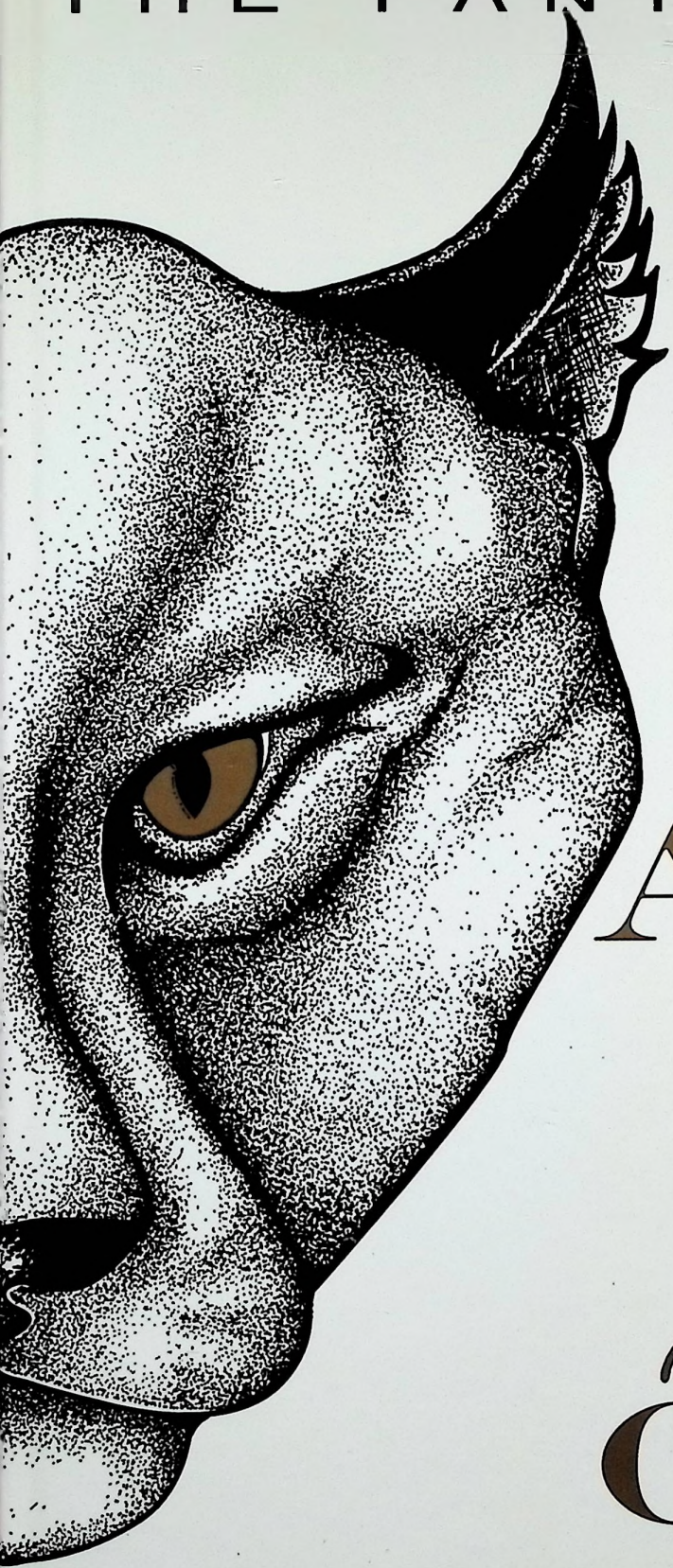


THE PANTHER 1997



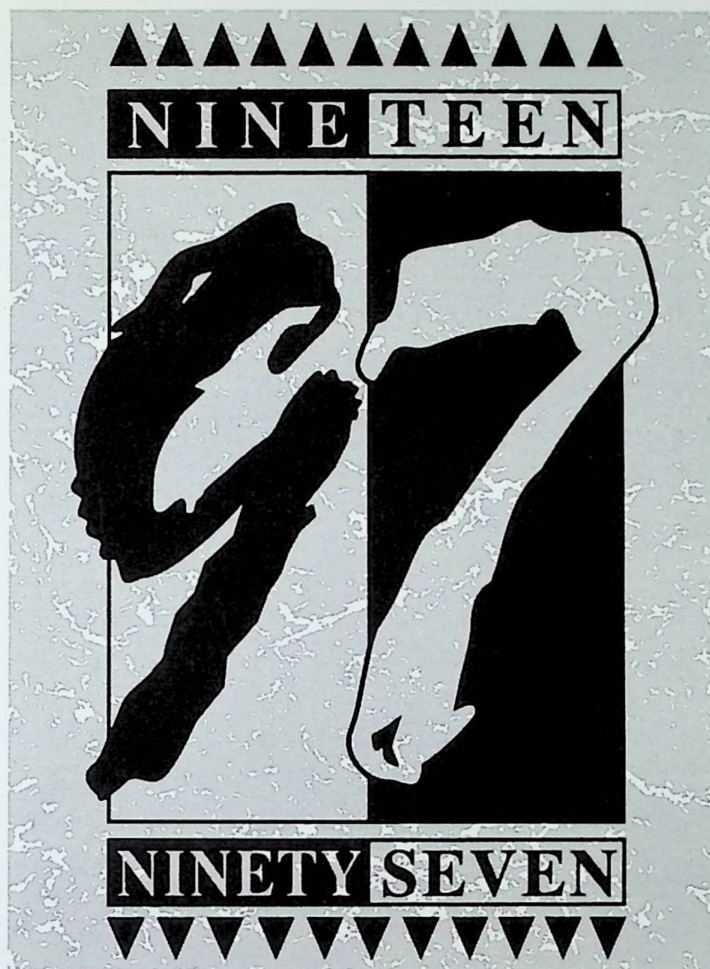
ALL

eyes

ON US

He
Mrs
Do
t

you're
ac

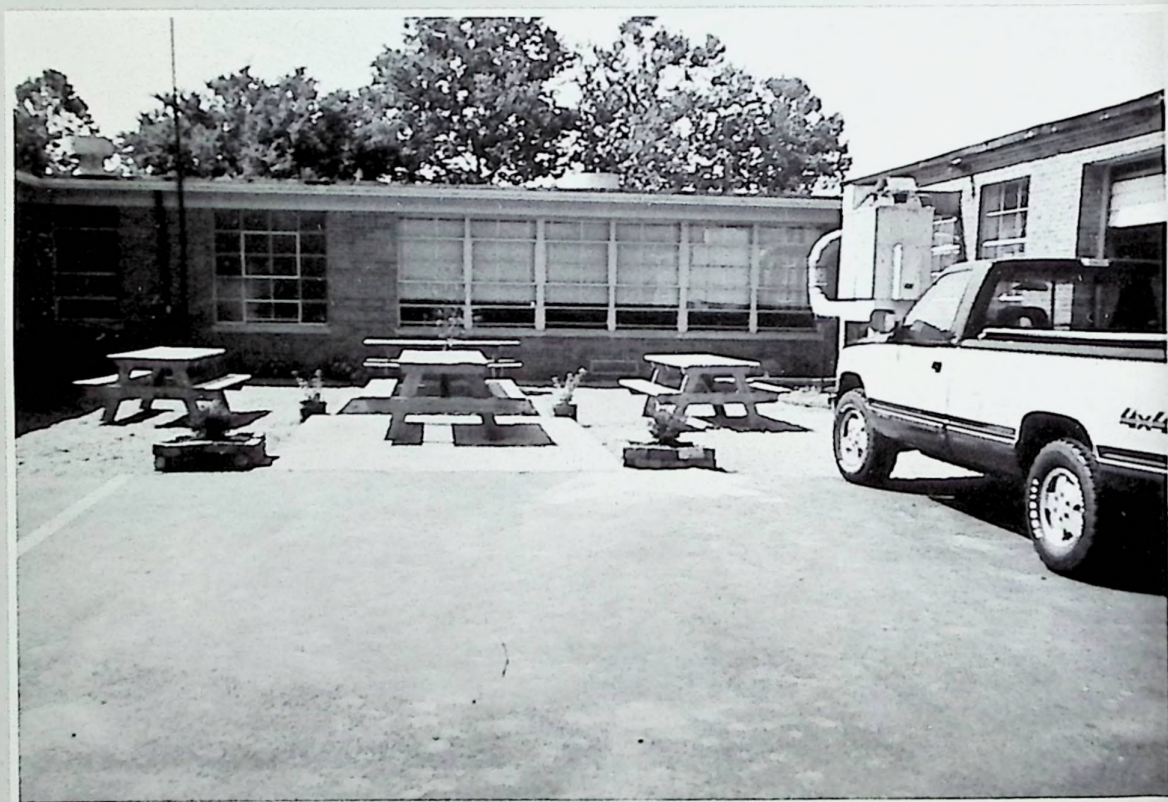


CLAY
PANTHERS

44 Clay High Street
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662
(614) 354-6644



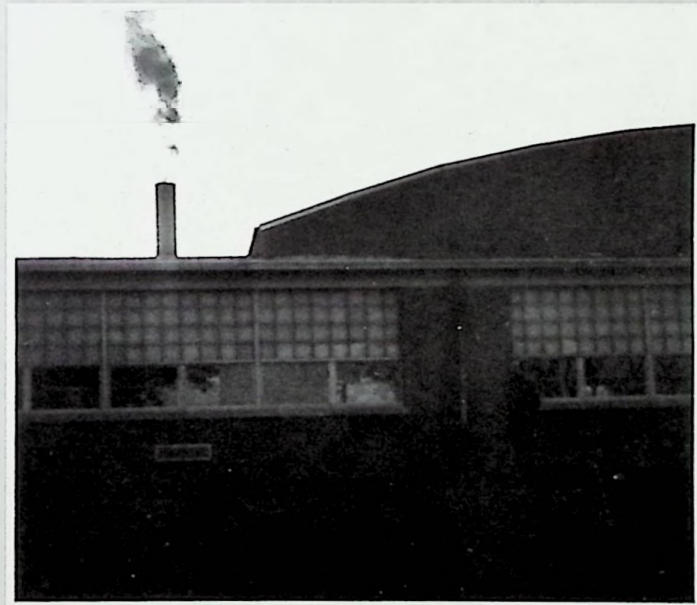
As the year began, we looked forward to new experiences.



The staff surprised the students by constructing a courtyard behind the school.

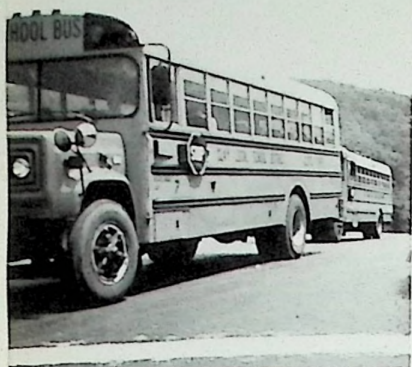


As the year ends, we say farewell to the old Apple IIe Computer Lab.



The old coal furnace will be replaced with a modern gas heating system. No more soot covering our cars!

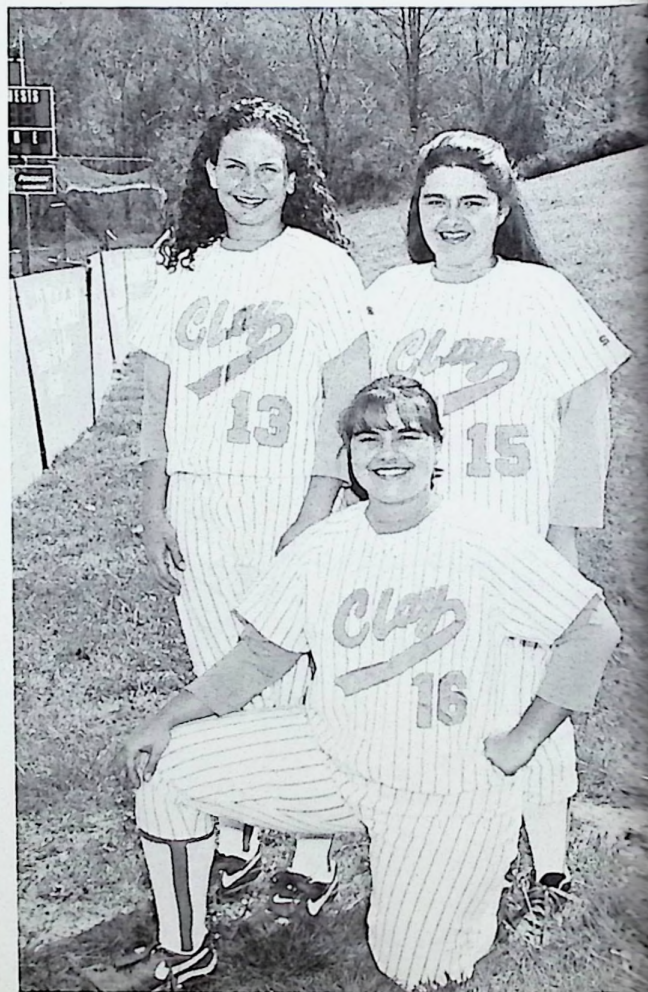
The Panther spirit is running strong.

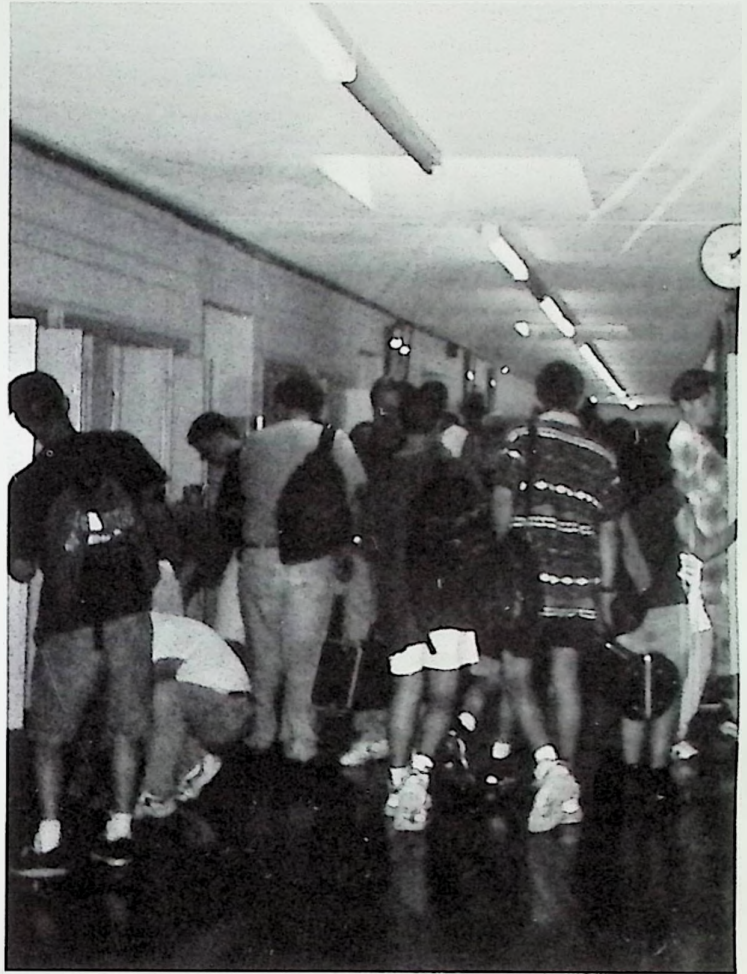


All Eyes On Us . . . We're Moving On!



Board Members: Dr. Dean McCleese, Connie Estep, William Warnock, Kevin Craft, Mark Harris





Classes

Seventh Grade

Belcher, Nathaniel
Bell, Robert J.
Brammer, Beth
Carr, Michael



Coldiron, Amber
Compan, Randall
Crippen, Stephanie
Crumm, Amy



Davis, Jacob
Ellis, Ashley
Evans, Caleb
Fitzer, Nathaniel



Frantz, Bryant
Furnier, Angela
Gleim, Nikki
Hackworth, Jonathan



Harness, Jennifer
Hempill, Katie
Hempill, Kenneth
Hoover, Joshua



Hoover, Mark
Keaton, Roy
Kight, Alicia
Large, Andrew



... A New Beginning!



Luther, James
Moore, Andrea
Moore, Tiffany
Mosley, Ryan



Piccolo, Christopher
Richard, David
Roark, Lindsey
Schramm, Jennifer



Schramm, Jessica
Southworth, Kari
Sparks, Megan
Stroud, David



Vaughters, Steven
Webb, Rebecca
Welton, Tessa
Williams, Kayla



Eighth Grade

Anderson, Jessica
Barry, Billie
Barry, Jessica
Bibb, Linda
Bihl, Heather



Bloomer, Melissa
Bloomfield, Allison
Boldman, Sean
Bostick, Elizabeth
Clark, Ashleigh



Cook, Daniel
Craft, Michael
Evans, Tarrah
Fitch, Brooke
Gearheart, Alicia



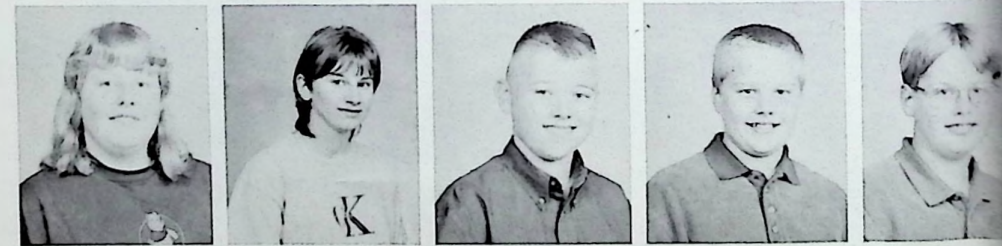
Gilliam, Christi
Hammond, Joey
Haney, Stephanie
Hansen, Joseph
Harness, James



Hixson, Jennifer
Hollis, Andy
Holsinger, Andrew
Hoover, Michelle
Hoover, Stephanie



Horsley, Kera
Horton, Marcia
Huff, Robert
Kirkpatrick, John
Kirkpatrick, Josh



Kotcamp, Wade
Lute, Krystal
Luther, Jason
Martin, Eric
McCleese, Joseph



... On Their Way!



McGlone, Lucas
Newsome, Brandy
Oswald, Chad
Phillips, Sarah
Ratcliff, Daniel



Reiser, Amy
Richards, Johanna
Smith, Brandon
Southworth, Jason
Spackey, Jamie



Stout, Debbie
Summers, Brandy
VanDeusen, Jason
Vaughters, Brooke
Vrbnac, Rachel



Weaver, Sandra
Winebrenner, Scott
Wolfe, Randal



Freshmen

Arnett, Chris
Bender, Alison
Benner, Courtney
Benner, Lorrie
Bennington, Crystal



Blair, Amanda
Boggs, Billy
Carr, Emily
Clark, Cassie
Clark, Kimberly



Collett, Candy
Cook, Mindy
Craig, James
Day, Christopher
Dixon, Jessica



Foster, Shauna Beth
Gable, Sarah
Haaf, Anthony
Hall, Dustin
Heher, Tisha



Hempill, Emily
Hicks, Jonathan
Hightower, Amy
Hixson, Amanda
Hobbs, Richard



Hodkinson, Derek
Howell, Melanie
Hurt, William
Huston, Sarah
Huston, Tracey



Karasek, Nathan
Keaton, Crystal
Kimble, Alison
King, Leigha
Kleinman, Timothy



... A Fresh Start!



