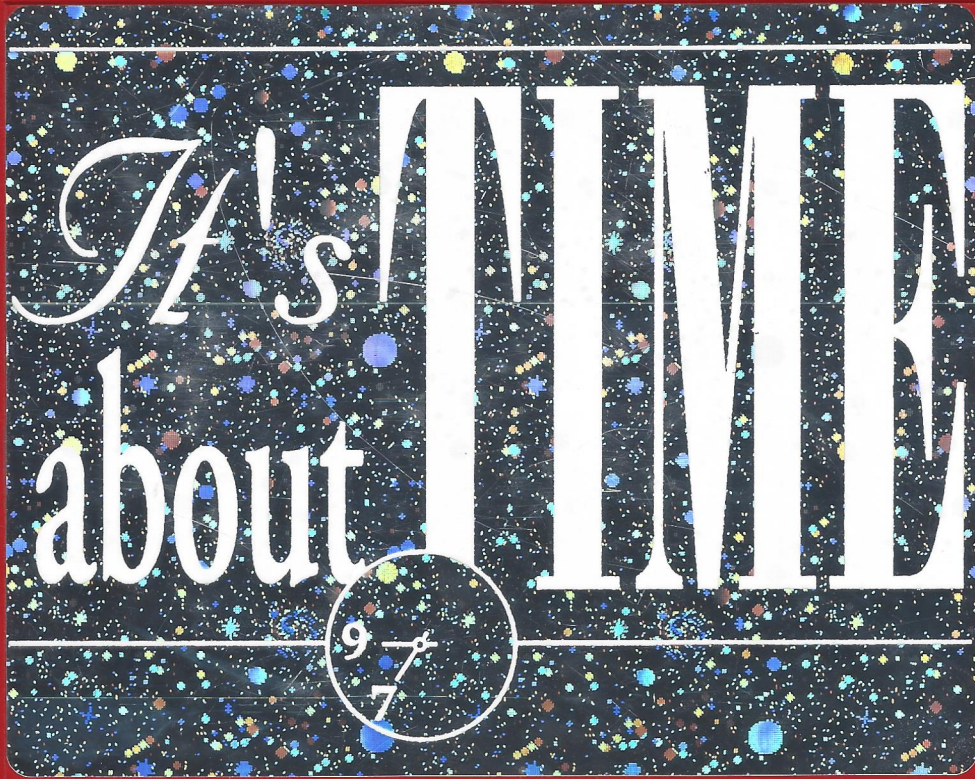
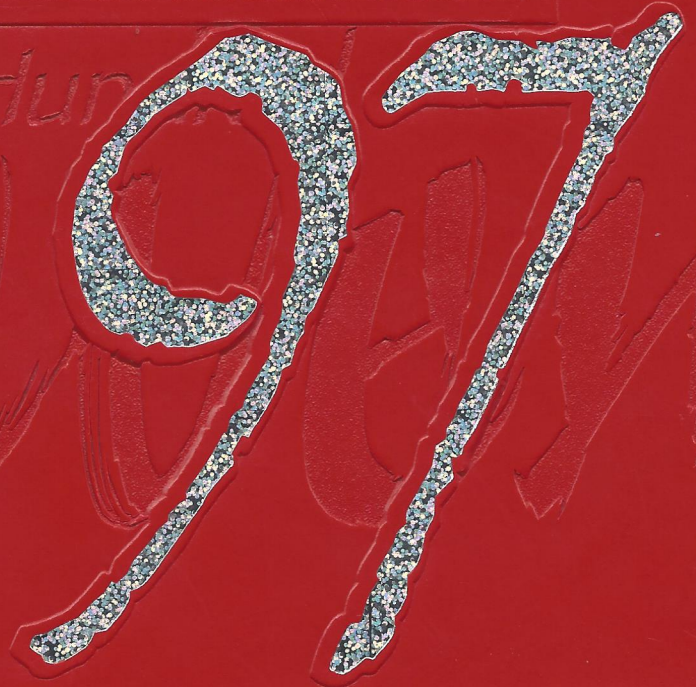


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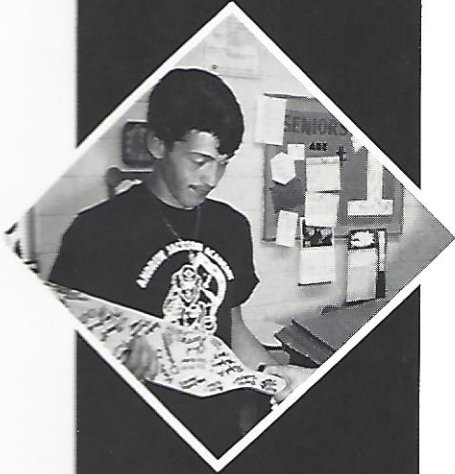
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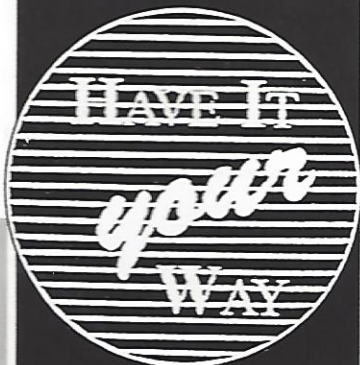
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Now we can make a believer
out of Miss Paula.



Wear short shorts and you
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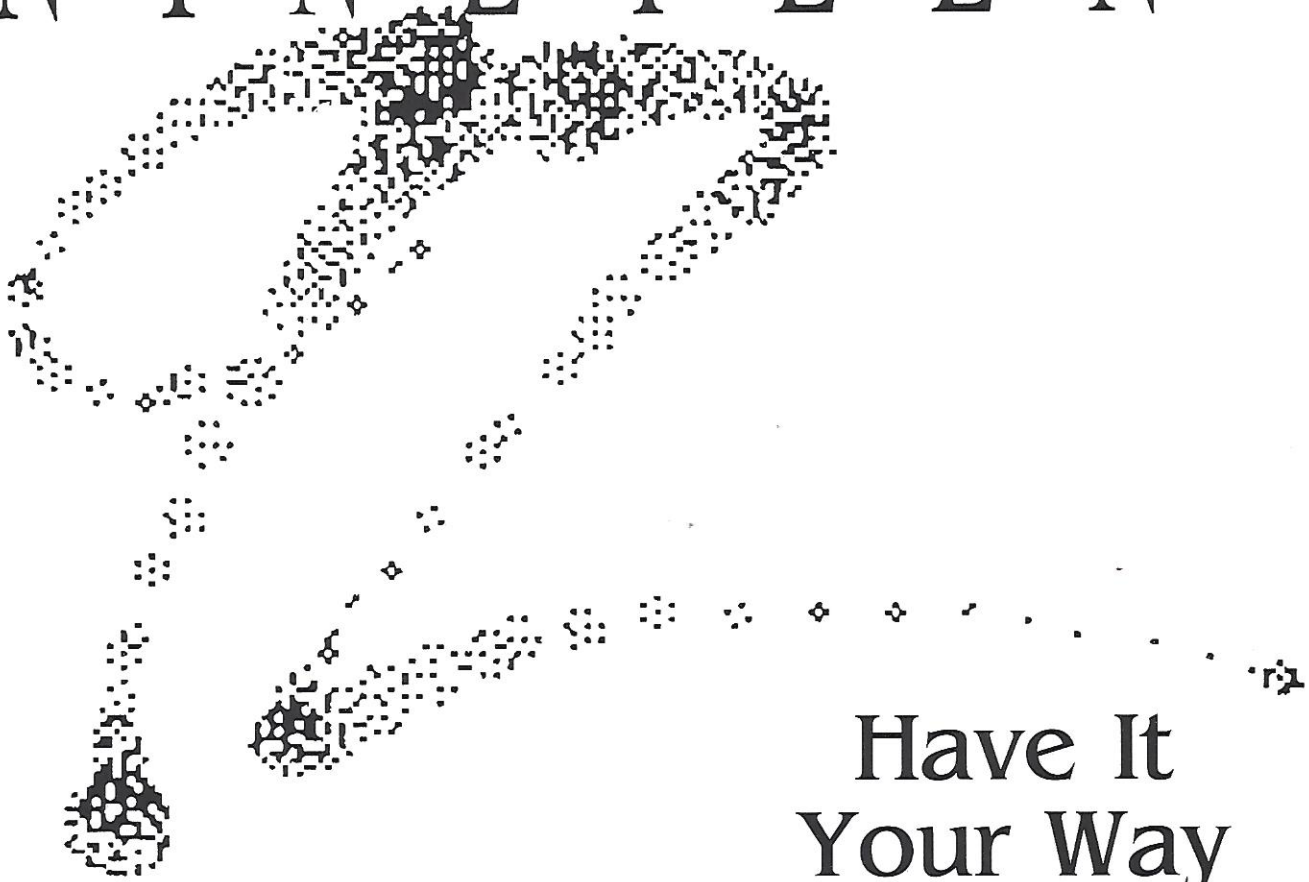


Who says we can't sit on the top
bleacher? We're juniors!!

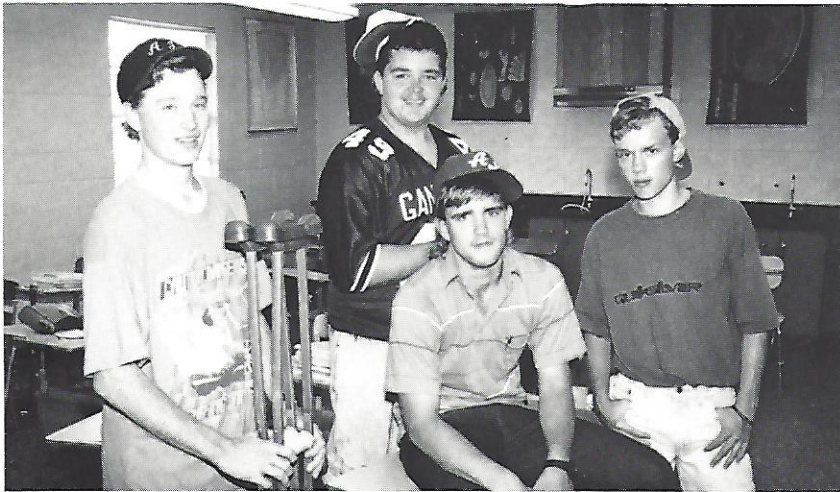
Oh, my gosh!! I hope Mrs. Stan-
ley doesn't find out!



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Have It Your Way



Students at AJA like to have it *their way!* That is they love to break the rules. AJA's rules that is. They sat on the top bleacher, showed affection, wore shorts too short, and worst of all, seized control of the teachers! The students decided that they had had enough and started doing things their way. What you are about to see in the rest of this book is going to be AJA's way . . . the student's way that is . . . of doing things. So just sit back and enjoy.

Dedication

Mrs. Evelyn Rentz



The 1992 Jacksonian is dedicated to MRS. EVELYN RENTZ. Mrs. Evelyn, as she is affectionately called, has given many years of dedicated teaching to the students who have attended Andrew Jackson Academy. She has given students extra help, advice, a friendly smile, or sometimes a stern reprimand. Mrs. Evelyn taught sixth grade for a number of years before advancing to high school! She now teaches biology, English and math. She also sponsors the Beta Club. "Mrs. Evelyn, be assured that we love you and appreciate all that you have done and will do to prepare us academically and socially for the future."

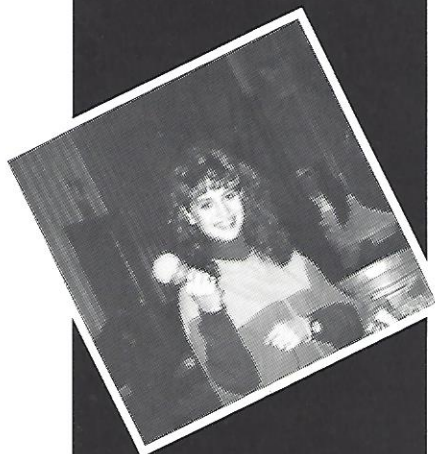
Beside The Highway
Where The Crowds Are Passing,
Stands Andrew Jackson,
Proud Academy,
And All Will Find
Who Seek Within Her Portals,
A Wealth Of Wisdom
Truth And Loyalty.
Dear Andrew Jackson
We Will Sing Thy Praises,
And Lift On High
Thy Banner To The Sky,
Thy Lofty Aims
Will Be Our Inspiration
To Deeds Of Honor
As The Years Go By.

"Now what did you say this was?" questions Angel

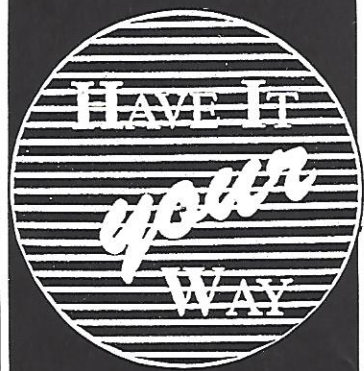
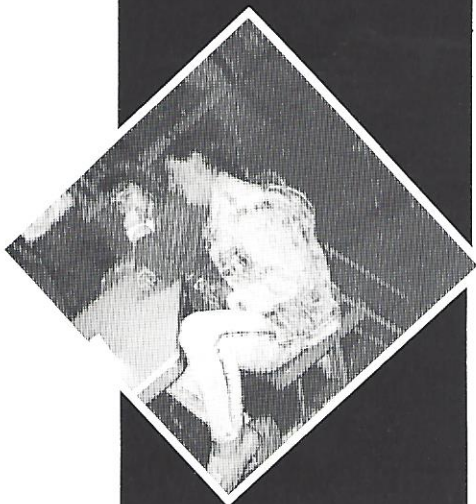


"Do we really look like we're up to something?"

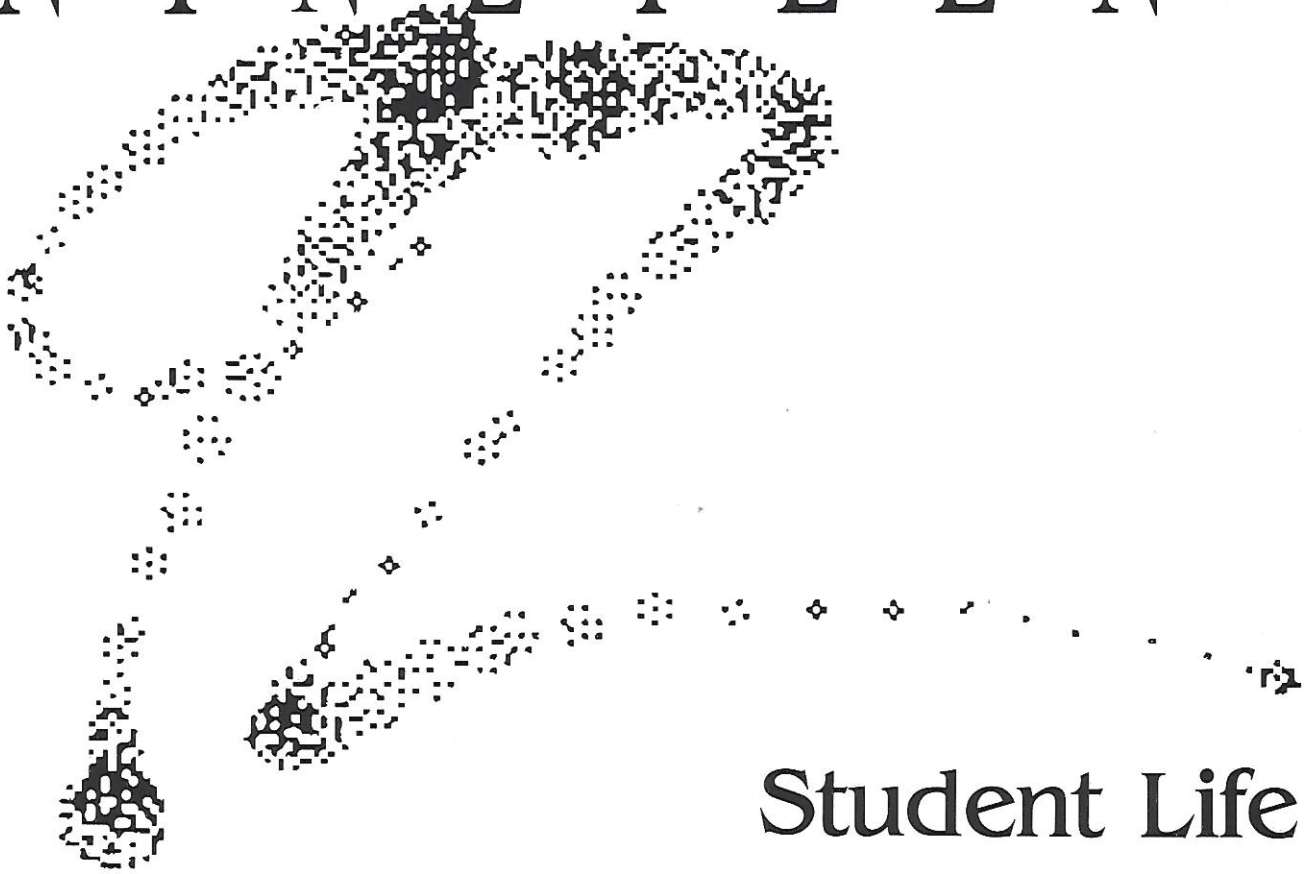
"We're number one and we always will be," expresses Jennifer, Kristi, and Angel.



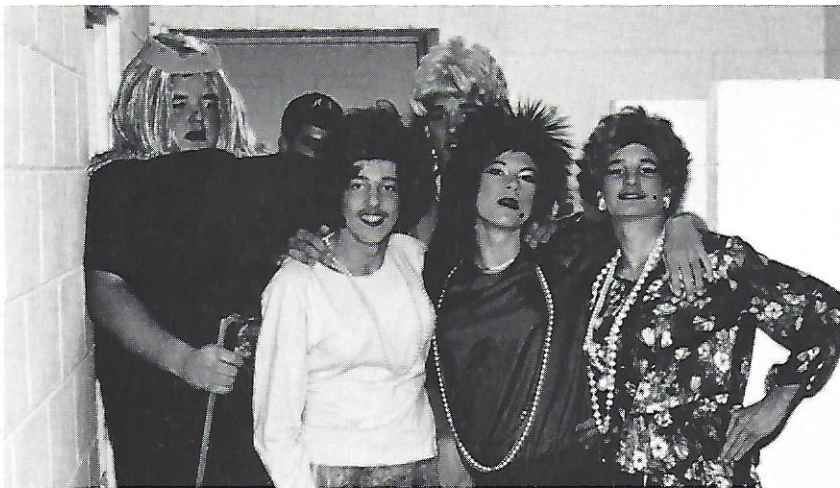
"Joseph," says Christy, "that was so funny, I forgot to laugh!"



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Student Life



Our unique students here at AJA make many events their student life. Joking, talking, or just playing around produces an air of character among the students. Many students take interest in academics, sports, and the other activities that AJA has to offer to them. Student life is very important to AJA. If we didn't have the spirit, it would be a dull school.

STUDENT LIFE

AJA 20th Anniversary

Homecoming is always an exciting time at AJA. Confederate pride starts at the beginning of the week when all students participate in Spirit Week. On Thursday, the Homecoming Pep Rally was held in the gym. A special presentation was made this year. Some of the varsity football players dressed as cheerleaders and did cheers for the crowd.

The Varsity Homecoming Queen is voted on by all students in grades 9-12. After the lovely ladies and their escorts made an eye-catching assembly, Mrs. Stanley crowned Miss Greta Lightsey, Miss Varsity Homecoming Queen. Miss Kristi Sease was 1st runner-up.

The 1991 JV Homecoming Queen is Miss Barbie Kinard and the 1st runner-up is Miss Heather Hawkins. After the crowning by Mrs. Stanley, a big game was still to be played. AJA Confederates came through with a 44-14 victory over Lord Berkeley Cavaliers.

Miss Confederate is chosen by the Varsity football players and cheerleaders. After all the young ladies were escorted onto the field, they announced that Miss Joy Ackerman escorted by Chris Williams was the 1st runner-up. Winning the coveted title of Miss Confederate was Miss Jennifer Connelly, escorted by Shane Sease.

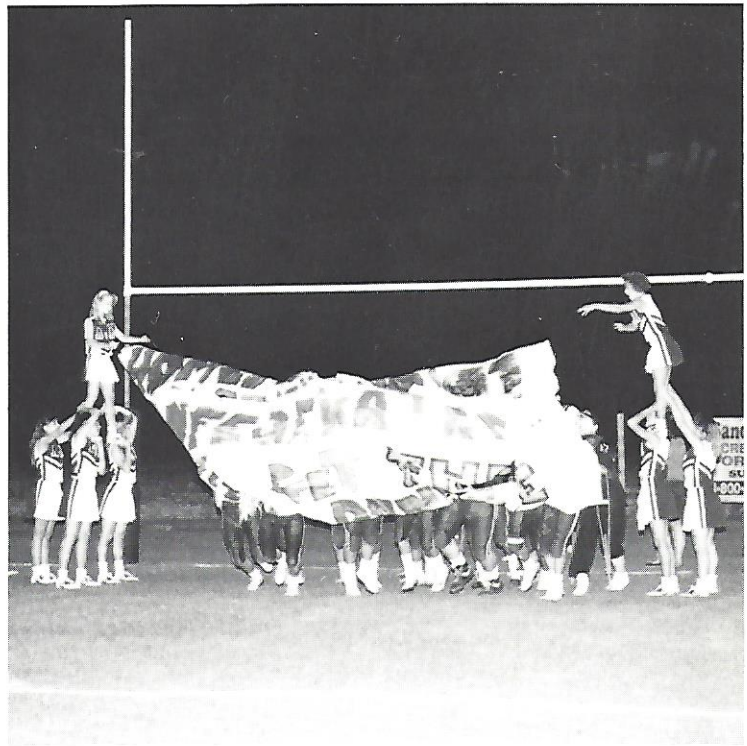


Varsity Homecoming Queen — Greta Lightsey, 1st Runner-up Kristi Sease.





Miss Confederate — Jennifer Connelly
1st Runner-up — Joy Ackerman



JV Homecoming Queen — Barbie Kinard
1st Runner-up — Heather Hawkins



Having Fun Our Way

Harvest Carnival

Our annual Harvest Carnival was not held at the traditional Halloween time of the year. Everyone still had a blast. The younger children and a few of the older ones had fun playing games such as fishing, guess the pennies, break the record and pop the balloons. Other games included bingo and target shooting. Areas of interest for the mature in mind, but young at heart were the auctions, arts & crafts, and baked goods.



High school students supported their school by playing bingo at the Harvest Carnival.



I think I caught something!



Kindergarten King & Queen: Rett Willis; Rachel Stewart



Grammar King & Queen: Roxanne Brandt; Russ Kinard

More Fun Our Way



Posing around their tree, these students took a break from their party.

Smiling for the camera these students were very excited about Christmas!



The fifth graders were definitely in the spirit of eating at their Christmas party.

Joy left a mark of her Christmas cheer on Brandon's face!



Wonder what Mrs. Evelyn and Jonathan found in her package?

All in harmony, these were the AJA Christmas Car-ers!

This Is The Moment

Beauty Pageant



Christy Jones runner-up, Kimberly Carter Jr. Miss AJA

Miss AJA Elizabeth Nipper, runner-up Greta Lightsey



Jody Martin runner-up, Kendall Carter Grammar Miss AJA

Little Miss AJA Rachael Stewart, runner-up Darlene Brown





Mr.-Miss AJA, Chris Williams, shows off his winning processions.



Take a sneak peek at these contestants.

An almost to life carousel with pink, purple, and white set off our stage. It not only enhanced the beauty of our stage, but it symbolized the dream for each contestant of withholding one of the 1992 Miss Andrew Jackson Academy titles. In addition, all the contestants were indeed the true beauty that enrich Andrew Jackson Academy.

The evening was filled with gorgeous girls, singing by both Keith Blanton and Carla Stewart, and dancing by Chasity Brandt. Even the Mr.-Miss contestants added character within the night.

Through it all four lucky ladies had their dream come true by the end of the evening. Our new 1992 Miss AJA was Elizabeth Nipper, runner-up was Greta Lightsey. Kristi Sease was chosen Miss Congeniality by the Miss contestants. Kimberly Carter proudly holds the Jr. Miss title, with Christy Jones runner-up. Kendall Carter also wears the Grammar Miss title, as Jody Martin stood as her runner-up. Rachael Stewart was crowned Little Miss AJA, and Darlene Brown placed runner-up. Last but not least, Chris Tina Puddina Williams better known as Chris Williams was crowned our 1992 Mr.-Miss Andrew Jackson Academy.



Do you think these young ladies are nervous?

Strangely but surely, these are really the Sr. guys with Miss Paula.

Kristi Sease was chosen Miss Congeniality in the Miss competition.



Prom 1991

Before dancing, Monica and Michael smile for the camera.



Class of 1991



Class of 1992

The theme for 1991's prom was "Paradise City" and for one night it actually was the sparkle of the moon on the buildings and the sound of the fountain in the background that added a special touch to the night. No matter how you attended this prom, it was one that you'll always remember!!



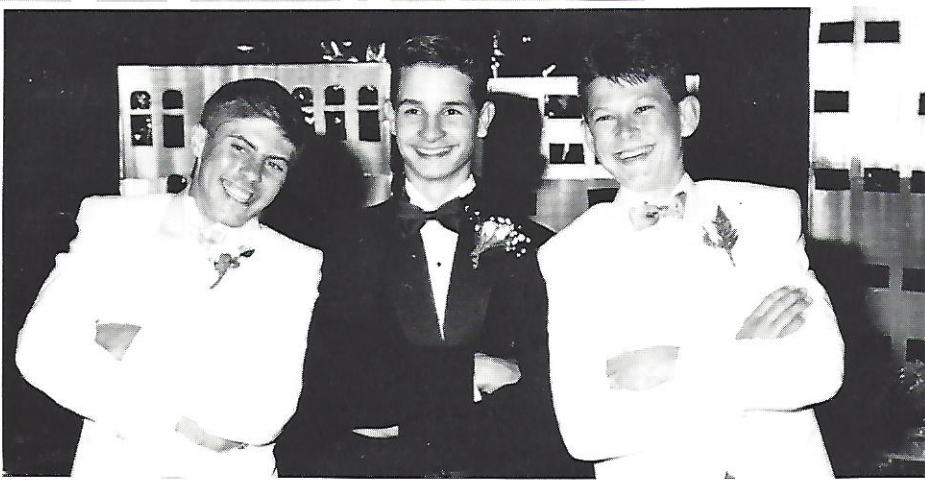
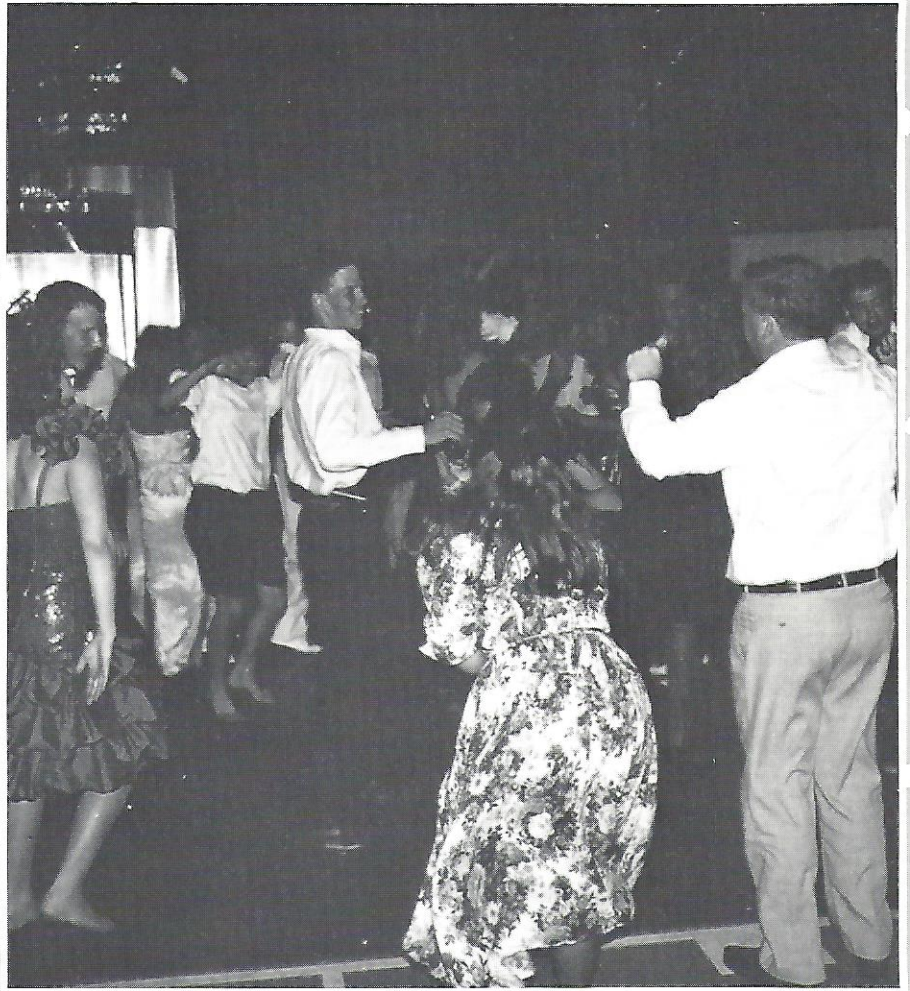
Servants

"Paradise City"

Steve and Kristi pose for a picture while they dance.



Everybody seems to be having fun dancing!!!



The three stooges: Dean, Shane, and Jason.

A Traditional Way

May Day 1991



Ready for the beach, the second graders tell why it's a favorite spot!

May Day has definitely become a traditional way at Andrew Jackson Academy. Throughout the years, we have seen many performances. The May Pole, crowning of queens and the kindergarten clowns have also made a tradition for themselves. The May Court always adds a fine touch to the festivities. All the teachers and students put a lot of decisions, time and energy in keeping this tradition going.

May Day 1991 included several performances. The high school showed their version of Hee Haw. They sang, "Low Places" by Garth Brooks and saluted the Town of Ehrhardt. The patriotic grammar school sang, "God Bless America."

The night was once again a great success.



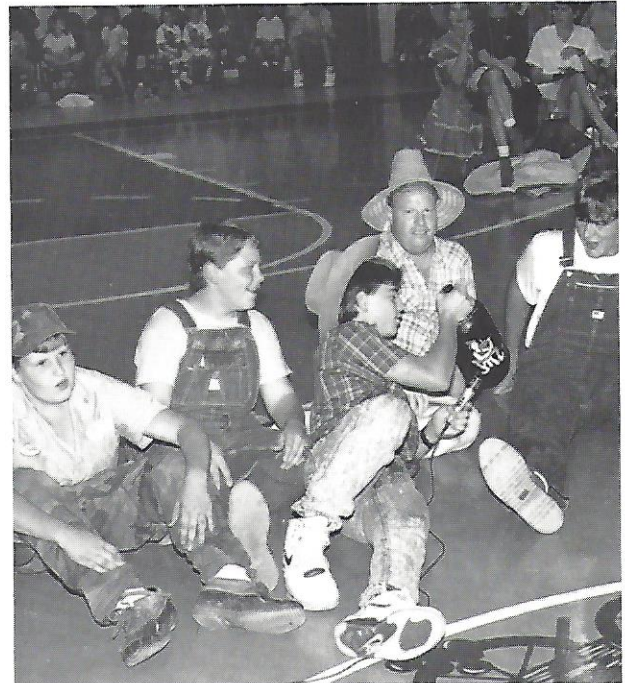
1991 May Day Queens
Ginnie Walling and Missy Schaffer

1991 May Day Court



All decked out, the kindergarten clowns fill the gym with laughter.

