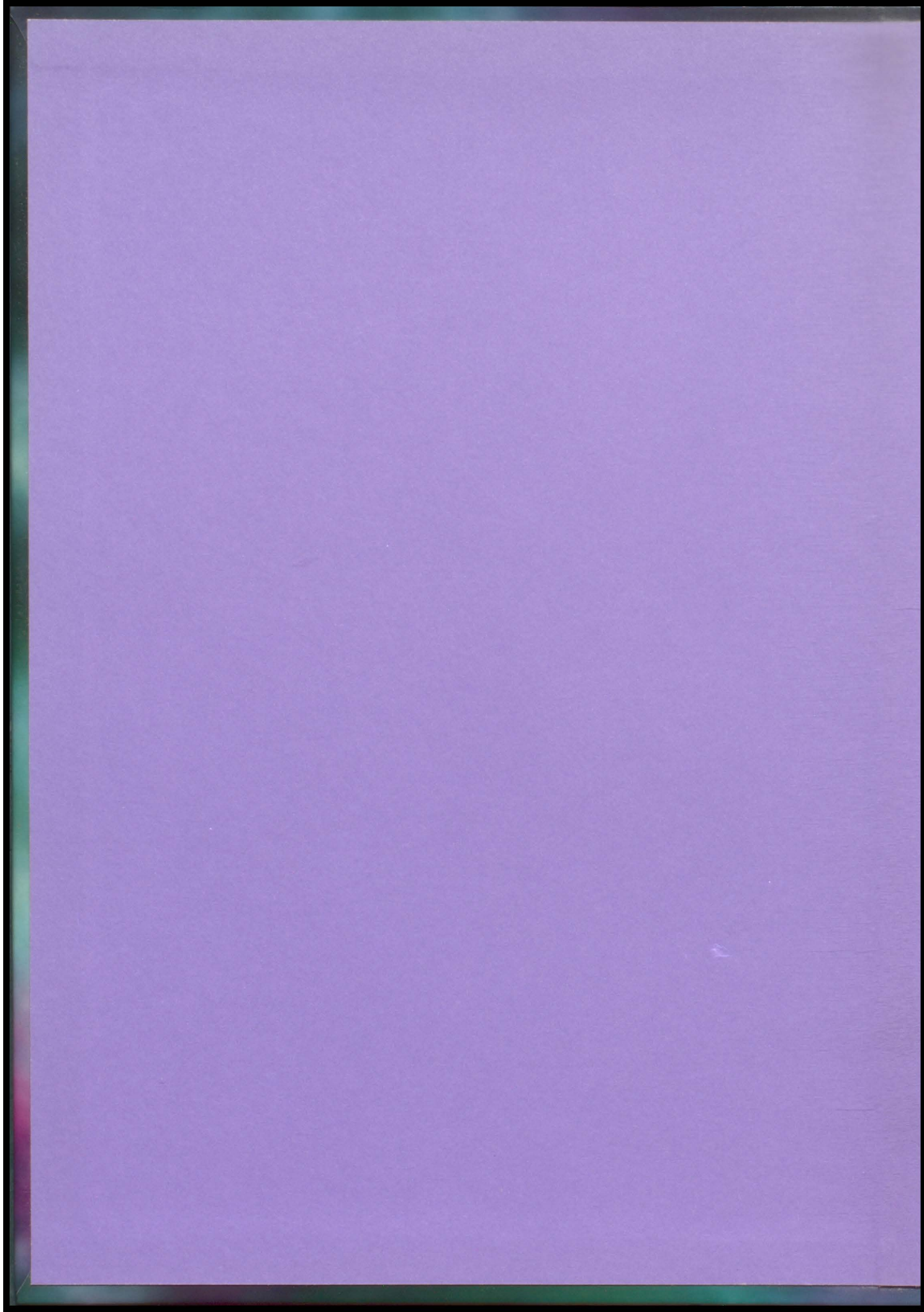
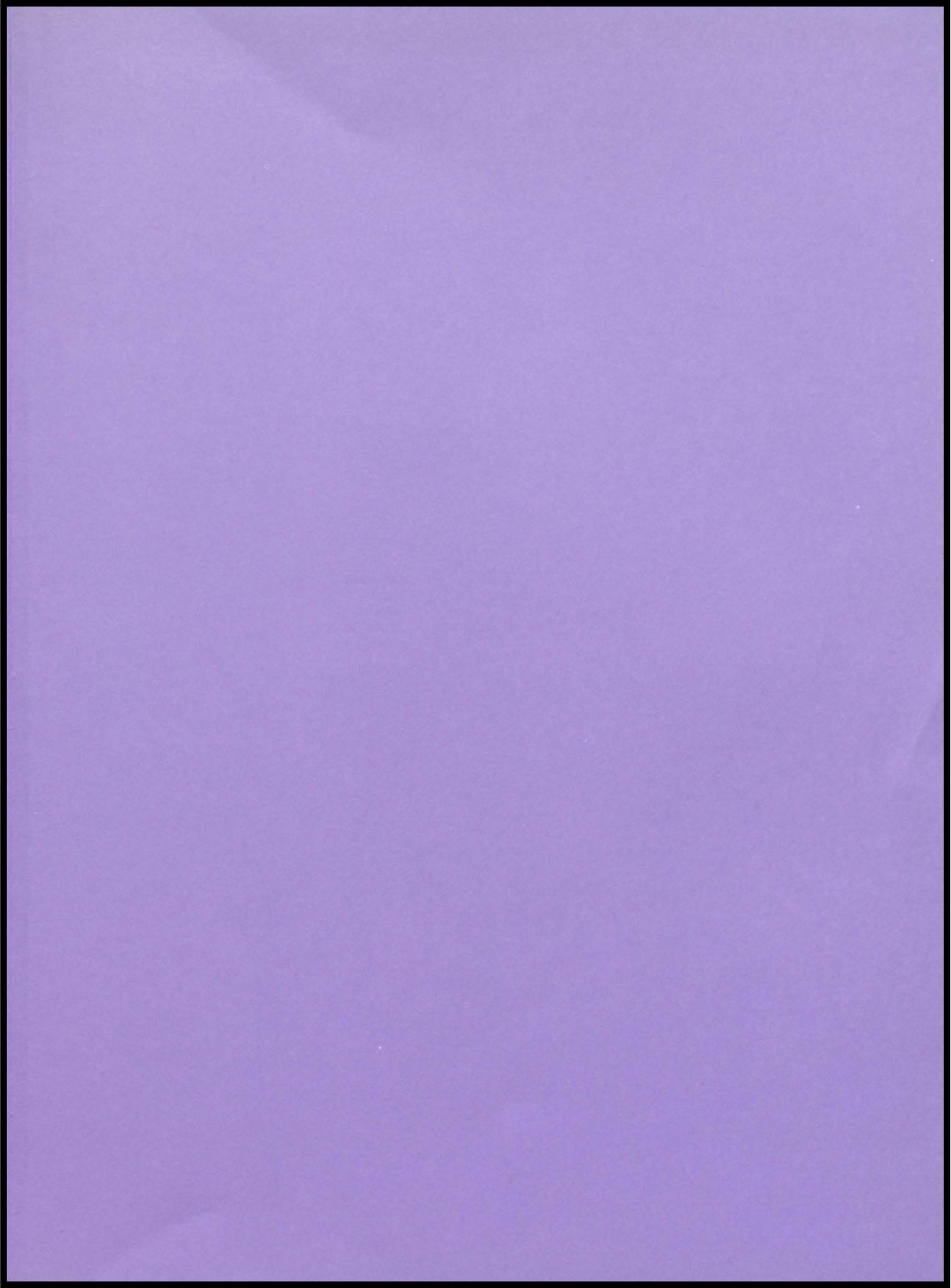
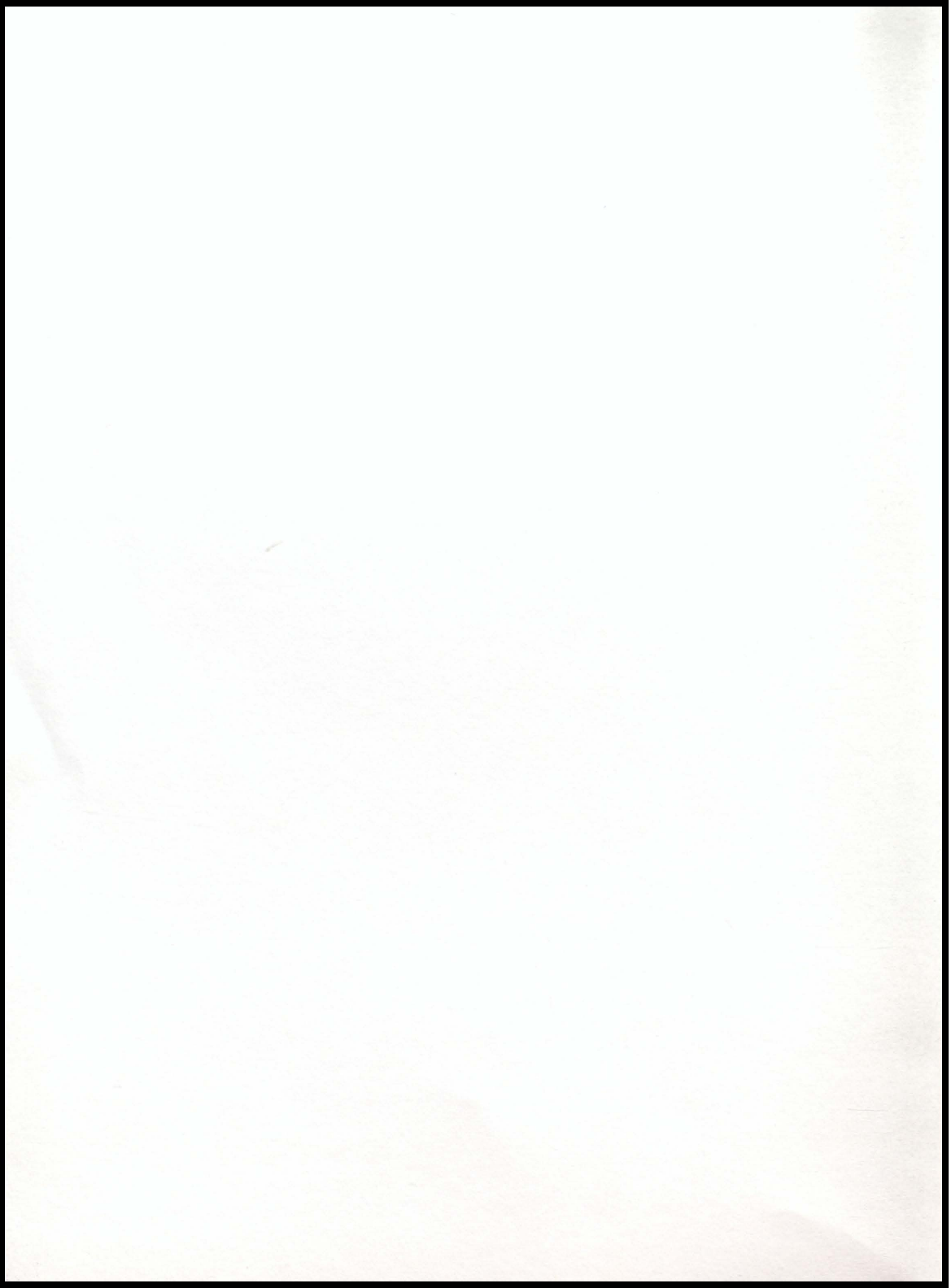


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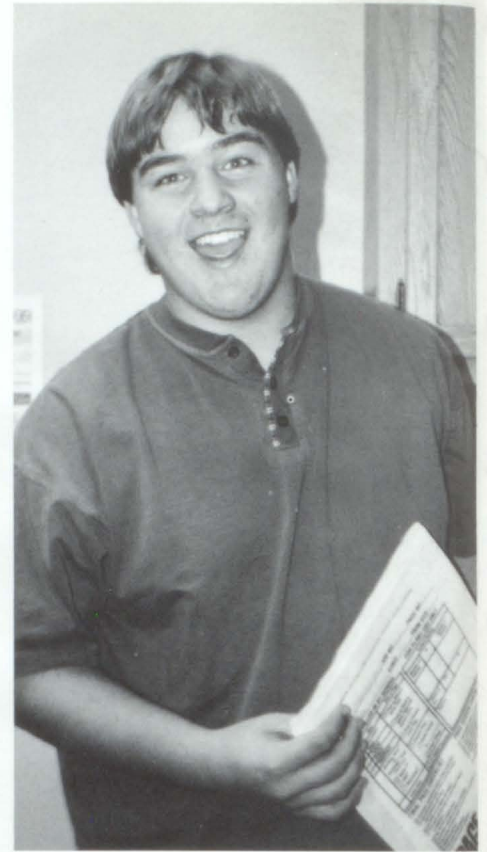
Students Springing Into Action

Classroom bound once again. This sounds depressing but summer vacation is over; it's time to wake up and hit the books. Although it's not always easy getting back into the swing of things, never the less teachers and faculty await the challenge.

Students seem to find activities to keep them busy, whether it be sports, music, or something to keep the year moving. A new addition to life at Climax is the e-mail. If you can't find a student they're probably in front of a computer somewhere.



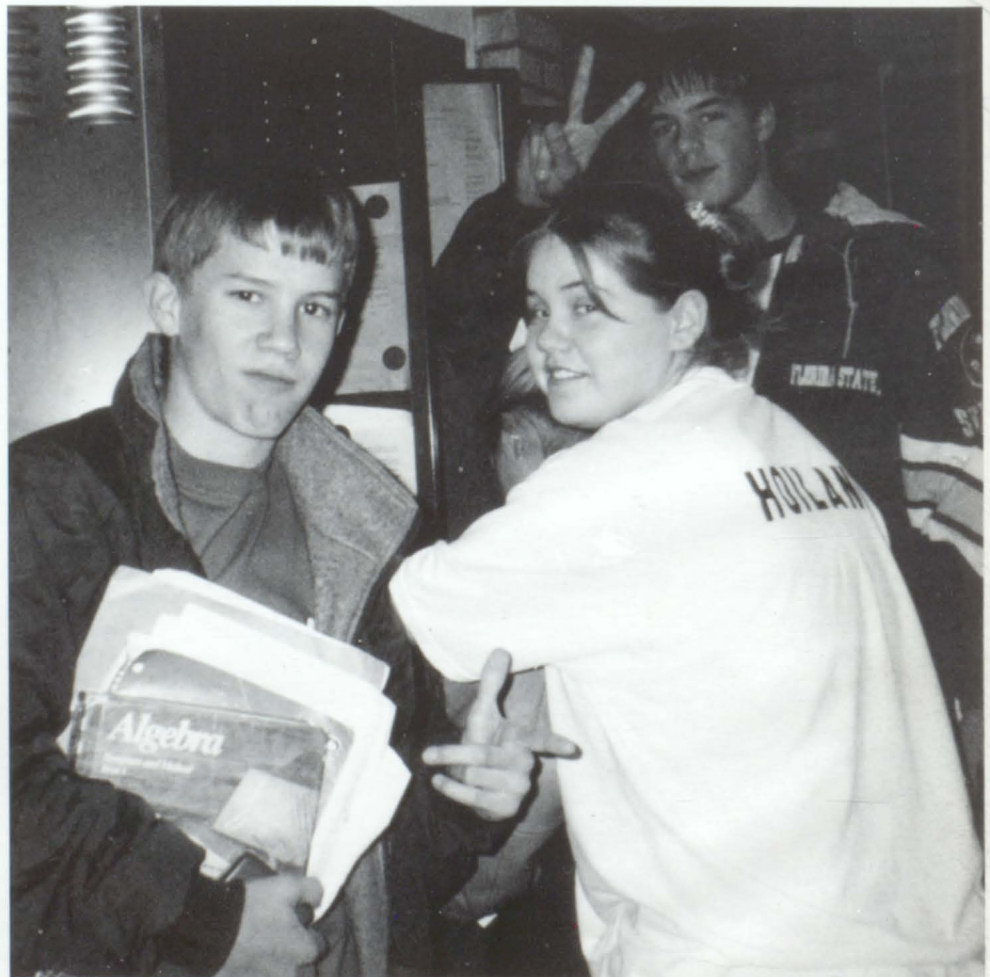
Ashley Braten, Erin Palm, Mandi Michael, and Lindsay Wegge flash their ecstatic smiles.



Hey Howie! What were you trying to say?



Don't worry Krystal you're not late, yet.



Saeth Gronberg, Amanda Hoiland, and James Midboe just hanging out at their lockers.



Dustin absorbing all that he can handle.



