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Stepping Into the Future 1998 Volume 37


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## Turning the Page To the Future

 by: Kaci Bailey and Aaron ColeEvery year a yearbook editor must find a theme that they feel will represent the future class. This year we have chosen Stepping Into the Future. It represents the life of the future Seniors and also the life of the students in this yearbook. Whether we are stepping into college, or the challenge of driving, in some point in time we will step an inch closer to the future.

The year brought on many changes to the students of Union High School. We encountered new teachers, a new principal, a new guidance counselor, and new freshman. Even with these type of changes Union will excel in academics, sports, and organizations to carry on the tradition at Union High School.


This past year our nation and the world experienced many stories and events that had a real impact on all of us. Most were uplifting and great while some really made us think about life and how precious it really is. The world is an ever changing place full of stories and these are some highlights and lowlights of this recent year.
-Michael Lutz



## Making The

 GradeSometimes when someone looks at all the improvements at Union High School they immediatly look at our sports program. More and more often people are starting to look at our academic achievements along with everything else. With all the success and improvement its hard to overlook! The students at UHS are stepping up and showing everyone that they can make the grade. Everyone at Union is proud of the academic success that we are having and we hope that it continues throughout the years!

$\uparrow$ In her Biology class Kaycee Darnell roots through her dissection specimen and looks for just the right parts.
$\rightarrow \uparrow$ Ozzie Lira was elected the Treasurer of the B.A.S.C. Congratulations and Good Luck!

Billy Miller carefully picks through his dissection specimen so that he doesn't damage any needed part.

$\downarrow$ No one ever told Brooke Hunter that P.E. was not the time nor the place to catch up on your English III reading.

$\uparrow$ Shani Hasley stares at the keyboard and prepares herself to start her typing assignment.
$\uparrow \uparrow$ Lester Blake concentrates hard on his homework in hopes that the phrase "Time flies when you're having fun?!" will apply to schoolwork.
$\downarrow \downarrow$ Tiffany Peugh looks over her Spanish assignment one more time before handing it in to make sure it makes sense.

After listening to the teacher's explanation, Cheryl Albin works on her Algebra 2 graphing assignment.



Bruce Jern closes his eyes in hopes that because he can't see the camera man can't see him and will take a picture of someone else instead.

Rhiannon Reaves is caught gossiping on the phone when she is supposed to be assisting Ms.Olson and attempts to lay the blame elsewhere.


In English III, Heather Furnald concentrates so hard that she doesn't realize that her picture is being taken. By doing her in-class exercises, Sara Rima attempts to master the Spanish language.


Even though Brian Randall appears to be busy, we really know he has no clue what to do when it comes to building sheds.



Shawn Torrance takes a break from his Chem Com and tries to muster up a smile for the camera.


Brad Henry and Brian Good are both studying very intently for their Biology 400 tests, this is one of the few times the camera caught them doing something and not goofing off.

## Faculty \& Administration

 "The elite that will help make our future bright"

Dean Irlbeck Superintendant


Linda Rivest Counselor


Doug Alderman

Trish Alexander



Barbara Price Secretry


Connie Carnes

## By: Jaime Meyer

After the third year of eight block, new teachers continue to arrive at Union. Some of these faces include, Ms. Rivest, Mr. Gallagher, Mrs. Ziglar, and Mr. Young. Our new principal, Mrs. Collins has made some changes in our student body, but mainly for the better. All of the faculty have tried their hardest to give everyone at Union the best education possible. Thanks to all of the faculty and administration for another successful year!!


Melinda Clark District Secretary


Patricia Collins Principal


Nancy Clark District Secretary


Melinda Frakes


Jon Gallagher

Lara Kendell


June Livermore


Barbara Meyer



Cherry Simmons


Cathy Ziglar


Lynn Anderson


Alta Mae Brokaw


Kathy Lafary


Steve Shimmin


Linda Michael


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Tom Fisher


Galen Noard


Eric Smith


Barbara Gray


Pat Olson


Barbara Spreitler


Jennifer Hexom


Shirley Randall



Mike Hurley


Dave Ross


Larry Ives

"We hope everyone enjoyed the variety

- of talent and history presented.

The mural that the Independant Art
students completed will be a
lasting reminder of its

- success."
-Mrs. Simmons, Art Extavaganza


## We're All in This Together

By: Misty Boughton
The Union High School students did an excellent job with the school dances and the many other activities held this year. The dances were a big success. The theme song for Homecoming was "Faithfully" by Journey. The king and queen were Brian Good and Brenda Cisna. Sno-Ball was held at Hend-Co Hills this year. The theme song was "My Heart Will Go On" by Celine Dion. The king and queen were Carl Larson and Rhiannon Reaves. The Art department hosted a "Fine Arts Extravaganza". Mrs. Simmons invited many different people to come to the school and share their talents. A group of Native American dancers, the Tri-State Thunderbirds, from Keokuk, were one of the groups that were invited. They showed the students a few Native American dances and they played a few beats on their drum. This year, the students and faculty participated in our 1st Annual Talent Show. Mr. Gallagher, one of the teachers in the English department, performed a magic act and Mrs. Ziglar and a few of the students performed as the California Raisons. Everything turned out great this year.


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1997 Homecoming was a huge success. After the Yankees shut-out Southern the night before the student body was in high spirits. The turnout at the dance was wonderful and the students at U.H.S. danced the night away. Music was provided by Prime Cuts and pictures by Cole's. Brian Good and Brenda Cisna were crowned King and Queen. They were joined by the court as they danced to the theme song "Faithfully" by Journey.

$\uparrow$ Last year's King and Queen, Jeff Meyer and Betsy Fletcher parade around the field during half-time.
$\uparrow \uparrow$ Sam Jomphe enjoys his first American dance while sharing it with a good friend Jenny Howe.

$\uparrow$ Rebecca Fisher and her date Henrik Staib, exchange student from Norway, have fun dancing the night away.
$\uparrow \uparrow$ Taul Noard and Jeff Collier demonstrate a manly kind of love!!!

$\uparrow$ The students at U.H.S. anxiously await the crowning of the 1997 King and Queen.
$\uparrow \uparrow$ Kevin Hetrick shows how kind and friendly he can be by dancing with Mindy Carpenter from Dallas City.
$\downarrow$ King and Queen Canidates Jessica Dickey and Jerad Johnson
$\downarrow$ Junior Attendants Shanah Thompson and Jon Slover

King and Queen Canidates
Anna Carlson and Aaron Cole


Crown Bearers
Darci Lumbeck and Brandon Johnson

King and Queen Canadites Jenny Hass and L.D. Gall

Freshmen Attendants Holly Simmons and Tyler Lutz
+King and Queen Candidates: Dusty Seitz and Shana Smith


$\uparrow$-King and Queen Candidates: - Nick Shutwell and Jane Zielkie

$\downarrow$ These three girls，Nikki Dunn，Les－ sica Johnson，and the one with her back turned is C Nicole Bresnahan，are having a great time！

$\downarrow$ These people feel the need for a short breather before coronation starts．

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## Heart

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$\mathcal{B}_{y}:$ Misty Boughten


〒 The 1998 Sno－Ball Court：Carl Larson，sNick Shutwell，Brian Good，Aaron Cole，Dusty Seitz，Shana Smith，Rhiannon Reaves，Jane Iielkie，Anna Carlson，and ＿iso Bowman．


The annual Sno－Ball dance was held at Hend－Co Hills on february 14．© Mr．Hurley，once again，showed off his D．I．ing abilities with a great assortment of rock， dance，and a little touch of the 80＇s．

Carl Larson and－Rhiannon －Reaves were crowned at 10 pm ． They then danced to the theme song＂My Heart Will $G_{0} O_{n}$＂ by Celine Dione．They were then joined by their court：Aaron Cole， Lisa Bowman，Nick Shutwell， Jansl Zielkie，Dusty Sistz，Shana Smith，Brian Good，and Anna Carlson．


$\uparrow$ A wet and muddy music fan, Brenda "Marcia" Cisna accidently bumps into Taul "Jeffery" Noard while passing through.


$\uparrow \uparrow$ Tilman "O liver" Ferse, Jennifer "Mrs. Garrison" Robbins, and the Rockin" Mr. Hurley entertain the crowd below.
« Both hoping for a successful concert, Brian "Adam" Good and Rhiannon "Candy" Reaves sit down for a heart to heart about what the future has in store for them.

The AFS students of Union High School put on the play "Big Rock at Candy's Mountain." They went through many obstacles this year to put on a great play. The director of the play, Kathy Good, commented by saying, "Trying to put together a theatrical production during a successful football and volleyball season is always a challenge."

This year was the largest cast and crew the AFS play has every had. There were over 40 students involved in making this years play a success. 24 of the 40 were Seniors, which was the largest in AFS history. "Luckily this years group of actors and actresses were both talented and dedicated," Kathy said. She also said, "We had the our most complex sound and lighting effects this year."

On Friday, November 14, 1997 the play began. There were many jitters running through everyone but everyone made it through it. "By Saturday night everything had come together for a great performance," said Kathy Good.

$\uparrow \uparrow$ A bit dazed, and a bit confused, Josh "Frug" Smith and Andy "Wiggo" Melvin find out some interesting news about their friend, Jennifer "Bozo" Robbins.
$\uparrow$ Nikki "Ina" Dunn and Erin "Peggy" Miller work patiently hoping Lisa "Thelma" Bowman gives them a moment of peace and quiet.

Characters
Brian Good... Adam Garrison Jessica Dickey... Eunice Webb Carl Larson... Zippity Dewdar Rhiannon Reaves...Candy Weaver Angie Dermer... Aunt Patience Jenny Hass... Aunt Charity B.J. Kelly... Skins

Henrik Staib... Franklin \& Ludwig Von Beethoven
Sam Jomphe... Claude \& D.J. Voice

Jarod Thompson... Mr. Garrison Jeremy Meyer... Mr. Goodfellow Jason Link... Eef \& Harry Tilman Ferse... Oliver Twist \& TV News Analyst
Kaci Bailey... Myra Mobile Lana Stoneking... Myra's Maid Jeff West... Well Digger \& Brother Joshua J.R. Millar... Dr. Brinker Rebecca Fisher... Karen Amanda Gilliam... Her Mother \& Sister Dorothy
Taul Noard... Jeffrey Andy Melvin... Wiggo
Josh Smith... Frug Jennifer Robbins... Bozo \& Mrs. Garrison
Jon Slover... Neville
Megan Rima... Vita
Anna Carlson... Clarice
Lisa Bowman... Thelma
Erin Miller... Peggy
Nikki Dunn... Ina
Rudi Gall... Antoinette
Micheal Ellerbroek... Warren
Brooke Hunter... Phyllis
Brenda Cisna... Marcia
Jaime Meyer... Sister Nora Jon Sullivan... Sheriff Franks
Extras and Stage Crew Brian Collier Joe Ballard
L.D. Gall Aaron Cole

Brock Miller Kelly Thompson Jennifer Howe Tiffany Peugh Tanner Cole Nick Shutwell


By: Kaci Bailey
Union High School enjoyed another Fine Arts Extravaganza during February 2 through the 13 . On these days students were presented various assembles that demonstrated or told information about the time period of the mid 19th century. We had people from our region come and talk to us about Black History in Macomb, the Civil War, the life of Abe Lincoln, Indian life and dance, and a little history of Henderson County.

Students were able to actually see how people of this time period actually dressed. We were given hard tac, a cracker of the Civil War times. Students also saw various types of artifacts from the Civil War and the Indians, and were given a slide show of the Macomb era about Black History.

On February 18th, the Arts Extravaganza held its finale at Union High School. It was held later in the night so the parents could enjoy dance, music, and visual art displays. The high school band and choir also performed that night and sang songs of the time period and played the Union Yankee March solely and specifically written by a guest composer for Union's Extravaganza.

