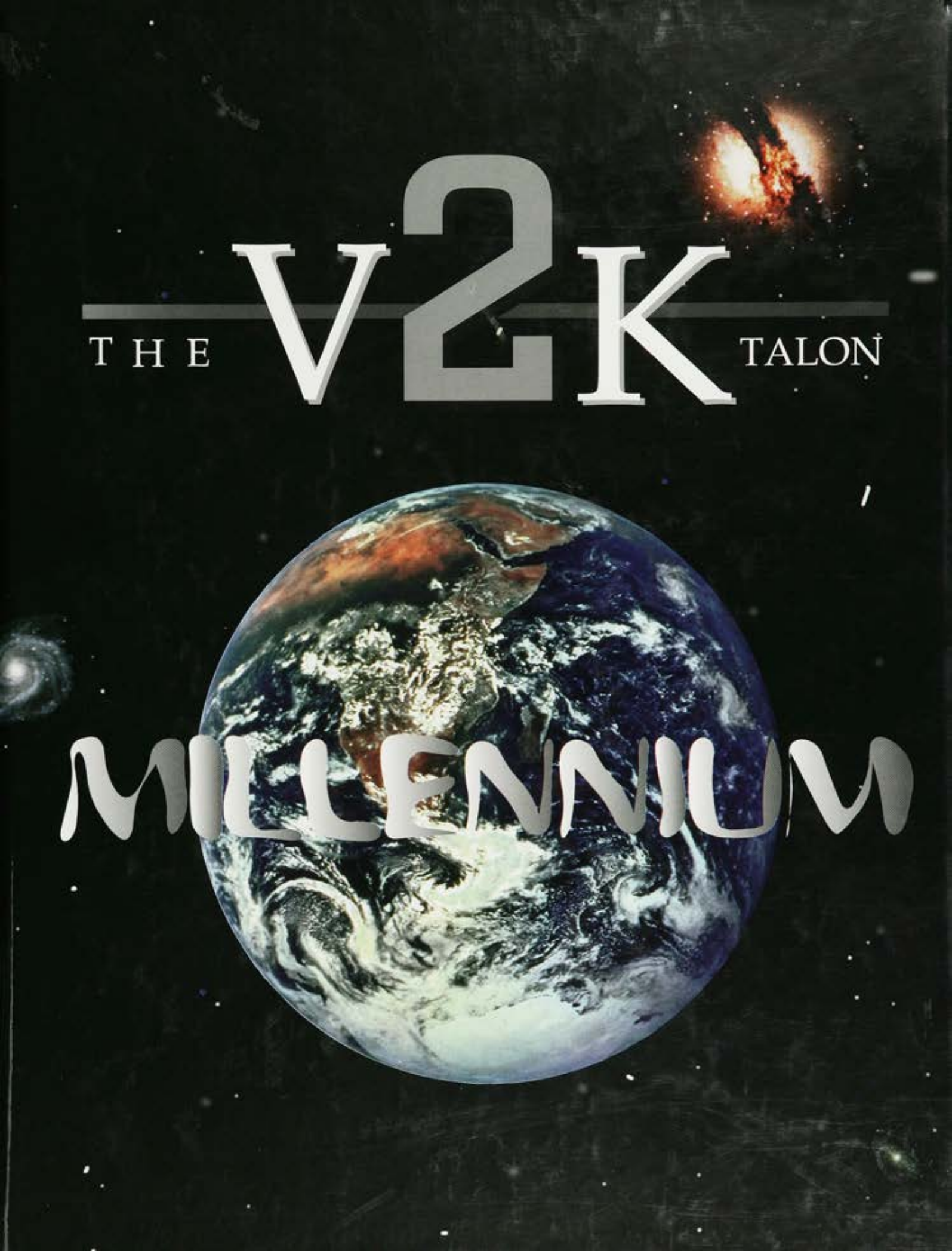
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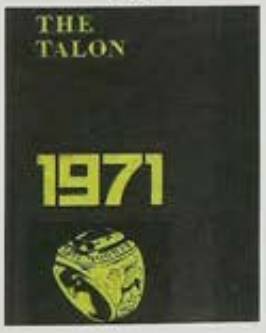

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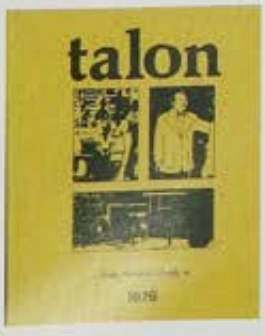
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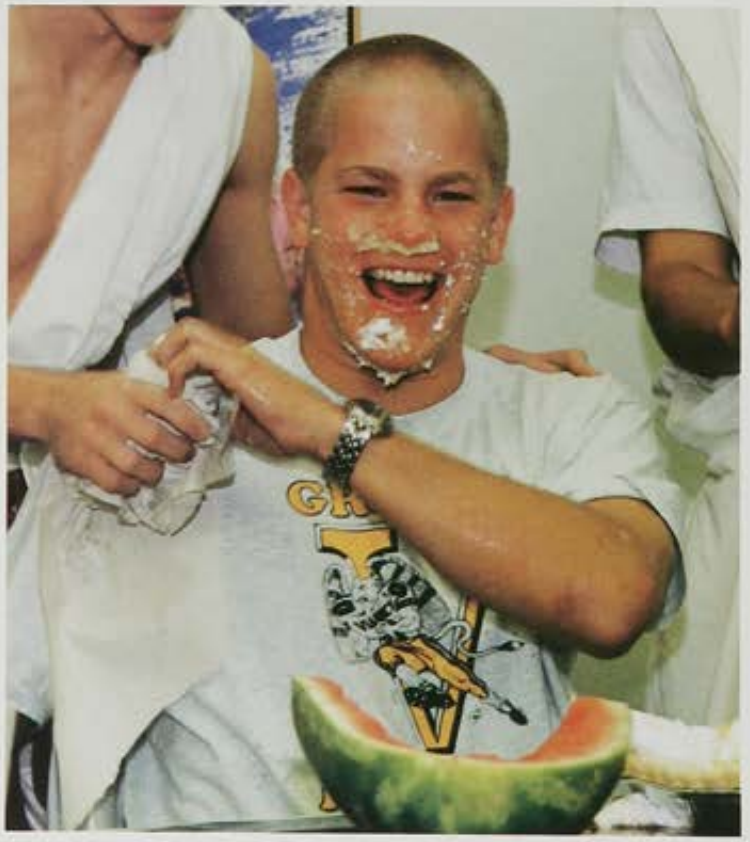


JUSTIN KLEFFNER



THE GRIFFIN





Got Milk?~*Sean Culleton just finishes the eating triathlon. All of the contestants had a good showing at the triathlon. "That's what I'm talkin' bout," said Culleton.*



Jolly good show, mate~ *Father Wosman chuckles at his fortieth birthday party after he realizes that the cup isn't big enough for him. "I appreciate what everyone had to say,"said Fr. Wosman.*





Stone Cold goes vertical~*John Kaestner plays Stone Cold Steve Austin at the pep rally. Stone Cold had a strong showing, but the Griffin prevailed. "That was a fluke; that piece of trash won't get away with that next time," Said John.*

Something in the air

by Dave Seithel

What was *your* favorite part of Spirit Week? The answers varied between freshmen and seniors.

"Spirit Week was groovy because we got to dress up differently every day," said Freshman Dan Terveer. Starting on Monday the 27th, there was a Liturgy. Tuesday's festivities included Toga Day and the Eating Triathlon. "Spirit Week was sweeeet! Toga Day was my favorite," said Junior J. Guy Kehoe. Other Griffins held different views about the events on Tuesday. "I don't see how anyone could eat those jalapenos. That was disgusting," said Freshman Matt Kuse.

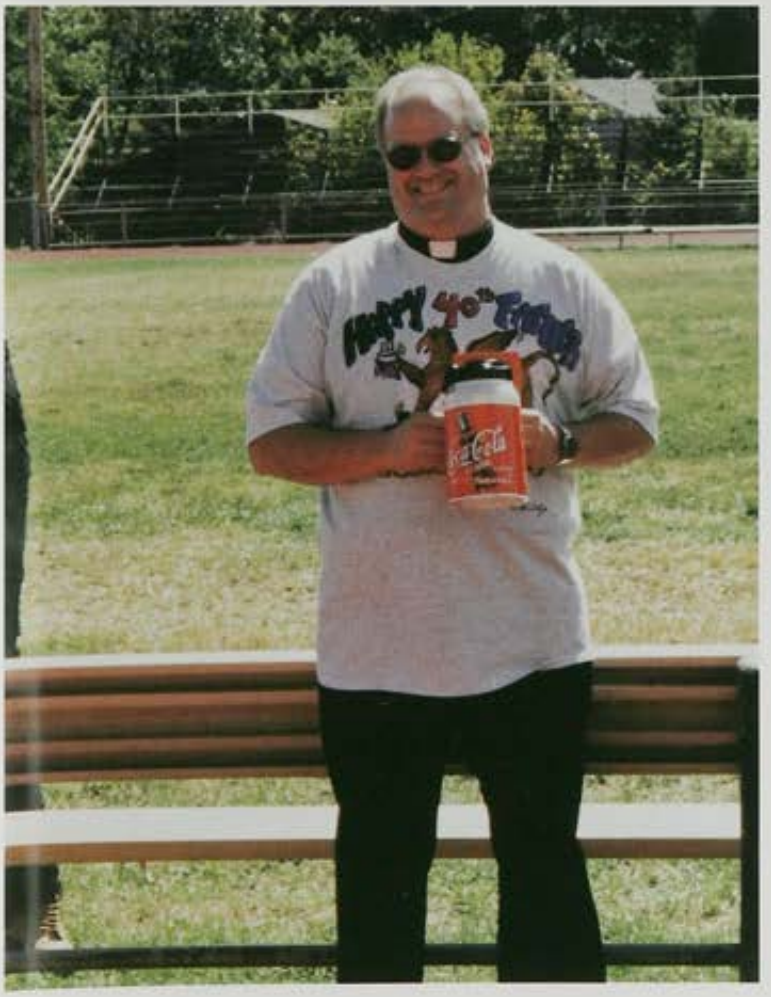
Wednesday was interesting as the Griffins sported their black in support of Fr. Wosman's 40th birthday. On Thursday, some of the finest Hawaiian shirts and leis came out of the closet for Hawaiian Day. Last, but certainly not least, was the awesome Black and Gold day on Friday. There was a tremendous pep rally featuring Jeff and Thom from "The Point." "The best thing about Spirit Week was the pep rally. I liked the part when the Griffin beat the two DeSmet guys," said Freshman Tim McManemy.

Whether it was stuffing your face or watching the stuffing get knocked out of our DeSmet look-alikes, Spirit Week was something to remember.

Monday~Dress up
Tuesday~Toga
Wednesday~Wear Black
Thursday~Hawaiian
Friday~Black & Gold



No, It's not Animal House~ *Tom Pfuhl, Dave Martorano and Matt Brayfield show their senior nobility. They later went to the coliseum for entertainment. "Everyone loved the idea about the toga because it's low cash," said Pfuhl.*



Getting in the Spirit

by Greg Gaudet

We dressed in Barney pajamas, we dressed in gold chains and looked like gangsters, and finally we dressed in school colors on Black and Gold Day. It was "Old School" Winter Spirit Week and the Vianney family was going crazy in the depths of the cold winter. This was the first year that we had a Winter Spirit Week in recent memory. It may not have lasted long, but it sure was fun.

Wednesday was pajama day. Some brave Griffins dressed in Ninja Turtle pajamas, and there were other students that made fools out of themselves by wearing robes and fuzzy slippers.

Thursday turned out to be the favorite day for just about everyone. Students broke out their retro '80's clothes and dusted off their gold chains to look like authentic old-school rappers.

Friday concluded Spirit Week in the traditional manner with a Black and Gold day. This is the day when students get the craziest and most excited, not only for the shortened school day, but also for the pep rally at the end of the day. At the rally, Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Borkowski had target practice with moving trash cans. It also featured many pies to the face and a gym filled with Griffin sprit.

"Since the fall sprit week was such a success, the student council decided to try a winter sprit week," said Mr. McCarthy. "It turned out to be a success."

Unfortunately, the dance was canceled on Saturday due to bad weather. "It was disappointing to find out it was canceled because the dances are always so much fun," said Bryan McMahan. Despite the canceled dance, Winter Sprit Week was a success, and set a precedent for years to come.

Beauty mask~ *Tony Hartman andBryan Martin will try any means to look good. "Oh man, I got pie in my face. It was a great week," said Martin.*

My turn!~ *Mr. Borkowski gets his revenge for all of the times the students were tardy. "Spirit Week involves everyone. This is one way to let the students know we participate," said Mr. Borkowski.*







Dirty deeds done dirt cheap~ *Tom Schwartz and Dan Mueller rock out on their air guitars. "Spirit Week is about having a good time ," said Schwartz.*



And the band played on~ *The Vianney band adds spirit to the winter pep rally. "We put the 'eek' in Spirit Week," said sophomore band member Tom O'Connell.*



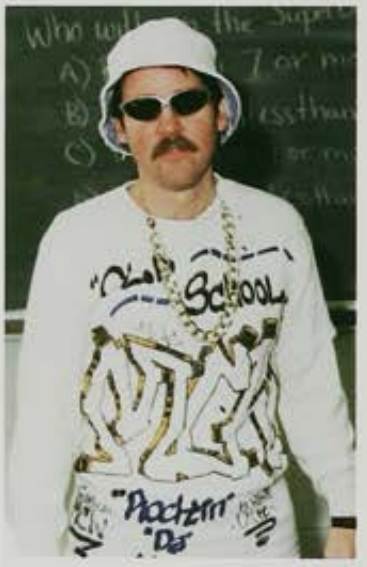


Firing range~ *Coach Borkowski and Coach Gladstone fire their guns at the pep rally. "I HATE TRASH CANS!" said Coach Gladstone.*

Mopping up~ *Adam Byrne cleans mats in the gym after some pie throwing. "It's a dirty job, but someone's got to do it," said Adam.*







Kickin' it 'Ol' School'~ *Mr. Charlie Walsh prepares to rap his lesson for the day. "I'm just keeping it real," said Mr. Walsh.*

Hey! Where's the cream filling?~ *Sean Culleton dresses Mr. Quante in pie. "The pep rallies sometimes lacked some organization, but overall, we had good spirit," said Culleton.*

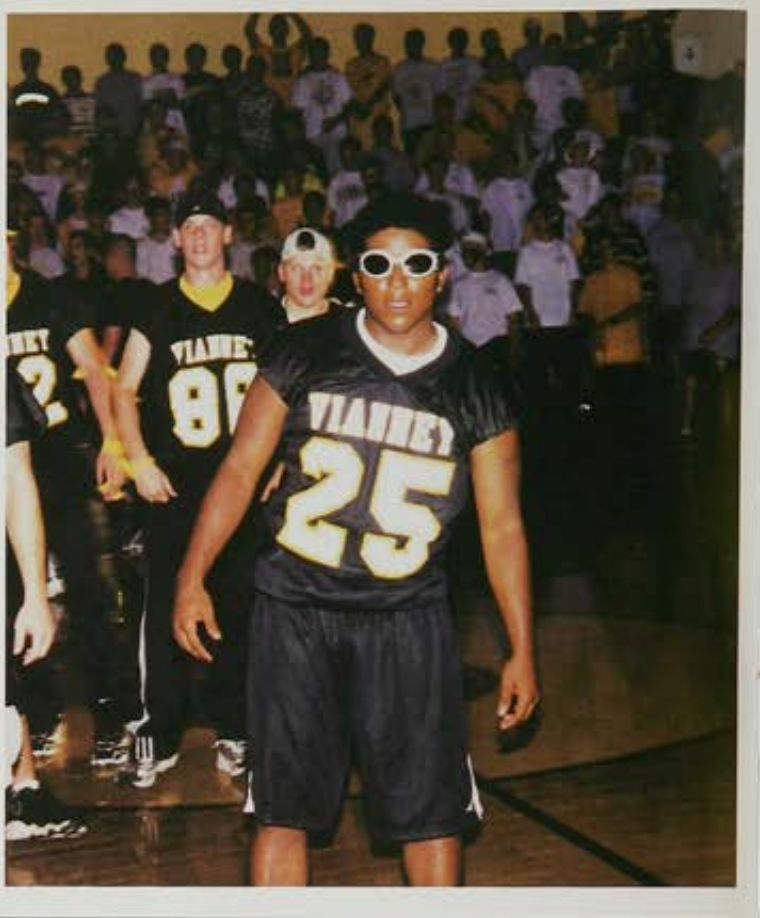
Showing our colors

by Nick Roth and Pat O'Neill

Black! Gold! Black! Gold! Black! Gold! The band was jamming and the crowds were rocking in the stands at the pep rallies all year. Black and Gold days were a chance for students to kick back, relax, have fun with friends, and support their fellow Griffin athletes.

Students would stop at nothing to make these days memorable. They would decorate the halls with black and gold streamers and balloons. They would paint their faces and wear outrageous clothing from Value Village. Senior Nick Eckstein even drove around town with gold paper covering his truck reading "Vianney Griffins" with pictures of a griffin on the grill.

These days will never be forgotten. Whether it be visits from Jeff, Trish, and Tom from "The Point" morning show or John Kaestner playing the role of Stone Cold, Black and Gold days were a special part of the Vianney experience.



Where Am I?~ *Senior Floyd Blackwell gives a blank stare to the camera through his psychedelic sports goggles at the fall pep rally. Floyd played tailback for the 3-6 varsity football team. " Playing varsity football was a dream of mine. I was proud to fulfill that dream for Vianney," said Floyd.*

Pep Rally Highlights:

1) Vianney Royal Rumble

2) Jeff and Tom from "The Point" morning show

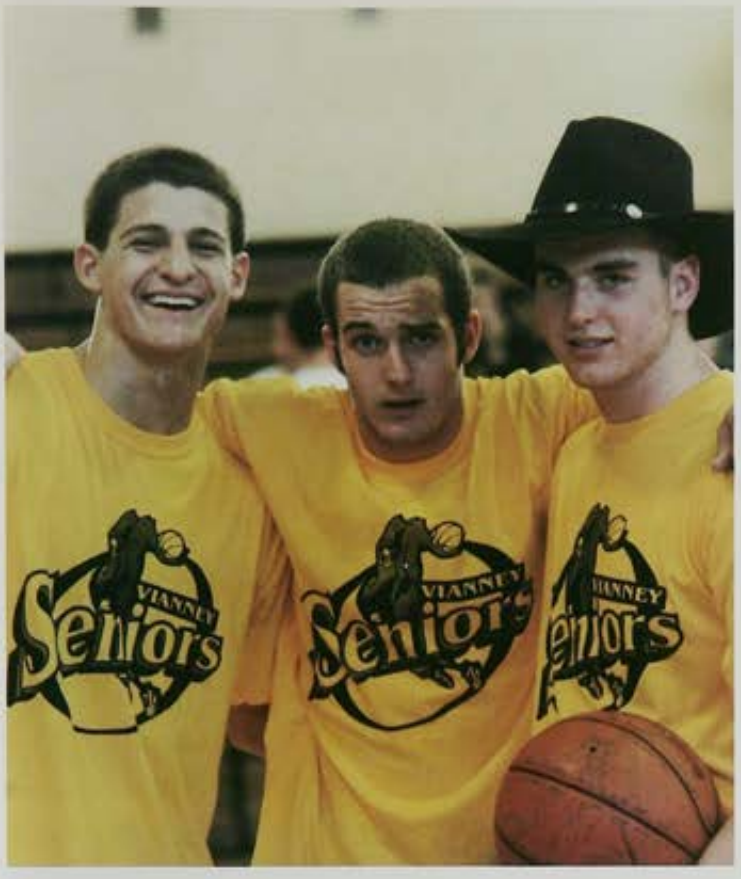
3) Free Family Values and 311 tickets

4)Free CDs from "The Point"

5) Senior/Faculty Basketball Game



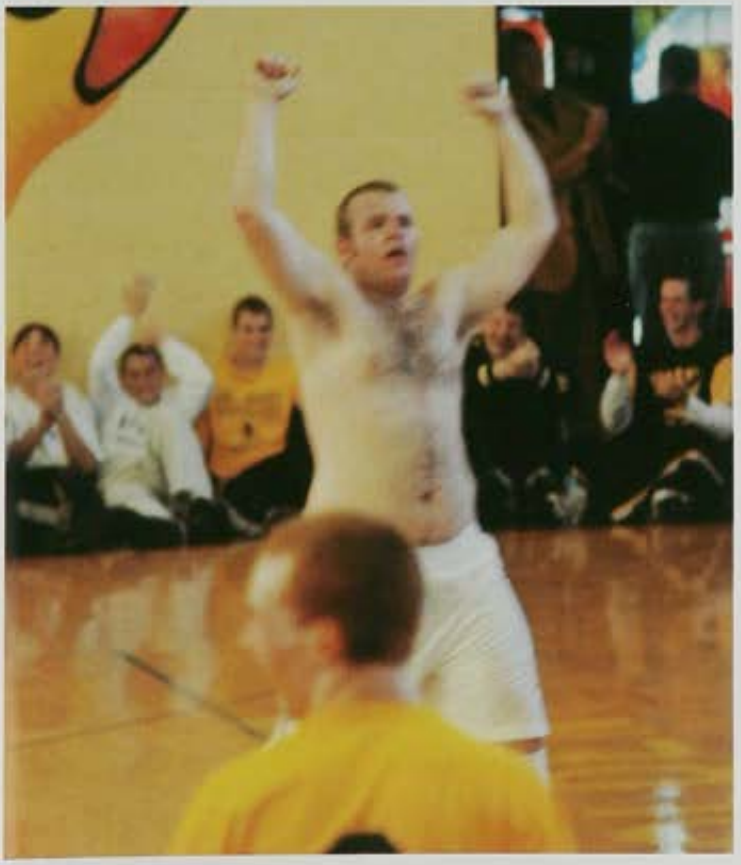
The Man Behind the Mask~ *Senior Tom Schwartz gets a little excited during the Homecoming pep rally as the band provided jams for the crowd. Tom is the first chair trombone in the concert band and has played trombone all four of his years here. "Look at this face. Does this look like the face of a sane person to you?" asked Tom.*



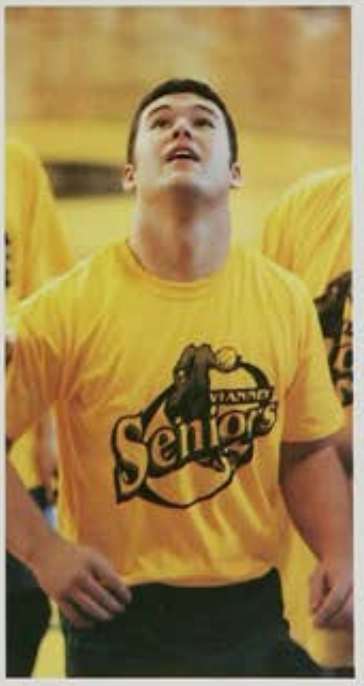
Let's Get Ready To Rumble~ *Chris Rocchio, John Kaestner, and Justin Kleffner prepare for battle in the annual senior/ faculty basketball game. The seniors put up a good battle, but Joe Pecaut was too much to handle as the faculty ended up on top. "Gimme a 2x4. It's time to rumble," said Justin as he prepared to take on the faculty.*

Pretty Fly for a White Guy~ *Junior Chris Jeep tries to keep the "sun" out of his eyes during lunch on the first Black and Gold day of the year. "Black and Gold days are always so much fun and so interesting because everytime there's always someone who has a new and crazy idea," said Chris.*









Tough Stuff~ *Nick Eckstein shows off his decorating skills on his '79 Bronco truck on the first Black and Gold day. Nick got to create his own parking spot by the gym to show off his work. "I was gonna use spray paint, but I thought it might look tacky," said Nick.*

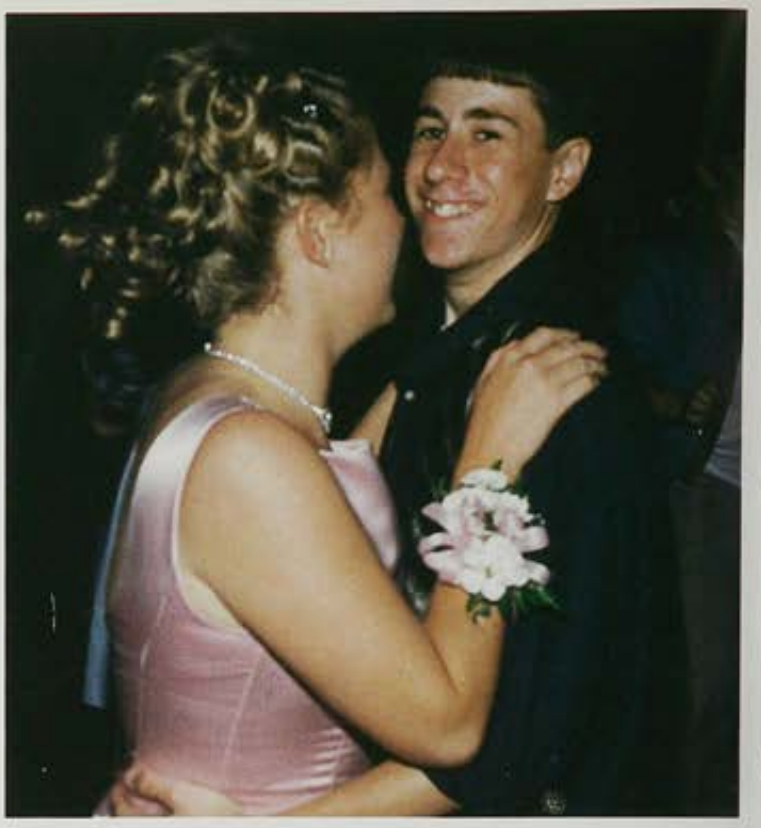
Caught Flat-Footed ~ *Senior Josh Bodine prepares to grab a rebound in the warm-ups of the senior/faculty basketball game at the winter pep rally. Josh received the MVP award for the game for being able to breathe throughout the game in his short shorts. "Joe Pecaut, eat your heart out. Your glow-in-the-dark headband is nothing compared to my short green shorts," said Josh.*

Put It On~ *Senior Bryan McMahan shows us more than a few moves at the senior/ faculty basketball game. Before the crowd could settle down from Bryan's hairy chest, faculty member Craig Maxwell dropped his sweats and struck fear in the hearts of all. "Am I a sexy man or what? Things were going badly for us seniors so I had to try something to turn the tables," said Bryan.*

Stayin' Alive Baby~ *Tim Peniston, Mike Schwent, Joel Spalding, and Jeremy Ahlmeyer all had a great time at the dance. "We were just groovin' to the music and havin' a great time," said Peniston.*



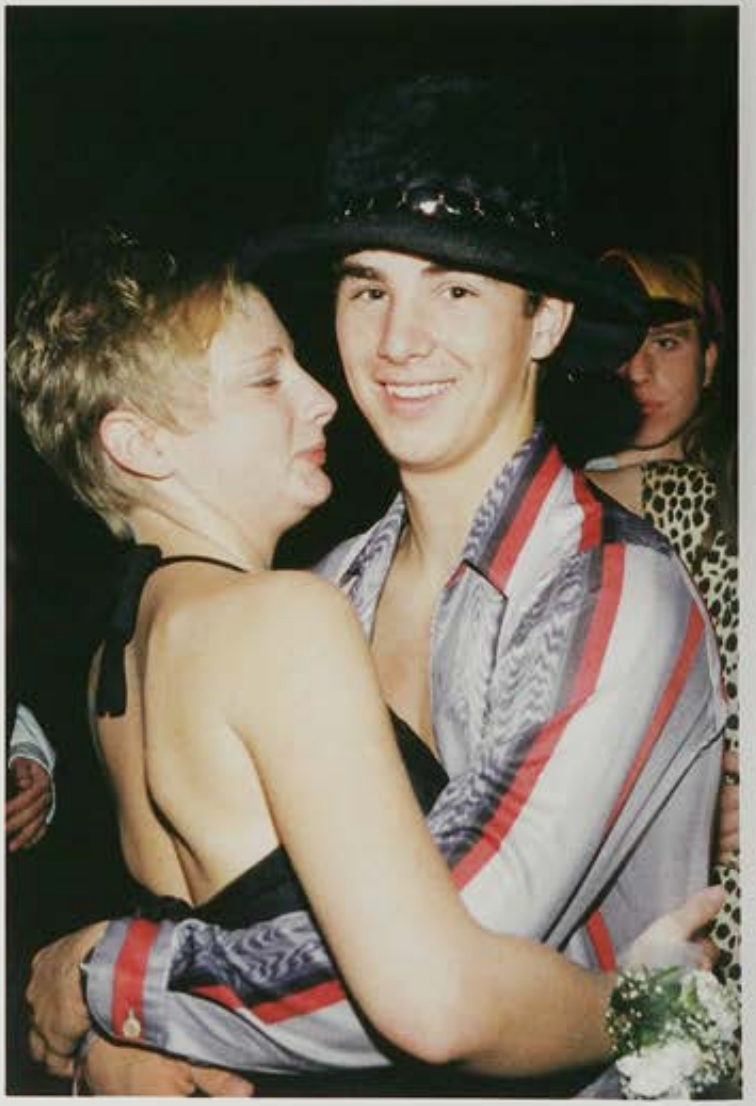
Pretty In Pink~ *Pat Walsh's nameless girlfriend hides from the camera while he looks on proudly.*





Why are we here again?~ *Kelly Borlinghaus and her friend Sarah drew a lot of attention at homecoming despite losing their dates. "I'll make a quote on the one in the blue," said Jeff Najbart.*

Cuddling Up~ *Senior Mike Schwent pulls his girlfriend, Dani Simpher, a little closer for a slow dance. "We were trying to snuggle but the camera wouldn't leave us alone," said Mike.*





Stayin' alive ninety-nine

by Rick Schimpf and Ed Lanfer

Lava lamps, black lights, incense burners, and eight tracks. These once forgotten trinkets of the 70s all came rushing back at Homecoming.

Despite a loss to DeSmet on Friday, a fantastic time was had by all on Saturday at the Homecoming dance. With a theme like "Stayin' Alive", you knew it would be a wild time. Many Griffins and their dates looked the part with their afros, platform shoes, and bell bottoms.

Everyone from seniors to freshmen showed up for a peachy keen time. "Homecoming was delicious fun except for the whole part where my date left me," said Freshman Dave Seithel. Some though felt differently. "My date stayed with me the whole time, but she was really annoying," said Senior Jon Phillips.

