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THE WORLD



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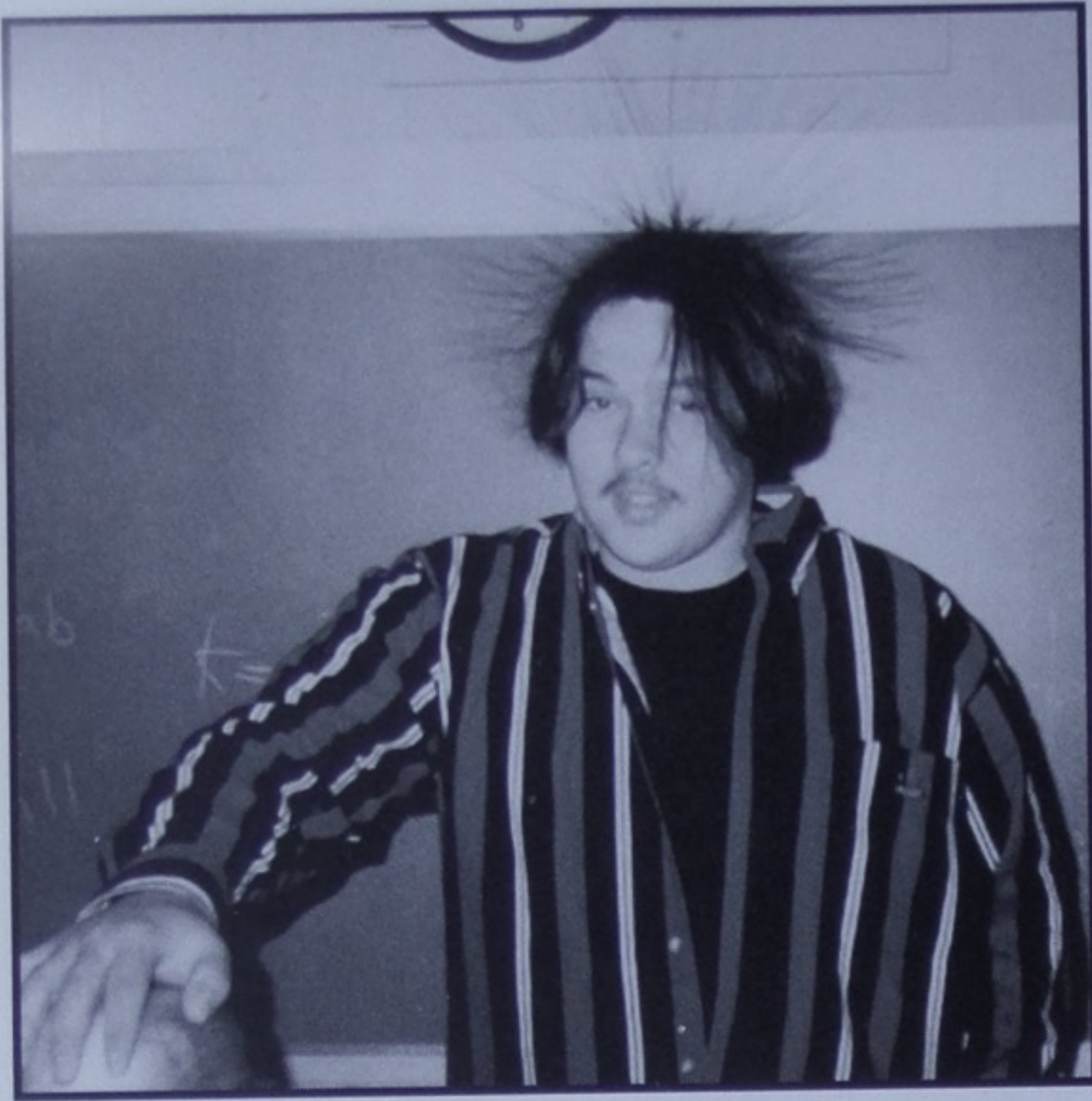
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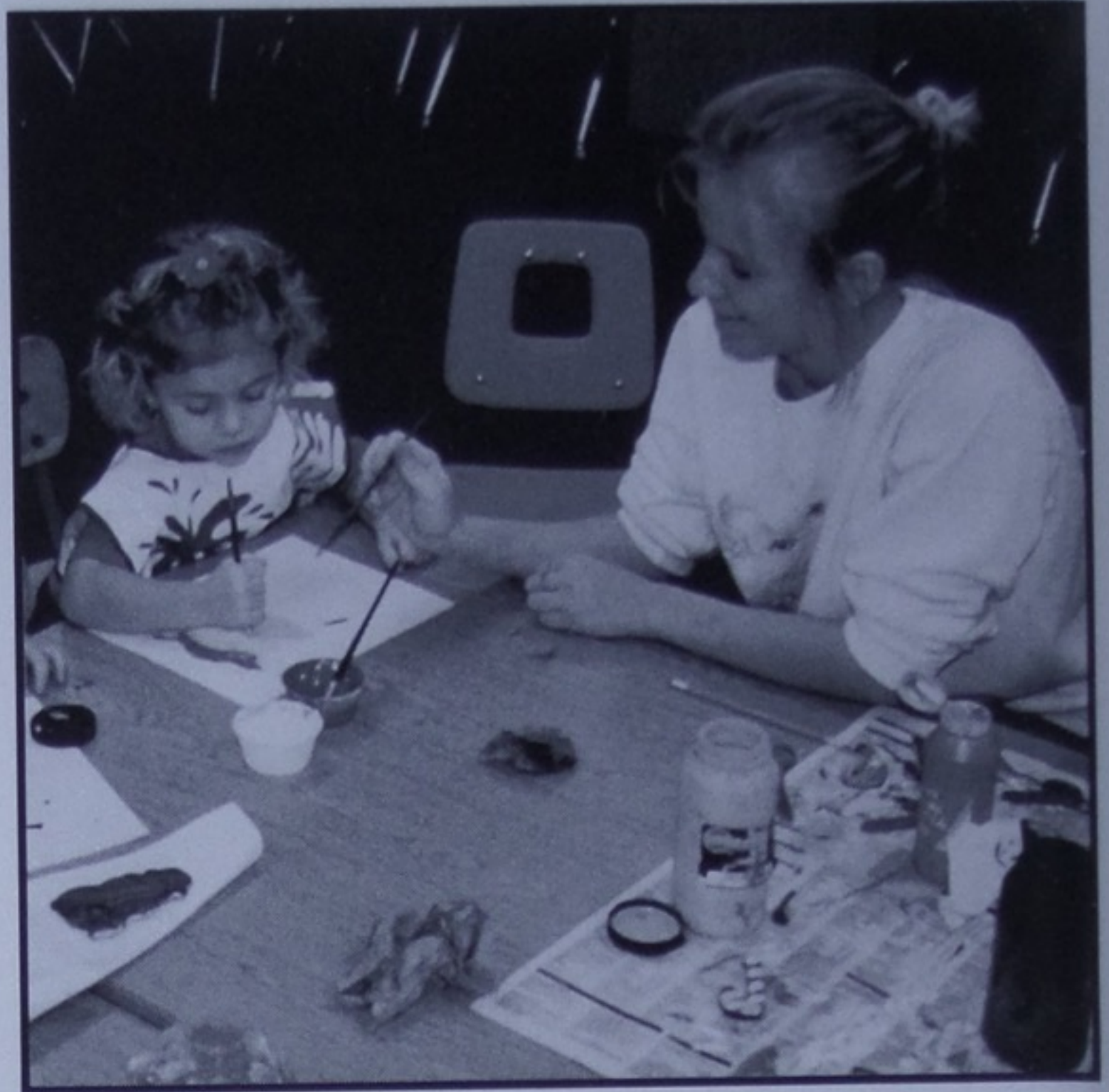
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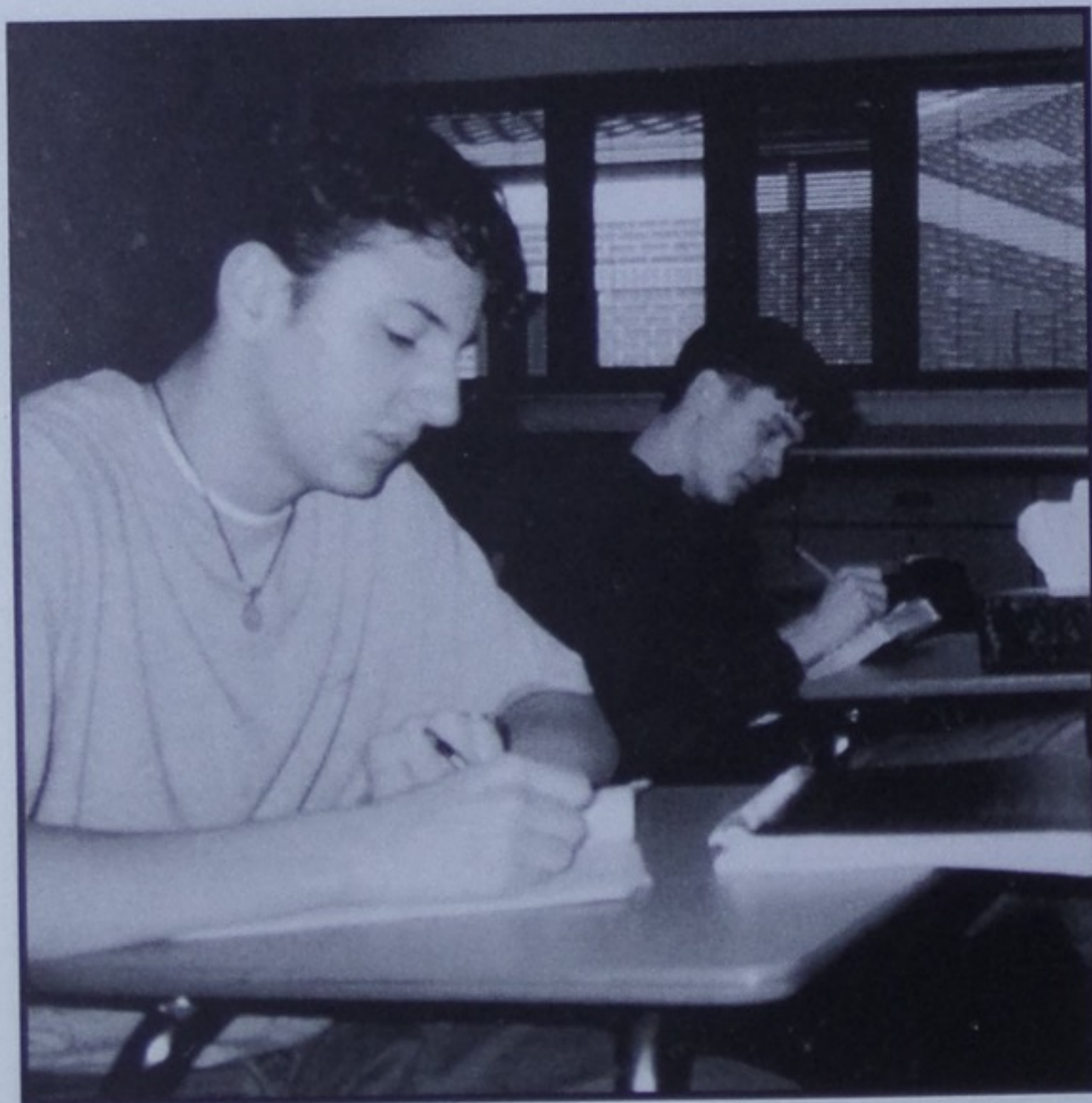




Daniel Barnett demonstrates the effect of static electricity. The experiment was conducted in Physics under the supervision of Mr. McClay.



Shannon Andronis helps a child paint. Family and Consumer Science classes had a preschool to gain skills in child care and parenting.



Matt Eggar and Jon Clark work on an assignment during French class. Both were second year French students in Mr. Todd Adkins' class.



Cara Smith and Michelle Allen watch the action of the championship intramural game. They were in charge of collecting admission money.

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# Smoke Signals

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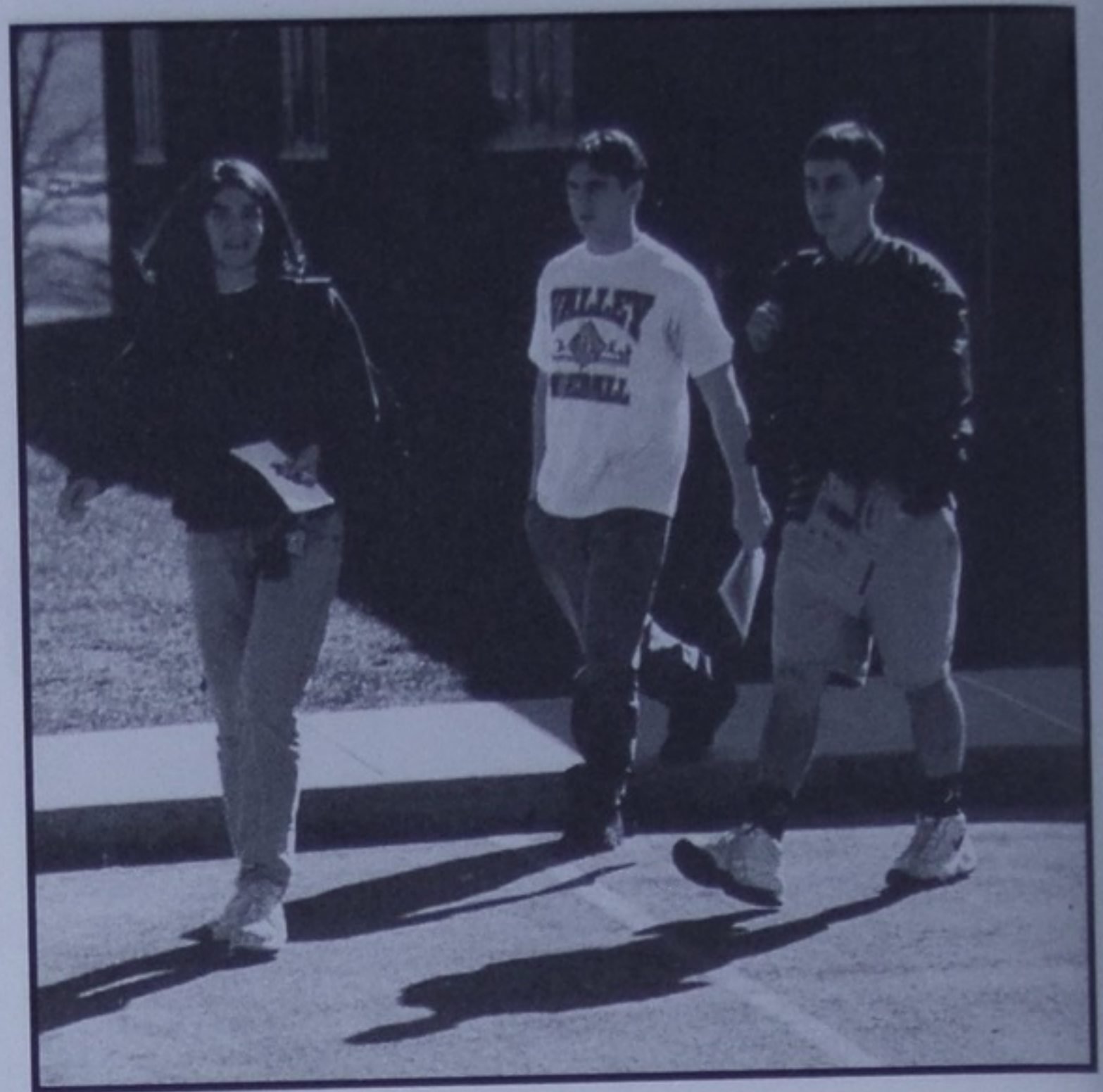
## Valley Local High School

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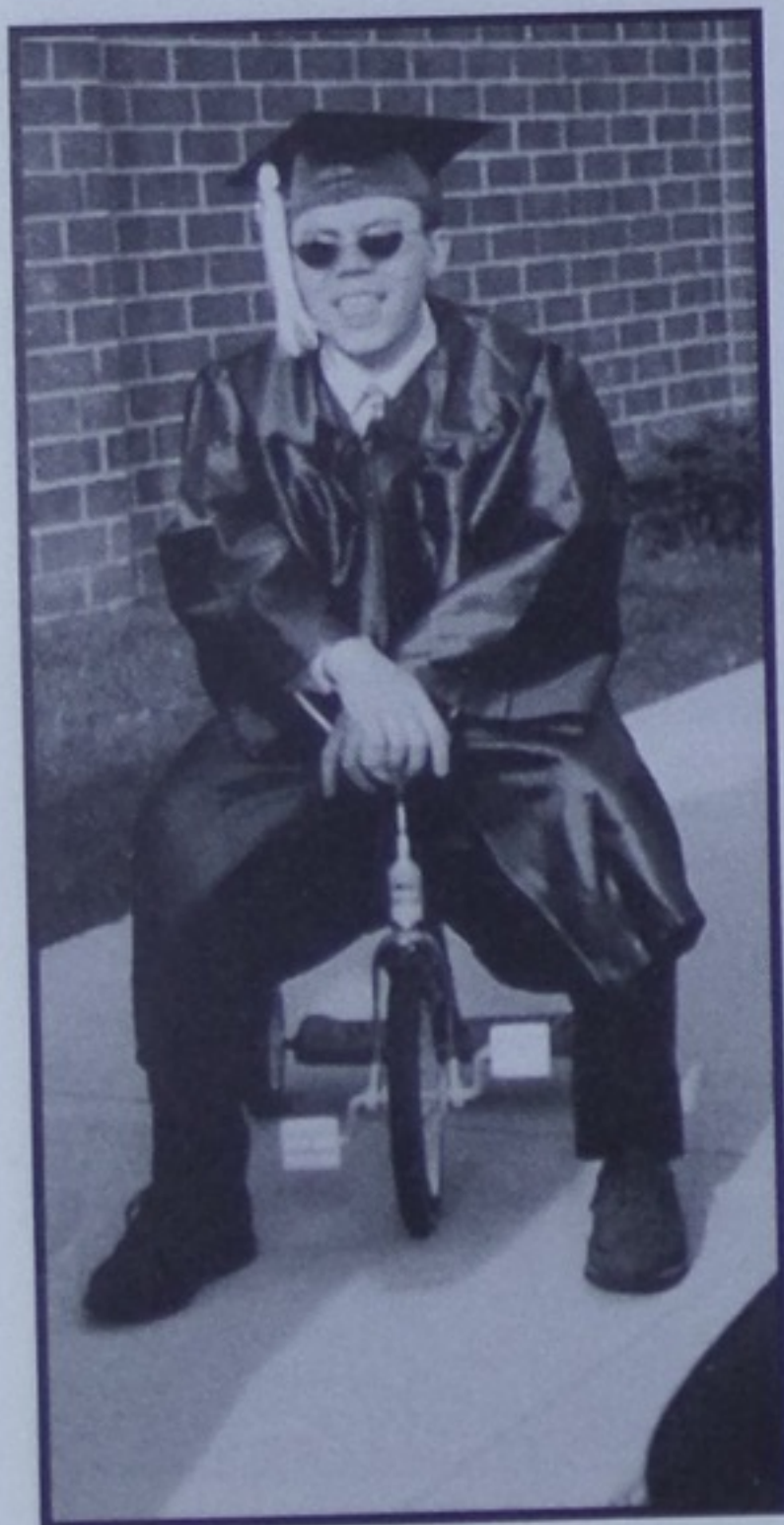
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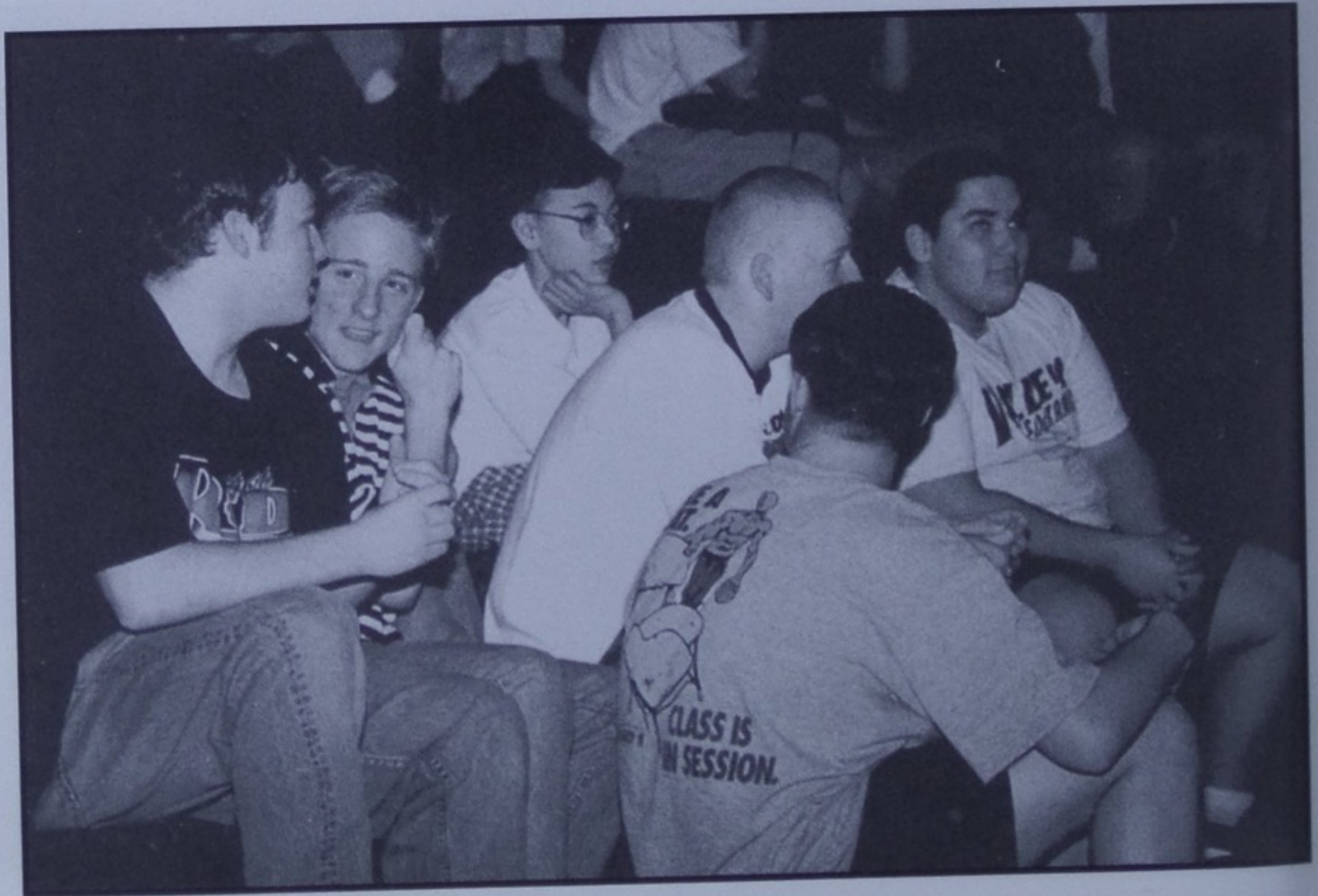
Mr. Wagner demonstrates to Jason Jenkins and Charlie Kerr, freshmen, the proper way to make a frame during Industrial Arts class.



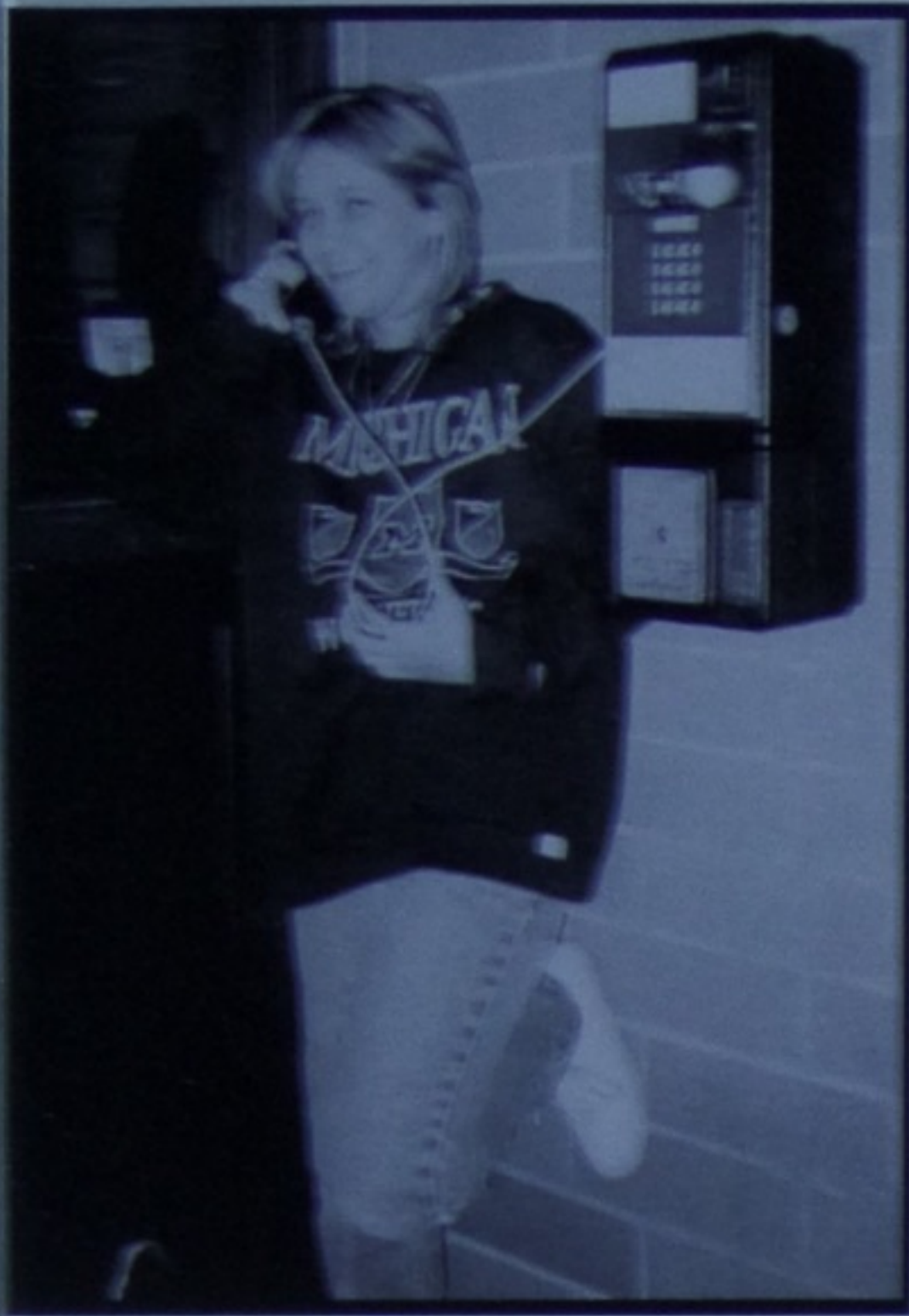
Lana Wood, Ryan Eggar, and Steve Mollette enjoy the afternoon sunshine while walking to the parking lot at the end of a school day.



Jeremy Conkel rides a tricycle for the "senior parade" on May 28.



Jeramey Bair, Dustin Adkins, Nolan Crabtree, Nate Dalton, Ryan Cochran, and Ryan Hutchinson, members of the Class of 2000, watch the championship intramural game held Friday, February 28.



Aimee Fife casually leans against the wall while talking on the pay phone outside the library.



Rody Conkel pins a ribbon on a drawing that was placed in the art show held Thursday, April 24.

## Be True to Yourself in the Pursuit of Your Dreams

In everyone's life there are moments of pride and accomplishment that are remembered forever.

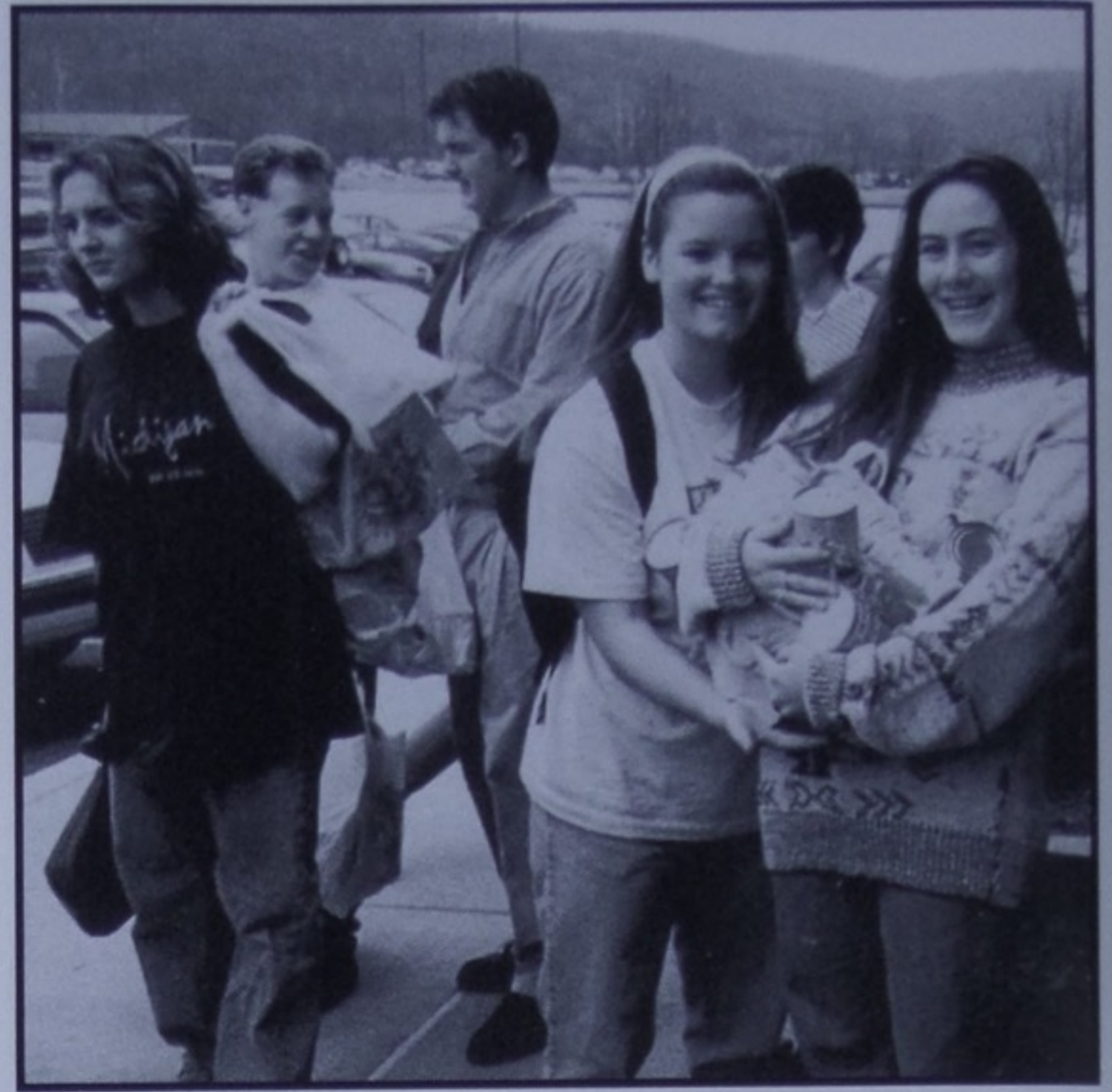
Through the years if you set goals and meet each challenge with enough courage and determination, you will overcome the many obstacles that you encounter along the way.

Success is not measured by how well you fulfill the expectations of others, but by how honestly you live up to your own. Be true to yourself in the pursuit of your dreams, and you will earn the right to be proud of your accomplishments.

— Linda Principe



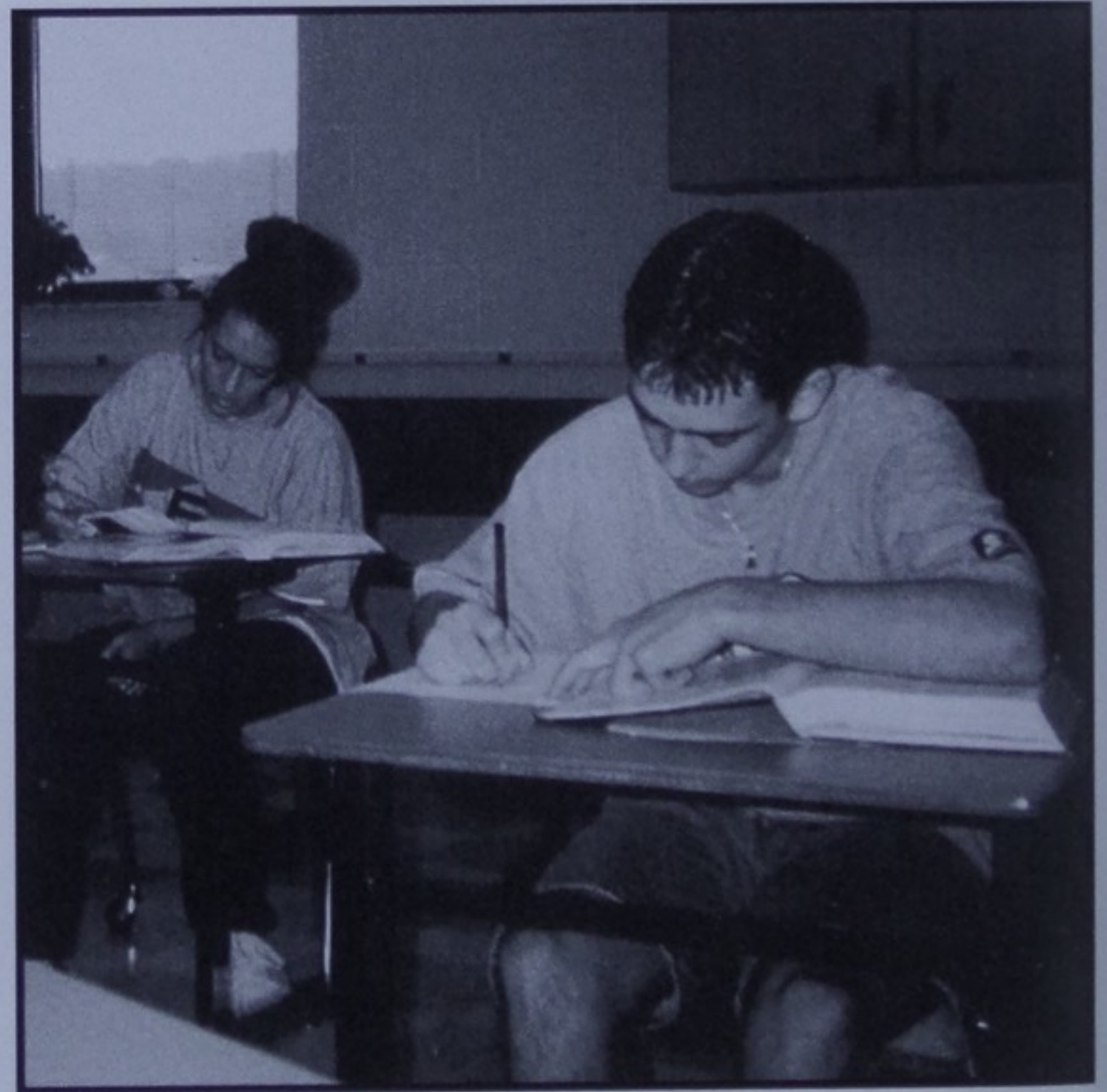
Andy Oppy, Jennifer Ratliff, and Sarah Cox display their dissected cat. The cats were analyzed during lab in Advanced Biology.



Bible Club members carry donated food items to load on the Salvation Army bus for distribution to the area's needy at Christmas.



Andria Smalley peeks over Rob Chestnut's shoulder to catch a glimpse of his work. She was one of the top winners at Art Show '97.



Lyndsey Lewis and Josh Greene work on their vocabulary assignment in Mrs. Scarfpin's biology class. Both were sophomores.





Mr. McClay assists Cara Smith with her lab report as Shane Riggs and Becky Merritt finish their experiment during chemistry class.



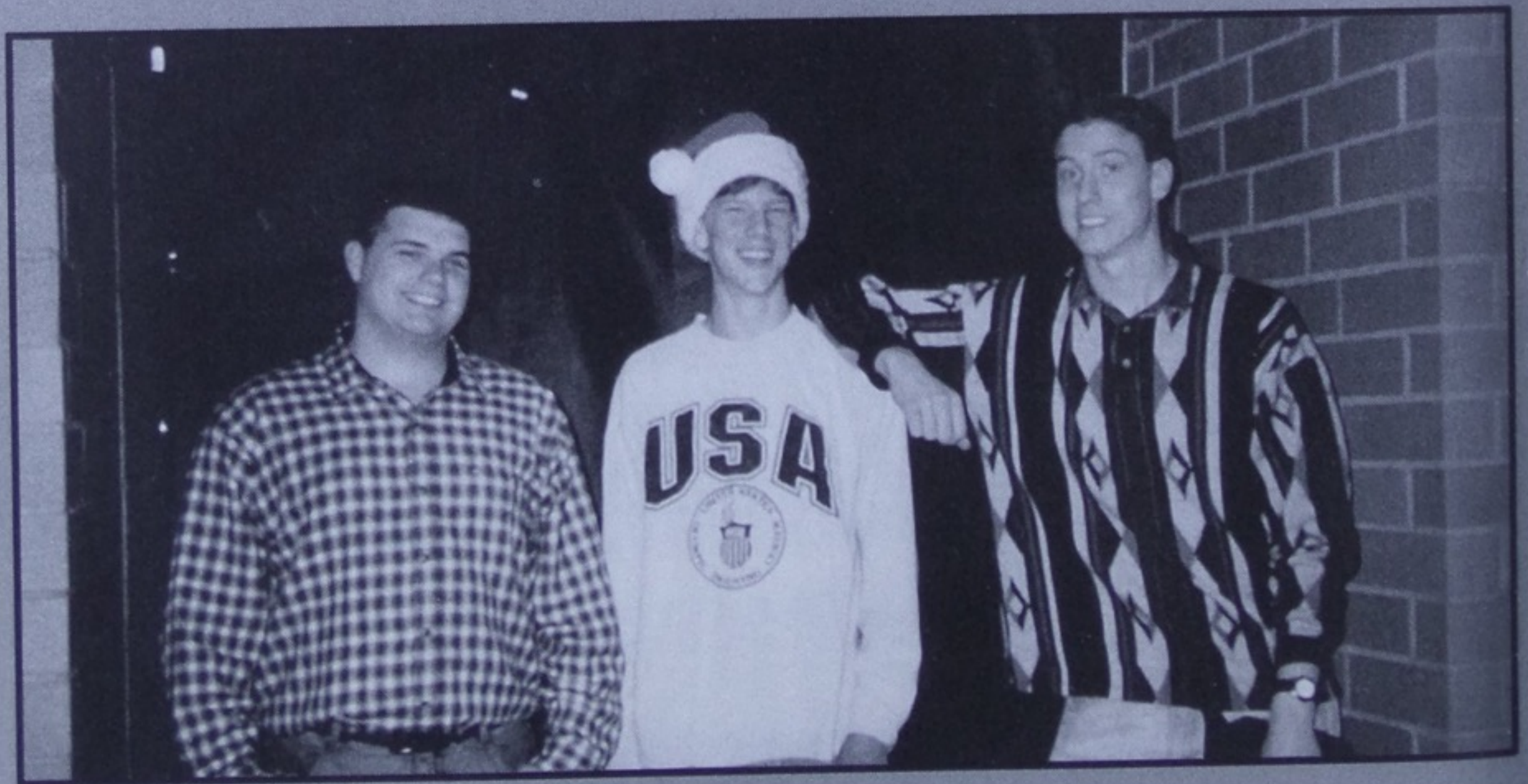
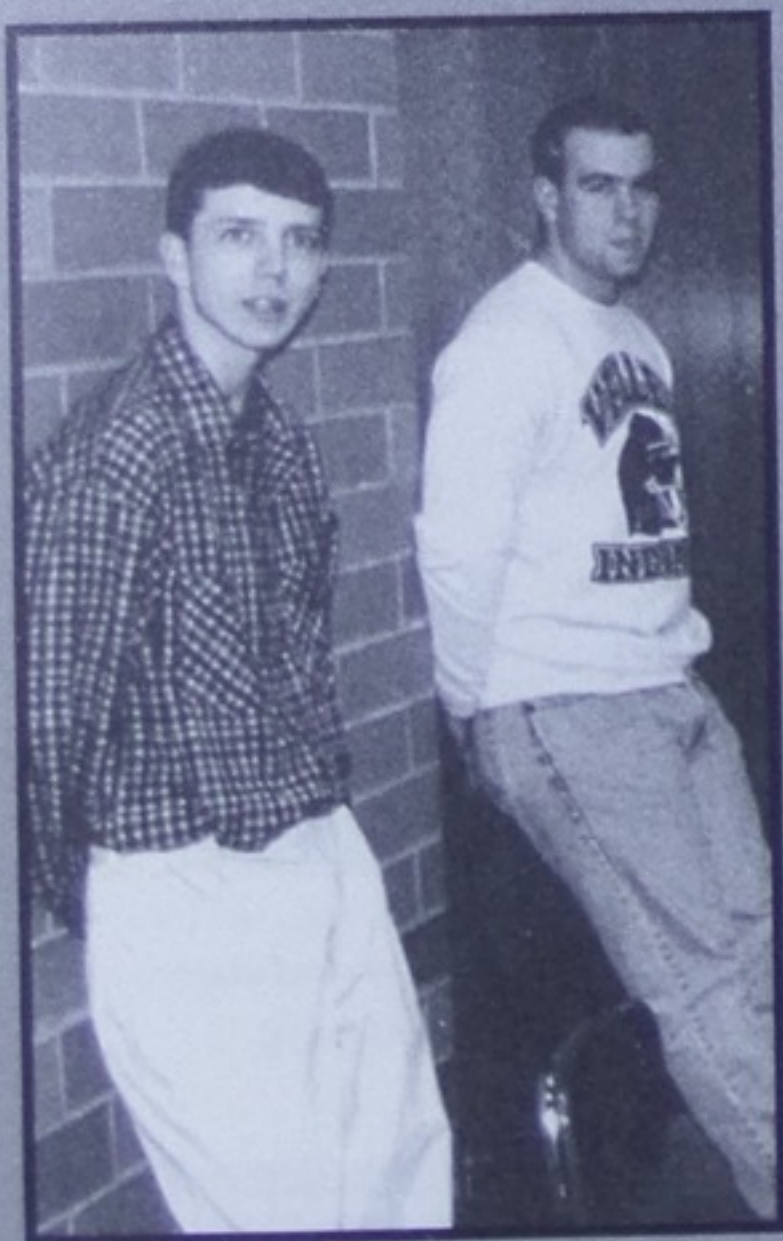
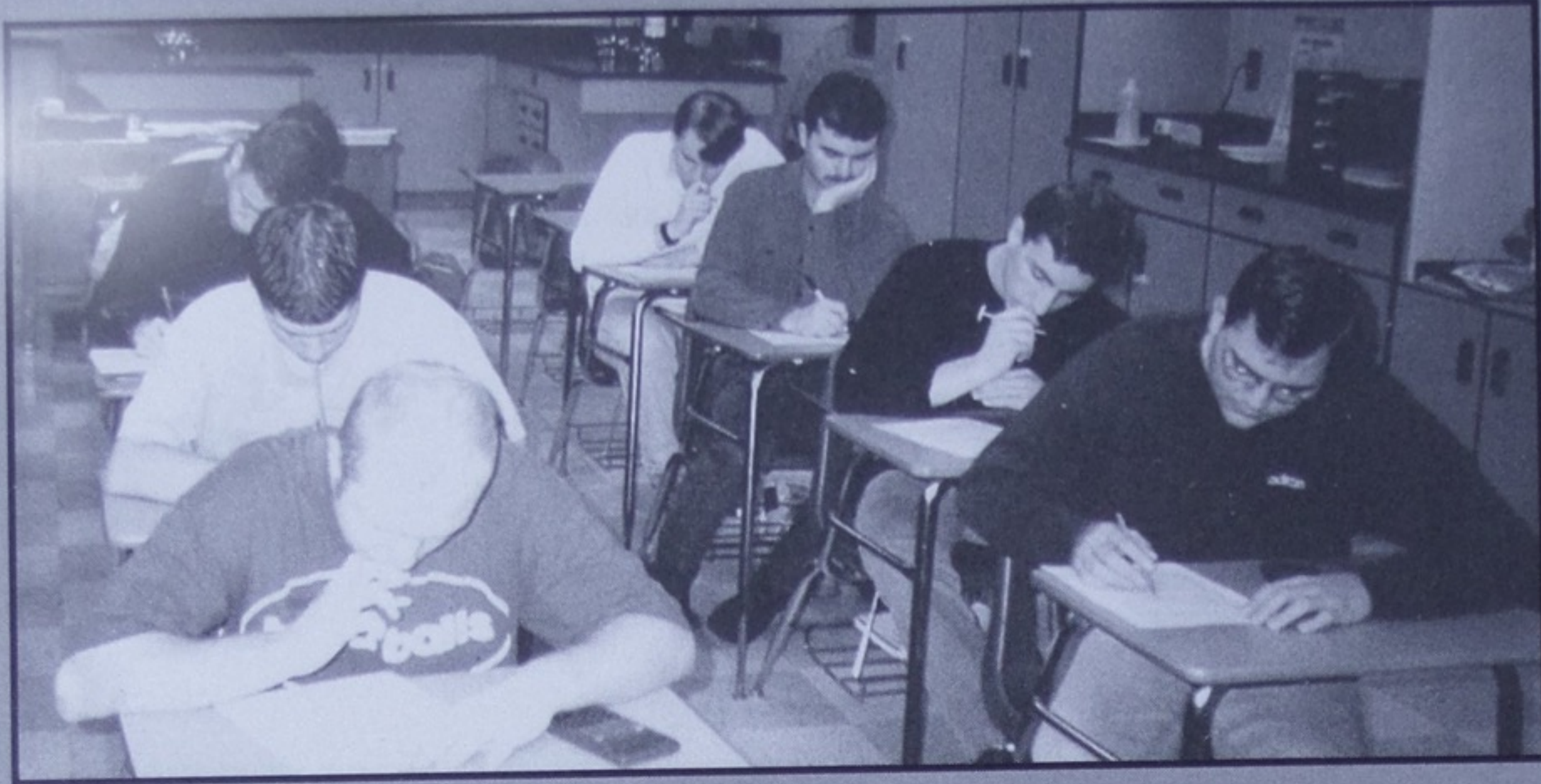
A group of juniors show their school spirit during the special pep assembly for the football playoff game in Zanesville on Nov. 8th.



Richard Stiltner, Jared Phipps, Brett McNamer, and Jason Spencer color decorations for the Easter parties held at Vern Riffe School. The parties were sponsored by the juniors in Family and Consumer Science.



Freshman Robin Riggs stops at her locker to get her algebra book.

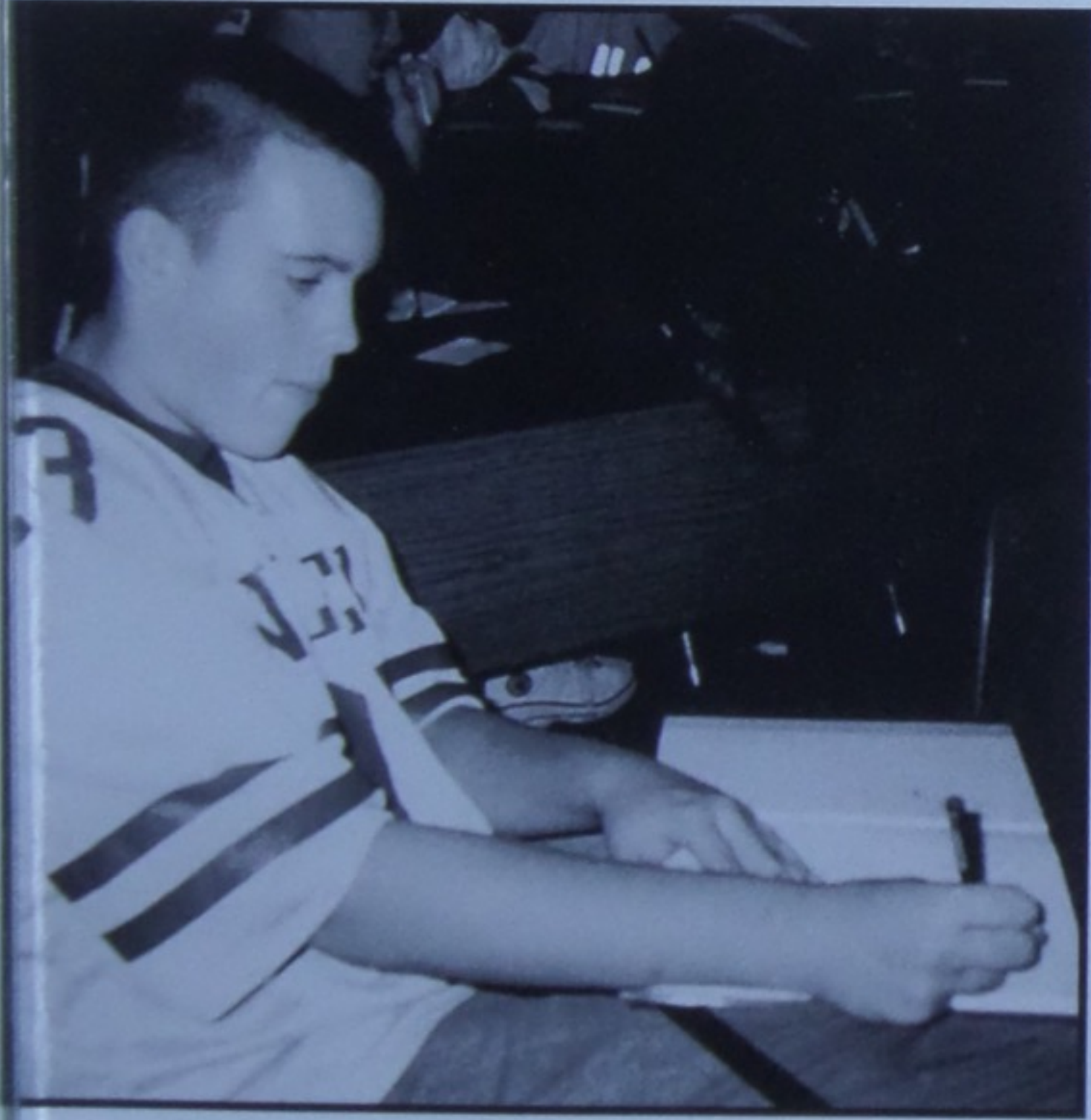




ana Davoli endeavors to complete her World History homework.



Richard Nixon (Mr. Thompson) and Raggedy Ann (Andria Smalley) pause outside the gymnasium following the Halloween pep assembly, sponsored by the Valley High School cheerleaders.

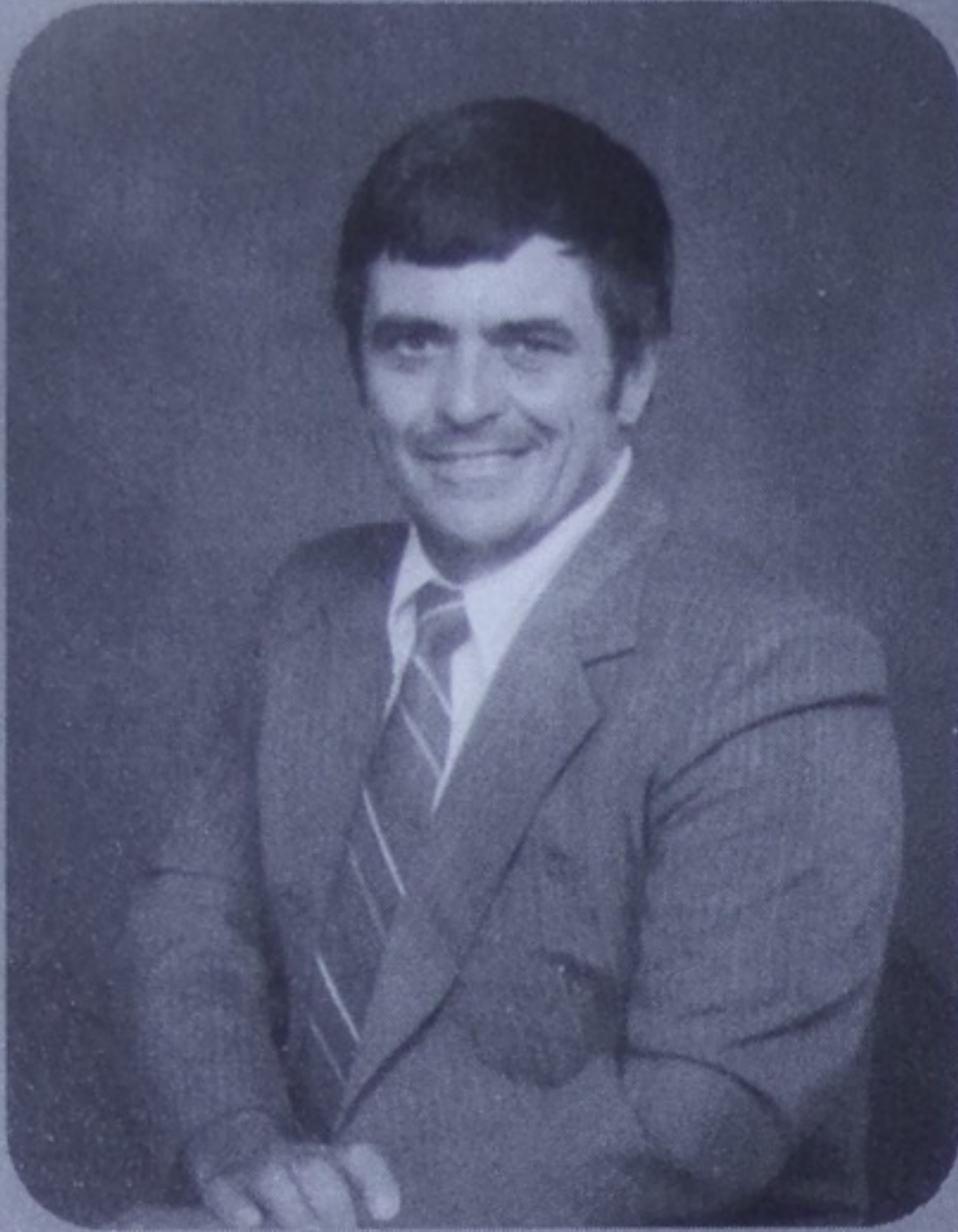


Sophomore Scott Spriggs autographs a yearbook during the first Annual Signing Party sponsored by the Annual Staff on Fri., Oct. 18.



Twins John and James Buckler model their stylish attire following the "Sweatheart" Pageant held during the pep rally for homecoming.

# Administration and Faculty



Mr. Douglas Booth  
Superintendent



Mr. Lawrence Comer  
Principal



Valley Local Board of Education. Sitting: Mr. Carl Crabtree. Standing: Dr. Charles Wilson, Mr. Don Crabtree, Mr. Joe Romanello, Mr. Roger Gahm.



# PEOPLE



**Mr. David Adkins**  
Title I Math 9 and 10,  
Environmental Science



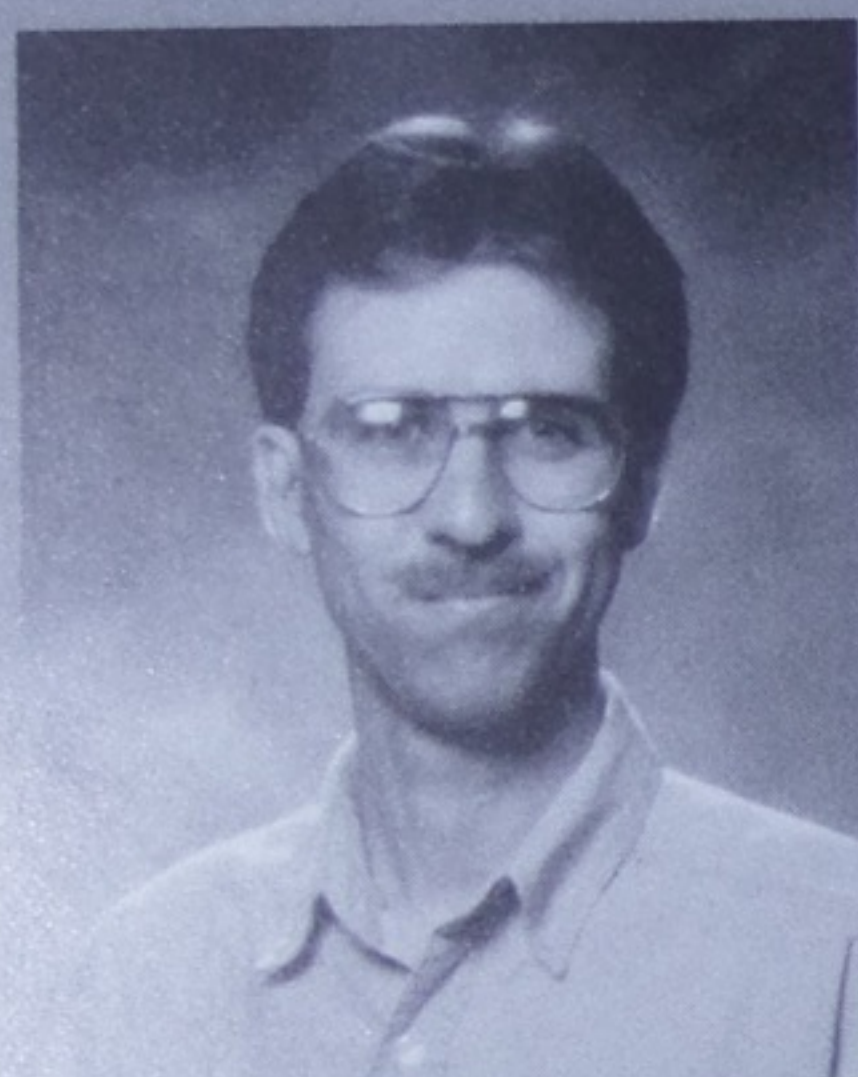
**Miss Terri Gregory**  
Algebra I and II, Pre-Calculus,  
Intervention 9



**Mrs. Ellen Shope**  
Algebra I, Geometry,  
Intervention 10



**Mrs. Nora Hickman**  
Accounting,  
Business Law/Economics



**Mr. Randall McClay**  
Chemistry, Physics,  
Computer Science



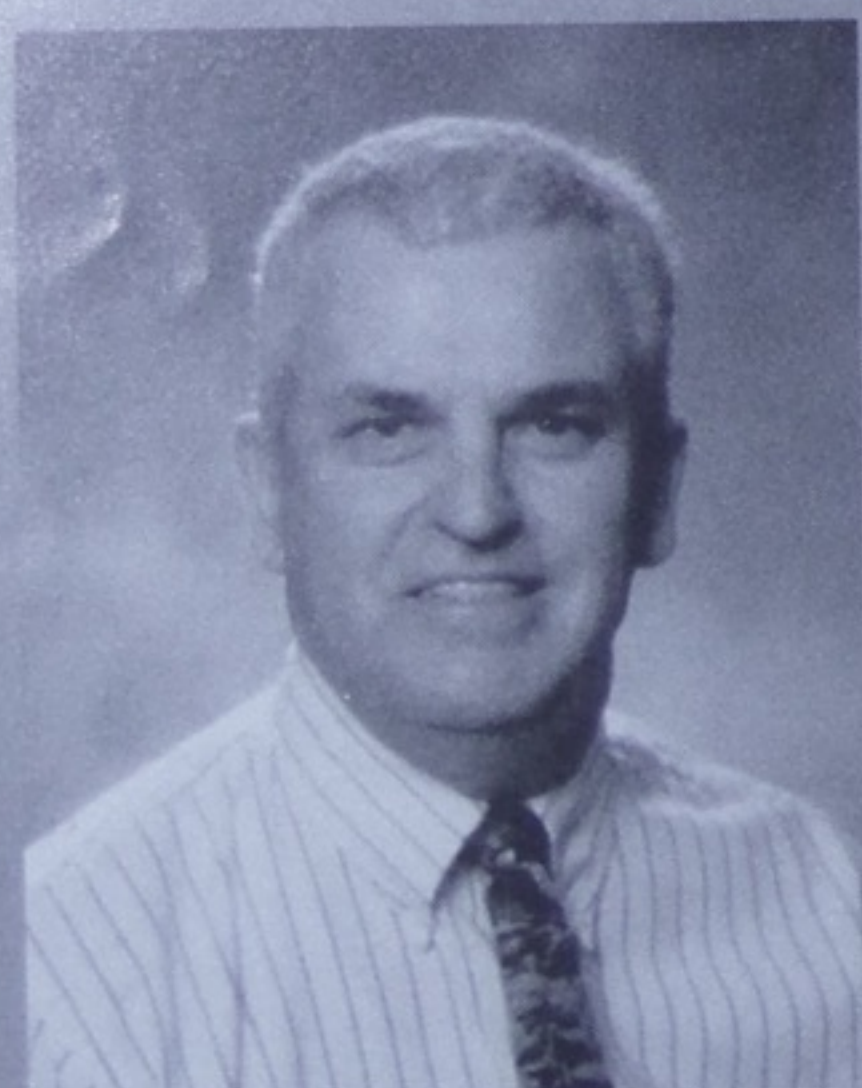
**Mrs. Pamela Scarfpin**  
Physical Science, Biology,  
Advanced Biology



**Mr. Todd Adkins**  
French I, II, and III,  
Spanish II and III



**Mrs. Gayle Mossbarger**  
Word Processing I and II,  
Computer Science



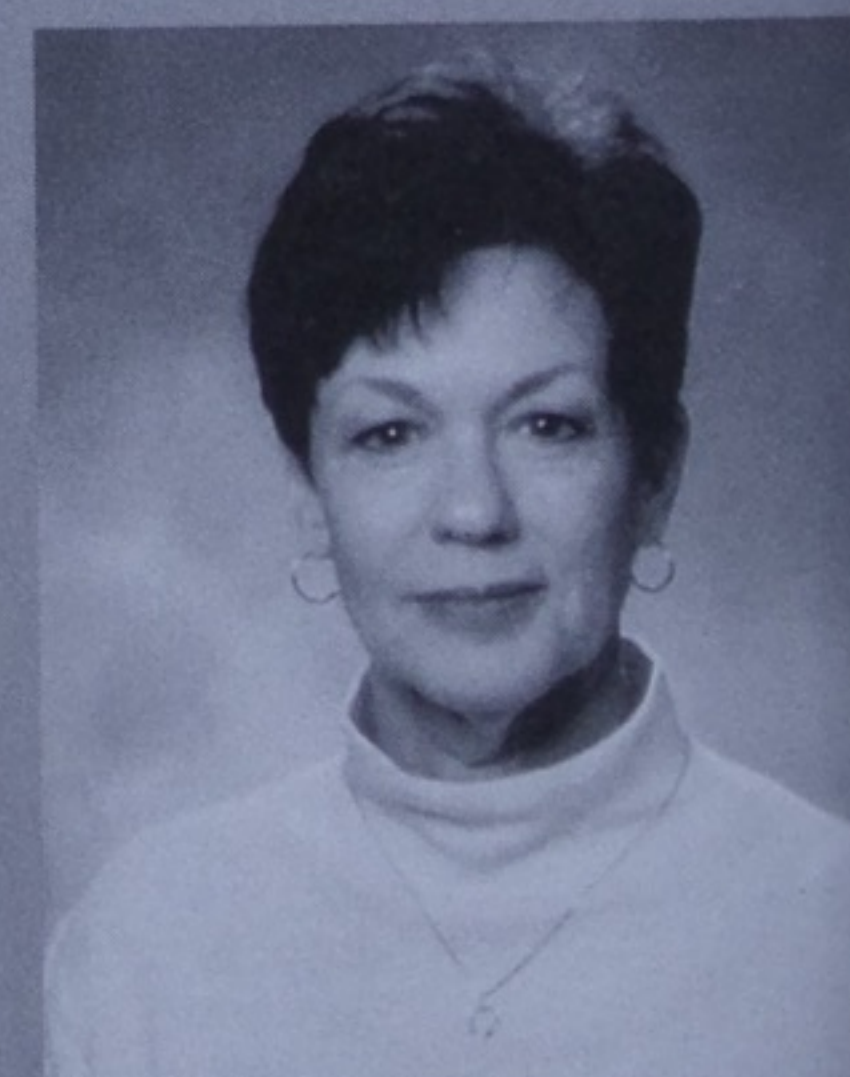
**Mr. Clarence Bender**  
Government, American History,  
World History, Driver's Education



**Mr. Mike Yeagle**  
World History, Sociology,  
Athletic Director



**Mr. Roger Lundy**  
Fundamentals of Biology,  
Physical Education, Health



**Mrs. Adele White**  
Physical Education,  
Health



# Support Staff

## Bus Drivers:

Don Adkins, Cindy Arthur, Peggy Bihl, Abby Craft, Mary Hagler, Ron Harris, Marvin Hartley, Dale Horsley, Rachel Horsley, Carlos Liles, Cathy Messer, Ronda Mingus, Joyce Moore, Larry Parks, Ginger Phillips, Cherie Porter, Dean Schuler, Floyd Smith, Randy Spriggs, Bob Stone, Penny Turner.

## Cooks:

Brenda Adkins, Mary Fyffe,  
Norene Blevins, Cafeteria Supervisor

## District Nurse:

Debbie Baughman

## Supervisor of Vehicular Maintenance:

Richard Hawk

## Bus Mechanic/Maintenance:

Bob Stone

## Transportation Supervisor:

Gerald McGinnis

## Maintenance Supervisor:

Roger Gahm, Jr.

## District Maintenance:

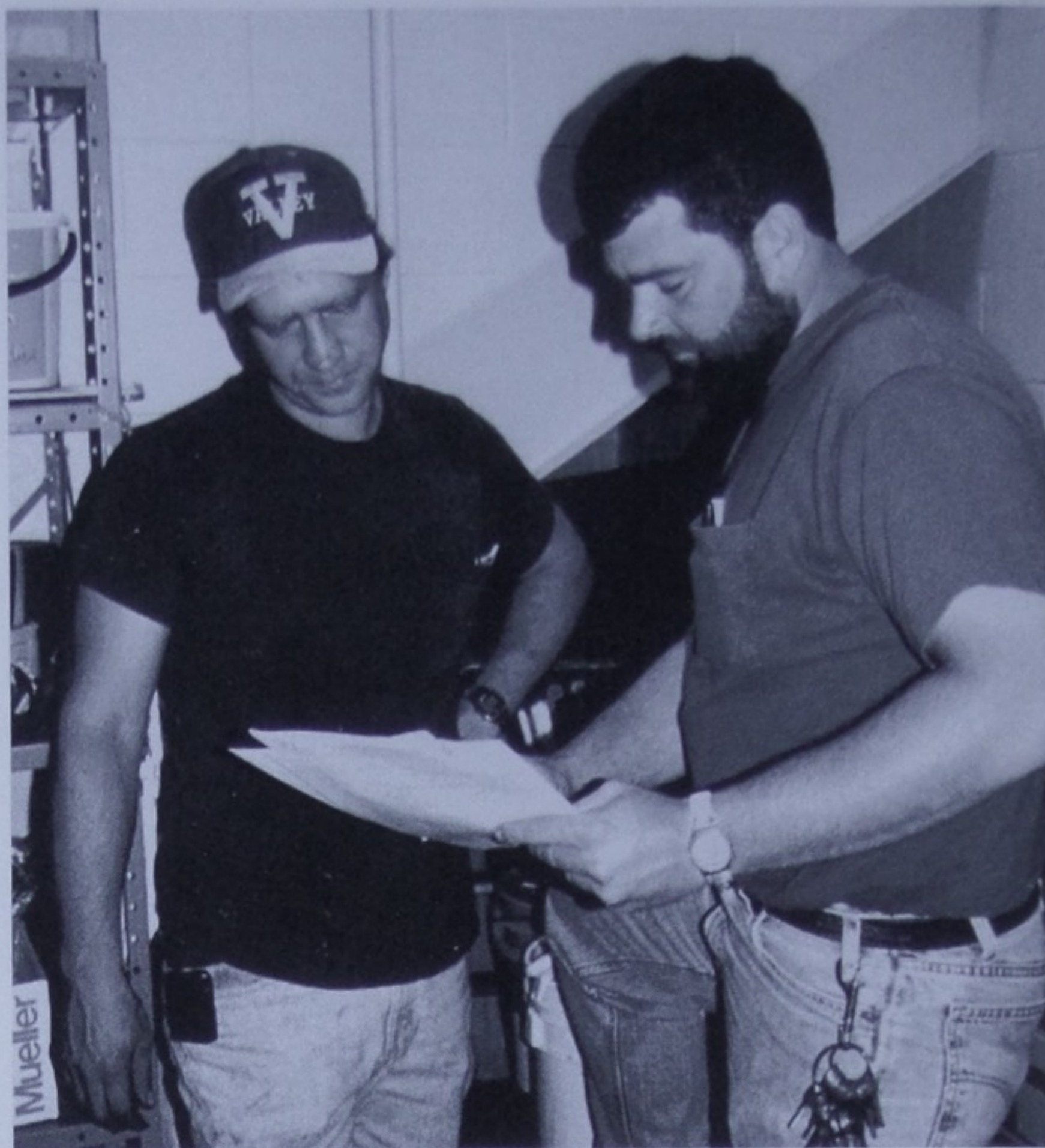
Steve Martin, Randy Spriggs

## Groundskeeper:

Ron Harris

## High School Custodians:

Linda Stambaugh, Charlie Blanton,  
Don Adkins



Roger Gahm, Jr., maintenance supervisor, goes over the details on a work order for the high school with Randy Spriggs, district maintenance worker.



Mechanic Bob Stone gets a bus ready for inspection by installing a new front mirror while working outside the bus garage located at Valley Middle School.

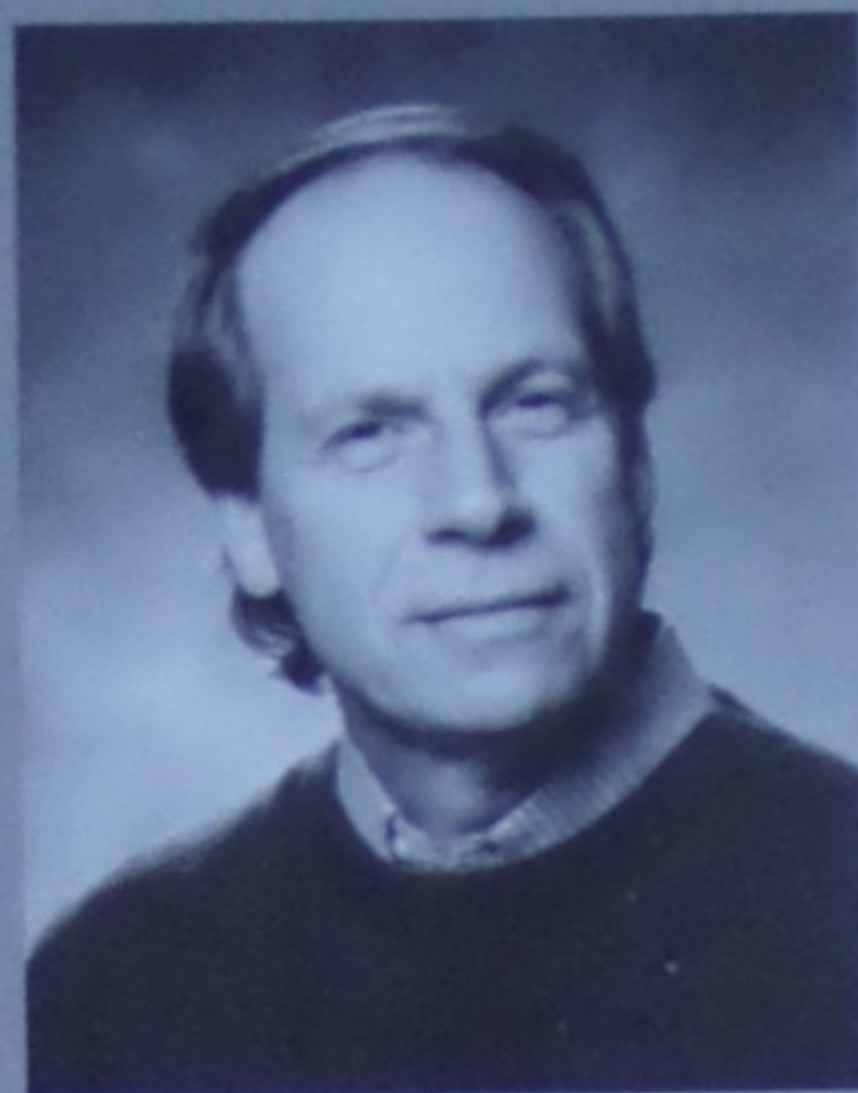




**Mr. Donald Coriell**  
Occupational Work  
Adjustment



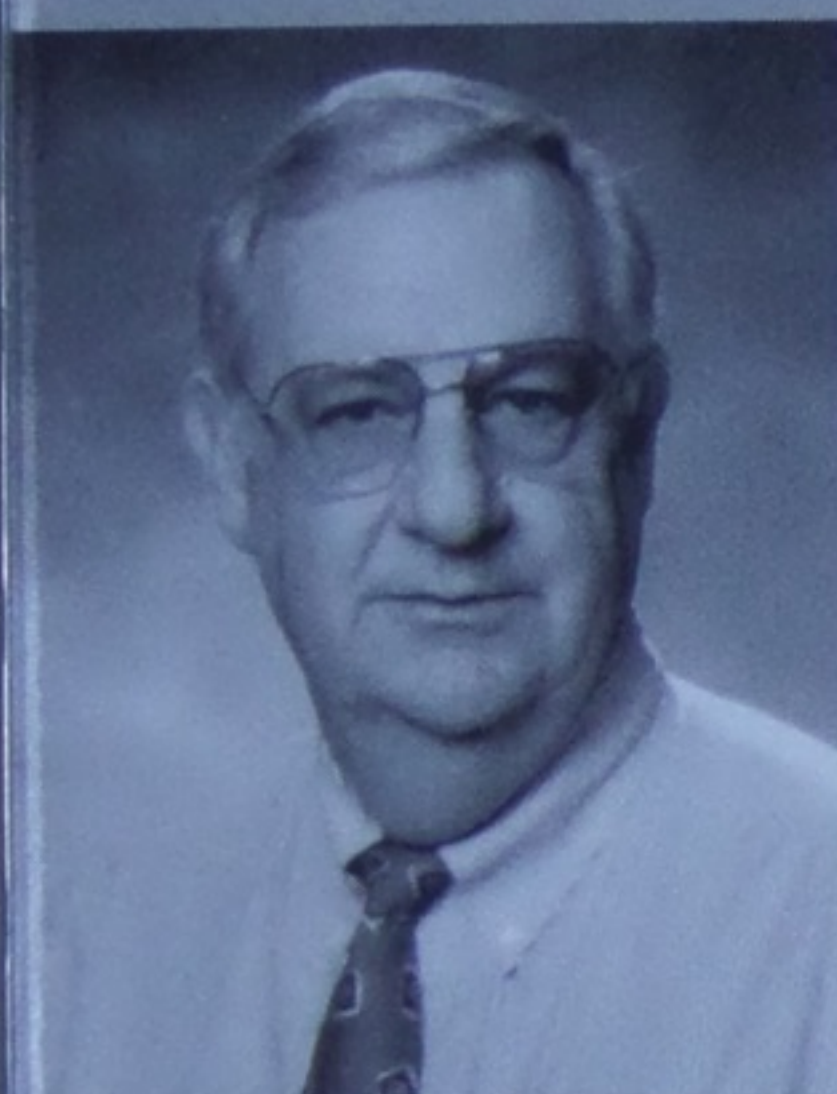
**Mr. Rick Bowman**  
Learning Disabilities,  
Reading



**Mr. Mike Copley**  
Developmentally Handicapped



**Mr. Darren Crabtree**  
Developmentally Handicapped



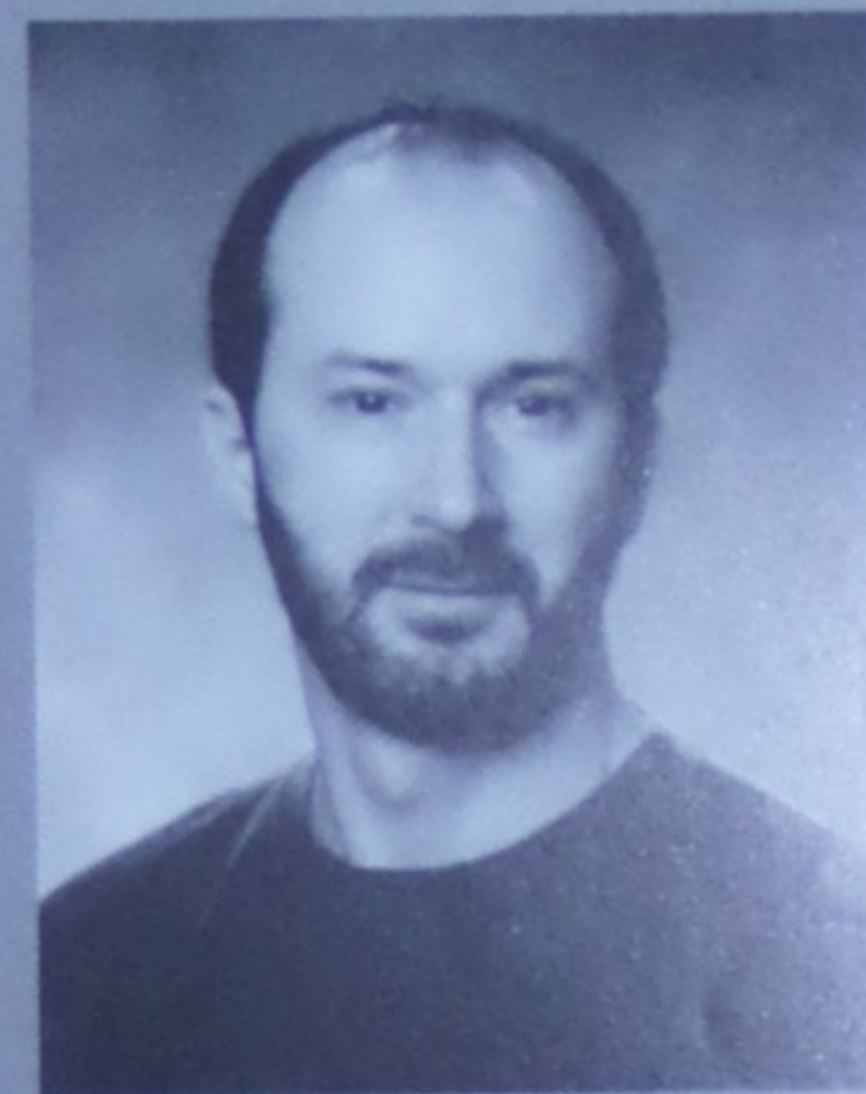
**Mr. Roger Horton**  
Instrumental Music



**Mrs. Janet Spears**  
Vocal Music



**Mr. Charles Boldman**  
Art I, II, III, and IV



**Mr. Dave Wagner**  
Industrial Arts I and II,  
Crafts



**Mr. Rod Sturgill**  
Jobs For Ohio Graduates



**Mrs. Barbara Canary**  
Family and Consumer Science



**Mrs. Alene Cheeks**  
Family and Consumer Science

# Seniors

## Class of 1997



CLASS OFFICERS. Left to right: Sarah Cox, treasurer; Julie Gahm, vice president; Jay Delaney, president; Christy Evans, secretary.

Memories Are What We Leave Behind,  
Dreams Are What We Seek

### SENIORITIS (see'n-your-eye-tis)

(n.) disease which affects millions of seniors throughout the world.

Symptoms include:

1. developing a tendency to skip one or all classes
2. firmly believing that the school revolves around seniors
3. sleeping through a majority of classes
4. believing grades do not matter because seniors have already been accepted to college
5. knowing seniors are equal, if not superior, to teachers

(From Latin, senex, old. Refers to the afflicted's belief that physical maturity equals mental maturity.)

Antonym: SEE freshmanitis.

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CLASS FLOWER:  
Yellow Rose

CLASS COLORS:  
Purple and White

GRADUATION:  
June 1, 1997  
2:00 p.m.



District maintenance worker Steve Martin carries a box of supplies to be delivered to the elementary building.



**VALLEY LOCAL BUS DRIVERS.** Front: Joyce Moore, Penny Turner, Cathy Messer, Abby Craft, Ronda Mingus, Cherie Porter, Mary Hagler. Back: Jerry McGinnis, transportation supervisor, Bob Stone, bus mechanic, Randy Spriggs, Larry Parks, Floyd Smith, Ron Harris, Don Adkins, Peggy Bihl.



**HIGH SCHOOL COOKS.** Norene Blevins, Brenda Adkins, Mary Fyffe.



Custodian Don Adkins cleans desks after school is out for the summer.



Charlie Blanton, custodian, washes the upper windows in the cafeteria.

## Retirements

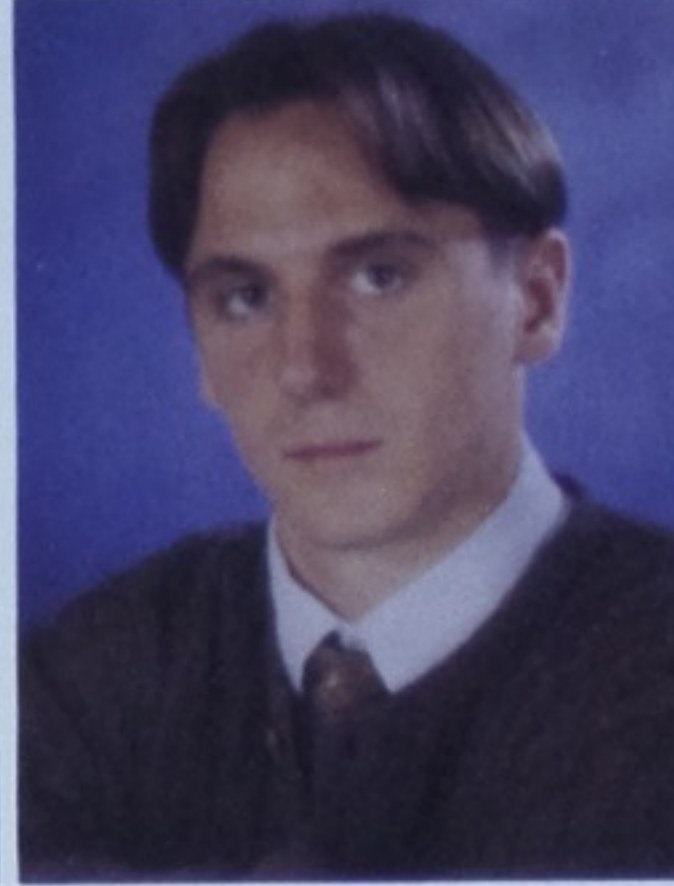


Mr. Rich Hawk, supervisor of vehicular maintenance, retired at the end of the 1996-97 school year after 17 years of service to the district. Mrs. Mary Hagler retired from driving a bus in the Valley Local School District with 27 years of service. The two were honored at the V.T.A. Recognition Banquet on Tuesday, May 20th. A party was also held in their honor on Friday, May 30th, by the bus drivers and other support staff personnel.

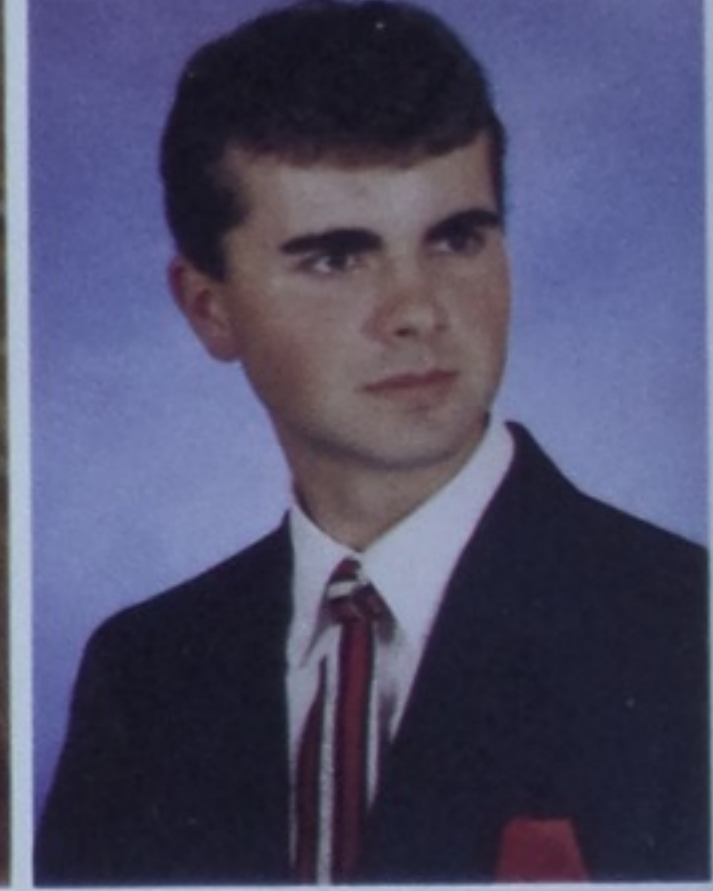
Aaron Days  
 Jay Delaney  
 Christy Dempsey  
 Jeremy Diller



Geoff Dunham  
 Ryan Eggar  
 Christy Evans  
 Aimee Fife



Julie Gahm  
 Floyd Gilmon  
 Brandi Graf  
 Austin Gray



Carey Gray  
 Becky Grooms  
 Shellie Hamilton  
 Carrie Harwood



Julie Hines  
 Jason Hudson  
 John Kerr  
 Angie Leedom





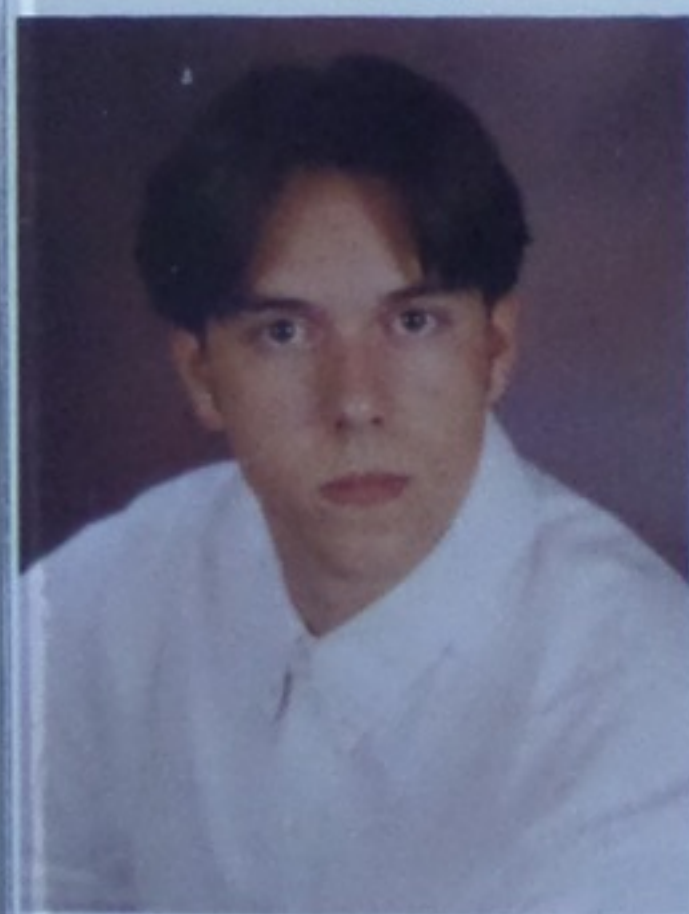
Jason Adkins  
 Sean Allard  
 Stacey Ferrell Bailey  
 Tim Bailey



Daniel Barnett  
 Will Bradley  
 Seth Bragdon  
 James Buckler



John Buckler  
 Terry Buckler  
 Jared Canter  
 Dan Casto



Rob Chestnut  
 Brandon Cline  
 Roger Conley  
 Sarah Cox



Lewis Crabtree  
 Jared Cunningham  
 Andy Davis  
 Jonas Davis

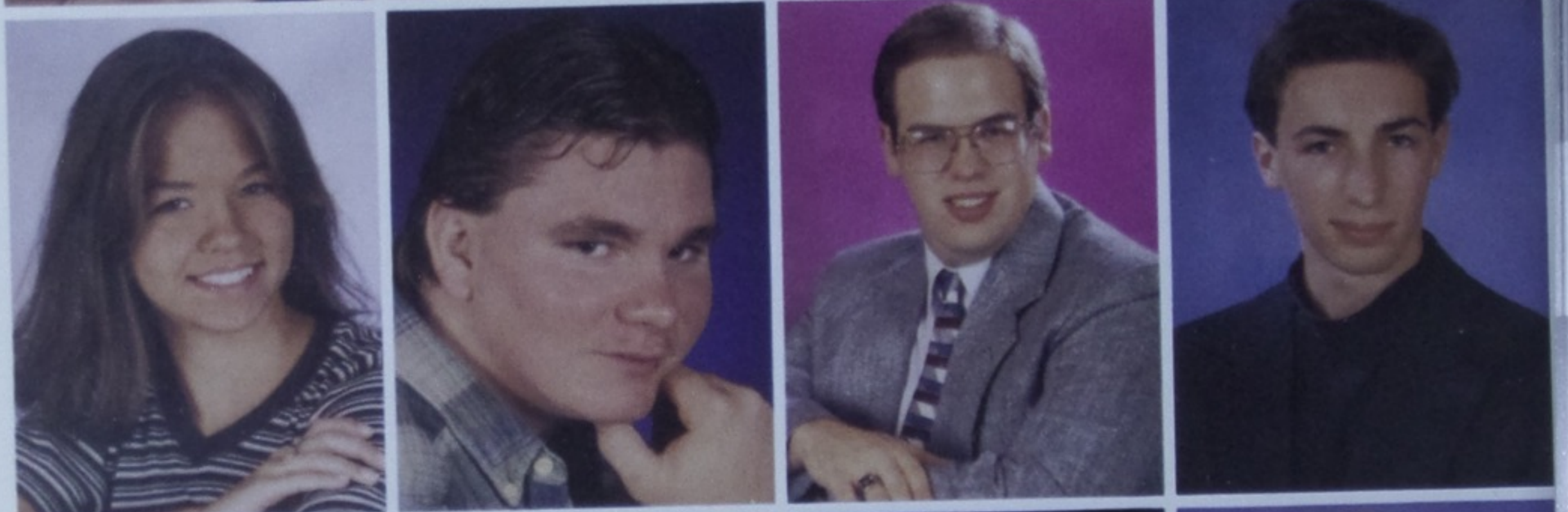
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Tiffany Smith  
Julie Smoot  
Jason Spriggs



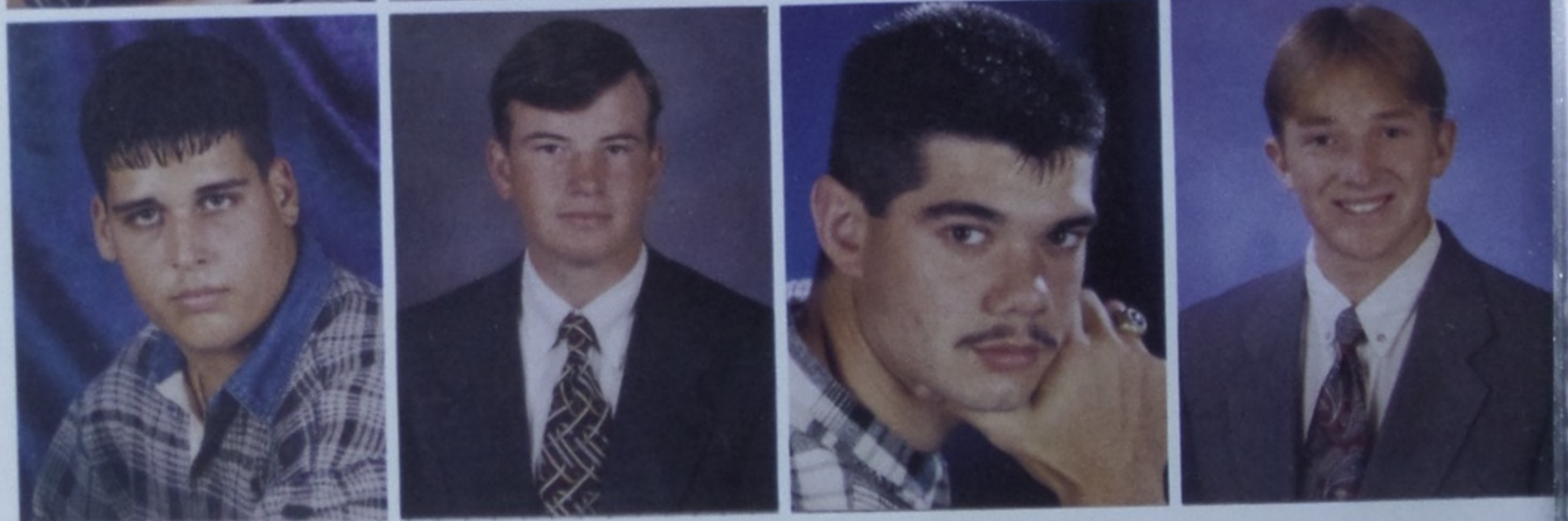
Nicole Stacy  
Kristina Stambaugh  
Jerry Stevens  
Bethany Surrey



Alesia Swords  
Joe Tipman  
Travis Turner  
Nick Vanderpool



Matt Venturino  
Andrew Wilson  
Bob Wood  
Jason Yelley



## NOT PICTURED:

Shannon Andronis  
Frank Biggs  
Jon Bobst  
Randy Cable  
Julia Call  
Becky Chandler  
Jeremy Conkel

Shawn Dalton  
Jayson Gerwig  
Betty Gibson  
Renee Gibson  
Mary Hardy  
Melissa Jordan  
Josh Mason

Dilean McCarty  
Jamie Ostrowski  
Bryan Sewell  
Adam Smith  
Kim Yates  
Joe Zimmerman



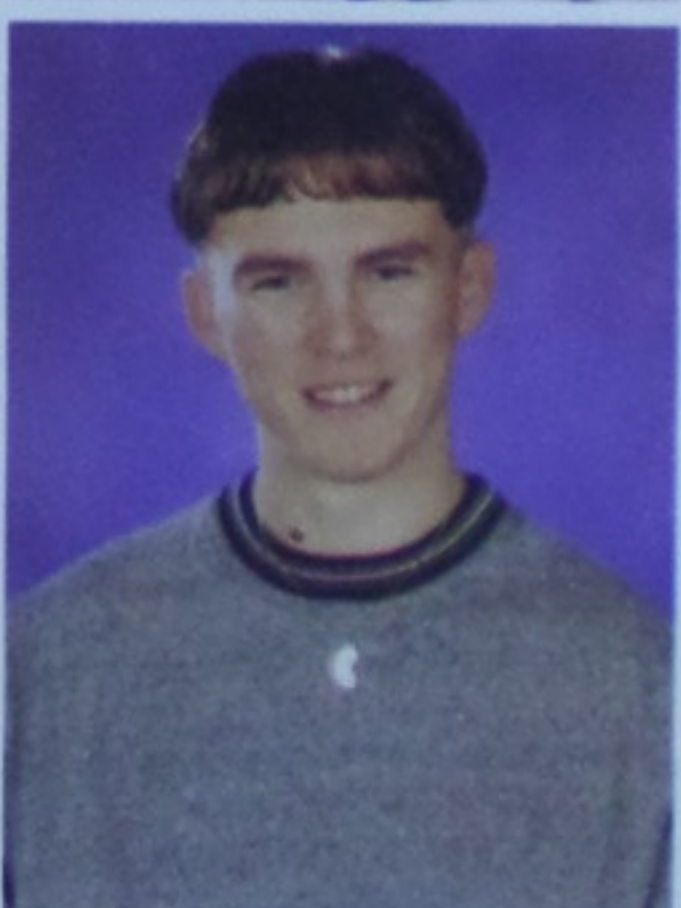
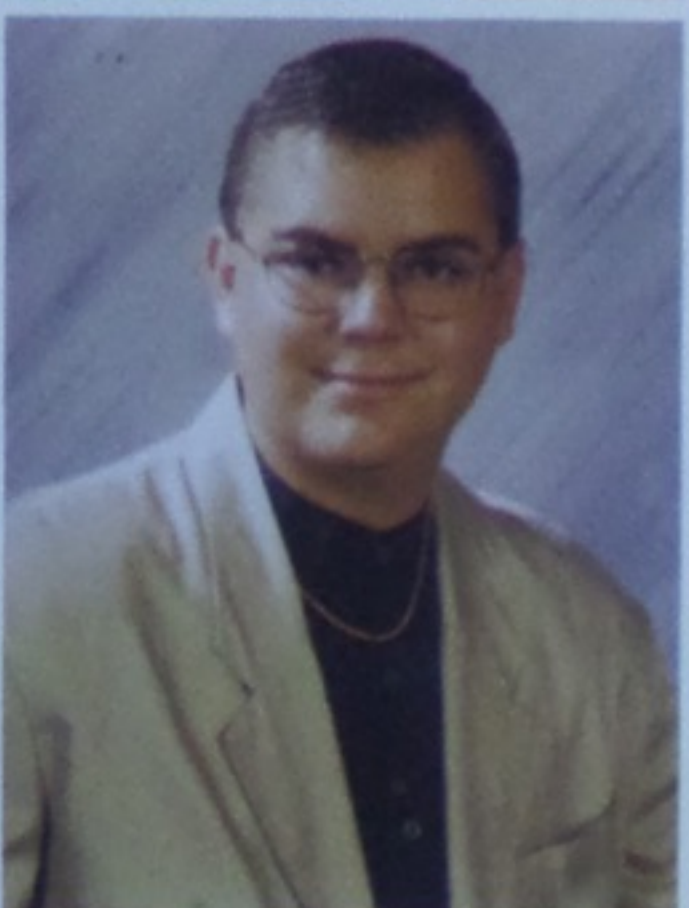
Terry Longmire  
Mandie Lute  
Robin Maynard  
Bridget McCann