$\uparrow$ Carolyn Hawks and Art students painted an 18 foot mural to represent the Civil War. The mural is now beside the library in the Elementary.
$\rightarrow \uparrow$ Seniors, Janel Zielkie, and Anna Carlson, and Sophomore, Rudi Gall learn how to keep the beat of the drum during one of the native dances.
$\rightarrow$ Leon Gass was a woodcarver from East Peoria. He demonstrated to us how to carve wood with different types of tools and also showed us some of his other pieces.
$\downarrow$ The Tri-State Thunderbirds were also present at the assemblies. They showed us different types of dancing and singing to explain their Indian heritage

$\downarrow$ Charles Combites and family were apart of the Extravaganza. They showed us the clothes and equipment of the Civil War. They also brought hard tac for us to try.

$\downarrow$ Felix Armfield presented Union High School with a slide show of black history in Macomb. The slides showed various pictures of people, businesses, and maps to give the students an idea of the history.


$\uparrow$ Abraham, Harry Hahn, Lincoln told us about his life. He included the times when he was a child, an adult, and the life of the presidency.

$\uparrow$ Brian Stewart trys to find the beat to some interesting dancing steps from Medicine Eagle. This type of dance was said to be the mating dance.
$\leftarrow \uparrow$ Jarod Siefken was an enactor of the Civil War. Siefken showed us some things, such as the type of food, the weapons, and the clothing that soldiers wore during the war.
$\leftarrow$ Robert Stewart and friends of Nothern Illinois University performed and demonstrated ballet dancing. They were seen by K-8 students, but some of the high school students were allowed to watch them perform.


King and Queen Candidates Jon Sullivan \& Shanah Thompson

1998 Prom King and Queen Jeff Collier \& Ashley Kopf

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King and Queen Candidates Taut Noard \& Alyssa Hinshaw



King and Queen Candidates Jon Slaver \& Ashley Kopf


1997 King and Honorary Queen Lloyd Gall \& Brenda Cisna


King and Queen Candidates Jeff Collier \& Jennifer Robbins

# "I Live My Life For You 

## By Jaime Meyer and Alyssa Hinshaw

On May 1, 1998 students from UHS and their guests attended prom at Knox College. The theme this year was "I Live My Life For You", by Firehouse. President of the Junior class, J.R. Millar, started the evening off with a warm welcome. The menu for the night consisted of Chicken Breast and Prime Rib. Throughout
the night students waited patiently for their pictures to be taken by Cole's Photography. Meanwhile everyone else was watching the Senior video and remembering all of the good times.

Great music was played throughout the night by Sonic Sound Productions. Everyone had a great time
dancing right up until coronation. At 10:30 p.m. Jeff Collier and Ashley Kopf were crowned King and Queen.

Everyone involved agreed that the night was quite a success. The Junior class hopes that all of the Seniors had a great time. A lot of wonderful memories were made that night and will never be forgotten.



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## School organizations serve

 - as a link connecting social and academic skills while helping to enhance students' _spiritual and emotional growth.

## Blending Our Ideas

 Into OneBy Nick Shutwell
With many differing interests among students at Union High School, organizations help those to develop their talents in the area that they enjoy doing. At Union there are many strong organizations which shape our lives. Students can join clubs such as Art Club, Math Club, Spanish Club, Band, Choir, AFS, Flags, and K-Klub. Other Clubs are also available from which you have to be elected such as NHS and Student Council. Students also join teams which they compete in during the year. These teams are the Biology Bowl Team, Scholastic Bowl Team, Speech Team, ICTM Team, and the WYSE Team. Altogether our organizations and teams here at Union are great and a lot of people take great pride in them.



This year's WYSE team was the first team in UHS history to place first at district in Carthage. The team then went on to place seventh at regionals in Macomb. Many individual awards were given during the course of the two competitions. At District: Brian Good received first in biology and third in Engineering Graphics, Michael Ellerbroek received second in chemistry, Brad Henry received third in biology, and Chris Droste won first in Engineering Graphics. At regionals, Brian Good won second in Biology and advanced to state. Union salutes all the members of the WYSE team!

Back Row L to R: Chase Nichols, Chris Droste, J.R. Millar, Brad Henry, Michael Graham. Middle Row: Dustin Hendrickson, Chris Clark, Jessica Van Tine, Brandy Myers, Joni Russell. Front Row: Michael Ellerbroek, Brian Good, Anna Carlson, Brooke Priesmen, Steve Shimmin.

The ICTM team had another sensational year! The team placed fifth at Regionals which took place at WIU. An Individual Written Exam record was set by Brad Henry in Algebra II and a team record was set also in Algebra II by Josh Smith, Brad Henry, J.R. Millar, Chase Nichols, Brandy Myers, and Tracie John. The team represented Union well!


Back Row L to R: Megan Shutwell, Brenda Carnes, Chase Nichols, Brad Henry. Middle Row: Kim Buster, Chris Droste, Josh Smith, Kaci Bailey, Michael Ellerbroek. Front Row: Dustin Hendrickson, Chris Clark, Amanda Henry, Brandy Myers, J.R. Millar, Steve Shimmin.


Back row L to R: Chris Droste, Chase Nichols, Michael Graham. Middle Row: Dustin Hendrickson, Chris Clark, Amanda Henry, Brandy Myers, Michael Ellerbroek. Front Row: J.R. Millar, Jessica Van Tine, Brad Henry, Sponsor Steve Shimmin. Not pictured: Megan Shultz

Math club members participate in six contests throughout the year with six questions on each test. Awards are given to the top 5 overall placings and for the highest score of each grade. 1st place: Michael Ellerbroek. 2nd place: Brad Henry. 3rd place: Michael Graham and J.R. Millar. 5th place: Chase Nichols, Chris Clark and Amanda Henry. Top Senior: Megan Schultz. Top Junior: Michael Ellerbroek. Top Sophomore: Chase Nichols. Top Freshmen: Amanda Henry and Chris Clark.


Back Row L to R: Joey Koch, Michael Hendrickson, Jon Waterman, Brock Miller, Jessica Dutton, Josh Johnson, Brian Stewart, Justin Parsons, Scott Blindt, Heather Randall. Third Row: Jacqui Smith, Chris Clark, Robert Eldridge, Amanda Henry, Amber Galbraith, Stacey Hays, Tanner Cole, Dusty Seitz, Tiffany Peugh, Megan Shutwell, Amanda Essex. Second Row: Tara Grafton, Carrie Branson, Brenda Carnes, Amanda Mooney, Michelle Krow, Tracie John, Sara Rima, Brooke Simpson, Nicky Hernandez, Robyn Lenoci. Front Row: Rudi Gall, Rhonna Cameron, Lana Stoneking, Mary Hawkins, P.J. Weber, Joey Schrader, Amanda Torrance,

TThe 97-98 UHS Band had a very sucessful year. They started off the year with marching band. The theme of this year were songs by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

The band was in the 4th of July parade in Oquawka, Heritage Trail parade in Biggsville and the Christmas parade in Burlington. The band attended the Bi-County band festival held at Monmouth College on March 17.

IESA Solo \& Ensemble was held at Valley High School on April 7. Chris Clark Jessica Dutton, Mary Hawkins, Joey Shrader and Brooke Priesman participated this year.

Mrs. Hexom and the current band members are looking forward to the new band uniforms for next year.

Choir Brooke Priesman, Mrs. Hexom.

Tassembly and held a concert on February 18. ors choir held at Bradley University. Jarod Thompson and Nikki Dunn.

The UHS chorus had a very rewarding year. The choir sang at the Fine Arts Extravaganza

Nikki Dunn and Carl Larson were chosen for District Choir. Jarod Thompson, Jaime Meyer, Nikki Dunn \& Carl Larson were chosen for hon-

Solo \& Ensemble was held at Valley High School this year. Those attending were Jaime Meyer, Becky Boughton, Misty Boughton, Jenni Mueller,

A talent show took place of the musical this year. Some students in choir took a part in this a showed off their special talents. The choir finished off the year with a concert held on May 14.


Back Row L to R: Shane Meanes, Jerry Fye, Mike Russell, Justin McKeown, B.J. Kelly, Jeremy Meyer, Clay Heitmeier. Third Row: Steven Powell, Jarod Thompson, Jeff West, Luke Law Carl Larson, Rhonna Cameron, Nikki Dunn, Julie Allen, Julie Carter. Second Row: Jennifer Smith, Kelly

## Spanist Bow $=2=2=5$

 his is the second year that UHS has participated in the Spanish Bowl. On April 7, 1998 the Spanish Bowl team traveled to Western Illinois University to take part in the 20th High School Foreign Language Festival.The Level I team consisted of Dustin Hendrickson, Sara Bigger, P.J. Weber, Tyler Lutz, Seth Olson, Chris Droste, and Chris Clark. They took first place in one of the many events. Musical entertainment was provided by Daniel Jasso and Fernando Martinez, visiting from Mexico.

Back Row L to R: J.R. Millar, Michael Ellerbroek, Brian Good, Tanner Cole, Brad Henry, Chase Nichols, Justin Parsons, Carl Larson. Middle Row: Dustin Hendrickson, Mary Hawkins, P.J. Weber, Amanda Henry, Brandy Myers, Chris Droste, Sara Bigger, Mrs. Alexander. Front Row: Tyler Lutz, Seth Olson, Chris Clark, Tiffany Peugh, Rudi Gall, Amanda Gillam, Austin Chandler.

The Bi-County Art show was held at Roseville High School, March 5, 6, and 7. During the Bi County Art Show, Union took 1st place out of 9 schools. They received 23 1st place ribbons out of 25 entries. The students took extra time outside of class in finishing their work and preparing it for the art show. Several students are to be commended for coming to school on their day off from school. The following students should be commended for their outstanding achievements in representing Union's art department. All of the students involved in art should be recognized for their talent and the extra effort they put into their artwork.


Back Row L to R: Michelle Torrance, Jacqui Smith, Nikki Dunn, Ty Dermer, D.J. Vogeler. Middle Row: Brenda Cisna, Angie Dermer, Joe Ballard, Toni Miller. Front Row: Eric McIntyre, Ozzie Lira, Brandy Myers, Jessica Van Tine, Sara Mackey.


Clockwise: Mrs. Simmons, Angela Loving, Valerie Blake, Brad Bell, Jenny Knottnerus, Nikki Dunn, Dusty Seitz, Jacqui Smith, Nicky Herndanz, Michelle Torrance, Brandi Gemell.


The Flag Squad consisted of only one person this season it was Jenny Knottnerus. She participated at the football games and parades as our Flag representative for Union High School. She learned and performed many routines with the Union High School Marching Band. Those included were "King Herod", "Phantom of the Opera", "Jellicle Ball", and "Don't Cry for Me Argentina." Jenny commented by saying, "I felt different being the only one out there when I was used to a group of people."

TThe Art Club has done many wonderful things for the school. During the fall season they made all the hoops for the football team to run through. They also painted on the windows in the courtyard to raise spirit for the fall sports teams. They finished the graphics in the gym and painted Christmas decortions on the patio windows. In the spring, they painted the windows in the library to promote the summer ready program and also their goal was to finish painting the recycling bin in Biggsville.

Flags


Jenny Knottnerus.

## Scholastic Bowl



Back Row L to R: Tanner Cole, Brad Henry, Brian Good, Nikki Dunn. Third Row: Michael Ellerbroek, Carl Larson, Michael Lutz, J.R. Millar, Tabitha Myers. Second Row: Crystal Parsons, Shani Hasley, Tiffany Peugh, Chase Nichols. Front Row: Chris Clark, Amanda Henry,

0n April 24, the Biology Bowl team traveled to Western for their competition. In the first round Union defeated Neponset and Mediapolis. These wins put them in the semi-finals. In the semi-finals they played Rochester and Athens. They defeated both teams. This allowed them to advance to the Finals. The final teams were Lewiston, Rochester, and Union. At the end of the final match, Union ended with a score of 285 , Lewiston with a score of 40 , and Rochester with a score of 20 . This is the first time that Union has taken first place at the Biology Bowl.

This year the Scholastic Bowl Team had a full team and improved a lot by the end of the season. The Varsity Team captain was Michael Lutz and the Junior Varsity captain was Brooke Priesman. These captains led their teams to a total of twelve wins and eleven losses. The team attended many big meets such as the Masonic Lodge Invitational, the Orion Fresh -Soph Invitational and the Bi-County Invitational. This year's team laid the groundwork for a successful season next year. The upcoming team looks to be successful with the returning experience and new members if they are willing to work hard and put forth the effort.