FALL

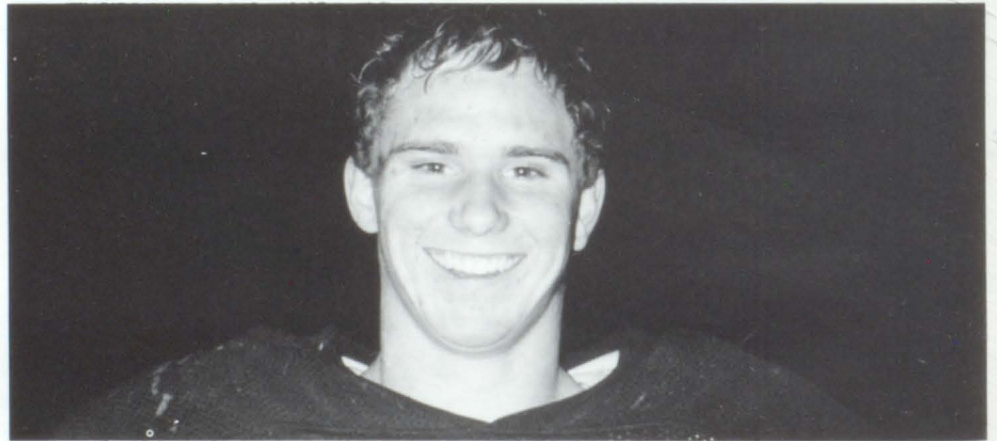




1997 Varsity Football Team. Back Row Left to Right: Assistant Coach Jason Shantz, Assistant Coach John Haug, Tyler Quirk, Ryan Sheldon, Justin Midboe, Josh Koryntha, Jason McGlynn, Matt Davidson, Bob Ingvalson, Adam Stratton, Adam Dahl, Nathan Beisweiger, James Midboe, Head Coach Darrin Byklum. Middle Row Left to Right: Troy Newhouse, Evan Koryntha, Reed Van Eps, Travis Strand, Chad Palvish, Christian Henderson, Josh Moulds, T.J. Swalboski, Reed Engel, Erik Quirk, Peter Vigness, Manager Jeremy Nygren. Front Row Left to Right: Casey Wege, Jon Hrabik, Jason Nelson, Eric Heath, Justin Merrill, Chad Knutson, Keith Skalet, Brandon Moulds, Joey Szecech.

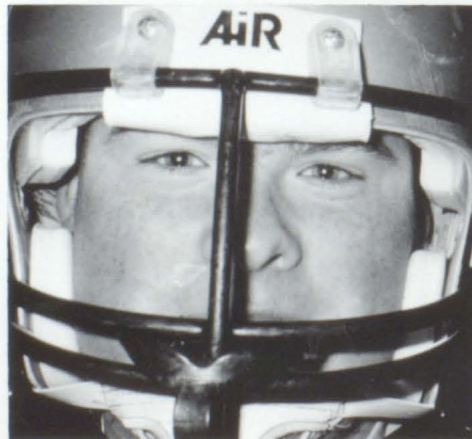


Pride With Perseverance



With his energetic attitude, Keith Skalet's goal is to get his team into good spirits.

This year the Knights endured a challenging season. With the rough road of last year behind them, they were eager to begin the new season on the right foot. The Knights had the obstacle of adjusting to a new coaching staff: Head Coach Darrin Byklum, and Assistant Coaches Jason Shantz and John Haug. These new coaches proved to be an asset and showed them some new and valuable plays. During the playoffs the Knights stepped up and took home a win propelling them forward. The next game did not prove to show their full potential, but they still showed pride and sportsmanship.



T.J. Swalboski staring directly into the eyes of one of his many fearful opponents.



James Midboe cheers after their big game win against the Norman County West Panthers!



The Fisher-Climax Knights quick defense abruptly halts the Norman County West Panthers.

Opponent	Football Record	
	We	They
Stephen-Argyle	6	33
Norman County West	46	20
Win-E-Mac	26	8
Red Lake	24	30
Red Lake County Central	27	21
Clearbrook-Gonvick	6	44
Ulen-Hitterdal	31	20
Norman County West	6	46
	Playoffs	
Norman County West	22	8
Red Lake County Central	14	39



"What was the score again?", asks Mr. Haug.



The football team stands along the field to sing the national anthem before playing ball.



Casey Wegge struts his stuff after yet another big win for the Fisher-Climax Knights.



1997 Junior High Football Team. Back Row Left to Right: Aaron Vigness, Austin Skjei, Nick Kasowski, Nick Beisweiger, Zeb Vraa, Darren Holland, Ceasear DeLaCruz, Jerry Aure. Front Row Left to Right: Ross Koryntha, Joel Skalet, Hans Wagner, Travis LaPlante, Sean Nichols, Jason Rarick, Mike Vervalen.

Our Knights Ignite

The Climax crowd was "ignited" and raring to go during this year's homecoming week. We started out the games on Thursday with a friendly egg toss which the seniors won. The afternoon progressed with a hilarious obstacle course, and who could forget the blindfolded partners feeding pudding to each other. We ended the event-filled day with the grand finale tug-of-war contest which the juniors won. Everyone was all fired up over this year's days of the week. "Hippie Day" had, by far, the most participants. The coronation ran smoothly with Alicia Abentroth as the master of ceremonies. The elementary was also included in the coronation and pep fest by providing creative skits. Friday afternoon's football game was a struggle. The Knights fought hard but, in the end, lost to Red Lake 24-30. The week was filled with much excitement, and many happy memories were made. We hated to see it end.



The 1997 Homecoming Royalty. Geralyn Moen, Michelle Nesvig, Casey Wegge, Mary Peterson, Justin Thune, and Mandi Spokely were chosen by all the seniors to represent their class.



Michelle, Mary, and Mandi, show us their pearly whites just before their "royalty ride."



Our 1997 King and Queen, Casey Wegge and Mary Peterson, strike a picture perfect pose.

Spirit Week

Monday	Hippie Day
Tuesday	Hunting Day
Wednesday	Career Day
Thursday	Grunge Day
Friday	Black, Silver, White Day



Future royalty, Lindy McCollum, and Cole Brown, smile sweetly before their big entrance.



Lacey Tronnes and Casey Wegge are ready for a career day. What exactly are your careers?



"Hippie Day" conjured up a crowd! L-R Krystal Bjorge, Mary Peterson, Jenny Grove, Joel Skalet, Michelle Nesvig, Abby Paulsrud, Keith Skalet, Mandi Spokely, Laura Evenson, and Missy Dale. With sporting outfits that they found in parents' closets, these unruly kids lounged outside on a groovy day instead of attending their normally boring, routine classes.



A result of our very messy obstacle course. Joel, do you have something on your face?!



Kari Thune, Shannon Grove, and Krystal Bjorge smile slyly in their "MAN" hunting gear.



Mary a.k.a. Mrs. Taus the second.

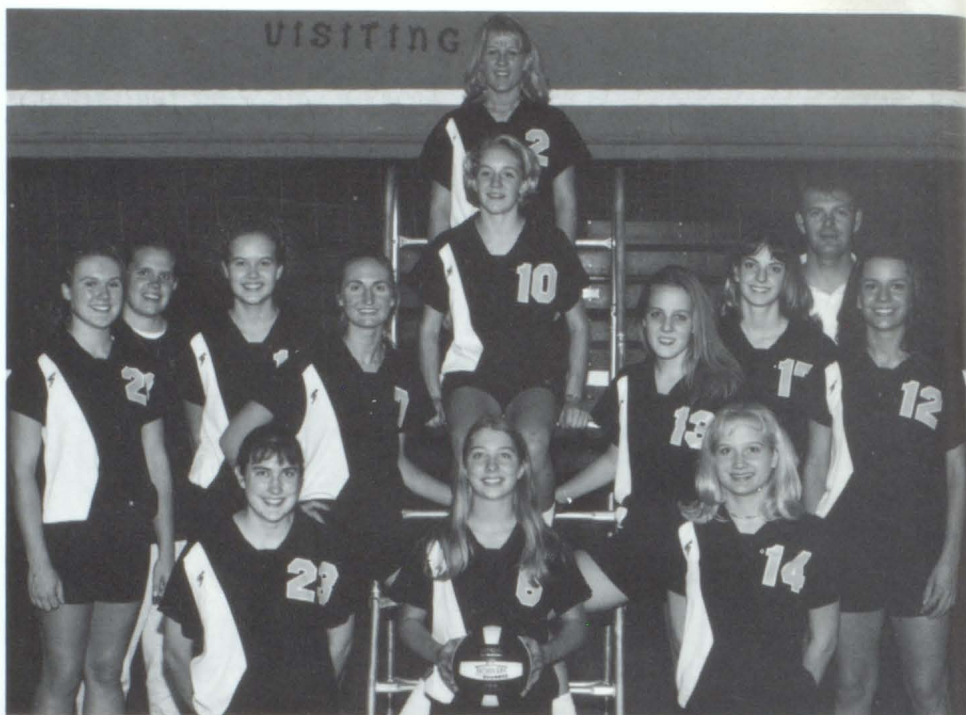


"The muscles behind the madness!" Climax Student council members Miki Hrabik, Mandi Michael, Jon Hrabik, Krystal Bjorge, Serena Nichols, and Mandi Spokely helped set up for the festivities. Their hard work seemed to pay off as everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves.

Knights Explode

The Fisher/Climax Knights had a killer volleyball season ending with a 23-6 record. The girls worked hard to achieve the same goal: to win. The team had some great wins and some tough losses, but that made them strive to be better. In Sub-Sections, the Knights had to step up and play hard. They blew away Sacred Heart in three games in the first match, and in the second match of competition, the Knights defeated Crookston in three games. But the Knights, however, fell short in the championship game against RLCC.

Mary Peterson commented reflectively, "We had a great season that ended with a hard loss, but I will never forget my teammates and all the memories that we made and shared with each other."



The 1997 Fisher-Climax Knights Varsity Volleyball Team. Back Row from left to right: Betsey Tinkham, Assistant Coach Kerri Brantner, Lisa Fanfulik, Lynell Skavlem, Emily Tinkham, Captain; Mandi Spokely, Amy Knutson, Christal Berbe, Head Coach; Kris Arason, Mary Peterson. Front Row from left to right: Miki Hrabik, Laura Evenson, Captain; Laura Fanfulik.



Seniors Mandi, Miki, and Mary take time to smile for the camera before the game.



The 1997 Fisher-Climax Knights Junior Varsity Volleyball Team. Back Row from left to right: Serena Nichols, Heather Tronnes, Lisa Fanfulik, Emily Tinkham, Amy Knutson, Michelle Voeller, Kari Thune, Coach Kerri Brantner. Center: Laura Evenson Front Row from left to right: Lindsay Wegge, Abby Paulsrud, Shannon Grove.



The Fisher-Climax Knights Volleyball captains: Mandi Spokely and Laura Fanfulik.



Lynell passes the volleyball as Christal, Laura, Mary, and Betsey hustle into action.



Mary Peterson concentrates for the game.



The 1997 Fisher-Climax Knights "C" Team. Front Row from left to Tracy Borowicz, Sara Ruth-erford, Sara Sheldon, Jennifer Dale, Erin Palm, Allysa Wagner.



The 1997 Fisher-Climax 8th Grade Volleyball Team. Front Row from left to right: Sally Ege-land, Hailey Heath, Amy Strand, Elisa Lysne, Marla Koberstein. Back Row from left to right: Amanda Wagner, Brianna Forness, Tiara Wagner, Stacy Slyt, Veronica Mendoza.



The 1997 Fisher-Climax 7th Grade Volleyball Team. Front Row left to right: Kelsey Paulsrud, Andrea Lein, Jessica Goetz, Jackie Hedde, Dawn Thune. Back Row left to right: Britta Berbe, Sara Anderson, Jenny Grove, Nicole Montoya, Kirby Newhouse.

Team Spirit

Enthusiasm and school spirit are two qualities that a cheerleader must possess to cheer the Knights on to victory. The efforts by the team can be seen not only at games, but in the school, too. The football cheerleaders work extra hard to cheer on the team. Whether it be thunderstorms or bitter cold, they try to stay cheering strong. The basketball cheerleaders also work hard to withstand the heat created by the excitement and the noise created by the roaring fans. The Knight cheerleaders practice under the supervision of Mrs. Betsy Thaden.



Krystal and Alma cheerfully strike a pose while stretching before a football game.



Krystal, Erin, and Alma are having fun while chugging down the the football field.



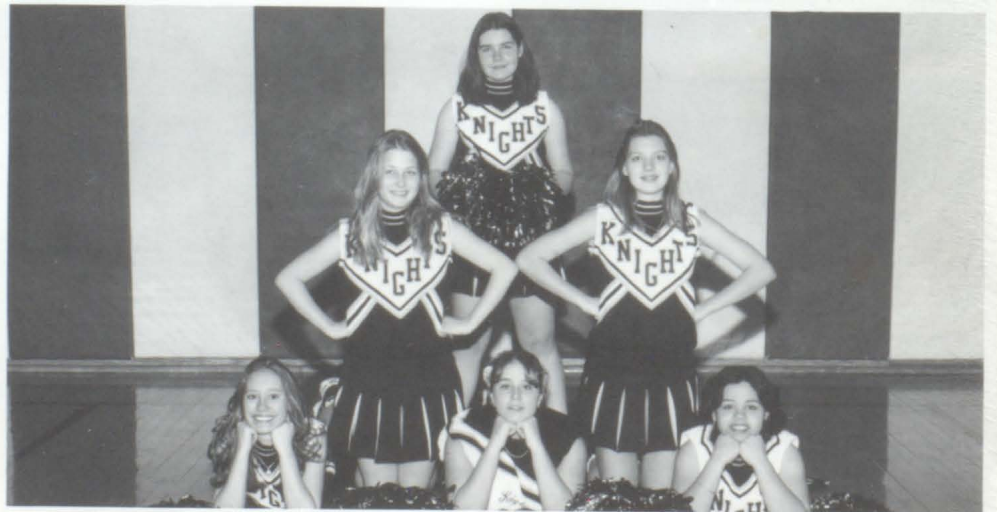
The Fisher-Climax Knights football cheerleading team: Back Row L-R: Krystal Bjorge, Sara Ruch, and Erin Vraa. Front Row L-R: Teresa Koberstien, Mandy Szczech, and Alma Pruneda.



Teresa boosts her energy with a quick snack right before a football game.



Alma and Mandy cheerfully shout out a quick cheer before the basketball game begins.



The Fisher-Climax Knights basketball cheerleading team: Back Row L-R: Mandy Szczech, Erin Vraa, and Teresa Koberstien. Front Row L-R: Sara Ruch, Ashley Cota, and Alma Pruneda.

Unforgettable Faces



Michelle Jennifer Nesvig



Mary Jo Peterson



Geralyn OrRay Moen



Missy Ann Dale



Lacey LeAudra Tronnes



Timothy John Swalboski



Thea Marie Swalboski



Justin Wayne Thune



Alyssa Anna Burke



Dustin Michael Rude



Terry Lea Grove



Anthony Edward Michael



Jacob Adam Speldrich



Denise Suanna Anderson



Lynell Rae Skavlem



Alicia Ann Abentroth



Mandi Lynae Spokely



Laura Elisabeth Metzger



Miki Jo Hrabik



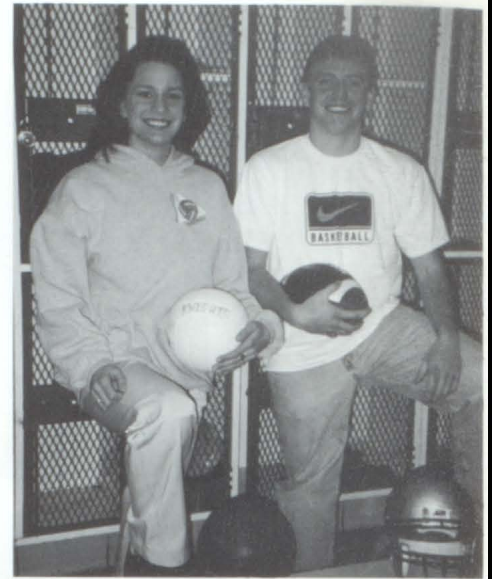
Casey Ryan Wegge

Seniors Hall Of Fame

One quick glance at the class of 1998, and a person realizes instantaneously that we are a most unique group of individuals. Someone may see one of us, as a prepster, a socialite, a perfectionist, or a delinquent. If one takes a closer look though, they will see that our class may very well have different types of characters, but we were bound together, and formed a unity of undying friendship. In years to come we will look back at these days together as the best time of our life. Whether or not we are continents apart we will be present in each others heart.



Casey Wegge and Laura Metzger were voted **MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED** from the senior class.



Having a lot of faithful fans Mary Peterson and Casey Weege were chosen **MOST ATHLETIC**.



With the ability to liven up any room Thea Swalboski was picked to be **THE BUBBLIEST**.



Justin Thune and Terry Grove were chosen out of the senior's to be the **FIRST TO MARRY**.



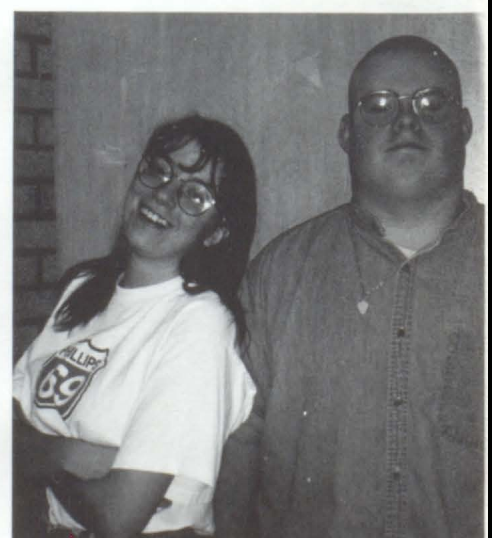
Alyssa Burke a.k.a. **THE FLIRT** is constantly trying to portray her charms with the guys.



With dreams of becoming a famous artist Missy Dale was voted the **MOST CREATIVE SENIOR**.