Tresera Meadows  
Kristin Millar  
Jennifer Mills  
Steve Mollette



Melissa Montgomery  
Summer Motes  
Andy Oppy  
J.R. Pence



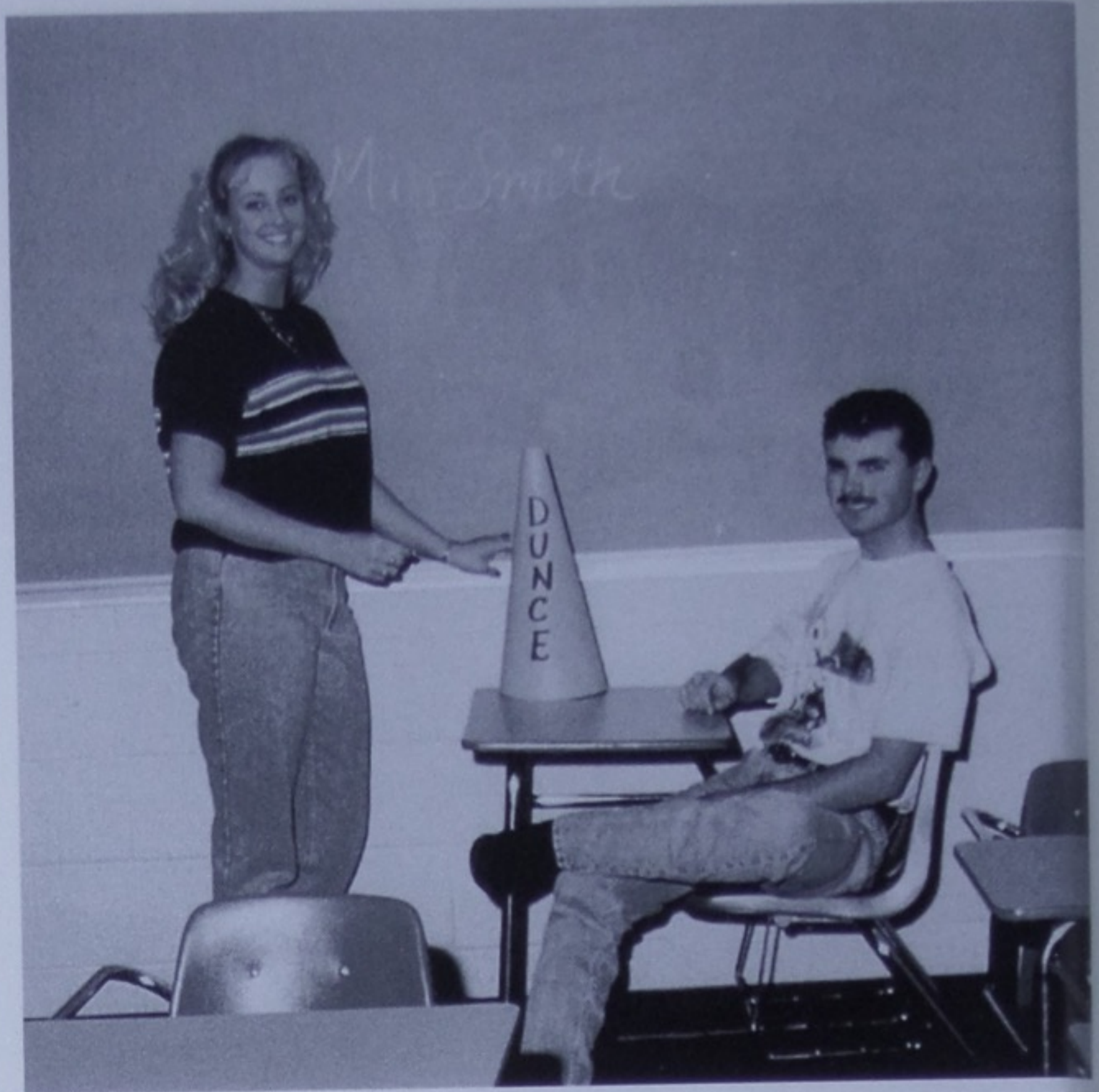
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Glenn Pettay  
Fred Pollard  
Jennifer Ratliff



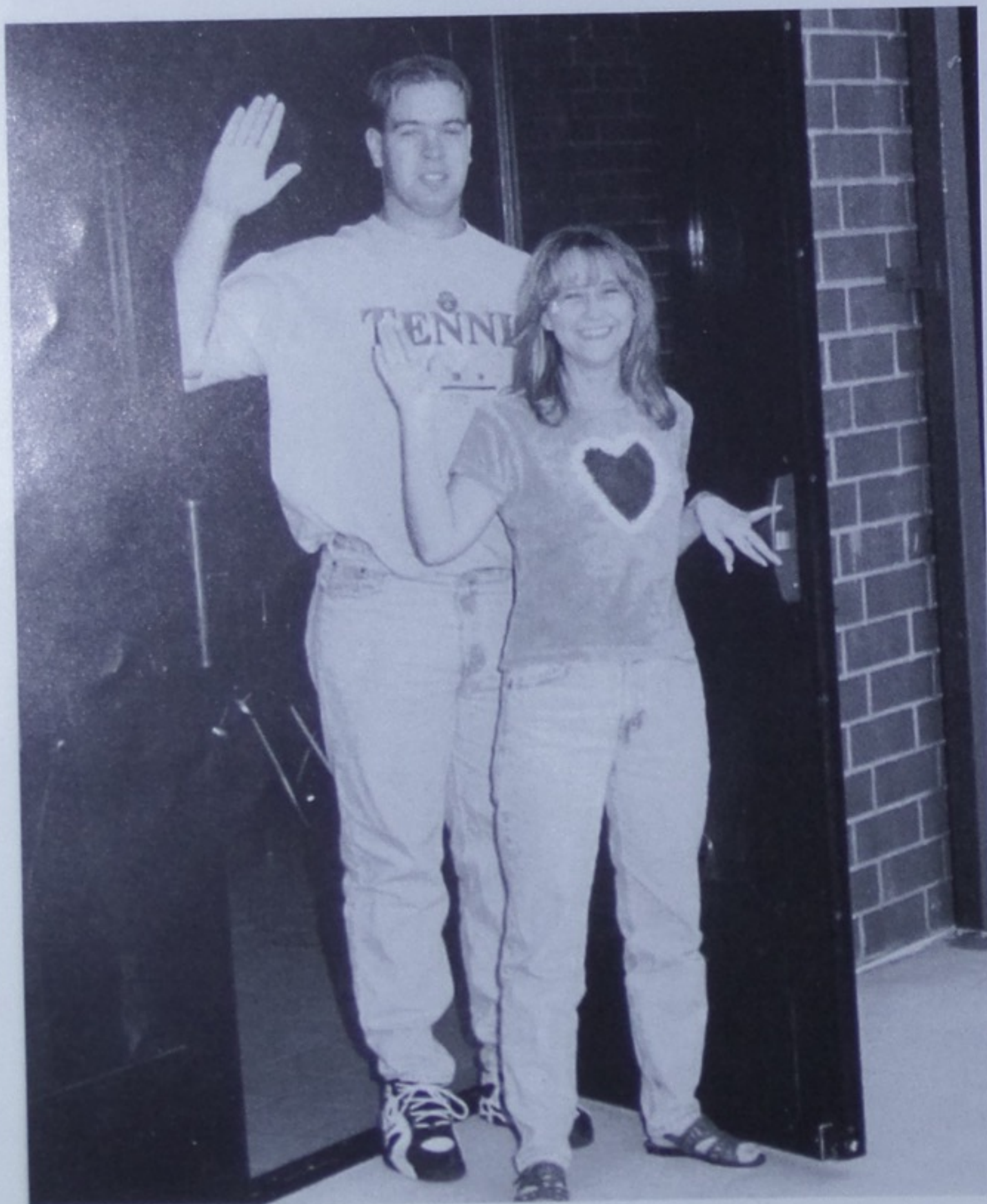
David Sammons  
Melanie Schneider  
Toby Simon  
Andria Smalley



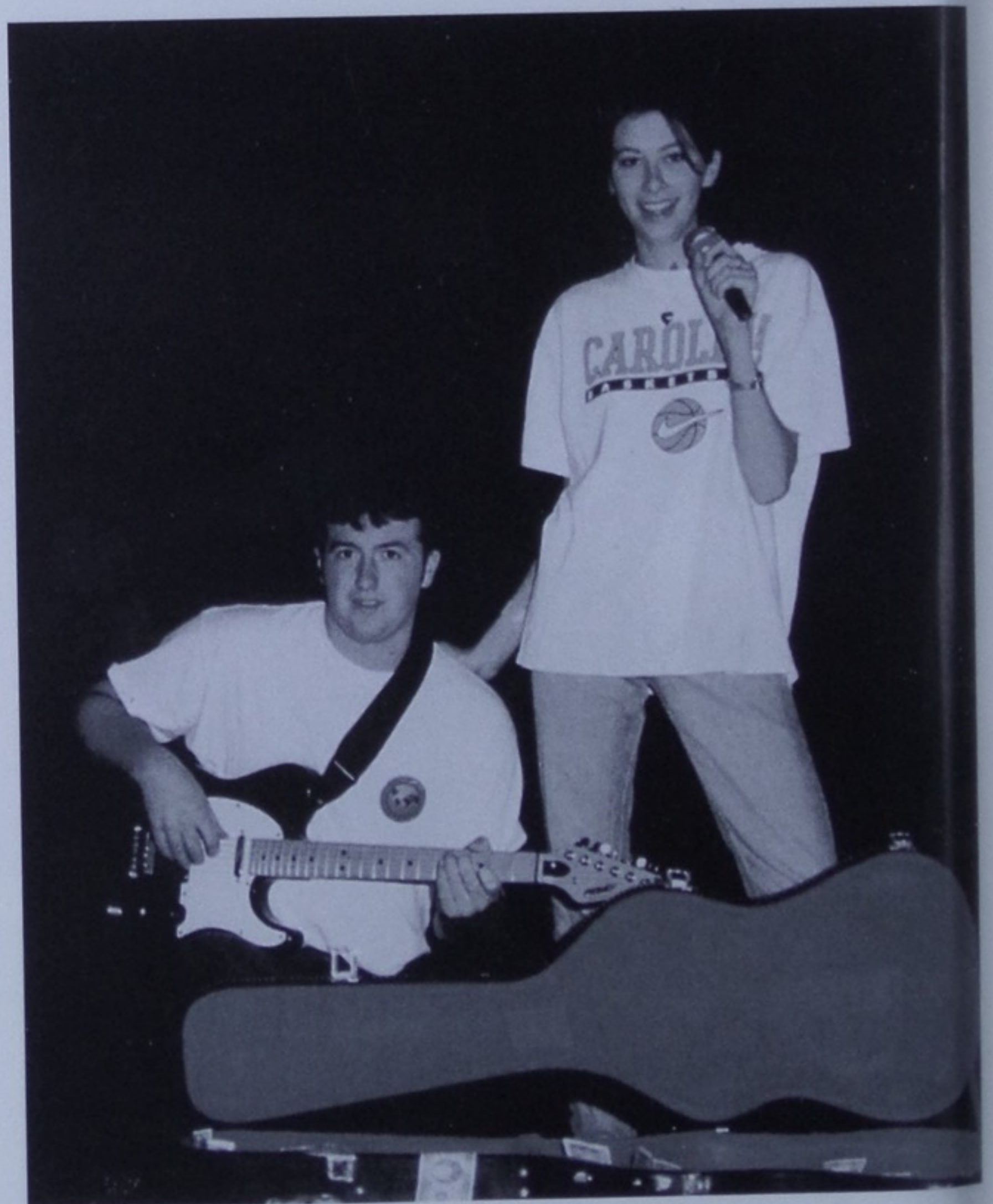
**MOST POPULAR**  
Derek Pendleton and Mandie Lute



**MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED**  
Sindee Smith and Austin Gray



**FRIENDLIEST**  
Jared Canter and Aimee Fife



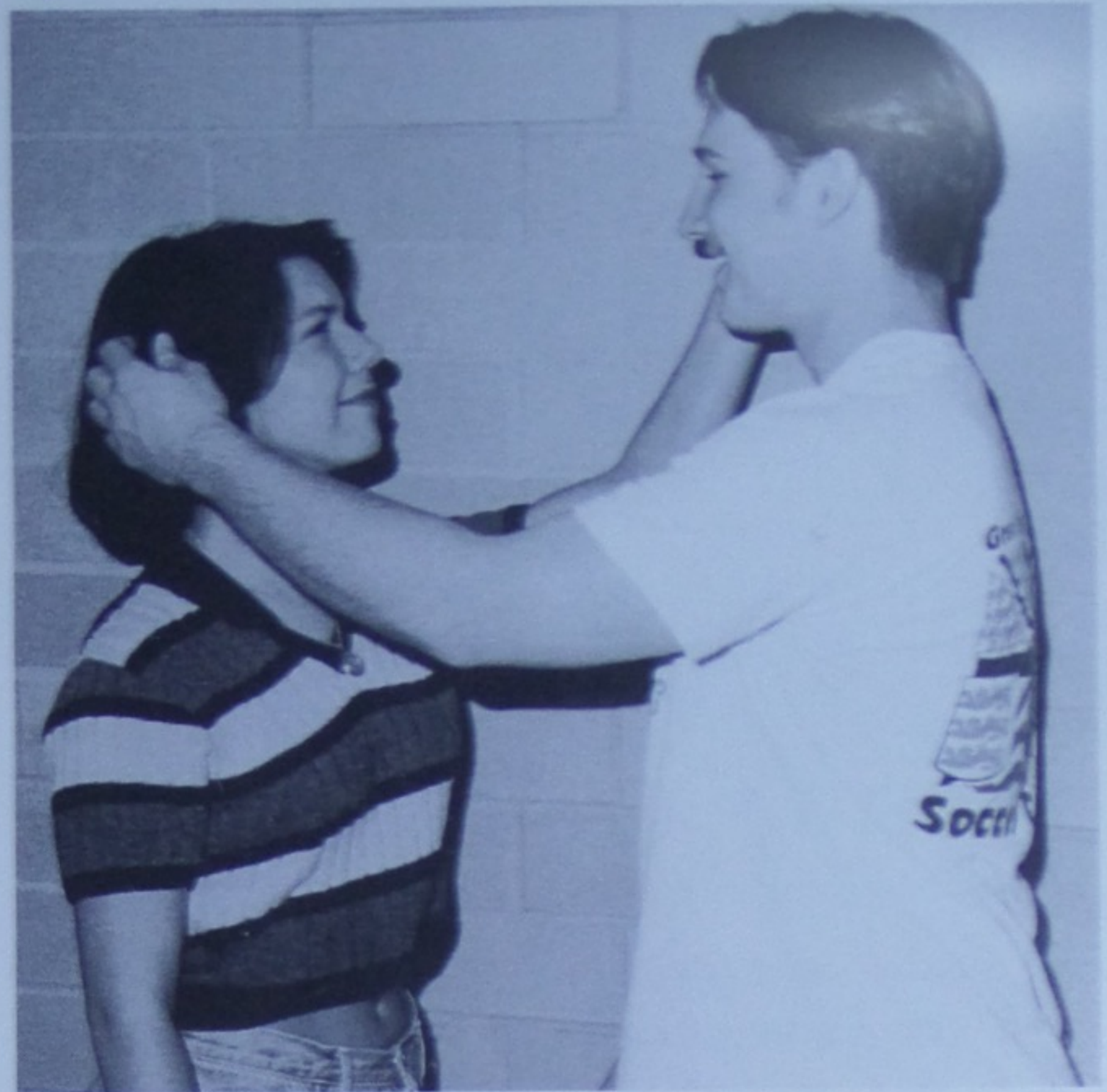
**MOST TALENTED**  
Seth Bragdon and Julie Hines



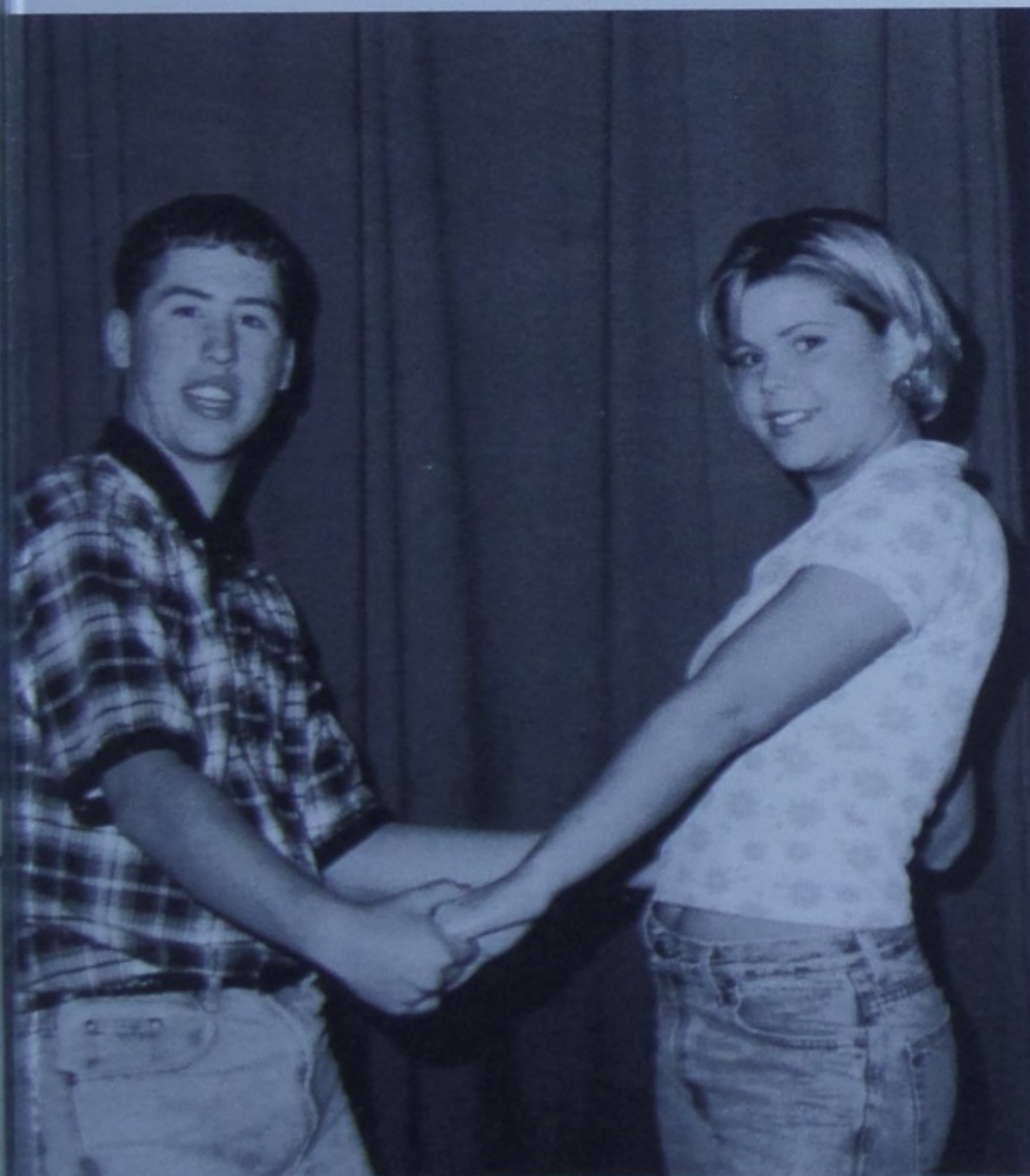
# Senior Superlatives



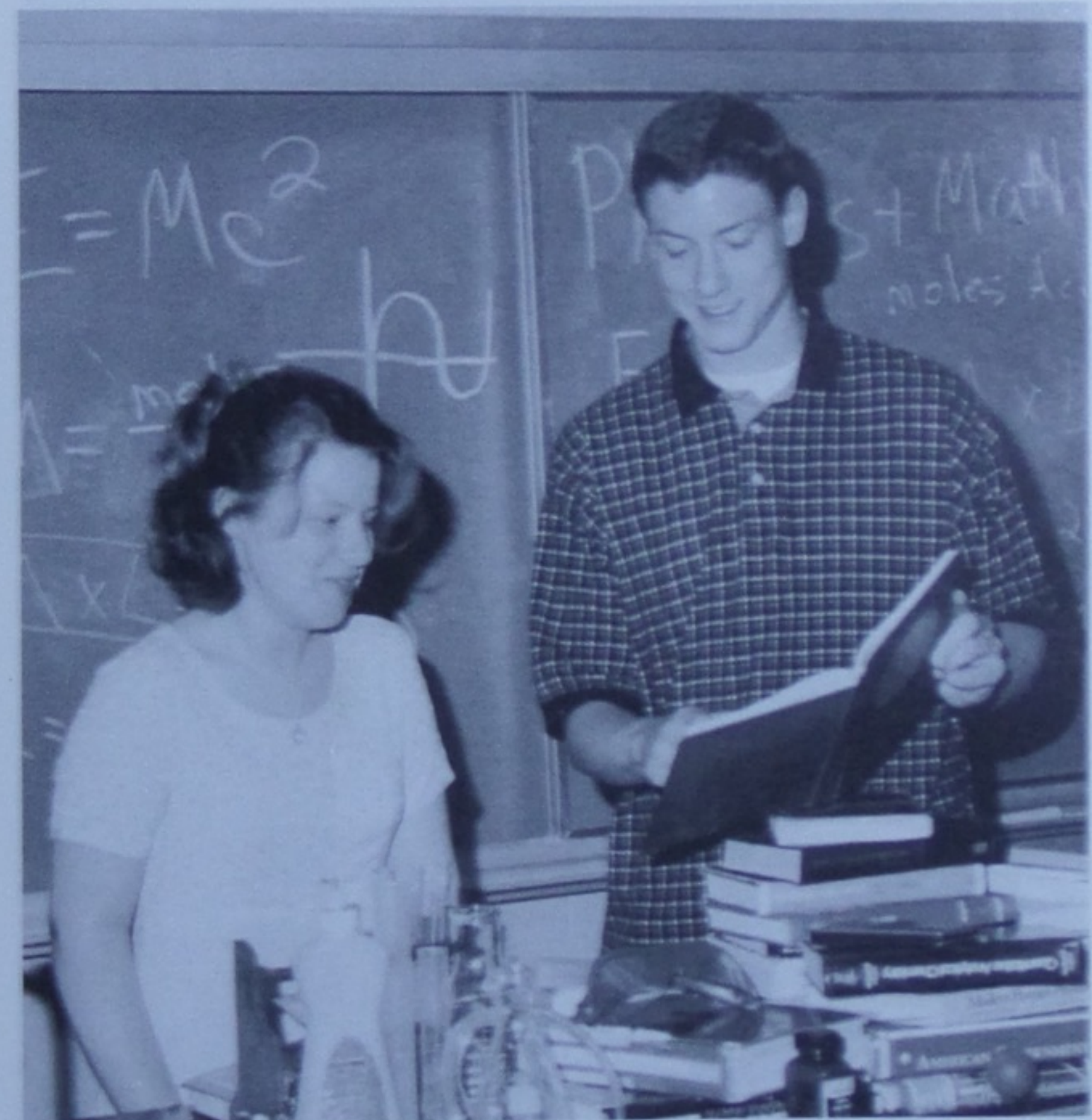
**BEST DRESSED**  
Kristin Millar and Andy Oppy



**BEST LOOKING**  
Julie Gahm and Jerry Stevens



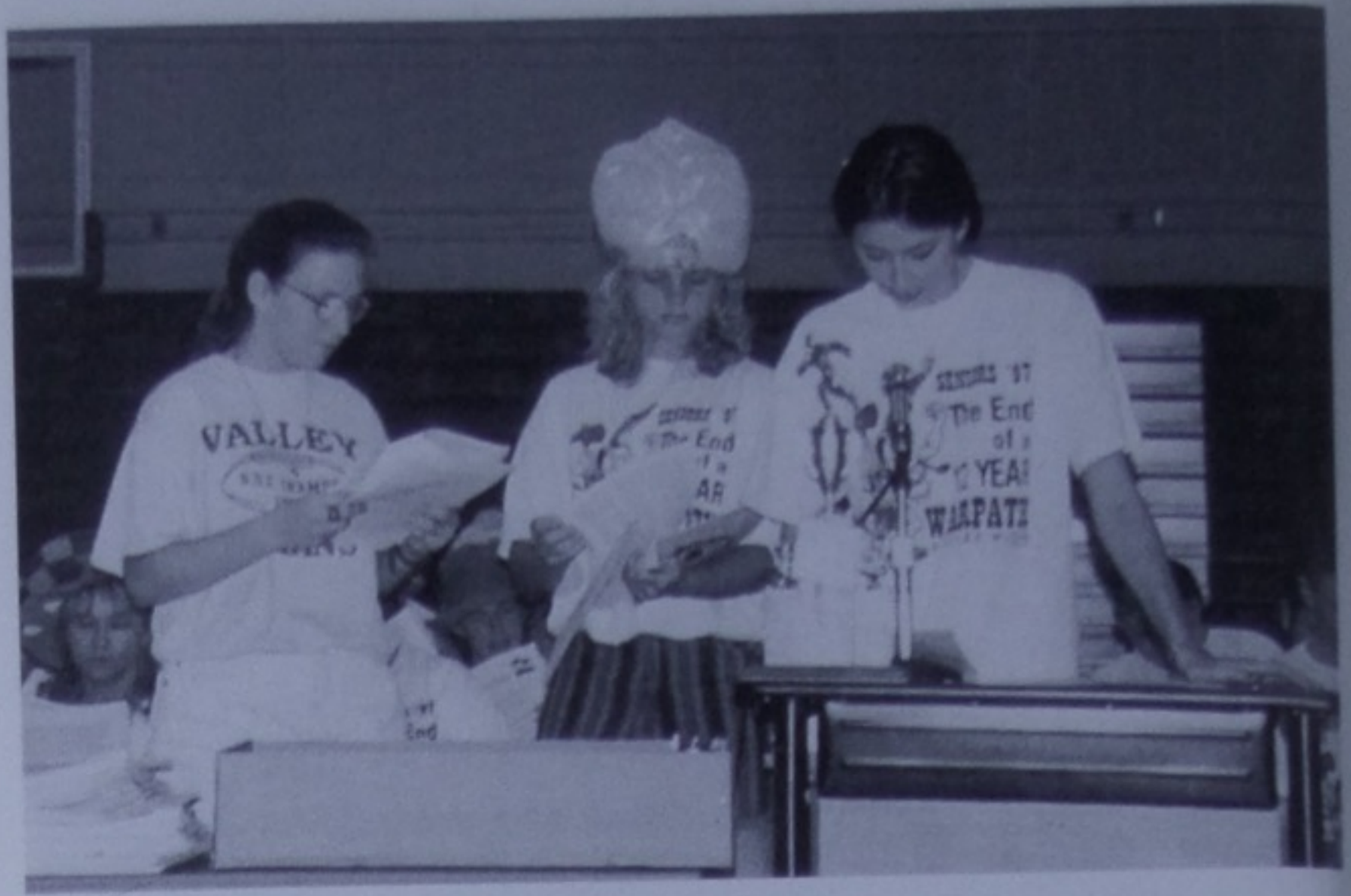
**BEST DANCERS**  
Danny Casto and Carrie Harwood



**MOST INTELLIGENT**  
Sarah Cox and Jay Delaney

# Senior Assembly

The Class of 1997 held its Senior Assembly on Friday, May 23, at 9:00 a.m. in the Valley High School gymnasium. During the assembly, various seniors were honored for their accomplishments and the following items were read: class history, class wills, class prophecy, senior favorites, faculty song dedications, and senior activities.



Julie Hines reads from the list of wills made by members of the Class of 1997. Tresera Meadows and Andria Smalley await their turn during the presentation.



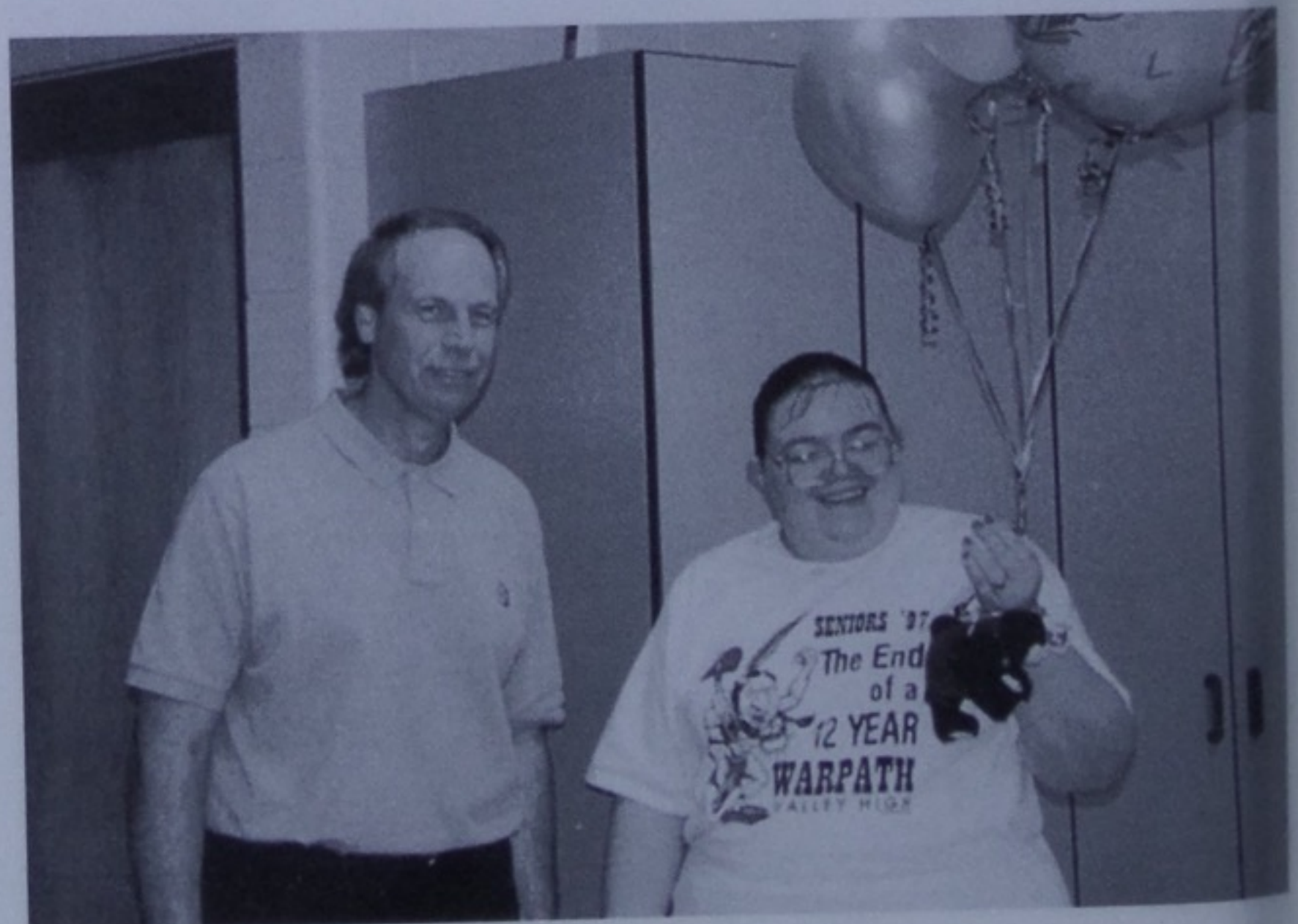
As the student body and guests listen, Carey Gray and Jay Delaney take delight in reading the 1997 Class Prophecy. Jay was president of the Class of '97.



Josh Mason and Jonas Davis give the song dedications to the faculty. One of the most appropriate was "We Are The Champions," dedicated to Coach Crabtree.



Mr. Comer recognizes Sarah Cox and Jay Delaney as valedictorians of the Class of 1997. They were named "Best of the Class" by WSAZ News Channel 3.



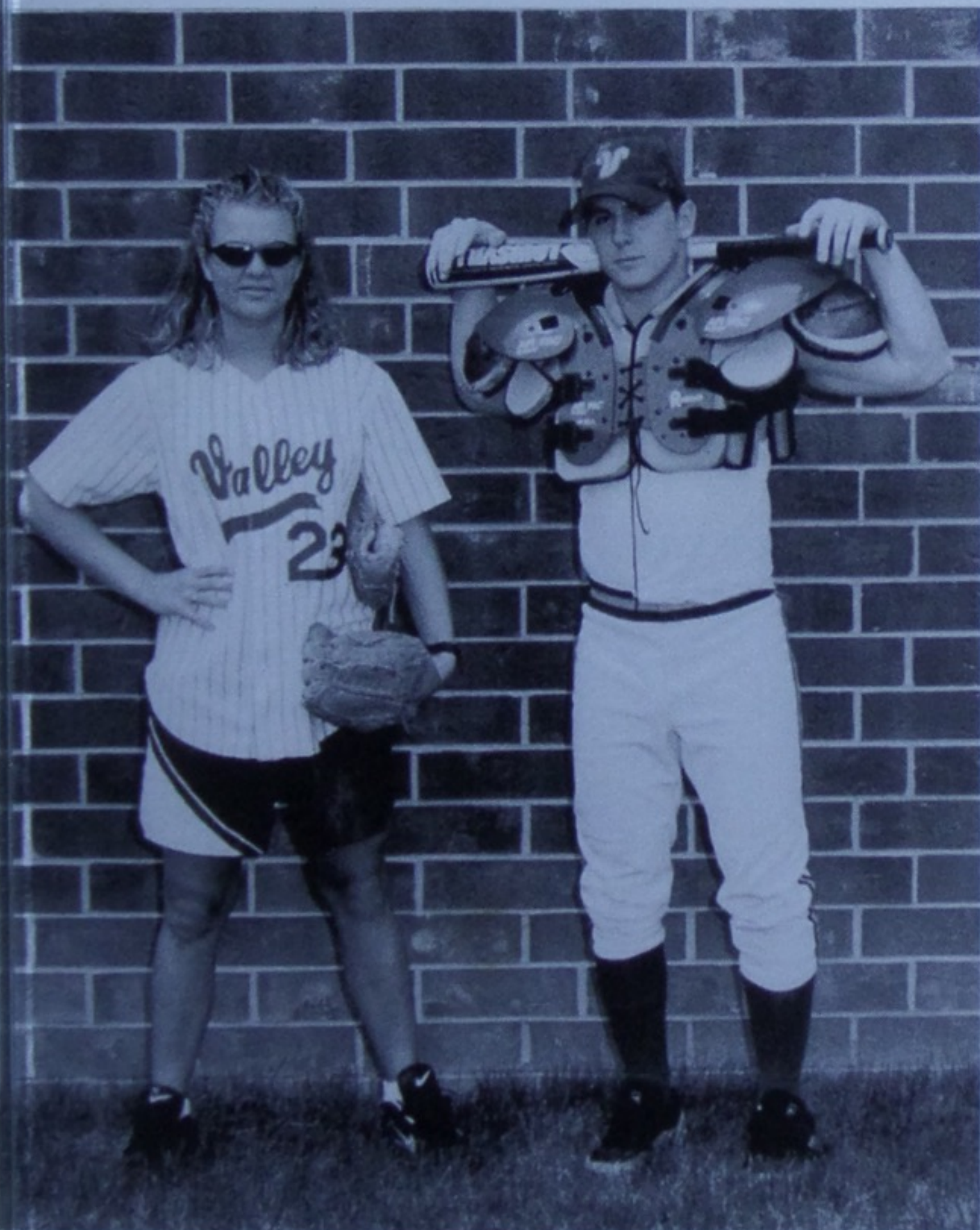
Shellie Hamilton smiles after receiving a bouquet of balloons from Mr. Copley. Many members of the Class of '97 wore their senior t-shirts for the assembly.



**WITTIEST**  
Toby Simon and Dilean McCarty



**BEST ALL-ROUND**  
Jared Cunningham and Bethany Surrey



**MOST ATHLETIC**  
Andria Smalley and Ryan Eggar



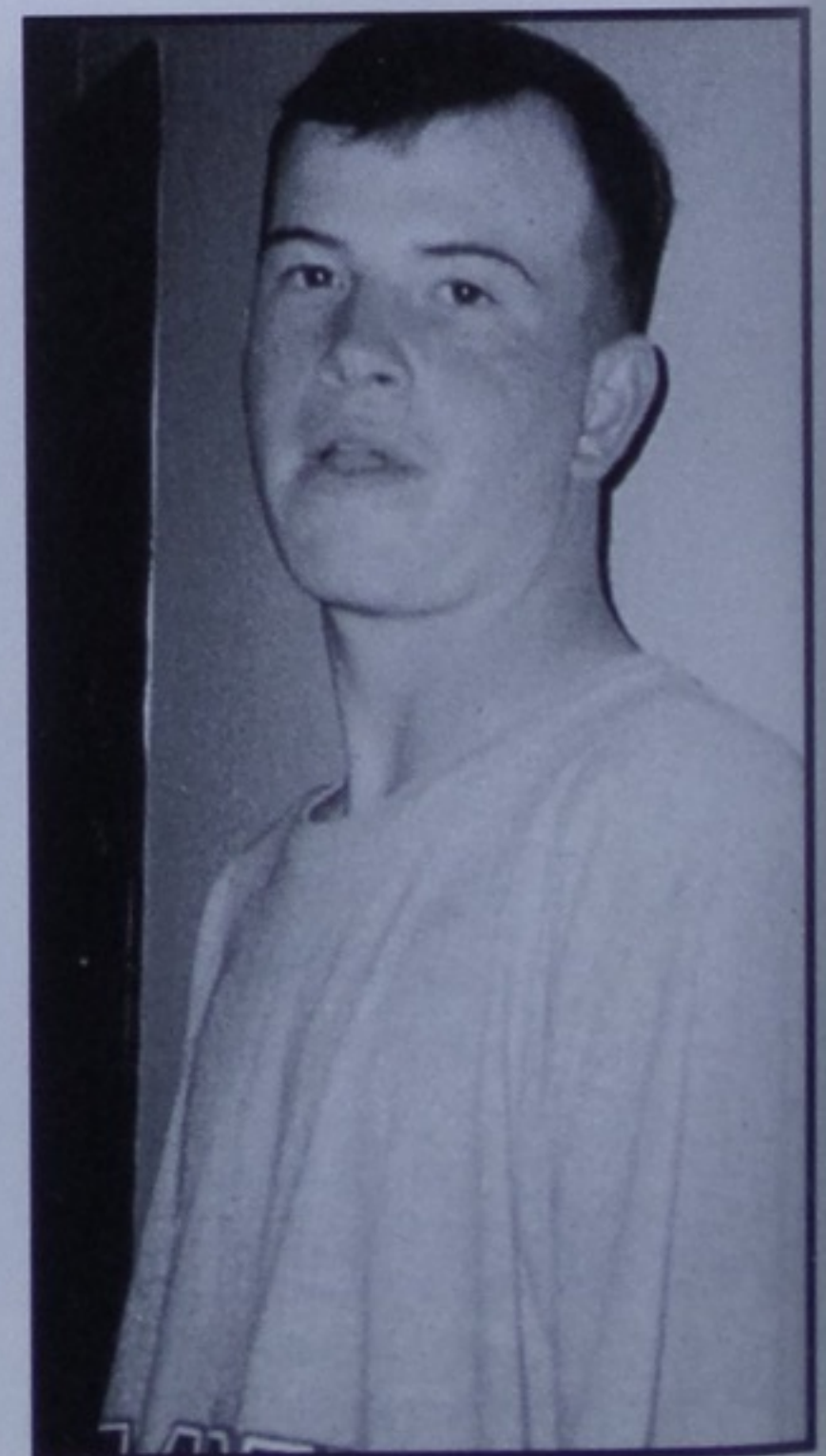
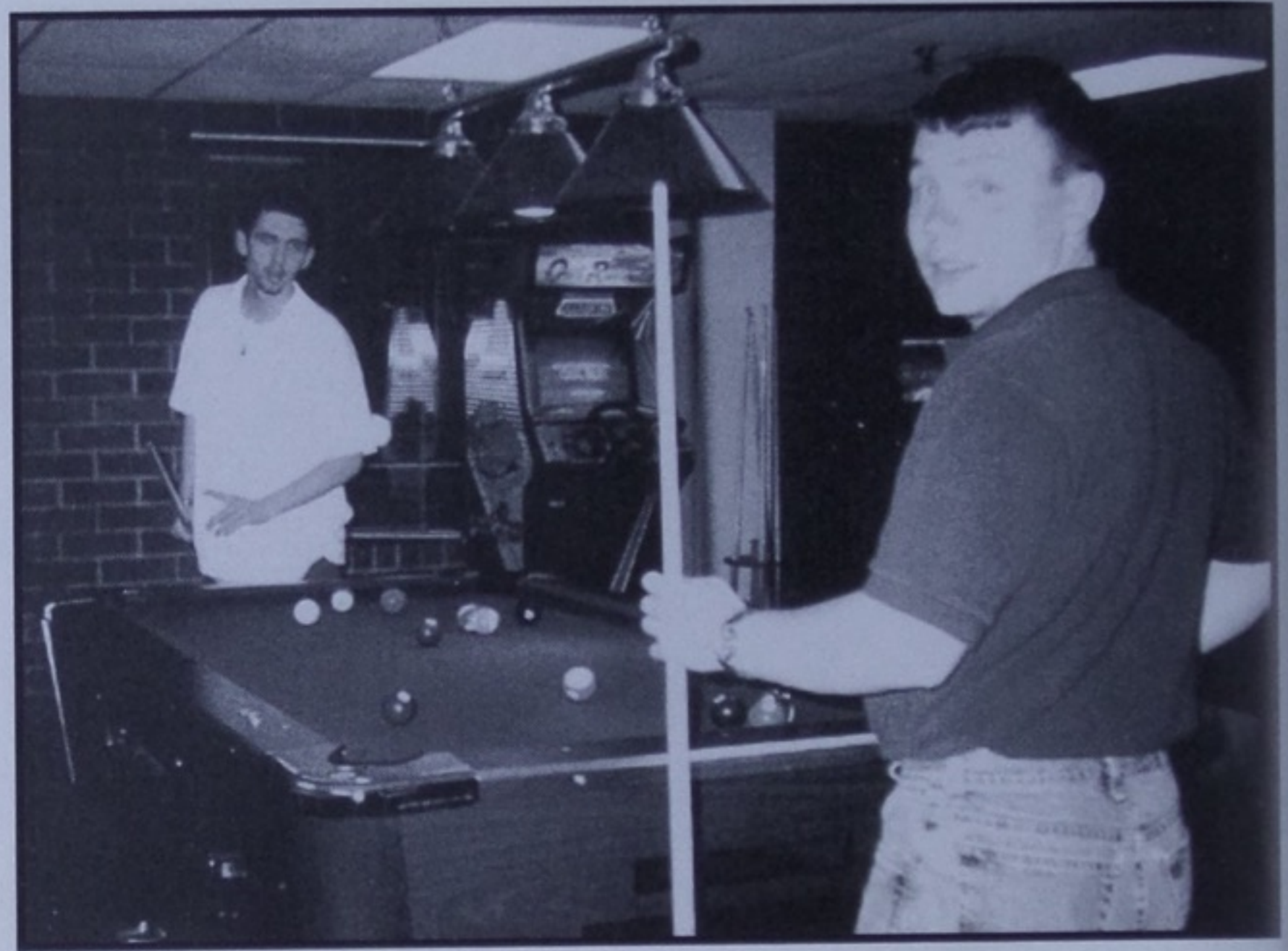
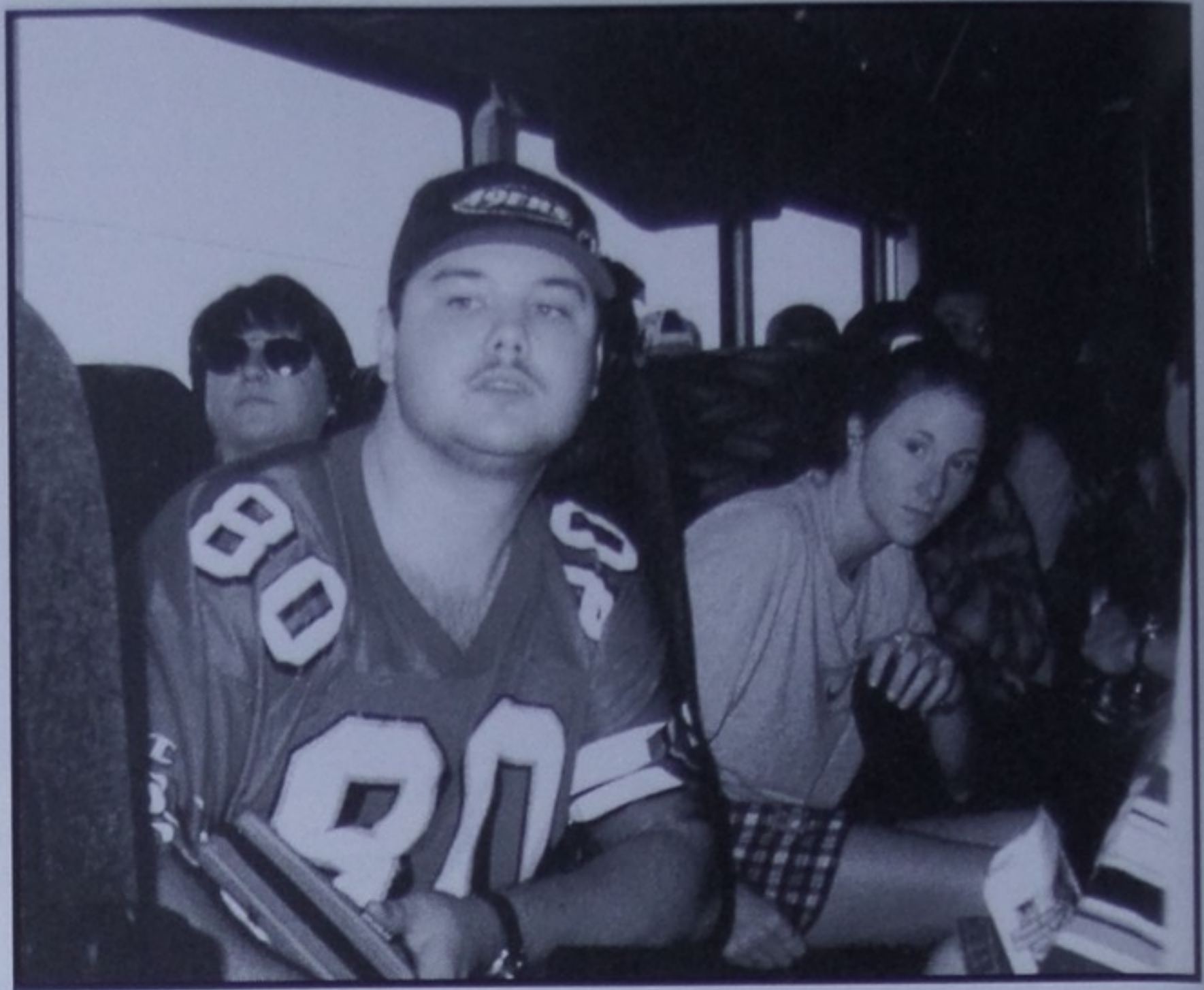
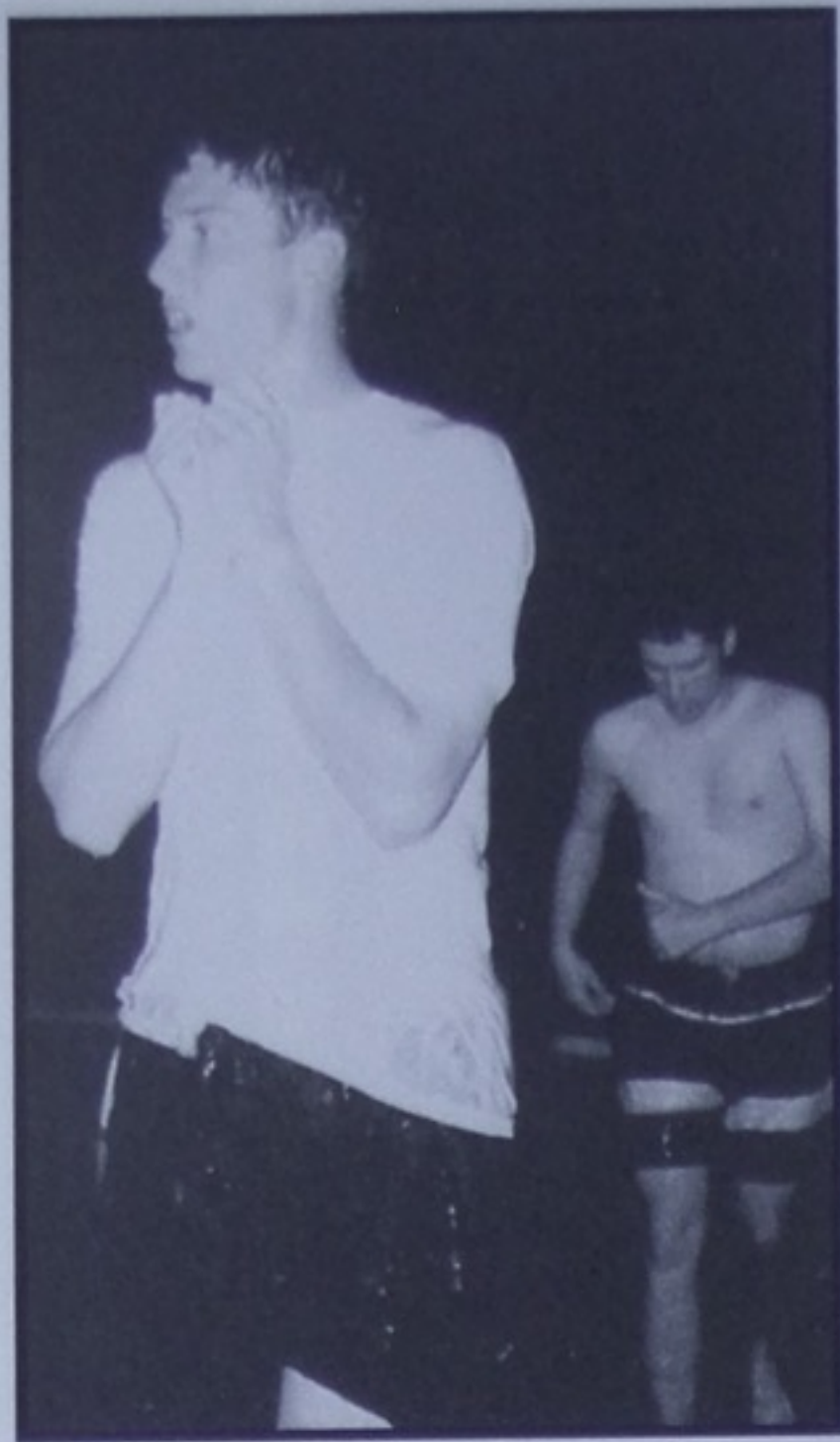
**BEST VO-TEC**  
Fred Pollard and Betty Gibson



**SHYEST**  
Jeremy Conkel  
Not Pictured:  
Rayna Wagner

# Senior Trip

The Class of '97 departed for Cedar Point on Sunday morning, May 18th. After stopping numerous times, the group arrived at Sawmill Creek Lodge to spend the night. While at the lodge, the students walked along Lake Erie, relaxed in the swimming pool and hot tub, played basketball and ping-pong, and shot pool. On Monday, May 19th, the Class of '97 went to Cedar Point. After a day of enjoying the rides, shows, and shopping, the group returned to Lucasville.

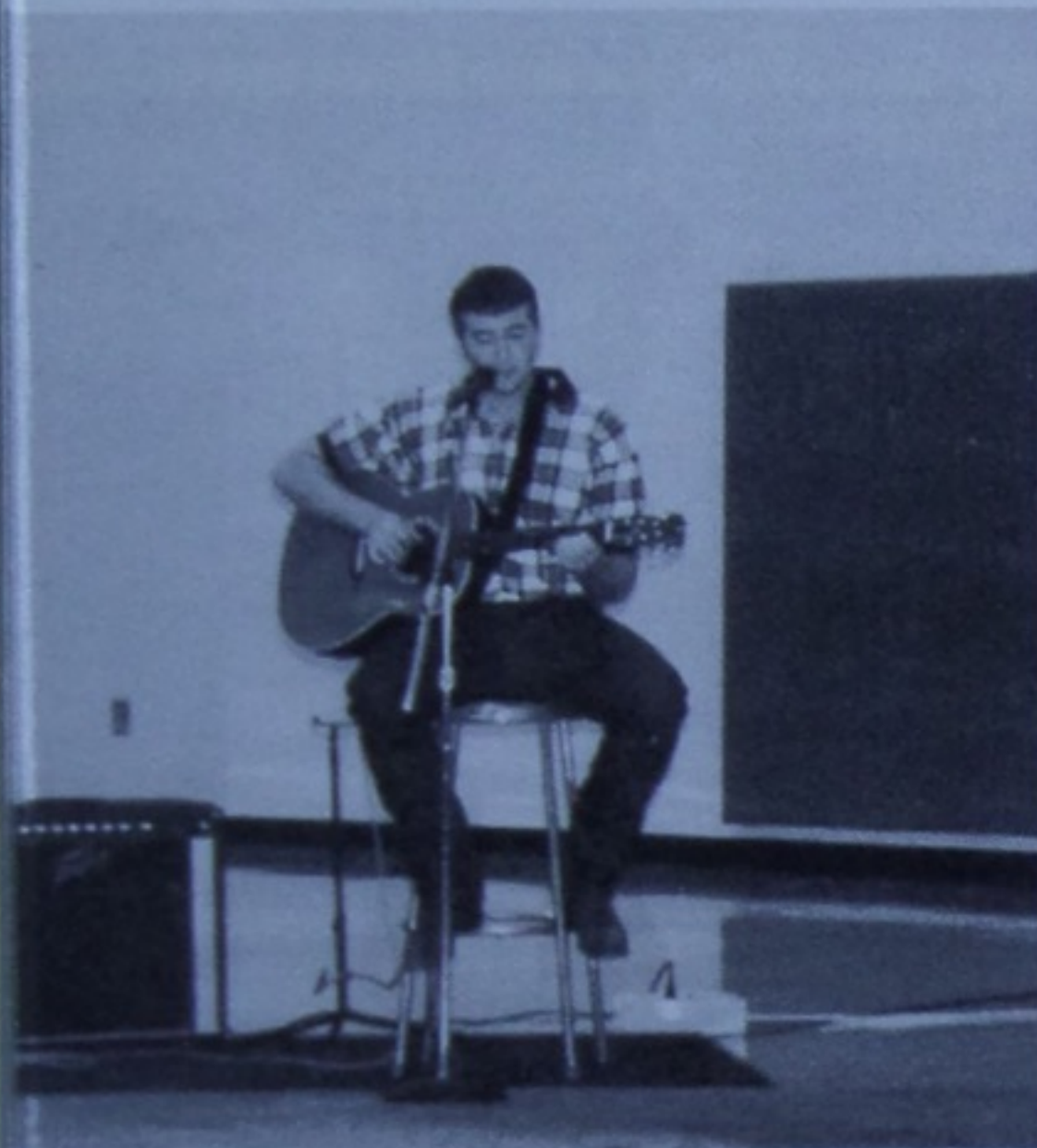




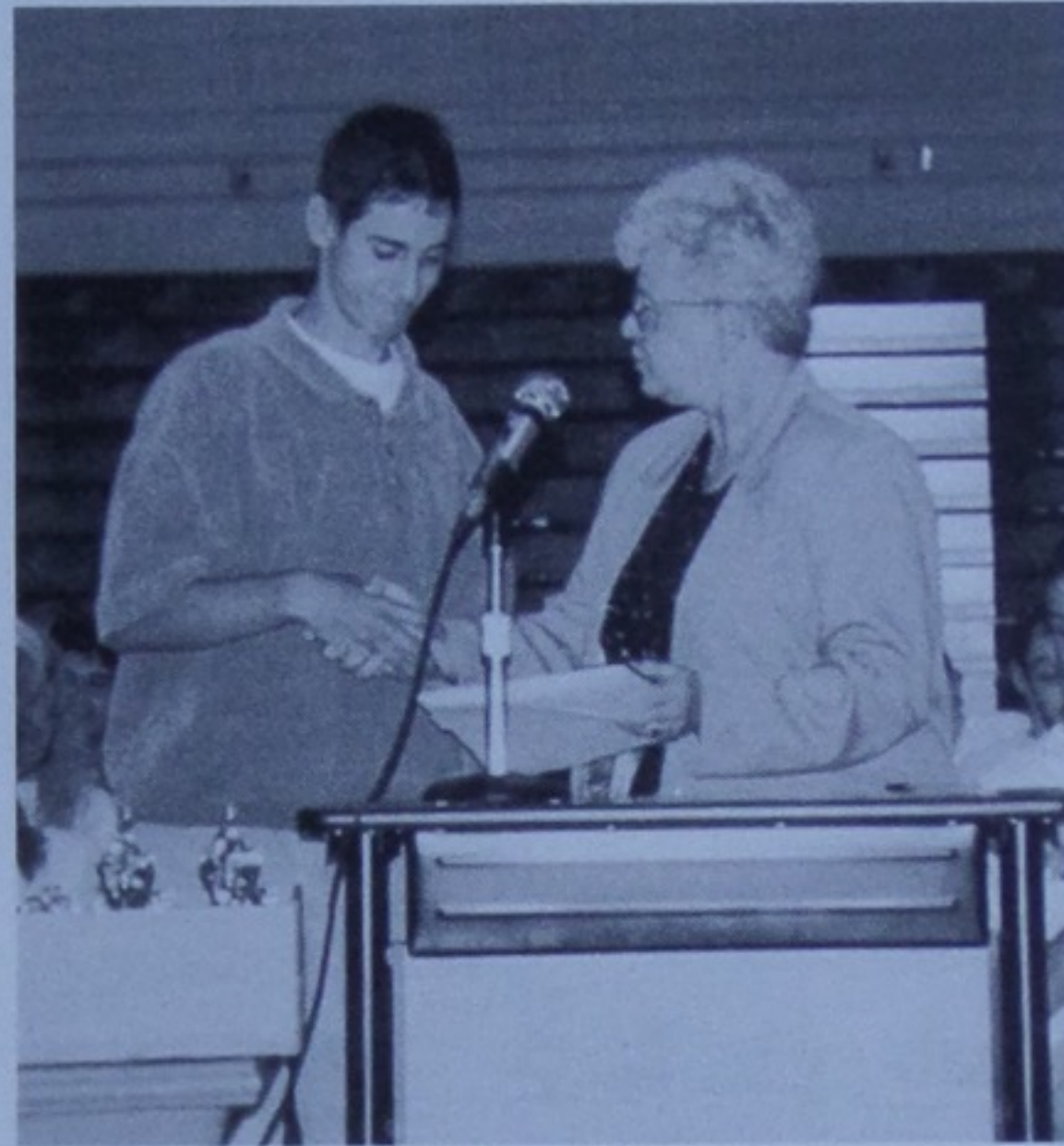
Mr. Comer honors Helena Pokorna, an exchange student. Helena was from the Czech Republic.



James Buckler and Andy Davis receive thanks from Mr. Comer for keeping the pop machines filled.



Keith Bragdon performs for his classmates and those in attendance during Senior Assembly '97.



Steve Mollette shakes hands with Mrs. Sandy Merritt after receiving the J.D. Merritt Award.



Practical Office Experience (P.O.E.) workers stand while being recognized during the assembly.

# Senior Favorites

SUBJECT:

**J.O.G.**

MALE TEACHER:

**Mr. Sturgill**

FEMALE TEACHER:

**Mrs. Scarfin**

FOOD:

**Chicken and Noodles**

DRINK:

**Mountain Dew**

HANGOUT:

**All-Night Pancake House**

SPORT:

**Football**

COLOR:

**Black**

CAR:

**Dodge Viper**

COMEDIAN:

**Adam Sandler**

T.V. SHOW:

**Days of Our Lives**

MOVIE:

**Grease**

ACTOR:

**Jim Carey**

ACTRESS:

**Angela Bassett**

CD:

**Tu Pac: All Eyes On Me**

MALE SINGER:

**R. Kelly**

FEMALE SINGER:

**Toni Braxton**

SONG:

**Here's Your Sign**

VIDEO:

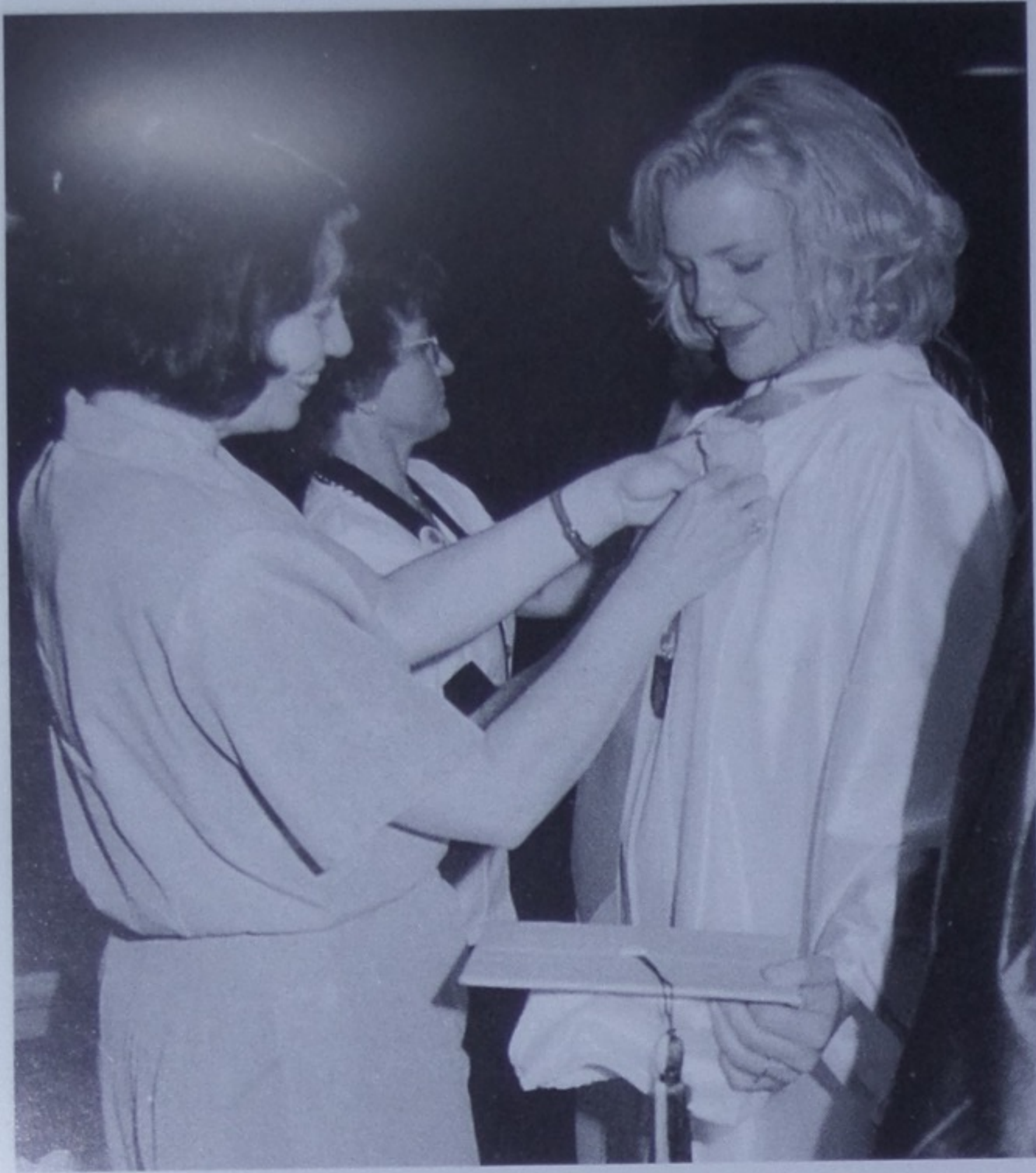
**Somebody Sleeping**

**In My Bed**

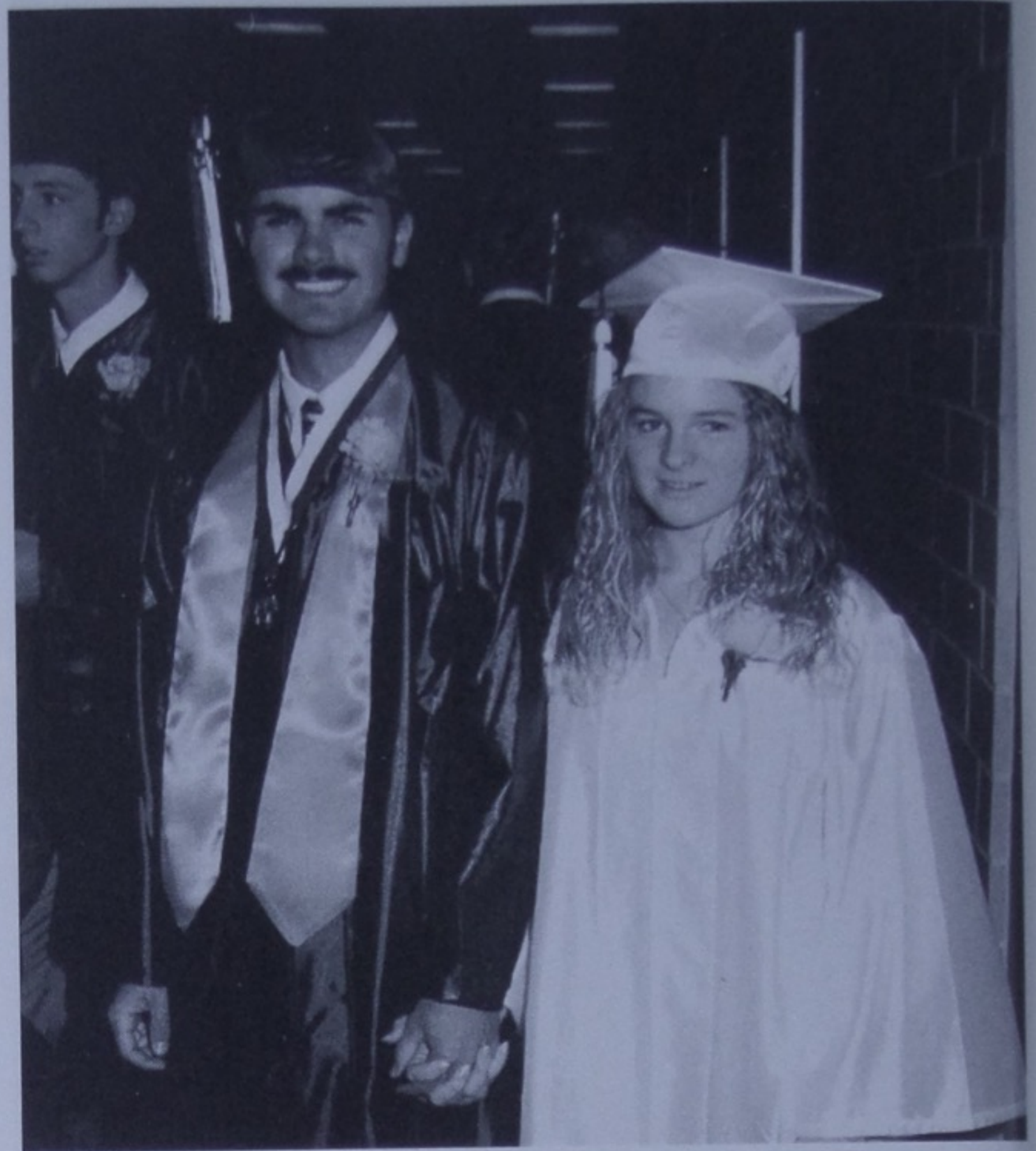
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**Bones Thugs and Harmony**

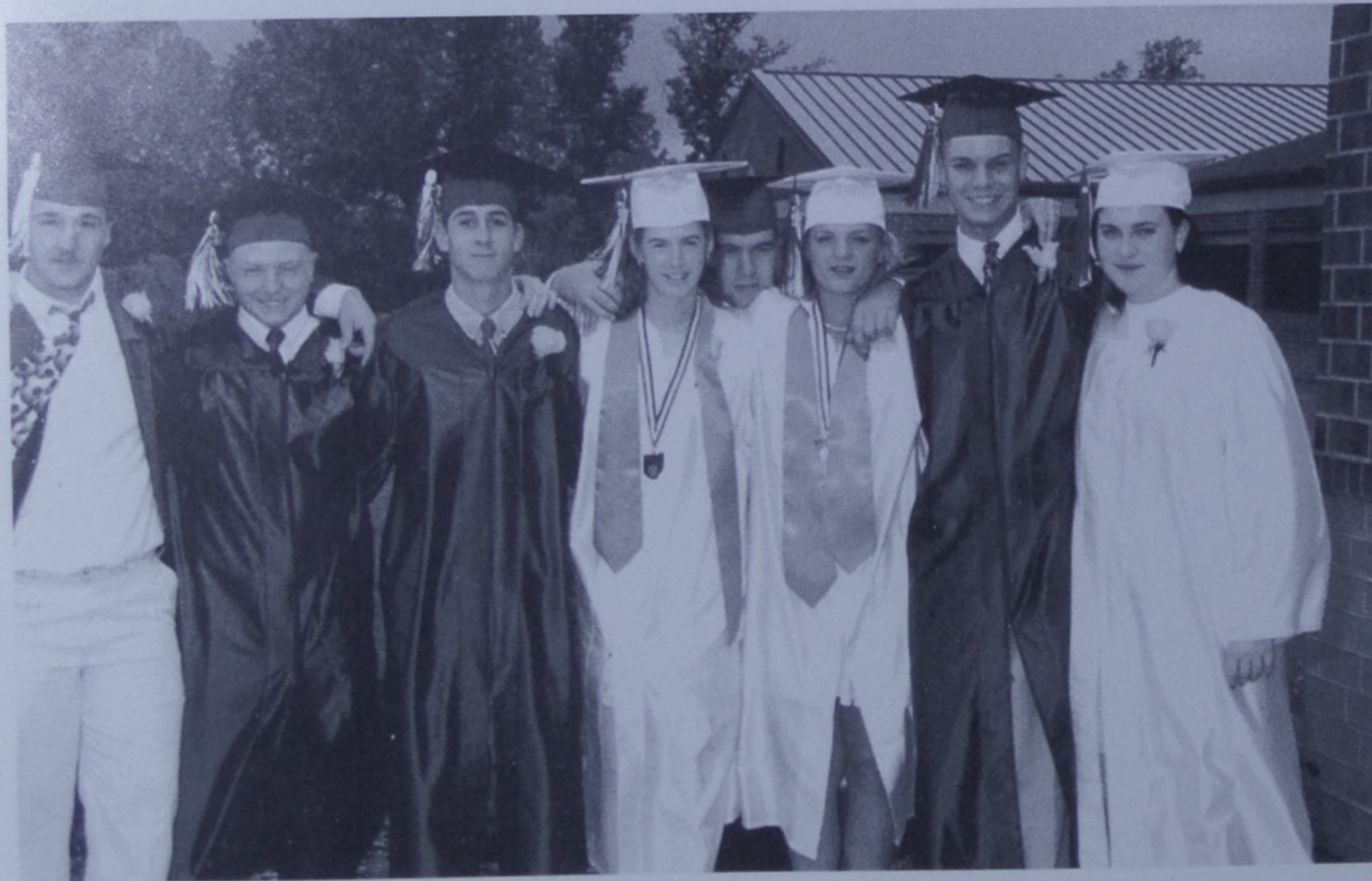
# 109th Annual Graduation Exercises



Mrs. Canary assists Mrs. Stambaugh by pinning a rose on Andria Smalley's gown. The yellow rose was chosen as the class flower by the 1997 graduates.



Standing in the hallway outside the cafeteria, Austin Gray and Kristina Stambaugh hold hands after getting their yellow roses pinned on their gowns.



A group of senior class members enjoy the Sunday sunshine before the commencement exercises begin.

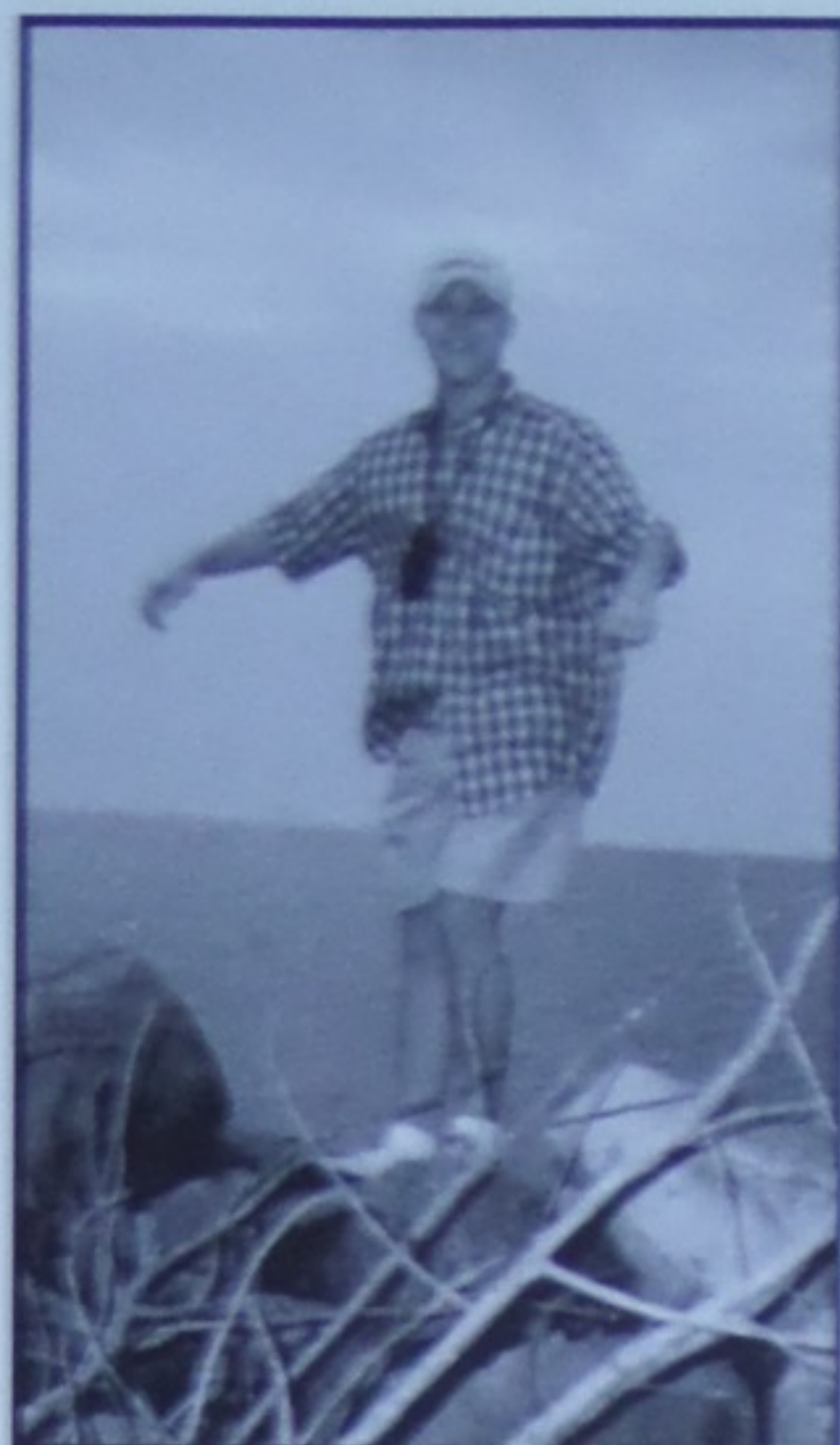
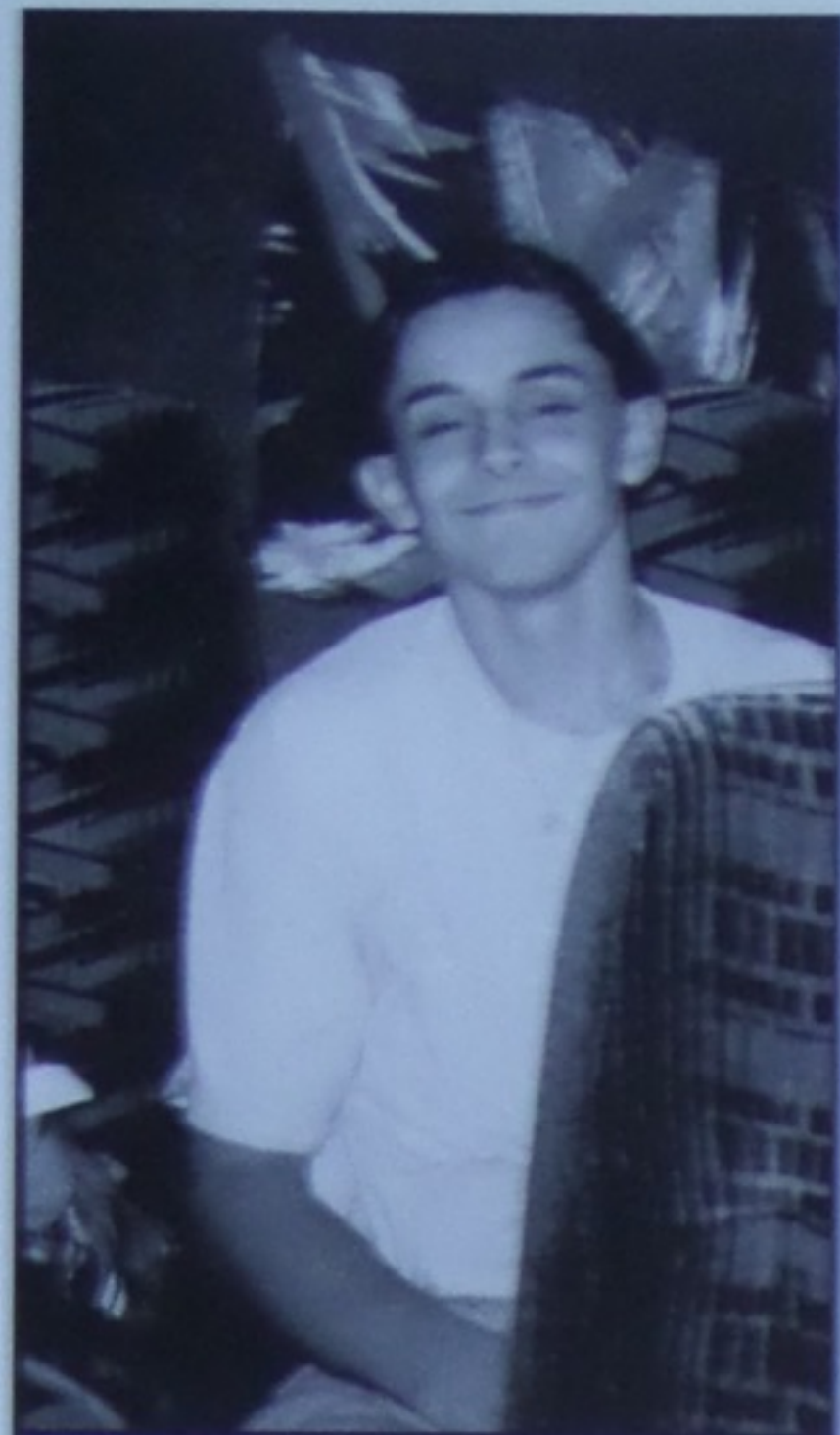
**Sunday,  
June 1, 1997  
2:00 P.M.**

**CLASS MOTTO:**  
"Memories  
Are What  
We Leave Behind,  
Dreams Are What  
We Seek"

**CLASS FLOWER:**  
Yellow Rose

**CLASS COLORS:**  
Purple and White

**CLASS GIFT:**  
White Bible





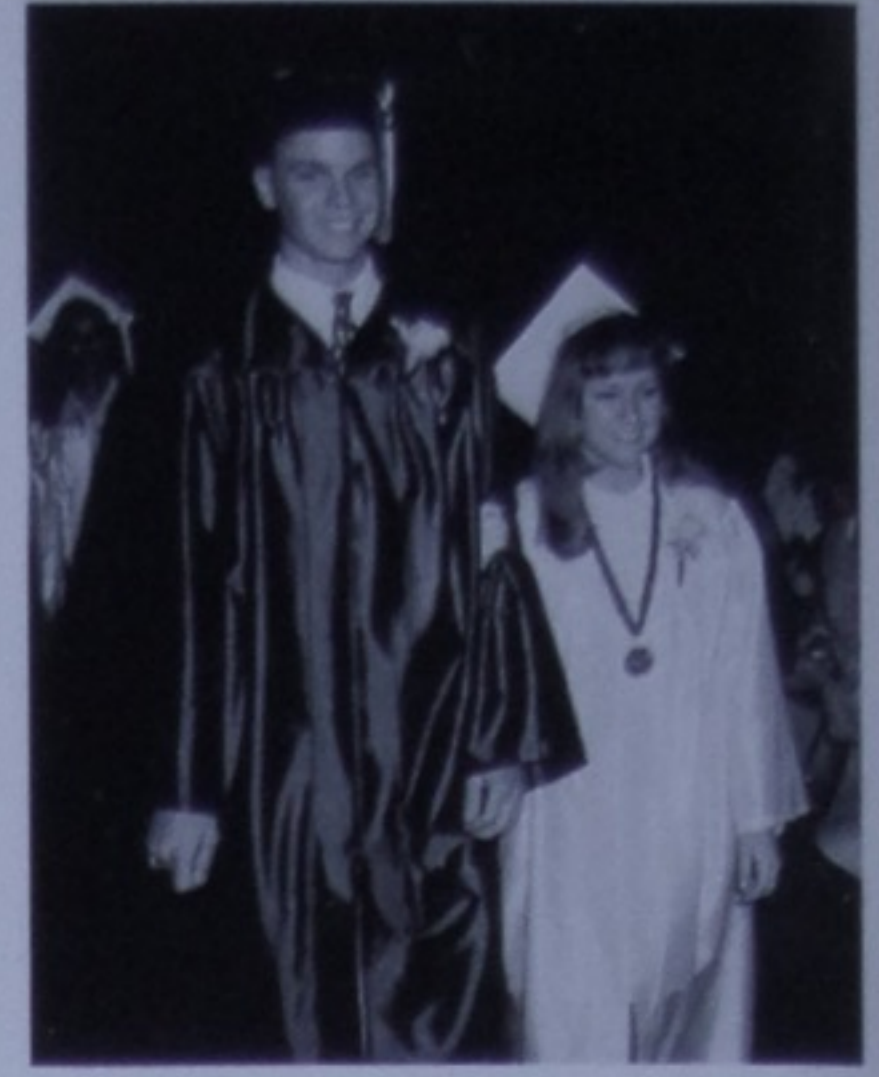
Sarah Cox looks to the crowd as she reads a poem to her fellow classmates.



Valedictorian Jay Delaney delivers his class address to the audience.



Sindee Smith looks at her classmates as she reminisces about the past.



Andy Oppy and Jennifer Mills hold hands as they walk in the procession.



Andrew Wilson receives his class gift, a white Bible, from his father, Dr. Charles Wilson. Dr. Wilson was the president of the Valley Local Board of Education.



Travis Turner plays for the last time as a member of the high school band. The band was introduced by Julie Gahm, vice president of the Class of 1997.



Senior members join the Valley High School Chorus to sing, "I Am But A Small Voice," during the 109th annual graduation exercises. The chorus, directed by Mrs. Spears, also performed before graduation as people were being seated.



With arms linked, Brandie Graf and Roger Conley walk to their seats.





**SALUTATORIAN:** Sindee Smith.  
**VALEDICTORIANS:** Jay Delaney and Sarah Cox.



Darren Lutz, junior, talks with Dan Casto before the 109th annual graduation exercises begin. They were both members of this year's Valley tennis team.



Aimee Fife, Bethany Surrey, Alesia Swords, and Mandie Lute share a group hug during their last moments as students of the Valley Local School District.



Bored with the wait, Roger Conley, Jennifer Ratliff, and Jason Hudson goof around while standing in the procession line on the stage in the cafetorium.



John Kerr and Julie Gahm share memorable moments with their friends, Dilean McCarty, Betty Gibson, and Kim Yates, who attended the vocational school.

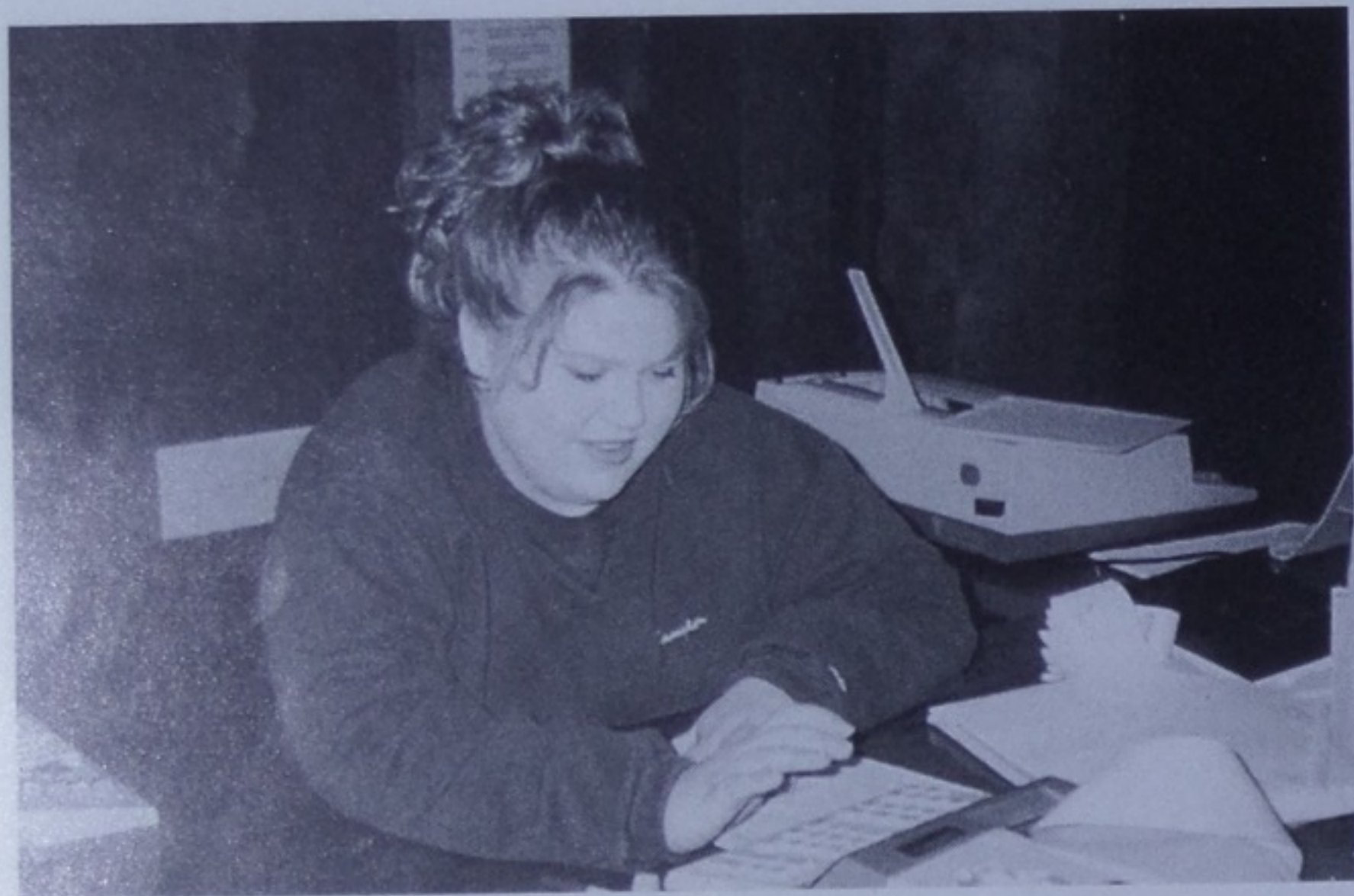
# Scioto County Joint Vocational Students

**SENIORS.** Accounting II: Jason Adkins, Tim Bailey. Welding II: Sean Allard, Terry Buckler, Adam Smith. Machine Trades II: John Buckler. General Secretarial and Word Processing II: Rebecca Chandler. Drafting II: Lewis Crabtree, Matt Venturino. Air Conditioning and Heating II: Aaron Days. Child Care II: Betty Gibson, Kimberly Yates. Cosmetology II: Renee Gibson, Mary Hardy, Melissa Montgomery. Nursing Assistant II: Melissa Jordan, Dilean McCarty. Auto Body II: Fred Pollard. Auto Mechanics II: Bryan Sewell. Electricity II: Joe Zimmerman.

**JUNIORS.** Welding I: Roger Allen, Riki Boldman, Chris Greathouse, Chris Lowder, Rocky Traylor. Auto Mechanics I: Brian Bauer. Dental Assisting I: Hope Boggs, Stephanie McKenzie. Drafting I: Melissa DeAtley. Electricity I: Jason Dempsey, William Gibson, Stanley Pence. Machine Trades I: Arnold Evans. Child Care I: Scherina Kazee. Carpentry I: Jeremiah Lewis, Brian Littleton, Larry Mefford, David Mills. Air Conditioning & Heating I: Chad McDaniel. General Secretarial and Word Processing I: Tracy Moore, Barbara Salyers, Amy Stephens. Electronics I: Nathan Morris. Accounting I: Logan Tackett.



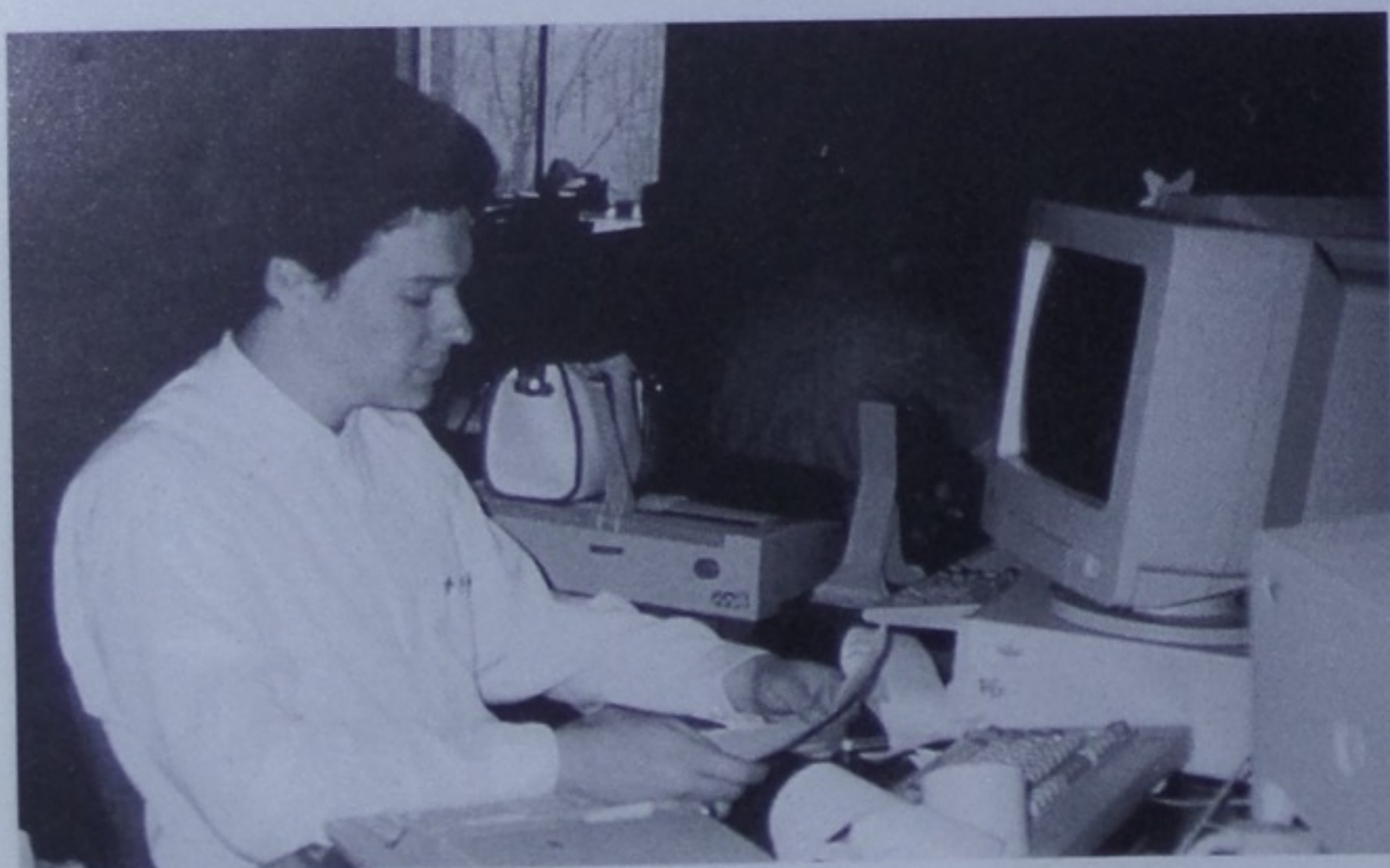
Sitting at a drafting table during lab, Matt Venturino works on a project. This was Matt's second year at the Scioto County Joint Vocational School.



Amy Stephens practices calculating in General Secretarial/Word Processing. Amy attended Vo-Tec to learn skills for future employment.



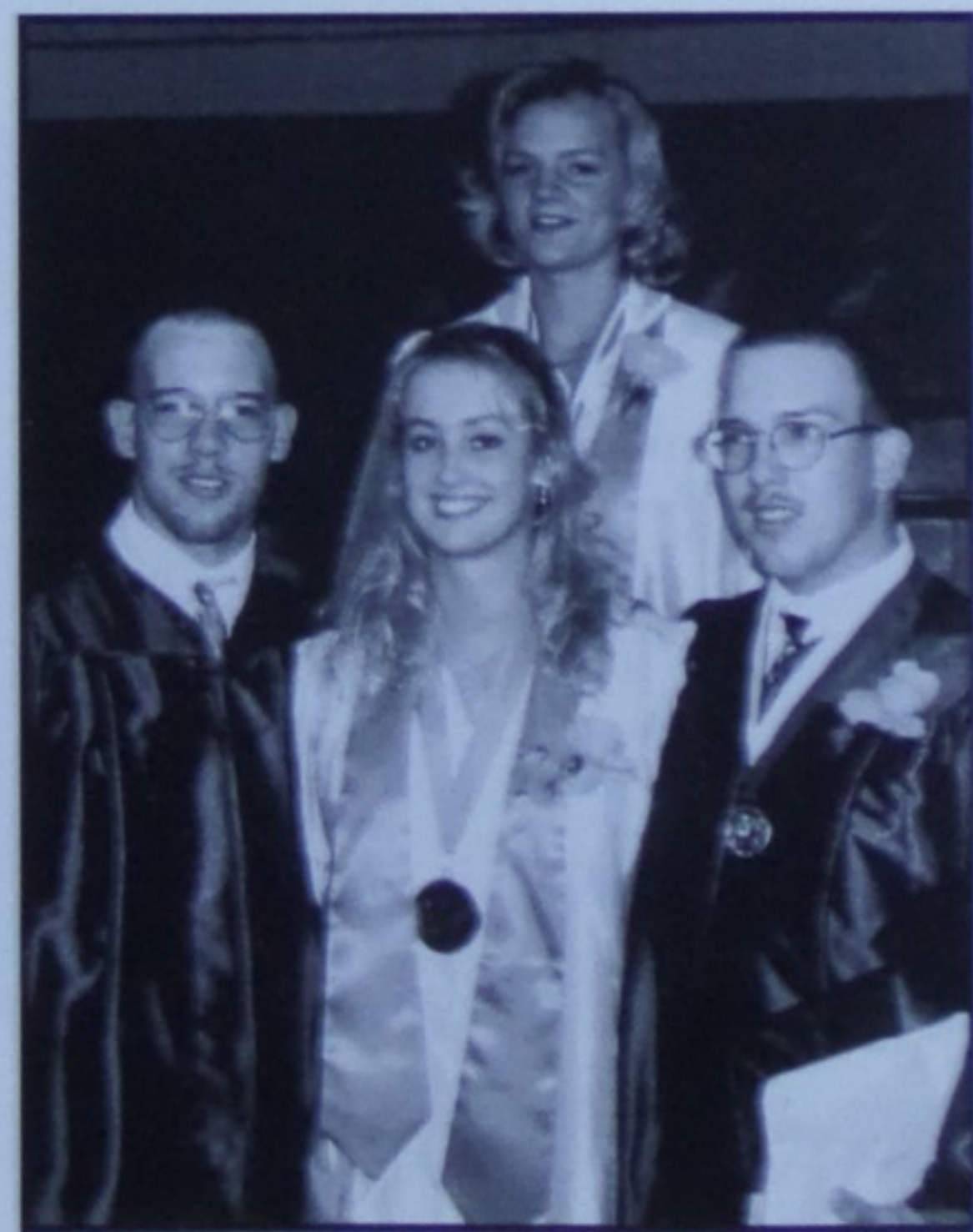
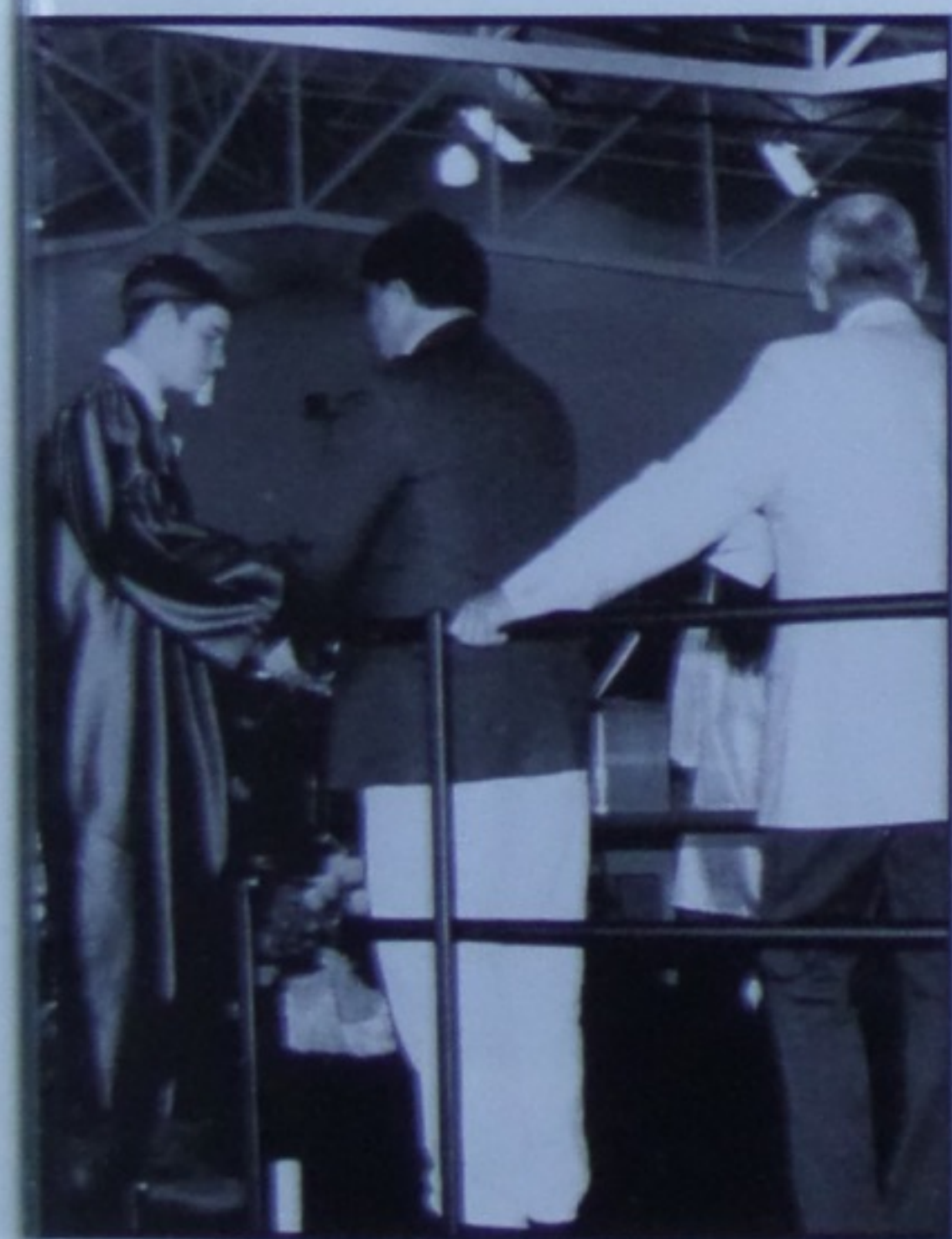
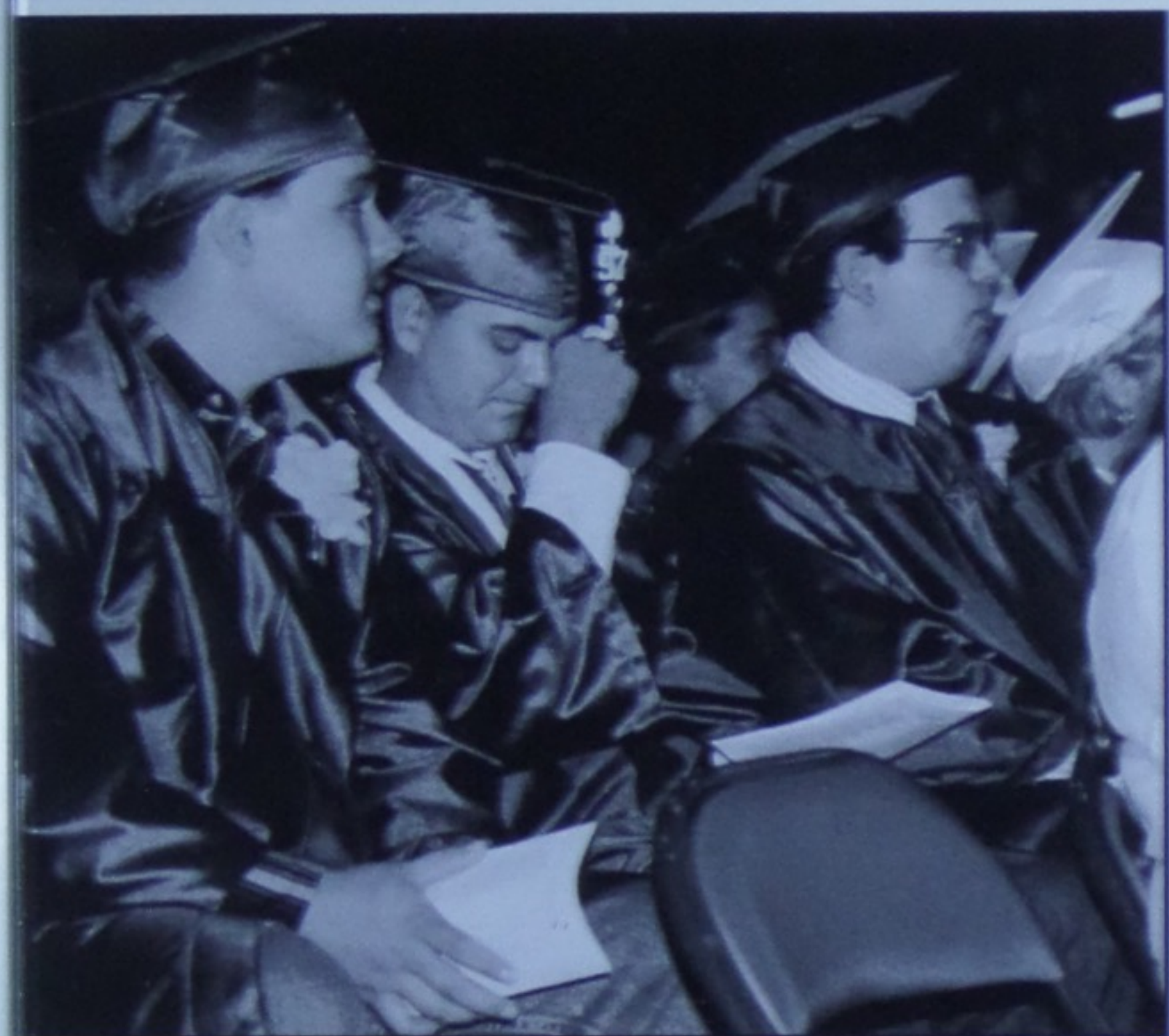
Nathan Morris utilizes his work time by practicing his computer skills. Nathan, a junior, chose to learn electronics while attending the vocational school.