Singing in perfect harmony, these students stand behind their flag.



Playing their role of Hee Haw, these students show off their acting skills.

A traditional thing, the May Pole is still being weaved together.



All grown up, these guys act out their image roles of the Hee Haw gang.

1992 May Day Queens

High School May Queen
Shannon Brandt



Maid of Honor
Elizabeth Nipper



Elementary May Queen
Rebecca Beard



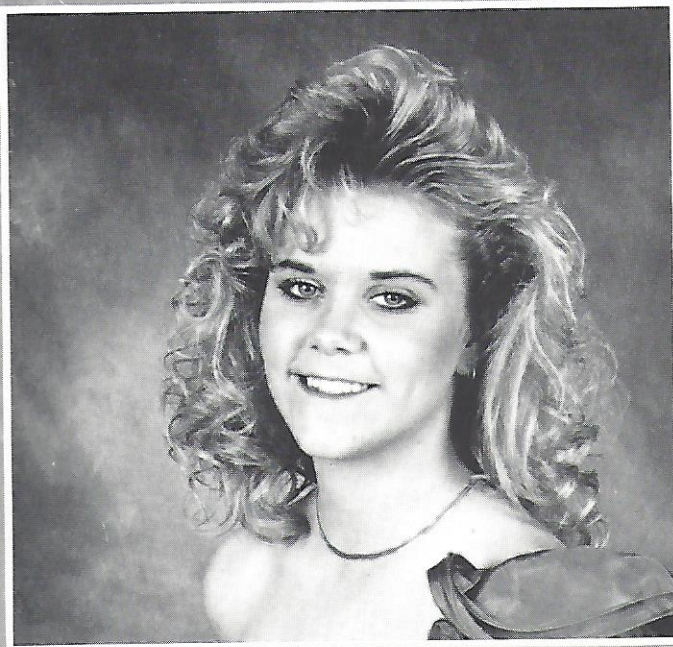
Maid of Honor
Denise Duncan

1992 Class Queens

Miss Senior
Elizabeth Nipper



Miss Sophomore
Joy Ackerman



Miss Junior
Chasity Brandt

Miss Freshman
Angel Crim



Honors & Achievements

During the summer Angel Brandt and Angel Crim were chosen by Mrs. Stanley to attend an academically gifted camp at Wofford College in Spartanburg. At Wofford each of the girls were required to attend various classes. However, Wofford wasn't just all work! The two Angels agreed that this was a learning but also a fun experience.



Angel Brandt & Angel Crim



Shannon Woods

Chosen by Mrs. Stanley to attend the Clemson University Agriculture Seminar, Shannon Woods said that he enjoyed the experience of visiting on a college campus and learning about agriculture. Shannon attended morning and afternoon classes. During the week he visited a tree farm where he learned how to fertilize and crossbreed pine trees. "The experience was rewarding and I had a great time!" exclaimed Shannon.

Blockletter Club



Jason Peek, Chris Williams, Steve Harrell, Shannon Woods, Jennifer Connelly, Dean Williams, Shane Sease, Kristi Sease, Shannon Brandt, Elizabeth Nipper, Joy Ackerman, Brandon Deer, Angel Brandt, Angel Crim, Suzanne Fogel, Chasity Brandt, Greta Lightsey, Allison Carter, Michael Cone, Britt Hughes, Barble, Kinard, Calln Hiers, Chris Williams, Amy Waltz, Steven Beard, Johnathan Barnes, Emily Cummings, Jay Walling, Stevie Brabham, Jeremy Walling.

Spanish Club



L-R: Brian Carter, Leigh Close, Tonya Carter, Elizabeth Nipper, Jason Peek, Dean Williams, Brandon Deer, Chasity Brandt, Elizabeth Edgemon, Stacy McFadden, Greta Lightsey, Allison Carter, Joy Ackerman, Kristi Sease, Amy Waltz, Jennifer Connelly, Britt Hughes, Jay Walling, Johnathan Barnes, Steven Beard, Eric Polk, Jason Stanley, Emily Cummings, Karla Williams, Will Willis.

Who's Who



L-R: Stacy McFadden, Allison Carter, Elizabeth Nipper, Greta Lightsey, Leigh Close, Chasity Brandt, Jennifer Connelly.

Honors & Achievements



Leadership '91 is held at Columbia College. For the past two years AJA has had girls to attend. Helping to prepare for the arrival of the Leadership '91 girls, Elizabeth represented AJA as a Leadership counselor. Jennifer, Greta, and Chasity attended the activities. Each listened to business women as they encouraged the girls to attend college, and set high goals for themselves in the business world.

L-R: Elizabeth Nipper, Chasity Brandt, Jennifer Connelly, Greta Lightsey.

Marshals for Senior Graduation are chosen from the Junior class to lead the graduation processional & recessional. Leigh C. & Elizabeth were bestowed this honor because of their overall grade point ration.



Jr. Marshals
Elizabeth Nipper & Leigh Close



Girls State — Elizabeth Nipper
Boys State — Jason Peek

Jason & Elizabeth attended Boys State & Girls State, respectively. Both Jason & Elizabeth enjoyed the many experiences that they encountered as well as meeting new friends. Elizabeth was elected Commissioner of Agriculture for her state. Jason especially enjoyed meeting with the Girls State at the Capital.



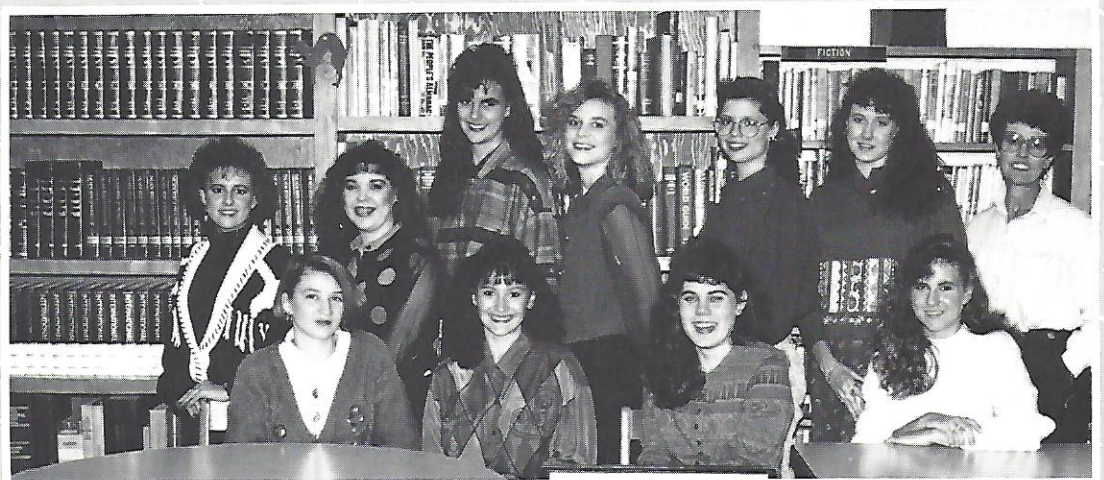
Student Council
 Pres. — Elizabeth Nipper
 V. Pres. — Jennifer Connelly
 Treas. — Elizabeth Edgemon
 Sec. — Angel Brandt

L-R: Calin Hiers, Leigh Lightsey, Elizabeth Nipper, Allison Carter, Joy Ackerman, Suzanne Fogel, Richard Moore, Angel Brandt, Elizabeth Edgemon, Jennifer Connelly.



Jr.
 Beta
 Club

L-R: Barbie Kinard, Jeremy Bessinger, Heather Hawkins, Stevie Brabham, Christy Jones, Calin Hiers, Ricky Varnadoe, Jeremy Walling, Mrs. Evelyn Rentz, Amanda Ingram, Mindy Ulmer, Angel Brandt, Suzanne Fogel, Angel Crim, Richard Moore, Jared Polk, Joey Campbell.



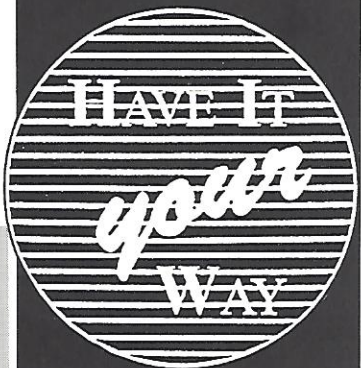
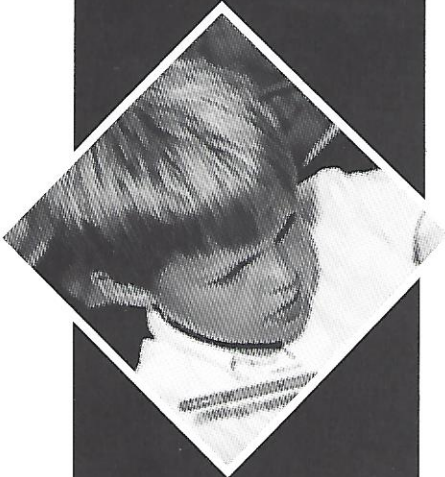
Sr.
 Beta
 Club

L-R: Amy Waltz, Chasity Brandt, Allison Carter, Emily Cummings, Elizabeth Nipper, Stacy McFadden, Jennifer Connelly, Greta Lightsey, Elizabeth Edgemon, Leigh Close, Mrs. Evelyn Rentz.

Glancing from her studies, Denise gives us her best smile.

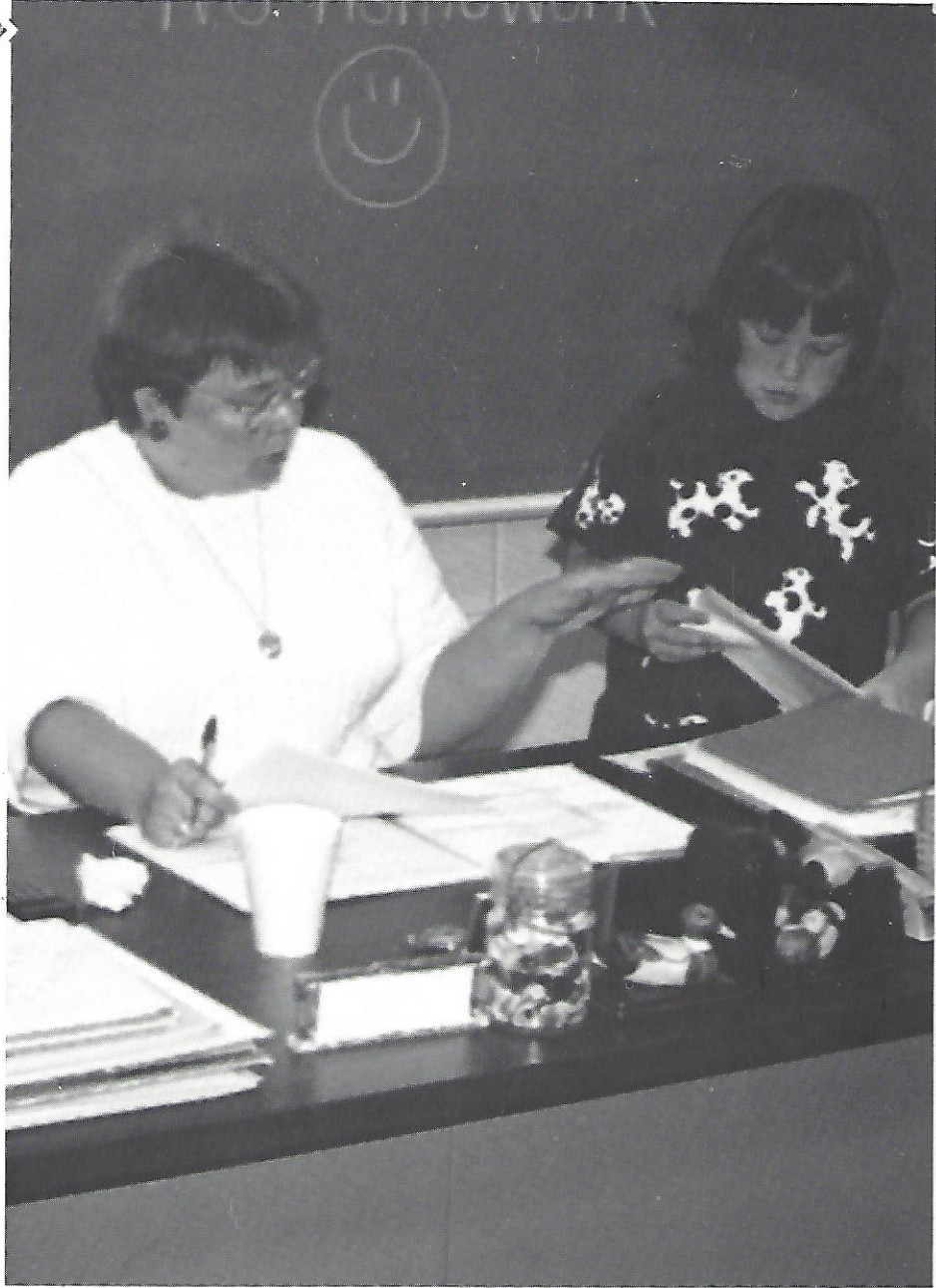


Heavily in thought, David would rather finish math than smile at the camera.

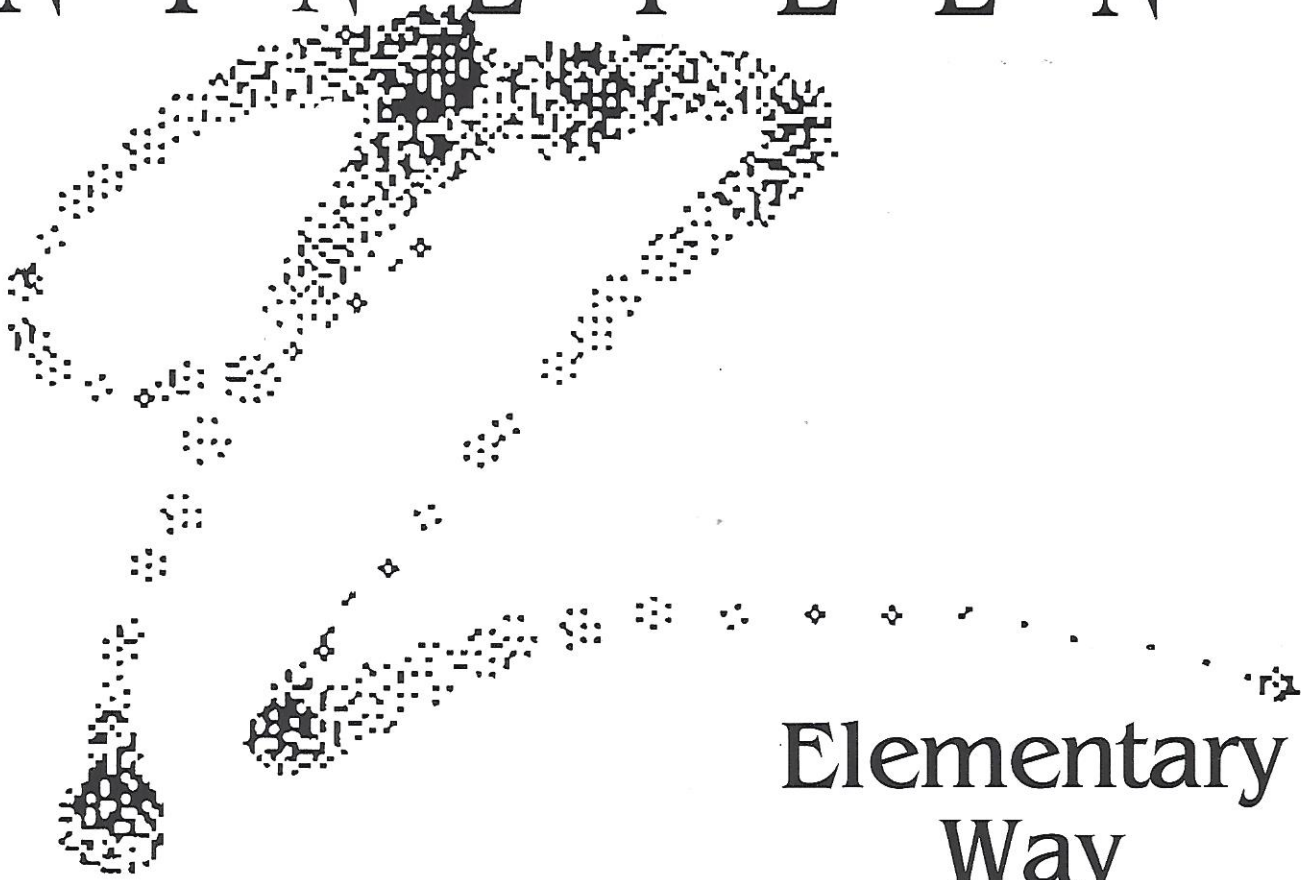


While taking a break from their studies, Nicolas and Kris take time to show that they can be happy in school.

Explaining the question, Maria, listens and immediately knows the answer.



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Elementary Way



The elementary grades of AJA have different views on getting their way. The students beg and plead to their teachers so they can either have a longer recess or no homework for the following day. They try to ease their way out of staying in at recess by doing nice things for their teachers. Although they're small, they have their own prerogative to get their way.

ELEMENTARY

We're Just Beginning To Get Our Way

Kindergarten



Darlene Brown
Jerel Hawkins
Rachel Stewart
Cody Williams
Rhett Willis



L-R: Darlene, Rhett, Cody, Mrs. Cindy, Jerel, Rachel.

Kindergarteners love to get their own way. Rhett states that to get his own way, "I just tell Mom what I want." Cody says he begs his mama. Jerel and Rachel exclaim, "We beg!"

When Cody doesn't get his way he fusses while Rachel simply says, "O.K." Rhett says, "I do it anyway."

When asked why they liked kindergarten Cody said, "I like to play with toys." Rachel enjoys it because she gets to cut paper. Rhett and Jerel said they liked kindergarten because they get to play and . . . "IT'S FUN!"



Smiling happily, Jerel and Rachel seem to be enjoying their lunch.



Finishing his lunch Cody gets ready to finish the day.



Is eating what kindergarten is all about?

No More Baby Stuff To Get Your Way

First Grade

Working hard, or at least trying to, the 1st grade attempts to work on the hard math problems.



L-R: Gordon, Brett, Mrs. Ruth, Lori, Chris, Rachel, Natalie, David, Amber, Pam, Brandon.



When asked what they liked about first grade, Amber said that she gets to play longer while Gordon likes the bigger desks.

Rachel says she learns more but doesn't like more homework. Everyone enjoys receiving stickers when they do good work. All in all the class enjoys being first graders.



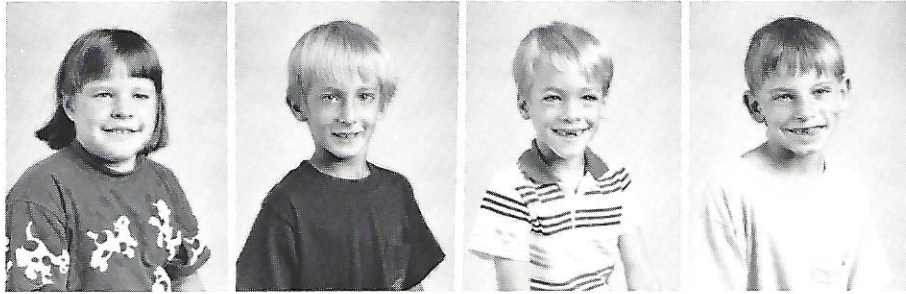
Natalie Gordon
Chris Hutto
Brandon Lewis
Brett Mears
Gordon Nipper

Rachel Peters
Pam Still
Lori Vamadoe
Amber Wade
David Whisenhunt

Togetherness Gives Us Our Way

Second And Third Grade

Maria Duncan
Russ Kinard
Joshua Overlock
Robbie Williams



The 2nd and 3rd grades were combined. Mrs. Wade took on the tremendous task of this new challenge. Even though the two classes were in the same room, they were very much two unique classes. Each class carried on the the basic routine, but with a little twist. Mrs. Wade said, "Teaching 2nd and 3rd grade was half the work and twice the fun!" Roxanne said, "I think recess is the best part of school." When Maria was asked about the advantage she had because of the two grade combination, she replied, "It helps you have more friends." Dustin said his favorite subject was art.

Quickly glancing up to see if the teacher is looking. Dustin considered asking Lori a question.

Roxanne Brandt
Sarah Basler
Kendall Carter
Jessica Lewis
Jodie Martin



Joe Martin
Dustin Sease
Lori Still



We Always Have It Our Way

Fourth Grade



L-R: Eddie, Mrs. Horton, Kris, Nicolas, Lee, Jessica N., Jessica O.

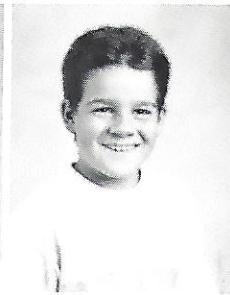
Jessica looks like she's up to something.



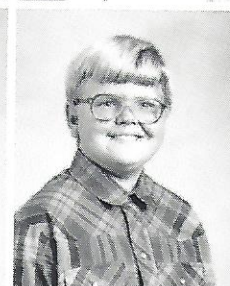
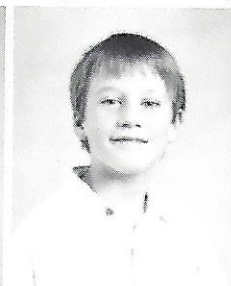
The 4th grade class said it's a big change from 3rd grade to 4th grade. The students felt that they had a lot more homework this year.

Nicolas and Jessica stated that they had to carry more books. Eddie exclaimed, "We got to do neat experiments!"

Mrs. Horton said, "Each and every one of my students had a good attitude about school."



Kris Fogle
Nicolas Godley
Jessica Nipper



Jessica Overlock
Lee Waltz
Eddie Whisenhunt

Looking forward to the end of the day, Jessica O. smiles.



We Like The Way We Do It

Fifth Grade



The 5th grade enjoyed many activities. They liked having Mrs. Hawkins as their teacher because they didn't have any homework on the weekends.

Heather, Kara, and Daniel liked recess while Leanne enjoyed going to the library.



L-R: Kristen, Adam, Mrs. Hawkins, Chris, Leanne, Daniel, Heather, Kara, Norman.

"I told you to turn around and listen," stated Mrs. Hawkins.



Daniel Bessinger
Leanne Cone
Kristen Crim
Adam Grubbs

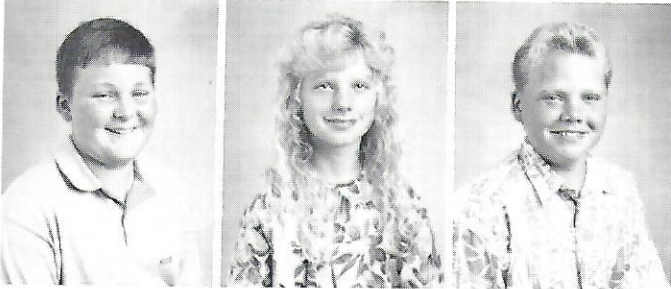
Kara Hiers
Norman Kinard
Chris Mears
Heather Summers

That's Our Way

Sixth Grade



Joshua Barnes
Rebecca Beard
Denise Duncan
Matt Hawkins



Kyle Hiers
Tracey Jones
David Walling

The sixth grade is excited about beginning school on the other end of the hall next year.

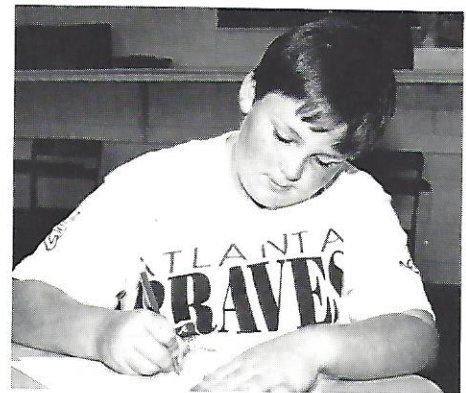
David claims that he's finally getting over there after all these years, while Joshua says he's going to miss two breaks. Rebecca just says, "COOL!"

Away from school everybody says they party. Rebecca will do anything but homework.

It was fun being the "top" of grammar school but the sixth grade is ready to move on.



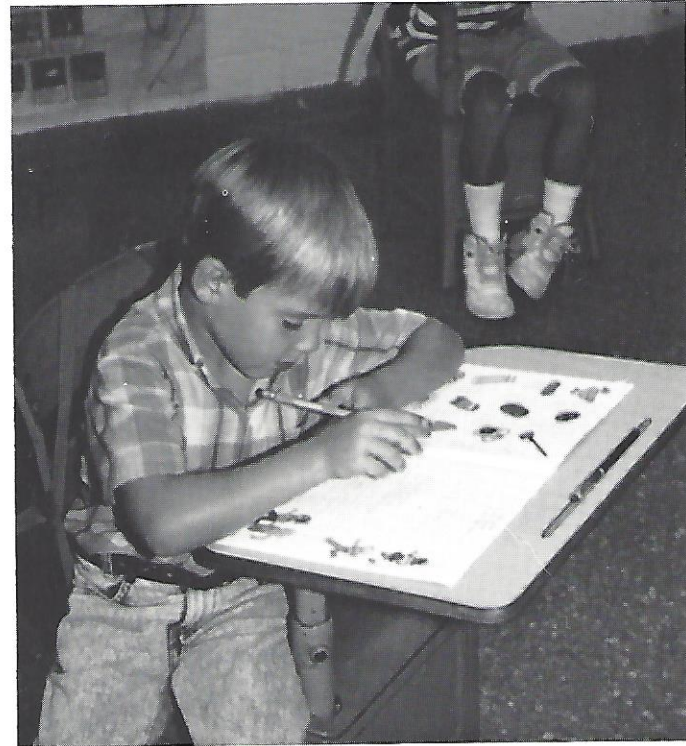
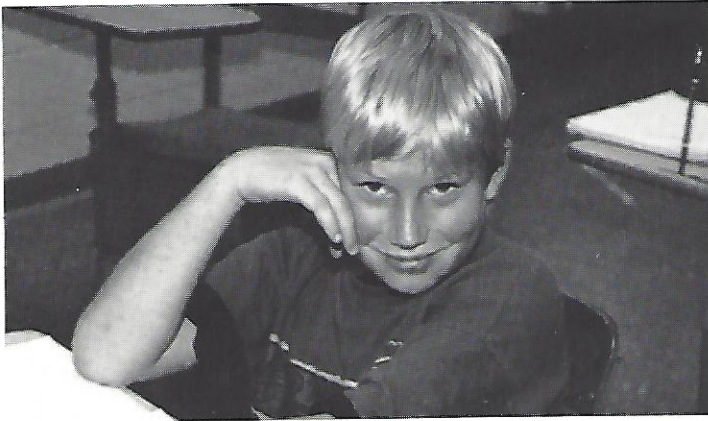
I wish you would get away from here with that camera!



"Denise, you'd better let me see your paper!" states Joshua.



Work, work, that's all I ever do since I got here in first grade.



Wait . . . let me show you my good side.

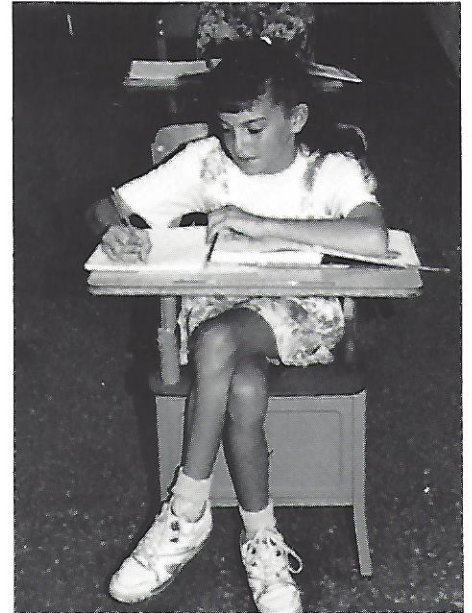
You can really tell how I feel about classwork.

Are you sure that you want to take this picture?



First grade is more than we bargained for.

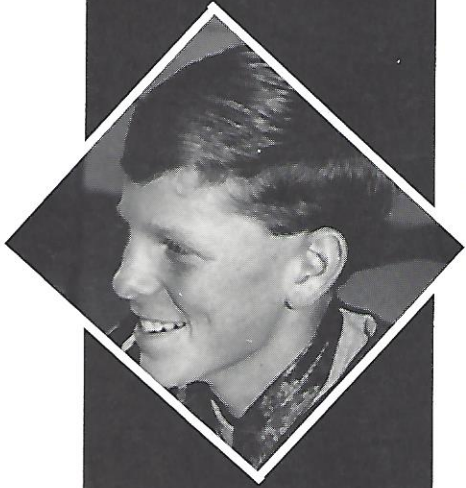
I'm doing my class work, I promise.



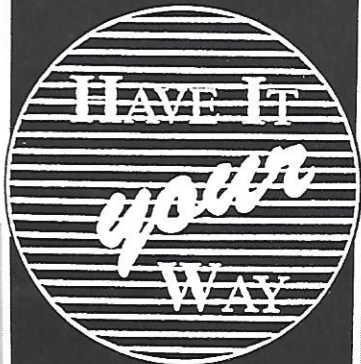
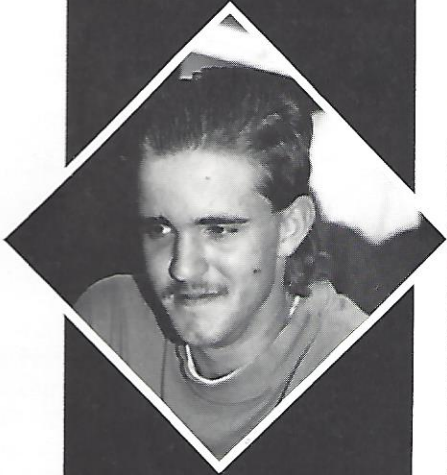
I'm ready to go home now!

Yes, of course, I did all of my homework!

Oh, Lord! What has Jonathan done now?



Jason smiles half-heartedly for the camera.