People boogied to everything from Vanilla Ice to The Village People. Some were even so bold as to break dance. "Break dancing is the ultimate," said Tom Schwartz.

The hits kept coming and so did the fun. Everyone had an unforgettably groovy night.

Swankin' *~ Chris Hartman and Lea Sanders enjoy the best Homecoming yet. They are taking a quick break in the action to grab a soda. "That was definitely the most swank night ever," said Chris.*





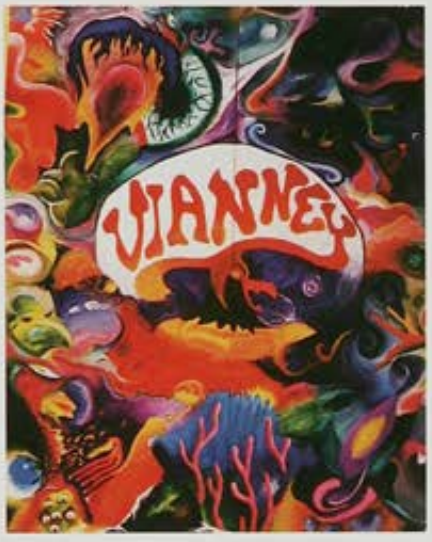
No Relation *~ Lauren and Nick Beck tear up on the dance floor. "We're not related," said Nick. The tests are still pending.*

Group Hug *~ Seniors Floyd Blackwell, Mike Schnieders, Ryan Wagner, Joe Walker, and dates pull it together for a quick photo. "My date was fine; we had a good time," said Blackwell.*

Putting in a bid

by Tom O'Connell

Thanks to the nearly seventy student volunteers and hours spent by adults, this year's "Night of the Griffin" Auction was a huge success. Everyone working from coat check to clean-up made the "check-writers" all the more at ease. The auction included everything from sports equipment and TVs to jewelry. There was even a pool table and a bike. However, our proceeds would not have been as impressive if it weren't for some of the big money items. By far, the biggest money-makers of the night were the heavily advertised Backstreet Boys tickets. They went for almost $6,000. The bout for the sought-after tickets was between the Voorhees' and the Haar's. The Voorhees' came out on top of the pile with the tickets.



The school plans to use the proceeds to repair the aged electrical system. With the new computer lab, and possibly another new lab next year, such renovation is at the top of the list. Of course, the school wouldn't be anywhere if it weren't for the countless donations given by members of the Vianney family. Whether the donations were time, money, or material items, Vianney says, "Thank you!" Without the help of many people, the "Night of the Griffin" Auction would not have been a success.



Decked out~ *It was a shining night for Vianney at the "Night of the Griffin" Auction. "I've never seen the school so clean before," said sophomore Tom O'Connell.*

Nice bowtie~ *Mark Zieres, Matt McDermott, and Tim Peniston look elegant as they serve the tables. "It was fun and I got some good tips," said Mark.*





Hmmmm~ *Mr. Borkowski decides between the numerous gifts. "The auction is an opportunity to socialize with the parents on a different social level versus a professional atmosphere," said Mr. Borkowski.*



May I take your order?~ *Mr. Klutho has a conversation with Mr. and Mrs. Granda at the college booth.*



$1,000,000 smile~ *Carrie Nichols, William Smith, and Jennifer Smith are all smiles. "The mothers worked really hard on the baskets and did a very nice job as did all of the volunteers," said Mrs. Smith.*

Pick your sport~ *The "Night of the Griffin" Auction boasted quite an assortment of sporting goods. "Man, I wish I had some money," said junior Anthony Granda.*







Under inspection~ *Mrs. Jenny Hartman inspects the progress of the auction. She was the chair person of this year's "Night of the Griffin" Auction.*

Sold!!!~ *Chris Hartman has disco fever as he indicates a buyer at the auction. "When the money's rollin' in, it's a good night for everybody," said Chris.*

The boys' night on the town

by Michael Bradley

As a boy starts growing older and matures, he tends to look to role models to guide his choices and personality. Some choose pro athletes, while others look to their dads. Vianney students were able to enjoy both of these aspects at this year's Father-Son Banquet. Trent Green, who is not only a fellow Griffin, but a gifted and talented professional athlete, was the main speaker.

While Green did answer many questions concerning the Rams and football in general, he also openly described the importance of the Vianney family and the influence of his father while he was growing up. He encouraged the students to develop good relationships with their fathers, and even extended this to siblings as he praised his older brother Troy for his strong influence on him. Besides Green's speech and question/answer session, the fathers and sons also enjoyed an appetizing dinner and socialized with friends. Overall, the banquet was a great time for the students to "bond" with their dads, and some students even left a little richer after winning one of the many attendance prizes.

Who's the favorite son?~ *John and Steve Grana enjoy some quality bonding time with their dad. "It was a good time and a great way to spend some time with my father," said John.*

Hangin' with pops~ *Senior Matt Brayfield shares a moment with his dad at the banquet. "I had a good time with my dad and enjoyed hearing Trent Green come back and speak to us," said Matt.*

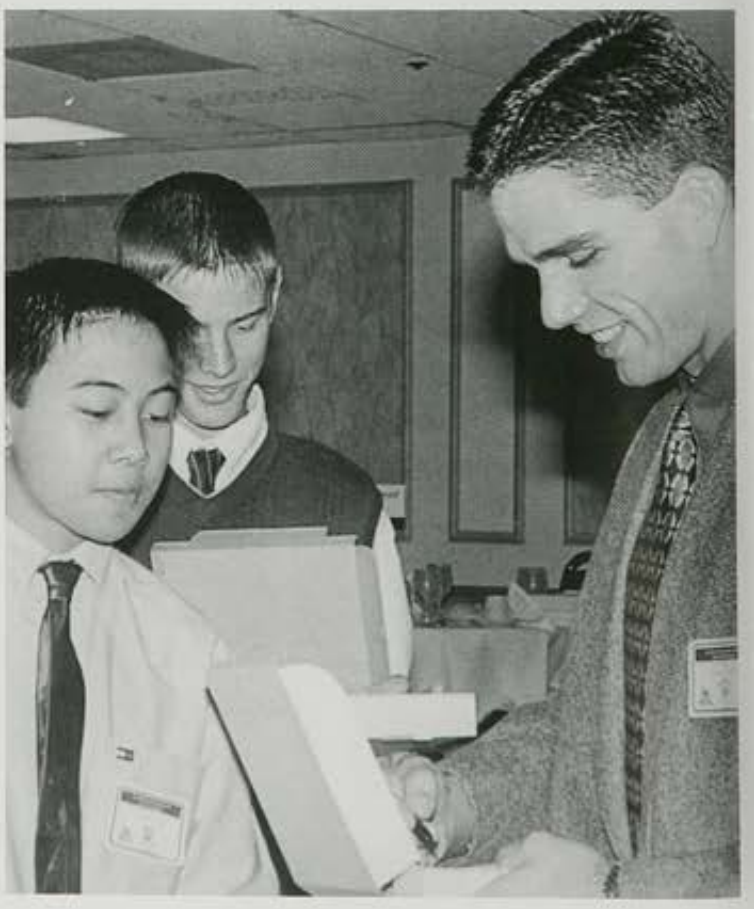






Pearly whites~ *Steve Longo and his dad enjoy a good laugh during dinner. "As always, the Father-Son Banquet was a success. I love it every year," said Steve.*

What's he doin' to my clock? ~ *Sophomore Mark Peralta gazes at his clock as Trent Green autographs it. "It was great meeting Trent Green. I'm looking forward to next year," said Mark.*



Boogying down with mom

By Jonathan Higgs

The Mother-Son Dinner Dance was held at the Orlando Gardens Banquet Center on Saturday, March 11, 2000. There were 310 mothers and sons that attended this year, almost a hundred more than in 1999. The host for the evening was Sam Orlando, whose sons attended Vianney High School. The evening began at 6:30 with drinks and hors d'oevres. Karen Bodine, who organized the evening, and Mr. Keller extended a warm greeting to everyone in attendance. Father Cahill led the prayer before dinner and also asked each son to lean over and kiss his mother before they ate. At 7:30 P.M., dinner began.

After dinner, the dancing began. The music had been quietly playing up until it was dance time, but "Weekend Mobile DJ's" really cranked it up when it was time to dance. Later Chris Rocchio and Jon Hansen, along with several others, were seen dancing in unison on the bar. The DJ played one song that was specifically dedicated to the seniors and their mothers, and then he chose another for the juniors and their moms.

The dance was not over until 11:30 P.M., and many of the people attending stayed until the end. Knowing that it had been a special night, everyone left slowly. "It was just awesome," said Karen Bodine when asked how she felt about the evening. "It was just so great to see so many boys and their mothers having a wonderful time together!" The mothers took home a memento of the evening in the form of a goblet etched with the date and event. The sons took home a much appreciated T-shirt that accurately described the evening: "I survived the Vianney Mother-Son Dinner Dance."



A hilarious time! *~ Jon Hansen laughs while dancing with his mom. "I just had a great time," said Jon.*



Gettin' Jiggy With It!!~ *Dave Martorano parties down with Mrs. Martorano. "I just liked shaking my booty with my mom," said Dave.*





Showing off his moves~ *Chris Rocchio displays the dance moves he learned from his mother, the woman in the background. "I saw Rocchio dancing on tables," said Nate Rakel.*

Last Dance~ *T.J. Powers slow dances with his mom. "It was amazing, so many moms can move better than their sons," said T.J.*

We can make a difference

by Joe Havermann

Conference Day is one example of what makes Vianney unique. Its goal is to motivate students to lead healthier lives and encourage positive leadership. This year's theme was "Y2JC: We can make a difference." While most schools educate their students solely in academic and athletic areas, Vianney strives to mold its students into well-rounded individuals.

"Conference Day is an alternative learning experience that looks at the holistic aspect of our lives," said Joe Pecaut, Campus Minister. Students were able to pick from a variety of different sessions that examined various factors affecting teenagers today. After Mr. Fran Kick riled up the student body with his motivational address, Griffins went to sessions on dating, disabilities, sexually transmitted diseases, tolerance towards other races, AIDS, and faith. "My favorite session was the one Doc did called 'Marijuana and the Law.' He made it interesting and relevant to our lives," said senior Glenn Frei.

To end the day, students returned to the gym to hear a memorable speech by Kelly Garrity, the Campus Minister at Washington University's Newman Center. Conference Day gave students a chance to re-examine their attitudes and shape themselves into better people.



Hot off the rack!~ *Pete Baumgartner and Andrew Bakai rush to get the new Conference Day shirts. "It's always nice to get a sweet T-shirt," said Andrew.*



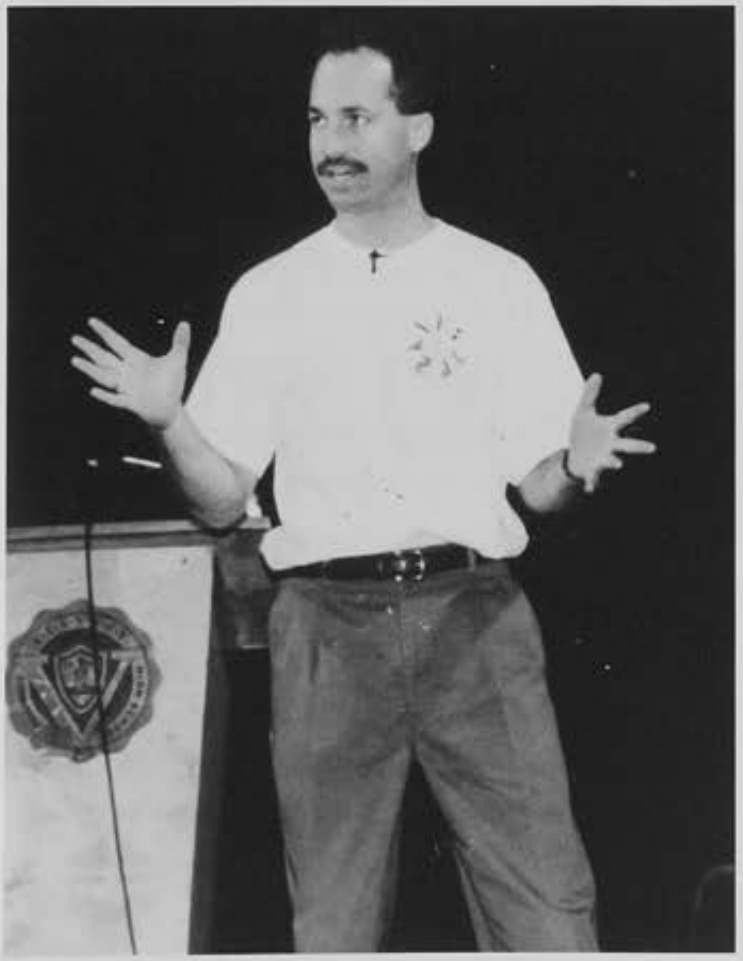
Problem, Dr. Simpson?~ *Mr. Borkowski, Dr. Simpson, and Joe Puleo demonstrate the dangers of drinking and driving.*

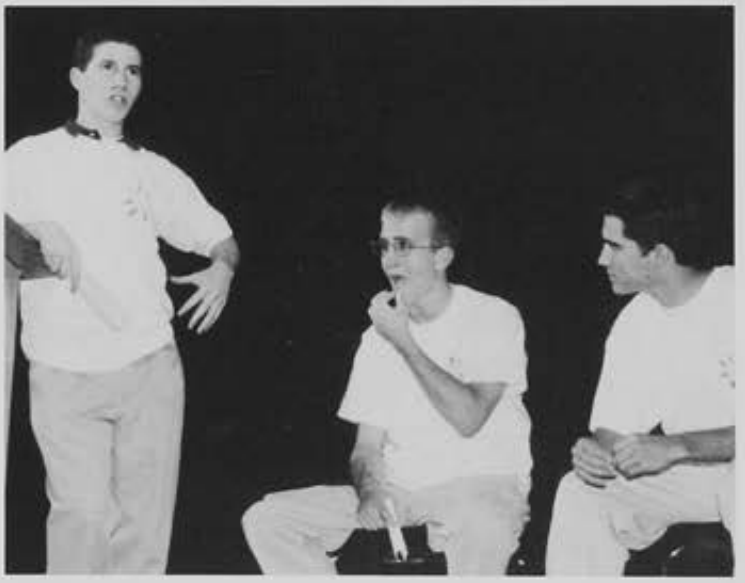


Boogie Down~ *Dr. Simpson performs a song and dance for the crowd. Doc's presentation on the dangers of alcohol and other drug abuse was one of the most popular sessions on Conference Day. "Doc did a tremendous job," said junior Anthony Granda.*

Oh, they're dreamy!~ *Girls from area high schools discuss dating with a group of Vianney students. "It was an interesting session. I learned a lot about women that I never knew before," said Steve Campbell.*







When I say....~ *Fran Kick leads everybody in a group clap during the Conference Day "Kick" off. "He did a good job getting things kicking,'" said Junior Bill Jackson.*

What should I say?~ *Senior Matt Brayfield ponders what he is going to say before a big crowd. "I thought Conference Day both this year and sophomore year were ways for all of us to get together and unite for one purpose," said Matt.*

Governor speaks to students

by Dave Bleitner

In April, Vianney was honored with a visit from Governor Mel Carnahan. He came for many reasons, such as encouraging teens to get involved in politics, supporting active participation in our government, and gaining support for his run at the Senate.

The students asked the governor prearranged questions, instead of the Governor giving a speech. Many of the issues discussed affect high school students directly. Gov.Carnahan renewed his stance on school vouchers, saying that he "opposed them for private and parochial schools." He said he wanted "availability of education to everyone" and wanted to "raise the quality of all schools."

The governer also explained his plans for tighter restrictions for drunk driving and plans to stop race and age profiling. School violence and gun control were also covered. He is interested in prevention rather than punishment for school violence. He remarked that people need to "share danger-signs" and get help to people who need it. He also explained his view on gun control. He believes restictions at gun shows, trigger locks, and a new concealed weapon law are all steps to create a safer society.

The death pentaly was discussed at length. He gave a very detailed description of the events surrounding Pope John Paul II's request of "mercy for one person," killer Darrell Mease. Although he lifted the sentence of Mease, he maintained his support for the death penalty. As far as his power to pardon convicts sentenced to death, he said, "It's an awful thing for any one individual to have the power to cause an execution togoahead or to stay with it."

It was an special opprotunity to interact with the Governer and ask him questions about how and why important decisions are made that affect our everyday lives.



Parting the hallways~ *Mr. Kilcullen and Mr. Maxwell escort the Governor to the cafe between classes.*





Read my lips~ *Governor Carnahan speaks to the press outside of school after meeting with the students.*

Millennium, Super Bowl, et cetera



A question from the audience~ *Governor Carnahan fields a question from Senior Devin McCart. "It was a once in a lifetime opportunitythat day," said Devin.*

by Bill Wangles

The year 2000 outside Vianney brought about a year of championships, custody battles, and of course, a new century.

The biggest sports story of the year would have to have been the Rams' fairy tale season. Early in the preseason, the Rams looked strong with Vianney graduate Trent Green at quarterback, but after a season-ending injury, the Rams would have to look elsewhere for a championship quarterback. With more doubters than believers, the Rams' season looked bleak after they brought in a no-name player for the posistion, Kurt Warner. Yet, much to everyone's surprise, he went on to become the year's MVP and lead the Rams to a 16-3 season, not to mention a Super Bowl victory. After the season was over, the head coach, Dick Vermeil, retired after bringing home the Lombardi Trophy.

In other sports news, Florida State brought home the college football title, while Michigan State brought home the NCAA Basketball championship. The Yankees won the World Series *again*, and Mark McGwire once again topped Sammy Sosa with 65 home runs.

In one of the biggest international custody battles of all time, five- year-old Elian Gonzalez was in the middle of a tug of war between the United States and Cuba. After being rescued from a Cuban refugee boat that sank with his mother aboard, he was brought to the U.S. and was allowed to live with relatives until his father came to take him back.

With close to 2 million people, three tons of confetti, 8,000 police officers, 14 arrests, 130,000 free souvenirs, one very expensive ball, 48 bomb threats-- all of them hoaxes-- and one very happy mayor, New York's Times Square was the U.S.' place to be on New Year's Eve. However, it was not the only party happening; there were massive celebrations in almost every country for the beginning of this new century.

Muscially, hip-hop took control of most of the stereos of Vianney, especially with artists like Dr.Dre, Eminem, and Jay-Z dominating the radio waves as well as MTV. Nevertheless, alternative was still a favorite choice of a fair amount of students. Bands such as Limp Bizkit, Korn, Red Hot Chili Peppers, and Beastie Boys were also being blasted from car stereos in the parking lot. Teen heartthrobs like Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, and N'SYNC took in their fair share of Vianney as well, although most did not admit it.

American Beauty was the film to see after taking home five Oscars, including Best Picture. With mind-blowing visual effects *The Matrix*, a Vianney student favorite, also took home four Academy Awards.

LIfe outside Vianney once againproved very interesting.





We are the champions....of the world!~ *The city rejoices for the Rams as one of the players dances on the back of his truck. Coach Dick Vermeil enjoyed a ride in the A-B wagon.*

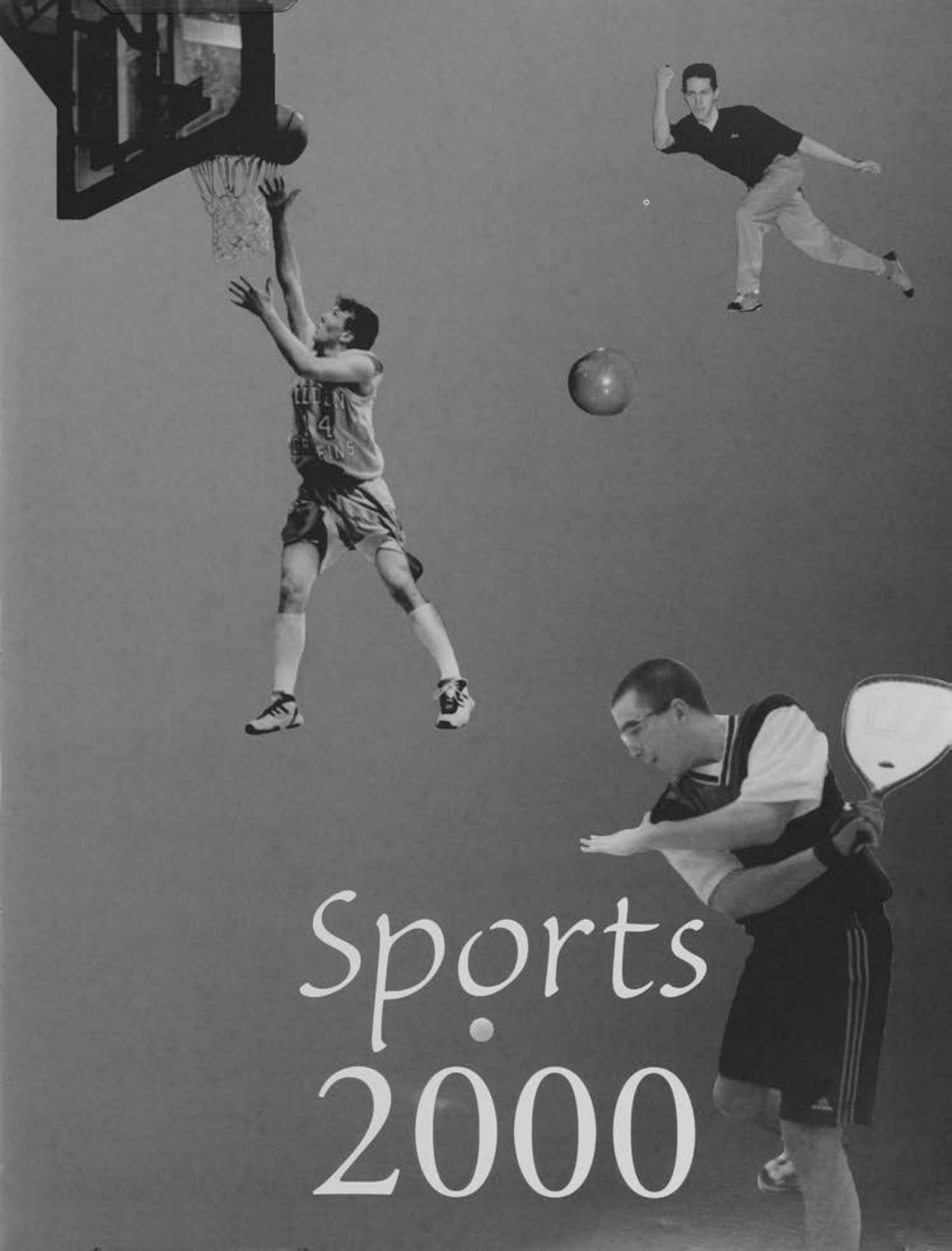


Jerry!Jerry!Jerry!~ *Vianney students Greg Oberbeck, Kevin Roach, Nick Riek, and Matt Unger hang out with Jerry Springer and Steve during their Spring Break.*


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Sports 2000



John Kaestner- "We had more talent than everyone thought, but we lacked size and speed."



Dave Martorano- "Someone go to the trainer's office."



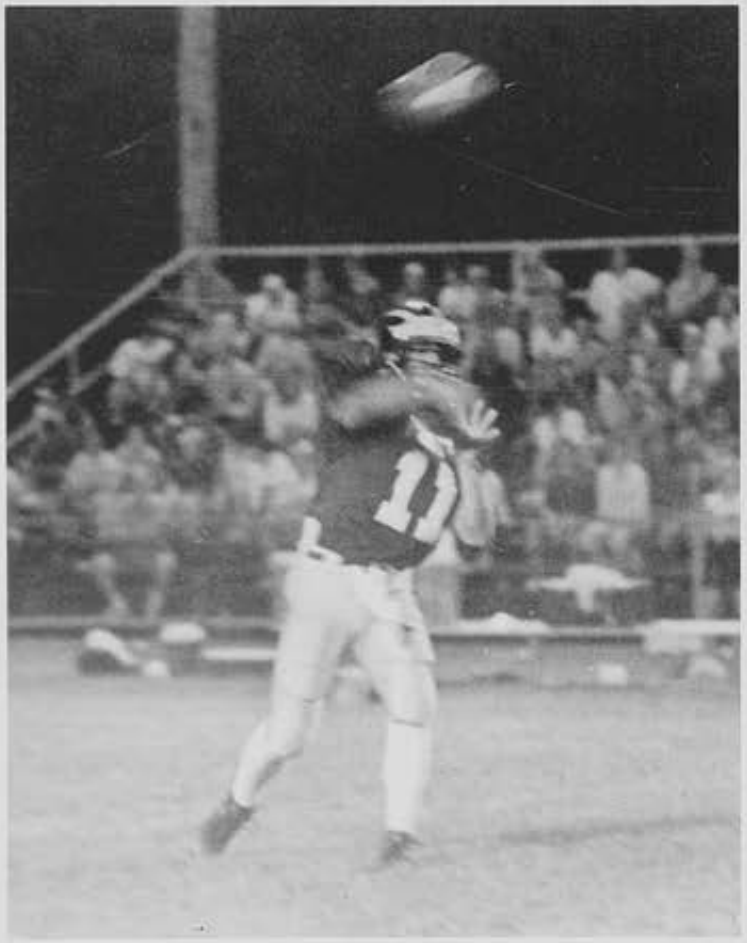
Nate Micheal-"Let's get crazy." (The team said it before every kickoff.)



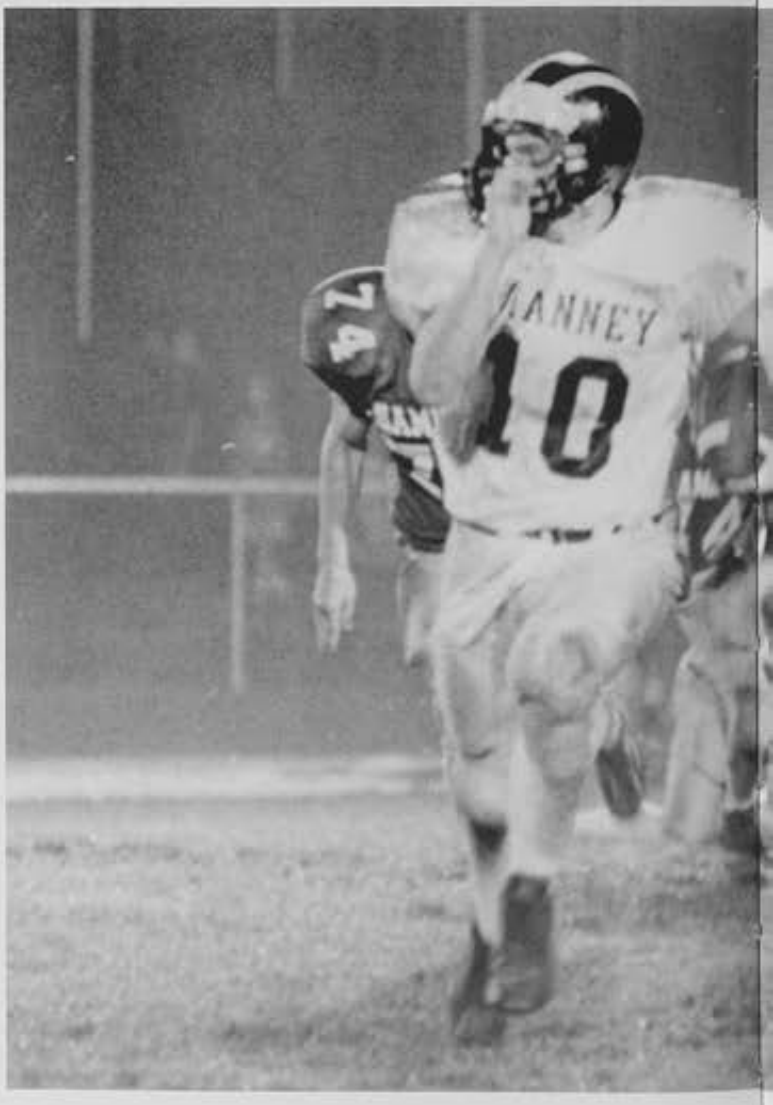
Floyd Blackwell-"It was a great year, even though we did not always win. It was my last year so I had fun".



First Row: *John Kaestner, Nick Bono, Dan Malone, Sean Culleton, Brian Sanders, Jon Higgs, and Ryan Barden* ***Second Row:*** *Steve Campbell, Dan Schiller, Carl Berger, Mick Henderson, Brandon Ortiz, Floyd Blackwell, John Vazquez, and Mike Nettemeyer.* ***Third Row:*** *Nate Michael, Justin Kleffner, Dave Martorano, Jeff Wosman, Josh Bodine, Darrik Sabada, and Chris Natsch.* ***Fourth Row:*** *Chris Steffan, Ryan Wilhite, J.Guy Kehoe, Steve Emmett, Matt Fuhr, Nick Riordan, Sam Digregorio, and Chris Rocchio.* ***Fifth Row:*** *Kyle McDermott, Joe Scotino, Justin Roth, Seamus Gilligan, Charles Franz, Steve Longo, Chris Johnson, Bryan McMahan, and Dave Bleitner.* ***Sixth Row:*** *Coach Martel, Coach Blakemore, Coach Stevison, Coach Diffley, and Coach Gladstone.*



Bombs away~ *Chris Natsch attempts the pass against SLUH. They went on to lose the game. "Even though the season was rough, it was fun. It was also a great learning experience for the younger guys," Natsch added.*



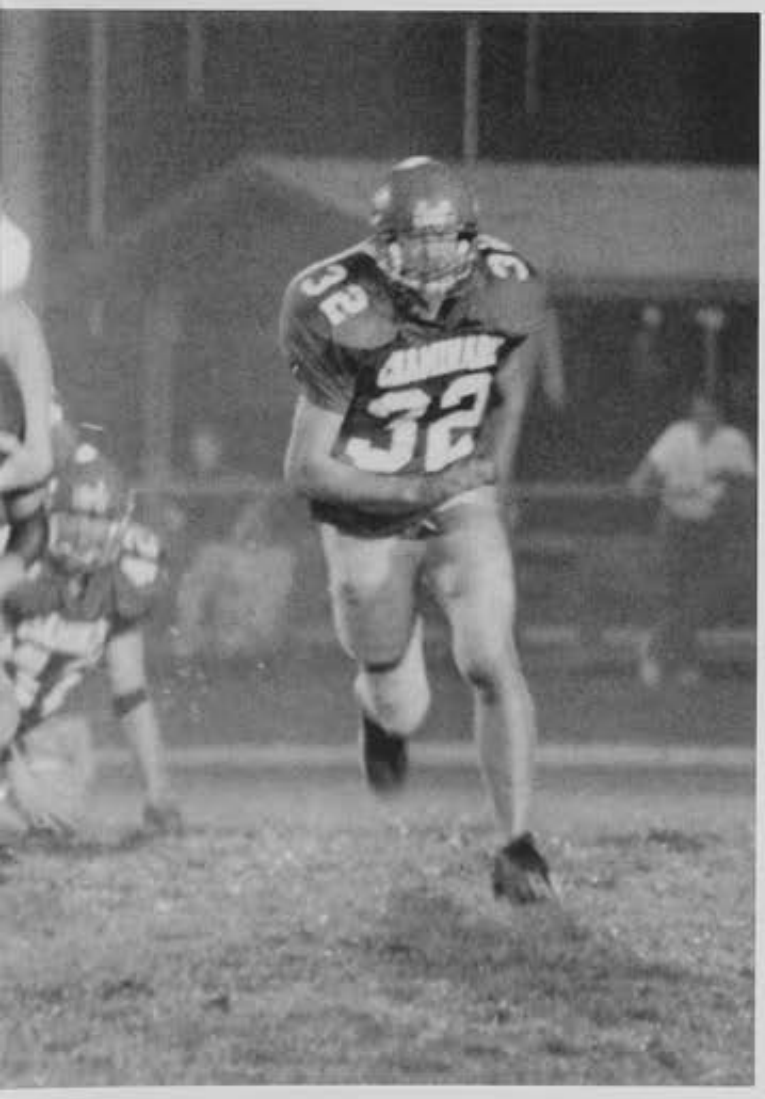
Run Matt, run!~ *Matt Fuhr scatters from Chaminade defenders. They defeated Chaminade 6-0. "Running for my life, as big juices chase me, I try to score a touchdown," commented Matt Fuhr.*



Get Out of My Way!~ *Justin Kleffner and Sean Culleton prepare to destroy the offense. The team finished with a 3-7 record. "I think if there were not so many injuries, we could have been better," said Culleton.*

Down! Set!~ *The offensive line gets ready to blow SLUH's defensive line off of the ball. The offensive line, though they were small, played big this year. "We had a really tight team, and we were really close. It was a fun year, but I wish we could have done better," said Steve Campbell.*





United Force

by Jason Brockmeyer

"It is not what we had hoped for," said junior offensive lineman Jerry Cavanaugh. The Varsity football team ended the year with a 3-7 record. Despite this, the year was not without its share of team highlights and individual accomplishments.

As a team they came out on top in three games. They first defeated Lindbergh 17-14 with a comeback victory. Their second win came against Chaminade with a score of 6-0 in a strong defensive battle. Their final win came in Districts when they pounded Cape Central 20-0. "We started out the year a little rusty, but as we moved on and molded as a team, we became more successful, said junior defensive back Mick Henderson.

SCOREBOARD

Vianney	10	Fox	28
Vianney	1	Lindbergh	14
Vianney	0	CBC	55
Vianney	7	SLUH	42
Vianney	7	DeSmet	28
Vianney	6	Chaminade	0
Vianney	16	Borgia	17
Vianney	14	Jackson	35
Vianney	20	Cape Cen.	0
Vianney	7	Poplar Bluff	27

There were two specific individuals that stood out. Junior tight end/ defensive end Steve Campbell made first team all-conference for defensive end and second team for tight end. He had seven sacks, recovered three fum-bles, and was second on the team in tackling. Another standout was Sean Culleton, who made first team all-conference for the second year in a row as linebacker. "Steve and Sean were two of the most outstanding defensive players in the MCC," added Coach Gladstone.

The team also had to deal with the loss of a teammate, Darrik Sabada. Darrik passed away about halfway through the season. "I have never seen someone work so hard for what he wanted to accomplish," said junior defensive back Nick Bono. He was a great friend and will be dearly missed by all of Vianney.

Determination

by Ryan Ahillen

On a cool, calm Saturday morning, the Griffins took the field ready to play against Fort Zumwalt West. On that day something set them off; the Vianney Griffs erupted for 35 points, including two defensive scores, an interception by Matt Sikorski and a fumble recovery by Tom Detwiler.

Vianney controlled the tempo from goal line to goal line and from both sides of the ball. This proved to be a high point of the season.

The B-Griffs also won against Fox by forfeit, but we were not pleased. "Everyone was ready to put it all on the line and keep nothing back, but then they did not show," said Tom Beckett. "We had trained for three hard weeks and for them not to show was a real set back. We had been killing each other in drills that whole time, and it would have felt good to tackle someone else that day," saidTim Gilligan.

Although the record stated 2-8, it didn't reflect the hard work of the team. Even when it looked ugly, such as in the rain-soaked game against Borgia, they remained determined. This hard work and effort led to bonecrushing hits, on-the-money passes, and fascinating catches.

In the last four games the B-Griffin's defense forced countless turnovers resulting in crucial points for them. The promising close to the season held new hope for next year's varsity team.



First row: *Mike Vocker, Tom Echterhoff, Marcus Smith, Tim Gilligan, Matt Sikorski, Tim Guilfoy, Pat Scovill, and John Schaefer.* ***Second row:*** *Tony Glass, Justin Fuller, Mike Buchheit, Adam Maurath, Eric Wohlschlaeger, Nick Colicchio, and Ryan Ahillen.* ***Third row:*** *Chris Owens, Greg Irwin, Chris Hansen, Dave Minner, Steve Gloriod, Brent Jackson, Chris Hoglan, and Brandon Uhl.* ***Forth row:*** *Matt Dudley, Brandon Basler, Mike Sheppard, Pete Buncher, Mike Klosterman, Tom Beckett, and Alan Denk.* ***Fifth row:*** *Tom Vehige, Tom Detwiler, and Chris Leicht.* ***Coaches:*** *Mike Mitchell, Dave Hall, and Paul Rhame.*

SCOREBOARD

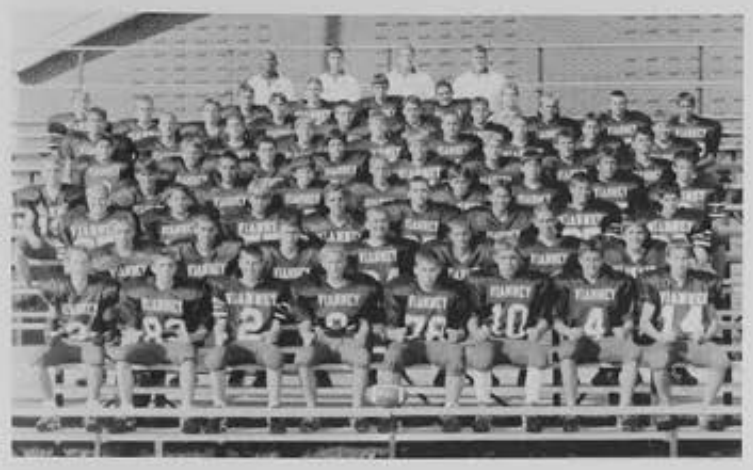
Opponent	VHS W/L
Fox	L
Lindbergh	L
CBC	L
DeSmet	L
SLUH	L
Chaminade	L
Borgia	L
Ft. Zum. W.	W
Oakville	L
DuBourg	L



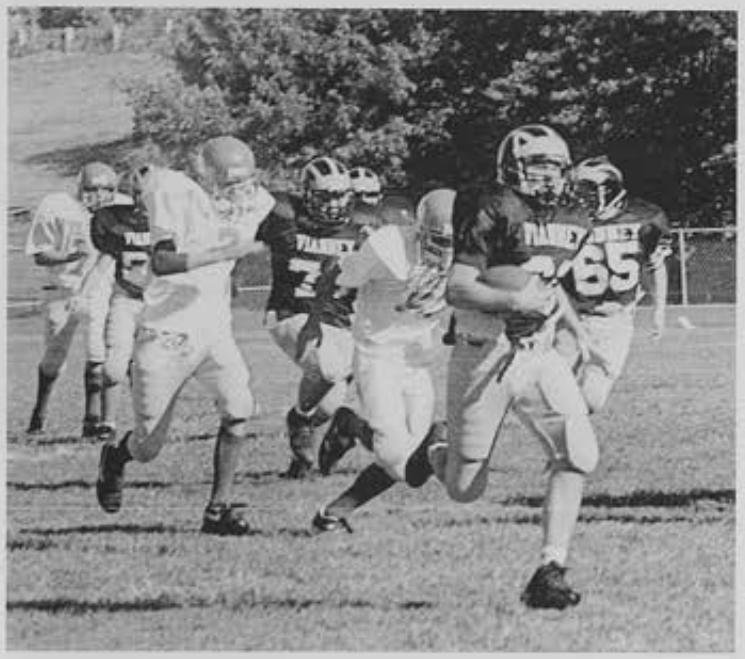
You goin' down!~ *Tim Guilfoy supervises the perfect tackle to turn over the ball. The Griffins scored a touchdownon on the next play. "That was one of the best plays I have seen this year," said Tim.*

Where're you goin'!~ *John Schaefer runs down the field to out run a warrior. The Griffins didn't come out on top this game.*





First row left to right: *Pat Self, John Bader, Kevin Wolff, Matt Kuse, Peter Suardi, John Bertram, Joe Grana, and Steffan Chikautovich.* ***Second row:*** *Ben Miller, Josh Cox, Pat Kreski, Greg Brighton, Chris Hagerty, TJ McKenna, and Ben Voges.* ***Third Row:*** *Mark Finegar, Steve Grana, Matt Kohler, Matt Brand, Tom Kramer, Brad Russell, Dan Terveer, and Joe Bleitner.* ***Fourth row:*** *Kyle Saucier, Nick Wilhelmi, Ryan Gewinner, Felix Nau, Mike Schmidt, Matt Gibson, Jason Domachowski, Joe Basler, and Ryan Monoghan.* ***Fifth row:*** *Larry Murray, Brian Brocco, Jim McGualey, George Riley, Curtis Crawford, Natham Smith, Brian Faser, and John Scott.* ***Sixth row:*** *Nick Vogt, Dave Callanan, Scott Krajacic, Neil Schulte, Mike Richars, Mark Geldmacher, Tommy Donovan, Dan Wiegner, and Tim Stecich.* ***Seventh row:*** *Casey Blood, Joe Whatton, Greg Tuholske, John White, Bruce Cook, Steve Walther, Ryan Meesey, Nate Stein, Ryan Ott, and Dave Deeken.* ***Eighth row:*** *Jim LeGrand, Dave Borchardt, Chris Roder, Phil Morales, and Scott Singer.* ***Coaches:*** *Mr. John Teliafero, Mr. Ryan Luhning, Mr. Tim Burke, and Mr. Dan Borkowski.* ***Not Available For Pictures:*** *Charlie Blume, Jamie Shea, Chris Hinds, Brian Sisk, and Luke Nienkamp.*



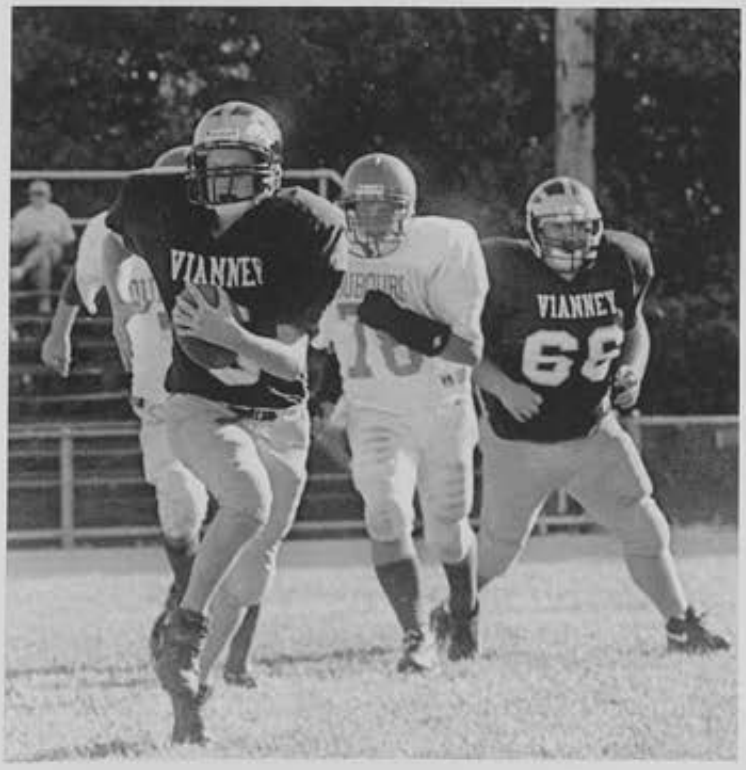
He's Going the Distance~ *Bruce Cook takes a kickoff for a touchdown against DuBourg.*

SCOREBOARD

Vianney	28	Dubourg	7
Vianney	0	CBC	14
Vianney	12	DeSmet	13
Vianney	7	SLUH	28
Vianney	6	Chaminade	0
Vianney	27	St.Mary's	12
Vianney	12	Ft.Zum.W.	7
Vianney	7	Jennings	0



The Kicker with the Golden Toe~ *Star freshman kicker Dave Borchardt begins the game with a booming kick*



Out of the way!~ *Quarterback Charlie Blume scrambles away from DuBourg for extra yards to obtain a first down. "Even though we beat them they showed great potential and good sportsman ship. But the fact still remains; we beat them severely," said Mike Richars.*

New Recruits

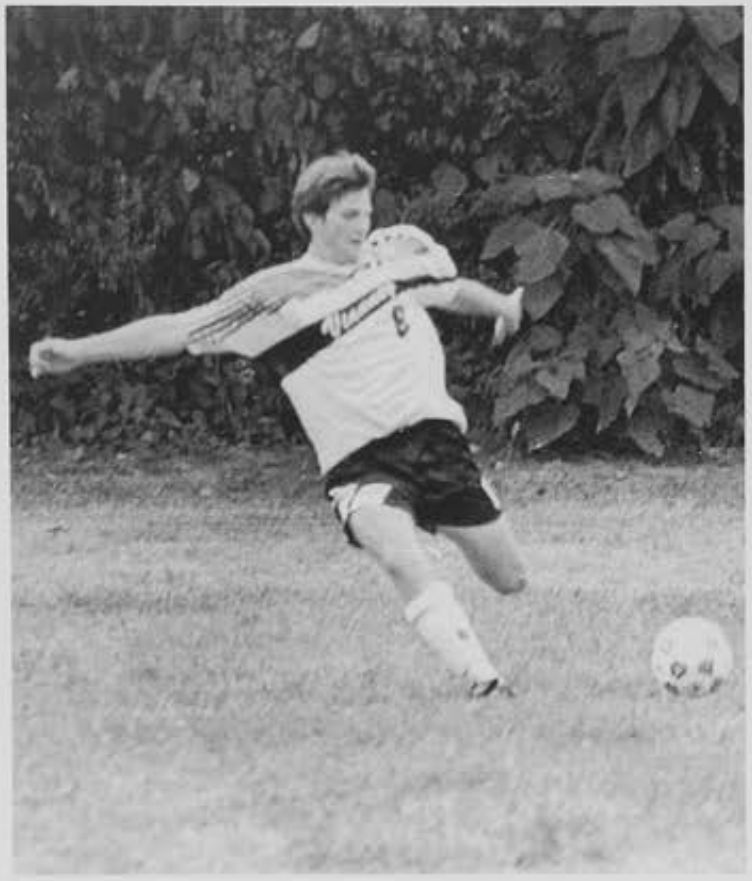
by Dan Terveer

Eighty freshmen showed up for the first day of practice, and three weeks later it sunk to seventy-five. For five weeks the freshmen practiced for two hours every day, five days a week. On September ninth, the new Griffins took to Don Heeb field for the first time and came out victorious against Bishop DuBourg.

A week later, during the CBC game, the squad's starting quarterback suffered a torn right anterior cruciate ligament that would bench him for the rest of the season. After facing this major loss, the little Griffs came out emptyhanded the next three games with three losses, losing by a total of 36 points.

However, they sucked it up and won the last four games in a row by a margin of 52 points. They might not have the conference title, but they sure turned their season around. One of the key plays occurred in the Chaminade game; Steve Walther scored the game-winning touchdown to seal the 12-6 victory."Despite our slow start, we came out 5-3. Next year we'll go undefeated and win conference," said Steve Walther.

Teeing off~ *Junior Houston Eaves rockets the ball towards the goal. "Yeah...I remember that; it was a heck of a good shot," said Eaves.*





JV Soccer Team~ First Row: *Ryan Curry, Andy Perez, John Grana, Dave Gito, Paul Cullman, Matt Terry, and Matt Gillick.* ***Second Row:*** *Matt Kellerman, Kevin Dieckman, Pat Luer, Coach Simpson, Adam Gorecki, Houston Eaves, and John Kollar.*



Varsity Soccer Team~ First Row: *David Buchek, Dan Merker, Rico Lange, Dave Gito, Ian Quattrochi, and Kirk Barron.* ***Second Row:*** *Perry Mathina, Sean McMullen, Nick Wilson, Adam Byrne, Tom Leto, Keith Costello, David Wehrle, Brian Bashwiner, and T.J. Powers* ***Third Row:*** *Asst. Coach Tom Simpson, Rory Leach, Mike Pelech, Rick Bueltman, Jon Haarmann, Charles Franz, Nick Beck, Matt Schuessler, and Head Coach Dave Gauvain.*

Strong Finish

by Michael Kremer

It was a cool crisp November night. The Lindbergh stands were jam-packed with black and gold. The Griffins were battling the Oakville Tigers for the District title. They jumped out on top of the Tigers and never looked back. The defense was relentless, and the offense was merciless on the Oakville goalie. The Griffins bombarded the Oakville goalies with eight shots, three hitting the back of the net. While the defense dominated the crumbled Oakville attack, they did not allow a single shot on goal. "This was by far our best game of the year. Our offense scored and our defense was flawless. I couldn't ask for a better performance," said Coach Gauvain.

After the first ten games, it looked as though it would be just an average season with a record of 4-4-2. "I don't think anybody outside of Vianney thought that we would make it that far," said Coach Gauvain. After the game against Howell Central, they started to play like a team that wanted to win district. With major wins against Aquinas-Mercy and Webster, the Griffin kickers were ready to battle for the district title.They looked strong and easily advanced passed Hazelwood Central and Lindberg. The team wrapped up the district with the win over Oakville .

First up for the team in the state playoffs was Cape Central; the Griffins shut them out 3-0. The next challenge for the team was a Chaminade team that had already beaten them twice. The result was the same this time. It was an up and down season, but the team had what it took to win the district and that's all that matters.



Can`t Touch This~ *Junior Matt Terry blows by the defense driving toward the goal. "We worked extremely well as a team," he said.*



Bombs Away~ *Senior Mike Pelech rifles the ball downfield to an open Griffin. "We had a tremendous season; we just caught a bad break," he said.*

School's in Session~ *Senior Matt Schuessler schools three defenders as the team won. The team had a perfect home record. "I really enjoyed playing soccer here. The teams were always good and the coaches were cool," said Matt.*





Scoreboard

Vianney 1	CBC	5
Vianney 2	Granite City	2
Vianney 4	CBC	4
Vianney 1	DeSmet	0
Vianney 0	SLUH	1
Vianney 5	Rosary	0
Vianney 2	Rockwood S.	0
Vianney 2	Belleville W.	1
Vianney 1	Francis H.C.	2
Vianney 0	Chaminade	6
Vianney 2	Francis H.	0
Vianney 1	Aquinas Mercy	0
Vianney 1	SLUH	1
Vianney 4	Webster	1
Vianney 4	St. Pius	1
Vianney 1	Edwardsville	2
Vianney 1	St. Mary's	3
Vianney 1	Oakville	1
Vianney 1	St. Thomas	1
Vianney 2	Jefferson City	1
Vianney 1	DeSmet	5
Vianney 3	Chaminade	6
Vianney 3	Hazelwood C.	1
	Playoffs	
Vianney 4	Lindbergh	1
Vianney 3	Oakville	0
Vianney 5	Cape Central	0
Vianney 1	Chaminade	3

All Washed Up~ *Junior Tom Leto advances the ball in a downpour. He scored three goals on four shots; he also had two assists.*

Perseverance

by Mike Bueltmann

"We had fun this year and got to play a lot of games because Dr. Simpson needed players for the JV team. This helped us gain a lot of experience and should help us when trying out for varsity next year," said Mike Brannan.

This is a common thought among B-team soccer players. They were trained hard by rookie coach Leroy Notice, which enabled them to withstand the daily pressure of having to play so many games.

They were also faced with many challenges, such as injuries to role players. "I had limited playing time the entire year due to a couple of frustrating injuries. I have been rehabbing, and I look forward to playing again," said Brad Lipic. In addition, star player Nick Wilson moved up to the varsity squad.

Despite these setbacks, the Griffs came out on top, placing second in the Oakville Tournament and fourth in the playoffs. They also had a winning record of 4-3-5 in the regular season.

Captains Mike Brannan and Brian Felter in the midfield effectively filled in for the promoted Nick Wilson. Newcomer Ron Pancer made a huge impact for the defense, while Dominic Columbo shared time in the midfield and was the team's leading goal scorer. "It was my first year playing soccer for Vianney, and it was a lot of fun. I can't wait to play my junior and senior years," said Pancer.

Next year many of the sophomores should play a large part on the varsity squad.



B-Soccer~First Row: *Ronnie Pancer, Kevin McLear, Jeff Menne, and Brian Benson.* ***Second Row:*** *Tim McMullen, Phil Richardson, Brad Sayler, Matt Brightman, Brad Lipic, Kevin King, Steve Hamm, Evan Pennycook, Brian Felter, and Sean Sevem.* ***Third Row:*** *Zach Bodine, Tim Koerber, Mike Brannan, Mike Bueltmann, Eric Matthes, Dominic Columbo, Scott Hingle, and Jeff Wolf.*



You Take It~ *Dominic Columbo passes the ball in a game against DeSmet. Dominic was tied for the team lead with five goals. "We could've communicated more as a team, and we would've played better and won more games," said Dominic.*

SCOREBOARD

Sept.1	C.B.C.	T
Sept.4	Granite City	W
Sept.14	Rosary	W
Sept.18	Rkwd. Summit	L
Sept.27	Francis Howell	W
Sept.29	Aquinas-Mercy	T
Oct. 2	SLUH	T
Oct. 6	Oakville	T
Oct. 11	St.Mary's	L
Oct. 19	DeSmet	L
Oct. 21	Chaminade	T
Oct. 25	Hazelwood C.	W

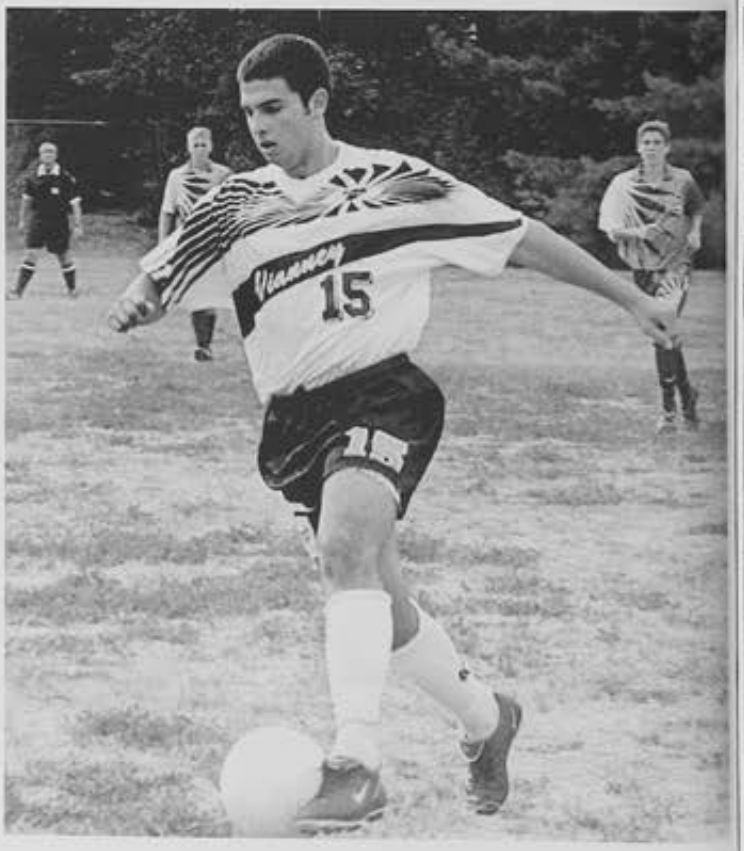
C.Y.C. Tourney
September 20
2nd Place

End of Year Tourney
4th Place



Boot It Up~ *Sweeperback Evan Pennycook looks to clear the ball out of the defensive zone on a fullback kick. Evan filled in for sweeperback Zach Bodine late in the year.*

Going to the Goal~ *Mike Brannan searches for an open teammate in a JV soccer game. Much of the B soccer team was called on many times to play up.*



Carrying on the Tradition

by Matt Kuse



C-Soccer~ First Row: *Tim Yanko, Ian Zorunski, and Jeff Curry.* **Second Row:** *Joe Valenta, Brad Gordon, Ryan Kelly, Nick Bublis, Dan Tissi, Ross Podgornik, Matt Trokey, and Scott Koerber.* **Third Row:** *Mike Huelsing, Paul Galati, Kevin Koke, Steve Manhard, Erik Ustruck, Brandon Parbs, and Ryan Glasscock.* **Fourth Row:** *Coach Tom Leassner, Dan Natsch, Nick Henderson, Eric Reinhold, Brad Akins, Keith Goltschman, Dave Haarman, Phil Glaser, Ryan Gallagher, and Coach Bernie Kilcullen.*



Vianney has always been known for its great soccer teams, and the freshman team continued that tradition this year.

Although they had many ties throughout the season, they still won the MCC title with big wins against SLUH and Chaminade. But they finished with ties against CBC and DeSmet. They ended up with a total of five ties throughout the year.

"I thought we were a strong team, but we tied too many games that we should've won. I think this team will do better next year," said Scott Koerber, Vianney sweeper.

Despite their ties Vianney played great against many of the top schools like Chaminade, whom they beat twice (3-0 and 4-0). They also crushed St. Mary's 7-2.

One great accomplishment that Vianney reached was that they lost only one game throughout the season.

The team was well led by their captains, Erik Ustruck, Dan Natsch, and Phil Glaser, the whole year.

"I believe that the captains showed an outstanding effort in leading the team this year," said Brandon Parbs.

Overall, the freshmen team was a spectacular one which will be one of the better teams in the area in years to come.

Break-away~ *Kevin Koke (5) blows by two DeSmet defenders as Keith Goltschman (26) looks on astonished by Kevin's blazing speed and awesome moves. Although Kevin ended the season with only one goal, he had many assists throughout the year. "We were well coached and led by our captains. This team will be tough to beat in years to come," said Koke.*



Scoreboard

Vianney	0	CBC	0
Vianney	3	SLUH	2
Vianney	3	Gibault	2
Vianney	1	Duchesne	1
Vianney	4	Granite City	0
Vianney	0	SLUH	1
Vianney	4	Chaminade	1
Vianney	7	St.Mary's	2
Vianney	4	Ft. Zumwalt S.	0
Vianney	4	Chaminade	0
Vianney	0	Edwardsville	0
Vianney	3	Chaminade	0
Vianney	0	Lindbergh	0
Vianney	0	DeSmet	0

Freshman Kickers~ *Dan Natsch (3) flies by two Spartan defenders as Paul Galati, Mike Huelsing (2), and Keith Goltschman (26) look on. Vianney went on to tie the game 1-1. "We had a really good team, but we had a drought in the middle of the season," said Natsch.*

Born to Run

by Matt Smith

"Nothing is really over until you quit trying..." Hard work and a burning desire to succeed are two of the traits it takes to be a distance runner and two of the traits embodied by the 1999 Vianney Golden Griffin Harriers. Runners willingly subjected themselves to grueling workouts, sometimes running up to ten miles a day. To get stronger, the team ran speed workouts of 400 meters, 1000 meters, and 1600 meters. New workouts introduced this year included Max 1 and Max 2, both equally challenging and refreshingly scenic. The Griffin Top Seven even had the honor of practicing with the powerful Parkway West team and the not-so-powerful Kirkwood team.

"An ounce of sweat saves a pint of blood..." The rewards of hard work came soon enough for the harriers with impressive finishes at the Webster Invitational, beating eventual state qualifier Parkway Central, and at the Ladue Invitational. Long-standing rivalries were avenged with victories over Mehlville, Kirkwood, and Chaminade.

"It's time to go to the mattresses..." When duty called, Tommy "Golden Boy" Gordon answered. For the second consecutive time. Sophomore sensation Tommy Gordon fought his way to the state meet, this year turning in a top 100 finish. Gordon had a great season, leading the team in eleven out of twelve races. He finished the season with a personal record of 17:23 for 5000 meters at the DuBourg Invitational in Wilmore Park.

"So much pride, we bleed Black and Gold...." Of all the great additions to the team this year, one of the best was a heightened feeling of camaraderie between runners. For the first time in memory, the team gathered together to have a pre-district race pasta dinner. Coach Maxwell had the Top Seven over the next morning for a pancake breakfast. Besides getting closer, the team also got a bumper crop of strong freshmen who will take up the reins and lead Vianney to victory in the next four years. "I'm excited and proud to say that I was a part of the team that marked a turning point in Vianney Cross Country history. The future will bring domination; Chaminade is going down," said Senior Co-Captain Johnny Smith.



Getting his groove on~ *Sophomore "Golden Boy" Tom Gordon pushes himself to the finish. This was Tom's second consecutive year to go to state. "It was great. I met my goal of being top 100," said Gordon.*

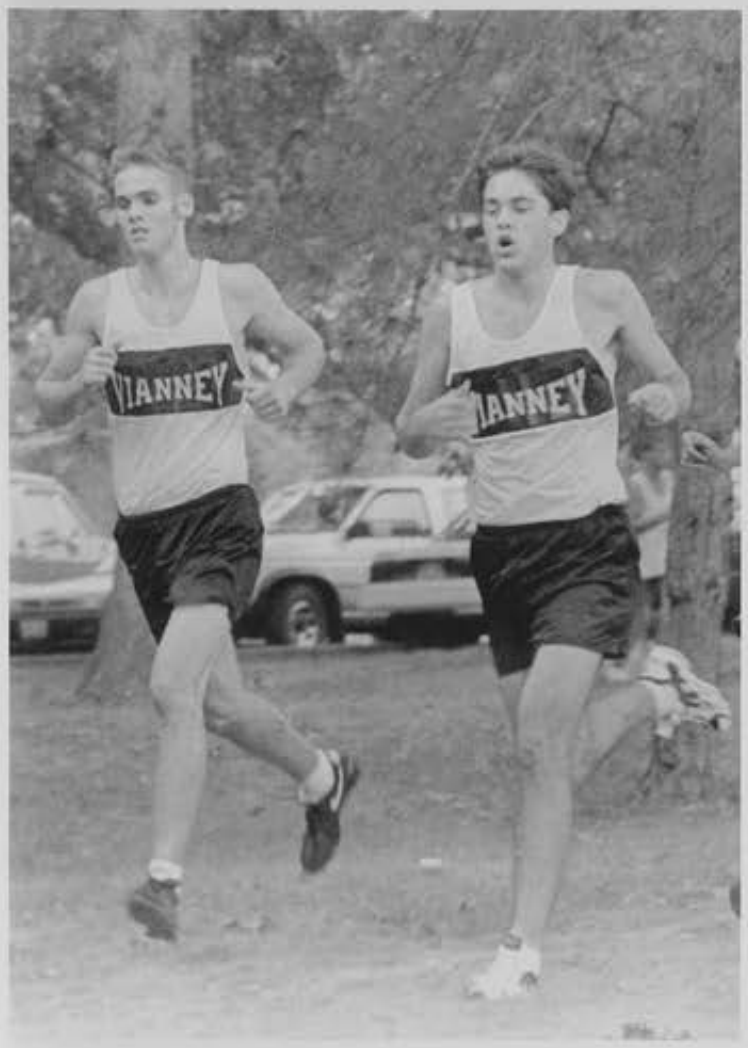
Vianney takes the early lead~ *Sophomore Matt Cohen and Freshman Beau Wethington lead the Freshman/Sophomore race.*



Vianney takes the lead~ *Junior Dan Riordan, Sophomore Joe Powderly, and Senior Adam Ochonicky push to the front of the pack. The JV Harriers finished second in the DuBourg Invitational at Wilmore Park. "Our numbers have improved with a very strong freshman class. We set the foundation for a state qualifing team," said Coach Maxwell.*



Stride for Stride~ *Senior Glen Frei and Junior Ryan Durban pack it together at the Webster Invitational. "I'm disappointed to see the seniors go, but the underclassmen show a lot of potential," said Coach Mohr.*



Go, Captain, Go~ *Senior John Smith pushes up the hill in the DuBourg Invitational. "The season had its ups and downs, but it was the best season yet," said Smith.*





Back row: *Coach Maxwell, Ryan Durban, Anthony Granda, Justin Tauser, Adam Oconicky, Glennon Frei, Matthew Smith, Andy Greminger, Tom Gordon, Coach Mohr, and Brad Wilhite.* **Middle row:** *Nick Tobias, John Smith, Matt Cohen, Neville Miller, Micheal Kremer, Brian Longo, Patrick Freeman, James Jackson, Mark Sitek, Drew Finke, and Beau Wethington.* **Front row:** *Joseph Powderly, Adam Skaggs, Nick Frei, Alexander Bias, Daniel Riordan, Ian Rusnak, and David L. Rogers.*



Going the Distance~ *Freshman Brian Longo takes the lead. "It was a memorable season," said Longo.*





Tallying the Scores~ *Coach Maxwell and Coach Mohr add up the score to see how the team placed.*

Running on Air~ *Senior Matt Smith goes for the gold. "The team is so dedicated we sweat black and gold," said Smith.*

Get out of my house~ *Jeff Suelmann with a huge stuff. Jeff had a tremendous season, leading the team in scoring throughout the entire year. "The motivation this year came from everybody having low expectations for us," he said.*

Above the rim~ *Jon Haarmann comes up from under the basket.. "My best memory in my four years at Vianney is beating DeSmet at Vianney," said Haarmann.*





SCOREBOARD

		Vianney Tourn.	
Vianney	70	Normandy	56
Vianney	53	Hazelwood C.	49
Vianney	52	DeSmet	64
Vianney	79	SLUH 69	
Vianney	73	Lindbergh	60
Vianney	72	Chaminade	80
Vianney	77	Mehlville	42
		Meramec Holiday Festival	
Vianney	77	Troy	66
Vianney	45	Parkway S.	61
Vianney	54	Parkway W. 44	
Vianney	79	Webster	65
Vianney	92	Lutheran S.	63
Vianney	70	Fox	50
Vianney	86	Summit	36
Vianney	69	Jackson	57
Vianney	62	Oakville	63
Vianney	45	Kirkwood	61
Vianney	56	CBC	70
Vianney	57	SLUH	39
Vianney	49	DeSmet	47
Vianney	55	CBC	71
Vianney	71	Fort Zum. N.	50
Vianney	47	St. Mary's	44
Vianney	69	Chaminade	92
Vianney	45	DeSmet	68
		Districts	
Vianney	72	Marquette	69
Vianney	54	Chaminade	65



Cruise-control~ *Brian Akers cuts across the court with superb agility. "What I liked best was that everybody counted us out because we lost a lot of last year's seniors, but we came together and had a great year," said Brian.*

Walsh, the motivator~ *Coach Walsh ignites the team spirit in his players. "This was a great season and a great team. The members of this teamstepped up and answered a lot of questions. They achieved a great deal thanks to their work ethic and dedication," he said.*



First Row: *Coach Young, Matt Suellentrop, Steve Campbell, Steve Austin, Jon Haarmann, Jeff Suelmann, Joe Scotino, Coach K.Walsh.* ***Second Row:*** *Steve Waterkotte, Drew Paradoski, Brian Akers, Tom Bannister, Nick Gish, Peter Brandt.*





On the fly~ *Nick Gish jumps over a Panther defender for one of his many lay-ups of the season. "The school rallied around us, and the games were very exciting," he said.*

Jumpin' Joe~ *Joe Scotino completes the play with a short jumper. "It was a fun year," he said.*





Air Drew~ *Drew Paradoski soars to the hoop as if nothing can stop him. "This year was a lot of fun, and the team did well, too," said Drew.*

Finding a Way

by Steve Waterkotte

Find a Way. This is exactly what the varsity Griffins did throughout the season. The Griffs proved to fans, opponents, and the local media that they were a very talented ballclub.

The team began the season with major upsets over Normandy and Hazelwood Central before falling to DeSmet by a slim margin. In the end, the Griffs finished the season at an impressive mark of 17-10. Highlights included a second place finish in the Vianney Tournament, an upset against DeSmet in conference play at the Griffin Dome, a fifth place finish in the Meramac Tournament, and a near upset of Chaminade in district semifinals. "Beating DeSmet as seniors at home in front of our crowd was absolutely awesome," said Drew Paradoski.

An impressive team effort was capped off by outstanding individual performances. Throughout the season, the duo of Jeff Suelmann and Drew Paradoski was nearly unstoppable as they combined for an average of thirty-five points. Drew Paradoski was the catalyst for the team, taking on the point guard responsibilities and dishing out nearly five assists a game. Senior leadership also came from Brian Akers, who led the way defensively. He was always picked upon to guard the opposition's best player. "Drew Paradoski, Jeff Suelmann, and Brian Akers stepped up and had terrific years," said Coach Young.

Seniors Nick Gish, Jon Haarman, and Joe Scotino also made major contributions and provided added senior leadership. Juniors Steve Campbell, Steve Waterkotte, and Tom Bannister played vital roles and look ready to continue the success of the program. "We had an excellent year, especially considering we lost four starters. In November we were thinking .500 would be realistic. This team well exceeded our expectations," added Coach Young.



Say ahh~*Joe Nolde lets out a barbaric yawp as he dribbles down the court. "It was a good season but we struggled at the end ," said Joe.*

Keep away~*Tony Dacey shake n' bakes the defender. "After a great start, we ran into some trouble but we always had fun," he said.*



First Row: *Andy Dacey, Scott Hingle, Mark Sucher, Tony Dacey, Nick Wilson, Mike St. Cin.* ***Second Row:*** *Head Coach Charlie Walsh, Brian Felter, Joe Nolde, Kevin McLear, Mark Greaves, Tom Vehige, Tyler Nowell, Assistant Coach Ryan Rhea.*



Vianney	56	Seckman	49
Vianney	36	SLUH	38
Vianney	50	Pattonville	23
Vianney	53	Luth. S.	40
Vianney	41	Lindbergh	27
Vianney	43	Chaminade	42
Vianney	41	Mehlville	30
Vianney	27	Pattonville	47
Vianney	42	Mehlville	37
Vianney	46	Duchesne	35
Vianney	54	Luth. S.	47
Vianney	46	Fox	42
Vianney	54	Summit	58
Vianney	51	Oakville	61
Vianney	46	Kirkwood	62
Vianney	49	CBC	53
Vianney	52	SLUH	54
Vianney	35	DeSmet	42
Vianney	26	CBC	48
Vianney	45	Ft. Zum. N.	34
Vianney	35	St. Mary's	43
Vianney	29	Chaminade	52
Vianney	34	DeSmet	43

Peaking Early

by Tim Sedlak

With a year of experience under their belts, the sophomore basketball team was ready to start a new season. They were led by Head Coach Charlie Walsh and Assistant Coach Ryan Rhea.

The B-team posted a record of 12-13. The team won the Fox tournament, and they won a big game against Pattonville early in the season but went down hill from there. "Early on in the season we played really well, and when we won the Fox tournament, it looked like we were really going to be good. But then we went flatline," said Coach Walsh. They finished Conference play 1-7 with the lone victory coming against Chaminade. "When we went on a seven-game losing streak, it really hurt our confidence," said Nick Wilson.

When asked if there were any standouts this season, Coach Walsh found it difficult to come up with an answer because different people stepped up when the team needed a boost. "Even though we had a losing record, everyone gave it their all," said Sophomore Joe Nolde. "Even though we did not have an impressive record, we played as a team, not as individuals," said Coach Walsh.



On the move~ *Nick Wilson dribbles down the court. "Our record wasn't the best but we still worked hard," said Nick.*

Great Beginning

by Matt Kuse



The freshman basketball team got off to a great start by winning four of their first six games, including a big win over SLUH. It took them their first two games to become acquainted with each other, but after that, they went on a four-game winningstreak and took fifth place in the Webster tournament.

"It was hard to cooperate with each other the first couple games because we had never played together," said starting guard Bryan Schoelch. "But after a while, we adapted to each other's playing styles and learned to play together as a team."

Hitting the boards~*David Deeken battles the SLUH defenders for a rebound. "We had our high points and low points but overall it was a productive season," said Deeken.*

Some of the greatest accomplishments of the season were winning second place in the DuBourg tournament and coming in third place in their own Vianney tournament. They had an overall record of thirteen wins and twelve losses. They did pretty well in the "Griffin Dome", too, coming away with six wins and only five losses.

The freshmen basketball team showed great potential. "I think that if we keep the same team, more chemistry will be there, and we will be better next season," said freshman guard Brendan McKenzie.

Webster Tournament (5th place)			
Vianney	38	Ladue	56
Vianney	23	Lindbergh	26
Vianney	41	Mehlville	28
Vianney	37	SLUH	29
Vianney	41	Rosary	34
Vianney	44	Mehlville	30
Vianney	45	CBC	48
Vianney	30	St. Mary's	40
Vianney	36	Chaminade	40
Vianney	40	Parkway Cent.	38
DuBourg Tournament (2nd place)			
Vianney	52	DuBourg	26
Vianney	37	St. Mary's	40
Vianney	47	Rosary	31
Vianney	49	Luth. S.	46
Vianney	46	Parkway N.	35
Vianney	40	SLUH	49
Vianney	39	Clayton	37
Vianney	24	DeSmet	33
Vianney	58	Eureka	51
Vianney	31	Chaminade	42
Vianney	34	CBC	52
Vianney Tournament (3rd place)			
Vianney	50	St. Mary's	37
Vianney	30	CBC	53
Vianney	53	Kirkwood	50
Vianney	39	DeSmet	54



C-Basketball~ First Row: *Beau Wethington, Dan Tissi, Dan Natsch, Phil Glaser, Brian Schoelch, and Tim Yanko.* ***Second Row:*** *Head Coach Brad Sutterer, Tim Bouyoukos, Steve Willick, Brendan McKenzie, Eric Reinhold, Justin Tauser, David Deeken, Steve Walther, John Laffler, Pat Bradley, Ryan Ott. Assistant Coach Ryan Luhning.*



Blow'n by 'em~*Eric Reinhold uses his speed and agility to drive to the hoop. "We put a lot of effort into the season and we got a lot out of it," said Reinhold.*

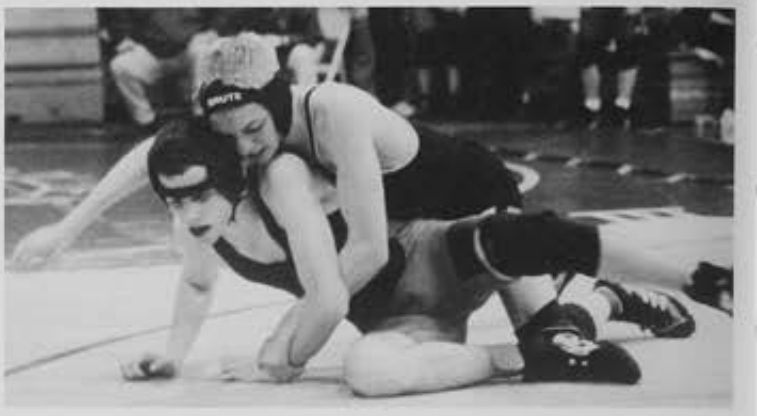
Taking him to school~ *Senior Ben Abbott takes on his opponent during the Vianney Invitational. "It was a tough year but there were some great moments for the team," said Ben.*



Working him over~ *Junior Andy Perez works an arm bar in an attempt to flip his opponent. "That's what I'm talking about," said Andy.*



In control~ *Junior Mike Johnson keeps his man in bounds as he prepares for the pin. "There's no stopping the pin," said Mike.*



Grappling with Adversity

By Chris Jeep

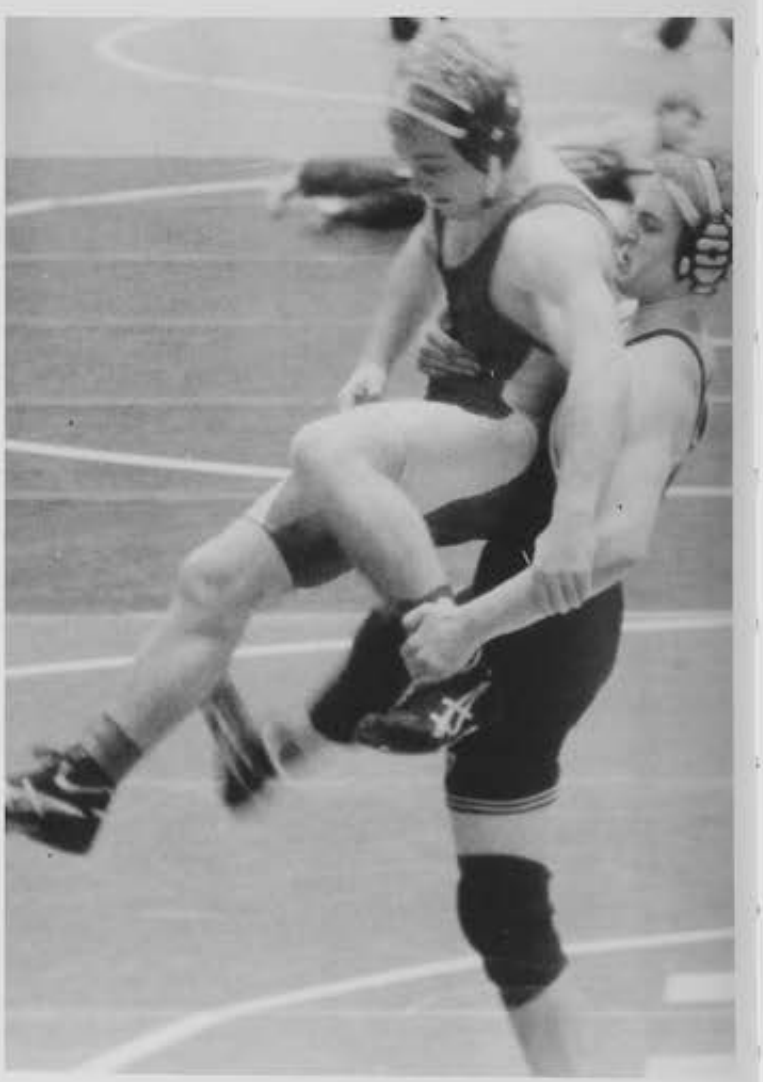
As November began, so did the hard work, dedication, and sweat of the wrestlers. Despite all their hard work, the Varsity Grapplers engaged in an immensely difficult and disappointing season. After losing their first two matches, the wrestling season took a positive turn, and the wrestlers rallied. "Winning the Parkway North Invitational was the bright spot in our season," said 140-pound wrestler Andy Perez. "I really thought this would start a new season for us." However, once the tournament was over, the Grapplers went back to their inconsistent ways.

As the regular season ended and the post season began, many fans had high hopes for the team, but again the guys could not get it done.

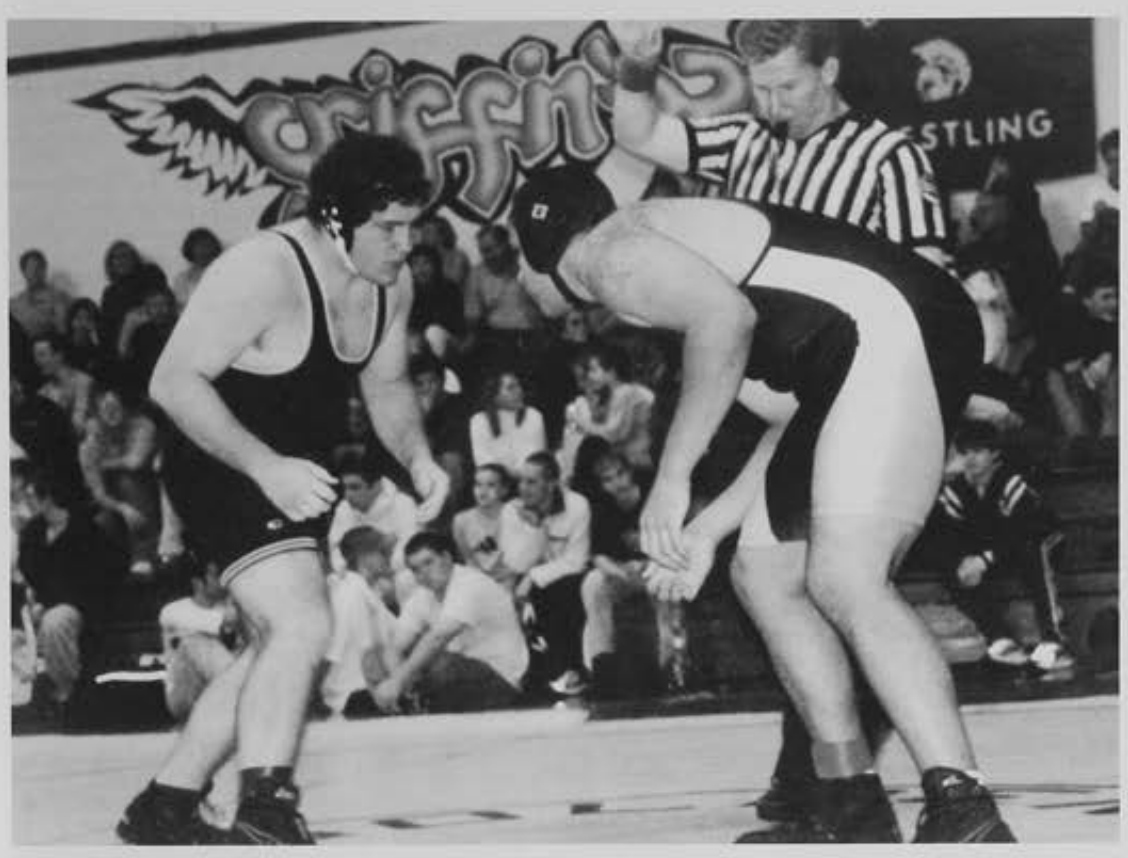
"Our district was tough and I think the inexperience of our young wrestlers showed," said senior 130-pound wrestler T.J. Powers.

Eight wrestlers advanced beyond districts and two, Justin Kleffner and Dan Malone, made it to the state tournament. With the support of fans and throughhis own hard work, Justin Kleffner took fourth in state and made the difficult season much brighter. "I stared at that wall all four years. I was here working to get my name added to it," saidsenior Justin Kleffner. "I would not have done it without the support of my fellow wrestlers, family, and friends," he said.

Next year looks promising, too. With only six seniors graduating, over half the team remains having valuable varsity experience. "We had a lot of young wrestlers and some with no varsity experience," said senior 125-pound wrestler Josh Lashley. "This season did not show how these guys worked and grew as competitors; it will show next year."



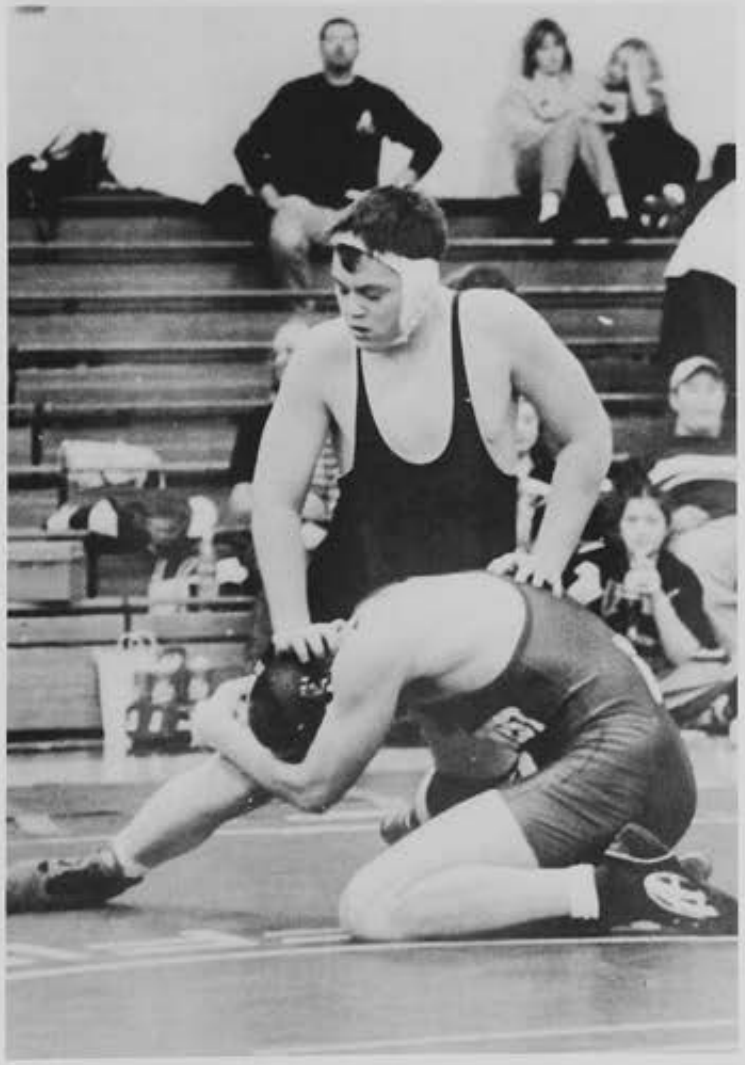
Where do you think you're going?~ *Senior Justin Kleffner takes his opponent back to the mat at the state tournament. He completed his Vianney career with a fourth place finish. "It was a great year. I want to thank all my coaches and all who supported me," said Justin.*



Set to toss him~ *Senior Dan Malone prepares to throw his CBC opponent. Dan joined Justin Kleffner as a state qualifier. "The season was disappointing, but going to State made up for it," said Dan.*

Eye of the tiger~ *Junior Matt Terry prepares to take down another opponent. "Just takin' care of business," said Matt.*







First Row: *Aaron Costello, Greg Berger, Jeff Malone, John Bader, Josh Lashley, and Mike Johnson.* ***Second Row:*** *Matt Healey, T.J. Powers, Dan Malone, Logan Kinder, Ben Abbott, Andrew Perez, and Matt Terry.* ***Third Row:*** *Chris Jeep, Sean Culleton, Eric Gordon, Justin Kleffner, and Coach Clepper.*

Scoreboard

Dual Meets: 1-9

Vianney 27	HazelwoodC.	49
Vianney 37	McCluer N.	39
Vianney 27	Belleville East	43
Vianney 45	Mehlville	24
Vianney 27	Parkway S.	47
Vianney 28	CBC	31
Vianney 19	DeSmet	47
Vianney 23	Wentzville	42
Vianney 6	St. Charles W.	67
Vianney 16	Francis H.	51

Tournaments:

Parkway North	1st	168 pts.
St. Clair	2nd	187 pts.
DeSmet	6th	209 pts.
Vianney	7th	75.5 pts.
MCC	3rd	175 pts.
District	4th	130 pts.

State Qualifiers:
Justin Kleffner
Dan Malone

Lean on me~ *Junior Logan Kinder forces down the head of his opponent during the Vianney Tournament. "It's always fun to host an event like that in the Griffin Dome," said Logan.*

Faith in Unity

by Matt Hornsey

Some say wrestling is an individual sport, but the junior varsity team disagreed. Individual wrestlers stood out, yet the team held each other together. The main reason for the team's success was their faith in each other. There was great unity on the team. Although losing only three meets all year, the team maintained high spirits and good sportsmanship under all conditions. This was a team to be proud of and to imitate.

Despite an unfortunate end to the season with a Metro Catholic Conference second place finish, there were still several outstanding performances throughout the year. Josh Kleffner (14-2), Jim Walsh (12-2), Derrick Bucheit (15-3), Nick Collichio (17-6), and Matt Hornsey (17-4), all showed their determination to win at every meet.

Vianney's JV always had faith in each other, and there was no wrestler who would tell you differently. As Josh Kleffner said, "I had complete faith in every weight class." According to Coach Brian Brennan, "Having a successful JV year should contribute to a strong future." The 1999-2000 season showed that the future for the Griffin wrestling squad looks bright.



Motivating the team~ *Coach Diffley and Coach Brennan attempt to motivate their team. "We accomplished a great deal; we learned a lot about ourselves, our teammates, and our sport," said Mr. Diffley.*



Heimlich Maneuver~ *The opponent chokes on defeat as Tim Townsend works him over. "I think the team did really well," said Tim.*

SCOREBOARD

Vianney	51	Hazelwood Central	27
Vianney	63	McCluer North	9
Vianney	69	Belleville East	
Vianney	83	Mehlville	0
Vianney	35	DeSmet	38
Vianney	72	CBC	9
Vianney	66	Parkway South	15
Vianney	78	Wentzville	
Vianney	30	St. Charles West	
Vianney	15	Francis Howell	

Tournament Results:

Parkway North Quad	1st
DeSmet Quad	1st
Vianney Tournament	2nd
MCC	2nd

Most Valuable Wrestler:
Nick Colicchio

Most Improved Wrestler:
Josh Kleffner



Bringing him in~ *Nick Colicchio attempts to record a pin. "I thought wrestling was really hard but the team worked hard together," said Nick.*



JV-Wrestling~ First Row: *Dave Arbutti, Tony Schmitt, Dennis Buchheit, Josh Kleffner, Matt Anderson, Tim Townsend, Doug Sicking, Tim Gilligan, and Ryan Welker.* ***Second Row:*** *Coach Brennan, Brandon Uhl, Greg Irwin, Dave Minner, Tom Vogel, Carl Berger, Shawn Peters, Nick Holmes, Dan Powers, and Nick Colicchio.* ***Third Row:*** *Steve Gloriod, Joe Haman, Eric Mues, Nick Favier, Pat Martchink, Matt Dudley, Matt Hornsey, Tony Hartman, Dave Jackson, and Jim Walsh.*







Setting him up~ *Freshman P.J. Morales looks for an opening. "Wrestling was a new experience. It takes a lot of hard work and devotion to pull it off," said P.J.*

Laying down the law~ *Freshman Joe Whatton takes control of the match. "I was surprised how much preparation went into wrestling. It is definitely the hardest sport," said Joe.*

Winning Spirit

by Adam Skaggs

Games are won by the spirits of players. What they lack in size, strength, and experience they can make up for with spirit. Having only one wrestler out of 45 with any experience encouraged the wrestlers to put out their best effort. "Wrestling tests your personal commitment, your dedication, and your desire to set and achieve lofty goals," said freshman wrestling coach Mr. Diffley.

With a 5-7-1 record, the Griffins came out swinging. They had trouble in the mid-season, but came back and improved their record. "I thought we started out strong, and then we got kind of tired, and it was obvious. Those who didn't give up showed their determination to the sport," said freshman wrestler P.J. Morales. By looking at things from a "die-hard" perspective, the Griffins pulled out some key victories.

All in all, the wrestlers showed their spirit, which was enough to hold them through the MCC's. Scott Krajacic at 175 lbs, John Stieven at 141 lbs, and P.J. Morales at 275 lbs all won in their weight classes. "When I stepped onto the mat at the MCC's I was nervous about wrestling my DeSmet opponent. I had lost to him earlier in the year, but this time I had a greater desire to win, and it drove me to pin him in the second period," said Krajacic.

Competition was fierce and the opponents were strong, proving all the more the rough road the Griffins had to follow. "We didn't meet all of our goals, but we wrestled the best that the area had to offer and learned a lot about ourselves and our teammates," said Coach Diffley.





C-Wrestling~ First Row: *T.J. McKenna, Mark Regna, Patrick Freeman, Dan Gilick, Stephen Chkautovich, Drew Finke, Mark Sitek, Ron Medley, and Pat Self.* ***Second Row:*** *Clay Fete, P.J. Morales, Mike Sachs, Tommy Kramer, Michael Schmidt, John Scott, Scott Koerber, Nick Bruno, Felix Nau, John Longo, Matt Gibson, and Joe Whatton.* ***Third Row:*** *Coach Burke, Scott Krajaic, John White, Tommy Donovan, Dave Lang, Sean McGowan, Nick Welhelmi, Jo Leadman, Ryan McNamara, Tim Dougherty, Brian Perotta, and Coach Diffley.*

Skating on Thin Ice

by Nick Behnen and Ryan Wargel

The Vianney Griffins hockey team started the year strong with a win over Webster but couldn't seem to put it together after that. The team experienced many ups and downs throughout the season. The Griffins went through most of the year without several key players--Mike Mesko, Mike Leveque, and starting goalie Greg Topolski. "We played excellently when we had everyone on the roster, healthy," said Mick Henderson. When the whole team was ready to come and play, they were the team to beat.

Going into the playoffs, the Griffins had high hopes. "We had everyone back from injuries, and we were playing really good hockey," said Jason Lee. The team faced Lutheran South after a tie in the first round. During this game, the Griffins suffered a tough blow. Mike Leveque went down with a shoulder injury, and a brawl broke out that caused two of the defensemen to be suspended for the next game.

Even though they won the game, those three players were out for the next contest. They lost the next game, which forced sudden death overtime to decide who would advance. The Griffins lost in the second overtime on a breakaway goal, ending the team's season. Despite the disappointing finish, the team made great strides toward regaining the state championship for Vianney.



Take That~ *Kyle Burns takes out a CBC skater while Steve Dudak arrives on the scene. "It was a good year. We just fell short in the playoffs," said Kyle.*



Riding the pine~ *Varsity team members await their shift. "Coach Wess taught us that hard work and patience is what makes a good game," said Steve Dudak.*



Varsity Hockey~ First Row: *Nick Berra, Anthony Calcaterra, Ryan Wargel, Mike Leveque, Mick Henderson, Paul Passanise, Matt Ronzio, Nick Egan.* ***Second Row:*** *Coach Todd Wess, Jason Kellar, Peter Weseloh, Joe Leiendecker, Jason Lee, Kyle Burns, Phil Richardson, Jack Fleming, Jeremy Kijowski, Dan Fischer, Andy Werkmeister, Assist. Coach Dean, Assistant Coach Darren.* ***Third Row:*** *Greg Topolski, Steve Dudak, Kevin Ault, Trevor Davenport, Jason Berra, Andrew Cheatham, Nick Behnen, Andy Luesse, Josh McDaniels.*



JV Hockey~ First Row: *Jeff Borgers, Mike Nahlik, Andy Werkmeister, Kevin Ault, Jason Berra, Chris Arno, Andy Luesse, Nick Egan, Nick Berra.* ***Second Row:*** *Jim Arno, Ryan Colliet, Dan Fischer, Sal Zerilli, Andy Brown, Chris Schneider, Chris Kijowsky, Drew Murray, Tim Leahy, Ryan Earley, Matt Ortinau, Marty Madigan.* ***Third Row:*** *Shawn Clemens, Keith Goltschman, Bruce Cook, Ben Cox, Jack Fleming, Phil Richardson, Jeremy Kijowski, Mike Buchheit, Nick Tobias, Tom Cowley.*



The Dominator~ *Goalie Greg Topulski makes a stunning glove save.*

SCOREBOARD

Vianney	Opponent	
2	Webster	0
2	Parkway S.	2
3	SLUH	5
0	St. Mary's	0
9	Althoff	0
2	DeSmet	6
6	Lutheran S.	4
3	Webster	9
4	Zumwalt S.	2
0	Chaminade	3
1	CBC	5
0	Parkway C.	0
5	Oakville	5
5	Althoff	2
2	Chaminade	2
1	CBC	3
3	St. Mary's	2
7	SLUH	3
2	DeSmet	3
1	Kirkwood	3
0	Lindbergh	0
4	Lutheran S.	1
1	Lutheran S.	2
0	Lutheran S.	1



Rallying the troops~ *Coach Todd Wess instucts his team from the bench. The team turned quite a few heads this year behind Coach Wess.*



Bird's eye view~ *Mike Mesko takes down his opponent near the Vianney bench. "In my four years here, I think this year's team had the most talent," said Mike.*



Bigger and Faster~ *Joe Leiendecker takes the faceoff. "It was my first year at this level, and I had a lot of fun. I'm looking forward to next year," said Joe.*



C-Hockey~ First Row: *Andrew Kendall, Kyle Murphy, Matt Anderson, Nick Tobias, John Bertram, John Reagan, Nick Egan.* ***Second Row:*** *Coach Jim Arno, Chris Kijowski, Matt Ortinau, Ryan Collier, Andy Brown, Kyle Zotta, Bruce Cook, Chris Schneider, Sean Clemens, Brian Schaffer, Head Coach Todd Wess.*

Tidal Wave

by Chris Hart

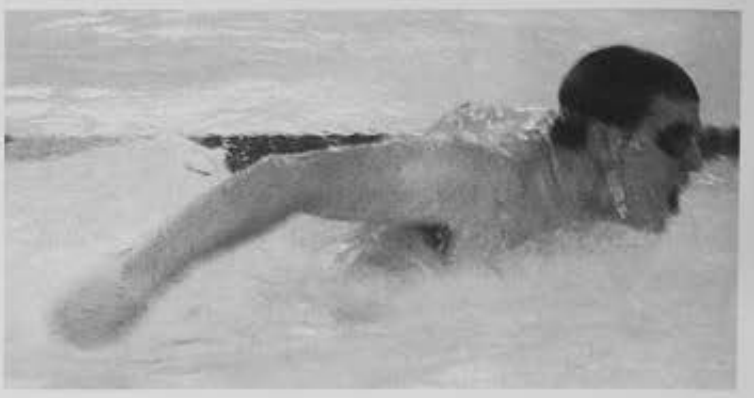
And taking fourth with 122 points is Vianney. These were the words announced at the Metro Catholic Conference (MCC) meet on February fourth. These were also some of the best words that the Vianney's varsity swim team could hope to hear. Even though their 4-12 record might not show it, the varsity swimmers fought hard all year.

They made a strong showing at the Marquette Relays, where they went head to head with the toughest teams in the state. They also, for the first time in five years, beat rival CBC at the MCC meet, qualifying ten people to the final round.

The swimmers gained their success under the great leadership of Coaches Simpson and Schuette, and the following seniors: Nick Dower (200 and 400 Freestye Relay), Steve Emmett (100 Breast Stroke), Steve Longo (100 Fly 50 Free), John Lucas (50 Free 100 Free), Scott Marquart (200 Free), Adam Ochonicky (100 Breast Stroke), and foreign exchange senior Branco Nikolic (100 Breast Stroke).

These leaders were helped out by junior Mark Gadell, sophomores Anthony Agliata, Tom Gordon, Chris Hart, and Dan Hunzeker. They all pulled together for a successful end of the season for the team.

Going the distance, going for speed! ~ *Steve Longo shows off his amazing butterfly stroke. "I enjoyed my last year of swimming very much. As a Captain, I will always remember the great swimming year," said Steve.*





Only one more lap to go! ~ Sophomore Chris Hart does what he does best. "After the first five laps of a 500 meter swim, you no longer feel pain," said Hart.



Watch out below!! ~ *Sophomore Jeff Miller exercises his incredible diving abilities. "The worst part is wearing a speedo with all the girls' schools watching," said Jeff.*

Gasping for air ~ *Freshman Peter Schwarty swims to the finish line.*





Varsity Swimming~ First Row: *Steve Longo* ***Second Row:*** *Coach Simpson, Tony Noce, Tom Gordon, Chris Hart, Brian Stover, Peter Suardi, Nick Dower, Brad Gordon, Mark Gadell* ***Third Row:*** *Coach Schuette, Dan Hunzeker, Chris Owens, Anthony Agliata, Jeff Miller, Adam Wiesehan, Ryan Durban, Marc Kramer* ***Fourth Row:*** *Aaron Craft, Dan Backer, Branco Nikolic, Adam Ochonicky, Steve Emmett, John Lucas, and Coach Brother Len.*

Making Racquet

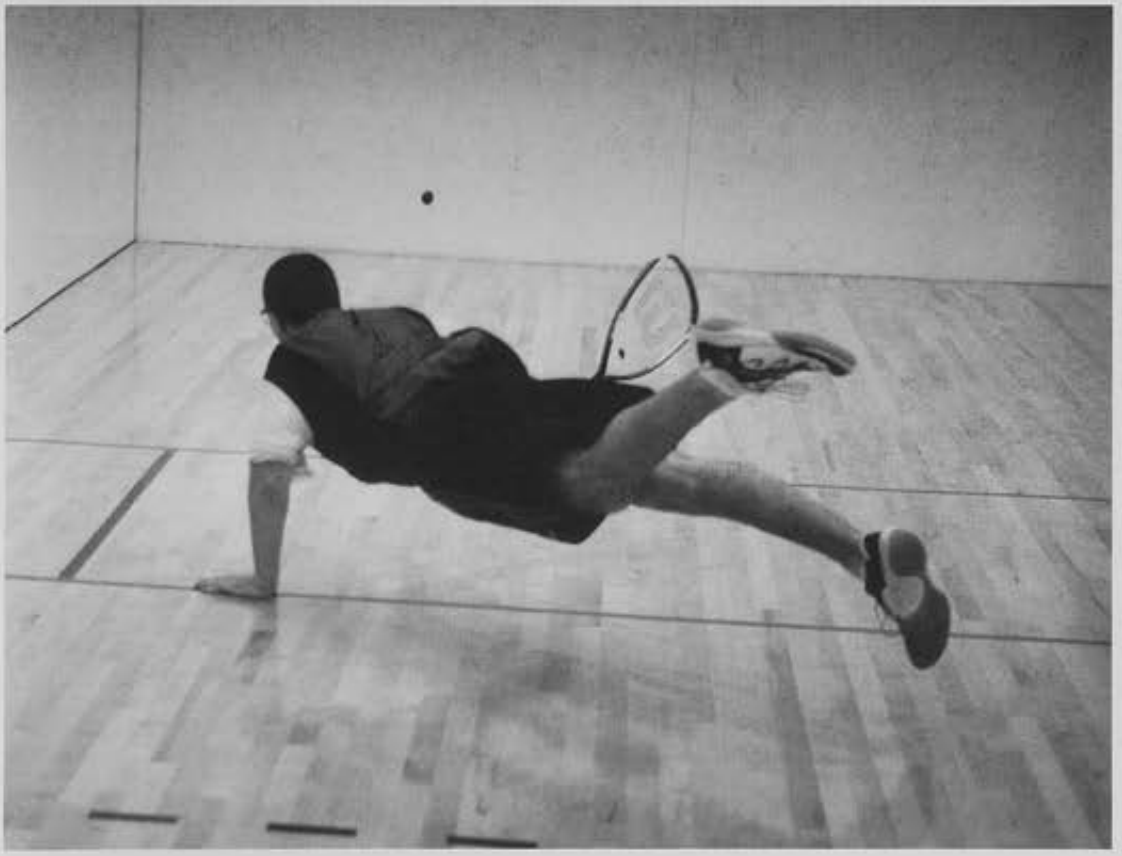
by Matt Bruns



Varsity Racquetball~ First Row: *Mike Schwent, Gary Berry, and Mike Asinger.* ***Second Row:*** *Coach Ripplinger, Matt Schneider, Ryan Maher, and Joe Ebert..*

Taking third place in the state tournament made racquetball exciting. On January 29th, the whole racquetball team collaborated in their efforts which earned them their prestigious rank. "After taking third in the state tournament, Vianney has become a dominant team in their league," said Joe Ebert. While the team stood proud with its high achievement, individual players celebrated outstanding placements too. On varsity Gary Berry and Mike Asinger placed first, and Paul Kahle and Matt Schneider placed third. Matching that achievement, Toni Nazzoli and Kyle McCoy placed third on JV I. On JV II, Luis Lightle, Matt Filla, and Alex Havadi-Nagy placed second while Ryan Finke placed third.

Tearing it up at state was not the only highlight of the racquetball season. For the second year in a row, varsity carried a 7-3 record. Plus, Gerry Berry and Mike Asinger sported their own undefeated records. The JV teams also had laudable records such as a 7-3 JV I record with the help of a large interest in racquetball; the team was 40 players strong. "It was the second success of a 7-3 (varsity) season and we had a lot of kids play which made this the greatest season," said Coach Ripplinger.



Sacrificing his body for the team ~ Gary Berry dives for the ball during a match. "The season was better than expected. We had a lot of new faces that stepped up," said Gary.



Junior Varsity Racquetball~ First Row: *Coach Ripplinger, Pat O'Neill, Mike Sachs, Alex Havadi-Nagy, Andy Hamilton, Steve Grana, and Brian Glasscock.* ***Second Row:*** *Matt Bruns, Phil Alles, Tony Nazzoli, Ryan Ahillen, Ryan Finke, and Kyle McCoy.* ***Third Row:*** *Matt Guillot, Ryan Broekelmann, Nate Powers, Luis Lightle, Matt Kake, Nick Grillo, Tim Masterson, and Andrew Shane.*





Whack~ *Mike Asinger puts his muscle into it. He finished with a perfect record. "This year was really fun and intense. We ended up with a great record," said Mike.*

Back hand action ~ *Ryan Maher swings in hopes of victory. "We had a really good season. Everybody was hustling, and we gave so much on every point," said Ryan.*

Strong Showing

by Rob Sedlak

This year's Varsity Baseball staff consisted of seven returning seniors, nine juniors, one sophomore, Head Coach Ryan Rhea and Assistant Coach Sean Hazelton. Together the team put together a record of 7-11, which included a 1-7 record in the MCC.

The team started out the season on fire, with two high-scoring victories, one against ranked St. Mary's. However, after starting out the season with a bang, the team hit a bump with a streak of defeats. Wins were difficult to come by as the team lost close games to powerhouses DeSmet and CBC. However, near the end of the season the team rejuvenated itself.

Led by Charles Franz, Nick Schneeberger, and Dave Buchek, the team was able to put some numbers up on the board. But it was the defense and pitching that kept the team in many of its close ball games, including a ten inning game against state semifinalist SLUH, which the team lost 1-0.

On the mound, the team was led by Joe Jacobs, Matt Fuhr, and sophomore southpaw Tom Cowely. They were supported by veteran hurlers Joe Puleo and Nick Bouyoukos.

Charles Franz's team-leading batting average earned him the silver bat award, while Matt Fuhr garnered Cy Young honors with a 2.61 ERA.

With all of their talent, the Griffs expected to make a deeper run in the playoffs. Things just didn't materialize. As Coach Rhea put it, "We just didn't put the right game together at the right time."



Bang~ *John Vasquez sends one toward the wall. "We had a good team, but we came up just short this year," said John.*



Rocket Arm *~Joe Puleo fires the pitch to the plate. Joe started four games on the mound and also finished second on the team in RBI's. "It was fun playing baseball for Vianney," said Joe.*



He's a goner *~Brian Scheman lays down the tag at third. Scheman played in all 18 games this season.*



Put some heat on that ball~ *Joe Jacobs watches the pitch come to the plate. Joe led the team with a .444 batting average.*



Striiike!~ *Matt Fuhr launches a strike. Matt lead the team with an ERA of 2.61 and won the team's Cy Young Award. "When we played well, we could beat anybody," said Matt.*

One down two to go~ *John Vasquez signals an out to his teammates. John started the majority of the games behind the plate. "Catching's a tough position, but I enjoy it," said John.*

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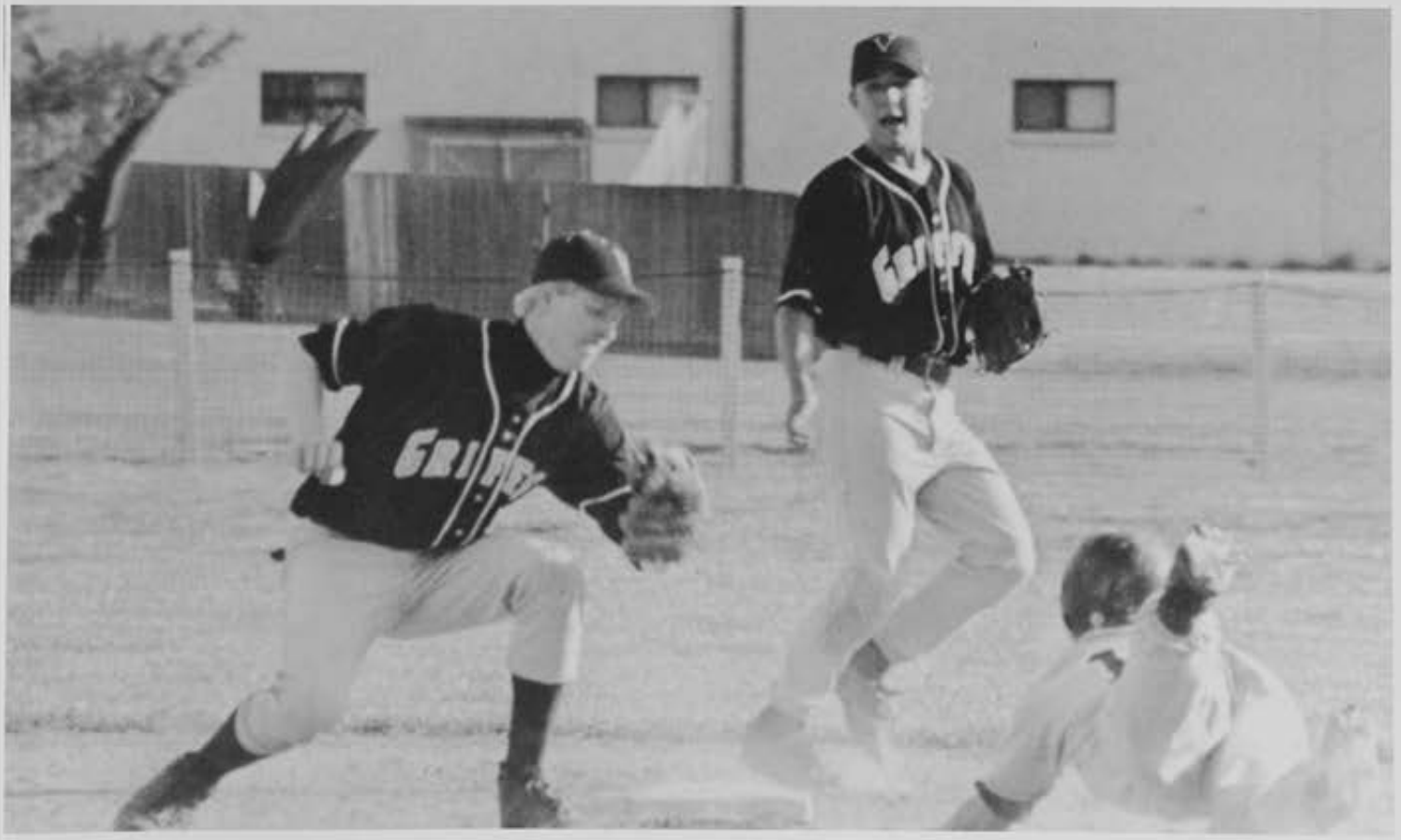
Vianney	Opponent	
16	St. Mary's	6
12	Francis Howell	10
2	Chaminade	12
2	DeSmet	4
4	Gibault	5
9	SLUH	9
4	Marquette	4
8	McCluer	11
8	CBC	9
10	Howell Central	5
0	DeSmet	10
6	Chaminade	4
3	CBC	5
5	Chaminade	2
2	Kirkwood	5
0	SLUH	1
8	Mehlville	0
7	Oakville	8



Varsity Baseball~ First Row: *John Vasquez, Gary Berry, John Grana, Mike Moehlenbrock.* ***Second Row:*** *David Buchek, Brian Scheman, Nick Bouyoukos, Joe Jacobs, Joe Puleo, Chris Natsch, Nick Schneeberger.* ***Third Row:*** *Rob Sedlak, Charlie Franz, Gio Glasscock, Head Coach Ryan Rhea, Justin May, Matt Fuhr, Tom Cowley.* ***Not Pictured:*** *Assistant Coach Sean Hazelton.*



Your Out!~*Charlie Franz completes the play with sweep tag. Charlie was among the team leaders both on offense and defense. "He was out by a mile," said Charlie.*



Strong Finish

by Mike St. Cin

Coming out of the gate with a quick 3-0 start, the sophomore baseball squad appeared to be a team in contention. Their winning record of 10-8 proved this to be the case.

Despite some disappointing losses, the season featured excellent play. Highlights included series sweeps of MCC rivals SLUH and CBC. The Griffs also split two games with Chaminade, taking one into extra innings and winning 5-4.

Pitching was strong all year. The staff featured Scott Hingle, Tony Dacey, Trevor Davenport, and John Schaffer. An occasional appearance from Tom Cowley, who joined the varsity squad midway in the season, added even more depth.

Quality position players provided a balanced attack on both offense and defense. Standouts included Peter McDermott, Nick Wilson, Tom Vehige, Mike St. Cin, Andy Dacey and Phil Alles.

Joining the sophomores were three freshmen: Ryan Ott, Phil Glaser, and Brad Akins. They should dominate on the sophomore level next year.

Coach Brennan summed up the year: "We struggled a little defensively in the middle of the season. By the end of the year, we were playing very well. I expect big things from these young men at the varsity level. They will be fun to watch the next two years."



Sophomore stud~ *Tom Cowley brings the ball home in an early season game. "We had a lot of talent. We just couldn't put it together at times. I see big things for next year," said Tom.*



First Row: *Trevor Davenport, Phil Alles* ***Second Row:*** *John Schael, Andy Dacey, Ryan Ott, Nick Wilson, Mike St. Cin, Phil Glaser, PeterMcDermott* ***Third Row:*** *Scott Hingle, Brad Akins, Tom Vehige, Coach Brian Brennan, Coach Tom Leassner, Tony Dacey, Jack Fleming, Tom Cowley.*





Swinging for the Fences~ *Sophomore Nick Wilson connects again. Nick was among team leaders in runs and RBI's this season. "It was a fun season, and I'm sad that Mr. Brennan isn't coaching anymore," said Nick.*

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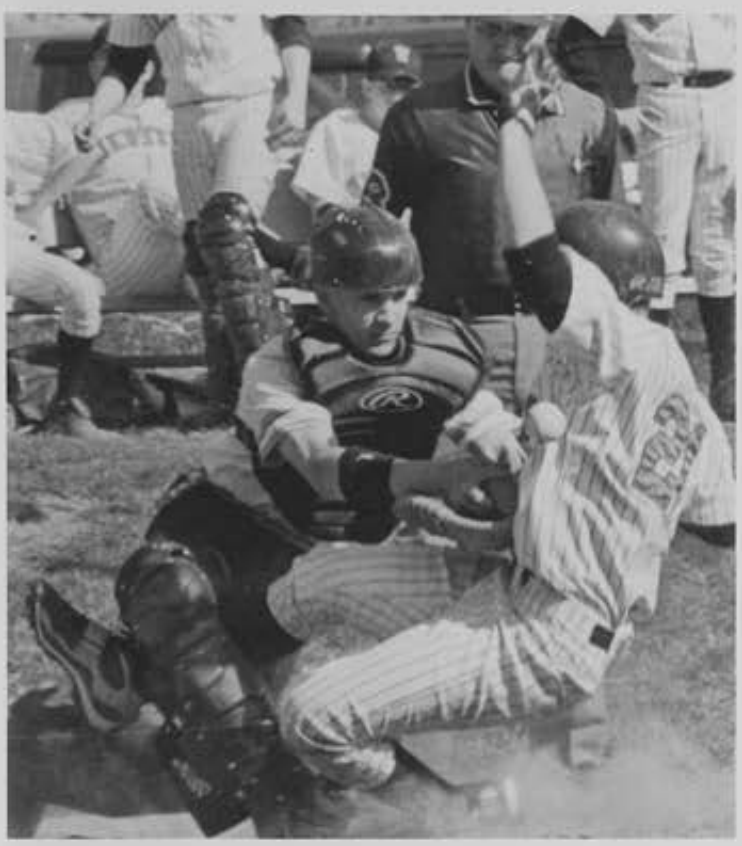
Vianney		Opponent
10	SLUH	5
7	St. Mary's	5
4	Francis Howell	7
5	Chaminade	16
8	DeSmet	11
13	DuBourg	3
8	Marquette	5
0	Francis Howell N.	3
3	CBC	1
2	Parkway West	3
5	Chaminade	4
1	Kirkwood	2
4	SLUH	1
7	Ft. Zumwalt N.	0

Try and catch me~*Pete McDermott leads off from first . Pete was one of the team's leading hitters. "It was a tough season, but it was fun," said Pete.*

Strike Three~*Charlie Blume gives his all. Pitching was one of the team's strong points this year. "There is more quality baseball to come," commented Charlie.*

Quality Baseball

by Erik Ustruck



Ending with a record of 15-5, the freshman team produced an excellent season. The C-Griffs won the MCC finishing 4-0 in conference play. Not only did they have the best record in their conference, they also completed the Parkway Tournament with the most wins(3), and the fewest number of losses(1).

All season long, their hitting really came through when they needed it. Leading hitters included Tim Bouyoukos, Brett Grittini, Kyle Saucier, and Matt Trokey. "The reason our team performed so well this year was that everyone worked together and got down to business when it was needed," said Saucier.

Charlie Blume threw a strong freshman season, leading the staff with 37 strikeouts. "After this great season, I think it proves that there is more quality Vianney baseball to come," said Charlie.

The work of Coaches Sutterer, Mitchell, and Hankemeyer helped make this team one of the best freshman teams to represent Vianney. "This year's freshman team had an outstanding year. All season this group worked hard to improve and understood that it takes a total team effort to be successful. Whenever we needed someone to step up and make a play or get a key hit, someone did," said Coach Sutterer.

Ouch!~*Kyle Saucier has the ball jarred loose in a collision at home plate. "It was cool because we beat everybody else," mused Kyle.*





C-Baseball~First Row: *Tim Yanko, Joe Grana, Steve Grana, Anthony Calcaterra,* ***Second Row:*** *Erik Ustruck, Kyle Wilken, Kyle Saucier, Nathan Smith, Matt Trokey, Dave Callanan, Bret Grittini.* ***Third Row:*** *Justin Finley, Charlie Blume, Steve Willick, Mike Mitchell, Jim Hankemeyer, Coach Brad Sutterer, Greg Tuholski, Tim Bouyoukous, Braden Greenwald.*

Vianney		Opponent
16	SLUH	4
13	SLUH	3
5	Chaminade	3
9	Webster	1
1	Parkway Central	8
10	DeSmet	2
7	DeSmet	4
9	Sibault	3
7	Fox	6
7	Chaminade	13
9	CBC	6
2	CBC	5
10	Parkway Central	7
6	Parkway North	4
3	Lutheran South	1
1	Parkway South	4
9	Parkway West	7
10	CBC	13
10	SLUH	3
10	Borgia	0



Defense!~*Joe Grana prepares to make another catch. "I had a lot of fun out there; I want to come back next year and win the MCC's again," said Joe.*

Perfection

by Scott Yackey

When people think of dynasties, they think of the Boston Celtics in basketball, the Montreal Canadiens in hockey, and the New York Yankees in baseball. But when it comes to Missouri high school volleyball, Vianney reigns supreme. This year's team had a perfect record in both matches and individual games, setting a new state record. This year also completed a perfect four years for the graduating seniors, who won their fourth consecutive state title.

The road to greatness once again proved to be a smooth one. Every single match the Griffins played, they won. Twenty-six in all! Their success is credited to the leadership, hard work, and desire of the nine seniors on the team. "Just a great talented group," coach Jeff Gabbert said. "They all love volleyball; they all worked hard, and they deserved everything they got." And the players agreed. "We seniors were busting our rear-ends. We had more to prove than teams of years past. We had to prove that Vianney is truly number one," said Senior Tim Peniston.

With 186 Aces, 738 Kills, and a 35% hitting percentage, they certainly proved themselves. A fourth consecutive state title topped it all. The Griffins put on a spectacular show, winning over CBC 15-3, 15-6. "Our kids really came out ready to play and played a fantastic match," said Coach Gabbert. "CBC was a great team, but it was our year."

Smashing records across the board, each member contributed to the team's success. However, no player stood out like Scott Touzinsky. In fact, he was featured in *Sports Illustrated* as the Old Spice Athlete of the Month. "It was awesome," said Touzinsky about the final game. "We had no downfalls, really, the whole match. We pretty much played the whole time, and we played great as a team." The same could be said about the entire season.

Stretch~ *Jim Feicht stretches out to spike the ball over the net.*



Ace~ *Tim Peniston serves the ball during the state championship. "We seriously busted our rearends. We had to prove than past teams. We had to prove that Vianney was number one," said Tim.*

Lindbergh	15-0, 15-4
Francis Howell	15-5, 15-6
Worthington	
Kilbourne	15-3, 15-9
C.B.C.	15-4, 15-7
Oakville	15-2, 17-15
Mehlville	15-7, 15-6
Chaminade	15-6, 15-4
St. Mary's	15-5, 15-8
S.L.U.H.	15-11, 15-8
DeSmet	15-1, 15-9
Chaminade	15-1, 15-1
Kirkwood	15-2, 15-11
S.L.U.H.	15-4, 15-5
Hazelwood Central	15-4, 15-10
C.B.C.	15-6, 15-6
DeSmet	17-15, 15-4
Missouri Baptist Tournament (Champs)	
St. Mary's	15-5, 15-13
C.B.C.	15-7, 17-15
DeSmet	15-5, 15-13
Hazelwood Central	15-6, 15-12
Marquette	15-8, 15-7
C.B.C.	15-9, 15-7
District	
Mehlville	15-5, 15-13
Marquette	15-7, 15-4
State	
Ft. Zumwalt South	15-5, 15-7
C.B.C.	15-3, 15-6
Games 52-0	Matches 26-0

Slam~ *Jeff Kohlberg delivers a huge spike over a SLUH blocker. Jeff was named the* St. Louis Post-Dispatch *Scholar Athlete from Vianney.*





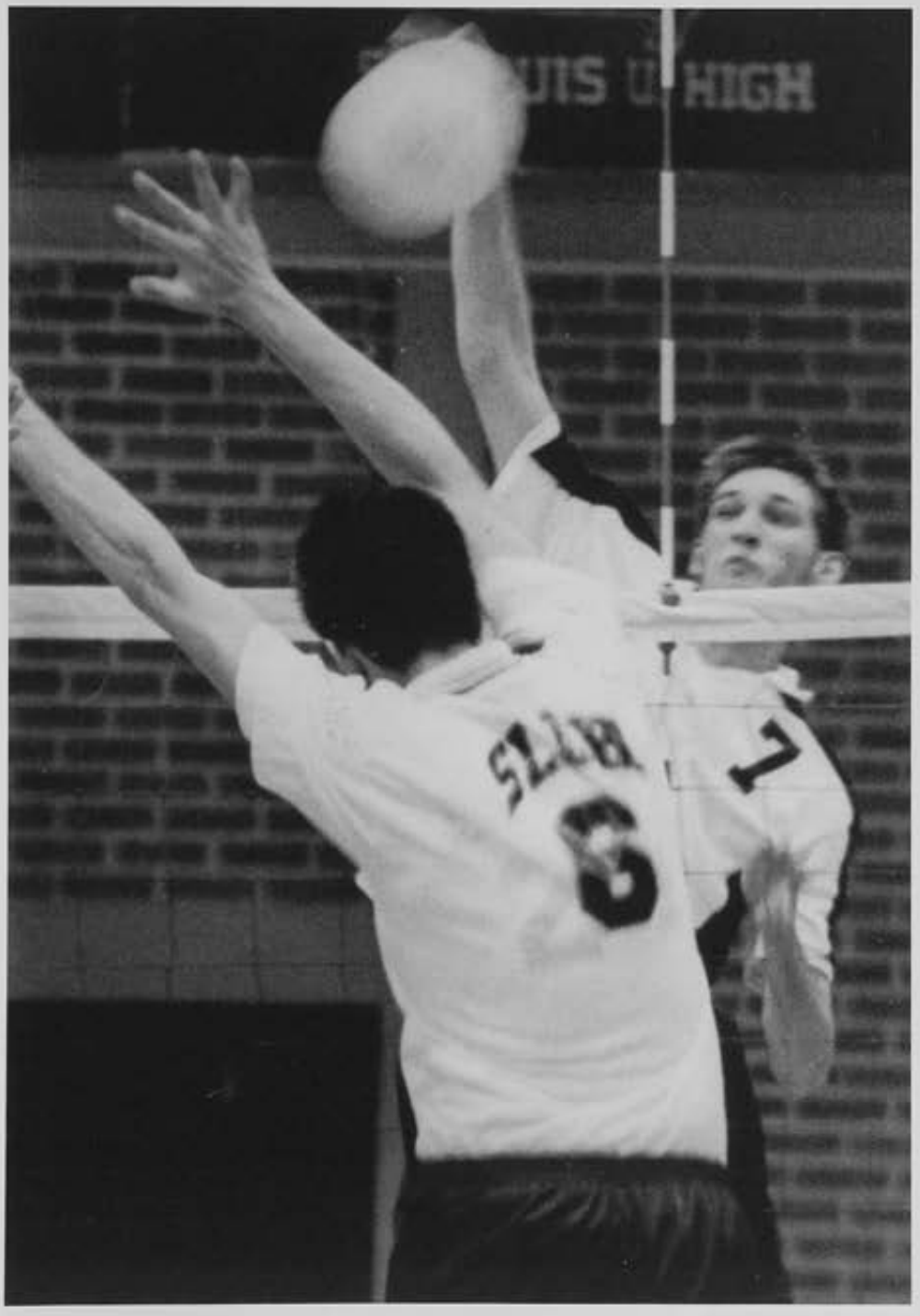


Varsity Volleyball~ First row: *Coach Jeff Cheak, Tom Marschner, Matt Wamser, Rico Lange, Dave Gitto* ***Second Row:*** *Coach Jeff Gabbert, Mark Greaves, Coach Larry Furrer, Nick Beck, Tim Peniston, Jim Feicht, Jeff Kohlberg, Scott Touzinsky, Mike Mayer, Phil Goedeker.*

















"A Touzinsky Bomb"~ *Senior Scott Touzinsky slams the ball past his SLUH opponents. Scott was named the Old Spice Athlete of the Month in the April 2000 issue of "Sports Illustrated" magazine. "It was a great season; one I'll never forget," said Scott.*

Go Crazy~ *The Golden Griffins become state champs for the fourth year in a row after beating CBC. The state championship was held at Francis Howell Central.*

Bump, Set, Spike ~ *Mark Sucher sets up a great play for the JV Griffins. He did a great job on offense and defense. "We had a pretty good year with a winning record. We had two tough losses, but everybody endured and had a good time," said Mark.*

Heads up ~ *Tyler Nowell spikes the ball over the net. He has contributed to this year's great spiking with a season total of 83 kills. "We had fun while we improved all year," said Tyler.*





JV Volleyball~ 1st Row: *Chris Cusumano, Dan Tissi, Ryan Glasscock, Dylan Padberg, Ryan Woolbright.* ***2nd Row:*** *Joe Ebert, Mark Sucher, Pat Walsh, Tyler Nowell, Dan Natsch, Brian Stoker, Dan Corkery, Keith Goltschman, Coach Jeff Cheak.*



Strong Season

by Dan Corkery

Bumping, setting, spiking and getting the job done summed up the year for the Jr. Griffins. Coach Jeff Cheak led his team to a record of fourteen and two.

Scoring points was not a problem for the Griffins with a team total of 146 aces and 553 kills. Dan Tissi and Tyler Nowell led the team in kills with Dan pounding an extraordinary 110 of them. Defense also stood firm with a team total of 261 blocks of which 42 were kills.

With the solid combination of offense and defense, the team mounted a win streak of eight at the season's start and later had a streak of six games. "A lot of improvement occurred as the season went on," said Sophomore Tyler Nowell. The team certainly proved this to be true against SLUH, avenging an earlier loss to the Billikens by beating them in straight sets at the GriffinDome.

The year proved to be a good one and something to be proud of. "We weren't the tallest team, but we showed we were the strongest," said Freshman Dan Natsch.



...Set, Spike~*Pat Walsh sets the ball to Tyler Nowell for the spike and the point.*

SCOREBOARD

Lindbergh	15-5,15-5
F. Howell	15-4,11-15, 15-5
W. Kilbourne	15-4,15-11
C.B.C	18-16,12-15,15-13
Oakville	15-4,6-15, 15-11
Mehlville	15-5,15-7
Chaminade	15-5,21-19
St. Mary's	15-5,15-13
S.L.U.H.	10-15,4-15
DeSmet	10-15,15-9, 15-12
Chaminade	15-2,15-12
Kirkwood	15-4,15-4
S.L.U.H.	15-10,15-12
Hazelwood C.	15-4,13-15,15-8
C.B.C.	15-8,7-15,15-10
DeSmet	13-15,13-15

Hittin' the Links

by Kevin Mueckl



Varsity Golf~ First Row: *Adam Byrne, Chris Eberhardt, Brian Bashwiner, Coach Don Heeb.* ***Second Row:*** *Dave Martorano, Rick Bueltman, Kurt Govero, J.B. Neal.*



JV Golf~ First Row: *Dan Kluba, Matt Etling, Sam Schuster, Coach Dave Hall.* ***Second Row:*** *Kevin Mueckl, Eric Ladd, Kevin McLear, Kevin Ault.*



C-Golf: First Row: *Drew Finke, Joe Altnether, Neil Ryan.* ***Second Row:*** *Joe Basler, Kevin Ault, John Reagan, Coach Mike Diffley.*



The 18th Hole~ *Coach Don Heeb is on his way to sink the putt of a lifetime. He has spent many great moments here at Vianney in his past years. He will be retiring this year, and we wish him the best.*

Beginning in early March, Griffin Golfers got right into another season with a busy and competitive schedule. Aside from a disappointing match record, the team placed respectably in the Webster Cup. They also turned in solid performances in the Hurricane Classic and Pizza Hut Classic. Unfortunately, this level of play didn't carry over to the MCC districts.

Although this was just an average year for the team as a whole, many individuals stood out. Freshmen Eric Ladd and Matt Etling were brought up to varsity halfway through the season. Eric led the team with a 40.1 scoring average. Seniors scoring in the 30s included Kurt Govero, Chris Eberhardt, and J.B. Neal.

"Aside from a lack of consistency and at times concentration, I am very satisfied by how this season went. It is also a good way for me to finish up my time as the team's head coach," said Varsity Coach Don Heeb, who completed his final season at Vianney.

Other than a disappointing finish in the MCC tournament, the JV team played well this year with impressive match wins over DeSmet and Chaminade. A few JV golfers will be moved up to varsity next season and have gained important experience.

The freshman team coached by Coach Mike Diffley also gained a lot of experience this year, often being put against many other school's JV teams. In short, it was a solid year on the course.





FORE! or FOUR~ *Eric Ladd sends his ball sailing toward the green, hopefully. He finished this year with an average score of 40.1 to lead the team. "Our key players weren't on every match, which hurt our average. However, we usually had a few players who had good rounds that kept us alive."*



Who threw my ball there?~ *Kevin Mueckl lofts his ball out from the sand trap. "I focused a lot on my game and it paid off," said Kevin.*

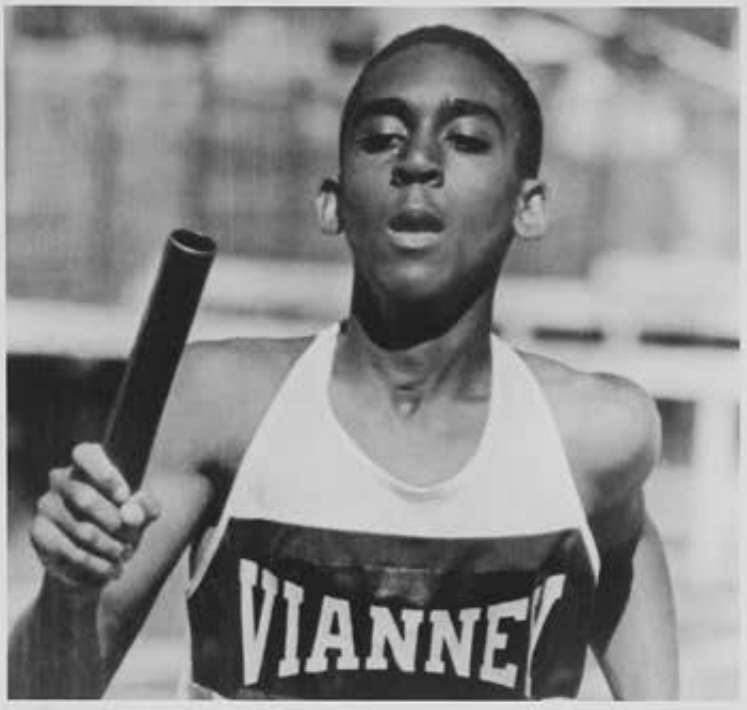
Roughin' it~ *J.B. Neal hits his ball out of the "deep stuff." "We all tried extra hard because it was the coach's last year," said J.B.*

Pefect form~ *Junior Neville Miller shows off his smooth stride and lightning speed in the 4 x 400m relay. Neville was the leading junior on the varsity team, earning 91 team points through his events this year. "The 4 x 400 is the hardest, most competitive race in track," said Neville.*

Pass it on~ *Andy Greminger makes a clean handoff to Mike Klosterman. "The best part of the season was breaking two sophomore school records on the same day," said Klosterman.*

And they're off~ *Matt Terry quickly accelerates out of the starting blocks. Matt was the first leg of almost every sprint relay because of his skill at starting.*









The "D" Team~ *Runners Matt Buck, Matt Smith, Tom Gordon, and Nick Tobias compete in the mile. "That's how we finished most of our races: 1,2,3,4," said Coach Maxwell.*



It's a bird!...It's a plane! It's...~ *Adam Gorecki soars over the top in the pole vault. Adam was the team's leading pole vaulter with a personal best of 13 feet. He also won the team's most valuable field athlete award.*

Rising to New Levels

by Mike Kremer



Like the phoenix rising from the ashes, Vianney's track team rose from the dead and had new life. The team broke into the top three in the MCC and registered a perfect home record.

Why all of a sudden has Vianney track come alive? The team was finally a team. The coaches developed a team concept rather than focusing on individual events. Coach Mohr's preaching of "a team" had finally been heard.

To win in any sport, you need talent, and the track team had more talent to work with this year. Thirty-two people scored Varsity points this season. Also, Vianney finally had more than just one man representing them in the state sectionals, sending Adam Gorecki in pole vault, Dan Paradoski in 110 hurdles, and the 4 x 800 relay team of John Smith, Neville Miller, Glenn Frei, and Scott Marquart.

Other highlights included Senior Matt Schuessler setting a conference championship record with a time of 50.9 in the 400m. Vianney's best relay team, the 4 x 400, consisting of Neville Miller, John Smith, Mark Helscher, and Matt Schuessler, also set a conference record of 3:27.8. "Finally, all of our hard work paid off as we ran our fastest time and smoked the rest of the MCC schools in the 4 x 400m," said Neville Miller.

"It's about time we had a season where everybody succeeded in reaching their goals," said Justin Roth. Seniors brought this team to a respectable level and now the job is to keep standards set high. For next year and years to come, Vianney track should keep rising to new levels.

In stride~ *Junior Dan Paradoski glides over the hurdles in the 110m competition, an event he qualified in at the district meet. "I run hurdles so I can hang out with Coach Rip," said Dan.*



Taking the lead ~ *Senior Captain John Smith charges to the front in the 4x800m. John Smith led the team on and off the track and was named most valuable track athlete. "We had an excellent year. More people qualified for sectionals than have in a long time," said John.*

SCOREBOARD

MCC Relays	5th	Phil Brusca Invitational	12th
Webster Invitational	3rd	Vianney Relays (open)	7th
CBC/Fox	1st	Vianney Relays (relay)	7th
Chaminade/St. Mary's	1st	MCC Championship	3rd
Mineral Area Relays	5th	District	4th
Lutheran South/Alton	1st		



Track and Field Seniors~ First Row: *Captain Dan Malone, Captain John Smith, Matt Buck, Captain Matt Schuessler.* ***Second Row:*** *Dave Curran, Tom Barnowski, Scott Marquart, Adam Ochonicky, Glen Frei.* ***Third Row:*** *Head Coach John Mohr, Coach Craig Maxwell, Coach Mark Murphy, Coach Dennis Ripplinger.*

Breaking Records

by Adam Skaggs

Vianney made its mark in the track record books this year. Leading the squad were Sophomores Ryan Broekelman, Mike Klosterman, Ronny Pancer, and Mark Helscher setting a new record in the 4x200m. On that same day Matt Wigand joined three members of the same team to produce a new 4x100m record as well. Freshman phenom Beau Wethington claimed the mile record with a time of 4:40. Overall times and records improved in every event and, as usual, Griffin team spirit was high.

Vianney took charge at the Metro Catholic Conference. The Freshman team earned a close second behind CBC, the best the team has finished in recent years. Freshman thrower Dave Borchardt broke the MCC record with a throw of 111'10" in the discus. "We had a great year. Freshmen finishing second at the MCCs was fantastic. Huge numbers and good talent equals success in the future," said Coach Mohr.

On the JV level, Evan Pennycook, Brian Benson, Chris Leicht, and Ryan Broekelman finished first in the 4x400m, breaking the old MCC record by 6 seconds. Ben Cox tied the 300m hurdles, and Andy Perez broke the JV pole vault record with a jump of 11'6". "I think that in two or three years, these teams could gain some attention from the other schools in the St. Louis area. They have the ability, dedication, and enthusiasm that is associated with teams that have accomplished great things, and I know," said Coach Maxwell.



Track and Field Sophomores and Juniors~ First Row: *Jack Schurk, Ronnie Pancer, Paul Przyzycki, Andy Perez, Matt Terry, Mark Helscher, Mike Kremer, Brian Feldman, Alex Bias, T.J. Signaigo.* ***Second Row:*** *Nick Tobias, Mike Klosterman, Andy Greminger, Bryan Martin, Dan Paradoski, Nick Frei, Marcus Smith, Ryan Earley, Chris Schneider, Evan Pennycook, Matt Cohen.* ***Third Row:*** *Justin Roth, Adam Gorecki, Aaron Harwood, Neville Miller, Ryan Broekelmann, Tom Gordon, Scott Yackey.* ***Fourth Row:*** *Ben Cox, Brad Gross, Steve Curran, Matt Willer, Chris Leicht, Tom Beckett, Brandon Basler, Adam Fiock.*



Track and Field Freshmen~ First Row: *P.J. Morales, Mike Kegel, Mike Huelsing, Brad Russell, Matt Kuse, Jesse Schwab, Mark Schermann, Tony Noce, Brian Longo.* ***Second Row:*** *Matt Wigand, Chris Wilke, Mark Sitek, Mark Peralta, Dan Terveer, Sal Zerilli, Chris Hagerty, Mike Sachs, Ian Rusnak, Paul Ohlman, James Jackson.* ***Third Row:*** *David Duchinsky, Brad Gordon, Beau Wethington, Ross Podgornik, Dave Haarmann, Bruce Cook, Neil Schulte, Felix Nau, Brad Wilhite, Jason Domachowski, Coach Dennis Ripplinger.* ***Fourth Row:*** *Nick Henderson, Scott Ziegler, Brian Perotta, Justin Tauser, Joe Whatton, Jeff Evitts, Dave Borchardt, Dan Allgeyer, Jeff Nations, Casey Blood, Adam Skaggs.*



It's all you~ *Mike Kremer passes the baton on to Nick Frei in the 4x800 relay. "I enjoyed running for Max, even though I was a pain in his neck," said Mike.*



Jump around!~ *Scott Yackey clears another hurdle as he eyes the finish line. "Wow, that's one I actually cleared!" said Scott.*



I believe I can fly~ *Steve Curran soars through the air over the long jump pit. "With all the returning athletes, we should be a force to be dealt with next season as well," said Steve.*

Umphh!~ *Jack Schurk gives his all as he competes in the shotput. "I had a good season and a fun time. I have lots of good feelings about next year," said Jack.*







Tied in knots~ *Nick Frei stretches before the big race. "We had a great team, winning all of our Tri-meets at Vianney," said Frei.*

Who needs gravity?~ *Dan Riordan demonstrates his skill to a crowd of onlookers. "Wild Bill's a great coach," said Dan.*

Steppin' Up

by Anthony Agliata

After a successful season last year, the Vianney lacrosse team stepped up into the upper division to play stronger competition. The division contained powerhouse schools such as DeSmet, Rockhurst, and MICDS.

After emerging from a slow start and overcoming mid-season turmoil, the Griffins rose with a new attitude and a will to win. Senior leaders Jon Hansen, Devin McCart, Josh Bodine, Chris Johnson, and Richard Perez stepped up to make their last few games in a Vianney uniform memorable ones. Despite the strong finish, playoff hopes fell a little short with a 5-8 record. One of the highlights of the season came in the form of Senior Captain Jon Hansen. Hansen led the team with 31 goals. "Our team had a rough season this year with coaches and a lack of players, but in the end we stuck together and had a great time," said Jon.



Traveling to Nashville marked another bright spot in the season. The team emerged from tournament play in Nashville witha record of 1-1. More importantly, the squad got to know each other better and became more unified.

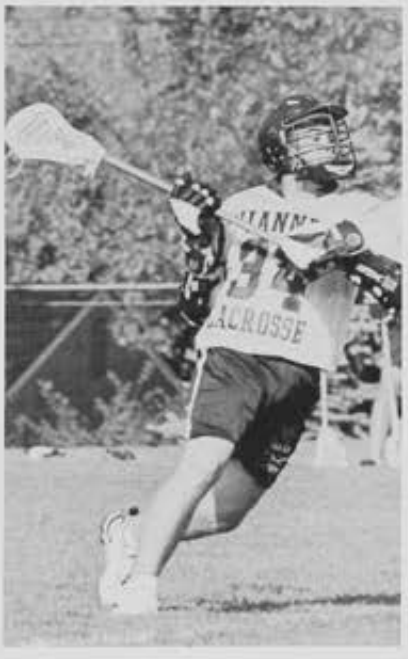
Despite the losing record, the team finished with a somewhat positive outlook. "We really tried hard this year, even though we did not play to our full potential," said Senior Josh Bodine. In the end, players were able to take with them the memories of a fun, albeit disappointing, season.

I can do it! *~ Senior Devin McCart tries to dodge the competition. "I had a great four years playingwith Jon Hansen, Jogh Bodine, Richard Perez, and Chris Johnson," said Devin.*



Varsity Lacrosse~ First Row: *Ben Asinger, Chris Johnson, Jon Hansen, Scott Pelizzaro.* ***Second Row:*** *Matt Filla, Anthony Agliata, Pat Martchink, Jeff Miller, Josh Bodine, Richard Perez, Mike Buchheit, J. Guy Kehoe.* ***Third Row:*** *Devin McCart, Nate Stein, Andy Kenny, Casey Matthews, Chris Wynne, Tom Detweiler, Chris Straub.* ***Not Pictured:*** *Paul Cullman, RyanCurry.*





Ready, aim...~ *Junior Scott Pelizzaro prepares to launch the lacrosse ball across the field to another teammate.*

SCOREBOARD

Opponent	
CBC	L
Nashville Trip	(1-1)
Parkway Central	L
Parkway West	L
Kirkwood	L
SLUH	L
Parkway North	W
DeSmet	L
Rockhurst	L
Lafayette	L
Parkway South	W
MICDS	L



Watch out~ *Junior Casey Matthews charges the camera.*

Learning Experience

by Mike Nahlik



JV Lacrosse~ First Row: *Andy Werkmeister, Dan Fischer, Ryan Monaghan, Josh Cox, Mike Nahlik, Kevin Haar.* ***Second Row:*** *Alex Kladiva, Joe Valenta, Steve Muenster, Clay Fete, Nick Bruno, Scott Krajacic, Pat Kreski, Brad Lipic, Rob Dixon.* ***Third Row:*** *Nate Stein, Casey Bollier, Andy Brown, Tom Shaw, Joe Liebmann, Tom Detweiler, Dave Lang, Dan Madigan.*

Consisting mostly of freshmen, the JV team completed a season of highs and lows. They battled older teams from schools such as DeSmet and MICDS all year. "I liked playing against the better teams because although we lost some games, we learned something every time," said Josh Cox.

SCOREBOARD

Opponent	
CBC	W
Rockwood Summit	W
Parkway Central	L
Parkway West	W
Kirkwood	L
SLUH	W
Parkway North	L
DeSmet	L
Rockhurst	L
Lafayette	L
MICDS	L
Parkway Central Tournament	1-2

The team's biggest win came against SLUH. The Griffins led by three at the end of the first quarter, but SLUH stormed back out of nowhere. By the fourth quarter, the score was tied 4-4, and both teams were leaving it all out on the field. From there, a pass flew to Tom Shaw, who wound up his crank shot and scored. Mr. Clary went crazy.

Other highlights included Kevin Haar's uppercut against Rockhurst and Jo Liebmann's behind-the-back goal against MICDS. Team members will also remember Ryan Monaghan's outfit at the football game at practice. "My favorite part of the season was the game when I got all dressed up," said Ryan.

Competing against powerhouse DeSmet proved to be the toughest task for the team. "They were so fast I could barely keep up with them," said Scott Krajacic. The 21-2 loss was a devastating blow to the team, but one they learned from. In the end, it proved to be a good year for the team.



Run, Tom, Run~ *Sophomore Tom Shaw tries to outrun his opponent from SLUH. "We'll be there next year," said Tom.*





Get out of my way~ *Senior Josh Bodine, towering over the opponent, rushes to the center of the field while cradling the lacrosse ball . "We really tried hard, but just came up short," said Devin.*

I've got it~ *Freshman Josh Cox catches the ball in mid-air. "It was an exciting season. I'm glad I tried out for the sport," said Josh.*

Game, Set, Match

by Chris Hart

It was another hard-fought season this year for the tennis Griffins, as they battled against such talented teams as Chaminade, SLUH, CBC, and Lindbergh.

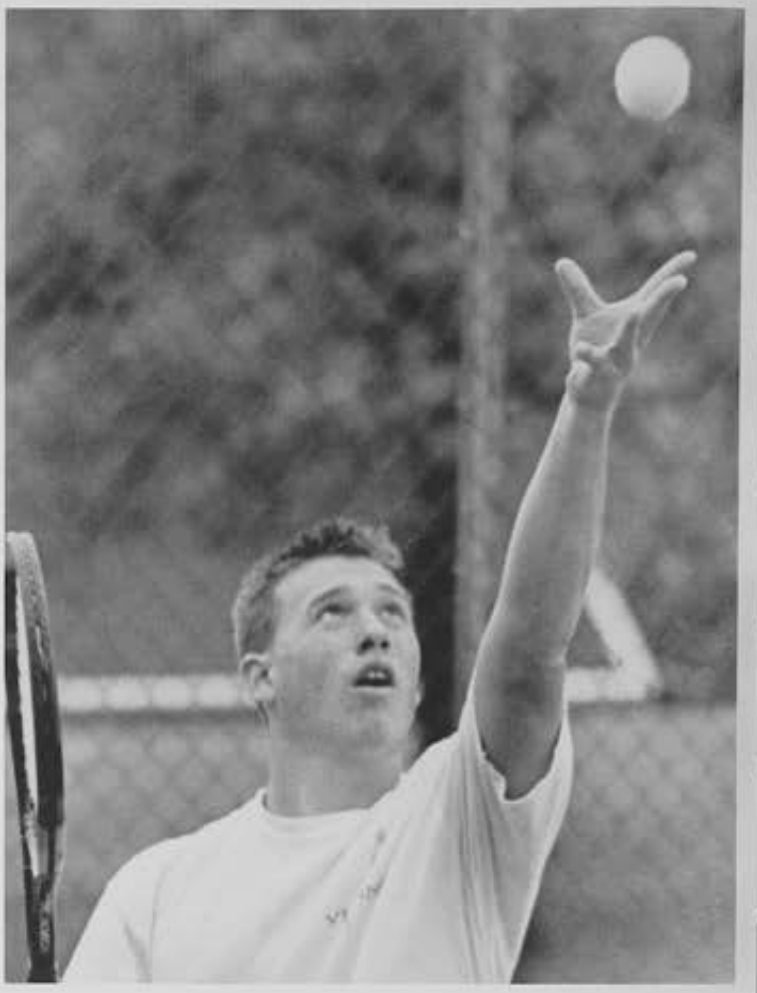
Despite a record of 4-13, the Griffins had great performances from such players as Seniors Dan Muller, Mike Pelech, Nick Roth, Junior Dave Fuhrig, and Sophomore Matt Brightman. The Griffs had the following players qualify for districts: Junior Dave Fuhrig and Sophomore Matt Brightman in singles and the teams of Mike Pelech/ John Sztukowski and Justin Fuller/ Dan Mueller in the doubles competition.



With the support of a growing program, individual triumphs and great coaching, the team enjoyed a moderately successful season and built a sound foundation for the future. "This season was quite a bit of fun. We had some great individual performances, especially with the younger athletes," said Coach Tim McCarthy.

Yet even in triumph there is defeat as the tennis squad says a fond fair well to Coach McCarthy. "I have played for Mac for two years, and it has been a lot of fun. Thanks, Coach Mac," said Sophomore Marco Kramer.

Tossin' it up~ *Sophomore Justin Fuller gets ready to serve against his opponent from DuBourg. "The youth of the team should help in the years to come," said Justin.*





Signed, Sealed, and Delivered~ *Junior Dave Fuhrig unleashes his massive forehand.*

Scoreboard

Vianney	Opponent		Vianney	Opponent	
4	Oakville	3	0	Marquette	7
3	Lindbergh	4	2	CBC	5
1	Parkway Central	6	0	SLUH	9
6	Webster	1	3	Westminster	4
2	Francis Howell	5	0	Duchesne	7
0	Chaminade	7	0	DeSmet	5
1	Kirkwood	6	1	Summit	6



Magic Touch~ *Dan Dolan sets up for a lob shot. "The win against CBC was one of the many highlights of the year for me," said Dan.*

The Ace~ *Junior John Sztukowski puts his all into bashing the ball. "I played well; it was a good year," said John.*



Varsity Tennis~ First Row: *Matt Brightman, Dave Fuhrig, Dan Mueller, Ryan Gallagher* ***Second Row:*** *Dan Dolan, Mike Pelech, Nick Roth, John Sztukowski, Coach McCarthy* ***Not Pictured:*** *Joe Bleitner, Justin Fuller.*



JV Tennis~ First Row: *Steve Mannhard, Dan Morris, Tim Welby, Zach Franz, Bill Wangles* ***Second Row:*** *Marty Andrews, Matt Duchek, Sean Kornmann, Marco Kramer, Brendan Rogan, Tim Masterson* ***Third Row:*** *Pat O'Neill, Eric Fultz, David Castro, Allister Dueker, Tony Glass, Coach McCarthy* ***Not Pictured:*** *Chris Hart.*





Strategy, Strategy, Strategy~ *Coach McCarthy talks to Senior Dan Mueller and Sophomore Justin Fuller as they look at the other matches going on. "We had some great individual performers, especially with the younger athletes," said Coach McCarthy.*

A Laughing Matter~ *Senior Dan Mueller shows that, above all, sports are supposed to be fun.*





Eyeing it up~ *Senior Nick Roth prepares to kiss the ball goodbye. "Playing tennis for the first time was on e of the bright sports of my senior year," said Nick.*

Bowled Over

by Adam Fiock

The hopes for the bowling season were high this year with the return of Seniors Steve Solovic, Nick Riek, Greg Oberbeck, and Junior Charles Franz. They were joined this year by newcomers Matt Unger, Adam Fiock, Bryan Sisk and Mr. Hankemeyer as coach.

The competition in the conference was very tough, and the Griifins ended up in sixth place for the regular season despite Steve Solovic's high average for the conference, 208, for the second year in a row.

Fortunately, in the high school league there are two seasons, and the Griffs took advantage of the second one. At the conference tournament, Vianney took third place out of twelve to advance to the second round at Concord Bowl. There, out of thirty-two teams, the Griffs took first place by three-hundred fifty pins. The top five teams then made it to the championship round at the Bowling Hall of Fame.

However, a strong Kirkwood team took everyone by surprise to capture first place from the Griffs. Although they had to settle for second place, the year was definitely a success.

Checking the Score~ *Nick Roth, Greg Bennett, Steve Solovic, and Nick Riek try to figure out the automatic scoring during an intramural game at Crestwood Bowl. "Intramural bowling was some of the most fun I had," said Bennett.*

Some Friendly Advice~ *Coach Hornsey instructs his players during a game. He helped lead the talented team to a successful season, which unfortunately was cut short in the playoffs.*







Varsity Bowling~ First Row: *Brian Sisk and Adam Fiock.* ***Second Row:*** *Steve Solovic, Greg Oberbeck, and Nick Riek.* ***Not pictured:*** *Charles Franz and Coach Jim Hankemeyer.*



Prize Pupil~ *Coach Hankemeyer poses with Charles Franz, recipient of a $500 bowling scholarship. Hankemeyer summed up the year by saying, "It was a great ending to a great year."*

Rocket Shot~ *Ryan Weber lets it loose during intramural competition.*

Terrific Tandem~ *Nick Riek and Greg Oberbeck let it roll. "I just thank God for good luck," said Oberbeck.*



Balanced Attack

by Joe Leiendecker



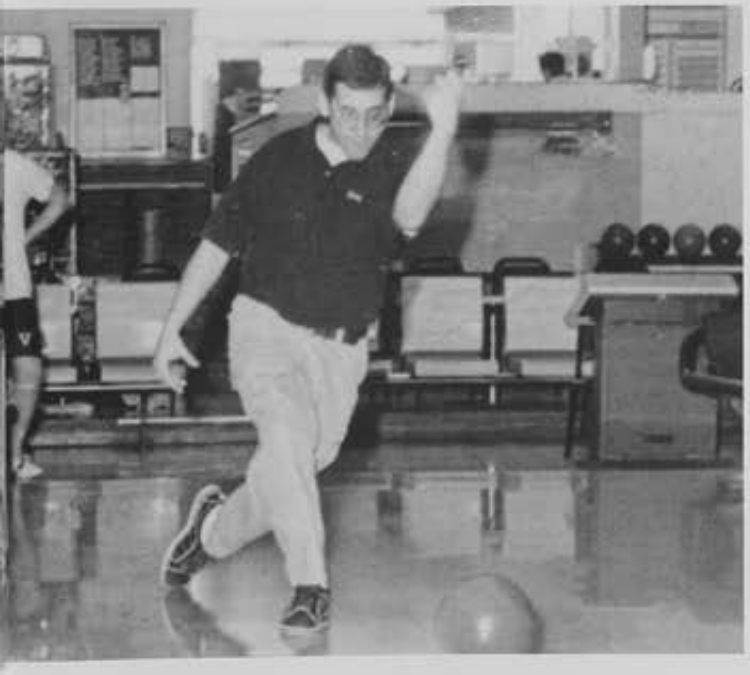
Despite a quick end to the season, the varsity roller hockey team turned in a successful season overall. They emerged as a very competitive and well-respected team.

The key to the team's success was a balanced attack in which players worked very well together. The team featured hard-working playmakers like Erik Martin, Brian Heying, and Bryan Martin. A few speedy goal scorers like Nick Behnen and Anthony Calcaterra added scoring punch. In addition, puck handlers like Jason Lee and Al Curtis controlled play with their great skill and dazzling moves. To top it all off, the offense was backed by the strong goaltending of Steve Hromadka and Chris Favier. Hromadka completed a great season, keeping us in all the close games. Favier acted as a leader on and off the ice with his positive attitude and team spirit.

Unfortunately, the season ended in mid-May with a devastating loss to Francis Howell in the playoffs. The Griffs had to play without star Bryan Martin, who sat out with a fractured ankle. The hard-fought game ended with a final score of 6-5.



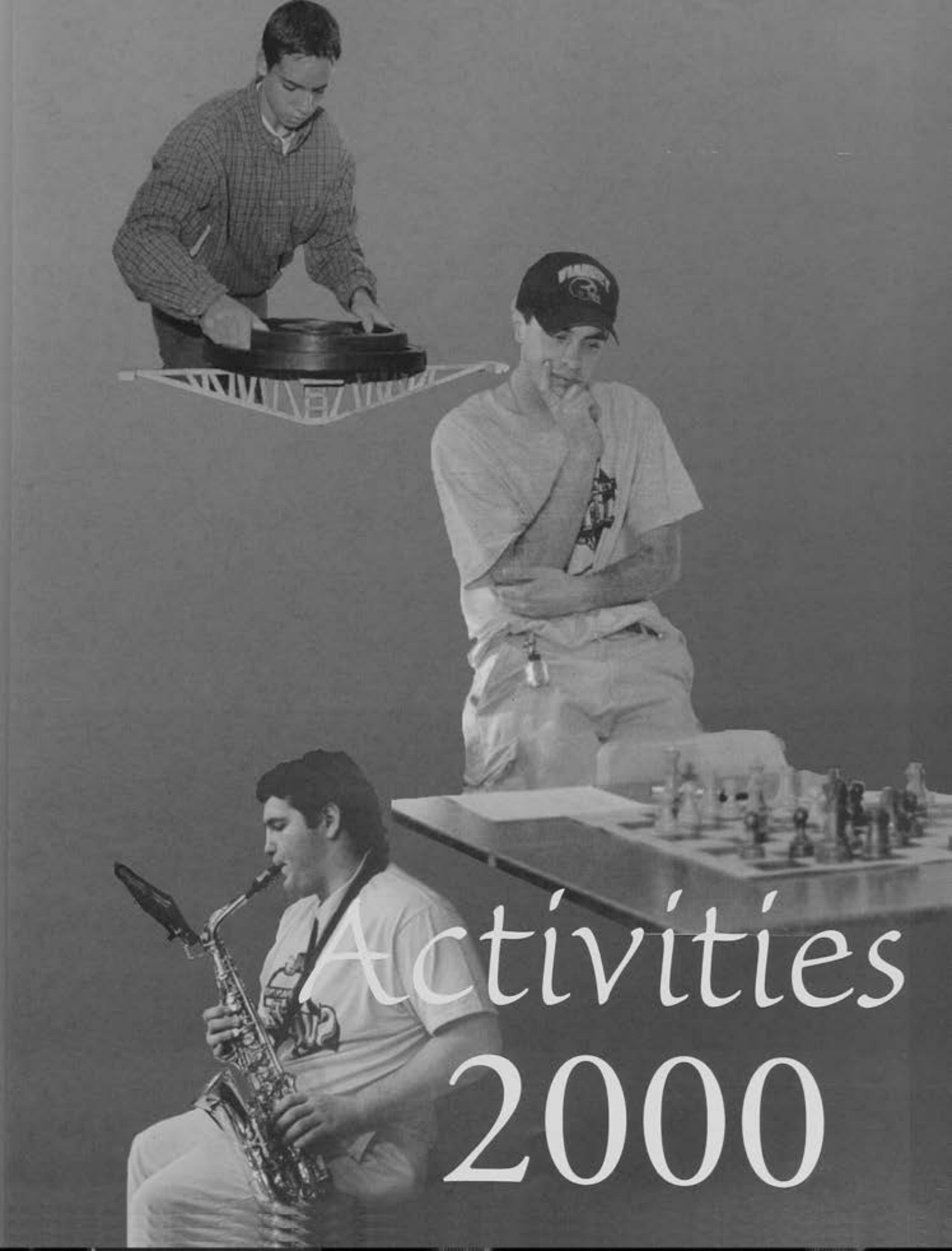
Denied!~ *Goalie Jeff Borgers protects the Vianney goal at point-blank range. "I like roller hockey better than ice hockey; there's more action," said Borgers.*





On the fly~ *The Griffins push the puck down the "ice" in another scoring rush. The team produced another solid season this year.*





Activities 2000

Griffin Theatre



Show us the money!~ *Meg Fullenkamp and Josh Piontek innocently plot to steal the Miser's money. "Dang, those pants were tight!" said Josh.*

Practice makes perfect~ *Mr. Al Book blocks curtain call. "The show was great; you should have been there," said Mr. Book.*

Over There~ *Chris Soer directs Jeff Miller's attention to stage left. "I repose. We prepare," said Chris Soer. Soer has been an important part of Vianney Theater for four years.*







Down on their knees~ *Jeff Miller and Christie Pollihan give innocent looks to the Miser as he interrupts their talk of running away together.*

Puttin' on an Act

by Adam Skaggs

Imagine you and your dad fighting over the same woman. Your father has more money, but you are her true desire. She is engaged to your father, but she is unsure of her decision. As unreal as it may seem, this is the basic plot of *The Miser*, a 300-year-old comedy.

"Everyone thought we were going to be unprepared, but it turned out to be great," said sophomore Greg Irwin. "They even laughed at the jokes." *The Miser* cast was prepared for the 4-day performance schedule despite having only 18 practices.

Mr. Book chose the play because "I wanted to see a period piece performed by the students. I also wanted to see how the audience would react to 300-year-old jokes," he said. "Overall, it was a success, but moreover it was a lot of fun," said senior Chris Soer.

Last year's play, *South Pacific*, set high expectations that *The Miser* had to live up to. "I thought the acting was better, and the play was funnier than *South Pacific*," said Senior John Smith.

Although they seemed to be prepared, there were a few mistakes that occurred during the play's opening night. Jeff Miller, who was playing the part of Valere, came on stage nearly three minutes before he was supposed to. He just sat there until he was supposed to start his first line.

All in all, the play turned out well. *The Miser* had a lot of talented actors. It wouldn't be a surprise to see some of play's actors and actresses follow a career in the performing arts.



What did you just say?~ *Chris Soer, Emily Richardson, and Meg Fullenkamp stare at Jeff Miller confusedly. In this scene Jeff Miller humiliates his master, Chris Soer.*



Look! It's Captain Hook!...~ *Ryan Barden, Senor Anselm, proclaims that Jeff Miller, Valere, is his son. "To somewhat of a surprised audience and cast, the play was a huge success," said Ryan Barden.*



The cast of The Miser~ First Row: *Josh Piontek, Christy Pollihan, Chris Soer, and Tony Noce.* ***Second Row:*** *Jeff Miller, Meg Fullenkamp, Ryan Barden, Mike Schwent, and Emily Richardson.* ***Third Row:*** *Mike Johnson, John Kollar, Greg Irwin, Matt Smith, and Mike Haffner.* ***Not Pictured~*** *Anthony Granda (Stage Manager) and Jeff Borgers (Assistant Stage Manager).*





Hmm~ *Chris Soer contemplates a big decision while Mike Schwent looks on. "The show was great; Mr. Book did it again," said Schwent.*

What shall we have for dinner tonight~ *Jacques, played by Greg Irwin, gets ready to prepare a meal for the Miser, played by Chris Soer.*



Heave...Ho!! *~ Tom Appelbaum, the main character in the Spring Play, gets carried off by the Proteans. "It was ripping fun!" said Tom.*

Off in the distance! *~ Tom, as Pseudolus, discusses romance with Brandon Uhl. "Great director, great people, great experience," said Brandon.*







At attention! *~ Tom Applebaum makes his point. It's comedy tonight!*

I like this one! *~ Seniors Josh Piontek and Tom Appelbaum talk about Lisa McNamara, a senior at Ursuline Academy. "Of all my shows at Vianney, it was the best because of all the new faces," said Josh about the play.*





Cast~ Floor~ *Kerrie Harms, Liz Hellwege, Emily Janovec, Amy Cooper, Lisa McNamara, Amy Paradise, Jennifer Friedeck* ***Next Row~*** *Kevin Arens, Mary Pat Sueme, Megan Zor, Aaron Costello, Kathleen McGovern, Dan Malone, Dan Riordan, Erica Hogenmiller, Scott Moore, Sarah Holland, Greg Irwin, Meg Fullenkamp, Angelica Feliciano, Bryan McMahan, Brandon Uhl, Seamus Gilligan, Mike Johnson, Paige Stover, Josh Vilimek ,* ***Next Row~*** *Alexis Book, Marco Kramer, Nicole Hansted, James Shea, Eric Roth-Roffy, Tony Noce, Andrea Paszkiewicz, Steve Stanze, Alex Whelchel, Brett Bergersen, Joe Haman, Dan Morris , Megan Wingron, J. Guy Kehoe, Peter Suardi, Liz Doering* ***Top~****Mike Schwent, Matt Gillick, Jeff Najbart, Mike Haffner, Jason Nigro, Chris Hartman.*



You don't want to come in here! *~ Senior Tom Schwartz tries to spare Mike Johnson from some embarrassing discoveries. "Wasn't it amazing!" said Tom.*

Off with her head! *~ Junior Kevin Arens displays Domina's statute while Tom Schwartz, Brandon Uhl, and Mary Pat Sueme pay close attention.*

I am Miles Gloriosus!! *~ Senior Ryan Barden proclaims his superiority to the rest of mankind in front of his cohorts.*



Tragedy Tomorrow, Comedy Tonight!

by Kevin Arens

The Griffin Theatre opened its spring semester with the hilarious musical comedy, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, a show that, as Mr. Book said, "had a good mix of people in the cast." The diversity of the company made *Forum* a fun show to be part of considering the varied types of characters in the musical.



Forum takes place in ancient Rome and is centered on Pseudolus, slave to Hero, whose neverending efforts to buy his freedom often land him in trouble. Hero is the young boy who falls in love with one of the courtesans next door while his parents, Senex and Domina, are away. There's just one problem…this young lady, who is called Philia, has already been sold to a famous captain who could only love himself more if he had been born twins. Throw into the mix another slave entrusted with the house, Hero, and keeping Pseudolus under wraps; a befuddled old man in search of his children, stolen in infancy by pirates; a whiny buyer and seller of the flesh of beautiful women; and an entire company of soldiers, courtesans, eunuchs, and yes, more slaves, and you have the Vianney production of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*.

Forum had the audience rolling in the aisles by using every tactic in the comedic arsenal to get a laugh: chase scenes, physical humor, slapstick, disguises, and mistaken identity to name a few. "You should have been there. The production was a huge success," said director, Mr. Al Book. *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* had a great amount of spectators all four nights it was showing, selling out Friday and then exceeding capacity on Saturday and Sunday when the crew was forced to pull out the bleachers so more people could have a place to sit. "This play will stay with me forever," said senior Chris Hartman.







Leading the procession~ *Junior Sam DiGregorio's entrance marks the beginning of Mass. "Taking part in Mass helps me feel like more a part of the Vianney family," said Sam.*

Men of the Ministry~ *Fr. Wosman, Fr. Osborne, Fr. Cahill, and Mr. Pecaut made this year a spiritual experience for many Griffins. "I've always been impressed with the people who have donated their time to helping others, whether it would be Energy Care, Habitat, Canned Food Drive, or all of the other activities," said Mr. Pecaut.*





Spreading the Spirit

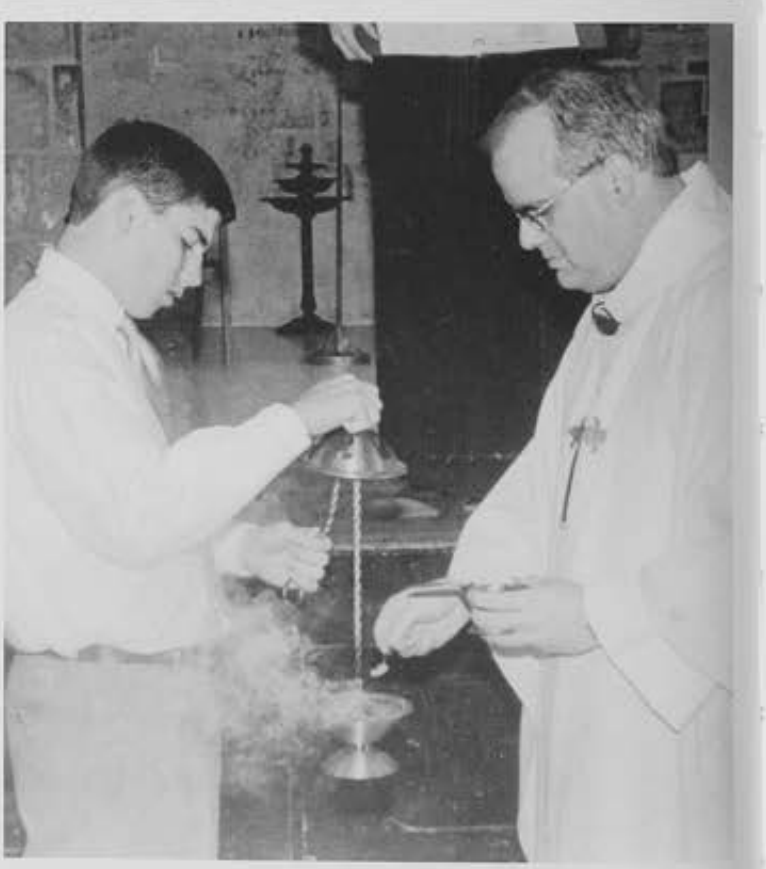
by Greg Gaudet

"This is our church (Vianney and the World) and we should decide what happens to it," said Mr. Pecaut. "That is what Campus Ministry is all about." Campus Ministry doesn't just do stuff during the Masses; they are also a big part of the community. The Campus Ministry team has done numerous things over the course of the year outside of the school. They participated in Habitat for Humanity, Energy Care, Canned Food Drive, and numerous other events.

One of the biggest things that Campus Ministry has participated in is Habitat for Humanity. They helped build houses and watched the smiles of the owners get bigger as the house came closer to completion. It is satisfying to know that when you leave, you have helped someone.

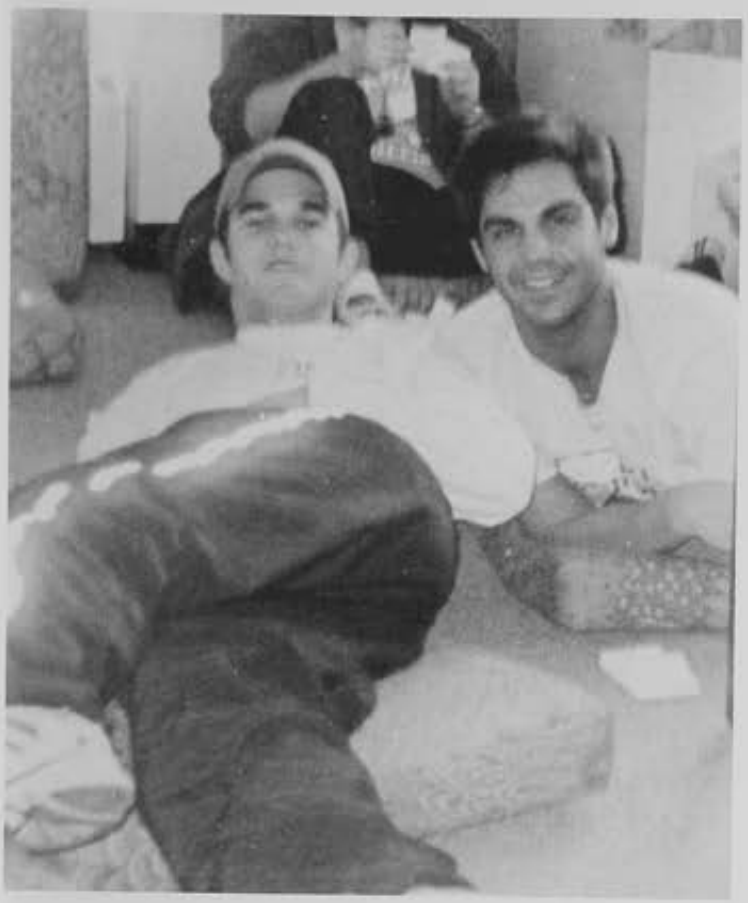
When Energy Care was out of window kits, the Vianney Griffins came together and made twenty-six kits from a limited amount of supplies. When they were asked if they would help hand out Christmas dinners to the needy, they came through. There were also many other money collections and blood drives that Campus Ministry organized. Campus Ministry had a big part in organizing the liturgies as well.

"I wanted to try to get more service opportunities for those in Campus Ministry," said Mr. Pecaut. More opportunities were available for people who wanted them, and the participation of those in the program expanded. "I feel I have grown spiritually and had fun in the process," said Chris Jeep. The St. Louis community improved for the better this year, and the Vianney Campus Ministry team had a lot to do with it!



A day of remembrance~ *Junior Rob Sedlak assists Fr. Wosman with the incense at the All Souls' Day Mass. "Participating in Mass is always a rewarding experience," said Rob.*

Sharing the faith~ *Senior Matt Koke offers his help during Communion.*



Getting away from it all~ *Joe Puleo and Jon Hansen relax on Senior Retreat. "Retreat was a fun time. We were able to talk to people we never really had a chance to before," said Joe.*

Living in Christ~ *Senior Ryan Barden distributes Communion at an all-school Mass. "Participating in this way was a new experience that I enjoyed. I'm glad it was something that I could be a part of," said Ryan.*







Blue Era~ *Picasso "wannabe" Matt Unger brightens the canvas. "It's a lot of hard work, but it's worth it when you see the results," said Unger.*

Back-breaking labor~ *Tom Gathard and Mike Seper display total commitment to their work.*



Picture Perfect

by James Howard

Art Club is a place where some of the most creative Griffins of Vianney go and spend their Encore time. In Art Club these griffins are able to let their creativity flow and let their imagination come to life.

Artists have designed many pieces using a wide variety of media. Everything from acrylics to watercolors are used to create posters, sculptures, cover designs, etc. The art work is displayed around campus, in contests, in malls, and you can always find an array of "fine art objects" in the art room itself. You can even find one piece displayed on Capitol Hill in the Hall of Congress. This past year, Brian Gabelsberger won the Congressman Jim Talent Art Contest and for one year his work will be displayed in Washington, D.C. The "Stayin' Alive" Griffin Homecoming T-shirt was designed by Jim Howard, and, of course, Nick Eckstein is probably best known for his sculptures of Howard the Duck and his duck family!

But most of all, Art Club is meant to be fun, a place where everything is a work in progress and perfection is in they eye of the beholder.

Master's touch~ *Greg Santacruz shows his grace in painting the canvas. "Art Club gave me a chance to complete more work and be creative," said Santacruz.*





Team work ~ *Brian Gabelsberger, Matt Altman, John Kessner, Chris Johnson, Matt Unger, Tony Schnitzmeyer, Mike Seper, and Tim Bottchen show off their artistic talents in this masterpiece. "These guys did a really great job" said art club member Jim Howard.*





Roaring talent~ *Anthony Granda, Nick Eckstein, Dan Burke, Nick Collins, Nick Reik, and Jim Howard claimed to have used their bodies as models for the muscular Griffins.*

Swimming in creativity~ *John Hansen's mental image flows through his brush. "Art Club is fun because it's relaxing and we get to hang out with Ms. Judge," said Hansen.*

Speaking Out



Speech and Debate Club~ First Row: *Kevin Harr, Mike Kremer, Dave Rogers, Mike Haffner, Ben Voges, Dan Smith.* ***Second Row:*** *Mike Kegel, Chris Schneider, Ryan Gallagher, Joe Lott.* ***Standing:*** *Jesse Drury, Adam Skaggs, Jon Lakin, Matt Burlison, Joe Seibel, Devin McCart, Dan Morris, Matt Unger, Matt Smith, Scott Marquart, Tom Barnowski, Bryan Clark, Jeff Evitts, Patrick Kreski, John Lawler, Matt Duchek, Mr. Maxell.*

by Michael Kremer

Dedication is being devoted to a special purpose, but to our Speech and Debate team dedication meant spending Friday nights and Saturday mornings in competition. These competitions ranged from debating to improvising. Acting events consisted of memorizing a speech, reading one, or writing one on the spot. There are two types of debate; Lincoln Douglas and policy, where teams of debaters argue their points in trying to prove their points to be superior. To be able to support your points you have to put hours into researching your topic. "I love debating, but I hate doing the research, but it all evens out" said freshman Adam Skaggs. This year the team introduced a new event: Mock Trial. This event was set up as a mock courtroom. The teams tried to persuade a judge to rule in their favor. The team was helped out by two lawyers. "For our first season we were really competitive because of our good coaches and lawyers," said John Smith.

In only the second year at Vianney Mr. Maxwell had a good team on his hands. Like in sports, seniors led the speech and debate team in competition. Seniors Tom Barnowski, Scott Marquart, John Smith, Matt Smith and Devin McCart have spent the last two years teaching underclassmen the skills of competition. The underclassmen who enjoyed their help were Freshman Adam Skaggs and Sophomore Dave Rogers who have become successful members on the team. "The seniors have been great leaders and teachers for the underclassmen. It was fun to watch them grow and share in the success," said Mr. Maxwell.

"At my first meet I was a horrible public speaker and did not know my act very well, but I went up there, made a fool out of myself and got better as the season went on. I ended up having lots of fun," said Freshman Ben Vogus. Speech and Debate is about acting, debating,and fun. As Dave Rogers put it, "What does not make speech and debate fun?"





Objection, your honor~*Louis Lightle quizzes the witness about the incident. "Being a lawyer is easier than it looks," said Lightle.*

And another thing...~ *John Smith shares another one of his brilliant ideas.*



Nice tie, Hartman~ *Many band members provide excellent entertainment for the Open House guests. "I had a shirt and tie on underneath," said Chris Hartman.*

Top 40~ *The band plays some favorites at Fr. Wosman's 40th brithday party. It is hard to find any school event without the band.*



Mr. Neyer, the comedian~ *Mr. Neyer tells one of his more humorous jokes during the winter band concert (Why does Santa have three greenhouses...so he can ho ho ho). As you can tell, everyone, including Mr. Neyer, thought the joke was hilarious. "This is the biggest band we've ever had in my years at Vianney. It's a close-knit group and they have a lot of fun together. They can play some really good music when they concentrate," said Mr. Neyer.*



Smooth Sliding~ *Sophomore Joe Powderly and the rest of the trombone section rehearse in band class.*



Sweet Sound ~ The Vianney Band

by Michael Bradley

Each and every year, the number of players and the amount of talent in the band has grown. This year marks an astounding plateau with nearly eighty members. A large portion of this group is young, with many freshmen and first year members coming out of beginning band; however, there were still many experienced players to lead the way. "The band this year showed great promise," said senior Tom Schwartz. He also added, "It was successful due to the trombone section led by Tom Schwartz."

The band's music could be heard throughout the entire school year. As usual, the year kicked off with the pep band playing for the varsity football games, during which they showed great school spirit and enthusiasm, even in the colder temperatures. Continuing through the year, the band also played for several of the pep rallies and the open house for potential students. Their winter and spring concerts were played well, with the annual dose of marches and medleys, and the pep band added energy to an exciting basketball season. To top off the year, they also had a strong performance at the band "evaluation" at Bishop DuBourg High School. "The band has been a dynamic group to work with," said Mr. Neyer. It should be successful for years to come.



Percussion~ First Row: *Greg Berger, Tom Appelbaum, Greg Santacruz, Tim Townsend, Tim Welby* ***Second Row:*** *Doug Woldarek, Tim Guilfoy, Matt Hornsey, Bill Jackson, Sam Reinhardt.*



Clarinets, Flutes~ First Row: *Nick Roth, Josh Piontek, Floyd Blackwell, Chris Kappel, Jon Grothoff* ***Second Row:*** *Clay Mark, Dan Terveer, Joe Shannon, Tom O'Connell, Jason Nigro, Dan Backer.*



Bass Guitars, Tubas, French Horns, and Baritones~ First Row: *Dan Hunzaker, Matt Gibson* ***Second Row:*** *Nick Grillo, Mike Kegel, Matt Kinghorn, Ryan Gallagher* ***Third Row:*** *Chris Hartman, Mike Bradley, Tony Rich.*



Saxes~ First Row: *Tim Leahy, Clay Fete, Dan Malone, Dave Rodgers, Ben Asinger* ***Second Row:*** *Matt Schulteiss, Casey Matthews, Joe Seibel, Steve Stanze, Anthony Clements, Tony Erb* ***Third Row:*** *Ryan Celeslie, Chris Roder.*



Trombones~ First Row: *Joe Powderly, Steve Grana, Brian Stoker, Joe Ebert, Ben Sanders* ***Second Row:*** *Tom Schwartz, Brad Gross, Eric Nauman, Don Harris, Mike Metzger.*



Trumpets~ First Row: *Rob Bardgett, Dave Cline, Marty Andrews, Nick Eckstein, Chris Soer, Paul Freiling* ***Second Row:*** *Mark Fratto, Carl Berger, Ed Kinghorn, John Grana, Kevin Gerth, Tim Bauer* ***Third Row:*** *Brian Mueller, Adam Sahaida, Justin Kleffner, Rob Ryan, Brian Schaeffer.*





The Griffin~ First Row: *Dave Rogers, Matt Cohen, Matt Kuse, and Greg Gaudet.* ***Second Row:*** *Mr. Murphy, Scott Yackey, Adam Skaggs, and Ben Miller.* ***Third Row:*** *Matt Bruns, Tom O'Connell, Mike Bradley, Matt Unger, Greg Bennett, and Nick Roth.*

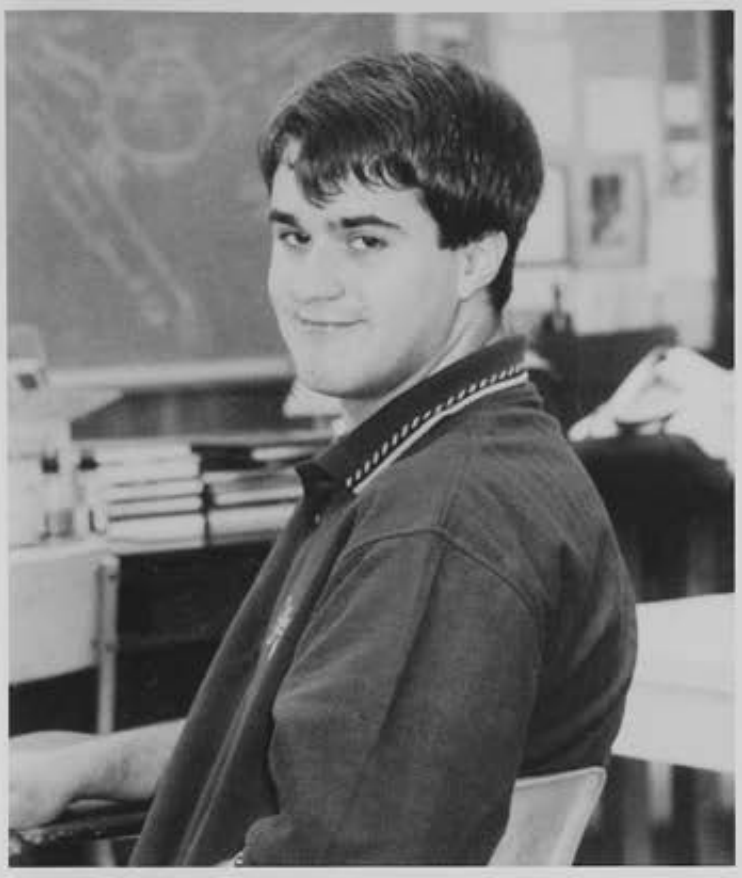


Talon~ First Row: *Adam Skaggs, Joe Bleitner, Scott Yackey, and Matt Bruns.* ***Second Row:*** *Mrs. Fullenkamp, Greg Gaudet, Dan Schiller, Tim Sedlak, Jason Nigro, Joe Havermann, and Mr. Williams.* ***Third Row:*** *Mr. Murphy, Bill Jackson, Dominick Saguto, John Sztukowski, Tom O'Connell, Adam Weatherby, Mike Bradley, Joe Gadell, and Anthony Granda.*

Hard day's work~ *Scott Yackey, Mr. Murphy, Bill Jackson, and Matt Bruns work late hours after school in order to produce the yearbook.*

This is the monitor~ *Tom O'Connell informs Adam Fiock about the system. "The new computer lab really helped us out this year," said Tom.*





It was all me~ *Joe Havermann thinks he's special. "Participation in yearbook is the best way to tap into your creativity while also preserving memories," said Joe.*

Knights of the Round Table~ *King Flock shares his decrees with his royal council. "I did what I could when I was there," said Adam.*







Learning from the master~ *Les Howell instructs Bill Jackson, Tom O'Connell, and Joe Gadell ('99) at the sumer workshop. "That was a fun trip," said Joe.*

Uncle Sam?~ *"I want you to join the yearbook," says Faculty Advisor Mr. Murphy.*

Puttin' it in Print

by Tom O'Connell

Bigger, Faster, Longer. No, it isn't the cross-country team; it's the publications staff. This year *The Griffin* has become bigger, faster, and longer. In addition, *The Talon* has added more graphics and more sophisticated layouts.

Much of this is largely due to the journalism class. Last year's class only had ten students, but this year's class had 25. With a larger amount of articles flowing into the paper and yearbook, there was the potential for expansion. No longer was *The Griffin* a skimpy 8 pages; it was moved up to 12.

Faster: how does a paper or a yearbook become faster? The addition of the computer lab has enabled the layout staff to work on separate pages simultaneously. Before, the staff would wheel a single computer down to Captain Fantabulous' (Mr. Murphy's) room. This year, the staff simply had to log on. In addition, the arrival of an updated version of PageMaker allowed for faster manipulation of spreads. With the new network and software, a picture could get from the scanner or Internet to the final page instantaneously.

Of course, school publications don't put themselves together. It takes the hard work and dedication of the staff. Late nights and lots of Papa John's and Pizza Hut are what some members of the staff had to go through. Still, it resulted in bigger, faster, and longer student publications.

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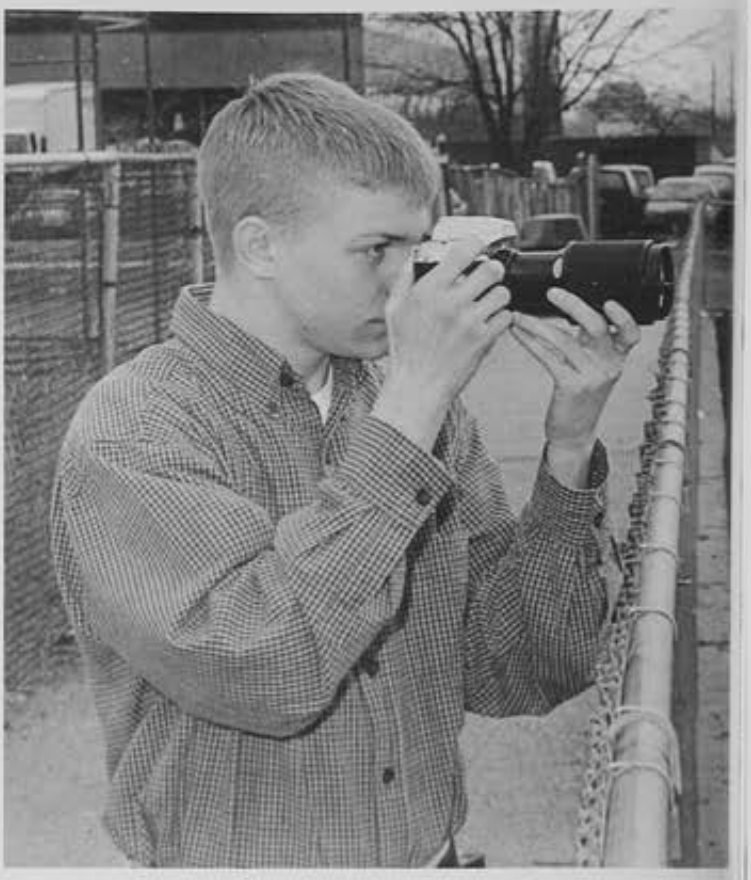
Getting in Focus

by Scott Yackey

Whether it was rolling the film, taking the pictures, or developing them, the photo club was there every step of the way. Under the leadership of counselor Mr. Tom Stevison and junior Anthony Granda, life at Vianney was forever preserved on film. The many members of the photo club captured the big plays, the big laughs, the triumphs, and the tragedies. They helped us to remember the many wonderful times at Vianney.

From novice members to those with many years of experience, the photo club produced brilliant pictures throughout the year. "We were fortunate to have a core of experienced and talented photographers who cranked out more pictures than we knew what to do with," said Mr. Stevison. It took hard work every step of the way to produce amazing pictures. It was not as easy as pointing and shooting, "I never realized how many processes went into developing pictures, yet each one is very interesting and fun," said Matt Cohen. "I have learned a lot, and I credit Mr. Stevison and Anthony Granda for teaching me all that I know."

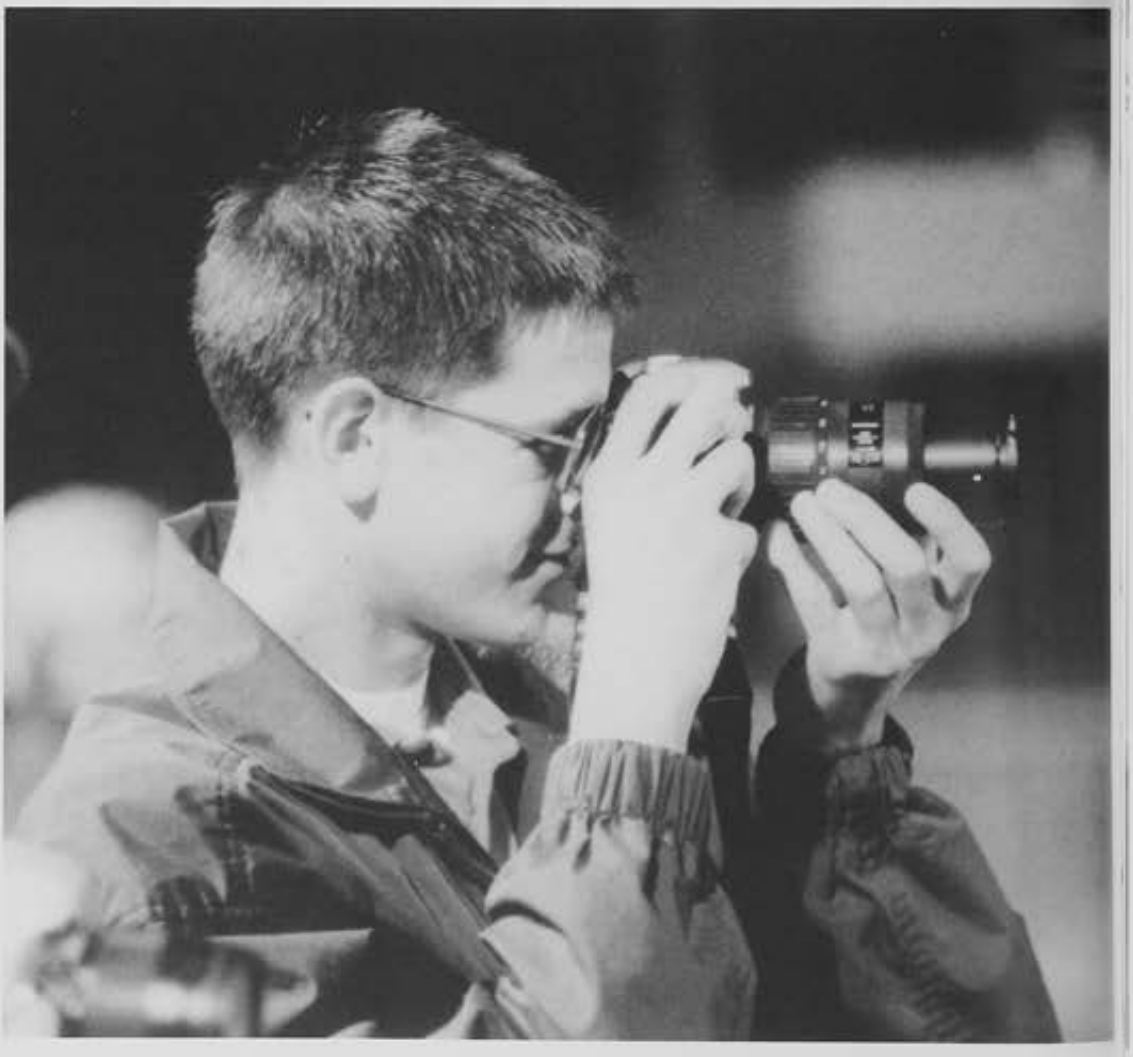
From Mass to sporting events, the dedicated members of the photo club captured their fellow Griffins at some of their finest and funniest moments of the year. The photo club gave us an invaluable window onto the wonderful times at Vianney.



Hey man, nice shot~ *Mike Johnson focuses in on the action. "The highlight this year was assisting Sports Illustrated photographers at Rams games," said Mike.*



Santa's Workshop~ *Scott Yackey works hard in the photo lab. "Being in the photo club has taught me so much. I never knew how much actually went into taking and developing pictures," said Scott.*



Freezing the moment ~ *Anthony Granda showed his dedication by attending many athletic events so that he could take the pictures. "I enjoyed going to all of the games," said Granda.*



Photo Club~ First Row: *Kevin Arens, Ryan Gallagher, Mike Kremer.* **Second Row:** *Anthony Granda, Scott Yackey, Mike Johnson, Carl Berger, Dan Riordan.*



Video Yearbook Club~ First Row: *Dan Backer, Dan Paradoski, Dan Schiller, Jeff Borgers.* **Second Row:** *Ryan Gallagher, Mrs. Jennifer Smith, Kyle Weber.*

A Year in 65,000 Frames

by Dan Schiller

The video yearbook captured all the events over the past year at Vianney. Everyone in the school contributed to it, but only a select few produced it. Dan Schiller, Chris Jeep, Dan Paradoski, Jeff Borgers, Ryan Gallagher, Dave Rogers, Dan Backer, Kyle Weber, and Chris Hart were the minds behind the video yearbook.

Mrs. Smith was back this year, which allowed for an almost flawless production. She selected junior Chris Jeep as the voice behind the movie. As he talked, the video recapped the last year of school, including sports, dances, special events, and even interviews. "One of the new changes that we made this year was that we provided a teacher highlight," commented Junior Jeff Borgers. This year's selection was Fr. Cahill, and many different students were allowed to comment on him. The students concluded that Father was their favorite teacher, and they came up with many reasons why.

"All of these guys did a great job this year!" exclaimed Mrs. Smith, and everyone who contributed to the production agreed that she was the perfect moderator for the video. The video yearbook allowed all of us to put movements to our memories and that can last forever.





...and action~ *Jeff Borgers is busy filming the daily life of the students. "It was more organized this year with Mrs. Smith here all of the time," said Jeff.*

Director's cut~ *John Trotter and Jeff Borgers work on assembling the scenes of the video yearbook. "This is fun," said Trotter.*



Five Way Skiing~ *Junior Matt Terry participates in one of the spirit building activities at LIFE Camp in San Antonio. "It was sweet going to camp with girls," said Matt.*



Rappin' to Religion~ *Luis Lightle gets his audience all wound up and crazy on his first stage performance debut. "It was fun to get back to nature and meet people from all over the country," said Luis.*



LIVEin' Large

by Greg Gaudet

Every Thursday night in room 403, the light was on and there were students in there talking. LIVE (Living In the Vianney Experience) met every Thursday night to discuss life. Topics ranged from religion to substance abuse to dating to other teen problems. "I had a lot of fun this year and I am looking forward to going to LIFE Camp this summer," said Junior Andy Greminger. LIVE is a way to get to know yourself and others in a better and more mature way.

Members could even take the experience beyond Vianney by going to LIFE camp in San Antonio in the summer. The main goal for campers was to grow in faith and meet new people. When the students left, they left with the knowledge that students from all over the country shared many of the same problems. "LIFE Camp can only be appreciated by the ones that go to it. It changes you," said Senior Matt Smith

Despite a successful year, there remained room for growth. "We really didn't accomplish as much as I wanted because we need to get more freshmen and sophomores involved so they become permanent members of LIVE," said moderator Ms. Nichols. The club ended the year looking at the next LIFE camp as a new start.

LIVE~ First Row: *Matt Smith, Mike Schwent, Adam Gorecki, Andrew Cheatham, Matt Terry, Steve Campbell.* ***Second Row:*** *Josh Piontek, Luis Lightle, Peter Sorarti, Paul Przyzycki.* ***Third Row:*** *Ms. Carrie Nichols.*



Trip of a LIFEtime~ *The group hangs out in San Antonio. "Speak the Gospel at all times; if necessary, use words," said Ms. Nichols, moderator of LIVE.*

Lettermen's Club



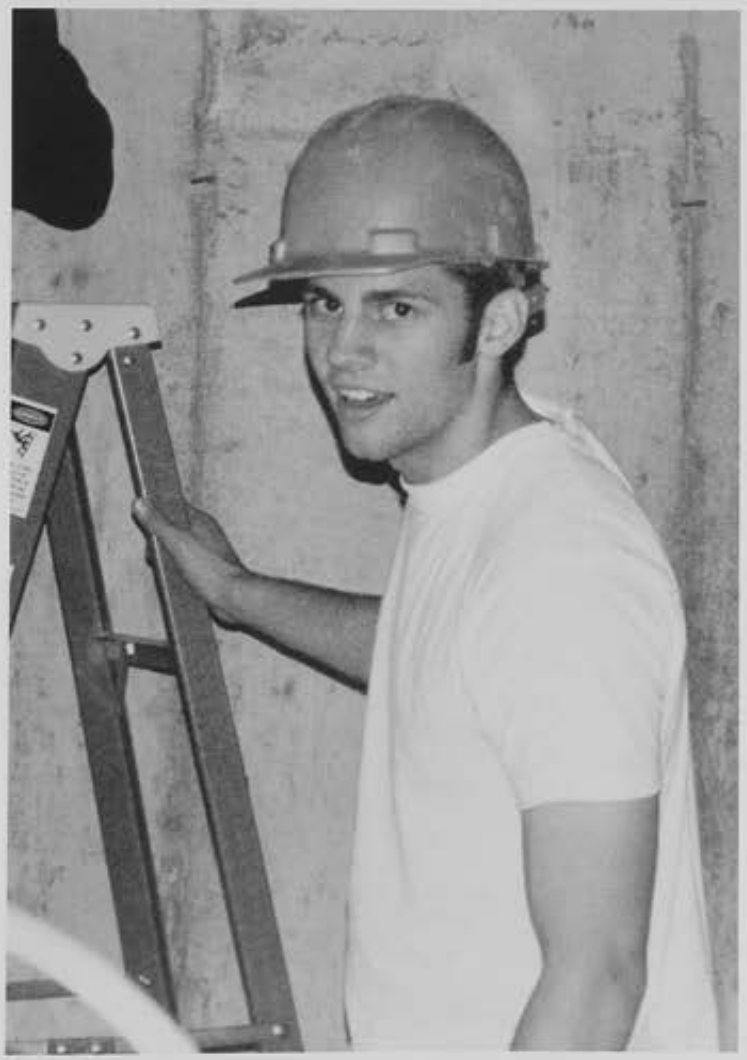
Loadin' it Up~ *John Kaestner and the other Griffs help load the van. "The young men did a great job this year raising money and bringing in blankets and in doing all the spirit raising activities of the Club," said club moderator Mr. Rhame.*

by Dominick Saguto

Where can you find Griffin pride, spirit, and fun combined into one place? Where else but the Lettermen's Club? The Lettermen's Club this year has been a big help not only in school but also in the surrounding communities. The club has been involved in not only Habitat for Humanity, where they built houses for the under privileged, but they also held a blanket drive and a very successful Toys for Tots' campaign. "We did a good job on the blanket drive, and a lot of volunteers stepped up for Habitat," said Matt Schneider.

Nevertheless, the lettermen didn't stop there; they also found ways to help raise money and boost school spirit with the second annual Lift-a-thon. This very successful fundraiser tested the Griffins' strength while benefiting the school. "It was great," said senior Matt Smith. "We raised money and had an opportunity to show what we have."

In the end, the club's contribution was felt all over. "It was a successful year in which we raised over $7,000 and did a lot for school spirit," said club moderator Mr. Paul Rhame. Once again we can chalk up another successful year for the lettermen and praise the great job they have done inside and outside of school.



Bulding the House~ *Jim Feicht gives his talents to Habitat for Humanity as a Lettermen's Club member. "It was a fun learning experience," said Jim.*



The Blanket Drive~ *Sean Culleton, Jeff Wosman, and Bryan McMahan present a representative from Energy Care with the money and blankets for this year's drive.*



Lettermen's Club~ First Row: *Matt Unger, Matt Smith, Josh Bodine, Bryan McMahan, Dan Malone, Ben Abbott, John Smith, Adam Ochonicky.* ***Second Row:*** *Devin McCart, Ryan Barden, TJ Powers, Jeff Malone, Seamus Gilligan, Matt Schuessler, Justin Huff.* ***Third Row:*** *Tom Gordon, Neville Miller, Mike Kremer, Dave Martorano, Chris Rocchio, Steve Campbell, Steve Waterkotte.* ***Fourth Row:*** *Jon Hansen, Jeff Suelmann, Nate Michael, Jim Feicht, Rob Sedlack.* ***Fifth Row:*** *Matt Buck, Nick Beck, Adam Soaib, Brian Akers, Nick Schneeberger, Mike Seper, Steve Longo.* ***Sixth Row:*** *Jeff Borgers, Tim Bottchen, Scott Marquart, Tom Marschner.* ***Seventh Row:*** *Dan Riordan, Brendan Rogan, Dominick Saguto, Anthony Granda, Paul Przyzycki, Matt Terry, Carl Berger.* ***Eighth Row:*** *Steve Emmet, Joe Ebert, Justin Roth, Adam Gorecki, Sam Digregorio, Andy Perez, Andrew Cheatham.*

Checkmate

by Nick Knobbe

Strong traditions are common at Vianney. Mr. Ed Baur and his disciples are building on another strong tradition. This tradition involves consistently having a strong and respectable chess team and finishing in the top places at each tournament they attend.

The Vianney chess team carried on the tradition with a remarkable season this year. Led by senior Tony Rich and junior Nick Knobbe, they produced a dominant record in the league matches. They finished 9-2, earning second place in the St. Louis Scholastic Chess League. They lost only twice, once in regular season and once in the finals.

The freshman team showed they would uphold the tradition for years to come, too. They finished tied for first in the freshman league and kept the ball rolling by grabbing third place in the state in the 9th grade section. Led by freshman captain Scott Macher, the team showed that they could play with the best of their age.

Traveling to North Carolina was successful as Vianney placed 13th in the Under 1000 section in the National Chess Tournament. Standing out in the Under 1000 section, Steve Curran won 5 1/2 points while Ben Cox and Nick Frei received 5 points. Also performing notably, Luis Lightle and Chris Hart received 4 1/2 points. In the Under 1300 section, Tony Rich earned 5 1/2 points. The only disappointment was the long car ride.

The next Bobby Fischer~ *Glenn Frei sets out to prove he is the best. "This was probably our best year yet because we had so much depth," said Frei.*



ChessTeam~ First Row: *Matt Kinghorn, Anton Ho, Dave Rogers, Chris Hinds, George Riley, Chris Hart.* ***Second Row:*** *Mr. Baur, Tony Noce, Matt Gibbs, Ryan Gritzke, Nick Knobbe, Nick Frei, Steve Curran.* ***Third Row:*** *Glenn Frei, Ryan McSpadden, Luis Lightle, Tony Rich, Adam Weatherby, Scott Macher, Ed Kinghorn, Adam Fiock.*



Chillin'~ *The chess team takes a break on the way to nationals. "It was a lot of fun and a lot of memories," said Marco Kramer.*

Mental hernia~ *Matt Gibbs puts all of his energy into concentrating. "It's been a good four years for the seniors," said Gibbs.*

Battle of the minds~ *Luis Lightle and Ryan Gritzke try to out-smart each other on the board. "He thought he had it won, but actually he was mine," said Lightle.*

Time is everything~ *Dave Curran proves that one not only has to make the correct move, but make the correct move quickly. "I can't believe I survived four years of Vianney chess," said Dave.*











SCOREBOARD

Vianney		Opponent
30	Valley Park	0
25	Parkway South	5
11	Parkway North	19
22	Parkway Central	8
30	Valley Park	0
26	Parkway South	4
22	Parkway North	8
26	Parkway Central	4
30	DeSmet	0
17	Parkway North	13
6.5	Clayton	23.5

Tournaments

Highland Tournament	2nd
Belleville East Tournament	1st
Board Tournament	2nd
League Team Tournament	1st
Westminster Tournament	2nd
Parkway South Tournament	5th
State Championship	2nd
National Championship	13th

Trapped in the corner~ *Ryan Gritzke attempts to pull himself out of a predicament. "It's been a fun four years," said Ryan.*

Looking Ahead

by Kevin Brockmeyer and Dave Bleitner

Our school's best and brightest once again took part in an educational experience developed in the Future Business Leaders of America Club. This organization allows students to learn, practice and compete in their respective fields of interest, which include Accounting, Computer Concepts, and Business Math and Calculations. Moderator Dave Hall said, "It is a great organization. It awakens students' thought process to that of the business world. Real life experience, which the students develop through the program, is what corporations look for when accepting employees."

We have had an excellent tradition in the years past, and this year was no exception as the team traveled to Meramec to compete in the district competition. The competition produced seventeen Vianney qualifiers, five of which qualified for the state championships in Columbia. Tom Barnowski, Steve Solovic, Anthony Scotino, Adam Skaggs, and Jeff Evitts represented the Griffins proudly and maintained the school's strong reputation.

All FBLA club members were pleased with the results of the competition and hope that the Vianney tradition of success will continue next year with a surplus of returning members.



Down those jalapenos~ *Matt Brayfield cheers Seamus Gilligan and Sean Culleton on as they compete in the eating contest. "Spirit week was a good experience for the student body," said Matt.*

Below: partners in crime~ *Tom Cowley and Nick Beck are exhausted after painting the field for spirit week. "The next day was impossible; I think I slept through every class," said Nick.*



Future Business Leaders of America~ First Row: *Kevin Brockmeyer, Derek Buchheit, Chris Eberhardt, Rich Hudson, Dave Bleitner, Brian Sanders, Ryan Durbin, Tim Crawford.* ***Second Row:*** *Adam Byrne, Tim Peniston, Mark Gadell, Paul Kahle, Adam Fiock, Ryan McSpadden, Matt Fuhr.* ***Third Row:*** *Adam Skaggs, Steve Solovic, Tom Barnowski, Matt Schneider, Mark Zieres, Jeff Kohlberg, Dan Merker, Jeff Evitts.*





FBLA State Qualifiers~ *Adam Skaggs, Jeff Evitts, Tom Barnowski, Steve Solovic.* ***Not Pictured:*** *Anthony Scotino.*



Enough questions already~ *Mr. Hall instructing FBLA member Dan Merker. "Mr. Hall actually made that stuff fun," said Dan.*

Leading by Example

by Tom Cowley

As Stuco began its quest toward the year 2000, the officers were excited to come up with new ideas to keep the Vianney spirit alive. Kicking off the year, the back to school mixer was a huge success. This accomplishment, however, would pale in comparison to an unforgettable Spirit Week.

The week included special dress days, contests, raffles, decorated hallways, and much more. As a finale, Stuco put together one of the best pep rallies in recent history. It featured a wrestling match pitting WWF and WCW superstars against Vianney faculty, DeSmet Spartans (the Homecoming opponent), and other special guests. Of course, the Griffin himself prevailed in the end.

To get the school grooving, Stuco chose "Stayin Alive" as the theme for the Homecoming Dance. Hundreds of couples hit the dance floor in 70s garb along with traditional formal wear.

Stuco would not stop with just one Spirit Week. They took the initiative to establish a new tradition with a Winter Spirit Week. The student body responded by enthusiastically supporting events all week long.

Another dance was planned for the winter, but icy weather conditions prevented the event from taking place. Undaunted, Stuco planned "Beach Blast 2000" for the underclassmen, who didn't get to enjoy junior ring or prom. The outlandish beach outfits added to an already festive atmosphere.



Come spring time, the Student Council did not rest. On St. Patrick's Day, they traveled downtown to help set up and organize the parade. Although it took place on one of the coldest days of the year, they still got the job done and had a lot of fun doing it.

As the end of the year approached, it was time to get ready for the next year. This meant elections. New officers were selected to take over where this year's group left off. This year's guys will be missed, but things also look bright for the future of Stuco.



Stuco 2000~ Seniors: *Tom Marschner, Adam Byrne, President Matt Brayfield, Nick Beck.*

Makin' promises~ *Adam Skaggs makin' promises to the future sophs for next years' Stuco. "Belonging to the Speech and Debate team really helped out that day," said Adam.*













Stuco 2000~Juniors: *Mike Leveque, Rob Sedlak, Mick Henderson.* ***Sophomores:*** *Jeff Miller, Greg Irwin, Tom Cowley, President Mike Sheppard.* ***Freshmen:*** *Felix Nau, Jim McGauley, Dan Natsch, Kevin Haar.*



Stuco Elect~Seniors: *Nick Bono, President Rob Sedlak, Mick Henderson, Nick Riordan.* ***Juniors:*** *Mike St. Cin, Tom Cowley, Jeff Miller, Mike Sheppard.* ***Sophomores:*** *Kevin Haar, Jim McGauley, Steve Walther, Adam Skaggs.*

With Honors

By John Sztukowski

The National Honor Society represents students who embrace excellence in the areas of academics, character, leadership, and service. This year, NHS members deserved special recognition for their acts of service. Members participated in activities including High School Night, College Night, Open House, and community service.

Students of the NHS donated their talents and abilities in community service for just causes such as Habitat for Humanity. The society not only provided service to the community, but also service within the Vianney family. They spent time tutoring and assisting with the academic needs of Vianney's underclassmen. "I want to play an active role in helping other Griffins academically," said NHS officer Neville Miller.

Through their service and awareness of the needs of others, NHS members revealed the qualities of character and leadership. Society members were thus able to live out the goals of the society with their dedicated work and actions.

The students' ambition and hard work reflect the NHS motto, "Noblesse Oblige", or Noble Spirit. Mr. Eisele, co-moderator of the NHS, said, "I am proud to moderate the society with Mr. O'Toole because of the members' willingness to provide service for the Vianney community and the community at large."



NHS Seniors~ First Row: *Jeff Suelmann, Joe Scotino, Justin Kleffner, Derek Auer, Jeff Kohlberg, Mark Friederich, Bryan McMahan, Tony Rich, and Chris Soer.* ***Second Row:*** *Nick Beck, Chris Natsch, Matt Smith, Ryan Barden, Dan Malone, Nick Eckstein, and Anthony Scotino.* ***Third Row:*** *Matt Schuessler, Paul Zerkel, Ryan Gritzke, Nick Schneeberger, Nate Michael, Jeff Wosman, Brian Akers, Seamus Gilligan, and Matt Healey.* ***Fourth Row:*** *Joe Jacobs, Brian Sheman, Tim Peniston, Kevin Roach, Jim Feicht, T.J. Powers, and Aaron Costello.* ***Fifth Row:*** *Tom Marschner, Scott Touzinsky, Mark Zieres, Jon Phillips, Adam Ochonicky, Steve Solovic, and Greg Bennett.* ***Sixth Row:*** *Adam Byrne, Brian Bashwiner, Kirk Barron, Nick Gish, Dave Curran, Nick Roth, and Chris Hartman.* ***Seventh Row:*** *Steve Longo, Stephen Emmett, Nick Dower, Rick Bueltmann, Dave Wehrle, and Mike Mayer. Not Pictured: Joe Havermann*



NHS Juniors~ First Row: *Dan Riordan, Ryan Durban, Peter Brandt, Andy Perez, Rob Sedlak, Dan Paradowski, and Kevin Brockmeyer .* ***Second Row:*** *Andy Greminger, Bill Wangles, Mike Johnson, Adam Gorecki, Mike Bradley, Andy Kenny, and Sean Peters.* ***Third Row:*** *Anthony Granda, Matt Fuhr, Dan Schiller, Dominic Saguto, Neville Miller, Mike Kramer, and Brendan Rogan.* ***Four Row:*** *Nick Knobbe, Mark Gadell, Shane Henderson, Mike Leveque, John Sztukowski, and Jeff Borgers.* ***Fifth Row:*** *Adam Fiock, Bill Jackson, Mike Jansen, Charles Franz, Dave Bleitner, Justin Roth, and Joe Ebert.* ***Sixth Row:*** *Luis Lightle, Matt Bruns, Chris Steffan, John Vasquez, and Andrew Bakai.*





Step by step~ *From dress clothes to robes, Nick Knobbe is officially enrolled as a NHS member. "It was an experience," said Knobbe.*



Math Club~ First Row: *Chris Soer.* ***Second Row:*** *Kevin Brockmeyer and Aaron Costello.* ***Third Row:*** *Dan Schiller, Nick Knobbe, and Mrs. Follis.* ***Fourth Row:*** *Joe Havermann, Chris Jeep, Dominick Saguto, and Tanner Clark.*

Pursuit of Knowledge

by Matt Bruns

Taking an interest in Spanish outside of the classroom, the Spanish Honor Society included several of the best students of the Spanish classes. Led by Ms. O'Connell, the society strived to perform charitable acts concerning the Spanish culture. For example, the society raised $515 through a bake sale in order to aid seven-year-old Laurita Delgado who lived in Peru and needed treatment for an infection.

In case the equations in math class were not difficult enough, the Math Club tackled difficult problems in areas that are not covered in class. After recruiting members at Open House, Mrs. Follis and her Math Club engaged in challenging problems, puzzles, and contests. At a contest known as the "Pie Contest", Kevin Gerth proved his superior math skills.

What is the Missouri Stream Team? Gathering several people concerned about the environment, