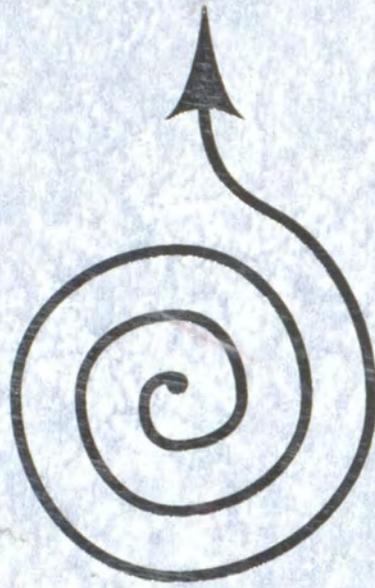


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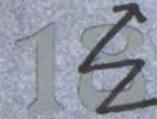
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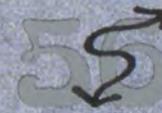
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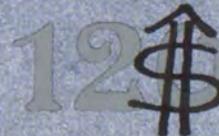
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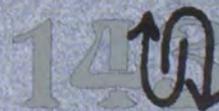
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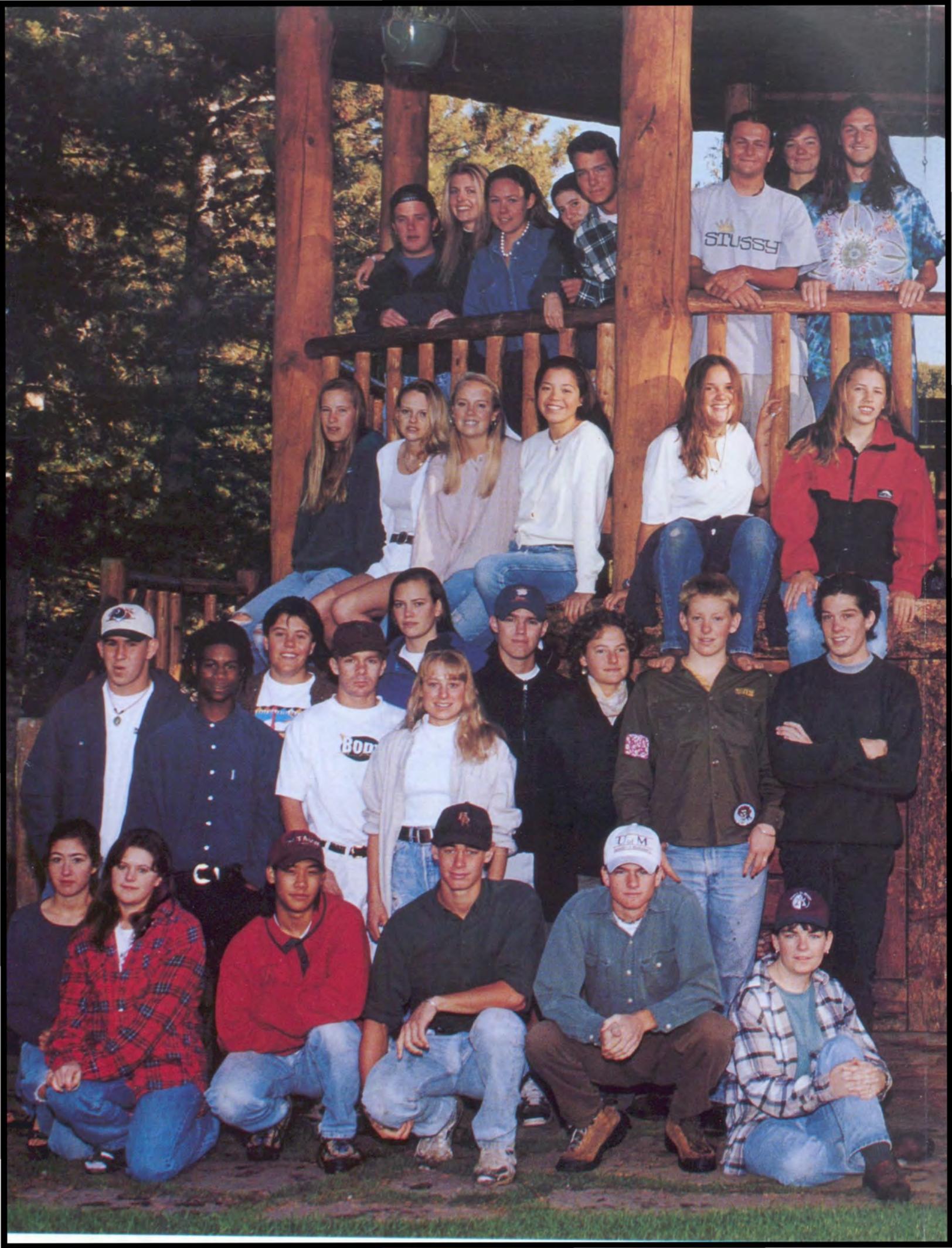


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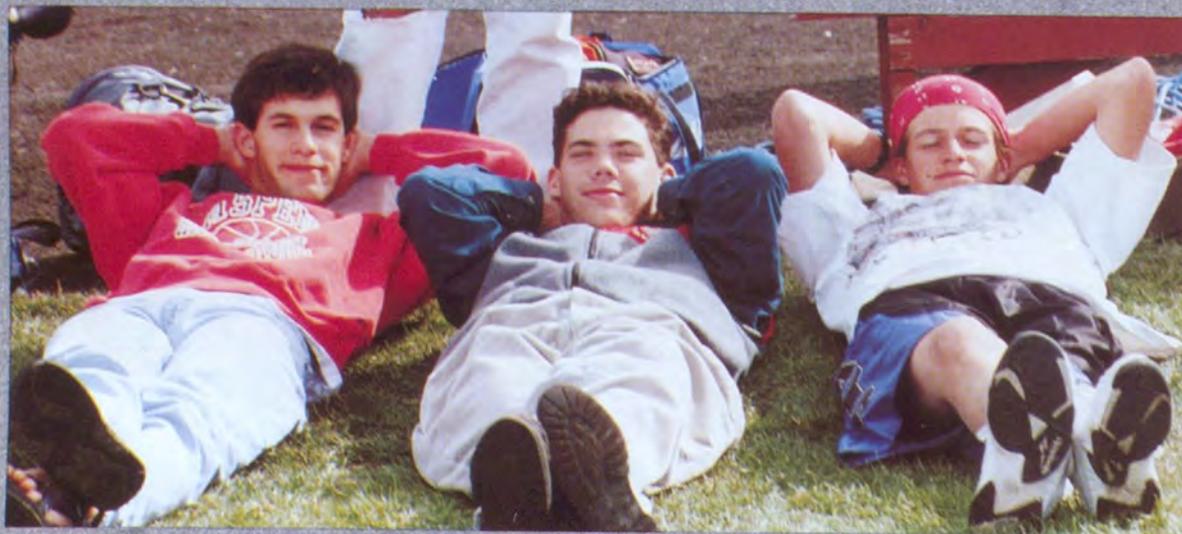
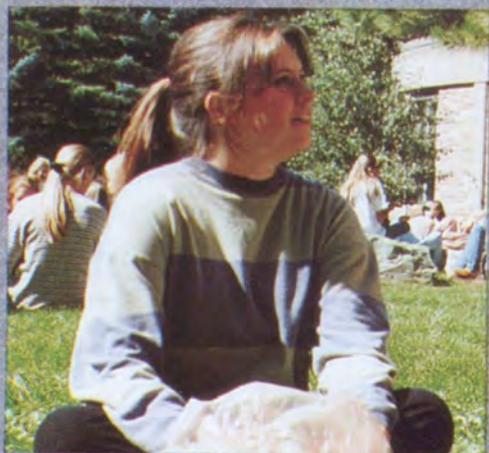






Point of no Return!

Seniors



The Sun has almost set
Our time is almost over
Our hearts are in the past
Our hopes are in the future

... Savoring our last days
... Playing in our last games
... Attending our final Ex. Ed.

How did time go by so quickly?
Where do we go from here?
How can we say goodbye?
Does anybody know?





High Points
 “ Finally rulling the school
 -Britta Gustafson

Knowing you have less than one year left in high school
 -Zac Soule

It has been the most relaxing year
 -Ryan Welgos

Low Points
 Freshmen having upper lockers?!

-Judith Nakagawa

Knowing it's the last year together with friends you've grown up with
 -Jessica Phillips



Enjoying lunch on the beach, Cassidy Hamel takes a break from senior stress.

Reminiscing about their summer trip to Mexico, Britta Gustafson and Judith Nakagawa cannot wait for the senior trip back to Puerto Vallarta.

Matt Merritt, taking a break from a tedious test in AP English, practices his hand-eye coordination.

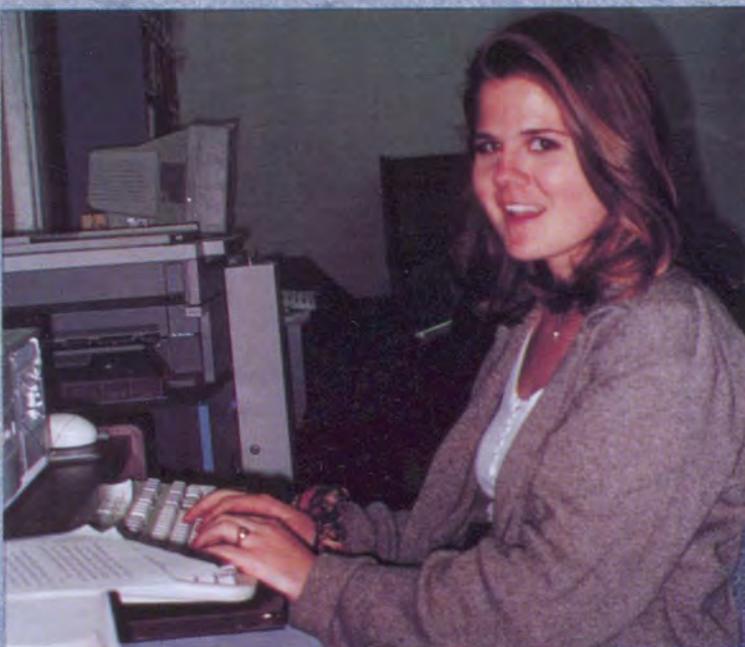
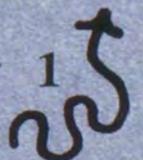
"Kicking it" at the soccer game, Justin Dodds, Aaron Wheelman and Tanner Jones show their unsurpassed school spirit.

Able Whitaker sports a wild hair-do during spirit week.

Hiding under his hat, Zach Matthews knows what fashion is at AHS.

Becky Dillon enjoys the sunshine during lunch.

Rushing to finish up her college applications, Drew Hodgson is happy to know they'll be in the mail soon.





Jordan M. Albert



David B. Cooper



Karin Laura Bloomer



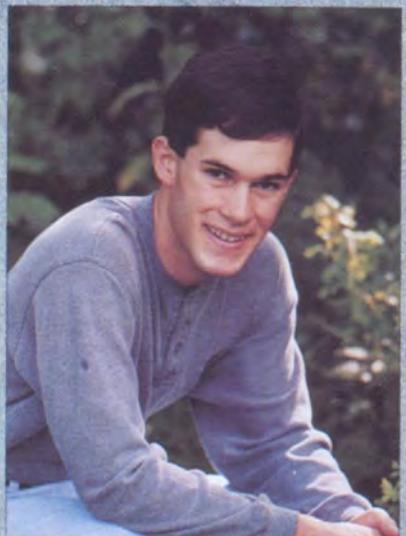
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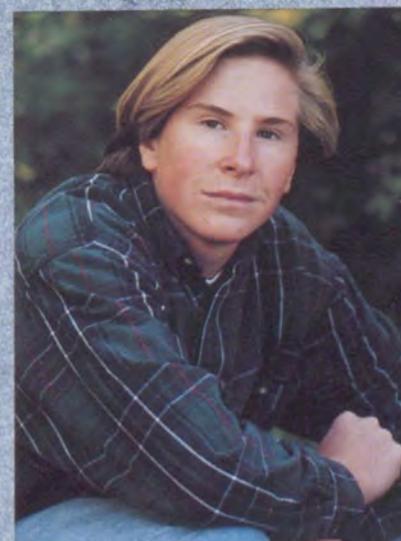
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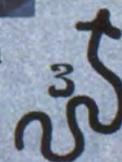
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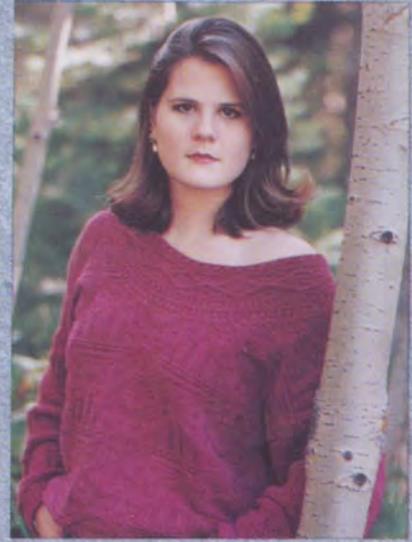


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Britta A. Gustafson



Drew Winfield Hodgson



Cassidy Anne Hamel



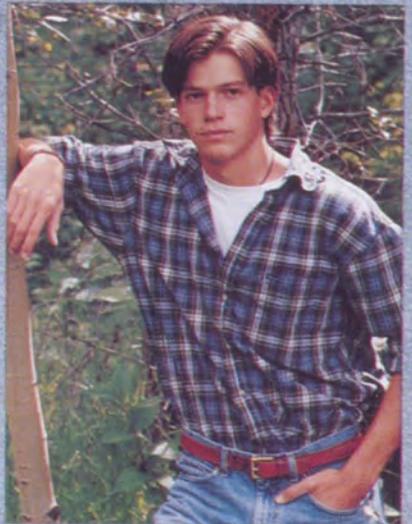
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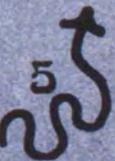
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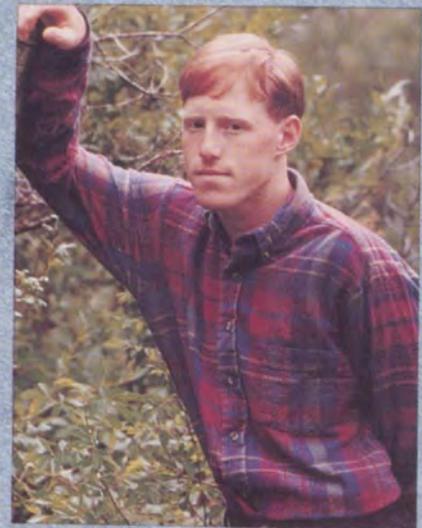
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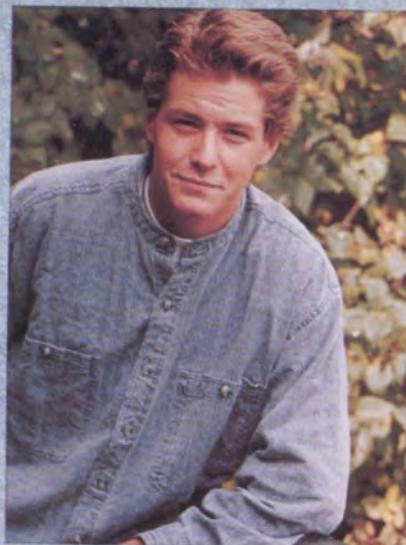
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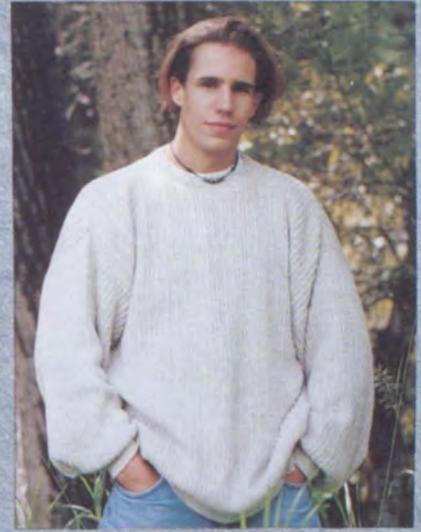
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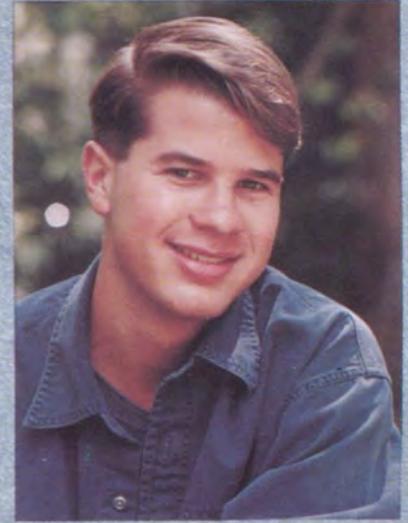
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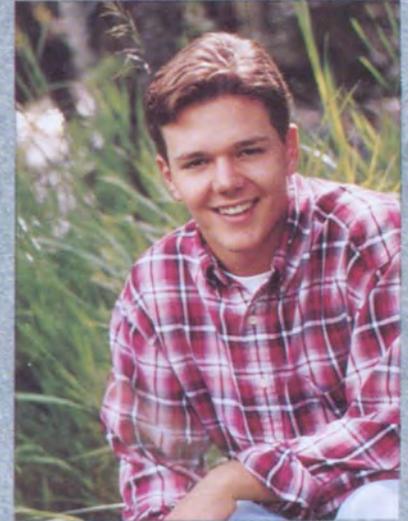
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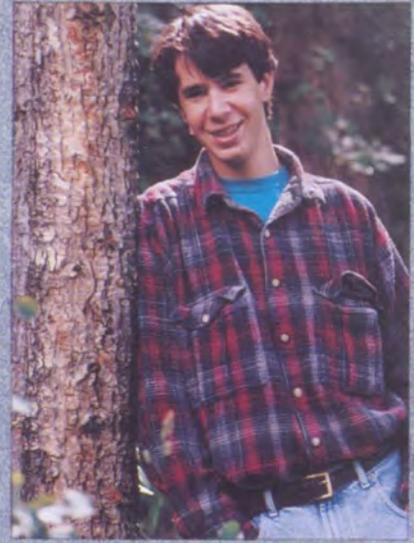
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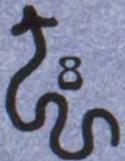
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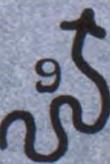
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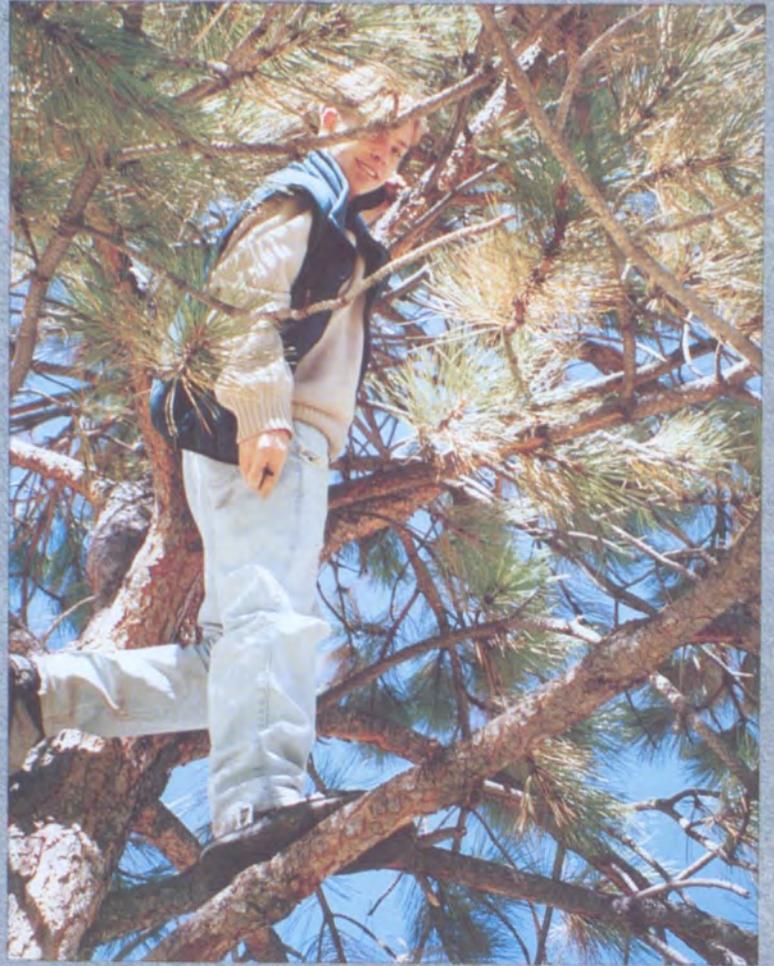
Aidan Keenan Wynn



Clayton "Bubba" White



Senior Power



Head boy Brandon High, who has been involved in student government since eighth grade, announces the winners of the bonfire raffle.

Sterling Tomkins works diligently on her AP homework. Like many other seniors, she takes the opportunity of getting some college courses out of the way. Among the courses that are offered are AP English, art, history and calculus.

Dyami Valentine loves the feeling total control when looking down on everyone . . . from the tree that is.

Gathering information from colleges, Clayton "Bubba" White makes several phone calls from Fred Sherill's office.



In ancient times power came to the conqueror. Aaron Wheetman, Cassidy Hamel, and Stephanie Drake prove all it takes today is being an AHS senior with spirit! The threesome are shown here on Homecoming outrageous hair and outfit day.

Putting the finishing touches on his desk top organizer, Zac Soule makes his first wood tech project.

Molly Tarbet gets a free ride to class from freshman Anne Boenning. This is just one of the luxuries of being a powerful senior.



It's Hard to Say Goodbye....





Stealing a ride from Tyler Finn, Jessica Bennett appreciates the feeling of the open road during her last fall as a senior.

Frequently confused for one another, Tanner Jones and Taylor Phillips have been fighting over girls for years, yet they still remain great friends after all the broken hearts.

Heather Merritt and Cody Oates have become like brother and sister after spending 12 years in school together. These two, along with many other seniors, are sure to stay in touch for years to come.

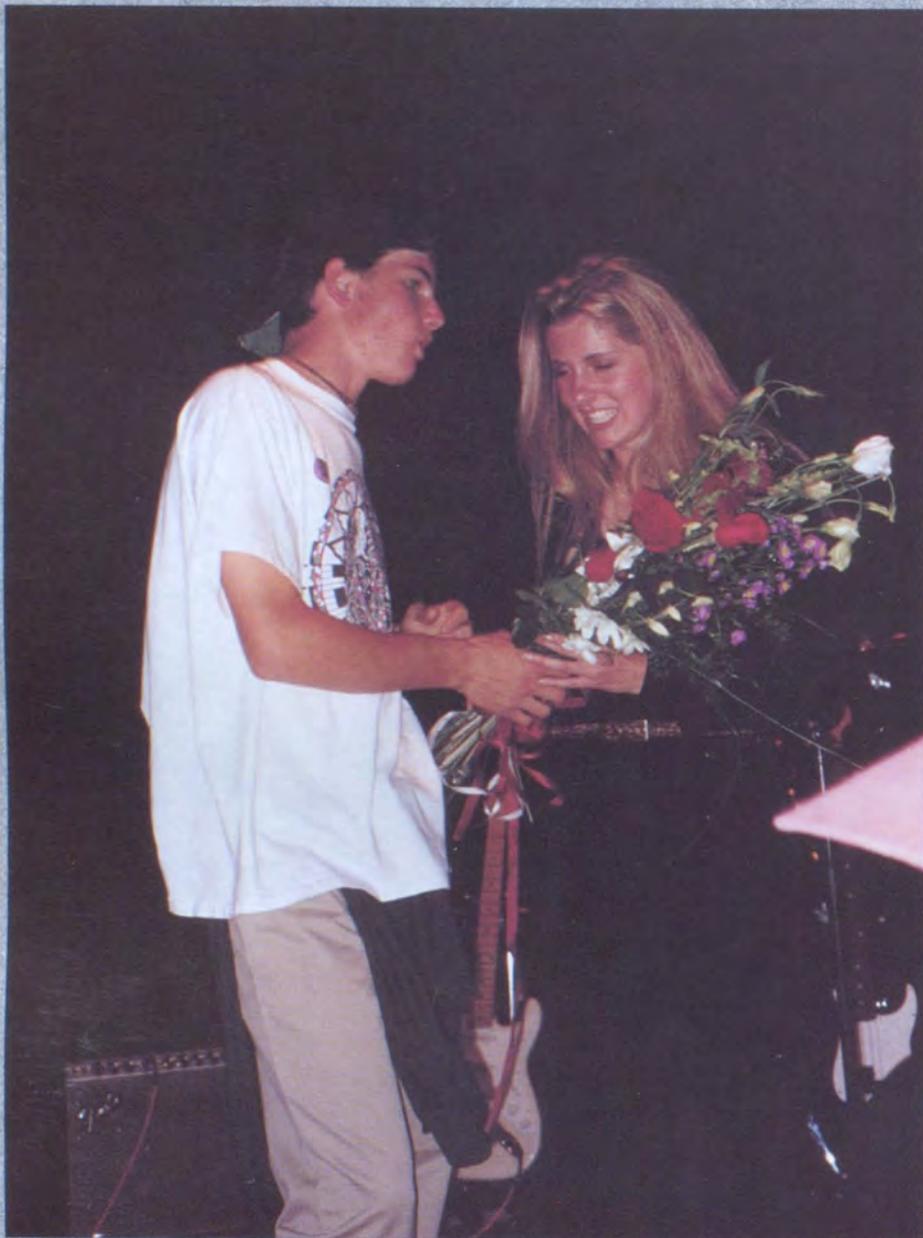
Drama Queens Becky Dillion and Jamie Duhe have been on stage together for endless hours during their high school careers.

Friends forever, Jessica Phillips and Darcy Gaechter have known each other almost all their lives and have spent endless days hiking the Ute trail, riding up Smuggler and skiing Steeple Chase together.

Annie Greengrass and Stephanie Drake, two of the strongest individual personalities in the senior class, study together one last time.

This group of senior girls cannot figure out how to say goodbye to each other. How do they say goodbye to friends they grew up with, laughed with and cried with for the last 12 years? It's hard to say goodbye!

Get Into the Spirit

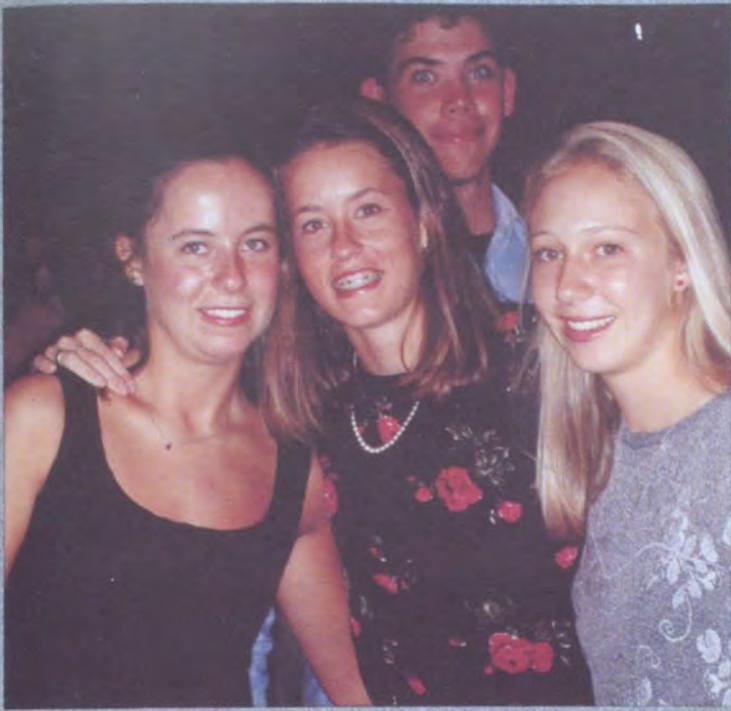


Following a time honored tradition, Homecoming King Cody Oates hands Queen Whitney Mizel her bouquet during the dance at the Silvertree Hotel.

