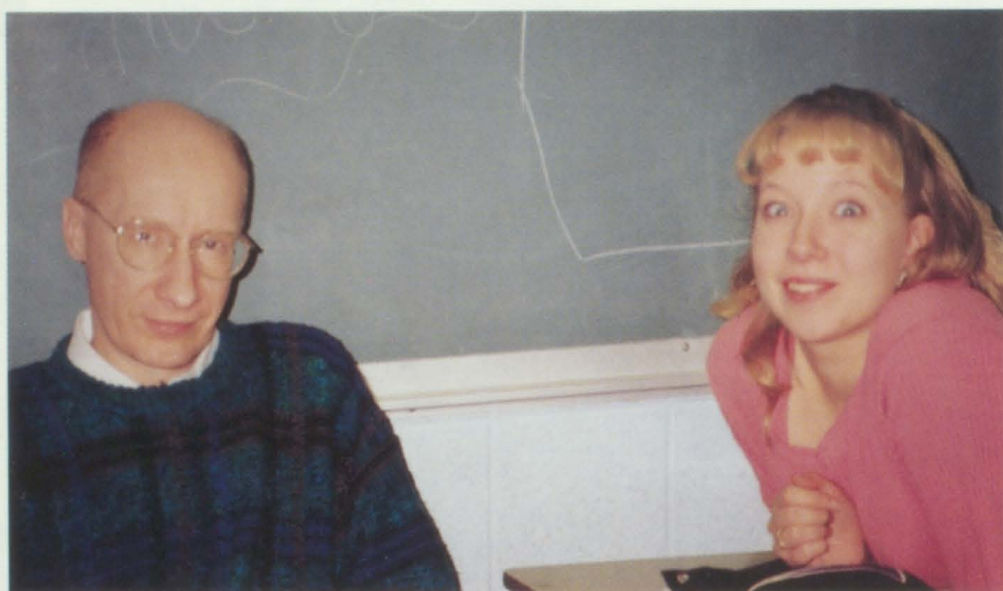


In  
for a Little  
**SHOCK!**

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*If you come any closer, I'll break your leg.*



*The camera crew caught the simply marvelous Anna Carlson and she's shocked.*

*When I get this yoga thing down, I'll rule the school.*



*If Mischief had a name, Kellie Thompson and Jennifer Howe look like they'd be prime candidates.*

*Rats! Caught by the camera. Darn leg slowed me down again.*



# Don't stop believin'

Union, making only its second playoff appearance in school history and the first since 1981, shocked Lewistown with a first-half blitz and rolled to a 52-22 win in the first round of the Class 1A playoffs



*Off-season work pays off for Union line*

**Union 48**  
**Southern 6** Yankees  
end skid against  
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## Union rips Lewistown

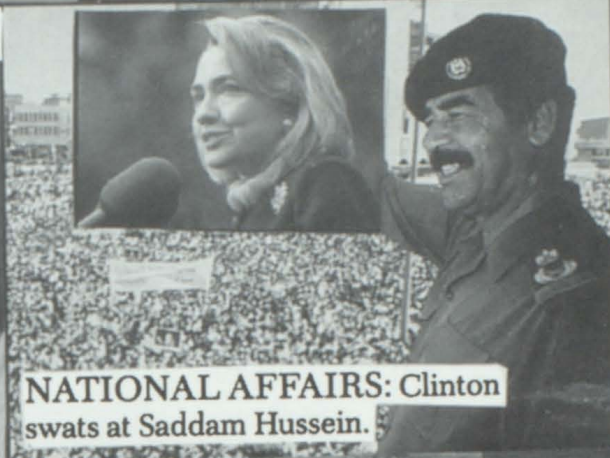
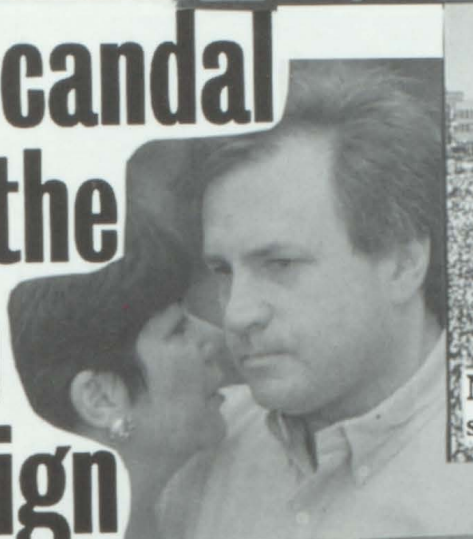
*1996 was a year of triumph, and a year of heartbreak, but most of all it was a year of a new beginning. As we inch closer and closer to the 21st Century, the world is taking on a more liberal, kind of a virtual-reality look towards the future. So for all you on-lookers sit back and enjoy the ride.*

*-Betsy Fletcher*



# CLINTON II

## A Sex Scandal Rocks the Clinton Campaign



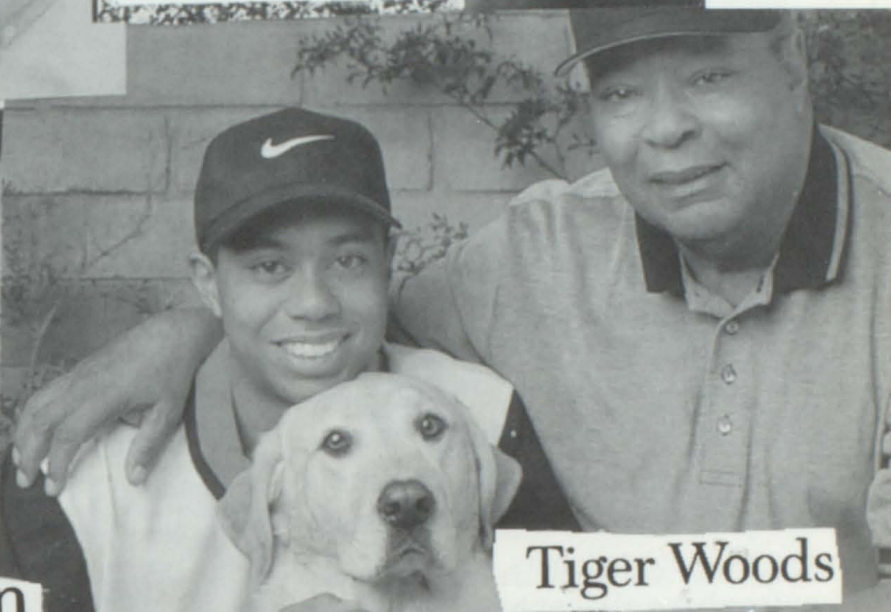
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It's the '90s

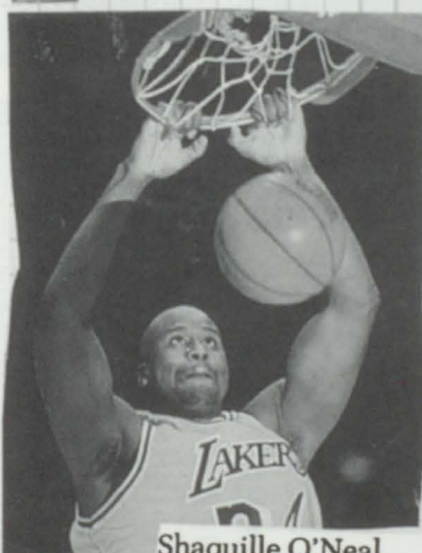


I Love You, Man



Tiger Woods

[www.excite.com](http://www.excite.com)



Shaquille O'Neal wanted a big pond; now L.A. is feeling the splash.



Medicinal Marijuana  
California Prop. 215  
Passes

SAME-SEX PARENTS are trying to move out of the shadows and into the mainstream. Will they—and their kids—be accepted?



Mammoth Experiment

Vote. Strengthen America's Backbone.

Has surfing the Net become a full-time job?

## MIDDLE EAST: BLOODSHED IN THE HOLY LAND



## Union Academics Soar!

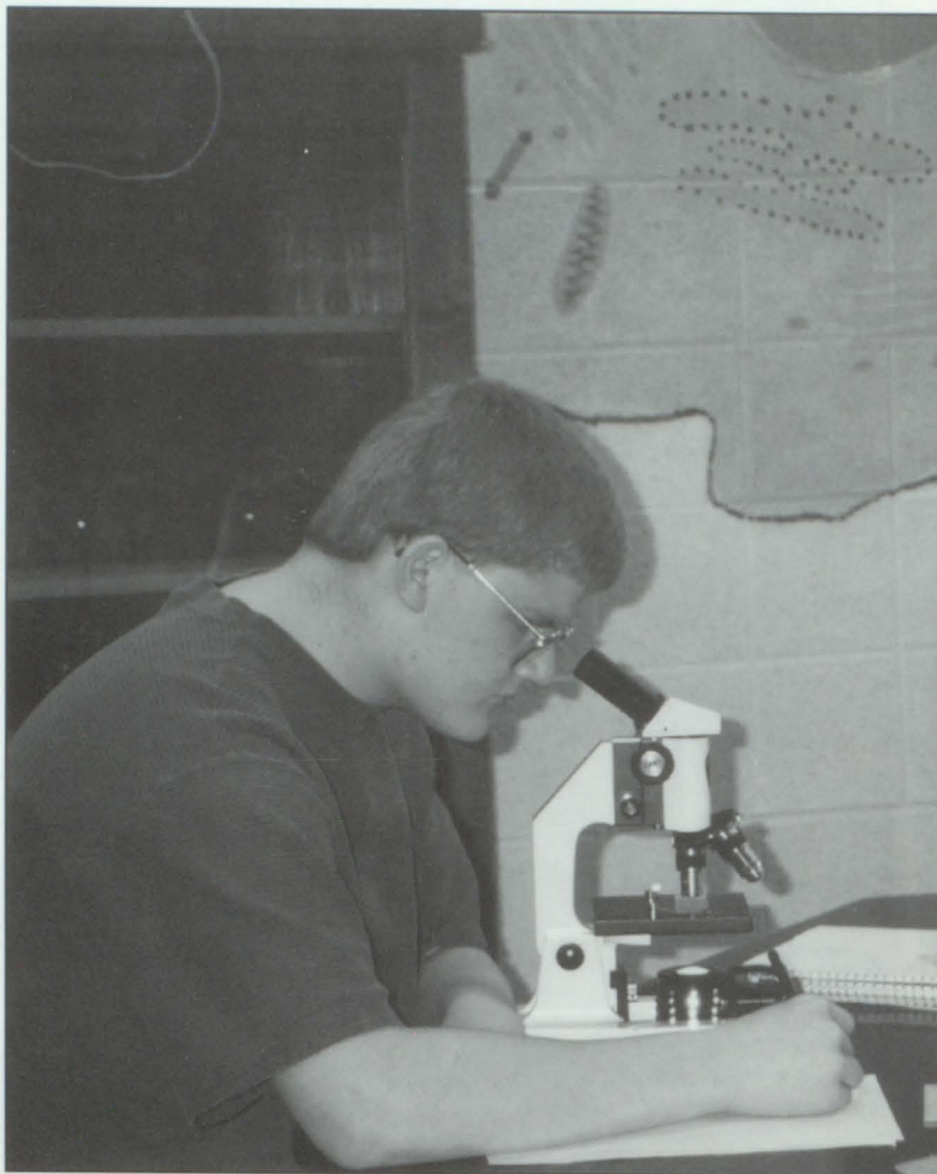
# *Taking a Stand*

A reputation is a tricky thing: it's hard to earn, harder to keep, and sometimes impossible to lose. Union High School is rewriting the rules by changing how our community and other schools see us. Although the football team was probably the most visible turnaround, other areas of Union have been quietly stepping up--to impress and to succeed.

We had more people on the honor roll and faculty list than ever this year. Truly, anyone who has observed the overall performance and attitude of the student body can not help but compliment the improvement. Having 8-Block implemented, new teachers, and stronger courses have all lent to the academic surge Union High School is experiencing, but it's the students themselves that really make the grade.

Sophomore Bruce Jern might be making a great discovery . . . or he might be looking at plant cells like everybody else.

Freshmen Stacey Serdahl, Brandy Meyers, Brooke Priesman, and Tiffany Peugh are rounded up and awaiting their next task.

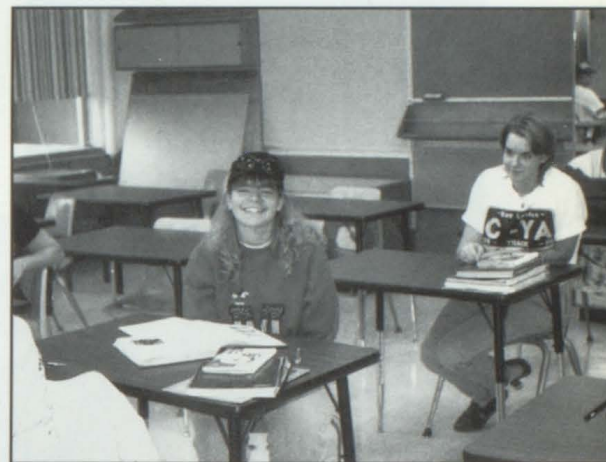






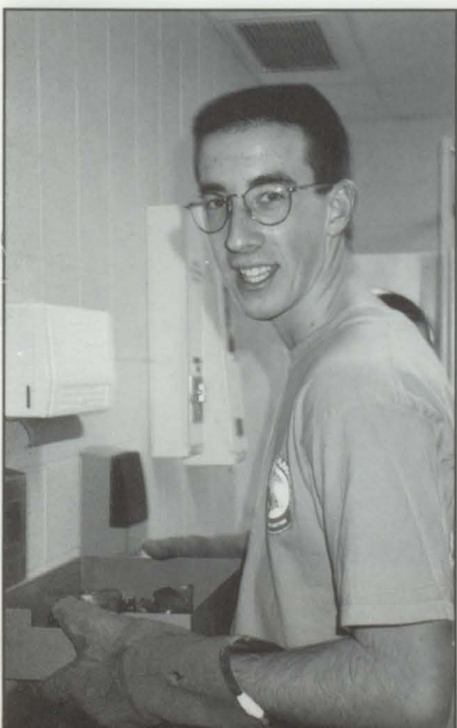
Freshman Eric McIntyre is baffled by the annual bowling test.

Shani Hasley, Shanah Thompson, and Angie Dermer believe there's always time for a fiesta en Espanol.



Leigh Ann Sells and Brandy Jones prove that sophomores are all smiles for Mrs. Brokaw's classes.

Chemistry studs Jason Carnes and Tim Ballard get pumped for an experiment.

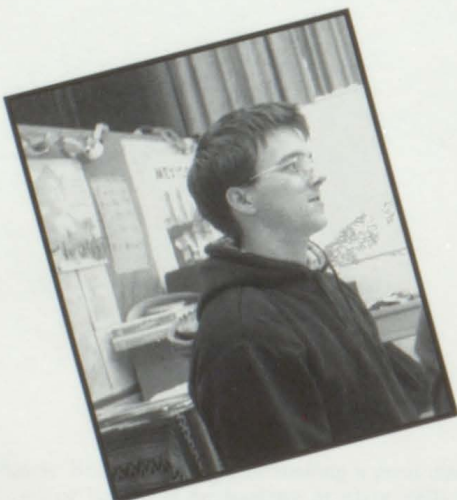


Brenda Cisna, Angie Dermer, and Amanda Torrance, all juniors, know by now that there's no fooling around in math classes.

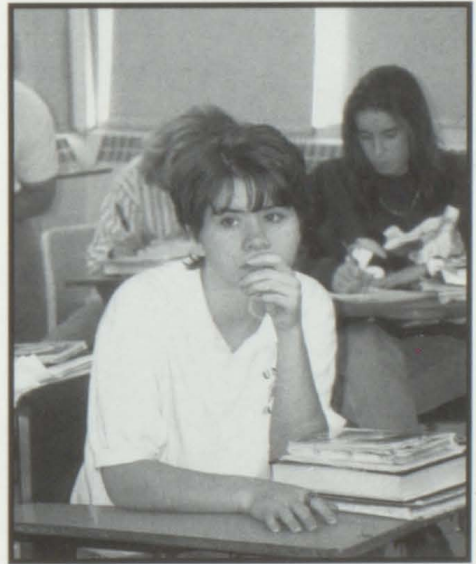
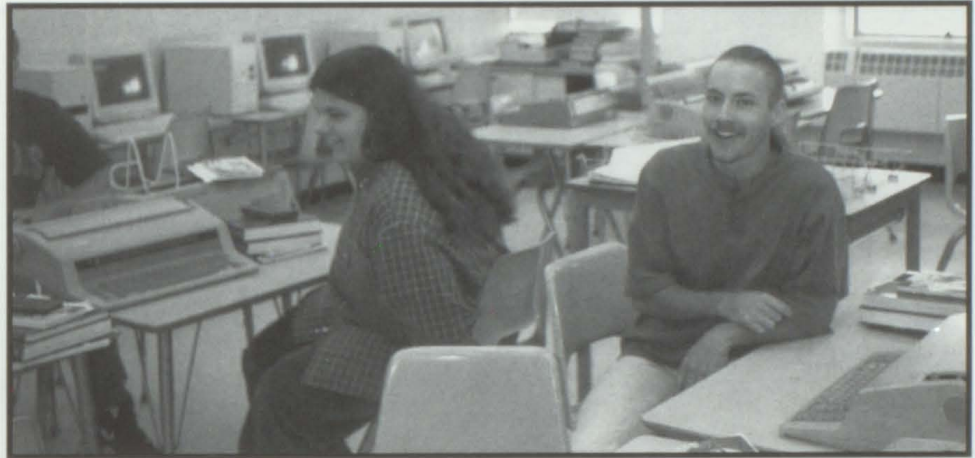
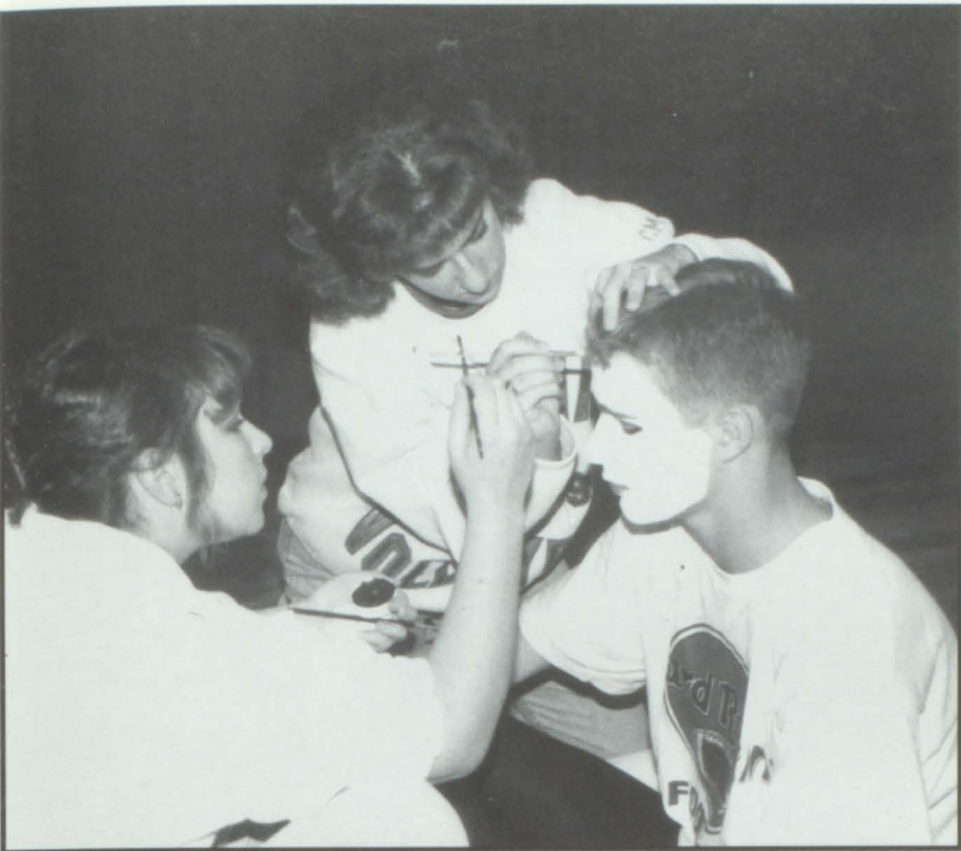
Senior Jeremy Meyer is so absorbed in his box, he doesn't even notice where he is.



# Seniors

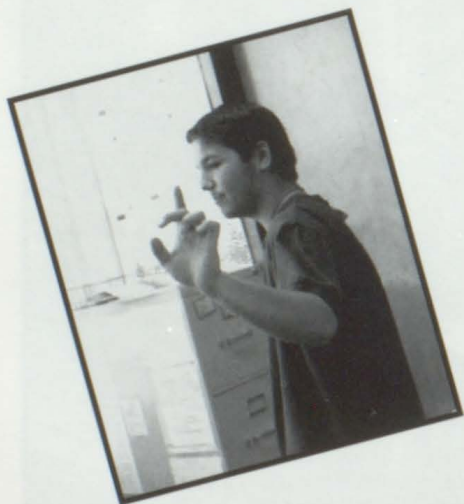
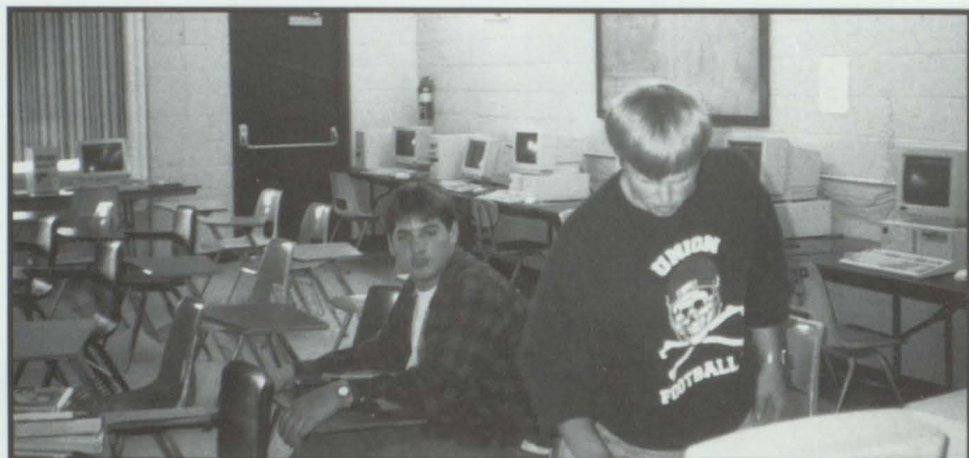
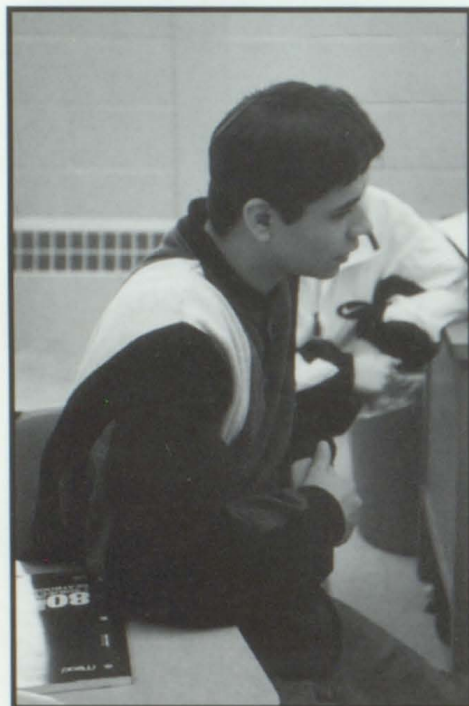
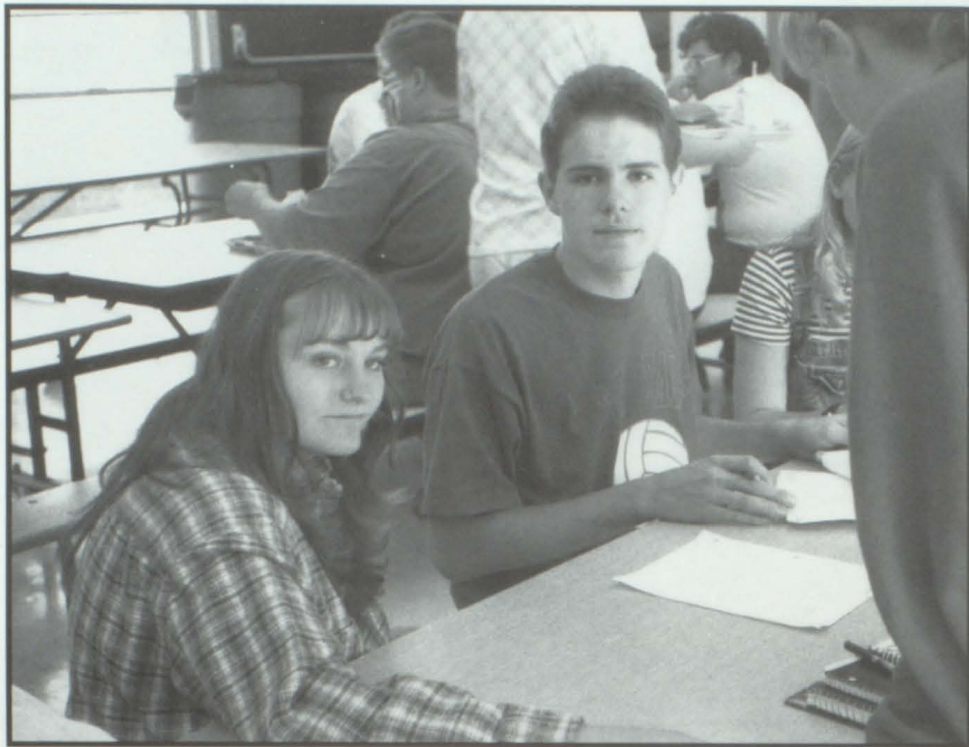
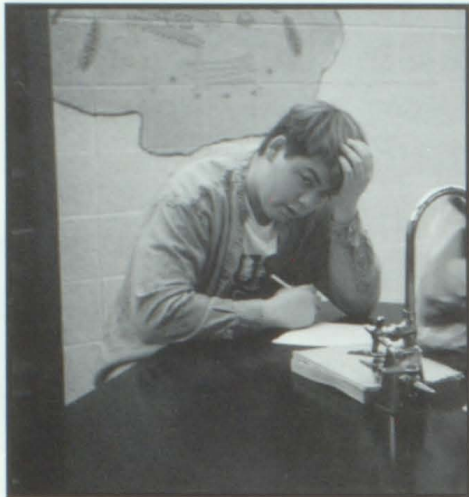




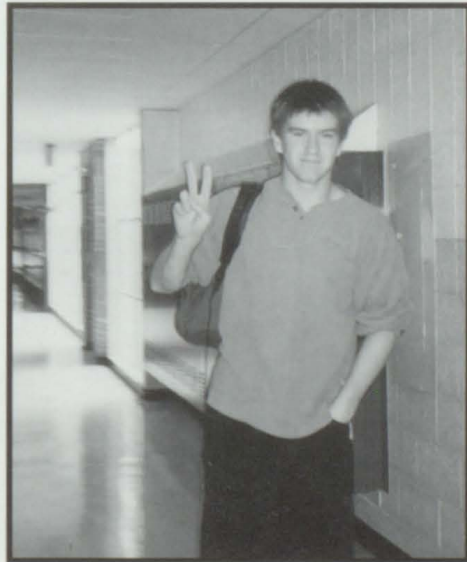
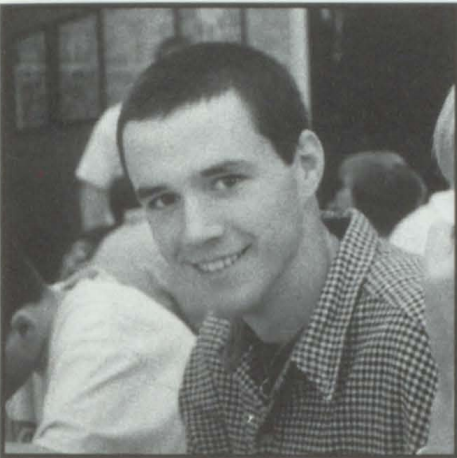
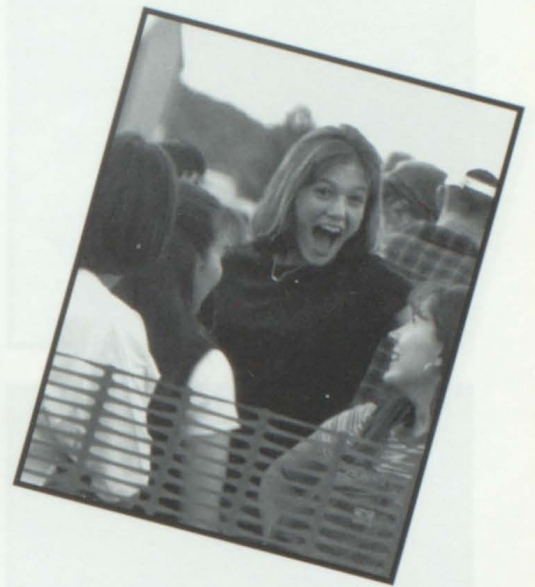