Knauff, Christy Sue
Lane, Andra
Large, Matthew
Lavalley, Contessa
McGlone, Jason



Pauley, Misty
Pay, Angel
Payne, Aaron
Payton, Jeffrey
Ratcliff, Julie



Richard, Benji
Riddlebarger, Jessica
Riggs, Jennifer
Riggs, Noah
Scaggs, Christina



Shaffer, Timothy
Sinclair, James
Singer, Jessica
Skeans, Jennifer
Sosby, Matthew



Southworth, Kristine
Sparks, Timothy
Spriggs, Amanda
Stulley, Misty
Thompson, Jason



Williams, Ashley
Williams, Taylor
Woods, Leonard
Workman, Sara
Harris, Jason

Sophomores

Anderson, Josh
Brammer, Allison
Brown, Jennifer
Crawford, Tabitha



Davis, Beth
Easter, Amanda
Eldridge, Gary
Fannin, Jeff



Foster, Brooke
Franklin, Aaron
Gasho, Denise
Gill, John



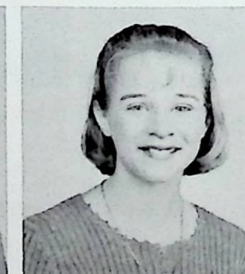
Graff, Bobbie Jo
Greene, Brad
Horsley, Justin
Hurt, Misty



Hysell, Autumn
Killian, Bill
Kongos, Nicholas
Lane, Bernice



Laxton, Frank
Newman, B. J.
Osborne, Jessica
Penwell, Krista



... Two Down, Two To Go!



Pollard, Tiffany
Pridemore, Chris
Ratcliff, Josh
Robinson, Leanne



Ruggles, Tiffany
Runyon, Bill
Siqueira, Paula
Smith, Bethany



Smith, Mashell
Spradlin, Nicole
Thornberry, John
Turner, Leslie



Vance, Candy
Vance, Eric
Vastine, Beau
Vastine, Wendy



Wheeler, Kristin
Workman, Abby
Seymour, Adrian

Juniors

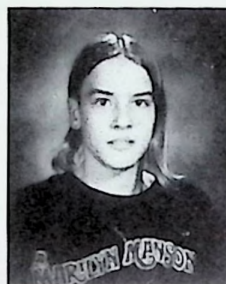
Artis, Jamie
Binion, Leigh Ann
Blevins, Brenda
Blevins, Laura



Bloomer, Joshua
Bloomfield, Jason
Boehm, Timothy
Carver, Jason



Dotson, Morgan
Engle, Aaron
Estep, Scott
Fitzer, Patrick



Freauf, Eric
Hansen, Kim
Harness, Mari Grace
Harness, Steven



Hightower, Ryan
Howard, Cynthia
Lewis, Shelley
Luther, Michael



Marasek, Cassandra
Martin, Ryan
McGraw, Danny
Moore, Annie



... Saving The Best For Last!



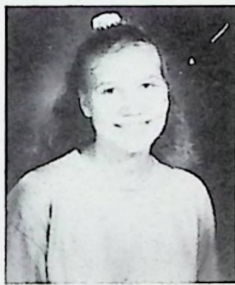
Mowery, Paula
Musick, Jamie
Newsome, Amy
Oliver, Eric



Phipps, Weston
Piccolo, Angela
Ratcliff, Erik
Rayburn, Chad



Rideout, Paul
Rodeheffer, Eric
Shaffer, Christopher
Spencer, Jennifer



Stratton, Shawn
Thompson, Eddie
Wallace, Bridget
Wallace, Michael



Williams, Amanda
Yates, Carolyn

Class Colors: Black/Purple/Silver
 Class Song: "No More Tears"
 Class Flower: White Rose



Look Out — Keep Your Eyes On Us!



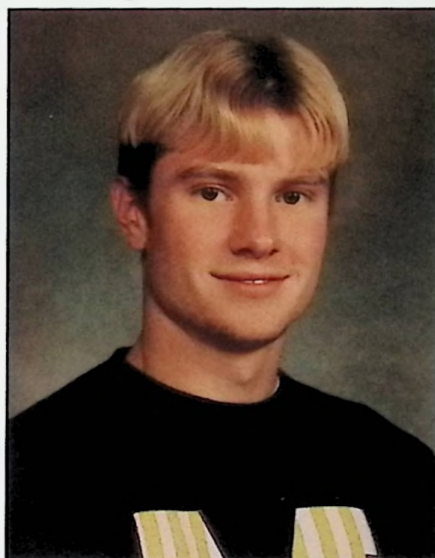
Class Motto:
 "The truth is, I do indulge myself a little the more in pleasure, knowing that this is the proper age of my life . . ."
 by Samuel Pepys



'97 Seniors



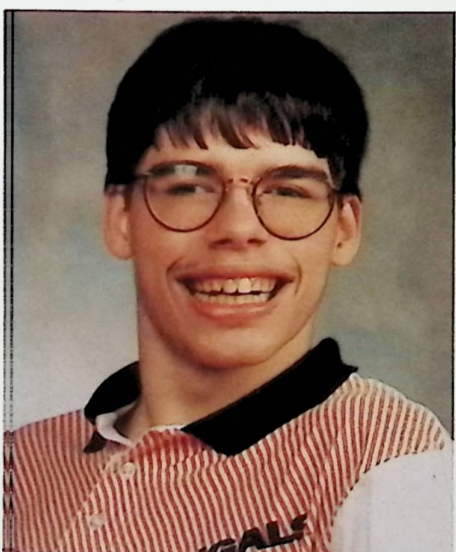
Erin Kelly Ash



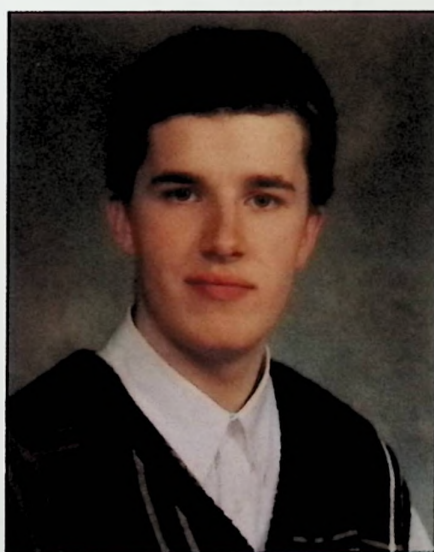
Joshua D. Barth



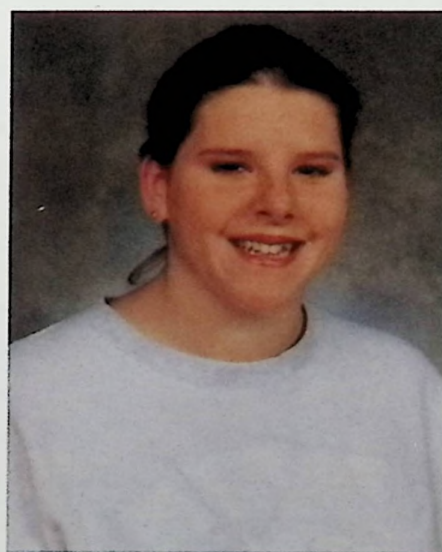
Crystal G. Bender



John Phillip Bloomer



Henning Blumensaat



Leslie Erin Burton



Melissa Renae Carr



Kristy Nicole Cottle



Herald Justin Daub



Vanessa Downey



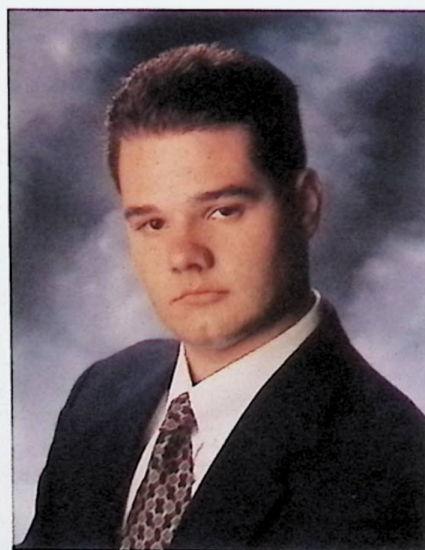
Tamra Michelle Easter



Rhiannon Lee Greene



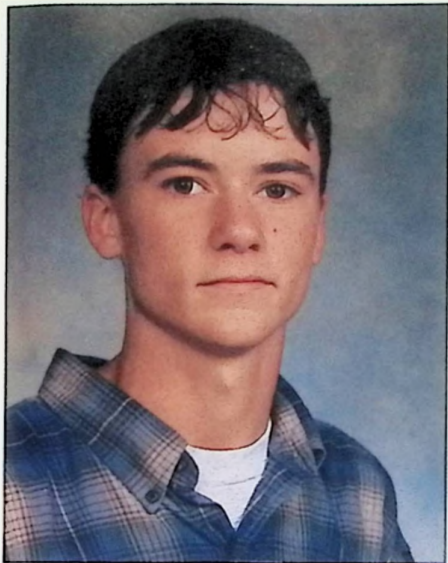
Sherri Lynn Hicks



Andrew Stephenson Horne



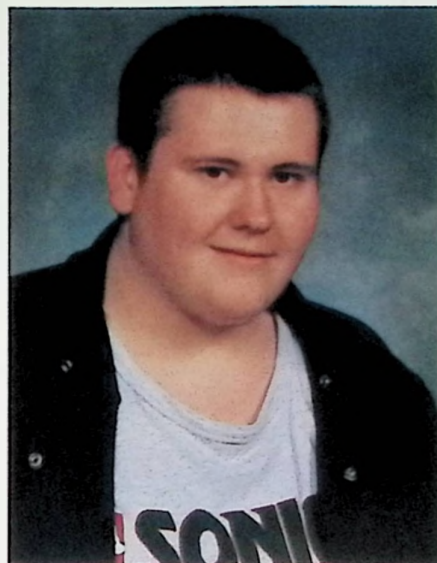
Steven Michael Johnson



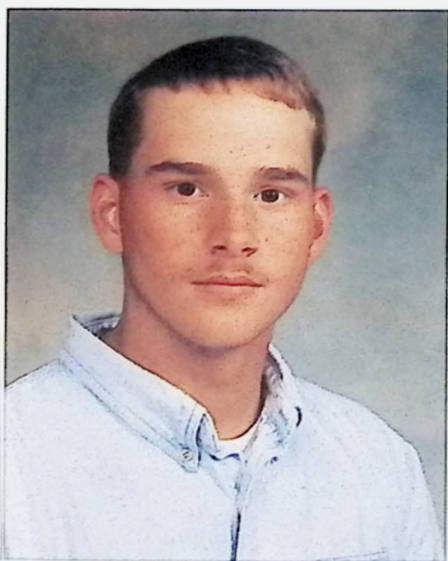
Kevin Ryan Jones



Mendy Danielle Justice



Shaun Michael Kimbler



Gregory Allen Martin



Erica Leah Pelphrey



Joni Marie Porter



Leanna Prater



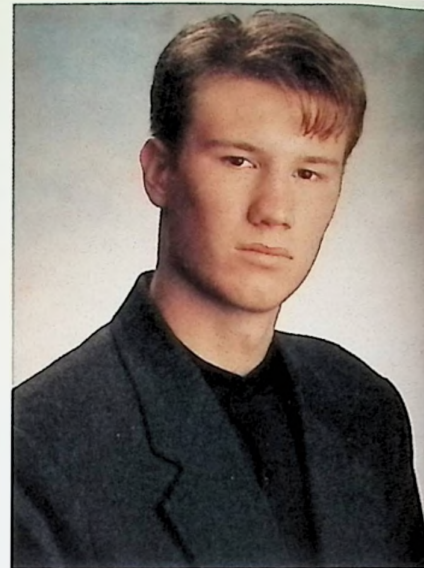
Steven Jay Scaff



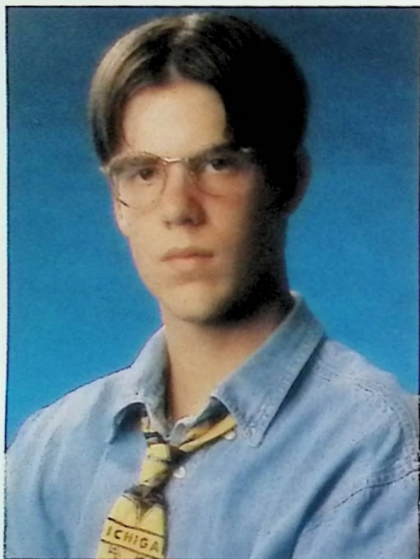
Lisa Michelle Shaffer



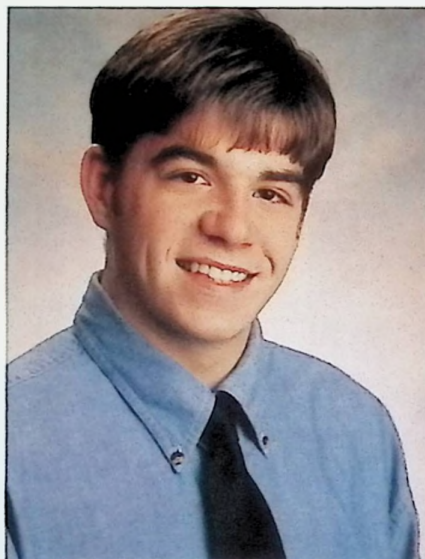
Rebecca Lynn Sosby



Justin Matthew Spradlin



David Nicholas Spriggs



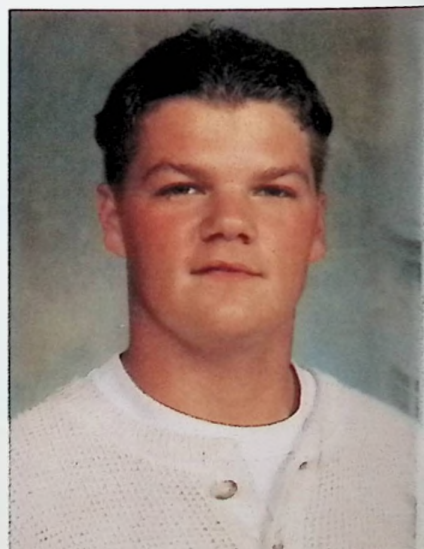
Zackary Jacob Vastine



Sarah Nicole Wallace



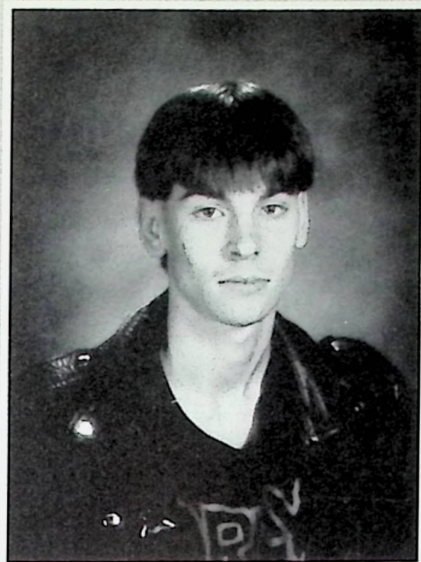
Jason Matthew Whitley



Jason Michael Williams



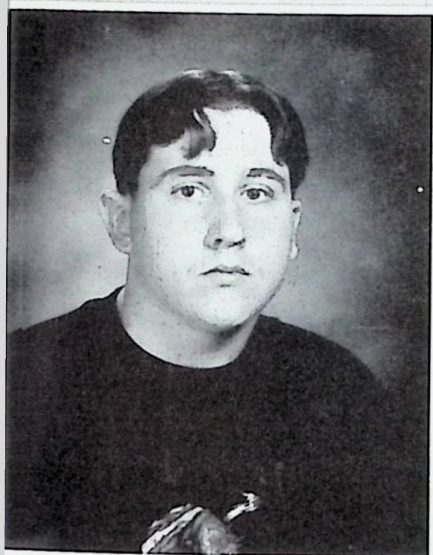
Jessica Fitzer



Cory Partlow



Ellen Sell



Jason Spencer

Not pictured:
Seniors
Chris Eckstein
Mike Reed
Kristin Sinclair

Juniors
Jason Hinkle
Randy Menda
Todd Sparks

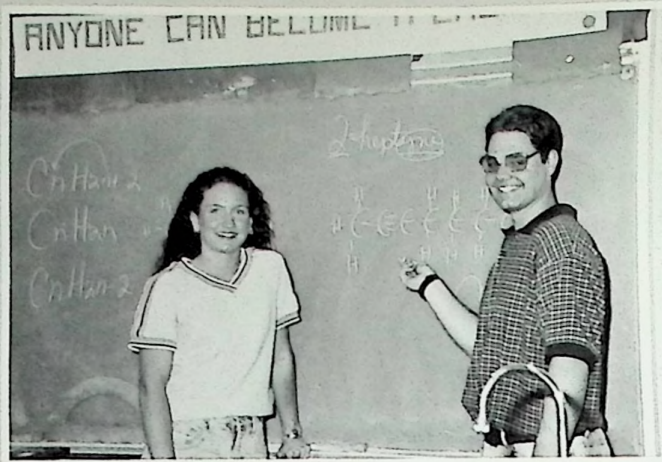
Sophomores
Dana Whisman

Freshmen
Julie Dunham
Rosetta Horton

Eighth Grade
Travis Stiles

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
The Class of 1997





MOST INTELLIGENT
Kristy Cottle and Andrew Horne



CLASS CLOWNS
Kevin Jones and Erin Ash



WORST DRIVERS
Kevin Jones and Kristin Sinclair



BEST EYES
Erin Ash and Jason Williams



BEST LOOKING
Zack Vastine
Erica Pelphrey



CLASS GOSSIPS
Jason Williams
Erica Pelphrey



CLASS BROWNIES
Kristy Cottle
David Spriggs



BEST HAIR
Melissa Carr
Zack Vastine



MOST CHANGED
Melissa Carr and Steve Johnson



CLASS AIRHEADS
Kristin Sinclair and Justin Spradlin



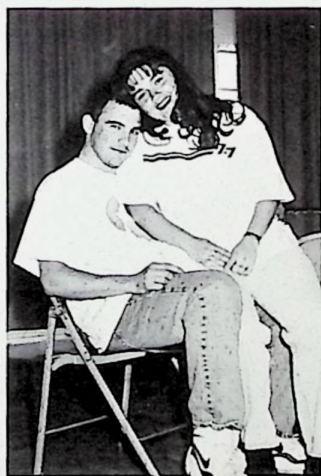
MOST POPULAR
Erin Ash and Zack Vastine



FRIENDLIEST
Chris Eckstein, Greg Martin and Becky Sosby



BEST DRESSED
Greg Martin
Erica Pelfrey



CLASS FLIRTS
Chris Eckstein
Mendy Justice



SHYEST
Justin Spradlin
Melissa Carr



MOST ATHLETIC
Kristy Cottle
Zack Vastine

Looking At . . .



Theodore Adams —
Superintendent



Ron Allen — History



Ric Allwood — Science



Betty Applegate — Treas.



Angela Baker — Art



Brian Bays — Teacher's Aide



Terri Boldman —
Health & P.E.



Claudia Brammer —
Learning Disabilities



Jerry Buckler —
Mathematics



Patricia Butler —
Guidance Secretary



Brian Colley —
Science & English



Gail Craycraft —
Technology Coordinator

The Faculty And Staff



Janet Deal —
History & Government



Ron Goodson —
Study Hall Coordinator



Nora Hickman — Typing



Nora Horsley —
Title I Math & Reading



Brian Jackson — Mathematics



Chet Liston — Spanish



Kathy Lovenguth —
Guidance Counselor



Alice Maggard —
Band & Chorus



Dick McCleese —
Health & P.E.



Jean Moore —
Home Economics



Cindy Parkes — Librarian



Mary Jo Martin — English

Looking At . . .