Whoever said that you can't wear too much eyeshadow was wrong! Sophomore Kelly Stewart can't even lift up her eyelids to look at the camera during 60s and 70s day.

During the field day soccer game, Mean Green 13 team member sophomore Jetzen O'Conner takes the time to become one with the grass.





With yet another insane scheme to take over the world, senior Aaron Wheetman sneaks up on Addie Prudden, Jill Anderson, and Maggi Whitmer, at the Homecoming dance. Little does he realize that these three juniors are our super heroes in disguise.

When asked for her thoughts on the opposing field day soccer team, all junior Nan Fields had to say was "ppptttttbb!"

Shooting the competition may not be the best way to win, but if it makes teammates junior Tracey Schroeder and senior Aidan Wynn happy, we certainly won't stand in their way.

Pulling their way to an overall second place standing, sophomore Roy Katz and senior Sasha Sells of the Shipp Heads prevail in tug-of-war.

Ah! A horde of hungry gorillas has ruthlessly engulfed the feet of four innocent girls! Just kidding-- it's Pajama Day!



Junior Becky Mizel and sophomore Roy Katz reach out, hoping to give their eggs a soft landing and not get sticky in the process.

Showing off their fabulous fashion sense on 60s and 70s day, the outfits of sophomore Jonah Weintraub and juniors Summer Humerickhouse and Piper Richey would never reveal that it's actually 1995.

Senior Judith Nakagawa and junior Nan Fields sneak into the Pippi Longstocking meeting. On the other hand, it could just be Outrageous Hair and Outfit Day.

Outrageous Hair and Outfit Day isn't all fun and games. Freshman Nadja Kaelin buckles down for one of Nancy Roach's English tests.



Field Day dawned bright and sunny. That's all junior Greer Anderson and senior Jessica Bennett need to catch a few rays before the snow falls, but do they realize that rival opponent senior Darcy Gaechter is right behind them?



Luckily, we managed to get a picture of hippie English teacher Nancy Roach just before she heads to the booths to vote for George McGovern (who?!).

The annual Homecoming Bonfire is sweltering enough to force sophomore Andy Welgos to block himself from the extreme heat.

The Booster Club decides to ignite the traditional bonfire with marshmallows to roast, live music, and a variety of prizes for the attendees.

After being glorified in front of the school during the field day pep rally, freshman Carter Crouch learns that the seniors truly are the leaders of the school.

Point Well Taken



Juniors



**Advancing to the top
Always on the go
Confident in action
Moving to new heights**

**... Planning for the future
... Taking the SATs
... Organizing the spring prom**

**Finally upperclassmen!
Finally having the red seat privilege!
We are on our way to the top!
Look out, the junior class is ready!**





High Points

Looking forward to being a senior!
 -Clay Frandsen
 Finally intimidating someone.
 -Anahid Isberian

Low Points

Homework is extremely hard this year. -Summer Hummerickhouse

Just having one year left.
 -Jessica Kidd



Corey Lucks, lead drummer, practices for the annual winter MAD Company production.

Right over left, over and under. . . poor Katie Bessey looks a little confused about tying her shoe.

Anxious to start a project, Piper Richey waits for help from Pat Hodgson.

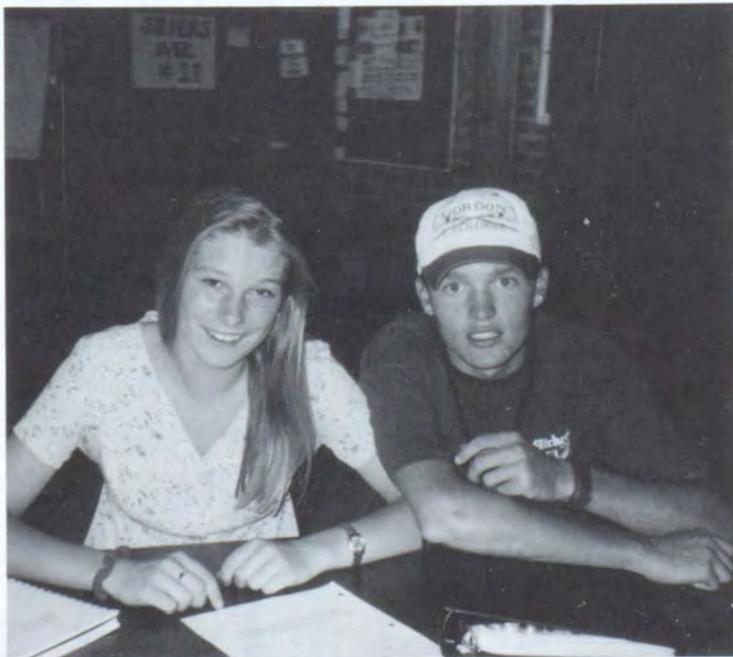
With the sun shining on their faces, Blaise Taddune, Kyle Orcutt, and Micheal McGilvary enjoy the warm weather.

Pete Bowden proves that musical talent abounds in the junior class, or maybe he is just caught up in the latest fad at AHS.

Nan Fields and Greer Anderson ignite the dance floor in the essential little black dress.

Proudly showing the other classes that the junior class never fails to have spirit, Maggie Whitmer yells, "Eat your heart out!"

Two heads are always better than one! Billy Hinellne and Harmony Trish work together on an assignment.



Battle of the Juniors

How competitive is too competitive? A challenge might be necessary once in a while, but the pressure was really on in the junior class! Even though few thought that there was no contest, the majority of juniors felt that every issue among them was a competition. One junior admitted, "Having intense competition in everything was terrible! I hated it because it felt like you had to live up to the success of others." Looking at the class, however, one noticed that everyone, for the most part, cooperated with each other. Not all the people in the class minded that there was rivalry among their grade. One junior confessed, "The competition in my class made me strive to do better than my classmates." Another junior said, "I wasn't involved with it, so it failed to bother me." Whichever opinion the juniors might have held about the battle for the better grade or the challenge to be the best, it was left to them to decide to get involved.

Gwen Abbott
Greer Anderson

Jill Anderson
Gerardo Arce
Noel Argueta
Lourdes Argueta



Melissa Arnold
Katie Bessey
Peter Bowden
Jesus Cigarroa

Jennifer Clasen
Alicia Condit
Tania Corona



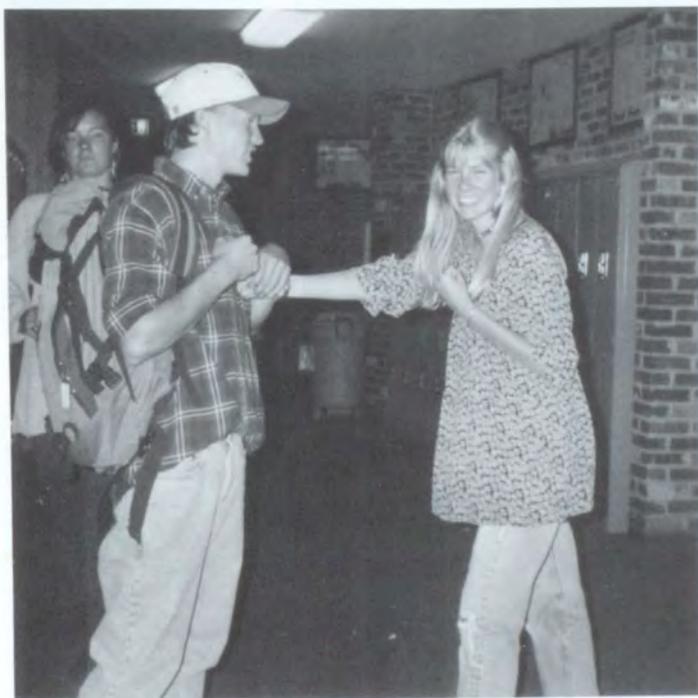
"Good grief! What do you camera guys want now?" demands Summer Humerickhouse. "I'm late for class!"

"If I could only figure this thing out!" mutters Jessica Kidd as she gazes into the screen.



Lisa Ward Culloden
Abs Cunningham
Elizabeth De Luca

Dusty Dequine
Christina Doclmo
Jessica Dodds
Jacqueline Dreffer



Laena Edwards
Leanne Ellsha
Tommy Farrell

Nan Fields
Tanya Fielsher



With books in hand, Alicia Condit challenges herself to finish her homework before practice.

"Hai-Ya!" yells Becky Mizel as she defends herself from the ruthless Billy Hinline.

Rushing to finish an art project, Layne Potvin can't wait to cheer at the volleyball game.

Wanted: Guys!

What happened to all the guys? That has been a common question asked within the class of 1997 for who knows how long. With only seventeen junior guys to choose from, it is sometimes difficult for the girls to make friends with the guys in their grade. One junior stated, "Personally, I don't like the lack of guys! They can be such good friends vs. girls who can create some problems. I wish there were more guys so people could turn to more of them when in need." Since the number of guys is so slim, there are close friendships between the girls in the class. "What makes our class unique is the closeness, especially between the girls. They are strong friends," states another junior. Most of the girls in this class are joined together by common bonds whether it be clubs and activities, sports, or prom committee. Since females make up a majority of their class, it is believed that the girls have closer bonds than the guys. One junior boy disagreed, "The guys have close relationships because there are so few of them. If there were more, they all couldn't be friends."



Gabriel Flores-Salido
Clay Frandsen

Flo Fulton
Annle Garrett
Becky Garrett
Burma Gates



Meg Griffith
Elizabeth Heckendorn
Billy Hineline
Summer Humerickhouse

Anahid Isberian
Jessica Kidd



Juniors Laena Edwards and Lindsey Thornburg show their friendship with a quick embrace in the halls.

Jill Anderson, Maggi Whitmer, Tracy Schroeder, and Greer Anderson bond on the beach.



Jennifer Liddington
Jenyphr Litwin
Corey Lucks

Maria Louisa Martinez
Alyson Mikos
Rebecca Milvich
Becky Mizel



Kyle Orcutt
Layne Potvin
Addie Prudden



Tracy Rameil
Piper Richey

Even though juniors Meg Griffith and Jennifer Liddington may be stressed out from another day of tedious classes, they can still stop near their lockers for a quick laugh! Korina Zamansky, another AHS junior, gives us a smile while she is rushing to her next class.

Friends Rose Wycoff and Harmony Trish hang out in between classes.

Friends forever! Toni Swersky and Tracy Schroeder are happy to show us that they are and always will be great friends.

Different Outlooks in a Close Crowd

What made the junior class different? One junior replied, "We were a close class, even though there was a wide variety of personality." Differing viewpoints, individual attitudes, and an assortment of ambition created the junior class. A wide variety of people with diverse friendships was what set this class apart from all the others. One could have looked in the gym after school and seen numerous juniors participating in sports ranging from cheerleading to soccer. In addition, there were those juniors who held part-time jobs as well, such as Powder Pandas, Aspen Sports, Explore Bistro, Boogie's and babysitting.

Ambitions were intense in this class; however, each goal was as unique as the person who held it. The majority of the class planned to go to college. What they had in mind varied from CU, Stanford University, San Francisco's Culinary Art School, and even the Sorbonne in Paris. In spite of their differences the juniors were known for their ability to stick together. Being close was an advantage this class mastered.

Eliza Russell
Kelly Schiffer



Tracy Schroeder
Robin Severy
Toni Swersky
Blaise Taddune



Layne Potvin, Elizabeth De Luca, and Nan Fields ponder their futures, okay fine, they're just gawking over some boys.

"It was just a long blink, I promise I'm not sleeping," argues Tommy Farrell.

Hey, Zach Feast! A penny for your thoughts.



Lindsey Thornburg
Harmony Trish
Maggi Whitmer



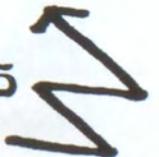
Asia Wright
Rose Wyckoff
Korina Zamansky

Not Pictured:
Joshua Cohen
Jamie Evans
Zach Feast
Marcos Gomez
Jeremy Guterman
John Mitchell
Micheal McGilvray

Asia Wright gives a smile that has "proud to be a junior" written all over it.

Good friends Rose Wyckoff and Lourdes Argueta amuse themselves in the library.

What are you hiding behind your back, Jamie Evans?



Getting in the Groove

Sophomores



The second year in high school
A little new, a little old
No longer at the bottom
The end slightly closer

- ... Toiling over the research paper
- ... Weeping over Greek tragedies
- ... Getting on the road at last-- and legally!

New friends come in
Old friends leave
We gain more, we lose more
Our futures approach





High Points

“ We're not freshmen anymore!
-Nick Braun

Knowing that next year we'll be
upperclassmen

-Tiana Hose

Low Points

The seniors are leaving
-Lauren Cockrell

Having a freshman above you
at your locker

-Kari Johnson



As long as he has a Johnny McGuire's sandwich in hand, Austin Prideaux is content eating lunch alone.

Fro-boy Matt Levinson makes a statement.

The pay phone, as Lauren Cockrell and Jollene Butler know, can often be a welcome distraction from school.

Greg Elston, Roy Katz, and Ryan Elston discover that being surrounded by buddies makes World History a bit less mundane.

Evan Ross doesn't look as happy as he ought to after finding such an amiable new friend.

Mirte Mallory soaks up the relaxed atmosphere of lunch on the beach during an Indian summer day.

Marc Wise, a.k.a. Mr. Cool, gives us the honor and privilege of his photo.

Despite the blinding sun, Tara Lynch enjoys her last few days at AHS with her good friend Ana Hadar.



Get Out of the Way . . .

Sophomores Are Driving!

Sophomore year of high school was one of the most fun years of school. For one thing they were no longer freshmen, but neither were they seniors worrying about being accepted into college. At the point students turned sixteen they developed a new sense of freedom. "Now that I have my license, I don't have to depend on the school bus or my older brother," Matt Axtell said with relief. Sophomores no longer had to ask parents to pick them up here, drive them there. Curfews grew later because sophomores didn't have to ride the bus late at night. "Now that I can drive I can go to town for lunch, but I have to take all my friends that don't drive yet," one sophomore complained.

Some people who are sixteen didn't drive because insurance costs were so high. Parents told their kids that if they want to be able to drive, then they have to get a job to pay for insurance. An average of \$100 a month seemed like a lot to pay just to drive. And there's gas too! One way to reduce insurance rates was to take driver's education. Some students went to Basalt High School for a driving course every night for two weeks during the summer. "It lowers your insurance costs 10%, so it is worth it!" exclaimed Erin Culbertson.



Brian Anzini
Ashley Arrasmith

Alida Baker
Jennifer Bartley
Shana Benson
Jesse Borkovec



Bobby Boykin
Sarah Brager
Nick Braun
Josh Brence

Michelle Britt
Jonathan Buerge



Andy Walbert shows off his brand new purple 1995 GMC "Jimmy."

Matt Axtell traded in his four-wheel drive truck for a red 4 Runner with yellow stripes; otherwise, known as the "McDonald's Mobil."



Ciara Burton
 Jollene Butler
 Julie Campbell
 Lucy Cannon



Shannon Cherry
 Lauren Cockrell
 Erin Culbertson
 Kelli Dean



Alta DeBeque
 Marcin Debski
 Kari Dequine



Chris Dirkes
 Greg Elston

What are the essentials in life? According to Josh Rogan:
 your truck, guitar, and puppy.

Enjoying his moment of solitude, Matt Levinson drives
 home in peace.



We Be Jammin'!

From classical to rap, most Aspen High School sophomores were involved with music. While many sophomore students listened to music in one form or another, some took it a step further by joining a school ensemble, such as concert choir and jazz band, or even forming their own band. Grunge happened to be the style of one sophomore band that called themselves "Chaka". (Though most of the student body knew them as "Veridian" because that was what they were calling themselves when they played at the Homecoming dance in October.) Bass player Roy Katz, guitarist Taylor Hale, and drummer Chris Roach have been playing together since last summer. Hale states, "We just collected gear until we were all set. We plan to send a demo tape to a record company." When Chris Roach said, "Music plays a significant role in my life," not only was he speaking for himself, but for the majority of the sophomore class.

Ryan Elston
Gabe Finesilver

John Francis
Jason Garfield
Nikki Garrett
Alex Gely



Ana Hadar
Taylor Hale
Wayde Hammond
Blake Hansen

Amy Harris
Amber Hasselbring



Her back warmed by the sun, Sarah Brager forgets her worries and listens to her Walkman.

Taylor Hale jams on his guitar while warming up for MAD Co.





Tiana Hose
 Matt Isaac
 Karl Johnson
 Roy Katz

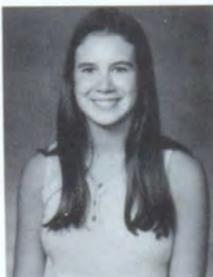


Harumi Lamm
 Shane Larsen
 Parker Lathrop
 Matt Levinson



Chris Roach, Roy Katz, and Taylor Hale form the grunge band, Chaka.

Josh Rogan sets aside a couple of minutes each day to entertain the student body with his guitar playing.



Anna Liebman
 Tara Lynch
 Mirte Mallory



Christy Martin
 Travis Mayle

Amity Among Grades

Even though most of the sophomores' closest friends were their fellow sophomores, many tenth graders had freshmen or upperclassmen as buds. As Abby McFlynn said, "One of my best friends is a senior." Noelle Waldron conveyed, "I'm better friends with the sophomores, but I have enjoyed getting to know freshmen and upperclassmen." Freshmen were not quite as popular with the sophomores as upperclassmen were. Still, many sophomores did hold friendships with the neophytes.

In middle school, people seemed more prone to sticking with people of the same age; befriending a person of lesser grade status was rare. But in the high school, sophomores shared classes with students of all ages. The high school was much more of a whole; a single group of students participating in activities such as Student Senate, E.A.R.T.H., sports, and a variety of other endeavors. Sports, in particular, brought the four different grades together. "I'm on the hockey team, so I know the upperclass hockey players," commented Andy Walbert. The diverse personalities and interests of the students at the school brought friends together, and in many cases, age didn't matter.

Abby McFlynn
Meghan McKeivitt

Mark McNamara
Jonathan Milka
Johnnemann Nordhagen
Jetzen O'Connor



James Overton
Mandy Owensby
Claire Owsley
Justin Pfeifer

Brooke Pickel
Karla Pineda



Amber Hasselbring and senior Aidan Wynn hang out at the homecoming bonfire.

Jeff Sloves befriends freshman Nicole Reno.



Austin Prideaux
 Kate Purnell
 Jon Ritter
 Chris Roach



Bob Roberts
 Jenny Robinson
 Jonathan Rockwood
 Evan Ross



Zach Roth
 Laurie Sasser
 Ashley Schermerhorn



Jeff Sloves
 Colter Smith

After a few years at the Aspen Country Day School, Ashley Schermerhorn has no trouble making new friends, among them senior Matt Meritt.

Feeling generous, senior Darcy Gaechter shares her work space at the senior table with Jonah Weintraub.



Thinking Hard, Or Hardly Thinking?

Part of being a sophomore was, of course, thinking. Obviously some people did it more than others, but regardless, it had to be done. The real question though, is what were they thinking? The focus of the thoughts, for the most part, will never be known.

It often seemed that in class students thought about a variety of things other than that particular class (believe it or not—it's true). Drawn out lectures, math videos, and the absence of a much needed five-minute break were common factors to cause students to fall asleep, or if they were strong enough to keep their eyes open, to set minds wandering in wonderful worlds far away from Aspen High School. "I think about how comfortable I could be at home sleeping," revealed Tiana Hose. Many sophomores, though, didn't think about a thing, and "just sort of spaced."

However, when a situation required concentrated thinking, the sophomores rarely failed to come up with brilliant material. The dreaded research paper, for example, demanded a large amount of brain power. This year's topics ranged from ethnic cleansing to the negative impact of cows occupying the earth. Seven hour school days gave the sophomores plenty of time to think, whether it was "what I'm going to do after school," as Josh Brence said, or something far in the future. Such a variety of thoughts created unique outcomes, and in general, a special, fascinating sophomore class. It is true, according to the Greek that the 'more' part of sophomore does mean foolish, but more importantly, it must be remembered that the 'sopho' part stands for wise.

May Soonthornswad
Kylelgh Spitz

Kelly Stewart
Jonathan Sundeen
Carl Taylor
Holly Upper



Unscheduled time gives Andy Welgos and Gabe Finesilver ninety extra minutes to ponder the meaning of life.

After coming up with a brilliant idea in World History, Trevor Wheetman suppresses his urge to yell, "I've got it!"



Andy Walbert
Noelle Waldron



Derek Ward
Jonah Weintraub



Not Pictured: Manolo Anderson, Matt Axtell, Crystal Balentine, Joey Beck, Griffin Hanney, Johnathan Muzikar, Eric Rogan, Josh Rogan

These Spanish III students will not be distracted by anything while they work intently on their tests.

Being a left-hander, Ashley Arrasmith is sure to come up with something imaginative and ingenious for her paper due next period.



Andy Welgos
Cate
Wheetman
Trevor
Wheetman



Austin White
Marc Wise

Starting Point

Freshmen

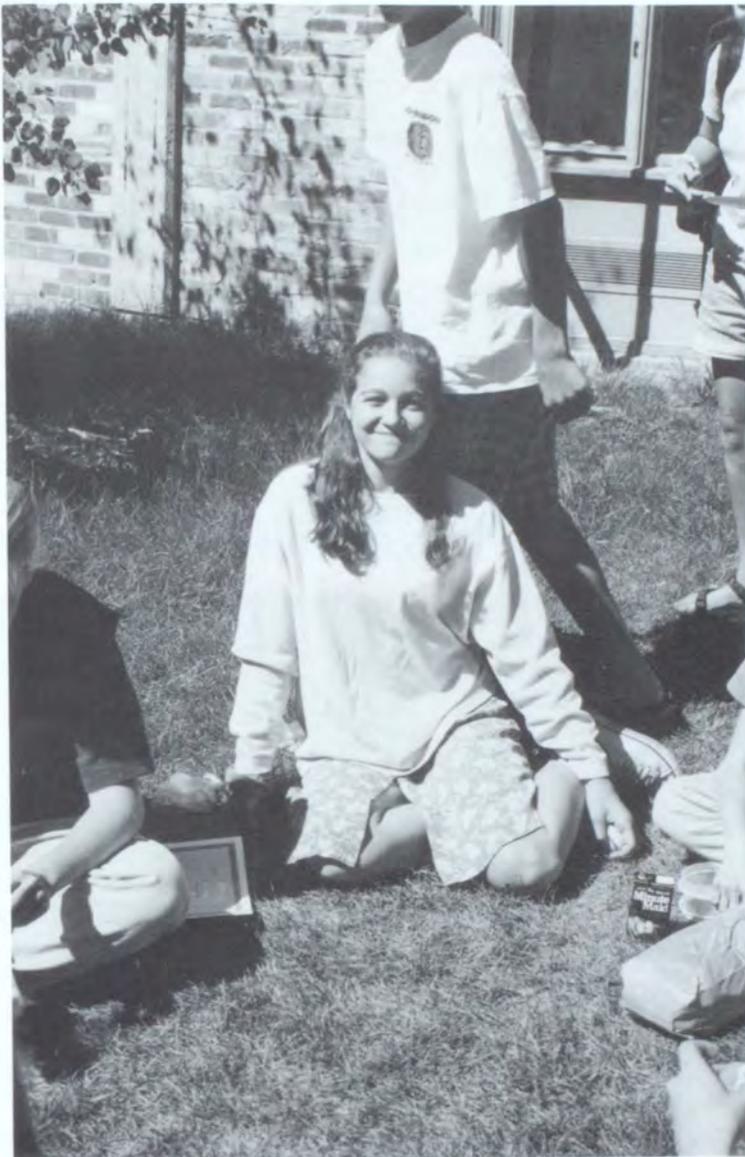


Back on the bottom
Our reign as king over
Revising our thoughts
Starting anew

- ... Remembering the careless middle school days
- ... Attending our first high school home game
- ... Spending hours on algebra homework

The first of the "best four years" of our lives
Such expectations to uphold
The end will soon be near
Where do we begin?





High Points

Field Day was awesome!
-Michelle Youngling

Homecoming was a lot of fun.
Everyone was going crazy!
-Samantha Kidd

Low Points

Initiation week was a drag. Following that little trail was really embarrassing.

-Aimee Hecht

Algebra's really hard. It's a big jump from middle school math.

-Elizabeth Mitchell



Lacey Gaechter stops for a quick smile before rushing off to her next class.

The epitome of a freshman, Dylan Ortega flinches from the wrath of a much larger senior.

Taking time from her busy social schedule, Claudia Salmeron gives us a grin.

Freshmen girls Cara Bohne, Hannah Stouffer, Aimee Hecht, Anne Boenning and Christy Hunter enjoy the sunshine while waiting for their PE class to begin.

"What do you want?" asks Kalli Gustafson as we interrupt her precious lunchtime.

It didn't take Mary Cate Hauenstein long to figure out that the beach was the place to eat.

Ryan Dougan is still in shock after his first day of high school.

Jessica Wilson, Anne Boenning and Lindsey Bathke can't stop beaming after playing in their first home volleyball game.

Freshmen Choices

One of the best things about moving into the high school is finally having a choice of classes to take. For once these new freshmen weren't thrust into boring electives you had no desire for. They weren't forced to take art when they had no artistic talent. Finally, they were in control. Well, not completely. Ninth graders weren't given total freedom to choose classes, they did have a few required ones. Geography with Kirk Gregory is actually an elective, but because it is required by Colorado University, almost all freshmen take it. Intro to PE, health and computer skills are all required electives. Academic classes such as biology and English I are also "no choice" classes. Students also must take a math course. Algebra was the most common math class among freshmen, although those who had taken algebra in middle school could take a more challenging class, such as geometry.

Some students went above and beyond their required classes. One such freshman, Nicole Reno, was in Geometry A, an advanced sophomore class. "It's a lot of hard work, but I understand most of it," said Nicole. Nathan Morse, previously from Aspen Country Day, was in French III, a mostly junior class. Many freshmen complained about their six required classes, saying that they should have had more of a choice. Be patient, upperclassmen said, "Your turn will come."



Karl Adam
Jason Albert

Parker Anderson
Alejandro Arce-Ramos
Nelson Argueta
Nicole Barker



Lindsey Bathke
Kira Batterson
Gretchen Bleiler
Jill Bloomer

Brooke Blumberg
Anne Boenning



Nancy Roach teaches Shakespearean theatrical techniques as her English I class reads along.

