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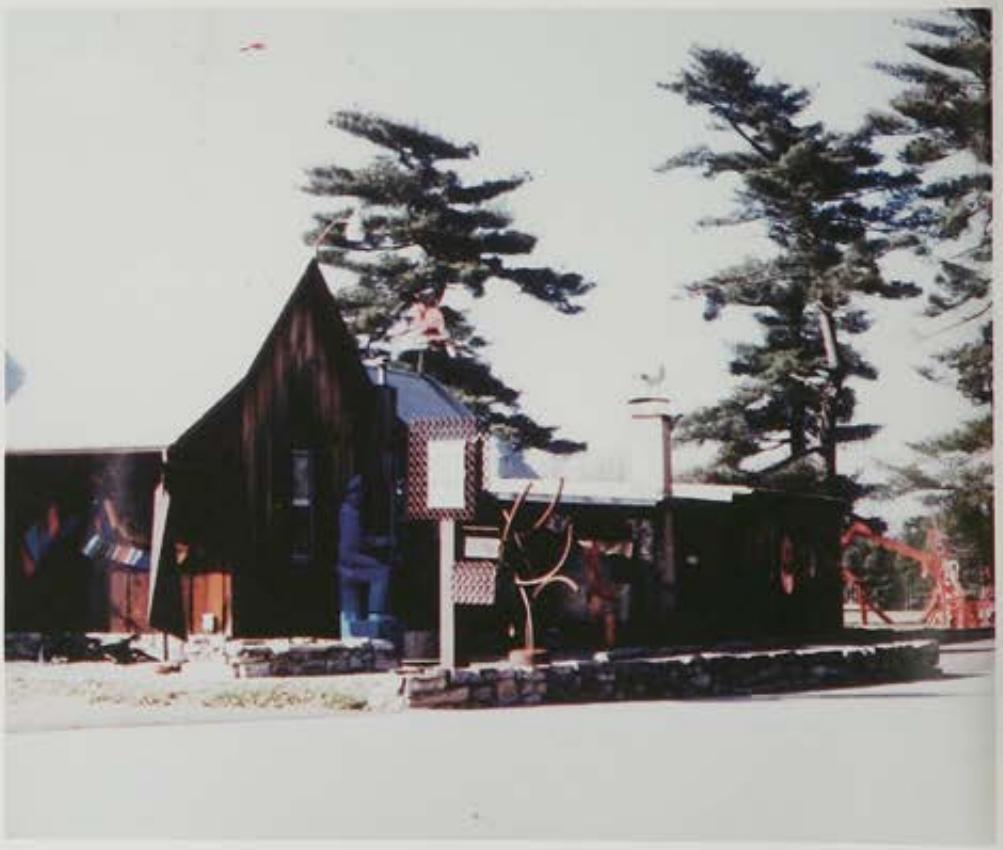
Bro. Mel Creating Divine

The work of Brother Mel Meyer, S.M., is exhibited throughout the world. He has created chapels from Toronto to Texas, and built altars, fresco murals, and stained glass in churches throughout Europe.

In St. Louis, his sculpture adorns the roof of the Adam's Mark Hotel and the Creve Coeur industrial park.

Brother Mel's work can be seen at the Marianist Gallery on the Vianney Campus.

"My art aids my religious life and my religion inspires my artwork," says Brother Mel.



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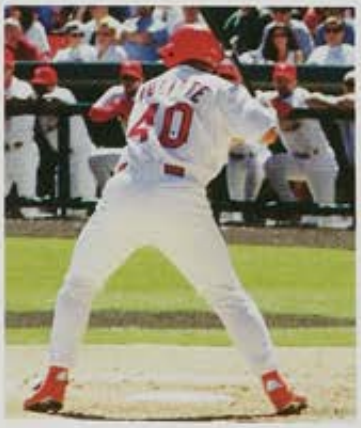


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Vianney Community

Living in the Vianney Family



Go Griffins!~ Members of the Vianney family do push-ups in front of a crowd.

The Vianney community is arguably one of the school's most cherished characteristics. Whether a person's talent lies in making the most touchdowns or writing the best stories, there is a place for everybody here at Vianney. Diversity gives way to strength, and there is plenty of diversity in the Vianney family.

A Griffin remains part of the Vianney community long after he graduates. Cliff Politte, a Vianney alumnus, heard the Vianney community cheering him from the stands as he pitched against the Dodgers. The Vianney community doesn't stop there; it is seen at every auction, dance, and game in which Vianney alumni attend in great numbers.

Hopefully the Vianney community will continue to grow for generations to come.

~Joe Havermann



Join IN!~ A banner welcomes the incoming Freshmen.

Blood Drive

Giving Life Is Better

The blood drive that was conducted on March 31 was a huge success. This charity event was another reminder of just how giving and unselfish the Vianney family really is. This blood drive's slogan was "Life is good, giving life is better."

The students, alums, teachers, and parents all came up huge with over 100 volunteers. The Red Cross ended up receiving 78 usable pints of blood.

Mr. Rhame, the Lettermen's Club, and the Red Cross would like to thank everyone for their efforts and blood.

~Jay Huelsing



OOOHHH!~ Jeff Suda, Ray Rask, and Tim Rhame ask, "Are you okay, fella?"



Is this thing gonna hurt?~ Mr. Borkowski sheepishly prepares to donate his precious blood.



In there, buddy!!~ Jay Huelsing eagerly points the way to the blood drive.

St. Louis & World News



At the movies~ It was a big year at the box office. Cameron's "Titanic" picked up 11 Oscars, and Jack Nicholson won his third for his performance in "As Good As It Gets."



This school year Vianney underwent some changes and had chances for great experiences. First off, Vianney shifted to the block schedule and found success. Students could also see the school grow as the new weight room was constructed. Finally, Vianney got a rare opportunity to receive 775 tickets to watch its own alumus, Cliff Politte pitch for the Cardinals.

In world news, foreign nations experienced wonderful and horrible events. The British finally left Hong Kong, leaving it to China. On a much sadder note, several Italians mourned the deaths of several citizens killed when a U.S. Air Force plane hit a cable car.

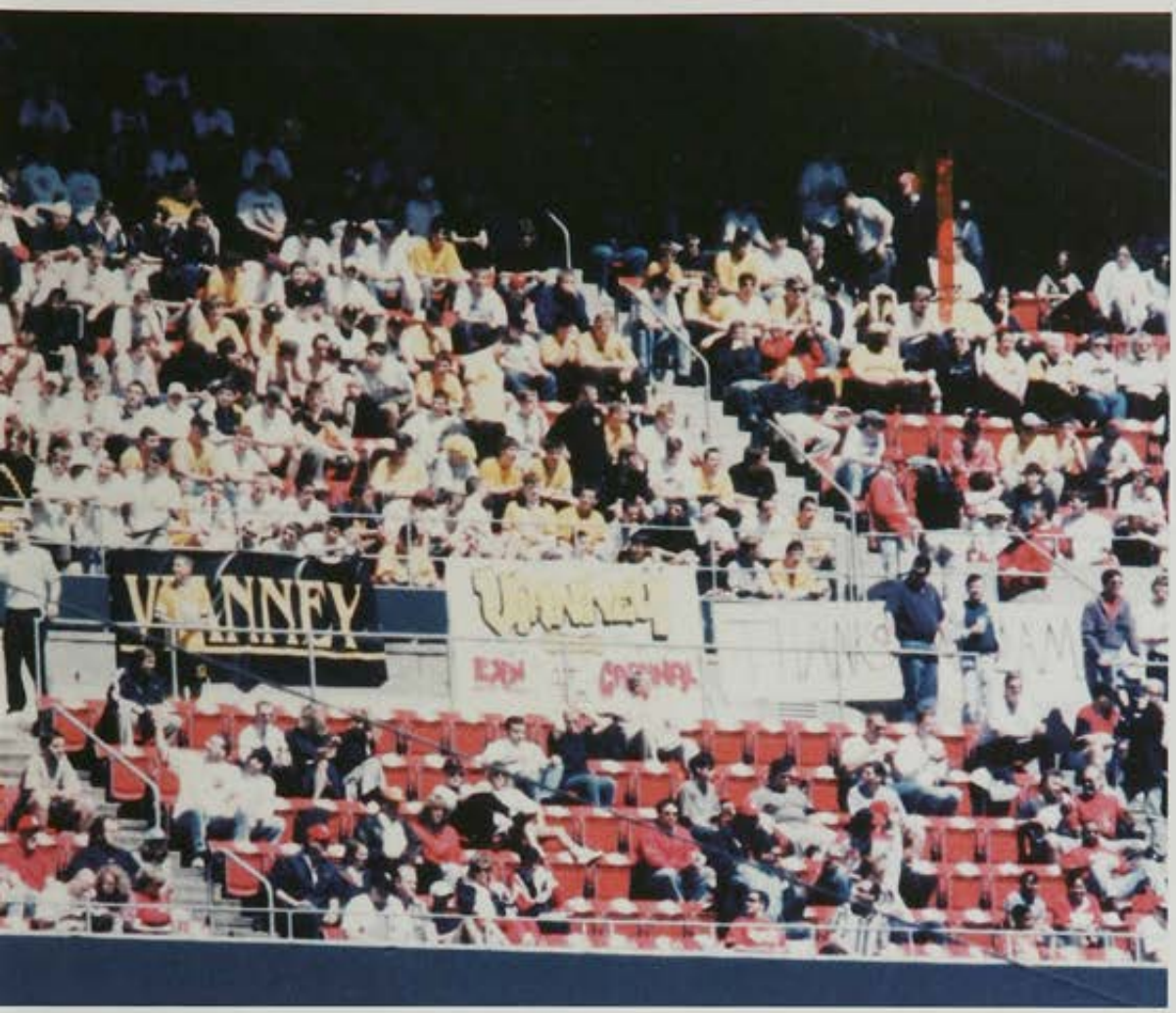
The entertainment industry this year met with unexpectedly large success. *Titanic*, the most expensive movie made to date, enticed many people. It went on to win eleven Oscars, including Best Picture, and it broke box office records. Other Oscars such as Best Actor and Best Actress went to Jack Nicholson and Helen Hunt, who starred in *As Good As It Gets*. It was Jack Nicholson's third Oscar for his lengthy career. *Good Will Hunting* picked up the award for Best Original Screenplay.

In music, Radiohead was awarded a Grammy for Best Alternative Album, and Will Smith won a Grammy for his rap single, "Men In Black".

~Matt Bruns

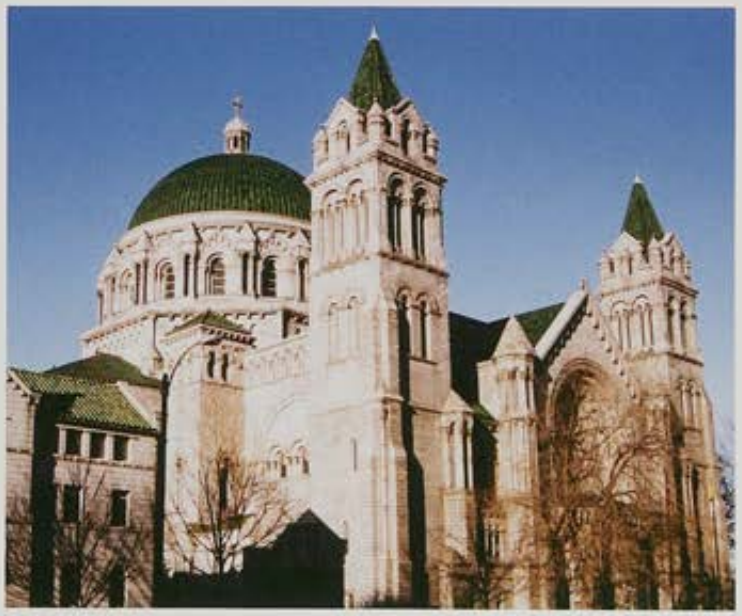


The Gateway to the West~ The Arch has long been a symbol for St. Louis. It was built in 1963.



We got Cliff!~ Vianney shows their spirit at the baseball game. The Cardinals donated 775 tickets to Vianney, allowing the student body to root for Cliff Politte, a Vianney graduate. "The game was awesome," Joe Gadell said enthusiastically. The event will be something to remember for years to come.





The Cathedral Basilica~ The new cathedral became a basilica this year.

Spirit Week

Celebrating Pride in Vianney

The 1997 pre-homecoming Spirit Week at Vianney started on Monday, October 20. Ties and dress shirts were in order, as there was a liturgy that day.

On Tuesday, anyone who felt so inclined had the option of wearing a toga in place of the normal dress code. Those who had donned their bedsheets that morning (and had two bucks to spare) could be part of that day's lunch-time competition, the winner of which would be the one who ate the most White Castle hamburgers in the least time. The winner was junior Sal Frisella, who gobbled eight of the grease soaked burgers in two minutes.

Wednesday's theme involved superheroes and other famous personages. That day's dress-up-ees had a pie eating contest to compete in. Sophomore Devin McCart devoured half of a pie in two minutes and six seconds.

Thursday's "South of the Border Day," had, obviously, Wild West and Mexican overtones. Statistics show that more than half the student body dressed up for it. The competition STUCO chose for that day was a hot-pepper-eating contest. There originally was some discrepancy among reports of the winner, however, it was officially junior Mark Archaubeault who ate thirty peppers (in three minutes, though time wasn't a factor in this contest).

The traditional Black and Gold Day on Friday included a DJ in the Griffin Café at lunch, a pep rally afterward, and a 2 p.m. dismissal. In retrospect, it was definitely a memorable Spirit Week.

~Tim Nix

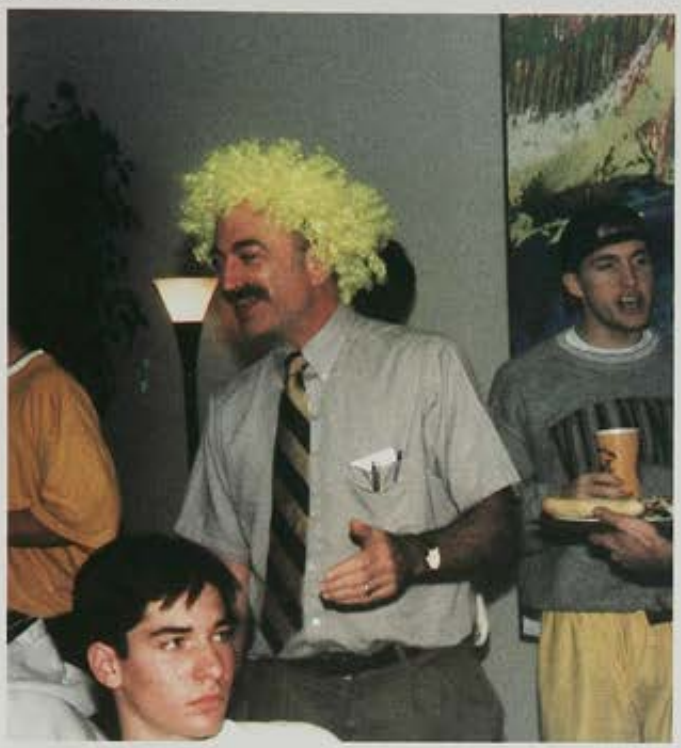


Let there be spirit!– Father Richard Wosman prays at the liturgy that was held the first day of Spirit Week.



Hail Caesar!– Even the Vianney Griffin had spirit to show off.

Scary, isn't it?– Mr. Fuzzy, er... Ripplinger, shows off his new hairdo.





Dean of Discipline and Pie– Mr. Borkowski devises a new plan to discipline troublemaking students.



Don't jump!– Some unusual characters prepare to show just how deep their school spirit runs.



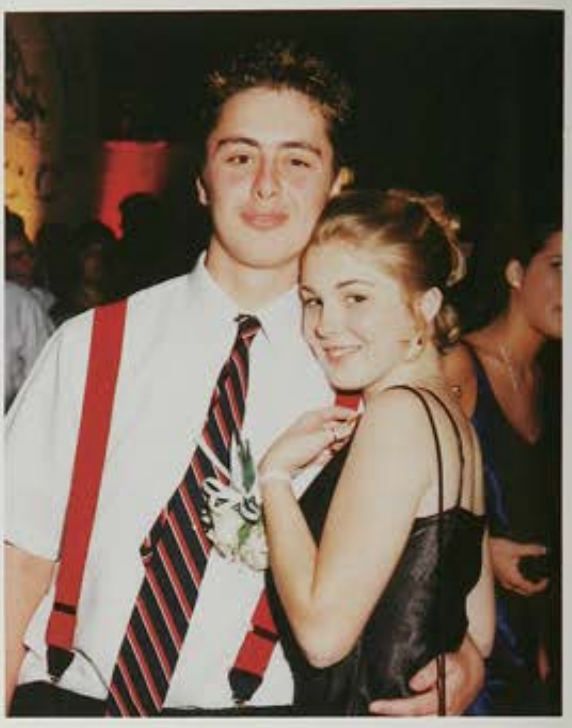
Hi-ho, Silver, away!– Fast-draw champion of Vianney, Matt Pross.

Homecoming

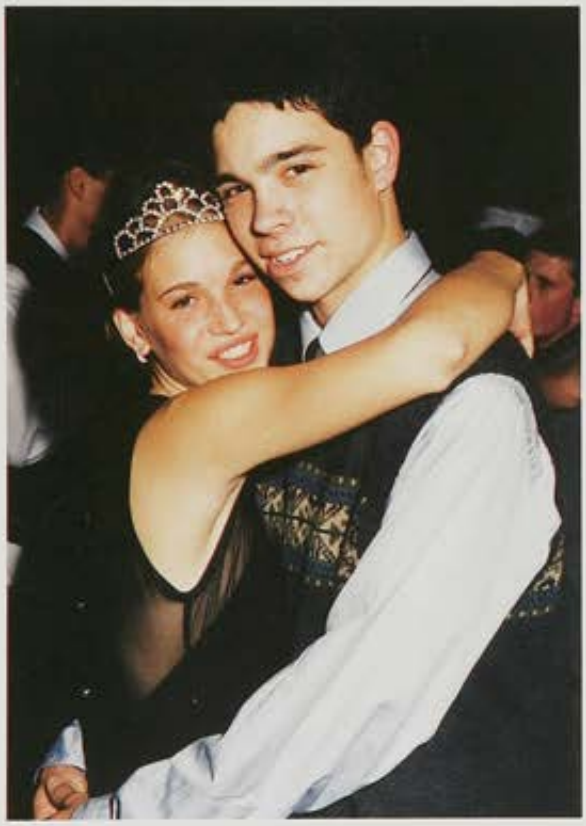
Homecoming Dance a Success

The '97 Homecoming Week was a huge success. There was the usual Spirit Week in which students dressed up to show their school spirit. The pep rally ended the school week and fired the students up for the football game against St. Mary's. An even more excited squad crushed St. Mary's with a win of 46-22. The next night, the students were "jammin'" at the annual Homecoming Dance. It was described as the most successful dance in the past few years. "More students attended this dance than those in the previous fifteen years," said Mr. Dave Hall, who organized the dance. Homecoming Week of '97 was one to be remembered!

~Scott O'Connell



OOH-Yeah!~ Matt Kowalskey likes getting close to his date.



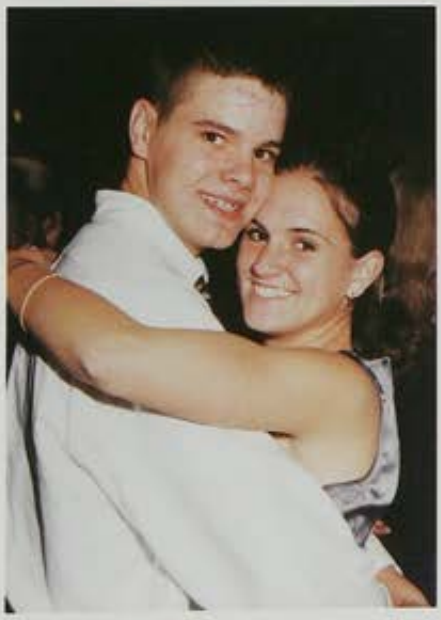
Hail her Majesty!~ John D'Agostino dances with his date, the Homecoming Queen.



Freshmen frolic~ At homecoming, members of the class of '01 celebrate on the dance floor.



A Fun Time Together~ Dave Martorano, Jeff Suelmann, and Nate Michael have a good time with their dates. "We really had a great time, and we enjoyed the night together," Jeff said. The dance will be something that the three truly remember.



Slow dancing~ Chris Hartman slow dances with his date.



Chillin' together~ Mike Schnieders and Ryan Klepac hang out together at the Homecoming Dance.

Junior Ring Mass

Memories Engraved in Rings

On April 17, students witnessed a special ceremony. The juniors, as their parents watched, received class rings during a school Mass service. Juniors were individually recognized as Mr. Dennis Matreci read off everybody's name. Father Richard Wosman then congratulated each junior and handed out the rings. "This event was the celebration of becoming an upperclassman and gaining leadership of the school," Father Richard said. The service helped everyone remember the significance of his high school years.

~Mike Cohen



Time to pray!~ Father Richard Wosman leads the Mass in prayer.



WOO-HOO!~ Junior Matt Boka receives his class ring after Father Richard congratulates him.



Awe!~ The juniors stand in recognition while their parents and fellow Griffins watch in awe.

Junior Ring Dance

Dancing the Night Away

After a three-year wait, juniors were finally able to celebrate the ever-coveted Junior Ring Dance. On May 1, many juniors arrived with their dates, looking to shake things up on the dance floor. As the class rings sparkled on everyone's hands, the dancers swayed to the music. The experience was memorable for all the participants.

"I was a little worried at first because it seemed like nobody was dancing," cross country captain and recipient of the Marianist Award Tim O'Donnell said. "As it went on, everyone started dancing, and I had a blast." Following an exciting evening, exhausted couples left the school. It was an evening to remember.

~Mike Cohen



Everyone needs a hug~ Mark Errante and "friend" slowly move to the music.



Smile for the camera~ John Svoboda and his date take a break from the action.



Looks like line dancing is back in style~ The guys and girls enjoy themselves out on the dance floor.

Mother/Son

A Night with Our Mothers

Mothers and sons of Vianney danced the night away Saturday, March 7, at the Viking Center from 6 to 12 midnight The night included a chicken dinner, raffle with attendance prizes, and a dance to the sweet sound of the oldies. "It was a pleasant evening," said senior Ryan Raineri. "We enjoyed spending time with our mothers." Certainly, mothers and sons enjoyed themselves by taking time out of their hectic schedules to appreciate and respect each other. The Mother/Son Prom was a perfect chance to relax and recognize all that our mothers do for us.

~Anthony Reiner



Formal evening~ Eric Waterkotte, Tim Rhame, Brent DePhillips, Bob Slyman, and Mike Busch enjoy the Mother/Son Prom.



Caught off guard~ Bryan Sauder and his mother "get jiggy wit' it".



New dance craze~ Tim O'Donnell and partners start a new exotic dance.



Piggyback anyone?~ Ed Luebbers gives Kyle Huelsing a ride around the dance.



Exercise is fun~ The Griffs and their mothers spend time doing the line dance.

The beat goes on~ More dancing includes the waltz.





Food~ Ben Faser and Dan Schou choose from the wonderful buffet.



Talk~ Mothers and sons have fun conversing with each other.



Praise~ Mothers compliment their sons on their dancing technique.



The loot~ Father Wosman enjoys giving away attendance prizes.

Social Service Project

'Whatsoever You Do . . .'

As part of the requirements for graduation, Vianney students must demonstrate themselves through Christian community service. At the end of Junior year, a packet filled with the names of hospitals, retirement homes, and outreach centers are distributed. Each student chooses an organization and provides his services there for a three week period. By aiding the sick, helping the elderly, and feeding the poor, one comes in touch with the Catholic duty of service.

"One of the positive benefits of the SSP is that most students, while generally not looking forward to putting the time in, find that afterwards they have enjoyed the experience and seen the positive effects of providing assistance to people in need," Deacon Bob Smerek (coordinator of the service projects) said. "Some found that those they came to help ended up helping them as well."

Deacon Smerek recounted several incidents of positive impacts in the lives of residents and patients involving past students. This year's juniors entered the SSP with the same openness as previous year's students.

~Gary Lobstein

Hagemann Elementary School~ Tony Romano helps a child.





Southgate Care Center~ Brian Peroutka, Brian Graham, Tim Leiendecker, and Brent DePhillips pose with a resident.

Mexico~ At a church in Victoria, Veracruz, Mexico, Dan Friederick hauls off weeds and rotten corn cobs in a wheelbarrow.



Life Camp

Dance into Life

Every year students from Vianney go to a retreat called Life Camp. The camp took place at Camp Tecadoa in Mountain Home, Texas. The event started on July 30 and ran through August 7, 1997. Ms. Carrie Nichols helped supervise the six Vianney students that attended.

Some of the activities included dances , Masses, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The purpose of this camp was to learn how to create and sustain Christian Life Community or small faith communities.

~Tony LaRusso



When in Rome, do as the Romans do!?~ Life Camp '97 Toga Party.



Prayer~ Matt Howard, Ryan Smith, and Mark Archambeault leading all of camp in a morning prayer service.



The gang~ Vianney Life Camp participants Reid Hansted, Mark Archambeault, Matt Pross, Kevin Knickman, Ryan Smith, Matt Howard, Ms. Nichols.

Fall Play

1940's Radio Hour

The Golden Griffin Theatre put on the musical *1940's Radio Hour* on November 13 to 16. The play was about a radio show right out of Christmas 1942. It included 1940's music and commercials. Kurt Wohlschlaeger (Clifton Fedington), Reid Hansted (Lou), Kevin Knickman (Johnny Canton), and Mark Archambeault (Pops) starred in this production.

The following students from other schools lent their time to be part of the cast, crew, and band: Libye Schlosser, Emilie Collins, and Lisa McNamara (Ursuline); Krista Hogenmiler, Lesley Legens, and Sandy Matreci (Rosati-Kain); Lauren Lundry, Melissa Vanost, Courtney Potts, and Ricki Marking-Camuto (Cor Jesu); Amber Purk (Fox); Maureen Beckamon (Nerinx); Paul Manley (SLUH); Joe Stevison (Class of '94) and David Bradley (Class of '96, Webster U.); and Brian Suda (Class of '97, SLU).

~Jim Elking



Chatting~ Mark Archambeault lets Amber Purk sit at his desk.



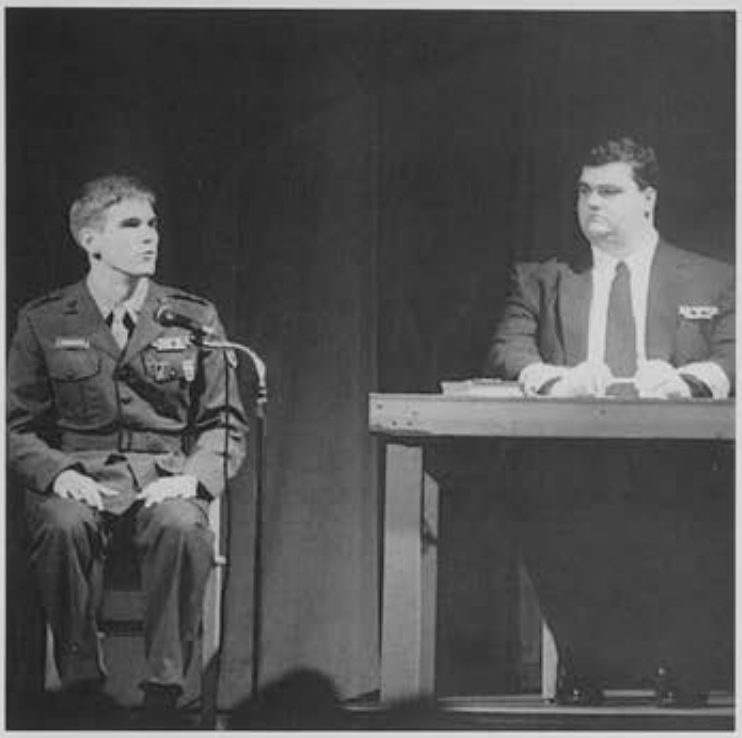
The Cast~ "I'll Be Seeing You" from left to right: Josh Piontek, Chris Soer, Reid Hansted, Krista Hogenmiller, Adam Ehrlich, Kevin Knickman, and Mr. Jim Neyer.



Crooning~ Chris Soer, Libye Schlosser, Matt Howard, and Josh Piontek sing "Blues in the Night."

Spring Play

A Few Good Men



Testimony~ Lt. Jonathan Kendrick (Kurt Wohlschlaeger) speaks before military judge, Capt. J. A. Alexander (Matt Pross).

A Few Good Men was undoubtedly the best performance the Griffin Theater has put on in a long time. Even people who don't like plays said that they enjoyed it very much. *A Few Good Men* was directed by Mr. Brian Sieve, who will be retiring after the current school year to help less fortunate people in Chicago.

A Few Good Men was a smash hit because of the excellent actors and actresses. Ray Rask astounded the audience with his great acting ability. Kevin Knickman was a great co-star to Ray. He added a little humor and fun to the play.

With most of the cast being seniors, this was their last show. They all put forth 110%. Without that leadership then the rest of the cast couldn't have learned what they know now. When the night was over everyone in the building was cheering for the cast and crew.

~Scott Moore/Alan Bauer



Confrontation~ Lt. Cmdr. Joanne Galloway (Melissa Beckmann) and M.P. Cpl. Hammaker (Brian Gertken) restrain Lt. Col. Nathan Jessep (Mark Archambeault), driven to anger by the questions of Lt. Dan Kaffee (Ray Rask) with Lt. Jack Ross (Tom Schwartz) looking on.

Route 66 Auction

Many Support Griffin Auction

The 1998 Night of the Griffin Dinner Auction took place on Saturday, February 21, 1998 with the theme of "Route 66." The auction chairperson was Mrs. Sandy Davis, mother of Nathan '98 and Dustin '99. "This year's auction set an attendance record with over five hundred people attending," auction coordinator Mrs. Fran Levy said. Those in attendance enjoyed a delicious dinner consisting of Rich and Charlie's salad, charbroiled beef tenderloin with mushroom brandy sauce, chicken Italiano, parslied new potatoes, stir fry vegetables, dinner rolls with butter, caramel apple pie, and coffee or tea.

