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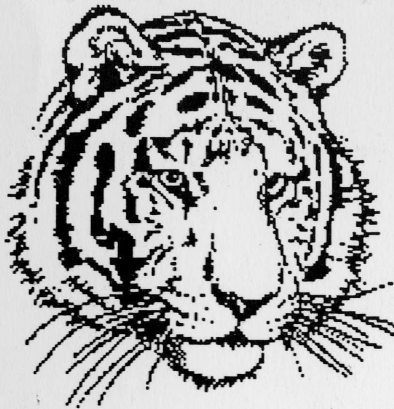
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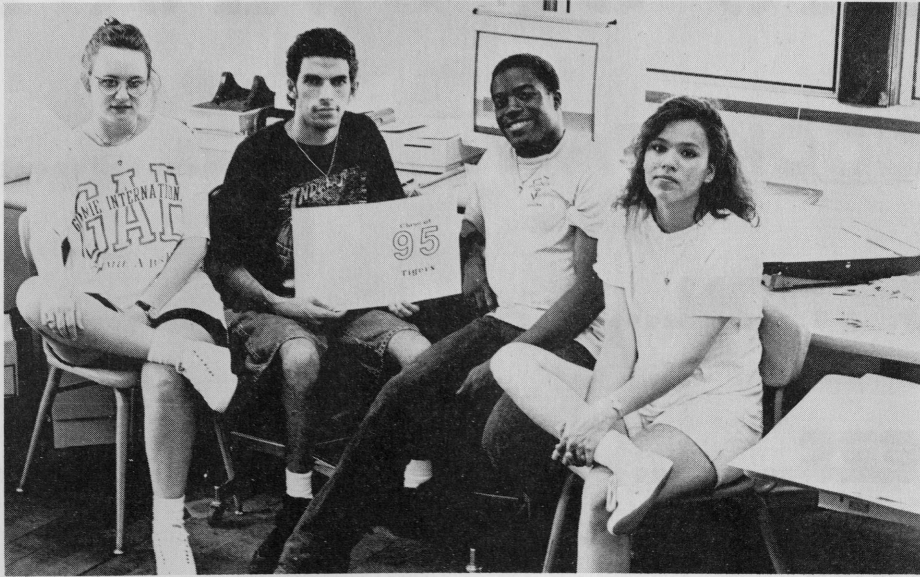
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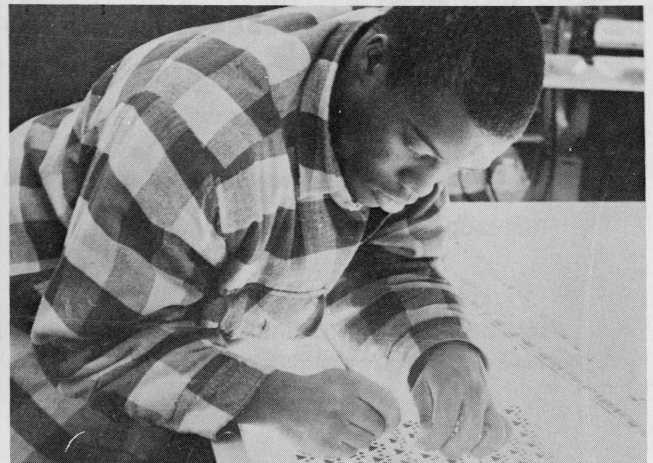
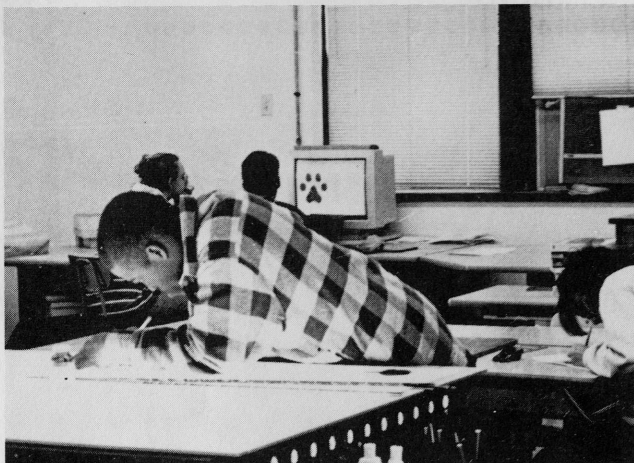
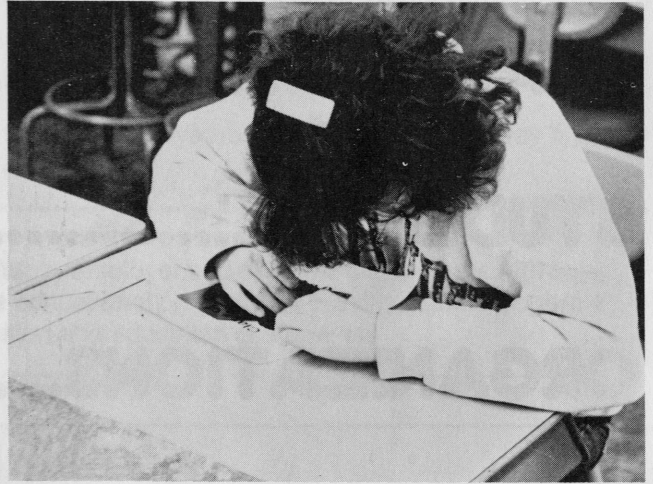
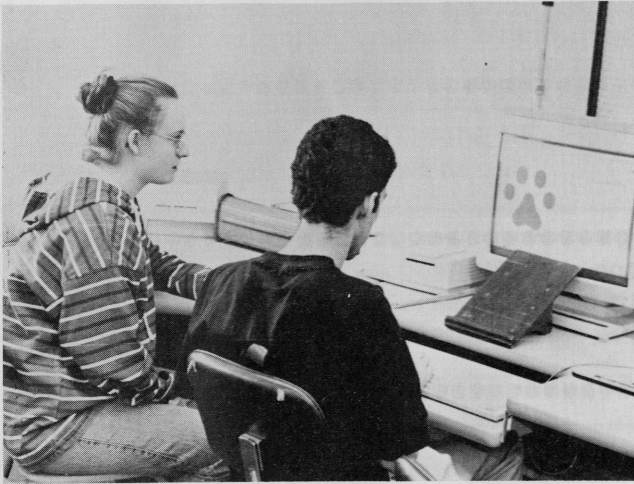
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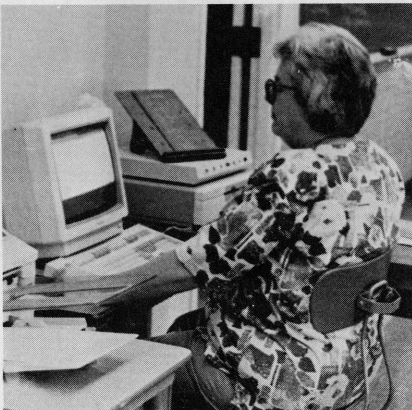


Janet Killam

Janet Killam has been a dedicated teacher and trusted advisor to students throughout her years at NSD. Her experience in and out of the classroom has made her a valuable asset to the NSD teaching staff. Her warm smile, friendly demeanor, and willingness to listen and help have made her a favorite among students and staff.

The Class of 1995 dedicates this yearbook to Janet Killam in appreciation for all that she has done to touch our lives and make our years at NSD so memorable. We consider her an outstanding teacher and a lifelong friend.

The Class of 1995



Retiree

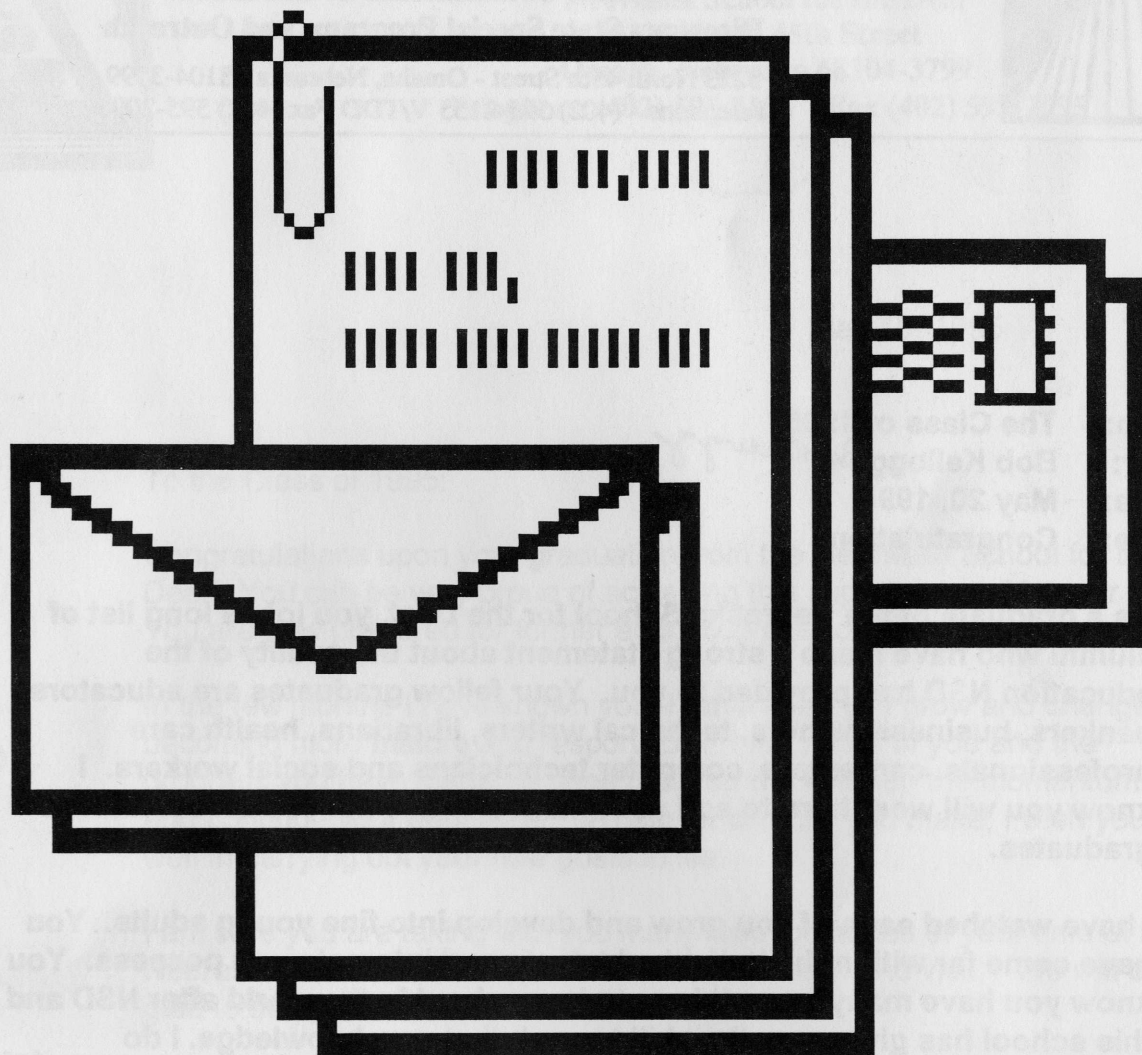


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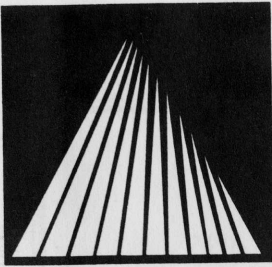
*Staff Interpreter
1984-1995*

Congratulations from us all for what you have done well. We thank you for the years of dedication and hard work you've given to the school, staff, and students. Happy Retirement!





LETTERS



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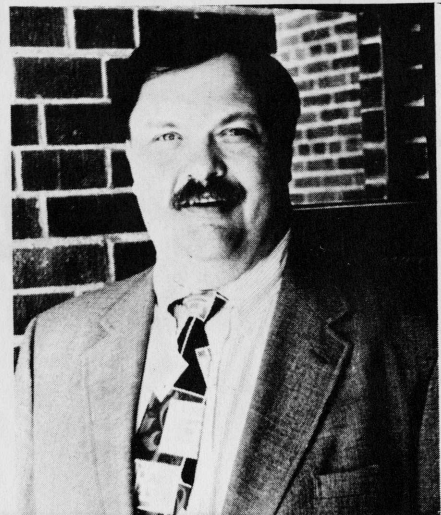
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Fr: Bob Kellogg *Bob Kellogg*
Da: May 20, 1995
Re: Congratulations

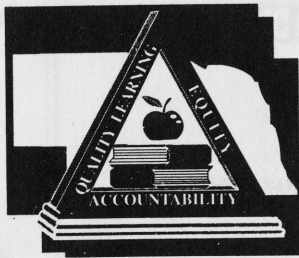
As a graduate of the Nebraska School for the Deaf, you join a long list of alumni who have made a strong statement about the quality of the education NSD has provided to you. Your fellow graduates are educators, bankers, business owners, technical writers, librarians, health care professionals, carpenters, computer technicians and social workers. I know you will work hard to add your names to this list of successful NSD graduates.