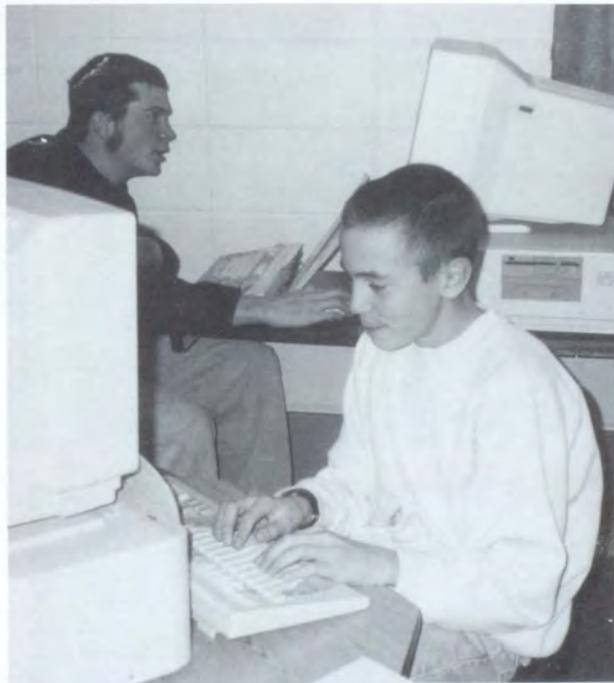
Stevie Cook and Julie Lindt stare at the desk top hoping Karen Zohar will think they're concentrating.



Cara Bohne
 Courtney Brinkerhoff
 Steven Bruening
 Chris Calentine

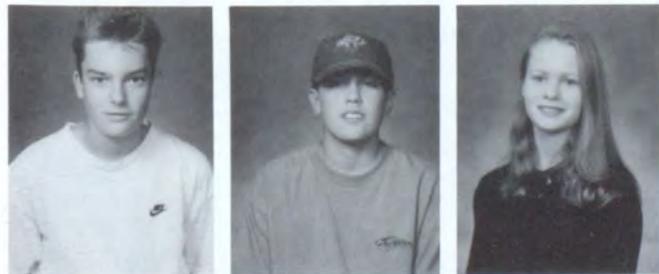


Sienna Canyon
 Alex Cassatt
 Stevee Cook
 Carter Crouch

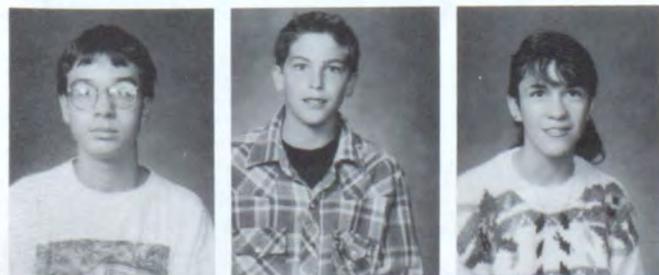


"Ms. Haddad thinks I'm doing computer skills; I'm actually playing solitaire." confesses Steven Bruening.

Students concentrate on their geography test while Kirk catches a little shut-eye.



Zach Cyrus
 Christopher DeLuca
 Sarah Dey



Ryan Dougan
 Luke Farrell
 Myrna Flores-Salido

Bottom of the Pack

Being at the bottom of the pack is tough. We've all been there, we all know how it feels. But some would argue that this year's freshmen had it especially hard. Besides being in a school completely foreign to them, the freshmen were put through additional torture only because they are the infamous freshmen.

The freshmen had to struggle through several obstacles handed down by superior seniors. A path was painted on the common's floor by the cheerleaders during Homecoming week for the freshmen to follow to and from every class. It wound around and around and halted where they would have to jump and shout "I LOVE SENIORS!" At the Homecoming pep rally, a select few also had to run across the stage holding signs saying "Seniors Rock!" Freshmen were also found singing "Happy Birthday" to seniors on their birthdays.

But there was one good thing about living through the first grueling weeks of school as a freshman: they know that one day they too will be the almighty seniors and finally get their turn at ruling the school.



Ben Frey
Jonah Fuechsel



Lacey Gaechter
Rick Gates
Shane Gillin



Aubrey Gordon
Whitney Gordon
Sarah Graber
Moses Greengrass



Brent Gukelsen
Kalli Gustafson

Freshman Nathan Morse remains cool, calm and collected in the company of sometimes "intimidating" seniors Heidi Haberman and Becky Dillon.

Wait a minute, what is this? Cody Oates finally drops after being forced by freshman Carter Crouch to do 100 knuckle push-ups.



Jonathan Hagman
Cooper Hall
Rose Hall
Heather Hanna



Mary Cate Hauenstein
Aimee Hecht
Tom Hineline
Wyley Hodgson



Kayla Holmbeck
Yuri Horowitz
Christy Hunter



Christian Jensen
Nadja Kaelin

"You want us to *jump*? You've got to be kidding," laugh Brooke Blumberg and Sasha Randall.

Territorial senior, Zac Weintraub, wields his power over innocent freshmen just asking to take a breather in the red seats.

Upperclassmen make freshmen shout praise about the almighty seniors to the entire school.

Starting Over

For this year's freshmen, moving to high school meant new teachers, harder classes and more freedom than they were given in middle school. "It's harder to get all your homework in because there are more chances to goof off in high school. The teachers here give more tests, but they are more understanding," remarked Rose Hall. "High school is a lot harder than middle school, but it is more fun because you have more freedom than you were given in middle school," voiced Lacey Gaechter. "The hardest thing about high school was the increase in the amount of homework and harder homework," stated Luke Farrell. "The hardest thing for me about high school is my red day classes," added Jason Pfeifer. In spite of the new challenges presented to them in high school, this year's freshmen are happy to be here.



Ryan Kerr
Samantha Kidd



Bobby Larsen
Luke Lauer
Julie Lindt
Cliff Little



Hector Lopez
Ian Meloy
Elizabeth Mitchell
Alana Monge



Aiya Moore
Jeremy Morris

Freshmen Julie Lindt, Alana Monge, Christy Hunter, Amy Hecht, and Mary Cate Hauenstein look happy in front of the school that will be their home away from home for the next four years.

Claudia Salmeron and Niki Barker savor the last few minutes of lunch before going back to class.



Nathan Morse
Natalie Myslor
Yuri Ognacevic
Denora Pacheco



Jason Pfeifer
Ben Phillips
Brian Phillips
Sarah Prudden



Freshman Jessica Wilson shoves all her life's possessions into her locker.
Lindsay Bathke eats her lunch with friends on the beach.



Christina Radeke
Sasha Randall
Nicole Reno



Stefan Reveal
Jacob Grimm-Richards

Sisters and Brothers Smooth the Way

There is something to be said about sister and brotherly love when it comes to fearing high school. Having older siblings who are already in high school can really help smooth the way. "It's not so scary to move up when you know so many of the high schoolers because they have been living at your house for years!" exclaimed Ashley White. "I really like being in school with my sister because now we can gossip about the same people and we sometimes even like the same guys. Even though she won't let me date any of them," Jill Bloomer joked. Lacey Geachter decided, "Well, it is nice having Darcy (her sister) around, but I don't know if I like being picked on by her friends. They have been harassing me since middle school," she laughed reminiscing. After all, who will always be there for you regardless of rumors or age? Your siblings.



Shannon Robinson
Charles Roth

Loren Sackett
Claudia Salmeron
Clay Shipp
Andrew Smith



Lindsay Staton
Alice Steindler
Scott Stewart
Hannah Stouffer

Ashley White
Jessica Wilson



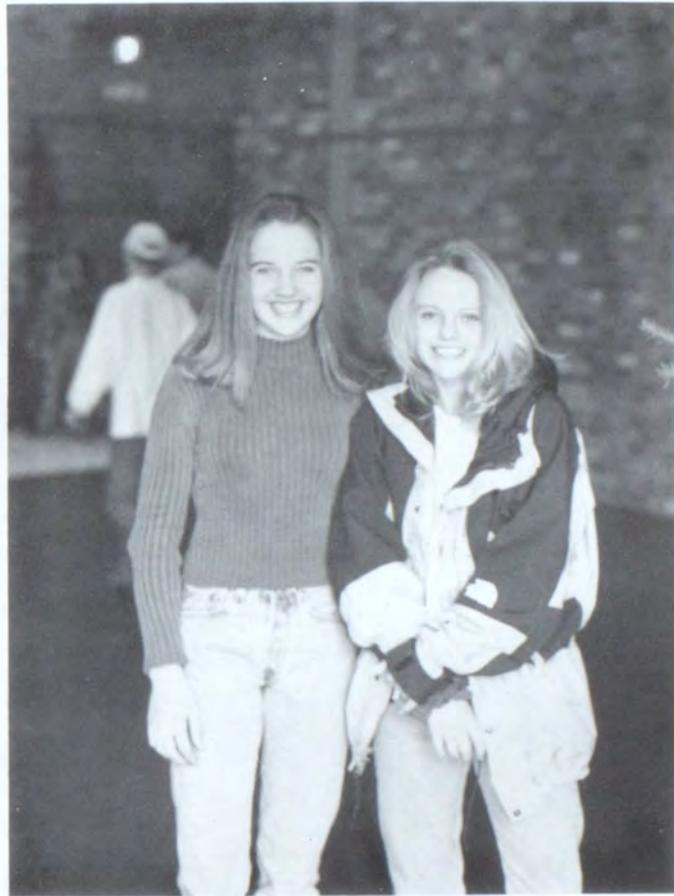
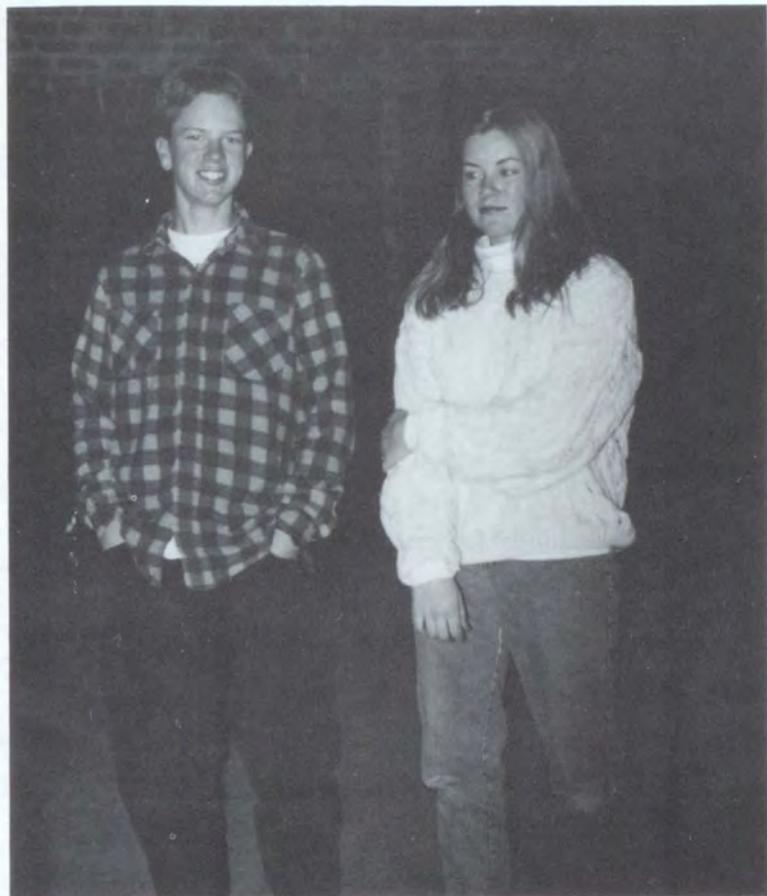
44 Brian Phillips and Dylan Ortega have been great friends since they were very young. This is a coincidence because their senior sisters, Jessica and Rachel, have been best friends forever; even their mothers Lynn and Jan go way back.

Alana Monge is proud to have senior Maggie to follow through high school.



Jed Woolley
 Chris Wyckoff
 Michelle Youngling
 Justin Ziegler

Not Pictured:
 Thomas Colver, Tim Ingerlck,
 Jared Jordan, Marco Antonio Velasquez Salido,
 and Dylan Ortega.



Rick Gates and his junior sister Burma are both family and friends.

Proving that sisters still stick together, Jill Bloomer and her senior sister Karin pose with smiles.

Samantha Kidd enjoys the company of her sister, junior Jessica. Along with this pair, there are 21 freshmen with older brothers and sisters.

Things That Go Bump In the Night



"Blood-sucking sueductress" Alex Gely should have melted from the bright day light by now. Someone get her some shades!

Hey, weren't you in a book or something? Cat in the Hat sophomore Kate Purnell explains that Halloween is by far her most favorite holiday.

Senior friends Matt Stone and Heidi "Heidi" Haberman get to class on time, but Matt looks a little ruffled up! His last class must have been tough.





Most Outrageous Costume winner, and certainly most eye-catching, senior Albie Whitaker is a walking message as Captain Condom.

Kira Batterson portrays the true Aspen High Schooler successfully. We all have a little devil shining through our angel shells.

Shana Benson, the perfect Charlie Chaplin, tells us that she came up with that clever costume just the night before.



Get With It



The women of AHS fashion lower body wear. These styles range from your average used LEVI's to bell-bottoms, corduroy skirts to button down denim, and even army surplus pants made their way into the mix. Shoes are even a form of expression these days. As one can see, from clogs to cowboy boots, penny loafers with heels, to combat boots with buckles, and Air Walks to socks--AHS has it all.

The AHS men show a little less variety but just as much "with it" style. Once again jeans will never die out but the guys also sport "cords" and black pants as well. As far as shoes go, well it looks like hiking boots are this year's winner, followed closely by Adidas.

But more than just clothing AHS is reasonably caught up in many other fads. Some of this year's favorites are Phish and Alanis Morisset (music), "Friends" and "Seinfeld" (TV), Fischer (ski brand), and J-Crew and Sam Goodies (store).

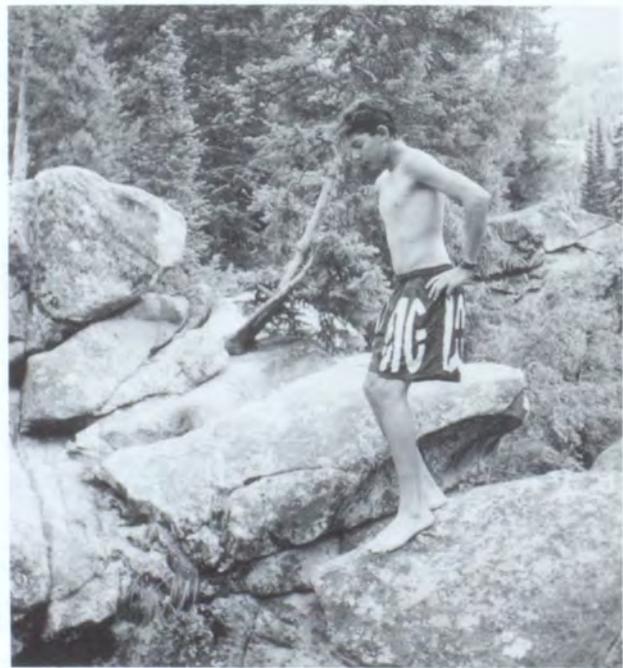


Sophomore Meghan McKeivitt is stylish with her bobbed hair cut and FIMO necklace.



This group of students show off a unique sense of style from the ever popular baseball hats to the newest craze for overalls. Senior Brendan Blake sports an exotic Bahamian shirt, while sophomore Kyleigh Spitz wears the new popular FIMO beads. Sophomore Jollene Butler is very trendy in the grunge look. Seniors Tanner Jones and Cody Oates sport the backwards baseball hats that will never die. Freshmen Aimee Hecht, Brooke Blumberg and Sasha Randall display underclassmen style. Teacher Karin Angus proves that even the faculty have taste. Senior Sasha Sells is all funkyed out in overalls and a baby-tee.

What We Live For . . .

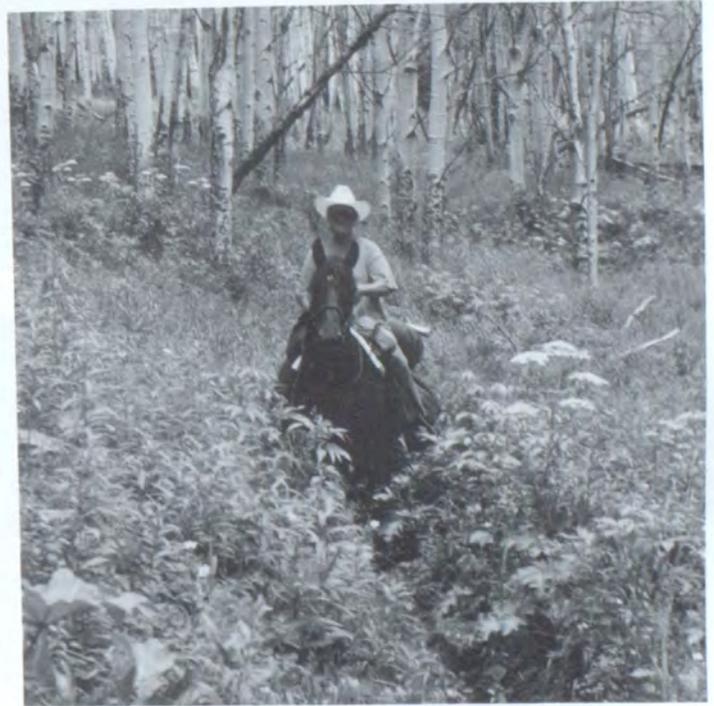


Beginning to get a little cold, junior Lindsay Hall runs inside for a hot chocolate break.

Nervously gazing into the numbing water, freshman Brian Phillips debates his leap.

"Going to the Popcorn Wagon to meet friends gets a little old!" chatters Summer Humerickhouse.

50 On the stage of the commons, juniors Addie Prudden, Rebecca Milvich, and Annie Garrett whoop it up at the Finals Fling.



"How much longer?" sighs teacher Carol Sams 20 miles into the St. George Marathon.

Enjoying a hike up Hunter Creek, seniors Jessica Phillips and Judith Nakagawa stop to smell the flowers.

Master of the trails, secretary Jodie Bay takes a relaxing ride through the mountains.

Preparing at Gracy's Cabin to go snowboarding, senior Zac Soule can't wait to perfect his 720.

Our Spirit Keeps Us Going

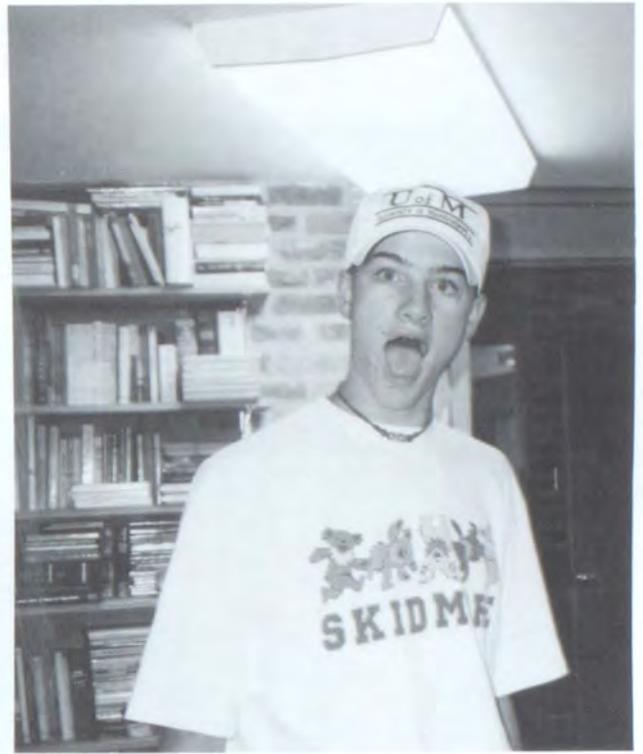


Freshman Jill Bloomer and Seniors Justin Starodj and Albie Whitaker support AHS by attending the bonfire to kick off Homecoming weekend.



Junior drummer Corey Lucks gets "sound" advice from senior Aaron Wheetman.

Friends sticking together, sophomores Mark Wise, Lauren Cockrell, and Jollene Butler encourage each other through a case of researchpaperitis.



Face painting is the rage, and freshmen volleyball players Kalli Gustafson and Jessica Wilson show support for their senior varsity players.

"Aaagggghh! Where am I going to hang out now?!" Senior Cody Oates experiences momentary trauma over the thought of leaving behind his favorite English office, that of Nancy Roach and Claudia Anderson.

Proving that not even the chill of October can keep her from supporting her school, senior Molly Tarbet puts her best face forward for the AHS bonfire.

Smiling faces aren't all that juniors Jill Anderson and Maggi Whitmer bring to the cross country team--they also bring a "hair-raising" spirit that helps to draw the team together.

Let it Snow!



Mid-January isn't necessarily the warmest time to hang out on the beach, but the cold weather and deep snow don't seem to bother senior Katie Hadar.

Through the dark, snowy night, junior Kelly Schiffer spots a distant light.

As a member of the Aspen Ski Team, sophomore Greg Elston dedicates much of his winter season to training and racing.



Point it Out

Faculty



A new year with new beginnings
A new administrator to lead
Familiar faces year after year
A fresh new start

... Writing college recs
... Staying late with students
... Correcting last minute revisions

Change and new perspectives
Learning new names
Saying goodbye to seniors
The years go by so quickly





High Points

“ The overall attitude seems more positive in the building, especially the upperclassmen pride in the school.

-Carol Sams

Students seem committed to getting a good education.

-Kellie Ellis

Low Points

No one gave me an apple this year!

-Karen Zohar

The paint that won't stop celebrating Homecoming week!

-Fred Sherrill



First year teacher Kellie Ellis is interrupted as she tries to prepare her lesson plans for the day.

Pat Hodgson is happy to have Lauren Cassatt as a companion this year in the library.

We know Mike Christopher LOVES preparing for his 8:30 a.m. classes.

Kendall Evans, the new principal at AHS, Lisa Halverson, the first ever Dean of Students and Charlie Anastas, Spanish teacher and sophomore class sponsor, are all proud of the improvements made to the Commons.

Unable to believe the excuse note she is reading, attendance secretary Patty Jones immediately calls to inform authorities.

Susan Woolley, ESL teacher, helps junior Lourdes Argueta correct her English paper.

AHS teachers cheer on their field day teams and share a few jokes along the way.

Taking over for Mike Flynn in the science room, Kirsten Newhard enjoys her lunch before her students arrive.

Mutual Admiration

The relationship between teachers and students at AHS was very unique and special this year. Teachers and students had respect for each other but also maintained a casual relationship. "I believe that, for the most part, there is a mutual respect for one another. Teachers believe in the students, and the students trust the teachers to guide them," said John Fisher, who taught drafting and woods. Many teachers also felt that the strong interaction between themselves and the students was an essential part of the bond. Geraldine Graham, one of Aspen High School's counselors, basically summed up the friendship when she remarked, "Close, friendly, and more casual than other schools."



Charlie Anastas
Foreign Language
Claudia Anderson
Language Arts
Karen Angus
Counselor
Jodie Bay
Secretary

Terry Orcutt explains to Heather Hanna, a freshman, how proud he is of her score on her first algebra test.

Geraldine Graham, world's best hugger, gives junior, Rose Wyckoff, some encouraging words before she takes her World History test.

Before junior Jacqueline Dreffer starts her assignment, Dave Conarroe explains the guidelines.



Michelle Bruce
Special Education
George Burson
Social Studies
Kathie Burson
Foreign Language



Jennifer Carr
Choral
Lauren Cassatt
Library
Kathy Chaloupka
Science



John Chlodo
Custodian
Mike Christopher
Language Arts
Dave Conaroe
Business Education
Rudy Diaz
Math
Kellie Ells, Science



Judy Wrigley shares a few laughs with her Spanish IV class.
Michelle Bruce and her freshmen enjoy reading aloud together.
Claudia Anderson just laughs when Travis Mayle, a sophomore, asks for a break.
Concerned about an upcoming test in World History, sophomores gather to study with Heidi Roupp.

Before Teaching

The teachers at AHS worked hard to get themselves to where they are today. The job variety covered almost everything from working at YMCA summer camp to a television producer. Jim Fleisher, "Flash," one of AHS physical education teachers, had one of the the more exciting jobs--he used to work on the U.S. Coast Guard! Nancy Haddad, business teacher, acquired her excellent typing skills while she worked as a secretary in a law office. The most common job for women was waitressing, and, for the men, construction. Fred Sherrill, AHS Peer Support teacher, has been working with adolescents since his first job in an outpatient clinic for teenagers. Kathie Burson, foreign language teacher, perfected her handwriting skills while working as a clerk in a bookstore and a library. Over the years of working many odd jobs most of the faculty would probably be willing to say that working at Aspen High School has been the most rewarding job they have ever had!

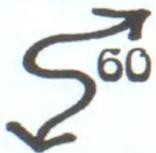


Kendall Evans
Principal
John Fisher
Industrial Arts
Jim Fleisher
Physical Education
Gerardo Martinez
Custodian

Nancy Jean Roach and Nancy Jean Haddad are enjoying the sun while their yearbook students slave away inside.

While cleaning his office, Kirk Gregory glances over to the papers he still has yet to grade.

Jim Fleisher, "Flash," escapes from the pressures at school and heads to the golf course.





Geraldine Graham
Counselor
Kirk Gregory
Social Studies
Nancy Haddad
Business Education



Lisa Halverson
Dean of Students
Pat Hodgson
Library
Patty Jones
Secretary



Ken Larson
Auto Tech
Susan McKinney
Math
Joyce Meredith
Math
Rob Merritt
Band
Kirsten Newhard, Science

Kathie Burson is excited that it is finally the weekend.
Fred Sherrill shows his school spirit.
Geraldine Graham is having a lovely day in the office.
All the teachers gather at lunch to discuss who will be the next student of the week.

Leaders of the Pack

There was a new person directing and leading at Aspen High School this year: Mr. Kendall Evans. When Mr. Evans first heard that Aspen was looking for a new principal, he recognized the famous name and made a bet with another principal that he would get the job. He was offered the job, and he and his family left Oklahoma, where they lived for many years. He added and changed many things throughout the course of his first year. "One of my ultimate goals," remarked Mr. Evans "is for everyone, the faculty, administration, and the students, to respect one another and have a good, healthy relationship." His hopes for AHS while he is in administration are for the students to surpass their already outstanding academics but to succeed in athletics, drama, and extra curricular activities as well. Mr. Evans received much help and support from the first ever Dean of Students, Lisa Halverson. Acting as the interim principal last year, Ms. Halverson was able to pass advice on to Mr. Evans. She basically dealt with attendance, student conflicts, and discipline problems. Kendall Evans and Lisa Halverson brought many changes and will continue to lead Aspen High School to a prosperous future.



Terry Orcutt
Math



Andy Popinchalk
Language Arts



Nancy Roach
Language Arts



Heidi Roupp
Social Studies



Kendall Evans and Lisa Halverson stand proudly after receiving the approval for the first ever Gold Card at Aspen High School. Working alongside many parents, Mr. Evans and Ms. Halverson present the Gold Card every semester to students who have an 87% average or higher and also to members of MAC. With this card, students are able to receive discounts at many of the local businesses in town.

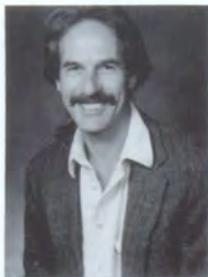
Claudia Anderson, teacher of Language Arts at AHS, looks pleased with the new administration and is ready for a new day.



Isabel Salcedo
Custodian
Carol Sams
Physical Education
Ilene Schmidt
Counseling Tech



Fred Sherrill
Peer Support
Kit Sommer
Social Studies
Barbara Smith
Fine Arts



Geraldine Graham, the counselor at AHS, and Tom Farrell, the superintendent of the Aspen School District, enjoy the friendship they share together.



Charlie Stonehocker
Math
Michael Sullivan
Video
Susan Woolley
ESL
Judy Wrigley
Foreign Language
Karen Zohar, Science

Augie Reno, asst. secretary and treasurer, Jill Uris, secretary, Jeanette Darnauer, vice-president, Alice Davis, treasurer and Jeff Yusem, president, of the school board are proud of such an outstanding school district. As a result of the 1995 election, Augie Reno and Jill Uris were added to this successful team.