Mrs. Levy mentioned that it took several hundred volunteers to make the auction a success. The most expensive item was a week long trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, which went for $3,200. Another one included a skybox at Busch Stadium with twelve tickets, beverages, and light snacks which went for $1700. The auction brought in a net profit of over one hundred thousand dollars which was about twenty thousand dollars more than last year.

~Mike Ade



They get their kicks...~ Volunteers take a break in front of the Route 66 sign.



Havin' a good time!~ Auction Chairperson Sandy Davis poses with the Auctioneers.



Vianney~ It's all about this!



"Would you like something?~ **Left:** Mike Ronzio waits to help auction-goers.

"Yes, ma'am!"~ **Right:** Neal Ledbetter donates his time.







May the force be with you!~ Eric Vineyard searches for Darth Vader.



Chillin' with the wife~ Mr. and Mrs. Hall smile for the camera.

Senior Prom

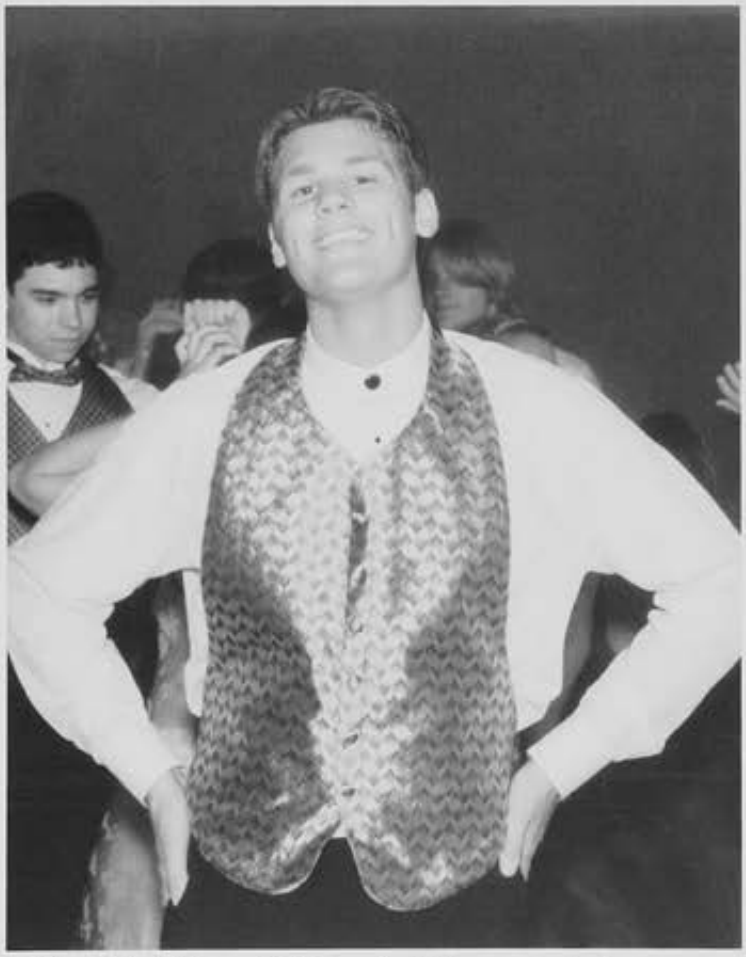
One Last Dance

On April 24, 1998, the Senior Prom took place at the Embassy Suites down on the Landing. Couples were told to arrive at 6:30 p.m. so that dinner could be served. There was a buffet that included chicken, roast beef, salad, and many vegetables. At 8:00 p.m. it was time to dance, which nearly everyone did on the crowded dance floor. As the night wore on the guys were starting to realize that this is their last dance as a Griffin. When 11:00 rolled around the place cleared as quickly as the night seemed to go by. That was it—the last dance for the seniors as Vianney Griffins.

~Ryan Raineri



Exchanging glances~ Jason McClelland asks Pete Raineri if he is enjoying this dance.



Smile~ Mike Hebenstreit stops to strike a pose for the camera.



Get that camera out of my face~ Dennis Harms sports the sunglass look.



Everybody dance!~ Rob Major and Matt Mueller show off their dance moves.



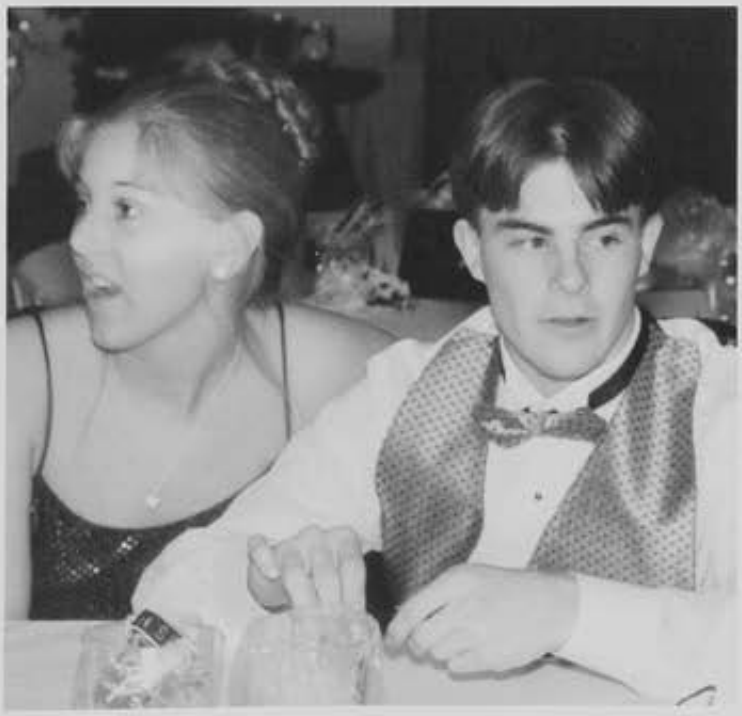
It's chow time~Many hungry people gather around the buffet.



Happy faces~ Two very excited young ladies stop for a picture.



Say cheese~ Tony Effinger "makin' the moves."



Gosh I'm tired~ Luke Moore sits down after a hard night of dancing.



Back, she's mine~ Chad Mayes and his date show off their dance moves.

Fall Sports

The Golden Griffins began the fall sports season under a rearranged coaching staff. Staffing changes brought about a new hope of winning to the fans and supporters. All of the Griffins gave their heart for the team in the hopes of championship glory.

Varsity football got a fresh start under new Head Coach Gene Gladstone. He changed the plays in hopes of propelling the football Griffins to the title of champions.

New head coach Dave Gauvain quickly won the respect from the varsity team. Overall, the soccer Griffins made the Vianney family proud.

Griffin cross-country has greatly improved with hard work and dedication. The cross-country Griffins have shown a phenomenal amount of effort running for Vianney.

Great job to all who participated and good luck next year!

~Matt Pross '99





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Cross Country

...A Season of Pressures

This past year, the Griffin harriers began the season facing several challenges that needed to be met. The Griffins were very inexperienced, with many first year runners. Also, they had a small team of about twenty runners, compared to other schools with teams in the eighties and nineties. More detrimental, however, was the lack of seniors on the team. There would be no seniors to rely upon for leadership.

The Griffins were able to find leadership in two juniors: co-captains Mark Errante and Tim O'Donnell. In meets, the team was led by stand-outs Mark Errante, Mark Rodgers, and Glenn Frei. Another valuable runner was discovered in freshman Ryan Durban. Near the end of the season, great improvement could be seen in all of the runners.

Although finishing fifth in the MCC meet, the most important event of the season, nearly every runner achieved a personal record and allowed the team to have a solid finish. Coach John Mohr was pleased with the team's performance and effort this season and has high hopes for next year. "If all of our runners return next year, then we should be a lot more competitive," said Coach Mohr. "I'm really looking forward to next year."

~Adam Ochonicky '00



"We'll get `em next year!!"

~ Tom Barnowski, `00



The Cross Country Team~ Front Row: Dan Riordan, Kevin Gritzke, Gary Berry, Matt Smith, John Smith, Ben Abbott. Row 2: Mike Cohen, Tim O'Donnell, Tom Barnowski, Ryan Durban, Mark Rodgers, Mark Errante. Back Row: Coach Mohr, Ryan Townsend, Brad Wunderlich, Mike McKeever, Adam Ochonicky, Glenn Frei, Jake Collins, Corey Donahue.

Varsity Soccer

...An Up and Down Season



"It was a tough challenge with new coaches, and we just barely came up short."

~Ed Pieper '98



"It was an up and down season and very inconsistent, but later on the team really started to pull together."

~Kyle Huelsing '98



I got it! I got it!~ The soccer players fight for the ball.



Go #4!!~ Matt Stichling jumps for the ball.



The Varsity Soccer Team~ Front Row: Rory Leach, Steve Schwarz, Brian Peroutka, Rico Lange, Tom Leto. Row 2: Greg Gilsinn, Luke Moore, Kyle Huelsing, Jim Kiser, Justin Voorhees, Jason Voorhees, Matt Logush. Row 3: Nick Westrich, Matt Stichling, T. J. Powers, Jim Michaels, Sean McMullen, Leo Quattrocchi, Ian Quattrochi, Tim Goede. Row 4: Asst. Coach Thom Simpson, Chris Krajacic, Brian Schwarze, Kevin Ray, Justin Naber, Mike Kirchoff, Joe Schiro, Jeff Stegman, Head Coach Dave Gauvain



The Ups, the Downs

The varsity Griffins came into the season with a lot of pressure on their shoulders. Dave Gauvain, the new coach who arrived at Vianney this fall, gained the respect of students and team members alike. In addition to the pressure that was felt adjusting to a new coach, the varsity team had to maintain clear leadership with only six seniors for the rest of the team to look up to. Everyone on the team proved that they were qualified assets to the team.

In the first six games, the Griffins started out with a record of five wins to one loss. They took an impressive second place in the CBC tournament and also second in the CYC tournament. The Griffins met with some unfortunate hardships toward the middle of the season.

"It was an up and down season of high expectations," said Coach Gauvain regarding his first year here at Vianney. In the end, though, the varsity team proved to us that under a new coach and a young team, they could still fill the Vianney family with pride.

~Josh Lashley '00

B Soccer

...The Pressure of Competition



The B Team~ Front Row: David Buchek, Mike Hawf, David Gitto, Kirk Barron. Row 2: Keith Costello, Nick Behnen, Brian Bashwiner, Brian Scheman, Dave Wehrle, Perry Mathina, Dan Merker, Josh Lashley. Row 3: Coach Brennan, Tony Schnitzmeier, Matt Schuessler, Mike Pelech, John Haarmann, Nick Beck, Rick Bueltmann, Kevin Dieckmann. Not Pictured: Houston Eaves.

This year's B-Soccer team had another winning season with a final record of 9-7-3. The twenty players on the team each contributed to the successful season, with help from Coach Brennan.

Although there were many high points during the season, the B-Griffs achieved their best against MCC rival DeSmet. "The team played extremely well and the outcome showed it," Coach Brennan said.

~John D'Agostino '98



"The team faced a lot of pressures, but the coach got us through."

~ Dave Buchek '00



C Soccer

...Griffs Demonstrate Spirit

It was a difficult year for the C-Soccer team. With a new coach and many players moving up to Varsity and JV, the team did not perform as expected.

"Charles Franz and Adam Gorecki led the team all season," stated rookie Coach Leassner. Despite having a record of 7-13-1, this team will be one to reckon with in the years to come.

~John D'Agostino '98



The C Team~ Front Row: Joe Evert, Jason Hrdlicka, Mark Nolan, David Giho, Matt Gillick. Row 2: Nick Knobbe, Ryan Curry, Matt Kellermann, Dominic Ciaccio, Rob Merli, Paul Cullmann, Steve Waterkotte, John Grana, Andrew Perez. Row 3: Eric Vineyard, Andy Greminger, Gio Glasscock, John Kollar, Adam Gorecki, Charles Franz, Pat Luer, Matt Terry.



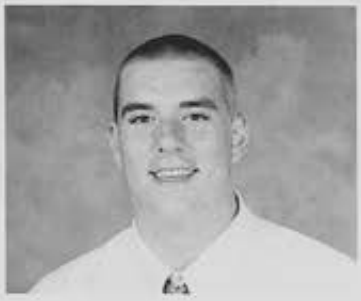


"It was a pretty good first season for high school."

~ Dominic Ciacco '01

Varsity Football

...Pressures Met, Obstacles Surpassed



"The Seniors had a good year, and we're expecting better next year because of the returning Juniors."

~Donny Buehler '99



"We had a lot of good times and bad times too, but most of all we came home with the district championship."

~Phil Miceli '98



What a teardown~ Seniors Phil Miceli and Justin Maurath take #20 down.



I'm gonna do it~ "I ain't afraid of this guy."

Challenges of Year Met Under Coach Gladstone

The Vianney High School varsity football team, on that highly illuminated field, had many obstacles to face this year. Not only did the team need to improve from week to week, each player needed to improve as well. Several faced the challenge of playing a new position. The intense pressure to succeed was overcome through team cooperation and the improvements made individually. As a team, according to Head Coach Mr. Gene Gladstone, they performed exceptionally and improved as the year progressed.

Brian Gertken, Kevin Gertken, Sal Frisella, Rick Seratti, Jerry Eidson, Phil Miceli, Adam Hoberg, and Bob Houchin all improved greatly and helped the team to perform to the best of its ability. There was not an excessive amount of injuries this year, but as always, there were a few. Defense played a good season this year, and offense insured a grip on victory. Overall, Vianney seemed to improve most aspects of the game.

Mr. Gladstone stated that the team did not let him down. His favorite moment in a game this season was against Pacific when Terry Milyard caught a touchdown pass, after he had struggled the week before against Fox. When asked what he would like to be quoted as saying, he sat and thought for a moment. Then with a smile in his eye, he said, "We are lucky at Vianney to have a group of guys who are willing to play as a team and represent their school with character and class."

~ Tony Rich '00



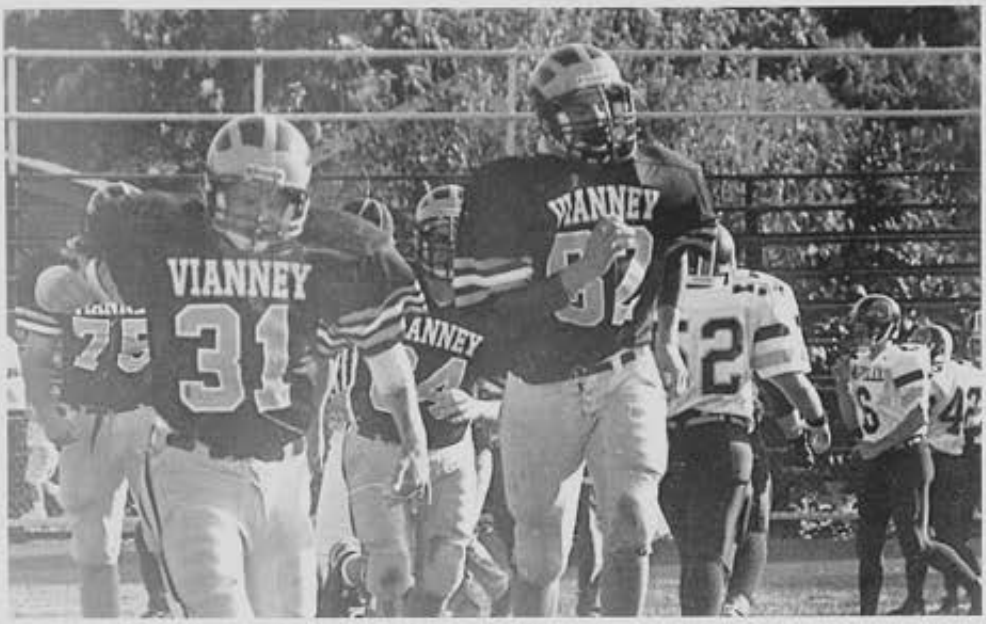
Let's Go!~ Vianney storms for the TD.





The Varsity Football Team~ Front Row: Ahmad Polack, Bryan Callanan, John Merli, Todd Candella, Brian Gertken, Kevin Gertken, Derek Croghan. Row 2: Ray Rask, Steve Hawf, Dave Wucher, Charles Croghan, Eric Waterkotte, Tony Larusso. Row 3: Jason Chrapek, Sal Frisella, Dan Schou, Don Buehler, Brent DePhillips, Ryan McBroom, Dennis Harms. Row 4: Tim Rhame, Kurt Schneider, Derrick Harris, Terry Milyard, Tom Major, Mike Wende, Justin Maurath, Bobby Slyman. Row 6 (coaches): Jeff Smeltzer (trainer), Paul Rhame, Dan Borkowski, Gene Gladstone, Steve Martel, Jerry Stevison. Row 7: Pat Watson, Pat Walsh, Phil Miceli, Nick Scarpino, Don Borgmeyer, Rick Seratti, Jerry Edison, Rob Major.

B Football
...A Season of Pressures



Keep it up!~ Sophomore Sean Culleton struggle during practice.

The sophomore football team had a successful season. With a lot of hard work, members of the team were able to surpass the obstacles put in front of them. Players displayed considerable improvement throughout the year.

Much of the time spent during practice paid off greatly later on in the season. Although the rigorous practices were dreaded by some of the students, the hard work definitely gave the Sophomore football team the edge.

The sophomore football players will greatly contribute to the success of the varsity team next year.



B Football Team ~ Front Row: Brandon Ortiz, Ryan Barden, Jason Menne, Jeff Malone, Floyd Blackwell, John Kaestner, Sean Culleton, Dan Malone. Row 2: Andy Schmitz, Chris Natsch, Kevin Dierker, Justin Kleffner, Erik Reedstrom, Clay Mark, Ryan Klepac. Row 3: Coach Tim McCarthy, Steve Emmett, Jeff Wosman, K.C. Downer, Chris Rocchio, Derrick Setzekorn, Mike Schnieders, Josh Bodine, Brian McMahan, Coach Brian Pasmaley. Row 4: Nate Michael, Mike Nettemeyer, Chris Johnson, Joe Scotino, Coach Dave Hall, Joe Puleo, Seamus Gilligan, Steve Longo, Kyle McDermott.

C Football

...Griffs Demonstrate Spirit

The football season was rough, but the Vianney Griffins on the C team were optimistic. The Griffins' main goal was to know that they had tried their best. To achieve this goal, the team used two powerful strategies: finding certain positions that specific individuals could play best and learning the responsibilities each teammate had in a game.

The C team had only one win this season, but the team still maintained the Griffin spirit.

The determination shown by the team in spite of the pressures of the year demonstrated that spirit. "The team hasn't abandoned ship, and we're still in the hunt for victories," Coach Mitchell said.

~ Matt Bruns '01



Knock 'em down!~ Freshmen football players take out the opposing team.



C Football Team~ Front Row: Carl Berger, Dylan Padberg, Bill McMullen, Sam Reinhardt, Jason Brockmeyer, Mick Henderson, Rob Sedlak, Greg Ermeling. Row 2: Peter Brandt, Nick Riordan, Brian Sanders, Sam Degregorio, Jason Haar, Kevin Brockmeyer, Bill Wangles, Casey Kujawa, Jon Schou, Ben Sanders. Row 3: Chris Wynne, Matt Sullentrop, Dan Schiller, Jerry Cavanaugh, Derrik Sabado, Anthony Clements, Steve Voorhees. Row 4: Bill LeGrand, Nick Bono, Paul Przycki, Brad Gross, Marciamo Garcia, Charlie Franz, Tom Godsey, Andy Pisarkiewicz, Neville Miller. Row 5: Coach Mitchell, Coach Blees, Chris Stephans, Nate Powers, Justin Roth, Matt Smith, Brian Kraft, David Bleitner, Tim Crawford, J. Guy Kehoe, Coach Clepper. Row 6: Adam Fiock, Chris Jeep, Mike Moehlenbrok, Steve Campbell, Tony Hartman, Justin May, Allistor Dueker, Dan Paradowski, Matt Fuhr

WINTER SPORTS

A thrilling season of sports excited both athletes and students alike. Monumental performances were turned in by all the teams. Senior Mark Bader finished off his high school wrestling career with a second-straight state championship title. The basketball team finished with much hope and anticipation. After turning in one of the best seasons in school history, practically all of the starting players are likely to return next year. Fast paced skating, good defense, outstanding goal-tending, and a steady supply of scoring led the hockey team into the state playoffs. The racquetball and swimming teams grew with the knowledge of the game. Overall, the sports entertained everyone who followed them.

~Mike Cohen

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Swimming-

Vianney Takes a Swim

Vianney's swim team had a difficult season ending with 2 wins and 15 losses. This caused the team's confidence to fall. Even though Vianney had a poor season many people had stretched to their limits doing great work. John Lucas placed 8th in the one hundred meter freestyle and 11th in the fifty metre freestyle, Steve Longo got 12th in the one hundred butterfly, and John Merli made 9th in the one hundred back stroke. Vianney also made several team goals. All three relays placed while there was a great MCC conference with thirty three races with twenty six personal bests. Coach Simpson believes that the swimming team has a great future. Two freshmen, eight sophomores, three juniors coming back next year joined with next year's freshman will result in a great team.

~Alan Bauer



Sitting: Nick Dower, Mark Gadell, Zach Best, Rob Merli, Tony Romano, Brian Davidson; **Second Row:** John Lucas, Bro. Len Rudy, Adam Ochonicky, Dennis Harms, John Merli, Steve Emmett, Steve Longo; **Third row:** Ryan Celeslie, Coach Tom Simpson

Varsity Basketball

The Beginning of a New Tradition

Vianney Basketball led by coaches Bill Young and Kevin Walsh finished the season 22-6 and 5-3 in conference.

Vianney started the season taking third in the Vianney Invitational. Within a week and a half the roundballers had five games, four of which were conference games. Defeating Chaminade, and CBC, the only losses were to DeSmet and SLUH. The team defeated CBC to start a sixteen game winning streak. During the streak Vianney participated in the Country Day Tournament. Going into the tournament with a confident frame of mind, the Griffins defeated all four teams they faced to obtain the championship title. It was the first time Vianney has won a tourney title in twenty years. At this point the team was on a roll.

After the tourney they were faced with a six game home stretch. Three of those six were conference games. Preparing for the three games was critical for the team. The first game was against Chaminade, and the second was against SLUH. Winning those two games gave the roundballers great motivation going into the DeSmet game. The Griffins knew going into this game it was going to be a battle considering they had to avenge a loss to the team earlier in the season. This game was one of the most important games of the season. It was against our biggest rival, and it was at home. If you were there, you remember the game, "Standing Room Only," ring-a-bell. The Griffins won and the team had only two home games left, Mehlville and Fort Zumwalt North. The Griffins defeated Mehlville and were now matched up against Zumwalt. Vianney faced a tragedy in the last home game. Senior Chris Campbell broke his elbow, and Vianney lost one of it key players. After winning the teams last home game, Vianney had a record of 12-1 at home, the best ever.

As the season was drawing very close to the end, the team was defeated by Oakville and CBC. After the loss to CBC, the Griffins were pumped going into districts. The team received a bye first round and faced Mehlville in the second round. The Griffins pounced on the Panthers early and maintained a strong lead all game. Next up was Lindbergh. This game was expected to be a battle. The Flyers took an early lead and Vianney faced a twelve point deficit at half. The team knew that, if they wanted to come back to win the game, they would have to come out with fire in its eyes. It did, allowing the Flyers to score nineteen points in the second half while the Griffins scored thirty-four points leading them to the district title. Next up the team was matched up against Francis Howell North in the state sectional game. It was back and forth all game, but Howell North prevailed in the end.

The team's success is credited to coaches Young and Walsh. Everyday the coaches motivated the players and also made them realize what was important on the court and in life. All season the Griffins were led on the perimeter by junior sharpshooters Jake Wilson and Matt Tabash. To make play even under the basket there were Mike Paradoski, Justin Naber, and David Boedeker. The players that contributed all their efforts to a winning season were seniors Chris Campbell, Jay Huelsing, and Joe Boeckman. All of the spiritual flow on the team was led by Teddy Simpson and Mike Mulvihill. The Griffin roundballers would like to thank everyone for the great support all season. GOOD LUCK NEXT YEAR!!

~#45 Dave Boedeker

QUOTABLE QUOTE

The strength of the wolf is the pack and the strength of the pack is the wolf.

~K. Walsh

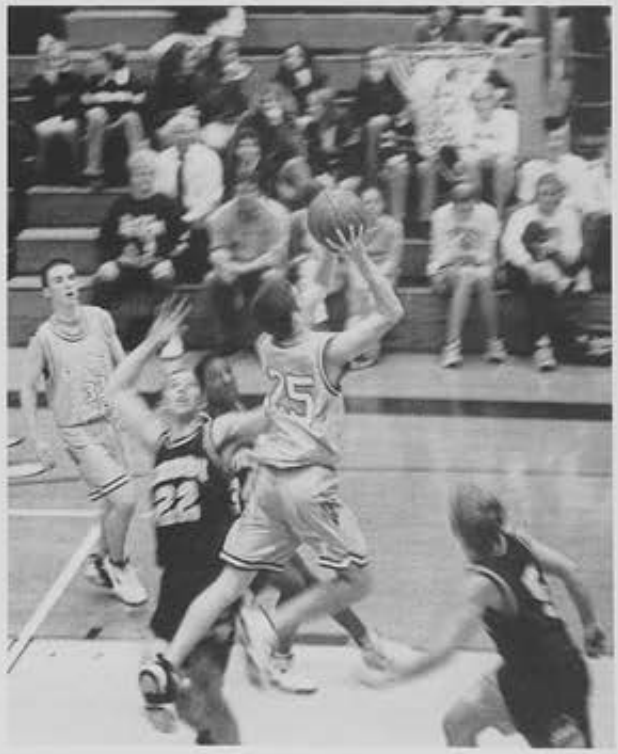


First Row: Dan Paradoski. **Second Row:** Matt Tabash, Mike Mulvihill, Jake Wilson, Chris Campbell, Jay Huelsing, Joe Boeckman, Ben Faser. **Standing:** Coach Bill Young, Mike Paradoski, David Boedeker, Justin Naber, Brian Bradley, Coach Kevin Walsh.



Left: Dave Boedeker puts one up in a crowd.

Right: Jake Wilson takes matters into his own hands.



B-Basketball

Creating the future

The Sophomore basketball team finished the season 18-7. The team finished 4-4 in conference play. During the season each person had his chance to step it up. Players that stayed consistent throughout the year were Jeff Suelmann, Drew Paradoski, and Brian Akers. "I had a lot of fun this year and I'm really excited about next year," Drew said. The team's most motivational game this year was when they lost to Oakville in the Fox tournament for the championship game. This game helped push them to such a successful season.

~Dave Boedeker





Brian Akers smokes another.



Sitting: Brandon Ortiz, Brian Akers, Dave Martorano, Nate Michael, Nick Gish, Drew Paradoski, Nick Schneeberger. **Standing:** Jim Feicht, Joe Scotino, John Haarmann, Jeff Suelmann, Kurt Govero, Coach Charlie Walsh.

C-Basketball



Matt Smith takes it to the rack.

Starting Off Strong

The freshman basketball team was led by Coaches Kevin Walsh and David Gauvain. The team posted an overall record of 14-10 in conference play. The final record was 4-4.

Throughout the season there were many different contributors: Eric Waterkotte, Rico Lange, David Bleitner, Thomas Banister, and Steve Campbell. One of the team's main accomplishments was the avenging of two losses to CBC and Kirkwood. The Griffs beat both teams by 10 and 20 points. "This year all levels played the same. The team saw the upper class play, and then they bought into the program," Coach Walsh said.

~Dave Boedeker





Sitting: Steve Waterkotte, Peter Brandt, Rico Lange, John Kollar, Matt Suellentrop, Mike Hoehlenbrock, Bob Morris. **Standing:** coach Dave Gauvain, Brendan Rogan, Andy Craft, Justin Roth, Steve Austin, Matt Smith, Tom Bannister, Steve Campbell, Dave Bleitner, coach Kevin Walsh.

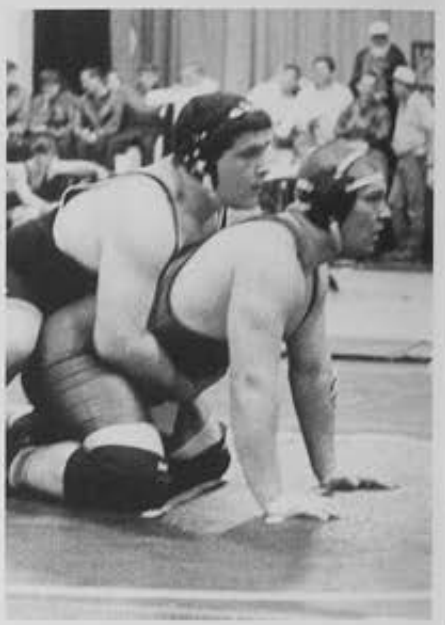
Varsity Wrestling

Still One of the Best

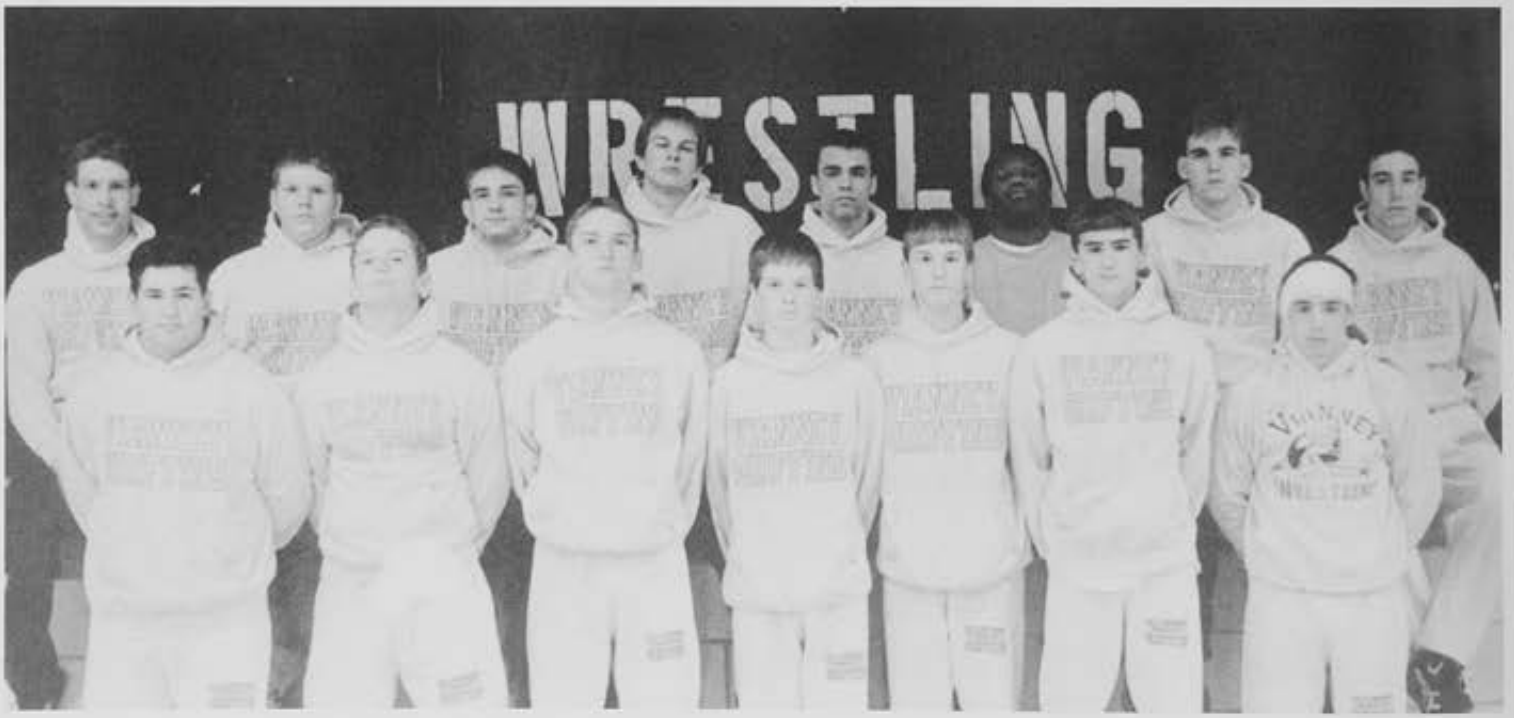
The '97-'98 season began in November with practices running late. Long matches, hard running, and tons of sweat all just to lose a few pounds. It all pays off in the end. When you are on top and know you worked to get there nothing can compare. That is what this year's wrestling was all about. Despite posting a 5-6 record in dual meets, the grapplers took twelve to sectionals and six of them placed for state. They were Mark Bader, Eric Suda, Ahmad Polak, John Canton, Rob Major, and Ray Rask. Out of the six wrestlers Mark Bader for his second year took first, and Eric Suda placed fifth.

The Vianney wrestling program has made its mark. Every year new wrestlers go down to state and come back winners. This just shows that Vianney wrestling is one of the best. Hard work and dedication on the part of both coaches and grapplers in the end pays off.

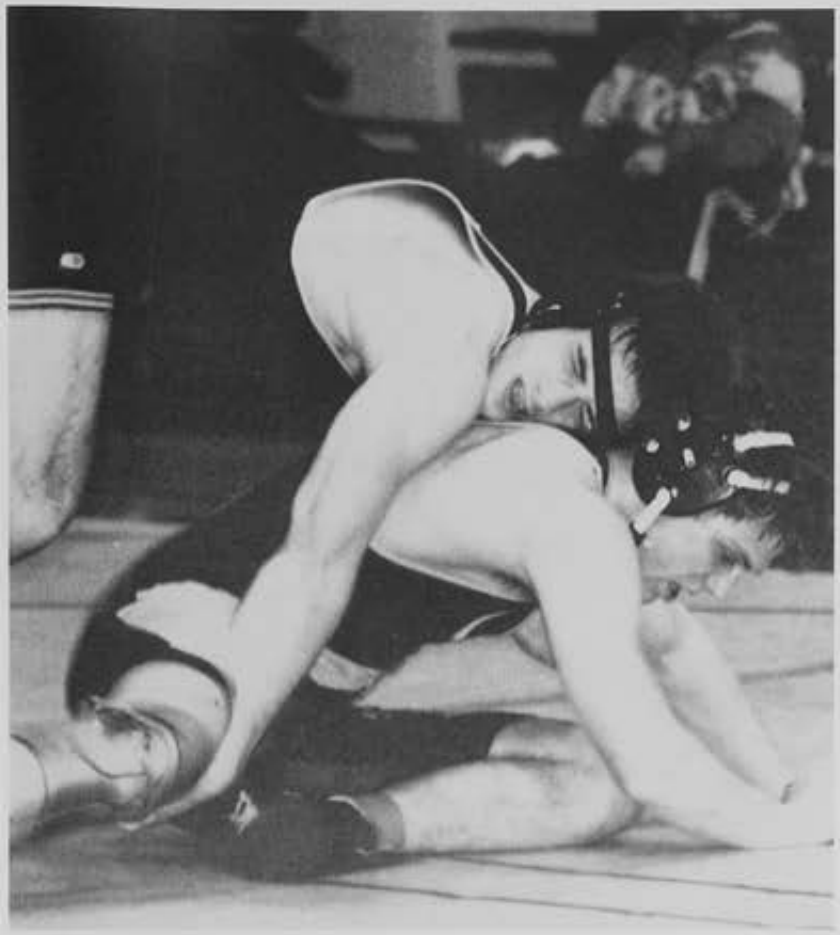
~Jim Kiser



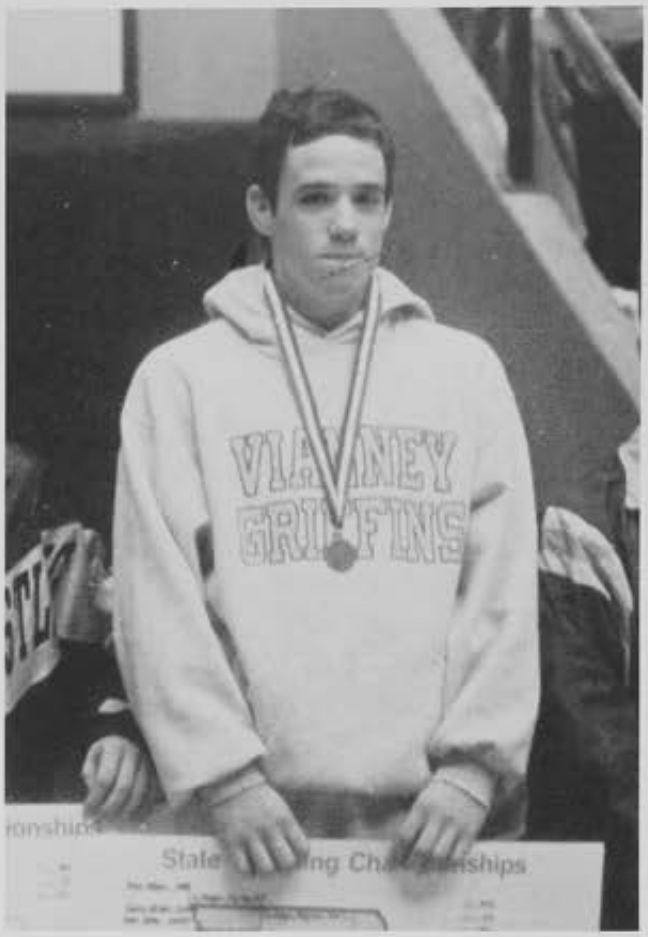
Malone gets ready.



First Row: Dan Malone, Tom Major, Rob Major, Josh Lashley, T.J. Powers, Tom Meisemann, Mark Bader. **Second Row**: Andy Voss, Jim Osburn, Eric Suda, Adam Gordon, Ray Rask, Ahmad Polack, Kurt Wohlschlaeger, and Mike Walsh.



Suda says, "You're not going anywhere soon."



Bader says, "Now the fun begins!"



Coaches look on, as the team fights.



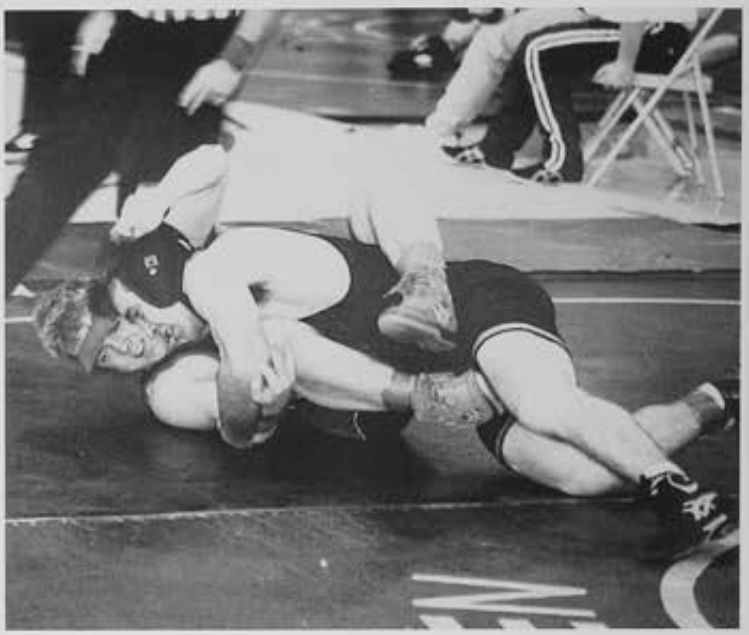
Bader puts the hurt on another Billiken.

B-Wrestling

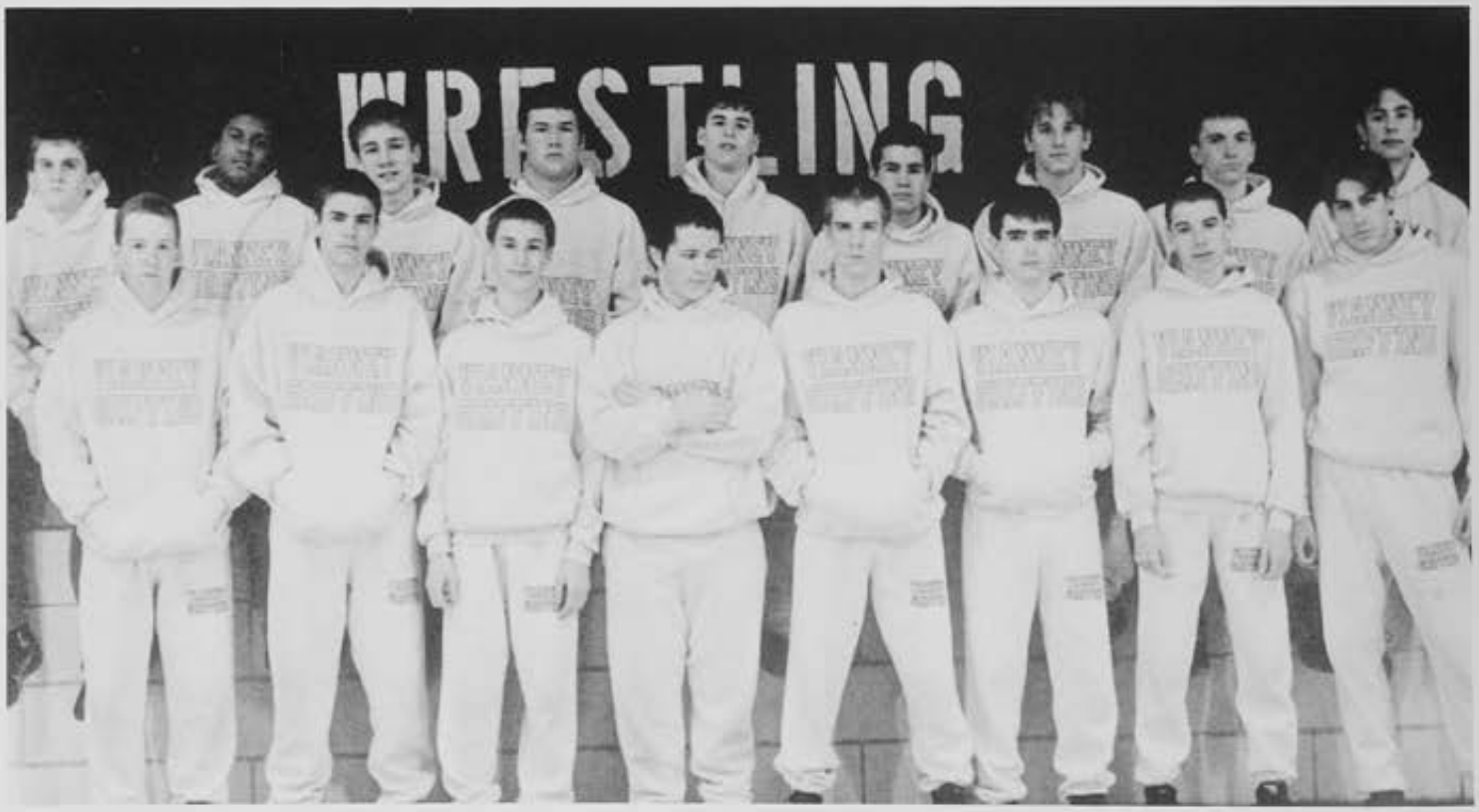
A Successful Season

This was a successful season for the JV-squad which posted a 8-2 record in dual meets. It finished second in the DeSmet quad, second in the Vianney tournament and second in conference. When the season had ended, the wrestlers had to vote for teammate awards. The winner for Most Valuable Wrestler went to Tim Rask by a large margin, while the Most Improved went to Derek Buchheit. Overall the season was a success. "If we could have made a few changes, we could have been 10-0," coach Brennan said. The future here at Vianney looks bright with strong wrestlers in both JV and C teams.

~Jim Kiser

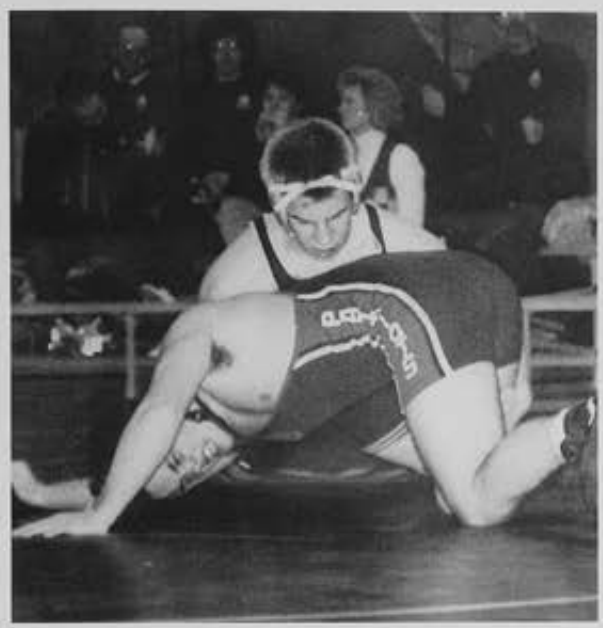


Ben Barnett gives it the final umpf!



Front Row: Matt Healy, Tim Rask, Derek Buchheit, Kurt Schneider, Ben Abbott, Jeff Weishaar, Aaron Costello, Mark Errante. **Second Row**: Tom Pfuhl, Floyd Blackwell, Greg Bennett, Josh Bodine, Justin Kleffner, Jeff Malone, Chris Krajacic, Rick Boyet, Joe Voss.

C-Wrestling

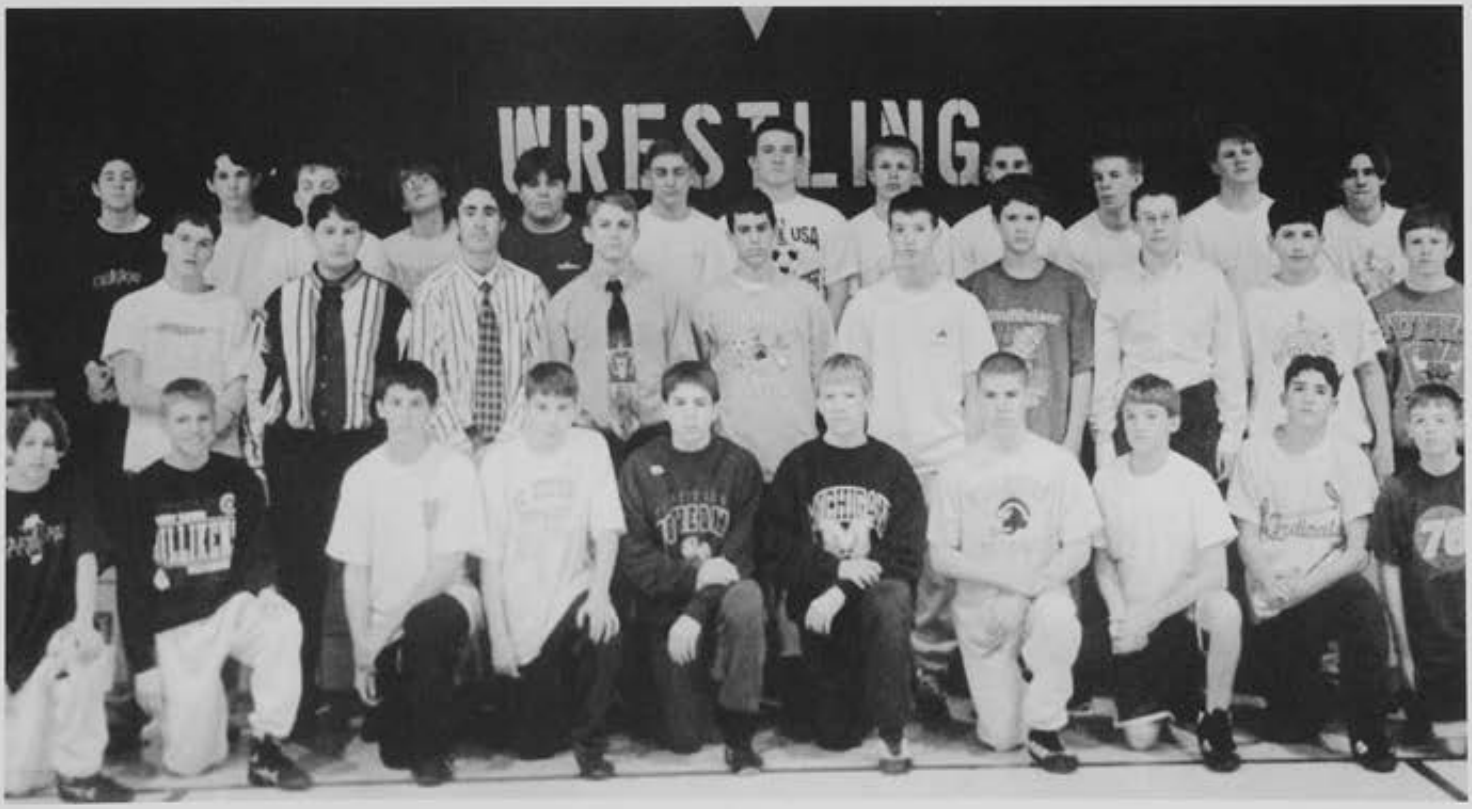


Kevin Crane puts someone in pain.

Preparing for the Years to Come

This year's C-wrestling was coached by John Hanau. The team posted a 7-4 in dual meets and took second in the Metropolitan Catholic Conference. As freshmen, this year's wrestlers have proved they've got what it takes to continue the tradition at Vianney. The first year is always the hardest since the new wrestler knows little about wrestling and hardly any moves. Through time he is able to learn basic moves and how to expand them. This is the making of a great wrestler. This year's C-wrestlers have begun to take the steps all wrestlers have to take to be the best. Most Improve Award went to Andy Perez, Most Valuable Wrestler was Mike Johnson, and the Leatherback 110% Award went to Matt Terry. Look for these young grapplers in the finals of the state tournament down the road.

~Jim Kiser



Front Row: Dominic Frisella, Mike Johnson, Kevin Mueckl, Andy Hook, Rob Sedlak, Mike Meyer, Bill Lagrand, Jason Viner, Andy Perez, Aaron Roesch. **Second Row:** Brain Porter, Sam DiGregorio, Allister Dueker, John Gough, Carl Berger, Brian Sanders, Dan Schlisler, Mike Jansen, Dominic Saguto, Ryan Curry. **Third Row:** Paul Cullman, Mike McKeever, Logan Kinder, Eric Gordon, Chris Jeep, Matt Fuhr, J. Guy Kehoe, Bill Wangles, Matt Terry, Kevin Crane, Chris Steffan, Adam Sahaida.

Varsity Hockey

High Expectations Fall Short

After visits to the Kiel Center the last two years, the Griffins were expected to show up there once again. Adapting to the coaching style of three new coaches and the loss of numerous players, they finished the regular season at 13-6-1. The season started out with the Pucks of Power tournament, which the Griffins were semi-finalist in. The Griffins would next travel to Portland, Oregon, where they placed third overall in a very tough tournament. The regular season brought many challenges to the Griffins, which the squad handled with a lot of confidence and heart. Battling throughout the season the Griffins earned lots of respect from other teams. Playoffs would be the next challenge for the Griffins as they ended the season with three straight wins and momentum.

The Griffins got through the first-round match with Pattonville without any problems. Second-round would bring up a tough Marquette team that the Griffins had known problems with. Third-round was the killer. Chaminade brought a full arsenal against the Griffins that sent the squad down for the rest of the season. Its championship hopes were now over. The season was good despite all the changes the Griffins went through. Hopefully, the Griffins will come back with a stronger team and go after championship once again.

~Ryan Raineri



Back Row: Todd Wess, Sean Hazleton, Mike Hazleton. **Standing:** Mike Mesko, Marty Madigan, Mike Hebenstreit, Jim Winkler, Ken Rohrbach, Tim Leiendecker, Steve Rukcic, Jim Watt, Nick Koenig, Ryan Schilli, Bob Slyman. **Sitting:** Mike Rask, J.B. Neal, Tony Graves, Ben Winkler, Aaron Ewen, Mike Leveque, Brian Dempewolf. **Front Row:** Josh McDaniels, Kyle Burns, Andrew Cheatum, Mick Henderson, Joe Strautman, Matt Ronzio. **Missing:** Ryan Raineri, Ryan Wargel.



Steve Rukcic begins to take his blistering slapshot as Fox players move out of the way.



Mike Leveque squares up for a faceoff.



Ken Rohrbach flies past the whole DeSmet team.



Ben Winkler sprawls to make one of many saves in the Pucks of Power tournament.

Scoreboard

Opponent	Vianney
Fox	7-1 W
S.L.U.H.	2-2 T
St. Mary's	3-1 W
C.B.C.	6-3 L
Francis Howell N.	4-1 W
DeSmet	8-2 L
DuBourg	12-1W
Chaminade	4-1 L
Oakville	4-1 W
Kirkwood	5-3 L
Lafayette	8-4 W
Lindbergh	5-2 W
Rockwood Summit	3-1 W
St. Mary's	6-1 W
DeSmet	4-2 L
Marquette	5-1 W
Chaminade	4-3 W
C.B.C.	5-2 L
Dubourg	9-1 W
Playoffs	
1st Round	
Pattonville	5-1 W
Pattonville	2-2 T
2nd Round	
Marquette	2-2 T
Marquette	3-2 W
3rd Round	
Chaminade	8-2 L
Chaminade	3-0 L

Overall Record

15 wins • 8 losses • 3 ties

JV Hockey

Wait Till Next Year

After going into the playoffs last year and losing over half the team to the varsity squad, this year's JV hockey team struggled to get off the ground, finishing its season with a 3-6-5 record. At least, it was a rebuilding season with a majority of the team being freshmen and having two new coaches. "With the talent we have coming back next year, our record should improve remarkably," team captain Matt Ronzio said. "We should have a better knowledge of who we are as a team, and in turn we should have better team chemistry."

-Jeremy Remiger



Joe Strautmann greets his opponent with a big bear hug.



Back Row: Todd Wess, Dean Penberthy. **Standing:** Kyle Burns, Jason Lee, Chris Newport, Peter Weseloh, Matt Ronzio, Ryan Raineri, Jon Phillips, Chuck Ohms, J. Guy Kehoe. **Sitting:** Jeff Borgers, Josh McDaniels, Andrew Cheatham, Brian Dempewolf, Paul Passanise, Mick Henderson, Nathan Labruyere. **Front Row:** RyanWargel, Joe Strautmann.
Missing: Mark Archambeault, Jason Kellar

RACQUETBALL

Great Shot

The Racquetball season started in November and ended in late January. As a member of the St. Louis Racquetball League, Vianney's varsity team had 8 players and the junior varsity team had 10 players. "Good in both areas," coach Ripplinger said. "With luck the teams could have been 500."

Varsity player Jeff Suda received the 2nd Team All-Star Award in the league. The team finished 5th in the state tournament out of 9 teams.

Both the varsity and JV teams ended their seasons with a 3-7 record. The outlook for '98-'99 looks great with all players returning for next year's team except for two graduating seniors.

~Chris Ivie



Varsity~ Front Row: Tony Matchett, Mike Schwent, Nathan Davis, Jeff Suda. **Back Row:** Adam Ratkewicz, Mark Breitenstein, Brian Kohlberg, Matt Schneider.



Ken Kohlberg takes a shot.



JV~ Front Row: Gary Berry, Matt Koke, Mike Asinger. **Back Row:** Darrik Sabada, Ryan Maher, Dustin Davis, Ryan Townsend.

Spring Sports

This year's varsity track team showed many individual successes, while the B and C teams provided hope for the years to come.

The varsity tennis team had five wins and medals were won by Chris Welkener, Matt Walsh, and Matt Mueller. The JV team went 7-4.

The golf and lacrosse teams both showed room for improvement.

The varsity baseball Griffs made it to districts while JV had a much improved season. The C team kept struggling.

Varsity volleyball became the state champs again for the seventh time in eleven years. JV volleyball recorded a 19-1-2 scoreboard.

~Joe Havermann



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Varsity Track

No Distance Too Great

This year's Varsity Track Team was marked by some individual successes. Several team members came very close to setting school records. Unfortunately these individual victories did not always assure team victory. The Golden Griffins remained competitive throughout the year.

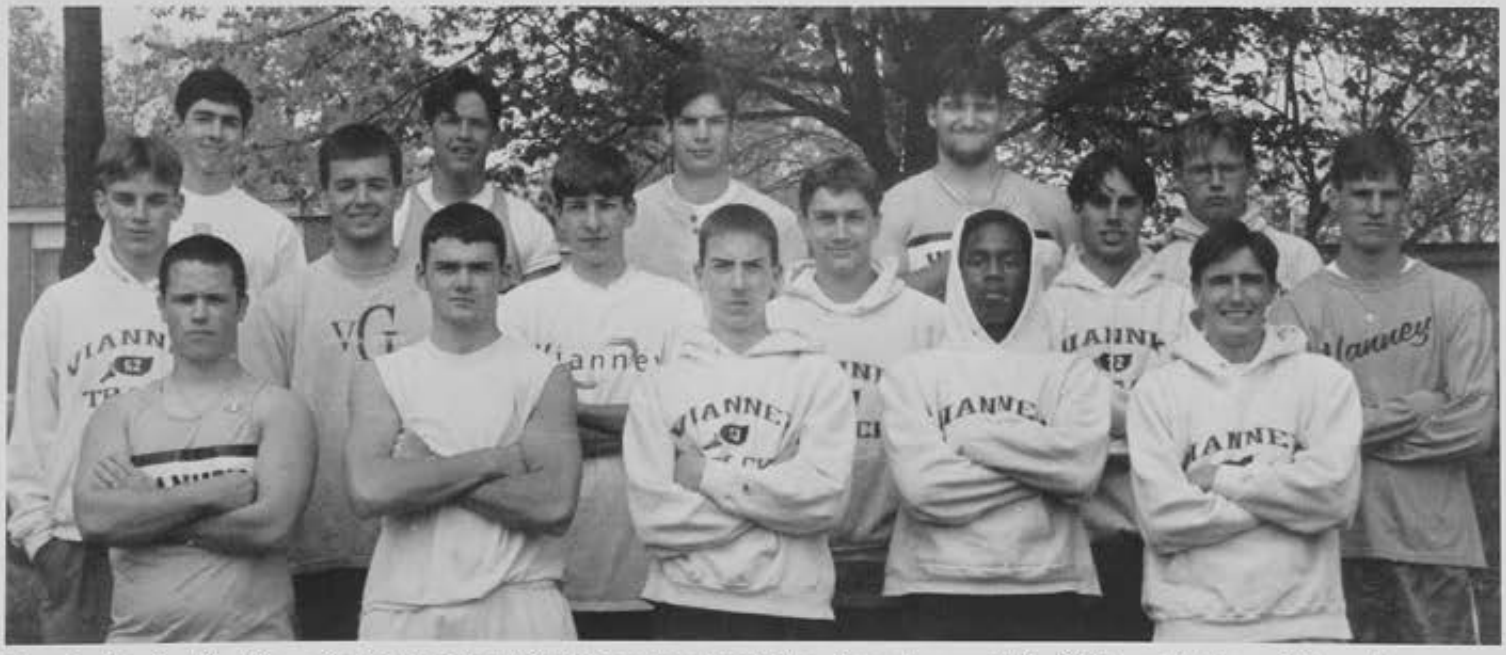
The team was led by seniors Mike Garavaglia, Dave Wynne, and Justin Voorhees. As we relied on the talents of several fine juniors and sophomores, the future looks bright for the Griffin track team.

