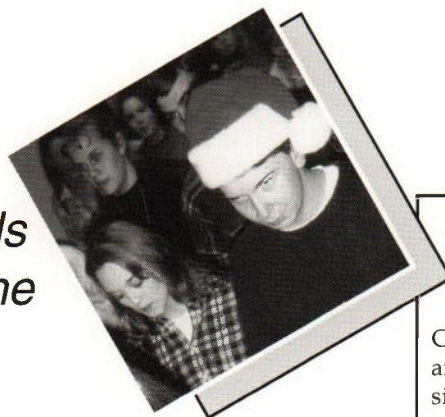




QUOTE:

I really enjoy intramurals because it allow me time to beat on the under-classmen.

GREG DAVISSON, 12



Getting into the Christmas spirit, junior foreign language students Courtney Weakland and Clayton Chapman sing Spanish Christmas carols in the halls.

Future Goals

Working hard and striving to be the best...

THE BENEFITS OF SPEECH TEAM HAVE really helped me to prepare for my future since my career goal is to be a teacher. I try to pull in anything that will

help me be the best.

Erin Barrett, 9



HOT SHOTS

← PARTICIPATING

in the assembly sponsored by the SADD, Steve Sutton, Jed Hammen and others are hypnotized.



→ KEEPING

the crowd on their feet, pep band members Drew Selim and Nathan Haila add to the spirit.



OPEN DOORS

- Mexico trip
- Bikinis and grass skirts
- SADD Day
- Fishing team
- State speech contest participants
- Intramurals

CLOSED DOORS

- Newspaper and yearbook deadlines
- FHA's last year
- Fundraisers
- Eight hour bus ride to Chicago with chorus
- Long practices



TAKING A SNOOZE, FFA advisor Mr. Doug Dodd participates in a hypnotic SADD assembly. As a first year teacher, Mr. Dodd always had fresh ideas to share.

music to our ears

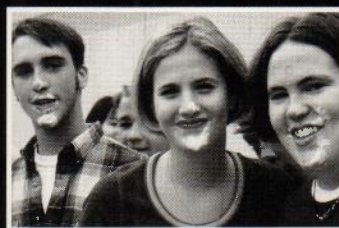


The orchestra works on one of its daily practices in order to get to the point of feeling comfortable for all performances. In addition to their regular concerts, the group also performed at a number of community functions such as graduation.

If you've got the spirit...you are a 'Dor



PLAYING in the pep band, junior Deb Byrd puts time in so that the 'Dors can get pumped before games and during the halftime. Students volunteered their time to be a part of the pep band and jazz band.



INTRODUCING the yearbook theme to the staff, senior Eric Bailey, Erika Cramer and junior Sara Aldrich smile. The editors announced the theme by having students eat the pies and find the theme printed on the bottom of the pans.



PARTICIPATING in Generations Day, freshmen Jenny Mikesell, Amanda Elsberry, Tiffany Ellis and Kara Lestina dress up in their favorite outfits. This activity was sponsored by the Student Council.



DEDICATING THEIR FREE TIME to good productions, students never passed up the opportunity to do the things they liked to do. Holly Lahner, Kelli Harper and Kristin Mattson get ready for the Jamie Kelley's "Walk a Mile in My Shoes Concert" which supported the foreign language club. Thespians Lyndsay Kooistra and Neal Garvey perform in *The Miracle Worker*.

STAGE 'DOR FACTS

- The drill team practiced for an hour each Monday and Wednesday.

"I didn't think we would need that much practice until after our first performance. Then I knew why we had to work hard."

-SUZY BUSS, 12

- Peer Helpers earned a total of \$300 at their benefit basketball game. The money was donated to various community groups.

"It was hilarious to think about Cory [Kennedy] dressing up in a Happy Bear costume."

-AMY NYSTROM, 9

"I know that what we do is good and I am proud to be a part of peer helpers."

-LEVI LANZ, 9

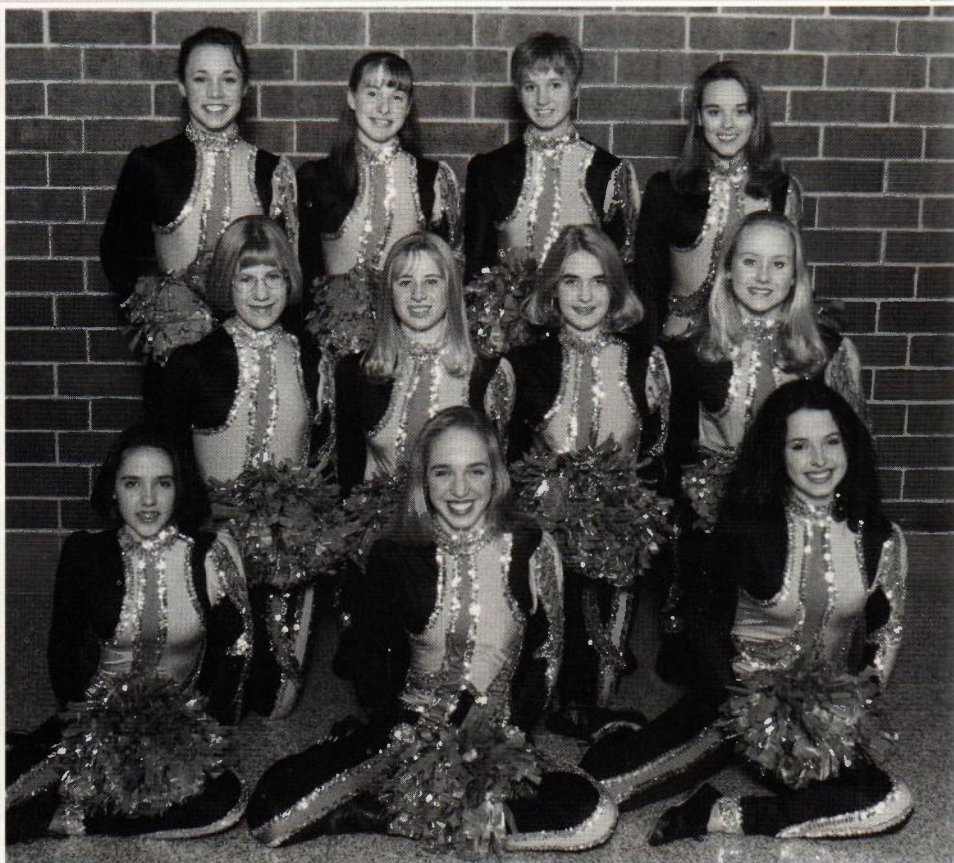
⇒ PEER HELPERS Row

1 left to right: Jodi Daigh, Laura Burdette, Sarah Wikert, Lisa Lindeman, Emily Wiley, Sara Dotzler, Kim Irons. Row 2: Amy Jackson, Misty Martin, Angie Pometto, CeCe Baldus. Cassie Bracklein, Julia Bracklein, Marci Bennett, Katie Howe, Allyson Buckles, Mellissa Engleen, Becca Halbmaier. Row 3: Melissa Porter, Chris Brandt, Marci Webb, Amanda Elsberry, Courtney Blomgren, Amy Nystrom, Amanda Byas, Heather Behn, Jena Kelly, Heather Yungclas. Row 4: Brad Crouthamel, Bob Jones, Jed Hammen, Jeff Fitzgerald, Joey Droste, Levi Lanz, Nick Nerem, Cory Kennedy, Garnet Picklap, Brad Schlieman, Kristy Beaman, Staci Moeller, Deana Carpenter, Josh Halferty, David Olsen, Kevin Streif, Jerad Tungesvik, Nick Getchman.



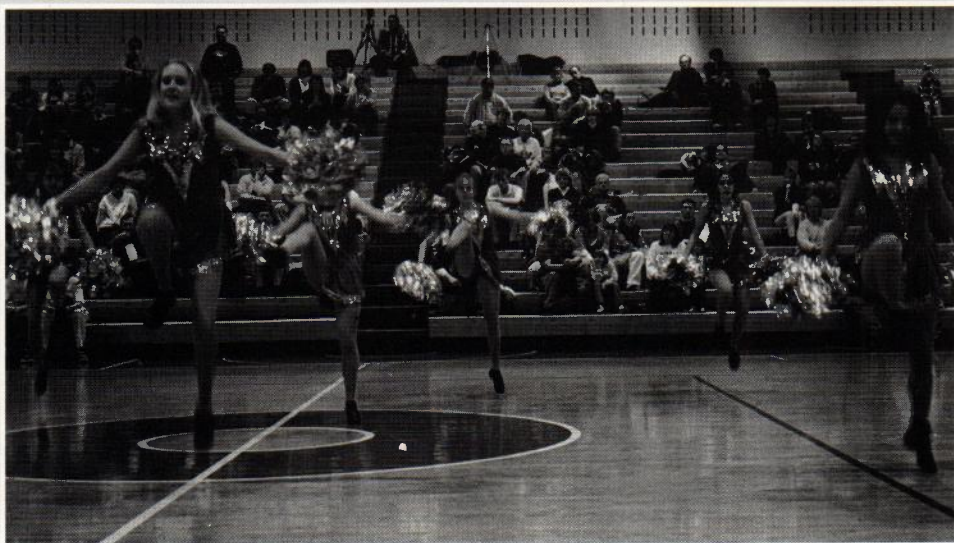
⇒ DRILL TEAM Row 1

left to right: Isha Cox, Amanda Wiley, Shannon Pollard. Row 2: Sarah Grush, Lane Bielfelt, Kara Lestina, Holly Lahner. Row 3: Nicole Swift, Marcy Webb, Suzy Buss, Courtney Weakland. Missing from photo: Leah Henry, Jessica Sesker.



PERFORMING in front of the home crowd, the drill team enjoys the warm audience response.

The group was much smaller this year because of several conflicts.



Forming a partnership, peer helpers Jed Hammen and Nicole Swift work on a project together. The group met in order to do better things for kids in school.