Point By Point Sports

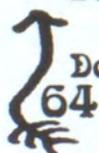


**Striving to succeed
Bumps and bruises
Coaches push us to the limit
State awaits**

**... One more mile
... One more point
... One more cheer**

**How much longer on the bus?
Did we achieve our goals?
Does the bond end with our last
game?**

Does the score really matter?





High Points

66 Going to competition and getting second place.

-Co-captain Whitney Mizel

All the cross country meets we went to were so much fun because of the great bond our team had.

-Sterling Tomkins

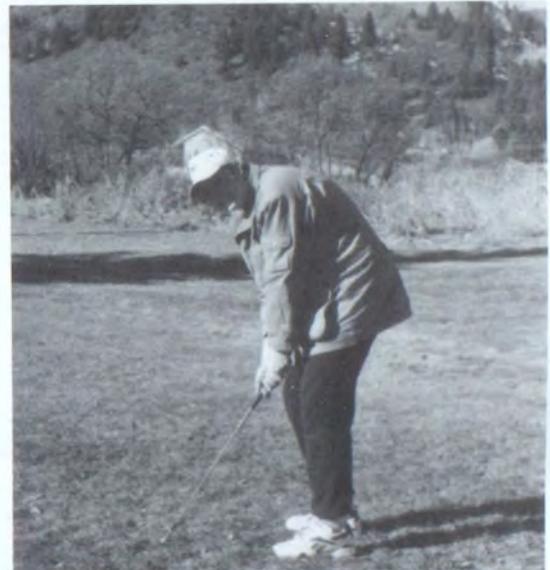
Low Points

I think the tennis team had a lot of talent; unfortunately, the talent was not there to take us to State.

-Tanner Jones

The whole cross country team was disappointed we lost State by one point.

-Alicia Condit



Junior Jessica Dodds runs her way to the finish line at the Leadville race. Jessica gives points and pep to the team at all races.

Seniors Whitney Mizel and Jamie Duhe practice lifting junior Melissa Arnold one last time before the big competition in Denver.

The varsity basketball team huddles to discuss their next plan of attack on Carbondale.

The varsity volleyball team lines up for the announcements of their final home game in the Skier Dome.

Sophomore Chris Dirkes awaits the puck, hoping to make the winning point against rival, Vail.

Senior Brendan Blake finishes up his first year of golf.

Sophomore Cari Taylor scores one of her many baskets against Silver State to give Aspen a big win by thirty points.





“It was a really fun season, not only because it was successful, but because we had such great unity among the team.

-Darcy Gaechter

Awards: All Conference and Most Outstanding Player

This team is the best team that I have ever played on. Not only did everyone get along with everyone, but we had fun all the time. I will miss this team with all my heart.

-Jessica Bennett

I am so glad I was such a big part of this team because we demonstrated strong camaraderie.

-Lindsay Straka

Awards: First Team All League and Most Outstanding Player

CAMARADERIE

Volleyball is one of the biggest spectator sports in the Aspen High School. The Skier Dome not only brings in fans for the Varsity but also for the Junior Varsity and the freshmen teams. When the game was on the line and the crowd was yelling, the '95 volleyball team could still play a strong game. "The bond between the girls was definitely noticeable on the court and off," exclaimed John Schenck, a big fan of volleyball. The volleyball team was very tight. All the girls decided to make a commitment to the team, so every night before a game they went to someone's house for team bonding. "Team bonding at peoples' houses was so fun and very interesting," commented Terry Knighton, the assistant coach. The girls started out the season a little shaky but, once they pulled

together, things really started to heat up. The team won the majority of their games from mid-season on. The peak of their season occurred at just the right time--at Districts. "Districts was definitely the highlight of my season, along with having a great team that I really cared for," senior Darcy Gaechter said with great emotion. "I felt we had the potential to go all the way to State, but we folded at Regionals," said middle blocker Tanya Fleisher. Even though the girls did not have a successful time at Regionals, they had fun and played hard. Afterwards, the locker room was the most emotional time for seniors and even juniors. Crying, yet still smiling, the girls were sad that they would never be a team again.

Varsity Team Record

Basalt	15-0,15-9
Plateau Valley	7-15,15-7,9-15
Grand Valley	15-7,9-15,12-15
Battle Mountain	15-11,4-15,11-15
Roaring Fork	15-5,12-15,15-2
Eagle Valley	14-16,7-15
Plateau Valley	14-16,15-11,9-15
Basalt	15-4,11-15,9-15
Grand Valley	15-11,15-8
Battle Mountain	15-7,15-17,15-6
Eagle Valley	15-7,16-14
Roaring Fork	15-8,15-9
West Grand	15-6,15-6
Meeker	6-15,8-15
Districts:	
Basalt	15-6,18-16
Roaring Fork	15-9,8-15,15-3
Eagle Valley	15-5,11-15,17-15
Regionals:	
Meeker	5-15,6-15
Hotchkiss	10-15,16-18
Steamboat	2-15,5-15



Varsity. Back row: Manager Tracy Rameil, Abs Cunningham, Tanya Fleisher, Elizabeth DeLuca, Lindsay Straka, Jessica Bennett, Tracy Schroeder, Toni Swersky and Coach Kellie Schenck. Front row: Greer Anderson, Katie Bessey, Rebecca Milvich, Kelly Schiffer and Darcy Gaechter.

Junior Varsity. Back row: Coach Terry Knighton, Carl Taylor, Shana Benson, Noelle Waldron. Second row: Kelli Dean, Kate Purnell, Holly Upper and Jenny Robinson. Third row: May Soonthornswad, Ciara Burton and Christy Martin. Front row: Michelle Youngling, Karl Dequine and Austin White.

Freshmen. Back row: Coach Chris Keler, Kayla Holmbeck, Jessica Wilson, Kalli Gustafson and Samantha Kidd. Middle row: Lacy Gaechter, Claudia Salmeron, Rose Hall and Sarah Graber. Front row: Loren Sackett, Ashley White, Anne Boenning and Lindsay Bathke.

Junior Abs Cunningham, one of Varsity's middle blockers, readily awaits the ball on serve receive.

Sophomore Cari Taylor serves up the ball for game point, after serving over half of the team points in the West Grand game.



Pointing in the Right Direction



“My role as a teacher and coach was to be a positive influence while teaching the game of soccer. I also emphasize sportsmanship at the highest level. This team has a better attitude than teams I have coached in the past few years. There are a couple changes I would make, one being to play players at different positions. I also thought that the fans were very supportive with a lot of encouragement, even while the team lost several games.”

Coach Brad Jordan

“I love the fun of high school soccer,” exclaimed senior David Cooper, who has played on the soccer team for three years. This season, the team had a new coach, Brad Jordan. Jordan wanted to make some changes for the better. “Our goals for the season were to mature as a team and understand tactical concepts. I found the team easy to coach because of their technical abilities and the consistency of the team,” claimed Jordan. Even though this soccer season was not as successful on the scoreboard as they would have liked, with a season that ended 1-14, things will improve in seasons to come. “I liked intensity in some of the games. Things

came together and reflected in the way we played,” said sophomore Jonah Weintraub. “I disliked how the team rarely played at full strength,” regrets senior Talyor Phillips. Many agreed that the team did not always give it their all; they showed up physically, but not mentally. However, the last game in Rifle seemed to be the most rewarding for the team as a whole, and especially for “sweeper” senior Zac Soule. Soule was awarded All Conference League for his effort and success, which made it memorable for the team as well. All and all the year was a positive one, and with a good JV team to build upon, future seasons look even better.



Senior Talyor Phillips gets up on his toes as he prepares strong Skier defense.



Back row: Chris Roach, Manolo Anderson, Colter Smith, Ryan Welgos, Ryan Elston, Andy Welgos, Jonathan Mika, Ben Phillips, Tom Hineline, Zach Cyrus, Christian Jensen, Luke Lauer, Andrew Smith, Matt Isaac, Matt Levinson, Jonah Weintraub, Gabe Finesilver and Manager Ashley Schermerhorn. Front row: Seniors Zac Soule, Aidan Wynn, David Cooper and Taylor Phillips.



Number 8, sophomore Manolo Anderson, passes the ball to one of his fellow teammates in a close game against Glenwood Springs.

Coach Jordan complimented senior Zac Soule on one of his plays in Rifle when Zac volleyed the ball into the Rifle goal, which tied the game 1-1.

Sophomore Mark Wise, the 6'4" steel wall goal tender, leaps up to block Rifle from scoring.

The fans eagerly watch as sophomore Jonathan Mika attempts to score on a penalty shot against Rifle. Aspen was fortunate enough to avoid such penalty shots against themselves and managed to keep their distance from red cards.

Point, Set, Match!

Aspen High School added a new sports team this year-- boys' tennis. According to Coach Sue Geist, "The team's attitude and enthusiasm were tremendous and the players were self-motivated and wanted to practice and play hard." As a result of the team's effort, motivation and dedication to the sport, many players received awards and special recognition.

Seniors Jon Pfeifer and Tanner Jones finished third in Regionals and earned the ranking of number one doubles team for the Skiers. Freshmen Andrew Smith and Ryan Kerr finished

third at Regionals and were ranked number two doubles for the Skiers.

Freshmen Brian Phillips, Justin Pfeifer, Nick Braun, Jonathan Hagman, and Luke Farrell were given awards for having the best attitudes and for being the hardest workers on the team. Luke Farrell also received the Most Improved Player award based on his improvement throughout the season. With the team's outstanding success this year there is no telling what they can accomplish next year.



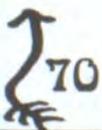
Sophomore Captain Jeff Sloves, Aspen's nationally ranked junior tennis player has been playing tennis all of his life. Jeff was the only player on the Aspen High School tennis team to qualify for the State tournament. Sloves finished third at the State tournament at number one singles. To win the state tournament Jeff used his trademark two-handed backhand. He was the recipient of the Most Valuable Player award. With Jeff's impressive record of wins, there is no doubt that he will be a famous tennis player someday.

1995 Boys Varsity Tennis

<u>Team Played</u>	<u>Score</u>
Durango	1-6
Cortez	3-4
Grand Junction	4-3
Steamboat	4-3
Steamboat (Homecoming)	6-1
Cherry Creek	1-6
Heritage	2-5



Back row: Justin Pfeifer, Jonathan Hagman, Bobby Boykin, Mark McNamara, Jeff Sloves, Jonathan Rockwood, Nick Braun, Andrew Smith, Brian Phillips, Ryan Kerr, Luke Farrell and Coach Sue Geist. Front row: Jon Pfeifer and Tanner Jones. Not pictured: Jeremy Markuson from Glenwood Springs High School.



Getting from Point to Point

They ran, and they ran, and they ran like champions. This year's team qualified for the Class 3A State Championships, which had been their goal throughout the rough but exhilarating season. Unfortunately, they took a devastating second place, losing by only one point to the two-time defending champs, Clear Creek High School. "Sure the girls were disappointed; they wanted to win. But I'm not disappointed in them, they had a great year," explained coach Barbour. Overall, they did great in the race with five finishers in the top thirty. These five included senior Sterling Tomkins and juniors Robin Severy, Summer Hummerickhouse, Jill Anderson and Alicia Condit. The Skiers had done

better than they've ever done before in a state tournament, and they were certainly proud. "It feels good to know that there are people out there supporting us and it's also good to see myself knock minutes off my time from race to race," exclaimed sophomore Julie Campbell. Barbour and his assistant Christopher Keleher were always there to help out the members when they needed support. "Just run a smart race, that's what he'd always say to get us going," explained junior Jessica Dodds. The Aspen Cross-Country team, with a season full of qualifying championships and encouraging finishes, met all their expectations of strength, bravery, and hard-work.

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The team knows how good they are and what their potential is, and neither success nor failure pose a threat to them”

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-Mark Barbour



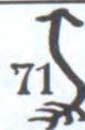
Juniors Robin Severy and Summer Hummerickhouse surround a team member from Hotchkiss and devise a plan to win the race.



Back row: Assistant Coach Christopher Keleher, Sterling Tomkins, Eliza Russell, Jill Anderson, Maggie Whitmer, Summer Hummerickhouse, Robin Severy, Harmony Trish, Ryan Klernan, Alicia Condit, Jessica Dodds, Head Coach Mark Barbour and Julie Campbell. Front row: Karl Adam, Yuri Ognacevic, (middle school students Gus Ukraine, Mark Falender, John Severy, Elizabeth Severy, R.C. Walker) and Ricky Gates.

Varsity Team Record

Meet	Girls	Boys
Kent Denver	1st	DNS
Lake County	5th	DNS
Liberty Bell	1st	DNS
Middle Park	1st	DNS
Summit County	1st	DNS
Aspen invitational	1st	5th
Raider @ Aurora	2nd	DNS
Debeque	2nd	2nd
Districts	1st	7th
State	2nd	DNS



Men with Drive



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Not in the water again!

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-Freshman Alex Cassatt had some difficulty keeping the ball out of the lakes.



A new season and a new team were a successful combination for the 1995 boys' golf team. The golf season started on August 15th and the first tournament was on the 16th, leaving the guys with little time to practice and prepare, yet they still played well and bonded together as a team. During a fairly short season, August 15th to September 15th, the golf team managed to play in four major tournaments against teams from the entire western slope. The most valuable player award went to Sophomore Johnathan Muzikar for his diligence and perseverance during the season. Junior Dusty Dequine had never even picked up a golf club (aside from miniature golf), yet with guidance and coaching by Doug Rohrbaugh and Jeff

Yusem, he discovered that, "Golf is great. I learned it is not a sport for the old and lazy, it's for the competitive and athletic." Although the first snow cut the season short, the AHS golf team had a fun and successful season.



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Matt Stone was the backbone of this year's team; he always made us laugh and kept the spirit going strong.

-Teammate Jon Pfeifer

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Senior Brendan Blake, a first time golfer, earned the most improved award for his leap in scoring that went from 176 down to 110 in a month.



Johnathan Muzikar, Dusty Dequine, Brendan T. Blake, Zach Roth, Jon Pfeifer, Matt Stone, Cooper Hall, Parker Anderson, Alex Cassatt and Coach Doug Rohrbaugh. Not pictured: Jonathan Sundeen and Assistant Coach Jeff Yusem.

Above: Senior Jon Pfeifer keeps a smile on his face regardless of the score.

Avalanche Warning

This season the Avalanche played close to a fifty-game schedule going to tournaments in Ft. Collins, Pueblo, Vail, Hyland Hills, California and Salt Lake City in addition to their 19 league games. They won the Ft. Collins and Pueblo tournaments and placed second out of 25 teams at the Great Western Showcase in Salt Lake City, Utah. They also placed second in Vail and third at the Silver Stick Invitational in Hyland Hills, where they played teams from Michigan and Alaska. With a league record of 15-4-0 the team was ready to challenge at the state tournament, which they qualified for by finishing second in the state.

Senior Cody Oates makes another big save.



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The year was good!

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-Senior Cody Oates



Senior Josh Theken destroys an opponent in the Colorado Springs game.



Back row: Managers Dick Merritt, Bob Starodoj and Jim Dirkes, Albie Whitaker, Billy Hinline, John Francis, Andy Welgos, Lee Carmichael, Justin Covello, Coach Keith Howie, Chris Dirkes, Jason Garfield, Justin Starodoj, Josh Theken, Colter Smith, Assistant Coaches Mike Gempler and Johnno McBride and Manager Gary Carmichael. Front row: Tyler Finn, Blake Hanson, Ryan Welgos, Evan Ross, Cody Oates, Marc Wise, Matt Levinson, Andy Walbert, Matt Merritt and Cody Christopher.



Senior Matt Merritt lines up for a face off.

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Go, Fight, Win!

“The experiences we had built our personalities, and we basically learned alot more then how to yell "Go Skiers!"
-Britta Gustafson”

in 1992 Whitney Mizel and Britta Gustafson, two very unsure freshmen tried out for the Aspen High School Cheerleading squad. To their amazement they both made the



team and became committed to four years of dedicated cheering.

Gustafson became captain of the varsity squad the winter season her freshman year, and went on to captain for three more seasons in her career. Mizel captained her junior year and they co-captained the first Competition team, an accomplishment that they had prepared for, for four years. Because they were

the only cheerleaders to stick it out all four years, they experienced all the ups and downs a team can go through. Three coaches came and went while they stuck it out. "We learned about team work and basically getting along with people regardless of conflicting personalities," Mizel reflected. "Cheerleading may not have the most prestigious reputation, but I learned so much about people and how to both lead and be led even when times were tough," Gustafson reminisced.



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The cheerleaders get the crowd involved at a home volleyball game.

"No Coach!" The 1995 fall season found the cheerleaders coachless, yet determined to succeed. At first they doubted their chances of lasting, but with a fresh new captain, Jessica Phillips, the squad bonded and put on one of the best Homecoming pep-rallies in years. The senior class showed their respect for the new squad by winning the spirit stick. After this triumphant display of ability, Karen Zohar, a science teacher, volunteered for the job of coach. "Karen saved a squad that was falling apart and made it into something special," winter squad co-captain Mandy Owensby explained her thoughts on the first season. Soon Zohar assembled a group of talented and athletic cheerleaders who formed a team that went on to take second place in the 3A state competitions in Denver. There were more participants during this season then ever, with 24 girls out for the team. The cheerleaders made a name for themselves both locally, performing at the Snowmass Rotary meetings and going on the air with KSPN radio, and throughout Colorado, by winning a place at state and performing at the state basketball competition half time performance.



Winter Cheerleading squad. Back row: Becky Mizel, Jenyphr Litwin, Jollene Butler, Captain Jessica Phillips, Britta Gustafson, Harumi Lamm, Layne Potvin, Alex Gely and Whitney Mizel. Front row: Natalie Mysior, Melissa Arnold and Susan Grau. Jessica Phillips announces the winner of the Homecoming spirit stick.

“The team had a rough time, but their many strengths and strong leaders helped them to pull it together to become a winning squad. We really did WOW 'em at state!
-Coach Karen Zohar”

Competition squad. Back row: Manager Mandy Owensby, Katie Bessey, Kelly Schiffer, Captain Whitney Mizel, Becky Mizel, Jessica Phillips, Judith Nakagawa, Elizabeth DeLuca, and Captain Britta Gustafson. Front row: Assistant Jamie Duhe, Melissa Arnold, and Coach Karen Zohar.



Winter Cheerleading squad. Back row: Captain Britta Gustafson, Aiya Moore, Whitney Mizel, Rose Hall and Captain Mandy Owensby. Middle row: Jill Bloomer, Coach Karen Zohar and Sienna Canyon. Front row: Kira Batterson.



Performing the winning routine, Kelly Schiffer is full of energy.

Natalie Mysior does her best to pump up the crowd.

The Mountain Crew

The snow season had a slow start. It was hard to get in the swing of things when it took until December for the snow to cover the ground.

It was especially difficult for the alpine team when in December, David Cooper, a nine-year veteran of the ski team, sustained a serious accident which ended his racing career. "It was hard for the team not to blame themselves, but we fought through it together and overcame the sadness. Many of the kids continued to race successfully with Cooper in their hearts," explained Coach Johnno McBride. Cooper returned to school in January with his same upbeat attitude.

Once things got started, the Aspen Ski Team was unstoppable. Senior Sterling Tomkins started the season off great after winning the Aspen Super G on February 12th and the Aspen Downhill on February 14th. Juniors Summer Humerickhouse and Gwen Abbott followed close behind in the downhill with second and third places. Tomkins continued to be successful winning the Super G at the Governor's Cup in Breckenridge, a Junior Olympic qualifier. Taylor Phillips also had a good year after winning his age group and getting forth over all in the Aspen Downhill. The season of 1995-96 was successful for most and will be one never forgotten for the Aspen Ski Team.

The season started off slowly for the snowboard team, but they enjoyed a fun successful season. The snowboarders traveled as a team all over Colorado taking the top three places in most events, showing everyone the strength of the team. Asia Wright, one of the two girls on the team, explained why she really enjoyed the season, "I felt like I accomplished a lot while still having a lot of fun!" All and all the 1995-96 season was a successful one.

The lack of snow didn't stop Mirte Mallory and the nordic team one bit. Mallory had a very successful season with the winning of the Silverboom in Ashcroft at the beginning. She continued to smoke the nordic world throughout the season. "I am proud I have accomplished so much, but there is a lot more I have to do to achieve what I have always worked for," explained Mallory. Her team members, Sarah Prudden and Nathan Morse, followed close behind.



Sophomore Matt Isaac, a member of the snowboard team, catches "phat" air off the half pipe on Snowmass.



Sophomore Mirte Mallory pushes her way through the finish at one of the local cross country meets.



Snowboard. Back row: Chris Roach Roy Katz, Matt Isaac and Cooper Hall. Front row: Asia Wright and Susan Grau.

Nordic. Sarah Prudden, Mirte Mallory and Nathan Morse.

Alpine. Back row: Parker Lathrop, Aaron Estrada, Ryan Elston, Chad Benson, Sterling Tomkins, Summer, Humerickhouse, Taylor Phillips and Coach Mike Tache. Front row: Jesse Borkovec, Amy Gavin, Vicky Bogner, Molly Tarbet, Gwen Abbott, Carl Adam, Matt Siegle, Kazo Matsabara, Lauren Cockrell, Coach Charlie Kaplin and Coach Johnno McBride. Not pictured: David Cooper, Stephen Raveal, Yuri Ognacevic and Ben Phillips.



Lauren Cockrell, a member of the ski team, gains speed as she flies by a gate near the finish of the Super G in Aspen on February 12th.



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The raw talent exhibited by the girls was amazing as well as their dedication to the team. Both of which made them fun to watch and coach.

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-Coach Jamie Mahaffey

Two Points

The 1996 girls' basketball team, led by three veteran seniors, played a great season which included an end of the season upset of Rangely who was playing for the league championship. The upstart Skiers spoiled Rangely's chances to finish first overall and showed first year coach Jamie Mahaffey their intensity and competitiveness. The team was led by senior captains Lindsay Straka, who was the high scorer and high rebounder for the team, as well as Darcy Gaechter and Jessica Bennett who were both leaders on the court. The team also had many underclassmen who were able to step up and play varsity ball. Coach Mahaffey said, "This year . . . was a beginning step to teach the skills needed to build a competitive basketball team. The team was supportive of each other and worked hard which showed in our win against Rangely."

Seniors Lindsay Straka and Darcy Gaechter were both chosen as Honorable Mention basketball players from the High Country League.

The girls' Junior Varsity team made up primarily of sophomores, finished the season with an outstanding 13-4 record.



Senior basketball players Darcy Gaechter and Jessica Bennett and senior cheerleader Britta Gustafson pause for a picture before the game.

Varsity Team Record

Grand Valley	38-39
Silver State	60-30
Ourray	37-15
Roaring Fork	32-48
Ridgway	40-17
Roaring Fork	32-48
Steamboat	34-40
Hotchkiss	38-45
Cedaredge	57-27
Glenwood Springs	44-67
Basalt	37-51
Battle Mountain	56-46
Eagle Valley	54-59
Basalt	49-47
Grand Valley	57-54
Meeker	27-51
Roaring Fork	33-36
Rangely	41-40
Districts:	
Rangely	38-35
Rangely Fork	30-47



Varsity. Back row: Coaches Jamie Mahaffey and Carol Sams, Darcy Gaechter, Jessica Bennett, Jessica Phillips, Tracy Schroeder, Laurie Sasser, Lindsay Straka, Coaches Tania Worgull and Randy Youngling. Front row: Manager Jamie Evans, Cari Taylor, Greer Anderson, Jill Anderson, Jenny Robinson, Noelle Waldron and Nan Fields.



Junior Varsity. Back row: Coach Randy Youngling, Noelle Waldron, Shana Benson, Greer Anderson, Anna Liebman, Cari Taylor, Michelle Youngling, Sarah Brager and Coach Carol Sams. Front row: Manager Jamie Evans, Nicole Reno, Whitney Gordon, Kari Johnson, Christy Martin, Karla Pineda and Anne Boenning.

Freshmen. Back row: Brooke Blumberg, Coach Randy Youngling, Whitney Gordon, Lindsey Bathke, Kayla Holmbeck, Alana Monge, Nicole Reno, Natalie Mysior, Claudia Salmeron, Michelle Youngling and Coach Tania Worgull. Front row: Lacy Gaechter, Loren Sackett, Sarah Graber, Hannah Stouffer, Anne Boenning, Cortney Brinkerhoff, Aimee Hecht and Kalli Gustafson.

Junior Jill Anderson concentrates on her free throws before the game.

Sophomore Sarah Brager looks on as Coach Randy Youngling gives a pep talk during the game.

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I appreciated the hustle and dedication from the whole team and especially the freshmen.

Captain Jon Pfeifer
Leading scorer

We had a really successful team because we worked well together.

Perry Shipp

Our team really was fun to play on because we all were able to play off each others' skills.

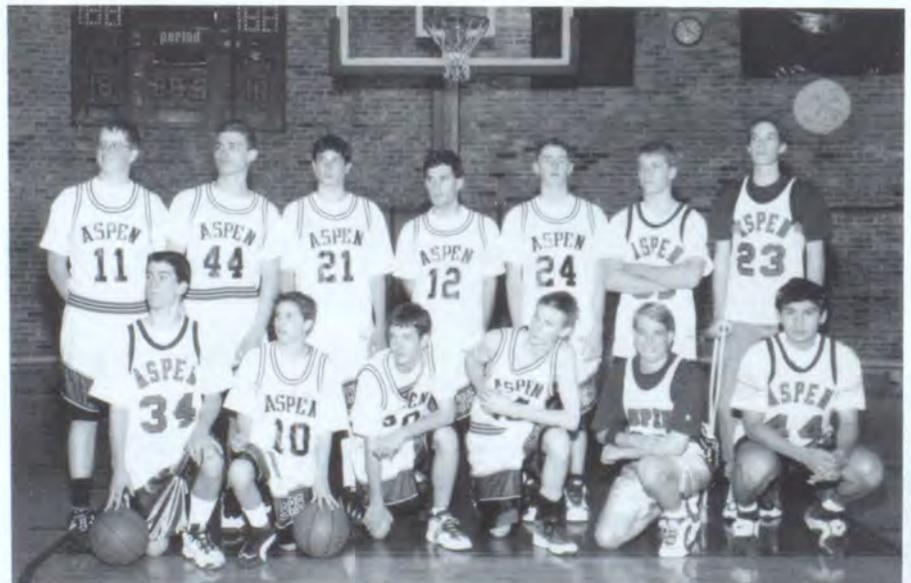
Justin Dodds

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The Hustle Continues

An 8th place ranking in state with a 7-2 winning streak was the season's highlight for the Aspen boys. Then they fell into the mid-season blues and started to lose some games in the last part of January and the beginning of February. The team decided to step up the intensity and the boys won some close games. "If the team keeps the ball in control and works the offense right then we are very successful," explained Coach Dave Conarro. Captains senior Jon Pfeifer and junior Tommy Farrell were the leading scorers each with an average just over 14 points a game. Farrell was second in state for assists in games with an average of 7.7 a game. The freshmen contributed a lot of skill to the

varsity team. "We had four freshmen who demonstrated great talent on the court with immense improvement throughout the season," expressed Conarro. "Playing varsity gave the freshmen a lot of experience for the next three years," freshman Ryan Kerr commented. Kerr, Zac Cyrus, Luke Farrell, and Andrew Smith earned their way up to varsity by showing their skills. Unfortunately Smith was injured during Christmas break and was out for the rest of the season. "I am really upset that I got hurt, but I am only a freshman and I have three years left," Andrew Smith reasoned.



