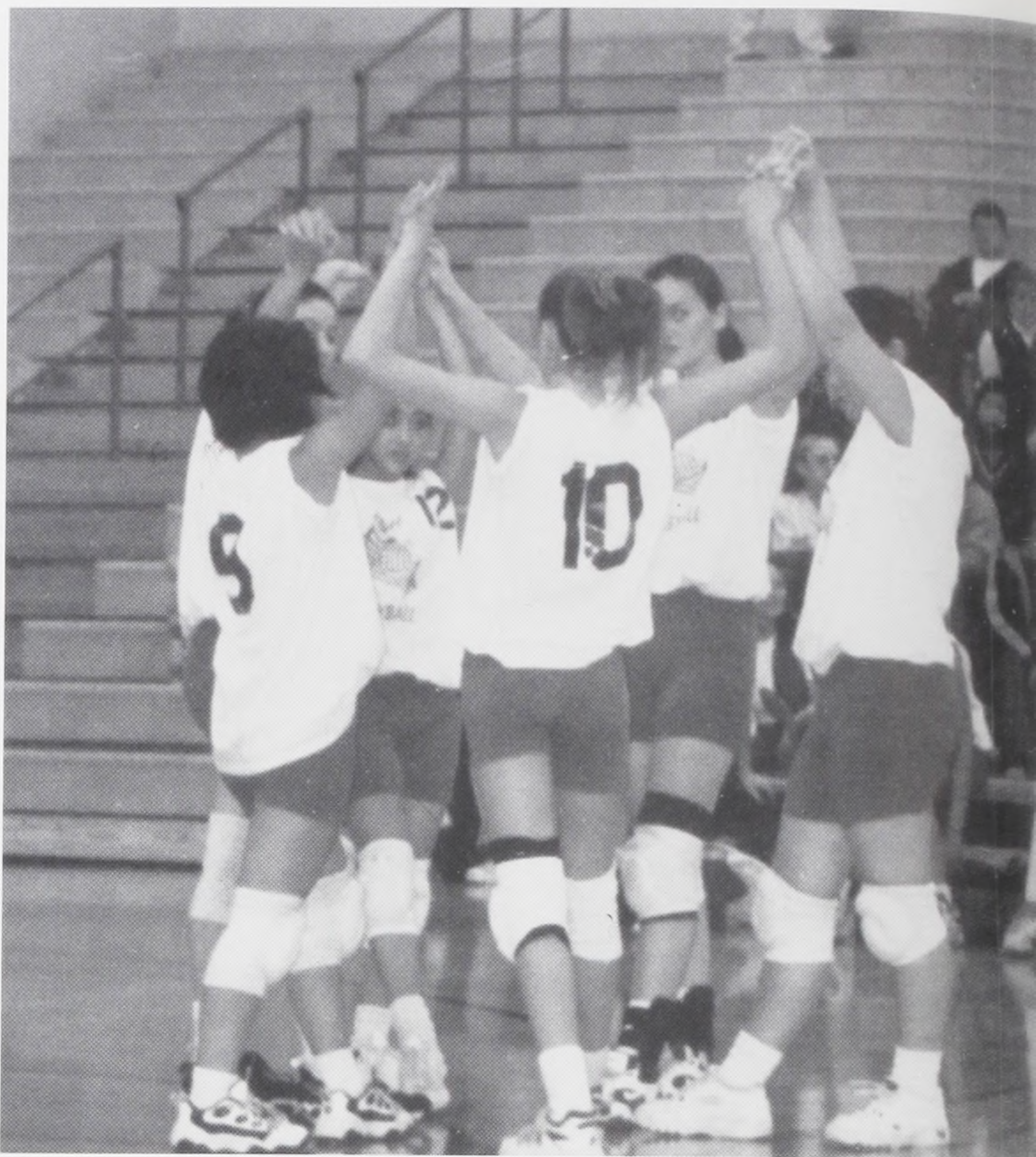
The 1997 season was great. The Varsity team made it to state, and the J.V. and Freshmen teams were not far behind. This year was a major jump for the J.V. team, winning 85% of their games. By far, the Freshmen team had the most success this season

losing only one of their 18 games. Head coach Linda McLellan claims that this is one of the better years she has had at Benson. This year's seniors will leave Tech volleyball having had an excellent season.

by Ashley Ries



Above: Sophomore Crystal Imes spikes the ball over the net. A Cleveland Warrior is ready to block, as the referee stands in amazement.



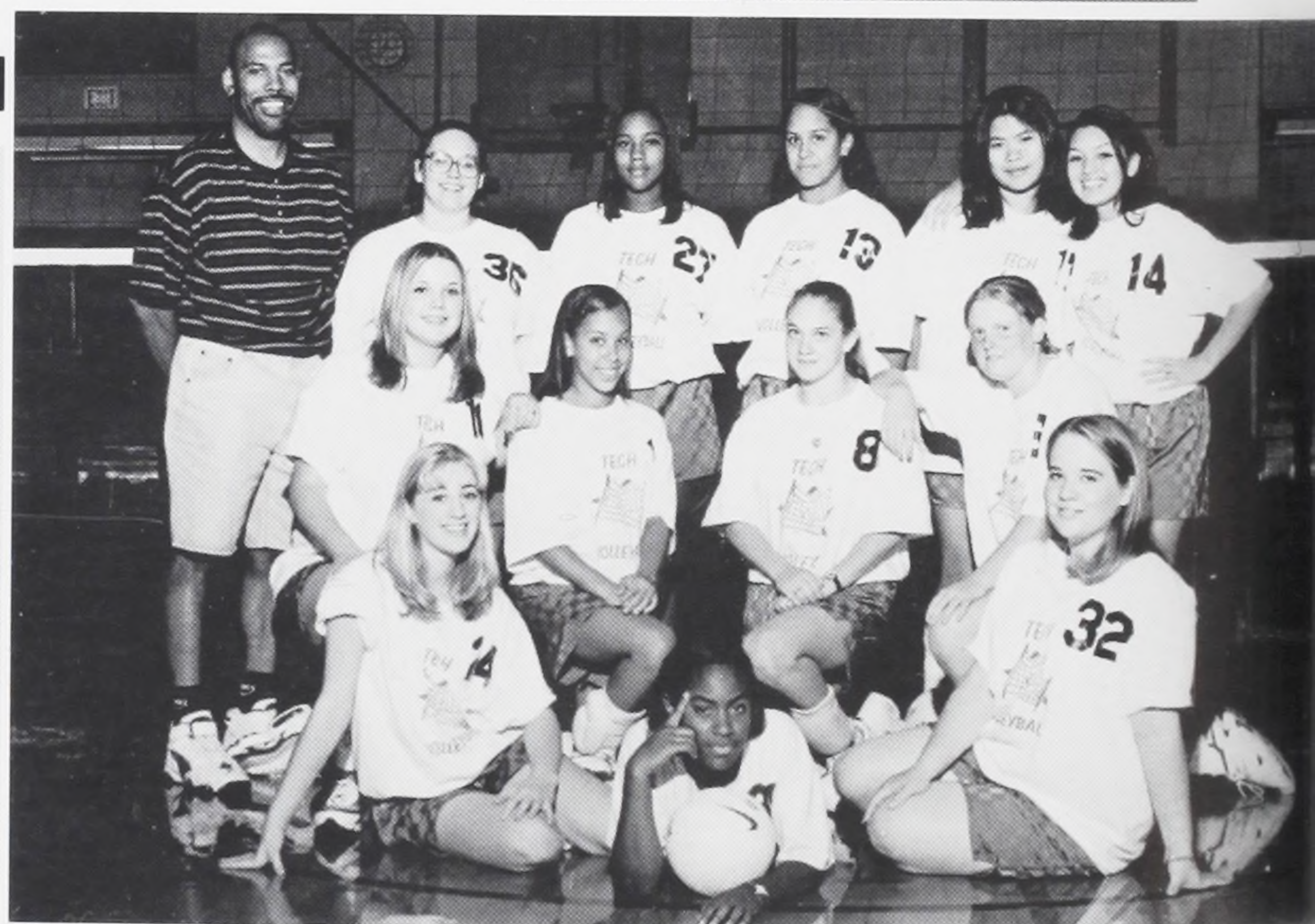
Above: Tech Volleyballers congratulate each other in a team cheer.

Right:
Alisha Davis



Varsity	Benson	Opponent
Ft. Vanc.	1	2
Marshall	2	0
Lincoln	0	2
Franklin	2	1
Roosevelt	0	2
Roosevelt	2	1
Lincoln	1	2
Grant	2	1
Madison	0	2
Jefferson	2	0
Grant	2	0
Wilson	0	2
Jefferson	2	0
Wilson	1	2
Cleveland	2	0
Cleveland	2	0
Franklin	0	2
Marshall	2	0
Madison	2	0
Centennial	0	2
Won: 11 Lost: 9		

J.V.	Benson	Opponent
FT. Vanc.	1	2
Marshall	1	2
Lincoln	2	1
Franklin	2	0
Roosevelt	2	1
Roosevelt	1	2
Lincoln	2	1
Grant	2	0
Madison	2	0
Jefferson	2	0
Grant	2	0
Wilson	1	2
Jefferson	2	0
Wilson	1	2
Cleveland	2	0
Cleveland	2	0
Franklin	2	0
Marshall	2	0
Madison	2	0
Won: 14 Lost: 5		



Bottom row: Ashleigh Weitzel, Michelle Patterson, Julie Brokaw. **Middle row:** Ashley Ries, Erica Tucker, Tiffany Erhardt, Tara Crest. **Top Row:** Coach Dennis Carline, Kim Hattig, Chelsea Brooks, Jessica Winkle, Dana Lui, Adel Pham.



Bottom row: Jaime Perkins, Esther Taylor, Catherine Trinh, Crystal Imes
Middle row: Amanda Johnston, Wendy Barnes, Nelly Park, Michelle Patterson
Top row: Coach Linda McLellan, Lan Evers, Diana Evers, Courtney Hamilton, Awenlue Kante, Jessica Downs

Tribute to Alisha Davis

This year's returning volleyball players had one motivation, and that was to win for Alisha. She was one of the varsity's star players last year, and she still managed to keep a 4.0 grade average. Alisha came to Benson her freshmen year only knowing her best friend Ashley and her father, Moses Davis, one of the electronics teachers. By the middle of the year, because of her great personality, everyone who knew of her loved her. Alisha blossomed into a beautiful young woman, who had plenty of time and love for those who needed it.

Unfortunately, Alisha wasn't able to finish her freshmen year, because she suffered an asthma attack and died on May 7, 1997, leaving all her new friends, best friend, and most of all her loving family behind to deal with her loss.

Alisha was a great person, with a great smile, and she will always be loved and missed by everyone at Benson. Love always to Alisha and her family.

By Ashley Ries and the 1996 Tech Volleyball team



Bottom row: Nicole Probst, Shelly King, Karen Hattig.
Middle row: Karen Mathews, Tamar Barnes, Laura Wright, Desiree Stanton, Emily Lothman.
Top row: Coach Katie Meyer, Hanh Tran, Tram Le, Teresa Chan, Beatrice Van, Wendy Layco.

Freshmen	Benson	Opponent
Ft. Vanc.	2	1
Marshall	2	1
Lincoln	2	1
Franklin	2	0
Roosevelt	2	0
Roosevelt	2	0
Lincoln	0	2
Grant	2	0
Jefferson	2	0
Madison	2	0
Grant	2	0
Wilson	2	0
Wilson	2	0
Cleveland	2	0
Cleveland	2	0
Franklin	2	0
Marshall	2	0
Madison	2	0
Won: 17		Lost: 1



Thanks to a great hit by Senior Diana Evers, a Cleveland Warrior misses another block.

Soccer

'Bout it

Boys Soccer Makes Impact At State

This year's boys' soccer team was phenomenal.

For the first time in 16 years they made it to the state playoffs. Half the players weren't even born back then!!

Before this year, the Benson soccer team was always overshadowed by the football team. This year, however, because of new uniforms and a strong determination to finally break out, they made it.

At the beginning of the season, the team's captain Tunde Sobomehin asked one question. He asked, "What is this team's goal?" Everyone seemed to have the same idea. They all wanted to go to state.

The team did just that, outplaying their opponents and finding a spot in the playoffs on Delta Park's brand new One Million Dollar field.

At state, the team played one of its best games of the season, holding Sheldon to only one goal. The final 20 minutes of the game were dominated by the Techmen, who launched a ferocious attack on the opponent's goal but failed to connect.

When it was all over, there were tears of joy and defeat. For all those who came and supported the team, there was nothing but gratitude for their efforts.

by Marc- Daniel Domond



Above: Senior Shane Bachman (#7) avoids defenders in order to advance the ball upfield.

Varsity Boys		
	Benson	Opp.
Century	2	0
Aloha	1	1
Parkrose	1	0
Sandy	1	1
Forest Grove	2	1
Franklin	1	0
Cleveland	0	2
Lincoln	4	1
Madison	2	1
Roosevelt	3	1
Wilson	1	5
Grant	0	3
Jefferson	6	0
Marshall	7	0
State Playoffs:		
Sheldon	0	1
Wins: 9 Losses:4 Ties:2		

Varsity Girls		
	Benson	Opp.
Milwaukie	2	9
David Douglas	0	1
Century	2	1
Sunset	0	3
Hillsboro	0	7
Franklin	0	2
Cleveland	0	10
Lincoln	0	8
Madison	1	4
Roosevelt	4	0
Wilson	0	5
Grant	0	5
Jefferson	1	0
Marshall	0	2
Wins: 3 Losses: 11 Ties: 0		



J.V. BOYS -- Front Row: Tyler Stewart, Robin Preator, Daniel Ruiz, Kidus Yared, Kenneth Adewola.
Second Row: Coach Steve Dubervac, Sean Baxter, Obena Otti, Luke Letourneux, Jared Freeman, Emmanuel Botez, Kevin Mechling, Bill Dullin, Adam Best.

FRESHMEN BOYS --

Front Row: Dan Person, Chad Laskey, Tien Le, Dan Seabeck, Paul Council, Ben Kastine, Mac Maltase
Second Row: Coach Mike Mechling, Chad Parker, Jon Hutchins, Adam Bush, Zach Cross, Michael Wilson, Steven Adkinson, Andrew Zimmerman, Brian Greensteet, Sean Porter



VARSITY BOYS -- Front Row: Luan Vu, Josh Long, J.D Boyd, Tunde Sobomehin, Marc-Daniel Domond, Devin O'neil, James, James Barnes. **Second Row:** Shane Bachman, Johnathan Wong, Mason Bibles, Dele' Sobomehin, Nathan Bibles, Derick Thompson, Chris Machado, Sean Evans, Eric Wiley, Coach David Anderson.



Above: Senior Tunde Sobomehin (#11) gears up to take a shot at the goal.

Below: Varsity goalie Derrick Thompson (#12) cradles the ball after an acrobatic save.



It's About The Attitude

Girls Persevere Despite Disappointments

This year's Girls Varsity Soccer team was young and deep in spirit.

When they put all the pieces together, they carried a potent punch. Many times, however, they didn't finish on the winning end, which kept confidence and morale down.

The girls' team was plagued by injuries, sickness, and suspensions, but they always seemed to work things out and maintain a positive attitude.

Although this team is losing three superstar seniors to graduation, look for the remaining players to shine for seasons to come.

by Marc-Daniel Domond



VARSITY GIRLS -- Front Row: Abby Lovett, Emma Stevenson, Amanda Stutevoss, Clarissa Lui. **Second Row:** Maryum Dawan, Jenny Beal, Mori Onick, Jessica Bauer, Jill Lavendeur, Rochelle Jackson. **Third Row:** Larissa Estes, Omalina Drack. **Fourth Row:** Kara Nathman, Alicia Riddle, Julie Forton.



J.V. GIRLS -- Front Row: Kennedy, Lindsay Serve, Leslie Wenzinger, Tara Ford, Haley Lovett, Sharitha McKenzie, Katie. **Back Row:** Leslie Huth, Elly Higgins, Libby Glynn, Noelle Dennis, Laura Ethen, Lindsey Melgern, Adrienne Walker, Jane Wong, Coach Leo Molar

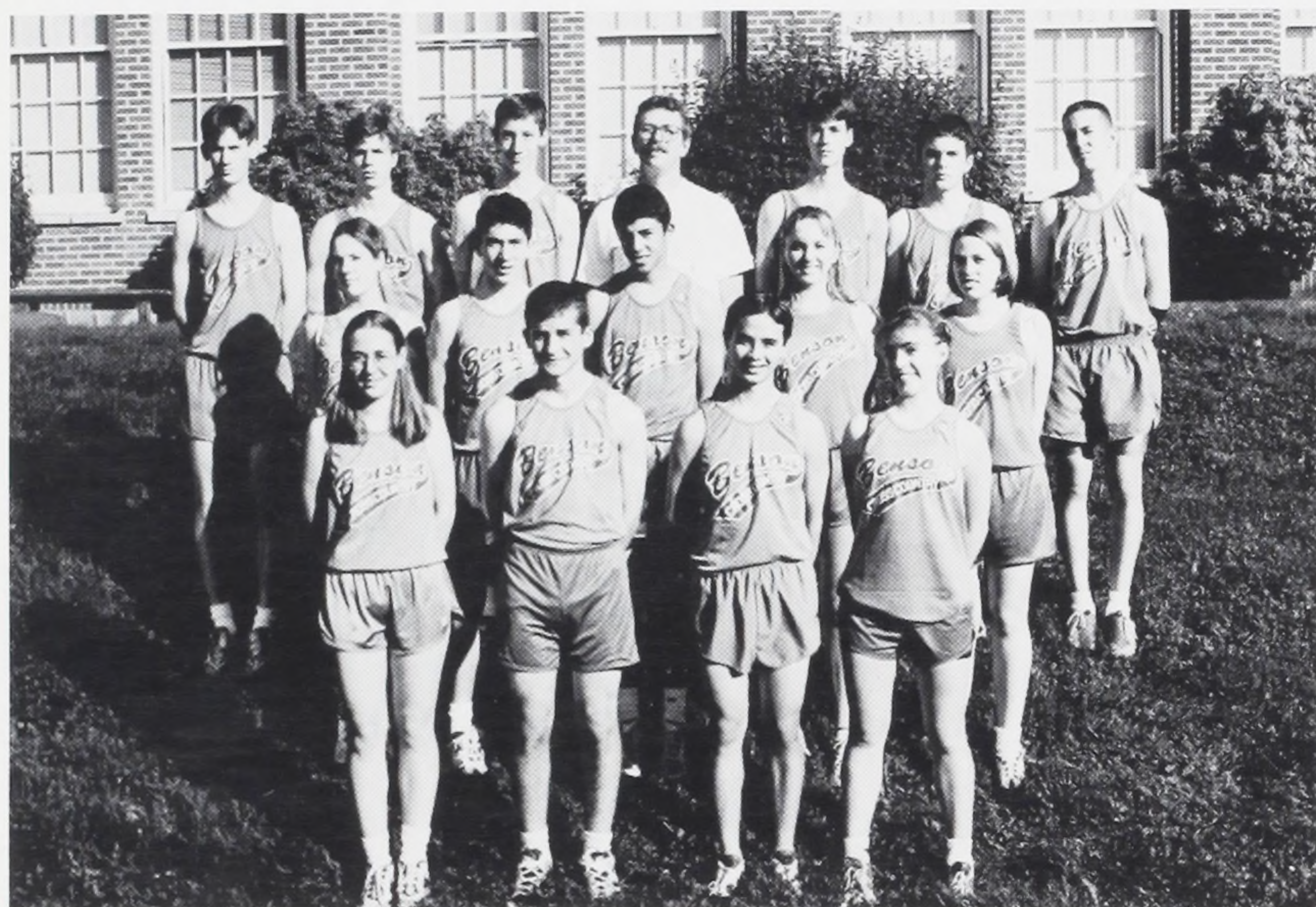
Cross Country

A Year to Remember

Cross Country is an experience that you will never forget.

Cross-Country is the sport of strength, endurance, stamina, confidence and running. All of these attributes are put together into one art. As the MVP of the girls' team, I can say that in order to be successful, you have to make a commitment to this sport and enjoy it.

Running is like no other sport, but it is present in almost all sports. It helps you learn proper breathing techniques, develop muscle, reduce body-fat, and most of all, it promotes physical and mental fitness.



Front Row: Rebecca Gilson, Luke Hotchkiss, Robert Stephens, Liz Candello
Second Row: Felicia Killian, Will Vollstedt, Nafie Gorman, Sara Parker, Jessica Watkins
Third Row: Greg Mouchka, Clark Wachsmuth, Drew Grenawalt, Coach Gerber, Jeff Schoonover, Nathan Harrower, David Comer
Not in photo: Carl Koester, Mike Downing

You've heard of the "runner's high," the aftermath of energy following your run. After you get in shape, running Cross Country will help provide extra energy for the day. It gets that energy activated and causes it to keep going.

Cross Country is the outlet for your power. Just plug it in and out comes energy.

This year our team diminished in numbers. What we needed was more people. To make a team you need players. If you would like to be part of a great running experience, please come and let this be your inspiration.

by Felicia Killian

Below: Boy's MVP, Will Vollstedt, is warming up before a big meet at Grant.



League Standings

1) Lincoln	9-0
2) Grant	8-1
3) Marshall	6-3
3) Wilson	6-3
5) Benson	5-4
5) Cleveland	5-4
7) Franklin	3-6
8) Madison	2-7
9) Roosevelt	1-8
10) Jefferson	0-9

Varsity Boys

	Benson	Opponent
Marshall	42	38
Cleveland	42	46
Lincoln	61	27
Grant	61	44
Hood River		
Invitational	7th out of 11 teams	
Wilson	33	29
Roosevelt	33	80
Jefferson	33	inc
Champoeg		
Invitational	4th out of 8 teams	
Madison	21	79
Franklin	21	36
PIL 5 way		
non-counter	3rd out of 5 teams	
District Meet	6th out of 10 teams	
-Will Vollstedt finished 77th out of 150 runners at the State Meet-		

Varsity Boys

League Record:

5 Wins

4 Losses

Season Record:

15 Wins

15 Losses

Team Awards

Will Vollstedt

MVP

First Team All City

Greg Mouchka

Most Inspirational

Clark Wachsmuth

Most Dedicated

Jeff Schoonover

Most Improved



Left: Felicia Killian, Sara Parker and Rebecca Gilson are pumped and ready to run at a meet with Grant, Franklin and Wilson.

Bottom Left: Liz Candello, Rebecca Gilson, Jessica Watkins, and Sara Parker are stretching out while their teammates relax.

Below: Senior Felicia Killian won the Girls MVP award and is showing us why.



Team Awards

Felicia Killian

MVP
First Team All City

Sara Parker

Most Inspirational

Jessica Watkins

Most Dedicated

Liz Candello

Most Improved

Varsity Girls

League Record:

1 Win

8 Losses

Season Record:

1 Win

27 Losses

Varsity Girls

	Benson	Opponent
Marshall	inc	no team
Cleveland	inc	15
Lincoln	inc	24
Grant	inc	31
Hood River		
Invitational	inc out of 11 teams	
Wilson	inc	26
Roosevelt	inc	inc
Jefferson	inc	inc
Champoeg		
Invitational	inc out of 8 teams	
Madison	40	inc
Franklin	40	20
PIL 5 way		
non-counter	inc out of 5 teams	
District Meet	6th out of 9 teams	
-Felicia Killian finished 73rd out of 148 runners at the State Meet-		

League Standings

1) Lincoln	9-0
2) Grant	8-1
3) Franklin	7-2
4) Wilson	6-3
5) Cleveland	5-4
6) Benson	3-6
7) Marshall	0-9
7) Madison	0-9
7) Roosevelt	0-9
7) Jefferson	0-9

Techmen Succeed Despite Adversity

Coming off a 7-2 season in 1996, literally inches away from the PIL championship, high hopes and expectations were set for the 1997 Benson football team. With a number of key returning starters, and a solid core of talented underclassmen making the jump to varsity, there was no question that the Techmen would be a contender for the title of No. 1 team in Portland.

After a solid performance at the Jamboree, it appeared as though the Techmen had the talent and determination to accomplish their goals. The season opener took place at Madison and within the first minute of the contest, star running back Leon Holliday suffered a broken arm that sidelined him for the whole season. A significant amount of adversity set in, yet other players were able to step up. They succeeded in rising to the challenge, winning the first two games against Madison and Jefferson by a combined score of 52-12.

Suffering only two losses, to Franklin and Grant, the Techmen finished 2nd behind the undefeated Generals. Their incredible desire was demonstrated in four comeback victories, including a triple-overtime win against Roosevelt. Benson went on to lose in the first round of the playoffs to the Reynolds Raiders, yet overall the 1997 season was one of success and achievement.

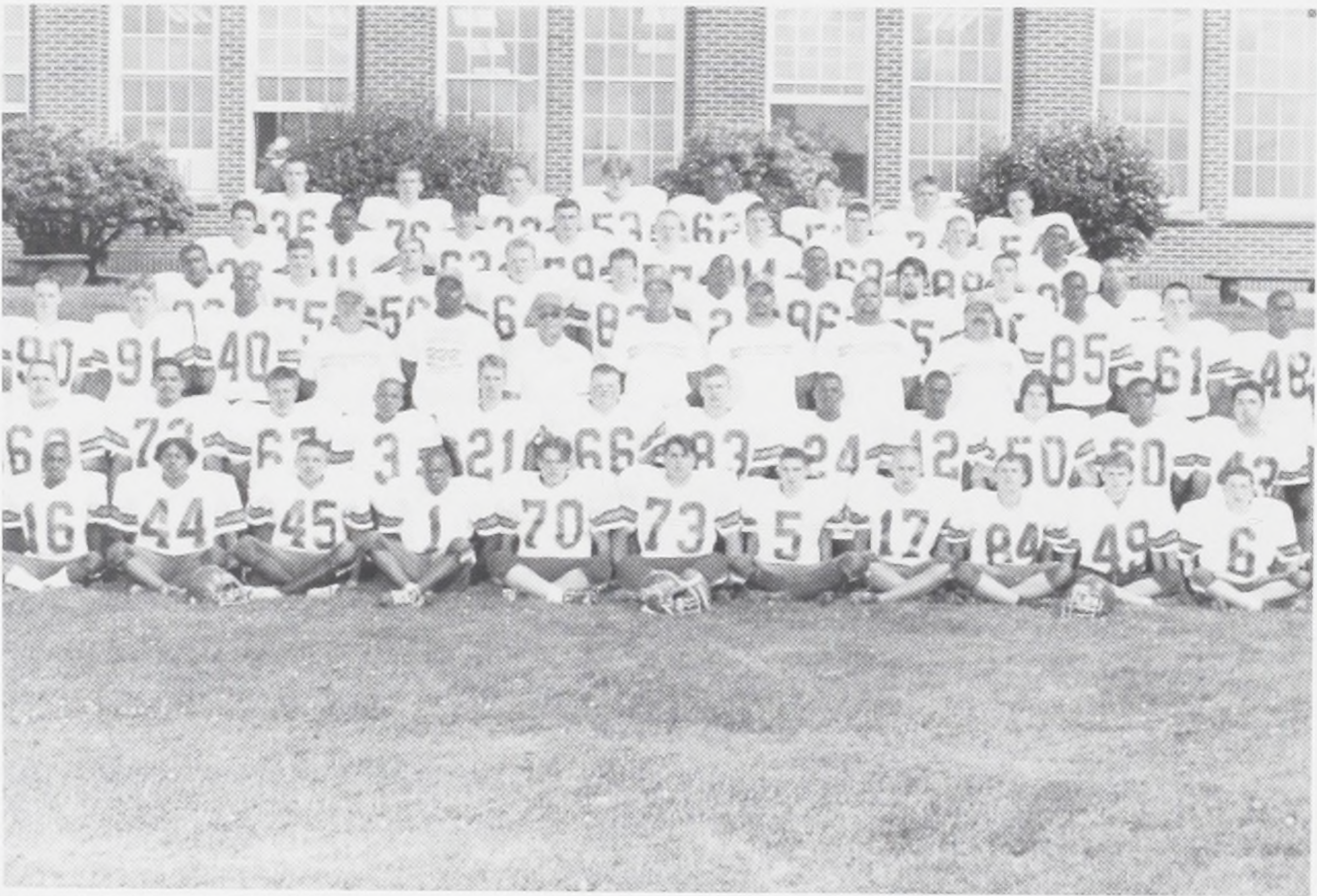


Above: RB Jimi Henderson gains a few yards before being tackled.

Game photos by Jeanette Pelster and Phi Lai



Above: Lineman Ryan Barrett lays down a lead block for ball carrier Devon Saahir.



First Row: Will Johnson, Mike Singleton, Daulton Husband, J.R. Waller, Nathan Olsen, Mike Harbick, Ryan Sharp, Ryan Madaris, Matt Grove, Unknown, Brian Jacobson. **Second Row:** Joe Payne, Keoni McMahon, Ryan Manning, Devon Saahir, Anthony Hutchinson, Matt Manley, Aaron Yanzick, Leon Holliday, Chris Sutton, Jon Thomas, Mike Spencer, Joey Tsai. **Third Row:** Joe Beer, Nick Quale, Bashone Johnson, Coach Lemon, Coach McSwain, Coach McNeil, Head Coach Dressel, Coach Hui, Coach Sunseri, David Hamilton, Doc Bennett, Paul Asana. **Fourth Row:** J.R. Scales, Chris Reynolds, Lee Heys, Mike Dozier, Antijuan Tolbert, Omari Jones, Robert Oseas, Darryl DeMaris, Kerry Watkins. **Fifth Row:** Cody Wise, Brian Watson, Terry Walker III, Ben Pelster, Brent McAllister, Aaron Taylor, A.J. Spliethof, Anthony Buntjer, Jimi Henderson. **Sixth Row:** Devin McComb, Joe Hammond, Bill Fairly, Brandon Schevein, Danny Garner, Ryan Barrett, Pat Bernier, Matt Dillion.

Varsity		
PIL	Benson	Opp.
Madison	27	6
Jefferson	27	6
Franklin	13	20
Cleveland	39	18
Marshall	45	20
Roosevelt	26	20
Grant	6	35
Lincoln	34	25
Wilson	24	6
PLAYOFFS		
Reynolds	8	35

Junior Varsity		
PIL	Benson	Opp.
Franklin	6	38
Franklin	26	58
Ft. Vancouver	12	21
Marshall	20	22
Roosevelt	14	6
Grant	8	20
Lincoln	6	35
Wilson	6	38



Top Left: J.R. Waller cuts back at the line of scrimmage looking for a hole to run through.



Bottom Left: Jimi Henderson levels a Grant ball carrier.



Above: Coach Dressel watches as the play unfolds on the field.

All-City Winners

Chris Sutton, QB/CB
 Danny Garner, OL
 Devon Saahir, RB
 Kerry Watkins, DE
 J.R. Scales, DL
 Bill Fairly, LB
 Antjuan Tolbert, WR



Front Row: Michael Lyski, Madison Ceaser, Nathan Fear, Ryan Allen, Tyler Relfer, Adam Neil, Allen Srmnjer, Hung Nguyen. **Second Row:** Jacob Mercer, Joaquin Harvey, Javin Harper, Coach Hui, Coach Waller, Coach Kelly, Daniel Kolokolo, Marcus Mavion, George Somics. **Third Row:** Dennis Lambert, Mark Moore, Josh Young, Luke Parker, Michael Johnson, Danial Fryr, Patrick Sanders, Chris Snaders, AndyBuck, Quibrance Deuers. **Fourth Row:** Will Seiler, Mychol Robirds, Jeff Walton, Josh Patterson, David Arvesen, Chris Barrett, Darren Cooper, Johnny, Ian Lenard, Casey Coultas, David Dillon. **Not Pictured:** Matt Webb, Danny Seabeck, Jessie McIntire, Tim Rice.

Benson Statistical Leaders

Passing- Chris Sutton, 993 yards
 Rushing- Devon Saahir, 693 yards
 Receiving- J.R. Waller, 243 yards and 17 receptions
 Sacks- Kerry Watkins, 8
 Fumble Recoveries- Tiny Husband, 3

Freshmen

PIL	Benson	Opp.
Gladstone	8	46
Clackamas	14	26
Franklin	20	0
Cleveland	38	12
Marshall	22	14
Roosevelt	0	20
Grant	6	32
Lincoln	24	22
Wilson	0	0

Women's Basketball

A Tough Season for the Techsters

It was a tough season for these Techsters. This year their coach, Dennis Carline, made it clear to all his players that a 2.66 GPA was needed to stay a part of the team, making this their number one goal.

This year, like those in the past, every eligible girl tried out for the team. Anxiety rushes through every girl's veins as they wait to find out if they are one of those lucky few that make it. That is only the first step. Once the team has been chosen, they go through several weeks of conditioning and training. Positions are given, and the team is ready to play.

Even though the Men's Basketball team took the spotlight from these athletic girls, the Lady Techsters displayed a season full of endurance, accumulating 17 wins and only 8 losses. Winning a close game against Lincoln in double-overtime helped increase their confidence for the final three games of the season. Taking 3rd place in the PIL gave them a ticket to the state playoffs where, unfortunately, they suffered a close loss to Willamette in the second round.

Maybe next year the Lady Techsters will steal the spotlight in the sport Benson is known for, basketball.



PIL Standings

	Wins	Losses
Jefferson	15	3
Wilson	14	4
Benson	13	5
Lincoln	12	6
Grant	11	7
Franklin	10	8

Season Record

Wins: 13 Losses: 5

Team Awards

Shekinah Brazzle

-M.V.P.-

Patrice Middleton

-Most Improved-

Jill Laverdure

-Best Defender-

Michelle Vickery

-Coaches Award-

Women's Varsity

	Benson	Opp.
Gresham	50	57
Centennial	58	36
Tualatin	81	66
Marshall	60	40
Grant	58	39
Madison	77	35
Hood River	34	65
Dalles	43	38
Tasmania	62	67
Roosevelt	63	37
Lincoln	50	79
Franklin	71	39

Women's Varsity

	Benson	Opp.
Wilson	73	52
Cleveland	70	36
Marshall	74	35
Jefferson	31	62
Grant	34	35
Jefferson	44	81
Madison	57	39
Roosevelt	71	31
Lincoln	74	71
Franklin	65	36
Wilson	33	44
Cleveland	43	37

State Tournament

	Benson	Opp.
Willamette	68	75



Men's Basketball

A Season To Remember

After a disappointing season in '97, being knocked out of the playoffs in the first round, the Benson Techmen basketball team looked to retaliate in '98. With the entire starting lineup returning and a year of maturity under their belts, the Techmen were favored to finish first in their conference and be a dominant force in the state playoffs. The Techmen surprised few as they proceeded to take the PIL by storm. They finished the season with an undefeated record. Some of their victories were by up to 77 points! Led by seniors Tunde Sobomehin, Leon Holiday and Craig Lewis, Benson demonstrated it was one of the most talented teams in the state. After suffering a big loss when sophomore Robert Day injured an ankle midway through the season, there was no doubt the team would have to raise it up a notch.

Their quest to be Oregon's finest began at the Memorial Coliseum against the Reynolds Raiders. Although a solid squad, the Raiders proved no match for Benson, and the Techmen went on to win convincingly. Two more huge victories over Jesuit and the #1 ranked Churchill Lancers gave Benson an invitation to their sixth state championship game. They faced the Beaverton Beavers. Unfortunately, it seemed as though all the Techmen's intensity was left at the Coliseum, and Beaverton was crowned champion.