Coming out of his office on his way to a Peer Helpers meeting, counselor and advisor Mr. Mark Hanna always has an "up" attitude. The group met before school and during study halls in order to plan projects and take training.

Dance 'til ya can't dance no more! That was what the drill team was all about. The group performed during halftimes at the basketball games on Friday nights.

There weren't as many girls that participated vious years, but this helped in the choreography. They didn't have as many group performances as they would have liked but this was partly due to the fact

that there was only one pep assembly.

"There are a great bunch of girls out even though the squad is small," junior **Shannon Pollard** said. Melissa Kramme was the new coach. She also taught dance at a downtown studio. She helped put the choreography for the routines together.

The team was predominately underclassmen and this was a challenge for the coach. "When I went out for the team, I was one of the youngest on the squad. I thought I'd feel awkward, but all of the girls were a lot of fun," freshman **Holly Lahner** said. It was all about working together.

Another group that worked together was the Peer Helpers. "I see the value of Peer Helpers as building and reinforcing the natual connection of friends going to friends with their problems," director of the group, Mr. **Mark Hanna** said.

Peer Helpers helped students help each other and the community. One special activity was the Happy Bear Program. The student were able to dress up as Happy Bear and work the the Boone County C.A.R.E.S.

"Being a Happy Bear was a lot of fun. All of the kids came up and tackled me at the end. I also liked the bear costume," freshman **Cory Kennedy** said.

The skills learned through Peer Helpers dealt with stress, domestic abuse and any disputes between friends and co-workers.

"Going to Futures for a day was a good learning experience because we saw what the alternative to going to school was," sophomore **Sarah Wikert** said.

BY KATY LANGE AND JENSIE LAURITSEN

STAGE 'DOR FACTS

- The school paper wasn't always called *The Spotlight*, it wasn't even a newspaper. In 1985, it changed from a literary magazine called *The Ole* to a newspaper format.

"The very first name for the paper was The Bumblebee.

There are copies in the IMC."

-TRAVIS STEVENSON, 11

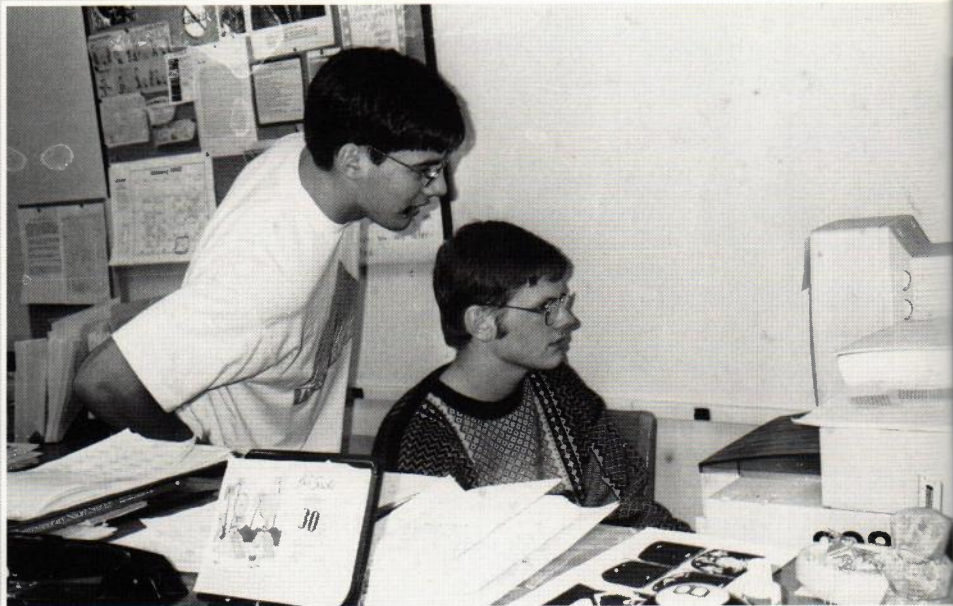
- The price to publish *The Spotlight* was \$470.79 for a four page paper, \$621.52 for an eight page paper and \$800.68 for 12 pages. All costs were covered by ad sales.

"I wish we had more color, but there isn't enough money."

-HOLLY HURST, 12

“What I really enjoy about the Spotlight are the humorous horoscopes.”
-BRIAN BROOKS, 12

⇒ TRYING to redesign a layout, juniors Lucas Wirth and Justin Hardinger work on the Pagemaker program. Newspaper pages were designed at school and then pasted up at the Boone News Republican.



⇒ JOURNALISM teacher, Mrs. Jane Dupuis laughs as junior Sarah Aldrich fails to jump over a small puddle and lands in the water. The journalism staff developed friendships that helped each paper come out with the best possible effort.

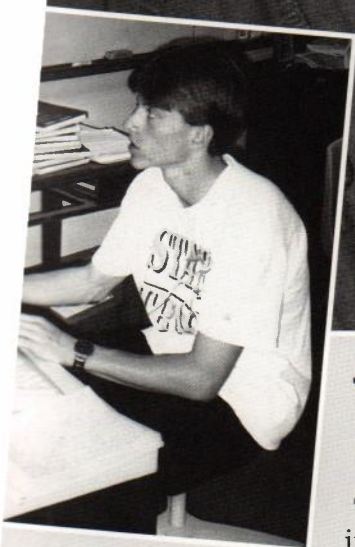


⇒ STAFF Row 1 left to right: Elizabeth Osting, Katie Carlson, Lisa McConkey, Sara Maniscalco, Alishea Henze, Cory Wood, B.J. Kent, Sarah Aldrich, Lucas Wirth, Emily Beckwith, Jeff Droste. Row 2: Mollie Conyers, Tawna Stutheit, Anna Herrstrom, Brian Brooks, Travis Stevenson, Todd Westberg, Lucas Bielfelt, Justin Hardinger, Holly Hurst, Mrs. Jane Dupuis, R.J. Brogden.





Looking over the March edition of the *Spotlight*, juniors Ty Shipley and Scott Snedden find some humor in the articles. Students looked forward to each monthly edition throughout the year.



Using his computer skills, senior Brogden composes a story for the last *Spotlight* deadline.



During instructions, Mrs. Jane helps Katie Carlson and Elizabeth Osting with distribution.

Every month students looked forward to receiving *Spotlights* at the end of the day. The journalism staff worked hard to put out each issue despite the tremendous stress. They made sure to choose topics that interested everyone in the student body.

The staff had fun while putting out the paper. The creative process seemed to be at its best when writers thought they couldn't think of any new ideas.

In addition to writing and working on layouts, ads had to be sold for each issue. The entire program was self-supporting.

"Working on the paper is fun and a good way to inform the student body about the school," senior **Lisa McConkey** said.

The 29 members of the staff met during two class periods. In addition to that, weekends and nights were used for layout.

BY EMILY BECKWITH AND JULIE BARKMEIER

STAGE 'DOR FACTS

- The yearbook staff took over 4000 pictures during the year.

"I tried to work in the darkroom at least 3 times a week so I could get the experience of all phases of the yearbook."

-ANDY HALEEN

"I think our pictures were jinxed. Whenever we tried to take a picture for our astrology page, it didn't come out."

-LANNA PAUL

- The staff sold cookbooks in order to keep the book price down.

"I sold over 70 cookbooks. It was great to see every one trying to outsell each other."

-JED HAMMEN

"It was great being on staff for the 2nd year. the editorial staff helped to keep everyone working."
-JILL MEYERS, 12

