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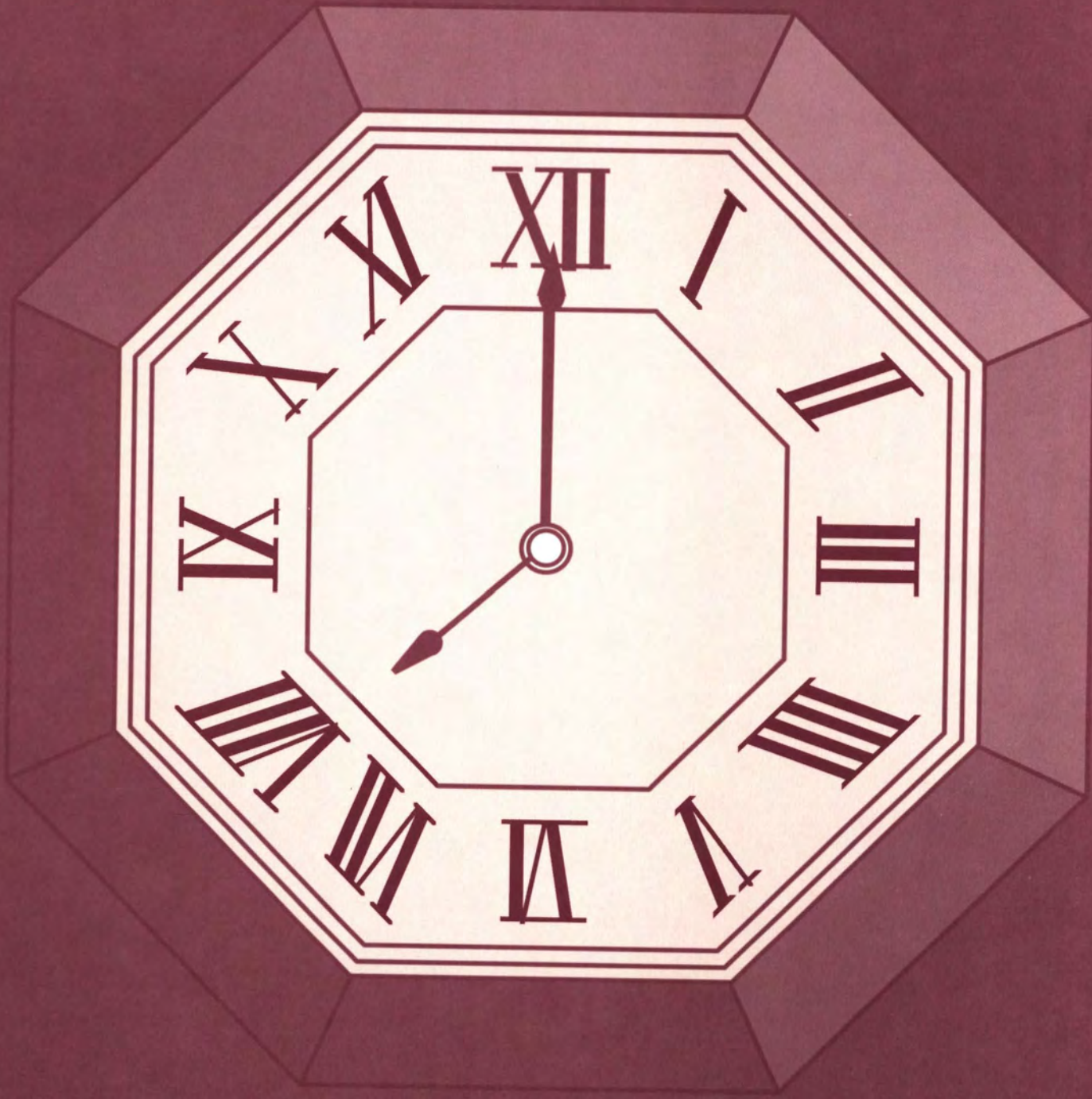


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THE PRIDE KEEPS ON TICKING





Times are definitely changing. Not only have we made a smooth adjustment from the old high school to the new, we have also experienced new classes, new friends, new trends, and a whole new outlook. We even started the school day at a new time. The best way to remember these times is to relive them. As you turn each page, think back to the events that shaped our year and all of the memories we created together.

Remember how excited we were on the first day? Remember how we cheered at those bitter-cold football games? Remember all of the spirit we showed during those pep assemblies? Remember homecoming? Remember the first snowfall? Remember that well-timed snow day? Remember those edge-of-our-seat basketball games? Remember that wonderful winter break? Remember how we sweated through finals? And that was just the first semester. We had so much fun together, and we will never forget those special moments that made us proud to be Chieftains. The time we spent at O.H.S. will live in our minds for the rest of our lives.

by Pat Westgate and Laura Hall



Good times

Our lives as students of Okemos High School would not be the same without our friends. We spend time chatting with them between classes, and have fun with them on the weekends. The majority of our high school career is spent dancing, watching athletic games, and talking with our friends. Whether your memories are of busting a move in the cafeteria or asking that special someone to a dance, they will definitely bring a smile back to your face. Looking back on high school when we are old and gray will bring back those wonderful memories. Keep those friends close to your heart. Don't ever lose contact with those special friends in your life or you will definitely regret it.

Times do change, but the spirit of the students at Okemos High School will continue to shine. The students showed their spirit at that semi-final basketball game and the intensity grew at Homecoming pep assembly. The memories of high school will never die, so live these years to the fullest, without a moment lying down. With all the changes going on around us, remember to keep the exciting memories of high school close to your heart.

by Caron Brosky





TRADITION MARCHES ON



This year's Homecoming Parade consisted of spirit and enthusiasm and created everlasting memories for everyone. The young children who anxiously and eagerly awaited the wonderful spectacle of floats and who were, of course, hoping for some candy!

"I will always remember watching the adorable little kids who run with the parade to try to get more candy. They think that you don't remember them and how you already threw them candy as they hope for more to be at thrown at them!" freshman **Kathleen Boszak** exclaimed.

The freshmen experienced and treasured their first Homecoming Parade. "I think that since I was on the freshmen float with all the cheering the whole way through, was the most fun and memorable," **Tiffany Brunner** said.

The seniors embraced and cherished their final Homecoming Parade. "This was really the first year I was involved in building the float. I loved spending time with my friends and getting to know my classmates better. I am not sure if there was more paint on the float, or on all of us! I will never forget the fun time I had building the float," **Kim Slack** said.

"I will always remember the excitement and spirit in each of my classmates just as the parade begins. I was a little emotional thinking that this was my last Homecoming Parade ever, but I've been a part of four really great parades and each year my class has had a really great float!" **Diana Economy** said.

The cherished memories from this year's Homecoming Parade will never be forgotten.

by Kristen Arbour





TIME TO SHINE

The 1995 Homecoming Royalty

Astonishment, excitement, nervousness and surprise were feelings shared by the Homecoming Court Royalty.

"The winner didn't really matter to me because the other two candidates were two of my closest friends," freshman representative, **Trevor Carson** said.

When asked about his feelings during the parade, Homecoming King, **B.J. Gawle** said, "Towards the end, my cheeks

felt like they were going to fall off from smiling so much."

Homecoming Queen, **Carrie Preston**, described her emotions as she walked down the football field. "I was thinking about how cold and wet I was, and I could picture myself slipping and falling flat on my face."

Being on the Homecoming Court is a great honor and the memories of being crowned will last a lifetime. *by Meghaen Jordan*



Where's the food? **Chuck Sargent, Jason Price, Mike King** and **Ryan Cullen** eagerly wait to be served as they sit and enjoy themselves at Sige's Restaurant in Downtown Lansing.



Just a move! Junior **Angela Hodgins** shakes her booty while enjoying her friends and the music at the Homecoming Dance.



Looking good! **Eddie Chung, Matt Robinson, Steve Waterbrook,** and **Nathan Narasimhan** are getting their groove on at the Homecoming Dance.

Senior representatives **Jennifer Elwood** and **Dan Mangiavellano** share a smile as they eagerly wait for the Homecoming parade to begin.



Seniors Carrie Preston and Kyle Gawle make the perfect couple as this year's Homecoming Queen and King. The two celebrated with a hug as they were crowned at the pep assembly.

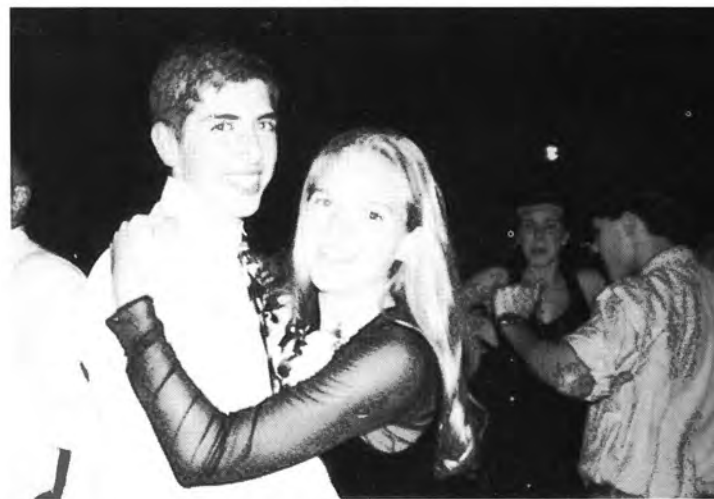
Junior representatives Liz Morrison and Phil Beekman learn what being on the Homecoming court is all about as they dance the night away. They were the first to ride on a jeep during the parade instead of the traditional sports car.



Kavitha Surapan



Sophomore representatives Kyle Clark and David Cregan enjoy a dance together along with the other winners of the Homecoming Court.



Freshman representatives Abby Ellsworth and Trevor Carson enjoy their first Homecoming dance together as part of the Homecoming court. Not only were they crowned together, they also went to the dance together.

Homecoming



Spirit Week means something different to everyone. Generally, most Okemos students view spirit week as five days to show school pride and gain spirit for the big homecoming game.

The Spirit Week competition between classes is a tradition that brings the separate classes closer, as well as the entire school. The juniors have their own spirit week tradition as junior **Beth Patterson** boasts, "Our class is continuing the tradition of coming in last for the third year in a row." That tradition will have to change for the juniors next year because the seniors always want to go out in style. **Brandon Bautista** describes the senior action, "During Spirit Week we get the chance to be a little crazy and demolish the underclassmen in the spirit week competition." Sophomore **Laura Vandam** felt the warmth and security of her class during the pep assembly. "We cheered so loud for our class, it really helped our spirit level increase," said **Laura**. **Annie Hoban** contributed to her freshmen class spirit points by dressing up for spirit week. When asked what her favorite day of spirit week was she said, "Disney day is my favorite day because everyone has Disney clothes, and almost all of the kids wore what they had."

Each class may become independently closer, but on the last day of Spirit Week, Chieftain Day, the entire school illustrates their pride together. Chieftain day provides an opportunity for every student to become involved in the action. Sophomore **Andy Fuehr** shares his view on Chieftain Day, "My favorite day of Spirit Week is Chieftain Day because I can dress up and not feel stupid." Many kids share **Andy's** point of view.

The pep assembly is in full swing, kids are chanting and cheering, the drum line is beating, and for a brief moment the whole crowd is caught in the excitement of Spirit Week. And all students are united. United Chieftains!

by Jill Bokemeier





SPIRIT CHECK

CHANGE *of* COLOR

Students take time to rake in fall fun!

Not only is the fall a season of surplus beauty, but also many exciting activities.

"There is excitement in the air during Homecoming week," said senior **Fritz Heller**. The week before the Homecoming game and dance, spirit week, is jam packed with fun activities.

Soon after Homecoming, OHS ghosts and goblins look forward to Halloween. Whether you are "Toast Man" or a simple witch, you show your festive side.

Other students get in the holiday spirit on a smaller scale.

"I love wearing my Halloween socks," senior

Andrea Neumaier announced cheerfully.

The blow that comes with going back to school is lessened by the fall festivities. Whether it be football or trick or treating, autumn has a special meaning for everyone.

by Sara Main



Gayle Main

7ouchdown! OHS spectators express their excitement as the Varsity guys bring the Chiefs yet another six points. The fans showed a great deal of support this year. A special thanks goes out to those diehard fans that braved the very cold rain at Portage Northern.



Kyrsten Carter

Strike a pose! **Andrew Bielski** (a.k.a. Lovely Legs) struts his stuff before an adoring crowd. This Bandit was the source of great entertainment during the football season.



Kavitha Surapaneni

Kick it! Members of the basketball team show off their dance moves at the Homecoming pep assembly. It is becoming an OHS tradition for the boys to perform these moves!

Howdy partner! Junior **Curtis Hendrix** shows off his western style for Halloween. **Curtis** spends his fall playing football for the Chiefs!



Adrienne Lessard



Gayle Main

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's...Toast Man! **B.J. Gawle** shows his Halloween creativity. He also got dressed up for everyday of Spirit Week!

I've got spirit, yes I do! Freshman **Katie King** sports her Chieftain fashions from head to toe on Chieftain Day during Spirit Week. **Katie**, not just a fan, plays basketball, volleyball, and softball.

Like totally rad! **Janel Hunt** and **Lauren Kelly** show off their eighties gear, including the infamous Michael Jackson glove. **Janel** and **Lauren** play softball together!



Kyrsten Carter



Adrienne Lessard



Kavitha Surapaneni

Give me a beat! Members of the OHS drum line impress the crowd at the Homecoming pep assembly! This popular group really gets the fans pumped up before the games!

TIME TO CHILL





It's been roughly a month since you got two days off of school for Thanksgiving. The days have slowly drifted by. You wake up each morning with the renewed hope that school will be called off. As you peer out your window and see dry pavement, your hope changes to one that the Holiday Break will come, and soon.

Once the sixth hour bell rang, signaling the last day of 1995, Okemos students went home for two weeks of fun with their family and friends. Each student has their own idea of how to enjoy this time off.

"This year the ponds froze early, so we got to play some hard-core pond hockey," junior Brian Hatcher said.

Once time was spent with your friends, you had to respect your parents' wishes and spend some time with your family. Whether it was going to grandparent's houses or just staying home, the possibilities for family fun were endless.

"My New Year's Eve rocked because it's family Monopoly night, and this year I got to be the banker!" senior Brandon Bautista replied with just a hint of sarcasm in his voice.

Some people look at the weather as a prime opportunity for doing donuts or having a snowball fight, but some people just can't adjust to the cold conditions.

"It's cold as heck, the roads are bad, your car gets dirty, and you have to put on four layers to stay warm. Even going to Meijer's is no fun," senior Michael Austin complained.

Despite it's downfalls, winter shone through this year, proving that even in the cold, fun can be found.

by Phil Williams

TIME PARTY

The weather outside was frightful, but this year's "Blizzard Boogie" was delightful. Many students braved

Students dance the night away at the 1995 Holiday Dance

the cold on December 16th to convene in the commons for the annual holiday dance. The dance falls in between Homecoming and Sadie's which raises a difficult fashion dilemma. Should the winter dance be a "dressy" dance or should it be casual?

"The holiday dance should be dressy," senior **Caron Brosky** said. "I love to dress up and see everyone else at their best."

Senior **Laura Lonergan** said, "Some people enjoy dressing up and others don't, so it should be up to the person." A great time seemed to be had by all, no matter what attire they chose for themselves.

The unanimous decision

among students was that the decorations could have been better. The winter scene in the middle of the dance floor

didn't seem to go over too well. "The decorations could be better", senior **Jill Bokemeier** said, "What was that huge lump in the middle of the floor, anyway?"

The bad decorations didn't stop anyone from having fun. Many students made special memories at this year's holiday dance. **Caron Brosky** said she had the most fun "dancing on the chairs with **Lauren Kelly, Ann Mellenberger, and Meghaen Jordan.**"

No matter what was worn or what the decorations looked like, everyone seemed to have a great time. One thing is for sure--- O.H.S. students have a blast wherever they go!

By Lindsay Carr



Make those tail feathers! The spotlights shine on the OHS students as they dance the night away at the 1995 Blizzard Boogie! The event was thrown by the junior class to raise money for Prom.



Best Friends! Sophomores **Alison Johnson** and **Jean Lee** make special memories at the winter dance.



Wild and crazy gals! **Rebecca Horsch, Christine Crosby, and Erica Fahey** keep warm at the dance even though it's cold outside.

Love is in the air! Junior **Leanna Hase** and her date **Dan Viaches**, from Haslett High School take a break from all the dancing to catch their breath.



Girls just want to have fun! Freshman **Kerry O'Shaughnesse**, **Kristen Ottinger**, and **Leah Shaheen** have a great time while they get down to the music.

Droogie down! Senior **Charlie Yuan** shows off his dance steps to Okemos graduate, **Hannah Gilkenson**.

Lost in space! Sophomore **April Gordon** contemplates her next dance move at the holiday dance.



Looking good! Sophomores **Lauren Guthrie**, **Kristin Main**, **Heidi Schmidt**, and **Isa Radcliffe** flash their beautiful smiles for the camera.

TIME *for* SPIRIT

Students take a break from the cold to show their spirit for Winterfest '96.

Even in the midst of all the cold and gloomy days that winter brings, Okemos students were still able to have fun with the sparkle of Winterfest.

Sophomore **Sarah Rasche** believes the best part of Winterfest all comes down to one thing-Sadies Hawkins. "We had such a good time. I will never forget when they played 'I've had the Time of My Life'.

The whole night was so exciting!"

As for spirit, senior **Pat Westgate** has one thing to say, "C'mon OHS, get

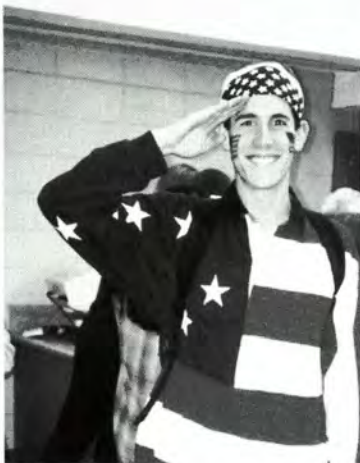
off your butts and start cheering. We need more spirit."

Without the spirit, it is just another week at OHS. However, it may be cold out there but Winterfest brings sunshine into the halls of Okemos High School.

by Meghaen Jordan



We've got retro fever! Senior **B.J. Gawle**, junior **Laurel Donnell-Fink**, senior **Nathan Narasimhan**, junior **Beth Paterson** and senior **Matt Coy** smile for the camera on retro day during Winterfest week.



The snow is falling, but this guy still has spirit. Junior **Mike Doherty** gives us an all American wave. **Mike** was a forward on the varsity basketball team.



Adrienne Lessard

All American! You can say that senior **Steve Waterbrook** has 100% American written all over him. **Steve** is very dedicated to his country as he proudly salutes

Check their temperatures! We think these girls have disco fever! Sophomore friends, **Bree Bautista**, **Jessica Putz**, **Missy Smith**, and **Kate Rawsthorne** show off their spirit during Winterfest of '96.

Shining in the snow! Sophomores **Clare Mehan** and **Mark Kissling** and seniors **Matt Mehan** and **Vicky Fletcher** get together after being crowned as this year's Winterfest Court.



Smiles all around! Sophomores, Rachel Worman, Sarah Klein and Kristen Dubenion-Smith were happy to be a part of patriotic day.



They've got spirit! The sophomore class shows their spirit at the Winterfest pep assembly. The sophomores enjoyed the Saturday Night Live skit with big grins all around.



Too hot for winter! Senior Vicky Fletcher and junior Ana Calaca are ready for sunshine and sandy beaches. If they only knew that Lake Lansing was open... for ice-skating!



One to Remember

The dance itself is always the same story: bright lights, loud music, and the corny lovey-dovey decorations.

What makes the Sadie Hawkin's Dance memorable is the creative ways students plan the evening.

Joni Sturgeon, Meghaen Jordan, and Jen Putz sent their dates on a crazy scavenger hunt. At Quality Dairy, the guys had to sing "I'm a Little Teapot"

and do all the motions in order to get their next clue!

"My friends and I have always told our dads that we would take them to Sadie's

our senior year. Little did I know my dad would remember," **Caron Brosky** said.

No matter how the students spent the evening, it was memorable. Possibly a little more memorable for some!

by Sara Main



Gayle Main

Can you feel the love tonight? Expressions of affection are shown all over the dance floor on this love provoking evening. Cupid was very busy on this dance which is always right around Valentine's Day.



You've got to fight for your right to party! Seniors **Jackie Smith** and **Sarah Mahjoory** boogie with the Beastie Boys. Although they enjoyed their senior year, they could not wait until graduation. Every so often, **Sarah** wrote how many days remained on the marker boards in her classes.



Joni Sturgeon

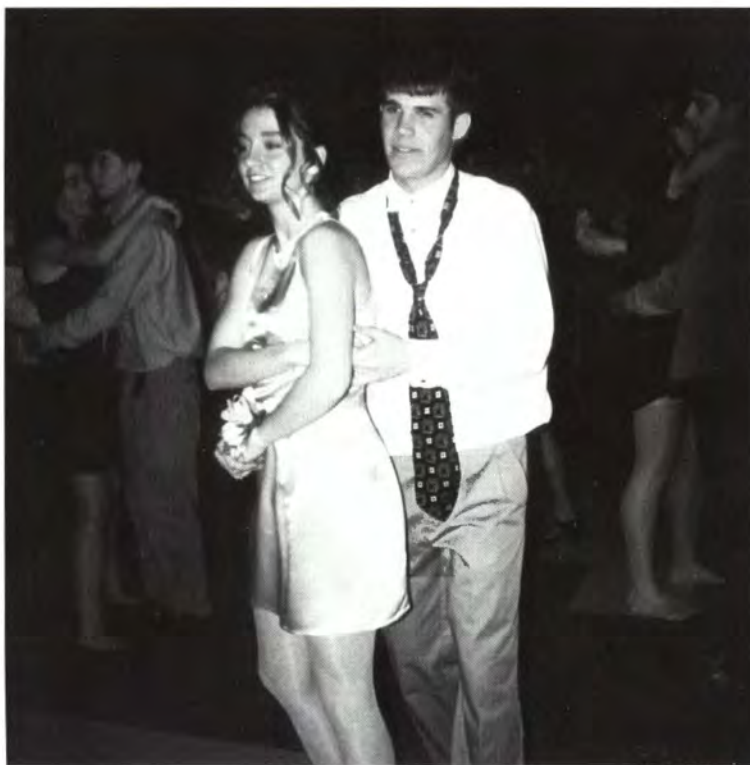
The single guy! **Donald Hamilton**, unable to find someone to dance with, settles for himself. Actually, **Donnie** had some of the hottest moves on the dance floor. He was dancing with him!

Hold that thought! Seniors **B.J. Gawle**, **Steve Waterbrook**, and **Charlie Yuan** try to figure out where to go next on the scavenger hunt their dates set up for them. The destination was right behind them!

Every girl's nightmare. Senior pals **Meghaen Jordan** and **Lauren Kelly** are keeping their cool despite the fact that they wore the same dress. These girls are keeping their cool despite the fact that they wore the same dress. These girls are keeping their cool despite the fact that they wore the same dress. These girls are keeping their cool despite the fact that they wore the same dress. These girls are keeping their cool despite the fact that they wore the same dress.



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Ready, set, turn! Junior **Beth Paterson** and senior **Matt Coy** prepare for a complicated dance move. Because these two are athletic, they are very limber on the dance floor!

Just the boys! Senior buds **Bryan Frye**, **Brian Nimphie**, **Jason Price**, and **Mike King** take a break from wild dancing for a photo. These guys were very busy throughout the year with all the different sports they participated in.

Hey there! The always smiling sophomore **Alicia Hoge** and junior basketball player **Nathan Bullock** enjoy the night dancing together. Before the dance they enjoyed a delicious meal at the Evergreen Grill.



Caron Brosky



Gayle Main



Caron Brosky



Gayle Main

Girls just want to have fun! Seniors **Jackie Smith**, **Jenny Goodrich**, **Amy Mahjoory**, **Kelly Decker**, **Sarah Mahjoory**, **April Dick**, **Carrie Ruppert**, and **Sara Demlow** get together for a friendly group shot. Whether these girls have dates or go together, they

Sadie Hawkins



GOOD TIMES

Students by
Ryan and
Lauren
www.

It's Friday and the weekend is finally here. Most O.H.S. students have very little time during their weekends to do anything except have a good time.

Senior **Janel Hunt** said, "I like to hang out with my friends one night and my boyfriend the other night."

Freshman **James Egler** said his ideal weekend would be, "Having a hot date Satur-

day and Sunday with someone you've liked for a long time."

Sophomore **Kyle Clark** said her idea of the perfect weekend would be, "No homework or tests to study for and sitting back watching endless reruns of 'Days of Our Lives'."

Most students agree that there is one thing left to do before the weekend is over: homework.

by *Lauren Kelly*



Ann Mellenberger



Sara Hollander



Taking a dip before the cold days set in. Seniors **Ann Mellenberger** and **Lauren Kelly** take a swim on one of the hot weekends. The two will attend M.S.U. next fall.



Rick Coy



Shootin hoops! Senior **Ryan Cullen** plays in a 3 on 3 basketball tournament on one of his weekends. **Ryan** plays varsity basketball and baseball.

Crusin' around. Seniors **Pat Westgate** and **Meghaen Jordan** pose for a quick picture while riding waverunners at **Matt Coy's** cottage. They had a great weekend soaking up the rays.

Brrr! Freshmen **Sarah Robinson**, **Betsy Bussing**, **Anne Kelly**, **Andrea Grady**, **Laura Brey** and **Angelica Novis** enjoy the first snowfall of the year. These girls know how to have fun.

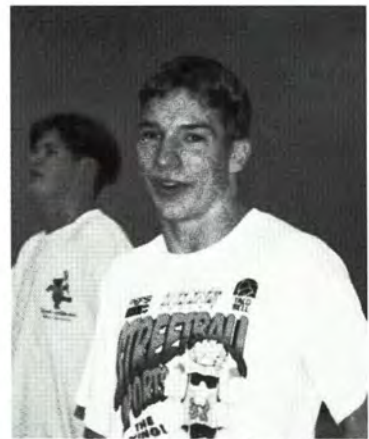
Let it snow! Juniors **Cynthia Obsitnik**, **Janelle Ferance**, and **Megan Kearney** enjoy a weekend away from home at Schuss Mountain. All of the girls love to ski.



Party van! A group of friends get together to decorate and tailgate for the East Lansing vs. Okemos football game. This is a great way to have a fun time while supporting their football team.

Practicing his skills. Junior **Tim Cherry** shoots some hoops to get ready for the season. **Tim** played varsity football and basketball this year.

Show off those boxers girls! Sophomores **Whitney Downing, Elizabeth Leago, Kyle Clark, and Alicia Hoge** show a different side of themselves on the weekend. Here they show what a great weekend they had at **Elizabeth Leago's** cottage.



Kyrsten Carter



Wassup? Sophomores **Andy Fowler, Will Simon, Dave Cregan and Andy Fuehr** get together at **Allyson Smith's** house to party. These guys know how to have a great time on the weekends.

TIME TO RELAX

No more pencils, no more books. No more teachers' dirty looks. Many OHS students had great vacations.

"This summer I was picked to represent Michigan at Girls Nation in Washington D.C.," **Diana Economy** said. "I met tons of interesting people from all over the country!"

The French Club took their annual trip to France this summer. "It was awesome," **Jennifer Baumann** exclaimed,

"there is nothing like being in a foreign country and having no clue what anyone is saying to you!"

Senior and track star, **Amy Mahjoory**, also traveled out of the country. **Amy**, however, didn't travel halfway around the globe. "I went to Vancouver, Canada, and visited my cousins."

It's back to school now, but it's alright 'cause we're saved by the bell! *by Caron Brosky*



Carla Hunt

Uehaw! Closet farmer, **Janel Hunt**, rides the John Deere with her cousin. **Janel's** grandparents live on a farm in Kansas which she visits every summer. While in Kansas, **Janel** attends rodeos, and constantly water skis. **Janel** enjoys spending her summers in Kansas, but she is always ready to get home to Okemos.



Sounds a little fishy! Junior **Sameena Ahmed**, participates in an environmental science program in Buffalo, New York. This is in a Young Scholar program which **Sameena** was selected for.

Row, row, row your boat! **B.J. Gawle, Brad Barnett, and Mark McKillips** canoe in Canada on a boy scout trip. The boys had to survive in the wilderness without a sign of civilization for two weeks.

Uot Stuff! Senior **Steve Waterbrook** eats a sparkler on the Fourth of July. **Steve** is known to be a comic amongst his friends. His jokes always seem to brighten the grayest winter day.



Don't ever wash those hands!
Diana Economy shakes hands with
President Bill Clinton while in Wash-
 ington D.C. **Diana** was one of only two
 people chosen from the state of Michi-
 gan. Congratulations **Diana**!

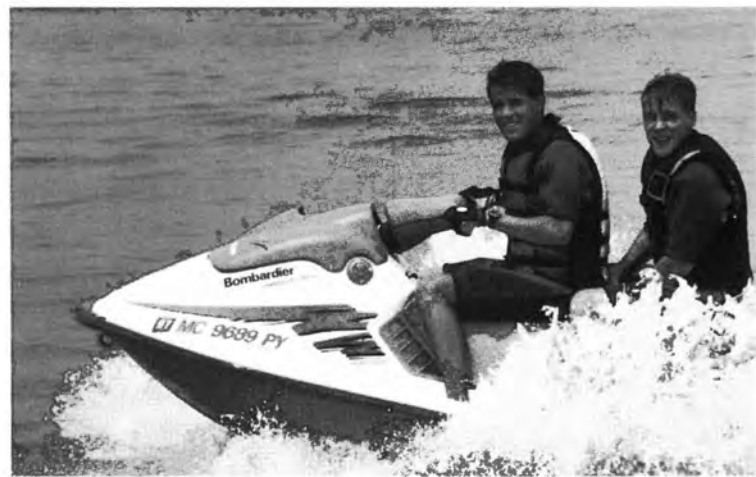


Bonjour! **Kristen Arbour**,
Stephanie Curtis, **Jennifer Baumann**,
Danielle Hilley, **Carolyn Yian**, and
Katie Williams smile for the camera in
 Paris. The French Club toured many
 sights throughout Paris.

Rock and Roll! **Sarah Klein** gets
 ready to roller blade at summer camp.
Sarah went camping at Interlochen
 State Park in July. She takes after her
 brother, senior **Aaron Klein**, in her love
 for the outdoors.



Meghaen Jordan



Dixie Coy

Making waves! **Matt Coy** and
Mike Westgate cruise for girls at North
 Crystal Lake. **Matt** and **Mike**
 have been spending summers there for many
 years now. They stay at **Matt's** cottage

STUPID #HUMAN TRICKS

Seemingly normal students display their slightly more unique side

mans have to say for themselves? Junior **Katie Garvale** commented, "I'm super flexible, so I can do all kinds of gross contortionist stuff." The yearbook staff was lucky enough to catch a few of these stupid humans in action. From senior **Phil Williams'** unusually long tongue to **Akash Sharma's** regurgitated punch, OHS displays their superior feats of stupidity
by Matt Ellsworth

We here at OHS have the distinct opportunity to witness hundreds of stupid humans in action every day. Many of these stupid humans have devoted much of their spare time to create new, innovative stupid human tricks. Junior **Anne Schiffer** says, "Stupid human tricks are funny, and **Andy Coultas'** bubble on the tongue takes the cake."

So what do these stupid hu-



Think of the possibilities. Senior **Tom Grasman** impresses onlooking students with his somewhat self explanatory human trick.



Who's that curly haired guy? Why, it's everyone's favorite stupid human trickster **Andrew Bielski**. **Andrew** is one of the school's most talented actors as well as a valuable asset to Student Council.



Give yourself a hug. Senior **Katie Williams** leaves her delicious cafeteria lunch to share one of her best human tricks with us all.

Skin to spare! Sophomore **Dan Fuelling**, with assistance from **Alicia Hoge**, shows off that one thing he is most proud of... elbow skin.

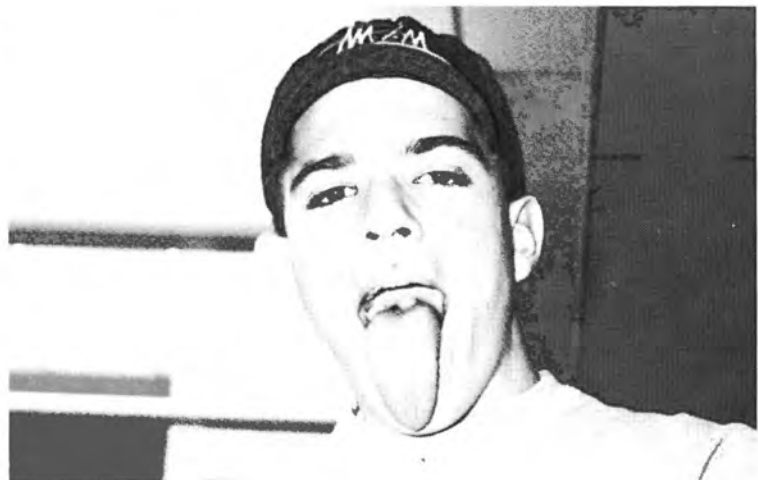
Tongue gymnastics. Sophomore **Steve Sinas** is clearly well on his way to David Letterman with this astonishing talent.



How can you have any pudding if you don't eat your meat? Senior **Akash Sharma** shows junior **Matt Ellsworth** his special jungle punch. It consisted of regurgitated pizza, water, and mayonaise.

He bubble blowing wonder. Junior **Andy Coultas** prepares to do what he does best...blow a bubble.

Pre-trick jitters. Senior **Mike King** prepares his trick for lunch-time display. Mike would proceed to spit popcorn into the air then catch it... in his mouth.



Watch your step! Senior **Phil Williams** is sticking his tongue out really, really far. Neat huh?

Things *that* Annoy

Everyone has something that annoys or bugs them, whether it be the cafeteria food or a certain teacher or student. When it comes to school, there's always something to find that you don't like. "I can't stand the way that people crowd the bottom of the stairwells and don't move to let anyone through" senior **Brandon Bautista** said. The crowds seemed to bug the most people.

"The halls here aren't any wider than at the old school, the ceiling is just higher. All wasted space. It's like the

administration thought that we'd just all grow to be really tall," junior **Matt Robinson** observed. Senior **Tom Grasman** agreed, "We spent 48 million dollars and the halls are still crowded!" All in all, though, most students agreed that OHS isn't really that bad.

by Justin Perrone



Gail Williams

What the heck? Senior **Phil Williams** woke up one morning to find his new Grand Am with an option that he hadn't ordered. "Vandals, they're everywhere!" **Phil** cried as he cleaned up the mess.

Lunchtime! A major complaint from students and staff alike are the crowds in the lunch lines. With a closed campus and an increase in the student body, a third lunch is the battlecry of all those stuck in the back of the line.



Conspiracy! Senior co-presidents **Carrie Preston** and **Matt Mehan** take the main stage at a fall pep assembly. Some wonder whether they're running the school through pep assemblies.



Justin Perrone

Freshmen! Need I say more?

Push and shove your way through. The stairway presents an interesting challenge to those trying to get to class in a hurry. The rule of thumb around the stairway is if you want to get somewhere quick, good luck!



Starving! Juniors **Alicia Cousineau** and **Jessica Russell** aren't real happy about having to wait so long in line for lunch. Most students agree that by the time you get your lunch, you have no time to eat it.

Traffic jam. Another major complaint from students was the traffic problems in the parking lot. Speed bumps were installed to the dismay of many in an effort to curb the problem, although things have not gotten all that much better.

Outta the way! Crowded halls hit the biggest nerve with students as they push and shove their way through the tides of people to class.



Kavitha Surapaneni

What do we eat this? A sampling of the daily lunch from the A-line that so many students reluctantly endure day after day.

Working *around* the clock

It seems obvious the main reason to get a job is to have cash to spend or put away for college.

What are some of the things students save for? "I have been saving so I have money to spend when I go on spring break with my friends!" says senior **Laura Loose**.

"College is pretty important thing to save for too!" says junior **Ryann Davis**.

Sometimes you have to make

Students work in their spare time.

sacrifices to have a job, like giving up an occasional Friday or Saturday night. "All in all, it's worth it. If I didn't work I wouldn't have any money to go out." says senior **Susan Kurt**.

Whether or not their money goes into the bank or is spent at the mall, OHS students have no problem finding a way to spend their hard earned money.

by Robin Kluck



Robin Kluck

Chop, chop! Senior **Aaron Fritzsche** prepares the meal for champions at Tubby's Sub shop!

Smiles old and young. Seniors at Burcham Hills are delighted to have **Laura Loose**, senior at OHS, serve them a few nights a week.



Robin Kluck



Gayle Main

Ice cream, ice cream, we all scream for ice cream. Senior **Sarah Shaft** dishes it out at Burcham Hill Retirement Center.

Serving it up! Senior **Steve Starnes**, doing his best to get the order right, is part of the McDonald's crew.

Ataste of the real world. Senior **Nate Wertz** assists secretaries in the main office. He doesn't get paid, but it's good practice!





Robin Kluck



Robin Kluck

*M*odeling the latest at The Gap! Junior **Ryann Davis** and senior **Kristen Rauhe** take a break from folding clothes and helping customers to try on a few outfits for themselves.

*A*ll set, you bet. Senior **Jackie Smith** pleases yet another customer at Cinnabon in the mall.

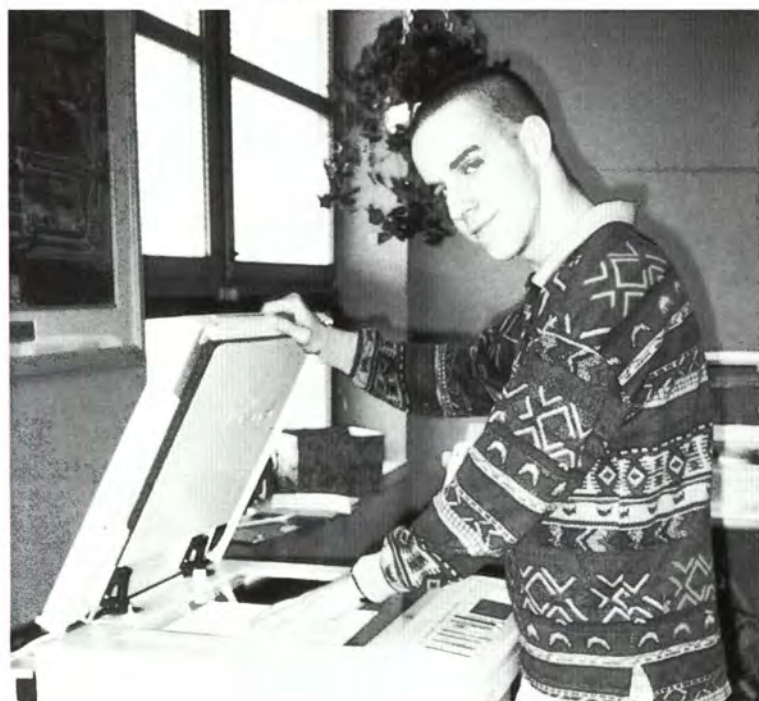
*B*ehind the scenes. Queen of pizza, junior **Leslie McAlvey** prepares to make yet another irresistible pizza from Westside Deli.



Robin Kluck



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Kristen Main

*M*r. Money. Senior **Blair Lincoln** is in charge of the dough at Westside Deli. **Blair** started working at the Deli this year.

TIME *for* D.C.

Students think that when they get a week off school they won't have to do anything. But that's not true for Close-Up. Meeting new people, going to seminars, and seeing all the sights in Washington, D.C. can make anyone tired. This year Close-Up took two trips. The strange thing was that the second trip only had six people compared to 50 in the first trip. "I liked that there were only six of us. I

Students spend the week exploring Washington, D.C.

really got to know everybody," said junior tourist **Kara Malkus**.

The OHS students met some famous people and some not so famous people. "It took two hours of hard work to get in and see **Newt Gingrich** but it was worth it," junior **Jason Jones** said.

With or without the famous people, everyone had fun and will never forget the friendships they made there.

by *Lisa Estry*



Lisa Estry

What lovely weather! **Jenny Mirsha**, **Kara Malkus** and **Lisa Estry** enjoy the sunshine in Washington, D.C. while visiting the monuments. During the week they meet people from different parts of the country and Puerto Rico.



I want to hold your hand. Juniors **Eddie Chung** and **Nelson Lee** admire the view while standing in front of the Washington Monument.



Juniors **Cara Freedman**, **Allyson Smith** and **Maggie Hess** take a break from sight seeing. They visited the Lincoln, Vietnam, and Korean Monuments.

Is that **Newt Gingrich**? Junior **Jason Jones** waited for two hours to shake **Newt's** hand. He was given the official tour of the **Gingrich** office.



Chillin' at the Capital. Juniors Michelle Haley, Allyson Smith, Laurel Donnell-Fink, Beth Paterson, Maggie Hess, Katie Weichman, Emily Wessinger and Cara Freedman enjoy their day on Capital Hill.

Beth Paterson and Laurel Donnell-Fink spend their day visiting the monuments in Washington, D.C.



Lisa Estry

Where is he? Juniors Kara Malkus, Jenny Mirsha, Adam Robison, Geoff Sevrin, Greg Pearce wait for Dick Chrysler to come and speak with them.

TIME TO GET AWAY

Seniors migrate south for Spring Break 1996.

Any student at Okemos High School will tell you that there comes a time in which everyone needs to get away. We like to call this spring break.

Many people take advantage of this time off to hit the sunny beaches of the south.

"I spent a week in Clearwater, Florida with lots of girls and lots of guys," senior **Caron Brosky** said.

Some people chose the

economy of traveling with their parents. "My family and I went to California and got to see the 'Leeza Gibbons Show' and a taping of 'Beverly Hills 90210'," said senior **Carrie Thomas**.

Ultimately, it all came down to the fun factor. "I went with seven of my best friends and we had the time of our lives in the sun of Fort Myers Beach, Florida," said senior **Justin Perrone**.

by Phil Williams



Walk like an Egyptian. Sophomores **Shira Johnson** and **Katherine Hughes** enjoy the sun in the U.S. Virgin Islands.



Wet and wild! Seniors **Heather Wieczorek**, **Jill Bokemeier**, **Laura Ley**, **Adrienne Walker**, **Vicky Fletcher** and **Carrie Preston** take a time out from scaling the rocks in Cozumel, Mexico.



Hit the slopes. Juniors **Heather Birchen** and **K.C. Hulteen** enjoy the fresh powder while skiing in Colorado.

Ranned, rested and ready. Seniors **Katie Williams**, **Carolyn Yian**, **Danielle Hilley**, **Jennifer Baumann**, **Kristen Arbour** and **Jennifer Elwood** soak up the sun in Fort Myers Beach,



Havin' fun! Seniors Phil Williams, Zack Weiler, Mike Irrer, Justin Perrone, Stan Schock and Mike Neal hang out at one of Florida's finer eating establishments in Fort Myers Beach.

Q.Q. pose everybody! Charlie Yuan, BJ Gawle, Matt Robinson, Pat Westgate, Chris Rawsthorne, Tom Grasmann, Russell Mayhew, Matt Coy, Matt Lafferty and Mike Westgate check out the babes in Siesta Key, Florida.

Enjoying their Spring Break, Geoff Tanaka, Stacie Welsh-Pung, Sean Kiley, Dave Smith, Mitch Heble, Kelli Potter, Jamie Ellsworth, Ryan Campbell, Joey Kim and Nick Heble walk the streets of Cancun, Mexico.



Sand, sun and fun. Seniors Ann Mellenberger, Laura Lonergan, Lauren Kelly, Kyrsten Carter, Laura Hall, Meghaen Jordan, Sara Main, Caron Brosky, Janel Hunt and Sara Hollander take time for a picture while taking one last walk on the sandy beach of Clearwater Beach, Florida.

Sisters on the high seas. Laurel Donnell-Fink, Jennifer Putz, Betsy Bussing, Jessica Putz, Sarah Bussing and Liz Donnell-Fink tie the sisterly bonds on the Florida waters.

OUT *on the* TOWN

Students take a trip to Boston

Road trip! After spending seventeen glorious hours on a plush charter bus, one can only imagine how anxious the sophomore and junior American Lit students were to embark upon the "Boston Experience." The students spent four unforgettable days in the city of the home of Paul Revere's famous ride, Walden Pond, the Red Sox, Harvard, and many other historical sites.

An average day on the trip was packed with non-stop sightseeing. "We got up really early and stayed on the bus most of the day. There was never a dull moment. We went from activity to activity on a very strict schedule," said junior **Tara Canady**.

It was easy to find out what the favorite stop on this trip was! "Walden pond was defi-

nitely the most memorable stop," said junior **Nikki Remington**. "Walden was the most tranquil and restful place. It was

so fun to walk all the way around the lake; it's obvious to see why people want to save it," she added.

Literature students also got a chance to see the play "Shear Madness," a murder mystery in which the audience gets to choose the ending. "Ms. Pendergast and Mrs. Totte were falling out of their seats laughing, it was so funny!" said junior **Alison Forbes**.

Peter Govorchin wouldn't hesitate to recommend the trip to future American Lit students. "It was a great learning experience as well as a lot of fun," **Peter** said.

All in all, the trip was filled with memories and friends that will last a lifetime.

by Jennifer Elwood



Stand your ground! Junior **Peter Govorchin** clutches the leg of a statue honoring the Minute Men who boldly fought on the grounds of Lexington, Kentucky. It is believed that at that spot, the first shot of the Revolutionary War was fired.

Just chillin! Who says bus rides aren't fun? Juniors **Jared Kateley** and **Nathan Bullock** enjoy the ride to Boston as they listen to music and do a little homework.



Let's eat! Juniors **Rosie Dwyer, Mike Marderosian, Ana Calaca, Jessica Slaven, Jared Kateley** and **Alyson Long** enjoy a delicious meal at Forest Park Library & Archives, CADL after the play, "Shear Madness."



Oh what a beautiful day! Juniors **Rory Wendt** and **Rosie Dwyer** enjoy the peaceful scenery at Walden Pond. Walden Woods was the home of famous author and poet, Henry David Thoreau.

Past from the past! **Liz Hudson**, **Rory Wendt**, and **Alicia Miller** hang out at the simulation 17th century village, Sturbridge. Students were able to witness candle making and other pastimes of the villagers.

Popeye the sailor-man.... Teacher chaperones **Ms. Pendergast** and **Mrs. Totte** enjoy a boat ride with **Michael Baladi** and **Dave Warren**. The ferry took the group on a beautiful tour of the Boston Harbor.



Take me out to the ball game! A night on the town took **Kristy Roop**, **Nathan Bullock**, **Jessica Glinsky**, **Chuck Sargent**, **Peter Govorchin**, **Jessica Warren**, **Rosie Dwyer**, **Mike Marderosian**, **Jessica Slaven**, and **Ana Calaca** out to a Boston Red Sox game at Fenway Park.

SIGN of TIMES

One of the numerous trends which shaped and distinguished the year of 1995 occurred in the world of politics.

Many trends including music, computers, and politics shaped the year.

The elections of 1994 brought about a Republican majority in both houses of the Legislature which the country had not seen in decades. However, the constant bickering between liberals and conservatives turned some people away from politics. "Republican-

schmublicans. I am sick of politics," commented junior **Adrienne Romanski**.

Fellow junior **Annie Mitchell** thinks Republicans are "SCARY! Those shirts the young Republicans wear sincerely frighten me."

So whether you supported the Republican movement or not, it was one of many events which distinguished 1995-96 from all other school years.

by Russell Mayhew



Hey, it's O.J.! This Chevy Blazer, owned and driven by senior **Shawn Scott**, and automobiles similar to it have become popular in recent years. The Ford Bronco received high publicity when O.J. Simpson was seen evading police on every major television network riding in one.



Kyrsten Carter

Eat your veggies! A growing trend of the 90's has been vegetarianism as shown by junior **Landon Bartley**, a proud vegetarian.

Drink your fruit! Sophomore **Andy Fuehr** disregards regular apple or orange juices to indulge on a Fruitopia during lunch. The Snapple inspired beverage has become a popular substitute to carbonation.



Kyrsten Carter

Elephants and donkeys. Devout liberal **Julie Russo** gives Young Republicans president **Steve Waterbrook** a piece of her mind. The Democratic and Republican parties have gained the recent conservative popularity.

Hacky-sack attack. Junior **Tim Cherry** shows his fancy footwork in the art of hackin'. The hacky sack has become a popular time killer in between classes and a healthy way to cure boredom with a few friends.



Kyrsten Carter

Weight a minute. Freshman **Trevor Carson** takes a moment to smile during a strenuous work out. Fitness and health became an important aspect of the 90's. This may have been an answer to the greasy fast food habits of the 80's

Save the trees. Sophomore **Elizabeth Leago** reduces paper waste by recycling some newspaper. The 1990's placed a strong emphasis on environmentalism and saving the earth's resources for future generations.

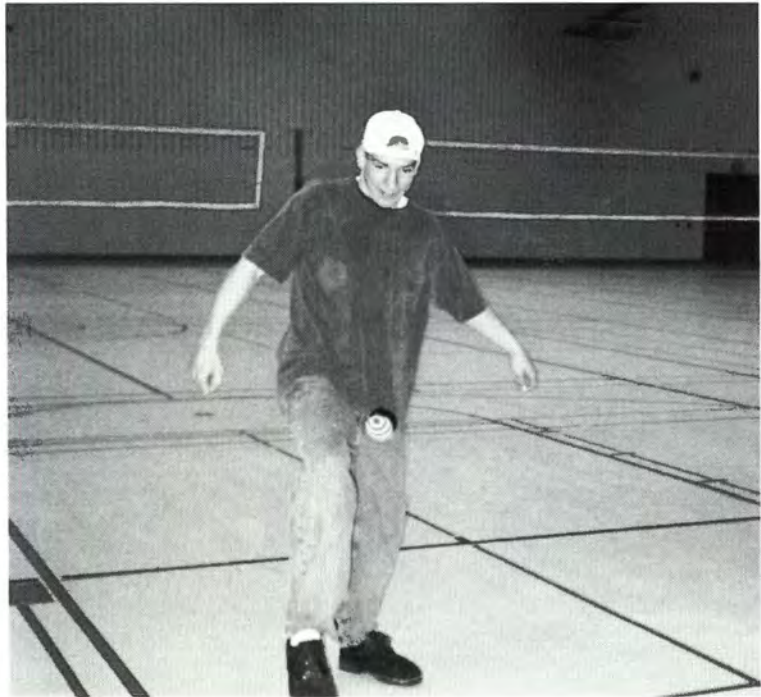
Jazz and a cuppa joe. Senior **Tom Sinas** strums on his guitar for his jazz trio Interplay. Interplay could be seen frequently at local coffee shops and bookstores all year. Jazz has always been an important part of the coffee shop craze.



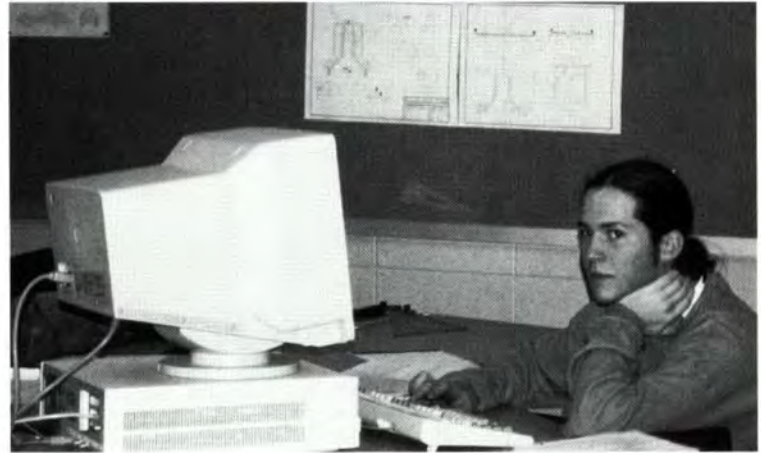
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Cruisin' the information highway. Junior **Matt Ellsworth** does some work on one of the many computers in the school. In a few short years, the Internet and other computer systems have become important centers of information in our society.

CAMPS *are* FUN

OHS students get a chance to experience camp all over again.

OHS students were present as counselors at three different middle school camps this year including two Chippewa Middle School seventh grade camps and one from Kinawa Middle School.

All of the participants agreed that their week at camp was one of the best of the year, and would highly recommend the experience to anyone.

Senior **Kristy Gerard** agreed. "It's tons of fun and a really great experience," she said.

Senior **Tom Grasman** also has fond memories of his week at camp. "The funniest thing that happened at camp was one night, when a kid was acting up, and wouldn't go to sleep; some guy counselors and I shaved one of his eyebrows off."

by Matt Lafferty



Lining up in front of the whole camp, Seniors **Brandon Butista, Meghaen Jordan, Carrie Preston, Heather Bobay, and Matt Lafferty** receive awards for being counselors.

Camp takes it's toll. Only **Annie Mitchell**, who is a junior, still had energy after roller skating to keep up with her camp kids. Senior, **Russell Mayhew**, exhausted from the skate, needed a nap to get his strength back.



Trying to keep warm counselors **Carrie Preston, Brandon Bautista, Jenny Elwood, Meghaen Jordan, Kristen Arbour, Matt Lafferty, B.J. Gawle, Mike Westgate, Dan Mangiavillano, Heather Bobay, and Mike Westgate** share a group hug.

Eva Hvolbaek and **Hollie MacEachran** share their camp stories around the fire, in the great hall of their camp. Hollie and Eva are both seniors involved in athletics at the high school.

Robin Kluck, **Kelly Gross, and Susan Kurt** pose for a camp picture outside Mystic Lake Camp. Just like everyone else, these three girls had a great time.



Showing off their singing ability, seniors **Chris Lowe** and **Scott MacLeod** belt out a duet at the talent show held on the last night of camp.

All hail the wearer of the Golden Toilet, for he holds claim to the cleanest cabin in all the land. **Matt Lafferty's** kids worked hard to give him this prestigious honor, one that **Meghaen Jordan** and her campers could only dream of.

Carrying on the torch senior **Carrie Preston** shows off her newest accessory, the Golden Toilet, a definite status symbol in the camping community.



Ready for action. Senior **Diana Economy** and junior **Kara Malkus** demonstrate what it's like to have a friend.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Let's GO!! Many Okemos High School students show off their independent sides by taking off on exciting road trips without parents. They go to different places and do many different things to enjoy their free time.

"While at Michigan Adventure Park, **Che Ghods** stuck to the railing in his go-cart and we got kicked out," recalled Junior **Steve Lick**.

Che, who goes on many road trips, said that when he takes these adventures, "We drive, we stop look around, then drive some more."

Senior **Jennifer Elwood** goes on trips to have a good time and hang out with her friends.

If your ever sittin' at home and want to do something different, get a group of friends and go on a road trip. Just get in the car and go. *by David Atkins*



Caron Brosky



7ailgate! Seniors **Steve Waterbrook, Laura Ley, Vicky Fletcher, Jill Bokemeier, Sara Holander** and **Caron Brosky** take a trip to a football game in the fall.



Caron Brosky

7igher! Higher! Sophomores **Kristin Thompson, Kate Rawsthorne, Laurie Markham,** and **Sarah Rasche** take on the swings at Ceder Point during a summer road trip.



Lindsay Carr

7anging out! Seniors **Jill Bokemeier, Vicky Fletcher, Meghaen Jordan,** and **Caron Brosky** take time out to climb a tree while on a road trip.

Cool chairs! Seniors and hockey fans **Mike Neal, Carrie Thomas, Jennifer Elwood, Lindsay Carr** and **Jennifer Baumann** take a road trip to the

Buckle up! Seniors **Sara Main** and **Laura Hall** take a trip to the Palace to watch **Garth Brooks** in concert. Both girls agreed it was one of the best concert experiences they have been to. Go **Garth!**



Carey Atkins



What a team! Tennis team members Jennifer Baumann, Abbie Ellsworth, Michelle Kearney, Jessica Putz, Carolyn Yian, Carey Atkins, and Ann Tompkins hangout in a hotel room at the Traverse City tournament. The girls, of course, won the tournament.

Cuddle up! Seniors Laura Lonergan and Janel Hunt cruise around one night. Laura and Janel have been friends for many years.



Caron Brosky



Brian Nimphie



Lindsay Carr

White Shot! Hockey fans Jennifer Baumann, Jennifer Elwood, Carolyn Yian, Lindsay Carr, Emily Wessinger, Maggie Hess, and Jeremy Austin watch the hockey team take out East Lansing in a revenge game at Munn Ice Arena.

TIME *will* TELL

"Remember
Yesterday,
Live for Today,
Dream for
Tomorrow."

Only time will tell what we will be presented with in the next few years. Hopefully the dreams and goals for many will become a reality. Seniors are faced with an enormous decision lying upon their shoulders: where to attend college if they have decided to continue schooling beyond their high school years.

"I plan on attending Lyman Briggs at MSU. It is mainly a science college, and I would like to have a job in the science field," senior **Caron Brosky** said.

However, some prefer a smaller school as opposed to a larger school.

"I was attracted to Alma College because of its small, campus setting. It felt more personal to me there; not like I was just another student out of a million others," senior **Carrie Thomas** said.

Some people are certain as to what their future holds and are following in the footsteps of their parents.

"I am very interested in pursuing a career in engineering and working at General Motors, which is where my father currently works," junior **Kara Malkus** said.

Many have set goals which they are striving to achieve.