"We still had a great season," stated 1st Team All-Tournament selection Craig Lewis. "Going undefeated is still a great accomplishment and we have nothing to be ashamed of. We just fell a little short."

Although the Techmen did fall just short of their goal, they represented their school, and Portland, with class, dignity, desire and, of course, talent.

by Kerry Watkins

All League

1st Team

Craig Lewis
Ben Coffee
Terrance Green

2nd Team

Boomer Brazzle

All Tournament

1st Team

Craig Lewis
Ben Coffee

PIL Standings

	Wins	Losses
Benson	18	0
Jefferson	13	5
Wilson	11	7
Cleveland	11	7
Roosevelt	9	9
Grant	8	10
Lincoln	7	11
Franklin	6	12
Madison	6	12
Marshall	0	18

Season Record

Wins: 26 Losses: 2



Front Row: Lyna McKininn, Leon Holiday, Jamie Offia, Terrance Green, Phil Graham, Robert Day, Craig Lewis, Hakim Hasan, Tunde Sobomehin **Back Row:** Boomer Brazzle, Ben Coffee, Coach Pat Strickland, Coach Mike Lewis, Coach Lono Waiwaiole, Head Coach Don Emry, Asst Coach Troy Berry, Asst Coach Mike Pierce, Jon Tinnon, Ryan Marquez.

Team Awards

Ben Coffee

-M.V.P.-

Tunde Sobomehin

-Most Inspirational-

Craig Lewis

-Best Defender-

Leon Holiday

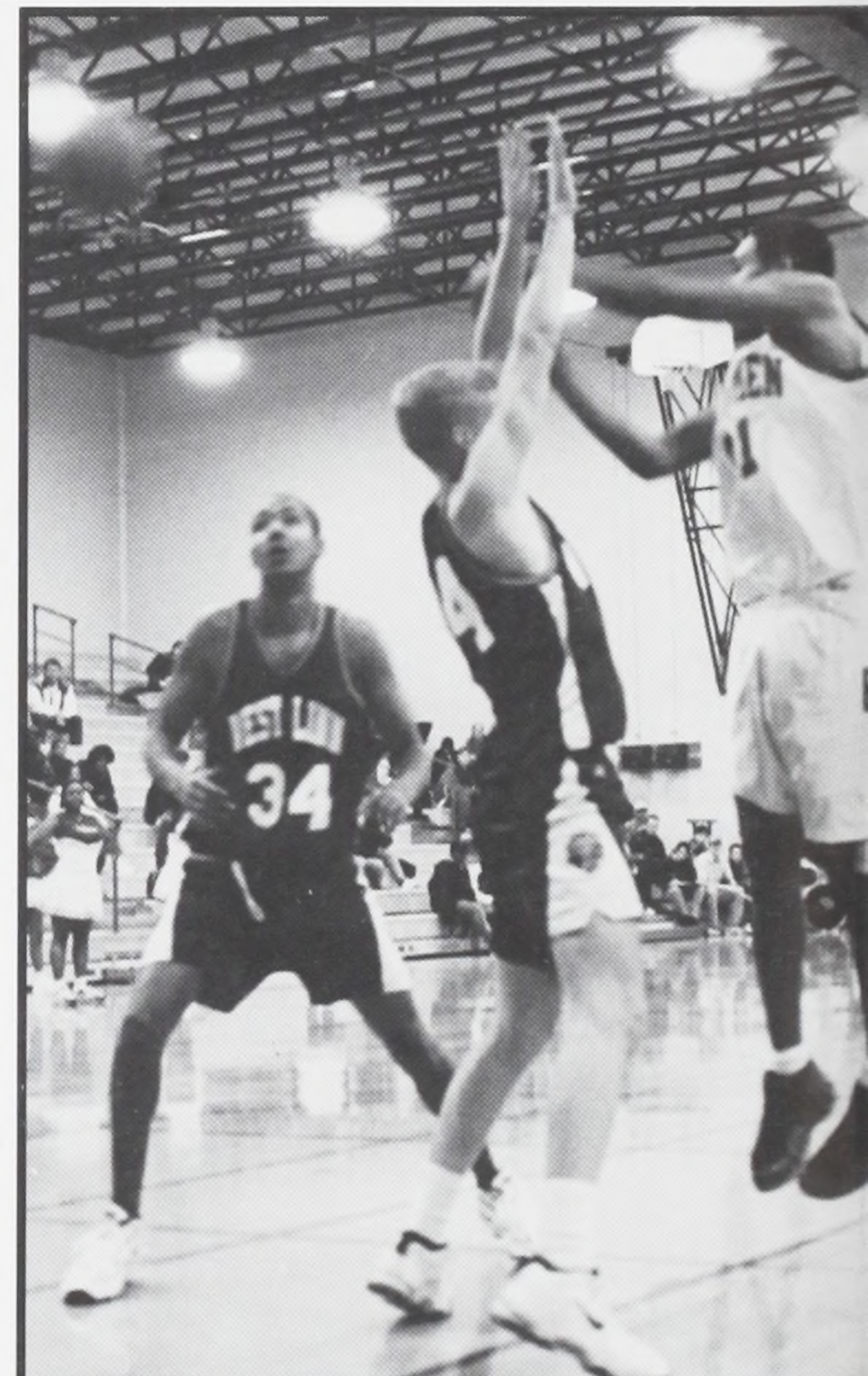
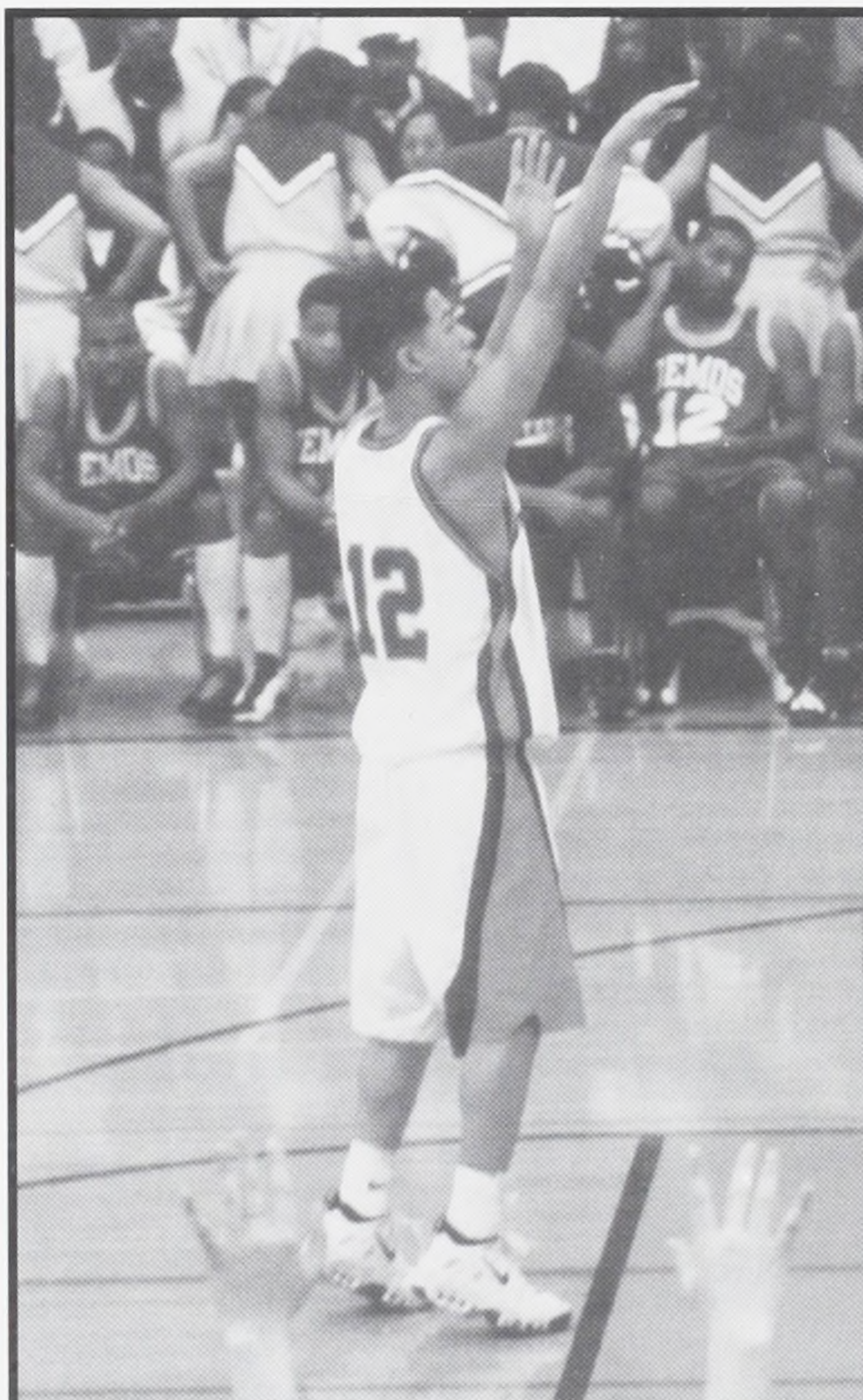
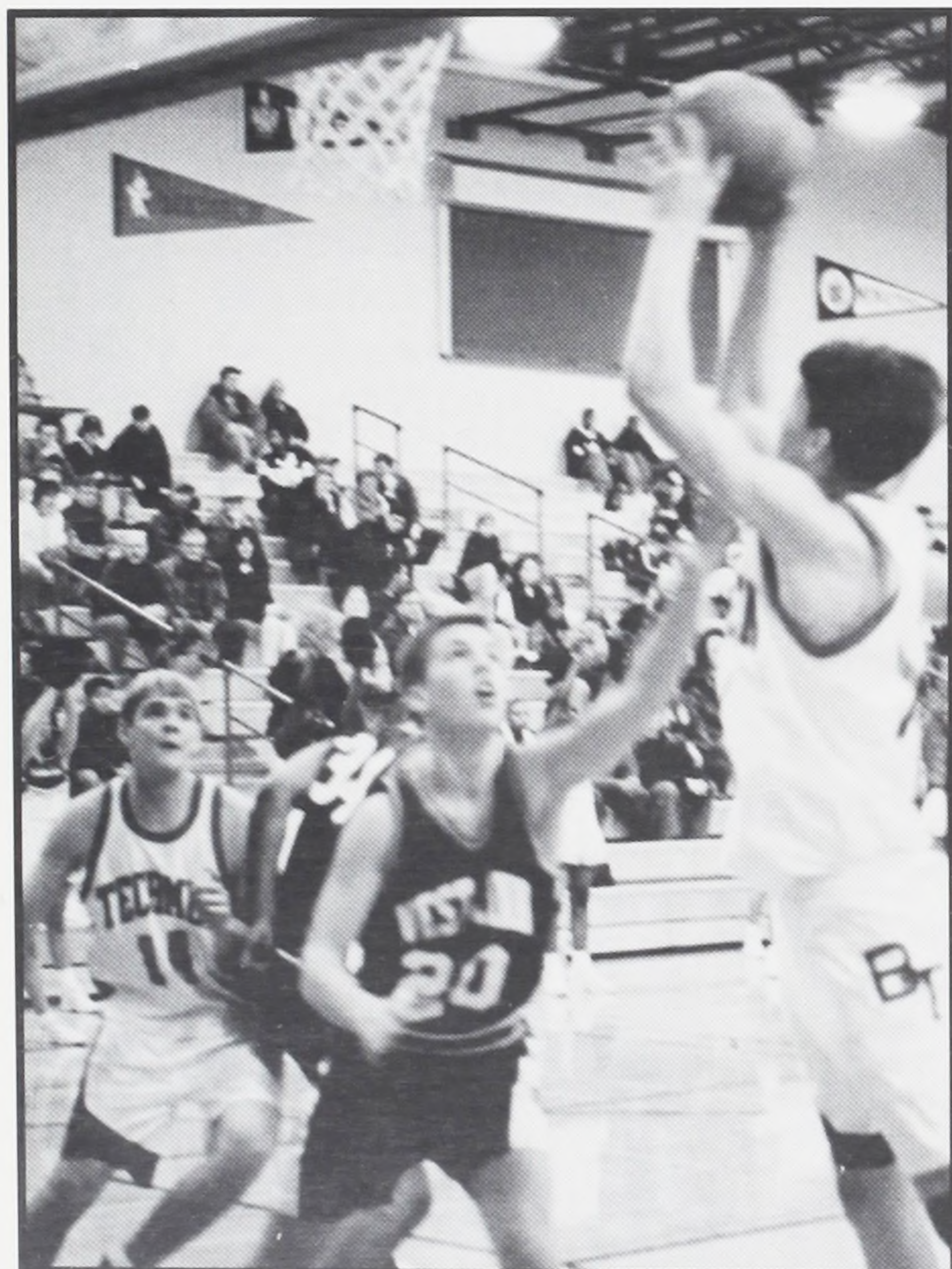
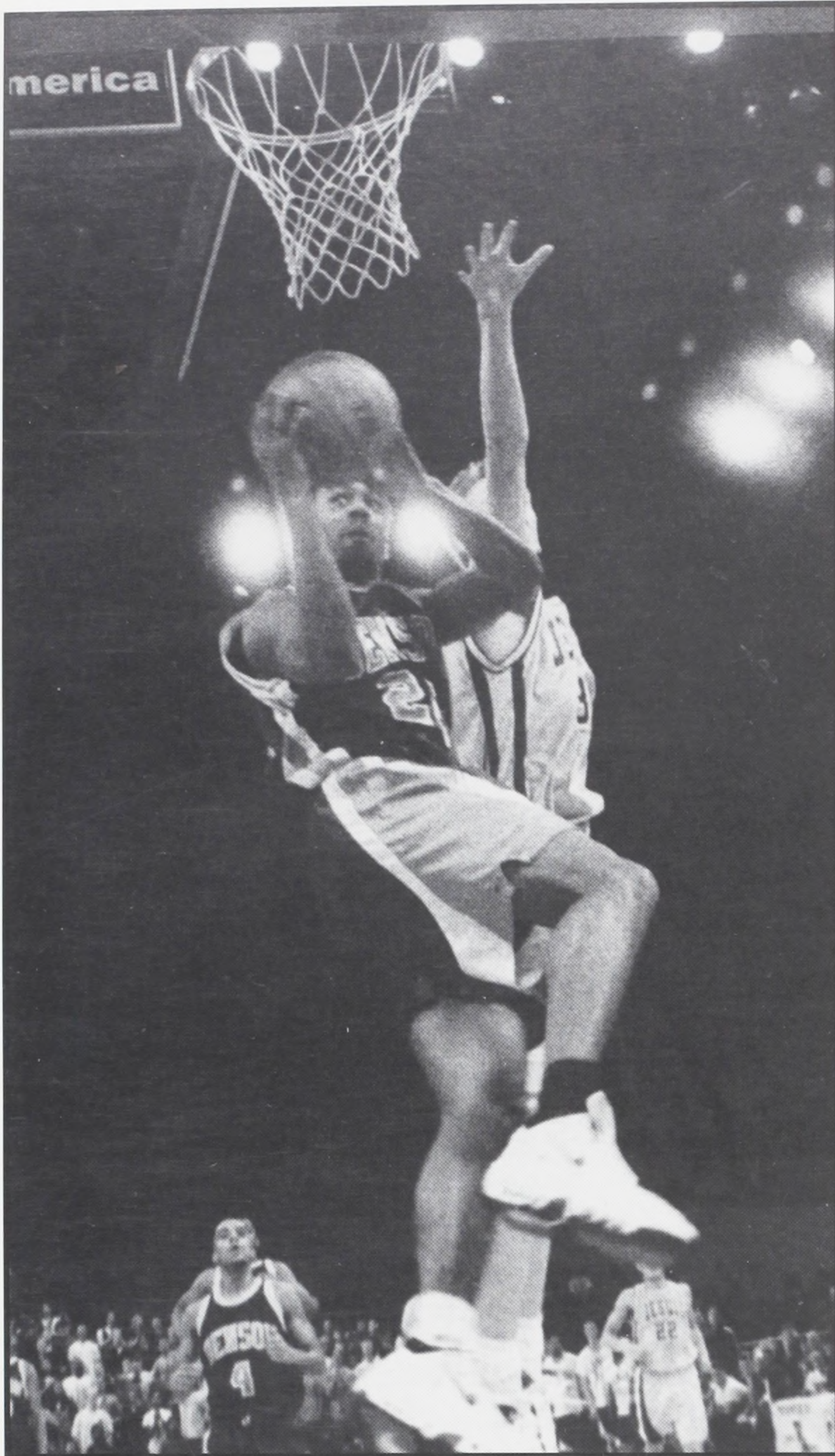
-Team Captain-

State Tournament

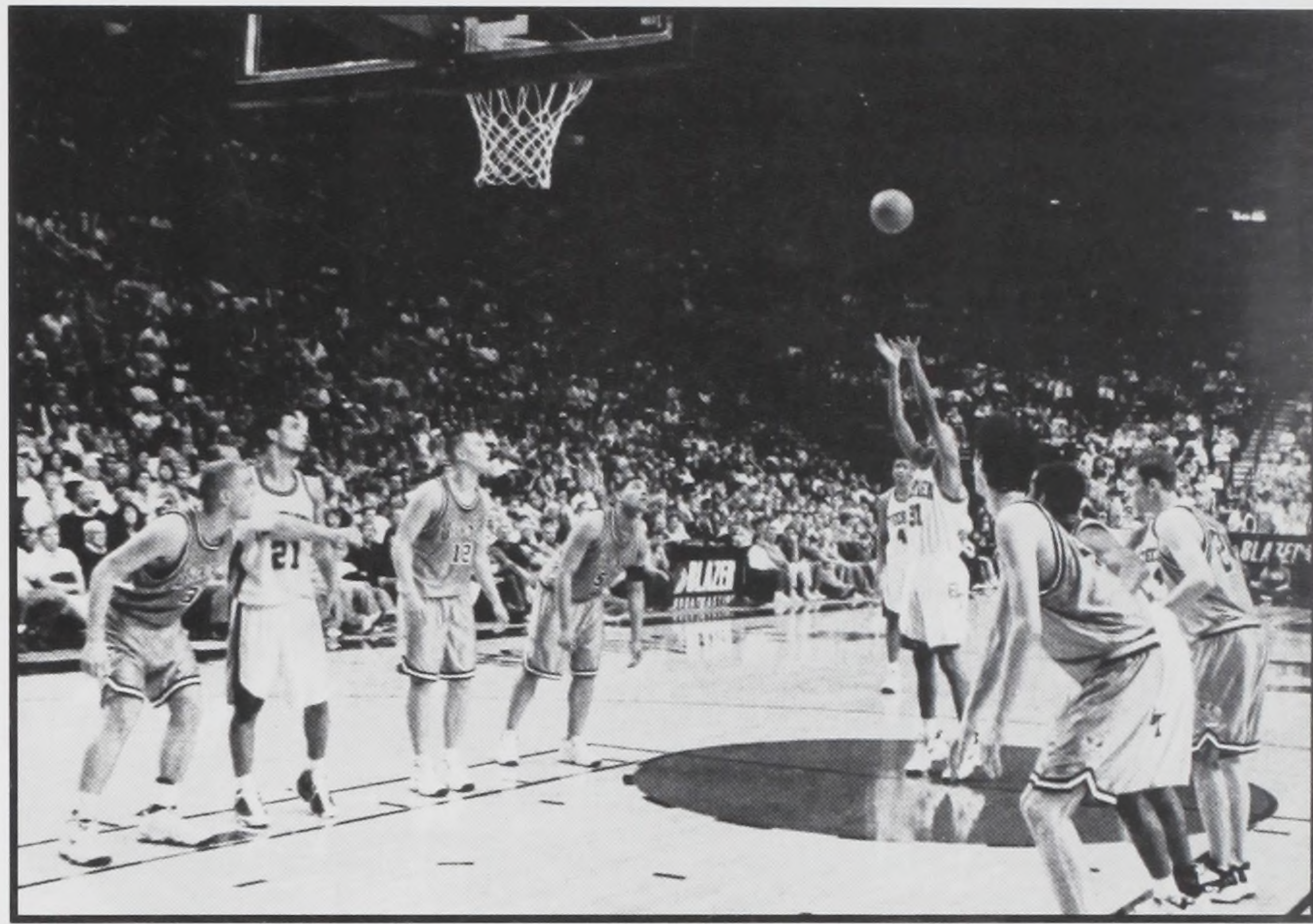
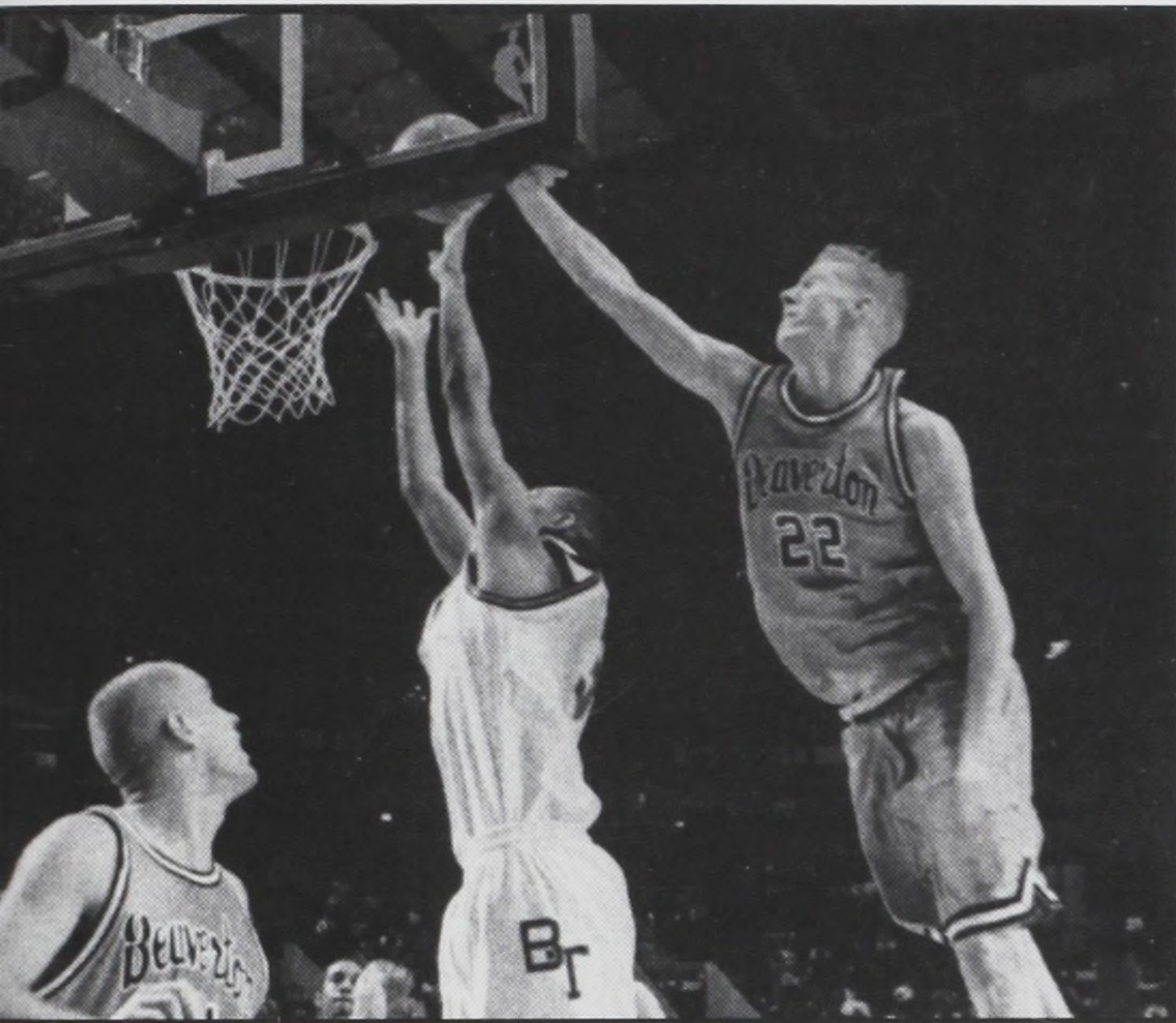
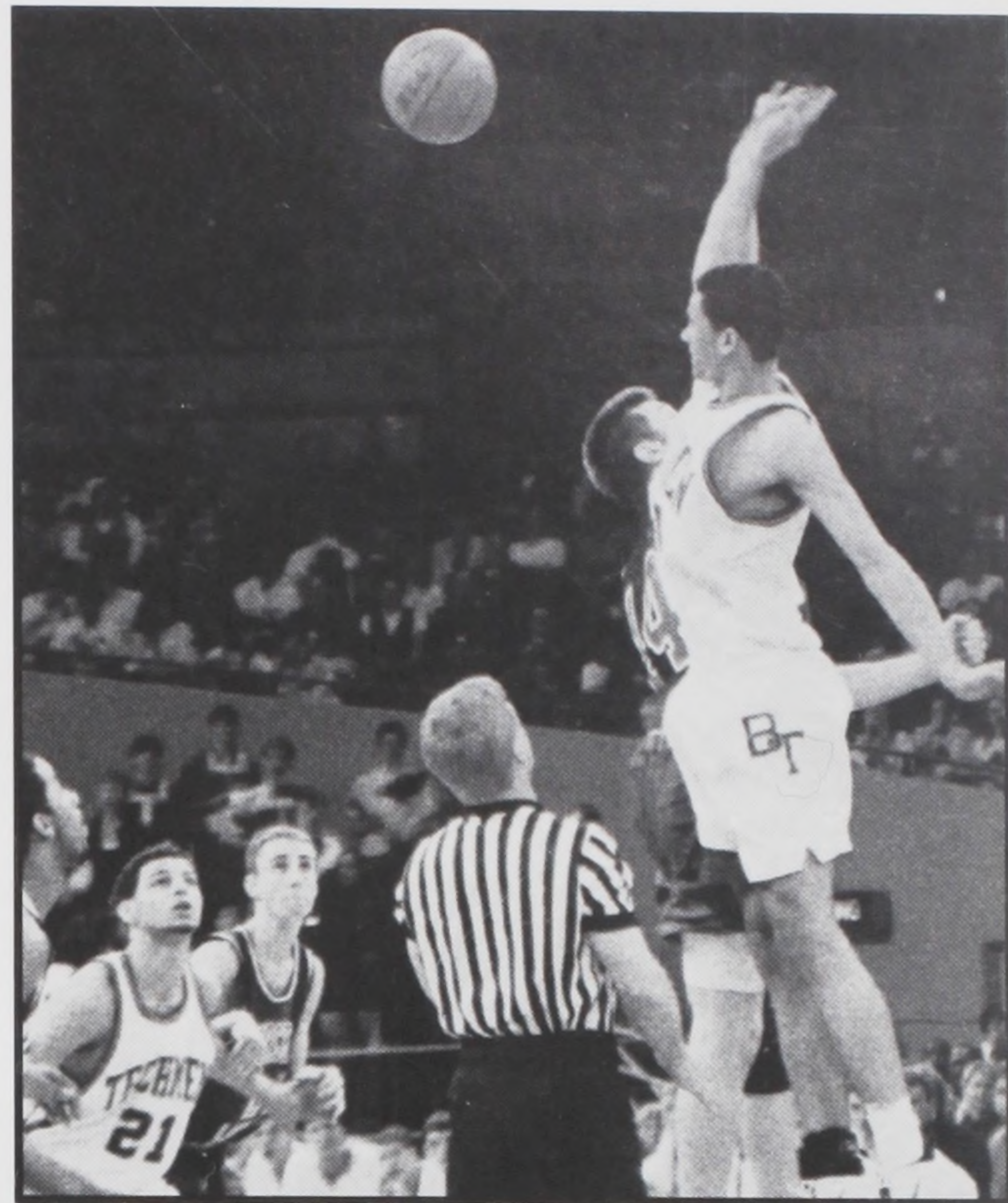
	Benson	Opp.
Reynolds	76	48
Jesuit	72	71
Churchill	58	45
Championship Game		
Beaverton	59	70

Men's Varsity

	Benson	Opp.
West Linn	50	48
Glencoe	68	58
Grant	82	70
Madison	67	58
Torrey Pines	56	44
Churchill	44	61
N. Eugene	79	48
West Linn	70	58
Tasmania Heat	106	50
Roosevelt	90	54
Lincoln	109	87
Franklin	103	51
Wilson	67	57
Cleveland	98	84
Marshall	83	46
Jefferson	72	66
Grant	83	71
Madison	93	60
Roosevelt	79	58
Lincoln	92	62
Franklin	86	73
Cleveland	102	61
Marshall	112	35
Jefferson	71	63



Jared Boehm



Wrestling

The Unresistable Urge to Stick Some Guy's Head Through a 2-Inch Mat

This year, Coach Mechling's high hopes paid off with another PIL Championship for Benson. Taking the tournament by over 40 points, Benson proved it was the team to beat, and it plans to stay that way. Only six senior wrestlers were in the line-up this year, with Morgan Jones (140) and Joe Mauck (145) as team captains. Dan Lankow (140), Anthony Buntjer (152), A.J. Spliethof (189), and Doc Bennett (215) also helped lead an incredible junior, sophomore, and freshmen turnout. With over 80 wrestlers this year, Benson had some amazing depth to its line-up often taking 1st and 2nd in many weight classes.

Although favored for an undefeated dual-meet record, Benson finished second. Not to be outdone, however, Benson wrestled Dallas, and amazed everyone with a close victory. Also contributing to the spotlight was Benson's

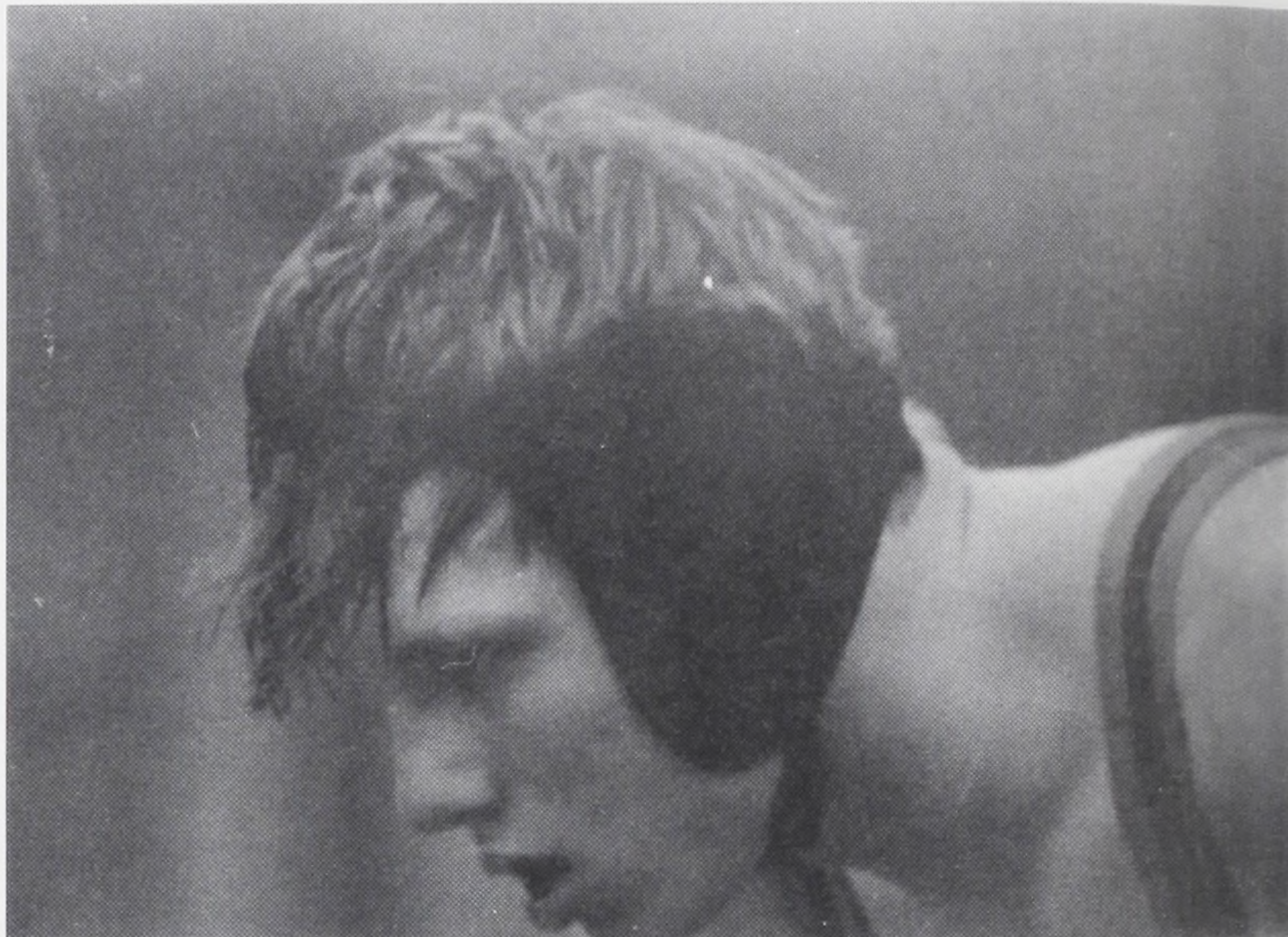
first home tournament victory. The Techman followed their great regular season by sending 11 wrestlers to state, their most ever, and more than any other PIL school.

When you are dedicated, or even sometimes when you are not, wrestling is undoubtedly the most physical and strenuous sport. Wrestling demands that you use every muscle you never knew existed. It requires an incredible amount of discipline, and it builds character. One-on-one, skill-against-skill, muscle-versus-muscle. Two sweaty bodies, exhausted to their limits, heaving, straining, exerting a strength they never thought obtainable. You are driven for domination, possibly defeat, but never failure. A failure is one who has given up, or has not learned from defeat. Wrestling tests your limits. It pushes you. It is a sport that molds you into a better person.