With the ability to brighten a room Alicia Abentroth was chosen for **THE BEST SMILE**.



Denise Anderson and T.J. Swalboski were chosen to be the **LEAST LIKELY TO GET MARRIED**.



We think that it is quite obvious as to why Lynell Skavlem was chosen as **CLASS REBEL**.



This picture is proof enough that Miki Hrabik and Casey Wegge exhibit the **MOST SPIRIT**.



After very little discussion Michelle Nesvig was chosen to have the **PRETTIEST HAIR**.



Geraldyn Moen and Mandi Spokely were chosen to be the **BEST DRESSED** out of the seniors.



The entire senior class was chosen as being the most unique and simply **UNFORGETTABLE**.



Just short of a halo, Laura Metzger and T.J. Swalboski were voted as the **CLASS ANGELS**.



Bet you can't tell why Dustin Rude portrayed the part of the **ALL TIME LAZIEST** senior.



Lacey Tronnes and Jacob Speldrich were chosen the **MOST LIKELY TO LIVE AT HOME FOREVER**.



If you have food lying around don't let Anthony Michael, **THE BIGGEST MOOCH**, see it.

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Alicia Abentroth



Denise Anderson



Alyssa Burke



Melissa Dale



Terry Grove

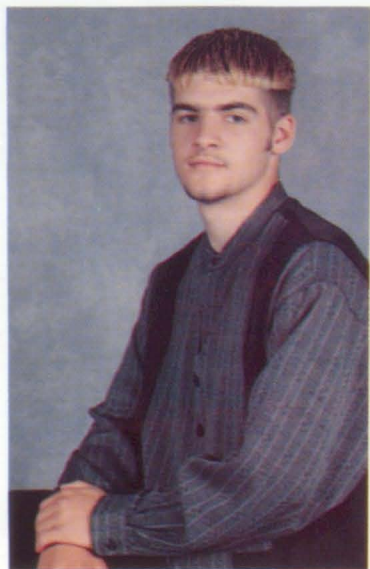


Miki Hrabik

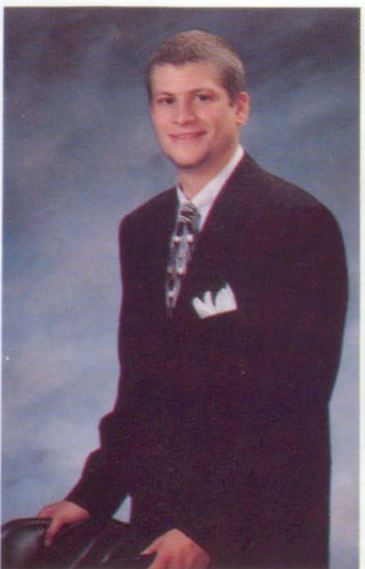


Laura Metzger

Motto:
*We came as
strangers,
we stayed as
friends, we
leave with
memories
that will
never end.*



Anthony Michael



Geralyn Moen



Michelle Nesvig



Mary Peterson



Dustin Rude



Lynell Skavlem

*Colors:
Black,
Silver, Teal
with Purple
accents*

*Flower:
Daisy*



Jacob Speldrich



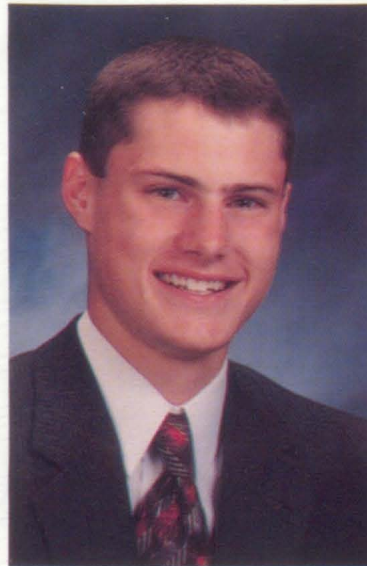
Mandi Spokely



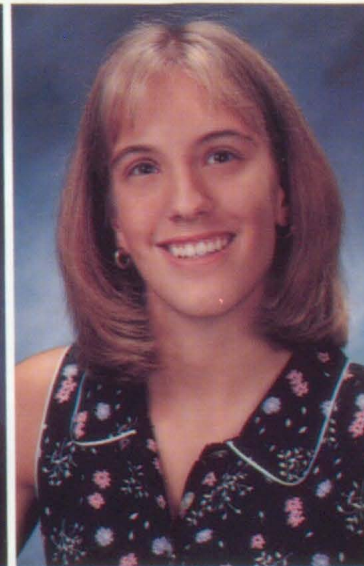
Timothy Swalboski



Thea Swalboski



Justin Thune



Lacey Tronnes



Casey Wegge

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Juniors

The Class of 1999.

Making Memories to

Last a Lifetime.

Junior year is a trying time with decisions to be made. This year the class of 1999 has to please various opinions and personalities to produce a successful prom. Although this is one of the biggest events they have to accomplish, the juniors must start thinking of life after high school! This task includes the numerous stressful tests that get penciled into their busy schedules. The Juniors will make tons of memories that they can hold onto forever.



Class Officers: Jayne Abentroth, Krystal Bjorge, Howard Nettum, Erin Vraa, Abby Paulsrud.



How come Alma Pruneda and Crystal Nelson look guilty? I wonder what they've been up to.



Keith S. and Angela D. saying bye once more.



Luke Forness the junior class clown.

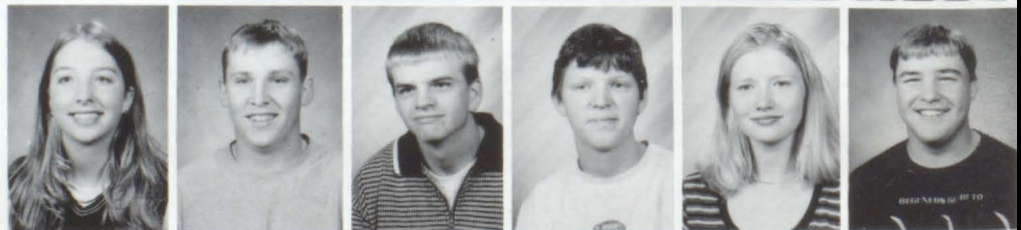


Laura E., Abby P., and Serena N. the goodies.

Abentroth, Jayne
Bjorge, Krystal
De La Garza, Angela
Dybing, Heather
Elwood, James



Evenson, Laura
Forness, Luke
Gunderson, Dean
Minen, Chris
Nelson, Crystal
Nettum, Howie

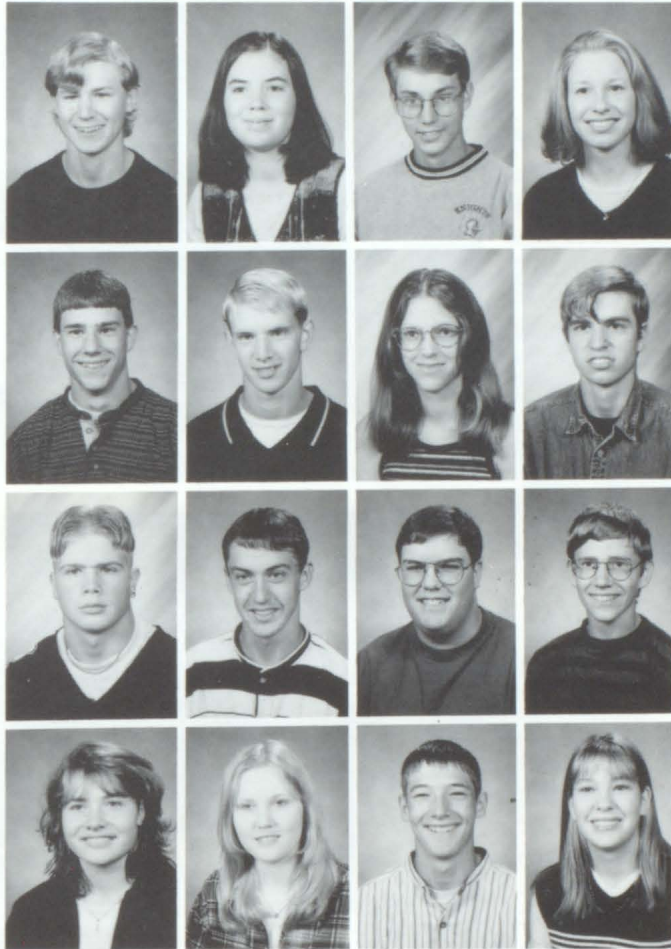


Nichols, Serena
Paulsrud, Abby
Pruneda, Alma
Rarick, Jerome
Skalet, Keith
Vraa, Erin



The Adult Feeling

Finally there, and now what, Well, only two years to go, so its time to enjoy the feeling with out the responsibilities that everyone talks about. What are they? Where do they come from? Or maybe its only one of those special processes that makes this stage even more interesting and fascinating. No matter what life brings, the memories of today will be there to comfort us in our difficult times later on. As you sit back and relax, think about the memories that the sophomore year has left carved in your memory. One thing is for sure: all the pages in our book of life will have an impact in what we become tomorrow.

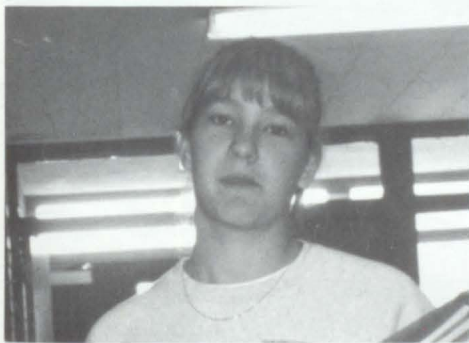


Abentroth, Nicholas
Braaten, Shanda
Davidson, Matthew
Grove, Shannon

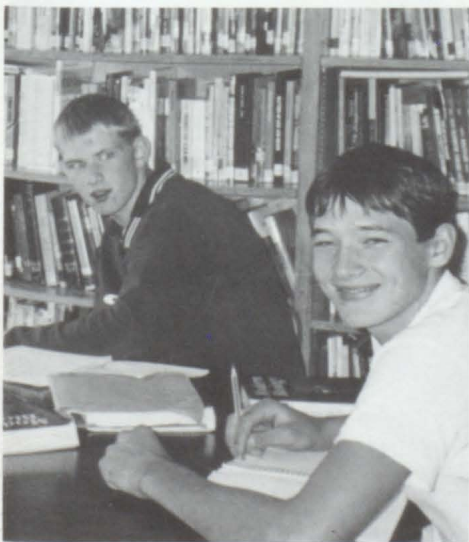
Hrabik, Jonathon
Midboe, Justin
Minen, Jackie
Moen, Henry

Nelson, Jason
Nesvig, Michael
Nettum, Brian
Rarick, Mathew

Thune, Karielle
Tronnes, Heather
Vigness, Peter
Voeller, Michelle



Deep in thought, Michelle takes a time-out from her daily school schedule to day dream.



Justin and Peter take a quick time-out from their studies to smile big for the camera.



Shannon Grove, Jason Nelson, and Kari Thune enjoy being sophomores as they leave this picture behind to remind them of their journey they once took passing through 10th grade.

Freshmen

Braaten, Ashley
 Burke, Christopher
 Dale, Jennifer
 Gronberg, Saeth
 Hoiland, Amanda
 Michael, Amanda



Midboe, James
 Neil, Ashley
 Nielson, T.J.
 Palm, Erin
 Wegge, Lindsay



Movin' on up to the Ninth Grade

When one begins ninth grade, not much changes except for becoming the oldest in junior high. You enter school seeing familiar faces and once again start to make new memories. This year, though seemed different for the ninth graders. Being in high school for only two year got them well-acquainted with the teachers, but this year we got a new staff. Hopefully, the freshman class will make the new staff feel welcome.



Saeth Gronberg chowing down during lunch.



James Midboe making an early exit.



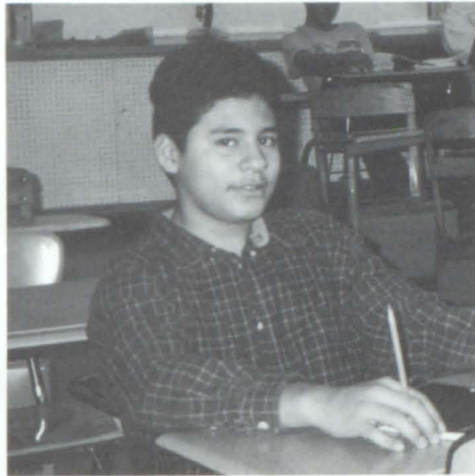
Ashley Neil getting her books from her locker which are necessary for her to excell.



The 1997-1998 Ninth Grade Class Officers: Back Row from Left to Right: Erin Palm and Jennifer Dale. Front Row from Left to Right: Amanda Michael, Lindsay Wegge, and Amanda Hoiland



Aaron Vigness and Zebulon Vraa resemble zombies marching onward to their next class.



Another productive day for Adriel Pruneda in Mrs. Hanson's math class.

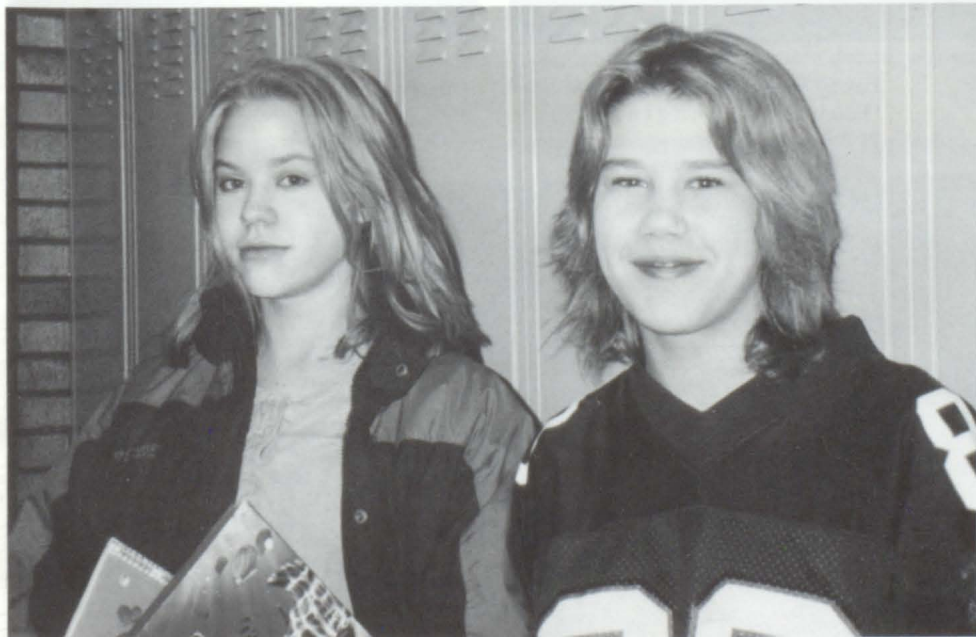
Movin' Up

When one enters eighth grade, he or she moves one step closer to Prom, varsity sports, and graduation. He or she is no longer at the bottom of the totem pole. This year, they rule the Jr.High. The eighth graders will soon find out that once they reach senior high, school will be a completely different game. Class officers for 97-98 are: President, Jason Rarick; Vice President, Justin Jetty; Secretary, Danny Holum; Treasurer, Zeb Vraa; and Student Council Rep., Stacy Slyt.



Brianna Forness
 Danny Holum
 Justin Jetty
 Adriel Pruneda
 Jason Rarick

Kailee Schraeder
 Stacy Slyt
 Aaron Vigness
 Zebulon Vraa
 Alfredo Zenteno
 Manuel Zenteno



Brianna Forness and Stacy Slyt take time to pose for a picture before school. Its just really hard to find the eighth grade class before school. I wonder where they all go?



Jason Rarick flashes a big smile while dashing through the halls for his next class.

At The Bottom Again

In seventh grade one goes through a great many changes. It is time to grow up, which is inevitable. The metamorphosis is both enjoyable and frightening with the switching of classrooms and teachers being the biggest changes of all. They actually get to move to different sites and seats in addition to adjusting to all the different teachers and all their unique teaching styles. They don't have to sit in the same spot in the same room day after day. How boring. It can be challenging but it can also be an exhilarating adventure. They must really learn to respect their elders because they are not able to boss around all the little kids anymore. They are low on the totem pole now and forced into a world of older kids. One might even see them hugging the walls, literally, in fear of all the older kids. So just take it easy on them! Just have fun as the "little folks" and before you know it you will be on top!

Forness, Laney
Grove, Jenny
Hedde, Jacquelyn
Ibarra, Cecilia



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Nichols, Sean
Paulsrud, Kelsey
Skalet, Joel
Stortroen, Sarah



Thune, Dawn
Twamley, John



Class Officers
Kelsey Paulsrud-President
Joel Skalet-Vice President
Dawn Thune-Secretary
John Twamley-Treasurer
Jenny Grove-Student Council



Laney Forness and Jenny Grove just hanging around.



John Twamley deep in thought.



Laney Forness, Dawn Thune, and Jenny Grove sitting in our library trying to live up to the expectations of our teachers. They are competing to see who will be the next Einstein.

5th Grade



Bjorge, Jeffrey
Chapman, Shayla
Grove, Brandy
Hrabik, Casey



Jundt, April
Stortroen, Leah
Twamley, Ivan
Twetén, Alexandra



Vigness, Roseann



In an intense basketball game during phy-ed, Casey Hrabik boxes out Jeff Bjorge.