Varsity. Back row: Bob Roberts, Marcin Debski, Tommy Farrell, Justin Dodds, John Mitchell, Perry Shipp and Andrew Smith. Bottom row: Ryan Kerr, Luke Farrell, Justin Pfeifer, Jonathon Rockwood, Kyle Orcutt and Ceasar Aldana. Not pictured: Clay Frandsen, Jon Pfeifer and Coach Dave Conarro.



Freshmen Luke Farrell and Ryan Kerr look up to the seniors for support.



Junior Varsity. Back row: Nick Braun, Bob Roberts, Jonathon Buerge, Griffin Hanney, Jonathon Rockwood and Taylor Hale. Front row: Jonathon Muzikar, Bobby Boykin, Austin Prideaux, Josh Brence, Zac Cyrus and Justin Pfeifer.

Freshmen. Back row: Shane Gillen, Thomas Colver, Brent Gukeisen, Jason Pfeifer, Ryan Kerr and Andrew Smith. Front row: Charles Roth, Jonathon Hagman, Zac Cyrus, Luke Farrell and Shannon Robinson.

Varsity Team Record

Grand Valley	52-50
Silver State	61-59
Ourray	68-54
Roaring Fork	47-55
Basalt	53-42
Roaring Fork	70-67
Steamboat	49-55
Hotchkiss	46-41
Cedaredge	69-41
Glenwood Springs	41-54
Basalt	39-51
Battle Mountain	43-34
Eagle Valley	50-59
Basalt	53-58
Grand Valley	49-55
Meeker	67-75
Plateau Valley	46-42
Roaring Fork	71-68
Rangely	70-79
Districts:	
Rangely	54-66

Spirit Points

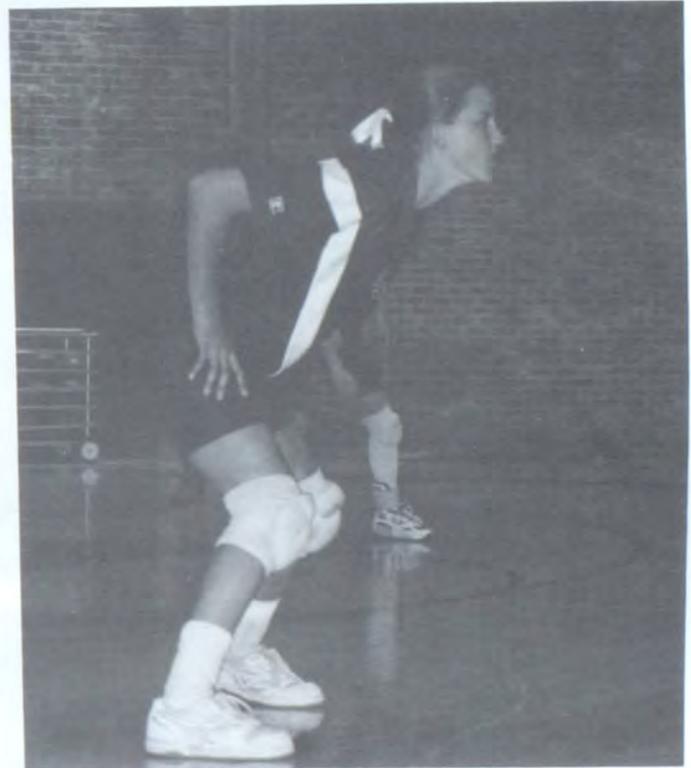
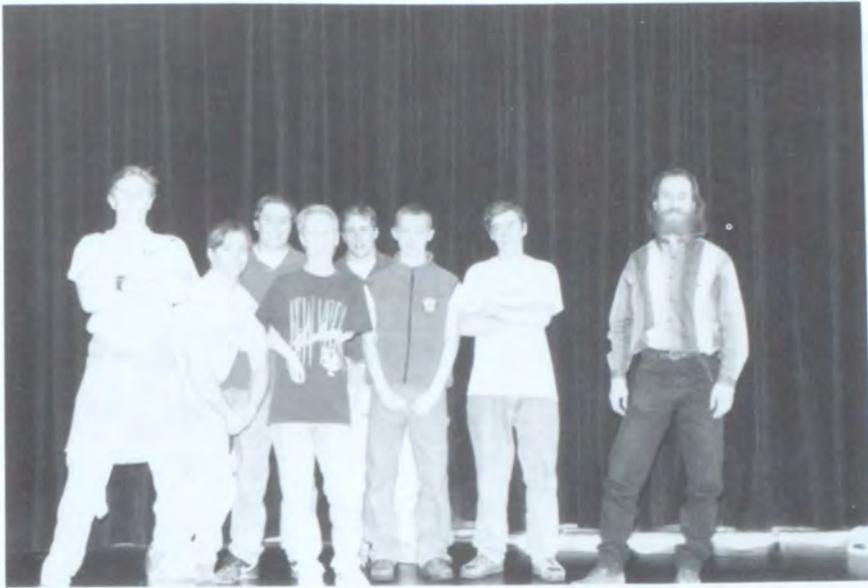


Junior Greer Anderson and sophomores Abby McFlynn and Kate Purnell are members of the Aspen swim team.

Relieved that the Homecoming pep rally is over, sophomore Jollene Butler is finally able to relax.

Senior Aidan Wynn goes for the goal.





The newly formed Aspen wrestling team consists of Anders Gustafson, Matt Stone, Ryan Kiernan, Zach Roth, Aidan Wynn, Jed Woolley, Yuri Horowitz, and Coach Rudy Diaz.

While his teammates anxiously await the drop of the puck, sophomore Matt Levinson seems to have his mind on something (or someone) else.

Waiting for the serve, the complete focus of senior Jessica Bennett can't be broken.

Preparing for the game, junior Tracy Schroeder and sophomore Laurie Sasser practice their ball-handling skills.

Getting Busy

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**From place to place
We meet new people
Learn and grow
Open ourselves to the world**

**... Challenging our minds
... Experiencing the world
... Getting our feet wet**

**We perform on the stage
Sing in the Christmas concert
Make a commitment
And surpass all expectations.**

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High Points

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By being in the National Honor Society we're doing something good for the community and it also looks great on our college applications!

-Burma Gates

Low Points

The only bad things about choir is that we don't get to choose our own songs or what we wear and that we don't get any credit for the time we spend out of class.

-Nikki Barker

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Senior Jon Pfeifer explains to freshman Natalie Mysior all of the many activities available to students at AHS.

All decked out for DECA, senior Ryan Welgos is a member of the state finalist ad team.

Pondering what activity to participate in, sophomore Jennifer Bartley takes a break in between classes.

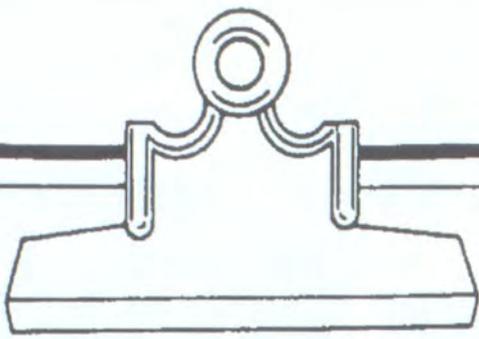
Juniors Toni Swersky, Addie Prudden and Becky Garrett were one of the winning teams in the Denver Advertising Federation competition.

Future physicists? Seniors Renee West and Heidi Haberman demonstrate the effects of gravity to seventh graders as a part of their NHS service.

The aliens have landed! Seniors Judith Nakagawa and Jessica Bennett show their Skier instincts on spirit day.

"The Shipp Heads" psyche each other up for the next Field Day event.





Getting It Together

Led by seniors Brandon High and Heidi Haberman, this year's Student Senate conducted the school through various activities. In the fall, of course, was Homecoming. A week of spirit dressing brought out the students' creativity along with clothes from their parents' trunks and closets. Field Day and a dance at the Silvertree Hotel ended the lively and spirited week, all organized by the members of Student Senate.

Student Senate sponsored a Halloween dress up contest and a February charity ski day. To accommodate nonskiers and to unify the student body, Student Senate arranged snowshoeing, cross country, and telemarking groups and coordinated a barbecue lunch prepared by parents at the Inn at Aspen. The profits from this year's ski day went to an organization for children with cancer, The Sunshine Kids.

Through a considerable amount of extra work and careful management, the groups of representatives from each class did a commendable job of organizing the many various events. Without the school's government, enjoyable happenings would have been rare.



Junior Becky Mizel comes to Buttermilk for the sunny ski day with only what she needs: snowshoes, bottled water, and most important, her Valentine's Day rose!

Even though it is a bit frightening to think about where the sunglasses came from, senior Justin Dodds does a credible job with his ensemble on Outrageous Hair and Outfit Day.

“ I decided to become a sponsor of Student Senate this year because I think it's important to get involved in other aspects of the school, and to be a part of helping the student body with the different activities and decision making required of the representatives.

-Charlie Anastas





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I think that the best thing Student Senate did for the school this year was the charity ski day. It was such an accomplishment because ski day was something that wasn't going to happen, but we (Student Senate) overcame that and organized a successful and fun event for the entire school.

-Cassidy Hamel

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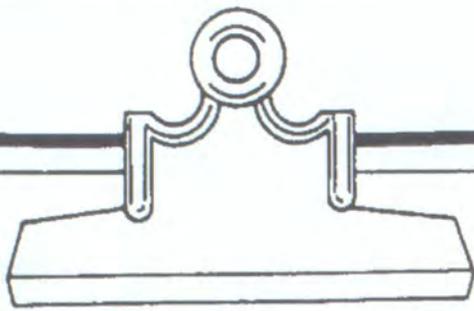
Student Senate. Back row: Juniors: Representatives Kyle Orcutt and Toni Swersky and Treasurer Dusty Dequine. Middle row: Seniors: President Matt Stone, Head Girl Heidi Haberman, Head Boy Brandon High, Secretary Cassidy Hamel and Vice-President Jon Pfeifer. Sophomores: Treasurer Josh Brence, Secretary Erin Culbertson, Vice-President Kari Dequine and President Blake Hansen. Sponsor Charlie Anastas. Front row: Freshmen: Representative Charles Roth, President Luke Farrell and Vice-President Ryan Kerr. Sponsor Claudia Anderson. Not Pictured: Seniors: Representative Albie Whitaker. Juniors: President Annie Garrett, Vice-President Tanya Fleisher, and Secretary Addie Prudden. Freshmen: Secretary/Treasurer Anne Boenning and Representative Elizabeth Mitchell.



Taking a break from the strenuous Field Day activities, senior Katie Hadar takes in the sun and waits for the next event.

Sophomore Jennifer Bartley proves that even on Halloween, not all princesses are happy.

Remembering that it was Halloween made this mysterious imposter seem much less frightening.



Environmentalists Reaching Towards Harmony

Environmental Activists Reaching Towards Harmony tells us what E.A.R.T.H. is all about. Some of the things E.A.R.T.H. did was recycle, plant trees, and educate elementary schoolers, middle schoolers and high schoolers. Members of the E.A.R.T.H. group also bought rain forest acres, raised money to donate to environmental causes, and visited places such as the landfill and ACES to educate *themselves*. Maggie Monge explained the origin of E.A.R.T.H. group: "E.A.R.T.H. was started by Corey Dunne when he was a freshman or sophomore I think seven years ago. He was interested in different issues and wanted to start a group. This year it was up to me to resurrect it if we were going to have a group." One becomes a member of E.A.R.T.H. by participating in meetings, which were every Monday. New members are welcome at any time.



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I decided to be in E.A.R.T.H. because I care a lot about the earth. I also wanted to make a statement and a difference.

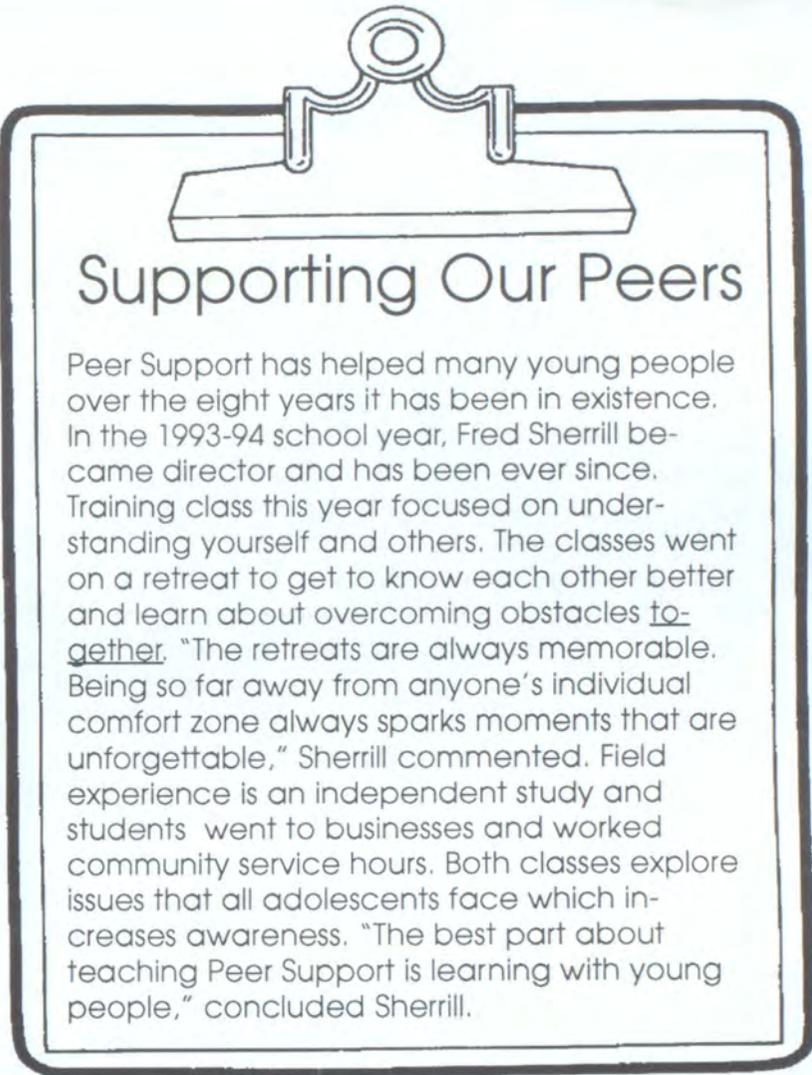
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Christy Hunter, Alana Monge, Maggie Monge, Samantha Kidd, Kalli Gustafson, Sarah Prudden, Loren Sackett, Mirte Mallory, Lacy Gaechter, Cassidy Hamel, and Heather Hanna, members of E.A.R.T.H. group, stand in the sun during one of their meetings. Not pictured: Lindsey Bathke, Rose Hall, Jenyphyr Litwin, Elizabeth DeLuca and Tanya Fleisher.

President Maggie Monge has been a member of E.A.R.T.H. for all four years.

Taking their free time to recycle the high school's cans and bottles, Maggie Monge and Cassidy Hamel make a great team.



Supporting Our Peers

Peer Support has helped many young people over the eight years it has been in existence. In the 1993-94 school year, Fred Sherrill became director and has been ever since. Training class this year focused on understanding yourself and others. The classes went on a retreat to get to know each other better and learn about overcoming obstacles together. "The retreats are always memorable. Being so far away from anyone's individual comfort zone always sparks moments that are unforgettable," Sherrill commented. Field experience is an independent study and students went to businesses and worked community service hours. Both classes explore issues that all adolescents face which increases awareness. "The best part about teaching Peer Support is learning with young people," concluded Sherrill.



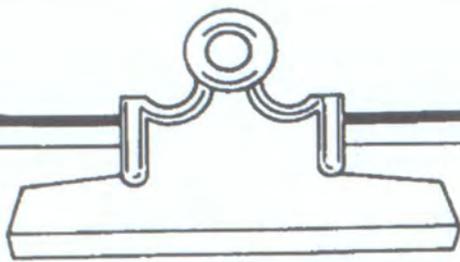
First semester training class: Ashley Schermerhorn, Kelly Schiffer, Rebecca Milvich, Alicia Condit, Crystal Balentine, Manolo Anderson, Brooke Pickel, Harumi Lamm, Director Fred Sherrill, Zac Matthews, Aidan Wynn and Griffin Hanney. Not pictured: Tara Lynch, Taylor Phillips, Zac Weintraub and David Cooper.

First semester training class: Jessica Dodds, Becky Mizel, Director Fred Sherrill, Sarah Brager, Yann Houdre, Melissa Arnold, Shana Benson, Maggie Monge, Alta DeBeque, Zac Soule, Alex Gely, Abby McFlynn, Kelly Stewart and Bobby Boykin. Not pictured: Summer Hummerickhouse and Mark McNamara.

Second semester training class: Marcos Gomez, Jennifer Bartley, Wheaton Augur, Director Fred Sherrill, Josh Rogan, Julie Campbell, Kelli Dean, Joanie-Jo Schultz, Kari Johnson, Christy Martin and Nick Braun. Not pictured: Cate Wheetman and Lisa Ward.

Independent study students not pictured: Flo Fulton, Drew Hodgson, Anahid Isberian, Skye Solheim, Lindsay Straka, Katie Bessey, Meg Griffith, Alyson Mikos, Cody Oates, Renee West, Shana Benson, Zac Matthews, Maggie Monge, Taylor Phillips, Zac Soule, Clayton White and Aidan Wynn.

“ I give them something to talk about.
-Fred Sherrill on how kids benefit from Peer Support ”



New Faces, Different Places

Looking around the campus at AHS, one notices the multi-cultural diversity. Although the majority of the students are Americans, 7% of the students at AHS are from other countries. Many of these students are in the ESL (English as a Second Language) class which helped the students get used to the new culture and improve their English skills. Several students came to Aspen through a foreign exchange program or on a student visa. Yann Houdre, for example, came to AHS on a student visa from Paris, France. Susan Grau, a student from Wiesbaden, Germany, came to Aspen through an exchange program. Although Susan loved her experience at AHS, she admitted that, "I missed my family and my friends so much." AHS took great pleasure in teaching every foreign student this past year.



“I loved everything about Aspen, the school was fun, and the people were nice!”
-Yann Houdre

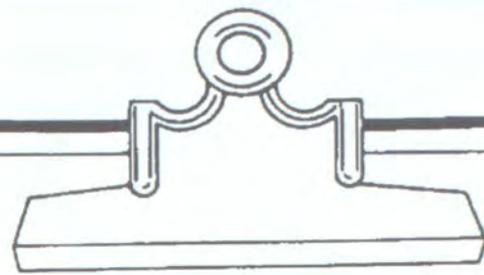
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"Hurry up and take the picture," thinks Yann Houdre from France, "I'd like to go eat my lunch."

Alex Taylor from New Zealand is excited about the new snowfall. Senior Susan Grau from Germany and sophomore Nieve Pizatti from Guatemala wait patiently for their french fries from The Grill.

Back row: Nelson Argueta, Andrea Marino, Marco Salido, Alejandro Arce-Ramos and Cesar Aldana. Front row: Sarah Ibbotson (AHS alumni volunteer), Dinora Pacheco, Myrna Salido, Gerardo Arce-Ramos and Marco Gomez. Not Pictured: Marcin Debski.



Free and Fun

MAC, a support system for students who choose to lead a drug and alcohol-free life, had a strong year. The group was started last year by Counselor Geraldine Graham, Superintendent Tom Farrell, and four of AHS's 1995 seniors. Accepting applications was one of the many steps MAC took this year. The group grew from its original twelve members to fifty members representing all grades. For bonding, MAC went down to Rifle for an intense game of paint ball. The highlight for MAC members this year was their day trip to Vail for a day of skiing, bobsledding, and ice skating. To contribute to the Aspen community, MAC guided and aided the students in Youth to Youth at the middle school. One bonus for the members of MAC was the discount card they received. Jill Anderson expressed her excitement, "It's great to be able to go to High Alpine and receive a forty percent discount." MAC had a successful year with all of its new members.

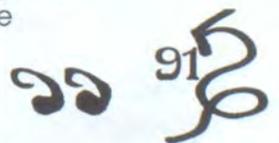
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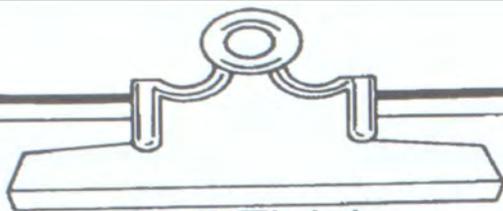
Top Middle row: Tina Radeke, Jayme Evans, Sarah Prudden, Samantha Kidd, Elizabeth DeLuca, Christie Hunter, Jill Anderson, Holly Upper, Anna Liebmman, Jetzen O'Conner, Ashely Arrasmith, Derek Ward, Erin Culbertson, Lindsey Bathke, Noelle Waldron and Nick Braun. Bottom Middle row: Skye Solheim, Jenypher Litwin, Whitney Mizel, Maggie Monge, Brendan High, Becky Dillion and Kelli Dean. Front row: Kalli Gustafson, Lacy Gaechter, Alana Monge, Jordan Albert, Matt Stone and Jonathan Sundeen.

Not Pictured: Justin Dodds, Jon Pfeifer, Austin Schlepp, Aaron Wheetman, John Mitchell, Jen Clasen, Courtney Brinkerhoff, Jason Garfield, Scott Sterling, Mandy Owensby, Mirte Mallory, Heidi Haberman, Lucas Farrell, Parker "Sweet Pickle" Anderson, Brendan Blake, Melissa Arnold, Tommy Farrell and Claire Owsley



“ I was amazed at how quickly the group grew.
-Sophomore
Cari Taylor





Sell This!

New opportunities challenged the 1995-96 DECA group. One of the assignments they had fun with was to create a slogan and logo for A-1 Maintenance, a local business, but unfortunately after hours of work the students were defeated by an advertisement agency in Aspen. The marketing and graphics class won two out of five places for the Denver Advertising Federation's state competition. Overall the Aspen group was very successful at the Grand Junction competition. Fourteen members from Aspen were finalists and four, Jacqueline Dreffer, Leanne Elisha, Parker Lathrop and Marc Wise, won top ranks and became eligible to go on to state. The competitions were "real-life scenarios" and the judges were top professionals who took their jobs very seriously; therefore, Aspen truly had a very motivated and talented group.



“I'm not sure I would have taken the class if I had known what I was in for, but I learned something and I guess that is all that counts.”

-Becky Garrett

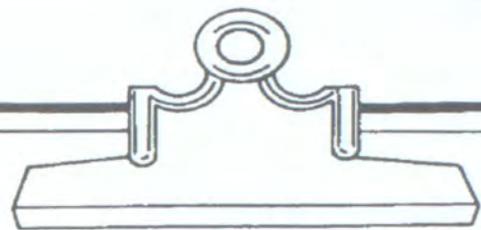
“When I took this class I was nervous about public speaking and on the last day I had a successful television interview for Channel 8 News, so I guess I learned something.”

-Britta Gustafson

Back row: Jonathan Buerge, Jeremy Guterman, Blaise Taddune, Roy Katz, Tracy Schroeder, Jon Pfeifer, Becky Garrett, Jessica Bennett, and Peter Bowden. Middle row: Nan Fields, Whitney Mizel, Karin Bloomer, Toni Swersky, Britta Gustafson, Tiana Hose, and Addie Prudden. Front row: Parker Lathrop, Jacqueline Dreffer, Marc Wise and Leanne Elisha.

Relaxing at the DECA awards banquet, Parker Lathrop, Zac Mathews, Toni Swersky, and Addie Prudden are happy to be finished with their tests and interviews and their tedious day at the mall.

Nan Feilds and Roy Katz, are one of the proud groups who went to the Denver for a state competition.



Helping Hands

The 1995-96 NHS chapter started as a complete service group. As in previous years the members had to maintain an academic average of 87% or better; however, this year the members were expected to complete double the amount of school or community service hours. Last year the goal of NHS members was to achieve 25 hours; this year the number of hours increased to 50! To achieve their goals several students gave their time to sports programs like Aspen Youth Hockey. Other members worked for the E.A.R.T.H group and recycling programs, The Thrift Shop, Grassroots T.V. and the second year of the Passaporte program. Sterling Tomkins said, "I liked giving up my time for a good cause. I would have done this even if I wasn't in NHS."



Junior Kelly Schiffer helps Lizzie Klein's first grade class to complete some of her service hours.

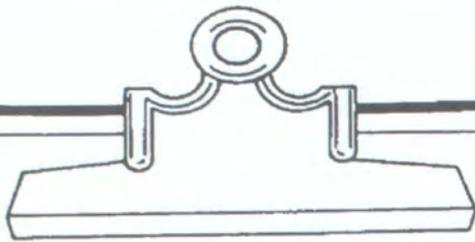
Back row: Jessica Kidd, Dusty Dequine, Layne Potvin, Tanya Fleisher, Elizabeth De Luca, Eliza Russell, Maggie Whitmer, Albie Whitaker, Ryan Kiernan, Scott Sterling, Michael Milvich, and Brendan Blake. Second row: Tracy Rameil, Asia Wright, Kelly Schiffer, Burma Gates, Melissa Arnold, Cassidy Hamel, Jill Anderson, Tracy Schroeder, Becky Dillon, Drew Hodgson, Heidi Haberman, Corey Lucks, and Whitney Mizel. Front row: Greer Anderson, Annie Garrett, Judith Nakagawa, Darcy Gaechter, Nan Fields, Toni Swersky, and Maggie Monge.



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All the NHS members deserved to be acknowledged for their altruism and selflessness. -Andy Popinchalk

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Bring Out the Band

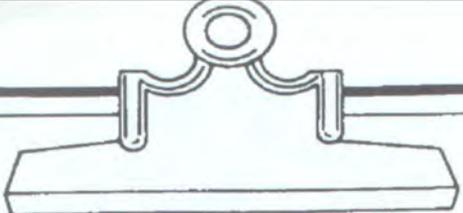
Although the band at AHS was small this year, it certainly did not lack talent. A long-time local, Rob Merritt, took control of the thirteen musicians. Leading the group were seniors Becky Dillion, playing the clarinet, and Matt Seigel, playing the trombone. The band performed in the Christmas and Spring Concerts. One of the highlights was marching in the Winterskol Parade. The group also performed at the Senior Citizen's Center. The band participated in the Solo and Ensemble Competition. Another highlight for the instrumentalists was attending the World's Music Festival in Denver. "Because Aspen is such a sports orientated town, the interest in playing a musical instrument is limited," said Merritt. But, he hopes to build the program in years to come. Small numbers did not discourage the gifted and committed members of the AHS band.



Band. Back row: Cooper Hall, Jason Pfeifer and Justin Pfeifer. Front row: Sarah Brager, Matt Siegel, Josh Brence, Shane Larson and Rob Merritt. Not Pictured: Becky Dillion, Rick Gates, Kari Johnson, Anna Liebmann, Jon Ritter and Zack Roth.



Back row: Trevor Wheetman, Kelly Schiffer, Eliza Russell, Blake Hansen, Kyle Orcutt, Corey Lucks, Laurie Sasser, Becky Dillion, Jordan Albert, Elizabeth DeLuca, Toni Swersky, Jayme Evans and Anna Liebmann. Not Pictured: Justin Dodds, Heidi Haberman, Taylor Hale, Jon Pfeifer, Jonathan Ritter, Joanie-Jo Schultz, Aaron Wheetman, Frank Witte.

