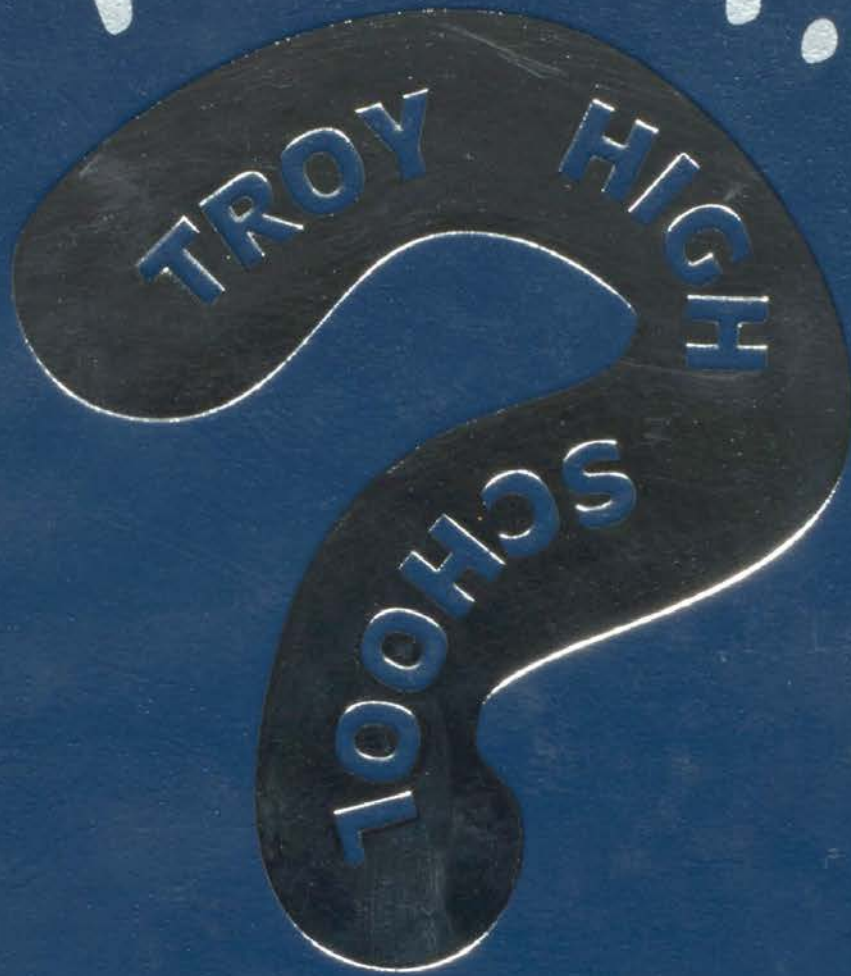


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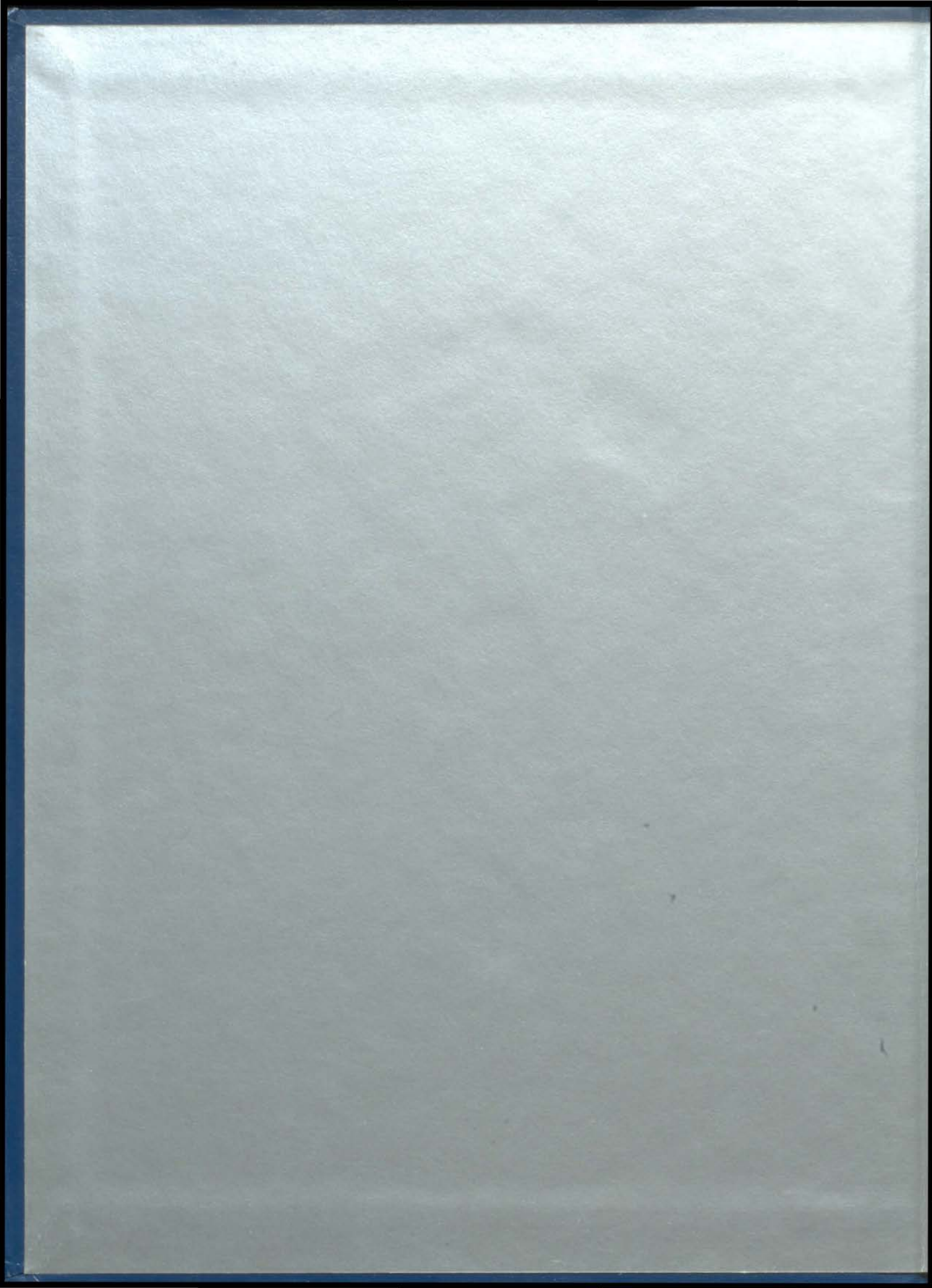


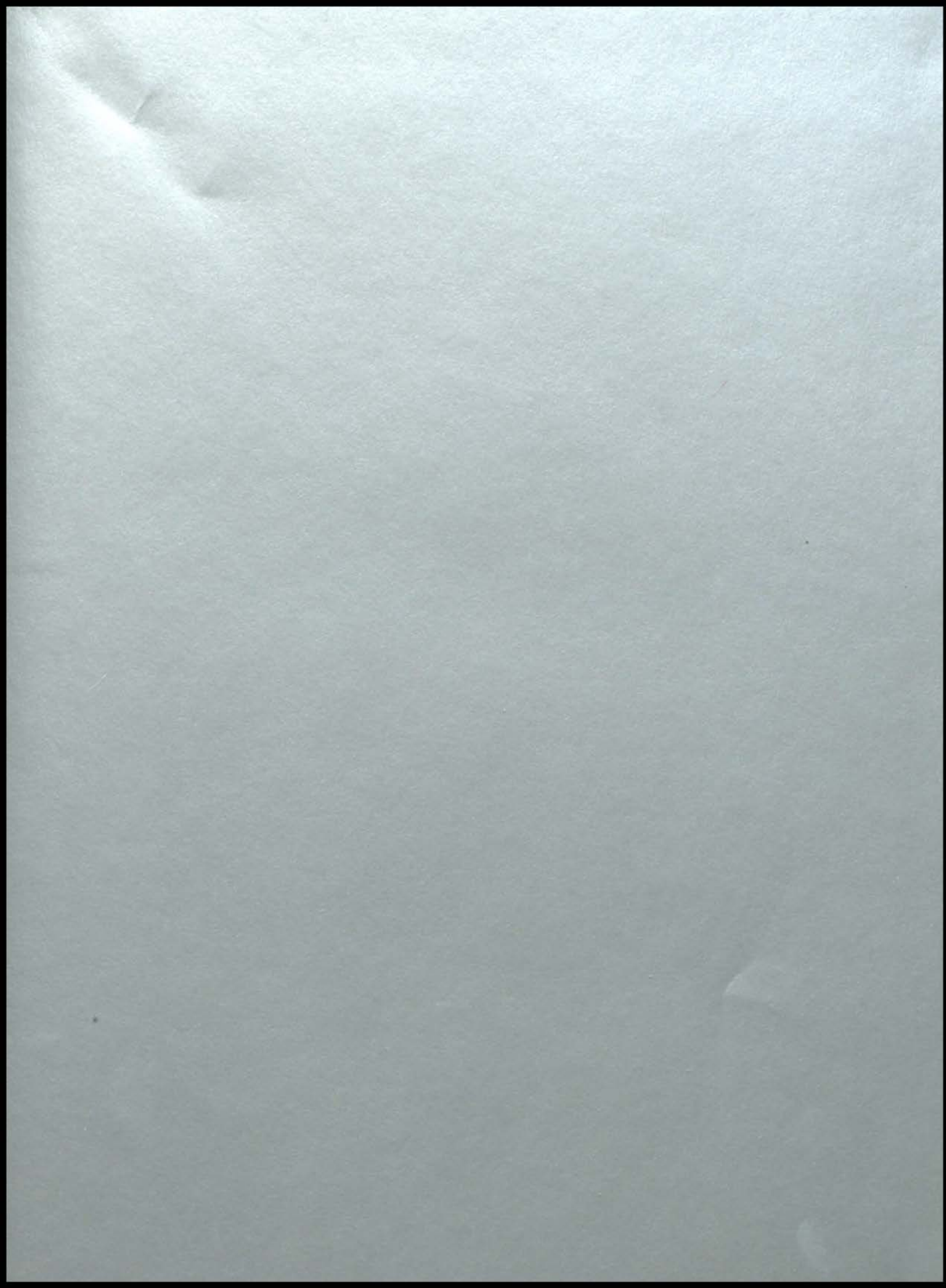
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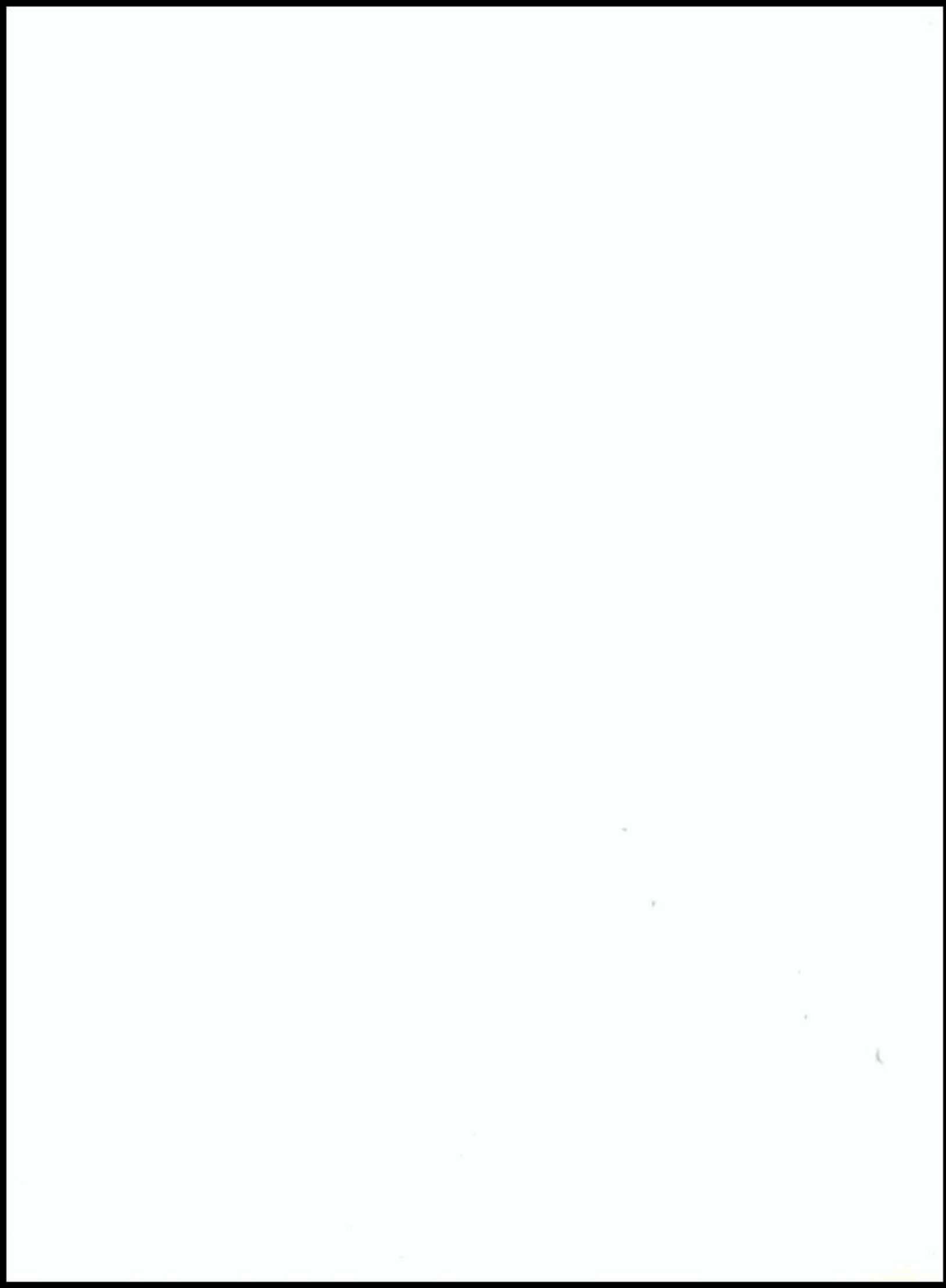
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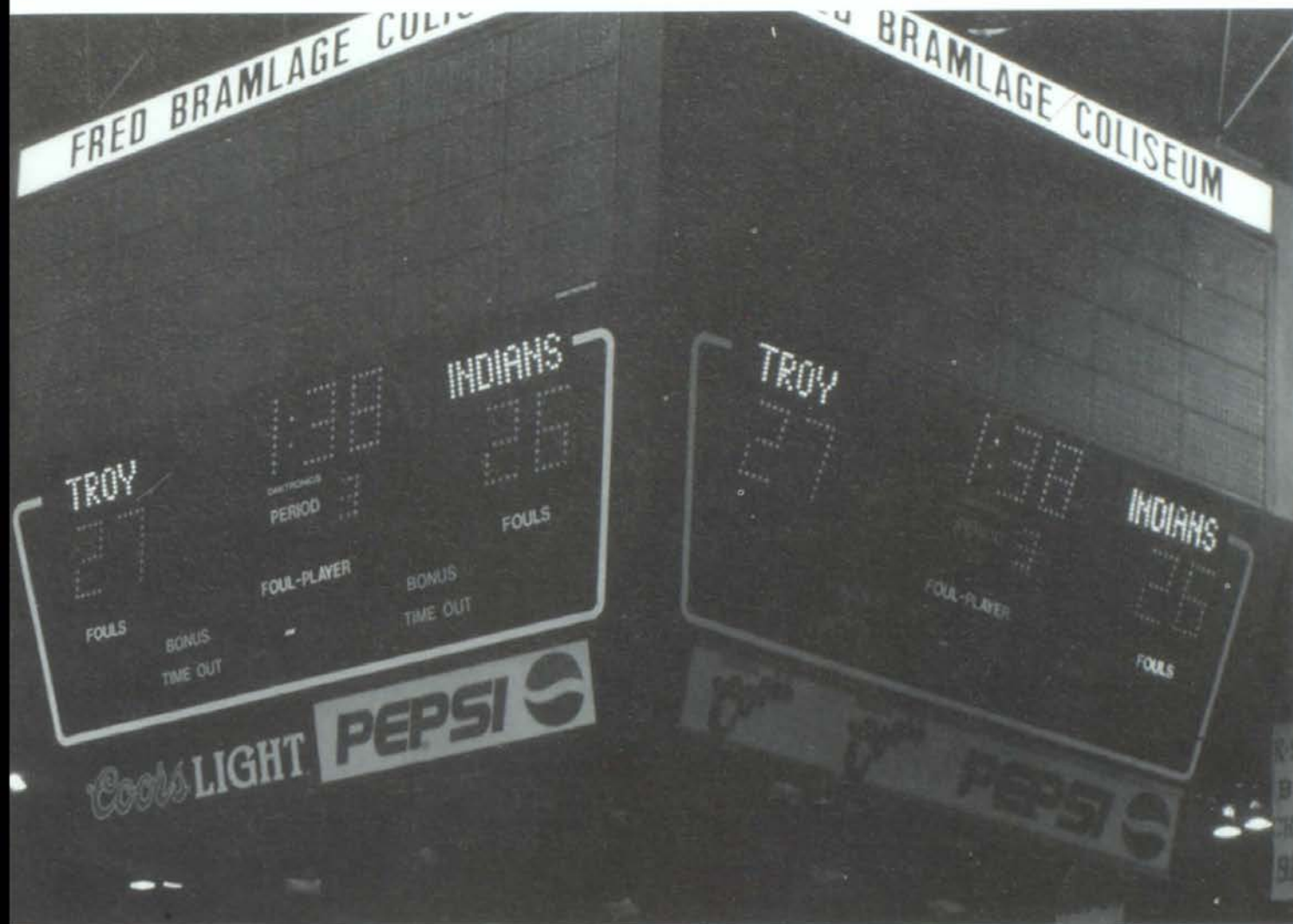
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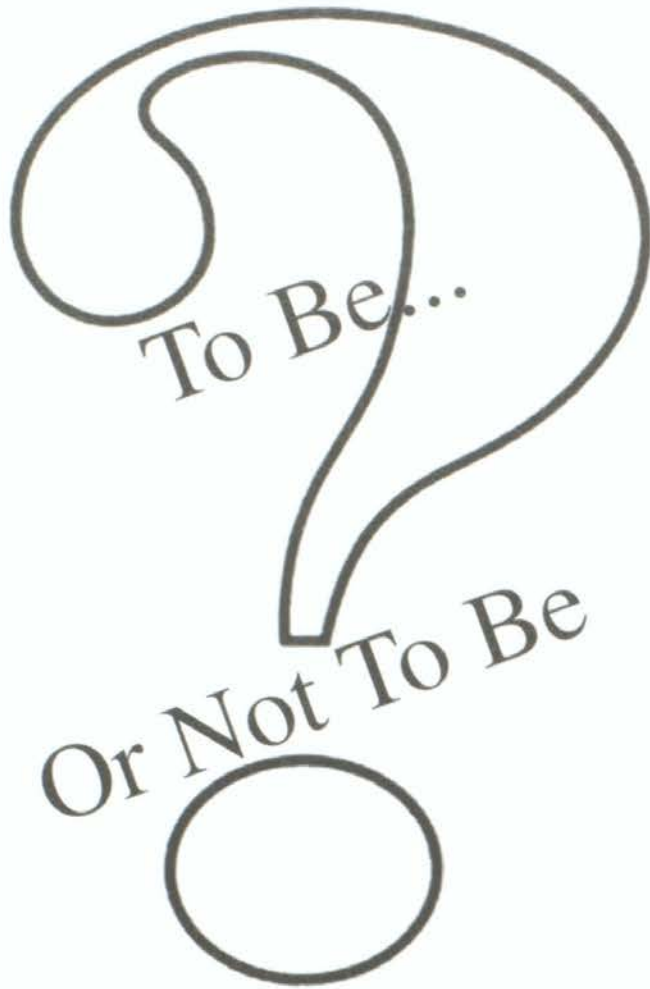


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Jamie Wykert eats her meal in the school's cafeteria. Due to block scheduling, students would sometimes eat first lunch one day and third lunch another day. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



B.J. Christenson and Betsy Schultz eat Pop-Ices, provided by Stuco, on a hot day when they had to remain in school. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

Another chapter in the THS story

To be or not to be. That is the question at Troy High School. In this yearbook you will see forgotten memories, shattered dreams, and soaring visions of hope.

At Troy High School, 141 students and 26 faculty members spent their fall, winter, and spring seasons within the Trojan walls.

At THS someone could always be found participating in a sporting event, learning a complicated math equation, performing on stage, or working in the background to make things run smoothly.

As we write the story of THS, the students and faculty play important parts and characters. All the world's a stage, and we're the players.

There were several changes at THS. Richard Tollefson was the new janitor, and

Miss Jennifer Plante, Mrs. Jennifer Gatz, and Mr. Phillip Merz were additions to the teaching team. Other changes were the new block-schedules and seminar class periods which replaced advisory periods.

As the play of life unfolds before your eyes in this yearbook, remember the sweet taste of victory and the bitterness of defeat as the memories within the pages reveal the plot twists and turns of Troy High School.

Howard Jensen holds a pig as Principal Martin Stessman kisses it for the "Kiss the Pig" contest which he "won." The contest was sponsored by Stuco as a fundraiser. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



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The Merry
Activities of Troy

Aaron Dunn and Erin Murphy decorate the old gym for the Queen of Courts dance. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Taryn Schmidt, Jamie Wykert, and Shanna Wright examine their roses at the Kayette senior farewell. Photo by Tiffany Juhl.

Activities abound at THS

There were many clubs at Troy High School that students could join and participate in. The clubs that were for anyone who wanted to join were drama club, pep club, Kayettes, and FFA.

Other clubs that a student could take part in were GCTL, T-Club, Quill and Scroll, and National Honor Society. However, to be a part of these clubs, a student had to work hard or be elected. Nearly everyone could find something that they were interested in.

Some of the other activities that students could take part in were school dances. Student council was in charge of decorating the old gym and hiring a D.J. for the Homecoming and Queen of Courts dances.

These two dances, however, paled in comparison to the largest activity of the school

Corey and P.J. Smith sport their cowboy hats and tuxedos at the junior/senior prom. Photo by Katie Culp.



year: the junior/senior prom. The junior class spent most of the year and quite a bit of their funds planning and preparing this event.

One of the most exclusive events of the school year was the senior trip. This memorable moment was one in which the senior class was able to spend time with each other and have fun together as a group one last time. The senior class went to Clearwater Beach in Florida. The senior trip is just another of the merry activities of Troy.

Jared Cash climbs into the seat of a pollution-safe car at the National FFA convention in Kansas City. Photo by Andy Bramlage.



Linda Feek leaves the dance floor to return to her table at the junior/senior prom. Photo by Katie Culp.

Clubs involve many

Kayettes and student council were two clubs that kept students busy. They sponsored the coronations and dances for both Homecoming and Queen of Courts. The competitions for attendance and making signs for the winter late night were sponsored by student council. The student council helped serve the Thanksgiving dinner for the middle school and high school students.

When weather was still hot, the student council helped cool students off by offering icees to grades K-12. Student council also served refreshments during the intermission of the fall play for National Activities Week and cookies before Christmas break.

The council also sponsored a penny harvest to collect money for NeKap.

An unusual activity that student council sponsored was the "Kiss the Pig" contest in which one lucky (or maybe unlucky) teacher was chosen to kiss a pig on its snout. Mr.

Stessman was chosen by having the most students put money in the piggy bank with his picture on it.

"I am very proud of this year's council. They have worked really hard to give back to the community and student body," Mrs. Cathy Wilson, sponsor, said.

Kayettes was another active club. The Kayette members enjoyed activities such as the Christmas gift exchange.

A more emotional activity that the Kayettes participated in was the senior farewell. In this the underclassmen were able to tell seniors how much they were going to miss them.

"I have enjoyed the parties we have had and being on the Kayette board. It has been fun," said Jamie Christenson, senior.

"Under the leadership of Megan Boeh, this Kayette group participated in school, community, and national service projects. This year has been characterized by teamwork and cheerfulness," said Mrs. Babetta Israel, sponsor.

Pictured are the Kayette members. Front Row: Kristin Grable, Corinne Ruhnke, Katie Culp, Lacey Whittaker, Stephanie Cook, Megan Boeh, Robin Rodgers, Jamie Christenson, and Sandi Nelson. Row 2: Nicole Kinsey, Melissa Campbell, Shanna Wright, Errica Stanton, Taryn Schmidt, Jessica Stanton, Katherine Robinson, Angie Neumann, Jamie Wykert, Suzie Oyerly, and Allisha Benitz. Row 3: Sarah Geiger, Sarah Boeh, Marietta Wood, Kristin Kinsey, Amy King, Linda Feek, Regan Miner, Larissa Handley, Betsy Schultz, Laura Ford, Chris Hoverson, and Crystal Trant. Row 4: Brandi Strong, Taylor Lister, Ashley Jensen, Rachel Clary, Megan Johnson, Melissa Albers, Christine Whetstine, Angie Bramlage, Jenny Ford, Erin Murphy, and Jamie Stewart. Row 5: Janessa Stamper, Amber Clary, Marcie Sharp, Kelli Rodgers, Kari Schultz, Carol Hoverson, Ginger Winder, Abra Eylar, Regina Adams, and Sponsor Babetta Israel. Photo by Bray.



The Kayette board members are, Front Row: Jamie Christenson and Sandi Nelson. Row 2: Robin Rodgers, Lacey Whittaker, Megan Boeh, and Kristin Grable. Row 3: Katie Culp, Stephanie Cook, Corinne Ruhnke, and Sponsor Babetta Israel. Photo by Chris Hoverson.





Kayette board members dress up for Halloween to read to grade school children. Photo by Susan Boeh.

Students enjoy the Thanksgiving dinner being served by student council members. Photo by James Huss.



The student council members are, Front Row, Sandi Nelson, Tyler Whetstine, and Kristin Kinsey. Row 2: Sponsor Cathy Wilson, Corey Kostman, Sarah Geiger, Megan Boeh, Kyle McConnaughey, Erin Murphy, and Ashley Jenson. Row 3: Steve Nelson and Aaron Dunn. Photo by Bray.



Steve Nelson and Aaron Dunn decorate for the Queen of Courts Dance. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

Taryn Schmidt and Angie Neumann show the gifts that they recieved from their secret pals at the Kayette gift exchange. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

National Honor Society members are, left to right, Front Row: Jared Cash, Chris Hoverson, Sarah Boeh, and Andy Bramlage. Row 2: Suzie Oyerly, Besty Schultz, Katie Culp, Laura Ford, Sandi Nelson, Nicole Kinsey, and Melissa Campbell. Row 3: Megan Boeh, Allisha Benitz, Kyle McConnaughey, Stephanie Cook, Kristin Kinsey, Ryan Grable, and Kyle Thomas. Row 4: Marietta Wood, Matthew McKittrick, Brett Speaks, Dallas Keller, Tyler Whetstine, Neal Eylar, Andy Franken, and Corey Kostman. Photo by Bray.



1997-98 Quill and Scroll members are. Front Row: Nicole Kinsey and Jared Cash. Row 2: Chris Hoverson and Dallas Keller. Photo by Bray.



GCTL members are, seated: Brad Johnson, Ben Anderson, Megan Boeh, and Angie Bramlage. Standing, Row 1: Sarah Boeh, Melissa Campbell, and Nicole Kinsey. Row 2: Justin Engemann, Dallas Keller, Corey Kostman, and Ryan Grable. Photo by Bray.

Students active in many groups

National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll, and GCTL, the Government Council for Teen Leadership, were clubs that students in Troy High School were involved in. National Honor Society and Quill and Scroll showed that a student had displayed scholastic achievements in his or her high school career, while GCTL was more involved with leadership skills.

National Honor Society was an elite group of honor students. These students were chosen according to their grade point average and resume of activities. Mr. Nick Dannevik was the sponsor for the group. The group sponsored their annual blood drive to collect blood for and from the community.

"The blood drive was very successful. We exceeded the goal we set for ourselves and received more pints of blood than in any other year. As vice-president I do the same as a member, the whole group contributes as much as any officer. It is a worthwhile club that brings out the best in everybody," said Chris Hoverson.

Quill and Scroll is an honorary society for high school journalists. To become a member, a student must have done outstanding work in journalism, been in the top third of their class and then have been voted on. Members were Jared Cash, Chris Hoverson, Dallas Keller, and Nicole Kinsey.

GCTL promoted good leadership qualities to the children of the community. The group helped promote National Red Ribbon Week, October 26-

November 1. Prizes were given throughout the week to students who wore their red ribbons. Ball-point pens and keychains were some of the prizes. Friday there was a Red Ribbon Fair in the new gym for all high school and middle school students. Many pamphlets and prizes were given out about the importance of wearing seat belts, not drinking and driving, alcoholism, the effects of smoking, and the use of drugs. Students were required to go through each station and have a schedule signed by each attendant to be eligible for drawings. In the drawing, students who won received one of several prizes available. Prizes that were available were baseball cards, teddy bears, safety helmets, and jackets.

Saturday, November 1, members of GCTL and the Troy High School Band traveled to Topeka for a Red Ribbon Week Parade. The band performed in the parade with six grade school children and GCTL members Angie Bramlage and Sarah Boeh traveling in front of the group with a sign. At a ceremony later that day, Jenna Grable represented Doniphan County by presenting the governor a bag full of red ribbons. Jena Johnson was then lifted up to show the crowd her shirt promoting "Hugs not Drugs." The Conclusion of Red Ribbon Week showed students the good leadership qualities that GCTL members promote.

GCTL member Angie Bramlage said, "Being in the parade was fun. It actually was inspiring. We also got to meet the governor which was exciting."



National Honor Society officers and sponsor: Treasurer Andy Bramlage, Vice-President Chris Hoverson, President Jared Cash, Secretary Sarah Boeh and Sponsor Nick Dannevik. Photo by Bray.



At the Red Ribbon Week parade are Jena Johnson, Megan Campbell, Nikki Strong, Caylor Luthor, And Jenna Grable. Row 2: GCTL representatives Sarah Boeh and Angie Bramlage along with Jeff McNemee. Photo by Diane Walter.



Derek Luedke, P.J. Smith, and Mitch Clary help with the petting zoo in the ag building. The FFA members put on this petting zoo for the grade school children every year. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

The 1997-98 Troy Chapter FFA members are: Front Row, Corinne Ruhnke, Ashley Jensen, Megan Johnson, Kristin Grable, Carol Hoverson; Row 2, Jesse Cash, Andy Bramlage, Nathan Geiger, Sarah Geiger, Sarah Boeh, Ryan Grable, Ben Anderson, Kari Schultz; Row 3, Joe Frump, Bryson Wiedmer, Angel Martinez, Ross Turpin, Steve Nelson, Corey Kostman, Christine Whetstine, Angie Bramlage, Megan Boeh, Tyler Thomas, Darrell Wapp, advisor; Row 4, Harley Feek, P.J. Smith, Jeremy Prawl, Cole Jarrett, Corey Smith, Derek Luedke, Mitch Horner, Jared Cash, Jesse Peden, Danae Rush, and Marci Sharp. Photo by Bray.



The freshmen attend the Greenhand Conference every year. Kari Schultz, Ashley Jensen, Corinne Ruhnke, and Kristin Grable are preparing to attend the conference at Holton High School. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



FFA works hard all year

The Troy Chapter FFA members tried to make a positive difference in their school, town, and nation. To make this difference, they developed their skills in leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

The year began with the freshmen attending the Greenhand Conference at Holton High School. A few of the members attended the FFA leadership school at Vermillion.

Every year the FFA members put on a petting zoo for the grade school children. The animals are provided from various farms around Troy.