Jason Adkins uses his lab time to work on an assignment. He attended the S.C.J.V.S. both his junior and senior years to gain job skills in accounting.



John Buckler tries to complete an assignment during lab in Machine Trades II. John participated in football and track at Valley while attending Vo-Tec.



# Juniors

# Class Of 1998

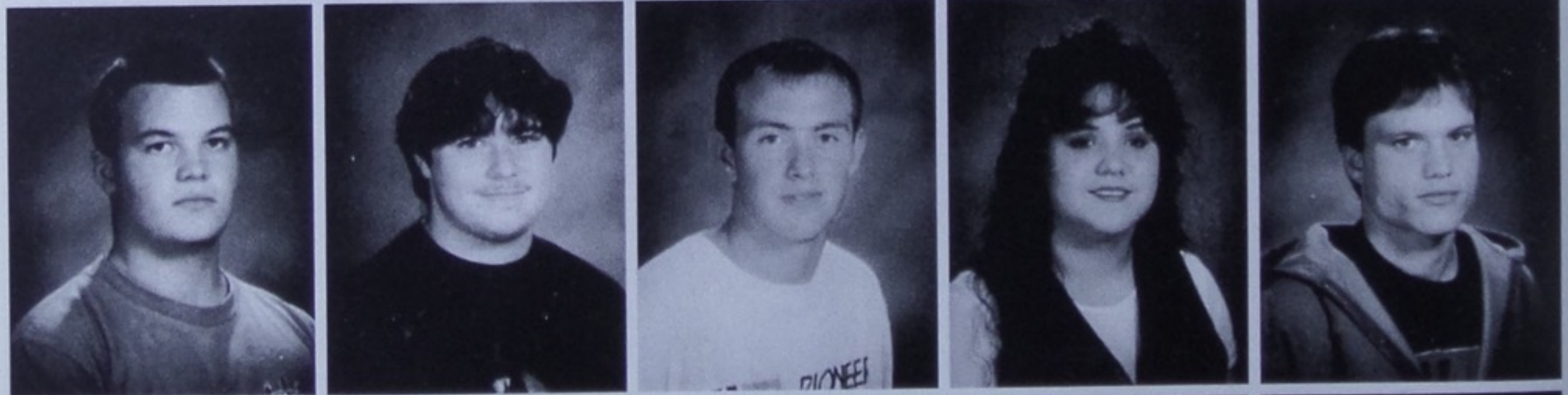


CLASS OFFICERS. Seated: Melanie Chatfield, Vice President; Mike Miller, Treasurer. Standing: Rick Boldman, Vo-Tec Vice President; Aubrey Brown, President; Chris Lundy, Secretary.

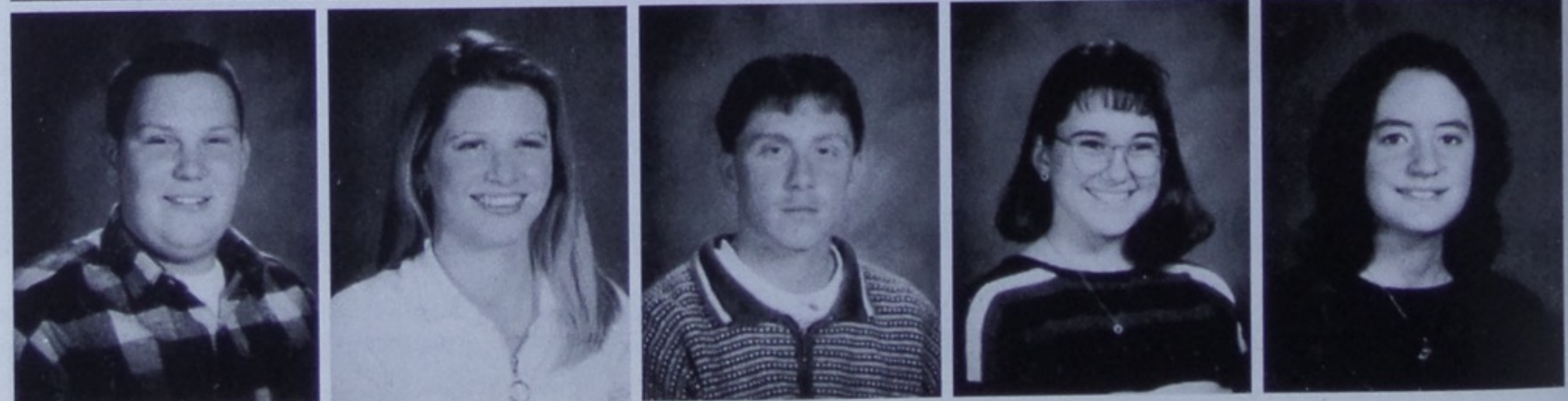
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Greg Anderson



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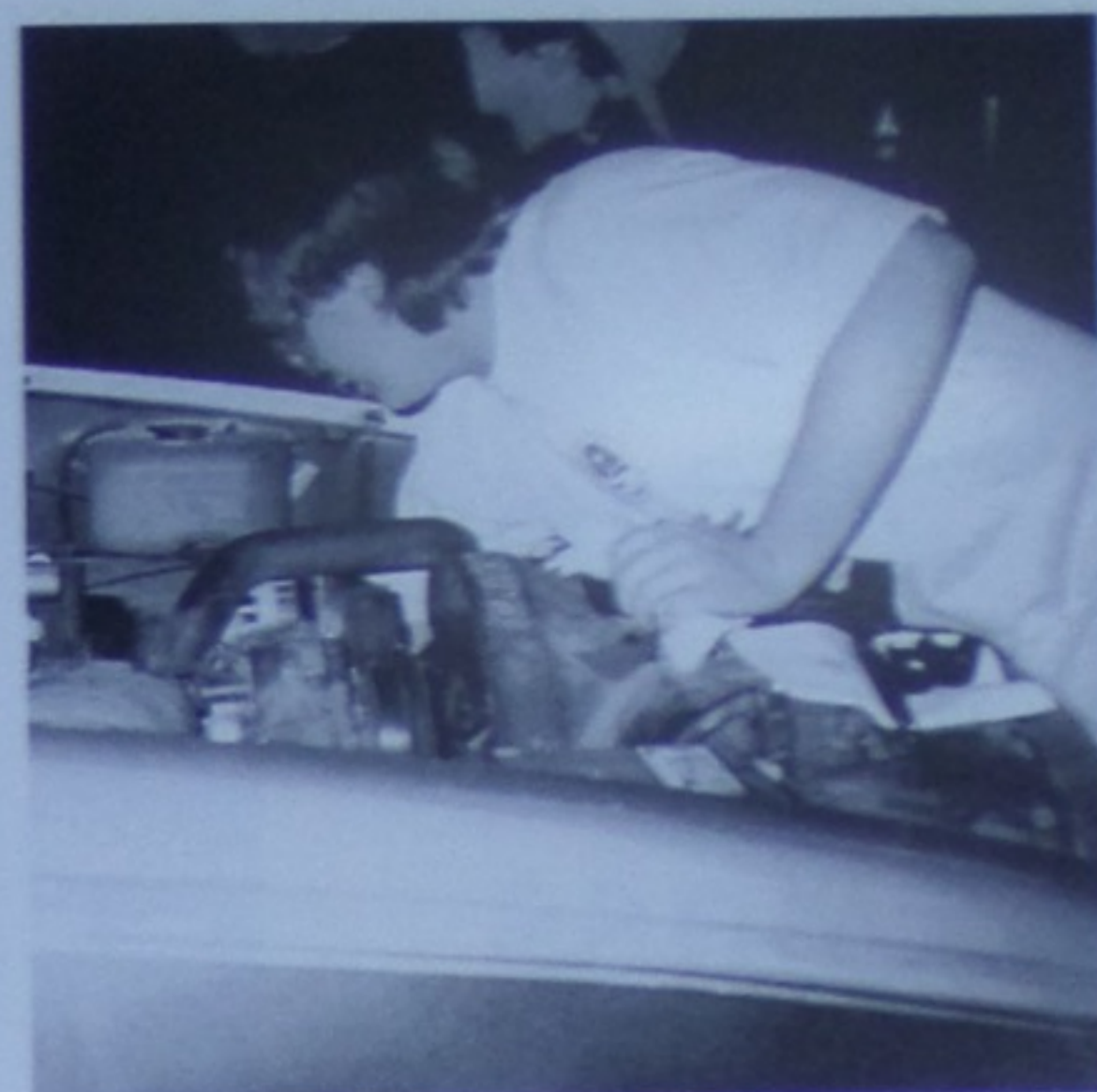
Students



Brian Bauer uses the skills he has acquired during his first year of training to work on an engine.



Arnold Evans cleans his lab area before breaking for lunch. He was a junior in Machine Trades I.



Senior Bryan Sewell completes some repairs on a truck engine during lab in Auto Mechanics II.

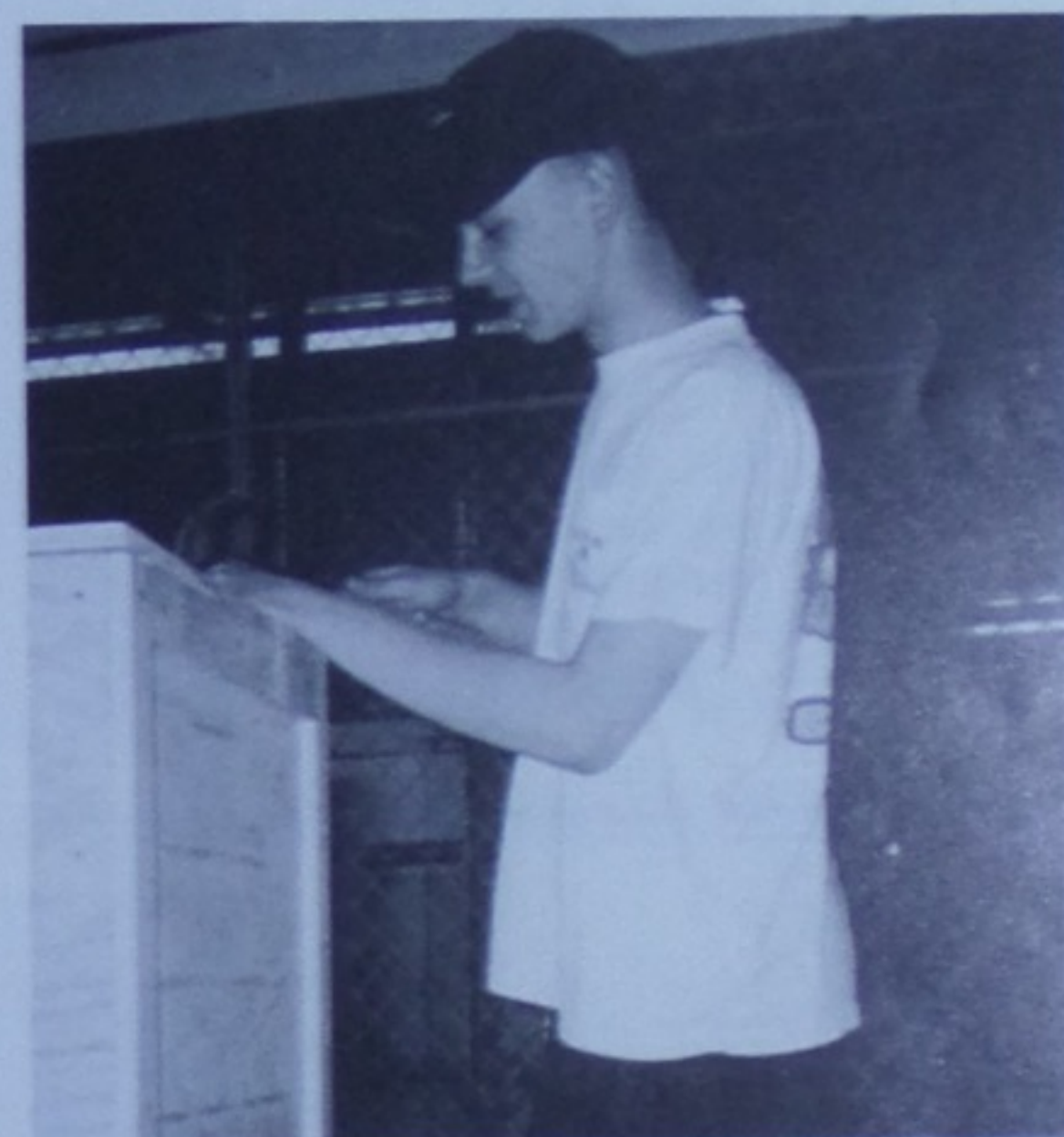
works on a project at vocational school.



Lewis Crabtree details his drafting work during morning lab. He also gained skills in surveying.



Accounting student Tim Bailey, senior, carefully proofreads his calculations for accuracy.



David Mills labors on a task in carpentry class. A yearly project of the class is to build a house.

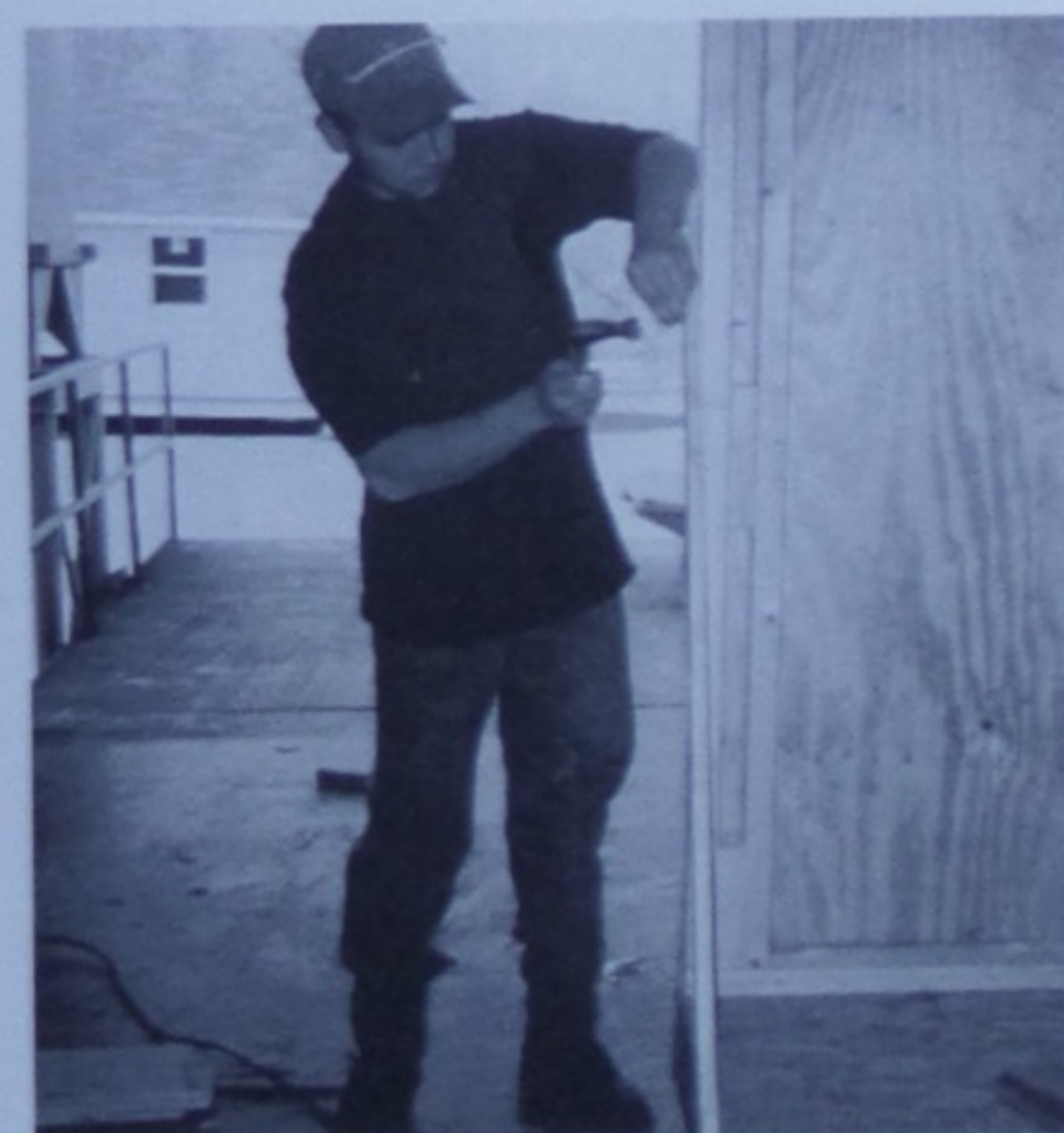
computer skills. Vocational school.



Jeremiah Lewis follows safety procedures while sawing a board as he works in the carpentry lab.

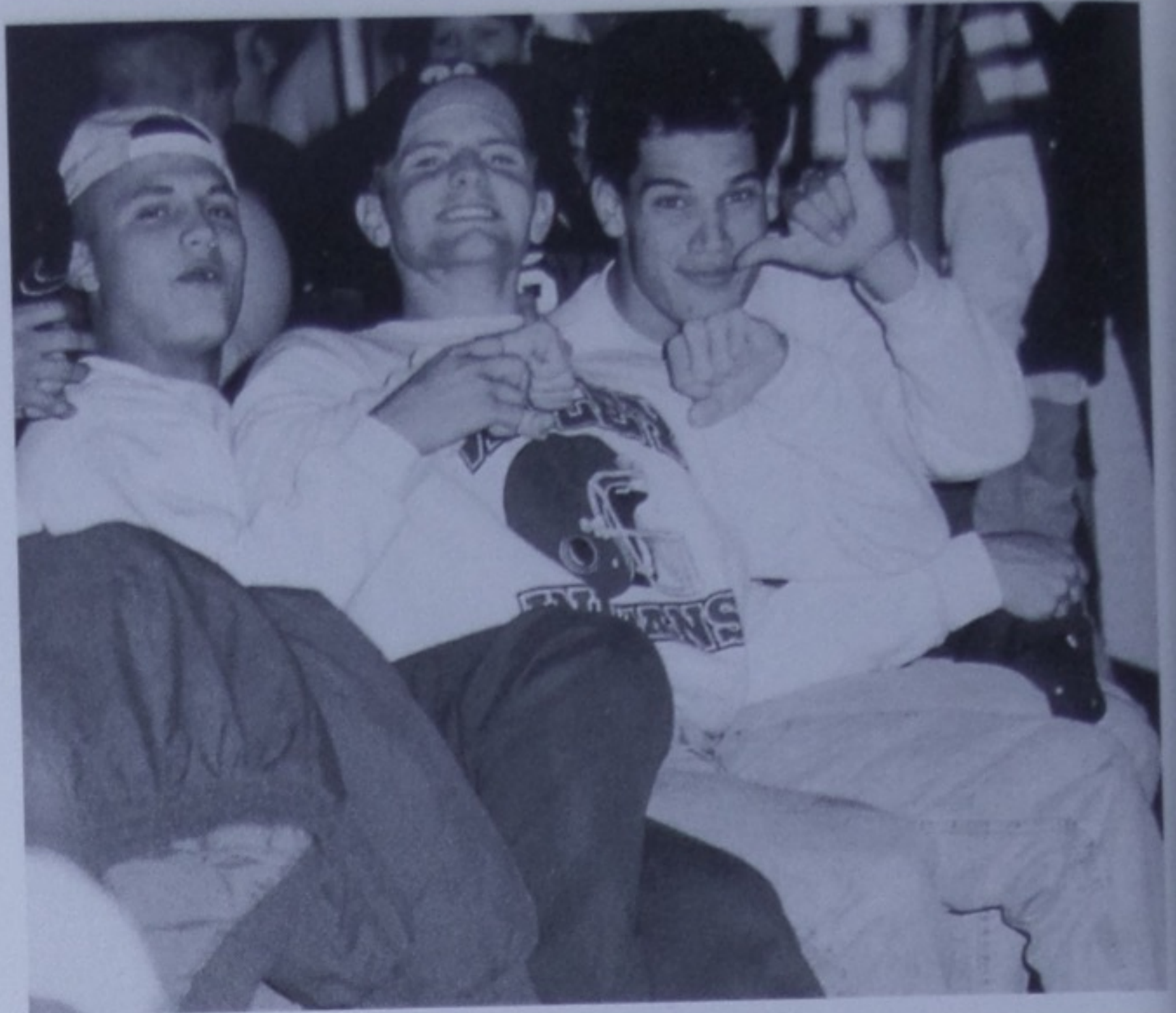
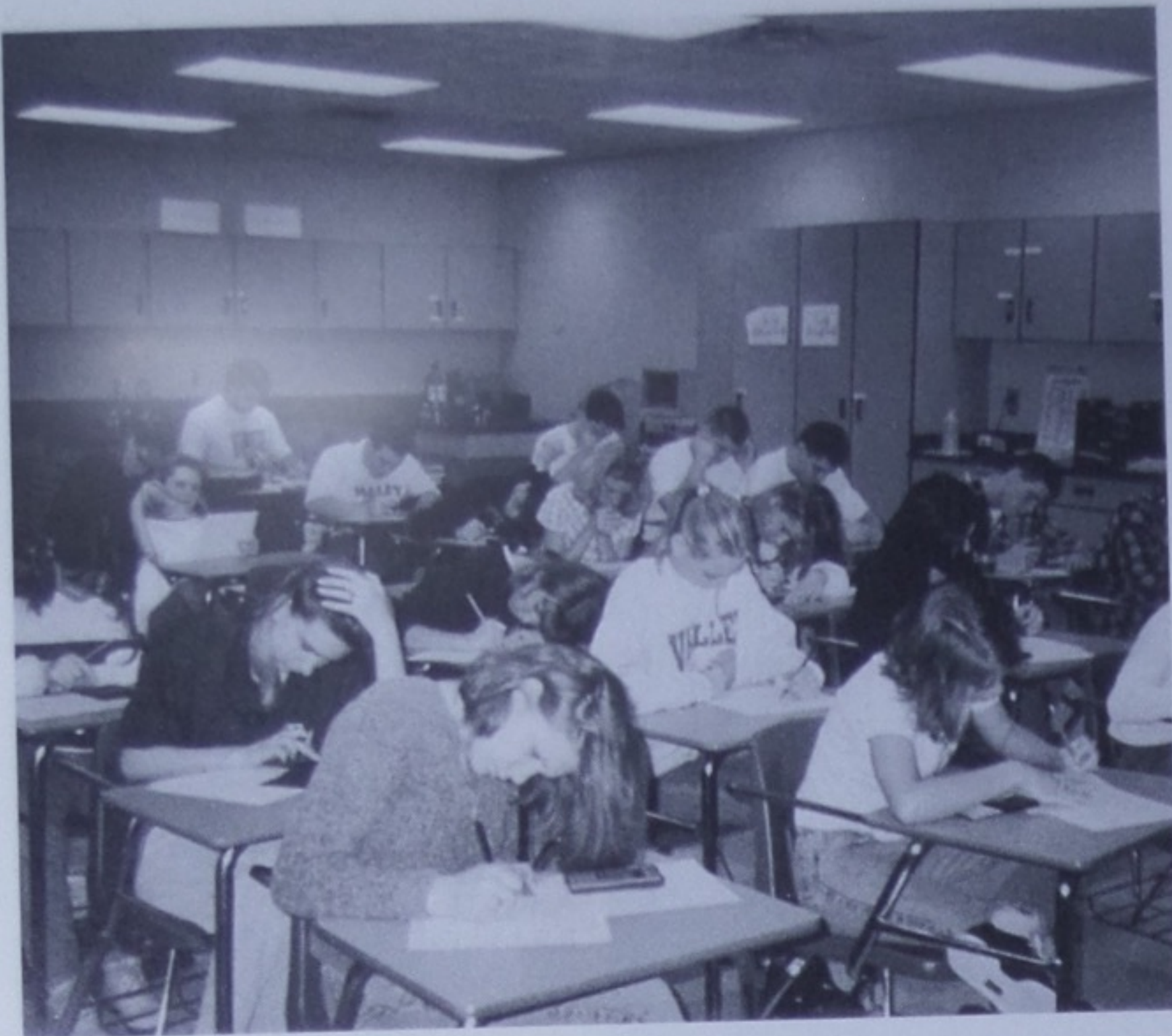


In the Dental Assisting lab, Stephanie McKenzie prepares a solution to be used for cleaning teeth.



Junior vocational student Larry Mefford shows his proficiency with a hammer as he drives a nail.

lab in Machine Trades I.



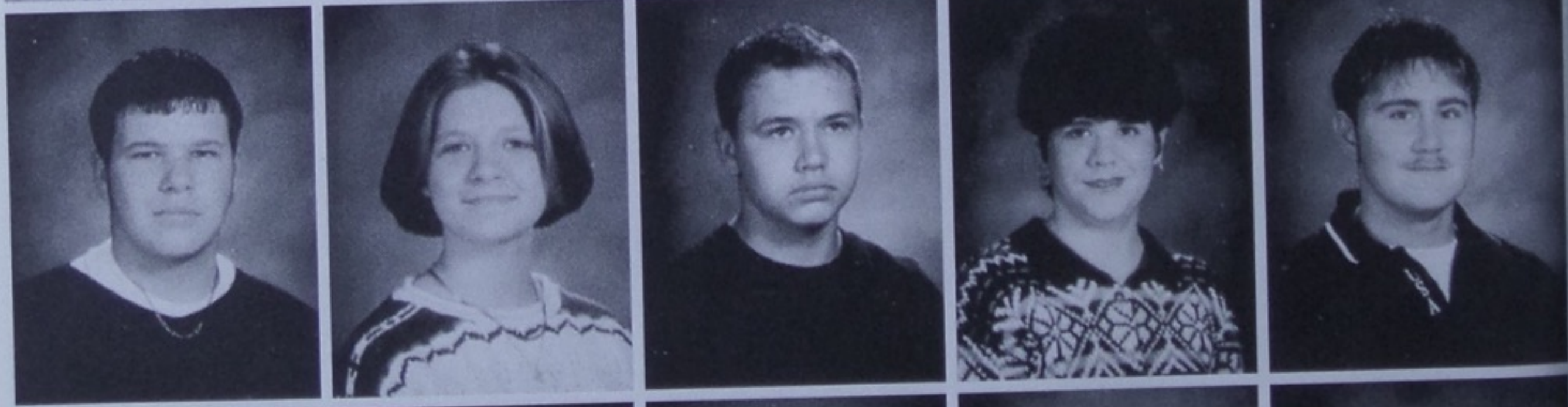
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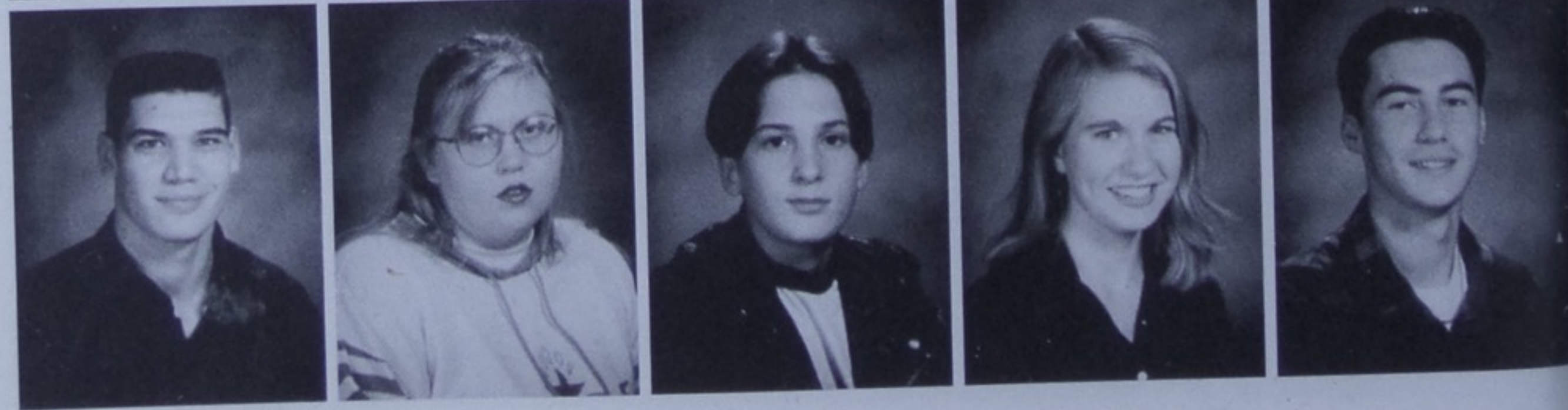
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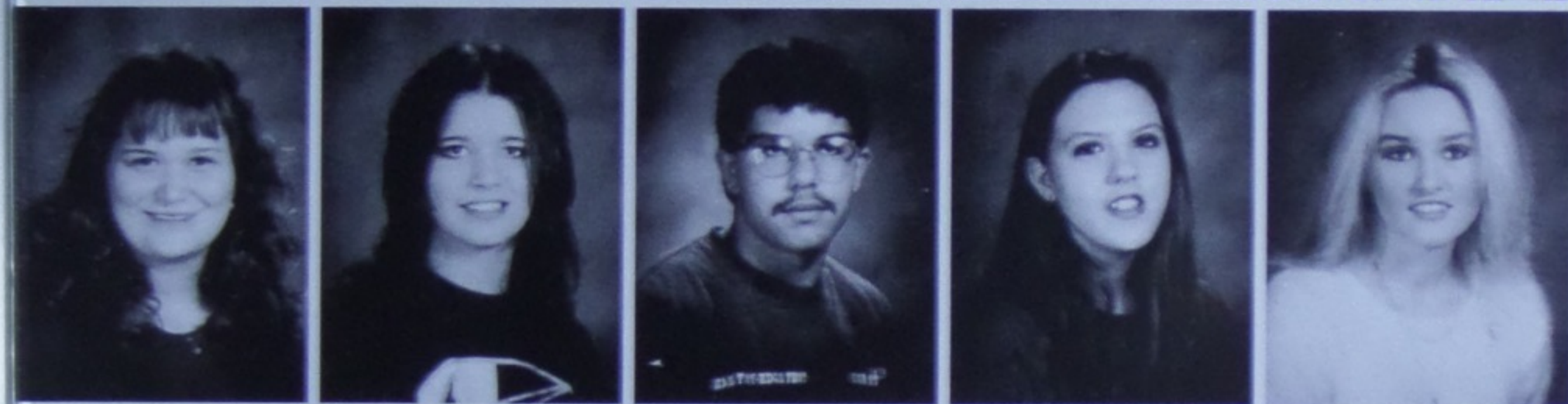




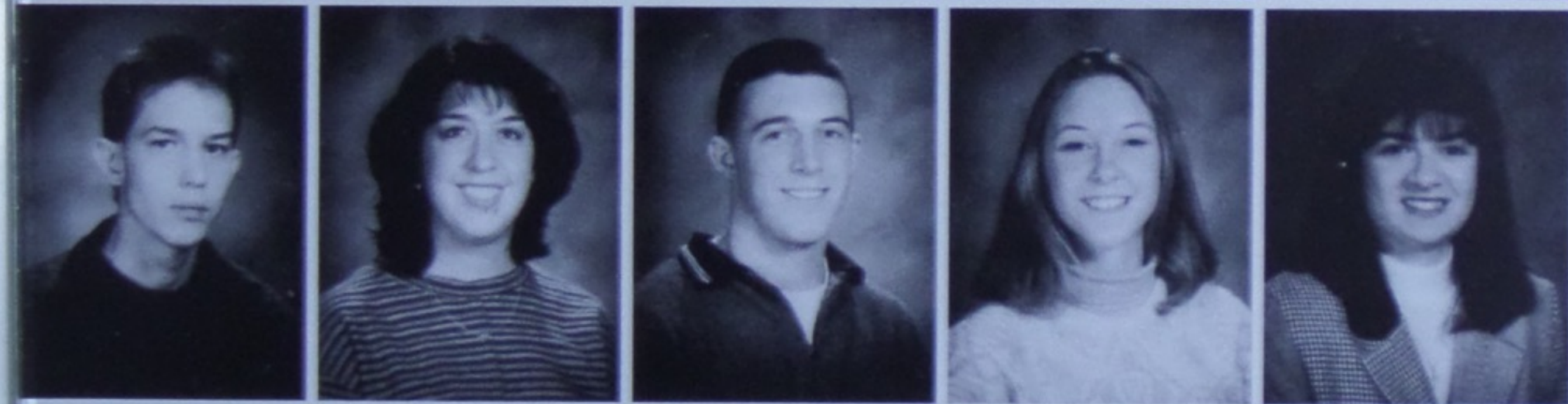
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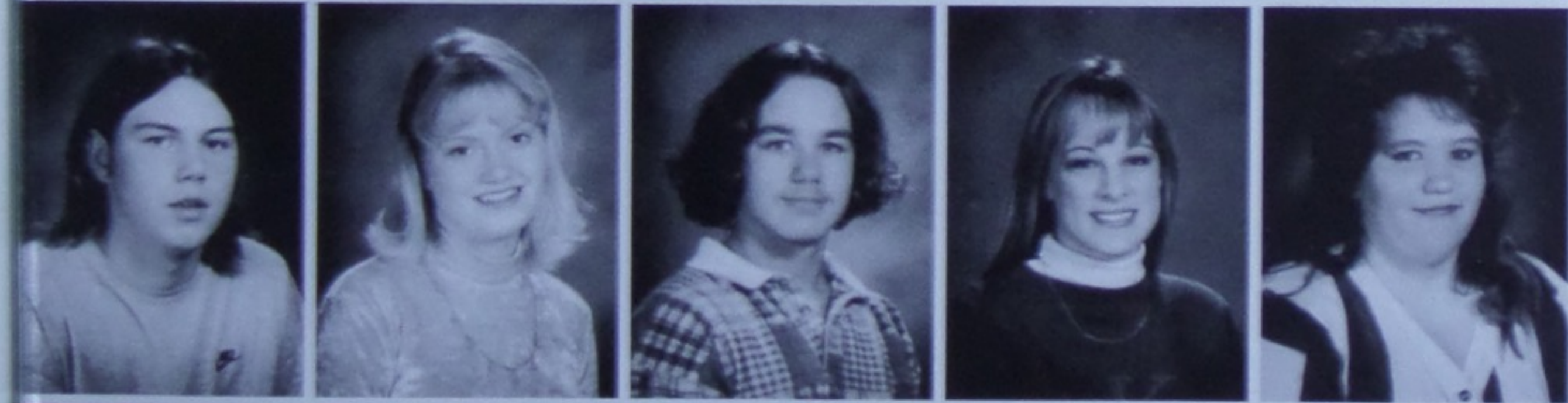
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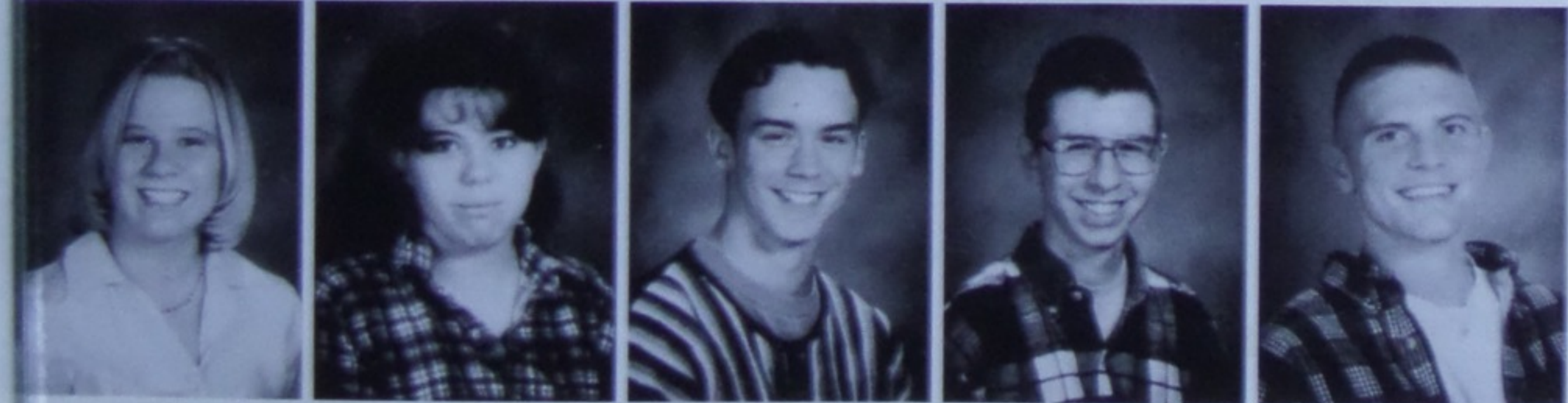
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B.J. Howard  
 Sarah Hurt  
 Mike James  
 Jessica Johnson  
 Scherina Kazee



Katie Kelly  
 Heather Kerr  
 Chris King  
 Jeremiah Lewis  
 Bob Locke

# Sophomores

## Class Of 1999



**CLASS OFFICERS.** Front: Lisa Lawson, Vice President. Back: Matt Eggar, Secretary; Matt Perkins, Treasurer; Jason Swords, President.

Joe Adkins  
Mickey Adkins  
Jayme Arrick  
Josh Bailey  
Jeremy Barth



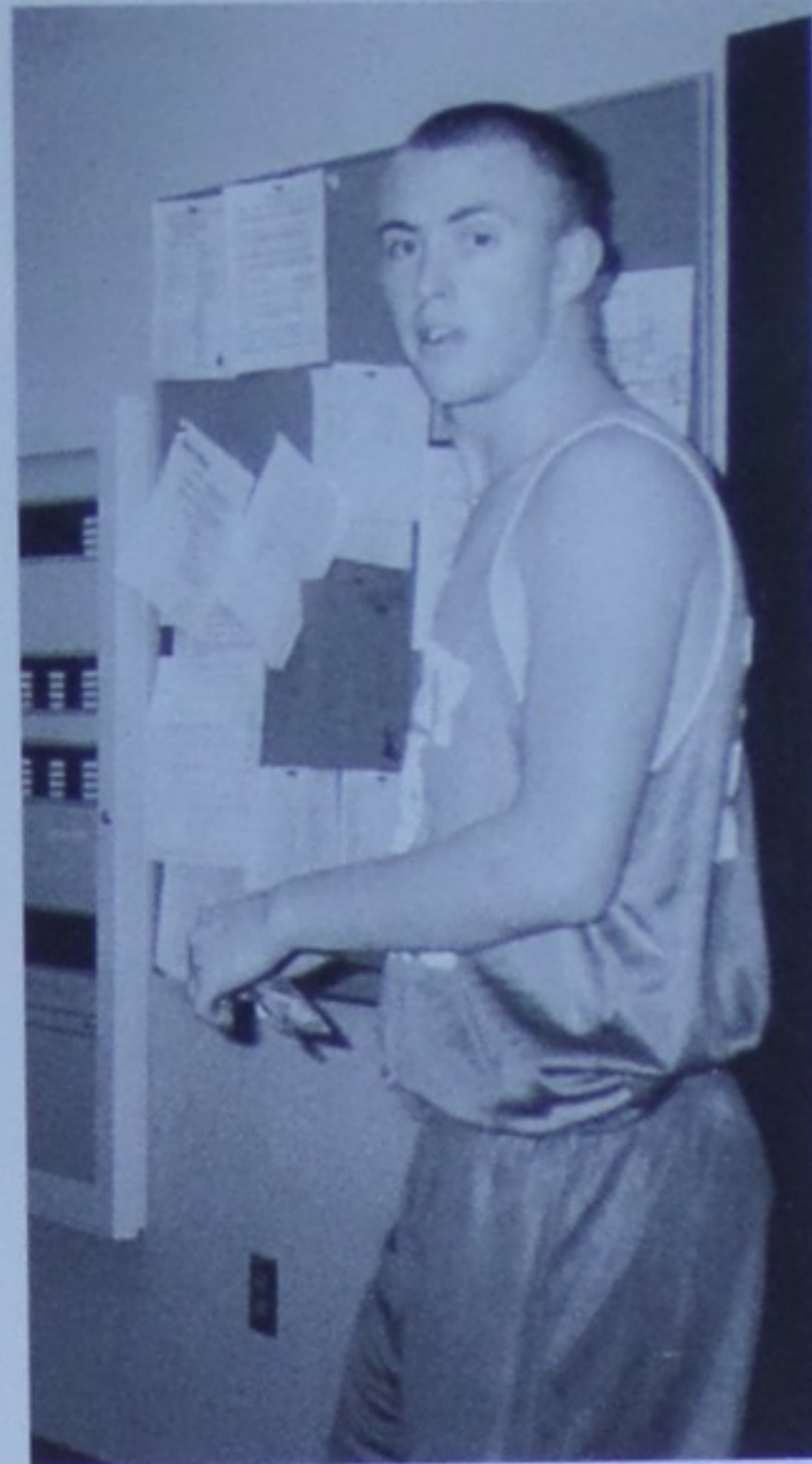
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Mike Bianco  
Sean Bibbey  
Matt Blaine



Linda Blair  
Aaron Boyer  
Tania Brightwell  
Dustin Brown  
Telena Caldwell







## Not Pictured:

Cyro Albuquerque  
 Roy Blanton  
 Betty Bostwick  
 Jill Calverly  
 Toni Colegrove  
 Michael Groves  
 Cassandra Hettinger  
 Brian Littleton  
 Keith Lore  
 Rebecca McClary  
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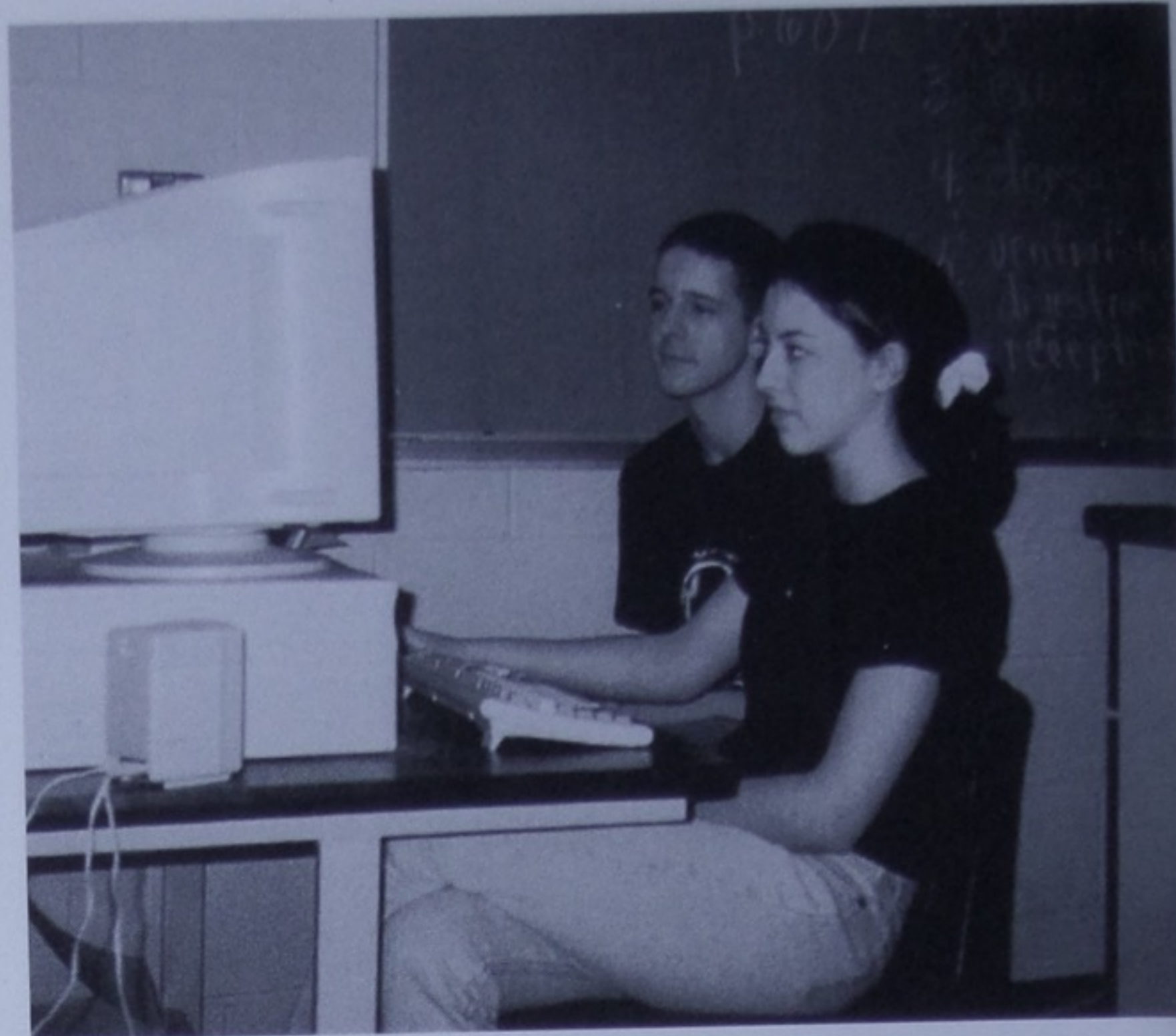
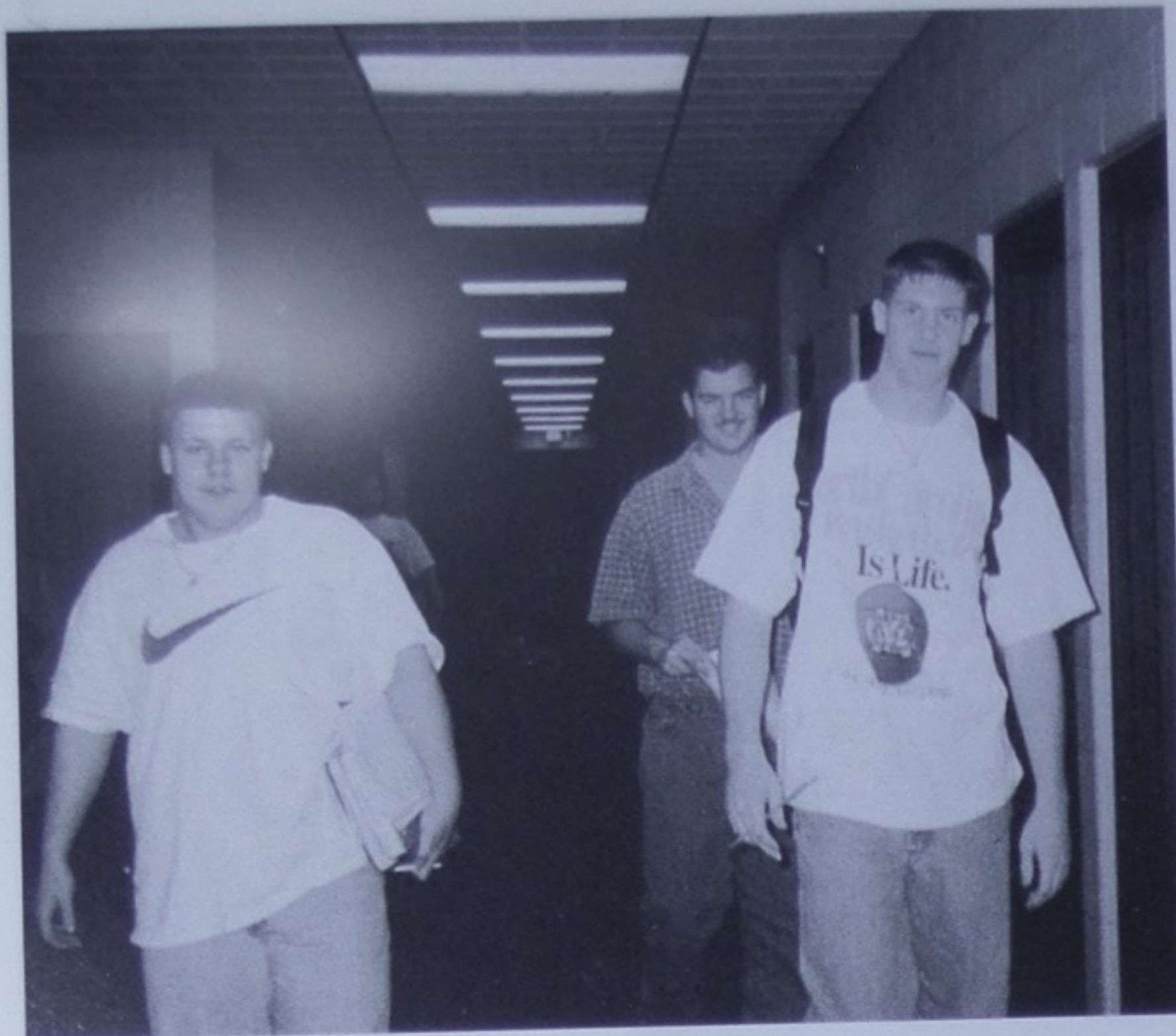


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 Jennifer Rucker

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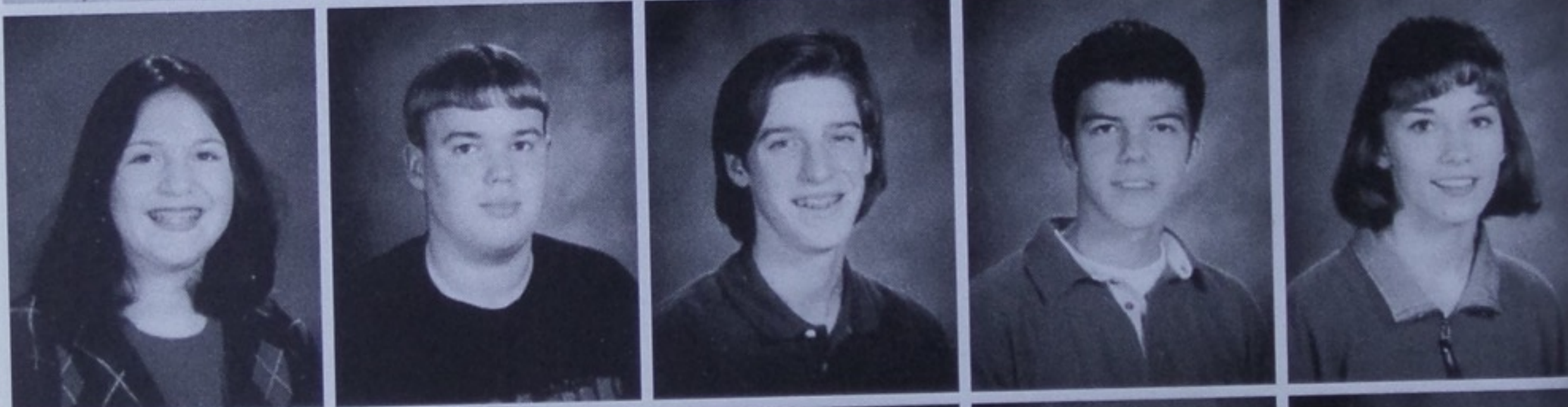
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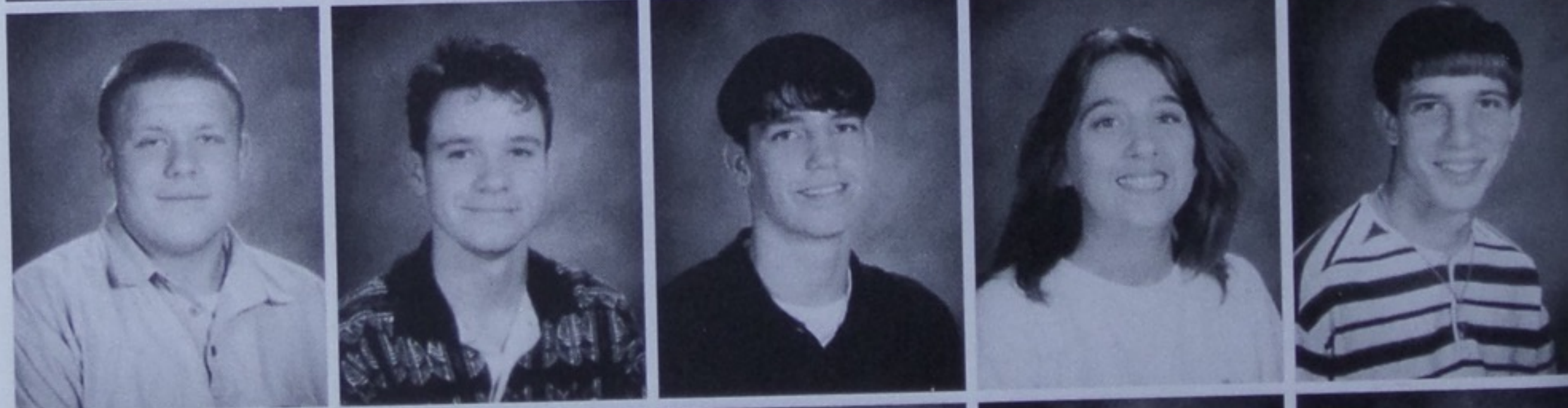
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 Sam Lute  
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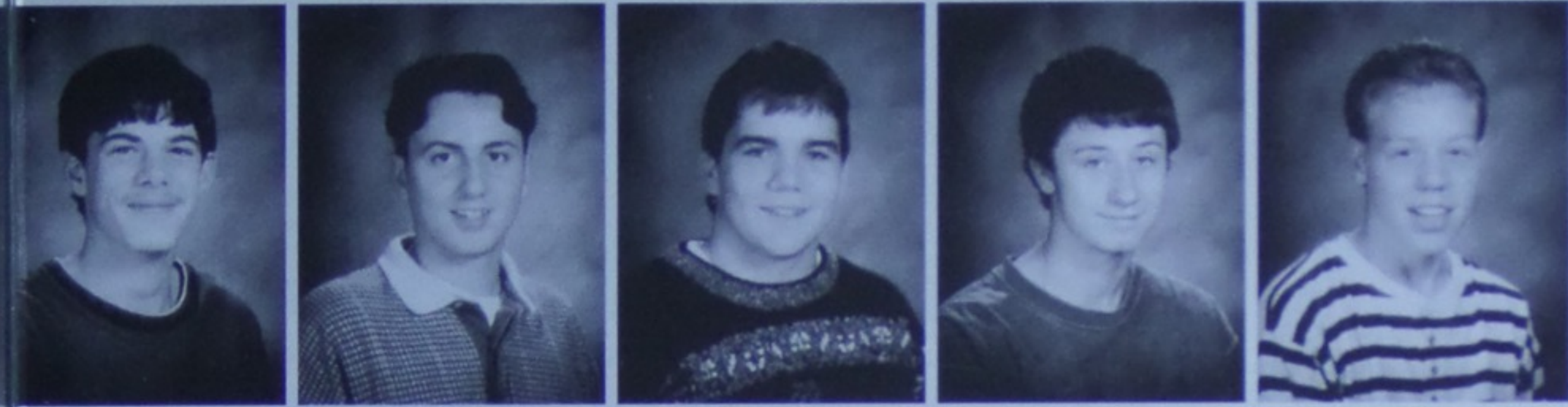


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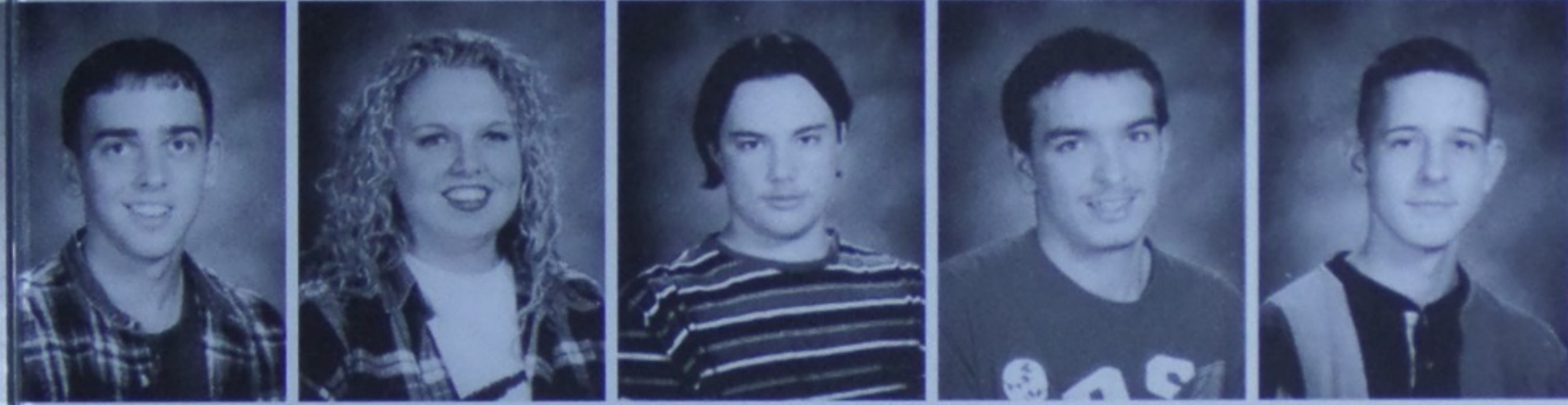




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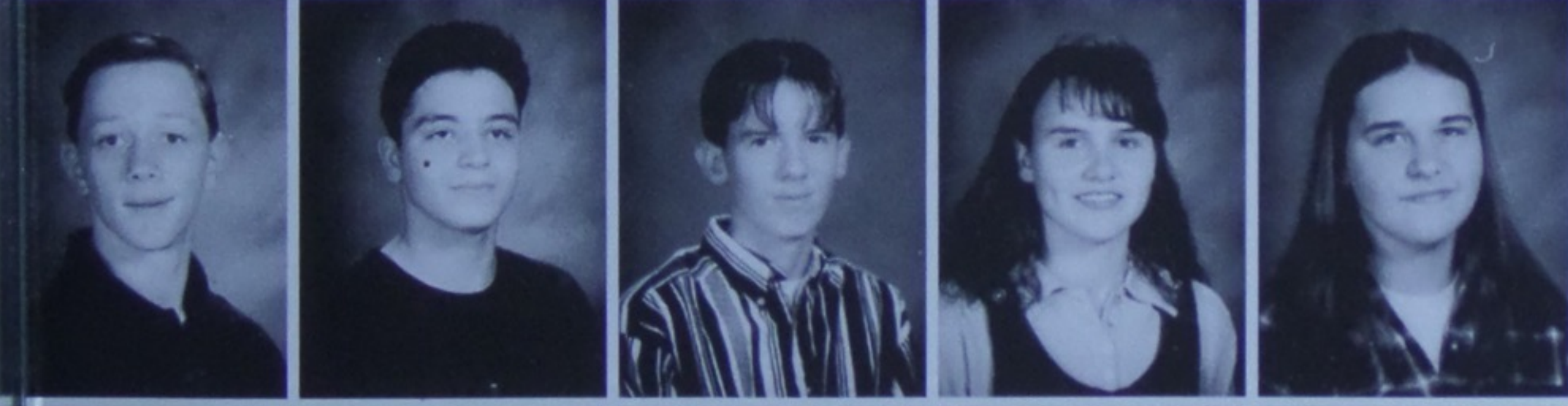
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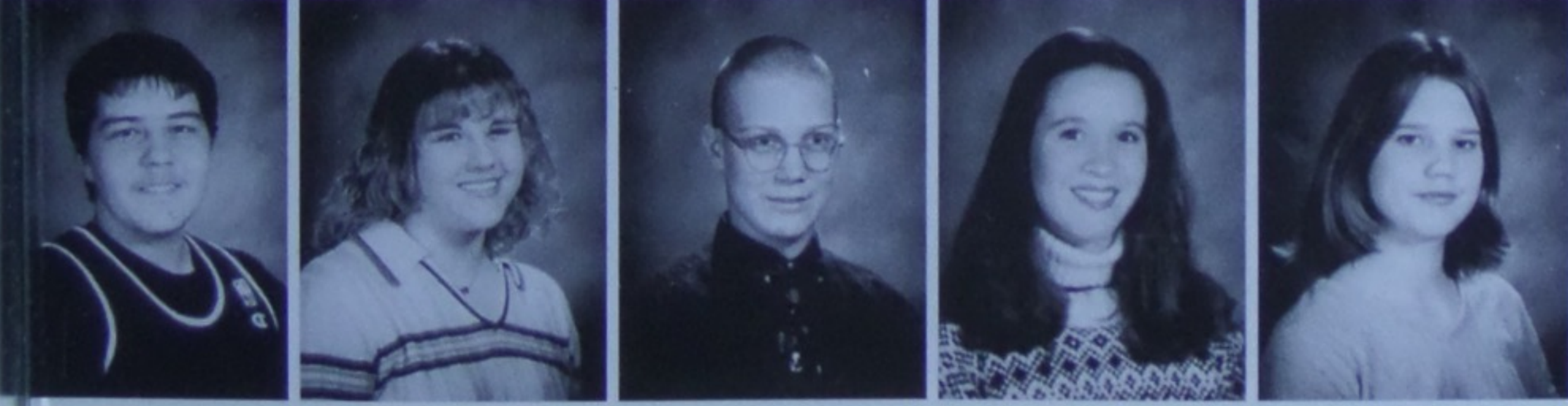
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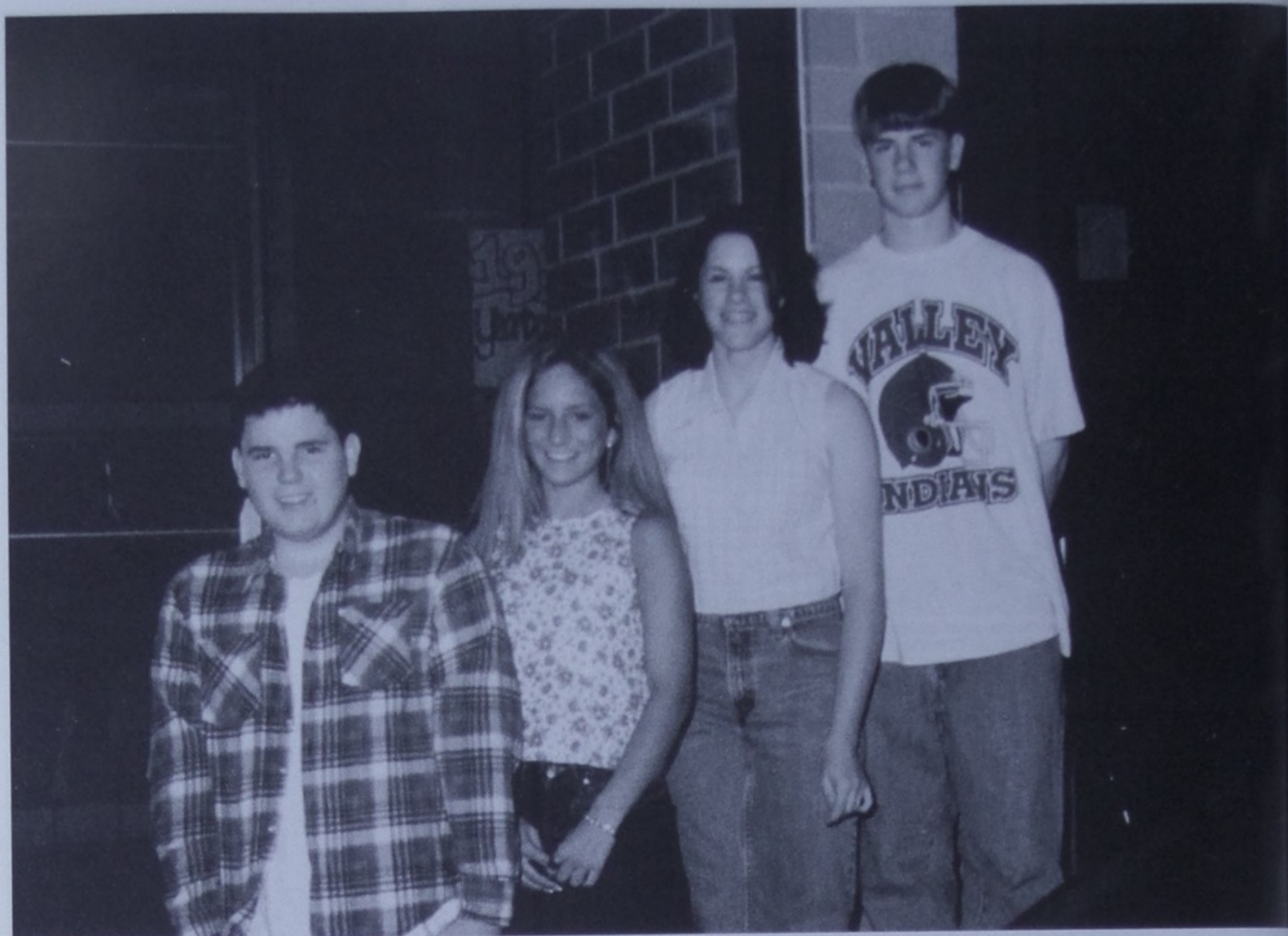
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# Freshmen

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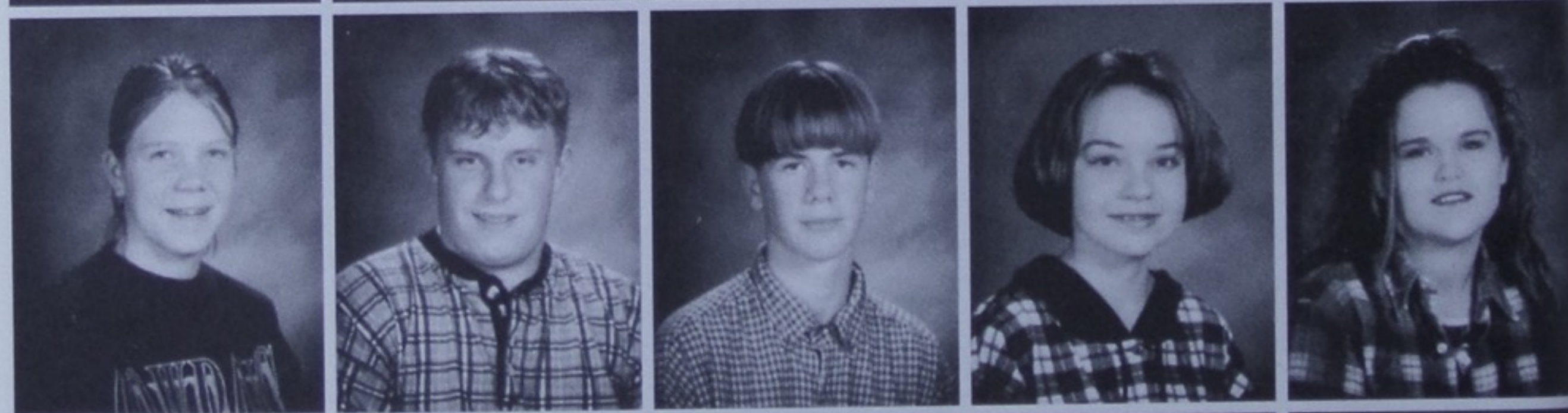


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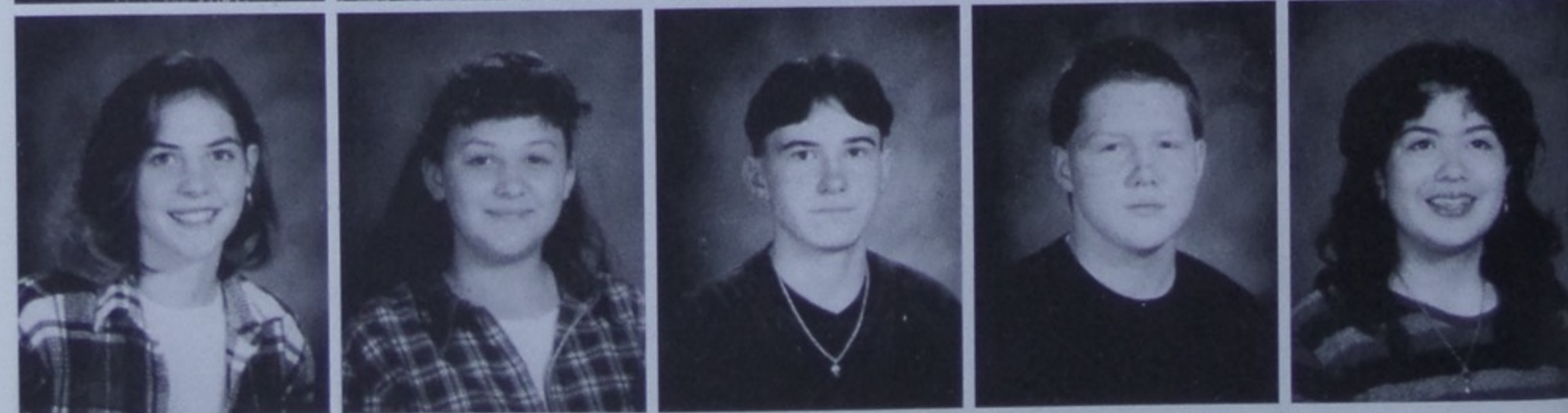
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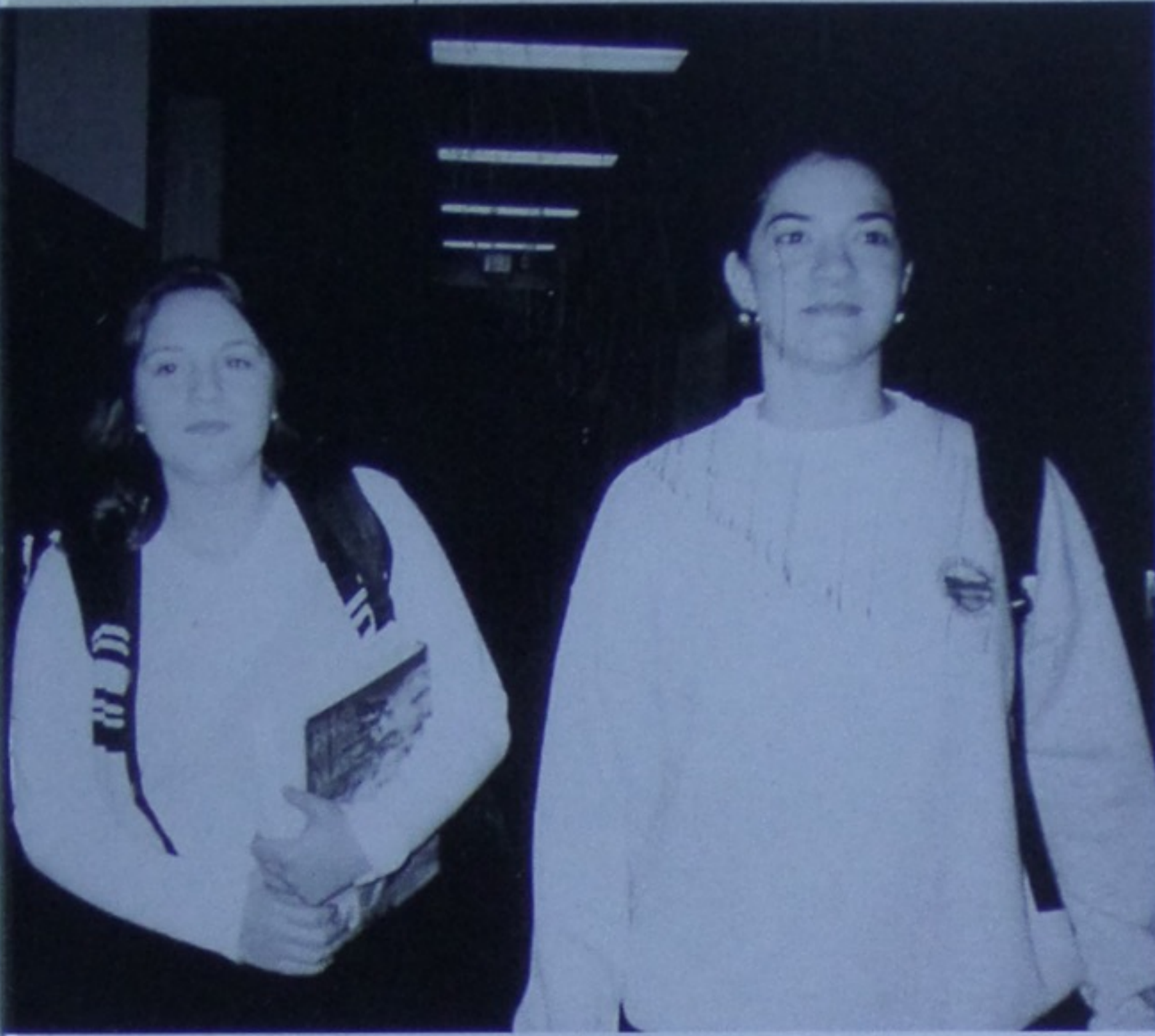
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 Brandie Harris  
 Kristie Hemming  
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Danny McKenzie  
 Jamie McKenzie  
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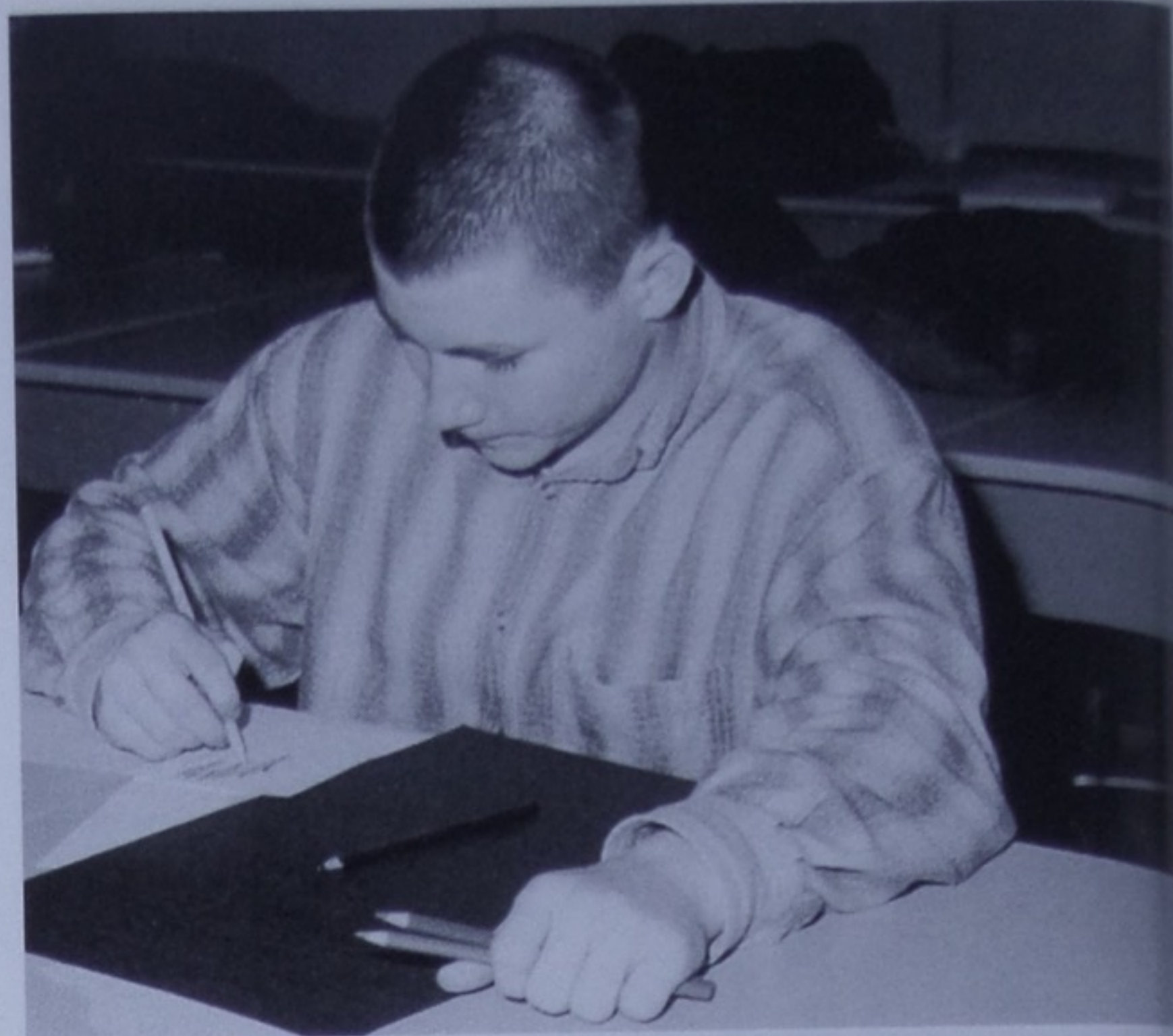
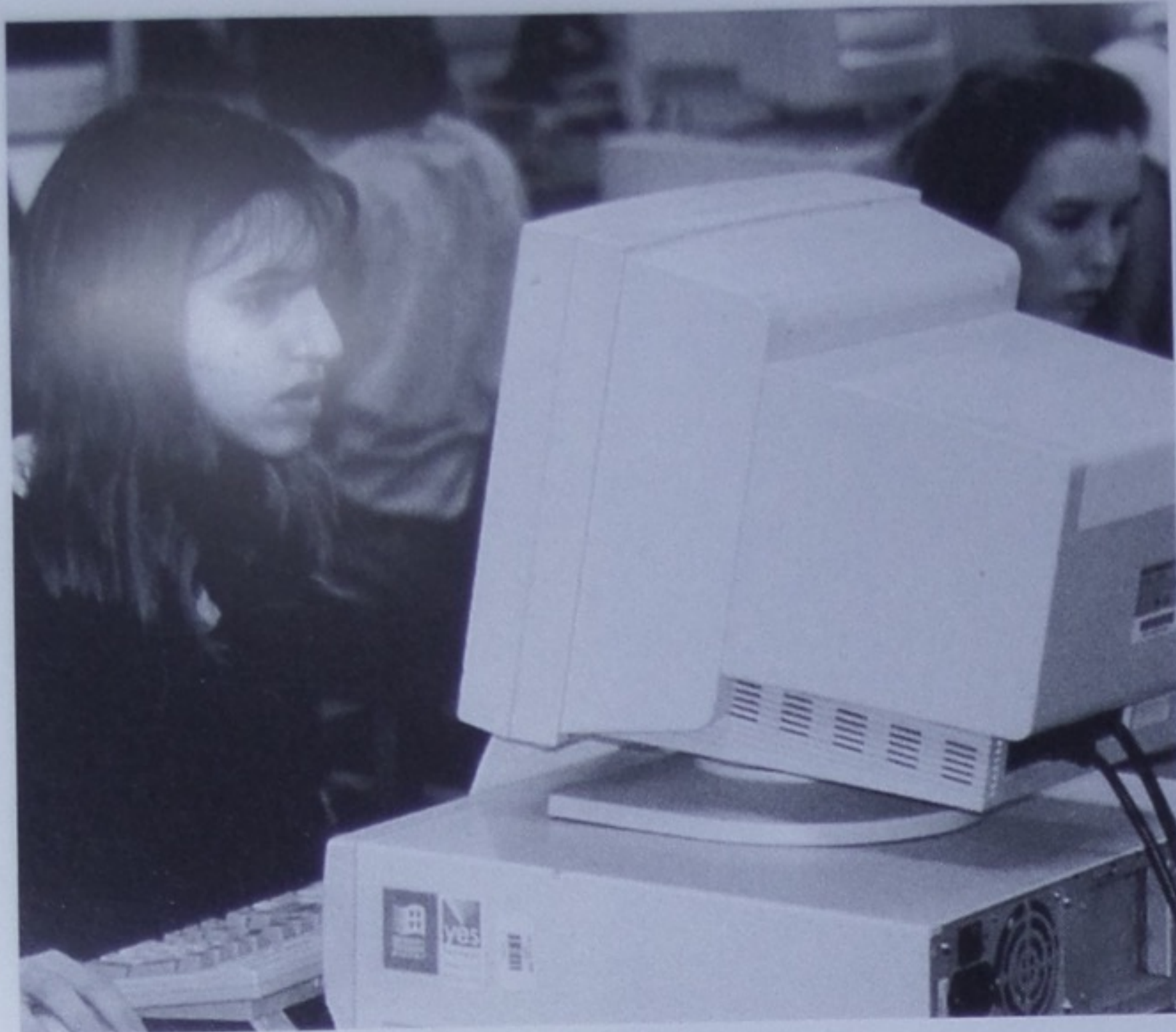


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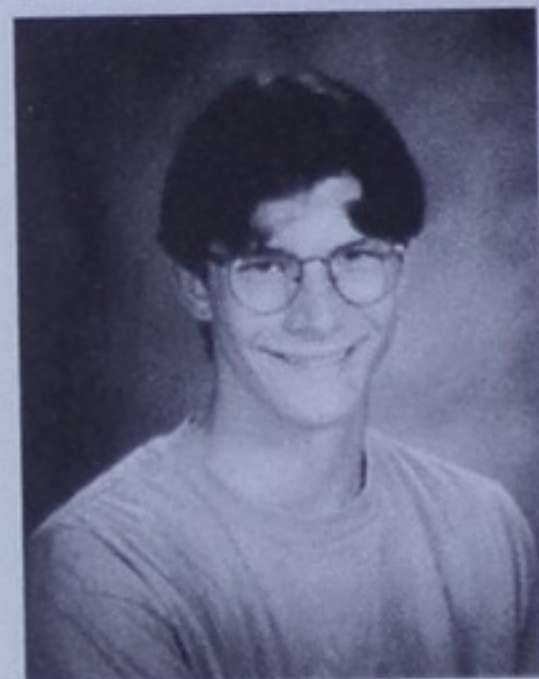
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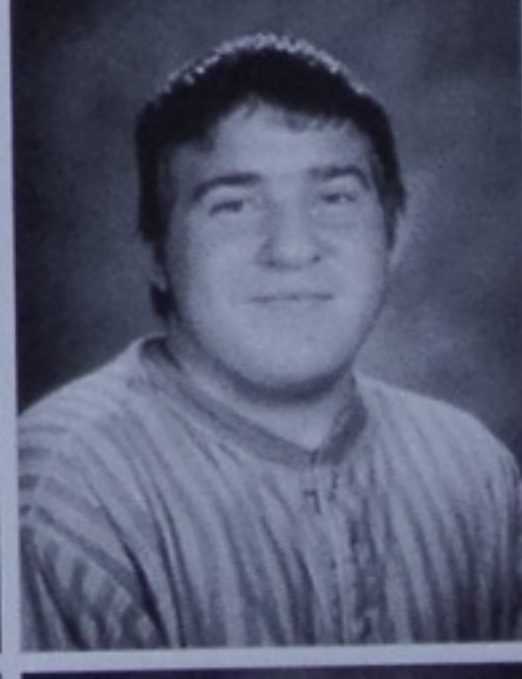
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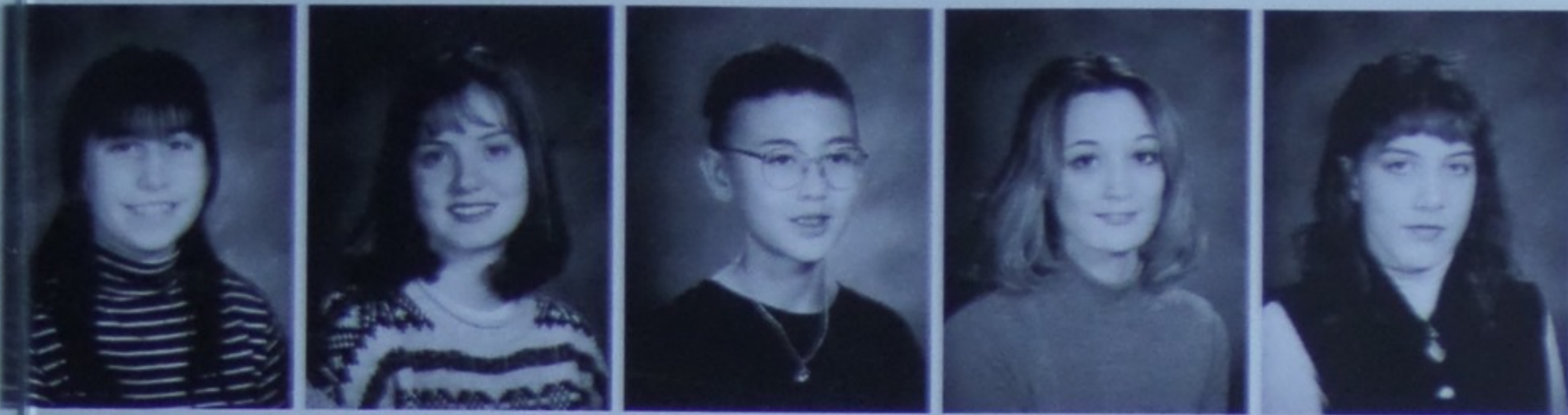


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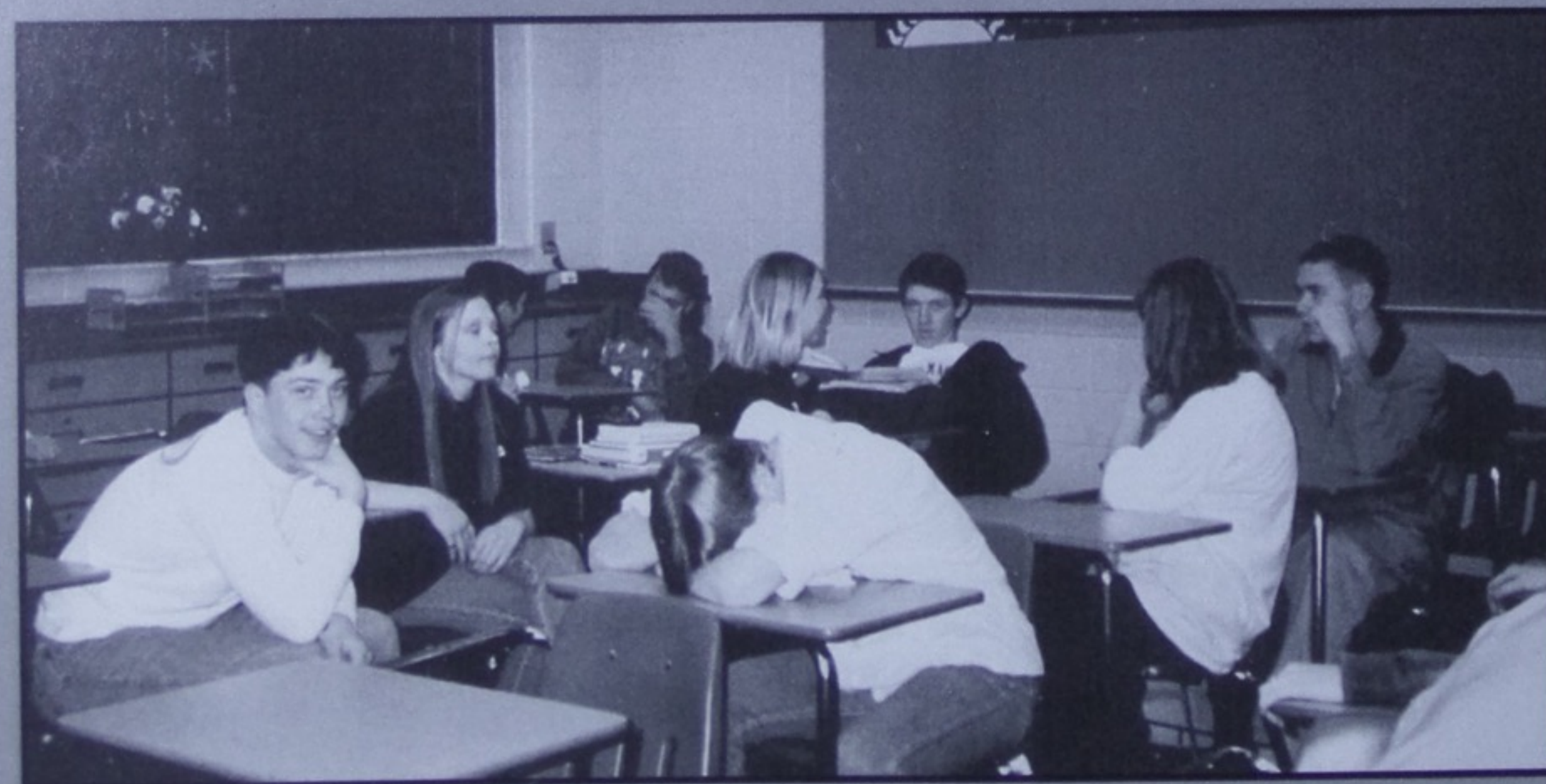
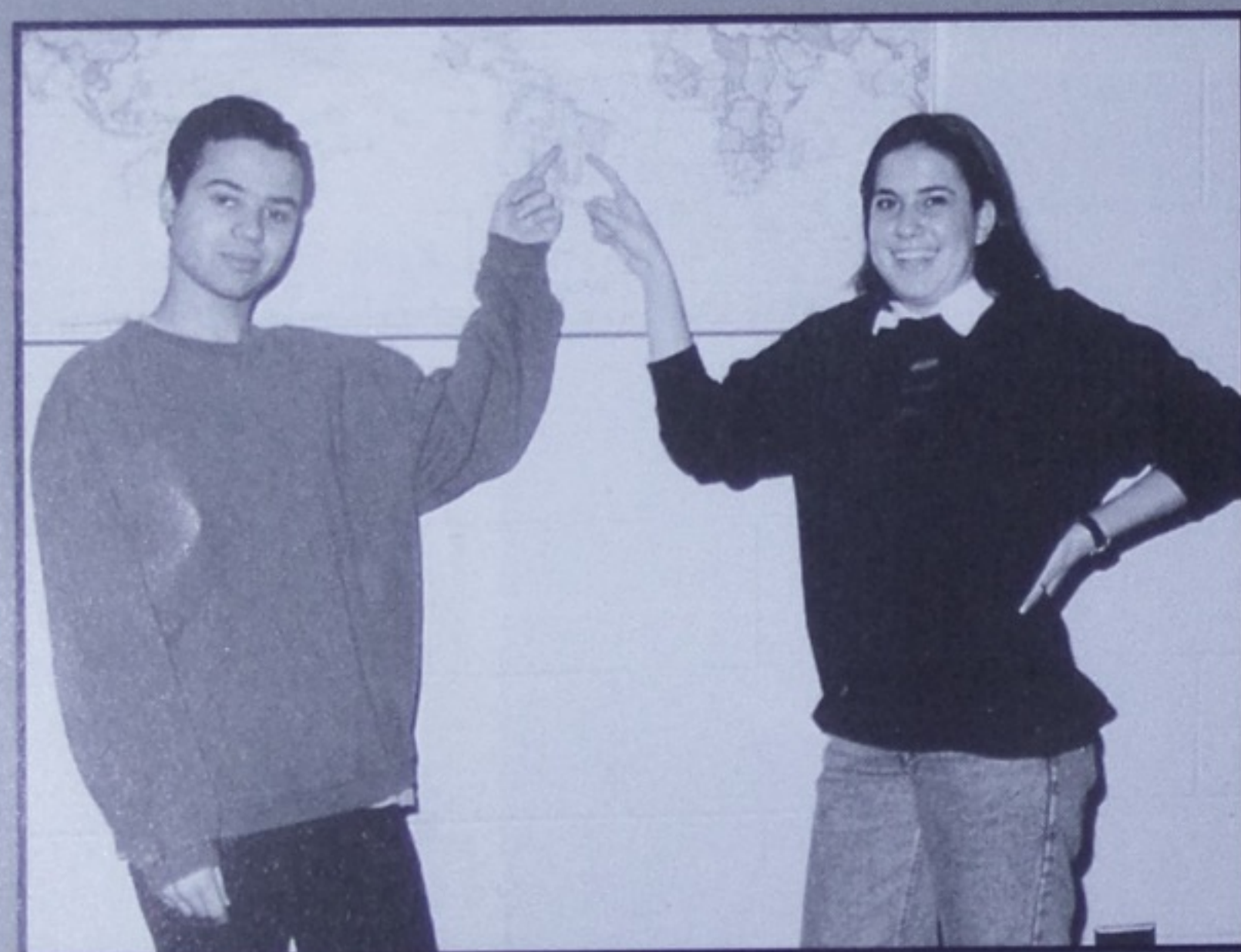
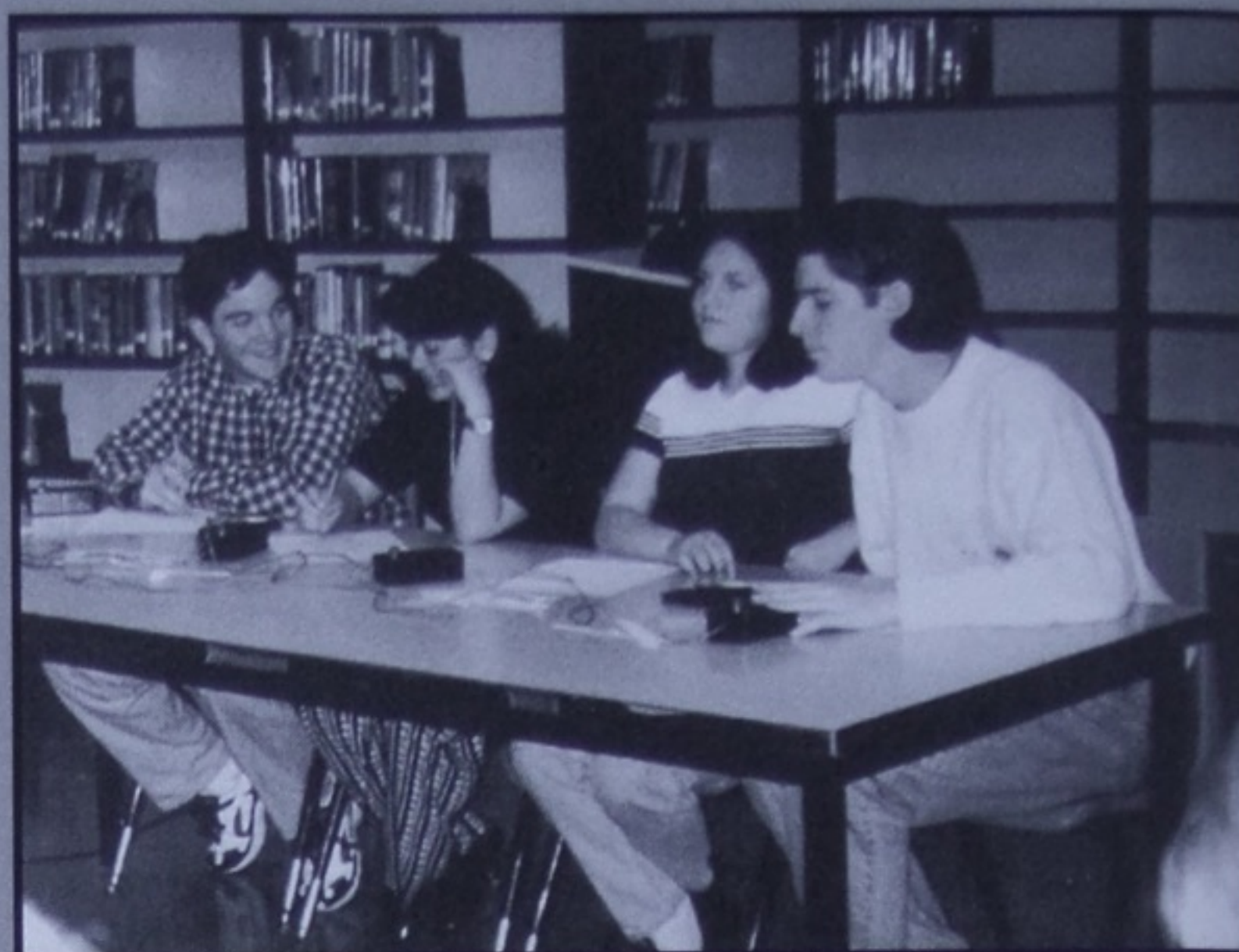
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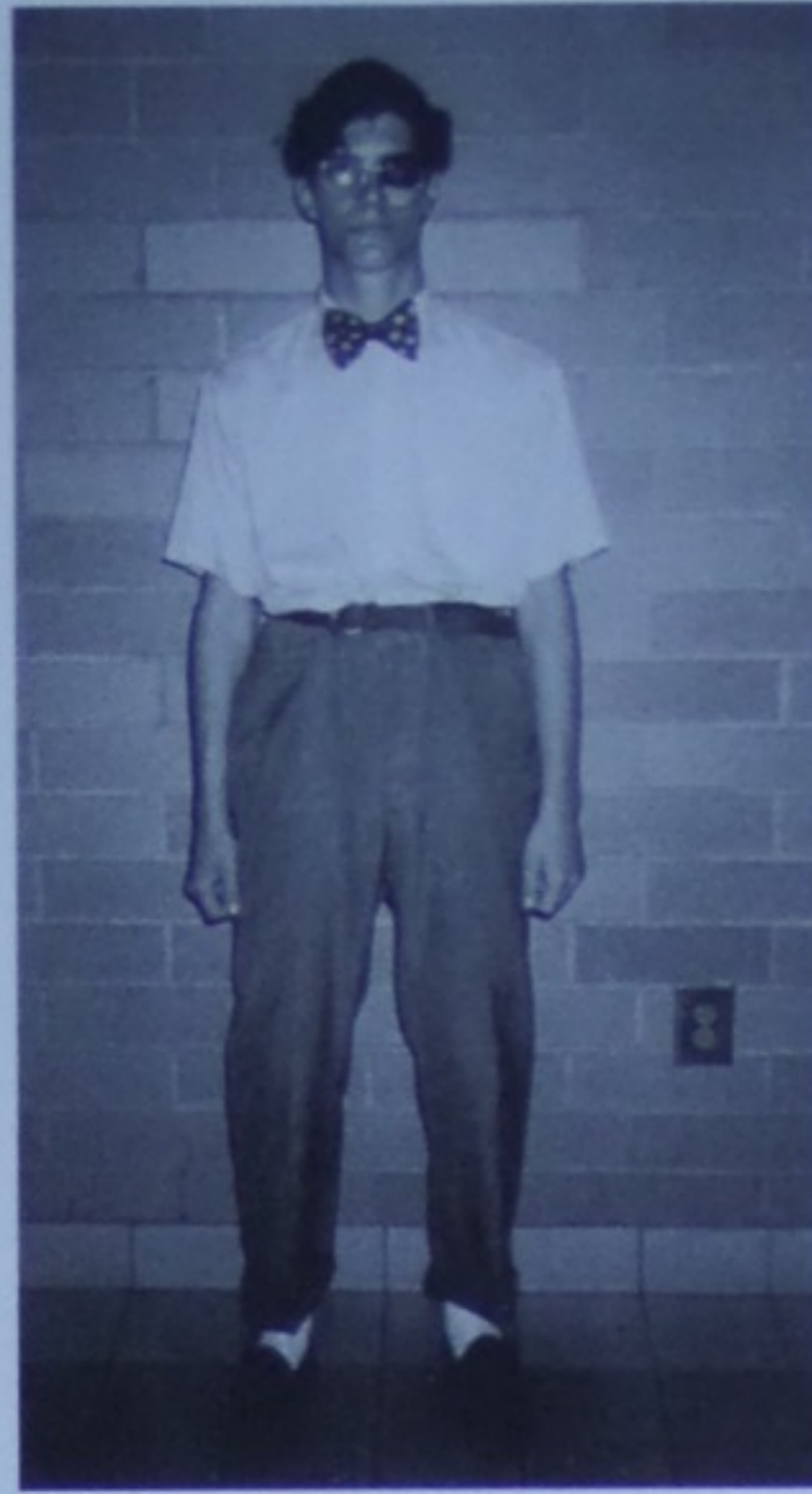
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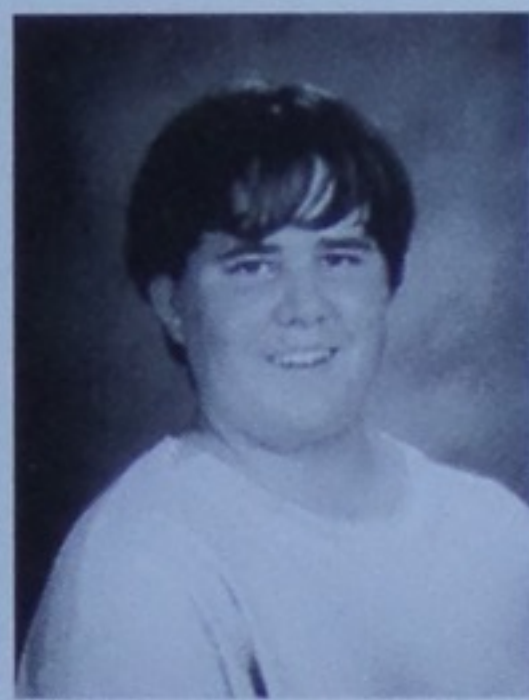
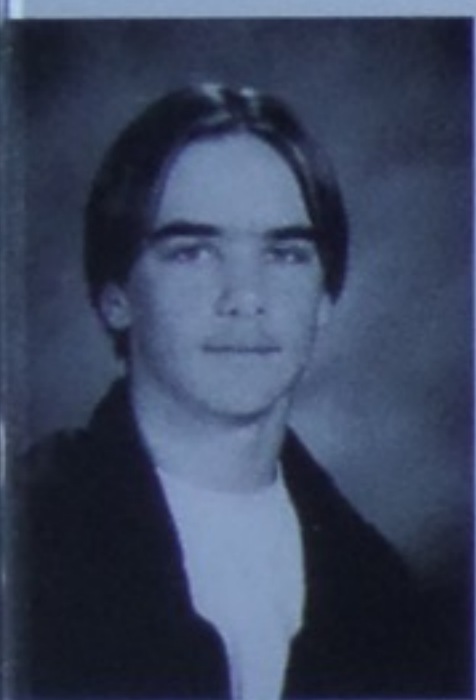