## Biology Bowt



LtoR: J.R. Millar, Brian Good, Larry Ives, Michael Ellerbroek, Brad Henry.

## Speech



LtoR: Erin Miller, Jason Link, Brad Henry, Jon Gallagher, Carl Larson, Joey Schrader, Josh Smith, Nikki Dunn.

T:This year's Speech Team was small in size but big in talent. They competed against both large and small schools in meets close to and far from home. Three members advanced past Regionals and went on to Sectionals. Carl Larson in prose reading, Carl Larson and Nikki Dunn in dramatic duet acting, and Erin Miller in Original Oratory. Carl Larson received most of the Individual Awards. He took first place at the Alexis Invitational, the Bi-County Tournament, and at Regionals. This year's team set out to accomplish a lot and did. They proved that Union is not only good at athletics but we also excel in academics.

## Spanist Club



Back Row L to R: Tanner Cole, Nick Shutwell, Carl Larson, Aaron Cole. Fifth Row: Chase Nichols, Brian Byers, Jeff Collier, Dusty Seitz, Nikki Dunn. Fourth Row: Amanda Gillam, Tiffany Peugh, Robyn Lenoci, Brandy Myers, Shani Hasley, Jennifer Robbins, Rhonna Cameron, Kaci Bailey, J.R. Millar, Michael Ellerbroek. Third Row: Rudi Gall, Kellie Thompson, Brooke Priesman, Taul Noard, Brenda Cisna, Angie Dermer, Brad Henry, Jaime Meyer, Jennifer Howe, Ashley Kopf. Second Row: Erin Miller, Janel Zielkie, Lisa Bowman, Rhiannon Reaves, Shana Smith, Anna Carlson, Becca Fisher, Jenny Hass, Melissa Woods, Mrs. Alexander. Front Row: Jessica Dickey.

TThe 1997-1998 Spanish Club had busy year. During Homecoming activities, the members performed a skit Also in the fall, Mrs. Alexander tool the students to see a Spanish play. I December, the club sold advent calendars. They put on the annual Snowbal Dance on February 14 at Hend-Co Hills which was a change from the usual high school gym. Senior members Car Larson and Rhiannon Reaves wer voted King and Queen. On April 3, the Spanish Club threw a farewell fiesta fo Daniel Jasso and Fernado Martinez, the two boys from Mexico who attended school with us for eight months.

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## National Honor Society

The 1997-1998 Union Chapter of the National Honor Society was involved in many community activities throughout the school year. In the fall, NHS adopted a two mile strip of highway for the Illinois Adopted-A-Highway Program. In December, the members collected can goods for the food pantry. On April 4, the induction ceremony was held for the ten new members and three honorary members. Also in April, the members took a morning off from school to volunteer at the Oaklane Nursing Home in Stronghurst and several members worked the elementary Penny Carnival.

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Back Row L to R: Tilman Ferse, Henrik Staib, Jennifer Robbins, Shani Hasley, Aaron Cole, Micl Lutz, Brian Good, Brian Randall, Taul Noard, Brad Henry, Brenda Cisna, Nikki Dunn, Lou Boyer, Boyer. Middle Row: Sam Jomphe, Cheryl Albin, Mandy Hinshaw, Brandy Myers, Brooke Priesn Kaci Bailey, Crystal Parsons, J.R. Millar, Shanah Thompson, Anna Carlson, Sara Bigger. Front R Tracie Eckley, Rudi Gall, Rhiannon Reaves, Jessica Dickey, Lisa Bowman, Shana Smith, Jessica Van T Alyssa Hinshaw, Mrs. Brokaw.


Back Row: L to R Ashley Kopf, Brooke Hunter, Sam Jomphe, Jeff West, Andy Melvin, Tilman Ferse, Megan Rima, Jenny Hass. Sixth Row: Nick Shutwell, Carl Larson, Jason Link. Fifth Row: Kathy Good, Jon Slover. Jennifer Robbins, Jeff Collier, Aaron Cole, Rudi Gall. Fourth Row: Jaime Meyer, Joe Ballard, Jerod Thompson, Jon Sullivan, Nikki Dunn, Kaci Bailey, Tiffany Peugh. Third Row: Amanda Gilliam, Jennifer Howe, Kellie Thompson, Taul Noard, Brenda Cisna, L.D. Gall, Michael Lutz, J.R. Millar, Michael Ellerbroek, Jeremy Meyer. Second Row: Brian Good, B.J. Kelly, Lana Stoneking, Jessica Dickey, Rhiannon Reaves, Angie Dermer, Lisa Bowman, Rebecca Fisher. Front Row: Anna Carlson, Erin Miller. Not pictured: Henrik Staib.

## AFS Exchange Students



AFS this year was another great experi ence for the students who were involved. The kids put on an entertaining play in the fall called "Big Rock at Candy's Mountain." It was directed once again by the sponsor Kathy Good and student directer Michael Lutz. The stars included Rhiannon Reaves, Brian Good, Jessica Dickey and Carl Larson. It was a big success and all the cast and crew were terrific.

The short term exchange this year was with a school in Audobon, Iowa. The students participated in historical sites and parties here in Illinois. Then in April, A.F.S. went to Audobon and had a great time. Everyone really enjoyed meeting new friends and participating in the group activities.

Tillman Ferse will miss all the sports, his friends, family, TV stations, and all the moments of his great year. He will not miss his curfew, school rules, and some farm work. He will not forget partying, and going to Orlando.

Tilman Ferse, Helene Lange Str. 9 20144 Hamburg, Germany
Henrik Staib will miss his freinds and family the most. He will not miss his curfew, or going to practices. Henrik will never forget the parties, cruising, and fun on the weekends.

Henrik Staib, Osterliveien 62B Oslo, Norway 1153 Europe
Sam Jomphe will miss all his friends and family, the klan, and everything that made his year here unforgetable and fun. He will not miss sitting in the passanger seat all the time, and the poor food. He'll never forget his trip to Florida or the state playoffs in Peoria.

Sam Jomphe, 1283 Boreale Street Have St-Pierre, Quebec Canada GOG IPO



Back Row L to R: Dustin Hendrickson, Chris Clark, Brenda Carnes, Megan Shutwell, Tina McElhiney, Kris Bailey. Third Row: Rebecca Fisher, Jason Link, J.R. Millar, Ashley Kopf, Megan Rima, Jennifer Robbins. Fourth Row: Rudi Gall, Brooke Priesman, Amanda Gillam, Tiffany Peugh, Chase Nichols, Ozzie Lira. Second Row: Lisa Bowman, Anna Carlson, Rhiannon Reaves, Lucas Law, Jenny Hass. Front Row : Brian Good, Carl Larson.

## К-КІиб

The K-Klub is a very worthwhile organization to become involved in. This club is designed to help cheer and motivate athletes at our school with support during the games. This club is a volunteer group in which all you have to do is show up and cheer at games. Union High School athletics are a lot of fun and it makes it more fun when everyone is cheering. That is what the K-Klub does. It makes everything more enjoyable not only for the players but for the crowd as well.


Back Row L to R: Will Pruett, Nick Shutwell, Taul Noard, D.J. Vogeler, Brian Randall, Ozzie Lira. Sixth Row: Brian Good, Jason Link, Aaron Cole, Rudi Gall, Tiffany Peugh, Amanda Gillam, Brooke Priesman. Fifth Row: Tanner Cole, Michael Ellerbroek, Jon Slover, Lucas Law, Jeff Collier, Jeremy Meyer, Kellie Thompson, Stephanie Dial. Fourth Row: Michael Lutz, Lisa Bowman, Carl Larson, Brian Stewart, Angie Dermer, Shilo Swanson, Matt Sherd Row: Shani Hasley, Brenda Cisna, Shana Smith, B.J. Kelly, Joe Ballard, Lloyd Gall, Kevin Hetrick.

Back Row L to R: Jon Hernandez, Lucas Kulp, Jennifer Knottnerus, Jason Jern, Mrs. Simmons. Front Row: Jacqui Smith, Nikki Dunn, Mike Payne, Bruce Jern. Not Pictured: Brenda Cisna, Henrik Staib.
Blending Our Ideas into One

Tndependent Art Students are students 1 that choose their own art projects and their own medium. The big project they did this year was a mural for the Fine Arts Extravaganza. In doing this, they were assisted by an expert muralist by the name of Caroline Hawks. Beside the mural these students learn much o their work on a more independent basis. By taking an independent class like this you are taking on more responsibility of doing your own work at your own pace.

## Organization Snaps


$\downarrow$ B.J. Kelly and Brian Good goof around at an AFS picnic at Gladstone Lake.

$\leftarrow$ Brooke Hunter tries to explain to two of the foreign exchange students, Henrick Staib and Sam Jomphe, what women are like in America.
$\downarrow$ The teachers cooperatively play the game they were placed in during Homecoming activities.

$\uparrow \uparrow$ Tilman Ferse, an AFS exchange student from Germany goes horseback riding on a weekend exchange for AFS members.

个The Union High School marching band's woodwind section plays before a Yankee football crowd.
$\rightarrow$ Mr. Hurley puts on another classic skit for Homecoming. This years skit was the Spice Girls with several senior girls also involved.



Diversity and differences,
Nobody ever said that normal was fun!
-Alyssa Hinshaw


## We're all in this together!

Reading, writing, and arthimetic? That and a whole lot more for the students at Union High School. Diversity is the main key in our student body. Each student alone may not be the best at everything but put it all together and we have the power to succeed in whatever we set our minds to. The student body of UHS is determined to put their best foot forward in both sports and academics. Positive attitudes and determination help the students to achieve their goals and go way over their expectations. All the great talents here at Union ensure that the students will try to be the best that they possibly can and help them to carry an air of confidence that will produce a lot of success in the future.



Kaci Bailey


Lisa Bowman


Anna Carlson


Aaron Cole


Danielle Brill


Brian Carlson



Joseph Ballard


Rhonna Cameron


Brenda Cisna


Brian Collier


Angela Dermer


Tilman Ferse


Brian Good


Kevin Hetrick


Tilman fase Rusty Larmer


Llyod Gall


Shani Hasley


Jessica Dickey


Rusty Garner


Jennifer Hass


Jason Jern

# Being of Sound Body and Mind.... I Do Will and Bequeatf... 

I, Lisa Bowman, to Becca Fisher, the ability to get out of the "hood' alive. To Jennifer Robbins I leave Dairy Queen and straws and to Erin Miller I leave my ability to drive down the interstate safely.

I, Jenny Hass, my ability to run out of gas to Ashley Kopf. I leave my ab roller to my leg lifting queen, Megan Rima and last but not least I leave to my best friend Jessica Dickey my everlasting friendship. I love you dearly.

I, Michael Lutz, to my brother, Tyler, my ability to pull through a broken foot, to Taul Noard, my amazing speed which was passed on to me by Tim Ballard, and to Jeff Collier, talks in the lunch room.

I, Janel Zielkie, to Stacey Serdahl the ability to keep two boyfriends at the same time, and my basketball ability. To Micheal Ellerbroek, I leave the "book" you gave to me, may you learn a few things from it. The ability to laugh about things when they don't go your way, like October 26th when you had a little trouble. To Becca Fisher I give the ability to know things before others, like the shooting at T.J.'s bar. Also the ability to stay out late and to get out of Iowa alive. To Jen and Erin I leave my volleyball ability, like I have much to give you. To Jen I leave a dress so maybe one day I can see you in it. To J.R. may you find a woman next year who will kiss you and hug you.

I, Dusty Seitz, I give Stacey Roberts the ability to love our child, to Tiffany the ability to play the sax. To Nick Bigger the ability to have fun on every weekend, like I did. To Jenny Fletcher the ability to stick up for yourself and don't let Jeff follow you around all the time, and to Nicole Seaman the ability to watch out for the temptation to go to a garage.

I, Jenny Knottnerus, my shaggin' wagon to Julie Allen, to Jacqui Smith, I leave the cops in Burlington on Main Street at midnight and the Canadian Mounty Service. To Brooke Simpson my picture of Luke, and I leave my ability to come late to class everyday to Jenni Mueller.