Brandy Grove diligently works on her art.

Top of Their World

The fifth and sixth graders are the big wigs of the elementary. They strut around as if they are large and in charge. This notion is fine now, but within the next couple of years, you will again be the low man on the totem pole. Anticipation, fright, and joy are among the mixed feelings encountered with the approaching milestone (entering into Jr. High). Maturity will play a part in this transition. There will be a large change of pace along with responsibilities never imagined including tons of homework! So enjoy this feeling of top of the world because next year, you too, will have to begin the long climb all over again.



Brenda Slyt, Amy Evenson, Jeff Bjorge, and Casey Hrabik a.k.a. "the nerd herd."

6th Grade



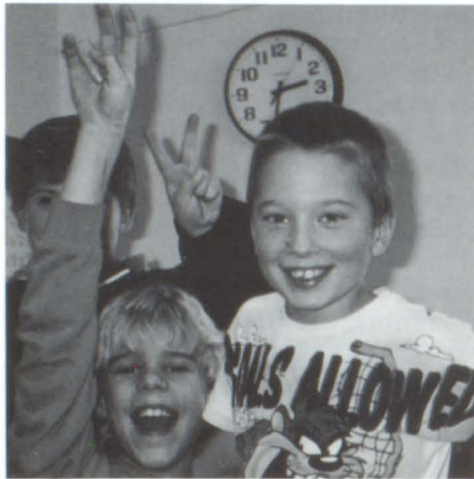
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Cost, Daniel
Evenson, Amy
Gruhot, Brittney
Moen, Aaron
Moen, Bradley



Neil, Abby
Neil, Sarah
Nelson, Jessica
Nichols, Seain
Slyt, Brenda
West, Moriah
Zenteno, Raymundo

3rd Grade

Chapman, Shantel
Delaney, Kayla
Evenson, Kayla
Goodrich, Mekayla
Knutson, Bailly
Meier, Matthew
Sanchez, Monica



Kevin Slyt and Andy Rarick making the most of the last forty-five minutes of the day.

Stortroen, Josh
Voeller, Andrew
Wroe, Samantha



4th Grade

Abentroth, Donny
Atilano, Joseph
Larson, Alysia



Lee, Jessica
Moen, Emily
Nesvig, Kara
Rarick, Andrew
Sanchez, Carlos
Slyt, Kevin
Thoreson, Bradley



Looking Ahead

The third and fourth grade are growing up right before our eyes. They are our future. When asked what they would like to be when they grow up, Monica Sanchez said she wants to be a movie star. Kara Nesvig would like to be a writer while Mekayla Goodrich wants to become a doctor one day. Donnie A. thinks he would make a good NHL player. Some of the third and fourth graders were also asked whom they look up to. Brad Thoreson looks up to his dad and Emily Moen admires her piano teacher, Alyssa Burke. Alysia Larson and Samantha Wroe look up to the Spice Girls. It looks like these kids are going to have a very bright future!



A few third and fourth grade girls and their buddy Elmo pose for a laid back picture.



Chandler, Matthew
Cost, Danica
DeBay, Tiffany
Delany, Brandi



Donner, David
Elwood, Aaron
Jetty, Ariel
Spokely, Jillian



Voeller, Jessica
Vraa, Bethany

Back into the Swing

The first and second graders are getting back into the swing of things. The first graders have to get used to being in school everyday. The second graders climb higher on the totem pole. While being very busy, they had the time to answer two short questions.

What is your favorite Cartoon?

Audra Larson: Rugrats

Jillian Spokely: Sylvester and Tweety.

Betsy Thoreson: Looney Tunes

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Matthew Chandler: Farmer

Aaron Elwood: Cowboy

Bethany Vraa: Bone Digger.



Ariel J. making a goofy face at the camera.



Audra L. grinning while Laura A. looks on.



This can only be a guilty grin from Matt C.

2nd Grade



Dylan N. and Jacob V. looking too innocent.

Atilano, Laura
Brekke, Samatha
Kimble, Kari



Larson, Audra
Nesvig, Dylan
Thoreson, Betsy
Vigness, Jacob



Kindergarten

Alejandro, Arthur
Brown, Cole
Cakebread, Elizabeth
Carlson, Evan
Chapman, Shane
Cost, Deauna
Grove, Rachel



Kimble, Kevin
Mccullum, Lindy
Rarick, Riley
Sanchez, Alex
Spokely, Justine
Swenson, George
Tronnes, Brittany

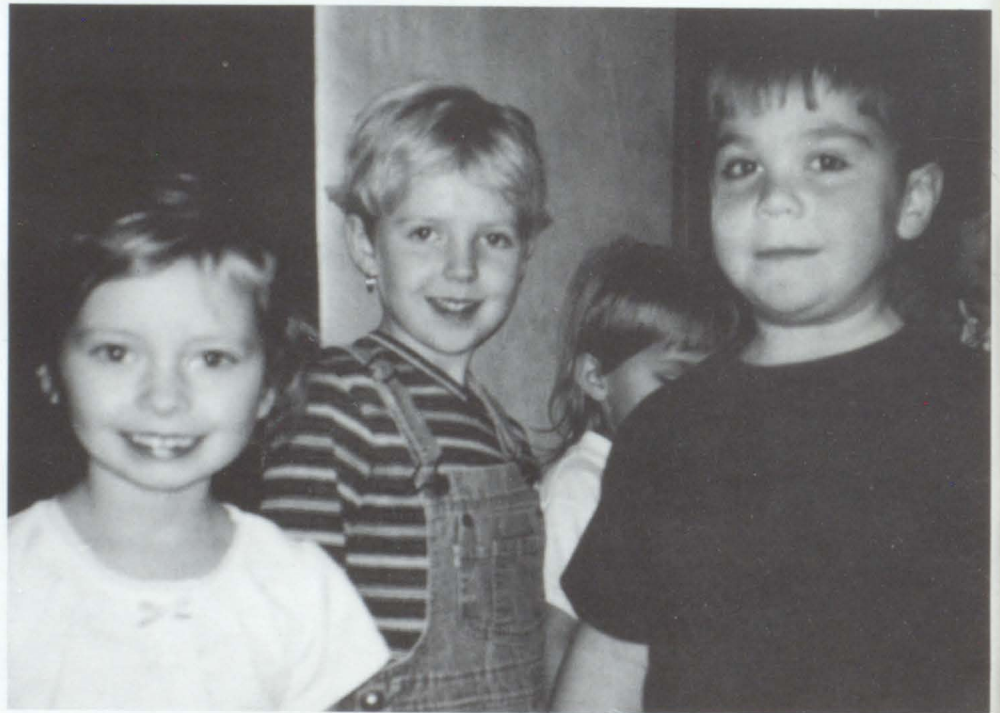


To the class of 2010

"The task ahead of us is never as great as the power behind us."

From the class of 1998

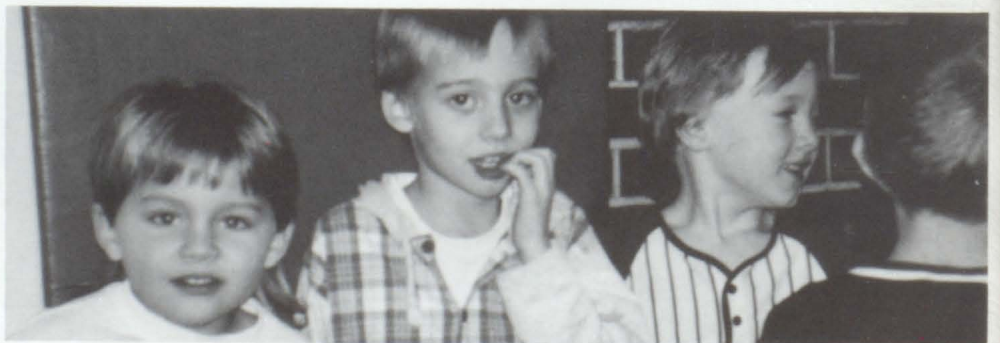
In many ways our two grades are very much the same. You are just beginning your life at school, and we are beginning our venture into the real world. With our wisdom we have gained throughout the years, we would like to give you a few helpful pointers. First of all, always hold your head high and stay focused. If you lose your way, try to find the right track as soon as possible. Secondly, never lose sight of your dreams and hopes. Thirdly, follow what you believe in and don't let anyone steer you away from it. You should cherish your friendships and always try to stay in touch. Good luck with your future. Stay the sweet and lovable people you are, and never settle for second best. Love, the Seniors of 1998.



"What are you looking at?" exclaim Justine Spokely, Brittany Tronnes, and George Swenson.



"Is it playtime yet?" asks Deauna Cost.



Some would refer to Lindy M., Evan C., and Shane C. as being, "The Three Musketeers."



The 1997-98 School bus drivers. Pictured from L-R: Keith Evenson, LouAnn Neil, and Rueben Gorden. We are very proud of them, as they manage to take us from place to place.

Guiding for the future

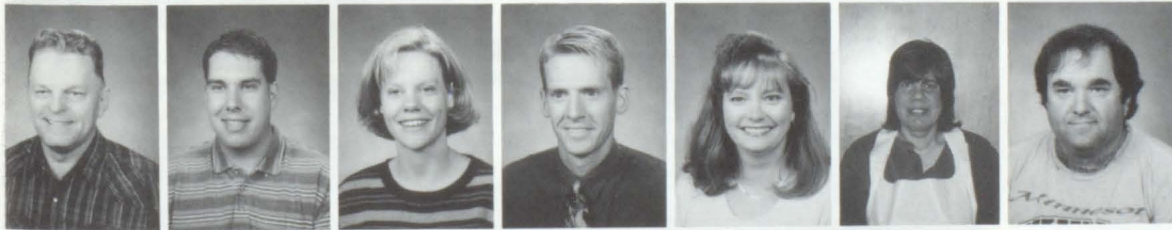
Life is full of beginnings, and for those on the other side of the desk, it is a challenge to wake up in the morning without a idea as to what the future holds. Some of us try to avoid that fact. It is such a comfort to have our teachers with the experience and just the right words to guide and encourage us. They seem to always know what to say. It's like that old saying "experience talks on its own," as they were at some point in our shoes. They were all in school and dealt with most of the problems and difficulties we are going through. It seems that every word said has some kind of story behind it, but it can only be for them to know and us to find out. With this in mind-no matter how bad our grades are-every time we fall, we pick up our hopes and head for the goal again. Let these memories live in your heart forever, and let them be a part of your success in life.



Boyer, Emily
Brantner, Keri
Cotton, Colette
Dale, Debra



Domier, June
Donner, Lee Anne
Elwood, Diane
Engstrom, Donna
Erickson, Tammy
Feickert, Devery
Gilbertson, Peggy



Gorden, Rueben
Hanson, Jason
Hanson, Stacy
Haug, John
Hovey, Annette
Kowalczyk, Jannae
Kowalczyk, Ron



Leibswagner, Patricia
Lunak, Brandon
Meyer, Helina
Meyer, Rachel
Newcomb, Nancy
Nichols, Dave
Pruneda, Elda



Rarick, Arla
Rarick, Kayann
Reierson, Jason
Spaeth, Kristeen
Taus, George
Taus, Kathie
Tronnes, Barb

Administration



The school board members make important decisions regarding our school. Members for 1997-1998: L-R back row Harlow Grove, Bryan Stortoen, Todd Evenson, and Superintendent Walt Aanenson. Front row Ervin Vigness, Becky Gronberg, Richard Evenson, and Jamie Tronnes.

Changing "Principals"

This year, there has been a major change in the administration at Climax Public School. After Mr. Sedler moved away over the summer, Mr. Enerson, the Elementary Principal, took over as both the Elementary and High School Principal. When asked what the pros and cons of being both principals were, Mr. Enerson said the pros were being associated with all the kids and knowing all of the teachers. He also likes having a secretary, Kathy Taus. Mr. Enerson said the cons were that he is short on time and doesn't get to spend as much time with the elementary as he used to. But overall, he enjoys being the Climax Public School Principal.



Climax Public School's Principal Mr. Kevin Enerson and Superintendent Walt Aanenson taking a break from discussing the many important school related decisions they have to make.



Our Principal Mr. Kevin Enerson hard at work in his new high school principal's office.

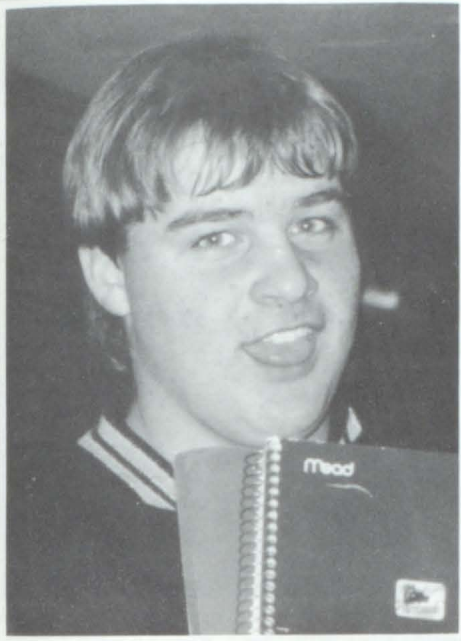


Ruby Thune and Eunice Evenson help out at the school library every Monday morning.





WINTER



1997-98 Boys Basketball

This year the Knights worked very hard toward striving to win. The Knights came up short over all this year in height and experience, losing their main scorer which just happened to be 6'7". They all stepped forward and showed leadership. The Knights were very aggressive and fought with all their might during practices to get ready for the upcoming games. They all had to get used to playing with the big boys. The record doesn't reflect the heart of the team. They worked together well but had to go back to the drawing board with the new coaches this year and had to adjust to the new styles of Mr. Jason Hanson and Mr. Scott Doty who met all their expectations.



1997-98 Knights Varsity Basketball Team. Back Row (L-R): Ass't. Coach Scott Doty, Adam Stratton, Nathan Beiswenger, GERALYN Moen, James Midboe, Justin Thune, Josh Korynta, and Head Coach Jason Hanson. Front Row (L-R): Jon Hrabik, Travis Strand, Eric Quirk, Jason McGlynn, Anthony Michael, and Casey Wegge.

1997-1998 Varsity Basketball Cheerleaders

Alma Pruneda
Erin Vraa
Sara Ruch
Mandy Szczech
Ashley Cota
Teresa Koberstein



1997-98 Knights Junior Varsity Basketball Team. Back Row (L-R): Tyler Quirk, Ben Horgen, Troy Newhouse, Ryan Sheldon, Jerome Rarick. Middle Row (L-R): Bryan Peterson, Chad Povlish, Chris Burke, Adam Tungen, Matt Rarick, Saeth Gronberg, Chad Knutson, Coach Scott Doty. Front Row (L-R): Michael Nesvig, Peter Vigness, Reed Vaneps, Josh Moulds, Reed Engel, Evan Korynta, Nicholas Abentroth, and Justin Midboe.



Anthony Michael demonstrates his stylish moves he uses to get the crowd going wild.



Co-captains Casey Wegge, GERALYN Moen, and Adam Stratton take time for a picture.



Jon Hrabik shows us his quickness that helps him get past opponents for an easy layup.



7th and 8th. Back L-R: Coach Kevin Kuzna, Lucas Leal, Cory Barrett, John Bowden, Nick Beiswenger, Jake Rarick, Danny Holum, Isaiah Henderson, Nick Kasowski, Darren Hollands, and Coach Casey Kraulik. Front Row L-R: Duane Klooz, Eric Henre, Mike Vervalen, Matt Riske, Ross Korynta, Kyle Dahlin, Travis LaPlante, Justin Jetty, Hans Wagner, Manager Jerry Aure, and (not pictured) Andrew Sheldon.

DATE	TEAM	WE	THEY
12- 2-97	Goodridge	54	63
12- 9-97	Norman		
	County West	37	86
12-13-97	Central Valley	48	68
12-16-97	Red Lake		
	County Central	36	53
12-18-97	Fertile-		
	Beltrami	40	46
12-20-97	Red Lake Falls	44	84
12-23-97	Win-E-Mac	43	60
1- 6-98	Sacred Heart	43	44
1- 8-98	Thompson	49	51
1-13-98	Crookston	49	74
1-16-98	Ulen-Hitterdal	40	57
1-20-98	Norman		
	County West	38	65
1-23-98	East Grand		
	Forks Senior High	40	81
1-30-98	Thief River Falls	46	38
1-31-98	Red Lake		
	County Central	38	42
2- 3-98	Ada-Borup	44	60
2-10-98	Stephen-Argyle	55	58
2-13-98	Fosston	48	63
2-14-98	Sacred Heart	36	52
2-17-98	Norman		
	County East	40	87
2-20-98	Red Lake Falls	41	65
	Sub-sections		
2-27-98	Red Lake		
	County Central	34	39



James Midboe shows us how to shoot a really fancy lay-up while warming up for a game.