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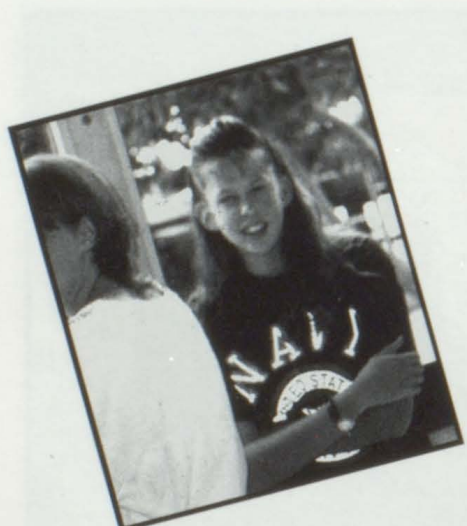




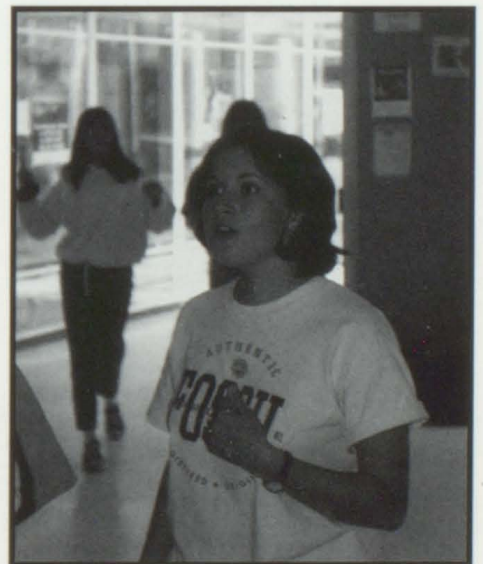




# Sophomores

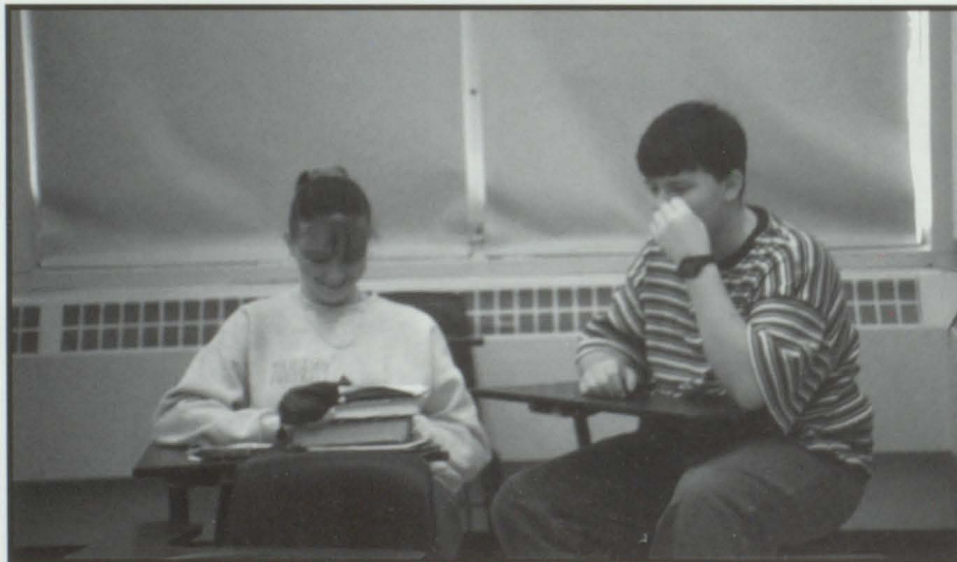
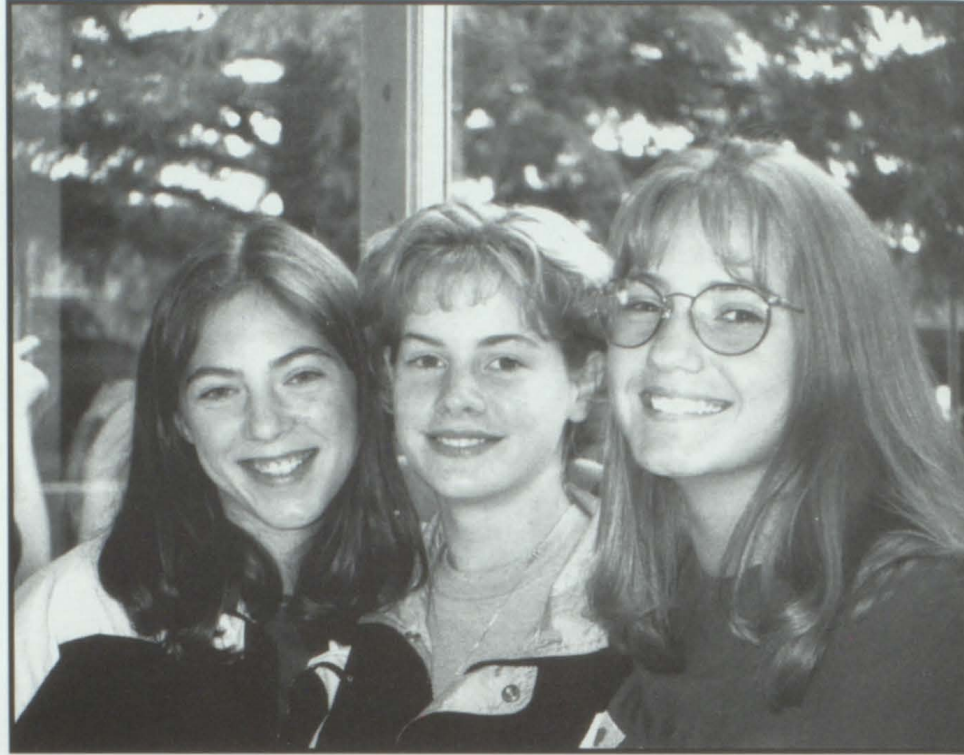
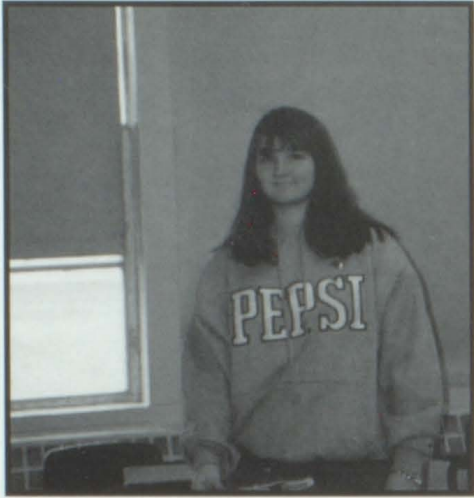




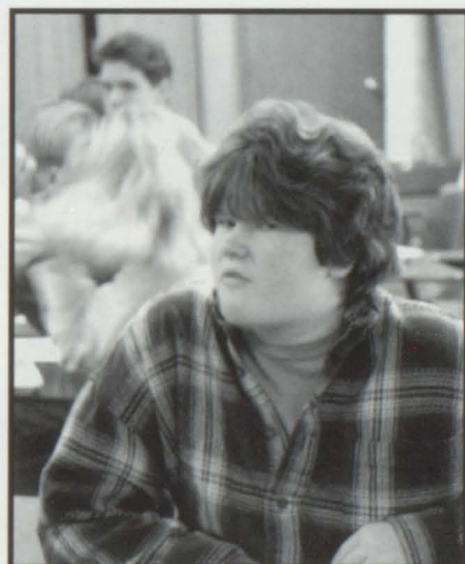
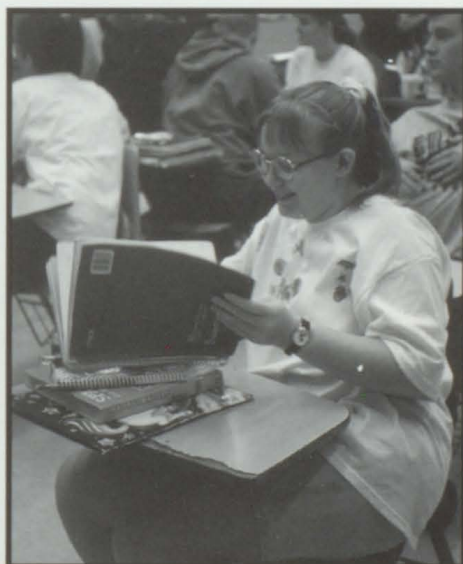
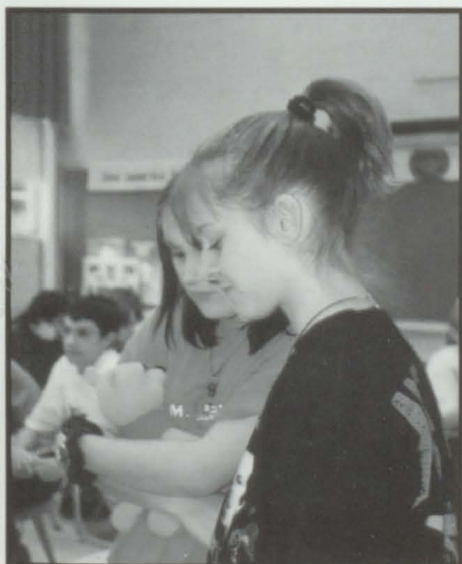
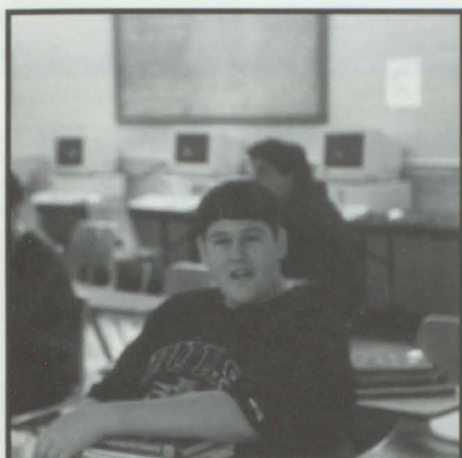




# Freshmen









Looking a bit confused and lost, Taul Noard might just have lost Brenda.



Outside during "B" lunch, Ozzie Lira and cohorts examine a strangely fascinating piece of paper



Exhibiting rallying school spirit, the Yankee and Miss Boughton cheer on the football team.



Friendly chap Carl Larson gives a little wave and shows off his hat during Homecoming Week

With concentration and a little red, white, and blue paint, Senior Jim Sells helps underclassman Josh Smith support Union.

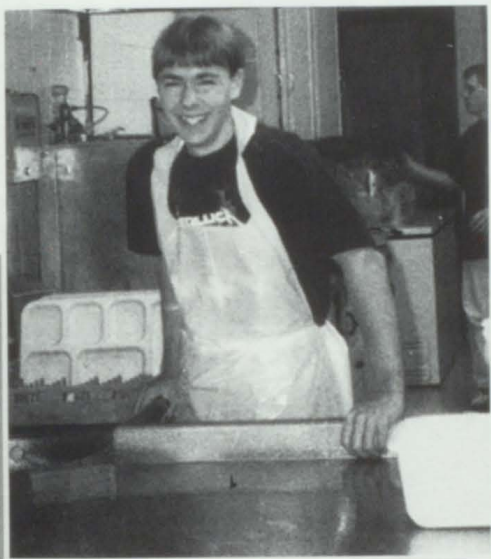




# *An Electrifying Bunch!*

Students of Union High School

never cease to surprise people with their individuality, talent, and collective sense of humor. While our differences make each of us unique, our common desire to succeed and enjoy life brings us together. In other words, we rule!



Hard-working junior Nick Williams smiles brightly, probably thinking about the lovely cafeteria fare.

Watch out! Give them a chance, and these students will change the world.

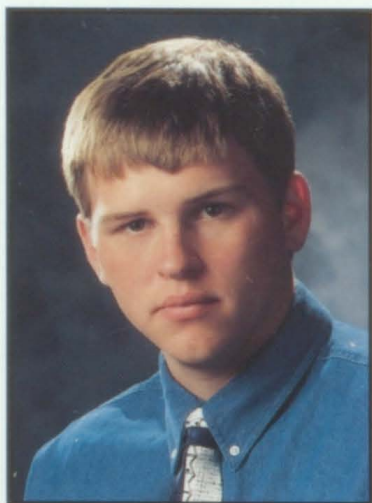
*Mrs. Klinker, Principal*



# Seniors



*Janset Akyurt*



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*Jamie Brown*



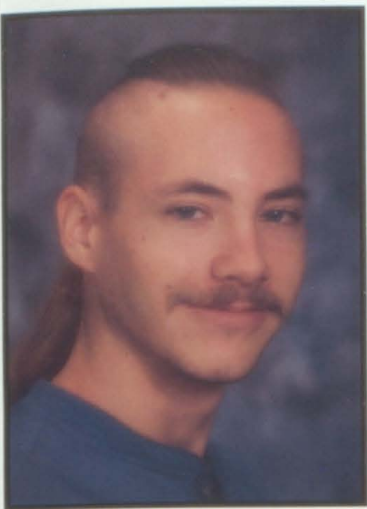
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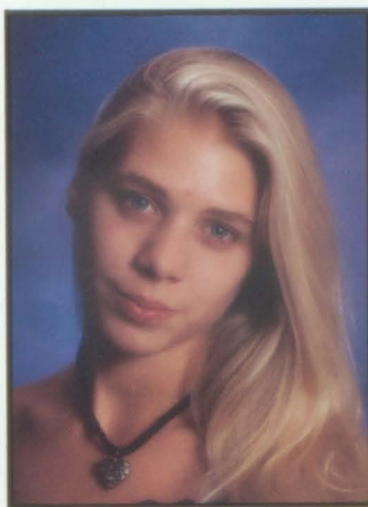
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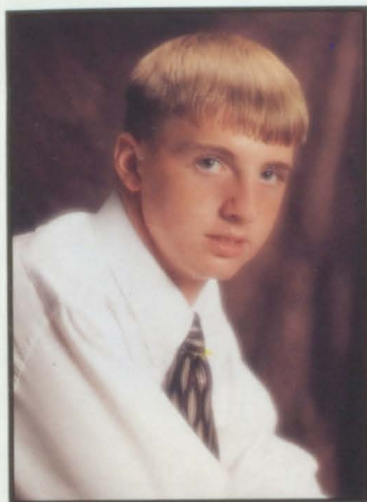
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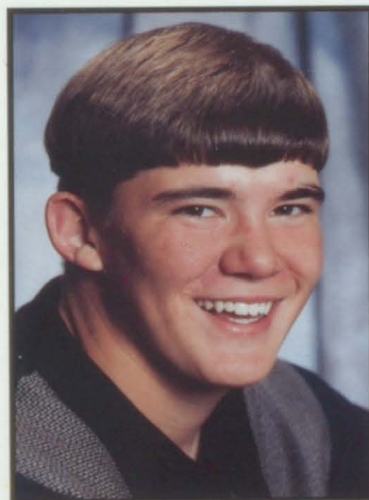
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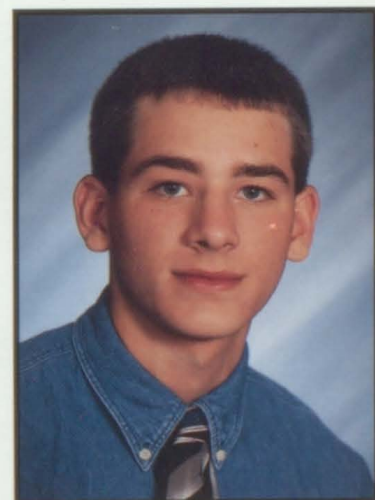
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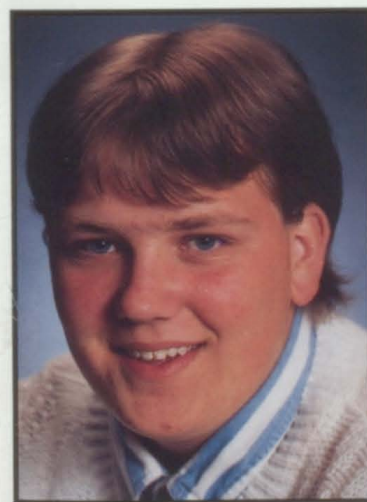
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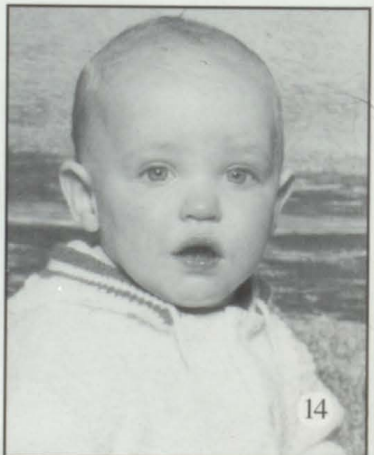
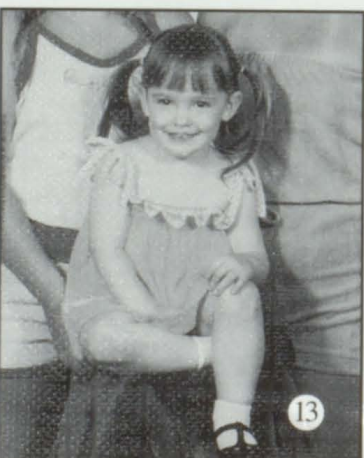


*Alison Fisher*





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2. Dusty Hetrick
3. Tina Link
4. Ryan Dixon
5. Rory Parilac
6. Jason Carnes
7. Julie Russell
8. Miranda Cole
9. Jason Thacker
10. Heather Carlson
11. Alison Fisher
12. Jim Fernald
13. Susan Nevers
14. Jamie Brown







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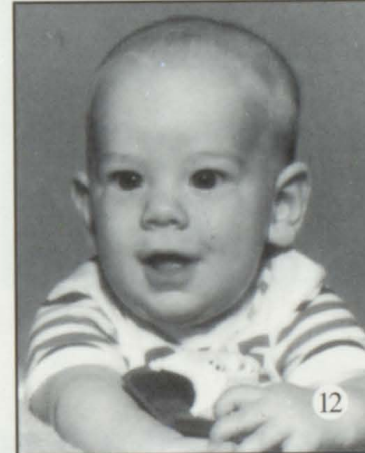
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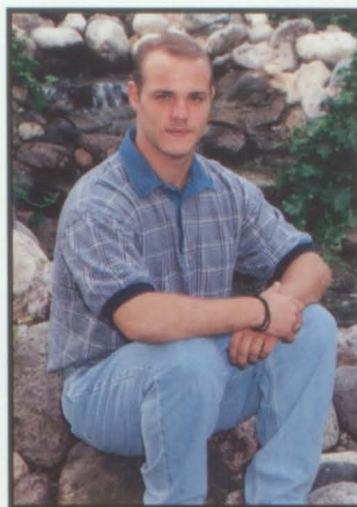
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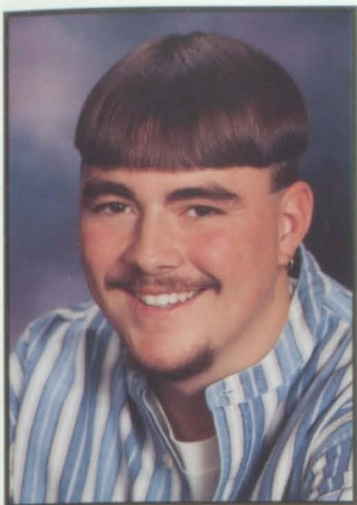
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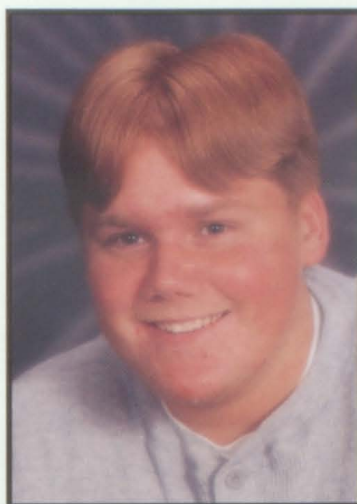
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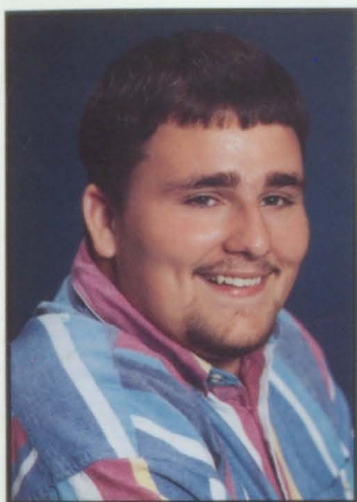
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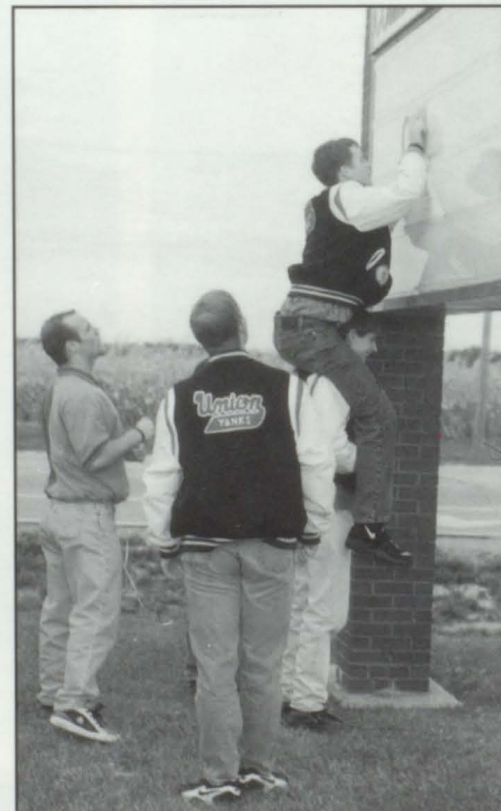
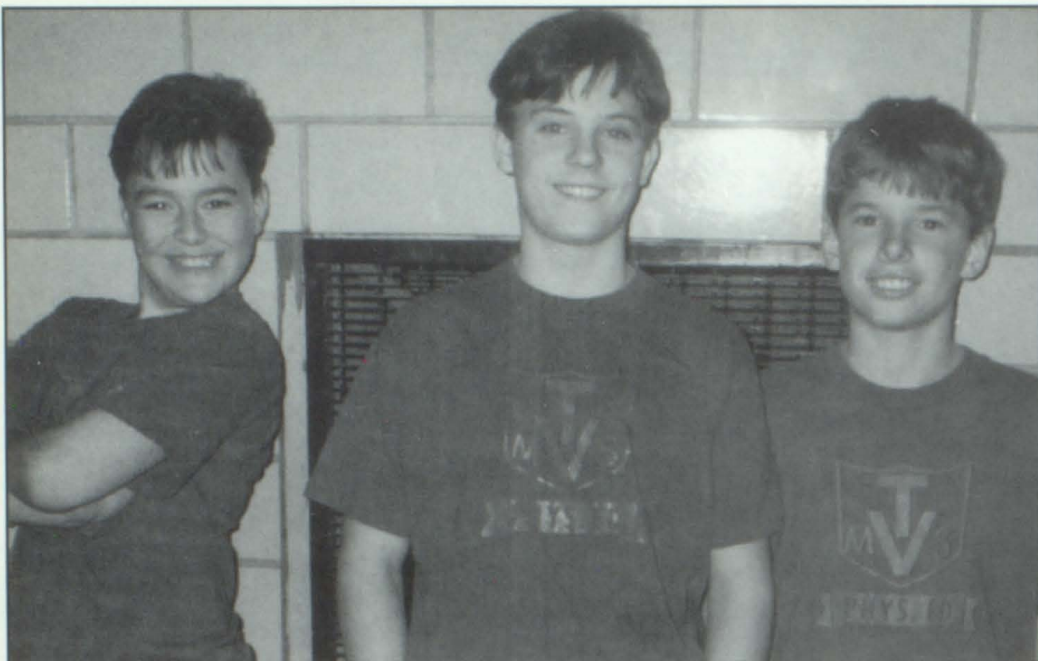


*Angie Martinez*



*Josh McAllister*



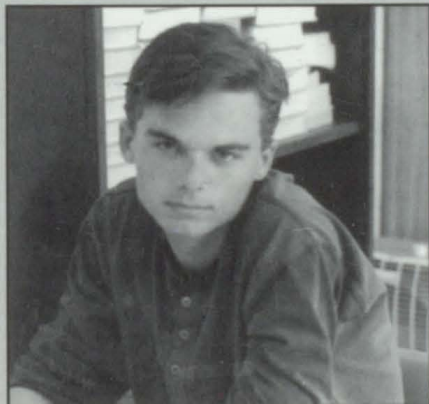
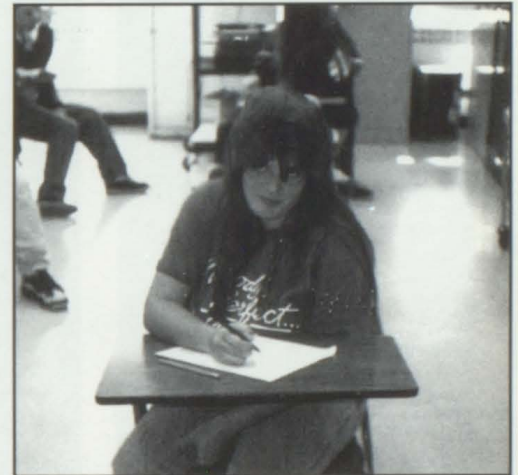
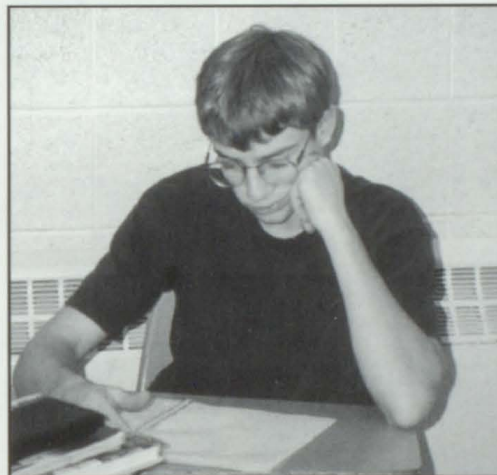
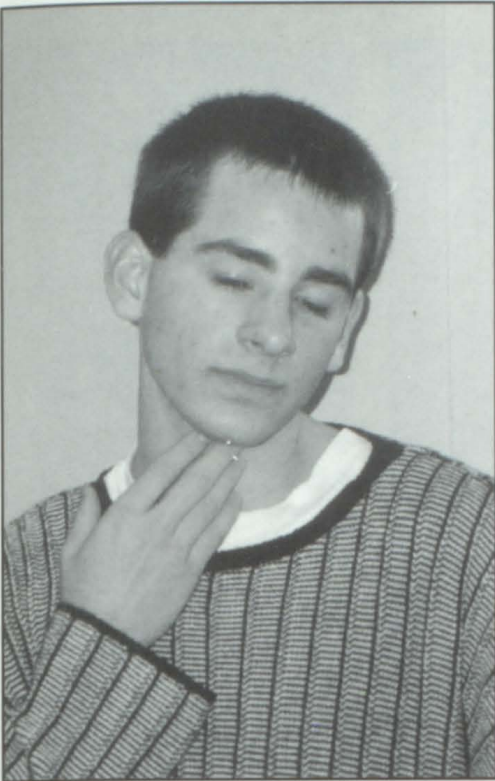




# Through the Years

Most of us have known one another since kindergarten and seem to still be part of the same "click." As a class, we've shared many experiences like the embarrassing elementary programs, brownies and boy scouts, sitting through the first day of Mr. Avery's class while being scared to

death, our 8th grade field trip to Chicago, our experience with high school, upperclassman & new teachers and the death of a fellow classmate, Dean McIntyre. A lot has happened to us through the years but somehow we've always managed to pull through.



In Memory of Dean Ivan McIntyre, a fellow 1997 classmate, who will be greatly missed.