I, Rhiannon Reaves, to Jen, Becca, and Erin the ability to get to VB practice on time so they won't have to run, and to Mr. Ross a tie that is not ugly and has no wolf on it.

I, B.J. Cartson, my golfing ability to Adam Boyle and my ability to party and have fun to Dustin Wagy.
I, Aaron Cole, to Joe Law I leave the famous Baffy, to Rudi Gall I leave my driving skills and all the Mountain Dew she wants. To Stew, I leave my car stereo and the song, "Jerry Was a Race Car Driver," and my Athletic skills to Brock Miller.

I, Jessica Diekey, a can of air freshener to the volleyball team for any smell that Lisa might have left behind. To Erin Miller I leave my ability to keep my head up high through thick and thin. To always remember the important thing in life is your happiness and most importantly I leave my love. Good luck sweetie, be careful, and have a blast.

I, Brenda Cisna, the ability to eat salad dressing at Country Fun and the ability to get out of class without being caught to Amanda Gilliam. My spiking ability goes to Jen Jen Robbins. My charm and good looks are left to Becca Fisher and everything else is left to Taul Noard including a season pass to Sullivan, MO.

I, Crystal Parsons, my ability to be friendly to Linda Brownlee. To my P.E. class I leave the power to run and not complain.
I, Jacqui Smith, my car to Brooke Simpson, my Snoop and other rap tapes to Tracie John. To Sara Bigger I leave her my ability to have more than one boyfriend at a time. To Jenny Knottnerus, room 124 of Pzzaz, and to Jenni Muller, my THANKS for making me my Foreigner Award.

I, Lana Stoneking, my car to Tracie Eckley so she can get herself to and from school, and also I give her my ability to speak her mind. To Tracie John I give my wonderful Geometry intelligence.

I, Justin McKeown, all my spaztic energy to Joe Law who will need it to harass Mrs. Hamrick in Golf next year.
I, B.J. Kelly, Brock Miller my hard rocking football skills, to Rudi Gall I leave my lifesaving skills and a knuckle sandwich, Jen Robbins my driving ability and D.Q. memories, Brian Stewart a tank of gas and a piece of corn, and to Brooke Priesman I leave a loaf of bread, a bottle of Sprite, and some Skittles to keep her entertained.

I, Amanda Torrance, my academic skills to Dustin Wagy, my big boat to Michelle, my sister. To Jenny Howe I leave my ability to run the whole mile at once, and to Ashley I leave Lana's shoes because she forgot to.

I, Rhonna Cameron, my ability to Jenny Howe to do things behind our parents back and not get caught.
I, Josh Smith, my driving skills to Jeremy Klick, a brain to Season Rippenkroeger, because hers doesn't work all the time, and my love for the game of football to Kris Bailey.

I, Jason Lox, all my love to Robyn Lenoci, to Tanner Cole everything I have to do with Led Zepplin and a special T.V. which plays Tanner T.V. To Travis Boots what was left of the Bonneville, and to Tim Kay all of my C.D's and a life time supply of Kool-Aid.

I, Andy Melvin, my football number to Ty Dermer and also my ability of class selecting, so he has no classes his senior year. I Leave my truck to Hass, and the ability to find canceled parties to Brandon Bielser.

I, Lucas Law, to Brain Stewart 18 inches. To Joe Law my hard work and dedication to golf. I also leave him my defensive ability in basketball. Jenny Howe my ability to party with the best of them. Angie Dermer my shorts, and to Jeff Collier and Brian Stewart I leave this school to rule after I leave.

I, L.D. Gall, to Jaime Meyer to cut through the lunch line the "right" way, to the Mexican connection (Ozzie Chico) keep the Yankee Defensive going. My love for Iowa Football to Taul Noard. I will also bequeath a pair of non- rippable underwear to Brandon Bielser. To all of my junior friends Jen R.,Brain S., Jeff C., T.D. Have fun, I'm outta here. I hope your last year was as pleasant as mine was.

I, Carl Larson, my limited ability to sing Disney songs to J.R. Millar, a copy of "Rent" to Jason Link, some apple cidar for Taul Noard, a vocabulary of the hottest and coldest words to Shawn Torrance, some good accents for Jeremy Meyer, a truck load of b.s. to Amanda Gillam for distribution on essay tests, tardies, and attempts to get out of detentions, the ability to act to Nikki Dunn, and some rope for Mr. Hurley just in case he sees some goats wondering around.

I, Nick Shutwell, some breath mints to Jeff Collier and his daddy, to Brian Stewart I leave my tailback ability and of course an ear full of corn, to Micheal Ellerbroek I leave some e-mail, to my sister, Megan, I leave my speed, and to Amanda Gilliam I leave my love.

I, Danielle Brill, to Jenny our men in Burlington and also all our Dan's.
I, Melissa Woods, to Cody Evans, the title to my lovely cavalier and maybe some tools to fix it. To Brooke Hunter, the memories of peeing on the bluff on hot summer nights, to P.J. Weber, the strength and ability to put up with more guys like your brother, god knows its hard, to Kevin Hetrick and Lisa Bowman, the wonderful memories of after Prom '97. To the incoming freshman, don't give up, it gets easier, and to the class of 1998, the best of luck and keep in touch.

I, Shawna Lock, I leave my ability to party to Trisha Darrah.
I, Jerad Johnson, my football ability to Jon Sullivan, and my killer arms to Stacey Serdahl.
I, Joe Ballard, nothin' to nobody!!! I’m greedy, I'm keepin' it all!!! Ha Ha Ha!!!
I, Kevin Hetrick, my football ability to Zach Wood and Brad Judd. My ability to cheat on tests and never get caught to Jeff Collier, my artistic ability to Scott Blindt, and my ability to build killer arms in weight training to Kellie Thompson.

I, Angie Dermer, my outspoken loud mouth to Amanda Gilliam, to my sweetheart, Brian Stewart, I leave all my love, and to Jennifer, Becca, and Erin I leave the ability to keep the volleyball courts loud!!

I, Shana Smith my special setting abilities and awesome "kills" to Brooke Priesman, my cool car to Jen Robbins and my "love cloud", all my beautiful pictures to Puff Daddy, so he can fantasize about me, and my "snuggling ability" to Scott.

I, Kaci Bailey, leave my basketball skills to Shilo Swanson and Aylssa Hinshaw, my ability to whine in P.E. class to Jenny Howe, may she keep it alive. To my brother, Kris, I leave behind my getting-out-of-class skills left behind by Kati and Missy. Best of luck Kris and keep the Bailey baskeball tradition alive!! Most of all to Season, keep your head up high and don't let anything get ya down!!

I Do Wills


Sam Jomphe


Carl Larson


Jason Lox

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Brian Kelly


Lucas Law
Call touson





Joshua Johnson


Jennifer Knottnerus

shawna Lock


Michael Lutz


## Who's Who at.

1. I am at the top of the world. Watch Out!! Most Likely to Succeed - Brain Good and Martha Weir
2. Do you like my hair?

Prettiest Hair - Brain Kelly and Anna Carlson
3. Look at my rippling biceps!!

Best Body - L.D. Gall and Jenny Hass
4. Watch out for that tree!!

Most likely to get in a wreck - Will Pruett and Jenny Knottnerus
5. I will show the world that $I$ am the greatest President in the United States. Thank you America!!
Most Likely to become President - Carl Larson and Martha Weir


## Union High School


6. Watch out for us, we can not be responsible for our actions.
Most Athletic - Brenda Cisna and Nick Shutwell
7. Look at us, we are so $L U C K Y$ !!

Most Likely to win the Lotto - Mike Lutz and Anna Carlson
8. You are being way to loud you two!! Quietest - Jason Jern and Crystal Parsons
9. We are even liked by the Union Yankee!! Best Liked - Carl Larson and Martha Weir 10. We don't get our clothes at just any store!! Best Dressed - L.D. Gall and Jessica Dickey


Michael Russell


Dustin Seitz


Joshua Smith


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Nicolas Shutwell


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Megan Schultz


Jacqueline Smith


Adam Sprinkle


Lana Stoneking


## Seniors at their best!




# Union High School 98' Seniors 



## Senion Class

## in Action!

## Semions


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## "Gone For Good"



Dustin Adkins Cheryl Albin Julie Allen Sara Bigger Lester Blake Misty Boughton

Becky Boughton Josh Carr Tanner Cole Jeff Collier Trisha Darrah Kelly Davis

Nikki Dunn Robert Eldridge Michael Ellerbroek Rebecca Fisher Chris Ford Heather Furnald

Jerry Fye
Rachel Fye
Amber Galbraith Michael Graham Brad Henry John Hernandez

Alyssa Hinshaw Amanda Hinshaw Brooke Hunter Shawn Hurt Bruce Jern
Tate John

Brian Kane
Ashley Kopf Lucas Kulp Jason Link Sharon Loving Jason Mackey

Deanna McIntyre Jaime Meyer Jeremy Meyer J.R. Millar Erin Miller Jennifer Mueller

 only have one more year to go! It seems like just yesterday we were in kindergarten and had to be quiet because of Mrs. Zielke's talking box. What about the year we all started 3rd grade at Biggsville? Then there were nine weeks of dissection with Mr. Avery. And who could forget our freshman year? Well one thing is for sure, being the class of 1999, they saved the BEST for last!!!

## "The class of individuality

What is the one thing that you will be looking forward to next year?


## Jumions



## Sophomores

Ahh!!! We're sophomores, finally! How thankful we are to no longer be freshmen. During our past two years here, we've become a bolder and closer group. We marvel at the accomplishments we have already achieved. This is a tremendous break through. Now we watch in amazement as time flies by. Hopefully the future will hold more great memories for us. We've only been here for two years, and we'll only be here for two more. WE ARE LEADERS! WE ARE THE CLASS O F 2000!!!

## Class of 2000

Apryl Ash
Betty Jo Bigger Scott Blindt Carrie Branson Bobby Brill Linda Brownlee

Brian Byers Cassie Carnes Missy Cook Kaycee Darnell Ty Dermer Stephanie Dial

Jessica Dutton Tracey Eckley Amanda Essex Cale Evans Cody Evans Rudi Gall



A Profile of Change


## Sophomores



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## " 0 <br> an you believe they' re driving?"



What was
your worst driver's ed experience?


Michael Anderson
Tashika Arrington Kris Bailey Brad Bell April Bennett Brandon Bielser

Jacob Bielser Brad Bigger Nick Bigger Valerie Blake Randie Blew Noah Blindt

Andy Brant Nicole Bresnahan
Andy Bruner Kimberly Buster Wayne Carlson Brenda Carnes

Austin Chandler Chris Clark
Christopher Droste Tiffany Fisher Jennifer Fletcher Tara Grafton

Dustin Hass
Mary Hawkins Clay Heitmeier Dustin Hendrickson Michael Hendrickson Amanda Henry

Hidi Hume
Ashley Huttenstine
Brad Judd
Leah Klick
Kari Kulp
Danny Link

Angie Loving Tyler Lutz Sara Mackey Natasha May Michael McIntyre Brock Miller


The class of " 01 " is a class waiting to leave our mark in the world. We show off our talents in many ways, such as in sports and academics. We are diversified in our opinion, but that is what makes us unique. So hold on everyone, we will be out there soon.

Class of 2001
President: Kris Bailey Vice President: Dustin Hendrickson Secretary/Treasurer: Chris Clark Representatives: Megan Shutwell Tina McElhiney Brenda Carnes

# "Goodbye Junior High, Hello High School" 

What is your most memorable experience of your first year in High School?
"Beating Yorkwood in basketball \& playing leap frog before the game." -Brenda Carnes
"Making my first tackle in a
Freshmen football game against Warren." -Justin Parsons
"Mr. Hurley as Scary Spice \& two words: Salty Pretzels." -Megan Shutwell

The first day of school, because it was very different \& confusing!" -Mary Hawkins - Tara Grafton
"The end of our triple overtime win against Valley." -Tyler Lutz

## Freshmen



## "The Union High School

## - sports programs have trañended

 - the most optimistic predictions te achieve great success over the past three years."