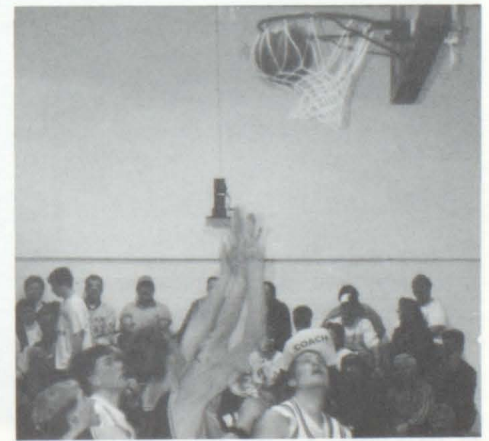
Jacob Speldrich looks off to the sidelines for guidance from the coach on what to do.



Casey Wegge waits patiently for one of his teammates to get open for an easy shot.



Casey, Jacob, Anthony, and GERALYN watch the coach as he demonstrates the plays to run.



GERALYN Moen does an excellent box out and waits for the ball so he can earn a rebound.



The 1997-98 Girls Varsity Basketball Team. Back L-R: Asst. Coach Jason Reirson, Mary Peterson, Laura Fanfulik, Christel Berube, Betsey Tinkham, Serena Nichols, Coach Tracey Borowicz. Front L-R: Heather Dybing, Amy Knutson, Miki Hrabik, Mandy Olek.

Knights Rock The Night

"Our greatest glory is not never falling, but in rising every time we fall."-unknown

The Lady Knights Basketball team entered the 1997-98 season with hope for a successful year. With the challenges of a new coaching staff, the girls had adjusting to do. There were many close games along the way, so they should be proud of their record for hard work was contributed by all.

To the underclassmen: The Seniors wish you luck for successful seasons in years to come. You have shown us this year that you have the desire to succeed.

As Seniors we realize that we will never again play together on the same court, but we know that we will never forget all the great memories and successful moments we've made throughout the years. Thanks is extended to all for making this season so special for us seniors.



'98 Seniors: Lynell Skavlem, Mary Peterson, Miki Hrabik, Laura Fanfulik, and Mandy Olek



1998 Lady Knights Basketball Captains: Mandy Olek and Mary Peterson pose before a game.



Mary Peterson turns around looking for her coach to see what play will be called next.



Junior Varsity. Back L-R: Coach Jason Reiersen, Jenny Dale, Sara Rutherford, Alyssa Wagner, Jaci Urness, Sarah Sheldon, Lisa Fanfulik. Front: Krystal Bjorge, Amanda Hoiland, Ashley Neil, Emily Tinkham, Lindsay Wegge, Laura Evenson.



8th Grade. Back L-R: Amanda Wagner, Tiara Wagner, Brianna Forness, Stacy Slyt, Coach Cory Nielson. Front: Marla Koberstein, Elisa Lysne, Amy Strand, Haley Heath, Jennifer Zepeda.



Some of the Junior Varsity take time out of their game to pose for a quick picture.



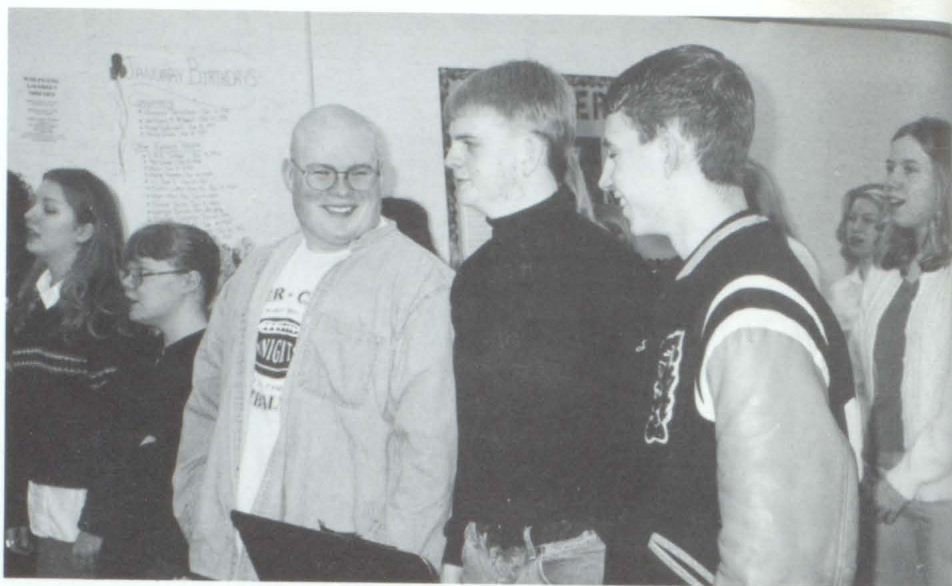
7th Grade. Back L-R: Jessica Geatz, Kelsey Paulsrud, Coach Casey Pohl, Andrea Lien, Jackie Hedde. Front: Laney Forness, Kirby Newhouse, Britta Berube, Sara Anderson, Jenny Grove.

Lady Knights Basketball

Team	We	They
Norman County		
West	41	45
Stephen/Argyle	25	42
Warren Tournament		8th place
Kittson Central	48	68
Win-E-Mac	46	48
Sacred Heart	41	50
Fertile/Beltrami	38	57
Ulen/Hitterdal	50	41
Crookston	48	68
Stephen/Argyl	63	50
Sacred Heart	43	53
Fosston	47	57
Ada/Borup	51	54
Norman County		
West	64	54
Red Lake Falls	29	46
RLCC	51	64
East Grand Forks	40	54
Norman County		
East	56	70
RLCC	20	53
Warren	44	48
Sub-Section Tournament		
Fosston	43	54

Tune In To Choir

Under the direction of Mrs. Annette Hovey, the choir students worked especially hard this year. Concentration, hard work, and determination are the things that it takes to make great music. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the choir members put all of their efforts into making a better sound. Although the choir members worked extremely hard, they also had lots of fun. Many senior high students also participated in the music contest. The participants receive one or two stars for vocal solos and ensembles depending on how they rated. All in all, the choir did an outstanding job this year.



T.J. Swalboski, Dean Gunderson, and Jerome Rarick are very glad to take a break from the hard work of singing as they listen with intent interest to the rest of the choir.



Senior High Choir. Back Row (L-R): Denise Anderson, Lynell Skavlem, Mary Peterson, Missy Dale, Jacob Speldrich, T.J. Swalboski, Dean Gunderson, Jerome Rarick, Alyssa Burke, Alicia Abentroth, Erin Palm, Krystal Bjorge, Director Mrs. Annette Hovey. Middle Row (L-R): Thea Swalboski, Abby Paulsrud, Laura Evenson, Jenny Dale, Serena Nichols, Shanda Braaten, Laura Metzger, Kari Thune, Michelle Nesvig, Lacey Tronnes, Mandi Spokely. Front Row (L-R): Angela De La Garza, Terry Grove, Erin Vraa, Jayne Abentroth, Ashley Braaten, Heather Dybing, Shannon Grove, Ashley Neil, Lindsay Wegge, Alma Pruneda. The choir practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays to get their music just right.



Ashley Neil plays a very happy tune on the piano while Kari Thune intensely looks on.



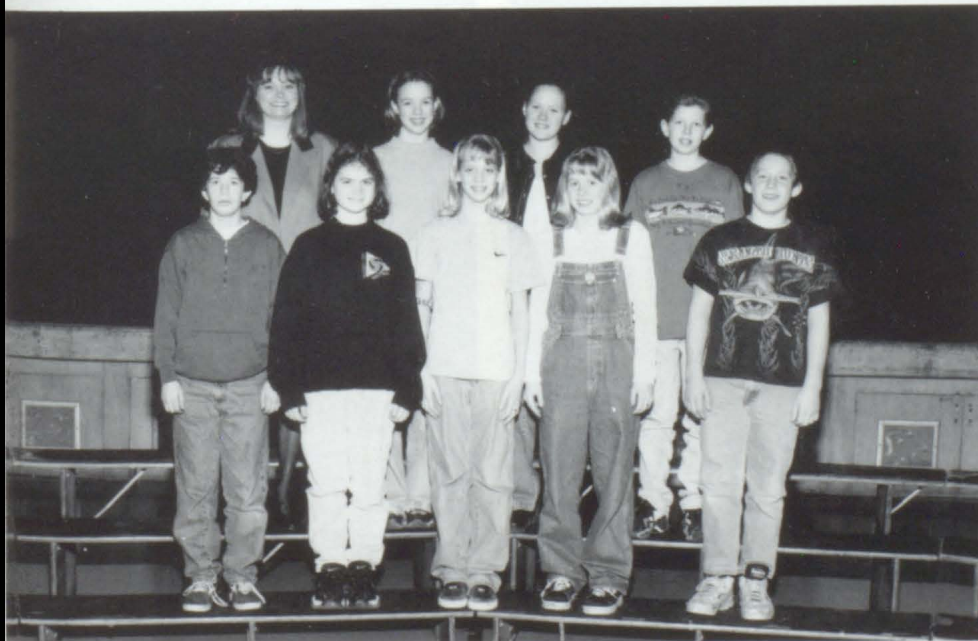
Mary Peterson and Laura Evenson are deeply engrossed in their sheet music as they sing with expression, "The Wind Beneath My Wings" while practicing for an upcoming performance.



While Laura Metzger skillfully plays the piano, Alicia Abentroth sings to the music with brightness and intensity. These seniors look forward to the rest of their senior year.



Michelle Nesvig and Mandi Spokely beautifully harmonize with the rest of the choir, while in the background, Heather Dybing hides behind them to work on her English homework.



Junior High. Back (L-R): Director Mrs. Hovey, Laney Forness, Kelsey Paulsrud, Sean Nichols. Front (L-R): Jackie Hedde, Dawn Thune, Jenny Grove, Sarah Stortroen, Jason Rarick.



Music Director Annette Hovey, skillfully leads the choir in a song during rehearsal.



Denise Anderson and Ashley Neil sing to Alyssa Burke's magic fingers on the piano.

Sound The Horns

Climax Band Plays a Tune

The Climax High School Band faced a difficult task this year. With many talented musicians graduating last year, many younger students had to step up and display their musical skills. For example: the Jr. High pep-band got its chance to play with the Sr. High at basketball games, where the pep-band showed much improvement since last year. The band played at the Fall, Christmas, and Spring concerts. Added to the concert line up was a Pops Concert which featured the Sr. High band and choir. The new music room was a highlight for the band this year. The room is located where the old Home Economics room used to be.



Here's the new band room that was installed last summer, where the Home Ec. room was.



Mrs. Hovey gives detailed instructions to the band during a pep-band trip to Fosston.



Elementary Band, Back Row: Mrs. Annette Hovey, Daniel Cost, April Jundt, Moriah West, Brenda Slyt, Roseann Vigness, Leah Stortroen Middle Row: Aaron Moen, Casey Hrabik, Jeff Bjorge, Seain Nichols, Amy Evenson, Vanessa Abentroth Front Row: Brandy Grove, Shayla Chapman, Abbey Neil, Sarah Neil, Jessica Nelson



Jr. High Band, Back Row: Jackie Hedde, Aaron Vigness, Sean Nichols, Jason Rarick Middle Row: Mrs. Annette Hovey, Sarah Stortroen, Kelsey Paulsrud, Daniel Holum Front Row: Jenny Grove, Dawn Thune, Laney Forness



Erin Palm and Laura Evenson prepare themselves for another exciting band rehearsal.



Sr. High Band, Back Row: Dean Gunderson, Chris Burke, James Midboe, Kari Thune, Tim Gerla, Jerome Rarick, Dustin Rude, Howard Nettum, Jon Hrabik, Timothy Swalboski Third Row: Matt Rarick, Krystal Bjorge, Shannon Grove, Andy Gerla, Erin Palm, Bryan Nettum, Luke Forness, Heather Dybing, Alicia Abentroth Second Row: Ashely Neil, Lindsay Wegge, Erin Vraa, Serena Nichols, Abby Paulsrud, Laura Metzger, Mrs. Annette Hovey Front Row: Miki Hrabik, Jayne Abentroth, Laura Evanson, Jennifer Dale, Heather Tronnes



Jayne Abentroth and Jenny Dale really concentrate hard when they play at pep-band.



The pep-band's mighty trombone players in action. Dustin Rude and Howard Nettum.

1997-98 Concerts
 Fall Concert-Nov. 20, 1997
 Christmas Concert-Dec. 22, 1997
 Pops Concert-March 9, 1998
 Spring Concert-May 14, 1998



Krystal Bjorge clowns around during a break while playing with Jayne Abentroth's flute.



Ashely Neil wows the crowds with her amazing talent on the trap set at a girls game.



Lindsay Wegge smiles for the camera because she loves playing her clarinet so much.

Elementary Basketball

Aiming High

The elementary basketball teams will one day make up the future varsity teams. They already have a great start on their high school basketball careers. The Climax Elementary Tournament was held on February 21. The other teams participating in the tournament were, Fisher, Norman County West, and Mentor. The girls won first place after two exciting games, playing Mentor for first place. The boys did very well also. They were paired with NCW in the first place game. The very close game went into four overtimes plus sudden death. Unfortunately a NCW player made the first basket. Overall, the boys and girls both had a fun and well played season.



"MY BALL!", says Roseanne Vigness as she takes charge and scrambles for a loose ball.



And the tip off, Daniel Cost reaches high to get the ball to the players on his team.



Brenda S. aims high for a two point lay up.



1997-98 Girls Elementary Basketball Team. Back Row (L-R) Coach Ervin Vigness, Roseanne Vigness, Brenda Slyt, Mariah West, Leah Stortroen, Coach Ron Kowalszik. Middle Row (L-R) Shayla Chapman, Amy Evenson, April Jundt, Vanessa Abentroth, Jessica Nelson. Front Row (L-R) Shantel Chapman, Kayla Delaney, Alysia Larson, Monica Sanchez.



Amy Evenson, Roseanne Vigness, and Brenda Slyt pose for a quick picture between games.



1997-98 Boys Elementary Basketball Team. Back Row (L-R) Josh Stortroen, Coach Bryan Stortroen, Seain Nichols, Kevin Slyt, Casey Hrabik, Daniel Cost, Bradley Moen. Front Row (L-R) Bradley Thoreson, Joseph Atilano, Andy Rarick, Donny Abentroth, Carlos Sanchez, Jeffrey Bjorge.

Students Lead the Way

Honor Society, Student Council, Letterwinners

Student leadership is an important key to high school life. Honor Society students lead the way in academics by achieving above average grades and being a good leader. Student Council members take charge of the many things that are important to the student body. They also have responsibilities around the school such as filling the pop machines and taking tickets at elementary and junior high basketball tournaments. Another job they have is organizing fun events such as Homecoming and other dances. Letterwinners lead the way in many aspects of high school life. Students may letter by doing well in a vocal or instrumental ensemble or solo. Students may also letter in one or more of the many sports offered in our school. Students show leadership by being involved in any of these groups. The leadership skills they are developing now will surely give them an advantage later in their lives.



1997-1998 Student Council members. Back Row (L-R) Jon Hrabik, Sophomore Rep.; Howie Nettum, Junior Rep. Middle Row (L-R) Jenny Grove, Seventh grade Rep.; Mandi Spokely, Senior Rep.; Mandi Michael, Freshman Rep.; Not pictured Stacy Slyt, Eighth grade Rep. Front Row (L-R) Officers: Krystal Bjorge, President; Jayne Abentroth, Vice President; Miki Hrabik, Secretary; Serena Nichols, Treasurer.



Honor Society members lead the way academically. Members at Climax High are: Back Row (L-R) Erin Vraa, Laura Metzger. Front Row (L-R) Abby Paulsrud, Casey Wegge, Miki Hrabik.



1997-1998 Climax High School Letterwinners. Front Row (L-R) Erin Vraa, Abby Paulsrud, Alma Pruneda, Alyssa Burke, Mandi Spokely. Second Row (L-R) Serena Nichols, Laura Metzger, Miki Hrabik, Alicia Abentroth, Jerome Rarick. Third Row (L-R) Krystl Bjorge, Thea Swalboski, Lacey Tronnes, Jayne Abentroth, Missy Dale, Dustin Rude. Back Row (L-R) Lynell Skavlem, Mary Peterson, GERALYN MOEN, James Midbø, Justin Thune, Denise Anderson, Jon Hrabik, Casey Wegge, Anthony Michael.

State Bound

The Future Farmers of America kicked off another successful year with their annual fruit, meat, and cheese sales in November. Team captains were Jerome Rarick and Howard Nettum. The fruit, meat, and cheese sales were a huge success. Many of the members are also in ag-related contests. These contests take place in the fall and spring. The main activities in the fall take place at the Fall Rally in Maplelag. In Maplelag, freshman learn about agriculture and test their smarts in a greenhand knowledge quiz. The FFA officers test their meeting holding skills by running a mock meeting while being judges by a panel of advisors. In the spring Ag Activities Day takes place, which is mainly a trial run at each groups contest. Later in the spring the contests are held on different dates at different locations such as MSU, NDSU, and UMC. The top two teams and the top six individuals in each contest advance to state competition. Again, everyone had a fun time and did an excellent job with some even moving on to state.