I have watched each of you grow and develop into fine young adults. You have come far within the individual talents and interests you possess. You know you have many more things to learn about in the world after NSD and this school has given you the skill to seek that new knowledge. I do encourage you to continue with that search. It will make life more interesting and rewarding for you.

Please remember that NSD will continue to be a place that is interested in you. It has been your home and school for much of your life. Please keep in touch with your *alma mater*, NSD.

Good luck to you!





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May 15, 1995

To the Class of 1995:

Congratulations upon your graduation from the Nebraska School for the Deaf! You can be very proud of achieving this important goal in your life. You are now prepared for further education or a job.

In the few months I have known you, I have seen you grow and change, becoming more mature and responsible. I am proud of you and the progress you have made. I hope that you will keep up the momentum and continue your education. Whatever choices you make, I wish you well in carrying out your new goals in life.

I am sure you are taking with you many fond memories of your time at the Nebraska School for the Deaf. Please come back and visit. We will be glad to see you.

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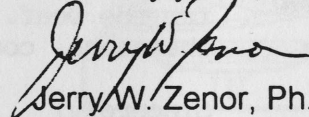
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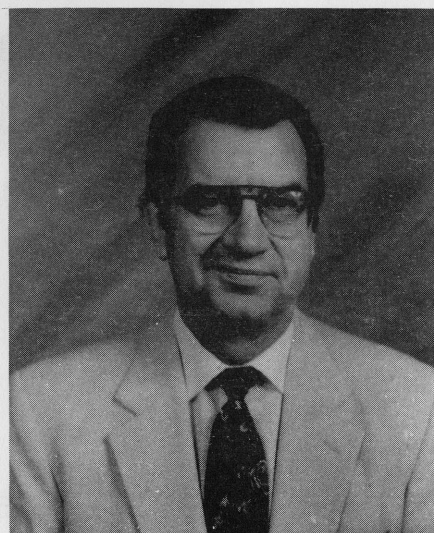
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Sincerely yours,


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May 16, 1995

Dear Senior Class of 1995:

"There is a time for joy, there is a time for sorrow. There is a time for work and a time for play. There is a time to stay and a time to move on." To paraphrase a popular verse this is the time to move on for all the graduates of the class of 1995.

What awaits you as you begin college or work, will definitely be different than what you have experienced here. However, what awaits you will also be the same as what you experienced here. There will be expectations, there will be the opportunity to achieve, there will be the opportunity to excel.

You have prepared to meet the challenges that await you. You have worked to learn the lessons both in the classroom and outside of the classroom. You have found friends to support you through the difficult times and to share the good times.

I congratulate you on your graduation from the Nebraska School for the Deaf. It is with confidence that I watch you walk across the stage, confidence that you are prepared for what lies ahead.

Sincerely,

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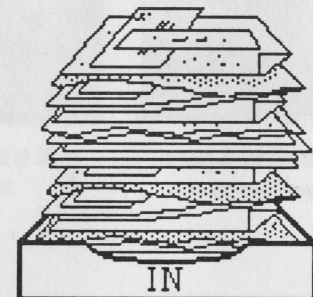
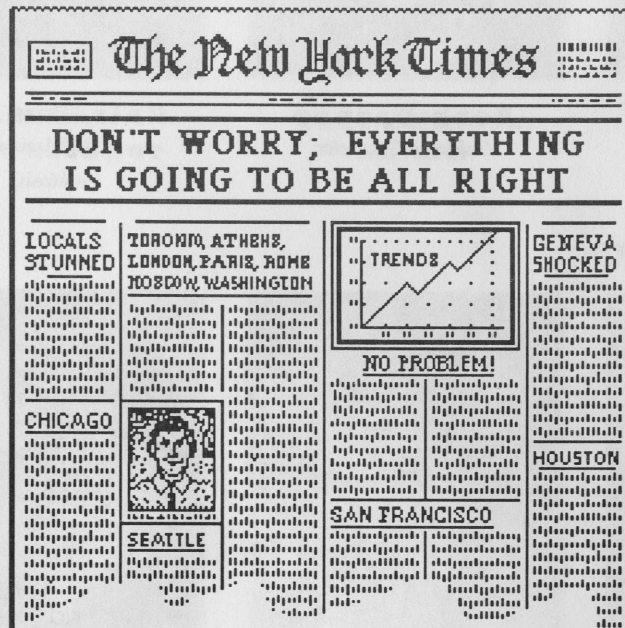
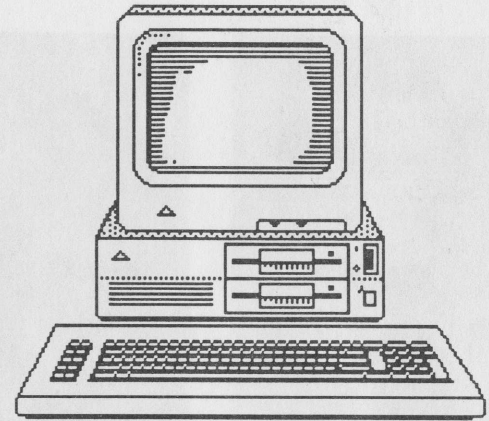
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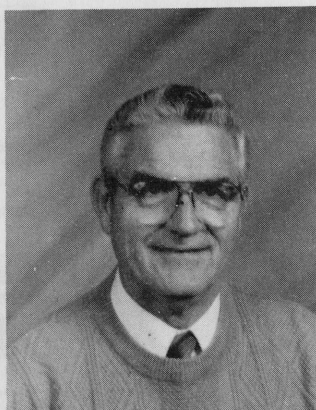


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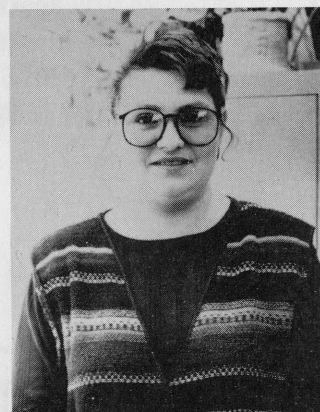
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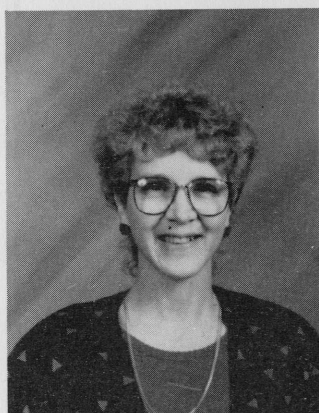
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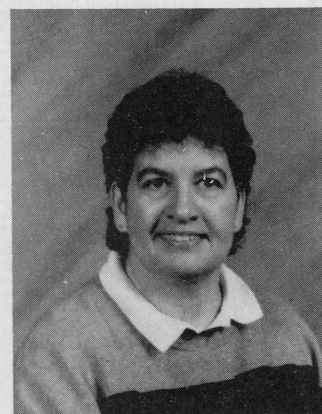
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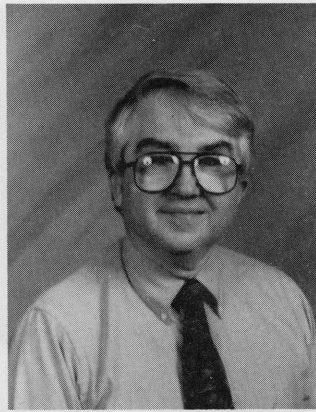
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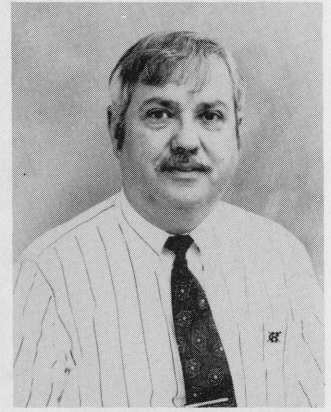
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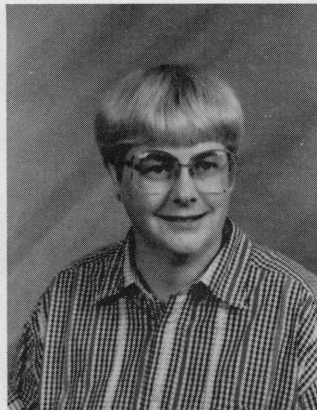


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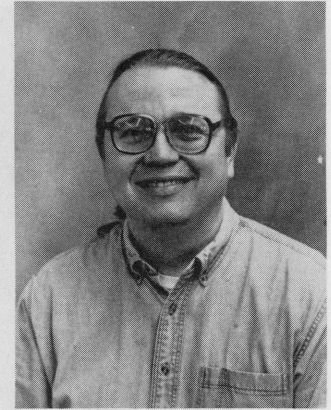
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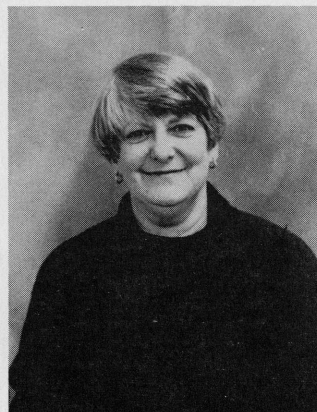
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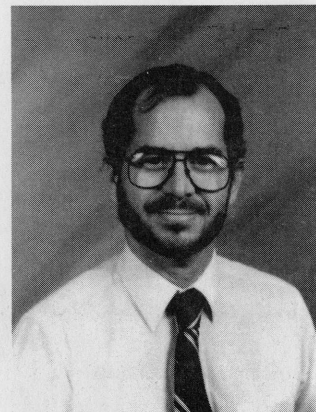
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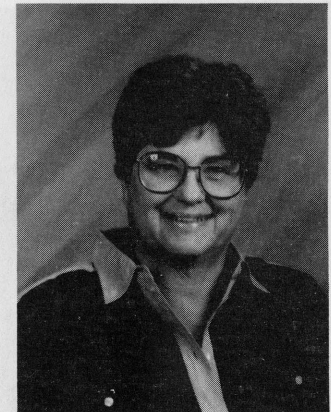
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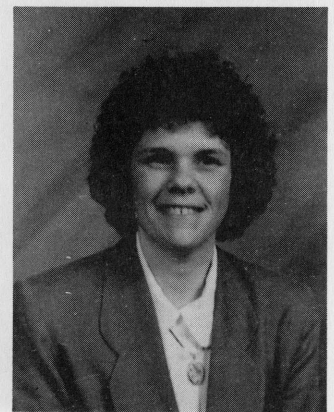
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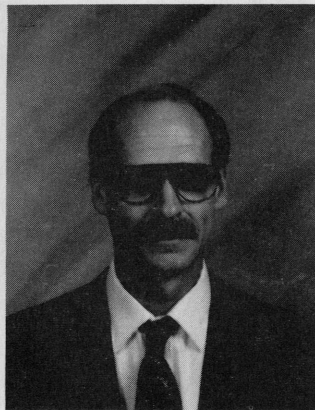
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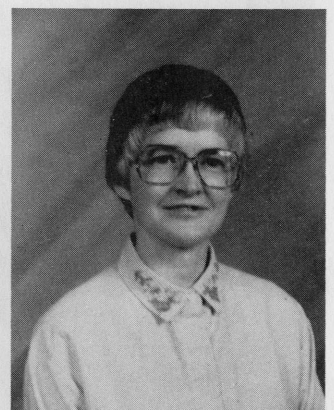
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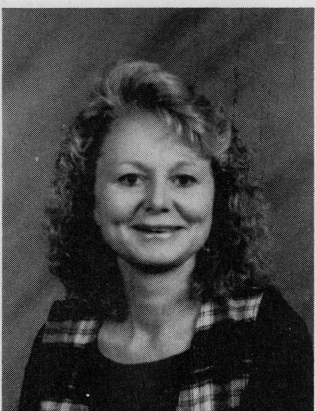
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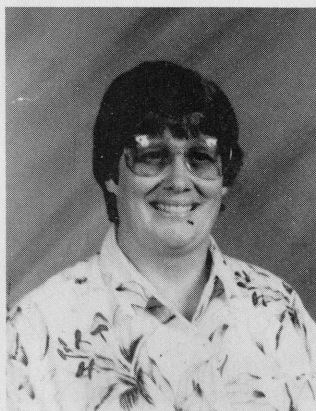