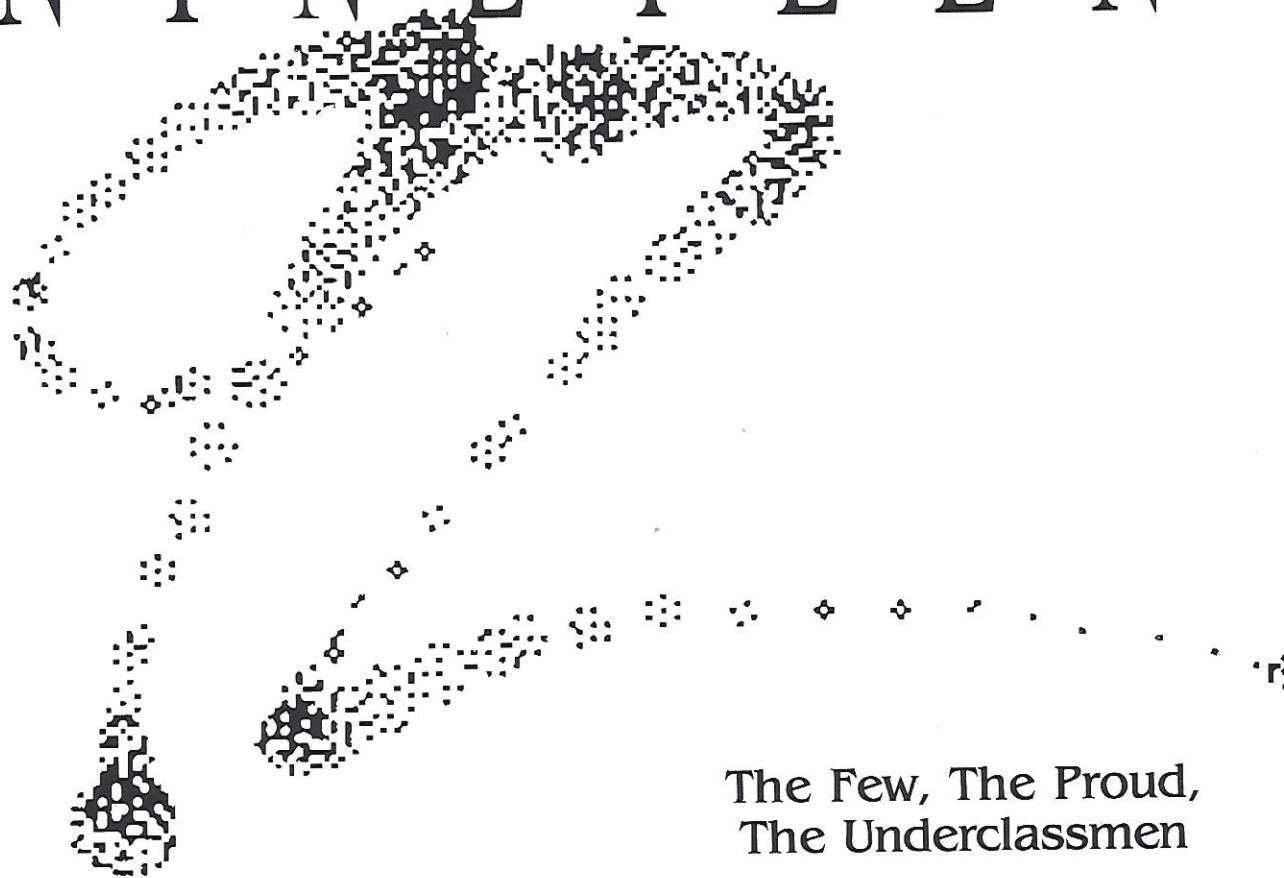
Junior Kristi has it her way by staring at Senior Brian.

Elizabeth, taking a break from English, smiles sweetly for the camera.

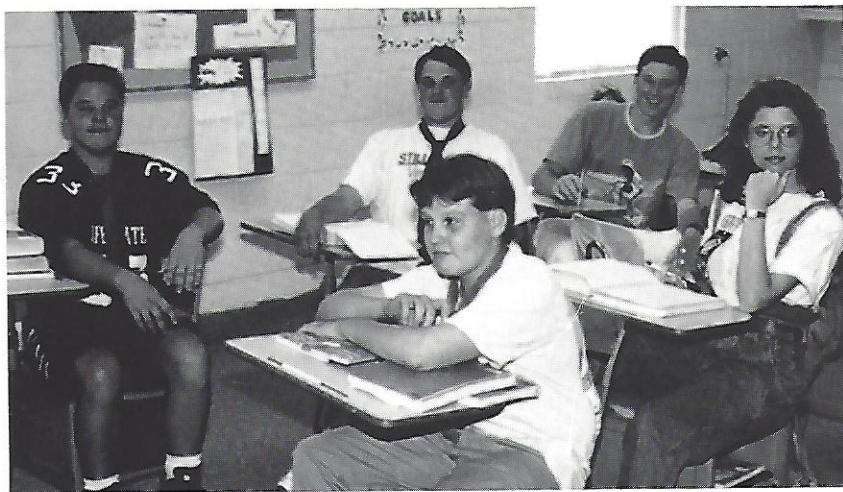


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The Few, The Proud, The Underclassmen



Another year comes and goes, and we lose more and more friends. Our Senior friends that is! As each year passes, undergraduates get one step closer to having things their way and becoming seniors. Although we are the underclassmen, we feel a certain bond with the seniors. We have all watched each other grow and develop into mature young adults. One day soon, we'll "Have It Our Way!!"

UNDERGRADUATE

We Have Arrived!

Seventh Grade



L-R: Holly, Angela, Mindy, Ginnie, Amanda D., Katie. Mrs. Evelyn, Ricky, Amanda I., Shaun, Richard, Kimberly, Al, and Scotty.

The seventh grade, which is made up of 13 people, was asked to answer the question, "What is your most hated school rule?" Ginnie, Richard and Mindy all felt the same way. They hate not being able to show any affection. Shaun, Holly, Amanda I think that the rule about the length of shorts could be changed.

When asked about high school there were many pros and cons.

For example, the pros were: the different teachers, study hall and changing classes. The cons were: all the school work and that everybody runs over you like you were not there.

The role models of the seventh graders range from super-

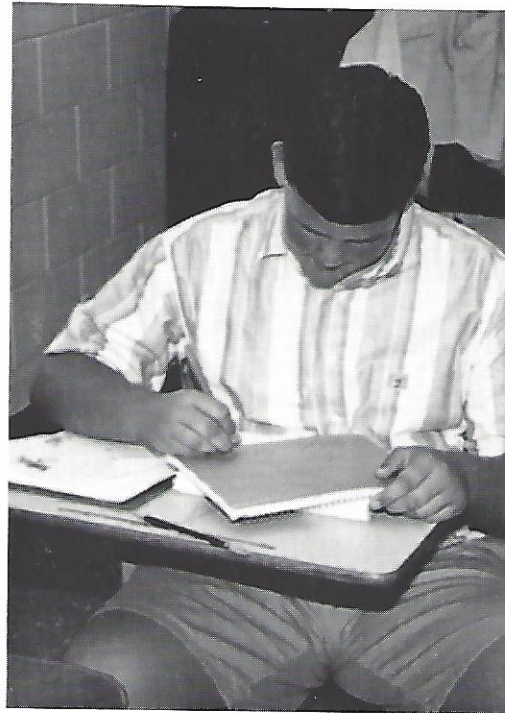
stars, teachers and upperclassmen. Al's role model is Michael Jordan while the girls' role model is Mrs. Evelyn. Ginnie's role model is Woody! Go figure!!

Then when it comes to causing the most trouble, everybody agrees that it is definitely Scotty, Al and Richard. They especially like to shoot spitballs and draw on jerseys.

Believe it or not they do have favorite teachers. Mrs. Flail, Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Evelyn all fit this category.

Even though everybody likes AJA like it is, if they could change something it would be the rules and paint it a different color.

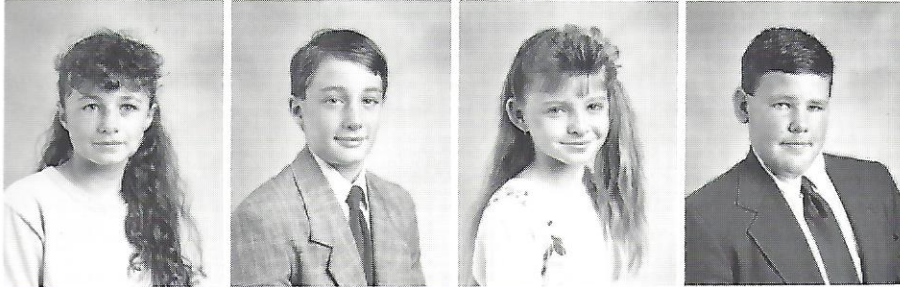
Once in a lifetime, Richard is actually doing his classwork.



Even though Amanda D. is in pain, she continues to keep a smile on her face.



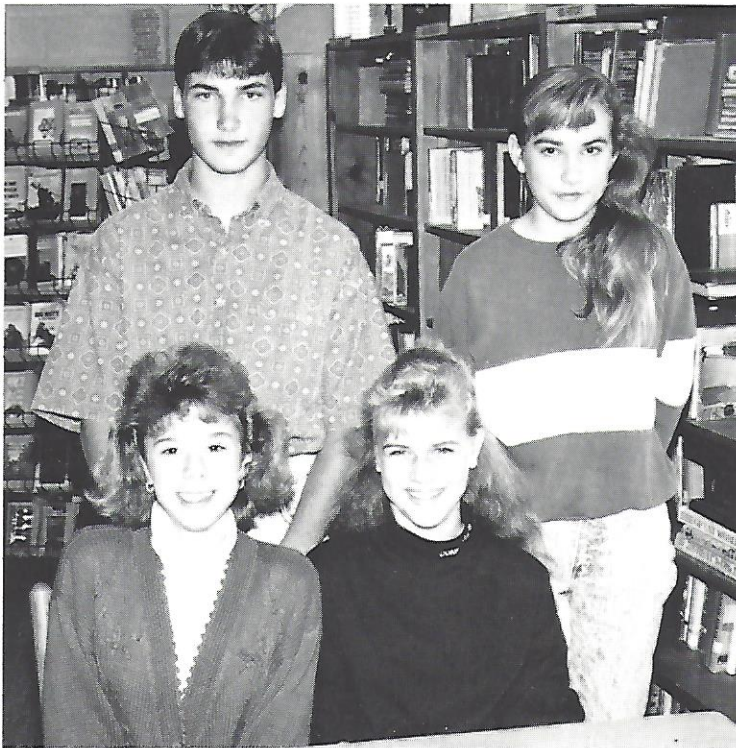
Shaun Brandt
Kimberly Carter
Amanda Dantzler
Amanda Ingram



Katie Jones
Al Kinard
Holly Kinard
Richard Moore



Angela Thompson
Mindy Ulmer
Ricky Vamadoe
Ginnie Walling
Scotty Williams

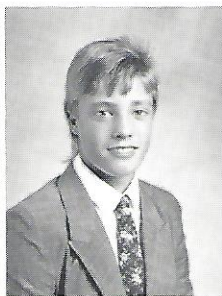
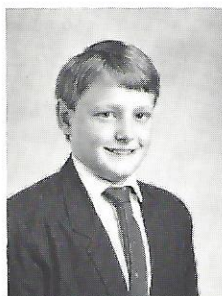


While the teacher was out, Kimberly and Angela catch up on the latest gossip

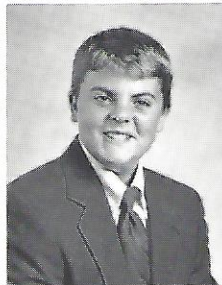
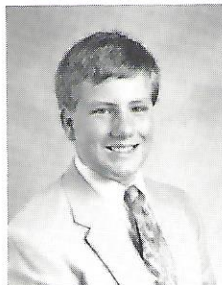
V-Pres. — Angela, Pres. — Mindy, Treas. — Shaun, Sec. — Kimberly

We're Well On Our Way

Eighth Grade



Jeremy Bessinger
Heather Hawkins
Calin Hiers
Christy Jones
Barbie Kinard

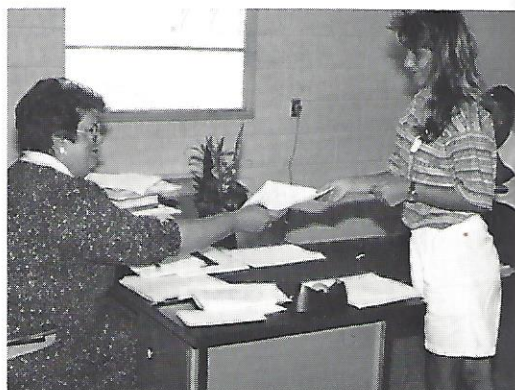
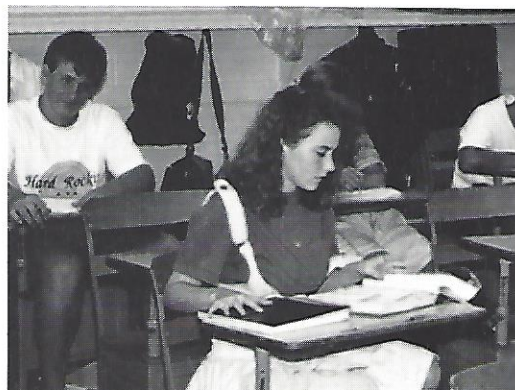


Jason Padgett
Chris Williams
John Williams
William A. Williams

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L-R: Jeremy, Christy, Barbie, Mrs. Peggy, Heather, William, Chris, Calin, Jason, John.



All I can think about is you sighs Jason while gazing at Christy.

"Thank goodness I passed!" smiles Barbie at Mrs. Flail.

"I know I'm going to make good," exclaims Jeremy!"

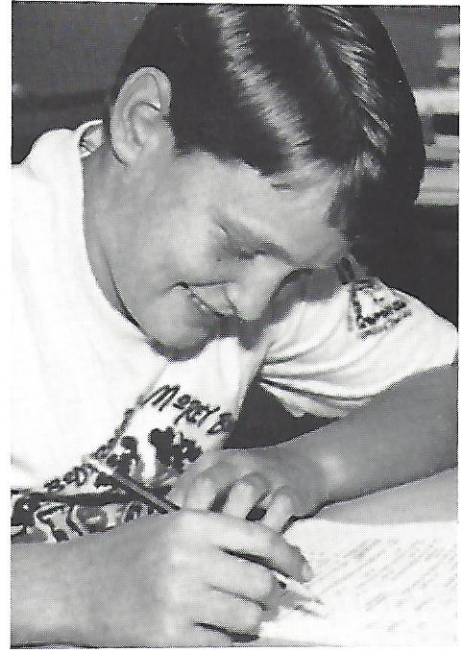
The eighth grade population of 10 feels that some of the rules should be changed. "I don't like the rule against physical affection on school grounds," states Calin. Heather, Stacey, and Calin feel that the dress code should be changed. John, Jeremy and William says they are not too crazy about the rule of no gum.

When asked what their favorite subjects are, John and William re-

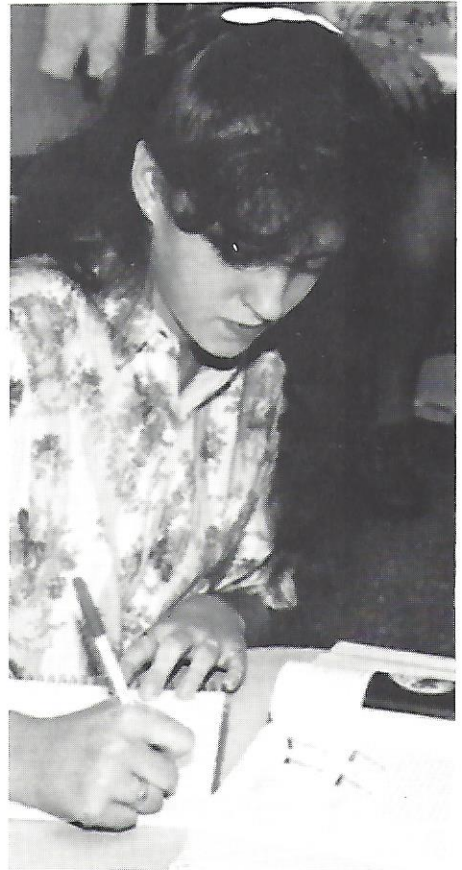
plied, "Algebra." Calin, whom everyone voted as one of the biggest trouble makers in class, said that his favorite class is recess. Stacey likes science.

After school activities for Calin, Jason, and William are deer hunting and fishing. Heather and Barbie talk on the phone and do homework.

The whole class agrees that their favorite teacher is Mrs. Evelyn.



V-Pres. Christy; Sec. Jeremy; Treas. Barbie; Pres. Heather

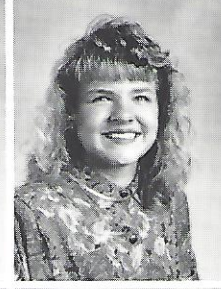
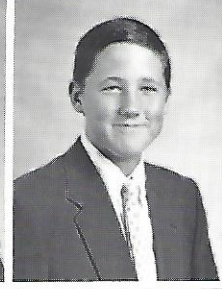
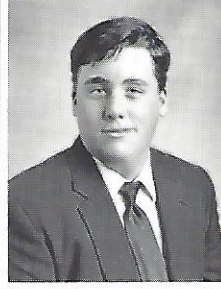
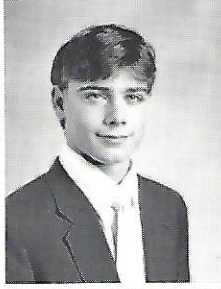


Heather sighs and states, "My hand is tired."

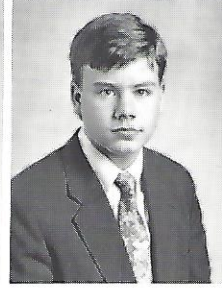
Freshman Point Of View

Freshmen

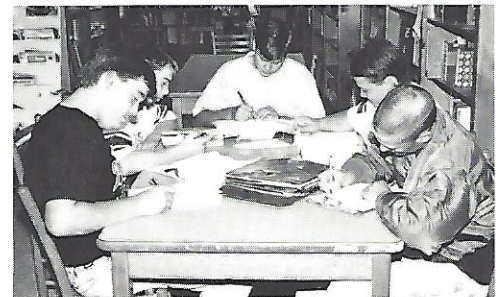
Angel Brandt
Stevie Brabham
Joey Campbell
Clint Carter
Angel Crim



Suzanne Fogle
Marica Kinard
Jared Polk
Jeremy Walling



L-R: Angel C., Suzanne, Marica, Angel B., Mrs. Webb, Jeremy, Jared, Joey, Clint and Stevie.



Another interesting day at School. Clint catches up on the latest news from a magazine.

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What exactly is she thinking?

Angel Brandt states, "I believe sports helps to show school spirit and each student should participate in them to show AJA pride." Jeremy replies, "I enjoy school sports and more people should participate in them."

Angel Crim exclaims, "If everyone would take the time to help and encourage others this world would be a better place, but for now we've got AJA and that's close

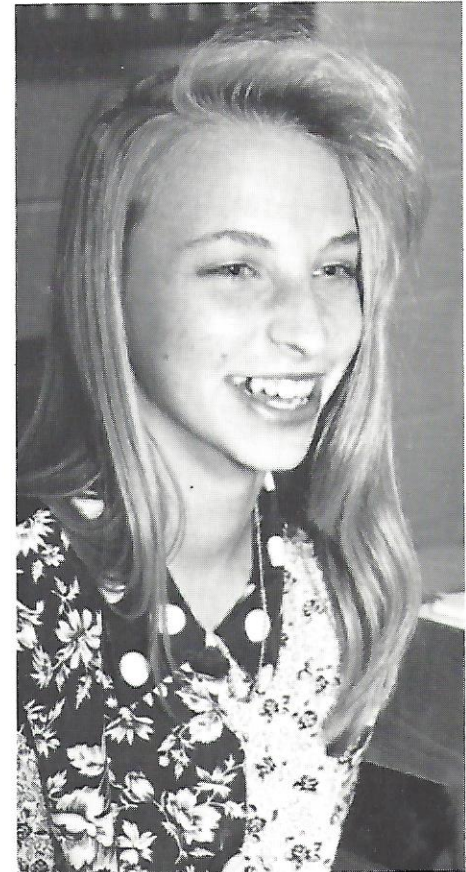
enough to our better world."

Stevie says, "Here we can learn a lot more because individual attention is always given when asked for." Gwyn states, "This school seems like a big happy family and I am proud to be a part of AJA." Marica adds, "I like Fridays off!"

Laughing Clint and Jared replies, "Study Hall is the most educational class in high school."



Treas. — Angel C., Sec. — Marica, V.-Pres. — Angel B., Pres. — Jared



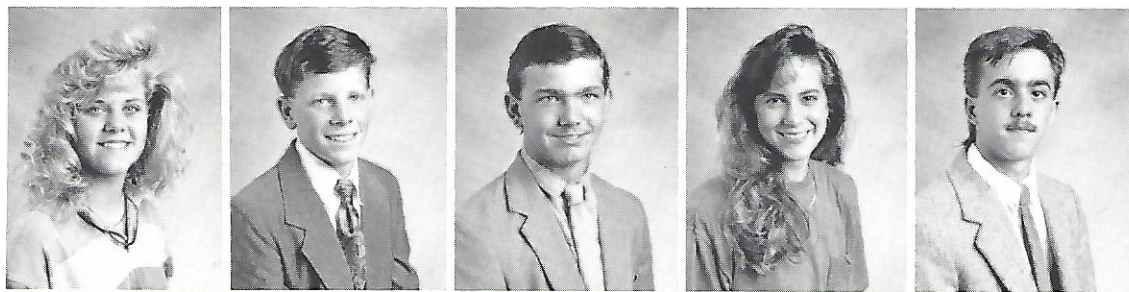
This is a confusing situation, but I will continue to smile.

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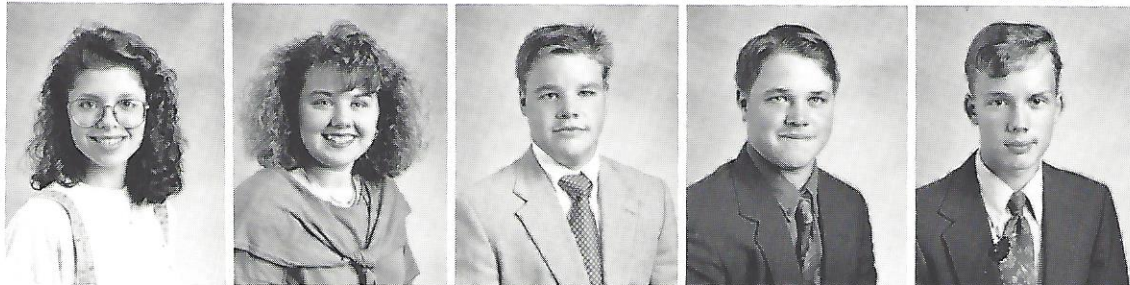
Our Control

Sophomores

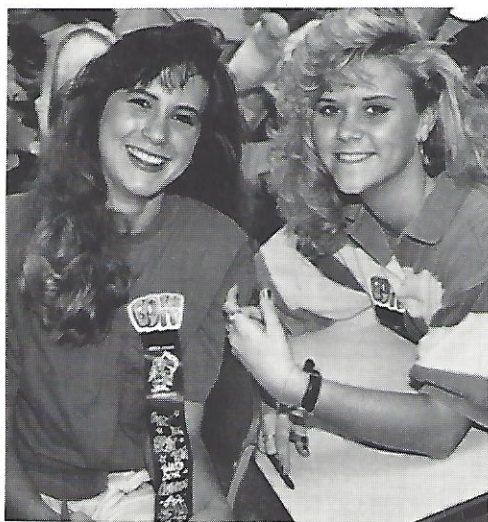
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Jonathan Barnes
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Emily Cummings
Brandon Deer



Elizabeth Edgemon
Tiffany Harrell
Britt Hughes
Eric Polk
Jason Stanley



Jay Walling
Amy Waltz
Karla Williams
Will Willis



Emily and Joy show their Confederate pride by wearing their buttons on Spirit Day.



L-R: Brandon, Elizabeth, Emily, Joy, Tiffany, Amy, Eric, Jason, Steven, Jonathan, Will, Jay, Mrs. Flail.

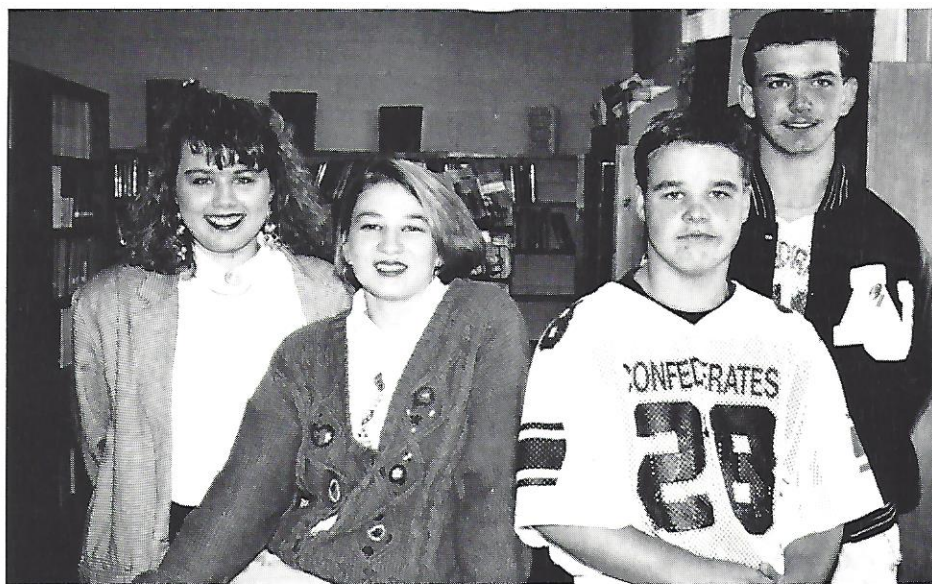
Sophomore Control

I wonder what Tiffany is up to now???

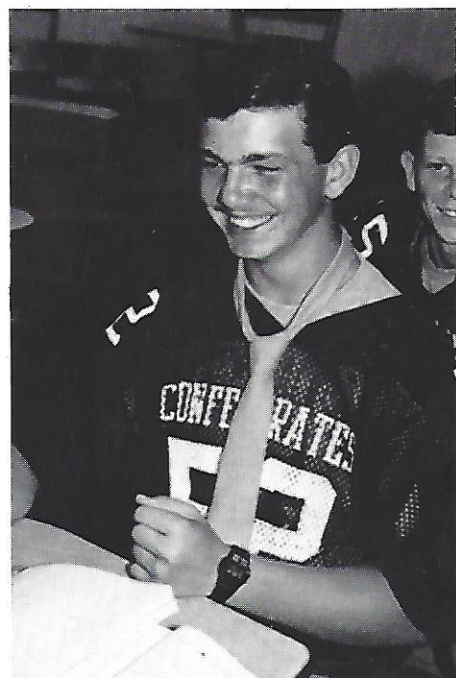


"The best thing about being a sophomore is by far the fact that 'we' only have two years left before we graduate," states Jonathan. Joy says, "We have a better chance to look into college activities and we receive our night driver's license." Sophomore Amy Waltz exclaims, "We get to go to the prom!" "One advantage of being a sophomore is the fact that we get to take a foreign language," says Emily. "Hasta Mañana."

Elizabeth states that our sophomore year is the last year before we have to start selling doughnuts and fruit. "One great advantage of being a sophomore is that now all of us get to do more. We're more involved in activities both inside and outside of school," states Tiffany. In closing, being a sophomore has many advantages, rewards and new responsibilities. How we handle these new experiences is entirely up to each one of us as individuals.



Pres. Tiffany; Treas. Amy; Sec. Britt; V-Pres. Steven

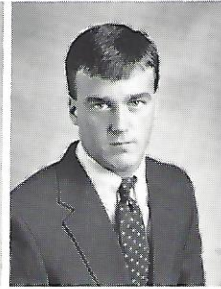
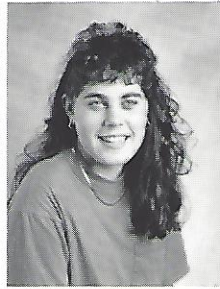
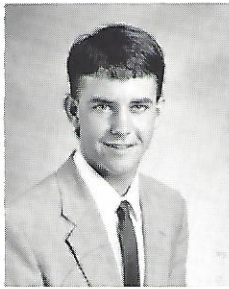


Does Steven have a sexy smile or what?

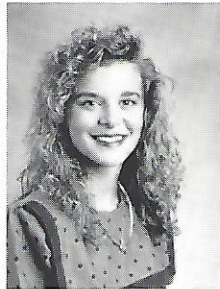
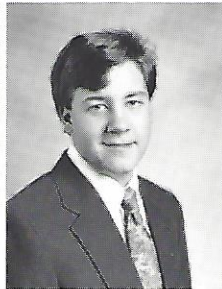
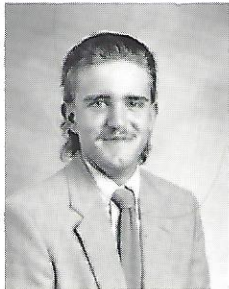
One Step Of The Way

Juniors

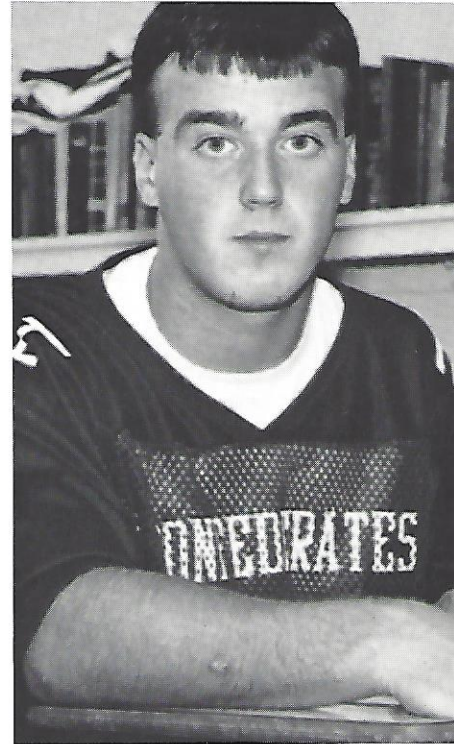
Brian Ackerman
Chasity Brandt
Allison Carter
Michael Cone
Jennifer Connelly



Jason Dantzler
Joseph Harter
Greta Lightsey
Stacy McFadden
Kristi Sease



Staying in trouble, these juniors are surely breaking "Stanley rules."



Posing wide-eyed, Michael looks as if he might be guilty of something.



L-R: Stacey, Greta, Mrs. Marsha, Kristi, Chasity, Allison, Brian, Michael, Jennifer, Joe, Jason.

The Junior Class had an important year in store for them when they walked in on the very first day of school. The Juniors had to work hard and raise lots of money to construct a prom for all to remember. Choosing the scene, music, theme and even the glasses produced a great task for all the Juniors. Selling doughnuts, fruit and raffling items were on the agenda of fundraisers.

Unbelievably, the Juniors still found time to spare to study and involve themselves in extra curricular activities. Of course, each Junior had time to choose their class ring. The least favorite activity was taking the PSAT.

When asked what are some of the qualities it took to be a Junior, Chasity replied, "Maturity, dedication, and lots of energy are qualities I have found to be useful as a Junior." Jennifer added, "Being a Junior helps you to have responsibility in the many activities that you have to accomplish, whether it be a class officer or selling the many things we have to sell. In the end, it's worth it!"

Mrs. Marsha, Junior sponsor, was responsible for the wild bunch of Juniors. She successfully kept the Juniors busy and continued to arouse the school spirit. Also, she prepared the Juniors for their role as Seniors, as well as for later in life.



V-Pres. — Kristi, Pres. — Chasity, Treas. — Jennifer, Sec. — Greta.



Greta and Chasity relaxing before Spanish class. Are they anxious or what?

Majority Rules

Favorite Saying

1. What's up?
2. Homey
3. OP
4. Ain't it?
5. "Always"

Favorite Hangout

1. Walterboro
2. Ehrhardt
3. Winks Store
4. With friends
5. Allendale

Favorite Sport

1. Basketball
2. Football
3. Softball
4. Cheering
5. Baseball

Most Hated School Rule

1. No chewing gum
2. Shorts to the knee
3. No affection
4. No eating in class or gym
5. All of them

Easiest Food to Eat in Class

1. Skittles
2. Sweet tarts
3. Gum
4. Jolly Ranchers
5. M & M's

Favorite Radio Station

1. 99.7 WHTK
2. 95.1 SX
3. 107.5 Big Bubba
4. 104.7 WNOK
5. 99.5

Favorite Singer/Group

1. Bryan Adams
2. Natural Selection
3. Travis Tritt
4. Hank Williams, Jr.
5. Color Me Badd

Favorite TV Show

1. Full House
2. Fresh Prince of Bel Air
3. Doogie Howser, MD
4. Roseanne
5. Saturday Morning Video

Favorite Candy Bar

1. Snickers
2. Hersheys
3. Reeses
4. Baby Ruth
5. Twix

Favorite Clothes

1. Jeans and t-shirt
2. Bugle Boy
3. Duckhead
4. Shorts and t-shirt
5. Sweater

Perfect Date — Girls

1. Movies
2. Out to eat
3. Backroads, woods
4. Football game
5. Back to his house

Perfect Date — Boys

1. Movies
2. Out to eat
3. Backroads, woods
4. California Dreaming
5. Back to her house

Have It Your Way!