Fruit sales are a very big fund-raiser for the organization. Jeremy Prawl has sold the most fruit out of all the members all four years he has been in FFA.

November 14 most of the members attended the National Convention at Bartle Hall in Kansas City.

Next, some members attended FFA contests at Bern and Sabetha. "The year was very successful with many people doing well at state contest. This year was a lot of fun," said Ryan Grable.

Some other activities included the Food for America Program, FFA ag mechanics and FFA crops management, FFA livestock judging, state FFA contest, the district FFA banquet, Troy Chapter banquet, and finally the State Convention at Manhattan.

The Troy Chapter FFA officers for the 1997-98 year were President Sarah Geiger, Vice-President Sarah Boeh, Secretary Andrew Bramlage, Treasurer Ryan Grable, Reporter Ben Anderson, and Sentinel Nathan Geiger. Along with being president of the Troy's organization, Sarah Geiger also served as the vice-president of the district.

"This was my first year in FFA, but I had a lot of fun. I really didn't do a lot, but I wish I'd been in it sooner to get more done," said Jared Cash.



Sarah Geiger gives her farewell speech at the annual FFA banquet. Sarah was the president of the FFA organization for the 1997-98 school year. Photo by Betsy Schultz.

Megan Boeh and Ryan Grable are discussing the induction of the new FFA officers. Photo by Betsy Schultz.

Prom was 'the time of our lives'

"I've Had the Time of My Life" was the theme for the 1998 junior-senior prom. The junior class had a busy year planning for this magical night. Prom was at the Moila Club and Temple with after-prom following at Belt Bowl.

The juniors hired Chris Benitz to help with the decorations this year. She built arches to go around the room and made center pieces out of balloons and candles. The tables, which were sprinkled with confetti, held the place cards, glasses, memory books and garters.

The night started with pictures at 6 p.m. in the country club. The juniors decided to have McBee do the pictures and the backdrop, which was decorated with purple and silver balloons and a black background and clock. After the pictures, the banquet started with Ryan Grable's welcome speech and Dallas Keller's response. The menu was roast beef, braised chicken, corn, green beans, potatoes, and rolls.

After dinner, Mr. Don Cash said words of encouragement to everyone. The dance started after his speech. The music was provided by Night Magic Music.

Prom ended at midnight. Everyone cleared the Moila and headed for the Belt Bowl where there was bowling, karaoke, and food. Many people took advantage of the karaoke. Stephanie Cook and Jamie

Jesse Cash, Marietta Wood, Nathan Reynolds, and Laura Ford fast dance to one of the many songs that were played at prom. The juniors hired Night Magic Music to do the dance. Photo by McBee.



Christenson sang "That's What Friends Are For"; Laura Ford, Betsy Schultz, Christy Stewart, Katie Culp, Larissa Handley, and Amy King sang "Shoop."

Little prizes were announced throughout the night. The prizes included T-shirts, gift certificates from area businesses, 10- and 20- dollar bills, and other prizes.

At 4:15 a.m., the big prizes for the juniors and seniors were given away: Sarah Boeh and Christy Stewart, each a fifty-dollar savings bond; Kirk Jamvold and Allisha Benitz, each a fifty-dollar bill; Cory Ruhnke and Linda Feek, each a cooler full of pop; Bobby Milbourne and Stephanie Cook, each a one-hundred-dollar savings bond; Sandi Nelson and Amy King, each a one-hundred-dollar bill; Shane Akers, a Discman; Ryan Grable, a boombox; Jared Cash, a telephone; Tim Uplinger, a microwave; Melissa Campbell, a diamond necklace; P.J. Smith, a gold rope necklace; Jamie Christenson and Katie Culp, each a 19" television.

Jamie Christenson said, "Prom was so much fun this year. My date and I had fun. Everyone looked really nice and looked like they were all having a good time. I had a blast!"



Jenny Ford, senior, gets up to get her food at prom. The dinner was catered by the Moila. Photo by McBee.



Christy Stahl and Larissa Handley watch the dancing with their dates. The favors were frosted goblets with candles inside.
Photo by Katie Culp

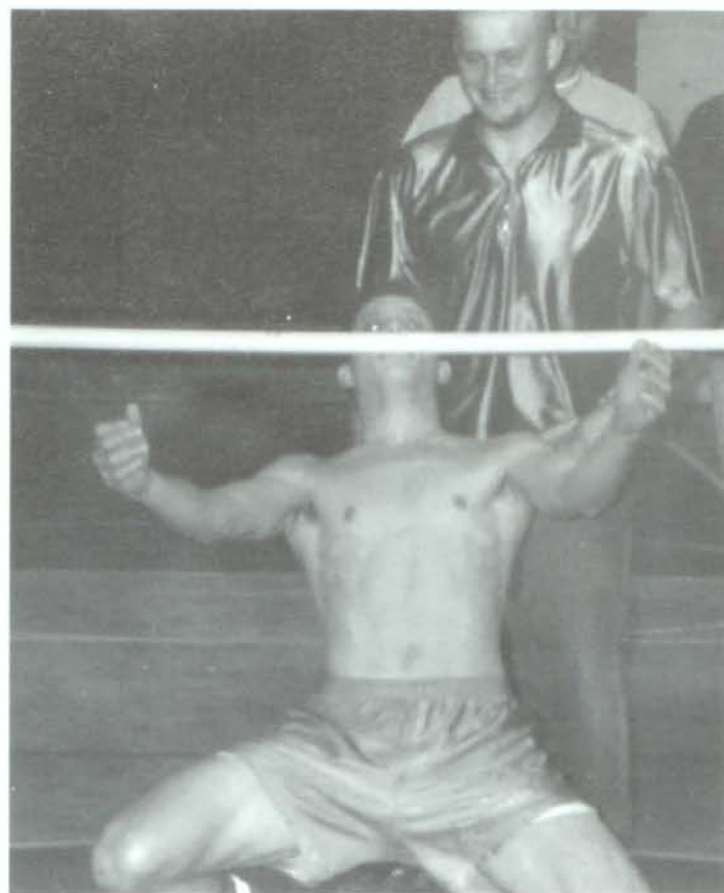
Christy Gibson, Sarah Geiger, J.R. Doney, Sandi Nelson, Tyler Whetstine, and Denise Belvins fast dance at prom. Photo by McBee.



Corey Smith and P.J. Smith look on as the big prizes are given away at the end of afterprom at the Belt Bowl in St. Joe. Everyone that attended afterprom received some sort of prize. The prizes were donated by area businesses.
Photo by Katie Culp

The Many People of Troy

Senior Jared Cash tries to see how low he can go in the limbo contest held at the Late Night for Winter Sports. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Sophomores Erin Murphy and Abra Eylar paint the city flower pots as a community service project sponsored by student council sponsor Cathy Wilson. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

Students ideas differ about school year

People are usually the most important and unique aspects of Troy High School, and as years go, this one was no exception. With so many different people, being unique was not just a statement, it was a way of life.

With so many people, views about each class were different for different students.

"I think most of the people are pretty nice. A lot of them, though, get together in their little cliques and won't associate with anyone else. I guess that probably happens in every school," explained freshman Corinne Ruhnke.

"The year has flown by," commented sophomore Ben Anderson. "It feels like we do the same thing every day."

Reasons for optimistic feelings about the school year were different from person to

person.

Seniors Tyler Whetstine and Corey Kostman perform an experiment on the human senses on junior Clint Peden. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



"This school year has gone amazingly fast," related junior Brett Speaks, "probably because we have more freedoms."

Senior Harley Feek said, "I think this new school year is going to be a very good one, because I am a senior, and I am almost out of school."

The many people of Troy High always have and will continue to shape the direction and the focus of the year in unique new ways.

Junior Kristin Kinsey paints sophomore Lynsay Gibson's face during the volleyball lock-in. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Senior Kayettes have refreshments at the Kayettes gift exchange. Front row: Taryn Schmidt and Melissa Campbell; Row 2: Sarah Geiger, Angie Neumann, Jessica Stanton, Errica Stanton, Katherine Robinson, Sandi Nelson, Christy Gibson. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

Class of 1998

We're out of here

"My senior year rocked! It was the coolest! That's all I have to say about that," said Harley Feek.

The class of 1998 will always be remembered for their unity and hard work. They followed their class motto: "The sky is not the limit, we can always go higher." They worked hard to excel in everything they did.

The student council sponsored numerous class competitions among the four classes. The senior class won the food drive, penny drive, and the tug-of-war contests. The seniors also won candy for the most school spirit during a basketball pep rally.

Their main goal for the year was their senior trip to Clearwater Beach in Tampa Bay, Florida. They sold magazines and quilt raffle tickets, held a barbecue supper and a Sunday dinner, and sold senior class calendars to raise money for their big trip.

They held numerous class meetings and worked extremely hard to get to Florida. They worked together and never gave up. That is what made this class so special.

"My senior year has been one of a kind, even though it has been expensive. It has prepared me for life after high school and has brought me closer to my friends. I will sadly miss the class of 1998," said Jenny Ford.

The person behind all the scenes was Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, class sponsor. She organized and headed all the fundraisers and meetings. She told the seniors they could go wherever they wanted as long as they were willing to work for it. As a graduation present she made each one of the students a copy of their senior video.

"I really enjoyed working with this class. They are very special to me and they have the ability to do many things," said Mrs. Smith

The seniors have finished a chapter in their lives. For some, it is finally over, but for others it is hard to let go of all the memories and friends left behind at Troy High School.

"All my life I've been waiting to grow up and graduate, but the more I look at the things and people, the more I want to stay. It is hard leaving," said Aaron Clary.



The senior class members are, Front Row: Angie Neumann, Amy Schmille, Katherine Robinson, Sandi Nelson, Melissa Campbell, Jamie Wykert, Taryn Schmidt, James Huss, and Harley Feek; Row 2: Jamie Christenson, Neal Eylar, Chris Hoverson, Errica Stanton, Aaron Clary, Nicole Kinsey, Sarah Geiger, Sarah Boeh, Andy Bramlage, Tim Uplinger, Shanna Wright, Jenny Ford, and Robert Milbourne; Row 3: Cory Clary, Kyle Thomas, Jared Cash, Adam Clary, Jeremy Prawl, Tyler Whetstine, Dallas Keller, Jaylon Ashburn, Kirk Jamvold, Corey Kostman, Andy Franken, and Brad Johnson. Not pictured: Christy Gibson. Photo by Bray.



Jaylon M. Ashburn



Sarah Jean Boeh



Andrew C. Bramlage



Melissa A. Campbell



Jared Donald Cash



Jamie Rae Christenson



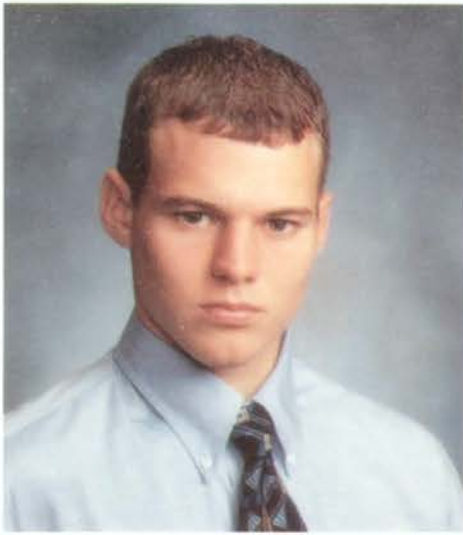
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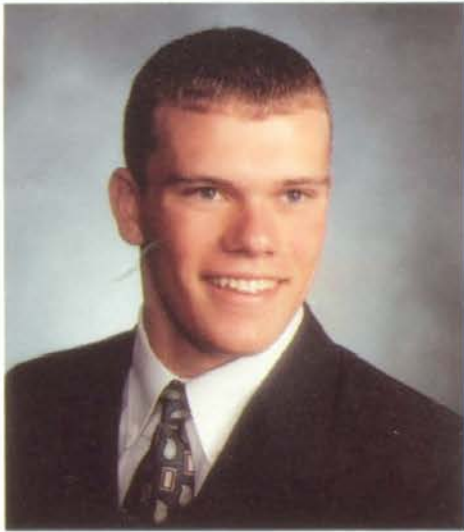
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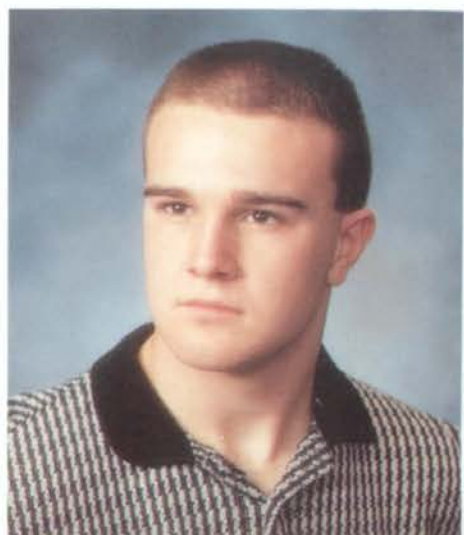
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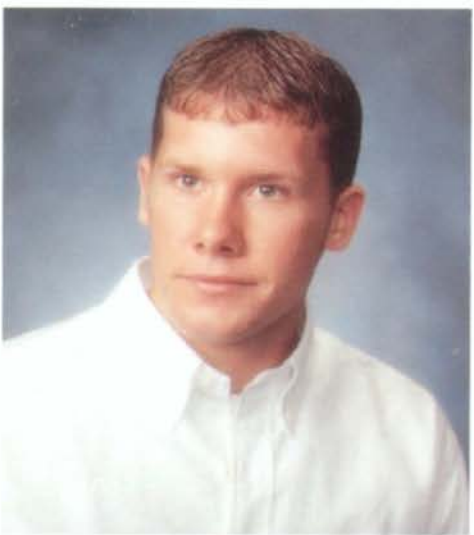
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Shanna Louise Wright



Jamie Sue Wykert

Senior Class Survey

The **Most Athletic** members voted by the senior class are Dallas Miller and Nicole Kinsey. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



The **Best Dressed** members voted by the senior class are Christy Gibson and Tyler Whetstone. Photo by Chris Hoverson



The **Most Likely to Succeed** members voted by the senior class are Andy Franken and Sarah Boeh. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

The **Most Hilarious** members voted by senior class are Taryn Schmidt and Brad Johnson. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

Senior Trip

Seniors' Destination Clearwater Beach, Florida

Clearwater Beach, Florida, was the seniors' destination. At 4 a.m., Saturday, May 16, they were loading up the bus to get ready for their 6 a.m. flight out of Kansas City International Airport. After a short layover in St. Louis, they were on their way to Tampa Bay. There they picked up the three rental vans and headed for the Clearwater Beach Resort. Some students went swimming in the ocean and while there, Jared Cash and Aaron Clary took advantage of parasailing at 1,000 feet. Some students also took advantage of mopeds. That evening Patricia Mader, mother of Katherine Robinson, provided a barbecue for them at the resort.

The next day, they went to Busch Gardens. There they could ride all kinds of rides such as the Montu and the Kumba. While preparing to leave the park, the students had to wait on Bobby Milbourne and Sandi Nelson because they were not informed of the new departure time. They spent that evening at the

beach and did some shopping.

"Senior trip was very exciting. All of the hard work we put into this trip really paid off. Most of us had never flown before or been on the beach. This trip was one I will never forget," said Nicole Kinsey.

Monday, May 18, the group went back to the beach and ate at Hooters. After dinner, they went to the Clearwater mall and shopped for 45 minutes. Then they left for the airport at 5 p.m. When they reached St. Louis, they had another short layover and then headed for Kansas City. They arrived there around midnight. They finally reached Troy, Tuesday, May 19 around 1:30 a.m.

"The students worked very hard to finance this trip. It was well worth all of the hard work. We appreciate everyone who made this trip a reality. We all had a great time," said Elizabeth Smith, senior class sponsor.



Relaxing at the Tampa Bay International Airport in anticipation for their flight back home are: Jessica Stanton, Katherine Robinson, Aaron Clary, Jared Cash, Melissa Campbell, Andy Bramlage, and Sarah Geiger. Most of the group was sunburned from their final day on the beach. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Nicole Kinsey, Andy Bramlage, and Sandi Nelson find things to do during the three-hour layover at the St. Louis Airport. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

Waiting for the rental vans to arrive at Tampa International Airport are: Jessica Stanton, Taryn Schmidt, Sarah Geiger, Melissa Campbell, Errica Stanton, Sarah Boeh, James Huss, Katherine Robinson, and Christy Gibson. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

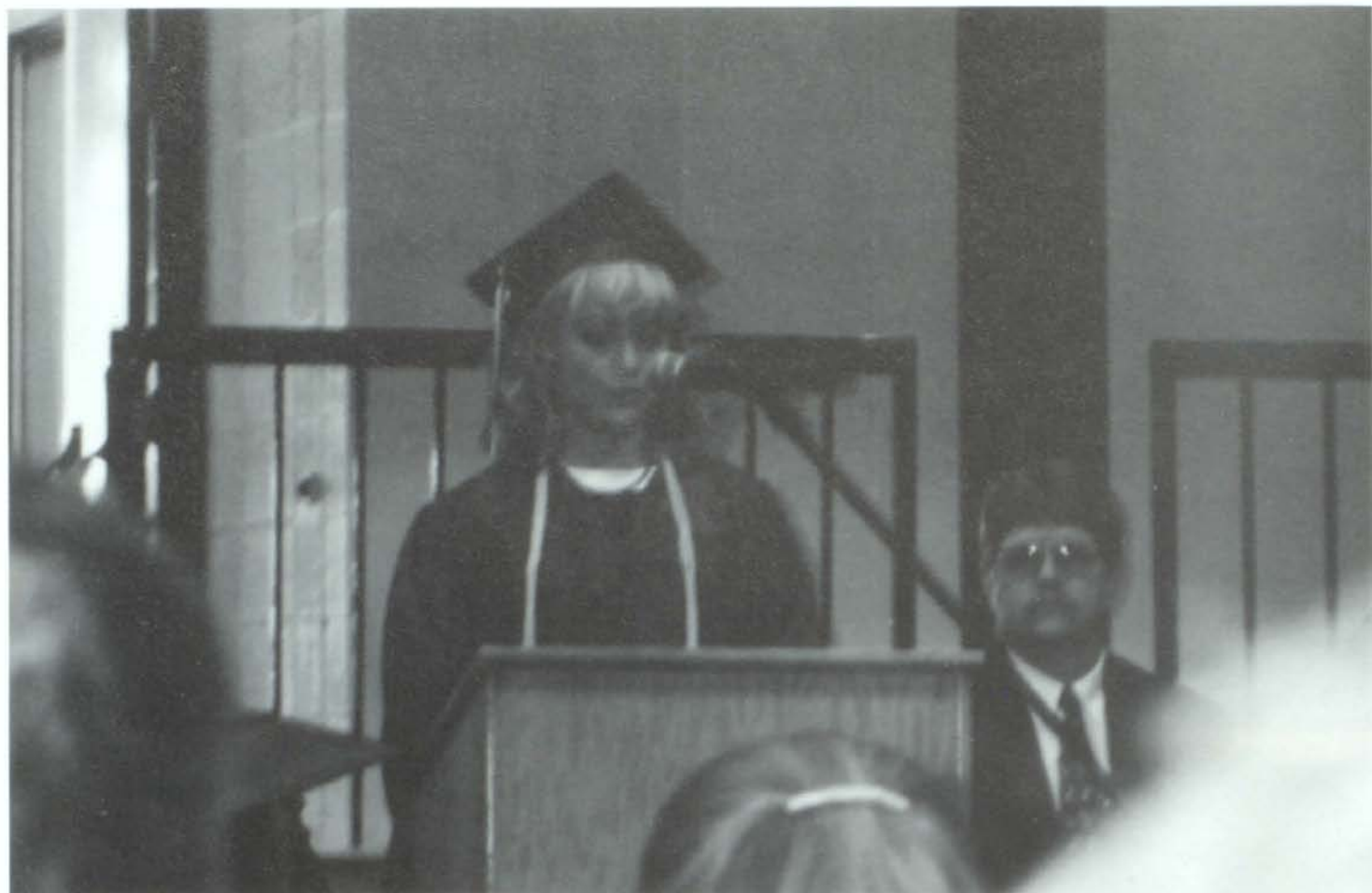


Sponsor Kathy Kasselmann, principal Marty Stessman, and class sponsor Elizabeth Smith relax after a barbecue hosted by Patricia Mader, Katherine Robinson's mother, at the Clearwater Beach Resort in Florida. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



James Huss, Harley Feek, and Jenny Ford look on as people go by on a water ride at Busch Gardens. Many students were soaked from head to toe from the water rides. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

Nicole Kinsey, valedictorian of the class of 1998, addresses the crowd as she gives her speech, concluding with a quotation in which she states that it is always better to "have dreams unfulfilled than not to have dreams at all." Photo by Kristin Kinsey.



Bobby Milbourne is happy for this day to have finally arrived while he is in the reception line after the graduation ceremony. Photo by Katie Culp.



Jared Cash and Aaron Clary say their farewells to their friend Laura Ford in the reception line. Photo by Katie Culp.

Graduation

Seniors say farewell

Commencement took place Sunday, May 24, at 4 p.m. in the C.W. Oliver Gymnasium. It was a day full of emotions from happiness to sadness and tears.

The processional, played by the THS band, was "Pomp and Circumstance." Juniors Ryan Grable and Marietta Wood escorted the seniors into the gym. Juniors Laura Ford and Brett Speaks handed out programs.

Mr. Nick Dannevik announced the future plans of each senior.

There was a slide presentation of childhood photographs of the seniors. This was the second year for this part of the ceremony.

Seniors, Tim Uplinger and Dallas Keller, are congratulated by friends, family, and teachers after the graduation ceremony. Photo by Katie Culp.



Principal Martin Stessman presented the salutatorian, Andrew Franken, and the valedictorian, Nicole Kinsey, who both gave speeches.

There were many awards and scholarships received by the senior class. Nick Dannevik presented the Troy State Bank Scholarship to Sarah Boeh. Hugh Kinsey awarded the Janice Kinsey Memorial Scholarship to Sarah Boeh and Corey Kostman. Joi Davies presented the Booster Club Honorarium to Sarah Boeh and Kyle Thomas. The SLK Scholarship was presented by Isabel Sparks to Nicole Kinsey. The American Legion Awards were selected by the class. The runners-up were Sarah Boeh and Corey Kostman and the top awards were given to Nicole Kinsey and Dallas Keller.

Hugh Kinsey presented the class with their diplomas. As the graduates left the platform, they received blue carnations.

Graduation was a time to make and remember the many memories that had been acquired throughout the class's school years.

"Graduation went smoothly this year. Everybody seemed to really enjoy the video. The Class of 1998 went out in style with a great graduation to finish our years together," said Nicole Kinsey.

The audience rises as the members of the class of 1998 march to their seats in the C.W. Oliver Gymnasium during the processional. Photo by Diane Hoverson.



Shane Akers
 Allisha Benitz
 Megan Boeh
 Stephanie Cook
 Katie Culp
 Justin Engemann



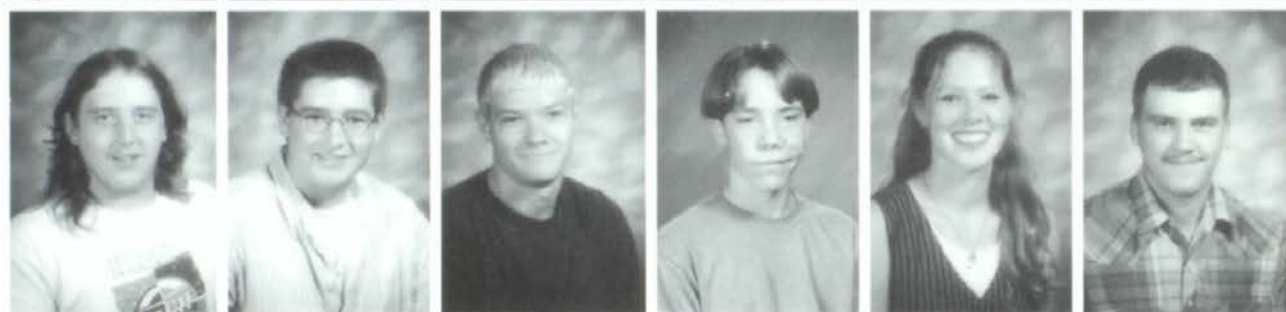
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 Larissa Handley
 April Hiemer



Amy King
 Kristin Kinsey
 Derek Luedke
 Kyle McConaughey
 Matt McKittrick
 Suzie Oyerly



Clint Peden
 Nathan Reynolds
 Cory Ruhnke
 Casey Rush
 Betsy Schultz
 Corey Smith



P.J. Smith
 Brett Speaks
 Christy Stahl
 Christy Stewart
 Pearl Stewart
 Marietta Wood



Junior class officers from left are Brett Speaks, secretary; Ryan Grable, president; and Nathan Geiger, vice-president.



Class of 1999

Juniors strive to create unique prom

Just one more year and they can all say good-bye to high school. Just one more year and they will be at the top and then on their way through life. But they still have to wait through that "one more year." So, in the meantime, they will have to make the best of it.

As Nathan Reynolds put it, "Being a junior gives me much more freedom and more choices when choosing my classes. It's a lot better than being a freshman or sophomore, but I still can't wait to be a senior."

It was a busy year for the juniors. As in the past, the juniors had the responsibility of running the concession stand at all of the high school and middle school home games in the high school cafeteria. The juniors were in luck this year; most of the anticipated

games of the year, like Wathena and Lyndon, were home games and pulled in considerable amounts of money for the class. They were aided by their class sponsor Bruce Reynolds and assistant Gracie Christenson.

They also had the job of hosting the annual junior-senior prom. Much time was spent trying to decide on a place, date, time, theme, and after-prom party. The juniors also decided to hire a prom coordinator, Chris Benitz, to help with decorations for the big night.

"The junior class has worked hard this year in an effort to create a great prom. We broke away from the traditional look in an effort to be unique," commented junior class sponsor Bruce Reynolds.



Left: Junior Pearl Stewart, with the aid of Gracie Christenson, fills up cups of pop for half-time at the concession stand.

Above: Juniors Suzie Oyerly and Laura Ford work on their Algebra II homework during their free time.

Upper Left: Linda Feek, Christy Stahl, and Pearl Stewart gather resources for their research papers from the library.

Regina Adams
 Melissa Albers
 Ben Anderson
 Beau Barnthson
 Tad Blanton
 Charles Boeh



Angie Bramlage
 Micah Campbell
 Jesse Cash
 BJ Christenson
 Amber Clary
 Mitch Clary



Abra Eylar
 Dustin Ferris
 Aaron Franken
 Lynsay Gibson
 Gillian Guier
 Morgan Hinds



Jimmy Horner
 Cole Jarrett
 Michael Jenkins
 Tommy Jenkins
 Tiffany Juhl
 Angel Martinez



Melissa McNeely
 Regan Miner
 Erin Murphy
 Steve Nelson
 Roger Orcutt
 Jared Pickerell



Robin Rogers
 Shelby Scholz
 Jeff Scroggins
 Jared Shelton
 Janessa Stamper
 Jamie Stewart



Class of 2000

Sophomores struggle to improve finances

Being a sophomore means lots of things, such as the chance to have at least some seniority over others in school. Although half of the school is ahead of you, it is still better than nothing. Being a sophomore also means more respect and more responsibilities.

Students also get a bonus for being sophomores, the ever popular class rings from Jostens. The sophomores got a special selection of class rings. Both the 1999 and 2000 graduation classes had a new and once-in-a-lifetime line of rings to choose from because of the obvious uniqueness of these years.

"There are so many styles and colors I can hardly decide on which one to get. The price of the ring is a big issue too," said Angel Martinez.

Sophomores also had a different selection of science classes when compared to the last few years. In the past, sophomores were able to take either an anatomy or a biology class. As of this year, sophomores either take chemistry or general science.

Like all of the classes, the sophomores had the job of participating in the annual class fund-raiser. They did have a few problems pulling it off, however. Freshman Tom Watt sales were less than spectacular and other means were needed to raise money for the class. These included selling candy bars, selling Red Wheel products, helping move grade school classes,

and a car wash. Thirty dollars was also collected from each student to help reduce the deficit.

"The sophomore class has been working hard this year to raise money for their junior prom and their senior trip," commented sophomore class sponsor Kathy Kasselmann.

In the end, the sophomores' money situation was much better off than it had been at the beginning of the year.



Sophomore class officers: Jesse Cash, vice president; Lynsay Gibson, president; Tommy Jenkins, secretary/treasurer; and class sponsor Kathy Kasselmann.



Brandi Strong
Brandon Taylor
Tyler Thomas
Crystal Trant
Ross Turpin
Dallas Walters



Christine Whetstine
Lacey Whittaker
Ginger Winder

Amanda Clary
 Don Clary
 Rachel Clary
 Aaron Dunn
 Joe Frump
 Brian Gaul



Kristin Grable
 Mitch Horner
 Carol Hoverson
 Alicia Jenkins
 Ashley Jensen
 Megan Johnson



Taylor Lister
 Sonny Long
 Kyle Losson
 Tyler Masters
 Jesse Peden
 Chris Reno



Kelli Rodgers
 Corinne Ruhnke
 Danae Rush
 Kari Schultz
 Marcia Sharp
 Terry Stahl



Travis Trant
 Chris Uplinger
 Bryson Wiedmer
 Kevin Wiedmer



Freshman class officers: Front Row:
 Taylor Lister, president, Corinne
 Ruhnke, secretary/treasurer. Row
 2: Jennifer Plante, freshman class
 vepresident, and Bryson Wiedmer,
 vice-president. Photo by Chris
 Hoverson

Joe Frump races the bell to eat his
 lunch. Photo by Chris Hoverson



Class of 2001

Freshmen learn lessons

A new year, a new school, and many new faces! As the freshmen soon figured out their place as underclassmen, they found activities, responsibilities, and, most of all, freedom.

"I think we have a lot more freedom in high school than when we were in middle school. Teachers don't walk you everywhere and they're not always looking over your shoulder. You get to make a lot more decisions on your own. I like high school more than middle school. The only bad thing is you have to go last at everything," said freshman Kristin Grable.

New to the freshman class and also to Troy was first-year teacher and sponsor, Miss Jennifer Plante.

"I've enjoyed being the sponsor of such an energetic class! They like to be involved and have enthusiastically participated in the food drive, penny harvest, sign painting, window painting, and

fundraising. I looked forward to activities with this

class throughout the year," said Miss Plante.

The well-known Tom Watt fund-raiser was replaced by QSP gift items. The class made approximately \$2,000 with the fund-raiser. Kelli Rodgers was the top seller for the class. The money will go towards their senior trip and junior prom.

"I wasn't sure what to expect, but I soon got used to what goes on and how quickly your days can fill up, especially if you are involved with extra-curricular activities. Everybody said that my first year in high school would be scary, but I thought it was easy and fun," said freshman Kelli Rodgers.

Corinne Ruhnke and Alicia Jenkins slice a plate full of ripe tomatoes for the volleyball lock-in. Photo by Nicole Kinsey



Janel Anderson
 Don Cash
 Nancy Clisbee
 Nick Dannevik
 Gary Davies
 Mark Fenley



Jennifer Gatz
 Miles Gibson
 Earl Guiot
 Anna Goss
 Warren Grable Jr.
 Deb Hill



Babetta Israel
 Derek Jasper
 Kathy
 Kasselmann
 Pam Keller
 Kevin Kelly
 Hugh Kinsey



Toni Larson
 Kevin
 McNorton
 Phillip Merz
 Jennifer Plante
 Bruce Renyolds
 Linda Rice



Lyle Rockey
 Martha Rockey
 Arlen Ruhnke
 Elizabeth Smith
 Rhonda Smith
 Martin Stessman



Angie Stock
 Carl Tharman
 Diane Walters
 Darrell Wapp
 Cathy Wilson
 Janet Winkel
 Not pictured:
 Curtis Anderson
 Ruth Reiter
 Benny Rice
 Charlene Stessman



Faculty/Administration

New faces added to THS

There were many new faces introduced to Troy High School. Not only new students arrived on the first day of school, but also two new faculty and two new staff members.