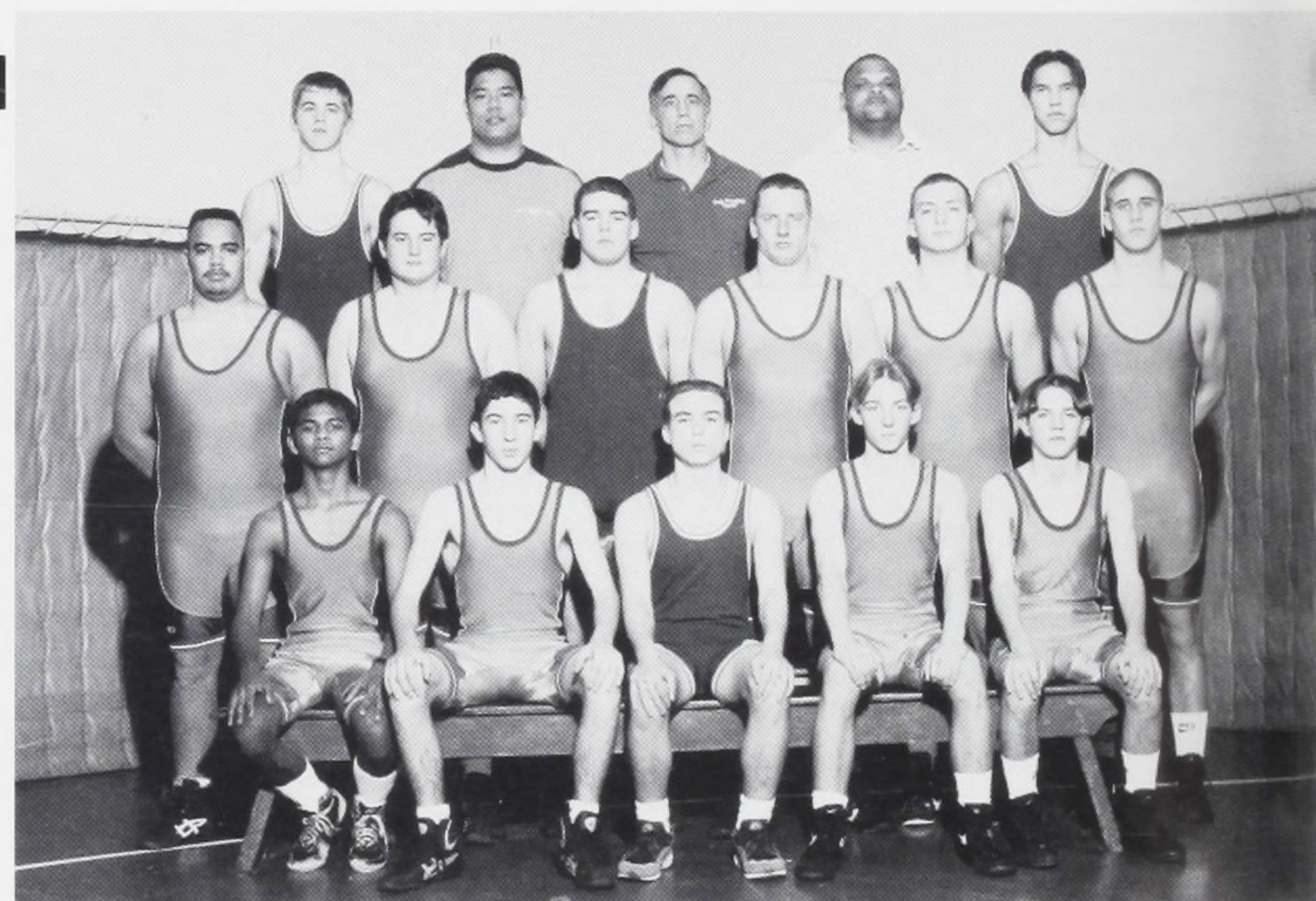


Above: Freshman Jeff Walton makes sure he wins his match using both an arm and a leg.

Below: Junior Ryan Barrett stares down his opponent gaining a slight but important advantage.



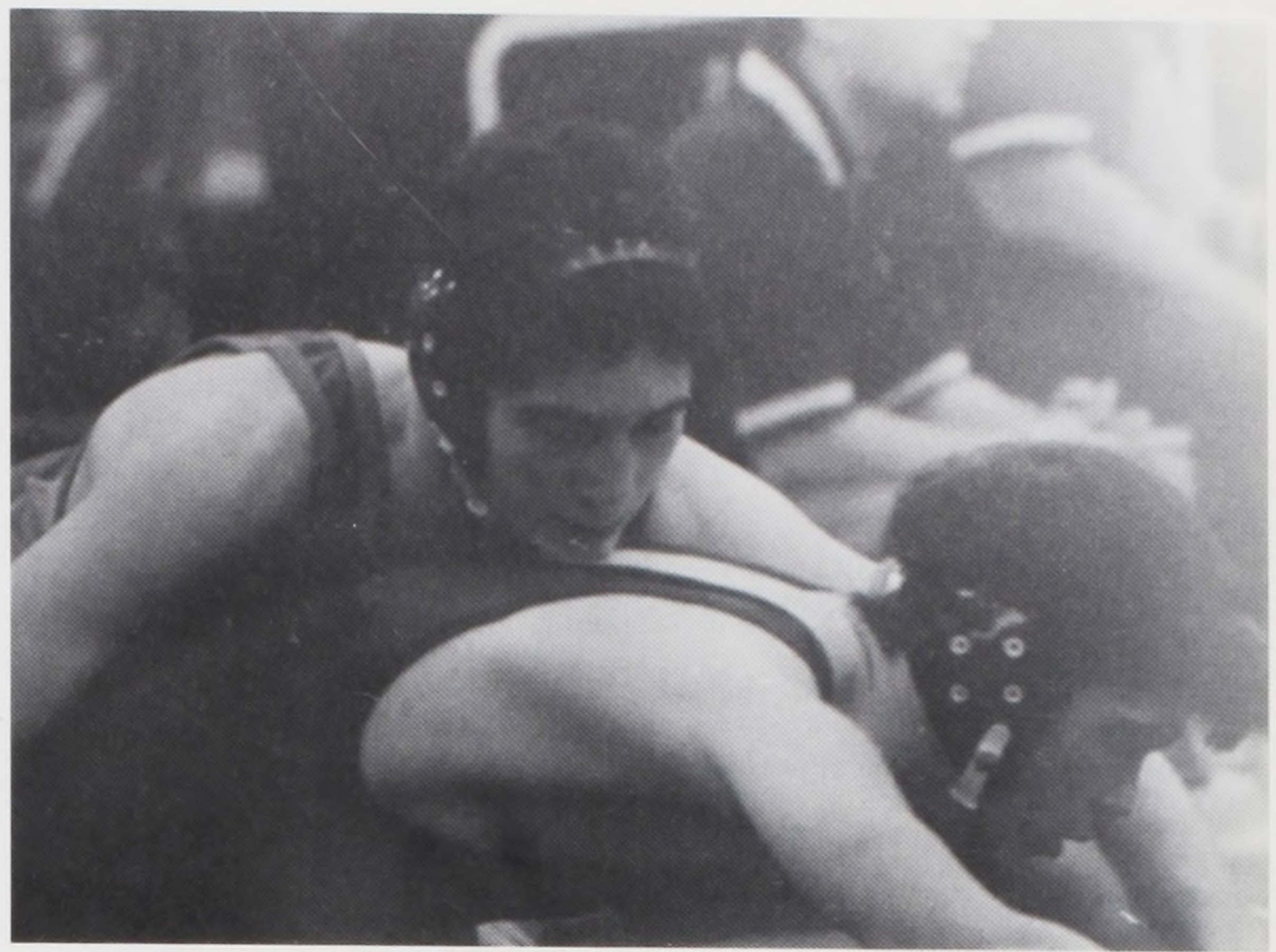
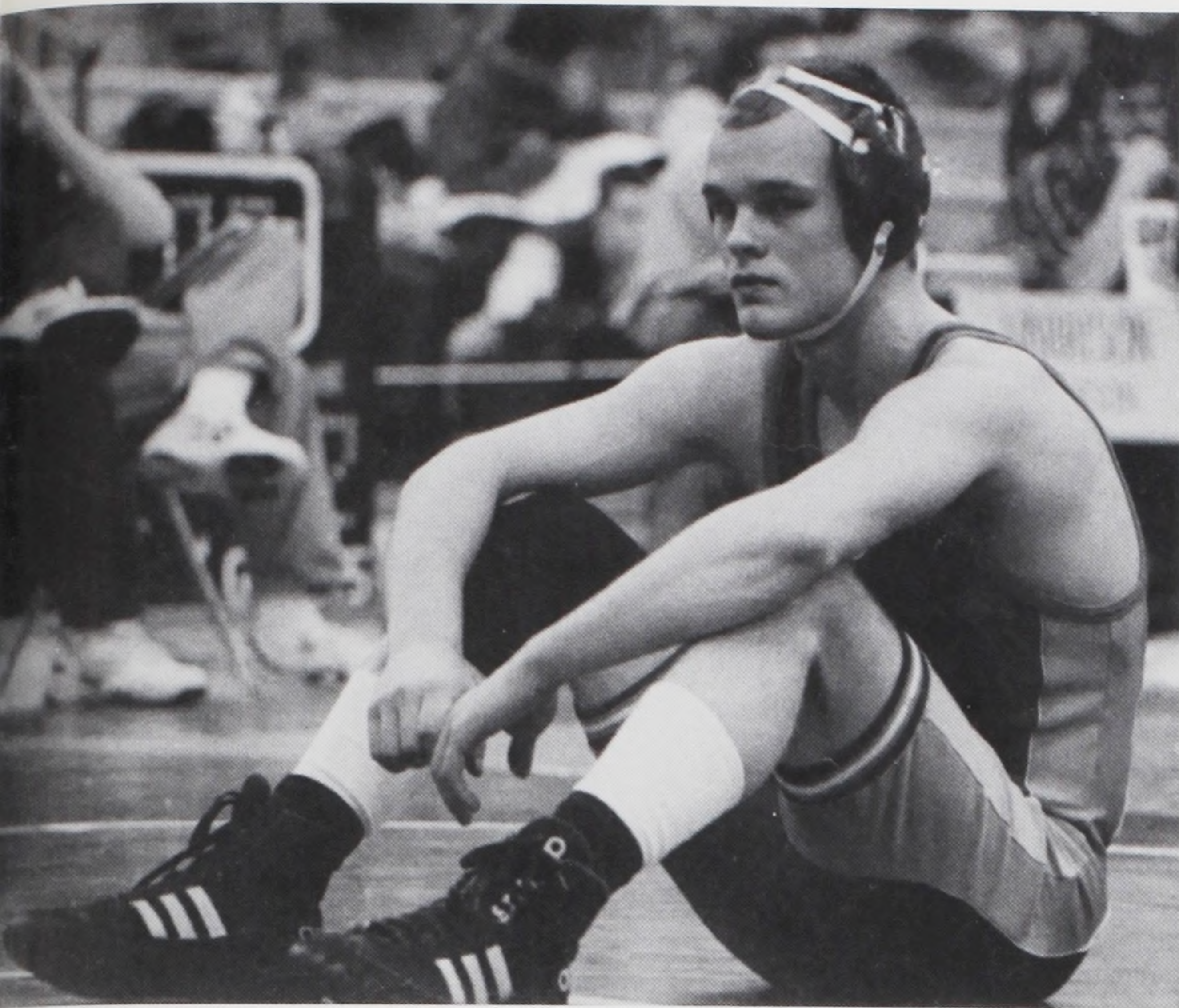
Top: Adam Clayton, Wil Seiler, Scott Chirgwin, Danial Frye, David Strecker **Middle:** Coach Hui, Chris Barrett, David Arvesen, Adam Bush, John Eaton, Jeff Walton, Coach Waller **Bottom:** Lakisha Brock, Adam Neil, Chad Laskey, Andrew Buck, Hung Nguyen, Hannah Potter.



Top: Jeff Walton, Coach Hui, Coach Mechling, Coach Waller, Dan Lankow **Middle:** Keoni McMahon, Joel Hays, A.J. Spliethof, Josh Priest, Devon McComb, Jered Freeman **Bottom:** Visna Sous, Will Vollstedt, Eric Gibb, Scott Chirgwin, Erik Vingelin.

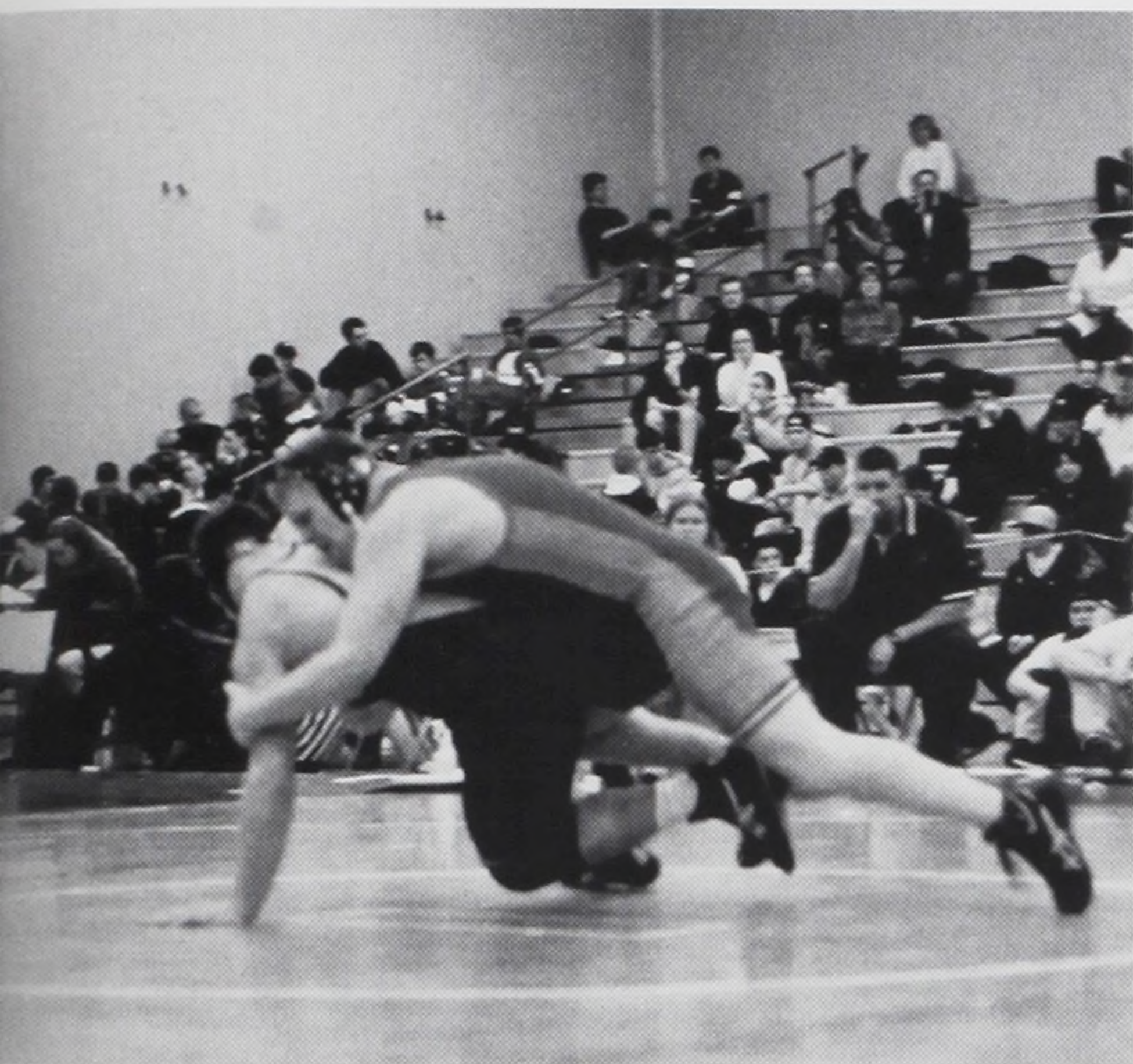
TEAM AWARDS

Joe Mauck: Varsity MVP, Most Inspirational **Anthony Buntjer:** JV MVP
Joe Selinger: Freshman MVP **Brian Ardito:** Most Improved

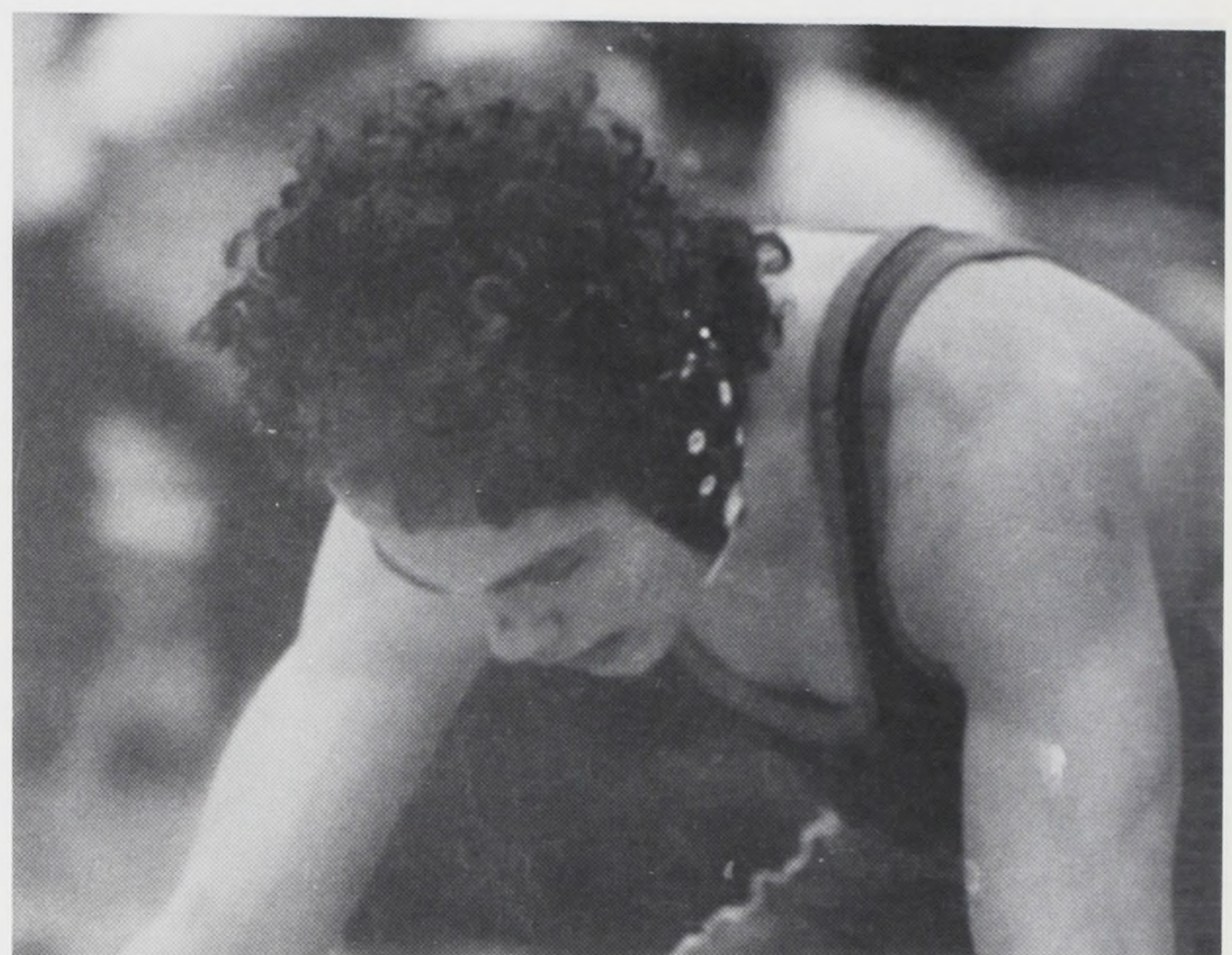


Left: Senior Morgan Jones takes a breather after a long match.

Above: Sophomore Will Vollstedt (top) prepares to pin his opponent on the referee's mark.



Right: Junior Chris Leben focuses while taking position.



Left: Junior Brett McAllister (top) relies on his upper body strength to prevail as the winner.



Top: Joe Mauck, Morgan Jones, Chris Leben, Dan Lankow, Greg Hall, Brett McAllister **Middle:** Coach Hiu, Matt Manley, Anthony Buntjer, Patrick Bernier, Kevin Mechling Ryan Barrett, Josh Priest, Coach Mechling **Bottom:** Joe Selinger, Zach Mosbrucker, Will Vollstedt, Brian Ardito, Grae Cantrell, Hai Nguyen.

Varsity		
	Benson	Opp.
Roosevelt	57	10
Sunset	51	21
Centennial	45	27
Lincoln	66	12
Madison	34	27
Roosevelt	69	9
Jefferson	51	17
Grant	28	35
Marshall	75	0
Wilson	39	30
Cleveland	51	15
Franklin	42	25
Dallas	32	31

Varsity Benson Tournament	
Benson	250.5
McMinnville	247
Grant	195
Gresham	146

Varsity Season Record	
Wins: 21	Losses: 5

Varsity Beaverton Tournament	
Canby	301.5
Milwaukie	164
Benson	159
Beaverton	141.5

Varsity Tigard Tournament	
Centennial	211
Tigard	164.5
Benson	160.5
West Albany	150.5
Clackamas	136
Beaverton	107.5
Ft. Vancouver	93
Century	37.5

Swimming

Don't Be Afraid To Get Your Feet Wet

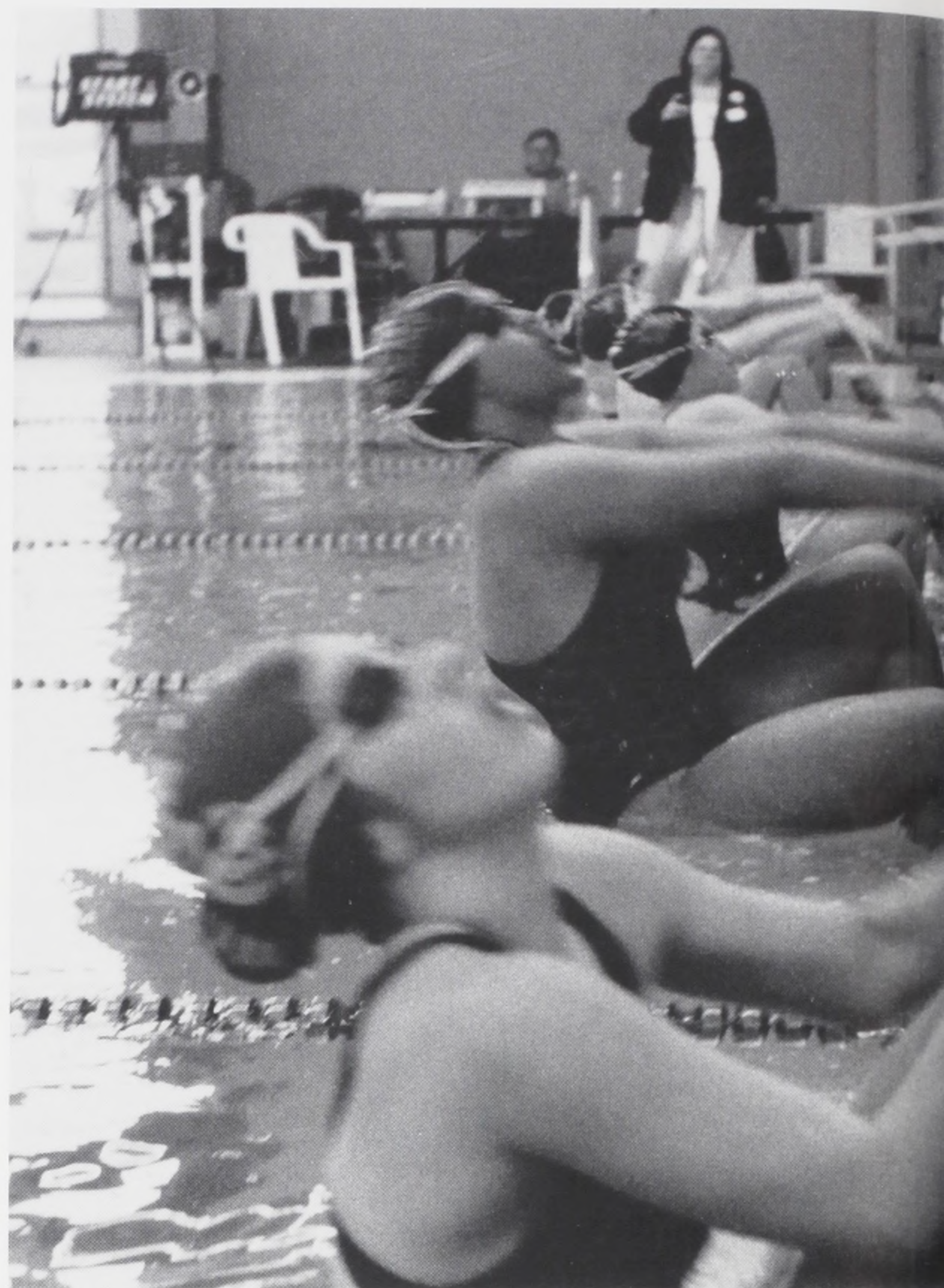
The Benson swim team has proven to be strong in the past and this year is no exception. Coached by Ed Weber, the twenty-nine devoted swimmers worked extra hard this season in practices which paid off at the meets. This year's women's captain was junior Emma Stevenson. Ryan Heath and Richard Helzer were the captains for the men. For the second known time in Benson's history, the women's team finished with a winning record. The men made a scene with a 10-1 record, losing only to rival Lincoln.

With a disappointing, and not to mention questionable, disqualification against the men in the 200 freestyle relay, Benson was not able to finish as well as they hoped at districts. However, they did place first in district relays held earlier in the season. Junior Jimmy Wohlmacher took first place in the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke. Karim Varela, also a junior, brought home first in the 100 butterfly. Numerous other swimmers finished in good standing, and there was a lot of teamwork put into making this past season successful.

by Ryan Heath



Left: The perfect dive is the difference between first and second place.



Above: Sophomore Jessica Winkel (second from bottom) reacts to the signal without hesitation.

League Standings

Lincoln	8	0
Grant	7	1
Wilson	6	2
Roosevelt	5	3
Cleveland	4	4
Benson	3	5
Roosevelt	2	6
Madison	1	7
Jefferson	0	8

District Meet

Lincoln	423
Grant	262
Wilson	159
Cleveland	113
Benson	88
Franklin	64
Roosevelt	63
Madison	40
Jefferson	10

Women's Varsity

	Benson	Opp.
Cleveland	69	72
Roosevelt	83	76
Jefferson	71	8
Cleveland	47	42
Franklin	83	65
Wilson	52	116
Madison	53	31
Jefferson	70	3
Roosevelt	86	57
Lincoln	28	147
Grant	47	122

Season Record

Wins: 7 Losses: 4

Men's Varsity

	Benson	Opp.
Cleveland	106	37
Roosevelt	124	6
Jefferson	83	0
Cleveland	66	26
Franklin	108	30
Wilson	90	80
Madison	73	10
Jefferson	80	0
Roosevelt	125	5
Lincoln	75	93
Grant	111	55

Season Record

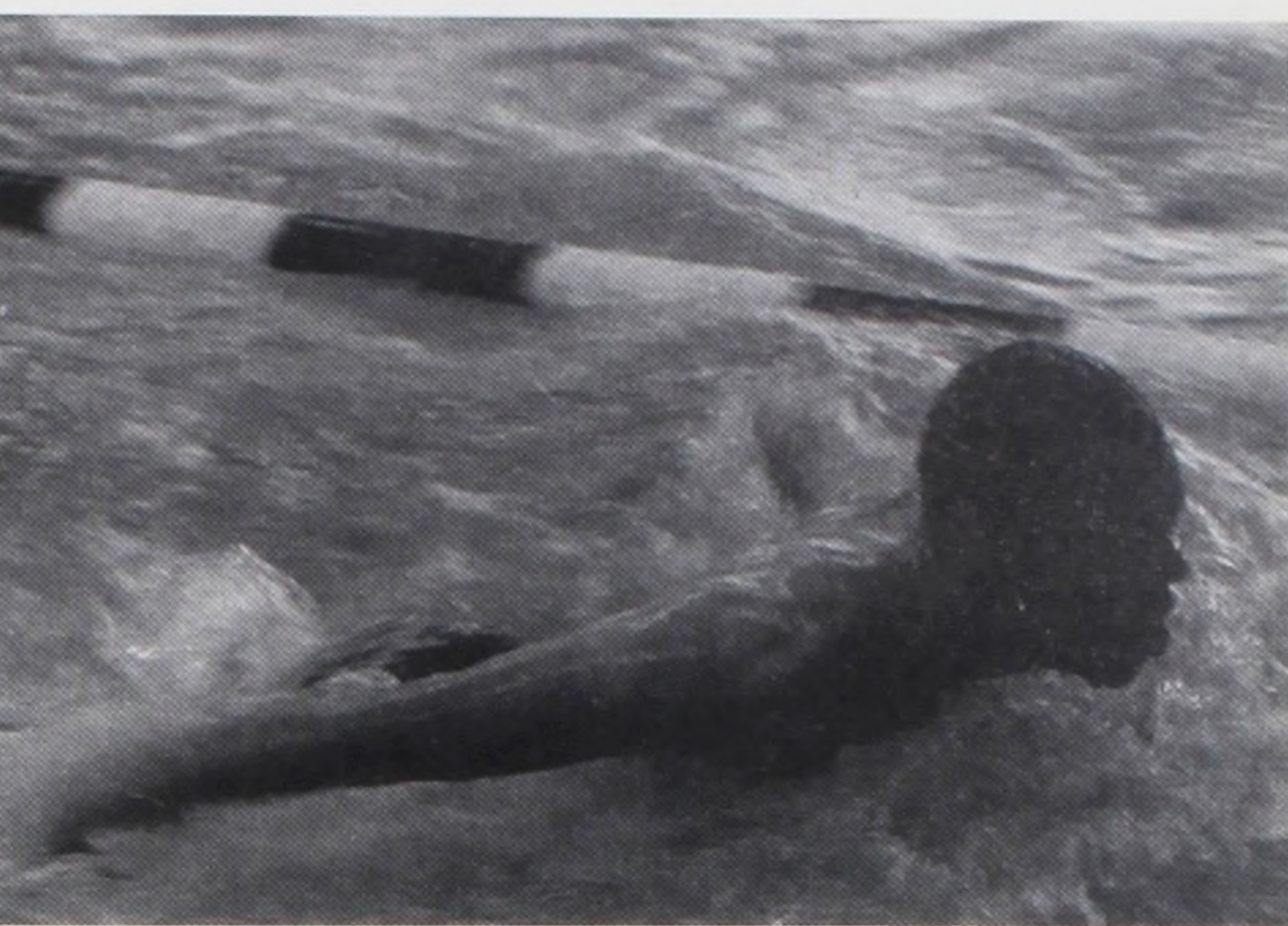
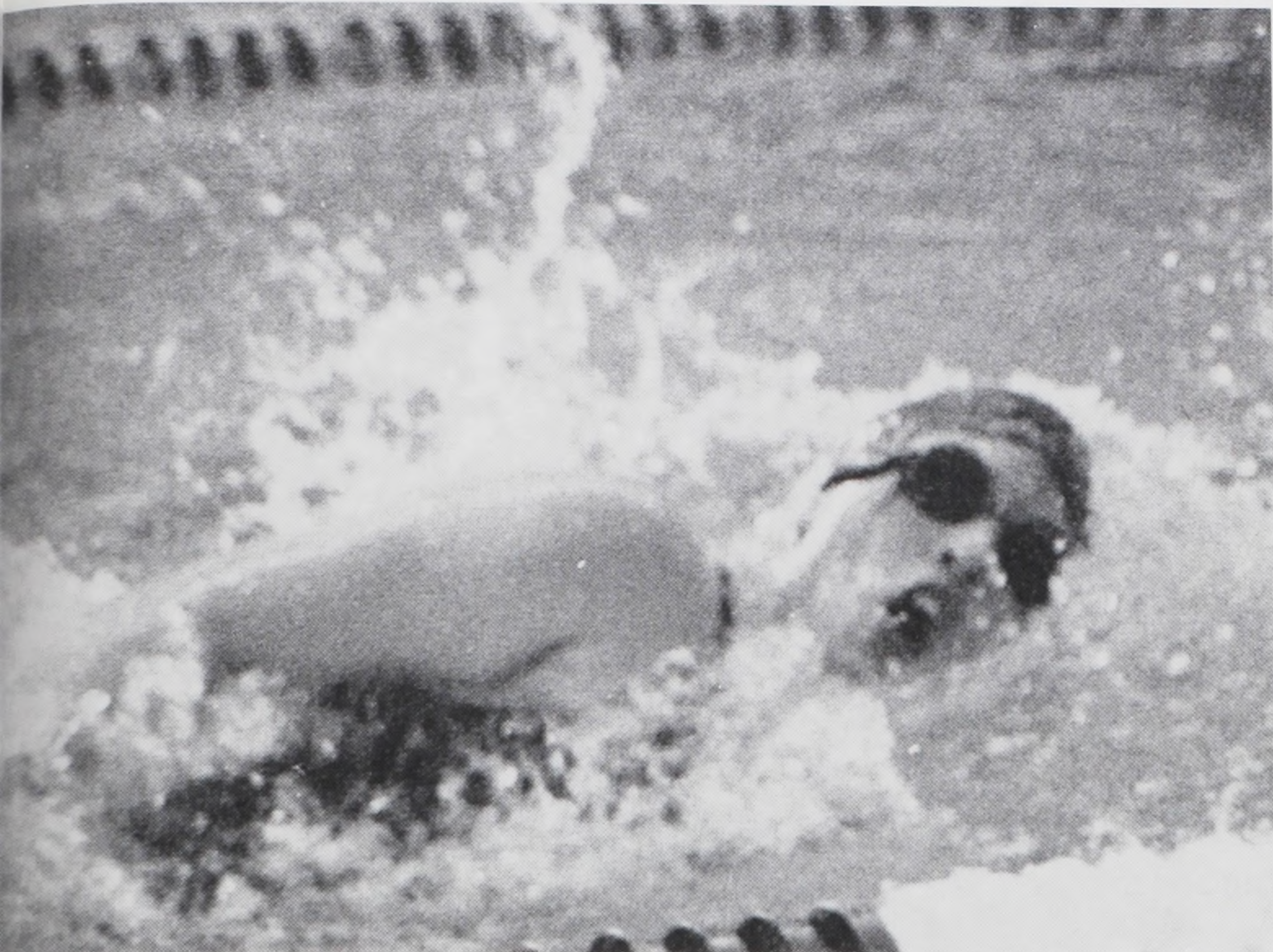
Wins: 10 Losses: 1

League Standings

Lincoln	8	0
Benson	7	1
Wilson	6	2
Grant	5	3
Cleveland	4	4
Franklin	3	5
Madison	2	6
Roosevelt	1	7
Jefferson	0	8

District Meet

Lincoln	334
Wilson	215
Benson	200
Grant	172
Cleveland	102
Franklin	56
Madison	49



Left: Emma Stevenson (11) crawls through the water on her way to the finish line.

Above: The butterfly is a very efficient way to get from one end of the pool to the other when executed correctly.



Right: WOW! This water is really cold!

Left: There is no time like the present to celebrate.



Top: Coach Ed Weber, Eric Ball, Richard Helzer, Cory Edwards, Jay Craviato, Andrew Bernhard, Ryan Heath **Second:** Paul Council, Chad Parker, Everett Meadows, Matt Bunnell, Joe Beer, Micah Heath, John Helzer **Sitting:** Tiffany Brandel, Jessica Winkel, Adele Pham, Haley Lovett, Abby Lovett, Adia Taylor, Robert Halstead **In Water:** Robin Priest, Karen Hattig, Maddy Feely, Amanda Studevoss, Emma Stevenson, Andrea Munro, Lila Logue **Not Pictured:** Angie Briles

Baseball

The Greatest Game On Earth

“The sport to which I owe so much has undergone profound changes...but it’s still baseball. Kids still imitate their heroes on playgrounds. Fans still ruin expensive suits going after foul balls that cost five dollars. Hitting streaks still make the network news, and the hot dogs still taste better at the ballpark than at home.”