Jeff Race — Industrial Arts



Carolyn Redden —
Orthopedically Handicapped



Sherlyene Rice — Science



Arlene Richard — Secret



Mark Rose — English



Mark Trapp —
J.O.G.S. Coordinator



Carol Vice —
Developmentally
Handicapped



Rodney Walker — Princip

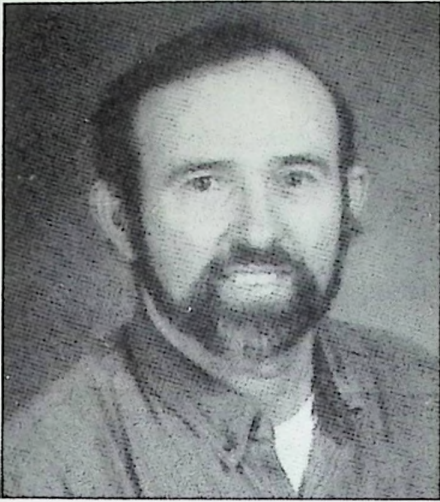


Todd Warnock —
O.W.A. Coordinator

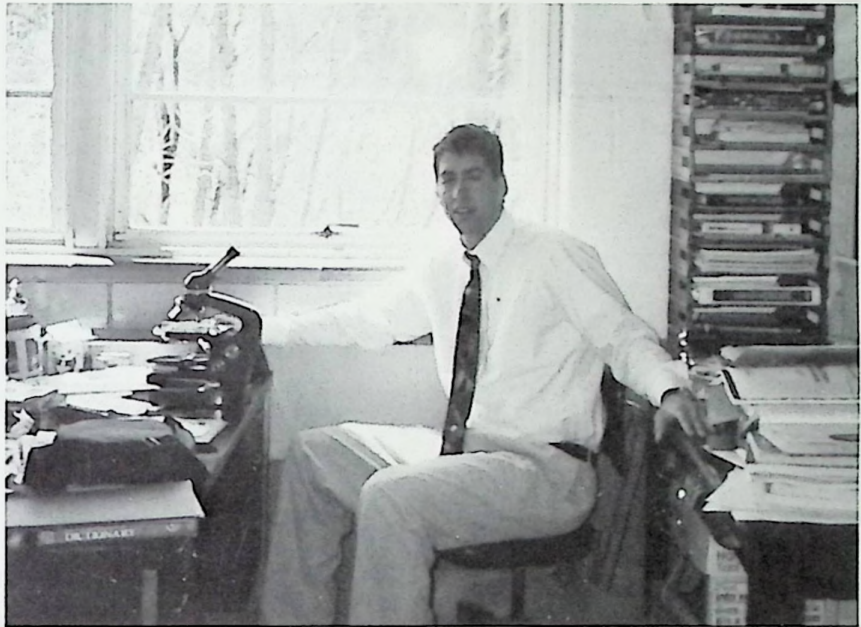


Jodi Wright —
Assistant Treasurer

The Faculty And Staff



The custodians were Dave Turner and Allan Lightenheimer. The two cooks were Inga Locher and Audrey Erwin.



Student Teacher, Larry Caudill, did a great job in both Mrs. Vice's and Mrs. Brammer's rooms. He made a good sports referee, too!!!



A Better Look At . . . Mrs. Horsley



Mrs. Nora Horsley retired this year after 31 years in the Clay District. Enjoy it, Mrs. Horsley, and come back to see us.



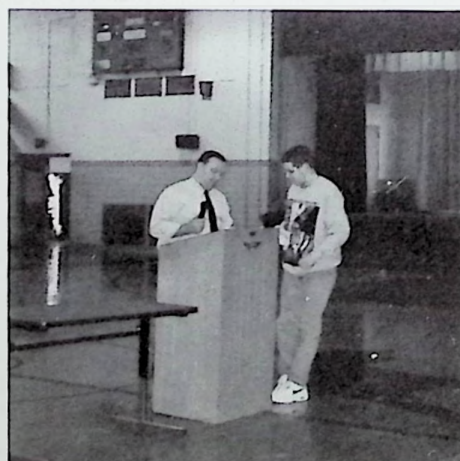


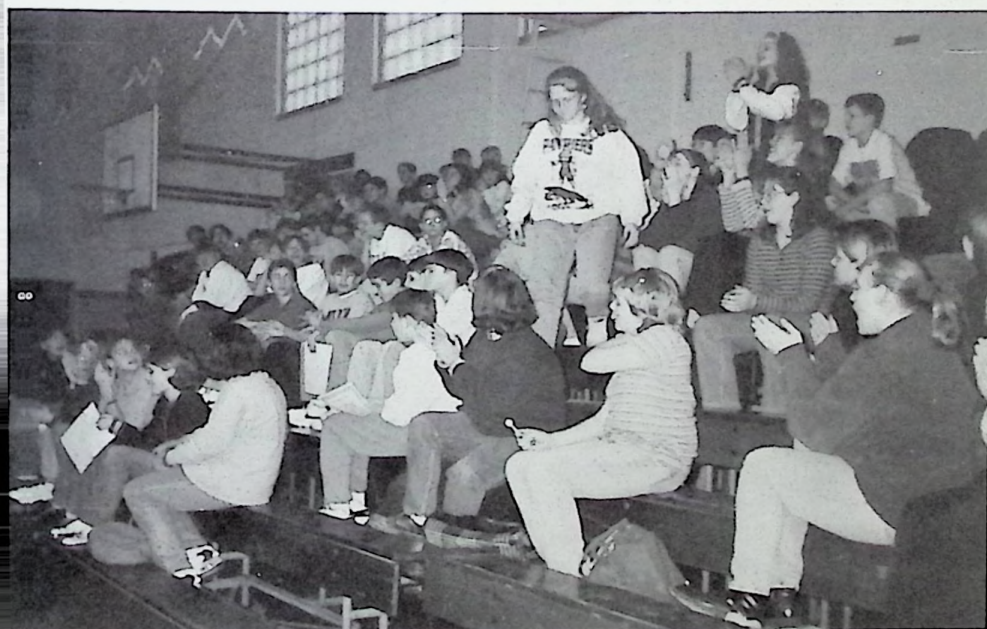
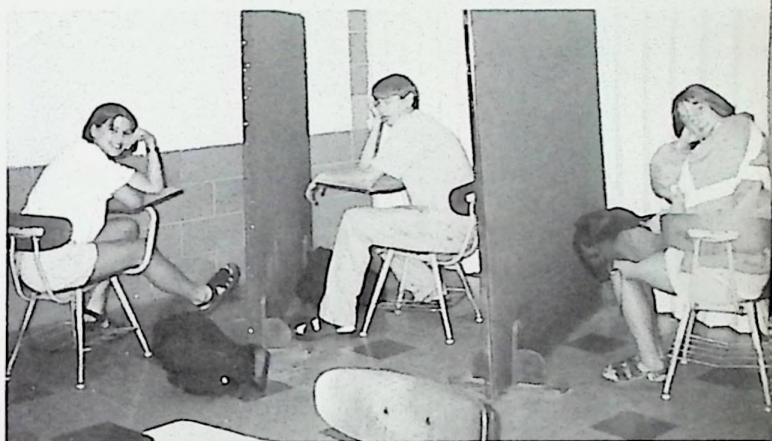
Academics

Watch Out For Future Leaders . . .

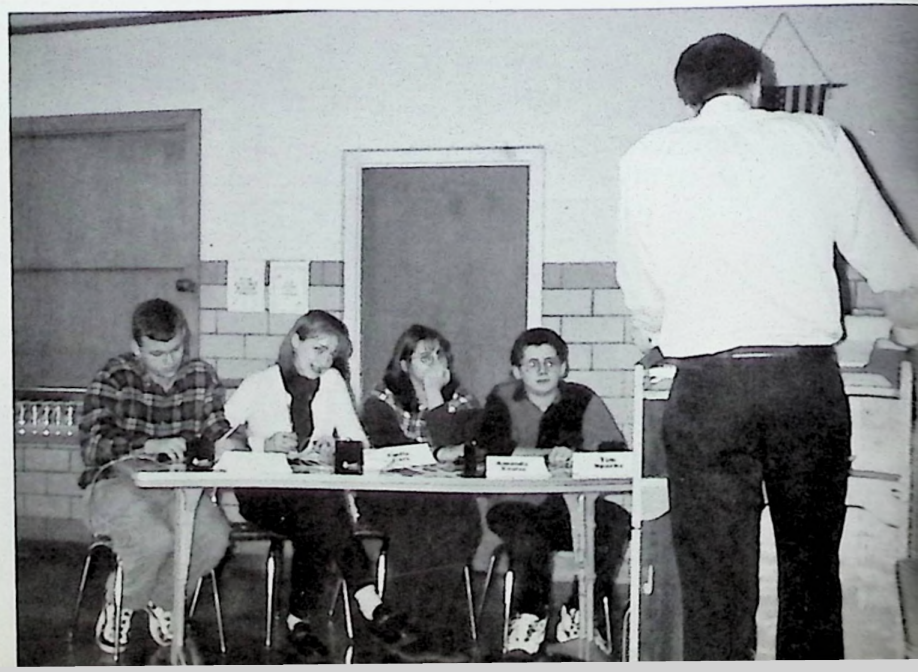
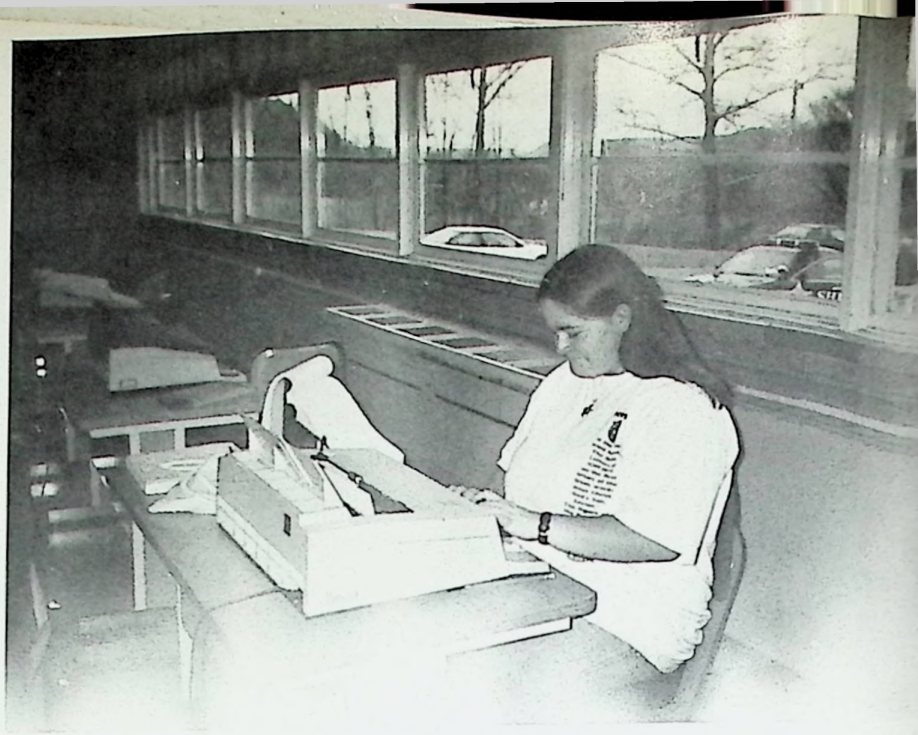


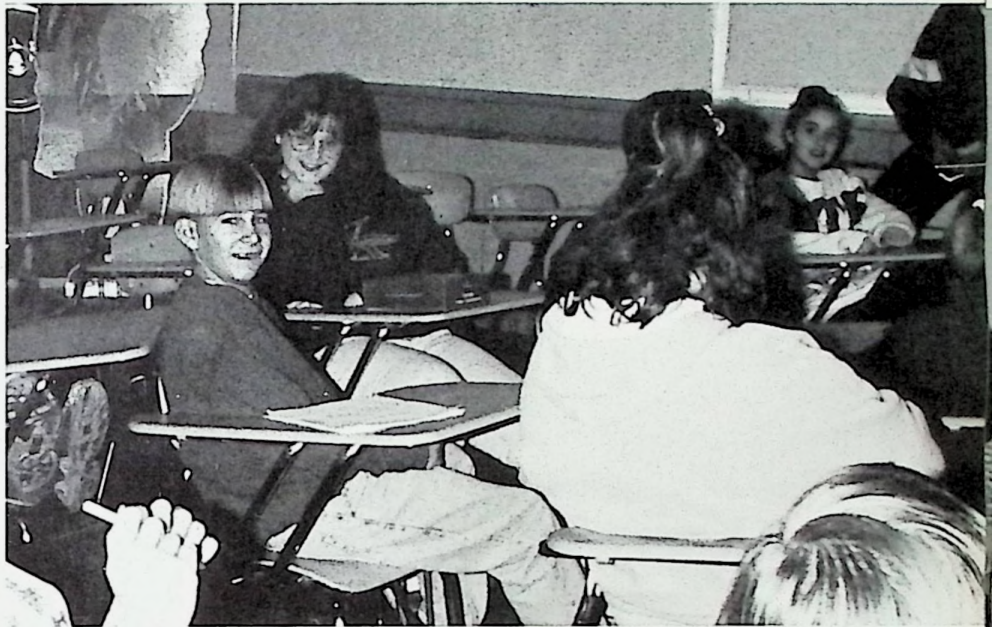
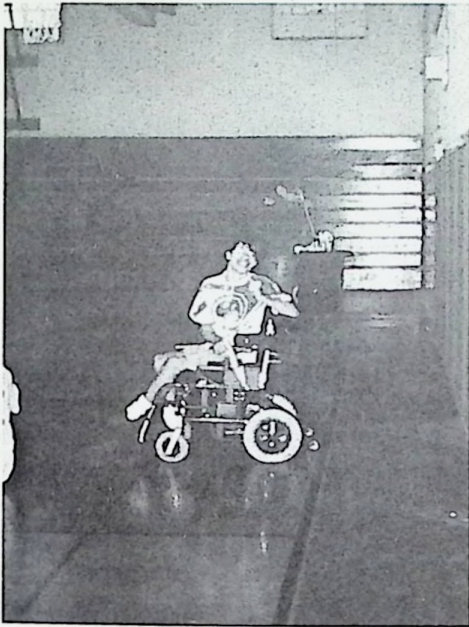
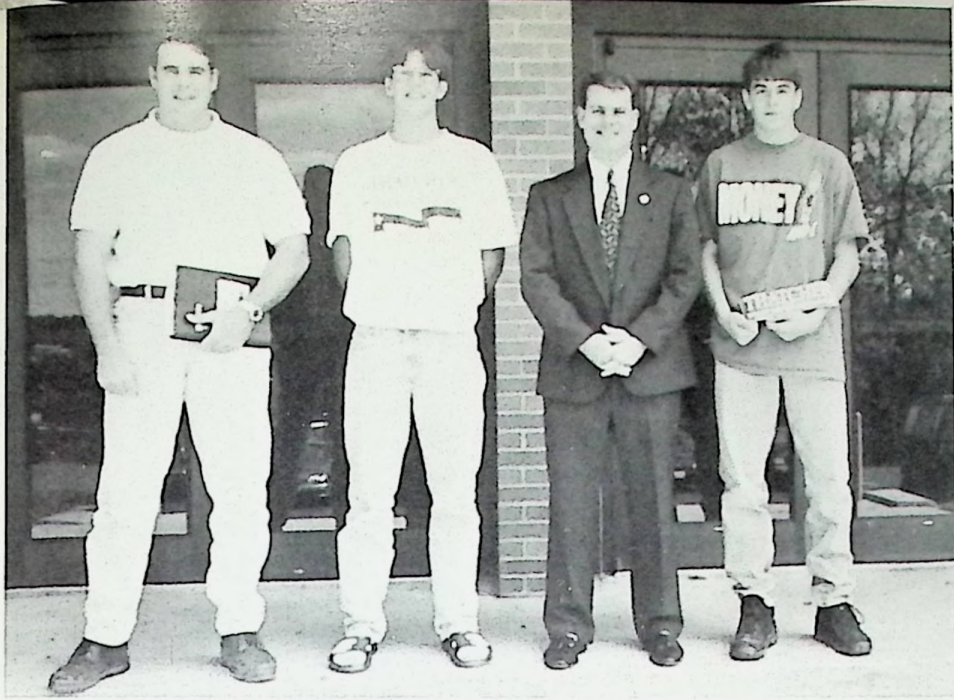
Clay students play hard and work hard. This has been a rewarding year with new NHS inductees, State Science winners, and outstanding scholarship recipients

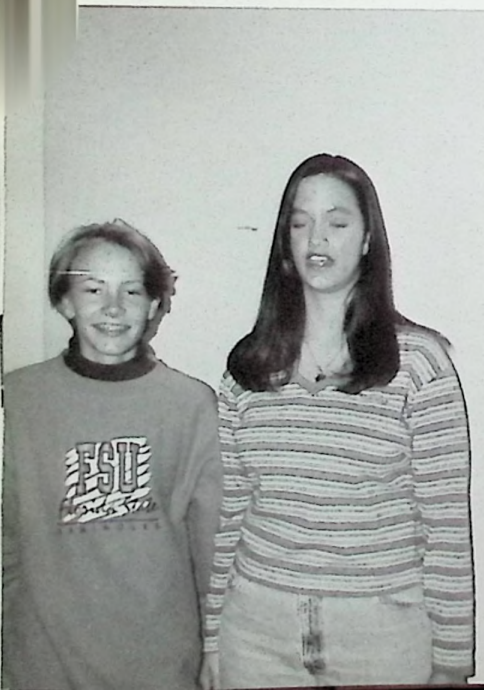
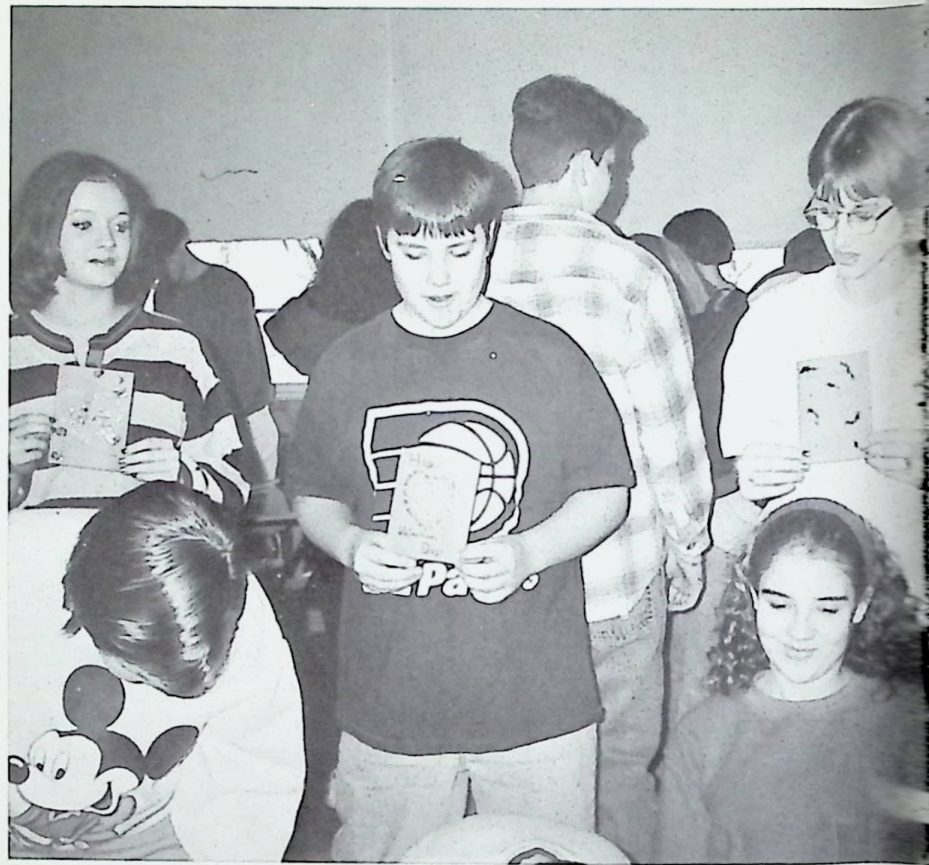




Leigha, what did you do?
Josh, is he writing you up?