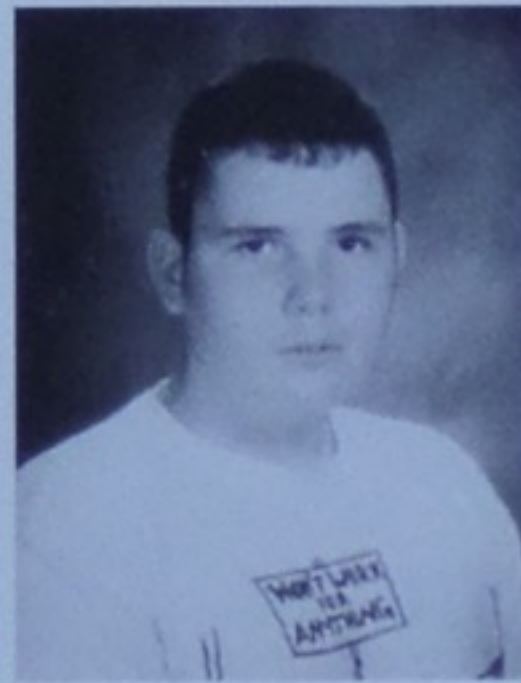
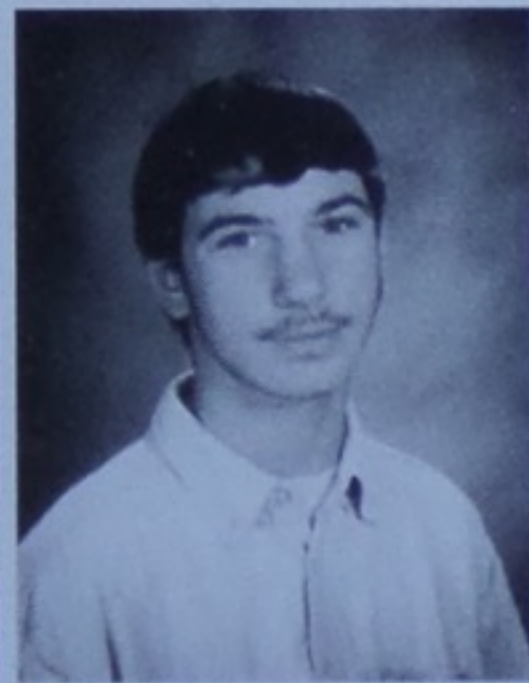


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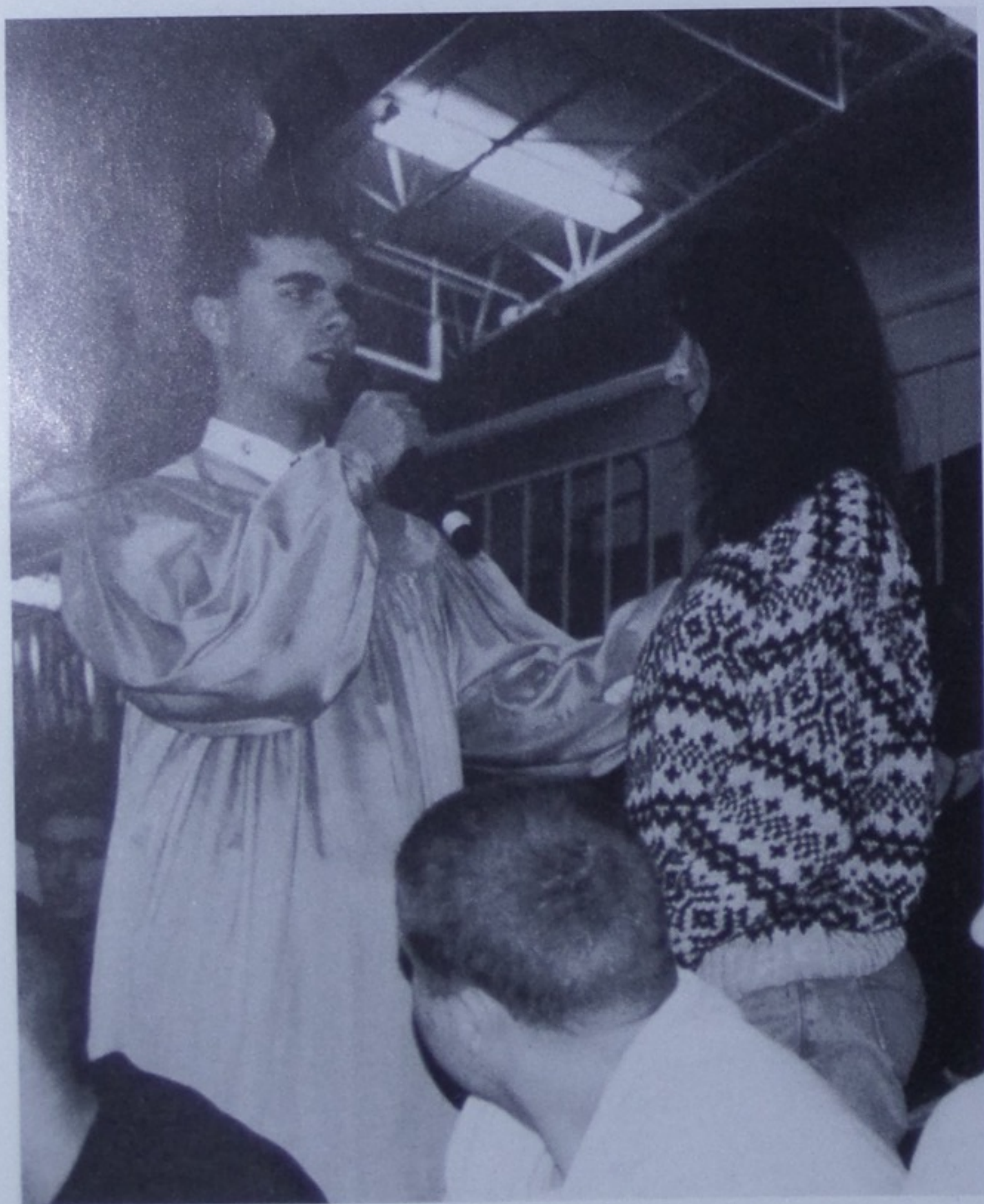
# Lucas Chapter of the National Honor Society



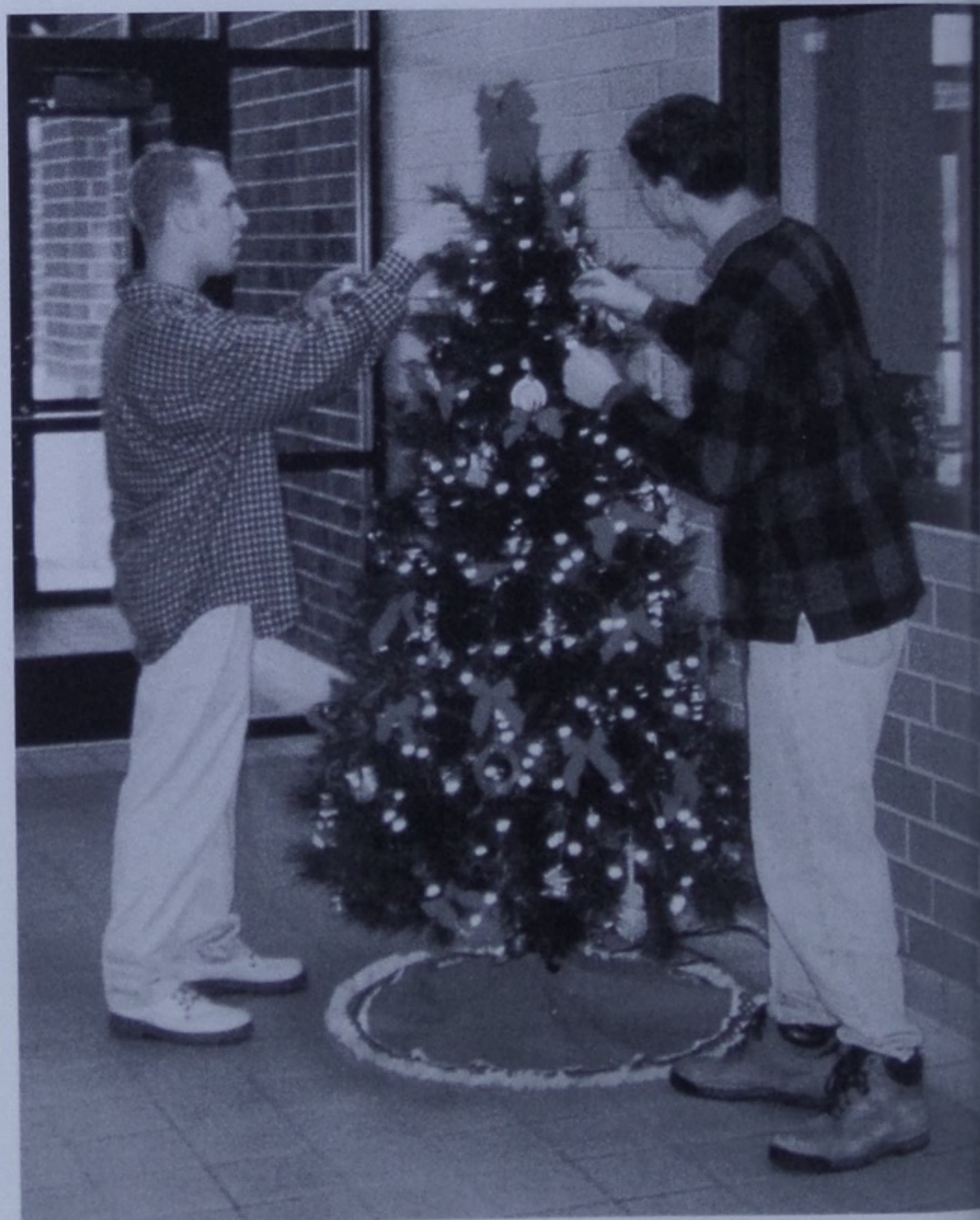
## 40th Annual Induction November 26, 1996



Row 1: J. Delaney. Row 2: J. Davis, Miss T. Gregory, advisor, S. Cox, A. Gray. Row 3: K. Millar, S. Smith, B. Surrey, J. Ratliff, L. Adkins. Row 4: A. Hatfield, M. Chatfield, B. Franklin, A. Smalley, M. Adkins, J. Rucker. Row 5: C. Godfrey, S. Meddock, M. Allen, S. Miller, E. Stout, M. Harr, C. Smith.



Austin Gray taps Emily Stout into the Lucas Chapter of the National Honor Society. The inductees participated in the traditional candlelighting ceremony.



Jonas Davis, historian, and Jay Delaney, president, put the finishing touches on the Christmas tree which was on display outside the principal's office.



# ACADEMICS

# Quiz Bowl Competitors



Back to front: A. Rockwell, C. Smith, G. Pettay, S. Hurt, L. Adkins, J. Foit, S. Meddock, M. Allen, E. Stout, J. Delaney, N. Vanderpool, J. Mason, A. Campbell, J. Brown, A. Brown, A. McKenzie, C. Gray, J. Davis, Mr. McClay, advisor.



Adam McKenzie, Glenn Pettay, and Jay Delaney serve punch after competing in a match held at Valley High School. Glenn has been a member of Quiz Bowl all four of his high school years.



COUNTY QUIZ BOWL COMPETITORS. Front row: Josh Brown, Cara Smith, Laura Adkins, Carey Gray. Back row: Jonas Foit, Glenn Pettay, Jay Delaney, Jonas Davis, Advisor Mr. McClay.



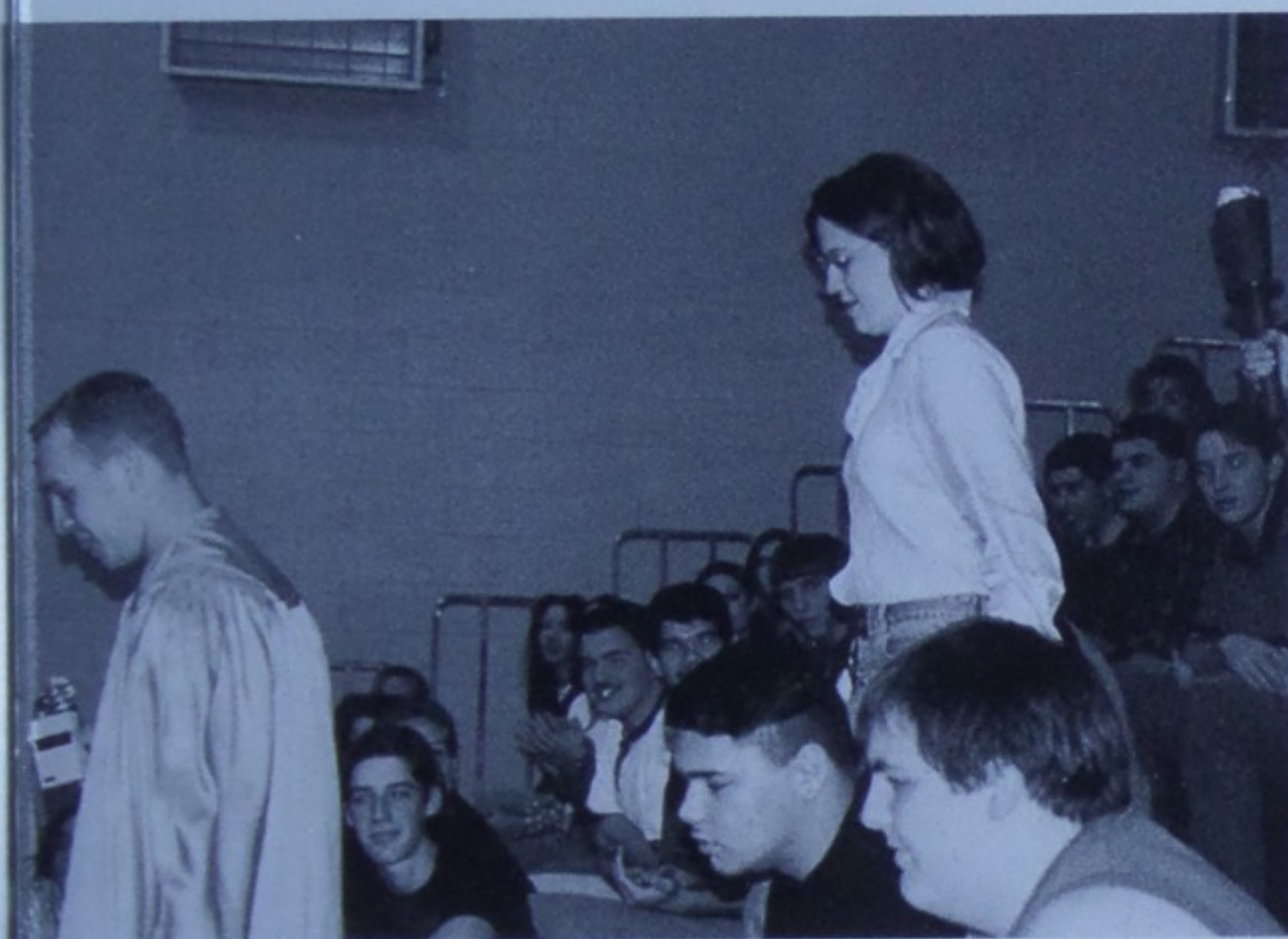
Senior Nick Vanderpool enjoys lunch at Pizza Hut after a match at Green.



Julie Gahm inducts Missy Harr into the society. Following the induction ceremony, a reception was held in the Tiered Room to honor members.



Miss Gregory gives last minute instructions regarding the induction ceremony to senior members Kristin Millar, Jennifer Ratliff, and Julie Gahm.



Thomas Davis leads Laura Adkins to join her parents after being inducted into the Texas Chapter of the National Honor Society on November 26, 1996.



Andria Smalley joins Sindee Smith and her mother to chat after the ceremony. Inductees are chosen based on service, character, leadership, and scholarship.



Erah Cox and Kristin Millar play bingo with a resident at Crystal Care. Members visited the nursing home periodically during the year.



Two residents of Crystal Care enjoy the attention they receive while dancing with Jay Delaney and Bethany Surrey during their Valentine's Day festivities.

# All Rise!

## Chris T. Washington vs. Mid-City Veterans Foundation

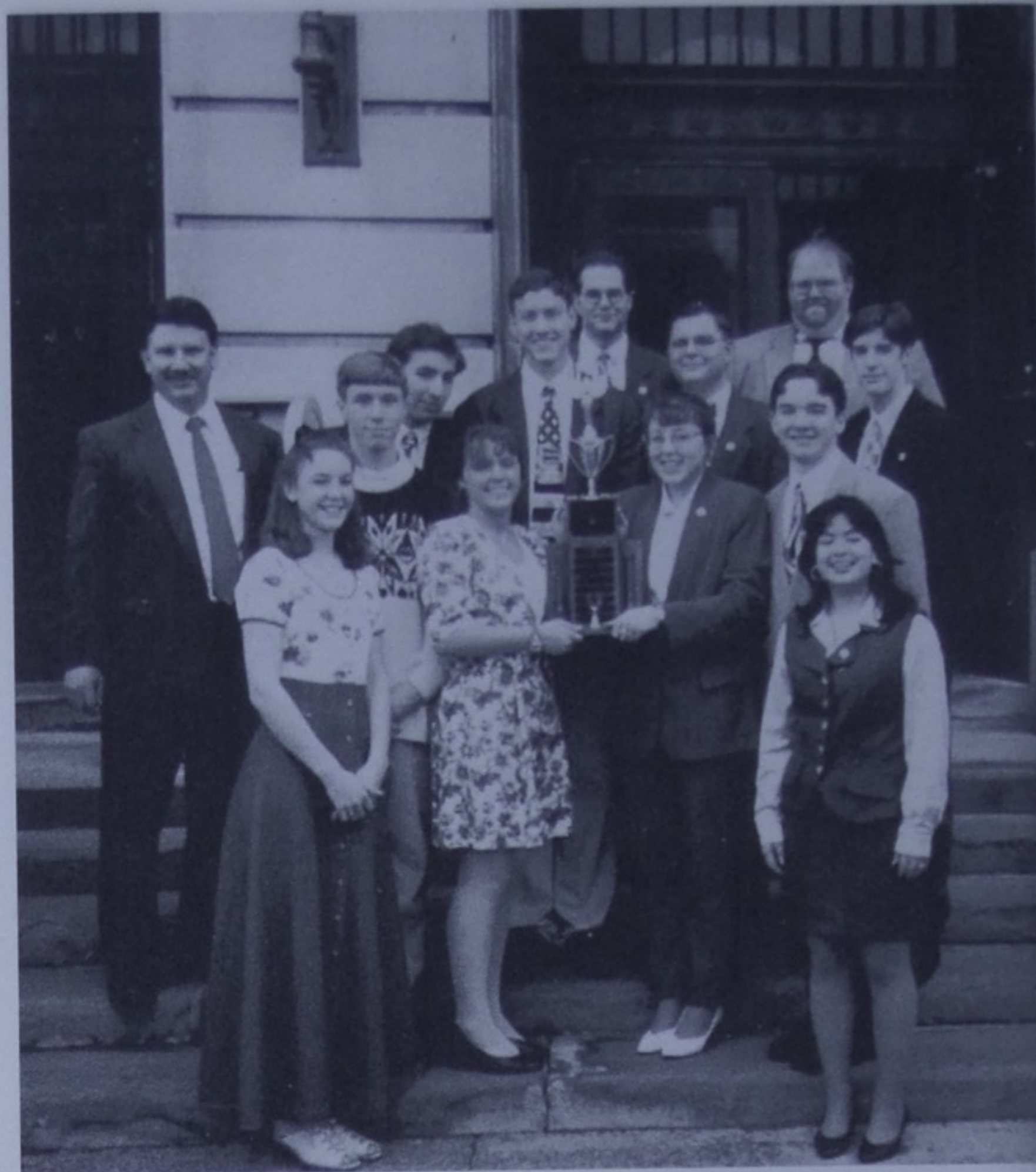
This year's Mock Trial team did very well. The case dealt with reverse discrimination. It was to determine whether the plaintiff, Chris T. Washington, failed to receive a scholarship because he was not the best candidate or because he was a non-minority, and the scholarship needed to go to a minority student in order to fill a hidden quota.

County competition was held January 28 at the Scioto County Courthouse. Cara Smith and Jay Delaney were named "outstanding attorneys" in their respective trials. Carey Gray and Justin Meeker received "outstanding witness" awards. The team placed runner-up in the county and qualified to advance to state competition.

State competition was held March 6-8 at the Franklin County Justice Center in Columbus. Jay Delaney received an "outstanding attorney" award in his trial, while Carey Gray received the "outstanding witness" award in her trial. The team earned higher scores in this year's state competition than any other Scioto County team, past or present.

Even though this year's team had more than their share of trials and tribulations, they pulled together to conquer their troubles and excel in competition. The team attributes this not only to their own dedication, but especially to that of their advisors.

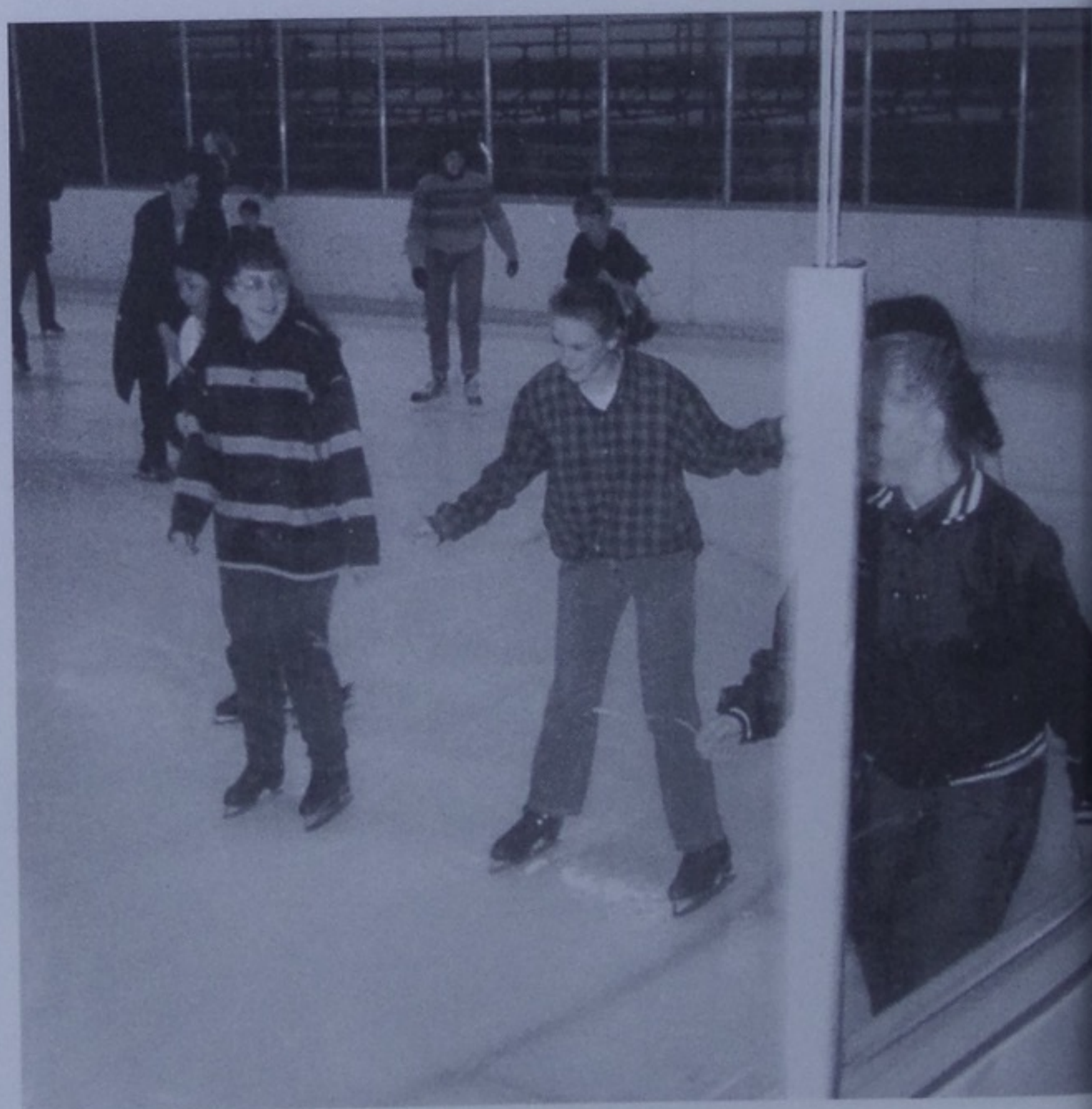
— Cara Smith



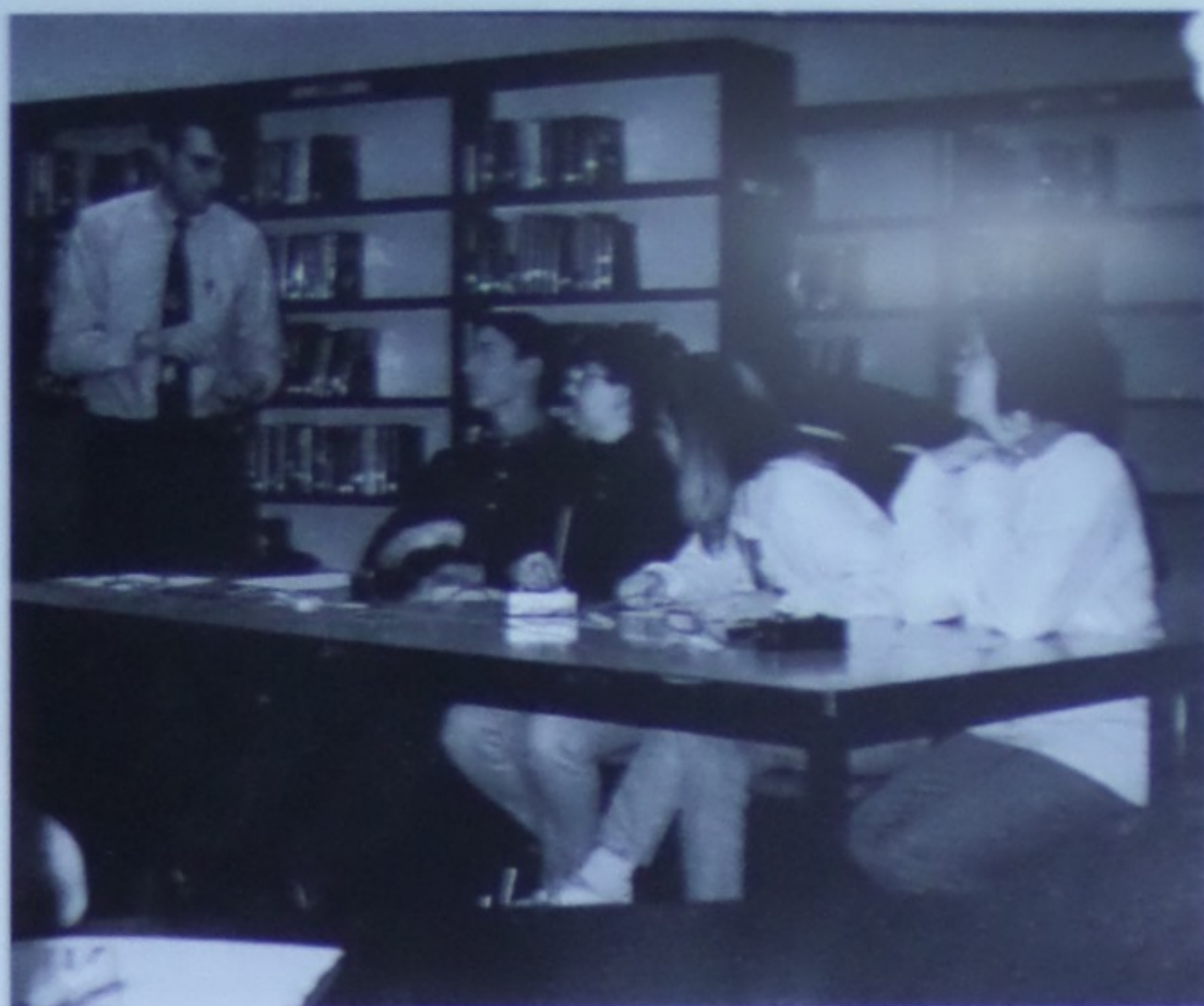
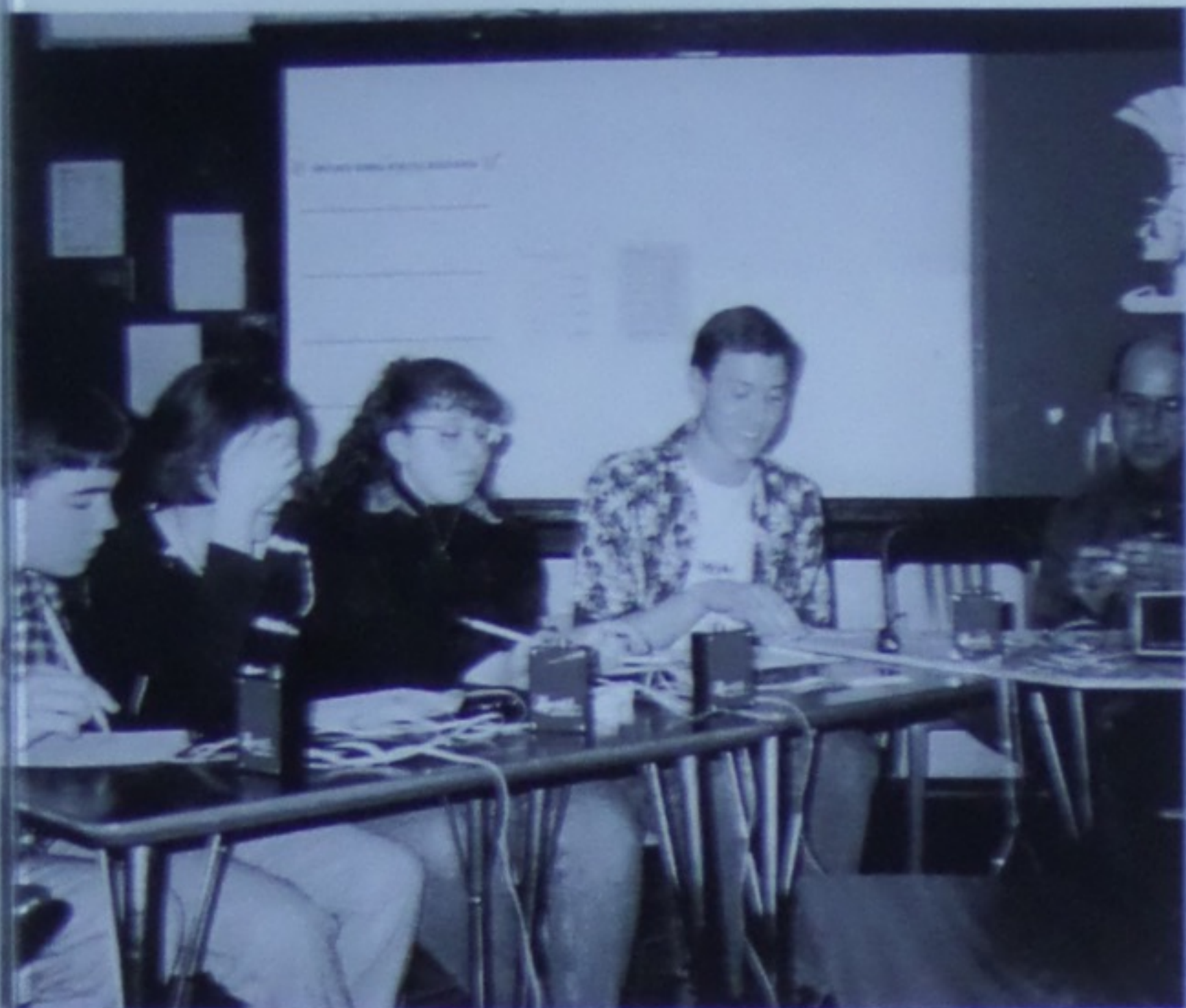
The members of the Valley Mock Trial team stand on the steps of the Scioto County Courthouse in Portsmouth with teacher advisor Mr. Frank Thompson, and legal advisors Mr. Russ Kegley and Mr. Rick Campbell. Carey Gray and Cara Smith are proudly displaying the trophy won in district competition.



Justin Meeker and his father help Mr. Thompson remove the running board from his van. After the minor difficulty, the team continued to Columbus.



Juniors Cara Smith and Alaina Hatfield enjoy ice-skating after dinner on Friday evening, March 7, while in Columbus, Ohio, for state competition.



After boarding the bus to return to Lucasville, Mr. McClay discusses with Quiz Bowl members the match results. He has been the advisor since 1992.

Jay Delaney, Cara Smith, Sandy Meddock, and Emily Stout compete against South Webster during a match held at South Webster High School.

# Scholarship Teams

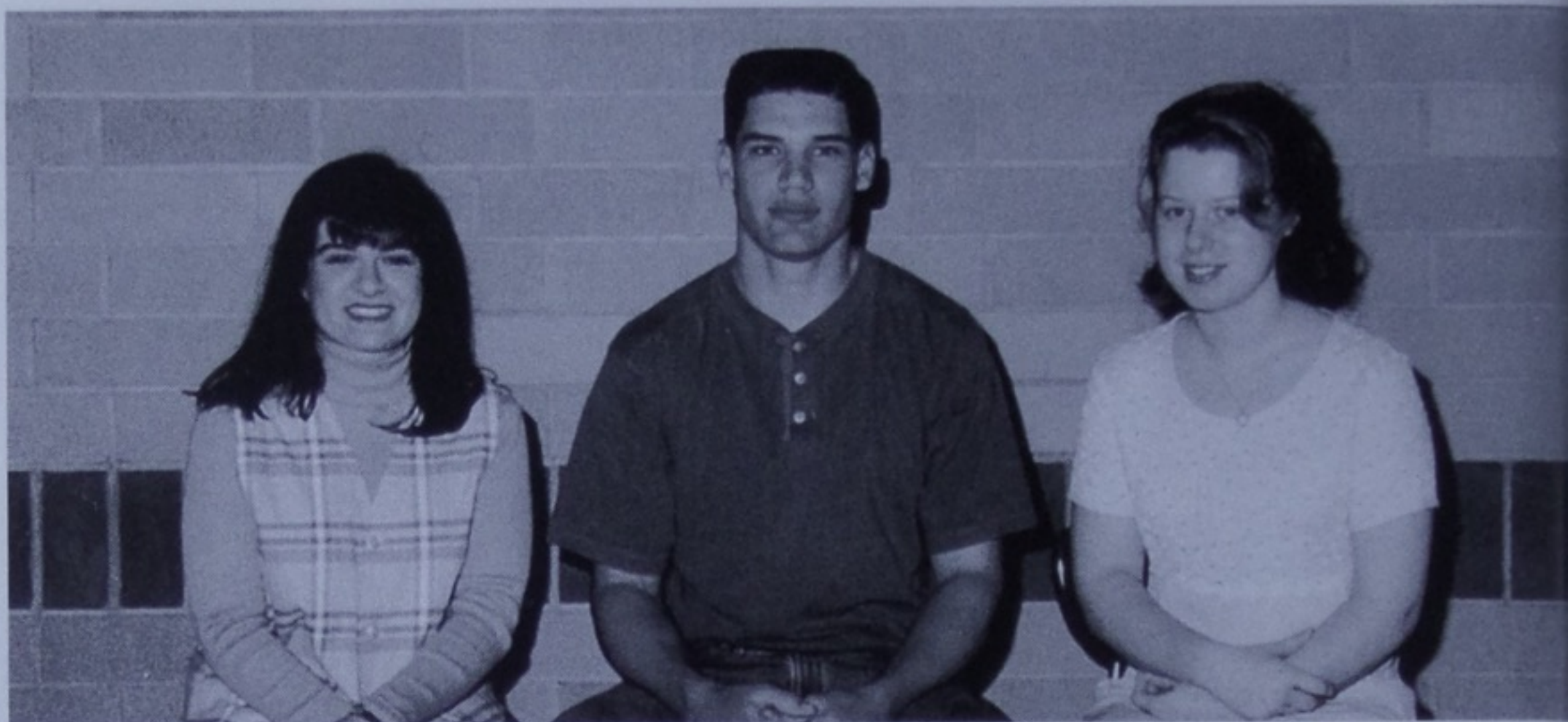
## Geometry and Pre-Calculus

Left to right: Cara Smith, Mandy Rockwell, Jay Delaney, and Sean Bibbey.



## English 11 & 12

Left to right: Ann Howard, Sam Miller, and Sarah Cox. Not pictured: Kristin Millar.



## Foreign Language

Front row: Kurenn Sisler, Jenny Mason, Toni Colegrove. Back row: Amanda Brown, Brad Holbrook, Jennifer Ratliff.



## Social Studies

Left to right: Laura Adkins, Sindee Smith, and Emily Stout. Not pictured: Bethany Surrey.





Justin Meeker, freshman, received the Outstanding Witness Award in his trial at the district level competition.



Senior Jay Delaney received the Outstanding Attorney Award in his trials at both the district and state levels.



Carey Gray received the Outstanding Witness Award in both of her trials at district and state competitions.



Junior Cara Smith received the Outstanding Attorney Award in her trial at district competition held Jan. 28.



Dan Pettay, Nick Vanderpool, and Adam McKenzie enjoy dinner at the Sheraton in Columbus after Thursday evening's trial on March 6, 1997.



Jonas Foit, Jay Delaney, Adam McKenzie, and Nick Vanderpool prepare to load their luggage for the trip to Columbus for state competition held March 6-8.



Dan Pettay and Justin Meeker take some time to study the scores and certificates after the awards presentation at the Scioto County Courthouse.



With their hands nervously clasped, members of the Mock Trial team wait anxiously for the results of the trials at the state competition held March 6-8.

# Junior Honors

Row 1: Alaina Hatfield, Emily Stout. Row 2: Ann Howard, Melanie Chatfield, Sam Miller, Missy Harr, Laura Adkins, Kelly Turner. Row 3: Becky Merritt, Marsha Adkins, Jennifer Rucker, Brandy Franklin, Cara Smith, Michelle Allen, Sandy Meddock.



# Senior Mentorship

Row 1: Andria Smalley, Carey Gray, Sarah Cox. Row 2: Jared Canter, Jennifer Ratliff, Sindee Smith, Kristin Millar, Jonas Davis. Row 3: Julie Hines, Melanie Schneider, Bethany Surrey, Austin Gray. Row 4: Jay Delaney.



Senior mentor Carey Gray assists in entertaining the pre-school kids at Valley Elementary. Carey plans on being a pre-school teacher in the future.



Jonas Davis experiments with one of the machines used at the LIFE Center in the physical therapy program. His mentorship program was at SOMC.



## Biology and General Science

Left to right: Jason Rayburn, Jayme Arrick, Chris Fritz, and Nathan Coriell.



## Chemistry and Physics

Left to right: Jared Cunningham, Alaina Hatfield, Sandy Meddock, and Austin Gray.



## Algebra I and II

Left to right: Matt Eggar, Marsha Adkins, Matt Erwin, and Josh Bibbey.



## English 9 and 10

Left to right: Adam McKenzie, Dawn Hatfield, Haven McKenzie, and Susan Smith.





## Buckeye State

Jay Delaney and Sarah Cox.



## Award Of Merit

Front: Jay Delaney, Sindee Smith, Jonas Davis, Sarah Cox. Back: Kristin Millar, Andria Smalley, Austin Gray, Jennifer Ratliff, Bethany Surrey.



## Diploma With Honors

Front: Kristin Millar, Jonas Davis, Sarah Cox, Sindee Smith. Back: Andria Smalley, Austin Gray, Jay Delaney, Bethany Surrey.

# Mardi Gras, On The River

Julie Ann Hines was chosen to represent Valley High School in the 1996 River Days festivities.

Julie Ann woke up the morning of the pageant with "butterflies" in her stomach. With a full day of scheduled activities, there was little time for her to be nervous. Julie's "pageant mom" picked her up and took her to be interviewed at the Ramada Inn. Following the interview, she was off to her float to prepare for the parade. While riding along the parade route, Julie Ann was able to relax as she waved to her friends and family.

After the parade, Julie rushed to get ready for the evening's pageant held at Shawnee State University. Soon after the pageant started, Julie was introduced with her escort, Chris King. She was greeted by a number of cheering fans from Valley High School. During the second part of the pageant, Julie strutted her stuff to Tracy Chapman's "Give Me One Reason." In the sportswear competition, she wore a red Las Vegas showgirl costume as she performed a dance routine. Julie delivered a speech for the final competition of the evening. This speech touched many in the audience and she received a standing ovation.

Julie Ann's outstanding performance in the River Days festivities made everyone proud that she had been chosen to represent Valley High School.

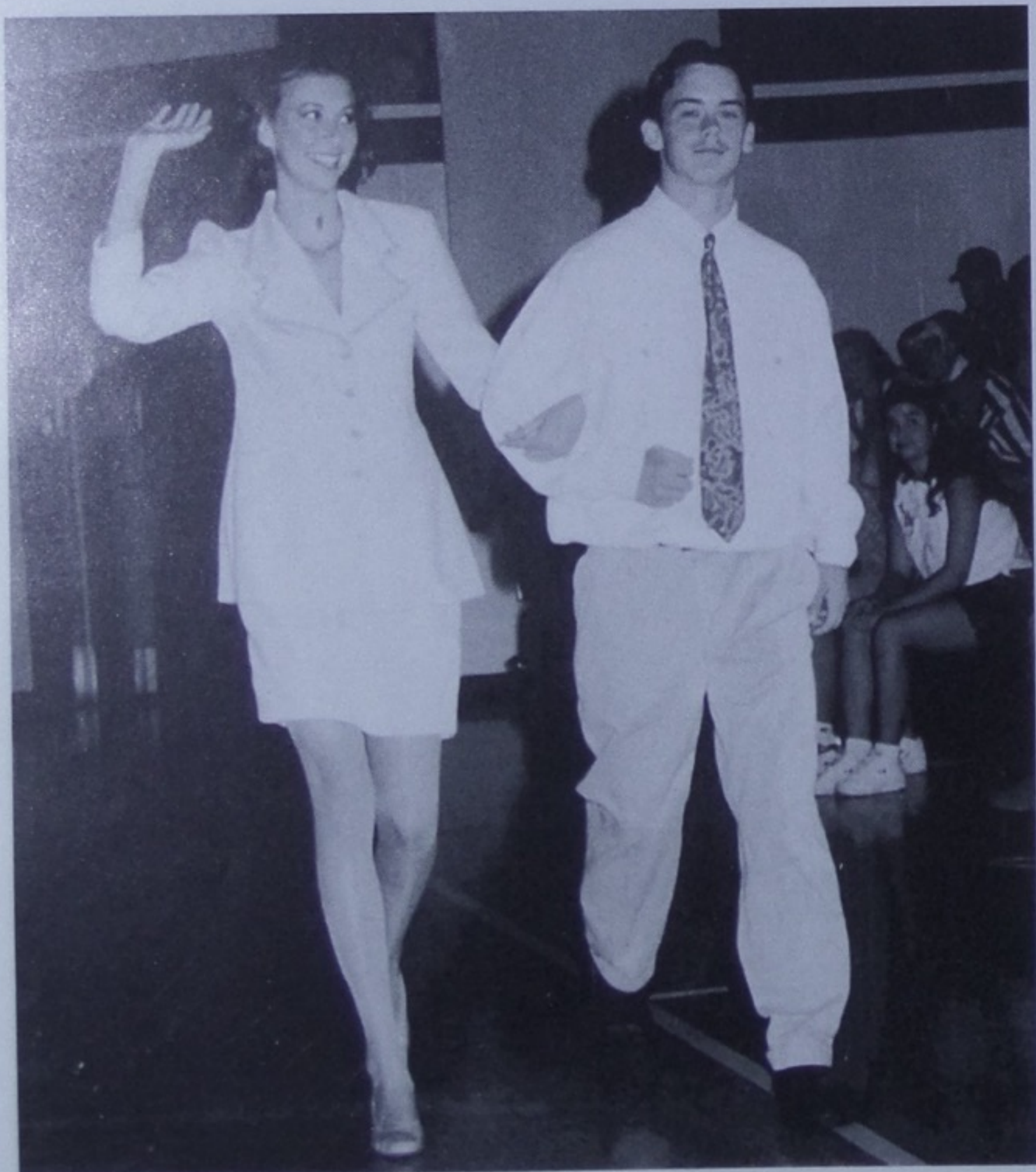
—Summer Notes



Julie Ann performs a dance routine in her red Las Vegas showgirl costume.



Wearing a white chiffon gown, Julie delivers her touching speech.



Julie Ann waves to the large crowd as she walks with her escort, Chris King. The River Days pageant was held at Shawnee State University.



Julie Ann gives a big smile as she waves to her friends gathered along the parade route. The theme of her float was "Underwater Masquerade."



# ACTIVITIES

# Julie Gahm Reigns Over Homecoming



1996 HOMECOMING QUEEN and COURT. Front row: Dana Romanello, Dustin Lutz, crown bearer, Brittney Gahm, flower girl, Mandy Rockwell. Back row: Melissa DeAtley, Kristin Millar, Queen Julie Gahm, Bethany Surrey, Jessica Phillips.



Senior attendants Kristin Millar and Bethany Surrey put on their coats to keep away the night chill.



After being presented with a dozen red roses, Julie Gahm receives a kiss from James Buckler.



After being crowned homecoming queen, Julie Gahm smiles proudly while standing with her escorts, Ryan Eggar and James Buckler. Ryan and James were senior co-captains of the football team.



# Mirror, Mirror, On The Wall...



Dressed in a yellow gingham dress, Derek Pendleton smiles for his fans.



**Sweatheart Queen and Court.** Steve Mollette, Queen Jason Spriggs, and Andy Davis. The senior members of the football team participated in the contest to earn money for a dinner which was held at the Golden Corral in New Boston.



Escorted by Emily Stout, Ryan Eggar shows some leg for the audience.



Contestants Jason Spriggs, Derek Pendleton, Jared Canter, Andy Davis, Ryan Eggar, Steve Mollette, James Buckler, and John Buckler show their dancing abilities by doing the Macarena. Sweatheart was sponsored by the cheerleaders.

# Visions Of A Sunset

## Surrey Crowned Queen

Bethany Megan Surrey was crowned Sweetheart queen during ceremonies held Saturday, February 1, 1997, between the junior varsity and varsity basketball games against the Clay Panthers.

The Queen and her court chose "Visions of a Sunset" as the theme for the evening and were honored with a dance following the game.

The evening's festivities were sponsored by the Valley High School cheerleaders.



1997 Sweetheart Queen and Court. Front: Casey Sanders and Jennifer Skaggs. Back: Brandie Harris, Dilean McCarty, Aimee Fife, Bethany Surrey, Jennifer Mills, Stacy Colley, and Amanda Harris.



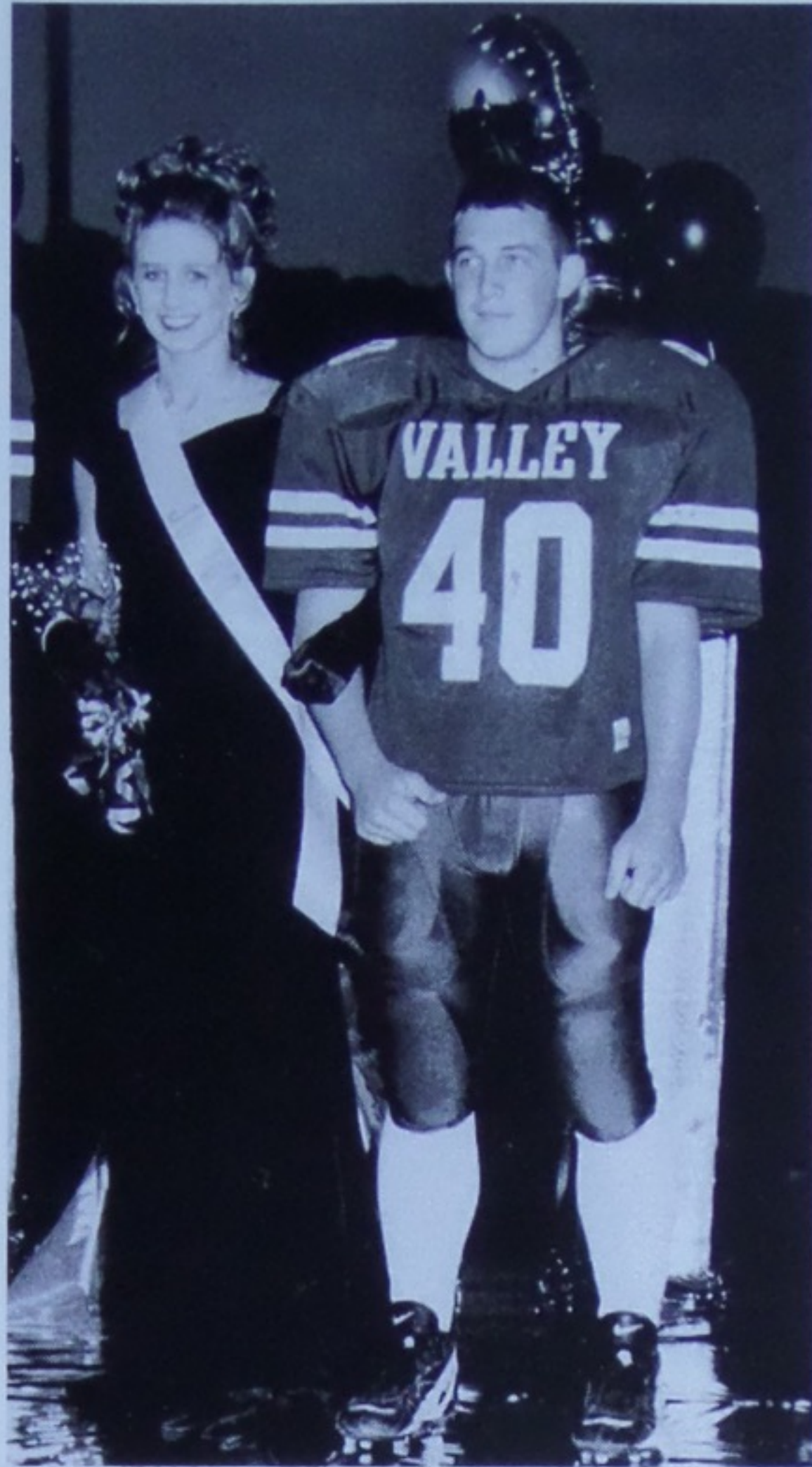
Queen Bethany Surrey proudly stands before the crowd with escorts, Bob Locke and Chris Lundy. Sweetheart was sponsored by the cheerleaders.



After being crowned queen, Bethany Surrey gives a big smile before going to sit in the decorated mezzanine with her court to watch the basketball game.



Dana Romanello, Freshman Attendant  
Jeramey Bair, Escort



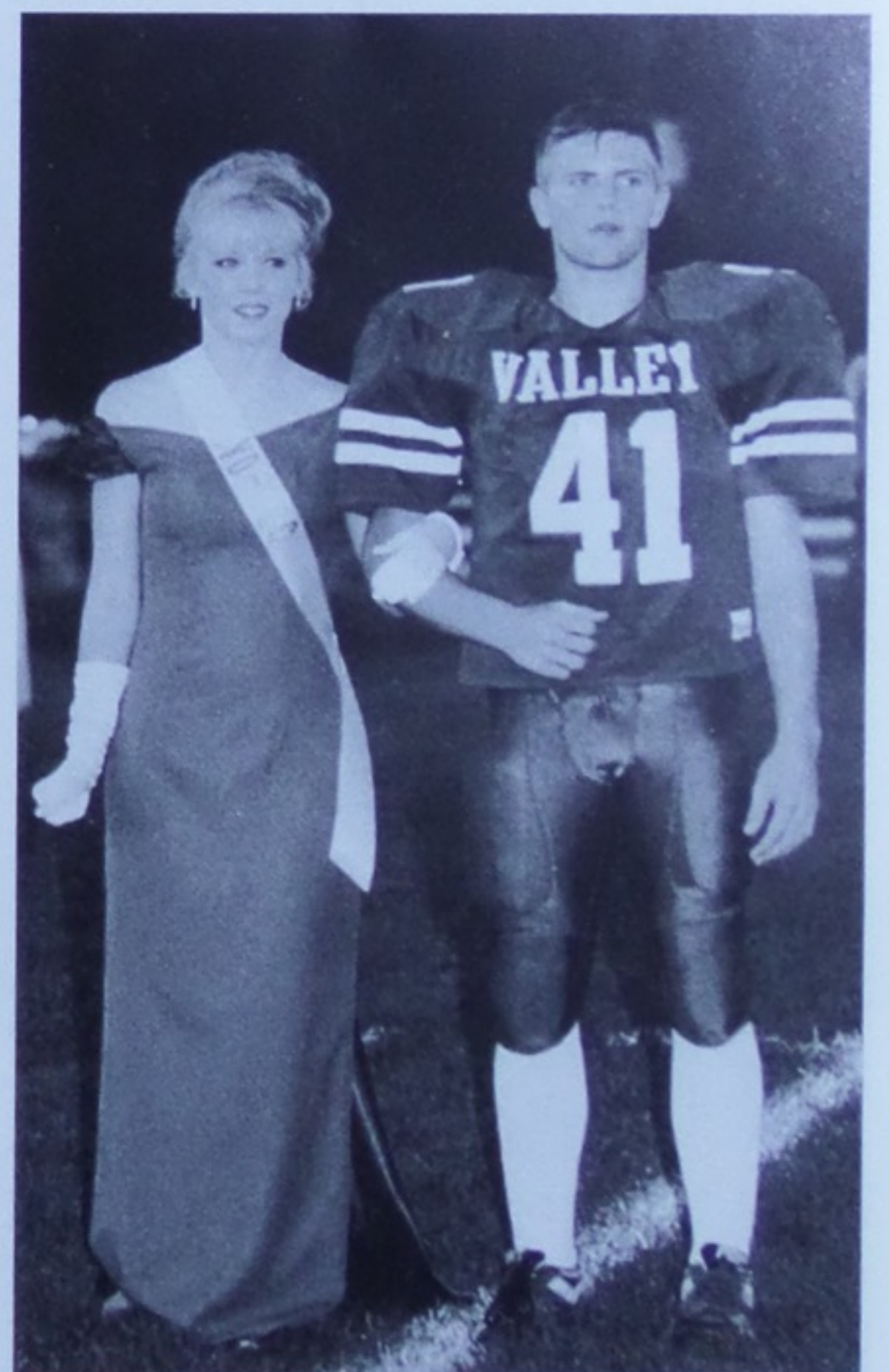
Jessica Phillips, Junior Attendant  
Steve Harris, Escort



Mandy Rockwell, Sophomore Attendant  
Matt Perkins, Escort

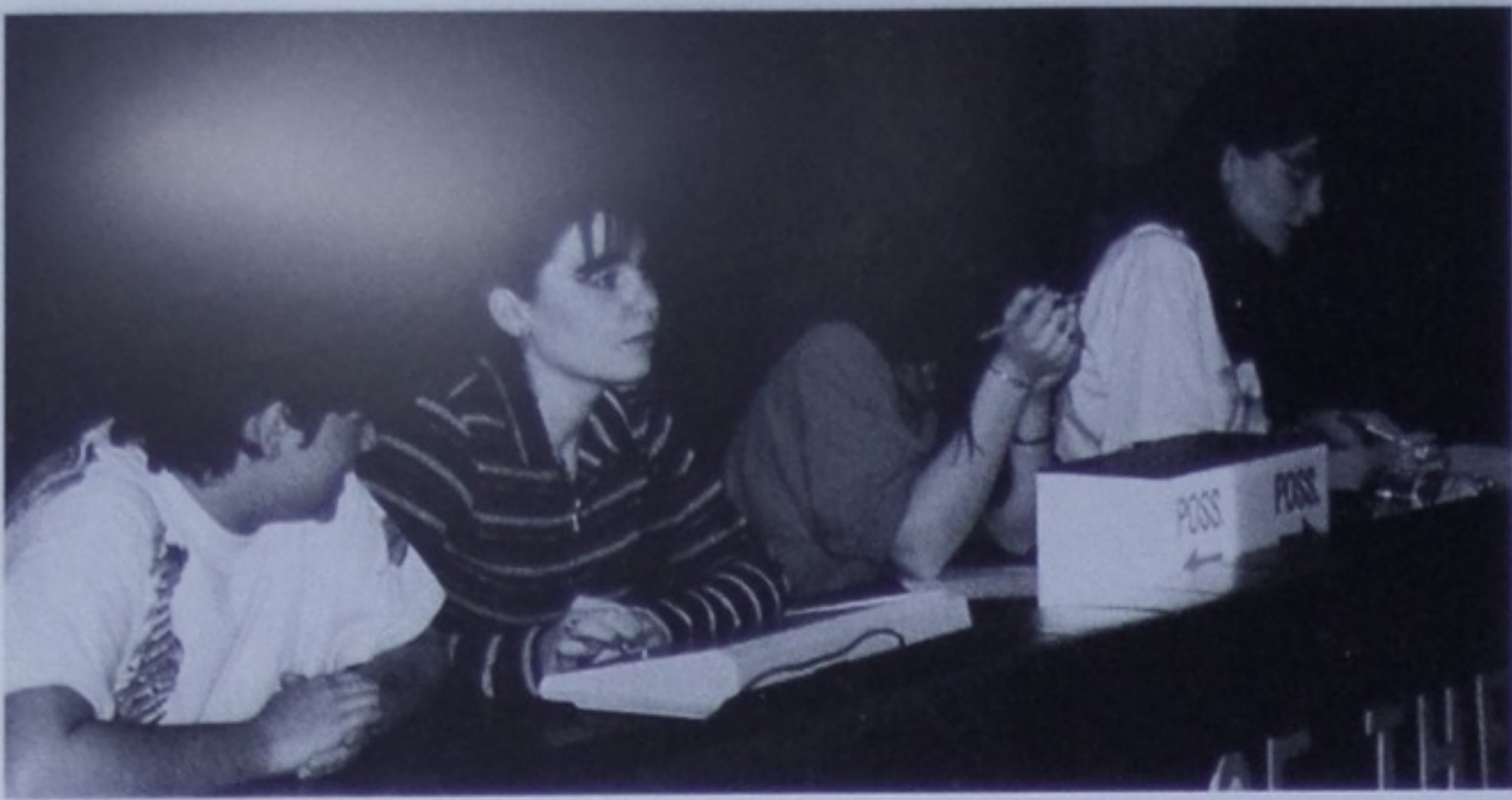


Ben Eggar crowns Julie Gahm the 1996 homecoming queen by placing the tiara upon her head. The festivities were held Friday, October 11. The Indians defeated Symmes Valley that night 34-7.



Melissa DeAtley, Vo-Tec Attendant  
Bob Locke, Escort

# Intramurals



Becky Merritt, Laura Mains, Ann Howard, and Jennifer Rucker keep records and operate the clock during the final intramural game held February 28, 1997.



Senior "A" player Steve Mollette goes up for the shot during a game against the Senior "C" team. The Senior "C" team qualified for the championship game.



Jayson Gerwig works the ball down the court for the Senior "C" team in a game against the Senior "A" team held Wednesday, February 26.



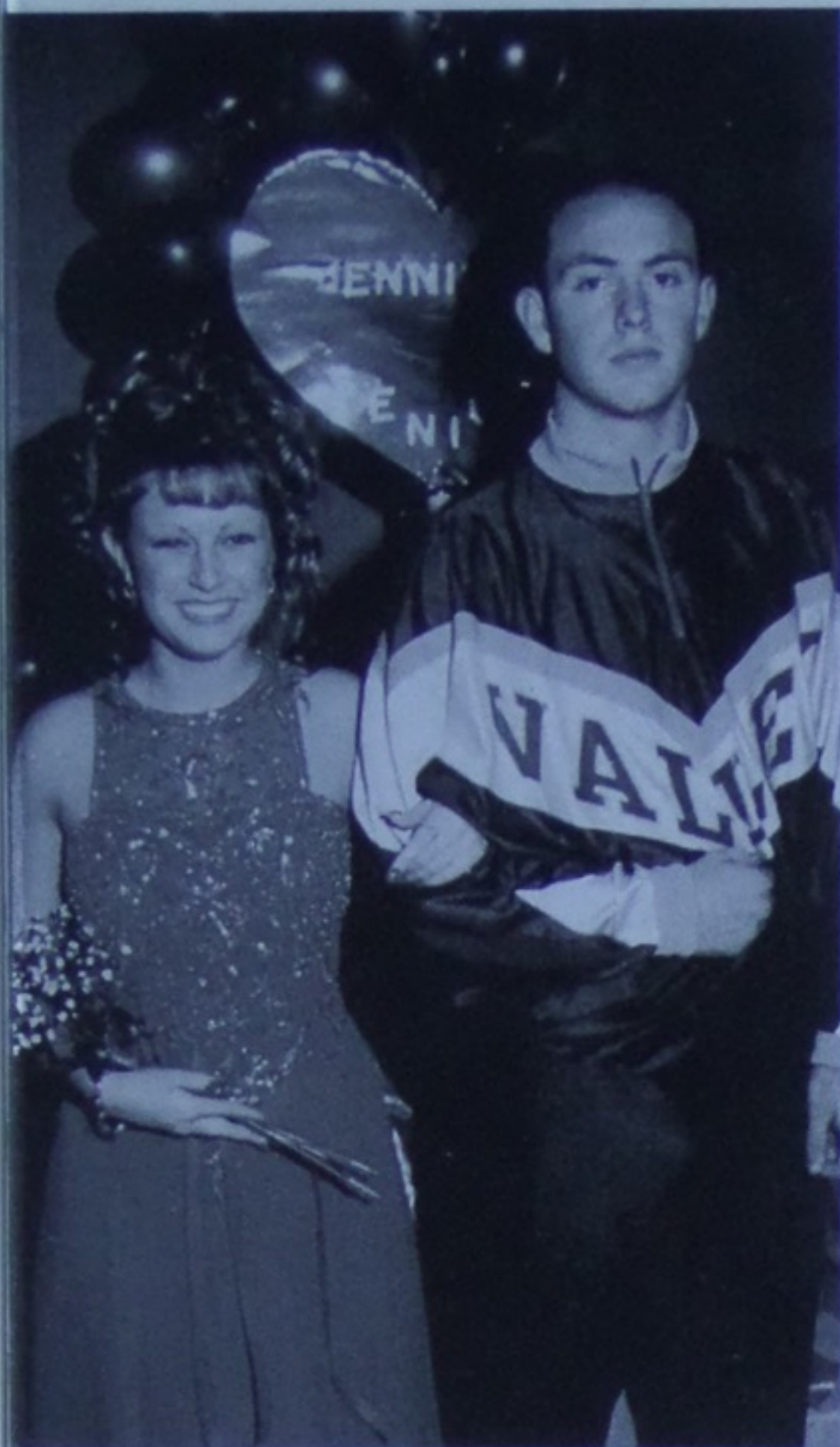
**Intramural Workers.** Row 1: L. Mains, A. Howard, J. Rucker. Row 2: C. Smith, R. Blanton, J. Phillips, J. Veach. Not pictured: M. Allen, S. Meddock, B. Merritt.



**CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM - SENIOR "C."** Row 1: J. Conkel, Coach C. Dempsey, Coach B. Grooms, J. Gerwig. Row 2: R. Conley, D. Pendleton, T. Longmire, J. Mason, W. Bradley. Not pictured: J. Buckler, F. Biggs.



**JUNIOR "A" TEAM.** Row 1: T. Wiltshire, M. James, D. Fultz, Coach B. McNamer. Row 2: S. Harris, S. Riggs, S. Miller, C. King, Coach B. Locke. Not pictured: J. Skeans, Coach C. Lundy.



Jennifer Mills, Senior Attendant  
Randy Blanton, Escort



Aimee Fife, Senior Attendant  
Darren Lutz, Escort



Dilean McCarty, Vo-Tec Attendant  
Jason Dempsey, Escort



Stacy Colley, Junior Attendant  
Jason Veach, Escort



Brandie Harris, Sophomore Attendant  
Jacob Strickland, Escort

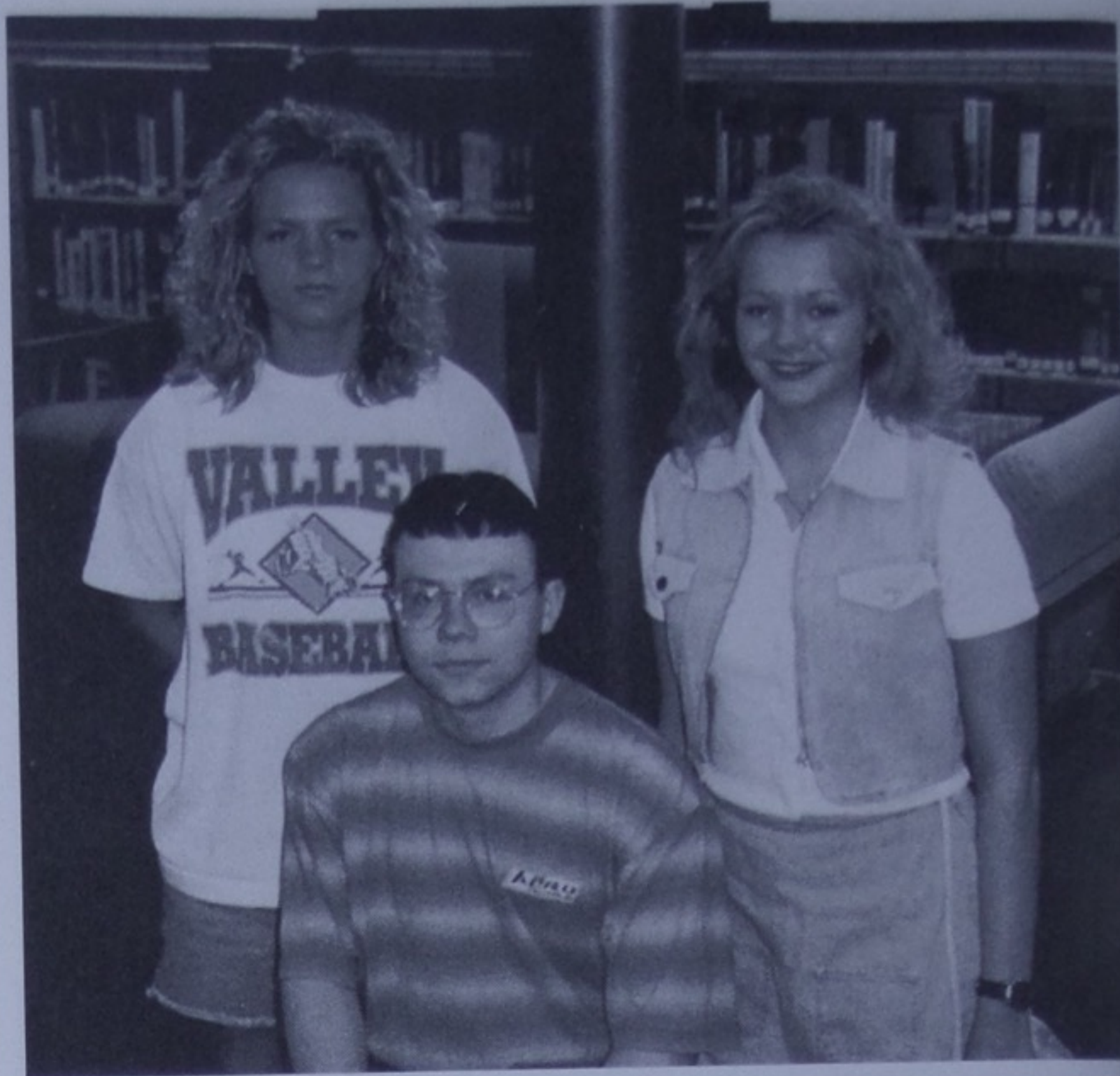


Amanda Harris, Freshman Attendant  
Matt Perkins, Escort

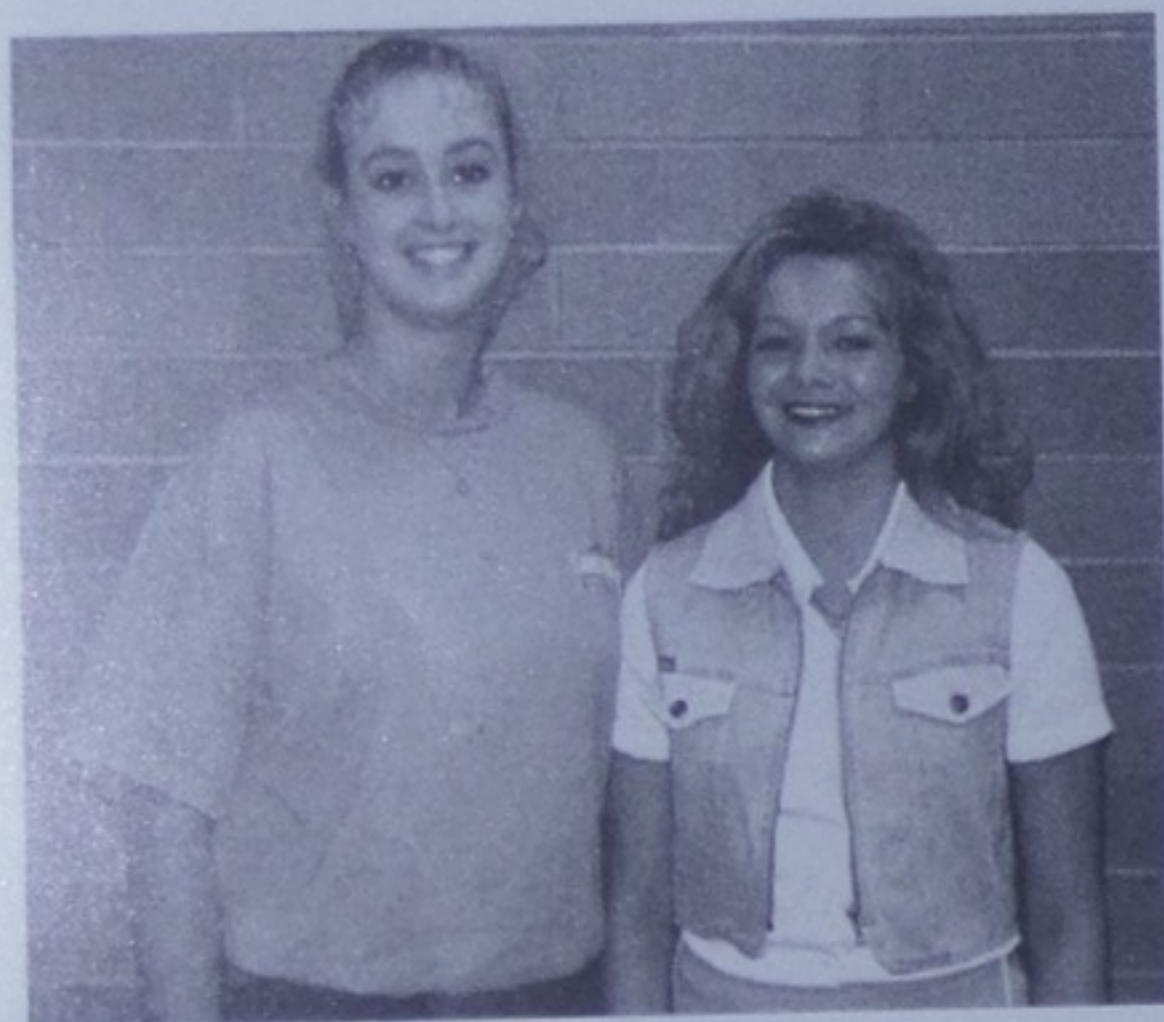
# Art Show



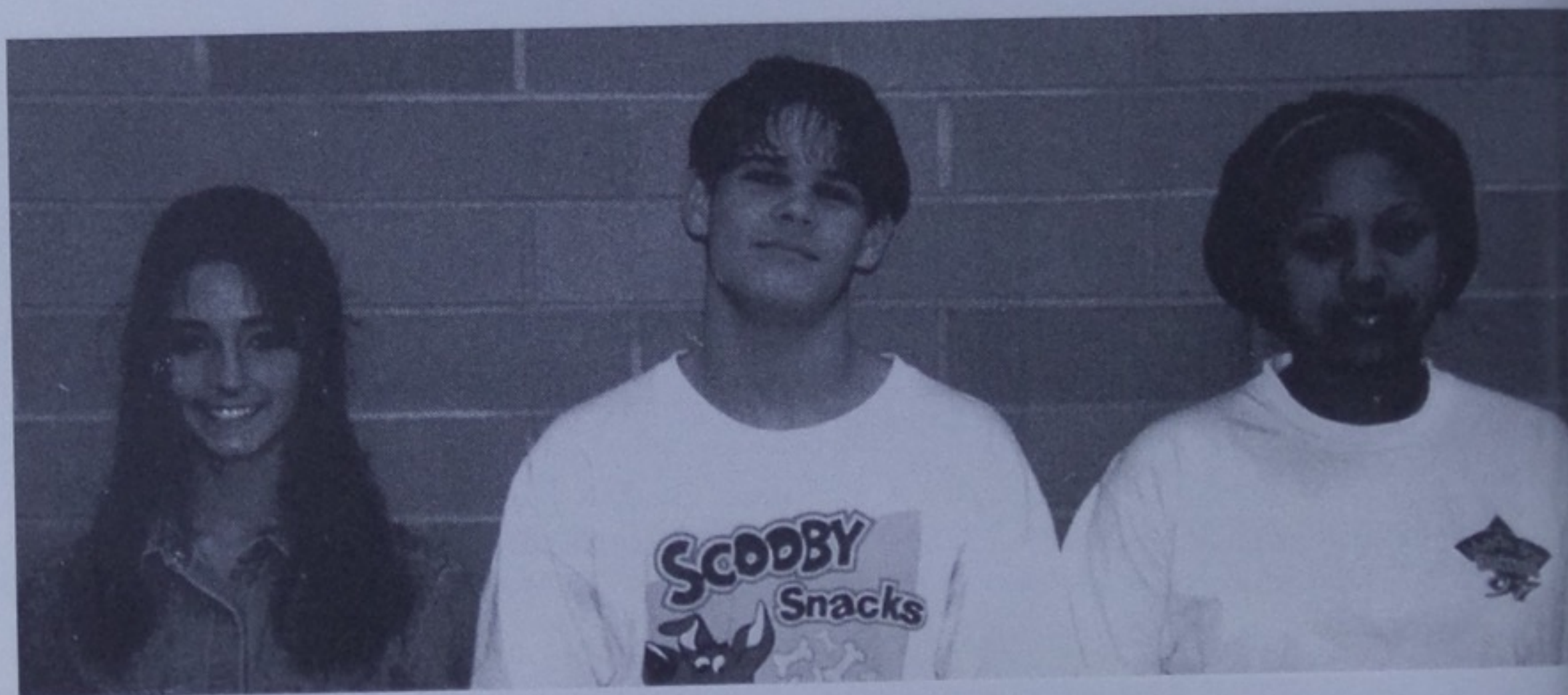
**Drawing Art I.** Row 1: L. May, 4th place; K. Schackart, 1st place. Row 2: J. Bailey, 3rd place; G. Dunham, honorable mention; S. Bibbey, 2nd place.



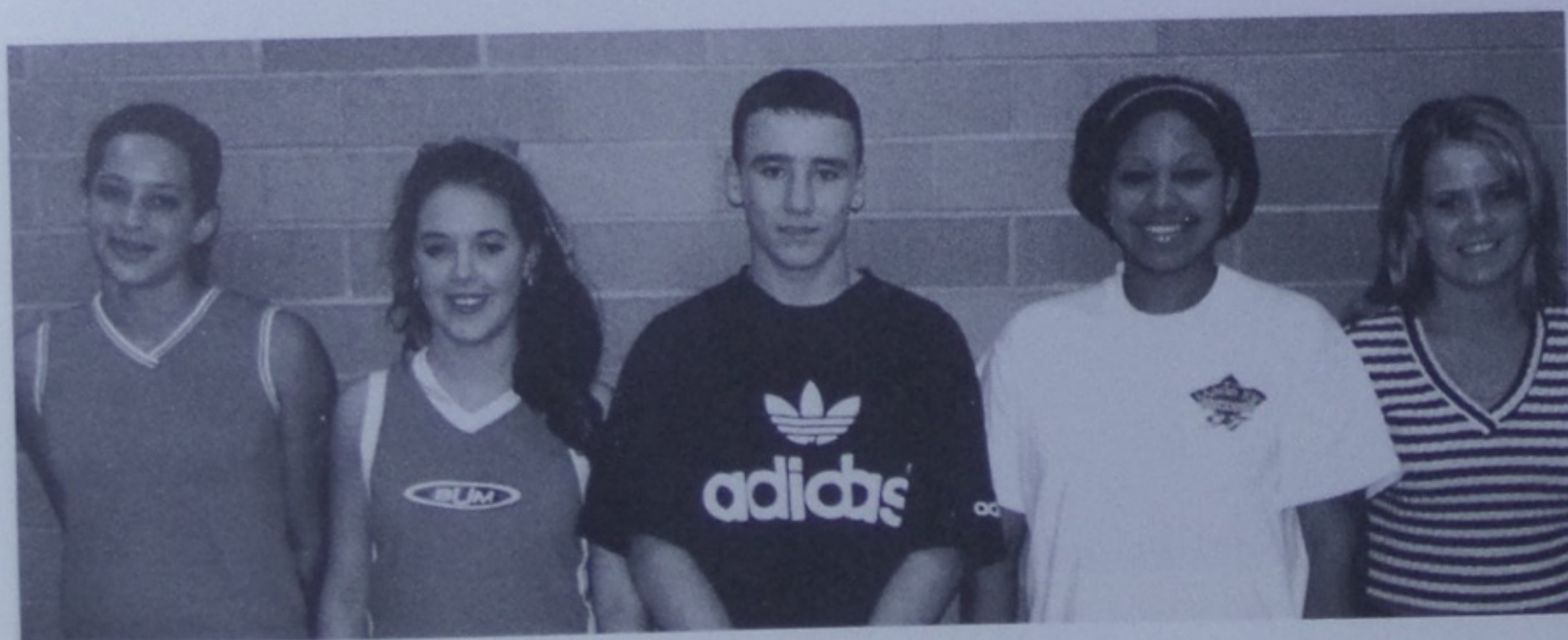
**Overall Winners.** Jeremy Conkel, Best of Show; Andria Smalley, Art I Selected; Danyelle Smith, Advanced Art Selected.



**Ceramic Advanced.** S. Smith, 1st; D. Smith, 3rd. Not pictured: B. Surrey, 2nd; Sarah Hurt, 4th.



**Scratchboard Art I.** Emily Stout, 3rd place; Matt Erwin, 4th place; Mandie Lute, 2nd place. Not pictured: Rebecca McClary, 1st place.



**Pastels Art I.** Beth Arrick, 2nd place; Amanda Harris, 1st place; Mickey Adkins, 4th place; Mandie Lute, 3rd place; Christy Dempsey, honorable mention.



**Painting Advanced.** T. Turner, 2nd & 4th; C. Godfrey, 3rd place. Not pictured: J. Hines, 1st place.



**SENIOR "B" TEAM.** Row 1: J. Buckler, J. Cunningham, Coach J. Mills, Coach Graf, Coach C. Gray, A. Wilson. Row 2: J. Delaney, D. Casto, S. Bragdon, A. Gray, J. Kerr, B. Cline.



**SENIOR "A" TEAM.** Row 1: J. Spriggs, S. Mollette, Coach S. Smith, J. Canter. Row 2: B. Wood, J. Stevens, D. Sammons, J. Hudson. Not pictured: J. Yelley, R. Eggar, Coach A. Smalley.



**SENIOR "B" TEAM.** Row 1: J. Phipps, Coach B. McNamer, Coach R. Stiltner. Row 2: J. Malone, C. Scott, B. McNamer. Not pictured: R. Wilson, G. Anderson, Miller, T. Windle.



**SOPHOMORE "A" TEAM.** Row 1: M. Blaine, Coach S. Spriggs, Coach J. Strickland, T. Neumann, J. Ellis. Row 2: J. Howard, R. Scott, C. Spencer, J. Swords, J. Clark. Not pictured: J. Adkins.



**SOPHOMORE "B" TEAM.** Row 1: B. Epperson, Coach A. Walters, Coach J. Bah, J. McKenzie. Row 2: M. Adkins, A. Boyer, J. Lavender, C. Kerr. Not pictured: T. Johnson, M. Bianco, J. Hurst.



**FRESHMAN TEAM.** Row 1: Coach J. Bair, M. Erwin, Coach J. Bibbey. Row 2: J. Rayburn, K. Schackart, N. Dalton, B. Berry, J. Buckler, C. Tuttle. Row 3: R. Wilburn, J. Jenkins, J. Graybeal, T. McKenzie, K. Thompson. Not pictured: R. Hutchinson, J. Conley, S. Adkins, J. Meeker.

# Drama Club Presents "A Christmas Carol"



Saturday, December 4  
7:00 P.M.

**ACTORS:**

Sir Selsdon Piddock .....  
..... Adam McKenzie  
Mr. Elyot Crummels .....  
..... Andy Maillet  
Mrs. Bettina Salisbury .....  
..... Lana Wood  
Mrs. Cordelia Ffoliet-Ffolkes  
Ffortescue ... Alaina Hatfield  
Teddy Shub ..... Jonas Foit  
Dame Rowena Middleton-  
Lewis ..... Amanda Brown  
Cynthia Imbury .. Jamie Neal

**DRAMA CLUB OFFICERS:**

Jonas Davis, president; Alaina  
Hatfield, vice-president; Sin-  
dee Smith, secretary/treasurer.

**CREW:**

Jay Delaney, student director;  
Charlie Maillet, stage manager;  
Aubrey Brown, set director  
and prop coordinator; Jenny  
Mason, sound technician; Jus-  
tin Howard, lighting techni-  
cian; Larissa Horsley, ward-  
robe; Telena Caldwell,  
spotlight.

**DRAMA CLUB.** Row 1: J. Davis, S. Smith, A. Hatfield. Row 2: J. Hines, D. Sammons, D. Hatfield, R. Smalley, J. Mason, J. Arrick, M. Rockwell, L. Wood, J. Neal, A. Brown, S. Lute, J. Howard. Row 3: K. Kelly, S. Cox, J. Delaney, H. McKenzie, L. Horsley, M. Lute, K. Millar, A. Oppy, C. Maillet, J. Bailey, T. Turner. Row 4: B. Locke, B. McNamer, M. James, M. Stewart, T. Caldwell, L. Mains, A. Fife, J. Foit, A. Brown, D. Romanello, E. Stout, L. Lawson, S. Turner. Row 5: G. Hannah, R. Rolfe, M. Schneider, A. Riggs, T. Brightwell, M. Motes, T. Reed, J. Phillips, H. McManes, S. Bibbey, D. Gray, A. McKenzie, K. Hemming. Row 6: L. Adkins, S. Harris, A. Maillet, G. Pettay, R. Bennington, M. Allen, S. Meddock, B. Merritt, M. Miller, M. Chatfield, Mr. T. Adkins, advisor.

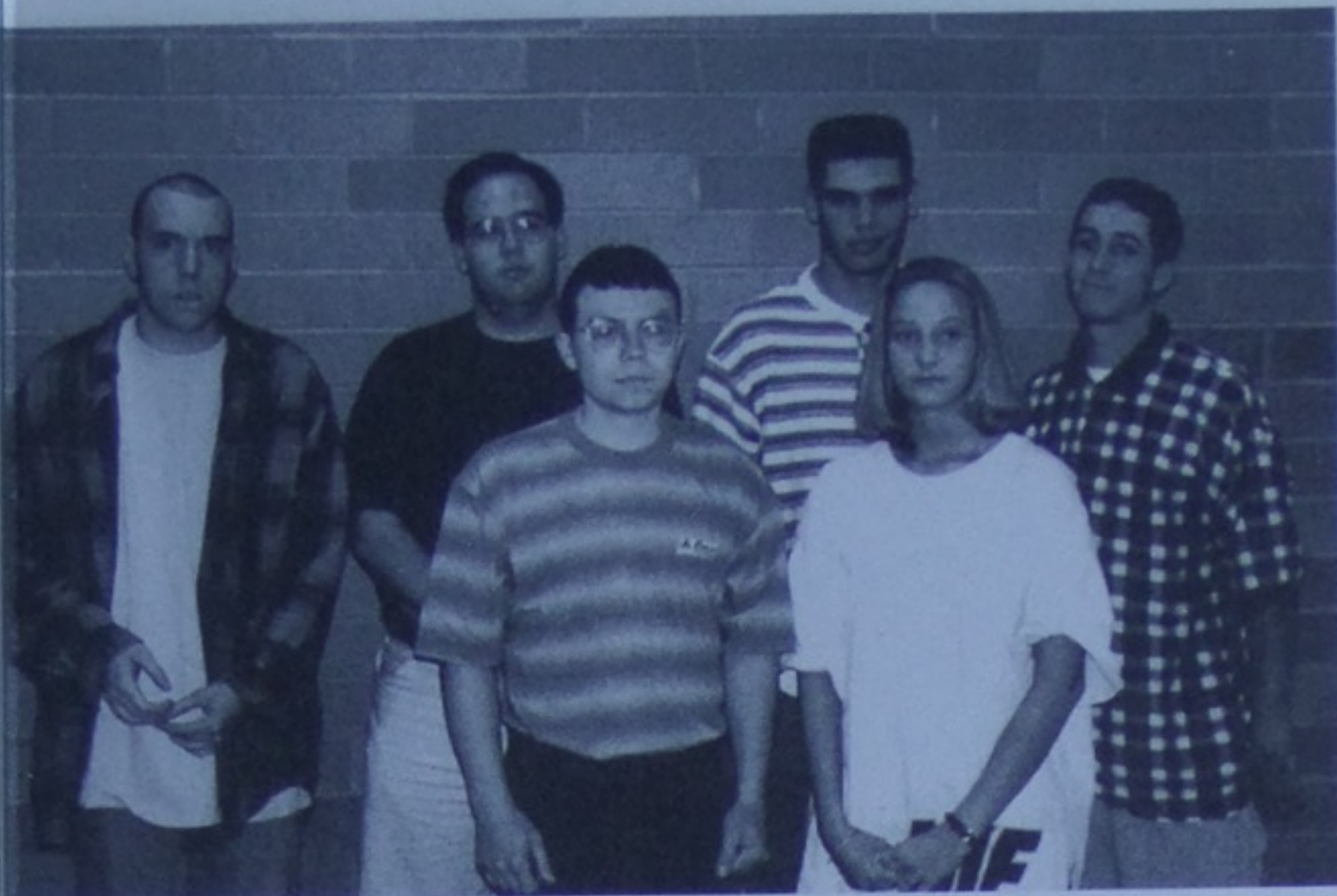


Susan Smith, Jonas Davis, and Mandie Lute collect money for admission to the performance held in the cafetorium. Jonas was president of the Drama Club.

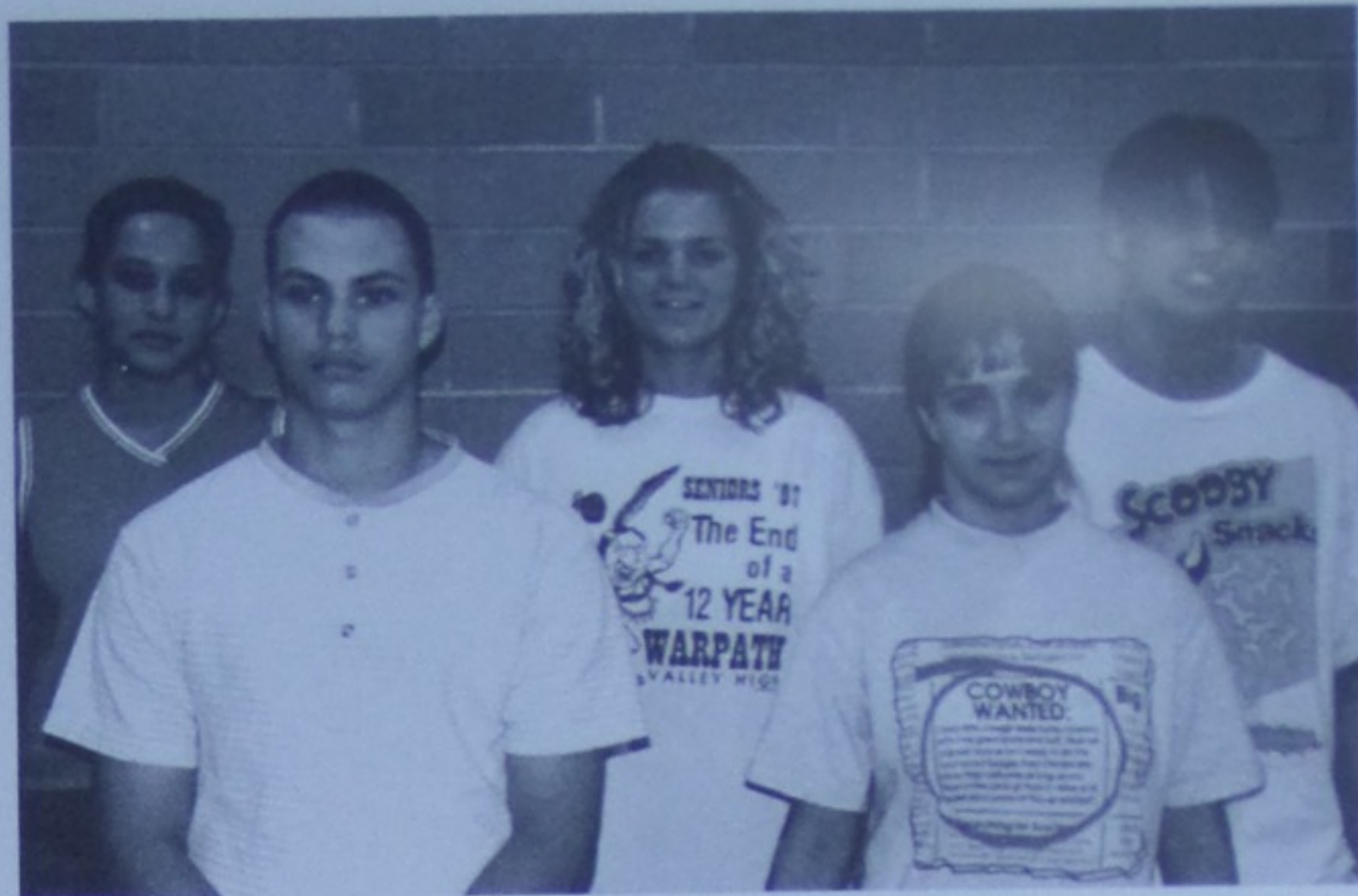


Michelle Stewart and Haven McKenzie apply the finishing touches to Amanda Brown's makeup. Amanda played the role of Dame Rowena Middleton-Lewis.