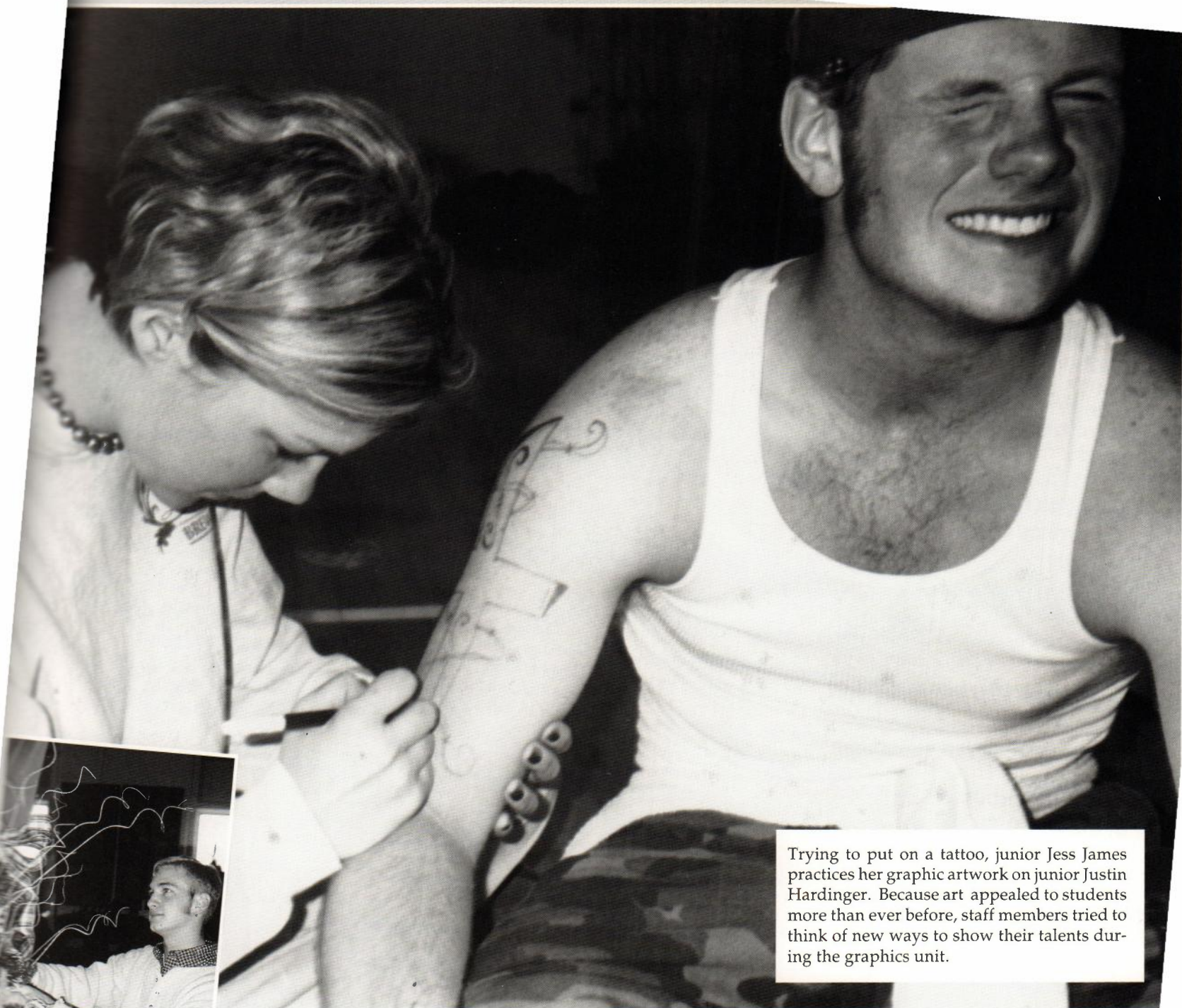
⇒ STAFF Row 1 left to right: Ty Shipley, Jerad Smith, Nathan Merrill, Sara Maniscalco, Brooke Anderson, Jess James, Julie Barkmeier, Kylie Barrett, Nicole Newbrough, Darci Gau, Lorie Ahrens, Alishea Henzie, Denie Rae Anderson. Row 2: Sarah Shepley, Kellie Busch, Nicole Swift, Kara Lewiston, Lisa Rusnak, Emily Beckwith, Katy Lange, Jensie Lauritsen, Julie Shreve, Anna Morphew, Heather Meiborg, Kristin Stoner, Adam Hoppus. Row 3: Aaron Martin, Greg Wisecup, Jeremy Rieck, Thu Nguyen, Amanda Flynn, Katie Behm, Jill Meyers, Wynn Severs, Erika Cramer, Brenda Brockman, Emily Vaughn, Brian Engle, Jon Hampton, Kari Knight. Row 4: Pat Bacon, Tori Stanton, Nicole Wickman, Nikki Kent, Lanna Paul, Sara Aldrich, Kristin Crouthamel, Chad Christesen, Lyndsay Bjuström. Row 5: Kari Hull, Cassie Buckingham, Shannon Treadway, Jason Nystrom, Eric Bailey, Mario Pagni, Brett Elsberry, Theresa Fehr, Josh Anderson, Josh Knight, Lucas Bielfelt, Ryan Walrod, Clayton Chapman. Row 6: Eric Nelson, Josh Davis, Rusty Hicks, Scott Spurgeon, Scottie Miller, Bo Baker, Scott Blaha, Kyle Woodward, Kelly Henderson, Andy Haleen, Andy Carell, Luke Wittrock, Nick Hall.



⇒ CELEBRATING the end of a semester full of deadlines, juniors Katy Lange, Sara Price and Emily Beckwith along with senior Scott Spurgeon "dig in" to food brought to class. Potlucks were a popular way of relieving deadline stress and fourth hour first semester went out of its way preparing chicken, lasagna, salads, and barbeque along with other treats.

⇒ DESIGNING a poster for the senior picture, junior Kari Knight instructs classmates how to decorate each letter for the word, "senior". Besides producing the yearbook, the staff kept the students informed by making videos and posters.





Trying to put on a tattoo, junior Jess James practices her graphic artwork on junior Justin Hardinger. Because art appealed to students more than ever before, staff members tried to think of new ways to show their talents during the graphics unit.



Helping to decorate the Salvation Army Christmas tree, junior Jerad Smith donates his time to the cause.



Going over their speech layout, senior Tawna Stutheit, Nicol Wickman and Rachael Hubbeling look for changes to make.

After winning the Iowa High School Press Association Sweepstakes Award for the '95-96 yearbook, the new staff had a challenging job ahead. The staff was the biggest ever with 85 members.

The experience and leadership from the 13 editors helped the staff meet deadlines, work together and come up with the theme, *Sign up for 'Dor Prizes*.

Students found that hard work went into making a yearbook that everyone would enjoy. The goal was to include the entire student body. However, the work was not done just on the yearbook. As part of their community service, they donated money and time to help decorate a Christmas tree for the Salvation Army's Festival of Trees.

As a fundraiser, they published a cookbook. The cookbook became a big seller and the money raised helped support special projects for the yearbook.

BY NATHAN MERRILL AND ANNA MORPHEW

STAGE 'DOR FACTS

- **Two groups met separately during their lunch hours. Everyone brought his/her own sack lunch and the time was used for group discussion.**

"Besides just sitting around and having fun, we used the time to see videos and talk about our projects."

-AARON KELLEY, 10

- **Members of all grade levels joined the group at the beginning of the year.**

"We tried to get the ninth graders to join, they just didn't think it was for them. We hope next year they will feel more welcome."

-TORI STANTON, 12

“Mr. Dodd was watching the hypnotist from the audience and he unknowingly become hypnotized.

-SARAH SHEARER, 10

⇒ SADD Row 1 left to right: Courtney Nugent, Sarah Davis, Tori Stanton, Katie Behn, Jenny Wetzeler, Nicole Swift. Row 2: Katie Howe, Michelle Johnson, Michelle Wonderly, Heather Cline, Kelly Weakland. Row 3: Cory Schmitz, Sarah Gardner, Sara Dotzler, Anna Herrstrom, Sara Shearer, Elizabeth Osting, Aaron Kelly.



↓ Knowing it really isn't funny, freshman Marty McIntyre confronts the Grim Reaper. Symbolically, the entire student body learned about accidental deaths due to alcohol and drugs.

⇒ Looking unsure, sophomore Amanda Wiley is taken out of class by the Grim Reaper. Once taken from class, students could not talk with anyone for the rest of the day.



⇒ Enjoying their noon lunch hour, Sara Dotzler, Michelle Wonderly, Anna Herrstrom and Aaron Kelley get ready for their group meeting. Because members didn't have the same lunch hour, the group separated and met during 5th and 6th hours.





Sitting in the hallway, Marty McIntire, Holly Lahner, Shonelle Kudrna and Garret Piklapp wear "Don't talk to me" signs. After they were pulled from a class, they remained visible for the school to witness the number drunk driving deaths.



Heading into the Class Day ceremony, SADD member Tori Stanton knows that she will have a safe graduation celebration.



WOI spokesperson, Julie Kraft speaks to students about the loss of a friend when she was in school.

Knowing that decisions could have an impact on the future, made the purpose of SADD much more important. A group of 20 students met during their lunch hours in order to discuss today's problem with alcohol and drugs. The members of SADD did not meet in order to become thorns in the sides of fellow classmates. However, their goal was to let anyone who cared know that it was OK to say "No" to drinking.

The organization sponsored two very important events during the school year. "We tried to organize a Grim Reaper Day. On this day we had selected students "die" by becoming mute for the rest of the school day. This was to portray how many people die each hour because of drunk driving," junior **Michelle Wonderly** said.

Another project involved the entire student body. The day started with an assembly. A hypnotist entertained the students. It was just a "feel good" experience. After the assembly, students returned to their homerooms. For the rest of the morning speakers throughout Iowa came in to talk about social problems dealing with substance abuse. Included on the speaker list were members of the media, religious community, medical community and students that had been in rehab.

"This is the second year we have had a day like this. Without a doubt, it is one of the most effective things we do to draw students' attention to the growing problem," advisor **Mrs. Jeanne Duffy** said.

BY EMILY BECKWITH AND JULIE BARKMEIER

STAGE 'DOR FACTS

- There were 40 elected members in student council.

"The size was OK because usually half the people didn't show up any way."

-COURTNEY BLOMGREN, 9

"When everyone did show up it was a joke because we didn't get anything done."

-JOHN FLYNN, 9

- Over \$250.00 was donated by the Student Council to a variety of charities.

"It gives me a warm fuzzy feeling inside when we donate things to the community."

-MIKE McMULLAN, 12

"We try to make students better leaders among the school."
-KAREN MYERS, 10

⇒ STUDENT COUNCIL Row 1 left to right: Jill Meyers, Jenny Wetzeler, Anna Herrstrom, Amanda Potts, Kari Hull, Alishea Henze, Sara Maniscalco. Row 2: Jess James, Sarah Aldrich, Katy Lange, Paul Haase, Mike Faust, Mike McMullan. Row 3: Garrett Piklapp, Amanda Elsberry, Kristy Harris, Andrea Thede, Shonelle Kudrna, Karen Myers, Amy Hopkins, Tyler Smith. Row 4: Katie Howe, Courtney Blomgren, Peter Pagni, Jayme Lynch, Nick Getschman, John Flynn, Nick Nerem, Dan Donovan, Nathan Merrill, Dan Tungesvik, Holly Hall, Sara Shearer, Greg Piklapp, Aaron Kelley.



⇒ WAITING for the Homecoming coronation to kick-off, the football players talk among themselves. Because of the Homecoming tradition, football players and cheerleaders got reserved seating for the assembly.



⇒ SHOWING that he is king of the dance floor junior Adam Hoppus struts his stuff. The student council worked hard to make sure the dances went without a hitch and were enjoyable for the students attending.



⇒ DRUMMING away, senior Suzy Buss, sophomore Aaron Kelley and junior Gabe Bowers represent the school marching band during the Homecoming parade. The student council organized most of the Homecoming activities for the student body.