Jennifer Plante taught college algebra and geometry and was the freshman class sponsor.

In charge of the music department was Mr. Phillip Merz.

"This was a very important and successful year for the music program. Having to become familiar with another music teacher could have been disastrous, but the students rose to the challenge, and when they did, they grew as musicians," said Mr. Merz.

Janet Winkel was in charge of taking care of business in the office, and Richard Tollefson was the new janitor.

All of the teachers were involved with many student activities. There were many changes in the classes this year. Mr. Don Cash took over

the physical education department and Mr. Bruce Reynolds was moved to the middle school to teach middle school classes. Some things never change, however; Mr. Reynolds still taught American government and served as the junior class sponsor.

"The teaching change this year has made a major change in my teaching strategies; it's like learning everything all over again," said Mr. Reynolds.



Bus drivers Dennis Carey, Charlie Hopp, and Bea Koehler work hard all year long to get the students to school safely. Not pictured: Gracie Christenson, Kevin Winkel, Ray Tackett, and Rick Simmons. Photo by Katie Culp



Cooking for all students K-12 are Jodi Cook, Chloe Winder, Margaret Sutherland, Linda Schultz, Bea Koelher, and Rosalee Adkins. Photo by Katie Culp

Working hard every day to keep the school in top condition are janitors Richard Tollefson and Bonnie Mitchell. Photo by Katie Culp



Spare Time

Students busy with work, hobbies, physical fitness

Spare time? What is that? With sports, plays, and other school activities, it was a rare thing to find THS students with a bunch of spare time on their hands and not using it wisely.

As it turns out, most students did have a little extra time to do what they want. Working was probably the number one user of spare time. Weekend jobs were fairly common and a few students even found time after school to go to work, although practices made weekday jobs more difficult. Local jobs were easier because of less driving, but jobs in places such as St. Joseph were easier to find and offered more diversity than what was available locally. Students needed such jobs to supply money for their other hobbies and to make sure they had enough cash to make it through the next school year without problems.

"It would be almost impossible to have a job after school with practices and homework. Jobs on the weekend are easier but they take up the only time that you have away from school," said sophomore Tommy Jenkins.

Hobbies also filled many students' spare time.

Students enjoyed doing such things as skiing, hunting, fishing, cruising, golfing, and other sports. Other hobbies ranged from horse-back riding to more exotic hobbies like paintballing.

"Cruising after school and on weekends is pretty fun. I also like to play sports like basketball after school with my friends," said Aaron Franken.

Some students used some of the extra time they had to better themselves. Going into the weight room before or after school, one would almost always find at least a handful of students lifting. The weight room got even more crowded between sports when students had time to use it when they would normally be at practice.

"Lifting in the weight room before or after school helps me prepare for upcoming sports and summer work and to keep in shape. It is also very rewarding," commented junior Nathan Geiger.

As can be seen, the students of THS might not have had that much spare time, but the spare time that they did was put to good use.



Jesse Cash, sophomore, squats in the weight room before school. Photo by Cory Ruhnke.



Senior Jenny Ford clears trays and washes dishes at Great Western Dining at Highland Community College. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

As one of her many duties, junior Laura Ford refills the pop machine with ice at the Troy Fast Lane. Photo by Katie Culp.



Senior Christy Gibson restocks the aisles at John's Market. Many students have worked at John's Market in the past as an easy hometown job. Photo by Cory Ruhnke.

Senior Andy Bramlage and sophomore Angie Bramlage restock and clean the goods on the shelves at John's Market. Photo by Cory Ruhnke.

An Athlete's
Nightly Dream

Allisha Benitz presents the boys' basketball coach Kevin Kelley with a certificate commemorating his 250th win. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Ryan Grable maintains several steps ahead of Wathena's Reed McCrory in a cross country meet at Jackson Heights. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

A State of athletic competition

The Trojans were very knightly in their athletic skills. They fought valiantly on the gridiron, moved swiftly on the cross country courses, defended their home turf in volleyball, and took the offensive to State in basketball.

The school supported six sports for the students to participate in. Football, volleyball, and cross country were fall sports. Both boys' and girls' basketball were winter sports and so was wrestling for its third year at Troy. Track and field was the only spring sport. Cheerleading was an activity that was involved throughout the sports seasons as well.

The football team was undefeated league and district champions. The cross country girls placed third in regionals and went to State. The younger boys' team ran well the entire year, too. The boys' basketball team

Taylor Lister blocks a spike against the Wathena volleyball team at the sub-state tournament at Rossville. Photo by Robin Rodgers.



placed fourth in State, the first time the boys' team had gone to State since 1991.

"State cross country was fun! I was glad to be there again! I was really happy that I medaled!" exclaimed senior Sarah Boeh, who got third place.

Senior Brad Johnson said, "The regular season and district play was perfect, 9-0. You can't ask for any better. I think everyone was disappointed about not advancing farther in the playoffs, but it was still a great season."

Suzie Oyerly throws the discus at a track meet at JCN. She also competes in shot put. Photo by Karen Chmidling.



Katherine Robinson watches as Natalie Webb from Highland takes a shot. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

Cheerleading

Cheerleaders help build team spirit

Cheerleaders were the heart and soul of Troy High School sports. They generated school spirit, got the crowd involved at games and pep rallies, and pepped up the athletes before games. They worked hard practicing their cheers, chants, jumps, kicks, and dance routines. The 1997-98 squad cheered the Trojan athletes through numerous accomplishments.

Freshman Corinne Ruhnke said, "Cheerleading in high school has been a lot better compared to junior high. We have had a few arguments, but they have resolved themselves. This is only my first year, so I am looking forward to three more improving years."

The cheerleaders for 1997-98 were freshmen Corinne Ruhnke, Rachel Clary, and Ashley Jensen; juniors Betsy Schultz and Stephanie Cook; and seniors Sandi Nelson and Melissa Campbell. The squad was privileged to have co-sponsors Kathy Kasselmann and Janel Anderson. Together, they worked hard holding cheerleading camps, developing dance routines, and planning pep rallies. They practiced every Monday evening.

"I think this year's cheerleading squad was really good. We

Girls just wanna have fun. Seniors Sandi Nelson and Christy Gibson strut their stuff before a football pep rally. They were famous for being a little silly in front of crowds. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



have worked really hard and we look good. Sandi and Melissa were a big part of the squad and the cheerleaders will miss them next year," said junior Betsy Schultz.

The cheerleaders major events were the fall and winter Late Nights. Late Night was a big "firestarter" for the sports. During Late Night the cheerleaders developed games for each class to participate in and silly antics to allow the fans to be involved. They handed out megaphones and Pizza Hut student discount cards.

The cheerleaders held a cheer clinic for little girls. During their clinic the girls were taught one cheer, one chant, and one dance. They performed at the Pleasant Ridge game, Friday, February 27.

Getting along and working together was their main goal. Each girl showed their ability and style in each cheer and dance routine they performed.

"I'll miss these gals. They were a great squad and I had a lot of fun this year. I know they will be an awesome squad next year. Work hard. Go far. Do good!" exclaimed captain Sandi Nelson.

Performing the routine "Thing" during the football Late Night. Pictured are: Front row: Allisha Benitz, Rachel Clary, and Stephanie Cook. Row 2: Ashley Jensen, Melissa Campbell, Sandi Nelson, Betsy Schultz, and Corinne Ruhnke. Photo by Deb Benitz.



"1-2-3 pull!" yell cheerleaders Sandi Nelson and Allisha Benitz. Seniors Corey Kostman and Katherine Robinson use their strength to overcome sophomores Crystal Trant and Aaron Franken. Cheering them on during the Late Night "tug of war" game are members of the senior and sophomore classes. Photo by Katie Culp.



Showing off for the crowd during the National Activities Week is junior Stephanie Cook while fellow cheerleaders Ashley Jensen, Rachel Clary and Melissa Campbell cheer her on. Photo by Chris Hoverson

"This little performance is going to make me a big star," said Jared Cash. Jared was the Trojan mascot for the basketball Late Night. He kept the crowd laughing with his silly robe. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Girls qualify for State; S. Boeh medals

Cross Country

The Trojan Harriers were full of high expectations going into the 1997 cross country season. Coming so close the previous year, they didn't want to settle for anything less than an appearance at the State meet at Wamego later in the season.

The team consisted of eight girls and nine boys. Twelve of the 17 members were underclassmen, which made the harriers a little inexperienced. Curtis Anderson returned as the head coach and was assisted by a new coach, Jennifer Plante.

Freshman Bryson Wiedmer reflected on the season, "I really thought it was fun, and it was also fairly easy."

"Cross country was a lot more work than I expected, but the work really paid off. Going to State as a freshman was really exciting," stated freshman Ashley Jensen.

This group of harriers worked hard all season to become the best that they could be. Many injuries overcame some of the runners toward the beginning of the season, but they soon healed. Both teams peaked just when they needed to, coming with their best showings at the Regional meet at Emporia. The boys

team finished 5th, just 8 points from going to the State meet, and the girls finished 3rd, qualifying them for State. Sarah and Megan Boeh qualified individually by placing 3rd and 10th respectively.

Sarah Boeh, Megan Boeh, and Ryan Grable did well, gaining positions on the all-league team. Sarah, Megan, and Ryan, accompanied by Sarah Geiger, Melissa Campbell, and Tad Blanton took positions on the all-county team for the 1997 year. Sarah Boeh also earned the honor of being named to the all-State team.

Sophomore Tad Blanton stated, "I thought it was a great honor being on the all-county team, and it was fun practicing for it."

The 1997 cross country season ended on a cold and rainy day at Regionals for the boys, but the girls still had one more week to go. The Lady Harriers had a strong showing at State, but came up short in the placings. Sarah Boeh was the top THS runner, finishing 20th.

"I was really excited about being on the all-State team. I had a great time with everyone during the season, and they all made my senior year one to remember," commented senior Sarah Boeh.

SPORTS TALK

Boys' (3.1 Miles) Best Times

Ryan Grable	18:23
Tad Blanton	18:53
Michael Jenkins	19:22
Brett Speaks	19:33
Brandon Taylor	19:34
Ross Turpin	19:36
Jesse Cash	20:15
Micah Campbell	20:25
Bryson Wiedmer	20:40
Jared Pickerell	20:42

Girls' (2.1 Miles)

Sarah Boeh	13:29
Megan Boeh	13:34
Sarah Geiger	14:40
Melissa Campbell	15:04
Melissa Albers	15:43
Brandi Strong	15:53
Ashley Jensen	16:39
Megan Johnson	17:56

Front Row: P.J. Smith, Brett Speaks, Jesse Cash, Bryson Wiedmer, Tad Blanton, Brandon Taylor, James Huss. Row 2: Ashley Jensen, Sarah Boeh, Melissa Campbell, Sarah Geiger, Megan Johnson, Megan Boeh, Melissa Albers, Brandi Strong. Row 3: Coach Curtis Anderson, Jared Pickerell, Michael Jenkins, Ryan Grable, Micah Campbell, Ross Turpin, Coach Jennifer Plante. Photo by Visual Sports Network.



Top: The Lady Harriers sport their new do's for the Troy Inv. Top Row: Ashley Jensen, Megan Boeh, Sarah Geiger, Sarah Boeh. Bottom Row: Melissa Albers, Melissa Campbell, Megan Johnson, Brandi Strong. Photo by Susan Boeh.

Above: The boys' team likes to have a little fun after the races. Front Row: Brett Speaks; Row 2: Jared Pickerell, Brandon Taylor, Michael Jenkins, Micah Campbell, Ryan Grable, Jesse Cash, and Ross Turpin. Not pictured are Bryson Wiedmer and Tad Blanton. Photo by Betsy Schultz.



Finishing the second mile at the Troy Inv. is Ashley Jensen. Photo by Betsy Schultz.

Volleyball

Team works hard to build team bond

For the second year in a row, the Lady Trojan volleyball team was faced with new techniques and ideas as the team was headed by a new coaching staff. There was a strong emphasis on team unity. Although the record of 6-19 doesn't show much success, the team stuck together to create a season full of memories.

Head coach Charleen Stessman said, "I enjoyed working with the volleyball team this year; they were a group of fine young ladies! Unfortunately, our record did not reflect this, but I was extremely proud of how the team came together the last half of the season and began working and playing together as a team."

The team participated in several activities to create a strong bond. The most exciting was the team lock-in, which took place in the high school gym. Throughout the night, the girls participated in several activities ranging from face painting to playing Twister. The girls stayed up late and awoke to an early morning practice.

Katherine Robinson said, "Our season didn't go as well as we expected. I feel the team grew together towards the end of the season. Although our record doesn't show it, we worked hard and put a lot of heart into every game, especially Wathena!"

Nicole Kinsey, senior volleyball member received the honor of being named to honorable mention all-league and first-team all-county. Other honors for Nicole included holding the season record in serving with 97%, obtaining 101 assists, and tying with Ginger Winder in blocks with seven. Katherine Robinson led the team in kills with 60, and leading the team with 40 digs was Allisha Benitz.

Ginger Winder, sophomore, said, "I think that even though we didn't end the season with a very good record we learned a lot about being part of a team. I think we also improved our basic skills and, most importantly, had fun."



Katherine Robinson kills the ball, and other players, Megan Boeh, Sarah Boeh, and Allisha Benitz set up the defensive coverage. Photo by Kristin Kinsey

SCORECARD

Opponent	Score
Nodaway-Holt	15-6, 15-11
Pleasant Ridge	15-4, 2-15, 7-15
Valley Falls	15-6, 10-15, 16-14
Horton	2-15, 16-14, 15-13
McLouth	8-15, 12-15
Midway	15-10, 14-16, 14-16
JCN	8-15, 13-15
Centralia	1-15, 2-15
Hiawatha	3-15, 11-15
Jackson Heights	8-15, 2-15
JCN	2-15, 10-15
Highland	0-15, 2-15
Oskaloosa	15-5, 11-15, 12-15
Midway	12-15, 15-11, 6-15
Maranatha Academy	6-15, 13-15
Valley Falls	11-15, 10-15, 6-15
South-Holt	15-11, 15-12
Highland	2-15, 6-15
Mound City	12-15, 10-15
Wathena	15-12, 15-8
Valley Falls	15-8, 18-9
JCN	8-15, 11-15
Jackson Heights	7-15, 1-15
Horton	6-15, 10-15
Wathena	7-15, 13-15

Front Row: Ashley Jensen, Corinne Ruhnke. Row 2: Alicia Jenkins, Kristin Grable, Kelli Rodgers, Kari Schultz, Taylor Lister, Rachel Clary. Row 3: Lacey Whittaker, Regina Adams, Robin Rodgers, Lynsay Gibson, Linda Rice, Ronda Smith, Charleen Stessman, Ginger Winder, Crystal Trant. Row 4: Allisha Benitz, Kristin Kinsey, Katie Culp, Megan Boeh. Row 5: Marietta Wood, Betsy Shultz, Suzie Oyerly. Row 6: Katherine Robinson, Christy Gibson, Nicole Kinsey, Sandi Nelson, and Sarah Boeh. Photo by Visual Sports



Megan Boeh prepares to serve the ball during the DVL tournament at Oskaloosa. Photo by Kristin Kinsey



Nicole Kinsey hits the ball. Allisha Benitz, Sandi Nelson, Sarah Boeh, and Ginger Winder prepare for a return. Photo by Kristin Kinsey

Christy Gibson and Megan Boeh enjoy eating the sub sandwich they made during the volleyball team lock-in. Photo by Nicole Kinsey

Football

Trojans win DVL, District

High expectations were thrown at a group of talented, experienced players at the beginning of the football season. The seniors had waited for this moment for a long time. From the very first practice until the last game of the season, the coaches' intentions were to prepare the team for all situations and not let anyone get lost in the expectations. They created one of the greatest seasons Troy High School has ever experienced. Their overall record was 9-1, losing only to Lyndon.

The team started the season, easily defeating McLouth, Horton, and Jackson Heights in their first three games. The Trojans got a big boost as they won their first big game against Riley County, a 3A school who was also 3-0 at the time, 18-6.

It did not get any easier for the Trojans as they had to play Pleasant Ridge and Wathena, two teams with respectable DVL records, in their next two games. They won both games in good fashion. The team earned the DVL championship after beating Wathena.

As district play began, the Trojans were undefeated and ready for more. They won all three games of district play, including a huge 69-point game against Valley Falls. The Trojans earned the district championship. The Trojans were ready for the playoffs.

Lyndon would come to Troy for the bi-district

game. The Trojans and the Tigers created a great game. Both teams showed all of the weapons that they were known for. This game went back and forth until the last minute of the game. Unfortunately, Lyndon got the last chance to win. They succeeded by scoring in the last seconds of the game. The final score was 28-27.

After the season, Dallas Keller commented, "I've enjoyed playing with these guys throughout my high school career. I'm just sorry we didn't finish what we were capable of finishing."

Coach Don Cash replied, "Even though we didn't reach all [of] our goals, this season has been a rewarding one for coaches and athletes alike."

Pictured below are the 1997 Troy High School football team and coaches. Front row: Joe Frump, Sonny Long, Tommy Jenkins, Tyler Masters, Beau Barnthson, Jared Shelton, Brett Speaks, Brian Gaul, Nathan Reynolds, Tad Blanton and Brandon Taylor. Row 2: Angel Martinez, Neal Eylar, Aaron Dunn, Assistant Coach Derek Jasper, Head Coach Don Cash, Assistant Coach Bruce Reynolds, Assistant Coach Benny Rice, Mitch Horner, Ben Anderson and Jesse Cash. Row 3: Casey Rush, Steve Nelson, Andy Franken, Dustin Ferris, Aaron Franken, Cole Jarrett, Jared Cash, Jimmy Horner and Kyle McConnaughey. Row 4: Brad Johnson, Ryan Grable, Micah Campbell, Tim Uplinger, Tyler Whetstine, Travis Trant, Clint Peden and Justin Engemann. Row 5: Corey Kostman, Jeremy Prawl, Nathan Geiger, Jaylon Ashburn, Don Clary, Adam Clary, Kyle Thomas, Dallas Keller and Kirk Jamvold.

Below: Senior Dallas Keller waits to make a tackle for the Trojan defense. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Below: Senior Jared Cash watches the rest of the Trojan defense stop their opponent to very few rushing yards. The Trojan defense dominated their opponents all season long. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



FOOTBALL SCORES

Opponent	Score
McLouth	45-20
Horton	34-0
Jackson Hieghts	49-0
Riley County	18-6
Pleasant Ridge	14-0
Wathena	27-8
Valley Falls	69-26
JCN	35-8
Highland	64-8
Lyndon	27-28



Left: Offensive lineman Corey Kostman blocks the defense as the Trojans look to move the ball. The Trojan offensive line blocked their way into helping running back Dallas Keller gain over 1,000 yards for the second season in a row. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Left: Senior Kirk Jamvold blocks his way down the field for an easy victory over Valley Falls. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

Homecoming

Geiger, Whetstine crowned Queen, King

From painting windows to making signs, students at Troy High School got in the Homecoming spirit as Homecoming activities kicked off with many of its annual events. Tyler Whetstine was named Head Escort and Sarah Geiger was crowned Queen at the pre-game ceremonies.

"Homecoming was such a wonderful experience! And more than just the crowning night, I had a great time the whole week. The dress up days, the pep rally on the square, the dance and kiss from Tyler. I'll never forget it all!" exclaimed Homecoming Queen Sarah Geiger.

The candidates, Sarah Geiger, Sarah Boeh, Christy Gibson, Nicole Kinsey, and Sandi Nelson, along with their fathers, were driven down the track in convertibles. They were then escorted onto the field by their candidates, Adam Clary, Andy Franken, Dallas Keller, Corey Kostman, and Tyler Whetstine.

Kindergarten escorts were Kia Grable, Khrystyan Jamvold, Daniel Dominguez, and Kenneth Tharman.

Homecoming activities were kicked off with the annual spirit week activities. The week started off with Monday as pajama day, Tuesday as twin day, Wednesday as opposite sex day, Thursday as college day and Friday as blue-and-white day.



Senior Taryn Schmidt paints on Main Street during spirit week activities. Many juniors and seniors also took part in painting the street. Photo by James Huss

"I thought that all of the activities throughout the week were very fun and helped to increase Trojan spirit, but I also felt that not having a parade was a big disappointment to everyone," said freshman Taylor Lister.

Along with the spirit week activities, a pep-rally was sponsored by the cheerleaders after school on Friday. During the pep rally Jaylon Ashburn won the annual Mr. Legs competition. A Miss Muscles contest was also sponsored by the cheerleaders with Katherine Robinson being the winner.

The week came to an end with the pre-game crowning, a victory over Jackson Heights. A dance was sponsored by the student council. The theme of the dance was "It's Your Love," by Tim McGraw. Music was provided by Doug Keller.

Sophomore Melissa Albers stated, "It was a fun experience. I thought the field looked extremely great and the pep rally and dance were really fun."

"It was a great experience and I felt very privileged to be named Head Escort in such a great group of guys. The important thing is, we won the game," commented Head Escort Tyler Whetstine.



The Queen and Head Escort for Homecoming 1997 were Sarah Geiger and Tyler Whetstine. Photo by Bray.

Showing her strong muscular arms for the Miss Muscles contest is senior Christy Gibson, while Alisha Benitz keeps score. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Lining up before Homecoming ceremonies are candidates Sandi Nelson, Christy Gibson, Sarah Geiger, Nicole Kinsey, and Sarah Boeh. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Homecoming candidates and escorts Andy Franken, Sarah Geiger, Corey Kostman, Nicole Kinsey, Sandi Nelson, and Tyler Whetstine participate in relay races during the pep rally on Main Street after school. Other activities included Mr. Legs and Ms. Muscles contests. Along with the many contests, the pep band along with the cheerleaders helped to get the Trojans in the winning spirit. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Candidates and their escorts Nicole Kinsey, Corey Kostman, Sandi Nelson, Andy Franken, Queen Sarah Geiger, Head Escort Tyler Whetstine, Christy Gibson, Dallas Keller, Sarah Boeh and Adam Clary pose for pictures before leaving the field. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Showing their school spirit during the pep rally on Main Street are Megan Boeh, Kristin Grable, Taylor Lister, Suzie Oyerly, Lacey Whittaker, Andy Bramlage, Angie Bramlage, and Christine Whetstine. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

SPORTS TALK

Name-Weight Record

Jesse Cash, 119 lbs.	6-16
Bryson Wiedmer, 125 lbs.	12-13
Chris Uplinger, 130 lbs.	3-20
Brandon Taylor, 140 lbs.	15-8
Tyler Thomas, 150 lbs.	3-5
Travis Trant, 160 lbs.	2-8
Tim Uplinger, 160 lbs.	14-15
Tommy Jenkins, 189 lbs.	3-9
Nathan Reynolds, 215 lbs.	20-11
Ben Anderson, 275 lbs.	10-10

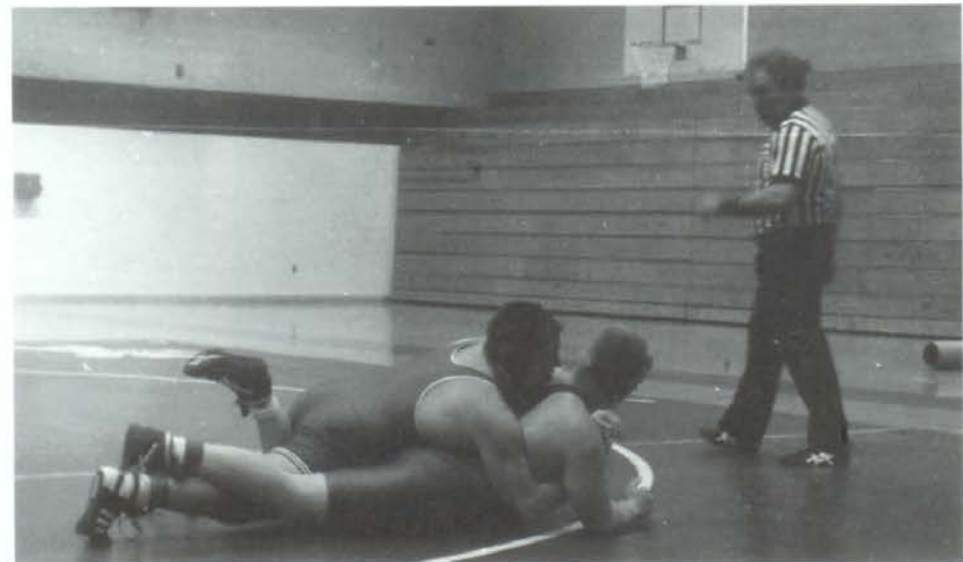
Senior Tim Uplinger is fighting his way out of a tight position trying to get another win. Uplinger wrestled all three years with the team. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

For the Record

“This year was fun and exciting. Many first-year wrestlers really improved. We also qualified our first Troy wrestler to state.” -Coach Benny Rice.

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Front Row: Nathan Reynolds, Tommy Jenkins, Ryan Lewis, Chris Uplinger, Travis Trant, Chris Hewins, Bryson Wiedmer, and Jesse Cash. Row 2: Teddy Lindquist, Jason Davis, Tim Uplinger, Michael Hewins, Tyler Thomas, Ben Anderson, and Coach Don Cash. Photo by Benny Rice.



Junior Nathan Reynolds gets his opponent in an uncomfortable spot. Nathan pulled in the most wins for the team this season. Photo by Benny Rice.

Wrestling

Taylor qualifies for state

With five new wrestlers and Don Cash taking over as head coach the Trojan wrestling team wrestled their way to their greatest season yet. The Trojan team sent their first wrestler to state.

Like the two previous years, Troy consolidated with the Wathena team. The Trojans had nine members on the team. Senior Tim Uplinger and junior Nathan Reynolds were the team's most experienced members. New members of the team included sophomores Brandon Taylor and Tyler Thomas and freshmen Travis Trant, Chris Uplinger, and Bryson Wiedmer.

The Troy/Wathena team started off the season by getting first place in their first meet at Wathena. The Troy/Wathena team easily defeated Horton 45-17 and Maur Hill 60-6.

The team continued its success by placing fifth in a 10-team tournament at Leavenworth and first in a tri-meet at Horton. The team's toughest battle was a tri-meet at Hiawatha. The Troy/Wathena team fell short to Horton and Hiawatha, getting last in the meet.

The team bounced back quickly as they participated well in the DVL tournament at Horton. They sent 15 wrestlers to the meet and came home with 14 medals. Brandon Taylor, Tommy Jenkins, and Nathan Reynolds all placed first in their respective weight classes.

At the Northeast Regional Wrestling Tournament at Hoyt, sophomore Brandon Taylor became the first ever Troy wrestler to qualify for the state tournament at Fort Hayes. Brandon got knocked out of the tournament in the second round at state.

After the season, state qualifier Brandon Taylor said, "This year our wrestling team did pretty well. Our dual and double dual records improved from the year before, and I believe we will improve in the coming years."

Coach Cash philosophized, "I felt like the Troy athletes made remarkable improvements and took a step that we hope to repeat in the years to come."



Freshman Bryson Wiedmer prepares himself for a tough match. Wiedmer had a good record in the 125 lbs. weight class. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

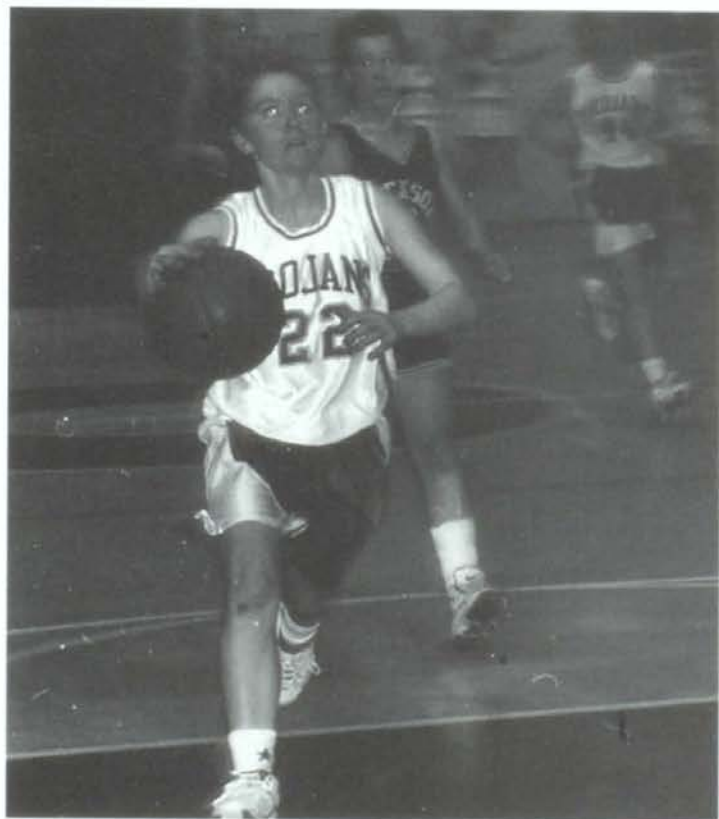
BASKETBALL SCORES

Troy	Opponent
40	Wathena 48
43	Highland 31
29	Wathena 48
53	Pleasant Ridge 42
53	McLouth 50
37	Jackson Heights 38
51	Midway 41
23	Wathena 32
40	Highland 34
46	Jackson Heights 58
43	Atchison 45
29	Horton 33
74	Elwood 22
48	Horton 41
40	Midway 54
42	Oskaloosa 49
71	JCN 54
44	Highland 50
50	Valley Falls 46
56	Pleasant Ridge 42
47	Valley Falls 60

Members of the 1997-98 Lady Trojan Basketball Team are Front Row: Jamie Stewart, Allisha Benitz, Tiffany Juhl, Kristin Kinsey, Ginger Winder, Crystal Trant, Kristin Grable, Lynsay Gibson, and Robin Rodgers. Row 2: Coach Derek Jasper, Megan Johnson, Kelli Rodgers, Suzie Oyerly, Laura Ford, Taylor Lister, Ashley Jensen, and Coach Jennifer Gatz. Row 3: Alicia Jenkins, Sarah Boeh, Melissa Campbell, Sarah Geiger, Katherine Robinson, Nicole Kinsey, and Megan Boeh.