On this page you are to choose the one caption that you want to believe. Have fun!!!!

Somebody, quick! Stop Stevie before his eyes pop out.

"Revenge of the NERDS!!"

Richard and Calin just acting normal!!

Don't worry about Stevie. It's really just camera tricks.



Jason and Pudd have really grown some to be dunking!!

This is what they teach us at school. SELF-DEFENSE!!

Looks like Leigh and Elizabeth are fighting AGAIN!!

Jason and Chris trying out for basketball. Where's the basketball????

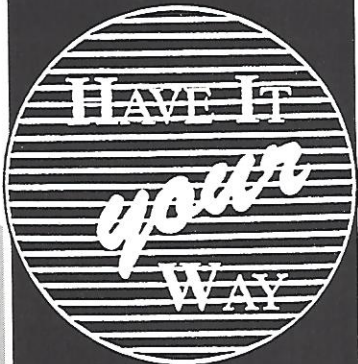
Your Choice

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Giving it their best, Miss Paula and Jason show off their winning smiles.



Looking devilishly Dean and Jason are secretly prepared for what?



Dunking seniors was part of the senior way.

Prepared for adventure the seniors are ready to explore the playground.



NINETEEN



We Know How To Get It Our Way

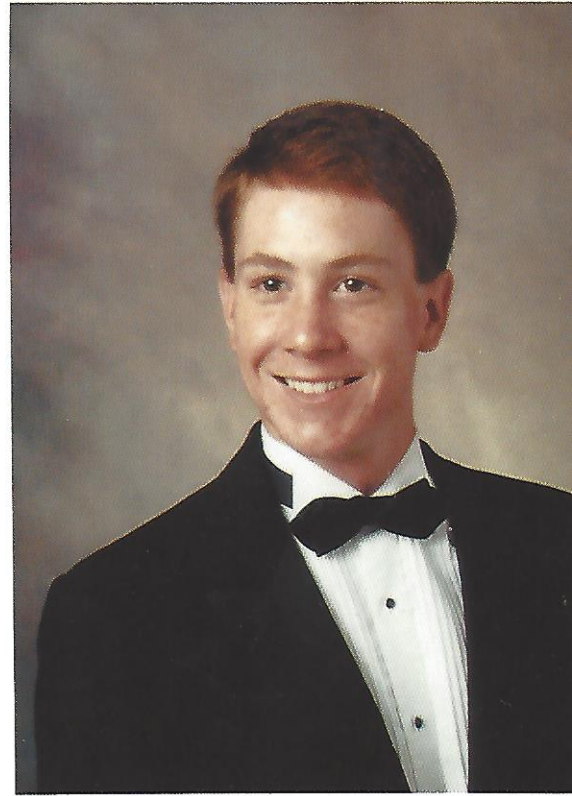


The seniors of AJA have been where many students are now and know how to get by with many things. They've learned from their mistakes and gained many special privileges this year. Some weren't granted to them, so they have to work at getting their way. Ask any senior at AJA and they will tell you exactly what to do to get your way!

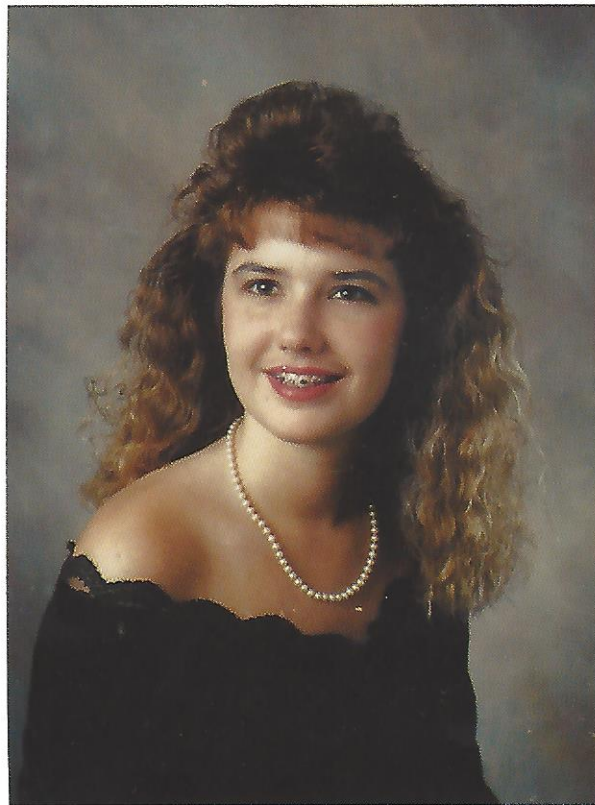
SENIORS



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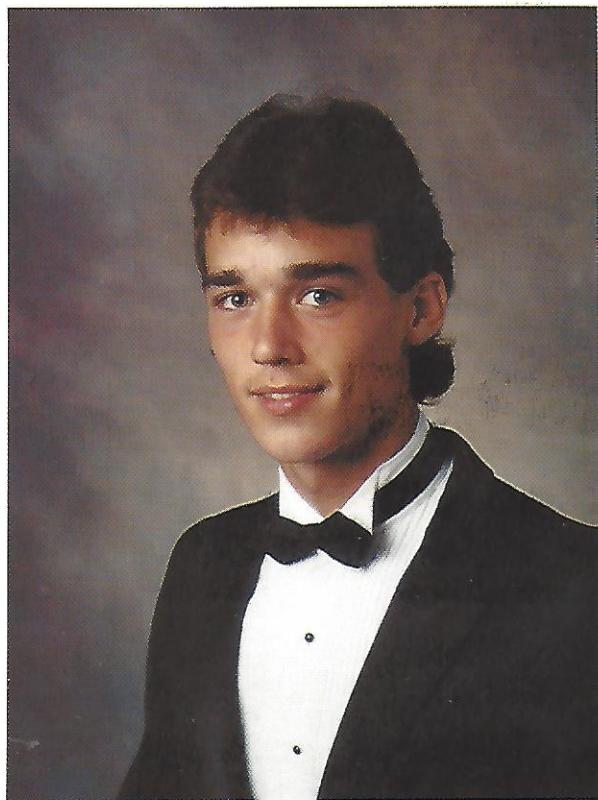
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Truman Leigh Close



Steven Wade Harrell



Leigh Hamilton Lightsey

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Baby Woods



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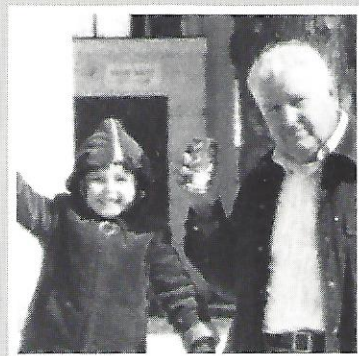


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Baby Lightsey



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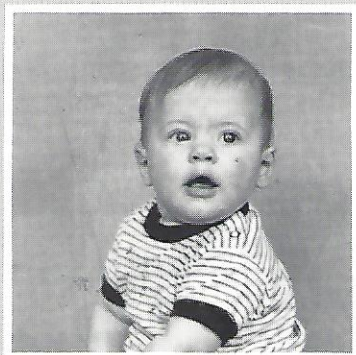


Baby C. Williams

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Baby B. Carter



Baby D. Williams

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Baby Close

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Baby Harrell



Baby Brandt

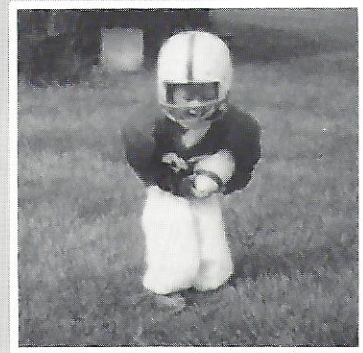


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Baby Nipper

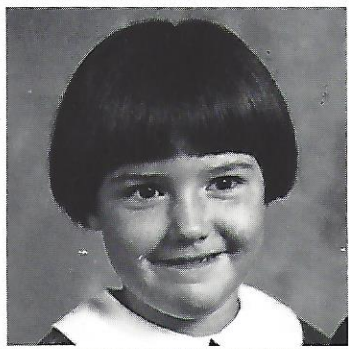


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Baby Peck



Baby T. Carter



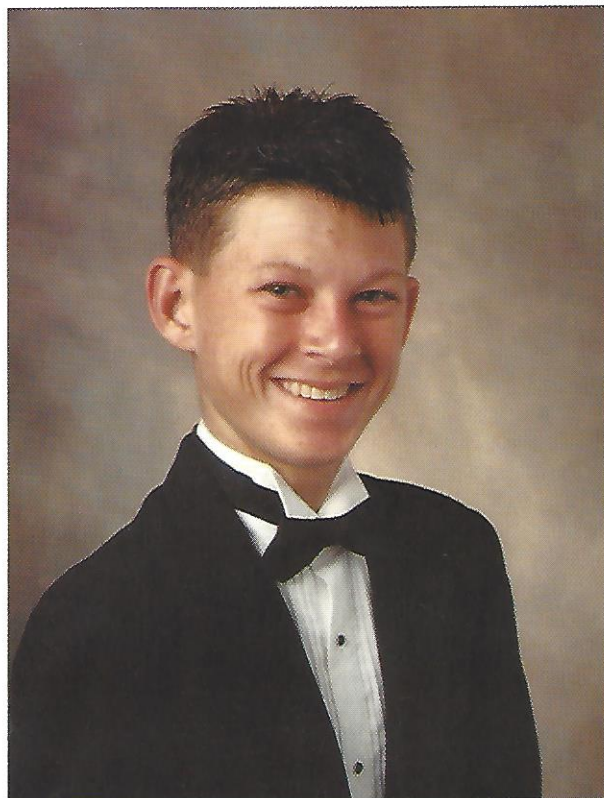
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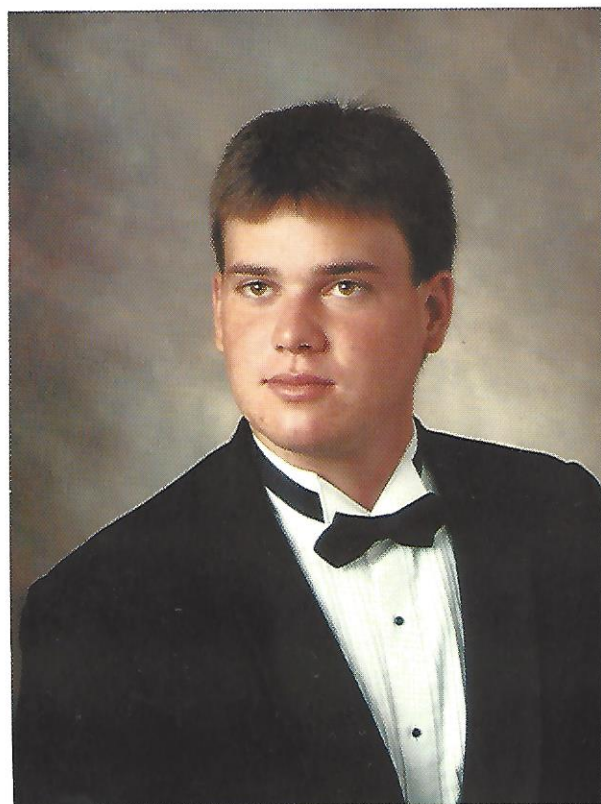
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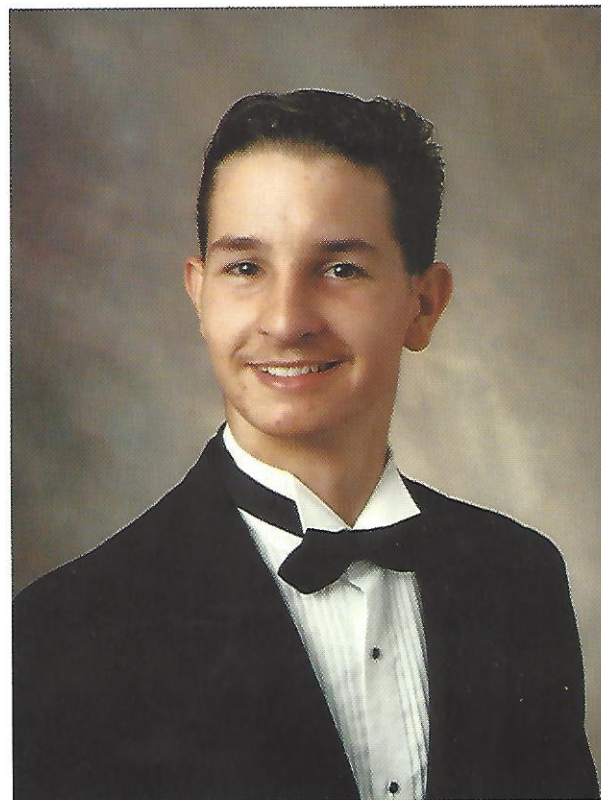
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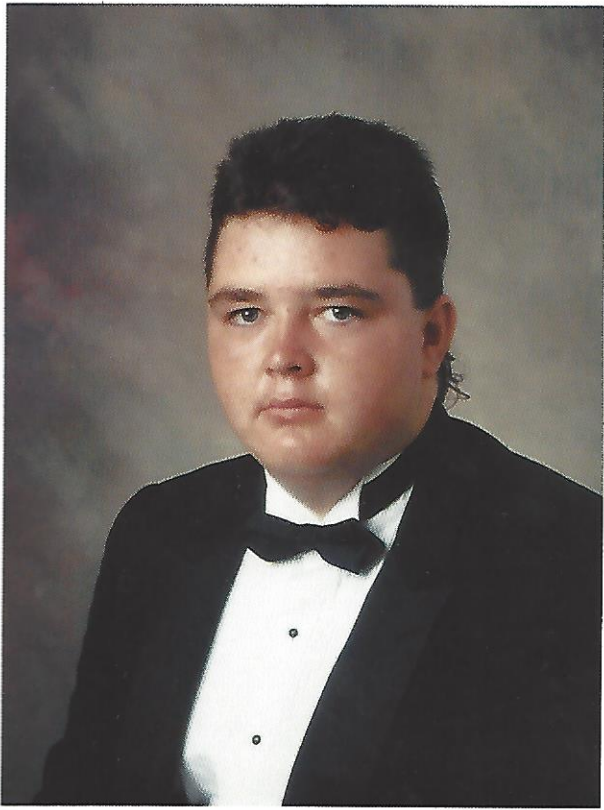
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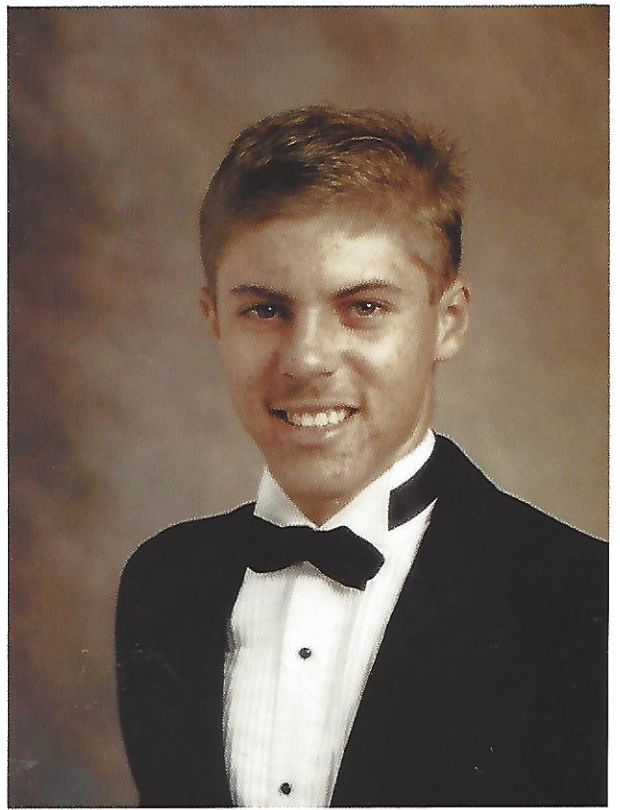
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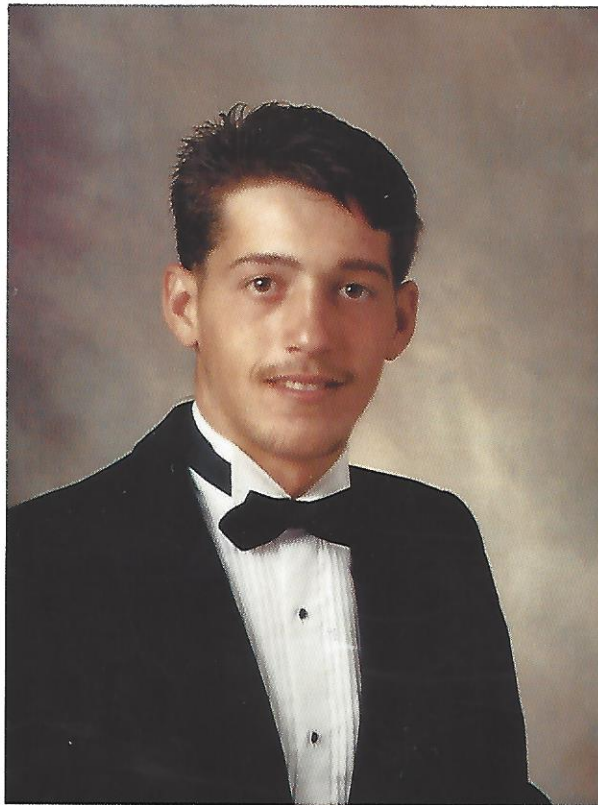
Willie Shane Sease



Christopher Brian Williams



Roger Dean Williams, Jr.



Shannon Ray Woods

FACE THE FACTS

The seniors must "Face the Facts" that when their classmates voted for senior superlatives, they had nothing but LOVE on their minds. However, they were in for a treat when they found out how they were really thought of. To these seniors, these superlatives are honors that truly represent the unique qualities that make them who they are.

Best Dressed
L-R: Shannon, Shane, Elizabeth, Dean

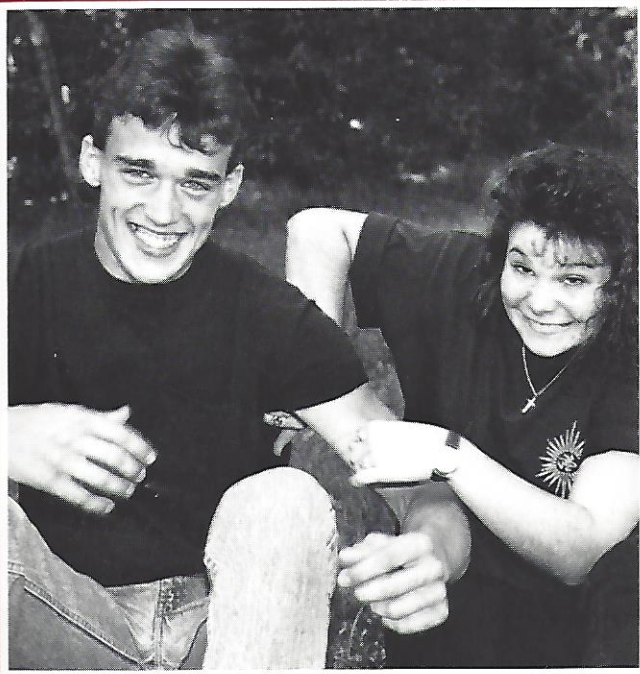


Most Athletic
L-R: Chris, Shane, Jason

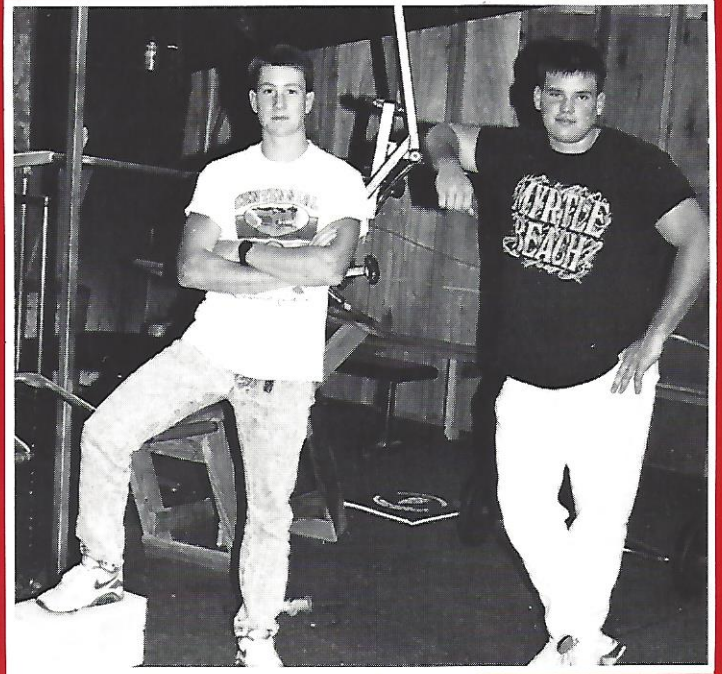


Craziest
Shannon W., Leigh L.

Biggest Flirt
Steve and Leigh L.



Best All Around
Brian and Ralph



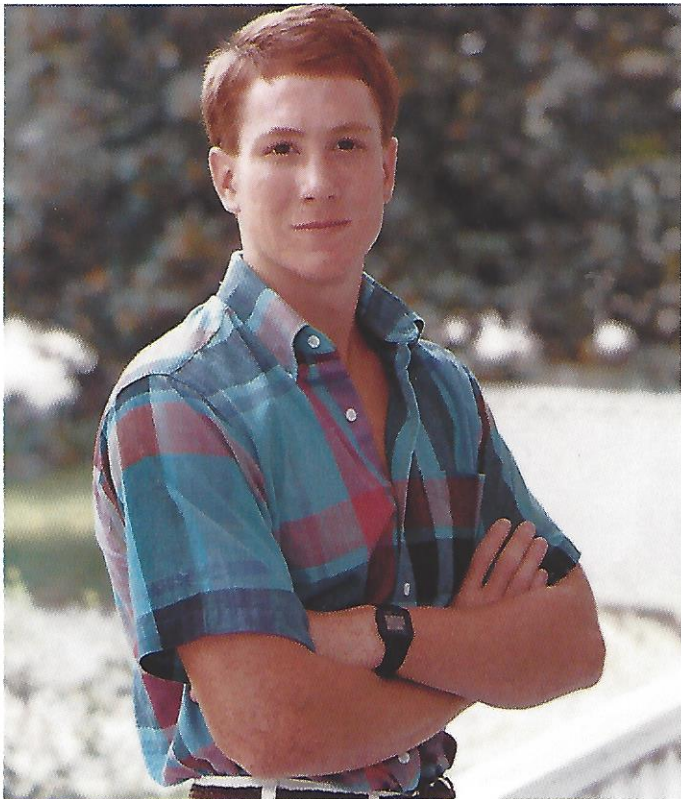
Most Likely to Succeed
Leigh C. and Elizabeth



Most Gullible
Shannon B. and Tonya



Shannon B.



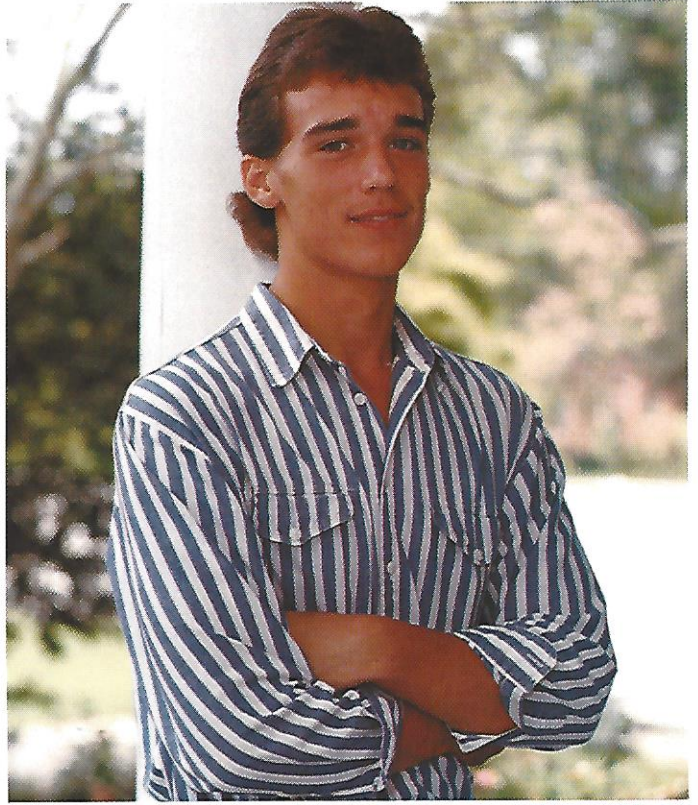
Brian C.



Tonya C.



Leigh C.



Steve H.



Leigh L.

Class
of ... 92

The beautiful ones!

IT DOESN'T GET ANY
BETTER

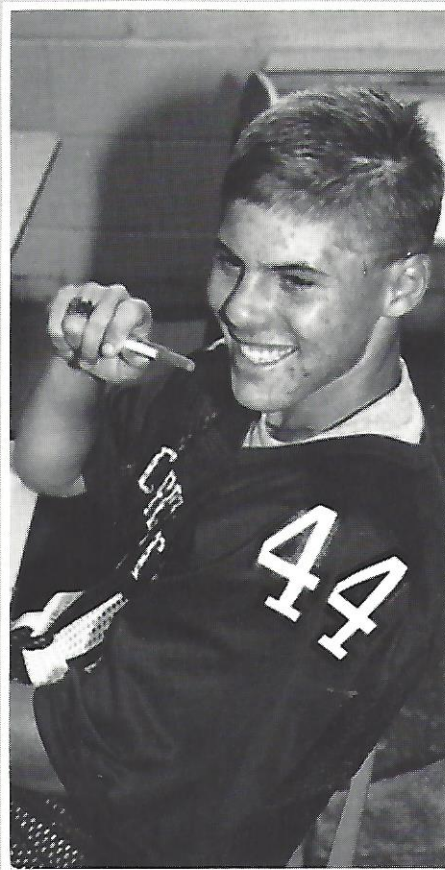
Our seniors are "wild and crazy as ever!" If they're not picking corn and posing for pictures, they're giving each other shoulder back rides. All in all we LOVE OUR SENIORS!



Aren't we cute?

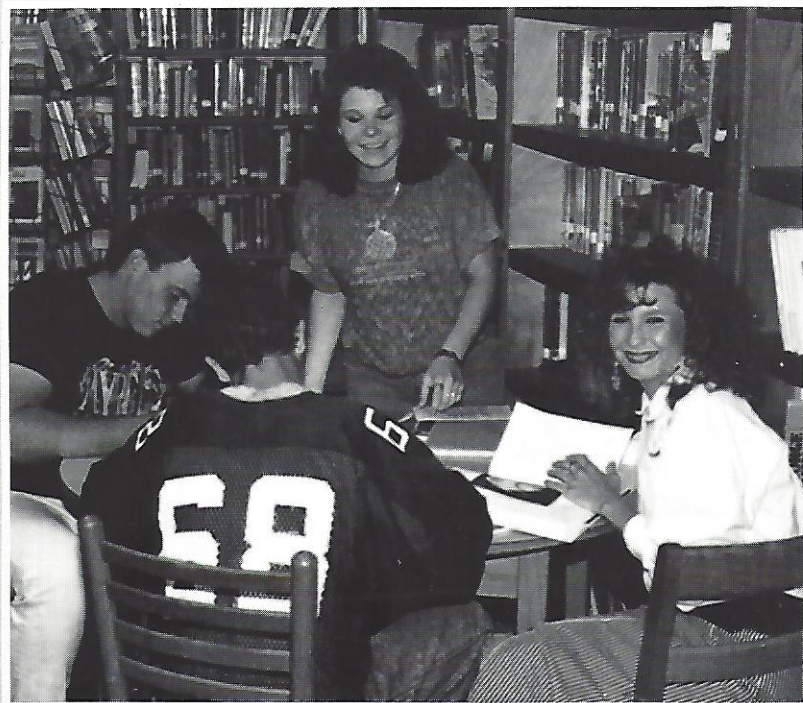
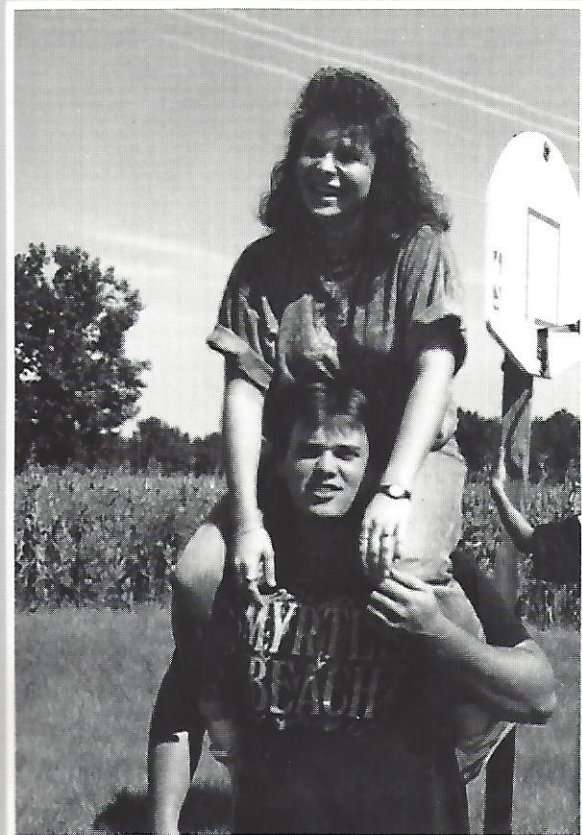
Hiding from Mrs. Stanley again?!





What evil lurks behind that killer smile?

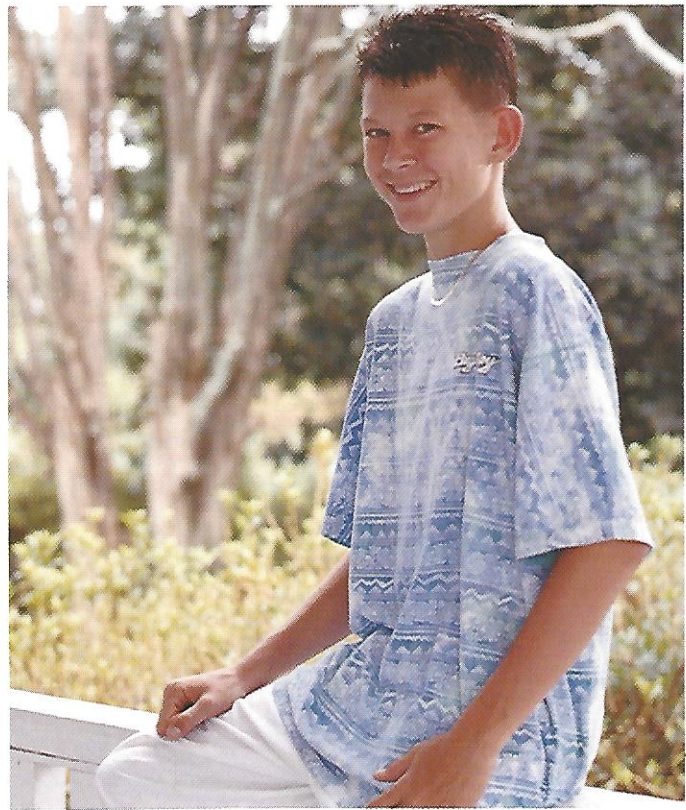
You got the right one baby!