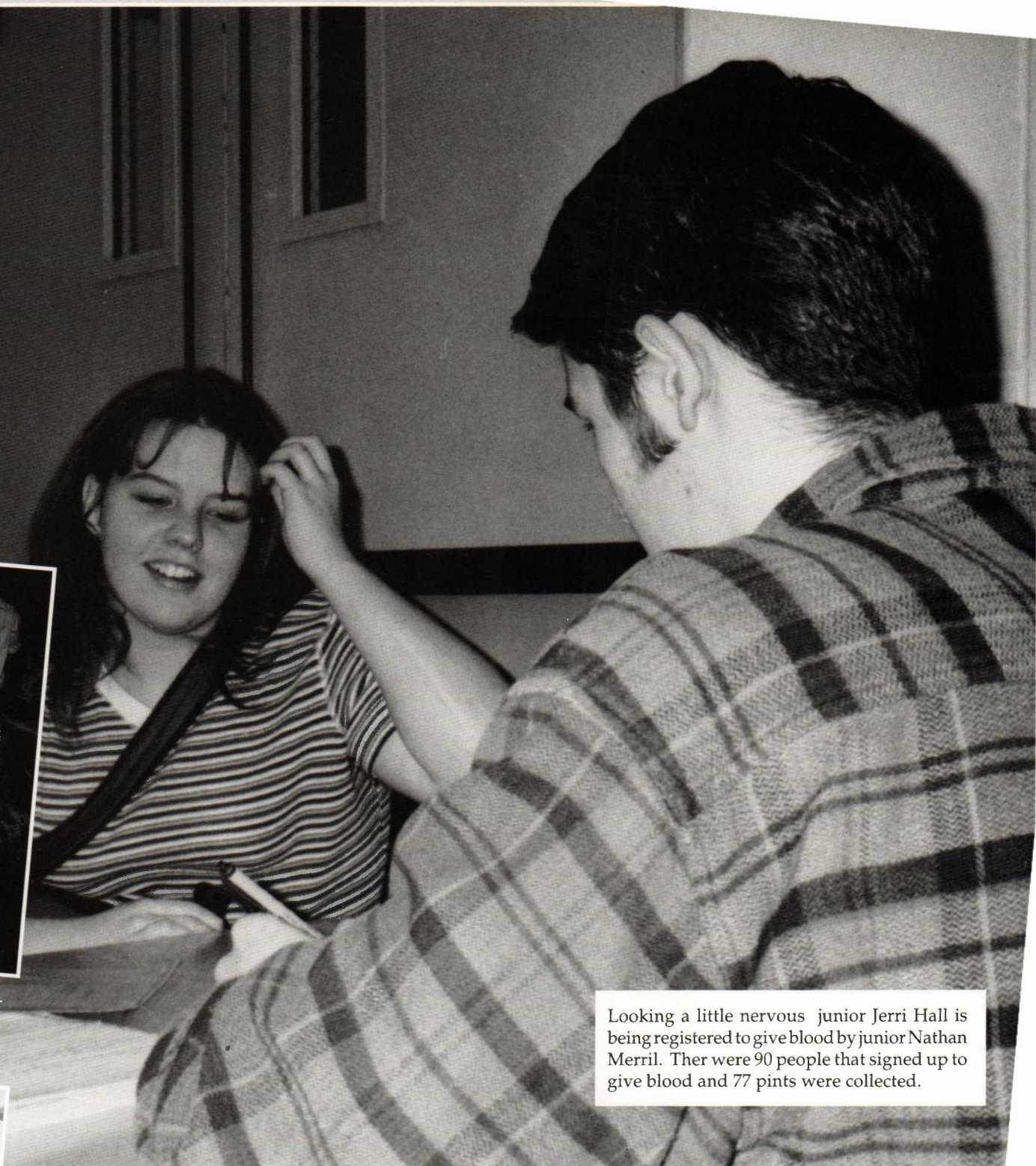




Cutting some serious rug senior Cory Foltz ignores the cold outdoors while at the Winter Dance.



Stacking their food to be sent to the Food Bank of Iowa, senior David Grasso and juniors Matt Stotts and Eric Guenther show their skill.



Looking a little nervous junior Jerri Hall is being registered to give blood by junior Nathan Merrill. There were 90 people that signed up to give blood and 77 pints were collected.

It has been a lot of fun being president. We have gotten to do many fun things. I also love to have power," student council president **Kari Hull** said.

The student council dealt with many various activities such as the canned food drive, which showed the students how to help out others in the community. They also organized the blood drive in which 77 pints of blood were collected, 60 of which were first time donors. Valentine's day, Homecoming buttons, and the contests during Homecoming, including best eyes, worst feet, and best smile were some of the tasks the student council dealt with throughout the year.

BY GREG WISECUP, JUSTIN HARDINGER
AND SARAH ALDRICH

STAGE 'DOR FACTS

- **Only 3 seniors participated in the fall play this year.**

"This year's theatre program is completely different. We have so few seniors in the shows."

-RACHAEL HUBBELING

"This is the first time I've ever been in a school play. I'm really looking forward to being in others."

-JANELLE PATTERSON

- **Superstitions control the actions of actors.**

"We always make sure one of the actors wears the same underwear for the entire week of the show."

-RYAN WALROD

"I have been in plays ever since junior high. It's great! I love the chance to be someone else."

-CLAYTON CHAPMAN, 11

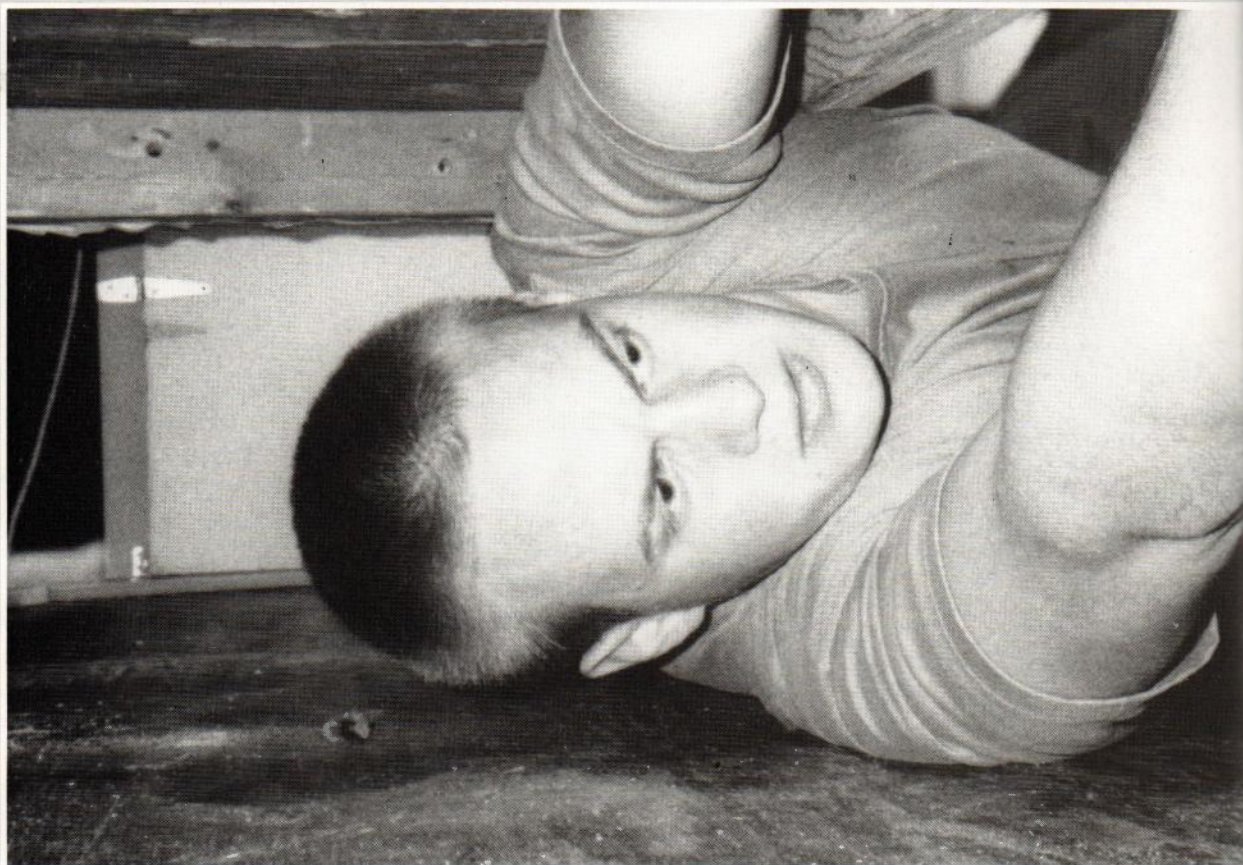
⇒ THESPIANS Row 1

left to right: Megan Wisecup, Emily Wiley, Alishea Henze, Lyndsay Kooistra, Deborah Byrd, Ryan Stone. Row 2: Heather Yungclas, Emily Vaughn, Adam Hoppus, Jonathan Haila, Mark Olofson, Ryan Stone. Row 3: Mrs. Holly Kooistra, Rachael Hubbeling, Clayton Chapman, Rachel Gould, Robert Jones, Drew Selim, Jon Hampton, Paul Grabau.



PREPARING for opening night, junior Paul Grabau

works to finish the set. Technical crews learned about the behind-the-scenes work it took to put on a show.



⇒ TRYING to teach a

dog to spell, senior Alishea Henze works with guest star, Andy. The real dog and the sign language interpreter provided extra excitement for the play.





Saying "water" for the first time, Annie Sullivan, played by Lyndsay Kooistra pulls Helen Keller's hand, played by Alishea Henze, under the pump. A working pump made the play more realistic.



Getting water, freshman Jeanna Harvey uses the working pump.



Working on tech, Drew Selim, Jamie Jones and Mr. Mike King build the Keller house.



Lyndsay Kooistra, Ryan Walrod and Rachel Gould discuss Helen Keller's future.

After six weeks of practice and hundreds of hours of technical work, "The Miracle Worker" cast gave an opening night performance to a packed auditorium. The three hour performance was filled with laughter and suspense, but most of all hope. The play was based on the struggles of Helen Keller's family and her persistent teacher, Annie Sullivan.