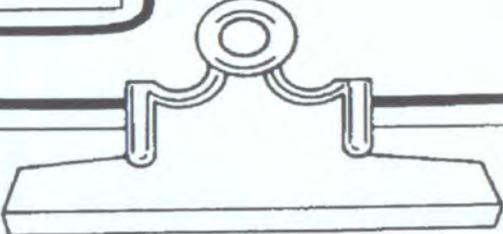


Singing Sweetly

Choir's second year at AHS was successful and sweet. Heading the all-female group, Jennifer Carr taught, prepared, and guided them through many competitions and concerts. Performing with MAD Company, choir participated in the Fall, Christmas, and Spring Concerts. The girls also earned the highest score at the Solo and Ensemble Competition. Freshman Michelle Youngling explained, "We performed well, and I was pleased with the positive comments from the judges." Jennifer Carr enjoyed working with a group so eager to learn. Choir also performed in the World's Music Festival in Denver where some of the best musical groups across the nation were represented. A year of learning, growth, and fun was the product of this year's focused choir.



Choir. Back row: Samantha Kidd and Michelle Youngling. Second row: Stevee Cook, Nieve Pizatti, Whitney Gordon, Rose Hall and Nicole Barker. Front row: Lacey Gaechter, Ailya Moore, Alana Monge, Skye Solheim and Claudia Salmeron.



Switching Gears

There were many firsts this year for Aspen High school's MAD Company. Jennifer Carr provided new leadership and a new vision, transforming MAD into a larger group with a greater variety of music. She was joined midyear by Sherill Kerr, last year's director. Three concerts were produced: Fall, Christmas, and Spring Concerts along with MAD's usual performance at the Senior Center. The talented group also sang at the traditional lighting of the Sardy House Christmas tree. MAD vocalists participated in the Solo and Ensemble Competition where the girls from MAD received the highest rating. Another first for the group was attending the World's Music Festival in Denver. Senior Jon Pfeifer, a very talented member, was selected for the All-State Choir, a remarkable achievement. Eleven other members of MAD were chosen for Western Slope Honor Choir. Throughout this transitional year, the strong tradition of Music and Dance was maintained by these musically gifted students at AHS.

“ My horizons were broadened by the different music Jennifer Carr presented to us.

-Kyle Orcutt

The senior citizens really appreciated us playing for them at Christmas. I felt good giving something back to the community.

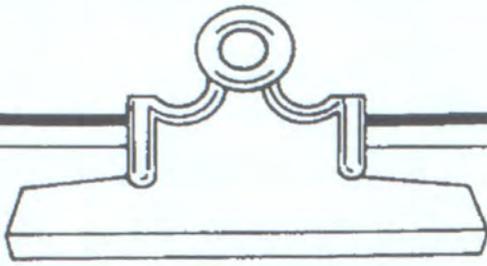
-Anna Liebmann

MAD has been through a lot of changes this year but all in all it has been fun.

-Laurie Sasser

One highlight for me this year was MAD Company singing at the Sardy House Christmas tree lighting.

-Jennifer Carr



Getting into the Act

"I chose to run the AHS drama program because everything I've ever done has been with kids. I get more personal satisfaction from people young and excited to work," says Brad Moore, leader of this ambitious group. Moore has been running the program off and on since 1983. With his help, the drama club has performed many crowd-pleasers this year. They started with the fall show production called Crimes of the Heart. The student directed and produced production in January, The Star-Spangled Girls, was directed by senior Joanie Schultz and produced by Jordan Albert. They also performed one musical, Once Upon a Mattress. Moore, an AHS graduate, believes that most kids have spent their lives in Aspen and some are looking for new acting challenges. However, there is more to drama than just acting; it involves hard work behind the scenes. These AHS students deserve credit for an extra-curricular activity accomplished and a job well done.



Joanie Schultz, an AHS senior, played the lead of Once Upon a Mattress as Winifred. Junior Frank Witte played the role of Dauntless.

Senior Dyami Valentine and sophomore Trevor Wheetman practice getting into their roles by doing some acting exercises. Hope no one gets hurt!

Students from the drama club: Back row: Jordan Albert, Scott Sterling, Joanie Schultz and Trevor Wheetman. Front row: Becky Dillon, Dyami Valentine and Cate Wheetman.



“These kids are always willing to accept new theatrical experiences. They are always excited to try new things.”



Drama club: Back row: Austin Schlepp, Melissa Arnold, Kelli Rae Dean, Maggie Monge, Jordan Albert, Dyami Valentine, Elizabeth Deluca, Kelly Schiffer, Eliza Russell, Toni Swerzky, Jon Ritter, and Justin Dodds. Middle row: Becky Dillon, Heidi Haberman, Karla Pineda, Frank Witte, Aaron Wheetman, Jon Pfeifer and Trevor Wheetman. Front row:

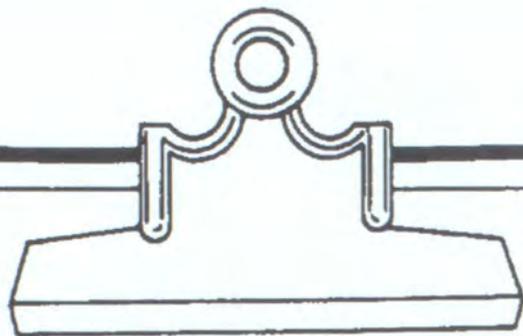


Nieve Pizatti, Julie Campbell, Cate Wheetman and Aiya Moore.



There are trips for those who love drama. This group of chosen students went to Denver to see Romeo and Juliet: Back row: Michelle Britt, Meghan McKeivitt, Chris Dirkes, Jollene Butler, Kyleigh Spitz, Chris Roach, John Ritter and Brendon Blake. Middle Row: Jamie Duhe, Britta Gustafson, Joanie Schultz, Jessica Kidd, Jennifer Bartley, Korina Zamansky, Roy Katz and Blake Hansen. Front row: Kari Dequine, Cari Taylor, Claire Owsley and Noelle Waldron.

The leader of the pack: Brad Moore.



Silverqueen: Getting it Straight

Being part of the yearbook staff entailed responsibility, creativity, and hard work. With numerous deadlines to be met, students were often required to spend time in the yearbook room during their free periods or after school. A low point for sophomore Kelly Stewart was "working for nine hours one Saturday when I could have been skiing."

Despite the hard times, yearbook had its fun and rewarding moments. For senior Judith Nakagawa, "getting to know new people and conquering deadlines that seemed impossible" were a few of the best components of being in yearbook. The traditional Chart House dinner in May when the staff sees the book for the first time was one of advisor Nancy Haddad's favorite parts of the year. Patience, teamwork, leadership skills, computer and photography skills, and meeting deadlines were just a few of the abilities that students felt could help them later in life.

The majority of the staff members made the decision to sign up for yearbook so that they could be a part of creating the year's collection of lasting memories for the entire school. As senior Britta Gustafson said, "I wanted to make a yearbook that I could be proud of and enjoy in years to come."

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I never asked to be a yearbook advisor! At the school where I previously taught, two advisors in a row were hospitalized for nervous breakdowns! But, I accepted the position here because no one else would. As the years have passed, I have come to enjoy doing the yearbook because the students learn so much and produce such a wonderful product.

-Nancy Haddad

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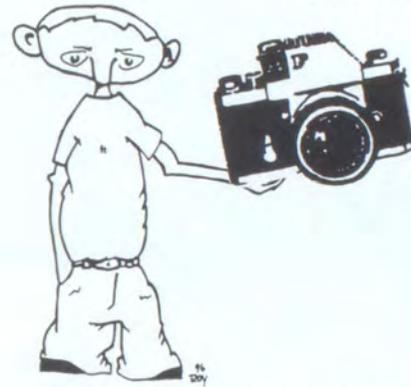
Little do junior Jessica Kidd and sophomore Michelle Britt know, they'll soon be designing pages with *their* faces on them.

In one of the rarer moments in yearbook history, senior Matt Merritt is caught working (yes-- that's right, working) at the computer.



“ I expected yearbook to be easy. I was in for a big surprise when deadlines made yearbook my hardest class.
-Judith Nakagawa

I enjoyed yearbook because I feel that I learned important lessons in responsibility and character development.
-Matt Merritt



Yearbook Staff. Back row: Co-editor and Sophomore editor sophomore Kari Dequine, Co-editor and Advertising editor senior Jessica Klidd, Sports editor senior Jessica Bennett, Photography editor Matt Merritt, Layout editor senior Britta Gustafson, Senior and Junior editor senior Judith Nakagawa, Division page editor senior Skye Solheim, and Activities editor sophomore Michelle Britt. Front row: Freshmen editor and photographer sophomore Kelly Stewart, Faculty editor Noelle Waldron, Photographers: sophomores Shannon Cherry and Lauren Cockrell and juniors Alex Hernandez and Lourdes Argueta.



As a member of the yearbook staff for three years, senior Britta Gustafson knows that the best part of the yearly trip to the yearbook conference is eating lunch at Pizza Hut.

Yearbook advisors Nancy Roach and Nancy Haddad.

Extras Make School Fun



Sophomore Jonathan Sundeen takes a break from studying at the library.

In preparation for an ex. ed. of mountain biking in Flagstaff, Arizona, sophomore Bob Roberts and senior Adian Wynn practice bike riding in the new spinning class at the Aspen Club.

Sophomore John Francis listens as Holocaust survivor Henry Goldsmith speaks to Nancy Roach's English II class.

Senior Michael Milvich and sophomore Johnnemann Nordhagen, members of Aspen High School's Chess Club, play a match against each other.



Aspen Skating Club members Ashley Arrasmith, Kelly Stewart and Erin Culbertson at an early morning practice. Not pictured Courtney Brinkerhoff, Nicole Reno and Lindsay Hall.

Sophomore Harumi Lamm relaxes after jumping the Punch Bowl.

Toni Swersky, Eliza Russell, Becky Mizel, and David Cooper relax in the sun on ski day at Buttermilk Mountain.

Life Outside of School



Freshman Mary Cate Hauenstien, who has been in gymnastics for over nine years, does a straddle jump off the trampoline.

Sophomore Lauren Cockrell, riding Ravat, flies over a fence. Cockrell goes to many shows throughout the summer traveling to Denver and other places to ride in various "A" rated shows.

Rose Wyckoff, an AHS junior, stands in front of a Cessna 172 belonging to Aspen Aviation. Wyckoff will receive her pilot's license when she turns seventeen this May. So far she has logged over fifty hours on this aircraft.



The Aspen Jr. Hockey girls' team is the only all-girls team in the state. Back row: Coach John French, Amber VanBrlo, Rose Wycoff, Cara Taverna, Christy Brusletto, Kate Purnell, Gretchen Bleiler and Coach Kathy Crum. Second row: Becky Fitzsimmons, Fiona Hagist, Piper Richie, Kendall French, Morgan Huffman and Jessica Smith. Front row: Jasmine Letington, Jody McMillan and Anaheid Isberian. Not pictured: Courtney Brinkerhoff and Hannah Stouffer.

The Gala of Dance was the premiere performance for the Aspen Ballet Company which includes: Becky Garrett, Annie Garrett, Sarah Evans, Addie Prudden, Lucy Cannon, Sarah Dey, Elizabeth Heckendorn and Tiana Hose. Not pictured: Amy Harris.

Gettin' Down & Dirty

Supplement



**The snow starts to melt
The birds return
Summer is in sight
The end approaches**

- ... Laughing, bonding, and romping on ex. ed.**
- ... Hitting home runs and winning tennis matches**
- ... Preparing for prom and graduation**

**Lunchtime on the sunny beach reappears
The girls' turn to play soccer has come
The seniors begin to say goodbye
Another year completes**





High Points

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I really enjoyed going horse-packing. My ex-ed group worked really well together and it was really nice to be in an all girl group for the first time.

-Senior Heidi Haberman

The best thing about being on the baseball team this year was beating rival Glenwood Springs the first time we played them.

-Senior Perry Shipp

Low Points

The worst thing about my ex-ed was it was not long enough.

-Junior Melissa Arnold

The worst thing about tennis was practicing indoors on clay courts and playing outside on hard courts.

-Sophomore Kelly Stewart

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In the spring Aspen High School offers many sports: baseball, track and soccer. Two of the many ex-ed trips offered are Green River Rafting and Northern Arizona Mountain Biking.

Senior Matt Stone, one of Aspen High School's star pitchers, was named to the High Country All-Conference Team.

Members of the Escalante Desert Hiking group prepare to hike at the Jacob Hamblin Arch.

As a member of the record-setting 4x8 relay team, junior Greer Anderson eases into the finish line unchallenged.

Natural Talent

“My role is to make the best possible team with the players I have to work with, and then to get my players to achieve their highest potential.

-Coach Brad Jordan



Sophomores Christy Martin and Kyleigh Spitz clash with an opponent over the ball in a battle against Basalt, ending with a 0-0 tie.

“Soccer is an intense sport and I was glad to see so many underclassmen step up and take initiative.

-Co-captain Nan Fields

Though the season was short and the wins were slightly fewer than they would have liked, the girls' soccer team established a close, encouraging relationship with one another and showed a great deal of natural talent. Head Coach Brad Jordan, who has coached at AHS for seven years, said of the team, "They have the most potential to win a state title over any other team that I have coached." The two teams were made up of all levels of players; some never had played before and others had been soccer players forever. Despite the diversity, "Everyone got along really well--we all supported each other," observed All-Conference recipient sophomore Jenny Robinson.



Varsity. Back row: Coach Rick Van Vleet, Alicia Condit, Tracy Schroeder, Lindsay Straka, Jill Anderson, Co-captain Nan Fields, Elizabeth De Luca, Ashley Schermerhorn, Laurie Sasser, Jessica Dodds, Christy Martin, Coach Brad Jordan. Front row: Jenny Robinson, Co-captain Darcy Gaechter, Maggi Whitmer, Whitney Gordon, Gretchen Bleiler, Courtney Brinkerhoff, May Soonthornswad and Nicole Reno.

Junior Varsity. Back row: Coach Rick Van Vleet, Holly Upper, Maggi Whitmer, Elizabeth De Luca, Julie Campbell, Anna Liebmenn, Kyleigh Spitz, Christy Martin, Coach Brad Jordan. Front row: Nicole Reno, Alex Taylor, Gwen Abbott, Tracy Rameil, Cassidy Hamel and Whitney Gordon.

Run for Fun in the Sun . . . or Snow (!)



"Although we were small in numbers, the Aspen track team turned some heads in our region this year," Head Coach Carol Sams proudly exclaimed. The 1996 track season went out with a bang. The team was built with a solid core of runners, many of whom had been running for years or participated in the fall cross country season, plus a group of freshmen anxious to improve and participate. Although there were two seniors who will be sadly leaving, the track team looks encouraging for years to come.

When asked early in the season what their team goal was junior Summer Humerickhouse explained, "We want to be in the top six in the 4x8 relay at state." And the team pulled through, not only accomplishing their goal, but finishing in first place and setting a state record.



Back row: Brendan Blake, Lacey Gaechter, Shana Benson, Sarah Brager, Noelle Waldron, Assistant Coach Mark Barbour, Robin Severy, Perry Shipp, Clay Shipp, Scott Stewart, Assistant Coach Tim McCrary, Alex Cassatt and Head Coach Carol Sams. Front row: Sarah Graber, Greer Anderson, Harumi Lamm, Jonathan Rockwood, Tim Ingerick and Justin Pfeifer.

“I am very proud of our athletes. Hard work and self-determination are essential components of a successful track season.

-Coach Carol Sams **”**



Receiving their honors for a first place win in the 4x8 relay, senior Sterling Tomkins, and juniors Summer Humerickhouse, Robin Severy and Greer Anderson are proud to have set the state record at 9:58.14. Despite the fierce competition, the four held strong and accomplished their dreams.

Along with the relay team, Greer Anderson also went to state in the 400 meter run and set a new school record, as did Summer Humerickhouse in the 1600 meter run.

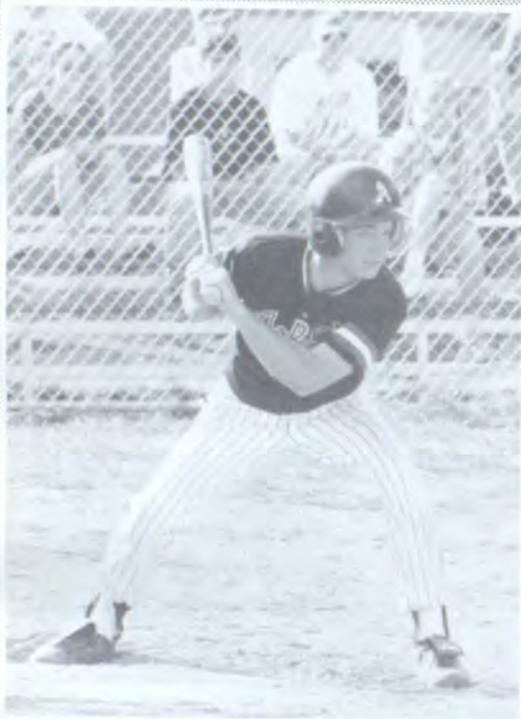
Top left: Summer Humerickhouse prepares to pass the pack on her way to victory.



Cheap Seats

“ I felt this season's baseball team was strong, and one of the most successful teams of my high school baseball career. ”

-Senior Jon Pfeifer



Senior Jon Pfeifer hits a home run at an Aspen home game held in Basalt. Pfeifer was awarded highest batting average at the spring sports banquet.

The Aspen High School's Boys Baseball Team had a fun filled, successful year. They had a 6-5 team record, with a 6-3 league record. During the League Tournament games, they defeated Basalt 11-1, lost to Glenwood Springs 3-8. At the Spring Sports Banquet, Senior Matt Stone was named Most Valuable Player, "I felt without the support of my fellow team mates, I would not have been so motivated to play," explained Stone. Most of the boys on the team have played successfully for most, if not all, of their high school career. Senior Jon Pfeifer has played three of his four and is now sadly leaving. Senior Matt Stone along with Seniors Brendan Blake and Austin Schlepp have all played four years in high school. Next season, the JV will provide a strong foundation for the continued success of this boys team.

Senior Perry Shipp comes in off the field after a long game.



Back row: Assistant Coach Drew Peterson, Dusty Dequine, Clay Frandson, Perry Shipp, Brendan Blake. Middle row: Austin Schlepp, Bobby Boykin, Josh Brence, Head Coach Jeff Yusem. Front row: Jon Pfeifer, Matt Stone. Not pictured: Frank Witte.

Baseball Scoreboard

Basalt	12-2
Roaring Fork	11-1, 7-5
Glenwood Springs	10-5
Eagle Valley	4-16
Battle Mountain	5-2
Meeker	3-4
Hotchkiss	4-11
Paonia	3-13
League Tournament	
Basalt	11-1
Glenwood Springs	3-8

They're Aces!

In all of its five years in existence, the Aspen girls' tennis team has never had a stronger showing than the '96 season. As a whole, the girls had eight wins and one loss and never once lost a single league match. The only loss was to Cherry Creek's second varsity team. "Considering Cherry Creek is one of the top ranking teams in the country, that's not too bad," stated Assistant Coach Jeannie Russell.



Team captain Karin Bloomer and her #2 doubles partner Anne Boenning move in for the kill.

The varsity team rankings were as follows:

- #1 singles--Liza Russell.
- #2 singles--Aimee Hecht.
- #3 singles--Abigail Cunningham.
- #1 doubles--Tanya Fleisher and Kelly Schiffer.
- #2 doubles--Karin Bloomer and Anne Boenning.
- #3 doubles--Kelly Stewart and Maggie Whitmer.
- #4 doubles--Layne Potvin and Natalie Mysior.

Playing junior varsity and alternating positions were Ashley Arrasmith, Melissa Arnold, Whitney Gordon, Alex Gely and Susan Grau.

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The fact that we were able to have a team finish at second place at the regional tournament proves that Aspen is developing a very deep team. Next year, with returning nine out of eleven varsity players, we should be back better than ever.

-Head Coach Sue Geist

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Junior Layne Potvin and freshman Natalie Mysior obviously made a great team being the only players this year to qualify for State. The dynamic duo, playing #4 doubles, won two matches and lost one at the regional tournament, placing them in second and the only team from Aspen to make it to State. Unfortunately, Mysior had a previous family engagement to go to Hawaii and was unable to attend. Both girls were disappointed to come so far and not be able to participate in the state competition, but both will be back next year and should be able to qualify again.



Back row: Head Coach Sue Geist, Anne Boenning, Layne Potvin, Natalie Mysior, Tanya Fleisher, Kelly Schiffer, Maggie Whitmer, Karin Bloomer, Liza Russell, Assistant Coach Jeannie Russell, Ashley Arrasmith. Front row: Melissa Arnold, Susan Grau, Aimee Hecht, Whitney Gordon, Alex Gely, Abigail Cunningham, Kelly Stewart. Not pictured: Assistant Coach Susie Patterson.



Bring On the Show. . .

Another spring has come and gone, and with it the Invitation to the Arts. The annual display of talent included an art show in the ballroom of the Hotel Jerome, concerts, and a musical Once Upon a Mattress.

The art show gave students a chance to display their talents to the school and the community. Three students, juniors Tracy Rameil and Becky Garrett, and sophomore Amber Hasselbring received scholarships for their work. A variety of mediums were used: oil, cut paper, water color, metallics, tempera, mixed media, sculptures, 3D design, self-portraits, pencil drawings, FIMO beads, and painted furniture. Also on display were chairs, a porch swing, cabinets, book shelves, tables, desks, CD cases, and benches created by wood tech students.

The spring musical was a great success, but also a sorrow, for this was the last production that the seniors would perform in as a group. Justin Dodds, Jon Pfeifer, Becky Dillon, Aaron Wheetman, Jordan Albert, and Joanie-Jo Schultz bid their final farewells to AHS and to each other. This group of seniors has performed many times over the years, and each performance brought them closer. "We've been through a lot together, and I'm really going to miss these guys," said a straight-faced Becky Dillon. "We spend so much time together laughing, joking, playing, and rehearsing that we all know each other inside and out," added Jon Pfeifer. "Which is pretty scary, if you think about it," quipped Aaron Wheetman. This group of close-knit seniors will be sorely missed, by each other and the rest of AHS.



This year's musical, Once Upon a Mattress, was a raging success. Cast members sophomore Nieve Pizatti, senior Jordan Albert, juniors Frank Witte and Eliza Russell, seniors Dyami Valentine and Aaron Wheetman, junior Jamie Evans, and seniors Jon Pfeifer and Joanie-Jo Schultz helped to make it so.

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The artists and their creations: junior Tracy Rameil catches herself on paper, Brendan Blake, the mighty hunter, makes a place to store his guns, Marcos Gomez gives himself a place to write, and Nan Fields poses with her favorite doll--herself!

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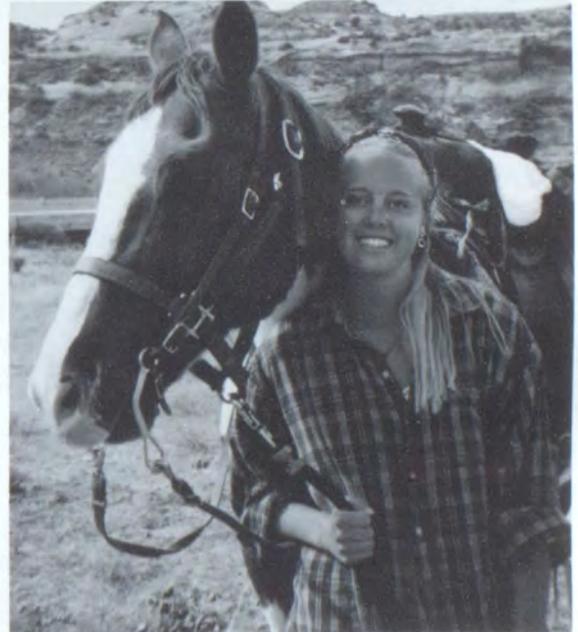
This raging Green River rapid is no challenge for Aspen High School students.

Seniors Darcy Gaechter and Jessica Bennett explore the deep crevasses of Spooky Canyon with sophomore Jesse Borkovec on their last day of Ex-Ed.

Rudy Diaz's White Rim biking group takes a breather after biking in the hot Utah sun.

These canyonland canoers know what's up. One main priority of Ex-Ed is to get a dark tan. Sunblock. What's sunblock? Pass the tanning oil!





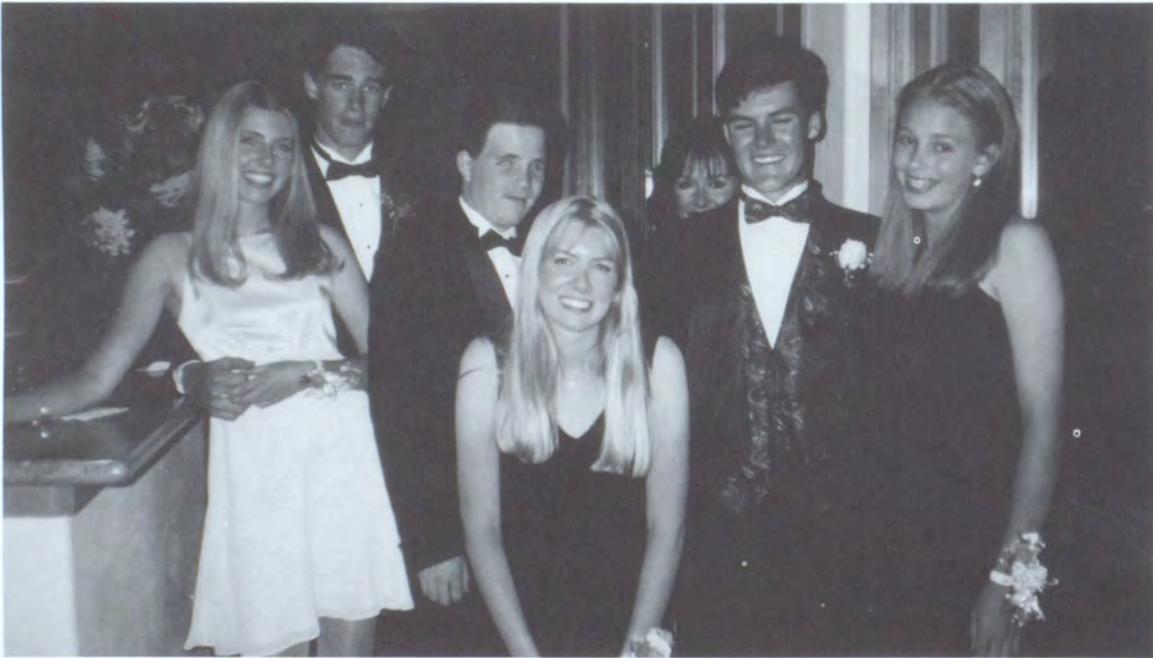
After five days of sun, sand, surf, techno music, and shopping, the San Diego group is sad to share their last sunset together at Cardiff By the Sea.

Riding through the Napa Valley, Jill Anderson forgets about all her school work and peddles happily towards San Francisco.

Members of the Green River Canoe trip hike through Dead Horse Canyon to look at ancient petroglyphs.

Taking a break with her horse, Friday, senior Britta Gustafson is happy living the life of a cowboy for a week.

"A Night In Hollywood"





Seniors David Cooper and Heidi Haberman were voted the king and queen of prom 1996 by their classmates.

Sophomore Chris Roach and senior Jessica Bennett eat at the popular Chart House restaurant before prom.

Seniors Whitney Mizel, Josh Theken, David Cooper and Albie Whitiker with junior Becky Mizel and freshman Anne Boenning take a quick picture break at Albie's house.

Juniors Tanya Fleisher, Maggie Whitmer, Jill Anderson, Tracy Schroeder, Kellie Schiffer, and Liza Russell celebrate because they, with the help of their classmates, put on such a great prom.

Seniors Taylor Phillips and Judith Nakagawa take advantage of the beautiful night to take their prom pictures outside.

Seniors Justin Starodoj and Tyler Fynn take one last look at the prom scene.