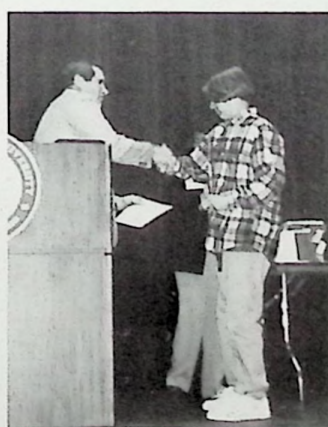






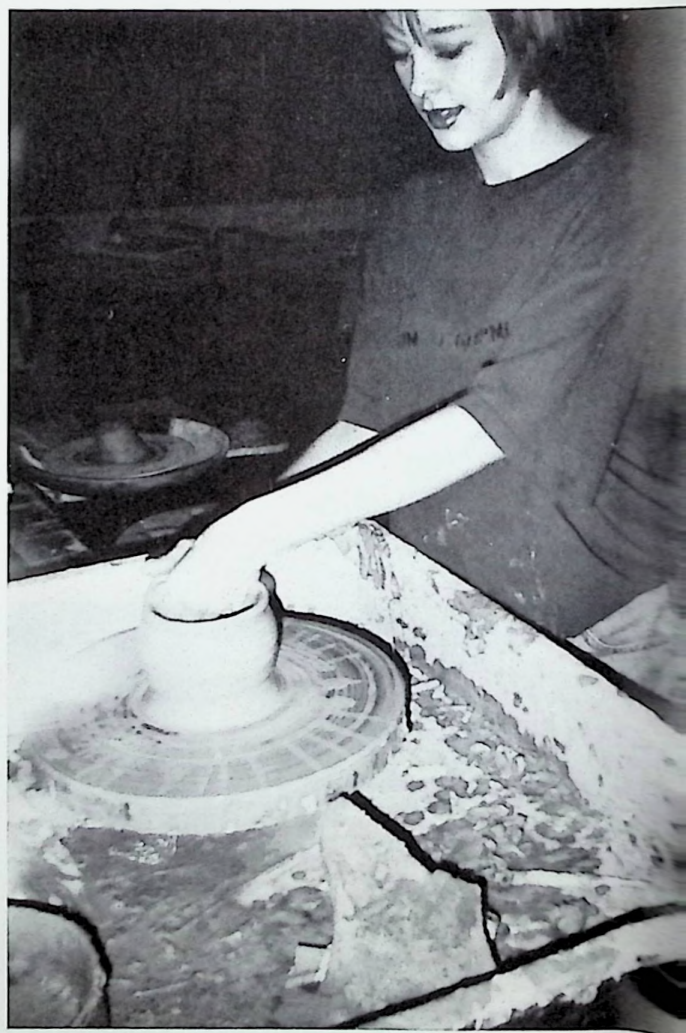
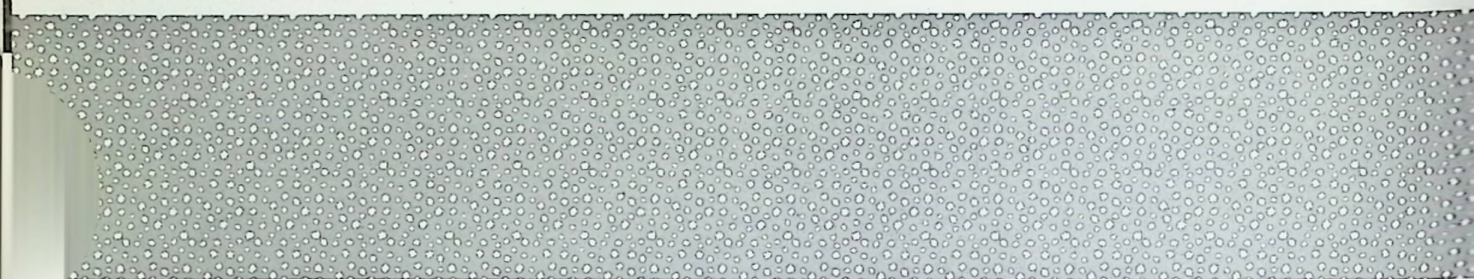


Take A Look At Us



Watch out world — here come some great kids. Keep an eye on them!

Our Student Council keeps us
lookin' good.





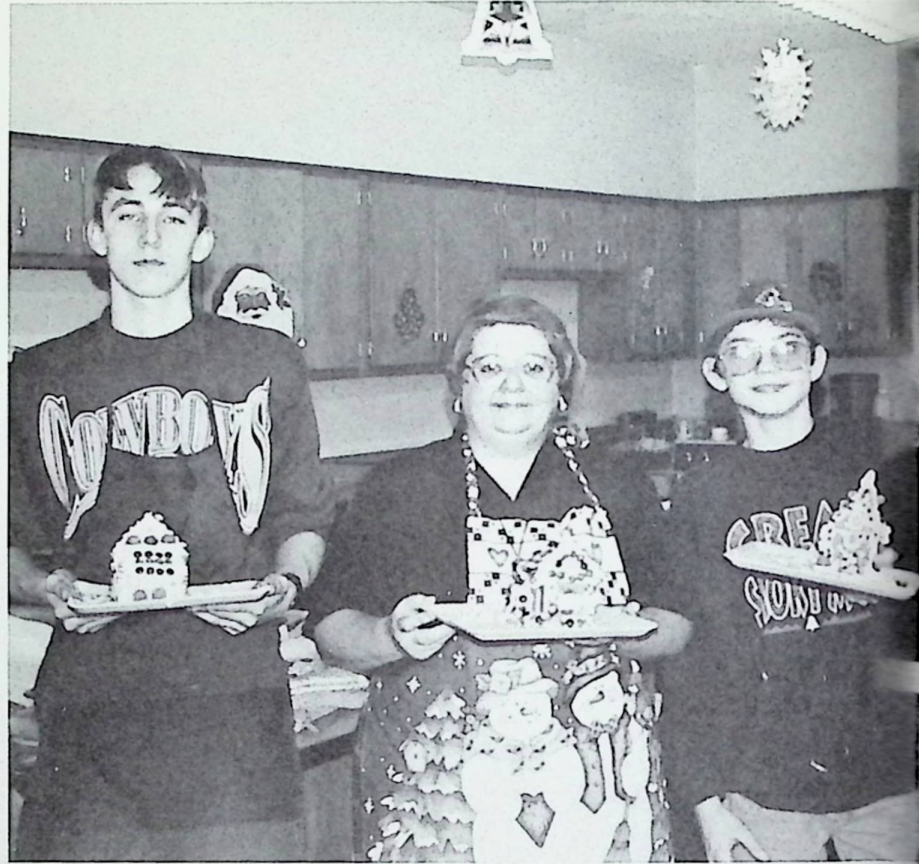
LOOK OUT
You can't drive!

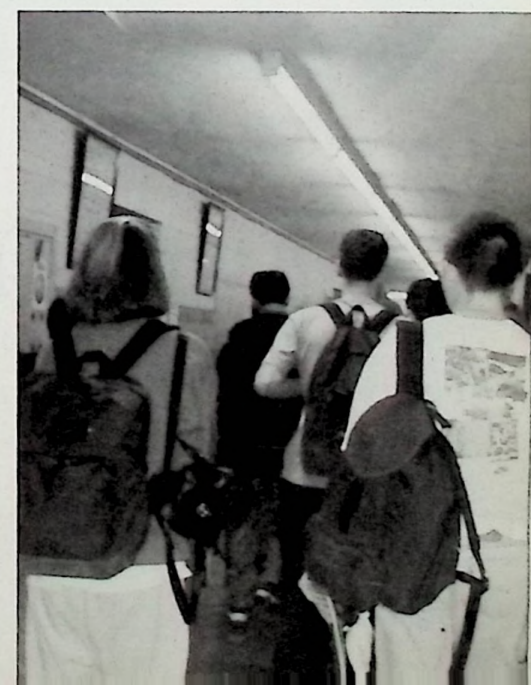
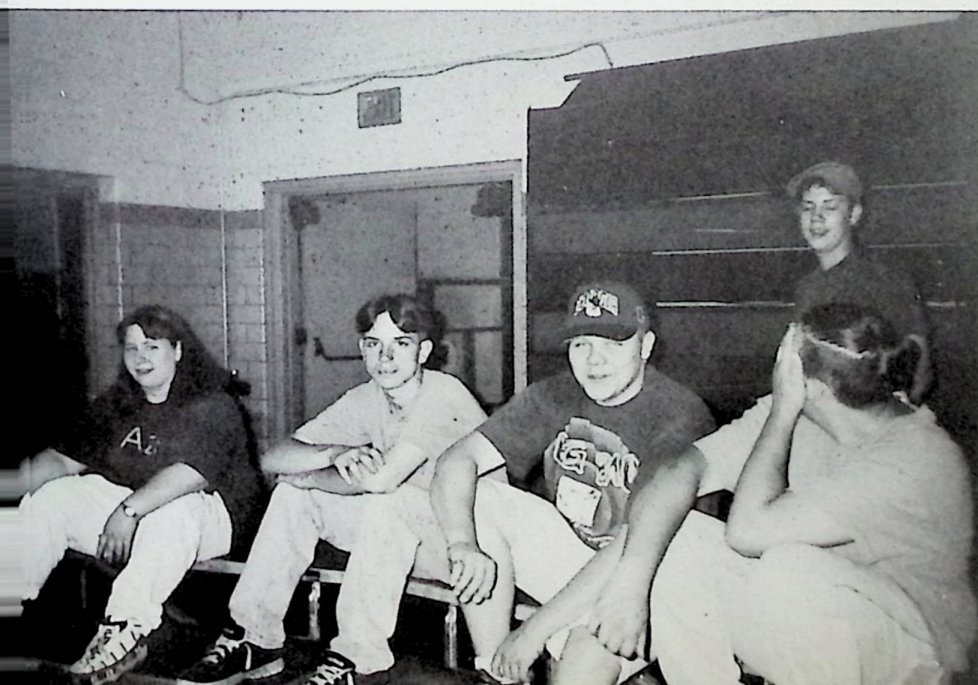


Hey — We Look Sweet!



The pottery wheel was quite a
challenge to some.



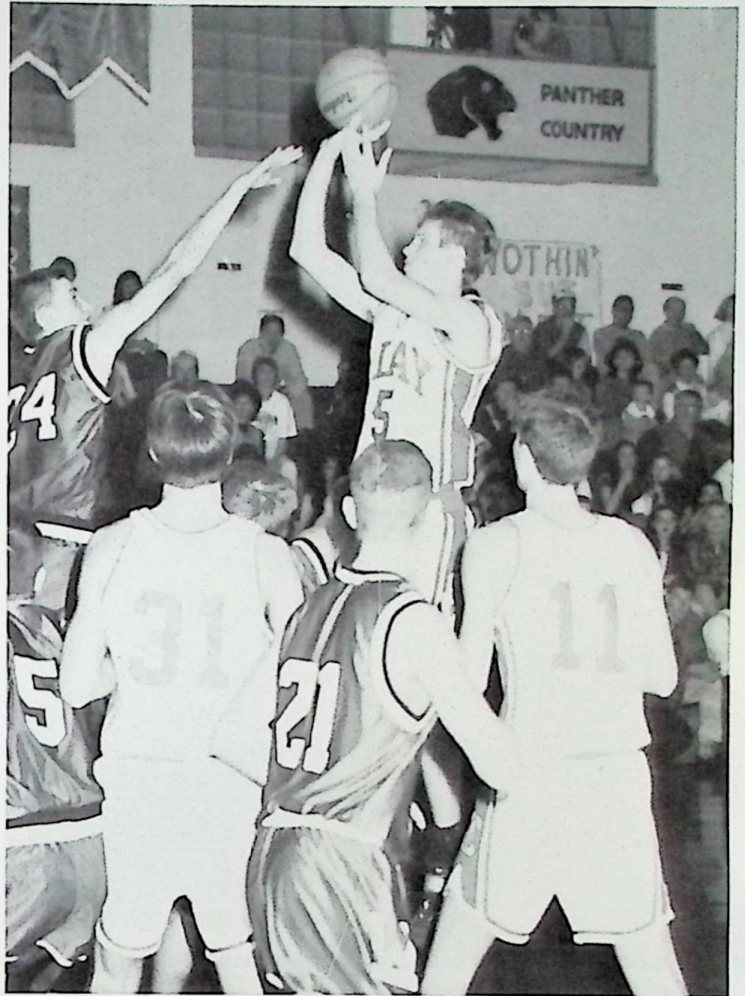


All Eyes On Us!



Keep your eyes open —
We are on the move!





Sports

Soccer Team



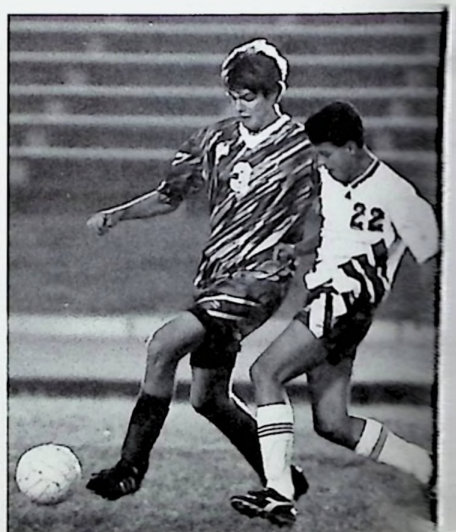
Seniors Ellen Sell, Justin Spradlin, Jason Williams, Zack Vastine, and David Spriggs led the Clay Panther Soccer Team to a well-earned victory over the Wheelersburg Pirates in tournament action.



Beau realizes that eating at school was a bad idea.



Sophomore Josh Ratcliff shows off his skills.



"Rody" shows his stuff on the field.



Keep Your Eye On The Ball!



Members of the soccer team include: D. Munion, J. Ratcliff, J. Williams, J. Spradlin, Z. Vastine, S. Estep, E. Rodeheffer, C. Shaffer, T. Shaffer, B. Killian, B. Vastine, D. Hodgkinson, S. Harness, B. Newman, P. Fitzner, J. Bloomer, R. Martin, D. Spriggs, J. Fannin, A. Payne, E. Sell, T. Boehm.



Ellen proves she can play hard ball with the boys!



Tim shows just how high he can kick.



Justin! Put your hands down!

High School Volleyball Team!!!

Sophomore Bobbie-Jo Graff gets down under the ball so she can bump it to the setter.



The volleyball players were: L. King, A. Workman, A. Spriggs, A. Hysell, Mgr. B. Davis, B. Graff, J. Brown, Mgr. P. Siqueira, K. Hansen, K. Cottle, M. Harness.



Junior Varsity Volleyball Team!

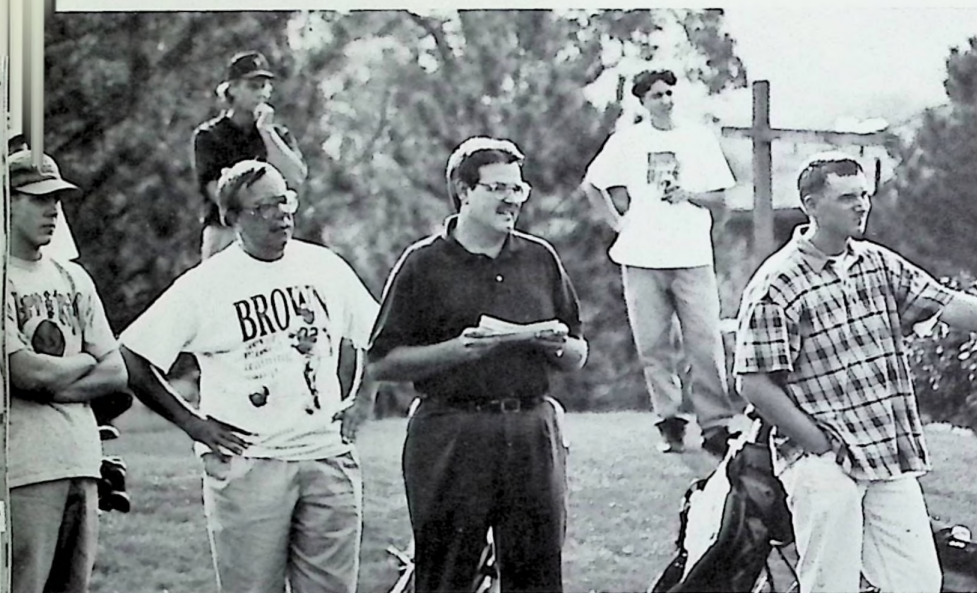
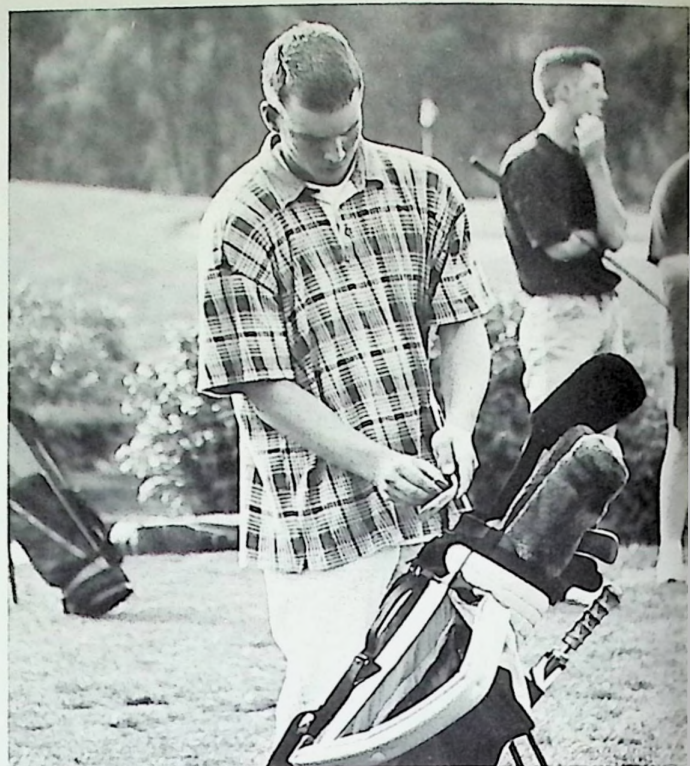
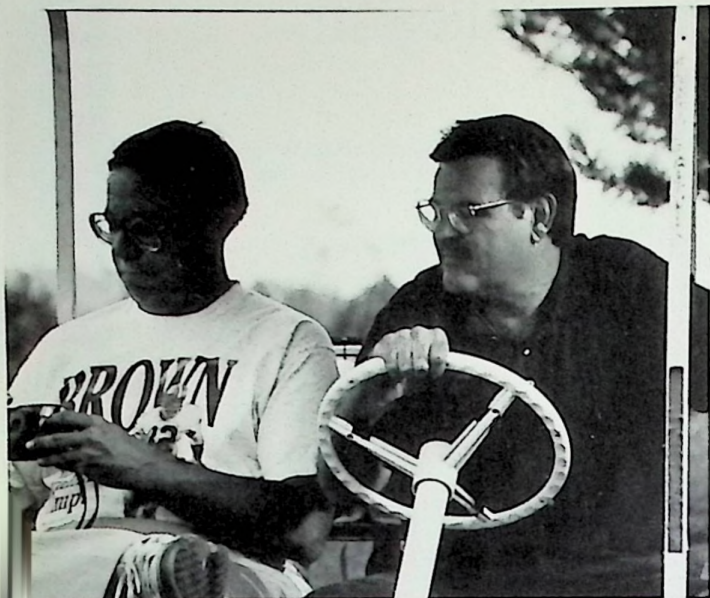


Leigha King plays the ball very well. She sets up right underneath it to get a good bump up.