This production was a rare realm for the drama department. Some were doubtful about how the community and school would accept such a serious subject. However, the play seemed to be accepted by all who watched, as evidenced by the audience's tear-filled eyes.

BY CLAYTON CHAPMAN, MARIO PAGNI,
RYAN WALROD

STAGE 'DOR FACTS

- **Waiting around at speech contest can make for a long day. Participants found unusual ways to keep themselves occupied.**

"I like to color, but also like to play tricks on people and sabotage things around the school; set booby traps, if you will."

- SARAH DAVIS, 12

- **There are several different areas in which a speech member can perform.**

"I've chosen mime because it's something different to do and it's fun to show people there's more to it than being in a box."

-EMILY VAUGHN, 11

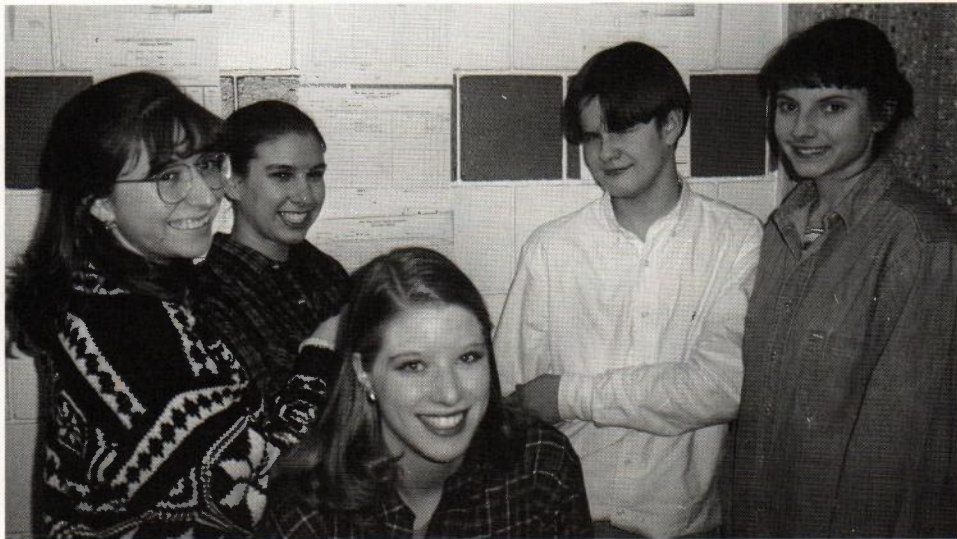
"I smiled at the judges for brownie points, and it worked, I got straight I's.."
AMANDA STONE, 9

⇒ BONDING as a team Jon Hampton, Adam Hoppus, Alishea Henze, Lisa Rusnak, Rachael Hubbeling, Drew Selim, and Clayton Chapman pose for a group shot. Many friendships were born after long hours of working so closely with one another.

↓ SPEECH TEAM Row 1 left to right: Sara Maniscalco, Lisa Rusnak, Alishea Henze, Katie Howe Row 2: Elizabeth Osting, Amanda Stone, Jessica Anderson, Erin Barret, Janelle Patterson, Angela Polmetto, Emily Vaughn Row 3: Drew Selim, Ryan Walrod, Rachael Gould, Anna Herrstrom, Karrie Danner, Kerry Ballantyne.



⇒ ONE ACT play participants Rachel Gould, Angela Polmetto, Janelle Patterson, Jamie Jones, and Karrie Danner look to see what rating they received for their performance. One Act Play was one of seven areas in which students could participate at large group speech contest..

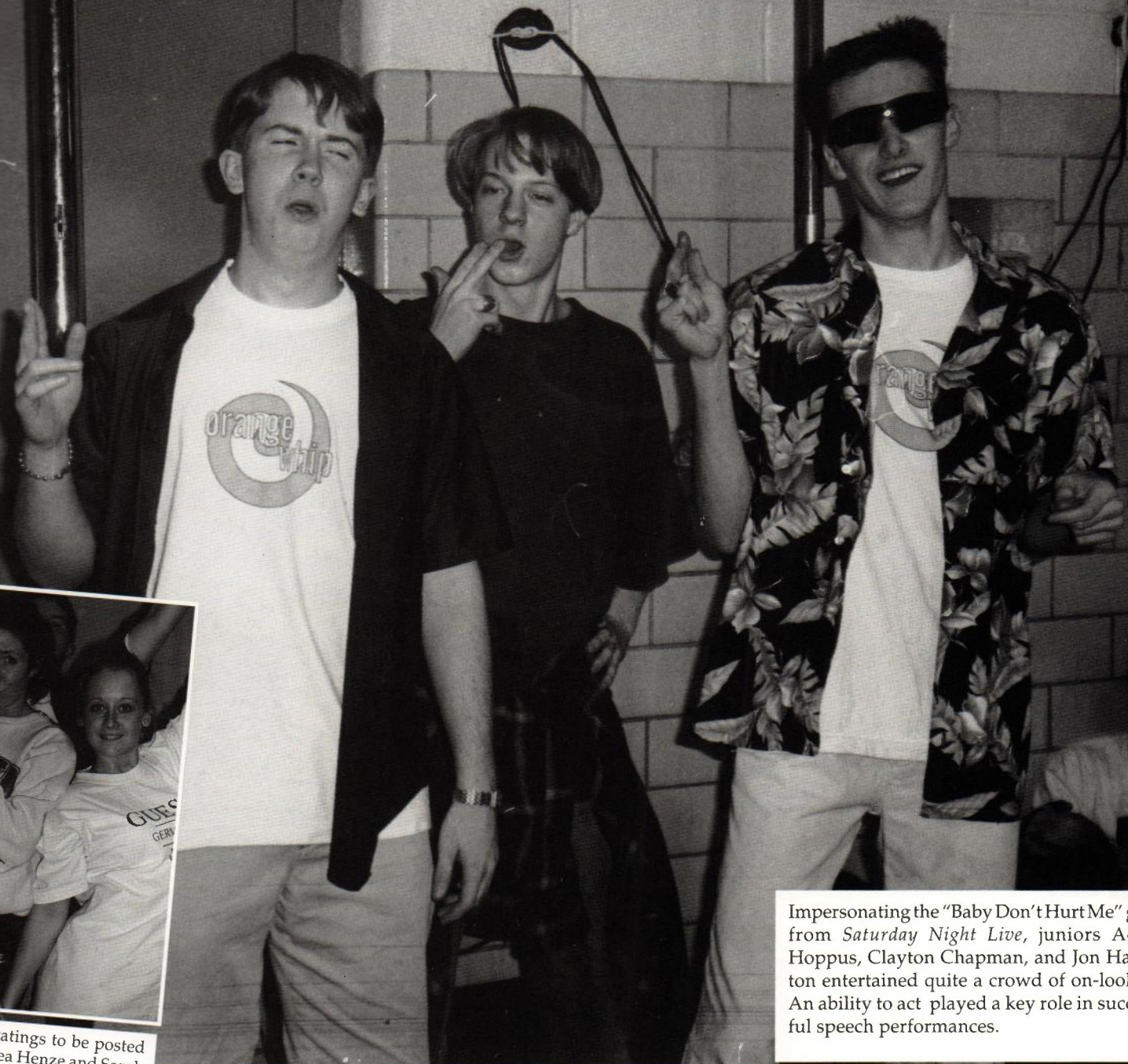




Waiting for ratings to be posted seniors Alishea Henze and Sarah Davis get down at their very own disco dance party.



Practicing their ensemble at state Katie Howe Ryan Walrod, Lyndsay Kooistra, Rachael Hubbeling, and Drew Selim hope to make it to All-State. Although the ensemble group didn't go on, Junior Lyndsay Kooistra made it to All-State for individuals.



Impersonating the "Baby Don't Hurt Me" guys from *Saturday Night Live*, juniors Adam Hoppus, Clayton Chapman, and Jon Hampton entertained quite a crowd of on-lookers. An ability to act played a key role in successful speech performances.

What's something that's just as fun to do alone as it is in a group? No, not htat. Think speech team, group and individual that is. Twenty-seven fun-loving students banded together to form the group speech team. Eight groups performed at district large-group speech contest. Out of those eight groups, five groups advanced to state competition.

Fun was the name of the game on the individual speech team. Team consisted of 14 studentswho each performed at distruct solo speech contest. Seven individuals moved on to show their stuff at state solo speech contest.

Even the students who didn't advance beyond district contest agreed that, although it took some time and hard work, speech team provided them with an opportunity to have some good,clean fun.

BY HEATHER MEIBORG and LISA RUSNAK

STAGE 'DOR FACTS

- Junior/Senior choir raised \$19,862.40 for their trip to Chicago.

*"My favorite part of the trip was when we went to the dinner theater and saw **Phantom**."*

-LYNDA HOLMAN

"I thought that it was a very good experience to get to sing at Navy Pier. It was also fun to see the dolphins."

-JASON FITZGERALD, 12

- Contest results:
Freshmen girls III
9-10 Mixed III
11-12 Mixed II

"I was nervous at first because this was my first time at contest. I was happy when we were done."