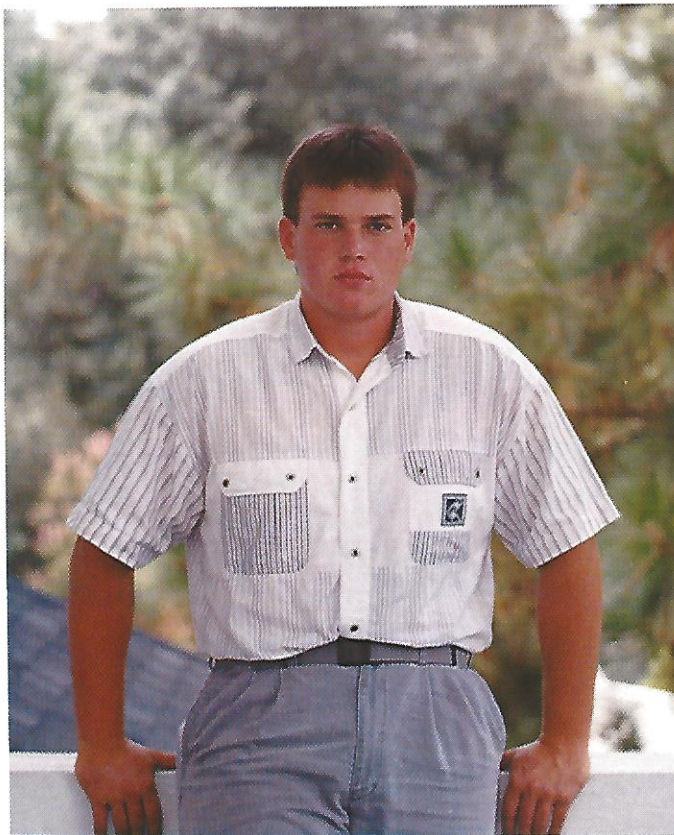
Yes, Miss Paula, we're studying!



Elizabeth N.



Jason P.



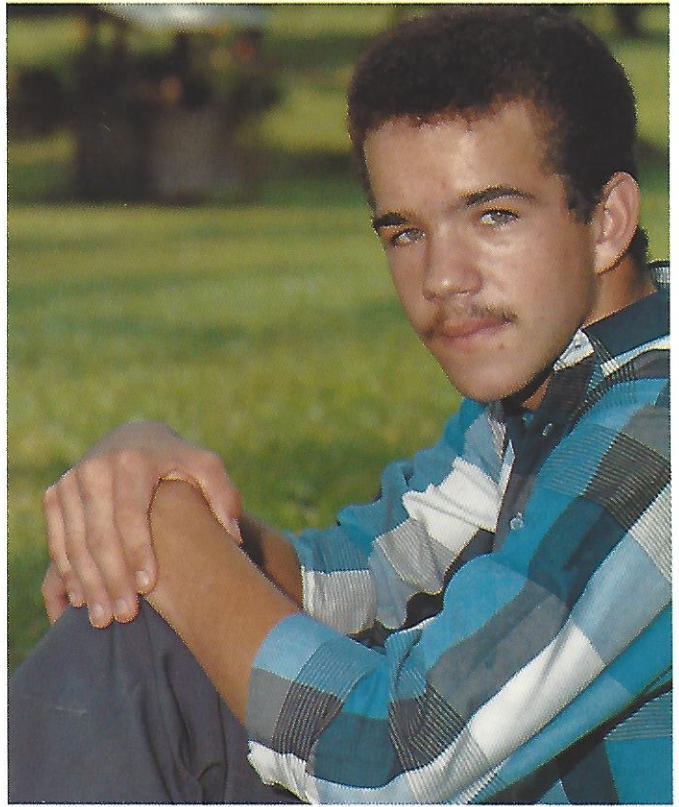
Ralph P.



Shane S.



Chris W.



Dean W.



~~Shannon W.~~ DEAN Williams



To all of our friends we'll say, " 'Til next time." Never good-bye. We'll miss all of you that we have grown up with over the years. Through good times and bad, somehow we made it! When you remember us, think of the Class of '92 and all the crazy and funny times that we shared. We're moving on but don't worry . . . we'll always be a part of our second family at ole AJA.

Love, The Seniors
"Class of '92"



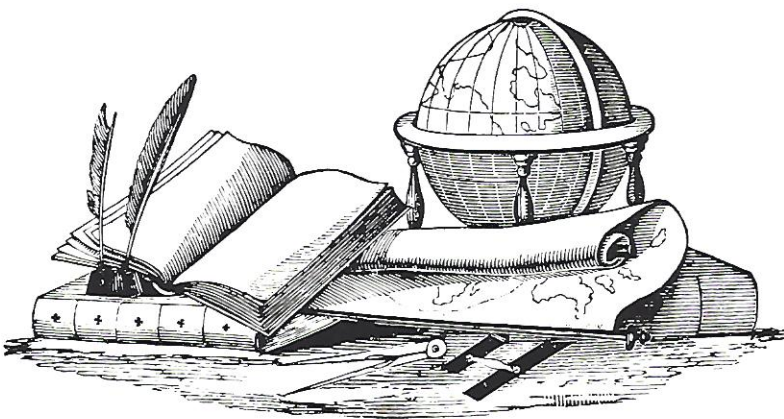
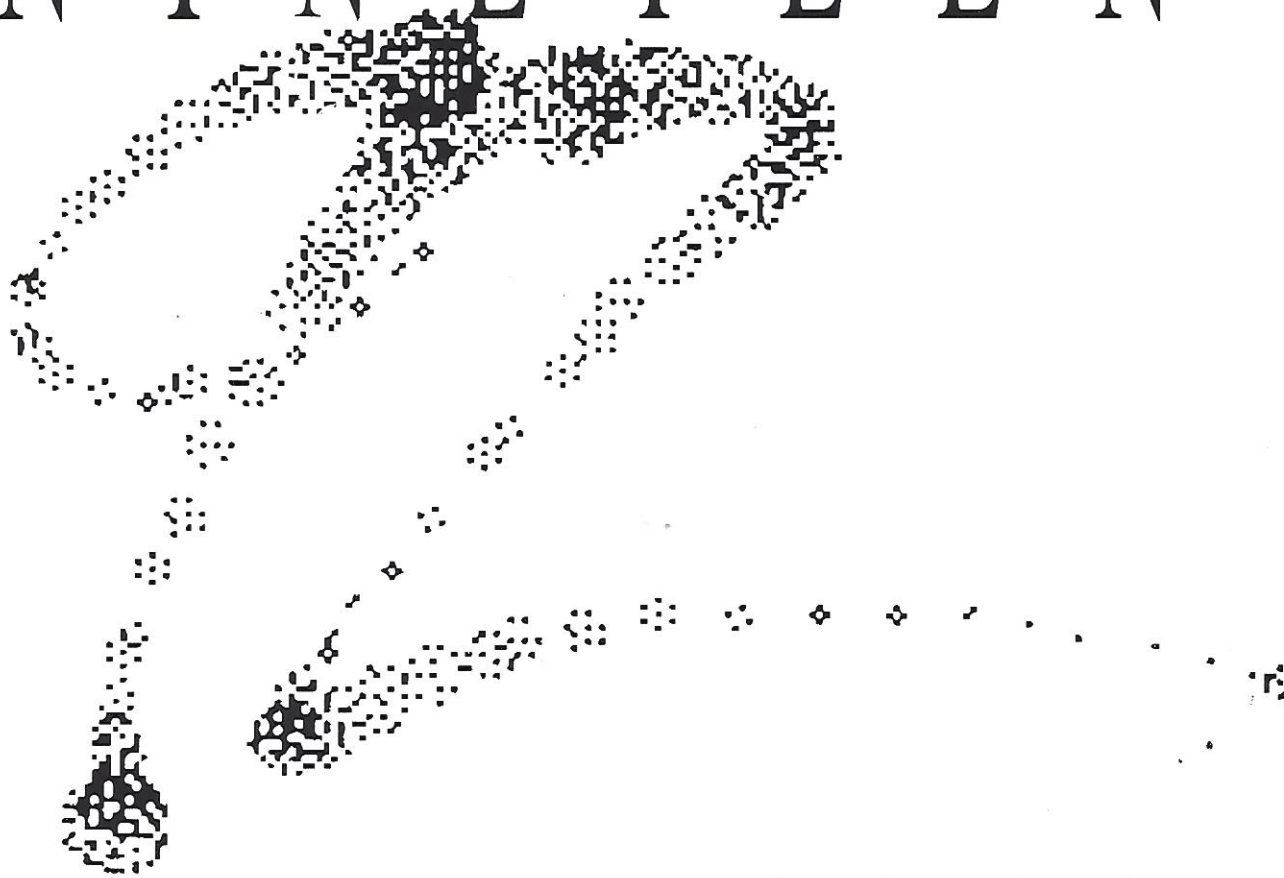
Shannon Woods
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Steve Howell #12
Elizabeth
Jason Peck
"Pistol" #22
Shannon Burnett
Brian Carter
Ripper
Ripper
Pudling #72
"Da" #9
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Andrew Jackson Academy believes that the aim of education is to promote right reason and moral imagination and to explain studies to the student his place in the world. It emphasizes the academic studies that put in touch with the principles of history, literature, language, religion, mathematics and science through which he is enabled to make valid judgements.

The Academy also believes that a well trained body compliments an educated mind. Accordingly, it stresses athletics along with academics.

ADMINISTRATION

The Way We Work



Mrs. Stanley



Head Mistress
Mrs. Frances Stanley



Mrs. Lenore



Mrs. Peggy



Mrs. Barbara



Mr. Graham



Booster Club Officers: Gordon Walling and Eunice Sease



Board of Directors: Larry Nipper, Bonnie Cone, Gordon Walling (Chairman), Eunice Sease, Faye Polk, Johnny Carter



PTO Officers: Gloria Duncan, Miriam Bessinger, and Faye Polk

Hard Workers Giving It Their Best

Faculty

Cindy Overlock
Ruth Frye
Tammy Wade
N. Horton
Vickie Hawkins



Evelyn Kears
Evelyn Rentz
Sarah Webb
Joan Flail
Marsha Hughes

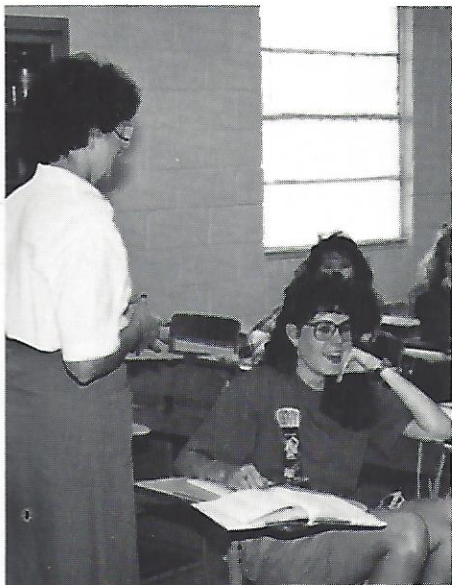


Paula Kirkland
Vicki Dilling
Carla Stewart



Did you hear about . . . ???

I hope Mrs. Stanley doesn't think we're listening to her!



Never let it be said that the teachers at AJA aren't dedicated and caring professionals.

When asked what they enjoy about teaching at Andrew Jackson our faculty had a lot to say.

Mrs. Frye stated that she enjoys being able to teach Bible verses and Christian songs.

Mrs. Marsha enjoys the fact that the school is family oriented and that there is no discipline problems, which makes it a pleasure to teach at Andrew Jackson.

Mrs. Kearse exclaims that she enjoys the four day week and occasional lunches from Rachels!

Mrs. Webb enjoys the small classes and being able to get to know all the students.

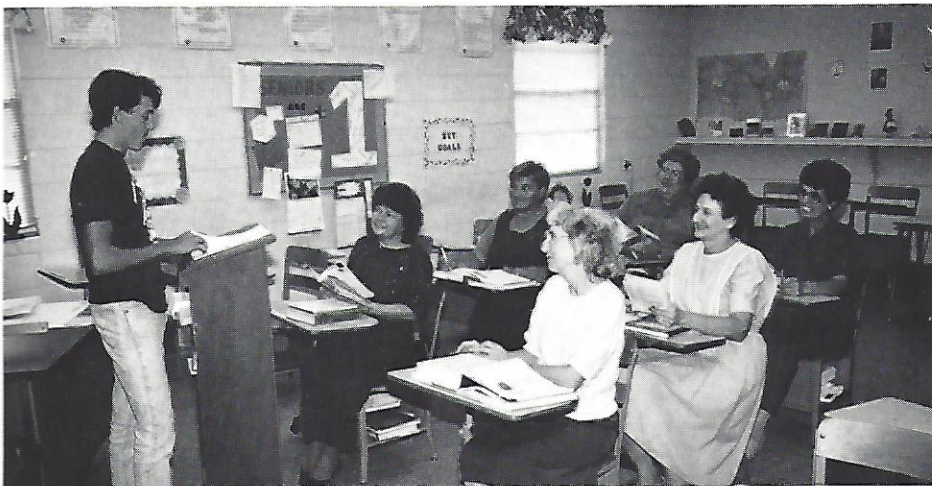
Mrs. Evelyn enjoys the relaxed environment.

Mrs. Peggy enjoys working with the faculty and the grammar and high school students.

Mrs. Flail states that she likes the students and the people she works with. She also says that the seniors are special students to her. She also enjoys how close everyone is.

Mrs. Horton enjoys the students she teaches and the people she works with. She also enjoys the atmosphere of the school.

All kidding and sarcasm aside, students at Andrew Jackson should consider themselves privileged to have such wonderful ladies caring for them for their future.



Now Miss Kirkland, what's your excuse for not having your homework today?



Taking time out of their busy schedules, Miss Paula and Mrs. Peggy pose for the camera.



"No, actually, Mrs. Kearse, I don't understand!" exclaims Matt.

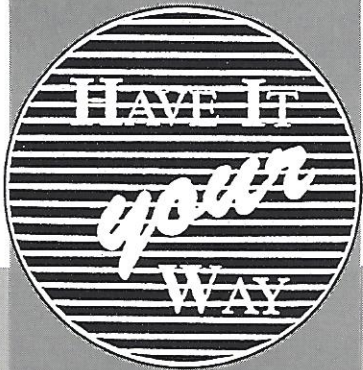


Smiling like a "Chessie Cat" Mrs. Marsha gets her picture taken.

Angel and Amy feel relief as Suzanne and Elizabeth Reach their positions safely.



Jennifer thinks Oh, Lord, Please don't let me fall.

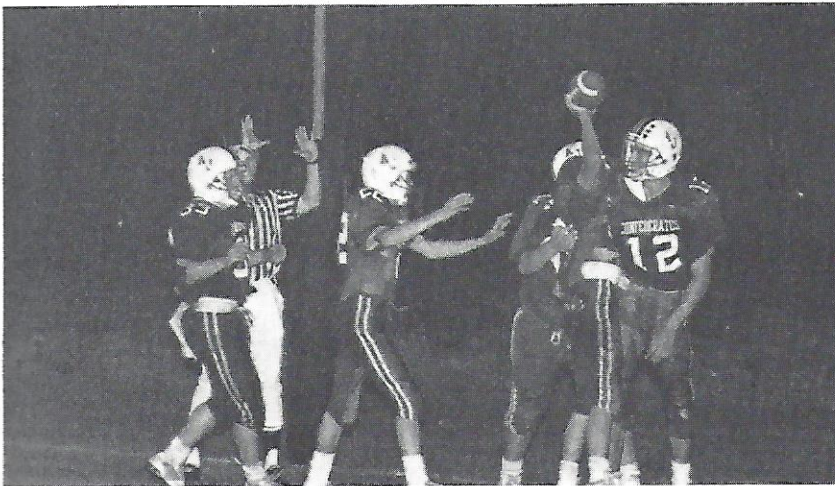


Our boys get "Fired Up" to go into battle.

Jason patiently awaits the arrival of the baseball.



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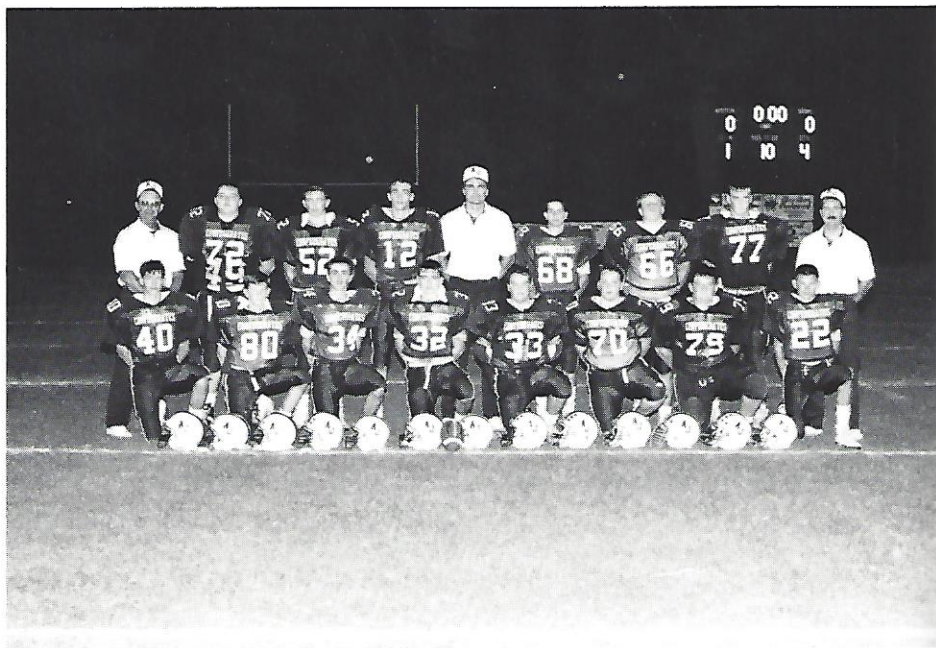


Sports has become a major tradition at Andrew Jackson. Students are offered a variety of choices in the athletic area. They can play football in the fall, basketball and softball in the spring.

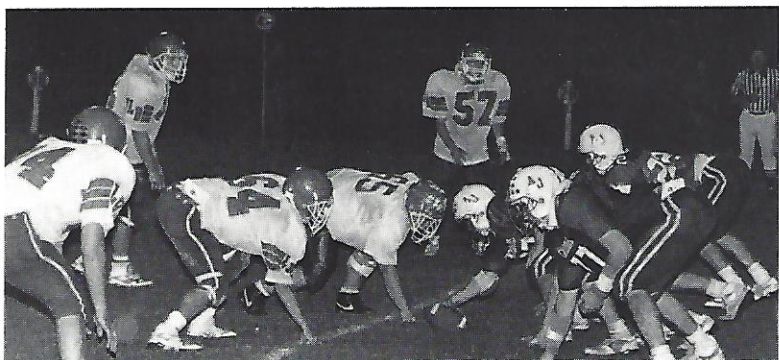
All of the athletes put out 100% when they're on the field or court. The players and coaches give their all to produce very exciting games. However, we realize that the sports department would be useless without the fans' support. To the fans, players and coaches, we say "THANK YOU!"

SPORTS

Jason, Michael, and Shannon celebrate a touchdown.



L-R: Shannon Woods, Johnathan Barnes, Brandon Deer, Stevie Brabham, Britt Hughes, Jeremy Walling, John Williams, Jason Peek, Coach Fanning, Chris Williams, Steven Beard, Steve Harrell, Coach Bolyston, Shane Sease, Jason Padgett, Michael Cone, Coach Way.



Confederate players are ready and waiting.

See our boys play defense.



Jason listens intently as Coach Boylston explains the play.

We're Getting The Job Done

Varsity Football



After catching the pass, Steve H. goes for the winning touchdown.

WHAT'S THE SCORE

AJA vs Bowman	22-6	Lost
AJA vs Carolina	40-6	Lost
AJA vs Catawba	26-20	Lost (overtime)
AJA vs PeeDee	34-0	Lost
AJA vs Lord Berkley	44-14	Won
AJA vs Burns	26-25	Won
AJA vs Abundant Life	30-6	Lost
AJA vs Long Cane	30-6	Lost
AJA vs Catawba	26-14	Lost
1st Round Playoff		
AJA vs Long Cane	24-20	Won
Semi Finals		
AJA vs Carolina	30-8	Lost

This year the Varsity Football team had quite an exciting year. The coaches and the team worked hard to push their way to VICTORY. Overall the boys enjoyed an exciting season.

When asked what he enjoyed most about playing football this year, Michael stated that he liked the new coaches, locker rooms, and being the number one punter in eight man football.

Jonathon says, "The practice was hard, but the rewards were great."

Jason said, "I enjoyed the challenge and the fact that we made it to the second round of the play-offs."

The players and the coaches worked hard to give us an action packed season. We're proud of you!

The Little Warriors

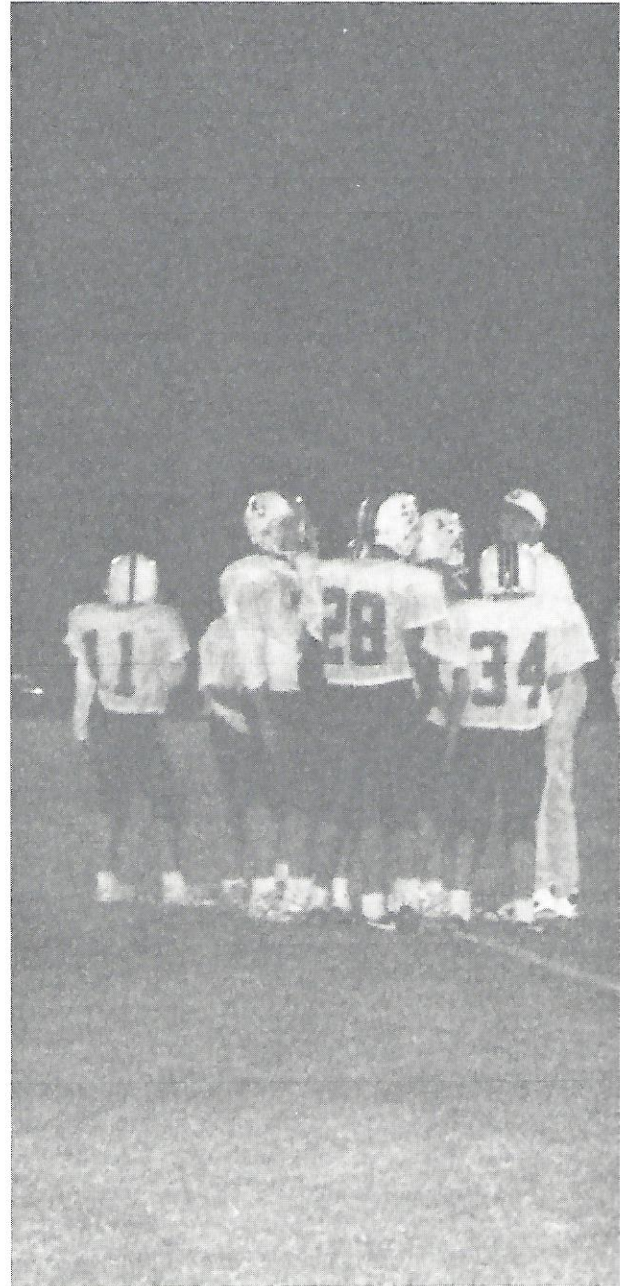
J.V. Football



The J.V. boys are just breaking through to get a start on the JDA crew.



Just receiving the football, the Confederates head for the touchdown.



The boys, huddled after a play, listen to see what to do next.



L-R: Ricky Varnadoe, Scotty Williams, David Walling, Joshua Barnes, Shaun Brandt, Jeremy Bessinger, Jason Padgett, Richard Moore, John Williams, Calin Hiers.

Diving in the ground, the Confederates show truly they want their touchdown bound while spectators are all around.



Jeremy (#11) strives for the 1st. down.

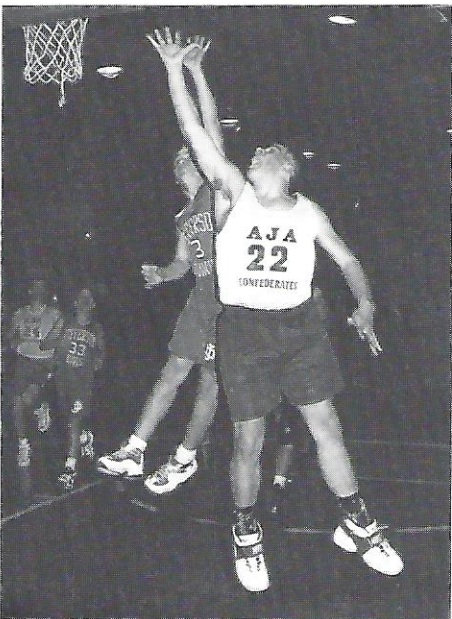
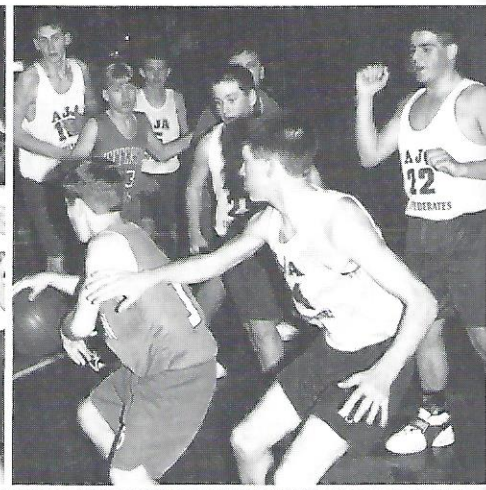
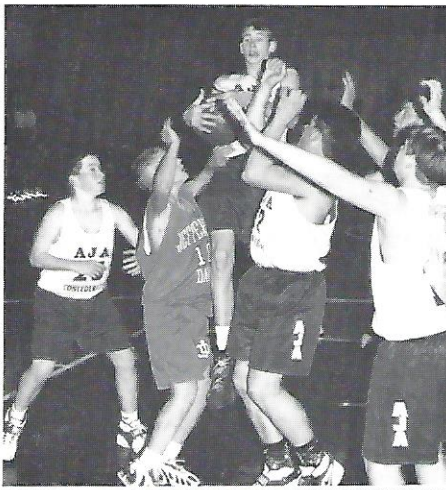
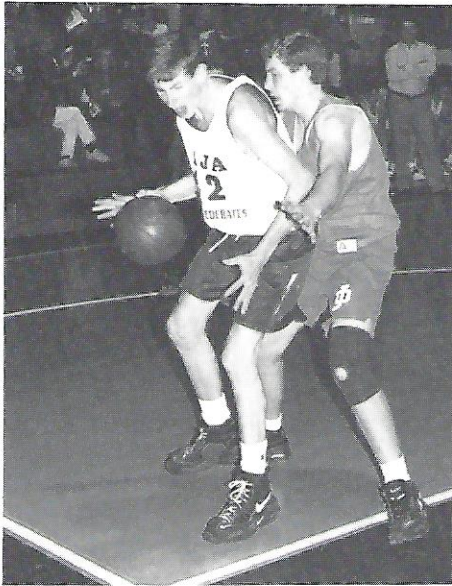


Posing for the camera, these 2 JV players taking five, try to act Cool!

This year the JV really had a time. They had a few minor incidents with two of their players getting hurt but hung in there for AJA till the end. With the end coming too soon as they thought so, they really put out the effort to show everyone that they had it. Lastly, they would like to thank Coach Jamee Barnes for the time and patience that he spent with them.

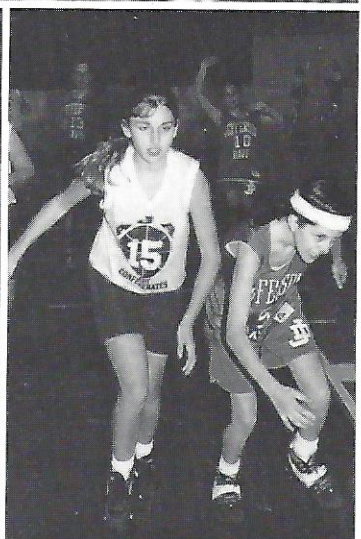
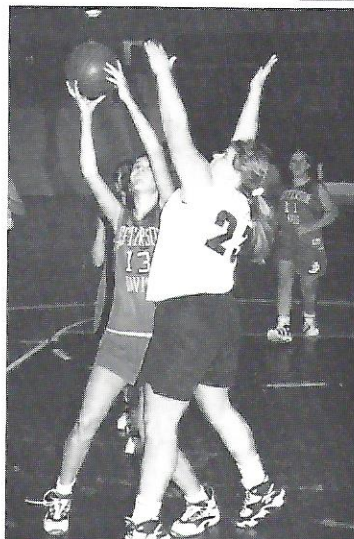
Junior Varsity Basketball

Boys' JV Basketball Team: (L-R Kneeling) Jay Toole, Gordon Nipper, Shane Burnett, Russ Kinard, Chris Peters, Norman Kinard, Daniel Bessinger, David Whisenhunt. (Standing) Chris Glenn, Cory Hill, Perry Malphrus, Luke Clayton, Nic Godley, Dustin Sease, Lee Waltz, Coach Donald Bessinger.





Girls' JV Basketball Team: (L-R Kneeling) Lori Varnadoe, Kendall Carter, Pam Still, Faye Helmly, Jodie Martin. (Standing) Coach Melissa Kinard, Maria Duncan, Lori Still, Sally Malphrus, Jessica Nipper and Assistant Monica Carter.



Baseball 1996



1996 AJA BASEBALL TEAM: Seated: **Kris Fogle, Adam Grubbs, Jason Noel, Adam Harmon, Daniel Bessinger, Nic Godley.** Second row: **Shaun Brandt, Ricky Varnadoe, Kyle Hiers, Jason Padgett, Calin Hiers, Ben Willis.** Third row: **Coach Gene Sease, Coach Donald Bessinger, Jeremy Bessinger, Richard Moore, John Williams, Coach Marshall Kirkland.**





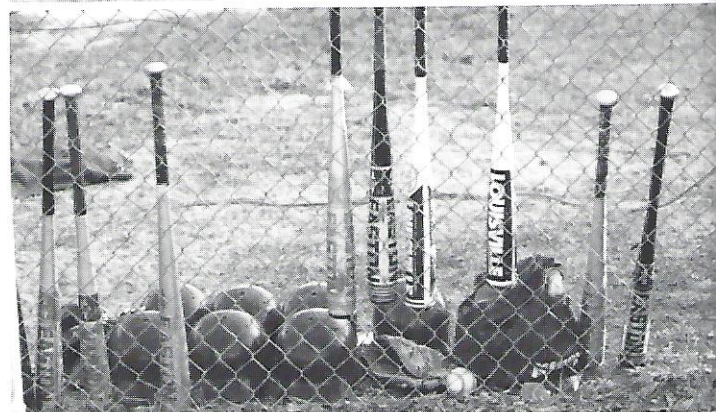
Softball 1996



1996 SOFTBALL TEAM: Seated: **Denise Duncan, Tracey Jones, Christy Jones, Stacey Fisk, Amanda Harmon, Jodie Martin, Kendall Carter.** Second row: **Coach Deborah Edwards, Kara Hiers, Julie Collier, Maria Duncan, Jessica Nipper, Roxanne Brandt, Trainer Gordon Nipper.** Third row: **Coach Roger Godley, Lori Still, Rebecca Beard, Barbie Kinard, Kimberly Carter, Ginny Walling, Coach Charles Hughes.**

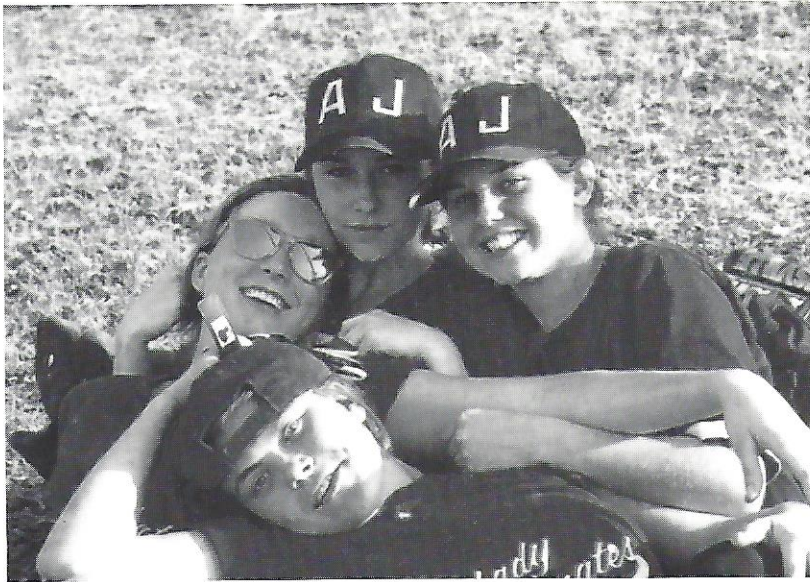


Confederate **Lori Still** prepares to hit a homer as her teammates cheer her on to score.