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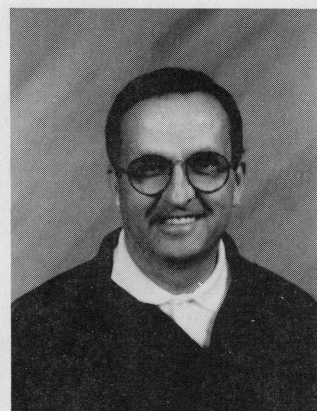
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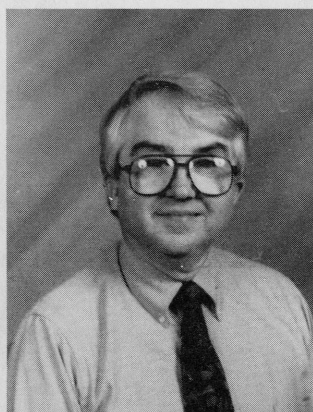
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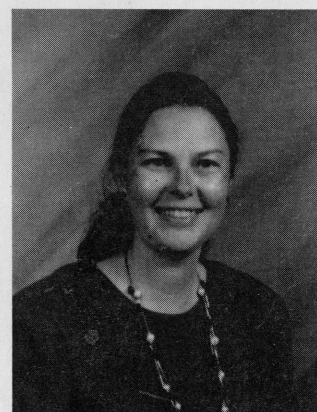
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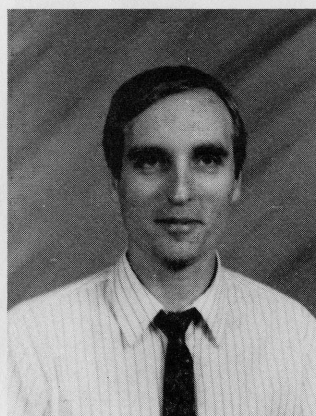
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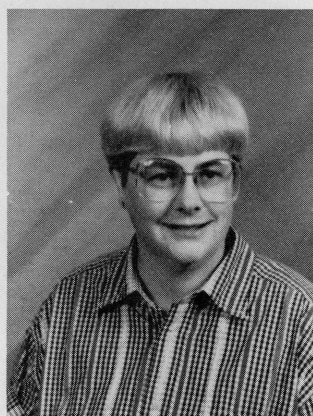
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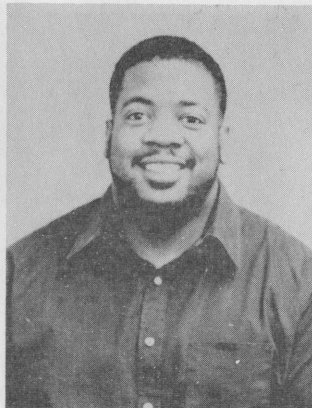
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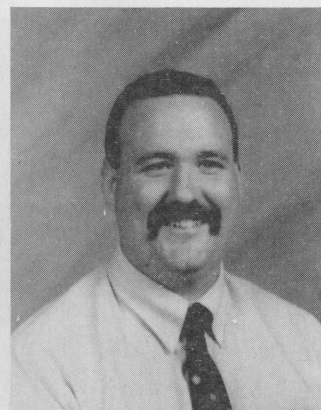
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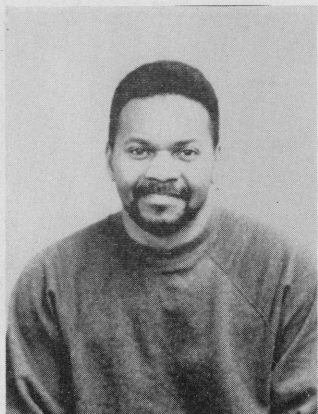
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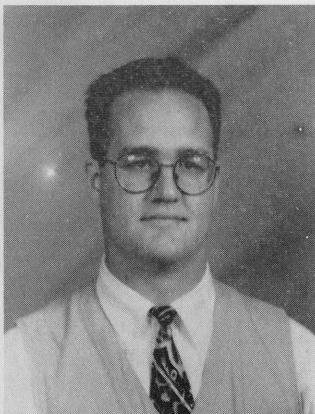
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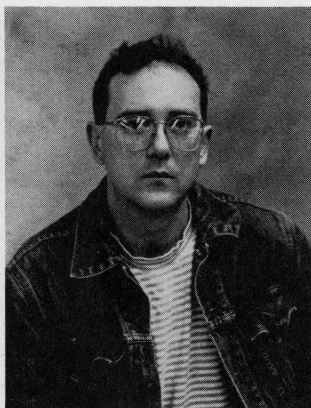
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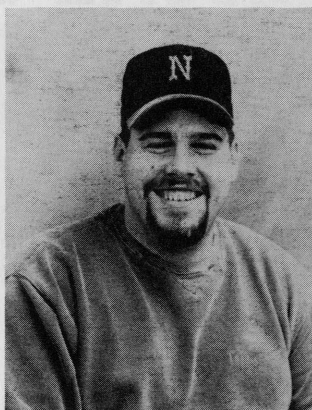
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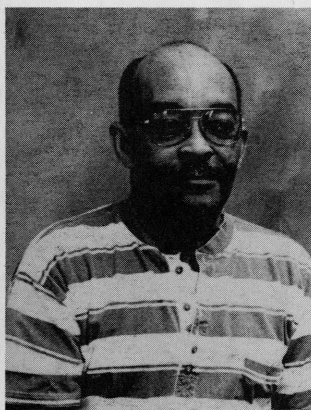
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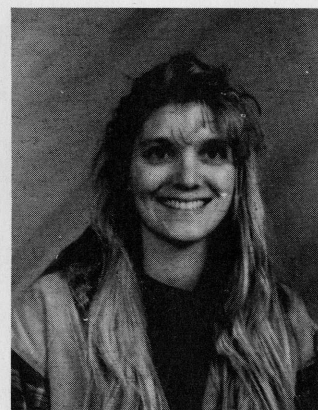
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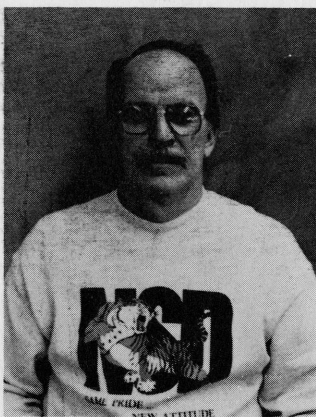
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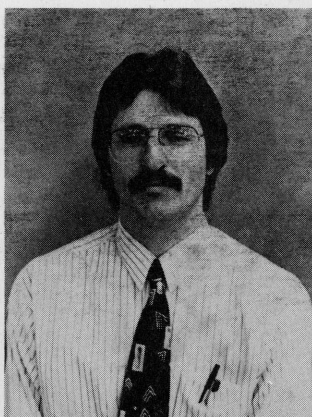
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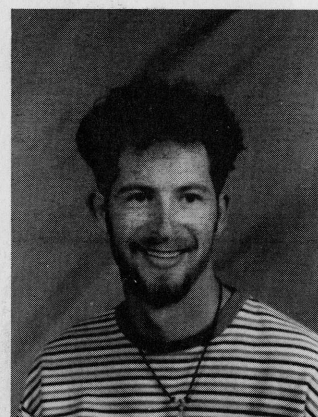
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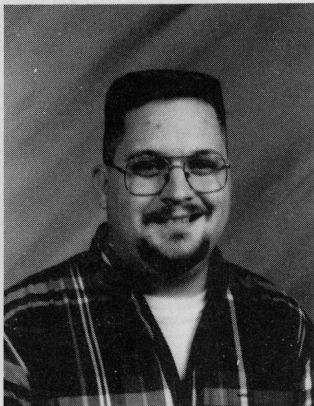
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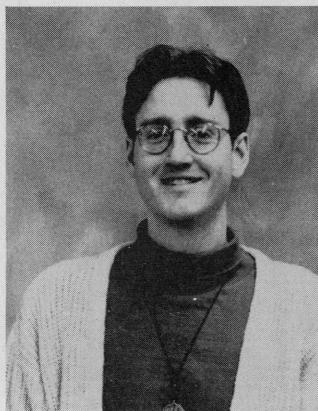


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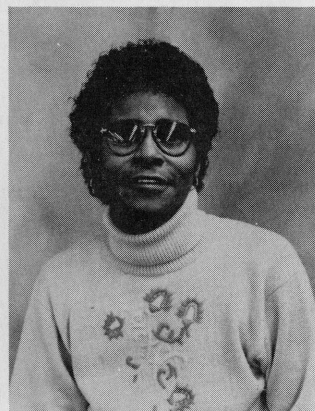
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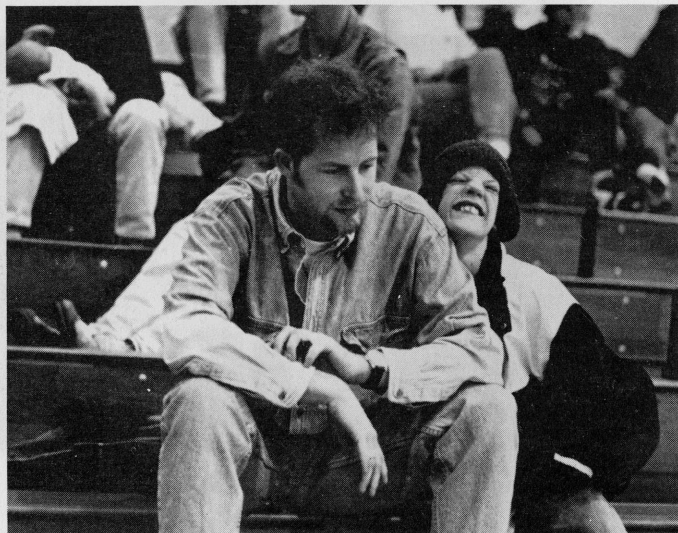
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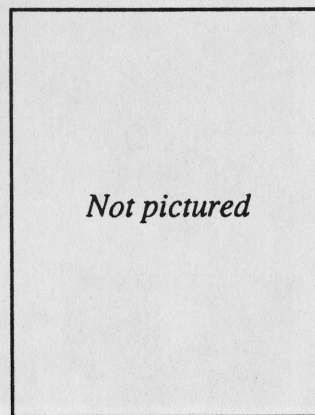
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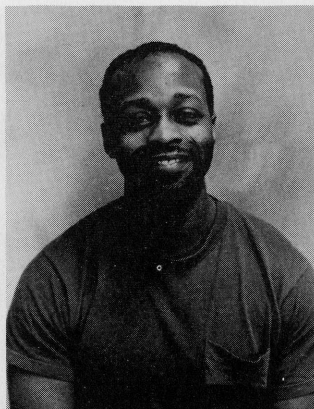