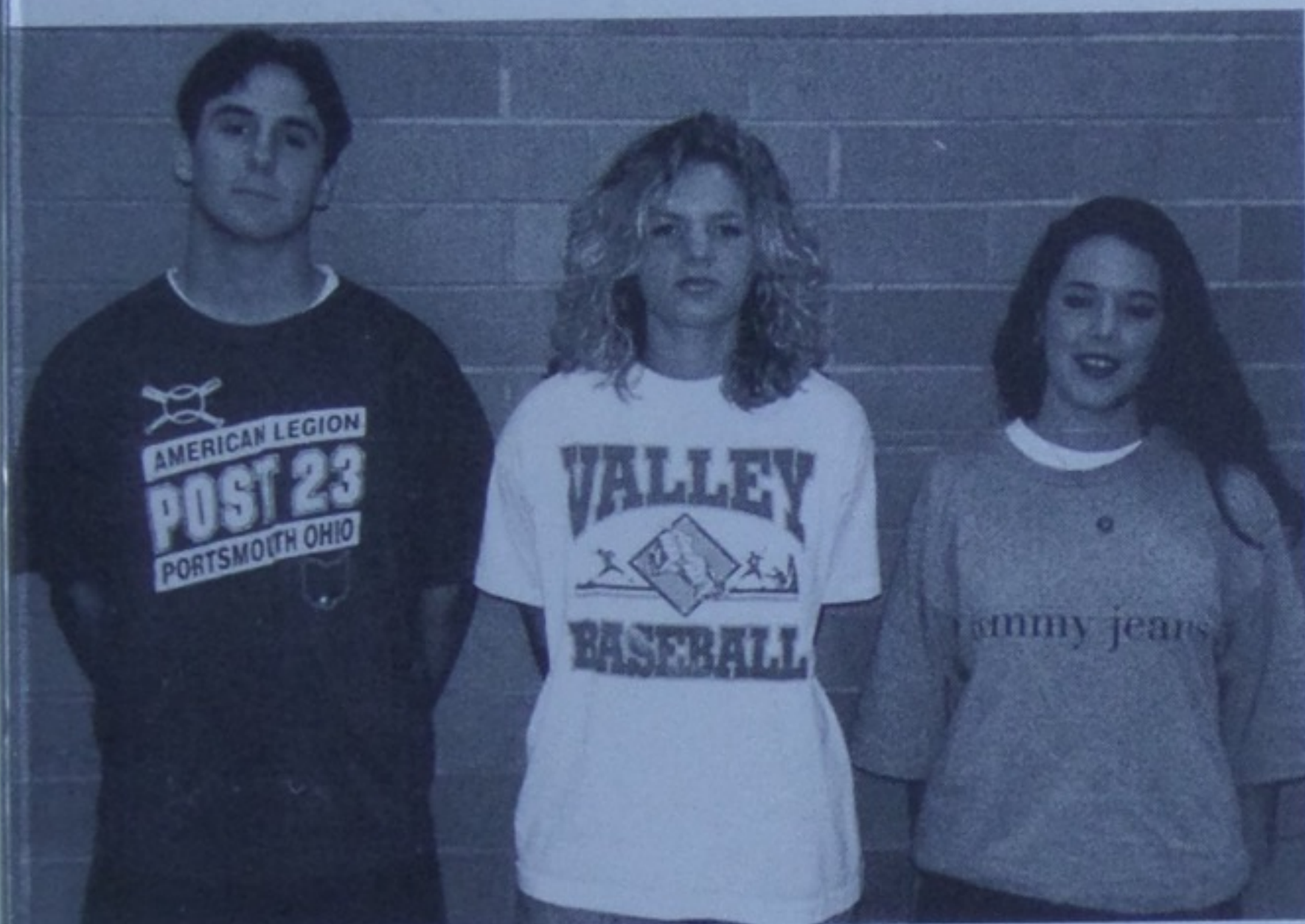




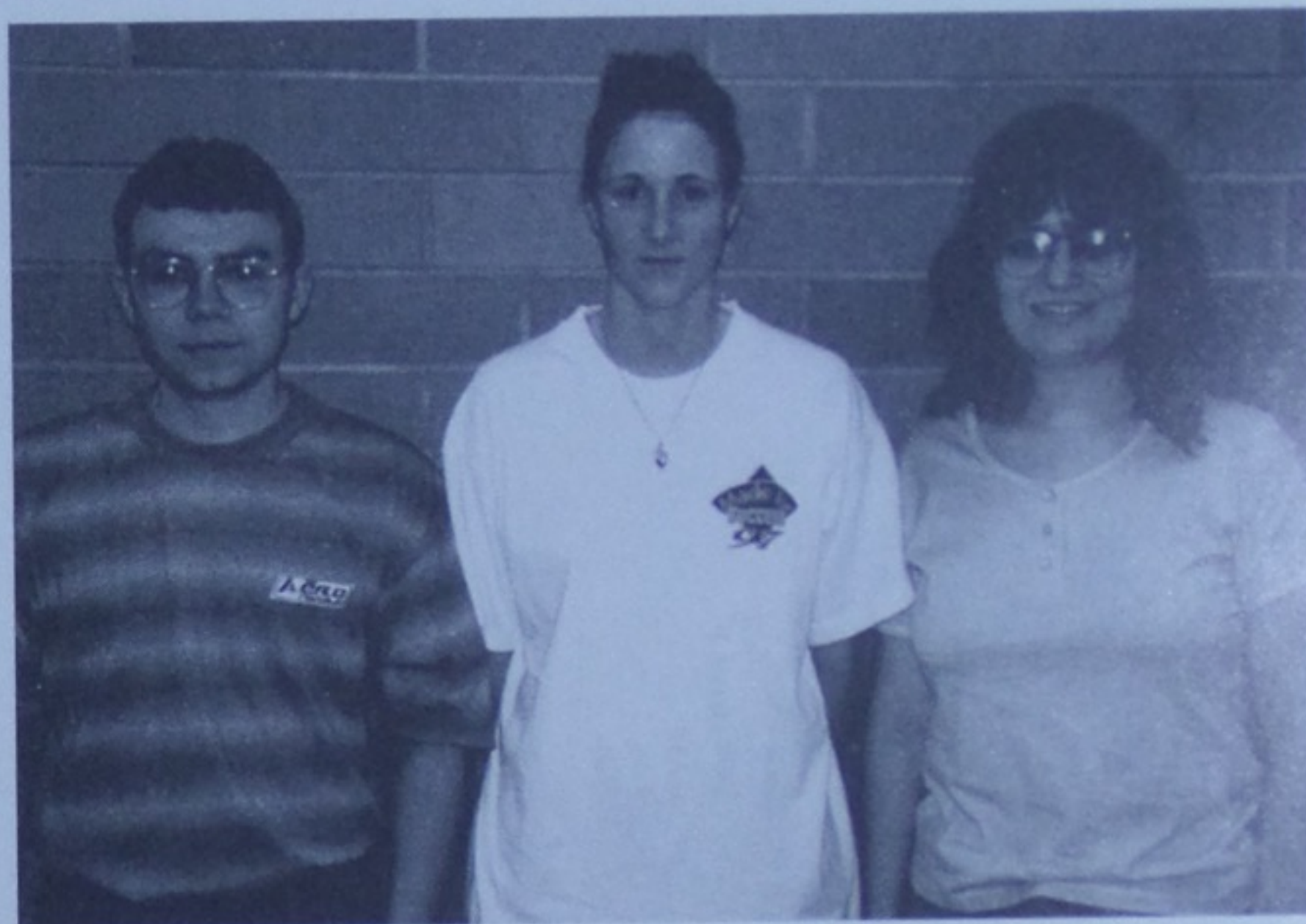
**Drawing Advanced.** J. Conkel, 2nd; J. Sexton, 2nd; R. Chestnut, honorable mention; T. Turner, 1st; S. Miller, 3rd; S. Mollette, honorable mention.



**Ceramic Art I.** M. Bianco, 4th place; K. Schackart, 3rd place; B. Arrick, 2nd place; A. Smalley, 1st place; M. Erwin, honorable mention.



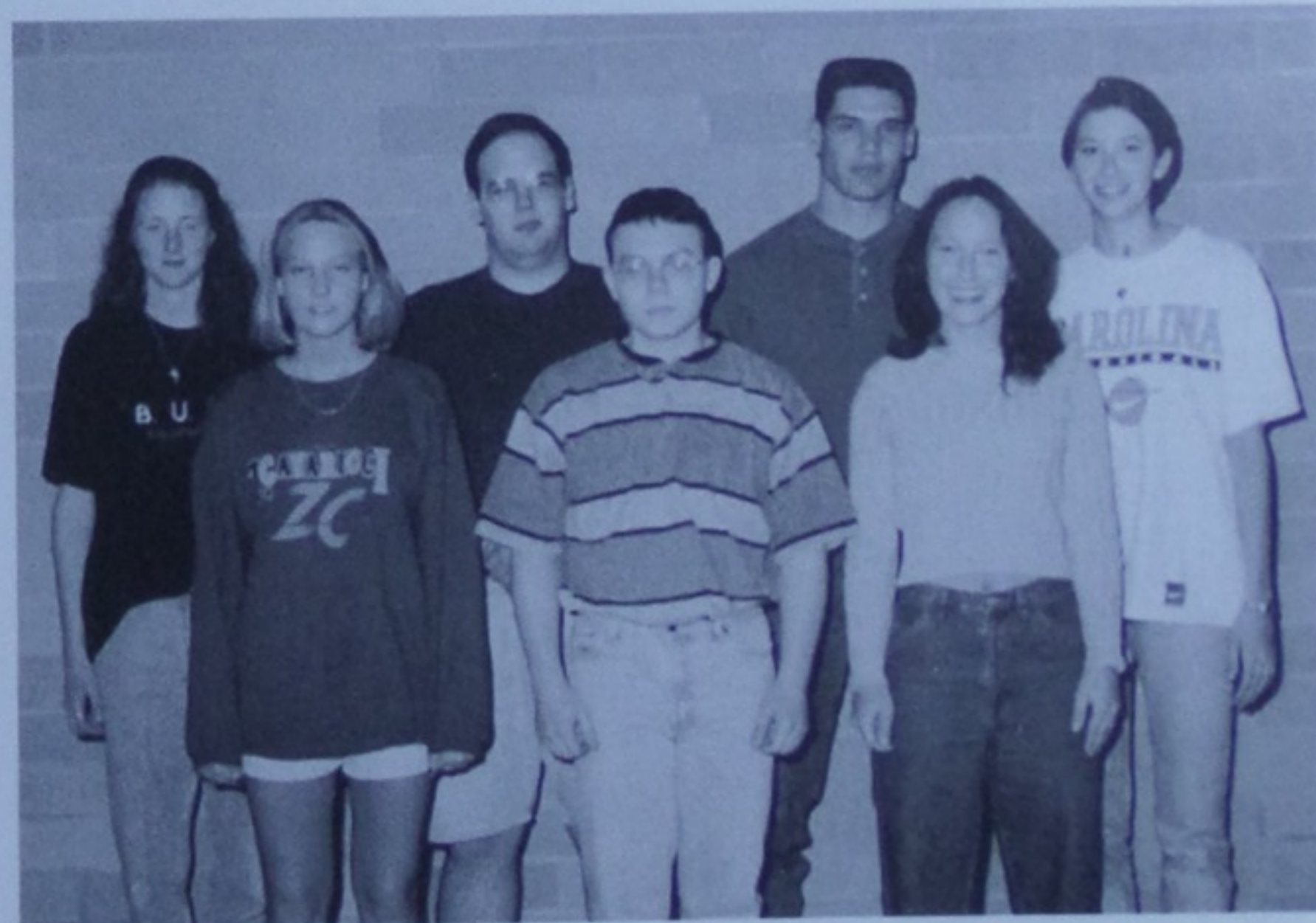
**Painting Art I.** Ryan Eggar, 3rd place; Andria Smalley, 1st place; Amanda Harris, 4th place. Not pictured: Mandie Lute, 2nd place.



**Scratchboard Advanced.** Jeremy Conkel, 1st place; Becky Grooms, 4th place; Christina Godfrey, 2nd and 3rd places.



**Southern Ohio Museum Exhibit:** Jeremy Conkel and Jamie Sexton.



**Scioto County Art Show Participants.** Row 1: Jamie Sexton, Jeremy Conkel, Bethany Surrey. Row 2: Becky Grooms, Travis Turner, Sam Miller, Julie Hines.

# Prom Committee



Row 1: Sandy Meddock, Jennifer Rucker, Randy Blanton, Jody Buckler, Michelle Allen. Row 2: Chris Lundy, Jessica Phillips, Shelby Preston, Laura Mains, Aubrey Brown, Mike Miller, Christina Godfrey. Row 3: Missy Harr, Melanie Chatfield, Becky Merritt, Cara Smith, Sam Miller. Row 4: Karen Schackart, Ann Howard.

Saturday,  
April 27, 1997  
8:00 P.M.

Valley  
High School  
Cafetorium

**COLORS:**  
Iridescents,  
Pastels,  
and Pearls

Sponsored  
By The  
Class of 1998



Karen Schackart, a member of the Prom Committee, receives help from her mother in covering the centerpieces for the tables with colored cellophane.

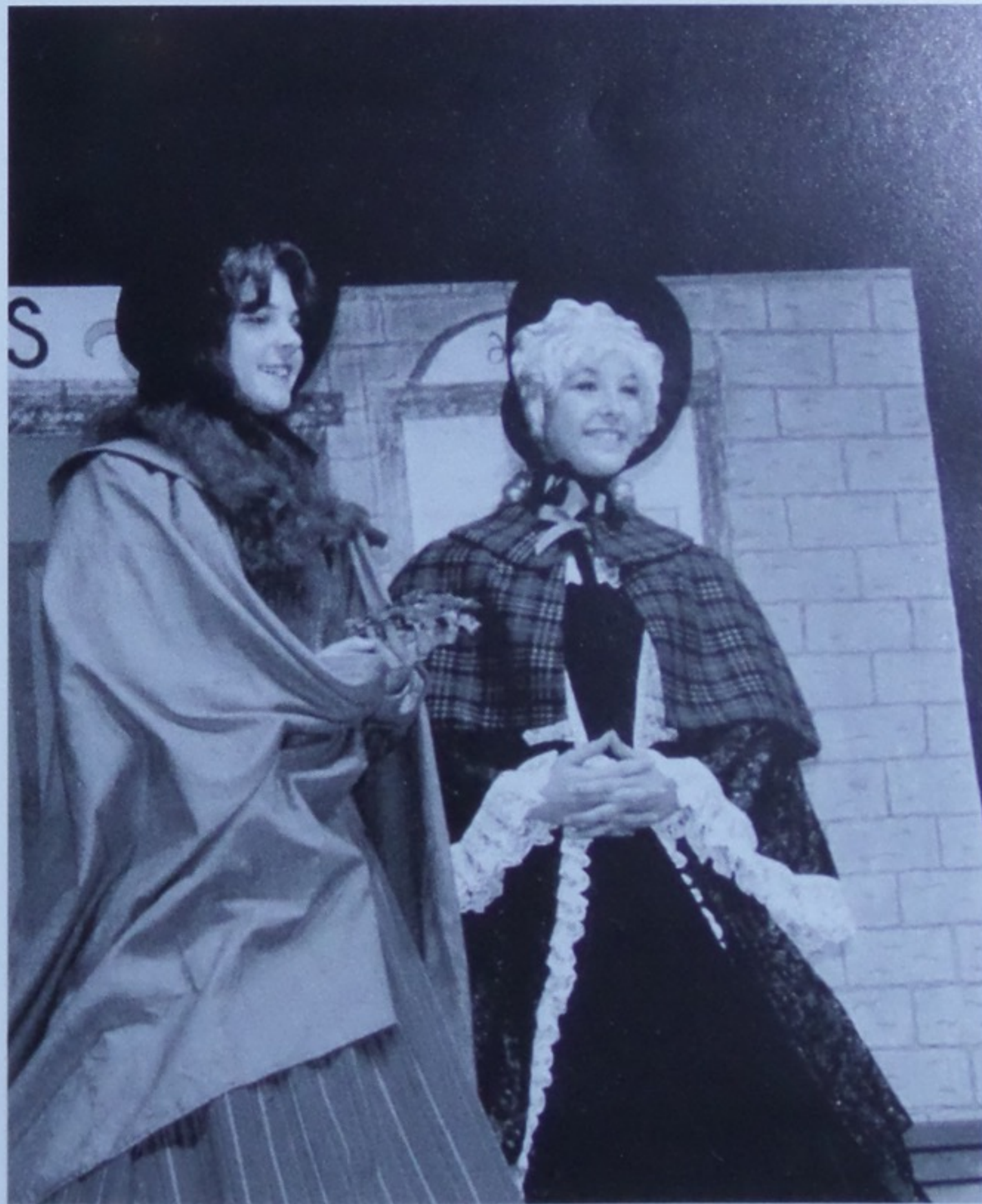


Cara Smith and Jody Buckler put the finishing touches on the vases. Many hours of work were put into making the cafetorium look perfect for Prom '97.



First-year Drama Club member Amanda Brown humors the audience.

Alaina Hatfield, Lana Wood, Jonas Foit, Jamie Neal, and Andy Maillet perform their roles in "The Fifteenth Annual Farewell Tour of Charles Dickens' Holiday Classic - A Christmas Carol." The play was held on Saturday, December 14, 1996.



Alaina Hatfield as Mrs. Cordelia Ffoliet-Ffolkes Ffortescue and Adam McKenzie as Sir Selsdon Piddock recite their lines while on stage during Act II.

Amanda Brown and Alaina Hatfield smile at the audience as they portray their roles in "A Christmas Carol." Mr. Todd Adkins was director of the production.



**PRETTY AS A PICTURE:** Front: Bethany Surrey, Aimee Fife. Middle: Mandie Lute, Jessica Clark. Back: Carrie Harwood, Ryan Eggar, Josh Mason, Derek Pendleton, Jonas Davis, Kristin Millar.



Junior Shelby Preston joins her friends to dance during Prom '97.



Becky Grooms and Christy Dempsey dance to the "Atomic Dog" by George Clinton. The Prom was held April 27. The theme was "Forever You and Me."



Senior Andria Smalley enjoys herself while on the dance floor. Prom '97, sponsored by the Class of 1998, was held at Valley High School.

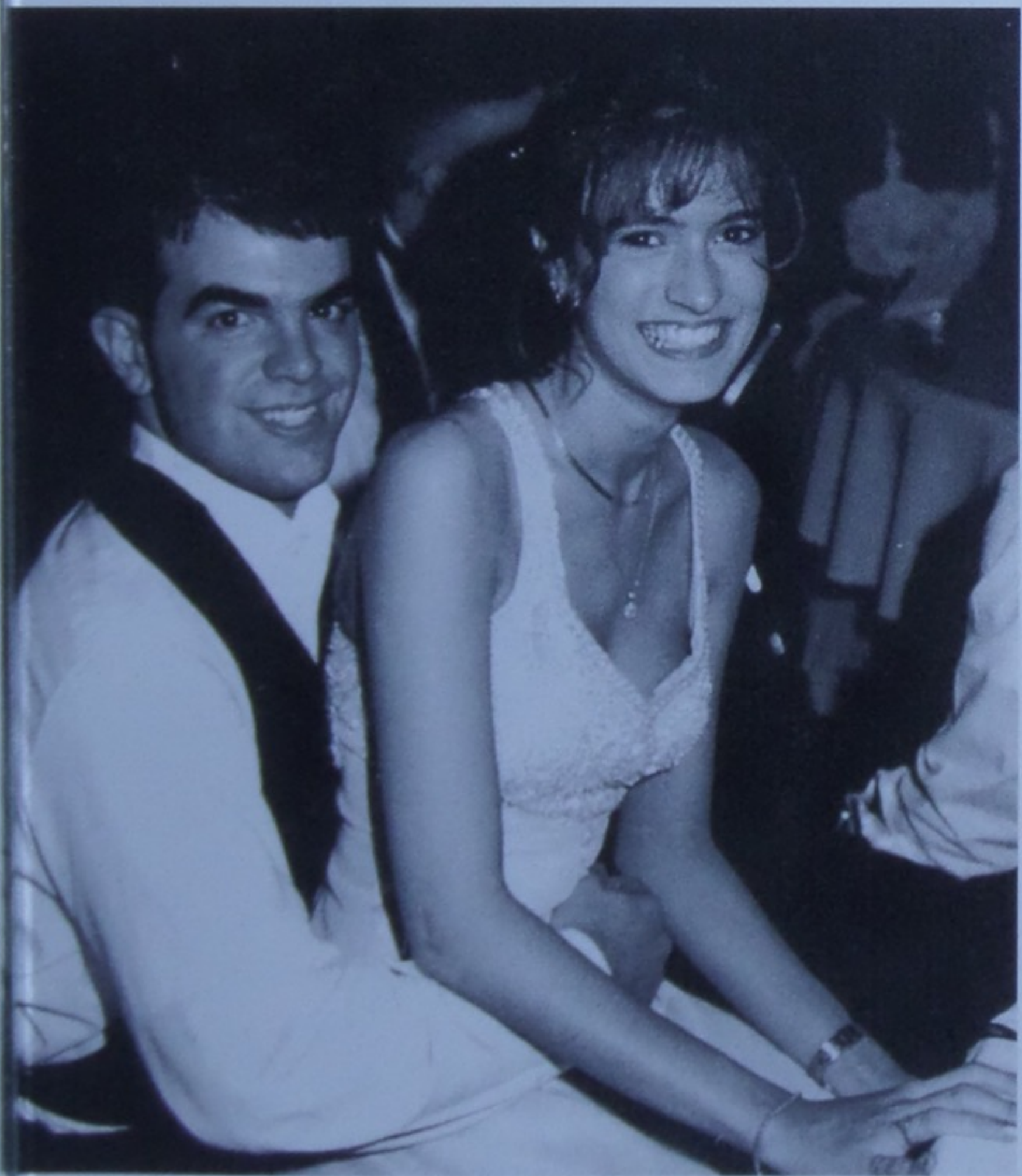


After participating in the Grand March, Summer and Mandy Motes, sisters, pose outside the school with their dates, Steve Mollette and Andrew Wilson.

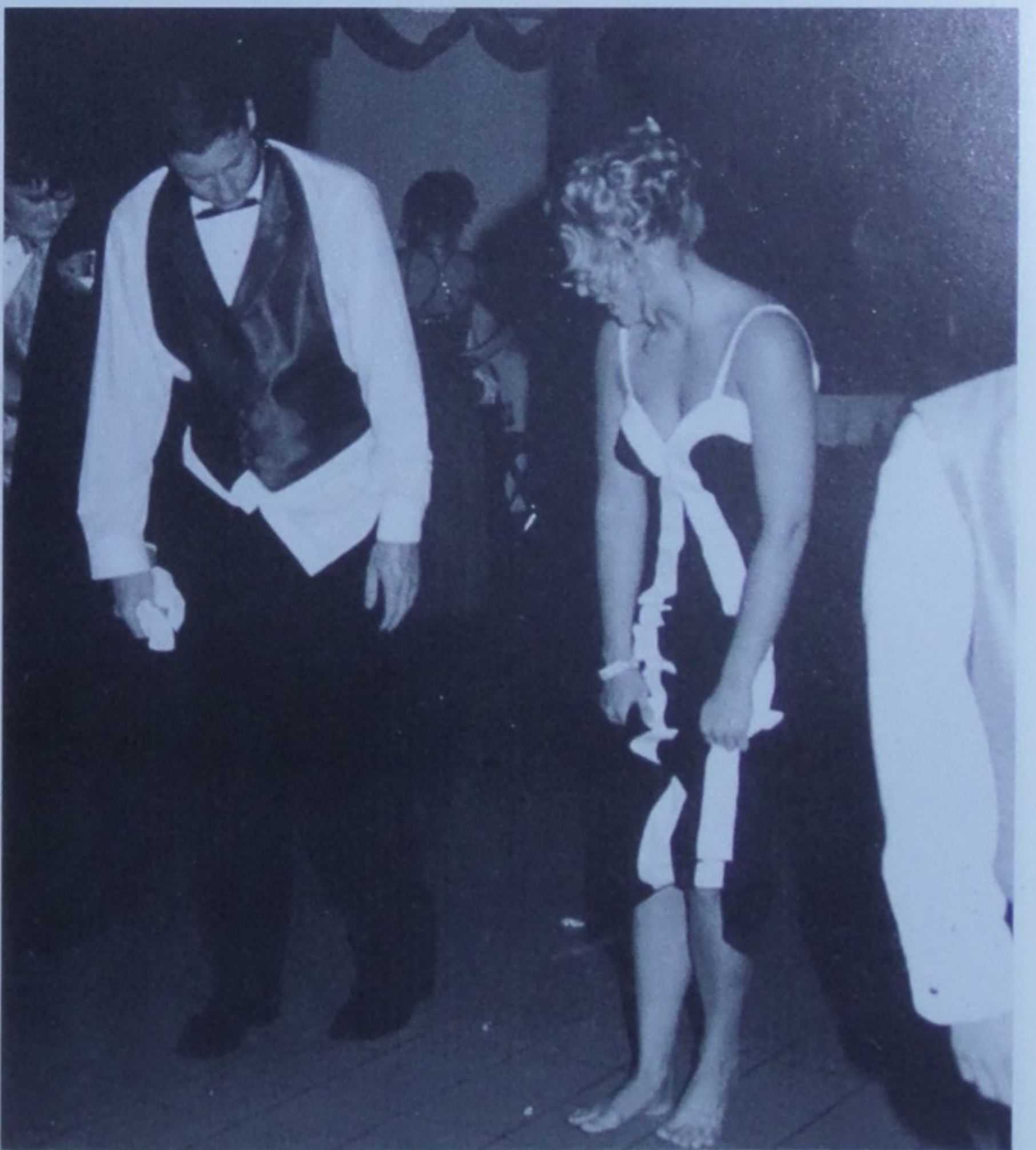


Seniors Andy Oppy, Robin Maynard, Andria Smalley, and Bob Wood stand in the school lobby while waiting for the prom to officially begin at 8:00 p.m.

## Prom 1997: "Forever You And Me"



Jeremy Buckle and Shellby Preston take a break from dancing to chat with friends. The After Prom was held at the Rainbow Lanes in Portsmouth, Ohio.



Andria Smalley teaches fellow classmate Jay Delaney the steps to a dance. The music for Prom '97 was provided by Tim Shepherd and Frank Thompson.

# District-Wide Talent Show

The V.H.S. Chorus sponsored a district-wide talent show on Saturday, April 19, 1997, at Valley High School. The winners were: Grand Champions: The Glendales (Leah Adkins, Alisha Adkins, and Lacy Bragdon); First Runner-up: Mallory Flinders; Second Runner-up: Courtney Merritt; Third Runner-up: Sarah Baughman; Fourth Runner-up: Brittani Martin.

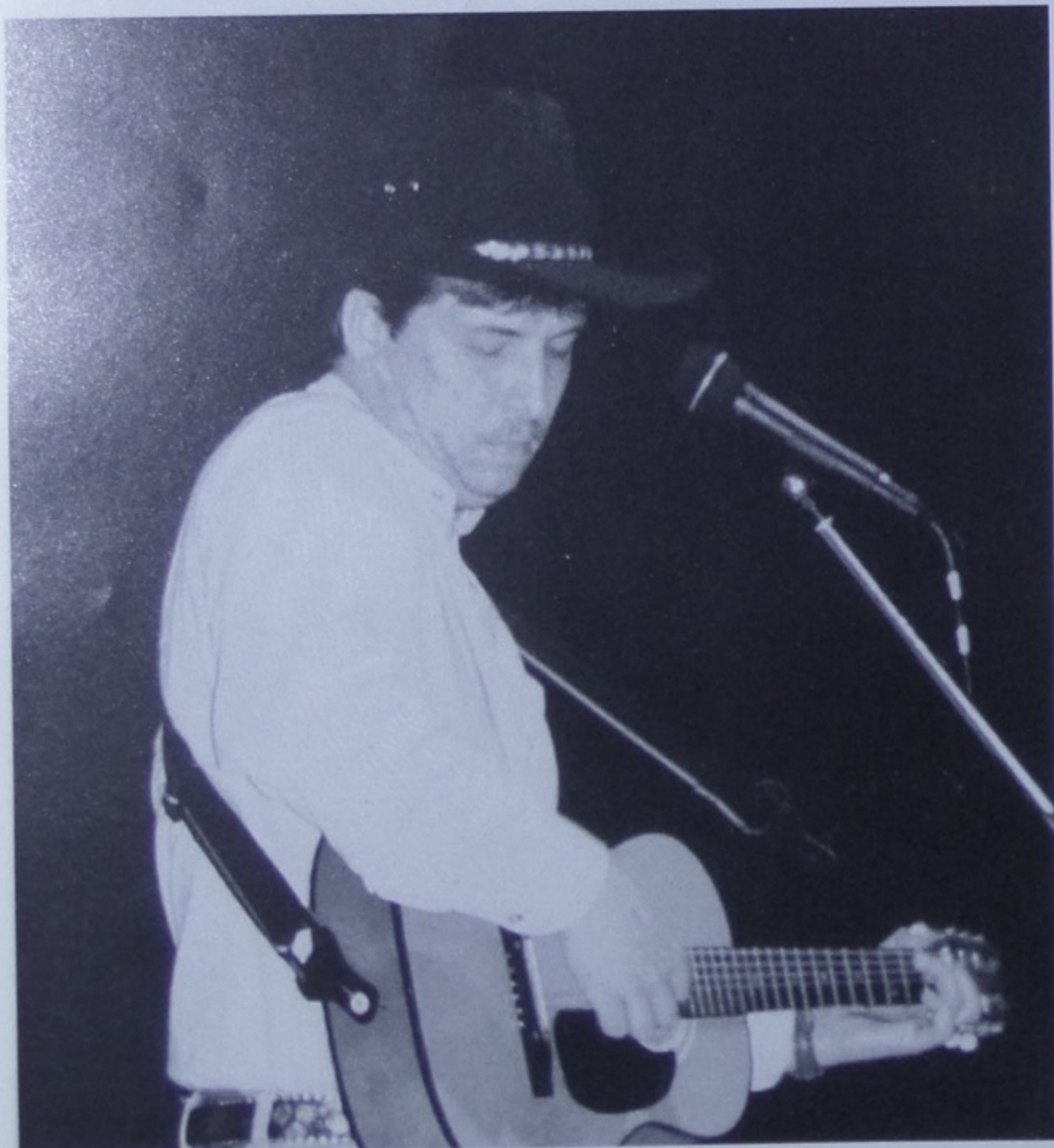
The following chorus members worked at the talent show: David Sammons, crew supervisor; Justin Meeker, curtains; Ryan Rolfe and Adam McKenzie, sound; Jay Delaney, master of ceremonies; Kristin Millar, mistress of ceremonies; Rachel Bennington and Charles Maillet, lights.



Chorus members Adam McKenzie, Jay Delaney, and David Sammons entertain the audience during an intermission by performing "Angels Among Us."



Jay Delaney welcomes those in attendance at the 1997 Talent Show.



Brandon Cline, senior, plays his guitar while singing "Clear Blue Skies." He was the only high school student to perform in this year's talent show.



Jenny Mason collects admission money from Haven McKenzie and Rachel Smalley. The talent show was held in the Valley High School cafeteria.



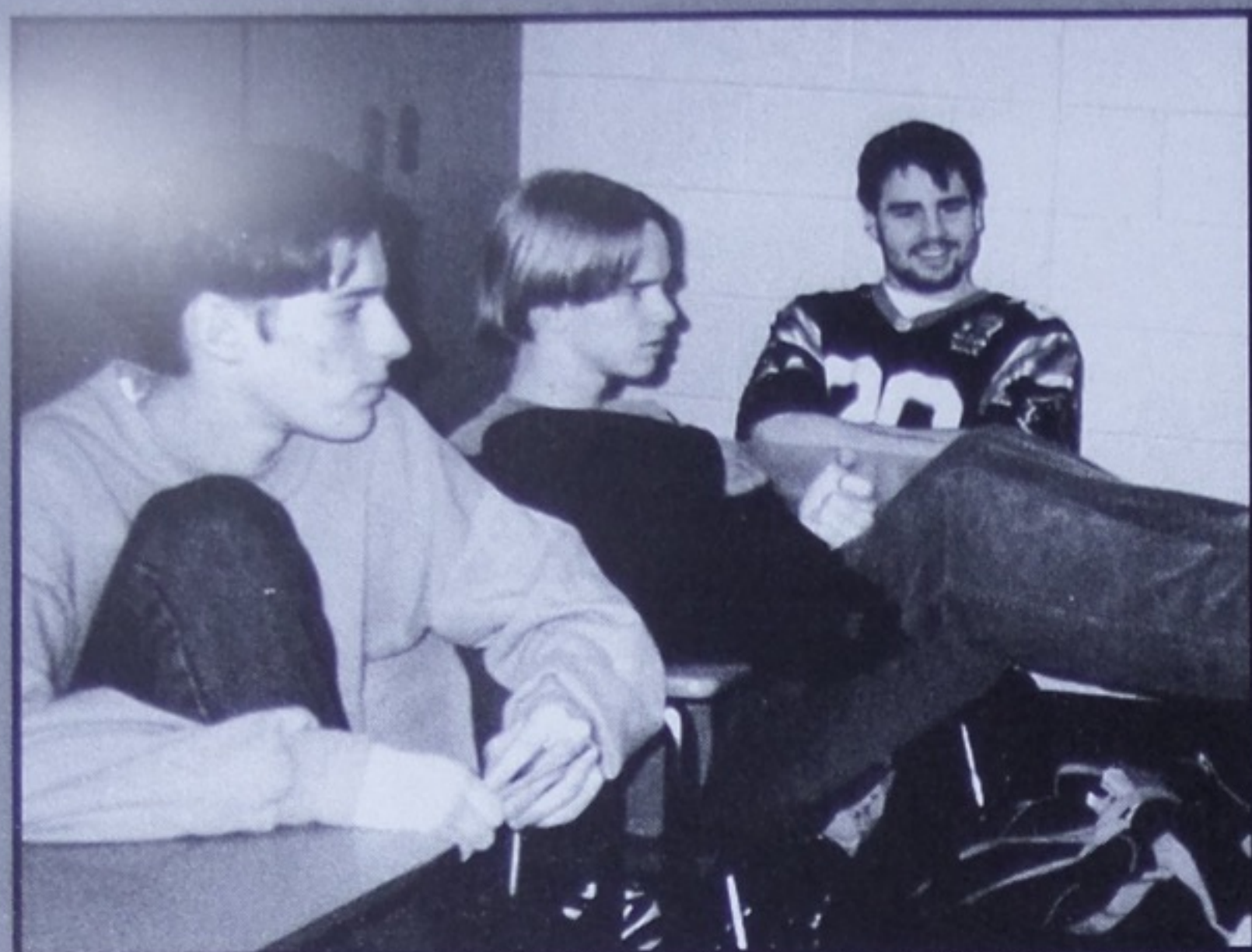
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## Prom 1997

Saturday, April 27 8:00 P.M.

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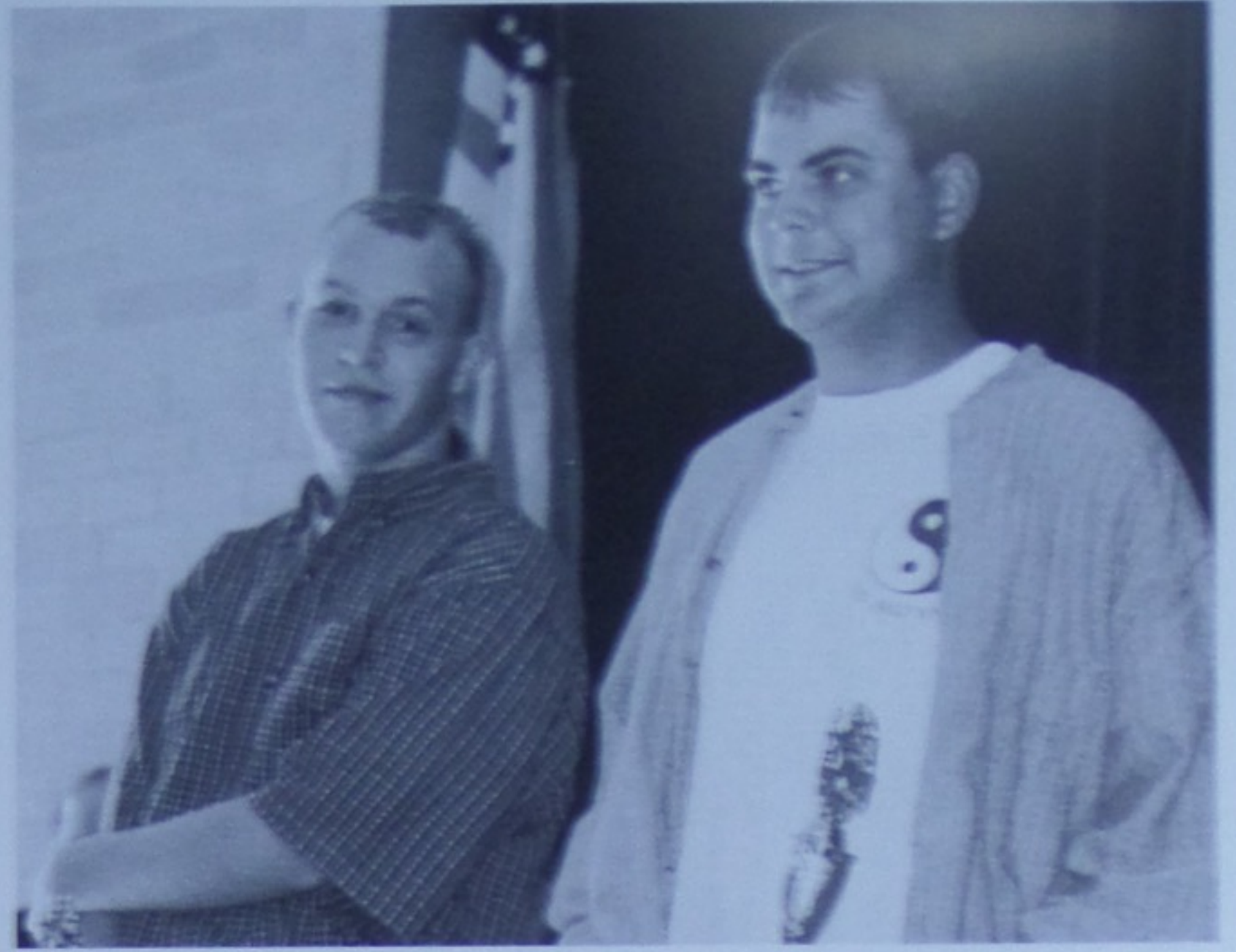
# Honors Banquet



Malaina Hatfield sets up chairs in preparation for the Honors Banquet.



Adam McKenzie displays a pear presented as a Mock Trial award.



Jonas Davis and Glenn Pettay receive trophies for being four year members of Quiz Bowl. Glenn also received the Frank R. Thompson Mock Trial Scholarship.



Mr. Millar, guidance counselor, recognizes members of the Scholarship Teams.



Freshmen Anna Campbell and Justin Meeker receive honors for Mock Trial.



Summer Motes receives a congratulatory handshake from Mr. Frank Thompson after being named a recipient of the 1997 Valley Alumni Scholarship.

The Lucas Chapter of the National Honor Society held the 39th annual Honors Banquet on May 21, 1997.

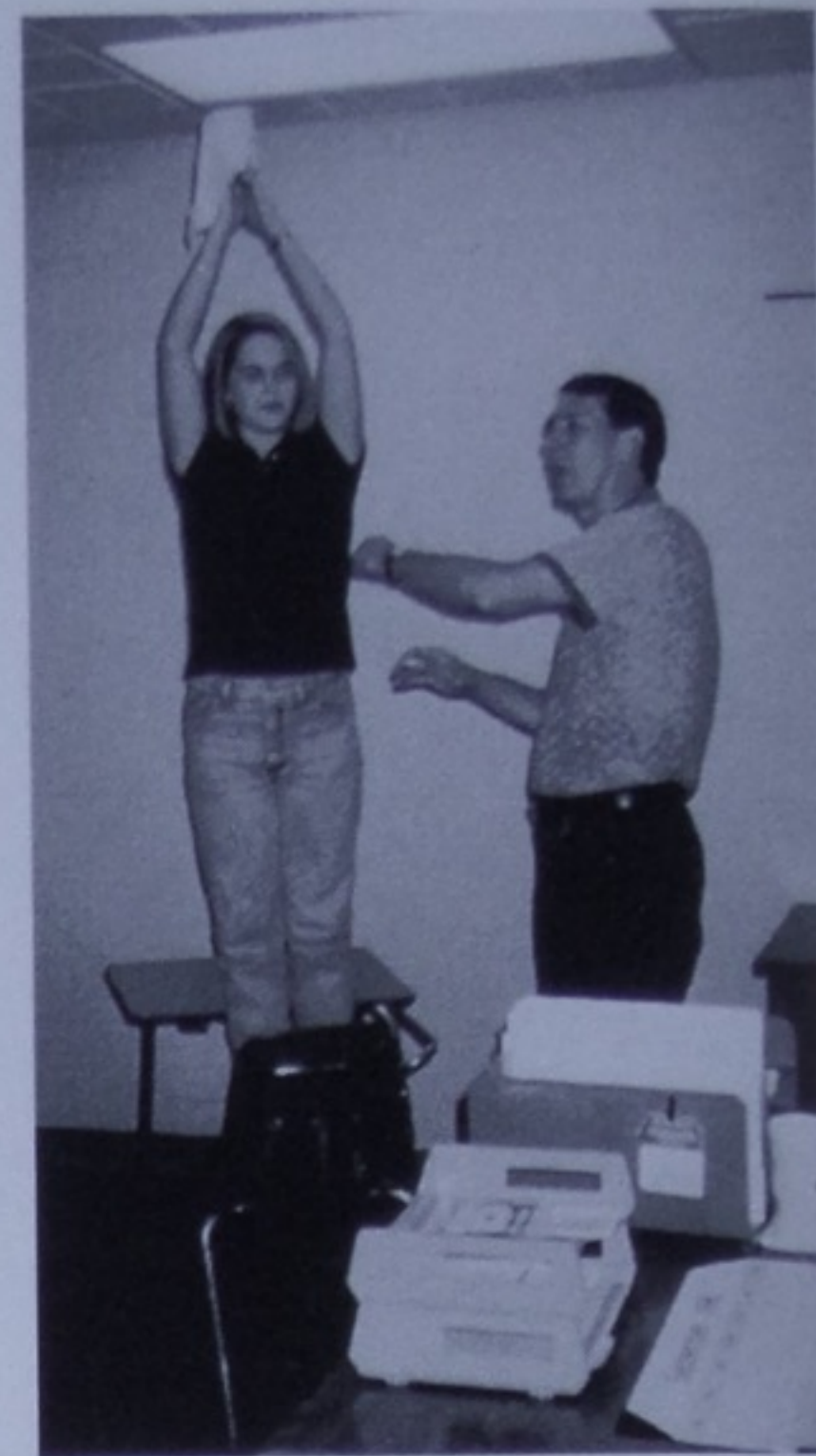
Those recognized at the banquet were students with a yearly average of 3.25 or better, and the participants in Mock Trial, Quiz Bowl, and the Scholarship Teams. Senior National Honor Society members were presented with their graduation stoles, and those receiving Honors Diplomas and the Award of Merit were recognized. Valedictorians and the salutatorian were awarded medallions, and scholarship announcements were made by Mr. Millar.

All students earning recognition were given a free meal at Golden Corral following the banquet.

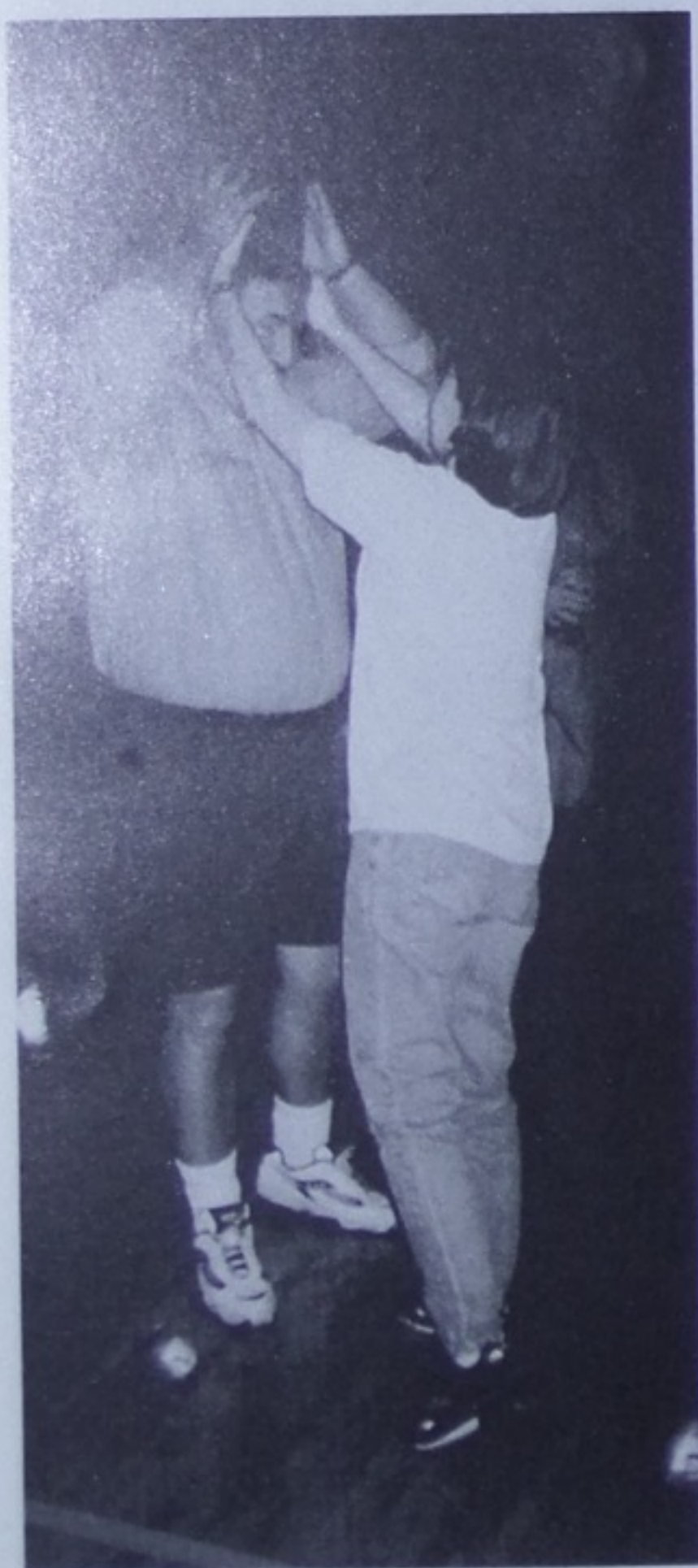
# Producing The Pages!



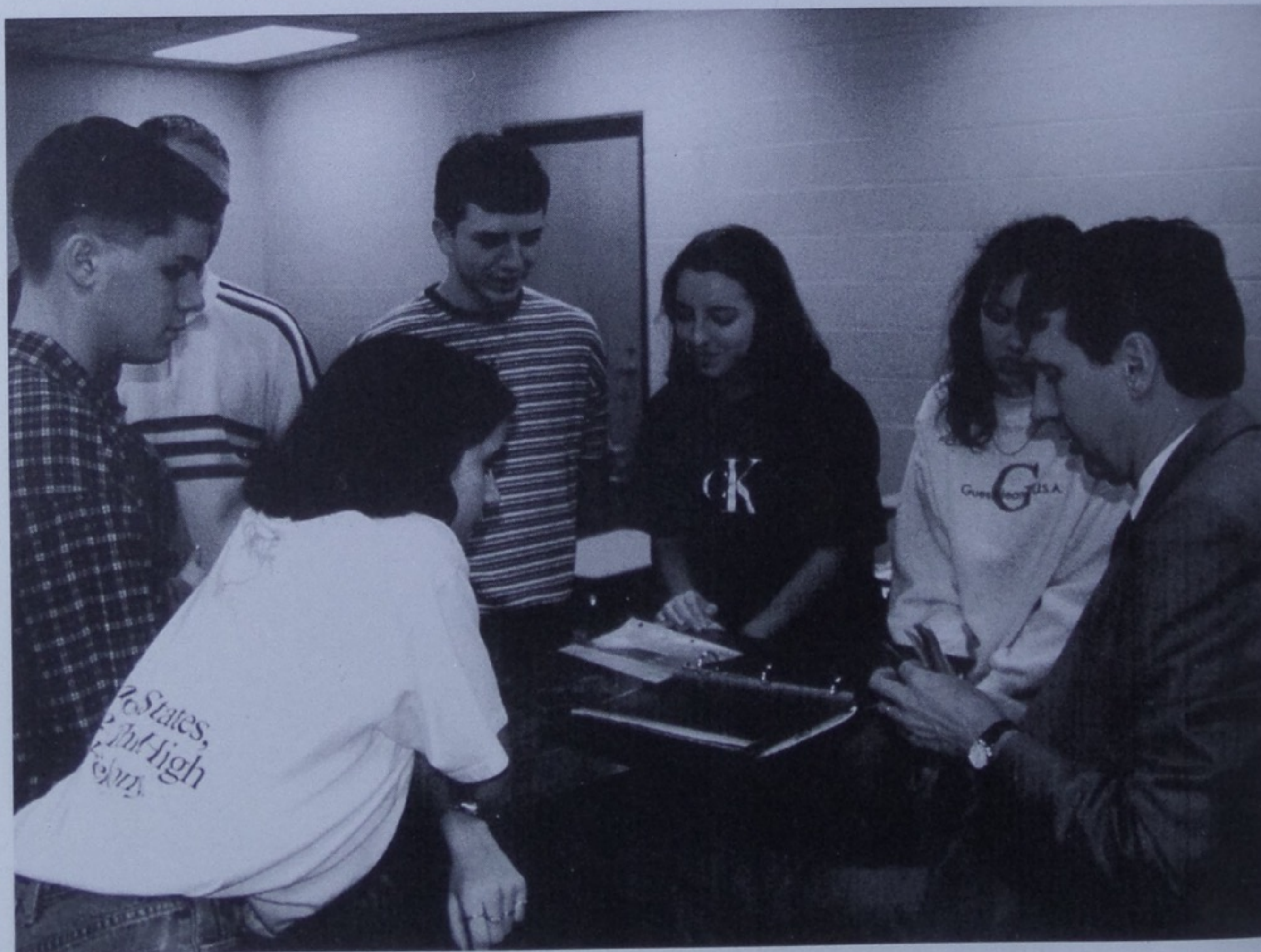
**ANNUAL STAFF.** Front: Cara Smith, Summer Motes, Laura Mains, Teresa Reed. Back: Jonas Davis, Andy Oppy, Kristin Millar, Shelby Preston, Mrs. Stone, advisor, Darren Lutz, Robin Maynard, Misty Schneider.



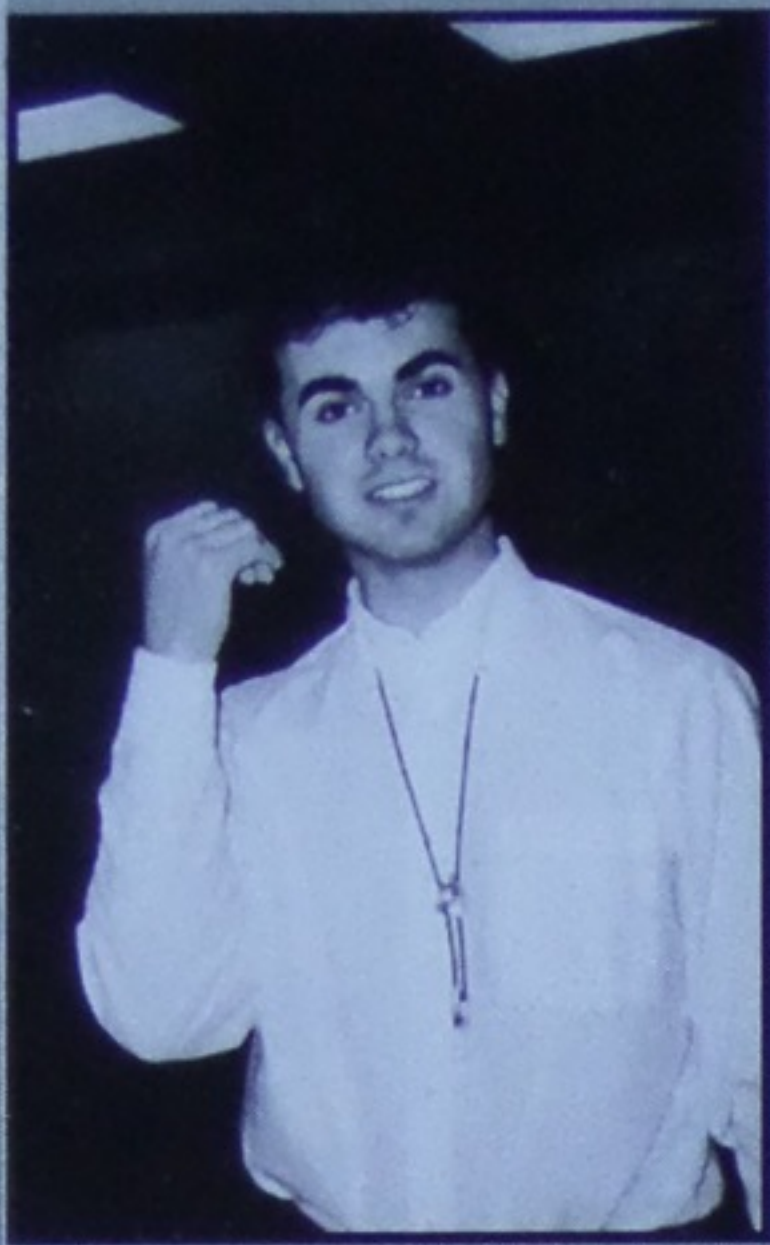
Mr. Swank has Kristin Millar imitating a tree as he explains some goals the yearbook staff needs to accomplish to produce a successful book.



During a pep rally, Laura Mains crowns Coach Crabtree winner of the "Hottest Legs." The contest was held to promote interest in the yearbook.



On one of his many visits, Mr. Alan Swank, Taylor Publishing representative, displays cover choices and colors for the 1997 Smoke Signals to staff members. Many hours were spent during and after school to complete the yearbook.



# ORGANIZATIONS

# Business Club



Row 1: A. Howard, M. Schneider, Mrs. Mossbarger, S. Motes, S. Preston. Row 2: M. Adkins, J. Rucker, J. Mills, S. Cox, B. Graf, K. Millar, J. Neal, M. Harr, M. Miller. Row 3: M. Schneider, M. Stewart, K. Schackart, S. Bibbey, J. Foit, A. Brown, A. Harris, M. Canter. Row 4: T. Caldwell, A. Riggs, T. Brightwell, M. Motes, T. Reed, J. Phillips, H. McManes, M. Chatfield, A. Oppy. Row 5: J. Kerr, J. Sexton, A. Buckler, A. Fife, C. Smith.

## Business Club Officers

President:  
Melanie Schneider

Vice President:  
Summer Motes

Treasurer:  
Ann Howard

Secretary:  
Shellby Preston

Advisor:  
Mrs. Mossbarger

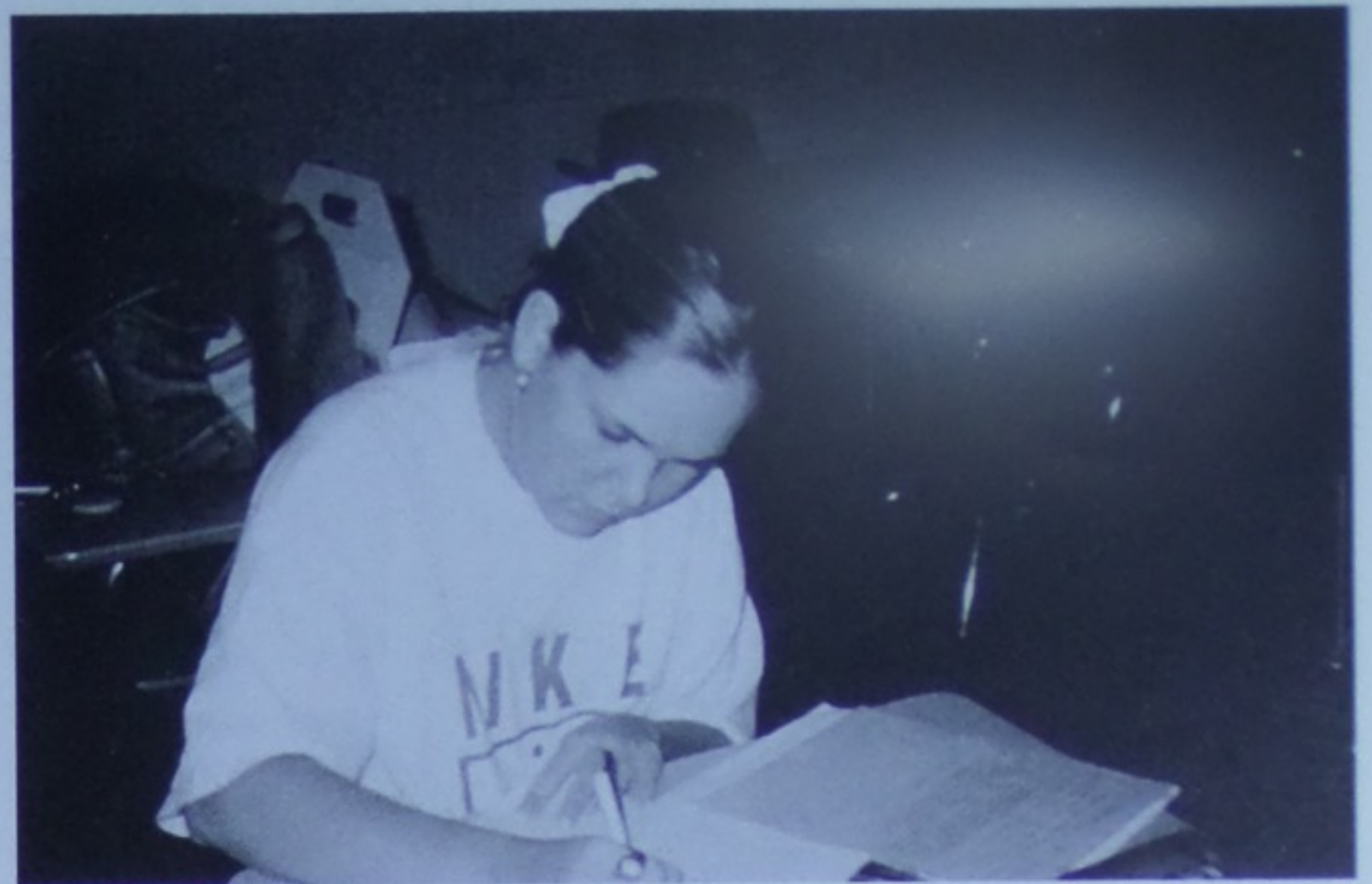
# Practical Office Experience



Row 1: N. Vanderpool, J. Cunningham, B. Franklin, J. Neal, A. Fife, G. Hannah. Row 2: C. Smith, T. Smith, A. Leedom, M. Motes, B. Graf, J. Mills, J. Hines, M. Harr. Row 3: A. Oppy, S. Cox, B. Wood, C. McClary, H. Kerr, J. Lavender, F. Biggs, D. Pendleton.



Darren Lutz, junior, diligently works to finish the boys' basketball layout before the deadline. This was Darren's first year on the Smoke Signals' staff.



Four-year staff member Kristin Millar concentrates on writing captions for the Library and Bible Club layout. Kristin served as production manager this year.

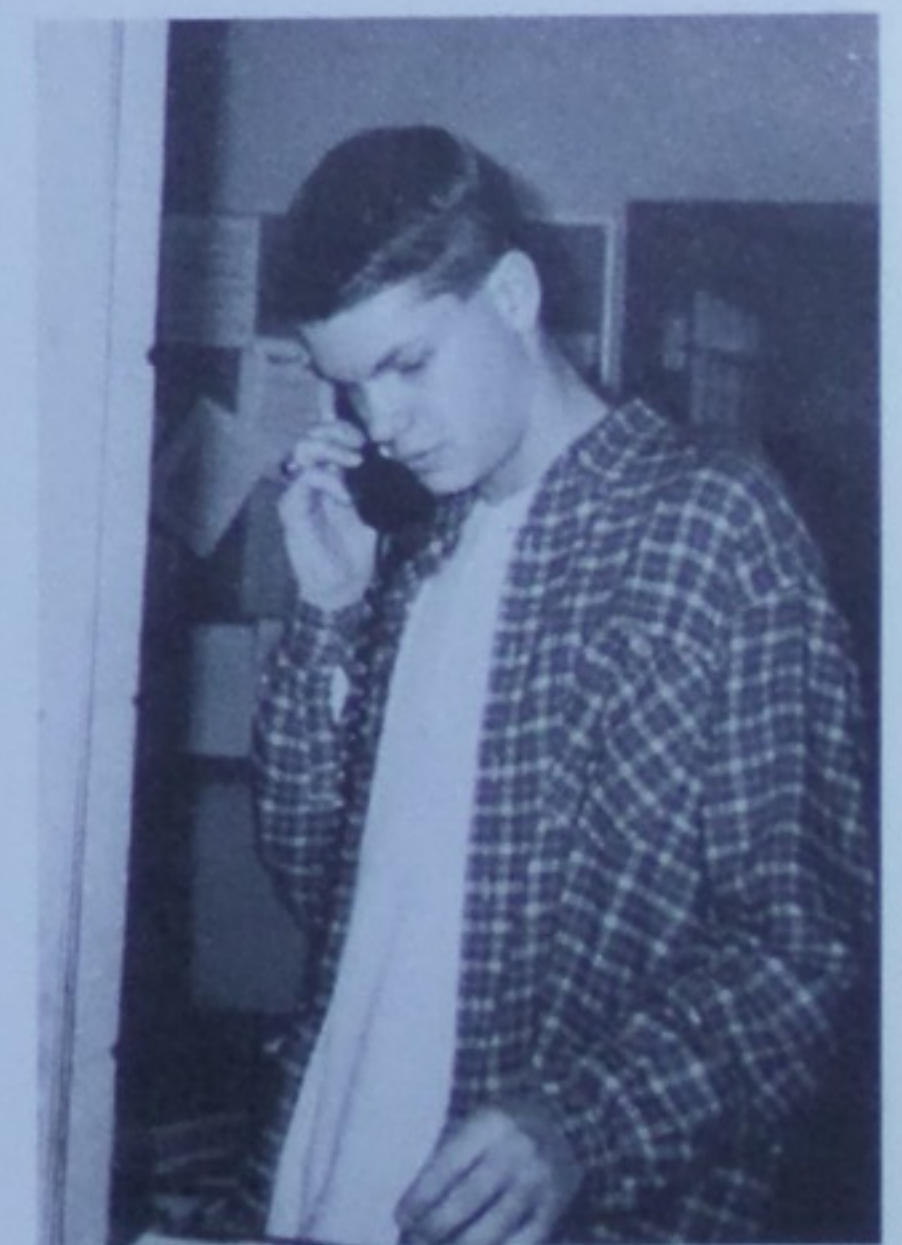


Teresa Reed focuses on completing the soccer pages while Andy Oppy, yearbook editor, gives some expert advice on how to properly crop a picture.

**Editor: Andy Oppy**  
**Production Manager: Kristin Millar**  
**Business Manager: Shellby Preston**

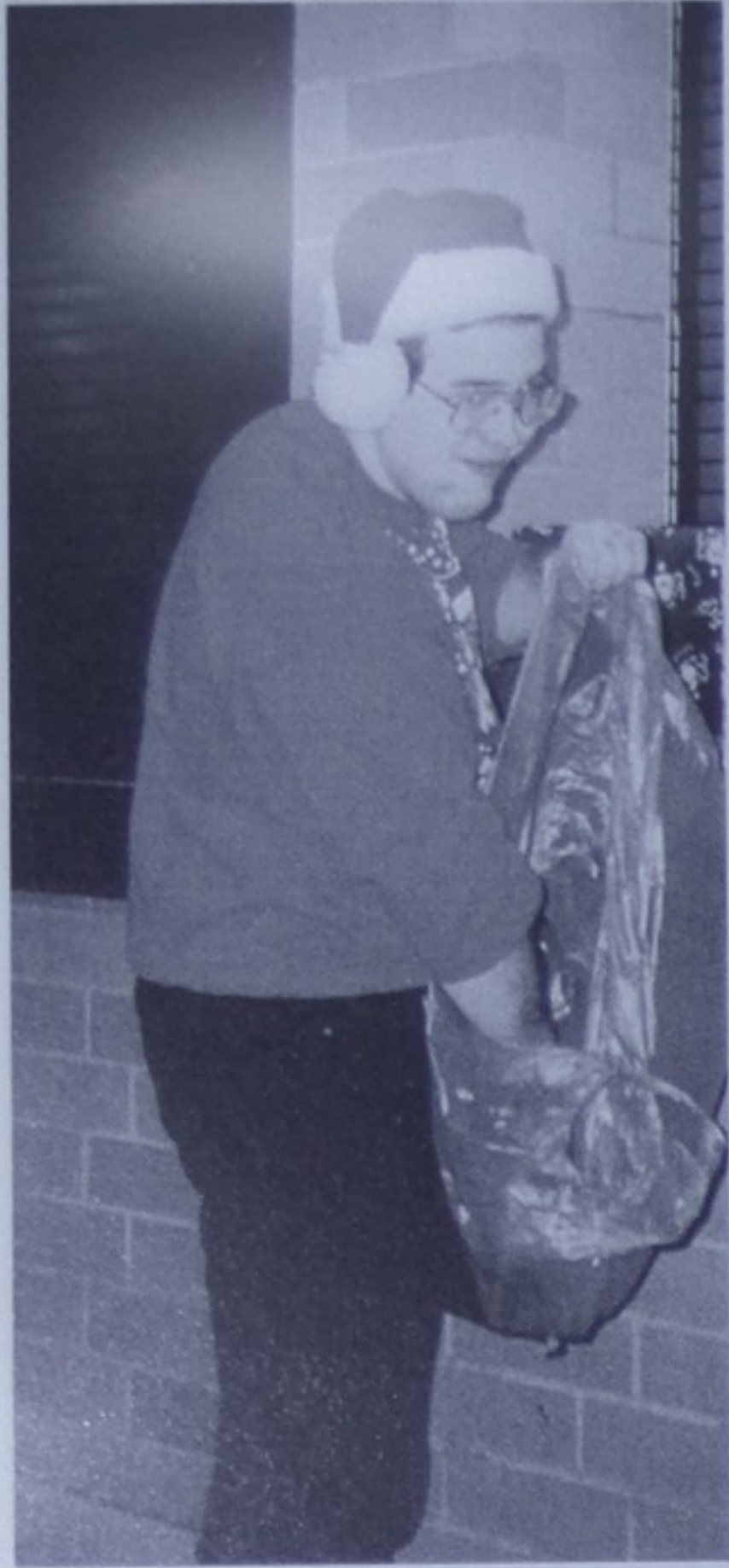


Jody Buckler receives her copy of the 1996 Smoke Signals from staff members Shellby Preston and Laura Mains. The yearbooks were distributed during the first annual Signing Party held Friday, October 18, in the tiered room.

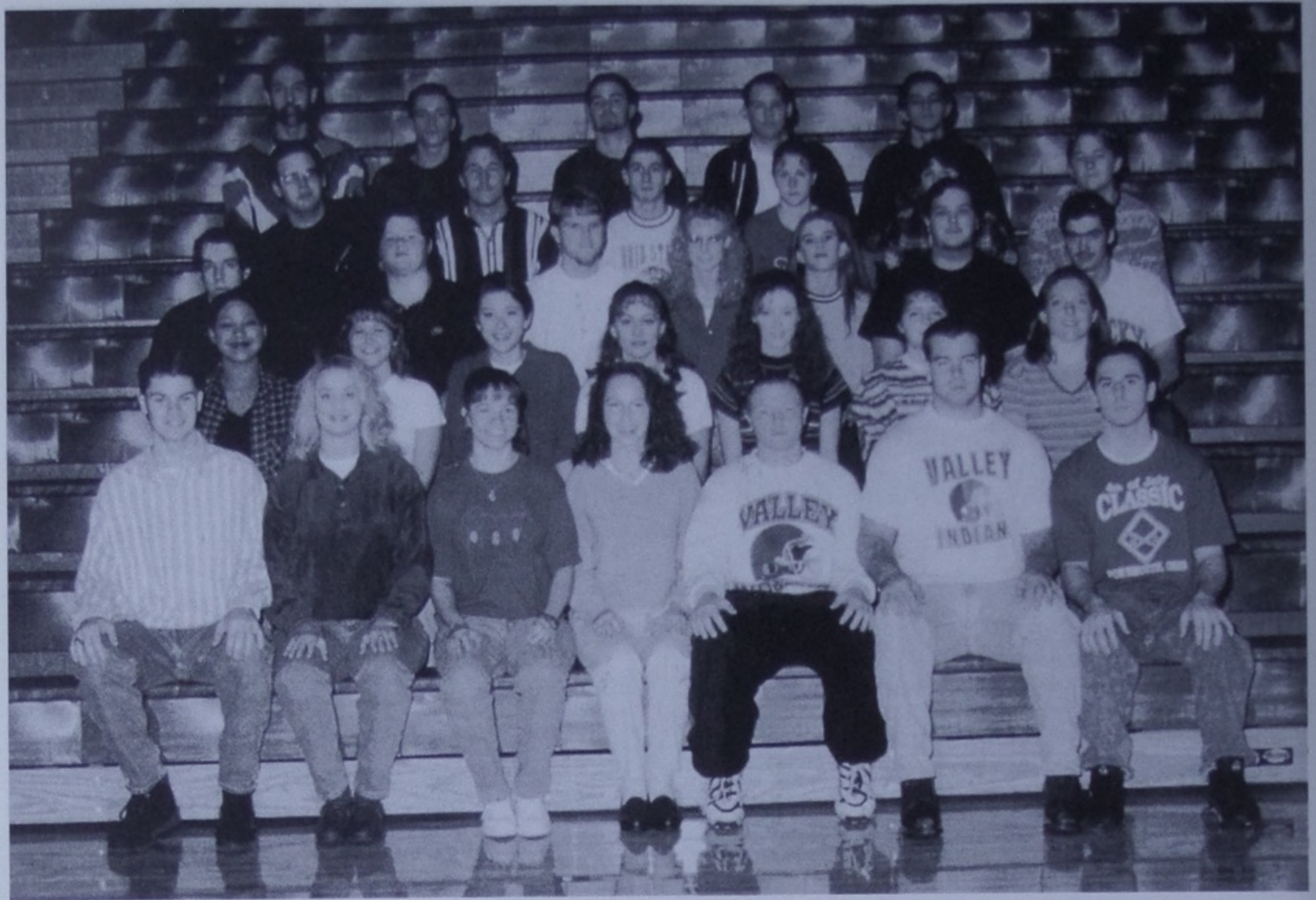


Andy Oppy calls a group to be photographed during yearbook picture day.

# Jobs For Ohio Graduates



Travis Turner gathers Christmas packages to deliver to a needy family in the area. The J.O.G. class raised over \$500 to help the community.



**JOBS FOR OHIO GRADUATES.** Row 1: A. Oppy, S. Smith, A. Swords, B. Surrey, J. Cunningham, J. Canter, R. Eggar. Row 2: M. Lute, A. Fife, J. Hines, S. Motes, M. Schneider, C. Gray, C. Evans. Row 3: R. Chestnut, F. Gilmon, R. Conley, B. Graf, B. McCann, J. Diller, F. Biggs. Row 4: T. Turner, J. Stevens, S. Mollette, B. Grooms, J. Smoot, J. Yelley. Row 5: Mr. Sturgill, J. Gerwig, D. Pendleton, T. Simon, J. Mason. Not pictured: J. Mills.



Mandie Lute offers a helping hand to a resident at Edgewood Manor. The J.O.G. class visited the center to sing Christmas carols on December 4, 1996.



After singing Christmas carols and distributing cards, Derek Pendleton and Toby Simon talk with a resident at Woodland Care Center in McDermott.

# Library Club



## Library Club Officers

President:  
Jay Delaney

Vice President:  
David Sammons

Treasurer:  
Jennifer Mills

Secretary:  
Marsha Adkins

Advisor:  
Mrs. Bach

Row 1: J. Delaney, J. Ratliff, J. Rucker, S. Miller, M. Allen, L. Adkins, A. Howard, M. Miller, S. Bibbey. Row 2: C. Fritz, D. Sammons, M. Adkins, T. Smith, R. Cochran, S. Meddock, D. Casto, J. Mills.

# Bible Club



Row 1: D. Sammons, D. Hatfield, H. McKenzie, R. Smalley, A. Fife, M. Lute, K. Millar, S. Smith, J. Neal, L. Wood, J. Davis, J. Mason, A. Campbell. Row 2: M. James, Hines, S. Cox, J. Rucker, J. Delaney, M. Chatfield, J. Phillips, D. Romanello, E. Stout, L. Lawson, S. Turner, D. Smith, A. Swords. Row 3: B. McNamer, A. Oppy, M. Stewart, T. Caldwell, L. Mains, A. Hatfield, A. Brown, S. West, B. Arrick, M. Longmire, M. Rockwell, J. Arrick. Row 4: C. Fritz, R. Rolfe, M. Schneider, A. Riggs, T. Brightwell, M. Motes, T. Reed, H. McManes, B. Merritt, S. Miller, C. Lundy, T. Neumann. Row 5: B. Locke, G. Hannah, G. Pettay, R. Bennington, J. Mills, T. Smith, J. Ratliff, R. Horton, J. Strickland, W. Bradley. Row 6: M. Harr, A. Howard, M. Adkins, B. Chandler, C. Smith, Mrs. Scarfpin, A. Harris, M. Perkins, J. Swords.

# A Band of Indians!



Field commander Carey Gray, senior, directs the V.H.S. Marching Band during a home football game.



Row 1: Ryan Cochran, Loren Keller, Laura Leedom, Rob Chestnut. Row 2: Chris Bennett, Alaina Hatfield, Glenn Pettay, Josh Brown, Jody Buckler, Cara Smith, Carey Gray. Row 3: Andy Maillet, Aaron Buckler, Travis Turner, Amanda Brown, Charlie Maillet. Row 4: Adam McKenzie, Justin Howard, Nick Vanderpool, Shellie Tackett, Casey Bragdon, Mike Groves.



The V.H.S. band marches along the parade route during River Days.



Valley band members prepare to perform during the Christmas Concert.



**All-County Band Participants.** Row 1: Jody Buckler, Cara Smith. Row 2: Nick Vanderpool, Glenn Pettay, Charlie Maillet. Not pictured: Jamie Neal.



**Outstanding Band Member Awards.** Charlie Maillet, sophomore and overall; Rob Chestnut, senior; Justin Meeker, freshman; Josh Brown, junior.





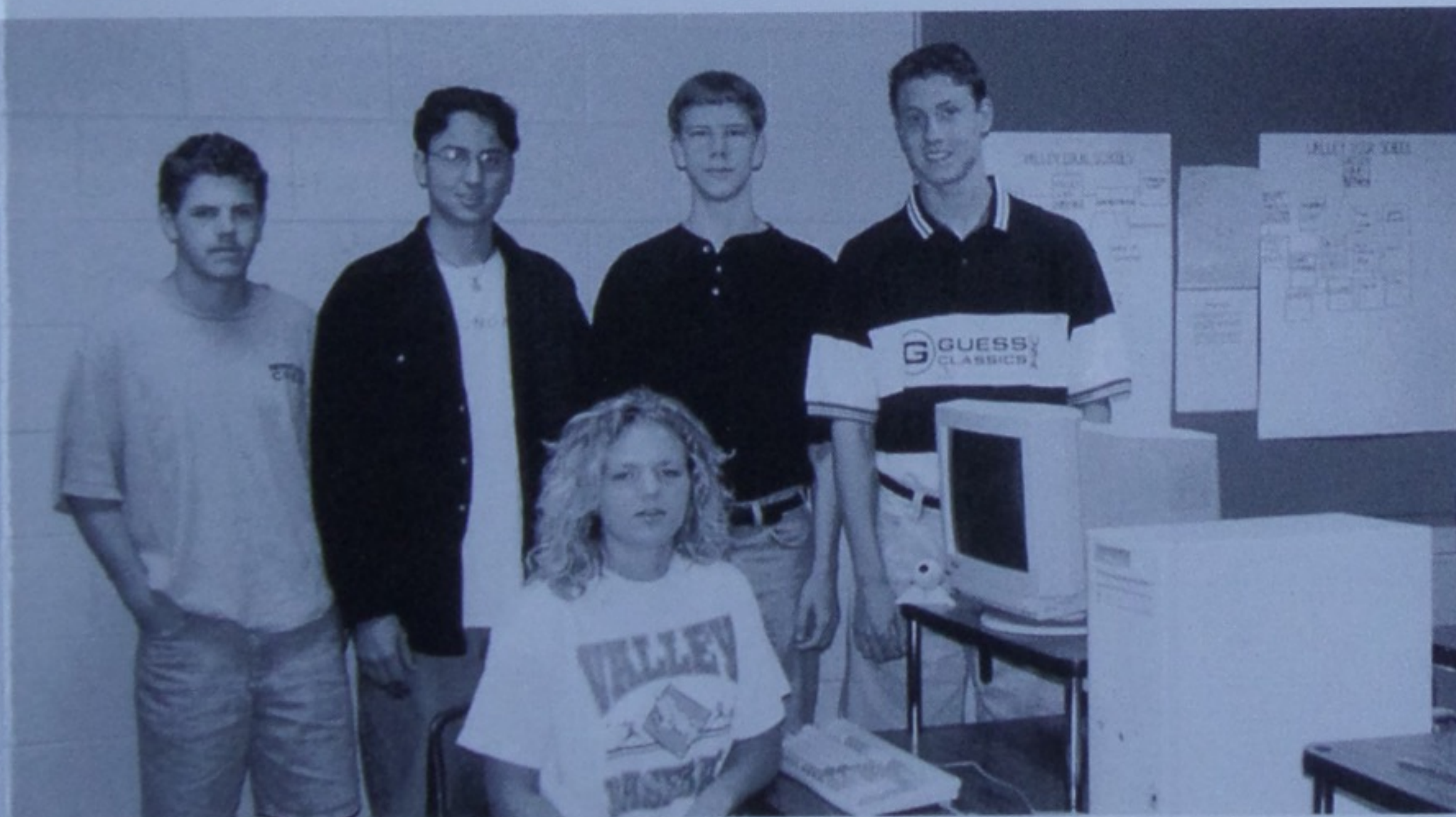
## Occupational Work Adjustment

Row 1: Mr. Coriell, B. Pinkerman, B. Kerns, M. Phipps, P. Tipman, B. Kelly, R. Wilburn. Row 2: J. Breech, J. Hammonds, C. Stephens, T. Howard, R. Horton, J. Ward, M. Fritz.



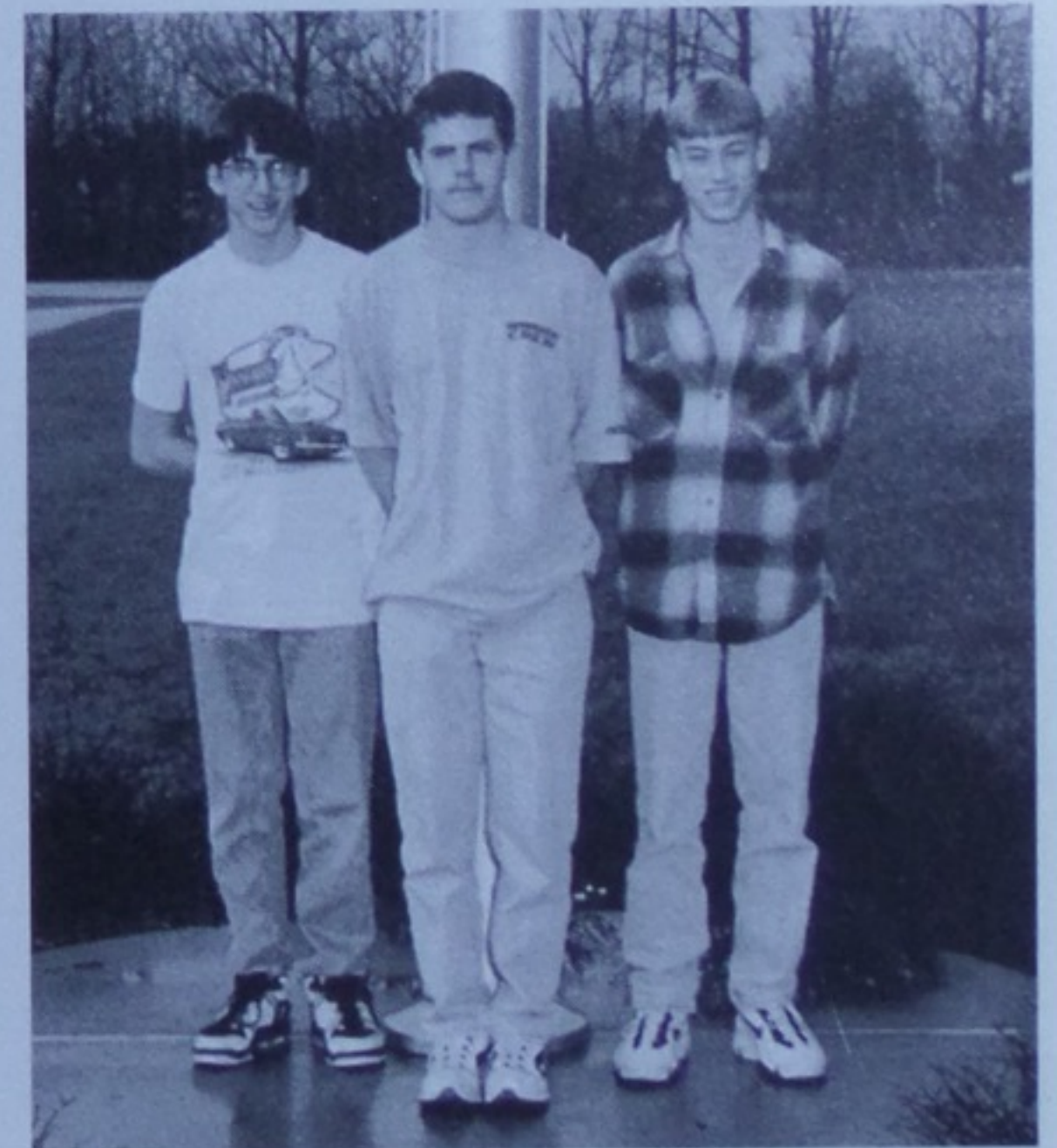
## Guidance Workers

Sitting: Mr. Millar. Standing: Summer Motes, Jonas Davis, Sindee Smith, Ana Davoli, Mrs. Walters, and Kristin Millar.



## Web Staff

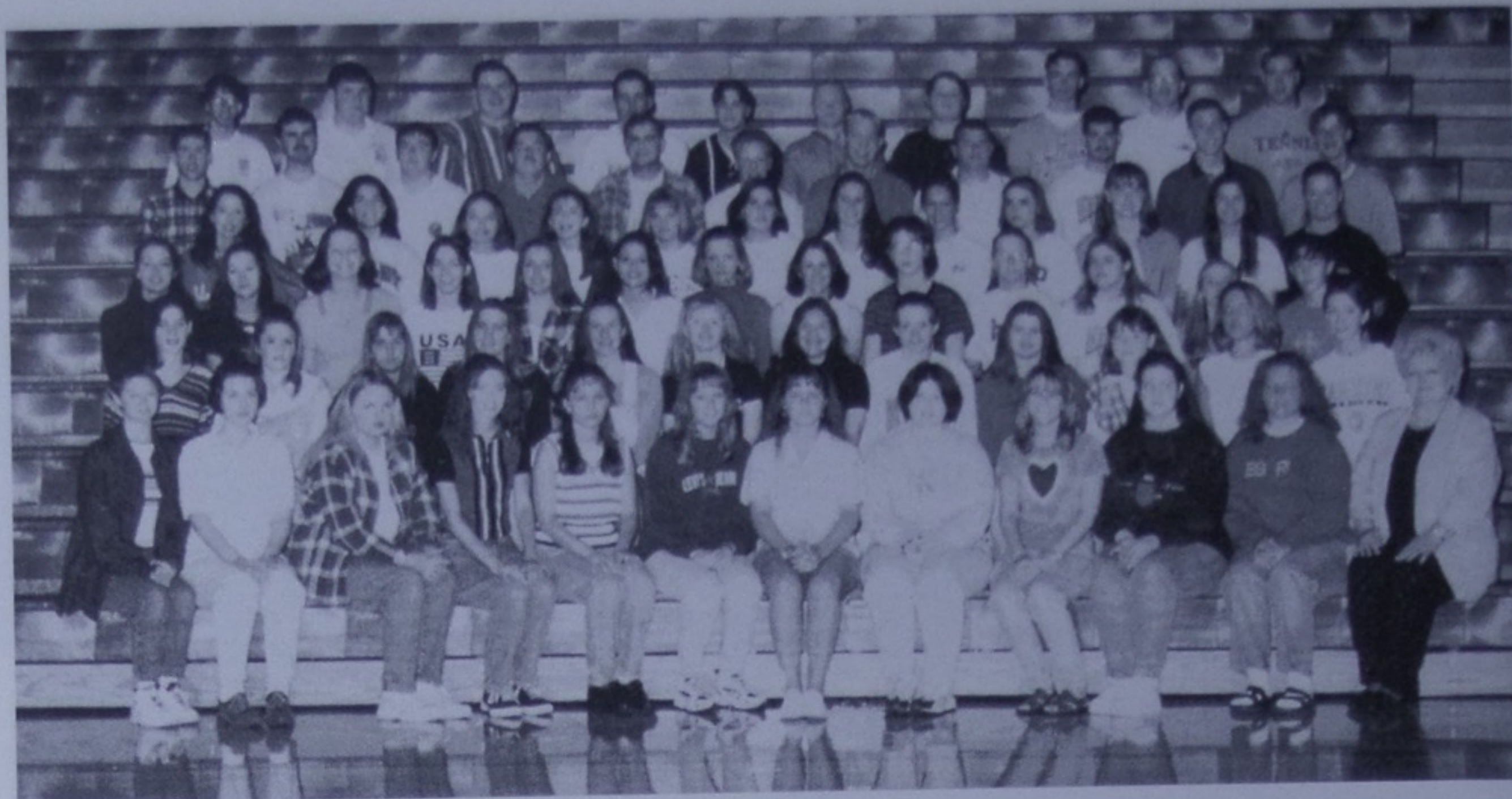
Seated: Andria Smalley. Standing: Sean Bibbey, Matt Eggar, Charlie Maillet, and Jay Delaney.



## Message Board

Jay Horsley, Sean Bibbey, and Travis Wiltshire.

# The Music's In Me!



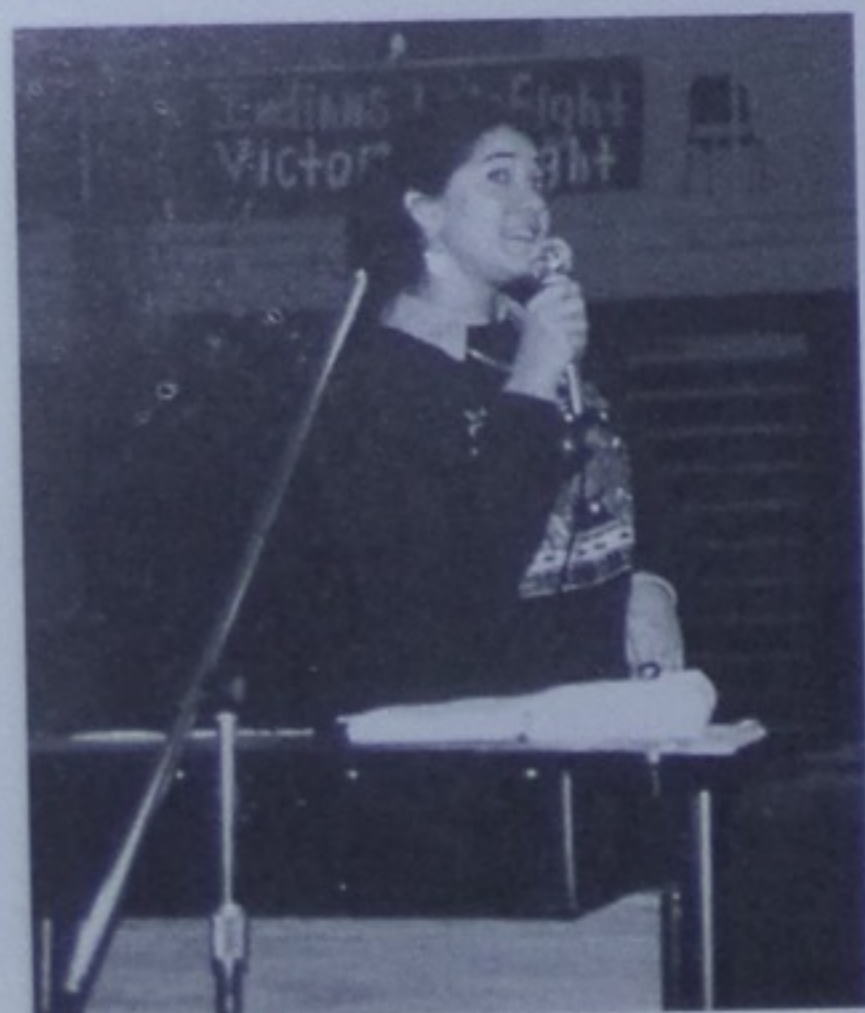
Row 1: R. Bennington, K. Hemming, C. Haddox, M. Schneider, S. Motes, J. Mills, C. Gray, R. Maynard, A. Fife, T. Smith, C. Evans, Mrs. Spears. Row 2: A. Brown, J. Ostrowski, K. Schackart, M. Allen, M. Rockwell, J. Arrick, J. Mason, M. Longmire, C. Sammons, T. Moore, K. Millar, J. Hines. Row 3: A. Riggs, M. Stewart, T. Caldwell, M. Motes, T. Reed, T. Brightwell, J. Conkel, K. Sisler, M. Hill, T. Meadows, J. King, B. Lockwood, A. Conley. Row 4: M. Schneider, L. Wood, J. Boldman, A. Keaton, C. Graf, A. Davoli, L. Lawson, L. Lewis, K. Mullins, B. Chandler, A. Lawrence, S. Smith. Row 5: D. Casto, A. Gray, S. Bragdon, R. Rolfe, G. Pettay, C. Fritz, J. Davis, D. Sammons, B. Wood, J. Delaney, A. McKenzie. Row 6: J. Horsley, C. Bragdon, M. Groves, S. Spriggs, J. Clark, J. Cunningham, F. Gilmon, C. King, J. Buckler, J. Canter.



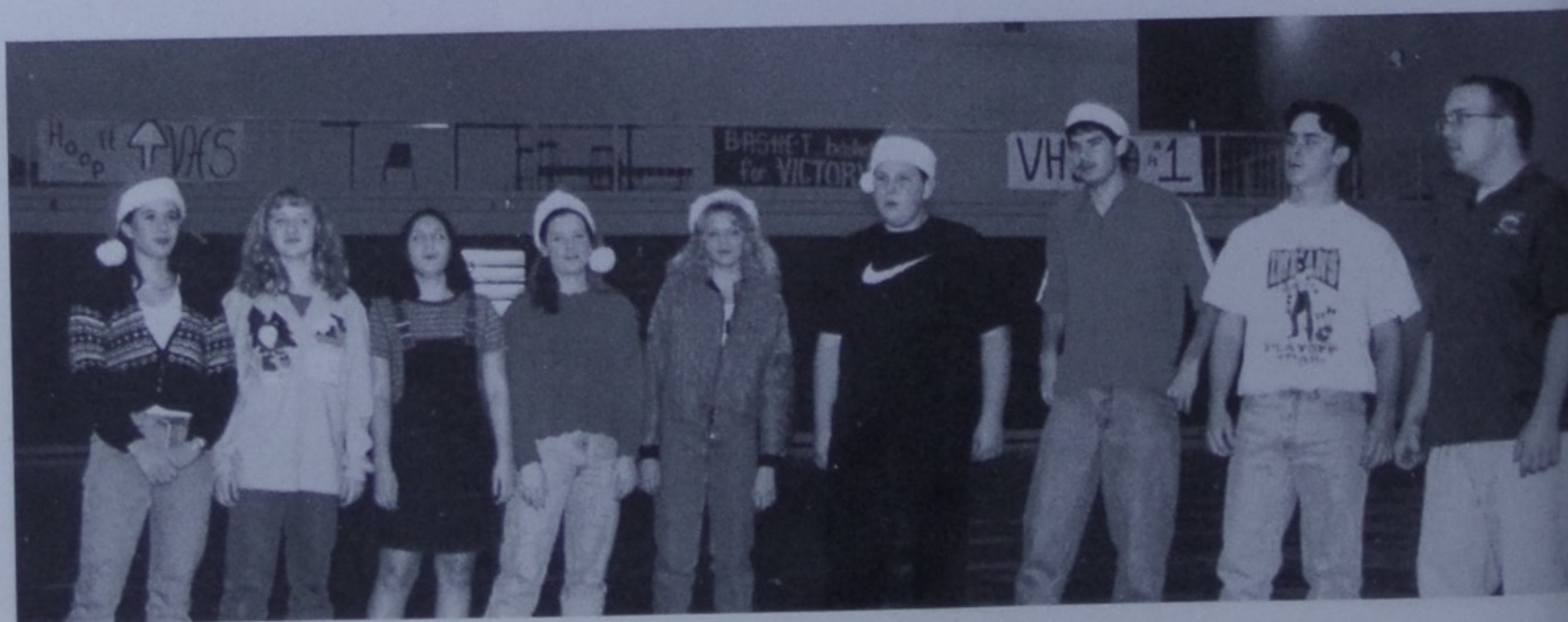
**ALL-COUNTY CHORUS PARTICIPANTS.** Row 1: A. McKenzie, J. Delaney, S. Bragdon, B. Wood, K. Millar, J. Canter, J. Hines. Row 2: A. Brown, R. Rolfe, C. Bragdon, L. Wood, C. Haddox, K. Hemming, J. King, R. Bennington.



Jay Delaney performs a solo during the Spring Concert held May 1st.



Sophomore Lana Wood sings during the Christmas Assembly.



During the Christmas Assembly, selected chorus members sing back-up while Lana Wood performs her solo. Sponsored by the Bible Club, the assembly was held for the students and faculty at Valley High School on Friday, December 20.



Band director Mr. Roger Horton performs with the Valley Jazz Band during the Spring Concert. This was the first year for a jazz band at Valley High School.



The band plays "Jingle Bell Jazz" at the annual Christmas assembly sponsored by the Bible Club. The assembly was held Friday, December 20th.



Members of the band prepare to practice during eighth period band class. The Valley High School Band was under the direction of Mr. Roger Horton.



The trumpet trio composed of Andy Maillet, Charlie Maillet, and Aaron Buckler play "Tequila," during the Spring Concert which was held Thursday, May 1st.



Band members march in the River Days Parade in Portsmouth. The parade was held on Saturday, August 31st as part of the traditional Labor Day festivities.

## F.H.A. Seniors

Row 1: J. Davis, A. Fife, S. Smith, A. Swords, T. Smith. Row 2: A. Oppy, D. Sammons, J. Hines, A. Smalley, S. Mollette, J. Stevens, S. Hamilton. Row 3: Mrs. Canary, M. Schneider, S. Motes, J. Mills, B. Graf, C. Evans, S. Andronis, B. McCann, T. Longmire, Mrs. Cheeks. Row 4: B. Grooms, C. Gray, K. Millar, M. Lute, S. Dalton, T. Simon, A. Wilson. Row 5: J. Buckler, R. Maynard, A. Leedom, S. Bailey, J. Smoot, D. Pendleton, J. Mason. Row 6: F. Gilmon, F. Biggs, J. Kerr, J. Hudson, S. Bragdon.



## F.H.A. Juniors

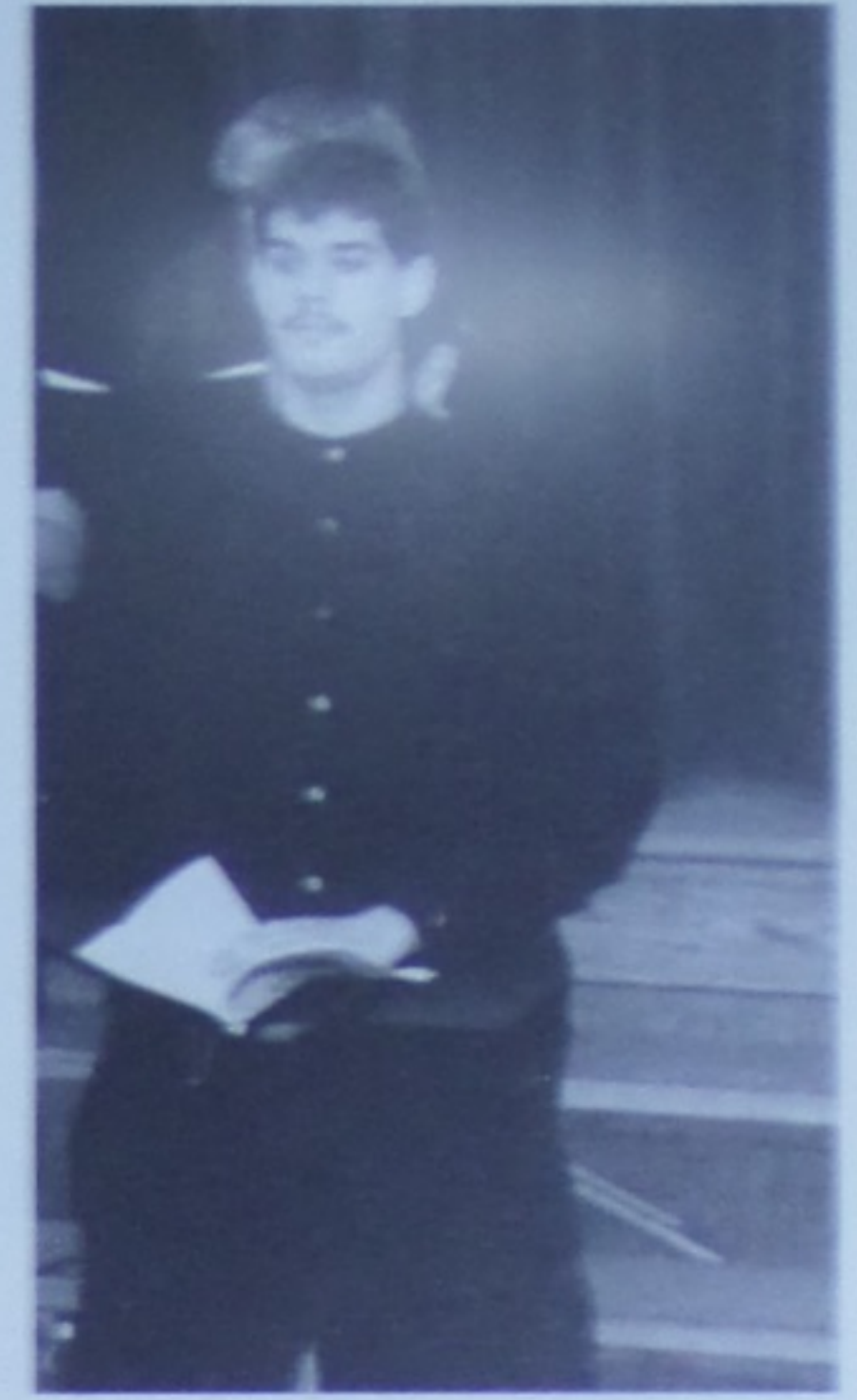
Row 1: A. Howard, J. Phillips, M. Miller, D. Smith, B. Merritt. Row 2: Mrs. Cheeks, D. Lutz, B. McNamer, L. Mains, C. Lundy, M. Chatfield, A. Hatfield, Mrs. Canary. Row 3: M. Harr, A. Collins, S. Preston, E. Stout, E. Zimmerman, K. Turner, R. Blanton, C. Albuquerque. Row 4: M. Adkins, H. McManes, J. Rucker, L. Adkins, S. Hurt, M. James, K. Stewart, M. Groves, C. Bragdon. Row 5: H. Kerr, B. McClary, J. Sexton, T. Colegrove, S. Colley, J. Golden, J. Calverly. Row 6: B. McNamer, D. Fultz, R. Stiltner, S. Riggs.