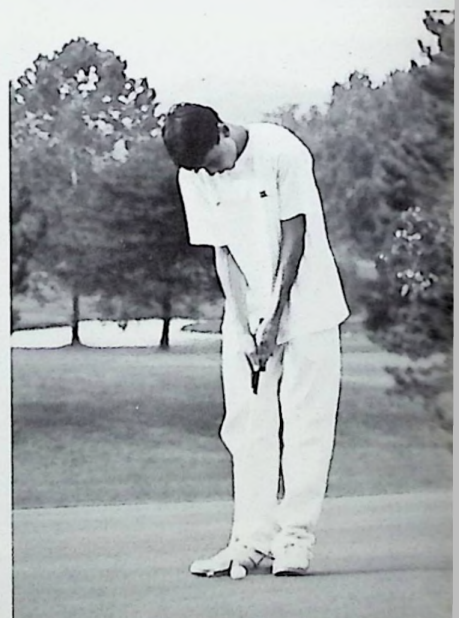
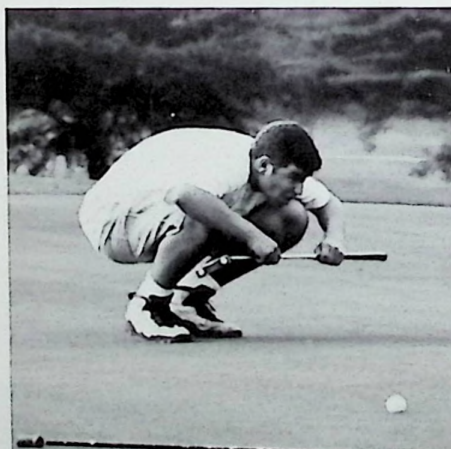


The J.V. team included: L. Turner, A. Spriggs, B. Smith, S. Workman, N. Spradlin, E. Carr, A. Brammer, K. Wheeler, L. King, C. Bennington, D. Gasho, C. Clark, and J. Osborne.

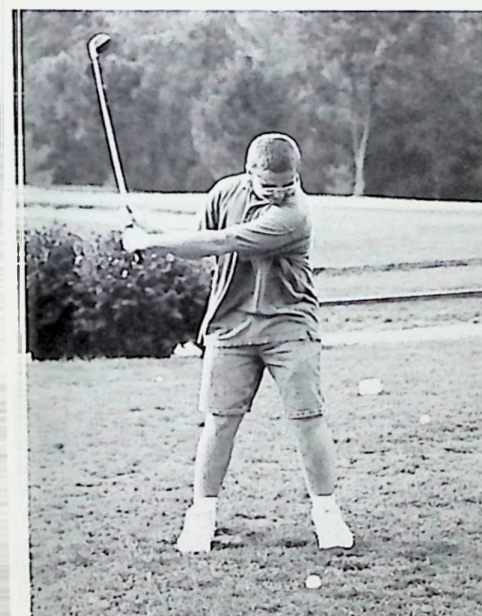
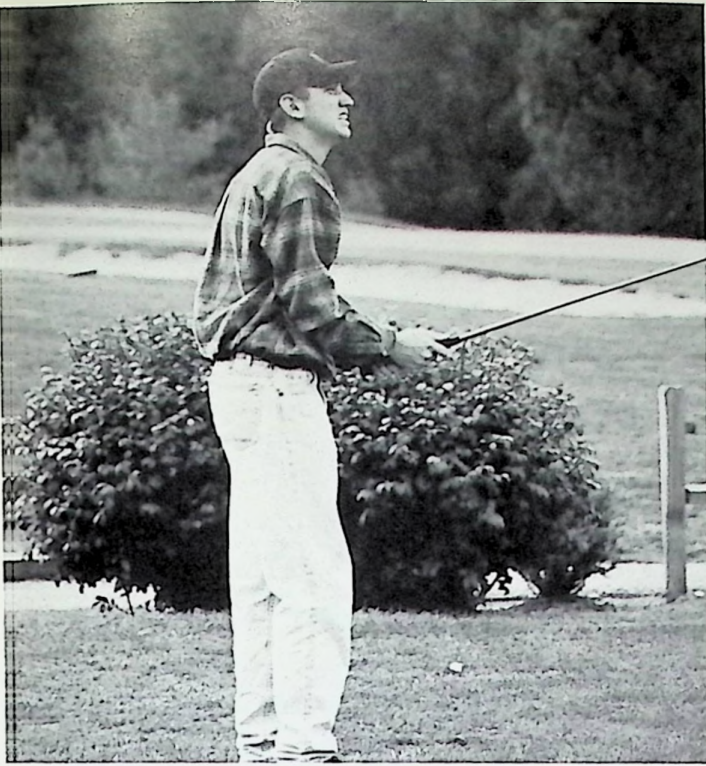
Golf! Swinging Game!



Benji Richard lines up his shot. This is Benji's first year playing with Clay's golf team.



Could One Of These Players Be A Superstar?



Members Of The Golf Team Include: N. Riggs, C. Day, G. Martin, K. Jones, C. Rayburn, B. Richard, S. Johnson, E. Vance, Coach McCleese.

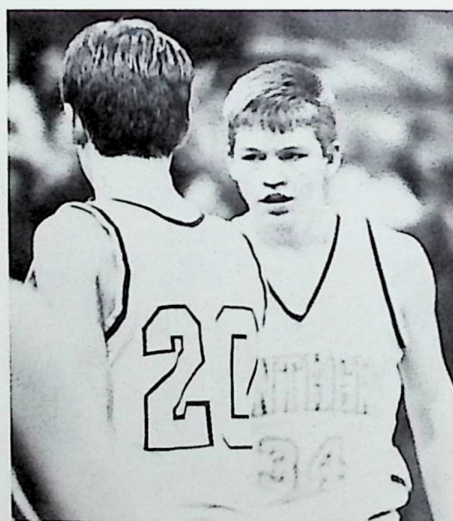
J.V. Basketball



J.V. Boys' Basketball! First Row: M. Large, D. Hodkinson, A. Payne, N. Riggs, E. Vance, C. Day. Second Row: Coach Jackson, B. Vastine, B. Killian, D. Hall, B. Richard, T. Shaffer, J. Ratcliff.



Josh gets hammered going for a lay-up.

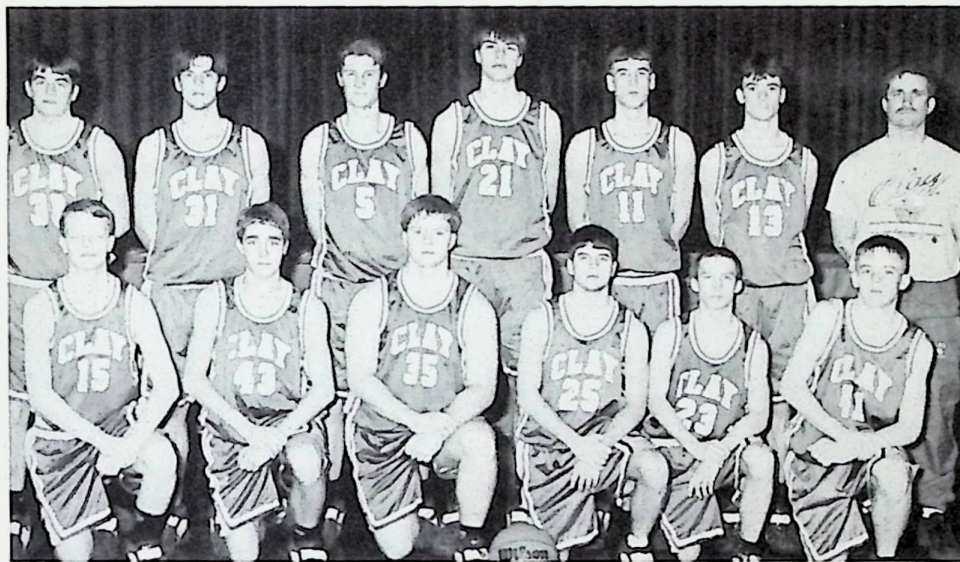


Tim says, "Good job, Derek!"



"You're not going to score!"

Basketball The HARD WAY!



The players for Coach Warnock were Zack Vastine, David Spriggs, Justin Spradlin, Eric Rodeheffer, Scott Estep, Kevin Jones, Billy Killian, Beau Vastine, Erik Ratcliff, Ryan Martin, Jamie Artis, Josh Ratcliff.



Won't be denied!!



Ryan shoots for two!



My game — My ball!!

Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball Team.

Players on the Girls' J.V. team were: Coach J. Rase, E. Hempill, S. Workman, A. Pay, Assts. J. Sayne and M. Rose, C. Knauff, P. Siqueira, L. King, J. Skeans, A. Blair, B. Davis, B. Graff.



Assistant Mark Rose, Coach Jeff Rase, and Assistant Jenny Sayne gave up lots of time to help the girls' basketball teams.



Everyone listens very intently as Coach Rase gives instructions during a time-out.



After her knee injury Tiffany came back and showed she hadn't lost any of her skills.

Girls Win First Sectional Since 1983!!



Abby Workman, a sophomore, is shooting for two. Her sister, Sara, is ready in case Abby misses.

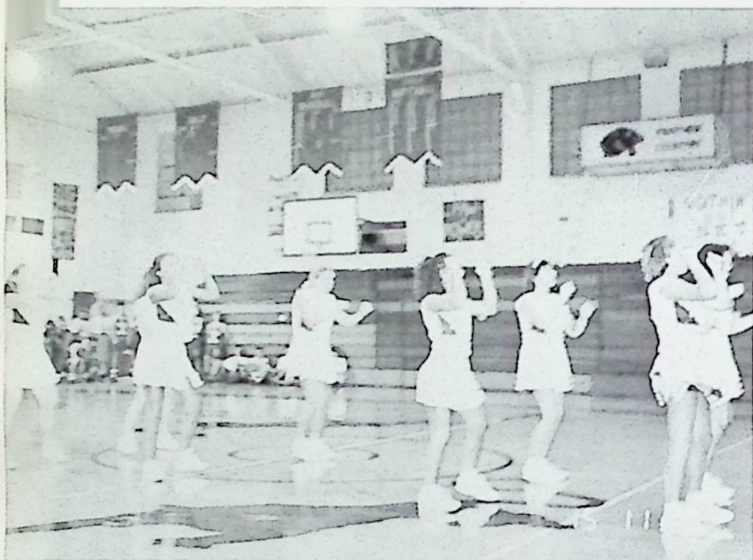


The coaches and players were: Assts. M. Rose and J. Sayne, A. Pay, A. Hysell, A. Workman, N. Spradlin, Coach J. Rase, T. Pollard, B. Graff, J. Spencer, B. Davis, L. King, M. Justice, and K. Cottle.

Erica Pelphrey shows her school spirit as a cheerleader.



The 1996-97 Cheerleading Squad!



Did Mari Grace and Kim join the boys' team? No! They just borrowed the uniforms for another fun-filled pep rally!





Mari Grace seems to be a little worn out after her long game as David.

Kim and Sarah are shown cheering the boys' basketball team to another victory.

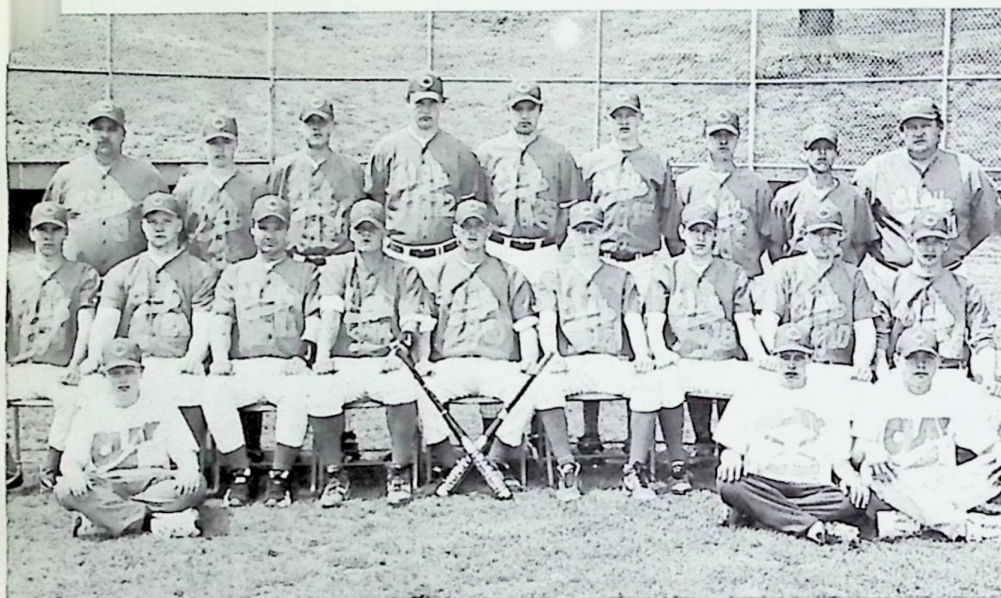


Show Your Panther Spirit!!

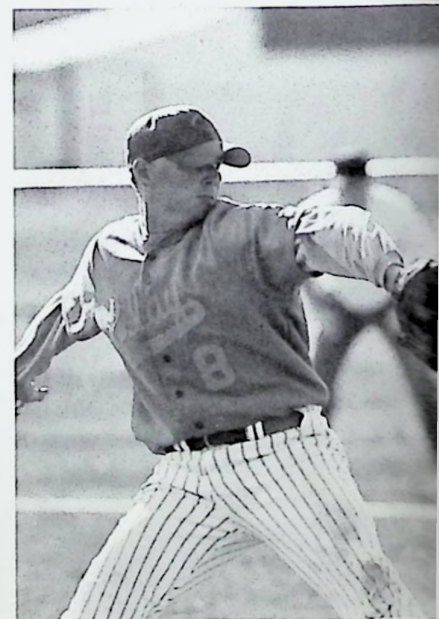


The cheerleaders were: K. Hansen, L. King, L. Robinson, J. Spencer, W. Vastine, Mrs. McCleese, A. Brammer, M. Harness, J. Brown, E. Pelphrey, and S. Wallace.

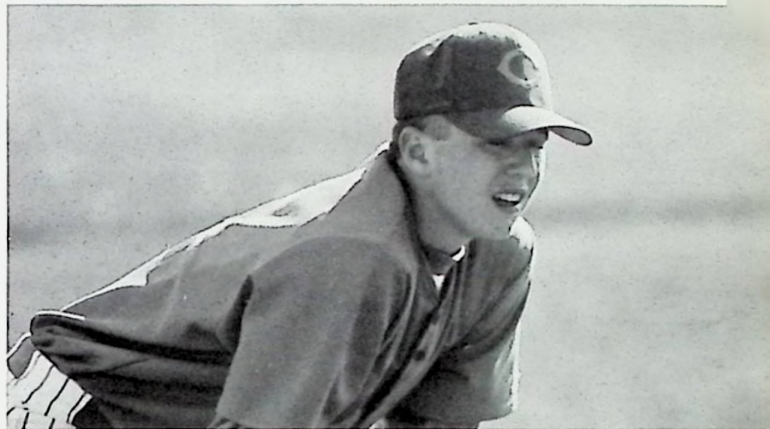
Baseball!! Very Close To SOC Championship!



The baseball team included: Asst. Trapp, E. Vance, M. Large, B. Runyon, B. Richard, T. Shaffer, B. Newman, A. Payne, Coach Allen, J. Bloomer, E. Ratcliff, A. Horne, J. Williams, G. Martin, S. Johnson, C. Rayburn, S. Har-
ness, C. Shaffer, Mgrs. K. Hempill, J. Mc-
Cleese, A. Large.



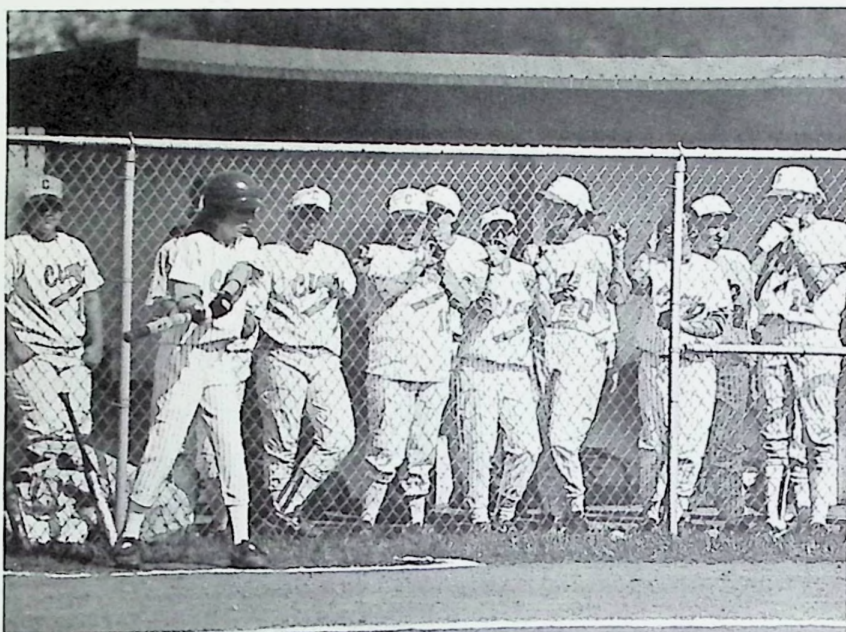
Senior Greg Martin will be greatly missed next year on the mound.



Jason Williams strains to hit a wild pitch.

Lady Panthers Win Sectionals . . .

Below: The Lady Panthers watch as Wendy Vastine gets ready to bat.



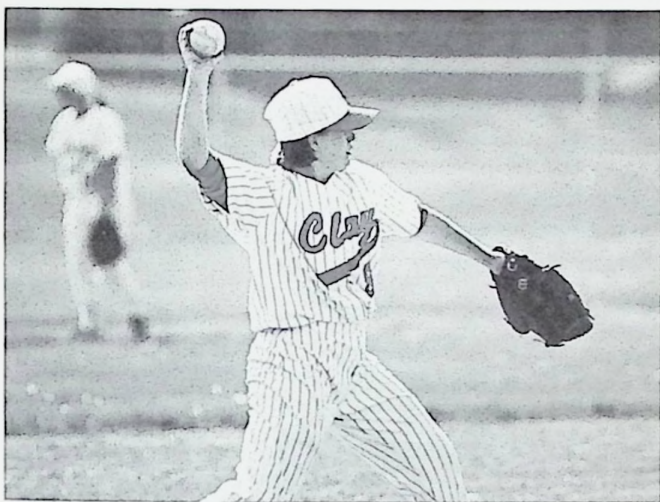
Members of the softball team include: J. Hickman, C. Hickman, S. Workman, A. Spriggs, A. Workman, J. Spencer, D. Artis, T. Ruby, J. Harness, L. King, E. Hempill, T. Pollard, T. Heher, C. Knauff, A. Williams, K. Hempill, J. Skeans, W. Vastine, J. Brown, D. Gasho, P. Siqueira, B. Graff, M. Justice, K. Cottle, and S. Wallace.