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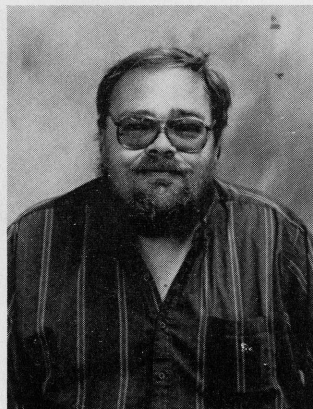
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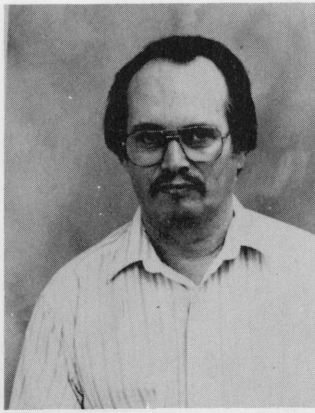
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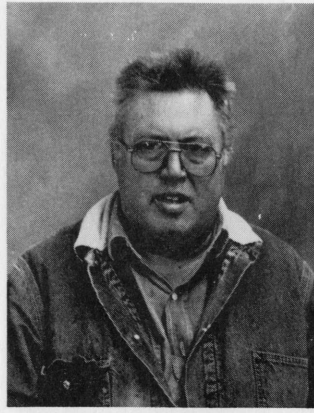
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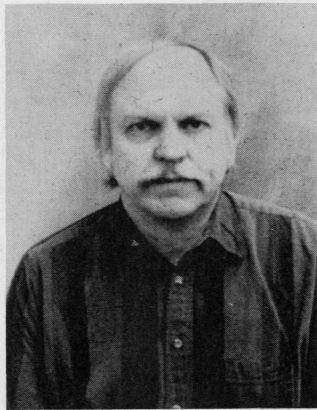
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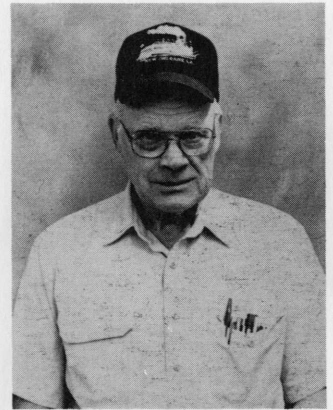
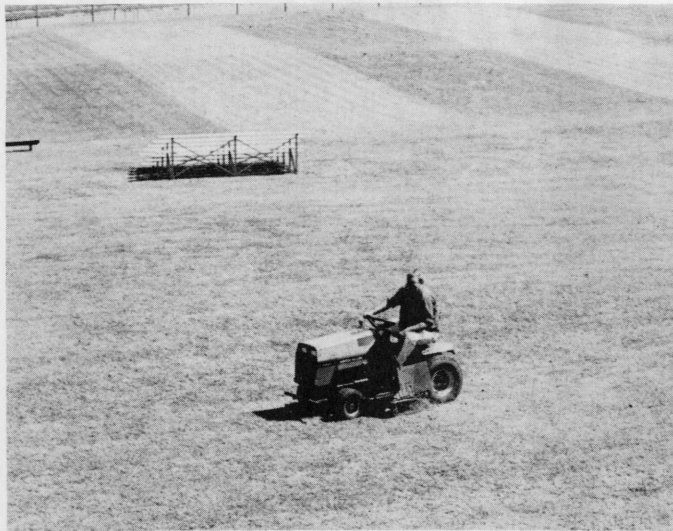
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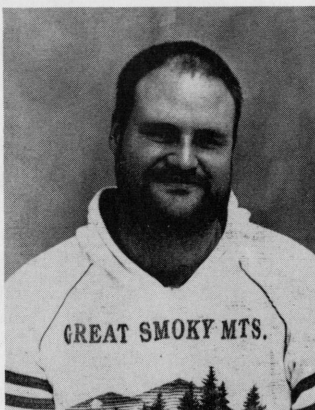
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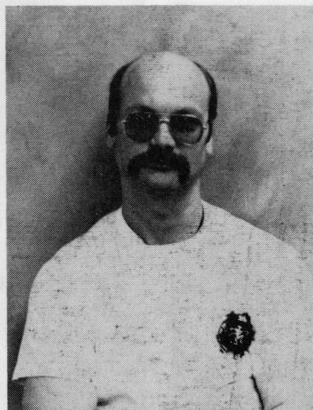
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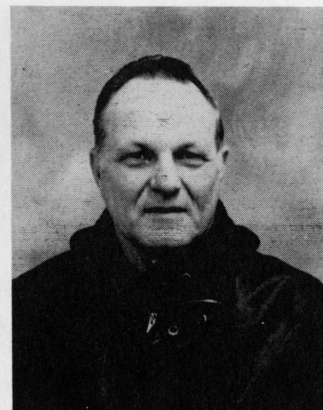
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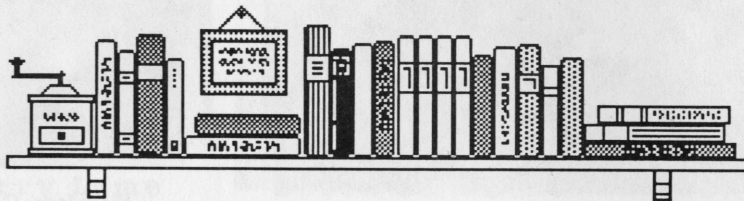
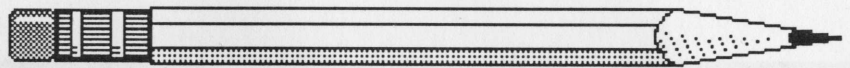
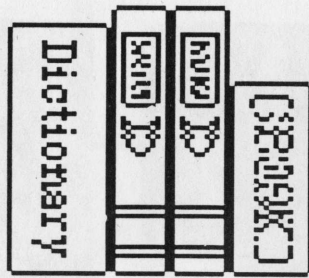
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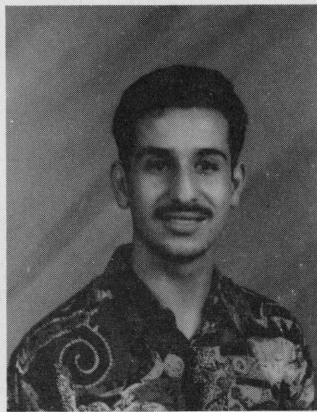


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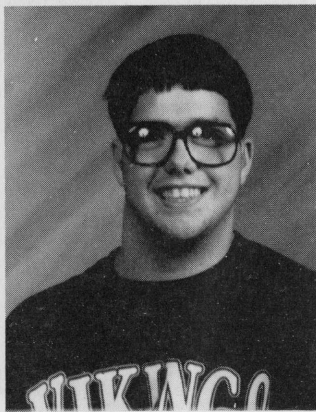


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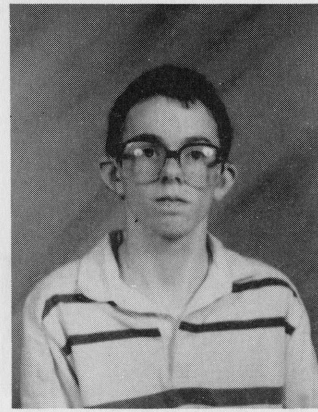
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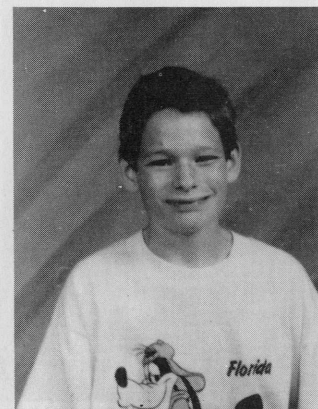
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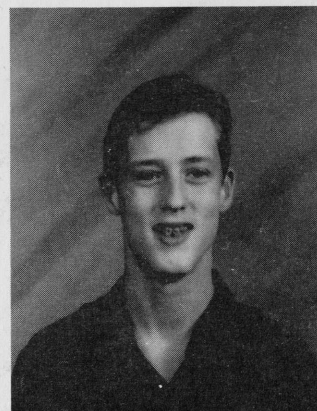
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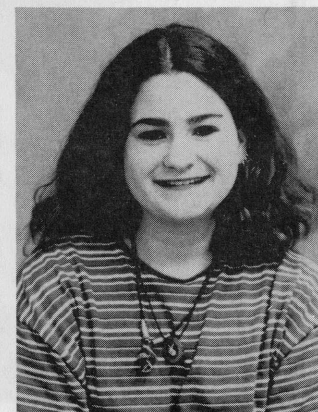
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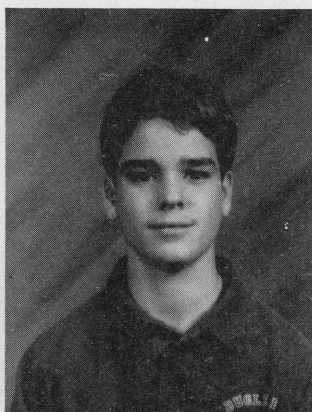
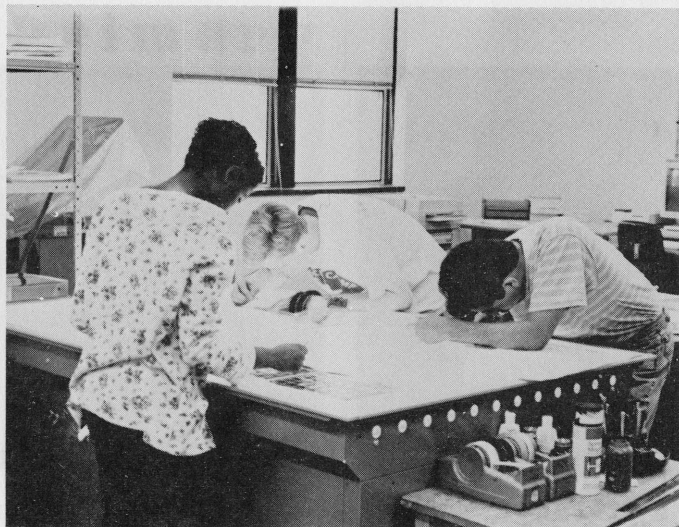
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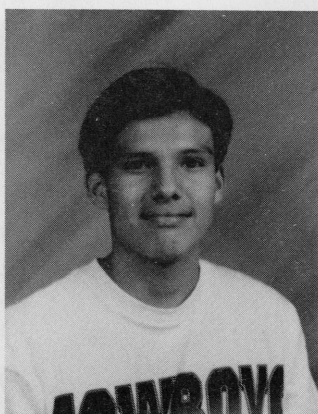
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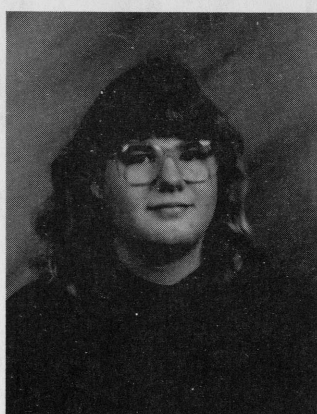
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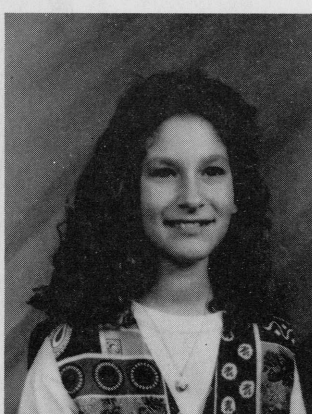
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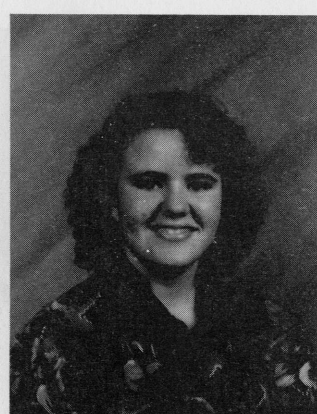
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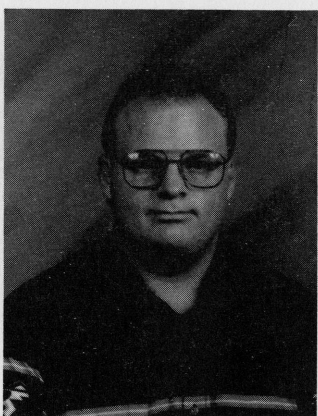
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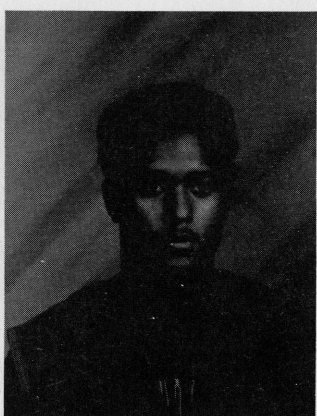
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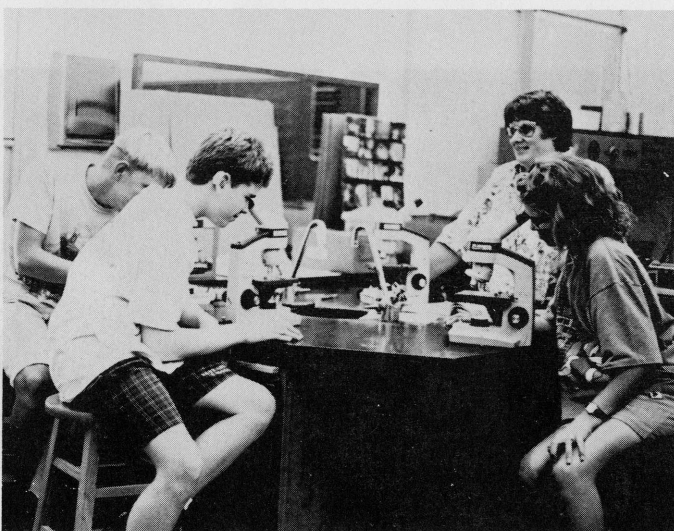
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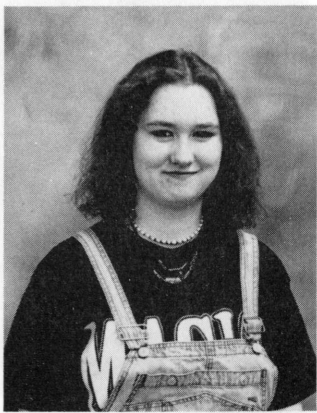