1978-1995



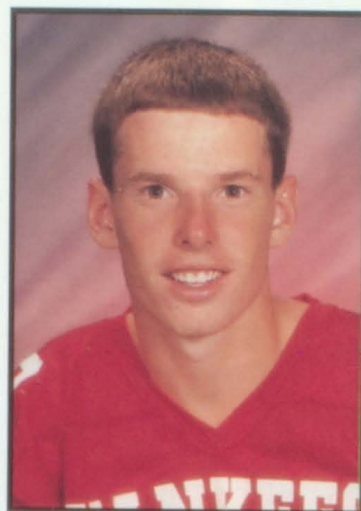
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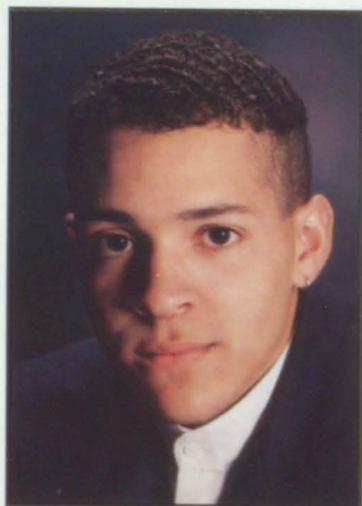
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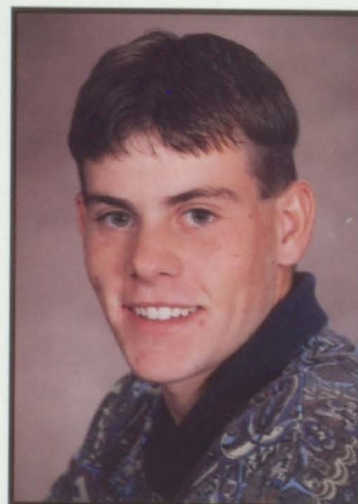
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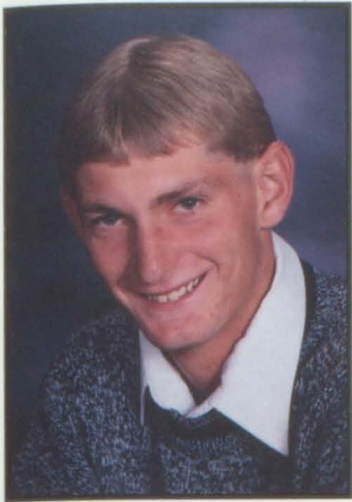
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# Seniors



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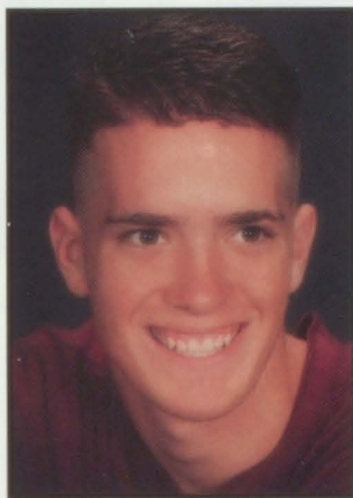
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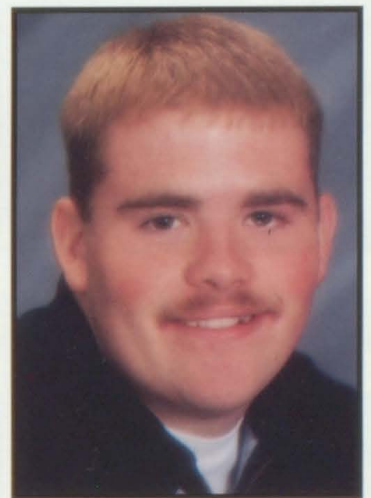
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*Chris Schaaf*



*Travis Seitz*



*Jimmy Sells*



*Heather Serdahl*



*Melody Stewart*



# Senior Polls

Best Dressed: Eric Osborn  
and Robin Zielke

Most Likely To Succeed: Missy  
Gardner and Justin Ellerbroek

Oh No! Watch out for that...CRASH!..Most Likely To Get Into A  
Wreck: Alison Fisher and Dusty Hetrick



Best-Liked All Around and Best Personality: Debbie Defenbaugh,  
Jason Carnes and Julie Russell

What do you mean, Santa's not real?!...Most Gullible: Debbie  
Defenbaugh and Jamie Robbins

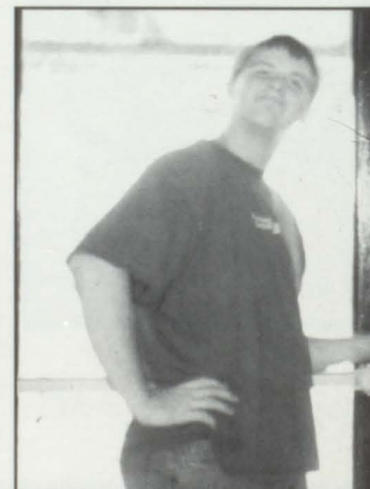


Of course we've got something to  
say...Most Outgoing: Tim  
Ballard and Rory Parilac

But Mom, I don't want to  
leave...Most Likely To Live  
With Parents: Steffany  
Pilkington and Brian Hetrick

Most Unique: Alex Spangler  
and Rory Parilac

Can't hear you?...Quietest:  
Brad Russell and Maggie Gerst









# Seniors



*Jason Thacker*



*Dopher Thompson*



*Shane Weaver*



*Molly Weber*



*Robin Zielke*

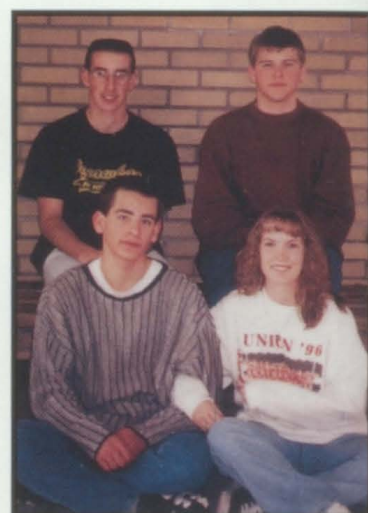
*Not Pictured:*

*Chad Darrah*

*T.J. Harrison*

*Richie Smith*

*Alex Spangler*



*Class Officers:*

*Rory Parilac,*

*Vice President*

*Shane Weaver,*

*President*

*Alsin Fisher,*

*Treasurer*

*Student Council*

*Members:*

*Jeremy Meyer*

*Tim Ballard*

*Missy Gardner*

*Justin Ellerbroek*





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**UNION**  
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**COMMUNITY SCHOOL #115**

**CONGRATULATIONS  
CLASS OF 97**





# Being Of Sound Body And Mind...

I, Rory Parilac, leave my wonderfully high-paying job at McDonalds to Jason Wagyu and my ability to catch a tall, dark, handsome man to Joni Russell, who deserves one more than anybody!



I, Shawn Haney, give my spare set of car keys to Josh Johnson, to Jason Holman I leave my kitchen sink, with any refills! To Jason Lox, I leave every CD box set I shall ever own.

I, Jeremy Meyer, leave to Jeff Collier my skills at the island game and some softshell tacos. To Brian Collier, a box of pop tarts. To Brooke Hunter, a bag of suckers.

I, Jamie Brown, leave my ability to party to Jenny Hass (and I want to wish her the best in life). My ability to skip school and not get caught goes to Ashley Koph.

I, Jason Carnes, leave my ability to be a good linebacker to Scott Blindt. To the Evans brothers I leave my lineman ability, and to Jason Mackey my ability to make 7 and 70's.

I, Dusty Hetrick, leave my basketball skills to Jeff Collier and my ex-girlfriend from Southern to Chuck Day. I leave Robin Booten to T.J. Harrison, my baseball skills to Brian Collier, and the blown stereo system in my truck to Aaron Cole.

I, Tim Ballard, leave my Barry Sanders moves and skills to L.D. Gall, my great blocking ability to Brian Good, my great speed to Mike Lutz, and my ability to like all teachers to Jerod Johnson. Oh, and I will be sure to leave Taul some apple cider.

I, Justin Craig Ellerbroek, leave the following: my incredibly flawless running form to L.D. Gall, my troll-hunting strategies to Kevin Hetrick, and my ability to do box jumps on the stage to Jeff Collier.

I, Travis Seitz, leave to Michael Lutz the white shoes, to Brian Randall my catching ability, to Ashley Koph my brains, and to Nick Shutwell I leave my interception ability.

I, Steffany Pilkington, bequeath the following: my big shoes to Martha Weir, my ability to pick on underclassman during basketball practice to Amanda Torrance, my comb so that his hair can look just perfect to Taul Noard, and to Brenda Cisna I leave my ability to drive my parents car without backing into someone.

I, Jason Thacker, leave my ability to be the leader of the PWA's to L.D. Gall (I hope he keeps the spirit alive!), my track jumping ability to L.D. Gall, my math and biology skills to Jerad Johnson, and my football abilities to Brian Collier.

I, Brian Hetrick, leave my running ability to L.D. Gall, along with my weightlifting program, my motivation in the game of football to Jarad Johnson, my belief in trolls to my brother, Kevin, and some apple cider to Taul.

I, Betsy Fletcher, leave to Kelly Davis the ability to have so many (close) boy friends and to always try to be the center of attention. I leave to Jamie Brown the ability to be the one that everyone is talking about, but still hold her head high. To Dopher, my very best friend, I leave the ability to put up with me and my attitudes through good and bad. I'll love you forever! To the senior class of '97 be good, stay in touch, voice your opinions, and see you at our 10 year reunion.

I, Alison Fisher, leave Carl Larson my dog and his Ozzie Osborne CD, to my sister Becca my driving abilities, to Nikki Dunn my sight-singing abilities, Lisa Bowman the ability to do cheerleading impersonations to get out of volleyball sprints, to Michael Ellerbrock my AFS playbook, and to Erin Miller all my experiences at Bradley.





# I Do Will And Bequeth...

I, Debbie Defenbaugh, leave my ability to stay awake 8 hours in a row at school to Julie Russell; to Brenda Cisna I leave my ability to stay in Band 4 years in a row and the valve oil passed down from generation to generation. To Martha Weir, I leave my ability to be a good mother in the AFS play.

I, Jeff Meyer, leave to Jeff Collier my biceps because he is so impressed with them, my deer call to Brian Stewart in case he goes to any more basketball camps, my ability to snipe hunt to Matt, Megan, Rudy and Jennifer, a big bag of peanuts as a reminder of our younger years to Becca, and my ability to chop block to Joe Ballard. I hope he uses it as well as I did.

I, Scott Albin, leave my football ability to L.D. Gall, my partying ability to Kevin Hetrick, the ability to throw freshmen in the mud to the junior football players, my ability to be funny to Andy Melvin: may he be very funny.

I, Jenny Bigger, leave to Lana Stoneking my incredible math knowledge, the ability to cheat on a test and not get caught to Jeff Collier and John Hernandez, strength to get through a history or a Hippen class without me to Shilo Swanson, and great memories of Europe to Rhiannon Reeves (aka "Puff").

I, Jeremiah Bielser, leave Luke Law my ability to not get caught cheating on a math test and my math skills, to Aaron Cole my ability to cheat in regionals and to make it to state, and all of my golfing skills to Aaron and Luke.

I, Heather Carlson, leave my ability to rule as a woman senior to my best friend, Jenny Hass, may the force be with you. I leave my dancing ability to Amanda Gilliam, my singing ability to Rudi Gall, my ability to run through a crowd of people not knowing what's going on to Alayna Adams, and my ability to go dipping in the Henderson Creek after dark to Miss Dickey.

I, Melissa Gardner, leave to L.D. Gall and Mike Lutz my weekends at Augustana, to Aaron Cole and Landon Lox my marching ability, and to Kaci Bailey my getting-out-of-class skills, which were passed down to me by her sister.

I, Robin Zielke, leave my ability to get home before curfew, never get into trouble and to "do something wild and crazy" to Anna Carlson, the ability to stay away from bathtubs and nacho cheese dip to Julie Russell and a can of silly-string to Justin Ellerbroek and Brian Hetrick. I also leave my wonderful driving abilities on Rt. 94 to Mr. Ives.

I, Julie Russell, leave my ability to run stop signs in front of police officers and not get a ticket to my sister, Joni Russell, and a bag of Starbursts, container of nacho cheese dip and silly string to Brian Hetrick and Justin Ellerbroek.



## Most Memorable Moments

I, Angelina Martinez, will never forget the summer of '96 when I told my parents I was going to 7 Ponds camping and went to Oklahoma with Amy, Lisa, and Lydia. The car broke down and we were stranded for 13 hours at a gas station. When we got the car started we turned around and went home. I was happy to see Oquawka but not my parents when they found out what I did.

I, Miranda Cole, will never forget the Ohio trip, Jesus Christ Superstar and leaving my senior picture to Heather.

I, Chad Darrah, will never forget the time T.J. Harrison, Larry Cook and I got in trouble during a pep assembly on the way down the stairs Larry tripped over a stair, needless to say we all went tumbling down the stairs in front of everyone.

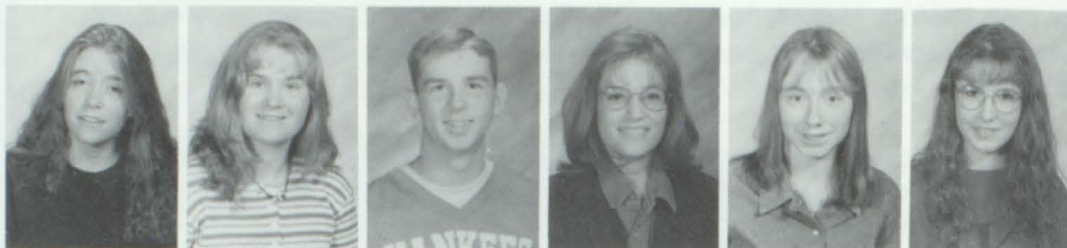
I, Heather Serdahl, will never forget two words: BUBBLE BATH!!!



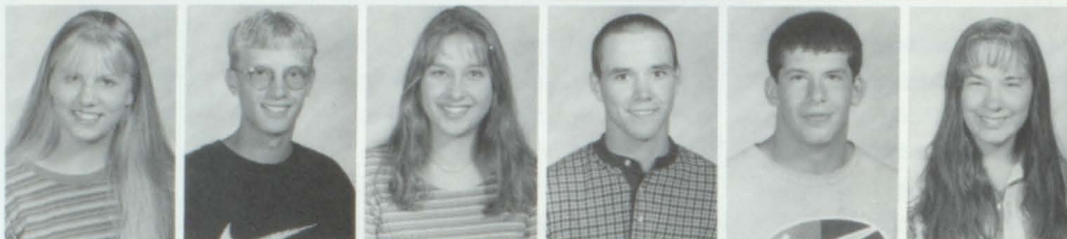


# Class of '98

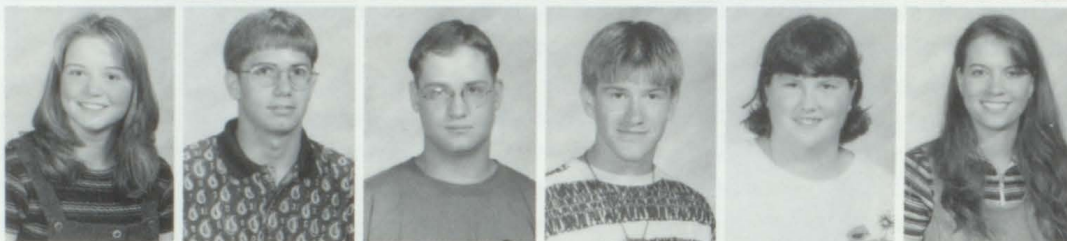
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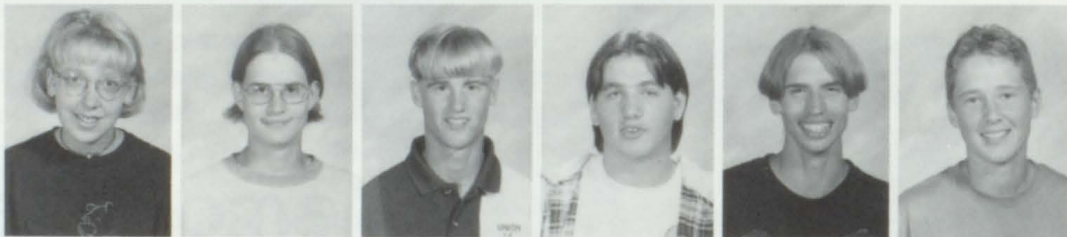
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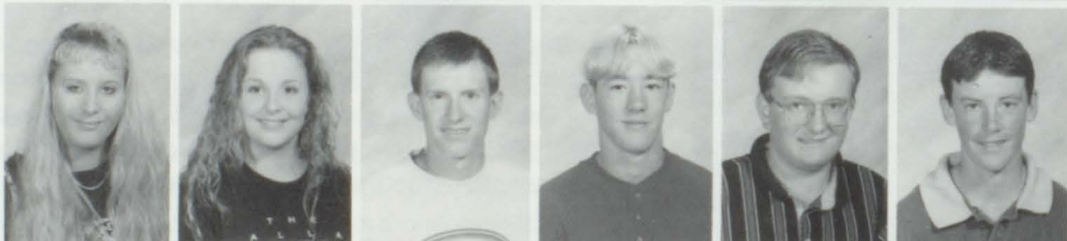
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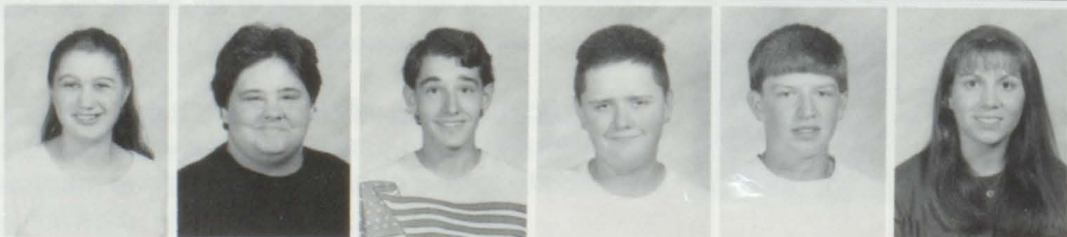
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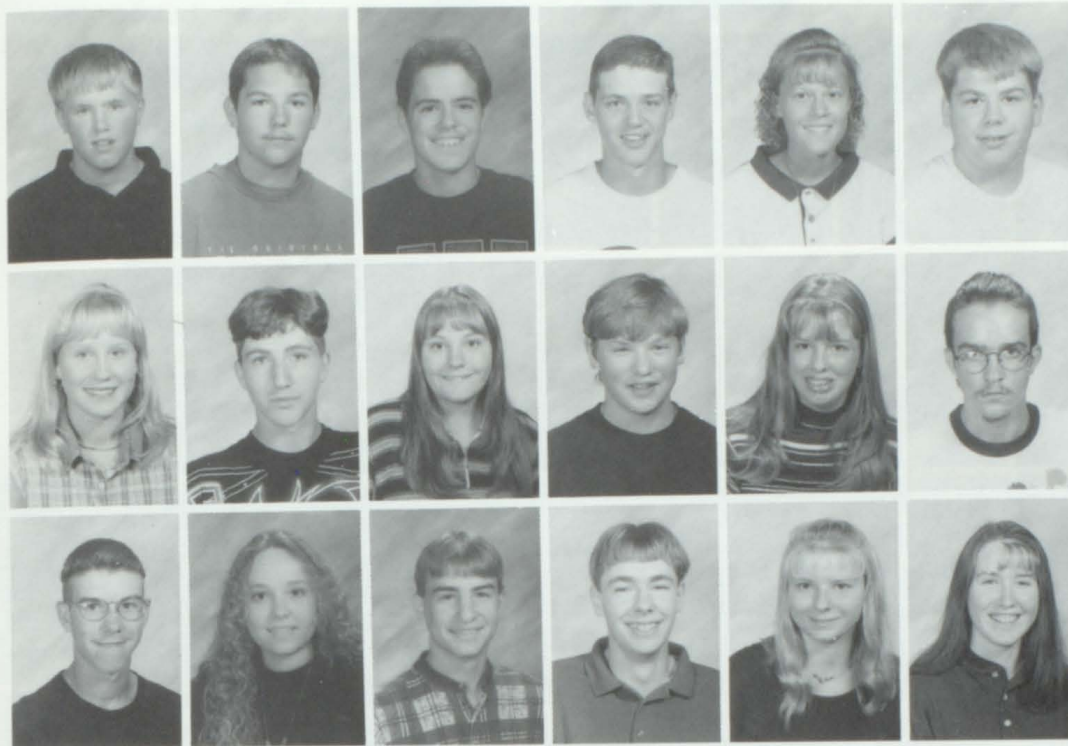
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Andy Melvin  
Richy Myers  
Matthew Papworth



Crystal Parsons  
Janet Parsons  
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Steven Powell  
Brian Randall  
Rhannon Reaves







Jamie Reynolds  
Mike Russell  
Dusty Seitz  
Nick Shutwell  
Jacqui Smith  
Josh Smith

Shana Smith  
Adam Sprinkle  
Lana Stoneking  
Jarod Thompson  
Amanda Torrance  
Billy Waddell

Jason Wagy  
Martha Weir  
Jeff West  
Nick Williams  
Melissa Woods  
Janel Zielkie

Not pictured:  
Danielle Brill

# Juniors

*What can we say about the class of '98? We're a crazy, wild bunch of people who are smarter and better-looking than any other class that has EVER walked through Union's halls. We would do just about anything for each other. We're pretty much one, BIG, happy family, and will be like this until we graduate.*



**Student Representatives**  
President: Martha Weir;  
V. President: Rhiannon Reaves;  
Treasurer: Lisa Bowman;  
Student Council: Jenny Hass,  
Jessica Dickey, Mike Lutz

*Class of 1998*



# Class of 1999



Dustin Adkins  
Cheryl Albin  
Julie Allen  
Sara Bigger  
Lester Blake  
Jeremy Blauer



Misty Boughton  
Rebecca Boughton  
Steven Boughton  
Jessica Burk  
Josh Carr  
Tanner Cole



Jeffrey Collier  
Trisha Darrah  
Kelly Davis  
Lance Dewein  
Nicki Dunn  
Bob Eldridge



Micheal Ellerbroek  
Rebecca Fisher  
Christopher Ford  
Heather Fernald  
Jerry Fye  
Rachel Fye



Amber Galbraith  
Micheal Graham  
Brad Henry  
Johnathan Hernande  
Alyssa Hinshaw  
Amanda Hinshaw



Brooke Hunter  
Shawn Hurt  
Bruce Jern  
Tate John  
Brandy Jones  
Robert Kane



Ashley Kopf  
Lucas Kulp  
Jason Link  
Sharon Loving  
Jason Mackey  
Deanna McIntyre





# Sophomore

The class of "99" will be the last class of the millenium. This is just one of the things that makes our class unique. We are a varitey of heights, shapes, and sizes, but our personalities click. Our class in general is involved in a variety of school activities and events. We're dreading the day we will have to graduate and say good-bye to all of our memories and the friendships we have made over the years.

## Class of 1999



### Student Representatives

President: JR Millar;  
V. President: Becca Fisher;  
Treasurer: Ashley Kopf;  
Student Council: Jennifer Robbins,  
Jason Link, Shanah Thompson

Jaime Meyer  
Jeremy Meyer  
J.R. Millar  
Erin Miller  
Jennifer Mueller  
Tabitha Myers

Taul Noard  
Jackie Polson  
Megan Rima  
Jennifer Robbins  
Stacy Roberts  
Joni Russell

Nicole Seaman  
Amy Sells  
Leigh Ann Sells  
Jon Slover  
Brian Stewart  
Shilo Swanson

Shanah Thompson  
Shawn Torrance  
Jessica Van Tine  
D. J. Vogeler  
Dustin Wagy  
Carissa Ward

Eric Work

Not pictured:  
Sean McElhiney  
Jon Sullivan





# Class of 2000



April Ash  
Bryan Ashby  
Betty Jo Bigger  
Scott Blindt  
Travis Boots  
Carrie Branson



Robert Brill  
Linda Brownlee  
Brian Byers  
Cassie Carnes  
Missy Cook  
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Tyrell Dermer  
Stephanie Dial  
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Cody Evans



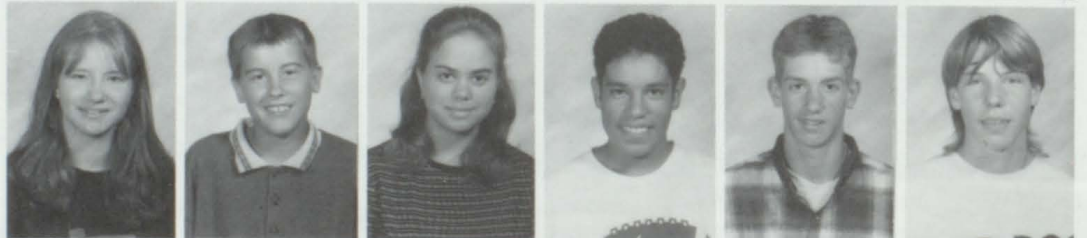
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Tracie John  
Jessica Johnson  
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Bradley Judd  
Tim Kay  
Randy Koch



Michelle Krow  
Joseph Law  
Robyn Lenoci  
Osvaldo Lira  
Landon Lox  
Brian Manes



Shawn McAllister  
Eric McIntyre  
Toni Miller  
Travis Miller  
William Miller  
Amanda Mooney







Brandy Myers  
Chase Nichols  
Tiffany Peugh  
Brooke Priesman  
Kyle Pruett  
Tina Richmond

Sara Rima  
Matthew Seitz  
Stacey Serdahl  
Brooke Simpson  
Sean Spiker  
Kellie Thompson

Michelle Torrance  
Harold Wheatley  
Moriah Woods

Not Pictured:  
Bruce Jern  
Terrance Carter  
Chris Gotaas  
Henry Grawet  
Jeremy Klick  
Misty Riley

# Freshman



*As the freshmen, class of 2000 continue yet another wonderful year of memories, the friendship lives on. Through all the changes from junior high, to high school, including the 8 - block system, we continue to achieve in sports as well as academics. Only time will tell how big the friendship will grow, how much will be accomplished, how many memories will be made, and how much fun is had by all. The freshmen class is definitely having a blast.*

*Class of 2000*



*Student Representatives  
President: Brandy Myers;  
V. President: Rudi Gall;  
Treasurer: Ozzie Lira;  
Student Council: Tiffany Peugh,  
Amanda Gillam, Chase Nichols*

Freshman Portraits



# Stop

Remember when  
you had this  
teacher / coach

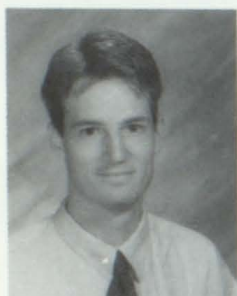
# The Fearless Fighters



By: Deb Defenbaugh



Continuing on Union's second year of 8 block, some newcomers were added to the faculty list. They were faced with many new names and a new atmosphere to adjust to. Mr. Alderman, Miss Carnes, Mrs. Frakes, Mrs. Hexom, Mr. Hurley, and Mr. Young all made their places in Union's history books. The fearless teachers helped guide the students to a wonderful year and helped make memories with every student. Who could forget Mr. Hurley and "Kiss," or Mr. Young's class discussions. All the teachers influenced each and every student in one way or another. Thanks to the teachers the students were able to make it through another successful year.



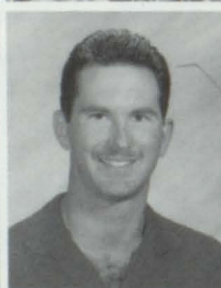
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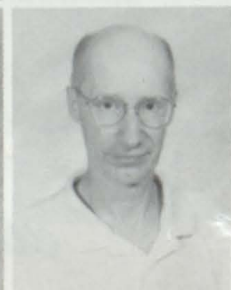
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Mr. Higgins  
Mr. Hippen  
Mr. Hurley



Mr. Ives  
Mrs. Kendell  
Mrs. Lafary  
Mrs. Livermore  
Mrs. Meyer



Mr. Noard  
Miss Olson  
Mrs. Randall  
Mr. Ross  
Mr. Shimmin



Mrs. Simmons  
Ms. Spreitler  
Mrs. Taraboletti  
Mr. Vanness  
Mr. Young

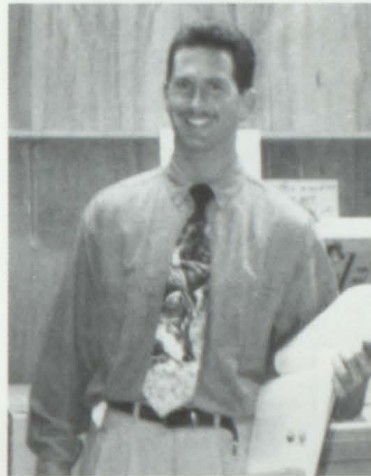




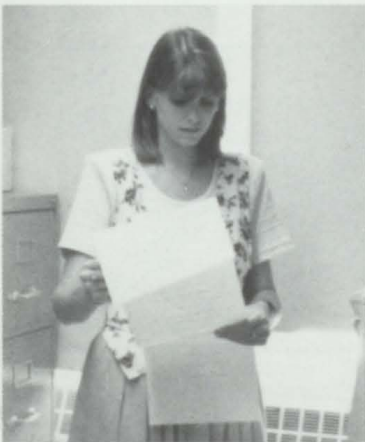
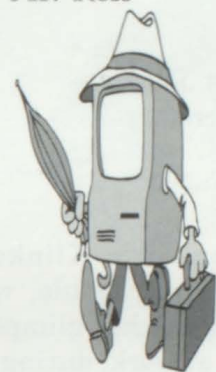
# Who Taught Us



Mrs. Alexander  
Mrs. Kendall  
Mrs. Brokaw



Mr. Shimmin  
Mrs. Tarobolletti  
Mr. Ross



Miss Forth  
Mr. Ives  
Mrs. Meyer



Mr. Hurley,  
Mr. Noard  
Mr. Fisher  
Mrs. Frakes  
Mr. Vaness



And Never Gave Up??