-Dodgers’ outfielder, Duke Snider-

Baseball, the great American pastime. For a kid, there is nothing better than going to the ballpark with your dad, smelling the fresh cut grass, eating a few hotdogs, and watching your favorite players perform. To these young people, and many other spectators, the game is simple. One guy throws the ball, the other guy hits it as hard as he can and then tries to get to the base before the ball does. To those who play the game, it is very complicated. It is a game of situations. As in chess, there are many solutions to a particular situation, but only a few that will do you any good. Unlike chess, baseball players have only a split second to decide which move will best help the team. The pressure is on. You have to know what you are going to do before you actually do it.

All-Star catcher, Roy Campanella, said it best:

“Pro sports are a tough business...whether you’re in baseball, football, or something else. But when you’re running around the bases after hitting a home run, or jumping up and down after a touchdown, a little boy comes to the surface.”

You can’t help but to have fun playing this game. No matter how old you are, playing baseball brings the child out in everyone.

by Ryan Greenwood



Above: Senior “Tiny” Husband patiently waits for the right pitch to knock out of the park.

Season Record
Wins: 4 Losses: 17

Team Awards

Tiny Husband
Most Improved
Ryan Marquez
Most Inspirational
Tiny Husband
Ryan Marquez
Co-MVPs

Varsity Boys		
	Benson	Opp.
Forest Grove	0	8
Milwaukee	0	10
Lincoln	0	8
Tualatin	0	10
Cleveland	1	11
Roosevelt	4	5
Franklin	3	4
Madison	1	11
Grant	4	5
Jefferson	7	2
Lincoln	1	2
Wilson	1	6
Marshall	4	2
Roosevelt	11	10
Cleveland	4	5
Franklin	6	9
Jefferson	12	2
Madison	0	5
Grant	2	3
Lincoln	2	19
Wilson	2	3





Upper Left: In baseball the offensive bench is full, with only one man on the field, and the defensive bench is empty with nine men in position.

Right: Junior Jered Freeman prepares to deliver a strike.

Lower Left: If you see a big cloud of dust, you know it was a great play.

Below: Keep your guard up! Getting on base doesn't necessarily mean you are safe.



Softball

A Team Of Winners

Most athletes will tell you that you either win or lose. Few will specify that being beat is better than losing. This year the softball team learned that fact very well, "losing" six games by only one run. They battled the '98 PIL champs 14 innings before scoring a run to earn the victory. This year's team is one of the best Benson has seen in a long time.

Credit for this year's enthusiasm goes to the coaching staff. Coming into the season, they brought the determination and self-confidence Benson needed to go to state. The coaching staff took it upon themselves to condition the players into champions. Take any girl on the team, and you will find her in the best physical condition of her life.

As captain, I have truly enjoyed seeing the team come together as a family. I can't say that there weren't times of friction, but our team has grown together enough that these times never phased us. I will never forget the cheers and thrills, and I will always hold them in my heart. Next year, this team will be hard to beat. I sincerely hope that the unity and spirit will continue to grow.

by Jamie Perkins



Varsity Girls

	Benson	Opp.
Parkrose	0	1
Gladstone	5	2
Corbett	4	5
St. Mary's	4	12
Jesuit	0	10
Cleveland	1	3
Roosevelt	9	0
Madison	8	7
Franklin	6	7
Grant	3	0
Lincoln	5	2
Wilson	3	4
Marshall	4	9
Roosevelt	3	6
Cleveland	6	7
Franklin	2	7
Madison	2	6
Grant	3	0
Lincoln	3	4
Wilson	4	5
Marshall	4	1

Season Record Wins: 9 Losses: 14



Cheerleading



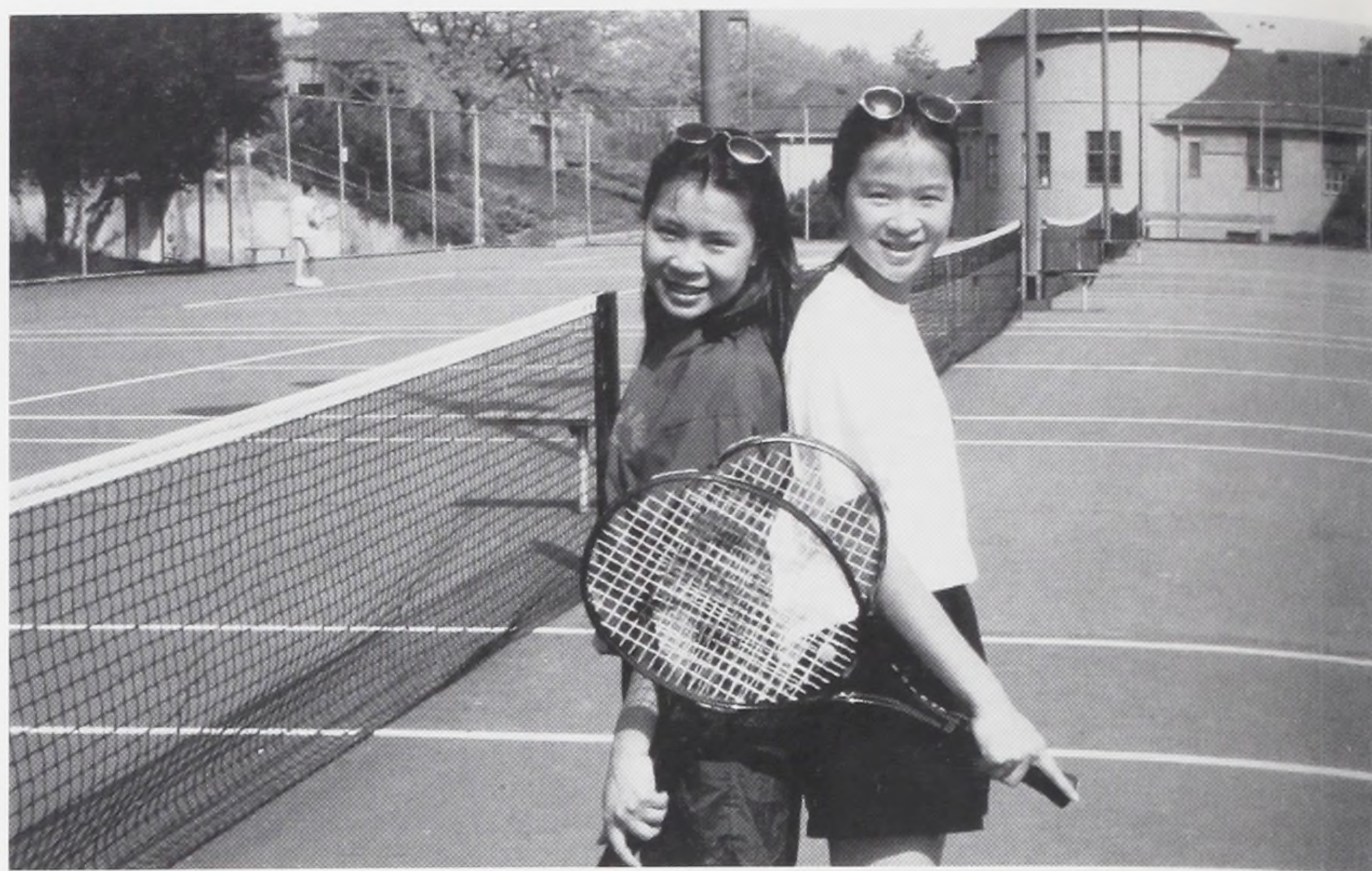
Tennis

Benson Rackets Raise The Roof

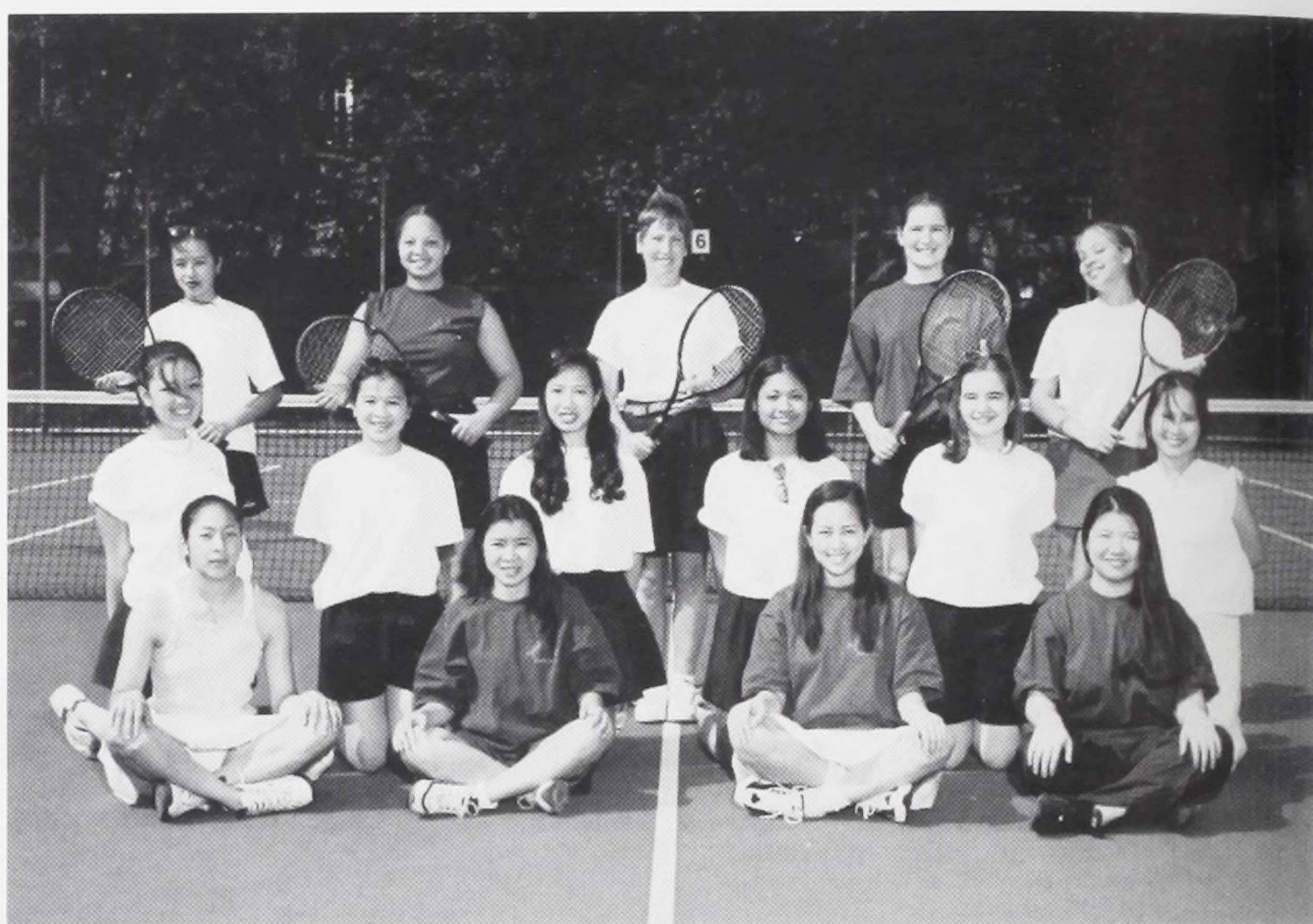
It was a fun season for the Benson men's tennis team, despite a disappointing record. There were a couple of tough losses to Wilson at the beginning of the season and Grant towards the end. The team finished ranked #4 in the league, with a record of 6-3. Five of the top players on this year's squad graduated, and with a low turnout of new players, next year will be an even tougher challenge. In the district doubles tournament, senior Brian Wong and junior Nick DeSalvo made it to the quarterfinals. Unfortunately, they lost to one of Lincoln's strong doubles teams in two sets. In the singles tournament, senior Joe Bessman broke the strings on three different rackets, leading to a semifinal defeat.

There were many rookies on the women's team this year. Under a new coach, Kay Hill (replacing Cathy Peterson, who went back to the softball team) the Techsters compiled a 3-6 league record. Half of their losses were so close, they were decided by only one match. Lead by senior MVP Yen Ly, the team battled its way through the ups and downs of a tough season. With a year of experience under her belt, Coach Hill is looking forward to good things in the future.

by Chris Reynolds & Marc-Daniel Domond



Above: Nhi and Nhan Le, sisters on the team this year, pose for the camera after practice.



FRONT ROW: Yen Ly, Nhi Le, Sophia Trien, Julia Law. **SECOND ROW:** Adele Pham, Nhan Le, Kimberly Ta, Evi Jabar, Leah Sims, Uyen Nguyen. **BACK ROW:** Tram Le, Tara Barnett, Coach Kay Hill, Andrea Munro, Mandie Langston.



FRONT ROW: Chad Parker, Marc-Daniel Domond, Jonathan Wong, Alan Mui, Rex Liu, Jamie Kim, Bobby Lee. **BACK ROW:** Ian Chambers, Nick Desalvo, Chris Reynolds, Coach Fred Wong, Andy Lee, Brian Wong, Joe Bessman.

Men's Varsity		
	Benson	Opp.
Hillsboro	5	3
Oregon City	5	3
Wilson	2	5
Madison	7	0
Lakeridge	0	8
Marshall	5	2
Reynolds	0	8
West Linn	1	7
Jefferson	6	1
David Douglas	5	3
Franklin	5	2
Rex Putnam	8	0
Sandy	6	2
Lincoln	1	6
Cleveland	6	1
Grant	1	6
Roosevelt	6	1

Wins 11

Losses 6

Women's Varsity		
	Benson	Opp.
Hillsboro	3	5
Oregon City	5	2
Wilson	0	7
Parkrose	0	7
Madison	4	3
Lakeridge	0	6
Marshall	3	4
Jefferson	6	1
David Douglas	2	5
Franklin	3	4
Lincoln	0	7
Cleveland	3	4
Grant	2	5
Roosevelt	5	1

Wins 4

Losses 10



Above: The girls fine tune their swings with a bucket of balls.



Left: Freshman Lila Logue practices her tee shot.

Below Right: Freshman Denise Barella keeps her front leg straight concentrating the force of her swing to the head of the club.

Golf

More Than You May Think

Golf is more than a noise you make when you clear your throat, it is a game of skill and patience. Not anyone can hit the links and expect to shoot 3 or 4 under par. Driving a ball the size of a strawberry straight for 200 yards takes time and practice. It can be a very relaxing sport, but you must be able to control your temper and not let a bad shot here and a bad shot there ruin your concentration. Even Arnold Palmer and Tiger Woods have days where they don't seem to be able to hit a beach ball with a baseball bat.

Many people think golf is the most boring sport in the world. Those are the people who have never tried to play or were too impatient to go 9 holes. It is not for everyone. But you shouldn't knock it without trying it first.

"Golf is a lot more fun than I thought it would be," said first-timer Lila Logue (9). There were many freshmen on the team this year. Most of them were trying golf for the very first time. It was a year to build the basic skills and get a feel for the game. With so many young players, the Benson golf team should grow into one of the PIL's best.

by Ryan Greenwood



League Standings

Franklin
Wilson
Lincoln
Madison
Grant
Cleveland
Benson
Roosevelt
Marshall
Jefferson

Men's Varsity

	Benson	Opp.
Cleveland	179	201
Franklin	186	169
Beaverton	379	-----
Grant	181	161
Roosevelt	181	193
Wilson	190	148
Jefferson	166	231
Marshall	174	229
Lincoln	176	159
Franklin	165	164
Cleveland	169	160
Madison	170	153

District Meet Results

Franklin
Wilson
Lincoln
Madison
Grant
Cleveland
Benson
Roosevelt
Marshall
Jefferson

Season Record

Wins: 5 Losses: 9

Track and Field

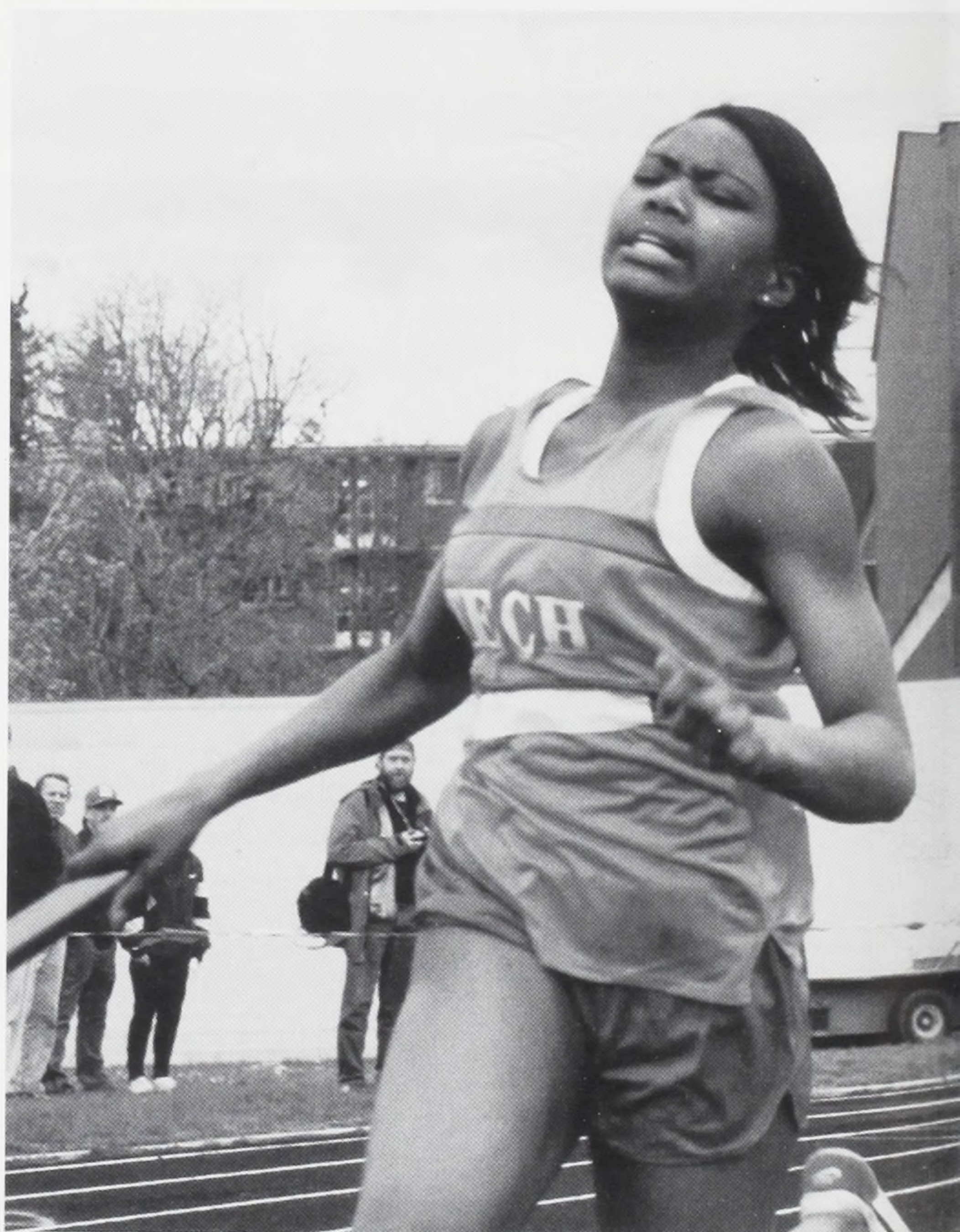
High Expectations

Benson's track team is known for its great performances. We usually have a big team with an abundance of talent. The '98 season was no exception. The men had a great season, with only one loss to Franklin. The only things that held them back were injuries and low numbers. The boys got fourth place at Centennial with great performances by Tony Tolbert and Matt Rutgers.

The girl's team had an outstanding season, too, losing only to Lincoln and bringing home the first place plaque from Centennial. The team was very well rounded with a few faces that stuck out, such as Awen-Lue Kante, Kisha Swafford, and C'rel McAllister.

Benson's track team had a great season. The team is made up of mostly juniors, so we can look forward to an incredible season next year.

by Christine Maxwell



Top Right: Tony Tolbert (11)

Top Left: C'rel McAllister (11)

Bottom Left: Matt Rutgers (11)

Bottom Right: Sharitha McKenzie (10)





Top Left: Awen-Lue Kante (11)	Bottom Left: Madison Ceaser (09)	Top Right: Janita Jones (11)	Bottom Right: Kabbiba Wincher (11)
		Middle Right: Phil Scott (11)	



Spirit of Academics

Majors and Clubs Unite Tech Students

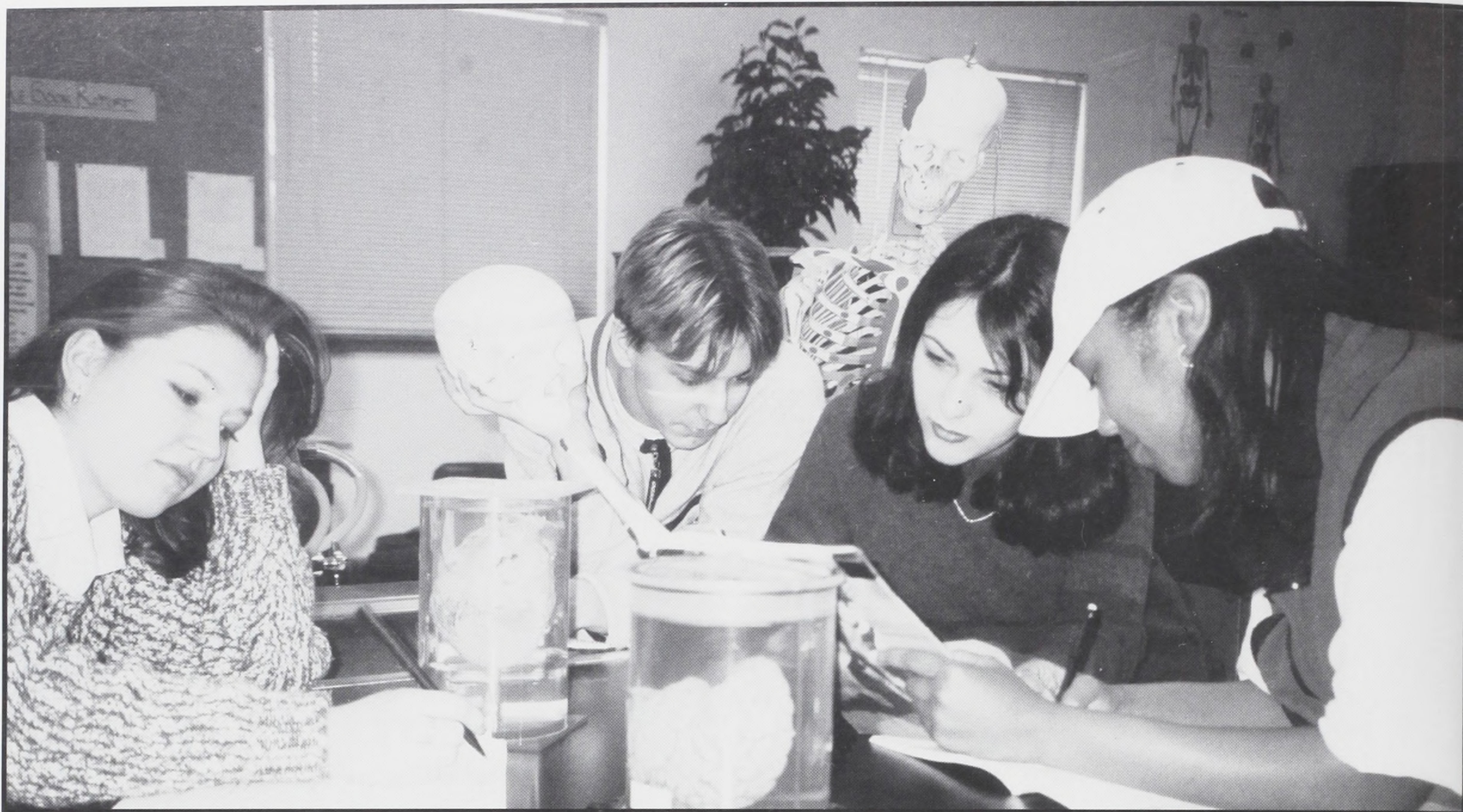
Benson Polytechnic High School is well known for its strong academics and clubs. Students throng to the building from all over Portland to work in the exciting technical fields and challenging courses found within. This year, the suspense of school's first day was delayed for some, and for many it was followed by a chaotic balancing act between classes, clubs and construction. Nevertheless, students rose to the challenge, working together to meet the levels of expectation set by their teachers. No matter the opposition Techmen and teachers proved that, "Where there's a will, there's a way."

By Robin Elliott



Photo by Joy Lisa Kelly

Terry Walker and Johnny Kondilis work together to create a tool box in metal fabrications



Above: Have you seen my brain? Sophomores Yelena Sizmina, Adam Hamilton, Mira Kharoti, and Chelsea Brooks study a real human brain, as an unexpected visitor looks for his missing organs.

Entering the World of Health Care

The **Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)** program offers some of the most **rigorous** and **exciting** courses at Benson. Students in this major engage in risk-taking activities that prepare them for careers in the fast-growing medical industry.

They learn to recognize the common **dis-eases** of the human body and how to perform various tests to determine these abnormalities.

Health Occupations students are trained to sterilize instruments, give CPR, react in medical emergencies, check **vital** signs, and more.

When they have completed the program at the end of their senior year, students are trained to become health care **professionals**, ready to rescue, cure, and protect people from life threatening illnesses.

One of the changes in the program this year was the replacement of dental teacher Jan Landis, who quit in order to keep her job at Kaiser Permanente after its major strike last summer. For nearly the entire first quarter, **dental students** were in need of a certified teacher. The new permanent dental teacher is Barbara Lopez.

By Thao Hoang



Left: Daniel Ruiz brightens his smile with paint while studying tooth morphology in the junior dental class.

Below: OUCH! Medical student, Sara Brunscheon (12), performs a hematocrit on another classmate.



Left: Senior Amanda Johnston practices taking blood pressure on patient and fellow classmate Tamara Blagoeva (12).

Right: YOU, CALL 911!
In CPR/First Responder, seniors Jamie Kim, Aly McKininn, Vu Son, and Chris Kirkley practice their first aid rescuing skills. Whoever lets these guys perform CPR on them has got to be a dummy!



Right: Senior Aaron Reimer changes the settings on the control panel.



Left: The main entrance to the KBPS building has the most professional look of all the school's entry ways.

KBPS Broadcasting

Still On The Air

March 23, 1923 was an historic day for a small group of Benson High students. That day marked the birth of an \$1,800 dream: 1450 KBPS-AM. What started with a "Radio Station for Sale" sign in a Portland store, is now a 75 year-old tradition. Created to teach high school students the basics of the broadcasting business, KBPS has thrived at Benson, becoming one of the most popular fields of study.

During the weekday, until 5pm, students pursuing this major spend their time broadcasting all types of music from alternative to hip hop. To fill the evening hours, Portland State University leases the frequency for \$33,000 a year. KBPS has evolved from a program-oriented course, where students decide on the show to be aired while a paid engineer runs it, to giving total control of all the broadcasting tasks to the students. When asked, sophomore Crystal Hunter said, "I got interested in KBPS, because I want to be a music producer and it teaches all aspects of radio production in the real world. I give it a 10 overall."

by Robin Elliott



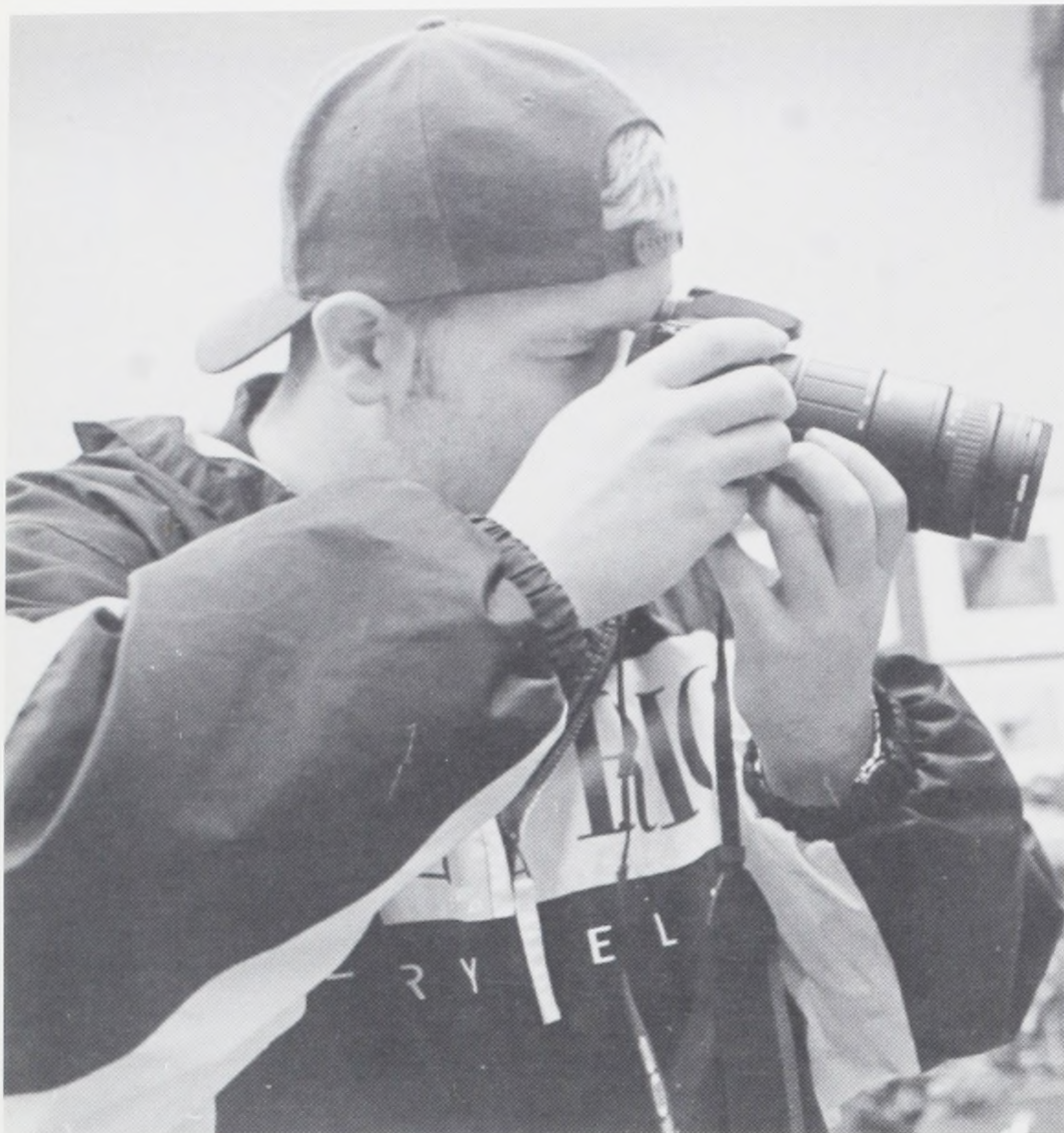
Above: Junior Johnniesha Norman is pictured in The Oregonian



Left: Sophomore Crystal Hunter takes a break from "the air" to smile for the camera.



Above: Senior Kaleah Cage replaces a tape reel.



Left: Say Cheese! Senior Lee Heys shifts and adjusts from behind the camera, framing his next shot.



Right: Junior Rahwa Fessehazion puts the final touches on some personalized staff stationary.

Communications

Fastest Growing Major in Benson

Could it be a coincidence? I think not! This year an unusually large number of underclassmen chose to pursue Communications as their major for the next two years. In fact, this year was one of the largest turnouts in the major's history. Included in Communications are: Photography, Screen Printing, and other types of impressions. It provides students with many different opportunities. In fact, the skills acquired through the program can be put to work in many extracurricular activities such as Yearbook or the Tech Pep. Many of the students enjoy this major because of its wide field of study.



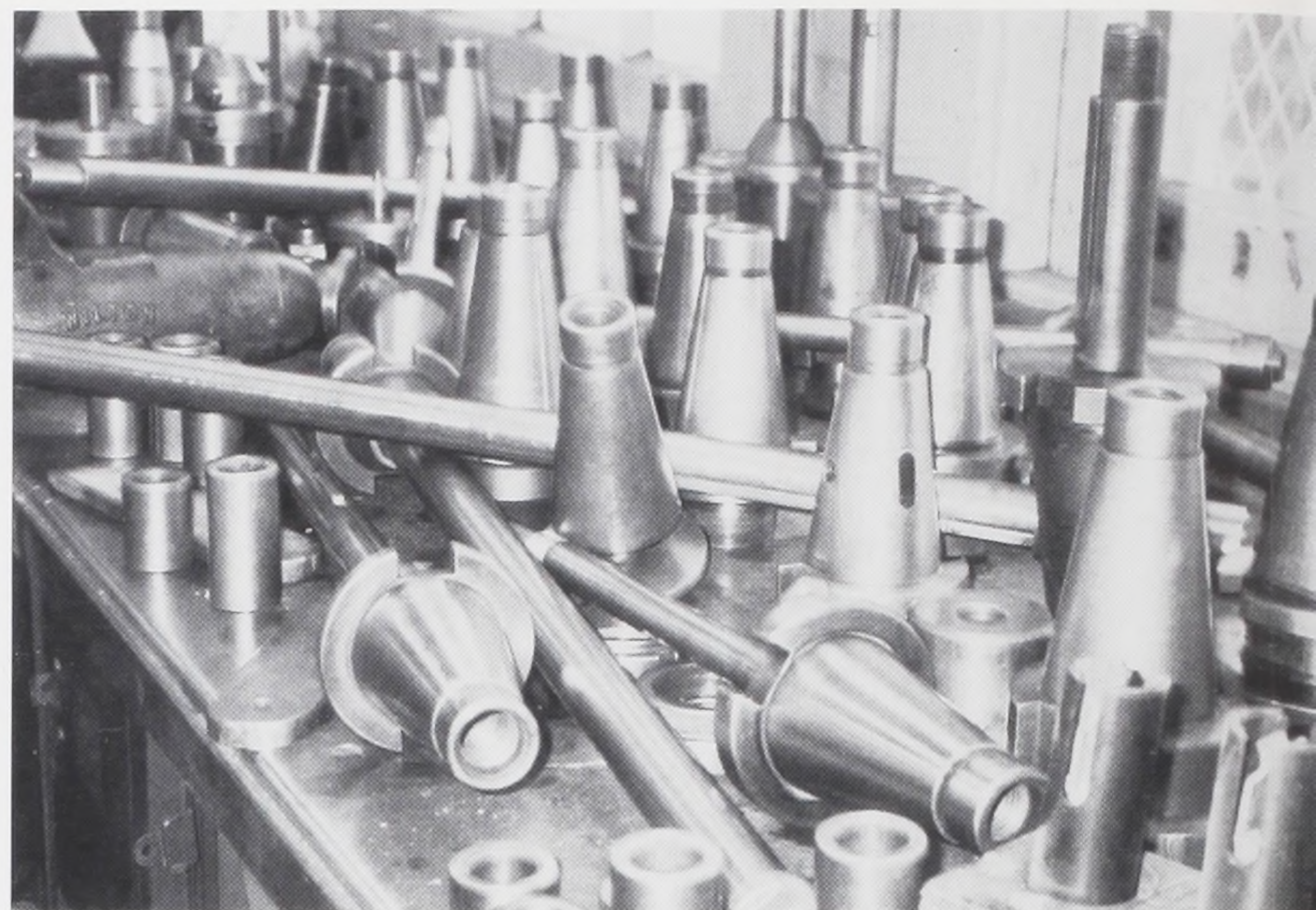
Above: Senior Megan Robson patiently waits with Mr. Bennett as new prints come out of the press.