~ John Mohr

Meet Results: DeSmet, second; Chaminade/Rosary, second; St. Mary's/Dubourg, first; M.C.C. relays, fifth; Mineral Area, tenth; Lindbergh Invitational, fourth; Ladue Invitaional, tenth; Vianney relays, eleventh; All Catholic, eighth; M.C.C., fifth; and District, eleventh.



Strong arm~ Bob Parr prepares for a mighty throw.



Varsity Track~ **First Row:** Kurt Schneider, Derek Croghan, Mark Ilko, Jason Lee, and Tim O'Donnell. **Second Row:** Aaron Frei, Nick Burns, Ryan Townsend, Karl Lashober, Mark Bakai, and Brian Schwarze. **Third Row:** Kevin Gritzke, Bob Parr, Dave Wynne, Mike Garavaglia, and Dustin Hatcher.

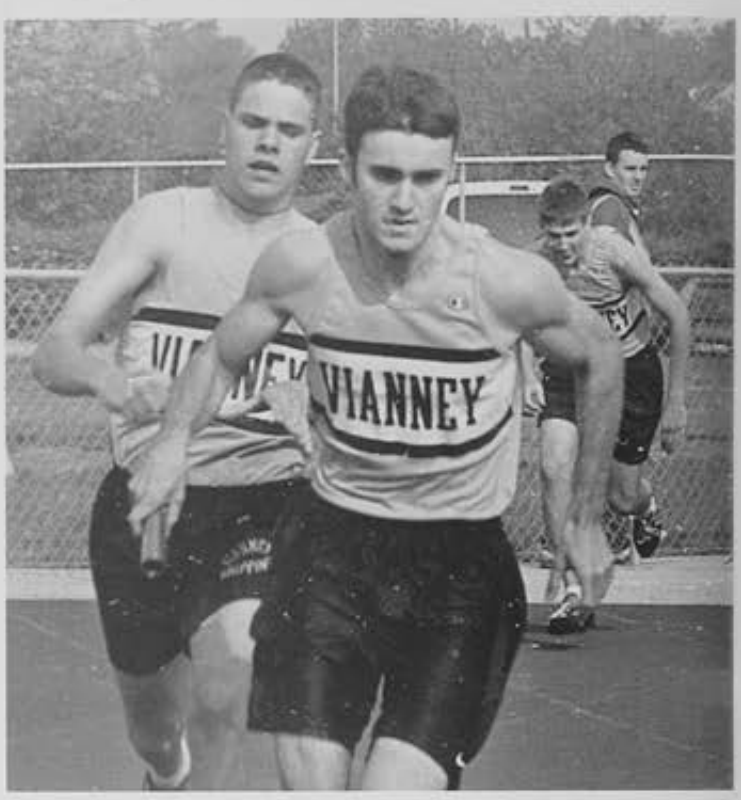
B-Track

Next Year's Stars

The Track B-Team had a fantastic year. Most runners on the B-Team spent some time running varsity. Led by Dan Yerkes and Matt Schuessler, the B-Griffs took top places in several meets this year. By the time the conference meet rolled around, the team was ready, and the Griffins were conference champions in several events. With this talent the varsity team should be very competitive next year.

~Coach John Mohr

Meet results: DeSmet, second; Chaminade/Rosary, second; St. Mary's/DuBourg, first; Northwest Invitational, fourth; Lindbergh Invitational, fourth; Lutheran South/Eureka/St. Mary's, first; Mineral Area, third; DeSmet/Chaminade/CBC/Fox/Affton, third; Parkway South/Lindbergh, third; M.C.C., fourth; SLUH Invitational, fourth.



Leading the way!~ Dan Yerkes and Chris Hartman pass the baton.



B-Track~ **First Row:** Glenn Frei, Chris Rocchio, Tim Gieseler, Floyd Blackwell, Matt Smith, Dan Malone, and Nick Eckstein **Second Row:** Perry Mathina, Adam Ochonicky, Chris Hartman, Matt Schuessler, Jon McGauley, and Jon Smith. **Third Row** Scott Marquart, Tom Barnowski, Dan Yerkes, Dave Curran, and Erik Reedstrom.

C-Track



WOW~ Freshman Andrew Bakai leaps over the hurdle with an ease that justifies envy.

On Your Mark, Get Set, GO!

The freshman track team gained momentum throughout the season. Many first-time runners really came into their own by the conference meet. Matt Gorecki led the way with top finishes in the pole vault, high jump, and sprints.

Everyone contributed to what was ultimately a great season. Next year should be even better. Congratulations on a fine year.

~Coach John Mohr

Meet Results: M.C.C. Relays, fourth; Vianney Freshman Relays, thirteenth; M.C.C., fourth.



C-Track~ **First Row:** Andy Perez, Dan Riordan, Neville Miller, Mike Kremer, Richard Hutson, Pat O'Neill, Ryan Durban. **Second Row:** Eric Nauman, Carl Berger, Dan Paradoski, Ryan McSpadden, Shane Henderson, Steve Voorhees. **Third Row:** Adam Fiock, John Lawler, Andrew Bakai, Matt Terry, Adam Gorecki, Aaron Harwood, Chris Wynne, Brendan Rogan.

Varsity Volleyball

O-Volleyball Does It Again—State Champs!

Led By senior captain John Yehling and seniors Jay Huelsing and Jeff Suda, the Griffins swept through district competition to meet St. Mary's Dragons in the finals. With an overpowering performance in the first game of the title match, winning 15-6, the opponents regrouped and gave the Griffins all they wanted, battling to a score of 19-17 in favor of Vianney. The victory marked the seventh time in eleven years of boys' volleyball that Vianney has taken the crown.

During the season, the Griffins compiled a record of 23-2-1. Besides the stellar play of the three seniors, coach Jeff Gabbert received remarkable play from junior setter Jeff Pieschel and sophomores Jim Feicht, Jeff Kohlberg, Scott Touzinsky and Tim Peniston. Add in returning junior Adam Ratkewicz and the frequently played sophomores Nick Beck, Matt Wamser, Mike Mayer, and Sean McMullen and the nucleus for continuing dominance are present for the following years.

The team was focused all season, having dedicated the season to the late Mr. Ed Muenster, and thus it was fitting that they could go all the way to a state championship. Congratulations!

~Coach Larry Furrer



Varsity action~ Swing player Nick Beck pounds the return while the set-up line looks on.



Varsity Volleyball~ **Front Row:** Jeff Kohlberg, Jeff Suda, Jeff Pieschel, John Yehling. **Back Row:** Coach Jeff Gabbert, Coach Matt Keutzer, Jim Feicht, Tim Peniston, Scott Touzinsky, Adam Ratkewicz, Jay Huelsing. **Missing:** Nick Beck, Matt Wamser, Mike Mayer, Sean McMullen.

JV Volleyball

JV Volleyball Completes Super Season!



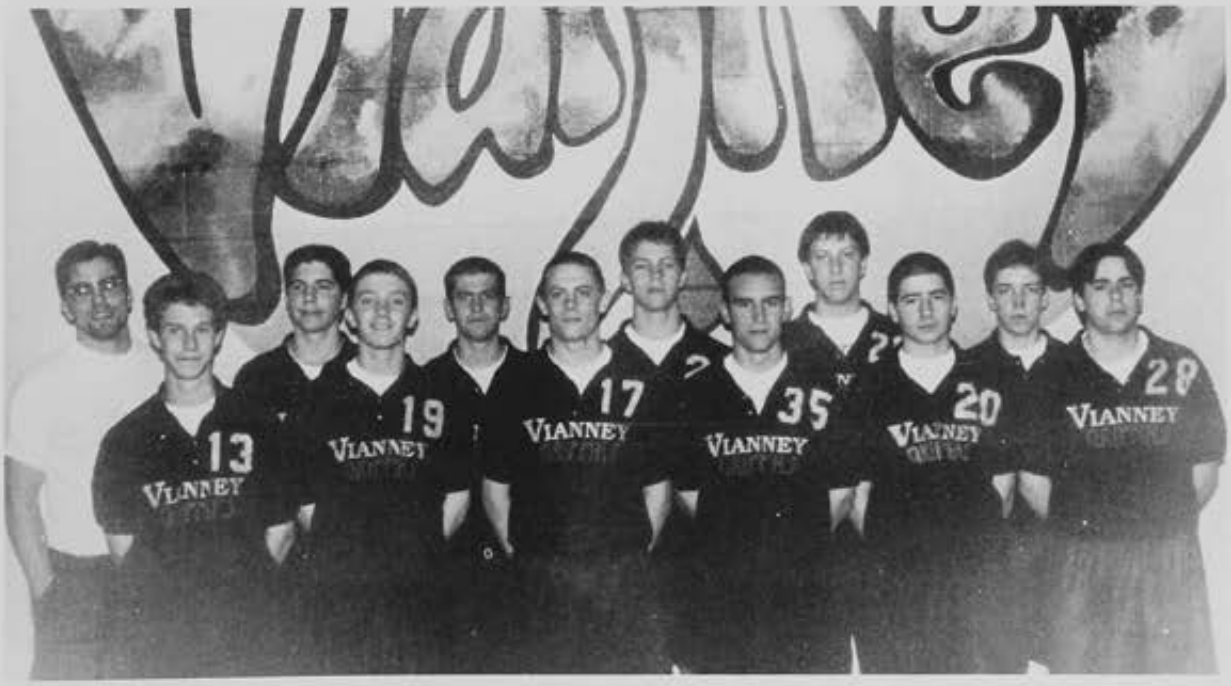
JV Volleyball~ Andy Schmitz sets up Mark Zieres while Nick Beck gets ready for an assist.

The JV team mowed through all opponents from April 1 until May 12, losing only one match while winning the DeSmet Tournament and amassing a record of 19-1-2. Only one regular season opponent was even able to take the Griffins to a three-game match.

The junior varsity was led by co-captains Mike Mayer and Nick Beck. Tremendous setting came from Sean McMullen and Dave Gitto. The powerful attack and relentless defense came from the likes of Rico Lange, Mark Zieres, Andy Schmitz, Matt Wamser, John Gregory and Kevin Dierker. Coach Matt Keutzer was pleased how the team was able to rise to any occasion when the team was challenged. Some opponents were more challenging than others, but the Griffins always played to their capabilities and took no team lightly.

Next year's prospects are bright for these fine players to contribute to the awesome tradition of state volleyball champions!

~Coach Larry Furrer



JV Volleyball~ **Front Row:** Sean McMullen, Dave Gitto, Kevin Dierker, Tom Marschner, John Gregory, Andy Schmitz. **Back Row:** Coach Matt Keutzer, Matt Wamser, Rico Lange, Nick Beck, Mark Zieres, Mike Mayer.

Varsity Baseball

Good Record, Good Motivation

With thirteen returning lettermen, the varsity baseball team looked toward another strong Griffin season. Big wins over Top Ten ranked Chaminade, DeSmet, SLUH, and Oakville proved that the team could beat any other team on any given day.

Entering District competition with a mediocre 9-9 record, the Griffins began to surge with victories over Lindbergh and Oakville. Due to an inadvertent eligibility violation, the Oakville victory had to be forfeited, and the Griffins's season came to a crashing halt.

The team hit a solid .342 led by Phil Miceli (.475), Justin Maurath (.432), and Scott Heberle (.425). Brian Gertken's 4-2 record was the best on the mound while Mark Naeger was honored by his teammates with the Cy Young Award as the best pitcher. Matt Volk won the Golden Glove as the best defensive player; Scott Heberle received the Most Improved Player Award; and Justin Maurath was voted the team's Most Valuable Player and given the 110% Award for his outstanding play and hustle throughout the season. Over all the twenty game season turned out in a 11-9-1 record.

~Coach Steve Travis



Varsity Baseball~ **Kneeling:** Kevin Gertken, Brian Gertken, Justin Maurath, Travis Thompson, Scott Heberle. **Second Row:** Matt Volk, Joe Boeckman, Dave Wucher, Tony Effinger, Jesse Walter, Mark Naeger, Coach Steve Travis. **Third Row:** Asst. Coach Ryan Rhea, Tim Winkler, Terry Richars, Tom Antonacci, Sal Frisella, Robb Sellmeyer, Phil Miceli, Dan Schou.



Throwin` the heat~ JesseWalter throws the ball home.



Getting ready for battle~ Brian Gertken



Fast reflexes~ Matt Volk, the shortstop, wins two outs against CBC

B-Baseball

A Much Better Team!

This was a great season. Once the rain let up, the team got on track and cruised to a 12-5-1 record and won the Metro Catholic Conference. After the season it had as freshmen, few people expected the kind of year it would have. To go from last year's 6-8 to this year's turnout is absolutely amazing. I am very proud of how far these guys have come.

"The biggest win all season was the 5-4 win over DeSmet to capture the conference," Brian Scheman said. "Winning the MCC against DeSmet was huge, not only because we won, but because everyone contributed." "That win summed up how much we improved over last year," T. J. Powers said.

This year's Most Valuable player was Nick Schneeberger. Keith Costello and Joe Jacobs tied for the title Most Improved Player while Charles Franz received the title Rookie of the Year.

~Coach Brian Brennan

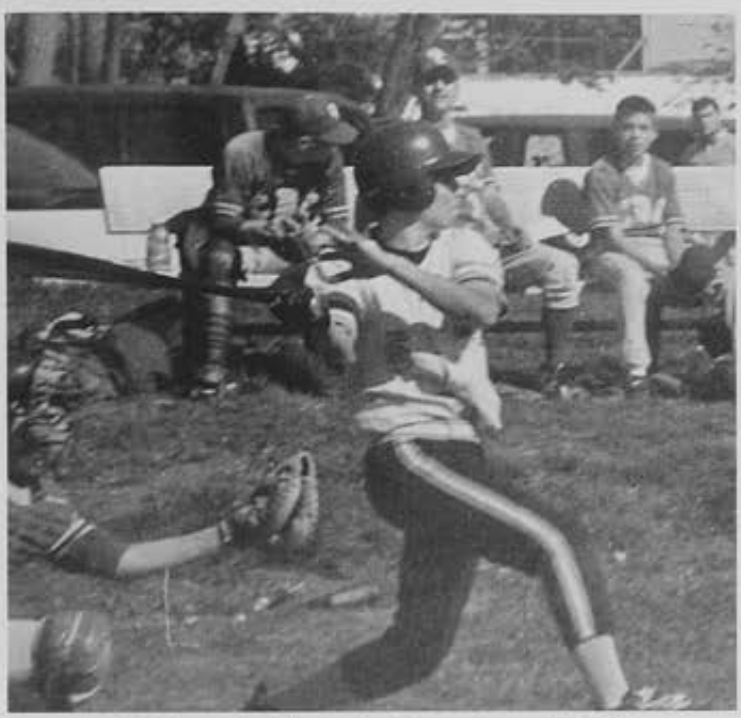


Big man on the mound!~ Joe Puleo practices his pitching before the batter steps up to the plate.



B-Baseball~ **Front Row:** T. J. Powers, David Buchek, Nick Schneeberger, Jeff Malone; **Middle Row:** Coach Leassner, Brian Scheman, Keith Costello, Tony Erb, Matt Fuhr, Charles Franz, Coach Brennan; **Back Row:** Joe Puleo, Justin May, Chris Natsch, Joe Jacobs, Josh McDaniels, Jeff Wosman.

C-Baseball



Strike one!~ The swing just misses the ball.

Rain, Rain, Go Away!

The freshmen baseball team struggled in the early parts of the season, battling the rainy weather and learning to play together. Once the weather improved, so did the team by avenging early season losses to St. Mary's and Chaminade as well as St. Francis Borgia on the road.

A number of quality players who should impact the sophomore and varsity teams over the next three years: John Grana, Steve Waterkotte, and Gio Glasscock led the way at the plate while Gary Berry, Rob Sedlak, and Dan Harris supplied the leather in the field. On the mound, Mike Moehlenbrock, Steve Waterkotte, and John Grana showed great potential.

The team never gave up. It worked hard all season and continued to improve. This attitude and work ethic will help to continue the excellent tradition that is Vianney baseball.

~Coach Kevin Walsh



C-Baseball~ **First Row:** Kyle Burns, Steve Waterkotte, Rob Sedlak, Gary Berry, Jason Brockmeyer. **Second Row:** John Grana, Don Harris, Kevin Brockmeyer, Bill McMullen, Andy Cheatham, Dan Schiller, Mike Moehlenbrock. **Third Row:** Coach K. Walsh, Gio Glasscock, John Kollar, Derek Sabada, Marc Nolan, John Schou. **Missing:** Coach Sean Hazelton.

Varsity Tennis

Well Served . . .

The varsity tennis team finished the season with 5 wins and 9 losses. The team was led by senior Chris Welkener occupying the tough number one singles position and juniors Rob Hassler and Jeff Henderson playing in the number one doubles slot.

Vianney took fifth in the competitive Metropolitan Catholic Conference tournament with third place medals in singles won by Welkener, junior Marty Walsh, and senior Matt Mueller. The Griffs went on to place in the top half of arguably the most competitive district in the state.

Excitement surrounds the prospects for next season with the core of the team returning.

~Coach Tim McCarthy



Slamming it Back~ Chris Welkener smashes an overhead.



Varsity Tennis~ Kneeling: Terry Milyard, Brian Kraft, Matt Mueller, Jason Voorhees. **Row Two:** Dave Fuhrig, Adam Swenson, Marty Walsh, Jeff Henderson, Nick Hildreth. **Row Three:** Chris Welkener, Coach McCarthy, Brian Kohlberg, Tom Long, Angelo Colona, Rob Hassler, Coach Blees, Rob Kargus.

J-V Tennis



Doubles~ Terry Milyard and Mike Mattammal double team the ball.

Successful Season

Despite worthy opposition, the team worked very hard and managed to have an overall successful season. The JV tennis Griffins, consisting of juniors, sophomores, and freshmen, finished the season with a fantastic 7 wins and 4 losses. For many this was their first experience playing competitive tennis while other members of the team had a year or two under their belts.

The excitement of new players and the leadership of veterans has helped to build a foundation for an optimistic future. Next season most of the players will lead the varsity Griffins into battle. Congrats are in order for a season well-played!

~Coach Tim McCarthy/Mike Ade



JV Tennis~ **Front Row:** Dave Kraus, Peter Brandt, Dan Mueller, Dave Meyer, Ryan Maher, John Sztukowski. **Back Row:** Coach McCarthy, Tom Gathard, Mike Pelech, J. Guy Kehoe, Coach Blees.

Golf

Ups and Downs for '98 Griffin Golf

The 1998 edition of Griffin golf had its share of ups and downs. The season started out with darkness calling the match after only four of the eight linksters finished. The freshman team, anchored by Phil Caples and Kevin Mueckl, had a strong year with room for improvement. Brian Bashwiner and Rick Bueltmann led a talented group of sophomores that worked hard all season. On the varsity level, senior John Mahfood greatly improved and ended the year with a low average of 38.8. He and junior Matt Tabash qualified for the Missouri State Golf Tournament. Expectations are high for next year. Sophomore Kurt Govero, playing varsity all season, and juniors Matt Tabash, Tim Rask, and Tim Goede could make for an exciting golf season next year.

~Coach Dave Hall



Varsity Golf~ **Kneeling:** Tim Rask, Tim Groede, John Mahfood, Kyle Govero. **Row Two:** Coach Hall, Ben Winkler, Matt Tabash, Ryan Meyer, Tony Matchett, Coach Heeb. **Row Three:** Adam Byrne, Kurt Govero, Shannon Franklin, Don Borgmeyer.

JV Golf~ **First Row:** Matt Koke, Kevin Mueckl, Adam Byrne, Nick Knobbe, Brain Bashwiner, Coach Heeb. **Second Row:** Coach Hall, Rick Bueltman, Phil Caples, Neal Ledbetter, Dave Martorano, James Luer



Lacrosse

Winning Vs. Losing

Both varsity and JV lacrosse tallied up more losses than wins during their seasons. This was the first year playing lacrosse for many of the students. The thrill of the action draws most of the guys to this sport. It is great to win, but it is necessary to lose to gain the experience to succeed.

~Jim Dailey

Awards:

JV: Best Team Spirit, Ed Lewandowski; Most Valuable Player, Chris Krajacic; Most Improved, Andy Kenny.

Varsity: Best Team Spirit, Nate Fete; Most Valuable Player, Josh Droege; Most Improved, Dan Ward



Lacrosse Action~ The Griffs go for the point.

Varsity/JV Lacrosse Teams~ **Front Row:** Adam Gordon, Rick Serrati, Scott Stibal, Josh Droege, Dan Heggerty, Ken Rohrbach. **Second Row:** Ahmad Polack, Jon Hansen, Justin Cutter, Nate Fete, Dan Ward, John Nanna, Mike Kirchhoff. **Row Three:** Andy Kenny, Chuck Ohms, Ed Lewandowski, Justin Kleffner, Derrill Helfrich, Chris Perkowski. **Row Four:** Jason Kirwan, Paul Cullmann, Ryan Curry, Devon McCart, Rick Onder, Casey Matthews, Chris Krajacic. **Fifth Row:** Mark Jerdin, Dan Veraldi, Mario Buchek, Mark Nanna, Paul Kalhe. **Last Row:** Coach Al Sintow, Craig Bussen, Scott Pelizzaro, Coach Bill Kirwan, Coach Adam Stultz. **Missing:** Dave Kleissle, Chris Johnson, Richard Perez, Dr. Robert Perez (director of Vianney Lacrosse Board)



Publications

This year was a successful year for all of the publications. Attending a publications conference in Nashville, TN, last summer helped us bring our yearbook up to date, and with it, a new style. We are all glad that we survived the year, and finished before the end of May, a first for the *Talon*.

~The Editors



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Print Yearbook

The Talon is a Success

The 1997-98 Vianney Talon Yearbook is something different this year. We switched publishers, and we're now using International Multimedia Yearbooks. We now have a bigger book, a 16-page color section, and much more.

A lot of time and effort was put into this year's book, as usual. We believe our staff created a "professional" looking yearbook, and we're open to suggestions for improvement on next year's book.

This year's staff: Joe Havermann (Writing Editor), Tim Nix, Dan Dyn, and Kevin Ailor (Assistant Editors), were all there when we needed them. Next year, Joe Havermann will be leaving us for Germany. He'll be back for the 1999-2000 yearbook. The others will be on the staff next year. We're looking at a great year.

I'd like to give special thanks to Mr. John Trotter, of IMM, Mr. Jim Dailey and his Journalism Class, Mr. Tom Stevison and the Photo Club, and all of the rest who dropped in to help out.

~ Joe Gadell
Executive Editor '97-'98



What?!~ "Did I say something wrong?" Mr. Dailey asks John Trotter, our yearbook rep.



It takes two~ Ryan Raineri and Mike Cohen finish up on a page.



Talon '97-'98 Staff~ **(L-R)** Mr. Jim Dailey, Scott Moore, Kevin Ailor, Karl Krekeler, Joe Gadell, Tom Barnowski, Dan Dyn, Joe Havermann, Tim Nix, and Mike Cohen.



At the IMM Yearbook Conference '97~ We receive a prize for our yearbook knowledge.

Video Yearbook



That's A Wrap

The idea of a video yearbook brought much excitement to the students around campus. A mysterious video recorder appeared out of nowhere to capture the usual, unusual, serious, funny, strange, and odd happenings which occurred throughout the days. Griffins were caught in golden moments in the classroom, café, gym, lobby, and on the playing fields.

Members of the club used patience and determination to capture the best situations which could possibly be found. "It was a fun way to watch the year unfold," Brian Kohlberg said. "It was a lot of work." The presence of a video camera made many students act wacky while others felt nervous. Memories throughout the year were forever caught on tape.

~Mike Cohen

On location~ Senior Peter Raineri, busy on the job, recorded some video magic at the Fall Honors Assembly.



Video Yearbook~ **Sitting:** Mike Willick, Josh Piontek, Peter Raineri, Adam Byrne, Dan Domagalski. **Standing:** Kevin Casso, Jason Byrne, Brian Callanan, Nick Beck, Kurt Wohlschlaeger, Anthony Scotino.

Photo Club/Newspaper

Moving Along in the Dark

Clicks from the camera revealed the school's chemistry. The Photography Club took and developed all the pictures of school events. These pictures appeared in the yearbook, newspaper, newsletters, and in the display case bulletin board across from the school library.

Long hours put in by the members showed photo spirit. "A few dedicated people did a whole lot of work to get pictures together for the yearbook," Mr. Tom Stevison said. "They did a fine job." Photographic memories are all that remain.

~Mike Cohen



Photo Club~ **Row 1:** Nick Knobbe. **Row 2:** Jeff Borgers, Michael Johnson, Scott Moore, Anthony Granda. **Row 3:** Paul Tomiser, Bryan Davidson, Mike Cohen. **Row 4:** Dave Wynne.

Tell Me More

Story layout created a different image for the school paper. These changes gave a new appearance to the paper. For the first time in school history, a journalism class provided articles for the student body to read.

Having a new editor and staff, the paper became more school oriented. Coverage of news, sports, editorials, and student-centered interests spurred students to curiously read the paper. "We could have used more participation, but the core club members worked hard," Mr. Mark Murphy said. "The paper will get better each year." The writers created informative and thought-provoking articles.

~Mike Cohen



Newspaper Club~ **Sitting:** Karl Krekeler. **Standing:** Mr. Mark Murphy, Kevin Ailor, Joe Gadell, Dan Dyn, Tom Jackson, Tim Nix, Mike Cohen, Mr. Jim Dailey.

Extra-Curriculars

Aside from sports, extra-curricular activities are offered to provide students with other interests. These organizations pose a challenge to express oneself creatively.

Extra-curricular activities include musical expression, free-lance art, special clubs, and intramurals. They serve as an outlet for those who are looking for something other than athletics to get involved in and earn activity points.

In addition to the numerous activities there is the Electronics and Robotics Club for those with a flair for technical applications.

~Gary Lobstein

Art Club

A Chance to Create

The Art Club is the perfect way for a student who is talented in art to express himself. The club met every school day during encore except on *B* days. "The Art Club is a time when we can relax and express ourselves freely," Gary Lobstein said. Ms. Judge is the coordinator for the club. The Art Club did several projects this year. The group made action figures, did some oil paintings, and painted with acrylics. The Art Club gives the participants a chance to make and display their work around the school explained Ms. Judge.

~Christopher Ivie



***Art Club*~ Sitting:** Nick Eckstein, Joe Havermann, Brad Gross. **Standing:** Ms. Colleen Judge (moderator), Adam Anton, John Dedeke, Gary Lobstein, Mike Ade.



Wrestling?~ John Dedeke participating in an Art Club Wrestlemania match.



Band/Choir

Playing the Tunes

The '97/'98 school year has been a good one for the Vianney band. Under the instruction of Mr. Jim Neyer, the band has had a very successful year. The band consists of fifty-five members including seven freshmen, nineteen sophomores, twenty-four juniors, and five seniors. The band played at all varsity basketball and football home games as well as at annual spring and winter concerts. "They have come quite a way since the beginning of the year," Mr. Neyer said. "We have a good group of kids, and we're having a lot of fun and are playing well." Overall it has been an exciting year for the band.

~Andy Maret/Ed Kinghorn



Percussion~ **First Row:** Alex Chekoudjian, Tod Candela, and Tom Appelbaum. **Second Row:** Chris Eckstein, Jim Watt, Greg Santacruz, and Austin Gallion.



Clarinets~ **First Row:** Floyd Blackwell, Nick Roth, Joe Shannon, and Clay Mark. **Second Row:** Mike McGovern, Brian Bradley, Mike Melber, and Matt Trager.



Trombones~ **First Row:** Dan Chibnall, Eric Nauman, Dien Truong, and Ben Sanders. **Second Row:** Matt Howard, Ryan Townsend, Tom Schwartz, and Steve Longo.



Bass~**First Row:** Mike Bradley, Nick Grillo, and Chris Hartman. **Second Row:** John Poertner, Don Buehler, and Tony Rich.



Saxes~ Front Row: Matt Boka, Dan Malone, Adam Ehrlich, Adam Swenson, and Tony Erb. **Second Row:** Matt Cowan, Mike Bello, Pat Amador, and John Svoboda.



***Trumpets*~First Row:** Ed Kinghorn, Chris Soer, Zach Best, Nick Eckstein, John Grana, Carl Berger, and Rob Ryan. **Second Row:** Kevin Gerth, Rich Bardgett, Dave Wynne, Bob Parr, Ben Barnett, Chris Gloriod, and Matt Grothoff.

Sing A New Song

This year's choir consisted of nine singers. There were seven seniors and two juniors. Again this year Mr. Jim Neyer taught the choir class and conducted the choir at Mass. The choir provided spirit and song for this year's school liturgies. During Mass the choir was assisted by students and teachers who enjoy singing.

In the class room Mr. Neyer asked only three things of his singers: attentiveness, effort, and improvement. Under the leadership of Mr. Neyer, the choir had a great year.

~Tony LaRusso



***Choir*~Front Row:** Mark Bader, Jim Osburn, Adam Marchel, and John Caton. **Second Row:** Tony LaRusso, John Mahfood, Dan Nauman, and Ahmad Polack.

Varsity Bowling

Kings of the Ten Pin Alley

The varsity bowling team ran over the competition en route to another strong season. This six man squad consisted of four sophomores (Steve Solovic, Neal Ledbetter, Nick Riek, and Greg Oberbeck) and two juniors (Brad Wunderlich and Chris Seagrass). The team finished fifth out of twelve teams registering a .539 winning percentage. They met every Sunday at one of four bowling alleys (White Oak Bowl, Crestwood Bowl, Western Bowl, and West County Bowl), where five of the members engaged in a thrilling battle in the lanes.

Steve Solovic bowled a mind boggling 266 to register the team's high score game for Vianney. Steve also had a series high score of 717. All in all the Griffins had a good season, but most importantly, they had a lot of fun.

~Mike Ade



Griffin bowling phenom~ sophomore Steve Solovic.



Varsity Bowling Team~ **Front Row:** Chris Seagrass, Brad Wunderlich. **Second Row:** Greg Oberbeck, Steve Salovic, Nick Riek.