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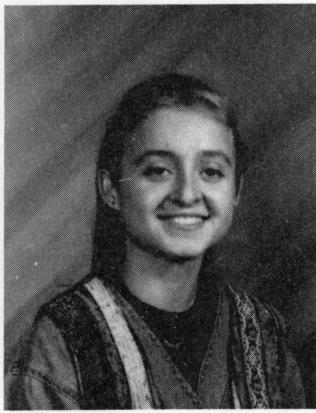


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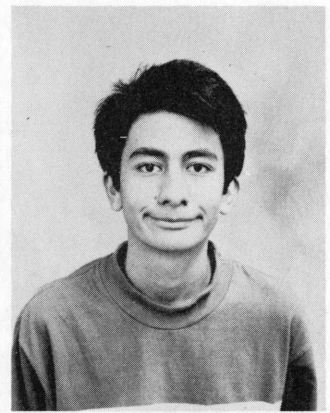
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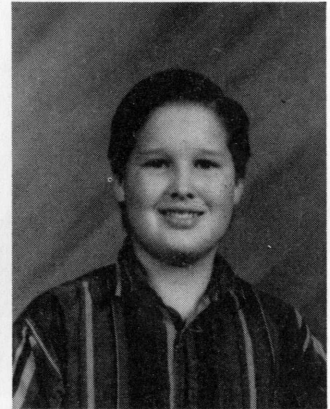
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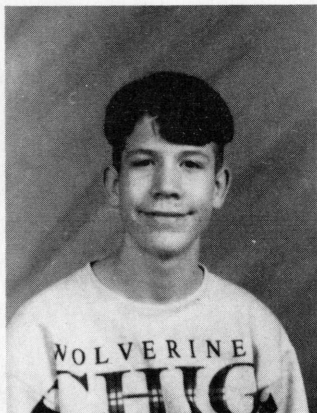
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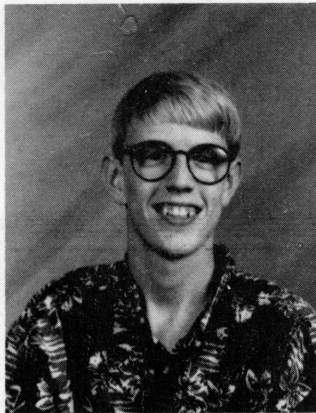
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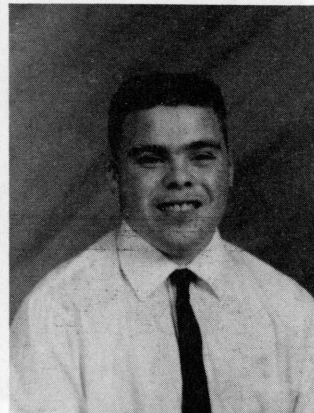
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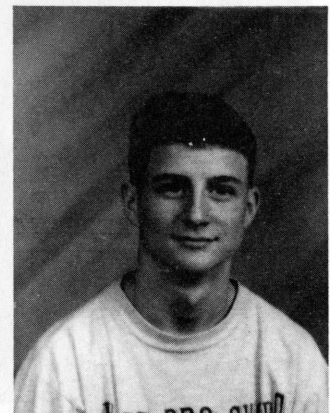
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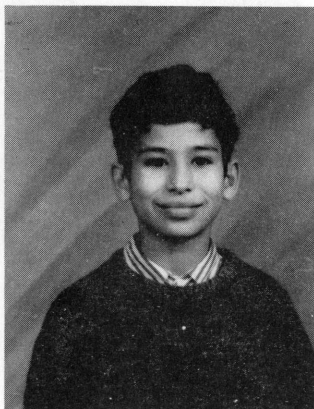


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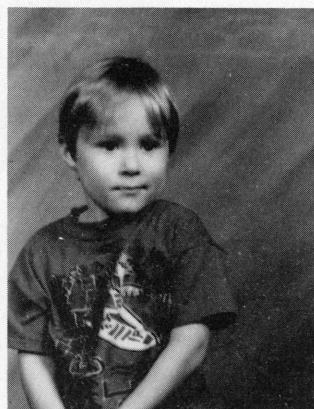
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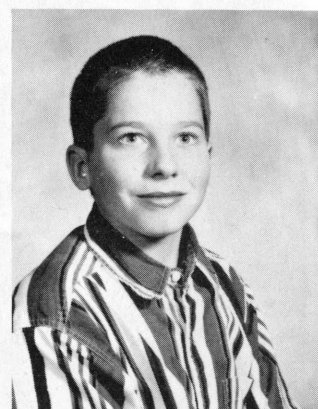
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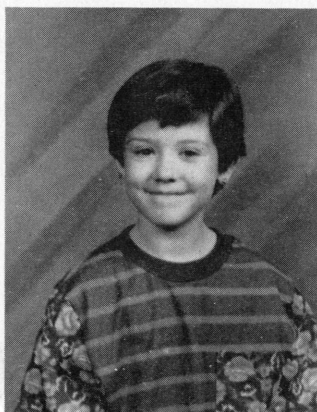
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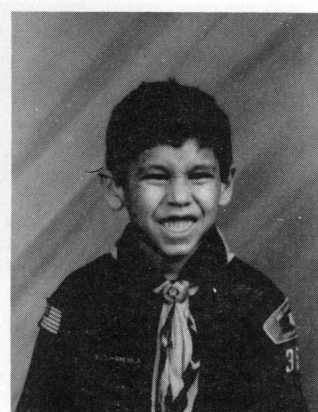
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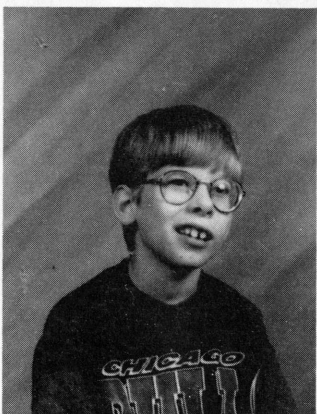
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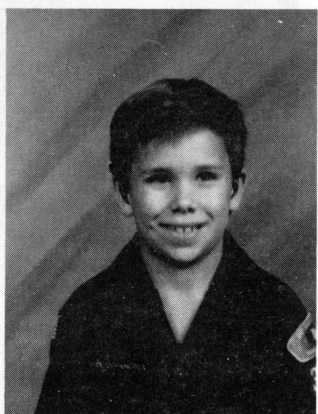
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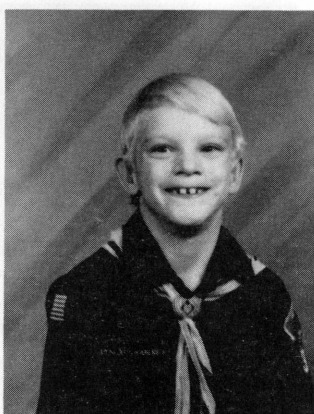
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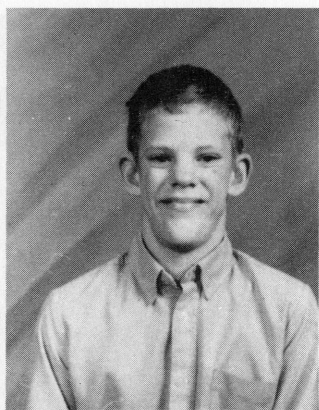
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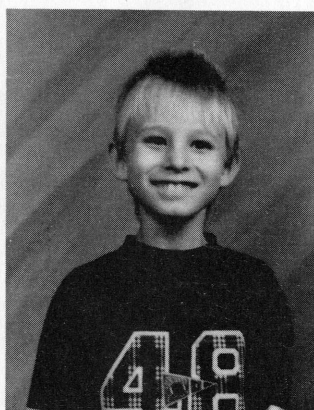
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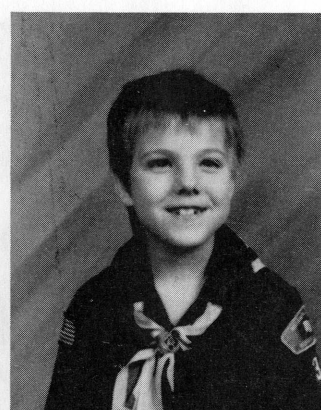
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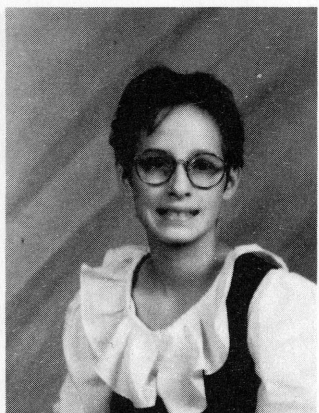
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KEY CLUB

Ella and the Prince

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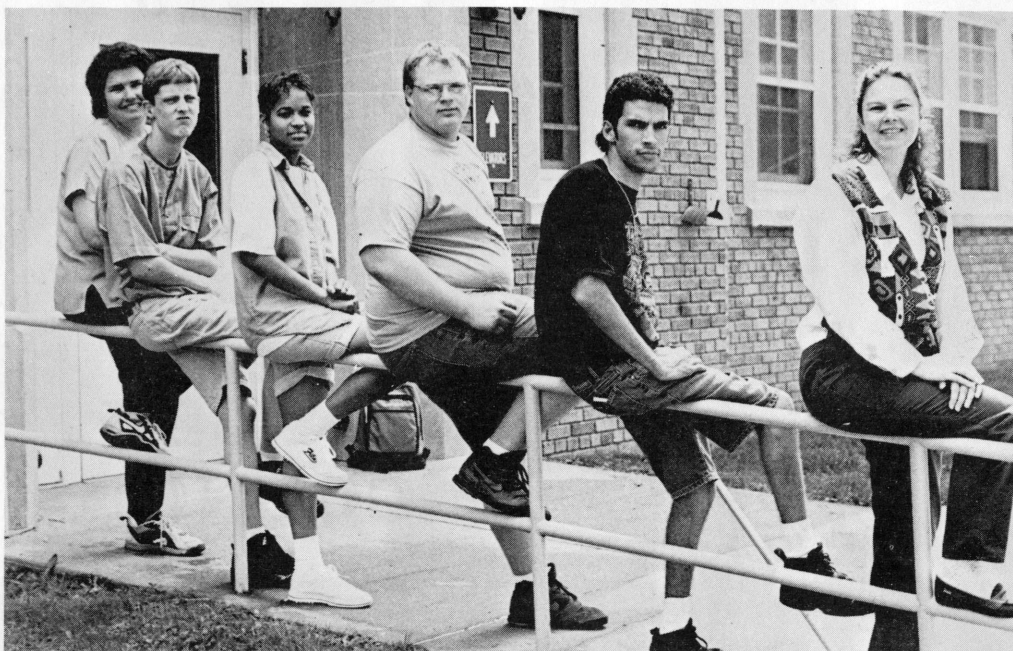


River of Dreams

Tigers At The Movies

ORGANIZATIONS

Student Council



L to r: Linda Wright, sponsor, Ryan Hahn, April Clark, Kevin Nepper, Jesse Crawford, and Shari Slater, sponsor.

Key Club



Front row, l to r: Jonathan Arteaga, Toby Thulin, and Aundrey Prater. Back row: James DeVaney, sponsor, Terry Lane, Ryan Hahn, Kevin Nepper, and Jesse Crawford. Not pictured: Willie Calloway

Girl Scouts



Front row, l to r: Kristen Reed, Darlene Morris, Jerriyln Myers, and Kristy Behrens. Back row: Cathy Kellogg, Scoutmaster.

Boy Scouts



Brent Welsch, Scoutmaster, Cody Lauritsen, Russell Staab, Brian Bader, Abram Garner, and Jerod Sweeney. Not Pictured: Rick Gates and Adam Jazyuka.