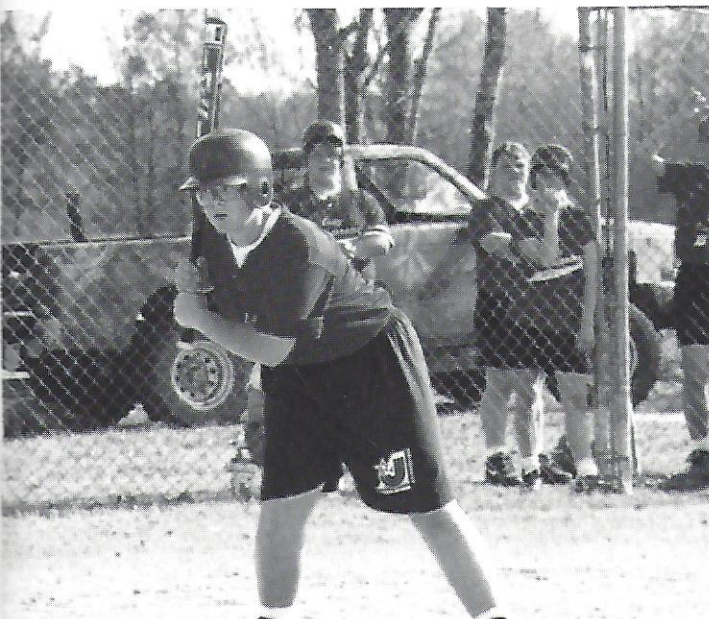
Pitcher **Kara Hiers** is ready to strike out the next hitter.



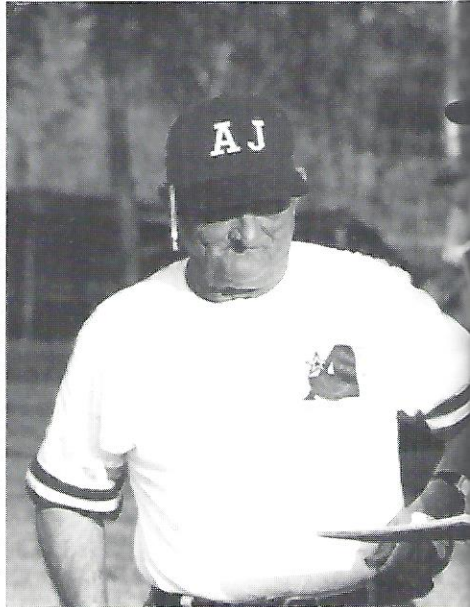
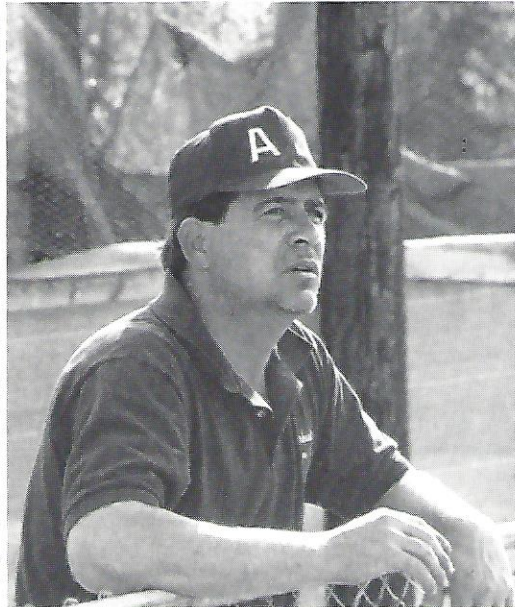
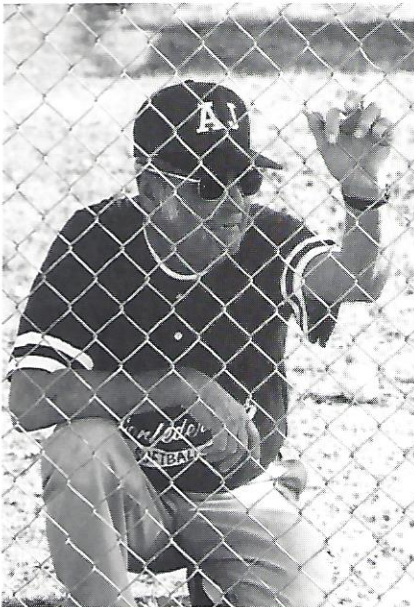
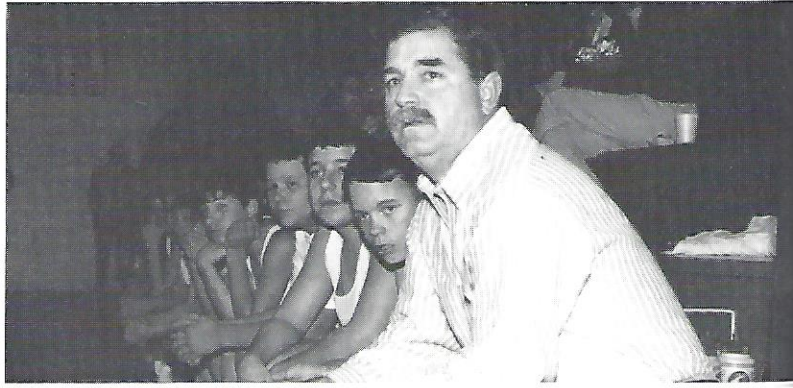
These Lady Confederates are all out for a good time as well as a win! They are: **Julie Collier, Ginny Walling, Christy Jones** and **Stacey Fisk**.



Tracey Jones extends to catch the ball and force an out!

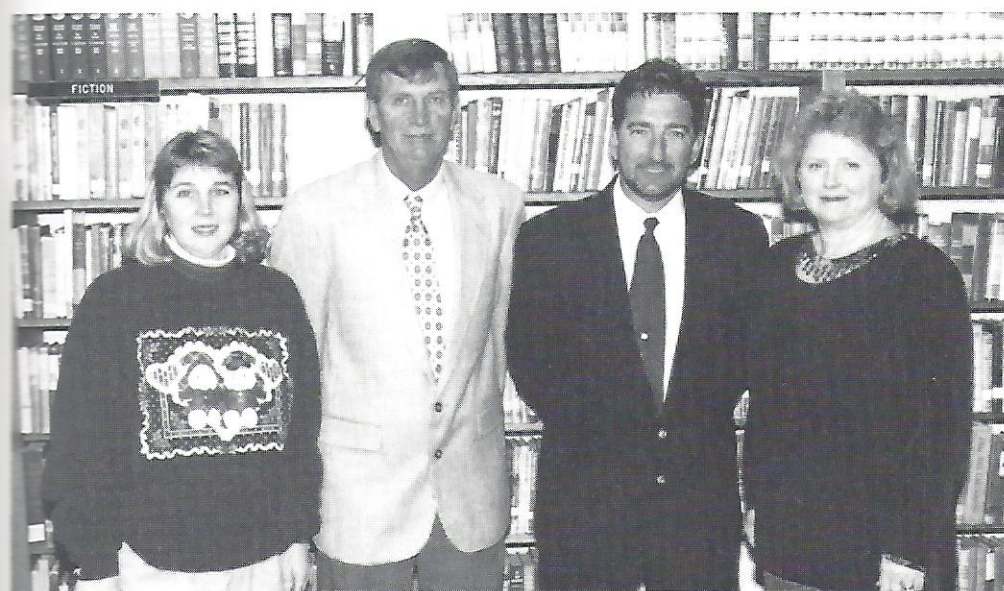


*We love and appreciate
our Coaches!*

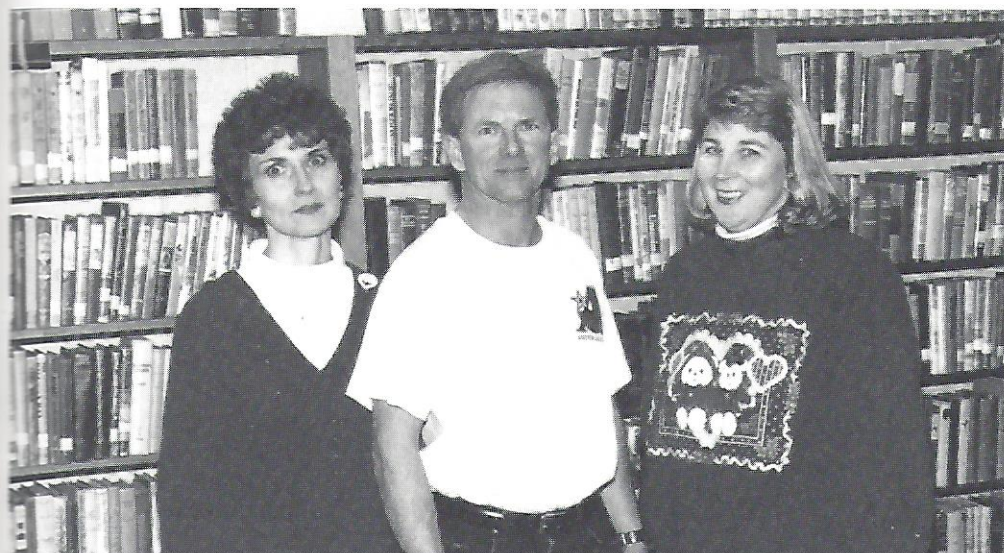




BOARD OF DIRECTORS: (L-R) **William Hiers, Roger Godley, Steve Duncan, Chairman Larry Nipper.** (Seated) **Barbie Martin and Donna Moore.**



BOOSTER CLUB OFFICERS: **Ginger Godley, Treasurer; Richard Varnadoe, Vice President; Dean Price, Secretary and Judy Brandt, President.**



PTO OFFICERS: **June Carter, Vice President; Dave Clayton, President; Ginger Godley, Secretary.** Absent: **Helen Beard, Treasurer.**

SCISAA Class A 8-Man Football Champions 1996 We Are Proud!



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Class President 1, Representative 2, 3, 4. Football 1, 2, 3, 4. State runner-up 3, State Champions 4, 8-Man State Stars 4, Best Defensive Back 2, 3. Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4. Best Defensive Basketball 3. Best Offense Basketball 2. All Conference Regional Basketball 2. Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4. French Club 3, 4. Blockletter Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Student Council 2, 3, 4. Pep Club 3. Drama Club 3. Fellowship of Christian Athletes 3.

Kimberly Denise Carter

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Ehrhardt, SC 29081

Class Treasurer 1, 2, 3, 4. Softball 2, 3, 4. Cheerleading 2, 3. Basketball 1, 2, 3. Annual Staff 1, 2, 3, 4. Editor 4. Beta Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Treasurer 4. French Club 3, 4. Student Council Treasurer 1, Secretary 2. Blockletter Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Pep Club 3. Girls State 3. HOBY Leadership 3. Who's Who 3, 4. Junior Marshal 3. Typing Award 2. French Merit Award 3, 4. English Merit Award 2, 3. History and Government Merit Award 2, 3. Miss Junior, Miss Senior, Miss Confederate 4. May Queen 4. First Runner-up Miss AJA 4.

Dana Cherie Dukes

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Varsity Cheerleader 4. Blockletter 4. Who's Who 1, 2, 3. Library Aid 4.

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Softball 3, 4. Cheerleader 3, 4. Who's Who 3, 4. Junior Beta Club 1. Blockletter Club 3, 4. Pep Club 3. French Club 3. Fellowship of Christian Athletes 3. Chorus 3. Drama Club 3. English Merit Award 2. Junior Statesman of America 3.

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Phillip Aubrey Schurr

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French Club 3, 4. Drama Club 3.

Jacksonian Staff



We would like to thank everyone who had a part in making the 1997 Jacksonian a yearbook that will be treasured for years to come.

The staff members who sold ads this year did an excellent job. Without our advertisers we would not be able to bring you a quality yearbook...Please support them.

We appreciate the staff members who were willing to do what was asked, the writing class who helped us and, of course, Mrs. Lenore Thompson, our adviser, who went the extra mile in helping us meet our deadlines.

We hope that the 1997 Jacksonian will bring you much joy.

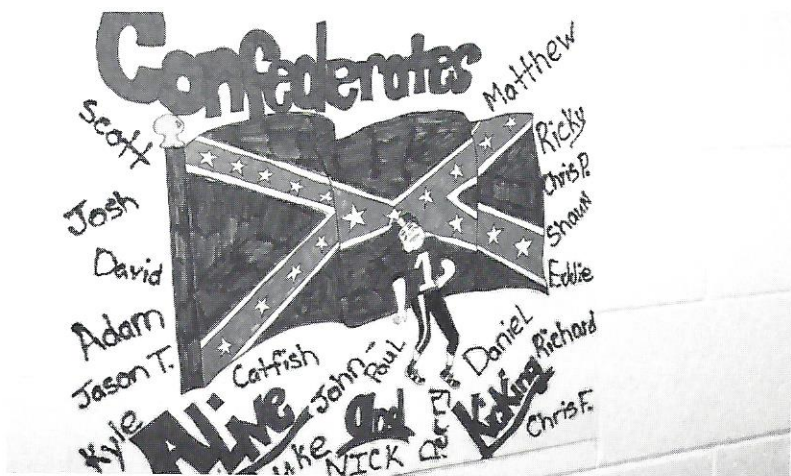
*Angela Thompson
Kimberly Carter
Editors*

Special Moments To Remember



Angela Thompson and Holly Kinard were presented letter jackets at the athletic banquet by their fellow students. Holly and Angela are great supports of the athletic program at AJA.

This great poster says it all. True Confederates "alive and kicking!" This football team went all the way to become State Champions



Calin Hiers and Wade Williamson enjoy a moment together at a basketball game. It's a lot different sitting in the bleachers, huh, Calin!



Holly,

*You made it. Only four more years to go.
We love you and will always be proud of you.*

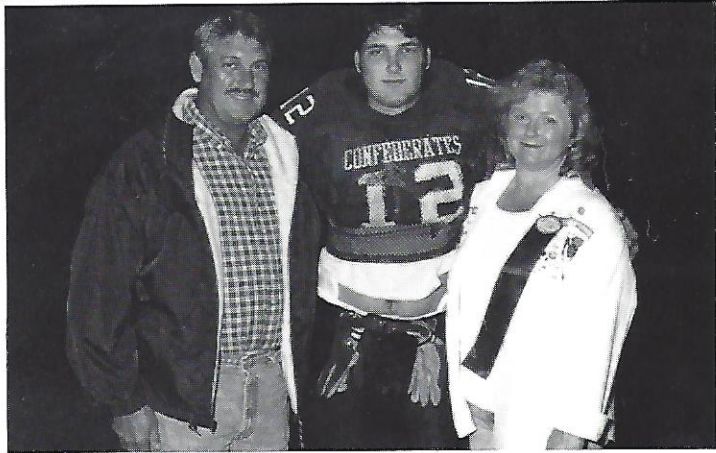
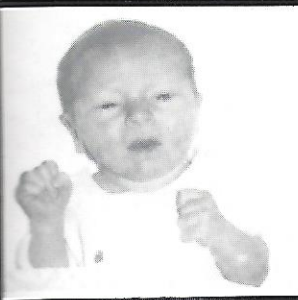
*Love,
Mom, Dad,
Karica & Man*



Dana,

When you were a baby, we loved you and held you close. We've taught you to always keep your eyes on Jesus, for He has a plan for you. Now that you're graduating, we want you to know how proud we are of you and all of your accomplishments! We love and adore you. Best wishes for a wonderful future!

Love, Mom, Dad, Mamo & Papo '97

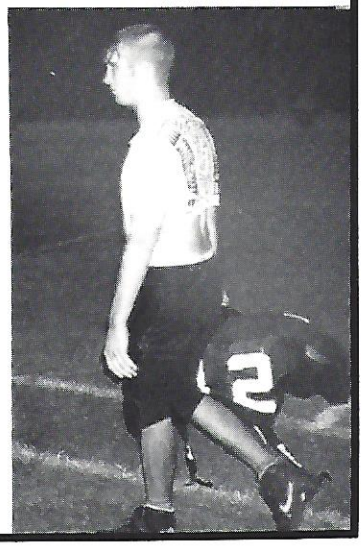


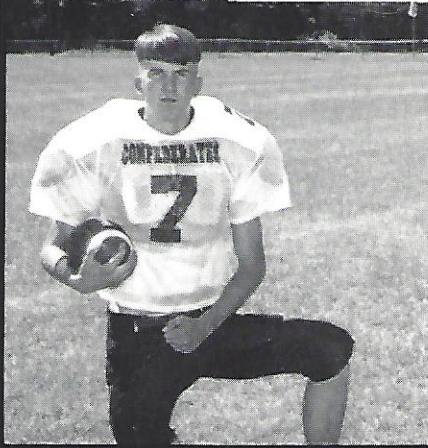
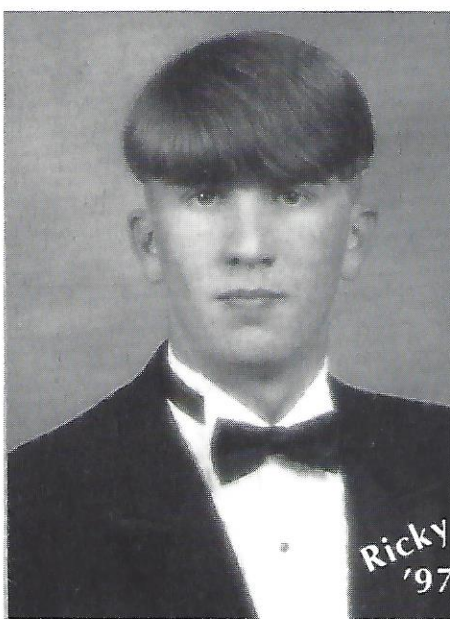
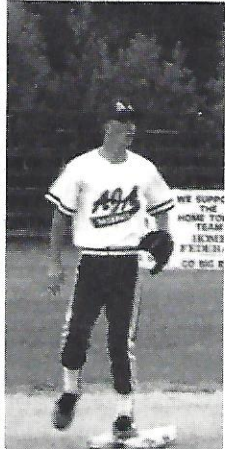
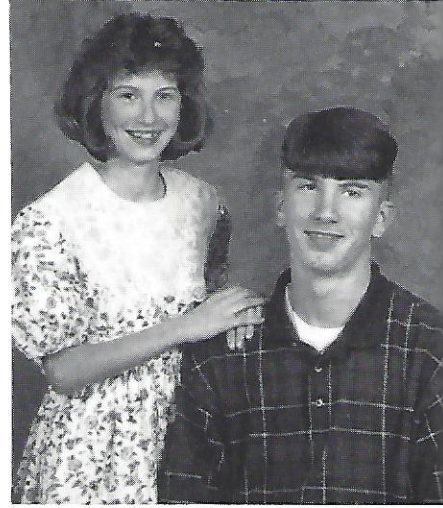
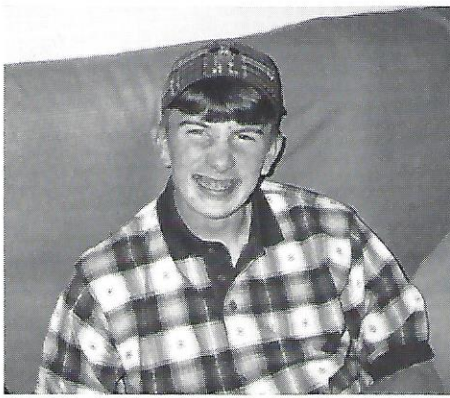
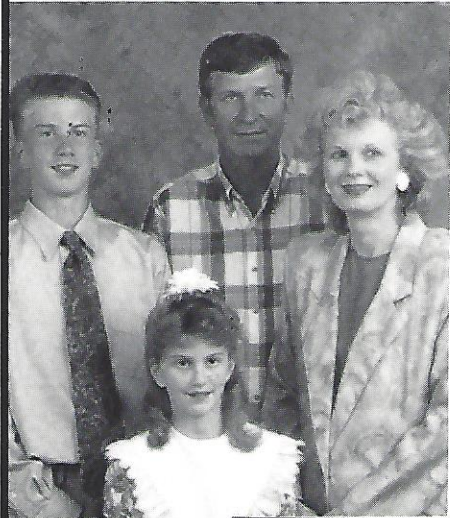
Shaun,

Everyday that goes by, we thank God for our precious Son. You are the light of our lives, our most treasured gift. Into our lives you brought so much happiness, excitement, joy and love.

Set your goals and fulfill your dreams, because we know without a doubt that you will succeed in any road you choose to travel. Keep God in your life and the rest will come easy. **We love you always and forever.**

Mom and Pop .





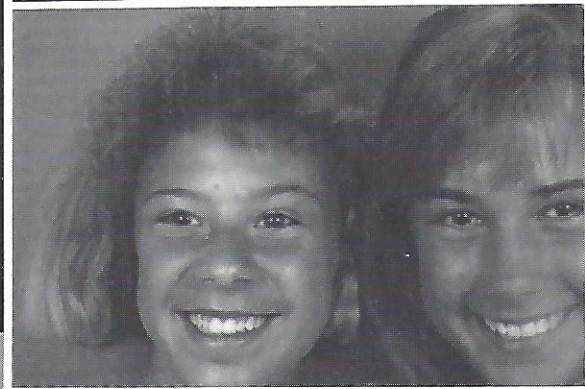
WE LOVE YOU!

Ricky,

We are very proud of you and all your accomplishments. You have worked very hard to attain your goals.

Always be yourself and do your best in everything you attempt in life. By keeping your standards high, there is nothing you cannot achieve.

All our love forever,
Dad, Mom, Lori and Grandmama



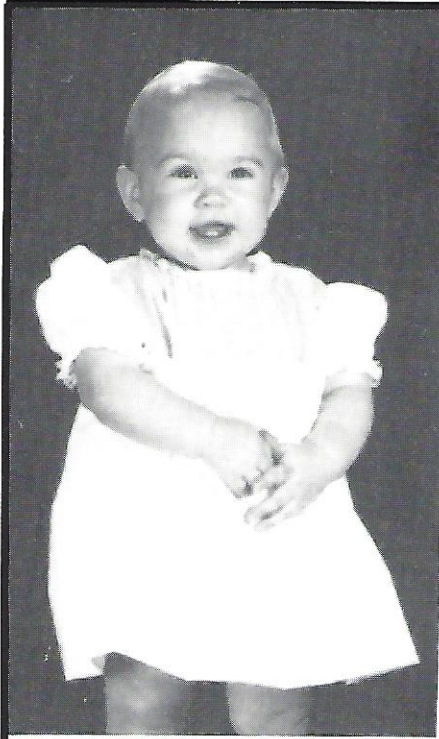
Angela,

You have brought so much joy and pride to our lives from the moment we found out God was going to bless us with a child. You have kept us "young and active!"

We know you will achieve whatever you set as your goals if you have the desire and if you will let Jesus Christ lead you. He will never disappoint you or desert you. Stay close to Him.

As you step out into the world, you may stumble and make mistakes, but we will always love you and be proud of you. You are our "angel" sent special from God.

Mama and Daddy



*Through the laughter!
Through the years!
Through the tears!*

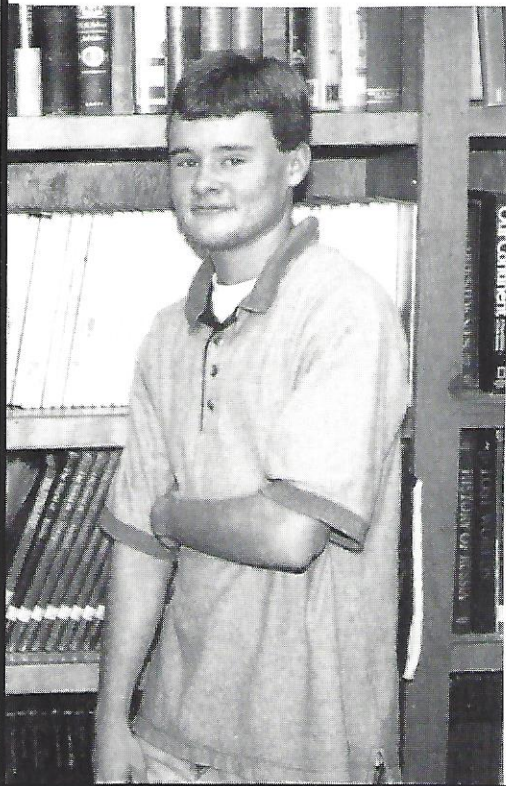
*We have always been proud of you!
Mom, Dad and Kendall*

*Congratulations,
Phillip!*

*We're proud of
you and we
love you!*

*Let Christ
lead you.*

*Aunt Lenore
Uncle James
and Angela*

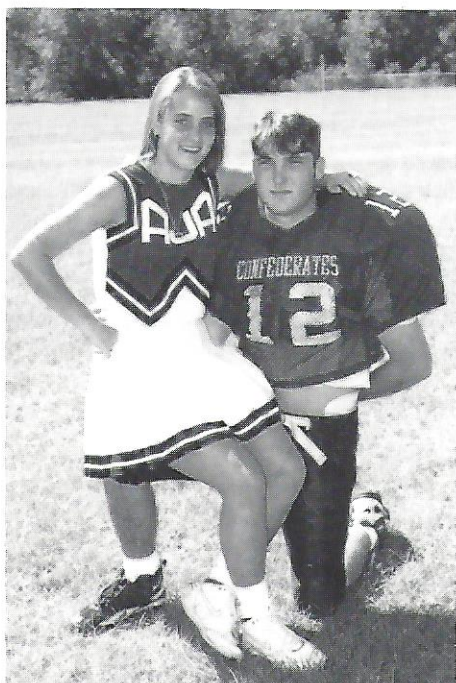




Matthew,

Even though this was a big change for you this year, we want you to know how very proud of you we are of your accomplishments. Always remember what we have tried to instill in you down through the years and put God first in your life.

We love you,
Dad and Mom



Shaun,

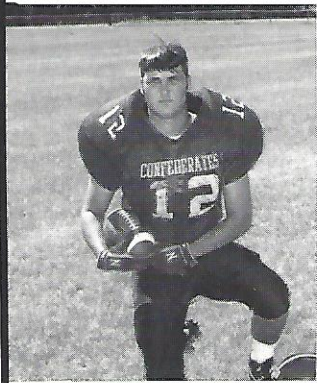
As you close this chapter in your life and begin a new one, always be true to yourself and remember life is what you make it. Also don't ever forget all the memories we have shared in the past or what the future ones hold. You are one very special person to me and may God bless you.

*I love you,
Barbie*

Congratulations to the Confederates for a job well done.



... and to Senior players ...