Lower left: Senior Felicia Killian intensely studies a few pictures, searching for just the right contrast.

Lower right: Sophomore Milton Barnes cuts out a new silk screen design to be printed on to a T-Shirt.



Manufacturing sustained extensive water damage to several pieces of equipment which all had to be cleaned before they could be used again.



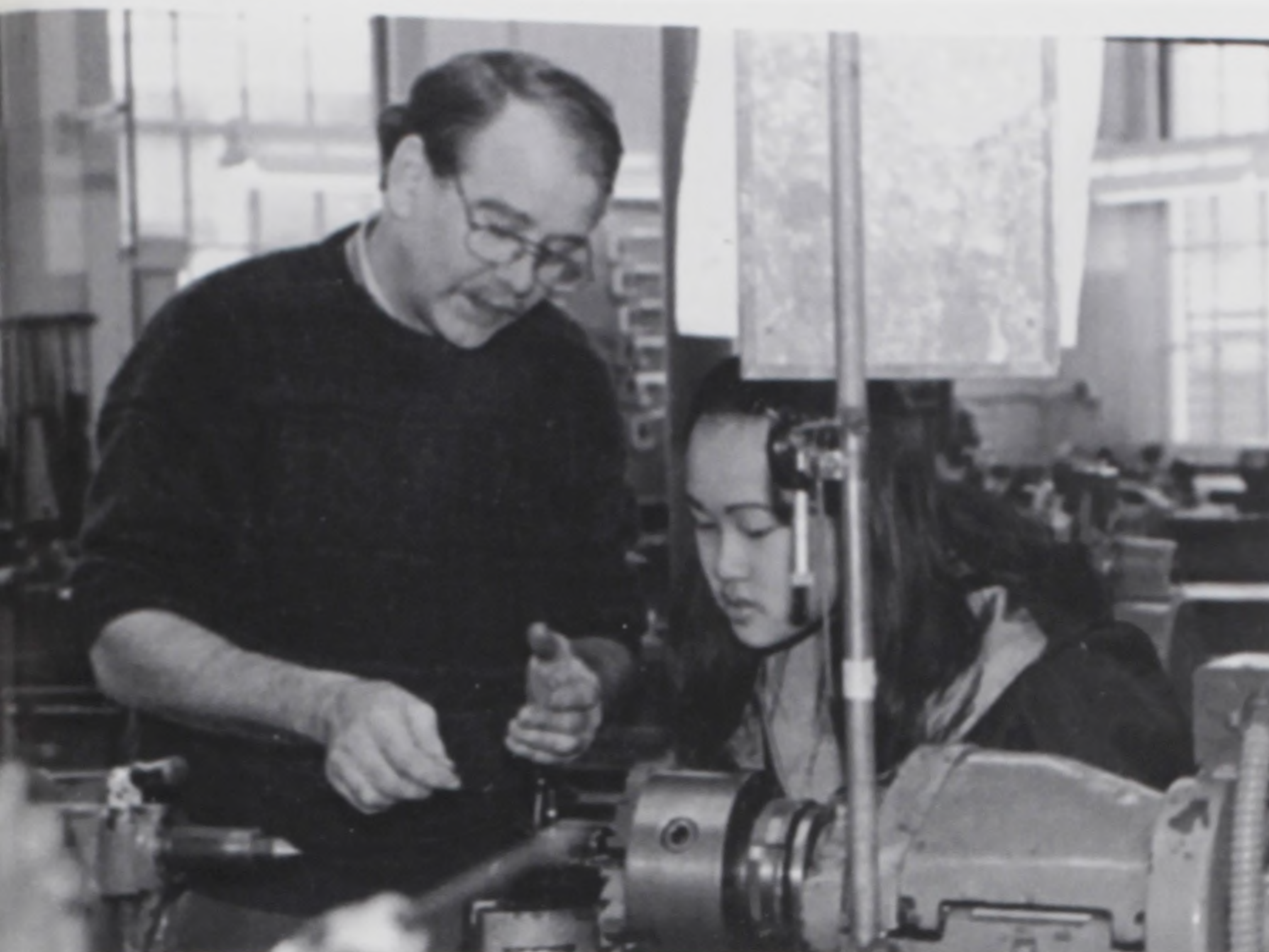
Before and After

Manufacturing

A general rule: Water and metal don't mix!

This year, with the outstanding academic record of Benson High School, we are proud to announce that we have been able to prove this conjecture false. Metal and water actually mix quite well to form a highly corrosive type of rust. Considering that all of Benson's high precision CNC lathes, mills, ARC, TIG, Gas, Spot and MIG welders, hydraulic shears, hand tools, benders, plastic injection molders, saws, and several tons of other metalous inventory were swimming under a foot of water for more than half a semester this year, we were able to demonstrate this object lesson very thoroughly. Even as half the year rolled by for the class of '98, workers, cleaners, and service technicians could still be seen restoring the Manufacturing wing to its original quality. Despite this small setback, classes went on and the cafeteria was the scene for plenty of fun and glorious book learning time. Having reached its sucking peak with air ventilators and de-humidifiers throughout the wing, the construction team was able to recapture several classrooms and distribute them among the teachers for proper use soon after the first quarter of school was done. With wonderful water logged welding rods that made it possible to blast holes through any thickness of metal, and the sharpest shears that could cut so straight you wondered what you meant to cut in the first place, the shops provided a fantastic learning environment. In spite of these shortcomings, Manufacturing has survived amazingly well and the creativity this field offers can still be found within its hallowed walls. With everything so newly overhauled, next year should be an even greater success.

by Joe Mauck



Left: Here's how it's done. Mr. Reeves instructs Freshman Elizabeth Cha on the proper useage of a lathe for her project.

Below: Junior Brian Spaulding welds off the excess metal to flatten it.



Left: Is it ready yet? Freshman Bradly Christiansen works intently to get the right angle and sharpness on his lathe bit.



Above: Mr. Fleming gives seniors Dan Raya and Terrence Cavil instructions for the day.



Right: Morgan Jones (12) uses the electric saw to cut some materials.

Construction

Where there is a demand, there will always be a supply

Construction is a major that nobody can live without. During the first year of study, students are introduced to construction terms such as joist, header, and truss. They also get into some building techniques and general home repair procedures. These skills are perfected and implemented throughout their career at Benson. Students pursuing this field start their sophomore year learning design and assembly basics. The main projects consist of a helicopter and a dog house, which are sold to raise money during Tech Show. During their senior year, students work with the city to build and sell the current Benson House, an affordable housing project, designed by the Architecture seniors. The Benson House is completed once every two school years.

by Robin Elliott



Left: Senior Anyah Langston works hard to achieve the perfect finish on a cabinet door for the Benson House.

Below: Mr. Ramsey will always be remembered as one of Benson High School students' most loved teachers. May he rest in peace.

Tractor kills Benson High teacher

■ Rick Ramsey, a favorite and longtime home-building teacher, died while working on his Wilsonville property

By BINH HA HONG
of The Oregonian staff

WILSONVILLE — An avid outdoorsman, Rick Ramsey, loved making improvements to the 20 acres of rolling hills on his property with the stream running through it.

And the 46-year-old Ramsey, a home-building teacher at Benson Polytechnic High School in Portland, died Tuesday night surrounded by the land he loved so much.

"He just had it looking like a park," said his father, Richard Ramsey.

Rick Ramsey also enjoyed gardening and gave his vegetables away. "I never knew him to sell a one," his father said. The younger Ramsey had just planted a half-dozen fir



RAMSEY

loved building things," his father said. "He was a real workaholic. He worked on everything."

It was in the midst of making improvements that the accident occurred, Ramsey said. Because of the rolling landscape, his son was pressing woodchips for a road to even out an incline when one of the wheels on the diesel tractor he was operating fell off. It upset the balance and tipped over, falling on his chest. The machine weighed several thousand pounds with a blade in the rear.

Ramsey's roommate, Travis Nichols, discovered the body about 5:30 p.m. and tried to push the tractor off.

Nichols had seen Ramsey about noon when he came home for lunch, Richard Ramsey said.

"Nichols is a husky kid, about 220 pounds," Ramsey said. "When he got ahold of the tractor and even he couldn't move it, it shook him up pretty hard."

Rick Ramsey taught at Benson for more than 15 years.

"I only knew of him by way of other folks talking about him, but he was one of the favorite teachers and colleagues," said Lew Frederick, spokesman for Portland Public Schools. "Everyone spoke very highly of him; he was considered one of the finer teachers around."

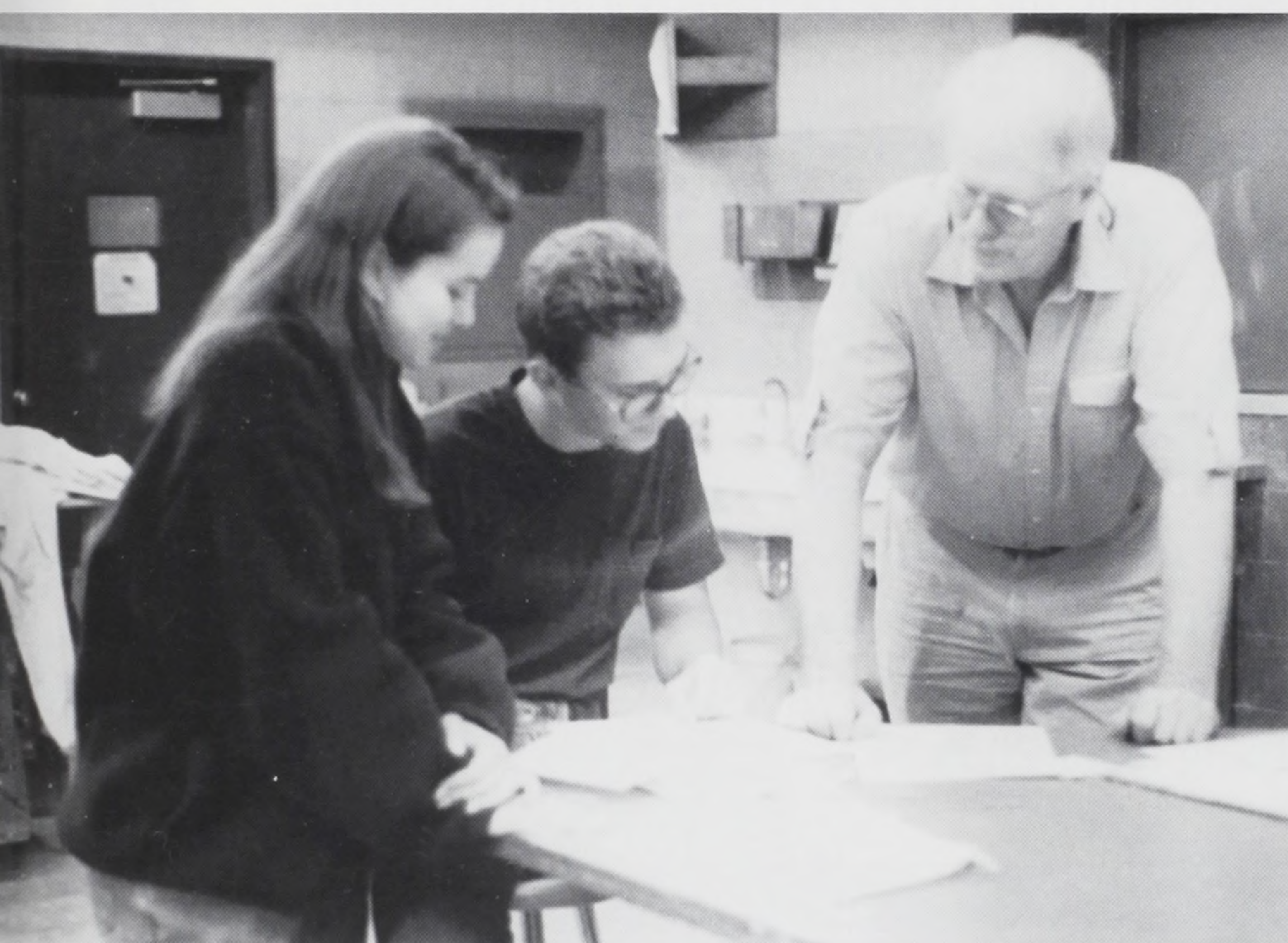
He is survived by his son, Bruce Ramsey, 21; parents, Richard and Rosalie Ramsey of Lake Oswego; and sisters Sheri Mathey, 44, of Tigard and Vicki Uttil, 45, of Astoria.

Funeral arrangements are pending.



Above: Anthony Buntjer (12) works on cutting sheet rock at the Benson House site.

Left: Seniors Jessie Walker and Hawley Hubbard receive an explanation from Mr. Fleming about a perplexing situation.





Right: Senior “Tiny” Husband searches through the drawers for a certain small part, being careful to wear his safety goggles so he doesn’t lose an eye during this dangerous task.

Left: Don’t touch that wire! Seniors Joe Goodwin and Gerry McBurney team up to disconnect a drained battery.



Aviation and Automotive

Majors That Keep The World Moving

What is it we all depend on to get us from place to place? For some it’s “mommy and daddy,” maybe the bus, in extreme cases your thumb could even work. In every situation, the mode of transportation invariably goes back to one thing...a motorized vehicle. Now, who are the people we depend on to make sure we can use the car? Whether it is Uncle Billy Bob the family fix-it-all, the dealership mechanic, or those cute air traffic control guys, there is always someone who sees to it that we get where we need to go. “Where does this elite group of people come from?” you may ask. The most common way is through a program similar to Benson’s Aviation and Automotive major. Both majors fall under the Transportation umbrella and the skills taught are everything from the basic maintenance of a lawn mower engine to diesel trucks and helicopter operation. It even has a flight simulator where students can practice their flying techniques.

by Robin Elliott



Above: The flight simulator at Benson provides an opportunity to fly a plane without actually leaving the ground. Imagine that!

Below: A few modes of transportation were set on display during Tech Show.

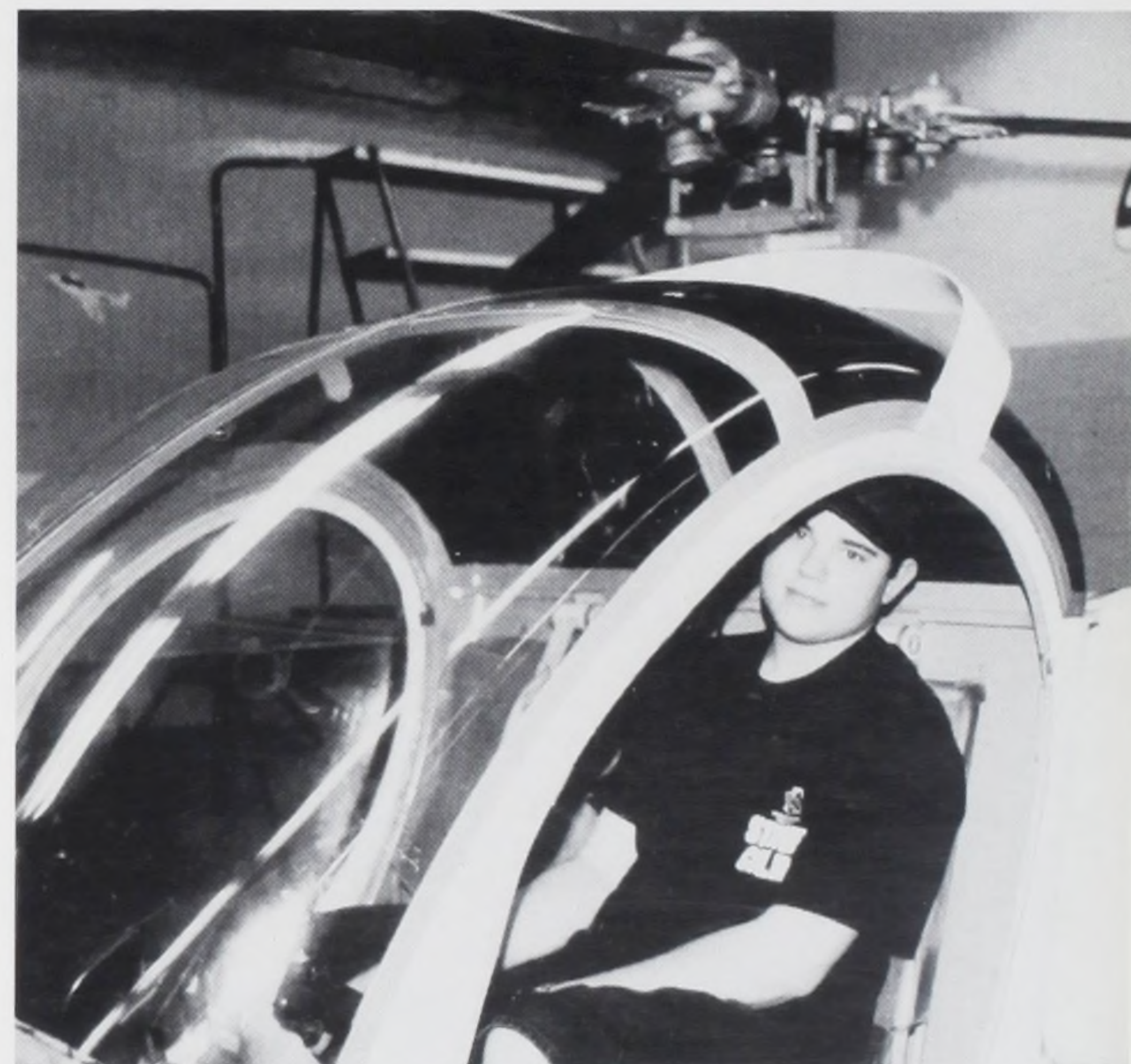


Below: It just goes to show that plumbers aren't the only people who bare it all on the job.

Above: Sophomore Joshua Minor tinkers with a pneumatics board.



Below: Junior Kevin Knipe takes a load off in the helicopter located in the Aviation Department.





Left: Mr. Hanes' Senior Engineers concentrate on their projects while Mr. Spalding escorts guests through the building.



Right: Seniors P.J. Natta and Jennifer Bray focus intently on their computer screens.

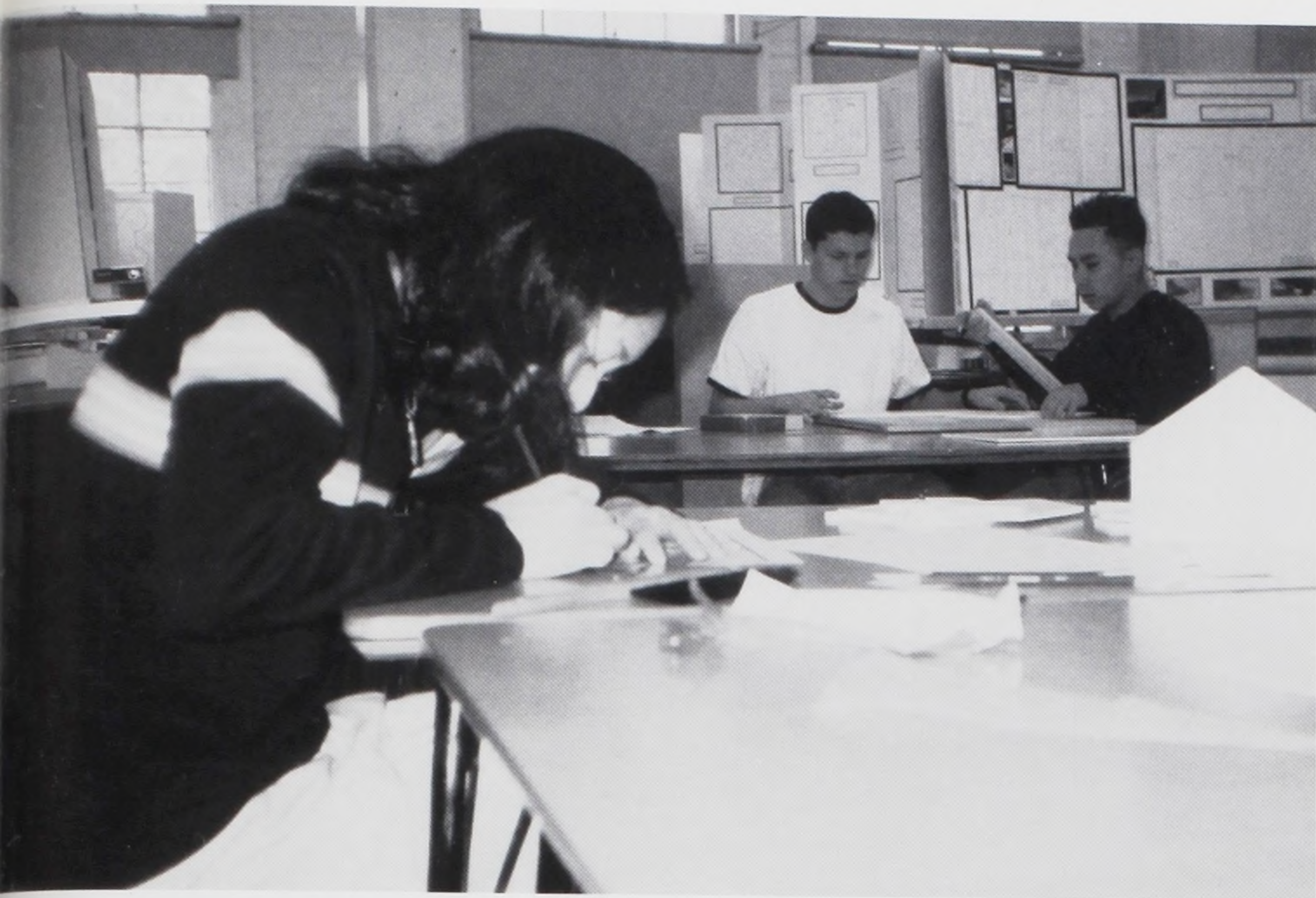
Architectural Drafting and Engineering

Drafting is a required course that all entering VICA students must complete. The freshmen enter the program under the guidance of Mr. Wong. They learn about line quality, dimensioning, four view representation, and vanishing points. During the sophomore year, these skills are applied to computers through a program called CADKEY. After the first two standard courses, students interested in pursuing either Engineering or Architectural Drafting continue the program.

As Engineering students, they continue working with the CADKEY program and focus mainly on technical drawings. They learn how to identify and correct drawing problems, take existing objects and recreate them on paper, design and present project ideas to meet specific requirements, and problem solve in groups. Some of the assignments include a multiple bottle holder, a cardboard race car, and a three-moving-parts pull toy. Seniors finish out the Engineering major with a five-moving-parts senior project that takes the majority of the second semester to design.

Architectural Drafting students begin working with AUTOCAD, a program similar to CADKEY. Junior year is spent fine tuning drawing skills and participating in a nation-wide competition, first competing against other schools in the city (the first place prize is \$300, then \$200 for second, and finally \$100 for third place). The project is the same for every student. Past projects have included designing a city park, a residential home, and a fire station. Senior year is spent on two major projects. The first is the senior project. Students either design some type of building, like a recreation center or a hotel and casino, or they have the opportunity to design remodels for local organizations, such as churches or the Portland Public Schools' Headquarters. The second project is the Benson House. Unlike the others, this project is a contest done in groups of about 5 people. A pre-existing site is purchased by the school district, and students design the complete house in their groups. There is no cash prize for the contest, but if your house is chosen, the fact that you were directly involved in designing a real house is a very big plus when applying for college or a job at an architectural firm.

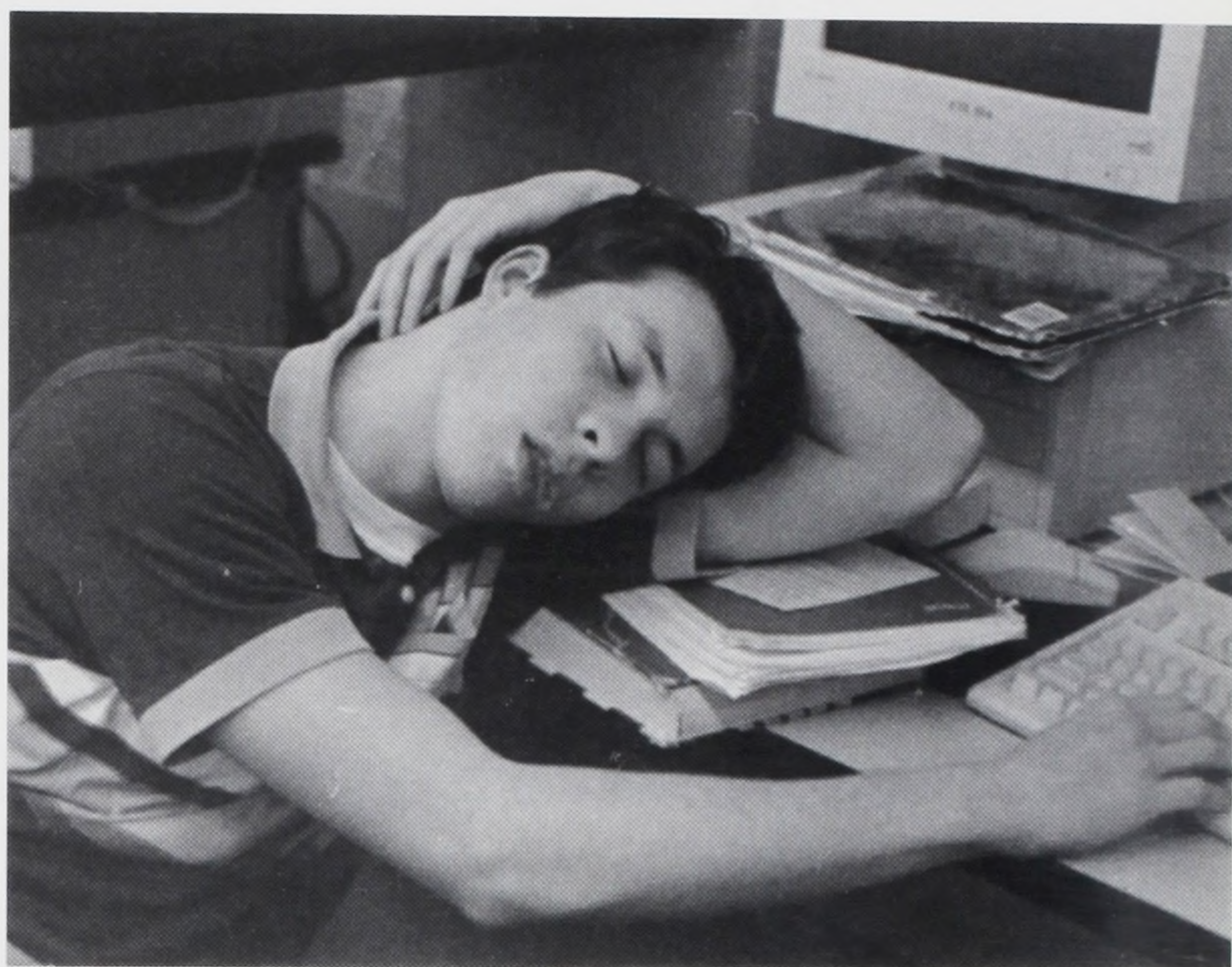
by Robin Elliott and Ryan Greenwood



Left: Senior Yen Ly fills in the walls to her group's Benson House model.

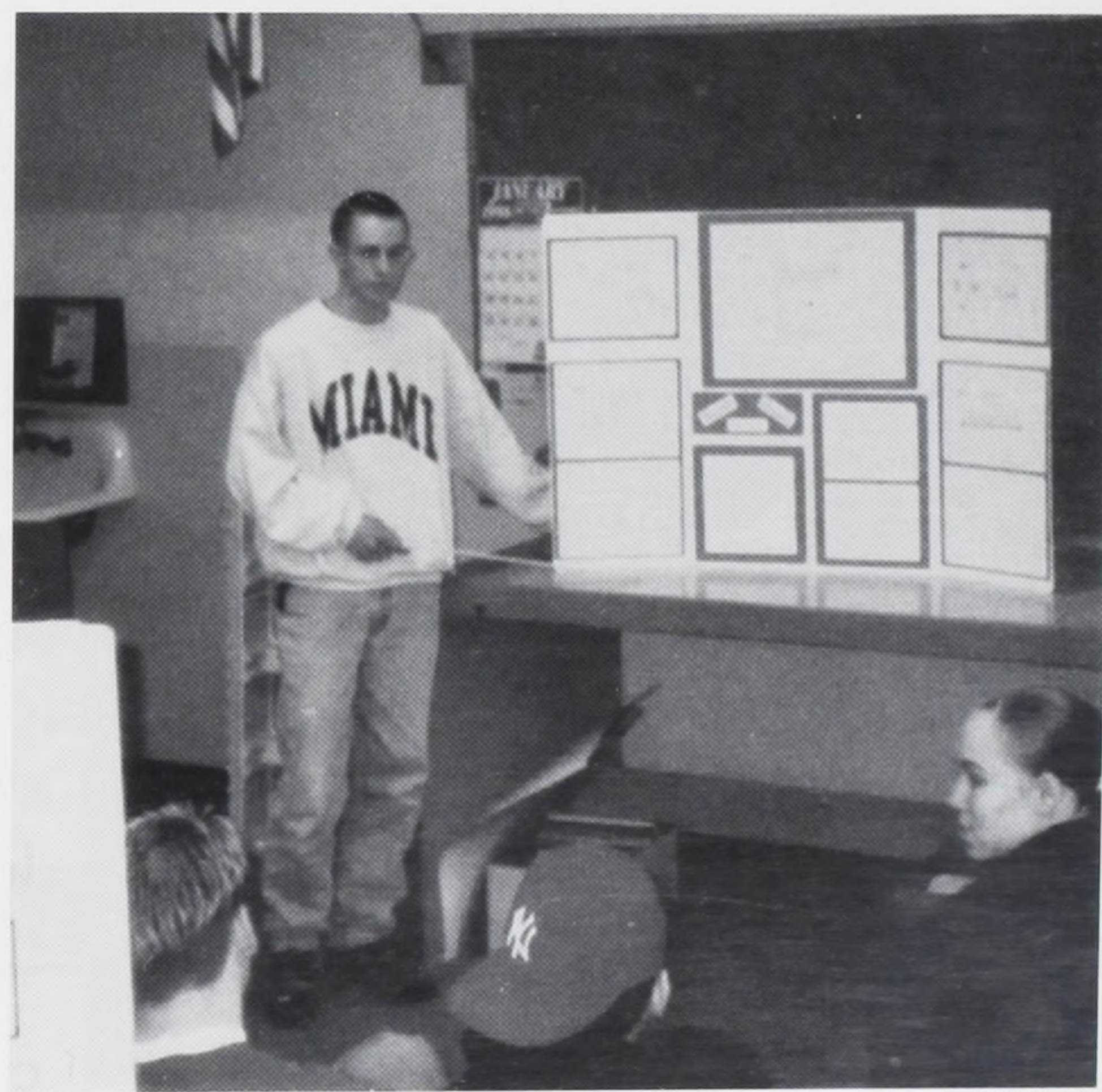


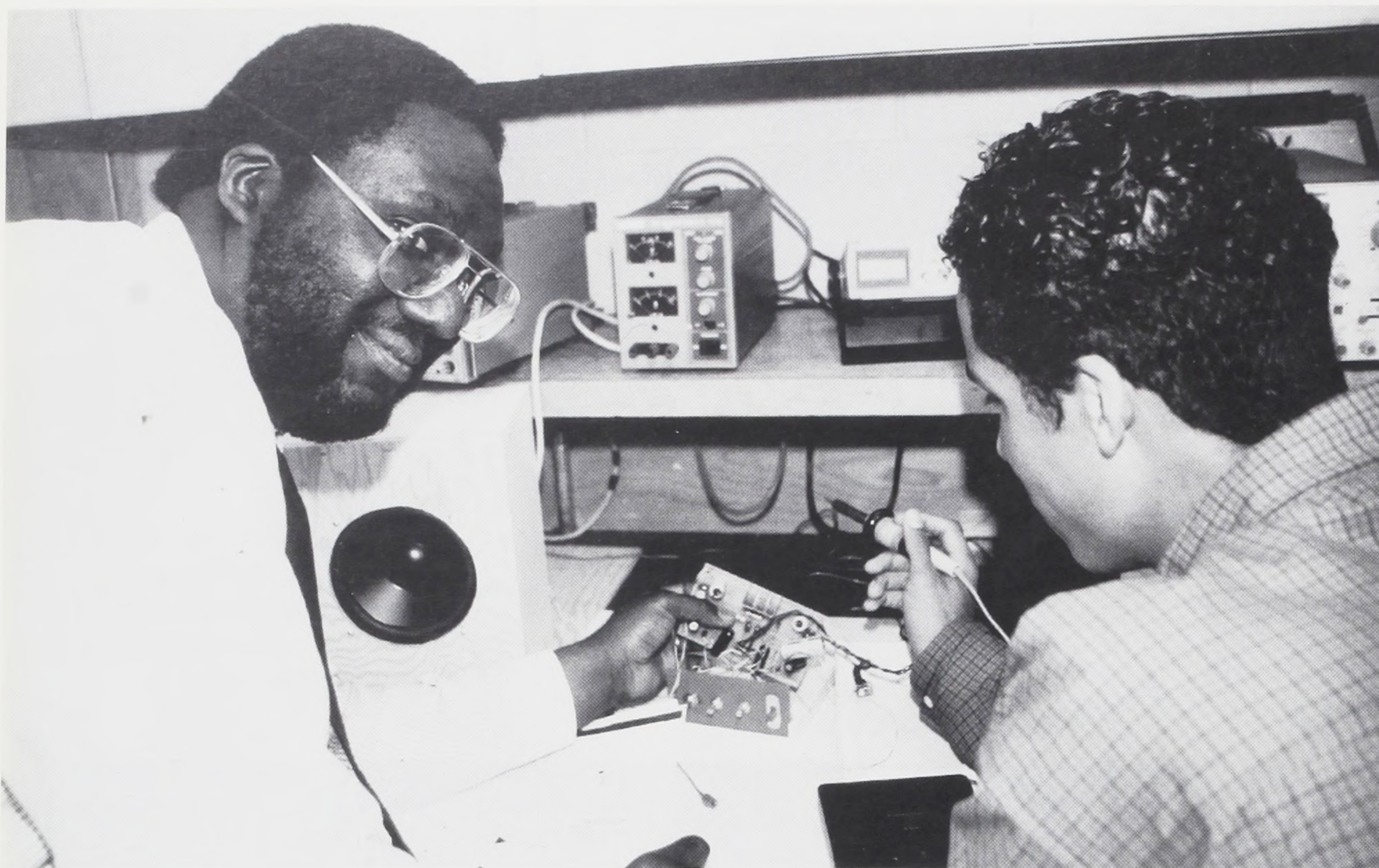
Above: Michael Pham (12) is careful to cut in a straight line, in order to make a perfect fit for the model's corners.



Bottom Left: Eric Wiley and Jenny Wright try to agree on the right design.

Bottom Right: Senior Ryan Greenwood presents his senior project to the class.





Left: Mr. Davis and Nathan Bibles try to solve a problem on a circuit board.