Intramural Bowling

Fun in the Lanes

The Intramural Bowling Club was a success this year. Everybody had a good time throughout the entire year. It consists of two seasons, fall and winter. Both seasons started with a lot of students and a few alumni showing up to join teams or starting as just substitutes. A lot of people when asked said that bowling was the best way to relax after a long week of school. Each season consists of a ten Fridays with three games played each. The last day of every season is the sweeper. It ends with bowling, a pizza party, and the distribution of trophies. "It is a fun way to relax and get to know people," Mr. Jim Dailey, the moderator, said.

~Alan Bauer



Strategy~ a discussion among bowlers.



Intramural Bowlers~ **Sitting**: Matt Cowan, John Dedeke, Matt Sanning, Paul Zerkel. **Second Row:** Gary Lobstein, Alan Bauer, Neville Miller, Tony Nazzoli, Mr. Jim Dailey (Moderator). **Third Row**: Anthony Scotino, John Bielik, Marc Nolan, Tony Rich, Kevin Gerth, Michael Ross.

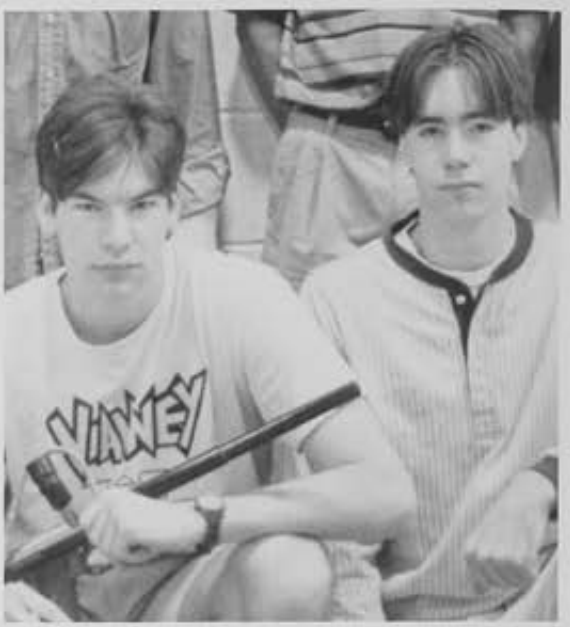
Paintball

New Art Form!

The paintball team's second year in existence was a busy one. Once again sponsored by Tim Schloss at National Pro Shop and organized by president Dave Wynne and vice president Ben Barnett, the Griffins had much fun. The club consisted of eleven members, young and old.

The Paintballers played at many places including Fearless Fighters, Bush Wackers, and helped create and played at Tim Schloss's upcoming field. The club's main goal for next season is to recruit more players and play more often.

~Ryan Raineri



Vianney Paintball founders~ Dave Wynne and Ben Barnett



Sitting: Dave Wynne, Bob Parr, Jeff Henderson, Ben Barnett. **Standing:** Neville Miller, Joel Paszkiewicz, Jim Howard, Greg Schellert, Mike Willick, Justin Kleffner, Mike Kremer.

Roller Hockey

A Winning First Season

Varsity roller hockey is currently in first place at 9 wins and 2 losses with 3 more regular season games remaining before the playoffs start in the St. Louis area league. The roller hockey season goes from March and ends in early June. It is the first year for roller hockey at Vianney, and the team has been having a super season. "The varsity team is so good that it has the potential to go on to state," varsity player Andy D'Aquila said.

~Jim Dailey, 5/21/98

Tough and Skilled

For a JV team that has never played together till the start of this school year, its achievements are remarkable, taking second place in the pre-season league and now in the regular season losing only 1 in 5 games.

The players are tough and skilled competitors with a real sense of working together, friendship toward one another, and pride in St. John Vianney which they represent so well.

~Coach Tom Jones, 5/21/98





Varsity Roller Hockey~ **Front Row:** Nick Koenig, Keith Van Der Reit, Mark Archambeault, Joe Strautman, Jim Ottoline, Greg Schellert. **Back Row:** Brad Hill, Steve Sondag, Andy D'Aquila, Dave Ventimiglia, Matt Endres.

JV Roller Hockey~ **Front Row:** Matt Hornsey, Chris Favier, Coach Hornsey. **Second Row:** Tony Schmidt, Kevin Kidd, Jason Johaningmeyer, Brett Dailey, Coach Tom Jones. **Third Row:** Peter Weseloh, Jeff Lewis, Joel Spalding, Dave Ventimiglia (not JV but varsity player), Ryan Durban, Andy D'Aquila (not JV but varsity player), Trevor Egan.

Varsity Chess

Checkmate!

For years, Vianney chess teams have been among the top in the state. Year after year, strong players have combined to form a team with more depth than any other. The 1997-98 team has proven to be the same. Team captain Mike Mangiore led the Griffins through yet another great year.

Though the state title was within reach, the team fell just short. The team placed third in the state competition in Jefferson City with 13-1/2 points. In match play, the team finished third in districts with a record of 7-3. "Our prospects look great with nine juniors returning next year," Chess Coach Ed Baur said. "We'll have plenty of talent."

~Ed Kinghorn

Varsity Scores

	VIANNEY	OPPONENT
Valley Park	30	0
O'Fallon	22	8
Belleville East	7	23
St. Louis University	20.5	9.5
East Saint Louis	22	8
DuBourg	12	18
Mehlville	30	0
Belleville West	30	0
Belleville East	0	30
Kirkwood	30	0

Wins- 7 *Losses-3*



***Varsity Chess*~ Sitting:** Mr. Ed Baur (chess moderator), Ed Kinghorn, Tom Jackson, Ryan Gritzke, Mike Mangiore, Scott Moore, Mr. Mark Murphy (coach). **Row 2:** Adam Weatherby, Dan Chibnall, Matt Gibbs, Mark Archambeault, John Klix, Andy Schmitz, Joe Spezia. **Back Row:** Corey Donahue, Chris Seagrass, Glenn Frei, Bob Houchin, Dave Curran, Reid Hansted, Matt Pross, Tony Rich, Ryan Celeslie. **Missing:** Kevin Gritzke, Clay Mark, Chris Soer, Mike Ross.

Freshman Chess

Freshman Scores

	VIANNEY	OPPONENT
McKinley	5	3
Craig	5.5	2.5
Westminister	6	2
McKinley	6	2
Chaminade	8	0
Jackson	2	6

Wins- 5 *Losses-1*

New Talent

Freshman year is always a difficult one. Adjusting to a new school, a different schedule, and new people is a long and complicated process. Though they were under a lot of pressure, the 1997-1998 freshman chess team performed with exceptional skill. The new Griffins formed one of the strongest teams in the area.

Team captain Anthony Granda led the freshman squad all the way to the state championship in Jefferson City where the chessmen placed first with 20 points. In match play, the team took first with a final record of 5-1. "We won state and the boys should be congratulated," Coach Ed Baur said.

~Ed Kinghorn



JV Chess~ **Sitting:** Jim Crawford, Andy Maret, Mark Fratto, Matt Fuhr, Ryan Wilhite. **Row 2:** Jason Clark, Ryan McSpadden, Jon Grana, Richard Hutson, Matt Bruns, Anton Ho, Nick Knobbe, Michael Kremer. **Back Row:** Mr. Ed Baur (Moderator), Anthony Granda, Jeff Schuler, Jim Howard, Luis Lightle, Adam Fiock, Alan Bauer, Mr. Mark Murphy (coach).

Live

Live the Vianney Experience

The Live Club is a small faith community that deals with the issues that teens face today. Some of the topics that the club dealt with were divorce, drugs, smoking. In addition, the group went to Life Camp. They wrote to Cliff Politte to try to get some money to help them pay for the camp. The meetings not only included guys from Vianney but also a few girls from different schools at the meetings.

~Christopher Ivie



Live~ **Sitting:** Reid Hansted, Kevin Knickman, Matt Howard, Mark Archambeault, Matt Pross. **Standing:** Josh Piontek, Steve Longo, Scott Moore, Brian Davidson, John Lucas, and Ms. Carrie Nichols (moderator).

Clowning around~ **Clockwise:** Mark Archambealt, Matt Pross, Matt Howard, Josh Piontek, Kevin Knickman, Lauren Lundrey, and Maureen Fuller.



Language Clubs

Helping Others

To be eligible for membership in the Spanish Honor Society, a student must have completed two years of study of the Spanish language maintaining an *A* average and continued on to at least the third level. The annual bake sale and dress down day raised money for Aids awareness, the Mexican missions, and Love on a Leash. The Spanish Honor Society also sponsors a Guatemalan boy.

~Christopher Ivie



Juniors in the Spanish Honor Society~ Front Row: Dan Friederich, Tracy King, Matt Tabash (treasurer), Brian Kohlberg (vice president), Keith Van De Reit, Dan Domagalski. **Second Row:** Tony Matchett, Nick Cornwell, Kevin Casso, Brian Callanan, Tom Antonacci, Rudy Rudolph. **Third Row:** Bob Caldwell, Craig Schoelch, Mike Paradowski, Brian Bradley, Dustin Hatcher, Craig Bussen. **Missing:** Gerry Eidson and Adam Ehrlich.



***Seniors in The Spanish Honor Society~* Front Row:** Tim Brown, Jason Voorhees (secretary), Andy D'Aquila (president), Kevin Knickman, Anthony Reiner. **Back Row:** Mike Ronzio, Steve Migneco, Chris Gloriod, Justin Voorhees, Jim Watt, Ms. O'Connell (moderator).

Student Council

Outstanding Year for STUCO

This year's student council made a good impression on the entire student body. The group consisted of Ray Rask as STUCO president 1997-1998 along with vice presidents Mike Ronzio, Kurt Wohlschlaeger, and Mark Bader. The STUCO accomplished many things including decorative dances, two spirit weeks, numerous black and gold dress down days, and energetic pep rallies.

"We accomplished a lot of what we set out to do and established a good base to build on for next year," Kurt Wohlschlaeger said.

~Gary Lobstein



Having a good time!~ Students stand on the roof of the school during one of the STUCO sponsored black and gold days.



MMM...Good!~ Kurt Wohlschlaeger and Mr. Dave Hall throw another shrimp in the barb' during the Tailgate Party.

The '97/'98 STUCO~ President Ray Rask, V-P Mike Rozio, V-P Mark Bader, V-P Kurt Wohlschlaeger



Student Council Elect

The Passing of the Torch

In April, Vianney held the annual Student Council elections. Every year the students with an interest in politics at Vianney run for a position and are voted on by the student body after the speeches.

This year, a group of four outstanding juniors were selected as next year's Senior Student Council. They consist of Ed Lewandowski (president), Justin Cutter, Matt Allen, and Eric Suda. With a little help and a lot of hard work, next year's STUCO should prove to be successful.

~Gary Lobstein



Student Council Elect (STUCO '98/'99)~ President Ed Lewandowski, V-P Eric Suda, V-P Justin Cutter, and V-P Matt Allen.

Lettermen's Club



Doing a good turn~ Dan Schou and Joe Shiro deliver blankets.

The Lettermen, Always Lending a Helping Hand

This year's Lettermen's Club members donated a lot of time and effort to helping out the community any way they could. Headed by senior Jay Huelsing, the Lettermen's Club collected blankets and food for the poor, headed a toys for tots drive during the Christmas season, helped with the annual blood drive, and collected money for Mr. Muenster and his family. The Lettermen's Club also holds the annual spring classic, Trifecta, a three on three tournament in the field of three sports.

The most important contribution the club makes is the good image it casts on Vianney throughout the community.

~Jeremy Remiger



Lettermen's Club~ **Front Row:** Joe Shiro, Matt Tabash, Eric Suda, Jeff Henderson, Tony LaRusso, Jay Huelsing, Ryan McBroom, Justin Maurath, Jeff Suda, Don Borgmeyer, Jason Byrne. **Second Row:** Marty Walsh, Adam Byrne, Bob Caldwell, Mike Willick, Dan Schou, Ed Lewandowski, Brian Schwarze, Sal Frisella, Chris Krajacic, Tim Rhame. **Third Row:** Cory Donahue, John Nanna, Tom Long, Kyle Huelsing, Ben Winkler, Tim Goede, Ben Faser, Nick Beck. **Fourth Row:** Phil Miceli, Rob Parr, Tim O'Donnell, Adam Ratkewicz, Bob Houchin, Bryan Kohlberg, Brian Callanan. **Fifth Row:** Mike Cohen, Ryan Townsend, Nick Hildreth, Nick Cornwell, Adam Swenson, Dan Nauman, Brian Bradley, Mike Paradoski. **Sixth Row:** Tom Major, Joe Voss, Steve Emmett, Matt Schneider, Kurt Wohlschlaeger, Kurt Schneider, Mr. Rhame (moderator).

Robotics Club

Technology, The Griffin Way

Over the past few years, Vianney has attempted to integrate modern technology into the everyday lives of its students. The Robotics Club is just one way of doing that. The club, moderated by Mr. Allard, is set up for those who have an interest in technology and for those who are already accustomed to technology. Currently, the Robotics Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday after school.

The Robotics Club is a new organization and will probably start up again next year. Now that the club has gotten up and running, more people are expected to join.

~Ed Kinghorn



Hands on learning~ Kevin Gerth works on the computer. Tyson Smith looks on.



Robotics Club~ **First Row:** Joe Havermann, Scott Moore, Paul Zerkel, and Ryan Weber. **Second Row:** Tony Rich, Kevin Gerth, Mike Ross, and Anthony Scotino.

Academics

Students worked hard to achieve academic success. At the annual Fall Honors Assembly, the top person from each class received special recognition before the entire student body. These awards helped the recipients feel important. The National Honor Society recognized those seniors and juniors who displayed outstanding qualities in character, academics, service, and leadership. Seventy-eight students were selected as members into the Society. Those who participated in the Future Business Leaders of America gained knowledge of the business world. Many fared well in competition and advanced on to the state finals. Students became more knowledgeable through academic achievements.

~Mike Cohen

National Honor Society



Senior National Honor Society~ **Front Row:** Mark Curry, Terry Milyard, Justin Maurath, Rob Major, Kevin Knickman, Ryan Smith, John Dedeke, Mike Bello. **Row 2:** Travis Thompson, Jason Byrne, Brian Gertken, Mike Ronzio, Kevin Gertken, Tom Major, Jason Voorhees, Jim Watt, Anthony Reiner. **Row 3:** Rob Sellmeyer, Kurt Wohlschlaeger, Chris Gloriod, Matt Cowan, Mr. Charles Eisele, moderator.



Junior National Honor Society~ **Front Row:** Tim O'Donnell, Nick Hildreth, Zach Best, Mark Ilko, Kurt Schneider, Todd Wilkes, Jason Lee. **Row 2:** Mike Cohen, Tony Matchett, Marty Walsh, Brian Kohlberg, Dan Chibnall, Jeff Weishaar, Chris Schulte, Tom Christoffel. **Row 3:** Nick Cornwell, Karl Laschober, Joe Voss, Matt Tabash, Andy Valenta, Brian Callanan, Eric Suda, Chris Krajacic, Mr. Charles Eisele, moderator. **Row 4:** Brian Sauder, Brian Schwarze, Pat Walsh, Bob Houchin, Jerry Eidson, Mike Mulvihill, Mike Paradoski, Nick Burns. **Row 5:** Justin Nabor, Brian Bradley, Tim Nix.

Bright Stars

Although many students do well in school, only a select few were elected into the National Honor Society. Requirements for election were based on scholarship, leadership, character, and service. The society awarded twenty-eight seniors and fifty juniors with memberships.

"We recognize students who reflect outstanding accomplishments," Mr. Charles Eisele said. The NHS members worked hard for themselves, their school, and for others in obtaining this status.

~Mike Cohen



Future Business L

A Business Affair

The Future Business Leaders of America gave students a chance to participate in an academic competition. With a business aspect in mind, 26 Griffins took tests at Meramec Community College on March 11. The goal of the district meet was to determine the two smartest business students from each test category and send them on to the state finals. Accounting, business calculations, business law, computer concepts, and entrepreneurship were a few of the items which were tested that day. The following students placed in the district: Mike Paradoski (Business Communication II), Chad Mayes and Josh Lashley (Desktop Publishing), Nick Cornwell (Business Law), Kevin Gertken, Brian Gertken, and Jason Byrne (Entrepreneurship Team), Anthony Scotino (Computer Concepts), Anthony Scotino and Chad Mayes (Information Processing), Brian Gertken, Jim Elking, and Terry Milyard (Accounting II), Aaron Frei (Business Procedures), and Josh Lashley (Business Math).

Mike Paradoski, Chad Mayes, Josh Lashley, Nick Cornwell, Anthony Scotino, and Brian Gertken advanced to the state tournament by performing exceptionally well in their respective categories. "Every year we have success in the districts and our percent placing was good this year as well. We did not do as well as we had hoped in the state, but each qualifier had a good time," Mr. Dave Hall said. "We expect our success to continue in the future. This was only the third year of competition for us." The participants of FBLA learned first-hand what it is like to be in a tough competition which gave them experience in the real business world. The future seems bright for these young men.

~Mike Cohen



Fudture Business Leaders of America~ **Sitting:** Terry Milyard, Jason Byrne, Josh Lashley, Scott Pinkowski, Nick Cornwell. **Row 1:** Mike Cohen, Chris Krajacic, Aaron Hook, Tom Welby, Aaron Frei, Adam Bryne, and Brian Callanan. **Row 2:** Mike Paradoski, Craig Bussen, Brian Kohlberg, Dustin Hatcher, Anthony Scotino, and Nick Beck.

eaders of America



Working together~ Mr. Hall helps Josh Lashley.

Study~ Anthony Scotino goes over an exercise with Mr. Hall.





FBLA State Qualifiers~ Chad Mayes, Josh Lashley, Mike Paradoski, and Anthony Scotino.

Fall Honors '97/'98

Honoring Fellow Griffins

An assembly honoring the achievements of the present sophomores, juniors, and seniors was held on Wednesday, September 10. The following individuals excelled in various academic courses and co-curricular activities offered at Vianney during the 1996/97 school year: English 100, Todd Wilkes; English 101, Brian Gebken; English 150, Nick Roth; English 200, Kevin Casso; English 201, Greg Schellert; English 250, Mike Paradoski; English 300, Anthony Reiner; English 301, Nick Metropolous; English 350, Jim Watt; Art 100, Brian Sciuto; Art 1818, Tak Osiri; Concert Band, Mike Bello, Dan Chibnall, Tony Rich, and Nick Roth; Computer Programing, Chris Ivie; Personal Computer Aplications, Rick Schimpf; Business Law, Kevin Gertken; Environmental Science, Josh Droege; Chemistry 200, Tony Matchett; Chemistry 250, Mike Paradoski; Chemistry 300, Jason Voorhees; Spanish 100, Conor Grass, and Chris Hartman; Spanish 110, Dan Mueller; Spanish 200, Dustin Hatcher; Spanish 250, Mike Paradoski; Spanish 300, Mike Ronzio; German 100, Joe Havermann; German 250, Tim Nix; German 300, Keith Gebken; French 100, Tim Giesler; French 250, Mike Cohen; French 300, Travis Thomson; Religion 100, Nick Beck; Religion 200, Tony Matchett; Religion 300, Anthony Reiner; Algebra 100, Aaron Costello; Algebra 101, Kevin Gerth; Algebra 150, Jon Haarman; Algebra 200, Nick Cornwell; Algebra 201, Matt Allan; Algebra 250, Mike Paradoski; Geometry 300, Luke Moore; Geometry 301, Tak Osiri; Geometry 310, Kevin Knickman; Geometry 350, Kevin Gertken, and Brian Gertken; Campus Ministry, Kevin Knickman; Drama, Ryan Smith, Brad Yemm, and Mike McGovern; Photo Club, Dave Wynne; Yearbook, Joe Gadell; Art Club, Nick Eckstein; Video Yearbook, Josh Piontek; and Chess, Mike Mangiore.

Last year was the fourth year that Vianney participated in academic competition in the Future Business Leaders of America. This is an organization whose goal is to promote an interest and understanding of business in America. The following students were recognized for their achievements in this competition: Business Com. I - first place and Business Math -second place, Mike Paradoski; Business Com. II - third place, Chris Gloriod; Business Com. II - fifth place, Kurt Wohlschlaeger; Computer - fifth place and Info. Process., Eric Reedstrom; and Info. Process- fifth place, Rick Schimpf.

Mike Paradoski also received second place in the national FBLA competition and the *Ed Pansky* award. This award is given to the sophomore who shows great potential in his academic work and athletic ability.

The following awards are given annually by outside organizations to Vianney students who best fit their criteria: The Rensselaer Award, Jim Watt; The "I Dare You" Award, Kurt Wohlschlaeger and Terry Milyard; The Xerox Humanities/Social Science Award, Kevin Knickman; The Bausch and Lomb Science Award, Mike Bello; The Princeton Book Award, Chris Gloriod.

This past June, Kevin Knickman spent one week on the campus of Central Missouri State University. He participated in the week-long citizenship and government workshop which brought together student leaders from all over the state.

Five seniors and forty-nine juniors were also recognized for being elected into the National Honor Society.

Gold Honor Certificates were awarded to students qualifying for the honor role all four quarters of a given year, while making first honors three of the four quarters. One hundred ninety-six students qualified for this award.

The Silver Honor Certificates were given to those students who were on the honor role for three quarters and maintained a *B* average. One hundred forty-one students qualified for this award.

~Ed Kinghorn



Academics Dean~ Mr. Matreci introduces another award-wining student.

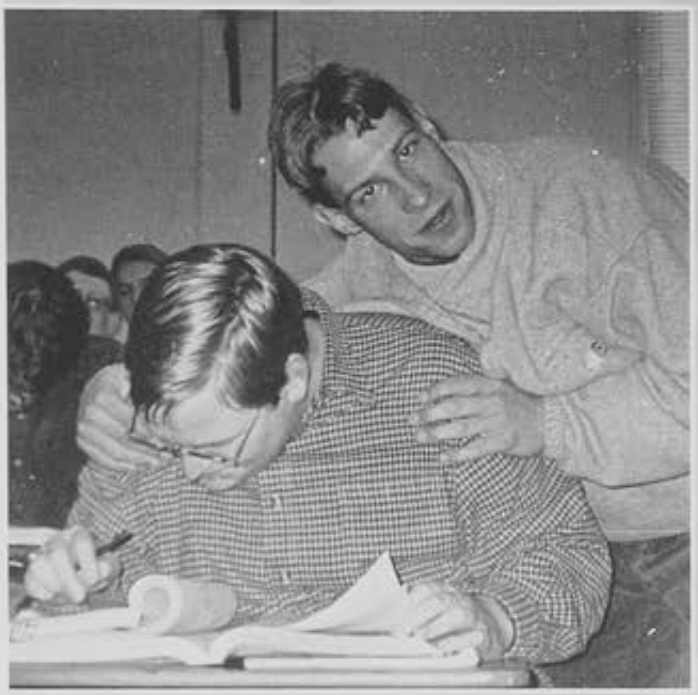


Excellence~ Mike Paradoski receives one of many awards.



Congrats~ Kevin Knickman receives an award from Mr. Keller.

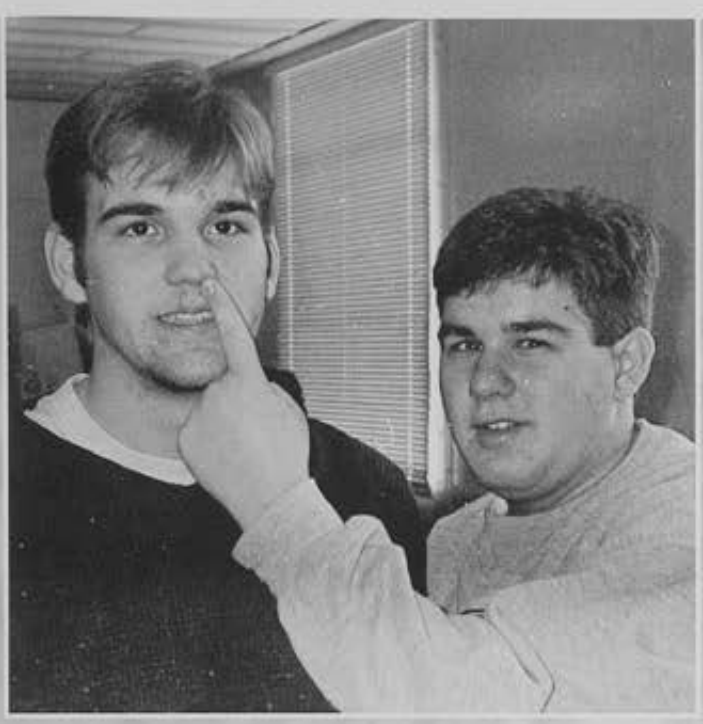
The Class of 1998



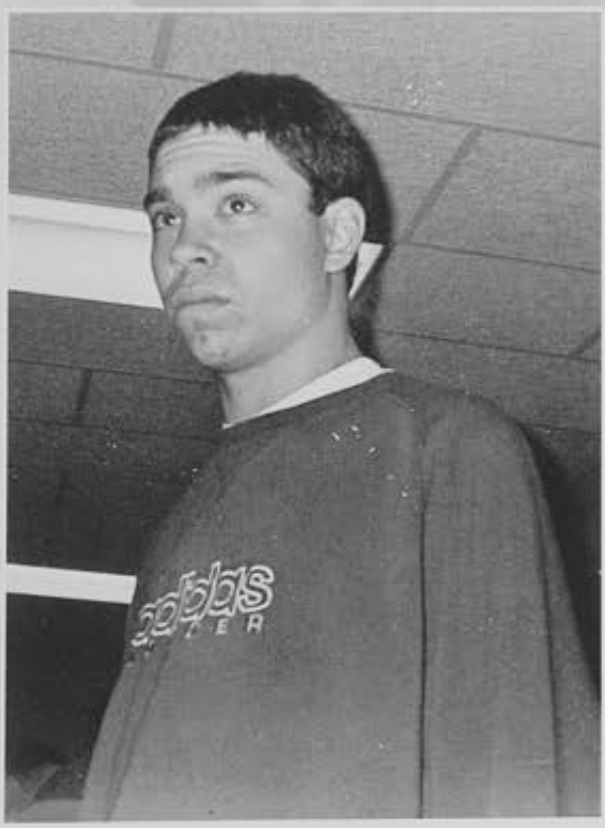
Vianney has given much to the class of 1998. We have been both taught and prepared for what is in store for us. We have been shown how to live wholesome, Christian lives through the faculty and administration. In return, we as students have given back through our leadership and examples to other classes and other teens. As both Christians and Griffins, we have excelled, in school and in life. The class of 1998 is truly a class to be remembered.

—Matthew Volk











Senior Honors Assembly

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Membership in the National Honor Society is based on scholarship, service, leadership, and character. A 90% academic average is necessary to become eligible for membership in the NHS.