... Proving All Eyes Are On Us.



Kristy Cottle swings all of the way through to send the ball to the outfield.



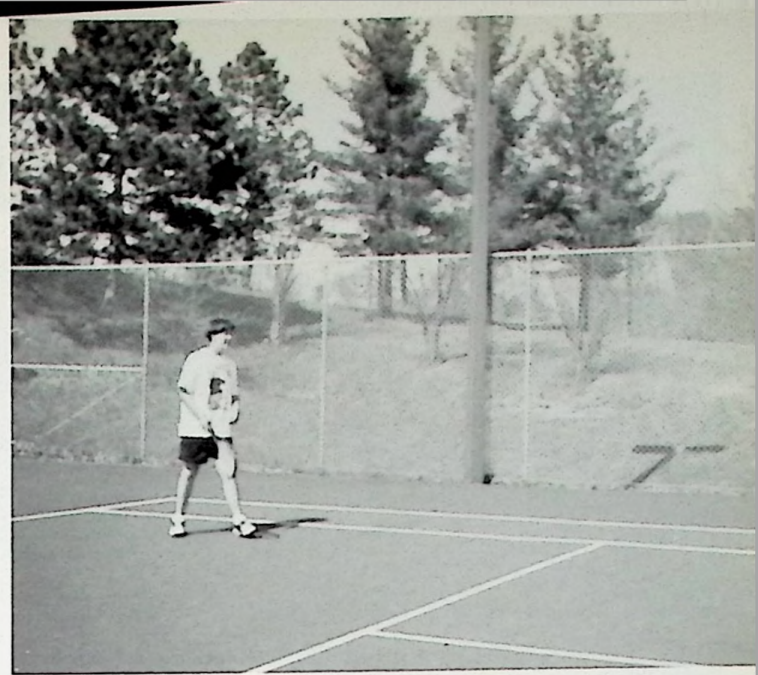
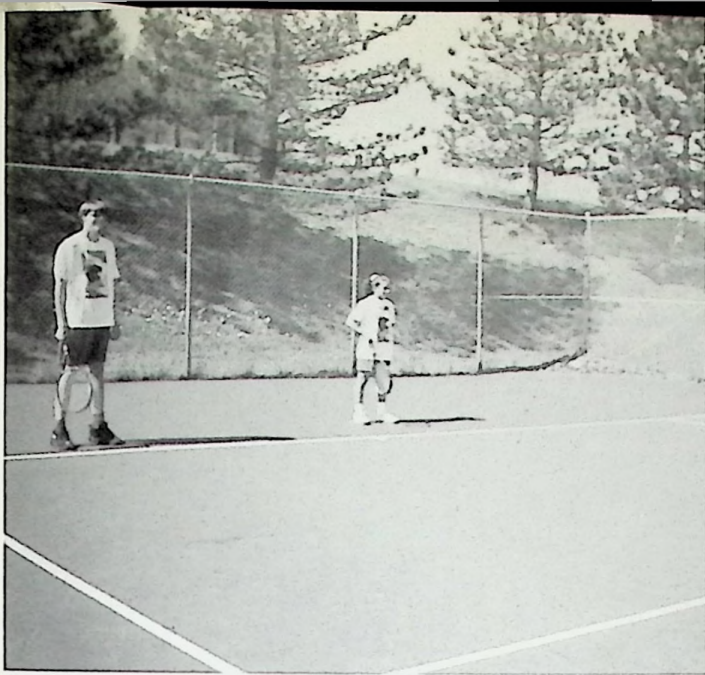
Sophomore catcher Jennifer Brown watches all the action from behind the plate.

Tennis Team Members Are: M. Harness, N. Spradlin, C. Day, G. Eldridge, B. Vastine, D. Spriggs, K. Hansen, Z. Vastine, J. Fannin, J. Bloomfield, E. Rodeheffer, P. Fitzer.



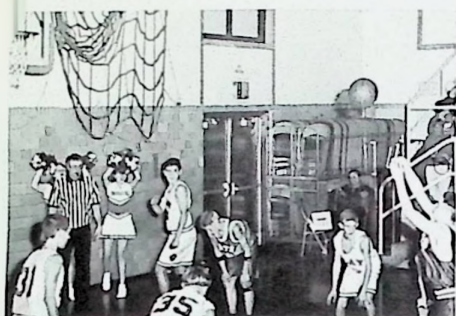
The bus drivers take a break before heading out to ball games, tennis matches, and wherever else they are needed. L To R — Mr. Ratcliff, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Hoover, Mr. Williams, Mr. Turner





Seventh Grade Basketball Looks Promising!!

Members of the seventh grade team were: R. Mosley, N. Belcher, A. Large, R. Compan, Coach Trapp, D. Stroud, K. Hempill, J. Davis, S. Vaughters, D. Richard.



Coach Trapp huddles his team around for a pep talk.



David Stroud looks for a teammate to pass the ball to. Obviously he doesn't see Jake or Nate.



Andrew Large shoots for three over a Greer Bobcat.

Keep An Eye On This Eighth Grade Team!!

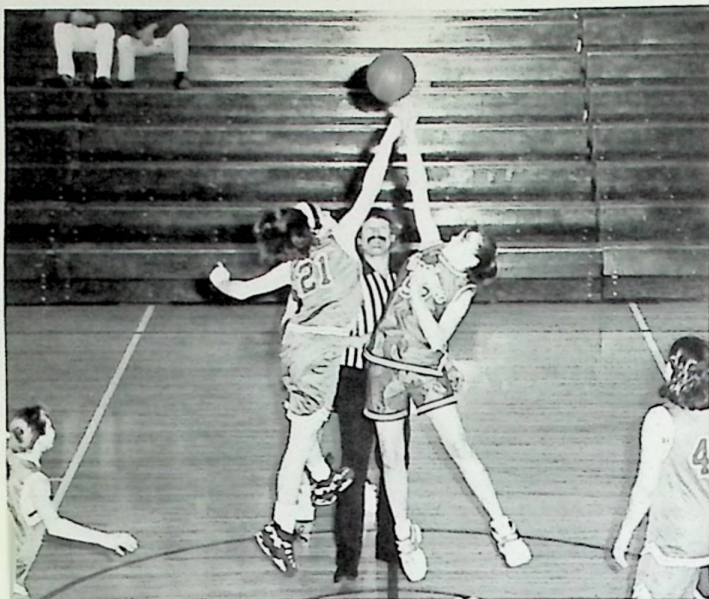


Robbie Huff takes control as he moves the ball down the court.



The eighth grade team includes: J. McCleese, B. Smith, S. Winebrenner, M. Craft, Coach Trapp, J. Harness, W. Kotcamp, E. Martin, J. Hammond, J. Hansen, R. Huff.

Keep Your Eyes On The Seventh Grade Girls!



Watch for some new stars coming from the Seventh Grade Girls' Basketball Team. They can really move the ball!





Everyone listens carefully as the coach gives a bit of advice to them.



Members of the 8th grade team include: Coach Bihl, H. Bihl, A. Gearheart, M. Horton, Coach King, A. Bloomfield, B. Vaughters.

Junior High Volleyball!

Beth Bostick is down and ready for the ball to come her way.



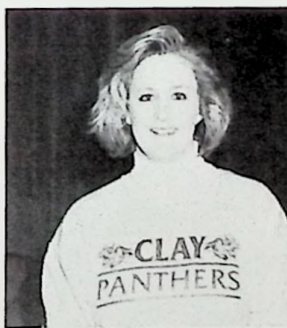
The members of this team included: B. Fitch, H. Bihl, Coach Arnold King, M. Horton, B. Vaughters, S. Haney, A. Clark, B. Bostick, J. Richards, R. Vrbnac, B. Summers, A. Reiser, M. Bloomer.



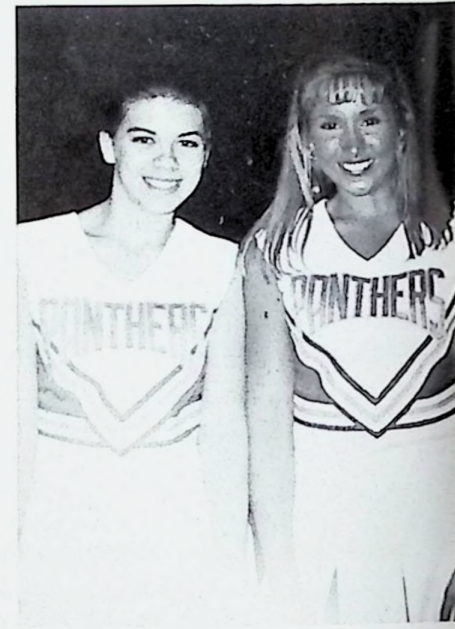
Junior High Cheerleaders!!



The cheerleaders were: B. Bostick, M. Bloomer, A. Reiser, A. Clark, B. Fitch, C. Gilliam, N. Gleim, B. Brammer, and advisor Erin Trapp.



First year advisor Erin Trapp did a very good job with the squad.



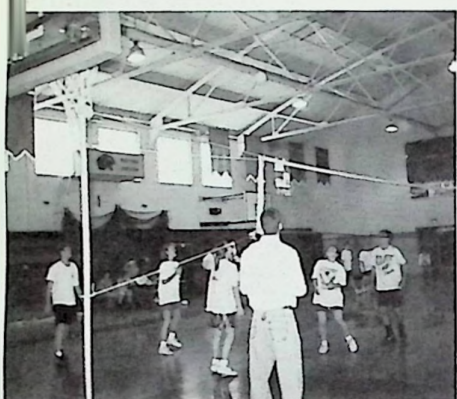


Senior David Spriggs had an outstanding year
— 1000 points!!! Way to go!!!



Volleyball Tournament

High School Winners S. Johnson, Z. Vastine, J. Williams, K. Cottle, S. Wallace, M. Justice



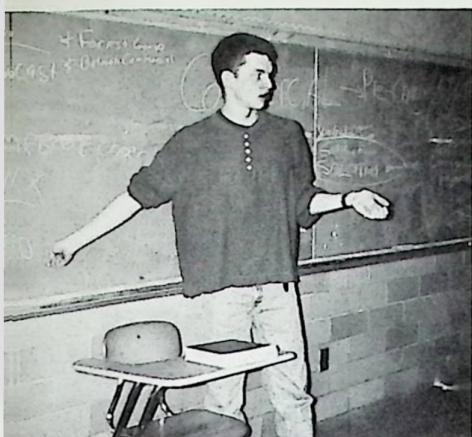
Muscle man Scott Estep shows his stuff at the volleyball tournament. Other team members included K. Hansen, J. Bloomer, J. Spencer, M. Harness, and R. Martin.



The volleyball tournaments proved to be difficult this year. As it turns out, the Seniors once again proved to be victorious.

Junior High Winners J. Davis, A. Large, Stroud, K. Hempill, J. Harness, N. Gleim.

Mr. Organization! Clueless Chris Shaffer puts his organizational skills to good use.



Student Organizations

Being a member of one of our school's many groups is an important part of student life. You get to do a lot, and you learn so much. Most importantly, it's lots of fun. Just ask one of the students in the pictures.



JOGS: K. Sinclair, G. Martin, D. Spriggs, Z. Vastine, J. Spradlin, K. Jones, A. Horne, M. Reed, B. Sosby, M. Easter, C. Eckstein, R. Greene, M. Carr, S. Hicks, M. Justice, S. Wallace, K. Cottle, E. Pelphrey, E. Ash, Mr. Trapp



YEARBOOK STAFF: C. Knauff, C. Skaggs, A. Bender, D. Spriggs, M. Justice, K. Cottle, A. Spriggs, T. Shaffer, A. Payne, S. Wallace, E. Pelphrey, L. Turner, J. Ratcliff, M. Harness, N. Spradlin, L. Robinson, W. Vastine, A. Workman, R. Greene, B. Foster, L. King, A. Horne, C. Shaffer, J. Bloomer, S. Estep, E. Rodeheffer, C. Rayburn, A. Piccolo



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: M. Harness, E. Ratcliff, E. Pelphrey, K. Cottle, S. Estep, J. Bloomer, D. Spriggs, C. Shaffer.



GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP TEAM: J. Artis, C. Shaffer, Z. Vastine, A. Horne, M. Harness.



ENGLISH SCHOLARSHIP TEAM: J. Bloomfield, T. Pollard, D. Gasbo, A. Spriggs, B. Newman, J. Bloomer, E. Ratcliff, K. Cottle

Scholarship Teams



SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP TEAM: M. Large, A. Pay, J. Payton, E. Pelphrey, S. Estep, A. Newsome.



SPANISH SCHOLARSHIP TEAM: S. Workman and T. Crawford



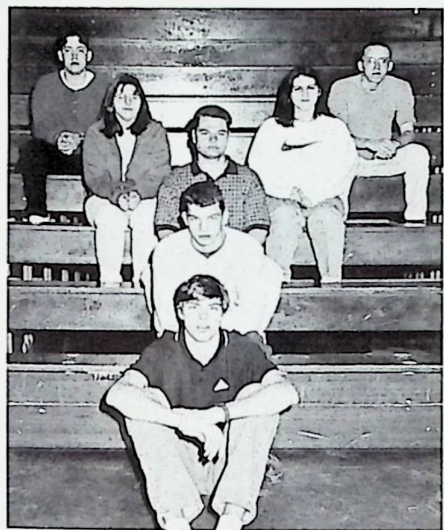
MATH SCHOLARSHIP TEAM: E. Carr, D. Hodkinson, D. Spriggs, N. Spradlin, A. Easter



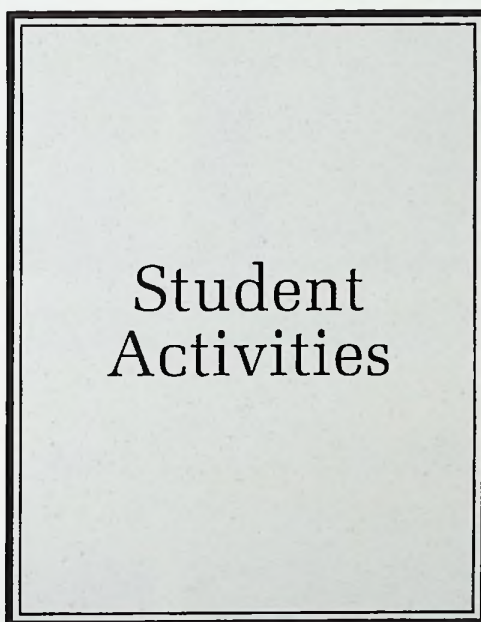
SCIENCE CLUB: C. Shaffer, R. Martin, J. Bloomer, E. Pelphrey, J. Williams, K. Hansen, S. Wallace, K. Cottle, T. Boehm, G. Martin, E. Ash, J. Spradlin, Z. Vastine, S. Stratton, A. Newsome, A. Horne, D. Spriggs, J. Bloomfield



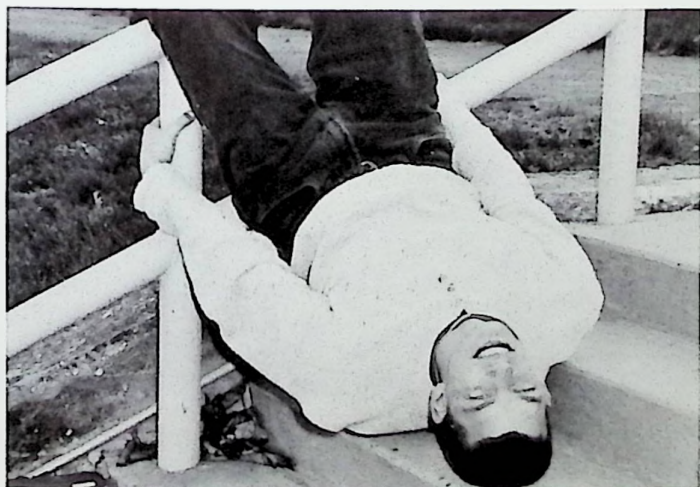
DISTRICT SCIENCE FAIR WINNER: Chris Shaffer



HI-Y: E. Rodenheffer, C. Shaffer, A. Horne, A. Easter, T. Crawford, G. Eldridge, S. Stratton



STATE SCIENCE FAIR MEMBERS: C. Shaffer, H. Bihl, B. Bostick, J. Bloomer, R. Martin, S. Estep



BUCKEYE SCIENCE FAIR: Chris Shaffer



YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT: G. Eldridge, A. Easter, T. Crawford, S. Stratton

Looking At . . .

Office Workers



Office Workers helping Mrs. Richard included M. Carr, J. Riggs, E. Hempill, L. Turner, M. Hoover, A. Blair, M. Hixon

Newspaper Staff



Newspaper Staff Members were J. Bloomfield, M. Carr, J. Rodeheffer, Mr. Rose, P. Siqueira

O.W.A.



Mr. Warnock, S. Weaver, M. Hoover, R. Hobbs, J. McGlone, L. McGlone, T. Haaf, A. Blair, S. Hoover, M. Horton, J. Riggs, A. Hightower, M. Hixon, A. Lane, J. Hixon

Library Workers



Library Workers included J. Hixon, A. Lane, M. Easter

Groups/Activities

T.L.C.



EK. Sinclair, J. Williams, G. Martin, J. Hansen, K. Jones, C. Eckstein, J. Spradlin, J. VanDeusen, S. Haney, J. Riddlebarger, E. Hempill, L. Turner, J. Anderson

High School Quiz Team



A. Horne, B. Richard, G. Eldridge, C. Day, T. Sparks, E. Hempill, E. Carr, A. Easter, T. Crawford

Prom Hosts And Hostesses



EB. Vastine, E. Vance, B. Killian, J. Ratcliff, A. Hysell, Mrs. Brammer, J. Brown, A. Brammer, D. Gasho

Prom Committee



M. Harness, J. Spencer, K. Hansen, J. Bloomer, R. Martin, C. Shaffer, S. Estep, E. Freauf

Take A Look At Us!