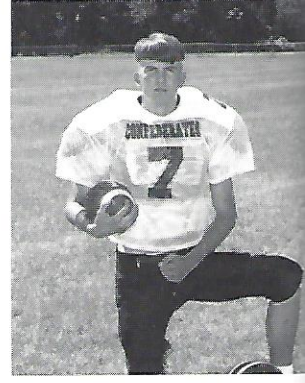
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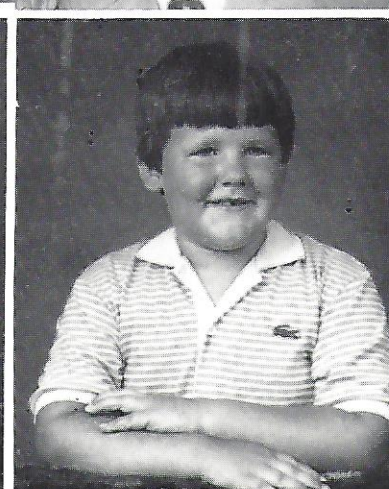
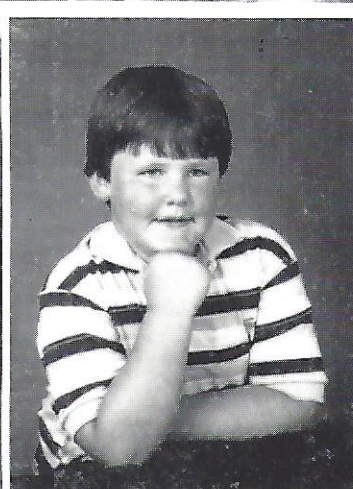
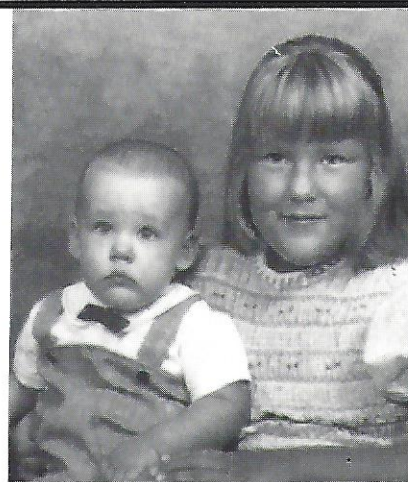
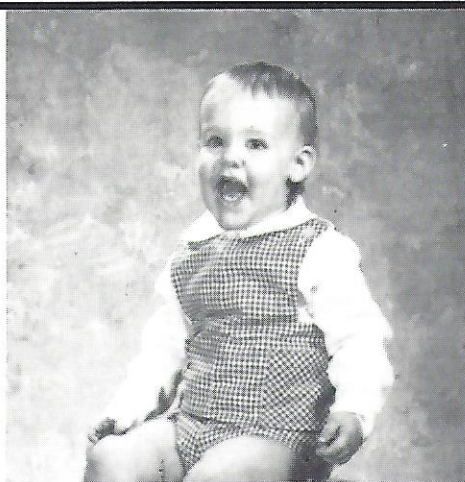
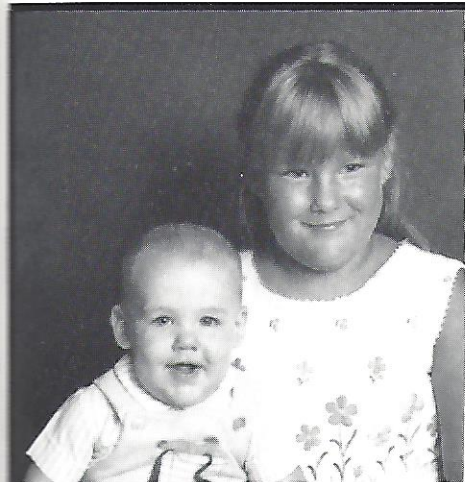
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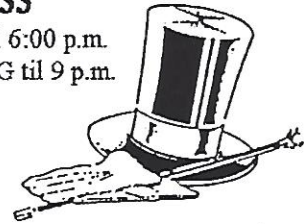
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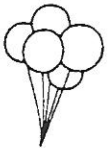


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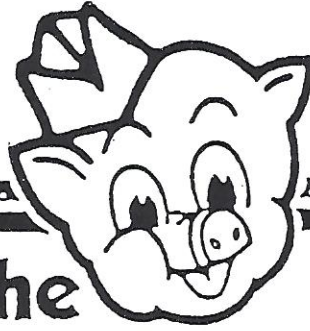


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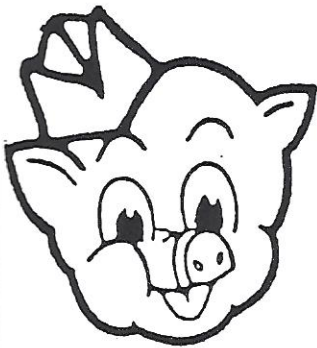
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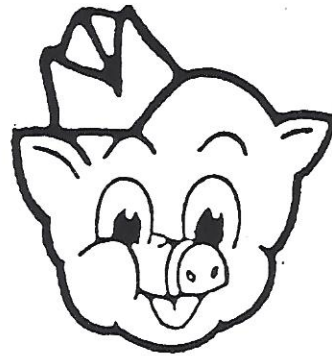
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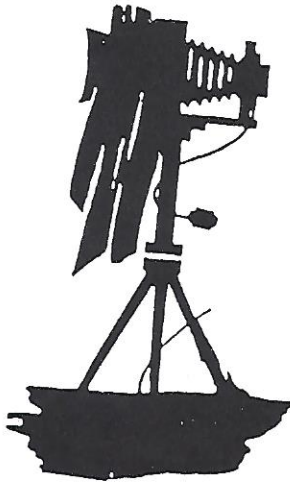
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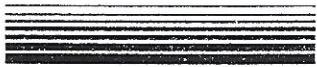
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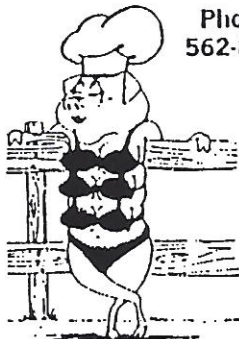
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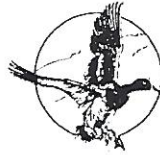
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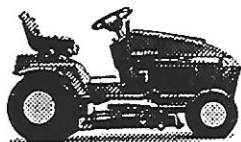
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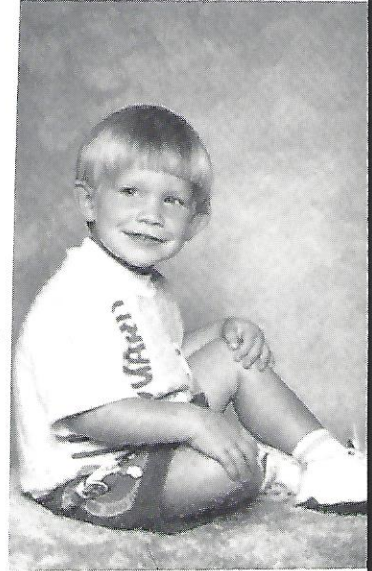
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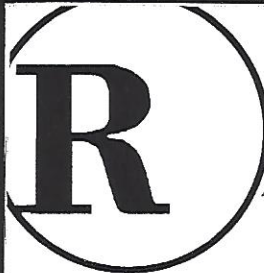
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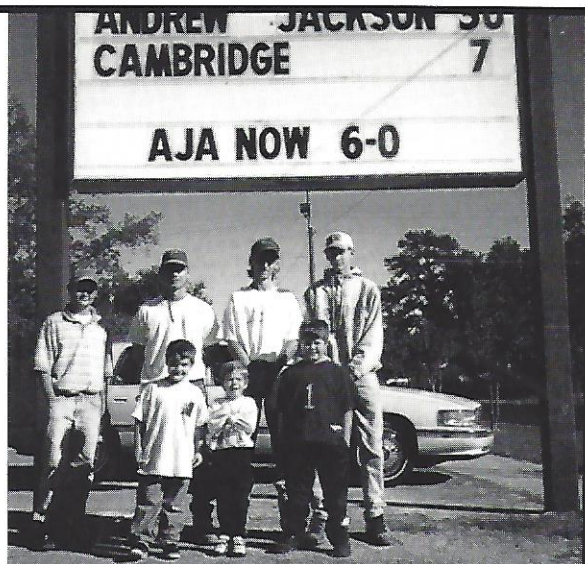
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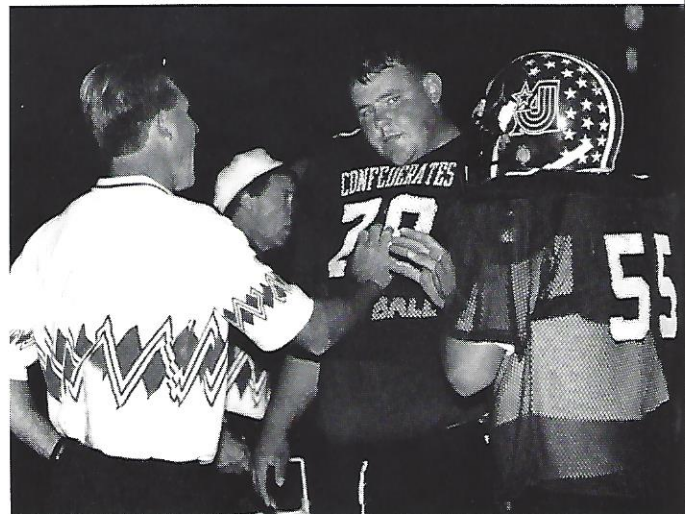
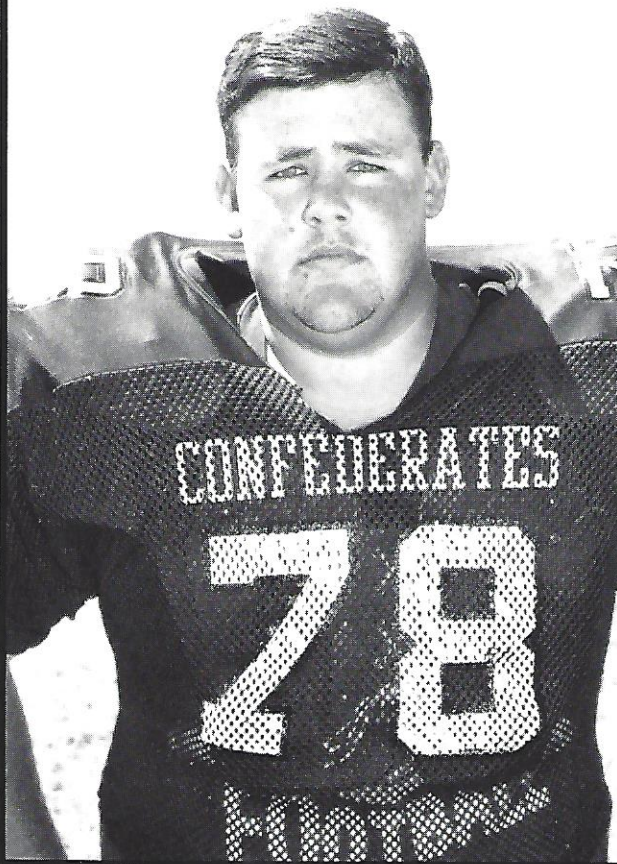
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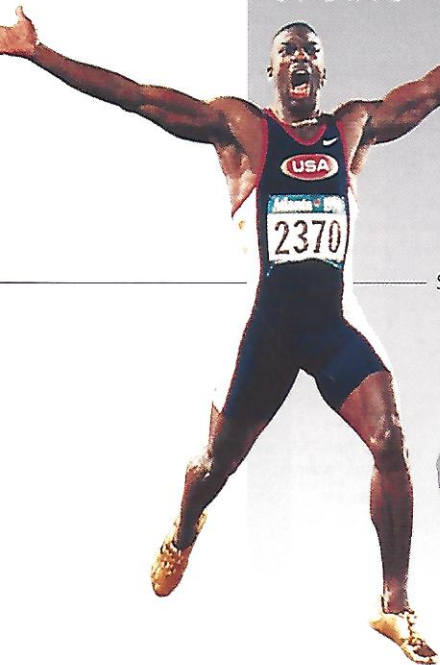
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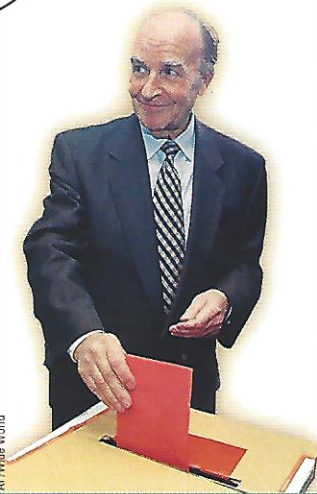
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In November, a hijacked Ethiopian airliner crashes after running out of fuel. The crash occurs near a resort beach in the Comoros Islands in the Indian Ocean. At least 123 of the 175 people on board die, including the hijackers.

After 36 years, Central America's longest civil war ends when Indian rebels and military leftists sign a truce in Guatemala.

British Telecommunications agrees to purchase MCI Communications for up to \$21 billion in November. The deal is the biggest foreign purchase of a U.S. company ever concluded.

A U.N.-negotiated treaty banning chemical weapons worldwide is set to take effect in the spring. The treaty prohibits the development, production, stockpiling or use of chemical weapons, and calls for the destruction of existing supplies. The treaty is signed by 160 nations, including the U.S.



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Alija Izetbegovic, leader of Bosnia's Muslim Party of Democratic Action, is elected chairman of the country's new three-person presidency in September. The election is held in accordance with provisions of the U.S.-brokered Dayton peace agreement.

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The Miss World beauty pageant, held in Bangalore, India in November, raises a storm of protests, some violent, including one by a group threatening to stage a mass suicide during the pageant's telecast. A new Miss World is crowned without incident.



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King Hussein of Jordan (right) visits the West Bank of the Jordan River in October to show support for the Palestinian-Israeli peace talks and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. It is Hussein's first visit since Jordan lost the territory to Israel in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War.

Demonstrators gather in Toronto, Canada on October 25 to protest cutbacks in social services by the Ontario government. Thousands of people march through the city during "Metro Days of Action," organized by labor and social activists.



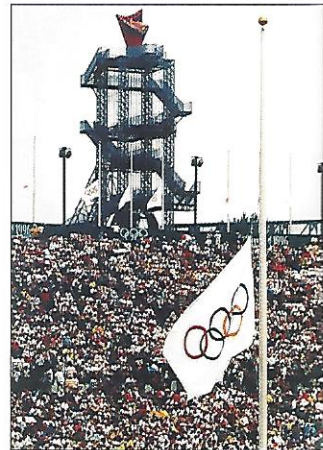
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Russian President Boris Yeltsin wins reelection in July, despite persistent health problems. After successful heart surgery in November he returns to work.

A pipe bomb explodes in Centennial Olympic Park after the first day of competition at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Flags fly at half-mast to mourn the 1 person killed and more than 100 injured.



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Pope John Paul II undergoes surgery for an inflamed appendix in October. His chief surgeon, Dr. Francesco Crucitti, announces that the 78-year-old leader of the Roman Catholic Church is free from "previously undiscovered serious ailments."



AP/Wide World

In a group so large it could be tracked by satellite, hundreds of thousands of refugees abandon camps in Zaire in November and begin a journey home to Rwanda, which they had fled to escape a civil war. Closing of the camps forces the refugees to flee.

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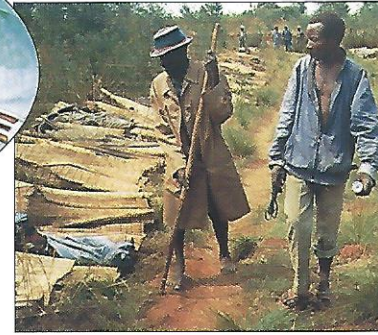


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Mass graves containing the bodies of Muslims, allegedly murdered by Serbs in 1992 during the Bosnian civil war, are excavated in Bosnia-Herzegovina throughout the year as a shaky peace negotiated in 1995 continues.



Anti-American Saudi terrorists are blamed for a truck bomb that kills 19 U.S. service people on June 25 in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Mourners grieve at a memorial service held in Khobar, Saudi Arabia.



More than 300 Tutsi refugees in the African country of Burundi are slain by Hutus, a rival ethnic group. The covered bodies, mostly women and children, illustrate the ferocity of the conflict.



Agence France-Presse

On July 17, Trans World Airlines Flight 800 explodes 13,700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 230 passengers and crew members. The Boeing 747-100 was en route to Paris from New York. The cause of the explosion remains a mystery.



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Israeli right-wing leader Benjamin Netanyahu wins the May 1996 election for Prime Minister, defeating Prime Minister Shimon Peres, whom many Israelis think is making too many concessions to Israel's Arab neighbors.

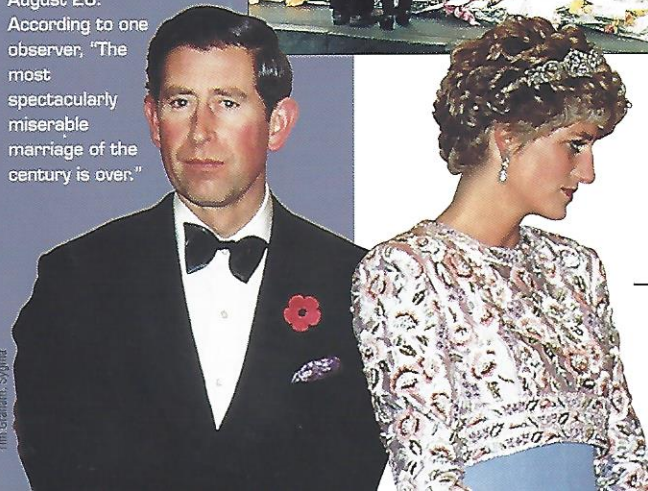
Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and Diana, Princess of Wales, are divorced on August 28. According to one observer, "The most spectacularly miserable marriage of the century is over."



Tim Graham, Sygma

A lone gunman kills 16 kindergartners, their teacher, and then himself, at a Dunblane, Scotland school in March 1996. A month after the tragedy, officials tear down the school gymnasium in which the shootings occurred.

Tim Graham, Sygma



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The U.S. Army issues strict new policies for drill instructors and female trainees, as hundreds of complaints of sexual harassment are revealed in November. Drill instructors are now required to leave their doors open if a female is inside, and women must travel in pairs.

After thousands of veterans complain of illnesses since the 1991 Persian Gulf War, the Pentagon warns they may have been exposed to chemical weapons. The Pentagon reveals that up to two tons of sarin nerve gas may have been released.

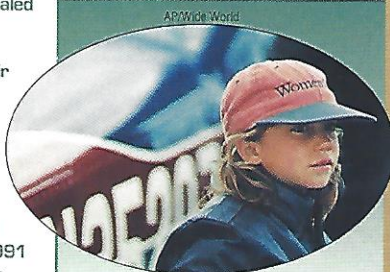
Six-year-old beauty pageant queen JonBenet Ramsey is found murdered in the basement of her parents' Colorado home the day after Christmas. Her death raises a nationwide awareness of controversial youth beauty pageants.

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia) is fined \$300,000 in a bi-partisan vote after the House Ethics Committee's year-long investigation into alleged financial improprieties.



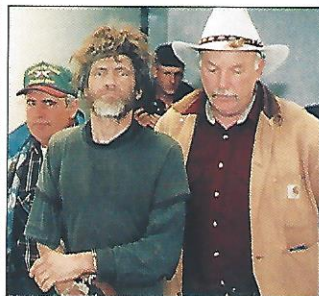
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Former U.N. ambassador Madeleine Albright is nominated for Secretary of State by President Clinton on December 5. Confirmed in office in January 1997, Albright is the first woman to head the State Department.



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Seven-year-old pilot Jessica Dubroff is killed when her Cessna airplane crashes shortly after take-off in bad weather from the Cheyenne, Wyoming airport. Her flying instructor and her father, the plane's two passengers, are also killed in the April 1996 crash.



Derek Pruitt, Gamma/Liaison

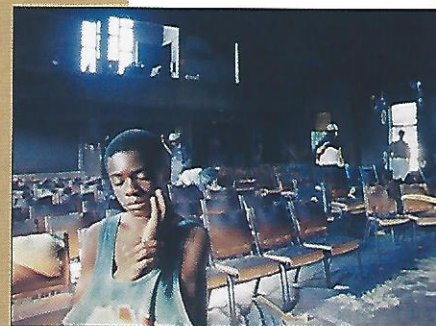
Theodore Kaczynski, alleged to be the "Unabomber," who killed 3 people and wounded more than 20 others with mail bombs since 1978, is arrested in Montana in April 1996. Information provided by Kaczynski's brother leads to the arrest.



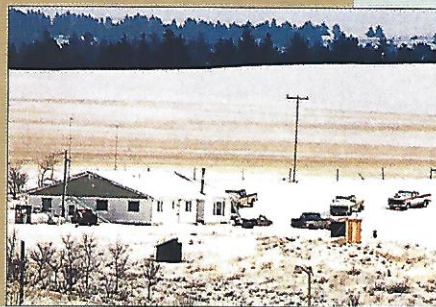
Robert Allison, Contact Press Images

Binti Jua, a gorilla at Chicago's Brookfield Zoo, becomes a hero when she rescues a 3-year-old boy knocked unconscious after falling 18 feet into the ape enclosure. The boy suffers brain contusions but soon recovers.

Arson against African-American churches, mostly in the South, is a serious problem in 1996, as hundreds of churches are burned down. Residents of Portland, Oregon survey the damage inside a church after a June fire.



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One of the longest armed stand-offs in U.S. history occurs outside Jordan, Montana between the FBI and members of an anti-government group calling itself the Freemen. The 81-day siege ends peacefully in June.


On August 11, a boater rescues 10-year-old Taylor Touchstone from the snake- and alligator-infested waters of a Florida swamp 14 miles away from where he disappeared August 7. Although exhausted and badly scratched, the autistic boy recovers fully.




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 William Jefferson Clinton defeats Republican Bob Dole and Independent H. Ross Perot to become the 42nd president of the U.S. and the last president of the 20th century. Clinton is the first Democrat since Franklin Roosevelt to be reelected to a second term.




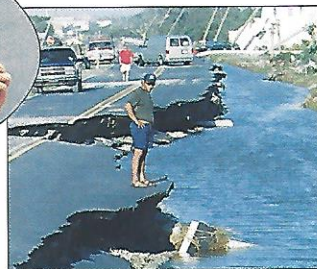
 A civil jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson liable for the June 12, 1994 wrongful deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. In a unanimous verdict, the jury awards \$8.5 million in compensatory damages to Goldman's parents. The Brown and Goldman families are each awarded \$12.5 million in punitive damages.




 Days of abnormally heavy rains in November undermine the roadbed of Oregon's Interstate 5, creating a 40-foot-deep sinkhole, into which two semitrailer trucks tumble.

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 The Citadel, South Carolina's traditionally all-male military academy, admits four women, including Petra Loventinska (left) and Jeanie Montavlos. Montavlos and another female cadet later drop out, citing harassment and "sadistic" hazing.




AP/Wide World

 Topsail Beach, a town on an island off the coast of North Carolina, is one of many Eastern locations hit hard by Hurricane Bertha in July. Six powerful hurricanes, all with winds over 110 miles per hour, made 1996 a near-record year doing \$3.5 billion in damage in the U.S.




AP/Wide World

 Nationwide, forest fires blacken more than twice the acreage lost to fires in an average year. California, Montana and Oregon are particularly hard hit.





Kurt Miller, The Press-Enterprise

 All 110 people aboard a ValuJet DC-9 are killed in May 1996 when a fire breaks out in the cargo hold. The plane, en route from Miami to Atlanta, crashes and disappears almost completely into the Florida Everglades, making it difficult for workers to retrieve wreckage.



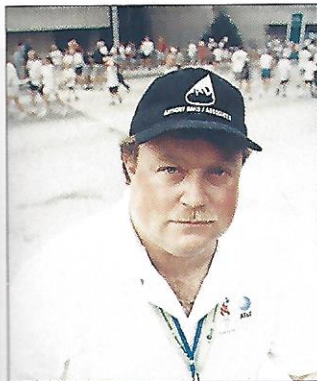
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 Security guard Richard Jewell is investigated as a suspect in the July Olympic Park bombing. After three months of media frenzy, during which Jewell is a virtual prisoner in his home, the U.S. Justice Department admits there is no evidence against him.

 Six-year-old first-grader Johnathan Prevette is suspended from his Lexington, North Carolina elementary school for violating the city schools' sexual conduct guidelines—he kissed a female classmate. Prevette is quickly reinstated after a nationwide controversy over the suspension.



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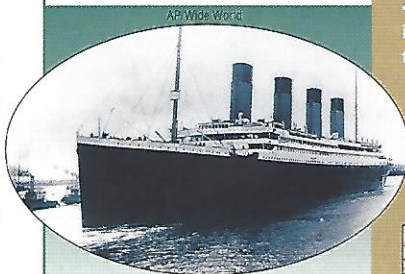
A 9,300-year-old skeleton discovered in July near Richland, Washington is the oldest and most intact set of human bones ever discovered in North America. Research is suspended, however, as the tribes from the Native American grounds where it is found claim the skeleton as an ancestor and want the bones buried.

Trauma Seal, a new medical adhesive that is applied like a lip-balm stick, is in clinical trials at 10 hospitals and health care institutions nationwide. The biodegradable adhesive could eliminate stitches and return visits.

New York Police Department canines begin wearing three-pound, infrared cameras, scouting out potentially dangerous areas before police officers enter the scene. Handlers are developing bullet-proof vests for the dogs to wear.

A new category of animal is discovered in the form of bacteria that live on the lips of lobsters. *Symbion pandora*, which lives on food scraps from lobster lips, is called "the zoological highlight of the decade."

Videogame giant Nintendo releases its long-awaited Nintendo 64, a new hardware system that draws players into the game and moves three times faster than any existing system.



An expedition to raise the *Titanic*, the legendary "unsinkable" ocean liner that sank on its maiden voyage in 1912, from its North Atlantic grave more than two miles deep, ends in failure in August due to rough seas.

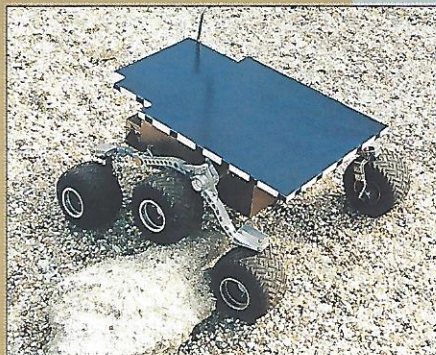
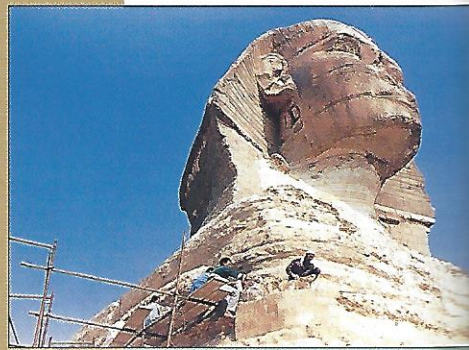


In August, scientists discover evidence of bacteria-like life on a meteorite found in 1984 and believed to be part of the crust of Mars 4.5 billion years ago. It is the first possible proof that life is not unique to Earth.



American astronaut Shannon Lucid (right) spends 188 days in space, breaking American space endurance records after joining the crew of the Russian space station *Mir*.

Egyptians begin work to preserve the Great Sphinx from the ravages of wind, pollution and time. The 4,500-year-old statue is located in Giza near the giant pyramids.



The Mars Surveyor Trolley, named *Sojourner*, is carried on-board *Mars Pathfinder*, an unmanned spacecraft launched in December. *Sojourner*, a free-roving probe the size of a child's wagon, will photograph the Martian surface and determine the composition of rocks on Mars.

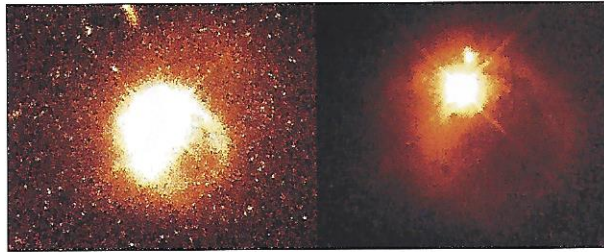
Satellite dishes become one of the year's hottest-selling electronic consumer products. Owners find the savings of not paying for cable services cover the cost within a few months.



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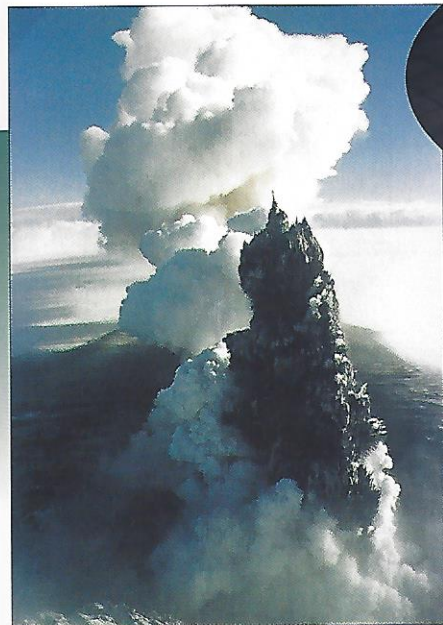


© 1996 Monterey Bay Aquarium, Photography by Randy Wilder



California's Monterey Bay Aquarium opens a new wing in March 1996. The million-gallon indoor ocean showcases the marine life of the outer reaches of Monterey Bay, 5 to 60 miles offshore.

The Hubble Space Telescope captures new images of quasars, the universe's most powerful and baffling phenomena. Previously thought only to exist in colliding galaxies, new pictures indicate quasars can also exist in undisturbed galaxies—causing astronomers to revisit their theories.



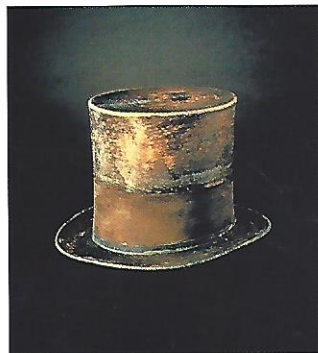
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Steam and ash from Iceland's Laki volcano blast 33,000 feet in the air on October 9. Molten rock from the volcano's 5-mile-wide fissure melts through more than 2,000 feet of glacial ice, threatening the island with widespread flooding.

An "oxygen bar" in Toronto, Canada allows patrons to pay \$16 to spend 20 minutes breathing pure oxygen. The owners of the O₂ Spa Bar claim the treatment is a healthy way to reinvigorate the body and offer fruit "flavors" to liven up the experience.



Smithsonian Institution

The Smithsonian Institution celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding with a nationwide tour of prize exhibits, including this stovepipe hat worn by Abraham Lincoln.

Paleoanthropologist Mary Leakey, shown with husband Louis Leakey in a 1959 photograph, dies in December. Discoveries by the Leakeys throughout their careers are some of the most important in paleoanthropological history. Her greatest discovery was a trail of 3.7-million-year-old footprints, which proved that hominids walked upright far earlier than previously believed.



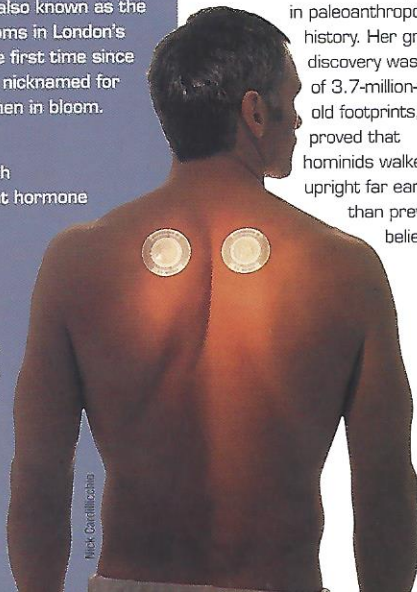
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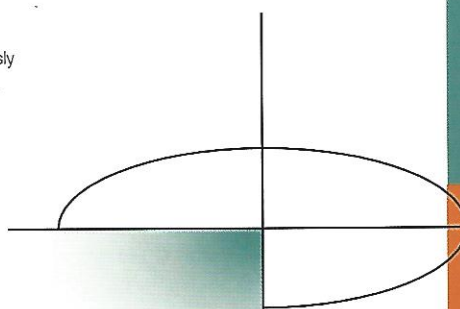
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The world's largest flower, the Titan Arum, also known as the "corpse flower," blooms in London's Kew Gardens for the first time since 1963. The flower is nicknamed for its strong stench when in bloom.

New research suggests that hormone therapies can keep middle-aged men stronger and more youthful. A testosterone-releasing skin patch called Androderm is prescribed by many doctors to supplement the natural hormone.



Nick Corallo/Corbis



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Former NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle dies on December 6. Rozelle is credited with transforming professional football into America's top spectator sport, and with inventing the Super Bowl.

Basketball megastar Michael Jordan launches his own cologne: Michael Jordan Cologne. Demand for the fragrance is so high that manufacturer Bijan Frangrances limits sales to 12 bottles per customer.

The ever-present Cindy Crawford releases a book on applying make-up. *Basic Face* enjoys a long run on the best-seller lists.

The National Women's Hall of Fame opens in Seneca Falls, New York, inducting 11 women, including author Louisa May Alcott, and Oveta Culp Hobby, the nation's first female colonel.

Archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin dies of pancreatic cancer in November. Bernardin was known for being a reconciler in churches torn between tradition and modern culture, as well as for speaking out against physician-assisted suicide.

Steven M. Folk, Gamma-Liaison



Mother Teresa, 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, suffers a heart attack in late December. It is the 86-year-old Roman Catholic nun's fourth serious illness in 1996.

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In April 1996, singer Michael Jackson is seen escorting a woman later identified as Debbie Rowe, an employee of Jackson's plastic surgeon. In November, Jackson announces that he and Rowe are married and that she is carrying his child.



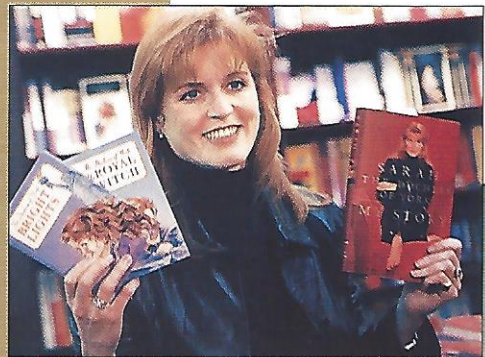
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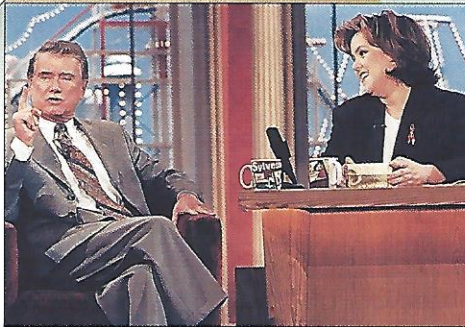
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"The Late Show" host David Letterman (right), who had been hinting at retirement, re-signs his contract with CBS, keeping him at "The Late Show" through 2002.

Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, and Prince Andrew, Duke of York and son of Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, are divorced in May 1996. "Fergie" subsequently goes public with TV appearances and an autobiography.



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Regis Philbin appears with host Rosie O'Donnell on ABC's "The Rosie O'Donnell Show." The talk show, which premieres in 1996, gains quick popularity and respect.