Michael Bello
Joseph Boeckman
Jason Byrne
Mark Curry
John Danner
John Dedeke
Brian Gertken
Kevin Gertken
Christopher Gloriod
Dennis Harms
Kevin Knickman
Brian Kraft
Robert Major, Jr.
Thomas Major
Justin Maurath
Matthew McGrath
Terry Milyard
Anthony Reiner
Michael Ronzio
Robert Sellmeyer
Ryan Smith
Travis Thompson
Matthew Volk
Jason Voorhees
Justin Voorhees
James Watt
Benjamin Winkler
Kurt Wohlschlaeger
Bradley Yemm

AWARDS FOR SUPERIOR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Acctg./Calculus ..... Jim Elking
French 450 ..... Travis Thompson
Honors Acctg. ..... Terry Milyard
Art ..... Gary Lobstein
Arch. Dwg. ..... Brian Gertken
Business Law/Span. 1-8-1-8 ... Jim Watt
Band/Religion 400 ..... Dave Wynne
Chemistry I ..... Josh Droege
A/P Biology ..... Anthony Reiner
English 400 ..... Andy D'Aquila
Computer App. ..... Kevin Knickman
Econ./Soc. ..... Keith Gebken
English 1-8-1-8/Psych. ..... Mark Bacon
Speech ..... Ryan Smith
Environmental Sci. ..... Luke Moore
Physics 400 ..... Matt Richter
Germ. 450 Keith Gebken/Ben Winkler
Physics 150/Eng. Dwg. ..... Ryan Smith
Physics 100 ..... Brad Yemm
Theater/Film Studies ..... John Dedeke
Current Issues ..... Dan Heggarty

SCHOLAR ATHLETE

The Scholar Athlete Program, sponsored by the St. Louis *Post-Dispatch*, honors seniors who excel in both athletic and scholastic ability. The *Post-Dispatch* Scholar Athlete for Vianney this year was

Brian and Kevin Gertken

OTHER SPECIAL HONORS

Architecture Project ..... Jason Byrne, Charlie Croghan, Chris D'Anna
National Merit Finalists ..... Jim Watt
Valedictorian ..... Jim Watt
Salutatorian ..... Terry Milyard
Activity Program Awards ..... Campus Ministry—Kevin Knickman; Drama, Acting—Kurt Wohlschlaeger, Kevin Knickman; Drama, Backstage—Brad Yemm, Ryan Smith; Lettermen's Club—Jay Huelsing; Chess—Mike Mangiore, John Klix; STUCO—Ray Rask, Kurt Wohlschlaeger, Mark Naeger, Mark Bader, Mike Ronzio; Video Yearbook—Peter Raineri; Yearbook—Kurt Wohlschlaeger; Peer Helpers—Adam Anton, Brad Yemm, Kurt Wohlschlaeger, Mike Ronzio; Court—Jay Huelsing; Gold Circle Awards - Steve Abeln, Adam Anton, Mark Bader, Joe Boeckman, Brian Gertken, Kevin Gertken, Jay Huelsing, Kevin Knickman, Robert Major, Tom Major, Terry Milyard, Ray Rask III, Ryan Smith, Jim Watt, Kurt Wohlschlaeger, David Wynne, Bradley Yemm; Black Circle Awards—Don Borgmeyer, Dennis Harms, Phil Miceli
Athlete of the Month ..... Jeff Stegman, Phil Miceli, Mark Bader
Principal's Leadership Award ..... Ray Rask
Brother Joseph Lanfer Memorial ..... Robert Major
Arch. May Svc. Award ..... Kurt Wohlschlaeger
U.S. Army Scholar Athlete ..... Terry Milyard
Chris Fiala Memorial Award ..... Joe Boeckman
Perfect Attendance Award ..... Mark Breitenstein, Anthony LaRusso, Jeremy Remiger, Matthew Sanning, Chris Welkener
Spanish Honor Society ..... Tim Brown, Andy D'Aquila, Chris D'Anna, Chris Gloriod, Kevin Knickman, Brian Kraft, Matt McGrath, Steve Migneco, Anthony Reiner, Mike Ronzio, Jason Voorhees, Justin Voorhees, Jim Watt

GRIFFIN-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD

This award is presented annually to the graduate who in the opinion of the senior class, the faculty, and the administrative council distinguished himself most outstandingly in qualities of integrity, scholarship, leadership, loyalty and generosity. This year by a vote of the seniors and faculty, the Griffin-of-the-Year award was bestowed upon

Kurt Wohlschlaeger

Scholarships

Frederick B. Ackermann II	Bradley University (Academic), Central Methodist College (Acad.)
Mark T. Bacon	*Indiana University (Acad.), *St. Louis Firefighters Ladies Auxiliary (Acad.)
Mark S. Bader	*University of Missouri—Columbia (Athletic)
David Boedeker	Benedictine College (Athletic)
Donald P. Borgmeyer	*Southeast Missouri State University (Leadership)
Jason P. Byrne	*Maryville U. (Acad. &Leadership), Drury College (Acad. &Leadership), UMSL (Acad.), St. Louis U. (Acad. & Leadership)
Matthew D. Cowan	*Truman State University (Acad.)
Christopher J. D'Anna	*Drury College (Acad.), U. of Kansas (Acad.), UMSL (Acad.)
Andrew M. D'Aquila	*Rockhurst (Acad.), Clarke College (Acad.), U. of Missouri—Columbia (Acad.), St. Ambrose U. (Acad.), St. Louis U. (Acad.)
John N. Dedeke	*Webster University (Acad.), Truman State University (Acad.)
Joshua M. Droege	*Regis University (Athletic)
James C. Elking	*St. Louis University (Acad.), *Missouri Bright Flight (Acad.)
Ryan M. Flieg	Truman State University (Acad.)
Keith P. Gebken	*Missouri Bright Flight (Acad.), U. of Missouri—Columbia (Acad.), Truman State University (Acad.)
Brian J. Gertken	*University of Notre Dame (Acad.), St. Louis University (Acad.)
Christopher J. Gloriod	*Washington U. (Acad.), *Missouri Bright Flight (Acad.), St. Louis U. (Acad.)
Kyle J. Govero	*Southeast Missouri State University (Acad.)
Anthony W. Graves	*St. Louis University (Activities)
Dennis S. Harms	*Rockhurst College (Acad. & Activities), St. Mary's U., TX (Acad.), Truman State U. (Acad.)
Kyle P. Huelsing	*Rockhurst College (Acad. & Activities), Christian Brothers U. (Activities)
Christopher Ivie	Rockhurst College (Activities), St. Mary's University, TX (Acad.)
Kevin L. Knickman	*Truman State University (Acad. & Leadership), University of Dayton (Acad.)
Gabriel P. Kveton	*St. Louis University (Acad.)
Anthony D. LaRusso	*Rockhurst College (Acad. & Activities)
Gary M. Lobstein	*Webster University (Acad.), Fontbonne College (Acad.)
Robert W. Major, Jr.	*St. Louis University (Acad.)
Thomas W. Major	*Truman State University (Acad.)
Michael G. Mangiore	*Truman State University (Acad.), *Missouri Bright Flight (Acad.)
Adam Marschel	*Rockhurst College (Acad.)
Chad W. Mayes	*Lindenwood University (Acad.), Fontbonne College (Acad.)
Terry D. Milyard	*St. Louis University (Acad.), *Missouri Bright Flight (Acad.)
Edmund J. Pieper	*U. of Southern Indiana (Athletic), Marquette U. (Athletic), Quincy U. (Athletic), U. of Tulsa (Athletic), Xavier U. (Athletic)
Eric A. Reckamp	*Truman State U. (Acad.)
Anthony R. Reiner	*St. Louis U. (Acad.), NW Missouri State U. (Acad.), Rockhurst College (Acad.)
Kenneth R. Rohrbach	*St. Mary's University , MN (Acad.)
Michael R. Ronzio	*U. of Mo.—Columbia (Acad.), *Mo. Bright Flt. (Acad.), Quincy U. (Acad.), St. Louis U. (Acad.), Truman State U. (Acad.)
Matthew R. Sanning	*Webster University (Acad.)
Brian D. Sciuto	*University of Missouri—St. Louis (Acad.), Drury College (Acad.)
Rob W. Sellmeyer	*Luther College (Acad.), Bradley U. (Acad.), U. of Indianapolis (Acad.)
Ryan W. Smith	*St. Louis University (Acad.), *Missouri Bright Flight (Acad.)
Jeffrey L. Suda	*St. Mary's University, TX (Acad.)
Jason M. Voorhees	*Texas A&M—Corpus Christi (Acad.), Barry U. (Acad.), Spring Hill College (Acad.)
Justin G. Voorhees	*Texas A&M—Corpus Christi (Acad.)
James M. Watt	*U. of Missouri—Columbia (Acad.), *Mo. Bright Flt. (Acad.), *National Merit (Acad.)
Christopher M. Welkener	*Jefferson College (Athletic), St. Louis University (Athletic)
Benjamin M. Winkler	Regis University (Acad.)
Kurt A. Wohlschlaeger	*U. of Dayton (Acad.), Missouri Bright Flight (Acad.)
David P. Wynne	*St. Louis University (Acad.), Bradley U. (Acad.)
Bradley R. Yemm	*U. of Dayton (Acad.), U. of Mo.—Rolla (Acad.), St. Louis U. (Acad.)

Space does not permit the listing of all scholarships offered. Only those accepted are listed above in most instances.



Steven M. Abeln



F. B. Ackermann, II



Michael J. Ade



Adam S. Anton



Mark T. Bacon

A Class To Be Remembered

The class of 1998 is the last of a dying breed. We are the last class to have under 200 students, the last class to have seen Fr. Richard Wosman as principal, and the last to have seen Fr. Adolph Windisch as president. We are the first senior class not to get a study hall and may be the only class to go through Vianney and never have a field trip.

This senior class found a difficult challenge in the block schedule. As a whole we have answered that challenge. We have not complained about the unorthodox senior year, but we have just grinned and beared it. We have a unique and unselfish attitude toward making Vianney a better place in years to follow.

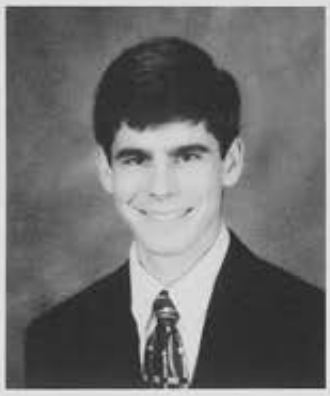
As seniors, we have produced some of the best pep rallies, we have proven ourselves as athletes, and our academic accomplishments reflect our determination and our Griffin spirit.

The Class of 1998 has had its troubles and triumphs. Hopefully, with all of the changes, our memories will not be lost.

~Matthew Volk



Mark. S. Bader



Michael H. Bello



Joseph W. Boeckman



David J. Boedeker



D. P. Borgmeyer, Jr.



Mark A. Breitenstein



Michael C. Brickey



Jason P. Byrne



C. J. Campbell



Carrying on the tradition, a group of seniors attempts to sell elevator passes to the freshmen on the first day of school.



"Minds, like parachutes, work best when open."

~Brad Yemm, '98



John T. Caton



Matthew E. Chrapek



Matthew D. Cowan



Scott D. Cox



Charles V. Crogan



Mark J. Curry, Jr.



John F. D'Agostino



Christopher J. D'Anna



Andrew M. D'Aquila



John C. Danner



Nathan Davis



John N. Dedeke



Joshua M. Droege



Anthony G. Effinger



While on retreat, Mike Mangiore is engaged in an intellectual conversation, Peter Raineri is rendered frozen by a puzzle piece, and Mark Breitenstein prepares to maul the cameraman.



James Elking



Ryan M. Flieg



Michael L. Garavaglia



Keith P. Gebken



Timothy J. Geldmacher



Brian J. Gertken





Kevin W. Gertken





"A flute with no holes is not a flute, but a donut with no hole is a danish."

~Kevin Knickman, '98



Christopher J. Gloriod



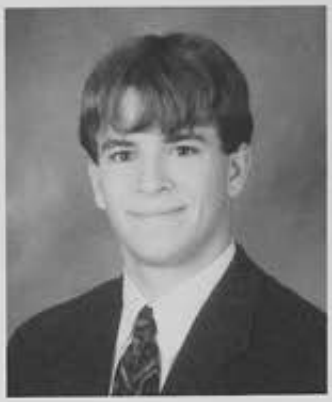
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James T. Hammelman



Dennis S. Harms



Michael R. Hebenstreit



Daniel F. Heggarty



Brian Gertken, Kevin Knickman, Kurt Wohlschlaeger, Mark Yanko, and Jim Watt watch as Fr. Richard prepares for Communion.



Michael E. Heimos



Justin J. Hennis



"Nothing could ever top going to the Cardinal game with over 700 Vianney students to cheer on our hometown hero, Cliff Politte, and being so loud that we stopped the game momentarily so that both teams could see what all the commotion was about. I have never been so proud to be a Golden Griffin."

~Kyle Huelsing, '98



Keith J. House



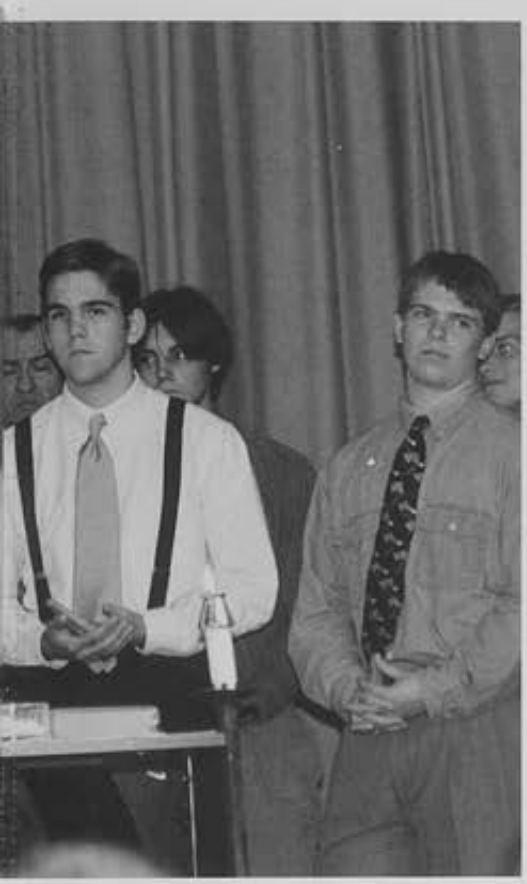
Jacob R. Huelsing



Kyle P. Huelsing



Christopher Ivie





Charlie "Air" Croghan makes his final approach on senior retreat.



Matthew D. Kaufmann



James J. Kiser



Paul M. Klaus



David P. Kleissle



John P. Klix



Matthew Z. Klug

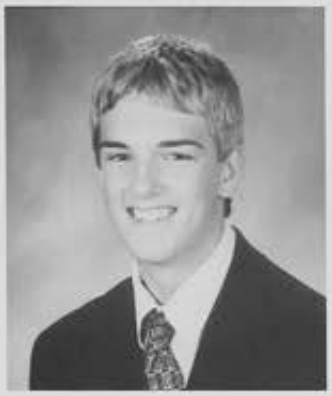


Kevin L. Knickman



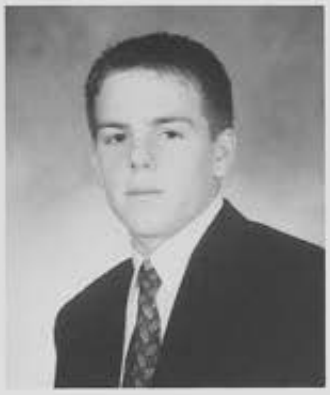
Brian D. Kraft

Huge crowds were typical throughout the last four years, but none quite like the ones this year. The immense student cheering sections were often the result of senior dedication and spirit, like this one led by Ryan McBroom, Matt McKenzie, Tony LaRusso, Dennis Harms, and Phil Micelli among others.



Gabriel P. Kveton





Anthony D. LaRusso



Gary M. Lobstein



Edward R. Luebbers



Martin F. Madigan, III



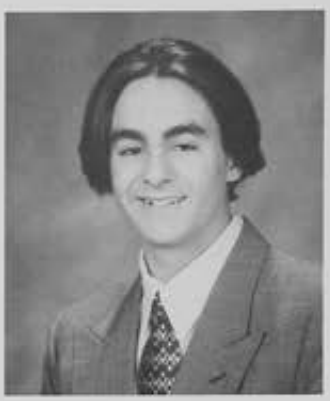
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Thomas W. Major



Robert W. Major, Jr.



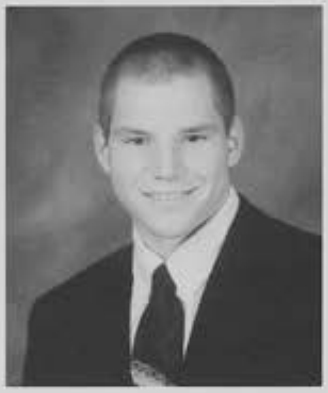
Michael G. Mangiore



Adam M. Marschell



Jeffrey L. Mataya



Justin J. Maurath



Chad W. Mayes



Ryan T. McBroom



Jason R. McClelland

Starting senior quarterback, Kevin Gertken, emerges from the "tunnel" at the Fall Sports Pep Rally.





Matthew McGrath



Nicholas Metropoulos



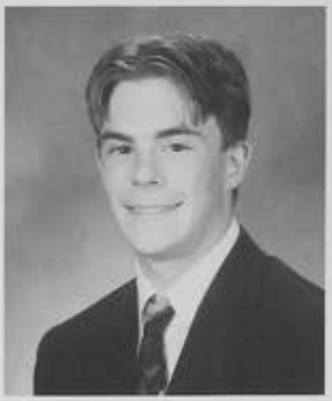
Philip A. Miceli



Steven G. Migneco



Terry D. Milyard



Luke A. Moore



Matthew P. Mueller



Mark Naeger

THE SENIORS' FAVORITE QUOTES:

"Bless your fat heart!" -SSP patient
(Travis Thompson)

"Life is 10% what happens to me, and 90% how I react to it." -Mr. Pilch
(Ryan Flieg)

"Never hit anyone in the head...it kills brain cells!" -Nick Metropoulos
(Andy D'Aquila)

"Live to the fullest and all shall be fine."
(Anthony Reiner)

"When people boo, it hurts my feelings." - Snickers' commercial
(Brian Gertken)

"Never give up. You're gonna pull through, because you guys play like the Brazilian!" -Mr. Muenster
(Jason Byrne)



Scott O'Connell



Shawn E. O'Donnell



James T. Osburn



Kanapak Osiri



Edmund J. Pieper, Jr.



Peter M. Raineri



Ryan M. Raineri



Raymond P. Rask, III



Eric A. Reckamp

"HOW DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN TWENTY YEARS?"

"With the same haircut." -Chris Gloriod

"Break-dancin' on the Apollo!" -Teddy Simpson

"Running Vianney with Kurt Wohlschlaeger." -Kevin Knickman

"I see myself, no matter how successful I am, still looking back at high school and wishing I was back at Vianney." -Ben Winkler

"With a mirror (unless technology surpasses our simple glass structures)." -Keith Gebken

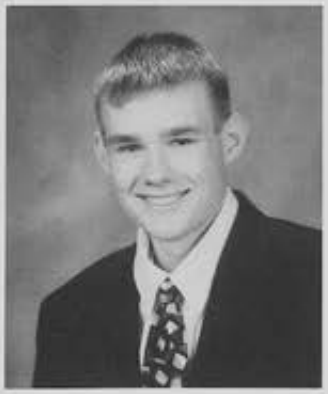
"Back on my home planet Kindnugz after my fellow Nuggians destroy this planet." -Scott O'Connell



Violence erupts at the senior retreat when Dennis Harms and Charlie Croghan get a little too excited about the story of David and Goliath.



Anthony K. Reiner



Jeremy Reminger



Mark J. Ringwald



Kenneth Rohrbach



Michael R. Ronzio



Matthew R. Sanning



Brian D. Sciuto



James D. Seibel II



Robert W. Sellmeyer



Richard A. Seratti



Jeffrey A. Simmons

Senior Student Council President Ray Rask and Vice Presidents Mike Ronzio and Kurt Wohlschlaeger lead the entrance procession at the Spirit Week Mass.



Theodore Simpson



Ryan W. Smith





Steven L. Sondag



David S. Stibal



Jeffrey L. Suda



Travis T. Thompson



James M. Torrie



Douglas E. Unwin



Matthew T. Volk



Jason M. Voorhees

"Hey, Seniors! Remember when..."

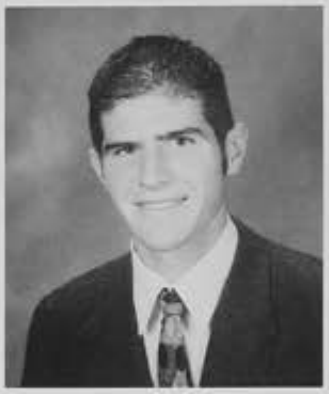
"Leubbers got hypnotized."
(Chris Gloriod, Anthony Reiner, Mike Bello, and Terry Milyard)

"They called off school because it was raining too hard."
(Teddy Simpson)

"During Sophomore exams every student in the cafe took the plastic fruit off the center pieces and had a huge war."
(Ben Winkler)

"There were only 550 kids at Vianney."
(Ryan Flieg)

"Freshman year there was a big hail storm, and Fr. Cahill's religion class was sticking their hands out the window and catching big balls of hail and throwing them at each other."
(Jason Voorhees)



Justin G. Voorhees



Andrew T. Voss



Jesse A. Walter



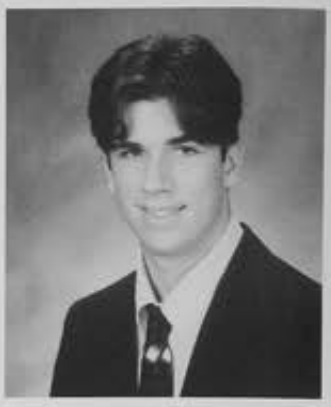
Ryan M. Wamser



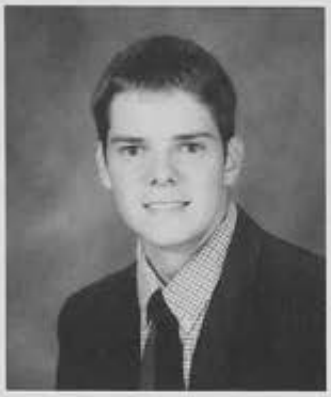
James M. Watt



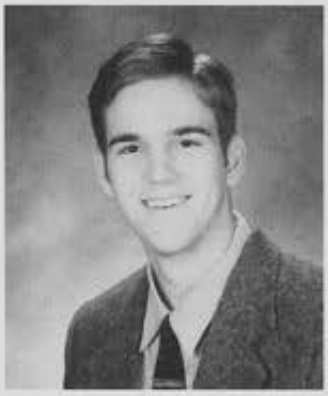
Christopher Welkener



Grant A. Willer



Benjamin M. Winkler



Kurt A. Wohlschlaeger





David P. Wynne



Mark A. Yanko

FAVORITE QUOTES BY TEACHERS

"Sure you could do it that way...but I'll mark it wrong!" -Mr. Young
(Ben Winkler)

"I'm here to fill your mind to its infinite capacity." -Bro. Mason
(Ryan Flieg)

"Stop it, you turkeys!" -Mr. Baur
(Travis Thompson)

"You're dressed like a hippie!" -Mr. Travis
(Ryan Smith and Kurt Wohlschlaeger)

"You're lucky God's God and Kwas isn't, because you'd be a grease spot, Baby!" -Kwas
(Jason Byrne, Brad Yemm, Ryan Smith, and Terry Milyard)

"Every morning I wake up and say, 'Don, you're a good looking guy!' " -Mr. Heeb
(Dennis Harms)



John C. Yehling



Bradley R. Yemm



Darren M. Zimmerle



Kyle Huelsing shows his athletic prowess on the soccer field.



Mark Bader applies the deadly camel-clutch to his opponent Adam Gordon.



It's quite apparent that Rob Major was hungry as a bear.



Kenny Rohrbach suffers from a rare condition where he becomes completely immobile at 11:25 every day.

Señor Major?





Left: Who won't miss Ed?

Most Likely To

Jeff Simmons	Become a bodybuilder
Tak Osiri	Follow in Jackie Chan's footsteps
Mike Ade	Host a talk show
John Yehling	Be a country singer
Mark Naeger	Elect himself President
Mike Mangiore	Beat Bobby Fischer
Shannon Franklin	Fly the Goodyear blimp
Jay Huelsing	Transfer to UMSL and coach Vianney basketball

Four Years Of

No Field Trips/Fenton/Black and Gold/Hey Boy!/Would the Owner of a .../Honky Tonk Luuuuke/Father-Son Banquet/Vianney #1/New Schedules/Hello/Chicken Pot Pie/Bader Brothers/Jumpin' Jerry/Golden Griffins/Homecoming/State Championships/2 Minutes/Goooodnight!/Southside/Okay, Griffins/Channel 1/Please Stand for Prayer/Auctions/Time for the Afternoon Announcements/Trips/Hypnotized/We Have 14 Players on the Team: 7 Seniors and 6 Juniors/Tiger/Thank You for Not Smoking/Gentlemen!/Fire It Up, Griffins!/Superfans/Go to the Board

Senior Party

Going out with a Blast!!

This year the graduation party was not held at Webster's Student Activity Building. It was held at The Point. There were many fun things to do such as swimming, gambling, bungee, and the velcro room, just to name a few. There were attendance prizes handed out, things like microwaves, TV's and many other appliances for college. Everyone had a blast.

~Dave Boedeker



A good ball game~ Can't you see it! When's it coming down?



Pool shark?~ Ben Winkler figures he can handle a pool cue as well as a hockey stick. Now what strategy would be appropriate? To be or not to be, that is the question. Winning the game seems most important.



Food and conversation~ A meeting of the minds at the Senior Party. Brother Louis and Jim Watt talk a little calculus.

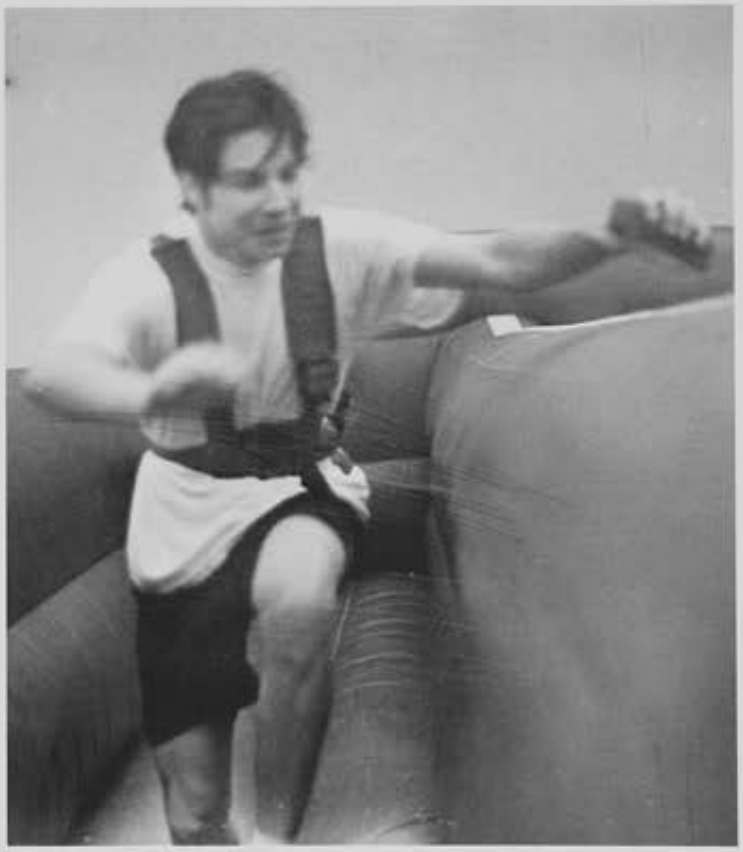






The gladiator~ Who is that masked man in the ring?

Roulette~ The right numbers can bring a big reward!



Bungee~ Ryan Wamser takes the bungee challenge.



Blackjack~ Mr. Jerry Smith loves a good deal while Mr. Dave Hall looks on in disbelief at the hands being dealt to Nathan Davis, Keith House, and Rick Seratti. Mr. Brian Brennan and Kurt Wohlschlaeger (standing) observe the game.

Class of 1999

Well, this year was an informative year for the juniors. With the new changes involving the block schedule, the new faculty members, and the incoming freshmen. This year was a "stepping stone" for the class of 1999 because we had to get our acts together and show leadership because we were finally becoming "upperclasmen." We had to show that we were worthy of carrying that title.

The 1998 school year let us deepen our friendships and gave us an oppurtunity to make new friends. This was also the year that we got our class rings. Unfortunately this reminded us that we have limited time left before we graduate. I know this year will remain in our hearts as long as we live.

~Nick Scarpino



Adams, Joseph
Ailor, Kevin
Allen, Matthew
Amador, Patrick



Antonacci, Thomas
Archambeault, Mark
Bakai, Laszlo
Bardgett, Richard



Bar nett, Benjamin
Bauer, Stephen
Bax, Nicholas
Best, Zachary



Boka, Matthew
Bossaler, Thomas
Boyer, Christopher
Boyet, Ricky



Bradley, Brian
Bresnan, Nicholas
Brooks, Matthew
Buehler, Donald



Burns, Nicholas
Bush, Michael
Bussen, Craig
Caldwell, Robert

Junior's Favorite Actresses

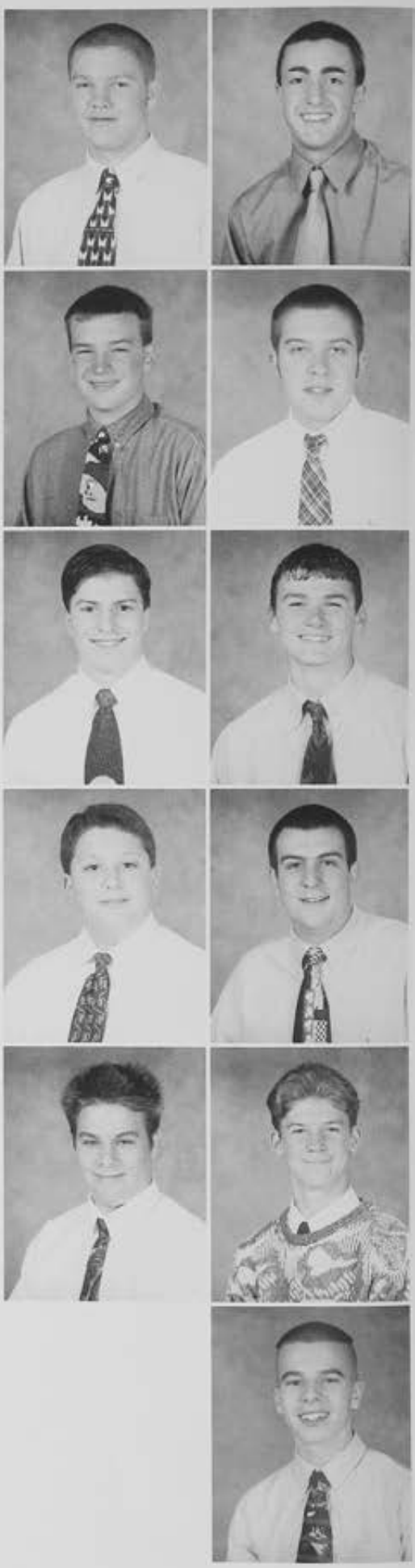
1. Sarah Michelle Gellar
2. Nikki Cox
3. Jenny McCarthy
4. Carmen Electra
5. Neve Cambell
6. Cameron Diaz
7. Alicia Silverstone
8. Jennifer Love Hewitt
9. Jennifer Aniston
10. Kate Winslet



"Do you like scary movies?"~ **Ed's about to get hacked.**



A Very Disturbed Child?~ **If you think Scream is scary then take a look at this kid!**





Callanan, Brian
Candela, Todd
Carrera, Marco
Casso, Kevin
Chekoudjian, Alex
Chibnall, Daniel



Chrapek, Jason
Christoffel, Thomas
Cohen, Michael
Collins, Jacob
Colona, Angelo
Conway, Cory



Cornwell, Nicholas
Croghan, Derek
Cutter, Justin
Danis, Erik
Dattilo, Michael
Davis, Dustin



DeMerit, Eric
DePhillips, Brent
Dietrich, Benjamin
Domagalski, Daniel
Donahue, Michael
Dyn, Daniel



Ebert, Dean
Eckstein, Christopher
Ehrlich, Adam
Eidson, Gerald
Endres, Matthew
Errante, Mark



Ewen, Aron
Faser, Benjamin
Fendler, Matthew
Fete, Nathan
Franklin, Joshua

Frei, Aaron
Friederich, John
Frisella, Paul
Gadell, Joseph
Gilman, Joshua
Gilsinn, Gregory

Goede, Timothy
Graham, Brian
Gritzke, Kevin
Grothoff, Matthew
Guilfoy, Anthony
Hammelman, Charles

Hansted, Reid
Harris, Derrick
Hassler, Robert
Hatcher, Carl
Hawf, Stephen
Heberle, Scott

Helfrich, Darrell
Henderson, Jeffrey
Hildreth, Nicholas
Hill, Bradley
Hoberg, Adam
Hook, Aaron

Houchin, Robert
Howard, Matthew
Hulsey, Christopher
Ilko, Mark
Jackson, Thomas
Kargus, Robert

Kidd, Kevin
King, Tracy
Kirchoff, Michael
Koenig, Nicholas
Kohlberg, Brian
Krajacic, Christopher





Even at school



*Lazy?~*Vianney learning takes place in a relaxed style.