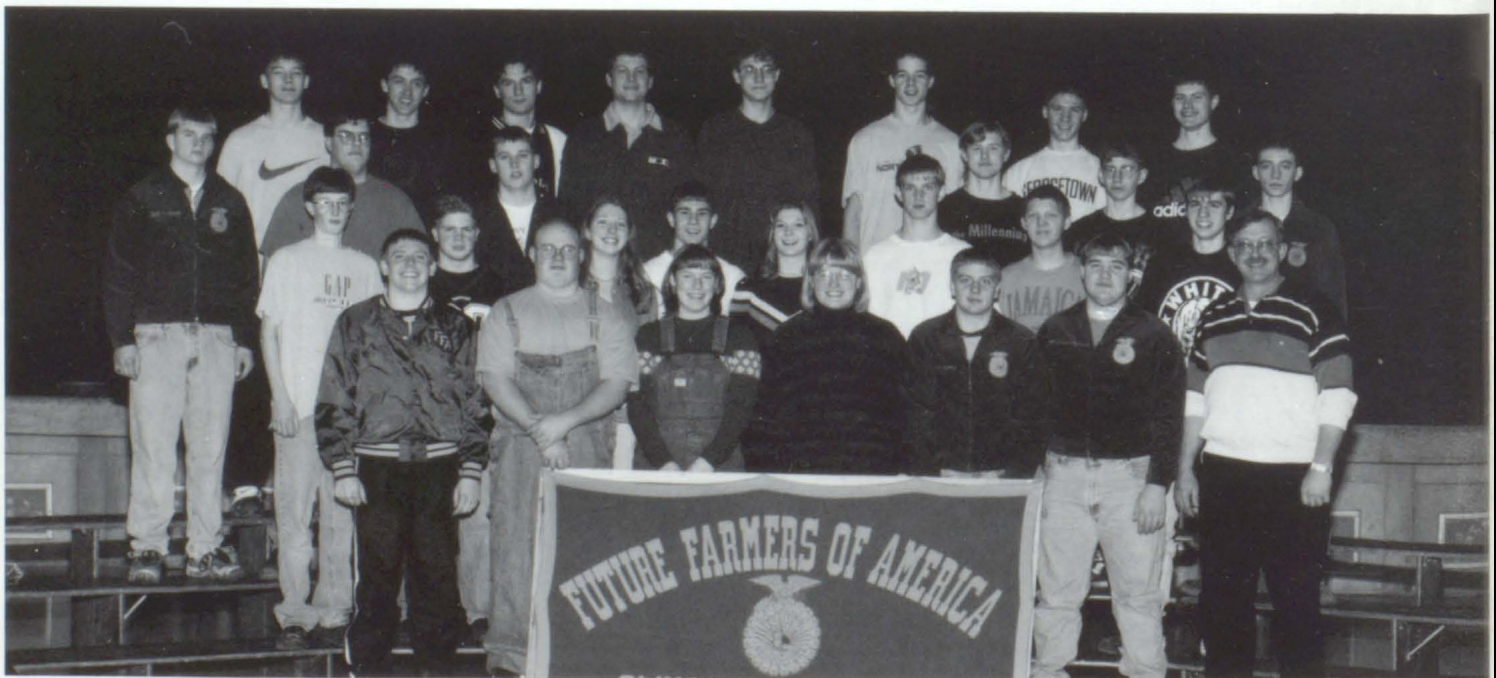
The Region I Future Farmers of America Advisor: Mr. Dave Nichols.



State FFA participants in Floriculture: Laura M., Missy D., Krystal B., and Laura E.



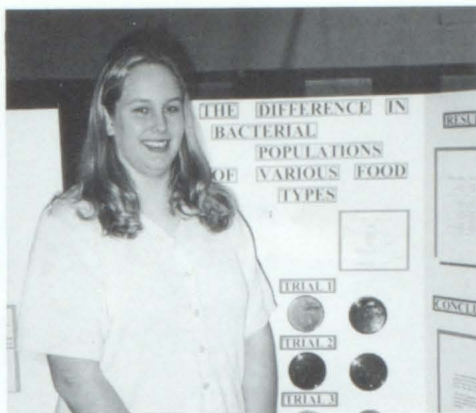
Future Farmers of America Officers: Back Row (L-R) Casey Wegge, President; Laura Metzger, Vice President; Missy Dale, Secretary; Front Row (L-R) TJ Swalboski, Officer at Large; Dustin Rude, Treasurer; Howard Nettum, Sentinel; Mr. Nichols, Advisor; Not Pictured Justin Thune, Reporter.



Future Farmers of America Members: Back Row (L-R) Peter Vigness, Michael Nesvig, Paul Schulz, GERALYN MOEN, Matthew Davidson, James Midboe, Jacob Speldrich, Justin Thune. Third Row (L-R) Dean Gunderson, Bryan Nettum, Luke Forness, Nicholas Abentroth, Matthew Rarick, Jerome Rarick. Second Row (L-R) Christopher Burke, Jason Nelson, Laura Evenson, Jon Hrabik, Krystal Borge, Justin Midboe, Chris Minen, Henry Moen. Front Row (L-R) Casey Wegge, TJ Swalboski, Laura Metzger, Missy Dale, Dustin Rude, Howard Nettum, Mr. Dave Nichols.

Science Fair

This years Science Fair went very well. Fourteen students in grades 7th thru 9th were able to advance to regionals. Four of those fourteen also moved unto state. The panel of judges came from nearby colleges and also student judges selected from the science club, who also helped out with the science fair. The Science Fair was a fun time for all who tested their skills hoping to get that special chance to advance to regions, state, or even internationals.



Jennifer Dale received "Best of Show." From regions she won the right to compete in state with her project, "The Difference in Bacterial Populations of Various Food Types."



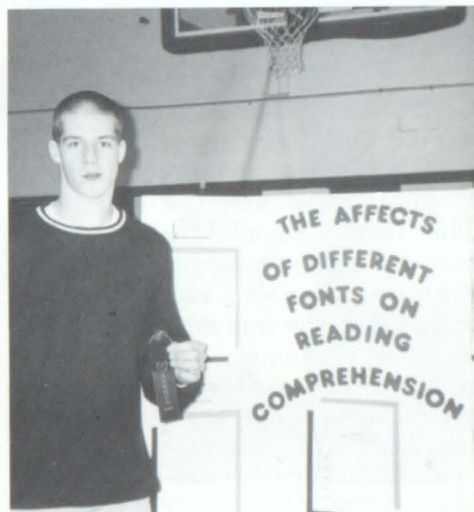
Saeth Gronberg received a red ribbon which advanced him to region and then unto state with his project, "The Effect of Spark Plugs on the Take-off Time of Snowmobiles."



State Qualifiers: Jenny Dale, Saeth Gronberg, Kelsey Paulsrud, and Jenny Dale.



Erin Palm won a red ribbon at the local fair and achieved regional qualifications for her project, "The Effect of Different Hand Washing Techniques on the Bacteria on Hands."



James Midboe received a red ribbon at the local fair which allowed him to advance to regions with his project, "The Affect of Different Fonts on Reading Comprehension."



Local Ribbon Winners: Back Row (L-R) Sean Nichols, Jennifer Dale, Ashley Neil, John Twamley, Aaron Vigness, and Zeb Vraa. Front Row (L-R) Jenny Grove, Jackie Hedde, Mandi Michael, Erin Palm, James Midboe, Lindsey Wegge, Saeth Gronberg, and Kelsey Paulsrud.

Expanding Our Minds and Making a Difference

This year the Science Club, Riverwatch Program, and Target Team are making great efforts to expand their minds and make a difference in the world. All are under the supervision of Mr. Haug. These three groups have taken the time to try to better understand their environment. The Science Club is attempting to bring back the bluebird population by installing bluebird houses around the golf course. The Sandhill Riverwatch Program is under the direction of Wayne Goeken, Project Coordinator of the Agassiz Environmental Learning Center. The rivers that are being monitored are the Sandhill River and the Red River. The Target Team's goal is to help fellow members stay drug free. Each member signed a contract that stated that the individual would not abuse any chemical substance that could harm their body. These three groups have done an excellent job this year.



Riverwatch students. Back Row (L-R): T.J. Swalboski, Howard Nettum, Luke Forness, Advisor Mr. John Haug. Middle Row (L-R): Jon Hrabik, Laura Evenson, Heather Dybing, Krystal Bjorge. Front Row (L-R): Thea Swalboski, Laura Metzger, Shannon Grove.



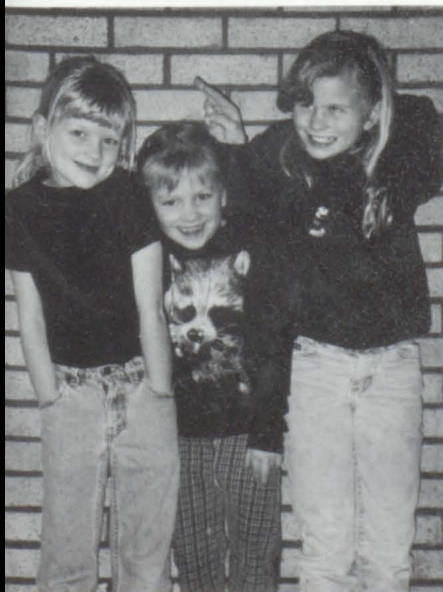
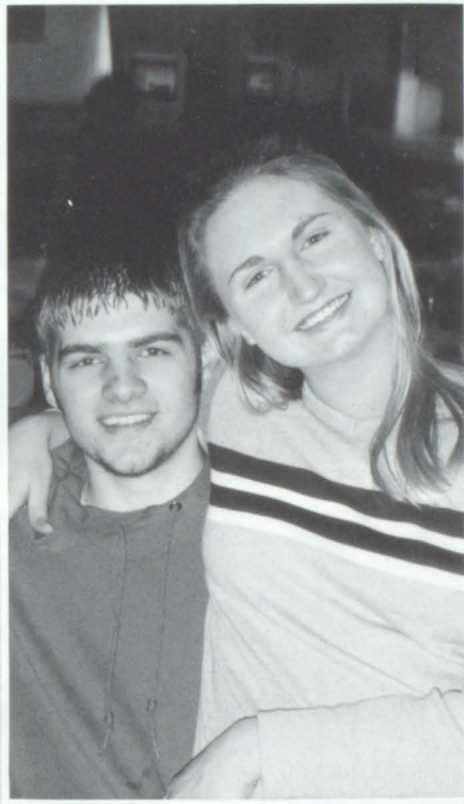
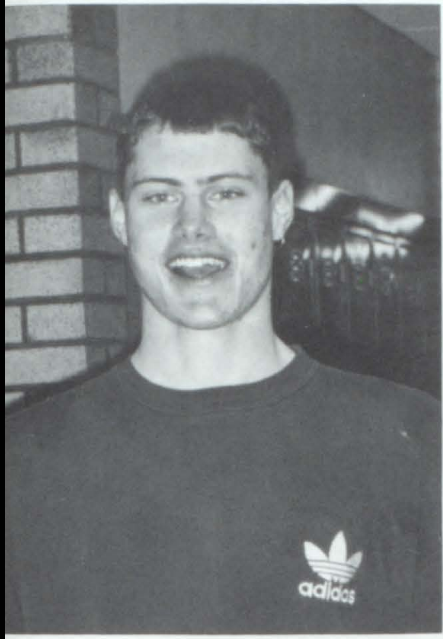
Target Team. Back Row (L-R): Erin Palm, Jon Hrabik, Justin Midboe, Krystal Bjorge, Advisor Mr. John Haug. Middle Row (L-R): Abby Paulsrud, Erin Vraa, Laura Evenson, Lindsay Wegge. Front Row (L-R): Miki Hrabik, Laura Metzger, Serena Nichols, Alma Pruneda.



Science Club. Back Row (L-R): Erin Vraa, Abby Paulsrud, Serena Nichols, Alicia Abentroth, Missy Dale, Erin Palm, Krystal Bjorge, Advisor Mr. John Haug. Second Row from Back (L-R): Laura Evenson, Mary Peterson, Michelle Nesvig, Heather Dybing, Lindsay Wegge, Luke Forness, Howie Nettum. Third Row from Back (L-R): T.J. Swalboski, Laura Metzger, Mandi Spokely, Shannon Grove, Ashley Neil, Kari Thune. Front Row (L-R): Thea Swalboski, Jon Hrabik, Terry Grove.



SPRING



Keeping Pace

The Norman County track team started off on a good foot this year with the purchase of new uniforms and sweats. Everyone pushed themselves under the coaching of Mr. Haug. This years' seniors are Laura Metzger, Miki Hrabik, and Jacob Speldrich. Snow, rain, or wind, it didn't matter, the athletes were busy training for upcoming competition. Bus trips were rather long as the athletes traveled to meets held in Hawley and even in Bemidji. Track is a chance to shine as an individual and to meet new people.



At the discus ring Laura Metzger is striving to perfect her technique during practice.



Varsity. Jacob Speldrich, Michael Nesvig, James Midboe, Laura Evenson, Serena Nichols, Lindsay Wegge, Mandi Michael, Miki Hrabik. Not Pictured: Laura Metzger, Coach Mr. Haug.



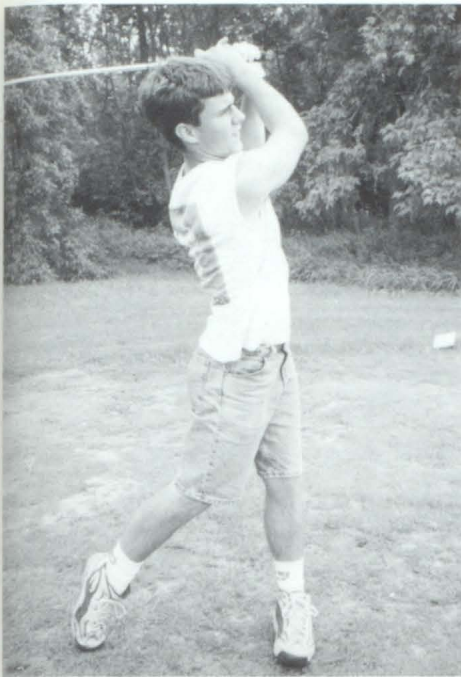
Junior High Track. Back Row. Lindsay Wegge, James Midboe, Mandi Michael. Front Row. Jenny Grove, Sara Stortroen, Sean Nichols.



Just hanging out at the team's camp during one of the track meets Jacob Speldrich and Laura Metzger pose pretty for the camera in between their events.



Laura Evenson giving it everything she has to beat the other opponents over the hurdles.



Jon Hrabik watches his golf ball go flying.



Mary Peterson is happy to be out golfing.

Golf in

Full Swing

There has been a new edition to our sport's schedule as of this spring. The Golf Team, coached by Mr. Reiersen, has been added to the agenda. Depending on the weather, golf practice either takes place in the school's music room or on the golf course. This sport has allowed a lot of kids that aren't in track or aren't busy to join golf. Fun and relaxation is the key element to success in this particular sport. Mr. Reiersen is proud of what his team has accomplished just this season. They have worked very hard to do their best and still manage to have fun.



The boys 1998 golf team. Back Row (L-R): Coach Mr. Reiersen, Jacob Speldrich, Christopher Burke, Justin Midboe, Nicholas Abentroth, Michael Nesvig, and James Midboe. Front Row (L-R): Casey Wegge, Anthony Michael, Jonathon Hrabik, Saeth Gronberg, Jason Rarick, and Dustin Rude.



Jason Rarick enjoying the day as he strikes a dramatic pose after a powerful swing.



Mary Peterson is looking for her golf ball.



The girls 1998 golf team. Back Row (L-R): Erin Palm, Coach Mr. Reiersen, Lindsay Wegge, Mandi Michael, Ashley Neil, and Krystal Borge. Front Row (L-R): Michelle Nesvig, Alicia Abentroth, and Mary Peterson.

Mr. George L. Taus

Started 1970, Retired 1998

This is to the retirement of one of the most memorable teachers here at Climax, Minnesota. Mr. Taus is known for his sense of humor and famous sayings. You can usually hear him out in the hallway asking students wandering around if they're lost. He was very involved having experience in coaching and also in charge of instructing the driver's ed classes. That could be why Mr. Taus is so looney. Just kidding. How could a person survive the day without hearing at least one of Mr. Taus' famous jokes. An example would be, "did you know that we only have half a day of school this morning, the other half is in the afternoon." Mr. Taus always seemed to walk around with a smile on his face and something to say.



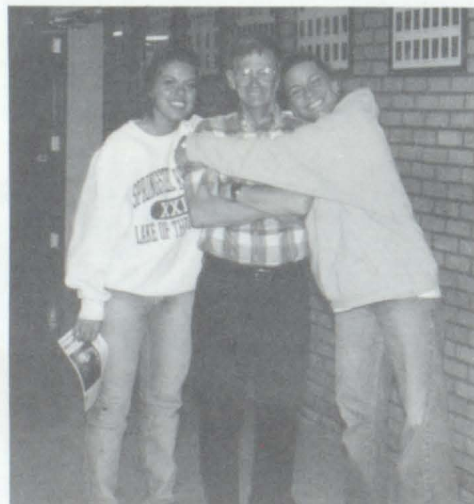
Mr. Taus keeping an eye on his students.



Don Thune, Jenny Grove, and Joe Skalet as they are about to receive help from Mr. Taus.



Mr. Taus standing around looking tuff.



Michelle and Mary hanging with their buddy.



Mr. Taus looking up from his busy work.

"I don't get mad, I get even."

Deadlines, Determination, & Dedication



"How to pose properly," by Mary Peterson.



Mrs. Spaeth, critiquing a class article.



Michele Nesvig working hard on her layout.



Howie Nettum and Jerry Rarick hard at work.



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Alma Pruneda
Jerry Rarick
Erin Vraa



Crystal Nelson practices her sultry pose.