"I have always planned on going to MSU ever since I can remember. My goal is to maintain an academic and recreational balance, and somewhere in between discover not only a stable career, but one that will make me happy," senior **Kim Slack** said.

Wherever time will take us, we will always have cherished memories from our years at Okemos High School to reflect back upon. *by Kristen Arbour*



Working hard! The students in **Mrs. Larson's** literature class are realizing how devotion and dedication to their work will be of benefit to them in their future.



Gayle Main



Danielle Hilley

Singing through time! Seniors **Sara Main** and **Kyrsten Carter** have been singing together from the time they were in fourth grade and are both in Someko. They would enjoy a future in music.

Go green! Go white! A sign which declares excellence upon the campus of Michigan State University proudly welcomes those who enter.

Senior **Tom Sinas** shares a good laugh with his fellow classmates at the last senior class meeting of the year. **Tom** has been devoted to music and his musical talent may serve as inspiration for his dreams of the future.



Lights, camera, action! Junior **Mark Marabate** concentrates as he carefully directs the broadcast for the Fine Arts Festival. **Mark** hopes to pursue a career in directing.

C computer whiz! The focus of senior, **Shay Provenzano** is upon the monitor of his computer as he lets his fingers fly upon the keyboard. **Shay** is interested in working with computers in the future.

L look at her mind fly! Senior **Kristy Gerard** concentrates on reading the literature in her A.P. English class. Her hard work will serve her well in her future goals and dreams.



Kristen Rauhe



L et's go State! Senior **Ann Mellenburger** shows her support for the Michigan State Spartans as she works gingerly as an office assistant.

Times to remember

During high school we make friendships and memories that last a lifetime. Everyone remembers the thrill of attending their first football game and cheering in their first pep assembly. We will all remember the last basketball game we attend and our final spring break. There are so many fun experiences to remember from high school that we realize what an emotional experience high school really is. Times aren't always easy. There are finals, heartbreak, and other teenage traumas. Yet through these difficulties we develop our strong friendships. We discover who we are and what makes us happy.

Dating is among the many new things we experience in high school. Socially it is a very popular way to spend a Saturday night, and many study dates are made the night before a big test. Those aren't the only times students date. There are always the big formal dances. Those dances are the ones freshman arrive at unsure they will fit in, but hoping they will. These are the same dances seniors arrive at with confidence.

High school should be fun. We have the opportunities to be in clubs, sports, plays. Through all of our different clubs and activities we develop as individuals. We develop as a result of our experiences. Meeting new people helps us to grow intellectually and emotionally. One of the best aspects of meeting so many people is the great friendships that are made. Friends that are made through clubs and sports can last through all four years of high school. At the end of our high school career, we have had the chance to meet new people and find things in which we really enjoy participating. After our experience at OHS we will be prepared to go out into the world, whether it be college or work, and confidently succeed. But no matter where we go we will always be part of OHS. Hopefully we will be able to look back on our years and smile. Smile at the memories, because that is what we will take with us when we go - our memories. But no matter where we end up in the future, we will always be able to look back and remember that we were part of OHS. We will always be Chieftains at heart.

by Jill Bokemeier





Class of 1996

Class Song

Lean On Me

Class Motto

"Chance favors the mind that is prepared."

-Louis Pasteur

Class Flower

Rose

Class Mammal

Dolphin

We are outta here!



Paul Adams



Ritesh Agrawal



Phillip Alhir



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Ryan Anderson



Robert Aponte



Kristen Arbour



Ethan Ard



Michael Austin



Elizabeth Bailey



Janna Bainbridge



Jennifer Baumann



Brandon Bautista



Heather Bedell



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Laura Bertram



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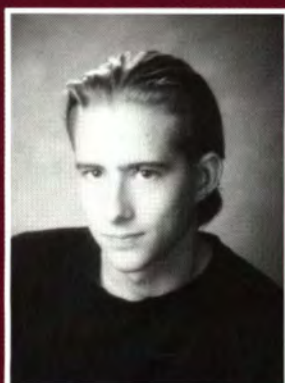
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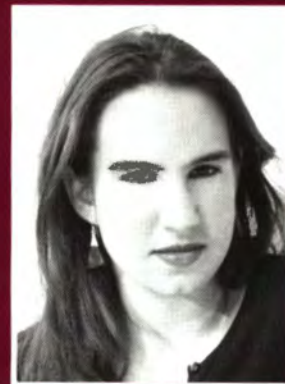
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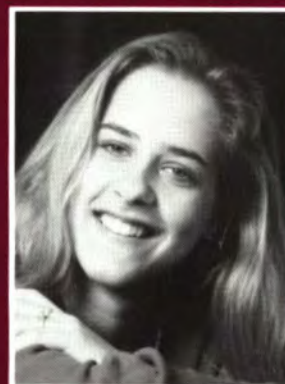
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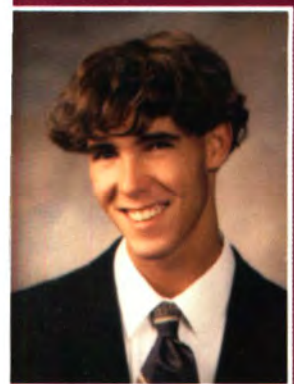
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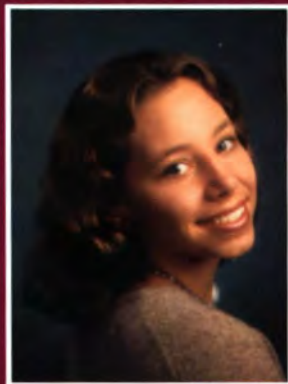
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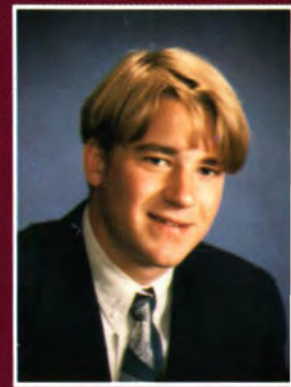
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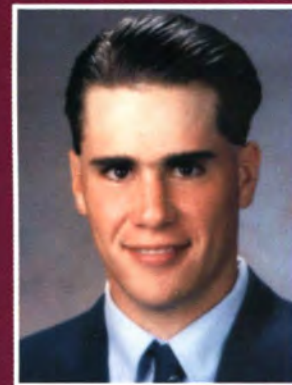
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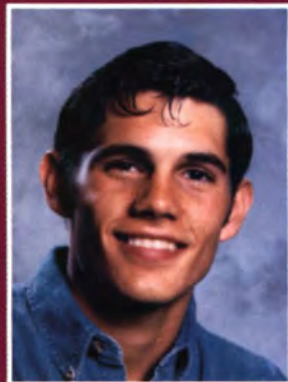
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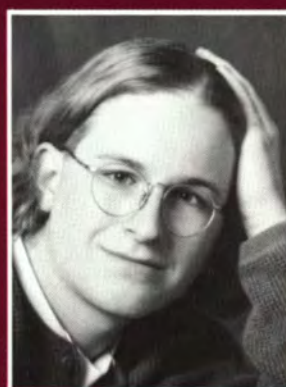
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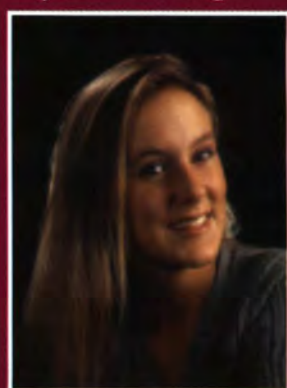
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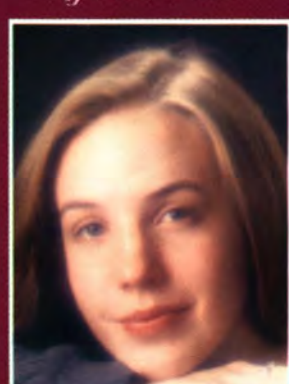
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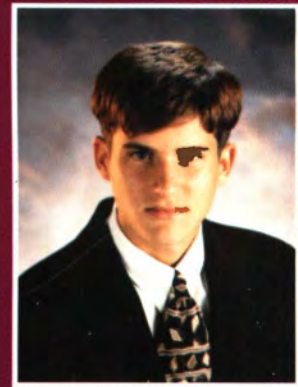
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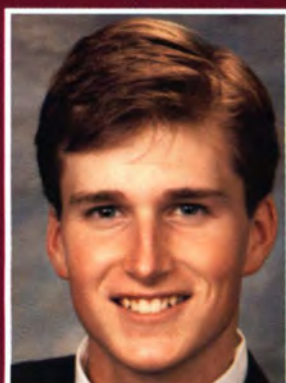
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Kristine Widders



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Miguel Mendez

Jeff Pankoch

Leo Patin

Prasanna Pendse

Satadru Pramanik

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James Ray

Michael Sparpaglione

Stacey Swain

Mireya Villatoro

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Heads up! Charlie Yuan prepares to serve a volleyball during a pep assembly. Charlie has been very active in many areas at OHS. He is co-president of the Asian-American club, an officer of NHS, an editor of the "Cheekly Wieftein", and a member of the track team.



Outstanding Optimists! Both Carrie Preston and Nathan Narashiman were chosen from OHS for this award. The two of them were also National Merit Scholarship finalists and Top Ten Seniors.

May close attention as Matt Mehan talks about his plans for the future at a reception for the National Merit Finalists. Matt has been very involved at OHS. Matt was the student body co-president, a member of the Someko Singers, and the host on "Summertime".

The 1995-96 Top 11 Seniors Row 1: Melvin Tsai, Jean Wong, Heather Wiczorek, Row 2: Jennifer Baumann, Nathan Narashiman, Julie Russo, Row 3: Rachelle Rousse, Anika Kohon, Prakash Anataraman. Not Pictured: Ethan Ard, Carrie Preston.

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1996 Scholars Bring Pride to OHS

It's been four long years filled with homework, honors classes, and lots of hard work. But for these top eleven seniors of the year, the hard work has really paid off.

"The secret is caring about what I do instead of just working for the sake of getting good grades and high test scores," **Jean Wong** pointed out.

Although school is a big part of life, these scholars agree that it's not the only thing that is important.

"I'm very serious about school, but I don't make it my life," **Nathan Narasimhan** said.

"Don't get too stressed out about grades and school, that's what college is for." **Prakash Anataraman** added.

Many of these seniors are not only committed to school, but they also enjoy many other things. **Carrie Preston** participated in the spring plays, danced numerous hours a

week, and made time to be Student Council Co-President. She has also lettered in varsity basketball and track. **Jennifer Baumann** never has to worry about being bored. There are not enough hours in the day for her to do all of the things she would like to. During her four years at OHS, she has participated in Student Council and drama, has been an officer in NHS and the French Club, and has played softball, tennis, and golf. **Heather Wiczorek** likes to spend whatever free time she has outdoors. Her favorite things to do are to paint, hike, write, read, play soccer, and go cross country skiing.

Nathan offered this advice to future seniors, "Take advantage of all the opportunities that come your way. You don't want to be saying to yourself, 'man I wish I had done that when I had the chance.' It is possible to have fun and do well

in school at the same time. Being a senior is even better when you don't slack."

"Have fun! It's the last year of what is arguably the last phase of childhood - cherish it," **Julie Russo** reminded.

"Senior year is the last year you have to spend with the friends you've grown up with, don't waste it," said **Rachelle Rousse**.

Melvin Tsai advised, "Never procrastinate - it's the root of all failure in school. It's ironic that this simple rule is also the hardest to follow."

Anika Kohon said, "It may sound stupid, but sitting in the front row really helps. It forces you to take notes and pay attention in class."

Congratulations to these top eleven students. Their hard work helps maintain the high academic standard O.H.S. is known for.

by Adrienne Lessard



Ace! Not only is **Jennifer Baumann** an ace in school but also on the Varsity Tennis Team. **Jennifer** was part of the team during their three-in-a-row state championships.

Congratulations are given to National Merit Scholarship Finalists by Principal **Dr. Lanzetta**. **Row 1: Satadru Parani, Chris Lowe, Matt Mehan.** **Row 2: Nathan Narasimhan, Charlie Yuan, Ethan Ard, Julie Russo, Chris Edwards.** *Not Pictured: Pradeep Naga, Carrie Preston, and Jean Wong.*



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It's the science guy! In addition to being awarded the OHS Science Award, **Ritesh Agrawal** won the Westinghouse Science Scholarship. **Ritesh** will attend MSU with the help of a Spartan Scholarship.

Leaders in the making! **Aaron Fritzsche, Jill Bokemeier, Jennifer Elwood, and Scott MacLeod** receive the Kiwanis Citizen of the Month Awards. There were eight seniors total who received this prestigious honor.



Hey Doc, this one's for you. Principal **Dr. Lanzetta** was surprised at the Senior Honors Convocation Night with an award of his own. He was chosen as the Michigan Association of Student Council's Principal of the Year for our region. Congratulations Doc!

These girls have got it all - looks, brains, and outstanding athletic qualities. **Caron Brosky, Erin Cook, Laura Ley, and Laura Hall** were chosen for very honorable athletic awards. Each of these girls participated in the softball program all four years.

Line 'em up! Senior Student Council members are awarded a leadership pin for their many efforts. The majority of these students participated on Student Council in previous years.



Four four points! **Heather Wieczorek, Jean Wong, Julie Russo and Carrie**...

Senior Awards

Okemos Citizen of the Month
 Aron Fritzsche, Jill Bokemeier, Diana Economy, Jeremy Burchman, Scott MacLeod, Julie Russo, Jennifer Elwood
Okemos Community College Trustee Scholarship
 Erin Cook, Anna Mayer
Okemos Rotary Club Scholarship
 Sara Main
Capital Area Career Center Awards
 Awana Gaston, Michael Smith
Gamma Phi Beta Alumnae Club
 Jean Wong
University of Michigan Honor Trophy Award
 Diana Economy
Okemos Education Association Award
 Jolene Lukey, Joni Sturgeon
OHSA 1995-96 Scholar-Athlete Award
 Matthew Coy

CMU Academic Honors Scholarship
 Kristy Gerard, Karen Smith
Alpha Chi Rho
 Adrienne Walker
ROTC Scholarship
 Mike Robison
US Air Force Academy Appointment
 Ben Matthews
Business Award
 Susan Kurt
Life Management - Chef Okemos Award
 Joe Stein
Art
 Steve Collins, David Brunger
Drama
 Katie Fitch, Katie Williams, Matt Lafferty, Diana Economy, Megan Mann, Chris Lowe, Carrie Preston, Scott MacLeod, Alexis Fielek, Beau Anderson, Sam Meyrowitz, Kristy Gerard

Literary Magazine
 Sam Esquith, Thomas Sinas, Eric Denby
Yearbook
 Laura Hall, Pat Westgate
English
 Julie Russo
German
 Nathan Narasimhan, Jennifer Putz, Tanya Ell, Ethan Ard
French
 Jolene Lukey, Kelly Joos, Ethan Ard, Julie Russo
Latin
 Jean Wong
Spanish
 Anjali Patel, Ritesh Agrawal, Amanda Field
History and Social Studies
 Melissa Kress, Jolene Lukey
Mathematics
 Ethan Ard, Julie Russo

Science
 Ritesh Agrawal, Jean Wong
Student Council
 Carrie Preston, Matt Mehan
Band
 Nathan Narasimhan, Matthew Coy
Choral
 Kathleen Fitch, Scott MacLeod, Alexis Fielek
Orchestra
 Steven Starnes, Chris Lowe, Tanya Ell, Joe Holtschlag, Julie Russo
Andrea Bertrand Spirit Award
 Laura Hall
Nina T. Massa Memorial Scholarship
 Laura Ley
Garry Michaels Scholarship
 B.J. Gawle, Caron Brosky
Dr. John H. Pudliner Scholarship
 Erin Cook, Joe Glendinning
Teacher of the Year
 Dr. Douglas Collar



True leaders! Student body co-presidents **Carrie Preston** and **Matt Mehan** were presented with the Student Council Leadership Award

Perfect harmony! **Joe Holtschlag**, **Tanya Ell**, **Chris Lowe**, **Steve Starnes**, and **Julie Russo** were presented with various orchestra awards.

The proud parents and their wonderful daughter **Diana Economy** show off her University of Michigan Honor Trophy Award.

A multi-talented wonder! **Nathan Narasimhan** is presented with the Arion Award for band. Nathan also received





Nice hair! Senior **John Kattelus** sports a mohawk for this special occasion. Senior **Kristy Schoen** wonders who his hair dresser is!

Hey Macarena! Students boogie to the Mexican hustle at the Kellogg Center. When Macarena is played the people on the dance floor go "loco."



Kristen Arbour and **Mark Steed** were crowned the 1996 Prom Queen and King. They were both excited as they dance to a song played in their honor.



Look at those beautiful decorations! **Laura Ley**, **Vicky Fletcher**, and **Meagan Mann** take a break from the dancing to check out the scenery. The jungle decorations were put together by the junior class.

Fun! Fun! Fun! **Carolyn Yian**, **Phil Beekman**, **Jennifer Elwood**, **Mike Perrone**, **Fritz Heller**, **Lindsay Carr**, **Megan Grattan**, **Mike Neal**, and **Carrie Thomas** are having a wonderful time at the Jungle Safari. Before the dance the group enjoyed dinner at Walnut Hills Country Club.



Adrienne Lessard and **Liz Donnell-Fink** are excited to find out they have the same dress. They both look great!

Jungle Boogie

Fond memories from the Jungle Safari

Prom. To many this word rings back fond memories of romance, friendship and fun; the recipe for an evening of magic. Here are just a few of the magical moments created that night:

Leslie McAlvey: After dinner all of the guys lined up the cars, walked to the door to get us, walked us over to the car,

and opened the door for us!

Jamie Lademan: Jason put me first the whole night, and we did what I wanted to.

Andrew Bielski: We took a carriage ride on the grounds of Dusty's Old English Inn.

Chad Butzlaff: We played on the playground and golf course after Post Prom.

Kristen Arbour: The whole

evening was one of the most special nights of my life and I was so sad to see it have to come to an end.

There were also some snags in the plans that created memories just as special:

Beth Paterson: My date and 14 other couples had planned to eat a catered picnic at a park 40 minutes away, but

when we got there, the park was closed!

Sara Jehl: The best was that our dates tried to keep dinner a secret, and did well for three weeks, but as we were taking pictures, my date's dad accidentally told us all where we were going!

by Adrienne Lessard



Ice Ice Baby! Amber Henrie and her date did not only check out the nice ice sculptures, but they also danced to Vanilla Ice's famous song "Ice Ice Baby."

Check out that tiger! The decorations for the prom were outstanding this year. The jungle motif was very unique!

It's the Prince and Princess. Dan Barks and Sarah Jehl smile pretty after being announced the Prince and Princess of the prom.

Can you feel the love tonight! Eric Zang and Meghan Mathus can feel it! They spent a romantic evening together, enjoying the music and each other.



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All aboard! The Mackinac Island ferry takes off from harbor, carrying **Lauren Kelly, Caron Brosky, Janel Hunt, Kyrsten Carter, and Laura Lonergan** with it. The girls spent the weekend visiting the island and camping out up north.

Standing around is never fun, unless you're in line for the newest ride at Cedar Point, the MANTIS! Near the front of the line, **Matt Coy, Jennifer Putz, Pat Westgate, and Meghaen Jordan** pose for a snazzy photo in front of a giant ferris wheel.



Don't fall in! After sneaking into the Grand Hotel at Mackinac Island, **Caron Brosky** and **Janel Hunt** decided that wasn't enough...so they decided to increase the risk and hop into a giant fountain.

Smile! The whole gang huddles together for a group photo in front of the Mean Streak. The long day at Cedar Point turned out to be big-time fun for **B.J. Gawle, Joni Sturgeon, Charlie Yuan, Tom Grasman, Russell Mayhew, Matt Lafferty, Sarah Bussing, Meghaen Jordan, Matt Coy, Jennifer Putz, Amy Mahjoory, and Pat Westgate.**



B.J. Gawle, Tom Grasman, and Joni Sturgeon prepare themselves for three minutes of sheer excitement as they wait in line for the Mantis at the Point.

Time Out

Seniors take the day off

The Class of '96 had waited all year for this day. It is always one of the highlights of the year: an extra 24 hours to stay at home and chill. It was the one day of the year when the members of the senior class did not have to think of an excuse to skip school. Tuesday, May 28, 1996 was the

annual Senior Skip Day. Most people either went camping or took a road trip to Cedar Point, while others simply stayed at home to get a little extra sleep. Wherever they went, everyone agreed that Skip Day was well-timed and much needed to replenish their systems and get

the juices flowing again.

"It was kind of nice to hang out with just seniors for one day," said **B.J. Gawle**. "We went to Cedar Point, and the Mantis was better than a nice piece of toast," he added. By the way, **B.J.** loves toast.

"I went out to lunch with my

friends, but we all had a softball game that night, so we just relaxed by watching Ricki Lake and **Carnie** until we had to go to play," said **Laura Hall**.

When the day was through, their feelings could be summed up in one phrase: Thank God for Skip Day. *by Pat Westgate*



Hold on for dear life! **Tom Grasman** checks out the scenery at the very top of the **Magnum**, one of Cedar Point's most fascinating rides by far.



Extremeness! **Russell Mayhew** gets dangerous at Cedar Point as he tries his hand at the very delicate sport of street walking. It's 100% hardcore!!

Who gets to wash the dishes? **Janel Hunt** and **Caron Brosky** sort through the fine china in their cabin during a camping trip up north to Alpena.



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Up, Up and Away! Varsity Basketball player **Brandon Johns** shows us his talent as he skies over a trash can on the last day.

Jump Around, Jump Around! The senior class didn't waste any time celebrating their last day. As the clock hit 2:30 the seniors began cheering. It was an exciting party.



We're outta here! **Donald Hamilton** impatiently awaits the bell to ring. **Donald** will be off to Defiance College next year rooming and playing football with **Joe Stein**.



No more pencils, no more books. **Jason Price** and **Caron Brosky** walk with smiles out of school for their last time. The smiles have only started for the seniors and will last a lifetime.

A few more minutes! **Nathan Narasihman**, **Matt Coy**, and **Jennifer Putz** sit in German reminiscing about their four unforgettable years of high school.



Fun in the sun! **A.P. Calculus** spends their last day setting and spiking volleyballs rather than figuring the usual integrals and functions.

See You Later

Seniors' last day

The year has come to an end for the graduating class of 1996. Some seniors are ready to move on while others are not ready to leave the comforts of adolescence. The last day of school was full of different emotions as students walk out the high school doors into an unknown

world with a future ready to be built.

"I'm happy, excited, nervous, estatic, and maybe a bit tired!" **Diana Economy** said.

"Knowing many of the familiar faces will be going separate ways next year will leave me with sorrow and regrets."

Dave Fraas said.

"I can't wait to graduate! But I will be sad leaving everyone." **Vicky Fletcher** said.

Some seniors feel their high school years have gone by fast. Too fast for some, too slow for others.

"The anticipation of finish-

ing my 13 years of public education is overwhelming. The last day will be, in a word, a hoot." **Russell Mayhew** said.

This is the last time the class of 1996 will be in school together. Overall, it is a fun but emotional day.

by Caron Brosky



You're on Candid Camera! **Mr. Marazita** gets interviewed by **Brion Reynolds**. **Brion** had one of the many cameras on the last day.

It's a deal! **Jason Price** and **Mike King** shake hands in celebration as their high school career comes to an end. They have been friends throughout high school.

Hip Hip Hooray! **Sara Main** rejoices with sweetheart **Brian Nimphie** on this joyous, memorable day.

One Last Time! **Anna Mayer** and **Cortney Lyman** walk in with smiles on their very last day of high school.



Soon to be graduate **Kaleigh Coryell** gets ready for the big moment. She adjusts her cap and contemplates about putting her collar on. **Kaleigh** walked with **Someko** friend **Katie Fitch**.

Heads up! They made it! The Class of 1996 throw their caps in the air as the celebrate their graduation from Okemos High School. What a wonderful class. Congrats!



Stylin'! Nice gear, it's hype! **Ifeanyi Nnama** admires his friend **Jeremy Ross**' suit. **Jeremy** looks very nice, all dressed up for the big day!

Here they come! The Class of 1996 marches in to Pomp and Circumstance. Their spirits were high and so was the temperature.

The three musketeers! **Jamie Chorley**, **Jamie Van Epps**, and **Rachel Mercer** wait in anticipation for the celebration to begin. These three girls have been good friends all throughout high school.



We finally did it! **Jackie Smith** flips **Kelly Decker**'s tassel with enthusiasm. Both girls will attend MSU next fall.

One Shining Moment

Caps off to the Class of 1996

The spirits were high and so was the temperature. The Class of 1996 waited in the commons with anticipation as the biggest celebration of their high school career was about to begin. When **Dr. Lanzetta** gave the Class of 1996 the go ahead, screams could be heard from miles away. They were off.

in like sardines, rose as the Class of 1996 marched in with enthusiasm to "Pomp and Circumstance."

The proud seniors listened intently as their peers spoke words of wisdom. **Carolyn Yian** spoke about the events that occurred from the time we wore diapers to when we wore our cap and gown. **Carrie**

Preston spoke to us on how to rise above the generalities of Generation X. **Sam Esquith** taught us the truth of all lessons and **Sarah Majoory** showed that every member of the Class of 1996 has pride, tradition, and strength.

Finally, the moment had arrived. The Class of 1996 had met all the requirements and it was

time to receive their diplomas. The three hundred and four members of the graduating Class of 1996 walked enthusiastically across the stage for their one shining moment. Hats were flying, cheers were shouted, and tears were falling. Congratulations to the graduates of the Class of 1996.

by *David Atkins and Laura Hall*



I'm tired of waiting! **J.J. Burchman** is getting a little tired of waiting for the ceremony to begin. He is ready to get the show on the road.

One awesome graduate and one proud father! **Nathan Wertz** and his father, **Superintendent Dan Wertz** celebrate the special moment!

Hemant Jain, Prakash Anantaraman, Dae-Sun Park, and Melvin Tsai take a break before they graduate from Okemos High School.

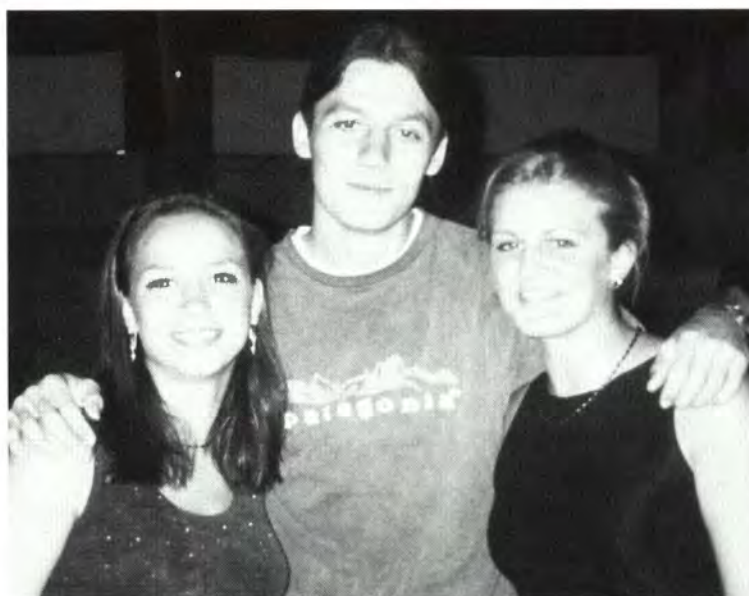
The Fab Four Speakers! **Carolyn Yian, Carrie Preston, Sam Esquith, and Sarah Majoory** look over the Class of 1996 who they will soon teach a lesson to.

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Hey Macarena! Everyone gets into the newly popular Spanish style line dance. Watch out Electric Slide, there's a new dance in town!

Now and then! Seniors carefully examine the baby and senior pictures set up at the senior party. No names were given so everyone could guess which baby picture matched the senior picture.



A couple of happy graduates! **Kristen Arbour** and **Janelle Punch** congratulate each other on a successful high school career. Both will attend University of Michigan.

Ready to party! **Joni Sturgeon**, **Peter Hutcheson**, and **Cortney Lyman** get together for a farewell picture. Each of them will be going their separate ways for college. **Joni** plans to attend MSU, **Peter** is going to Wisconsin, and **Cortney** will be at Western Michigan University. Good luck to all of you!

Put your hands in the air! **Fritz Heller**, **Joey Wenzel**, **Brandon Johns**, and **Mike MacKenzie** let loose at the Senior Party! These guys have been good friends throughout high school.



Boogie down! **Sebastian**, among other seniors, shows off some very exciting dance moves. The senior party is the last official school dance for the seniors.

The Senior Party

A final goodbye from the seniors

As four years at Okemos High School came to a close, there was an array of emotions felt by everyone. The Senior Party represents a time where seniors have a chance to spend time together before everyone goes their separate ways. These four years have consisted of many warm and cherished

memories. What has been the seniors' fondest memory from Okemos High School?

Matt Lafferty: My very first pep assembly.

Carolyn Yian: My senior prom. The memories from prom are everlasting. It was definitely a magical night which I will always remember.

Joni Sturgeon: At Leadership Camp when it came time for the camp's infamous Magic Circle. What we talked about and shared in that circle was all to be left there and that is for the better because it cannot be put into words. If only people could feel a fraction of the closeness and love that we shared!

Debby Delany: The mixture of emotions as the Class of 1996 tossed their caps in their air following the commencement ceremonies. Although we each had our own individual memories throughout high school, at this time we were united as one and shared a common bond. *by Kristen Arbour*



Look at those happy faces! **Joe Stein, Jason Price, Bryan Frye, Brandon Johns, Brian Nimphie, Mike King, Andy Busch, and Phill Alhir** celebrate their new found freedom!

Dessert anyone? **Janelle Punch and Jennifer Putz** check out the Chieftain cakes. Everyone had so much dancing that they forgot to eat the cakes!

A quick cool down! Gasping for air, **Ryan Cullen** and **April Dick** escape the wild dancing for a beverage.

Don't cry! **Akash Sharma** tries his best to cheer up a teary-eyed **Carolyn Bosyk**. Although a lot of happiness comes with



Most Memorable Moment

Robin Hawley: One word...Purvis.

Meghann McEntee: All of those friends who have come and gone, leaving a piece before moving on.

Kelli Potter: Carpet, it never failed to make you look stupid.

Nathan Wertz: Mr. Powers and his many great lines.

Uche Aguwa: Each year had its reward.

Sara Main: Playing charades with **Laura Hall** when she had to act out a concussion.

Nadine Richard: The many times that "Doc" has come on the intercom and said it would be only 5 minutes and it turns into 20 minutes.

Diana Economy: The water main breaking at the old school.

Julieta Rezaval: Getting together with my friends and having a great time.

Hollie MacEachran: Eating peach frozen yogurt at lunch with **Andrea Johnson**.

Sarah Bussing: The "Geek-o-meter" that **Chris Rawsthorne** and I were clever enough to think of.

Chad Butzlaff: All of the

friends I have made.

Aaron Fritzsche: The time and how fast it went.

Shannon Hartwig: All the clicks.

Hemant Jain: Mr Dobias... for giving me a detention for knowing more than he does about computers.

Robert Aponte: Trying to pass Mrs. Cowen's Algebra class.

Jolene Lukey: The homework.

Shawn Scott: Using my smooth pick up lines on all the girls. I had a knack for rejection but it was fun.

Kelly Decker: The school spirit in the old high school.

Chris Rawsthorne : My Close-Up trip to Washington D.C. and that time I saved the earth from nuclear annihilation.

Mike King: The friendships I made.

Sandeep Khattar: Throwing chalk at Mrs. Tanner's clock.

Laura Loose: All the friends that have come and gone and especially the ones who have been with me through it all.

Justin Perrone: Showing up to the Eaton Rapids football game an hour late after taking an unscheduled tour of Lansing.

Scott MacLoed: The musical opportunities.

Meghaen Jordan: The last 18 weeks... how fast they went by but how great they were.

Kavitha Surapaneni: My friends...I'll never forget the people who stuck with me through thick and thin.

Meagan Mann: Working with the plays and hanging out with friends.

B.J. Gawle: Junior year prom.

Carolyn Yian: I'll remember cramming for finals and all the great friends I've made.

Ben Matthews: Playing sports and meeting friends.

Zach Person: What a stud I was.

Dan Mangiavellano: All the friends I've made.

Bill Zustiak: The faces in the halls and the people who helped make me who I am.

Sam Meyrowitz: The fun I had with the boys.

Zach McIntosh: The dreams I enjoyed during class.





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Most Embarrassing Moment

Steve Waterbrook: A picture floating around of my butt.

Sara Main: Walking into the school with my skirt tucked under my bag.

Jim Lozier: I died my hair blue, then shaved my head for swimming and my scalp remained blue for weeks.

Chris Rawsthorne: When I was dancing in a pep assembly my sophomore year and no one laughed.

Kelly Decker: When I latched onto **Robert Aponte's** sweater with my braces.

Shawn Scott: Every time I speak in the presence of girls. I say some pretty stupid things.

Sandeep Khattar: Getting pulled over and accused of drunk driving.

Pat Westgate: When I slipped on the ice and fell on my booty in front of everyone out in the parking lot.

Joe Holtshlag: The dozen or

so times I came to school in just my socks.

Laura Loose: When I peed my pants because my friend made me laugh so hard.

Scott MacLeod: Getting called to the police station for an MIP on accident.

Debby Delany: On my birthday my senior year my friends surprised me with a midget in front of my class.

Andrea Neumaier: When **Mr. Dewald** said in front of the whole school that I "felt like crap" at a pep assembly.

Jill Bokemeier: I went to an MSU football game with **Matt Lafferty**. He made me wear a shower cap and everyone was staring at me.

Lauren Lark: When I fell down in the mud at a football game in front of a whole bunch of guys.

Brandon Bautista: When 15

girls asked me to Sadies in the same day.

Fritz Heller: Getting out of the shower after a hockey game naked and seeing 100 girls staring at me.

Caron Brosky: When **Joey Wenzel** tipped my chair over in Yearbook.

Mike King: The time I ran naked through the hall.

Dave Fraas: The time I got really friendly with the toilet.

Heather Wiczorek: A bunch of us girls jumping into a pool after our band performance in Florida in white T-shirts.

David Diehl: When I fell down at a basketball game during the National Anthem. It made a huge noise and everyone was laughing.

by Meghaen Jordan

Influences

Rob Elliot: Doc Lanzetta because he is cool.

Anika Kohan: I've gained the most self-knowledge from myself.

Justin Perrone: Other students. I've learned the most in four years from other students.

Jennifer Elwood: My parents have taught me right from wrong and the lessons I have learned will take me through my whole life.

Hemant Jain: Mr. Benzie, for making sure I do not go through the unauthorized zone in the IMC.

Prasanna Pendse: Quite a few people have shown me what NOT to do.

Brian Wohlsheid: My soccer coach Dr. Picone, he would do anything for his players and they are what he cares about most.

Kristy Gerard: Purv - just because he's Purv.

Brandon Weatherspoon: Mr. Mott, because he was the first teacher I've ever had that didn't just ask me for my student number. He is the most

down to earth adult I know.

Shannon Hartwig: Mr. Rae has always been there for me helping me succeed in life.

Aaron Fritzche: The little social life I had is thanks in part to Mehan, who made my weekend plans for me during the last two years.

Blair Lincoln: Dr. Collar because he is a knowledgeable man who teaches with inspiration and a drive to bring the best out of his students.

Megan Mann: Mr. Stolz, I have never known anyone who has cared so much for his students.

Hollie MacEachran: My parents - I know it sounds strange, but sometimes they know what they are talking about!

Kelli Potter: Mrs. Holmes, she was the most easy-going teacher I've ever had, and once in a while she let us hack in class.

Michelle Hedderich: Mrs. Keating, she showed me by her actions that the administrative team genuinely cares about the students.

Julie Russo: My best friend Tanya Ell. I've always known I could count on her to understand and accept me no matter what.

Eva Hvolbaek: My soccer coach Mr. Vince because he has taught me so much about soccer and he's made me think in a whole new dimension.

Joey Wenzel: My brother Jim, he has always been there for me and he's a good person to talk to because he knows what I'm going through.

Matt Lafferty: My mom, because she was always forcing me to participate in everything, and it turned out good.

Caron Brosky: Meghaen Jordan. She has an open mind and reminds me that there are two sides to every story.

Sara Main: Laura Hall and Kyrsten Carter were always by my side, even when the world took a wrong turn.

Matt Mehan: God.

Laura Hall: My best friend, Sara Main because she has taught me what is important in life.

by Jill Bokemeier





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II Will...

Kristen Rasmussen: Mirrors, to all underclassmen so they don't have to check themselves out in the hallway windows.

Mike Robison: My "Robotic-Man" dancing ability to **Nathan Bullock**.

Andrea Johnson: Peach frozen yogurt to my lil'sis **Kelly**, because dog namit she's worth it!

Carolyn Yian: My tennis racket to **Daniel "Opie" Swan**.

Charlie Yuan: All of the clothes I have lost here at school to my little brother **Jerry**.

Mike King: My hairy chest to **Chad King**.

Caron Brosky: My elf ears to **Liz Monroe**.

Pat Westgate: My Dave Matthews fetish to **Dave Atkins**.

Amy Mahjoory: My parking spot to **Jennifer Russel** because it's all that and a little bit

more!

Chris Lowe: My way with women to **Jeremy Austin**.

Shuba Kashyap: All my T-shirts and sweaters to my sister **Mala**, because she takes them anyway!

Steve Starnes: My ability to laugh at college rejection letters to all of the wanna-be over-achievers.

Meghaen Jordan: My feet to **Matt Robinson** to inspire and encourage him.

Laura Ley: To **Rob Ley**, my watch...so he'll never be late!

Nathan Narasimhan: The way I walk to **Peter Lafferty**.

Andy Busch: My shampoo that he always stole after practice to **Forest Fredline**.

Karen Smith: Some good jokes to **Susan Riehm**.

Alexis Fielek: The ability to and strength to hold her own sunshine to **Meredith Burlingame**.

Carrie Thomas: The best times I've had in hopes she can have the same experiences to my sister.

Katie Fitch: My zebra-stripe underwear to **Angela Hodgins**.

Fritz Heller: My celebration dance after a goal to **Mike Perrone**.

April Dick: My ability to chicken out on everything to **Jenny VanRavensway**.

Jennifer Putz: My fantastic bowling abilities to my sister **Jessica**.

Tom Sinas: My whitey tighties to anyone who will take them.

Diana Economy: A broken water main to all who remain!

Soojin Chun: My recording of Chopin Piano Concerto to **Cathy Chung**.

What Do You Plan To Be Doing in 10 Years?

Zach McIntosh: I plan to be 28.

Tanya Ell: Playing cello all over the world.

Shelby Tucker: Flying in space.

Ryan Anderson: Engineering some futuristic thing.

Cortney Lyman: Independently wealthy and living on a beach in the Caribbean.

Brandon Bautista: Finishing my Brit. Lit. papers.

Heather Wiczorek: Working in Yellowstone National Park.

Amber Henrie: I plan to be married and to own a dance studio.

Sarah Mahjoory: Sipping a martini in my trailer.

Kristen Rasmussen: Having a good career but still playing hoops!

Tom Sinas: Selling vacuum cleaners.

Katie Fitch: I'll be married to some rich guy in Acapulco.

Nathan Narasimhan: I'll still be in college. I'm going to be in school the rest of my life. Not that there's anything wrong with that.

Alexis Fielek: Collecting crystals.

Justin Perrone: Dan Rather's job.

Scott MacLeod: Singing in front of a lot of people.

Charlie Yuan: Living it up in a big city, making lots of moola.

Sandeep Khattar: Watching **Jamie Morgan** mow the lawn of my \$6 million mansion while I sit inside sipping champagne.

Chris Rawsthorne: Living off the government.

Shawn Scott: Either working in the business industry, or pitching in the major leagues.

Steve Collins: Throwing pots.

Jodie Robbennolt: Having the best job in cosmetology.

Hemant Jain: I will be CEO at Queso Inc. - A subsidiary of Big Blue Jacket Inc.

Jennifer Elwood: I hope to be making a lot of money!

Pat Westgate: I'll be coming up with a formula for baby food that will make all babies grow up to be just like **Matt Coy**.

B.J. Gawle: I'll be designing high-tech toasters for NASA.

Kelly Mathews: Driving the Oscar Meyer Weinermobile.

Don Hamilton: Teaching physical education.

Chuck Johnson: I'll be teaching Tae Kwon Do, everybody knows that.

Susan Kurt: I'll be a wife and the mother of 13 kids (I'm adopting some!)

Sam Meyrowitz: I plan to be doing residency for my job as a radiologist.

Jamie Morgan: I plan to be.

Sarah West: I'll either be dancing in New York or chaining myself to bulldozers for Green Peace.

Soojin Chun: Learning music better.

Rob Elliott: Studying fish.

Jenny Goodrich: I plan on being successful and rich.

Beth Bailey: Have my degree in psychology and enrolled in law school.

Jason Graves: Walking on the moon and ruling the world.

Marc Jozefowicz: Accepting Brad Pitt's challenge to a 12 round fight for the title of "Sexiest Man Alive."

Chad Butzlaff: I don't know.





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Advice...

Chris Lowe: Milk your parents for what they're worth before you graduate or the economy crashes.

Pat Westgate: Take your vitamins, watch "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," and cherish your friends!

Jean Wong: Forget your reputation. Be who you want to be and do what you want to do.

Robin Kluck: Senior year is the best year, live it up.

Prakash Anantaraman: Have fun and don't do anything illegal.

Bill Zustiak: Carpe Diem.

Ajay Rajadhyaksha: Quit cutting in the darn lunch lines!

Katie Williams: Realize it's not all about books or all about friends. Strike a balance between the two and you'll get the most out of your four years.

Anika Kohon: If you can't win, change the rules.

Carrie Ruppert: Always keep an eye open for narcs, they're not as smart as they think.

Caron Brosky: Make new friends, but keep the old.

Marc Jozefowicz: Be like **Rob Aponte** and have your parents excuse you from every single test.

Carrie Preston: Enjoy high school - don't stress out about grades and never, never make getting a 4.0 one of your goals.

Mark Steed: Get on **Mr. Benzie's** good side. It may not work, but you can get the connections other kids don't have.

Sara Hammerschmidt: Even when you're going through rough times, remember to smile because they will pass in time.

Charlie Yuan: Guys bathrooms on the right, girls on the left.

Dan Horvath: Make the best of the time you have left, because it will be over before you know it.

Shubha Kashyap: Remember that what you do now will affect the rest of your life.

Andrea Johnson: Eat peach frozen yogurt at lunch.

Nathan Narasimhan: Get some school spirit!

Mike Robison: Don't ever leave your wingman.

Joe Holtschlag: Posture is job one.

Chris Rawsthorne: Don't shave your head just to win an election.

Rob Aponte: Learn how the System works, and work it for all you can.

Seniors Choice Awards

by Kyrsten Carter and Pat Westgate



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Most Friendly:

Dan Mangiavellano & Kristen Arbour

After graduation, **Dan** plans on attending Michigan State University, where his sparkling personality will take him far. **Kristen** will go to school at the University of Michigan, where she will take classes from the College of Literature, Science, and Art. **Kristen** has been a wonderful friend to many at OHS and she will continue to make people smile next year and always.



Best Sense of Humor:

Jennifer Elwood, Akash Sharma, & Mary Hoban

Move over, Jerry Seinfeld! **Akash, Mary,** and **Jennifer** are sure to keep you roaring with laughter. What more can be said about these senior class clowns? Next year, **Jennifer** and **Akash** can be found at the University of Michigan and **Mary** is planning on moving to Chicago.



Most Likely To Succeed:

Ethan Ard & Jean Wong

Forget Ed McMahon, these two can make their own million! **Jean** and **Ethan** are expected to go far in the future. **Jean** plans to attend Interflex at the University of Michigan and major in an area of science. **Ethan** is still undecided between Harvard and Brown University.



Most School Spirit:
B.J. Gawle & Carrie Preston

Spirit check! **Carrie** and **B.J.** are always there to cheer on the Chiefs. "The senior class sets the tone for the high school. I try to do my part by showing my spirit and pride in OHS," **Carrie** said. Next year, **B.J.** and **Carrie** will both be found wearing their green and white and cheering for the Michigan State Spartans.



Most Athletic:
Ben Matthews & Cortney Lyman

Go Chiefs Go! These two have kept very busy at OHS. **Cortney** was captain of varsity basketball, volleyball, and soccer. She plans to attend Western Michigan University and hopes to play soccer. **Ben** played varsity football, basketball, and baseball. Next year **Ben** will play football for the Air Force Academy.



Most Artistic:
Shannon Hartwig & Jason Graves

These two definitely paint a pretty picture. After high school, **Shannon** plans on taking art classes at LCC and will go into landscape architecture at Michigan State. **Jason** will further his artistic education at LCC before going to a specialized art school. This year, he recieved the MSU Governor's Award for Outstanding Visual Arts.



Most Musical:
Tom Sinas, Chris Lowe, & Tanya Ell

Tom, **Tanya**, and **Chris** are all very talented musicians. **Tom** plays the guitar and has been involved in two jazz quartets: Blufuzz and Interplay. Many students enjoy going to various coffee shops and hearing **Tom** perform with his group. Next year, he plans to attend University of Michigan and take private guitar lessons. **Tanya** is first chair cellist in the OHS Orchestra. She has won multiple awards and plans to pursue her musical career at Julliard next fall. **Chris** concert master of the orchestra and has been a Someko singer for three years. He also enjoys playing the guitar and writing his own music. All three have graced OHS with many hours of fine music.



Most Dramatic:
Alexis Fielek & Scott MacLeod

Break a leg! **Alexis** and **Scott** have both been involved in drama all four years of high school. Next year **Scott** plans to attend Northwestern University and major in vocal music. **Alexis** plans to attend Western Michigan University and major in theater education and English.



circle of friends

The Recipe for a Lasting Friendship



Kavitha Surapaneni

Many people strive to become a good friend. Being a friend requires skill and determination in order for the results to be as rewarding as cooking a delicious meal.

High school marks the beginning of true friendships and even then mistakes in judgment are made. Friction can cause tension among peers. **Christine Maniaci** explains, "Jealousy, selfishness, and greed causes friction in any relationship. These problems are caused by males and females equally."

Adam Robison, on the con-

trary, states, "Being selfish results in problems, however, they are generally caused by the guys."

On the other hand, there are exciting and enjoyable times with groups of friends. **Christine Maniaci** tells of an embarrassing moment, "Once I was walking in a parking lot and a pole that blocks cars from going into the parking lot was up. When I was not looking, it came down on my head! They still make fun of me." Set the timer on the oven, because friendships meant to last take a long time to bake.

by Alyson Long



Alyson Long



Alyson Long

Hey there, buddy! **Jared Kately** smiles for an unexpected shot while hurrying to his next class. **Jared** participated on the Boys' Varsity Soccer Team and received an award for All League Academic Team. Keep up the good work!

Friends forever! Juniors **Julie Zacha**, **Nathan Bullock** and **Kristi Janssens** are just hangin' out between their classes. Obviously it is before first hour because they do not look very awake. All three agreed that break and lunch was their favorite time to gossip with friends.



Alyson Long

Rockin' to the 80's! Best buds **Ana Calaca** and **Stephanie Curtis** are hysterical about their outfits for spirit week in which they so diligently assembled. The extravagant colors add to the whole wardrobe. **Ana** and **Stephanie** were both in French Club and learned many unique ideas about the culture.

How interesting! Juniors **Christine Maniaci** and **Anne Schiffer** seem boggled by some unknown object. As friends, they hang out after school and on the weekends together, "to chill." They both worked really hard during the summer to buy a car so they could have more time with their friends.

Sameena Ahmen
Sarah Ahti
Matt Ames
Stephanie Anderson
David Atkins
Michael Baladi
Daniel Barks



Janna Bartalone
Landon Bartley
Chad Beckett
Phil Beekman
Cathryn Bender
Charles Benston
Brent Bernier





Andrew Bielski
Heather Birchen
Debbie Blood
Heather Bobay
Robyn Boyle
Gregory Brain
Michael Breymann



Raven Britt-King
Abigail Buchner
Nathan Bullock
Kristin Bunte
Meredith Burlingame
Stephen Buzby
Ana Calaca



Patrick Calder
Tara Canady
Lindsay Carr
Carl Case
Amanda Chandler
Lorri Cherkinsky
Timothy Cherry



Mark Chojnowski
Catherine Chung
Edward Chung
Jeffrey Conrade
Justin Cueto
Andrew Coultas
Alicia Cousineau



Stephanie Curtis
Ryann Davis
Jeremy Devers
Kieran Devine
Stephen Dewey
Amy Diehl
Stephanie Dobrowski



Michael Doherty
Elizabeth Donnell-Fink
Laurel Donnell-Fink
Sarah Douglas
Chiara Duff
Guy Duquette
Rosie Dwyer

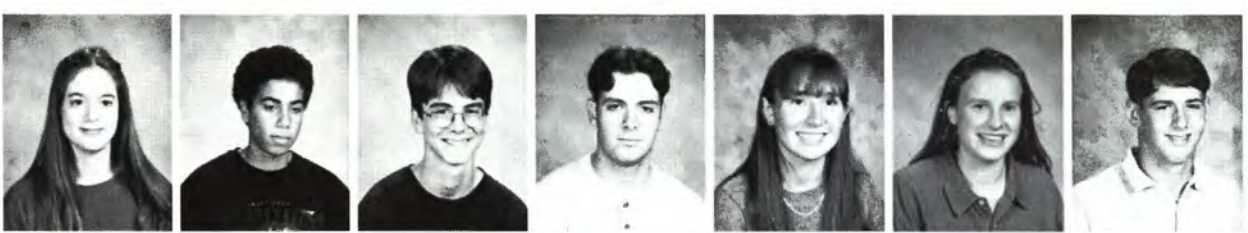


Matt Ellsworth
Timothy Esquina
Lisa Estry
Ryan Farhat
Alison Forbes
Laura Forsac
Cara Freedman



William Freemire
Ryan Fritzsche
Molly Galloway
Shreena Gandhi
Dustin Gardner
Kathryn Garvale
Stephen Gearhart

Michelle Gee
 Che Ghods
 Kevin Gilbert
 Ben Gillespie
 Jessica Glinsky
 Lori Goldammer
 Christopher Gonzalez



Adam Goss
 Peter Govorchin
 Jamie Griffin
 Laura Gronseth
 Kelly Grosse
 Brian Hahn
 Michelle Haley



Peggy Haman
 Candice Hanna
 Mandy Hanson
 Matthew Hapeman
 Leanna Hase
 Razeen Hassan
 Brian Hatcher



Anne Heller
 Margaret Hess
 Meredith Hess
 Angela Hodgins
 Zinah Hong
 Angela Hossinger
 Kathryn Hulteen



Carrie Ihrig
 Jonathon Ingold
 Bonnie Irvine
 Britt Ivarson
 Kristina Janssens
 James Jarvis
 Sara Jehl



Stacie Jehl
 Douglas Jewell
 Gregory Jones
 Jason Jones
 Ronald Jou
 Molly Jurmu
 Gillian Karas



Jared Kateley
 Joseph Kattelus
 Laura Kaufman
 Jennifer Kaufmann
 Scott Kazmierski
 Megan Kearney
 Sharlet Keilman



Stephanie Kheder
 Mary Kieliszewski
 Charles Kierpiec
 Jordan Kingdon
 Jocelyn Kooyers
 Jeffrey Koryba
 Jamie Lademan



stress time

The pressure is on for the juniors!



Kyrsten Carter

Time to get serious! Junior year, the year that colleges look at most, presents many new challenges to all OHS students.

Compared to other years **Sarah Ahtisaid**, "Junior year is as hard as you make it out to be. It challenges your ability, but it all depends on how hard you try."

Another word for junior year is stress. Some students are able to deal with the stress but others have not yet figured out what to do.

Matt Robinson replied,

"One day my head is going to explode."

Knowing what to expect and how to be prepared eases the minds of incoming juniors.

Mike Westgate said, "Study hard, but don't forget to have fun." This is the best advice he can offer.

There is no doubt that junior year is the hardest. The bad news is that everyone has to go through it. However, the good news is that senior year is just around the corner.

by Meghaen Jordan



Kyrsten Carter



Kyrsten Carter

Aww....Man! For **Mike Westgate**, being a junior is harder than he thought it would be. As he occupies his time in the library, he struggles to find the right equation for one of his math problems. **Mike** also spends a lot of his time as the Assistant Drum Major for the Marching Band.



Kyrsten Carter

Hit the books! Junior **Peter Govorchin** keeps up with his studies to impress his teachers. Not only did he try hard in school, but he also put a lot of effort into the Varsity Basketball team. Keep up the good work Pete!

Arggh! While studying, **Sarah Ahti** takes a break to relieve her agonizing headache. The anxiety of junior year is catching up with her. Besides all of her homework, **Sarah** contributes a lot to the Varsity Volleyball Team.

Kkeep your eyes on your own page! **Jessica Slaven** checks her research with her neighbor. **Jessica** is working on a U.S. History term project. She is also taking her third year of German and in the summer she plans to go to Germany. **Jessica** works really hard for her grades and it shows.



Karrie Lafave
Ian Lang
Elizabeth Lanugan
Amy Larson
Nelson Lee
Dan Leone
Jason Lesandrini

Adrienne Lessard
Steven Lick
Rebecca Linz
Sarah Linz
Kelby Lloyd
Michael Lluberes
Archie Loloee

test time

The worst three hours of their lives!

Sweating, you walk into the classroom with your sharpened, number two pencils. You sit down and that annoying leg twitch begins. Staring at the jumbled words on the page, you start to fill in the bubbles.

The dreaded ACT and SAT are sucking the juniors in. "I hate the ACT and other standardized tests," **David Atkins** said, "I am the worst test taker in the world!"

The debate goes on whether colleges should base their acceptances on standard-

ized test scores. "They are limited to testing certain things," **Chris Gonzalez** said. "It is a poor way to determine one's academic ability."

Many students have relied on the basic ACT and SAT books to prepare, but some are using other sources. "My girlfriend **Laura Loneragan** taught me everything I need to know," **Adam Goss** said. I guess anything will do.

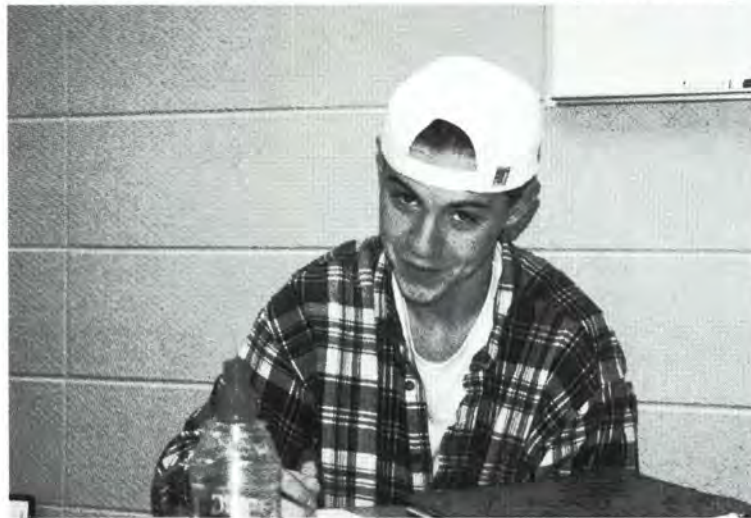
Tests, however, are not the only things colleges look at. So don't worry too much, just smile, and do the best you can.

by Caron Brosky



Concentrate! **Megan Kearney** works hard on the PSAT. Her early preparation will come in handy. **Megan** is not only a great tennis player, she is a great student as well. In the hallway, **Megan** is always smiling, but when it comes to test time she is very serious.

Get back to work! **Nathan Bullock** studies hard in chemistry. **Nathan's** favorite class is team sports, where he can show off his basketball skills. **Nathan** was a point guard on the Varsity Basketball team. He also participated in SADD and other clubs.



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Computer whiz! **Meredith Smith** types diligently at her computer. When she is not studying **Meredith** participates in many different drama activities. She has been singing in choir all three years of high school, and uses that talent in plays and musicals.

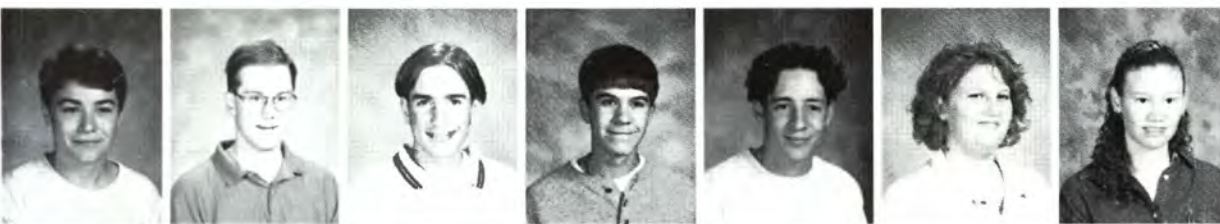
Stumped! **Andy Coultas** stresses over a research project in the library. Junior year is full of stress and **Andy** is feeling it. Between classes though, **Andy**, always finds time to clown around with his friends. When he was not in school, **Andy** played baseball and golf. **Andy** also enjoys the thrill of sledding.