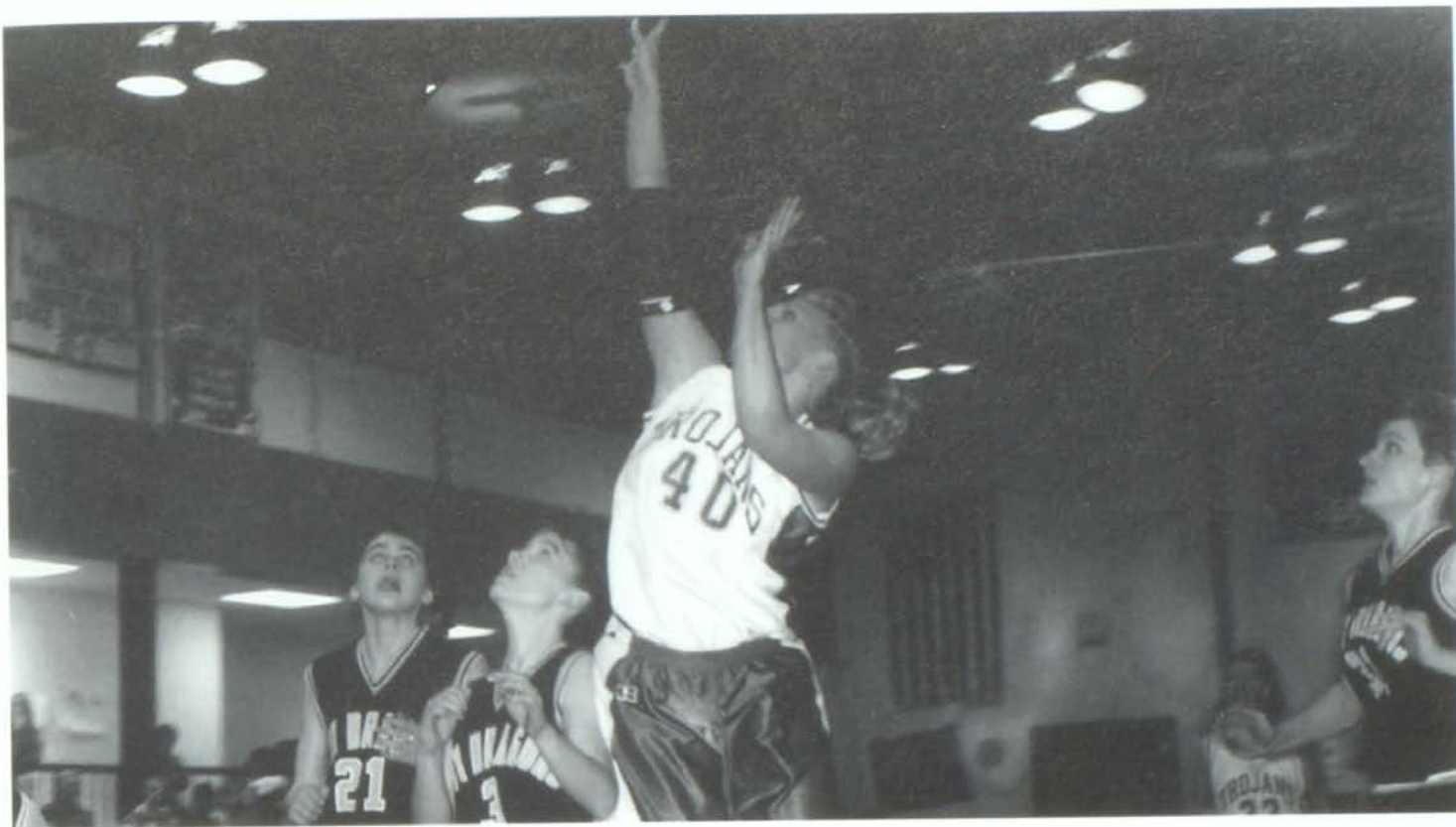


Defense! Ginger Winder tries to deflect the ball during an out-of-bounds play. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Keeping her eyes glued to the hoop while driving in for a lay-up is Sarah Boeh during the game against Jackson Heights. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

Nicole Kinsey puts up a shot during the sub-state game against Valley Falls while Kristin Kinsey looks on. Photo by Katie Culp.



Girls' Basketball

Lady Trojans capture 3rd place in the DVL

Entering the 1997-98 basketball season with 2 new coaches, the Lady Trojans had their goals set high, wanting to improve their 11-10 record from the previous year. Their season was full of many highs and lows, but they were unable to improve their record, finishing with a mark of 10-11.

The Lady Trojans' season started off great by their grabbing of the 3rd-place plaque at the pre-season DVL Tournament. From the tournament on, the season was up and down, with the team unable to win more than 2 games in a row. However, Troy never gave up, getting some much needed wins at the end of the season to capture 3rd-place in the DVL and a high ranking in the sub-state bracket.

"I think the girls put forth a lot of effort this year to lead to a good finish in the DVL and several fun times. Everyone worked hard to improve our record which gave us our first sub-state game at home, but unfortunately our season ended too soon," said Allisha Benitz.

This year the Lady Trojans had three seniors receive

post season honors. Nicole Kinsey was chosen unanimously to be on first team All-League, and Sarah Boeh was named honorable mention All-League. Nicole was also chosen to first team All-County, while Sarah Boeh and Sarah Geiger were on second team All-County.

"Though the season came to a very disappointing end, I couldn't think of a better group of girls that I'd want to end my career with. And though it may have gone unnoticed, this year's team started something in Troy. Our hard work paid off, and the community began to support us. It is an incredible feeling to have a crowd behind you! I know that this is something our community will continue to support, and I'm proud to say that I was a part of it!" commented Sarah Geiger.

Coach Derek Jasper said, "This season was very enjoyable for me. I feel like the record we finished with does not tell the story of the success we had this year. We competed in every game and I am very proud of the girls."

Corey Kostman shoots over the Hill City defenders, while Andy Franken and Tyler Whetstine get ready to go back on defense. Kostman said, about the season, "...the trip to Manhattan and Bramlage Coliseum was very exciting—something few teams have the chance to do." Photo by Clint Peden



Boys' Basketball

Boys 4th at State

If one word could be used to describe the boys' basketball season, it would be "success." With an overall record of 21-5 and a trip to Manhattan for the State tournament it is easy to understand why. The team, as well as individuals, received many honors. Of these, the most exciting would be winning fourth place at State. Other team honors included capturing first place in the pre-season DVL tournament and third place in the Nemaha Valley Raider Classic tournament and being Sub-State Champions and tying for second place in regular season DVL.

Coach Kevin Kelly said, "We had a very exciting and good season. They set their goals very high and worked hard to achieve them: playing our best ball at the end of the season. The State tournament was very exciting. It was very impressive to see them battle back from 16 points down in the semi-final game against Hill City. That showed the character of this group of individuals."

Players received many honors for their strong basketball talents. Andy Franken and Tyler Whetstine

were both unanimously selected to be on the All-League team. Dallas Keller gained All-League honors too. All-County First Team members included Andy Franken and Tyler Whetstine, while teammates Jaylon Ashburn and Dallas Keller were named to the All-County Second Team. Tyler Whetstine also participated in the Northeast Kansas All-Star Games, where he was named to the All-Star Tournament team. Tyler's other honors included being chosen as All-Area St. Joseph Honorable Mention, and First Team All-State. Andy Franken and Dallas Keller both gained state honors, being named to All-State Honorable Mention. Coach Kevin Kelly also won the *News Press* Coach of the Year award.

Dallas Keller said, "We had a great season. It has been a great thrill to play for this team and it's been a great experience to play with the seniors for the past ten years. I will miss them."

BASKETBALL SCORES

Overall Record 21-5

Troy	Opponent	Score
62	Wathena	50
78	Oskaloosa	63
71	Highland	44
45	JCN	35
91	McLouth	68
65	Jackson Heights	40
67	Midway	50
63	Wathena	70
64	Marysville	56
56	Horton	69
62	St. Mary's	58
78	Highland	60
85	Elwood	57
65	Horton	66
54	Midway	49
57	Oskaloosa	55
67	JCN	57
63	Highland	47
56	Valley Falls	52
71	Pleasant Ridge	63
90	Valley Falls	49
72	Onaga	54
57	JCN	45
55	Leoti	50
57	Hill City	61
57	Garden Plain	69

Members of the varsity team are Front Row: Manager Amy King, Andy Franken, Justin Engemann, Tyler Whestine, Kirk Jamvold, Robert Milbourne, Aaron Franken, Neal Eylar, and Manager Danae Rush. Row 2: Coach Kevin Kelly, Corey Kostman, Adam Clary, Nathan Geiger, Jaylon Ashburn, Ryan Grable, Dallas Keller, and Coach Jeremy Shimer. Photo by Visual Sports



Andy Franken passes the ball to teammate Corey Kostman during the State tournament game against Hill City. Photo by Clint Peden

Andy Franken drives to the basket for two points against JCN. Troy went on to win this game 67-57. Photo by Chris Hoverson



Tyler Whetstine receives his fourth-place medal after a disappointing loss to Garden Plain at State. Photo by Kristin Kinsey

Queen of Courts

Kinsey, Keller crowned Queen, King

Half-time of the Wathena-Troy boys' game, January 16, the crowd anxiously waited for the name of the 1998 Queen of Courts. Suddenly over the loud speaker the crowd heard "The 1998 Queen is Miss Nicole Kinsey, and the King is Mr. Dallas Keller.

Nicole received a crown, sash, and eight red roses and Dallas received a plaque. The other candidates each received a rose.

Leading up to the coronation was Spirit Week. Many students dressed up for the different days that were added. Monday, favorite team day, wasn't a new day, but many people dressed for this day wearing clothes from colleges, professional, and even high school athletics. Tuesday was blue-and-white day because of the usual Tuesday night basketball games. Wednesday would have been a fun day filled with dorks, but, because of the weather, school was canceled. When students came back to school for Thursday, students were dressed in their hunting and camouflage attire for hunting day. Friday there was a parade at Troy High with students dressed for the Preppy Parade. Friday afternoon the cheerleaders had a pep rally for the entire school. The band played, boys' coach Kevin Kelly gave a short speech, girls' assistant Jennifer Gatz also gave a short speech, and the male and female candidates competed against each other in a game. The game involved wearing oven mitts. Each candidate had to put on an oven mitt, race to the other side of the court and unwrap a piece of gum and chew it, then race back to the line and give the gloves to the next person. The girls won.

For the coronation there were kindergarten children picked to be crown, plaque, and flower bearers. They were Hana Speaks, daughter of Tom and Anita Speaks, Hannah Simpson, daughter of John Micheal and Lori Simpson, Geoffrey Tollefson son of Richard and Lori Tollefson, and Ross Libel, son of Bridgett Huss and Brandon Libel.

After the game, a dance for all Troy High School students and their dates was held. The theme was "All for Love" by Color Me Badd. The dance was decorated and hosted by Stuco. Music was provided by Night Magic. Pop and cookies were also provided to all who came to the dance. With the conclusion of the dance at midnight, the week of Queen of Courts ended.

The 1998 King and Queen of Courts. Dallas Keller with his plaque that was presented to him by Nicole Kinsey, and Nicole with her crown and sash that Dallas presented to her. Photo by Bray.



Neal Eylar escorts Sarah Boehm to center court for the coronation of King and Queen. Photo by Jamie Christenson.

Waiting patiently for onlookers to take pictures are the 1998 crown, plaque, and flower bearers: Hana Speaks, Hannah Simpson, Geoffrey Tollefson, and Ross Libel. Also waiting patiently are the candidates and their escorts, Andy Franken, Melissa Campbell, Kirk Jamvold, Sandi Nelson, King Dallas Keller, Queen Nicole Kinsey, Corey Kostman, Katherine Robinson, Neal Eylar, and Sarah Boeh. Photo by Jamie Christenson.



Errica Stanton gives candidate Sandi Nelson a hug after the coronation. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Watching the second half of the boys' basketball game are, front row: Sarah Boeh and Melissa Campbell; Row 2: Sandi Nelson, Nicole Kinsey, Katherine Robinson. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

Track

Campbell places 4th at State

The 1998 Trojan track season was very rewarding, with four athletes making it to State in five events, and six school records were broken. At State Melissa Campbell was the only one to medal, earning 4th in the 100m hurdles; she placed 7th in the 300m hurdles.

Other State competitors, Adam Clary in the high jump, Sarah Boeh in the 1600m run, and Nicole Kinsey in the javelin, all placed 9th.

Towards the beginning of the season, the athletes were divided into groups according to their events. The sprinters and jumpers, coached by Lyle Rockey, were B.J. Christenson, Joe Frump, Gillian Guier, Mitch Horner, Cole Jarrett, Sandi Nelson, Betsy Schultz, Brandon Taylor, and Marietta Wood. The mid-distance runners and hurdlers, who were coached by Tom Bond, were Tad Blanton, Melissa Campbell, Micah Campbell, Jared Cash, Jesse Cash, Michael Jenkins, Megan Johnson, Taylor Lister, and Brett Speaks. Distance runners who worked with Derek Jasper, were Melissa Albers, Megan Boeh, Sarah Boeh, Ryan Grable, Ashley Jensen, Brandi Strong, and Bryson Wiedmer. Throwers worked with Jennifer Plante, and they were Aaron Clary, Adam Clary, Aaron Dunn, Dustin Ferris, Lynsay Gibson, Kristin Grable, Kirk Jamvold, Nicole Kinsey, Angel Martinez, Suzie Oyerly, Nathan Reynolds, Kelli Rodgers, Cory Ruhnke, Jamie Stewart, and Tyler Thomas.



Taylor Lister sprints down the runway during the triple jump competition at Highland. Photo by Cory Ruhnke.

Don Cash, head coach of the track team, stated, "This year we had the largest group of athletes out for track that I can remember. Because of those members, we were able to compete for team championships, as well as individual ones."

The girls had a great season. They captured first at the county meet, first at the Panther Relays, and third at the DVL meet. The girls broke six school records. They were Megan Boeh (3200-12:48.22), Sarah Boeh (1600-5:41.31), Melissa Campbell (Hurdles-16.36 and Triple Jump-32' 7.5"), Nicole Kinsey (Javelin-124'), and Taylor Lister (High Jump-4'10").

"I felt this year's track season was an exceptionally good one. We had a lot of good competition at the meets. The girls did an exceptional job of competing as a team," said Suzie Oyerly.

The boys had a rewarding track season as well. They placed second at the county meet and fifth at the DVL meet.

Ryan Grable said, "It was a fun and exciting year. Many people improved and did well at the meets."

The regional meet was once again held at Onaga. Four members of the track team qualified for the State meet. Adam Clary placed second in high jump, Melissa Campbell placed third in both the 100m hurdles and the 300m hurdles, Sarah Boeh placed fourth in the 1600m run, and Nicole Kinsey placed fourth in javelin.



State track competitors and coaches are, Front Row: Adam Clary, Sarah Boeh, Nicole Kinsey, and Melissa Campbell. Row 2: Tom Bond, Derek Jasper, Jennifer Plante, Don Cash, and Lyle Rockey. Photo by Kristin Kinsey.

Nicole Kinsey throws the javelin at the State Meet in Wichita. She ended up placing ninth overall. Photo by Kristin Kinsey.



Running hard for the finish line is Sarah Boeh during the 1600. Sarah placed first at the JCN meet. Photo by Suzie Oyerly.



Focusing hard on the sand pit is B.J. Christenson while long jumping at Highland. Photo by Cory Ruhnke.

Sports Reception / T-Club

T-Club provides activities, recognition

The 1997-98 T-Club had a total of 65 members. These members were responsible for the annual alumni basketball tournament. The tournament made it possible for alumni to compete and play with other alumni. Members worked during the tournament by running the score board, keeping statistics, working the front gate, making signs, and working in the concession stand.

The T-Club provides plaques in the halls, plaques for coaches, and plaques for each senior; the T-Club is also in charge of coordinating the alumni basketball tournament.

To be in T-Club one needs to letter in a sport or activity. At the Sports Reception many letters were presented; these letters designated people who would become members of T-Club. At the Sports Reception, May 1, letters were given out and speeches made by the coaches of Troy High School Sports. Those who lettered for the first time received a T, and those who already lettered received bars. Sports that awards were given in were football, volleyball, cross country, girls' basketball, boys' basketball, wrestling, and cheerleading.

The night started off with volleyball coach Charlene Stessman giving out awards. The awards she presented were as follows: most improved player, Rachel Clary; most hustle, Sarah Boeh; best defense, Ginger Winder; kill award, Katherine Robinson; spirit and attitude award, Allisha Benitz; M.V.P, Nicole Kinsey. Mrs. Stessman was presented a plaque from the senior girls.

Don Cash gave out the Tom Keller award for the most tackles to Brad Johnson with 73 tackles on the year. Curtis Anderson spoke about cross country, but didn't give out any special awards other than letters.

Benny Rice gave out wrestling letters and special

1997-98 T-Club members were, front row: S. Nelson, S. Geiger, and S. Boeh. Row 2: D. Keller, K. Jamvold, M. Boeh, S. Oyerly, K. Culp, M. Wood, J. Huss, Melissa Campbell, Micah Campbell, and N. Kinsey. Row 3: C. Kostman, T. Uplinger, A. Benitz, Jared Cash, R. Grable, G. Guier, J. Stewart, C. Trant, T. Blanton, and K. Kinsey. Row 4: A. Franken, J. Wykert, A. Schmile, K. Robinson, C. Hoverson, J. Christenson, L. Ford, B. Schultz, J. Ford, Angie Bramlage, C. Whetstine, and B. Strong. Row 5: T. Whetstine, B. Johnson, J. Prawl, N. Eylar, M. Albers, B. Speaks, N. Reynolds, L. Whittaker, S. Cook, R. Turpin, Jesse Cash, E. Murphy, and A. Eylar. Row 6: A. Clary, B. Milbourn, K. Thomas, J. Stammer, J. Engemann, Andy Bramlage, M. McNeely, C. Jarrett, J. Pickerell, G. Winder, B.J. Christenson, M. McKittrick, D. Walter, M. Jenkins, T. Jenkins, D. Luedke, and K. McConaughy. Photo by Bray.

Janessa Stammer helps a customer at the T-Club-sponsored concession stand during the annual alumni tournament. Photo by Suzie Oyerly.

awards. Brandon Taylor received the sportsmanship award; Nathan Reynolds, the dedication award; Tommy Jenkins, the most improved award; and Tim Uplinger, the most enthusiasm award.

Coach Kevin Kelly gave out letters in boys' basketball and then recognized players with the best statistics in rebounding, assists, points, and field goal percentage. Derek Jasper, girls' basketball coach, then gave out awards, and was presented with a plaque from the senior girls.

The cheerleading letters were also presented along with special medals from the 1998 State basketball tournament and the State Sportsmanship Award. Don Cash spoke about the track season, but the season was not complete, so letters weren't awarded.



Helping at the alumni tournament is a requirement of all T-Club members. Sophomore Crystal Trant volunteers her help during the alumni tournament. Photo by Suzie Oyerly.



Jesse Cash makes change after receiving money from a spectator at the alumni tournament games. The alumni tournament is one of the few activities that the T-Club sponsors. Photo by Suzie Oyerly.

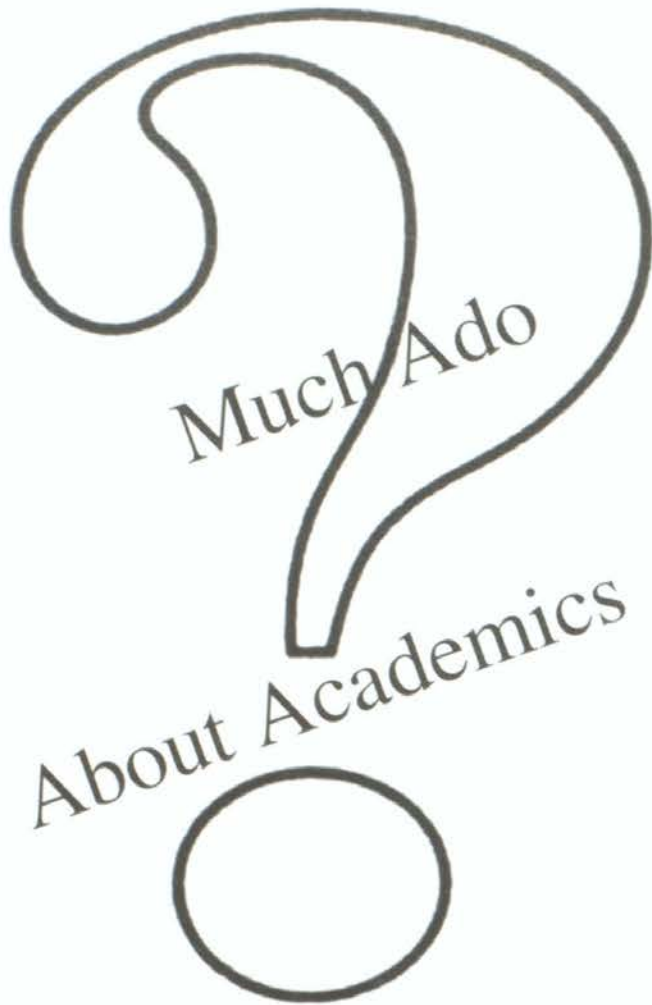


Checking the score clock from the scorer's table at the alumni tournament is Andy Franken. Andy was in charge of the clock and scoreboard and Jaylon Ashburn kept the statistics. Photo by Suzie Oyerly.



Football coach Donald Cash presents Brad Johnson the Tom Keller Award at the Sports Reception. Photo by Suzie Oyerly.

T-Club officers were President Sarah Geiger, Vice-president Sandi Nelson, and Secretary / Treasurer Sarah Boeh. Photo by Bray.



P.J. Smith and Corey Smith prepare to use the cutting torch in the ag shop. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Brandon Taylor, Brandi Strong, Tiffany Juhl, and Christine Whetstine present "Meeting of the Minds" for sophomore speech. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

Academics is the basis of learning

Academics were the most important part of Troy High School. Without them, nobody would have been here in the first place. There were many classes and projects that students of THS could be involved in.

Two new classes that students could add to their schedules were building trades, taught by Mr. Benny Rice, and general science, taught by Mr. Kevin McNorton.

Students had to study harder and remember to do their work since block-scheduling gave them two days to do each assignment. But, most of the time students would manage to finish their assignments and turn them in before it was too late.

Although schoolwork provided the students with such an important foundation, like meeting deadlines, managing time, and

maintaining quality, they would often procrastinate and struggle in order to get done on time.

Despite that fact, however, students would still manage to scrape by most of the time. For the most part, though, they tended to finish work on time in good quality.

So, whether the students were finished a week ahead of schedule, or scrambling to get done before the bell, no matter how you look at it, school was "Much Ado About Academics."

Rachel Clary, Megan Johnson, and Amanda Clary work on an experiment in the lab for general science. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Regina Adams fishes tuna out of a can for home economics. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Andy Bramlage connects a laptop to the television for a presentation in the Statistics and Trigonometry class. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Home Ec students acquire life skills

The skills acquired from home economics are an essential part of daily life. The home economics department was involved with many activities. The home economics classes were taught by Mrs. Anna Goss. The home economics classes include Home Ec II, independent living, and family living.

The independent living class learned the fundamentals of cooking and sewing. The students were involved with sewing projects such as pillows, stuffed animals, and aprons. The cooking classes provided an introduction to different types of easy-to-prepare foods. The students were also taught how to do laundry and mending.

Lacey Whittaker said that her favorite part of home economics was "cooking and being with my friends. My most memorable moment was when we got to get out of school to eat at Sizzler with some of my friends."

All of the home economics classes attended a field trip to the Sizzler Steak House in St. Joseph. The students chose the buffet as their meal selection.

The Home Ec II classes learned how to better develop their skills through cooking. The Home Ec II projects included full meal planning of breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The students were also introduced to different cuts of pork, beef, and poultry, which they used in their meal planning



The "bride," Angela Neumann, and the "groom," Harley Feek, are awaiting the "big" moment. Photo By Chris Hoverson.

process.

"Our family living class has had many enjoyable activities, but my favorite would have to be the mock wedding. I think 'Baby Think It Over' would be considered a success because so far no one wants a baby after the experience. My experience was a failure because I killed my baby and I don't want one," commented Jessica Stanton.

The "Baby Think It Over" program was one of many projects the family living class was involved in. The building of dollhouses, the mock wedding, and wedding notebooks were other projects that were completed.



Brian Gaul is cooking up a storm in his home economics class. Brian is cooking a meat dish. Photo By Chris Hoverson.

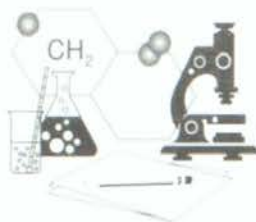
Front Row: Jamie Christenson, Jenny Ford, Katherine Robinson, Jamie Wykert, Jessica Stanton, Tyler Whetstine, and Adam Clary. Row 2: Errica Stanton, Taryn Schmidt, Angie Neumann, Donald Harter, Harley Feek, James Huss, and Kyle Thomas. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



April Hiemer and Melissa McNeely are sewing pieces of canvas to be used as play sets. Photo By Chris Hoverson.



Tiffany Juhl and Tad Blanton are diligently working on their cooking project, pancakes, part of their breakfast unit. The class also explored lunch and dinner foods. Quaker Oats donated the pancake mixes for the home economics department. Photo By Chris Hoverson.



Science offers two classes

The science department had a limited amount of classes to take especially compared to other years. Last year anatomy, biology, and physics were taught, but this year Mr. Kevin McNorton taught general science and chemistry.

General science was a pre-biology class that freshmen could take. The USD 429 graduation requirements had changed a little in the science department. Instead of freshmen taking biology, general science was offered. Biology would then be taken as a sophomore, where it is required. This change started this year and only concerned freshmen.

General science classes dealt with earth sciences, environmental sciences, and current science issues. The classes also did labs and other projects that gave them "hands on" experience.

"I liked it when we watched movies and did labs. Science is fun, but I will not pursue science classes in college. It was a neat class to take because I learned things in this class that I can use in the future

and that is valuable to everyday life," said freshman Kelli Rodgers.

Chemistry classes were busy with many lab projects, from mixing chemical solutions to evaporating and filtering them. The classes did problem-solving strategies using chemical formulas and equations. They also worked with balancing equations and reactions. *Scientific American Frontiers* were also associated with science classes. Students learned things that were actually interesting but still dealt with science.

"Alan Alda, the guy on *Scientific American Frontiers* made chemistry fun. I also like some of the labs. I liked working with the chemicals, it is something you can't learn at home," said sophomore Jesse Cash.

Chemistry classes were very big; with the three chemistry classes combined there were 62 students. With this many people, new books had to be ordered. Some of the classes used old books while others used the new ones.



Seniors Aaron Clary and Adam Clary are working together in the chemistry lab. Students often worked in groups in order to complete the assignments that were given. Photo by Amy King.

Casey Rush, Melissa Campbell, Shelby Scholz, and Stephanie Cook are cleaning up the lab after an experiment in chemistry. Cleaning up the lab was an important part of working in the lab. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Ryan Grable works on his problem-solving experiment. The students had this throughout the year in chemistry. Photo by Amy King.

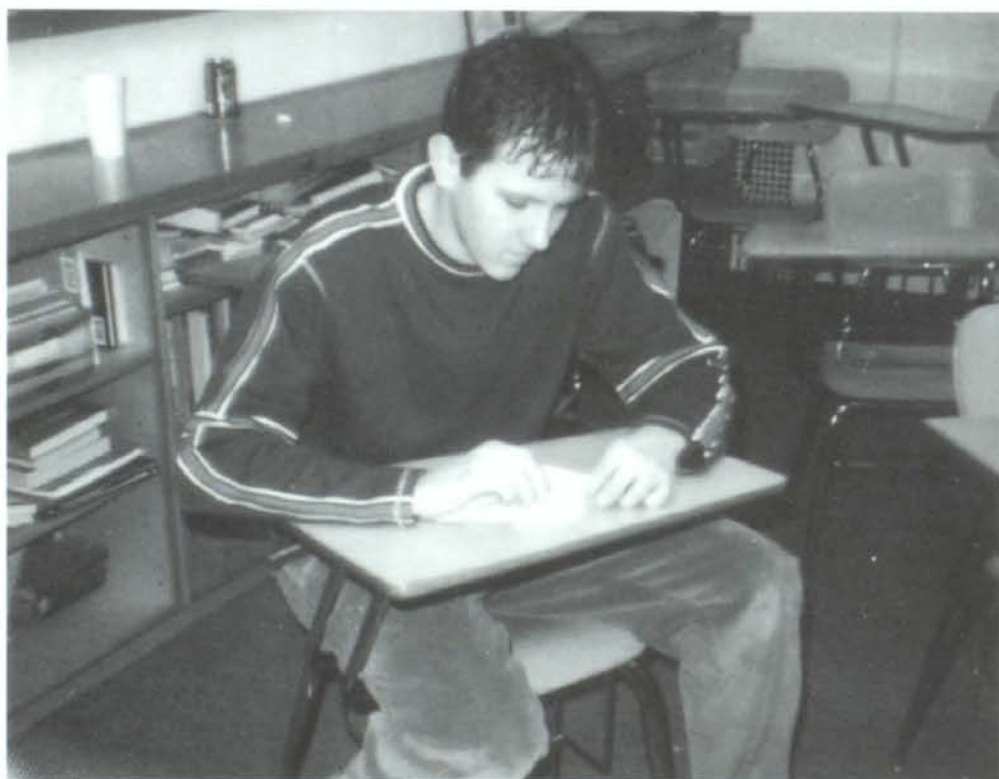
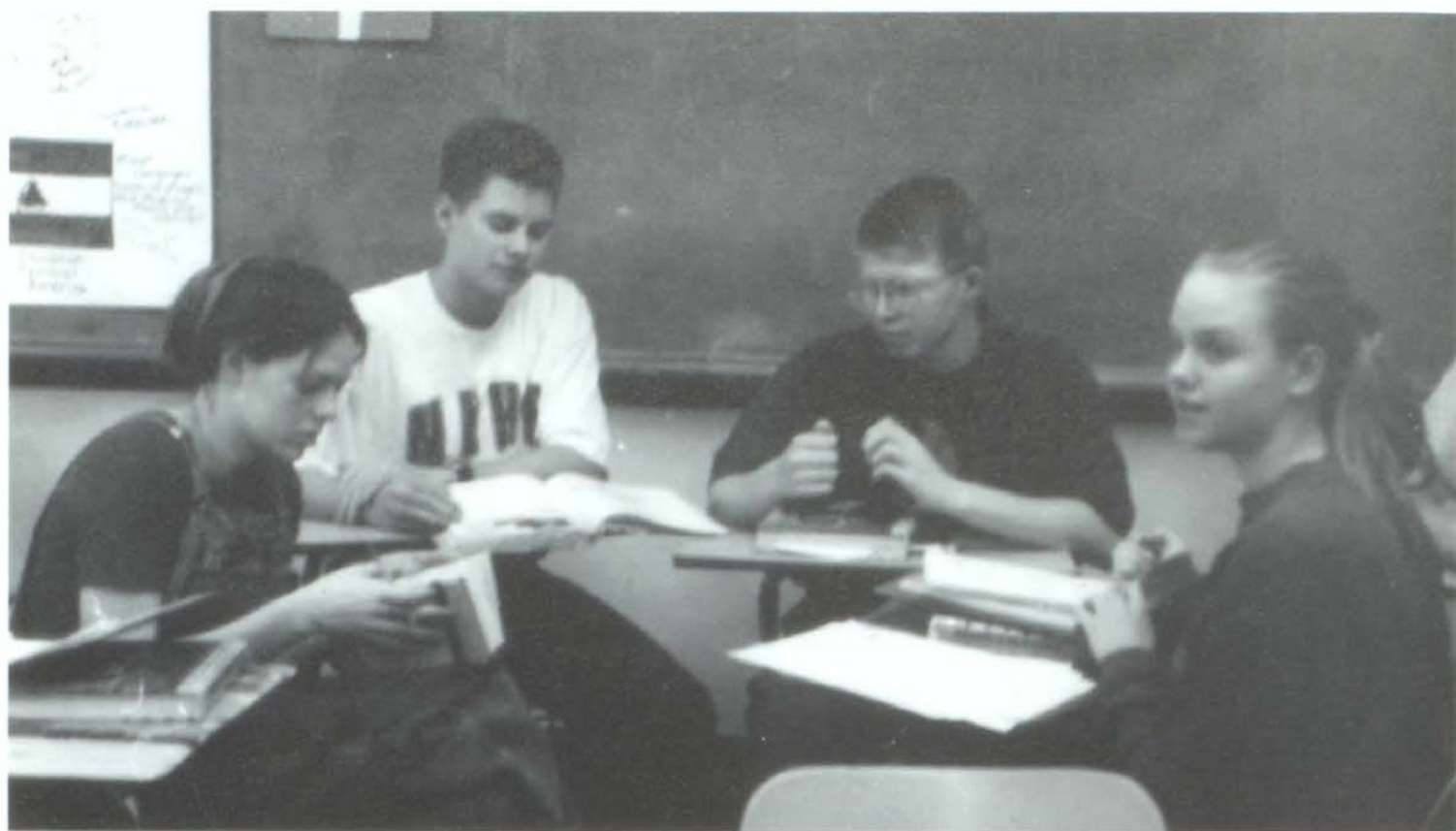


Mr. McNorton helps Chris Reno on his review questions in general science as Terry Stahl looks on. General science often required help from the teacher especially in finding the answers in the reading. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Brett Speaks is cutting copper wire for a chemistry experiment he is working on with Jared Cash. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

Spanish II students Betsy Schultz, Ross Turpin, Jared Shelton, and Gillian Guier translate a legend that they found on the Titanic. Other students chose to write their own legends and convert them to Spanish. The students often worked in groups to complete similar assignments. The projects the students completed included the creation of a game, which later they played, and maps of one South American country. Photo by Jamie Christenson.