Members of the Drama Club include B. Newsome, K. Sinclair, A. Newsome, J. Schramm, Miss Moore, L. Bibb, T. Heher, C. Skaggs, M. Pauley



SPANISH CLUB: S. Harness, A. Newsome, E. Ratcliff, C. Shaffer, J. Brown, T. Crawford, B. Davis, A. Easter, G. Eldridge, B. Graff, A. Hysell, B. Newman, J. Osborne, K. Penwell, T. Pollard, L. Robinson, T. Ruggles, B. Smith, N. Spradlin, L. Turner, W. Vastine, K. Wheeler, J. Spencer, A. Bender, L. Benner, T. Kleinman, C. Knauff, C. LaValley, A. Pay, J. Payton, J. Ratcliff, N. Riggs, C. Skaggs, M. Sosby, K. Southworth, T. Sparks, A. Williams, T. Williams, T. Boehm, C. Clark, C. Day, T. Heher, E. Hempill, M. Large, A. Payne, B. Richard, T. Shaffer, J. Singer, A. Spriggs, S. Workman, D. Gasho, E. Carr, D. Hodkinson, P. Siqueira



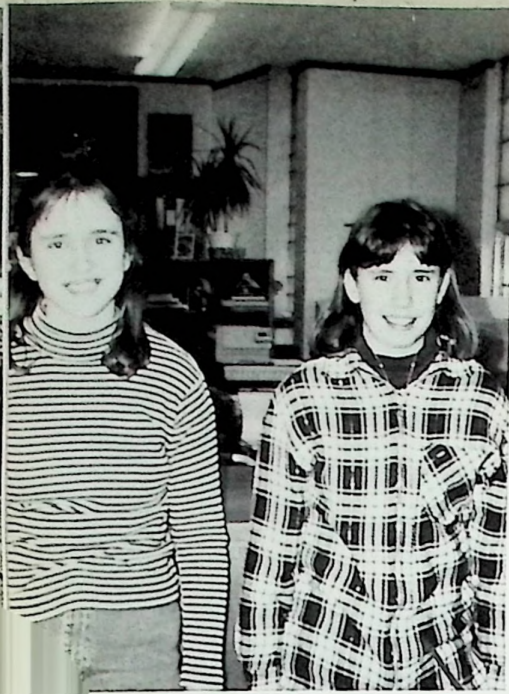
Clay High Music Department



The Members of the High School Band include A. Workman, A. Payne, J. Riddlebarger, D. Gasho, B. Newman, B. Graff, H. Bihl, R. Huff, J. Singer, J. Harness, J. Richards, R. Wolfe, S. Harness, J. Kirkpatrick, J. Luther, S. Stratton, E. Rodeheffer, S. Workman, M. Large, T. Shaffer, C. Clark, W. Kotcamp, C. Shaffer, P. Rideout, E. Martin, S. Boldman, D. Ratcliff, G. Eldridge, E. Hempill, J. Kirkpatrick, M. Pauley, S. Winebrenner, M. Sparks, K. Hempill



The Members of the Chorus include A. Brammer, J. Brown, A. Payne, K. Wheeler, J. Osborne, M. Large, E. Hempill, J. Riddlebarger, L. Turner, P. Siqueira, A. Workman, A. Hysell, B. Graff, B. Foster, B. Smith, T. Shaffer, S. Workman, Miss Maggard, C. Shaffer, S. Harness, E. Rodeheffer, M. Pauley, C. Clark, G. Eldridge, J. Singer



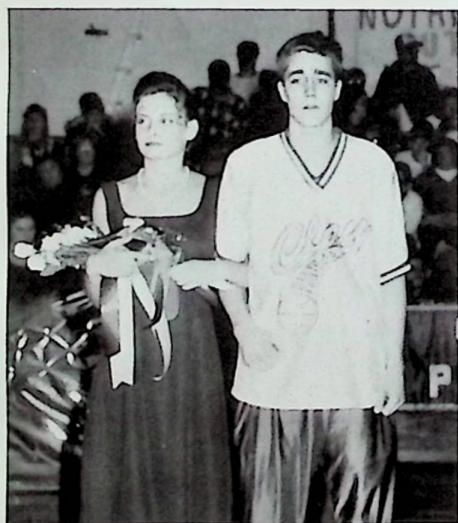


Student Life

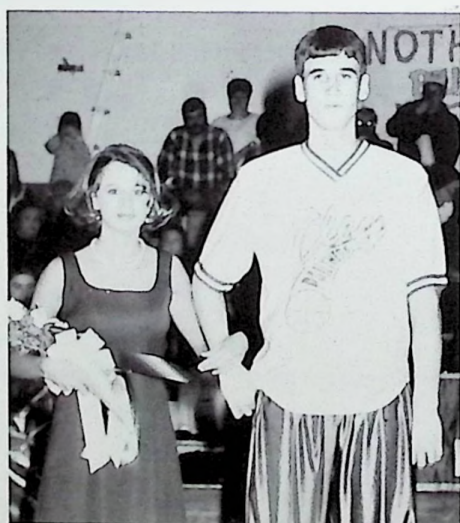
Presenting Queen Kristy!!



Kristy Cottle, daughter of Steve and Nancy Cottle, was this year's Homecoming Queen. She was escorted by Zack Vastine, son of Ernie and Peggy Vastine, and David Spriggs, son of Pat and Alice Spriggs.



Tracey Huston and Beau Vastine.



Jessica Osborne and Scott Estep.



Jamie Musick and Erik Ratcliff.



Homecoming



"Tonight is Forever" was the theme for Homecoming. This night was one to remember as it was also Kristy's birthday.



Paula Mowery and Billy Killian.



Kristen Sinclair and Kevin Jones



Leanna Prater and Justin Spradlin.

What A Night For A Great Prom!



This year's prom hosts and hostesses included: Eric Vance, Josh Ratcliff, Beau Vastine, Billy Killian, Denise Gasho, Allison Brammer, Jennifer Brown, and Autumn Hysell. All eight students did a great job helping out with the prom.



The Prom This Year Was A Great Success!



Vanessa Downey ... River Days Candidate!



Vanessa shows she has attitude while on stage at the competition.



Vanessa was chosen to represent Clay at the Miss River Day's competition. Here, she is giving her speech.



Vanessa is shown in her Mardi Gras costume.



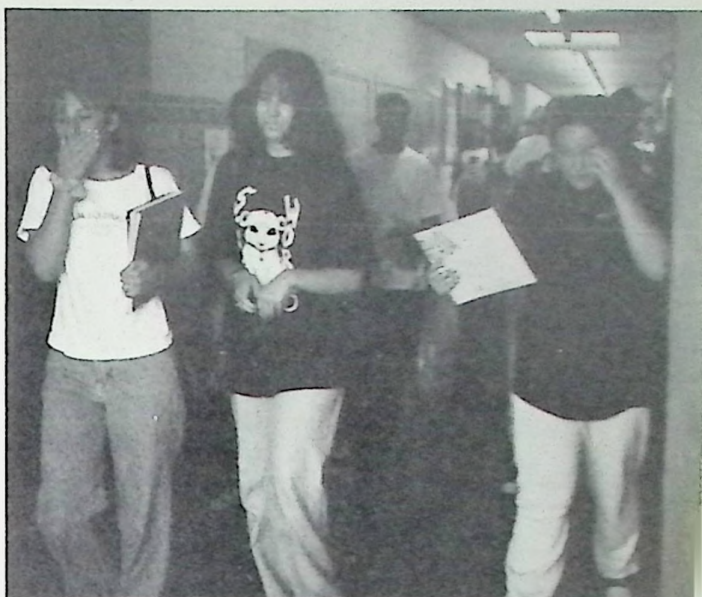
Vanessa shows off her beautiful evening gown.



Vanessa waves to the crowd while on her float.



Student Life at Clay keeps students busy as they develop new friendships.



The Clay students attending the JVS have made many new friends during their busy school days.

Bill Clinton? No, It's Just Gary Eldridge!

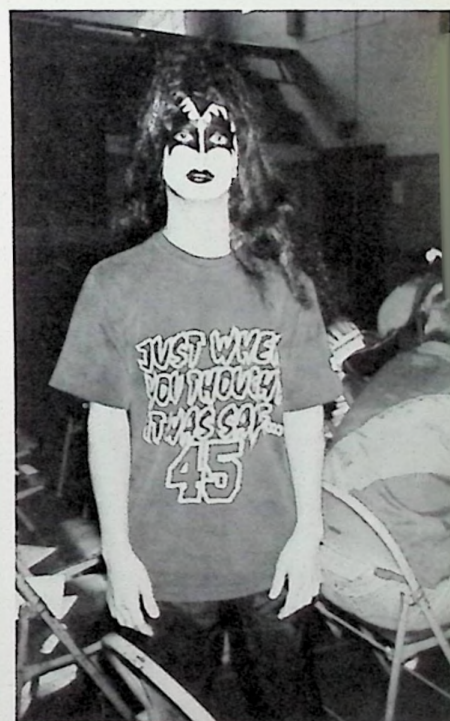


Scott Estep is shown working on yearbook pages during a yearbook meeting. Members of the yearbook staff worked very hard to make sure the yearbook was finished on time.





Joey Hansen is shown here with his secret love ... William Shakespeare.



Has the band KISS shown up at Clay High School? No! It's just Jamie Artis!

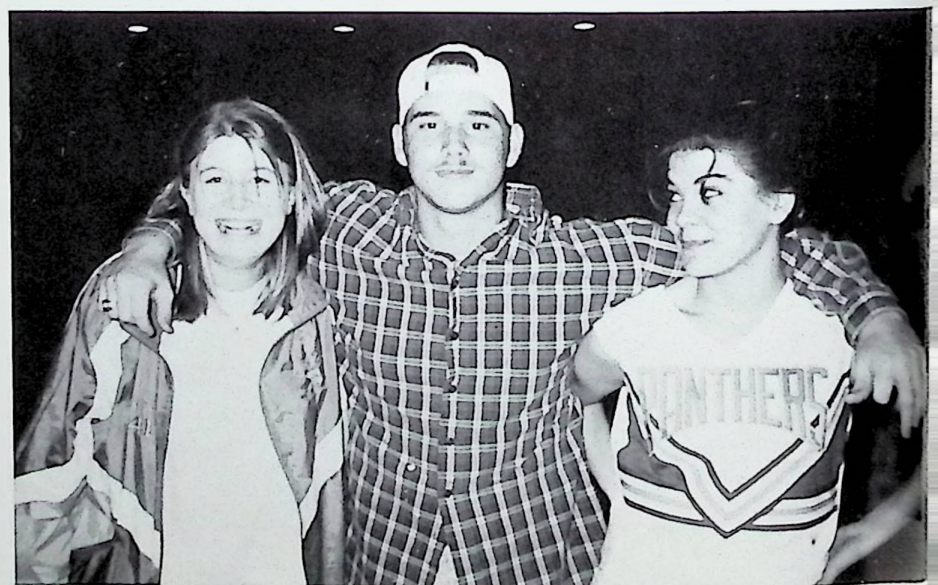


Watch out Ryan! Scott's going to get you!

Henning shows how low he can go!

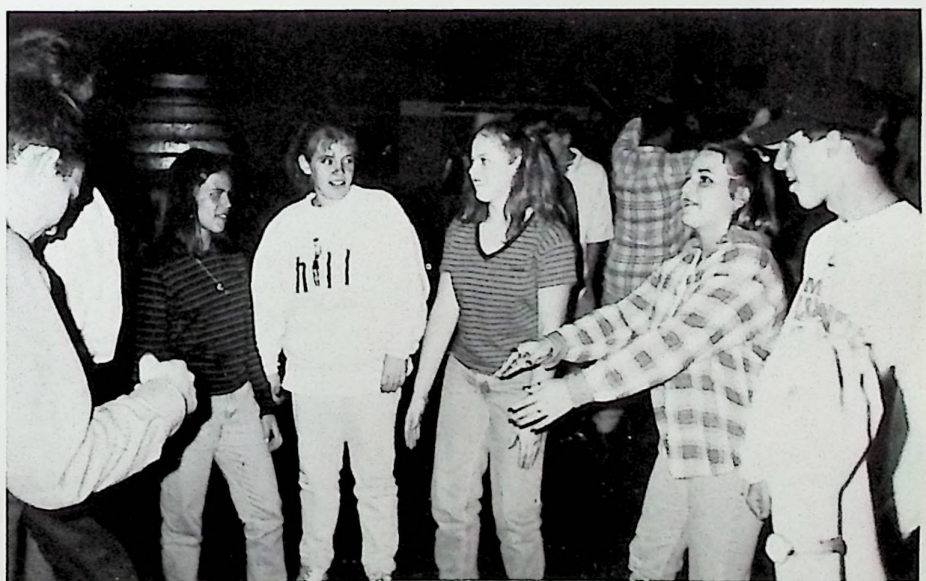
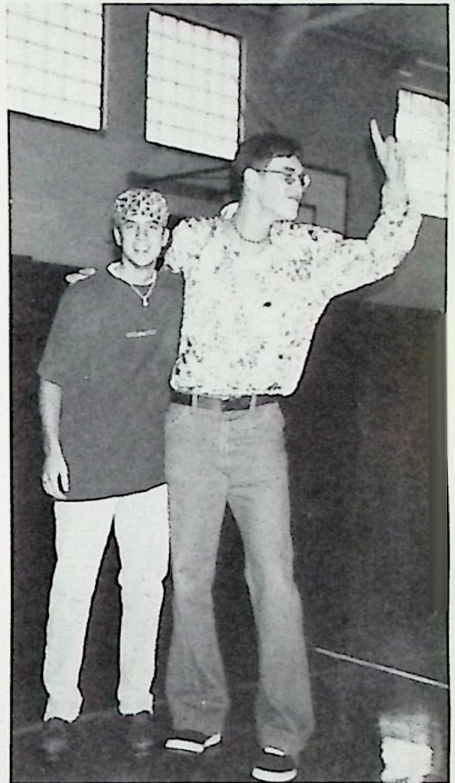


Nikki, Greg, And
Leigha Pose For
A Picture During
A Boys'
Basketball
Game.





Scott Estep And
Ryan Martin
Show Just How
Groovy They
Can Be!



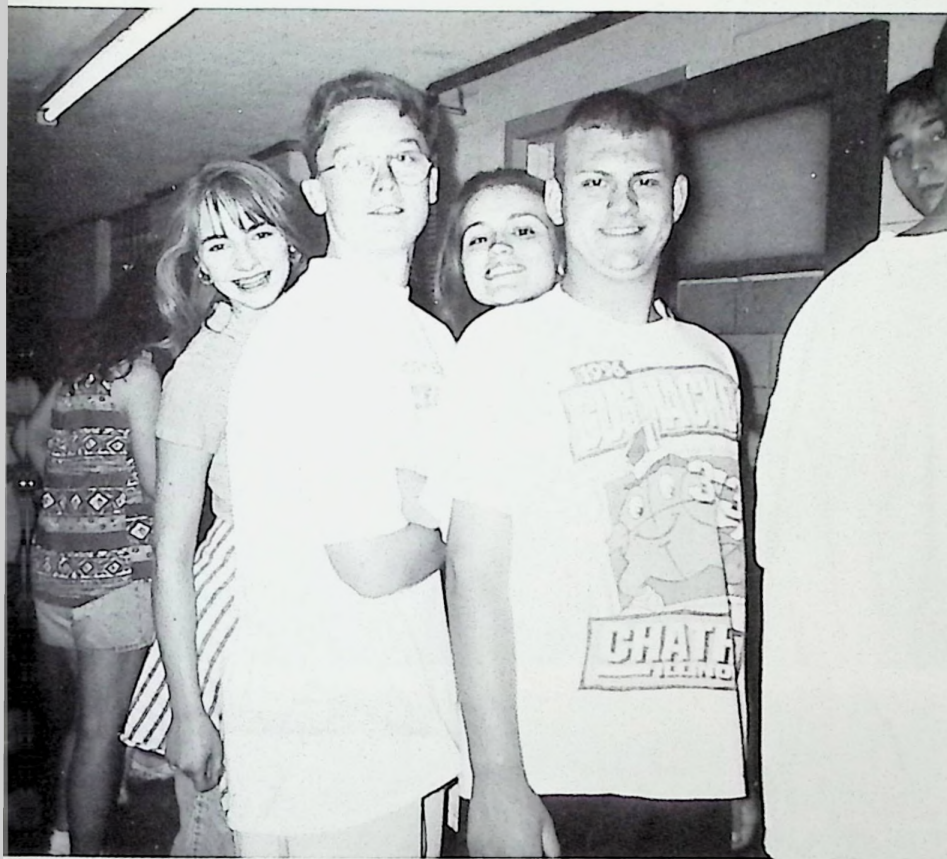
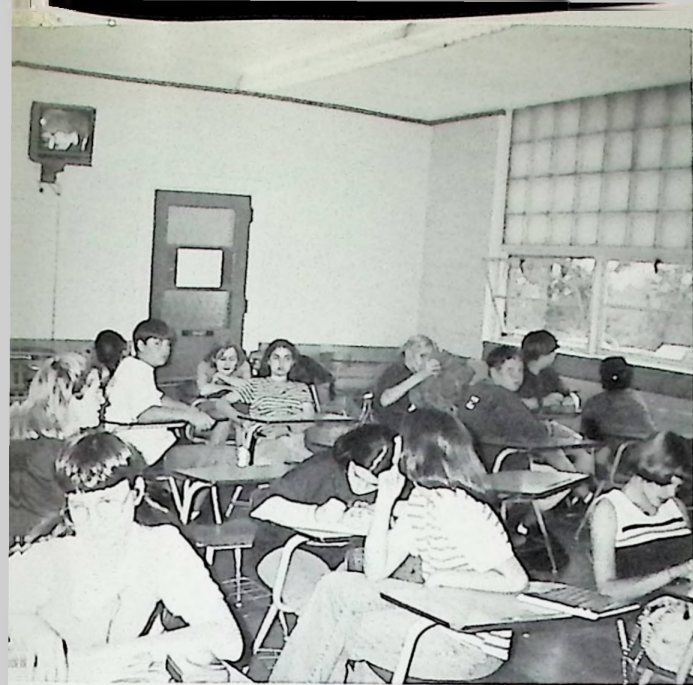
Mendy, Sarah,
Kristy, And
Erica Grab Some
Food Before
Selling Ads.