Alyson Long
Terrence Lynch
Aaron Lyon
Jane Maisch
Kara Malkas
Christine Maniaci
Mark Marabate



Michael Marderosian
Paul Marlowe
Lakesha Marshall
Bryan Martin
Leslie McAlvey
Sara McCartney
Jason McClure





Michael McCloskey
 Carl McIntosh
 Justin McKenna
 Mark McKillips
 James McNiel
 Lisa McPhail
 Darla Meints



Jeremy Menchik
 Catherine Meyer
 Melissa Miles
 Steenah Mills
 Jennifer Mishra
 Annie Mitchell
 Monica Mitchell



Elizabeth Monroe
 Monica Montemayor
 Matt Moore
 Michelle Moody
 Adam Murphy
 Nicolas Mutch
 Maija Napierkowski



Beth Narasimhan
 Scott Nimphie
 Tanner Ouimette
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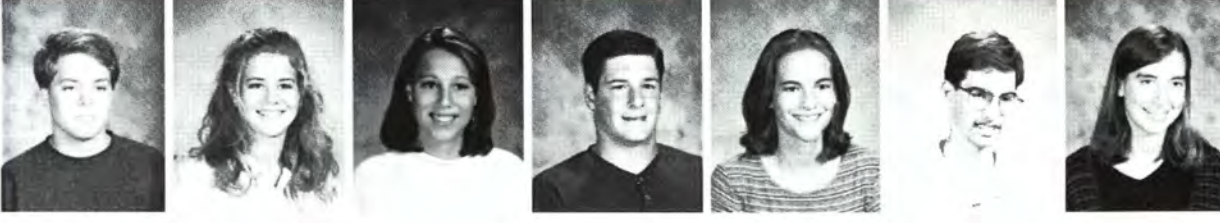
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 John Perri
 Jordan Perry
 Robert Phelps
 Emma Phillips
 Amy Pierce
 Ted Prawat



Michelle Prentice
 Erica Pych
 David Rafferty
 Christian Ray
 Joshua Reeves
 Nikki Remington
 Michael Robbins



Matthew Robinson
 Adam Robison
 Robert Robke
 Adrienne Romanski
 Kristy Roop
 Nyrhe Royal
 Susan Ruggiero



Geoffrey Ruonavaara
 Jennifer Russell
 Erica Rysberg
 Chuck Sargent
 Lindsay Sarver
 Isaac Schankler
 Karen Schiessler

Anne Schiffer
 Josie Schmid
 Robert Schmidt
 Jessica Schneider
 Jamie Schoen
 Joseph Schultz
 Terry Schulz



John Senger
 Geoffrey Severin
 Ryan Shank
 Jennifer Sharp
 Taylor Sherman
 Jessica Slaven
 Allyson Smith



Meredith Smith
 Travis Smith
 Zachary Smith
 Billy Snethkamp
 Eli Snyder-Luntz
 Jacob Soule
 Jeremy Squires



Robert Su
 Vinay Subramanian
 Daniel Swan
 John Switzer
 Kyle Taylor
 Stacey Thrush
 Kim Trathen



Isaiah Tregloan
 Julie Trimmer
 Roger Tsai
 Laura Veenendaal
 Joey Virskus
 Anna Voss
 Lauren Wadland



John Wallick
 Patricia Walshaw
 David Warren
 Jessica Warren
 Monifa Watson
 Katie Weichman
 Emily Wessinger



Michael Westgate
 Matthew Wetters
 Courtney White
 Tyler Williams
 Eliot Wolfe
 Kelly Worman
 Eric York



Julie Zacha
 Eric Zang
 Matthew Zustiak



Not pictured:

Terryn Andrews
 Brent Bartel
 Jolon Bowers
 Jolonda Bowers
 Marta Cape-Guthrie

Colin Davidoski
 John Deitrick
 Beth Denbow
 Emily Dewolf
 Ian Espinosa
 Faris Faraj

Jenelle Ferance
 Emily Garling
 Roger Ghaderi
 Shandall Goddard
 Christopher Henderson
 Curtis Hendrix

Stacey Keller
 Philip Kendrick
 Byung Kim
 Joey Kim
 Christopher Kingsley
 Bradly Lansdale

Elizabeth Lothamer
 Megan Matvichuk
 Nicholaus McIntosh
 Frantz Metellus
 Nathan Overholser
 Chad Patterson

Brian Rogers
 Matthew Sekedat
 Daniel Shaw
 Pamela Skwiercz
 Matthew Stabile
 Matthew Thomas

Michael Wolfe
 David Wolff
 Demetrius Wright

Having fun! **Matt Robinson** celebrates as he opens gifts during his 17th birthday party. A year of driving has taught Matt a few things including to keep his eyes open at all times.



rush hour

Crazy Stories From The Traffic Front

Junior year is a milestone for most people in many respects, especially when it comes to being able to drive. Finally, even the youngsters in each class are carrying a license in their back pocket, equipped with the ability to hop behind the wheel and take off to wherever they want. Along with this new responsibility comes a plethora of stories, some of which are funny, and most of which are a learning experience for the person involved.

Dustin Gardner recalled his first accident. "**Brian Hatcher**

and I were stopped when we were nailed from behind by a Blazer going about 35mph and pushed into the back of a CATA bus and sandwiched."

Julie Zacha decided to test out the off-roading ability of her truck when she got her license. "The traffic was so long so...I threw it into 4 wheel drive and began offroading through the muddy site."

Whatever the experience, most juniors would agree that they are willing to go through just about anything to have a license.

by Justin Perrone

Natural born entertainer. Always messing around, **Andrew Bielski** threatens his pizza with a branch. One thing that Andrew takes very seriously however, is his beloved Chevy pickup which takes him everywhere.



Kyrsten Carter



Hammering it up. **Patty Walshaw** and **Molly Jurmu** share a laugh after class. Both agree that getting their license was the highlight of their year.

Getting the giggles. **Kristi Janssens** and **Jessica Slaven** laugh it up at lunchtime. Neither know what they'd do without their automobiles to get them around.



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Working hard. **Emily Wessinger** takes a break from lunch to study for the next hour's class. Emily's forest green Saturn is often seen tearing out of the OHS parking lot.

Tiffany Adams
 Aaron Adelman
 Asif Ahmed
 Sadaf Ali
 Acar Altinsel
 Ryan Amboy
 Whitney Anderson



Michael Andrews
 Carey Atkins
 Daman Auvenshine
 Brent Bachelder
 Joshua Baker
 Brianna Ballard
 Cynthia Ballesteros



Joel Banas
 Anjuli Baraily
 Bradley Barnett
 Kimberly Barry
 Stefan Baum
 Breanne Bautista
 Heather Beatty



Timothy Beckett
 Steven Bell
 Mary Berning
 Maggie Bierlein
 Alice Birney
 Scott Bixby
 Douglas Boes



Jorin Bossen
 Joel Boyd
 Stephanie Bradley
 Nancy Brandau
 Aaron Brinkley
 Lauren Burge
 Maggie Burnett



Stephen Buscetta
 Jennifer Buxton
 Christina Calcagno
 Peter Camann
 Michael Cardinal
 Cheryl Carlson
 Theresa Carpenter



Adam Carrasco
 Derek Chandler
 Jason Chen
 Kimberly Cherry
 Kyle Clark
 Jennifer Clemens
 Sarah Colchin



Carmen Colon
 Christopher Compeau
 Betsy Cook
 Derek Cooper
 Austin Corbin
 David Cornwell
 Teddy Coryell



hit the books

Sophomores stress over their homework!

Each day several hard-working sophomores struggle to lug their over filled backpacks home for a night of intense studying. Generally, the average sophomore reports having to study at least two hours an evening. Of course there are those cases in which there is a slight range.

"Every night I hit the books for at least four hours," says **Hannie Cox**. Although this shows great dedication, unfortunately not all students work quite this hard.

"On an average day I study

Oh about .. 0 hours," **Cory Beck** stated with a smirk.

Even though homework is strenuous, sophomores continue their battle for success. Sitting bound and motionless to their desks, straining their sleepy eyes, sophomores will struggle onward and upward.

"After school life could be so much more enjoyable and care-free if only the neverending burden of homework was lifted from our tired shoulders," concluded **Susan Riehm**.

by Kristin Main



Often these two can be seen together at least five times a day. **Kim Cherry** and **Forrest Fredline** walk hand in hand to class with one another. **Kim** and **Forrest** can both give one a laugh at anytime. Along with their sense of humor they also excell in sports and strive in their studies.

Wow! Five smiling sophomore women strut their biggest smiles for the camera. **Krista Zielinski**, **Rachel Worman**, **Katie Schoreoer**, **Stepanie Mashni**, and **Kristin Dubenion-Smith** block the hallway as they gather to gossip during break. These girls were close friends throughout their years at Okemos.



Whew! Sophomores **Jessica Putz** and **Mason Herring** take a moment of down time to enjoy each others company between classes. Both **Mason** and **Jessica** took part in athletics and worked hard on their studies. Keep up the great work!

Hey there! Sophomores **Katrina Rhea**, **Chad Raynak**, and **Blake Richards** chat it up during their short ten minute passing time. These three locker buddies have been thrown together by alphabetical sequence and as a result have become good friends. Two more glorious years of gabbing to look forward to!



Kendra Cosey
Johanna Cox
John Cox
Roland Coy-Burt
David Cregan
Megan Culton
Shana Curtis

Jodi DeHaan
Seema Dedhia
Tommy Delind
Louis Detrisac
Michael Dorsch
Joy Douglas
Whitney Downing

a closer look

Sophomores: What Makes Them Tick

Upon seeing someone for the first time, you automatically analyze their physical appearance. It is not until you get to know that person when you learn of their feelings and interests. The sophomore class is certainly full of fresh and interesting minds. "I love to learn about different people and who they are on the inside," explained **Kim Cherry**.

Ultimately, the inner qualities that people possess take precedence over everything else. "I think that honesty and sincerity are characteristics that will take you far with

friendship, love, and life itself," pointed out **Sarah Rasche**.

These innate traits that people have contribute to the varied relationships we carry out in life. As **Kristin Thompson** said, "One of the toughest issues to deal with in high school is your friendships. Sophomore year is the time when your friends really and experiment with new things. However, as we've matured, my friends and I that share the same feelings and morals have strengthened our old friendships and made great new ones."

by Sara Main



Lock her in! **Susan Riehm** gets her materials for her next class during break. **Susan** says she chooses her friends based on the way they treat others. "I think the way they treat others is the way they will treat me."

Group shot! **Kristen Dubenion-Smith, Krista Zielinski, Kelly Johnson, Kristin Thompson, Adam Lafferty, Rose Glendinning, Alisa Miller, Missy Smith, Breanne Bautista, Sarah Klein, Laurie Markham, Liz Hudson, Sarah Rasche, and Kate Rawsthorne** take a break from their Homecoming float to take a group picture. The Sophomores took second place in the float competition.

Concentrate! **Liz Hudson** carefully paints a sign for the Homecoming float. When this artist is not at work, she is busy with student government and soccer.

Say what? **Alicia Hoge** listens intently to a friend during lunch. **Alicia** feels that two essential elements to friendship are laughter and trust. "Someone that can laugh with you in even the worst situations is definitely a keeper!"

Kristen Dubenion-Smith
Cathleen Earles
Michael Eberz
Marie Eguchi
Andrew Ehret
Steven Elliot
Alison Emerson-Thue



Suzanne Fadly
Lisa Fandialan
Lindsey Fell
Emi Fergus
Derek Finkbeiner
Dan Flewelling
Charles Folino





Thomas Forton
 Andrew Fowler
 John Fraas
 Kari Frankhouse
 Nick Frattaroli
 Douglas Frederick
 Forrest Fredline



Kyle Froelich
 Andy Fuehr
 Tommy Furman
 Megan Geshel
 Michael Geske
 Brent Gilbert
 Michael Giromini



Rose Glendinning
 April Gordon
 Natalie Graham
 Christine Granger
 Angela Green
 Ian Griffin
 Jeremy Grondin



Kara Grossman
 Laurie Gulick
 Raj Gupta
 Courtney Hagen
 Mary Hallan
 Johnny Hauer
 Scott Hayes



Joseph Herring
 Carlos Hinojosa
 Hilary Hodges
 Alicia Hoge
 Bryan Hogle
 Hadley Holley
 Jamie Hooker



Elizabeth Hudsons
 Katherine Hughes
 Ryan Hughes
 Molly Hunt
 Jillian Ingold
 Sarah Irvine
 Kimberly Jackson



Julie Jean
 Stephanie Jett
 Adam Johns
 Alison Johnson
 Heather Johnson
 Kelly Johnson
 Kyle Johnson



Michael Johnson
 Shira Johnson
 Steven Johnson
 Nathan Joos
 Amanda Kang
 Dev Kakar
 Elizabeth Kanistanaux

Stacey Kartub
Elizabeth Kelly
Patrick Kiley
Miranda Kilpela
Stephanie Kimberling
Lisa Kindschy
Mark Kissling



Sarah Klein
Clara Kloepfer
Kerry Kraushaar
Steven Kushion
Becky Laclear
Adam Lafferty
Stephen Lawatsch



Elizabeth Leago
Jean Lee
Nicole Lee
Serah Lee
Karin Leefers
Shawna Leesser
Shannon Lepley



Justin Lerner
Ashleigh Lessard
Jared Lewis
Joseph Leykam
Patricia Lietz
Erinn Lindstrom
Heather Linz



Michael Litos
Sara Lluberes
Jennifer Lohman
Christopher Loose
Andrea Lopez
Jeffrey Lopez
Andy Lozier



Jordan Lubahn
Richard Lucius
Andy Luu
Kristin Main
Scott Maki
Nathan Malkus
Laurie Markham



Sara Marx
Phindi Mashinini
Stephanie Mashni
Kirstin Massey
Tony Massoglia
Bryan Mathews
Nathan Maxwell



Sarah McHugh
Keri McKelvey
Kimberly McKenzie
Andrew McLemore
Clare Mehan
Ross Melvin
Alisa Miller



turn the beat around

Sophomores tell about their favorite tunes

Whoomp, here it is! What do sophomores really like? New trends, going out, and having fun are all aspects of high school life. But besides the trends and the fun, music is also an enormous part of their everyday lives.

Why is music so important to them? Well sophomore **Keri McKelvey** said, "It just helps me relax after a long day of school." **Keri** said that she would hate living without music. "Music is my main source of entertainment."

While some people say any type of music is cool, a few

others prefer rap and R&B and many like alternative. Not only does music influence many people, it effects their lives too.

"If I'm having a bad day, it'll make me feel better," said sophomore **Serah Lee**. What do people like most about music?

"It relates to my life and it helps me express my feelings," said sophomore **Bindiya Shah**. Whether you listen to country music or jam to top forty hits, you will always have a good time. So as you can see, without music life would be horribly dull.

by Touyen Nguyen



While dancing the night away, sophomore **Sarah McHugh** and senior **Jason Munger** are enjoying the music they like best. **Sarah** and **Jason** also enjoy the wide variety of music played at most of the dances.

In the computer lab, **Mrs. Haner** allow students to listen to their C.D.'s on the computers while they do their work. Sophomores **Bindiya Shah**, **Anne Shelburg**, and **Serah Lee** are looking through a few of their old C.D.'s and picking out their favorites to listen to.



Sophomore **Aaron Thornburg**, freshman **Hannah Longcharch**, and sophomore **Paul Yeager** discuss their favorite new songs and albums before their French class. They all enjoy music and love their fifth hour French class.

Sophomore **Keri McKelvey** is jammin' to the music on her walkman during her free time in school. **Keri** says some of the groups that she enjoys listening to are "The Smashing Pumpkins" and "Bush."



Anthony Miller
James Miller
Kary Miller
Laurna Miller
Misty Miller
Paul Miller
Catherine Minter

Melanie Mitchell
Charlene Moore
Emily Morse
James Muncie
Seth Murray
Barbara Mysliwiec
Nancy Nelson

sophomore scenes

A look into the secret lives of sophomores



Hey there! **Jeff Struck** smiles casually as he struts his stuff in the gym during a team sports class. **Jeff** enjoyed playing basketball in his free time and watching "Sixteen Candles."

Sophomore beauties! **Kary Miller**, **Mary Hallen**, and **Sarah Raschet** take a moment from their tiresome dance moves to slip a smile in. All these girls study vehemently to achieve rewarding grades. Keep up the good work!

The world of sophomores is filled with extremes. They are experienced in high school life, yet they are dependent on their parents for transportation. They strive for independence and to have fun away from adult influence.

Sophomores' lives contain many adventurous journeys. **Kyle Froelich** spent his weekends bowling and hanging out at Taco Bell. Many people said that their favorite hangout was **Kyle's** house.

On the other hand, **Will "the Thrill" Simon** commented that

he and his friends go to BW3 or watch hoops.

In contrast, **Honnie Cox** enjoys going to Science Family Fun Day for a more intellectual approach.

Alicia Hoge's most pleasurable times were spent at Bennigans pretending to be from Chicago! What an interesting combination!

Andy Fowler would be happy baking cookies and calling it a night with a good movie. Whatever these varied sophomores enjoy, they all have fun together! *by Alyson Long*



Kyrsten Carter



Gayle Main



Kristin Main

French buds! **Dan Fuelling**, **Roshawnda Willet**, **Justin Schneider**, **David Zack**, **Nicole Rosen** and **Lindsay Pych** relax from their diligent studies in French class. Along with the fun, French class was also filled with many hours of work

Back to the seventies! **Kristen Dubinion-Smith** and **Christa Zalinski** strike a pose while making a unique fashion statement with the bright colors and flowers for peace. These girls were participating in school spirit week.

Touyen Nguyen
Alberto Nickerson
Stacey Ninemeier
Mical Norkin
Tamar Norkin
Brian Ottinger
Sara Papoi



Micah Payne
Reshma Patel
Michael Perrone
Michael Phelps
Colin Phillips
Jasmin Pino
Margot Prestel





Jessica Putz
Lindsey Pych
Randall Rabideau
Michael Radke
Sudeep Raj
Sarah Rasche
Danielle Raudenbush



Kate Rawsthorne
Andrew Ray
Chad Raynak
Katrina Rhea
Shereesa Rhodabeck
Blake Richards
Dan Rickard



Candace Ridenour
Susan Riehm
Matthew Roeber
Brian Rogers
Nicole Rosen
Angela Rousse
Tiffany Sanford



Brooke Schettler
Maya Schindler
Krista Schmitt
Devon Schneider
Erica Schneider
Justin Schneider
Aaron Schroeder



Emily Schroer
Brian Scott
Amol Shah
Bindiya Shah
Heena Shah
Tsoshi Shank
Kori Shapiro



Scott Shaw
Anne Shelburg
William Simon
Rebekah Singleton
Meaghan Smith
Melissa Smith
Tony Smith



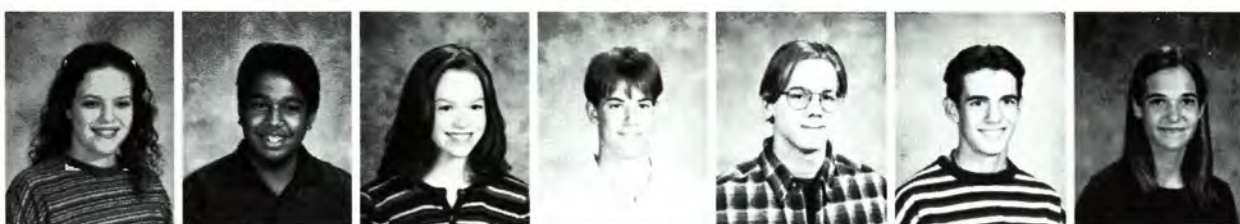
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Justin Stillwill
Elizabeth Straw
Anna Strickler
Jeffrey Struck



Ian Sugierski
Jessica Swierz
Youngah Tak
Gina Tanaka
Samantha Tarras
Austin Tatroe
Ashley Telman



Constance Thaler
 Raj Thiruvengadam
 Kristin Thompson
 Aaron Thornburg
 Frankie Tuma
 James Vallone
 Laura VanDam



Kristi Viets
 Steven Ware
 Michael Warnock
 Mark Welling
 Rory Wendt
 James West
 Bradford Wheeler



David Widders
 Brian Wieczorek
 Jonathan Wierzba
 Christina Wiles
 Angela Wilson
 Ashley Wilson
 Brian Wilson



Nate Woiwode
 Eric Wolfe
 Jessica Woods
 Rachel Worman
 Mark Yankee
 Paul Yeager
 Amanda Young



Nadia Yusaf
 David Zack
 Krista Zielinski
 Isma Zubair
 Michael Zulakis



Not Pictured:

James Abbott
 Ginger Amboy
 Stacey Ballard
 Cory Beck
 Bahareh Behrouz
 Matt Binder
 Deshontae Blackman
 Jacob Burns
 Yuan Chang
 Daren Dervies
 Yiaowei Dong
 Lagika Feagin
 Martin Finn
 Kris Fyre
 Geoffry Gibson
 Paul Gilbert
 Joesph Grose
 Matt Hallenborg
 Nick Heble

Justin Hendrix
 Kyle Hilliker
 Dev Kakar
 David Kim
 Dong Kim
 Kyoung-Min Koo
 Mark Lee
 Cameron Long
 Joshua Mervine
 Alisa Miller
 Joesph Miller
 Christopher Mitchell
 Rajesh Nakrani
 Elizabeth Perri
 Femi Pratt
 Tony Pryer
 Willie Reynolds
 Edward Saipetch
 Maie Shabana

William Smith
 Lesley Sorenson
 Caroles Speed
 Patrick Supanwanid
 Phong Trinh
 Ryan Tyler
 Marvin Vann
 John Walker
 Napaushia White
 Jeffery Wiese
 Roshawnda Willett
 Eddie Wright
 William Wyman III

sophomores speak

What did you say?

Whatever! Sophomore Rachel Worman just heard something pretty unbelievable. Rachel played on the J.V. Basketball, Volleyball, and Softball Teams.

Hey listen up! Sophomore Justin Schneider has something very important to say. Justin played J.V. Baseball this spring.

While walking down the sophomore halls and listening to people talk you might hear some pretty interesting things.

Some of the favorite sayings of sophomore Liz Hudson are, "cool beans," "peachy kean jelly bean," and "You gotta think like you're taller than everybody else." Just as there are sayings that people can't get enough of, there are also sayings that have just been worn out. Especially things from movies.

"I'm sick of hearing just about anything else from Ace

Ventura," Michael Perrone pointed out.

Not everyone feels the same however. While Kim Cherry and Alicia Hoge were sick of hearing the word "jeah" it was still one of Kyle Clark's favorite things to say.

Maybe next time you're walking down the hall you'll hear someone say "bunk it", another way for saying forget it. This is an expression that Seema Dedhia would like to hear more of around OHS.

by Adrienne Lessard



Sophomore power! At the Homecoming pep assembly Megan Geshel, Brad Barnett, Laura VanDam, Aaron Thornburg, Jeff Struck, and Kyle Froelich show the

What's going on? Sophomores Laurie Markham, Carrie Atkins, Kim Jackson, Kary Miller, Ashleigh Lessard, and Kim McKenzie look

Hello! Sophomores Christie Wiles, Brad Barnett, Cristina Calcagno, and Mary Berning talk during a break between classes.

precious time

Times to Remember



Sibling rivalry can be seen throughout the halls this year at OHS. So what great advice do these experienced seniors have for their freshmen sibling?

Dear **Scott**: You are truly the nicest guy I know and that alone is enough to get you through life. Good luck little guy! Love, **Kim Slack**.

Dear **Katie**: Stay smooth as you grow in time. Love, **Mike King**.

Dear **Nina**: Enjoy the next three years, the almighty Chevy Nova, and the things I don't want to know about! Don't drop out. Love, **Robert Aponte**.

Dear **Megan**: I love you dearly. Love, **Kristen Arbour**.

Dear "High-and-mighty," good luck always. I'll miss you! Love, **Carrie Thomas**.

Dear **Kelly**: It's all good. Love, **Evan Roth**.

Dear **Laura Sue**: I'm always here for you. Make your next few years great! Always keep hope. Love, **Fran Fent**.

Dear "Princess," It's your turn to shine! I will always be here for you. Best of luck and love always, **Jennifer Elwood**.

No matter where their paths may take them, they'll always have each other. *by Kristen Arbour*



Smile and show us your dimples! Senior **Robert Aponte** and his younger sister **Nina Aponte**, look adorable as they pose for the photographer. They will always be there and love one another in the many years ahead.

Look at those matching smiles! Senior **Carrie Thomas** and her sister, freshman **Christa Thomas**, are sitting together side by side while enjoying the company of one another. These sisters are always supportive and encouraging of one another.



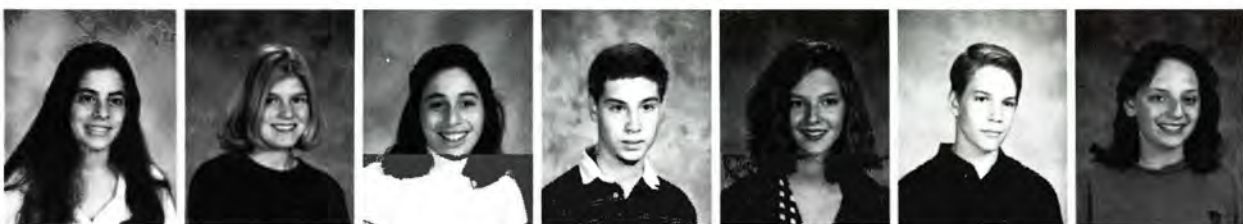
Go blue! Freshman **Emily Elwood** and her sister, **Jennifer Elwood**, spend quality time together at a tailgate this fall before a University of Michigan football game. As sisters, they support and love each other, similar to their dedication for U of M. **Jennifer** is a senior this year and will attend the University of Michigan.

Nick Abbruzzese
Priya Agrawal
Laudmila Al-Ayoubi
Justin Alfredson
Ryan Amsler
David Anderson
Jenna Andrews



Christopher Angelico
Nina Aponte
Megan Arbour
Jeremy Austin
Daniel Aybar
Melissa Aylor
James Baker





Michelle Baladi
 Karyn Barker
 Angela Bean
 Christopher Behrens
 Emily Bell
 Daniel Bennett
 Sheila Bettinger



Jennifer Birchen
 Tommy Black
 Jessica Bobay
 Kathleen Boszak
 Betsy Bothell
 John Boulus
 Joshua Breitzer



Laura Breymann
 Laura Brinkley
 Tia Britt-King
 Matthew Brown
 Tiffany Brunner
 Jenny Burchman
 Elizabeth Bussing



Courtney Butzlaff
 Cari Calder
 Clinton Canady
 Trever Carson
 Tony Castelbuono
 Meghan Cavanaugh
 Emre Cavusgil



Jason Cheesebro
 Christina Chen
 Carey Chenault
 Chang Cho
 Seung Cho
 Robin Christensen
 Candy Clark



Kristen Clark
 Nicholas Clark
 Jennifer Cook
 Justin Cook
 Austin Corbin
 Gene Cortland
 Ann Corwin



Drew Costello
 Corey Cousino
 Christine Crosby
 Leslie Davies
 Kevin Decker
 Michael Dehlin
 Shelby Denike



Kristin Dethlefsen
 John Dobrowolski
 Alexis Dodson
 Nicole Doherty
 Mary Dorsch
 Kevin Duff
 Christopher Dunstan

Jessica Durst
Katherine Duweck
James Egler
Paul Eisenberg
Zachary Ellis
Abigail Ellsworth
Emily Elwood



Nicholas English
Amy Estrzy
Erica Fahey
Jeremy Fellows
Laura Fent
Courtney Fessenden
Geoffrey Field



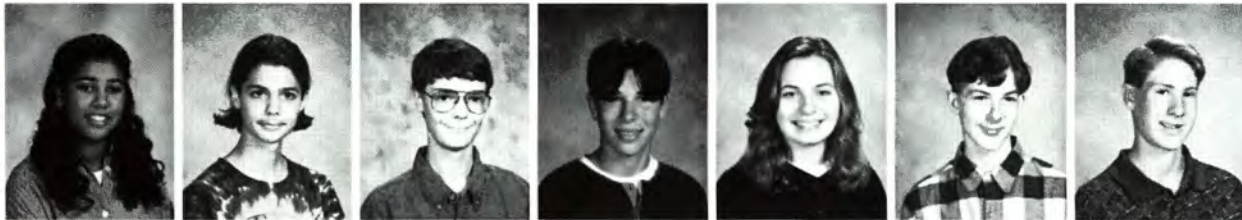
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Grant Folland
Brad Forney
Agnes Forsac
Alaina Fotiu-Wojtowicz
Tarynn Fowler



Marc Friend
Mark Fulger
Holly Galka
Dena Gandy
Martin Gardner
Murphy Gardner
Patrick Gardner



Bri Ghods
Peter Gibson
Jason Gift
Bob Glinsky
Andrea Grady
Matthew Grandmason
Ryan Gregg



Josh Grimes
Trevor Gronseth
Amanda Gross
Katherine Grybb
Lauren Guthrie
Jason Hahn
Anne Halm



Phillip Han
Lauren Hansen
Lisa Hansen
Jason Hauer
Ulrika Haug
Angela Hauptman
Karl Hedderich



Christina Heller
Jonathan Henderson
Andrew Hess
Caitlin Hickey
Zachary Hickman
Amanda Hines
Anne Hoban



fresh time

Freshmen adjust to have the time of their lives



They cluster in the hallways and excitedly tell each other the latest news. They can often be seen running in the halls like their life depended on not getting a tardy. Yes, the freshmen; new every year and always a bit smaller.

Coming to the high school is both a scary and exciting time for freshmen. "The hardest thing to adjust to was all the people. It's like the 5:30 rush hour," said Eric Pasman.

Laurel Trezise thinks the biggest adjustment is the carpet. "I trip on it at least once a day," Laurel said.

But most agree that finding time to do homework has been the biggest challenge. "In middle school, classes were so easy, I barely had any homework. Now, at OHS I have hours and hours of homework everyday," said Michelle Kearney.

High school has also brought these freshmen new opportunities. "The best thing this year so far has been being on the soccer team," said Ryan Pendergast.

It's hard to believe that in four short years it will be time to move on again. *by Jennifer Elwood*



Welcome to my humble abode! Freshman Vance Kincaid poses next to his locker in the A Hall. He has made his locker home by putting his favorite magazine pictures on his door.

Tell me all about it! Freshmen Susan Horvath, Sarah Holtschlag, and Ulrika Haug take a quick break between classes to talk about the days events.



Hey guys, what do you want to do tonight? Freshmen Laura Breyman, Anne Kelly, and Melanie Hoekstra discuss their plans for the evening before going home after sixth hour.

What's for lunch? Freshman Brian Tribell is all smiles as he pays for his sub. Though the lines can sometimes be long, Brian knows the delicious food is worth the wait!



Melanie Hoekstra
Daniel Holcomb
Sarah Holtschlag
Rebecca Horsch
Susan Horvath
Kristen Hughes
Kathleen Jaaksi

Arjun Jayaraman
Steven Jehl
Meredith Johnson
William Johnson
Robert Juhnke
Emily Kahn
Tibita Kaneene

frosh life

Put Yourself In Their Shoes



What goes with you everywhere, braves mud, snow, hot and cold, and comes in a variety of shapes and colors? Very simply, your shoes!

"Shoes make an outfit. No outfit is complete without the right pair of shoes," commented **Jenny Sweat**.

Birkenstocks, athletic shoes, and soccer shoes rank high on the list among the frosh this year.

Some freshmen even have some type of shoes they have come to despise.

"I find patent leather shoes

an extremely obnoxious alternative trend," said **Priya Agrawal**.

Reasons that students like wearing shoes varies. "Shoes are cool. They add personality to your outfit," mentioned **Heidi Schmidt**.

"They keep your feet warm and protect them pretty well from nails or tacks," advised **Angela Bean**.

One last piece of advice: "Be picky. For me shoes are how I can be identified. Remember that you don't want to be remembered for dorky shoes," warned **Isa Radcliffe**.

by Sara Main



Kyrsten Carter

Kick it! **Dena Swanson**, **Megan Arbour**, and **Brian Smith** show off their comfy footwear during break. In a survey, many freshman said that comfort was a must when it came to buying shoes.

Take a load off. **Jessica Bobay**, **Julia Loconto**, **Melissa Marker**, and **Ann Hoban** rest their feet during another busy day at OHS.



Born to shop! **Amanda Hines**, **Kathleen Bosyk**, **Kristen Clark**, and **Megan Strongrich** have the upper hand, or should we say upper foot, when it comes to shoe shopping.

You put your right foot in! You put your right foot out, and you shake it all about! The shoes of choice among freshmen this year were athletic shoes, sandals, and boots! The frosh are definitely a stylish class.

Mala Kashyap
Michelle Kearney
Mary Keathley
Anne Kelly
Katie Kelly
Chad King
Kathryn King



Aaron Koller
Elizabeth Koryba
Kripa Krishnamoorthy
Peter Lafferty
Robin Landfair
Jesse Lange
Daniel Leaman





Stephanie Lemon
 Sasha Lewis
 Robert Ley
 Andrew Liddell
 Brian Lieber
 Erann Lincoln
 Bobby Lindemann



Janelle Lloyd
 Julia Loconto
 Ben Logue
 Corey Lomax
 Hannah Loncharich
 Jamie Looze
 Nancy Marina Lopez



Jonathan Lowe
 Christina Lupo
 Jennifer Lynch
 Larry Maciver
 Monica Mack
 Katie MacKenzie
 Jamie Macleod



Katherine Madigan
 Adam Makhoul
 Melissa Marker
 Holly Marking
 Amanda Martens
 Meghan Matus
 Kristin Mayle



Erin Mazur
 John McCloskey
 Michael McEntee
 Kyler McGillicuddy
 Christina McGuire
 Julie McNiel
 Amanda McPhail



Sara Melson
 David Melton
 Emily Meyer
 Gregory Miller
 J. Kyle Miller
 Nicholas Miller
 Darrellynn Mills



Lisa Moryc
 Josh Mosier
 Lucas Mutch
 Theresa Muzer
 Rishi Narayan
 Brent Newell
 Jill Neumaier



Courtney Nicholas
 Angelica Novis
 Molly Nyquist
 Kerry O'Shaughnesse
 Aaron Ohlroge
 Jessica Omura
 Kristen Ottinger

Eric Pasman
Sara Pastuszka
Sarika Patel
Allan Pearce
Angela Pearson
Jamie Pejza
Elli Pelton



Ryan Pendergast
Christopher Phelps
Christine Phillips
Kristina Porter
David Post
Bola Pratt
Nicholas Quiring



Isadora Radcliffe
Jane Raven
Jessica Reeser
Ann Renaud
Cory Richard
Shea Rinard
Sara Robinson



Nathan Robison
Tracy Roop
Januan Rooyen
Kelly Roth
Nicole Sammartino
Valerie Sancrainte
Doug Sargent



Justin Savage
Heidi Schmidt
Daniel Schoen
Brian Schroeder
Jeff Schroeder
Kathleen Schroer
Lindsay Seely



Bradley Sekedat
Gregory Severin
Shilpa Shah
Leah Shaheen
Nathan Shelley
Denny Shih
Jeffrey Silvarman



Stephen Sinas
Scott Slack
Brian Smith
Megan Smith
John Soltysiak
Alexandra Sophia
Bethany Soule



Danny Spiridakos
Shana Stabile
Megan Stojic
Marissa Strieter
Meghan Strongrich
James Styka
Kristin Swanson



time to sweat

Freshman Fitness

While P.E. may be strenuous for some, it can be appreciated for many different reasons. **Phil Haun** explained why he likes having co-ed P.E. classes. "I get to talk to the girls."

When **Abby Ellsworth** was asked what the best aspect of P.E. class was she replied, "I like that I'm not sitting on my behind the whole day."

Of course P.E. should be a class to bring students closer together. **Justin Cook** said, "I like learning to be part of a team."

Everyone has their own

reasons for taking P.E. Senior **Chris Lowe** didn't take P.E. his freshman year and when asked if he enjoys his zero hour gym class he responded, "No. There's just something not very pleasant about attending gym class at 7:00 in the morning." **Chrissaid** that students should take P.E. in ninth grade.

On the other hand, many students would like to take P.E. all four years. "If it lasted for four years I could look at senior girls during class," **Jeremy Austin** said.

by Jill Bokemeier



Kyrsten Carter

It's the ultimate game! **Maina Fotiu- Wojtowicz** guards **Jason Cheesebro** in a game of Ultimate Frisbee. Ultimate Frisbee recently became one of the newest IM sporting activities. All of you guys and gals get out there if you're looking for fun and play next year!

Pumping iron. **Betsy Bussing** works on her biceps with some spotting from **Mrs. Mitchell**. Mrs. Mitchell has taught her students that weight training is a gradual process that involves commitment and time. Those who stick to it like **Betsy** are rewarded in the end! Great work!



Work it! **Brian Tribell**, **Bola Pratt**, and **Tom West** work out to the music of their step aerobics class. Guys and gals have always had a blast working up a sweat together with **Mrs. Mitchell** as their aerobics instructor.

One, two, three go!! **Christina Chen** races down the gym floor as her classmates cheer her on. Wind sprints aren't fun, but they are a great way to get in shape. Who knows, by the end of the year **Christina** may be running marathons!



Jennifer Sweet
Gary Taylor
Christa Thomas
Ashley Thompson
Zachary Throckmorton
Cayle Tompkins
Daniel Tope

Jimmy Topper
Tamra Traylor
Laurel Trezise
Brian Tribell
Edward Upchurch
Jenni Vanravensway
Andrew Villaire

Jason Virskus
 Sarah Vogt
 Taylor Vonklingler
 Takeia Wade
 Leah Walker
 Jenae Wallick
 Bradley Ward



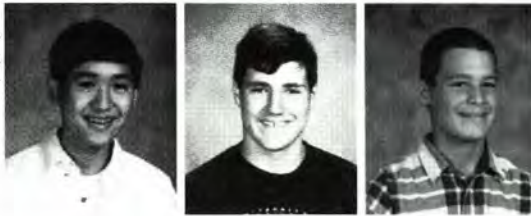
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 Tom West
 Alissa Westervelt
 Nicholas Wierzba
 Justen Willard
 Stephanie Williams



Sarah Willsey
 Brandi Winter
 Angela Winters
 Kami Wolfe
 Colleen Woods
 Lindsay Wooton
 Sean Yancey



Jerry Yuan
 Benjamin Zaroukian
 Thomas Zietlow



Not Pictured:
 Brent Ballard
 Jason Bowser
 Brian Burge
 Joanna Cornwell
 James Cullen
 Peter Curtis-Watkins
 Jacklin Delamarter
 Tina Dick
 Brandi Donald
 Hong Duong
 Fadi Faraj
 Sarah French
 Christopher Griffin

Peggy Hamon
 Brian Jones
 David Kelly
 Vance Kincaid
 Danielle Lee
 Michael Little
 Elise Maniscalco
 Paul Marsh
 Christian Martin
 Matthew Mathers
 Jesse Mattson
 Tara McIntosh
 Jeff Nealey
 Birgitta Nordell

Klara Orow
 Thomas Royal
 Thomas Scott
 Shagafta Shams
 Denny Shih
 Ravneet Singh
 Sharod Smith
 Dena Swanson
 Brock Tobias
 Jan Van Rooyen
 Douglas Vanwormer
 Raberto Walker
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 James Whittier

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world beat™

science faces





G. Korzanow, Gamma/Liaison

French transportation workers strike against their government throughout the month of December, shutting down the airlines and the metro system, after France increases the retirement age from 50 to 55 and lengthens the work week from 37 to 39 hours in efforts to cut spending.

AP/Wide World



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Pope John Paul II visits New Jersey, New York and Maryland, and addresses the United Nations. He speaks out on social, economic, political and moral themes.



In late May, a doctor performs emergency surgery aboard British Airways flight 32 using a coat hanger, a knife and fork, and a scissors sterilized in brandy to save a woman whose life is threatened by a collapsed lung.



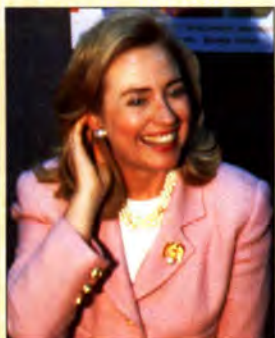
Schneider Pool from Gamma/Liaison

Heads of many of the 186 member nations gather in New York to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations in October.



Philippe Giraud, Sygma

Tahitian protests escalate into riots after France detonates a nuclear test device 750 miles from the South Pacific island. France's September resumption of tests after a three-year moratorium brings global condemnation.



John Picara, Sygma

In a powerful address to the U.N.'s Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China, attended by 30,000 women from 180 countries, U.S. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton declares, "Women's rights are human rights," to a desk-thumping, applauding audience.



Dan Dean, Gamma/Liaison

Shock waves hit the Middle East when Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is shot and killed while leaving a peace rally in Tel Aviv November 4. His murderer, Jewish extremist Yigal Amir, fanatically opposes peace negotiations with the Palestine



AP/Wide World

Marxist Cuban President Fidel Castro abandons his Havana cigar and military fatigues for a suit and tie on a diplomatic visit to New York in October, where he tries to convince the U.S. to lift its 33-year-old trade embargo on still-communist Cuba.



Jiji Press/APF from Bettmann

Madman Shoko Asahara, leader of the Japanese apocalyptic religious cult, Aum Shinrikyo, is arrested on May 16 and charged with the Tokyo subway nerve-gas attack that left 12 people dead and injured 5,500 more in March.



Jon Van Hasselt, Sygma

Fifty years after the end of World War II, Japan remembers those killed by the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima. A solitary building left standing after the blast, now a memorial called the Atomic Bomb Dome, symbolizes the horrors of war and the price of peace.

An earthquake kills 51 people on the resort-studded Pacific coast of Mexico. The quake measures 7.5 on the Richter scale and is felt 330 miles away in Mexico City.



AP/Wide World



J. Ficara, Sygma

The first U.S. president to visit Northern Ireland, President Clinton receives a warm Christmas welcome for his show of support for peace between Irish Protestants and Catholics.

Hurricane Marilyn inflicts millions of dollars of damage in the Virgin Islands in September. Winds up to 127 miles per hour severely damage half the homes on St. Thomas.



G. Williams, Gamma/Liaison

In November, the Republic of Ireland narrowly passes a referendum calling for an end to the country's 1937 constitutional ban on divorce.

While competing in an international balloon race in September, two hot air balloonists, one English and one American, are shot down when their balloon floats off course over Belarus. The Belarussian army sees the balloon as a security threat and fires without warning. The balloonists fall to their death.

AP/Wide World



Hope blooms for peace in Bosnia when Bosnia's President Izetbegovic (left) shakes hands with Serbia's President Milosevic on the opening day of the November cease-fire talks in Dayton, Ohio. Croatia's President Tudjman looks on. The ensuing Paris peace agreement of December sends 60,000 NATO peacekeeping troops to the war-torn country.

More than four years after Desert Storm, Iraq's President Saddam Hussein remains in power, though two of his sons-in-law defect to Jordan on August 8 and call for Hussein's overthrow.



Brooks Kraft, Sygma

Quebec, Canada's largely French-speaking province, defeats an October referendum on Quebec independence by a margin of less than one percent.



Thomas Renault, Gamma/Liaison

In July, without public explanations, Burma's military rulers free the country's most famous political prisoner, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of the pro-democracy movement and Nobel peace laureate, after six years of house arrest.



Clive Brunskill, Allsport

Russian figure skater Sergei Grinkov, 28, collapses and dies from a heart attack during practice with his wife-partner Ekaterina Gordeeva on November 20. The pair won two Olympic gold medals and four world titles.



Gamma/Liaison

Great Britain's Princess Diana shocks Buckingham Palace with a tell-all BBC interview. Defying royal protocol, she discusses her marriage to unfaithful husband, Prince Charles, her struggle with depression and bulimia, and an extramarital affair. The majority of English people express their support and sympathy.



AP/Wide World

Securities trader Nicholas Leeson is arrested in Germany in March 1995 for fraud, forgery, and breach-of-trust. Leeson racked up a \$1.32 billion loss that caused the collapse of Barings PLC, the 233-year-old British bank.

A San Francisco sewer line bursts under pressure from battering rainstorms, creating a monster sinkhole that swallows a \$2-million house in the Sea Cliff district. One-hundred-mile-per-hour winds knock out power to tens of thousands of homes and nearly blow a truck off the Bay Bridge.



Brant Ward, San Francisco Chronicle/Gamma/Liaison

Three days of drenching rains in the Pacific Northwest swell rivers to overflowing, causing severe flooding in Washington in December. In the town of Carnation, a pastor conveys a woman to dry land with a wheelbarrow.



AP/Wide World



The federal government repeals the national 55-mile-per-hour highway speed limit, enacted in 1974 during the oil embargo. The legislation allows states to set their own limits. On Montana highways, speed limits are eliminated completely.



African-American men from across the country converge on Washington, D.C., for the Million Man March on October 16. The march, led by Nation-of-Islam minister Louis Farrakhan, promotes African-American unity, dignity, and family values.



Larry Downing, Sygma



AFP/Bettmann

Air Force Captain Scott O'Grady (right) is rescued from pursuing Bosnian Serb forces by U.S. Marines on June 8, six days after his plane is shot down over Bosnia. O'Grady survived on insects, plants, and rainwater.



Markel, Gamma/Liaison

U.S. Senator Bob Packwood of Oregon resigns on September 7, the day after the Senate Ethics Committee voted unanimously to expel him for sexual misconduct, embarrassingly detailed in his diaries, which were made public.



AP/Wide World

The nation comes to a standstill on October 3 as more than 150 million people watch live TV coverage of the outcome of the nine-month-long trial of the century. After less than four hours of deliberation, the jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson not guilty of the murders of his ex-wife Nicole and her friend Ronald Goldman.



Scott Olson, Sipa Press

Illinois suffers a record heat wave in July, with temperatures as high as 104°. The heat takes the lives of 457 people statewide. At Wrigley Stadium, Jaime Navarro helps faithful Chicago Cubs fans stay cool.



Gifford, Gamma/Liaison

After a year of fame as a conservative revolutionary, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich slumps in popularity, tainted by the government shutdown, his stalled Contract With America, and investigations into his political action committee and his financial affairs.



Les Stone, Sygma

Two-thousand volunteer firefighters battle a raging wildfire in eastern Long Island, New York, for three days in August. The fire, following a 21-day drought, consumes 5,500 acres of pine barrens and damages a dozen homes. There are no injuries or fatalities.

The image of firefighter Chris Fields holding one-year-old Baylee Almon, who later dies, comes to symbolize the horror of the April 19 bombing of the Oklahoma City Federal Building that killed 150 adults and 19 children.



Charles H. Porter, IV. Sygma

As more Americans invest, Wall Street enjoys a bull market. In November, the Dow-Jones Industrial Average hits 5000, a milestone indicating healthy corporate profits and low interest rates.



Zielenbach, Chicago Tribune from Gamma/Liaison



On April 30, the adoptive parents of four-year-old "Baby Richard" comply with an Illinois court order to turn the child over to his biological parents.



AP/Wide World

The government shuts down for six days in November after the President and Congress fail to agree on how to balance the federal budget. The shutdown affects non-essential federal services, including the National Park Service. A longer shutdown follows in December.

Despite Americans' doubts and fears, U.S. troops head for Bosnia in December. The 20,000 U.S. forces, serving under NATO command beside 40,000 European allies, face the task of keeping peace among the country's warring Serbs, Croats and Muslims.

The State of South Carolina sentences Susan Smith to life in prison for the drowning murder of her two young sons in 1994.

An anonymous donor sends St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis \$1 million in the form of a winning ticket from McDonald's November "Monopoly" sweepstakes game.

In the wake of a growing number of random attacks from assailants with knives and guns, White House security is forced to close Pennsylvania Avenue to traffic.

After allegedly ignoring federal pollution regulations for years, General Motors agrees under threat of an \$11-million fine to recall 500,000 Cadillacs at a cost of \$45 million.



AP/Wide World

A record snowfall paralyzes the East Coast in January 1996, stranding travelers and killing 100 people. Seven states, from Virginia to Massachusetts, declare emergencies. Philadelphia gets 30.7 inches of snow.



AP/Wide World

Warren E. Burger, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1969 to 1986, dies in June at age 87. Though appointed by President Richard Nixon, he ordered Nixon to turn over tapes in the Watergate hearings that effectively ended the president's career.



The Washington Post publishes a manifesto written by the unidentified killer known as "The Unabomber," at large since 1978 and wanted for 16 mail bombs that have killed 3 and injured 23. FBI agents scrutinize the article for clues to the bomber's identity.



AP/Wide World

A Chicago commuter train slams into the back end of a loaded school bus. The accident, allegedly caused by a poorly timed stoplight placed too near the tracks, kills 7 students and injures 28 on October 25.



Bettmann Archive

American women celebrate the 75th anniversary of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which granted women the right to vote. Women's suffrage leader Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906) first organized the fight for suffrage in 1848.

Wubbo De Jong/Het Parool from Sygma

As the result of an improperly cleaned test tube at a fertility clinic, a woman in the Netherlands gives birth to twin boys, each from a different father.



NASA

A stunning photograph from the Hubble Space Telescope captures a moment in the birth of a star in the Eagle Nebula, 7,000 light years from Earth. Light from the young star's nuclear furnace lifts towering pillars of hydrogen gas and interstellar dust.



AP/Wide World



In March, the Federal Drug Administration approves a chicken pox vaccine. Rarely fatal, chicken-pox affects 3.7 million Americans annually.

Archaeologists discover a 3,000-year-old tomb in May that is believed to hold the remains of 52 sons of Ramses II, Pharaoh of Egypt.



Dr. Jeffrey Fried, Gamma/Liaison

Researchers announce that they have isolated a gene in mice linked to obesity. Mice with a mutated OB gene are injected with the hormone leptin, resulting in dramatic weight loss. The public is tantalized at the prospect of leptin as a slimming treatment for use in humans.



© Cincinnati Zoo

The world's first test-tube gorilla is born at the Cincinnati Zoo in October as part of an effort to save the western lowland gorilla, an endangered species that numbers fewer than 450 animals.



Fossils of a jawbone (left) and leg bone (right) found in Kenya in August reveal a previously unknown species of upright hominid that lived four million years ago, pushing the emergence of bipedalism back half a million years. Walking upright is a key adaptation that separates humans from apes.



Vall Mazengula/Chicago Tribune

Media attention focuses on melatonin, a naturally occurring hormone used to induce sleep and slow the effects of aging. Lauded as a wonder drug, a kilogram of synthetic melatonin sells for approximately \$50,000.



AP/Wide World

In a procedure known as tissue engineering, scientists grow a human ear under the skin of a laboratory mouse. Researchers hope the procedure will play an important role in the future of



As a protective measure against counterfeiting in the era of digital publishing, the Treasury Department redesigns U.S. currency bills, to be issued over the next five years, starting early 1996 with the new \$100 bill.

flash

Former rivals in space become comrades in space after the historic docking of the U.S. space shuttle *Atlantis* and Russia's *Mir* space station on June 29. Astronaut Robert Gibson (in red) greets cosmonaut Vladimir Dezhurov.



In June, volcanic eruptions give birth to a baby island. A new member of the Tonga Islands emerges near New Zealand, 900 feet high and 140 feet wide.



AP/Wide World

After a decade-long search, scientists isolate what may be the most important cancer-related gene. The defective gene known as ATM is associated with cancers of the breast, colon, lung, stomach, pancreas and skin, and may be carried by two million Americans.

Astronomers using the Hubble Space Telescope observe new moons orbiting the planet Saturn, adding at least 2 moons and possibly 4 to Saturn's previously known total of 18.

A team of French and British explorers believe they have found an ancient breed of horse previously unknown to scientists. In November, the four-foot high horse with a triangular head, which resembles the vanished horses of European Stone Age drawings, is named Riwoche for its home region in Tibet.

October satellite photographs show the recent rapid deterioration of the earth's ozone layer above Antarctica. Pollutants produced mostly by the U.S. cause the hole in the atmosphere's protective layer to increase to the size of Europe.

Buyers rush to stores for the new computer operating system Windows 95, spurred by Microsoft Corp.'s \$700-million publicity barrage and the promise of a friendlier interface.



The movie *Apollo 13* opens in the summer after filming many of its scenes inside NASA's "zero gravity" plane, which mimics the weightlessness astronauts experience in space by diving into a 23-second freefall.

A. Tannenbaum, Sygma



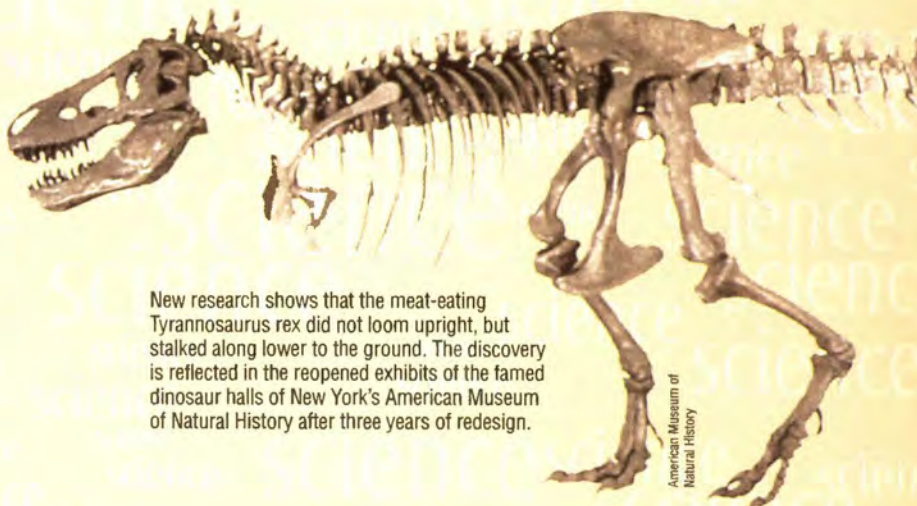
VISA International

In November, Visa introduces a cash-storage card that eliminates a pocketful of loose change. A chip in the plastic card tracks the amount of available cash, which is accessed with a reader at the place of purchase. The card can be taken to the bank and reloaded.



Nintendo of America

Now virtual reality comes in a handy travel size with Nintendo's latest, Virtual Boy, a portable 3-D video-game system with stereophonic sound.



New research shows that the meat-eating *Tyrannosaurus rex* did not loom upright, but stalked along lower to the ground. The discovery is reflected in the reopened exhibits of the famed dinosaur halls of New York's American Museum of Natural History after three years of redesign.

American Museum of Natural History

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Already well known for her appearances in Aerosmith music videos, 19-year-old Alicia Silverstone achieves stardom with the 1995 summer movie hit *Clueless*.

Dana Finerman, Sygma



J.L. Bulcao, Gamma/Liaison

With \$150,000 saved during her 75 hardworking years as a washerwoman, Oseola McCarty establishes a scholarship fund for African-American students at the University of Southern Mississippi. For her selflessness, she is awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal.



Ron Davis, Shooting Star

Pamela Lee of "Baywatch" fame and husband Tommy Lee, Motley Crüe drummer, are the life of the party this year, frequently caught by the press engaging in public displays of affection.



Bill Jordan, Charleston Post Courier from Sipa Press

Trailblazer Shannon Faulkner (hand to head) withdraws from the Citadel after collapsing during "hell week." Faulkner singlehandedly attempted to bust the gender barrier at the all-male South Carolina military institution.



Frank Capri/Saga from Archive Photos

Millions of Americans tune in to Martha Stewart's TV show, subscribe to her magazine, and read her books. The popular cooking and home-decorating entrepreneur builds an empire by packaging a distinctive American nostalgic style.



Marc Deville, Gamma/Liaison

Bill Gates, founder and chairman of the computer giant Microsoft, becomes the wealthiest man in the world on the success of his company's software. His book *The Road Ahead* hits *The New York Times* best-seller list.



Ron Davis, Shooting Star

Hot actor Antonio Banderas falls in love with another screen sex-symbol Melanie Griffith during the filming of *Two Much*. Banderas will co-star with Madonna in the film version of *Evita* and will star in Steven Spielberg's produced *Zorro*.



Seventies superstar John Travolta's motion-picture comeback in the 1994 hit *Pulp Fiction* continues with starring roles in *Get Shorty* and *Broken Arrow*.

Yoram Kallane, Shooting Star



Fotex from Shooting Star

Sandra Bullock follows up her star-making role in *Speed* with the gentle romance *While You Were Sleeping*. Bullock's fresh, wholesome image earns her an "Entertainer of the Year" nomination from *Entertainment Weekly* magazine.

America is disappointed in its high hopes for Colin Powell's 1996 presidential candidacy. At the close of his whirlwind book tour for *My American Journey*, the General and his wife Alma announce in November that he will not seek the Republican nomination.



Pete Souza, Gamma/Liaison



Stand-up comic and sitcom star Ellen DeGeneres makes the best-seller list with her book *My Point...And I Do Have One*.

flash

Calvin Klein's provocative CK Jeans campaign causes an uproar in August, bringing nasty headlines, threats of retailer boycotts and an FBI investigation. The scandal only seems to help sales.

Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley announce their divorce almost a year after their surprise marriage. The tabloids have a field day speculating about the reasons for the marriage (was it a cold-hearted career move?) as well as the causes for the break-up (was he after Elvis' fortune?).

Breaking the Surface, the autobiography of Greg Louganis, former U.S. Olympic gold-medal diver who revealed earlier that he has AIDS, debuts at No. 2 on the best-seller list.



Sandra Johnson, Retna

Christopher Reeve, in a wheelchair and hooked up to a portable respirator, appears with his wife, Dana, at the American Paralysis Association's annual gala on November 9, less than five months after a fall from a horse left him almost totally paralyzed.

Popcorn magnate Orville Redenbacher, who transformed popping corn into a gourmet item, dies on September 19 from heart failure.