Senior Kyle Thomas attempts to fold paper with only the instructions of another classmate while in college speech. This was just one of the many projects in that class. The students used this as a warm-up exercise for later speeches and as an example for precision. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Brad Johnson plans his newsletter over the book, *On The Beach* in senior genre writing class. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Laptops help improve Language Arts

Language Arts classes have been boosted one step closer in technology. Ten laptop computers were purchased. From English with Mrs. Babetta Israel and Mrs. Martha Jean Rockey to Spanish with Mrs. Toni Larson, Language Arts has something for everyone.

Classes taught for English included speech, early & modern literature, and newswriting. There are also classes that aren't required for an English credit, such as publications.

"Block scheduling and laptop computers were two firsts for our memory banks this year. Research papers, essays, technical writing, book reviews, short stories, and group projects were all produced using the best of technology. This was a year of real growth," explained Mrs. Israel.

Laptops were a plus for research classes and other English classes that used computers. They

allowed students more access to computers.

"The laptops were helpful for me while working on my research paper, but ten laptops weren't enough and sometimes I had to wait for an open one," said Linda Feek.

Laptops also helped publications although block scheduling caused many problems with meeting deadlines with the paper and yearbook.

Spanish classes were involved in many activities which helped students learn this intriguing language. The Spanish I classes did projects dealing with the geography of Mexico, cooking presentations, and fashion shows modeling styles in Mexico. Spanish II classes made board games and had fun trying them out. They took a field trip to Ballet Folklorico in Kansas City and did presentations for the grade school.



Senior Andy Bramlage informs his college speech class on the history of ball point pens. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Studying hard is Stephanie Cook. The juniors completed an eight-page paper over a topic of their choice. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Classes Teach Practical Skills

Business, math, and computers were probably three of the most important classes offered. This was because they taught skills that would prove useful in real life working situations. Computer skills, for instance, will be essential in tomorrow's work force. Most office jobs and many others require computer training.

Business classes, such as accounting, instilled good record-keeping habits and skills that would follow the student into the real world.

Skills learned in math classes like algebra, geometry, and statistics and trigonometry are useful to those seeking careers in fields such as engineering and architecture.

Miss Kathy Kasselmann was in charge of the computer and business departments. She taught Accounting I & II, in-house business training, computer applications, and desktop publishing.

The math department was split between Mrs. Cathy Wilson and Miss Jennifer Plante. Mrs. Wilson taught Algebra I & II, calculus, and statistics & trigonometry while Miss Plante taught geometry, college algebra, and applied math.

The Accounting class took a field trip to the

Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City for the second consecutive year. Micah Campbell commented, "The part I most enjoyed was when they took us down to the vault and showed us the millions of dollars they had in cash."

Students in the In-House Business Training class spent the year working on real projects similar to those a small business would do. "The In-House Business Training students completed various projects from the community and school that were real life projects," commented Miss Kasselmann. Such projects included designing programs for the local garden club and the high school play.

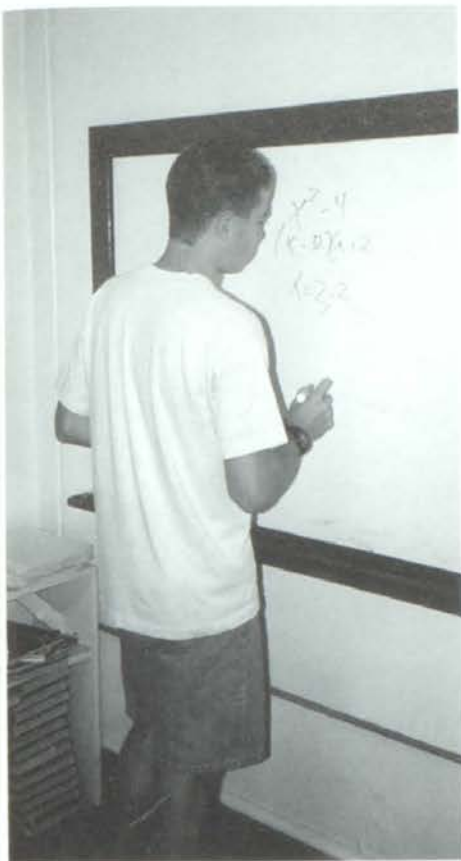
This was the first year for Miss Plante, but she seemed to fit right in. Kristin Grable said, "Miss Plante was a great teacher this year and made geometry really fun. I also liked being able to go over the questions in class discussion and being able to work in groups."

Corinne Ruhnke commended her as well. "I think Miss Plante did really well for her first year. I enjoyed all her stories."



Jared Cash, Brett Speaks, Chris Hoverson, Melissa Campbell, Jessica Stanton, Errica Stanton, and Jamie Wykert work on their presentations using the school's laptops. Photo by Katie Culp.

Michael Jenkins factors a problem for his Algebra II class. Photo by Clint Peden.



Errica Stanton and her sister Jessica work on a data table for their statistics and trigonometry class. Photo by Jamie Christenson.



Melissa Campbell creates a chart for her mother's stats & trig class. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Brian Gaul diligently works to complete his final project in Miss Kasselmann's computer applications. Photo by Clint Peden.



Changes made in Social Sciences Department

Changes. The social science curriculum changed from the old format of bookwork, worksheets, and testing to a new format that involved activities, technology, and teamwork.

The current events class taught by Mr. Lyle Rockey kept up with technology by instructing the students with the help of the Internet. The students used the Internet to find information on the results of the Olympic games.

The college psychology class was an addition to the social science curriculum. The class was taught by Mrs. Martha-Jean Rockey. Different experiments were conducted throughout the course.

The class took a field trip to the Gloré Psychiatric Museum in St. Joseph. A short video about the history of psychiatric hospitals, a tour of simulated rooms from the hospital, and models of early torture therapies were all part of the experience.

"I enjoyed mostly all of the psychology course I took, but my favorite part was all of the group activities and tabulations of surveys we did. I recommend everyone who can fit this class into their schedule to take it. It was a lot of fun," commented Katie Culp.



Burning at the stake was an early method of treating psychiatric patients. Listening to the presentation are seniors Tyler Whetstone, Corey Kostman, and Neal Eylar. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

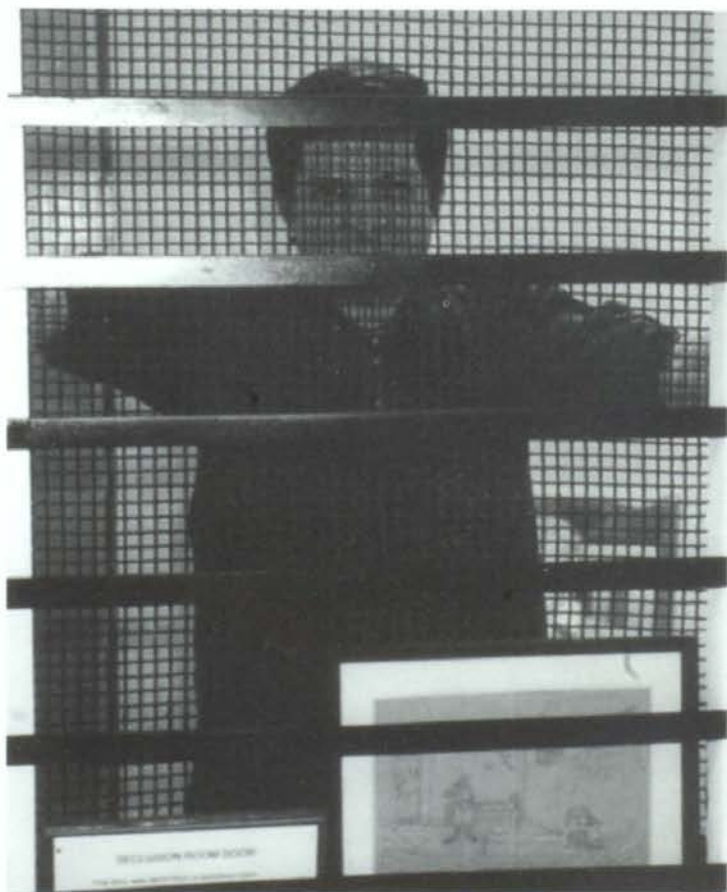
Jared Cash, senior, poses in a secure padded room at the Gloré Psychiatric Museum. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

Mr. Bruce Reynolds' room was moved to the middle school where the government classes were held. The seniors in government participated in the Electronic Model Congress during the second semester. The students were able to take part in a simulation that taught them how a government works.

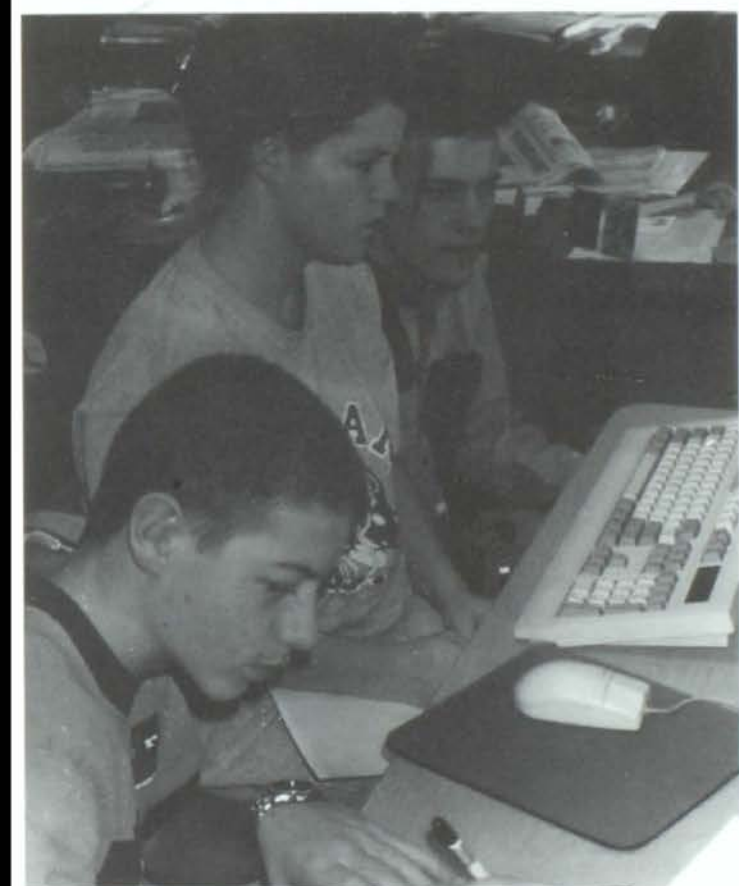
American and world history were taught by Mr. Lyle Rockey. The American history class consisted of juniors and was required for graduation. World history allowed students to become familiar with the world around them, and was an elective class for all grade levels.

Geography, a class taught by Mr. Lyle Rockey, introduced students to geographic locations in the United States and in the world. The students were involved with map games and quizzes that familiarized them with locations.

As society changed the social sciences department proved to meet the challenge.



While playing a geography game, sophomores Amber Clary and Janessa Stamper are racing to find St. Joseph, MO. The two students are brushing up on locations for a test. Photo by Andrew Bramlage



Beau Barnthson, Taryn Schmidt, and Dustin Ferris gather around the Internet computer in the library. They are working on their Winter Olympics project. Photo by Andrew Bramlage



Senior Kirk Jamvold is preparing e-mail messages to send to other schools who are participating in the Electronic Model Congress. Photo by Chris Hoverson



Building class adds on-the-job experience

Physical education, industrial arts, and agricultural education were probably three of the classes most enjoyed by students. This was because they didn't require a lot of desk work.

Physical education was taught by Don Cash for the second consecutive year. The department offered freshman p.e., recreational p.e., & weights and conditioning.

The recreational p.e. students participated in everything from tennis to bowling while learning to enjoy a wide variety of recreational sports. In weights and conditioning, students toned their bodies while striving for athletic fitness.

It was a special year for Mr. Benny Rice's industrial arts department, with the introduction of the Building Trades class. The students in this class spent the year building the new garage at the superintendent's house. The foundation was poured at the end of the 1996-97 school year and the structure itself was built during this school year. This was the first project of this scale any class at Troy had attempted. Mr. Rice commended them on their hard work: "Despite the

winter weather, the kids hung in there, and were even willing to work on their own time."

Kyle McConnaughey said, "I learned a lot about building garages, shingling roofs, and finishing work like siding. I would take this class [Building Trades] again in a heartbeat, because you get out of the classroom and away from school while working on the garage, house, or some other project."

Robert Milbourne said, "I think Building Trades is a lot more educational than other shop classes because you are out getting on-the-job experience in many different areas of construction."

While that class was working on the garage, the I.A.1 class drew perspective drawings the 1st semester, and the I.A.2 class worked on architectural drafting and individually designing houses.

Agricultural education was taught by Darrel Wapp for the seventh consecutive year. Students in this class who were in FFA spent much of their time studying for contests. While they did that, others spent time in the shop learning to weld and studying automotive repair.



Tim Uplinger and Matt McKittrick erect the west wall of the Building Trades' garage. Matt and Tim both worked on the garage during their Building Trades and advanced industrial arts classes. Photo by Jamie Christenson.

Ashley Jensen, Mitch Horner, and Chris Uplinger do push-ups, their penance for losing a volleyball match in freshman p.e. Photo by Jamie Christenson.



Below: Corey Smith measures a piece of square tubing for his Ag. project, a headache rack. Photo by Jamie Christenson.



Far below: Tiffany Juhl practices her serve in Mr. Cash's recreational p.e. Photo by Jamie Christenson.



P.J. Smith uses a torch to cut a piece of pipe in Mr. Wapp's advanced agricultural mechanics class. Photo by Jamie Christenson.

Right: Derek Luedke and his father helped with making the foundation the previous year. Photo by Chris Hoverson.





Accomplishments rewarded at reception

The Academic Awards reception recognized the many achievements of the students. National Honor Society inducted 18 new members along with next year's president, Suzanne Oyerly; vice-president, Laura Ford; secretary, Betsy Schultz; and treasurer, Katherine Culp.

Quill and Scroll also inducted five new members during the awards reception. Those five were Allisha Benitz, Sandi Nelson, Kristin Kinsey, Marietta Wood and Katie Culp.

Junior Marietta Wood said, "Being inducted into Quill and Scroll was a very special honor and I was happy to be chosen."

Among the many other awards that were given at the awards reception were the Student Council Scholarship, which went to Chris Hoverson and Neal Eylar in the amount of \$100 each; Troy Teachers' Association Scholarship, which went to Corey Kostman

and Kyle Thomas in the amount of \$100; art awards for DVL and Newspaper in Education; speech and drama letters with Andy Bramlage named the top speech student and top senior; and band and chorus letters.

High school counselor Nick Dannevik presented the Missouri Regents Scholarship to Kyle Thomas, and the Kansas Governors Scholar to Nicole Kinsey.

Principal Martin Stessman presented the KSHSAA Citizenship Award to Dallas Keller and Sarah Boeh.

Mr. Benny Rice also presented the most outstanding woodworking projects which went to Mitch Horner, Industrial Arts I; Ben Anderson, Industrial Arts II and most outstanding senior wood shop student which went to Bobby Milbourne and Tim Uplinger.

Mr. Stessman stated "It is always good to see our best students honored for their achievements. We have some outstanding young men and women with tremendous talent; that was evident at this year's awards reception."



Inducting new members into Quill and Scroll are Chris Hoverson, sponsor Martha-Jean Rockey, Nicole Kinsey, Dallas Keller and Jared Cash. New members are Allisha Benitz, Kristin Kinsey, Mariatta Wood and Katie Culp. Not pictured: new member Sandi Nelson. Photo by Mick Rockey.

Receiving art awards are Ginger Winder, Kristin Kinsey and Laura Ford from instructor Nancy Clisbee. Photo by Mick Rockey.



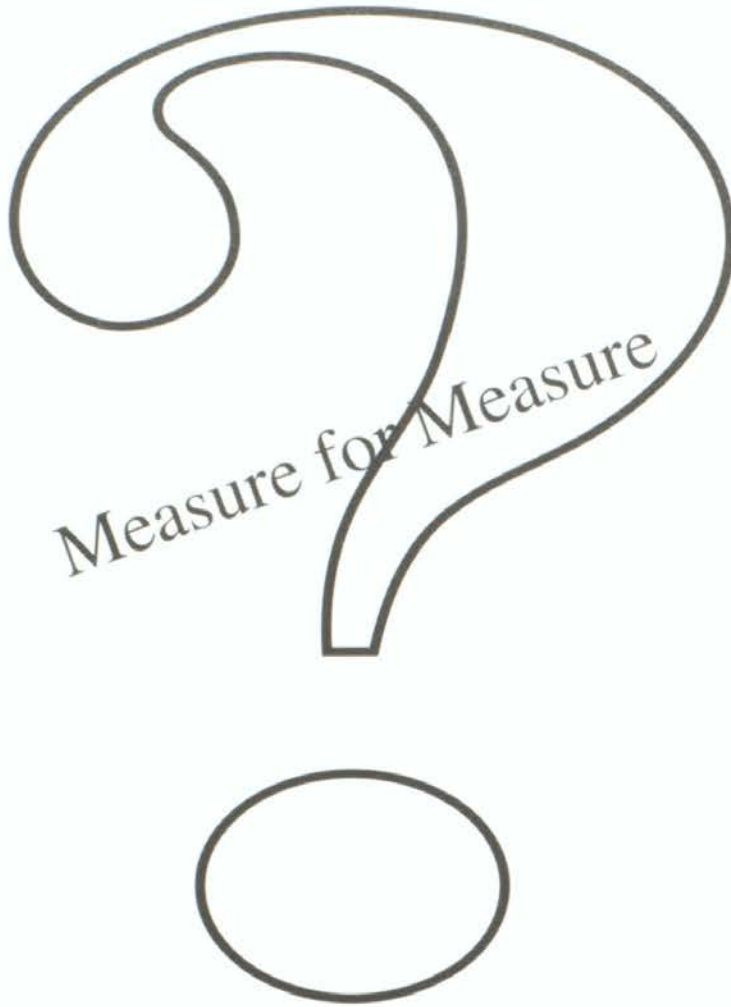
Presenting the Student Council Scholarship is sponsor, Cathy Wilson, to senior Chris Hoverson. Photo by Katie Culp.



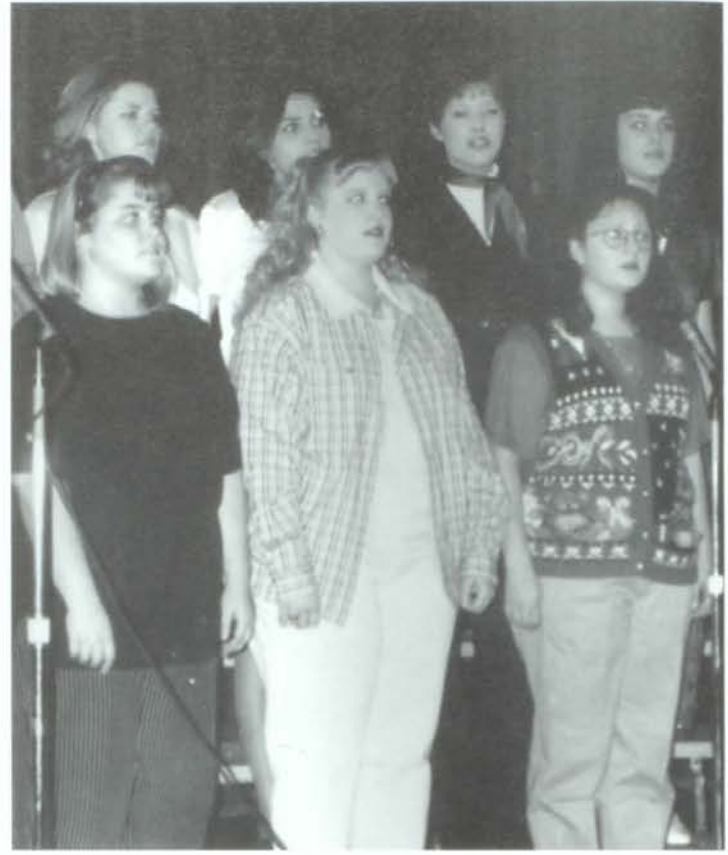
Presenting the Troy High School Alumni Scholarship are Nick Dannevik and Pat Dill with recipient Nicole Kinsey. Photo by Mick Rockey.



Receiving band and chorus awards are Katie Culp, Suzie Oyerly, B.J. Christenson, James Huss, Michael Jenkins, Dallas Walter, Aaron Dunn, and Jared Pickerell. Photo by Betsy Schultz.



The high school chorus performs for the annual Winter Program. Front Row: Robin Rodgers, Larissa Handley, and Amy King. Row 2: Taryn Schmidt, Jessica Stanton, Christy Gibson, Amy Schmille. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Jared Cash and Ryan Grable prepare to fight for the fall play, *Dirty Work in High Places*, while Sarah Geiger cries for help from within the smog machine. Ryan and Jared choreographed their fight scene several times, but never managed to do it the same way twice. Photo by Deb Benitz.

Fine Arts offers many opportunities for students

Measure for measure, the music class was an integral part of Troy High School. Art and drama were other fine arts activities.

These allowed students to gain a better understanding and appreciation of music, art, and drama, as well as offering a chance for them to perform and show their skills in the fine arts.

The fine arts classes that students could take were band, chorus, and art. Band and chorus were both taught by Mr. Phillip Merz for the first time. Art classes were taught by Mrs. Nancy Clisbee.

Drama wasn't a class. It was an extra-curricular activity in which students could participate in many ways. Sponsored by Mrs. Martha-Jean Rockey, it included the fall, spring, and one-act plays and the speech team.

Clint Peden agrees to perform his hypnotism act for Gillian Guier in the spring play, *Kilroy Was Here*. Photo by Deb Benitz.



The speech team, music team, and art team all competed with other schools in the area throughout the year.

Students participating in music could be in either vocal or instrumental music. Some even took part in both.

Those in art could do several things that other students could only see the results of. They made sketches, paintings, sculptures, modern art, and many other creative and expressive works of art.

Danae Rush looks for a good choice in the book store at Crown Center on a drama club field trip. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



The Troy High School pep band rests before playing at the State Basketball Tournament in Manhattan. Photo by Clint Peden.



Music classes have new teacher

The chorus and band once again started the year off with a new teacher. The classes were under the direction of Mr. Phillip Merz. There were 14 chorus members and 18 band members.

Football and basketball seasons the pep band played during all the home games, and when the boys basketball went to state the band went with them.

"The best part of band was playing at contests and pep band. I hope we have just as good of a band next year. I know we will have a blast" said band member, Lynsay Gibson.

Contests and concerts kept both classes busy with a Christmas concert and a Fine Arts night. Fine Arts night was a time to recognize talents other than

athletics.

Chorus and band hosted the DVL Music contest at Highland Community College. The Chorus performed the songs "The Dream Lives on" and "Witness". Chorus received two II's, and the band received a II and III.

The State Music Festival was held at Sabetha High school, chorus received a II, II, and, III. The band received the same thing.

"Chorus was a lot of fun this year. I think that the contests were the best part, because you get rated at the beginning of the year on how well you are doing, and then at the end you go back and see how much you have improved," said chorus member Robin Rodgers.



BJ Christenson, Dallas Walters, and Kelli Rodgers are playing in pep band at a home football game. Photo by Katie Culp



97-98 Chorus Front row: Mr. Phillip Merz, Jamie Christenson, Errica Stanton, Amy Schmille, Jessica Stanton, Taryn Schmidt, and James Huss. Back row Linda Feek, Larissa Handley, Suzie Oyerly, Robin Rodgers, Melissa McNeely, and Amy King. Not pictured: Christy Gibson and April Hiemer. Photo by Bray

The band is performing at the Fine Arts night. The speech team also performed. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



97-98 Band Front row: Regan Miner, Crystal Trant, Jenny Ford, Angie Neumann, Regina Adams, and Ginger Winder. Middle row: Katie Culp, Rachel Clary, Jared Pickerell, Dallas Walters, Ryan Grable, Amanda Clary, Aaron Dunn, BJ Christenson, and Ben Anderson. Back row: Mr. Phillip Merz, Kelli Rodgers, Michael Jenkins, and Aaron Clary. Photo by Bray



The chorus sang "The Dream Lives on" at the Christmas concert in the old gym, while Mr. Merz conducted. They also sang "Witness" at this program. The band performed as well. Chorus and band had many concerts in which they performed including the Fine Arts, as well as the Christmas concert. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Art takes students out of the classroom

THS Art classes gave students a chance to get out of the classroom. Besides competing in contests students enjoyed working on different projects. The art department also took exciting field trips. These trips proved to be helpful in learning about different types of art and artists.

One trip that the art class took was to the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art; where there they toured the "American Art and Culture," where "Our Favorites," a tour arranged by art students Adam Clary and Aaron Clary, and then had the chance to look around by themselves. They then went to Crown Center for lunch. After lunch they made their way down to Leedy Voukos, Society for Contemporary Photography, and the Cohen/Berkowitz Gallery. Then they toured the Toy and Miniature Museum. The students enjoyed shopping at the Country Club Plaza Area. After shopping everyone had the chance to go to Martin City Melodrama, for dinner and then a show.

In addition to field trips, students also had the chance to learn more about the Colorado Institute of Art. A guest speaker Judi Mahin, spoke about the different areas of interest there.

In addition to the guest speaker, the art students had the opportunity to enter contests' at Highland Community College and Delaware Valley League (DVL), at Oskaloosa. Some students received awards; Ginger Winder placed third out of about 200 students in the art quiz. Artwork displayed included that of Danae

Rush, who received a gold medal for her mixed media work "Storm Window." Several students received certificates of merit for work displayed: Brad Johnson, for a still life drawing; Melissa Campbell for a combination of still life/portrait; and Kristin Kinsey, for her spray paint "Strength."

The art department also worked on various projects, such as drawings, ceramics, and collages. Students also got the chance to work on the pottery wheel.

Senior Aaron Clary commented, "Art started out as an easy 'A'. It turned out that it would encourage me to become a music video producer."

One project which was a big hit was senior Adam Clary and Aaron Clary's sculpture "Hey! Joe Where Ya Goin With That Gun?" The sculpture was a head and torso cast of their bodies. They worked in cooperation with the St. Joesph Military Heritage Museum.

"We had a great year in Art. If I were to pick some highlights, they would have to be our all-day/evening field trips with the drama club, our first time participation in the Albrecht-Kemper Regional High School Exhibit in St. Joe, and the success of our returning Art History Quiz team, who placed second this year at Highland Community College," commented art teacher Mrs. Nancy Clisbee.



Freshman Amanda Clary works hard on one of many art sketches. Photo by Chris Hoverson



Juniors Larissa Handley, Laura Ford, and Kristin Kinsey work on finishing their chalk drawing at Highland Art Day. Photo by Jamie Christenson

Sophomores Robin Rodgers and Gillian Guier work on the fall play scenery. Photo by Chris Hoverson



Seniors Adam Clary and Aaron Clary display their sculpture. Photo by Nancy Clisbee



Seniors Jamie Christenson and Brad Johnson work on painting Christmas trees for the Doniphan County Sheltered Workshop, while junior Laura Ford, and sophomores Jeff Scroggins and Chuck Boeh look on. Photo by Chris Hoverson



Drama club produces, views plays

Putting on plays and watching others put on plays would describe the drama club.

One of last performances that speech members participated in was the one-act "Teenage Romance." The cast received 2nd at league contest, and a I at state. The cast was acclaimed for excellent ensemble work in an oral critique by the judge. Members of the one-act were Jared Cash, Andy Bramlage, Gillian Guier, Ross Turpin, Megan Boeh, Megan Johnson, Suzie Oyerly, Allisha Benitz, Jesse Cash, Betsy Schultz, and B.J. Christenson. Laura Ford was the student director, and Michael Jenkins was stage manager

The drama students stayed busy going to many different plays. Some of the many plays that they viewed were *Romeo and Juliet* at the Missouri Theater, *Rudolph the Dead-Nosed Reindeer* at Martin City Melodrama, *Comedy of Errors* at the Missouri Repertory Theater, *Lend Me a Tenor* at the Ice House Theater and

Noises Off at Theatre Atchison. In October a number of the drama club members went to the Renaissance Festival in Kansas City.

Along with viewing plays put on by others, they also put on two of their own productions, *Dirty Work in High Places* and *Kilroy Was Here*.

Tad Blanton said "The plays that we produced were hard work in the beginning, but in the end it was a lot of fun. I also liked the plays that we went to see as a group."

The drama club sold Argus products which helped to fund lighting equipment such as a strobe light for the fall play and a party fogger, which was also used as another effect during the play.

Freshman Kristin Grable said, "I thought that drama club was very fun and exciting this year and I am looking forward to future years."



Helping clean up after the spring dinner theater by washing dishes is junior Larissa Handley. Photo by James Huss



Pictured above are drama club members: Front row: Nicole Kinsey, Jared Cash, Megan Boeh, and Allisha Benitz. Row 2: Andy Bramlage, Jessica Stanton, Jamie Wykert, Sarah Geiger, Sandi Nelson, Chris Hoverson, Jamie Christenson, James Huss, Taryn Schmidt, Errica Stanton, Melissa Campbell, and Martha-Jean Rockey, sponsor. Row 3: Tim Uplinger, Micah Campbell, Sarah Boeh, Ryan Grable, Suzie Oyerly, Laura Ford, Betsy Schultz, Katie Culp, Amy King, Larissa Handley, Taylor Lister, and Clint Peden. Row 4: Aaron Clary, Joe Frump, Angie Bramlage, Christine Whetstine, Jesse Cash, Crystal Trant, Melissa Albers, Brandi Strong, Janessa Stamper, Gillian Guier, Shelby Scholz, and Amber Clary. Row 5: Tyler Thomas, Ross Turpin, Brandon Taylor, Rachel Clary, Amanda Clary, Kari Schultz, Marci Sharp, Carol Hoverson, Kristin Grable, Corinne Ruhnke, and B.J. Christenson. Row 6: Abra Eylar, Ginger Winder, Robin Rodgers, Morgan Hinds, Don Clary, Kyle Losson, Megan Johnson, Ashley Jensen, Kelli Rodgers, Erin Murphy, Tad Blanton, and Michael Jenkins. Row 7: Jamie Stewart, Regina Adams, Kristin Kinsey, and Lacey Whittaker. Photo by Mick Rockey.

Pictured below is the one-act cast of "Teenage Romance": Front row: B.J. Christenson, Jesse Cash, Gillian Guier, Megan Boeh, Allisha Benitz, and Ross Turpin. Row 2: Laura Ford, Suzie Oyerly, Jared Cash, Andy Bramlage and Megan Johnson. Photo by Mick Rocky.