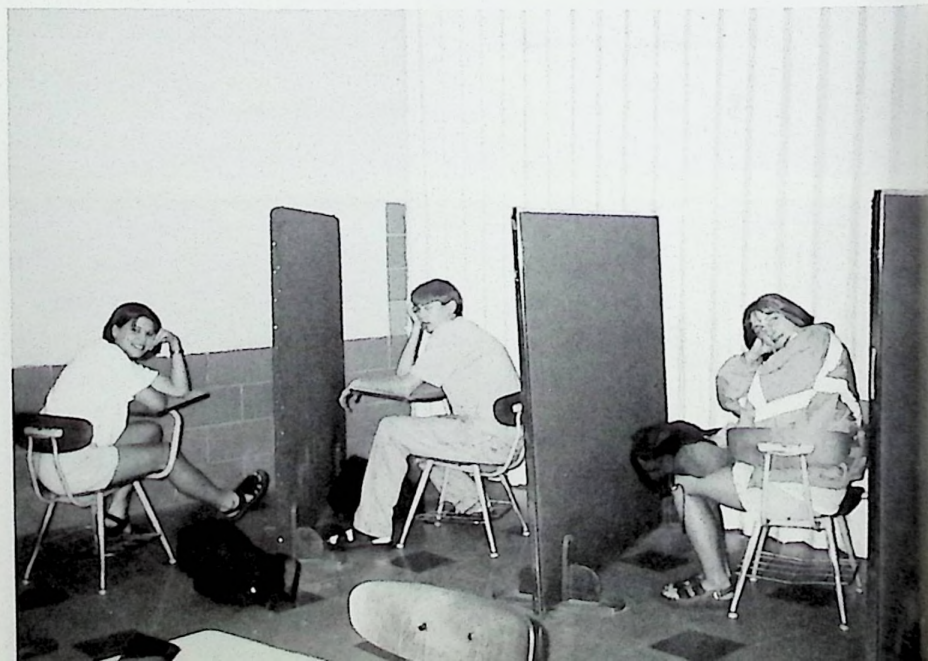
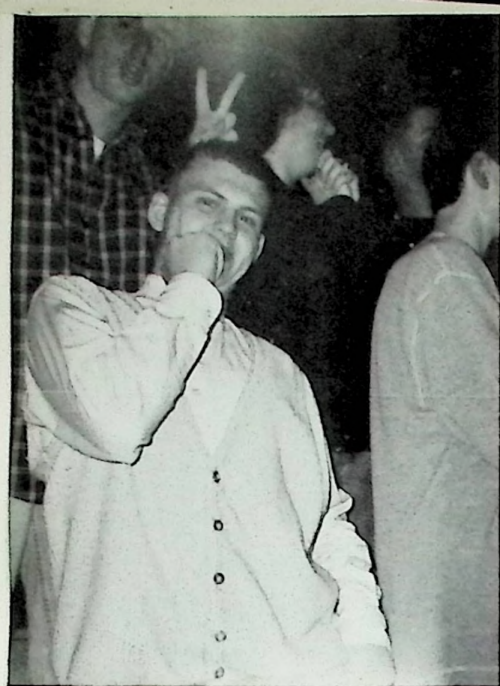


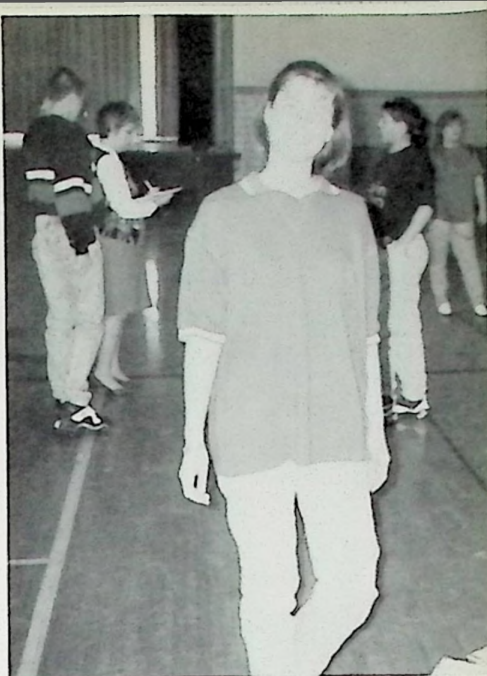


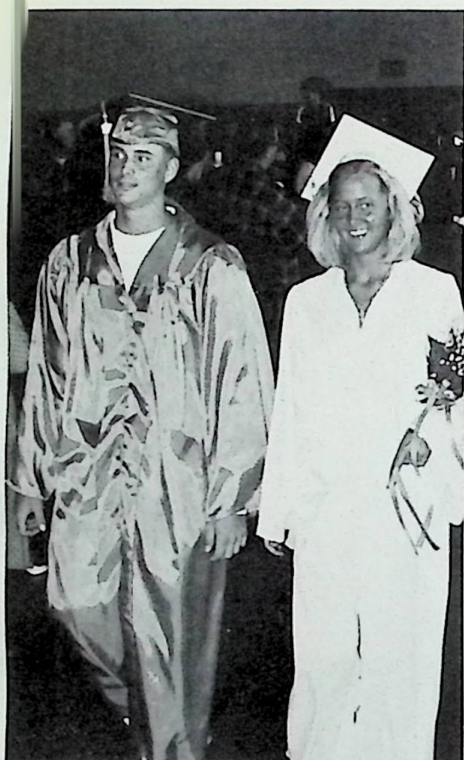
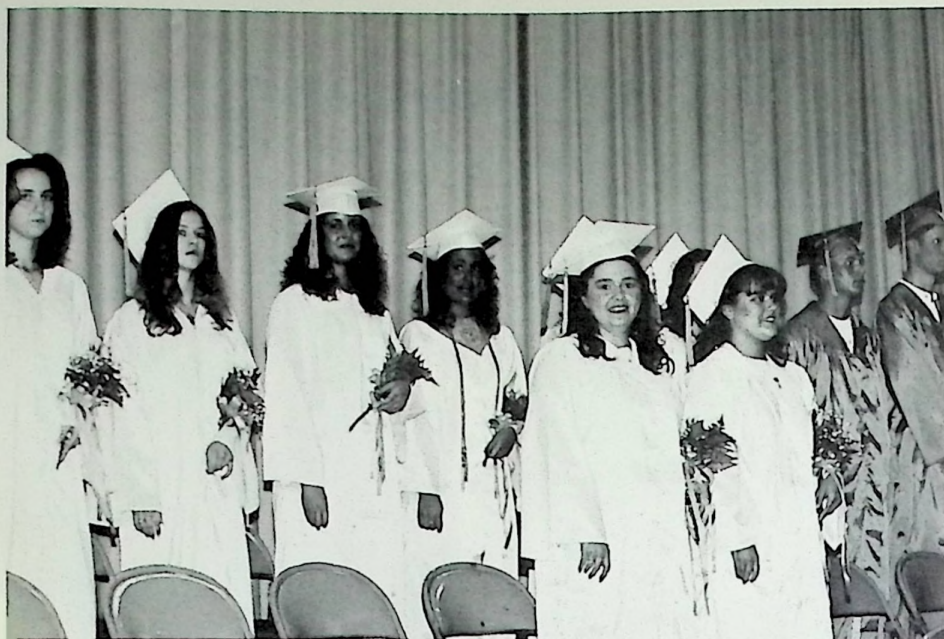
The Students At
C.H.S. Stay Busy
With Many
Activities But
Still Are "All
Smiles".



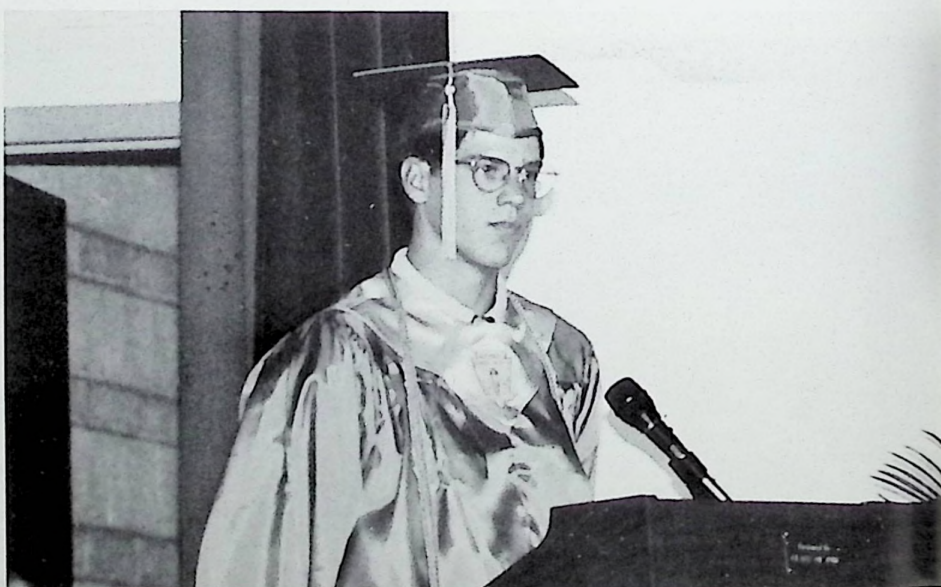








Greg Martin And
Kristen Sinclair
Are Very Proud
To Be Part Of
The 96-97
Graduation
Ceremony.



Valedictorian —
Kristy Cottle

Salutatorian —
David Spriggs

Outstanding
Vocational
Student —
Lisa Shaffer







**CONGRATULATIONS
KRISTY
LOVE, MOM AND DAD**



**Good Luck to
Josh, Chris and Eric**

*From Steve C. Rodeheffer
Attorney At Law*

***Congratulations
Erica !
We are very proud
of you !
Love, Mom, Dad,
Andy, Kim, & Marcus***

*Best of Luck
Rhiannon Greene
Class of 1997*

**Mendy,
Our gift from God was you.
We love you and are very proud.
Love, Mom & Bruce**

***Congratulations
and
Good Luck
in the Future, David.
Love, Nana and Papaw***

**Best of Luck to the Class of 1997
Hickie's Hamburger Inn**

***Congratulations
Class of '97
Scioto Trail Animal Clinic***

*Good Luck!
Fantastic Sam's
2730 Scioto Trail*

All You Can Eat Buffet

海 宮

OCEAN PALACE

Chinese Food Dine In & Carry Out

8780 Ohio River Road
Wheelersburg, OH 45694

Tel: (614) 574-6969
574-8807



OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
Sun.-Thurs.: 11:00 am-10:00 pm
Fri. & Sat.: 11:00 am-11:00 pm

銀 宮

SILVER PALACE

Chinese Food Dine In & Take Out
BUFFET-All You Can Eat

WE DELIVER
2347 Gallia Street
Portsmouth, OH

Tel: (614) 353-5109
353-5209



MAT WORLD®

830 Murray Street
P.O. Box 620
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

Featuring Winston Cup Driver Car Mats

TOM KEATING
President

1-800-227-2285
Local 1-614-353-5559
(Fax) 1-614-353-4100

SIXTH STREET CARRY OUT

612 OFFNERE STREET 614-353-7760
PORTSMOUTH, OH 45662

NOBODY DOES IT BETTER

Omni



Center

1012 LINCOLN ST.
PORTSMOUTH, OH 45662
(614) 354-OMNI
6664

MANAGER
SCOTT MCHR

The Community Common

Serving Over 41,000 Area Households

Best Wishes to all 1997 Graduates!

1007 Gallia Street
P.O. Box 1191
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

FAMILY of
Glockner
Businesses

Glockner Cadillac-Chevrolet-Geo-Oldsmobile
U.S. Route 23 North, Portsmouth
(614) 353-2161

Andy Glockner Honda-Toyota
2867 U.S. Route 23, Portsmouth
(614) 354-3255

Quality Car & Truck Leasing & Rental
U.S. Route 23 North, Portsmouth
(614) 355-5327-lease; 353-8350-rent

Rosemount Financial Services, Inc.
2867 U.S. Route 23, Portsmouth
(614) 353-2251



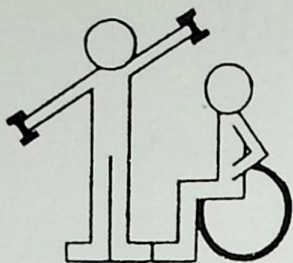
Western-Southern Life
FOUNDED IN 1888

THE COMPANY THAT CARES

35 Bierly Road
Portsmouth, OH 45662
Ph: 1-800-727-2848/614-354-2848(Bus.)

Newberry Sporting Goods

1635 Gallia Street
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662
353-1166



HUGHES AND HUGHES PHYSICAL THERAPY, INC.

2220 SCIOTO TRAIL

PORTSMOUTH, OHIO 45662

(614) 354-HHPT (4478) or 1-800-266-4171

Miller's Chevron

Service, Tires, Mechanical Work

1552 State • Route 139

Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

(614) 456-6635

Chevron



Fred Miller, Greg Miller

Home Of Atlas Products



(614) 353-5105

**BOULEVARD
BOUQUET**

1716 Coles Boulevard
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

JANET DOYLE



TOM TOFT'S

CARPET, FURNITURE
AND CERAMICS

3814 Gallia Street • New Boston, Ohio 45662
Telephone (614) 456-8294

F. C. DAEHLER MORTUARY CO.

915 Ninth Street
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

GERALD W. GILMORE
MANAGER

Bus. Phone 353-4146

LOFT Painting Co.

625 THIRD STREET
PORTSMOUTH, OHIO 45662

PHONE (614) 353-5123
FAX (614) 354-3290



Timothy's

A new experience in
hair and body
fashions!

Gay Street, Portsmouth

Aaron R. Triplett

Attorney-At-Law

4705 Old Scioto Trail
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662
(614) 353-8111

Century 21 Empire Realty

Robert and Debra Gambill
Owners

902 Gallia Street
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662
354-2112, 574-2100

CASTLES' AUTO SALES, INC.

2019 Eleventh St.
Portsmouth, OH
(614) 353-5641

KEVIN CASTLE
ROGER CASTLE
Owners

McHumston's Dairy Bar RESTAURANT AND PIZZA SHOPPE

CORNER OF RTS. 348 & 104
259-2520 OR 259-2811

"Let Our Family Serve Yours!"

LINDA HUMSTON
OWNER

LEE McLAUGHLIN
GENERAL MANAGER

HERB DAVIS
MANAGER



VALLEY TV, SOUND & SATELLITE, INC.

S. R. 23, N. PH. 614-259-4086
P. O. BOX 39
LUCASVILLE, OH 45648



NOTHING FANCY • JUST GOOD HOMESTYLE COOKING

Morton's Family Restaurant

Full Service • Open 7 days a week

1018 Chillicothe St.
Portsmouth, OH 45662
614-353-8239

Peg Morton

ShopWise

in Minford, Ohio

GOOD LUCK PANTHERS!

Congratulations
'97 Graduates

BEST OF LUCK CLAY GRADUATES!

Life Ambulance

Serving Scioto
County

Helig-Meyers

Furniture Company

840 Gallia Street
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

Phone: 354-3244

MEXICAN RESTAURANT



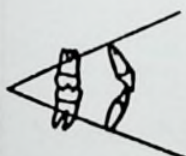
HOME OF THE "FLYING SAUCER"



Santos & Indina Orozco

1555 Gallia Street - Portsmouth, OH 45662

353-4853



Orthodontist

CHARLES WILSON, DDS, MS
1709 27th Street
Portsmouth, OH
354-4284

Hector V. Soto, M.D., Inc.

1010 24TH STREET
PORTSMOUTH, OHIO 45662-2822

MLS

NANCY VASTINE-HAWK
Sales Agent
(614) 574-5495

RUTHANN BRUSH REALTY

ROOM 302 MASONIC BUILDING
POST OFFICE BOX 828
PORTSMOUTH, OHIO 45662

BUS. (614) 354-3171
RES. (614) 574-5495
FAX (614) 353-6625

**THE
PORTSMOUTH
INSURANCE
AGENCY, INC.**

2748 Scioto Trail P.O. Box 1386

Portsmouth, Ohio 45662-1386



Phone: 614/353-4105 1-800-628-9148

Fax: 614/354-1463

Best Wishes Graduates
McKinley Funeral Home
U.S. 23 North
Lucasville, Ohio
J. William McKinley - Director

**Craft's
Custom Kitchens**
Harold & Kevin Craft
**5578 State Route 139
Rubyville, Ohio
456-4878**

**The
C.E.A.
Clay Education
Association**

Charlotte Green — President

Congratulations
Class Of 1997

Made With Love
Crafts to warm your heart and home!!
822 Sixth Street
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662
Phone (614) 354-1151

Sandy
Sinclair

Real Estate Services, Inc.

819 Gallia Street • P.O. Box 1739 • Portsmouth, Ohio 45802
Phone 614-354-1151 • FAX 614-354-1365

HERR FOODS

476 EAST INC.

7 TH STREET

CHILLCOTHE, OHIO

Lawyer Chiropractic Clinic

353-2211

1616 Grant St.

Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

CALL 1-614-354-7846

BEST TAN

FOR YOUR TANNING NEEDS

JOE COLLINS
MANAGER

427 OFFNERE ST.
PORTSMOUTH, OHIO

VAUGHTERS AUTO CENTER INC.

1658 - 8TH ST. 353-7748
PORTSMOUTH, OHIO 45662



Fenton's Convenient Mart

1549 Rosemount Road
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662
(614) 353-3456

Thanks to our patrons

Stylist Two — Hair, Tanning & Nails
59 Crowe Hollow Rd.
Lucasville, Ohio
(614) 259-4639

The Teacher's Apple
820 Sixth Street
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

Ginetti's Pizza
4438 Old Scioto Trail
Across from Big Bear Plus
353-5374

Kay Jewelry
Diamonds — Jewelry — Giftware
605 Chillicothe Street
Portsmouth, Ohio

Preferred Associates
53 Josephine Drive
Wheelerburg, Ohio
(614) 776-7808

LUTE PLUMBING SUPPLY, INC.
347 3rd Street
Portsmouth, Ohio

Morris Eye Center
724 8th Street
Portsmouth, Ohio
354-6602

Knittels Chevron Service Center, Inc.
1201 Gallia and Waller St.
1400 Gallia Street
353-5823 353-9205

Gabe's Coffee's & Creme
4411A Old Scioto Trail
Portsmouth, Ohio
(614) 353-4410

Donnie Martin Heating & Cooling
10643 U.S. Route 23
Lucasville, Ohio
(614) 259-4512

Perms Plus
4411 Old Scioto Trail
Portsmouth, Ohio
354-5764

Arrick's Bottle Gas, Inc.
178 Burns Rd.
Lucasville, Ohio
614—355-9244

Jack's Auto Rebuilding
3440 Pleasant Avenue
New Boston, Ohio
(614) 456-6068

Mustain Muffler & Brake Shop
7482 State Rt. 139
Lucasville, Ohio
355-9540

Drs. Michael & Kelly Raies
South Shore Vision Center
South Shore, Kentucky
932-3656

Breech's Resturant
Video and Tanning Salon
355-9098
Clarktown

Hospice of Southern Ohio
1248 Kinney's Lane
Portsmouth, Ohio
(614) 353-2567

CHILDERS MUSIC CENTER
Ph. 614—353-4141
930 Gallia St.
Portsmouth, Ohio

B and B Inc.
Phone: 353-4250
837 Gallia Street
Portsmouth, Ohio

SHAWNEE ANIMAL CLINIC
101 Bierly Road
Portsmouth, Ohio
353-5758

for their support and generosity!

Thanks to our patrons

George L. Long, D.D.S.
Tracy M. Murray, D.D.S.
1430 Chillicothe Street
Portsmouth, Ohio

Evans Supermarket
7647 St. Rt. 139
Lucasville, Ohio
(614) 355-9320

Barry's Outdoor Power Equipment, Inc.
4205 Gallia St.
New Boston, Ohio
456-4117 456-4363

Barker Chiropractic Clinic
Ph. 614—574-4335
8326 Ohio River Rd., Ste. A
Wheelersburg, Ohio

ORIGINAL HAMBURGER INN NO. 1
1547 Gallia Street
Order by Phone/Take Home
353-9248

The Office Peddler
8129 Hayport Road
Wheelersburg, Ohio
614—574-6333

Neal Hatcher Realtor
828 8th Street
Portsmouth, Ohio
354-5654

True Value * ToyTown
4207 Gallia St.
New Boston, Ohio
(614) 456-5704

SAND'S TROPHIES & AWARDS
Screen Printing — Engraving
1538 Gallia Street
1-614—353-1076

Martin Construction

Go Panthers!

Mid-town Family Pharmacy
1510 Gallia St.
Portsmouth, Ohio
Phone: 353-7356

"Recycling Since 1950"
LIVINGSTON & CO., INC.
Iron — Aluminum — Metals — Cans

A-1 AUTO GLASS
Mike Zornes, Owner
1711 8th St.
(614) 353-7300 353-1533

Congratulations to the Class of "97"

The River City Auto Group

Dr. Berwin R. Miller
1118 Offnere — Portsmouth, Ohio
(614) 354-5611

Blackburns Fruits & Vegetables
Your Price & Quality Leader
223 Market Street
Portsmouth, Ohio

Dean Knittel & Sons
Auto & Radiator Repair
12th & Franklin Ave.
353-1647

Mary Webb, Realtor, GRI
Across from Big Bear Plus Shopping Center
Multiple Listing Service
614—354-8817

Sunset Bowling Lanes
2330 17th St.
Portsmouth, Ohio
353-9125

Bihl Office Supply, Inc.
912 Gallia St.
Portsmouth, Ohio
Ph. 614—353-2311

for their support and generosity!

Good Luck Class of '97

**You get the best 'Cause
that's all we've got!**

*We Specialize in Service
to*

**SCHOOLS • HOSPITALS • RESTAURANTS
BAKERIES • NURSING HOMES, ETC.**

**INSTITUTIONAL FOOD DISTRIBUTORS
--CANNED--FROZEN--DRY FOODS--**

ESTABLISHED 1974

We Stress Our Service and Continue to Grow Each Year!

VALLEY

Wholesale Foods Inc.

**24 Union Street, Portsmouth, Ohio
Phone 353-3890----354-5216**

Service
75 Sq. Mile
Area

Ernie	- Class of '58
Nancy	- Class of '84
Jimmy	- Class of '85
Jay	- Class of '91
Kristy	- Class of '95
Zack	- Class of '97
Beau	- Class of '99

Ernie & Peggy
Vastine-
Owners