## Seeing is Believing

By: Brian Collier

During the 1997-98 school year Union sports once again enjoyed success in all areas of sports. Football team went $8-3$ and made it to the second round of the IHSA playoffs. The Boys Golf Team had their best record in history at 20-1 with the team advancing to the sectionals and beating Monmouth High School for the first time in 14 years. As a individual Luke Law advanced to the State Finals and placed 25th overall. For the first time this year Union had a girls golf team they finished 62 on the year. As a individual Tiffany Peugh advanced to the sectionals. The Volleyball team went 28-4-2 and made it to the sectional finals. They also took first in the Knoxville and Sherrard Tournaments. The Boys Basketball team finished 15-12, 3rd in conference play and 4th in the BiCounty tournament but were defeated by Abingdon in the second round of Regionals. The Girls Basketball team improved to a $7-15$ record with the help of Coach Eric Smith. The team achieved seven wins this year over thier one win last season. They also advanced to the regionals where they were defeated by Southern.



$\downarrow$ Here you see Brenda Cisna putting down one of her 421 kills for the season. She broke her own school record of 326 that she set last year. Making her career total for kills 1067.

$\uparrow \uparrow$ The Lady Yanks came together each game to remind themselves that during this season they were an Unstoppable Dragon. This year the Lady Yanks broke the school record of most wins with 28 , most consecutive wins in a season with 23 , and went further than any other team from Union.
$\uparrow$ The girls really don't need to be covering Jennifer Robbins right now because Alexis doesn't stand a chance of blocking her.
$\downarrow$ Rebecca Fisher passes the ball using excellent form. She passed 384 balls during the season for the Lady Yanks.

$\downarrow$ Anna Carlson, also known "SuperAnna" goes up for a kill. Anna was one of their strongest hitters. She played outside, middle, and back hitter.



## Most Memorable Moments

Janel Zielkie-Beating Southern, all the school records we set, "dead bug" Mike Duecy, Mike Stole, getting 1st at the Sherrard and Knoxville tourna ments, winning regionals, Lisa, Shana doing the butt serve and going to Lookout Lounge, and Anna losing her shoe in a game. Shani Hasley Winning Regionals last year and this year. Beating Southern to be the BiCounty Champs. Making it to the Sectional finals, all of our records, and all of the songs we sang on the way to sectionals. Jessica Dickey-This whole season. Playing my favorite sport with all of my best friends. I love you all! Let the Barbie girl live forever! Brenda Cisna-Going to the Mt. Pulaski Tourn., winning the Sherrard and Knoxville Tournaments, Lisa, Dead Bug, going to Subway, Mike Duecy, and Mike Stole. Lisa BowmanGraceland, Dead Bug, Anna losing her shoe during a game, Shana doing her make-up and hair before every game, sharing a room with Jessica, Janel, and Anna at Mt. Pulaski, and bending over during practice and ripping my shorts. Angie Dermer-All the fun we've had at camps and games, expecially Mt. Pulaski Tourn. Most of all the close friendships we all have and how much I LOVE MY TEAM! Anna Carlson-T0he Mt. Pulaski Tourn., Lisa, all of my friends, winning two tournaments and I will always remember how it felt to be on such a great team with such great people! Shana SmithWinning Regionals two years in a row, beating Southern to be Bi-County Champs, Mike Stole, Mike Duecy, making the game winning "kill" during the Aledo game this year, and most of all being a part of the best volleyball team in UHS's history.Rhiannon Reaves-Beating Southern, winning BiCounty on our Senior Night, winning regionals both our junior and senior years, winning the Sherrard \& Knoxville Tournaments, and DEAD BUG!!
$\downarrow$ Shana Smith demonstrates her setting ability that she used all season to run Union's difficult offense. She set a school record of 827 assists this season.


Varsity Volleyball

## A Team to Remember

## By Anna Carlson and Rebecca Fisher

This season is definately one that will be remembered for years to come. The Lady Yankees shattered every record except one in which they tied. Coach Pat Olson described this year's team as a gift because they would make sacrifices for each other and for the game. She also stated that "This team has set the standard by which all other future volleyball teams will be measured."

They also had six of their players named to the all conference teams. Brenda Cisna, Jennifer Robbins, Shana Smith, and

Angie Dermer were all on the first team, Anna Carlson was named to the second team and Rebecca Fisher was on the honorable mention.

As a team the Lady Yankees were first in the Knoxville and Sherrard Tournaments, they were the Conference Champions with a $9-0$ record in the Bi County, and they were also the first team to ever win a regional championship in only two games. They went on to become Sectional finalists which was also a first for any Union volleyball team.


Front Row L to R: Anna Carlson, Brenda Cisna. Middle row: Jennifer Robbins, Rebecca Fisher, Erin Miller, Shanah Thompson, Cheryl Albin, Jessica VanTine. Back Row: Lisa Bowman, Jessica Dickey, Janel Zielkie, Angie Dermer, Shana Smith, Shani Hasley, Rhiannon Reaves.

| Scoreboard |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Op | $\mathbf{2 8 - 4 - 2}$ | Us |
| Warren | W |  |
| Aledo | W |  |
| Alexis | W |  |
| Yorkwood | W |  |
| Valley | W |  |
| Knoxville Trn. | 1st |  |
| Galesburg | W |  |
| Roseville | W |  |
| Dallas City | W |  |
| Avon | W |  |
| Monmouth | W |  |
| LaHarpe | W |  |
| Sherrard Trn. | 1 st |  |
| Northwestern | W |  |
| Southern | W |  |
| Regionals | 1 st |  |

## J. V. Volleyball

## A Season of Growth

By: Jaime Meyer and Jessica VanTine

The 1997 Junior Varsity Volleyball season was a season of growth in many ways. As Coach Kari Shimmin said, "I believe that each of the girls showed the enthusiasm to learn, determination to win, and love of the game, which made this group of many different personalites a TEAM." With a $10-10$ record, one of the season's
highlights was losing only two conference games. These girls played one of their most exciting games against Roseville. Even though they did not come out on top, it was a great game.

It has been said before, that even though they did not have the size, they definitely had the heart. With that they will overcome many obstacles.
$\downarrow$ To get her team energized, Coach Shimmin encourages all of the play to do their best!


| Scoreboard |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Opp. $\mathbf{\| c \|} \mathbf{1 0} \mathbf{- 1 0}$ | Us |
| Warren | W |
| Aledo | W |
| Alexis | W |
| Yorkwood | W |
| Westmer | L |
| Valley | W |
| Galesburg | L |
| Carthage | L |
| Roseville | L |
| Dallas City | W |
| Avon | L |
| Monmouth | W |
| Nauvoo-Colusa | L |
| LaHarpe | W |
| Northwestern | L |
| Southern |  |

Front Row L to R: Coach Kari Shimmin, Brenda Carnes, Holly Simmons, Tiffany Fisher, Season Rippenkroeger, Patricia Weber Middle Row: Megan Shutwell, Heather Randall, Amanda Gillam Back Row: Stacey Serdahl, Brooke Priesman, Kellie Thompson, Stephanie Dial
$\downarrow$ As Stacey Serdahl prepares to tip the ball, her teammates look on hopefully for the kill.
$\downarrow \downarrow$ Brenda Carnes \& Heather Randall enter the game to give their teammates, Megan Shutwell \& P.J. Weber a break.

$\leftarrow$ As Defensive Specialist, Kellie Thompson readily awaits to dig the ball, her mind is $100 \%$ focused on the volleyball game.
$\downarrow$ Before the game, the JV team warms up their arms in preperation to display their killer serves during the game.


$\uparrow$ Sophomore, Stephanic Dial shows off her awesome vertical during a hit in warm ups.

$\uparrow$ As the Freshmen players show good sportsmanship towards the other team, they are continuing to demonstrate "Yankee Pride."
$\leftarrow$ As a Sophomore setter, Brooke Priesman skillfully sets the ball to gain herself another assist.

$\downarrow$ Her teammates look on as Megan Shutwell leaps to the challenge of another great hit.

$\downarrow$ Brian Good is pumped to get the key block to spring Nick Shutwell to the outside.

$\downarrow$ After catching the pass from Taul Noard, Lloyd Gall turns the corner.


$\uparrow$ Jerad Johnson looks to put a punishing blow on a Southern defender.
$\downarrow$ From his linebacker posit Kevin Hetrick knocks down a $p$
$\uparrow$ Joe Ballard hauls in a long touchdown reception.


$\uparrow$ Aaron Cole tries to stay inbounds in the Yankee's opening game. -
$\uparrow \uparrow$ B.J. Kelly swings out to pick up any defenders while Taul Noard sets to throw.

$\uparrow$ Michael Lutz makes a fine $g$ and sprints down the sideline.

$\downarrow$ Yankee Coaches:
Eric Smith, Hank Shimmin, Galen Noard, Brad Crisco, and Mike Hurley


## Varsity Football

## The Future Is NOW!

## By: Nick Shutwell and Brian Collier

The Union Yankee Footbal team has shown a lot of promise in the past couple of years. This year for the first time ever the Yankees made the playoffs two years in a row. Some highlights from the season included playing Southern for the last time in Conference play and winning 50-0 on Homecoming. Also after losing two tough games, the Yankees clinched a playoff spot by defeating

Yorkwood 21-14. In the first round of playoffs the team emerged with a 21-6 victory over Deer Creek/ Mackinaw.

Coach Noard remarked on the season that the Seniors had a tremendous year and formed a tradition of being in the playoffs.The Seniors went $16-6$ as upper classman, all six losses coming to playoff teams that at least reached the quarterfinals.
$\uparrow$ The powerful Yankee offense gets ready to march down the field.


| Scoreboard |  |  |
| ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Us | $\mathbf{8 - 3}$ | Opp |
| 27 | Elmwood | 6 |
| 20 | Mendon Unity | 6 |
| 41 | Valley | 8 |
| 51 | Avon/Roseville | 20 |
| 50 | Southern | 0 |
| 14 | Warren | 34 |
| 7 | Laharpe/ | 50 |
| $\quad$ Northwestern |  |  |
| 21 | Yorkwood | 14 |
| 41 | Alexis | 0 |
|  | State Playoffs |  |
| 21 | Deer Creek/ | 6 |
|  | Mackinaw |  |
| 20 | Villa Grove | 45 |

Front Row L to R: Aaron Landers, Ozzie Lira, John Hernandez, Jeremy Meyer, Taul Noard, Jon Slover, Shawn Torrance, Brian Stewart, Dustin Wagy, Jason Mackey, Nathaniel Curtiss Middle Row: Eric Smith, Josh Smith, Andy Melvin, Michael Lutz, Nick Shutwell, Carl Larson, Kevin Hetrick, Jerad Johnson, Lloyd Gaft, D.J. Vogeler, Brad Crisco Back Row: Galen Noard, Hank Shimmin, Brian Good, Brian Randall, B.J. Kelly, Brian Collier, Will Pruett, Joe Ballard, Aaron Cole, Mike Hurley Not Pictured: Tanner Cole

## J.V. Football

## Building For The Future!

By: Michael Lutz and Alyssa Hinshaw
The Junior Varsity team this year had a rebuilding season. Freshman made up the bulk of the roster and had a real learning experience.
A triple overtime victory was the best game of the year. It came against Valley and the team played great down the stretch. Coach Smith and Coach Hurley both said that this team
showed great progress, desire and work ethic.
If all those things continue they will be another great varsity team for Union, under Coach Noard. Trips to the playoffs, and winning seasons will be a goal that these hardworking Yankees will strive for.
As long as they keep lifting and working, success will not be far behind.
$\rightarrow$ Ball in hand, Freshman back Brock Miller looks for a hole in the Valley defense.
$\downarrow$ With Ozzie Lira out ahead blocking, Chase Nichols has time to make his throw


| Scoreboard |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Opp | $1-7$ | Us |
| 06 | Cuba | 00 |
| 48 | Alexis | 00 |
| 42 | Valley | 44 |
| 28 | Avon/ | 08 |
|  | Roseville |  |
| 50 | Southern | 00 |
| 56 | Warren | 08 |
| 34 | Yorkwood | 06 |



[^0]$\downarrow$ In the big overtime win over Valley, Ty Dermer tries to put in an important touchdown.