Music megastar Madonna gives birth to Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon, a 6-pound, 9-ounce girl, on October 14. Madonna's big year continues when she wins a Golden Globe for her role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's on-screen rendition of the musical *Evita*.

In October, TV talk-show host Jenny Jones testifies during the Michigan murder trial of Jonathan Schmitz. Schmitz was accused of killing Scott Amedure, who revealed romantic feelings for Schmitz during a March 1995 taping of a "Jenny Jones Show."

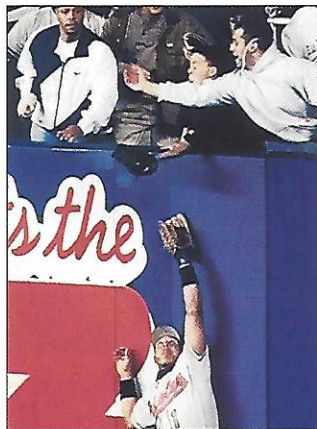


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Stephane Cardinale, Sygma

In a small, secret ceremony on an island off the coast of Georgia, John F. Kennedy Jr. marries Carolyn Bessette, a Calvin Klein publicist, in September. Kennedy, who dated Bessette for two years, had long been considered one of the world's most eligible bachelors.



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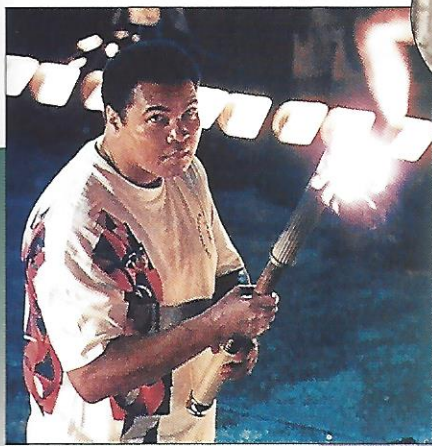
New York Yankees fan Jeffrey Maier interferes with a fly ball during game one of the American League Championship Series on October 9. The hit is ruled a home run, tying the game 4 to 4 in the eighth inning and making Maier New York's hero for a day.



John F. Kennedy Library

Legendary heavyweight boxer Muhammad Ali is the final athlete to bear the Olympic torch, lighting the Olympic flame at the opening of the Centennial Summer Olympics in Atlanta on July 19.

More than 4,000 items owned by former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and President John F. Kennedy are auctioned off in April 1996, including a necklace of simulated pearls shown in this 1962 photograph. The fake pearls, valued at \$500 to \$700, sell for \$211,500, bringing the auction total to \$34.5 million.

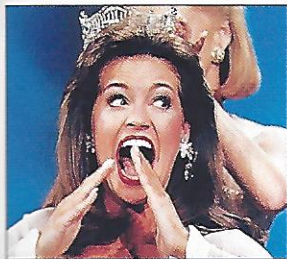


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Veteran comedian George Burns dies in March 1996, just weeks after reaching the age of 100. The legendary Burns won an Oscar, an Emmy and a Grammy Award in an illustrious career dating back to vaudeville.



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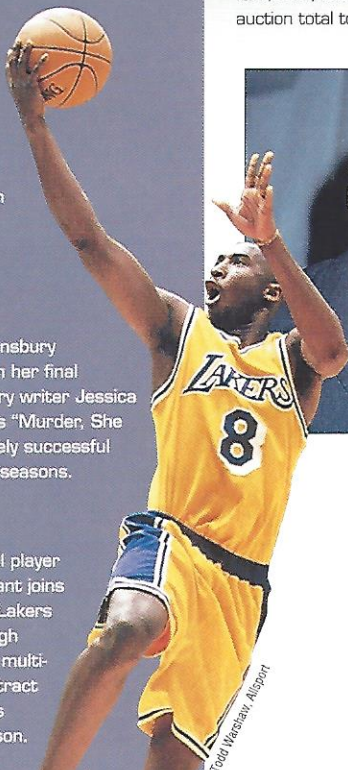
Miss Kansas, Tara Dawn Holland, is crowned Miss America at the 1996 pageant on September 14.

Angela Lansbury appears in her final season as mystery writer Jessica Fletcher on CBS's "Murder, She Wrote." The hugely successful show ran for 12 seasons.



Universal City from Shooting Star

Basketball player Kobe Bryant joins the Los Angeles Lakers straight out of high school, signing a multi-million dollar contract during the team's 1996-1997 season.



Todd Herrington, Allsport

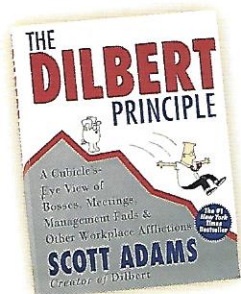


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As a stand against the invasion of his privacy, George Clooney, star of NBC's "ER," boycotts Paramount's "Entertainment Tonight" after its sister show "Hard Copy" runs unauthorized footage of the actor's private life.

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Tom Cruise stars in *Jerry Maguire*, a romantic comedy about a sports agent who decides to change his shallow ways, and spends the rest of the movie trying to regain his success. It is a breakthrough role for Cruise, who is normally depicted as a cocky winner.

Scott Adams' *Dilbert*, the comic strip about office politics, captures the nation's imagination. In book form, *The Dilbert Principle* becomes a national best-seller.

20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

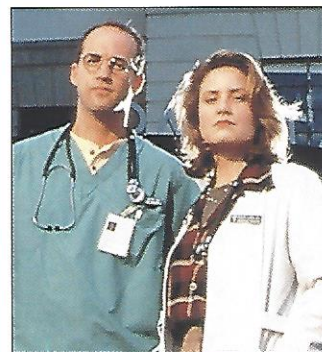


To honor the 20th anniversary of its release, producer George Lucas issues a "remade" *Star Wars*, with new scenes, computerized special effects and souped-up animation. Lucas' grand plan calls for a nine-film cycle, including prequels.

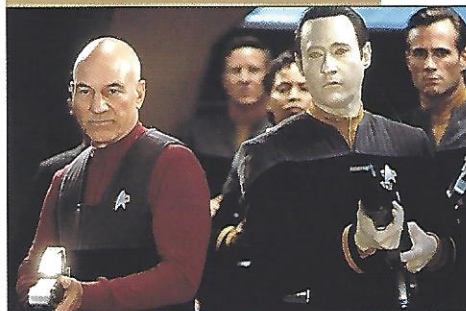
Actors Winona Ryder and Daniel Day-Lewis star in *The Crucible*, which opens in December. The screen adaptation of Arthur Miller's famous play about the Salem witch trials is written by Arthur Miller himself.

English actor/director Kenneth Branagh plays Hamlet in his star-studded remake of Shakespeare's classic. Despite running four hours, the movie is a critical and box-office success.

NBC's Thursday night drama "ER" features television's first HIV-positive prominent character. Jeanie Boulet, a physician's assistant played by Gloria Reuben, is relatively open about her condition and helps confront the stigma of AIDS.



Sherry Stringfield, Dr. Susan Lewis on NBC's "ER," leaves the show at the peak of her character's popularity. In her final episode, when Dr. Mark Greene, played by Anthony Edwards, declares his love for Susan, the show garners its highest ratings ever.



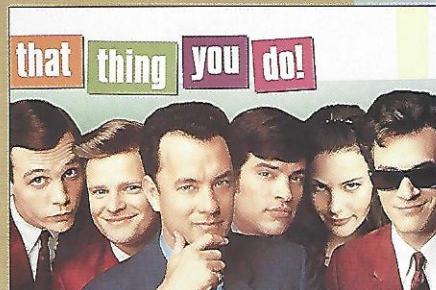
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Patrick Stewart (left) and Brent Spiner (right) star in *Star Trek: First Contact*, a movie featuring characters from the TV show "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

Drew Carey (left) finds TV stardom during the second season of ABC's "The Drew Carey Show," a zany sit-com about working-class characters in Cleveland, Ohio.



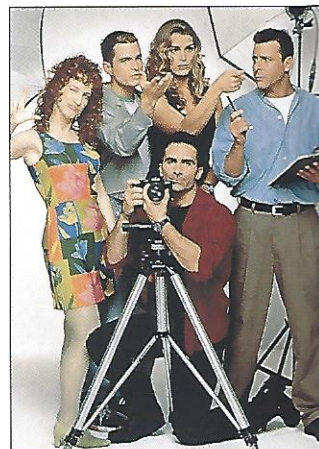
Warner Bros. TV from Shooting Star



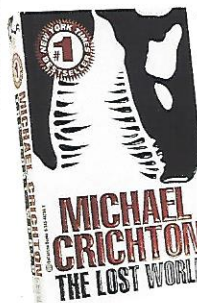
20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

Academy Award-winning actor Tom Hanks' first effort at directing receives critical praise when *That Thing You Do!*, a movie about the meteoric rise and fall of a 1960s rock band, opens in October.

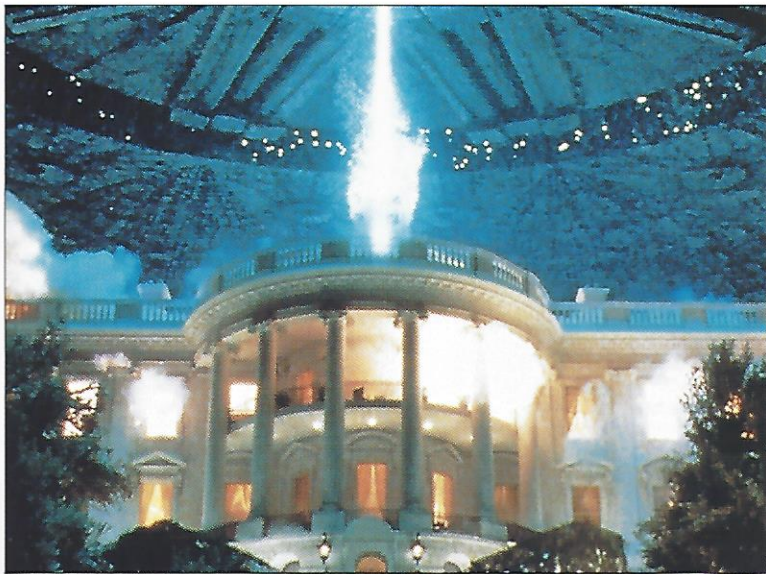
Model Brooke Shields (center) moves to television in NBC's "Suddenly Susan," a sit-com premiering in September. Shields plays a columnist opposite magazine editor Judd Nelson (far right).



NBC from Shooting Star



Author Michael Crichton publishes *The Lost World*, a sequel to *Jurassic Park*, the colossal novel and movie. The new book promises to generate just as much hype, with a movie already in the works.



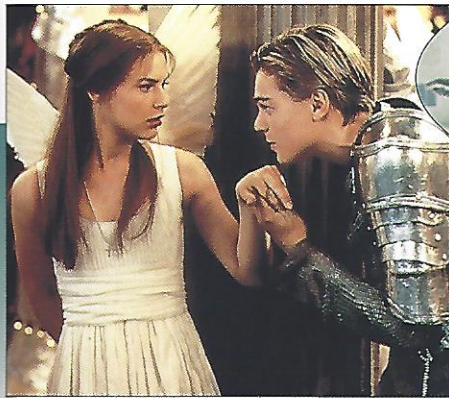
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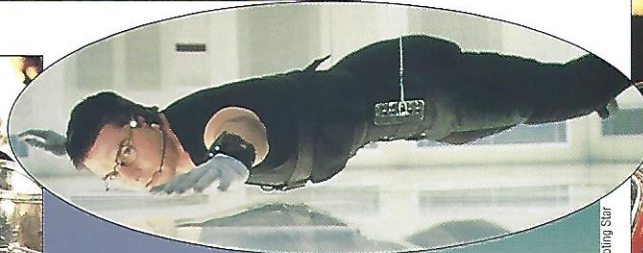
Explosive special effects rivet audiences to their seats as they watch *Independence Day*, one of summer's blockbuster movies.

Bugs Bunny and Chicago Bulls basketball star Michael Jordan share top billing in *Space Jam*, a partially animated feature film that opens in late November.



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

In September, Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes star as the classic star-crossed lovers in the film *Romeo and Juliet*.



Paramount from Shooting Star

Tom Cruise stars in *Mission: Impossible*, based on the 1960s and '70s television series of the same name. Despite critical put-downs, the movie is a huge box-office hit.



NBC from Shooting Star

John Lithgow (front right) earns both an Emmy and a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Comedy Series in NBC's "3rd Rock From the Sun," a sit-com about a family of aliens living in contemporary America.

Actors Brad Pitt (left) and Jason Patric star in *Sleepers*, a film about four men and their extraordinary scheme to revenge the abuse they experienced as boys. The controversial movie also stars Dustin Hoffman, Robert De Niro and Kevin Bacon.



CBS from Shooting Star

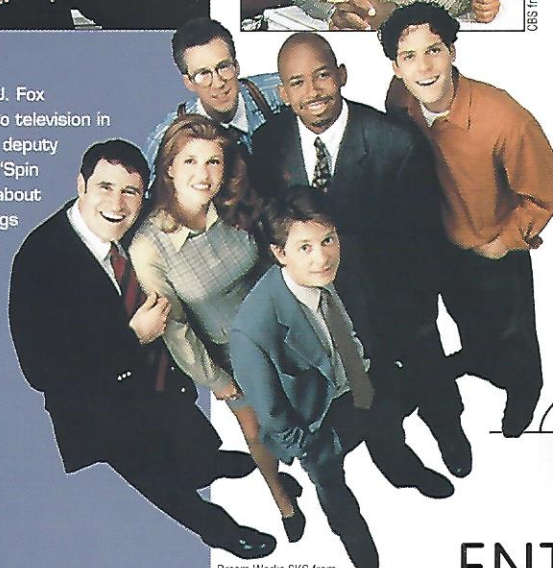
America's favorite sit-com father, Bill Cosby, enjoys the success of his new CBS show, "Cosby." In January 1997, however, tragedy strikes as Cosby's son Ennis is killed in Los Angeles in an apparent random robbery.



Warner Bros. from Koblal

Stars Bill Paxton and Helen Hunt flee a tornado of awesome proportions in *Twister*, another summer blockbuster, which tells the story of storm chasers highly devoted to studying the inner workings of tornadoes.

Michael J. Fox returns to television in September as a deputy mayor in ABC's "Spin City," a sit-com about the inner workings of New York's City Hall.



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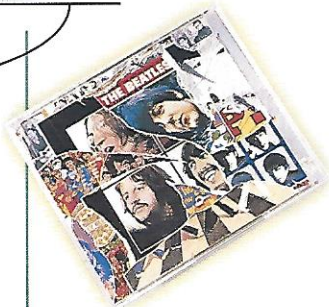
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Folk and blues artist Tracy Chapman returns to the scene in 1996 with the single "Give Me One Reason." Chapman receives five Grammy nominations in January 1997.

The artist formerly known as Prince releases *Emancipation*, a three-hour, three-CD album, in honor of his release from his Warner Bros. recording contract.

Guitarist Slash of Guns N' Roses forms his own band. His new group, Slash's Blues Ball, is a six-man blues band grounded in the blues-based hard rock of the 1970s.

Rocker Sheryl Crow joins the ranks of musicians who have had their albums banned from Wal-Mart. The retail giant objects to a lyric alleging that kids kill each other with guns they obtained from the store.

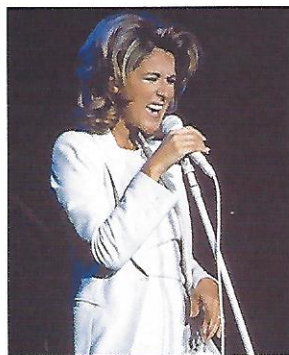


The Beatles' *Anthology 3*, the third and final album from the reunited remaining members of the band, is released in November. Following the example of their two previous anthologies, *Anthology 3* sells in record numbers.

Gary Maerba, LGI

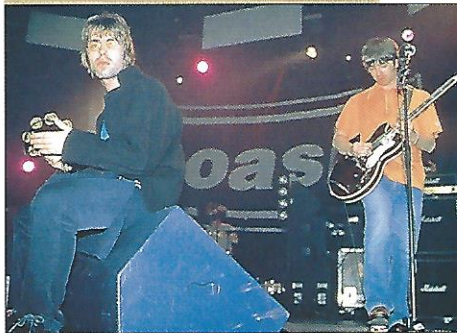


Kiss bass guitarist Gene Simmons strikes a familiar pose as the band kicks off a reunion tour with a June 28 concert in Detroit. The tour marks the first time the original members of the band perform together since 1979.



Tim Mesentfelder, LGI

Canadian pop artist Celine Dion tops the charts in 1996 with the album *Falling Into You*, which sells more than 16 million copies worldwide.



Kipa, LGI

Alternative-rock band Nirvana releases a new album, *From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah*, in October. The album contains 17 live tracks recorded between 1989 and the 1994 suicide of singer Kurt Cobain [right].



Jane Huntington, LGI



Steve Jennings, LGI

Bush, a British rock group with an American "grunge" sound, tours the U.S. to promote their album *Sixteen Stone*. They release another chart-topping album, *Razorblade Suitcase*, in the winter.



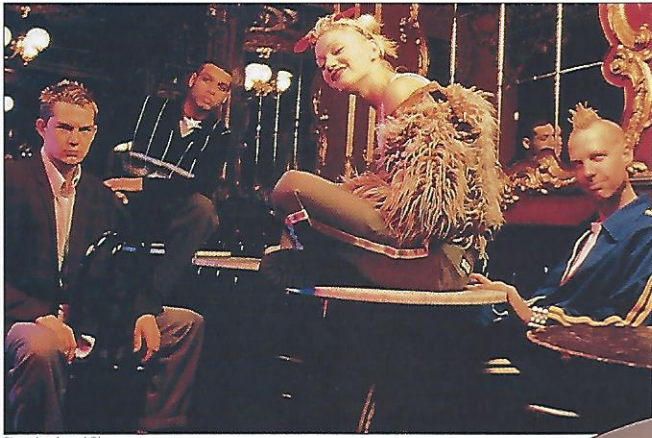
Steve Jennings, LGI

Heavy metal band Metallica is the headlining act for the summer concert Lollapalooza, traditionally an alternative-rock show. Metallica remains high-profile, winning an MTV award for the year's Best Hard Rock Video in September.



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After 10 years of separation, members of the band Van Halen are reunited with their former lead singer, David Lee Roth (right), at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Roth later claims he thought he was rejoining the band, who chose a different lead singer.



Steve Jennings, LGI

No Doubt, fronted by lead singer Gwen Stefani, releases *Tragic Kingdom*, which includes such chart-toppers as "Just a Girl," "Spiderwebs," and "Don't Speak."



Adele Starr, LGI

Counting Crows' second album, *Recovering the Satellites*, is released in October. The long-awaited follow-up to 1993's *August and Everything After* debuts at number one on the charts.

George Strait is honored by the Country Music Association in October with three major awards—Single of the Year for "Check Yes or No," Album of the Year for *Clear Blue Sky*, and Male Vocalist of the Year.



Tim Moscenfelder, LGI

The hit single "Where It's At" kicks off the new Beck album *Odelay*, which is released to popular and critical acclaim. *Spin* magazine awards Beck Artist of the Year.



Mike Hashimoto/LGI from LGI



Lisa Leone, LGI

Toni Braxton's second album, *Secrets*, is released in summer 1996. Braxton wins R&B Single of the Year for "Let It Flow" at the *Billboard* Music Awards in the fall.



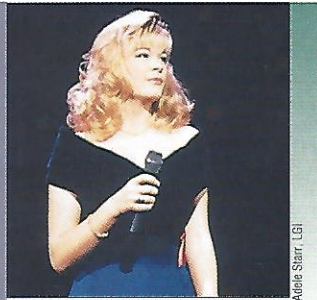
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Alanis Morissette's *Jagged Little Pill* reigns the charts, becoming the all-time top-selling album by a female artist. Morissette also dominates the 1996 Grammys by winning four awards, including Best Album.



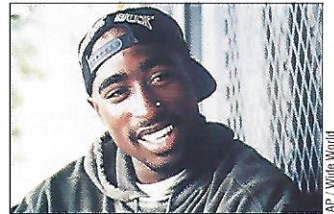
Nash Pearson/Reelma

Death Row Records co-founder Dr. Dre, often dubbed the "godfather of gangsta" rap," begins distancing himself from hard-core rap. "Been There, Done That," his break-away anthem, premieres on MTV in September.



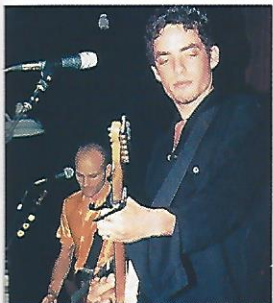
Adele Starr, LGI

Fourteen-year-old singing sensation LeAnn Rimes is nominated for the Country Music Association's Horizon Award after the breakthrough success of her single "Blue." The popular new star is often compared to country music legend Patsy Cline.



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The music world is stunned in September by the death of rapper Tupac Shakur, killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas. Speculations as to the killer's motive abound, but the year ends with no answers and no arrests.



James L. Lance, LGI

R.E.M.'s 12th album, *New Adventures in Hi-Fi*, the group's first recording since 1994's *Monster*, is released by Warner Bros. in September.

The Wallflowers, with Jakob Dylan, son of legendary folk artist Bob Dylan, release *Bringing Down the Horse*, which features hit singles "One Headlight" and "6th Avenue Heartache."



Beck, LGI

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Tennis pro Pete Sampras wins the eighth grand-slam title of his career at the U.S. Open in September. Steffi Graf wins the U.S. Open Women's title, beating Monica Seles.

Pro boxer Mike Tyson loses his Heavyweight Champion of the World title to Evander Holyfield in a November match. Holyfield, a former two-time world champion, reclaims his title in the surprise win.

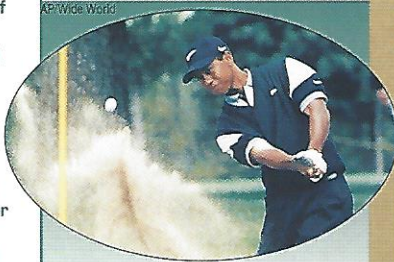
Chicago Bulls star Dennis Rodman furthers his controversial reputation by kicking a photographer in the groin during a game against the Minnesota Timberwolves in January 1997. Rodman is suspended for up to 11 games without pay, costing him more than \$1 million, in addition to a \$25,000 fine to the NBA, as well as a reported \$200,000 settlement with the photographer.

Baltimore Orioles second baseman Roberto Alomar is suspended for five games, deferred to the 1997 season, when he spits on an umpire during a heated argument over a questionable call in the National League play-offs. Controversy ensues over the leniency of the punishment.



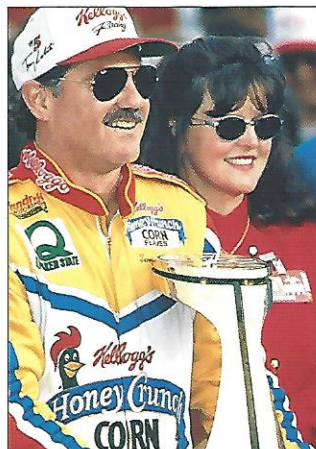
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Team USA wins the World Cup of Hockey, beating Canada 5-2 in the final. Eight teams from Canada, Europe and the U.S. participate in the World Cup, which replaced the Canada Cup.

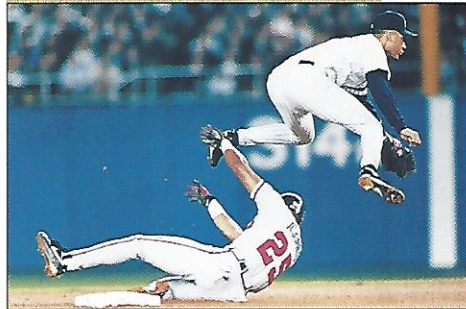


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Twenty-year-old golfing phenom Eldrick "Tiger" Woods turns pro in August, making the transition from exceptional amateur golfer to well-endorsed professional, including a deal with Nike worth an estimated \$40 million.



Craig Jones, Allsport



Al Bello, Allsport

In June, the Colorado Avalanche beat the Florida Panthers in the NHL Stanley Cup play-offs. The final game in the series remains scoreless until 1:05 a.m., when the Avalanche finally score the winning goal in the third overtime period.



Al Bello, Allsport

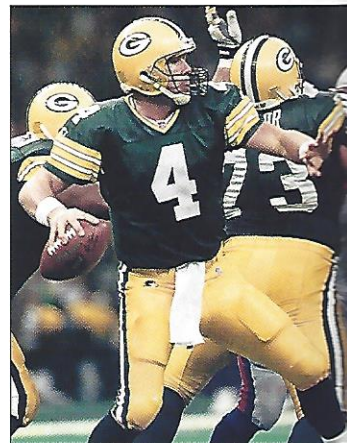


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Paul Molitor of the Minnesota Twins becomes the 21st player in major league history to reach 3,000 career hits. The milestone is reached in September, when Molitor triples against Kansas City Royals rookie pitcher Jose Rosado.

Race car driver Terry Labonte wins NASCAR's Winston Cup championship with a total of 4,657 points after finishing fifth in the final race, the Napa 500, at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Led by quarterback Brett Favre, the Green Bay Packers beat the New England Patriots 35-21 in Super Bowl XXXI at the Louisiana Superdome. It is the Packers' first Super Bowl since 1968.



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The New York Yankees win the World Series, beating the Atlanta Braves in a four-game sweep, after losing the first two games. It is the first series title for the Yankees since 1978.



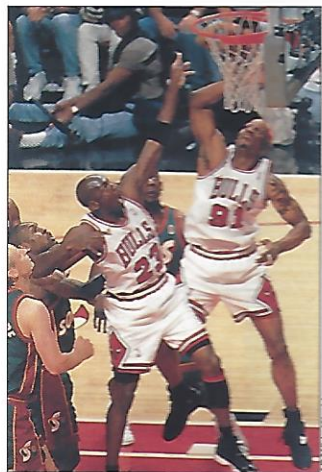
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The U.S. women's gymnastics team takes the gold at the Summer Olympics. Kerri Strug, second from right, is the heroine of the competition, landing her final vault despite a dislocated left ankle.



U.S. swimmer Amy Van Dyken wins the women's 100-meter butterfly event at the Olympic Games with a time of 59.13 seconds. Van Dyken wins a total of four golds.



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The Chicago Bulls win their fourth NBA championship in six years as they defeat the Seattle SuperSonics in game six of the NBA finals on June 16.



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U.S. Olympian Dan O'Brien racks up 8,824 points to take the gold medal in the decathlon, a grueling, 10-event track-and-field competition.

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April 1996 marks the 100th running of the Boston Marathon. More than 38,000 contenders participate.

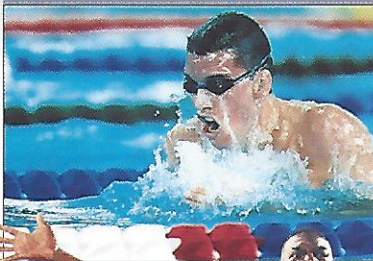


Olympic swimmer Tom Dolan captures another gold for the U.S. as he wins the 400-meter individual medley on July 21. Dolan wins with a time of 4:14.90.



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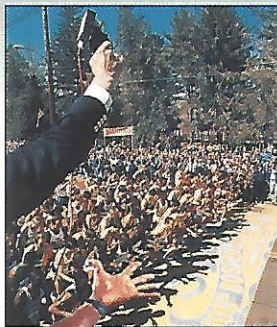
Minnesota Twins star centerfielder Kirby Puckett announces his retirement from baseball in July. A serious eye ailment forces Puckett to give up the game, but he manages to maintain his upbeat attitude at press conferences and interviews.



Al Bello/Allsport



U.S. Olympian Michael Johnson wins the 200-meter final in a world-record time of 19.32 seconds. Johnson's triumph comes three days after he wins the 400-meter race, making him the first man to win both events in one Olympics.



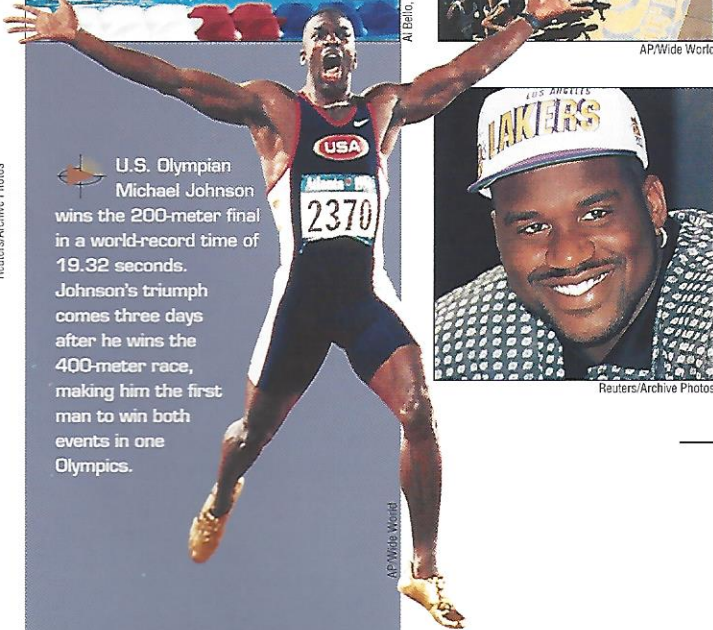
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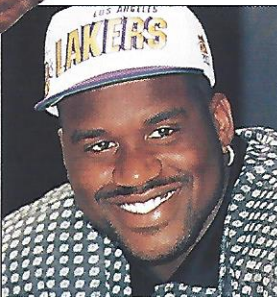
Jean Driscoll (front right) of the U.S. takes the silver in the women's 800-meter wheelchair race, a demonstration sport, at the Summer Olympics. Driscoll, seven-time winner of the Boston Marathon, retires at the end of 1996, after setting several world records during her career.



Basketball star Shaquille O'Neal jumps from the Orlando Magic to the Los Angeles Lakers in July. The deal is the richest in NBA history, paying O'Neal \$120 million over 7 years.



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Helping consumers maintain privacy, marketers promote home AIDS tests. Consumers draw their own blood and then send it away to be tested confidentially.

Advancing technology means more options on telephones, including Caller ID, which becomes more common than ever in 1996. The display unit allows people to see the name and number of their caller before even answering the phone.

Authors Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider release *The Rules*, a controversial manual teaching women strategies for getting a man to propose marriage. While the book draws criticism from both sexes, it is a best-seller.

The U.S. Postal Service issues stamps commemorating Hanukkah, the first non-Christian religious holiday ever featured on a stamp.

Casual Fridays become more and more widespread in American work culture. Businesses allow employees who normally dress in professional clothing at work to wear more comfortable, casual clothing on Fridays.



A "Sesame Street" stuffed toy causes panic among holiday shoppers. Tickle Me Elmo sells out in stores nationwide, and has shoppers fighting over scarce inventory and paying hundreds of times the toy's value.

My Twinn Doll Company



The My Twinn Doll Company offers individually crafted dolls that replicate, from a photo, the eye color, hair and facial features of a living girl. Each doll comes with two matching outfits, one for the doll and one for the owner.



Nail polish colors get darker and funkier. Deep browns and blues are popular forms of expression and style.



Monica Almeida, NYT/Picturas

The ongoing dance craze is the "Macarena," a Latin line dance. People of all ages participate in the dance, including Olympians, delegates and workers of the Democratic National Convention (above) and the New York Yankees grounds crew.



The minimum wage is raised to \$4.75 in October, and will increase again to \$5.15, effective September 1, 1997.



The beverage industry introduces a new concept—bottled water with caffeine! One bottle of the uncarbonated water contains as much caffeine as one cup of coffee.

Disney's 101

Dalmatians inspires an avalanche of promotional merchandise, filling stores with spotted toys, backpacks, games and other odds and ends.



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