Luke Kelly from Carbondale, seniors Joanie-Jo Schultz and Matt Merritt, sophomore Shannon Cherry, senior Heather Merritt, and Lee Carmichael from Carbondale are forced by parents to take a few memorable photos before prom.

"Here We Are"



The graduating class of 1996's valedictorian, Maggie Monge, gives a touching, heartfelt speech about the closeness of the class and her personal respect for the school.

On a bit lighter note, salutatorian Jessica Phillips reminisces about the humorous and unique personalities of the group.

This year's presenter of the commencement address, Richard Butera, talks to the class about overcoming fear and the importance of having hope. As a gift to the class Mr. Butera, Aspen Club owner, gave each graduate a one-year membership to the Aspen Club.

Each of the graduates pinned a bag containing a live goldfish onto Tom Farrell's fishing vest as they received their diplomas. Skye Solheim shares a laugh after handing the superintendent a fishing pole.



As a moving finish, MAD Co. crooners Justin Dodds, John Pfeifer, Aaron Wheetman, and Matt Stone sing the Boys II Men version of the original Beatles song, "Yesterday."



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Project Graduation is a drug and alcohol-free party hosted by parents each year for graduating seniors. The students were locked into the Aspen Club where they stayed up all night, won prizes donated by local businesses, participated in games and activities, and then moved to the Sundeck Restaurant on Aspen Mountain to watch the sun rise and to eat breakfast.

Playing a game of hoops in the Aspen Club basketball courts, senior Darcy Gaechter challenged Sherill Kerr and Lisa Halverson during an intense match between staff and students.

In the casino, high stakes rollers Anders Gustafson, Taylor Phillips, Tyler Finn and Cody Christopher, along with dealer Brick Anderson, chance their luck in a gambling game.

Seniors Katie Hadar and Ryan Welgos lounge in the pool during a fun and exciting night of activities provided by the club.

A Galaxy of Stars



At AHS's annual awards ceremony, senior Maggie Monge proudly receives her valedictory plaque from Lisa Halverson.

Believe it or not. Brendan Blake, a senior, is being recognized by Karen Zohar for his outstanding success in geology—not sailing!

Freshman Nathan Morse rightfully obtains his award from Nancy Roach for his dedication in English I.

Being one of the many students involved in the Pasaporte Program, high school students teaching K-5th students Spanish, Erin Culberston, a sophomore, is thanked by Jamie Mahaffey.



A Final Memory



Instead of the customary senior ditch day, the class of 1996 piled into a school bus (decorated by themselves) for a day of fun they will never forget.

While go-karting, Josh Theken glances over his shoulder as Scarlet Krawzoff, his fellow classmate, attempts to pass him.

Justin Dodds, hungry after a challenging morning of field games, gives the picnic lunch a thumbs up.

Standing on top of the school and holding an air hammer, senior Aaron Wheetman dares any freshman to walk out of the school doors below him.

Rising with the sun, Lindsay Straka, Britta Gustafson, Jessica Bennett, Sterling Tomkins, and Darcy Gaechter look bright-eyed even after spending the night on the beach.



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Samantha Kidd



Sophomore Noelle Waldron takes the time to flip through the pages of a favorite book at Explore Booksellers.

Always an avid reader, sophomore Jonathan Sundeen is caught frequenting Explore Booksellers.

Catching his breath on a cold winter day, senior Zac Soule stops outside the Popcorn Wagon.

These are two girls who take their money seriously. Sophomores Erin Culbertson and Cari Taylor stop by Norwest Bank after school to make a deposit.

Stopping by the Aspen Amoco to fill up her tank, senior Britta Gustafson pauses to fully enjoy the beauty of an Aspen winter day.

Which to pick? After a tough day at school junior Tanya Fleisher contemplates the ice cream selection at Paradise Bakery.

Is this the place to hang out or what? Sophomore Joey Beck, senior Britta Gustafson, sophomore Karla Beltran, junior Lisa Culloden-Ward, and seniors Ryan Welgos and Zac Soule take a breather outside the Popcorn Wagon.





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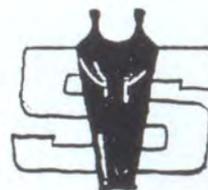
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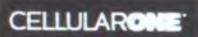
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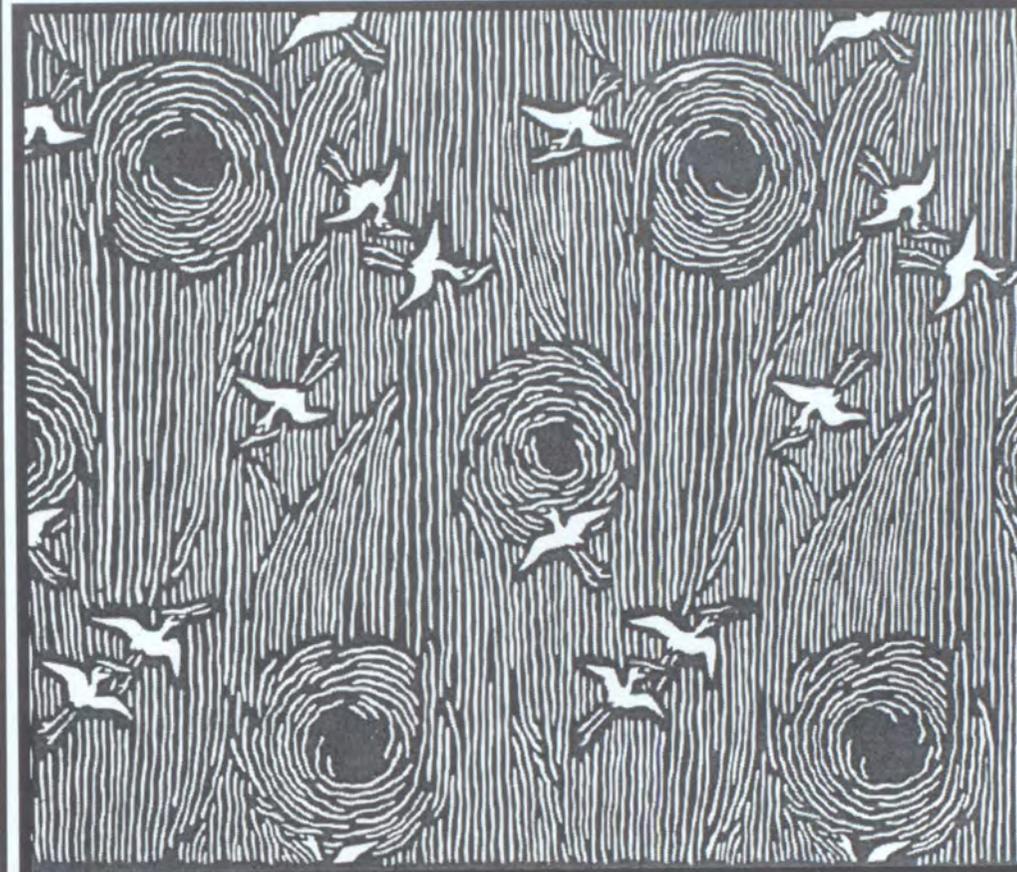
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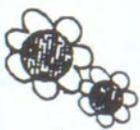
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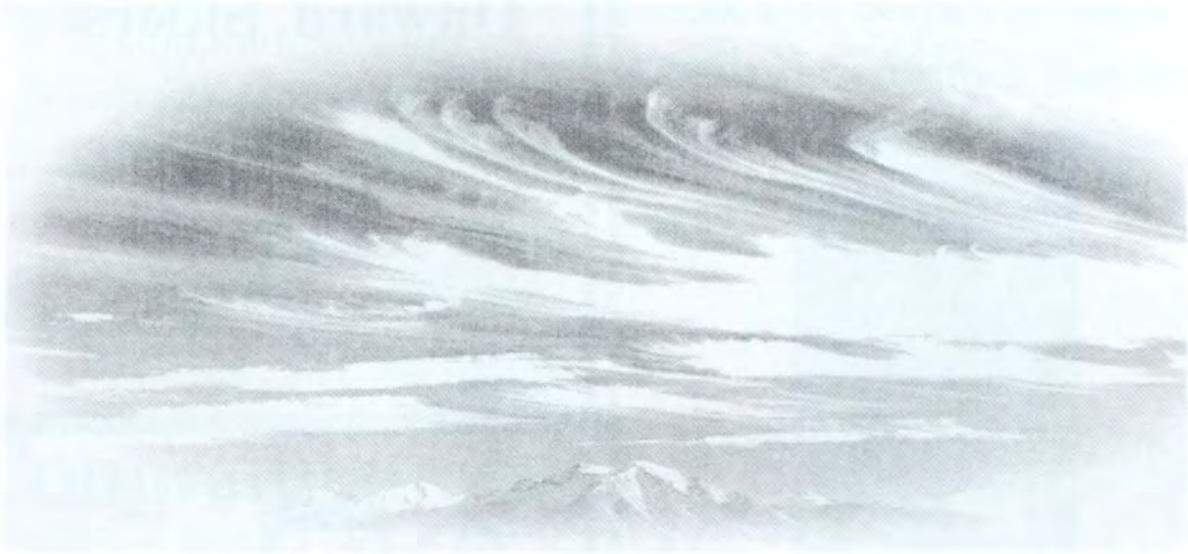


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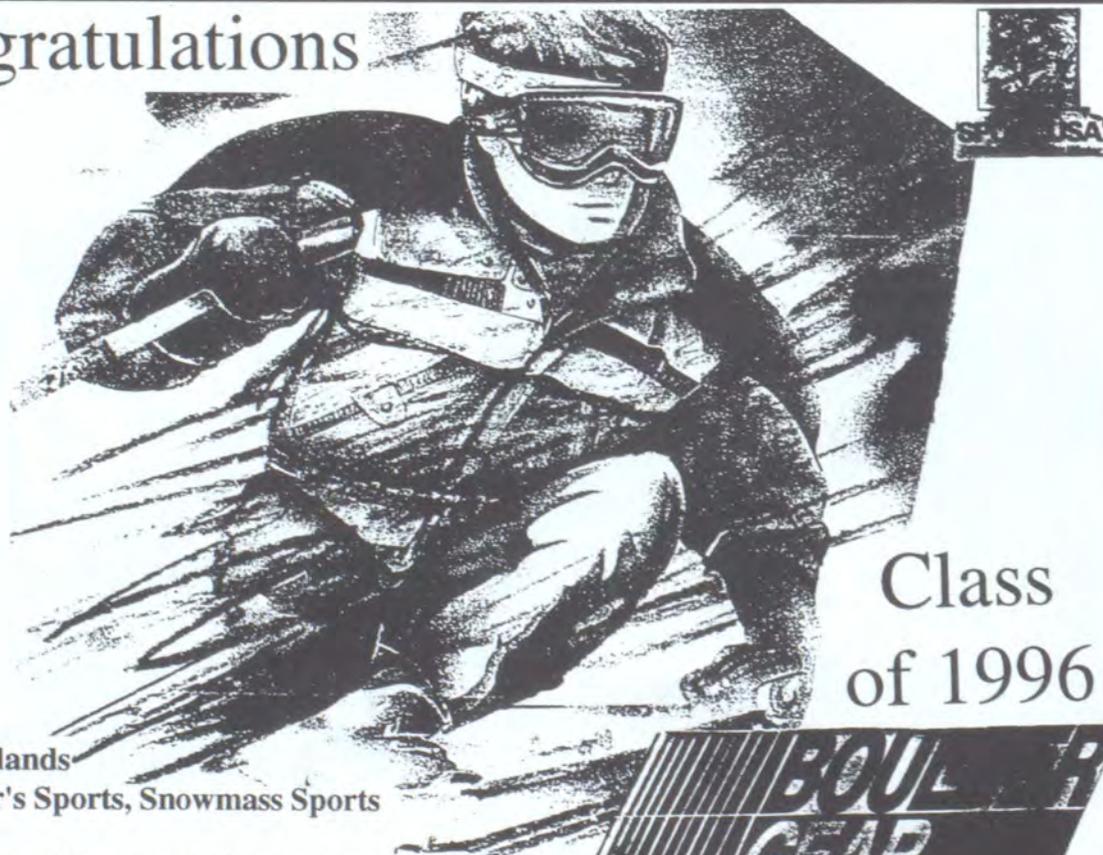
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Remembering Ryan

Dear friend, we're still thinking of you
and, friend, we're all still missing you.

As our sun sets each precious day,
We still feel the warmth of your winged ray.
As we trot along life's weary path
We find comfort galloping in remembered laugh.
Be with us when we say goodbye,
So we know you're watching the arrow fly.
You will be with us on our final days,
Because, dear friend, your memory stays.

Britta



Josh Theken and Cody Christopher designed and built the Ryan Lynch Memorial Bench; funds were raised by the Class of 1996 over the last four years. The bench was presented to AHS at the Senior Awards Assembly.



"Just a few more weeks and I'll be out of here!" says senior Becky Dillon.



"Psst, Justin, check out that new girl sitting over there," mumbles senior Matt Stone under his breath.



Jordan Albert uses his break wisely to catch up on his English homework.



"Who me?" asks senior Skye Solheim, "I don't have senioritis, not yet anyways!"

Long-time Aspenite, senior Wheaton Auger, comes back from boarding school to graduate at AHS.

Austin Shlepp tries to sell the cameraman his miraculous product. Uh no thanks, Austin, maybe next time.

"Maybe the counselors won't notice if I use the copier just this once," hopes Matt Siegel.

Ryan Kiernan and Scarlet Krawzoff take a few minutes to relax in the commons before their next class.



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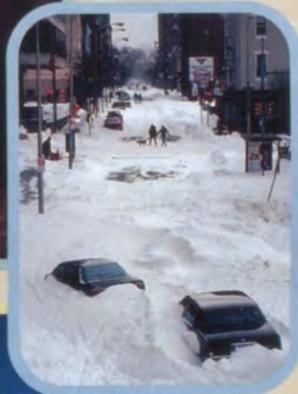


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G. Korganow, Gamma/Liaison

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

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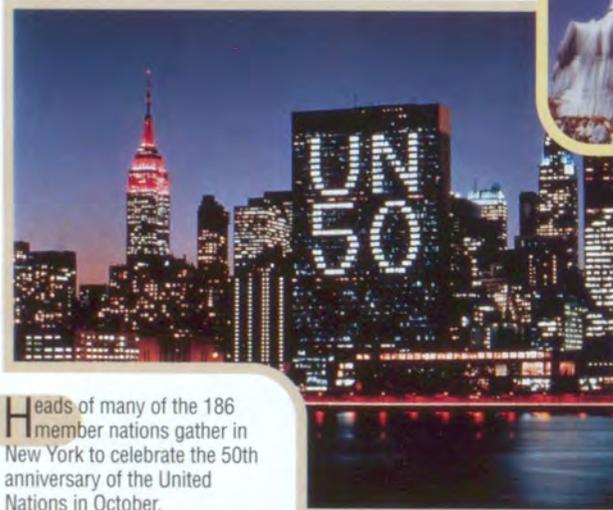


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Pope John Paul II visits New Jersey, New York and Maryland, and addresses the United Nations. He speaks out on social, economic, political and moral themes.



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



Schneider Pool from Gamma/Liaison

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



Philippe Giraud, Sygma

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



John Feara, Sygma

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



Dan Dvorn, Gamma/Liaison

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



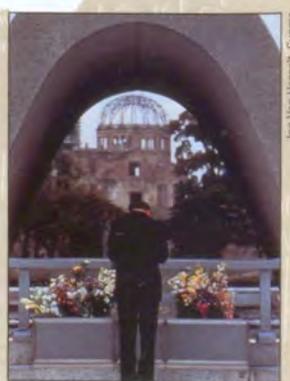
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Marxist Cuban President Fidel Castro abandons his Havana cigar and military fatigues for a suit and tie on a diplomatic visit to New York in October, where he tries to convince the U.S. to lift its 33-year-old trade embargo on still-communist Cuba.



Juli Press/APF from Bettmann

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



Jon Van Hasselt, Sygma

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

national news

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



Brant Ward, San Francisco Chronicle/Gamma/Liaison

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



AP/Wide World



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



African-American men from across the country converge on Washington, D.C., for the Million Man March on October 16. The march, led by Nation-of-Islam minister Louis Farrakhan, promotes African-American unity, dignity, and family values.



Larry Downing, Sigma



AFP/Behrmann

Air Force Captain Scott O'Grady (right) is rescued from pursuing Bosnian Serb forces by U.S. Marines on June 8, six days after his plane is shot down over Bosnia. O'Grady survived on insects, plants, and rainwater.



Markel, Gamma/Liaison

U.S. Senator Bob Packwood of Oregon resigns on September 7, the day after the Senate Ethics Committee voted unanimously to expel him for sexual misconduct, embarrassingly detailed in his diaries, which were made public.



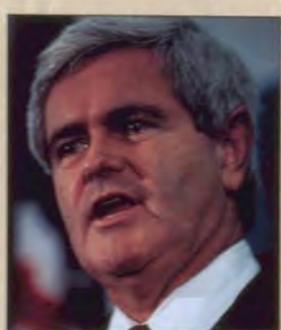
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The nation comes to a standstill on October 3 as more than 150 million people watch live TV coverage of the outcome of the nine-month-long trial of the century. After less than four hours of deliberation, the jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson not guilty of the murders of his ex-wife Nicole and her friend Ronald Goldman.



Scott Olson, Epa Press

Illinois suffers a record heat wave in July, with temperatures as high as 104°. The heat takes the lives of 457 people statewide. At Wrigley Stadium, Jaime Navarro helps faithful Chicago Cubs fans stay cool.



Gifford, Gamma/Liaison

After a year of fame as a conservative revolution, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich slumps in popularity, tainted by the government shutdown, his stalled Contract With America, and investigations into his political action committee and his financial affairs.



Les Stone, Sigma

Two-thousand volunteer firefighters battle a raging wildfire in eastern Long Island, New York, for three days in August. The fire, following a 21-day drought, consumes 5,500 acres of pine barrens and damages a dozen homes. There are no injuries or fatalities.

The image of firefighter Chris Fields holding one-year-old Baylee Almon, who later dies, comes to symbolize the horror of the April 19 bombing of the Oklahoma City Federal Building that killed 150 adults and 19 children.

As more Americans invest, Wall Street enjoys a bull market. In November, the Dow-Jones Industrial Average hits 5000, a milestone indicating healthy corporate profits and low interest rates.



Charles H. Porter, IV, Sygma



Zielenbach, Chicago Tribune from Gamma/Liaison



On April 30, the adoptive parents of four-year-old "Baby Richard" comply with an Illinois court order to turn the child over to his biological parents.

flash

Despite Americans' doubts and fears, U.S. troops head for Bosnia in December. The 20,000 U.S. forces, serving under NATO command beside 40,000 European allies, face the task of keeping peace among the country's warring Serbs, Croats and Muslims.

The State of South Carolina sentences Susan Smith to life in prison for the drowning murder of her two young sons in 1994.

An anonymous donor sends St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis \$1 million in the form of a winning ticket from McDonald's November "Monopoly" sweepstakes game.

In the wake of a growing number of random attacks from assailants with knives and guns, White House security is forced to close Pennsylvania Avenue to traffic.

After allegedly ignoring federal pollution regulations for years, General Motors agrees under threat of an \$11-million fine to recall 500,000 Cadillacs at a cost of \$45 million.



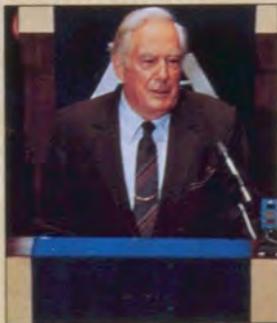
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The government shuts down for six days in November after the President and Congress fail to agree on how to balance the federal budget. The shutdown affects non-essential federal services, including the National Park Service. A longer shutdown follows in December.



AP/Wide World

A record snowfall paralyzes the East Coast in January 1996, stranding travelers and killing 100 people. Seven states, from Virginia to Massachusetts, declare emergencies. Philadelphia gets 30.7 inches of snow.



AP/Wide World

Warren E. Burger, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1969 to 1986, dies in June at age 87. Though appointed by President Richard Nixon, he ordered Nixon to turn over tapes in the Watergate hearings that effectively ended the president's career.



The Washington Post publishes a manifesto written by the unidentified killer known as "The Unabomber," at large since 1978 and wanted for 16 mail bombs that have killed 3 and injured 23. FBI agents scrutinize the article for clues to the bomber's identity.



AP/Wide World

A Chicago commuter train slams into the back end of a loaded school bus. The accident, allegedly caused by a poorly timed stoplight placed too near the tracks, kills 7 students and injures 28 on October 25.



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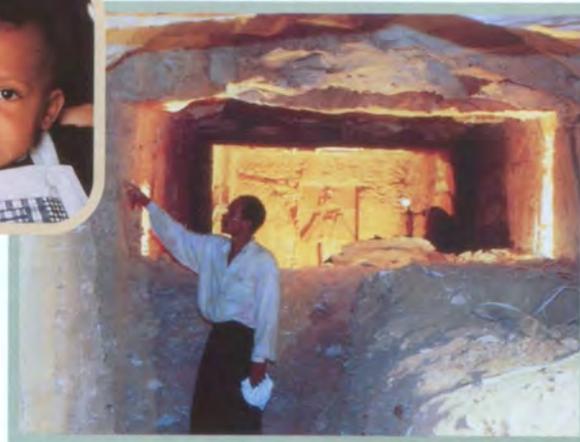
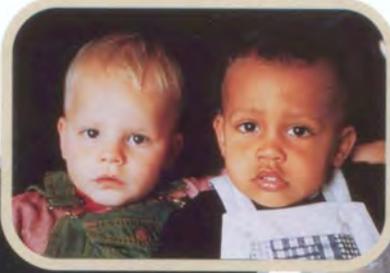
American women celebrate the 75th anniversary of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which granted women the right to vote. Women's suffrage leader Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906) first organized the fight for suffrage in 1848.

science news



Wubbo De Jong/Het Parool from Sygma

As the result of an improperly cleaned test tube at a fertility clinic, a woman in the Netherlands gives birth to twin boys, each from a different father.



AP/Wide World

In March, the Federal Drug Administration approves a chicken-pox vaccine. Rarely fatal, chicken-pox affects 3.7 million Americans annually.

Archaeologists discover a 3,000-year-old tomb in May that is believed to hold the remains of 52 sons of Ramses II, Pharaoh of Egypt.



NASA

A stunning photograph from the Hubble Space Telescope captures a moment in the birth of a star in the Eagle Nebula, 7,000 light years from Earth. Light from the young star's nuclear furnace lifts towering pillars of hydrogen gas and interstellar dust.



Dr. Jeffrey Fried, Gamma/Liaison

Researchers announce that they have isolated a gene in mice linked to obesity. Mice with a mutated OB gene are injected with the hormone leptin, resulting in dramatic weight loss. The public is tantalized at the prospect of leptin as a slimming treatment for use in humans.



© Cincinnati Zoo

The world's first test-tube gorilla is born at the Cincinnati Zoo in October as part of an effort to save the western lowland gorilla, an endangered species that numbers fewer than 450 animals.



Fossils of a jawbone (left) and leg bone (right) found in Kenya in August reveal a previously unknown species of upright hominid that lived four million years ago, pushing the emergence of bipedalism back half a million years. Walking upright is a key adaptation that separates humans from apes.



Via Mazzengia/Chicago Tribune

Media attention focuses on melatonin, a naturally occurring hormone used to induce sleep and slow the effects of aging. Lauded as a wonder drug, a kilogram of synthetic melatonin sells for as much as \$10,000.



AP/Wide World

In a procedure known as tissue engineering, scientists grow a human ear under the skin of a laboratory mouse. Researchers hope the procedure will play an important role in the future of transplant surgery.



As a protective measure against counterfeiting in the era of digital publishing, the Treasury Department redesigns U.S. currency bills, to be issued over the next five years, starting early 1996 with the new \$100 bill.

Former rivals in space become comrades in space after the historic docking of the U.S. space shuttle *Atlantis* and Russia's *Mir* space station on June 29. Astronaut Robert Gibson (in red) greets cosmonaut Vladimir Dezhurov.



In June, volcanic eruptions give birth to a baby island. A new member of the Tonga Islands emerges near New Zealand, 900 feet high and 140 feet wide.



AP/Wide World

After a decade-long search, scientists isolate what may be the most important cancer-related gene. The defective gene known as ATM is associated with cancers of the breast, colon, lung, stomach, pancreas and skin, and may be carried by two million Americans.

Astronomers using the Hubble Space Telescope observe new moons orbiting the planet Saturn, adding at least 2 moons and possibly 4 to Saturn's previously known total of 18.

A team of French and British explorers believe they have found an ancient breed of horse previously unknown to scientists. In November, the four-foot high horse with a triangular head, which resembles the vanished horses of European Stone Age drawings, is named Riwoche for its home region in Tibet.



Gammal/Liaison

Buyers rush to stores for the new computer operating system Windows 95, spurred by Microsoft Corp.'s \$700-million publicity barrage and the promise of a friendlier interface.



A. Tannenbaum, Sygma

The movie *Apollo 13* opens in the summer after filming many of its scenes inside NASA's "zero gravity" plane, which mimics the weightlessness astronauts experience in space by diving into a 23-second freefall.

October satellite photographs show the recent rapid deterioration of the earth's ozone layer above Antarctica. Pollutants produced mostly by the U.S. cause the hole in the atmosphere's protective layer to increase to the size of Europe.



VISA International



Nintendo of America

Now virtual reality comes in a handy travel size with Nintendo's latest, Virtual Boy, a portable 3-D video-game system with stereophonic sound.

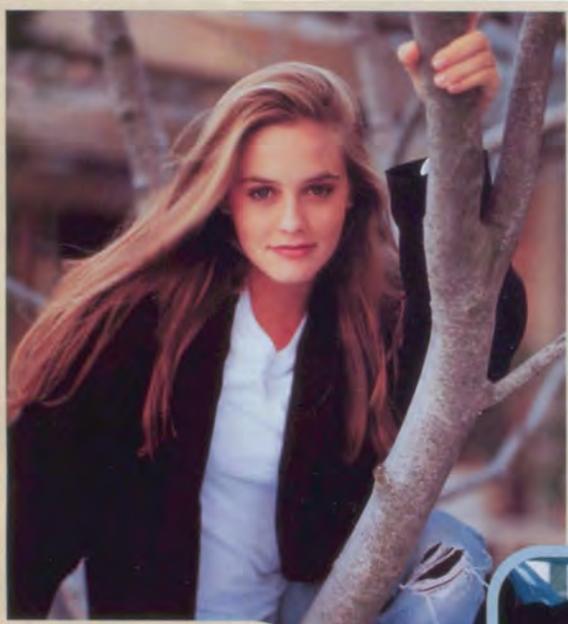
In November, Visa introduces a cash-storage card that eliminates a pocketful of loose change. A chip in the plastic card tracks the amount of available cash, which is accessed with a reader at the place of purchase. The card can be taken to the bank and reloaded.



New research shows that the meat-eating *Tyrannosaurus rex* did not loom upright, but stalked along lower to the ground. The discovery is reflected in the reopened exhibits of the famed dinosaur halls of New York's American Museum of Natural History after three years of redesign.

American Museum of Natural History

faces in the news



Already well known for her appearances in Aerosmith music videos, 19-year-old Alicia Silverstone achieves stardom with the 1995 summer movie hit *Clueless*.

Dana Fineman, Sygma



J.L. Bulcao, Gamma/Liaison

With \$150,000 saved during her 75 hardworking years as a washerwoman, Oseola McCarty establishes a scholarship fund for African-American students at the University of Southern Mississippi. For her selflessness, she is awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal.