## F.H.A. Freshmen

Row 1: O. Stamper, D. Montgomery, K. Boling, R. Hutchinson, J. Bair, S. West, D. Romanello, A. Harris, S. Turner. Row 2: A. Keaton, H. McKenzie, R. Smalley, B. Arrick, T. Howard, C. Sewell, K. Conkel, J. Adkins, S. McFann. Row 3: A. Conley, L. Horsley, D. Hatfield, B. Chandler, A. Campbell, R. Riggs, T. Moore, J. Boldman. Row 4: Mrs. Cheeks, M. Canter, A. Lawrence, B. Gibson, N. Messer, K. Henry, Mrs. Canary.





The Valley Honors Choir performs a medley from "Les Miserables" during the Spring Concert. Featured soloists during the concert were Kristi Hemming, Jay Delaney, Bob Wood, Lana Wood, Casey Bragdon, Julie Hines, and James Buckler.

Bob Wood pauses before stepping to the microphone for his solo part.



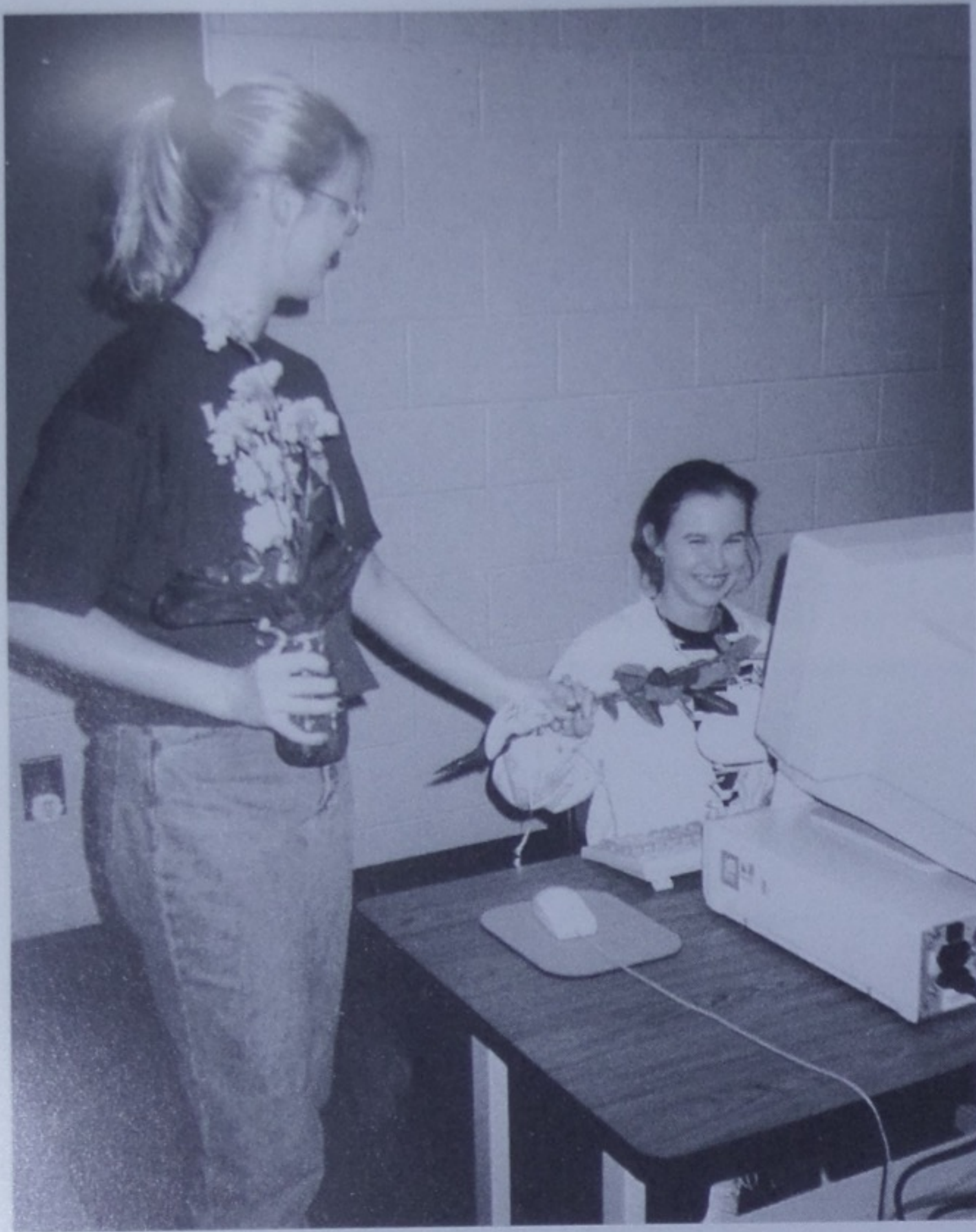
While waiting to take the stage, a group of chorus members listen as the Valley High School Jazz Band performs "Tuxedo Junction," during the Spring Concert.

**1996-97 VALLEY CHORUS OFFICERS.** Kristin Millar, Jay Delaney, Julie Hines, Adam McKenzie, and James Buckler.



The Valley High School Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Spears, sings "Seasons of Love" for their finale at the Spring Concert. The concert was held Thursday, May 1, 1997, in the cafetorium.

# F.H.A. Week Activities February 10 - 14



As part of a fundraiser for F.H.A. Week, Sindee Smith delivers flowers to Nakosha Messer for Valentine's Day. Sindee served as the district president.

Alesia Swords, Tiffany Smith, and Sindee Smith write messages on the cards to accompany the flowers and balloons to be delivered for Valentine's Day.



Jennifer Rucker, Mrs. Canary, Miss Brown, and Alaina Hatfield show their F.H.A. spirit by dressing for beach day. "Beach Day" was an activity scheduled during F.H.A. Week, February 10 - 14, 1997.



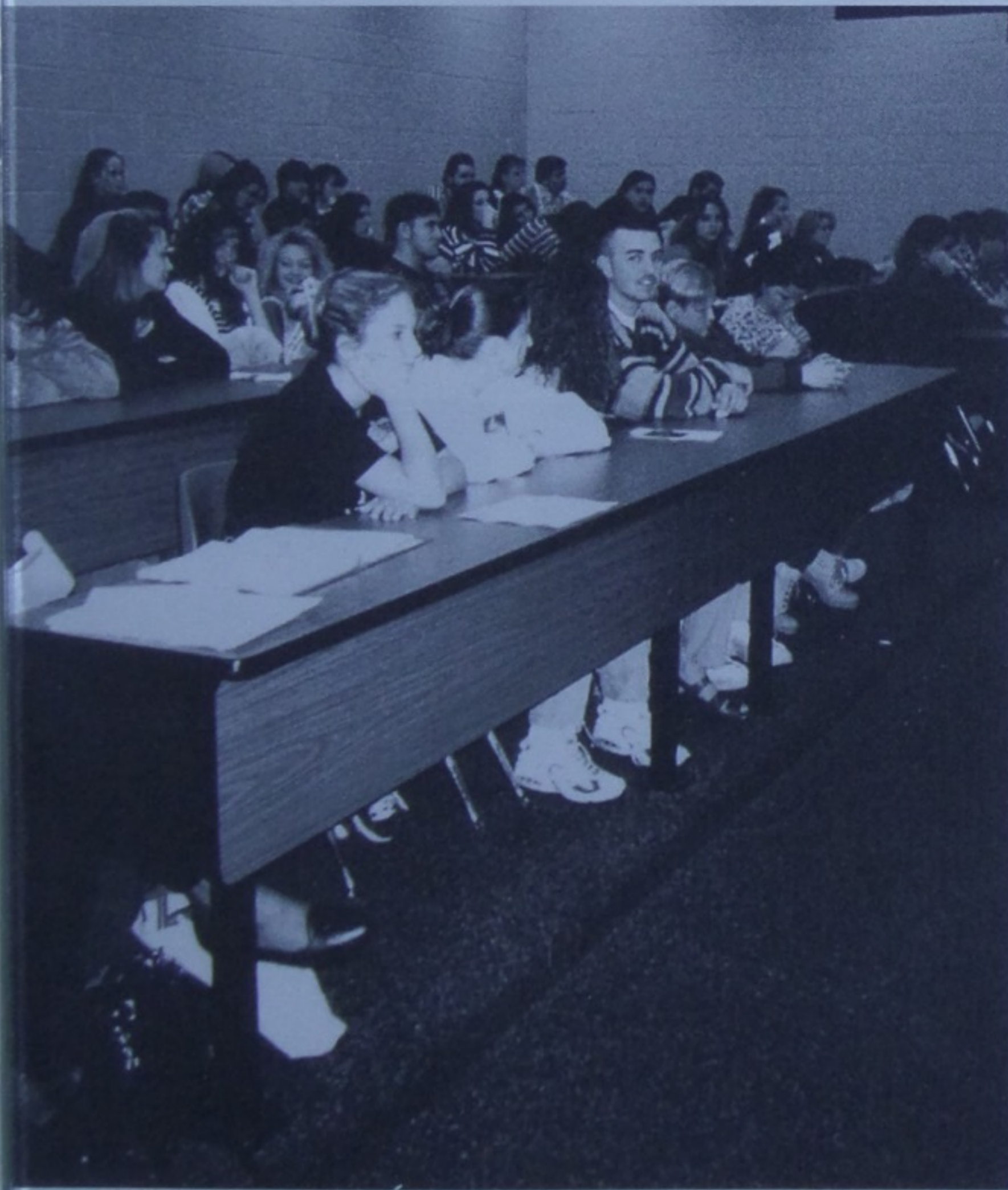
Alaina Hatfield reads Valentine dedications over the school intercom.



## F.H.A. Sophomores

Row 1: J. Sexton, L. Lawson, C. McClary. Row 2: M. Motes, L. Blair, C. Haddox. Row 3: Mrs. Cheeks, Mrs. Canary.

## Valley F.H.A. Hosts District Meeting



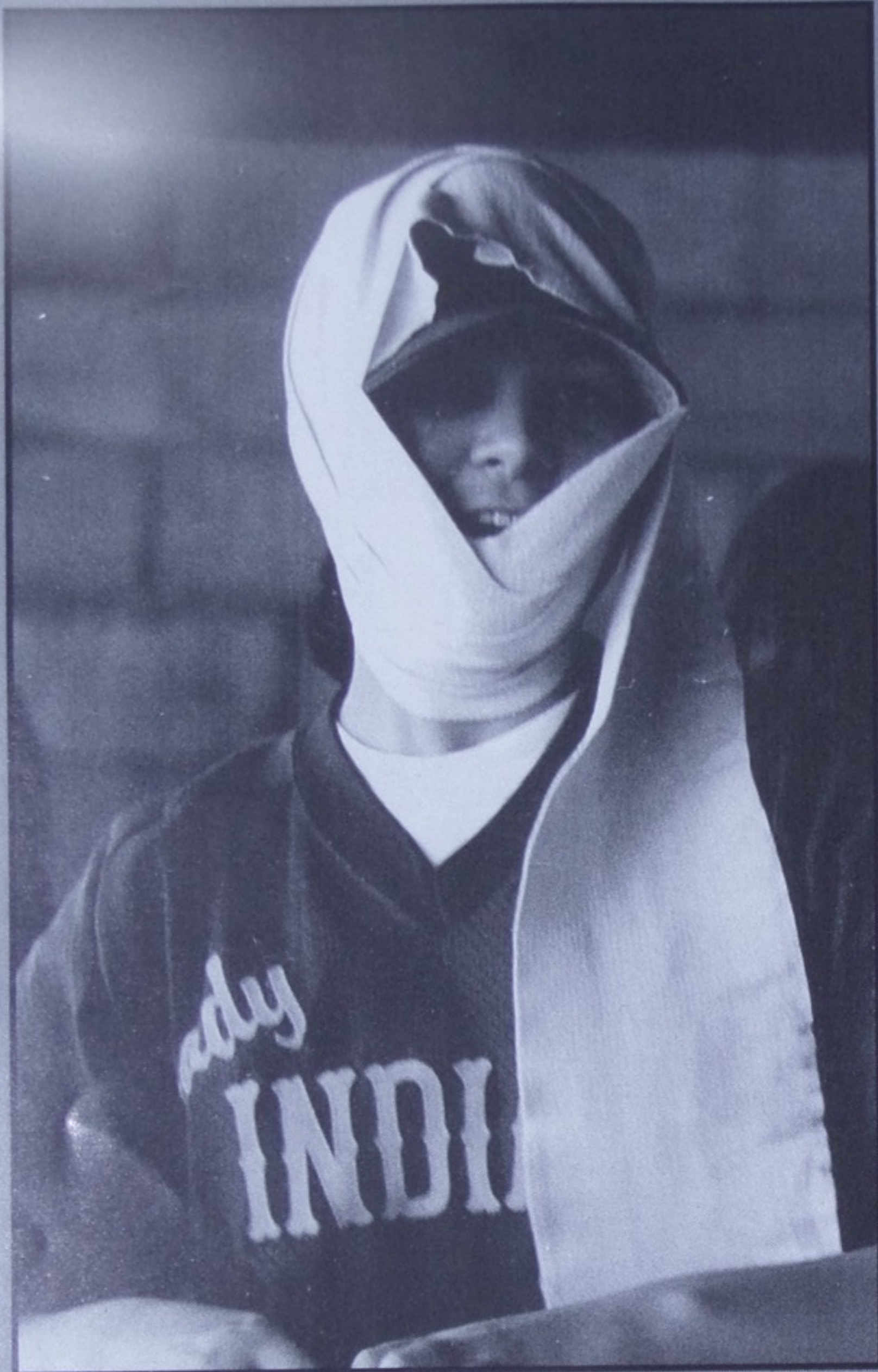
Valley F.H.A. members assemble in the tiered room with students from other area schools to listen to the three guest speakers at the district meeting.



F.H.A. district officer Aimee Fife lights a candle during the installation ceremony. There were eight candles, each representing a purpose of the organization.



F.H.A. DISTRICT OFFICERS. Front: H. McKenzie, D. Hatfield, L. Mains, J. Rucker. Back: A. Fife, T. Smith, S. Smith, L. Lawson.



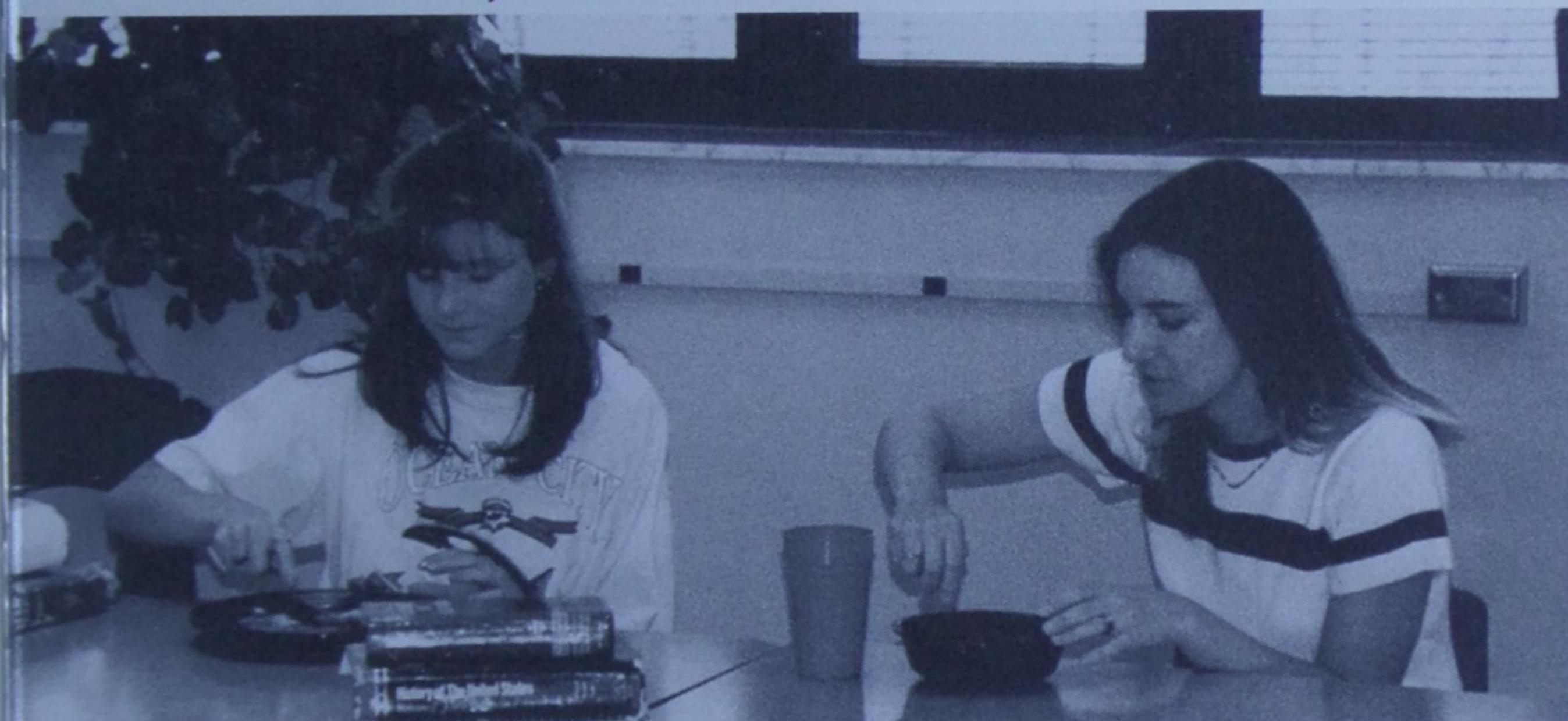


# F.H.A. Sponsors Easter Party

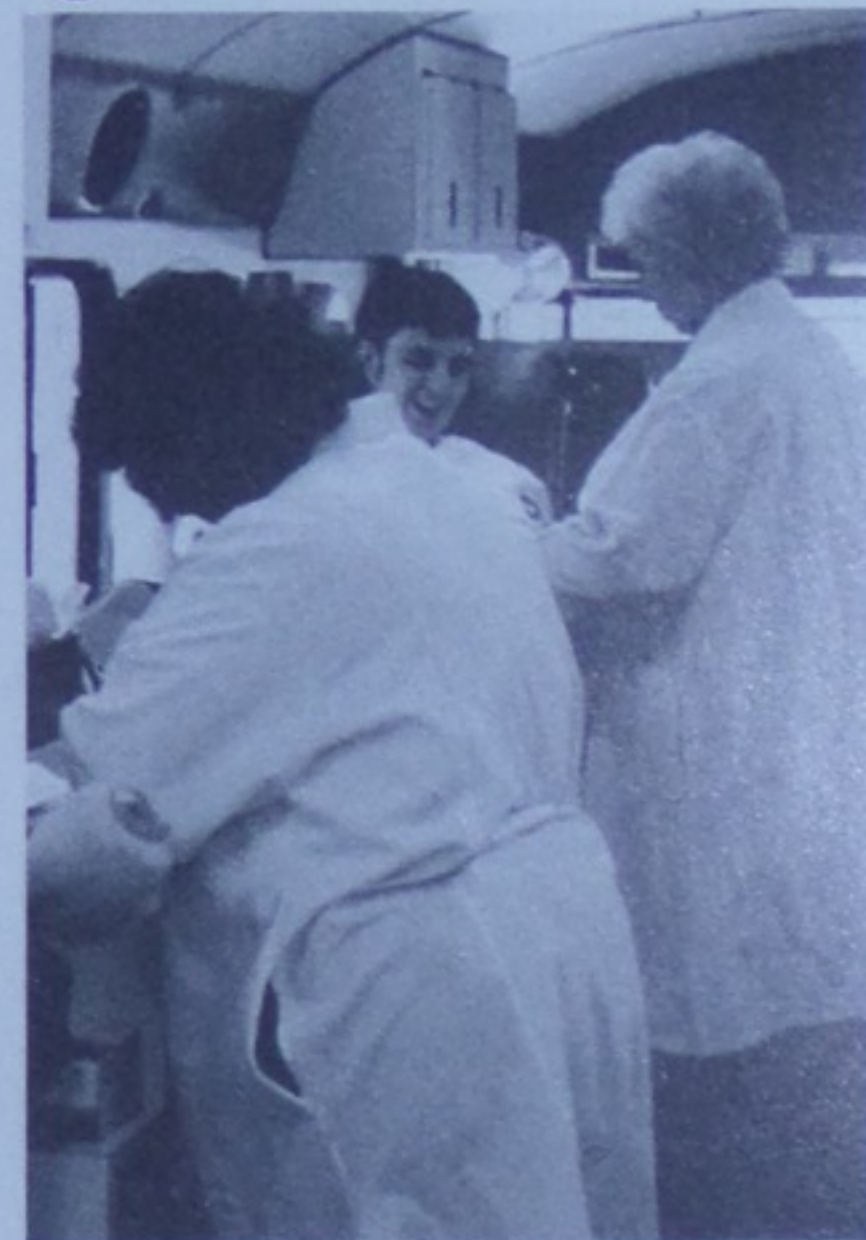
Shellby Preston, Jason Veach, and Josh Malone sit and chat with a child at Vern Riffe School following the Easter party.



# F.H.A. Sponsors Blood Drive At High School



Jennifer Rucker and Michelle Allen eat a nutritious breakfast before going to donate blood. The breakfast was prepared by F.H.A. members for those students and faculty members giving blood. The blood drive was held Wed., April 2.



Senior Jason Spriggs watches as the nurse preps his arm for blood giving.

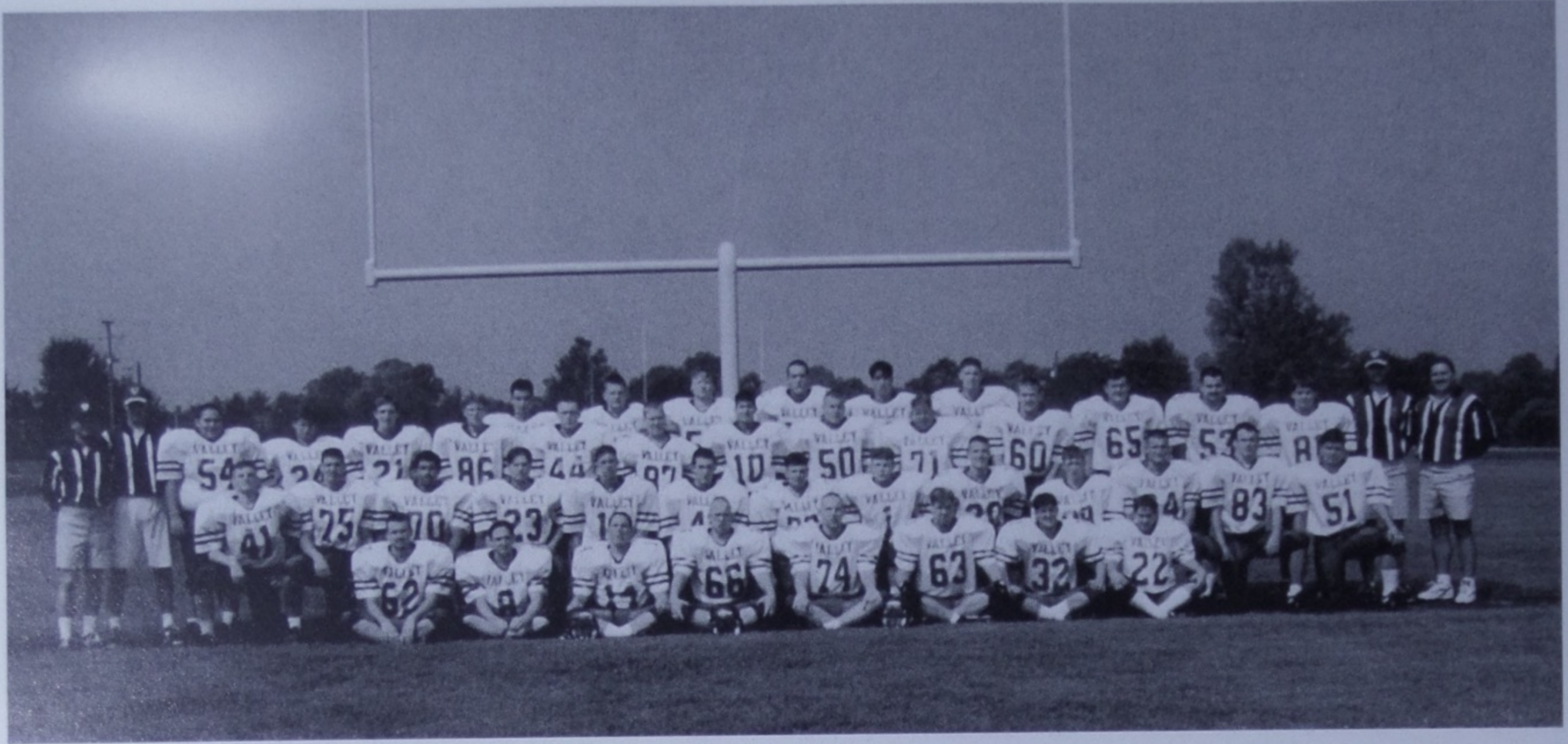


**VALLEY OFFICERS.** Front: Mike Miller, Aimee Fife, Anna Campbell, Dawn Hatfield, Jonas Davis. Back: Cheryl Haddox, Ann Howard, Danyelle Smith, Tiffany Smith, Sindee Smith, Lisa Lawson, Rachel Smalley, Brandy Chandler.



**F.H.A. REGIONAL RALLY COMPETITORS.** Sitting: Larissa Horsley, Haven McKenzie, Sindee Smith, Amanda Conley. Standing: Rachel Smalley, Brandy Chandler, Dawn Hatfield.

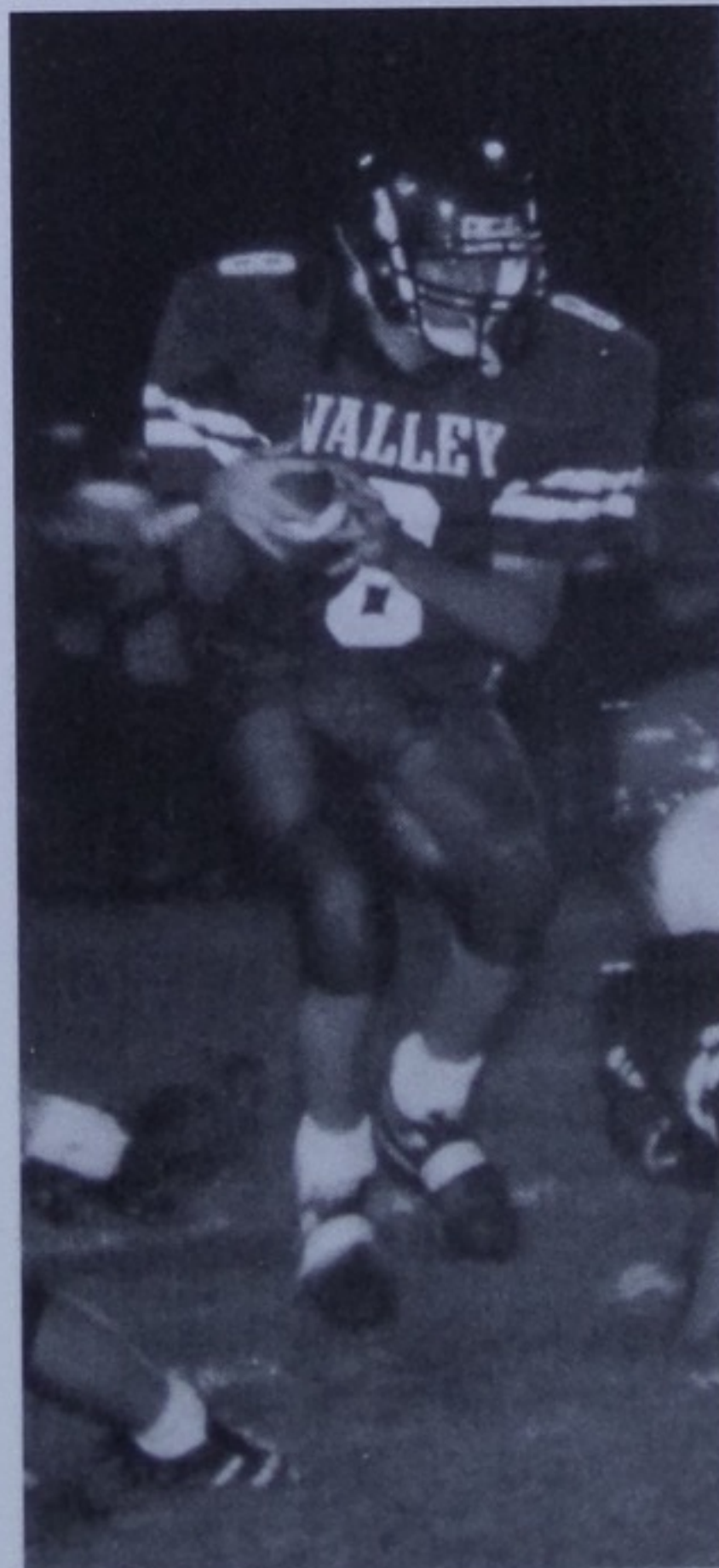
# 10 - 0: A Season Of Perfection



Row 1: D. Pendleton, R. Eggar, A. Davis, J. Buckler, J. Buckler, J. Canter, J. Spriggs, S. Mollette. Row 2: B. Locke, S. Miller, W. Gibson, R. Boldman, C. Lundy, S. Harris, C. McDaniel, C. Lowder, J. Swords, J. Hurst, C. Scott, C. King, B. Henry. Row 3: Asst. Coach D. Schuler, Asst. Coach T. Spradlin, R. Hutchinson, M. Bionca, R. Picklesimer, J. Barth, J. Bair, J. Lavender, R. Scott, T. Neumann, B. Berry, M. Erwin, R. Rolfe, J. Howard, J. Ellis, Asst. Coach S. Rolfe, Head Coach D. Crabtree. Row 4: J. Adkins, C. Spencer, M. Blaine, S. Spriggs, M. Perkins, R. Horton.



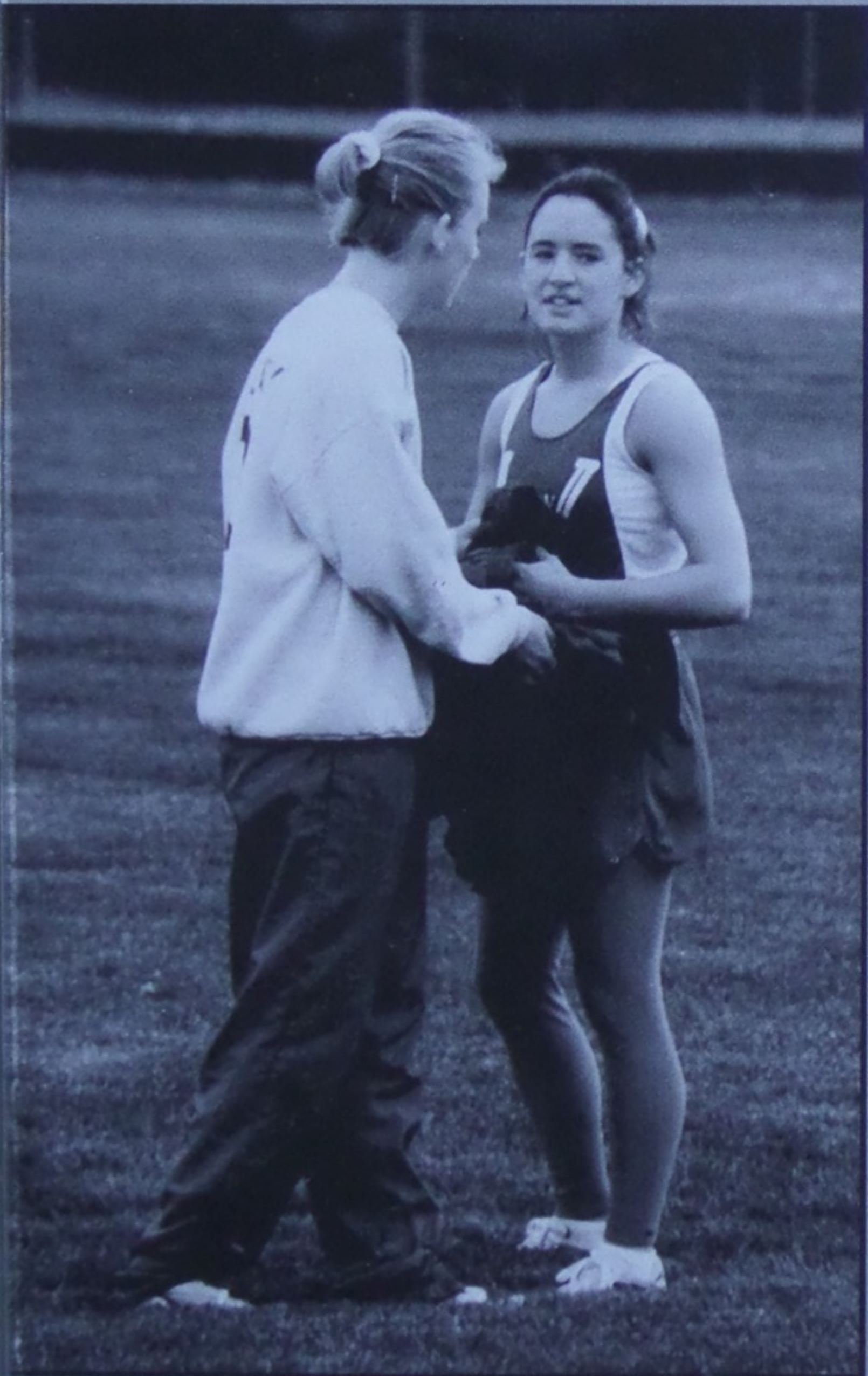
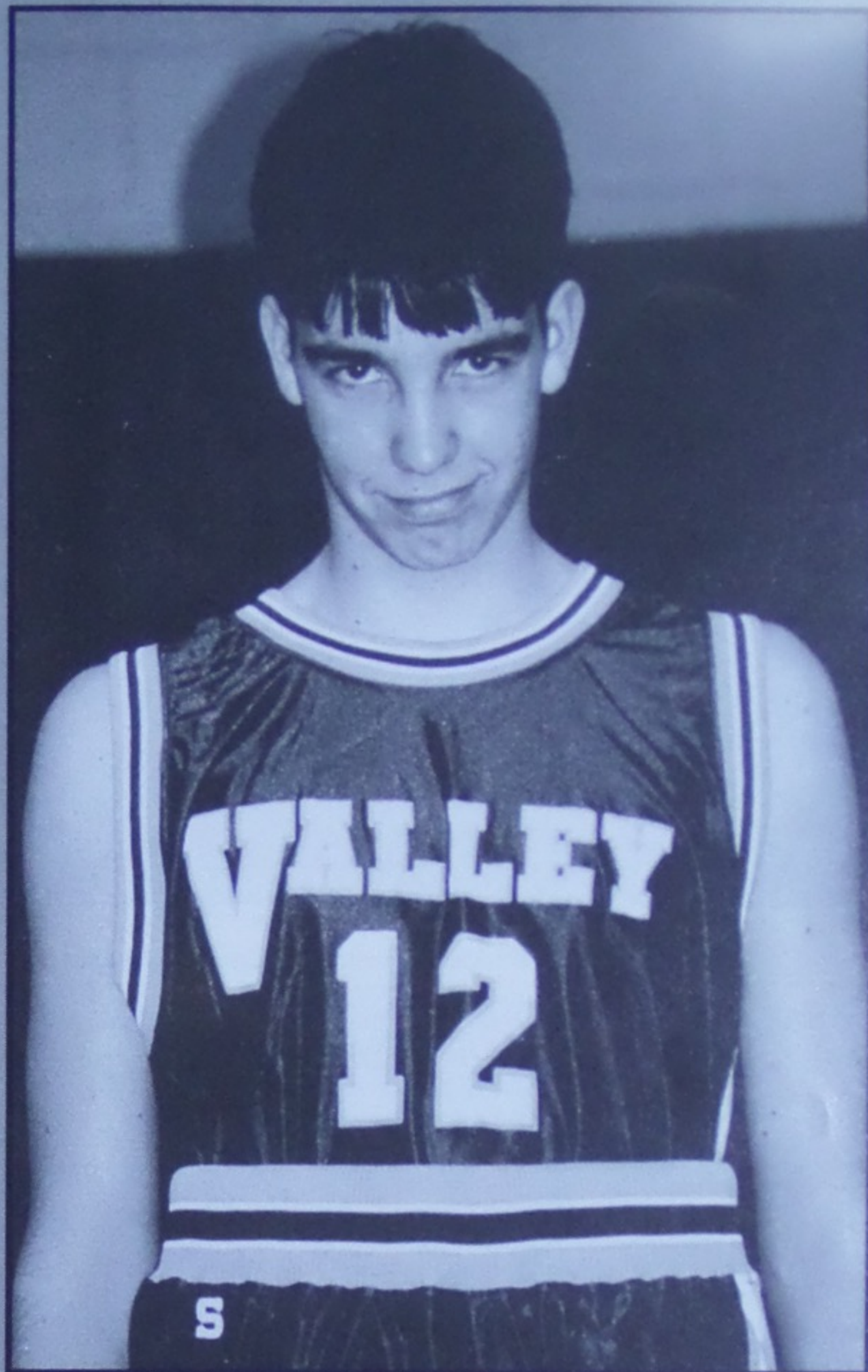
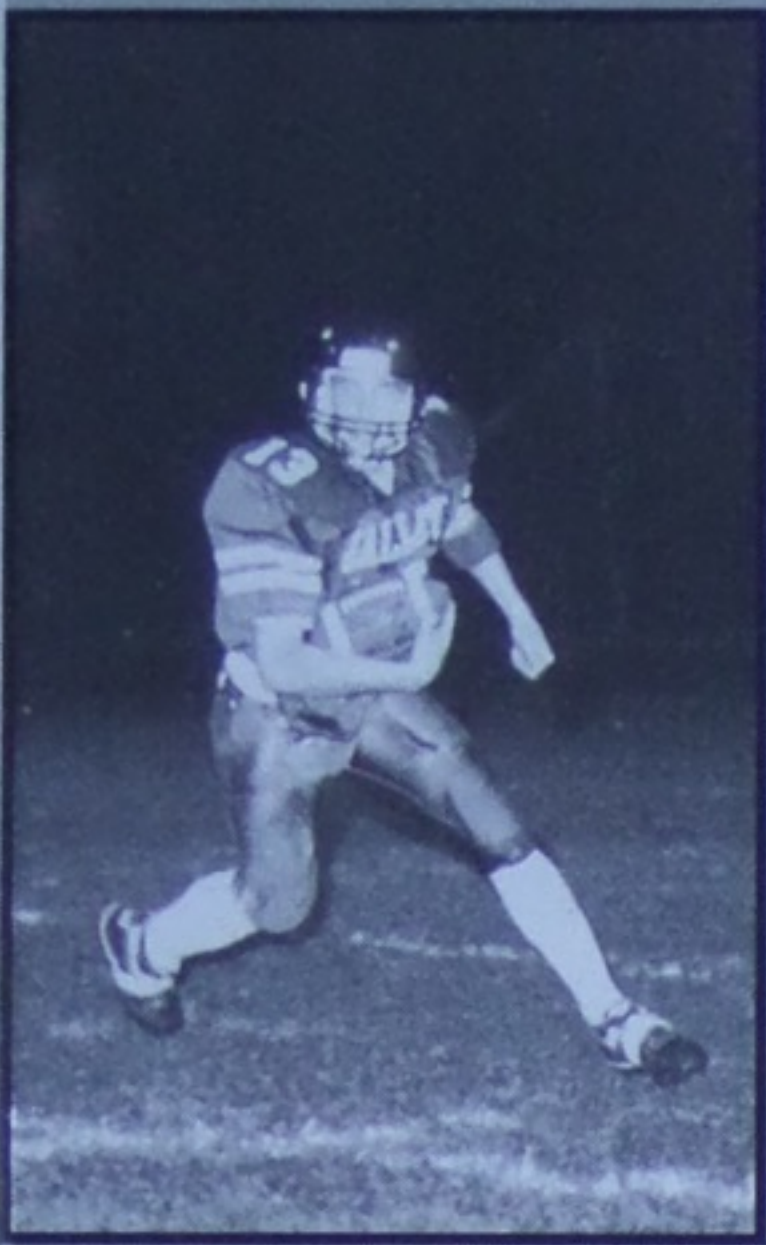
Chris Lundy hands the ball off to Chad Scott in high hopes that a touchdown will be scored. Chad, a junior, was named to the S.O.C. Second Team.



Ryan Eggar sets a new school record for the most touchdowns in a season.



Senior John Buckler watches from the sidelines as his team makes a play.



# SPORTS

# On The Playoff Trail

## History In The Making!

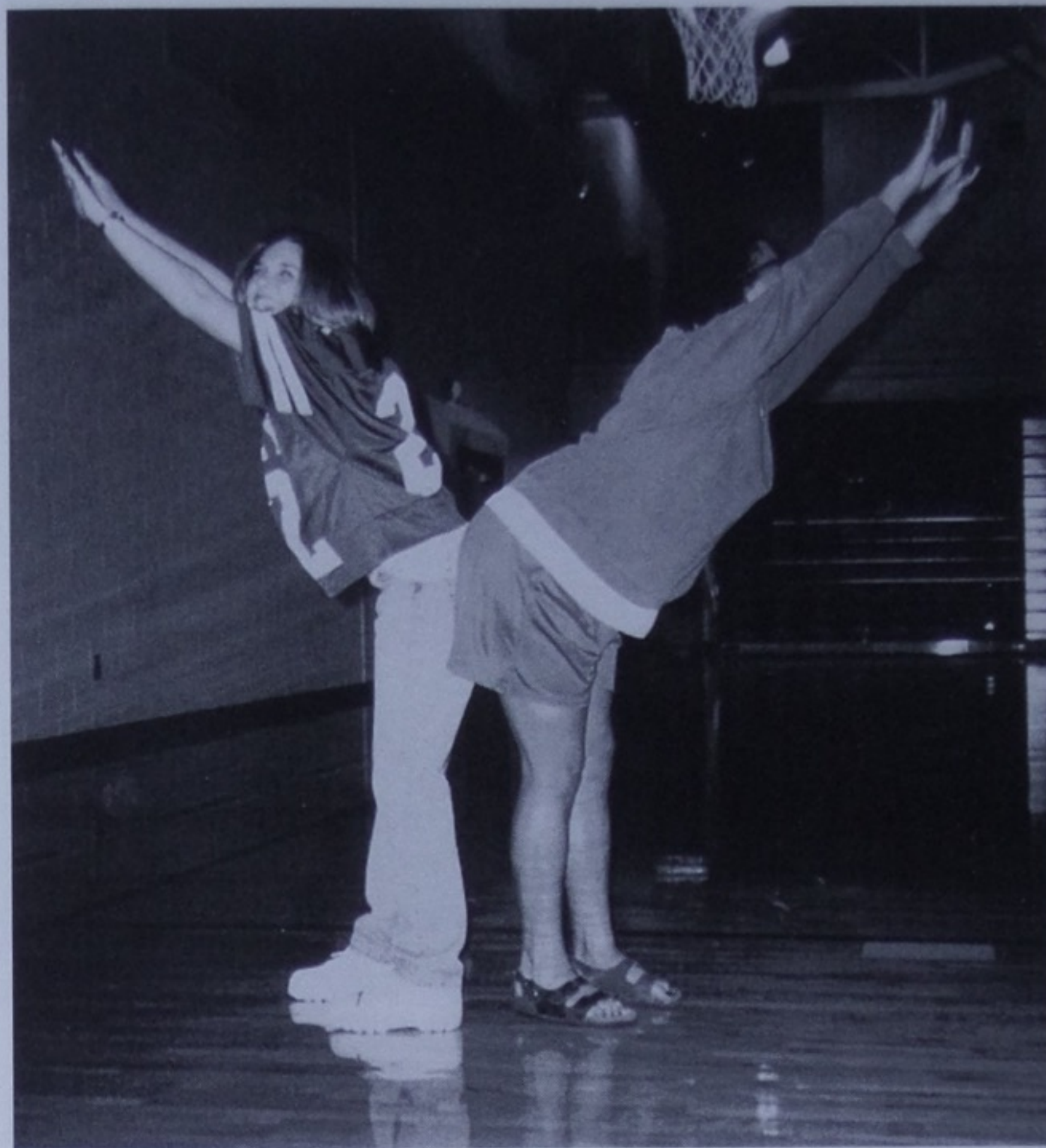
On Sunday, November 3, 1996, an announcement was made that marked a first in Valley history. The points were totalled and the football team had qualified to compete in the Div. IV State Playoffs.

A special assembly was held on Monday, Nov. 4, to announce this great accomplishment. The players were given special t-shirts to commemorate the event. Extra shirts were also printed and sold to students and people of the community to wear on game day.

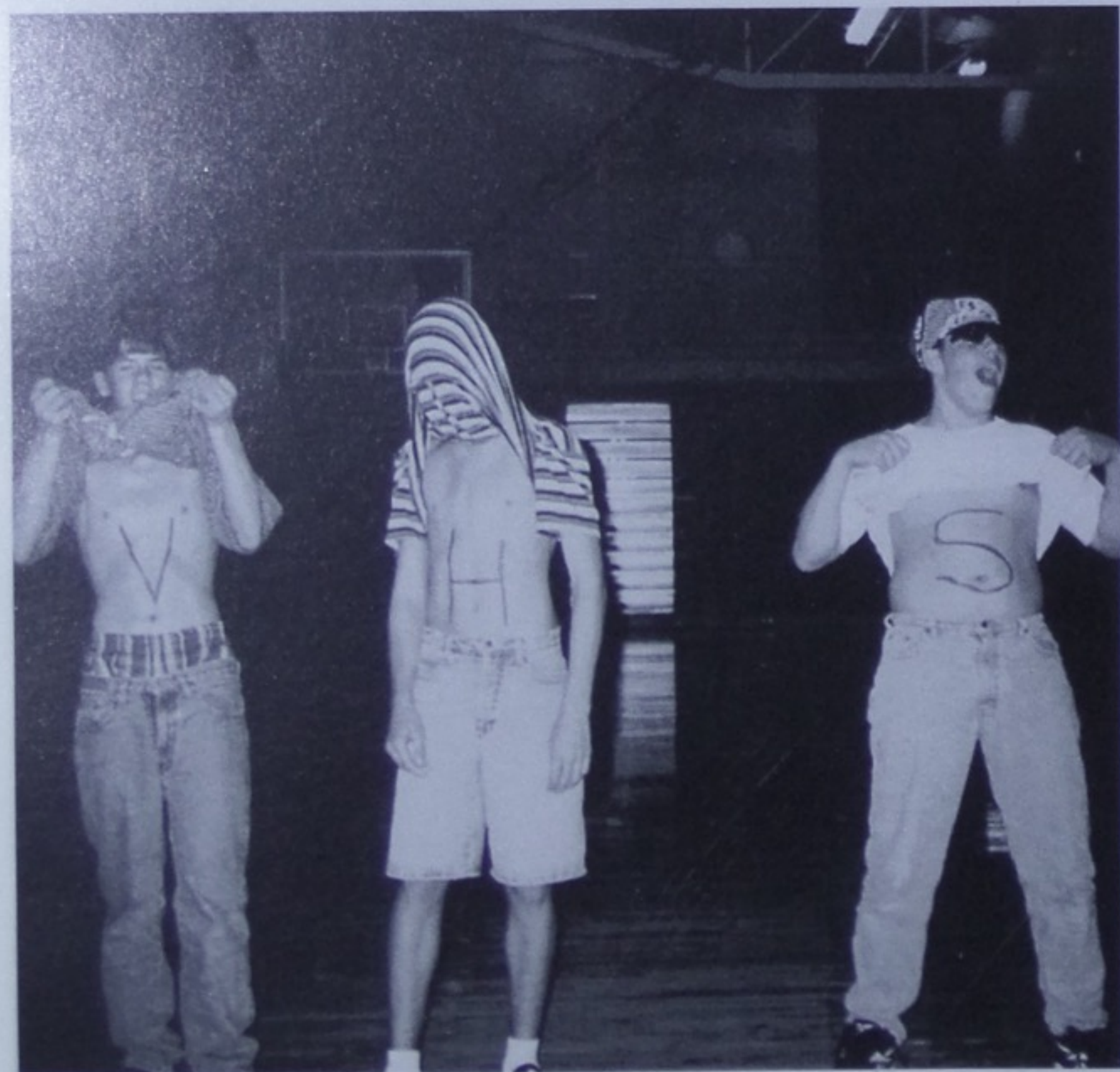
On Friday, Nov. 8, school was dismissed early to allow

the team and fans to travel to Zanesville. A bus was chartered for the team. Many students rode a pep bus to the game, while other decorated their vehicles and joined the caravan. The game between Valley and Bellaire kicked off at 7:30 p.m. at Sulsberger Stadium. Although the Indians gave their all, they were defeated 48-20.

Members of the 1996 football team are to be congratulated. Their teamwork, desire, and perseverance enabled them to make history, and they will forever remain in our hearts.



Kristin Millar and Mandie Lute, seniors, show their Indian spirit by spelling and forming V-A-L-L-E-Y before the student body during the Playoff Pep Rally.



Josh Bibbey, Jason Rayburn, and Nolan Crabtree show their enthusiasm for the playoffs during the special pep rally held before the team left for Zanesville.



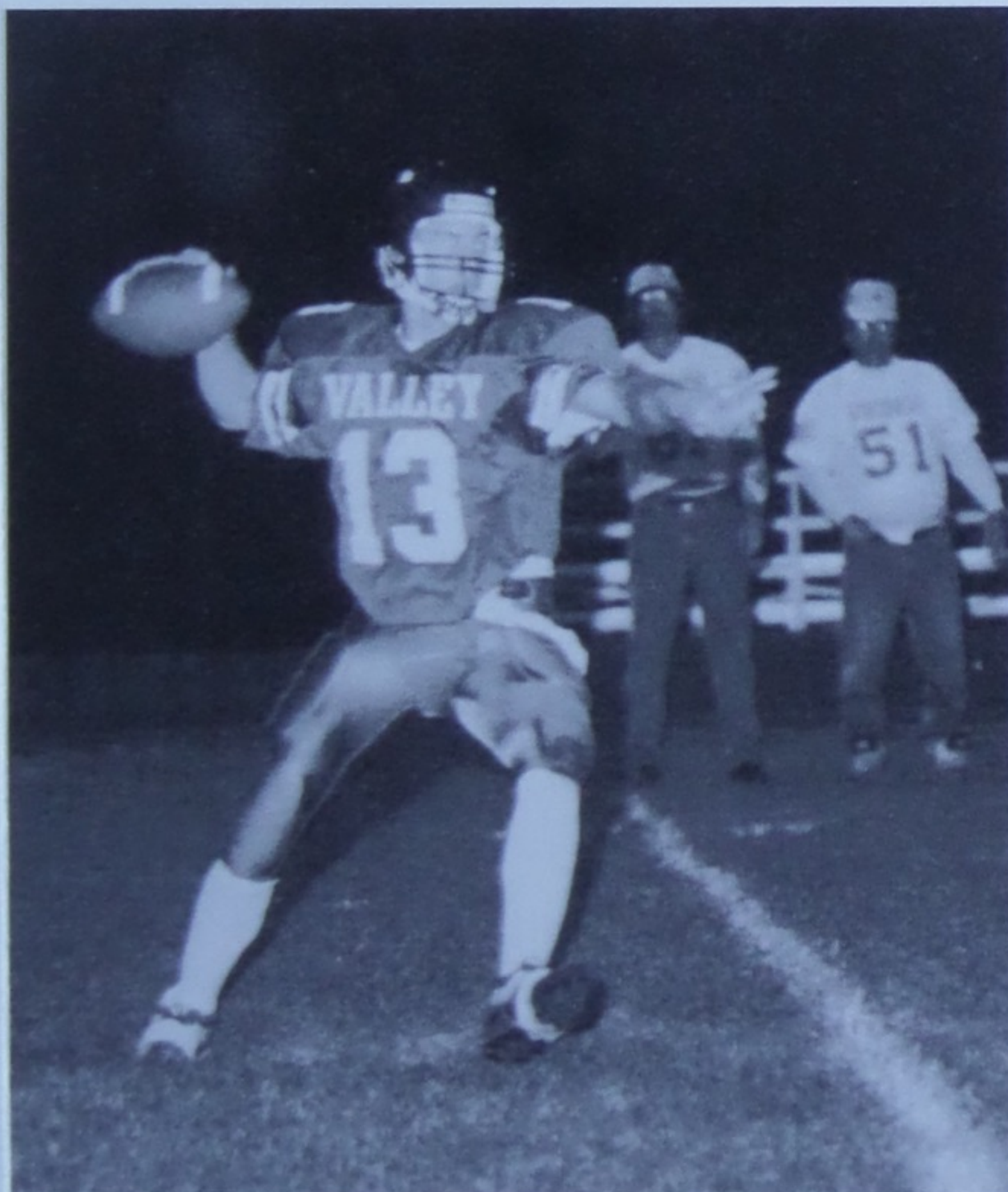
Senior students join the cheerleaders in showing their support for the football team. This was the first time in V.H.S. history a team has gone to the playoffs.



Yelling and cheering on the sidelines, team members show their excitement as an Indian touchdown is scored against Symmes Valley on Homecoming night.



During the S.O.C. assembly held on December 10, 1996, Mr. Yeagle presents Coach Crabtree and senior team members with the S.O.C. trophy.

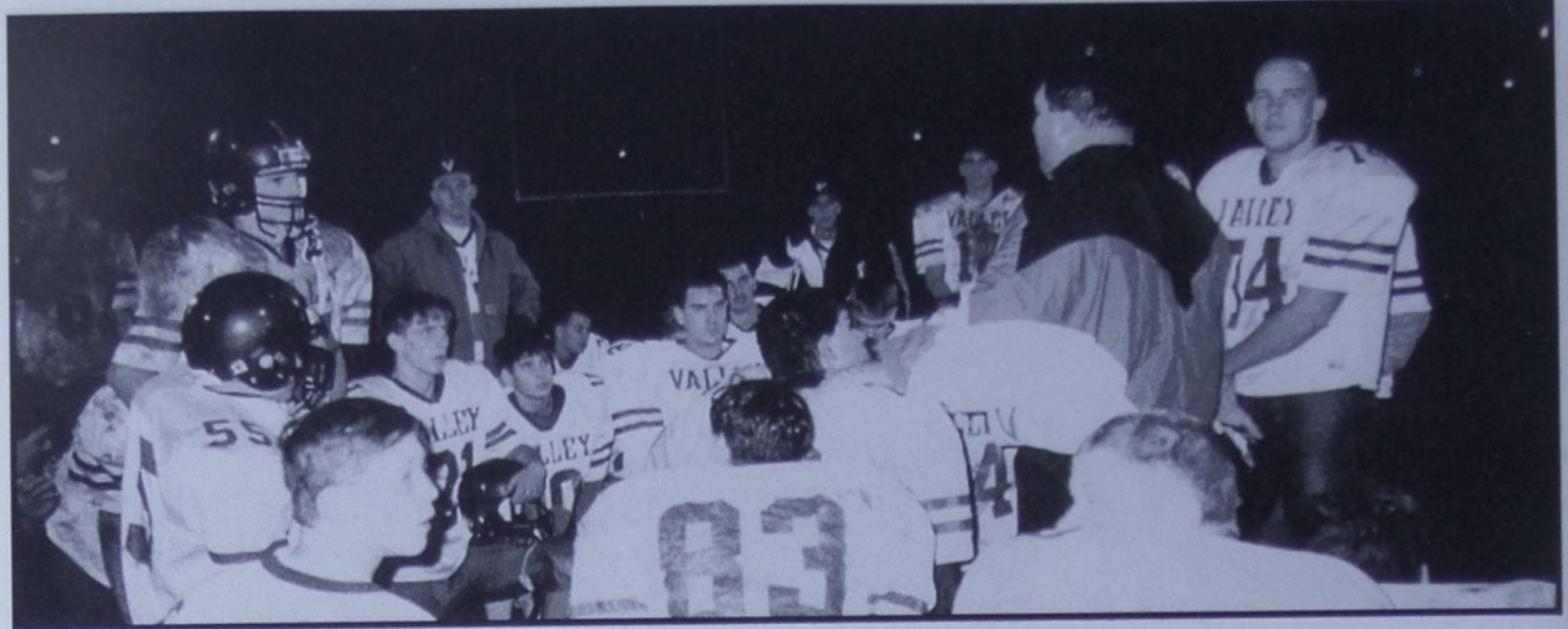


Junior quarterback Chris Lundy drops back to pass the ball to an open teammate. Chris was named First Team S.O.C and First Team All-District.



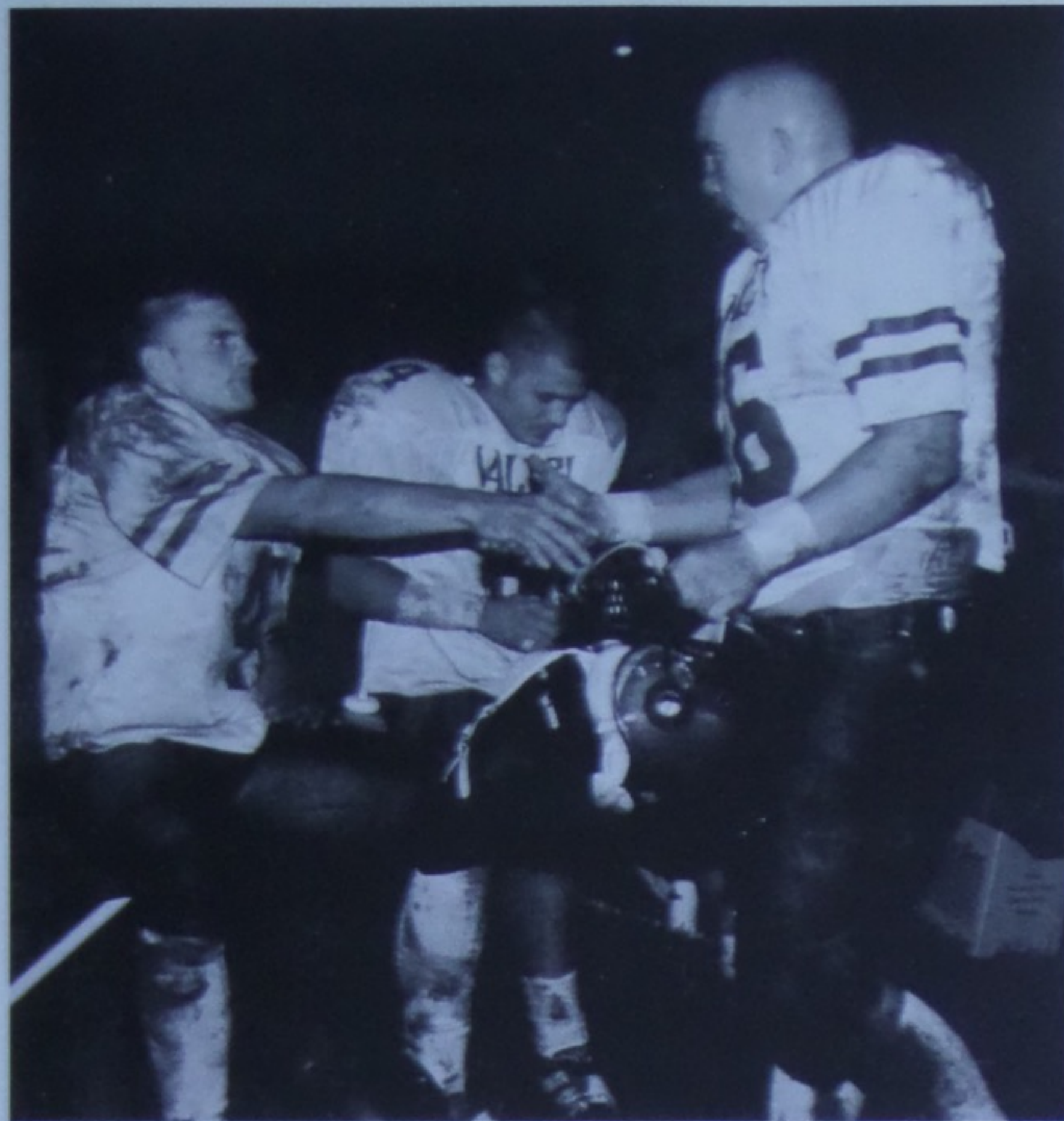
Players congratulate each other after a well-executed play during the Homecoming game. The Indians defeated Symmes Valley that night 34 - 7.

# After The Playoff Game!

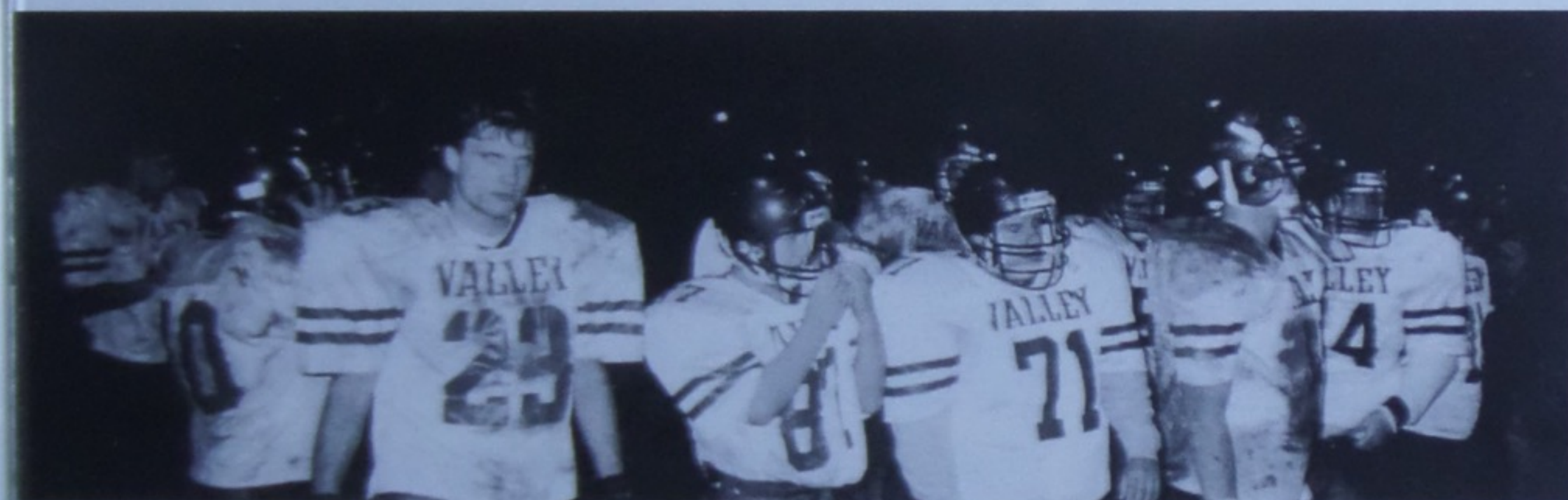




Senior Jared Canter gives a big smile before boarding the bus to Zanesville.



As the final seconds on the clock tick down, James Buckler and Bob Locke shake hands to congratulate each other on a record-setting season.



Tiki Boldman and his teammates show good sportsmanship as they walk onto the field to congratulate the Bellaire Big Reds. The Indians were defeated in their playoff game held November 8, 1996, at Zanesville, by a score of 48 to 20.



A huge crowd of fans cheer for the Indians at Sulsberger Stadium in Zanesville. Valley played the Bellaire Big Reds on November 8, 1996. This was the first time in the school history that the football team advanced to the state playoffs.

## Look Who's TALKING

"At the start of the season, people said we wouldn't break even, but we proved them wrong! This was the best football team I have ever been with."

—James "Bull" Buckler

"The best part of the season was winning the Southern Ohio Conference and being on the first playoff team in Valley history. The best part of the playoffs was one more week of practice!"

—Jared Canter

"It gives me self-pride to know that I was a part of the first Valley football team to go to the playoffs. Even though other teams will go in the future, I'll always know we were the first! The thrill of running out on the field and hearing the fans was something I'll remember for the rest of my life."

—Andy Davis

"It was a great feeling because at the beginning of the year everyone predicted that we would finish at the bottom of the league. The team had great chemistry, and we believed in each other which brought unity among us."

—Steve Mollette

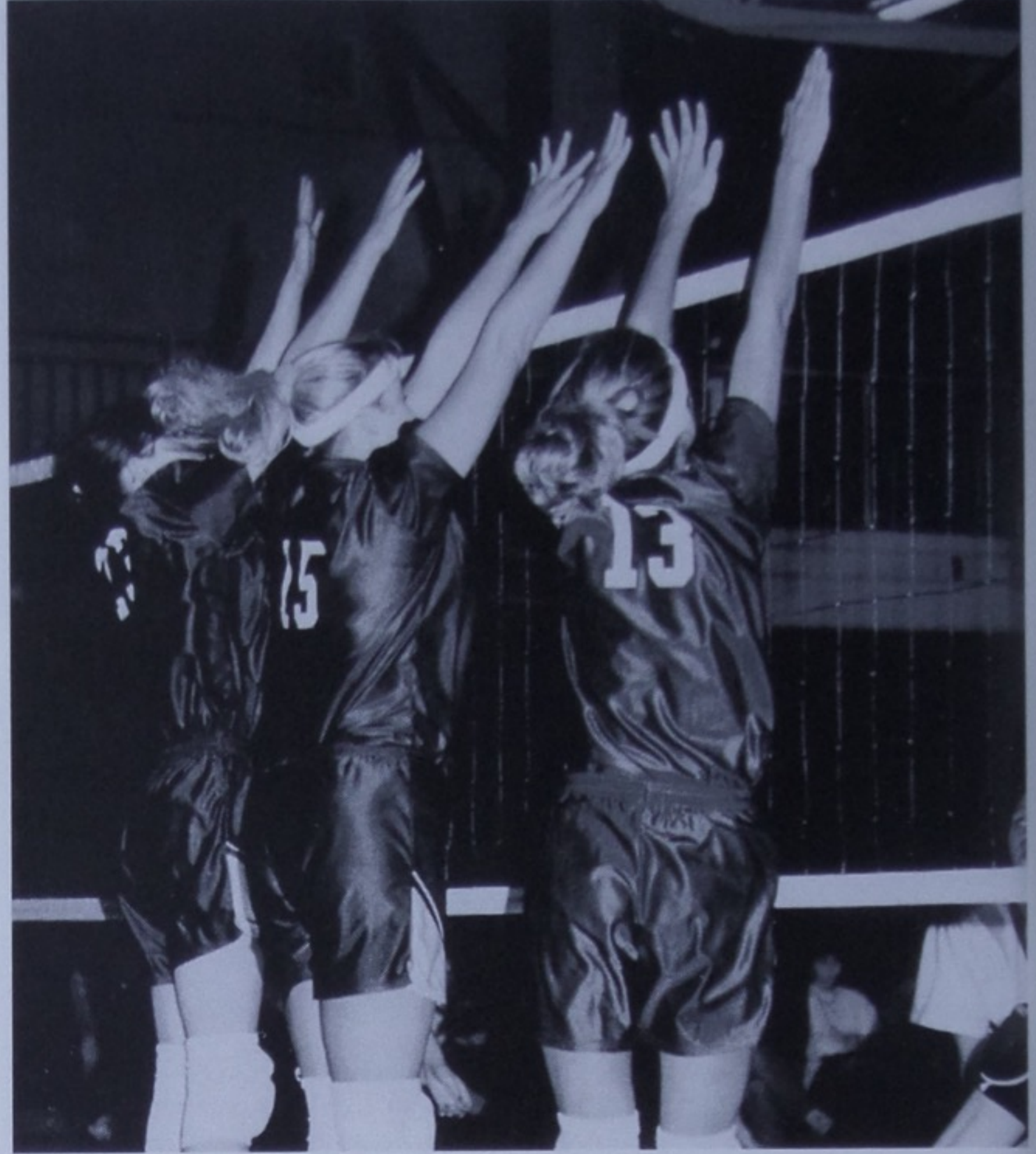
"Playing on the 1996 Valley football team has given me memories that I'll never forget. With all of our hard work, we proved that we were the best team around. We also proved that together, playing like the family we were, nobody could stop us!"

—Ryan Eggar

# Service With A Smile!



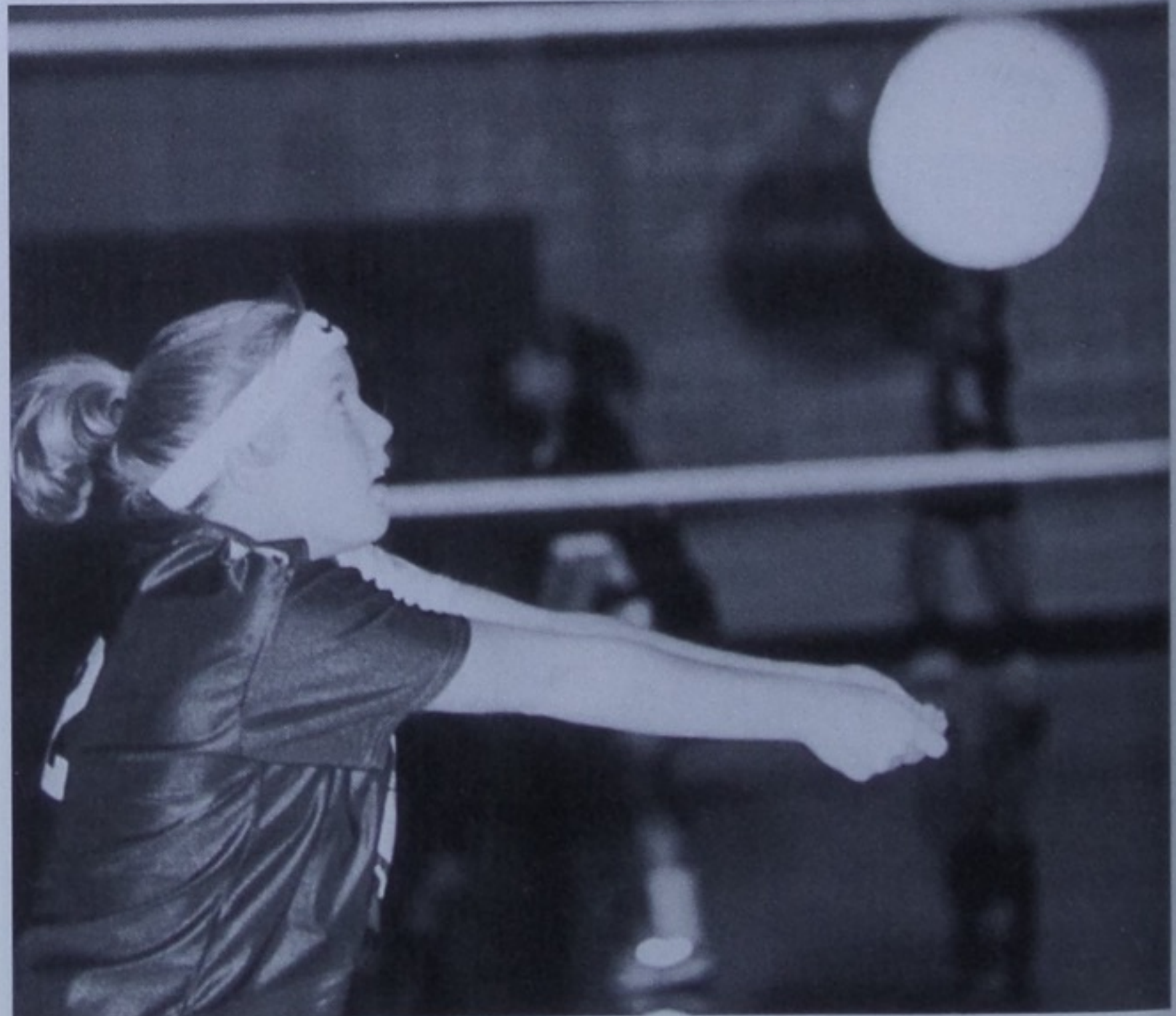
**VARSITY.** Sitting: Jennifer Rucker, Mindy Hill. Kneeling: Katie Kelly, Andria Smalley, Amanda Collins. Standing: Alesia Swords, Sindee Smith, Cassie McCoy, Coach Lori Rolfe, Kurenn Sisler, Mandie Lute, Bethany Surrey. Not pictured: Jessica Phillips.



Mindy Hill, Sindee Smith, and Jessica Phillips go up to block the spike during a varsity game. Sindee received many awards at the fall sports banquet. Her awards included Most Blocks, Best Hitter, S.O.C. First Team, and All-District Honorable Mention.



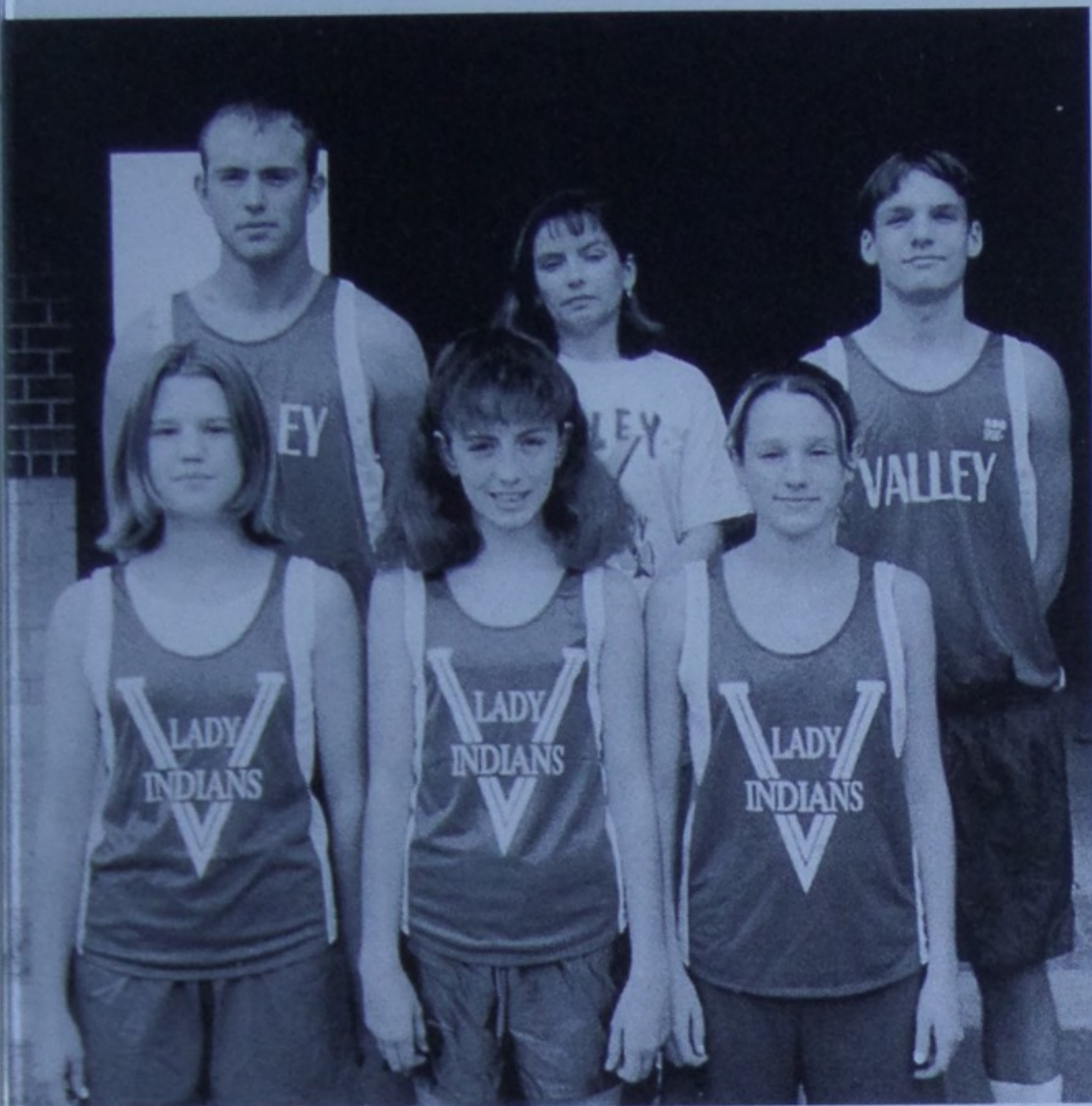
Coach Rolfe introduces the volleyball team to the student body during a fall pep rally. This was Mrs. Rolfe's second season coaching the Lucasville Lady Indians.



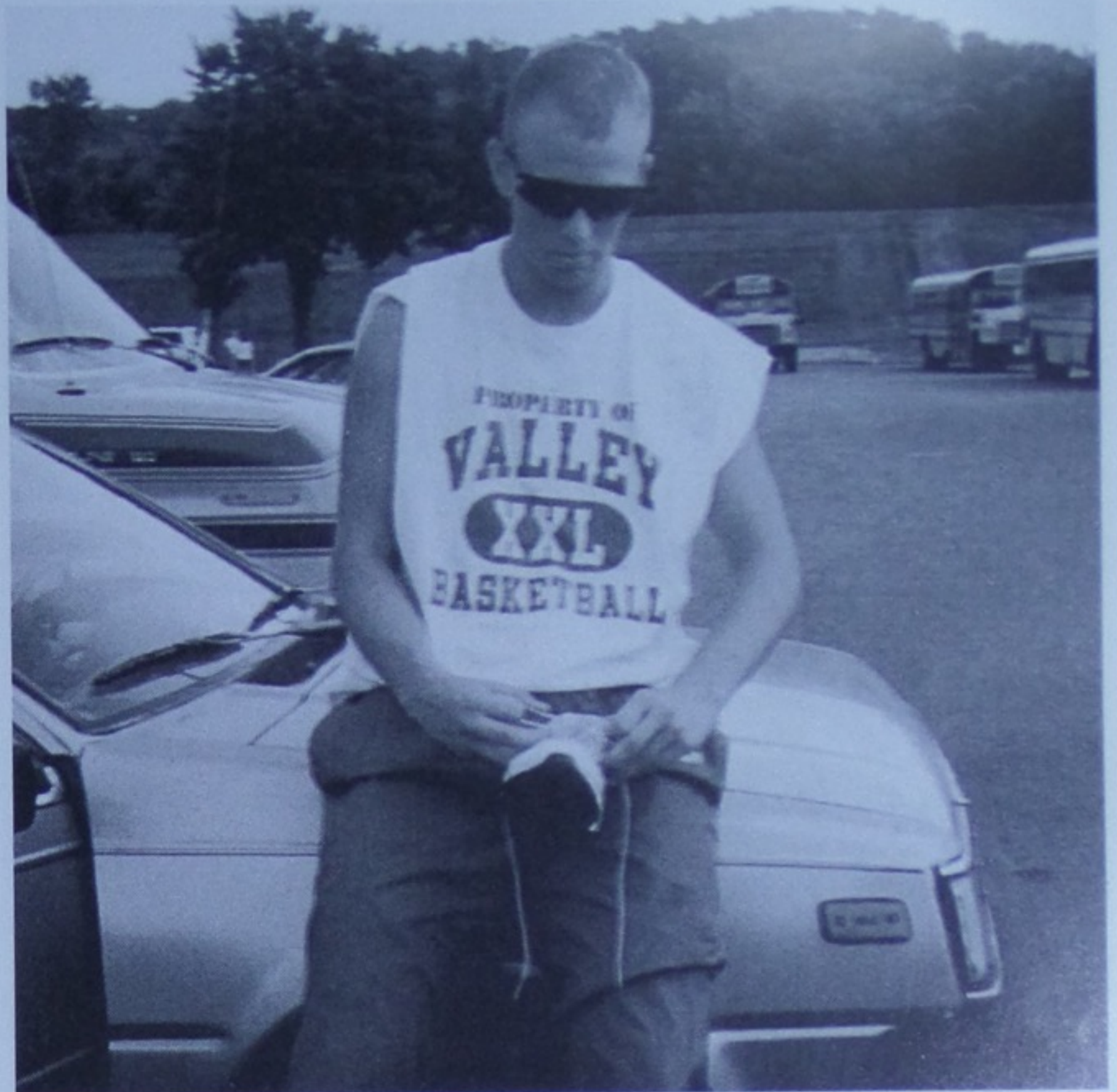
Amanda Collins puts her bumping skills to work during a varsity contest held on the home court. This was Amanda's third year playing for the Indians.



# Keepin' The Pace



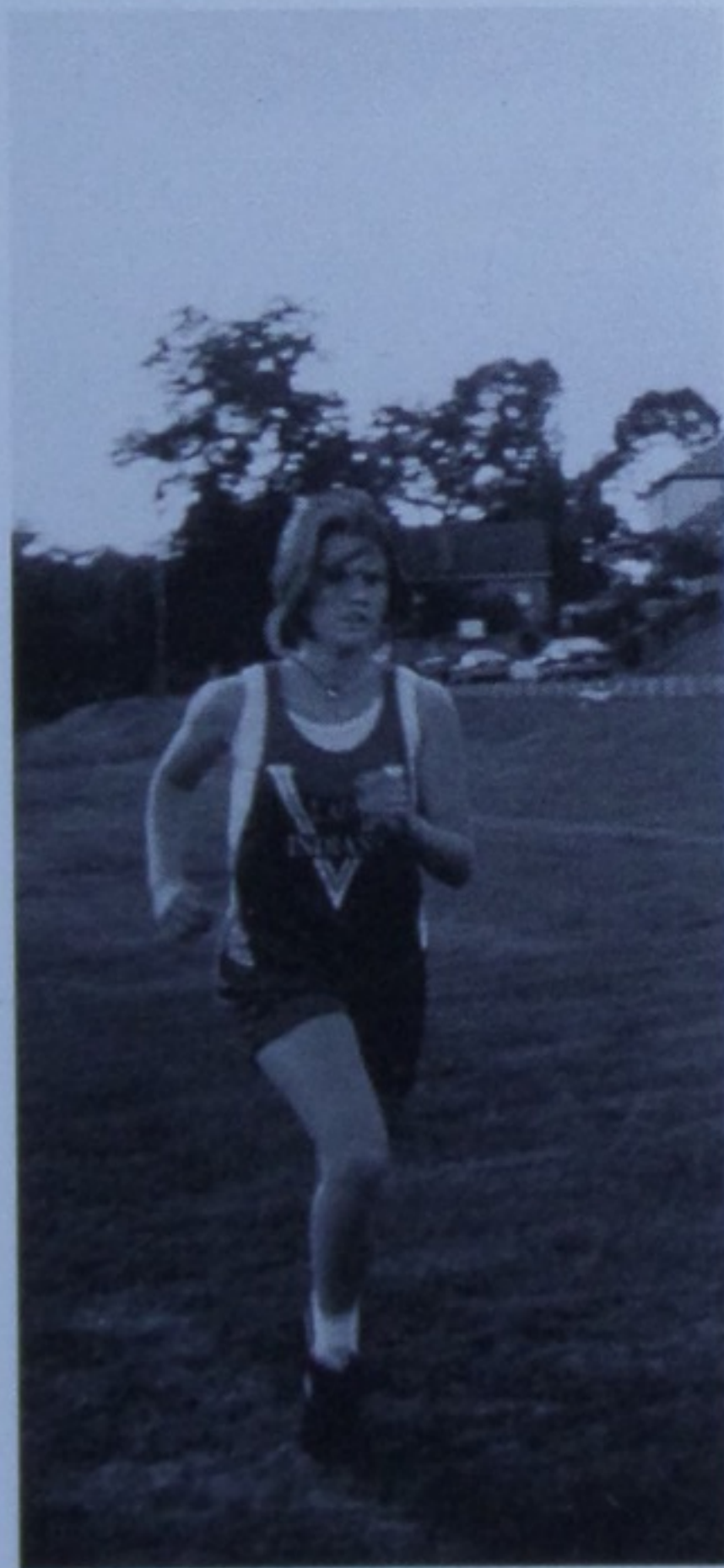
**Cross Country.** Front row: Laura Leedom, Amanda Conley, Melissa Leedom. Back row: Randy Blanton, Coach Linda Redoutey, Jacob Strickland.



Randy Blanton puts on his street shoes after competing in a race at Portsmouth. Randy blazed a new school record this season in the Boys' 5K Race.



Jacob Strickland paces himself as he runs near Branch Rickey Park.



Laura Leedom extends her stride for the final stretch of the race.

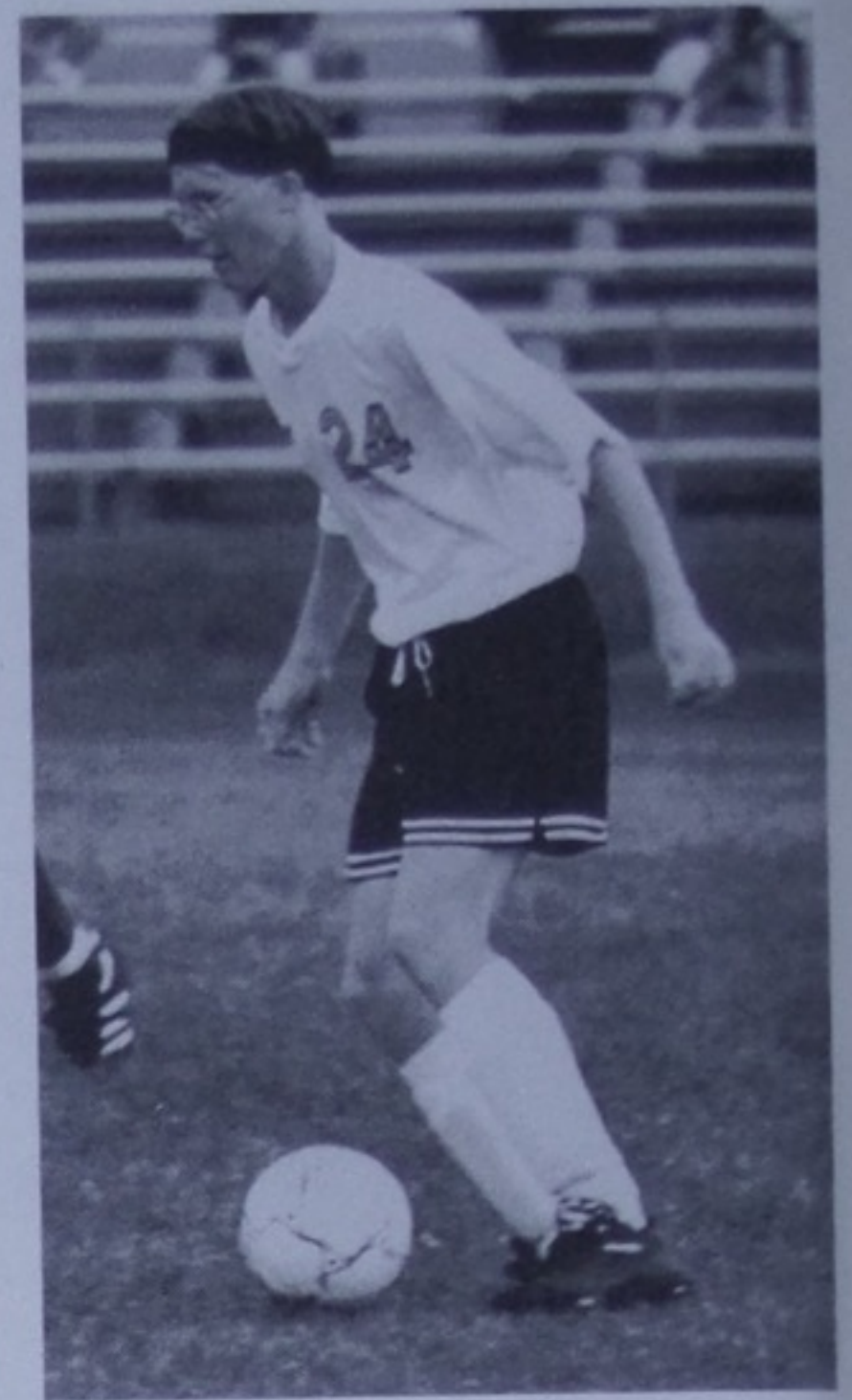


Melissa Leedom and Amanda Conley chat before a meet. Amanda set a new school record in the Girls' 5K Race during her freshman season.

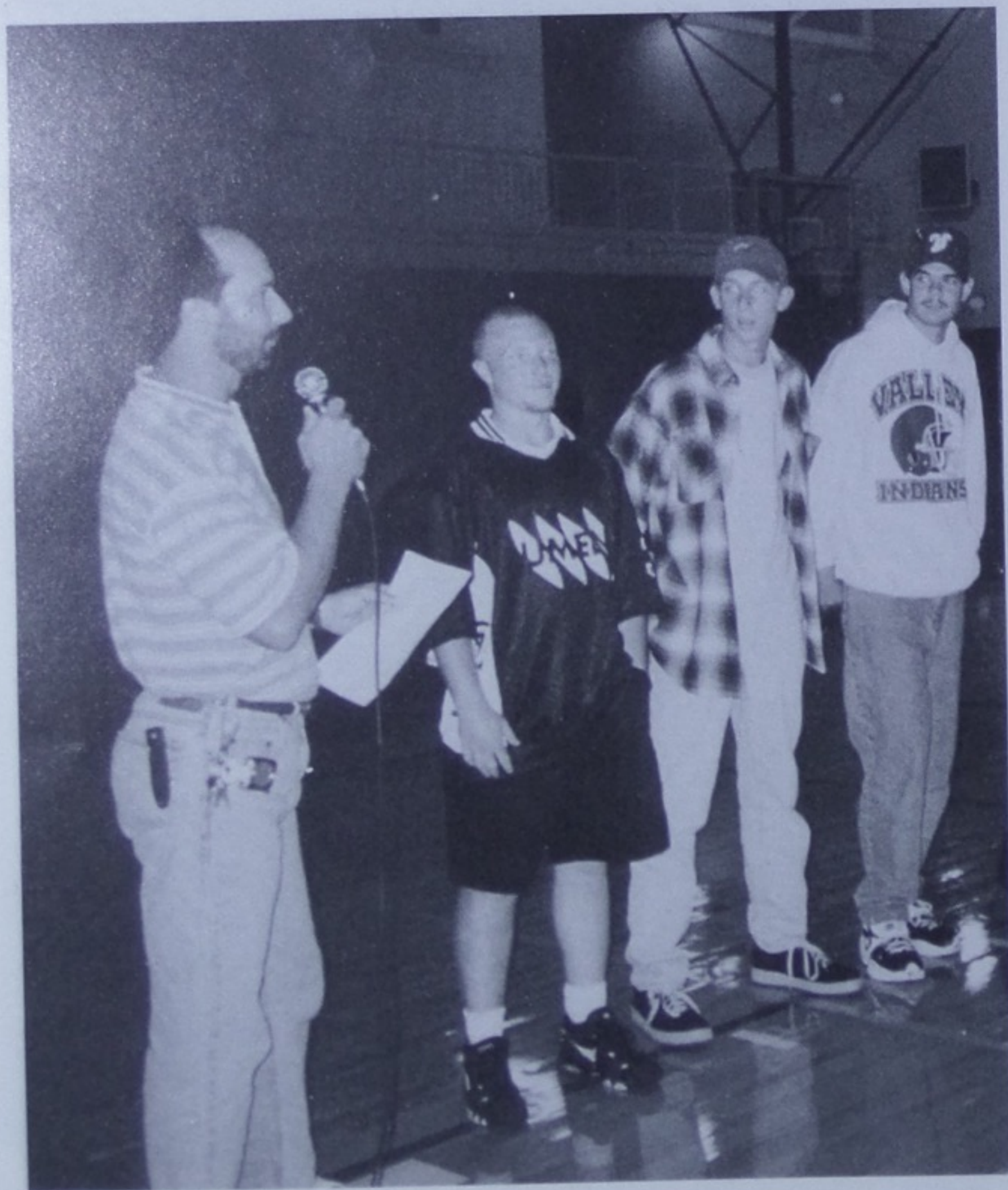
# Going for the Goal



Sitting: Jason Hudson, Bob Wood, Jerry Stevens, Jared Cunningham. Kneeling: Chris Fritz, Andrew Walters, Josh Bibbey, Rachel Smalley, Aubrey Brown, Lana Wood. Standing: Assistant Coach David Wagner, Sean Bibbey, Josh Bailey, Brad Holbrook, Aaron Wagner, Adam Miller, Jon Clark, Head Coach Rick Clark, Assistant Coach Dave Bibbey.



Brad Holbrook prepares to dribble the ball down the field. This was Brad's second year playing for the Indians.



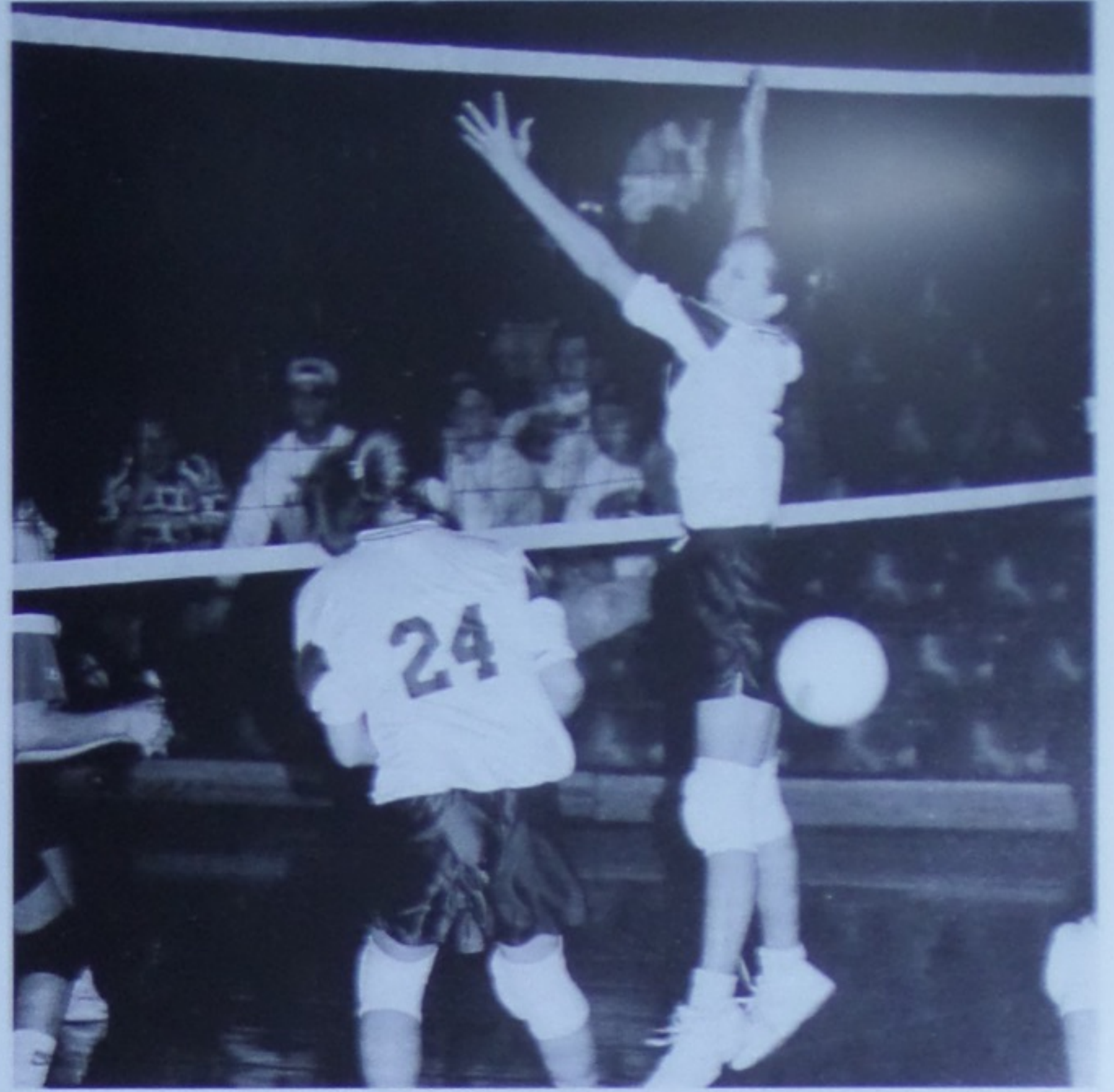
At a fall pep assembly before the student body, Dave Wagner, assistant coach, introduces senior players Jared Cunningham, Jason Hudson, and Bob Wood.



Freshman Rachel Smalley kicks the ball toward the goal. Rachel's outstanding season performance earned her All-District Honorable Mention honors.



Cassie McCoy takes a refreshing drink as her teammates focus on Coach Rolfe's instructions during a timeout in the Junior Varsity game against Oak Hill.



Haven McKenzie attempts to block the ball as teammate Cassie McCoy watches. Haven and Cassie were both first-year players for the Junior Varsity.



Brandy Chandler watches as Dawn Hatfield, freshman, blocks a hit.



Kurenn Sisler spikes the ball after it was set by Haven McKenzie.



**JUNIOR VARSITY.** Front row: Kurenn Sisler, Dawn Hatfield, Cassie McCoy. Back row: Coach Lori Rolfe, Brandy Chandler, Haven McKenzie, Mindy Hill.