# Yankee Leaders

By: Deb Defenbaugh



Mr. Irlbeck,  
Superintendant

Union School District #115 ventured into their second year of eight block. Mr. Irlbeck and Mrs. Klinker continued to make school improvements throughout the year. They were faced with decisions and attitudes every day and it never pulled them down. The returning administration pulled through another year and helped keep the school it's best. A new comer to Union was the school's guidance counselor Mr. Chubb. He helped guide the students through different paths and throughout the year was never seen without a smile and a friendly look on his face. Whether it be the cooks, janitors, bus drivers, staff, or school board members, they succeeded in another year of excellence.

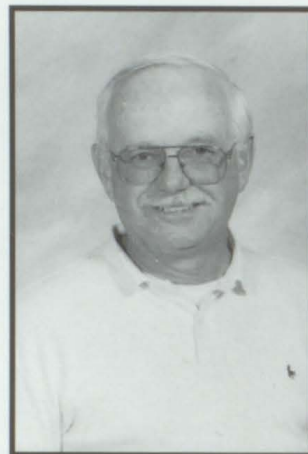


Mrs. Klinker,  
Principal

Mrs. Price,  
Secretary

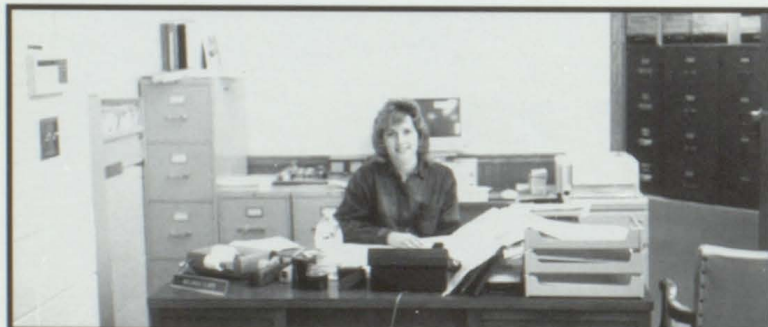


Interrupting Mrs. Klinker from her busy schedule, we were able to catch a glimpse at her hard at work, during a busy school day.



Mr. Chubb,  
Counselor

Mrs. Price gets to see the faces of many people coming, going, mad, and happy, with all this she wears a smile.



Mrs. Clark,  
District Secretary

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District Secretary

Mrs. Anders,  
Lunch Lady





Larry Gray  
Jim McClintic, (Trouble)  
Tony Patlan



### Custodial Staff

Ty Bailey  
Larry Gray  
Jim McClintic  
Tony Patlan  
Earl Seitz



Mrs. Gray,  
( Fund Accounting Clerk)  
Miss Carnes, (aide)

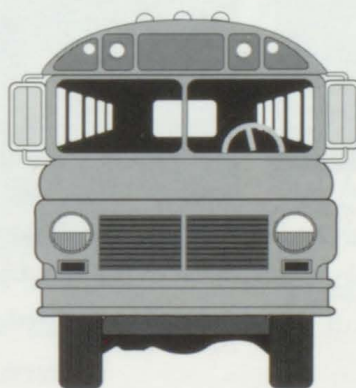


Diana Johnson  
Patty Wood  
Amy Lox



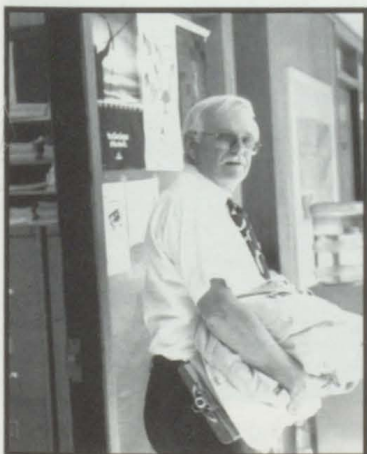
### Bus Maintainer

Rick Olson



### School Board

Joe Bigger  
Don Boyer  
Beverly Collier  
Richard Lutz  
Kevin Miller  
Robert Peterson  
Michael Thompson



Mr. Chubb, Counselor

### Cooks

Donna Adolph  
Donna Albin  
Betsy Eaton  
Diana Johnson  
Amy Lox  
Dixie Lox  
Kathleen McGrow  
Donna Mudd  
Arlene Seitz  
Patty Wood

Administration

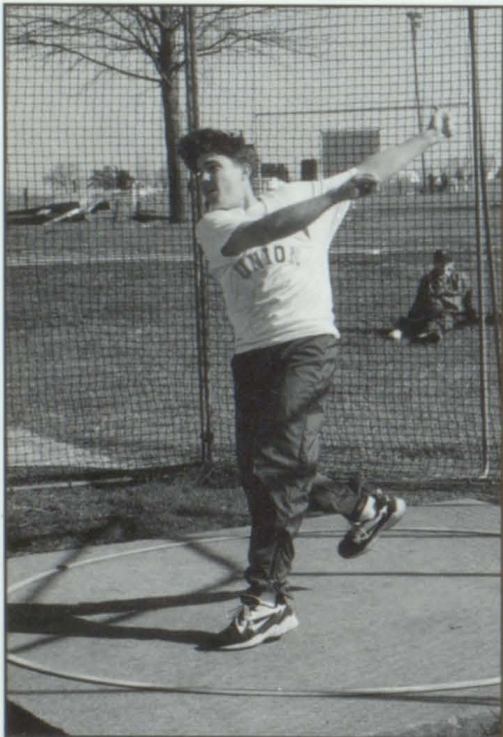




*Dropping back for a pass, Jamie Robbins looks for the open receiver.*

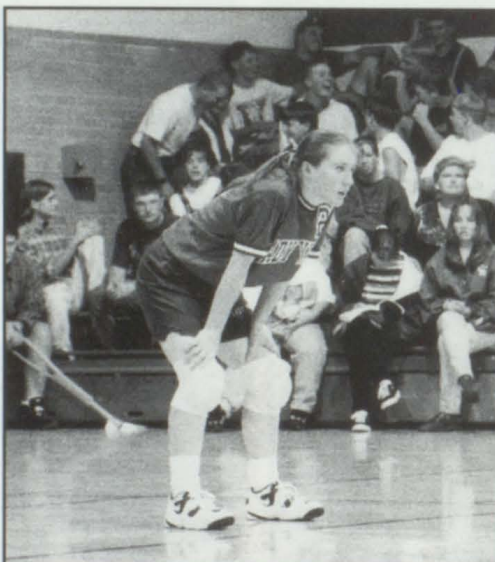
*Staring down the shot, Taul Noard hopes he doesn't choke on this free-throw.*

*The Football, Volleyball, and Basketball take time out of celebrating to pose for a picture after winning Regionals*

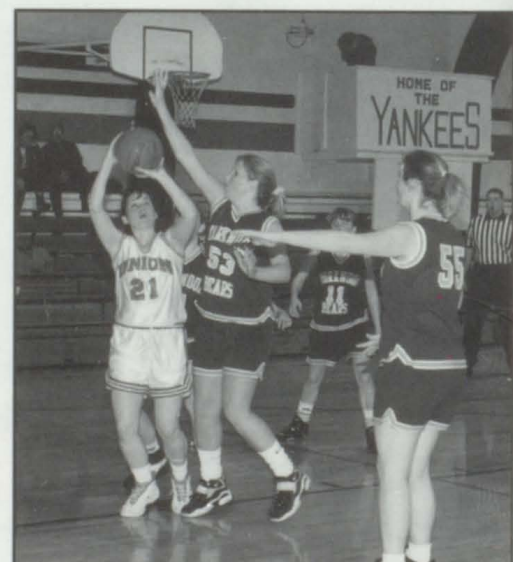


*Little Joe Law carry's on the Law tradition of Union Golfers.*

*Shawn Torrance shows perfect form in throwing the discus.*



*Janel Zielkie takes a break while waiting for the opposing team to serve.*



*After a quick post move, Megan Rima attempts a shot over a Yorkwood defender*



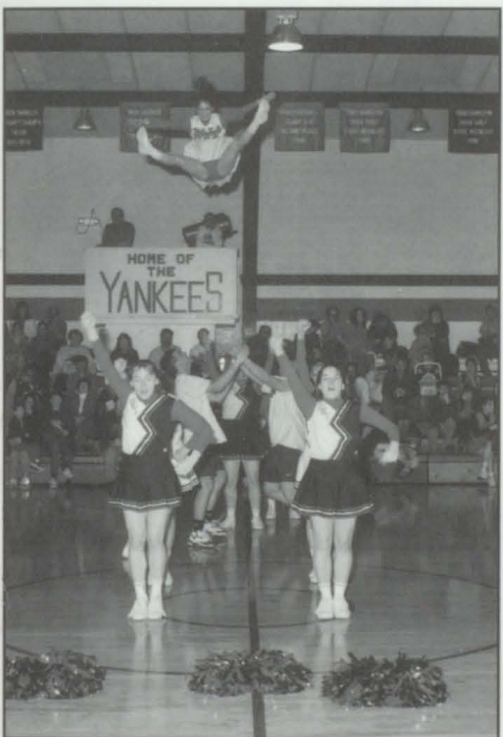


*"We can look to the future  
with confidence because we know  
that our teams this year set the tone for  
the future. When you are from  
Union you play hard, play  
fair, and play as a team!"  
- Coach Pat Olson*



# *Bolt From The Blue*

*By: Aaron Cole*



*Waiting for the call, Dusty Hetrick prepares to strike out the opposing batter.*

*The crowd watches in amazement as Rudi Gall is sent soaring high above the rest of the squad.*

*With a little hard work and dedication Union sports became a power in the Bi-County Conference. The football team had a dream in the off-season to make to the playoffs which they accomplished when they advanced to the second round of the playoffs. While the football team was working for a spot in the playoffs, the girls Volleyball team was inside working for a spot in the Regional Tournament. The girls won the Regional and advanced to the Sectional Final. Golf had a great season under the leadership of four returning lettermen from last season. Girls basketball improved a lot from last season. Their record does not reflect all the hard work the girls put in to try and improve the girls basketball program. Boys basketball worked hard in the off season, and it showed. They won their Regional and advanced to the Sectional Final where their season come to a end. With eight Varsity starters returning, the Lady Yanks softball team is looking toward a winning season. Boys baseball is looking very promising. By only losing one senior, the team is looking forward for a turn around from last season. All together Union sports are putting some wins on the books and gaining some respect from area teams which is well deserved.*



Aaron Cole preparing for a fairway shot.

*Swinging Into Success...*

## *The Best Season Yet*

By Aaron Cole & Brad Russell

We had a fun and successful year! Our 14-3 record was the best in Union history. We also scored our best dual meet score of 153 against Knoxville at their course. A lot of hard work and dedication paid off in the end. This

was the first year for a girls' team. They completed the season with a 2-1 record. Another highlight for the season was Luke Law and Tiffany Peugh advancing to sectionals. With new members and high hopes, we look forward to having another great season next year!



### Scoreboard

Opponent	
Colchester	W
Monmouth Inv.	15th
Rockridge	L
Sherrard	W
Knoxville	W
Aledo	W
Carthage	W
Hamilton Inv.	3rd
Monmouth	L
Southeastern/Cuba	W
Yankee Inv.	1st
Aledo	W
Burlington	L
Knoxville/Cuba	W



L-R, Front Row: Justin McKeown, Sarah Rima, Jackie Smith, Brooke Simpson, Tiffany Peugh, Luke Law. Back Row: B.J. Carlson, Dave Rice, Brad Russell, Jeremiah Bielser, Jason Wagy, Joe Law, Justin Ellerbroek, J.R. Millar, Mike Russell, Aaron Cole, Jason Lox, Coach Donna Hamrick.



Luke Law and BJ Carlson show off their medals after the Yankee Invitational.



Freshman Tiffany Peugh takes time out for a picture during a meet.



Coach Donna Hamrick poses for the camera.



Union golfers wait anxiously for the start of a meet.

Union golfers celebrate their win at the Yankee Invitational.

## Most Memorable Moments

**Jeremiah Bielser:** When I broke my club on a tree and when Luke and Aaron made me puke on the bus.

**Justin Ellerbroek:** When I played in my first golf meet and got an outstanding score of 56.

**Brad Russell:** When I accidentally threw my club in the pond my junior year and had to go in and get it.

**Dave Rice:** The time I eagled Hole 11 at Hawthorne during Regionals.





*Believe it...*

## *Comeback Time*

By: Rory Parilac and Brian Collier

Union Football made *everyone* take notice this year: the students, community, especially other teams. Under great leadership from the seniors, the entire team worked hard in the off-season to push for a most successful season. And what a year!

Our Yankees beat rival Southern for the first time in over ten years. We defeated Yorkwood for a homecoming victory that put us where no one had expected Union to be: the IHSA Playoffs. The 96 football season is one to make everyone involved very, very proud!

During the first game, Tim Ballard attempts to make a key block, springing Brian Hetrick for another touchdown.



## *Varsity Football*

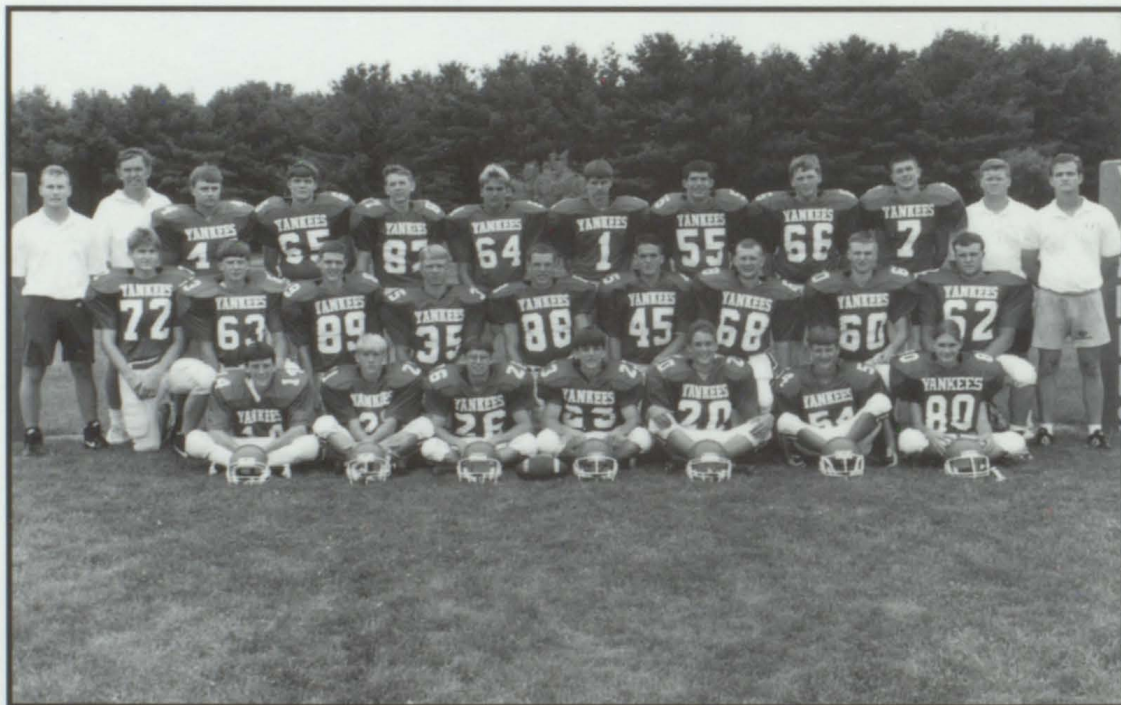
### **Scoreboard**

Record 8-3

Us	Opponent	Them
48	Elmwood	06
42	Metro East	07
43	Avon-Roseville	06
48	Southern	06
00	Warren	39
07	LaHarpe N/W	37
35	Yorkwood	14
32	Alexis	12
32	Valley	06

IHSA Playoffs:

52	Lewistown	22
00	LaHarpe N/W	41



L-R, Back Row: Coach Crisco, Coach Noard, Jerad Johnson, Ryan Dixon, Joe Ballard, B.J. Kelly, Jamie Robbins, Brian Collier, Tim Ballard, Taul Noard, Coach Hippen, Coach Hurley. Middle Row: Brian Good, Brian Randall, Nick Shutwell, Brian Hetrick, Jeff Meyer, Travis Seitz, Scott Albin, Jason Thacker, Jason Carnes. Front Row: Matt Papworth, Andy Melvin, L.D. Gall, Kevin Hetrick, Michael Lutz, Adam Kane, Carl Larson.



# Coach of the Year

An Elmwood defender steps on the tracks and pops the ball loose from Jerad "The Train" Johnson.



The '96 football season proved many things, not least of which was this: never underestimate the power of a good coach. It didn't take Galen Noard's winning KBUR's Coach of the Year award to make the players respect; they knew he was the key for molding the Yankees to become the skilled, exciting team they are now.

Noard's Fearless Crew: Mike Hurley, Jarod Hippen, Brad Crisco.



Closely pursued by Yorkwood, L.D. Gall turns a sharp corner to protect Yankee possession.



On a well-blocked rollout by Jason Carnes, Jamie Robbins attempts to hit the open receiver.



## Most Memorable Moments

**Scott Albin:** When we made the playoffs for the first time in fifteen years, and Coach Noard was there to help us. **Tim Ballard:** Every Wednesday when I called upon the power of "Barry." When we played Alexis my senior year and I got a personal foul for a "late hit", then sacking their quarterback and taunting him. And, of course, the playoffs. **Jason Carnes:** My whole senior season and the presence of Coach Noard. **Ryan Dixon:** During a kickoff against Lewistown when the crowd kept yelling, "He can't kick!" and then I kicked it out of the end zone. **Brian Hetrick:** Senior Night, making the playoffs, and playing with my senior buddies all four years. **Adam Kane:** When Tim Ballard knocked me to the ground at practice and the playoffs. **Jeff Meyer:** Catching the winning touchdown against Yorkwood my junior year, and Travis and I giving Coach Crisco a little shower after the Valley game. **Jamie Robbins:** Beating Lewistown 52-22 in the playoffs and just being there for the first time. **Travis Seitz:** Getting a chance to play for Coach Noard, and being in the playoffs. **Jason Thacker:** Smoking Lewistown in the playoffs.



# Junior Varsity Football

Coach Hurley and Hippen lead the team in a moment of silence before they start the game.

As a kickoff return man, Shawn Toarrance gets rocked against Alexis.



Landon Lox uses his sweet feet in a home win against arch-rival Southern.

Coach Hippen guides the interior line in warmups for the big game against Southern.



Ozzie Lira and Jason Mackey handle their responsibilities as anchors of the Yankee defense.

Coach Hippen unmask the game face that keeps his players in line and under his control.







As the Yankees sweep right, John Hernandez lead blocks for Brian Stewart.

*Don't Stop Believing...*

## Taking Great Strides

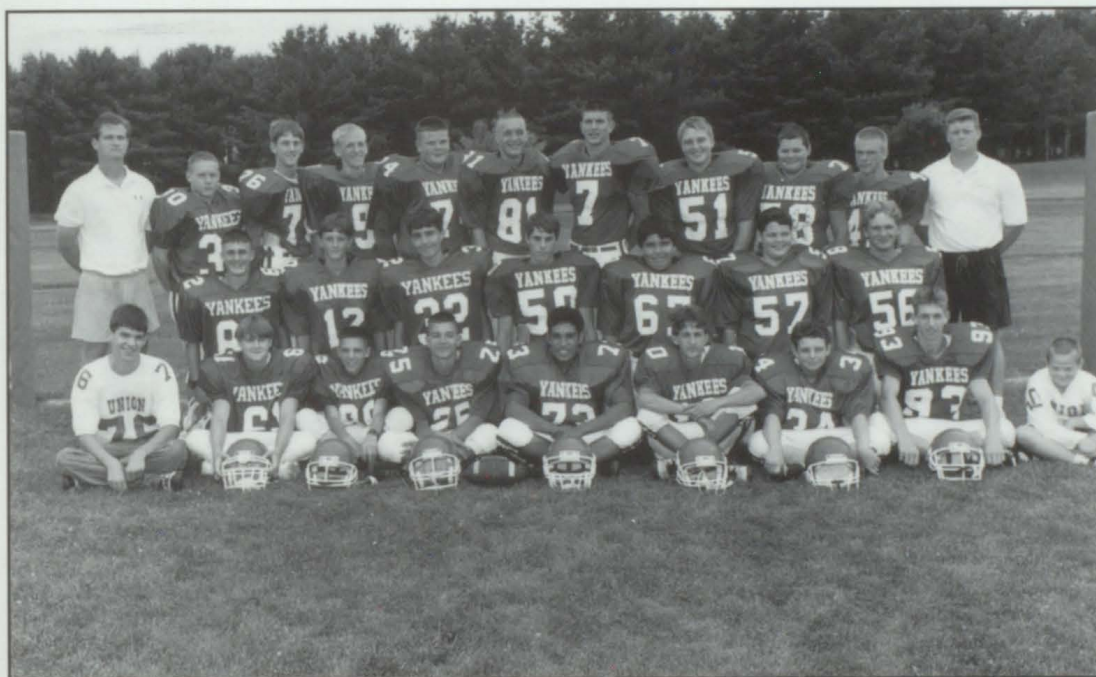
By: Nick Shutwell and Mike Lutz

Coach Hippen, Coach Hurley, and the entire J.V. football team enjoyed a terrific fall season. Wins came against Valley, Avon/Roseville, Southern, and Yorkwood.

A couple big highlights of the season were Jon Slover's kickoff return for a touchdown against Warren, and Brian Stewart's 266 yards rushing against

Southern.

Coach Hippen's comments on the season were that "It was a great experience! The team played hard and accomplished a lot!! They were a great bunch to work with." Some awards that given out were Most Improved: Chase Nichols and Jason Mackey. Brian Stewart won the Mr. Hustle Award.



L-R, **Front Row:** Michael Ellerbroek, Billy Miller, Tyler Dermer, Matt Seitz, Ozzie Lira, Chase Nichols, Scott Blindt, Landon Lox, Nathaniel Curtiss. **Middle Row:** Travis Miller, Brian Byers, Shawn Torrance, Dustin Wagy, John Hernandez, Cody Evans, Brian McGriff. **Back Row:** Coach Hurley, John Sullivan, Jeremy Meyer, Jon Slover, Jason Mackey, Brian Stewart, Taul Noard, D.J. Vogeler, Cale Evans, Travis Boots, Coach Hippen.

### Scoreboard

#### Record 4-4

Us		Them
6	Aledo	42
30	Valley	0
28	Avon/ Roseville	14
30	Southern	18
20	Warren	41
0	Laharpe/ Northwestern	36
26	Yorkwood	20
0	Alexis	21



# Squads Succeed With *Determination*

This year the dance squad was coached by Katrina Sherman. During the football season she took some of the dance girls to a camp in Chicago. They learned the basics of dancing and they also learned a

long routine. At the end of the season, Jenny Howe was awarded "Most Improved" and Ashley Kopf was awarded "Best Performance". One highlight of the season was Senior Night. They dressed as

cats and performed a Halloween routine. It was a great end to the season.

Ashley Kopf and Kelly Davis were the co-captains during basketball season. They did a terrific job leading the young team of all sopho-

mores and freshmen through a satisfying season. At the end of the year, Ashley Kopf was awarded "Most Dedicated" and "Best Performance." "Most Improved" was given to Tracy John.

The dance squad got together before their performance to get pumped up and cheer for the team.



The Dance squad added enthusiasm and pep to the football games with their spirited routines.



Perfecting her move, Kelly Davis performs a fast-moving dance with her teammates.



**Front Row:** Amanda Gillam, Heather Carlson, Rudi Gall. **Middle Row:** Jennifer Howe, Kelly Davis, Heather Fernald, Ashley Kopf. **Back Row:** Misty Boughton, Kaycee Darnel, Sharon Loving, Becky Boughton.





Most Memorable Moment:  
Heather Carlson "UDA Dance Camp my  
Freshmen year at WIU."



The dance squad waits in a moment of silence, anticipating the beginning of the song.



The dancers strike a pose in the middle of one of their fantastic routines.



**Front Row:** Jessica Dutton, Heather Fernald, Amanda Mooney, Tracy John. **Back Row:** Jennifer Howe, Ashley Kopf, Kelly Davis, Kaycee Darnel.



Ashley Kopf performs an exciting routine during basketball season.



# A Team Succeeds

By: Deb Defenbaugh & Steffany Pilkington

This year's volleyball season began with a very young team. The season started off slow, but eventually progressed to one with a successful level of play. Toward the end of the season the Lady Yanks were faced with the pressures of three championship matches before the Regional Tournament. "Suddenly, they entered and had that hungry look in their eyes," said Miss Olson, "and we were stronger, more

ready to take the next step to championship status." The Lady Yanks concluded a great season with many outstanding accomplishments, including a 23-6-3 record, Carl Sandburg College sportsmanship trophy, second place at Sherrard and Lady Yank Invitational tournament, and the Regional Sportsmanship trophy. A winning attitude proved to be the key to this united team's success.

## Scoreboard

Home	Opponent	
W	Alexis	L
W	Aledo	L
W	Yorkwood	L
W	Valley	L
W	Westmer	L
W	Roseville	L
W	Galesburg	L
W	Carthage	L
W	Avon	L
W	Dallas City	L
W	R.L. Allaman	L
W	LaHarpe	L
L	Monmouth	W
W	Northwestern	L
L	Southern	W
W	Warren	L

Performing a powerful spike Jennifer Robbins keeps the opponents on their toes.



While Lisa Bowman demonstrates a perfect passing form, Shani Hasley awaits a ball.



Angie Dermer passes the ball while Shana Smith, Brenda Cisna, and Becca Fisher get into place to defend their court.



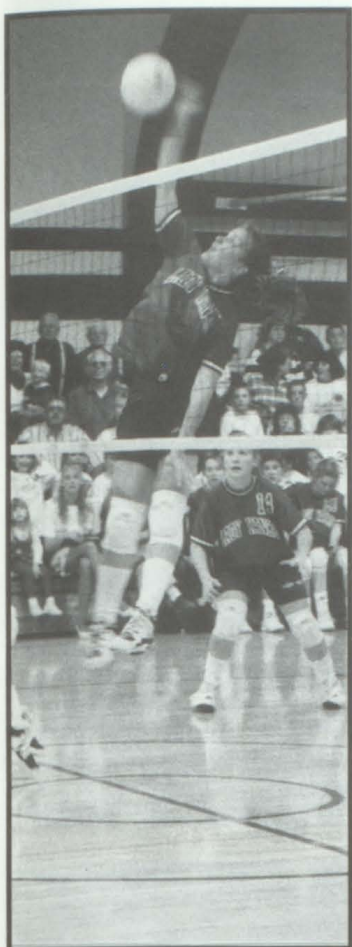
Diving to the floor, Steffany Pilkington, Brenda Cisna, and Anna Carlson make a hearty attempt at digging the ball.



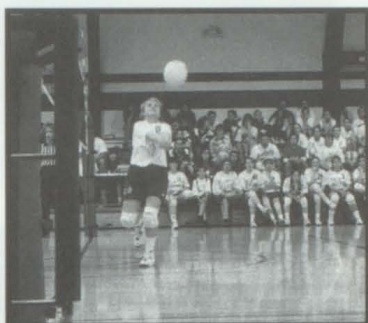
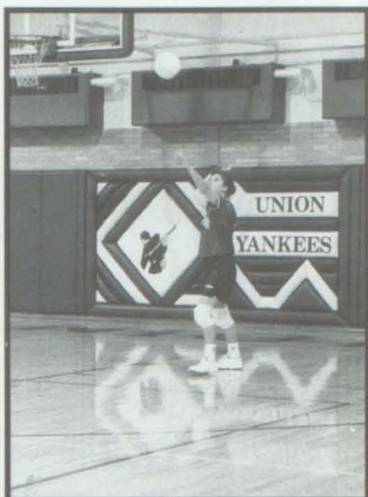
Back row left to right: Shani Hasley, Jennifer Robbins, Jessica Dickey, Brenda Cisna, Anna Carlson, Janel Zielkie  
Middle row: Lisa Bowman, Angela Dermer, Shana Smith, Rhiannon Reaves - Front row: Steffany Pilkington, Molly Weber Alison Fisher.