...we can relax



Got milk?~ Matt Boka enjoys a tasty lunch.

Survey Facts

Favorite Teachers

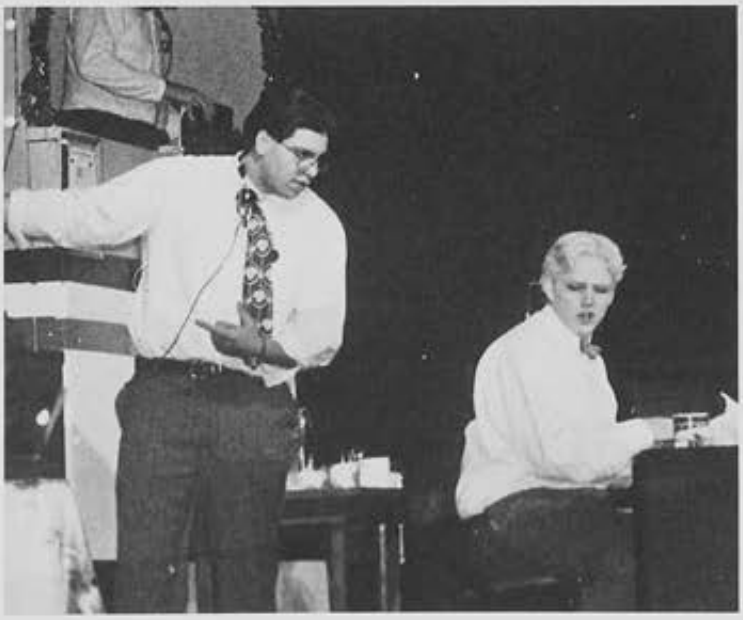
1. *Fr. Cahill (by a landslide)*
2. *Simpson, Hall (tie)*
3. *McCarthy, Rhame, Murphy (tie)*
4. *K. Walsh, Blees (tie)*
5. *Gladstone*

We have sports

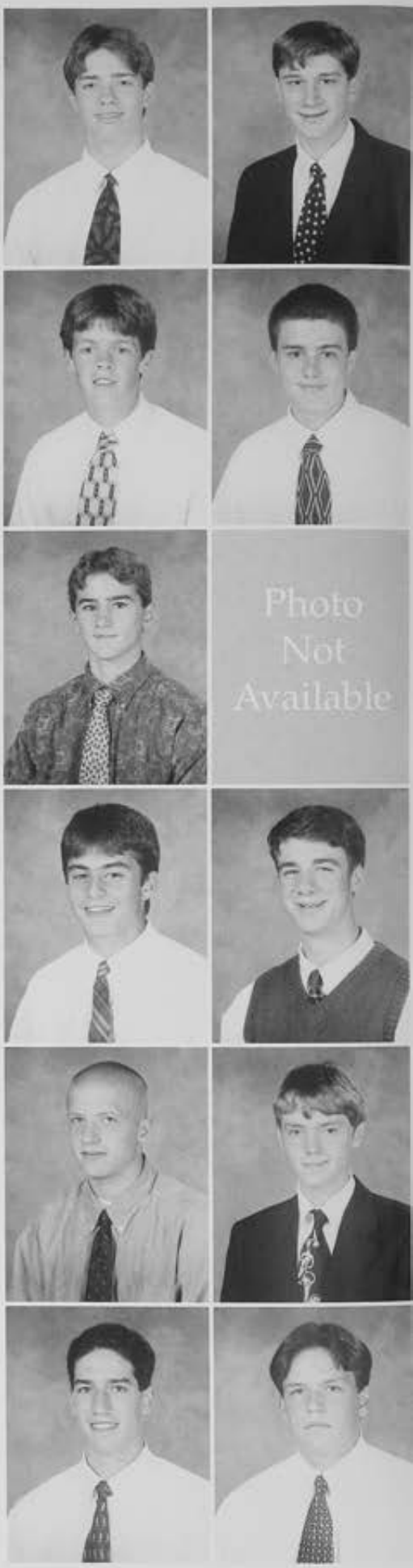


Courage~ **Matt Stichling is willing to give his life for the team**

...And Drama



At the play~ **Reid Hanstead and Mark Archambault break into a chorus of MMMM Bop!**





Kuhn, Kenneth
Laschober, Carl
Lee, Jason
Lehrman, Steven
Leiendecker, Timothy
Lewandowski, Edward

Logush, Matthew
Long, Thomas
Mantia, Phillip
Matchett, Tony
Mattammal, Michael
McGovern, Michael

Meisemann, Thomas
Melber, Michael
Merli, John
Meyer, Ryan
Michael, Jason
Michael, Jeffrey

Michaels, James
Mulvihill, Michael
Naber, Justin
Nanna, John
Nauman, Daniel
Newport, Christopher

Nicollerat, Christopher
Nix, Timothy
O'Donnell, Timothy
Ohms, Charles
Ostendorf, Brian
Pacino, Nicholas

Paradoski, Michael
Parr, Robert
Pashia, Zachary
Peroutka, Brian
Pieschel, Jeffrey
Pinkowski, Scott

Poertner, Johnathan
Polack, Ahmad
Porte, Daniel
Pritt, Bryan
Pross, Matthew
Quattrocchi, Leo



Rask, Michael
Rask, Timothy
Ratkewicz, Adam
Ray , Kevin
Rhame, Timothy
Richars, Terry



Rogers, Mark
Romano, Anthony
Rudolph, David
Rudolph, William
Rukcic, Steve
Sarli, Michael



Sauder, Bryan
Scarpino, Nicholas
Schellert, Gregory
Schilli, Ryan
Schiro, Joseph
Schneider, Kurt

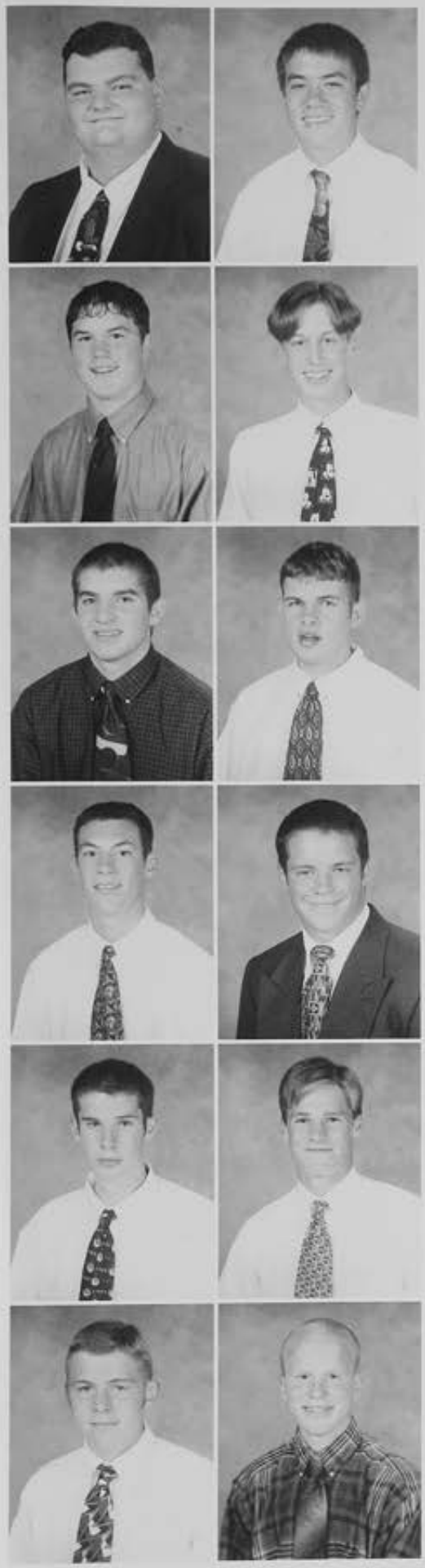


Schoelch, Craig
Schou, Daniel
Schulte, Christopher
Schulte, Mark
Schwarz, Stephen
Schwarze, Brian



Seagrass, Christopher
Sinclair, David
Slyman, Robert
Spezia, Joseph
Stegman, Jeffrey
Stichling, Matthew





Running is fun



Run~ Jake Collins and friends go for a stroll.

...But man, does it hurt



Ouch~ Kevin Gritzky needs a break.

Survey Fact
Favorite Quotes

"Every turkey dies, not every turkey truely lives." ~ Southpark

"When are the yearbooks coming? DON'T ASK!"

We always show our spirit....



Spirit?~ Some show it at the expense of their dignity.

Well, some of us...



HaHa!~ We didn't say Simon says.

Survey Fact

Student's Favorite Quotes

"God loves you gentlemen." - Mr. Daily

"Psst. Yo quiero Taco Bell!" -





Strautmann, Joseph
Stull, Dustin
Suda, Eric
Svoboda, John
Swanston, Scott
Swederska, Quinn

Swenson, Adam
Tabash, Matthew
Toal, Nathan
Toal, Nicholas
Townsend, Ryan
Trager, Matthew

Valenta, Andrew
Van de Riet, Keith
Venneman, Thomas
Ventimiglia, David
Voss, Joseph
Wagner, Kristian

Walsh, Martin
Walsh, Michael
Walsh, Patrick
Ward, Daniel
Waterkotte, Eric
Weishaar, Jeffrey

Welby, Thomas
Wende, Michael
Westrich, Nicholas
Whitcraft, Brian
Wiesehan, Adam
Wilkes, Todd

Willick, Michael
Wilson, Jacob
Wilton, David
Winkler, James
Wucher, David
Wunderlich, Bradley
Young, Thomas

Class of 2000

After struggling to adjust as freshmen, most students in the Class of 2000 were finally able to find their niche during sophomore year. Students remained true to their personalities as they matured and adjusted to the block schedule. Hopefully the sophomores will keep their friends and interests as they take on the role of upperclassmen in the years to come.

~Joe Havermann



OWW!!~ Steve Longo fights the static electricity.






Abbot, Benjamin J.
Ahlemeyer, Jeremy R.
Akers, Brian A.
Appelbaum, Thomas






Auer, Derek L.
Barden, Ryan L.
Barnowski,Thomas M.
Barron, Kirk J.






Bashwiner, Brian T.
Beck, Nicholas E.
Bennett, Gregory S.
Bielik, John P.






Blackwell, Floyd S.
Bodine, Joshua T.
Bollwerk, James T.
Bottchen, Timothy J.






Bouyoukos, Nicholas
Bowe, Gregory T.
Brayfield, Matthew R.
Breuer, Jason M.







Buchek, David F.
Buchheit, Derek S.
Buck, Matthew J.
Buckley, Erik C.

Griffin Anticipation... Pressures of the 5-Day Week...

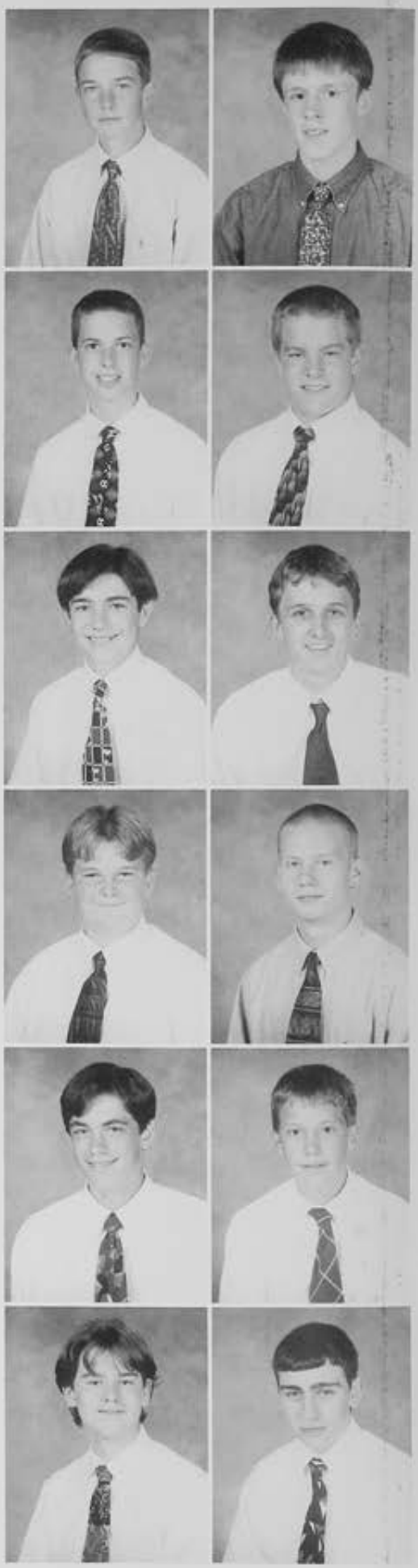
Survey Fact

Favorite Days

1. Birthday
2. Christmas
3. Last day of school
4. New Year's Eve
5. New Year's Day
6. Fourth of July
7. April 20
8. Halloween
9. Christmas Eve
10. February 30



Just five days 'til the weekend~ Ryan Klepac reminds himself the school week doesn't really last forever.





Bueltmann, Richard F.
Burke, Daniel P.
Byrne, Adam J.
Celeslie, Ryan C.
Collins, Nickolas E.
Costello, Aaron J.



Costello, Keith M.
Culleton, Sean T.
Curran, David M.
Davidson, Brian J.
DeGunia, Jason F.
Dierker, Kevin M.



DiPrimo, John M.
Door, Jeffrey D.
Dower, Nicholas A.
Downer, Kevin G.
Eaton, Nicholas F.
Eberhardt,Christopher



Eckstein, Nicholas S.
Ellison, Nicholas V.
Emmett, Stephen L.
Feicht, James E.
Fink, Ian M.
Fischer, Nicholas R.



Frei, Glennon S.
Friederich, Mark A.
Gallion, Austin L.
Gathard, Thomas
Gebken, Brian M.
Gerth, Kevin M.



Gibbs, Matthew A.
Gieseler, Timothy P.
Gilligan, Seamus
Gish, Nicholas D.
Govero, Kurt T.
Grass, Conor J.

Gregory, John Paul
Grillo, Nicholas P.
Gritzke, Ryan R.
Gruener, Stephen
Haarmann, Jonathan
Hansen, Jon

Hartman, Christopher S.
Havermann, Joseph K.
Hawf, Michael
Healey, Matthew J.
Horan, Gregory T.
Huff, Justin W.

Jacobs, Joseph M.
Johnson, Chrisopher J.
Kaestner, John T.
Kane, Matthew R.
Kinghorn, Edmond H.
Kleffner, Justin M.

Klein, Michael
Klepac, Ryan J.
Kohlberg, Jeffrey T.
Koke, Matthew A.
Kopp, Russell L.
Krekeler, Karl

Labruyere, Nathan A.
Lanfer, Edward A.
Lashley, Joshua J.
Leach, Rory M.
Ledbetter, Neal P.
Lett, Nathan G.

Lewis, Jeffrey M.
Longo, Stephen, A.
Lucas, John P.
Maher, Ryan R.
Malone, Daniel E.
Malone, Jeffrey





Pressures of Temptation... Arson is a Federal Offense!



Watch OUT!~ Justin Kleffner tries to blow up the chemistry lab!

Pressures of Dealing With the Consequences... It's Okay to Pretend!



Fire it up!~ Isn't that a $25 fine?





Mangiore, Christopher
Mark, Richard
Marquart, Scott A.
Marschner, Thomas H.
Martin, Erik T.
Martorano, David



Mathina, Perry W.
Mayer, Michael R.
Mayes, Dustin L.
McCart, Devin P.
McDaniels, Josh M.
McDermott, Kyle M.



McDermott, Ryan S.
McDonald, Casey S.
McDonald, Daniel P.
McGauley, John T.
McMahan, Bryan A.
McMullen, Sean M.



Menne, Jason R.
Merker, Daniel T.
Mesko, Michael
Meyer, Gabriel A.
Michael, Nathan W.
Moore, Scott L.



Mueller, Daniel R.
Murphy, Thomas J.
Myers, Michael T.
Nanna, Mark J.
Natsch, Christopher C.
Neal, John B.



Nelms, Matthew D.
Nettemeyer, Michael C.
Oberbeck, Gregory S.
Ochonicky, Adam
Ortiz, Brandon S.
Ottoline, James R.

Paradowski, Drew T.
Passanise, Paul S.
Paszkiewicz, Keith N.
Pelech, Michael T.
Peniston, Timothy M.
Perez, Richard R.

Pfuhl, Thomas P.
Phillips, Jonathan A.
Piontek, Joshua J.
Politte, Kenneth E.
Powers, Thomas
Pucci, Nicholas A.

Puleo, Joseph A.
Raithel, Justin C.
Rask, Peter A.
Reedstrom, Eric W.
Rich, Anthony D.
Riek, Nicholas A.

Roach, Kevin M.
Rocchio, Christopher M.
Ross, Michael J.
Roth, Nicholas A.
Santacruz, Gregory R.
Scheman, Brian M.

Schimpf, Richard
Schmitz, Andrew L.
Schneeberger, Nicholas A.
Schneider, Matthew D.
Schnieders, Michael
Schnitzmeier, Anthony J.

Schuessler, Matthew J.
Schwab, Matthew J.
Schwartz, Thomas G.
Schwent, Michael J.
Scotino, Anthony J.
Scotino, Joseph S.





Pressures of Performance... Sophomore Participation!



Do-Re-Mi!~ Chris Soer sings in the musical, "1940s Radio Hour."

Pressures of the School Environment... The Vianney Family Tries to Make School Fun!!







UGH!~ Matt Buck and Scott Touzinsky prepare for class.





You can lead a horse to water...~ Mr. Mohr tries to teach the class.



Seper, Michael J.
Setzekorn-Arnett Derek
Shannon, Joseph L.
Shaughnessy, Thomas
Smith, John M.



Smith, Matthew S.
Soaib, Adam M.
Soer, Christopher J.
Solovic, Stephen G.
Spalding, Joel



Stephens, Andrew T.
Suelmann, Jeff M.
Toenjes, Matthew G.
Touzinsky, Scott J.



Truong, Dien D.
Wagner, Ryan D.
Walker, Joseph M.
Wamser, Matthew S.



Weatherby, Adam B.
Weber, Ryan M.
Wehrle, David M.
Wood, Jeffrey W.



Wosman, Jeffrey N.
Yerkes, Daniel
Zerkel, Paul A.
Zieres, Mark M.

The Class of the New Millenium

The freshmen of Vianney have been forced to take everything that was crammed into their heads during grade school years and put it into action. This year's freshman class will forever be known as Vianney's first class to graduate in the new millenium and will stand out for centuries to come.

~Matt Burns







Altmann, Matthew
Arens, Kevin
Asinger, Michael
Atchison, Andrew



Austin, Stephen
Bakai, Andrew
Bannister, Thomas
Barnes, Christopher



Bauer, Alan
Behnen, Nicholas
Berger, Carl
Berry, Gary



Bleitner, David
Bono, Dominic
Borgers, Jeffrey
Bradley, Michael



Brandt, Peter
Briscuso, Anthony
Brockmeyer, Jason
Brockmeyer, Kevin



Bruns, Matthew
Buchek, Mauro
Burns, Kyle
Campbell, Steven

Dianney Learning



A typical day~ Mr. Book teaches while Dave Krause drifts off into Wonderland.

...Doesn't End in the Clasroom



An atypical day~ John Heet increases his intelligence.

Survey Fact

Favorite Radio Stations

105.7 The Point ~ 44%	KSHE ~ 8%
Magic 105 ~ 18%	K-HITS ~ 4%
Z 107.7 ~ 13%	Other ~ 13%





Caples, Philip
Cavanaugh, II,Jerry
Cheatham, Andrew
Ciaccio, Dominc
Clark, Jason
Clements, Anthony



Craft, Andrew
Crane, Kevin
Crawford, Timothy
Cullman, Paul
Curry, Ryan
Dailey, Brett



Dapron, Zachariah
Dempewolf, Brian
Dieckmann, Kevin
Diestelkamp, Jonathan
DiGregorio, Salvatore
Dueker, Allister



Durban, Ryan
Durbin, Michael
Eaves, III, Robert
Ebert, Joseph
Eckert, Thomas
Egan, Trevor



Engelstad, Ryan
Erb, Anthony
Ermeling, Gregory
Favier, Christopher
Filla, Matthew
Fiock, Adam



Fischer, Robert
Franz, Charles
Fratto, Mark
Freiling, Paul
Frisella,Dominic
Fuhr, Matthew

Fuhrig, David
Gabelsberger, Brian
Gable, Jason
Gadell, Mark
Garcia, Marciano
Gaudet, Gregory







Gillick, Matthew
Gitto, David
Glasscock, Giovanni
Godsey, Thomas
Gorden, Eric
Gorecki, Adam






Gough, Jr, John
Grana, John
Granda, Anthony
Greminger, Andrew
Gross, Bradley
Gutridge, Joseph






Haar, Jason
Hamilton, Andrew
Harris, Donal
Hartman, Anthony
Harwood, Aaron
Heet, John






Henderson, Andrew
Henderson, Shane
Hennis, Andrew
Ho, Anton
Hoock, Andrew
Hornsey, Matthew






Howard, Dustin
Howard, James
Hrdlika, Jason
Huffman, Jeffrey
Hutson, Richard
Jansen, Michael








Students have multiple learning environments...



Oooh, exciting...~ Looks like these freshmen are enjoying themselves.



"Uh, hi mom!"~ "I'm on Channel 5!"

Survey Fact

Favorite Quotes

"So you're on of those 'Don't-call-me-a-chick' chicks?" Homer Simpson

"You can find something to play with in an empty room!" Mr. Corbin

Vianney Athletics



C Soccer~ **Chaz Franz strides for excellence.**

...and Atmosphere

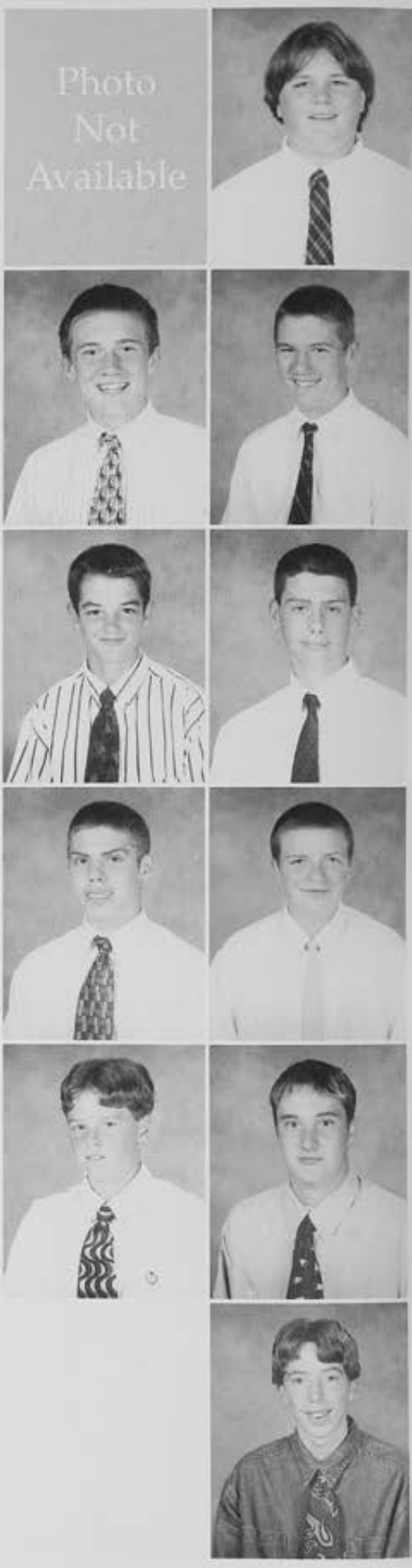


On our campus~ **Dan Shonig thinks he's a work of art.**

Survey Fact

Frosh Favorite Teachers

Father Cahill and Mr. Murphy









Jansen, Zachariah
Jeep, Chris
Jerden, Mark
Johaningmeyer, Jason
Johnson, Michael
Kahle, Paul






Kehoe, J. Guy
Kellar, Jason
Kellermann, Mattew
Kenny, Andrew
Kinder, Logan
Kirwan, Jason






Knobbe, Nicholas
Kollar, John
Kowalskey, Matthew
Kraus, David
Kremer, Michael
Kujawa, Casey






LaGrand, William
Lahrman, Dominic
Lakin, Jonathan
Lange, Enrico
Lawler, John
Lee, Jason Michael






Leone, Nicolas
Leto, Thomas
Leveque, Michael
Liebmann, Benjamin
Lightle, Luis
Luer, James






Maret, Andrew
Mattammal, Willie
Matthews, Casey
May, Justin
McDermott, Matthew

McKeever, Michael
McMullen, William
McSpadden, Ryan
Merli, Ryan
Metzger, Michael
Meyer, David



Meyer, Michael
Miller, Neville
Moehlenbrock, Michael
Morris, Robert
Mueckl, Kevin
Mueller, Kevin



Najbart, Jeffrey
Nauman, Eric
Nazzoli, Anthony
Nolan, Marc
O'Neill, Patrick
Oge, Timothy



Onder, Richard
Padberg, Dylan
Paradowski, Drew
Paszkiewicz, Joseph
Pelizzaro, Scott
Perez, Andrew



Perkowski, C
Peters, Shawn
Pisarkiewicz, Andrew
Porter, Brian
Powers, Nathan
Przyzycki, Paul



Quattrocchi, Ian
Rakel, Nathaniel
Reinhardt, Samuel
Riordon, Daniel
Riordon, Nicholas
Roesch, Aaron





Our Narrow Hallways



Caught in the act!~ Did Gary Barry forget his next class?

...and disciplined classes make school rough



"Don't hurt me!"~ Don't make Mr. Murphy mad on his bad days!

Vianney Freshmen



At a Griffin Assembly~ John Schou, Dan Schiller, and Mick Henderson applaud while Aaron Roesch ponders over what is said.

...Put on an act!



Smile for the Camera!~ Paul Tomiser, Jeff Borgers, and Jason Kirwan.

Survey Fact

Favorite Quote

"Form an orderly line in front of the gun sight." ~ Red Dwarf





Rogan, Brendan
Ronzio, Matthew
Roth, Justin
Ryan, Robert W.
Sabada, Darrik
Saguto, Dominick

Sahaida, Adam
Sanders, Benjamin
Sanders, Brian
Sarkis, Craig
Schiller, Daniel
Schisler, Daniel

Schmitt, Anthony
Schoenig, Daniel
Schou, Jonathan
Schuler, Jeffery
Schuster, Samuel
Sedlak, Robert

Seithel, Christopher
Shaw, Charles
Smith, Matthew
Smith, Tyson
Steffan, Christopher
Suellentrop,Matthew
Switzer, Gregory

Sztukowski, John
Telker, Brad
Terry, Matthew
Tomiser, Victor
Viner, Jason
Vineyard, Eric
Voorhees, Stephen

Wangles, William
Wargel, Ryan
Waterkotte, Steven
Weseloh, Henry Peter
Wilhite, Ryan
Woods, David
Wynne, Christopher

Faculty

Adapts to Change

There are many new additions to the Vianney faculty this year. These new members are Mr. Eric Blees, Mr. Dan Borkowski, Mrs. Patty Czajkowski, Mr. Robert Dagenais, Mrs. Barbara Fullenkamp, Mr. David Gauvain, Mr. Tom Leassner, Mr. Mark Murphy, and Dr. Thom Simpson. The Vianney family welcomes and wishes them success.

There are also new classes offered this year: Journalism, Mr. Jim Dailey; Weight Lifting, Mr. Glen Mitchell, Mr. Gene Gladstone, and Mr. Don Heeb; Film Studies, Mr. Eric Blees and Mr. Al Book; Effective Communication, Mr. Al Book and Mr. Mark Murphy; Sociology, Mr. Tim McCarthy; Leadership, Mr. Gene Gladstone; Theater Arts, Mr. Brian Sieve; Introduction to the Arts, Ms. Colleen Judge and Mr. Brian Sieve.

Other changes would include the following: Mr. Al Book has moved from the Institutional Advancement Office into the classroom. Mr. Charlie Eisele and Ms. Judy O'Connell have moved from the classroom to the Institutional Advancement Office. Mrs. Fran Levy has returned to Vianney as the Director of Institutional Advancement.
~Matt Sanning



Holy St. Francis!~ Brian Sieve at one of his quiet, peaceful moments tries centering prayer.



Being cool~ Mr. Charlie Walsh settles a few of his B-basketball players down.



Under pressure~ Mr. Bill Fiock demonstrates why they call it a cursor.



Research~ Mr. Steve Travis and sophomore Nick Dower discuss the assigned research paper for history class.



At ease~ Mr. Don Heeb works hard in his comfy chair.



Friendly~ Mr. Dan Borkowski greets the students.



Administration

The Block, Coordinators, & New Comptroller

Nineteen ninety-seven, the year of the block, got off to a smooth start, thanks to this year's excellent administration. Under the guidance of Fr. Richard Wosman, Mr. Larry Keller, and Mr. Dennis Matreci the block schedule has become a hit.

This year's students are kept in line by the coordinators, Mr. Charles Walsh and Mr. Dan Borkowski. The coordinators are a new addition to the administration staff. The title of comptroller is now held by Mr. Jerry Smith.

~Grant Willer



Fr. Richard Wosman, S.M.
President



Mr. Lawrence Keller
Principal, College Acc.



Mr. Dennis Matreci
Dean of Students,
Assistant Principal, Wld.
Civ./U.S. Gov.