Electronics

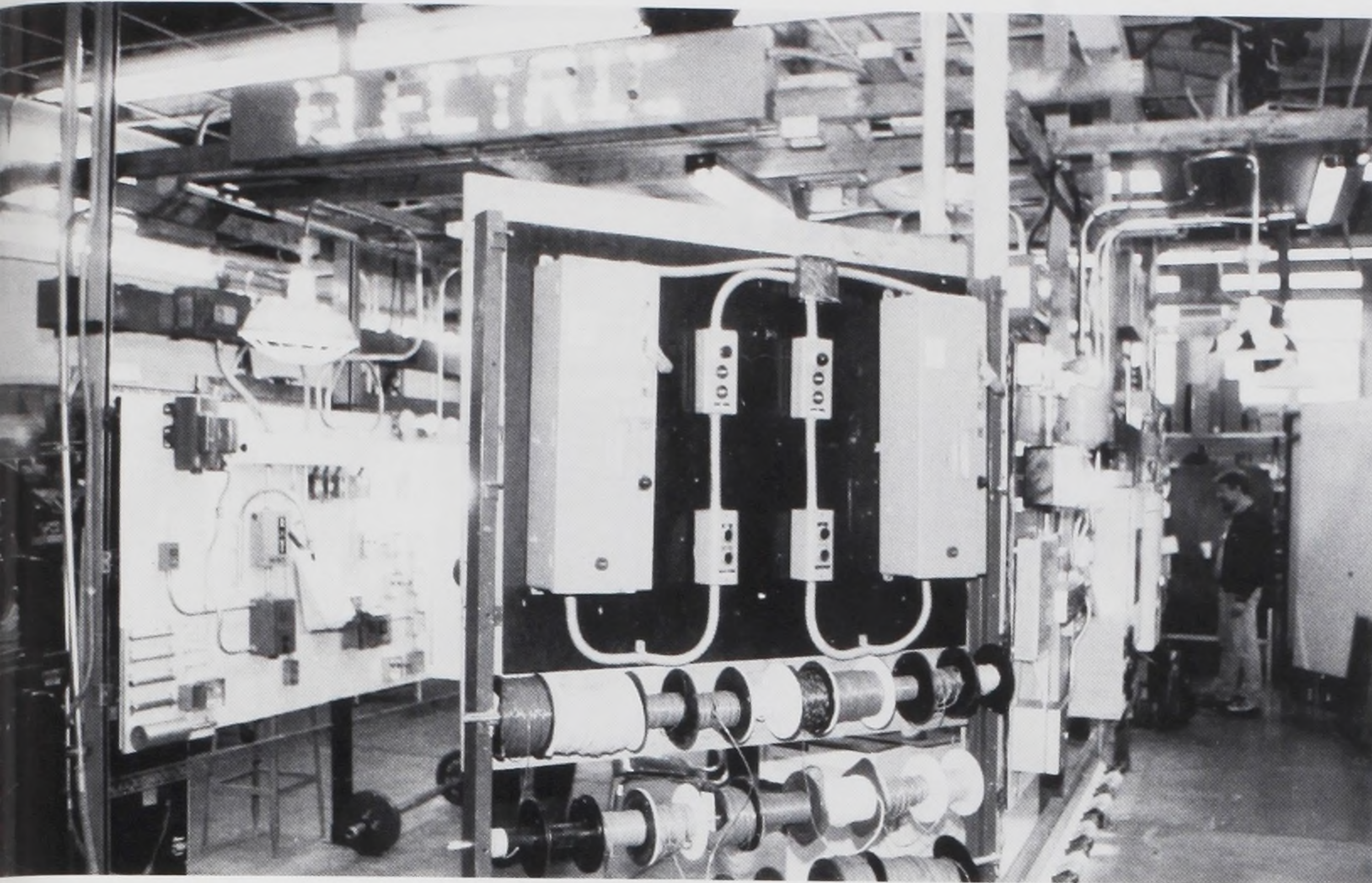
Computer Science and Electronic Engineering Technologies

Read, plan, code, wire. Stretch every neuron to keep up with the logical interface. Welcome to the Computer Software Technology and Electronics Engineering Technology majors. Researching the fundamentals that create the vast, virtual world in existence today, students dive into the complex technology that opens new horizons to how people see, hear and wonder.

Electronics Engineering explores the manipulation of analog and digital circuitry. Advancing through integrated circuits and amplifiers, seniors explore the intricate details involved in modern schematics. Projects like Sean Kernes's security system and Gabe McGovern's car stereo utilized all aspects of this field to its limits.

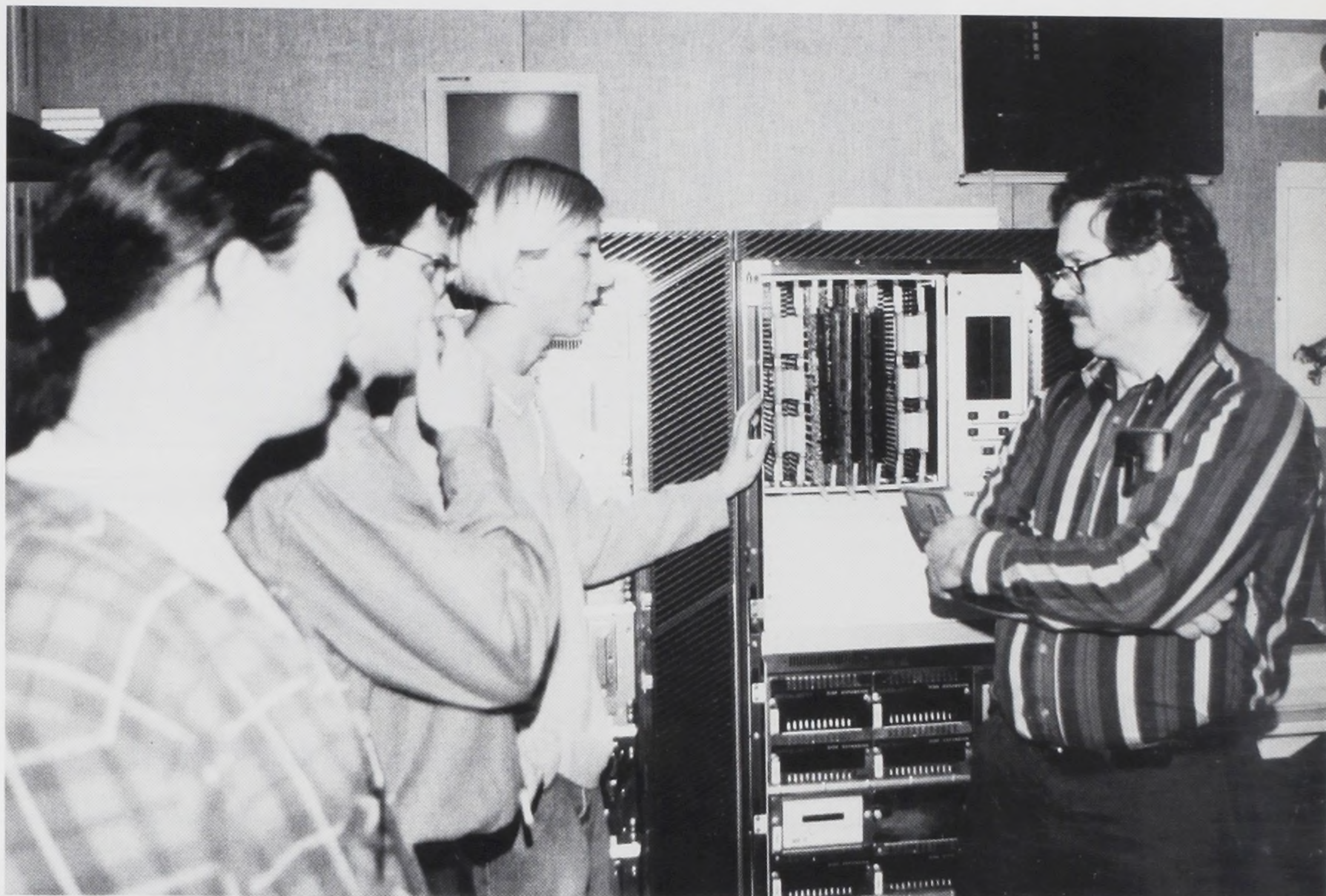
In Computer Software, Mr. Thompson drilled his pupils with the importance of programming detail. With absolutely wicked tests and rigorous exercises, C++ programming could not be further implanted into the students' minds. Incessantly researching, flowcharting and debugging programs, the deep comprehension of manipulating the power of computers led to impressive senior projects, such as Michael McGlohlon's internet map of Benson and Ben Hugeback's virtual, three-dimensional world.

by Jack Lim



Left: The electronics display always amazes guests at Benson's Tech Show.

Right: Seniors Ben Hugeback, Trevor Larson, and Corwin Fraguadas show off the school's super-computer.



Below: Junior Nick Trujillo demonstrates the operation of one of the many devices in Electronics.



Right: Junior Eric Scoggin tests a connection to see if it is in working condition.



Hispanic Club



Right: Juniors Fernando Reyes and Daniel Ruiz answer questions at the Hispanic Club's Tech Show booth.

MESA

Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievements

MESA is an educational support group for students. It was created to encourage those interested in the fields of math, engineering and science to pursue and excel in those areas. Students are able to participate in this program from sixth grade all the way through graduate school, exploring many areas of study along the way. The connections made between MESA members and sponsors stay with each student throughout their lives and become footholds on the career ladder.

AAAC

African American Awareness Club

A new program titled African American Awareness Club was started this year at Benson. It is made up of students who are committed to learning and teaching about African Americans throughout history and in our society. Their main goals are to broaden the knowledge of African Americans to all people in a positive learning environment. In this way, everyone may be able to appreciate and recognize the contributions African Americans have made to our society and present way of life. The AAAC is open to anybody with the desire to expand their mind and gain this knowledge. The club's founders hope this program will continue for many years, playing a strong and influential role at our school.

NHS

National Honor Society



Right: Just a little more root beer. NHS members run the annual root beer float fundraiser during Tech Show. The proceeds are donated to Doernbecher Children's Hospital.



PEP Squad

Workers In The Shadows

It is the first Pep Assembly of the year. You know it will set the tone for all assemblies to follow. The freshmen don't know what to expect and the seniors don't expect much. Suddenly, the sound of a helicopter is heard and a group of people wearing black suits and sunglasses walk out guarding a young man dressed in a brown trench coat. The young man emerges from behind the dark suits and makes a short speech. "This assembly is going to be off the hook!" When the assembly is over and people wipe the Jell-O off their bodies, you talk to your friends excitedly about how good it was and briefly wonder who put it together.

Well, wonder no longer my friend. That bomb assembly was brought to you by Arleta Fowler, Kayin Talton, Mohammed Jalloh, Justin Phillips, Robin Elliott, Jeanette Pelster and Adam Moore. This group of creative people are known as the PEP Squad. They helped make the 1997-98 school year one that will be remembered for years to come. These dedicated students sacrificed their time during lunch and after school, staying until 8pm some nights planning assemblies. They will be a hard act to follow, but we are sure the student body will rise to the challenge and make next year just as special.

by Mohammed Jalloh



BATS

Benson Auditorium Technical Support

"Lights, camera, action!" Do you ever wonder who is taking those orders as they are barked out of the director's mouth? Well, if you're a BAT, that person would be you. This energetic group of students can be seen scrambling up and down the aisles, operating spot lights in the balcony, searching for cords, bulbs and wire at any given time before, during and after a production. They're the ones walking around with headsets and walkie-talkies, making cryptic comments like "too much feedback on the left mike" and "blind the spot in the right corner." They are the ones who make sure every experience in the auditorium runs smoothly and on schedule.

Chess Team

All the Right Moves



Left: The battles rage side by side.

Below: “Oh my aching brain!” James Nussbaumer (12) looks perplexed by the state of his game.



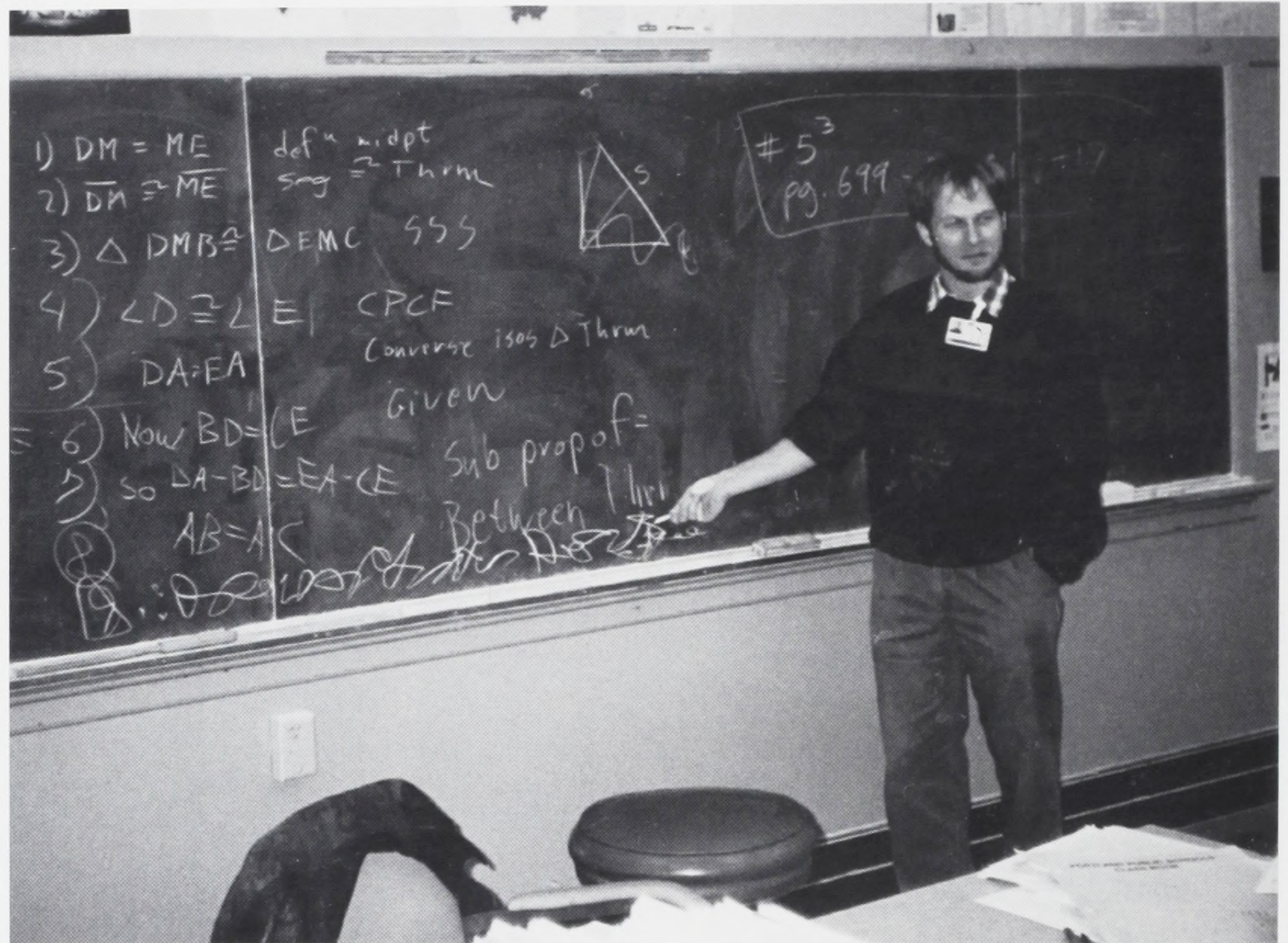
Above: Michael Conkey (12) contemplates the next move, as his opponent concentrates and other chess players look on.

“Check Mate!” The sweetest and most gratifying phrase to come out of a chess player’s mouth. This year’s chess team had the pleasure of saying it more than they heard it. They ended the season ranked fifth in the league, and they followed that with a ninth place finish at state.

First to Arrive, Last to leave

Benson's Faculty and Staff

Step number nine is
most important in
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... if you can read
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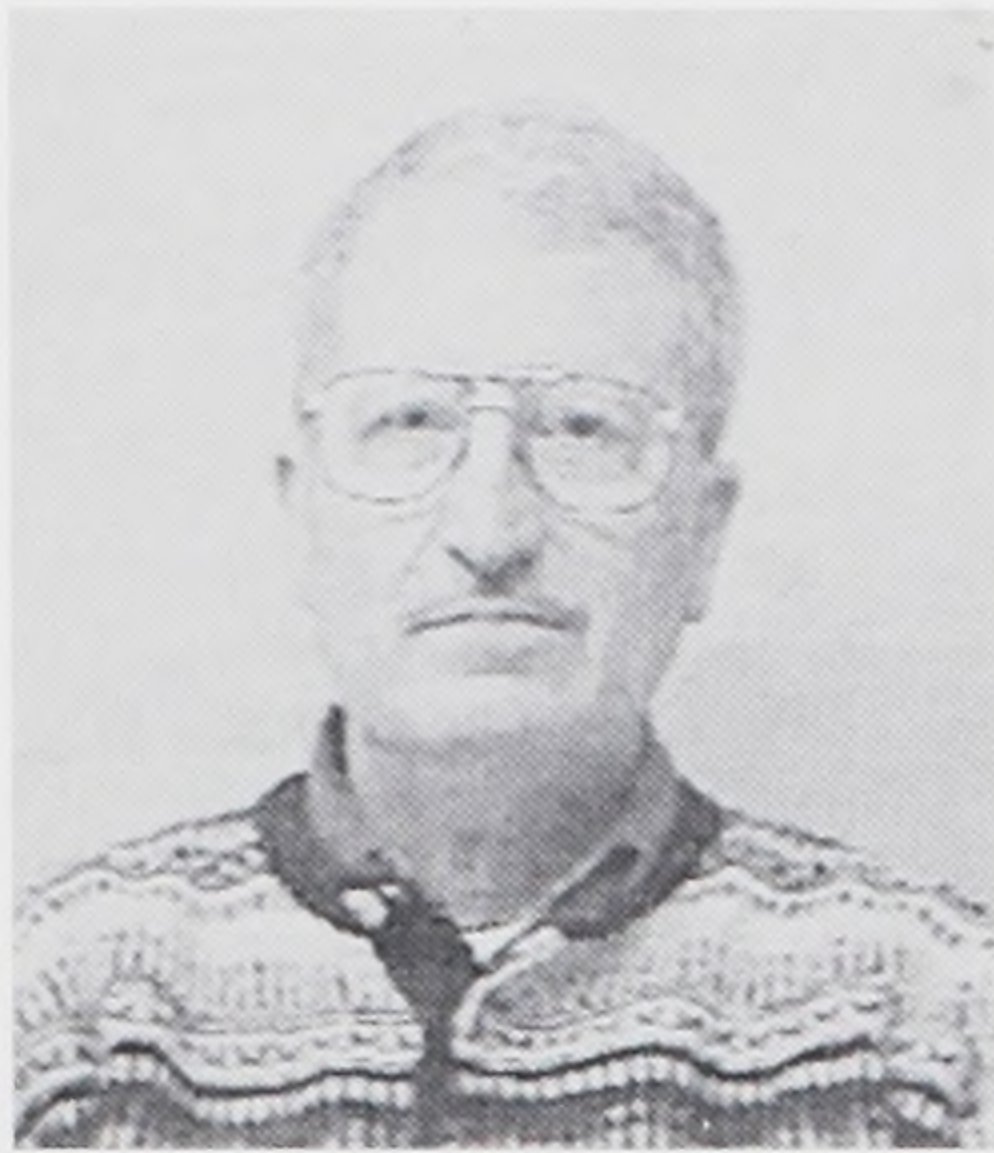
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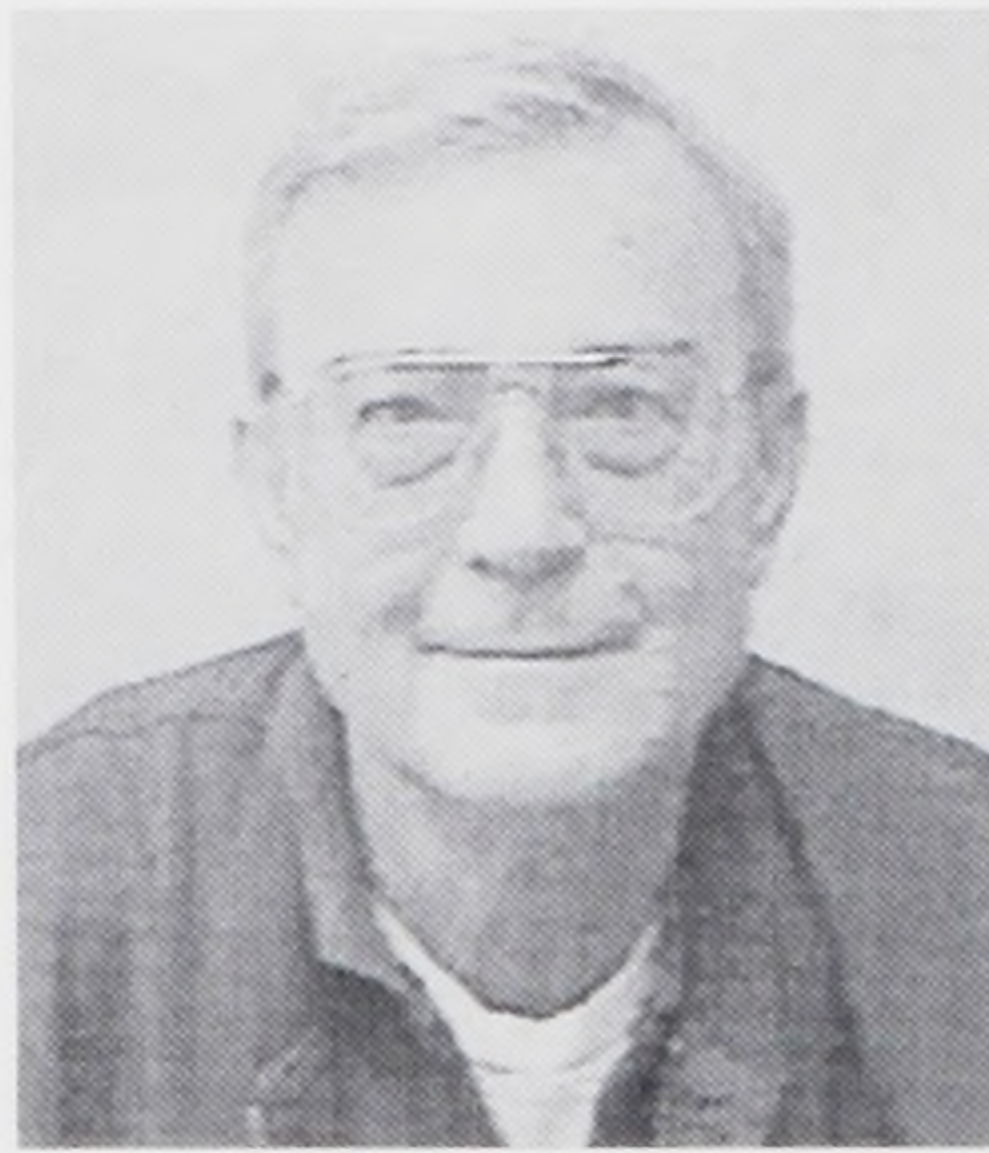
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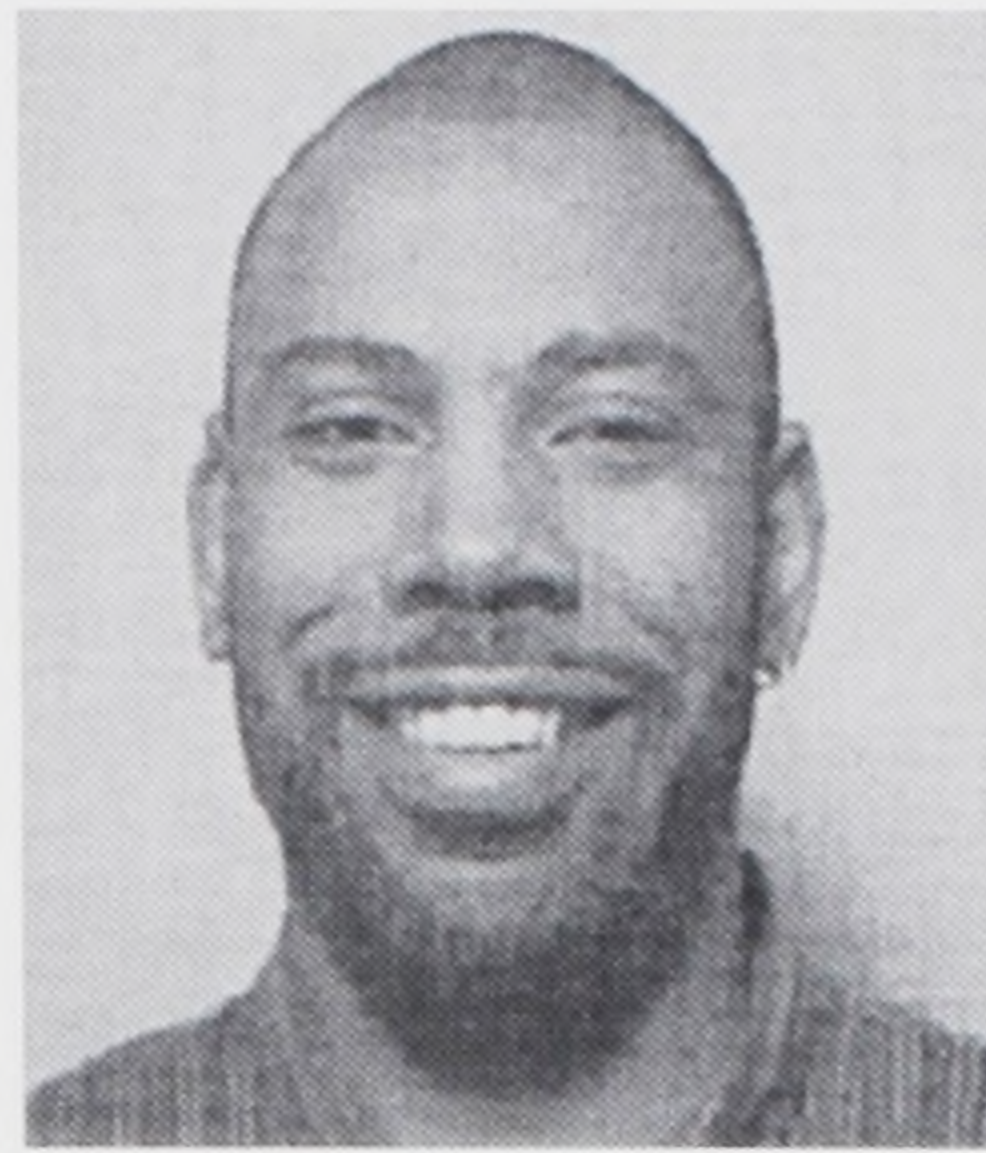
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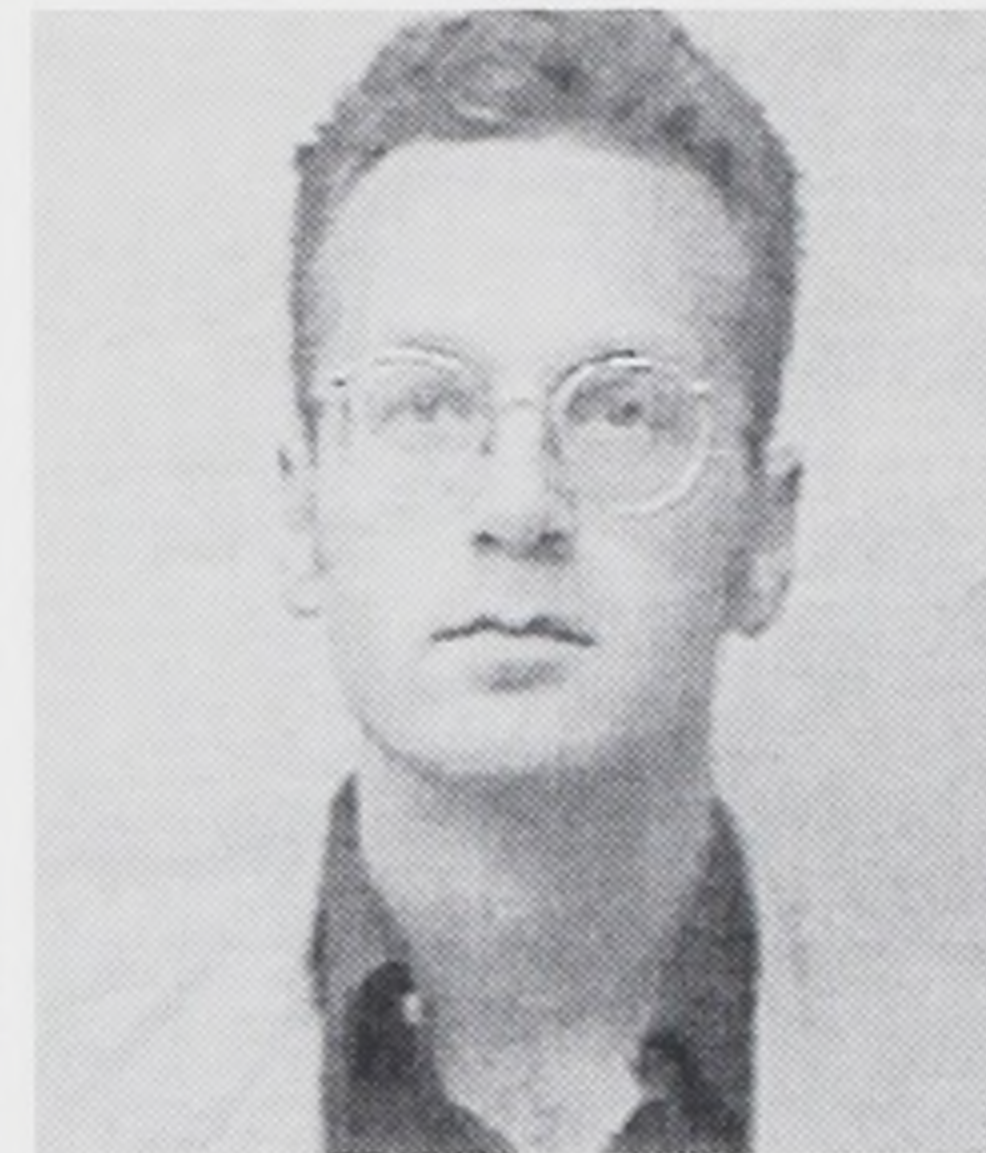
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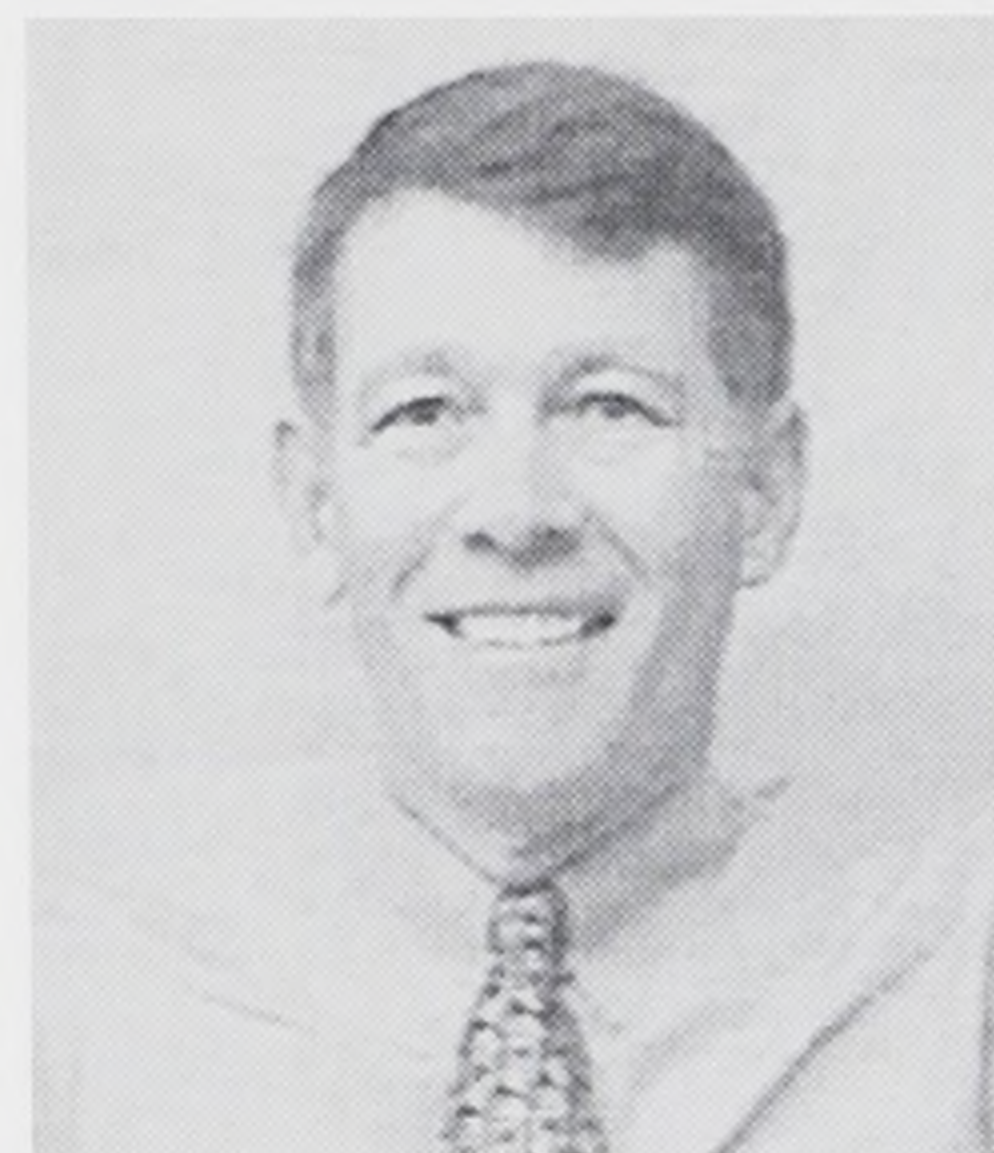
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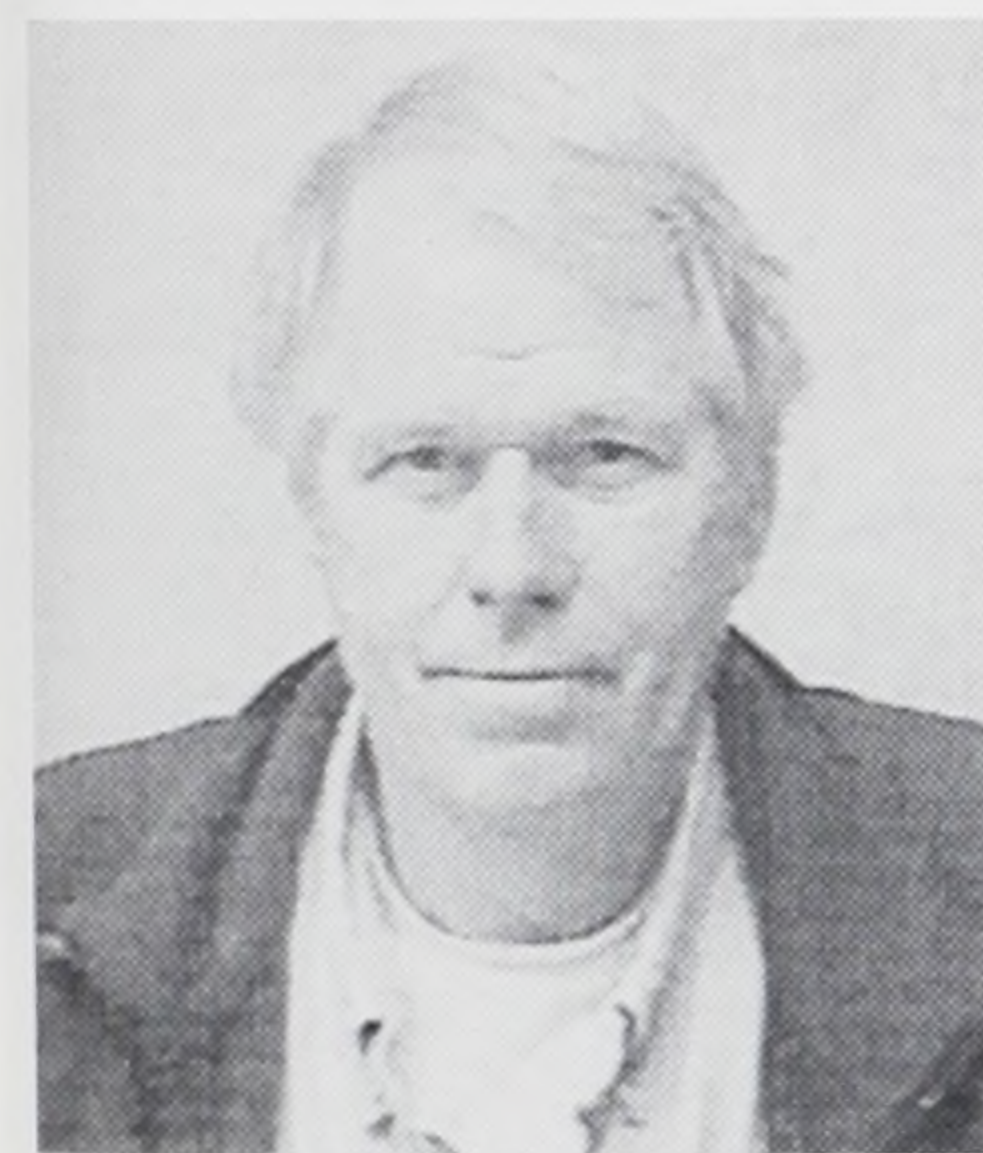
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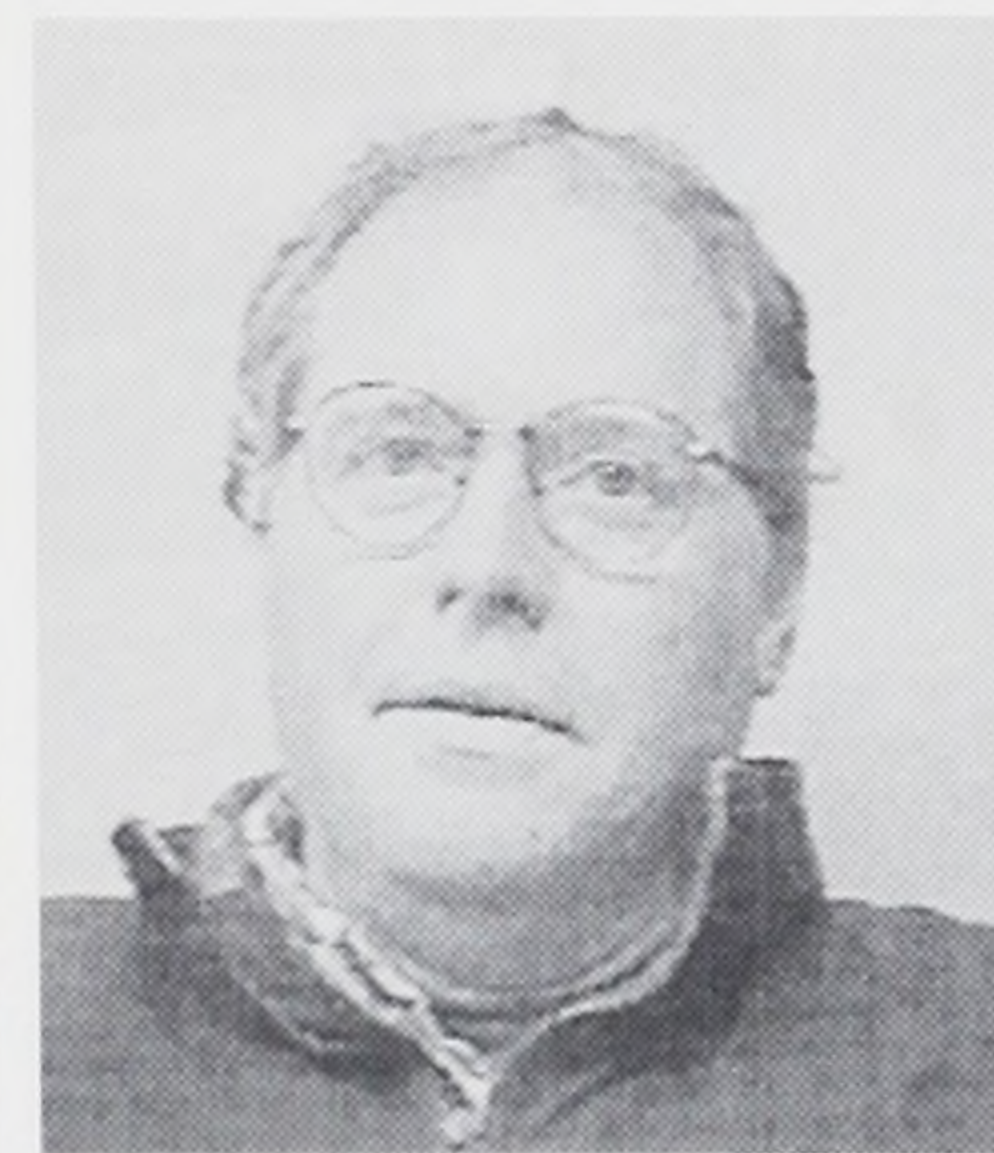
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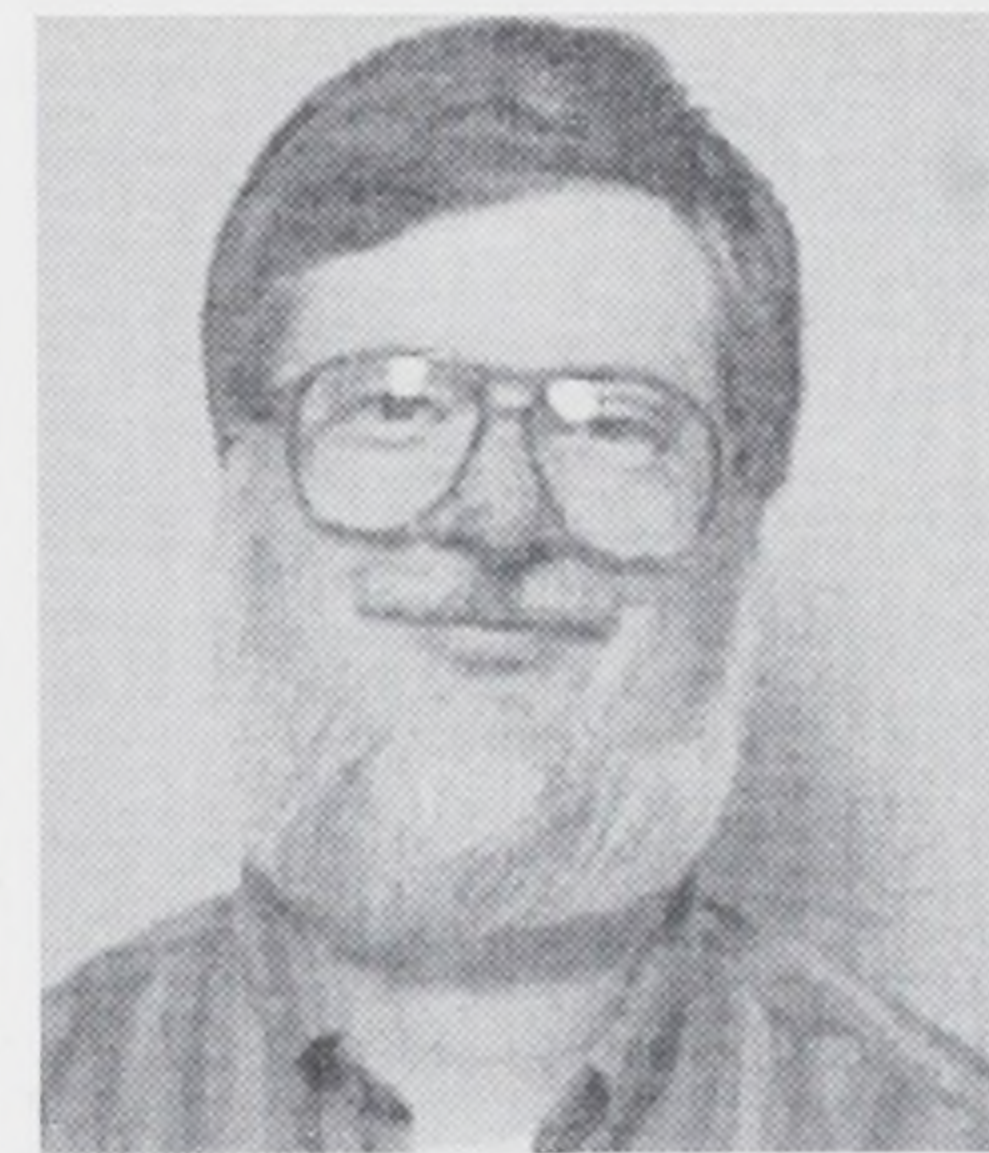
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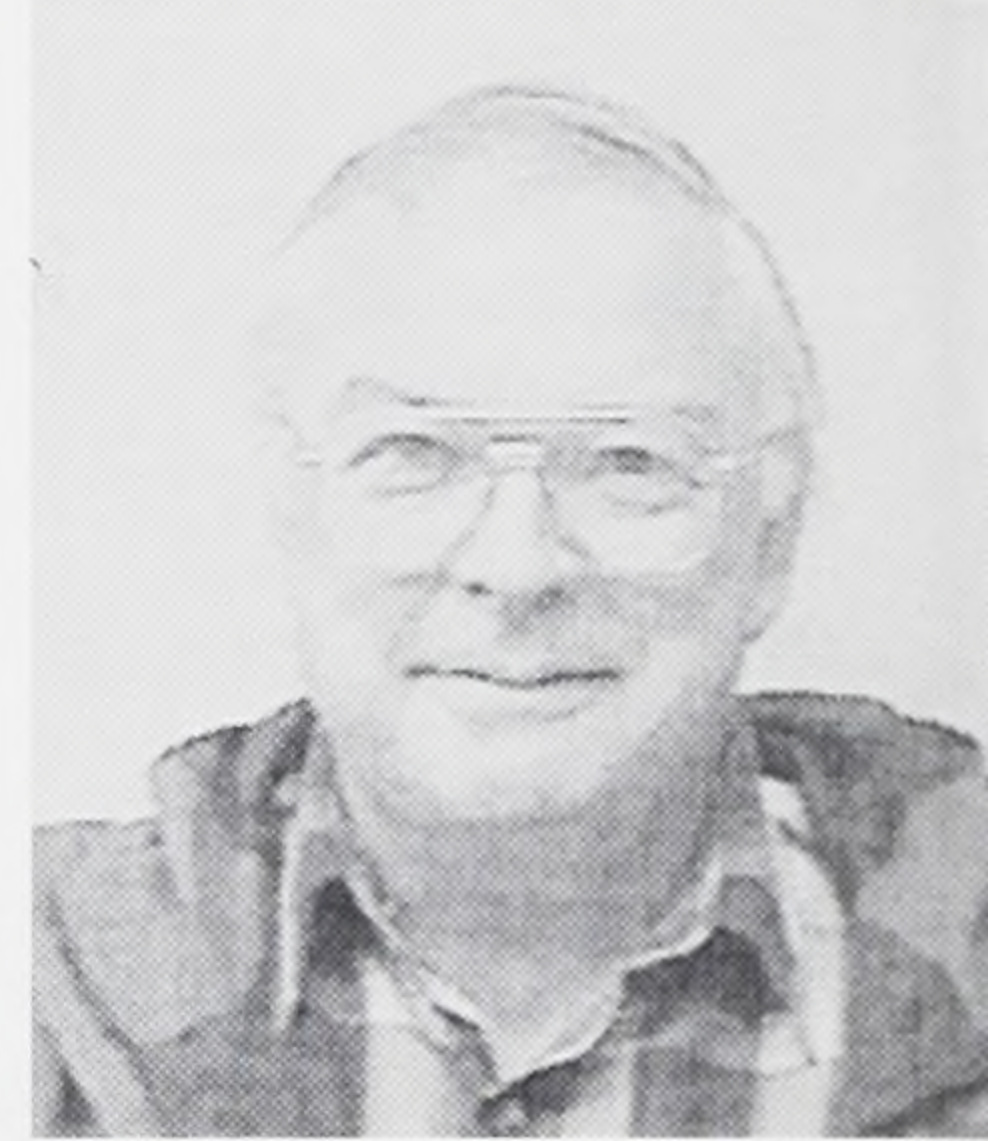
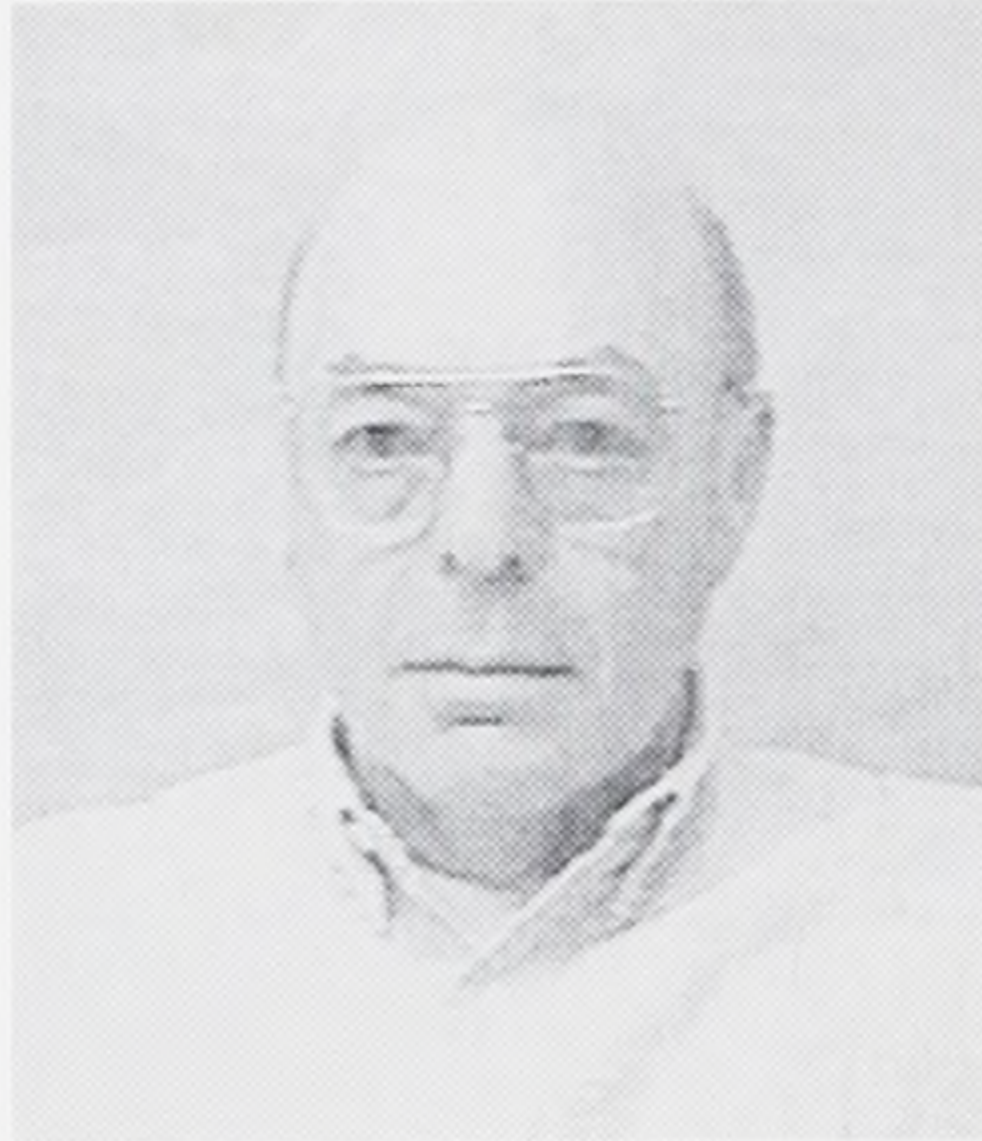