Poster perfect Brenda "KILLER" Cisna demolishes the ball.



Preparing for an ace serve, Molly Weber shows excellent form.



## Most Memorable Moment

Our Most Memorable Moment was when Steffany, Molly, Robin, and Alison stayed at Robin's aunt's house during Carl Sandburg Tournament. **Alison Fisher** - When Robin, Tina, and I walked in the rain before games to Country Fun, because no one would give us a ride.

**Molly Weber** - Rooming with Robin, Tina, and Alison when we went to the Illinois volleyball game.

**Steffany Pilkington** - When all of us started to play volleyball in the fifth grade and all of the memories of practicing in the Gladstone Grade school gym.



While returning the ball, Janel Zielkie passes the ball to the setter.

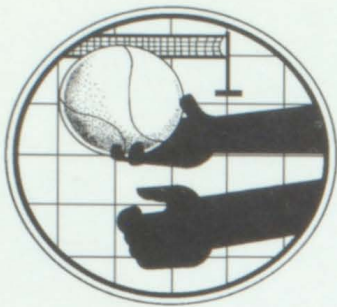
Making a futile attempt to save the ball, Jessica Dickey dives to the floor.



Jennifer Robbins, Steffany Pilkington, and Brenda Cisna are awaiting their next move at helping the team come to victory.

The members are being prepared to serve their team.





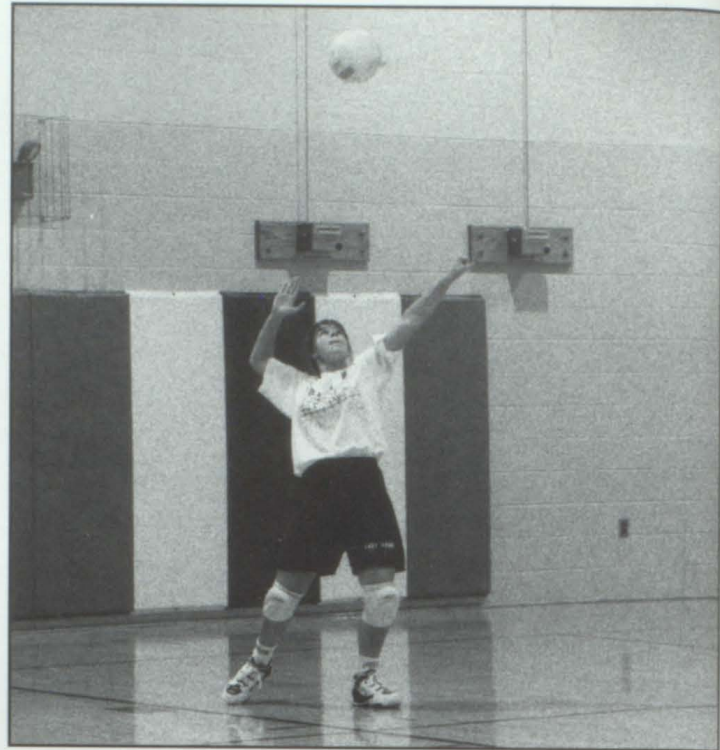
Energetic freshman Kellie Thompson is into volleyball on a different level.



Sara Bigger ready to ace her ball into Warrior territory.



Team player Erin Miller does her best to be in perfect form.

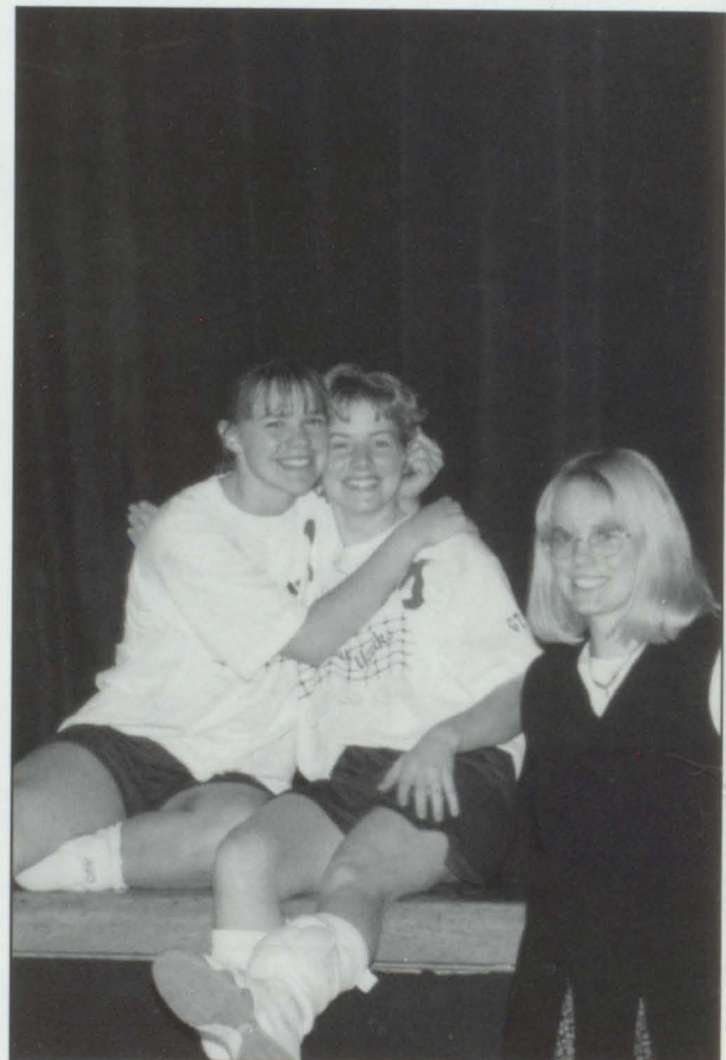


Among Union's finest, here is the starting line-up for Union's JV volleyball team.

Patiently awaits for her chance in the spotlight, Stephanie Dial keeps her cool.



Too close for comfort JV players, Erin Miller & Kellie Thompson have fun during break.







Sophomore Shanah Thompson, awaits for the whistle so she can deliver one of her killer serves.

## Learning the Ropes

By: Betsy Fletcher and Kaci Bailey

The 1996-97 Junior Varsity Volleyball season was both a learning experience and a sort of pursuit. With a record of 10-12-1, the girls performed their best and gave it their all. Although a few girls stepped forward and became leaders, they continued to play as a team and never gave up. Coach Forrester gave out five awards on Award Night,

consisting of: Best Hitter-Shanah Thompson, Best Passer-Becca Fisher, Most Assists-Erin Miller, Tammy Mackey Award-Stephanie Dial, and the Coaches Award-Kellie Thompson. The JV Volleyball team has a lot to look forward to in their next 2-3 years in volleyball, and all of Union High School wishes them the best of luck for games to come.

## JV Volleyball



L-R, Top Row: Brooke Simpson, Stacey Serdahl, Coach Billy Forrester, Sara Bigger, Kellie Thompson, Stephanie Dial. Bottom Row: Cheryl Albin, Jessica VanTine, Erin Miller, Becca Fisher, Shanah Thompson.

## Scoreboard

Union	Team
W	Alexis
W	Aledo
W	Yorkwood
W	Valley
4th	Sherrard F/S Trn.
W	Westmer
L	Roseville
L	Galesburg
L	Carthage
W	Avon
3rd	Lady Yanks Inv.
L	Dallas City
L	Rock Island/Alleman
W	LaHarpe
L	Monmouth
W	NorthWestern
L	Southern
W	Warren



# The Best Ever

By Aaron Cole and Betsy Fletcher

The season actually began for the Boy's Basketball team last summer. The team attended camps and played in a league that improved our level of play. Now we were only missing one key ingredient and that was "Team" play. It took us until Christmas to find that key element and when we did, Union was an extremely tough team to beat. We still had our

ups and downs but you could tell that this group could play the game when they put their minds to it. They were a very focused "Team" at the Regionals - beating #1 Abingdon and #2 Monmouth. The fan support was tremendous, especially at the Regional and Sectional games. It was a season that the team will always remember.

Leading Scorer - Jeff Meyer  
Most Assists - Jeff Meyer  
Most Steals - Jeff Meyer  
Best 3pt % - Jeff Meyer  
Leading Rebounder - Jeff Meyer

Best Free Throw % - Dusty Hetrick  
Best Field Goal % - Aaron Cole  
Best Defensive Player - Travis Seitz  
Most Improved - Jeff Meyer

Dusty "SWOOSH" Hetrick admires the beauty as he hits a three.



Jeff Meyer leads the charge for the Yankee's on senior night.

Jamie Robbins drives past the defender on his way to the rack.



## SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
Nauvoo	74-83
Warren	66-70
LaHarpe	72-54
Bradford	72-53
Cambridge	48-71
Erie	65-67
Warren	79-56
Brimfield	83-62
Northwestern	78-53
Colchester	84-67
Yorkwood	64-77
Roseville	63-40
Warren	67-43
Alexis	81-67
Yorkwood	63-75
Southern	71-49
Alexis	34-39
Northwestern	82-59
LaHarpe	55-66
Williamsfield	49-85
Avon	54-36
Yorkwood	53-69
Valley	76-50
Southern	75-50
Warren	63-47
Abingdon	78-73
Monmouth	81-75
Rockridge	67-45
Williamsfield	65-84

## Varsity Basketball



Front Row, L-R: Aaron Cole, Taul Noard, Brian Stewart, Lucas Law, Nick Shutwell, Matt Papworth. Back Row: Coach Galen Noard, Dusty Hetrick, Travis Seitz, Jamie Robbins, Chuck Day, Jeff Meyer, Assistant Coach Steve Higgins.





Chuck Day slams one through in warmups.



Nick Shutwell gives one of his many "Who, me?" looks to the official.

Matt Papworth prepares to show off that Australian form.



Aaron Cole attempting a short jump shot over the opposing defense.



Luke Law uses perfect form and focus in preparing to nail a three.

Varsity Boys celebrating after winning the Regional Title.



## MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS

**Travis Seitz:** Winning the Regional Tournament and beating Southern on Senior Night.

**Dusty Hetrick:** Winning our Regional, playing in three championship games, summer camps (throwing pizza sauce and hitting Aaron Cole's car, Luke's animal noises). This year, going to Metallica and getting in trouble by Coach for going.

**Jamie Robbins:** Winning against Monmouth for Regional Champs!

**Jeff Meyer:** All the fun times at summer camps, winning the Regional Title and making it to the Sectional Finals, and the bus rides to the games--they were great!

**Chuck Day:** My freshman year and the first game against Yorkwood; we won by a last second shot by John Cameron, accomplishing as much as we did my senior season, summer camps (Luke's chicken noises).



Working Hard...

# For a Bright Future

By Nick Shutwell and Brian Collier

The J.V. team had a great season. They ended up with a record of 13-9. They pulled off several key wins in the Yorkwood Tournament however losing in the championship game to Warren. Some highlights on the season were "Watching the players improve and become a team also having a winning season" according to Coach Higgins.

Coach Higgins also mentioned that the season accomplished what it was supposed to accomplish. He feels they have a good nucleus for the J.V. next year and sending some talent on to the Varsity. "This is what the J.V. program is all about, the building of a good Varsity team." One thing that the team has done is to play well as a team.

Little Joe Law uses Eric Work's screen to drive past to the baseline.



Sophomore Jeff Collier shows how he can shoot the outside 3-pointer.

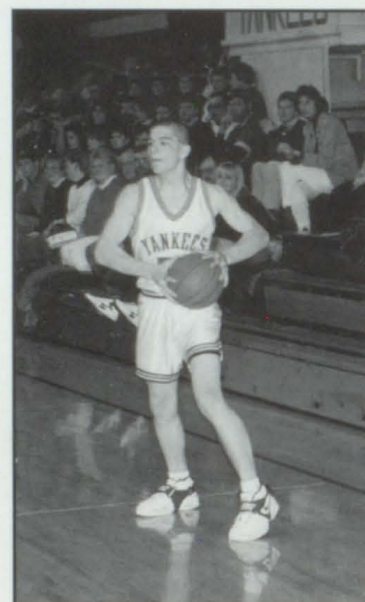


Late in the game, Eric McIntyre sets up the inbounds play.

Landon Lox looks to set a solid pick for Jeff Collier as he drives past toward the basket.

Matt Seitz shows the proper triple-threat position in looking for an open teammate.

Brian Stewart fakes a pass as he looks for the open teammate to pass to.



In the middle of a crowded lane, Landon Lox tries to put up a tough shot against a Yorkwood defender.



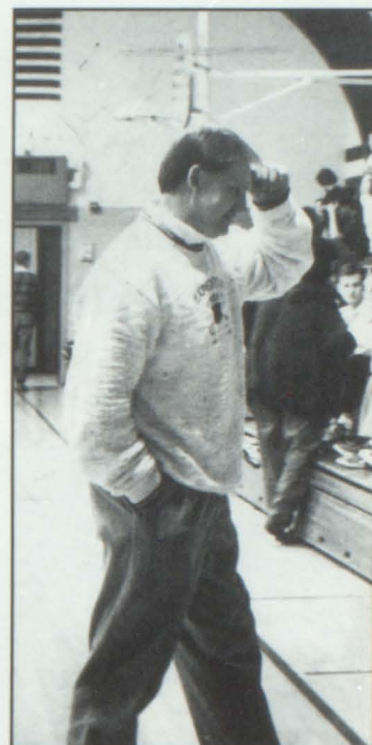
As Jon Slover drives the lane, he finger-rolls it in for the score.



Brian Stewart looks desperately at his shot in hopes of it going in for the score.



Coach Higgins tries to hide his nervousness before the big game.



## JV Basketball



Back Row, L-R: Jeremy Meyer, Jon Slover, Brian Stewart, Kyle Pruett, Landon Lox, Matt Seitz, Coach Higgins.  
Front Row: Jon Sullivan, Eric McIntyre, Michael Ellerbroek, Eric Work, Jason Link, Chase Nichols, Joe Law.

### SCOREBOARD

Home	Opponent	
37	Nauvoo	61
42	Warren	49
55	LaHarpe	47
50	Warren	43
51	Brimfield	36
61	Northwestern	53
69	Colchester	57
33	Yorkwood	60
45	Roseville	50
62	Southern	42
53	Alexis	45
37	Northwestern	56
62	Laharpe	52
32	Williamsfield	35
50	Avon	32
36	Yorkwood	48
68	Valley	44
46	Southern	62
Yorkwood Tourney		
64	Aledo	61
50	Roseville	46
41	Warren	70





GO,  
RAH,



By: Debbie Defenbaugh



Putting on her best cheesy pose, Lisa Bowman waves a high five.

If work is to be done here, Anna Carlson is slacking her duties.




Front row: Jackie Polson, Anna Carlson, Lisa Bowman, Amanda Gillam, Rudi Gall

Back Row: Erin Miller, Jessica Dickey, Betty Jo Bigger, Angela Dermer

As a peak is formed excellent skills are being demonstrated by: Erin Miller, Rudi Gall, Lisa Bowman, Jessica Dickey, Amanda Gillam, Angela Dermer, Anna Carlson, and Jackie Polson.



Jamming to the cheers, Ryan Dixon and B.J. Kelly demonstrate their new found talent of cheering to the crowd.

 Bolt from the Blue



Beaming their voices above the crowd, Anna Carlson, Angela Dermer, Jessica Dickey, Lisa Bowman, and Erin Miller are performing 'Soul'.



# FIGHT. WIN

RAH.

RAH.



Flying through the air is Lisa Bowman's specialty, while Angie Dermer stands alert to the crowd.

The last of the J.V. squad were Amanda Gillam, Rudi Gall, and Betty Jo Bigger.

Rudi Gall and Jessica Dickey vigorously shake their poms during a routine.

Anna Carlson and Angie Dermer are loving every minute of the camera's attention.

## THE CROWD ROARS, THE AIR IS TENSE WITH PRESSURE, THE CHEERLEADERS HELP LEAD THE FANS TO ANOTHER VICTORY!

This year the fans were roaring and the buildings were a rocking, with all the yelling and cheering that was being directed by the cheerleaders. The cheerleaders have always been a great inspiration to the ball players. When the players hear the roar of the crowd it fills them

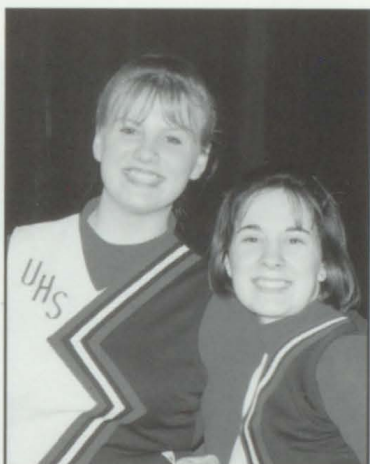
with an inner feeling of excitement to win the game.

### Coaches Comments

With a very late start, not having tryouts until three weeks before the season started, the squad pulled together and worked very hard. They became ready for their first game. All in all it was a very good season. Having Ryan Dixon And B.J. Kelly's help was fun and added a new interest to our cheers. We had a good time!

### Awards

Spirit Award,  
Lisa Bowman  
Most Improved,  
Erin Miller  
Most Outstanding  
Cheerleader,  
Rudi Gall



An impatient look crosses Amanda Gillams' face as she looks into the crowd.

Jessica Dickey goes solo as she cheers the guys on to another victory.



Senior Ryan Dixon demonstrates the amazing skills he has with a basketball. He shows us that smile he is always has on his face.

### Fondest Memory

Ryan Dixon's most memorable moment was when he almost dropped Lisa Bowman while practicing a routine.





Brenda Cisna looks to make a great offensive move.

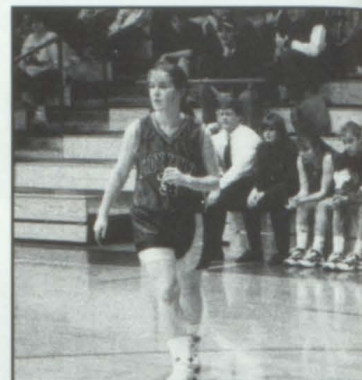


As the team huddles on the sidelines, Coach Hippen draws out the next strategy.

Showing off her shooting ability, Steffany Pilkington tries to shoot past two Yorkwood players.



Using her best boxing out position, Shani Hasley attempts to use this against the Yorkwood defense.



Janel Zielkie prepares to run in for the rebound.

## Varsity Girls Basketball

### Scoreboard

Opponent	Score
Aledo	15-59
Southern	12-65
Warren	34-37
Westmer	20-54
Yorkwood	23-49
Roseville	18-40
Warren	36-27
Southeastern	31-32
Northwestern	34-57
Dallas City	27-39
LaHarpe	25-62
Alexis	22-62
Yorkwood	29-47
Valley	25-61
Southern	16-93
Northwestern	34-53
Yorkwood	29-52
Neoponset	33-43
LaHarpe	20-49
Yorkwood	27-47



Front row: left to right: Janel Zielkie, Kaci Bailey, Shana Smith, Rhiannon Reaves, Janset Akyurt. Back row: left to right: Coach Tina Forth, Shani Hasley, Steffany Pilkington, Brenda Cisna, Amanda Torrance, Molly Weber, Coach Jarrod Hippen. Not pictured Jennifer Robbins and Stacey Serdahl.





Molly Weber's memorable moments are getting a good coach her senior year, creative counting while running laps and the Indian Run for Mrs. Friedan, and her freshman year practicing with Suzy Kaylor and Tara Rice.

Steffany Pilkington remembers her freshman year when they all had to toughen up if they wanted to play against seniors, Suzy Kaylor and Tara Rice. Her most memorable moment was going to Bloomington for the weekend to the Girl's State Tournament with Mr. Hippen and her favorite roommates: Shilo, Kaci, and A.J.

Janset Akyurt remembers the hard time trying to adjust to free throws in America, because in Turkey you only line up three players, instead of four, on the line.



Putting the move on the post player, Kaci Bailey drives towards the basket.

As our AFS student, Janset Akyurt, from Turkey looks on as she plays basketball in her first year as a Varsity player for the Union Lady Yanks.



Shana Smith and Janel Zielkie pose for a picture while getting pumped up for the game at Yorkwood.



Rhiannon Reaves slides past the defense as she takes the ball in for the shot.

Molly Weber waits for her teammates to open up for a good pass.

*Starting all over. . .*

## A Fresh Beginning

By Steffany Pilkington and Kaci Bailey

The '96-'97 girls basketball team proved to be very strong and competitive. The girls wanted the basketball program to rebuild so that they can be just as tough as any other team in the area. "The hard work from all of the girls during the season and off season proved that they

wanted to rebuild this program," said Coach Hippen.

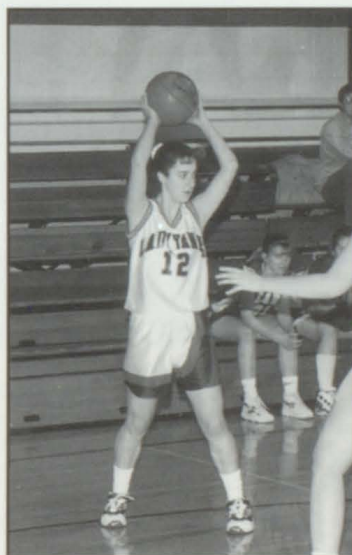
Although the record didn't show all the work and effort from all the girls dedication, it did pay off in the end. The girls were very determined to prove that they can play this game very well with the support of the fans and community behind them.

Most Improved - Steffany Pilkington  
Best Free Throw % - Brenda Cisna  
Best Defensive Player - Kaci Bailey

6 Man Award - Molly Weber  
Most Points - Brenda Cisna



Taking a large jumpshot, Amanda Torrance attempts to add points to Union's scoreboard.





## Making Their Way

By Rory Parilac and Brad Russell

This year, the girls' basketball season proved to be one mainly of growth. Instead of concentrating on numbers, Union basketball focused on developing strong fundamentals and unfaltering team spirit. The amount of new ideas and methods coming in would have been enough to topple many groups, but not this one. Tina Forth, the head coach for the JV squad commented, "The girls improved tremendously throughout the season. Some

even learned that they could actually drive to the left by using their left hand!" Several of the girls stood out as leaders. Stacey Serdahl and Jennifer Robbins scored 16 and 13 points respectively against Northwestern. There remains no doubt that if these same players grit their teeth and continue to play and practice with the same amount of determination, there will soon be a tough varsity team!



Easily jumping over a Yorkwood defender, Sara Bigger gets the shot off.

Shilo Swanson carefully looks for an open teammate while protecting the ball.

Megan Rima pulls up for the open jumper and demonstrates perfect form.







Freshman Stacy Serdahl ignores the defense while driving to the basket.



Never willing to give up the ball, Toni Miller fights off the Yorkwood bear.

## *JV Girls Basketball*



Bottom Row, L-R: Shanah Thompson, Alyssa Hinshaw, Ashley Kopf, Becca Fisher, Robyn Lenoci. Middle Row: Stacy Serdahl, Jennifer Robbins, Shilo Swanson, Megan Rima. Top Row: Coach Tina Forth, Sara Bigger, Brandy Jones, Toni Miller, Nicole Seaman, Coach Jarrod Hippen.

### Scoreboard

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>
Aledo	14-69
Southern	7-54
Warren	28-31
Westmer	17-47
Yorkwood	16-46
Roseville	26-29
Warren	20-35
Northwestern	30-25
Dallas City	20-37
LaHarpe	13-36
Alexis	12-47
Yorkwood	9-36
Valley	21-55
Southern	13-47
Northwestern	27-25
Neponset	16-35
LaHarpe	15-37



# THE FIRST WINNING SEASON

By: Brad Russell, Aaron Cole & Brian Collier

The Varsity team came out with a new look but not a lot of new faces. They were led by eight returning starters. The team played very well as one. They were again plagued with injuries late in the season, but the team fought on to advance to the second round of Regionals where they were defeated by LaHarpe/Northwestern.

There was a lot accomplished this season, they got first place in the Warsaw Tourn., lost a lot of close games, and ended up with almost a .700 winning percentage. Defense was this team's strong point. If the defense struggled usually the offense followed. The boys are looking forward to another winning season next year!

## AWARDS

MVP- Jeff Meyer and Travis Seitz

Most Improved - Mike Lutz

Most Steals - Aaron Cole

Best Defensive Player - Brian Randall

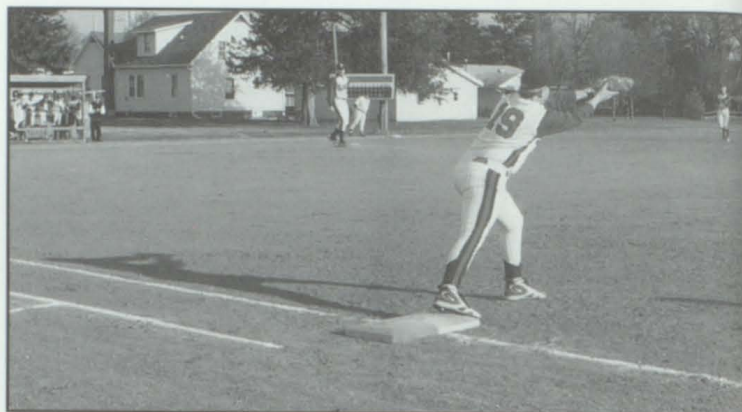
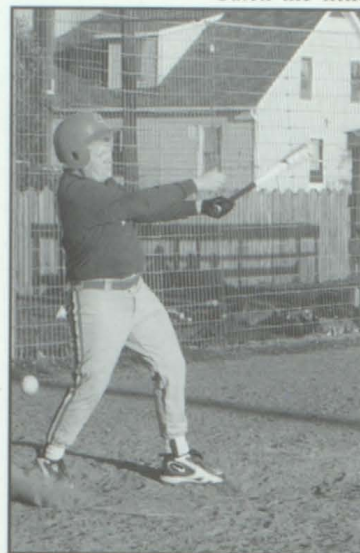
Highest Batting Avg. - Jeff Meyer

Pitching Award - Justin McKeown

The object is to hit the ball J.R.!

Throw him the heat Stewart!

Catch the little marshmallow Tim!



## Junior Varsity

Front Left - Scott Blint, Joey Koch, Chase Nichols, J.R. Millar, Ozzie Lira, Ty Dermer. Back Left - Matt Papworth, Landon Lox, Brian Stewart, Jeff Collier, Coach Higgins.



## Varsity

Front Left - Brian Stewart, Mike Lutz, Matt Papworth, Luke Law, Jeff Collier, Jeremiah Bielser, Kevin Hetrick. Back Left - Dusty Hetrick, Brian Randall, Brian Hetrick, Tim Ballard, Jeremy Meyer, Ryan Dixon, Justin McKeown, Travis Seitz, Jeff Meyer, Aaron Cole, Landon Lox, Coach Higgins.



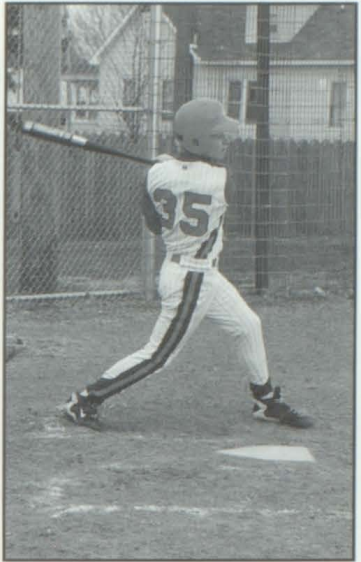
Matt Papworth takes time to pose for a picture.



Travis Seitz demonstrates perfect form for everyone watching.



Brian Hetrick shows off his homerun swing.



Way to watch the ball Aaron!



Reach back and throw some smoke Jeff!

**SENIOR'S MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS**  
**Jeff Meyer:** Getting out of school early, Winning the Warsaw Tourn., and all the fun bus rides home from the games.  
**Travis Seitz:** Hitting three homeruns in a double-header, missing a game the day after prom my sophomore year.  
**Tim Ballard:** Every time Brian Randall showed us his unique running style, when Luke fell off the fence in practice and of course, every moment I got to Play!  
**Ryan Dixon:** When I told Prentice, the bus driver, that it had quit raining and you can shut the windshield wipers off, and breaking Brian Randall's thumb in practice.  
**Dusty Hetrick:** All the bus rides too and from away games and winning the Warsaw Tourn.  
**Brian Hetrick:** Breaking my hip my Junior year



Luke Law hopes to send one deep.