$\downarrow$ Sophomore Scott Blindt makes a touchdown saving tackle from his linebacker position.


$\uparrow$ Poised and confident the Yankee offense is ready to put another score on the board.
$\uparrow \uparrow$ The offensive line's terrific blocking springs Nick Olson through the left side.


$\leftarrow$ Zach Wood booms a textbook
kickoff as the Yankee coverage team takes off.

## Seniors '98



Front Row L to R: Josh Smith, Andy Melvin, Kevin Hetrick, L.D. Gall, Carl Larson Middle Row: Brian Good, Aaron Cole, Michael Lutz, Nick Shutwell, Joe Ballard, Back Row: Brian Randall, B.J. Kelly, Brian Collier, Will Pruett, Jerad Johnson

## Most Memorable Moments

Josh Smith- D.J. Vogeler's loud comment on the bus home from DeeMack, starting guard in the playoffs, and playing on a winning program. Andy Melvin- My 56 yard interception and back to back trips to the playoffs. Kevin Hetrick- Making the playoffs 2 years in a row, playing for Coach Noard, and being with my classmates for 4 years. L.D. GallPlaying varsity my freshman year, and making the playoffs 2 years in a row. Carl Larson- D.J.'s loud outburst on the Dee-Mack trip, and the difference between Coach Stein and Coach Noard. Brian Good- Being on the first Union team to go to the playoffs 2 years in a row.
Aaron Cole- Catching 2 touchdowns in my first game, making it to the 2nd round of playoffs. Michael Lutz- Making the playoffs both my Junior and Senior seasons and playing with my friends all 4 years.
Nick Shutwell- Coming from a 0-9 freshman year to making the playoffs my Junior and Senior seasons, starting my first varsity game, and Will's speedy mile. Joe Ballard- Playing under Coach Noard and Coach Collier, and going to the state playoffs 2 years in a row.
Brian Randall- Making the playoffs during my Junior and Senior year and the first time that I started a varsity game. B.J. Kelly- Waxing the Laharpe/ Northwestern's kicker last year and playing in the playoffs both varsity years. Brian Collier- Making the playoffs 2 years in a row and playing for Coach Noard. Will Pruett- Playing for Coach Noard and the playoffs. Jerad Johnson- Making the playoffs 2 years in a row, being with my friends, and having winning seasons.
$\uparrow$ After a nice catch, Kris Bailey darts through a host of defenders trying to pick up some extra yards.
$\downarrow \downarrow$ The "Rookies" get a lot of help from the "Pros". Becky Boughton and Kelly Davis spent a lot of time being friends and helping out Nicole Seaman and Stacy Roberts.
$\downarrow$ The UHS Dance Squad end their Homecoming routine with something a little different. They worked hard at perfecting this pose.


Football Dance Squad

The UHS Dance Squad took on a few new faces and some more skill to add to the already talented squad. During mid- season the girls took on a new coach. Rose Garner took


$\uparrow$ The UHS Dance Squad show major Halloween spirit during their Halloween Dance on Oct. 25, 1997.
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$\uparrow$ Although the Dance Squad works really hard, there is still time for fun. Kelly Davis shows this with her outrageous pose during a practice.

## We're gonna make you sweat!

By: Misty Boughton
"Rose is a really great coach. She brought us back together as a team." UHS Dance Squad.
the job of coaching the girls. She says she "enjoys the girls very much".
"The girls are really great. They work really hard and are really fun to be with." Rose Garner.


Front Row L to R: Becky Boughton, Heather Furnald, Betty Jo Bigge April Ash, and Leigh Ann Sells; Middle Row: Stacy Roberts, Nico Seaman; Back Row: Jennifer Mueller, Kelly Davis, Kaycee Darnell, at Ashley Kopf

$\uparrow$ With a great attitude and a nervous smile, the girls perform their routir during the Homecoming activities. Dutton give a quick smile during the Union/Avon basketball game.
$\downarrow$ Tina McElhiney shows up late for the Union/Avon game and misses the routine.


Front Row L to R: Hidi Hume, Heather Furnald, Leah Klick, and Tina McElhiney; Back Row: Apryl Ash, Jessica Dutton, Kacyee Darnell, and Betty Jo Bigger
$\uparrow$ Heather Furnald, Tina McElhiney, Leah Klick, Apryl Ash, and Hidi Hume line up, get ready, and groove with the music.
the look of a dancer. During the Senior Night game on February 17, Mike Payne danced with the girls.



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$\uparrow$ Freshman Leah Klick and Tina McElhiney are really nervous to be out there in front of all those people.
$\downarrow$ On his way to finishing 23rd at state this year, Luke Law sizes up a shot at Hend-Co Hills.

$\downarrow$ While at the eighth hole at Hend Co Hills, B.J. Carlson anxiously awaits for the landing of the perfect shot.

$\uparrow$ Seniors L to R- Lucas Law, Jason Wagy, Justin McKeown, Tilman Ferse, Henrick Staib, B.J. Carlson.

## Most Memorable Moments

Henrick Staib- When I shot a 57 on a 52 away, having to clean the bus and Luke Law getting 2 days in-school suspensison for it. Luke Law-Going to state, beating Monmouth for the first time in UHS history. My junior year when I had to pull a golf tee out of the bottom of Joe Kane's foot. Will Pruett's accident on the driving range. My freshman year golfing with Shane Johnson, James Mudd, and Carl Droste at Hend-Co. Watching Shane try to jump a hole and fall in. My senior year going 19-1, getting to know Justin McKeown and B.J. Carlson. Playing with Aaron Cole and getting to play with my brother Joe Law. Justin McKeown- Beating Monmouth at their invitational and also beating them at Hend-Co. Tilman Ferse- Getting hit by Tracie John's golf ball and almost hitting coach on the first day when I didn't know anyone. B.J. Carlson- Going to sectionals as a team my senior year. Jacqui Smith- The bus ride home from Macomb, especially Brooke. Our last meet, teeing off with my putter on hole-9 and landing it at the club house, and the most memorable of all this year, Regionals.

Seeing is Believing
$\downarrow$ At the Yankee Invitational, freshman, Chris Droste tee's off on hole nine.

$\uparrow \uparrow$ At the Yankee Invitational this season, J.R. and the Union Golf team placed first at the meet.
$\uparrow$ This year Jacqui Smith was the only leading Senior girl golfer for Union High School.
$\downarrow$ Joe Law gets his mind set to hit the perfect shot on hole nine at Hend Co Hills.

$\uparrow \uparrow$ Looking over his next shot, Justin McKeown awaits his turn.
$\uparrow$ Sophomore Tiffany Peugh per fects her swing which helped her advance to sectionals this year.

$\uparrow$ Measuring his shot on hole one, Luke Law hopes to sink an important putt at a home meet.

## Union Golf

## Breaking All The Records!

By Michael Graham and Erin Miller
"We had a mission statement to get out of regionals as a team, and we did." - Coach Hamrick. The Golf team continued it's success from last year by having an even better record this year. For the first time the girls had their own team and were successfull finishing 6-2. The boys have been build-
ing their team for many years and they finished with the best record in Union's history at 20-1. They also broke another school record with a team score of 149.

The golf team hopes to continue it's success in the future. With 12 golfers returning they hope to continue the winning tradition.


| Scoreboard |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Us |  | Opp |
| Boy's 20-1 |  |  |
| 158 | Colchester | 183 |
| 171 | Burlington | 173 |
| 163 | Rockridge | 175 |
| 163 | Williamsfield | 229 |
| 164 | Aledo | 175 |
| 156 | Monmouth | 163 |
| 156 | Macomb | 155 |
| Girl's 6-2 |  |  |
| 216 | Macomb | 232 |
| 216 | Aledo | 239 |
| 226 | Elmwood | 276 |
| 230 | Macomb | 252 |

Front row L to R: Sara Rima, Jacqui Smith, Brooke Simpson, Tiffany Peugh, Tracie Eckley, Megan Rima. Middle row: Tracy John, Back row: Coach Hamrick, Henrich Staib, Jason Wagy, Joe Law, Brad Henry, J.R. Miller, Chris Droste, Lucas Law, Justin Mckeown, Adam Boyle, Tilman Ferse, B.J. Carlson.

## Varsity Girls Basketball

## A New Beginning!

by: Kaci Bailey and Alyssa Hinshaw

The 1997-1998 girls' basketball season was a great experience for all involved. Although there were not any records set or records broken, a lot was learned, and everyone had a good time. Mr. Smith commented by saying, "I had a great time with the basketball team and I felt it was a successful season." The girls learned to work as a team and have faith in their ability to win. Even through the rough times of having technicals called and bad foul called they managed to pull through many almost impossible games. Even though they had to be competitive they man-
aged to keep smiling and have a positive attitude towards the game and one another.

The Girls' Basketball team finished their season 7-15, which was an improvement over last season. The girls made it into the Bi-County Tournament by defeating the Northwestern Huskies, but were defeated by the Alexis Cardinals. They lost a tough game to Southern in the first round of Regionals.
It was a fun year for all involved and the Seniors will greatly be missed. Good luck to next years team and hopefully they will have a successful season.
$\downarrow$ Amanda Torrance dashes past a Southern player to score a lay-up during the second face off between Southern and Union.

$\downarrow$ Concentrating on a free throw, Jen Robbins attempts to add another point to the scoreboard.



Front Row L to R: Rhiannon Reaves, Brenda Cisna, Kaci Bailey. Middle Row: Heather Randall, Amanda Torrance, Shani Hasley, Alyssa Hinshaw. Back Row: Coach Forth, Stacey Serdahl,
Tracey Eckley, Jennifer Robbins, Shilo Swanson, Ashley Kopf, Coach Smith.

Using good form, Union's guard, hiannon Reaves attempts a jump ot against the Southern Belles.


$\downarrow$ Looking for the open woman, Ashley Kopf prepares to pass off and keep the play going.



## Most Memorable Moments

Rhiannon Reaves- Beating Southern in their gym in overtime. Also pack the place night when Coach Smith kicked the bleachers and got a technical. Brenda CisnaLearning everything from "the Master" also known as Alyssa Hinshaw. When Mr. Smith threw his clip board down on Rhiannon's toe and almost broke her toe at VIT. I also remember when Mr. Smith got his first technical by kicking the bleacher. Beating Southern for the first time in four years in girl's basketball, and winning more than one game in basketball. Kaci Bailey- Beating Southern at their place, the girls state tournament my junior year, winning more than one game, Mr. Smith's technical, and the best would have to be Brenda and Alyssa, the "masters" of the team. Amanda Torrance - When Ashley gave me a bloodly nose and winning more games in this season than all other seasons put together. Shani Hasley - Going to ISU and watching the girls state basketball tournament last year and beating Southern this year.

$\leftarrow \leftarrow \uparrow$ Using quick ball fakes, Shilo Swanson passes the ball around the defender and sends it straight to the post.
$\leftarrow \uparrow$ Shani Hasley breaks through the Southern defense and takes it to the hole.
$\leftarrow \leftarrow$ The "Master", Brenda Cisna jumps over the opposing Northwestern Huskies to sink yet another jump shot.
$\leftarrow$ Sprinting past the Alexis players, Kaci Bailey brings the ball down the side to start the offense.
$\uparrow$ Rhiannon Reaves brings the ball down while Brenda Cisna and Kaci Bailey prepare to set up the play, HiLo, in hopes of scoring against Southern.

$\downarrow$ Union owes a lot of it's success to Sophomore Stacey Serdahl. She proved to be a great contributor this seson and will continue to be successful for seasons to come.

$\uparrow J V$ and Varsity player Tracey Eckley shows off her jump shot. Union can always count on Tracey for an excellent performance.
$\rightarrow$ Stacey Serdahl looks for an opening in the Alexis defense. This year, Stacey played exceptionally well on both JV and Varsity.
$\downarrow$ Showing talent, Holly Simmons passes to the open teammate. Holly is a significant part of Unions bright future.