Two Chinese women set a new Guinness world record in November by living in a room for 12 days with 888 poisonous snakes. The previous world record, set in Singapore in 1987, was 10 days with 200 snakes.



AP/Wide World

A 10-year-old St. Louis schoolboy, Larry Champagne III, becomes a hero by taking control of his school bus after the driver suffered a stroke. Champagne is later awarded a \$10,000 scholarship by the bus company.

AP/Wide World



Kurt Vliant, Sipa Press

John F. Kennedy, Jr., is cofounder and editor-in-chief of *George*, a glossy new magazine covering American politics. Hounded all his life by the press, Kennedy joins their ranks, contributing a feature interview to each issue.



Marissa Roth, LGI

Actress Demi Moore becomes the highest paid woman in Hollywood, able to command \$12.5 million per movie, even after this year's flop at the box office *The Scarlet Letter*, loosely based on Hawthorne's classic.



Tim Mooneyhead, LGI

Favorite of America's heartland for his *You Might Be A Redneck If...* jokes, Georgia-born stand-up comic and author Jeff Foxworthy gets his own ABC sitcom in which he plays himself.



Nancy Kaczerman, Shooting Star

Model Beckford Tyson, singled out by Ralph Lauren for his all-American looks, signs an exclusive contract with the fashion designer in 1995.



AP/Wide World

Miss Oklahoma Shawntel Smith is crowned Miss America on September 16. During the broadcast of the 75th pageant, viewers phone in their votes to retain the swimsuit competition.



Batman Forever, with Val Kilmer in the title role and Chris O'Donnell as Robin, becomes the third Batman movie and the summer's top-grossing film.

Syggma



United Artists from Shooting Star

The fifth actor to play 007 in the enduring film series begun in the 1960s, Pierce Brosnan abandons his Aston Martin for a BMW Z3 Roadster in *Goldeneye*, the latest and, some say, best James Bond movie.

Three 1995 movies bring Jane Austen classics to the silver screen: *Clueless*, based on Austen's novel *Emma*, and *Sense and Sensibility* and *Persuasion*.



Disney Pictures from Shooting Star



Disney Pictures continues its line of animated blockbusters with the Native American legend *Pocahontas*. The picture previews in New York's Central Park to an outdoor audience of 200,000.



M. Garber, LGI

After an unpromising start, Conan O'Brien quietly gains popularity as host of NBC's "Late Night," a slot previously filled by David Letterman. Letterman's current show on CBS slowly loses viewers.



Yoram Kahana, Shooting Star

Whitney Houston stars in the December film release, *Waiting to Exhale*, adapted from Terry McMillan's best-selling novel about the lives of four middle-class African-American women. Houston sings the title song for the movie soundtrack, which enjoys brisk sales.



Ron Davis, Shooting Star

Denzel Washington, critically acclaimed for his performances in films *Crimson Tide* and *Devil in a Blue Dress*, receives highest praise from the City of Los Angeles, which honors him with the Martin Luther King, Jr., Award for his philanthropic work in behalf of children.



Bedford Falls from Shooting Star

Although ABC cancels her TV series "My So-Called Life," 17-year-old Claire Danes hits the big screen in *How to Make an American Quilt*, *To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday*, and *Romeo and Juliet* with Leonardo DiCaprio as her co-star.



Pachia, LGI

In the suspense-thriller *Seven*, heartthrob Brad Pitt attracts a wide male audience with his performance as a detective on the trail of a serial killer whose murders are based on the seven deadly sins.



Jeff Katz, Gamma/Liaison

NBC's hospital drama "E.R." continues to draw high ratings throughout 1995 thanks to its dramatic realism and the appeal of handsome George Clooney (middle right), supermodel Cindy Crawford's latest date.



Disney Entertainment spends \$19 billion to purchase the ABC television network in July.



Disney Pictures from Shooting Star

Toy Story is the world's first entirely computer-animated film. Released by Disney during the Christmas season, it features the voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, and Don Rickles.

flash

MTV introduces "Singled Out," an over-the-top dating game show where contestants ask random, pointless questions of a crowd of suitors, sight unseen, until the zany answers have eliminated all but that one perfect love match.



Pachia, LGI

According to a Roper Youth Poll, the two hottest TV shows among teens this season are the daytime soap "Days of Our Lives" and the evening soap "Melrose Place."

"The Jon Stewart Show," a late-night talk show aimed at Generation X, fails to catch on. During the final taping, host Stewart says, "To all those people who said my show wouldn't last, I have only one thing to say. Good call."



Sam Jones, Gamma/Liaison

Jim Carrey earns \$20 million for the starring role in the comedy *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls*, a sequel to the extraordinarily popular *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*.

The popular NBC TV series "Friends" returns for a second highly rated season. Its runaway success inspires less successful imitations by other networks.

Devoted fans will not be denied another season of NBC's sitcom "Seinfeld" after all. Creator Jerry Seinfeld decides to keep his "show about nothing" going for an eighth season.



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Ten years after creating the popular comic strip "Calvin and Hobbes," cartoonist Bill Watterson retires in December.



Steve Hill, LGI

Horror-fiction author Stephen King signs a deal with Signet books to release his upcoming story, *The Green Mile*, as a paperback series.



Fox from Shooting Star

Fox TV's "The X Files" stars David Duchovny as an FBI agent who investigates supernatural phenomena. The show becomes a surprise hit, giving millions of viewers reason to look forward to staying home on a Friday night.



AP/Wide World



John Chiasson, Gamma/Liaison

Their down-to-earth style and soulful pop songs make Hootie and the Blowfish popular favorites. Their debut album *Cracked Rear View* sells over 5 million, and the group is named Best New Artist at the MTV Music Awards in September.



Pacha, LGI

Blues Traveler emerge from the underground scene to widespread popularity with their album *Four* and the single "Run-Around."



Steve Grantz, Retna

Cleveland-based rap group Bone Thugs-n-Harmony vault to the top of the charts with some old-fashioned harmonizing on the album *E. 1999 Eternal*.



John Bellissimo, LGI



AP/Wide World

Rocker Melissa Etheridge follows top-selling *Yes, I Am* with her fifth album, *Your Little Secret*.

Yoko Ono and Little Richard join a host of celebrities at the opening of the glitzy Rock-and-Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland on September 1.



Tim Mosanfelder, LGI

Twenty-year-old Canadian newcomer Alanis Morissette raises some eyebrows with her up-front, aggressive lyrics and attitudes. Nevertheless, her album *Jagged Little Pill* goes double platinum.



Fotex from Shooting Star

Sixties icon Jerry Garcia, guitarist of The Grateful Dead, dies of a heart attack on August 9 at age 53. Garcia's musical roots in blues, country and folk are apparent in hits like "Truckin'." Legions of Deadheads mourn his passing.



Todd Gray, LGI

Brandy, whose self-titled platinum album and single "I Wanna Be Down" hit high on the R&B charts, sweeps the first Soul Train Music Awards in August. The 16-year-old singer wins Best New Artist, among other awards.



Beitmann

Beatlemania returns in 1995 with ABC's six-hour documentary *The Beatles Anthology*, the video releases of *A Hard Day's Night* and *Help!* and the album collection *Anthology*, featuring previously unreleased material.



Des Willie, Retna

The chart-topping movie soundtrack *Dangerous Minds* features Coolio's rap anthem "Gangsta's Paradise," the number-one single of the year according to *Billboard* magazine.

Live dedicate their single "Lightning Crashes" to victims of the Oklahoma City bombing. The rock band's *Throwing Copper* album yields three hit singles; Billboard Music Awards names them Rock Artist of the Year.



Joe Givon, LGI



Mark Hauser, LGI

The Chicago-based rock band Smashing Pumpkins release their epic double album *Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness* to critical and public acclaim.



Ronnie Wright, LGI

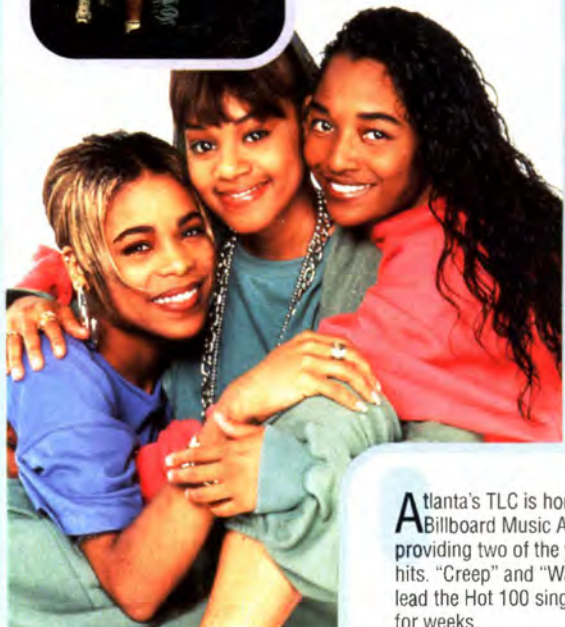
Mariah Carey's *Daydream* sells over 5 million copies, taking number-one spot on the *Billboard* album chart. Carey performs with Boyz II Men on the hit single "One Sweet Day."

flash

R.E.M.'s summer tour is interrupted by medical emergencies for three of the band's four members. The tour, their first in five years, is eventually completed with all members in good health.

In October, David Bowie and Nine Inch Nails wrap up the U.S. portion of Bowie's world tour. At each show, Bowie and Trent Reznor's band play a set together. In December, Bowie tours Europe with Morrissey as his opening act.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers tone down their trademark bawdiness in their newest album, *One Hot Minute*.



Atlanta's TLC is honored at the Billboard Music Awards for providing two of the year's biggest hits. "Creep" and "Waterfalls" both lead the Hot 100 singles charts for weeks.



Steve Double, Refra

Former Nirvana drummer Dave Grohl plays a new sound as guitarist and lead singer in the Foo Fighters, an alternative rock band that enjoys three singles off their self-titled debut album in 1995.

Jeffrey Scales, LGI



Ron Davis, Shooting Star

A hard-luck story turns into overnight success in the case of Canadian Shania Twain, born in poverty to an Irish mother and an Ojibway Indian father. Twain's 1995 hits include "Whose Bed Have Your Boots Been Under?," "Any Man of Mine" and the title tune to her 3-million-selling album *The Woman In Me*.



Steve Simons, Shooting Star

Success doesn't mellow the style of alternative rock band Green Day, who release their anxiously awaited fourth album *Insomniac*, their fastest and darkest album to date.



Steve Jennings, LGI

Seal's hit off the *Batman Forever* movie soundtrack, "Kiss From a Rose," is all over the summer playlists. The single propels the artist's self-titled album to the double-platinum mark.



Marc Morrison, Shooting Star

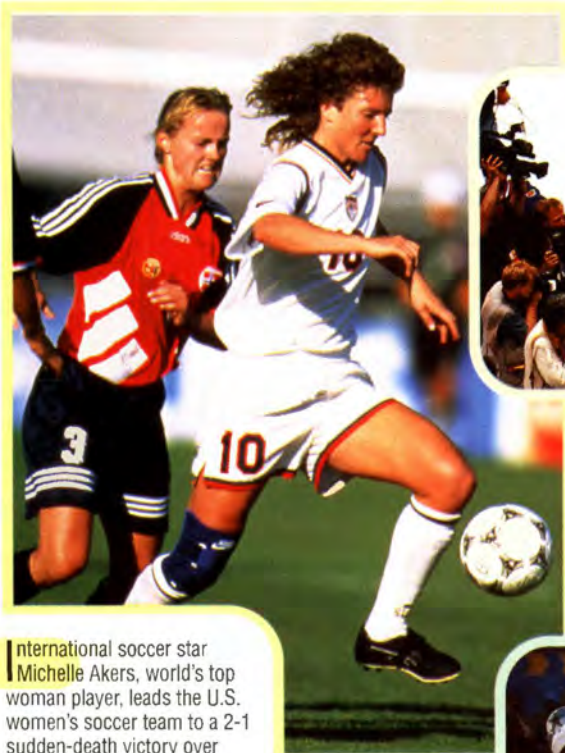
With the record-setting sales of his album *Fresh Horses*, only three musical acts in U.S. history outsell country music icon Garth Brooks: the Beatles, the Eagles, and Billy Joel.



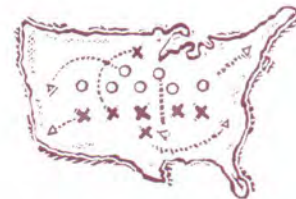
Smith, Gamma Liaison

Selena, the 23-year-old Tejano music queen, is gunned down in Corpus Christi in March 1995 by Yolanda Saldivar, former president of her fan club. The July release of a collection of Selena's hits, *Dreaming of You*, sees some of the fastest sales in music history.

sports news



The New Jersey Devils win the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup, beating the heavily favored Detroit Red Wings in four straight games.



The most controversial moves are off the field this season as the Cleveland Browns NFL franchise announces its move to Baltimore and the Houston Oilers announce their move to Nashville.

Focus on Sports



Clark Campbell, Sipa Press

In May 1995, Peter Blake's Team New Zealand in "Black Magic 1" defeats Dennis Conner's team in "Young America" in the first 5-0 sweep in the 144-year history of the America's Cup.



AP/Wide World

In Super Bowl XXX, the heavily favored Dallas Cowboys beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 27-17. Dallas cornerback Larry Brown ices the game for the Cowboys with the second of his two interceptions, and is named MVP for his heroics.

International soccer star Michelle Akers, world's top woman player, leads the U.S. women's soccer team to a 2-1 sudden-death victory over Norway in the U.S. Cup title game in August.

Chris Cole, Allsport



David Taylor, Allsport

Jeff Gordon, 24, dominates the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing's Winston Cup, winning 7 of NASCAR's 31 races and earning \$4.3 million in 1995, a record for the sport.



AP/Wide World

The University of Nebraska demolishes the University of Florida, 62-24, in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl to win their second consecutive national college football title and cap Cornhuskers coach Tom Osborne's 23rd season.



Reuters/Bettmann

The Houston Rockets, led by center Hakeem Olajuwon, win their second consecutive National Basketball Association championship in June, sweeping the series with the Orlando Magic in four games.



Steve Berman, Gamma/Liaison

Twenty-one-year-old tennis champ Monica Seles, returning to competitive play two years after being stabbed at a tournament in Germany, wins the 1995 Australian Open.



Archive Photos

Hall-of-Famer Mickey Mantle, a switch-hitter and one of the great sluggers in baseball history, dies of cancer on August 13. Mantle hit 536 home runs in his 18-year career and compiled a lifetime batting average of .298.

The National Basketball Association fines the Chicago Bulls \$25,000 when Michael Jordan wears his previously retired number 23 jersey for luck during championship playoffs against the Orlando Magic in May 1995.



Vincent Laforet, Gamma/Liaison



Che Bronskill, Allsport

flash

Former L.A. Lakers point guard Earvin "Magic" Johnson announces a return to basketball in January 1996. Johnson retired in 1991 when he discovered he was HIV positive.

The Northwestern University Wildcats—long a gridiron laughingstock—pile up ten victories in 1995 and go to the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1949.

In his first fight in four years, former world heavyweight champ Mike Tyson disposes of challenger Peter McNeeley in 89 seconds. Tyson, who in March finished a three-year jail term for a rape conviction, earns \$25 million for the August boxing match.

Pete Sampras, winner of the 1995 men's singles championships at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, ends the professional tennis season with a number-one world ranking.

German tennis star Steffi Graf, who won three of five Grand Slam titles in 1995, ends the professional tennis season ranked number one in the world.

National Basketball Association referees strike against the league for much of the autumn. Fill-in officials spark complaints of substandard refereeing.

Doug Pensinger, Allsport



Master of the sinking fastball and still learning to speak English, L.A. Dodgers pitcher Hideo Nomo, formerly with the Kintetsu Buffaloes in Japan, is named Rookie of the Year. Nomo is the second Japanese-born player to join the U.S. major leagues, and the first All-Star.

Scott Halloran, Allsport



Jeff Christensen, Gamma/Liaison



Focus on Sports

Quarterback Dan Marino of the Miami Dolphins sets four life-time passing records during the 1995 football season: 47,003 yards, 342 touchdowns, 3,686 completions and 6,467 attempts.



In September, Baltimore Orioles shortstop Cai Ripken, Jr., achieves a record-setting 2,131 consecutive games.

Ric Stewart, Allsport



Nike Powell, Allsport

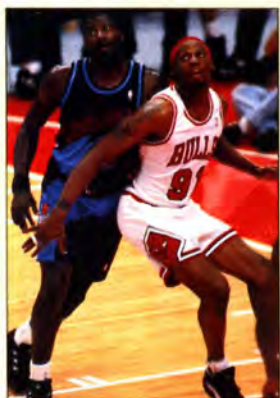
For a record fifth straight time, Miguel Indurain of Spain wins the 22-day, 2,270-mile Tour de France, the world's premier bicycle race. On the 15th day of the race, Italian road-race champion Fabio Casartelli is killed in a seven-man crash.



Betsy King wins her 30th tournament on June 25 and gains entry to the Ladies' Professional Golf Association's Hall of Fame, one of the most difficult attainments in sports.



The Atlanta Braves edge the Cleveland Indians 1-0 in game six to win the World Series on October 28. Closing pitcher Mark Wohlers leaps for joy.



AP/Wide World

Known for his temperamental personality, his many tattoos and his aggressive playing style, basketball center Dennis Rodman (91) debuts with the Chicago Bulls after his trade from the San Antonio Spurs.



The most recent fad in purses takes the form of small backpacks.

Designer water spreads to the pet world. Doting pet owners buy tuna-flavored bottled water for Fluffy and beef-flavored bottled water for Spot.



Diners are treated to variations on theme cafes, as Hard Rock Cafe is joined by Fashion Cafe, Planet Hollywood, Harley-Davidson Cafe, and London's Cyberia Cafe where patrons sip coffee and surf the Internet.



First in the long, popular history of M&M's candies: a new blue M&M joins the colorful candy-coated mix.



Young people continue to follow the wide-leg jeans trend, forsaking tight jeans for a loose baggy fit.



The tattoo craze leads to some regrets, but recent laser developments keep people from being marked for life. Pulsed laser light, a different wavelength for each color in the tattoo, removes pigment without leaving scars.



Reuters/Archive Photos

Americans consume culture and history as attendance at America's 8,000 museums climbs to 600 million people per year, more than movie, theater, and sports attendance combined.



Mathieu Polak, Sygma

Logo-wear reaches a new level of sophistication. Among the reigning makers of athletic wear, only Nike can spark recognition without the use of its name.



Girlly things enjoy a surge in popularity with young women, who wear baby barrettes, knee socks, tiny t-shirts, little jumpers, and funky Maryjanes, and kid around with "Hello Kitty" accessories.



Lynn Goldsmith, LGI

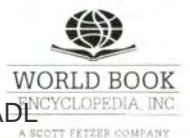
Taking her place among controversial talk-show hosts as the "Oprah for the junior set," Ricki Lake speaks to such concerns as, "Mom, when my boyfriend gets out of jail, I'm taking him back."



The angel message of "fear not" strikes a deep chord with Americans' yearning for spiritual growth and comfort in a stressful time. People enjoy angel collectibles, angel sites on the Internet, and angel books and magazines.



"Some pretty cool people drink milk" is the message carried by a high-profile ad campaign featuring a raft of popular celebrities sporting a white upper lip on behalf of the healthy beverage. The milk-moustache effect is created with latex, a rubber-based paint.



Local 1995 1996 News

Congratulations! We Saw You in Print!

"The Phantom of the Opera" was performed at the Wharton Center from April 13 to June 1st. **Jennifer Little**, an OHS grad, starred as Madame Firmin in the show. She is an excellent performer who started her career as June Jordan in Okemos' Carousel under the direction of Mr. DeWald.



This year there were many interesting events in the newspaper that happened in and around our very own Okemos High School. These events occurred due to the achievements of past and present students.

One such event was the amazing achievement of **Ritesh Agrawal**. He was a national semifinalist in the Westinghouse Science Talent Search. **Ritesh** was honored for comparing earthquakes with word processing programs. **Ritesh** is one of only five students in Michigan to

win, and there are only 300 in the entire nation!

Another news making event was the Greater Lansing Basketball Player of the Year Awards. OHS seniors **Jason Price** and **Kristen Rasmussen** won the honors for 1996. This was the first year the award was given and Okemos players swept the award. **Jason** will attend Northern Michigan University to continue his basketball career along with former Okemos star **Adam Quiring**. **Kristen** will go to Michigan State. Among other reasons, **Rasmussen** chose MSU because

they play in the NCAA Tournament.

Okemos grad **Jennifer Little** made the news by returning "home" in the cast of "The Phantom of the Opera". She played Madame Firmin in the show which ran at Wharton Center from April 13 until June 1. **Little** played June Jordan in Okemos' "Carousel." Upon graduating from OHS she went to Germany to study opera for 18 months.

These OHS students proved that with a lot of determination, dreams can come true!

by David Atkins



Nice Work! By showing off his science talents, **Ritesh Agrawal** received an award from the Westinghouse Science Talent Search.

Congratulations! The winners of the 1995/96 Greater Lansing Basketball Players of the Year were our very own stars **Jason Price** and **Kristen Rasmussen**.

Doing time

It all starts out with the freshmen. Getting used to their teachers and classes play a big role in determining the outcome of their freshman year. Such classes include C.P. Science, Lit. & Comp. 9, and P.E. The freshmen looked to the upperclassmen for advice in getting ready for their first finals.

No longer frosh! The sophomores are eagerly ready to make their mark. However, the sophomores know well in advance what they are in for. For the most part, the sophomores overload their schedules with solids and some even take the PSAT for their first time. The most common classes consist of Biology, History and Geometry. Sitting in classes for all those hours ends up being worth it when the sophomores take drivers ed. for their license. The road soon comes to an end as their junior year is right around the corner.

Ready or not, here it comes! The juniors are ready to face the hardest year in high school. Some juniors start early in taking A.P. courses. Most begin their searching and planning for colleges. Once it is over, the senior year awaits behind the door.

For most people, four years seems like a long time but not for the graduating class of '96. Senior year is the beginning of the end. For the most part, the most popular classes include A.P. Bio with Purvis, A.P. Calculus and Expos. Something that sets the seniors off from the rest of the classes is that they get to enjoy the wonderful experience of having a waiver, or maybe two. It is hard to believe that in four years, the memories you can create will last for a lifetime.

by Meghaen Jordan



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It's all German to me. Mr. Abuhl, Frau Juntune's student teacher, teaches his German students a new and exciting verb. Kyle Froelich, Jonathan Abuhl, Briana Ballord, Arron Schroeder, and Sarah Irvine listen closely.

What a silly French student! Lindsay Pych secretly plays with silly puddy in her French II class. Not only did Lindsay excel in French, she was also a track star.



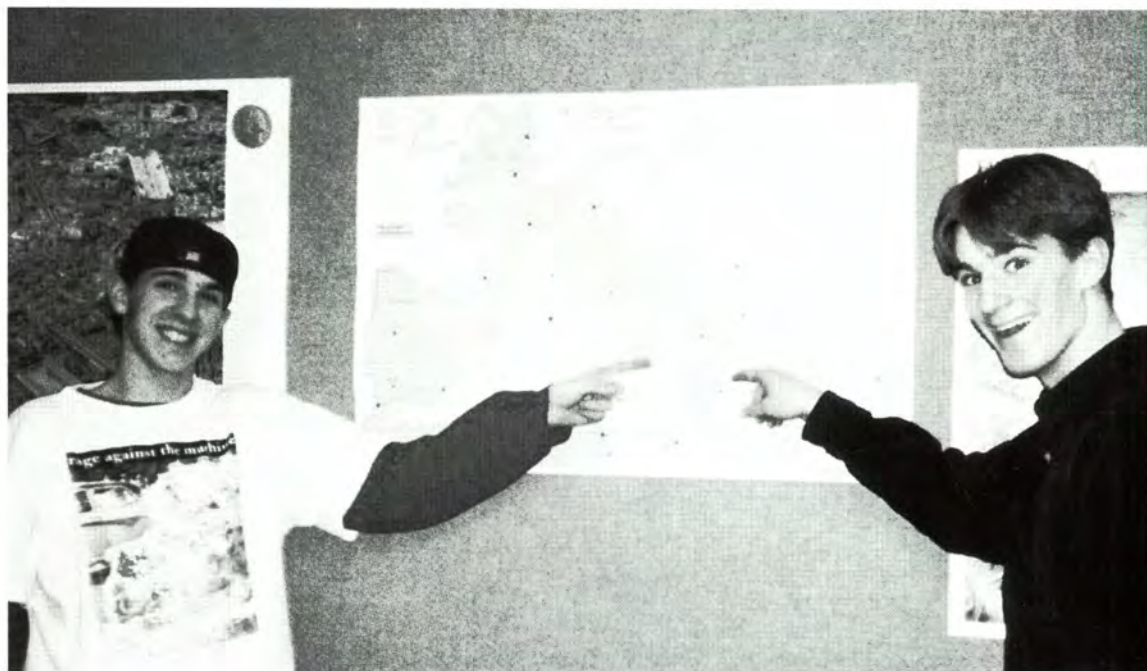
Kristin Main



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Latin is fundamental. Sophomore Andrew Ray reads up on his Latin for a hard, up coming test. Andrew was in Latin II.

Let's fly to Italy! Jim Muncie and Andy Fuehr wish they were in Italy instead of Latin. Jim and Andy were in Mrs. Gingrich's Latin II class.



Kyrsten Carter

What is Offered

Language for the times

What is Offered



Mrs. Baker



Mrs. Bernard



Mrs. Marsh



Mrs. Depue



Mrs. Gingrich



Mrs. Juntune

Not Pictured:
Mrs. Clark-Lewis
Mrs. Graham
Mrs. Valencia

Contrary to popular belief, seventy-three percent of students taking a foreign language here at OHS would not be taking their present language if there were other languages available. When asked, what language OHS should offer, forty-five percent of people polled said they would prefer Japanese. Twenty-five percent of students polled would like Russian, one percent would like Italian, Chinese, or American sign language. A whopping fifteen percent of students polled would be happy if any Asian language was offered at OHS. "I'd still take German," reported sophomore **Liz Hudson**. Along with **Liz**, twelve percent of students are perfectly happy with their language.

by Matt Lafferty



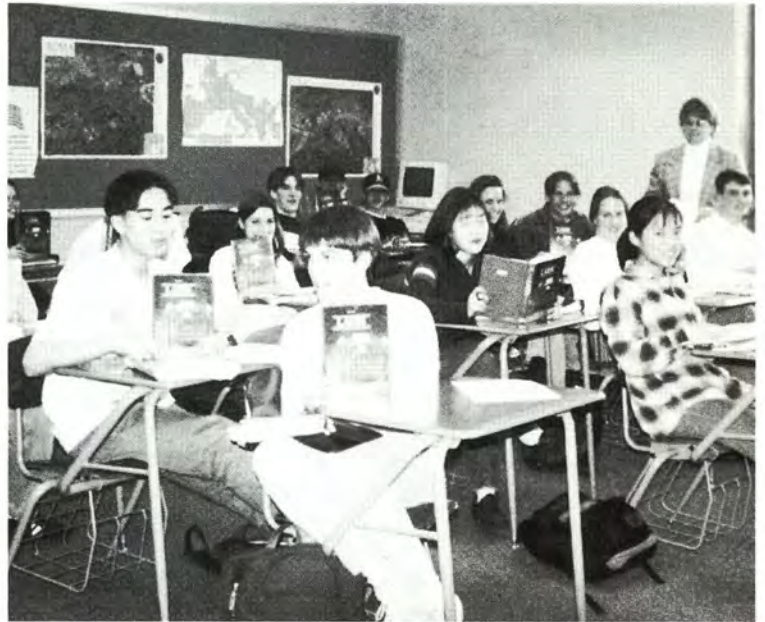
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Latin is for everyone! **Mason Herring** smiles for the camera in this sixth hour Latin II class. **Mason** was a strong forward on the Junior Varsity Basketball team.

It's lecture time! Sophomore **Andy Lozier** and junior **Matt Robinson** pay close attention to **Frau Juntune** in German class. They really loved to conjugate those verbs.



Adrienne Lessard



Kristin Main

We love our Latin books! The Latin II class model their books for the camera. **Pat Supanwanid**, **Laurie Markham**, **Andy Fuehr**, **Brent Batchelder**, **Jim Muncie**, **Andy Rae**, **Sarah Lee**, **Jessy Sweirz**, **Nate Joos**, **Julie Jean**, **Bekah Singleton**, **Mrs. Gingrich** and **Daman Aewenshine** worked hard in their sixth hour class.

Mark Kissling is caught throwing a paper airplane in Latin class. **Mark** was a dedicated student and an outstanding center on the Varsity Basketball team.



Learning can be fun. Ms. Pendergast shares a laugh with her American Literature class. Lightening the mood of the class can help to keep the students interested and having fun.

Honoring the Gods. Greek Priestess Carrie Preston displays her symbolic urn. Carrie presented the urn after leading her class in a sacrificial procession, which was a part of an English project.



A.P. students are hard at work. Heather Wiczorek and Marc Jozefowicz critique research papers to give each other some helpful hints. Feedback from fellow classmates has become a very important step in the writing process.



Reading is fun! Seniors Lauren Kelly, Jill Bokemeier, and Derek DeVries can't put their books down.



Get it in English

The Write Stuff

Get it in English



Mrs. Hammerle

Mrs. Kendy



Mr. Kinzer

Mrs. Larsen



Mrs. Laurence

Mr. Mitchell



Ms. Pendergast

Mrs. Sauer



Ms. Solomon

Mrs. Trapp

Students may not always enjoy the work involved in group projects, but they almost all love the social aspects. **Vicky Fletcher** said, "I like chillin' with a group of people that I don't know too well."

Group projects are a great way to meet new kids, and they can be fun if you're friends with your group members. **Kavitha Surapaneni** said, "I like group projects because I can hang out with my buds on a week night."

While group projects tend to be viewed as a "fun" method of homework, some students enjoy the other homework assigned. **Sarah Bussing** shared her favorite aspect. "Reading is great, you can get what you want out of it," **Sarah** said.

Chris Lowe likes literature class because of the vocabulary. **Chris** explains, "Vocab has helped me to impress ladies with big words that don't mean anything."

English is a subject that will always be useful and can be fun!

by Jill Bokemeier

Not Pictured:
Mrs. Holmes
Mrs. Haner



Handing out helpful hints. Mrs. Tanner takes some time out to help a student with one of his assignments. The computer lab has made the process of editing papers much easier and quicker for the students and teachers.

On a scale of 1 to 9, they are 9 pluses! **Tom Sinas** and **Joe Holtschlag** strike a pose in front of the A.P. English board. The A.P. English class is graded on a stanine scale. This system of grading rates a 9 as an A and a 1 as an F.



Taking a bow. **Mitch Heble**, **Tom Sinas**, **Sam Esquith**, and **Joe Holtschlag** are all smiles after their wonderful play performance for A.P. English. The English students each chose a play to perform for their Greek festival.

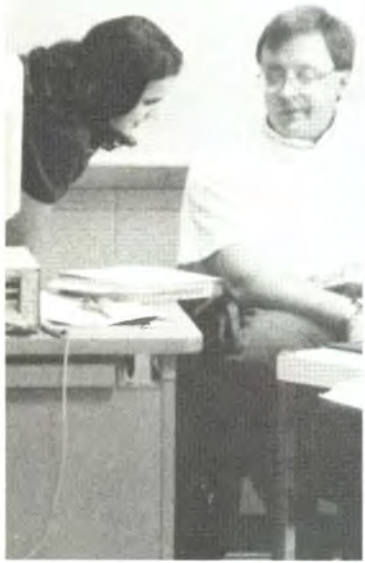


Making computer corrections. **Michael Zulakis** works hard to edit some papers for English class. The new computer labs have been of great assistance to all of the English students.

Students are deep in thought. Sophomores **Whitney Downing, Martin Finn, Brian Scott, and Aaron Thornburg** sift through their textbooks to answer questions in a biology lab.

HELP! Sophomore **Alicia Hoge** brings her biology questions to teacher extraordinaire **Mr. Riffle**.

Check that angle! Physics students **Dan Mangiavellano** and **John Kattelus** measure the angle of a pendulum in **Mr. Powers'** Physics class.



It's time to eat! It's turkey time at **Mr. Purvis'** annual AP Biology turkey dinner. The dinner, which draws biology students from the present and past, is now a long standing tradition at OHS.



Laboratory Fun

The Joy of Science

Laboratory Fun

To many students science is a vast unknown world full of opportunities, while to others it is simply another dull moment of the day. Most would agree, however, that it provides ample opportunities for doing something a little different and working with materials that your parents would never dream of giving you. "Chemical reactions are fun," sophomore **Chris Behrens** said, "I like lighting the matches."

Junior **Maggie Hess** laughed about her encounter in chemistry, "I spilled lead nitrate all over myself after **Mr. McGiveron** specifically said that that would be the worst thing to spill."

Matches seemed to be the science tool of choice with the exception of senior **Sara Hammersmidt** who holds another instrument close to her heart, "I've always had a love for the bunsen burner."

Most would have to agree that science isn't all that bad.

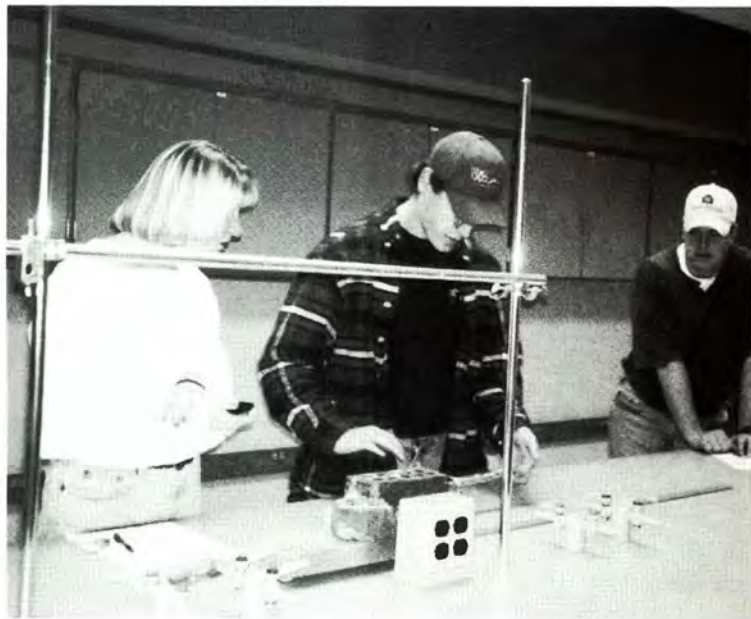
by Justin Perrone



Kyrsten Carter

Check the time!
Junior **Adam Robinson** times how long it takes for a chemical reaction to occur in his test tube in **Mr. McGiveron's** chemistry class.

Is this how we do it?
Junior **Dustin Gardner** measures to precision as junior **Leslie McAlvey** looks on and awaits the results in Physics class.



They always have perfect timing!
Seniors **Anna Mayer, Mike Irrer, and Mike Neal** concentrate intently on timing the path of their brick cart in Physics.

Things that make you go Hmmm...
Seniors **Pradeep Naga, Prakash Anantaraman, and Sandeep Khattar** work through the possibilities of glucose and mitochondria in AP Biology.



Mrs. Canestraight

Mr. Chapman



Ms. Decoe

Mrs. Hapkiewicz



Mr. McGiveron

Mrs. Palmer



Mr. Powers

Mr. Purvis



Not Pictured:
Mr. Olstad
Mrs. Potter

Mr. Riffle

Look at all those calculators! Mrs. Carpenter's first hour Geometry Honors class sport their calculators for the camera. Melanie Hoekstra, Courtney Fessenden, J.P. Boulus, Tara McIntosh, Mrs. Carpenter, Christy McGure, Holly Marking, Sara Robinson, Jessica Omura, Brandi Winter and Arjun Jayaraman love their TI-82's.

Nobody is slackin' here! Matt Blankenheim works hard in order to get his math done in class. Matt participated on the OHS football team.



Kyrsten Carter

Wake up! Jenny Goodrich decides to take a rest in math class in order to absorb all the equations needed for tomorrow's test.

Caution, teachers on patrol. Mrs. Narasimhan checks freshman Stephanie Lemon's homework for flaws. Sophomores Ryan Amsler and Brad Ward know they are next.



Calculators are Helpful

Solving Problems

Calculators are Helpful



Mrs. Bontrager



Mr. Bozyk



Mrs. Carpenter



Mrs. Cowen



Ms. Crites



Mr. Dobias



Mr. Marazita



Mrs. Narasimhan



Mr. Porritt

*Not Pictured:
Mrs. Clark-Lewis
Mrs. McKinney
Mr. Quiring
Mrs. Stewart*

One hundred percent of students surveyed use a calculator for math. Why not, it's there to use. In fact eighty-eight percent of the students feel they would be lost without a calculator. Although it could potentially inhibit the basic math skills; the higher level math classes probably could not be solved at this level without one. What will a student pay to excel in math with the help of a calculator? The majority of students are willing to pay between eighty and one hundred dollars! It's a wonder for that kind of money the calculator doesn't do the math homework for the student.

by Matt Lafferty



Is someone having math problems? Senior **Bill Zustiak** has to figure out the right answer to put on the dry erase board. Unlike the rest of his class, **Bill** did his homework last night as he was supposed to. **Mr. Quiring** has all his students put their problems on the board the next day.

Studying helps your math skills. Seniors **Cory Hartman** and **Josh Hughes** study up for their Accounting class. Accounting is one of Okemos High School's many math related classes.



Math-tag-team-work. Senior **Dan Mangivellano** needs a little extra help on his math problem. Good thing junior **Heather Birchen** is there to save the day. It is not atag team but it does not hurt to give a little extra assistance here and there.



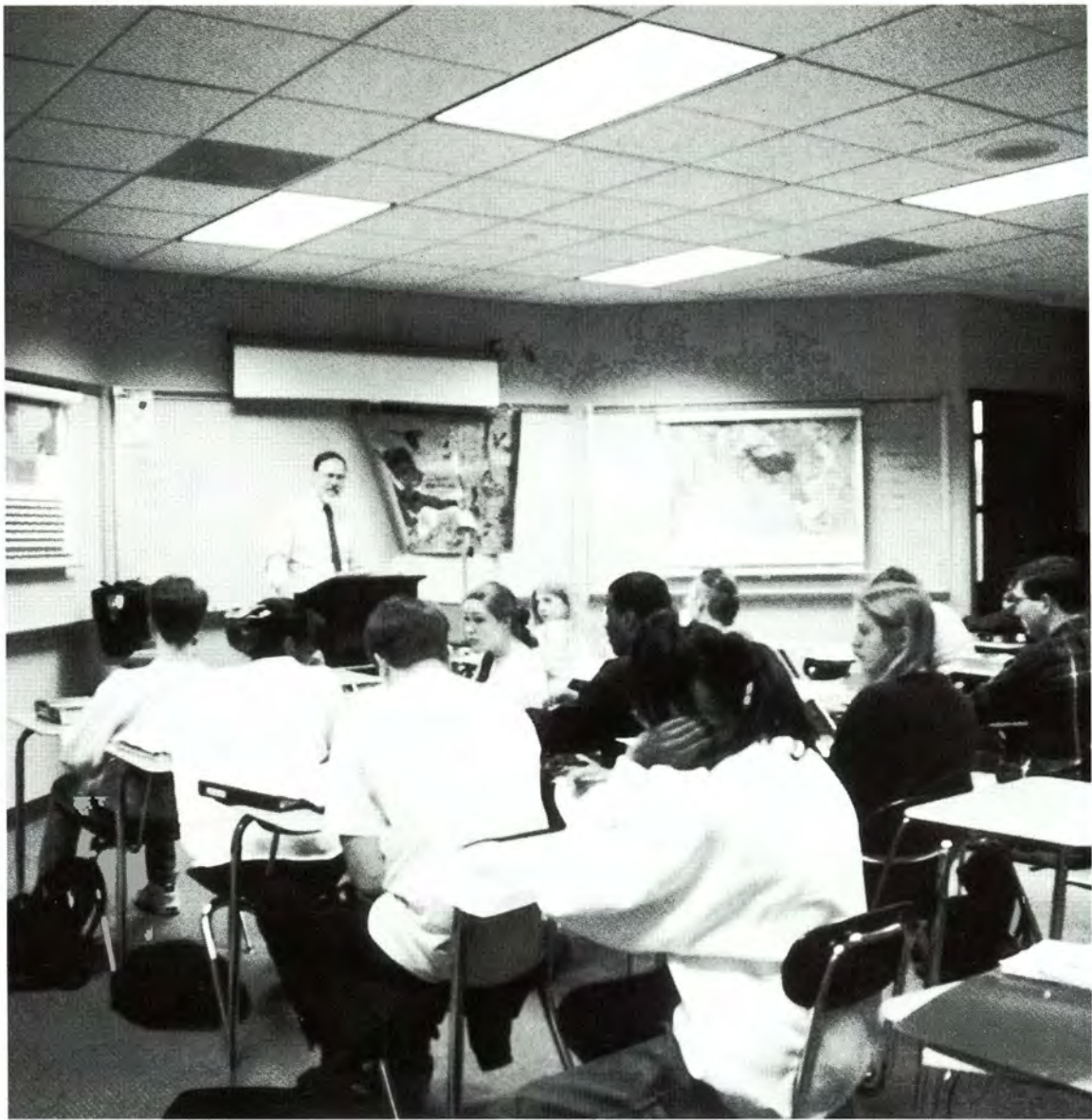
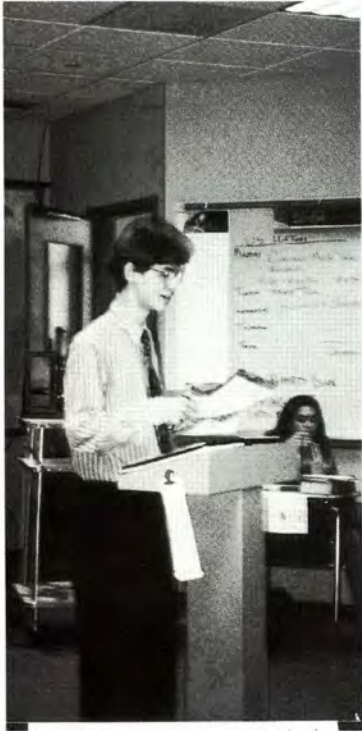
Puttin' problems on the board. **John Dobrowolski** and **Corey Peckham** put problems up on the board. **John** and **Corey** are under the watchful eye of **Mr. Hersey**, **Mr. Quiring's** student teacher.

Get ready to take notes!

OHS students boggle over battles. They study the Civil War in depth by learning battle after battle. As you can see, the students are always busy taking many notes and listening to many lectures.

Listen up!

In Mr. Cobb's U.S. History class, students are listening to sophomore Alberto Nickerson give his presentation. U.S. History is not just answering questions in your text, taking notes, and listening to lectures, you also do many fun and different projects.



Are they ready for D.C.?

Mr. Cobb is giving a lecture to his U.S. History class. Like Mr. Pitts, Mr. Cobb is also involved in the Close-Up program. Each year, students spend a week getting a closer look at the government.



Toga party!

Mr. Pitts' World History students give a presentation on ancient Rome. This class was never the pits!

A Lesson Back

A Blast from the Past in Time



Mr. Cobb

Dr. Collar



Mr. Malloch

Mr. Mott



Mr. Pitts

Mrs. Totte

Not Pictured:
Mr. Swan
Mrs. Glicksman.

Social Studies class has always been thought of as being a very boring class, but some people say it is one of their favorite classes. So what is it about Social Studies class that makes it some peoples' favorite class?

Well, sophomore **Anne Shelburg** has World History this year and she said, "We have lots of presentations and it's fun to work with classmates."

Social Studies class is not just all hard work, it can also be a fun and enjoyable class especially if you have a funny teacher.

"One time Dr. Collar played one of his records for us and he got so into it that he was dancing around and pretending to play the sax!" said sophomore **Jeff Struck**.

Not only do you learn a lot in social studies class, but you can look forward to some great entertainment!

by Touyen Nguyen



Keeping busy!
In Mrs. Totte's U.S. History class, juniors **Amy Diehl** and **Eddie Chung** enjoy the many fun group projects and presentations that she keeps them busy with.

Close up with Mr. Pitts.
In Mr. Pitts' World History class, freshmen **Megan Matus** and **Bri Ghods** are getting help with their work. Mr. Pitts also takes a group of juniors to Washington, D.C. to participate in the Close-Up program.



Take it to the hoop!
Mrs. Totte teaches World History and U.S. History classes. Students say her favorite teaching tool is her overhead projector. Mrs. Totte also coaches the freshmen girls' basketball team.

Boo!
It's Dr. Collar and his student teacher **Mr. Morrison**. These teachers are having fun dressing up on Halloween. If you haven't already heard, Dr. Collar is known for his subtle humor.



Chieftains take the cake!
Senior Jenny Weill shows off her frosted Chieftain creation for the camera. The cake was made in Mrs. Main's baking class, where eating your projects are as fun as making them.

Bon Appetit.
Sophomore Young-Ah Tak and seniors Kristy Schuon, Soojin Chun, and Brian Jezuit get ready to dig in to a healthy chunk of cherry cheese cake, another baking class masterpiece.



It's the future architects of America!
Sophomore Scott Bixby, freshman Sharod Smith, and senior Joe Glendinning concentrate on their drafting project for Mr. Fletcher's class. Students in Drafting, design and draw three-dimensional houses and cars with the help of various drafting tools.



The wedding bells are ringing!
Jenny Sharp, April Gordon, Abbe Buchner, Shandell Goddard, Aaron Klein, Jason Russell, Meghann McEntee, and Jeff Nealey, hold back tears of happiness during the wedding.

Congratulations, it's a girl!
Senior Julie Lamberts receives her new "baby" egg as part of Mrs. Main's and Mrs. Dehlin's parenting class. Students took care of their eggs, and made sure they didn't splat them on the floor.

OHS Students Prepare

Lessons for the Future

for the Real World

In a school full of classes preparing students for the higher level of academics of college, the career and technology department teaches students how to survive in the real world with a hands on approach. Whether the students are learning how to use a computer or staging a mock wedding, they are learning skills which will help them far beyond high school.

"I wanted to learn to type fast so I wouldn't have to worry about waiting until the last second on any college papers I'll have to write," commented senior **Charlie Yuan**, a student of **Mrs. Blackmer's** typing class.

Students of the Career and Technology classes are learning valuable skills which will help them in the real world.

by Russell Mayhew



Mr. Backus



Mrs. Blackmer



Mr. Fletcher



Mr. Hood



Mrs. Main



Mrs. Miller



Marriage is a piece of cake. The blushing bride and groom, junior **Shandall Goddard** and senior **Aaron Klein**, cut the cake for **Mrs. Main's** Relationships class. The mock wedding is the highlight of the class and everyone participates.

Technology is fun!

Junior **Brian Hatcher** seeks drafting wisdom through the screen of one of the many computers in the computer lab, which is frequently used by career and technology classes, including year-book.



Kristen Rauhe



Take a byte out of time.

Bindya Shah, Sharod Smith, and Josh Mosier, under the wise guidance of **Mr. Backus**, learn the art of computer applications. Students of this class learn the fundamentals of computers, and how to use different programs.

Only the strong survive!

Freshmen **Jason Gift** and **Brian Jones** test the strength of a tagboard structure which was made in **Mr. Hood's** Engineering, Design, and Problem Solving class. Students are taught how to make the strongest structures possible out of weak materials.

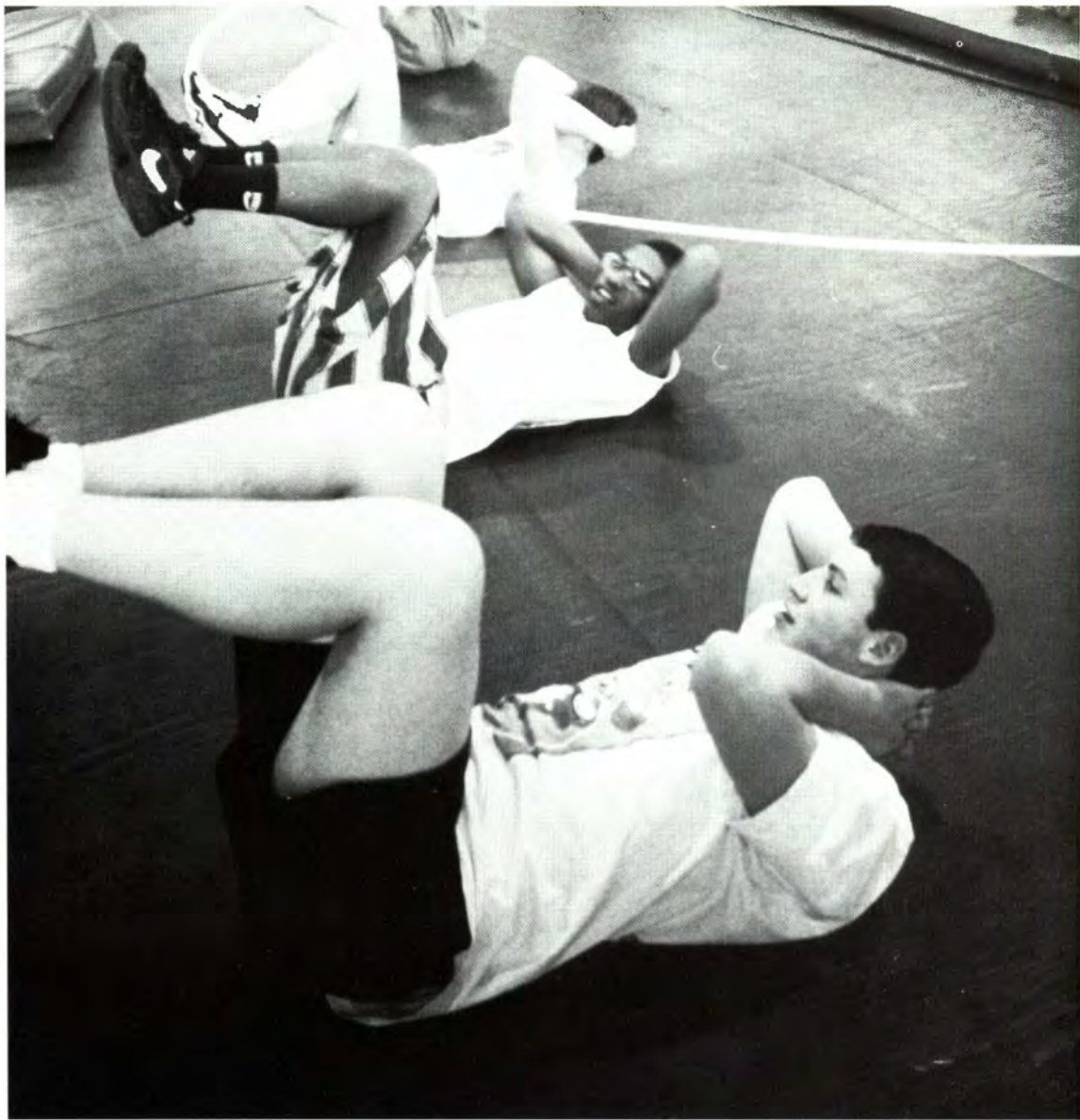


Abs of Steel

Andy Fuehr, Micah Payne, and Nathan Maxwell work out in Personal Conditioning. Messing with these kids is a mistake. They lift weights three days a week and drink their milk everyday. When you see them at the end of the semester you'll be amazed.

Serving it up

Junior athlete **Tim Cherry** has a great time in team sports. **Tim** is a great football, basketball, and baseball player, and displays his talent in all three of these Varsity sports. On the court and off, **Tim** is always smiling.



Slapshot

Freshman **Brock Tobias** shoots the ball in field hockey. **Brock** is an all around wonderful person, with a love for sports. He loves to play and he loves to watch. Go Pistons!



Saving the Day

Liz Donnell-Fink is ready to rescue another victim from the dangerous waters. **Liz** is a very athletic young woman, spiking volleyballs in the winter and hitting softball in the spring.

Working out in P.E.

A Change of Pace

Working out in P.E.



Mrs. Mitchell



Mr. Palmer



Mr. Stolz

Splash! Laughter and screams fill the air as students jump into the cool water. Swimming, along with many other sports encompass the Physical Education criteria. Among a stress filled schedule, P.E. brings a smile back to a flustered face. P.E. isn't a blow off class; it is a lot of hard, breath taking work. Upperclassman, however, don't always have the privilege of taking P.E.

"I think every student should be required to take two years of Physical Education, rather than one," senior hockey player, **Rob Elliott**, said. "I would recommend more than that though." Right now, only freshman are required to take the class.

"I took P.E. all four years and it really helped my GPA," **Mike King** said. There are classes upperclassman can take to get their blood flowing. Aerobics, life saving, and team sports are three classes offered to all students. Whenever there is an open spot in your schedule definitely take any P.E. class.

by Caron Brosky



Hang Time

Leaping into the air, **Nathan "Air" Overholser** gets ready to spike a volleyball to the opponent. Don't let this leaping ability fool you. **Nathan** usually has two feet on the ground and is swinging tennis rackets or golf clubs, not spiking volleyballs.

Pump You Up

Junior Varsity Cheerleader, **Valerie Sandcrandte** lifts some weights during P.E. Cheerleading is a very intense sport requiring a lot of upper body strength. **Valerie** is a dedicated, hard working athlete.



Listen Up

Mrs. Mitchell instructs a group of freshman on the aspects of physical education. This class takes a lot of effort, but in the long run it is a great, fun experience.



Saving Lives

Sophomores **Rebecca Singleton** and **Susan Riehm** are just doing their jobs. They learned many lifesaving techniques in a life saving class. So if you ever in a life or death situation **Rebecca** and **Susan** will save you!

She Shoots, She scores

Jenae Wallick runs after the ball in field hockey. All of her time isn't spent fine tuning her hockey game though, **Jenae** also plays basketball. She contributed to the wonderful freshman basketball season.



So many choices!

Mrs. Barnhart talks to juniors **Pete Govorchin**, **Aaron Lyon**, and **Jordan Kingdon** about their potential college options.

Beam me up, Scottie!

Guidance counselor **Mr. Scott** informs the junior class of their class options next year.



They have great expectations!
Juniors **Lisa Estry** and **Amy Diehl** seek some good advice from guidance counselor **Mrs. Shipps** on their college choices.

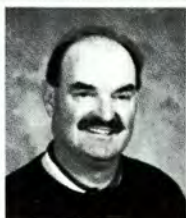
Getting down to business.
Mr. Albutus works with a group of students at their annual meeting



Guidance and Resources Take

Time Out

to help



Mr. Alburtus



Mrs. Barnhart



Mr. Brown



Mrs.
Grabemeyer



Mrs. Hatcher



Ms. Inkala



Mr. Kreider



Mrs. Maniaci



Mrs. Moody



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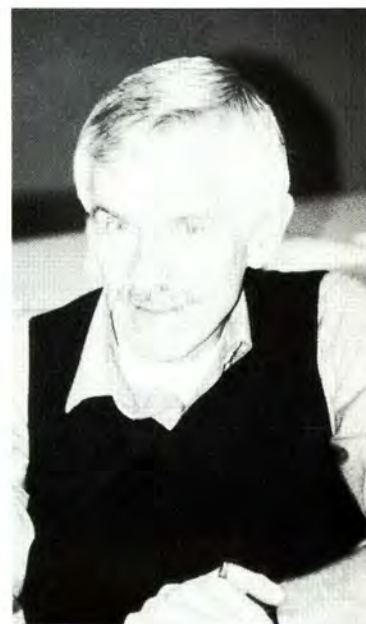
We have all had those days where nothing seems to go right. Three papers to write by Friday, two tests tomorrow, college applications to send, entrance exams to take, plus all of the other trials and tribulations of teenage life. Luckily, we here at OHS are blessed with the presence of the Guidance and

Resource Departments. Whether you are a senior trying to meet graduation requirements or a freshman just trying to get settled, you will always be able to find someone to help. So stop on in, if not for help with your hectic life, then just to say 'hi'. They would love to hear from you.

by Matt Ellsworth

May I help you?

Mrs. Wyzywany is hard at work trying to keep the Guidance Office organized. And what a great job she does! Of course, like the rest of us, she is counting down the days to summer.



Say cheese!

Counselor Mr. Kreider takes time out from his busy day to smile for a picture. Mr. Kreider has worked at OHS for about 30 years and is always there to help.



Someone got caught skipping!
 Senior **Lindy Bleau** is in deep trouble with our narks **Ryan Baker**, **Dermitt Clarkin**, and **Margie Swanton**. Our Vice Principal, **Mr. Verrell**, is doing what he does best, making sure **Lindy** doesn't try it again.

Who's Dewey Decimal?

Ask **Mrs. Saari**, she always has the answers to all library questions. Here, **Mrs. Saari** helps an OHS student locate a novel. She has woked in the library for seven years. Thank you **Mrs. Saari**, you are a big help!



Need help with Infotrac?
Mr. Benzie, the OHS librarian knows all when it comes to Infotrac. He is always right on top of things.

Did your mom excuse you?
Mrs. Rynbrandt and **Mrs. Carr** are making sure all the OHS students are in class. They always write you a pass with a smile!

Thanks Mike O'Neil and Joe Bell!
Mike and **Joe** help out in the lunch room after B lunch. Whenever you need help in the building, you can always count on them.