Coach Higgins watching every players move.



What kind of sign is that Coach Alderman?

SCOREBOARD	
Record 18 - 8	
	H - A
Southern	8 - 2
LaHarpe/	2 - 10
Northwestern	
Knoxville	6 - 7
Nauvoo	3 - 1
Carthage	11 - 4
Carthage	8 - 6
Cuba	7 - 8
Southern	4 - 6
Valley	6 - 4
Rockridge	5 - 3
Williamsfield	11 - 1
Dallas City	15 - 0
Dallas City	16 - 1
Sherrard	5 - 10
Hamilton	6 - 12
Bushnell	11 - 0
Aledo	5 - 3
Abbingdon	3 - 1
Nauvoo	5 - 1
Hamilton	6 - 3
LaHarpe/	2 - 15
Northwestern	
Warsaw Tourn	1st

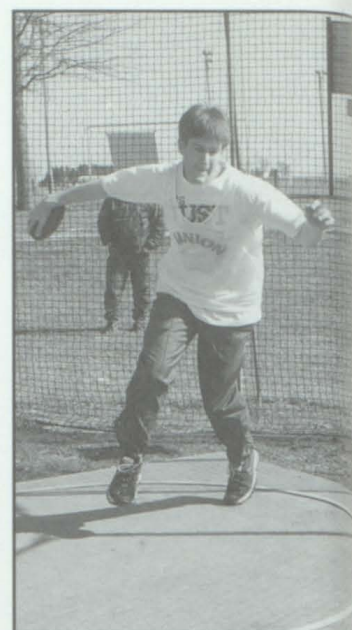




After winning many races, the 4x800m relay team gets their picture taken for the last time.

Nikki Dunn tries for that extra inch in the long jump.

Brian Good shows his stuff while throwing the discus.



## Running, Jumping, Throwing

By Nick Shutwell, Anna Carlson, and Betsy Fletcher.

This year's track team was small in numbers but big on talent. The girls team had only six members and there were thirteen boys. They all worked hard and were awarded with individual medals and personal records.

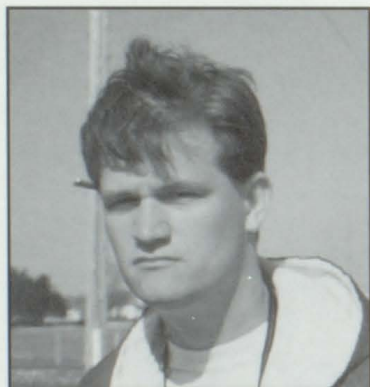
The boys MVP award was given to Justin Ellerbroek who was also a Co-Captain. Carl Larson was the other Co-Captain and also received Most-Improved and Michael Ellerbroek had the Most Points. Nick Shutwell received the Hurley Olympics award. On the girls team, Anna Carlson received

MVP and Most Points. The Most-Improved went to Shani Hasley. Nikki Dunn was the Captain of the girls team.

Coach Hurley quoted the girls team as having a rough season with such low numbers but gained some good experience for next year.

For the guys, the 3200m relay highlighted the season. Next year with everybody back but one, we should compete better in meets.

Justin Ellerbroek will be sorely missed next season, but I hope to find someone to fill his "Rosie Cheeks."



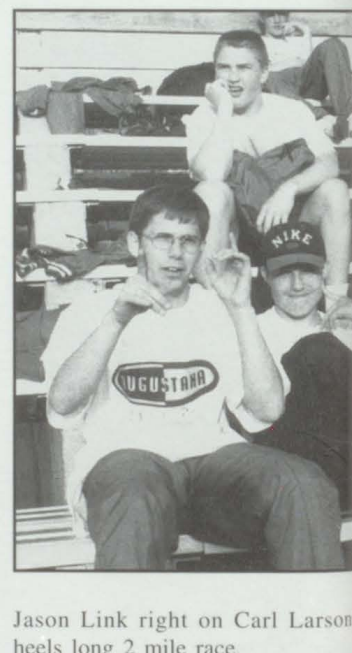
Coach Hurley shows his competitive game face during the meet.



The always inspired track coach, Mr. Ross shows us his better side.



Nick Shutwell gives everything he has in the long jump.



Jason Link right on Carl Larson's heels long 2 mile race.

D.J. Vogeler and Shawn Torrance look on as Lloyd Gall tries to explain the meaning of life.





Front Left - Brian Good, Carl Larson. Middle Left - Nikki Dunn, Heather Bennett, Shani Hasley, Shilo Swanson, Anna Carlson, Erin Miller. Back Left - Coach Mike Hurley, Michael Ellerbroek, Tanner Cole, Jason Link, Taul Noard, Jon Slover, Nick Shutwell, Shawn Torrance, D.J. Vogeler, Justin Ellerbroek, Coach Dave Ross.

### Boys Highlights

-3200m relay of Justin Ellerbroek, Michael Ellerbroek, Jon Slover, & Nick Shutwell set a new school record beating the old mark by 3 seconds.

-Jamie Robbins was the High Jump Champion at the Keokuk Relays with a career best 6'2" jump.

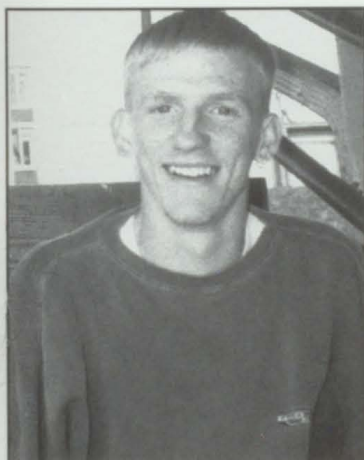
-Overall the 3200m relay team won 5 first place finishes, 3 seconds, 1 third, and 1 fourth.

### Girls Highlights

-Anna Carlson was the Bi-County Shot Put Champion and second in the Discus.

-Shani Hasley received second place in the shot put at Bi-County.

-Heather Bennett and Shilo Swanson both received seconds at the Warren Invitational.



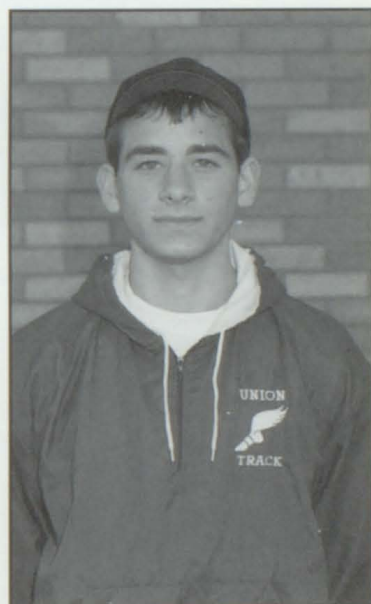
Michael Ellerbroek tries to keep up with big brother Justin in the 800.



Anna Carlson and Erin Miller think playing cards is an excellent pastime anywhere even at track meets.



Shilo Swanson and Heather Bennett take time to joke around between events.



Justin Ellerbroek takes time to smile as he gets his picture taken.

### Most Memorable Moment

**Justin Ellerbroek:** Falling short in my numerous attempts to beat Rosie Checks.



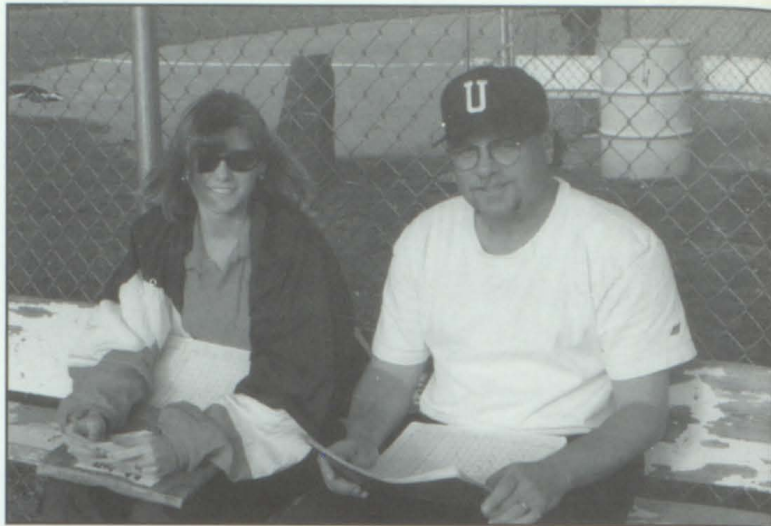
# Youth Leadership...

By: Kaci Bailey and Steffany Pilkington

This season, the Varsity team had many different changes occur. There were only two seniors on the team but there were many underclassman who stepped up to the challenge of playing on the Varsity team. Players on the team said that throughout the season there were many improvements from last season for such a young team. Even though the record did not show the effort put on by all players, this season was not a total loss. Most of the disappointing games were lost by only one run in the last inning.

The Junior Varsity had its share of highlights throughout the season. The most exciting times was when they beat Colchester and LaHarpe twice this season. Coach Forth commented by saying, "This was a successful season for the team. They showed other teams they knew how to play. If these players continue to practice and improve, they will be able to achieve great things."

Both teams did a nice job and put a lot of effort to make this '96 and '97 season a successful one.



While discussing their strategy and line up for the game, Coach Tina Forth and Coach Craig Rima, take time out to smile at the camera.



Coach Forth gives the team a pep talk before the next inning so that they are all fired up to win a great game.



Shanah Thompson shows off her great pitching form before she attempts her next pitch.

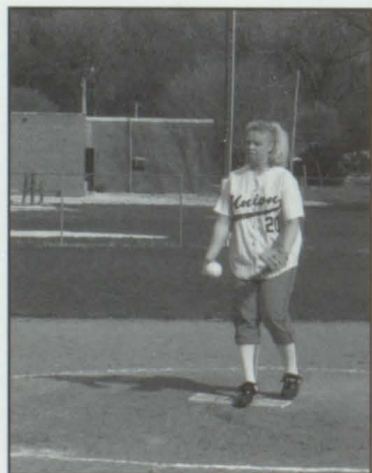


Stealing the base, Rhiannon Reaves safely accomplishes the safe steal.



Martha Weir is happy that she is not up to bat next.

With a glint in her eye, Julie Miller winds up her arm to strike out the next batter.



Lisa Bowman concentrates on catching the next ball to make the important third out.

## Varsity Girls

Union	Opponent
L	Southern
W	Nauvoo
L	Rock Island Alleman
L	Monmouth
L	Industry
L	LaHarpe
L	Carthage
W	Colchester
L	Warsaw
L	Cuba
L	Williamsfield
W	LaHarpe
L	Hamilton

Record 5-15

## Junior Varsity Girls

Union	Opponent
L	Rock Island
W	Carthage
W	Colchester
W	LaHarpe
W	Dallas City
L	Knoxville
W	Cuba

Record 7-3



Bolt from the Blue



Jacqui Smith gets ready to pitch a killer strike into the opposing Southern batter.



J.V. players Sara Rima and Janset Akyurt sit and cheer on the Varsity team to a victory.



Before the game Robyn Lenoci warms up her arm.



Jaime Meyer, Ashley Kopf, Becca Fisher, Megan Rima, and Angie Dermer snuggle together and pose for the camera while waiting for the softball game to begin.



Becky Boughton uses excellent catching form while helping her pitcher warm up.



Seniors: Julie Miller and Janset Akyurt



Varsity Girls

Front left - Becky Boughton, Ashley Kopf, Megan Rima, Angie Dermer, Lisa Bowman, Rhiannon Reaves, Martha Weir, Misty Boughton, Shanah Thompson. Back left- Coach Tina Forth, Cheryl Albin, Jaime Meyer, Becca Fisher, Shana Smith, Sara Bigger, Jacqui Smith, Amanda Torrance, Julie Miller, Tiffany Peugh, Coach Craig Rima.

Junior Varsity Girls

Front Left - Cheryl Albin, Jaime Meyer, Becca Fisher, Misty Boughton, Megan Rima, Ashley Kopf, Shanah Thompson, Becky Boughton. Middle Left - Sara Bigger, Stephanie Dial, Kellie Thompson, Stacey Serdahl, Amanda Gillam, Toni Miller, Brooke Simpson, Tiffany Peugh. Back Left - Coach Craig Rima, Robyn Lenoci, Stacey Hays, Amanda Torrance, Sara Rima, Janset Akyurt, Coach Tina Forth.





# Without Warning

By: Anna Carlson

*Organizations play a big part in the lives of the students. Many students become active in different organizations that the school has. We've been very successful in them. The speech team, which consisted of four members won second place at the Avon Speech contest and fourth place at Regionals. The Scholastic Bowl team was Bi-County Champions. The AFS went on a weekend exchange to New York and Student Council organized the Blood Drive and Homecoming. The Spanish Club held its' annual Snoball Dance and several Spanish students participated in the Spanish Bowl at WIU. So all in all the seasons went well.*

*Band Major, Alison Fisher uses excellent technique in leading the band through another great performance.*



*Accompanying the band, April Ash represents the Flag Squad with pride.*

*"I feel that being part of NHS  
and helping others has influenced  
my life, I will take the knowledge I  
gained into the future."*

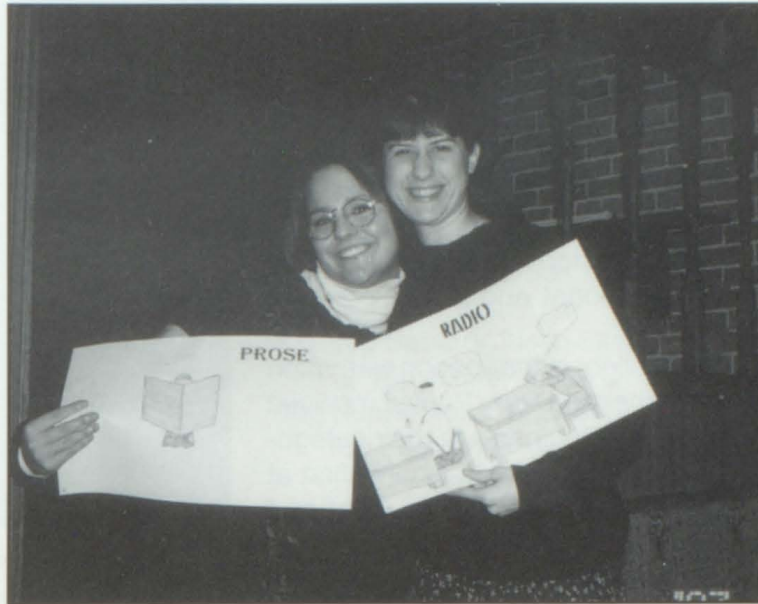
*- Steffany Pilkington*



*These band members are playing their hearts out to entertain the crowd at the football games.*



*Alison Fisher and Rory Parilac both succeeded in receiving first place in their respective speech categories at Regionals.*



*In preparation of the marching band performance, freshman Carrie Branson gets her clarinet and uniform ready.*



*Robin Zielke shows off her superior horse riding skills during an AFS activity at Judge Evans's farm.*



*Participating in the Annual Blood Drive, Amy Martinez and Angelina Martinez proudly display their bandaged arms.*



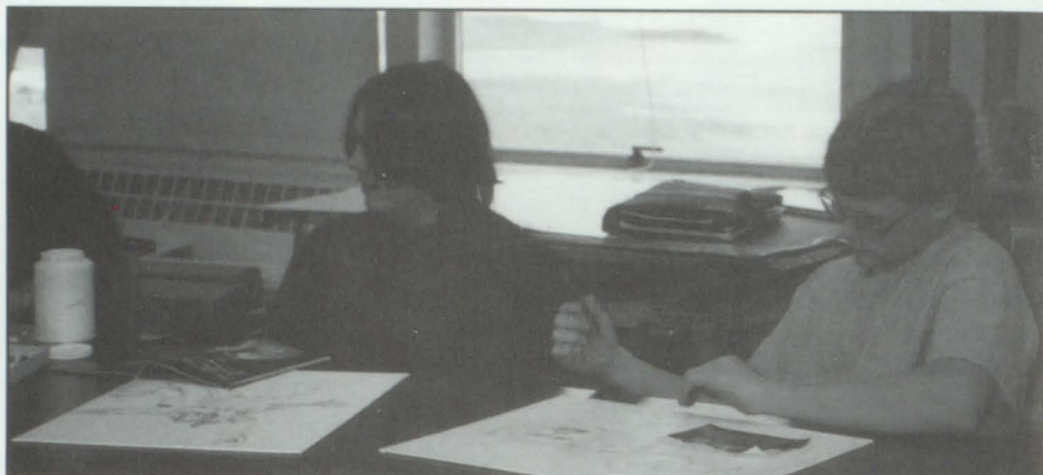
# Speech

The Union High School Speech team was very successful in their achievements this year. With Alison Fisher taking the leading role among the four teammates, it was obvious that they were small in numbers but mighty in quality! Union took second place at the Avon Invitational and fourth place at Regionals.

The highlight of the season was when Alison Fisher and Rory Parilac received first place at Regionals in their categories. Alison went on to receive first at Sectionals. She went on to state and performed very well. Alison was the first person in Unions' history to go to state. This year for Unions' speech team went extremely well and we are very proud of their accomplishments.



Back Row: Alison Fisher, Erin Miller. Front Row: Carl Larson, Rory Parilac



## Bi-County Art Winners



This year's Bi-County Art Show was a great success for the entries from Union. The team overall placed 2nd in the Bi-County. The Union participants in this show received fantastic ratings, including 15 first place ratings, 9 second place ratings, and one third place rating. This group has a lot of awards to be proud of this year! The art classes not only worked hard to perfect their art pieces, but they also helped to set up the "Fine Arts Extravaganza" which presented all forms of art to the students of Union. All of the hard work from these students really paid off in the end and it really shows the great talent in our school.



Back Row: Sean McElhiney, Steve Boughton, Nicki Dunn, DJ Vogler, Dopher Thompson. Second Row: Mrs. Simmons, Martha Weir, Toni Miller, Nicki Hernandez. Front Row: Jim Sells, Molly Weber, Jamie Brown, LeAnn Sells, Janset Akyurt, Jared Johnson



# Math Club



Back Row: Michael Graham, Brian Byers, Sara Bigger, Michael Ellerbroek, Brandi Meyers, Jessica VanTine, Mr. Shimmon. Front Row: Cale Evans, Chase Nichols, Michael Brad Henry, Justin Ellerbroek, Brian Good

The Math Club is a group of students who take six tests, which consist of six questions, throughout the year from the Illinois Mathematics League.

## Top Five Students

Michael Brad Henry - 12 correct  
Michael Graham - 8 correct  
Jessica VanTine - 8 correct  
JR Millar - 6 correct  
Michael Ellerbroek - 5 correct

Top Senior - Justin Ellerbroek

Top Junior - Brian Good

Top Sophomore - Michael Brad Henry

Top Freshman - Brian Byers & Chase Nichols



# WYSE

The Worldwide Youth in Science & Engineering team, formerly known as Jets, participated in a contest against nine other schools on February 4th. The members take tests in a variety of subjects that range from English to Graphics. Union's team placed third. This marked the sixth year out of the last seven years that Union has received a team trophy.

## Individual Winners:

Brian Good - First place in Graphics

Ken Chapin - Third in Graphics

Shawn Boots - Third in Computers

Missy Gardner - Third place in English



Back Row: Jeremy Meyer, Rory Parilac, Michael Ellerbroek, Jessica VanTine, Ken Chapin, Mr. Shimmon. Front Row: Molly Weber, Missy Gardner, Michael Brad Henry, Brian Hetrick, Justin Ellerbroek, Brian Good.

# ICTM



Back Row: Michael Ellerbroek, Rudi Gall, Amanda Gillam, Brian Good, Brooke Priesman, Michael Brad Henry, Mr. Shimmon. Front Row: Jessica VanTine, Kaci Bailey, Justin Ellerbroek, JR Millar, Stacey Serdahl.

On February 22, 1997, Union's ICTM Mathematics Team traveled to Western Illinois University to compete in Regional Contest. The team received fifth out of seven schools. This is Union's highest place in the standings since Union started attending this contest in 1987. Michael Brad Henry tied for fourth place in Algebra 2. The freshman-sophomore team of Brad Henry, JR Millar, Michael Ellerbroek, Amanda Gillam, Rudi Gall, Stacey Serdahl, Brooke Priesman and Chase Nichols placed third with a score of 35.



Organizations





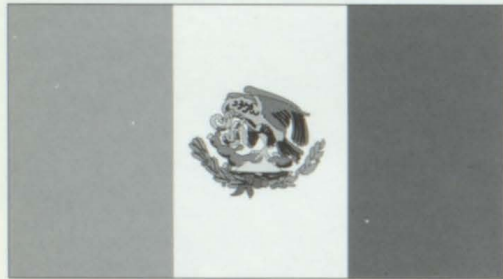
# National Honor Society



This year was one of change for everyone involved with NHS. Even more emphasis was put on service and projects this year. Every member was required to tutor each month and tried to come up with ways to help the community. Some students helped with the Elementary Penny Carnival, with Target's Senior Day and visited a local nursing home.

At the 1997 New Member Induction ceremony, Advisor Mrs. Brokaw reminded everyone what it took to be involved: scholarship, leadership, character and service. It was a nice day and each member remembered how proud they were to be part of NHS.

Back Row: Mrs. Brokaw. Third Row: Justin Ellerbroek, Debbie Defenbaugh, Jeremy Meyer, Anna Carlson, Jessica Dickey, Crystal Parsons, Brenda Cisna. Second Row: Brian Hetrick, Steffany Pilkington, Shana Smith, Lisa Bowman, Martha Weir, Brian Randall. Front Row: Michael Lutz, Missy Gardner, Molly Weber, Rory Parilac, Brian Good, Rhiannon Reaves.



## Spanish Club



Union High School's 1996-97 Spanish Club has been very active this year. In October, 37 advanced Spanish students traveled to East Moline to enjoy the sights of the leading dance company of South America, the Alejandra Dondines Dancers of the Americas!

Just months later in December the Spanish Club was busy selling their annual Advent Calendars. Not to mention in February the annual Sno-Ball Dance was held with Robin Zielke as our Queen and Ryan Dixon as our King. The music was great--all THANKS going to Mr. Hurley. To sum the year up in April they attended the Foreign Language Festival at WIU in Macomb. This was a first time visit for Union, so there were many different experiences. As I said before 1996-97 was a very busy and successful year for the Union High School Spanish Club.



Back Row: Tabitha Meyer, Nicki Dunn, Shani Hasley, Dusty Seitz, Melissa Woods, Angie Dermer, Chuck Day, Martha Weir, Jessica Dickey, Erin Miller, Aaron Cole, Jeremy Meyer, Megan Rima, Brian Collier, Josh McAllister. Fourth Row: Tanner Cole, Michael Brad Henry, Nick Shutwell, Amanda Gillam, Amanda Torrance, Jenny Hass, Anna Carlson, Shana Smith, Janel Zielkie, Ashley Kopf, Rudi Gall, Kellie Thompson. Third Row: Justin Ellerbroek, Alyssa Hinshaw, Steffany Pilkington, Dave Rice, Ryan Dixon, Rhiannon Reaves, Lisa Bowman, Kaci Bailey, Lana Stoneking, Rhonna Cameron. Second Row: Senora Alexander, Jenny Bigger, Janset Akyurt, Rich Smith, Robin Zielke, Brian Good, Brooke Priesman, Jaime Meyer, Jennifer Howe. Front Row: Debbie Defenbaugh, Molly Weber.



# Student Council

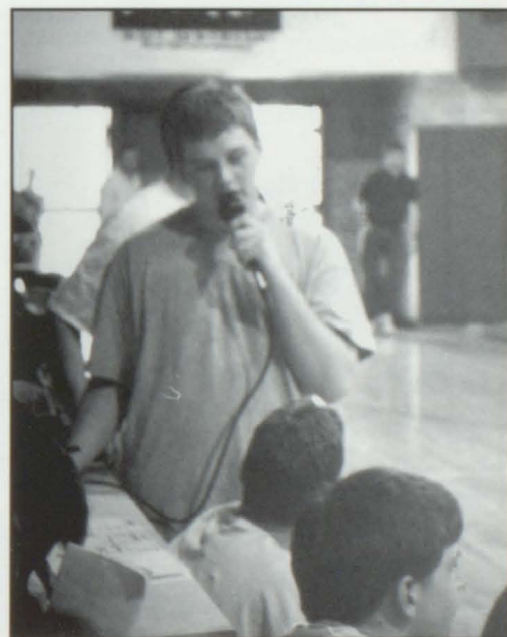


Student Council is a very active organization at Union. It is made up of a variety of students from all four grades. Student Council was headed by President Tim Ballard, Vice-President Justin Ellerbroek, Secretary Alison Fisher and Mrs. Taraboletti as advisor.

Student Council ran the Homecoming activities in the fall. For Christmas, they sold paper ornaments that decorated the cafeteria wall to raise money for Toys for Tots. In the spring, they organized the annual blood drive, which was very successful.

The student council also attended BSC workshops. They raised money for the school by participating in a fundraiser with J.C. Penny. They continued their efforts they selling various holiday candies to help the school.

Back Row: Tim Ballard. Third Row: Rudi Gall, Shane Weaver, Jeremy Meyer, Jessica Dickey, Martha Weir, Lisa Bowman, Shanah Thompson, Brandi Myers, Rhiannon Reaves. Second Row: Jennifer Robbins, Amanda Gillam, Becca Fisher, Ashley Kopf, Jenny Hass, Michael Lutz, Jason Link, Chase Nichols, Ozzie Lira. Front Row: Tiffany Peugh, Rory Parilac, Missy Gardner, Justin Ellerbroek, Alison Fisher, Mrs. Taraboletti.







Back Row: Michael Ellerbroek, Michael Brad Henry Front Row: Missy Gardner, Rory Parilac.

## Biology Bowl

The Biology Bowl competes at Western Illinois University in a competition against many other schools. But due to bad weather, Union was unable to compete this year. Senior Rory Parilac was severely disappointed and said "I know that if we would have competed we would have done extremely well and I was very disappointed that we didn't even have a shot at it, especially since this was my last year. Good Luck to Michael Ellerbroek and Michael Brad Henry next year."



The Scholastic Bowl team was undefeated in the Bi-County regular season play. They were the Bi-County Tournament Champions. An interesting competition that seniors Missy Gardner and Rory Parilac participated in was an individual contest that was one on one, instead of team against team. The season went extremely well and the teams were very successful.

Varsity Record 16-5

JV Record 5-0

## Scholastic Bowl



Back Row: Brian Good, Michael Lutz, Michael Brad Henry, Tanner Cole. Second Row: Carl Larson, Nicki Dunn, Tabitha Meyer, Sean McElhiney. Front Row: Missy Gardner, Rory Parilac.





The AFS Chapter this year had a great experience in hosting two foreign exchange students. Janset Akyurt, from Turkey, was a senior and stayed with Paul and Cathy Good of rural Oquawka. Matt Papworth, from Australia, was a junior and stayed with Kevin and Susie Sumpter.

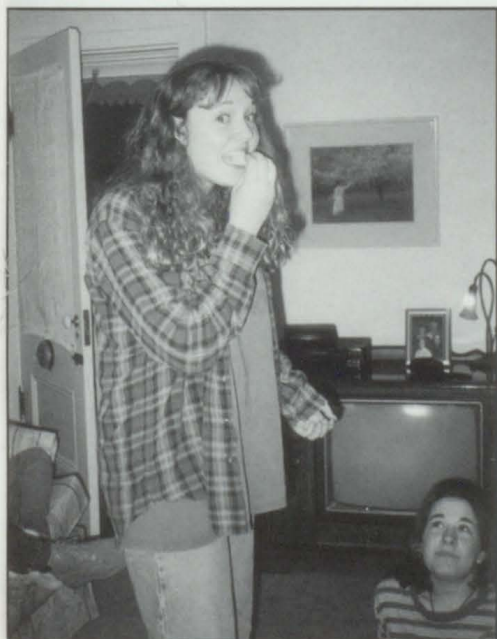
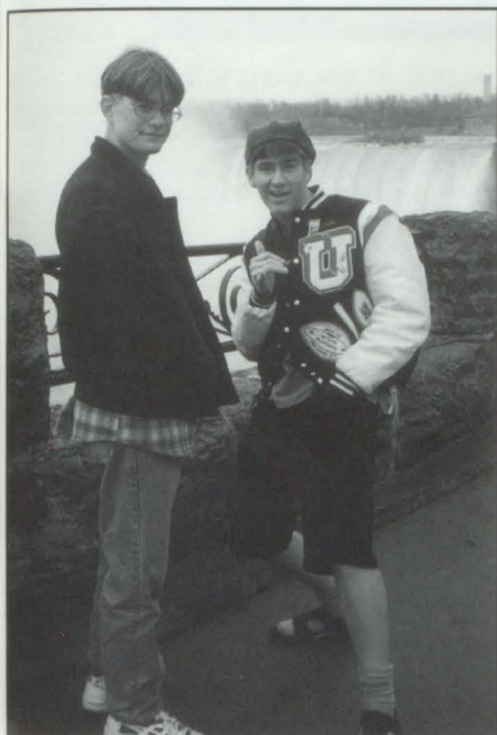
The AFS hosted students on a short term exchange and they also participated in an exchange with a school in Williamson, New York. The students visited Niagara Falls, played laser tag, and also had a memorable 17 hour bus trip to and from New York. Everyone had a great time and really enjoyed the exchange.