Heather Dybing stressed about her deadline.



Krystal Bjorge and Laura Evenson, examining.



Abby, Alma, Erin, and Serena slacking off.



Piles of work surround Angela De La Garza.



Lacey Tronnes shows her photogenic smile.



Our yearbook editors: obsess much you two?



Laura Metzger, Knight Writer editor.

Students Get Into Mischief

A group of rebellious high school seniors, a principal hot on their tail, and a whole lot of laughter. Climax High School proudly presents "Ditch Day." It's the day before prom and the seniors are busily finishing up decorating. It's been a tradition to skip school the day before prom. The seniors are excited but not for long because the principal overhears their scheme and threatens to uphold the law. But that doesn't stop them. The seniors skip anyway and meet on the street to plan their day. What they decide upon is a treasure hunt that sends them on a wild goose chase. They split into three teams and separate. What they don't know is that Principal Claypool and her assistant Miss Sparrow are following them around town. In the meantime they run into some pretty interesting things. A mean, ragged bag lady is after a winning lottery ticket that she sold to one of the students. One of the teams steal an artist's masterpiece right from the gallery. And another team wanders upon a tin man at the mall. In the end it all gets resolved, of course.



Director Devery Feickert with student co-director assistant Alicia Abentroth.



Alma Pruneda nervously sits while getting groomed before her appearance on stage.



T.J. Swalboski and Howard Nettum are being what may only come natural to them. They are pondering over what needs to be done in order to find the students before they get away.

1998 Cast Members

Cliff	Anthony Michael
Adline	Krystal Bjorge
Becky	Shannon Grove
Stella	Laura Metzger
Wally	Jerome Rarick
Matt	Jon Hrabik
Connie	Abby Paulsrud
Jane	Erin Vraa
Misty	Ashley Braaten
Lydia	Laura Evenson
Miss Claypool	T.J. Swalboski
Miss Sparrow	Howard Nettum
Trudy	
Everpopular	Lynell Skavlem
Chips Sawyer	Geralyn Moen
Officer	
Peterson	Casey Wegge
Quality	
De Jour	Mary Peterson
Buzz Ivo	Luke Forness
Interviewer	Thea Swalboski
Helen	
Peppermill	Missy Dale
Model	Kari Thune
Pete Picasso	Dustin Rude
Security Guard	Terry Grove
Museum Guide	Thea Swalboski
Mall Welcomer	Michelle Voeller
Mechanical	
Man	Jacob Speldrich
Mother	Serena Nichols
Sheila	Jayne Abentroth
Alice	Alicia Abentroth
Pet Store	Lacey Tronnes
Owner	
Muzzelguts	Peter Vigness
Madame	
Zenobia	Alma Pruneda



Lynell Skavlem as Trudy Everpopular making a deal for a lottery ticket with Jon Hrabik.



Luke Forness as Buzz Ivo; up to no good.



Shannon Grove, Jerry Rarick, and Laura Evenson pleading with Jacob Speldrich to join them.



Dustin Rude drawing his famous masterpiece.



The nineteen-ninety-eight thirty-one member cast of "Ditch Day."

"More Than Words"

This year Climax prom-goers celebrated the anticipated event surrounded by a midnight park atmosphere supplied by the juniors. The grand march, followed by the dance took place on May 2nd with the annual after prom party running from 1:00 to 4:30 A.M.

Everyone was dressed in their finest outfits as they walked down the cobble stone path and joined arms with their date in front of a gazebo to stop and smile for the dozens of flashing cameras. As the dance slowed to a halt the night continued to be filled with fun and magic as they partied until the wee hours of the morning. The night and all its majesty will definitely linger in each person's mind for years to come.



The senior girls become overwhelmed by the flash of cameras trying to take their picture.



"Here Come the Men In Black." All the senior guys strut their stuff for the cameras.



Laura and Thea partied all night long.



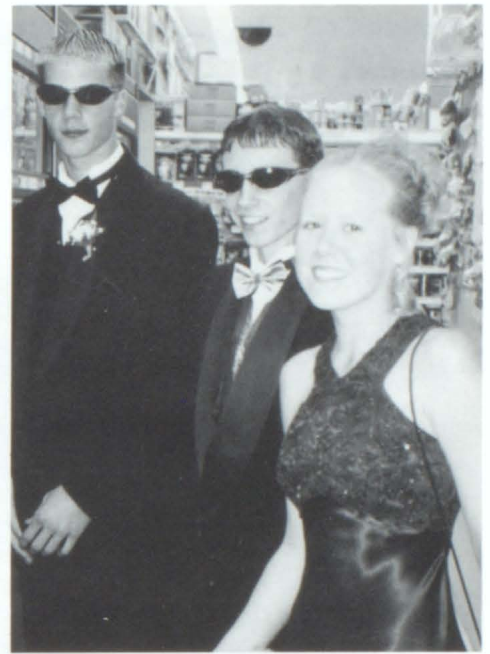
48 Alicia sparkled all night in her dress.



Lynell, Michael, Krystal, and Jayne all showing signs of the usual pre-prom jitters.



The junior ladies all patiently wait for their dates to come and remove their garters.



James, Jerry and Abby go fish shopping.



"Am I cute or what!" exclaims Krystal.



Heather shows Jacob how to really boogie.



T.J. is "Just Chillin" during the dance!



Lacey and Missy smile for all the cameras.



Lynell and Mary go wild on the dance floor while showing off their cool moves.

Prom-Goers Keep Going And Going



Howard Nettum is getting ready to challenge at craps.



Chris Minen, Alma Pruneda, and Kari Thune taking their chances against the dealer.



Where'd the ball go Michelle?



Terry Grove in amazement at the time.



Missy Dale, Alyssa Burke, and Lacey Tronnes just hanging out playing games.

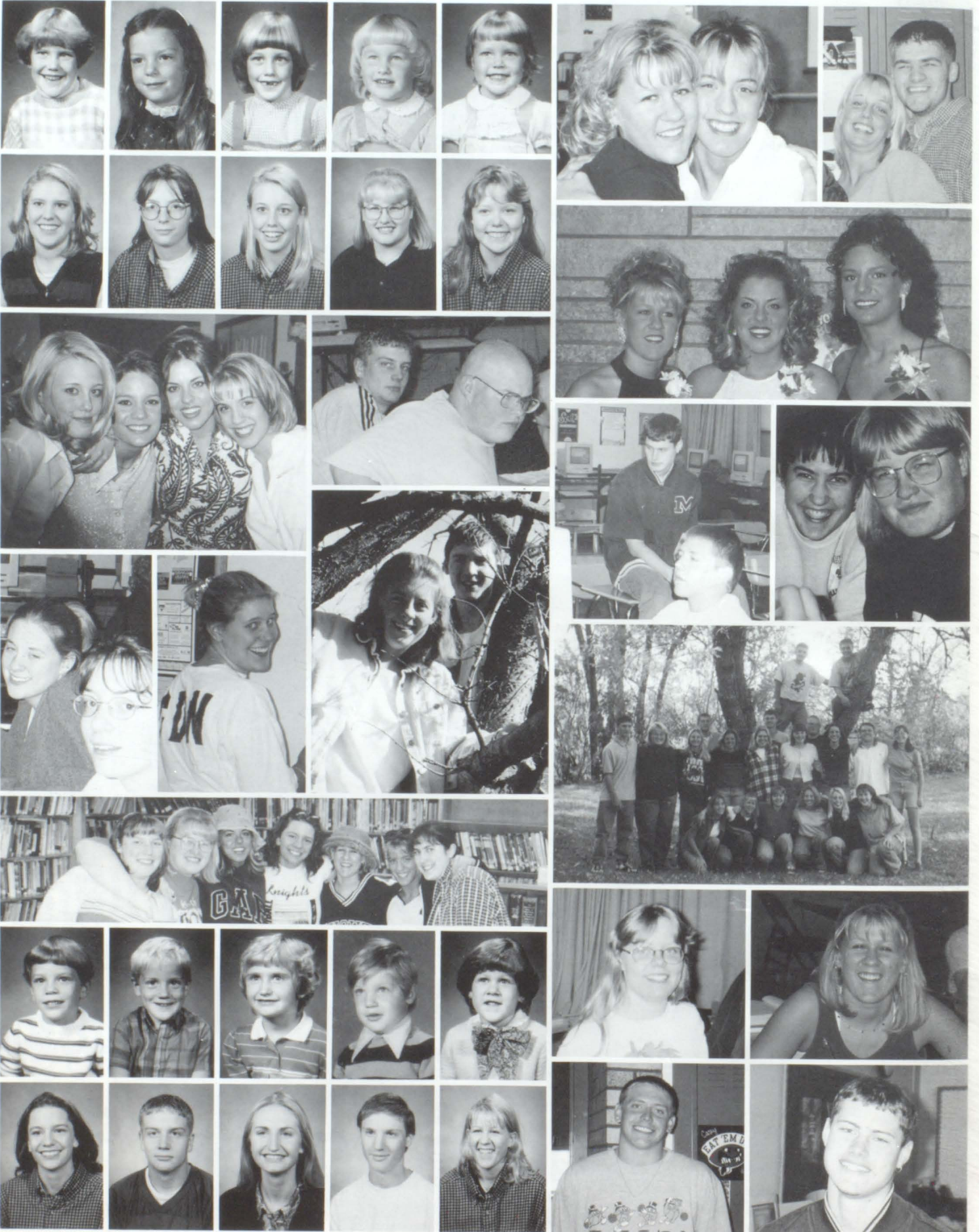


Luke Forness holding strong as he waits for the dealer.



1998 Junior/Senior Prom, "More Than Words." Back Row By Couples (L to R). Serena Nichols escorted by Jerome Rarick, Alma Pruneda escorted by Jeremy Nygren, Krystal Bjorge escorted by GERALYN MOEN, Mary Peterson escorted by Adam Stratton, Michelle Nesvig escorted by Andy Couette, Laura Evenson escorted by Reed VanEps, Laura Metzger escorted by Phillip Skretvedt, Miki Hrabik escorted by Wayne Elfman, Rachel Giannonatti escorted by Luke Forness, Karina Dick escorted by Dustin Rude, Jayne Abentroth escorted by Michael Nesvig, Shannon Grove escorted by Anthony Michael, Ashley Braaten escorted by Howard Nettum, Angela De La Garza escorted by Chris Goodrich, Crystal Nelson escorted by Ciro De La Garza. Front Row By Couples (L to R) Erin Vraa escorted by Robert Samuelson, Thea Swalboski escorted by Brent Proulx, Kari Thune escorted by Jacob Speldrich, Alyssa Burke escorted by Justin Thune, Melissa Dale escorted by TJ Swalboski, Mandi Spokely escorted by Ben Hoff, Heather Dybing escorted by Chris Lee, Alicia Abentroth escorted by Jeremy Voeller, Lacey Tronnes escorted by Casey Wegge, Terry Grove escorted by Nathan Tadych, Abby Paulsrud escorted by James Midboe, Lynell Skavelem escorted by Marti Aubol.

Old Enough To Know Better,



But Still Too Young To Care!





The graduated class of 1998. Back (L-R) Supt. Mr. Aanenson, Anthony E. Michael, Geryl O. Moen, Dustin M. Rude, Justin W. Thune, Jacob A. Speldrich, Timothy J. Swalboski, Casey R. Wegge, Prin. Mr. Enerson. Middle (L-R) Lynell R. Skavelem, Melissa A. Dale, Mary J. Peterson, Alicia A. Abentroth, Michelle J. Nesvig, Denise S. Anderson, Alyssa A. Burke. Front (L-R) Terry L. Grove, Lacey L. Tronnes, Thea M. Swalboski, Mandi L. Spokely, Miki J. Hrabik, Laura E. Metzger.

Every Day

Is A New

Beginning

After thirteen long years we finally made it. We never thought this day would come. But as you all can see we made it just fine. Although it seems every one is saying goodbye we're just moving on to bigger and better things. The things we have learned here at the Climax School will lead us thru life's many challenges. We will never forget the things we have learned growing up with each other nor the people we have me along the way. You only find so many true friends and the class of 1998 is a good example of that. We do not say goodbye but so long for now as every day is a new beginning.



Michelle N. can't believe she made it.



Abby P. slides Jacob S.'s tassel over.



1998 honor guards Abby P., Erin V., Howard N., and Laura E. escorting the seniors off.



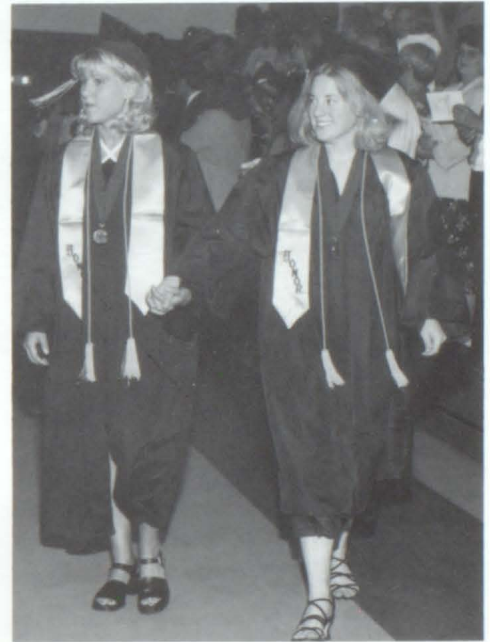
Lacey T. and Missy D. nervously waiting.



Walking together, Alicia A. and Denise A.



Mary P. taking her diploma with a smile.



An anxious Mandi S. and Thea S. hold hands.



Giving one of the speeches, GERALYN M.



Some of the senior girls posing together before the ceremony one last time as classmates.

Awards Awards Awards Awards Awards Awards Awards

National Honor Society

12- Laura Metzger, Miki Hrabik, Casey Wegge, Mandi Spokely, Thea Swalboski T.J. Swalboski

11- Abby Paulsrud, Laura Evenson Krystal Bjorge, Erin Vraa

10- Jon Hrabik

Perfect Attendance

Abby Paulsrud, Nicholas Abentroth Jon Hrabik, Matt Rarick, Laura Evenson Alfredo Zenteno, Kelsey Paulsrud

Triple A Award

Laura Metzger

Business Management Awards

Terry Grove, Lynell Skavlem, Justin Thune, Denise Anderson GERALYN MOEN, Thea Swalboski

Anthony Michael, Jayne Abentroth

Math Meet Participation

Certificates

Jennifer Dale, James Midboe, Lindsay Wegge

Stacy Slyt, Jason Rarick

Kelsey Paulsrud

Music

Double Starred at Contests

Laura Metzger, Bridget Stortroen

Alicia Abentroth, Missy Dale,

Denise Anderson, Terry Grove

Michelle Nesvig, Mary Peterson

Lynell Skavlem, Jacob Speldrich

Mandi Spokely, T.J. Swalboski

Thea Swalboski

Single Starred at Contests

Laura Metzger, Bridget Stortroen

Alicia Abentroth, Missy Dale, Denise

Anderson, Terry Grove, Michelle Nesvig

Mary Peterson, Lynell Skavlem

Jacob Speldrich, Mandi Spokely

T.J. Swalboski, Thea Swalboski

Krystal Bjorge, Laura Evenson

Serena Nichols, Abby Paulsrud, Erin Vraa

Mandi Michael, Erin Palm, Lindsay Wegge

Ashely Neil, Kari Thune, Jennifer Dale

National Choir Award

Lynell Skavlem

John Philip Sousa Band Award

Miki Hrabik

Outstanding Senior Musician

Laura Metzger

Outstanding Underclassman

Award

Krystal Bjorge

Science Awards

State Science Fair Participants

Seath Gronberg, Jenny Dale

Kelsey Paulsrud, Jenny Grove

Science Club Officers

Laura Metzger, Serena Nichols

Thea Swalboski, Mandi Spokely

Drama Awards

Stage Awards

Bryan Nettum, Matt Rarick

Matt Davidson, Justin Midboe

Thespian Awards for Outstanding Performance

Lynell Skavlem, T.J. Swalboski

Best Actor

Howie Nettum

Best Actress

Mary Peterson

Journalism Awards

Missy Dale, Miki Hrabik

Laura Metzger

Volunteer Awards

Eunice Evenson, Ruby Thune

Scholastic Awards

12- Laura Metzger

11- Abby Paulsrud

10- Nick Abentroth

9- Jennifer Dale

Senior Scholars

Alicia Abentroth, Miki Hrabik, Laura Metzger

Thea Swalboski, Casey Wegge, T.J. Swalboski

Mandi Spokely, GERALYN MOEN

Volleyball

Junior Varsity Setting

Kari Thune

Junior Varsity Best Motivator

Laura Evenson

Junior Varsity Most Improved

Serena Nichols

Hustle

Mary Peterson

MVP and Most Consistent Server

Mandi Spokely

All Conference

Mandi Spokely, Mary Peterson

Football

Rookie of the year

Jon Hrabik

All Conference Honorable Mention

Casey Wegge, Jon Hrabik

Cheerleaders

Krystal Bjorge, Erin Vraa

Alma Pruneda

Girls Basketball

Best Defensive Player

Mary Peterson

All Conference Honorable Mention

Mary Peterson

Boys Basketball

MVP

Geralyn Moen

Best Defensive Player

Jon Hrabik

All Conference

Jon Hrabik, GERALYN MOEN

Academic Awards

Dollars for Scholars

Alicia Abentroth, Denise Anderson

Alyssa Burke, Melissa Dale, Terry Grove

Miki Hrabik, Laura Metzger, Anthony

Michael, GERALYN MOEN, Michelle Nesvig,

Mary Peterson, Dustin Rude, Lynell Skavlem

Mandi Spokely, Thea Swalboski, T.J.