$\uparrow \uparrow$ On the fast break, Brenda Carnes gave a tremendous effort for the team. Union looks forward to having Brenda on the team for continued success.

$\uparrow$ Freshmen Megan Shutwell grabs a loose ball during a game against Alexis. She shows promise for continued success.
$\downarrow$ Freshmen Season Rippenkroeger did a great job supporting her team with hardwork and dedication.

$\uparrow$ Consistently excellent, Heather Randall gave a first rate performance whether at the free throw line or anywhere else on the court.


## J.V. Girls Basketball

Norking as a team, Holly Simmons and Stacey Serdahl work together ainst the tough Alexis team. Holly, Stacey, and the rest of the team gave sir all to make this season one of the best.


## A Program in the Making

## By Jaime Meyer and Michael Graham

This year, the girls' basketball season has been a success in many ways. They won more games then they did last year. The team was able to keep the games closer than they have ever been in the last few years. They lost five games by five points or less.

There were five awards given away this year at the winter sports banquet. Stacey Serdahl recieved the award of most points. Heather Randall recieved the award of most
rebounds and Tracey Eckley recieved the award of most assists. After a hard year of practice and dedication, Season Rippenkroeger was awarded most improved player. The best defensive player award was given to Brenda Carnes.

A final thought for all of the girls from Coach Forth was, "They need to keep developing their skills, practicing their freethrows, and playing the game in order to become the player they can be."


Front Row L to R: Season Rippenkroeger, Toni Miller, Megan Shutwell Middle Row: Holly Simmons, Mary Hawkins, Robin Lenoci, Brenda Carnes Back Row: Coach Smith, Stacey Serdahl, Tracey Eckley, Heather Randall, Coach Forth.

## Varsity Boys Basketball

$\downarrow$ Senior Luke Law performs an robatic shot in the lane against Av Luke, along with the two other Senic served as the team captains on the flo


The Yankee's had a difficult season this year with many injuries and other reasons why players missed several games. There were only a few games that were played with a full squad which made it tough to come together and play good basketball.

Despite all the injuries the Yankee's still managed to place third in the Alwood Tourney, fourth in the Bi-County Tourney, and second in the BiCounty West Division. They
$\downarrow$ Coach Noard watches as his team bring home another win in conference play against the LaHarpe Eagles. This win gave the Yankee's a 9-4 record in conference play.

also advanced to the second round of Regionals where they were defeated by Abingdon.

With this season's 15 wins, it brought the senior's total to 33 for their two years of Varsity play. The three Seniors were the only players to stick with it from when they started in fifth grade. We hope that the experience that the underclassmen received this year will continue to bring home wins over the next few year's in the Lincoln Trail Conference.


Front Row L to R: Henrik Staib, Chase Nichols, Tilman Ferse, Sam Jomphe, Jon Slover. Middle Row: Jeff Collier, Landon Lox, Kris Bailey, Jeremy Meyer, Coach Dickey. Back Row: Coach Noard, Luke Law, Nick Shutwell, Taul Noard, Aaron Cole, Brian Stewart, Matt Seitz, Coach Higgins.
$\downarrow$ Pulling up for a jump shot, Nick Shutwell puts in two of the 337 points he scored this season. He received second team All Conference Honors.

$\uparrow$ Tilman Ferse always brought a little German humor into the game.
$\uparrow \uparrow$ Sam Jomphe show his Canadian Ball Handling skills against the LaHarpe Eagles
$\downarrow$ Leading the team in scoring, Aaron Cole lays in two of his 397 points. He was also chosen as Champions Prep Athlete of the year.

$\uparrow$ When Jon Slover wasn't fighting he was scoring points for the Yankee's $\uparrow \uparrow$ Taul Noard trying not to "Flop", looks to score over Southern's big man in the post.


Most Memorable Moments
Tilman Ferse- The first practice when I had no clue what anyone was talking about. Sam Jomphe- The first time I had the ball in a game against Nauvoo. Henrik Staib- The first time I got in a game with only 8 seconds left on the clock. Aaron Cole- Scoring 35 points twice this season, playing in the Sectional finals last year, all the fun time that we had as a team, and breaking my foot. Nick Shutwell- Making Sectional Finals my Junior year, summer basketball camps, making All-Conference, and Rod. Luke Law-Playing Catch Phrase on the bus with Crack's clues, every bus ride home, getting to play with my clan members one last year, and dislocating my hip against Nauvoo.

$\uparrow$ Displaying some of his lay-up form, Jeremy Meyer hopes to score on an routine shot.
$\uparrow \uparrow$ Point Guard Jeff Collier swings the ball around while leading the charge against the Commandos.

$\uparrow$ Using an unstoppable left-handed hook, Brian Stewart sinks a shot.
$\uparrow \uparrow$ Taking his only shot of the year, Henrik Staib hopes that his shot gets over the LaHarpe defender.

$\leftarrow$ Always a threat from the outside, Joe Law puts up another textbook jumper.
$\rightarrow$ Floor leader Chase Nichols shows some great body control on his way to the hoop and the foul.
$\downarrow$ Kris Bailey and Chase Nichols look to trap the ball at the top of a twothree zone defense.


$\uparrow$ Matt Seitz acrobatically battles for a rebound and a putback against Valley. Matt played great for the Junior Varsity this season, as a leader in scoring and rebounding.

$\uparrow \uparrow$ Big Kyle Pruett attempts the quick turnaround jumper from the baseline.

$\uparrow$ After an errant shot, forward Zach Wood grabs a rebound and puts it in.
$\leftarrow$ Out on the perimeter, Tyler Lutz tries to shake a Southern defender for an open shot.


## J.V. Boys Basketball

## A Learning Experience

## By: Michael Lutz and Brian Collier

The Junior Varsity had a real learning season this year. The team played well at different times throughout the year and had some great games. Some high points include a great second half comeback against Laharpe, and beating Yorkwood twice in the conference. Coach Higgins felt the Yankees played their best when
they all played together and as a team.

Chase Nichols led the Yankees in free throw percentage and assists. Matt Seitz had most points and rebounds. Some freshman that were recognized for outstanding effort were Zach Wood and Brock Miller.


Front Row L to R: Chase Nichols, Joe Law, Brock Miller, Michael Anderson, Nick Olson. Back Row: Coach Higgins, Zach Wood, Matt Seitz, Kyle Pruett, Justin Parsons, Kris Bailey, Coach Dickey. Not Pictured: Tyler Lutz.

## Yankee Pride

$\downarrow$ The cheerleaders formed a "U" as a Grand Finale for the routine they performed on Senior Night to the Jock Jams Mega Mix.


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Most Memorable Moments
Lisa Bowman- Agnus! The unforgettable game at Alexis my sophomore year and being dropped by Ryan Dixon. Anna Carlson- The fun times with Lisa, camp at Bradley my freshmen year, and the spirit of Agnus will live forever!
$\downarrow$ Anna Carlson strikes a pose before performing the school song at halftime.

$\downarrow$ Stephanie Dial is ready to take a death defying leap from the top of Rebecca Fisher's shoulders.


$\uparrow$ During a time out of the first round of the Bi-County Tournament, the squad cheered the team to a victory against the Avon Trojans.


## Is Flying High

By: Anna Carlson and Rebecca Fisher

This years squad consists of a very talented and spirited group of girls. A major highlight of the season was the routine that the girls performed at the last home game of the season which was also Senior Night. They performed to the Jock Jams Mega
Mix. Rudi Gall was voted the Most Outstanding cheerleader, Lisa Bowman was voted Most Spirited and Rebecca Fisher was voted Most Improved. We are only losing two seniors next year, but they were very important to our squad.


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## Varsity \& J.V. Track

## No Pain No Gain!

## By Nick Shutwell

With growing numbers in track this year, Union proved that they could compete in almost all of the meets. The boys with more people out than the girls, placed Second at the Warsaw Olympics and the Warsaw Invitational. Coach Hurley felt that the girls were still quite competitive with only four members because they had quality athletes in important events.

Highlights from the boys season included Michael Ellerbroek winning the 800 for the second year in a row at Bi-County and Nick Shutwell winning the Long Jump
$\downarrow$ Senior Carl Larson brings up a leg of the $4 \times 800$ meter relay in which Union has had so much success in the past several years
$\downarrow$ Anna Carlson, reigning, Bi-County Champion for the past two years in the shot put, is shown doing what she does best.


Back Row: Nick Shutwell, Jon Slover, Henrik Staib, Tanner Cole, Brian Good, Jon Waterman, Michael Ellerbroek, Coach Mike Hurley. Front Row L to R: Brian Stewart, Brenda Carnes, Shani Hasley, Nikki Dunn, Anna Carlson, Megan Shutwell, Carl Larson. Second Row: Josh Smith, Wayne Carlson, Tilman Ferse, Jason Link, Brock Miller, Justin Parsons, Kris Bailey, Chris Clark.

Nick Shutwell won the Bi-County et, the Monmouth Relays meet, and o finished the year with the most ints on the Union Yankee track team.
$\downarrow$ In Brian Good's sole event of the day, he throws the discus before going and goofing around for the rest of the meet.

$\uparrow$ Bi-County Champion Michael Ellerbroek, finishes up one of his 800 's of the day.
$\uparrow \uparrow$ Freshman, Megan Shutwell, was the lone State qualifier in which she was in the 100, 200, and long jump.

Seniors '98


## Most Memorable Moments

Shani Hasley- Anna's car breaking down on the way to Avon and the goofy things Megan did. Anna Carlson- Winning Bi-County my Junior and Senior year in the Shot. Carl Larson- All the bus rides and competition with "Rosy Cheeks". Nick Shutwell- Tornado at the Galva meet, getting caught driving the Country Fun Run, sleeping through an event at Warsaw, and Prentice. Brian Good- Tornado at Galva and the Hurley Olympics. Tilman FerseDriving the Country Fun Run with Nick and getting caught. Henrik StaibMy first track meet and placing second in the mile walk at Warsaw. Josh Smith- Riding with Prentice, Weight Men Relay, and never getting last.


$\uparrow$ Senior, Shani Hasley, placed second in the Bi-County in the shot and discus.

$\uparrow$ Josh Smith is pictured hurling the shot put in which he was the only Senior competing in the shot put.
$\uparrow \uparrow$ Coach Hurley always brings his energetic attitude to the track meets while two of our exchange students, Henrik and Tilman stand nearby
$\downarrow$ Senior Lisa Bowman makes an oustanding catch in the center field and looks to throw it to second to hold off the runner.

$\uparrow \uparrow$ After a stressful inning against
Williamsfield, the girls come together to encourage each other to keep their heads high.
$\uparrow$ Junior Jaime Meyer stands out in right field awaiting a fast line drive, yet worried she won't make the play.


TWith a look of complete concentration, Megan Rima takes a swing at the ball.
$\downarrow$ Becky Boughton started third base for varsity this year, she demonstrated great intensity and played at optimum level.

$\downarrow$ Lady Yanks shortstop, Shana Smith, has the face of an aggressive player as she throws the ball to make the play.


$\uparrow \uparrow$ This year Toni Miller had to step up and pitch at the varsity level. She showed great pitching ability and leadership. She will be a great asset to the Lady Yanks in the future.

个One of the superb second basemen for the Lady Yanks was Amanda Torrance. During the time she played she displayed great abilities and energy.


Most Memorable Moments
hana Smith- I was running to first base at the Warsaw game and vas so excited that I finally got walked after a 3 strike out streak at I flung the bat at the dugout and almost hit one of my teamates. The umpire stopped to see what had just happened. And course all the smelly, funny times with Kinney. Amanda Tor-ince- Having Mr. Fisher as coach my sophomore year and '98 fing our most successful year so far. Lisa Bowman- When I iked all over the bus on the way home from Westmer, Craig's oods, and being nicknamed "wheels" my sophomore year.

## Varsity Softball

## A Step Toward the Future

## By: Rebecca Fisher and Misty Boughton

This year the Lady Yanks softball season turned out to be interesting. In the few games the girls did play, they played very well. They only played 16 games out of the 29 games that were scheduled.