AFS



Back Row: Jennifer Howe, Jeremy Meyer, Angie Dermer, Rhiannon Reaves, Anna Carlson, Lisa Bowman, Erin Miller, Martha Weir, Jon Slover, Brooke Hunter, Michael Lutz, Will Pruett, Jarod Thompson. Fourth Row: Andy Melvin, Lana Stoneking, Jeff West, Jenny Hass, Jessica Dickey, Brenda Cisna, Nick Shutwell, Amanda Gillam, Rudi Gall, Carl Larson. Third Row: Jennifer Robbins, Matt Papworth, BJ Kelly, Jason Link, Brian Good, Michael Ellerbroek, Kaci Bailey. Second Row: Jaime Meyer, Janset Akyurt, Chuck Day, Heather Carlson, Jeff Meyer, Megan Rima. Front Row: Ryan Dixon, Betsy Fletcher, Debbie Defenbaugh, Robin Zielke.



Matt Papworth  
2 Tubbo Place  
Wagga Wagga 2650 NSW  
Australia

Playoffs, Basketball Sectionals or baseball.

Janset Akyurt  
Kizilcikli Mohmut Pehlivan  
Cad. No:4414 Site Apt.  
26130  
Eskisehir  
Turkey

**Janset Akyurt** will miss her art class, basketball, softball, friends and carmel apple suckers. She definately won't miss practices and English class. She'll never forget going to Florida, receiving her first technical foul in basketball or participating in the obstacle course during Homecoming.

**Matt Papworth** will miss all the sports he has played here, the student body, school spirit and his friends. He'll never forget going snipe hunting, punting against LaHarpe, State





# Band

The band year started out adjusting to a new director, Jennifer Hexom. The band realized her prime factor was helping them get through the year.

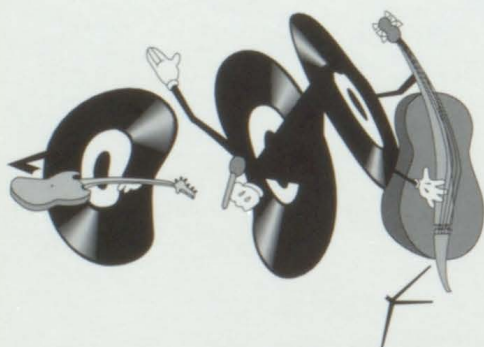
They started out with marching season. The theme was to the Beatles. All enjoyed the interesting effects that came with this.

Two of the members went to Honorary bands: Alison Fisher and Missy Gardner. This was a great honor to receive and they were thrilled to be selected.

The Christmas concert was pulled off with flying colors. The year will end with a spring concert. The year has been a blast and no complaints on the progress should be made.



Back Row: Dave Rice, Joey Koch, Chris Ford. Fourth Row: Eric Work, Brian Stewart, Josh Johnson, Aaron Cole, Landon Lox, Amanda Essex, Tiffany Peugh, Dusty Seitz, Mrs. Hexom. Third Row: Debbie Defenbaugh, Jacqui Smith, Stacy Hays, Amber Galbraith, Tanner Cole, Robert Eldridge, Scott Blindt, Mike Lutz, Anna Carlson. Second Row: Brooke Simpson, Tracie John, Sarah Rima, Stephanie Dial, Nicki Hernandez, Robyn Lenoci, Michelle Krow, Jaime Meyer, Megan Rima, Jennifer Robbins. Front Row: Jessica Dutton, Rudi Gall, Lana Stoneking, Rhonna Cameron, Shannah Tompson, Betty Jo Bigger, Amanda Torrance, Stacy Serdahl, Brooke Priesman.







## Flags

This year the flags performed as members of the High School Marching Band. At each football game the band added a new song to their routine. The flags were required to put their drills in with the bands routine. The task was not always a simple one due to the factor that the flags and the band had limited time practice together. Which made putting the routine together a rather difficult task. The flags still pulled through and kept up with the progressive season.



L to R: Shawn McAllister, April Ash, Jennifer Knottnerus, Crystal Parsons.



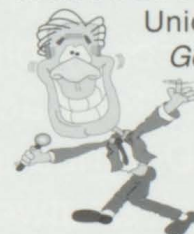
## Choir



The choir had a very productive season this year. They held the annual Christmas concert and performed with students in the elementary. They also sang Christmas songs for the younger children.

The choir also participated in Solo & Ensemble contest and the Bi-County Chorus. Nicki Dunn and Alison Fisher were honored by being named to District Choir.

Many of the choir members demonstrated their singing abilities by joining Unions' musical *Anything Goes*.



Back Row: Brad Judd, Jerry Fye, Jeff West, Jason Thacker, Shane Weaver Third Row: Mike Russell, Cortney Link, Steve Boughton, Justin McKeown, Jeremy Meyer, Amy Martinez, Angelina Martinez. Second Row: Miranda Cole, Becky Boughton, Misty Boughton, Jessica Burk, Jennifer Muller, Julie Allen, Tabitha Meyer, Carrie Branson, Nicki Dunn, Alison Fisher. Front Row: Kelly Davis, Rudi Gall, Jaime Meyer, Brooke Priesman, Megan Rima, Jennifer Howe.



# PUBLISHING

The Publishing class is in charge of producing Union's yearbook and the sports program. As a class we have to summarize the school year up in 116 pages. Our goal is feature everyone in the book and make sure everyone remembers what happened in 1996-1997.

Dedication plays a large part in this responsibility. We have to be willing to give up our spare time to work on pages. A lot goes into making a yearbook, like taking pictures, talking to coaches, writing body copy and designing the pages and ads.

Along with all the fun and glory of making the yearbook, comes the stress of deadlines, computers that breakdown in the middle of your deadline (and you have to start all over again), selling ads and dealing with other people. So even though you may see us out of class often, we do eventually pay the price.

A big thanks to Deb Cole, she's helped us out a lot throughout the year and we'd be at a loss for pictures if it wasn't for her, to the teachers and coaches for being so understanding when it comes to deadlines and to Mr. Kauffman, our yearbook representative at Walsworth, who has helped out so much and finally Mr. Fisher, who has put up with all of us and helped out whenever we needed him to.

Editor,  
Robin Zielke



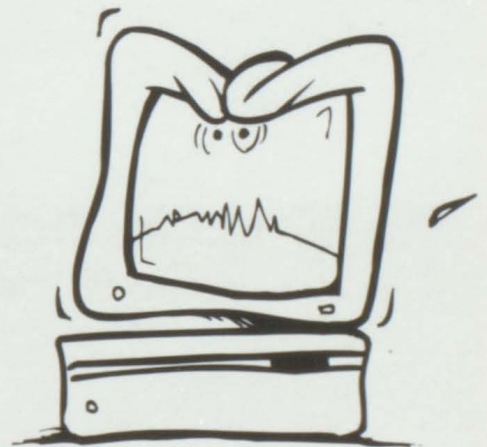
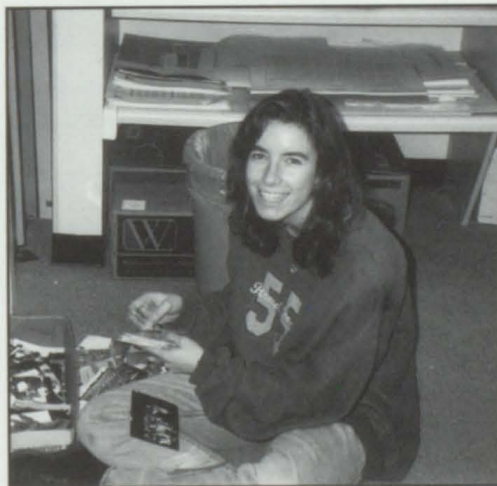
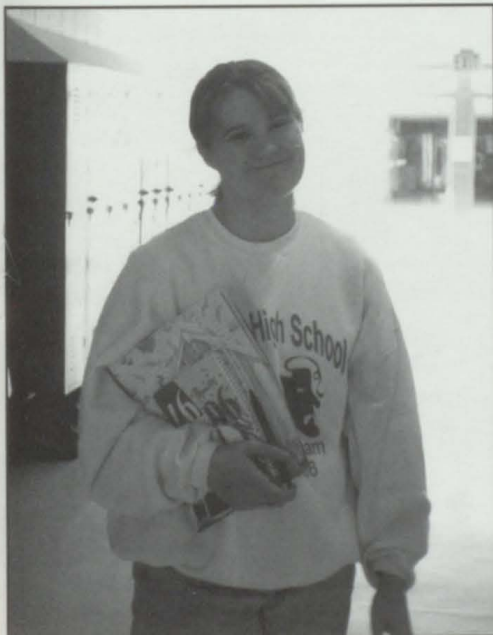
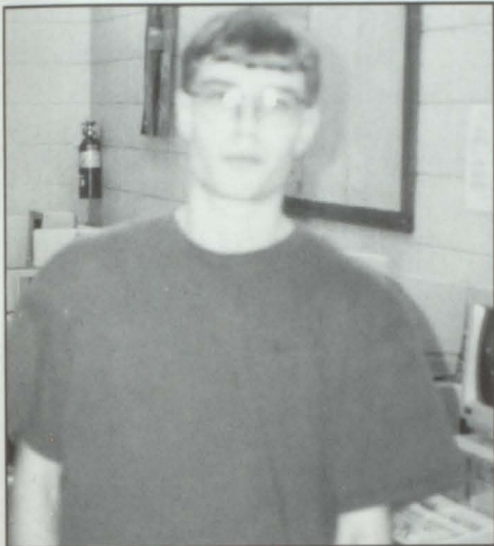
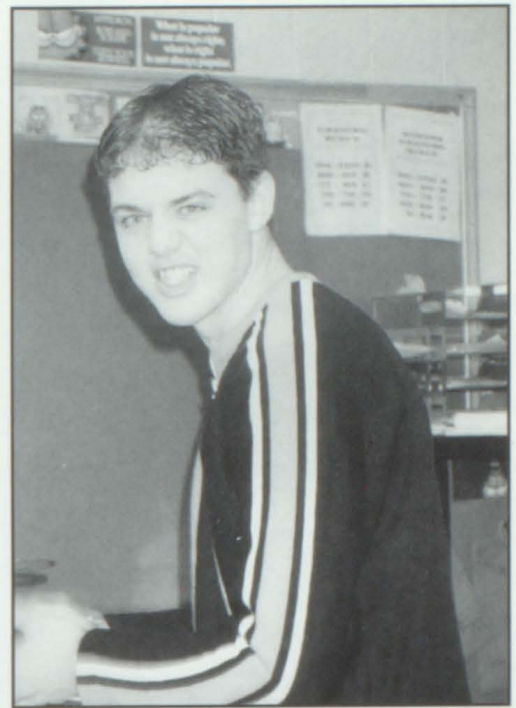
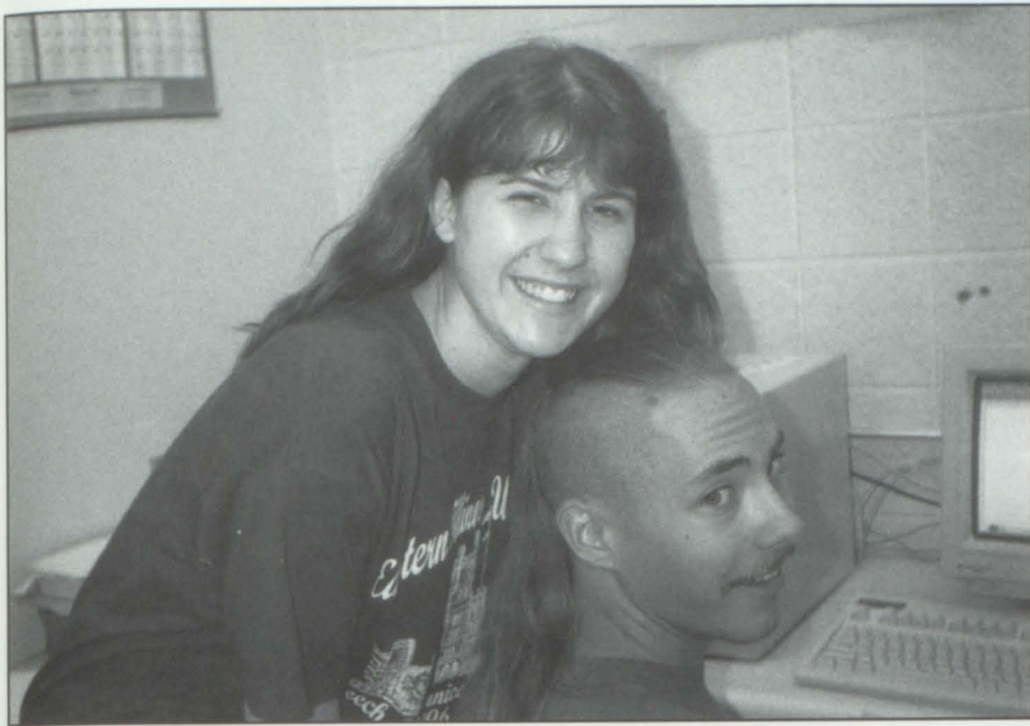
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# Out of Somewhere

by Kaci Bailey

The dances and plays put on this year by Union students was a big success. The AFS play was called "It's in the Bag" written and produced by Cathy Good. The Homecoming theme for this year was "The Search is Over" and King and Queen were Jeff Meyer and Betsy Fletcher. Homecoming was made happen by Union High School's Student Council. Snowball's theme for this year was Ghost, the song was "Unchanged Melody." Snowball was put together by Spanish Club, and Mrs. Alexander. The Musical was called "Anything Goes." It was written by Cole Porter and was put on by Union students with the help of Mrs. Tarabolleti and Mr. Alderman.

In this years AFS play Martha Weir and Brian Good, character names Debra and Bucky Churchill, get into a little bit of a pushing match, when Bucky would not let Debra through.



Robin Zielke and Ryan Dixon take a dance after being crowned King and Queen of Snowball' 97.



Jeremy Meyer, J.R. Millar, and Jarod Thompson show off their singing abilities during this years musical, "Anything Goes."





*Taking a break from the dancing, this group decides to pose for a picture during Snowball.*

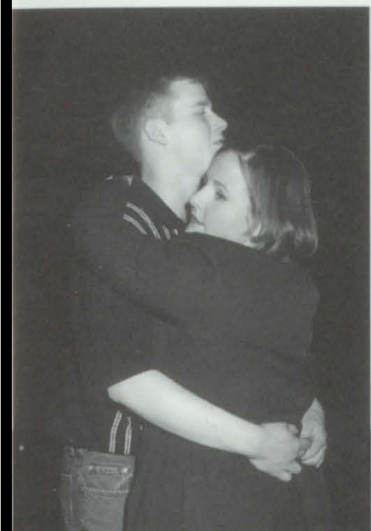
*Emily Good, Mr. Hurley, and Janset Akyurt look at the selection of music during Snowball.*



*Candidates and Attendants wait patiently to know who won the crowns at Homecoming.*



*Jason Thacker and Alison Fisher are caught here dancing to a slow song at Snowball.*



*Queen Betsy Fletcher and King Jeff Meyer dance to "The Search is Over" the theme of this years Homecoming.*



*While everyone smiles at the camera, Danielle Brill hides, when resting at the Homecoming dance.*

*"I thought we did a good job this year and I hope that we have more people come out next year."*

*- J.R. Millar*

*Cast of Musical*



# M address S weeps T he H alls

Homecoming Week always brings out the craziness in both the faculty and the students of Union High School. It includes Hat/Shades Day, Twin Day, Cross-Dress, Hippie/Grunge Day, Spirit Day. On Friday afternoon before

the game, the student council had a pep rally to get everyone pumped for the game. The most exciting was probably when KISS took the stage. Mr. Hurley, Shane Weaver, Jason Thacker, and Travis Seitz

performed a skit dressed as KISS that had the whole school on their feet. Amongst the other activities were the onion roll, chubby bunny, ice cream eating, obstacle course, and sibling initiation.

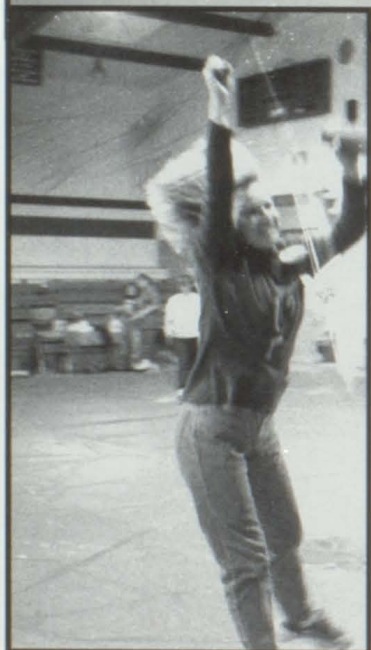
This week is a fun way for students and faculty to express themselves, support the school and help the football team get prepared for the game. The game ended in an exciting win over Yorkwood, 35-14.

By: Anna Carlson &  
Robin Zielke

Reverting back to childhood, the senior members of the football team took part in the baby bottle sucking contest.

Representing the senior girls, Janset Akyurt scooted her way to the finish line in the obstacle course.

Being careful of brain-freeze, Lester Blake, Lana Stoneking and Joe Ballard wolf down their ice cream.



Getting into the spirit of Homecoming, these girls searched their closets to find the perfect twin outfit to wear.

The creativity of freshman shows as Stephanie Dial and Kellie Thompson lead BJ Kelly and Lisa Bowman in the chicken dance for their skit.

Posing as Yorkwood cheerleader, Mrs. Simmons tormented the crowd until she was carried out of the gym.







Mr. Hurley did a fabulous interpretation of Gene Simmons, the lead singer of KISS, for the final Homecoming Skit.

Josh Johnson and Jason Lox show Union their uniqueness.



Showing how determined the Yankees are, Jared Johnson breaks through the Yorkwood defense.

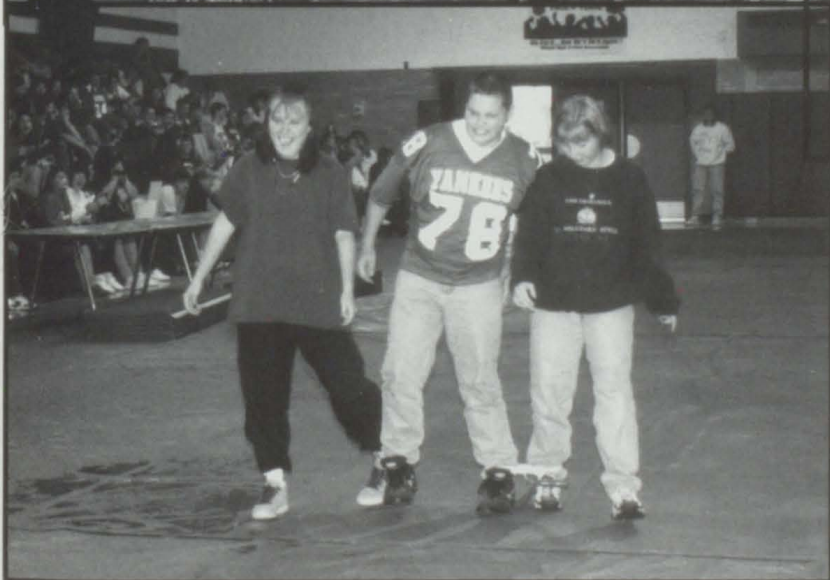
Letting their flamboyant side show, Nicki Dunn, Julie Allen and Jennifer Muller break out their hippy and grunge clothes

Sporting hats and shades, Josh Smith and Andy Melvin enjoy the different activities of the week.



Sticking together was the plan in mind for these freshman as Amanda Mooney, Cale Evans and Tiffany Peugh took an attempt at the three-legged raced.

After being covered in whip cream from the sibling initiation, Kevin Hetrick proves how being the younger sibling isn't always fun.



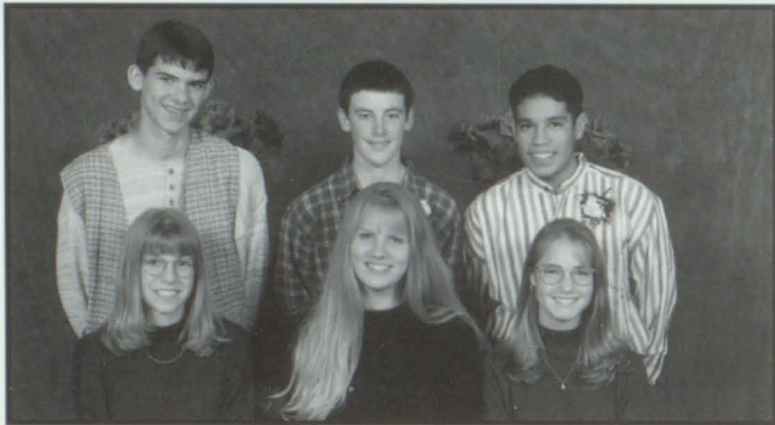


# "The Search is Over"

By: Anna Carlson & Robin Zielke

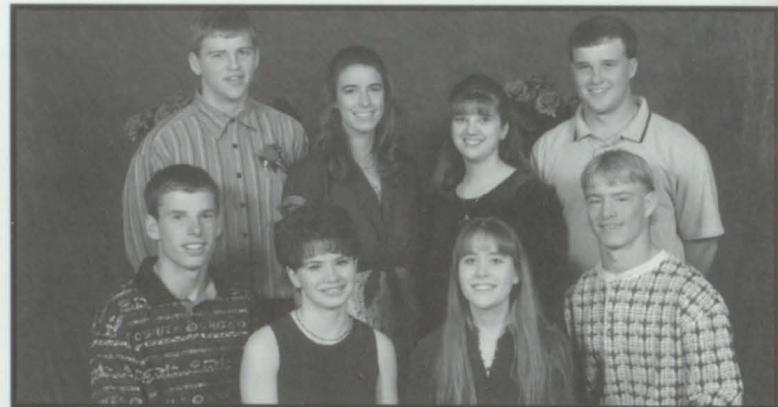
The Homecoming Dance was held October 12, 1996. The colors were red, white and blue. The gym was fabulously decorated by Student Council. The song was "The Search is Over" by Survivor, which was a perfect song representing Homecoming and the football season. Mr. Mike Hurley, one of Union's finest teachers, was DJ for the dance. Coronation was at 9:30 p.m. and after a few minutes, Betsy Fletcher and Jeff Meyer were named Homecoming Queen and King.

Jeff Meyer - Homecoming Queen??? and Betsy Fletcher - Homecoming King???



Attendants: Sophomores - Michael Ellerbroek & Jennifer Robbins, Juniors - Matt Papworth & Anna Carlson, Freshman - Rudy Gall & Ozzie Lira

Senior Candidates: Tim Ballard & Debbie Defenbaugh, Robin Zielke & Jason Carnes, Jeff Meyer & Betsy Fletcher, Julie Russell & Brian Hetrick





Pausing for a moment, Kelly Davis and Eric Osborn take a break from dancing.

Brian Collier and Kevin Hetrick provide the entertainment with their wonderful singing and dancing abilities.

As Dj for the night, Mr. Hurley kept the winning spirit alive.



As the music played, Adam Kane and Brandi Jones sway softly.

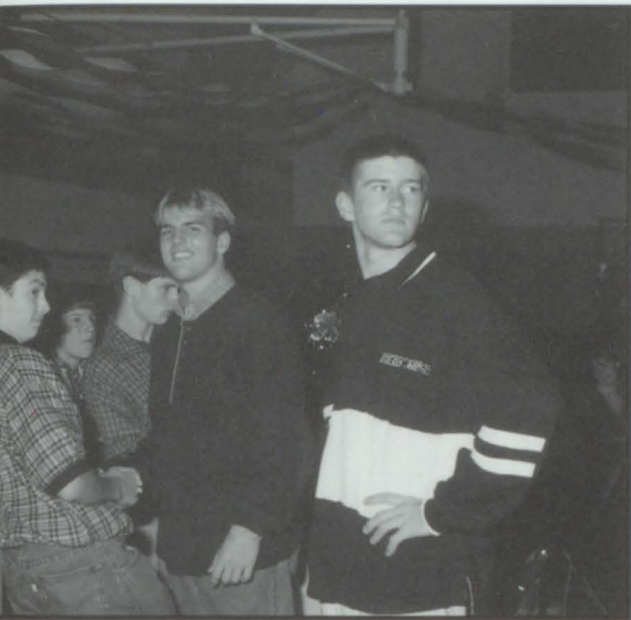
As Brian Good searches the crowd for that special someone, he comes to realize that he was actually looking for BJ Kelly who was right beside him.

Steffany Pilkington and Molly Weber teach Joni Russell, Cheryl Albin and Alyssa Hinshaw the correct way to boogie down.



Mrs. Alexander struts her stuff, while Mrs. Simmons practices a different move.

Everyone watches in silence and anticipation for the announcement of the King and Queen.





## The Cast

Wendy Ryan  
 Alison Fisher  
 Wallace Randall  
 Michael Ellerbroek  
 Eugene Churchill II  
 Carl Larson  
 Bucky Churchill  
 Brian Good  
 Willie Reid  
 L.D. Gall  
 Peter Higbee  
 Ryan Dixon  
 Todd Holt  
 Taul Noard  
 Sam Dillon  
 Jeremy Meyer  
 Floyd Firth  
 Jason Link  
 Dr. Edward Fairfield  
 Jarod Thompson  
 Corbin Matthews  
 B.J. Kelly  
 Kenneth Franklin  
 Andy Melvin  
 Rev. Bentley  
 Will Pruett  
 Debra Churchill  
 Martha Weir  
 Mopsy Churchill  
 Debbie Defenbaugh  
 Marla Nichols  
 Jessica Dickey  
 Charlotte Oliver  
 Betsy Fletcher  
 Frances Ryan  
 Anna Carlson  
 Denise Hickerson  
 Erin Miller  
 Peggy Armstrong  
 Rhiannon Reaves  
 Lydia Fairfield  
 Kaci Bailey  
 Angela Matthews  
 Becca Fisher  
 Dr. Laura Osborn  
 Angie Dermer  
 Dr. Nora Larson  
 Robin Zielke  
 Dr. Rebecca Duncan  
 Jennifer Robbins  
 Josie Higbee  
 Miranda Cole  
 Amanda Stewart  
 Jenny Hass  
 Teresa Sanders  
 Brenda Cisna  
 Bunny Cambell  
 Amanda Gillam

### Extras:

Lana Stoneking  
 Lisa Bowman  
 Matt Papworth  
 Jon Slover

### Stage Crew:

Nick Shutwell  
 Mike Lutz  
 Jamie Meyer  
 Joe Ballard  
 Jamie Robbins

# "It's In The Bag"

By: Steffany Pilkington

With clashing personalities, Alison "Wendy" Fisher and Michael "Wallace" Ellerbroek caused quite an uproar on the stage.

Waiting for the curtain to rise, Debbie "Mopsy" Defenbaugh and Carl "Eugene" Larson take a few minutes to prepare.