Enjoy the Students

Administration and Staff

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Mrs. Alford



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Mr. Bernier



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Mr. O'Neil



Mr. Verrell

"Okemos High School has to be the best of all worlds - a bright, motivated student body, dedicated, highly credited staff, and a supporting, caring parent community. There is no better place to teach and learn." A quote straight from the head haunch-o himself, our principal, **Dr. Lanzetta**.

The administration and staff are the backbone of our school. They run the cafeteria, study hall, main office, attendance office, library, custodial services and athletic office. One thing they all agree on, as a whole, is the students and fellow staff members are what they like very best about Okemos High School.

Mary Hosford, the secretary at the athletic office sums it all up for our administration and staff when she said, "I'm glad to be working here."
by Matt Lafferty



What's up Doc?
Dr. Lanzetta makes everything at OHS run smoothly. He is a friendly principal who always has a lot to say. Thank you for everything you do!

What a nice smile!
Mrs. Keating smiles for the camera as she works to make OHS a great place to go to school. Thanks **Mrs. Keating**, you do a great job!



What a great main office staff!
Rene Pomerleau, Brenda Stow, Dana Latham, and Mary Hosford are always there to help the students with a bright smile. Never fear, the main office is always here!



She's always right on SCHEDULE!
Stacie Hicks works in the registrar's office to put together all of the schedules for the students at OHS. She works hard everyday to make sure you have the right classes and correct grades.



Showtime

OHS has long been a school recognized not only for the outstanding academic and athletic programs, but also the fine arts department. As the second year in the new high school went by, the tradition of high standards set in the art, drama, band, choir, and orchestra programs of this school continued. Individually, students constantly improved upon themselves which in turn improved the entire group.

At several points during the year, students were given the opportunity to showcase their talent in a variety of ways. Each new season brought a concert for the choir, band, and orchestra. Several students took part in the fall play or spring musical. This year, the fall play was unique in that it was two small plays, "The Real Inspector Hound" and "The Actor's Nightmare". The spring musical was "Camelot". Other performance opportunities were given in the Talent Show and the Fine Arts Festival.

Year after year, Okemos students and teachers continue to strive to achieve their highest artistic potential. Because no matter what, the show must go on!

by Sara Main





Musicians come together to make magic

Measuring Time

There are many different rewards for being a member of the orchestra. There are fun trips, chances to make friends, and of course the production of really good music.

In the orchestra every person has a specific role to play to make every song work. The people in the orchestra are instrumental to other orchestra students' lives as well as their music. **Vicky Fletcher** commented on a person who has a significant place in her life. She said, "When I think of one person in orchestra I think of Nelson Lee. He just tears it up."

Chris Lowe had one person in mind as well when he thought of orchestra. "Joe Holtschlag. He's a crazy fiddler." These students have been together in orchestra since their middle school years. This provides for some pretty close friendships.

The orchestra members do

fulfill their musical roles. They each have their own tastes in music and that provides for many differences in musical preferences among the group.



Gayle Main

Music all Around. **Chris Phelps** concentrates on his playing. **Chris** is a well-rounded musician. He is an excellent violinist and participated in the spring musical "Camelot."

Senior **Kristen Graur** explained the source of these differences. She said, "Every piece we play touches one's soul a little differently."

Adrienne Walker's favorite song is "Star Wars." She said, "It sounds so adventurous, just like in the movies." The Star Wars theme song was played to bring the Spring Concert to a dramatic close.

Senior **Joe Holtschlag** chose Brahms' violin concerto as one of his favorite pieces. He said, "Brahms' violin concerto takes me on an emotional roller coaster of emotional drama. Orchestra gives members an outlet," as Joe said, "to express themselves and their emotions."

The long hours of practice paid off for the orchestra. They produced magical music and shone like the stars that they are.

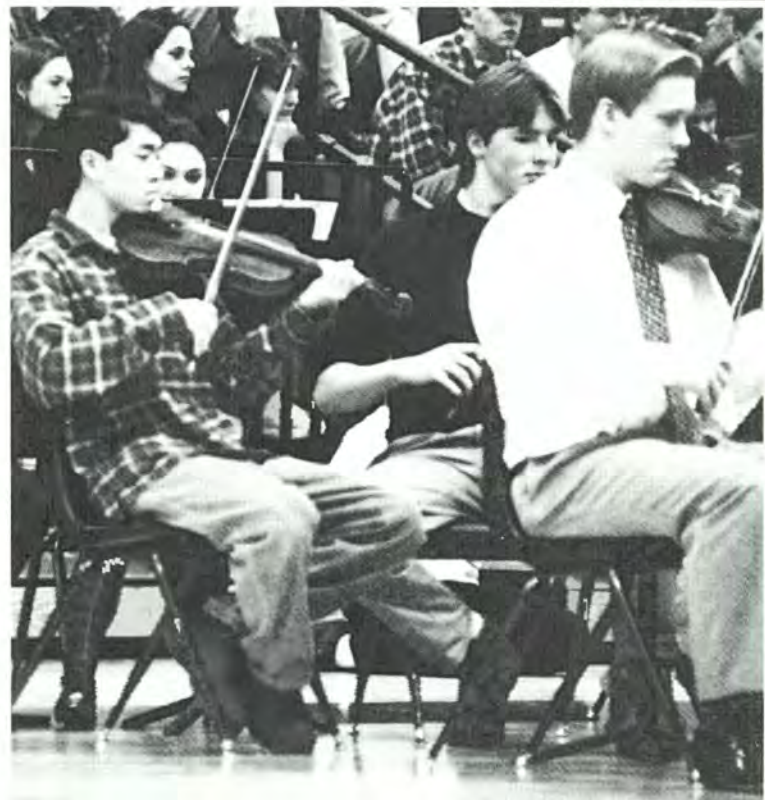
by Jill Bokemeier



Gayle Main

Bows up! The first violinists produce a beautiful melody in their piece. The fine musicians have made excellent efforts into the development of OHS Orchestra.

Music to your ears. **Eddie Chung**, **Landon Bartley**, and **Jim Losier** slide their bows across their violins with ease. These first violinists played a collection of songs with the orchestra at one of the student assemblies this year.





Hello Cellos! The celloists harmonize with the symphonic orchestra. Seniors **Tanya Ell**, **Jermey Burchman**, and **Sarah Bussing** each played individual senior concertos in the Spring Concert.

Okemos High School Orchestra

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| Stephanie Anderson | Christopher Henderson | Tamar Norkin |
| Michelle Baladi | Carlos Hinojosa | Aaron Ohlrogge |
| Landon Bartley | Melanie Hoekstra | Anjali Patel |
| Maggie Bierlein | Joseph Holtschlag | Elizabeth Perri |
| Jorin Bossen | Zinah Hong | Christopher Phelps |
| Joel Boyd | Rebecca Horsch | Colin Philips |
| Nancy Brandau | Sonia Jain | Emma Philips |
| Jenny Burchman | Arjun Jayaraman | Janelle Punch |
| Jeremy J. Burchman | Julie Jean | Isadora Radcliffe |
| Meredith Burlingame | Heather Johnson | Geffrey Ruonavaara |
| Elizabeth Bussing | David Kim | Julie L. Russo |
| Sarah Bussing | Sarah Klein | Gregory Severin |
| Jennifer Buxton | Elizabeth Leago | Bethany Soule |
| Lorri M. Cherkinsky | Jean Lee | Steven Starnes |
| Soo-Jin Chun | Nelson Lee | Carol Stevens |
| Catherine Chung | Serah Lee | Marissa Strieter |
| Edward Chung | Anne Leone | Vinay Subramanian |
| Drew Costello | Rebecca Liz | Patrick Supanwanid |
| Melissa K. Courtney | Sarah Linz | Young-Ah Tak |
| John Cox | Janelle Lloyd | Gina Tanaka |
| Jeremy M. Devers | Ben Louge | Adrienne Walker |
| Kristen Dubenion - Smith | Chris Lowe | Leah Walker |
| Marie Eguchi | James Lozier | Liang Wang |
| Tanya Ell | Andy Luu | Nathan Wertz |
| Nicholas S. English | Laurie Markham | James West |
| Emi Fergus | J.P. Marlow | Jerry Yuan |
| Amanda Field | Amanda Martens | Matthew Zustiak |
| Geoffrey Field | K yler McGillicuddy | |
| Vicky Fletcher | Anthony Miller | |



Senior Selection. Senior **Joe Holtschlag** prepares to perform his senior concerto on his violin. **Joe** was recognized for his spirit and dedication to the orchestra at the senior awards. **Joe** plans to attend the University of Michigan next year and he will continue playing music.

Smile Pretty. The collective orchestra takes time out of their buisy practice schedule to pose for a picture. Conductor **Ms. Kessler** demands the best out of her students and she usually recieves what she is asking for.

Blow your own horn. **Tom Grasman** and **Chuck Kierpiec** flash a quick grin during a breather in an orchestra concert. The symphonic orchestra enlists members such as the tuba players to participate in their concerts.

The choir creates beautiful music

Change of Octave

The sounds of the choirs make our hearts smile. Having a beautiful voice is an attribute that makes everyone envious. Beautiful singing is the combination of natural ability and lots of practice. Lessons, classes, and many hours of vocal study contribute to the beautiful voices in our choir.

Being a choir member requires many hours spent out of school perfecting one's talent. Some members perform at church, while others perform regularly in solo recitals.

All of us sing in the car or in the shower, but to sing with purity and grace takes skill. Some members of choir gave advice on how to sing beautifully. "Open your mouth and let it out!" sophomore **Alison Johnson** put it bluntly.

Ajay Rajadhyaksha says, "Practice makes perfect." So keep singing those songs in the

shower and have fun.

"As **Mr. Dewald** always says, 'We don't sing because we're happy; we're happy be-



Sara Main

Open up! **Kevin Duff** sings with glory and praise. Choir consists of many talented and exciting people performing as a team.

cause we sing!" **Andrew Bielski** says with a smile.

High school choir is a starting point for many professional singers. Many members of choir plan on pursuing their talent in the future. "I definitely am going to have music in my future. I can't imagine my life without it," **Alison Johnson** said.

There are many different things that draw students to choir. "I think it is standing up all hour," **Alison** said with a hint of sarcasm!

"I like all the people you meet," **Kori Shapiro** said. "You become good friends with a variety of people."

The personalities in the music program differ but what they accomplish is amazing. Choir brings together different backgrounds to create a beautiful masterpiece.

by Caron Brosky



Sing it loud, sing it clear! Members of the choir sing beautifully during class. Besides class everyday, these students have many out of school performances. They are a very entertaining group of students.

Say ahhhhhhhh! **Beth Bailey, Diana Economy, Kim Barry, Andrew Bielski, and John Cox** open their mouth and sing the lights out. It takes a lot of time and motivation to be as good as these students.





Sara Main

Warming our hearts during a winter assembly. The assembly was filled with wonderful music from the orchestra, band, and choir. The choirs sang numerous holiday songs to get us in the giving spirit.

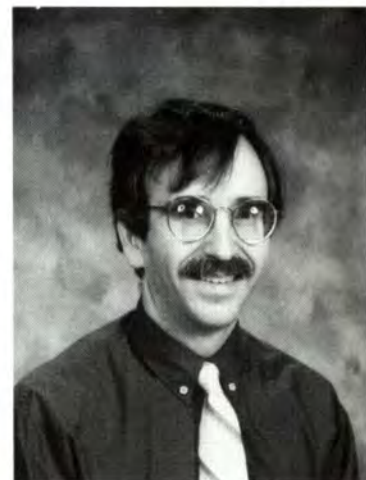
All eyes on Mr. D! Ajay Rajadhyaksha, Ann Renaud, Kim Barry, Carrie Schnell, Andrew McLemore, Roshawnda Willet, and Lorri Cherkinsky, concentrate on Mr. Dewald's conducting.



Gayle Main



Gayle Main



Let it all out! Kori Shapiro, Christy Wiles, Jesse Lange, Patty Walshaw, and Melissa Miles sing their hearts out in choir. Choir gives people a chance to express their talents and entertain people.

Do, re, me, fa, so, la, te, do! Alicia Cousineau, Andrew McLemore, Meredith Smith, James Robinson and Karin Leefers practice their music early in the morning.

It all starts here. Mr. Frank Dewald is the conductor of the choirs at OHS. "Mr. D" is the glue that keeps the choir together and working perfectly.

A group effort brings success to the choirs

The Tune Team

Putting the obvious differences aside, choir groups and sports teams actually have a lot in common. Each require many hours of practice, members who possess talent and skill, and most importantly, determination to work together to form a strong team. Like the sports teams in this school, the Treble Ensemble, Choraliers and Someko Singers have met the demands of these crucial elements; in doing so, they have enjoyed many moments of success.

The thing that sets the Choraliers and Treble Ensemble apart from the other OHS choirs is the fact they are all female voices. "We prove it doesn't take men to produce beautiful sounds," said Choralier .

The Someko Singers, on

other hand, find their success on a co-ed level. In fact, that is what keeps the group very interesting. For the Solo and En-



The Maestro!
The Treble Ensemble, Choraliers, and Someko Singers owe all their success to one man - Mr. DeWald!

semble Festival, the men and women compete as separate groups, which leads to some rivalry. This year neither group could brag about being better since they were given the same rating!

As a full ensemble, Someko certainly does have something to brag about. This year Someko received their greatest honor yet. The group was one of four choral groups chosen in a four state region to perform at the ACDA conference in Cincinnati. The trip consisted of two fun filled days of culture, performing and simply bonding. Some felt their bonding went too far after being flashed by another member. Still, the trip was a huge success.

The effort and skill put forth by all three groups definitely paid off for the 1995-96 musical season!

by Sara Main



Perfect Harmony.

The OHS Choraliers give yet another beautiful performance. This fairly new group has already set a precedence of excellence. The group has been given first division ratings continually at the District and State Solo and Ensemble Festivals.

Time to Relax.

After a long day of rehearsing in Cincinnati, members of Someko spend some free time relaxing their aching muscles and vocal chords in the hot tub. The group stayed at the Hyatt Regency for two nights on their trip to Cincinnati. Overall, everyone was on their best behavior, but there were definitely some late nights!





The Big Moment. With confidence, Someko gives the performance they rehearsed all year for. It was a huge honor for Someko to be invited to participate in the annual ACDA Conference.

Dressing Down. Clad in Okemos sweatshirts, Someko gives a performance for the Beaver Creek High School Choir in Ohio. The group stopped here on their way to Cincinnati.

Make it Snappy! The Treble Ensemble adds some simple choreography to their winter concert. Although this group is mostly freshmen, their voices sound very beautiful and mature!



Caught on Camera! Someko senior, **Kyrsten Carter**, lets out a little Someko secret. Naturally, **Mr. DeWald** expects the girls to wear dress shoes with their evening gowns. However, the girls know this is not always practical. The beauty about long dresses is that just about anything can be worn under them. So, the girls take advantage of this little luxury.

Smilng Someko.
Row 1: Alexis Fielek, Kyrsten Carter, Sara Main, Angela Hodgins, Wendy Massoglia, Susie Ruggiero, Andrea Neumaier. *Row 2:* Molly Jurmu, Becky Markham, Kaleigh Coryell, Katie Fitch, Annie Mitchell, Katie Williams, Mr. DeWald. *Row 3:* Mark Steed, Andrew Bielski, Chris Lowe, Eric Zang, Scott MacLeod, Mike Lluberes, Sam Meyrowitz.

Celebrate Good Times! After an outstanding performance at the American Choral Directors Association Conference, Someko has a celebration dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Cincinnati.

TIME TO PLAY

The Marching Band keeps the spirit in tune

Attend Hut! Drum majors **Matt Coy** and **Mike Westgate** give the commands to start the marching band. Once again, the band soared off to a successful season and accomplished their goal of getting all the fans into the true "chieftain spirit." All of their hard work, time and dedication resulted in no flaws in their performances.

Meridith Hess, a clarinet player, explains what she thinks the most special thing about the season was. "I think we are probably one of the closest groups of people in the school. We depend on each other for a show to go really well."

When **Laurel Trezise**, a trumpet player, was asked what she thought the funniest mo-

ment of the season was, she replied, "**Matt Coy's** famous speech: 'Great job today, keep it up, band dismissed.'"

Only the band members are



Making music! **Christine Crosby** put all that she has into the oboe for her performance for the marching band.

able to share their half time stories about their feelings and thoughts of when they are marching. "Oh my gosh! Are my pants going to fall down? They are two sizes too big," says piccolo player **Kristen Grauer**.

Many feelings and emotions are shared among the band members but in the end, it all comes down to one thing. "We are all one in making music," trumpet player **Bob Robke** says.

Without the band, there is no doubt that there would not be as much spirit in the bleachers. Even though the fans come to watch the football games, the band is half highlight of the game.

By *Meghaen Jordan*



Front Row: Matt Coy (Drum Major), Mike Westgate (Ass. Drum Major) 1st Row: Kristin Grauer, Jenny Linske, Kristin Dethlefsen, Susie Rugierro, Amy Larson, Leanna Hase, Allison Johnson, Erica Fahey, Joanna Cornwell, Christie Chen, Emily Bell, Kim Duong, Alaina Fotiu-Wojtowicz, Holly Marking, Jane Maisch 2nd Row: Kristen Hughes, Andrea Lopez, Angella Green, Krista Schmitt, Chris Edwards, Isaac Schankler, Mike Radke, David Widders, Matt Roeber, Matt Hapeman, Courtney Hagen, Kari Kraushaar, Mary Hallan 3rd Row: Sarah Melson, Megan Smith, Blake Stillwill, Monica Mack, Dan Rickard, Melissa Williams, Julianne Lundell, Sarah Vogt, Robin Landfair, Andrew Ehret, David Zack, Sarah Holtschlag, Christine Crosby, Meredith Hess, Monica Montemayor 4th Row: Allison Emerson-Thue, Mark Chojnowski, Daman Auvenshine, Russell Mayhew, Mike Robbins, Frankie Tuma, Allan Pearce, Jessica Bobay, Beth Koryba, Zach Person, Nick Elliott 5th Row: Chris Compeau, Stacey Kartub, Kevin Gilbert, Lizzy Kanistanaux, Steve Dewey, Dan Barks, Sara Jehl, Bob Robke, Laurel Trezise, Tiffany Adams, Julia Loconto, James Robinson, Bob Juhnke, Steve Buscetta, Mike Litos, Austin Corbin, Vance Kincaid, Gary Taylor 6th Row: Tara McIntosh, Tanner Ouimette, John Senger, Jesse Lange, Megan Geschel, Mandy Hanson, Adam Lafferty, Ryan Tyler, Adrienne Romanski, Nathan Narasimhan, Matt Robinson, Kelly Roth, Lisa Hansen, Emily Kahn, Nick Wierzba Color Guard: 1st Row: Mr. Barry (Dir.), Kier Patterson, Heena Shah, Christina Calcagno, Cara Freedman 2nd Row: Kim Barry, Michelle Gee, Samantha Tarras, Kristine Widders, Angela Rouse, Stacey Ninemeier, Mr. Kevin Culling (Asst. Dir.) 3rd Row: Miss Kari Chaussee (student teacher), Allyson Smith, Kim Trathen, Allison Loconto, Rachele Rouse, Anna Mayer, Karen Smith Percussion: 1st Row: Kami Wolfe, Brian Tribell, Joe Leykam, Brian Wilson, Heather Wieczorek, Rob Schmidt, Jon Lowe, Mike Johnson, Bri Ghods, Megan Matus, Derek Finkbeiner, Ian Sugierski, Ryan Anderson, Aaron Coleman, Greg Pearce, Mia Napierkowski, Aaron Koller, Mark Jozefowicz, Matt Binder, Joey Schultz, Joey Grose, Patrick Gardner, Tom West, Steve Bell, Nic Clark, Corey Karinen Tubas: James Ray, John Soltysiak, Chuck Kierpiec, Tom Grasman, Paul Eisenberg, Rajesh Nakrani, Geoff Severin.



Here they come! Drum major **Matt Coy** and assistant drum major **Mike Westgate** lead the marching band onto the field for their pre-game show.

Time for a break! **Allison Johnson**, **Erica Fahey** and **Joanna Cornwell** huddle together as they try to keep warm during the cold football game. They have been playing the flute for many years.



The band tunes up in the parking lot before the game begins. The band practices in many hours before the season to prepare for all of their performances.



Attention! Drum major **Matt Coy** stands on the podium to conduct the band for their pregame show. **Matt** worked closely with **Mr. Barry** to improve the quality of their performances.



Blow your horn! Seniors **Zach Person** and **Russell Mayhew** play a solo for the half-time show in front of all the fans. Together they harmonized with the rest of the band to play *Frankenstein*.

Jazz and Pep Band do their thing

From Dusk 'til Dawn

It seems that meeting once a day during fourth hour is not enough for many of the members of the OHS Band. It is not enough time to play all the types of music they want to play. Not enough time to do what they want with their instruments. That is why there are small ensembles who meet before school or in the evening, like the Jazz and Pep Bands.

The members of the Jazz Band are the people who get the best parking spots on Tuesdays and Fridays. This is because the Okemos jazz band meets before school to accommodate everyone's busy schedule.

"Sometimes I'm almost too groggy to play in the morning, but I like the music we play, and it wakes me up for first hour," said junior trumpet sensation, **Kevin Gilbert**.

"I usually feel very unmoti-

vated to roll out of bed at 5:45 in the morning, but I know there are free donuts and juice waiting for me at rehearsal," added



Sophomore **Christina "PIANO" Calcagno** busts a funky jam on the keys during a jazz band performance for the school. Multi-talented **Christina** also plays the clarinet for the symphonic band.

junior bassist **Chris Henderson**.

The Pep Band plays their music for the sake of others. They are the group who supplied almost every home basketball game with halftime entertainment and numerous cheers. They are the musical cheerleaders of the game. Almost every member of the symphonic band dedicated at least one of their evenings to play their instrument at a basketball game.

Junior **Mike Westgate**, who frequently conducted the Pep Band said that, "the Pep Band is an important part of a basketball game. We want to get the crowd pumped up, so the players know we are there."

No matter what time of day or the lack of sleep, the dedicated members of the OHS Jazz Band and Pep Band always find time to do their thing and do it well.

by Russell Mayhew



Senior guitarist **Tom Sinas** and junior bassists **Kelby Lloyd** and **Chris Henderson** supply the string section for the jazz band. Jazz Band probably would not sound as jazzy if it were not for these three musicians.

Many have considered the saxophone to be the first jazz instrument. The many saxophonists of the OHS Jazz Band, including junior **Adrienne Romanski**, junior **Allyson Smith**, junior **Matt Robinson**, and sophomore **Daman Auvenshine** keep the saxophone tradition alive.





The Pep Band belts out a peppy tune to get the crowd jumpin'. Typical Pep Band songs include "Mony, Mony", the "Hey Song", "Land of a Thousand Dances", and of course, the "Okemos Fight Song."

The director and leader **Mr. Barry** joins the two student leaders of the Pep Band, **Mike Westgate** and **Matt Coy**, in the singing of the popular "Hey Song". The words ar en't too difficult: just a lot of clapping and a loud "HEY!" at the right time.



If you are part of a drum line who's T-shirts bare the motto "Drum with the best, or die like the rest" you had better be pretty good. Sophomore **Matt Binder** and the rest of the OHS percussion section play their very loud and extremely funky percussion series for all their screaming fans at a pep assembly.

The jazz band helped spread the holiday cheer at a winter pep assembly in the gym. The jazz band truly is an elite group of musical performers. Each member must be invited to join by **Mr. Barry**, the director.

Time to Shine

Concerts are the OHS symphonic band's

For many years, the Okemos High School Symphonic Band has proved itself to be among the most talented in the state. This year was no exception. The band received a perfect score in their annual band competition and performed outstanding concerts to hundreds of people. Many individuals from the band have gone on to achieve the highest honors and recognition on their instrument.

"We have many exceptional, not to mention driven players. The band is very motivated, we have a lot to live up to," commented senior oboist **Heather Wieczorek**.

What better to do with exceptional talent, but to show it off? The winter and spring concerts are the high-points of many of the members of the band, not to mention the large number of people who attend the concerts.

"Even though we've been doing it for seven years, each time there's a feeling of anticipation. When it's all over and



Senior **Karen Smith** uses all of her lung power to get a low note on her bass clarinet. The bass clarinet is the lowest of the woodwinds.

you've performed well, it's very rewarding," added **Heather**.

"I think we are allowed to brag, just because we put so much work into making each piece as good as it will ever be," said junior trumpeter **Steve Dewey**.

"My favorite part of the concert is the pimped-out polyester tuxedos we get to wear. I just have to remind myself to stay away from any open flames," interjected senior tuba player **Tom Grasman**.

There is no question that the OHS Symphonic Band gets as much out of their music as they put in. Okemos High School has produced many of the greatest bands and players in the state, and will keep doing so as long as they keep their determination and standards as high as they have.

by Russell Mayhew



While most people have an academic class during fourth hour, the members of the symphonic band, including senior **Kristine Widders**, junior **Isaac Schankler**, and sophomore **David Widders**, are preparing for one of their many musical performances.

The members of the percussion section, including freshman **Brian Tribell**, senior **Ryan Anderson**, freshman **Pat Gardner**, junior **Nic Mutch**, and freshman **Nick Clark**, must learn to play a wide variety of instruments such as the xylophone, snare drum, bass drum, timpani, cymbals, and the most difficult of all instruments, the triangle.



The tuba, as displayed by freshman **John Soltysiak**, junior **Chuck Kieriec**, and senior section leader **Tom Grasmann**, is a large instrument. It provides most of the bass for the band. When **Tom** gets angry at a freshman, he can throw him in there.

Juniors **Sarah Jehl** and **Kevin Gilbert**, sophomore **Tiffany Adams**, junior **Mike Breyermann**, senior **Russell Mayhew**, sophomore **Mike Litos**, senior **Matt Coy**, junior **Mike Westgate**, sophomore **Stacey Kartub**, and juniors **Bob Robke**, **Steve Dewey**, and **Dan Barks** (not pictured) make up the large, and often loud trumpet section.



Mr. **Barry** is the dedicated conductor of the OHSymphonic Band. The job of the conductor is to speak to the band using his hands in order to get the band to respond in the most musical way possible. Different songs require very different styles of conducting.

Sophomore **Christina Calcagno** fills the Okemos auditorium with sound from her clarinet during a concert while juniors **Monica Montemayor** and **Michelle Geetake** a moment to breathe.

Juniors **Jain Maisch** and **Susie Ruggiero** play their part of a flute section solo at the winter concert. The flute is the highest pitched instrument in the band, excluding the piccolo, and also the most visible, as the flute section sits in the front rows for the concerts.

Play Time

The heart and soul of Okemos drama

The performance that usually invades OHS in the fall took a slightly different turn this year in the form of two short plays, "The Actor's Nightmare" and the "Real Inspector Hound". Historically Mrs. Greenberg and her drama students have put on a classic, well-known play, but this year the actors embraced the change of pace. "Both shows had extremely small casts and are brave attempts at an English farce and a mixed up American play," junior performer **Mark Marabate** commented.

Springtime brings about the traditional spring musical, but many of the drama people such as **Marabate** enjoyed doing the fall play much better, "I enjoy the acting experience much more than the singing and dancing, which is due to the fact that I can not sing and I can not dance."

"Some of our best actors

only do the fall shows" senior **Scott MacLeod**, leading man in the "Real Inspector Hound" said. The fact that there were two shows instead of one gave



Can she clean?! Sophomore **Maya Schindler** struts her stuff onstage as the nosey maid in "The Real Inspector Hound". **Maya** was involved in the Drama Club and participated in many shows put on by the Drama Club.

more people the chance to participate.

"It worked out well that more people got parts and got to try their hand at being a lead," senior **Kristy Gerard** said. Other comments about the lack of singing ability lead the list of actors who favor the fall show.

Whether a singer or not, all students involved in either play agree that drama is a great experience and a good way to make lasting friendships. "There are no secrets," **Gerard** said, "by opening night we're more of a family than a cast."

Drama has been described as a cult of sorts, a group of people completely dedicated to what they do and how they do it. The spirit of the performing arts at OHS is best summed up by longtime cast member **Mark Marabate**, "I would have to say that drama is the one place where I can be myself while being someone else."

by Justin Perrone



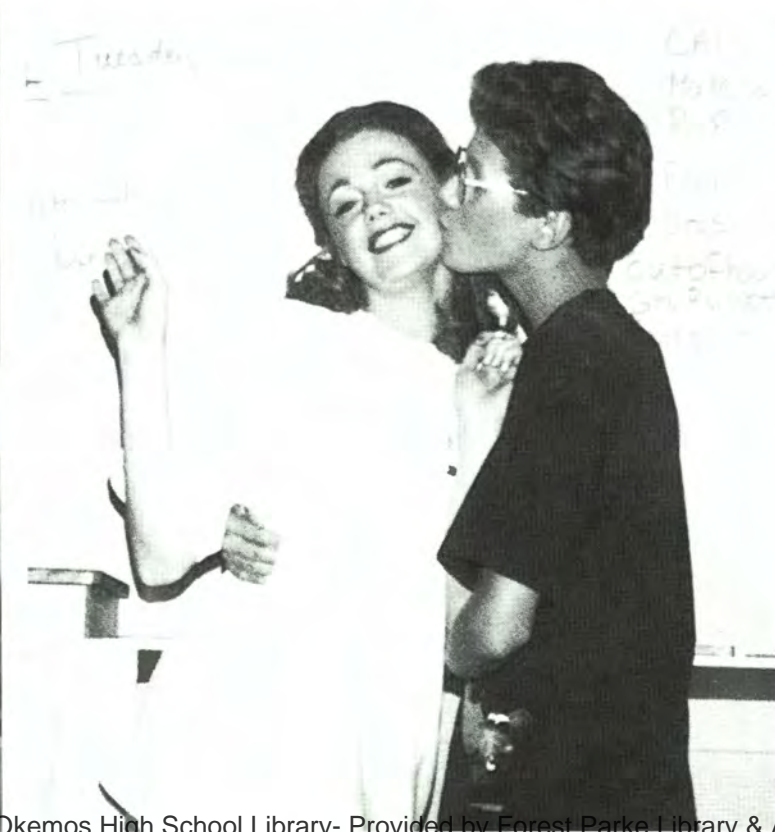
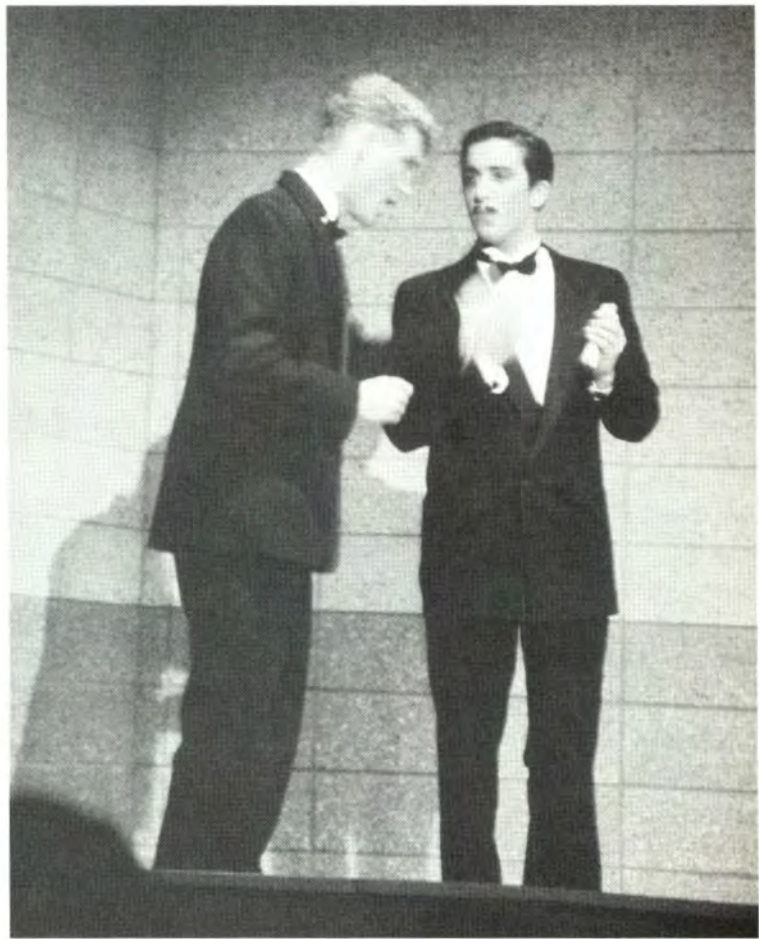
Taking a break. Senior **Kristy Gerard** innocently reads a book unaware of the missing body lying beneath her.

Getting ready for the big night. Freshman **Mila Al-Ayoubi** waits her turn as senior **Sam Meyrowitz** makes himself presentable for the show.





A family affair. The cast members of the fall play, **Andrew McLemor**, **Doug Boes**, **Ryann Davis**, and **Kristy Gerard** act out a scene around the dining table.



Talking it up. Seniors **Scott MacLeod** and **Sam Meyrowitz** have an intellectual conversation in "The Real Inspector Hound."

Kissing is always fun! Senior **Kristy Gerard** and junior **Doug Boes** show their affection for each other in a scene from the fall play.

Freshman **Jeremy Austin** steals a kiss that was not part of the script from junior **Ryann Davis** before the curtain went up.

Talented students take the spot light

Talent Show



The talent show was a success this year due to the array of talent that participated. Everything from alterna-bands to a martial arts demo provided by **Chuck Johnson**.

The show had a cabaret theme and opened with Master of Ceremonies, **Mike Lluber** singing "Wilkommen." Backing Mike up were his four lady lounge dancers (**Katie Garvale**, **Melissa Miles**, **Kim Nguyen** and **Katrina Rhea**) and **Josh Breitzer** on piano. The MC, dancers and pianist opened up the second act with "Money."

There were three quartets: "The Lion Tamers" (**Molly Jurmu**, **Sara Main**, **Kyrsten Carter** and **Katie Williams**), "In the Still of the Night" (**Matt Coy**, **Mike Westgate**, **Dan Barks** and **Nathan Narasimhan**), and the Sailors' Quartet (**Matt Mehan**, **Mark Steed**, **Sam Meyrowitz** and **Scott MacLeod**).

The show also had two solo dances. **Carrie Preston** danced to "The Power of Love" and **Melissa Miles** to "Disco Inferno".

There were plenty of bands this year. The show's first band consisted of **Annie Mitchell**, **Tom** and **Steve Sinas**, **Matt Mehan** and **Jeff Lenkowski** performing "Sweet Dreams". Next the band, "In Between Days" (**Ted Prawat**, **Matt Ellsworth**, **Roger Ghader** and **Joey Schultz**), went on. At intermission, "Interplay" (**Tom Sinas**, **Diego Rivera**, **Brett McMullen** and **Jeff Lenkowski**) jazzed for the audience. In the second act "10 lbs of Hip in a 5 lb Bag" (**Sam Esquith**, **Joe Holtschlag**, **Tom** and **Steve Sinas**) performed. "Blought" (**Scott MacLeod**, **Eric Zang**, **Jimmy McNeil** and **Ryan Fritzsche**) entertained just before the finale.

There was one rap group this year called "SWIRL" made up of **Aaron Colman**, **Doug Kelly** and **Allen Bratschi**.

Adrienne Walker and **Vicky Fletcher** accompanied **Andrew Bielski** on violins while he sang "Somebody".

There were four groups that incorporated guitar into their acts. The first of these was **Bob Su** and **Ryan Fritzsche** and their classical guitar duet. **Nathan Narasimhan** and **Joe Holtschlag** called themselves "C(h)ords" and **Suzie Ruggiero** and **Tom Sinas** were "Trest". In the second act "Turning Purple" (**Rebecca Marcham**, **Sarah Papoi** and **Megan Culton**) went on.

Individually, **B.J. Gawle** twirled his crystal stix, **Matt Mehan** composed a piano solo and **Katie Fitch** sang "Let's Misbehave".

by Matt Lafferty



MC Mike! **Mike Lluber** is dressed to kill in his Cabaret MC's outfit. **Mike** is a junior and anything but shy of the stage.

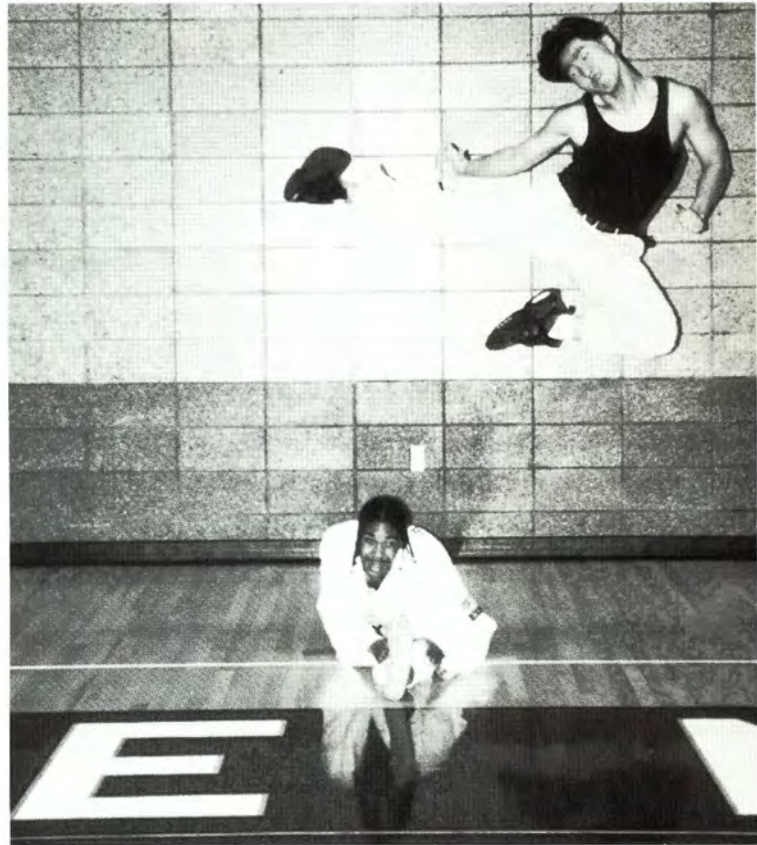
The lion sleeps tonight! **Molly Jurmu**, **Kyrsten Carter**, **Sara Main** and **Katie Willimas** pose in their lion taming outfits.





It's a quartet! Seniors **Mark Steed**, **Scott MacLeod**, **Sam Meyrowitz** and **Matt Mehan** serenade the audience. With every opportunity these Someko boys got to perform this song, the crazier it became.

Hei-ya! Seniors **Joe Kim** and **Chuck Johnson** practice their martial arts skills in the gym. Joe goes for the throat while **Chuck** does the splits.



Kyrsten Carter



Crystal Sticking! Senior **B.J. Gawle** practices back stage before his big moment in the spotlight. **B.J.** has been practicing for over a year now and gave a pretty impressive performance.

10 lbs of Hip In A 5lb Bag. Senior **Nathan Narasimhan**, junior **Nelson Lee**, senior **Tom Sinas**, senior **Sam Esquith** and freshman **Steve Sinas** perform during the talent show.

Okemos returns to medieval times

Camelot

Is there one place on earth where by order, summer lingers through September?" It's Camelot, of course! Beginning with auditions in February, OHS students worked full speed ahead to prepare another top notch musical that Okemos is famous for. Not only did they work diligently to learn lines, songs, and dances, but they also chipped in to prepare sets and costumes.

Although much hard work goes into putting on the musical, everyone involved always has fun. "Singing and meeting new people was the best part for me," senior **Katie Fitch** said.

"Hanging out with friends, and becoming one big family," senior **Kaleigh Coryell** replied as to what was the best part. Everyone is very supportive of one another when it comes to getting parts.

"I never really count on getting a particular part," junior **Michelle Moody** said, "I just like to be in it."



Spreading her magic! Senior **Wendy Massoglia** shows her talent as Nimue in "Camelot". **Wendy** shared the role with senior **Kaleigh Coryell**. Both girls participated in Someko Singers and their performances were wonderful.

Rehearsals were never lacking dull moments. Freshman **Jeremy Austin** recalled the time he gave senior **Scott MacLeod** a dollar to moon senior **Prassana Pendse**. Senior **Katie Fitch** said she will never forget the time that senior **Sam Meyrowitz** was supposed to jump down out of a tree in front of her, but instead he fell out of the tree and landed flat on the stage. These, along with other memorable moments helped make "Camelot" a wonderful experience for everyone involved.

One thing is for sure-- OHS has a drama and music department that they can be proud of! This year both departments produced one of the finest performances that OHS has ever seen. Congratulations on an outstanding performance.

by Lindsay Carr



What lovely ladies! **Kristy Gerard**, **Alexis Fielek**, **Katie Garvale**, **Katie Fitch**, **Annie Mitchell**, **Diana Econmy**, **Kristen Dubenion-Smith**, and **Heather Birchen** make "Camelot" a wonderful place to visit!

Then there was light! The crew of "Camelot" takes a minute out of their busy schedules to pose for the camera. The musical could have never been a success without the fabulous crew.





Stay on your toes! The dancers behind Morgan LeFey, played by junior **Melissa Miles**, display their grace and elegance. They spent many hours practicing vigorously to perfect their performance by show night.

Stopping to smell the roses! Junior **Mike Lluberres** shows off his faithful companion. **Mike** has been starring in lead roles since his freshman year.



What a cute couple! Seniors **Katie Fitch** and **Sam Meyrowitz** flash a smile for the camera. **Katie** and **Sam** played Arthur and Guenevere in "Camelot."

We are family! Some of the members of "Camelot" show how close they became during the show. When so many long hours are spent rehearsing, the cast becomes very close to each other.

Give me your goodies! Junior **Melissa Miles** reaches out for the box of chocolates that senior **Scott MacLeod** is offering her. **Scott** and **Melissa** have both been participating in the musicals since they began high school.

Art Thou Creative

In what class can you be creative, explore your artistic side, and not get graded down for it? The answer would be ART! This is one of the most popular classes in the entire school. Students enjoy this class for many different reasons, like senior **Tom Klug** who enjoys art because art classes are relaxing and fun.

Art can be interpreted in any way you see fit and different people enjoy different types of art. Senior **Eric Tien** enjoys cartooning, while senior **Paul Adams** enjoys making clay figures.

Art seems to bring out the best in some students. Maybe it's because of the teacher. Junior **Monica Mitchell** said art keeps you sane.

While art may not be a career choice for most of the students at OHS, they may learn

some skills that will last them a lifetime. Some students plan to continue their art into their fu-

ture and maybe even make a job out of it. Junior **Stephanie Kheders** said "I hope to include art in my career choice." Senior **Paul Adams** has one simple goal that he would like to get out of his art skills and that is a pay check with lots of figures.

If you are lucky enough to get into an art class you will not be disappointed in what you will learn and all of the different types of art that they let you explore. These classes may let you explore your creative side and maybe your not so creative side. In art classes you can see something that you made, not just something that a teacher told you to do. So dare to be different, stray from the herd, take an art class.

by David Atkins



Nice Bowl! Senior Steve Collins shows off his new bowl, while he creates a new project. Steve is in Mr. Rae's 6th hour Ceramics Class.



Mrs. Butler



Mr. Rae

ART TEACHERS



Eva Hvolback

Intense! Sophomore art student Shana Curtis is in deep concentration while making her clay pot in ceramics class.





Hard at work! Sophomore artists **Ashleigh Lessard** and **Rose Glendinning** paint and roll out their next projects.

Yuck! Junior **Phil Beekman** and Sophomore **Seema Dedhia** begin to mold their clay for their master pieces.



Eva Hvolback



Eva Hvolback

Concentration! Junior **Shreena Ghandi**, and sophomore **Barbara Mysliwicz** in **Mr. Rae's** ceramic class create their master creations. **Mr. Rae's** ceramics classes are very popular at OHS.

Wake up! Seniors **Brandon Bautista** and **Chris Steinacker** are in a state of total concentration while drawing their self portrait.



Eva Hvolback

Nice drawing! Junior **Monica Mitchell** creates a wonderful creation in her drawing class. **Monica** is one of our best art students.

Students take time out to display their talents.

Festival Hits Okemos

When you think of the Okemos Art Festival what comes to your mind? Is it the beautiful pictures our hallways are decorated with or perhaps the Collage Concert? The Festival consist of many art exhibits and musical concerts.

The Okemos Art Festival is one of the best collections of sight and sound in the area. Even if you are not a big fan of the arts you will enjoy coming and seeing the great creations that happen throughout your community everyday. If you made it over to OHS to view the Festival you were probably amazed that kids your own age could create pieces of art that look as good as they do. Like Junior **Kelly Worman**, who said, "I enjoyed looking at the pretty pictures."

If pictures are not your thing then maybe you enjoyed going to all of the many con-

certs put on by our music department. The highlight of the concert season is the Collage Concert, which is all of the



Kavitha Surapaneni

Nice drawing! Senior **Sam Esquith** instructs his prize student on the finer points of painting. **Sam** is an excellent art student who is always there to help out.

bands, orchestra groups and all of the choral groups in one fantastic concert. Junior **Dan Swan** said that the Collage Concert was "a wonderful experience." Senior **Laura Hall** enjoyed going to the concert to see her friends **Sara Main** and **Kyrsten Carter** sing with the Someko singers. Another highlight of the concert is the orchestra who puts on a great show. Sophomore **Carey Atkins** said, "The orchestra is awesome!" The band also puts on a show for the crowd, playing a wide array of songs ranging from the classics to modern day hits, and they are sure to entertain.

If you have never been out to see the Festival then you are missing a truly great show. The art is great and the concerts will keep you singing for days.

by David Atkins



Kavitha Surapaneni

Be Careful! Senior **Sarah Irving** very carefully paints a young lady's face at the 1996 Okemos Art Festival.

Whats Happening! Senior **Jim Lozier** takes time out of his busy life to talk art with a fellow artist. **Jim** is showing off a peice of pottery.





Very Nice! Junior **Jessica Slaven** constructs a fine piece of art on a young face. As you can see, **Jessica** is in deep concentration.

Interesting! A very nice penny sculpture was on display during the art festival which was held at Okemos High School..



Looks Good! Senior **Jackie Smith** admires some of the fine art work displayed at this years Art Festival.

What is that? Junior **Ron Jou** looks amazed at the work of two young girls. **Ron's** rainbow looks very nice, don't you think?

This is how you do it! Senior **Robert Aponte** shows some youngsters how to paint good pictures.

Game time

As you walk through the hallowed halls surrounding the Okemos High School athletic complex, one cannot help but to notice all the trophies commemorating all the winning seasons of OHS varsity sports.

One would also have a hard time missing the frequent articles in the Lansing State Journal proclaiming, "Okemos Wins En Rout" or "Okemos Wins State Title". The pictures accompanying these articles most often picture the faces of the victorious Chieftains who seldom give the camera the chance to capture a downtrodden face.

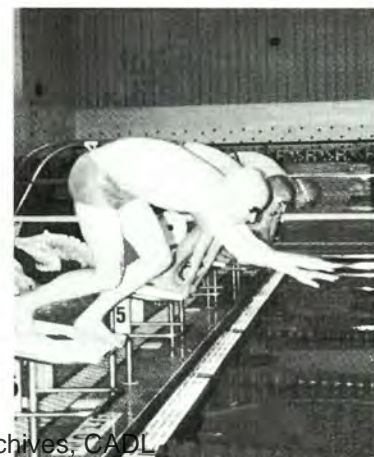
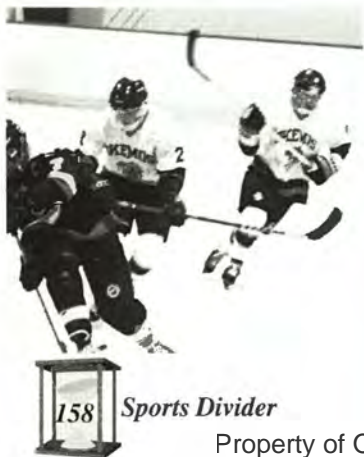
These two occurrences do not defy the norm. Okemos High School has a rich tradition of winning sports teams whose classiness and respect for the game take them to the next level. This year was no exception.

From the first day of school, anyone could see the tie or skirt-clad athletes walking down the hall with a note of confidence in their stride. This confidence was not unwarranted as Chieftains wrapped up League titles in football, Boys' Golf, Girls' Swimming and Girls' Cross Country. The Lady Chieftains Basketball Team went a step further, capturing District and Regional titles before falling in the semi-finals. The Girl's Tennis Team kept their unprecedented streak alive, winning their third consecutive State title.

As the fall leaves dissolved into winter snow, the Chieftains continued with their winning ways. The Boys' Basketball Team went 20-2 in winning another League title, and spent a good portion of the season ranked in the AP Top Ten. In capturing their League title, the ski-team showed that although Okemos is 30 miles from the nearest slope, they can still ski with the best. The Chieftain hockey team gave the fans something to cheer about in defeating East Lansing 11-1, one of the most convincing wins in recent memory, which again shows the Chieftains' flair for the victory.

Humble in victory and gracious in defeat, the Chieftains strode through this school year showing that, at least in the sports department, times aren't changing. The Chieftains are still # 1.

by Phil Williams





TIME

FOR A TOUCHDOWN

Chieftains tackle another league title

The Okemos Chiefs had another successful season this year. They were 7-2 and also league champs in the Capital Circuit.

Part of being on the team is creating memorable moments. "Being able to dominate every defensive tackle with **Chuck Sargent**," senior **Ben Matthews** said was his greatest accomplishment.

"Scoring the winning touchdown at Lakewood," tri-captain **Brian Frye** said was his great feat. Overall, the guys

agree that the best team moment was their win against Mason.

Every teammate had an explanation as to why the team succeeded so well this year. "We never gave up and we played our hardest," senior **Brian Nimphie** said.

"We all came together after we found out we missed the playoffs by .06 of a point," **Donny Hamilton** said. That was what he would remember the most. Great season guys!

by Lauren Kelly



Gayle Main



Gayle Main



Ann Mellenberger

Fire up Chiefs! The team pulls together to have a pep talk during their game against Traverse City. The talk worked because the Chiefs beat T.C. 25-9.

Taking a break. Senior **Donny Hamilton** takes a breather during the homecoming game. **Donny** was awarded First Team All-League.



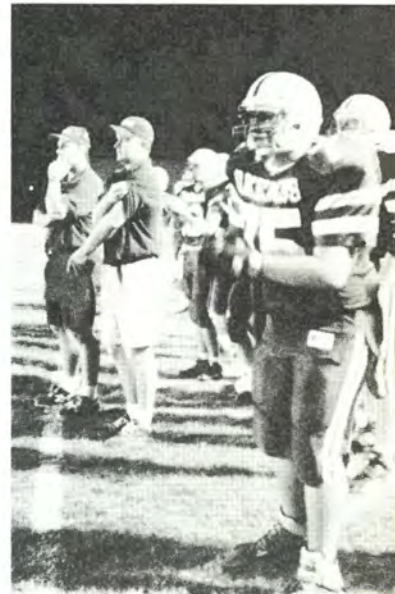
Varsity Football 1995: Row 1: Mark Steed, Donald Hamilton, Greg Brain, Joe Stein, Nate Wertz, Tim Cherry, Bob Phelps. Row 2: Corey Roop, Brian Nimphie, Adam Goss, Scott Nimphie, Bill Zustiak, Jolon Bowers, Grant Card. Row 3: Shay Provenzano, Matt Kolva, Scott Kazmierski, Bryan Frye, Jason McClure, Matt Zustiak, Forrest Fredline. Row 4: Aaron Lyon, Chris Gonzalez, Andy Lozier, Chuck Sargent, Joe Katteluz, David Warren, Dorsey Leckrone. Row 5: Nathan Dawson, Curtis Hendrix, Michael Neal, Andy Busch, Steve Buzby, Tod Prawat, T.J. Tribell. Row 6: Paul Palmer, Keith Proelcher, Ben Matthews, Matt Blankenhorn, Peter Brzal, Jim Powers. Row 7: Mike King



Gayle Main

Anticipation sets in. Coach Fro looks on as the Chiefs run a play.

What's next? Coach Palmer thinks about the next play for the Chiefs. Fellow teammate Curtis Hendrix cheers the chiefs on to victory in their game against Traverse City.



Gayle Main



Kavitha Surapaneni



Ann Mellenberger

HOME

Okemos Vs Opponent		
7	Holt	12
22	East Lansing	28
14	Lakewood	12
24	Catholic Central	3
19	Mason	15
32	Eaton Rapids	12
28	Charlotte	0
25	Traverse City	9
38	Portage Northern	6

AWA

The Chieftains face off in their first game against Holt. The Chiefs put forth a great effort but were defeated by the Rams 7 - 12.

Senior power! Captains Bryan Frye, Mike King, and Joe Stein pump the fans up for the game against Holt. The Chiefs won 22-12.

Waiting for the call. Senior Joe Stein made First Team All-League and was voted the Most Valuable player by his fellow teammates.

SHOOTING

FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Lady Chieftains Win Regionals!

Despite a rough start, the Lady Chieftains pulled together and reached great heights. The team fused to become one. Discovering how different people play and knowing right away where they are going to be on the floor. The girls thought the key to their successful season was team work.

"We are an unstoppable team when we all are in synch with one another", junior **Tara Canady** said.

"Our team has come together and knows how to get the job done", senior **Kristen**

Rasmussen said.

The Lady Chiefs were on a roll. They went on to become district champs!

"Winning districts for the first time in six years was a great accomplishment. It was a memorable moment for the entire team", senior **Carrie Preston** said.

The Lady Chiefs went on from there to take a Regional Championship. They continued to play with great talent to make it to the State Semi-Finals. Congratulations!

by Jamie Schoen



Ann Mellenberger



Galye Main



Girls' Varsity Basketball 1995: Row 1: Allyson Smith, Erin Cook. Row 2: Lori Goldammer, Tara Canady, Carrie Preston, Cortney Lyman. Row 3: Coach Tyler Hursey, Kasey Hulteen, Erica Rysberg, Kristen Rasmussen, Rory Wendt, Coach Ron Mott. Not pictured Coach Joy Look.

What so proudly we hail. The team is lined up for the national anthem. After, the chiefs went on to beat Mason 59-47.

She shoots, she scores. Senior **Carrie Preston** has been on the varsity for three years and made First Team All-Area and Second Team All-League. **Carrie** was also Student Body President and a National Merit finalist.





The Mott Squat. It's hard to believe that such a short man can coach basketball so well. **Coach Mott** made everyone believe as he led the girls to the State Semi-Finals.

Senior Power! Senior **Cortney Lyman** pressures her Holt opponent. **Cortney** received All-League Honorable Mention.



HOME		
Okemos Vs Opponent		
47	Eastern	50
60	Grand Ledge	64
50	Waverly	39
78	Lakewood	44
60	Portland	47
55	L.C.C.	65
84	Everett	20
58	Mason	60
66	Eaton Rapids	42
64	Haslett	49
65	Charlotte	45
62	Lakewood	52
51	East Lansing	56
47	L.C.C.	51
59	Mason	47
59	St. Johns	57
66	Eaton Rapids	49
66	Holt	55
65	Charlotte	42
64	East Lansing	34
56	Eastern	37
70	St. Johns	64
50	Grand Ledge	42
47	Howell	42
52	Huron	50
49	Flint Northern	59

Sophomore Showcase! Sophomore **Rory Wendt** puts it in for two points. **Rory** made Third Team All-League and received All-Area Honorable Mention.

Time out. The team pays close attention to **Coach Mott** as he calls the next play. They performed it like clock-

She's an all American! Senior **Kristen Rasmussen** looks for an open teammate. She made First Team All-State and was a member of the Fab Five

Junior Varsity Football 1995: Row 1: Micah Payne, David Kim, Doug Sargent, Kyle Froelich, Mike Eberz, Mike Perrone, Randi Rabideau. Row 2: Roland Coy-Burt, Brad Barnett, Mike Phelps, Toshi Shank, J.J. Fraas, Jeremy Grondin, Paul Gilbert, Eric Wolfe. Row 3: Nate Wolwode, Ted Coryell, Thomas Furman, Ryan Amboy, Tony Pryer, Brian Smith, Mason Herring, Aaron Adelman. Row 4: Brent Gilbert, Mark Lee, Scott Maki, Seth Murray, Joe Miller, Scott Hayes, Johnny Hauer, Frank Tuma. Row 5: Dan Rickard, Steve Kushion, Chad Mabery, Coach; Gary Kinzer, Coach; Jeff Zaeske, Coach; Mike Litos, Colin Philips, Asif Ahmed.



Freshman Football 1995: Row 1: Zach Ellis, Ben Welsh-Pung, Murphy Gardner, Andy Hess, J.P. Boullus, James Egler, Bob Juhnke, Dan Leaman. Row 2: Sharod Smith, Ben Zaroukian, Tibita Kaneene, Jamie Loose, Bob Glinsky, Tom Zietlow, Nathan Sheltey, Geoff Field. Row 3: Dan Bennett, Greg Severin, Ed Upchurch, Chad King, Jeff Green, Brad Forney, Jason Cheesebro, Jamie Styka. Row 4: Corey Cousino, Ryan Amsler, Dan Aybar, Corey Lomax, Marty Gardner, Mark Fulger, Jake Fielek, Kevin Duff. Row 5: Todd Fillingham, Manager; Mike Backus, Coach; Dan Marazita, Steve Sian, David Kelley.



WAY TO BE

FROSH & J.V.

The freshmen show their talents

For every season of every sport, there seems to be a team player that leads the team. That person's ability and positive attitude brings the team together.

After quizzing several players from the Junior Varsity football and basketball teams, it was shocking to see freshmen from each team were very highly thought of! The freshmen apparently showed great athletic leadership this season.