The girls started the
season out with a rough edge. They had a good defense, but they had a little trouble at the plate. As the season progressed, so did the team. Their defense and batting improved and by the end of the season the girls started to shine.


|  | Scoreboard |  |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |
| Us | $\mathbf{7 - 8}$ | Opp |
| 4 | Colchester | 6 |
| 9 | Bushnell | 0 |
| 5 | Westmer | 3 |
| 7 | Colchester | 6 |
| 1 | Southern | 9 |
| 11 | Warsaw | 13 |
| 15 | Nauvoo | 5 |
| 1 | Williamsfield | 10 |
| 11 | Laharpe | 10 |
| 1 | Industry | 5 |
| 5 | Colchester | 10 |
| 4 | Knoxville | 3 |
| 6 | Cuba | 9 |
| 6 | Valley | 3 |
| 1 | Lewistown | 16 |
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Back Row L to R: Coach Tina Forth, Megan Shultz, Heather Randall, Stephanie Dial, Brooke Simpson, Stacey Serdahl, Sheena Miller, Stacey Hays, Amanda Henry, and Coach Craig Rima. Middle Row: Misty Boughton, Toni Miller, Shanah Thompson, Cheryl Albin, Sara Rima, and Kellie Thompson. Front Row: Tiffany Peugh, Jaime Meyer, Shana Smith. Amanda Torrance, Lisa Bowman, Megan Rima, and Becky Boughton.

Scoreboard Us $\quad$ 4-2 Opp

2 LaHarpe/ 1 Northwestern

5 Avon/ Valley

3 RockRidge 5
3 Mendon Unity 2
4 Aledo 6
4 Dallas City 2
J.V.

Baseball


Back Row L to R: Coach Fryrear, Noah Blint, Jacob Bielser, Chase Nichols, Seth Olson, Brandon Bielser, Ty Dermer, Assitant Coach Bielser.Front Row: Nick Olson, Zach Wood, Scott Blint, Ozzie Lira, Brian Byers, Landon Lox.

This years Junior Varsity baseball team had a suc cessful season for such young group. Freshmen played most of the games since the Sophomores were playing quite a bit of Varsity They couldn't get as many games as they would have liked in because of the weather, but they played well when given the chance.

Their record was very good and the whole team played hard and had fun. In the years to come they should be a great Varsity team for the Union baseball program.

$\uparrow$ Noah Blindt sprints through first base and beats out an infield hit.
$\uparrow \uparrow$ Nick Olson calls for a pitch high and outside from picher Seth Olson in the game against Avon/Valley.

$\uparrow$ Brian Byers displays his great fielding position out in the field at first base.


$\uparrow$ Freshman leftfielder Brandon Bielser gets ready to take a good cut at an opposing pitcher's pitch.

$\uparrow$ After a quick move by the pitche Dusty Hass slides back to first.
$\uparrow \uparrow$ Stretching out from his windup Seth Olson delivers a bullet to his catcher Nick Olson.
$\downarrow$ Waiting to see what the hitter is ing to do, Stacey Serdahl gets ready take off to third base.

Heather Randall catches the ball d looks to see where she could ake a play.


Sophomore Stephanie Dial steps $p$ to the plate and gives the pitcher $n$ evil eye.
$\downarrow \downarrow$ Junior varsity catcher Sheena Miller attempts to get on first base to help out her team.
$\downarrow$ Catching the ball at third base, Brooke Simpson throws the ball to first base to make the play.

$\downarrow \downarrow$ Heather Randall backs up Kellie Thompson as she goes for the ball while the runner makes her way towards second base.
$\downarrow$ The J.V. girls softball team comes together so Coach Tina Forth can give them a little pep talk and stradegy on how to beat Williamsfield.


By: Misty Boughton and Rebecca Fisher

This year's Junior varsity softball team consisted of 3 freshmen and 8 sophomores. The girls played only 5 games out of their 17 scheduled. With all the cancellations, the girls played teams that consisted of mostly Varsity players just to get a game in. The girls competed very well against these teams and this ensures that they will be more comfort-
able competing at the Varsity level.
The award for best defensive player went to Heather Randall, best offensive player went to Stacey Serdahl, the pitching award went to Stacey Hays, and the award for most improved went to Amanda Henry.


Softball

## Scoreboard

## Us 3-2 <br> Opp

9 Nauvoo
2 Williamsfield 8
12 LaHarpe 5
4 Knoxville 6
10 Cuba 4


## Most Memorable Moments

Brian Randall- The bus rides for the away games, and playing at Community Field. Mike Lutz- The jokes on the back of the bus and beating Southern 7-0 at Community Field. Luke Law- Pitching a shut-out against Southern at the Bee's Stadium and all the times on the back of the bus. Aaron Cole- Playing with this years seniors, all the bus rides, and being a Varstiy starter since Union Baseball began.

$\uparrow$ The Varsity team gets the pregame talk before taking the field against the Southern Rebels at Community Field in Burington.

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$\uparrow$ Playing third base this season as sophomore, Landon Lox makes great play to help out the varsit team.
$\uparrow \uparrow$ Michael Lutz sits back and awa the hit at our home field. Lutz w the starting second baseman all y


## Varsity Baseball

## Building for the Future

## By: Aaron Cole and Brian Collier

This season was a tough one for the Yankee's. The team was made up of four Seniors and the rest of the team was freshman and sophomore's. The team was also taken over by a new coach, Gary Fryrear.

The season started off very slow for the Yankees but in the end they came to play, winning four of their last six games to give them
the number eight seed in the Regionals. In the first round, Union was knocked out by a talented Aledo squad who was seeded ninth.

Union finished the season at 7-10 and they hope to get Union Baseball back on the winning track with next years squad. As Coach always said, "everyone is beatable" and "everything else can be fixed."


Back Row L to R: Coach Gary Fryrear, Scott Blint, Zach Wood, Brian Byers, Brian Randall, Luke Law, Mike Lutz, Aaron Cole, Landon Lox, Ozzie Lira, Assistant Coach Steve Bielser. Front Row: Jacob Bielser, Nick Olson, Seth Olson, Noah Blint, Ty Dermer, Brandon Bielser, Chase Nichols.

| Scoreboard |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Us | $7-10$ | Opp |  |  |
| 4 | Knoxville | 6 |  |  |
| 3 | LaHarpel | 5 |  |  |
|  | Northwestern |  |  |  |
| 8 | Cuba | 11 |  |  |
| 9 | R.O.W.V.A. | 7 |  |  |
| 3 | Cuba | 5 |  |  |
| 1 | Avon/Valley | 11 |  |  |
| 8 | Southeastern | 7 |  |  |
| 1 | Rockridge | 7 |  |  |
| 7 | Southern | 0 |  |  |
| 4 | Mendon-Unity | 14 |  |  |
| 2 | Monmouth | 12 |  |  |
| 5 | Hamilton | 4 |  |  |
| 5 | Nauvoo/Coluosa | 4 |  |  |
| 6 | Aledo | 9 |  |  |
| 22 | Westmer | 0 |  |  |
| 11 | Dallas City | 6 |  |  |
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## Graduation

The Valedictorian, Brian Good, gives his farewell speech to the class.


By: Alyssa Hinshaw \& Jaime Meyer

Although a chapter in the senior's lives has come to a close this is just the beginning. They now have the abilities needed to go out and accomplish their goals in the real world. As they say a final good bye we hope that they will never forget what they learned and the memories they made. To the Class of 1998 we wish you the best of luck in the future and may all your dreams come true. Congratulations !

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The Publication Class of Union High School has a big responsibility to the school. We produce a sports program for the fall an winter sports. For this program we have to get pictures taken, get the ads we need, and most of all we have to keep up on all th photocopying and folding. (We would like to thank each class that got to experience the folding process.)
As a class we also produce the yearbook. When you see us walking through the halls during class this usually means that the sta member is on a mission. To produce the yearbook it takes a lot of time and effort. We produce 116 pages of pictures, captions, bod copy, and graphics so everyone will remember their class in the next ten years. Time is a main factor when producing the yearbool Sometimes you might have to come in during homeroom or even stay before or after school to get the book done. Time is never on you side. We are given four set deadlines to meet. Deadlines are usually late so stress comes about. Our representative comes before thes deadlines and gives us suggestions. Sometimes the advice he gives is hard to understand and other times we are amazed at what ca be done.

Effort is the second main key to a yearbook page. You could also put dedication in this category. You must be totally dedicated t the yearbook. Being involved in sports does cause for a good amount of stress if your deadline is due on the same day as your sectiona championship game. Effort is always needed when producing the book. You have to actually enjoy the job to have fun at it.
It was a lot of fun working with a co-editor and most of all with the staff. With a co-editor there is a gray boundary in some areas. Thi always leads to surprises. I do believe that Aaron and I did the best we could on this book. We did not have any fights so that is a plu
We would like to thank Aaron's mom, Deb Cole, for practically taking all of our sports pictures. Without her we probably wouldn have the great pictures we need to express Union's sports. We would like to the thank the teachers for letting us out of class when deadline was due, and to the coaches for not getting to mad at us for interrupting class to get their insight. The responses we recieve helped us out a lot and they also put the finishing touches on the sports pages. I would like to thank our yearbook representative Jo Kaufman for all the trouble we have caused him through the year. Most of all I would like to thank Mr. Fisher for putting up with lat deadlines, the slow days, and most of all the stressful times. We owe you a lot!

Good luck to next year's yearbook staff. I hope that you had fun working with us seniors and I hope you have fun producing th book for next year!!!

$\uparrow \uparrow$ Michael Lutz gives us his most serious pose while working in pages for the yearbook
$\uparrow$ Posing for the camera, Nick Shutwell and Erin Miller explain to us just exactly what they do in Publication Class.
$\leftarrow$ Senior, Michael Lutz shows senior, Brian Collier the fine art of building a current event page. Brian always liked to look over the shoulder of the publication students to see if they were doing it right.
$\downarrow$ Rebecca Fisher and Anna Carlson show off what they did best in publications. This year Anna was our business manager.
$\downarrow \downarrow$ Jaime Meyer shows us in this picture just how stressful yearbook pages can be. Jaime took a variety of pictures for the yearbook to show off UHS's style.

*Michael Graham looks up words in the dictionary for the yearbook. Michael Graham helped with the Index this year. He did a great job of keeping the the index up to date.


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## The Closing

Union High School closed its doors on May 26 for Seniors and or the remaining students on June 1, 1998. Union excelled this year in academics and sports. In academics, who will forget the Biology Bowl team winning first at Regionals or the WYSE team placing first at District. In sports, Union showed everyone this year how successful the teams could be in the last year of the Bi-County Conference. No one will forget the football team advancing to the second round of the playoffs for the second year in a row or the volleyball team advancing to the sectional finals this year.

The Union High School student body has completed a variety of tasks from each class. The Class of '01 has finally grew out of the name "Freshman." The Class of 'OO has accomplished the art of driving and are now driving around the town. The Class of '99 has now earned the respect of becoming leaders for everyone. Finally, the Class of '98 has fulfilled and given pride to UHS. The Seniors are at this time "Stepping Into the Future!"


[^0]:    Front Row L to R: Aaron Landers, Ty Dermer, Brandon Bielser, William Perry, Matt Wagy, Mike McIntyre. Brad Judd, Brock Miller, Joey Shrader, Nathanial Curtiss Middle Row: Chase Nichols, Scott Blindt,

    Dusty Hass, Noah Blindt, Seth Olson, Jacob Bielser, Brad Bigger, Justin Parsons, Wayne Carlson Back Row: Coach Eric Smith, Mike Anderson, Ozzie Lira, Cale Evans, Zach Wood, Cody Evans, Kyle Pruett, Jon Waterman, Nick Olson, Tyler Lutz, Kris Bailey, Coach Mike Hurley.

[^1]:    〒Apryl Ash does her stuff with a serious face and a killer attitude.

[^2]:    $\uparrow$ Varsity Cheerleaders, Anna Carlson, Rebecca Fisher, and Lisa Bowman show off the cheesy smiles that they used all year while cheering for their favorite basketball team.

[^3]:    $\uparrow \uparrow$ From the mound at The Bee's Stadium, Luke Law pitched the game of his life while beating Southern 7-0.