# JUST FORE FUN

**1996 RESULTS**  
8 Wins, 7 Loses  
S.O.C. - 4th Place

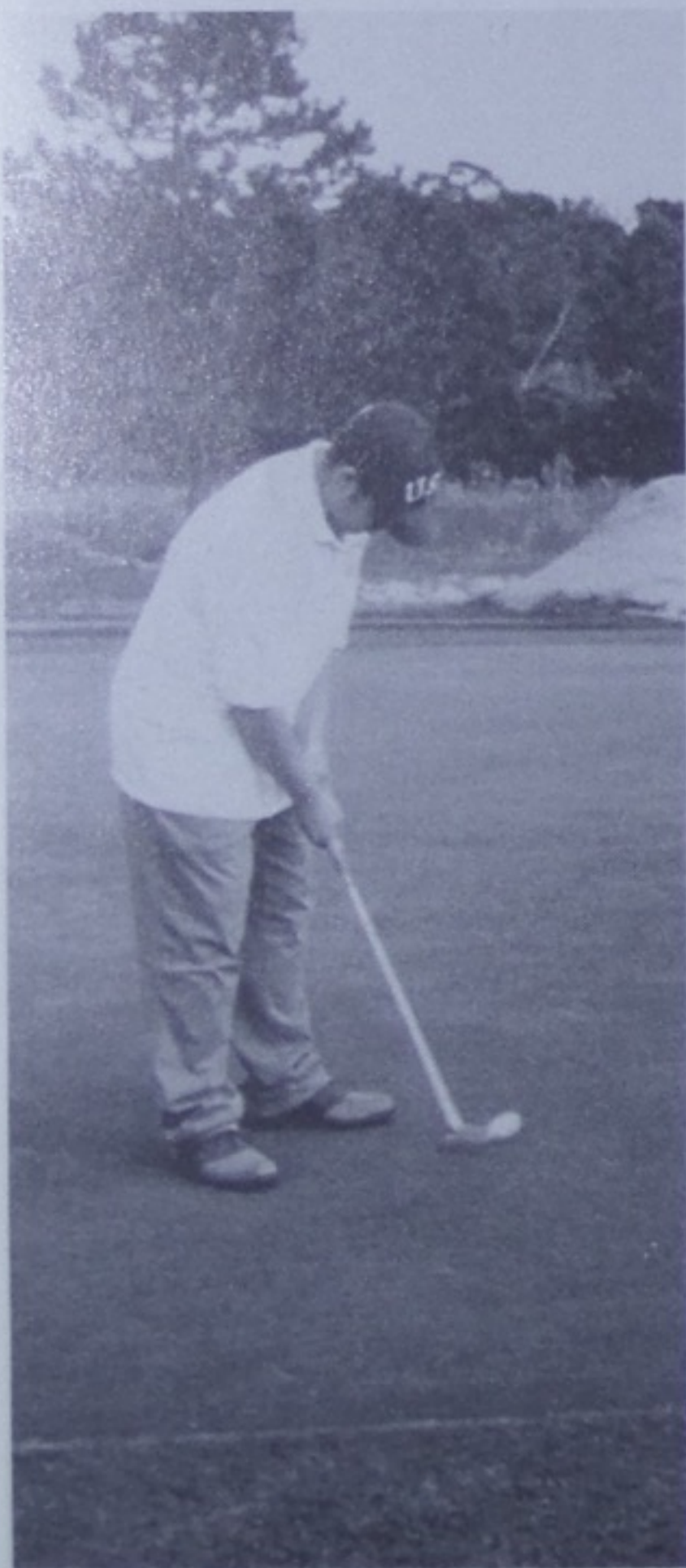
## BANQUET AWARDS

Most Valuable  
Player:  
Josh Skeans

Most Improved  
Player:  
Bryan McNamer



Row 1: Ryan Cochran, Brett McNamer, Mike James. Row 2: Assistant Coach P.D. Williams, Andrew Wilson, Heather McManes, T.J. Johnson, Josh Skeans. Row 3: Glen Hannah, Matt Eggar, Bryan McNamer, Nathan Dalton. Not pictured: Coach Mike Copley.



Junior player Bryan McNamer putts on the green at River Bend.



Coach Copley gives putting instructions to Heather McManes as Matt Eggar waits patiently to ask Copley a question before a match at River Bend. Heather, a junior, has been the only girl on the team during her years playing.



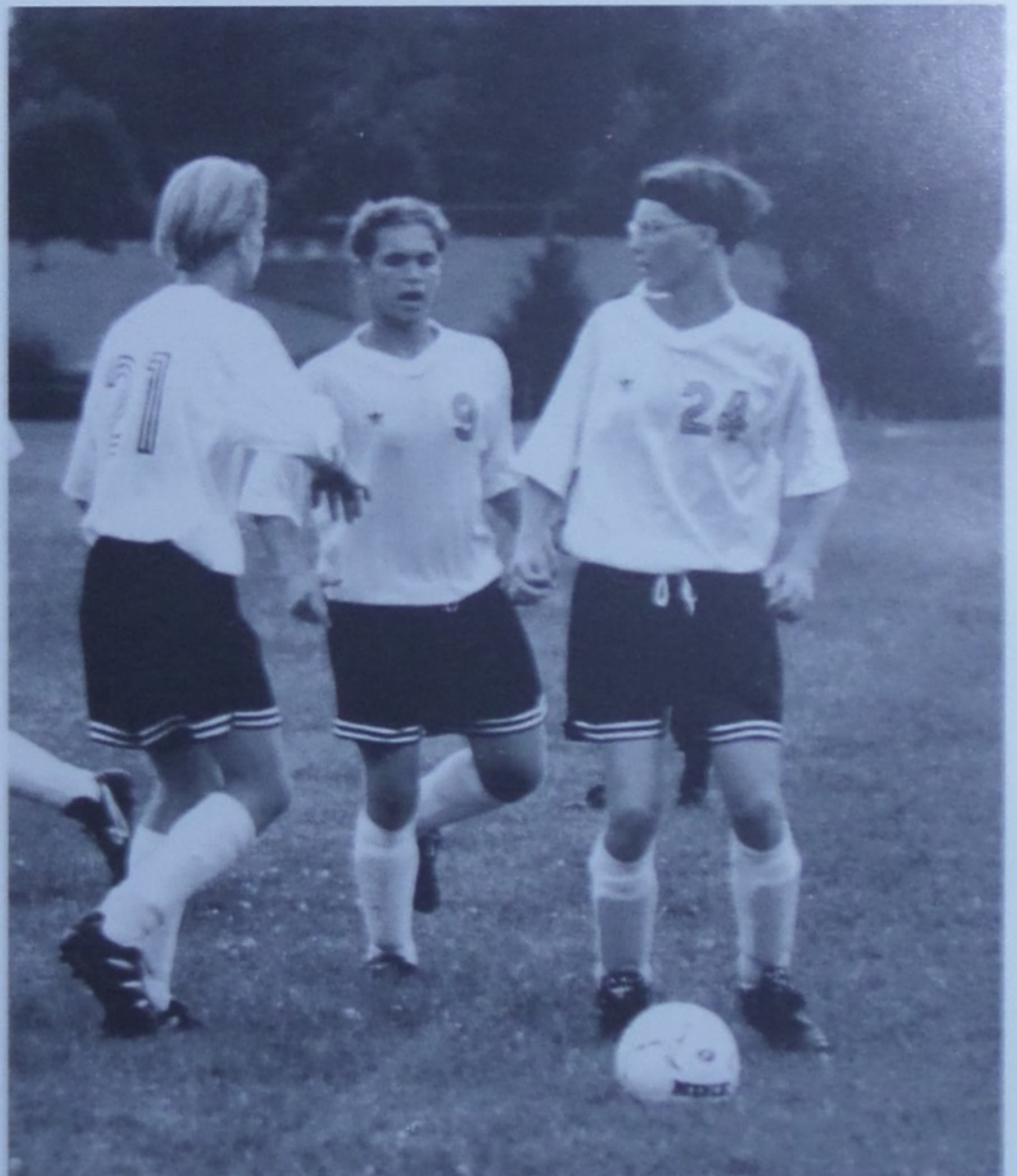
Bob Wood watches as Jerry Stevens attempts to get past an opponent. Both played soccer all four years of high school. Bob was named Defensive M.V.P.



Jared Cunningham, senior, fights for possession of the ball. He was named Co-S.O.C. Player of the Year and selected for the All-District First Team.



Josh Bibbey kicks the ball down the field as Jerry Stevens runs in the backup position. Jerry was a captain along with Jared Cunningham and Bob Wood.



Josh Bailey, Andrew Walters, and Brad Holbrook give each other words of encouragement during a home game played against the Clay Panthers.

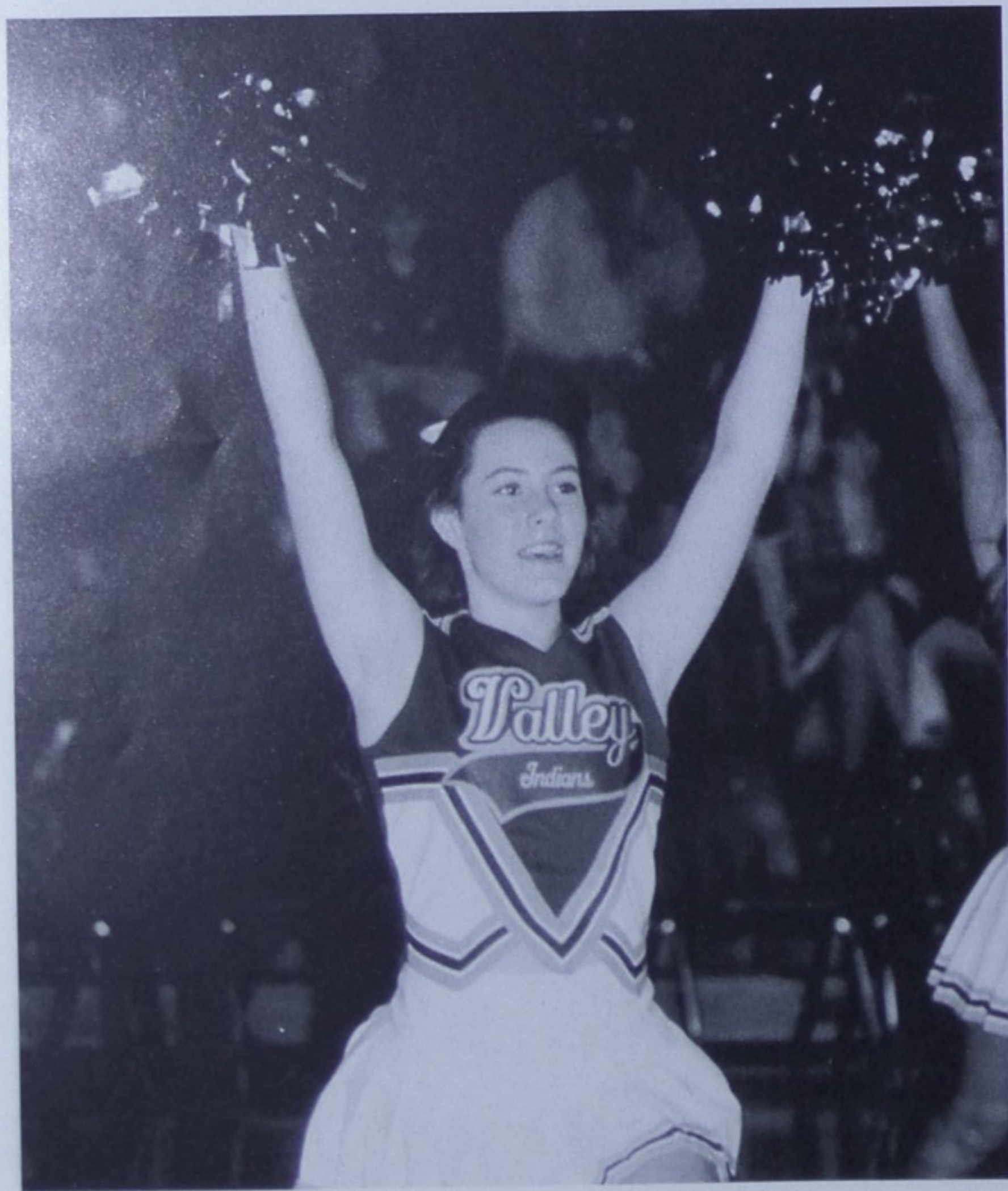
# Shoutin' For The Spirit



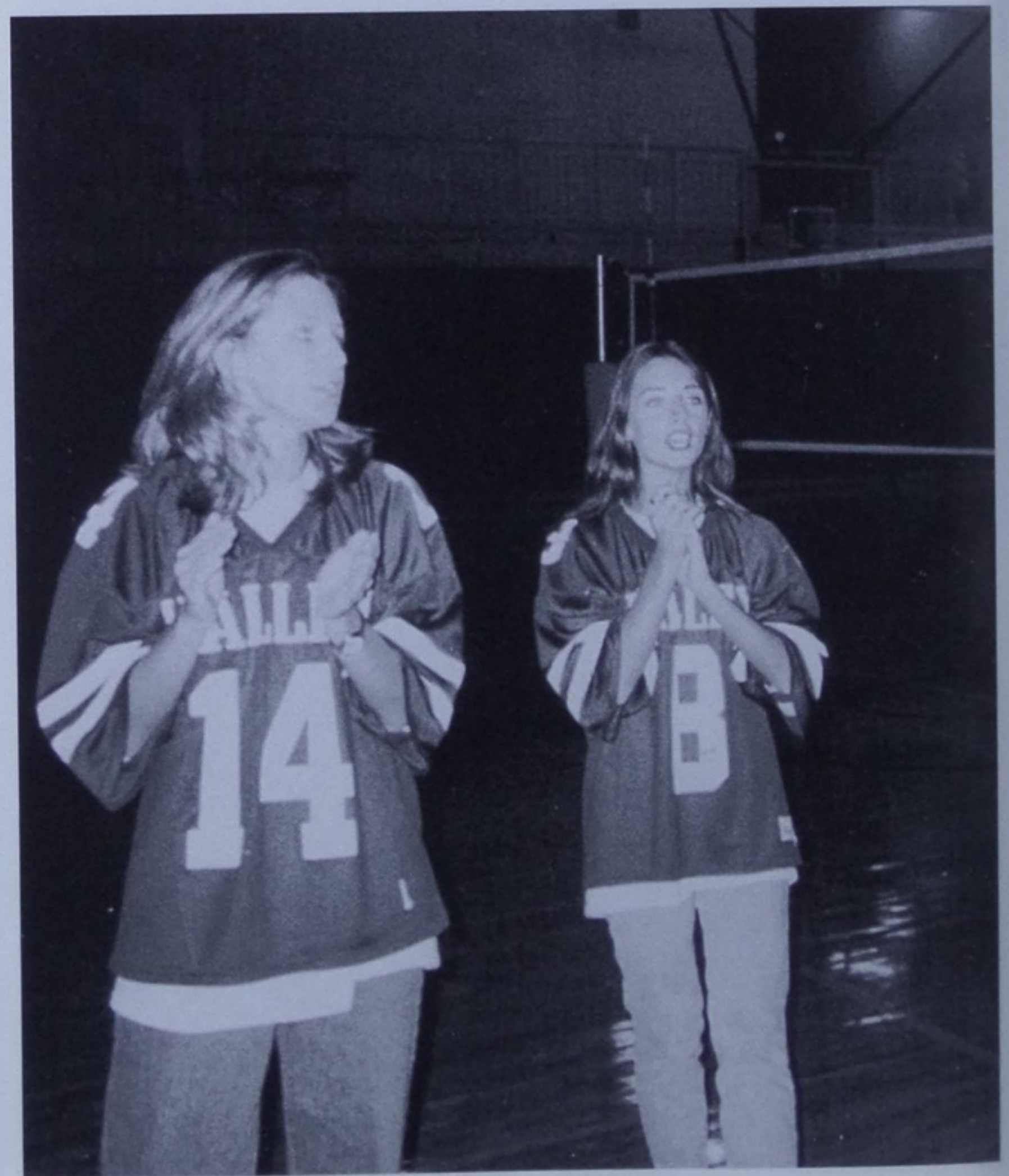
Lyndsey Lewis performs a dance during halftime on Homecoming night.



Front row: Emily Stout, Melanie Schneider, Danyelle Smith. Middle row: Susan Smith, Mandy Rockwell, Lyndsey Lewis, Lisa Lawson. Back row: Samantha Turner, Dana Romanello, Stephanie West. Not pictured: Jessica Phillips.



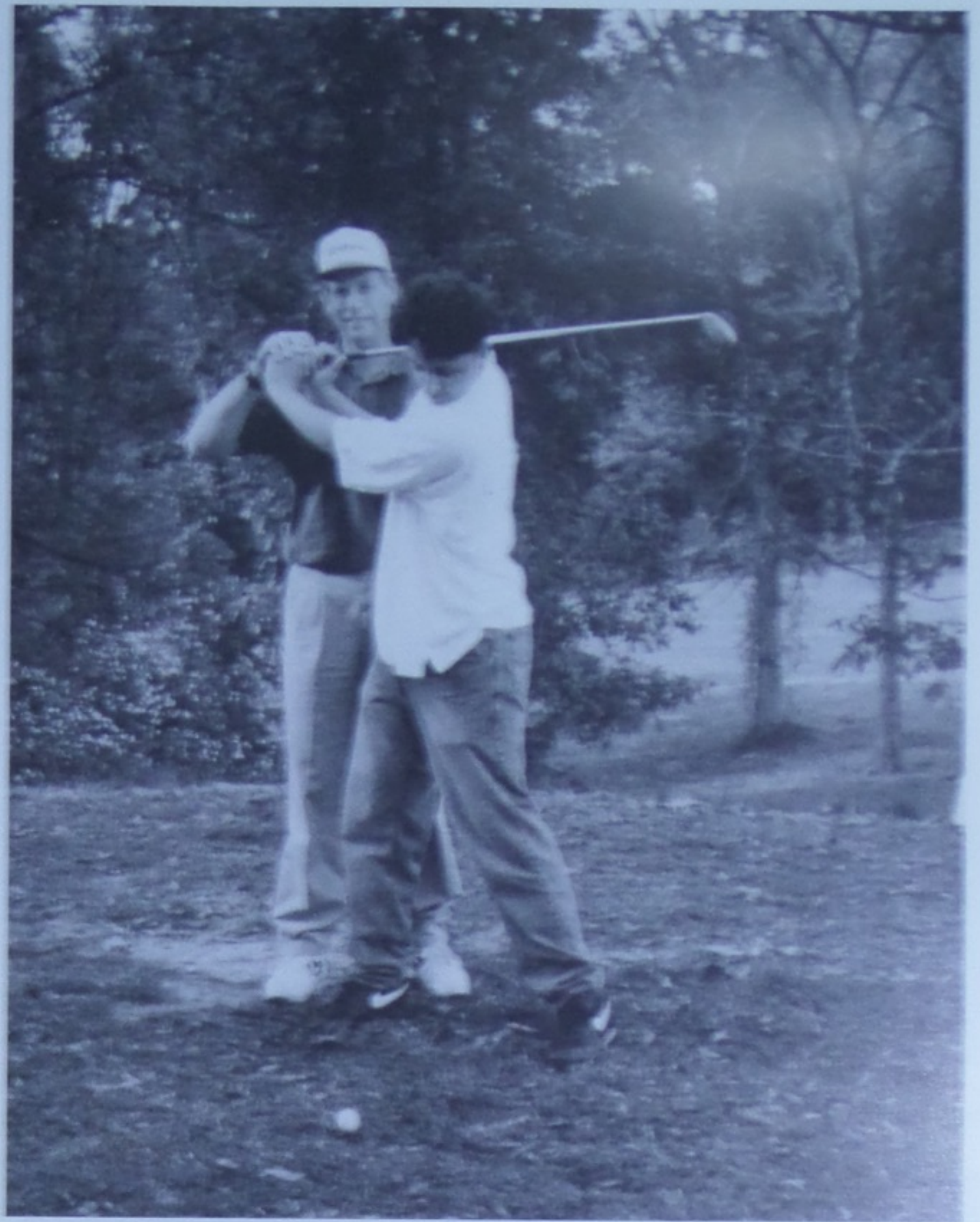
Sophomore cheerleader Mandy Rockwell shakes her purple and gold pom-poms to the rhythm of the Valley "Fight Song" on Sweetheart night.



During a fall pep rally, Jessica Phillips and Emily Stout lead their classmates in a competition against the rest of the student body for the spirit stick.



Andrew Wilson follows through on his shot from the rough during a match with other local teams. Andrew was a member of the golf team for four years.



Sophomore Matt Eggar receives instruction on his driving from Coach Copley during warm-ups. This was Matt's first year on the Valley golf team.



Ben Sicans struts off the course at the end of a match at River Bend.



Heather McManes pulls back to drive the ball on the practice tee.

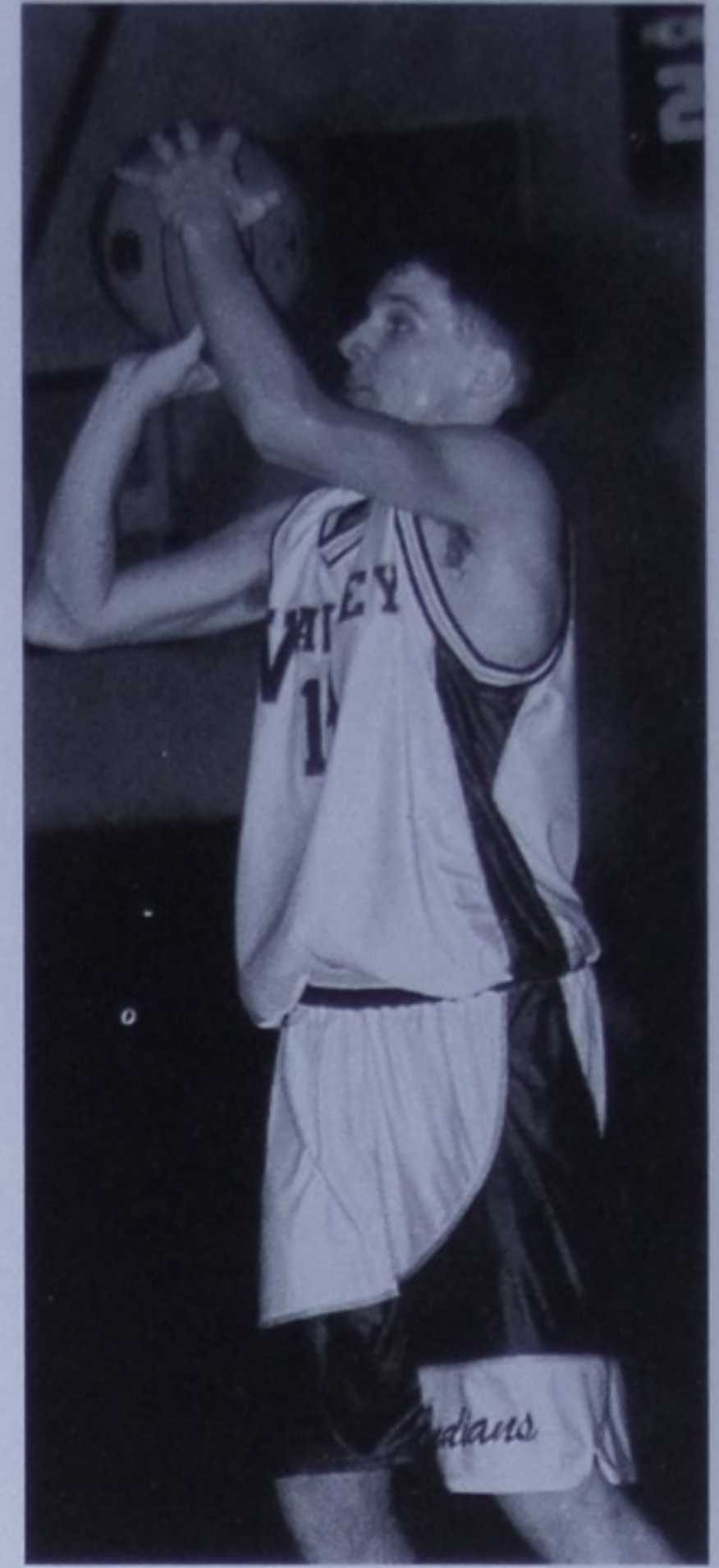


Glen Hannah lines up his putt from the fringe of the green at River Bend. This was Glen's second year competing in medal play on the V.H.S. golf team.

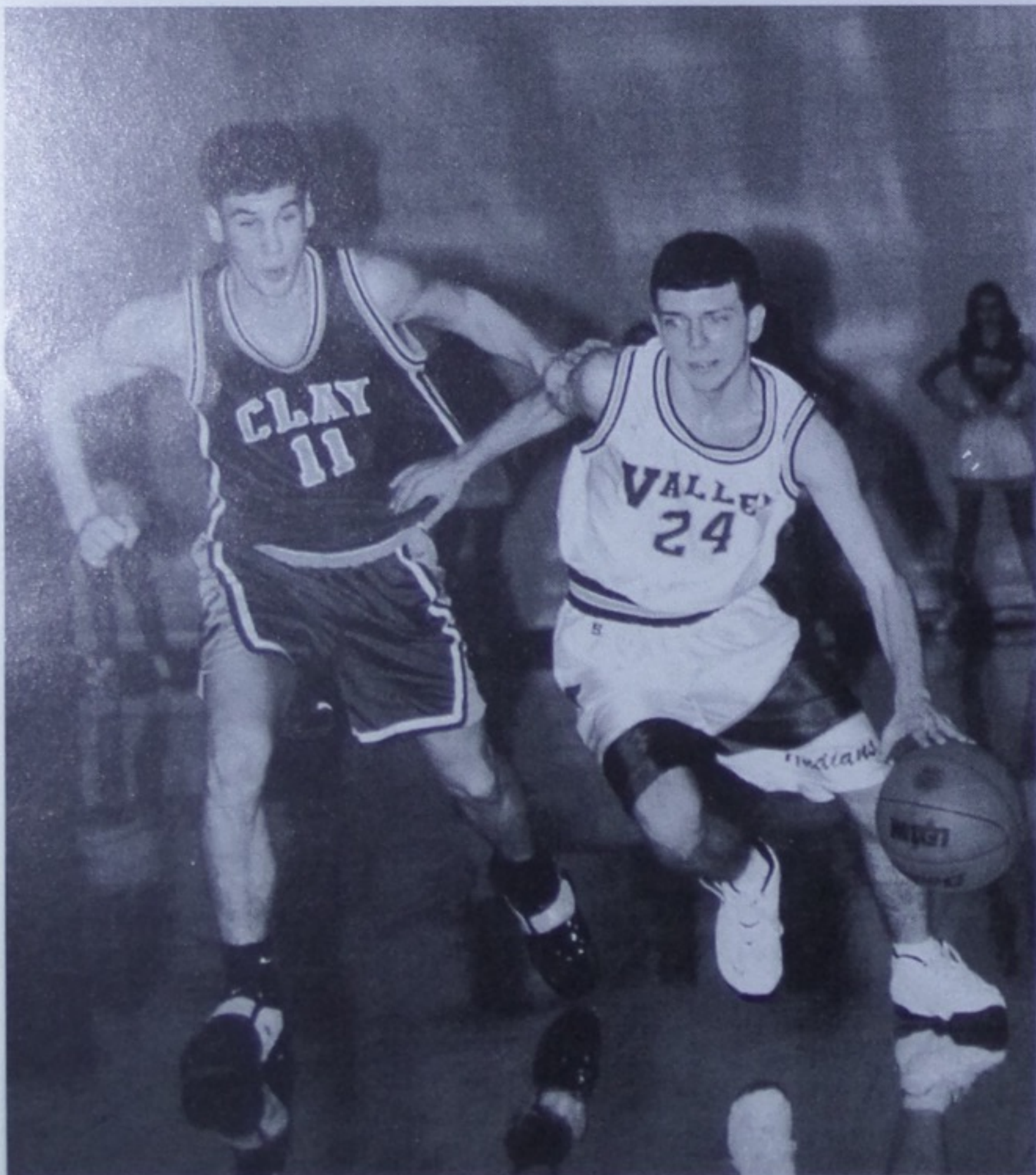
# Drivin' The Lane



**VARSITY TEAM.** Front: T. Johnson, J. Strickland, D. Lutz, S. Mollette, J. Greene, J. Veach, J. Dempsey. Back: Assistant Coach R. Sturgill, B. Locke, M. Perkins, R. Horton, S. Spriggs, R. Blanton, C. Lundy, Head Coach R. Bowman.



Sophomore Jacob Strickland prepares to release the ball for a 3-point shot.

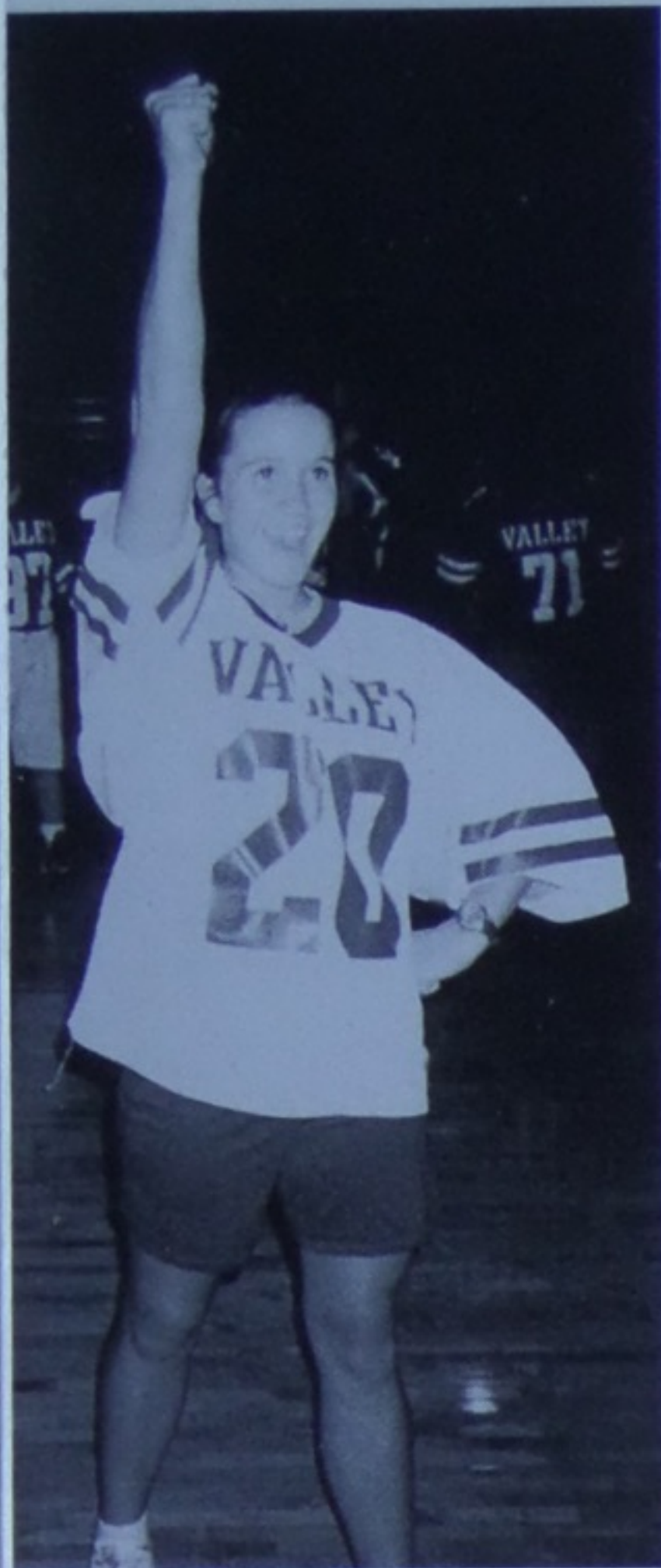


Darren Lutz, junior, dribbles the ball down the side line in an attempt to break the press. Darren received the Coaches' Award at the Winter Sports Banquet.



Sophomore Scott Spriggs shoots the ball over the out-stretched arms of a Clay opponent. He received the Best Field Goal Percentage Award for the season.





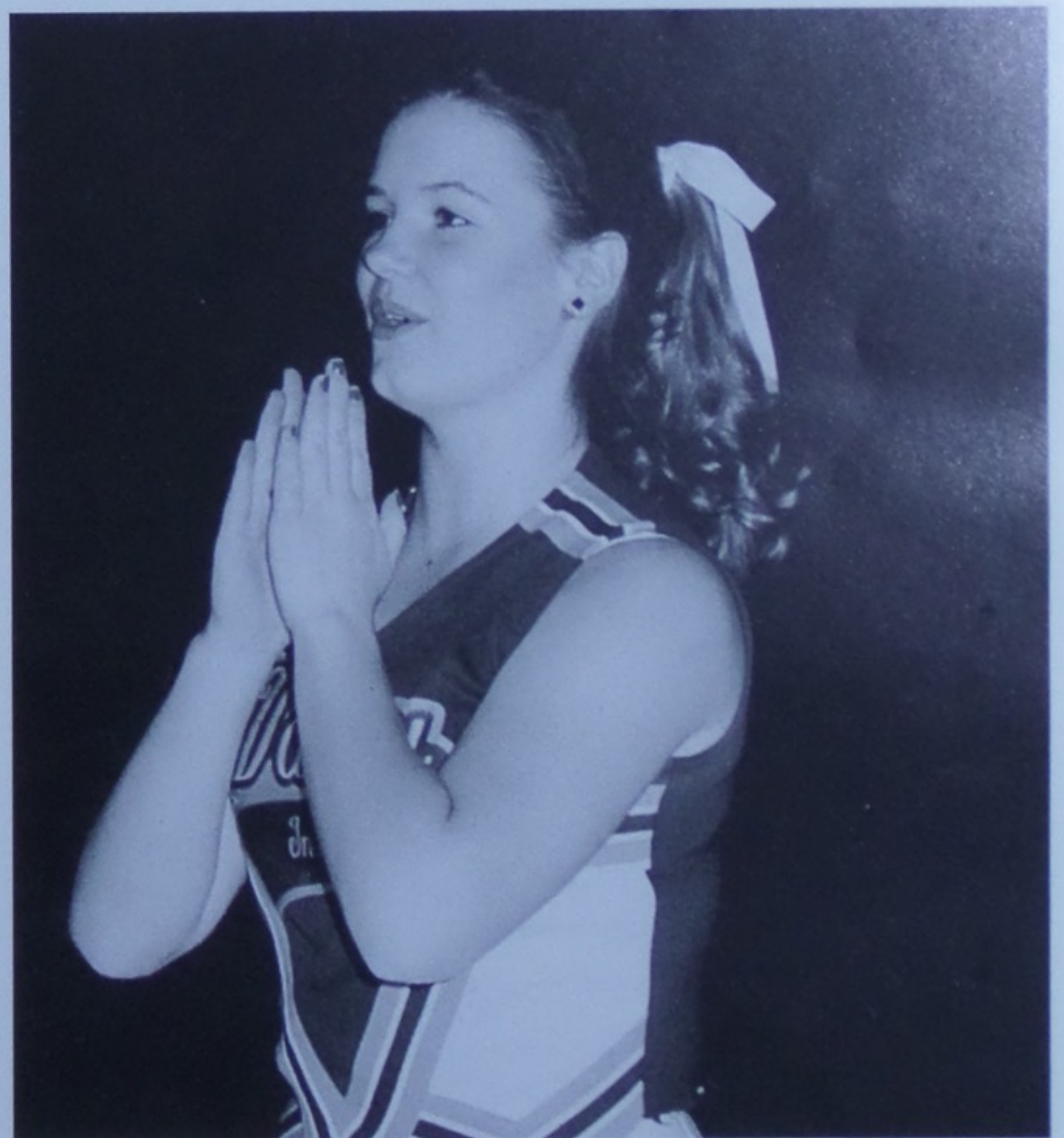
Lisa Lawson leads students in a cheer during the first football pep rally.



Members of the cheerleading squad link arms as they chant, "We're number one," while standing in front of the large crowd in attendance for the Homecoming ceremonies. The Indians were victorious over Symmes Valley 34 - 7.



Stephanie West, Dana Romanello, and Emily Stout pause between cheers while on a float in the Portsmouth River Days parade held Labor Day weekend.



Sophomore Susan Smith glances into the audience while clapping her hands to the cheer, "Purple and White." This was Susan's first year as a cheerleader.

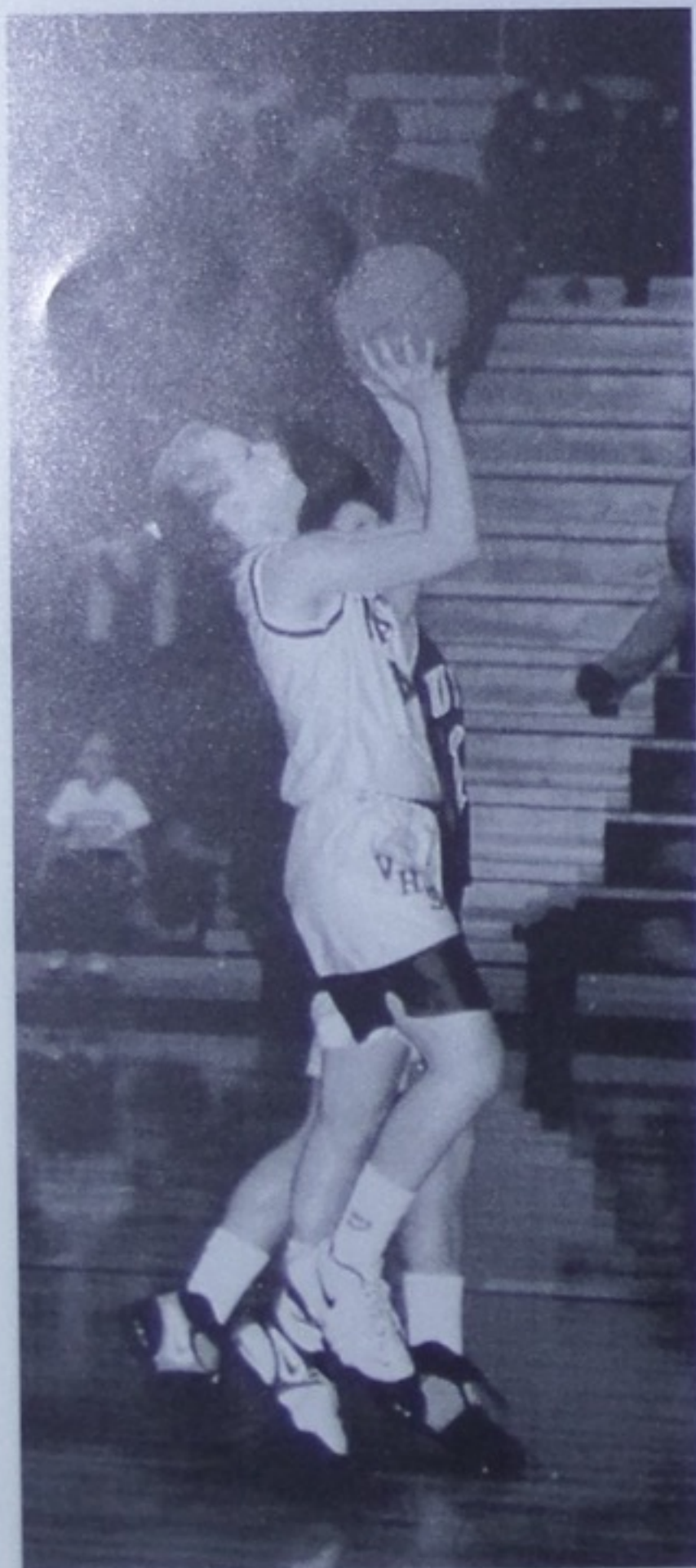
# Huddle Break "1- 4 - 9 Lady Indians"



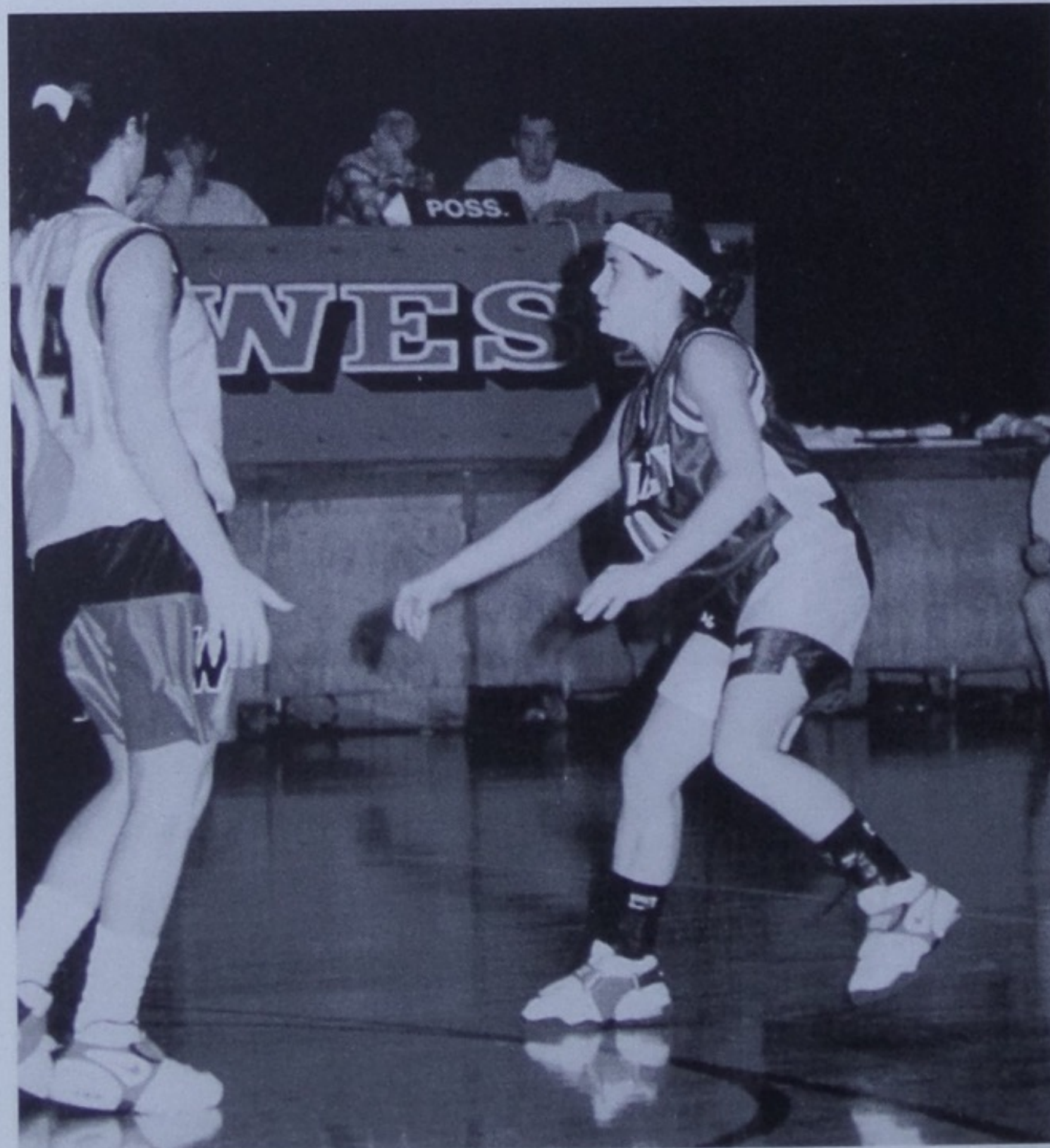
**VARSITY.** Sitting: A. Smalley, S. Smith. Kneeling: L. Mains, B. Franklin, J. Phillips, M. DeAtley, M. Chatfield. Standing: Coach E. Shope, C. McCoy, T. Caldwell, M. Longmire, S. West, Assistant Coach T. Riehl.



Melissa DeAtley quickly delivers a bounce pass in the lane to Melissa Longmire in an attempt to score during their last home game of the season played Monday, February 3. The Lady Indians defeated Unioto with a score of 81-55.



Junior Melissa DeAtley goes up for a lay-up against an Unioto defender.



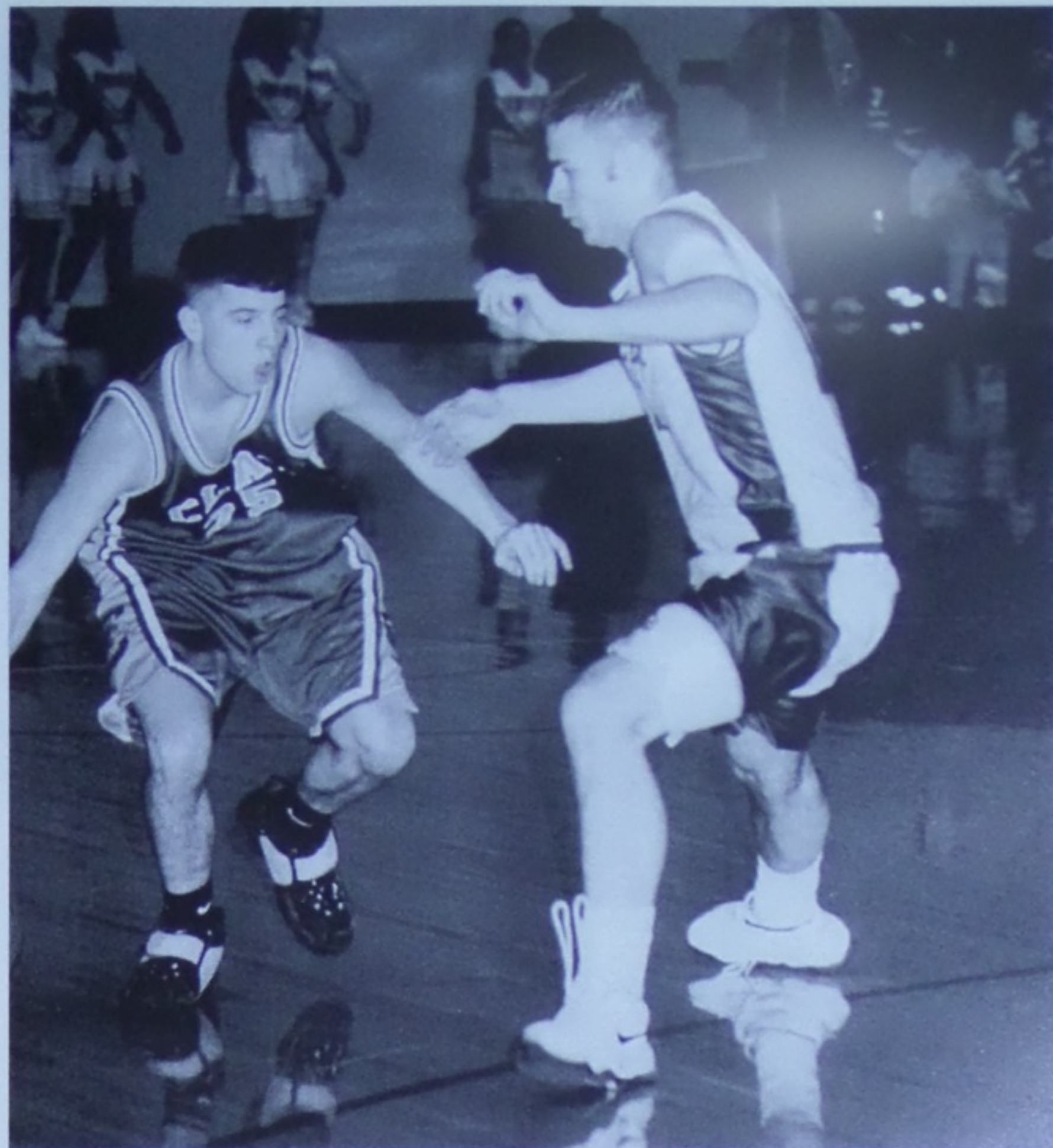
Junior Melanie Chatfield gets ready to move after passing the ball to a teammate. She was named to the S.O.C. First Team and the All-District Third Team.



Andria Smalley dribbles down the court after getting the in-bound pass.



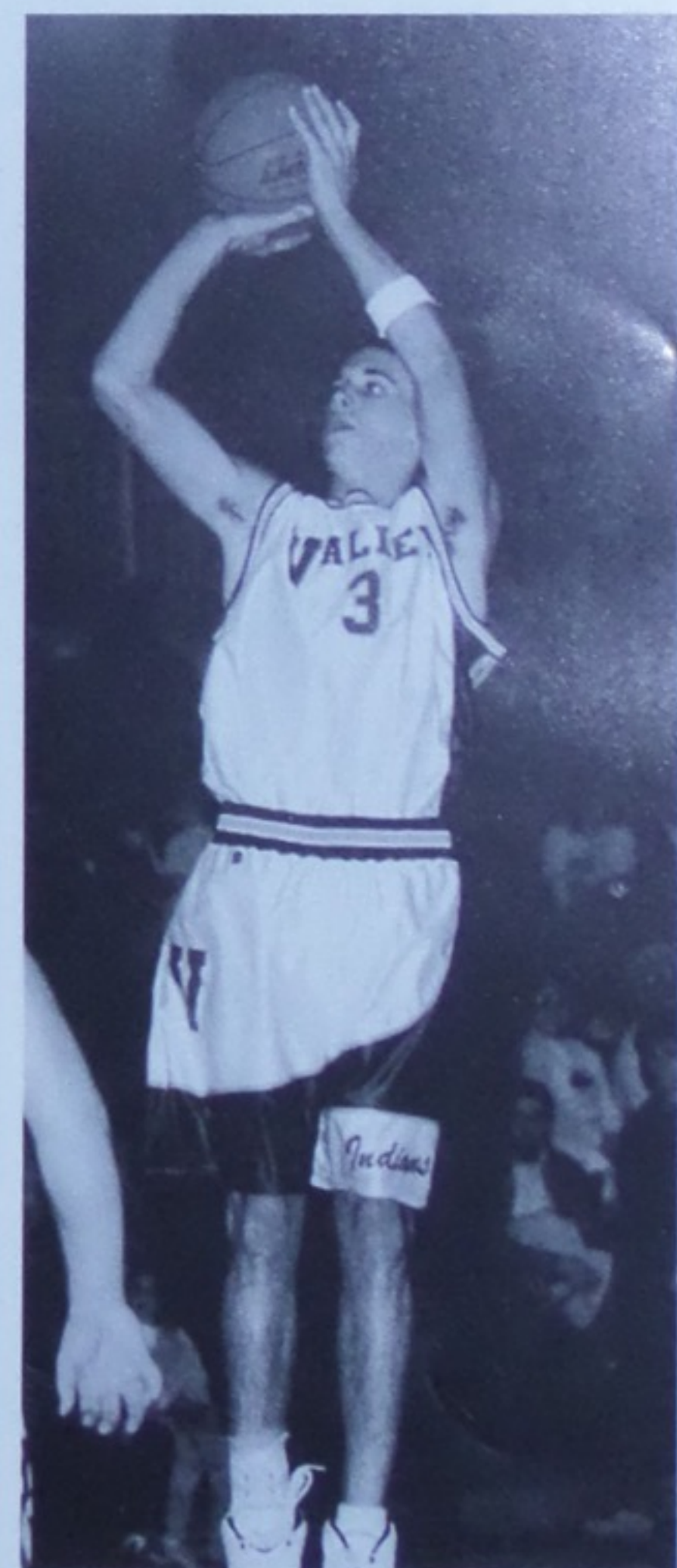
Ryan Horton concentrates on the rim as he goes up for a high percentage shot during a home game. He was named to the S.O.C. Second Team.



Junior Jason Veach plays gruelling defense against a Clay opponent during the Sweetheart game. This was Jason's first year playing on the varsity squad.



**JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM.** Sitting: R. Cochran. Kneeling: J. Parsley, D. Adkins, J. Barth, J. Bibbey, J. Bair. Standing: Coach R. Lundy, D. Adkins, N. Crabtree, J. Lute, G. Hannah, A. Walters, Manager T. Johnson.



Varsity captain Chris Lundy elevates to shoot the ball during a home game.

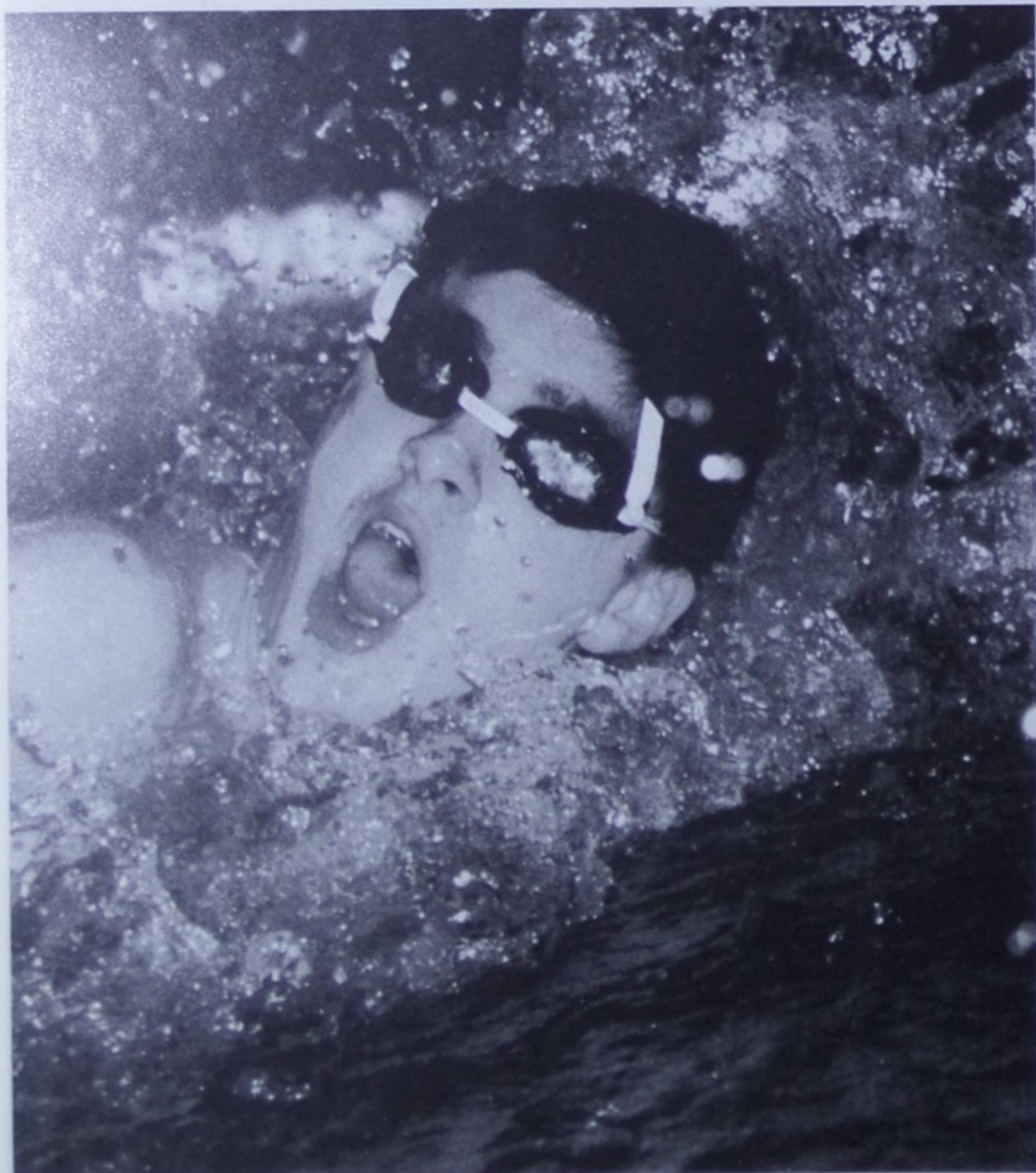
# Makin' A Splash!



Row 1: J. Clark, J. Hudson, M. Eggar, R. Eggar, J. Swords, Assistant Coach S. Conley, Coach B. Eggar. Row 2: R. Smalley, R. Bennington, K. Kelly, C. Harwood, L. Adkins, L. Lawson. Not pictured: M. James.



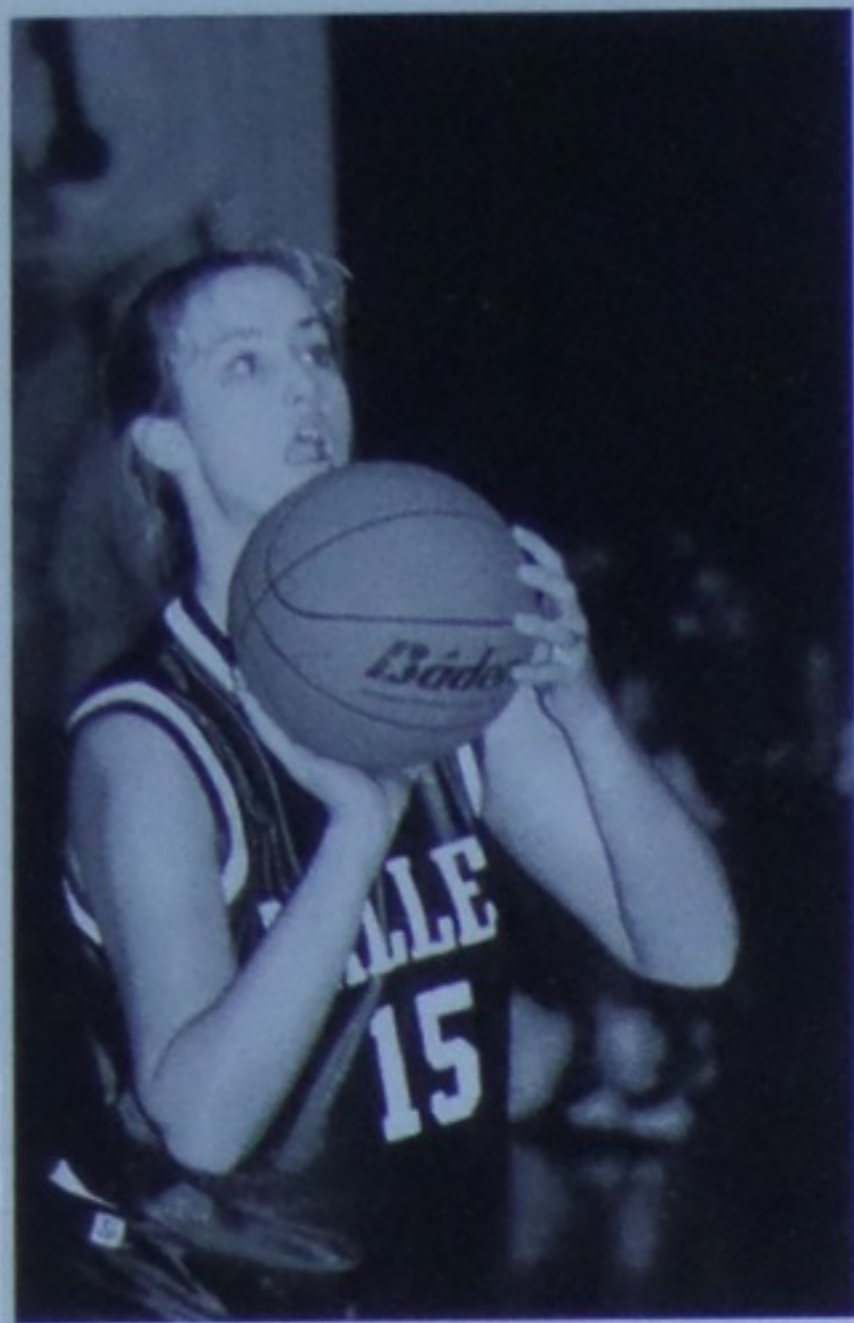
Katie Kelly mentally prepares before competing in the 100 yard butterfly.



Jon Clark, sophomore, takes a deep breath while swimming in the 50 freestyle at Shawnee State. This was Jon's first year on the Valley Swim Team.



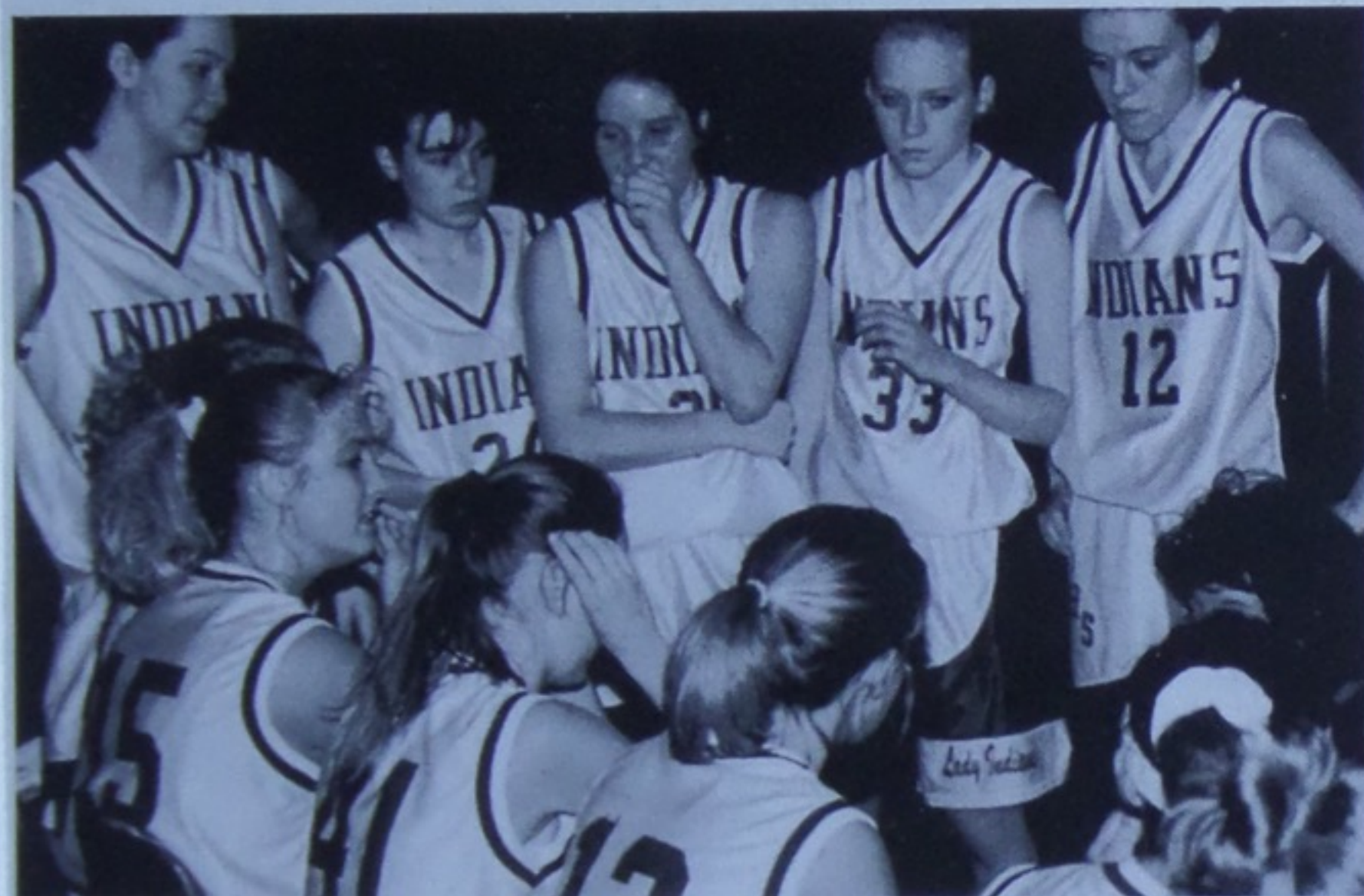
Junior Laura Adkins gives her all to take the lead while competing in the 100 yard breaststroke. She has been a member of the team for two years.



Senior Sindee Smith concentrates on making a free throw shot at West.



**JUNIOR VARSITY.** Row 1: C. McCoy, B. Arrick, K. Sisler, S. West. Row 2: T. Caldwell, M. Rockwell, S. Smith, J. Runyon. Row 3: Coach T. Riehl, B. Chandler, A. Brown, M. Hill, Coach E. Shope.



Coach Ellen Shope gives instructions and a pep talk during a time-out against Unioto. The Lady Indians varsity team finished 13 and 7 for the season.



Melissa Longmire listens to pointers from Coach Shope while getting a drink of water. Melissa, a sophomore, played on the varsity squad this season.



Mindy Hill dribbles down the court after getting a defensive rebound.



Susan Smith, sophomore, looks up the floor for an open teammate.



Julie Runyon prepares to make a pass while playing against the West Siders.

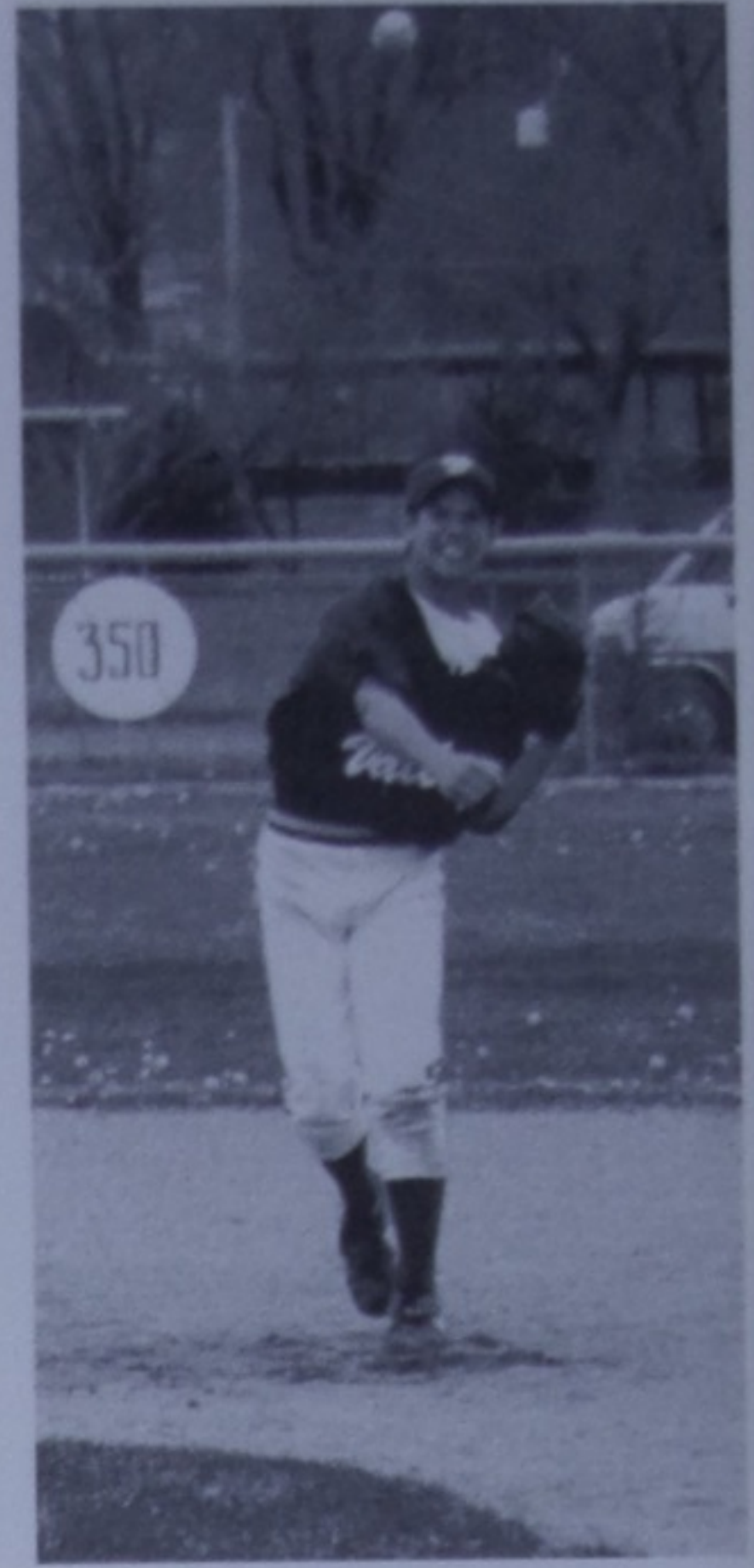


Freshman Cassie McCoy lays the balls up to score after a breakaway steal.

# Field Of Dreams



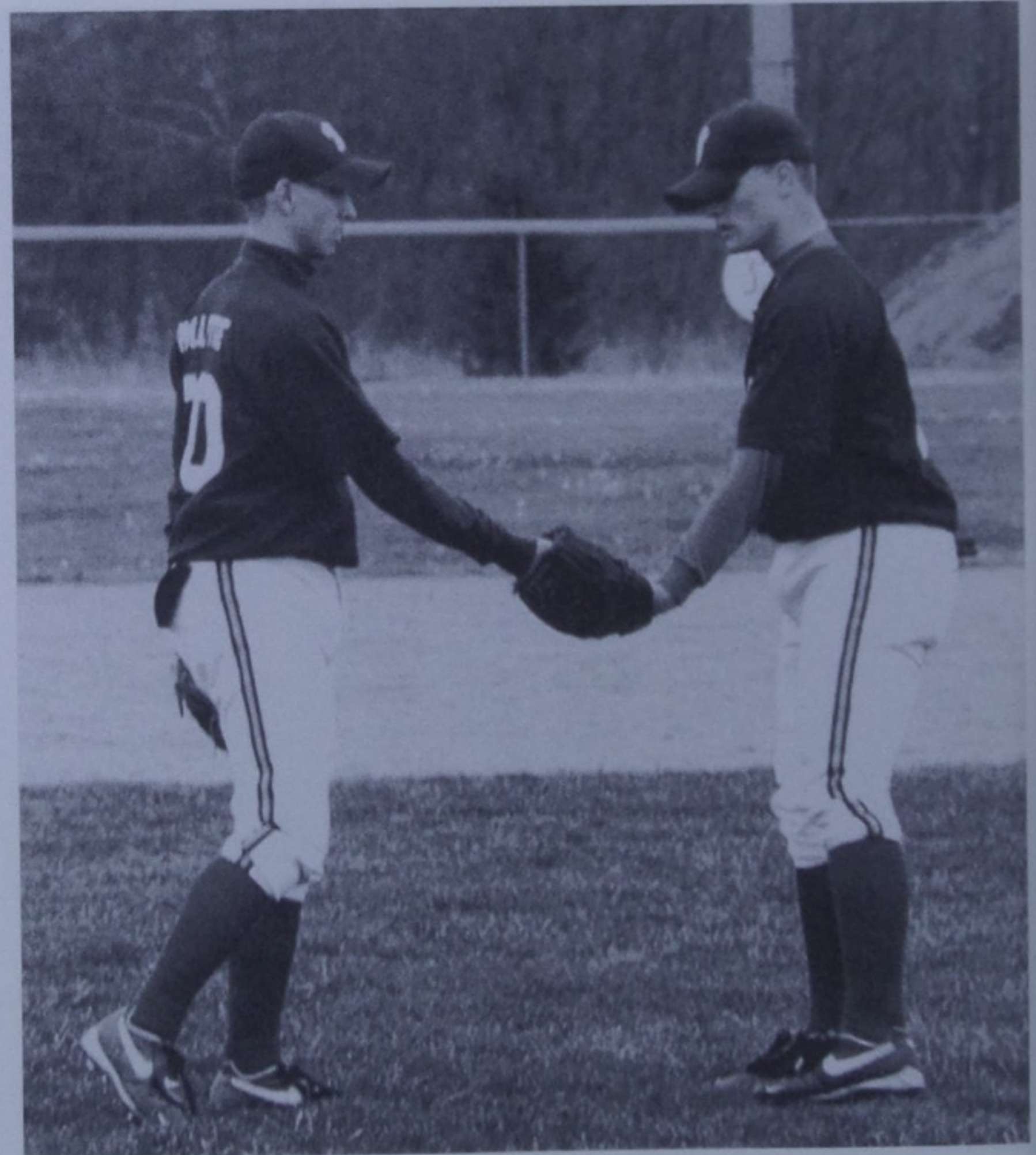
Row 1: J. Buckler, R. Eggar, S. Mollette. Row 2: C. Lundy, B. Locke, S. Harris, C. King, S. Miller, M. James, C. Scott, M. Perkins. Row 3: D. Adkins, D. Adkins, B. Windle, G. Hannah, J. Hurst, S. Spriggs, J. Greene. Row 4: J. Bair, N. Coriell, C. Tuttle, A. Stewart, R. Scott, N. Crabtree.



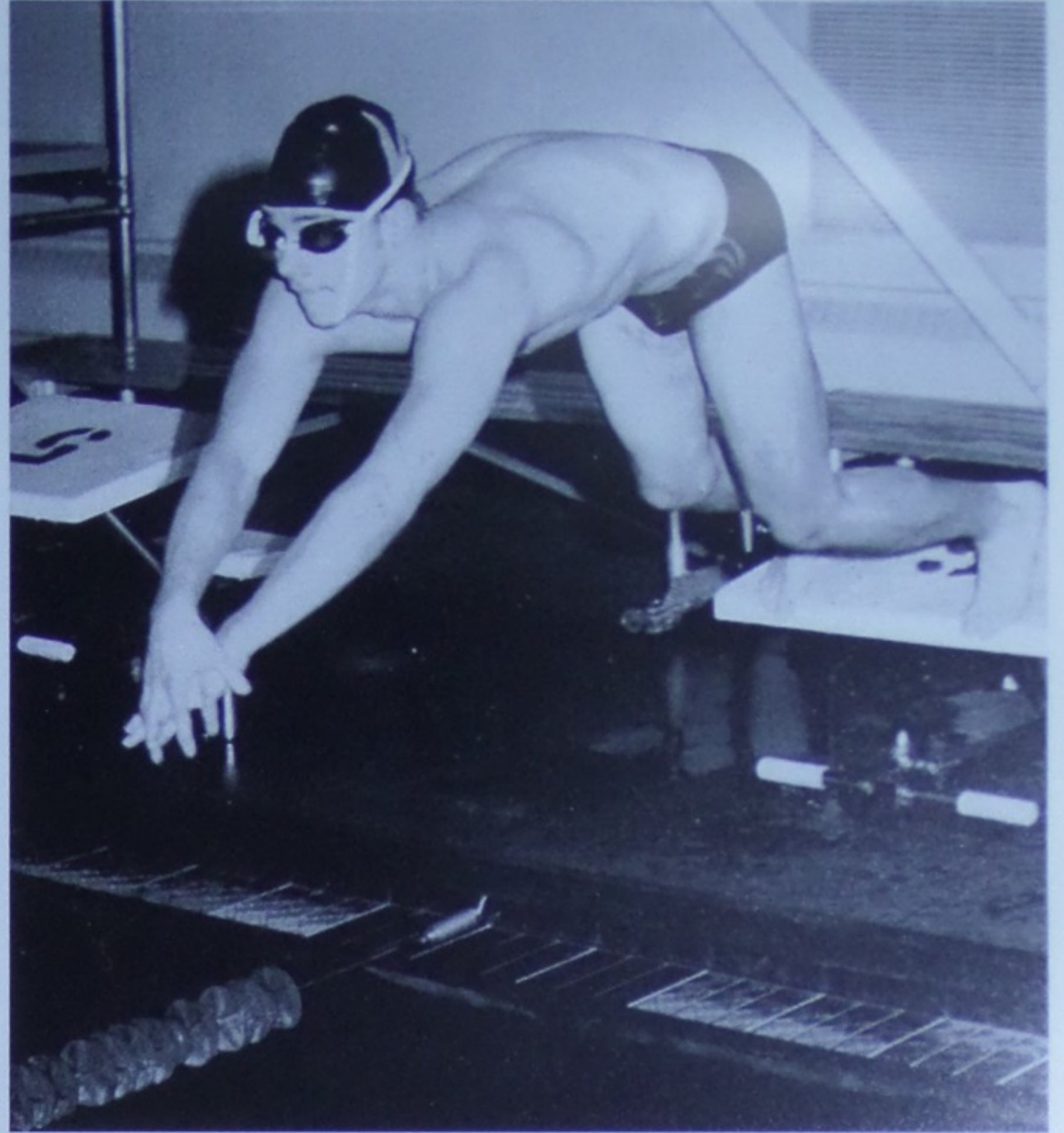
Josh Skeans throws the ball to first base after making the play at second. He received the Best Defense Award.



James "Bull" Buckler, senior, gets down low for the incoming pitch during a home game. He was awarded the Hustle Award at the Spring Sports Banquet.

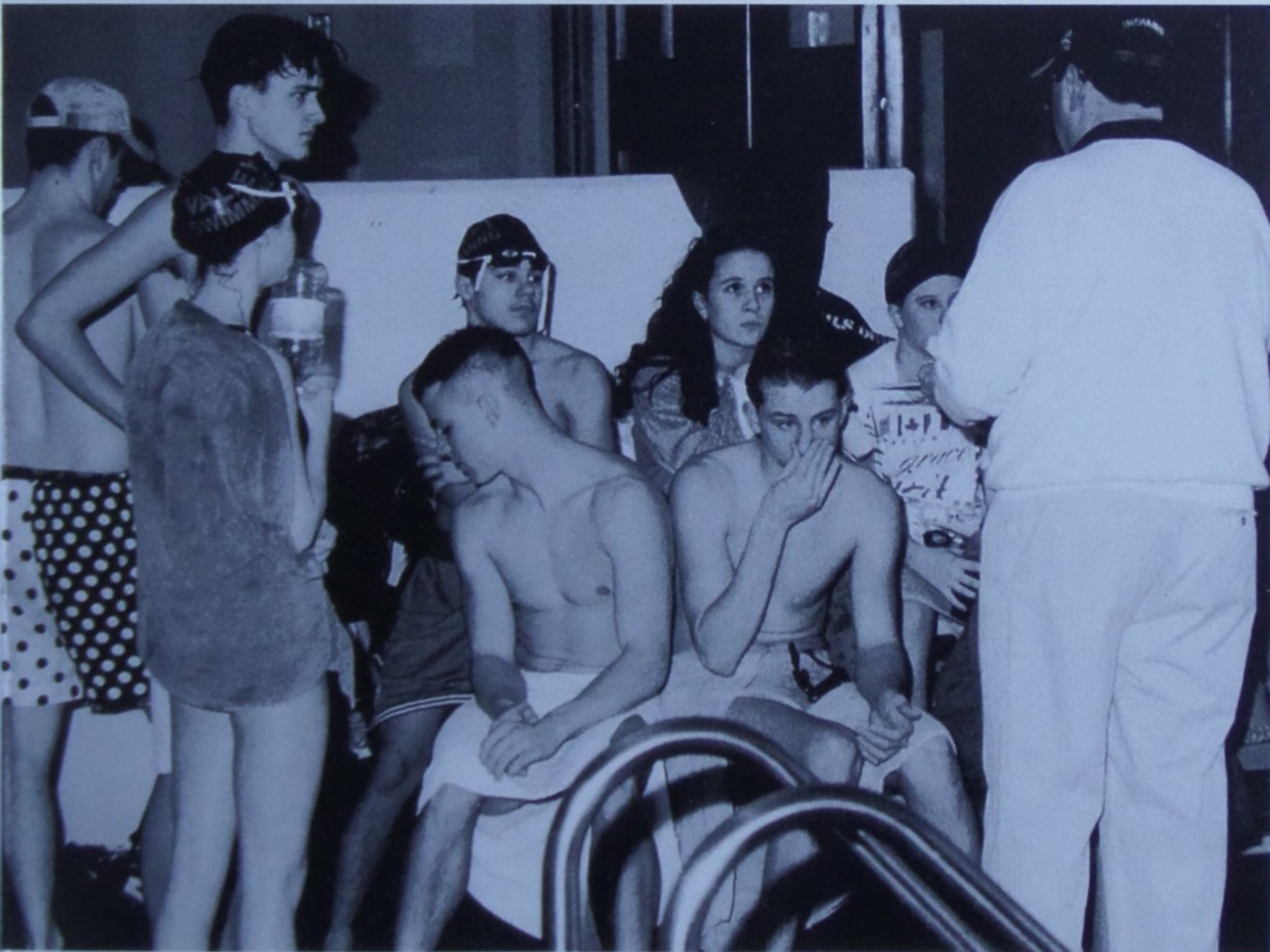


Steve Mollette offers encouraging words to Bob Locke while handing him the ball for the next pitch. Steve played on the team all four years of high school.

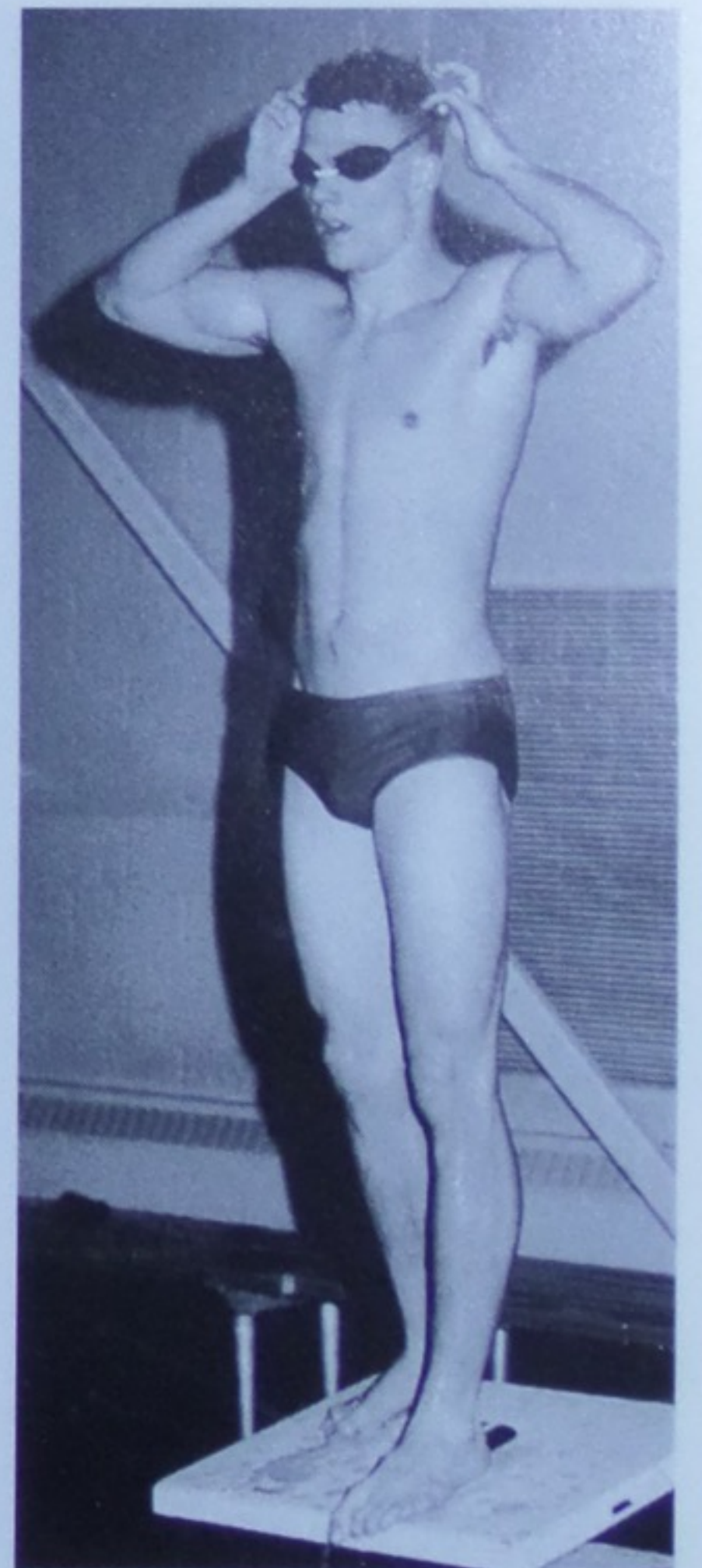


Ryan Eggar comes up for air while taking part in the 100 yard breaststroke during a match at Shawnee State. He received the M.V.P. Award for the season.

Mike James pushes off the platform to dive into the water during a competition. This was the second year for Valley High School to have a swim team.



Members of the Valley Swim Team gather to listen as Coach Eggar stresses the importance of working together to be successful. The squad used the facilities at the Shawnee State University Natatorium for practices and local competitions.

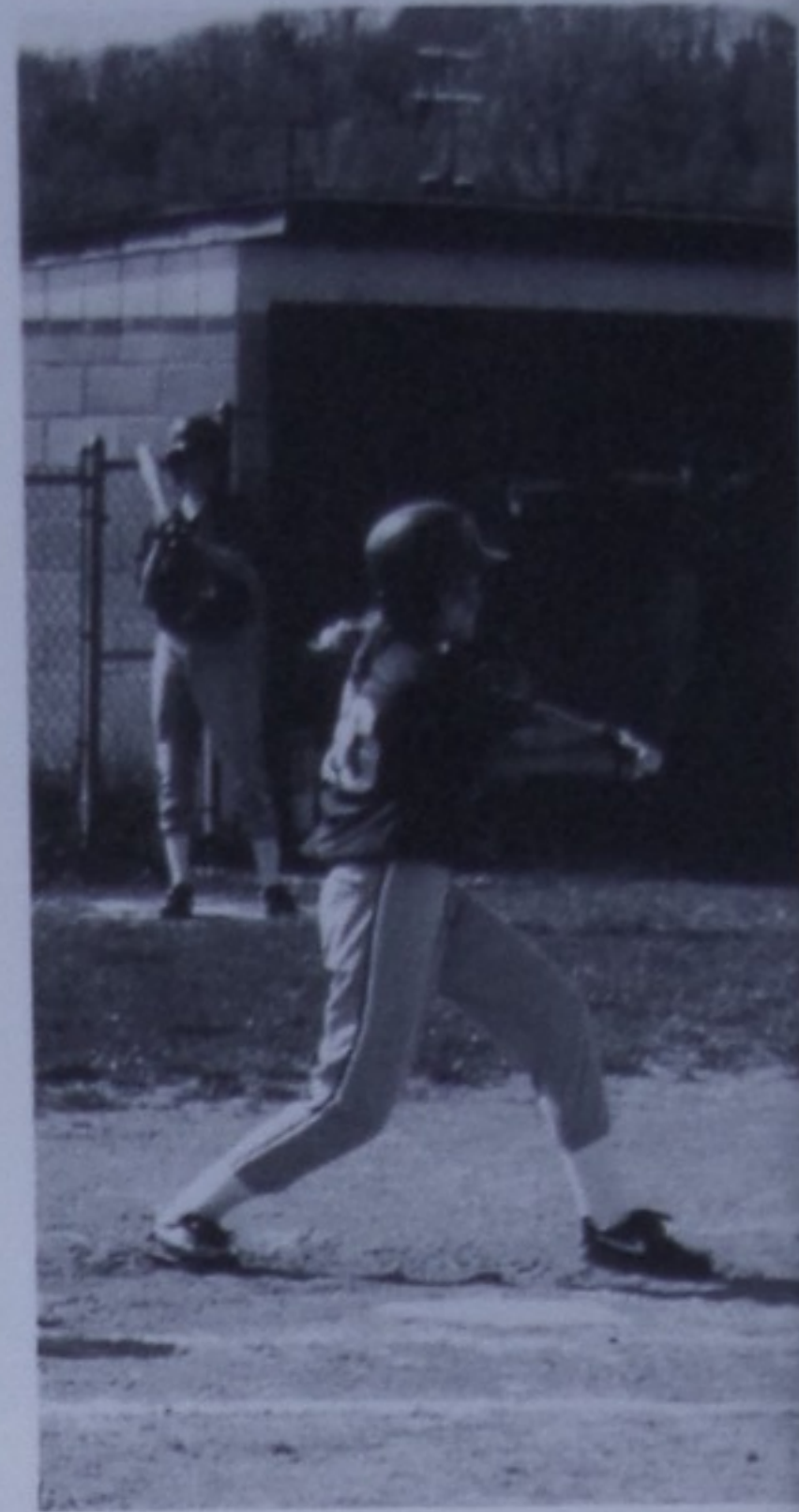


Jason Swords straps on his goggles in preparation for the 50 yard freestyle.

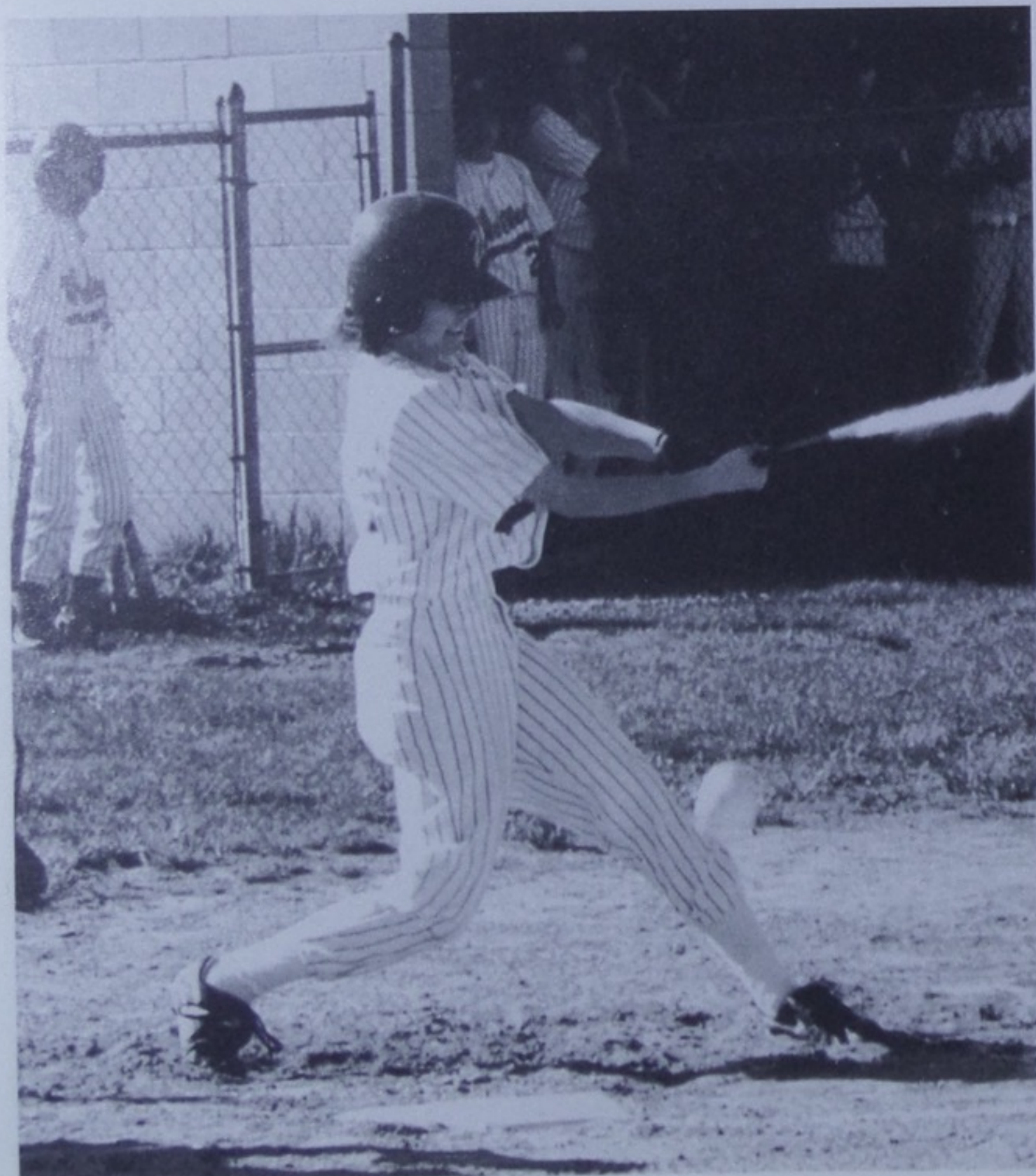
# A League Of Their Own!



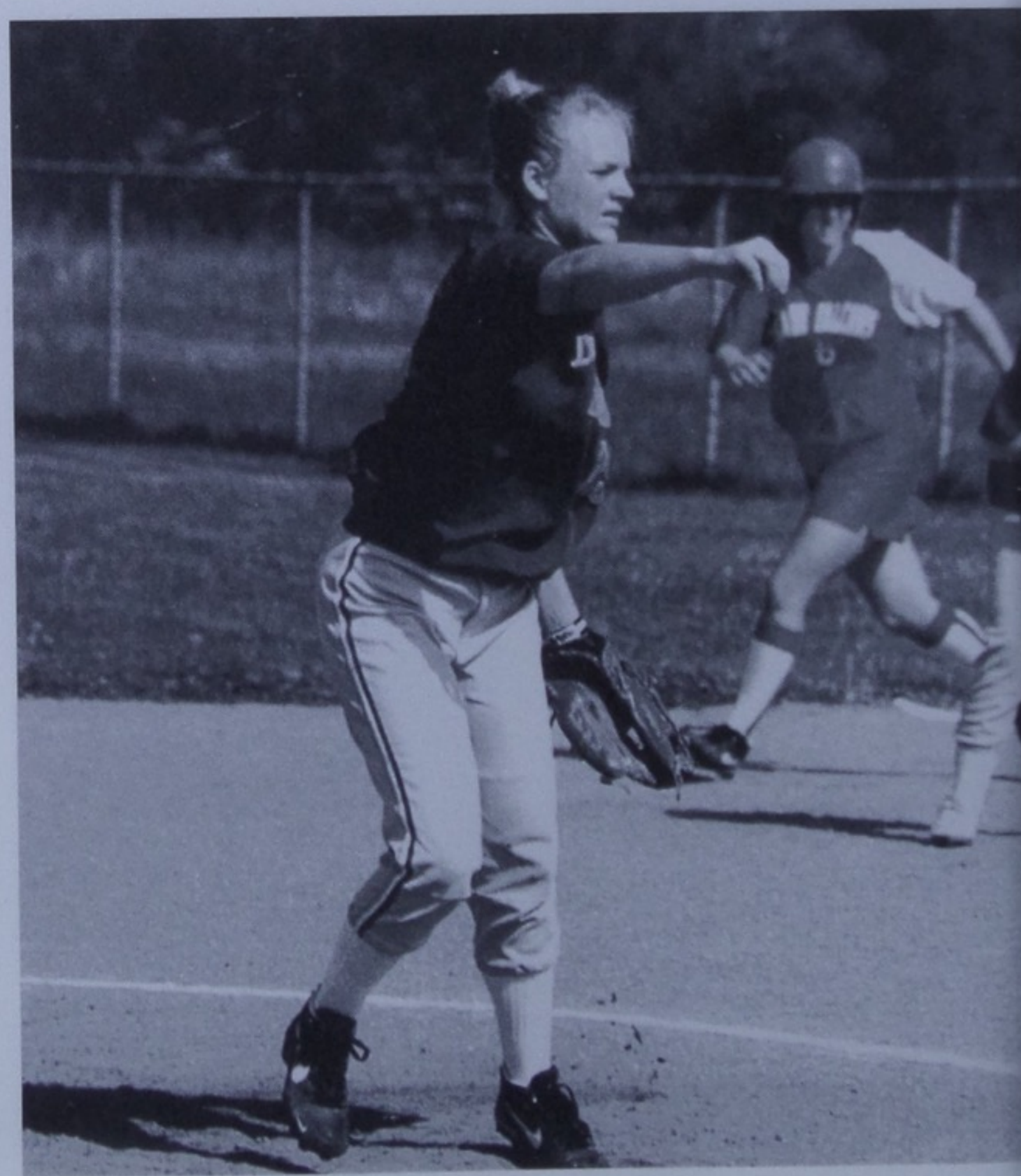
Front: A. Smalley, J. Ratliff. Middle: T. Caldwell, B. Kerns, A. Collins, H. McManes, L. Mains, J. Mason, M. Longmire. Back: Coach F. Doss, A. Lawrence, K. Sisler, D. Hatfield, C. McCoy, H. McKenzie, R. Smalley, T. James.



Junior Heather McManes attempts to get a hit during a home game.

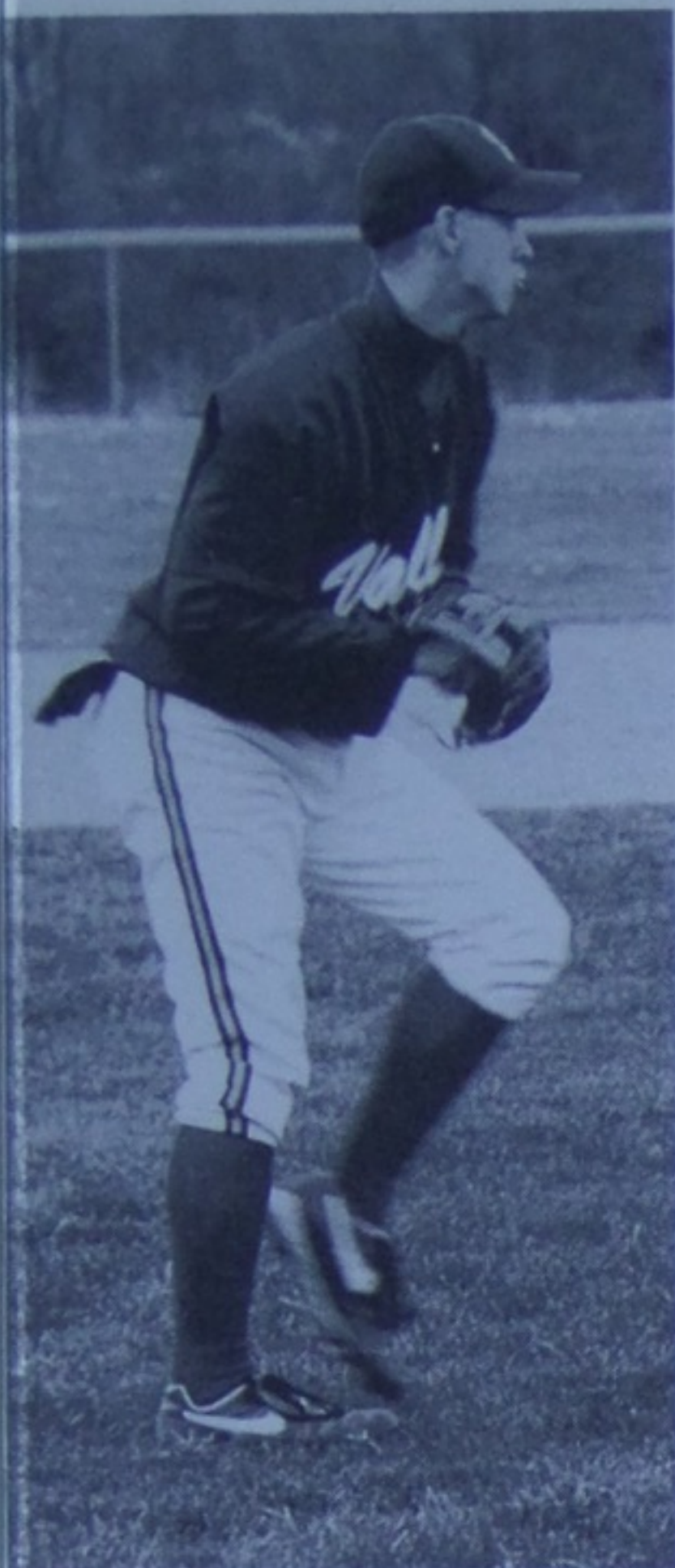


Dawn Hatfield, freshman, stands at bat while Laura Mains waits on deck. Dawn was named All-District Honorable Mention and received the Hustle Award.



Andria Smalley throws a pitch to a Minford player. She received many awards for the '97 season including the Pitching Award and Most Valuable Player.