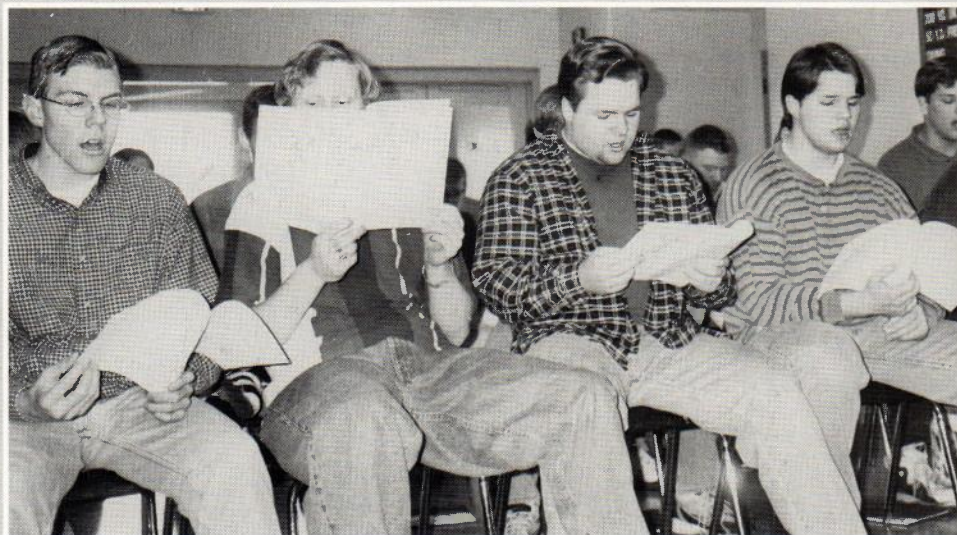
-HEATHER BEDINGFIELD, 9

"I got sun-burned before we had to sing but I think we did really well at contest."
-JENNA KELLEY, 9



⇒ JR./SR. MIXED CHOIR Row 1: Amanda Murray, Dana Leininger, Wendy VerHelst, Aliesha Henze, April Nixon, Julie Brice, Nicole Hill, Anne Marie Ouverson, Kelly Springer, Amy Page. Row 2: Angie Grundstad, Kim Ferry, Stacey Bollenbaugh, Cassie Bracklein, Amanda Payton, Jenny Needham, Lindsay Kooistra, Jen Schelle, Kerry Ray, Natalie Muhlenburg, Kelly Aman, Elizabeth Osting, Katie Carlson. Row 3: Jenny Ertz, Darci Gau, Jon Thompson, Ryan Walrod, Jason Fitzgerald, Neal Garvey, Curtis Duehring, Corey Foltz, Alex Weigel, Debra Galvan, Amber Erickson, Heather Messenbrink, Raelene Edmiston. Row 4: Darci Dohrman, Jessica Anderson, Melissa Taylor, Adam Hoppus, Jon Hampton, Tony Deal, Garrett Slagel, Pat Erb, Pam Carter, Brittie Watson, Nikki Niday, Megan Marquardt, Amy Hull, Crystal Crawford. Row 5: Sara Maniscalco, Mia Stoneburner, Jessica Moore, Andrea Platter, Clayton Chapman, Peter Pagni, Nate Boothe, Jed Hammen, Holly Hurst, Amanda Potts, Katie Behm, Alissa Wellendorf, Tawna Stutheit. Row 6: Susan Prouty, Brittani Heiner, Aimee Page, Jerad Tunesvick, Jason Miller, Jestin Thomas, Jamie Kelley, Paul Grabau, Elly Hall, Jerry Hall.

⇒ Practicing during class, Jon Thompson, Ryan Walrod, Jason Fitzgerald, and Neal Garvey work with the rest of the chorus members. Because the numbers were so large, the group was forced to perform with fewer practices.



⇒ FRESHMEN WOMEN'S CHOIR Row 1 left to right: Adriane Lewis, Julia Bracklien, Kari Newman, Jena Kelly, Amanda Lamoureux, Amanda Byas, Holly Lahner, Heather Schwechel. Row 2: Melissa Brayton, Heidi Hockett, Tammy Kepple, Kate Reynoldson, Kaylea Robinson, Samantha Lebo, Lesley Myers. Row 3: Lindsay Shannon, Jenny Tedrow, Molly McConkey, Holly Hampton, Heather Bedingfield, Carie Williams, Kaylen Wilson, Jessica Cox, Deanna Carpenter, Amy Walters, Amanda Murphy. Kristine Beaman, Jamie Dawkins, Janell Disbrowe, Sherrie Miller, Colette Wagner, Jeanna Garvey, Katie Howe, Melissa Engleen, Jeannette Hamil.



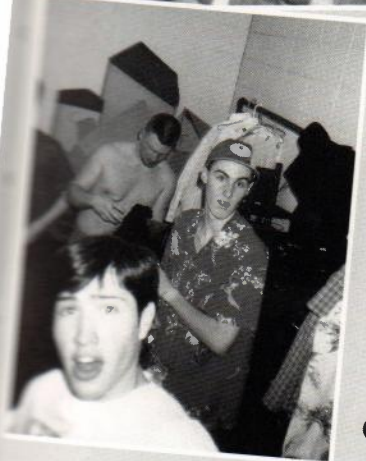
↓ 9-10 MIXED CHORUS Row 1: Stephanie Hammer, Misty Martin, Sarah Musser, Mariana Ruiz-Cota, Jodi Daigh, Mystique Eschliman. Row 2: Lindsay Saunders, Katrina Olson, Cindy Grundstad, Leah Reeves, Jill Thieben, Laura Bernedette. Row 3: Andrea Newman, Staci Biehn, Jessica Ackerman, Karrie Danner, Angie Pometto, Sarah Springer, Rachel Gould, Emily Blumer. Row 4: Matt Blaha, Levi Lanz, Kevin Streiff, Justin Wells, Cody Bowers, Mark Olofson, Ryan Stone, Jason Millard. Row 5: Ryan Logan, Jon Erb, Eric VerHelst, Terrance Korte, Jon Rhodd, Greg Piklapp, Ben Mattheis.



SHARING the limelight with world renowned opera singer, Simon Estes, seniors Anne Marie Ouverson and Angie Grundstad find the rewards of being selected for All State. Estes came to Iowa to sing with the honor choir.



Ninth and tenth chorus members listen to instructions given by Mrs. Grundstad.



No talent was needed to find the right clothing to wear on the trip to Chicago. Cory Foltz, Nate Boothe and Jon Hampton prove that they can be both fashionable and musical.

Doe, Ray, Me, Fa, So...did you hear the chorus? Sounded great, right? Not only were the three senior high choruses chalked full of talented singers, but they also had class. They groups practiced every other day of the week. Thirty-nine girls took part in the freshmen women's choir, and equal number of dedicated students sang in the ninth and tenth grade mixed choir. There were 76 singers in the junior/senior choir.

Exciting things happened throughout the year with the chorus. Anne Marie Ouverson and Angie Grundstad sang in the All-State choir for the second year in a row. The junior/senior choir took a trip to Chicago. They sang at the Navy Pier and spent time sight-seeing. "It took a lot of practice to get ready to sing in Chicago but it was worth it. We got to go to the Shedd Aquarium. While we were there, we saw the Beluga whales," senior **Crystal Crawford** said.

BY ALISHEA HENZE, HEATHER MEIBORG
AND LISA RUSNAK

STAGE 'DOR FACTS

- This is the biggest orchestra ever in this school.

"There are 22 members in our chamber orchestra."

-MOLLY McCONKEY, 9

- There are a total of 49 string members and an extra 21 band members on full orchestra day.

- Students of Dave Swenson that may major or minor in music are:

Anne Marie Ouverson, Angie Grundstad, Katie Behm, Emily Wiley and Jason Miller.

⇒ ORCHESTRA Row 1 left to right: Andy Mitchell, Jason Miller, Rusty Hicks, Kara Lewiston, Jenny Wetzeler, Katie Behm, Angie Grundstad, Anne Marie Ouverson, Emily Wiley, Tony Deal, Roy Holmes. Row 2: Mr. David Swenson, Emily Vaughn, Courtney Weaklend, Aimee Miller, Taylor Wright, Wendy Ver Helst, Brooke Anderson, Matt Spurgeon, Jestin Thomas, Steve McCargar. Row 3: Allen Joy, Nicole Brogden, Rachel Gould, Mindi Becker, Alicia Cobb, Sarah Wikert, Karly Avis, Anne Mahood, John Howell, Cindy Grundstad, Elaina Patterson, Sarah Springer, Terrance Korte. Row 4: Jeanna Garvey, Lindsay Shannon, Molly McConkey, Heather Schwechel, Sara Yungclas, Adriane Lewis, Jenelle Warren, Marci Bennett, Jeremy Bogue, Miranda Thompson, Fawn Woiwood, Jenny McCloud.