Ron Davis, Shooting Star

Pamela Lee of "Baywatch" fame and husband Tommy Lee, Motley Crüe drummer, are the life of the party this year, frequently caught by the press engaging in public displays of affection.



Bill Jordan, Charleston Post Courier from Sipa Press

Trailblazer Shannon Faulkner (hand to head) withdraws from the Citadel after collapsing during "hell week." Faulkner singlehandedly attempted to bust the gender barrier at the all-male South Carolina military institution.



Frank Caprio/Saga from Archive Photos

Millions of Americans tune in to Martha Stewart's TV show, subscribe to her magazine, and read her books. The popular cooking and home-decorating entrepreneur builds an empire by packaging a distinctive American nostalgic style.



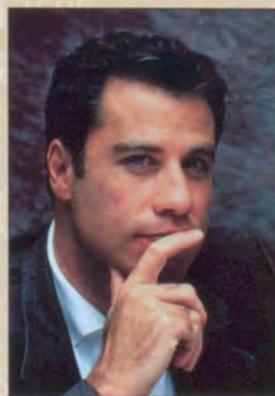
Marc Deville, Gamma/Liaison

Bill Gates, founder and chairman of the computer giant Microsoft, becomes the wealthiest man in the world on the success of his company's software. His book *The Road Ahead* hits *The New York Times* best-seller list.



Ron Davis, Shooting Star

Hot actor Antonio Banderas falls in love with another screen sex-symbol Melanie Griffith during the filming of *Two Much*. Banderas will co-star with Madonna in the film version of *Evita* and will star in Steven Spielberg-produced *Zorro*.



Yoram Kahana, Shooting Star

Seventies superstar John Travolta's motion-picture comeback in the 1994 hit *Pulp Fiction* continues with starring roles in *Get Shorty* and *Broken Arrow*.



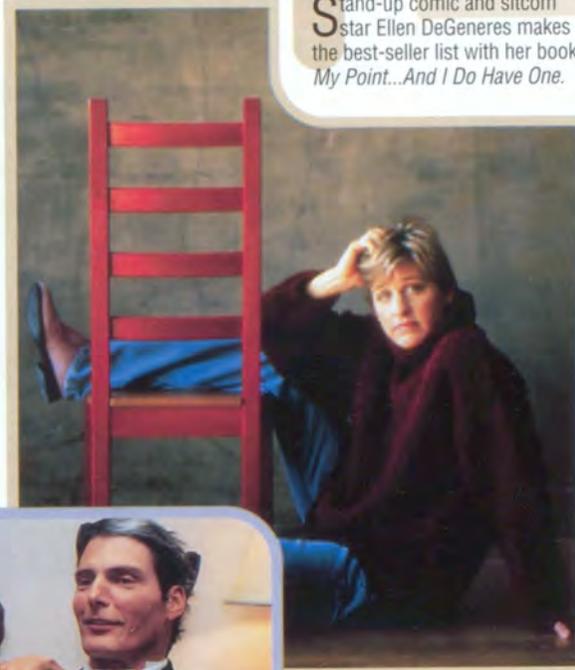
Fotox from Shooting Star

Sandra Bullock follows up her star-making role in *Speed* with the gentle romance *While You Were Sleeping*. Bullock's fresh, wholesome image earns her an "Entertainer of the Year" nomination from *Entertainment Weekly* magazine.

America is disappointed in its high hopes for Colin Powell's 1996 presidential candidacy. At the close of his whirlwind book tour for *My American Journey*, the General and his wife Alma announce in November that he will not seek the Republican nomination.



Pete Souza, Gamma/Liaison



Stand-up comic and sitcom star Ellen DeGeneres makes the best-seller list with her book *My Point...And I Do Have One*.



Sandra Johnson, Retna

Christopher Reeve, in a wheelchair and hooked up to a portable respirator, appears with his wife, Dana, at the American Paralysis Association's annual gala on November 9, less than five months after a fall from a horse left him almost totally paralyzed.



AP/Wide World

A 10-year-old St. Louis schoolboy, Larry Champagne III, becomes a hero by taking control of his school bus after the driver suffered a stroke. Champagne is later awarded a \$10,000 scholarship by the bus company.

AP/Wide World

flash

Calvin Klein's provocative CK Jeans campaign causes an uproar in August, bringing nasty headlines, threats of retailer boycotts and an FBI investigation. The scandal only seems to help sales.

Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley announce their divorce almost a year after their surprise marriage. The tabloids have a field day speculating about the reasons for the marriage (was it a cold-hearted career move?) as well as the causes for the break-up (was he after Elvis' fortune?).

Breaking the Surface, the autobiography of Greg Louganis, former U.S. Olympic gold-medal diver who revealed earlier that he has AIDS, debuts at No. 2 on the best-seller list.

Popcorn magnate Orville Redenbacher, who transformed Redden corn into a gourmet item, dies on September 19 from heart failure.

Two Chinese women set a new Guinness world record in November by living in a room for 12 days with 888 poisonous snakes. The previous world record, set in Singapore in 1987, was 10 days with 200 snakes.



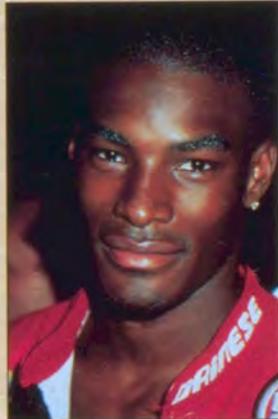
Marissa Roth, LGI

Actress Demi Moore becomes the highest paid woman in Hollywood, able to command \$12.5 million per movie, even after this year's flop at the box office *The Scarlet Letter*, loosely based on Hawthorne's classic.



Tim Mosenfelder, LGI

Favorite of America's heartland for his *You Might Be A Redneck If...* jokes, Georgia-born stand-up comic and author Jeff Foxworthy gets his own ABC sitcom in which he plays himself.



Henry Kiserman, Shooting Star

Model Beckford Tyson, singled out by Ralph Lauren for his all-American looks, signs an exclusive contract with the fashion designer in 1995.



AP/Wide World

Miss Oklahoma Shawntel Smith is crowned Miss America on September 16. During the broadcast of the 75th pageant, viewers phone in their votes to retain the swimsuit competition.



Kurt Wavant, Spa Press

John F. Kennedy, Jr., is cofounder and editor-in-chief of *George*, a glossy new magazine covering American politics. Hounded all his life by the press, Kennedy joins their ranks, contributing a feature interview to each issue.

entertainment news



United Artists from Shooting Star

The fifth actor to play 007 in the enduring film series begun in the 1960s, Pierce Brosnan abandons his Aston Martin for a BMW Z3 Roadster in *Goldeneye*, the latest and, some say, best James Bond movie.

Three 1995 movies bring Jane Austen classics to the silver screen: *Clueless*, based on Austen's novel *Emma*, and *Sense and Sensibility* and *Persuasion*.



Disney Pictures from Shooting Star



Disney Pictures continues its line of animated blockbusters with the Native American legend *Pocahontas*. The picture previews in New York's Central Park to an outdoor audience of 200,000.

Batman *Forever*, with Val Kilmer in the title role and Chris O'Donnell as Robin, becomes the third Batman movie and the summer's top-grossing film.

Sygma



M. Genier, LGI

After an unpromising start, Conan O'Brien quietly gains popularity as host of NBC's "Late Night," a slot previously filled by David Letterman. Letterman's current show on CBS slowly loses viewers.



Yoram Kishanu, Shooting Star

Whitney Houston stars in the December film release, *Waiting to Exhale*, adapted from Terry McMillan's best-selling novel about the lives of four middle-class African-American women. Houston sings the title song for the movie soundtrack, which enjoys brisk sales.



Ron Davis, Shooting Star

Denzel Washington, critically acclaimed for his performances in films *Crimson Tide* and *Devil in a Blue Dress*, receives highest praise from the City of Los Angeles, which honors him with the Martin Luther King, Jr., Award for his philanthropic work on behalf of children.



Bedford Falls from Shooting Star

Although ABC cancels her TV series "My So-Called Life," 17-year-old Claire Danes hits the big screen in *How to Make an American Quilt*, *To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday*, and *Romeo and Juliet* with Leonardo DiCaprio as her co-star.



Pietha, LGI

In the suspense-thriller *Seven*, heartthrob Brad Pitt attracts a wide male audience with his performance as a detective on the trail of a serial killer whose murders are based on the seven deadly sins.



Jeff Katz, Gamma/Liaison

NBC's hospital drama "E.R." continues to draw high ratings throughout 1995 thanks to its dramatic realism and the appeal of handsome George Clooney (middle right), supermodel Cindy Crawford's latest date.

Disney Pictures from Shooting Star



Disney Entertainment spends \$19 billion to purchase the ABC television network in July.

Toy Story is the world's first entirely computer-animated film. Released by Disney during the Christmas season, it features the voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, and Don Rickles.



Sam Jones, Gamma/Liaison



Pechu, LGI

Jim Carrey earns \$20 million for the starring role in the comedy *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls*, a sequel to the extraordinarily popular *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*.

The popular NBC TV series "Friends" returns for a second highly rated season. Its runaway success inspires less successful imitations by other networks.

MTV introduces "Singed Out," an over-the-top dating game show where contestants ask random, pointless questions of a crowd of suitors, sight unseen, until the zany answers have eliminated all but that one perfect love match.

According to a Roper Youth Poll, the two hottest TV shows among teens this season are the daytime soap "Days of Our Lives" and the evening soap "Melrose Place."

"The Jon Stewart Show," a late-night talk show aimed at Generation X, fails to catch on. During the final taping, host Stewart says, "To all those people who said my show wouldn't last, I have only one thing to say. Good call."



Clavin and Hobbes © 1995 Watterson. All rights reserved.

Ten years after creating the popular comic strip "Calvin and Hobbes," cartoonist Bill Watterson retires in December.



Steve Hill, LGI

Horror-fiction author Stephen King signs a deal with Signet books to release his upcoming story, *The Green Mile*, as a paperback series.



Fox from Shooting Star

Fox TV's "The X Files" stars David Duchovny as an FBI agent who investigates supernatural phenomena. The show becomes a surprise hit, giving millions of viewers reason to look forward to staying home on a Friday night.



Devoted fans will not be denied another season of NBC's sitcom "Seinfeld" after all. Creator Jerry Seinfeld decides to keep his "show about nothing" going for an eighth season.

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John Chasson, Gamma/Liaison

Their down-to-earth style and soulful pop songs make Hootie and the Blowfish popular favorites. Their debut album *Cracked Rear View* sells over 5 million, and the group is named Best New Artist at the MTV Music Awards in September.



Blues Traveler emerge from the underground scene to widespread popularity with their album *Four* and the single "Run-Around."



Steve Granitz, Retna

Cleveland-based rap group Bone Thugs-n-Harmony vault to the top of the charts with some old-fashioned harmonizing on the album *E. 1999 Eternal*.



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Rocker Melissa Etheridge follows top-selling *Yes, I Am* with her fifth album, *Your Little Secret*.



John Bellissimo, LGI



Tim Mosseiner, LGI

Twenty-year-old Canadian newcomer Alanis Morissette raises some eyebrows with her up-front, aggressive lyrics and attitudes. Nevertheless, her album *Jagged Little Pill* goes double platinum.



Felix from Shooting Star

Sixties icon Jerry Garcia, guitarist of The Grateful Dead, dies of a heart attack on August 9 at age 53. Garcia's musical roots in blues, country and folk are apparent in hits like "Truckin'." Legions of Deadheads mourn his passing.



Todd Gray, LGI

Brandy, whose self-titled platinum album and single "I Wanna Be Down" hit high on the R&B charts, sweeps the first Soul Train Music Awards in August. The 16-year-old singer wins Best New Artist, among other awards.



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Beatlemania returns in 1995 with ABC's six-hour documentary *The Beatles Anthology*, the video releases of *A Hard Day's Night* and *Help!* and the album collection *Anthology*, featuring previously unreleased material.



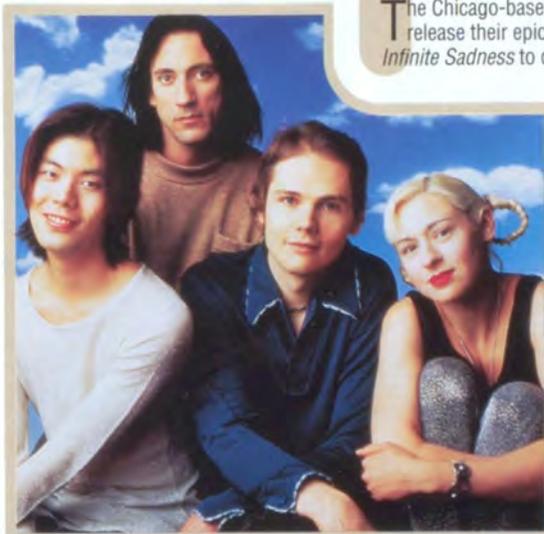
Des-White, Retna

The chart-topping movie soundtrack *Dangerous Minds* features Coolio's rap anthem "Gangsta's Paradise," the number-one single of the year according to *Billboard* magazine.

Live dedicate their single "Lightning Crashes" to victims of the Oklahoma City bombing. The rock band's *Throwing Copper* album yields three hit singles; Billboard Music Awards names them Rock Artist of the Year.



Joe Gron, LGI



Mark Hauser, LGI

The Chicago-based rock band Smashing Pumpkins release their epic double album *Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness* to critical and public acclaim.



Ronnie Wright, LGI

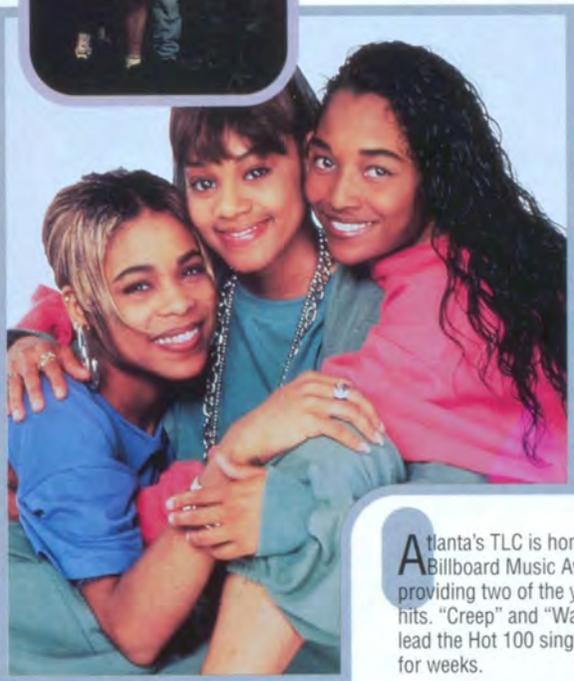
Mariah Carey's *Daydream* sells over 5 million copies, taking number-one spot on the *Billboard* album chart. Carey performs with Boyz II Men on the hit single "One Sweet Day."

flash

R.E.M.'s summer tour is interrupted by medical emergencies for three of the band's four members. The tour, their first in five years, is eventually completed with all members in good health.

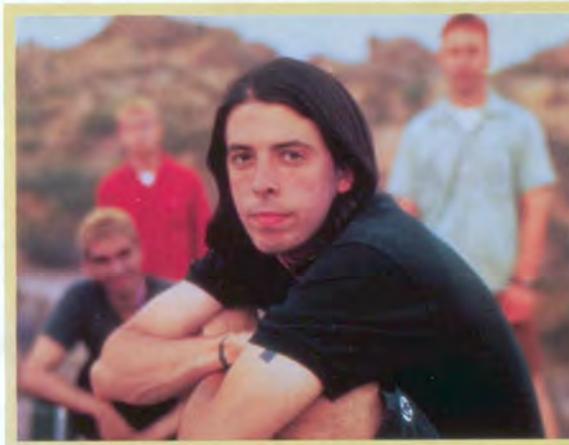
In October, David Bowie and Nine Inch Nails wrap up the U.S. portion of Bowie's world tour. At each show, Bowie and Trent Reznor's band play a set together. In December, Bowie tours Europe with Morrissey as his opening act.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers tone down their trademark bawdiness in their newest album, *One Hot Minute*.



Jeffrey Scales, LGI

Atlanta's TLC is honored at the Billboard Music Awards for providing two of the year's biggest hits. "Creep" and "Waterfalls" both lead the Hot 100 singles charts for weeks.



Steve Double, Retina

Former Nirvana drummer Dave Grohl plays a new sound as guitarist and lead singer in the Foo Fighters, an alternative rock band that enjoys three singles off their self-titled debut album in 1995.



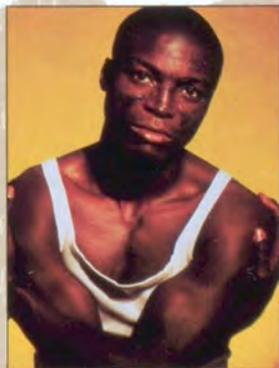
Ron Davis, Shooting Star

A hard-luck story turns into overnight success in the case of Canadian Shania Twain, born in poverty to an Irish mother and an Ojibway Indian father. Twain's 1995 hits include "Whose Bed Have Your Boots Been Under?" "Any Man of Mine" and the title tune to her 3-million-selling album *The Woman In Me*.



Steve Simons, Shooting Star

Success doesn't mellow the style of alternative rock band Green Day, who release their anxiously awaited fourth album *Insomniac*, their fastest and darkest album to date.



Steve Jennings, LGI

Seal's hit off the *Batman Forever* movie soundtrack, "Kiss From a Rose," is all over the summer playlists. The single propels the artist's self-titled album to the double-platinum mark.



Marc Morrison, Shooting Star

With the record-setting sales of his album *Fresh Horses*, only three musical acts in U.S. history outsell country music icon Garth Brooks: the Beatles, the Eagles, and Billy Joel.



Smith, Gamma Liaison

Selena, the 23-year-old Tejano music queen, is gunned down in Corpus Christi in March 1995 by Yolanda Saldivar, former president of her fan club. The July release of a collection of Selena's hits, *Dreaming of You*, sees some of the fastest sales in music history.

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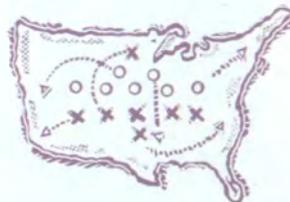
International soccer star Michelle Akers, world's top woman player, leads the U.S. women's soccer team to a 2-1 sudden-death victory over Norway in the U.S. Cup title game in August.

Chris Cole, Allsport



Focus on Sports

The New Jersey Devils win the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup, beating the heavily favored Detroit Red Wings in four straight games.



The most controversial moves are off the field this season as the Cleveland Browns NFL franchise announces its move to Baltimore and the Houston Oilers announce their move to Nashville.



Clark Campbell, Sipa Press

In May 1995, Peter Blake's Team New Zealand in "Black Magic 1" defeats Dennis Conner's team in "Young America" in the first 5-0 sweep in the 144-year history of the America's Cup.



AP/Wide World

In Super Bowl XXX, the heavily favored Dallas Cowboys beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 27-17. Dallas cornerback Larry Brown ices the game for the Cowboys with the second of his two interceptions, and is named MVP for his heroics.



David Taylor, Allsport

Jeff Gordon, 24, dominates the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing's Winston Cup, winning 7 of NASCAR's 31 races and earning \$4.3 million in 1995, a record for the sport.



AP/Wide World

The University of Nebraska demolishes the University of Florida, 62-24, in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl to win their second consecutive national college football title and cap Cornhuskers coach Tom Osborne's 23rd season.



Reuters/Bettmann

The Houston Rockets, led by center Hakeem Olajuwon, win their second consecutive National Basketball Association championship in June, sweeping the series with the Orlando Magic in four games.



Steve Bertram, Gamma Liaison

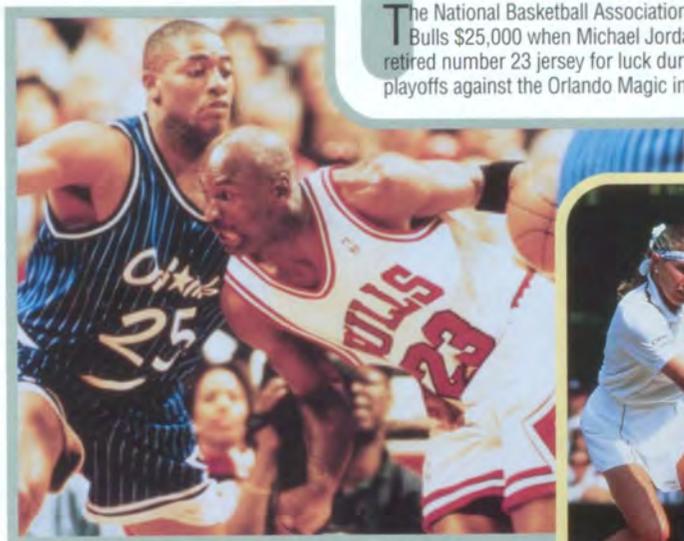
Twenty-one-year-old tennis champ Monica Seles, returning to competitive play two years after being stabbed at a tournament in Germany, wins the 1995 Australian Open.



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Hall-of-Famer Mickey Mantle, a switch-hitter and one of the great sluggers in baseball history, dies of cancer on August 13. Mantle hit 536 home runs in his 18-year career and compiled a lifetime batting average of .298.

The National Basketball Association fines the Chicago Bulls \$25,000 when Michael Jordan wears his previously retired number 23 jersey for luck during championship playoffs against the Orlando Magic in May 1995.



Vincent Laforet, Gamma/Liaison



Chie Brunskill, Allsport

flash

Former L.A. Lakers point guard Earvin "Magic" Johnson announces a return to basketball in January 1996. Johnson retired in 1991 when he discovered he was HIV positive.

The Northwestern University Wildcats—long a gridiron laughingstock—pile up ten victories in 1995 and go to the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1949.

In his first fight in four years, former world heavyweight champ Mike Tyson disposes of challenger Peter McNeeley in 89 seconds. Tyson, who in March finished a three-year jail term for a rape conviction, earns \$25 million for the August boxing match.

Pete Sampras, winner of the 1995 men's singles championships at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, ends the professional tennis season with a number-one world ranking.



German tennis star Steffi Graf, who won three of five Grand Slam titles in 1995, ends the professional tennis season ranked number one in the world.

National Basketball Association referees strike against the league for much of the autumn. Fill-in officials spark complaints of substandard refereeing.

The Atlanta Braves edge the Cleveland Indians 1-0 in game six to win the World Series on October 28. Closing pitcher Mark Wohlers leaps for joy.



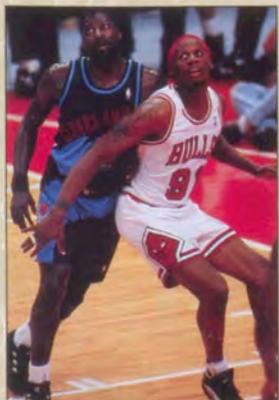
Ric Stewart, Allsport



Doug Pensinger, Allsport

In September, Baltimore Orioles shortstop Cal Ripkin, Jr., achieves a record-setting 2,131 consecutive games.

Master of the sinking fastball and still learning to speak English, L.A. Dodgers pitcher Hideo Nomo, formerly with the Kintetsu Buffaloes in Japan, is named Rookie of the Year. Nomo is the second Japanese-born player to join the U.S. major leagues, and the first All-Star.



AP/Wide World

Known for his temperamental personality, his many tattoos and his aggressive playing style, basketball center Dennis Rodman (91) debuts with the Chicago Bulls after his trade from the San Antonio Spurs.



Mike Powell, Allsport

For a record fifth straight time, Miguel Indurain of Spain wins the 22-day, 2,270-mile Tour de France, the world's premier bicycle race. On the 15th day of the race, Italian road-race champ Fabio Casartelli is killed in a seven-man crash.



Focus on Sports

Betsy King wins her 30th tournament on June 25 and gains entry to the Ladies' Professional Golf Association's Hall of Fame, one of the most difficult attainments in sports.



Scott Hegeran, Allsport

Quarterback Dan Marino of the Miami Dolphins sets four lifetime passing records during the 1995 football season: 47,003 yards, 342 touchdowns, 3,686 completions and 6,467 attempts.



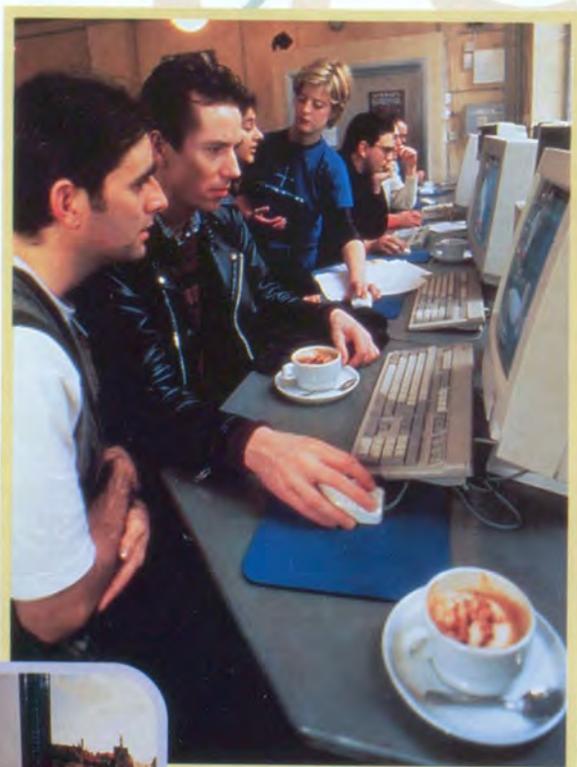
Jeff Christensen, Gamma/Liaison

lifestyle news



The most recent fad in purses takes the form of small backpacks.

Designer water spreads to the pet world. Doting pet owners buy tuna-flavored bottled water for Fluffy and beef-flavored bottled water for Spot.



Diners are treated to variations on theme cafes, as Hard Rock Cafe is joined by Fashion Cafe, Planet Hollywood, Harley-Davidson Cafe, and London's Cyberia Cafe where patrons sip coffee and surf the Internet.



First in the long, popular history of M&M's candies: a new blue M&M joins the colorful candy-coated mix.



Young people continue to follow the wide-leg jeans trend, forsaking tight jeans for a loose baggy fit.



The tattoo craze leads to some regret but recent laser developments keep people from being marked for life. Pulsed laser light, a different wavelength for each color in the tattoo, removes pigment without leaving scars.



Logo-wear reaches a new level of sophistication. Among the reigning makers of athletic wear, only Nike can spark recognition without the use of its name.



Americans consume culture and history as attendance at America's 8,000 museums climbs to 600 million people per year, more than movie, theater, and sports attendance combined.

Reuters/Archive Photos



Girlly things enjoy a surge in popularity with young women, who wear baby barrettes, knee socks, tiny t-shirts, little jumpers, and funky Maryjanes, and kid around with "Hello Kitty" accessories.



Taking her place among controversial talk-show hosts as the "Oprah for the junior set," Ricki Lake speaks to such concerns as, "Mom, when my boyfriend gets out of jail, I'm taking him back."

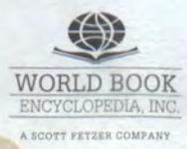
Lynn Goldsmith, L&L



The angel message of "fear not" strikes a deep chord with Americans' yearning for spiritual growth and comfort in a stressful time. People enjoy angel collectibles, angel sites on the Internet, and angel books and magazines.



"Some pretty cool people drink milk" is the message carried by a high-profile ad campaign featuring a raft of popular celebrities sporting a white upper lip on behalf of the healthy beverage. The milk-moustache effect is created with latex, a rubber-based paint.



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