"I believe that, freshmen, **Doug Sargent** was our team's definite leader," said sophomore **J.J. Fraas**.

Doug Sargent was the only Freshmen on J.V. this year and said "I like sports because they can teach you a lot about your character and about pride."

The basketball team unanimously voted their very determined and skilled frosh, **Krista Thomas** their team leader.

"**Krista Thomas** was our best team player. She always did great and everyone liked her," said **Susan Riehm**.

Hannie Cox added, "**Krista** was our Phenom Frosh."

Congratulations freshmen athletes!! *by Kristin Main*



Gayle Main



Wow, this sure is tough work! **Whitney Downing, Susan Riehm, and Jenny Lohman** listen intently to the

Half time break! The Freshmen boys leave the field being led by **Brent Newell**. Brent was a new

Junior Varsity Basketball 1995: Row 1: Hannie Cox, Cindy Ballesteros, Susan Riehm, Whitney Anderson, Jennifer Lohman, Kyle Clark, Row 2: Jennifer Buxton, Whitney Downing, Rachel Worman, Megan Geschel, Meaghan Smith, Krista Thomas, Shannan Leply, Char Moore, Coach Bill Jones.



Freshman Basketball 1995: Row 1: Kristina Porter, Jenae Wallick, Amy Estry, Colleen Woods, Emily Elwood. Row 2: Asst. Coach Jodi Totte, Angela Hauptman, Jamie MacLeod, Katie Madigan, Courtney Fessenden, Kristin Swanson, Nicole Doherty, Jennifer Lynch, Susan Horvath, Ann Corwin, Coach Christine Pendergast.



Jennifer Elwood

Let's get fired up! Sophomores, **Whitney Anderson** and **Hannie Cox** looking excited and pumped up to get back on the court and win! Both **Hannie** and **Whitney** have been dedicated basketball players since 3rd grade. **Hannie** and **Whitney** played volleyball together in the winter season. Pretty impressive girls!



Gayle Main



Justin Perrone

Awesome lay-up !! Freshman, **Amy Estry** puts the ball up for an easy two points. **Amy** helped lead

Go Chiefs!!!! The J.V. Chiefs face off against the East Lansing Trojans. Due to previous loss, the chiefs

KICKING

TOWARDS THE GOAL

Boys' soccer leaves their mark

Both the Varsity and J.V. teams started out with exciting seasons this year! The Varsity team had a few setbacks, though. "We didn't have a good year as far as our record goes but we had fun being around each other," said senior co-captain **Blair Lincoln**. "Even though some scores did not meet the player's expectations", **Blair** said, "I was very confident that we would win the league and beat East Lansing this year. It was a good time and that's all that's impor-

tant." With all the excitement in the Varsity games this year, one can't forget about the J.V. games! This year the J.V. team went undefeated and had a great season. They had three ties this year. Both the J.V. and Varsity teams were filled with many talented players this year. Good luck to all of the players in the future!

by Touyen Nguyen



Varsity Soccer 1995: Row 1: Dan Horvath, Jared Kately, Stephen Gearhart, Blair Lincoln, Tom Klug, Chris Steinacker, Aaron Thornburg. Row 2: Derek Cooper, Kirstin Massey, Michael Austin, Brian Hahn, Anders Nordell, Andy Fuehr, Brian Wohlsheid, Adam Robison. Row 3: Coach John Picone, Mike Andrews, Andrew Leeser, Michael Robison, Joe Glendinning, Peter Hutcheson, Bryan Mathews, Akash Sharma, Asst. Coach Brett Merritt.

Eat up boys! Varsity players **Andrew Leeser, Tom Klug, Dan Horvath, and Akash Sharma** are enjoying their dinner at the soccer banquet.

Varsity soccer player **Mike Robison** attempts to steal the ball from his opponent at a home soccer game.

Varsity player **Andy Fuehr** thrashes towards the ball while his teammates anxiously watch him.

Senior **Blair Lincoln** kicks the ball to his teammate during the East Lansing game.



Varsity soccer players **Blair Lincoln**, **Joe Glendinning**, and **Chris Steinacker** strut their stuff during a fall pep assembly. **Blair** and **Joe** were also the team captains.



J.V. Soccer 1995: Row 1: Chris Mitchell, Blake Richards, Chad Raynak, Brian Scott, Chuck Folino, Tony Smith, Jordan Lubahn, Ross Melvin. Row 2: Billy Johnson, Justin Cook, Sean Yancey, Eric Pasman, Ryan Pendergast, David Post, Nick Spencer, Allen Pierce. Row 3: Geoff Gibson, Ajar Altinsel, John Dobrowski, James Vallone, Cory Beck, Nate Robison, Ashley Thompson, Row 4: Coaches Terry Usiak, Mike Swords, Will Robinson.

HOME		
Okemos Vs Opponent		
1	Midland Dow	3
2	Waverly	1
2	Grand Ledge	1
0	Kalamazoo	2
8	Lakewood	0
2	A.A. Pioneer	2
1	L.C.C.	2
1	Midland Dow	2
3	Midland High	4
1	Mason	5
1	Eaton Rapids	0
0	East Lansing	6
7	Charlotte	0
1	B.B. Rice	1
2	Charlotte	1
6	Saginaw Heritage	1
0	Mason	4
2	L.C.C.	0
0	East Lansing	2
AWAY		

REPEATING

EXCELLENCE

A Time to Remember

A hush falls over the crowd as the tournament director calls the Okemos Tennis team onto the courts to accept their third straight State Championship trophy. The crowd erupts with applause, proud of the team's successful season.

Many tennis players have embarrassing memories from this past season.

"At States, when I would switch from my skirt to my sweatpants, I would put on my skirt, then take off my pants. Well, during my match, my tennis underwear came down with my sweatpants and I had to pull them back up in front of everyone, twice!" junior **Megan Kearney** exclaimed.

When reflecting back upon the season, there was a great amount of pride felt by the team.

"I am very pleased with the performance of the team. I think that we all gave it everything we had. I think that the team this year was one of the

closest ever," junior **Emily Wessinger** said.

For seniors, this season holds a special place in their hearts as they brought to a close an unforgettable year.

"It is sad to think that high school tennis is over for me. I wish the underclassmen good luck next season, I know they can win their fourth State Championship in a row! It is cool to say that for one year, I was able to help out our team and win a State Championship!" **Jennifer Baumann** said.

"As a senior, I began the season hoping it would be the most memorable out the years I have been on the team. I can honestly say that I had the most fun this year, not only because we won States, but because everyone supported each other through the season. I will definitely miss my teammates next year," **Carolyn Yian** said.

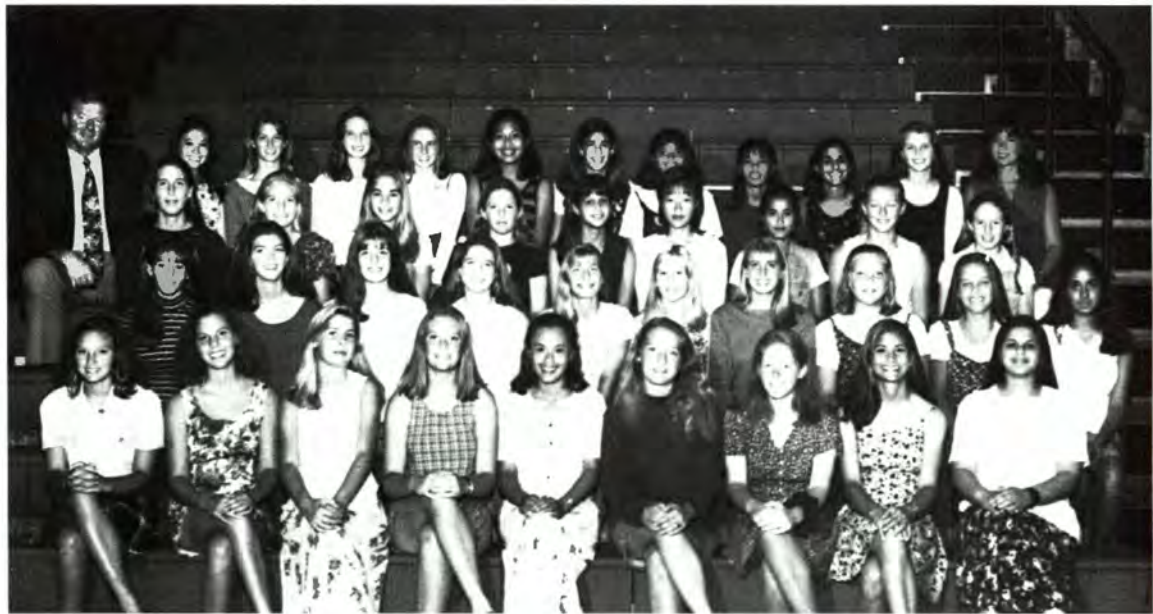
Although the season has ended, the memories are everlasting.

by *Kristen Arbour*



Ron Baumann

Congratulations! Seniors **Lauren Lark** and **Jennifer Baumann** give each other a high five during their match. **Lauren** and **Jennifer** were the recipients of the Most Improved Award.



Girls' Tennis 1995: Row 1: Lauren Lark, Emily Wessinger, Kristi Janssens, Megan Kearney, Carolyn Yian, Ann Tompkins, Jennifer Baumann, Beth Narasimhan, Shubha Kashyap. Row 2: Stephanie Dobrowoski, Leslie McAlvey, Carey Atkins, Rosie Dwyer, Jessica Putz, Kate Rawsthorne, Briana Ballard, Jill Neumaier, Michelle Kearney, Anjali Patel. Row 3: Alaina Fotiu-Wojtowicz, Abbie Ellsworth, Jenni Van Ravensway, Amanda Gross, Mala Kashyap, Serah Lee, Seema Kedhia, Betsy Bothell, Joanna Cornwell. Row 4: Coach Al Inkala, Sarah Willsey, Tiffany Brunner, Stacey Ninemeier, Caitlin Hickey, Angelica Novis, Lissing Sadaf Ali.



The concentration is etched upon the face of freshman **Abbie Ellsworth** as she anticipates the serve from her opponent.

Junior **Kristi Janssens** prepares to destroy her opponent. **Kristi** and **Megan Kearney** were awarded the honor of Co-MVP. They will also be Co-Captains next year.



Ron Baumann

Junior **Emily Wessinger** gracefully and swiftly drives the ball over the net.

Balloons galore! The team takes time to celebrate together after successfully winning Regional competition.



Concentration! Junior **Beth Narasimhan** is intensely focused upon the ball.

HOME

Okemos Vs Opponent		
7	Saline	0
7	Lakewood	0
6	L.C.C	1
5	Mason	2
5	East Lansing	2
7	Eaton Rapids	0
7	Charlotte	0
Capital Circuit First Place		
Regionals First Place		
States First Place		
Cranbrook Tournament First Place		

AAA

TIME

FOR TEE

OHS wins Capital Circuit

Fore! That is what was said by all the other teams in the Captital Circuit. The Chiefs steamrolled their way through the Capital Circuit with a perfect 10-0 record. This year's team had many memorable moments throughout the year.

Junior **Tyler Williams** said, "When I was looking for my ball, **David Atkins** hit his shot and it hit me, leaving a giant welt."

Junior **Andy Coultass** said, "I will always remember **Bill Wyman's** witty sarcasm."

The team also had many interesting expressions for making a good shot. After making a putt, Senior co-captain **Phil Williams** said, "BANG!"

All in all, this year's team was a huge success. It will without a doubt, rank right up with the best of all time. This year's team definitely hit nothing but the bottom of the cup!!

by *David Atkins*

Clear the way! Junior **Nathan Overholser** tees off while team members admire his winning form.



Lisa Estry



Lisa Estry

What a team! After winning the league championship, **Bill Wyman**, **Fritz Heller**, **Justin McKenna**, **Ryan Farhat**, **Andy Coultas**, **Phil Williams**, **Cory Peckham**, and **Nathan Overholser** celebrate their big victory.

Just hit it! Juniors **Andy Coultas** and **David Atkins** fine tune their putting skills before their big match against Eaton Rapids.



Boys' Varsity Golf 1995: Row 1: Phil Williams, Fritz Heller, Tyler Williams, Row 2: Justin McKenna, Bill Wyman, Ryan Farhat, David Atkins, Row 3: Coach Steve Alburtus, Chuck Kierpiec, Bill Snethkamp, Cory Peckham, Nathan Overholser, Andy Coultas.



Lisa Estry



Kavitha Surapaneni



Lisa Estry

Speak Up! Senior co-captains **Phil Williams** and **Fritz Heller** excite the crowd at the fall pep assembly. **Phil** and **Fritz** helped to lead the team to a League Championship.

Chip shot! Sophomore **Bill Wyman** shows his finesse on the green as he chips in from seventeen feet.

Concentrate! Senior **Phil Williams** takes his time as he tries to sink the big putt.



Lisa Estry



Okemos Vs Opponent

305	Mason Invite	4/19
652	E.L. Invite	21/44
320	Pinckney Invite	4/19
160	Lakewood	163
159	L.C.C.	160
156	Mason	160
315	Greenville Invite	2/12
331	Adrian Invite	6/18
152	Eaton Rapids	170
147	Lakewood	173
158	Mason	168
150	L.C.C.	153
162	Eaton Rapids	169
152	Charlotte	164
317	League Tournament	1/6
331	Regional Tournament	6/17



Junior Varsity Golf 1995: Row 1: Dan Flewelling, Brad Wheeler, Peter Lafferty, Bob Lindeman, David Melton. Row 2: Brian Wiczorek, Chris Loose, Nick Abbruzzese, Kevin Decker. Row 3: Darrin DeVries, Mike Geske, Brad Ward, Brian Ottinger, Tony Castlebuono, Coach Greg Mitchell.

HAVING

A WHALE OF A TIME

Swimmers race their way to the top

What pumps these girls up? Is it the fish on their lockers before their meet? Is it their lucky rabbit charm, Whoosh? Is it their bonding time during team dinners?

"I don't have any lucky charms, but at each meet I have a certain routine I go through before my race.", **Patty Walshaw**, a junior, replies.

Among other "lucky" things, **Megan Grattan** comments on "a rabbit dressed in maroon colors made by our coach's mom. His name is Woosh!" For good luck, they whisper

their times in the rabbit's ear before their race.

Senior **Kelly Joos** says, "We don't walk into a meet expecting a win, we work for it and if we don't win, we know that we did all we could."

These wins aren't just luck. They come from many hours of intense practice. To finish off the season, they placed eighth at the state meet, out of forty teams! The feesh had an incredible year and ended with an undefeated season.

by Robin Kluck



Bonding time. Seniors **Sara Demlow**, **Jennifer Putz**, **Megan Grattan** and **Joni Sturgeon** give each other a pat on the back for good luck.

Feeh! **Katie Wiechman** shows what can happen when you swim as much as these girls do!

Girls' Swimming 1995: Row 1: Carrie Thomas, Megan Grattan, Anna Mayer, Laura Camann, Joni Sturgeon, Jennifer Putz, Jenny Dale, Kelly Joos, Carol Stevens. Row 2: Cari Lee Calder, Melissa Marker, Kim Jackson, Rebekah Singleton, Julieta Rezaval, Molly Jurmu, Patty Walshaw, Sara Jehl, Anne Leone. Row 3: Courtney Butzlaff, Brandi Winter, Kris Mayle, Anne Kelly, Leah Walker, Katie Schroer, Jessica Durst, Sara Demlow. Row 4: Melanie Mitchell, Shira Johnson, Kami Wolfe, Kate Grybs, Emily DeWolf, Taylor Sherman, Stacie Jehl, Kim Cherry, Hadley Holley. Row 5: Coach Marie Hull, Tara McIntosh, Kelin Emmet, Angela Rouse, Sara Papoi, Monica Mitchell, Michelle Haley, Katie Weichman, Barb



Obstacles are what you see when you take your eyes off the goal. This was the team's motto this year. **Laura Camann** stays focused on the goal before an important race.

Two of a kind! Sisters **Stacie** and **Sara Jehl**, share a special moment together before an important meet.



HOME

Okemos Vs Opponent

137	Ionia	49
132	St. Johns	54
133	Eaton Rapids	47
118	East Lansing	68
127	Eastern	56
115	Mason	71
127	DeWitt	58
132	Waverly	54
138	Haslett	45
110	Alma	74
107	Holt	79

Placed 8th at State Meet

AWA

Showing spirit! As they prepare for their own race, lady swimmers find time to cheer on the rest of their team.

Divers **Shira Johnson, Anne Leone, Hadley Holley, Melanie Mitchell** and **Taylor Sherman** take a moment to show each other support.

Chain reaction! Always in good form, **Kelly Joos** starts the famous chain dive.

JUMPING FOR JOY

They've got spirit!

Hey, they got spirit!! The Okemos High cheerleading team worked hard and yelled loud all season long. This year's team was very close and all were best friends. Each girl will take with them many special memories from the season.

There were many memorable moments from this football season, and at their competitions. **Heather Birchen's** most memorable moment was taking 3rd place at the Champion Grand Open.

This year's team all liked cheerleading very much and for many different reasons. Freshman **Valerie Sancrainte** added, "It is a fun activity and I can release my energy."

Senior **Robin Kluck** enjoys cheerleading because, "It lets me represent my school and have fun at the same time."

This year's team had fun and worked hard to keep the fans at football games excited in good weather and bad. They were our fearless leaders.

by David Atkins



Stick em up! The cheerleaders fire up the crowd at the fall pep rally. The cheerleaders had a great year cheering on the football team.

At ease. The cheerleading team takes time out to honor our country before a Friday night football game.



Varsity Cheerleading 1995: Row 1: Anna Voss, Katie Garvale, Robin Kluck, Maggie Hess, Jenny Mishra. Row 2: Jamie Lademan, Megan Matvichuk, Emily Morse, Heather Birchen, Kara Grossman, Natalie Graham, Coach Diane Bobish



Go Chiefs! Emily Morse, Anna Voss, Katie Garvale, Maggie Hess, and Heather Birchen raise their arms as they cheer for a touchdown.

Timber! The cheerleaders perform a dangerous stunt at a Friday night football game.



Give me an O! Give me an H! Give me an S! OHS! The Cheerleaders have a good time with their new pompoms!



J.V. Cheerleading 1995: Row 1: Amanda Hines, Megan Strongrich. Row 2: Kori Shapiro, Erin Mazur. Row 3: Liz Straw, Kristen Clark, Valerie Sancrainte. Row 4: Coach Kate Woods, Tarynn Fowler, Kathleen Boszak, Margot Prestel.

TREAD

WATER

The Waterpolo Team makes a big splash

The game of waterpolo has been called, by some, one of the most difficult and physically demanding of all sports. Waterpolo demands the constant focus of a basketball player, the physical perfection of a swimmer, and the endurance of a long distance runner. This year's Okemos Waterpolo Club proved their worth by qualifying for the state tournament for the first time ever.

In order to obtain their state tournament goal, Okemos had to defeat Birmingham Seaholm, who defeated them in last year's regional tournament by scoring with under a minute left in the game. But Okemos got their revenge. "That was the best moment of the season," commented Senior co-captain **Jim Lozier**. "We had something to prove this year and we whooped their butts."

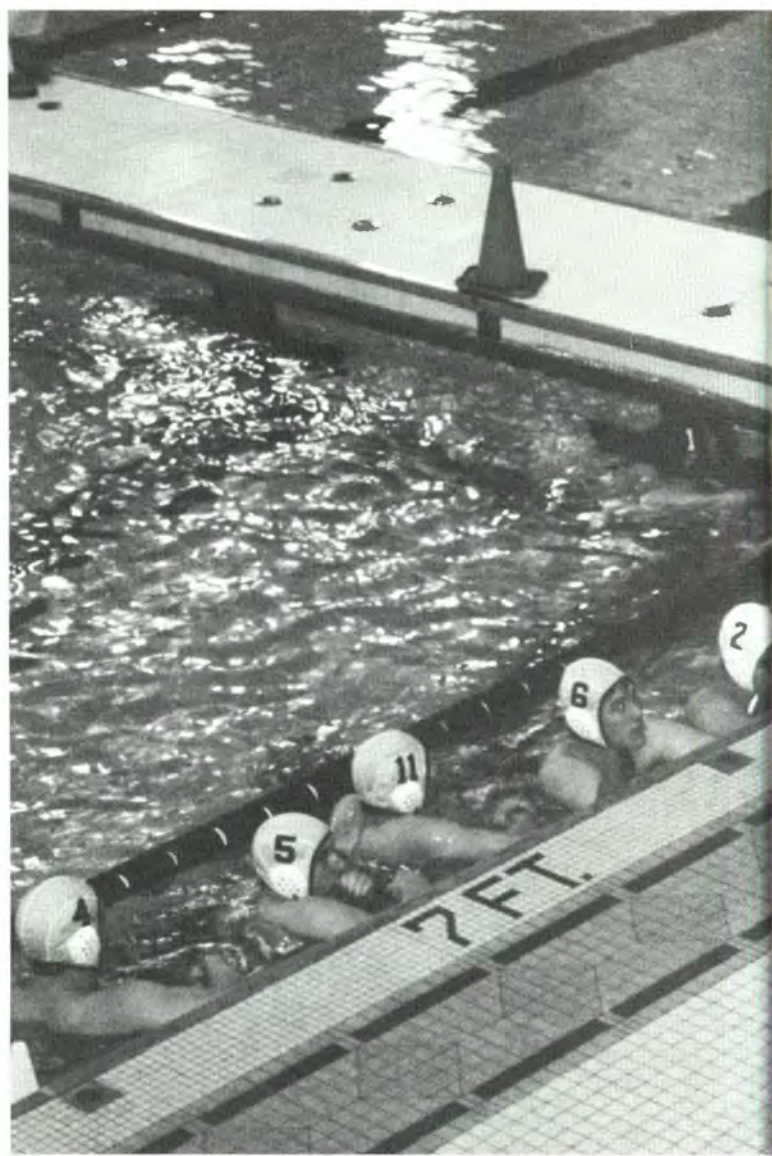
But why would someone want to play waterpolo? What drives them to strap on those

oh-so-comfortable speedos and risk smelling like chlorine for the rest of their lives? "Because I'm too hardcore to play football," says senior co-captain **Rob Aponte**.

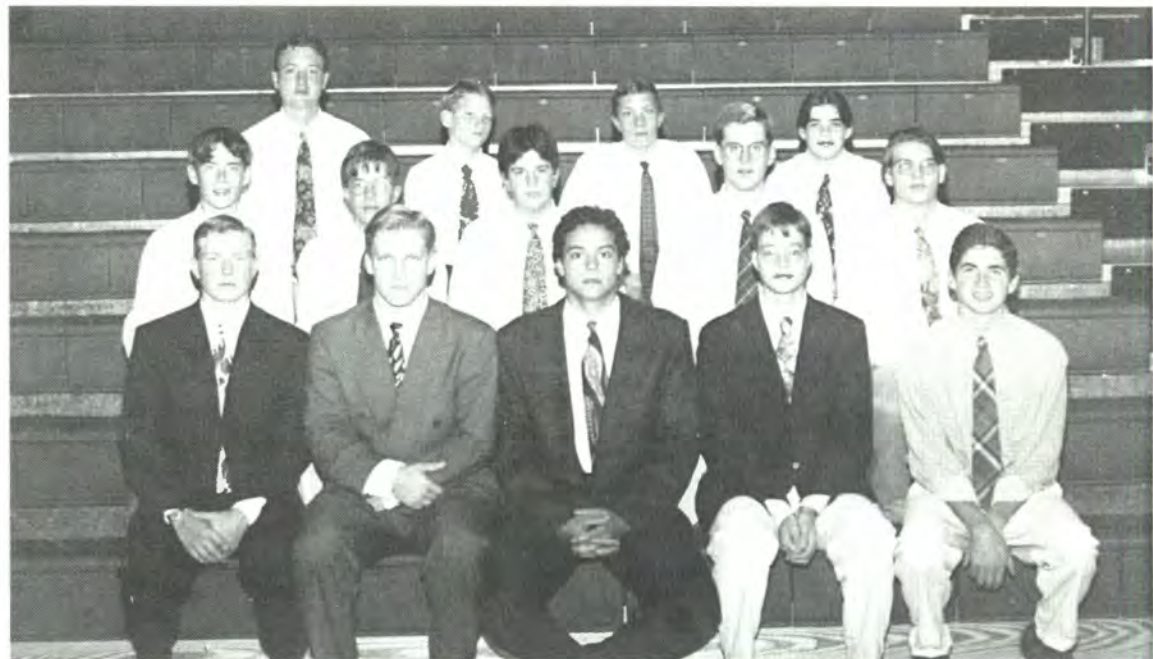
It's also a known fact that waterpolo games are a time to show affection, as **Rob** tells us, "Someone from Seaholm kissed **Steve Starnes** last year during an important game, but **Steve** had no such luck this year, he's too much of a defensive machine to take that." In a more violent form of affection, **Jim** was thrown out of a game for biting a member of the opposing team.

Whether it's eating a late night team dinner at Denny's, toilet papering the girl's swimming team's houses, or squeezing every last ounce of energy out of their body to accomplish their goals, the waterpolo team has proven what it takes to play the game.

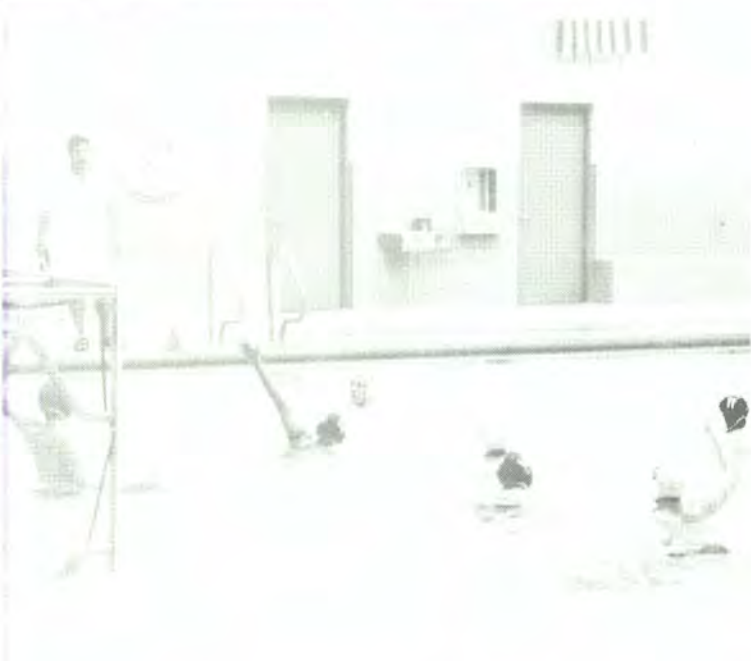
by Russell Mayhew



Determination! Senior co-captain **Jim Lozier** stalks his opponent in an attempt to deprive him of the ball. **Jim** had a respectable 31 steals and a near team high 28 kick-outs during the season.



Boys' Waterpolo 1995 Row 1: Chad Butzlaff, Jim Lozier, Rob Aponte, Steve Starnes, Matt Ames. Row 2: Mike Robbins, Brian Wilson, Peter Camann, Carl McIntosh, Brad Lansdale. Row 3: Coach Brian Fickies, Steven Jehl, Chris Dunstan, Isaac Haley. Not Pictured: Joel Candell, Paul Marlow, Zach McIntosh, Mike Dorsch.



Words of wisdom. Team members **Jim Lozier, Chad Butzlaff, Steve Starnes, Carl McIntosh, and Rob Aponte** take a breather during the state meet in Rockford to listen to a few words of inspiration from their coach.

Bombs away! Sophomore **Peter Camann** is caught in mid-launch as he punishes the opponent's goalie with one of his fifty goals. Senior co-captain **Jim Lozier** floats patiently behind, perhaps as a diversion.



Okemos Vs Opponent

4	Rockford	13
4	A.A. Pioneer	17
5	East Kentwood	10
9	Grandville	11
6	A.A. Huron	21
3	Worthington	11
4	St. Francis B	3
12	Princeton (Cincinatti)	11
6	Upper Arlington	11
18	Battle Creek	4
14	East Grand Rapids	8
15	Grand Blanc	7
5	A.A. Huron	17
8	Grand Haven	7
10	Grandville	11
15	Grand Blanc	7
9	Seaholm	11
6	A.A. Huron	19
6	A.A. Pioneer	22
3	A.A. Pioneer	20
9	Birmingham Seaholm	7
8	A.A. Huron	10
10	Birmingham Groves	14
7	Jenison	21
7	A.A. Pioneer	16
8	East Kentwood	11
7	Birmingham Groves	9
8	Grandville	14



Lookin' to score! Senior **Jim Lozier** eyes the goal and looks for a way to evade his defensive obstacle, as junior **Carl McIntosh** tries to get open in front

Time to rest. **Chris Dunstan, Brian Wilson, Mike Robbins, and Mike Dorsch** enjoy a break in the action as they rest their legs.

DANCING

FLAWLESSLY

Performing through Time

A cheer erupts and explodes from the crowd as the Varsity Dance Team gracefully slips onto the field. After filing into form, they nervously anticipate the start of their upbeat music signaling the beginning of their performance. After dancing flawlessly, they dash from the field exhilarated after another successful performance.

Many members from the dance team have cherished memories from this past season which will never be forgotten.

"I think the most memorable part of the season is all the good laughs we shared and how close we all were," freshman **Courtney Nicholas** said.

The team has also appreciated the enthusiasm and support expressed by the fans.

"Fortunately, this season's team has received positive feedback, making our performances memorable," junior **Stephanie Kheder** said.

When reflecting back upon the season, there was a great

amount of pride felt by the members of the team.

"I am very proud of the team's performance because we all gave 100% of ourselves to perform well. I am very honored to have been a captain," senior **Kim Nguyen** said.

"I am very pleased with the performance of the team. Some of the girls came in without any dance experience but we all pulled together really well," junior **Melissa Miles** said.

For senior, **Kim Nguyen**, this season holds a special place in her heart for this unforgettable season. "I'm really sad about our season coming to a close because it has been such a big part of my life for the past three years. I am very grateful for all the friends and memories I will always have."

As a season filled with laughter drew to a close, the cherished friendships and memories will last a lifetime.

by Kristen Arbour



The crowd is exhilarated as the Dance Team is about to perform during the first Pep Assembly of the year.

Before the start of the Homecoming Parade, the Varsity Dance Team spends time with the mascot of the Lansing Lugnuts.



Varsity Dance Team 1995: Row 1: Megan Arbour, Kara Malkus, Kim Nguyen. Row 2: Christy Heller, Katie Steed. Row 3: Courtney Nicholas, Stephanie Kheder. Row 4: Coach Kristen Patee, Anne Heller, Jessica Reeser, Melissa Miles.



Team members, freshman **Katie Steed** and junior **Stephanie Kheder**, are in unison as they perform flawlessly, staying in rhythm.

Strike a pose! Freshman **Megan Arbour** performs during a Pep Assembly.



Kristen Rauhe

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Kristen Rauhe



Team bonding! The members of the team huddle together before their performance at a Friday night football game

United as one! The concentration is etched upon the faces of **Stephanie Kheder, Katie Steed, and Anne**

Team members **Melissa Miles, Megan Arbour, Kim Nguyen, and Jessica Reeser** share a special moment

RACING

AGAINST TIME

Another exciting season

It's 7:00 am, the second week in August. While many of the students of OHS will be in bed for at least a few more hours, an elite group of individuals are not only up, but they're running. That's right, it's cross country season. Two and a half months of hard work, dedication, and midnight TP raids on teammates houses. During the 3.1 mile races, the runners endure everything from knee-deep mud puddles to snowstorms. And surprisingly enough, they usually manage to finish with a smile.

"The finish smile is just a cover, it's not until ten minutes later when the warm fuzzy feeling kicks in and you really feel good about your race," says senior **Matt Lafferty**, who has been running for Okemos all four years.

Even with all of the diverse personalities within the team, they all seem to agree on one thing, the great coaching. Coaches **Quiring** and **Mitchell** provide outstanding motivation to perform, while making everyone feel like a member of the team. *by Matt Ellsworth*



The smell of victory is in the air after winning the Greater Lansing invitational. Celebrating with coaches **Quiring** and **Mitchell** are **Vicky Fletcher**, **Lauren Wadland**, **Kelly Johnson**, **Laura Van Dam**, **Hollie MacEachran**, **Kim Berry** and **Courtney White**.

Alicia Hoge, **Beth Paterson**, **Kari Miller**, **Jill Bokemeier**, and **Karen Smith** smile during her grueling run.



Cross Country 1995: Row 1: Eva Hvolbaek, Janna Bainbridge, Hollie MacEachran, Jasson Russell, BJGawle, Courtney White, Andrea Johnson, Robin Hawley, Stacey Keller. Row 2: Devon Schneider, Kelly Decker, Kristine Widders, Lindsay Carr, Kelly Johnson, Ryan Shank, Bonnie Irvine, Jill Bokemeier, Vicky Fletcher. Row 3: Kim Barry, Erica Schneider, Lauren Wadland, Beth Paterson, Laura VanDam, Shawna Leuser, Alicia Hoge, Kary Miller, Karyn Barker. Row 4: Laura Loose, Karen Smith, Kim Trathen, Adrienne Romanski, Alexandra Sophia, Stephanie Williams, Jenny Cook, Elise Maniscalco, Laura Breyman. Row 5: Mike Zulakis, Scott Slack, Cayle Tompkins, Ajay Rajadhyaksha, Eric Goodman, Brandon Bautista, Jamie Morgan, Matt Lafferty, Matt Sokolada, Benji, Ben Lewis, Bob Pratt, Doni Chandler, Daniel Henderson, Brent Bachelder, Stacey Thrush, Shea Ryan, Nick Wierzbza, Chris Henderson. Row 7: Justin Cueto, Matt Ellsworth, Coach Mitchell, Coach Quiring, Carl Case.



Fall Sports



Runners set, BANG!! The Chieftain cross country team is off like a bullet at their home meet against Charlotte. Both guys' and girls' teams came away with victories.

Out in front, seniors **BJ Gawle** and **Jason Russell** head into their third mile against Charlotte.



Working together! Senior **Jill Bokemeier**, junior **Beth Patterson**, and senior **Jessica Russell** encourage each other to work hard to the finish at the Mason invitation.



Go Dirk!! Junior **Carl Case** works hard over the hill with coach **Quiring** looking on. **Carl** had a great season and will be a strong runner for next year.

HOME

Boys	Girls
17-42 East Lansing	28-31
6th Holly Invitational	7th
20-41 Lakewood	15-50
7th Jackson Invitational D.Q.	
18-41 LCC	20-38
7th Haslett Invitational	5th
21-34 Mason	22-37
2nd Mason Invitational	3rd
26-29 Eaton Rapids	19-44
6th Greater Lansing	1st
23-36 Charlotte	23-36
2nd C.C League Meet	1st
7th	Regional
	6th

AMA

HOOPING

IT UP!

Boys Varsity Basketball shoots to win.

Once again the boy's varsity basketball team had a terrific season!!! Their overall record was 20-2 and their league record was 9-1. How do they keep having one great season after another? Many factors contribute to their victories including team spirit, goofy traditions, good luck charms and superstitions.

Some superstitions and good luck charms help certain players perform better on the court. "The lucky ankle-high socks and pre-game Ramen noodles are musts," **Aaron Fritzsche** says.

"I didn't shave my chin until we lost our first game." **Joey**

Wenzel stated.

Another way the team gets ready for the games is by chanting. As **Mike Doherty** said, "We chanted before every game, and some of the members on the team chose to bark like dogs to get the adrenaline flowing!"

Overall the guys had a terrific season and plan to continue the tradition for many years ahead. "I thought it went great. We had two great games against Waverly and we also won our first district game in several years," **Nathan Bullock** says.

by Kavitha Surapaneni



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Coach Stolz gives the team a pep talk to prepare them for a grueling game that awaits them. With his help the team finished another great season with an overall record of 20-2.

Senior **Joey Wenzel** guards his Charlotte opponent from scoring. The chiefs had nothing to worry about because they stomped the Oriiles 74 to 54!



Varsity Basketball 1995: Row 1: Chuck Sargent, Will Simon, Mike Doherty, Peter Govorchin, Brandon Johns, Ben Matthews, Aaron Fritzsche, Tim Cherry. Row 2: Nathan Bullock, Joe Wenzel, Jason Price, Adam Goss.



Kathy Bozyk



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Kavitha Surapaneni



Kathy Bozyk

Three year veteran **Jason Price** aims high while trying to avoid his opponents from St. Johns.

Brandon Johns, a 6'7" senior, struts his stuff by dunking the ball before the Orioles can lay a finger on it!

HOME		
Okemos Vs Opponent		
62	Howell	46
69	Utica Eisenhower	54
83	Lansing Eastern	80
62	Lakewood	49
71	Owosso	45
81	Holt	68
67	L.C.C.	45
68	Eaton Rapids	43
79	St. Johns	61
74	Charlotte	54
58	Lakewood	55
77	Lansing Waverly	64
64	L.C.C.	56
53	Mason	67
76	Holt	54
59	Eaton Rapids	50
67	Howell	51
62	Charlotte	42
District Tournament		
57	Lansing Waverly	52
49	Lansing Eastern	53



It's a bird, it's a plane, no wait, it's **Nathan Bullock**. **Nathan**, a junior, soars through the air to save the ball from St. Johns.

Team spirit is the key to beating the opponents while having fun on the court.

Howell watches in awe as sophomore **Mark Kissling** goes for a two pointer.

CHIEFTANS SIDEOUT

Girls' volleyball faced a challenging season

Determination and hard work definitely combine to make a winning team. The volleyball team became very close throughout the season. **Laurel Donnell-Fink** stated, "There definitely was a special bond between my teammates because we had to pull together on and off the court in order to win a game and survive the season."

This team remained positive about all the difficulties that arose. "Even though our record was not impressive, we stuck together and worked diligently every day

to strive for a team we could be proud of." **Allyson Smith** replied of the team spirit.

Districts proved to be a tough ending to a hopeful season. After winning the first game in semi-finals to East Lansing the team had trophies gleaming in their eyes. "We just couldn't quite hold out in the third game but we had the support and determination to win the whole thing," **Jenelle Ferance** reflected of the final match. These girls obviously learned from their challenges and will continue to grow.

by Alyson Long



Ann Mellenberger

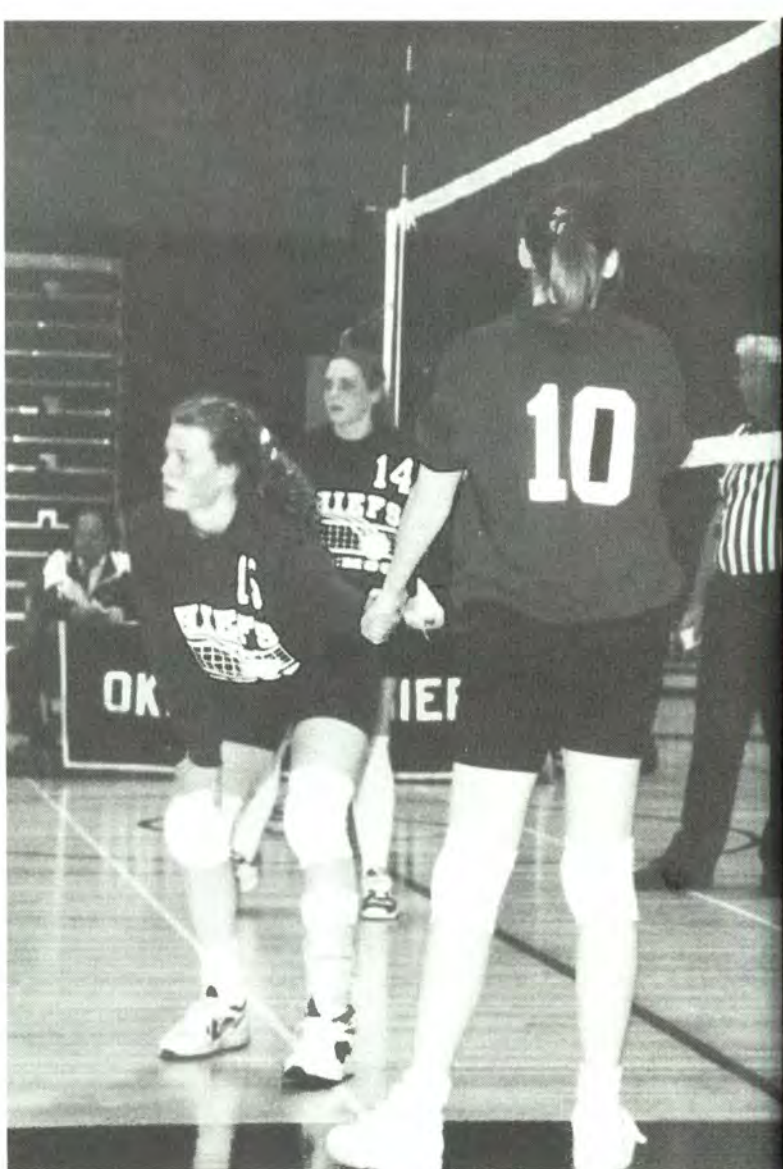


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Team spirit! The team silently awaits their introduction before the game. Obviously this team was very close as they hold hands.

Get pumped up! This winter sports assembly gets warmed up with co-captains of Varsity Volleyball.

Courtney Lyman and **Vicky Fletcher** led the team throughout the season.



Varsity Volleyball 1996: Row 1: Courtney Lyman, Kelli Potter, Laura Gronseth, Janel Hunt, Alyson Long Allyson Smith. Row 2: Sarah Ahti, Laurel Donnell-Fink, Jenelle Ferance, Elizabeth Donnell-Fink, Vicky Fletcher, Tara Canady, Head Coach Michelle Kolp.



Mad hops! **Laurel Donnell-Fink** aims high during warm-up. **Laurel** had one of the highest vertical jumps on the team and demonstrated that gift often.

What's next? **Janel Hunt** wonders what the next move will be. **Janel** worked diligently to hold the team together in key moments of the game.



Ann Mellenberger



Kavitha Surapaneni



HOME

Okemos Vs Opponent

15:3:8	Lakewood	12:15:15
15:10:15	L.C.C.	4:15:9
15:3:8	Mason	9:15:9
8:15:12	Eaton Rapids	15:7:15
9:3	Charlotte	15:15
15:15	Mason	12:7
8:0	Lakewood	15:15
8:15:15	L.C.C.	15:3:6
15:13:15	Eaton Rapids	9:15:9
15:7:10	Charlotte	10:15:15

AWA

Concentrate! **Liz Donnell-Fink** and **Laura Gronseth** wait in anticipation for the serve so they are able to switch positions. *Keep it up!*

Strut your stuff! The girls walk with an air of confidence as they stroll into the Chiefs' home, holding proudly a volleyball sign.

Be ready! **Courtney Lyman** anticipates the next hit as she communicates to her teammates. *She had a lot of heart and determination.*



J.V. Basketball 1995-96: Row 1: Trever Carson, Andy Fowler, Andy Fuehr, Tommy DeLind. Row 2: Coach Tyler Hursey, Doug Sargent, Mason Herring, Kyle Froelich, Mark Kissling, Lou Detrisac, Ryan Amboy, John Fraas, Jeremy Grondin, and Coach Paul Palmer



J.V. Volleyball 1995-96 Row 1: Carey Atkins, Kate Rawsthorne, Hannie Cox, Kyle Clark, Kelly Johnson. Row 2: Laurie Markham, Whitney Anderson, Angelica Novis, Elizabeth Leago, Ashleigh Lessard. Row 3: Coach Jamie Ianni, Christa Thomas, Ashley Telman, Rory Wendt, Courtney Fessenden, Rachel Worman.

NOTHING

BUT NET

J.V. and Frosh get it done!

During the season there are so many funny and embarrassing moments that seem to happen. The people that show up or the stupid things that you or your teammates do. "My most embarrassing moment was when my uncle came to one of our games and was sprawling across the floor," said sophomore **Carey Atkins**. Relatives always seem to embarrass you wherever you go.

Along with relatives, your teammates and you seem to make some crazy moves. **Angelica Novis** can vouch for that. "It was the last game of the season the ball was being set up to me. I did my

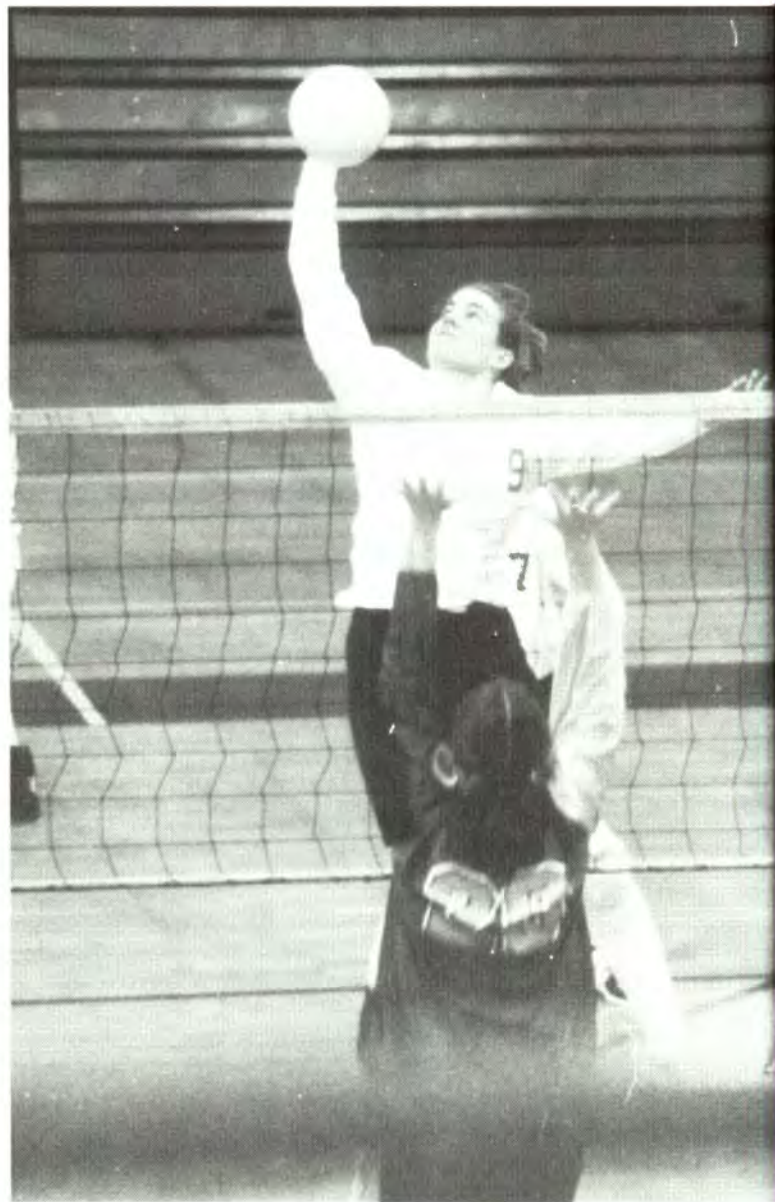
approach, but my timing was off and I missed the ball and it hit me on the head."

Basketball also had some unforgettable moments. **Andy Fuehr** and **Andy Fowler** thought it was pretty funny when Mr. Palmer told them to run the transmission instead of the transition. People always thought that the ceilings of the gym were pretty high except for freshman **Bill Johnson**. "It was so funny when **Jim Cullen** inbounded the ball and it stuck in the ceiling of the gym."

There are so many memorable moments during the sports season. *by Lisa Estry*



The Freshman Basketball team huddles together around Coach Marazita to find out what the next play



Look out! Sophomore **Rory Wendt** steps up and spikes the ball over the opposing team. **Rory Wendt** has been



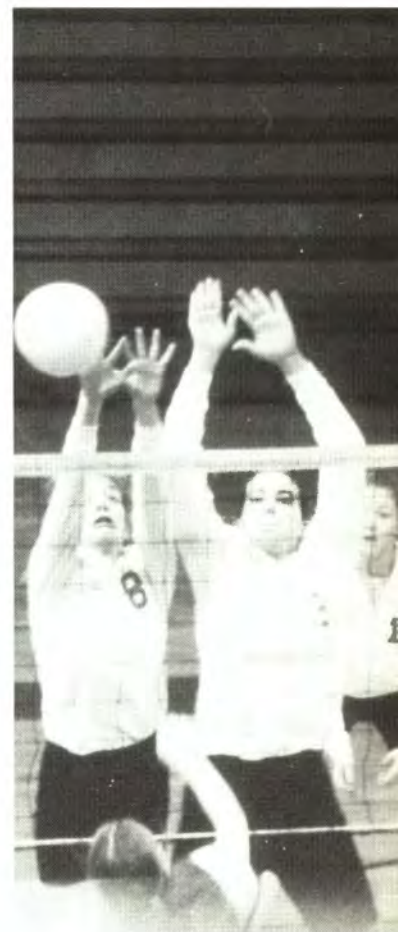
Freshman Basketball 1995-96 Row 1: Thomas Royal, Marc Friend, Nick Quiring, Dan Schoen, Billy Johnson, Jeff Green. Row 2: Andy Hess, Justin Cook, Kevin Decker, Zach Ellis, Ben Zavoukian, Corey Cousino, Dan Holcomb, Jimmy Cullen, Rob Ley, Coach Dan Marazita.



Freshman Volleyball 1995-96 Row 1: Jessica Durst, Katie King, Caitlin Hickey, Candy Clark, Abbie Ellsworth. Row 2: Andrea Grady, Emily Elwood, Nicole Sammartino, Marissa Strieter, Sara Robinson. Row 3: Coach Karen Patterson, Jennifer Lynch, Melanie Hoekstra, Laura Breyman, Alaina Fotiu-Wojtowicz, Kristin Swanson.



What a block! Freshman **Courtney Fessenden** and sophomore **Rory Wendt** block the ball from being spiked over on to their side. The J.V. team had a good season this year.



Help! Freshman **Andy Hess** looks for an open teammate to pass the ball to. This year **Andy** was moved up

CHIEFS

STICK IT TO EM!

The Chiefs skate their way to victory

What team is at Lansing Ice Arena from 10:30 until 12:00 every night skating in the freezing cold? Well, this question could only be answered by the OHS Varsity Hockey team.

Only a hockey player knows how much time, dedication and motivation is involved while playing the sport. When asked what he thinks makes hockey so different than any other sport, senior **Michael Irrer** said, "It is an exciting fast paced game that includes a great deal of skill as well as coordination."

Besides being an exciting and

fast moving sport, there are many challenges every hockey player must overcome. Senior **Justin Perrone** said, "The toughest thing about being on the team is trying to get all the different personalities and combining them as one to play the game."

Even though hockey has its downs, there are also many positive things about playing.

Junior **Brent Patenge** says, "Playing hockey allowed me to meet different people which otherwise I never would have encountered."

by *Meghaen Jordan*



Kristen Rauhe



Kristen Rauhe

Oh say can you see! The Varsity Hockey team proudly stands as they sing the National Anthem before their first home hockey game.

Time to huddle up! The Hockey team gets together before the game to do the traditional "Blue Bird" chant.



Varsity Hockey 1996: Row 1: Rob Elliot, Fritz Heller, Justin Perrone, Rob Rynbrandt, Michael Irrer, Mike Austin, Row 2: Brent Patenge, Pat Calder, Brian Hatcher, Paul Yeager, Jason Munger, Stan Schock, Row 3: Scott Kazmierski, Mike Perrone, Chris Meoak, Guy Duquette, Bill Snethkamp, Ben Gillespie, Row 4: Coaching Staff-Phil Williams, Cory Breen, Dave Emerson, Gary Calder, Not Pictured: Tim Spehar



Kristen Rauhe



Cutting ice! Sophomore **Mike Perrone** skates past the competition and heads toward the goal to score, leaving the opponet baffled.

Taking care of business! Senior **Mike Irrer** gets tangled up battling for the puck. He quickly regained possession as the Chieftains skated to victory.



Kavitha Surapaneni

Fencing, anyone! Senior captain **Justin Perrone** holds the East Lansing opponent at bay. **Justin** has contributed to a lot of the teams success during his three years.

Here they come! Seniors **Rob Rynbrandt, Justin Perrone, Jason Munger, Mike Austin, and Rob Elliot** lead the Varsity Hockey team onto the



Lisa Estrv

Ready and waiting! Junior **Brent Patenge**, waits in anticipation for the oncoming rush.

HOME		
Okemos Vs Opponent		
2	Allen Park Cabrini	3
2	Dexter	5
4	Grand Ledge	2
3	Forest Hills	1
0	Battle Creek	4
0	South Lyon	3
0	Jackson High	2
5	Kentwood	4
5	DeWitt	4
3	Kentwood	9
1	Grand Ledge	1
6	Jackson NW	8
2	Midland Dow	6
1	Jackson NW	1
7	Kentwood Club	3
1	East Lansing	3
3	Dexter	3
7	Saginaw-Heritage	1
3	East Grand Rapids	2
5	Jackson High	3
11	East Lansing	1
5	Dewitt	2
9	Swartz Creek	0
6	Flint SoWest Acad.	1
1	Grand Blanc	1



BEATING THE COUNT

Wrestlers Keep The Faith

Ever had the urge to get done with your school day, run around the school for a while, do some sprints and then wrestle till you dropped? Well, talk to **Coach Wilcox** because you are made for the type of conditioning the wrestling team is forced to endure.

"Wrestlers have to be in their peak physical fitness during the season, carefully balancing workouts with the least amount of food you can take in," junior **Adam Robison** said.

The abuses wrestlers have to suffer seem to have no bounds. Sometimes, they even have to do things that are potentially life threatening.

"I was forced to wrestle with **Andy Busch** when I was roughly 100 pounds lighter than he was," senior **Mike King** said.

Despite all of the physical pain, mental anguish, triumph and defeat, even an experienced wrestler can make light of a moment from the season.

"One thing that sticks out in my mind is when one of the freshmen wrestler's mothers forgot the name for the wrestling uniform and called it a 'leotard'," junior **Adam Robison** joked.

After it is all over, even wrestlers can look back and appreciate the experience.

"I would like to thank **Coach Wilcox** and **Coach Whitford**, along with all the practice partners that kicked my butt," freshman **Mark Fulger** said.

Last but not least, there are the friends that make a physically exhausting sport such as wrestling bearable.

"I would like to thank **Bryan Frye** for wrestling with me for the past 9 years," senior **Mike King** said.

Through good times and bad, the Okemos High School wrestlers worked their tails off to prove that they truly are the best that they can be.

by Phil Williams



Kavitha Surapaneni

Public speaking at it's best. Wrestling co-captains **Bryan Frye** and **Andy Busch** express their views at the winter sports assembly.

Taking a bite out of crime. **Forrest Fredline** takes down his opponent. **Forrest** was voted most improved and had 22 wins.



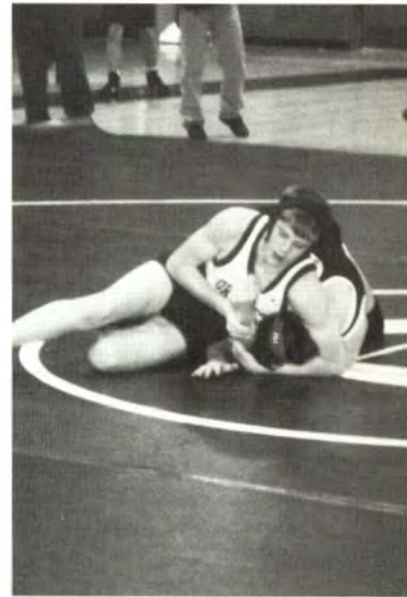
Varsity Wrestling 1996: Row 1: Adam Robison, Dan Bennett, Tom Zietlow, Cory Richard, Mike Phelps, Brian Wilson, Joel Banas. Row 2: Christopher Fulger, Jonathan Henderson, Mark Fulger, J.P. Boulus, Brian Smith, Ben Welsh-Pung, Dan Rickard. Row 3: Nathan Robison, Chad King, Ryan Amsler, Chris Gonzalez, Jason McClure, Dan Aybar, Curtis Hendrix. Row 4: Andy Busch, Coach Darin Wilcox, Coach Pat Whitford, Mike King.





Never giving up, sophomore **Brian Wilson** gets out of a seemingly bad situation against his opponent from Lakewood.

Go down and stay down. Sophomore **Kris Frye** gets the upper hand on his overmatched Eaton Rapids opponent.



HOME

Okemos Vs Opponent

27	Haslett	45
50	East Lansing	30
10	Corunna	60
33	Williamston	39
51	Lake Fenton	26
25	Durand	47
26	Lakewood	44
21	Mason	56
16	Eaton Rapids	56
14	Charlotte	45
17	Forest Hills Central	55
16	Greenville	57
32	Saginaw	42
54	Everett	28
38	Eastern	32
6	Holt	72

AWAY

That's the way to use your head. Junior **Adam Robison** stood on his head all season on the way to setting a school record with 48 wins.

Continuing a tradition of excellence. Senior **Mike King** regroups after taking his opponent down. Mike won 22 matches this year.

CARVING

UP THE SLOPES

The Chieftain Ski Team shushes to victory.

The rush of the cold wind. The thrill of being on the edge of control. The sweet taste of victory at the finish line.

If you ask anyone who has ever had the honor of participating in a major ski competition, they'll all tell you the same thing: it's the greatest feeling in the world. The OHS Ski Team has been a varsity sport for three years. In that time it has transformed itself into a major state competitor in the lower Michigan ski division. The secret to their success has been dedication and teamwork with every

member performing at their peak for the good of the team. Intensity was the key for senior co-captain **Matt Coy**. "Skiing is a lot more intense than most sports, one mistake can cost you everything. You only get one chance," **Matt** said.