Drama club officers are Allisha Benitz, historian; Nicole Kinsey, treasurer; Megan Boeh, secretary; and Jared Cash, president. Not pictured: Christy Gibson, vice-president. Photo by Bray.



Pictured above are art and drama students who went together on a field trip to the Nelson-Atkins Art Gallery, Toy and Miniature Museum, the Plaza, and Martin City Melodrama. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

Dirty Work... in THS

"Oh, it's good to be alive!" exclaims Gentle Grimmes, and then adds, "Little Saccharin, you are in my web."

The fall play was *Dirty Work in High Places*, a melodramatic farce, by Tim Kelly. The Troy High Drama Department is famous for performing humorous plays in the fall.

A melodramatic farce is a play that has melodrama characteristics, but is also far-fetched and unbelievable in the real world.

This was the first time that the drama club used canvas backdrops instead of the usual stage walls. The backdrops were painted by art students directed by Nancy Clisbee. The setting of the play took place in four different places: The Beach Cottage, The Street, The Executive Office, and The Rally.

The play also used some new special effects, such as a strobe light for a slow-motion chase scene and a fog machine.

"I thought the fog machine effect was really neat since we haven't used it before. It was really fun getting to work it," said James Huss, Stage Manager.

"I think the fall play went really well this year. Sure we messed up a bit, but the audience got a good laugh. The play was a good choice for us to do. I had a lot of fun acting in it and was happy I got a good part," said Betsy Schultz (Widow Aged).

The play was about a villain, Gentle Grimmes



Trickster (Aaron Clary), Rotten (Micah Campbell) and Sly (Ross Turpin), run from the sheriff, entering right. Photo by Jenny Ford.

(Jared Cash), who schemes the town out of all their money. Enter Dauntless Crusader (Ryan Grable) who saves the day. Little Saccharin (Sarah Geiger) who was the long-lost granddaughter of Grandpa (Andy Bramlage), and Grandma (Suzie Oyerly), and long-lost sister of Baby Bob (B.J. Christenson), and Baby Alice (Allisha Benitz), comes back and knows nothing of the world, so Gentle Grimmes takes advantage of her.

Gentle Grimmes plans to make Little Saccharin his after destroying her grandparents, but Dauntless Crusader catches her heart instead.

"I played the villain in the past three melodramas, so I ought to be getting good at it by now," said Jared Cash.

Throughout the play, Gentle Grimmes tries every trick in the book to triumph, but in the end the villain loses and the hero prevails.



Gentle Grimmes (Jared Cash), tries to look innocent after throwing Little Saccharin (Sarah Geiger) to the ground. Photo by Jenny Ford.

The cast members were Row 1: Katie Culp, Lynsay Gibson, Christine Whetstine, Amanda Clary, Megan Johnson, Kristin Grable, and Ashley Jensen; Row 2: Janessa Stamper, Brandi Strong, Jesse Cash, B.J. Christenson, Allisha Benitz, Amber Clary, and Marci Sharp; Row 3: Gillian Guier, Melissa Campbell, Laura Ford, Angie Bramlage, Andy Bramlage, Suzie Oyerly, Christy Gibson, Betsy Schultz, Megan Boeh, and Sarah Boeh; Row 4: Ross Turpin, Jared Cash, Aaron Clary, Sarah Geiger, Micah Campbell, Ryan Grable, Clint Peden, and Jamie Christenson. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



"We're going for a ride!" exclaim Baby Bob (B.J. Christenson) and Baby Alice (Allisha Benitz). Photo by Jenny Ford.



The crew members were Row 1: Regina Adams, Jesse Cash, Erin Murphy, Katie Culp, Jamie Stewart, Crystal Trant, Melissa Albers, Robin Rodgers, and Amanda Clary; Row 2: Kelli Rodgers, Kari Schultz, Corinne Ruhnke, Kristin Grable, Nicole Kinsey, Laura Ford, Betsy Schultz, Ginger Winder, Brandon Taylor, Joe Frump, and Ashley Jensen; Row 3: Jared Pickerell, Larissa Handley, Morgan Hinds, Amy King, Michael Jenkins, Don Clary, Sandi Nelson, Chris Hoverson, Suzie Oyerly, Abra Eyer, Tyler Thomas, Taylor Lister, Megan Johnson, and Carol Hoverson; Row 4: Kristin Kinsey, Tim Uplinger, James Huss, and Kyle Losson. Photo by Bray.

The Troy speech team had many old and new members. The Troy speech members are, Front Row: Ross Turpin, Betsy Schultz, Ashley Jensen, Corinne Ruhnke, Gillian Guier, Angie Bramlage, Christine Whetstine, and Sponsor Martha-Jean Rockey. Row 2: Jesse Cash, Amanda Clary, Erin Murphy, Lynsay Gibson, Taylor Lister, Megan Boeh, Megan Johnson, Micah Campbell, and Andy Bramlage. Row 3: Tad Blanton, Michael Jenkins, B.J. Christenson, Suzie Oyerly, Laura Ford, Katie Culp, Jared Cash, Aaron Clary, and Clint Peden. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Andy Bramlage and Angie Bramlage earned a medal for their duet at every meet at which they competed. It's about a boy who grows up "hating" the girl next door until they are teenagers. Both of them also competed at State with speeches. Angie had an oration on resistance to antibiotics and Andy had an informative speech on preserving food through irradiation. Photo by Katie Culp.



Informing about animal biotechnology is Megan Johnson in her oration. She was the only Troy student to medal when a small group of forensics students went to Basehor-Linwood for their first ever night meet before regionals. She also performed a serious solo "Zelda" about the wife of F. Scott Fitzgerald. Photo by Laura Ford.



Speech competitors advance to State

"Look, you don't know me. That's a problem," explained Andy Bramlage, in the beginning of his duet act, "Jerry Finnegan's Sister," with sister Angie Bramlage.

Andy, along with 24 other THS students, was a member of the speech and forensics team, which was coached by Mrs. Martha-Jean Rockey. They competed in five meets and regional and state competitions, as well as hosting a meet.

"The best part of speech would have to be when we won the poster contest at Royal Valley and got the infamous mannequin," said Amanda Clary.

The speech members could compete in many categories at a meet. These included humorous solo, serious solo, duet acting, poetry, prose, oration, informative speech, extemporaneous speech, and improvised duet acting.

"I love competing to win and hanging out with all of the new friends I see at every meet," said Tad Blanton.

The Troy team hosted the Troy Invitational speech meet. Many students helped with this meet,

with 17 teams attending. The meet ran smoothly thanks to the help of people from the community, teachers, people from other schools, and students in the drama club as well as the speech team.

"I really enjoyed hanging out at speech meets and performing. Doing well and winning medals was great!" said Angie Bramlage.

The team attended Regionals at Turner High School. The students were performing for a I rating instead of a medal. A I rating automatically qualified a performer for State speech.

The team traveled to Johnson County Community College to perform for state. The students receiving I ratings at state were Gillian Guier, poetry interpretation, and Christine Whetstine, informative speech. Receiving a II rating were Andrew Bramlage, informative speech; Micah Campbell and B.J. Christenson, improvised duet acting; Gillian Guier, serious solo acting; Megan Johnson, oration; and Taylor Lister, poetry interpretation. The students who received III ratings were Andy Bramlage and Angie Bramlage, duet acting.



Gillian Guier is performing "Metropolitan Nightmare," a poetry interpretation about the year the termites came to New York and ate steel. Gillian qualified for state at Royal Valley, where she won the serious acting category with her solo, "Born of Man and Woman," a story about a strange child who drips green and is locked in a cellar. Photo by Laura Ford.

Explaining the real story of Cinderella is Taylor Lister in her poetry interpretation. Taylor qualified for State at league. "Cinderella" by Roald Dahl is a comic, twisted look at the familiar story. She also had a serious solo, "Shadows," about a girl growing up in the South. Photo by Laura Ford.

Kilroy was here at THS

Lights. Camera. Action! *Kilroy Was Here* written by Tim Kelly, music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur, was the play performed by the Troy High School Drama Club, March 26 and 27. The play revolves around the United States government's attempt to determine how secrets are being received by the enemy. Most of the action of the play is set in the Brooklyn, U.S.O. Club, and the play centers around soldiers and hostesses as well as U.S. agents and enemy spies.

Kilroy, played by Jared Cash, is a private in the army who started drawing a peculiar looking cartoon character during WWII. Ruth, the main hostess from the U.S.O. Club, was played by Sarah Geiger. Clint Peden and Megan Johnson were the lead villains in the play.

The spring play also featured the annual dinner theater. One hundred and forty-four tickets were sold. The menu was lasagna, with or without meat, green beans, french bread, garden salad, desserts, and a

beverage. Linda Schultz and Bea Koehler were in charge of the dinner.

Clint Peden, who played the part of Professor Milton Sullivan, said, "I enjoyed it thoroughly. I didn't mind being the villain. I was happy to have a leading male role."

Megan Johnson, who played the part of Hermione, said, "Being in the spring play was really great, especially since my character was one of the main villains. Hermione was really fun to portray because she's so grouchy and sarcastic and she gets to snap at everyone. Now that the play is over everyone says my calling in life is to sell newspapers. I think playing a vendor was more than enough."

Before the play, Director Martha-Jean Rockey was presented with a special display from the seniors, and flowers. Later the entire cast and crew accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Rockey enjoyed a pizza party at Don and Ferryl Cash's house.



Singing "Together We are One" are Front Row: Janessa Stamper, Marci Sharp, Rachel Clary, Angie Bramlage, Christine Whetstine, Corinne Ruhnke, Brandi Strong, and Megan Johnson. Row 2: Ryan Grable, Tim Uplinger, and Megan Boeh. Row 3: B.J. Christenson, Suzie Oyerly, Sarah Geiger, and Allisha Benitz. Photo by Deb Benitz



Dancing to "We'll Meet Again" are Megan Boeh and Ryan Grable. Photo by Deb Benitz

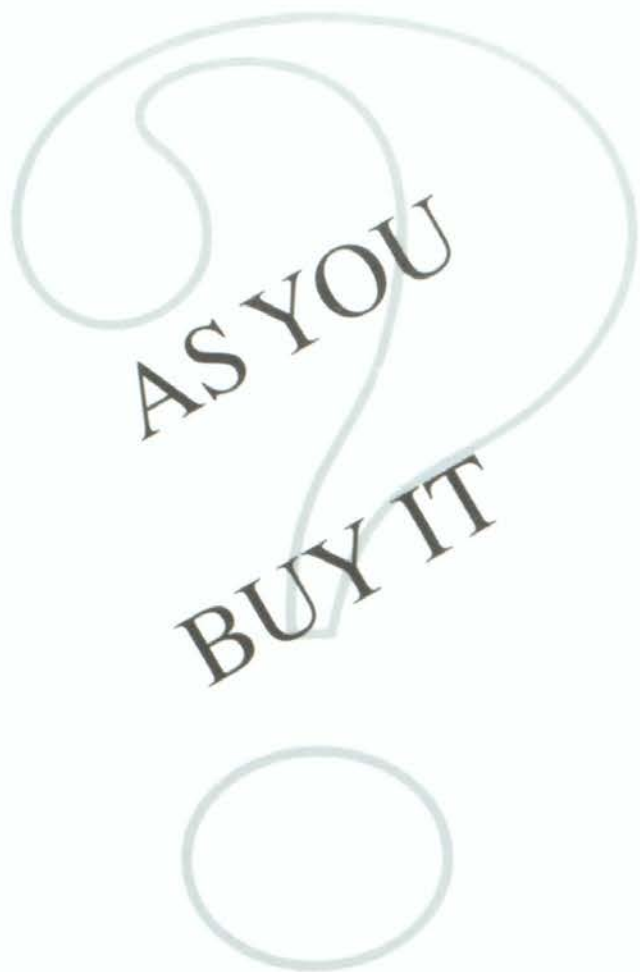
"Tell me everything you know" says Clint Peden to Ross Turpin, Gillian Guier, and Megan Johnson, the spies of the play.
 Photo by Deb Benitz



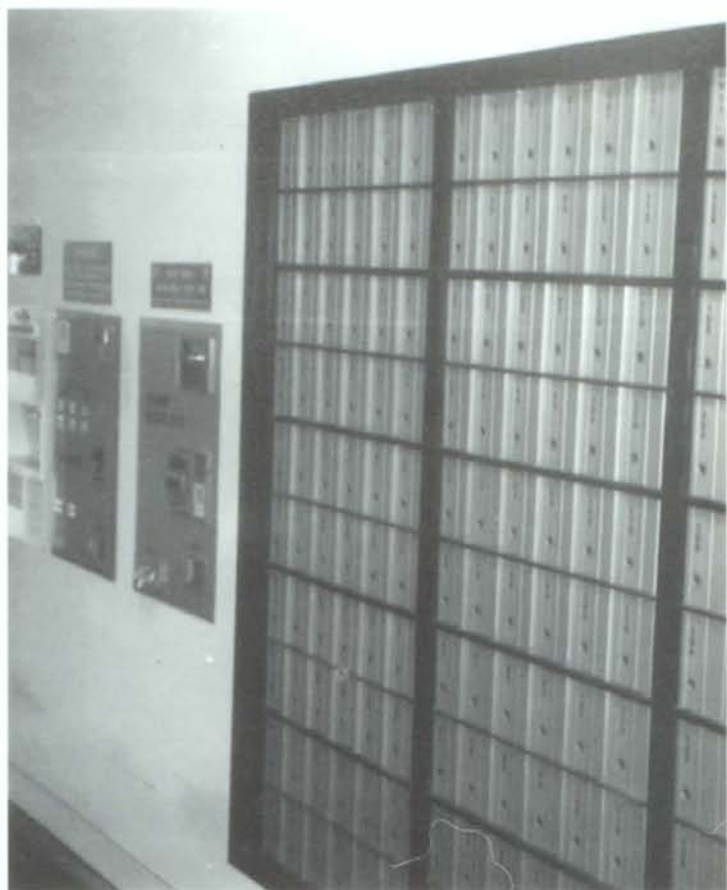
Cast and crew are Front Row: Shelby Scholz, Kelli Rodgers, Larissa Handley, Kari Schultz, Amy King, Jesse Cash, Tyler Thomas, Ginger Winder, Abra Eylar, Regina Adams, and Carol Hoverson. Row 2: Kristin Grable, Nicole Kinsey, Taylor Lister, Crystal Trant, Kristin Kinsey, Melissa Albers, Jamie Stewart, Robin Rodgers, Chris Hoverson, and James Huss. Row 3: Andy Bramlage, Sarah Boeh, Jamie Christenson, Aaron Clary, Jared Cash, Sarah Geiger, Tiffany Juhl, Corinne Ruhnke, Katie Culp, Marci Sharp, Janessa Stamper, Tad Blanton, and Michael Jenkins. Row 4: Ryan Grable, Brandi Strong, Rachel Clary, Ashley Jensen, Christine Whetstine, Angie Bramlage, Gillian Guier, Micah Campbell, Ross Turpin, and Jared Pickerell. Row 5: Melissa Campbell, Megan Johnson, Amanda Clary, Megan Boeh, and Clint Peden. Row 6: Allisha Benitz, Suzie Oyerly, B.J. Christenson, Tim Uplinger, Laura Ford, and Betsy Schultz. Photo by Martha-Jean Rockey



"Put your hands up!" Corinne Ruhnke and Angie Bramlage, say to stop the runaways.
 Photo by Deb Benitz



The Troy Post Office underwent some changes. The old post office boxes were replaced with metal ones. Photo by Andrew Bramlage.



Le Coeur et Le Ame, or The Heart and Soul, owned by Debbie Simpson, is one building that was remodeled this year. Mrs. Simpson plans to turn it into a dinner theater. Photo by Chris Hoverson.

Businesses provide jobs for students

For Troy students, money is one of the most wanted and needed things. That's why so many of the students had part-time jobs. This gave them the money they needed to spend time with their friends, buy the latest fashions, or buy and maintain a car.

Andy Bramlage worked at the Troy Public Library while maintaining his own computer business and holding down a job at John's Market.

Another place that employed several students after school and on weekends was the Troy Fast Lane. Some of the students who worked there were Laura Ford and Katie Culp.

Christy Gibson and Sandi Nelson both had jobs at Pizza Hut in Wathena, while Kirk Jamvold had a job at Payless Cashways in St. Joseph.

The Troy Heritage Place received a facial as the front of the building was renovated. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Other students who worked in St. Joseph were Jessica and Errica Stanton and Jamie Wykert.

Some students worked for their parents. For example, Cory Ruhnke earned his money by mowing lawns and doing other odd farm jobs around his house.

Chris Hoverson, Jenny Ford, and Jamie Christenson were employed at Great Western Dining in Highland, and James Huss worked at the Casey's in Wathena.

President Abraham Lincoln slept in this house. To commemorate the event, the house is being restored. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



Due to regulations, the Doniphan County Court House has begun construction to become handicapped accessible. Photo by Chris Hoverson.



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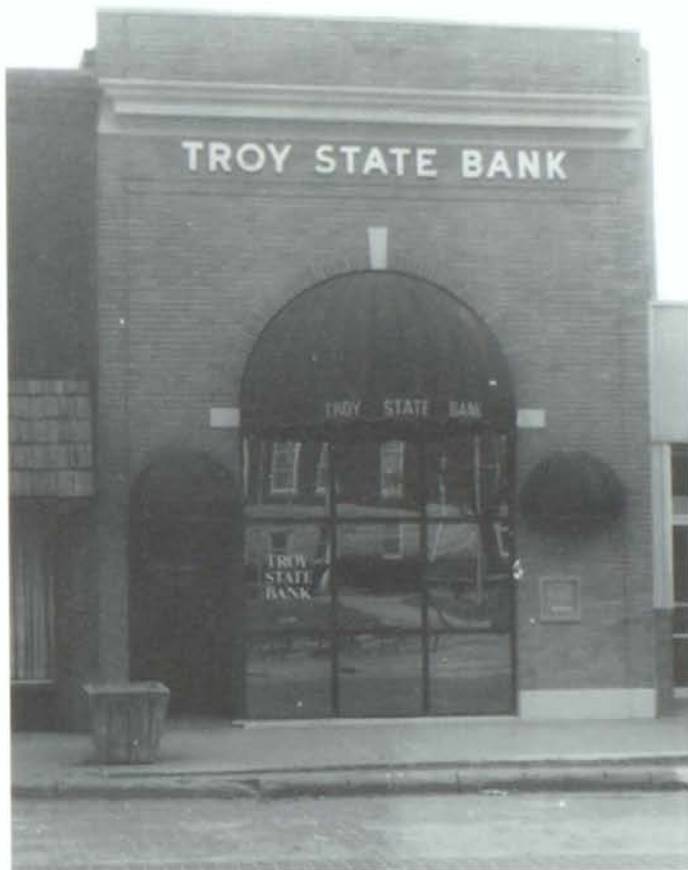
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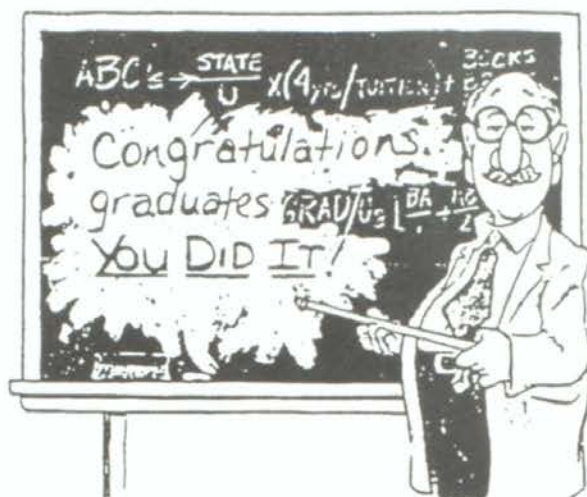


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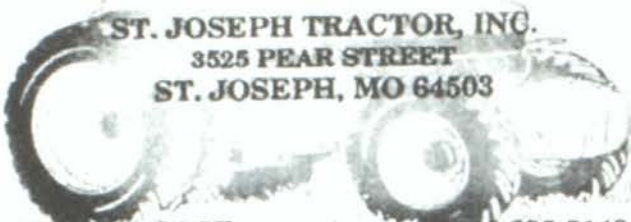


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We love you!

Mom, Dad,
Lacey, and Kelsey



Jenny,

I just want you to know how proud we are of you. I didn't realize this time would come so soon. You are such a creative person and I know you will go far in life. Look for the future and learn from the past. I know you will succeed at your dreams and goals in life, and remember, I'm always here for you.

Love,

Mom and Laura



Born a black-headed beauty, this blond "cutie" made it to be a knock-out brunette grad.

Make your "attitude" work for you Puss, to get what you want out of life.

As Uncle Charlie said, "Keep on keep'n on."

Love, "Us"



It seems like only yesterday since we brought our little towhead home. You have grown into a fine young man. We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. You have the strong determination and great sense of humor to help you through life's journey. Keep God in your heart and everything will fall into place.

We love you,

Dad, Mom, & Craig



Jared,

We have looked forward to this day for a long time with joy and yet some sadness. We are so proud of what you have accomplished. You are a very talented young man and are capable of doing anything you set your mind to. Keep setting goals and continue to develop your gifts. Follow your heart and dream big!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Jesse, Janna



James,

We have always expected your best in everything you try. Keep working hard to meet your goals. We love you and are very proud of you.

Love always,

Mom, Dad,

Kimberly,

and Jonathan



Dallas.

You have brought so much fun and happiness into our lives. May you always be the kind and caring person you are now. You have made us so **PROUD**. Remember that we will always be here for you.

We Love You
Always and Forever
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Doug, David, and Jo



"Sport"

We are so very proud of you. We know you can accomplish anything you put your mind to. So set your goals and work hard. Believe and follow your dreams. Dreams do come true. Stay the sweet, loving person you are. Good luck at Benedictine. Thanks for all the happy and proud memories and the kisses after each ball game. What a joy you are to us.

We Love You
God Bless You
Grandpa and Grandma



Dear Brad,

How quickly the past eighteen years have flown by! We are very proud of all your accomplishments during this time. Whatever you choose to do with your life is up to you—we're behind you all the way. We hope that you continue throughout life with the determination and sense of humor you have always shown in the past.

We love you very much,
Mom, Dad, and Justin



Sandi,

You've grown from a little dancer to a beautiful young woman. We're very proud of you.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, and Steve



You are a beautiful person, inside and out. You have the biggest heart - keep it filled with happiness. You have always been sensitive, caring, giving, and loving. That love will always keep us close. Keep your strong faith and remember our love is with you wherever you go. We are so proud and thankful that you are our daughter and sister.

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Megan



Adam,

Drawings I saved that you scribbled at 3, and pictures of you with 2 missing teeth; the ball in the corner you'd throw afternoons, makes me think back of special times with you. Like muddy shoes that stayed that way even if they were cleaned every day. Your hugs at night made my days worthwhile; muddy shoes were forgotten with just one smile. At night I'd watch you sleeping in your room and I'd thank God for one more day with you. We are so proud of you.

Love you forever,
Mom, Kev, and Tara



Jamie Sue,

Your first day of kindergarten seems like yesterday. It hasn't been easy for you, challenges, changes, losing some. I'm proud of you; your strength held you in there and your accomplishments are great. Believe in yourself and follow your dreams. When things seem worst, you must not quit! May God bless and guide you with much happiness and success, today, tomorrow, and all through your life.

We love you,
Mom and Jimmy



Dear Jaylon,

What happened? One day you're in kindergarten and the next you're graduating high school. There are no words to express just how proud I am of you or how much I love you. I'm going to miss you terribly this summer, but I'm so thrilled you have such a solid start on your future. You'll go far, Jaylon; I have no doubt about that! Love,

Mom and Dad,
Kiley, Joel, Audrey,
Austin, and Aaliyah



Aaron,

It's been 18 years since we brought you home. We wondered how you would turn out. Now we see you are a great young man. And we agree with you, you are the greatest drummer in the world! You've always chosen your own path. Life's challenges are similar to the way you got this bike. Put your mind to it and you can achieve anything.

Love, Dad and Mom



Aaron,

You are still my favorite chauffeur. How many miles have we gone together? You are truly special and I am proud of the person you have become and will come to be. You have great potential and can do whatever you want to. Remember your #1 fan is at home.

Love, Rachel



Andy,

Life is filled with memorable moments on the road to adulthood. We have been privileged to share these with you, all the way from your first step to this latest step--your high school graduation.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Angie



Sarah Grace,

You have always taken the road less traveled and that has made the difference. You were not afraid to ride a wild horse or to paint flowers something other than red or green. We love you and are very proud of you. Carpe diem.

Love, Mom and Dad



Nicole,

You're not only my sister, you're one of my best friends. I've had so much fun being around you throughout high school. I will always cherish the memories that we've made, and am looking forward to the many that we will make when I come to visit you at K-State (that's right, I will come visit you).

Love always, Kristin



Nicole,

Congratulations! You have always cleared the path for me. I appreciate all that you have done for me. Good luck in all you do.

Love, Andrea



Nicole,

I'm very proud of you. Your sisters and you have been through a lot the last five years and have helped me get through them also. You are not only my daughter, but one of my best friends. No matter where we end up in the future, we will always be a family. Mom would be so proud of you and will always be with you in spirit and memory.

I Love You
Dad



Dear Andy,

We love you and are so very proud of you. We've enjoyed watching you grow and become a fine young man. You have the whole world before you and you can do anything you set out to do.

Good luck!
Mom, Dad,
Aaron, and Kiley



We always knew you were a very special young man. And you've certainly made us proud.

Love ya
Mom, Dad,
Heath, and Blaine



Amy,
Eighteen years have come and gone;
you've grown from a princess to a
lady.
Continue to be a special person to
everyone who knows you!
Love ya,
Mom and Dad



Angie,
We're so proud of you.
You're a beautiful young
lady, with a heart of gold.
You set goals in your life
that we know you'll reach.
But honey, no matter what
you do or where you go,
we'll always be here for you
every step of the way.
We love you so much,
Mom and Lonna



Kirk,
We love you very much
and are proud of you. Al-
ways remember the little
things in life and the fam-
ily and friends who have
helped you so far. Stay
focused on your goals and
you will go far in life.
We are here for you.
Love, Mom and Dad



Jaylon,
You can do anything you set your mind to! You and
I have many memories together and I know there will
be many more! You made my first two years in high
school the best. I don't know how I'll get through the
last two without you there. Good luck in the future
and remember me always!
Love, Crystal



Christianna,
We want to thank you for
all of the smiles, laughter and
fun you have brought to our
family. You have made us so
proud, you are an inspiration
to everyone that has met you.
Please continue to speak your
mind, write what you feel,
and take time to enjoy life.
May God bless and keep you
all the days of your life.
Love You, Mom and Dad

Adam,

Congratulations! You've made it! Thanks for being such a wonderful son. May all your hopes and dreams come true. Good luck and best wishes. Congratulations on twelve years of perfect attendance.

We Love You,
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Tara, and Steven



Dear 1997-98 Athletes,

Thank you for all the fun and wonderful memories.

We'll miss you, and good luck to all of you.

Jim and Rita Clary

Katherine,

We have always been proud of you, and your accomplishments. Your independence, determination, academic achievements and personality will assure you of success in all aspects of your life. You have always been a joy to be with and so easy to love. We could not ask for a more perfect daughter than you. Thank you for letting us share in your life. We will always support your decisions and share your dreams. We love you, best wishes, and "break a leg."

Love Always, Mom and John



Dear Chris,

I remember the doctor telling me I was pregnant with you...your father and I felt such joy that we were going to have a beautiful daughter. We were filled with such hope and were excited. Then you came to us on August 4, 1980, and we were very happy and full of love. You have such a beautiful smile and you light up a room when you enter it. You will go far in life because you have the will and determination to do so. You always have had a mind of your own and your father and I love you very much and know that you will do whatever it is that you set your mind to and will succeed at it. So remember, sweet Chris, that even though life deals a bad hand once in a while that you will always have our love no matter what, so go and take the world by storm, and keep on smiling!

With all our love, Mom and Dad

Tim,

I've watched you grow from a teedling toddler to a young adult. The years have passed as quickly as a forest fire. Keep your spirit and desire. Be true to your "self" and follow your dreams. Weigh the consequences, make a decision, and don't look back with regret. Achieve what you can and do your best.

Love Always,
Mom



Bobby,

You have come a long way and we are very proud of you. We know you will achieve all your goals in life if you never give up.

Love Ya,
Mom and Dad

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That Was the Question

Troy High School holds memories for all of its students and faculty. For the seniors it was the last place they were all together. For the freshman, it was the first place they had true freedom. For the faculty, it was another chapter, or the first chapter, in their teaching careers.

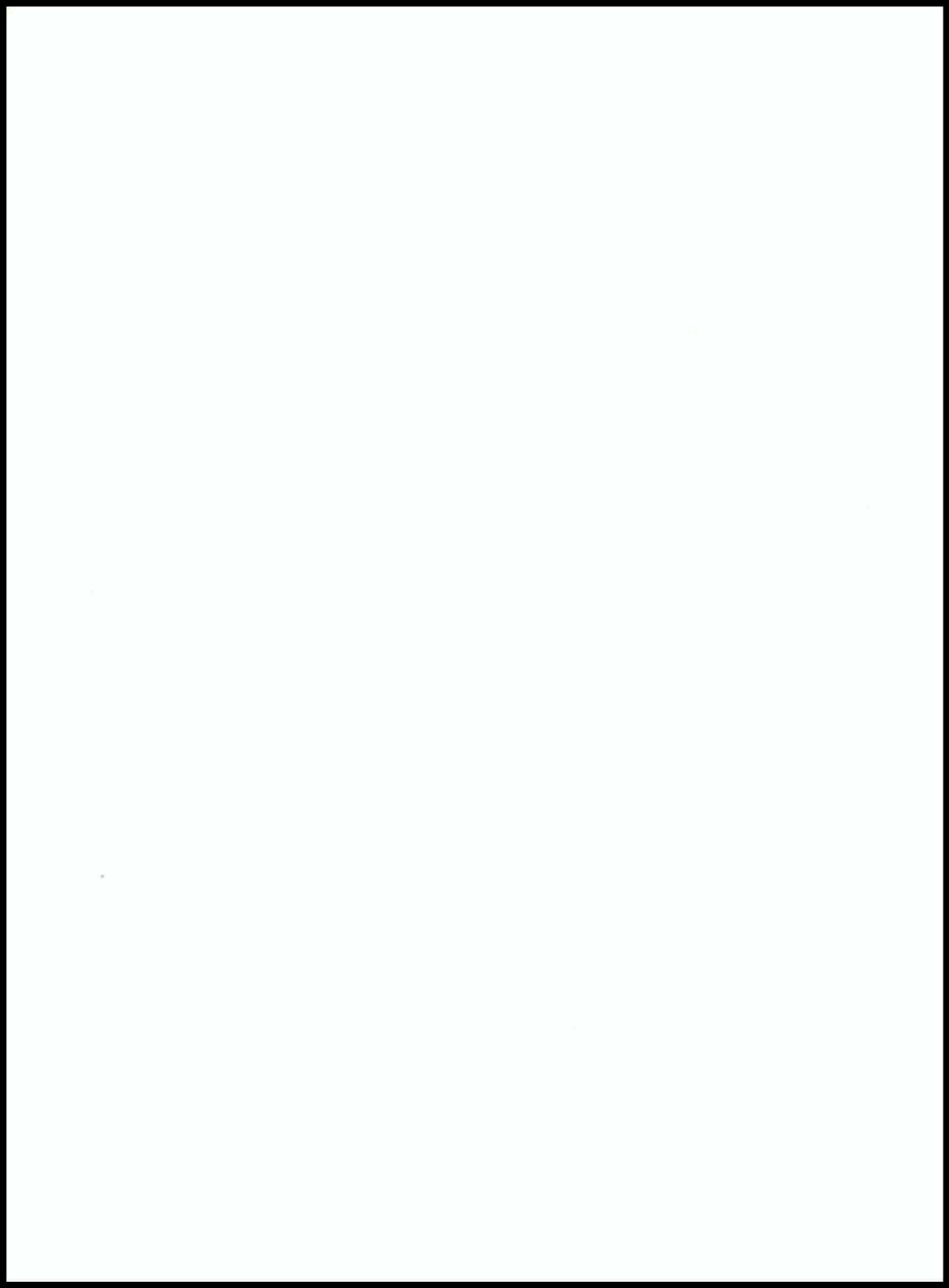
The halls are empty now, since the students went home for the summer, but they will be filled with life anew in the years to come. Another act in the play of life comes to a close, but after a brief intermission, the curtains will rise, and a whole new act will begin.