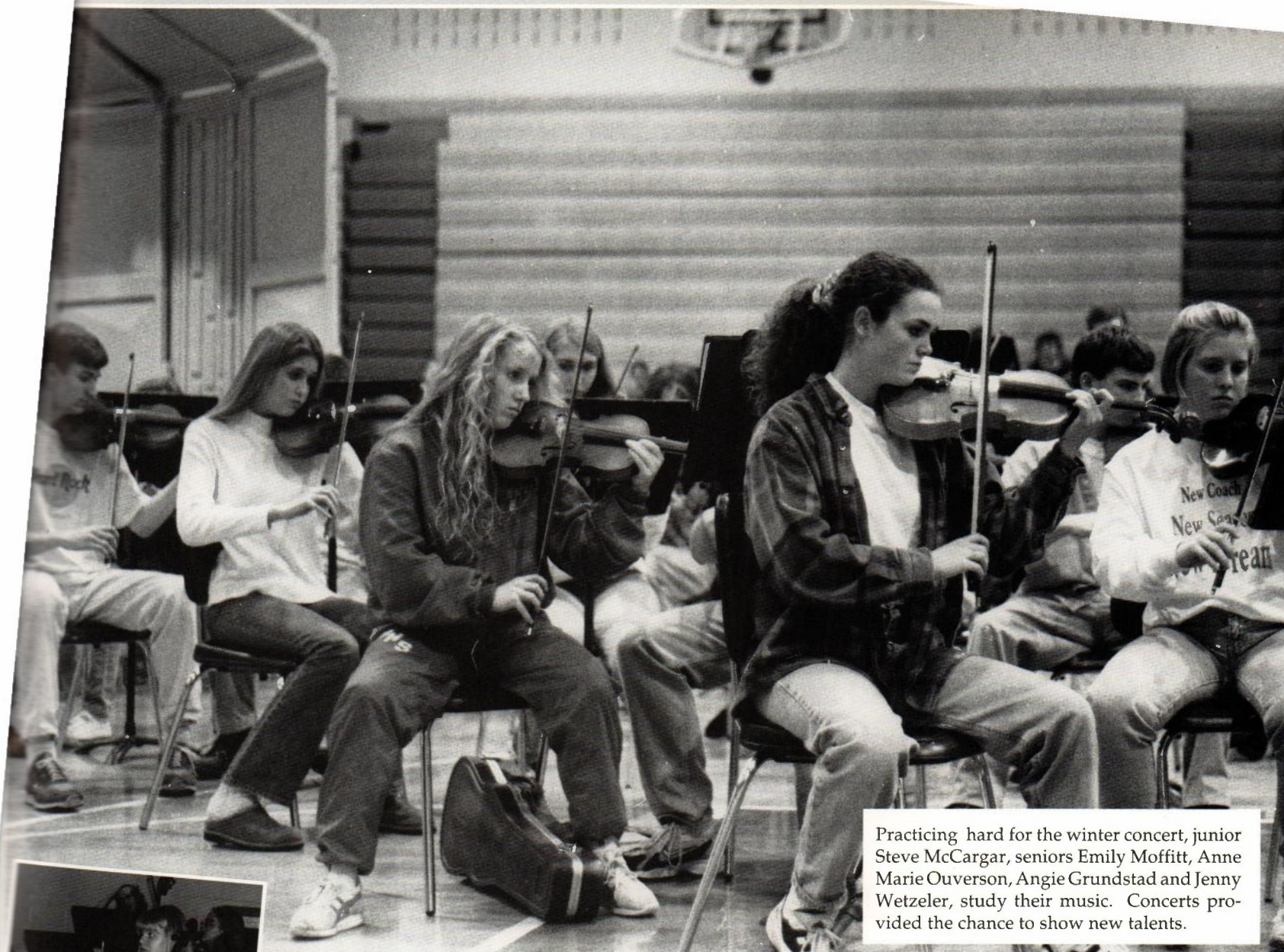
⇒ Helping to lead the orchestra, seniors Angie Grundstad, Jenny Wetzeler, sophomore Sarah Wikert and Annie Mahood review their music. The orchestra consisted of members of all classes.

⇒ DIRECTING his students, Dave Swenson helps prepare for the next concert. Swenson constantly reassured students and encouraged them to pursue music for entertainment value.



"I take orchestra because I enjoy the challenge of the harder music."

-JASON MILLER, 12



Practicing hard for the winter concert, junior Steve McCargar, seniors Emily Moffitt, Anne Marie Ouverson, Angie Grundstad and Jenny Wetzeler, study their music. Concerts provided the chance to show new talents.



Awaiting the arrival of Mr. Swenson, sophomore Karly Avis spends time relaxing before an intense rehearsal.



Playing the bass, sophomore Cindy Grundstad, junior Jestin Thomas, and senior Rusty Hicks rehearse during class.

The reason I take orchestra is because I love music and I like to try most music classes because they're fun," senior **Tony Deal** said.

The senior high orchestra was an exciting class to take while in high school. In orchestra students got a chance to express themselves in a different way than they usually did in any other class.

During the year there were three concerts. The first was in the fall. Within the last few years the orchestra tried something new. They had a dinner concert. "I like the dinner concert because it focuses on the orchestra only." Director **Dave Swenson** said. This concert had the theme of "A Night On Broadway," playing songs from musicals like *Phantom of the Opera* and *Les Miserable*.

The group also participated in the winter concert that was renamed as the Conrad Scholl Memorial Concert in honor of the former orchestra director. The orchestra was combined with the band and chorus on a winter medley. Later in the year the young musicians participated in a spring concert and the annual pops concert.

These concerts gave students a chance to show off the skills that they learned and the love of music that they would carry with them throughout their lives.

BY EMILY VAUGHN AND AMANDA FLYNN

STAGE 'DOR FACTS

- Besides music, band students also created memories.

"I remember riding on the float at Pella."

-KATHE JO MARTIN, 12

"I remember when D.R. subbed for Mrs. O'Brien and got mad and threw the stand across the room."

-DARCY DORHMAN, 11

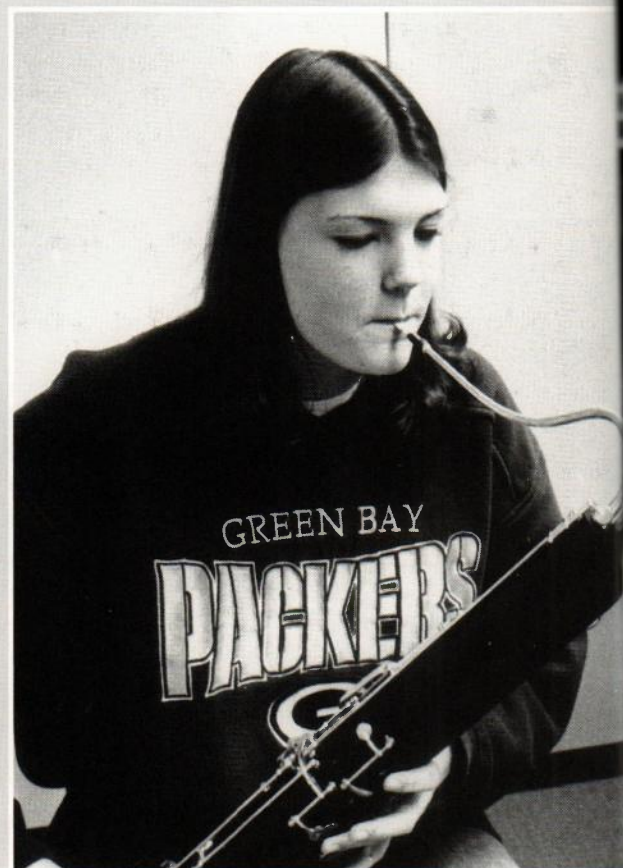
- Music stayed with the students outside the classroom also.

"Music is one of the most important things. Everything I do involves music."

-ALISSA WELLENDORF, 12

Row 1: Ann Kostelnick, Angela Pometto, Kerry Ballantyne, Joel Jacobson, Leah Reeves, Julia Bracklien, Allisa Elsberry, Stephanie Burdess, Jessi Ackerman, Heather Morphew. Row 2: Natalie Pearson, Amanda Stone, Jessica Musser, Leah Henry, Jennifer Frisk, Mike Oatman, Marcy Webb, Jill Thieben, Amanda Morphew, Mystique Eschlimen, Heidi Hockett, Jennifer Hollingsworth, Jessi Montag, Ben Stone, Cory Harstad, Angie Fitzgerald, Anne Ho, Abby Hagen, Sarah Grush, Mark Olofson, Nick Sawyer, Sarah Kudron. Row 3: Linda Wood, Allison Hockett, Jenny Tedrow, Shawn Fay, Eric VerHelst, Megan Walters, Rob Carpenter, Jeff Fitzgerald, Staci Behm, Kristen Henderson, David Haila, Nathan Peebler, Quincy Alber, Justin Wells, Levi Lanz, Dan Moeller, Jason Millard, Brian Wonderly, Aaron Siders, Ryan Stone. Row 4: Ryan Logan, Robb Wetzeler, Rhonda Walrod, Jessica Anderson, Aaron Kelley, Stacy Moeller, Courtney, Blomgren, Jamie Jones, Jannelle Patterson, Kim Irons, Erin Barret, Chris Brandt, Eric Duffee

Row 1: Ann Jordan, Sarah Davis, Becca Halbmier, Heather Cline, Julie Johnson, Jill Thieben, Sarah Gardner, Amber Hilsabeck, Alissa Wellendorf, Kathe Jo Martin. Row 2: Anna Herrstrom, Mollie Mackie, Darcy Dorhman, Susie Prouty, Jenny Needham, Amanda Flynn, Julie Brice, Nicole Hill, Debbie Byrd, Sarah Dotzler, Jessica Anderson, Jason Fitzgerald, Chad Atherton, Emily Walters, Lyndsay Kooistra, Heather Lindahl. Row 3: Mr. Dave Richardson, Garret Slagle, Mark Peebler, Dan Tunesvik, Bradey McDeid, Chris Jacobson, Jon Thompson, Lisa McConkey, Tori Stanton, Mellissa Glynn, David Moeller, Josh Klesel, Matt Canute, Brian Brooks, Josh Anderson, Jeff McCambridge, Michelle Johnson. Row 4: Tiffany Grider, Cory Schmitz, Suzy Buss, Gabe Bowers, Nathan Haila, Nate Booth, Mike Chesnut, Drew Selim, Craig Mickley, Brandon Korte, Ryan Walrod



⇒ Getting ready for her lesson, Amanda Murphy concentrates on the music in front of her. Some students found themselves practicing up to two hours a day.





Playing a song that brings the crowd to their feet, the pep band pumps up the crowd. The musicians were not only inspirational to the audience, but also to the players.

A great author once said, "True humility is contentment." But in this activity, the students were required to blow their own horn. Band rehearsal started before school began and ran everyday until the end.

The marching band had an exciting moment when they performed for the third year at the invitation-only ISU Band Days. They also played at every home football game, providing spirit and support for the team. "The band was very important at the games because it helps us all to get pumped and energized," junior football player **Nick Hall** said.

The concert band season also had high points. Ann Jordan was named to the Iowa All State Band. Later in the year, after a near disqualification at Large Group Contest, they received a Division II rating. With these activities and more, music became a very large part of sports, activities and community special events.

BY THERESA FEHR AND RYAN WALROD



After being hit in the face with a case earlier in the day, senior **Brady McDeid** showed great loyalty to the band by playing his solo in the concert later that night.



During her lesson, freshman **Courtney Blomgren** strives to play perfect rhythm in the percussion section of the band.