Cub Scouts

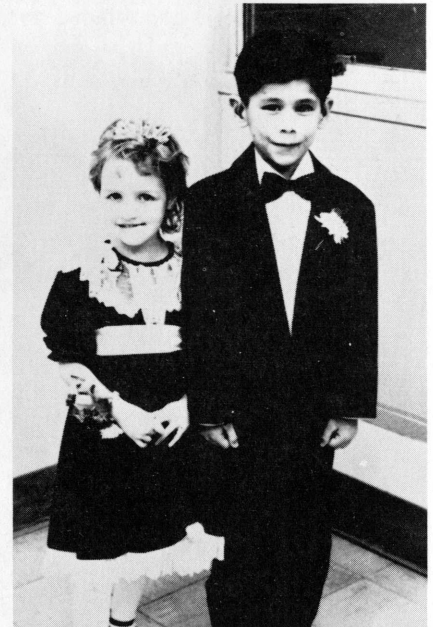
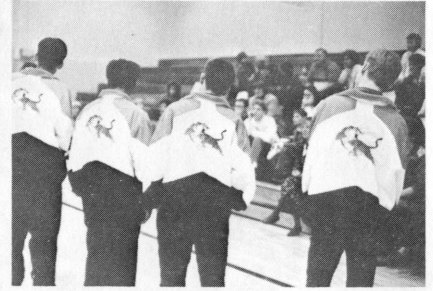


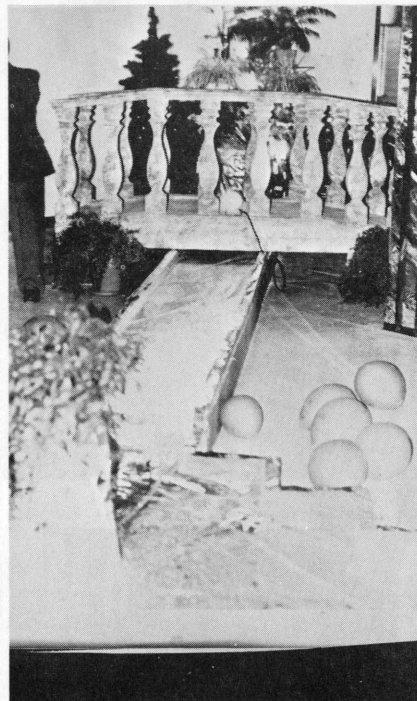
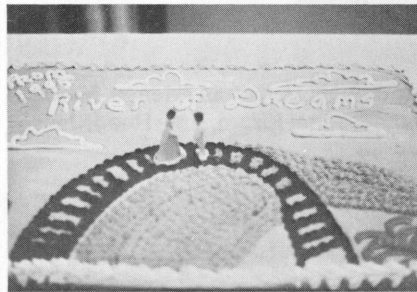
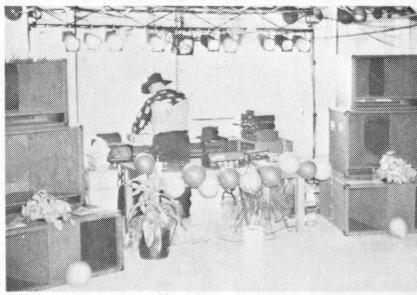
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HOMECOMING: "TIGERS AT THE MOVIES"



Front row, l to r: Erik Cisneros and Shyleigh Verbeek. Back row: Dr. Jerry Zenor, Princess Kormelia King, Queen April Clark, King Jorge Rivera, and Prince Jonathan Arteaga.





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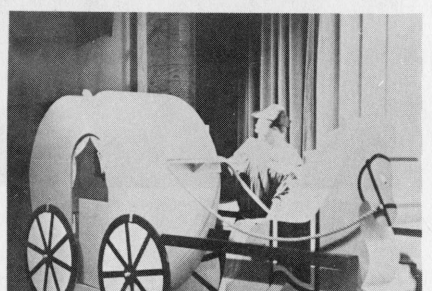
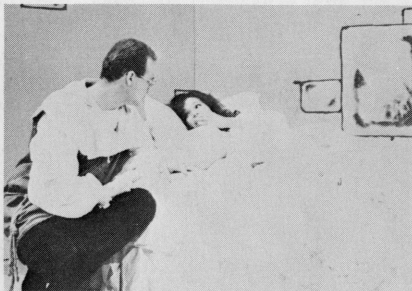
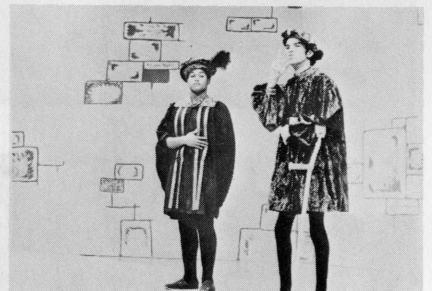
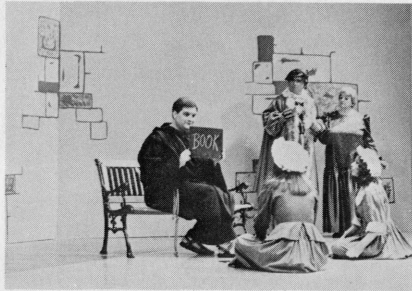
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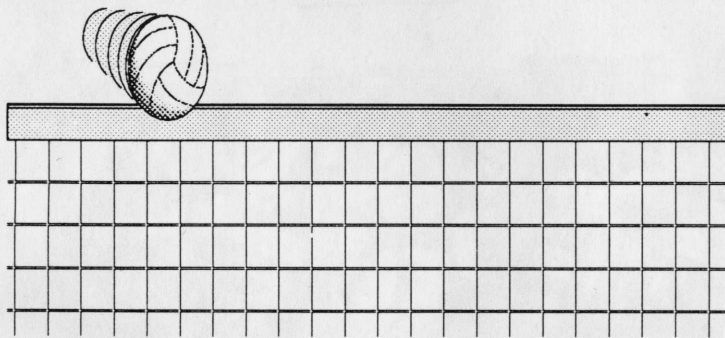
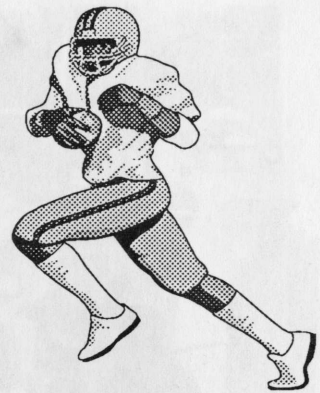
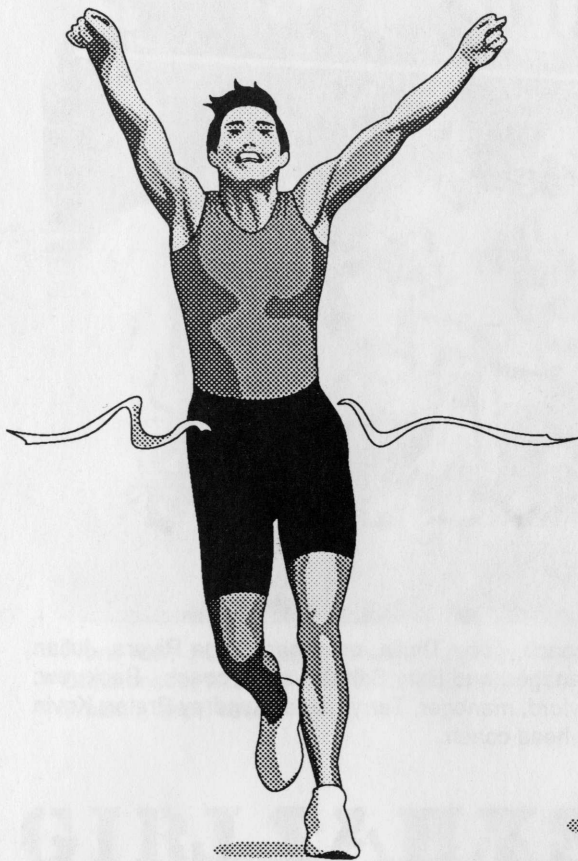


Drama: Ella and the Prince



Front row, l to r: Brent Welsch, Daniel Darnall, Eric Mjeldheim, Sandi Mitchell, Amanda Ivins, Jonathan Arteaga, Melissa Rightsell, and Aundrey Prater. Back row: Vicki Prigeon, Patti Reitz, James DeVaney, Janet Killam, Amy Reed, Jesse Crawford, Julian Whyrick, Jerrilyn Myers, Heather Whitewater, and Tony Nacarelli.





SPORTS

FOOTBALL



Front row, l to r: Richard McCowin, ass't. coach, Toby Thulin, manager, Jorge Rivera, Julian Whyrick, Jonathan Arteaga, Ryan Hahn, manager, and Bary Schultz, ass't. coach. Back row: Clifford Rentschler, ass't. coach, Jesse Crawford, manager, Terry Lame, Audrey Prater, Kevin Nepper, Willie Calloway, and Kevin Weiche, head coach.

VOLLEYBALL



Kneeling, l to r: Kormelia King, Jerrilyn Myers, and Christin Schmidt. Standing: Danya Linneman, head coach, Amanda Ivins, Heather Whitewater, Melissa Rightsell, Brezzy Rainey, Amy Reed, and Laurie Williams, ass't. coach.

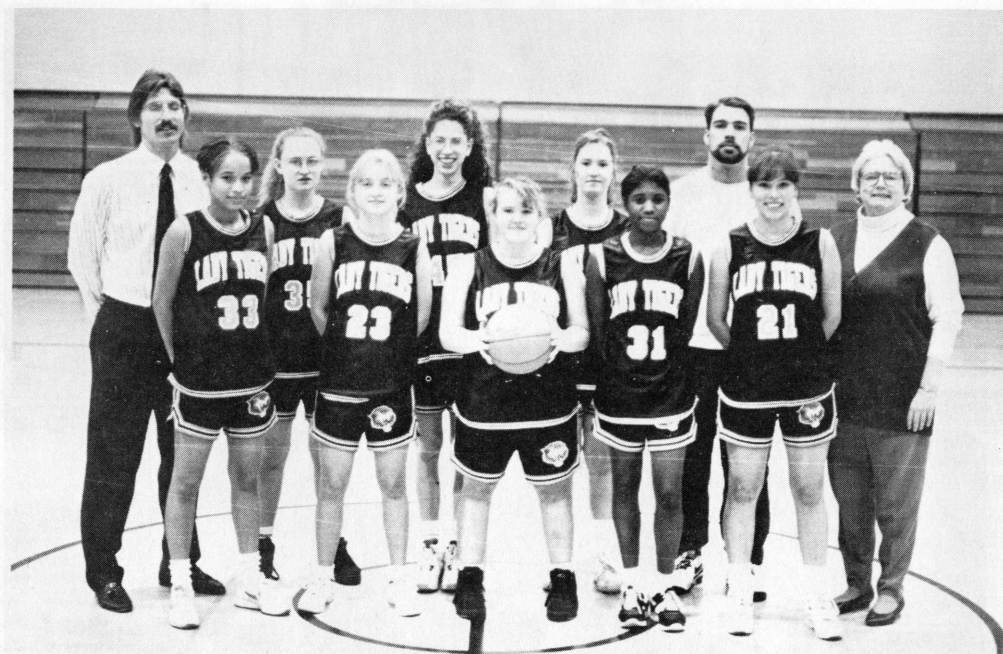
BOYS' BASKETBALL

NSD TIGERS



Front row, l to r: Jorge Rivera, Aundrey Prater, and Jonathan Arteaga. Back row: Scott Christensen, head coach, Willie Calloway, Terry Lame, Ryan Hahn, Erick Bradley, and Brent Welsch, ass't. coach.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL



Front row, l to r: April Clark, Amy Reed, Jerriyn Myers, Kormelia King, and Heather Whitewater. Back row: Ken Rieschi, head coach, Melissa Rightsell, Nikki Jepperson, Brezzy Rainey, Bary Schultz, ass't. coach, and Janet Killam, ass't. coach.