Swalboski, Lacey Tronnes, Casey Wegge

Citizenship Award

Thea Swalboski

Activities Award

Miki Hrabik

George Keller Award

Mandi Spokely

Marcus Aas Award

Laura Metzger

FFA Awards

State Floriculture Participants

Missy Dale, Laura Metzger

Laura Evenson, Krystal Bjorge

Star Chapter Farmer Award

Casey Wegge

Star Greenhand Award

Justin Midboe



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*I'm glad our paths crossed
and I'm glad that we met,
And may this brief interlude
prove to be, yet,
Something that helped
to open the door
To the niche in life
you were destined for.
For all that transpires,
be it bitter or sweet,
Helps to make your life's pattern
a bit more complete.
And sometime in the future
may you look back and say
Our meeting was indeed a
very lucky day.*



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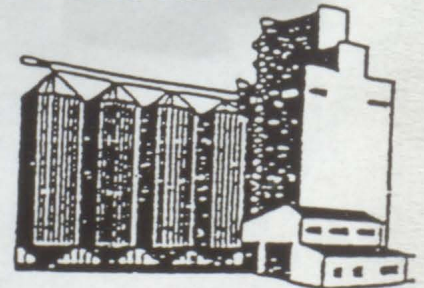
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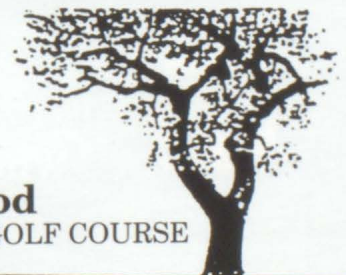
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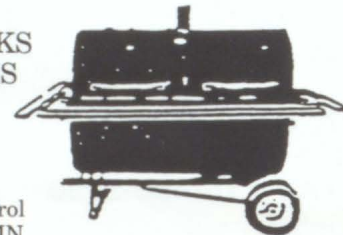
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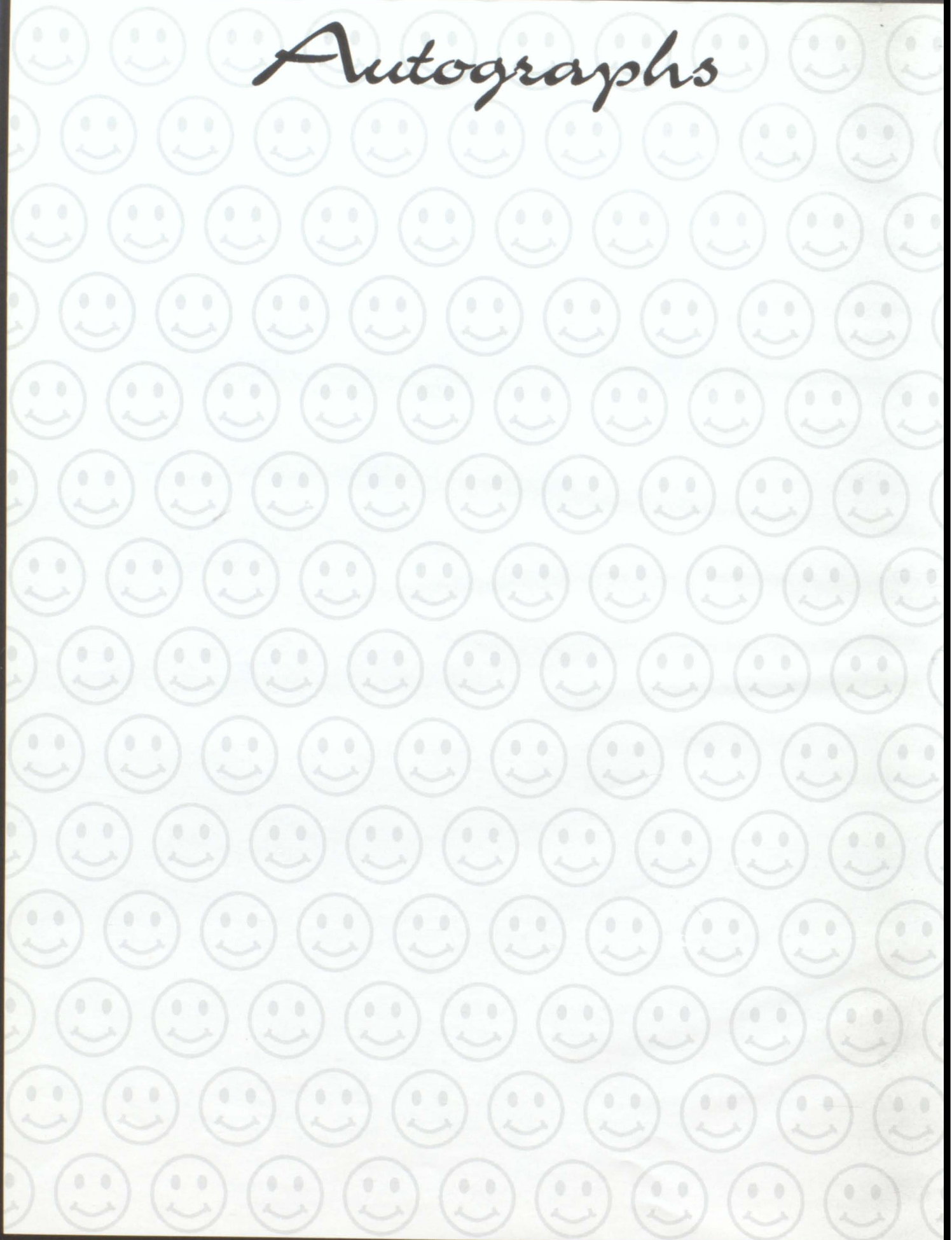
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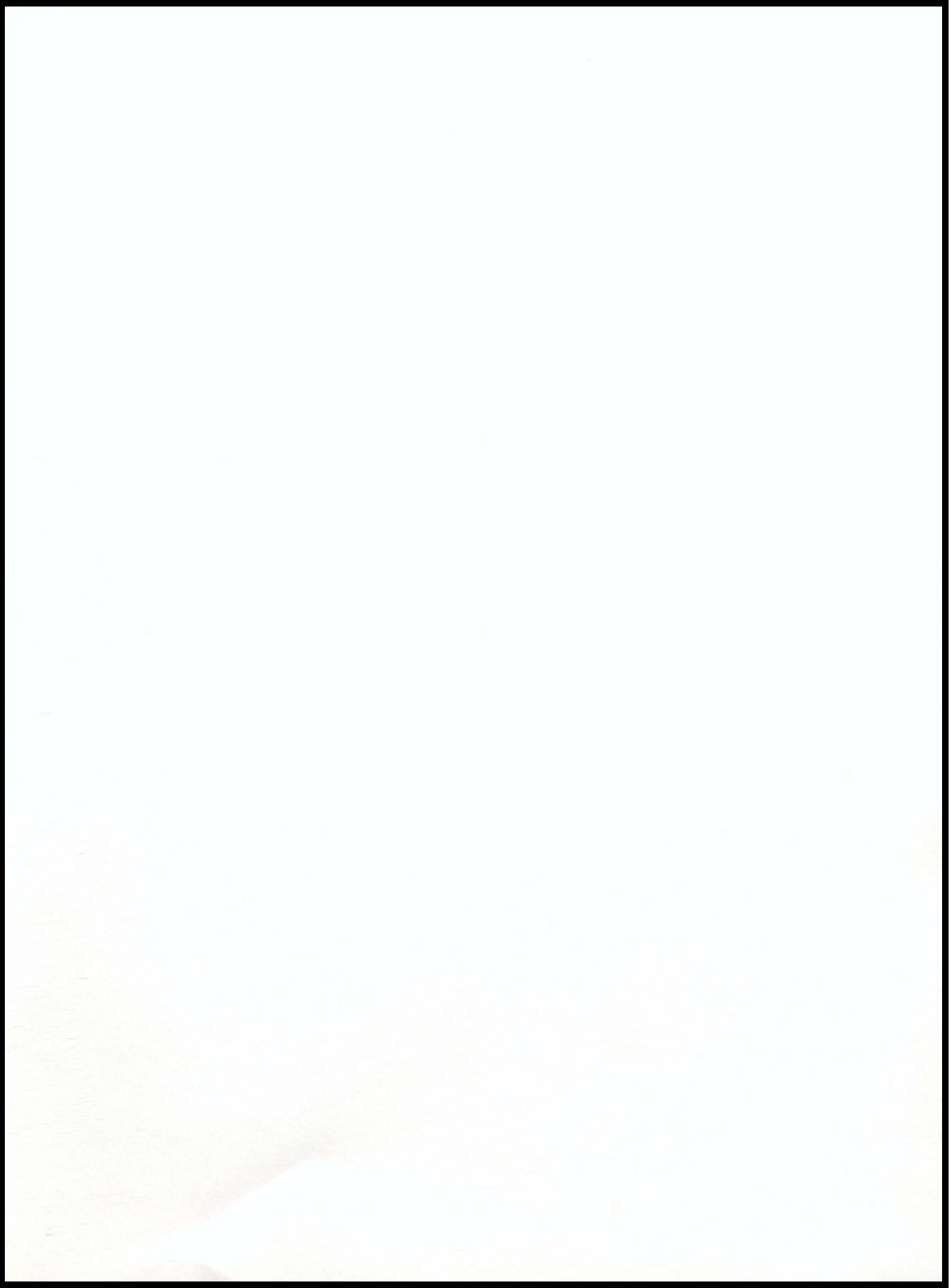
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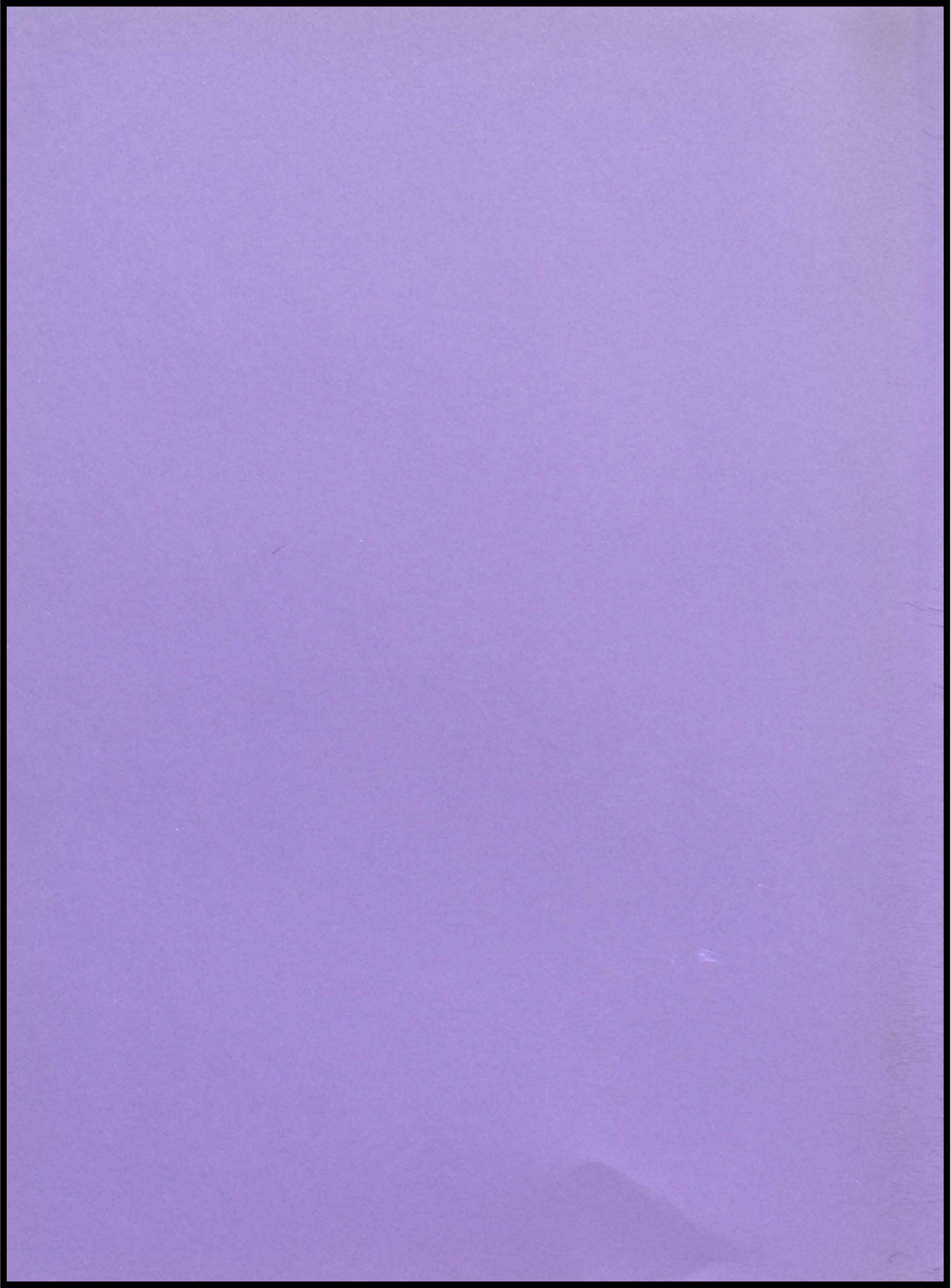
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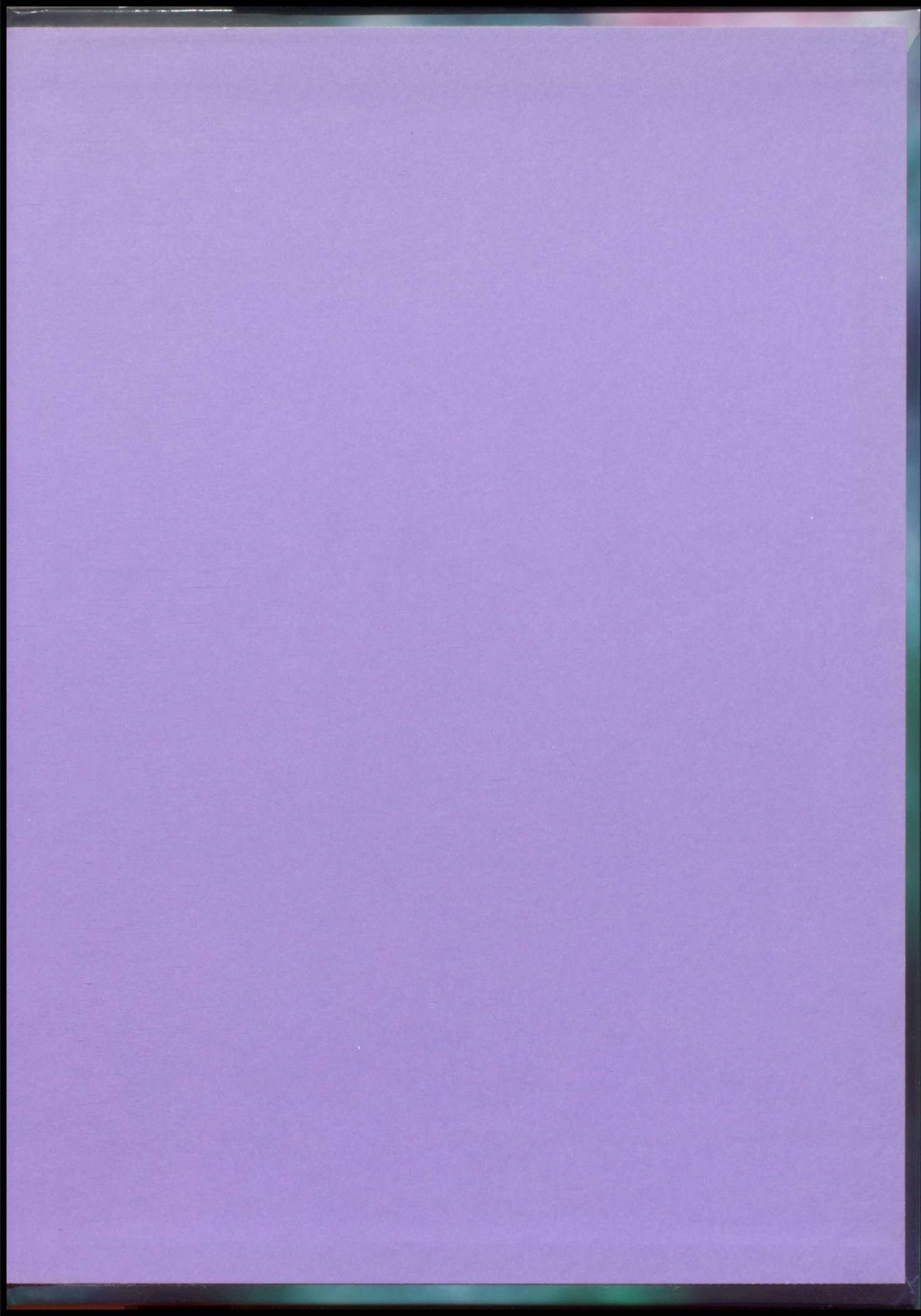
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