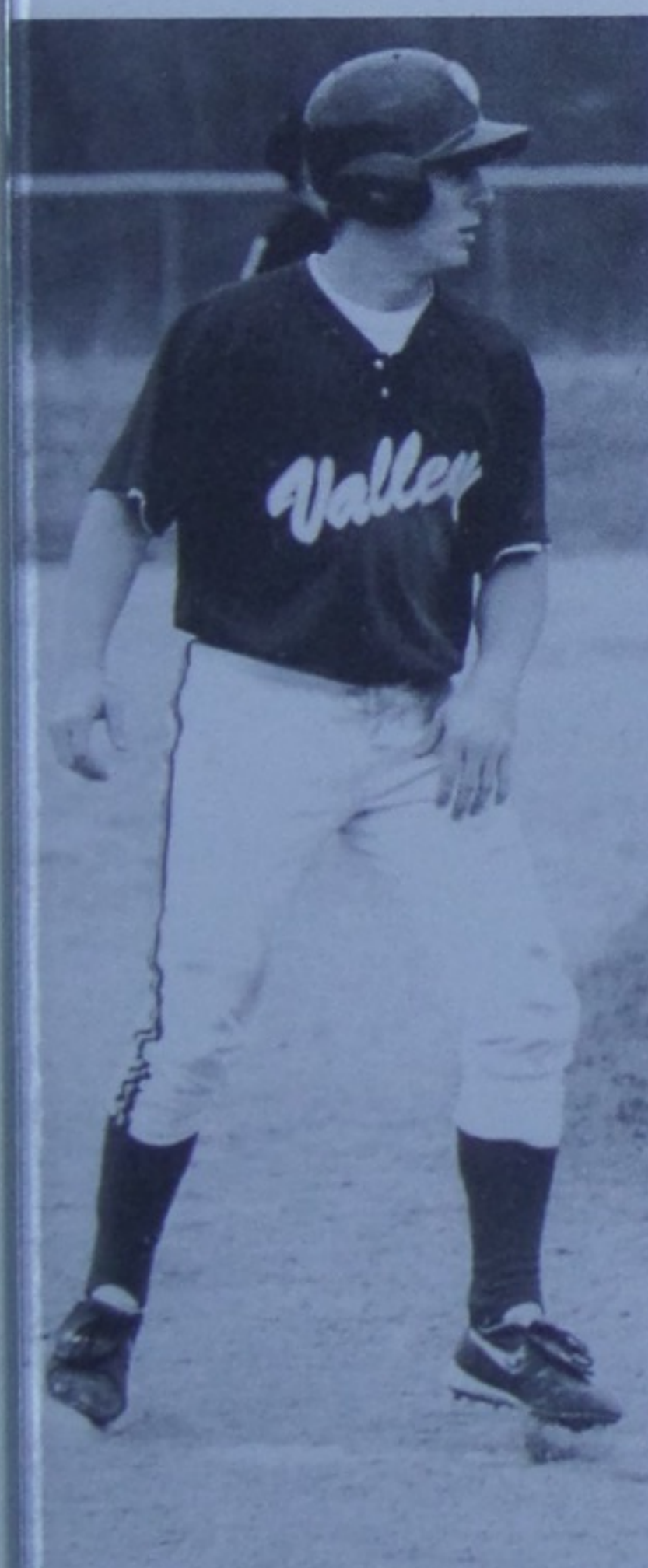
Senior Steve Mollette draws back to throw the ball after an infield play.



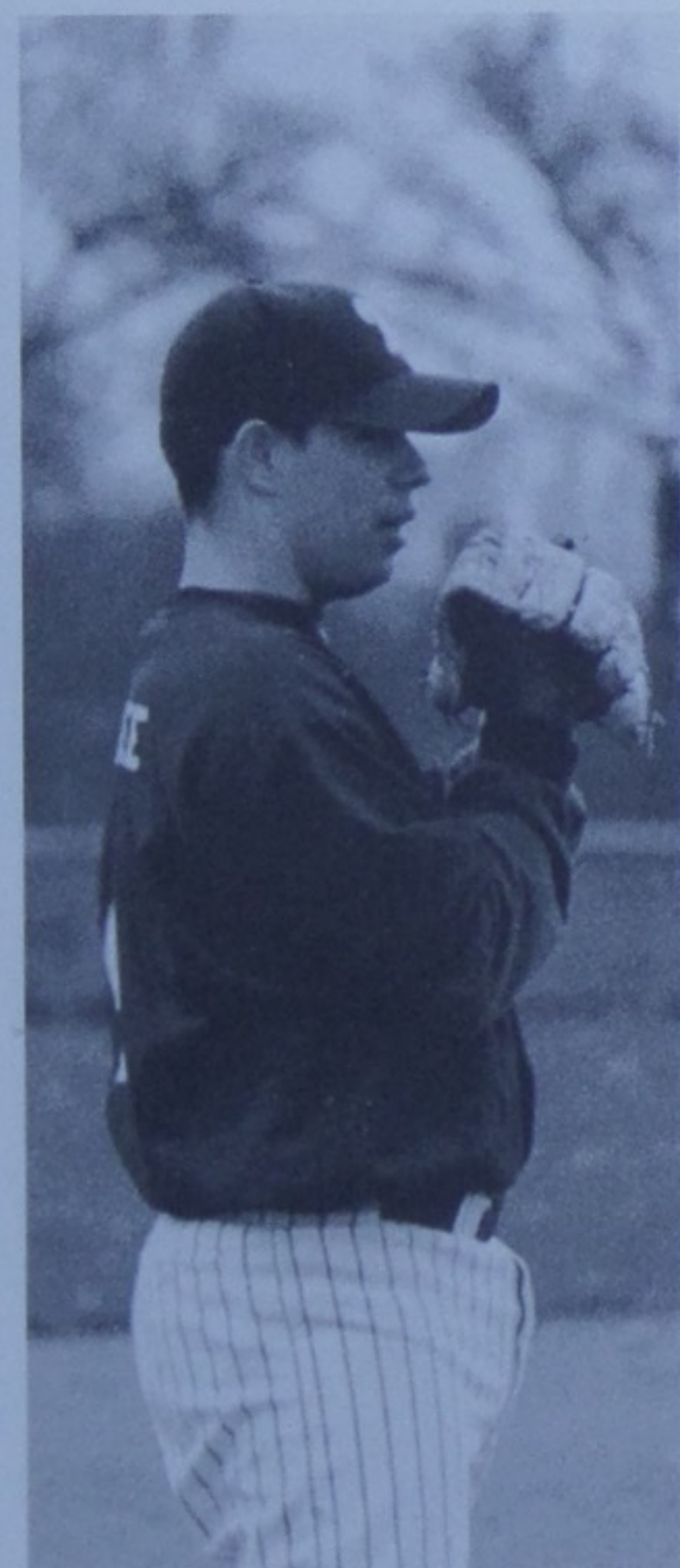
Matt Perkins and Chad Scott watch the action of the game from the dugout. Chad, a junior, was unable to finish the season after being in a car accident.



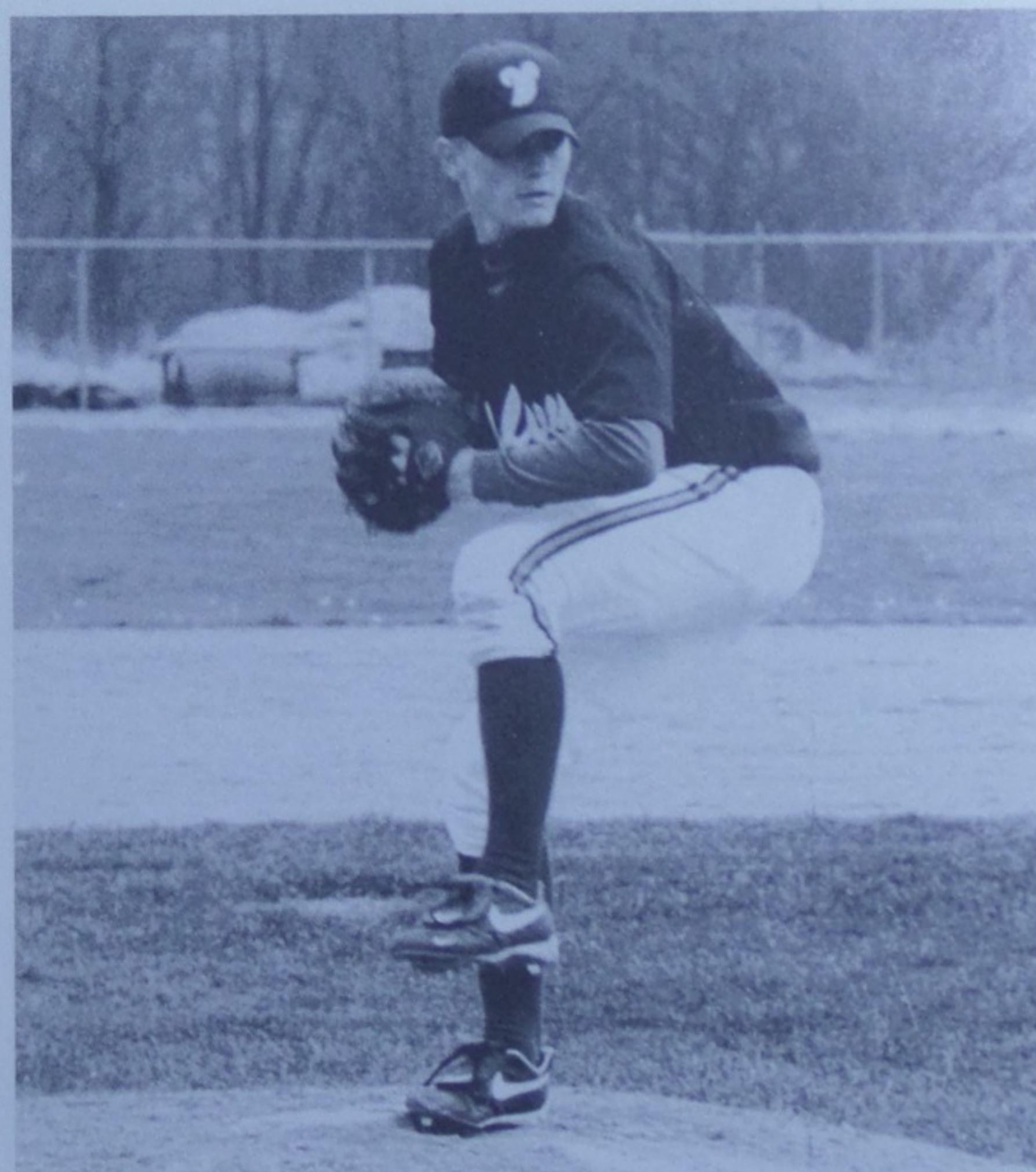
Sam Miller, junior, shows his frustration as the third out ends an inning.



Senior Ryan Eggar watches for the pitch as he leads off third base.

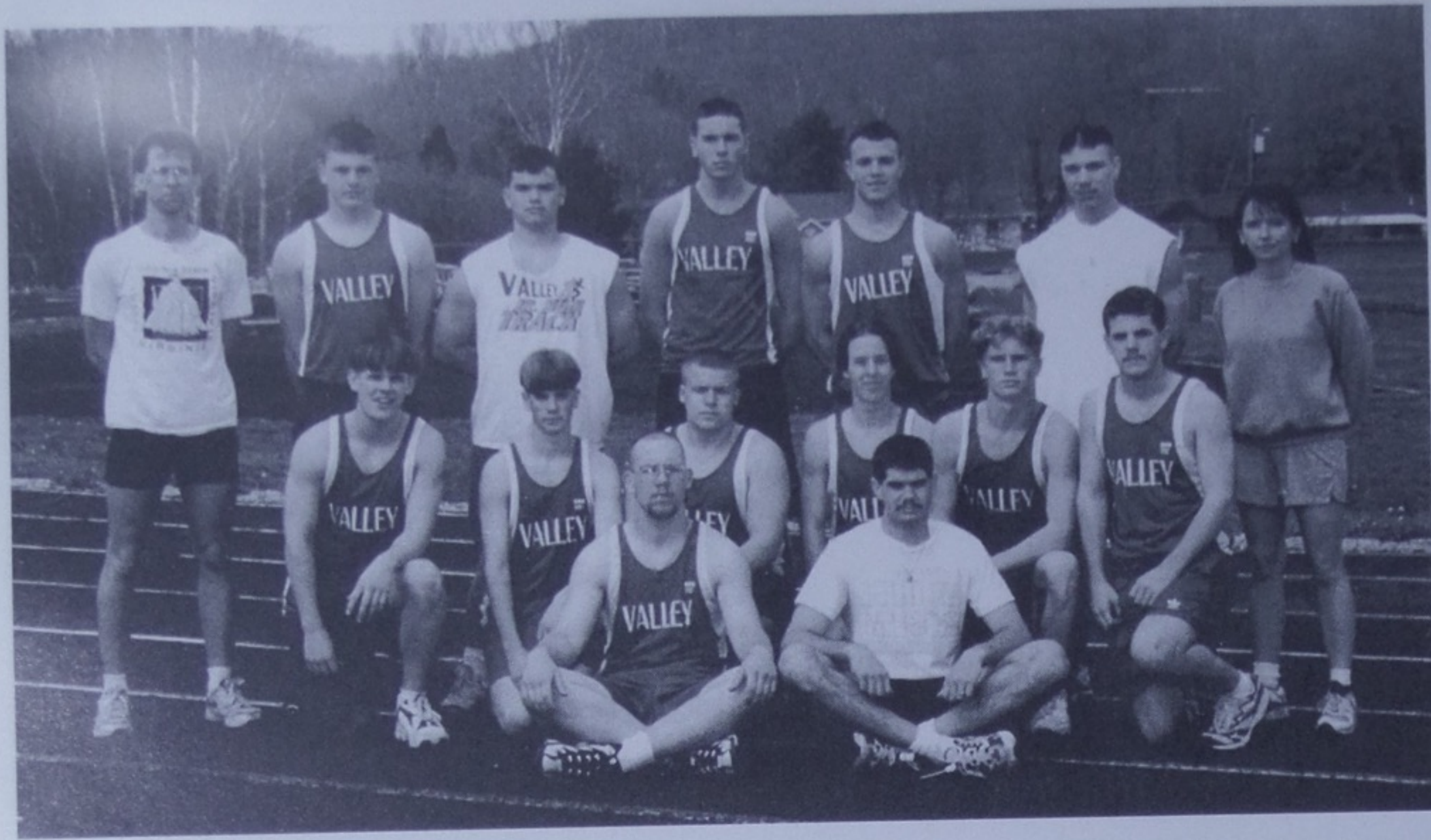


Playing shortstop, Nolan Crabtree waits for a hit during a game at West.



Bob Locke winds up to release the ball during a home game. He received the Best Pitcher Award for the season and was named to the S.O.C. First Team.

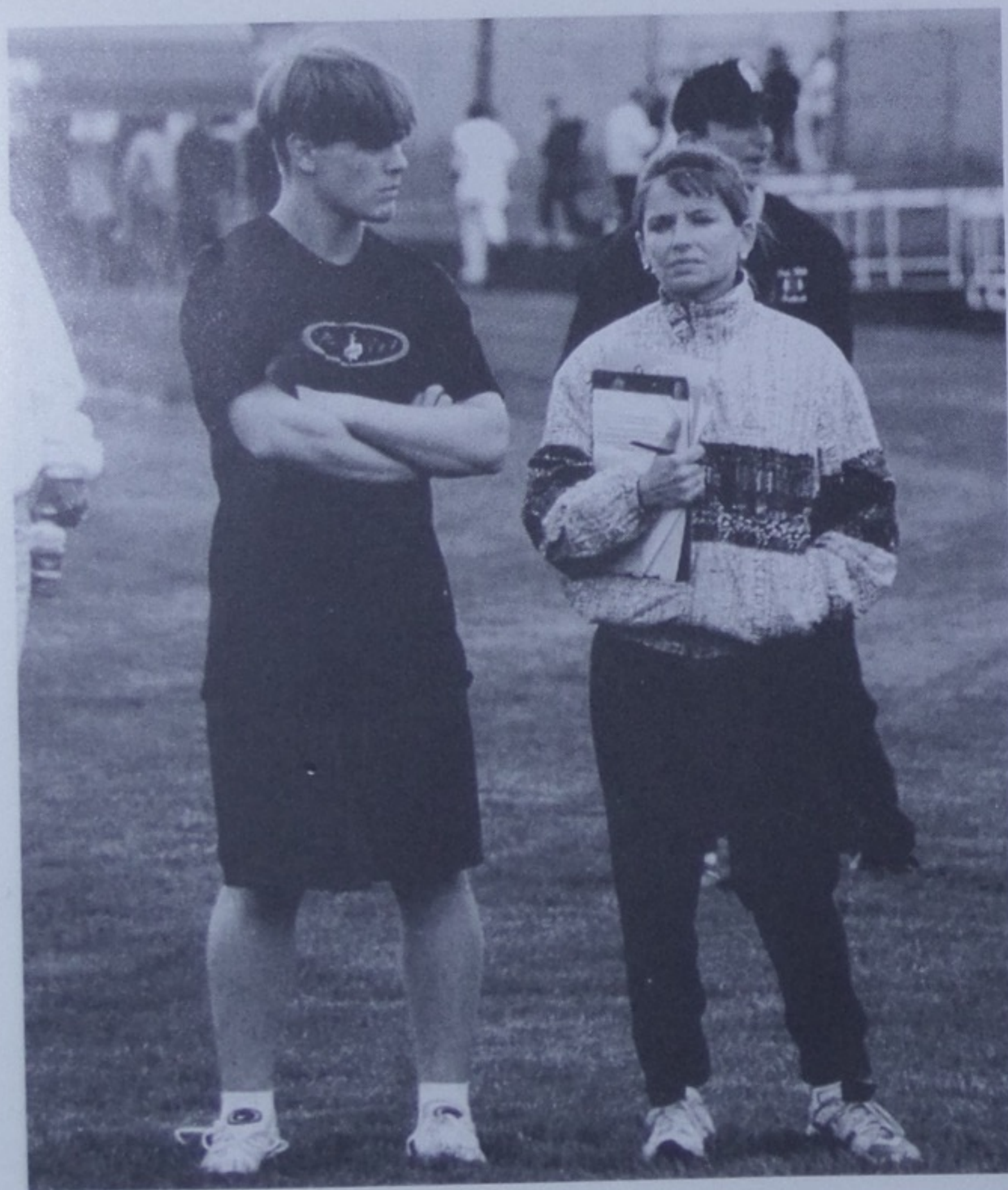
# Keeping On Track!



Row 1: John Buckler, Bob Wood. Row 2: Matt Erwin, Josh Bibbey, Tom Neumann, Aaron Wagner, Jeremy Barth, Sean Bibbey. Row 3: Coach Randy McClay, Chris Spencer, B.J. Henry, Jeremy Lute, Jason Swords, Aaron Boyer, Coach Linda Redoutey. Not pictured: Seth Bragdon, Ryan Picklesimer, Ryan Hutchinson.



Sophomore Ryan Picklesimer gives his all at the S.O.C. Preliminaries held at Northwest on Monday, May 12.



Matt Erwin stands beside Coach Redoutey as they wait to watch Josh Bibbey compete in the long jump. Mrs. Redoutey has been the track coach since 1994.



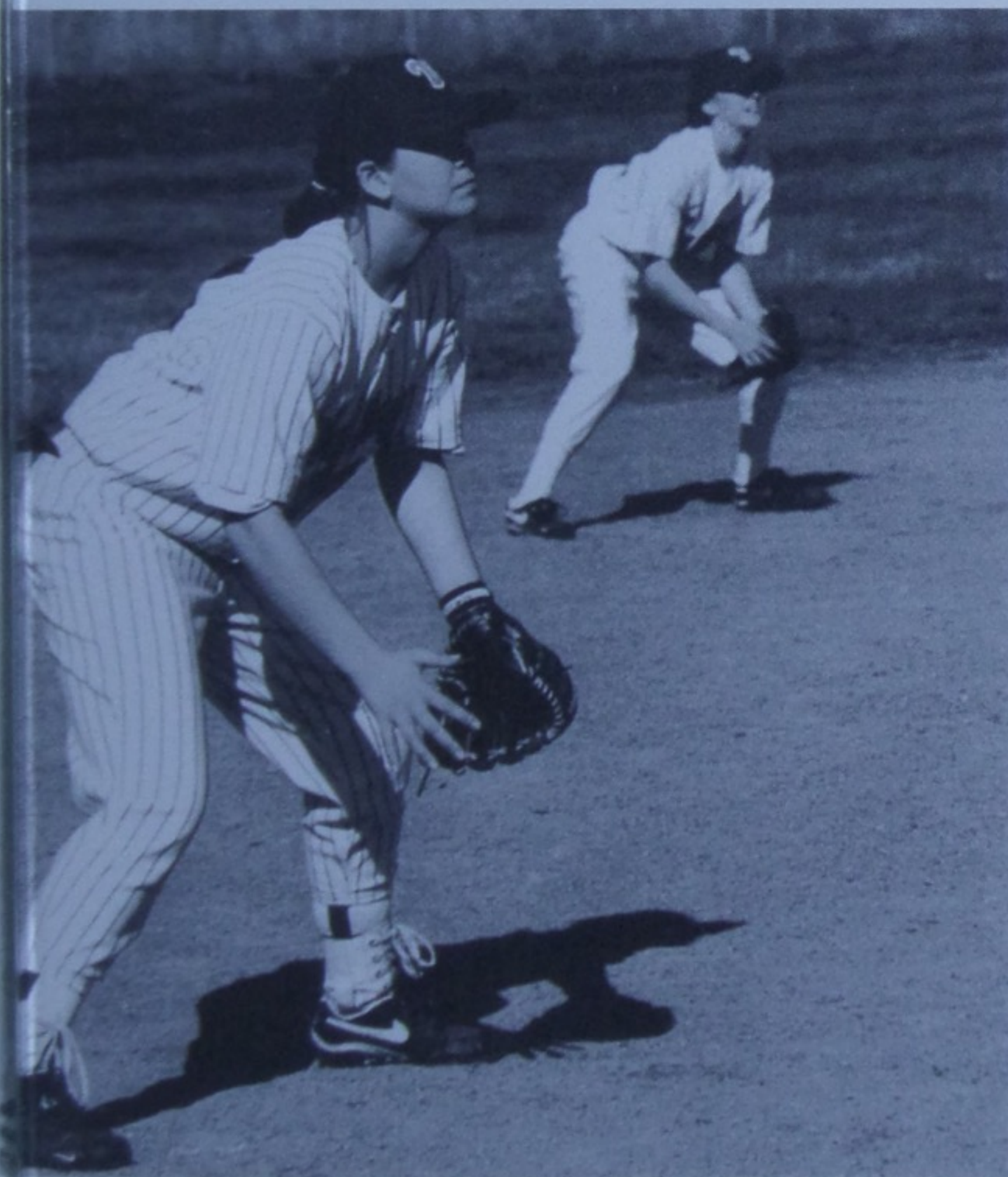
With great determination, Jason Swords pushes off the running block during the Valley Invitational. This was his second year on the boys' track team.



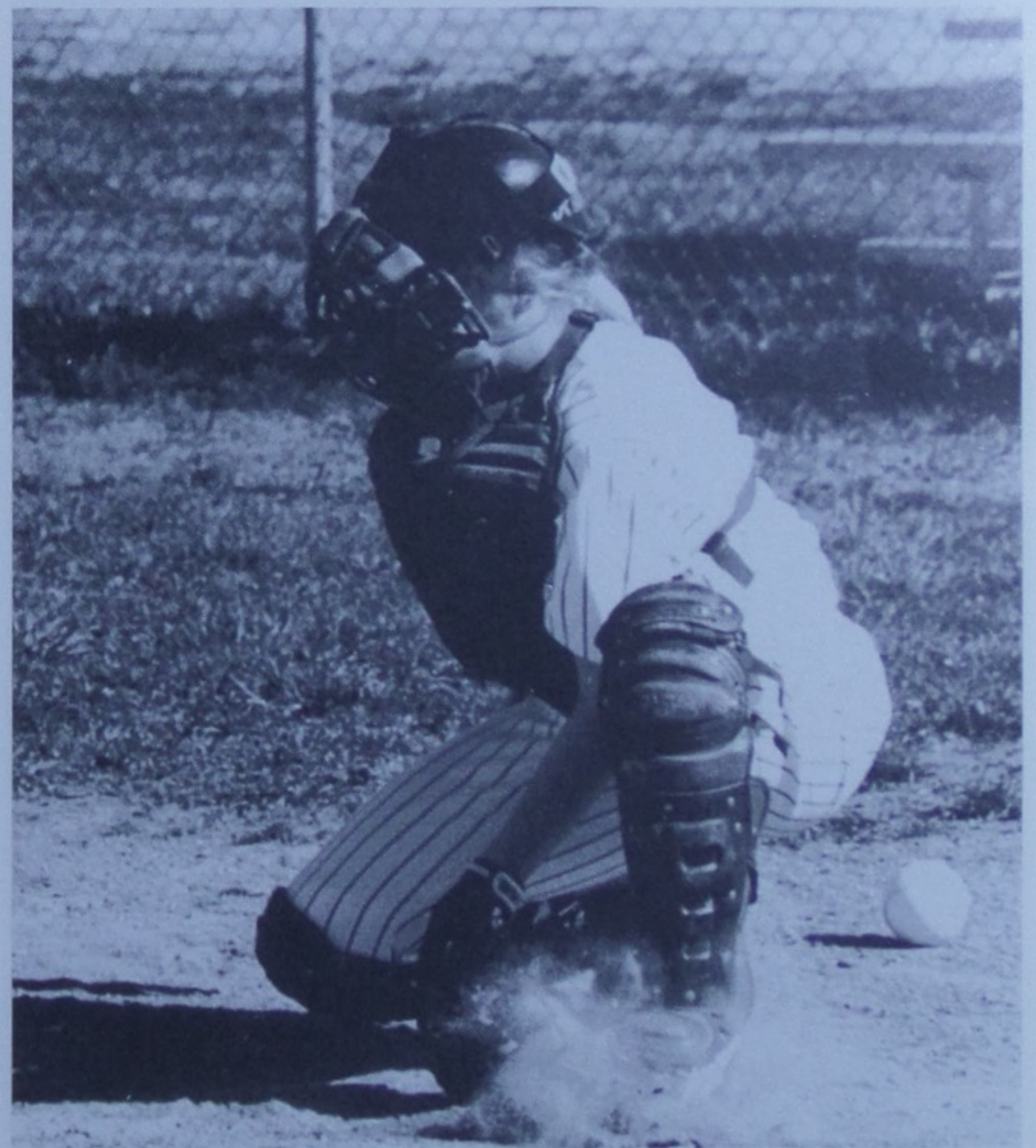
Trena Sisler looks to Coach Doss for a sign before stepping to the plate.



Team members proudly display their medallions and trophy after winning the district by defeating Clay 3-2 at Minford on Thursday, May 22. The Lady Indians were defeated in regional tournament action at Lancaster by South Webster.



Third base player Telena Caldwell and shortstop Dawn Hatfield stand ready to catch the ball during a home game against Minford that lasted thirteen innings.



Rachel Smalley digs her glove into the dirt as she tries to stop the ball. She was named All-District Honorable Mention and to the S.O.C. Second Team.

# S.O.C. Champions For 8 Years!

The Valley girls' track team experienced another successful season. The team was inexperienced with seven first-year runners and three juniors comprising the ten member team.

The team won the Minford Invitational and the Valley Invitational, and placed second at the Wheelersburg Invitational.

The girls won the Southern Ohio Conference Track and Field Meet. This was the eighth consecutive S.O.C. championship for the girls' team. Melissa DeAtley, Melanie Chatfield, Brandy Franklin, Stephanie West, and Beth Arrick were named to the S.O.C. All-Star Team.

Brandy Franklin was regional champion in the high jump and placed fifth in the State of Ohio Division III girls high jump at the Ohio State Track Meet.

Brandy's finish at the state meet continued a streak of top six finishes at the state level. This marked the tenth consecutive year that members of the Valley girls' track team have reached the podium at the Ohio State Track Meet.



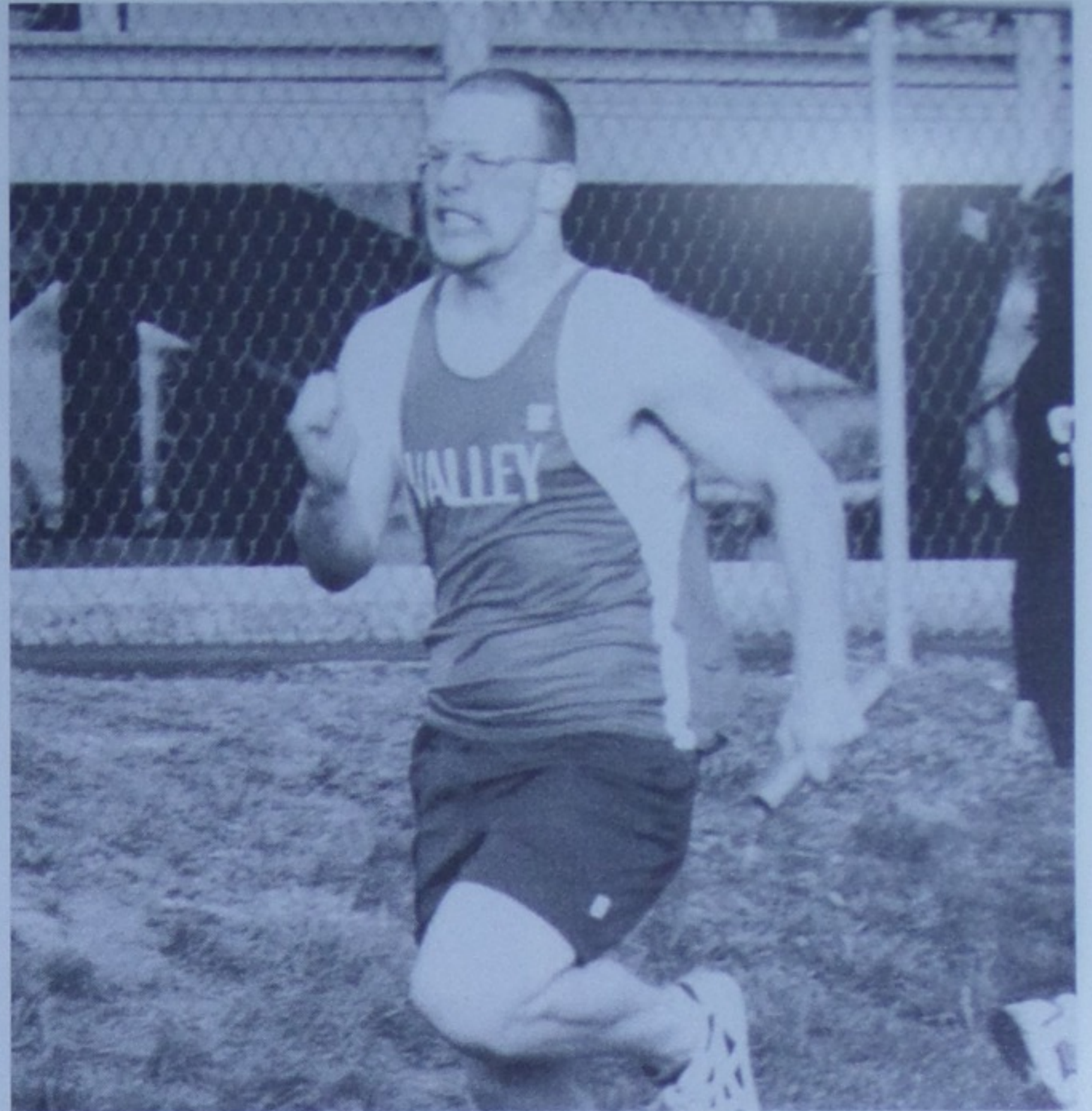
Row 1: Melanie Chatfield, Melissa DeAtley. Row 2: Stephanie West, Amanda Conley, Laura Leedom, Margaret Canter, Beth Arrick. Row 3: Brandy Chandler, Coach Dave Bibbey, Mindy Hill.



Melanie Chatfield runs in place to loosen up before competing in a race.



Brandy Chandler, a freshman member of the team, tries to remain calm by talking with Coach Hickman before competing in the high jump during a meet.



...sh Bibbey, freshman, soars through the air to gain distance in the sand pit at the Valley Invitational Coed Track Meet. The meet was held Friday, May 9th.

Senior John Buckler demonstrates grim determination as he heads down the final stretch of a race. He received the Team Spirit Award for the season.



...Chris Spencer, sophomore, releases the shot put during the S.O.C. preliminaries at Northwest High School. He placed fifth overall at the district meet.

Freshman Matt Erwin strives for distance in the long jump pit. A cold, rainy spring made training and competing difficult for the V.H.S. Boys' Track Team.

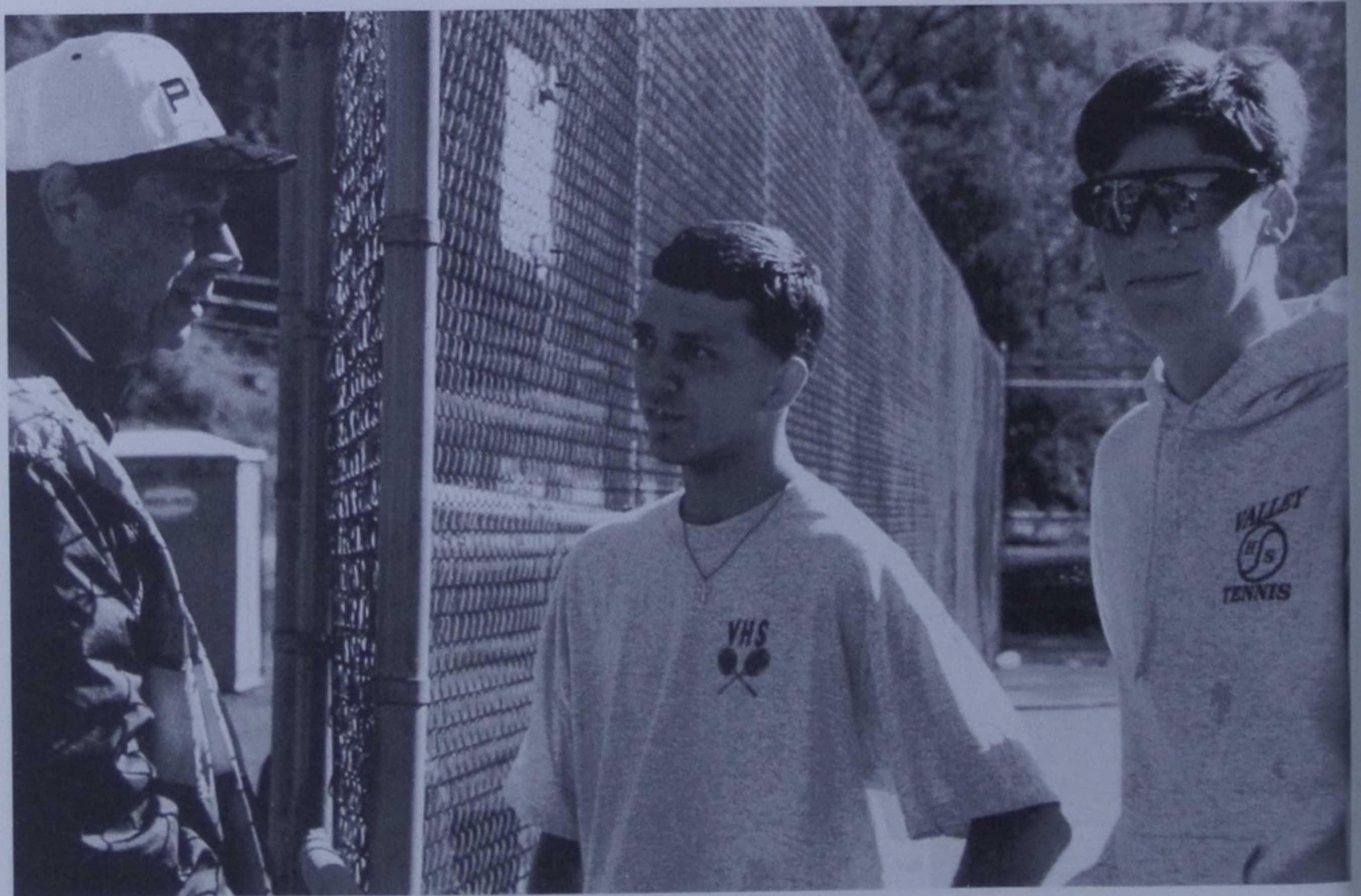
# Makin' A Racquet and Servin' Time



Sitting: Danny Casto, Jared Canter, Jay Delaney, David Sammons, Andy Davis, Glenn Pettay, Bethany Surrey. Kneeling: Jayme Arrick, Mandy Rockwell, Susan Smith, Darren Lutz, Alaina Hatfield, Ana Davoli, Julia Runyon, Lisa Lawson. Standing: Josh Bailey, Chris Fritz, Adam McKenzie, Matt Blaine, Ryan Rolfe, Tania Brightwell, Amy Riggs, Amanda Harris, Rachel Sturgell. Not pictured: Coach Copley.



Darren Lutz, junior, draws back his racquet to deliver a forehand stroke.



Coach Mike Copley gives instructions to Darren Lutz and Adam McKenzie, doubles partners. This was the first year for Adam and Darren to take part in sectional tournament competition. The sectionals were held in Portsmouth.



Coach Bibbey consoles Mindy Hill after being disqualified from a race.



Junior Melissa DeAtley concentrates on speed during her leg of a relay.



Junior Brandy Franklin leaps over a hurdle during the Valley Invitational.



Beth Arrick runs in a race. She was named to the S.O.C. All-Star Team.



Brandy Franklin clears the bar while high jumping at the S.O.C. Preliminaries. She placed fifth in the Ohio Division III girls' high jump at the state meet.



Freshman Brandy Chandler successfully soars over the high jump bar. This was the 8th consecutive year that the girls won the Southern Ohio Conference.



Play team members Stephanie West and Beth Arrick sit and talk with Tom Humann while waiting to compete in the S.O.C. Preliminaries at Northwest.

# How We Stacked UP...

## Football

### BANQUET HONORS:

**Most Valuable Player:** Ryan Eggar. **Offensive Back:** Chris Lundy. **Linebacker:** Sam Miller. **Offensive Lineman:** Jared Canter. **Defensive Lineman:** Bob Locke. **Special Team Award:** Jason Spriggs.

### S.O.C. HONORS:

**First Team:** James Buckler, John Buckler, Ryan Eggar, Sam Miller, Bob Locke, William Gibson, Chris Lundy, Jared Canter. **Second Team:** Jason Spriggs, Steve Harris, Chad Scott. **Conference Back of the Year:** Ryan Eggar. **Lineman of the Year:** Sam Miller. **Coach of the Year:** Darren Crabtree.

### ALL-DISTRICT HONORS:

**First Team:** Chris Lundy and Ryan Eggar. **Second Team:** Rick Boldman and Jared Canter.

## Tennis

### BANQUET HONORS:

**Number 1 Singles Award:** Jay Delaney. **Number 1 Doubles Award:** Andy Davis and Glenn Pettay. **Most Valuable Player:** Jay Delaney. **Coach's Award:** Dan Casto.

## Boys' Track

### BANQUET HONORS:

**Most Track Points:** Bob Wood. **Most Field Points:** Chris Spencer. **Coaches' Award:** Sean Bibbey. **Horizon Award:** Ryan Picklesimer. **Team Spirit Award:** John Buckler.

### DISTRICT MEET:

Chris Spencer placed fifth overall.

## Soccer

**SEASON RECORD:**  
3 Wins, 13 Losses, 1 Tie

### BANQUET HONORS:

**Offensive Most Valuable Player:** Jared Cunningham. **Defensive Most Valuable Player:** Bob Wood. **Coaches' Hustle Award:** Sean Bibbey.

### S.O.C. HONORS:

**First Team:** Jared Cunningham. **Second Team:** Bob Wood. **Co-S.O.C. Player of the Year:** Jared Cunningham.

### ALL-DISTRICT HONORS:

**First Team:** Jared Cunningham. **Second Team:** Bob Wood. **Honorable Mention:** Jerry Stevens and Rachel Smalley.

## Baseball

**SEASON RECORD:**  
District Semi-Finalists  
19 Wins - 9 Losses

### BANQUET HONORS:

**Most Improved Player:** Chris Lundy. **Best Defensive Player:** Josh Skeans. **Hustle Award:** James Buckler. **Best Pitcher:** Bob Locke. **Best Hitter:** Steve Harris.

### S.O.C. HONORS:

**First Team:** Bob Locke. **Second Team:** Ryan Eggar.

### ALL-DISTRICT HONORS:

Ryan Eggar

## Softball

Regional Semi-Finalists 13 Wins - 9 Losses

### BANQUET HONORS:

**Most Valuable Player:** Andria Smalley. **Pitching Award:** Andria Smalley. **Offensive Award:** Rachel Smalley. **Hustle Award:** Dawn Hatfield. **Defensive Award:** Kurenn Sisler.

### S.O.C. HONORS:

**First Team:** Andria Smalley. **Second Team:** Rachel Smalley.

### ALL-DISTRICT HONORS:

**First Team:** Andria Smalley. **Second Team:** Amanda Collins. **Honorable Mention:** Rachel Smalley, Dawn Hatfield. **Player of the Year:** Andria Smalley.

### ALL-OHIO HONORS:

**First Team:** Andria Smalley.

### SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD:

Andria Smalley and Jennifer Ratliff.

## Golf

**SEASON RECORD:** 8 Wins - 9 Losses  
Finished 4th in S.O.C.

### BANQUET HONORS:

**Most Valuable Player:** Josh Skeans. **Most Improved Player:** Bryan McNamer.

## Volleyball

**BANQUET HONORS:** **Best Server:** Alesia Swords. **Best Hitter:** Sindee Smith. **Most Blocks:** Sindee Smith. **Best Setter:** Bethany Surrey.

**S.O.C. HONORS:** **First Team:** Sindee Smith. **Second Team:** Alesia Swords.

**ALL-DISTRICT HONORS:** **Honorable Mention:** Sindee Smith.

## Boys' Basketball

**SEASON RECORD:** 9 Wins - 13 Losses

### BANQUET HONORS:

**Best Rebounder:** Ryan Horton. **Most Assists:** Chris Lundy. **Free Throw Percentage Leader:** Randy Blanton. **Field Goal Percentage Leader:** Scott Spriggs. **Coaches' Award:** Darren Lutz. **NBA Sportsmanship Award:** Josh Greene.

### S.O.C. HONORS:

**First Team:** Chris Lundy. **Second Team:** Ryan Horton.

### ALL-DISTRICT HONORS:

**Third Team:** Chris Lundy. **Special Mention:** Randy Blanton.

## Girls' Basketball

**SEASON RECORD:** 13 Wins - 7 Losses

### BANQUET HONORS:

**Free Throw Percentage Leader:** Andria Smalley. **Best Rebounder:** Brandy Franklin. **Lady Indian Award:** Sindee Smith. **Best Defensive Player:** Melissa DeAtley. **Most Assists:** Melanie Chatfield.

### S.O.C. HONORS:

**First Team:** Melanie Chatfield. **Second Team:** Andria Smalley.

### ALL-DISTRICT HONORS:

**Third Team:** Melanie Chatfield. **Honorable Mention:** Andria Smalley.

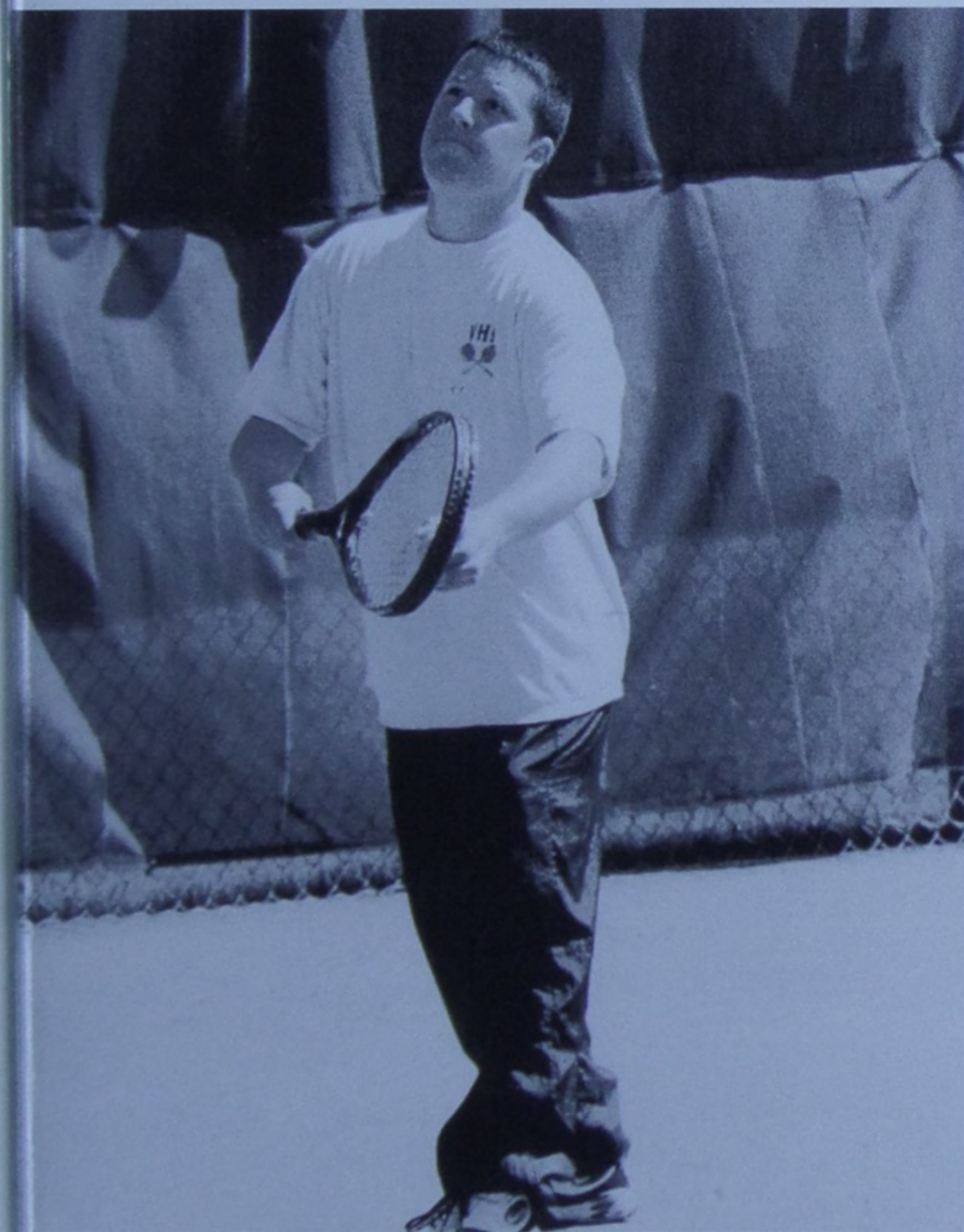




David Sammons and Danny Casto talk between matches at the sectional tournament. Danny received the Coach's Award at the Spring Sports Banquet.



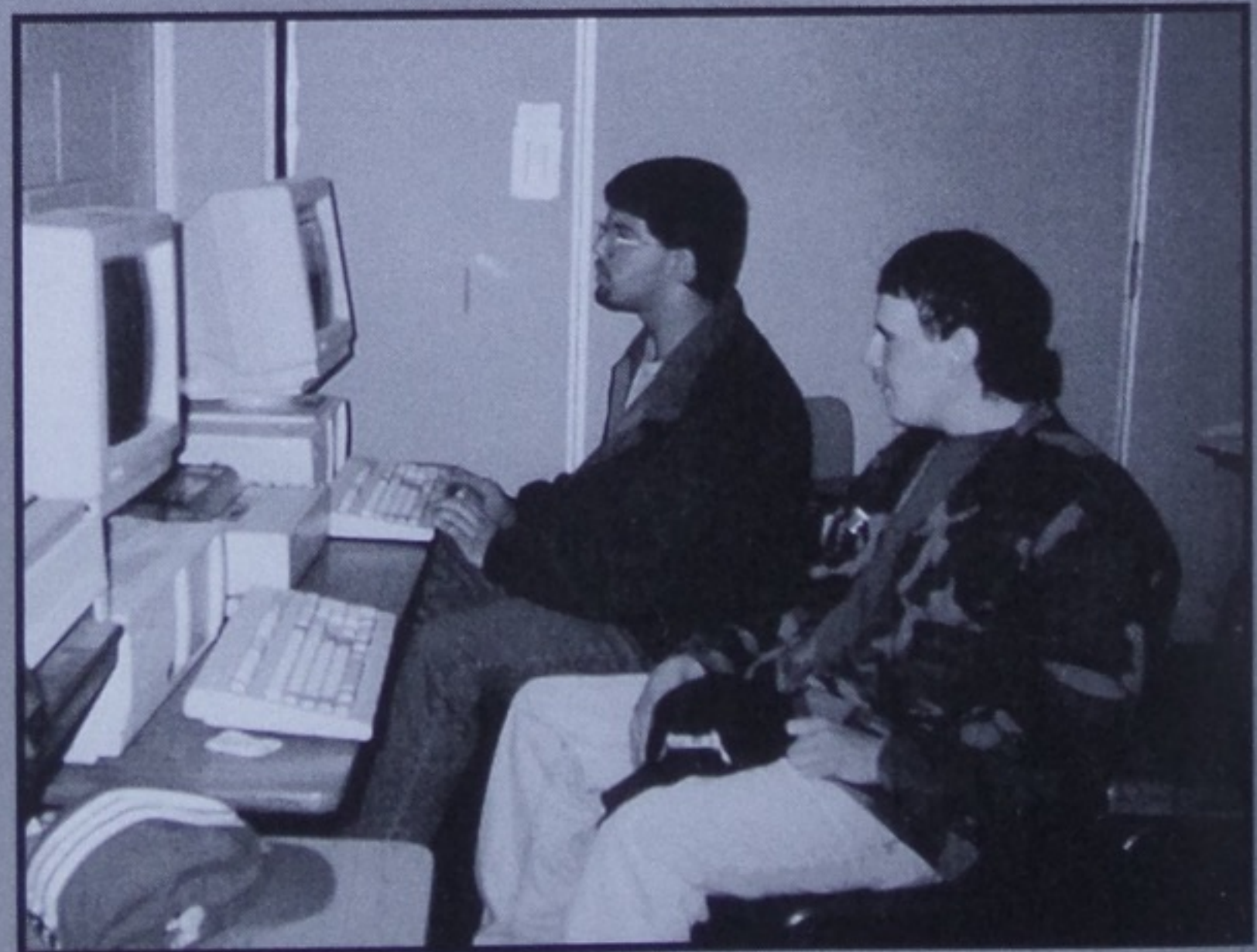
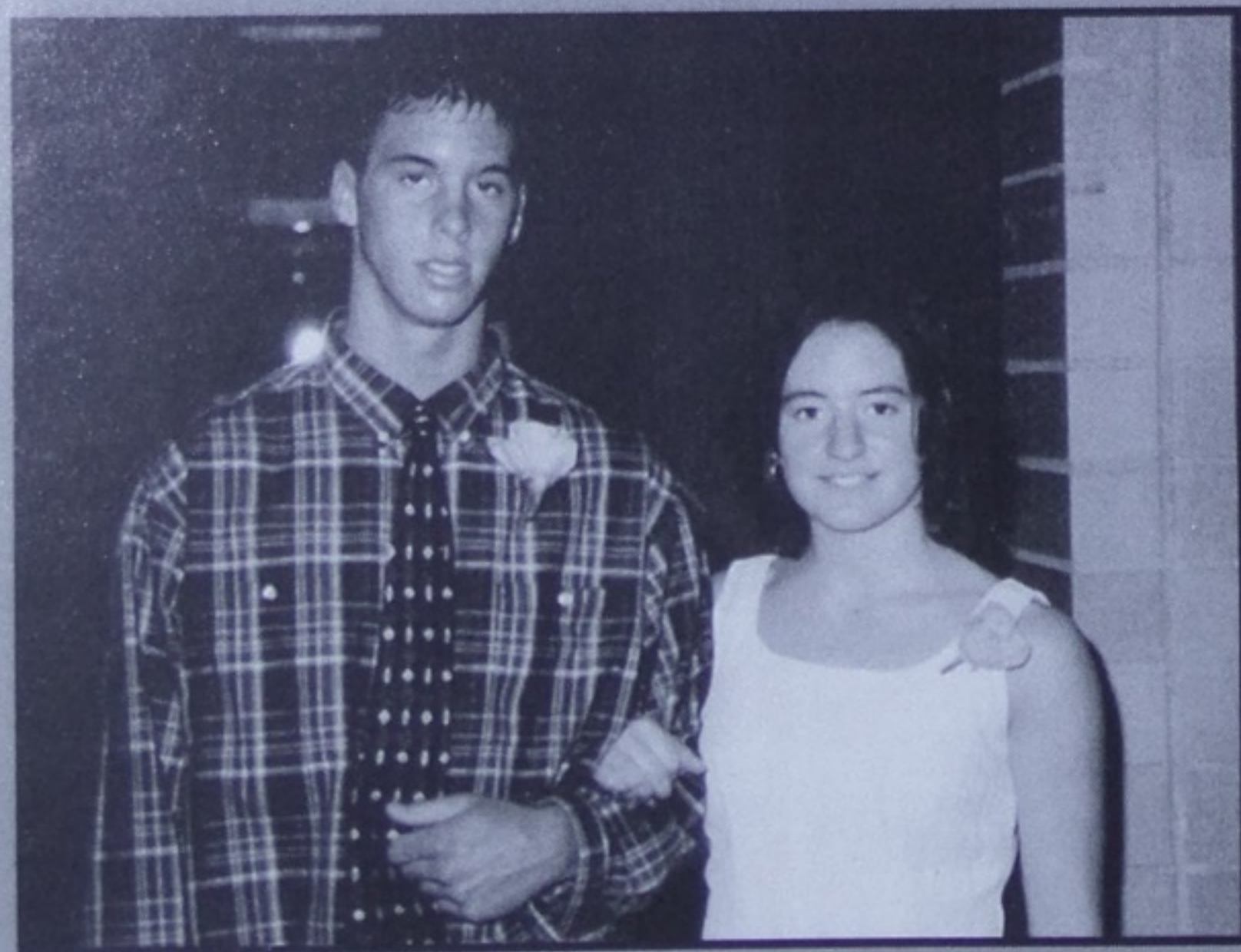
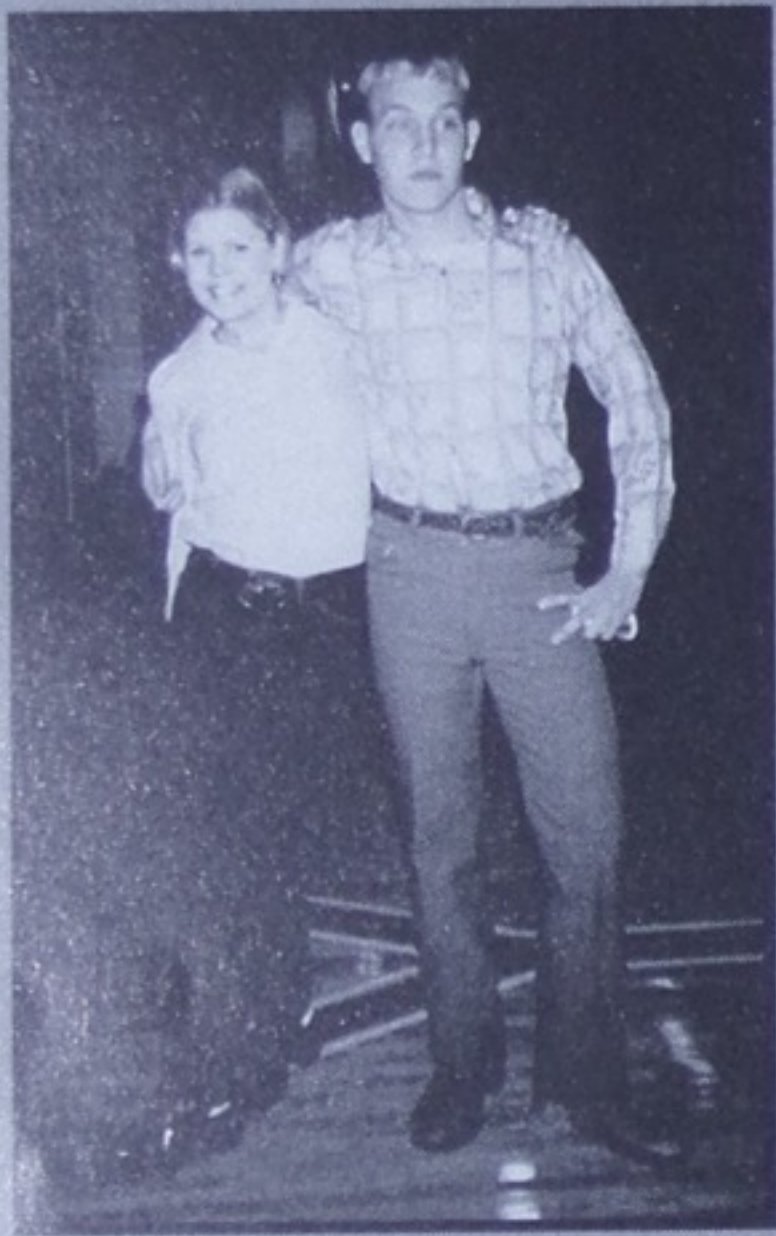
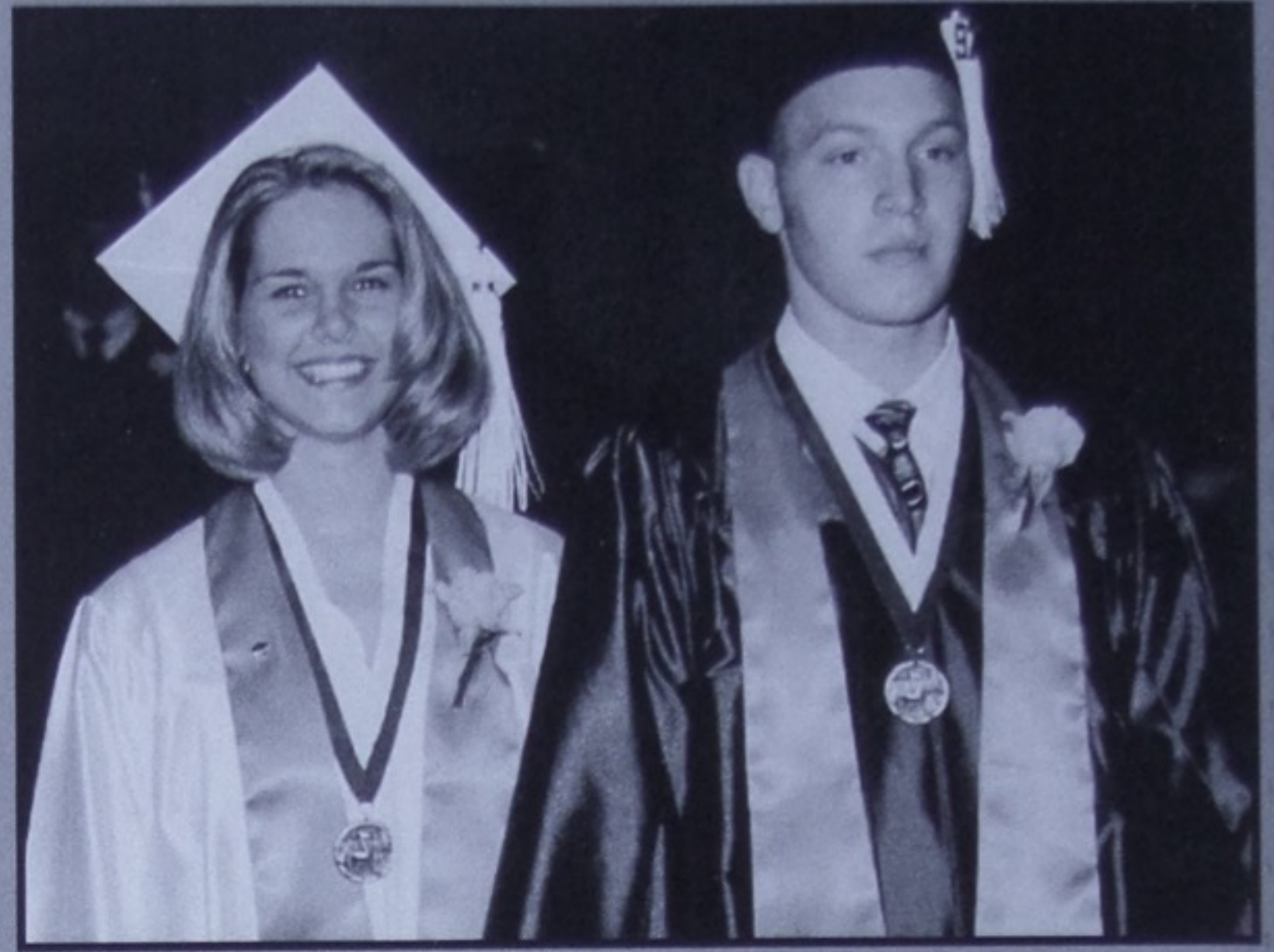
Senior Jay Delaney hustles to return the ball across the net. He was named the No. 1 Singles player and received the M.V.P. Award for the season.



Andy Davis, senior, concentrates as he prepares to serve the ball to an opponent during tournament play. This was Andy's first year on the tennis team.



From the base line, Glenn Pettay follows through on a forehand shot. Glenn and Andy Davis received the No. 1 Doubles Players Award for the season.



# Athletes In Action!



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Good Luck to the Class of 1997! **Oleta LeBrun.**

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Go Indians! **Joe and Rose Ann Ramsey.**

Best Wishes, Seniors - Valley Indians Forever! **Ellen Shope.**

Go Goober #22! **Curt and Glenna Hannah.**

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Good Luck, Indians! **Charlie, Betty, and Bryan Tackett.**

Good Luck to the Indians Class of '97! **Bob and Dottie Davis.**

Jump and be the future generation! **Ramona Monoskie.**

Good Luck, Sindee and the Class of 1997! **Ron and Brenda Powell.**

Good Luck, Indians and Class of 1997! **Bruce and Melanie Hawk.**

Indians No. 1! Good Luck, Valley! **Betty Day.**

Be True To Your Dreams! Good Luck, Seniors. **Laura Smith.**

Good Luck, Sindee! **the Hendrix's.**

Good Luck, Indians! **Debbie Baughman.**

Sindee, We Wish You Success! **Bob and Kathryn Smith.**

Best Wishes, Sindee! **Ben, Lisa, Nolan, and Logan Crabtree.**

Best of Luck, Seniors! **Ginny Smith.**

Good Luck, Seniors! **Coach Schuler.**

Wishing You Success In The Years Ahead In Whatever You Do! **Jim Evans and John Craig.**

We're Proud of You, Sindee! **Love, Mom, Dad, Stac, and Shell.**

Steve...May All Your Dreams For The Future Come True! **Emilie and Charlie.**

Good Luck, Seniors! **Ruth Schuler.**

Good Luck, Sindee! **Love, Chris (Will).**

Congratulations, Stephen! You Made It! **Dad, Mom, and Sarah.**

We Love You, Sindee Denise! **Love, Mamaw and Papaw Clark.**

Good Luck, Indians! **Dave, Abby, and Shane.**

The Best To The Best, Sindee! **Dianna and Missy Brown.**

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Good Luck, Seniors! **Joe, Angel, Dana, and Wes Romanello.**

Best of Luck in the Future! **Roger and Darlene Gahm.**

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Congratulations to the Valley Class of 1997! **Darrell and Ann Cable.**

# Ads For Grads



## Jonas Davis

This goes without saying, You've proven to be someone Who strives for the goal That you see.

Your family is very proud of you and always will be! We love you very much!

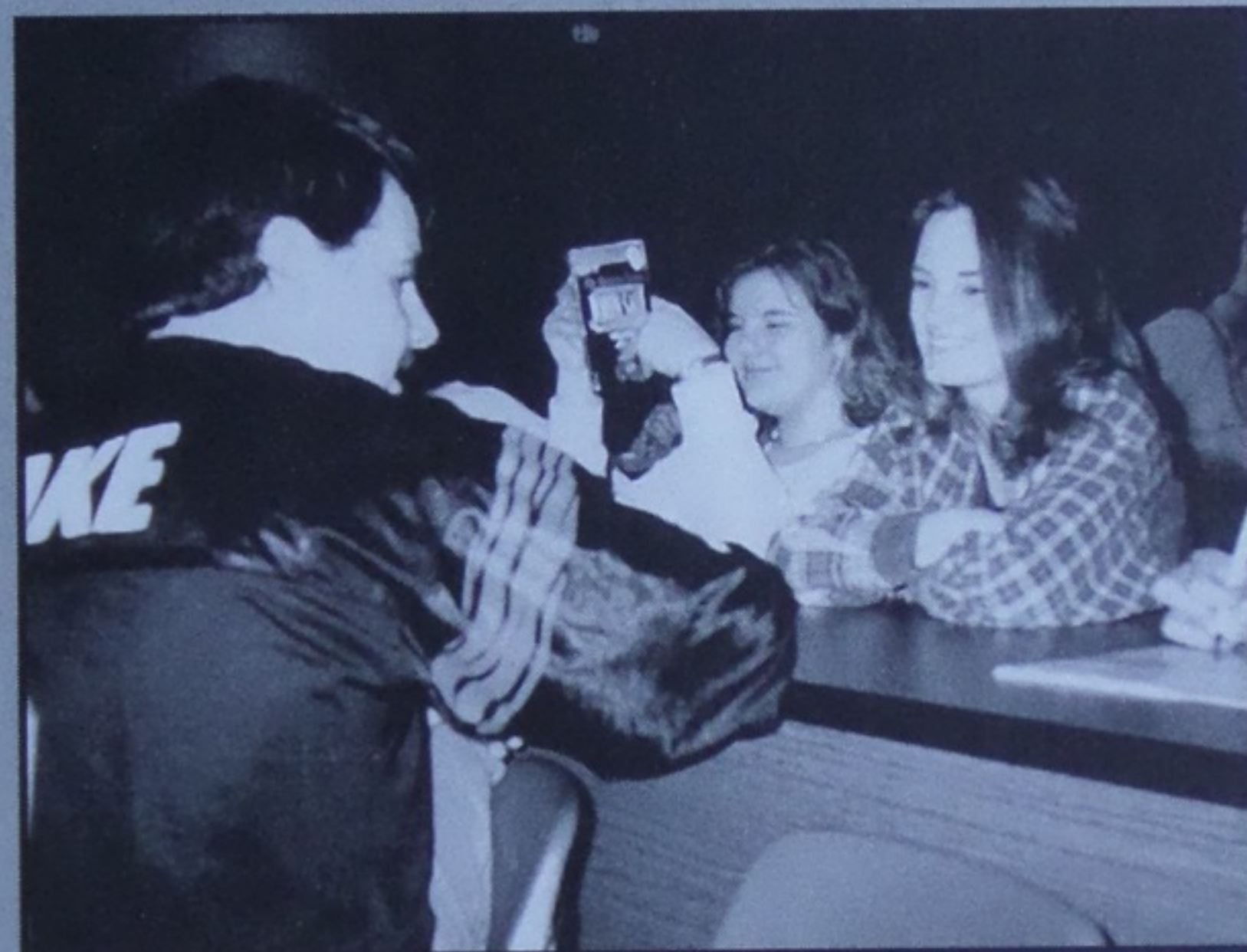
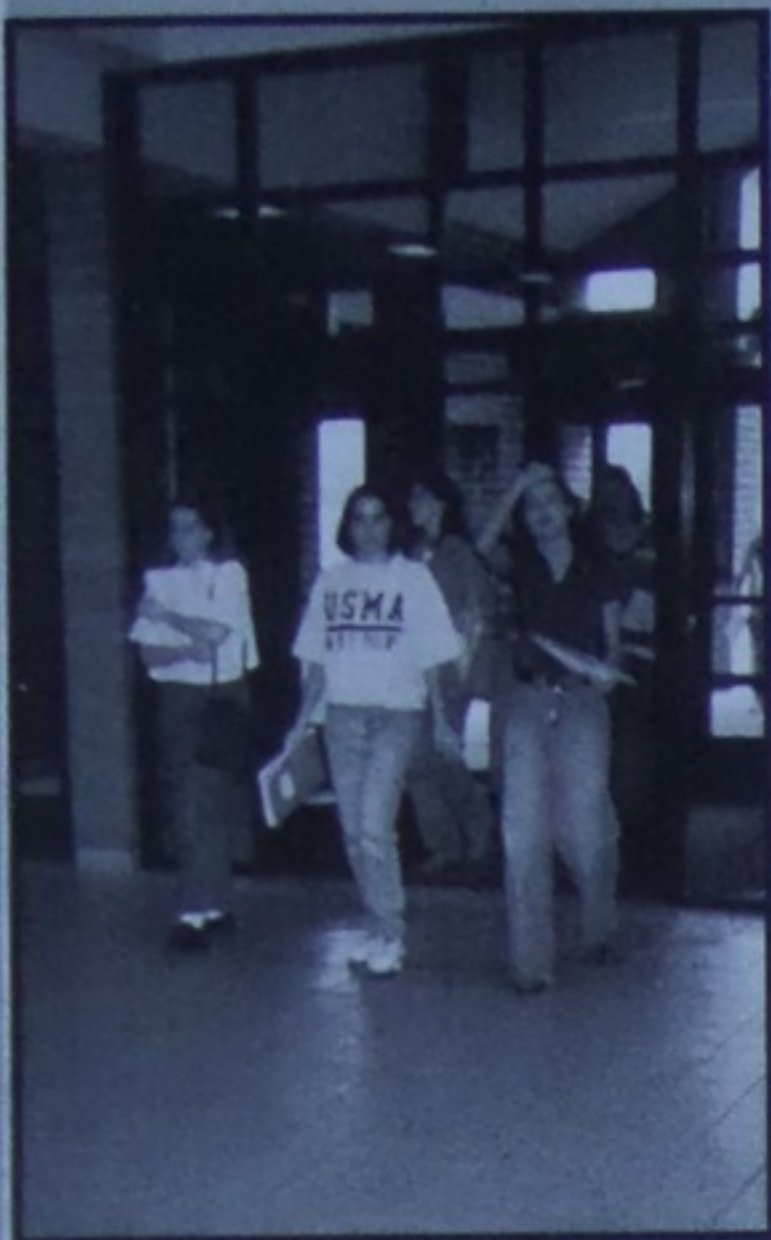
Mom and Family

## Sarah Grace Cox



We are very proud of you - more than we can say!

We Love You Very Much, Dad, Mom, and Jonathan





## David Sammons

Congratulations, David! We all love you so much and are so proud of you. May you be successful in whatever you choose to do. Remember, just trust in the Lord, and he will guide you through. Love Always, Mom, Michele, Courtney & Grandma



## Julie Ann Hines

Always remember . . . pretty is as pretty does!

Wishing you much success and happiness.

Love, Mom and Dad, Jacque, Holly, and Mams



## Becky Grooms

Congratulations! You made it! Remember to start each day with an attitude of gratitude. We love you very much and will always be here for you!

Love, Mom and Dad

## Alesia Swords

Congratulations, Katie! We knew you could do it. We are very proud of you! Best wishes in everything you do in life! We love you bunches!!!

Love,  
Mom, Jason and Crystal



## Timothy Bailey

Congratulations, Tim! You are a very special son and we are so proud of you. You are the sunshine in our lives and we love you.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Matthew II



## Sindee Smith

To our sunshine girl: We are very proud and will love you always.

Teach me, father, when I pray, not to ask for more,

But rather let me give thanks for what is at my door.

For food and drink, for gentle rain, for sunny skies above,

For home and friends, for peace and joy, but most of all for love!



## Jay Delaney



When you were little . . . we opened many doors for you. Now that you are a young man . . . you are opening many for yourself, and we are **very proud** of the direction you are choosing to go. Continue to follow your dreams through faith & prayer because . . . DREAMS DO COME TRUE!

All Our Love,  
Mom and Dad

## Kristin Millar



Congratulations, Kristin!

We pray that the future is kind to you and that your hopes and dreams become reality.

We Love You!  
Mom and Dad



## James and John Buckler

We love you and are behind you all the way!  
Love,  
Mom, Curtis and Bill

## Jennifer Mills

Once so little, but now you're grown  
Can't believe how the years have flown  
Our little girl is a child no more  
But a beautiful young lady  
That we love and adore.

**Congratulations, Jennifer!**  
**We Love You!**  
**Mom and Dad**



## Jason Yelley

Congratulations!  
Today starts a new beginning!  
Make the right choices and stay focused.  
We are here for you always.  
We love you very much!

Love, Dad and Mom



## Kimberly Yates

Congratulations, Berly!  
We love you very much and are very proud of you!  
Love, Mom and Dad,  
Frank, John, and Bill

## Austin Gray



We congratulate you on all your accomplishments, but most of all we congratulate you on the man you have become. Words cannot express the depth of our love for you or the appreciation of what it has meant to have shared these precious years with you. Trust in God for your hopes, your dreams, in all that you aspire to be, and to finding your purpose in life. Eccles 3:1. And always remember as long as someone is thinking of you, you are never alone.

**Love and Prayers Always,**  
**Mom, Dad,**  
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## Andria Smalley



Congratulations! We have enjoyed your first eighteen years. You're a gifted athlete, intelligent, and a wonderful person. We're very proud of you!

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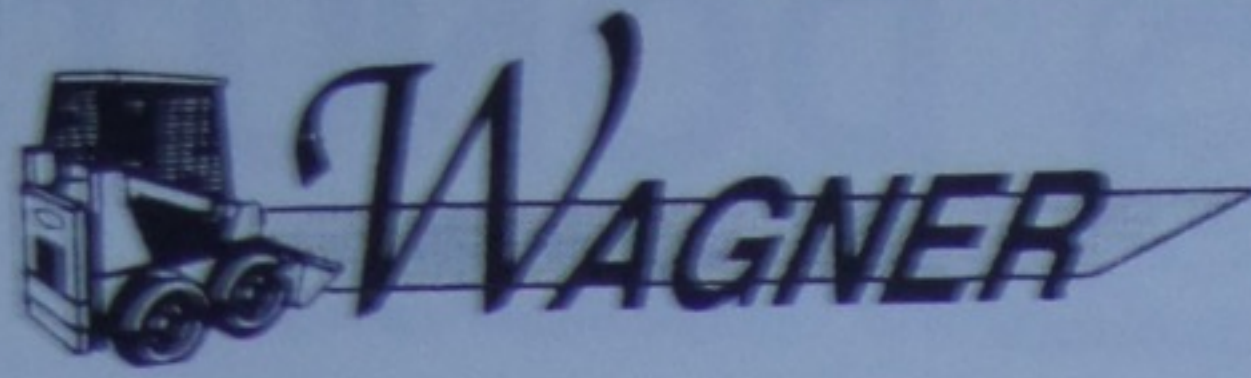
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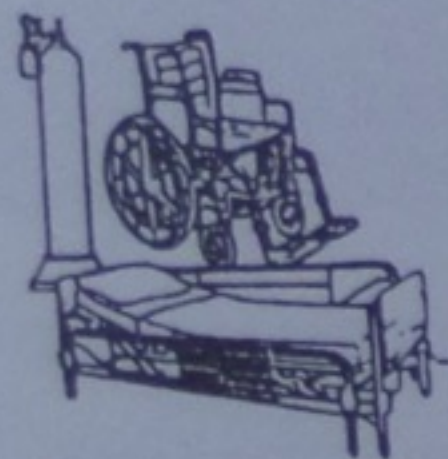
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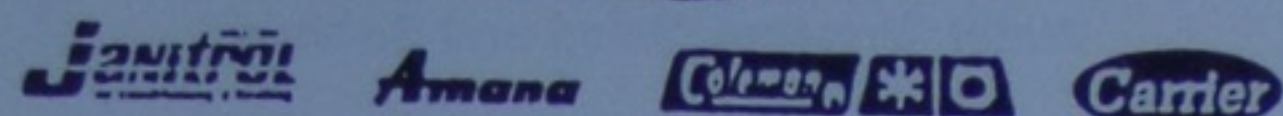
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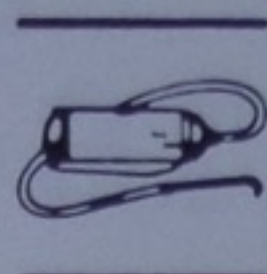


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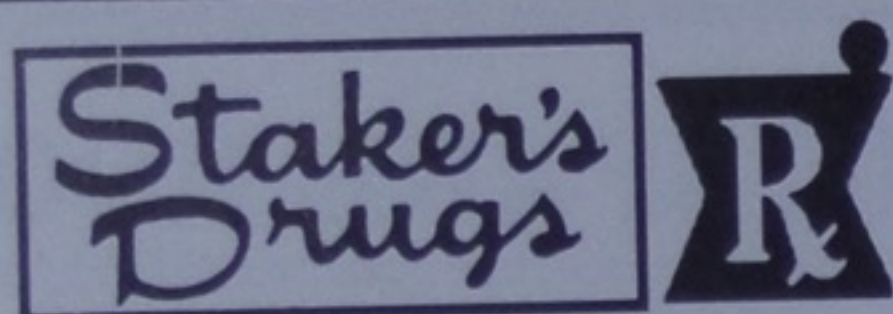
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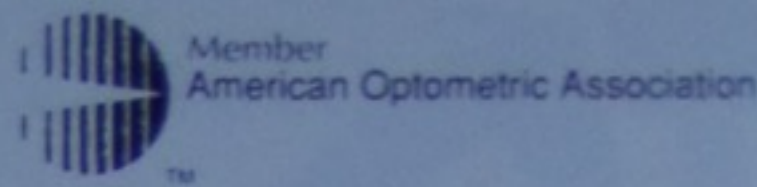
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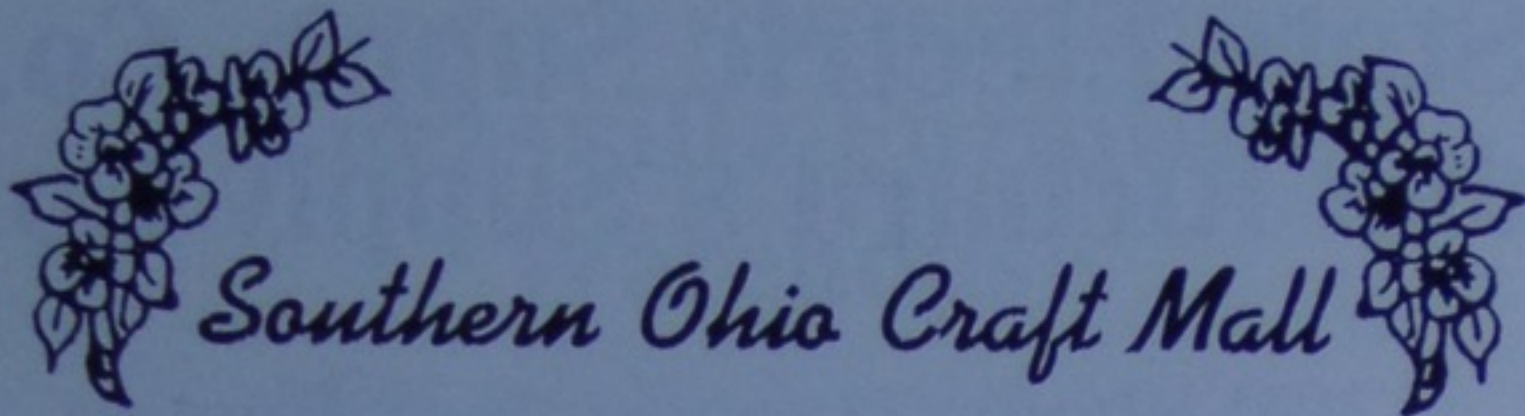


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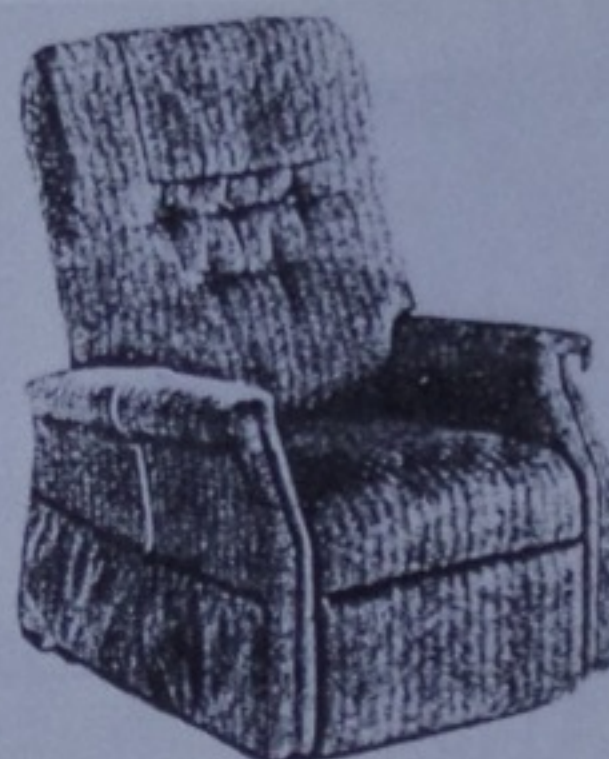
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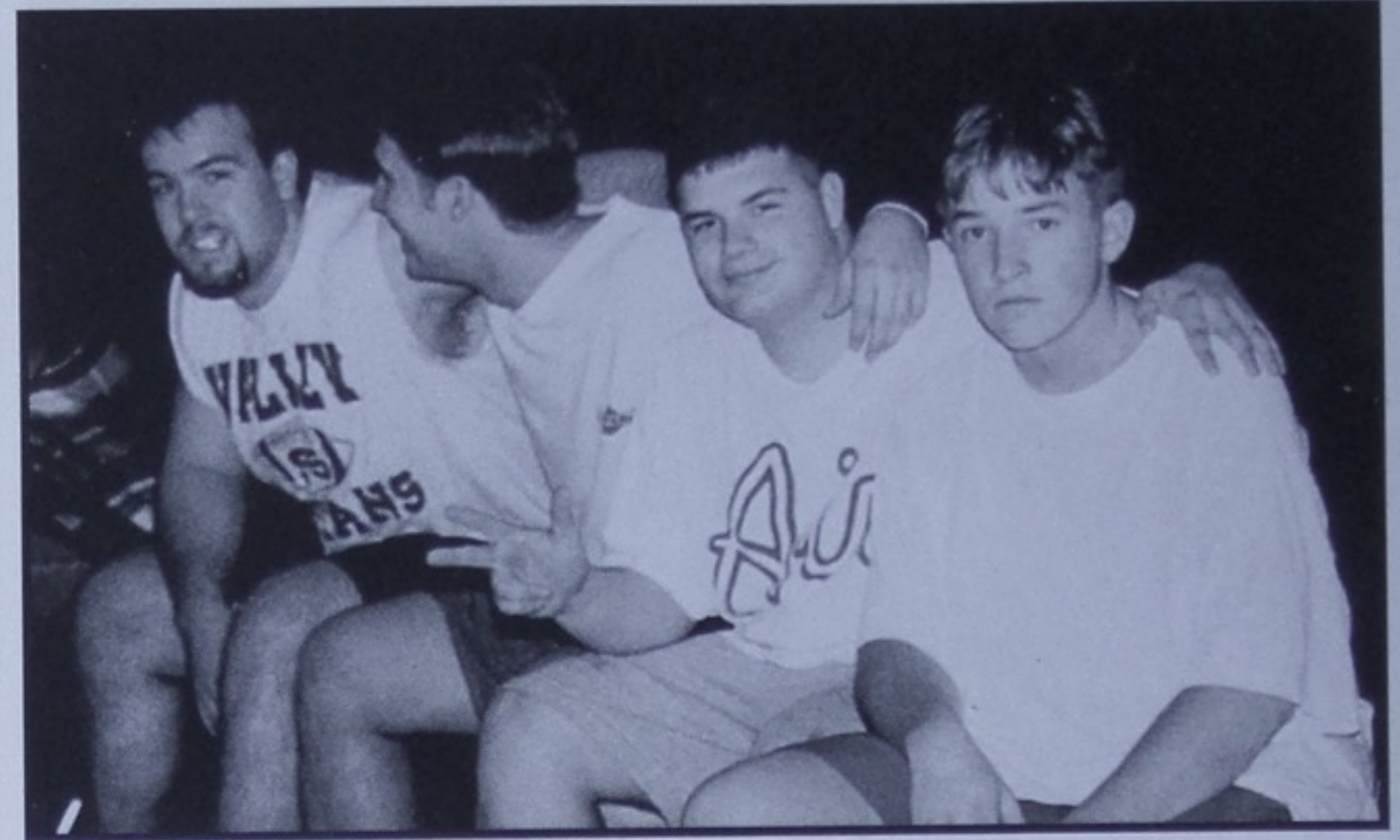
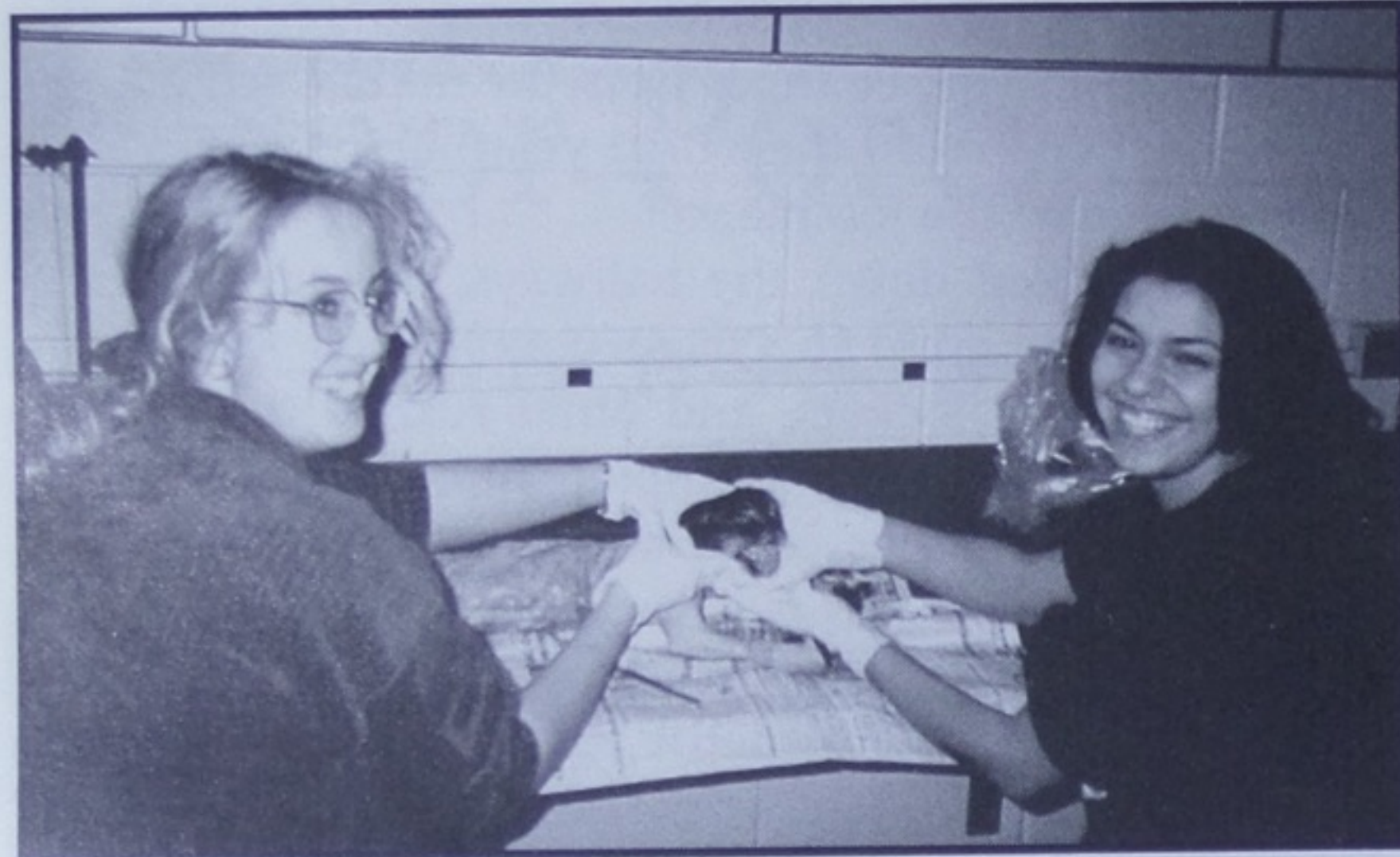
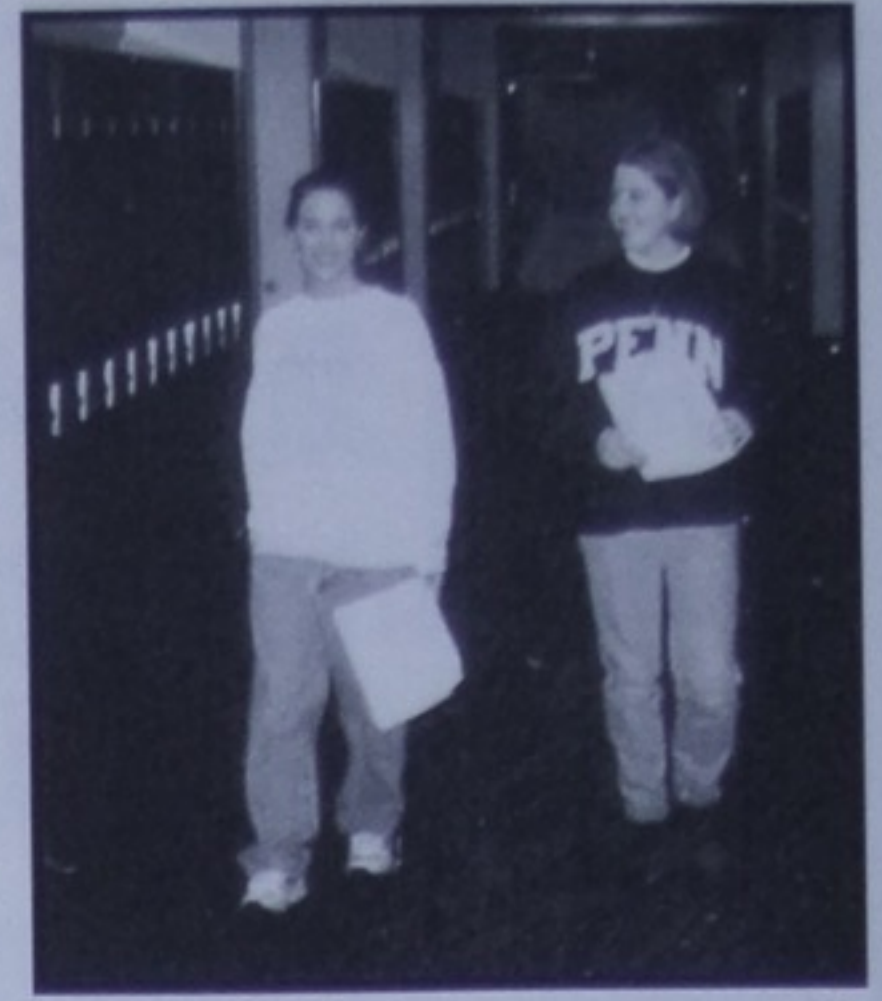
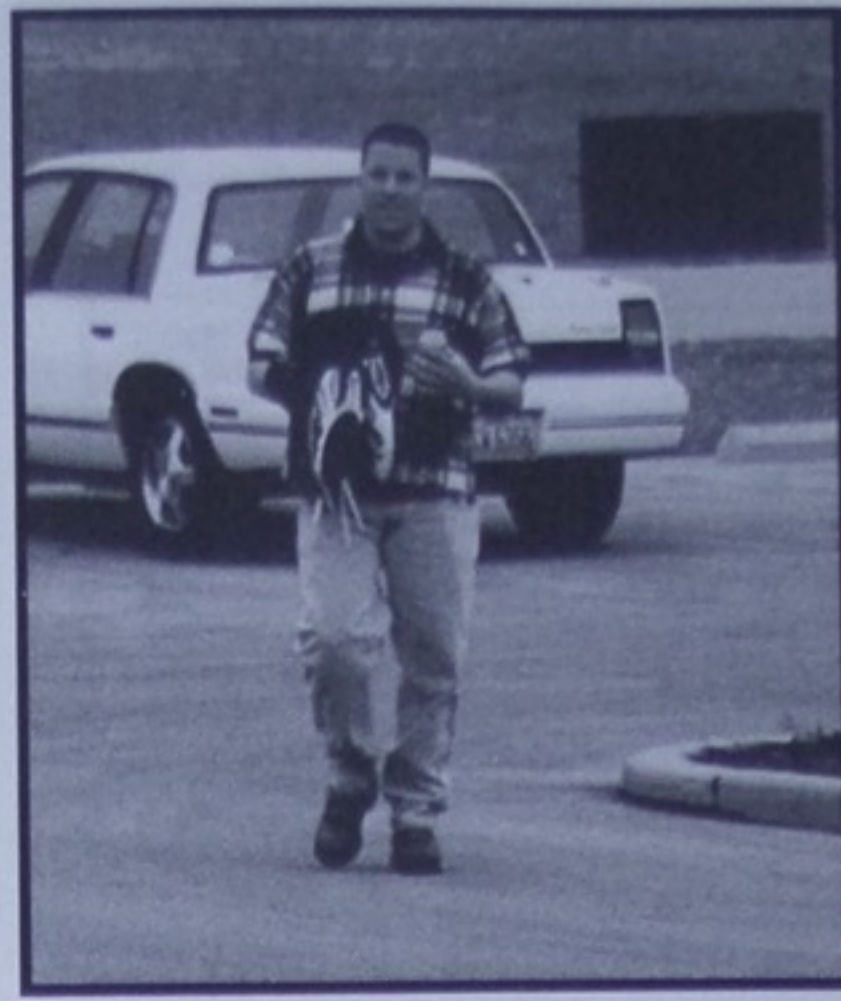
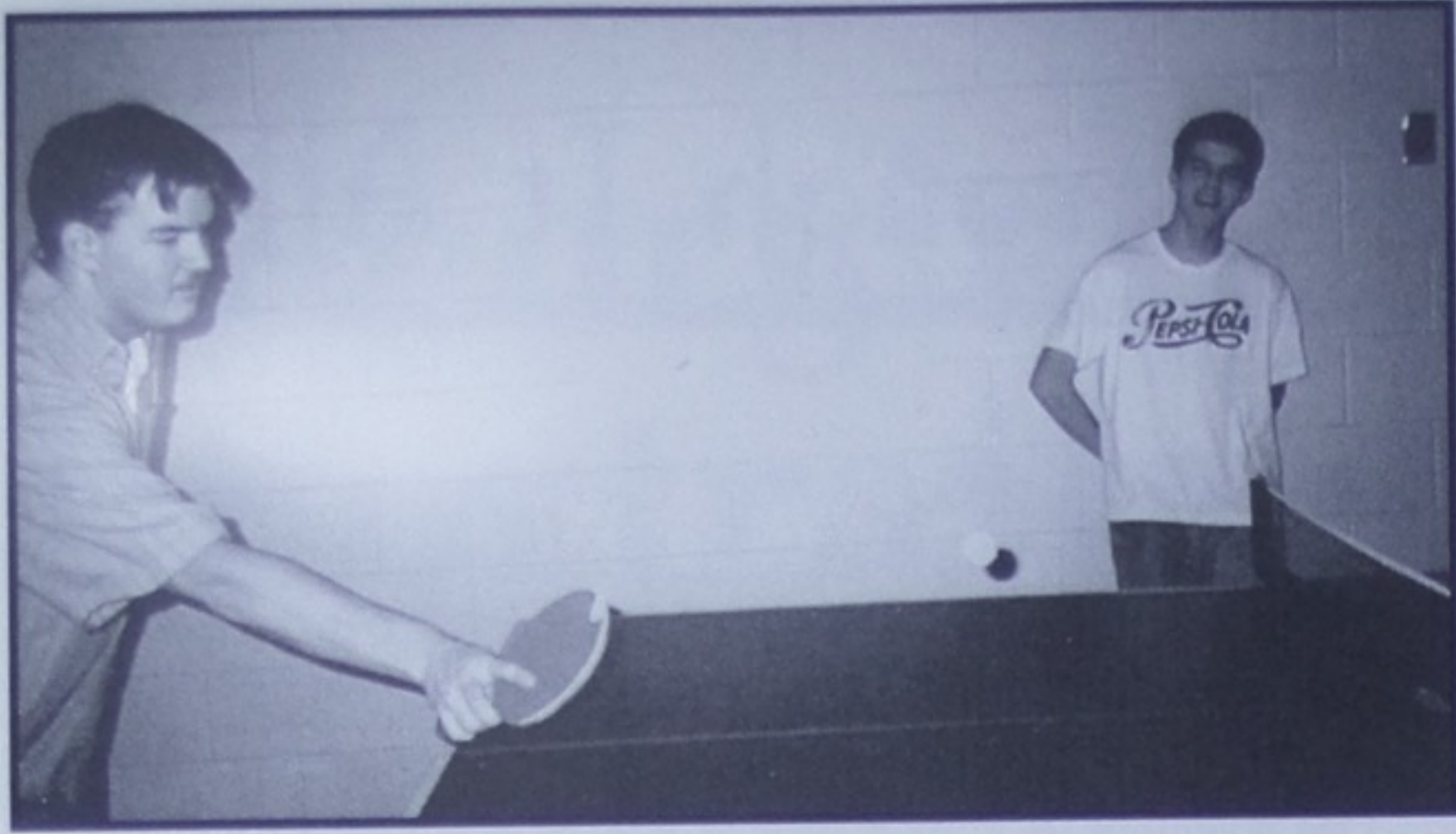
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On Monday, June 2, 1997, outside renovation work began at the Valley Middle School. The following renovations are to be completed this summer: landscaping, underground drainage, a new front porch, sidewalks, asphalt paving, and track repair.

## Through It All

Oh! To look back at how the year has passed. Challenges, meeting our goals to succeed, and trying our best to reach the mark of excellence; it was all worth this once in a lifetime experience. To be the best at everything was what we strived to achieve.

The freshman class had a chance to experience their first year at the high school, and it took them time to adjust to the changes from the middle school. The senior class faced their final year before moving on to college or the job market.

As we walked down the hallways, we saw that casual fashions were the most popular. As friends laughed at their lockers, and other rushed to class before their third tardy, a simple pair of Levis's, a t-shirt, and Nike shoes could be seen on just about everyone.

Listening to music and going to the movies were typical pastimes of students. The movie, "Jerry McGuire," was a hit, and with it came a new slogan, "Where's the money?" Music by Spice Girls, No Doubt, Space Jams, and other groups of all kinds could be heard at dances, in the parking lot after school, and wherever students hung out.

We were overwhelmed with pride when the football team became the first in Valley High School history to reach the playoffs. The members of the football team were steadfast to excel to their coaches' demands. Our other sports' teams thrived in many ways and all of this renewed "Indian spirit" at V.H.S.

After an uneventful winter with very little snow and ice, on March 1st the area was struck by heavy downpours and flash flooding. Due to the damage to roads and homes, we missed two days of school as a result.

Our Mock Trial team once again advanced to state competition. They spent March 6-8 in Columbus and earned the highest scores ever for a Scioto County team.

As the Class of 1997 danced their last dance, laughed their last laugh, and cried their last tear, many agreed that Valley High School had a major impact on their lives and their future. We all tried to achieve to our greatest potential. We stayed focused on the challenges and goals, and this is what helped see us through it all!

— Summer Notes

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