Boys' Track



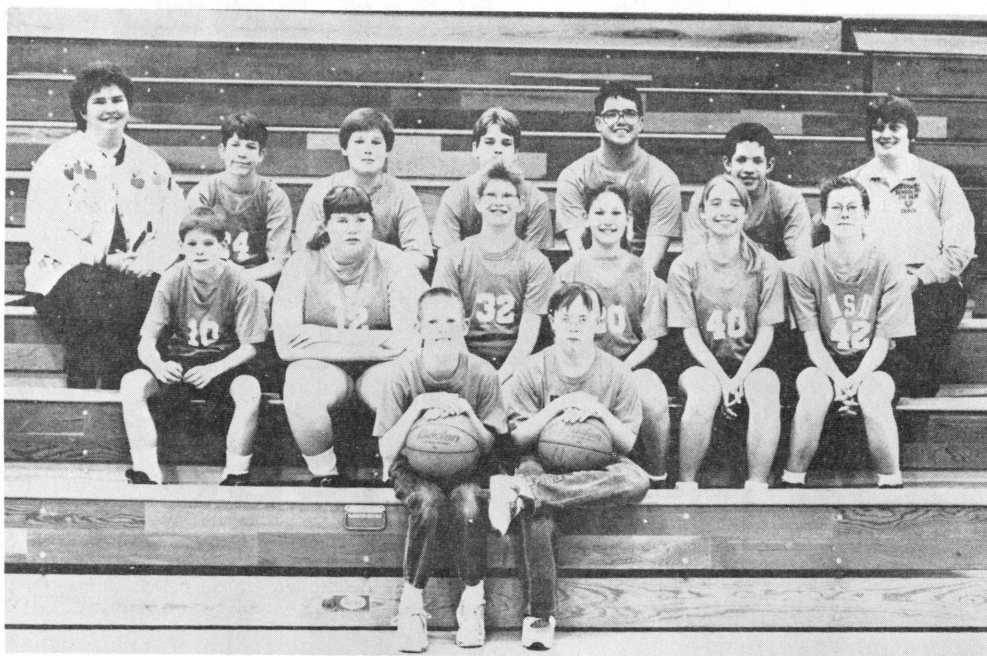
Willie Calloway and James Earnhardt, coach

Girls' Track



Danya Linneman, coach, Amy Reed, and Kormelia King

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL



First row, l to r: James Markowski and Frank Long, managers. Second row: Rick Gates, Debra Lukehart, Kristy Behrens, Darlene Morris, Kristen Reed, and Jodi Hitsman. Third row: Linda Wright, coach, Jerod Sweeney, Russell Staab, Adam Jazynka, Brian Bader, Abram Garner, and Vicki Pigeon, coach.

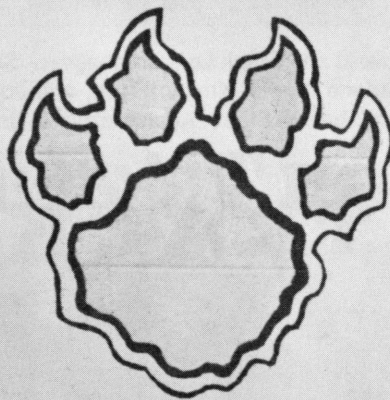
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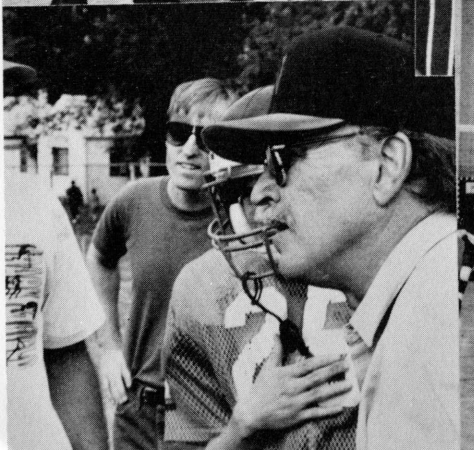
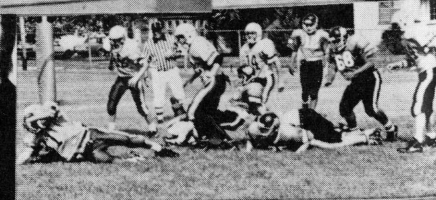
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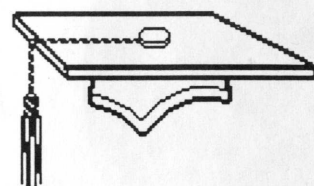
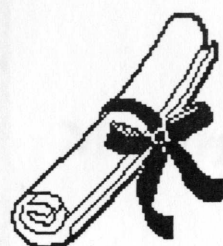
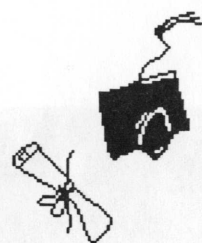
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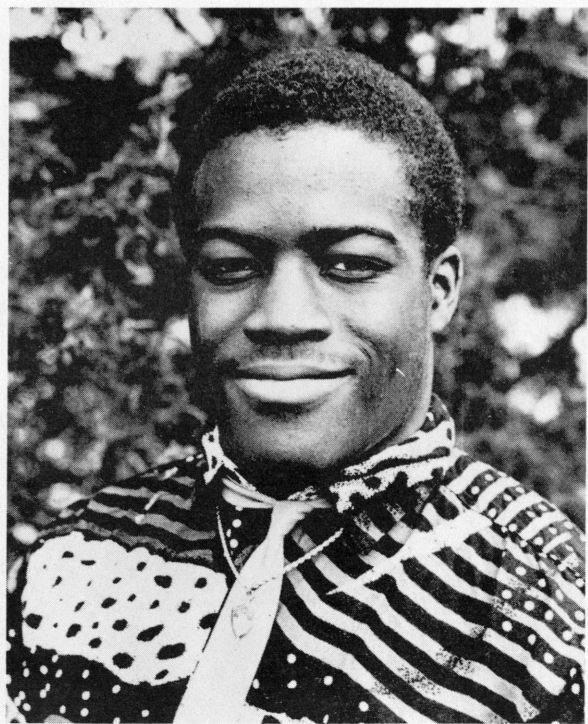
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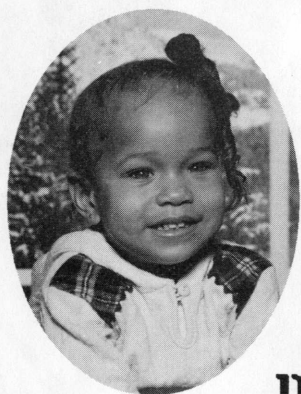
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Omaha, Nebraska



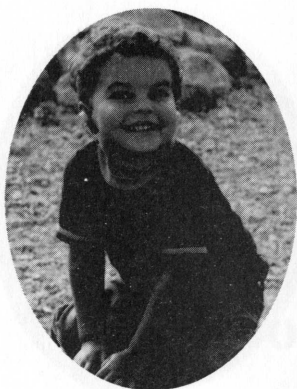
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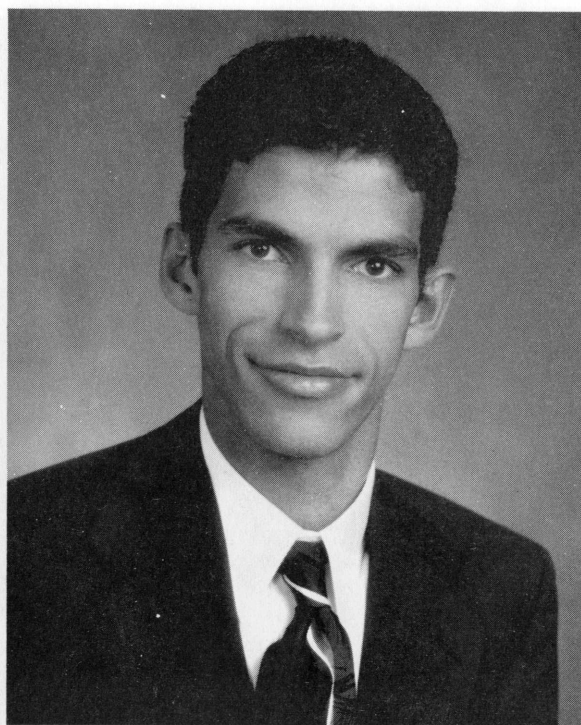


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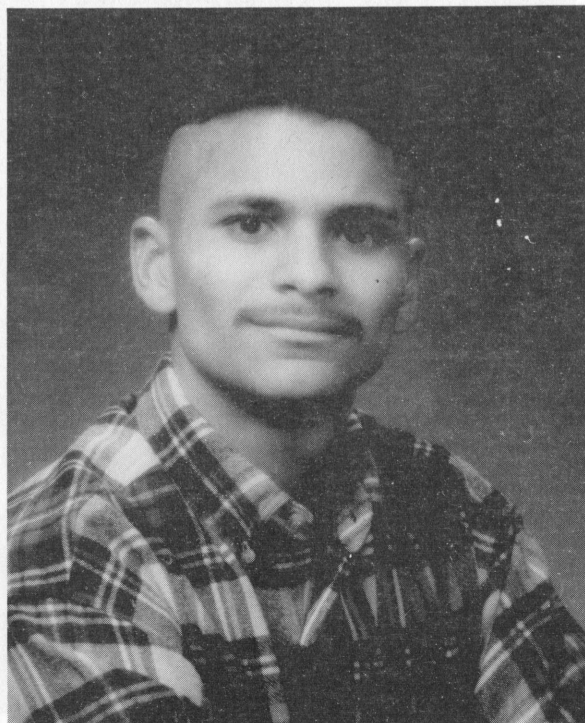
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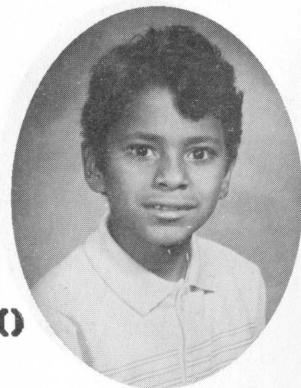
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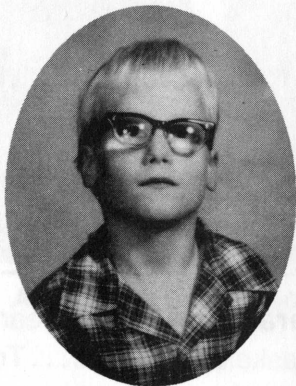
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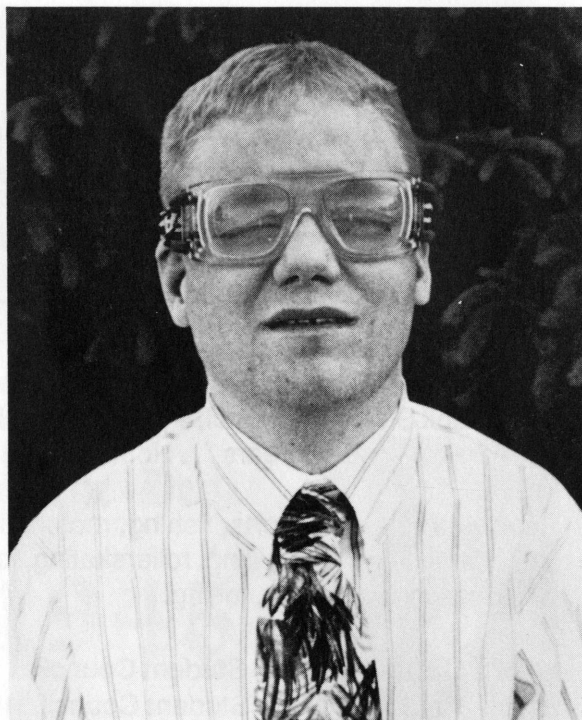


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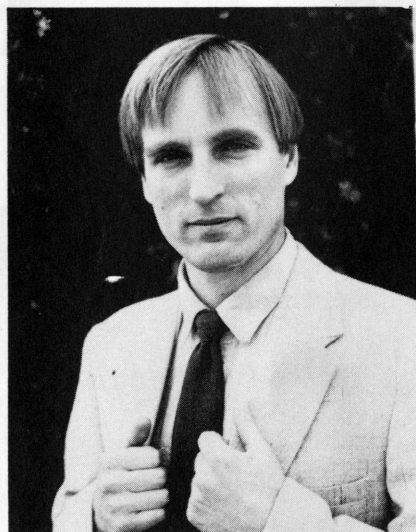
Winchell

Omaha, Nebraska



Donna Houston

Class Sponsor



Kevin Weiche

Class Sponsor

Senior Class 1995

Class Motto:
Success, Remember,
is the reward of toil.

Class Colors: Wine and Gold
Class Flower: Carnation
Class Tree: Apple Tree

Willie Ray Calloway - Student Council, 1 year . . . Key Club, 4 years . . . Drama, 3 years . . . Yearbook Staff . . . Football, 4 years . . . Basketball, 4 years . . . Track, 4 years . . . Homecoming Prince 1992.

Hobbies: playing sports, fishing, motorcycles, car mechanic, talking, bowling, rollerskating, ice skating, walking, camping, joking.

April Denise Clark - Student Council, 1 year . . . Vice-President of the Student Council, 1994-95 . . . Volleyball, 3 years . . . Basketball, 4 years . . . Track, 2 years . . . Drama, 1 year . . . Cheerleader, 1 year . . . Homecoming Queen 1994 . . . Prom Queen 1995.