Girls co-captain **Meghaen Jordan** explained that skiing is more than a sport, it's a passion. "Being on the ski team requires up to 6 hours a day of practice, but the feeling that you get when you're on the course makes up for it all."

by Justin Perrone



And the winners are...both the Boys' and Girls' Ski team qualified for leagues and took a moment to show off their trophies at Mt. Brighton.

Chillin' at lunch. Seniors **Matt Coy** and **Tom Grasman** relax after a tough day on the slopes.



Varsity Skiing 1996: Row 1: Kristen Bunte, Che Ghods, Matt Coy, Meghaen Jordan, Anna Mayer, Jenny Birch, Anders Nordell, Jordan Kingdon, Krista Schmitt, Matt Robinson. Row 2: Angela Hodgins, Birgitta Nordell, Brook Shetler, Megan Smith, Laurel Trezise, Betsy Bussing, Katie Madigan, Bryce Hauptman, Anika Kohan, Andrea Johnson, Tom Grasman. Row 3: Monica Mack, Carlos Hinojosa, Ryan Tyler, Adam Lafferty, Derek Finkbeiner, Stephanie Lemon, Erann Lincoln, Jason Virskus, Jason Hahn, Pete Lafferty. Row 4: Michelle Baladi, Rebecca Horsch, Greg Severin, Brian Tribell, Jeff Koryba, Sara Pastuszka, Steve Lick, Joe Virskus, Josh Grimes, Emily Bell, Gillian



Taking a break. The OHS Ski Team takes a seat and celebrates a 2nd and 3rd place victory at the Mt. Brighton divisionals.

Catching a snooze. Senior **Anna Mayer** takes advantage of some down time at the League Championships held at Mt. Holly.



The need for speed! Senior co-captain **Meghaen Jordan** flies down the hill toward the finish line in a race at Mt. Brighton.

Grrrr. Senior **Matt Coy** attacks the gate in the slalom race. **Matt** received the MHSAA Scholar-Athlete award for his participation with the ski team.

Victory! Senior Swedish exchange student **Anders Nordell** takes 1st place in the state slalom competition at Sugarloaf Ski Resort.

HOME

League standings

Boys: 1st place
Girls: 11th Place

Divisionals

Boys: 2nd place
Girls: 3rd place

Regionals

Boys: 5th place
Girls: 8th place

AMA

SPLASH

The swimming team pulls together

One thing the Boys' Swimming team always finds time for is team bonding.

Adam Carrasco gave some examples of different rituals the team completes to bring them closer together. He said, "We have team dinners and breakfasts. It's always interesting to see what meal combinations people get at breakfast." The saying that food always brings people closer together really applies for the swimming team.

The team has other methods of bonding. Senior co-cap-

tain Nathan Wertz explained the event that brought him closer to his team mates. He said, "It was awesome when everyone dyed their hair and then shaved it. It showed our team spirit and unity."

The boys on the swimming team are more than teammates, they're friends. They push each other through grueling practices, cheer for each other in meets and provide support when the intensity is high. They are team of unified Chieftains.

by Jill Bokemeier



Gayle Main



Gayle Main

Practice, practice, practice. Nate Wertz, Peter Cammon, and Chad Butzlaff work overtime in a practice before the League meet.

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's Nate! Senior Co-Captain Nate Wertz flies through the air at a start. Nathan and Co-Captain Rob Aponte were commended by their teammates for their supportive team spirit.



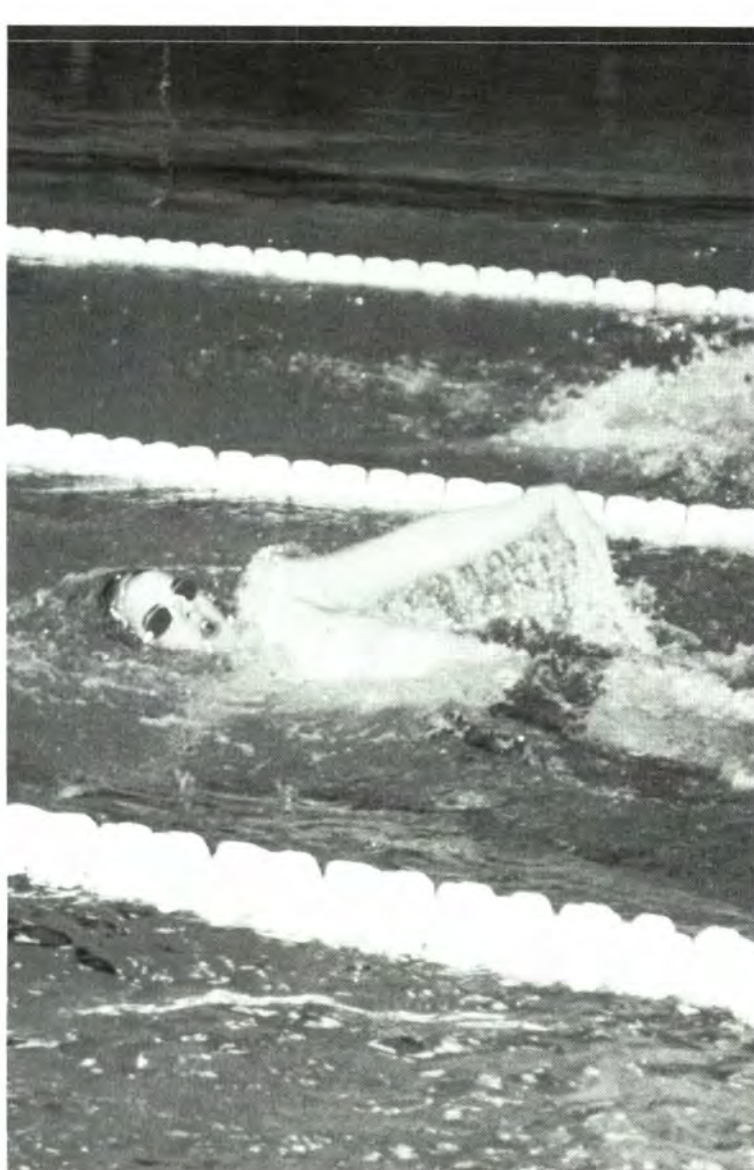
Boys' Swimming 1995-1996: Row 1: Jim Lozier, Marc Jozefowicz, Brad Lansdale, J.P. Marlowe, Chris Henderson, Dave Rafferty, Matt Ames. Row 2: Peter Camann, Martin Finn, Carl McIntosh, Zach McIntosh, Michael Giromini, Mike Dorsch, Anthony Miller. Row 3: Chad Butzlaff, Steve Collins, Nik Wierzba, Robert Aponte, Nate Wertz, Steven Jehl, Chris Dunstan, Adam Carrasco. Row 4: Diving Coach Brian Palmer, Swimming Assistant Coach Dave Pontzius, Coach Shannon Petroff, Assistant Swimming Coach Maria Hull



Winter Sports



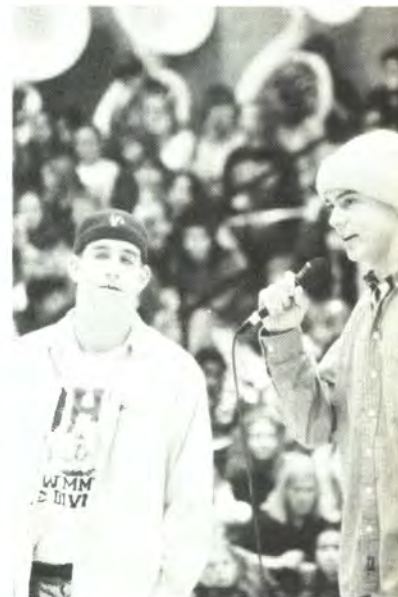
Kavitha Surapaneni



Gayle Main

Moving back. Sophomore **Peter Camann** zips through the water. Peter competed in the 200 IM and 100 Back in Leagues, and went on to compete in the 200 IM at States

Senior spirit. Senior swimming co-captains **Nate Wertz** and **Rob Aponte** provided the swimming team with support inside the pool and out.



Kavitha Surapaneni



Gayle Main



Dan Wertz

Is swimming becoming a contact sport? The swimming team shows off their new hair styles. They are a crazy group of guys, but they are serious about their swimming.

March on. The boys' swimming team parades into the pep assembly. The team never stopped as it swam on to a second place finish in the

He's dripping with excitement. Senior **Chad Butzlaff** cannot stop smiling after a victory in a close race.

HOME

<i>Okemos Vs Opponent</i>		
123	Alma	56
111	Corunna	75
135	DeWitt	51
108	Eaton Rapids	78
103	Haslett	67
127	Ionia	58
119	Mason	66
67	Ovid-Elsie	27
75	St. Johns	111
League Finish: 2nd		

AWA

JUMPING

THROUGH TIME

Time to Cheer

"We've got spirit, yes we do!" Cheerleading is a very special sport which requires a large amount of dedication and devotion. Cheerleading enables you not only to build physical strength, but also to build and form strong bonds of friendship among your teammates.

"My most memorable part of cheerleading would have to be the closeness that I have felt with the other cheerleaders," sophomore **Kori Shapiro** said.

"Cheerleading is such a unique sport. We are together from May to March every year, so we grow really close with one another," junior **Maggie Hess** said.

Cheerleading is a very challenging sport in which dedication and perseverance are necessary.

"To be a cheerleader, you must be willing to give up the majority of your free time and work extremely hard. We work during the whole summer. Then

during basketball season we practice for three hours!" junior **Megan Matvichuk** said.

There are many precious and fond memories from this past season which may be reflected upon.

"In stunting, I am usually a base. At the last game, we were just having fun and I was raised in the air, up in an extension. It was so neat and exciting to see the crowd from a different point of view!" freshman **Kathleen Boszak** exclaimed.

As the winter cheerleading season came to a close, many cheerleaders realized how much the cherished season had meant to them.

"When the season ended, I realized how dependent I am upon my team. We are all such good friends and we do everything together," **Megan Matvichuk** said. The close friendships made memories.

"We've got spirit, how 'bout you?"

by Kristen Arbour



Kristen Rauhe

Stomp 'em! The cheerleaders perform a favorite of the crowd which always brings the enthusiastic fans to their feet.

Let's go maroon and white! Juniors **Jenny Mishra** and **Heather Birchen** cheer during a pep assembly. Their spirit is contagious and spreads to the eager crowd.



Varsity Cheerleading: Row 1: Emily Morse, Anna Voss, Jenny Mishra, Kara Grossman. Row 2: Kori Shapiro, Heather Birchen, Megan Matvichuk, Maggie Hess, Liz Straw. Row 3: Jamie Lademan, Natalie Graham. Row 4: Coach Diane Bobish



Kristen Rauhe

Go Chiefs! Junior Anna Voss, and sophomores Emily Morse and Kori Shapiro fire up the crowd while doing a breathtaking stunt.

The cheerleaders flawlessly exhibit a stunt demonstrating the flexibility of sophomore Kara Grossman and the strength and concentration of juniors Heather Birchen and Jamie Lademan.

Go, fight, win! Juniors Maggie Hess and Anna Voss, and sophomores Emily Morse and Kori Shapiro perform "Stomp 'em."



Kristen Rauhe



Junior Varsity Cheerleading: Row 1: Erin Mazur, Meghan Strongrich. Row 2: Amanda Hines, Kristen Clark, Katherine Hughes, Coach Kate Woods. Row 3: Kathleen Boszak, Tia Britt-King, Tarynn Fowler, Valerie Sancreinte.



Kristen Rauhe

SWINGING

FOR A VICTORY

Baseball gets the bats moving

Swing Batter, Batter! That is what the Varsity Baseball team excelled at this year. Every time up to bat, a homerun was expected. An average of ten runs were scored each game this year.

The team ended up 25-9 overall. At the end of the season the bats were rolling for the Chiefs. The team made it to the Diamond Classic finals for the first time ever. The team ended the year ranked tenth in the state and won the District tournament.

Baseball had lots of exciting

games this season. "Beating Grand Ledge on their field was the most exciting game because it was the first time we've beaten them since we were freshmen," **Ben Matthews** said.

The team did have some funny moments during their season. "**Shawn Scott** slid at home but ended up about five feet short of the base, it was hilarious," senior **Joey Wenzel** said.

The team improved immensely this season, even through the bitter cold spring.
by Caron Brosky



Kyrsten Carter



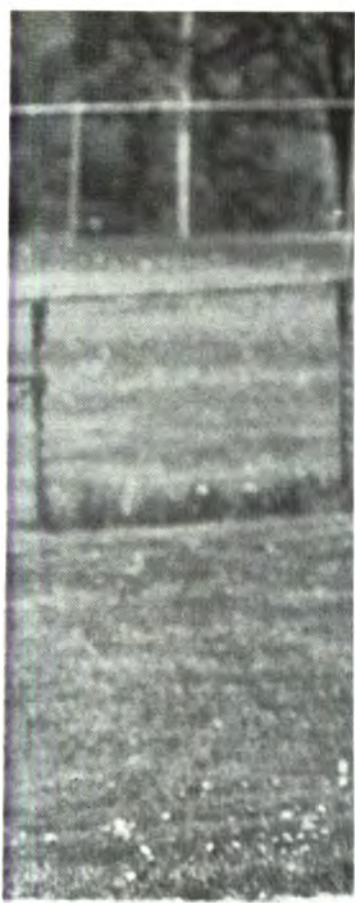
Kyrsten Carter

Snuggle up! The baseball team huddles together to keep warm. The weather didn't cooperate with the spring sports this year.

It's outta here! Sophomore **Aaron Thornburg** swings the bat during a league game against Eaton Rapids. **Aaron** had a great season this year.



Varsity Baseball 1996: Row 1: Aaron Thornburg, Jared Kately, Tim Cherry, Adam Goss, Kelly Worman, Mike Marderosian. Row 2: Coach Phil Magsig, Joey Wenzel, Matt Moore, Shawn Scott, Ben Matthews, Tom Grasman, Ryan Cullen. Not pictured: Greg Brain, J.J. Fraas, Bob Robke.



Kyrsten Carter

Homerun! That is nothing new for junior second baseman **Matt Moore**. **Matt** was a key player in the Chieftains offensive attack.

Preach it! Senior co-captains **Ben Matthews** and **Shawn Scott** talk to the students about their baseball season at a spring sports assembly.



Kyrsten Carter



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HOME		
<i>Okemos Vs Opponent</i>		
3:0	Traverse City	2:3
13	Holt	2
6	Rochester Adams	10
4:13	Haslett	2:4
16:13	Lakewood	2:3
7:3	LCC	6:6
0:4	Grand Ledge	5:3
14	Lumen Christi	3
3:0	Mason	2:1
10:6	Eaton Rapids	6:2
4:2	Owosso	3:7
4:15	Charlotte	10:3
25:18	East Lansing	15:8
15:16	Ovid Elsie	5:6
District Champs		
AWA		

Looking good! Senior **Joey Wenzel** waits for the right pitch. This was **Joey's** third year on Varsity team. **Joey** was also selected to play at the All-Star game at Oldsmobile Park.

Heading for home! Centerfielder **Tim Cherry** rounds first base. Stealing bases is **Tim's** speciality. His quickness helped him in being the Co-MVP of the Diamond Classic.

He's got a gun! Sophomore **J.J. Fraas** throws the ball back to the pitcher. **J.J.** was moved up to the Varsity in the beginning of the season. His talents were an asset to this year's team.

NO FEAR

THESE GIRLS HAVE

Keeping the energy up to be a winning team

With practice or a game every day of the week, along with homework and other commitments, playing on a sport's team can be very tiring. However, the Girls' Varsity Softball team found some interesting ways to always keep their energy up. This energy led to a league title in the Capital Circuit.

"We always say 'Chiefs 4 Eva'. This came from the movie 'Fear'," said senior **Laura Lonergan**, Giving nicknames to their

teammates is another way to avoid any dull moments.

"Emily Elwood is called B.S. because she wore a body suit under her jersey one game," senior **Caron Brosky** reminisced.

"We call **Laura Hall** 'tuft' because she cut her hair wrap out of her hair and left a tuft of hair sticking out," **Lauren Kelly** joked.

Mr. Stoltz also likes to keep his players on their toes. He plays "Jock Jams" while the team works out.

by Sara Main



Kyrsten Carter



Kyrsten Carter

Sudden victory! The girls in the dugout express their excitement as senior **Janel Hunt** gets a clutch hit. Her hit brought in senior **Laura Lonergan** who scored the winning run in the seventh inning to beat Lakewood.

Just chilling! Senior **Laura Lonergan** poses by her truck after one of the games. "**Lonnie**" played center field and stole a lot of bases!



Varsity Softball 1996: Row 1: Emily Elwood, Jenny Lohman, Liz Monroe, Row 2: Stephanie Lieber, Lori Goldammer, Laurel Donnell-Fink, Amy Diehl, Liz Donnell-Fink, Laura Gronseth, Erica Ryseberg, Coach Danielle Decoe, Row 3: Amanda Field, Caron Brosky, Laura Lonergan, Laura Hall, Coach Stoltz, Erin Cook, Janel Hunt, Laura Ley, Lauren Kelly.



Kristin Main



Kyrsten Carter

Nice hit one-three! Senior **Janel Hunt** proves that girls can play hard ball. "Jaye" is the only senior who has been on varsity since her freshman year.

Perfect form! Junior **Erica Rysberg** lunges for the ball in an attempt to make another out. **Erica** also played Varsity Basketball in the fall.



Kyrsten Carter

HOME		
Okemos	Vs Opponent	
5:14	Holt	2:4
7:15	Eastern	3:8
5	Haslett	2:1
2:4	Lakewood	5:3
6:7	Catholic Central	0:2
7	DeWitt	2
6:5	Mason	4:1
5	Holt	6
11	Waverly	3
2	Pewano Westphalia	9
16:15	Eaton Rapids	0:0
6	Catholic Central	3
0	Lansing Everett	2
4:13	Grand Ledge	2:3
10:6	Charlotte	0:1
12:4	Portland	9:1
10	Pinckney	4
18:13	Ovid-Elsie	8:0
9	Mason	1
1	Hartland	7
AWAY		



Here is the pitch! Junior pitcher **Laura Gronseth** throws a fierce pitch to her opponent. **Laura** struck out several batters throughout the season.



Kyrsten Carter

Batter up! Sophomore **Jenny Lohman** approaches the plate ready for anything. **Jenny** started playing Varsity Softball her freshman year!



Freshman Baseball: Row 1: Allan Pearce, Ryan Gregg, Cory Cousino, Jamie Loose, Row 2: Tony Castelbuono, Ryan Pendergast, Brian Lieber, Chad King, Jeff Green, Trevor Gronseth, Jimmy Cullen, Row 3: Coach Backus, Manager John Switzer, Cayle Tompkins, Brian Smith, Zack Ellis, Zack Hickman, Coach Pontzius.



J.V. Baseball: Row 1: Mike Phelps, Justin Lerner, Kirstin Massey, Andy Fowler, Chris Mitchell, Steve Kushion, Row 2: Dan Flewelling, J.J. Fraas, Chad Raynak, Mark Kissling, Mike Geske, Derek Cooper, Row 3: Thomas Furman, Coach Steve Albutus, Justin Schneider.

READY

FOR THE BIG TIME

JV and Freshman Fine Tune their Skills

While the weather has not been that great this spring season, our freshman and JV teams have been working out whenever and wherever they can. These underclassmen try and play just as hard as their older counterparts.

This year the Freshman and JV Softball teams have had another banner year led by experienced players that have been playing ball for many years. Sophomore **Carey Atkins** said "JV Softball has been great; it is much more exciting than people might think.

People should come out and watch."

To keep pace with the Softball teams the Freshman and JV Baseball teams have also seen great success this season. Sophomore **Chris Mitchell** said, "The best part of playing baseball is being outside and just being on the team with a lot of my friends."

So next time you're sitting at home after school watching talk shows, get up and go to watch the Freshmen and JV games. They promise not to disappoint. *by David Atkins*



Cuddle up cuties. Freshmen **Katie King** and **Nicole Sammartino** pose for a picture after a freshman softball game.



Fastball. Sophomore pitcher **Andy Fowler** throws a fastball in a JV Baseball game. **Andy** is one of the starting



Freshman Softball: Row 1: Emily Elwood, Caitlin Hickey, Nicole Sammartino, Katie King, Erica Fahey, Row 2: Jennifer Lynch, Abbie Ellsworth, Molly Nyquist, Anelle Lloyd, Ann Corwin, Row 3: Kristina Porter, Anne Kelly, Elise Maniscalco, Andrea Grady, Marisa Strieter, Colleen Woods, Asst. Coach Karyn Patterson.

JV Softball: Row 1: Kristin Main, Cindy Ballestoros, Hannie Cox, Jessica Putz, Kim Cherry, Row 2: Kim Jackson, Hadley Holly, Carey Atkins, Rachel Worman, Stacey Ninemeier, Alicia Hoge, Row 3: Coach Jim Dodias, Heather Linz, Megan Geschel, Rory Wendt, Asst. Coach Joy Look.



Home Run! Sophomore slugger **Rory Wendt** smacks the ball during a JV game. **Rory** played short stop and also pitched on the team

Nice form. Sophomore pitcher **Rachel Worman** shows her good form during a JV softball game. **Rachel** also played on the basketball team.

H eater! Sophomore **Mark Welling** throws the heat during a JV baseball game. **Mark** was the ace of the pitching staff.

ACES

ON THE COURT

A Lot of Skill and a Little Luck

The tennis team is like many other OHS teams in that it has lots of traditions. One of the teams most notable accomplishments is winning the state championship for three years. It's a tradition that they hope to continue in the years to come.

Each athlete has a special piece of equipment that travels with them to every match. "My most important piece of equipment is my Okemos Wave bag from my seventh grade soccer team. It holds my extra socks

and some facial tissue. It's pretty intimidating out on the court," said junior **Eddie Chung**.

"My lucky shorts are most important to me because... they are lucky," said **David Atkins**.

Beginner to the whole tennis scene, senior **Aaron Fritzsche** said, "Well, I don't even own a tennis racket, so it would have to be my lucky hat!"

Senior **Mel Tsai** says, "My most important piece of equipment is definitely my vipor shades."

by Matt Lafferty



Tennis Team 1996: Row 1: Vinay Subramanian, Nathan Narasimhan, Chris Rawsthorne, Choch Powers, Prakash Anantaraman, Melvin Tsai, Jason Chen and Sudeep Raj. Row 2: Patrick Supinwanid, Aaron Fritzsche, Robert Aponte, Rishi Narayan, Phil Han, Justin Savage, David Atkins and Roger Tusi. Row 3: Raj Thiruvengadam, Peter Caman n, Matt Ames, Mike Dorsch, Chang Cho, Jeff Struck and James Jarvis. Row 4: Raj Gupta, Jeremy Menchik, Phong Thrinh, Anthony Miller, Jason Russell and Nitin Gera. Missing: David Anderson, Matt Brown, Eddie Chung, John Dobrowski, Ryan Farhat, Steve Johnson, Anders Nordell, Matt Robinson, Dan Swan and Justin Willard.

Last minute advice. Coach Powers gives senior captain **Nitin Gera** some of his insight on the game. Coach Powers is also a football coach and Physics teacher.

Chillin' on the bench. Senior, **Nathan Narasimhan** and junior, **Dan Swan** take a time out on the side to root on the their team.



*I*n between sets. Senior Nathan Narasimhan collects his thoughts, and plans his strategy for the next tennis challenge in front of him.

*C*razy two handed forehand. Junior Eddie Chung whips his opponent's retaliation like it's nobody's business!



Kristin Main

HOME

League Champions
9-0

Okemos Invitational
Champions

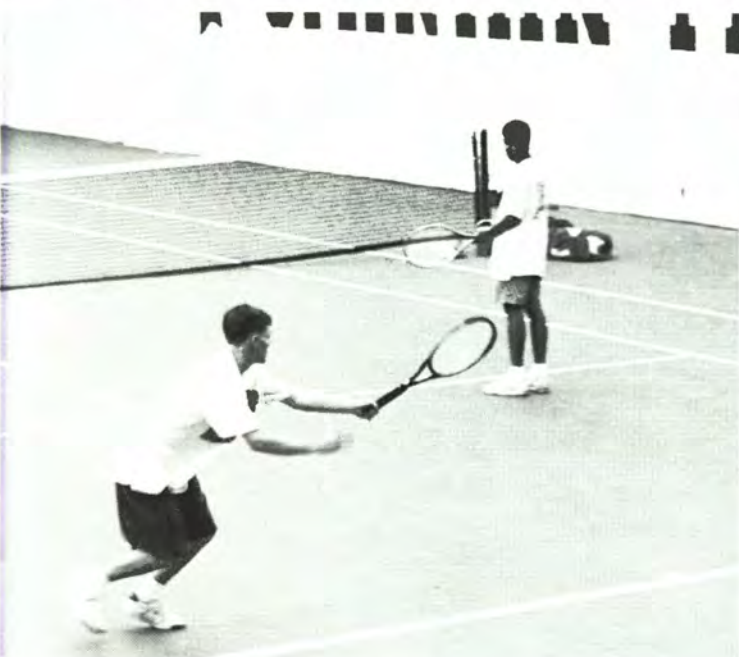
Ann Arbor Pioneer
Invitational Champions

Ann Arbor Heron
Invitational Champions

Regional Champions

State Finals
3rd place

AMA



*M*et the captains of the tennis team. Senior Nitin Gera and junior Dan Swan parade around in front of the school for the spring sports assembly.

*C*lose call! Senior Chris Rawsthorne goes for the ball as senior Prakash Anantaraman, also known as "Smooth P," cheers him on in his own special

*I*t's war now! Junior David Atkins rolls up his sleeves as he gets ready for a dramatic conclusion to his mad tennis battle.

GOAL FOR IT!

How far will determination take them?

Another goal scored by the successful OHS Girls' Soccer team. Before the season started, there were a lot of expectations for the team. People were even talking about a state championship, but soon the time came to live up to all these expectations!

The spirit and the closeness of the team helped them in every game because they know that their teammates will always be there both in good and in bad.

"To be on this team it takes dedication; a will for the whole

team to be the best!" junior **Julie Zacha** said. This is **Julie's** second year on varsity, and she is enjoying every minute of it.

"Everybody wants to beat an Okemos soccer team, so it makes us have some really intense games," starting forward **Jill Bokemeier** said. **Jill** is a senior and plans to attend MSU in the fall.

Beyond their achievements on the field, they are also successful in the classroom with their All-State team academic award.

by *Eva Hvolbaek*



Kavitha Surapaneni



Kavitha Surapaneni



Varsity Girls' Soccer 1996: Row 1: Kim Slack, Eva Hvolbaek, Cortney Lyman, Keri McKelvey, Andrea Johnson, Susan Riehm, Mary Hoban Row 2: Angela Hodgins, Karen Smith, Alyson Long, Kelly Johnson, Kate Rawsthorne, Bree Bautista Row 3: Coach Cavin Vince, Kelly Grose, Julie Zacha, Danielle Raudenbush, Kathrine Minter, Jill Bokemeier, Robyn Boyle. *Not pictured:* Coach Bill Celio, Christine Maniaci, Kasey Hulteen, and manager Carrie Ihrig.

Two enthusiastic captains **Cortney Lyman** and **Andrea Johnson** had their team dress up in shorts and socks for game days once in a while.

Support behind you! Sophomore **Kate Rawsthorne** drops back to help her senior captain **Cortney Lyman**. Two excellent players working together in the midfield.



Katvitha Surapaneni



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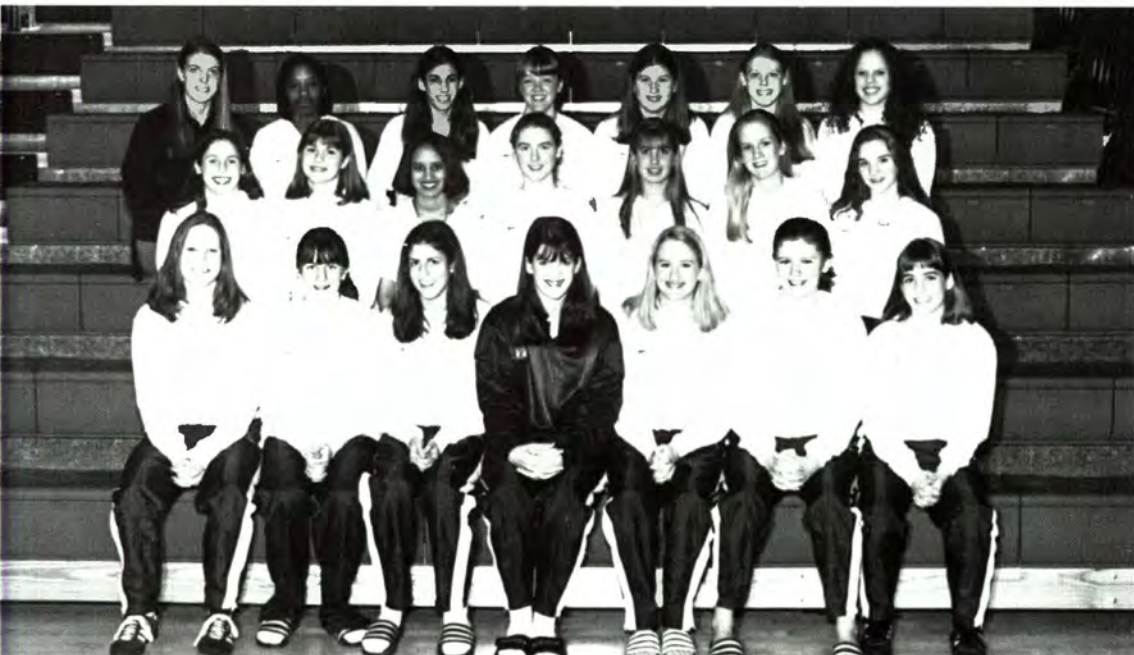
Clear the ball! Sophomore **Susan Riehm** is kicking the ball away from Mason's forward as she tries to score. **Susan's** clearing, dribbling, and passing were great contributions to the defensive machine.

Hustle! Senior **Mary Hoban** gets the ball away from Mason's defender. Her effort pays off as she scores in the last minute for a victory over the Bulldogs.

Senior exchange student, **Eva Hvolbaek**, from Denmark dribbles up the line. Even for just one year, she was a great asset to the team spirit.



Kavitha Surapaneni



J.V. Girls' Soccer: Row 1: Kris Mayle, Amy Estry, Susan Horvath, Angela Winters, Liz Hudson, Betsy Bothell, Jennifer Birchen, Row 2: Kami Wolfe, Laura Bryman, Shilpa Shah, Jamie Macleod, Briana Ballard, Ashleigh Lessard, Meghan Cavanaugh Row 3: Coach Susy Boyle, Phindi Maneinini, Sarah Robinson, Melanie Holkstra, Rose Glendenning, Annie Hoban, Molly Hunt. Not pictured: Coach Meg Rachut, Katie Jaaksi, and Lindsey Wooten.

HOME		
Okemos Vs Opponent		
3	Saginaw Heritage	2
4	Holt	0
9	Waverly	0
4	Eaton Rapids	0
5	Midland High	0
3	Mason	0
2	L.C.C.	0
10	Haslett	0
2	Eaton Rapids	0
7	St. Johns	0
1	Mason	0
7	L.C.C.	0
1	Ann Arbor Huron	0
2	Midland Dow	3
7	League Playoffs	0
4	League Final	1
4	Grand Ledge	0
Districts		
4	Holt	1
5	Swartz Creek	1
4	East Lansing	2
District Champions		
AWA		

RUNNING

AGAINST THE WIND

Boy's Track Runs Against The Elements

The spring months tend to have a forecastable weather theme. March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. April tends to be rainy and these April showers bring sun and May flowers.

This year was an exception to this pattern. The spring forecast went like this. If there is a track meet, it will be cold and rainy. If there isn't a track meet, then clear skies and warm weather would surround us.

The dreary weather certainly took its toll on the water-logged

members of the Boys' Track team.

"I put the bad weather behind me and concentrated on giving swirlies to **James 'Too Tough' Egler**," sophomore **Paul Gilbert** said.

Not everybody let the bad weather have any effect on them.

"Track doesn't have quite the excitement of football, but it still gives me a chance to put my physical abilities to the test," senior honor roll track member **Shea Provenzano** said.

by Phil Williams



Eva Hvolbaek



Eva Hvolbaek

It's a stampede! No, it's the Okemos High School Boys' Track team roaring towards the finish line. As usual, the leaders of the pack are the mighty Chieftains.

A lone in first, junior **Dan Barks** keeps the intensity up through the finish. **Dan** made up part of the successful team of relays for Okemos this year.



Boy's Track 1996: Row 1: BJ Gawle, Shay Provenzano. Row 2: Charlie Yuan, Mike Neal, Mike King, Brian Nimphie, Andy Busch, Mike Smith, Zack Weiler, TJ Tribell, Mark Steed, Matt Blankenheim, Chris Edwards. Row 3: Doug Sargent, Jacob Soule, Frank Tuma, Chris Compeau, Jorin Bossen, Colin Philips, Carloes Speed, Micah Payne, Mark Fulger, Chris Fulger, Douglas Frederick, Chris Loose. Row 4: Mike Eberz, Steve Sinas, Mike Litos, Andy Ray, Adam Carasco, Johnny Hauer, Mike McEntee, Greg Severin, James Styka, Robert Schmidt, Jamie Pejza, Tim Beckett. Row 5: Curtis Hendrix, Justin Cueto, Chris Gonzalez, Mason Herring, Amol Shah, Asif Ahmed, Sean Yancey, Enre Cavusgil, Shelby Denike, Vance Kincaid, Blake Stilwell, Dorsey Leckrone. Row 6: Coach Wosniak, Scott Kazmierski, Guy Duquette, Stacey Thrush, Nick Wierzba, Billy Johnson, Marc Friend, Jason Hahn, Brad Forney, Jamie Morgan, Matt Ellsworth, Acar Altinsel. Row 7: Joe Kattelus, David Warren, Travis Smith, Mark Lee, Blake Richards, Jordan Lubahn, Ronald Coy-Burt, Andy Hess, Scott Nimphie, Andy Lozier, Paul Gilbert. Row 8: Brandon Bautista, Carl Zaeske, Jesse Mattson, Matt Mathers, Clinton Canady IV, Tony Smith, Xiaowei Dong, Pete Lafierty, James Egler, David



Eva Hvolbaek



Eva Hvolbaek

No passing zone. Junior **Matt Ellsworth** defies the law while overtaking sophomore **Nathan Robison** on the backstretch.

Oh captain, my captain. Senior captains **B.J. Gawle** and **Shea Provenzano** express their emotions with a heartfelt, "Good luck to all spring sports."



Kavitha Surapaneni



Eva Hvolbaek



Eva Hvolbaek

Hardly breaking into a sweat, senior **B.J. Gawle** coasts to a win over his opponent from Lakewood. B.J. was a co-captain this year along with **Shea Provenzano**.

You can't touch this. Senior **Mark Steed** roars towards the finish line to win the 4 by 100 meter relay for the Chieftains. **Mark** was a standout on the Varsity team for the past three years.

And down the stretch he comes. Junior **Justin Cueto** puts some space between himself and the rest of the field.







<i>Okemos Vs Opponent</i>		
53	St. Johns	75
65	Haslett	63
88	Lakewood	40
95	L.C.C.	33
60	Mason	68
101	Eaton Rapids	27
58	Charlotte	70
League Meet		
3rd place		

RUNNING

TO BEAT THE CLOCK

Dedication wins races

Track is a sport that demands hard work and dedication from its participants. Every member of the girls' track team easily met these requirements.

Cortney Hagen thinks about track all night long. She said, "I sleep on my treadmill so I dream of running and winning." Some of the things these girls do for track are amazing!

Senior **Robin Hawley** has a routine of her own. She explained, "Outside of practice I pray and I run around and around the neighborhood." The

girls just never stop!

Sophomore **Kim Berry** keeps busy on the weekends as well. "I run and rollerblade. I also compare my times with last year's to look for improvement," said Kim.

Senior captain **Megan Grattan** shared her most rewarding experience. "Seeing the people who have worked hard all season do really well in a race and get their personal record is great," Megan said.

Hard work and dedication has really paid off for the track team. *by Jill Bokemeier*



Eva Hvolbaek



Eva Hvolbaek

Pour it on! **Heena Shah, Bindiya Shah** and **Serah Lee** race to the finish line. Even though they race against one another, the girls on the track team don't let their races get in the way of their friendships.

Listen up! **Megan Grattan, Hollie MacEachran,** and **Kristen Rasmussen** were captains because of their great leadership skills and dedication to track.



Track 1996: Row 1: Susan Kurt, Shannon Hartwig, Megan Grattan, Kristen Rasmussen, Hollie MacEachran, Amy Mahjoory, Jolene Lukey, Robin Hawley. Row 2: Jodie DeHaun, Cortney Hagen, Katie Steed, Angela Rouse, Ryan Shank, Kim Barry, Amanda Chandler, Ann Tompkins, Cortney White. Row 3: Bindiya Shah, Tiffany Brunner, Nyrhe Royal, Tara Canady, Tara McIntosh, Ulrika Haug, Jenny Cook, Jennifer Clemens, Vicky Fletcher. Row 4: Angela Hauptman, Katie Madigan, Erinn Lindstrom, Mala Kashyap, Hollie Marking, Kate Grybe, Robin Landfair, Candice Hanna, Touyen Nguyen. Row 5: Andrea Lopez, Heena Shan, Cristina Calcagno, Meghan Smith, Lindsey Pych, Anne Shelburg, Laura Fent, Katie Kelly, Christa Thomas, Dalilah Cornish, Serah Lee. Row 6: Coach Larry Bozyk, Coach John Quiring, Reshma Patel, Emily Bell.



Eva Hvolbaek



Eva Hvolbaek

Run like the wind. Senior **Hollie MacEachran** focuses her complete attention on the track in front of her. She is quickly finishing the last two laps as anchor of the 3200 relay.

Everybody jump! **Tara McIntosh** and **Angela Rousse** prepare to gracefully fly through the air over the hurdles.



Eva Hvolbaek

Okemos Vs Opponent

80	St. Johns	48
44	Haslett	84
85	Lakewood	43
75.5	L.C.C.	52.5
101	Mason	27
93	Eaton Rapids	35
87	Charlotte	41

Chelsea Relays
3rd place

Mason Invitational
3rd place

Regionals
3rd place

League Meet
1st place



Eva Hvolbaek



Eva Hvolbaek

Get ready to race! Okemos distance runners **Cortney White**, **Jenny Cook**, **Ann Tompkins**, **Angela Lopez**, **Kim Berry**, and **Vicky Fletcher** are about to begin the 1600 meter race.

Tag team. **Vicky Fletcher** hands off her baton to **Laura VanDam**. Both **Vicky** and **Laura** ran cross country in the fall to prepare for their distance

Light stepping. Freshman **Christa Thomas** zips around the track in her 800 meter race. **Christa** has been a great contribution to the distance team this

WATER WORLD

OHS Water Polo Makes A Splash

The second season of OHS girls water polo was a huge success. After enduring grueling three hour practices consisting of extensive ball handling exercises and endless laps across the pool, the team finished out the year third in the state.

Junior **Michelle Haley** said, "It was a great surprise going from eighth place last year to third place this year."

"This was only our second year. We've improved a lot and had an impressive season," said senior **Laura Camann**.

In addition to the teams all around success in both regional and state competition, many of the players also had much individual success. Receiving third team all state honors was junior **Katie Weichman**, while both junior **Sara Jehl** and freshman **Jessica Durst** received first team honors. **Coach Brian Fickies** was named coach of the year in the State of Michigan. Congratulations to all members of the team for an outstanding season and good luck next year!

by Matt Ellsworth



Intensity! The concentration is etched upon the faces of **Courtney Butzlaff** and her opponent as they focus intently upon the game.

Between plays, some of the lady polo stars sit one out, but still remain very much a part of the action.



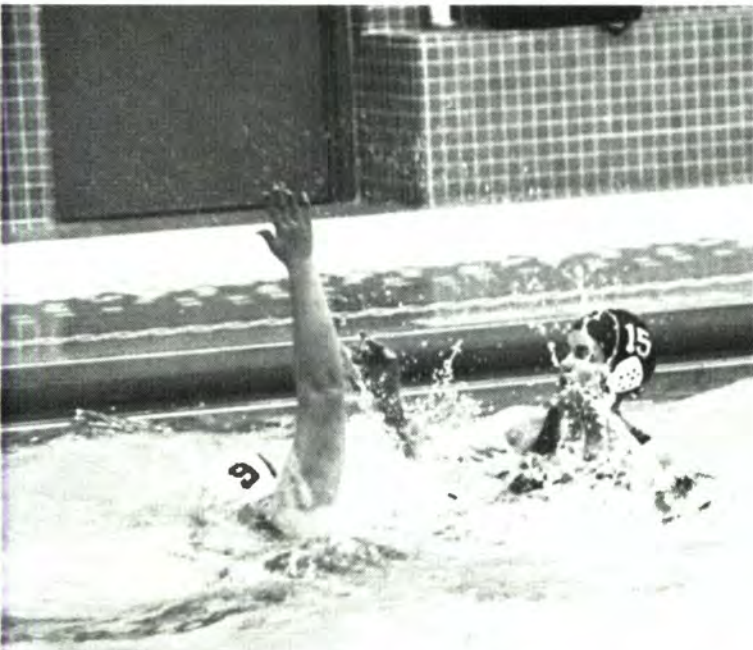
Water Polo Club: Row 1: **Rachelle Rouse**, **Stacey Jehl**, **Anna Mayer**, **Laura Camann**, **Sara Jehl**, **Carrie Thomas**, **Emily Schorer**. Row 2: **Barb Myselwic**, **Christa Zielinske**, **Melissa Marker**, **Katie Schroer**, **Courtney Butzlaff**, **Leah Walker**, **Becca Singleton**. Row 3: **Coach Dan Condell**, **Eric Dougherty**, **Brandi Winter**, **Jessica Durst**, **Kristin Lupo**, **Nina Aponte**, **Stephanie Mashni**, **Coach Brian Fickies**. *Not pictured:* **Michelle Halley**, **Katie Weichman**





Scoping the pool! Junior **Sarah Jehl** looks to set up the next play at a home game. The team went on to win this game.

Stretch! Freshman **Jessica Durst** puts forth that extra reach hoping to help out the team. **Jessica** had an excellent freshman season and will be a valuable asset next year.



HOME		
Okemos Vs Opponent		
12	Delphins	13
8	Ann Arbor Pioneer	18
11	East Grand Rapids	7
27	East Lansing	5
4	Ann Arbor Pioneer	8
25	Rockford	6
13	Grandville	11
14	East Grand Rapids	6
13	East Kentwood	2
12	Hudsonville	10
6	Ann Arbor Huron	16
7	Delphins	5
24	East Lansing	1
11	Rockford	5
17	Forest Hills	7
2	Ann Arbor Huron	10
20	Portage Northern	5
23	Forest Hills	6
3	Ann Arbor Pioneer	8
8	East Lansing	2
2	Delphins	3
1	Ann Arbor Huron	9
STATE MEET:		
3rd Place		
OVERALL RECORD:		
17 - 10		
AWA		

Winding up! Sophomore **Stephanie Mashni** prepares to release a lightening fast shot.

Concentration! **Becca Singelton** anxiously awaits the ball as she maneuvers around her opponent.

Holding her own! Senior **Rochelle Rouse** tries to stay a float while being guarded tightly by the opposition.

SWINGING

INTO HISTORY

Teeing off for success

The silence is penetrating as one approaches the tranquil and peaceful golf course. As the determined and dedicated OHS golfer gracefully takes her commanding and powerful swing, the devoted spectators intently watch the ball as it rockets toward the waiting and eager flag. This year's golf season was one which will always be remembered as the girls captured the league title.

They do not leave winning to experience and skills. They have a good luck charm!

"Jennifer Elwood and I started the tradition of singing the Okemos fight song after every match," junior Lindsay Carr said.

As in any sport, there is always the drive to succeed and perform your absolute best. This year was no exception as these golfers excelled and strived for excellence.

"For the first time in Okemos girl's golf history, we won the

league championship. Also, during a weekend round of golf, I got a hole-in-one and shot my best round ever!" senior Jennifer Baumann said.

This season was very memorable on the rolling greens of the golf course but there were also many cherished memories created off of the course as this team grew closer. There were also embarrassing moments which occurred, but not always to the players themselves!

"Nothing embarrassing happened to me, but we certainly embarrassed Mr. Kinzer enough!" Lindsay Carr said.

The unforgettable season was described in graceful words by senior Jennifer Elwood.

"I am so thankful I had the opportunity to be a part of the Okemos girl's golf team. It was amazing year filled with wonderful friendships I will always remember."

by Kristen Arbour



Ron Baumann

What a beautiful swing! Junior Emily Wessinger shows her strong form in her powerful swing. This was Emily's first year participating on the golf team.

Watch the birdies! The team celebrates after capturing the league title for the first time in Okemos Girls' Golf history.



Varsity Girl's Golf: Row 1: Seema Dedhia, Stephanie Lemon, Lindsay Carr, Emily Wessinger, Lindsay Seely, Christy Heller. Row 2: Kristen Ottinger, Brigitta Nordell, Jennifer Baumann, Jennifer Elwood, Shreena Ghandi, Amy Larson, Anne Heller, Coach Gary Kinzer.



Fore! Senior **Jennifer Baumann** completes the perfect swing as she drives the ball down the fairway. **Amy Larson** and **Jennifer** led their team to the league championship this year as the Co-Captains.

Senior **Jennifer Elwood** lines up her perfect shot, in preparation for the upcoming putt. This was **Jennifer's** first year on the golf team.



Ron Baumann

Ron Baumann



HOME

Okemos Vs Opponent

204	Jackson Northwest	242
204	Battle Crk Harper	201
201	L.C.C.	213
212	Mason	219
201	Eaton Rapids	221
190	Charlotte	216
228	L.C.C.	243
203	Mason	213
212	Eaton Rapids	238
198	Charlotte	196
216	Holt	217

League Champions

AWA

Smile! Junior **Emily Wessinger**, senior **Jennifer Baumann**, junior **Anne Heller**, and freshman **Brigitta Nordell** take a rest from their match. The girls worked very hard this year in capturing the league title.

A stroke of excellence! Junior **Anne Heller** takes a practice swing before she steps up to the tee. **Anne** was a great contributor to the team's successful season.

FOR THE GOLD GOING

OHS Students Get a Taste of the Olympics

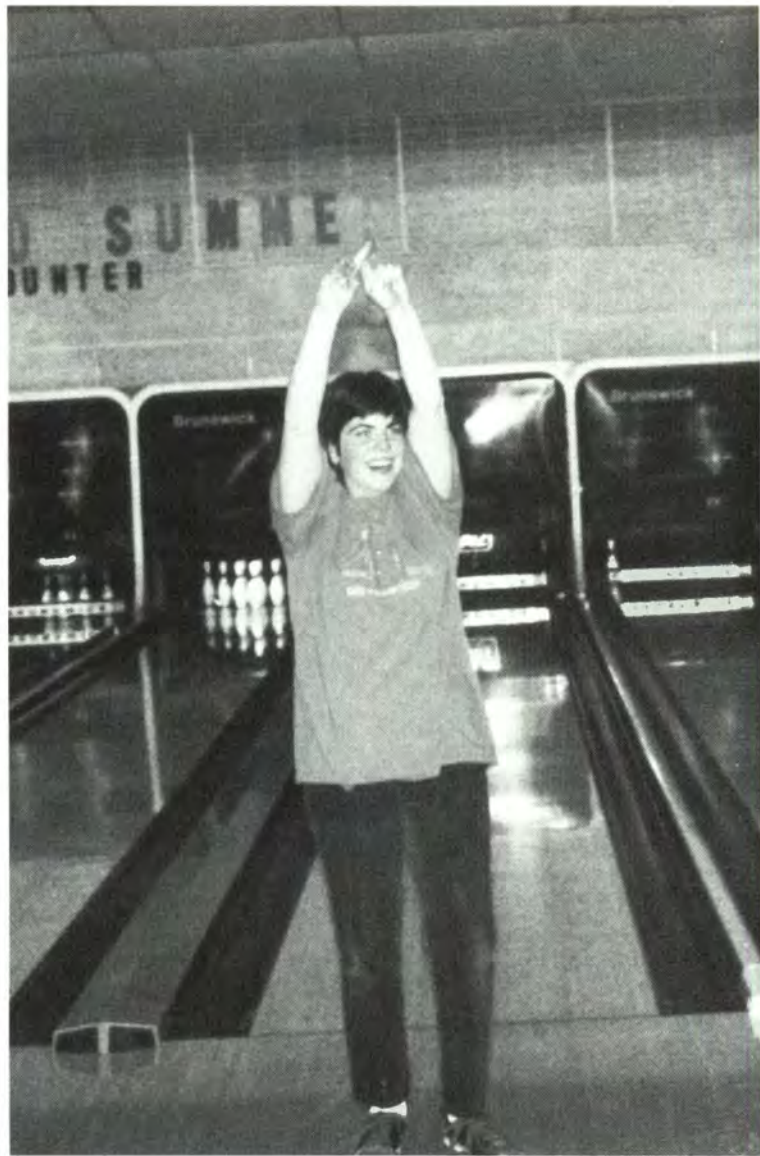
Many children grow up with a dream of someday becoming an Olympian. In April, several OHS students experienced a touch of this stardom.

The Special Olympics program provides many students an opportunity of a lifetime. The games they participate in consist of team handball, Bocci balls and bowling. The Chieftains came through exceptionally well taking second place over-

all in team handball. In addition to their athletic ability, their team spirit and good sportsmanship were equally impressive.

Every team has one person who stands out and leads the team. But, when asked whom they thought their team's most valuable player was, they all agreed simultaneously that each and everyone of them was a leader.

by Kristin Main



Kristin Main



Kristin Main

Let's take a break! Between events **Becky LaClear**, **Peggy Hamon**, and **Mary Dorsch** rest after all the competition. Their team placed second in team handball.

Good throw! **Becky LaClear** makes a great play for her team. Becky is a sophomore at OHS this year.



Strike! **Jessica Schneider** expresses her excitement after she knocks down all the pins! **Jessica** has participated in the sport of bowling for her entire career.

Check this out! The Special Olympic hockey team poses around the puck. The Chiefs were successful in all their



A pyramid of athletes! Terry Schultz, Scott Nimpie, Kelly Worman, Mike Marderosain, David Atkins, Dan Swan and John Wallick were the I.M. league champs along with the McNuggets.

Go Duluth! Seniors Lauren Kelly, Laura Longergon, Laura Hall, Sara Hollander, Kyrsten Carter, Caron Brosky, Sara Main and sophomore Kristin Main held the losing record, only winning one game by forfeit. However, they had good sportsmanship and a nice uniform!



I.M. READY TO PLAY I.M.

OHS students get fit with intramurals

Grrrr!!! Competition at its finest. As I.M. sports roll around each year, competitiveness strikes the athletes, as well as the non-athletes. That is the best part about I.M. If you are not exactly the best player, you are still wanted and can be part of all the excitement. OHS offers basketball, bowling and volleyball to all students interested. Along with all the fun, you get it at a great rate, free!

Friends grab together a team and get ready to hoop it up, throw a strike, or set a spike. Whether you are there to be serious or to just have some fun, all students agree, I.M. is the place to be. **Caron Brosky**, an I.M. player concludes, "Although we lost every game, we had a lot of fun and were definitely the best dressed."

by Kristin Main

Overtime

It's 2:30pm. The bell rings. People pour out of every doorway in the building. The school day is officially over.

Freedom looms beyond the far gate of the parking lot. Ten minutes later, at a time when the wind should be blowing through an open window driving down Okemos Road, more than half of the cars in the OHS parking lot are still parked in the same space that they were at 8:00 a.m. in the morning. Are these students not aware that the school day is over?

Believe it or not, these students choose to stay at school for sometimes hours after its official end, participating in the numerous clubs and organizations available at OHS. Dedicated students recycle paper, help with political campaigns, organize volunteer efforts, plan school activities, and produce television shows all after the 2:30 p.m. bell rings.

These clubs promote awareness of their specific cause. Students Against Drunk Driving focus on the increasing problem of teen drinking and driving and offer alternatives and possible solutions to the problem. The Philosophy Club sits down every week and discusses everything from abortion to nuclear war. Genius is the word of the day everyday at the Quiz Bowl meetings where members increase their knowledge of trivia in order to compete in the QuizBusters program on WKAR. If foreign language is the meeting in progress, members can be found planning club activities.

Whatever the interest, OHS has a club for everyone. And if they don't? Form your own. There's always room for more. *by Justin Perrone*





Organizations Divider

Brotherly love

Matt, Adam and Peter Lafferty are all on the Student Council this year. Matt is co-director of publicity, Adam is Director of student lunch relations, and Peter is co-president of the freshmen class. All three have been heavily involved with all the Student Council activities since the beginning of the year.



Question!

Andrew Bielski and Ron Jou actively participate in a Student Council meeting. Every meeting seems to have a virtual plethora of "hot topics" to discuss.



Group hug

Diana Economy, Mrs. Mitchell and Meghaen Jordan demonstrate bonds shared by everyone on the Student Council. Diana is the senior class secretary and also heads up OHS's Key Club. Meghaen is director of student activities. She and Steve Waterbrook are responsible for Wally Pleasant Concert, Monte Carlo night, tailgate parties, and dances.

STUDENT COUNCIL

GIVES

ONE HUNDRED PERCENT

"Student Council gives the student body an opportunity to become involved in critical leadership issues throughout the school year," said Scott MacLeod when asked what Student Council has meant to him.

Student government has not only benefited the students of OHS as a whole, but the individual students serving on the council as well. The Student Council was able to attend a leadership camp in the fall, host a regional conference, attend the state conference, provide another amazing Homecoming, and an ample amount of other individual contributions to the schools and community.

Out of all the members surveyed, one hundred percent said they would run for reelection next year to once again enjoy the opportunities presented by the Council. Out those

same members, ninety-three percent would recommend others to run for student council.

To Hannie Cox it means meeting people and learning new leadership qualities. The remaining seven percent sum it up by saying, student council just isn't for everyone. Overall Student Council is a great experience. Take it from the Lafferty brothers (Matt, Adam and Peter) who are all on the Student Council this year. When principal, Dr. Lanzetta found out that all three brothers were on Student Council, he said, "I think this is the first time in Okemos history that three brothers have been on the student council at the same time."

To the three brothers this proved that Student Council is meant for different kinds of people with many different interests and ideas.

by Matt Lafferty

Student Council 1995-96

Student Body Officers:

Co-Presidents : Carrie Preston
Matt Mehan
Secretary : Russell Mayhew
Treasurer : Mike King
School Board Rep: Anika Kohon

Senior Class Officers:

Co-Presidents : Matt Coy
Chris Rawthorne
Secretary : Diana Economy
Treasurer : Mike Robison
Representatives : Scott Macleod
Pat Westgate

Junior Class Officers:

Co-Presidents : Kristin Bunte
Andrew Bielski
Secretary : Allyson Smith
Treasurer : Ron Jou
Representatives : Mike Westgate
Jeremy Menchik

Sophomore Class Officers:

Co-Presidents : Megan Geshel

Secretary : Andrea Lopez
Treasurer : Raj Gupta
Representatives : Kate Rawsthorne
Sarah Rasche

Freshman Class Officers:

Co-Presidents : Paul Izenburg
Peter Lafferty
Secretary : Katie King
Treasurer : Michelle Kearney
Representative : Abby Ellsworth

Cabinet Officers:

Student Activities : Meghaen Jordan
Steve Waterbrook
Publicity : Matt Lafferty
Caron Brosky
Intra-School Communications:
Charlie Yuan
Carolyn Yian
Community Service :
Adrienne Walker
Clare Mehan
Dir. of Student Lunch Relations :
Adam Lafferty
Debbie Mitchell





Standing up for your rights

Senior Pat Westgate stands up to speak his mind at a Monday Student Council meeting. Senior Chris and sophomore Kate Rawsthorne listen intently.

Lunch time

Hannie Cox, Abby Ellsworth, Raj Gupta, and Meghan Geschel have lunch at the regional meeting that the OHS Student Council hosted.



Great minds at work

Mike Westgate, Scott MacLeod, Diana Economy, Charlie Yuan, and Matt Coy pay perfect attention to the issue on the floor. Each meeting brings up many topics which require good debating and listening skills. In the long run, all issues are given fair consideration.



Student Council

NHS HELPS OUT

AROUND THE CLOCK



Keeping up with the studies

NHS officer **Hollie MacEachran** tutors **Vicky Fletcher** in math. **Hollie** and **Vicky** are both members of NHS and earn their hours in many ways. Tutoring is one way many students use to achieve their hours.