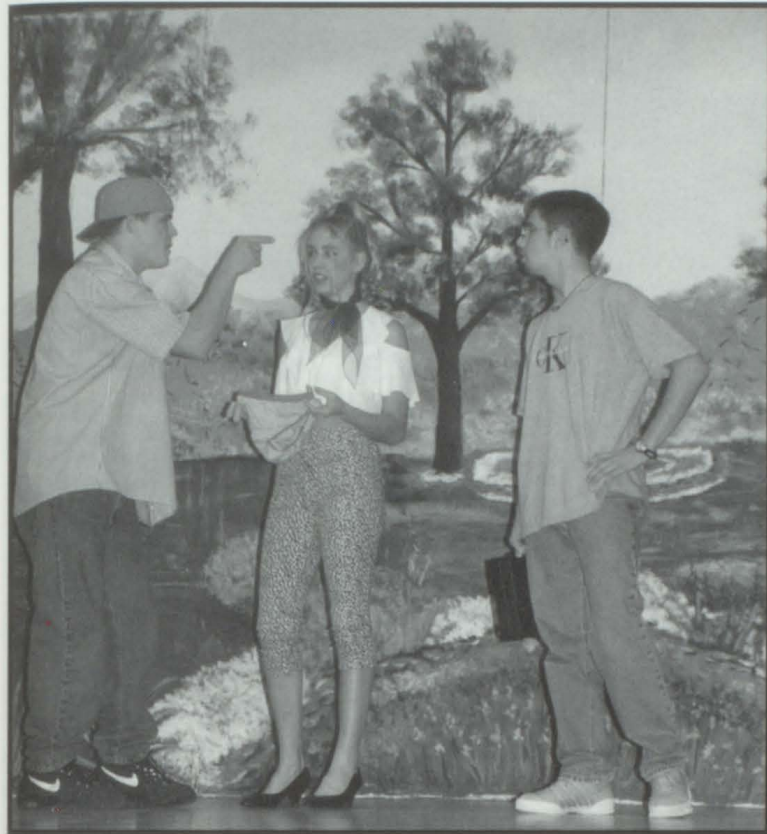
Acting out his part well, Brian "Bucky" Good played the Churchills' rich son who was an alcoholic.





The annual AFS Play was "It's in the Bag," written and directed by Cathy Good. The play was a comedy about three identical briefcases that got switched and kept falling into the wrong hands. One of the briefcases belonged to a flamboyant and flighty college student, Wendy Ryan, while the second one was Dr. Wallace Randall's, who was a ornathologist and a conservative sort. The final briefcase belonged to a group of thieves, who had stolen the money from their boss.

Over all the play was an enormous success, despite the obstacles that the cast had to overcome such as working around different schedules, finding replacements for different parts or just learning the part.



Discussing a problem in Wendy's love life, Anna "Frances" Carlson, Andy "Kenneth" Melvin and Betsy "Charlotte" Fletcher console her in her time of need.



Ryan "Peter" Dixon, Miranda "Josie" Cole and L.D."Willie" Gall argue over whose fault it was that the wrong briefcase was taken and they got a case full of undies.

Michael "Wallace" Ellerbroek attempts to catch the burgaler L.D."Willie" Gall, while Alison "Wendy" Fisher waits for an oppurnity to wack the interuder with the broom.

With love in the air, Martha "Debra" Weir and Michael "Wallace" Ellerbroek take a stroll at the University party to talk of the many things that have kept them apart.



Always making a fashion statement, Taul "Todd" Noard is the wedding coordinator for the Churchills'.





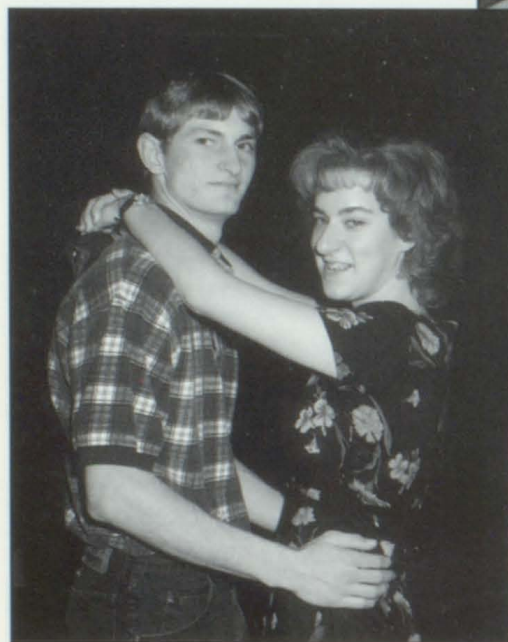
# Unchained Melody



*King Candidate Shane Weaver and Queen Candidate Jenny Bigger.*

*1995 Snoball King Matt Weber and Spanish Club Vice-President Debbie Defenbaugh.*

*1997 Snoball King Ryan Dixon and Queen Robin Zielke.*



*King Candidate Dave Rice and Queen Candidate Molly Weber.*

*Queen Candidate Alison Fisher and King Candidate Jason Thacker.*





The Spanish Club held their annual Sno-Ball dance on February 15th. The gym was decorated in black, off white, silver and a touch of red to give an effect of heaven. Music was provided by Mr. Hurley and live entertainment was provided by Shane Weaver, Chris Ford, Jason Lox and Shawn Haney. The King and Queen, Ryan Dixon and Robin Zielke, were crowned at 10 p.m. by Debbie Defenbaugh and Matt Weber. They were joined by their court: Molly Weber, Dave Rice, Alison Fisher, Jason Thacker, Jenny Bigger and Shane Weaver to dance to the theme song, "Unchained Melody."

The refreshments were provided by the AIS and Anna Carlson, Janet Akyurt and Martha Weir are enjoying the fine food.

Dancing to the beat of the music, Nicki Dunn and Julie Allen dance the night away.



As announcer for the night, Miranda Cole also provided some entertainment for the night with her amazing singing abilities.



Impersonating the Village People, these guys really get into the YMCA. Amber Galbraith and Sharon Loving get the party started at Sno-ball.



Swept away by the magic, these couples share a special moment.



# & Anything Goes!

by Rory Parilac

Alison "Moonface Martin" Fisher pleads with J.R. "Sir Oakleigh" Millar while Tabitha Myers and Nikki Dunn look amused.

Reno Sweeney, played by Missy Garner, tells the three "angels" what's going on.



Alison Fisher, Missy Gardner, and Jeremy Meyer put a little oomph in their act.

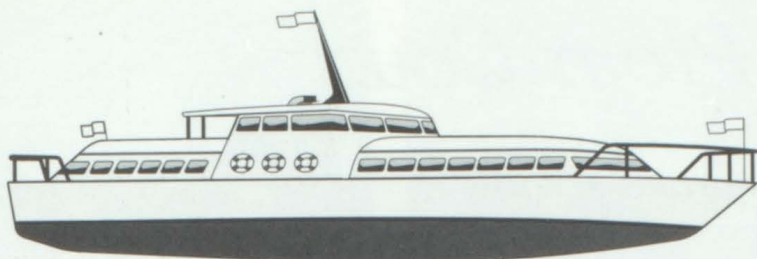


Not buying a word of what suave Jeremy Meyer is singing, Nikki Dunn takes no gruff.



Missy Gardner turns her attentions to Mr. Happy himself, J.R. Millar.





**M**arch 21, 1997 was the opening night for this year's musical, *Anything Goes*. As usual, it was a night of jitters and relief as the Yankee Musical Players pulled off an entertaining, uproarious show. The plot consisted of mobsters, nightclub singers, and plenty of mismatched couples on a cruise ship headed for London. It all starts when a mistaken identities make the passengers believe they have Public Enemy #1 and a famous celebrity on board. What follows is a funny, confusing mix of romance and intrigue set to a fabulous musical score by Cole Porter.

Not only did the audience have fun--the entire cast and crew enjoyed bringing to life the outrageous characters. Missy Gardner, who played the lead Reno Sweeney, said, "My character was a lot of fun to play because she was so different from myself. One of the best parts was getting to know everyone in the cast so well. It was a great experience for my senior year."

Stage Director Ronda Tarabolletti and Music Director Doug Alderman never gave up on the musical. They always believed in the cast and crew and showed a lot of patience during practices and rehearsals. It all paid off when the curtain went up Friday night, and they were very proud to see the production they had worked so hard on come off as a success.



The Yankee Musical Players: From Top, L-R Doug Alderman, Misty Boughton, Jeremy Meyer, Becky Boughton, Jessica Burk, Missy Gardner, Ronda Tarabolletti, Alison Fisher, Kelly Davis, Nicolle Dunn, Margaret Gerst, J.R. Millar, Tabitha Myers, Jarod Thompson, Brian Good, Carl Larson.

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 Carl Larson  
 Reno Sweeney . . .  
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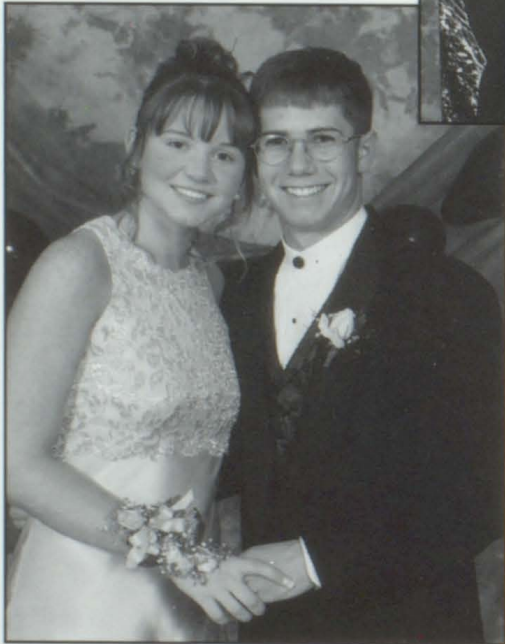
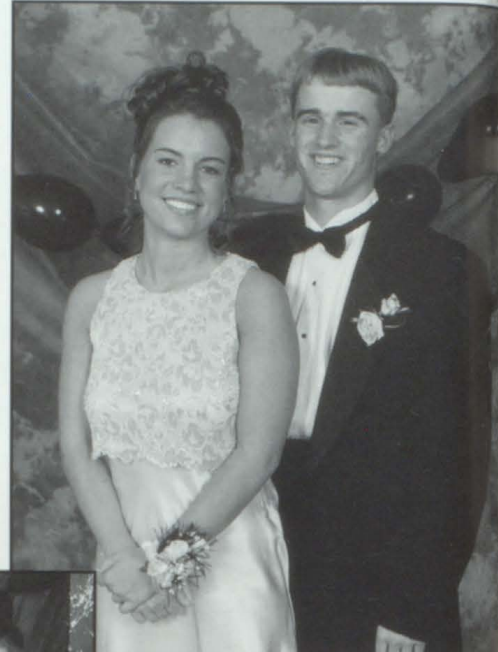
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1997 Prom King L.D. Gall and Queen Martha Weir

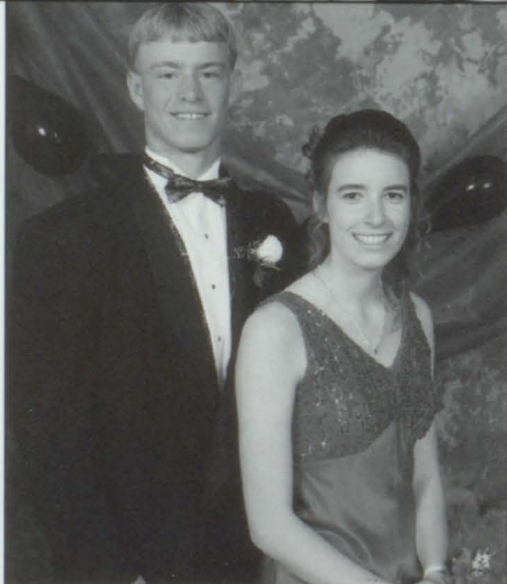
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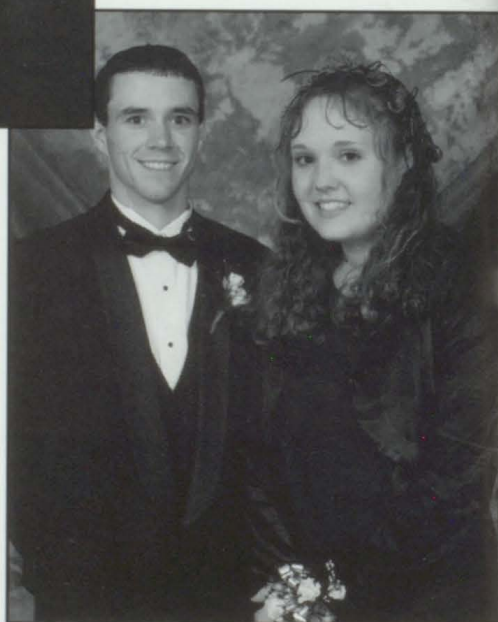
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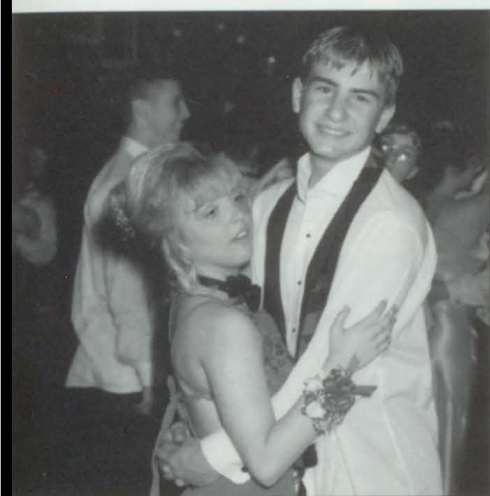
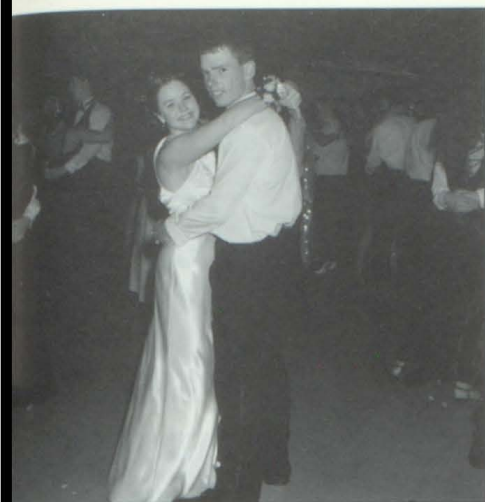


1996 Prom King Brian Hetrick and Queen Debbie Defenbaugh



King and Queen Candidates Aaron Cole and Martha Weir





## *"See You on the Other Side"*

*By Debbie Defenbaugh and Rory Parilac*

*This year's prom was held on Friday May 2, 1997 at the Lincoln Room at Knox College in Galesburg. The chosen theme was taken from an Ozzie Osborne song, "See You on the Other Side" highlighted with the colors of plum, black, and silver. The night started off with a welcoming speech by Junior Class Vice President Rhiannon Reaves and Secretary Lisa Bowman. After a yummy buffet with chicken and roast beef, everyone gathered around to watch the senior video and to laugh at the old pictures. Meanwhile, there was always a long line to get pictures taken by*

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*Then the night really got fun when the deejay kept playing oldies, especially songs from the 70s. Coronation took place at 10:30. Last year's royalty Brian Hetrick and Debbie Defenbaugh crowned Martha and L.D. before the court danced to the theme song. The Seniors all agreed that the Juniors had done an excellent job planning and decorating for the event; there were balloons and streamers everywhere! After so much anticipation and excitement, the students and faculty of Union High School had a great time.*

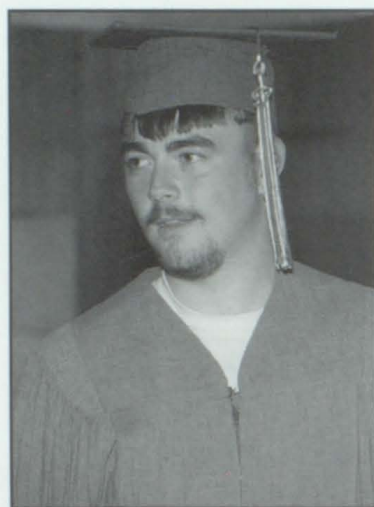
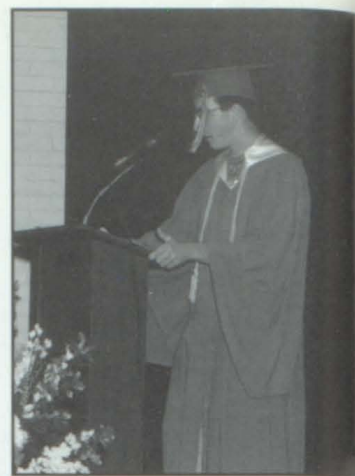
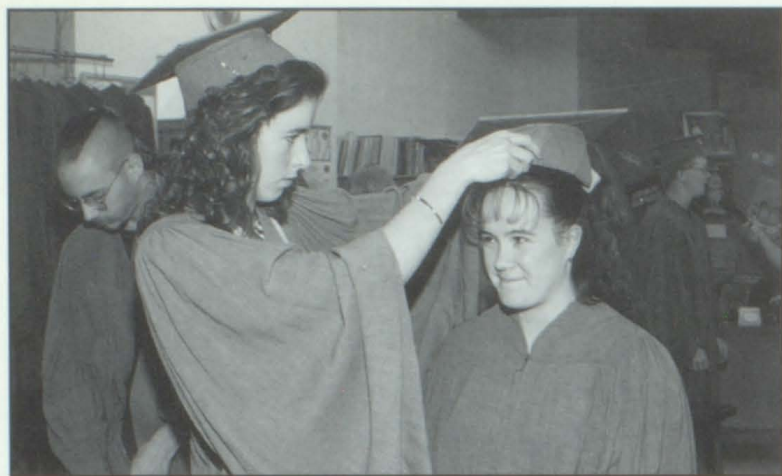












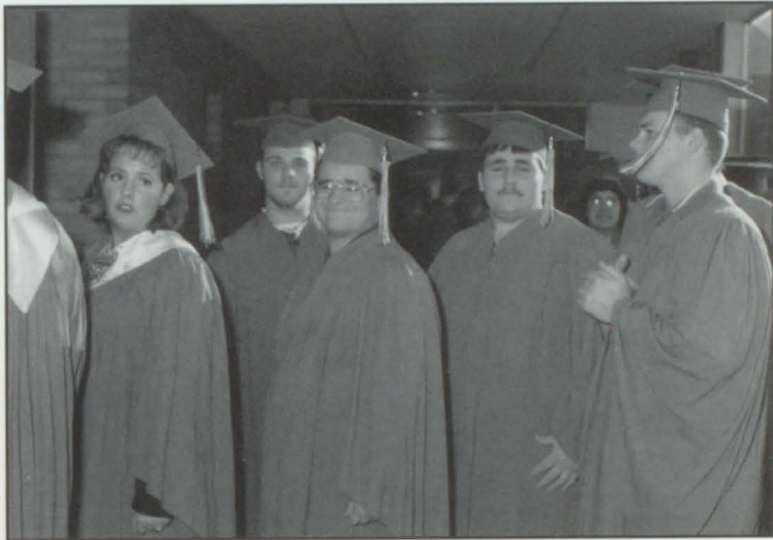
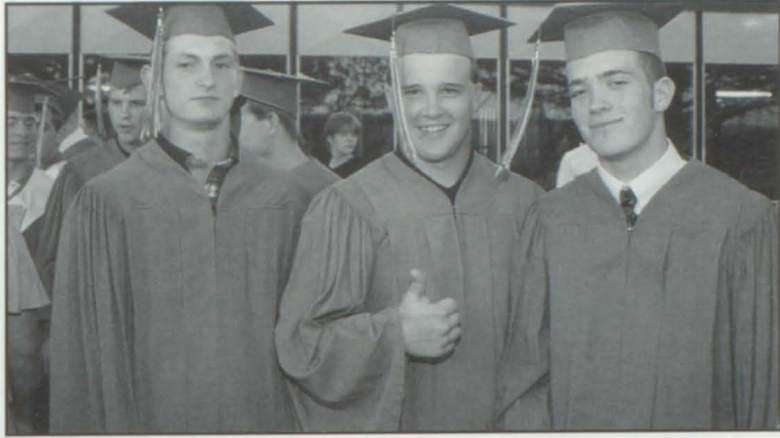
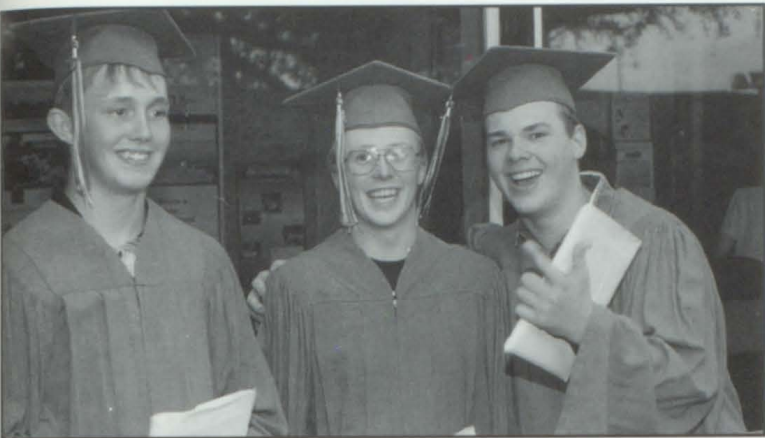
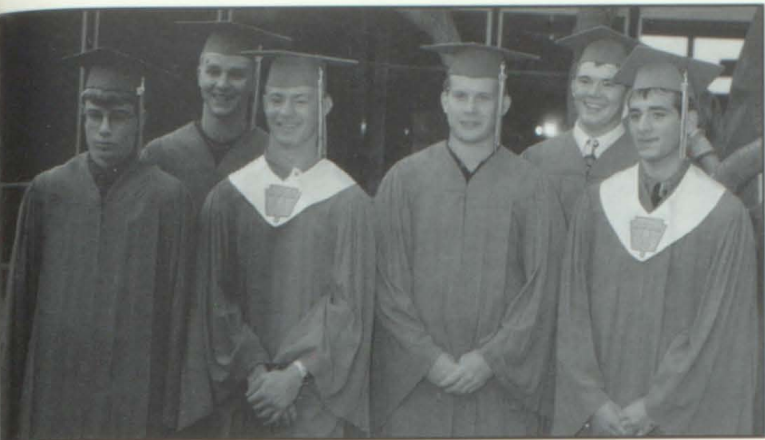
# Graduation

***The Class of 1997 has brought a lot of respect and pride to Union High School throughout the years. The graduating class has excelled this year in many sports and most importantly academics, which has turned Union High School around in many ways. We hope that the graduating class will continue their education and accomplish their dreams.***

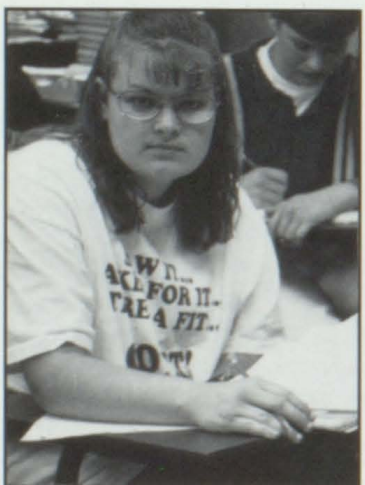
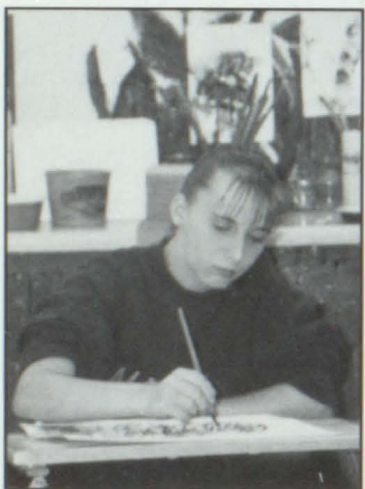
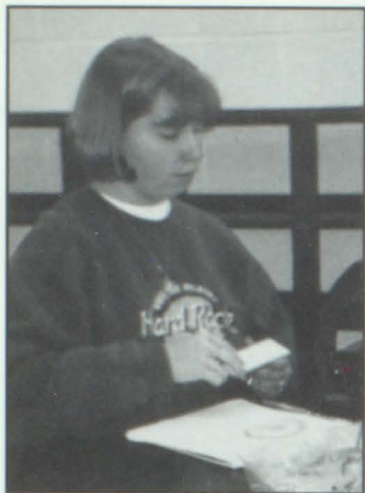


***Congratulations and Good Luck to the Class of 1997!***









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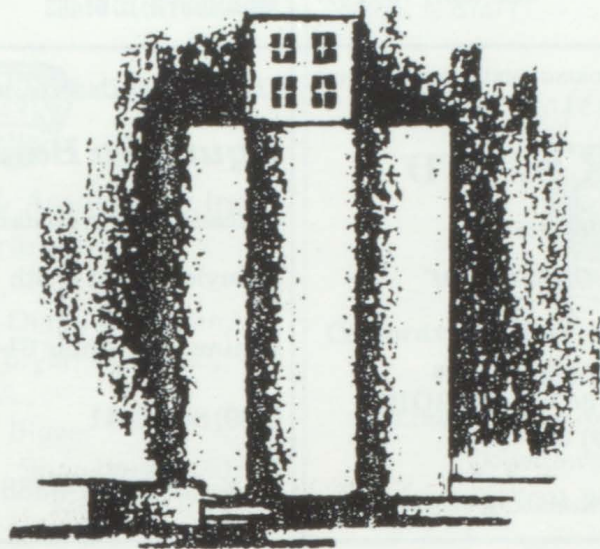


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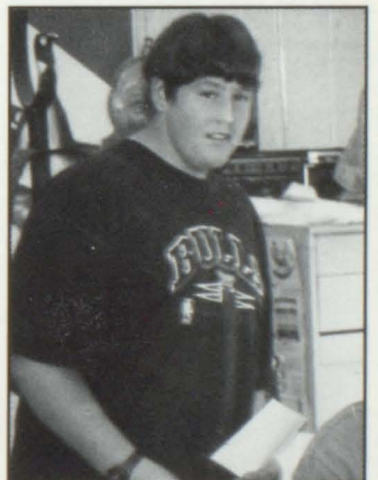
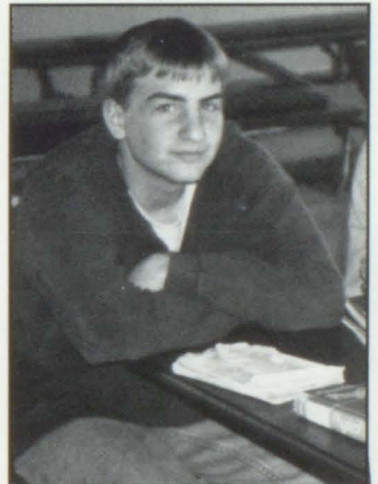


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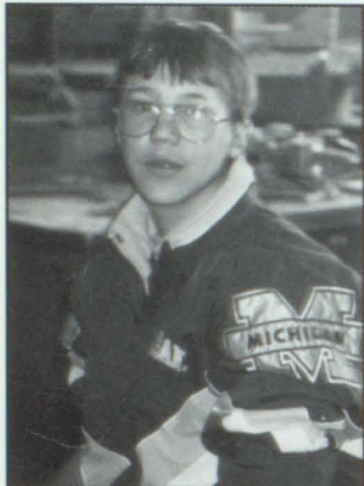
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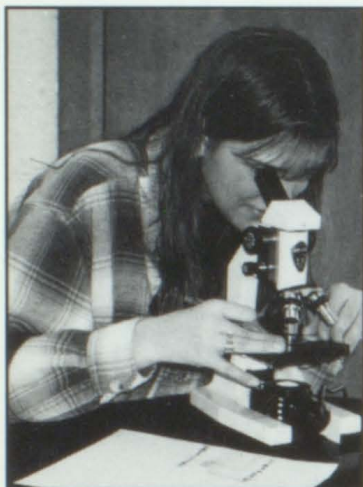
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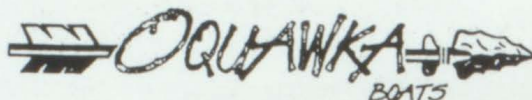
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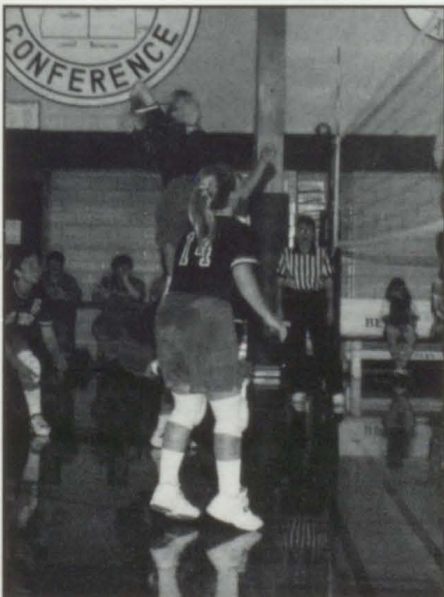
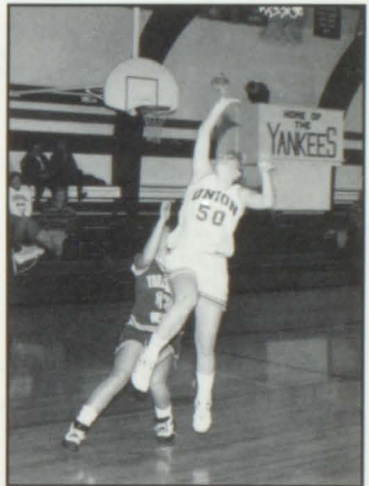
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