Hobbies: dancing, talking, joking, sewing, cooking, shopping, socializing.

Jesse Michael Crawford - Student Council, 1 year . . . President of the Student Council, 1994-95 . . . Key Club, 2 years . . . President of the Key Club, 1994-95 . . . Jr. NAD, 1 year . . . President of the Jr. NAD, 1993-94 . . . Drama, 2 years . . . Yearbook Editor . . . Football Manager, 2 years . . . Basketball Manager, 2 years . . . Track, 1 year . . . Prom King 1995.

Hobbies: play wheelchair sports, fishing, hunting, joking, socializing, writing letters, listening to music.

Melissa Dawn Rightsell - Jr. NAD, 1 year . . . Drama, 4 years . . . Yearbook Editor . . . Volleyball, 4 years . . . Basketball, 3 years . . . Track, 2 years . . . Prom Princess 1994.

Hobbies: studying, talking, teasing, socializing, play with friends.

Jorge Alberto Rivera - Key Club, 1 year . . . Football, 2 years . . . Basketball, 2 years . . . Track, 1 year.

Hobbies: play basketball, mechanics, hang out with friends, joking.

Heather Dawn Whitewater - Student Council, 2 years . . . Secretary of the Student Council, 1992-93 . . . Key Club, 2 years . . . Jr. NAD, 1 year . . . Drama, 4 years . . . Yearbook Editor . . . Volleyball, 4 years . . . Basketball, 4 years . . . Track, 2 years . . . Cheerleader, 2 years . . . Homecoming Princess 1992.

Hobbies: Talking on the phone, cruising, shopping, socializing, reading, traveling, writing letters, riding horseback, babysitting, child care, helping people, assistant for business.

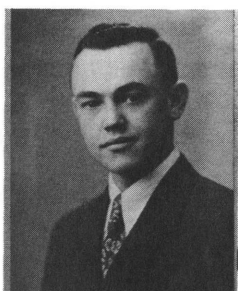
Chad James Winchell - Special Olympics: track, bowling, gymnastics, and rollerskating.

Hobbies: star gazing, walking, object assembly, and disassembly, eating, swinging, swimming, and window shopping.





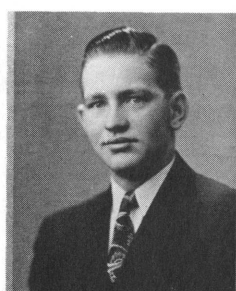
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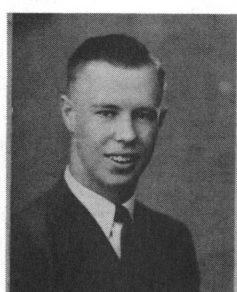
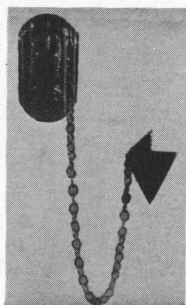
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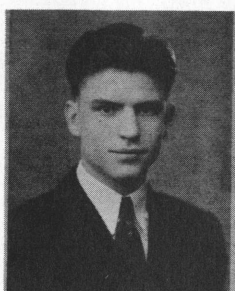
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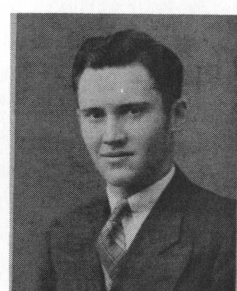
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Sneak Trip

On April 25, 1995, three seniors, Jesse Crawford, Melissa Rightsell, Heather Whitewater, and their sponsors, Kevin Weiche and Donna Houston, anxiously awaited the end of the GPSD "Brain Bowl" tournament. As soon as it was over, we each made our way to the garage where a van, already packed with our bags, was waiting to take us to the airport. Our 737 jet took off at 5:10 p.m., headed for Orange County, California. After our arrival we rented a van and made our way to our hotel in Anaheim, just across the street from Disneyland. It was late and we were tired and hungry so we ate dinner at the restaurant next to the hotel. Our waiter was an animated young man who kept us entertained and gave us lots of helpful advice about touring California.

We spent the entire next day at Disneyland. We saw many interesting things and especially enjoyed the rides. "Pirates of the Caribbean," "Haunted House" and the "Matterhorn" were some of our favorites. Jesse's wheelchair allowed us to cut in front of the long lines of people so we didn't have to wait. That evening, we decided to walk back to the hotel. It was closer than we thought, and we enjoyed taking in the places and people around us. Thursday morning we headed to Universal Studios. We thought their rides were better than Disneyland's! Of course, Kevin and Donna got sick on the "Back to the Future" ride. We took the tram and saw places where they make movies and saw some of the special effects. We saw a whole city made of fake buildings where famous movies are filmed. We saw the house from the movie Psycho. The best thing we saw was "Backdraft" which showed how they use real fire in movies. We also got to ride on the world's largest escalator, capable of carrying 2000 people at one time. That afternoon we left Los Angeles and drove to San Diego. L.A. was fun, but we were happy to leave the smog, crowds, and traffic behind.

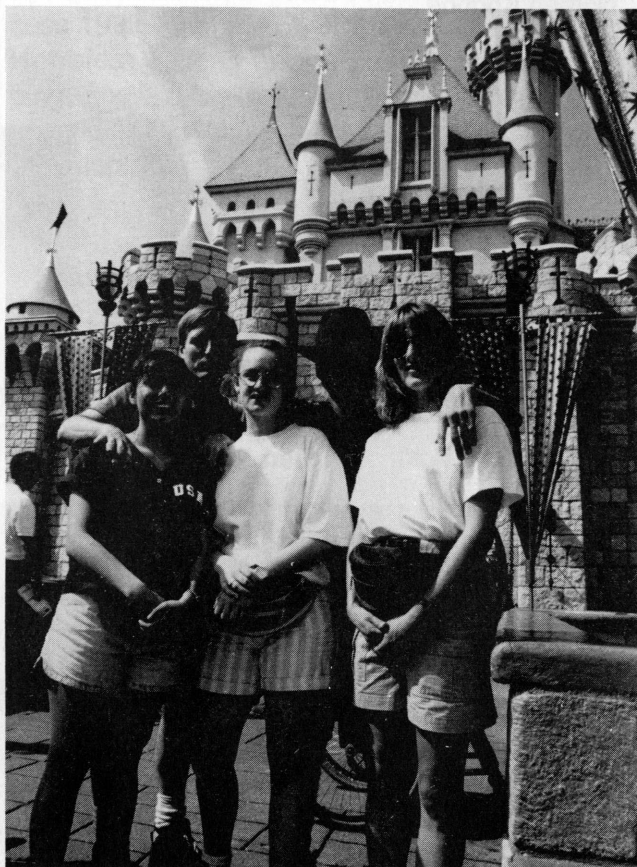
San Diego was beautiful. It seemed cleaner than L.A., and the weather was sunnier and warmer. There were palm trees, tropical plants and flowers everywhere. We were all excited to get to the beach, and Friday was the perfect day. We went to Mission Beach, which was great! It had lots of shops and restaurants along the boardwalk. We even rode a giant roller coaster. The ocean was beautiful but cold! We enjoyed relaxing most of the day.

Saturday was a busy day. In the morning we ventured into Tijuana. It was interesting to actually experience a different culture and to see how people in other places live. That afternoon, we drove to Riverside and visited the California School for the Deaf campus.

The school was huge, having more than 350 deaf students! Next, we visited the famous Chino Air Museum, which is home to the largest collection of war-planes in the world. We actually got to climb inside a B-25 bomber! Kevin was amazed to see a German Messerschmitt 262!

On Sunday morning, our trip was coming to a close. We caught our plane back to Omaha, again stopping in Phoenix, Arizona, for about an hour. In Phoenix, we met Heather's foster parents, who raised her and taught her sign language when she was a little girl. The Johnson family were very nice people and were so excited to see Heather, whom they hadn't seen in 8 years!

After a VERY rough airplane ride from Phoenix, we finally landed in Omaha on Sunday evening. We were all tired and sunburnt (some of us more than others), and a little sad that it was over so soon. It was a great trip, and we will have wonderful memories that will last our lifetimes.



In front of the famous castle at Disneyland.



Riding the world's longest escalator at Universal Studios



On the airline, California-bound!



Heather pilots an authentic WWII B-25 bomber.



The California School for the Deaf, Riverside



Jesse and Donna at Mission Beach, San Diego



The Johnson family at the Phoenix airport





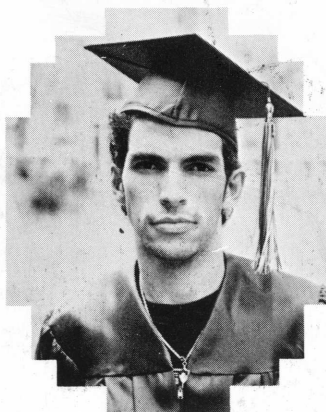
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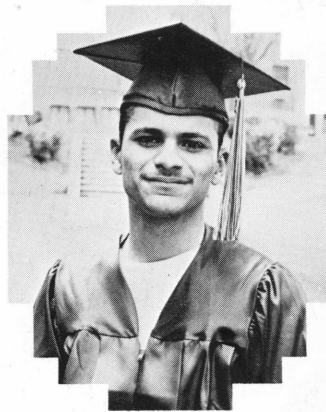
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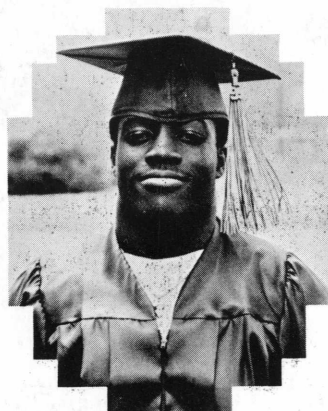
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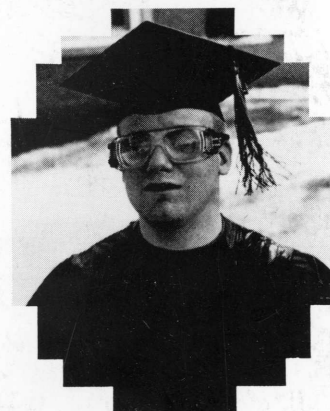
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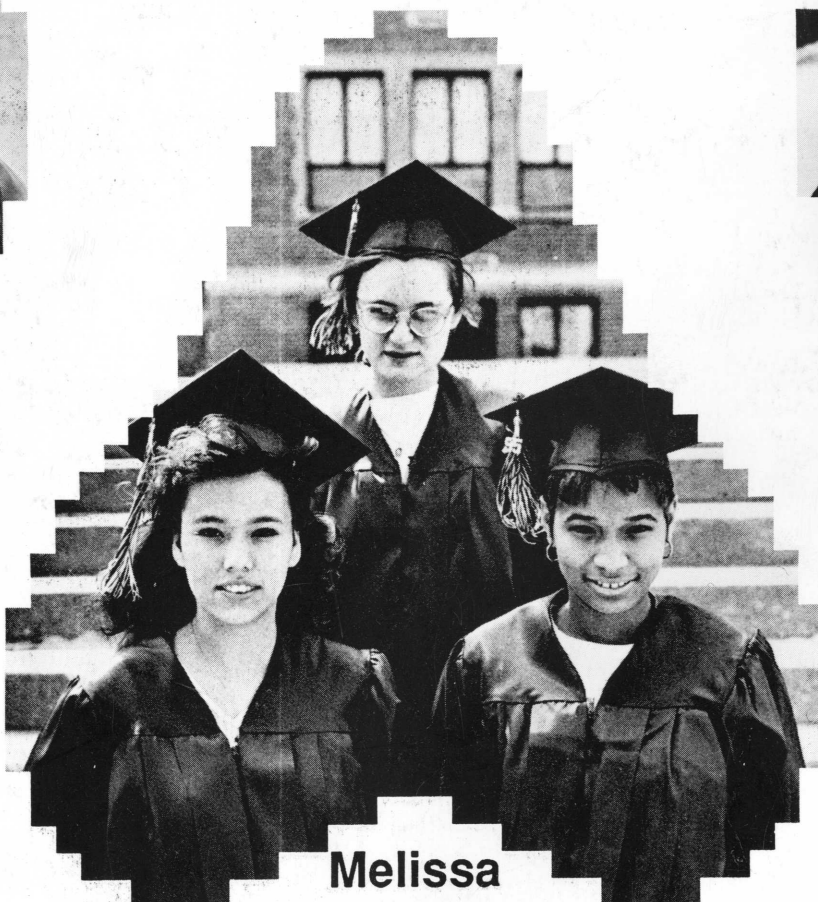
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