STAGE 'DOR FACTS

• FFA Officers:

President: Anna Herrstrom

V. President:

Amanda Potts

Secretary: Kelly Williams

Treasurer:

Brandon King

Reporter:

Patrick Erb

Sentinel: Blake Beckett

"I enjoy being involved in FFA because it allows us to do so many different activities. It isn't just for farmers anymore."

-KELLY WILLIAMS, 11

"One part of the FFA program is participating in Leadership Contests such as quizzes, job interview, broadcasting and public speaking."

-TRAVIS PROUTY, 12

"I participate in FFA because I like it and I learn more about agriculture."

-BRANDON KING, 11

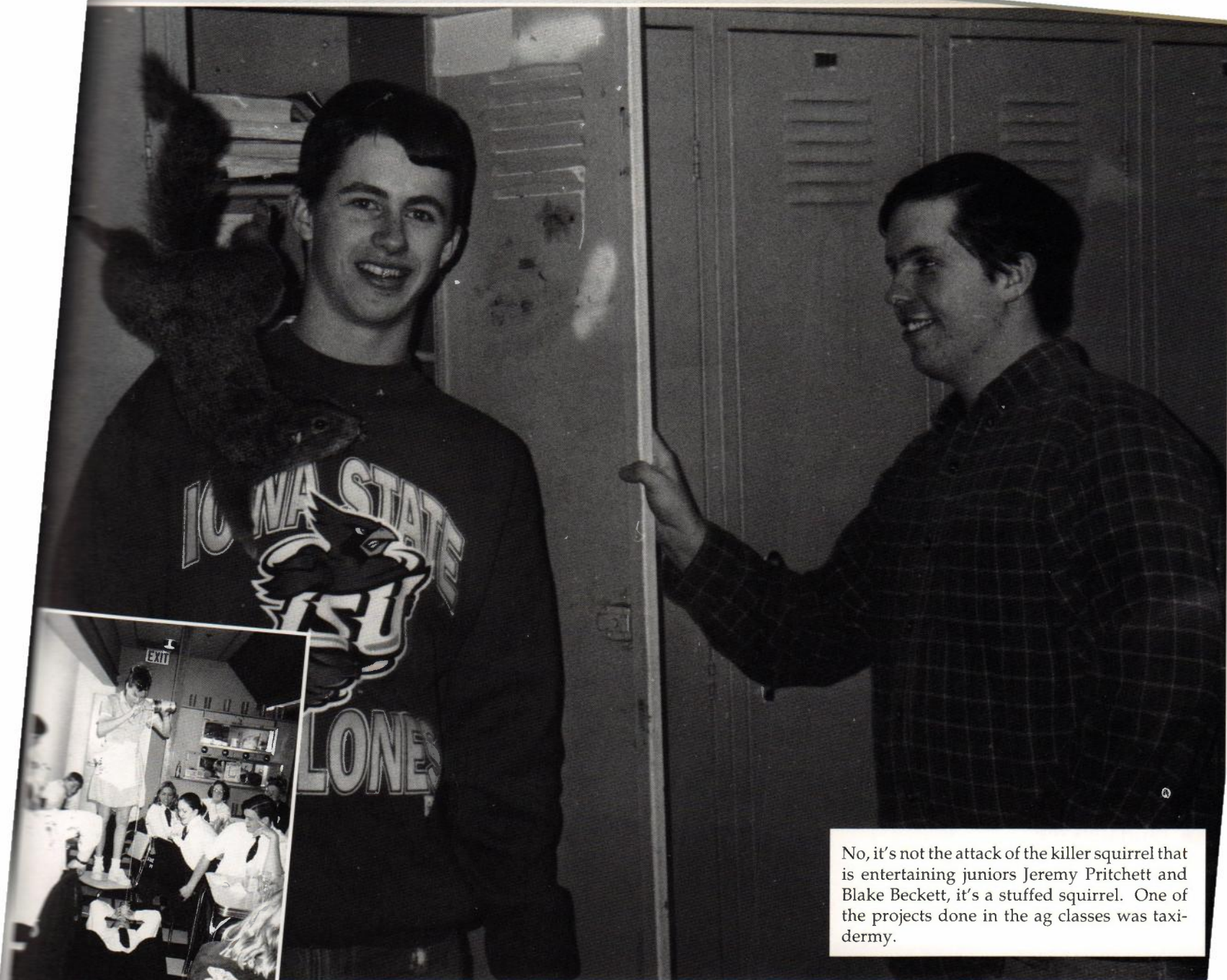
⇒ FFA Row 1 left to right: Mr. Doug Dodd, Matt Strable, Blake Beckett, Brandon King, Anna Herrstrom, Amanda Potts, Kelly Williams, Pat Erb, Neal Westrum, Jeremy Pritchett. Row 2: Adam Anderson, Nick Killstrom, Tiffany Ellis, Jamie Lynch, Courtney Blomgren, Chad Houston, Amanda Johnson, Nathan Doerder, Julie Brice, Cassie Bracklein, Steffanie Burdess, Megan Walters. Row 3: Colin Askelsen, Amanda Loneran, Travis Prouty, Jason Miller, Matt Doran, Brian Flemming, Sara Gardner, Brittie Wattson, Pam Carter, Martha Thompson. Row 4: Paul Haase, Pat Jones, Chad Christeson, Joe Darby, John Wittrock, Eric Brown, C.T. Hammond, Garrett Picklapp. Row 5: Cory Rose, Doug Mitchel, Catrina Olson, Scott Spurgeon, Tim McGlynn, Heath Cline, Eric Christenson, Jon Strabley. Row 6: Jerad Tungesvik, John Howell, Ben Moore, Josh Moran.



⇒ Showing off the cool FFA vest, freshman Nathan Doerder displays his new FFA outfit. Whenever the group got involved in competitions, the members were required to wear official FFA clothing.

⇒ Taking part in the FFA meeting, Neil Westrum and Pat Erb try to get involved in the decision making process of the group. Because the unit competed in several events, it was necessary to encourage good attendance at the meetings.





No, it's not the attack of the killer squirrel that is entertaining juniors Jeremy Pritchett and Blake Beckett, it's a stuffed squirrel. One of the projects done in the ag classes was taxidermy.



The Aggies take a time out during the annual state convention to have fun at the malt shop in Des Moines.



Megan Walters and Stephanie Burdess take time to practice together before they participate in the state FFA band.

The new school year marked the beginning of a new revolution in agriculture. The school changed the name for the former FFA organization to A&M. The group represented a whole new image for its growing number of members. Boone A&M was one of the largest organized clubs in the school district. There were over 70 members in the chapter.

The group stressed the need to spread their knowledge of the many new advances in agriculture to others by competing in state and district contest, attending convention and getting involved in various forms of fundraising activities.

The group achieved their goals by receiving honors such as placing fifth in the soil judging contest at Districts. They also raised over \$17,000 in fruit sales.

The last goal the group had was to show how agriculture and the environment affect future lives. That new knowledge which was gained during meetings proved to be helpful in every aspect by benefitting the community.

BY AARON MARTIN and SCOTTIE MILLER

STAGE 'DOR FACTS

- **Goofing off back stage was always the favorite part of rehearsals for students**

"The most enjoyable thing is sticking gummy bears to the ceiling."

-JON HAMPTON

"The most important part of the show for me was coloring my hair in the lockerroom before I went on stage."

-SARA MANISCALCO

- **Students welcomed the idea of a melodrama**

"I've never seen a melodrama and this first one is neat. It is fun to overact and get the audience involved."

-SARAH DAVIS

"I like expressing myself on stage. With the lights on you and the audience dark, I feel I can do almost anything."
-ANGIE POMETTO, 10

⇒ WINTER CAST Row 1 left to right: Rachael Hubbeling, Emily Wiley, Sara Maniscalco, Katie Behm, Brian Brooks. Row 2: Mystique Eschliman, Holly Lahner, Lyndsay Kooistra, Katie Howe, Jeanna Garvey, Sara Yungclas. Row 3: Paul Grabau, Levi Lanz, Ryan Stone, Heather Yungclas, Andrea Newman.



⇒ Playing the role of a true hero, junior Adam Hoppus tries to win the heart of junior Michelle Wonderly. The melodrama required that the actors exaggerate actions and lines for the audience's amusement..



⇒ WINTER Cast Row 1 left to right: Chris Brandt, Linda Woods, Jon Hampton, Adam Hoppus, Clayton Chapman, Anna Herrstrom. Row 2: Jodi Daigh, Mark Olofson, Lyndsay Shannon, Marci Bennett, Heather Bedingfield, Kari Newman. Row 3: Eric VerHelst, Mollie McConkey, Anne Kostelnick, Laura Burdette, Jessica Ackerman, Nathan Haila. Row 4: Janelle Patterson, Michelle Wonderly, Angie Pometto, Rachel Gould, Kristi Beaman, Jon Erb, Jerad Tungesvik, Ryan Walrod.





Practicing for the show, senior Jason Campbell juggles spurs. Jason performed in the olios (intermission acts) along with other performers.



Trying to disguise himself, Nathan Haila dresses as a woman to hide from the law: Jon Hampton.

While winter theater productions weren't a stranger, the classic melodrama style was. The last time a melodrama was performed was in 1992. Melodramas were popular because they allowed the members of the audience a chance to interact with the cast. The audience did such things as applaud and cheer for the hero, and boo the villain.

"Pure as he Driven Snow" was a story about young Purity Dean. The story line was the same as with most melodramas. The ending, as usual, came out in favor of the hero.

Keeping with the traditional melodramatic style, olios were performed during the intermission. Senior Jason Campbell juggled, a variety of objects. Dancers mesmerized the audience with their routines and made them laugh with their creative comedy skits.

BY RACHAEL HUBBELING, SARA MANISCALCO, TAWNA STUTHEIT



NEW THESPIAN INITIATES Row 1: Sara Tringclas, Mollie McConkey, Jeanna Garvey, Michelle Wonderly. Row 2: Mr. Mike King, Kristi Beaman, Jon Erb, Jessie Ackerman.