As time goes by, the students of THS will grow and blossom, as they adapt for the world that high school has prepared them for. The road ahead lies surrounded by heartbreak, disappointment, and failure, but the students of THS will press on, and emerge victorious once again.

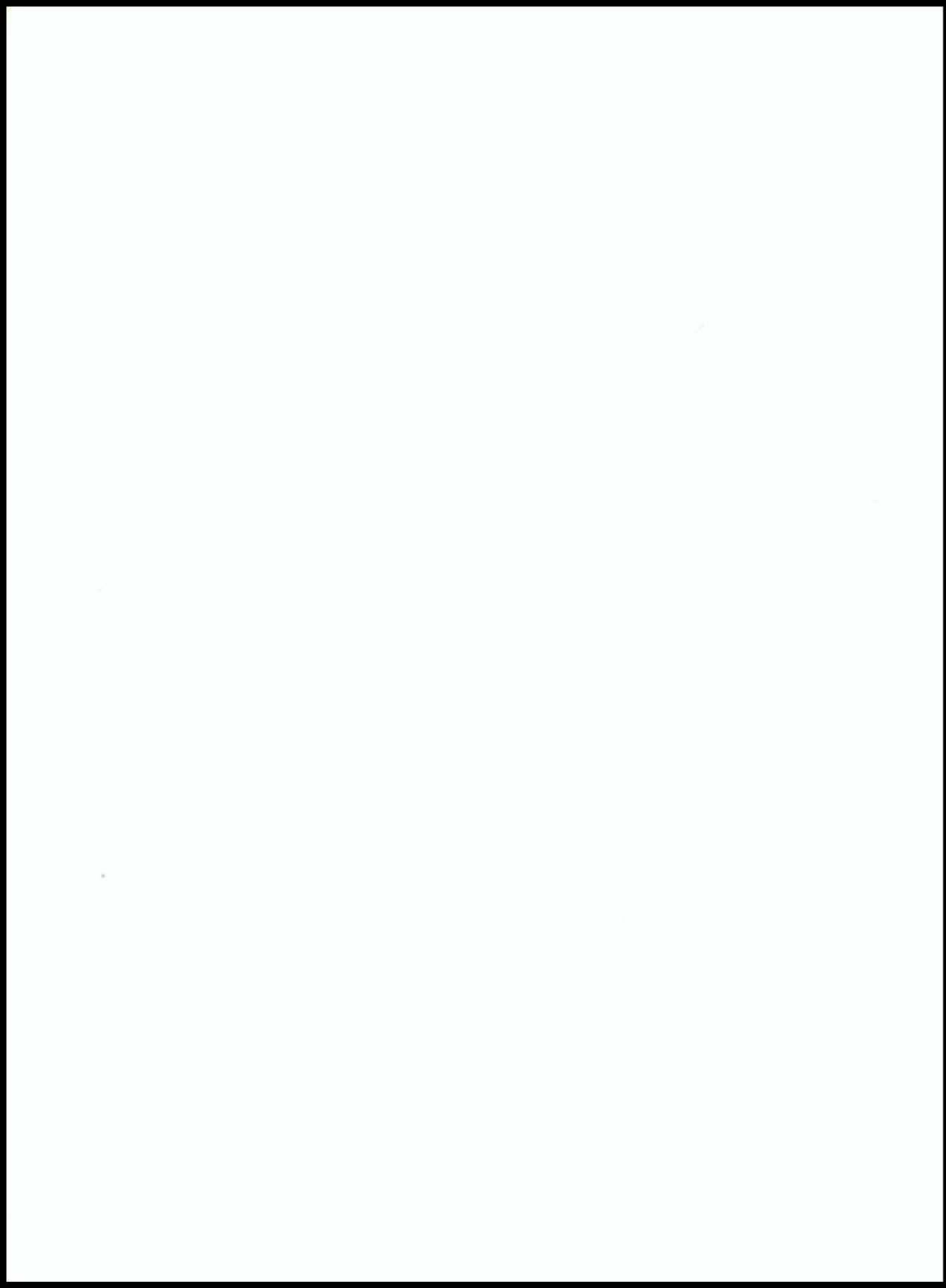
One simple phrase describes the 1997-1998 school year. To be or not to be. That was the question. "To be" was the answer.

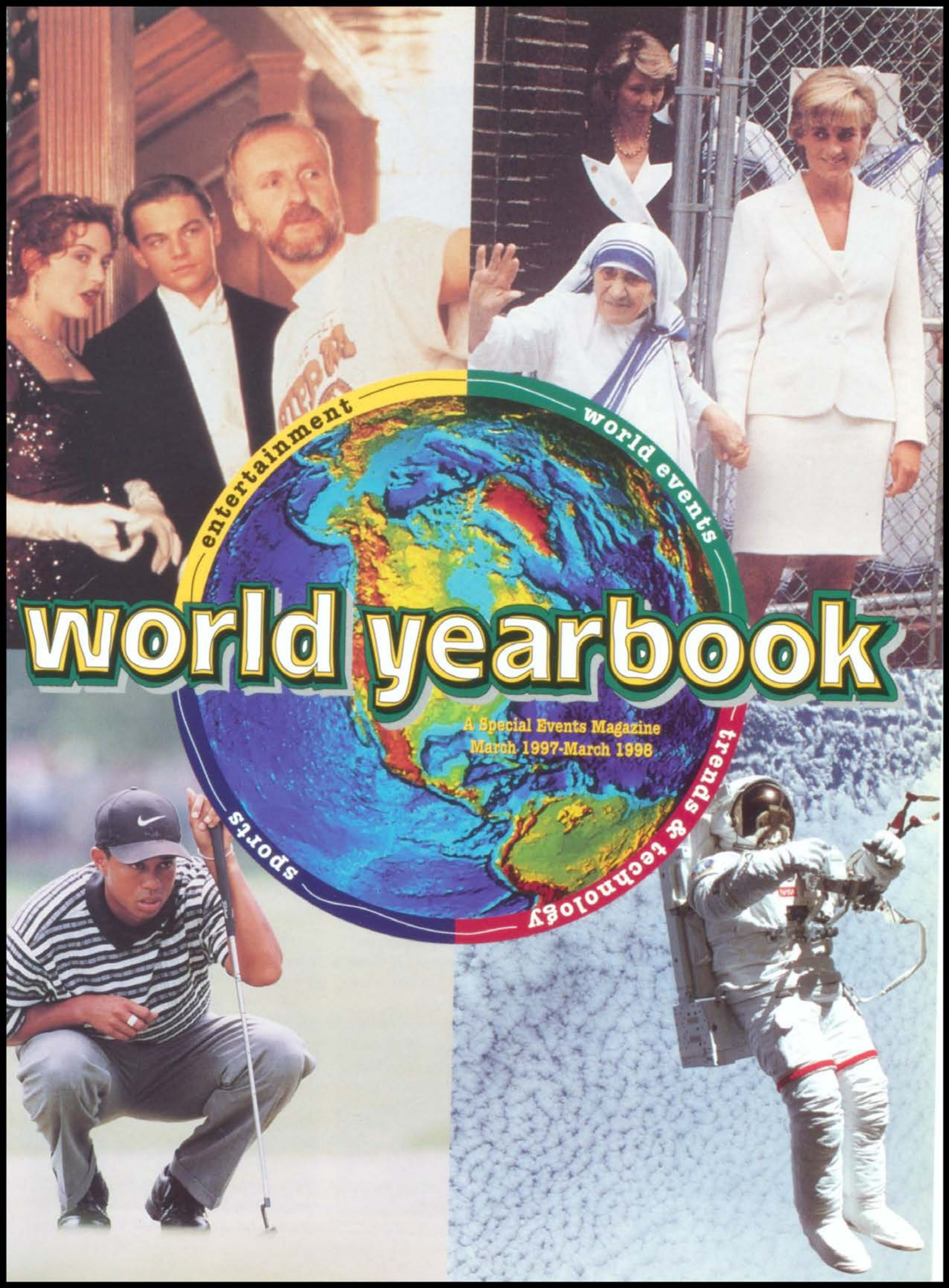


The graduating senior class of the 1997-98 school year poses for a picture just after graduating. Photo by Diane Hoverson.









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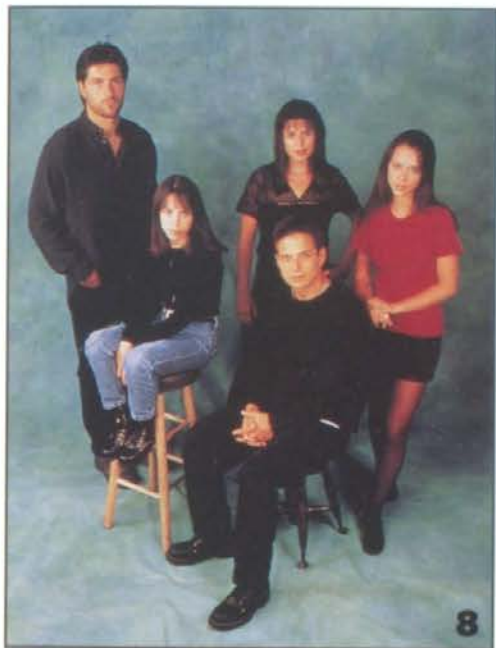


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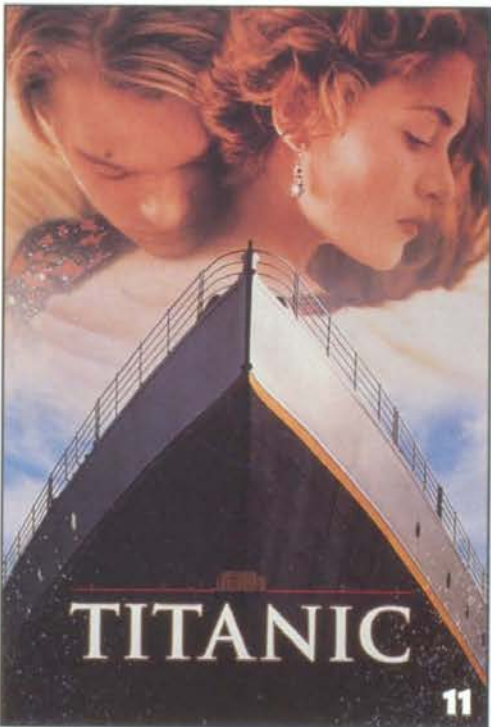
1. Calista Flockhart walked away with a Golden Globe award for her performance in the most talked about show of the season, *Ally McBeal*. **2. Chris Rock** stayed busy in 1997 with his new show on HBO - *The Chris Rock Show*, his album *Roll with the New*, stage performances, and his book, *Rock This!* **3. Jerry Seinfeld** announced that his show, television's most popular comedy, will end on May 14, 1998. Fans across the country and co-stars Michael Richards, Jason Alexander, and Julia Louis-Dreyfuss prepared for life without *Seinfeld*. **4. Julia Roberts** had a big year in 1997 with *Conspiracy Theory* and *My Best Friend's Wedding*. **5. The Lost World**, the sequel to *Jurassic Park*, was a summer blockbuster grossing an estimated \$229 million. **6.** ABC won viewers' hearts with *Dharma & Greg*, a sitcom about an uptight yuppie and a happy-go-lucky yoga instructor. **7. Kirstie Alley** returned to prime time as a lingerie executive in one of the most successful new sitcoms of the season, *Veronica's Closet*. **8.** The true-to-life drama *Party of Five*, starring Neve Campbell, Matthew Fox, Scott Wolf, Lacey Chabert, and Jennifer Love Hewitt, attracted millions of new devotees and increased its ratings by 29%. **9. Michael J. Fox** also returned to

prime time in *Spin City*. He won a Golden Globe for his role as the Deputy Mayor of New York City. **10.** "They work in secret and dress in black." *Men in Black*, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones, was one of the most successful films of the summer. The movie's combination of awesome special effects and humor drew people to the box office. **11.** Canadian director James Cameron "sunk" \$200 million dollars into the film *Titanic*. The film won Golden Globes for Best Director and Best Picture and captured 14 Academy Award nominations. In addition to earning awards and nominations, it became the top money making film in history. **12.** Childhood friends Ben Affleck and Matt Damon cowrote the screenplay for *Good Will Hunting*. Their efforts were recognized with a Golden Globe for Best Screenplay and nine Academy Award nominations. **13.** Since the animated show *King of the Hill* debuted in January of 1997, it has consistently been one of television's top 30 shows. Fox's other animated hit, *The Simpsons* became the longest running animated show in television history, surpassing the record previously held by *The Flintstones*. • *Air Force One*, with **Harrison Ford**, was a summer hit

earning \$171 million. Ford also won a People's Choice Award. • Ellen Degeneres' character in her sitcom *Ellen* became the first openly gay series lead in television. • Screenwriter **Kevin Williamson** brought horror back to the movies with *Scream*, its sequel *Scream 2* and *I Know What You Did Last Summer*. • Disney's stage version of *The Lion King* was one of Broadway's biggest hits. • Talk-show host **Ricki Lake** gave birth to her first child, a son. • Helen Hunt and Jack Nicholson starred in the romantic comedy *As Good As It Gets*, which



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earned each of them a Golden Globe. The film was also nominated for best picture at the Academy Awards. • Talk show host **Oprah Winfrey** was sued by Texas cattle ranchers, who said that her comments questioning beef safety cost them millions. The jury found Winfrey not liable. • Kim Basinger starred in the '50s Los Angeles crime thriller, *L.A. Confidential*. The movie was nominated for nine Academy Awards. • **Other popular television shows** were *ER*, *The X-Files*, *Touched by an Angel*, *Dawson's Creek*, *The Drew Carey Show*, *Frasier*,



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Xena, Brooklyn South, *Just Shoot Me*, *Chicago Hope*, *Sabrina the Teenage Witch*, and *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. • **Brandon Tartikoff** died at 48 of Hodgkin's Disease. He was the NBC executive responsible for shows like *Hill Street Blues*, *Cheers*, *The Cosby Show*, *L.A. Law*, and *Seinfeld*. • Throughout his acting career, **Jimmy Stewart** starred in 79 films including *The Philadelphia Story*, Hitchcock's *Vertigo*, and *Rear Window*. However, his most memorable performance was in the Christmas classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*. Stewart died at 89. • **We also paid final respects to** actor Chris Farley, explorer and filmmaker Jacques Cousteau, news commentator Charles Kuralt, actor Robert Mitchum, comedian Red Skelton, and actor Lloyd Bridges.



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What were your favorite television shows and movies?



Top 10 Movies for 1997:

1. Titanic
2. Men in Black
3. The Lost World
4. Liar Liar
5. Air Force One
6. Star Wars (reissue)
7. My Best Friend's Wedding
8. Face/Off
9. Tomorrow Never Dies
10. Batman & Robin



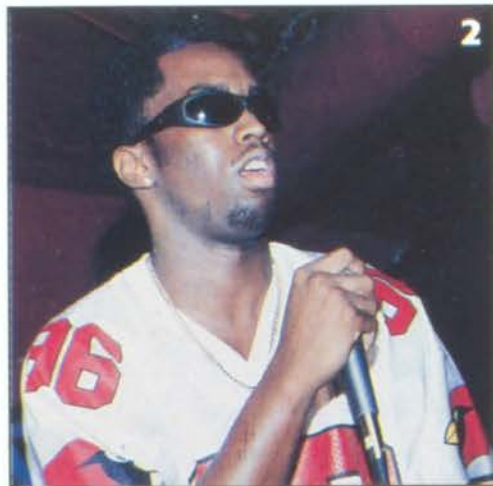
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1. At the tender age of 16, blues guitarist and singer **Jonny Lang** took his debut song, *Lie to Me*, to number two on the blues chart. 2. Producer, remixer, and rap artist **Sean "Puffy" Combs'** album *No Way Out* sold 561,000 copies in the first week after its release. Six consecutive songs that were either produced or sung by Combs remained at the top of Billboard's rap singles chart for 42 weeks. 3. At the 40th Grammy awards, **Shawn Colvin** walked away with Record of the Year and Song of the Year for *Sunny Came Home*. 4. **Erykah Badu** won a Grammy for Female Rhythm and Blues Vocal performance with her song *On and On*. Her album *Baduizm* won a Grammy for Rhythm and Blues Album. 5. The Florida-based group **Matchbox 20's** debut album, *Yourself or Someone Like You*, sold more than four million copies.

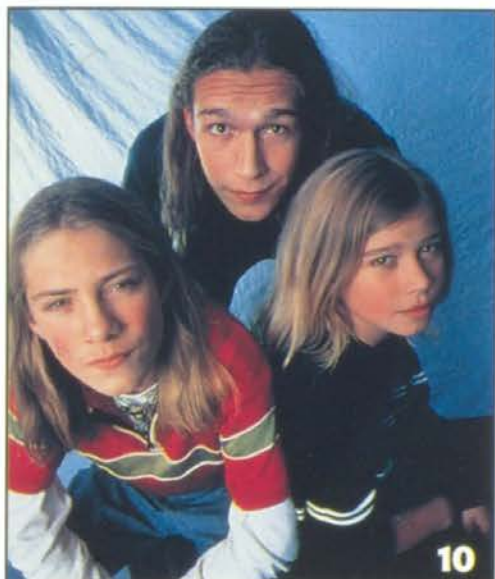
6. **Jamiroquai**, known for its unique sound and lead singer Jay Kay's Suess-inspired hats, won a Grammy for its song *Virtual Insanity*. 7. **Fiona Apple's** debut album *Tidal* brought the 20-year-old artist great success and a Grammy. 8. **Garth Brooks** gave a free concert in New York City's Central Park and drew hundreds of thousands of fans. His album *Sevens* sold 3.4 million copies between Thanksgiving and New Years. 9. **Fleetwood Mac** released its first new album, *The Dance*, in a decade. The album debuted at the top of the charts and the band grossed more than \$36 million on tour. The group was also inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame along with the *Eagles*, the *Mamas*

and the *Papas*, *Santana*, *Lloyd Price*, *Gene Vincent*, *Allen Toussaint*, and *Jelly Roll Morton*. 10. From America's heartland came **Hanson**, three brothers from Tulsa, Oklahoma. With Isaac, 16, on guitar, Taylor, 13, on keyboards and Zachary, 11, on drums, the group received an enthusiastic reception from teens. Their first album, *Middle of Nowhere*, hit the top 10, and the single *MMMBop* went to number one in the U.S. and Europe. 11. **LeAnn Rimes'** *Blue* was the best-selling debut album ever by a female country artist. While the double-platinum *You Light Up My Life* topped the pop and country charts, the 15-year old was busy writing an autobiographical novel, starring in a TV movie, and doing ads for Samsung and KFC. 12. The British quintet, **The Spice Girls**, took the world by storm with their hit single *Wannabe!*, their book *Girl Power*, and the movie *Spiceworld*. 13. **Jakob Dylan** and the *Wallflowers* had huge hits with the album *Bringing Down the Horse* and the single *One Headlight*. • Jakob's father, **Bob Dylan**, survived a serious heart ailment to release *Time Out of Mind*. The album was widely praised by critics and



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received a Grammy for Album of the Year. • **Elton John** sang goodbye to Princess Diana at her funeral with his tribute *Candle in the Wind 1997*. The recording became the fastest selling single in history. The singer said that he would never perform the song again, unless it was at the request of Diana's sons. • Michael Jackson's son, **Prince Michael Jackson, Jr.** was born and has already earned \$2 million for appearing on the cover of a British tabloid. • Canadian music legend **Joni Mitchell** was reunited with the daughter she gave up for adoption in 1965. After a lengthy search, private investigators helped the pair find one another. • Canadian **Sarah McLachlan** had a hit single, *Building a Mystery*, but her biggest accomplishment was putting together the **Lilith Fair Tour**. Lilith Fair was an all female rock tour that included artists Sheryl Crow,



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the Cardigans, Fiona Apple, Jewel, Tracy Chapman, Shawn Colvin, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Indigo Girls, Suzanne Vega, Paula Cole, Lisa Loeb, and Joan Osborne. The tour was so popular it upstaged even the hippest of tours like Lollapalooza and H.O.R.D.E. • **Bill Berry**, drummer for REM, retired after 17 years with the band. Berry suffered a brain aneurysm while on tour in 1995. • Rap artist and actor **Will Smith** took home his third Grammy for *Men in Black*. • While on tour in Sydney, Australia, **U2** loaned its cargo plane to the people of Auckland, New Zealand. The city had been without power for almost two weeks and needed generators. The use of U2's plane allowed needed generators to be flown in to restore power to millions of people. • **The Verve's** album *Urban Hymns* jumped 34 spots on the charts after the song *Bitter Sweet Symphony* was used in a 60-second Nike ad. The band donated its profits to the British Red Cross Land Mine Appeal and the N.C.H. Action for Children "House our Youth 2000" campaign. • While the movie *Titanic* dominated the box office, its soundtrack dominated the music charts as well. • **Celine Dion** performed on the *Titanic* soundtrack and had a hit of her own with *Let's Talk About Love*. • **Madonna's** album *Ray of Light* was "immersed in spirituality and self-discovery." • **Other popular musicians included** Paula Cole, Duncan Sheik, Verve Pipe, Shania Twain, Beck, Oasis, Sugar Ray, Trisha Yearwood, Mighty Mighty Bosstones,

OMC, Tim McGraw, Faith Hill, Chumbawamba, Everclear, Ben Folds Five, Sublime, Lila McCann, Ty Herndon, Bryan White, Jars of Clay, George Strait, Save Ferris, Abra Moore, and Radiohead. • **The music industry lost** INXS singer Michael Hutchence, rap artist Notorious B.I.G. (Christopher Wallace), singer, songwriter, and environmentalist John Denver, and Beach Boy Carl Wilson.

Who were your favorite musicians?



Top 10 Albums for 1997:

1. *Spice* (Spice Girls)
2. *Pieces of You* (Jewel)
3. *No Way Out* (Puff Daddy)
4. *Sevens* (Garth Brooks)
5. *Middle of Nowhere* (Hanson)
6. *Life after Death* (The Notorious B.I.G.)
7. *Bringing Down the Horse* (The Wallflowers)
8. *Falling Into You* (Celine Dion)
9. *Space Jam* (Soundtrack)
10. *You Light Up My Life* (LeAnn Rimes)



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Sygma



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1. After a long standoff with Amaru guerrillas, Peru's **President Alberto Fujimori** gave the order to Peruvian forces to storm the embassy residence where 72 hostages were being held. All of the guerrillas were killed and 71 of the hostages were rescued. 2. **Louise Woodward**, a 19-year old British au pair, was convicted of murdering an eight month old baby in her care. However, citing an absence of malice, the judge reduced the second-degree murder conviction to manslaughter and her sentence to time served. 3. Former president **George Bush** took up skydiving at the age of 72. He had jumped from a disabled plane in World War II and had vowed that one day he would do it again for fun. 4. **Etienne Bacrot**, 14, started playing chess when he was four. He became the world's youngest chess grandmaster ever, beating Canadian grandmaster Kevin Spraggett, 42. 5. **Mother Teresa** died at the age of 87, leaving behind a legacy of love and compassion for the poor. She also left behind more than 4,000 nuns pledged to continue the order she founded. 6. In April, heavy spring snows raised the **Red River** in Grand Forks, North Dakota flooding the town, causing 50,000 residents to evacuate and destroying

homes and cars in its path. 7. Special Prosecutor **Kenneth Starr** began investigating the Clintons for their involvement in the Whitewater land development company in Arkansas. Later, Starr became the key prosecutor in President Clinton's alleged relationship with a former White House intern. Starr was investigating whether the President had coerced Monica Lewinsky into lying about the nature of their relationship. Even as accusations rocked the White House, the president's approval ratings were his highest ever. 8. The Heaven's Gate Cult committed suicide with the belief that their souls would be picked up by a spaceship hidden in the tail of the Hale-Bopp comet. Cult leader **Marshall Applewhite** was among the 39 dead. 9. The men's religious group, **Promise Keepers**, brought hundreds of thousands of men together in Washington D.C. to pledge their devotion to Jesus, family and one another. 10. At Ohio State University, Secretary of State **Madeleine Albright** tried to make a case for U.S. military action against Iraq. During the meeting, Albright was continually interrupted by protests from the audience. 11. When the Teamster's union went on strike at United Parcel Service, the nation's leading package-delivery company, millions of

world events



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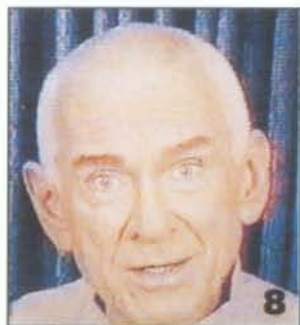


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packages were delayed or lost. Labor Secretary **Alexis Herman** kept UPS and the Teamsters at the bargaining table and the strike ended after two weeks. **12. Bill and Hillary Clinton** faced an empty nest as daughter **Chelsea** went away to college at Stanford. Mrs. Clinton also marked another milestone by celebrating her 50th birthday. **13. Bobbi McCaughey**, from Carlisle, Iowa, gave birth to septuplets. The babies ranged in size



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from 2lbs., 5 oz to 3 lbs., 4 oz. It is estimated the McCaughey's will change more than 15,000 diapers this year. • The



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diet drugs **fen-phen** and **Redux** were removed from the market after the Food and Drug Administration discovered the medications caused serious heart problems. • **Ted Turner** donated \$1 billion to the United Nations, while encouraging others to contribute to charitable causes. Financier George Soros pledged \$500 million to Russia for health, education, and welfare while Bill Gates pledged \$200 million to bring the Internet to low-income libraries.

• **Earthquakes in Italy** left 11 people dead and thousands homeless. • UNICEF estimated that 80,000 children were starving in the **North Korean famine**. • **Captain Craig Button's** A-10 plane mysteriously disappeared after he suddenly broke a three-plane formation over Arizona and headed toward Colorado. The jet was found crashed near Eagle, Colorado with Button's remains inside. The four 500-pound bombs that were on the jet have not been recovered. • **First Lieutenant Kelly Flinn**, the first woman to pilot a B-52, was given a general discharge from the Air Force for lack of integrity and disobedience to orders. Her career ended over an alleged affair with the husband of an Air Force airman. • **Timothy McVeigh** was convicted of the Oklahoma City bombing and sentenced to death. • **Terry Nichols**, also arrested for the April 19, 1995 bombing was convicted of conspiracy and manslaughter. He was acquitted of murder and weapons charges. • **Ted Kaczynski** pled guilty to being the Unabomber in



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exchange for a sentence of life in prison without parole. Kaczynski waged a 17-year anti-technology bombing campaign that included a string of 16 bombings. Three people were killed and 29 injured.



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What was the most significant event to you?



Top 10 Most Significant Events for 1997:

1. Princess Diana's death
2. Mother Teresa's death
3. Hale-Bopp Comet
4. Mars exploration
5. Hong Kong reverting to Chinese control
6. El Niño
7. Flood in North Dakota
8. The victory of Britain's Labour party
9. The birth of septuplets in Iowa
10. UPS strike



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1. On August 31, 1997 *Princess Diana* was killed in a tragic car accident leaving the world mourning and questioning the carelessness of a driver and the persistence of the paparazzi. 2. *Hong Kong* returned to Chinese control after 156 years as a British colony. Consequently, concerns were raised as to whether communism would diminish Hong Kong's political freedom. 3. *Tony Blair*, 44, became the youngest British prime minister in 185 years. 4. California endured the worst of *El Niño*'s erratic weather patterns. Heavy rain and high winds triggered floods and mudslides. 5. *Karla Faye Tucker* became the first woman executed in Texas since the Civil War and the first nationwide since 1984. She was executed for killing two people in Houston in 1983.



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6. Congressman **Sonny Bono** died in a skiing accident. Before turning to politics, Bono achieved fame as a songwriter, entertainer, and half of the duo *Sonny and Cher*. • **A bomb in an abortion clinic** in Birmingham, Alabama left an off-duty police officer dead and a nurse critically wounded. • The Peabody Award for broadcasting excellence was awarded to author and journalist **Peter Gzowski**. This was the first time a Canadian had received the prestigious American award for work in Canada. • **Susie Maroney** of Australia became the first woman to swim from Cuba to Florida. It took her 24 1/2 hours to complete the 112 mile stretch. • The threat of war in the middle east was again

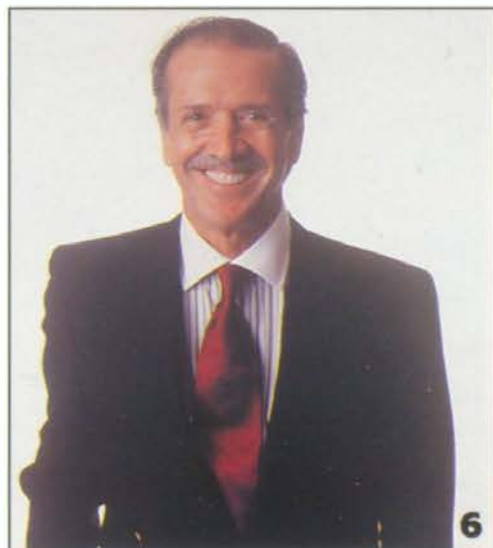
a concern as Saddam Hussein failed to comply with U.N. weapons regulations. However, the U.N. Security Council voted unanimously to endorse a deal negotiated by **Secretary-General Kofi Annan** that provided U.N. inspectors unrestricted access to all weapons sites. • In West Paducah, Kentucky, **Michael Carneal**, a high school freshman, opened fire on a group of students gathered for a prayer service at Heath High School. Three girls were killed and five other students wounded. • A U.S. Marine jet sliced through a **cable car line** at an Italian ski resort killing 20 people. • The U.S. Department of



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Agriculture recalled 25 million pounds of possibly **tainted beef** after an outbreak of the E. Coli virus. • In Pearl, Mississippi, **Luke Woodham**, 16, stabbed his mother to death and then went to school with a rifle and opened fire. Woodham killed two of his classmates and wounded seven others. • **We paid final respects** to writer William S. Burroughs, Malcolm X's widow Betty Shabazz, artist Willem De Kooning, poet Allen Ginsberg, Ambassador to France Pamela Harriman, Michael Kennedy, and politician Paul Tsongas.