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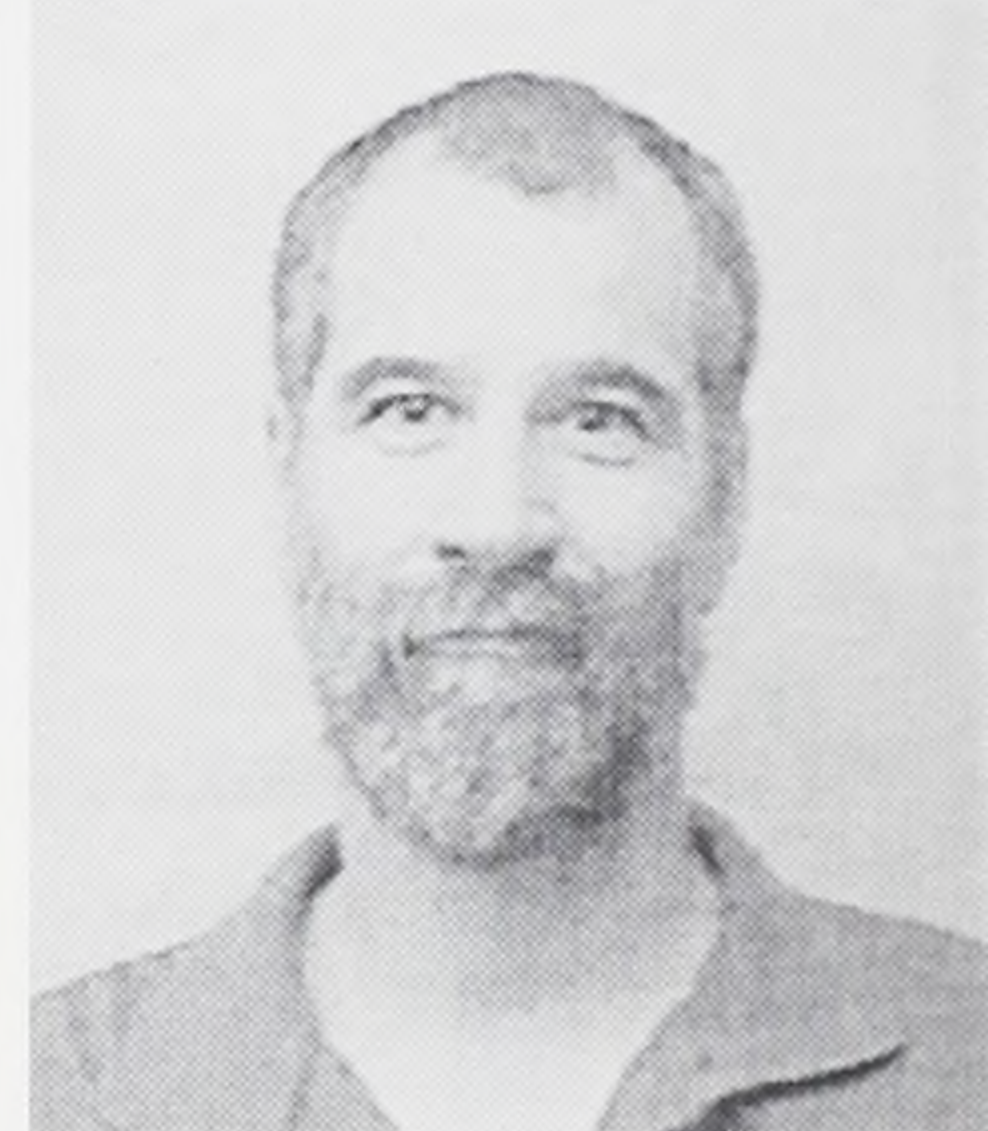


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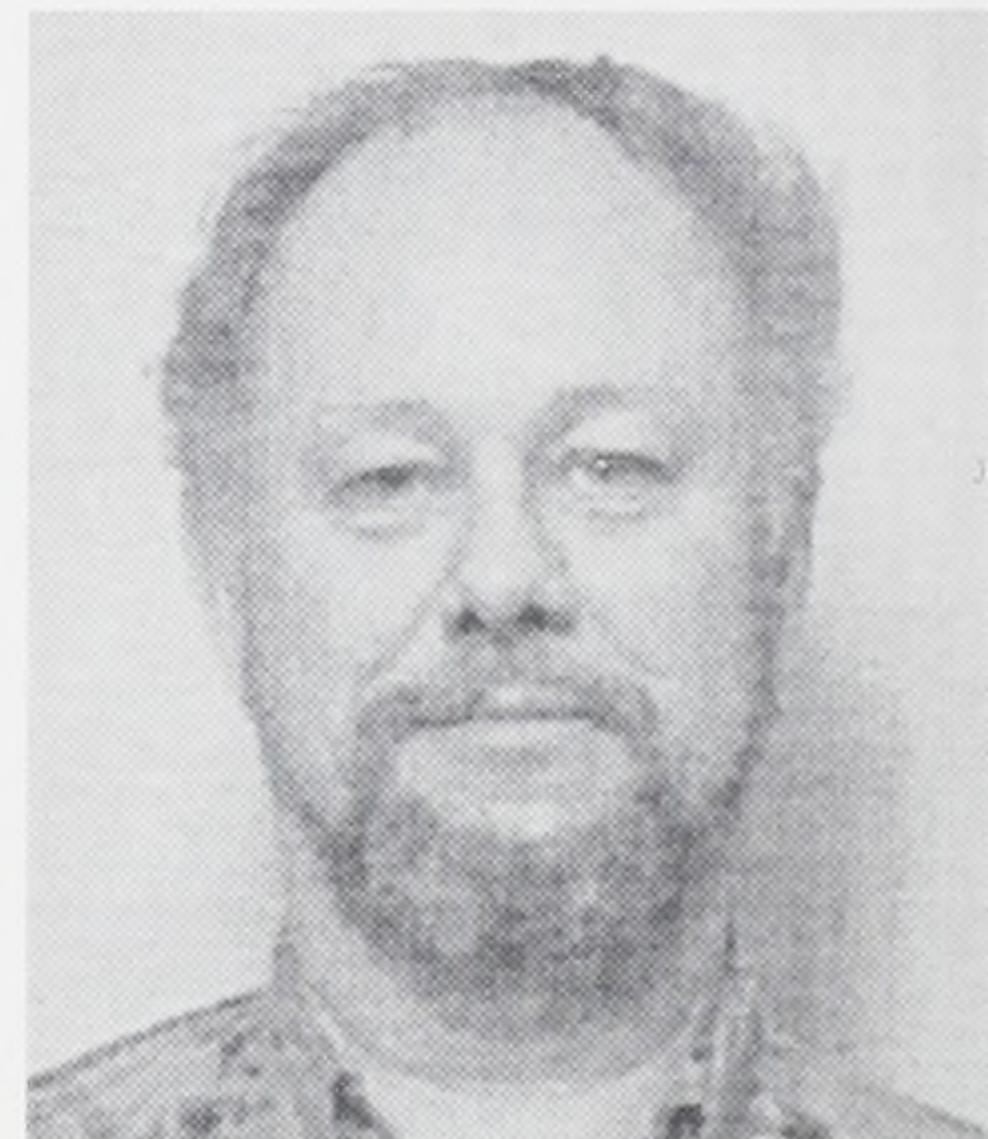
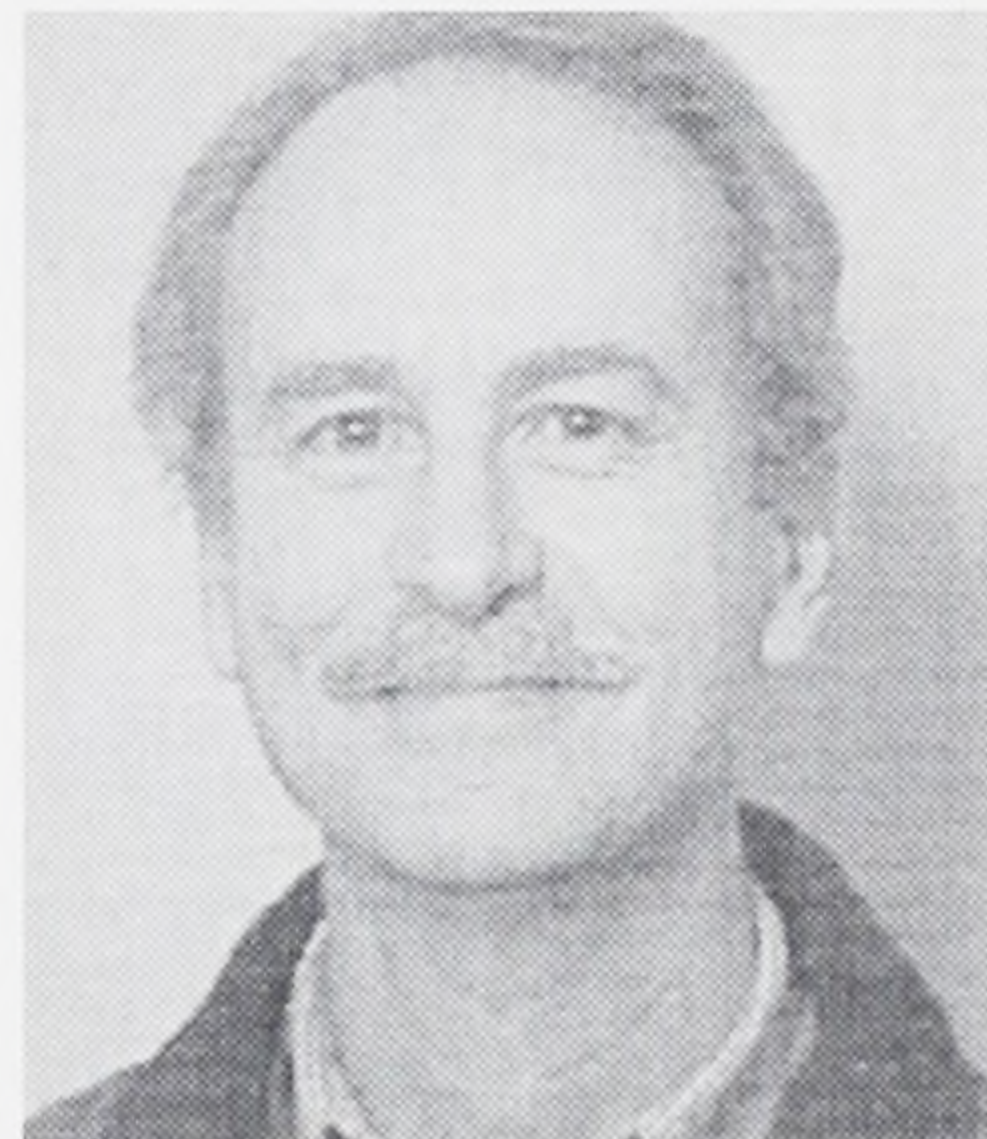


