

It's Almost Here!

A week was spent preparing, decorating, and waiting . . .

"It took a lot of hard work and time to put everything together. It went from being a gym with stuff in it that afternoon to an underwater paradise that night."

— Jamie Virga,
junior

Many people thought that prom prep started the week of, but any junior involved with the prom will say that preparation started at the beginning of the year. With Mrs. Paul Polk heading all activities, the Prom Decoration Committee met every Monday. A lot of hard work and dedication was required to put on the 1997 Prom.

"As a major part of the decoration committee," said junior Karen Ramsey, "I was personally relieved when the prom came to an end. We all put a lot of effort into making this prom spectacular."

Decorations were not the only headache for many volunteers. Things like pictures, souvenirs, refreshments, and chaperones had to be considered.

"The number of things that had to be done was astronomical!" exclaimed Mrs. Polk.

While some were thinking of decorations, many were

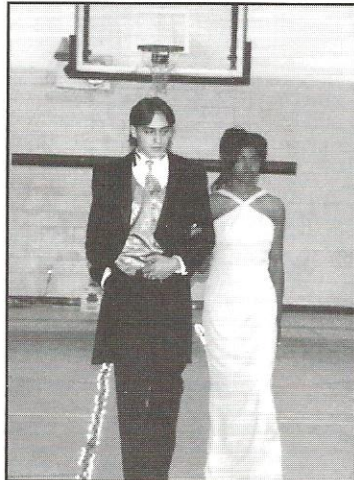
busy making appointments for manicures, pedicures, and hair. This was a major part of prom prep! From Monday morning to that Friday, florists all over town were taking orders for corsages and boutonnières.

"The thought of a boutonniere did not cross my mind," said junior Kristen Kauffeld. "One of my friends said something about one that Friday, and it dawned on me that I had not ordered one yet!"

Exhaustion and fatigue overcame any thoughts of excitement Friday afternoon for those who had helped set up the prom, but after going home and getting ready, the anxiety began to show itself.

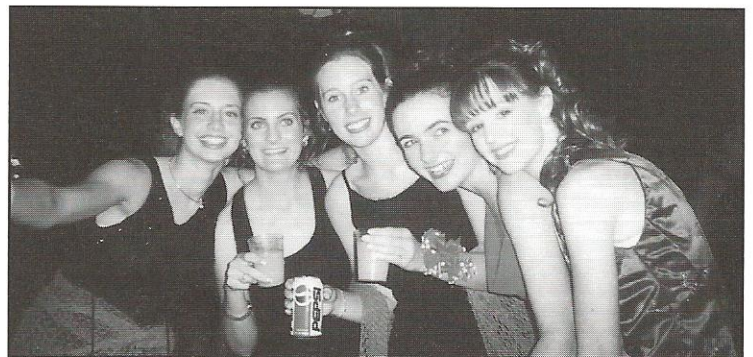
"I wasn't very excited about prom because every little thing would remind me of all the work we did," said junior Rebecca Corbett. "I was wrong. As soon as I walked in the door, every little effort made it all worth it."

— Erin Davis



Will I Ever Finish? Helping out with decoration for the prom, junior Jessica Eppinette cuts and pastes. Jessica was on the tennis team.

Strutin' Their Stuff! During the Prom Fashion Show, senior Danny Hiott and sophomore Taronda Fishburne walk down the runway.



Cheers! Juniors Erin Davis, Ilicia Shelley, Jenna Crouch, Rebecca Corbett, and Jessica Eppinette pose for a picture before prom. All liked to hang out together.