1995-96 National Honor Society

NHS Members Not Pictured :

Seniors:			
Ritesh Agrawal	Allison Loconto	Melissa Williams	Jeff Koryba
Ryan Anderson	Laura Lonergan	Jean Wong	Jamie Lademan
Kristen Arbour	Jolene Lukey	Carolyn Yian	Amy Larson
Ethan Ard	Cortney Lyman	Xin Yuan Yu	Nelson Lee
Mike Austin	Sara Main	Juniors:	Sarah Linz
Carolyn Boszak	Joseph Mashni	S. Anderson	Rebecca Linz
J.J. Burchman	Ben Matthews	Michael Baladi	Kelby Lloyd
Sarah Bussing	Anna Mayer	Dan Barks	Terry Lynch
Heesoo Chung	Russell Mayhew	Landon Bartley	Jane Maisch
Erin Cook	MeghannMcEntee	Gregory Brain	Kara Malkus
Kaleigh Coryell	Janis Meija	Michael Breymann	Darla Meints
David Deihl	Charrie Meints	Kristin Bunte	Jeremy Menchik
Tanya Ell	Jamie Morgan	Ana Calaca	Catherine Meyer
Jennifer Ellwood	Jason Munger	Patrick Calder	Annie Mitchell
Sam Esquith	Kim Nguyen	Tara Canady	Liz Monroe
Amanda Field	Khanghy Nguyen	Lindsay Carr	Monica Montemayor
Ryan Fons	Hyun-Jung Oh	Eddie Chung	Beth Narasimhan
Eric Ford	Carrie Preston	Catherine Chung	Gregory Pearce
David Fraas	Janelle Punch	Jeff Conrade	Christian Ray
Aaron Fritzche	Evan Roth	Justin Cueto	Joshua Reeves
Chris Fulger	Julie Russo	Kieran Devine	Adam Robison
Nitin Gera	Robert Rynbrandt	Stephen Dewey	Robert Robke
Kristin Gerard	Nicole Schroeder	Michael Doherty	AdrienneRomanski
Joe Glendinning	Akash Sharma	S. Dobrowolski	Nyrhe Royal
Eric Goodman	Tom Sinas	Jenelle Ferance	Susan Ruggiero
Kristen Grauer	Jaelyn Smith	Dustin Gardner	Karen Schiessler
Laura Hall	Karen Smith	Theloni Gibson	Robert Schmidt
Lisa Halm	Chris Steinacker	Kevin Gilbert	Terry Schulz
S.Hammerschmidt	Carol Stevens	Ben Gillespie	John Senger
RobinHawley	Joni Sturgeon	Chris Gonzalez	Isaac Shankler
Dan Horvath	Carrie Thomas	Laura Gronseth	Allyson Smith
Joseph Hotschlag	Scott Tieman	Candice Hanna	Zach Smith
Janel Hunt	Ann Tompkins	Matt Hapeman	Jacob Soule
Peter Hutcheson	Melvin Tsai	Margaret Hess	Vinay Subramanian
Jun Il Hwang	Aguwa Uche	Meredith Hess	Dan Swan
Kelly Joos	AdrienneWalker	Angela Hossinger	Roger Tsai
Anika Kohon	Jennifer Wei	Bonnie Irvine	John Wallick
Melissa Kress	Joey Wenzel	Sonia Jain	Patricia Walshaw
Lindsay LeClair	Sarah West	Sara Jehl	Jessica Warren
Anne Leone	Pat Westgate	Jared Kateley	Emily Wessinger
Jenny Linske	Kristine Widders	Megan Kearney	CourtneyWhite
	Heather Wiczorek	Charles Kierpiec	Kelly Worman

Excelling in school and helping out the community; that is what National Honor Society members are all about. Twenty-four hours of community service are required for seniors, and thirty-six hours are required for juniors. "It is not hard to serve the community for just twenty-four hours, it is a good cause," senior **Ben Matthews** said. Many different things can be done to earn these hours, and the students seem to find them.

"I served food at Christmas," **Peter Hutcheson** said, "It's nice to give back to the community and help others."

"I tutor for most any subject and I also volunteer for my youth group," **Erin Cook** said.

Helping the elderly is a service that is overlooked much to often. **Andy Busch**, however,

is one of the few that volunteered their time for senior citizens. "I shoveled snow and helped move things for older people," **Andy** said proudly.

Cortney Lyman also donates her time to the senior citizens. "I volunteer at a health care center and play bingo with everyone," she said.

The reasons for these hours are numerous. "I think NHS requires us to do these hours to mold us into pillars of the community," **Dave Diehl** replied.

"It is our choice to do these hours, it is our choice to better our community," **Laurel Donnell-Fink** said. **Laurel** summed it up, "NHS is based on motivation, and to be a member, you have to motivate yourself."

by Caron Brosky



NHS Members 1996: Row 1 Officers: Andrea Johnson, Charlie Yuan, Hollie MacEachran, Diana Economy, Matt Mehan, Jennifer Baumann, Chris Rawsthorne, Advisor Mrs. Hapkiewicz. Row 2: Katie Weichman, Robyn Boyle, Sandeep Khattar, Dae-Sun Park, Prakash Anantaraman, Anjali Patel, Shreena Ghandi, Phil Beekman, Emma Phillips, Ron Jou, Mike King, Mike Robison, Meghaen Jordan, Vicky Fletcher, Jill Bokemeier, Nathan Narasimhan, Amy Diehl. Row 3: Robert Su, Stacie Jehl, Robert Aponte, George Ristow, Rachelle Rousse, Laura Camann, Jennifer Putz, Caron Brosky, Justin Perrone, Sam Meyrowitz, Meredith Burlingame, Scott MacLeod, Alexis Fielik, Ian Lang, Molly Jurmu, Katie Williams, Chris Lowe, Liz Donnell-Fink, Beth Paterson, Lauren Wadland, Erica Pych, Mike Westgate, LeslieMcKalvey, Erica Rysberg. Row 4: Matt Zustiak, Michelle Haley, Chuck Sargent, Nate Bullock, Alyson, Stephanie Curtis, Kristi Janssens, Carl McIntosh, Brent Bernier, Aaron Lyon, Prasana, Anne Heller, Phil Williams, Steve Starnes, Adam Murphy, Ajay Rajaydayaksha, Eric Tien, Matt Robinson, Steve Waterbrook, Laurel Donnell-Fink, Lindsey Sayer, Beth Bailey.





Sorting it out
 NHS officers **Matt Mehan** and **Jennifer Baumann** sort the volunteer hours turned in by members. Officers put in a lot of effort to make NHS run smoothly.

Making Copies
 Officer **Chris Rawsthorne** prepares for the 1995 NHS Potluck. The potluck is an orientation for incoming members put on by the officers.

Helping out
Laurel Donnell-Fink and **Erin Cook** help each other with their studies. A major part of NHS is keeping up with your studies and keeping up your grades. Without a high grade point being a member of NHS is out of the question.



Having a Ball.

Sophomore **Sarah Rasche** has a ball at the S.A.D.D. Lock-in. **Sarah** is an active member of the S.A.D.D. Club and she isn't afraid to act a little crazy.



Senior Power

Senior S.A.D.D. presidents **B.J. Gawle** and **Steve Waterbrook** take a second out of their busy schedules to flash a quick smile. **Steve** and **B.J.** are two guys who are completely devoted to their cause and spreading the word against drinking and driving.



Kavitha Surapaneni

S.A.D.D. AND QUIZBOWL

KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS

Don't drink and drive. It's a simple message. Why can't people understand it? This is an issue that the S.A.D.D. Club aggressively attacks. A few of the members, when asked, expressed their view on drinking and driving.

Meghaen Jordan said, "Drinking hurts not only you, but the people you love when you are careless of your actions." There is a reason your parents always told you not to drink.

President **Steve Waterbrook** gave his opinion on drinking. He said, "There are a lot of activities that are fun that can be done clean."

The S.A.D.D. Club works hard to provide us with safe activities that don't involve drinking and are fun to attend. There is always room for more members, so put S.A.D.D. on

the top of your club lists for next year!

One of the activities you can become involved in, that is fun and drug free is the Quiz Bowl team. Becoming a member of the Quiz Bowl team involves a lot of work, but it has its perks. Senior **Mel Tsai** explained some of those perks. He said, "Quiz Bowl members are babe magnets, and where else would you get to answer questions like, 'what's 6 to the 3rd power?'"

The Quiz Bowl team coach **Mr. Morrison** commented on the teams dedication. He said, "One of my most memorable experiences was waiting for the team at 6 a.m. on a cold December morning". The Quiz Bowl team is dedicated and deserves the support of their school. So get out there and cheer them on!

by Jill Bokemeier



S.A.D.D. 1996: Row 1: Steve Waterbrook, Meghaen Jordan, Liz Donnell-Fink, B.J. Gawle Row 2: Sadaf Ali, Mala Kashyap, Mike Westgate, Chris Rawsthorne, Matt Robinson, Matt Coy, Charlie Yuan, Caron Brosky, Amy Diehl, Beth Paterson, Lauren Wadland, Vicky Fletcher, Jill Bokemeier Row 3: Heather Linz, Christine Crosby, Shuba, Kashyap, Beth Bailey, Julie Lamberts, Laura Dorsch, Diana Economy, Anne Heller, Jennifer Sharp, Sarah Ahti, Christine Maniaci, Alicia Cousineau, Nadia Yusaf, Karyn Barker Row 4: Shawn Scott, Matt Mehan, Tom Grasman, Peter Govorchin, Nathan Bullock, Alyson Long, Kristi Janssens, Stephanie Curtis, Mike Robison, Prasanna Pendese, Adrienne Lessard, Laurel Donnell-Fink, Phindi Mashinini, Isma Zubair



They've Got the Beat.

Students do their song and dance at the S.A.D.D. Lock-in. Karaoke is becoming a big hit with the OHS kids as the Lock-





Quiz Bowl 1996: Row 1: Brent Bernier, Zach Throckmorton, Ritesh Agrawal, Adam Murphy, Landon Bartley. Row 2: Melvin Tsai, Raj Gupta, Vinay Subramanian, Jeffrey Koryba, Bob Sue. Row 3: Mr. Morrison, Satadru Pramanik, Naga Pradeep, Jason Gift, Heesoo Chung, Brian Schroeder, Mr. Bernier. Row 4: Catherine Chung.

Practice Makes Perfect.

Mr. Morrison fires questions at the Quiz Bowl team. The Quiz Bowl members are a close knit group of kids who always remember to have fun.

Making the Right Choice.

Senior co-captain Heesoo Chung quickly buzzes in to answer a question in a practice session. The Quiz Bowl team practices once or two times a week.

CULTURE TIME WITH THE

FRENCH AND SPANISH CLUBS

French is Fun

Junior **Nelson Lee** enjoys his time while using his handy pocket-size French dictionary. **Nelson** feels the greatest part about being in the French Club is all the great food. Bon appetit!

Pinata Party

Spanish Club members **Suzanne Fadley, Gina Tanaka, Samantha Tarras, Mike Giromini, Alberto Nickerson, Kristy Viets, and C.C. Canady** show off their pinatas. These amigos agree that the Spanish Club is a fun and interesting after school activity.



French Club: Row 1: Mrs. Marsh, Kelly Joos, Jennifer Baumann, Carolyn Yian, Sarah Hammerschmidt, Miss Erikson. Row 2: Mary Burning, Alison Forbes, Laurie Gulick, Erin Lindstrom, Heena Shaw, Lindsey Pych, Ana Calaca, Alyson Long, Jennifer Wei, Anne Leone, Jen Birchen, Michelle Baladi. Row 3: Monica Montemayor, Cathey Meyer, Reshma Patel, Kripa Moorthy, Leah Shaheen, Carey Atkins, Jessica Putz, Sara Marx, Jean Lee, Lauren Hansen, Jennifer Dale, Jenny Linske. Row 4: Becky Linz, Courtney Hagan, Nelson Lee, J.J. Burchman, Steve Dewey, Prakash Anantaraman, Robert Schmidt, Michelle Baladi, Emma Phillips, Julie Russo.

Picture this: a fun-filled afternoon that gives you not only food, games, and exciting activities, but also a chance to broaden your education, and even meet some new friends. Sound too good to be true? Well, this is actually a description of the French and Spanish Clubs.

"Usually, we play French games or watch French Disney movies and eat food," said senior **Kelly Joos** of a typical French Club meeting.

"My favorite thing about Spanish Club is persistently annoying **Senora Valencia**," said senior **Fritz Heller**.

Students join either the French or Spanish Club for differing reasons.

"It's a good way to get involved in something outside of the classroom and to meet new people," said French Club co-

president **Carolyn Yian**.

"It is very interesting and fun participating in Spanish activities. Also, it is nice being involved in an after-school activity," said sophomore **Suzanne Fadley**.

The French and Spanish Clubs each plan many exciting events every year.

"**Carolyn Yian** and I made a quiche from scratch at our potluck to share with the club. It actually turned out quite good," **Jennifer Baumann** said, with surprise.

While **Suzanne Fadley** felt the fundraiser was the best Spanish Club activity, **Fritz Heller** said his favorite activity was eating all the snacks!

Joining the French or Spanish Club guarantees you a fun, cultural, and tasty experience.

by Sara Main



The Three Amis!

Dan Mangiavellano and French Club co-presidents **Jennifer Baumann** and **Carolyn Yian** say fromage for the camera.





Spanish Club: Row 1: Charrie Meints, Shubha Kashyap, Melissa Williams, Chris Henderson, Eli Snyder-Luntz, Sarika Patel, Adam Murphy, Kerry Kraushaar. Row 2: Alberto Nickerson, Kristy Viets, Jenna Andrews, Kate Grybb, Kristen Ottinger, Megan Stojic, Brian Ottinger. Row 3: Gina Tanaka, Danielle Raudenbush, Vinary Subramanian, Nadia Yusaf, Brent Bernier, Samantha Tarras, Mala Kashyap, Michael Giromini, Ian Lang.

Ellos estan contentos

Mrs. Valencia spends a lively afternoon with members of the Spanish Club. Many meetings involve planning for upcoming activities.

Mes amis

Members of the French Club play a French board game at a meeting. The club is a great way to meet new friends,

THE SPOKEN LANGUAGES

OF OUR TIME

Willkommen!

Welcome, German students. Okemos is proud to bring the German exchange students to our school. The German students have learned about the American culture and it has been a great delight to have them here with us.



Veni, Vedi, Vici.

I came, I saw, I conquered. The Latin class shows their enjoyment for Latin as they hold up their books with pride. Together, they all develop a knowledge for the Roman culture.



One of the many things offered here at OHS are the foreign language clubs. Two of the most prominent clubs are German and Latin. Each year you can see the Latin club showing their support of the Roman customs by wearing togas during the Homecoming parade. Another important part of being in the Latin club is raising money and giving gifts to the less fortunate for the holiday season. A lot of hard work and time is put in to make it a season to never forget. When asked what she thinks of the Latin Club, junior **Adrienne Lessard** replied, "Watching classmates dress up in togas and Latin apparel is the best thing about being in the club.

As for the German club, they have many different ways to have fun and to show their

support for the German language. They start out with a scavenger hunt through the mall as a bonding experience. Then comes the Sylvester party which is an all night sleep over right before Christmas break.

For Winterfest, you can eat at some tasty Lebkuchenherzen which are heart shaped cookies.

Nathan Narasimhan, a senior and co-president of the German club, says, "There are a lot of different people involved and all of them add something to make the club interesting."

Aside from all of the homework, these clubs provide a wonderful learning experience. For the most part, these foreign language clubs provide a lot of fun and great experiences.

by Meghaen Jordan



We love our togas!

Rose Glendinning, Brad Barnett, and Mason Herring are all wrapped up for the Homecoming parade. Being in Latin, the Homecoming parade is one of the many highlights about the club. It gives the students a chance to show off the Roman attire, in which they love doing.



Romance within Latin!

Latin students **Jessie Swierz** and **Nate Joos** get together as they await for the Homecoming parade to start. They show their spirit by wearing their 100% cotton togas.





Time for an all nighter!
The German students snuggle together as they enjoy the annual Sylvester party at Matt Robinson's house. Ericha Pych, Sarah Bussing, Jerry Yaun, Betsy Jothell, Jennifer Putz, and Matt Coy take a break from all the action to relax.



It's pot luck time!
Some of the German exchange students enjoy bonding with the OHS German students while they eat their dinner. During the pot luck, they also learned how to square dance.

The village people!
The German club and exchange students take time out of our new Lansing Lugnuts game to sing and dance the YMCA for the crowd.

LITERARY CLUB

AND THE EQUINOX

DO THE WRITE THING

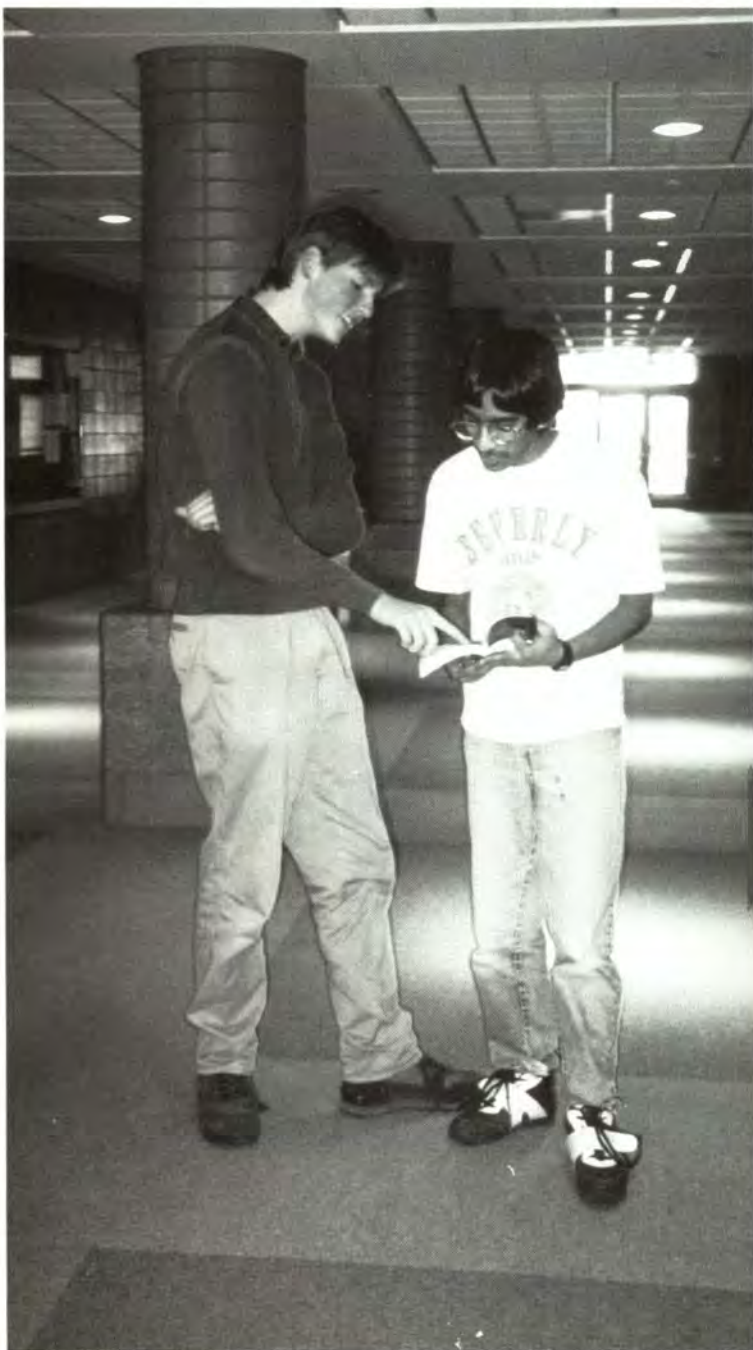
The Literary Stud Rocks!

Senior **Tom Sinas** looks for a CD player to set the mood for an Equinox meeting. **Tom** was the co-editor and frequent contributor of the Equinox. He plans to study literature, as well as music, in the future.



Look, a Swear Word!

Junior **Landon Bartley** joins senior **Satadru Pramanik**, a fellow literary club member, in a deep intellectual discussion.



The written word has always been an interest of many Okemos students. There is a magazine dedicated to it, which is distributed throughout the school by a student club. There is also a club dedicated to the reading and analyzing of various plays and short stories. The Equinox and Literary Club are havens for those seeking written knowledge and entertainment.

For just a dollar, any student can own their very own copy of the poetry, picture, and story filled magazine known as the Equinox. The members of the Equinox Club take a day out of their week to organize, type, and even critique the onslaught of student submissions they receive. **Mrs. Haner** is the dedicated advisor of the club. It is a great opportunity for students

to read and appreciate the works of fellow students. But how could someone benefit from being in the club?

"I want the students in this school that feel they don't have a voice here to be accommodated and appreciated," stated the magazine's co-editor, senior **Sam Esquith**.

One of the events in which the literary club partakes is the annual book swap. The book swap is an opportunity to get rid of used books in exchange for other people's old books. And what kind of literature have the members of the Literary Club been reading?

"For some strange reason, a majority of the works we have read have contained classical themes," stated Literary Club president, senior **Jean Wong**.

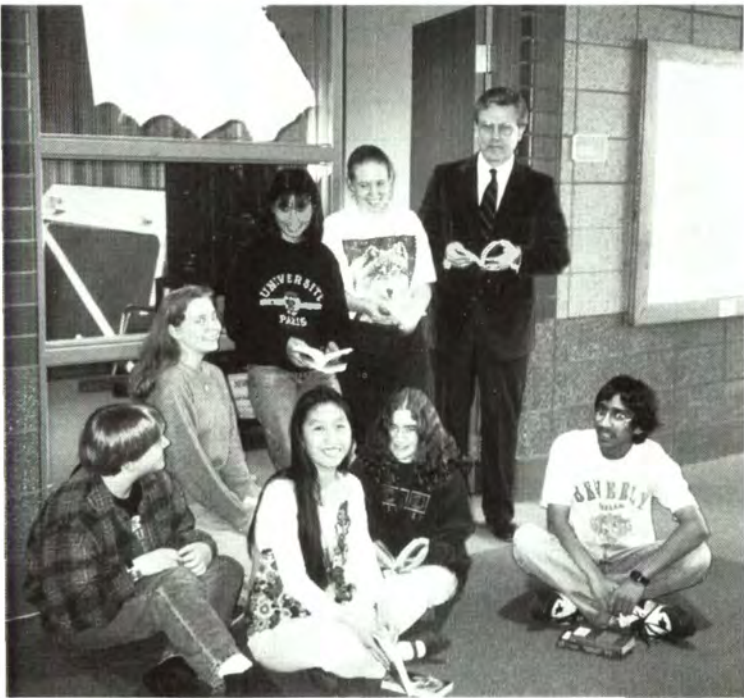
by Russell Mayhew



Shakespeare? Who's That?

Seniors **Melissa Kress** and **Jean Wong** demonstrate the book exchange. The literary club puts on the book exchange to give people a chance to read a wider selection of books.





Group Discussion

Literary club advisor Dr. Collar meets with seniors Satardu Pramanik, Anne Stone, Jean Wong, Melissa Kress, Sarah West, Jennifer Wei, and Carol Stevens at the book exchange.

What's up, Doc?

A herd of literary club members listen intently to the wise words of their club advisor, Dr. Collar. A true renaissance man, Dr. Collar has led many in depth and philosophical discussions at Okemos High School for many years.

Finishing Touches

Equinox members senior Julie Russo, sophomore Hillary Hodges, senior Eric Denby, senior Tom Sinas, sophomore Maggie Burnett, junior Annie Mitchell, and senior Ethan Ard take time to contemplate the layout of the next Equinox.



DEBATING

IS THE KEY

TO OUR TIME

Signing Up

Senior **Jennifer Putz** looks intently at a sign up sheet for Key Club events. This is the first year of existence for the club, a community oriented volunteer program.



Speaking Their Minds

Sophomores **Maggie Burnett** and **Jennifer Clemens**, the sole members of the Forensics club at OHS, both placed high in a competition earlier this year.



Most clubs at OHS perform some kind of public service throughout the year, but none have specialized in doing just that until the Key Club was formed this year. Co-Presidents **Diana Economy** and **Shreena Ghandi** created this club to give students the opportunity to perform community service and plan fun activities for the community. "The Key Club is the largest high school service organization in the world," **Diana** said. "Other local schools have been very successful with their key clubs, so we decided to try one out at Okemos."

In May they put on a carnival for elementary students with the intent of not only giving the kids a fun activity, but also involving many of the high school students in the process. The purpose of Key Club activities

is simple: to bridge the generation gap and get people working together for a common cause.

In contrast to the volunteering and cooperation efforts of the Key Club is the Debate and Forensics Clubs of Okemos High School. These organizations learn the art of persuasion through the spoken word, a powerful tool in the working world. They participate in select debate competitions and sharpen their speaking skills through various activities and meetings.

Of all the organizations at Okemos High, the Key, Forensics, and Debate Clubs are the most unique. They haven't been around for long but their impact on the Okemos community has been immense.

by Justin Perrone



Preparation is the Key

Debate member **Maggie Burnett** types away in preparation for one of her many debate competitions.





Key Club: Row 1: Digna Patel, Shreena Gandhi, Diana Economy, Stephanie Anderson, Monica Montemayor, Anjali Patel. Row 2: Jane Maisch, Seema Dedhia, Adam Murphy, Emma Phillips, Phil Beakman, Meredith Hess, Beth Bailey.

Taking a Break

Members of the Key Club get together after one of their numerous community volunteer efforts.

Collecting for the Needy

Seniors Joe Wenzel, Caron Brosky, and Lindsay Carr collect books for an exchange with those who need them.



Debate and Key Club

It's showtime

Katherine Hughes advertises the Drama Club's *Cabaret*. The talent show was an exciting night full of many talented students. Katherine is a big part of the Drama Club's success.



Kristin Main

How Dramatic

Alexis Fielik shows her dramatic side in AP Drama. Alexis is a key part in all the drama productions. Her talent isn't limited to the stage she also is an avid worker backstage. Alexis is a very talented woman on her way to the top.



ART AND DRAMA HAVE THE

CREATIVE JUICES FLOWING

The highly creative members of the Art and Drama Clubs are at it again. These students continue to express their special talents, and establish a name for themselves in the community.

The Drama Club is an exciting and humorous way to spend an afternoon. "We basically get people hyped about drama," senior **Scott MacLeod** said. If drama is in your future plans, then these meetings are just for you. "The stage presence, I've acquired in Drama Club," **Scott MacLeod** replied, "will definitely help for auditions in the future." Even if you just like to fool around, and ham it up, the stage is the best way to do it. The talent of the Drama Club doesn't show up only in Okemos High School. "I've done some plays in Lansing,

like 'West Side Story', 'Pippen' and 'Fiddler on the Roof'," **Scott MacLeod** said.

If you are a wonderful artist and would love to express your talent, or just have a love for art then, Art Club is the place to be. "Everyone is friends," senior **Shannon Hartwig** said. Some of these friendly members plan on pursuing their talent in the future.

"I plan on going to Ringling College of Art and Design when I graduate. Hopefully, I'll get into the computer graphics field," junior **Eli Snyder-Luntz** said.

If your afternoons are filled by watching "Carnie" and "Sally Jesse", then without a doubt get some more excitement in your life, and head to the Art and Drama Club meetings.

by Caron Brosky



Drama Club: Row 1: Chris Lowe, Lindsey Fell, Adrienne Lessard, Katie Williams, Meredith Burlingame, Alexis Fielek, Mike Lluberes, Sam Meyrowitz, Kristy Gerard, Doug Boes, Diana Economy, Scott MacLeod. Row 2: Mrs. Greenberg, Sarah Klein, Leah Shaheen, Katie Garvale, Matt Lafferty, Katherine Hughes, Lisa Fandalian, Christy Wiles, Martin Finn, Mila Al-Ayoubi, Jesse Lange. Row 3: Jessica Swierz, Andrew McLemore, Katie Fitch, Kaleigh Coryell, Alison Forbes, Adam Murphy, Ian Lang, Prasanna Pendse, Arjun Jayaraman.



Preach it

Katie Williams and Mike Lluberes rehearse backstage for the spring musical. Both Katie and Mike contribute





Ann Mellenberger



Ann Mellenberger



Art Club: Row 1: Derek DeVries, Jeff Long, Megan VanWormer, Angela Hodgins, Krissy Bunte, Liz Monroe, Carl Case, Eli Snyder-Luntz, Seema Dedhia, Pria Patel. Row 2: Chris Steinacker, Monica Mitchell, Shannon Hartwig, Carolyn Bozak, Ted Prawat, Keri McKelvey, Shana Curtis, Matt Sekedat, Jeremy Menchik, Mr. Rae. Row 3: Steve Collins, Atif Khan, Matt Lafferty, Erin Culton, George Ristow, Kelly Matthews, Michelle Gee, Kim Trathen, Chris Henderson, Angela Rousse, Sara Papoi, Tara McIntosh.

Getting Dirty

Senior Derek DeVries works on a clay project after school. Derek has been involved in art throughout his high school career, along with hockey.

Look At that

Eli Snyder-Luntz concentrates on a piece of artwork. Eli is a dedicated art club member and due to his dedication he is very successful.



Check it Out!

Junior **Steve Dewey** is checking out the awesome structure made by sophomore **John Wierzba**. To prepare for the meet, club members test the experiments. Members find that these experiments are very fun and exciting.

Bad to the Bone!

Seniors **Sandeep Khattar** and **Adam Murphy**, and junior **Steve Dewey** do the monster mash with their subject. They were a part of the science meet this year.



Science Olympiad: Row 1: Nelson Lee, Heesoo Chung, Pradeep Naga, Bob Su. Row 2: Sameena Ahmed, Ritesh Agarwal, Catherine Chung, Hannie Cox, Raj Gupta, John Wierzba, Aaron Kohler. Row 3: Mrs. Palmer, Adam Murphy, Ed Saipetch, Steve Dewey, Hemant Jain, Sandeep Khattar, Josh Baker, Brian Hogle, Sudeep Raj.

CLUB CHEMISTRY

AFTER SCHOOL BONDING

The Asian American and Science Olympiad Clubs are two very important clubs which are enjoyed by many students at Okemos High School. These clubs help the students in various ways.

"I like the Asian Club because it helps me to better understand and learn more about the many different Asian cultures," said junior **Sonja Jain**.

The club was able to accomplish several things this year. Such events included sponsoring a dance, having a banquet with East Lansing's Asian Club, sponsoring a child, and taking a field trip to Lansing Community College to learn about Asian related topics.

"I want to make other students aware of our club and the things we do," said junior

Emma Phillips.

During the Science Olympiad meetings, students prepare for the science meet and try to raise money for the necessary supplies. It takes plenty of time to prepare for the meet.

"We meet two times before the meet to see if everybody has well prepared for their events and plan last minute details," said sophomore **Josh Baker**.

The Asian American Club gives students an opportunity to learn about the Asian cultures. Students are able to learn and have fun at the same time.

The Science Olympiad team made Okemos proud with their third place victory this year in the science meet.

As you can see, these clubs keep their members busy and create excitement at OHS.

by Touyen Nguyen



Helping Out

Senior **Heesoo Chung** is helping senior **Pradeep Naga** finish an experiment so that it can later be tested by both of them.





Asian American Student Association: Row 1: Satadru Pramanik, Shreena Ghandi, Charlie Yuan, Ajay Rajadhyaksha. Row 2: Hemant Jain, Chris Rawsthorne, Matthew Robinson, Ron Jou, Emma Phillips, Jean Lee.

i-Yah!
 During a meeting, vice president of the Asian club, **Nelson Lee**, and some club members are getting a kick out of the Kung Fu movie they are watching.

Let's Talk!
 Juniors **Shreena Ghandi** and **Sonja Jain** stay after school to discuss important topics and plan events at an Asian American Student Association meeting.

SUMMERTIME

HELPS OUT

THE ENVIRONMENT

Cleaning Up

Seniors **Eric Goodman** and **Heather Wierczorek** fill trash bags and help clean up the school grounds.



Helping Out

Senior **Sarah West** picks up litter from the beautiful wetlands that surround the high school.



We've all seen the movies and read stories about the future where mankind has completely wiped out nature as we know it. It is a time where the ozone layer is completely depleted and oak trees are an endangered species. Thankfully, this scenario is only in the minds of the science fiction authors. It is, however, according to S.E.A. president **Jean Wong**, something that we should all be concerned with, "I am a great believer in the simple pleasures of life—walking to the songs of birds and taking walks beneath the trees...we are all connected to the natural world about us...and these things are worth preserving."

While protecting the environment is definitely a concern of the two hosts of Okemos' first and longest running televi-

sion show, seniors **Justin Perrone** and **Matt Mehan** have more pressing matters on their minds such as the fact that they must prepare for a live television program every week. These two enthusiastic young television entrepreneurs host a live call-in television show every Tuesday night. It is called "SUMMERTIME", a format where they discuss school and community issues as well as try and entertain the audience with some comedy skits thrown in the middle. "It's a lot of work but also a lot of fun," co-host and producer **Justin Perrone** said, "It's also an excellent way to bring issues surrounding OHS to the public." "SUMMERTIME" is shown on Okemos' TCI cable channel 26 as well as on East Lansing public access channel.

by *Russell Mayhew*



Getting Ready to Work

S.E.A. club members **Eric Goodman**, **George Ristow**, **Jeff Koryba**, **Annie Mitchel**, **Ron Jou**, and **Heather Wierczorek** are armed with bags and the desire to help the environment.



Taking to the Woods

Club members **Darla Meints**, **Bonnie Irvine**, and **Jean Wong** beautify and clean up the OHS property.





Ladies and Gentlemen...

's summertime all year long on the set of SUMMERTIME. The show, which began in June of 1995, aired through August of 1996 with its original hosts.

The Price is Right?

Co-host **Matt Mehan** said that his favorite part of the show is using the line that Bob Barker made famous, "Don't forget to spade and neuter your pets."

The Secrets of Television

Directed by junior **Mark Marabate**, SUMMERTIME offers a variety of different stories covering topics from school issues to those on a national level. Each live show begins with hosts **Justin Perrone** and **Matt Mehan** sitting on a couch and using green screen technology to superimpose video behind them. After some small talk and an introduction to the packages of the night, it's on to the desk to take live calls from viewers.



Speak Out

State Representative Diane Byrum generously lends her time to speak to students at OHS in the kiva.



Good Point

Mr. Malloch ponders a question posed by two of the members of the Young Democrats Club. Senior Melissa Kress is the president of the Young Democrats, while Jolene Lukey is an active member.



Young Democrats Club 1996: Row 1: Julie Russo, Emma Phillips. Row 2: Satadru Pramanik, Chris Rawsthorne, Melissa Kress. Row 3: Hemant Jain, Sarah West, Zack Smith, Mr. Malloch.

Facing Off THE GREAT

DEBATE CONTINUES

It's not just politics as usual at OHS! Although the Young Republicans Club and the Young Democrats Club are new this year, both clubs have made a significant impact at Okemos High School.

"The Young Republicans Club was formed to discuss, support, and promote traditional conservative ideals," says founder and president **Steve Waterbrook**. To create equal time and equal opportunity, the Young Democrats Club was formed.

Senior and club treasurer, **Justin Perrone** said, "I joined the Young Republicans because I have an interest in politics and the Republican party."

For the same reasons, senior **Julie Russo** joined the Young Democrats. "I hope the presence of the Young Democrats will make people realize

that it is important to get involved!" said **Julie**.

As president and founder of the Young Democrats, **Melissa Kress** has worked hard this year to get speakers for Okemos students. "It was exciting to have Diane Byrum speak to the club and other interested students," said **Melissa**.

The Young Republicans have had their share of guest speakers also. The club was honored to welcome, on separate occasions, State House Representative Dan Gustafson and United States Congressman Dick Chrysler to participate in forums for students and the community.

Sponsoring dances, hosting speakers, and community service are all part of the Republican and Democratic "political agenda" at OHS.

by Jennifer Elwood



Standing Proud

Young Republicans proudly posed with United States Congressman **Dick Chrysler** when he spoke with students and the community. They are from left

Rajadhyaksha, Joseph Leykam, Steve Waterbrook, Jennifer Elwood, Congressman Dick Chrysler, Megan Grattan, Clare Mehan, Phil Beekman, Anjali Patel.





What's Him
Seniors Megan Grattan, Anjali Patel, and Justin Perrone are all smiles as they show off one of their favorite presidents in recent years.

Meeting Time
During a Young Republicans meeting Zach Throckmorton, Clare Mehan, Chris Edwards, Megan Grattan, Joseph Leykam, Anjali Patel, Shreena Gandhi, Phil Beekman, Justin Perrone, and President Steve Waterbrook discuss their latest project.



Young Republicans Club 1996: Row 1: Jennifer Elwood, Steve Waterbrook, Clare Mehan, Justin Perrone. Row 2: Phil Beekman, Anjali Patel, Shreena Gandhi, Jason Jones, Mr. Malloch. Ajay Rajadhyaksha, Megan Grattan, Carl McIntosh, Matt Mehan.

TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

Contemplating Life...

Junior **David Kregan** philosophizes the meaning of life and the government's authority to take it away at a recent Philosophy Club meeting.

Thinking Things Over

Senior Philosophy Club president **Sandeep Khatar** leads his club through a variety of discussions ranging from abortion to euthanasia.



School has classically been an institution of learning. Math, science, English, and social studies have captured the minds of students for generations. On the other end of the educational spectrum are the teachers, educating the youth of America. Seldom have these two aspects crossed in the high school setting until now. One of the many extracurricular activities available at Okemos High School is the Educators for Tomorrow club. Co-President **Laura Dorsch** explains exactly what the club means to her. "I really enjoy being a member of the Educators for Tomorrow because I plan to pursue a career in the educational field. Plus, I love working with children and hope to someday have my own class."

Club member **Diana**

Economy says that her organization has given her the opportunity to learn the skills needed to teach others, even though she does not see herself teaching in the classroom.

A major component to teaching is philosophy. So, if discussions on the origins of man or euthanasia sound good, the philosophy club is for you. President **Sandeep Khattar** runs the organization, with a different topic being presented by a different student each week. "The Philosophy Club is intended for any students who question the paradoxical mysteries of life, or for anyone who just wants a free Coke," **Sandeep** said. "The best part is having fruitful discussions and pondering the meaning of life."

by *Justin Perrone*



Taking it all in

Senior **Hollie MacEachran** sits back and has a laugh at one of the weekly club meetings.





Taking a Break

Educators for Tomorrow club members **Diana Economy, Laura Dorsch, and Charlie Yuan** take a break from discussion and order a pizza. Educators is a group dedicated to those who wish to pursue the teaching profession.

What Does it all Mean?

Seniors **Chris Steinacher** and **Sandeep Khatar** contemplate the power of the flame.

Educating the Educators

OHS faculty and students gather to discuss what life as a teacher is like and the pros and cons of the teaching profession.



YEARBOOK

KEEPS TRACK

OF THE TIME

Like Mother, Like Daughter

Senior **Sara Main** and **Mrs. Main** take a break from an informative yearbook course to grab a bite to eat at Alma College. **Mrs. Main** took several staff members to Josten's Yearbook Camp during the summer. The staff learned many new techniques to help make an outstanding finished product.



1995-96 Tomahawk Yearbook Staff: Row 1: Pat Westgate, Laura Hall Row 2: Lisa Estry, Phil Williams, Justin Perrone, Lindsay Carr, Jennifer Elwood, Kristen Arbor Row 3: Matt Lafferty, Jill Bokemeier, Eva Hlovbek, Touyen Nguyen, Kavitha Surapaneni, Jennifer Birchen Row 4: Meghaen Jordan, Caron Brosky, Russell Mayhew, Alyson Long, Robin Kluck Row 5: David Atkins, Kristin Main, Sara Main, Jamie Schoen, Matt Ellsworth Not Pictured: Adrienne Lessard, Kristen Rauhe, Kyrsten Carter.

The 1995-96 Tomahawk did not come together over night. This talented staff has spent many hours sweating and slaving over the finished product and, as you can tell, the hard work and extra time was well worth it. However, the best part of class is probably all of the jokes, the laughs, and the fun that everybody has in between all of the stress.

"The most memorable moment was when I tipped my chair over and fell on my butt," said senior **Caron Brosky**.

"The best part of yearbook will be the finished product," added senior **Kyrsten Carter**.

"The parties! All the food, food, and more food!" said junior **Alyson Long**.

"It's a really fun class if you don't have a lot of layouts," commented sopho-

more **Touyen Nguyen**.

So, what is the hardest part about being a yearbook staff member?

"Nothing...other people do my work," said junior **Dave Atkins**.

"It's anarchy! **Laura** pulls her hair out and we all laugh at her," commented junior **Matt Ellsworth**.

"I don't know, but where's Matt Ellsworth?" asked senior **Caron Brosky**.

Our beloved advisor, **Mrs. Main** has once again helped us pull it off, and you now hold the finished product in your hands. All in all, the yearbook can be summed up in one final quote from junior **Matt Ellsworth**.

"The yearbook is my life. I stay 'til it's done, and I love it!"

*by Pat Westgate
and Laura Hall*



Would You Look at That

Seniors **Phil Williams** and **Justin Perrone** are excited to see junior **Lisa Estry's** new layout idea! **Phil** and **Justin** were section editors and **Lisa** was the photo staff.



We Love Yearbook Camp
 Sophomore **Kristin Main** and seniors **Kyrsten Carter, Laura Hall, Caron Brosky, and Sara Main** learn some skills at Josten's Yearbook Camp at Alma College.

What a Great Group
 The Yearbook staff takes a break from the hard work to have a snack and celebrate the end of the year. However, the staff is usually still working on the book weeks after school gets out.

COLOPHON

Printing: Volume 67 of the Okemos High School Tomahawk was printed by **Josten's Printing and Publishing Division** of Topeka, Kansas. The cover was designed by John Doubler. The pages are submitted on disk using the Yeartech program. Josten's enlarged and reduced photos and used an off-set lithography process to print graphics and type submitted by the staff. The base color ink is black and the paper used is a glossy 80#. The staff sold 950 copies of "Times are Changing."

Photographs: **Okemos Studio** is our official school photographer. The pictures of fall, winter, and spring sports teams, prom, and graduation were photographed by **Okemos Studios**. The underclassman portraits were photographed by **Life Touch Studios**. The talented yearbook photography staff is responsible for the remaining photographs. Kodak T-Max film and Polycontrast III paper were used.

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Time is money

Times are definitely changing! Our yearbook has captured the changing of these times. There are many wonderful and cherished memories from this past year which we will always be able to reflect upon.

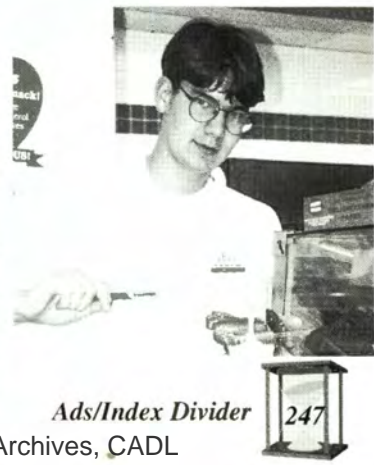
From the freshman, who eagerly entered the ominous and intimidating doors of the high school with nervous smiles, to the seniors who will pass through those same doors for the last time as students, this has definitely been a year to remember.

Every footprint left in the sands of time has been captured within these pages. However, this has not been an easy task. First, it has taken the hard work and perseverance of a talented yearbook staff. Second, it has taken the help of the whole community. Without the existence of supporting Okemos parents and local businesses, this yearbook would not have been possible.

We would like to thank everyone who has so generously contributed to the 1996 Okemos Tomahawk Yearbook. May the pride, the spirit and the memories continue to be reflected in the pages of this book.

by Jennifer Elwood







CONGRATULATIONS:

Anika Kohon

I am awed by your accomplishments and the person you've become.

YOU WILL BE A GREAT DOCTOR!

From the day God gave you to me, you have been the joy of my life.

I love you bug!

Love, Mom



CONGRATULATIONS:

Katie Williams

Our lives are brighter and fuller because of you; may your life bring you the happiness that you have given us.

Love, Mom and Dad



CONGRATULATIONS:

Ben Matthews

Congratulations on your academic and athletic success at OHS.

From Your Family



CONGRATULATIONS:

Mark Steed

We are proud of the hard work you put in on athletics, singing and school. Okemos High won't be the same without you. Good luck in college!!

Love, Mom, Dad, Nate, Katie and David



CONGRATULATIONS:

Anjali Patel

Thank you for enriching our lives. For bringing us joy and pride through your wonderful achievements. Wishing you happiness and success always.

Love, Mom and Dad



CONGRATULATIONS:

Laura A. Dorsch

We're very proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad and the Kids



CONGRATULATIONS:

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We are very proud of you.

Love, Dad, Mom, Andy, Holly and Lily



CONGRATULATIONS:

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Over the years you have filled our lives with love and laughter. You are a beautiful, caring, intelligent young woman. We are proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Nathan and Sara



CONGRATULATIONS:

Sara Demlow

May all your dreams and goals come true! Live your life to its fullest! We are very proud of your OHS days!

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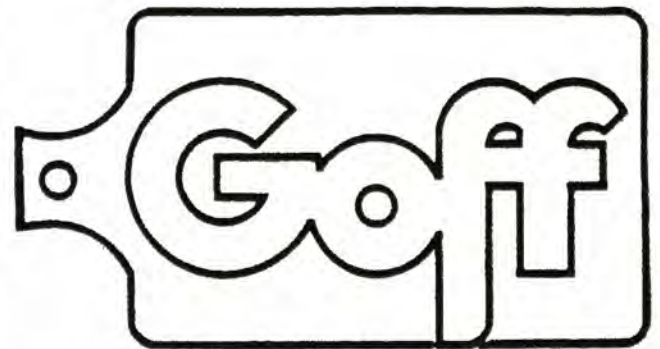
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 proud of you and all you have
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 Continue to set high standards
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 Skimmer-a-rink-a do
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 And in the afternoon
 I love you in the evening
 And underneath the moon
 Oh, Skimmer-a-rink a rink-a-dink
 I Love You! Love Mom



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 We are so proud of you and the young woman you've become. Our Rose has blossomed beautifully.
 Love always, Mom and Dad



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She has the spirit, talent, wit, and charm to build on all her many accomplishments in a future of great possibilities. We are so proud of you!

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Love, Mom



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Love,
Mom



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Love,
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Mom, Dad, Amy and Bailey



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Love,
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Love, Mom



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My little "tarb" has grown into daddy's beautiful young lady! You are truly a wonderful daughter and I wish for you the success and happiness that you so deserve. Follow your dreams and you will surely go far!

Love, Dad



CONGRATULATIONS:

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Your effort, spirit, and determination have paved the way for your success, and you should feel very proud! However, we know you best, and we are especially proud of you... as a person!

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A friend once said we didn't realize what a great kid you were. That's not true. We couldn't be more proud of who you are, what you've done and what you bring to our family.

Love you,
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We are very proud of you and your accomplishments. You have turned into a fine young man and athlete. You have shown how strong you can be in rough times. You can do anything you put your mind too. Never give up! We look forward to sharing the next step of your life with you. Go Spartans!

With all our love, Mom and Dad



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We are proud of you, Laura Lonergan. You have become everything we hoped and more. You are beautiful and so much fun.

Thanks for all the smiles.
We love you, Mom and Dad



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We are very proud of you and all you have achieved, both academically and athletically. You are a wonderful daughter and sister, who brings love and joy into our lives.

Good luck at University of Michigan and may all your dreams come true.
Love, Mom, Dad and R.T.



CONGRATULATIONS:

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Your aunts are wishing you good luck and success in all your future endeavors. We love you and wish you well.

Love and God bless,
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We are so proud of all that you have accomplished. Your loyalty, dedication, sensitivity will take you far; your sense of humor will take you even farther! Congratulations!

Love, Mom and Dad



CONGRATULATIONS:

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With Love, Mom and Dad



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Congratulations on your graduation. You are a charming, delightful and beautiful young woman who we are so proud of. We wish you God's richest blessings on your journey through life.
Love, Mom and Dad 3 John 4



CONGRATULATIONS:
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To our little boy who has blessed our lives with great joy, awe and love. May your heart continue to be your guide, and may your music soothe your soul as it touches ours.

"I think the main thing a musician would like to do is to give a picture to the listener of the many wonderful things he knows and senses in the universe"
John Coltrane

*With Love,
Mom, Dad*



CONGRATULATIONS:
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Thank you for being who you are. We look forward to what you are yet to become.
We Love You,
Mom and Dad



CONGRATULATIONS:
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We are so very proud of your accomplishments and the special person you are!
Love You. . .
Mom and Dad



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Liquid sounds of a flute,
Suites that snare the heart,
Saturday noon snores, sudden hugs in the check-out lane, "puppy-dog" pleadings, fires of intelligence.
We Love You! Mom & Dad



CONGRATULATIONS:
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May all your "goals" in life be fulfilled. Good Luck at Michigan Tech, we are so proud of you.
All our love,
Mom, Dad, Jeff,
Mic and Buffy



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You are the best daughter anyone could ask for! We are so proud of you. Keep your cute smile shining at MSU!!
Love, Mom, Dad, Anne, and M.J.



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Love,
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Nathan Narasimhan
We are very proud of you and your accomplishments. You have wonderful qualities of head and heart. Remember D.A.D., and you can always attain your dream.
Love, Mom, Dad, Beth and Megan



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You're no crumb. You won't loaf around or get baked at IU. You'll get off your buns, get on a roll and make lots of dough.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Tim, Spencer,
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May your successes be many and your burdens be light, carry memories along that keep spirits bright.
We love you, are proud of you, and will miss you!
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Your charm, wit and talent combined with your unique reserved nature will bring you continued successes.
WHAT AN AWESOME BABE!
Love, Mom, Dad, Joe and Jeff



Congratulations! Congratulations!! Congratulations!!!
Dr. S.K. Nnama & Mrs. I.N. Nnama who are both MSU Alumni wish to congratulate our dearest son Ifeanyi Nnama for graduating from the prestigious Okemos High School this year. This graduation is a very good beginning for him and we wish him success and God's guidance in college and life ahead. We all love you very much Ifeanyi.
Love, Mum, Dad, Uju, and Amaka



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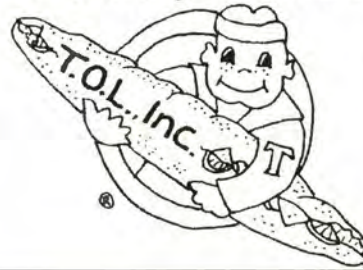
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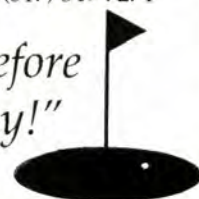
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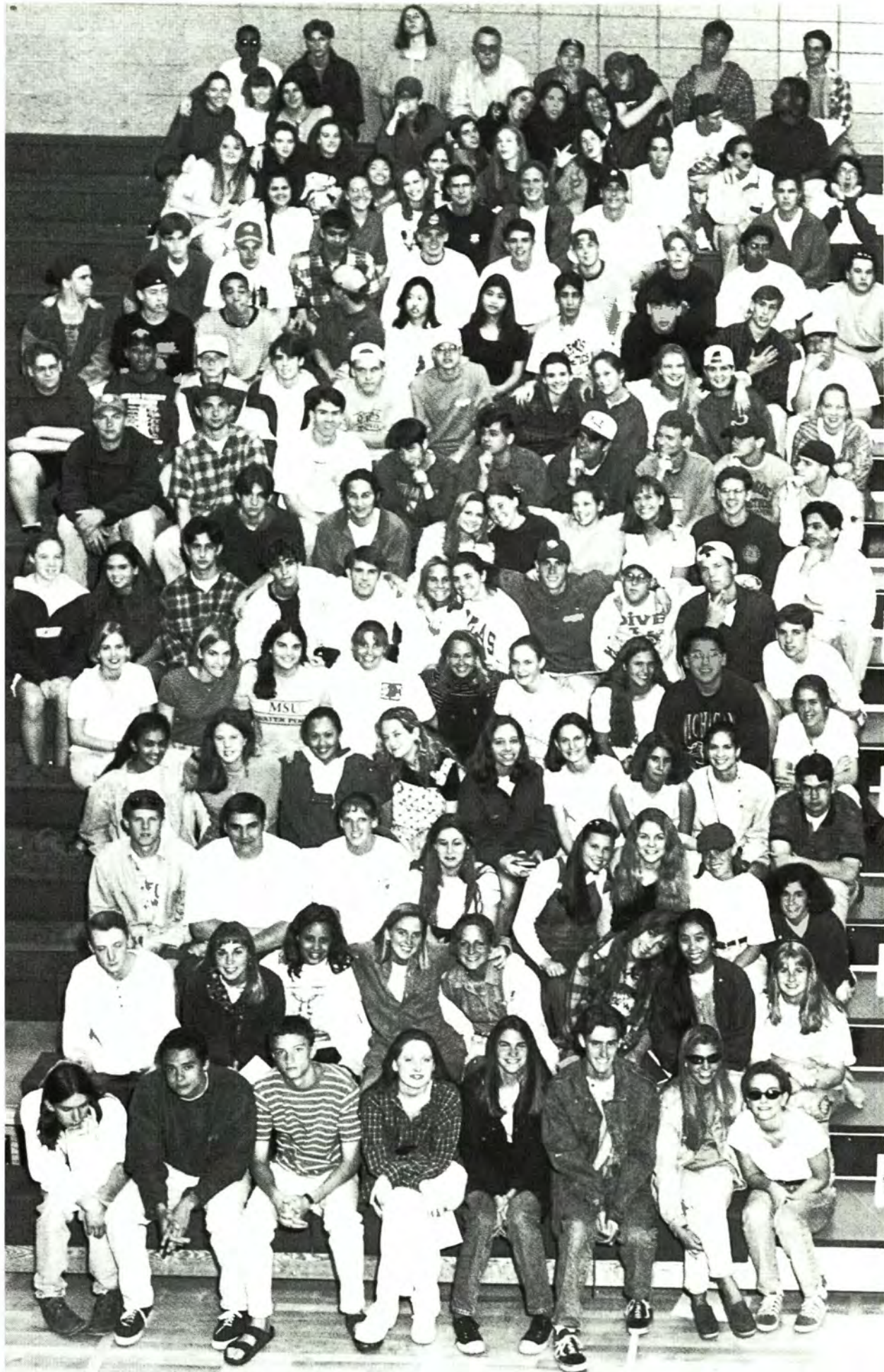
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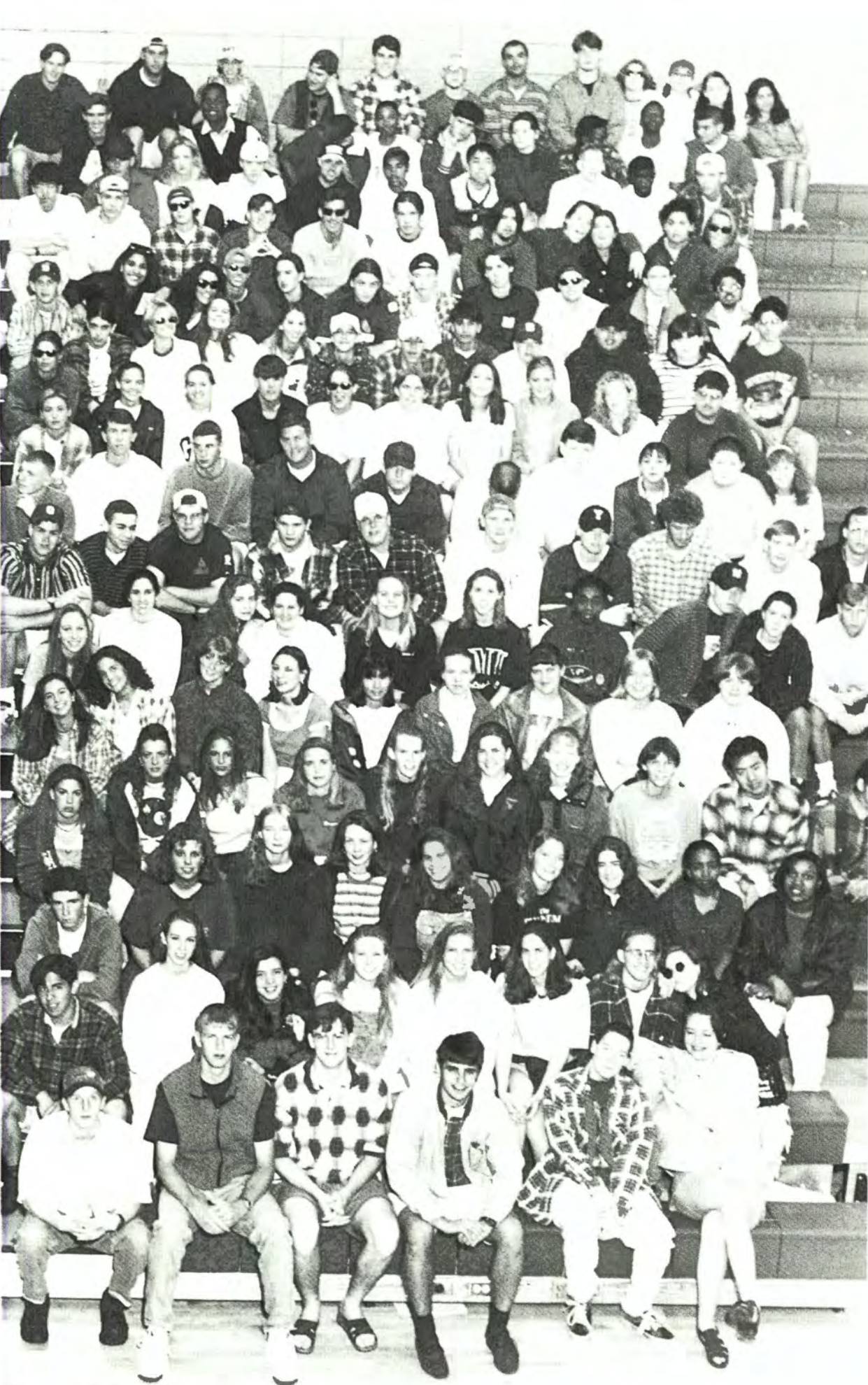
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