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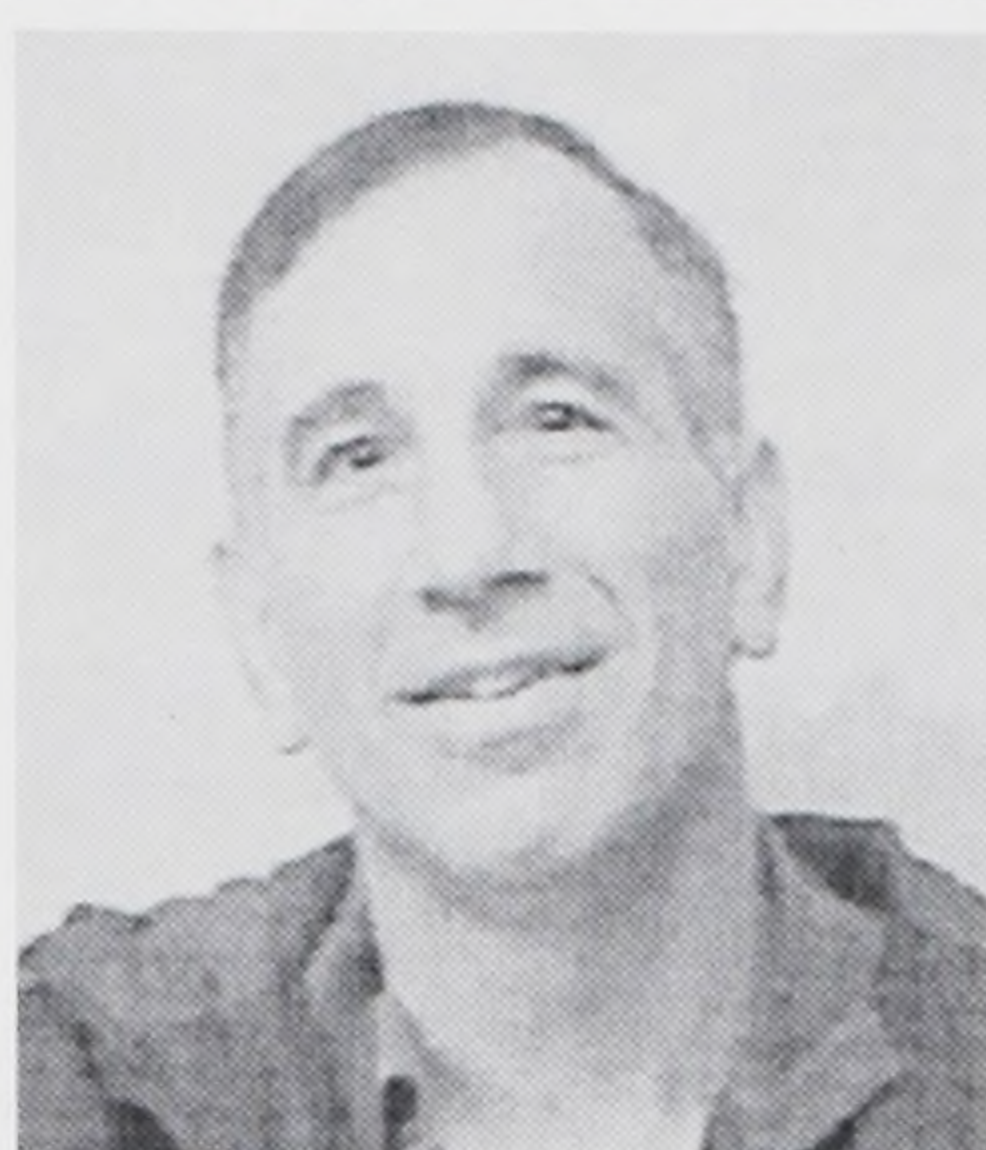
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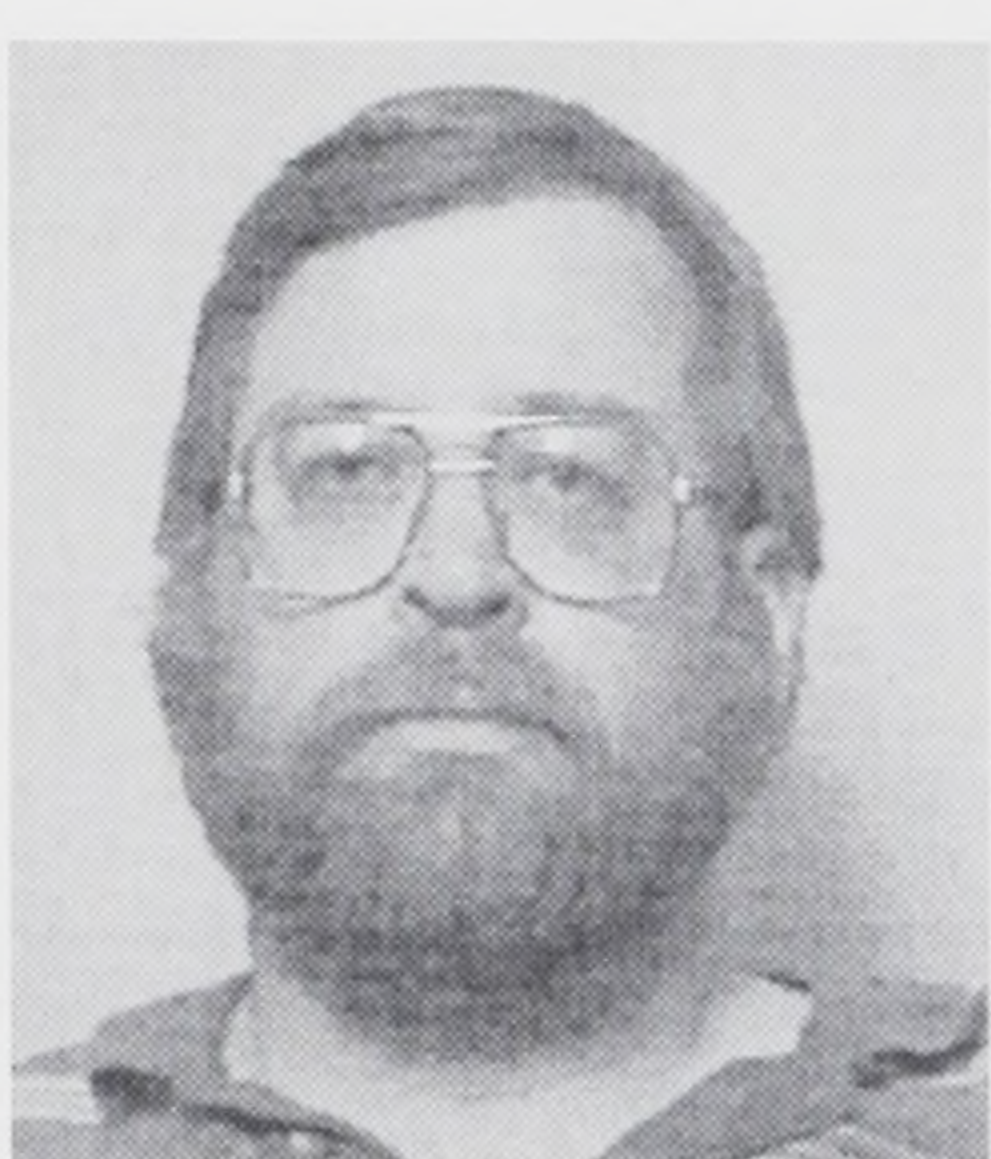
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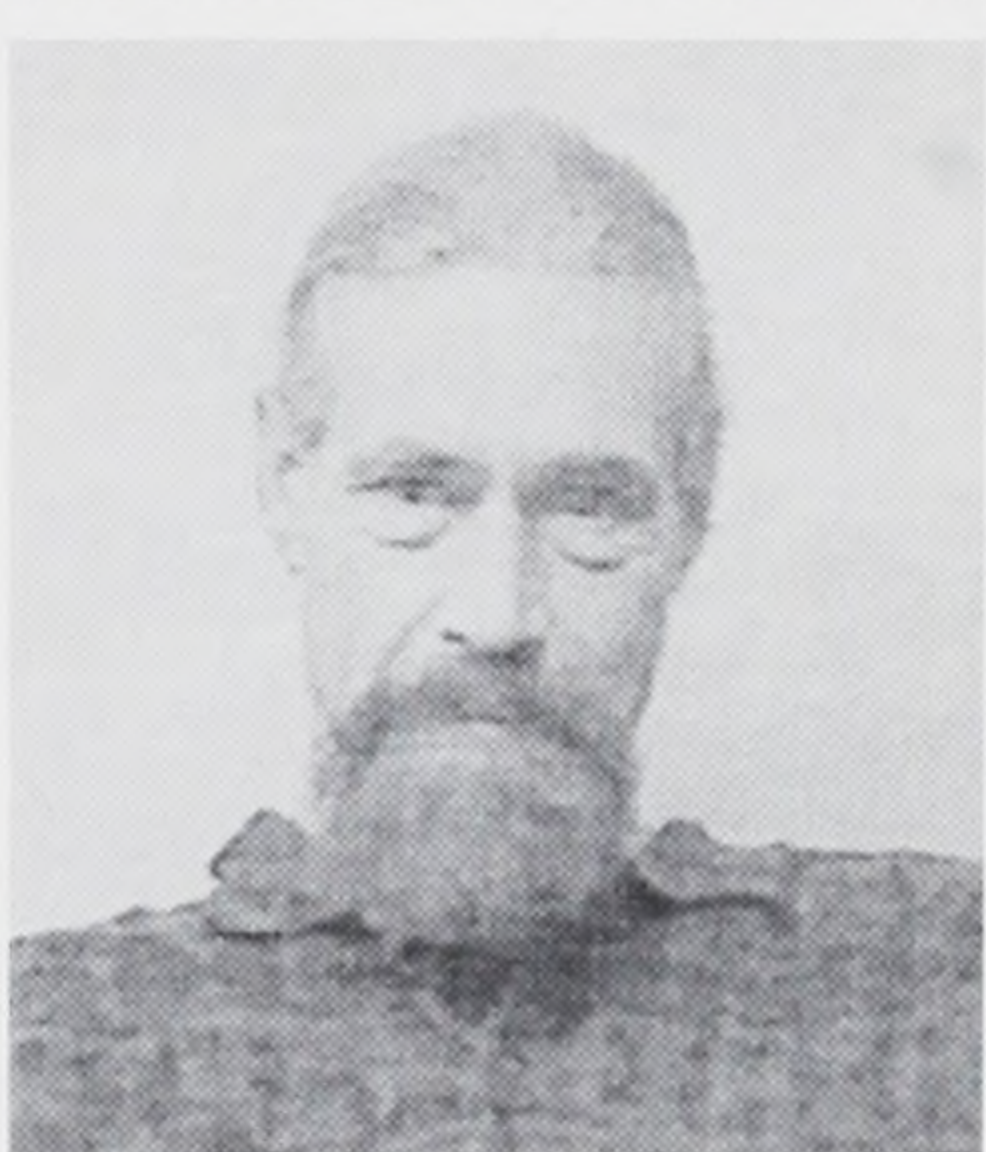
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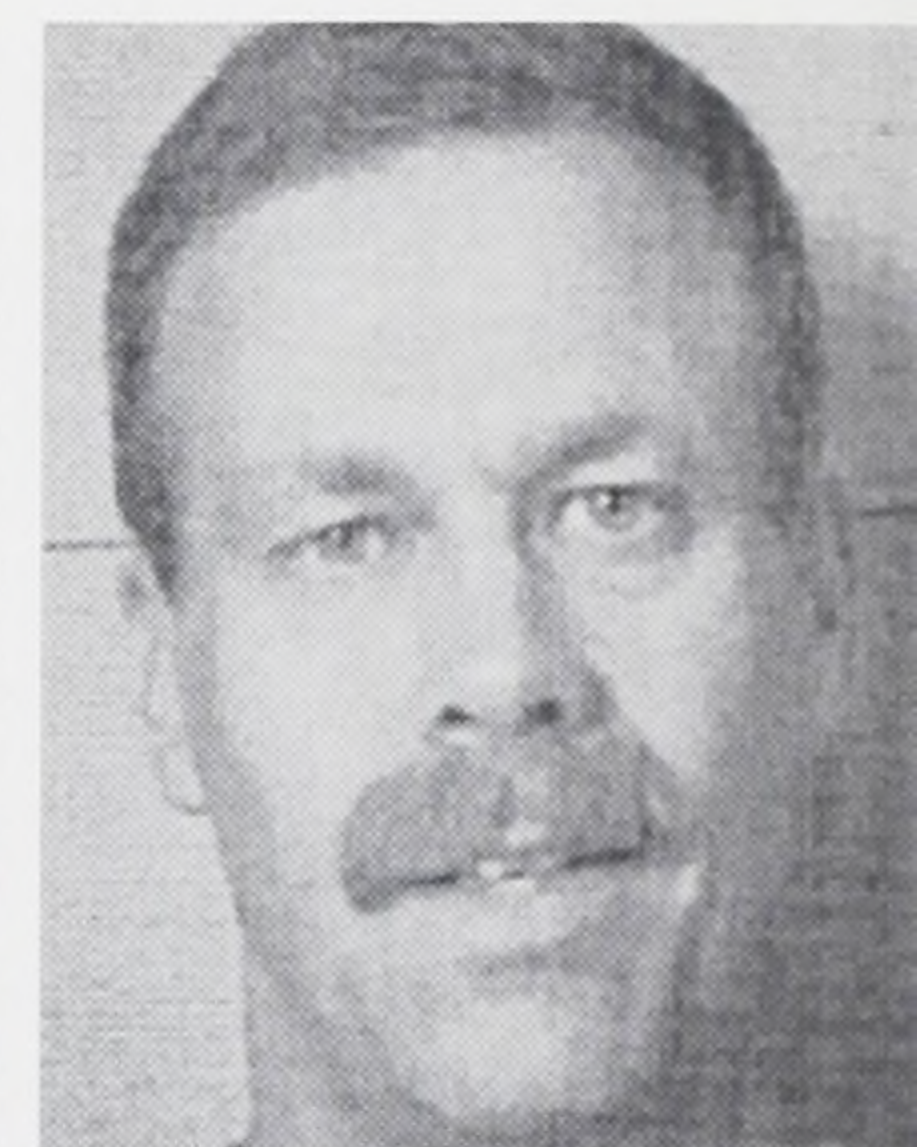
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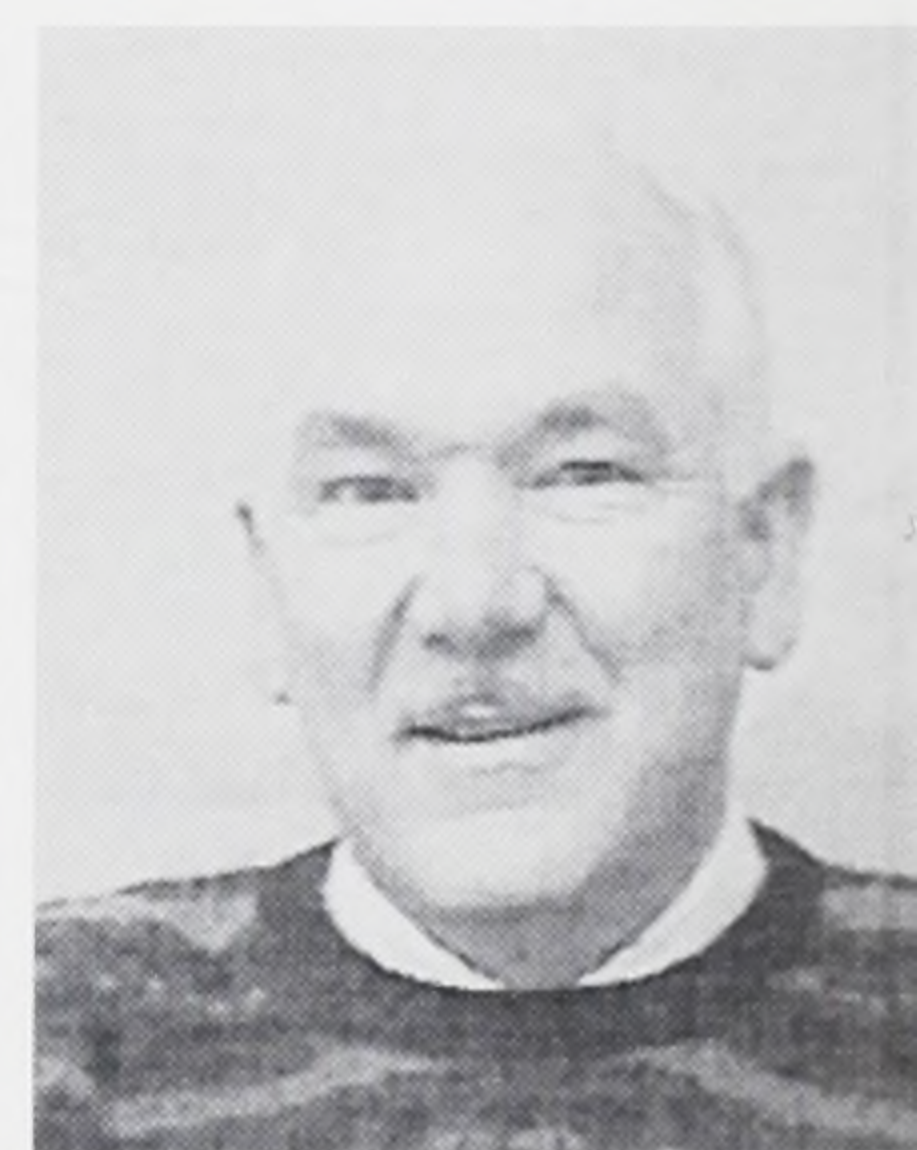
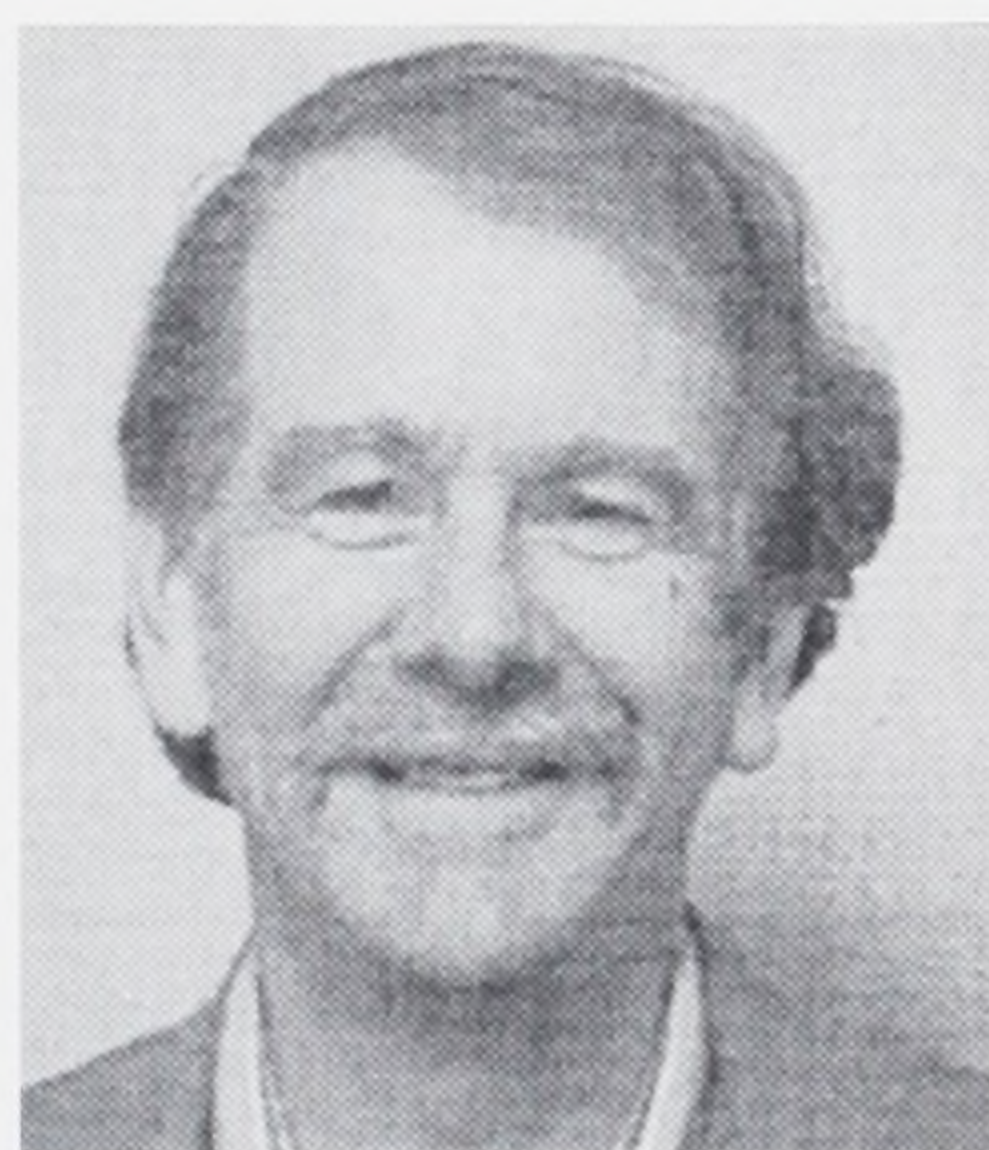


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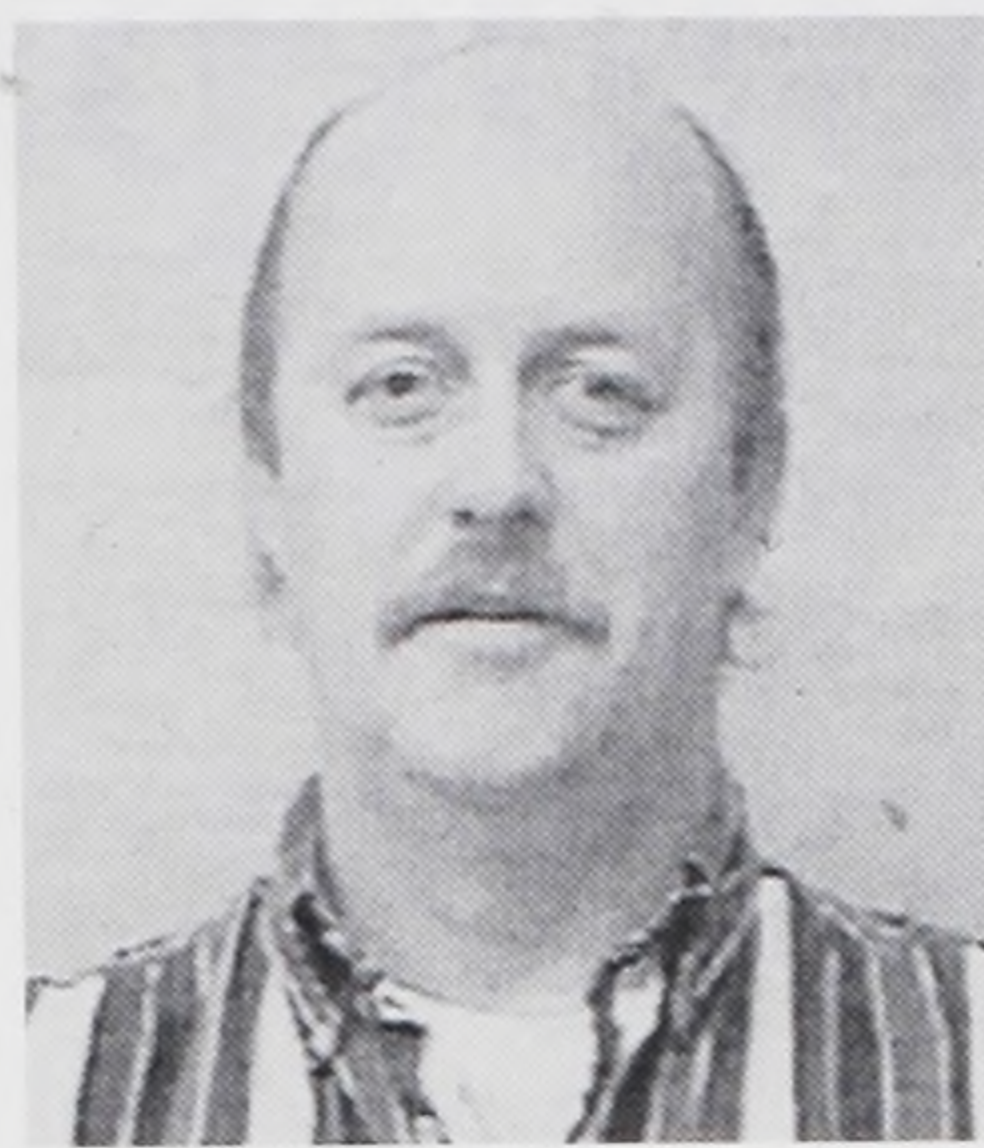
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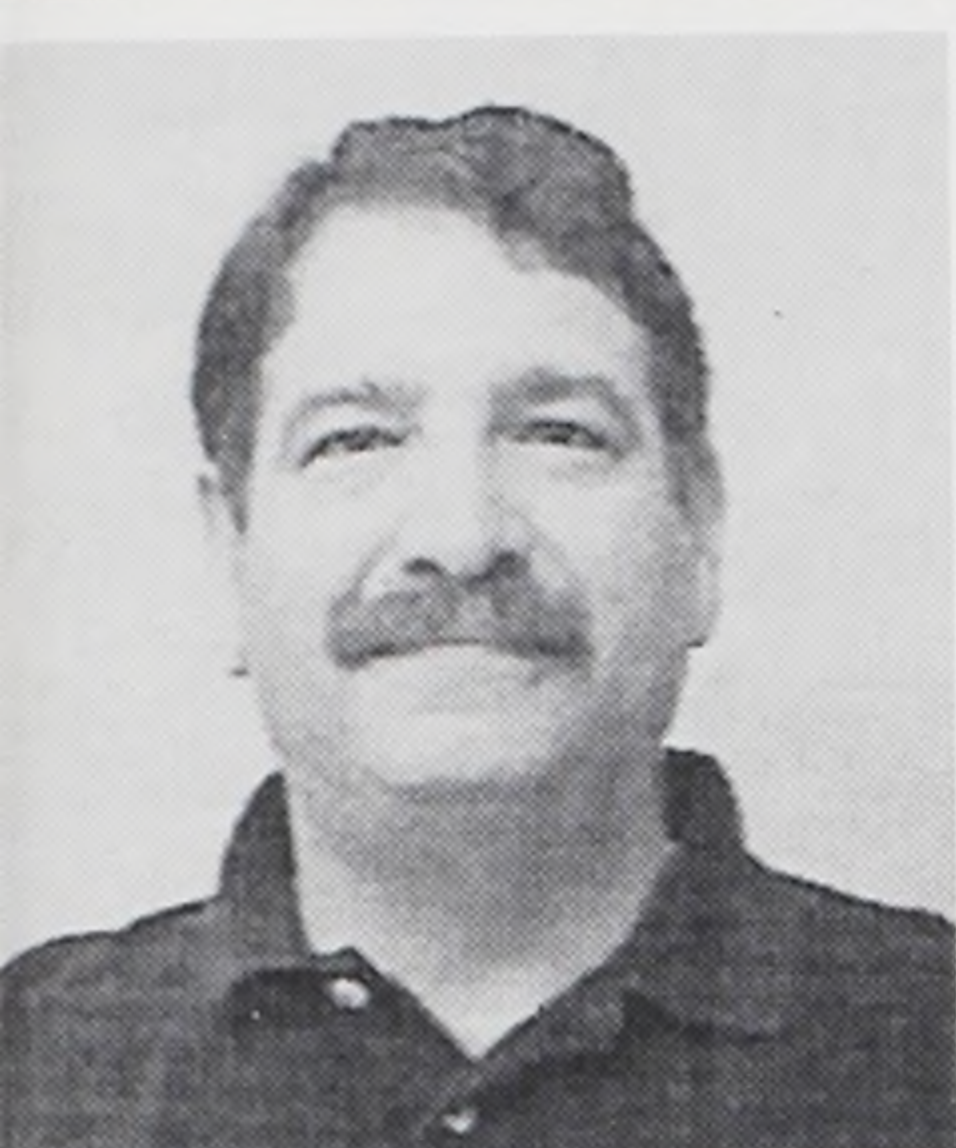
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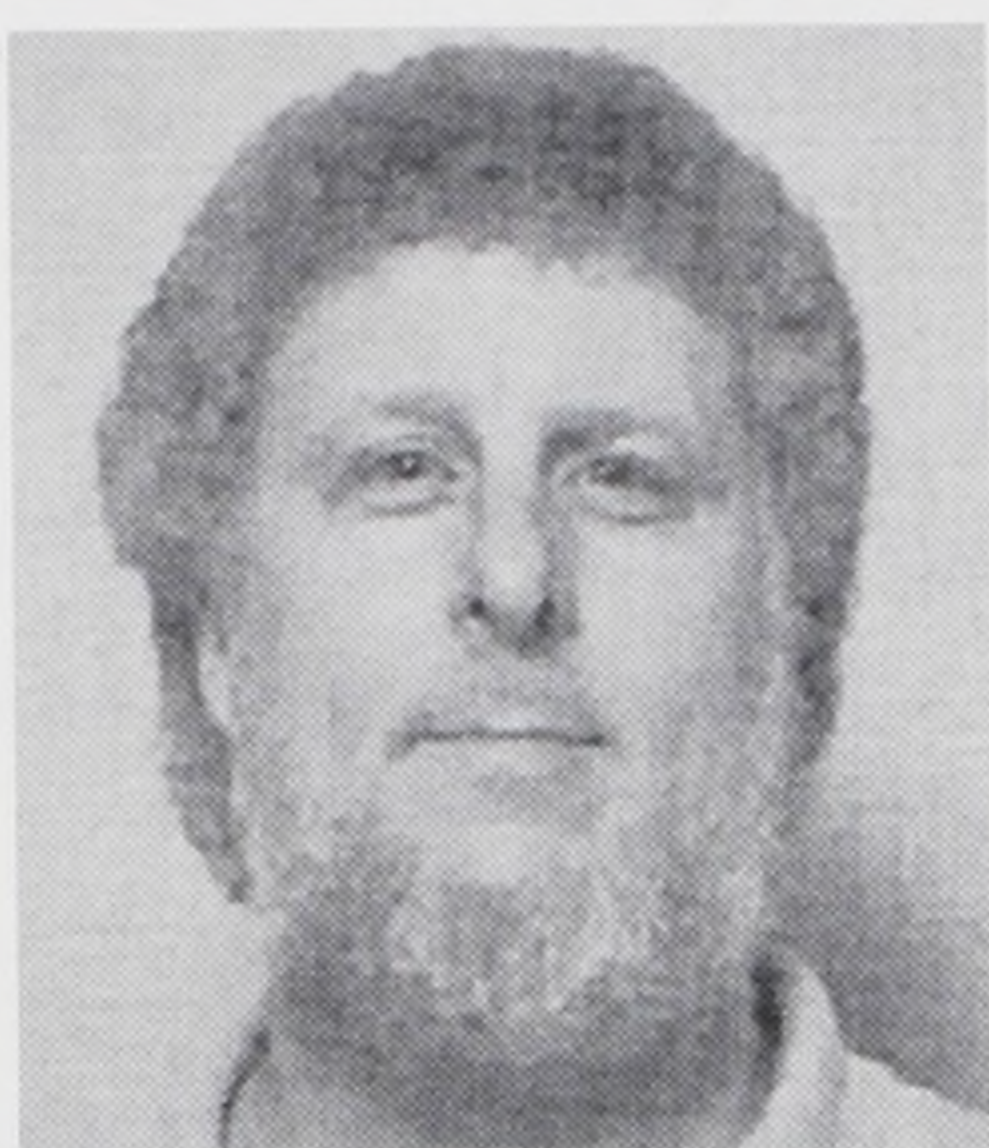
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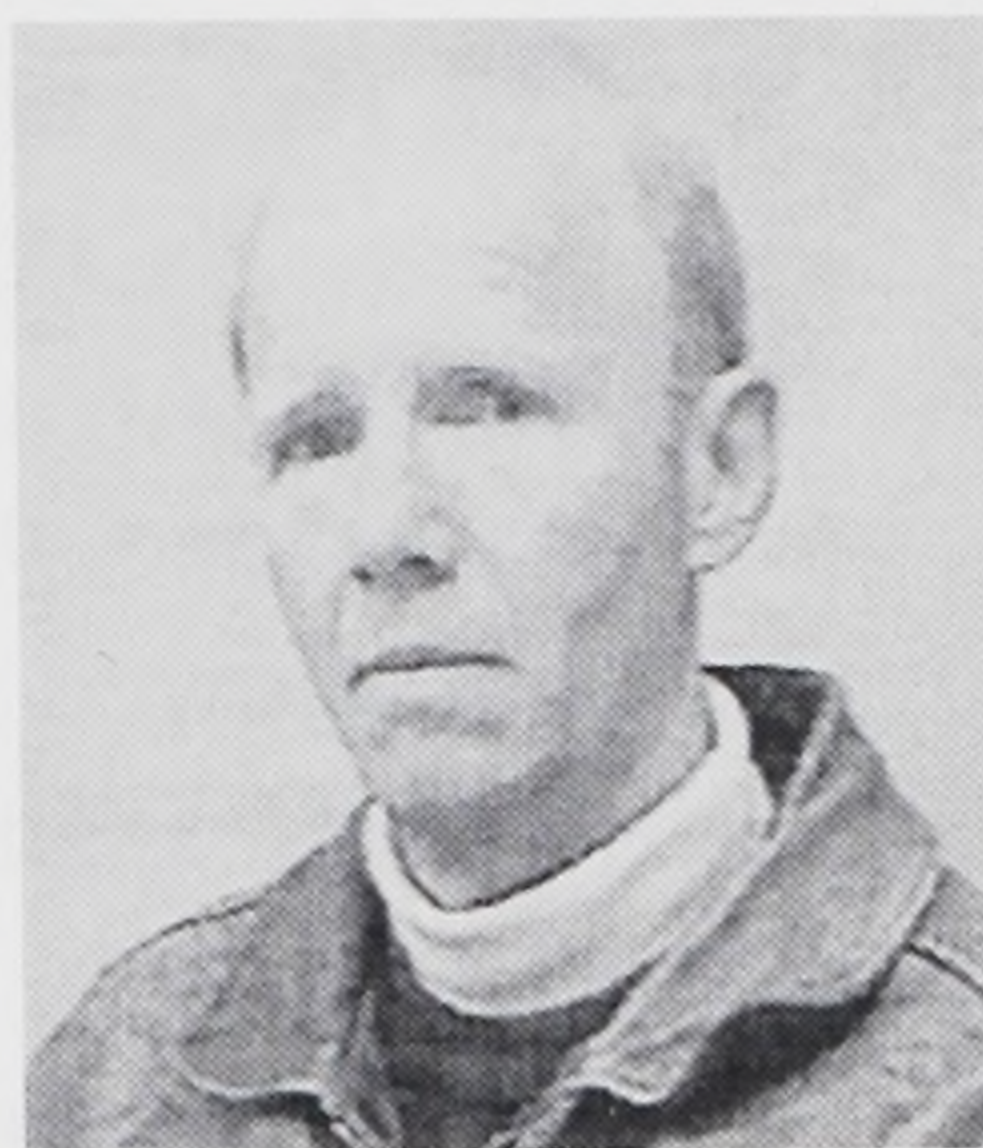
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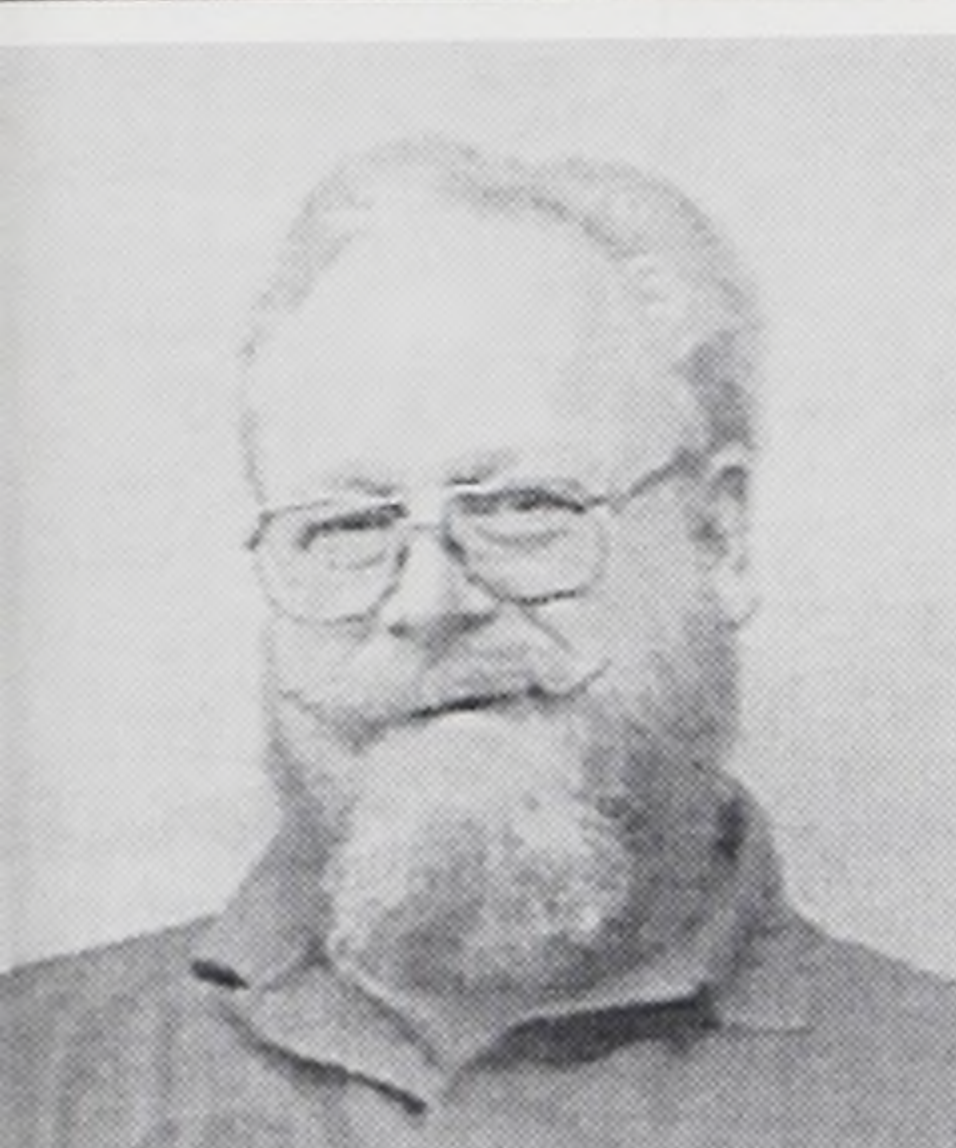
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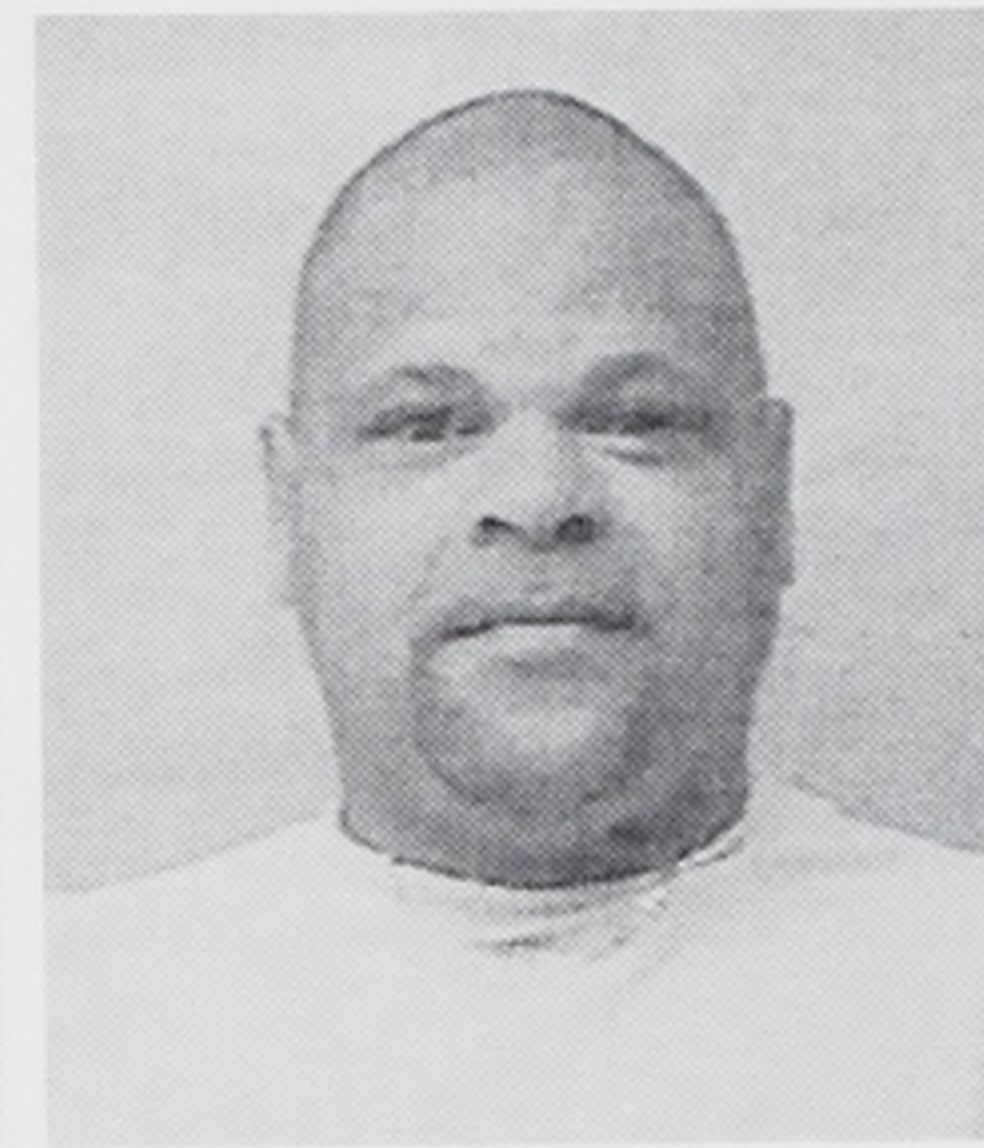
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