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Lawrence Schwartzwald/Syigma



Chris Cassidy/Allsport



Matthew Stockman/Allsport

1. **Martina Hingis** captured the U.S. Open tennis tournament. Hingis had a remarkable year with a record of 75-5. She won three of the four Grand Slam tournaments and became the first player to earn more than \$3 million in a season. 2. Figure skater **Scott Hamilton**, 39, left the *Stars on Ice* tour in March of 1997 to undergo chemotherapy for testicular cancer. But, on October 29, he returned to the ice and a cheering crowd. His prognosis is for a full recovery. 3. In college football, the University of Michigan and the University of Nebraska shared the national championship. Michigan's **Charles Woodson** became the first primarily defensive player to win the Heisman Trophy. 4. Sports broadcaster, **Harry Caray** voice of the Chicago Cubs, died at the age of 77. 5. After several attempts, two U.S. women's professional basketball leagues were finally unveiled in 1997 – the ABL and the WNBA. **Sheryl Swoopes**, 26, who led the 1996 Olympic team to a gold medal, signed with the WNBA's Houston Comets. 6. **Violet Palmer** and **Dee Kantner** became the NBA's first female referees. In their rookie season, both will earn \$80,000. 7. **The Detroit**

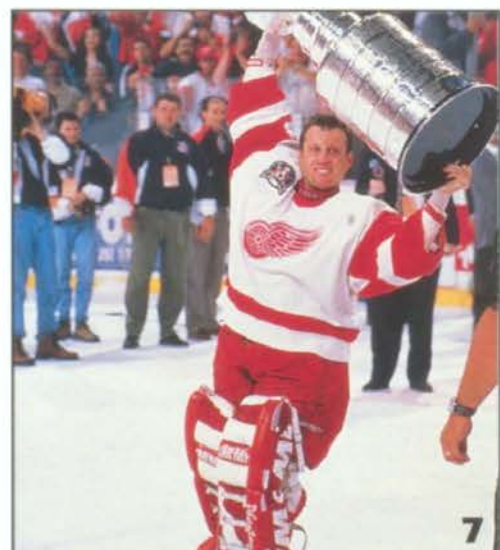
Red Wings defeated the Philadelphia Flyers to win their eighth Stanley Cup. 8. In 1997, **Jeff Gordon** won 10 races, took home \$4.2 million in prize money, and captured his second Winston Cup Championship in three years. 9. At age 21, **Tiger Woods** outplayed his opponents to win the Masters with a record 13-stroke margin. Woods finished the 1997 season as the game's leading money winner, taking home more than two million dollars and was named PGA Player of the Year. Tiger's father, Earl Woods, first put a golf club in his son's hands when Tiger was only 11 months old. 10. Super Bowl XXXII had excitement for fans of both teams right down to the final seconds. The AFC Champion Denver Broncos, led by quarterback **John Elway**, beat the NFL's Green Bay Packers, 31-24. Elway finally won his first Super Bowl ring after several losses. 11. In the World Series, Moises Alou led the **Florida Marlins** to victory over the Cleveland Indians with three homers and nine RBIs. Only in their fifth year, the Marlins reached the World Series faster than any expansion team in history. 12. In **Mike Tyson's** and **Evander Holyfield's** boxing rematch, Tyson bit off a piece of Holyfield's right



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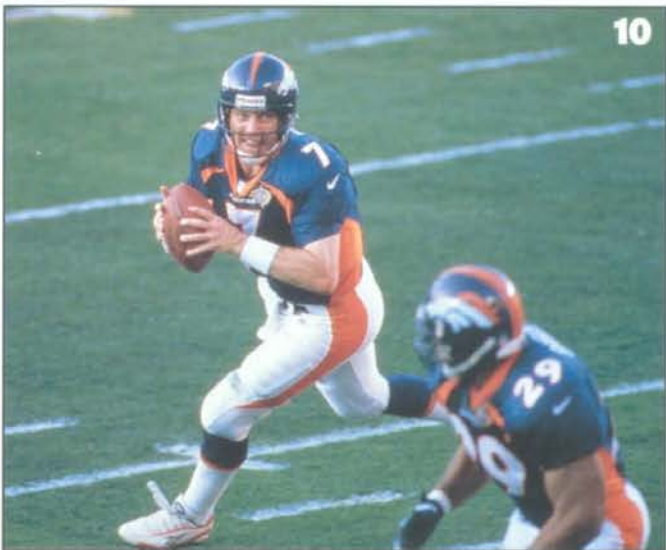


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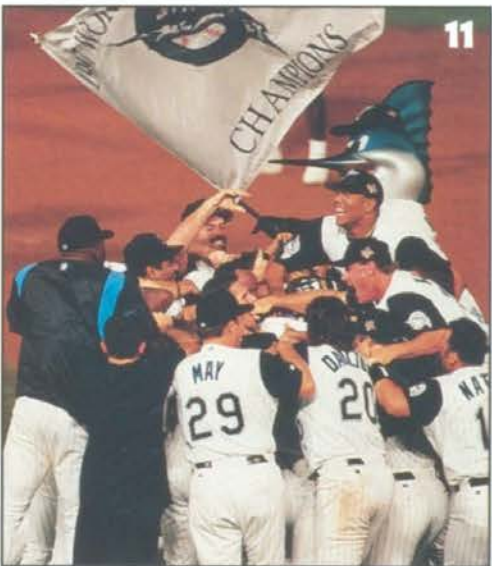
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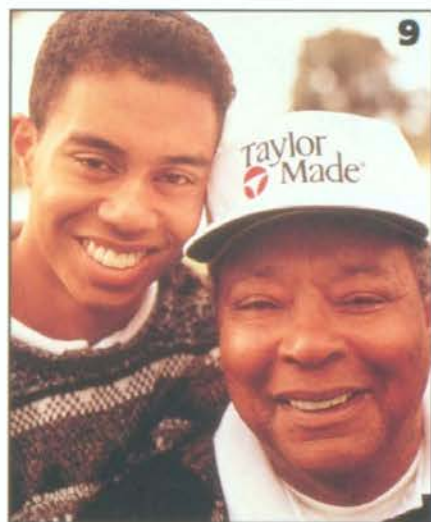


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including Chris Evert and John McEnroe. • **Michael Johnson** ran the 400 meter race in 44.12 seconds to win his third consecutive world championship in track and field. • After 20 years of trying, **Dale Earnhardt** won the Daytona 500. A lucky penny was given to him before the race from a five year old girl permanently confined to a wheelchair. The Make-A-Wish foundation granted her request to see the Daytona 500 and meet Earnhardt. • **Jockey Gary Stevens**, riding Silver Charm, captured his third Kentucky Derby. • **We paid final respects** to golf legend Ben Hogan, baseball center fielder Curt Flood, and jockey Eddie Arcaro.

Braves pitcher **Greg Maddux** signed a contract extension for \$57.5 million which made him the highest-paid player in baseball. • Major league baseball celebrated the 50th anniversary of **Jackie Robinson's** efforts to integrate baseball. In Robinson's honor, his number "42" was retired from all team rosters. • **Pete Sampras** dominated at Wimbledon to win it for the fourth time in five years. • Also at Wimbledon, three-time champion **Boris Becker** stunned the world by announcing his retirement from tennis. • In her debut at the U.S. Open, 17-year old **Venus Williams** became the first unseeded woman to advance to the finals. • The **Arthur Ashe Stadium** opened in Flushing, New York in August with a parade of 45 tennis champions



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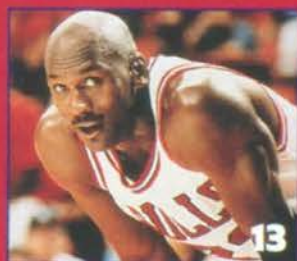
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Who were your favorite sports personalities?



Top 10 Performers in 1997:

1. John Elway
2. Sheryl Swoops
3. Tiger Woods
4. Martina Hingis
5. Jeff Gordon
6. Michael Jordan
7. Tara Lipinski
8. Venus Williams
9. Moises Alou
10. Vladimir Konstantinov



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ear in the third round. Tyson was disqualified, fined, and suspended from boxing in Nevada. 13. **Michael Jordan** and the Chicago Bulls defeated the Utah Jazz to capture their fifth NBA title in seven years. • **Oscar De La Hoya** defeated Pernell Whitaker in a unanimous decision and captured the World Boxing Council Welterweight Title. • **Arizona** defeated Kentucky 84-79 in the NCAA tournament to win its first national men's basketball title. • Atlanta



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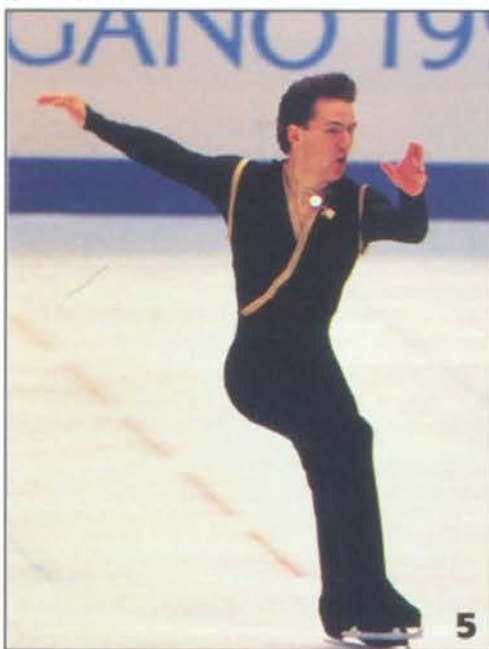
- 1.** The *opening ceremony* of the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan combined the traditions of the past and the technology of the present. Sumo wrestlers warded off evil spirits while choirs on five continents performed Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" simultaneously.
- 2.** U.S. skier *Picabo Street* won the gold medal in the Women's Super-G. She edged Michaela Dorfmeister of Austria by one-hundredth of a second.
- 3.** *Tara Lipinski*, at 15, became the youngest Olympic women's figure skating champion ever by outscoring fellow American Michelle Kwan. Lipinski took the gold medal, Kwan the silver, and Lu Chen of China won the bronze.
- 4.** The *United States men's teams* captured the first American luge medals in Olympic history. The two teams won the silver and bronze in the luge doubles.



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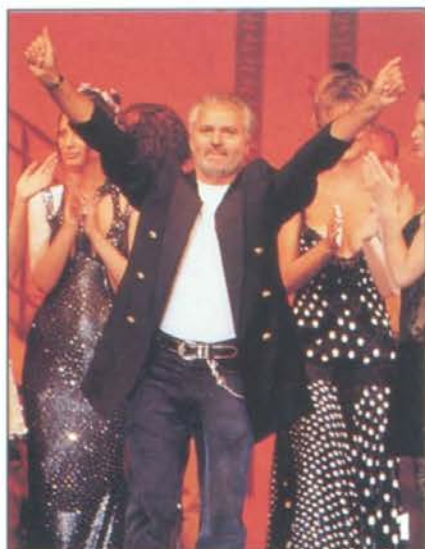
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5. Despite injuries and the flu, Canadian **Elvis Stojko** won the silver medal in men's figure skating. Ilia Kulik of Russia won the gold medal, while Phillippe Candeloro of France won the bronze. 6. **The U.S. women's hockey team** defeated Canada and won the gold medal to capture the first Olympic women's hockey title. Canada took home the silver and Finland the bronze. The U.S. team also appeared on the March Wheaties box. • The **Czech Republic** captured its first hockey gold medal when it defeated Russia 1-0. The bronze medal went to Finland. • **Canadians Catriona LeMay-Doan** and **Susan Auch** dominated women's speedskating by winning the gold and the silver medals in the 500 meter race.

• Canada also did well in the men's speedskating. In the 500 meter race, **Jeremy Wotherspoon** won the silver medal and **Kevin Overland** took the bronze. • U.S. athletes won three gold medals in freestyle skiing. **Eric Bergoust** won gold in the men's aerials while **Nikki Stone** took the gold in women's aerials. **Johnny Moseley** won gold in the men's moguls. • After two days of competition and four heats, Canada and Italy tied for the gold medal in the **men's two-man bobsled competition**. This was the first time that two teams shared the gold medal in this event. • In the end, the **United States brought home 13 medals and Canada 15**. But, it was Germany with a medal count of 29 that topped the list. Norway was not far behind with 25 medals, and Russia won 18. Women accounted for eight of the 13 U.S. medals. • **Nagano's closing ceremony** included a backdrop of 50,000 illuminated handheld lanterns and a thank you to the world for allowing it to be the host of the final Winter Olympics of the 20th century. The captain of the U.S. women's hockey team, Cammi Granato, carried the American flag at the ceremony.



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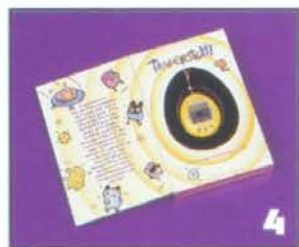


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1. Italian fashion designer **Gianni Versace** was gunned down in front of his Miami home by alleged serial killer Andrew Cunanan. Cunanan later took his own life as police closed in after an extensive manhunt. 2. *Time* magazine selected **Andrew Grove**, chairman and CEO of Intel, as its 1997 Man of the Year. He was the person most responsible for the astounding "growth in the power and innovative potential of microchips." 3. In an effort to save Apple, cofounder Steve Jobs struck a deal with its number one competitor, Microsoft. The agreement gave Jobs some time to rescue the company, while the Microsoft Chairman, **Bill Gates**, became part owner of Apple after buying \$150 million in stock. 4. **Tamagotchi** gave kids a taste of responsibility. Much like the real thing, these virtual reality pets needed everything from attention, to food, to sleep. Without this care, the pets would misbehave, get fat, or even expire. 5. **Hot Wheels** released its "miniature" version of the Sojourner Mars Rover, complete with Pathfinder spacecraft and

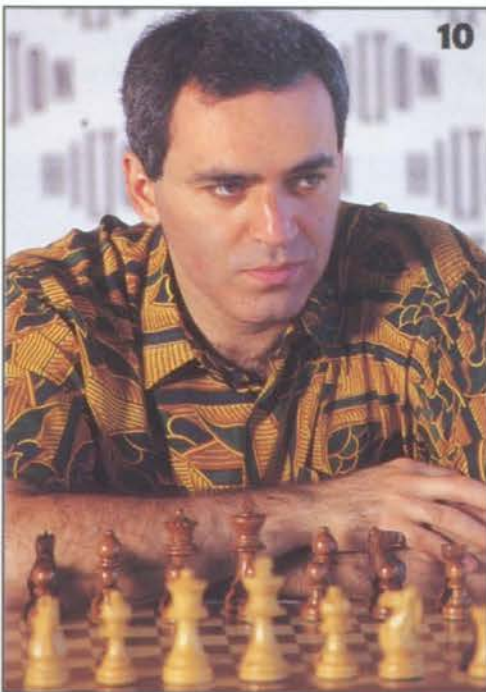
lander. Kids and toy collectors sent sales soaring. 6. With increased reading awareness on television due in large part to Oprah Winfrey's book club, and the rise of espresso-serving bookstores, Americans experienced a kind of **reading renaissance**. 7. People magazine released its first issue of **Teen People**, with *Party of Five*'s Jennifer Love Hewitt on the cover. The first issue included articles about what's hot in fashion, a behind the scenes look at the music group Hanson, and photo flashbacks of Brad Pitt. 8. **Beanie babies** sent children and parents running to the toy store. These cuddly little creatures were must-haves for kids of all ages. Retired beanie, like Peanut the Elephant, increased enormously in value. 9. The **Hale-Bopp Comet** returned to view 4,200 years after its last visit. In many areas, the comet was visible with the naked eye. The comet's next appearance should be in the year 4397. 10. In a re-match in May, IBM's chess playing machine, Deep Blue, defeated world champion Russian **Garry Kasparov**. 11. **Retro 70s trends**



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brought back bell-bottoms, platform shoes, butterfly collars, and an array of other styles that sent teens into a fashion era that used to be associated with their parents.

12. In 1997, **Tommy Hilfiger** opened his first megastore on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, California and published *All American: A Style Book*. His primary-colored, patriotic themed sportswear was popular with teens. • The “soul patch” became the latest fashion statement in facial hair. It could be worn with or without a mustache and was popular

among teens and movie stars like Keanu Reeves and Josh Brolin. • **Riverdance**, based on traditional Irish step dancing, played to packed houses in the United States and Australia. Its soundtrack stayed on the Billboard’s World Music charts for more than a year. • **Barbie** received a make-over that included a breast reduction and a more realistic waistline. • The Federal Communications Commission cleared the way for **high-definition digital television**, giving audiences a sharper image and CD quality sound. • **America Online** took over CompuServe’s 2.6 million members to make AOL number one in the online industry. On a typical day AOL subscribers logged on 16.7 million times. • In a *Newsweek* Poll, 89% of **teens used computers** at least several times a week.

What were the trends & technology stories in your area?



1997 Trends:

1. Beanie Babies
2. Tamagotchi Virtual Pets
3. Retro 70s fashion and the return of disco
4. Tommy Hilfiger clothes
5. Riverdance
6. Surfing the net
7. Cloning
8. The soul patch
9. Oprah’s Book Club
10. Home electronic games



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1. The beleaguered *Russian Space Station Mir* had a difficult year as one catastrophe after another occurred. American astronaut Michael Foale calmly handled a series of potentially life-threatening problems during his stay on Mir. At one point the station collided with an out-of-control resupply ship. Russians and Americans waited anxiously as Foale and the Russian crew struggled to stabilize the station and repair the damage. 2. *John Glenn*, the first American to orbit the earth in 1962, is going back into space October of 1998. At 76, his 10-day mission will help in the study of the common effects of aging and space travel. 3. NASA's two-foot-by-one foot, \$25 million rover *Sojourner* became the first vehicle to roam the surface of another planet. *Sojourner* sent back detailed landscape photos of Mars, some 100 million miles from Earth. The three foot tall *Pathfinder* carried the robot car to Mars.

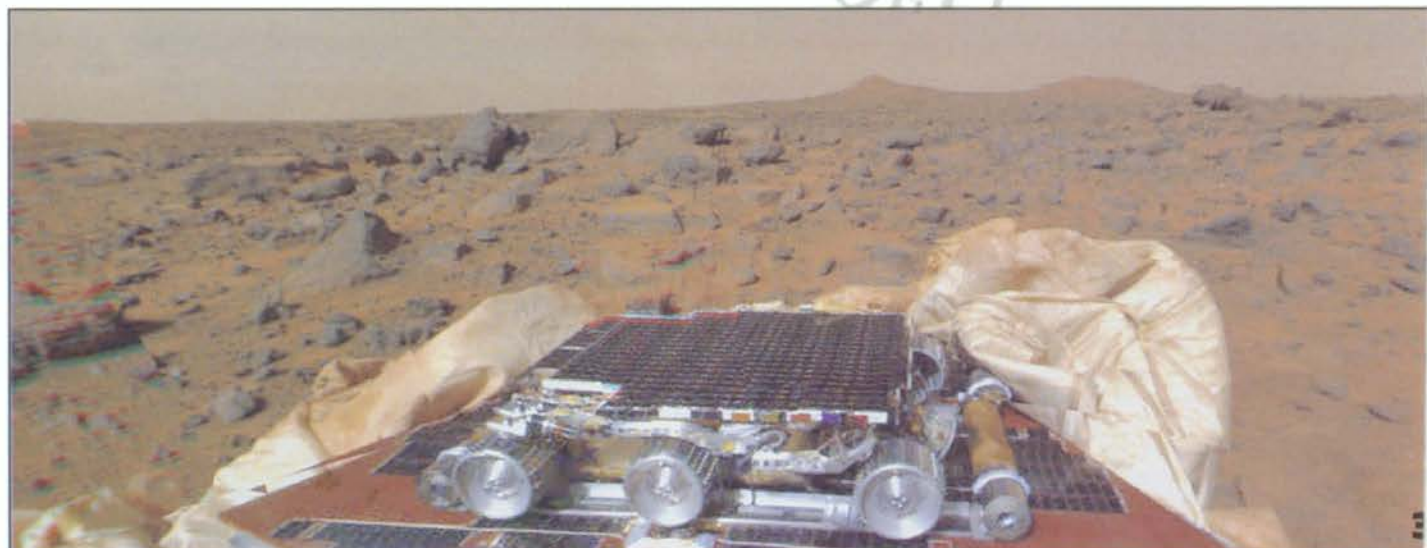


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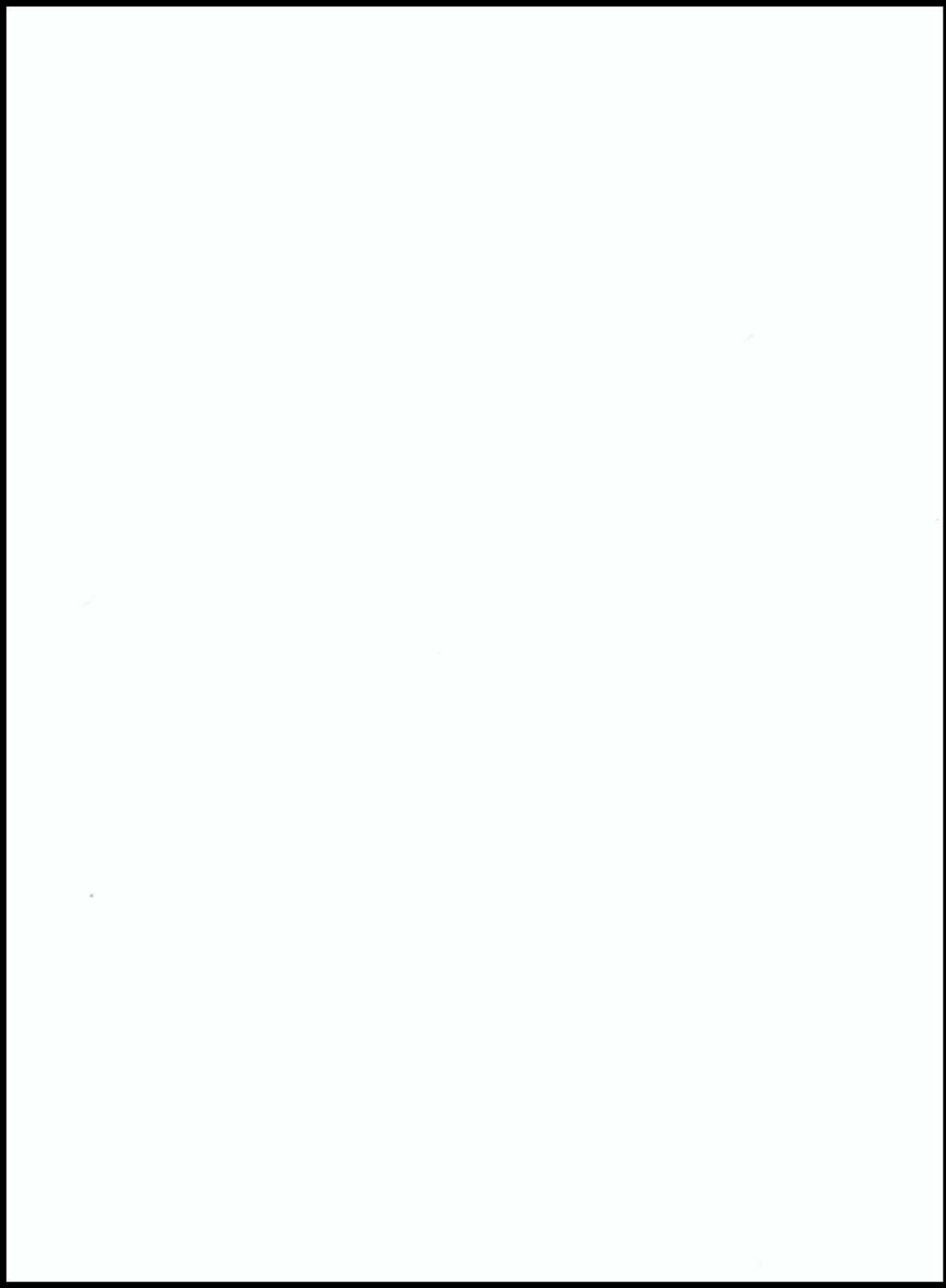


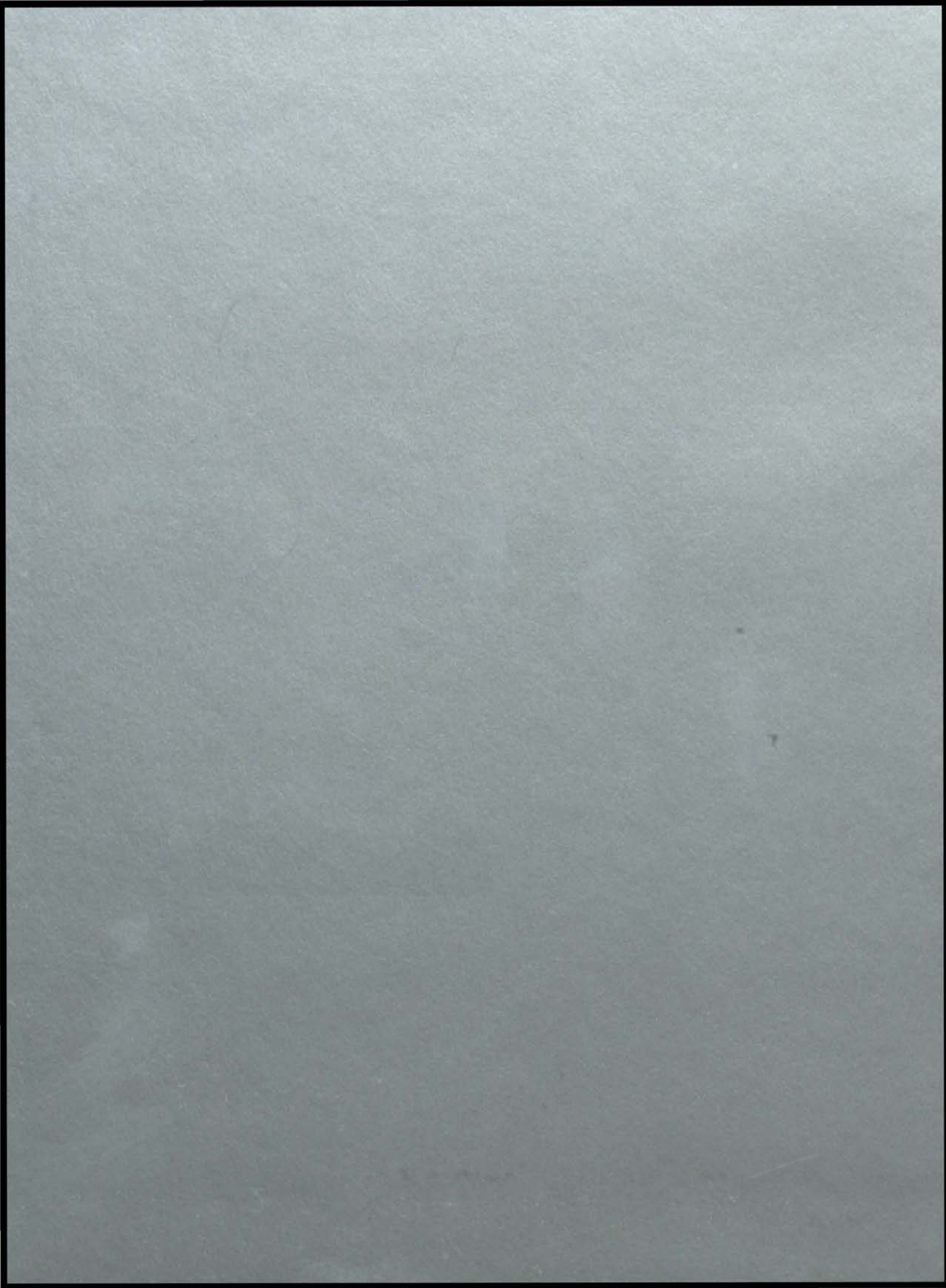
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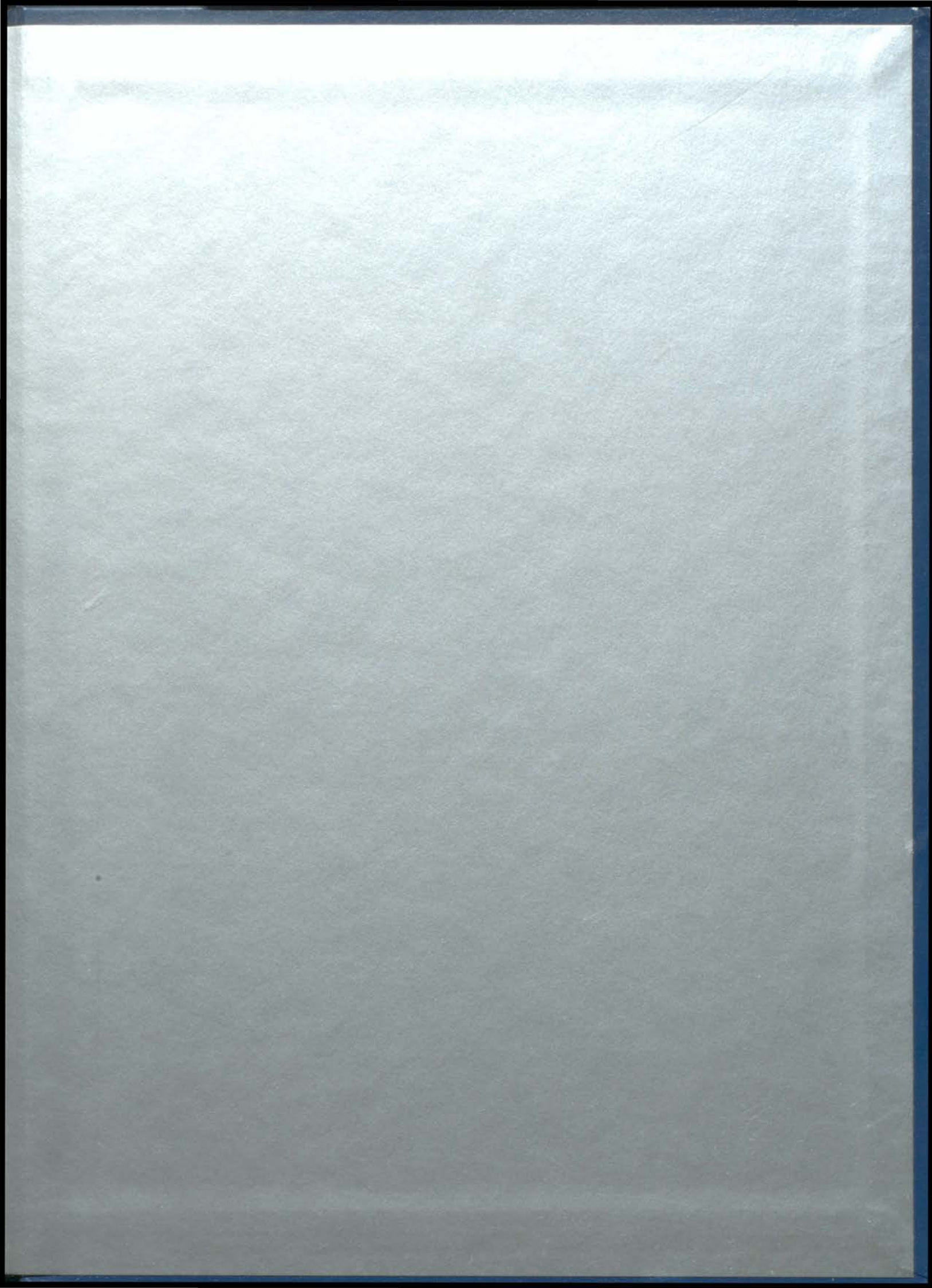
- June marked the 50th anniversary of the alleged crash in 1947 of a flying saucer near *Roswell*, New Mexico. Due to all the hype, Roswell became known as the capital of America's alien nation.
- When the shuttle *Columbia* takes off in December 1998, *Eileen Collins* will become the first woman to lead a U.S. space mission. Collins, the nation's first female space shuttle pilot, has flown two previous shuttle missions, one in 1995 and the other in 1997.
- The winner of the 1998 Westinghouse Science Talent Search and a \$40,000 scholarship was *Christopher Colin Mihelich*, a 17-year old from Indianapolis. For his project, Mihelich studied certain properties of polynomials that have applications to geometry and combinatorics.



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