Mr. Dan Borkowski
Coordinator



Mr. Charlie Walsh
Coordinator



Mr. Jerry Smith
Comptroller



Bro. Chester Burnog, S.M.
Business Office



Mrs. Terry Mayes
Administration Secretary



Mrs. Mary Beth Hopfinger
Administration Secretary



Mrs. Sue Wulkopf
Bookstore, Business Office,
Administration Secretary



Ms. Fran Levy
Dir. Institutional
Advancement



Mr. Charles Eisele
Institutional Advancement,
N.H.S. ,Black/Gold Awards



Ms. Judith O'Connell
Institutional Advancement

Institutional Development Office

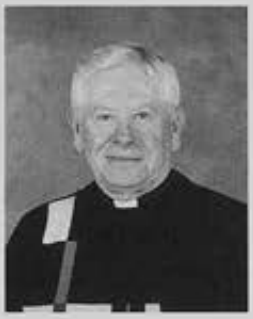
Mrs. Fran Levy has returned to Vianney once again to lead the Institutional Advancement Office. Both Mr. Charles Eisele and Ms. Judy O'Connell retired from the classroom last year and now are working out of the Institutional Advancement Office.

English/Religion

Respecting Life and Living Responsibly

In the Relgion Department we try our best to clarify the "Good News" of the Gospel message: God loves us unconditionally and we have been redeemed through the suffering and death of his son Jesus. Our prayer for the Vianney family is that we may discover, appreciate, and use the talents that God has given each of us, so that through his grace, our world will indeed be a better place because we were here.

~Mr. Gene Kwasinski



Fr. J. Donald Cahill
Rel. 100



Mr. Gene Kwasinski
Rel. 300, 400



Mr. William Fiock
Rel. 300, 400, Comp. Apps., O.S.A



Ms. Carrie Nichols
Rel. 100, 200, Life Camp, L.I.V.E., Campus Ministry



Bro. Len Rudy
Rel. 200, Dir. of the Marianist Community



Dcn. Bob Smerek
Rel. 300, 400, Campus Ministry



Mr. Eric Blees
P.E. 100, Film 100, Eng. 100, Varsity Tennis, C-Football



Mr. Al Book
Effec. Com. 100, Film 100, Speech 100



Mr. Thomas Leassner
Eng. 101, 100, 150, C-Soccer, C-Baseball, Drama



Mr. John Mohr
Eng 200, 300, Cross Country, Track

Learning Made Fun

With the addition of three new English teachers, Mr. Blees, Mr. Leassner, and Mr. Murphy, the English Department grew stronger than ever. The teachers' unique teaching styles make learning fun.

~Grant Willer



Mr. Mark Murphy
Effec. Com. 100, Eng. 200, Chess, Newspaper



Mr. Paul Rhame
Eng. 300, 400, V Football, Conditioning, Lettermen



Mr. Dennis Ripplinger
Eng. 250, 300, 450, Racquetball, Track

Practical Arts/Math

Math at Its Finest

The Vianney Math Department continues to develop students well prepared for college. It puts emphasis an analytical thinking and real world problem solving. Linking mathematics to our daily lives is just as important as teaching the concepts. Vianney follows this belief and produces some of the best students in mathematics.

~Jim Elking



Mr. Dan Borkowski
PCO 100, B. Law 100, Varsity Football, Stregth Training

Studies of a More Pratical Nature

The Practical Arts Department continues to educate sudents about more practical matters. This year they offered Accounting, Economics, Business Law, Computer Applications, and Architectural and Engineering Drawing. Also this year a new member joined the department, Mr. Dan Borkowski.

~Jim Elking



Mr. Tim Clepper
Alg. 100, Alg. 150, Geom. 310, C-Football, Varsity Wrestling



Mr. Brian Brennan
Alg. 100, Geom. 301, Geom. 300, B-Soccer, JV Wrestling, B-Baseball



Mr. Jim Farrell
En. Dr. 100, Ar. Dr. 400, Varsity Track



Mr. Larry Furrer
Alg. 200, 210, 250, Ana. 400, Varsity Volleyball



Mr. Gene Gladstone
Alg 101, 201, Leadership, Fitness, Varsity Football, Weight Training



Bro. Louis Mason, S.M.
Calc., Geom. 310



Mr. Glenn Mitchell
Alg. 100, 200, Weightlifting, Varsity Wrestling, C-Football



Mr. Charles Walsh
B. Law 100, Ecm., Lettermen's Club, Sophomore Basketball



Mr. Bill Young
Ana. 400, Ana. 350, Pro/Stat. 400, Trig. 400, Varsity Basketball, Varsity, Track



Mr. Dave Hall
Aco 100, Com. App., B-Football, Varsity Golf, STUCO Moderator, FBLA Moderator, Win With Wellness Moderator, Voice of Griffin Basketball, Wrestling

Foreign Language/History

Another Year in Vianney's History

The Social Studies Department at Vianney continued its tradition of superior education. This year the department offered World Civilizations, American History, U.S. Government, and Psychology classes. The Social Studies Department prepares its students for college with a solid foundation in history and other social sciences.

~Jim Elking

Foreign Language Department Welcomes New Teachers

The Foreign Language Department is seeing new faces this year. Mr. Bob Dagenais filled in the gap in the French Department. Mrs. Barbara Fullenkamp heads the foreign language department this year taking Ms. O'Connell's place. This year, like every year, Vianney offered three foreign languages—Spanish, French, and German.

~Jim Elking



Mr. Jim Dailey
Gr. 100, 200, 250, 350, 450, Journ. 100, Yearbook, Newspaper, Bowling



Mr. Bob Dagenais
Fre. 100, 200, 250, 350, 450, French Club, French Trip



Mrs. Barb Fullenkamp
Spa. 200, 300, 350, 450
Yearbook, Head of Language Department



Mrs. Jennifer Smith
Spa. 100, 110, 250
Video Yearbook, Academic Decathalon



Mr. Jerry Stevison
Spa. 100, Librarian, Media Coordinator, Varsity Football, Track



Mr. Jack Glaser
Geog./Wld. Civ.



Mr. John Hanau
Psy. 100, Wld. Civ/Am. Gov. 200, C-Wrestling



Mr. Timothy McCarthy
Am. Hist. 300, Soc. 100, B- Football, Tennis



Mr. Steve Travis
Wld. Civ./Am. Gov. 200, Amer. His. 1-8-1-8, Varsity Baseball



Mr. Kevin Walsh
Geo. 100, Current Issues, C-Basketball, Varsity Basketball, STUCO Moderator

Science/Phys Ed

Learning How Things Work

The Science Department was again headed by Mr. Gene Allard. The courses offered were environmental science, biology, chemistry, and physics. Students were given hands-on experience and learned how things work during experiements. New and exciting things were learned every day.

~Jeff Borgers

Improved Student Skills

The Physical Education Department was again headed by Mr. Heeb. The course offered during freshman year is physical education/health. The course offered to sophomores is physical education/ first aid. It is good to take physical education since students get to try new sports or improve on their skills that they may already have.

~Jeff Borgers



Mr. Eugene Allard
Conceptual Physics, Physics, Physics 1-8-1-8, Electronics and Robotics Club



Mr. Edward Baur
Chemistry 100, 110, 250, Chess Club



Mr. Eric Blees
P.E. 100, Film 100, Eng. 100, Varsity Tennis, C-Football



Mr. Jerome Boeckman
Biology 100, Physical Education 100



Mr. Gary Corbin
Biology 100, 110, 250, SADD Moderator



Mr. David Gauvain
Physical Education 200, Varsity Soccer, C-Basketball



Mr. Don Heeb
Athletic Director, Physical Education, Dept. Chairman, Golf



Dr. Thomas Simpson
Chemistry 100, Environmental Science, Soccer, Swimming



Mr. Glenn Mitchell
Alg. 100, 200, Weight Lifting, Varsity Wrestling, C-Football

Café/Maintenance

Best Food in State

The café was the place to be this year during Encore period. The Griffin Café is where a lot of Griffins hung out this year. It had some of the best food in the state. The director, Mr. Dennis Slay, made good choices for meals. "The food is excellent," freshman Andy Craft said, "but the lines are too long. By the time you get your food, you got a couple of minutes to eat."

~Jeff Borgers



Front Row: Jay Canon, Dennis Slay, Sue Schwent, Anderson Kimbel. **Back Row:** Stephanie Griesemeyer, Kim Schio, Sandy Warren, Margaret West, Nancy Slay, Carol Romano, Lorraine Michaels

Keeping the Place in Shape

Maintenance was again led by Mr. Jim Ebbesmeyer and Mr. Paul Hawkins. Maintenance did another excellent job at keeping the school grounds and facilities running smoothly. The maintenance crew works on plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, and keeping the grounds in good condition. The housekeeping service of the facility is done by an outside company.

~Jeff Borgers



Mr. Jim Ebbesmeyer
Dir. of Maintenanace



Mr. Paul Hawkins
Maintenance

Fine Arts/Guidance

Helping the Students

Mr. Tom Stevison and Mr. Kevin O'Toole do a lot of great things to continue to bring success to Vianney and its students. The main thing that they both concentrate on is to get seniors into their first choice college and to have the juniors take their ACT/SAT tests. However, they always find time to check up on all the students now and then. "The addition of Mrs. Pat Czajkowski has helped to serve the students," Mr. Stevison said. Mrs. Czajkowski joined the guidance team this year as a full-time learning consultant.

~Jason McClelland



Mrs. Pat Czajkowski
Guidance



Ms. Colleen Judge
Art 100, 200, 250, 300, 350, Art Club



Mr. Jim Neyer
Concert Band, Beginning Band, Choir, Rel. 100, Pep Band



Mr. Kevin O'Toole
Guidance



Mr. Tom Stevison
Guidance Dept., Photography Club

Student Expression

Ms. Judge's art classes continue to pump out paintings, sculptures, and drawings. Every where you look at Vianney, you see some art that a Vianney student has done.

"Jim Neyer's band is one of the greatest in the city. Students enjoyed the band and its enthusiasm at sporting events," Mr. Kevin Walsh said. "Both the band and choir did an outstanding job."

~Jason McClelland

Mr. Brian Sieve taught theater art this year and directed both the fall and spring plays, *1940's Radio Hour* and *A Few Good Men*. Both had a large turnout and the student cast and crew had a great time.



Mr. Brian Sieve
Art 100, Eng. 300, Drama, Drama Club, Student Workers, Liturgy Coodinator

Campus Ministry/Library

Internet in the Library

"Mr. Stevison has been a tremendous resource to my classes," Mr. Tim McCarthy said. "He is very knowledgeable and is always willing to help students and faculty." The library also added a couple of more computers that are linked to the Internet. Next year should be as successful as this year.

~Jason McClelland



Technology~ Mr. Jerry Stevison, librarian, is proud of eight computers with Internet accessibility in the library.



Dcn. Bob Smerek
Rel. 300, 400, Campus Ministry

A Tremendous Job

Deacon Bob Smerek has done a tremendous job this year withConference Day and all the great Masses that were given. "Things seem to be going very well for the students," Deacon Bob said. "They responded to the needs of others and have shown concern with the fund drives to help the needy. I am pleased with the response from Conference Day."

~Jason McClelland





Fr. Robert Osborne
Dir. of Ministry Integration

Spirit~ Father Richard speaks at the Spirit Week Mass where all student clubs, sport teams, and extra-curriculars were recognized.

Alumni News

Vianney Alum Shine

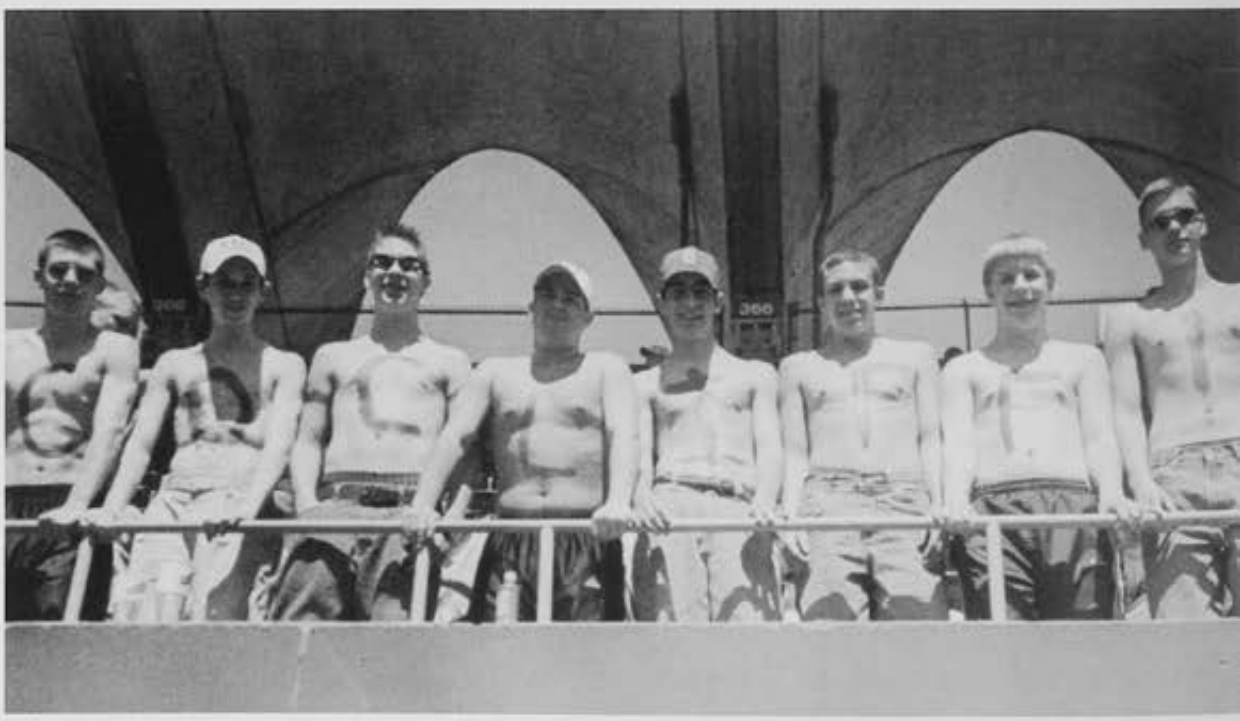
A couple of Vianney alumni have entered into the local limelight. Mark Close can be heard every weekday on the morning show on KSD 93.7 FM. Dan McLaughlin hosts Sports Open-Line weeknights on KMOX. There might not be a bigger story to come out of the St. Louis sports news this year than that of Cliff Politte.

Politte, a '93 grad, was drafted by the Cardinals in the 54th round of the 1995 draft after two years in the minors, where he was the club's minor league player of the year posting a 29-8 record over a span of two seasons. Politte made the 1998 major league team after being the squad's best pitcher in spring training. His major league debut was April 2 at home in front of 27,414 fans. The game was a big news story when it was first learned that Politte would start the game. The story would become even bigger when Cardinal president Mark Lamping, a '76 grad, gave the school 800 tickets to watch Cliff pitch. When asked about the school's closing to attend the game, Politte could only say, "Unbelievable!"

~Jeremy Remiger



Just like Old Times~ Cliff Politte winds up and fires.



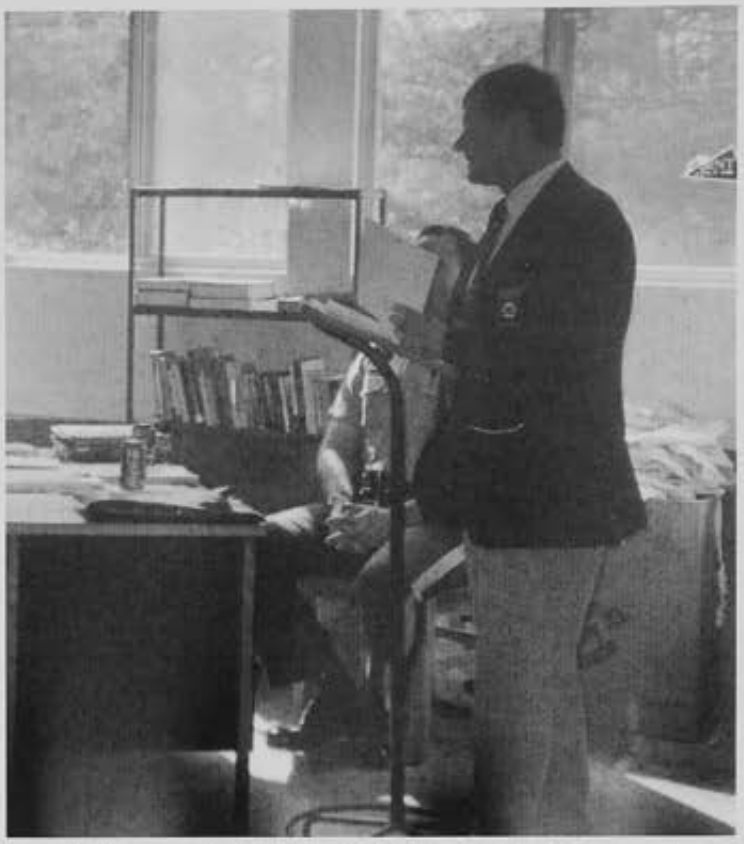
Wheel of Fortune~ Pat, I'd like to solve the puzzle.

Alumni Return, Help Make Career Day a Success

Several Vianney alumni returned to the halls of their alma mater, Wednesday, April 1, to tell students about certain career paths they took after high school. There was everything from doctors to radio broadcasters to inform us on the description of their jobs. The purpose of the day was to give students information about careers they might choose later in their lives. "I found the speakers very interesting and informative. We all learned a lot," junior Mike Cohen said.

~Jeremy Remiger

Speaker	Career
Mike Croghan '79	Account
Jim Schuessler '91	Architecture
Tom Zimmermann '79	Art
Jeff Jacober '83	Aviation
Dan McLaughlin '92	Broadcasting
John Armengol '88	Business Owner
Joe Grana '74	Chemical Engineer
Chris Heeb '84	Chiropractor
Scott Sinak '89	Computer Analyst
Ray Najbar '83	Computer Engineer
Dan Harbaugh '78	Human Services
Joe Holleman '76	Journalism
Jamie Emmet '76	Landscaping
Dave Wich '81	Law Enforcement
Ted Kaminski '66	Law Enforcement
Dan Ringwald '87	Lawyer
Tom Hartnagel '89	Marketing
Steve Wendl '86	Mechanical Engineer
Joe Ojile '77	Physician
Steve Neale '90	Musician
Dave Rau '82	Pharmacist
Bill Hopfinger '73	Physical Therapist
Joe Boccardi '89	Restaurant Management
Tony Grasso '89	Sales
Tim Young '87	Stockbroker
Eric Heumann '78	Teacher
Mark Lux '75	Veterinarian



Law Enforcement~ Ted Kaminski tells of his stories as a law enforcer.

Radio Personality~ Dan McLaughlin shows off his radio face at career day.



Bridge Building Contest



With Weight to Failure

Every year, Mr. Jim Farrell's engineering drawing class holds a bridge building contest, not only to challenge the students, but to provide lots of fun and entertainment for the builders and the fans. However, this year, for the first time in Vianney history, two contests were held due to the block schedule. No one was able to break the school record of 180 pounds set previously by Bryan Lind and Charlie Croghan. One by one, the bridges crashed to the floor.

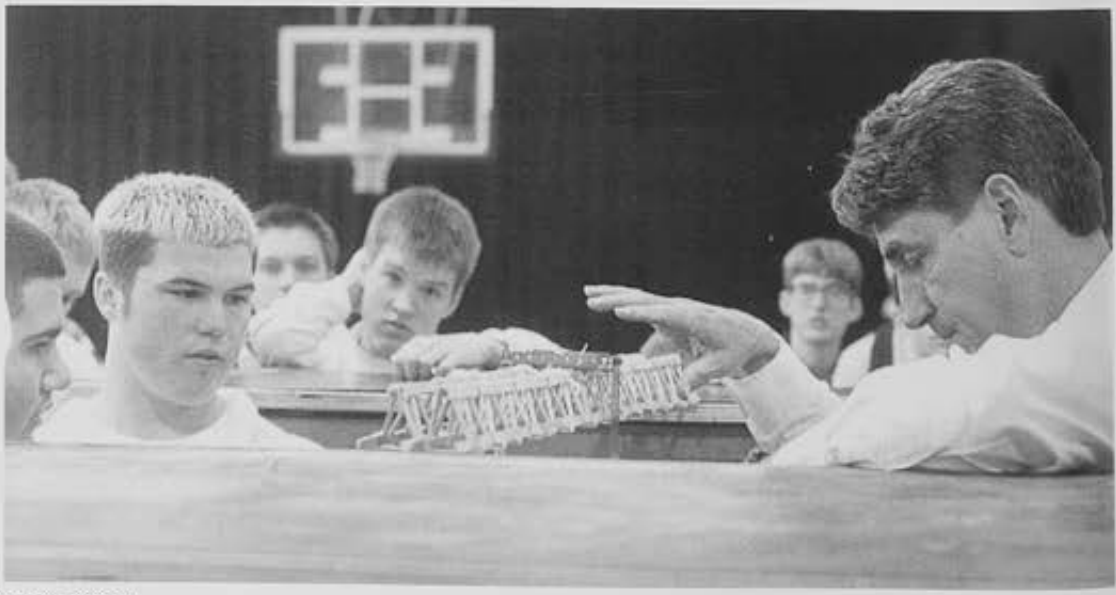
The first contest was held on December 17 in front of a standing room only crowd. However, Dustin Mayes and Rob Hassler of the second contest managed to have their bridges support an impressive 135 pounds each.

This did not mean that the contest was not a success. The crowd loved the snapping of the bridges and cheered after every bridge buckled under the wight.

~Jason Michael/Gary Lobstein

Bearing weight~ Mr. Jim Farrell attaches the weights while Rudy Rudolph focuses in anticipation.

How much is enough?~ Tension builds as each bridge buckes.



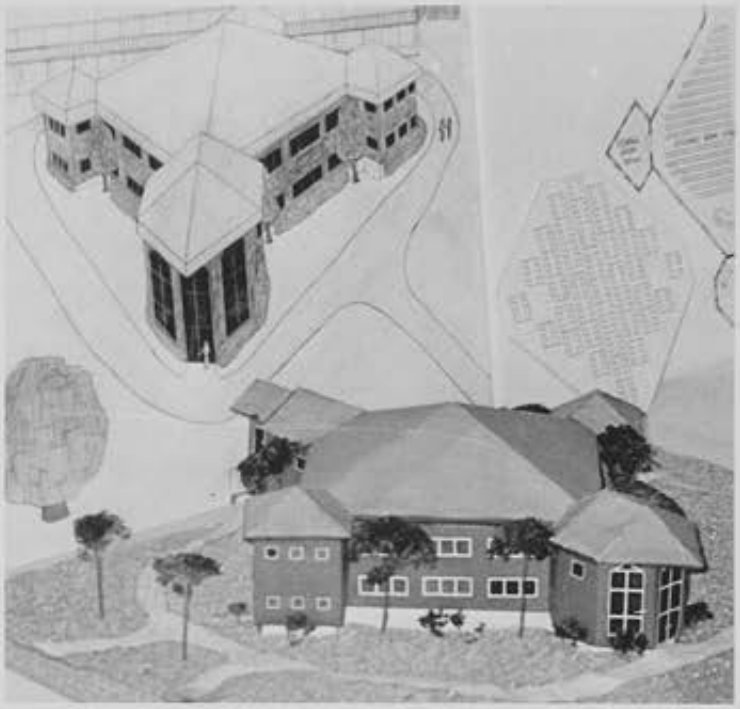
Architectural Drawing Contest

The Winners' Circle

In December 1997, Vianney's architectural drawing students participated in the annual architectural drawing contest. Sponsored by Paul J. Wuennenberg, a Vianney alumnus, the contest challenged students to solve a problem presented by an architectural firm. This year's project was the Wohl Center addition to Washington University's campus. The architectural drawing students needed to compile a solution in the form of a presentation, both oral and visual.

The winners of the contest were Chris D'Anna, Charlie Croghan, and Jason Byrne. Their presentation showed the most potential. "I think they showed ownership of their project and handled their presentation in a professional way," Mr. Jim Farrell said. All of Mr. Farrell's students gave worthy efforts in the contest and did their best.

~Gary Lobstein



Wow! Can these Griffins draw!~ A presentation of the Wohl Center addition to the Washington University campus.



The winners of the December 1997 Architectural Drawing Contest~ Jason Byrne, Charlie Groghan, and Chris D'Anna.



Showing off their stuff~ Jeff Mataya, Charlie Croghan, John D'Agostino, and Mr. Farrell with alumnus Dave Wuennenberg.

Special People

Mr. Muenster

"Mr. Muenster was first and foremost my friend. Ed was easy to talk to. He felt my pain and I felt his. We grew closer together through our grief."

-Mr. Brennan

"Mr. Muenster was in my opinion a teacher's teacher—energetic, enthusiastic, hard-working, prayerful, compassionate, courageous, a man of faith."

-Mr. Kwasinski

"Why do bad things happen to good people? Ed never gave up and always tried to be positive for his family while he was going through their ordeal."

-Fr. Richard Wosman

"Mr. Muenster was an inspiration—putting his trust in God and always being hopeful that he would get better and return to Vianney. I can only believe that God has another plan for Ed and that he will always watch over and be with us."

-Ms. O'Connell



Courage~ Mr. Ed Muenster's smile embodies his love of family, friends, and life.

On January 9, God took one of our most beloved teachers from us—Mr. Muenster. He died early in the morning of a rare blood disease with complications due to a bone marrow transplant.

Mr. Muenster was a loss to all of us. He was a counselor, friend, colleague, teacher, coach, father, husband, and a brother. But for everyone he was someone that was there for us at any time, especially at our darkest hour.

Mr. Muenster now takes his place with God, serving God as he has served us. We will all miss him, yet we will always remember his picturesque smile and kindly words. We know that our prayers and tears were not wasted but provide Mr. Muenster with the strength now to serve God in heaven. He will be missed with great love and admiration.

Mr. Sieve

As you already know Mr. Sieve has left Vianney to pursue more spiritual challenges in which to serve mankind and God. Mr. Sieve will be a religion/English teacher at Hales Fransican High School in the city of Chicago. He will be teaching all boys that really need the expertise Mr. Sieve can give.



Mr. Sieve has worked at Vianney for two school years and has brought recognition to Vianney. He has worked with drama since January 1996 with "Godspell" as his debut.

His memories of Vianney are enjoyable and pleasant. He tried to create a family at Vianney and succeeded in gaining many new friends and establishing a bond that time nor distance can break. Mr. Sieve takes with him all the special memories of Vianney, which the students have given him. He can then extend our Vianney family to his new students.

~Anthony Reiner



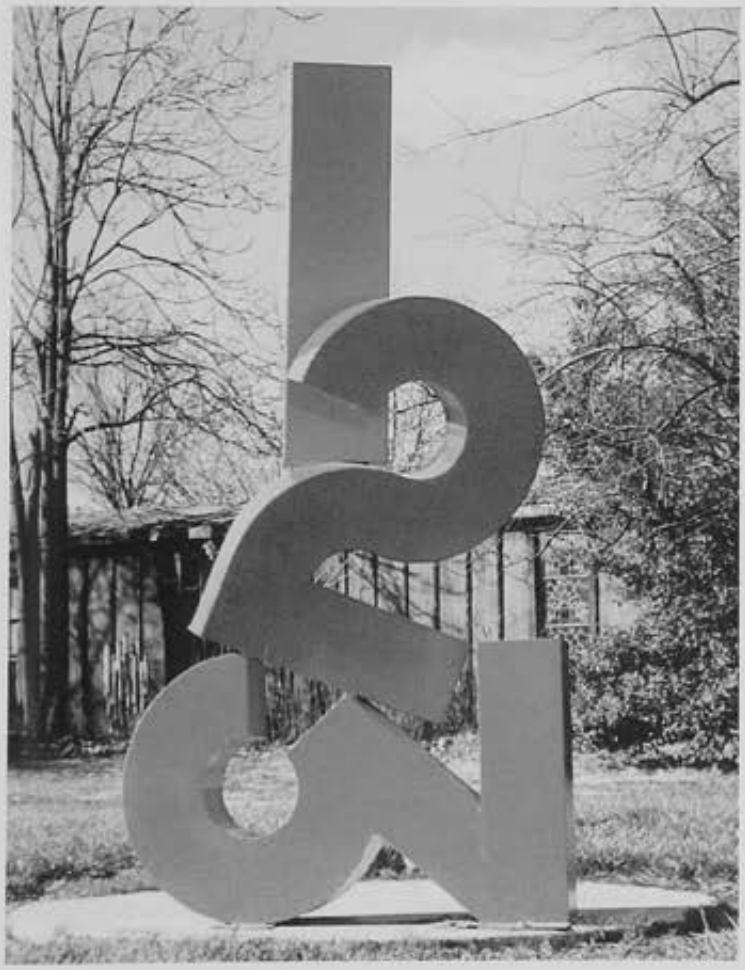
Brother Melvin Meyer

Brother Melvin Meyer will be celebrating his 50th jubilarian year as a Marianist Brother this year. He has committed his life to service for God since 1947. But that is not his only accomplishment.

Brother Mel is one of the most prolific and versatile artists in the country. He is one of the first brothers to be free to create art. His medium of art is everything from painting to sculpting. He has created art works for 23 businesses around the St. Louis area and has visited all around the world to learn from master artists.

He gained his Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Dayton in 1952. Amazingly, he attended Notre Dame in 1960 to complete his Master of Fine Arts degree. He then worked with the Marianists at Vianney for 31 years. He has worked to make the campus more beautiful and delightful. "You would be surprised how much you can get done," he says, "when you spend all your time working and praying." He definitely will continue to make Vianney more comfortable. By God's given talents, he will spread joy to others through his art work. We all owe him much thanks and praise.

~Anthony Reiner





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Senior Poem

If you think you are beaten,
you are;
If you think you dare not,
you don't;
If you'd like to win, but think
you can't,
It's almost a cinch you won't.

If you think you'll lose, you're lost;
For out in the world we find
Success begins with a person's will,
It's all in the state of mind.

Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster hand;
But sooner or later
The person who wins
Is the one who thinks "I can."

~Anonymous

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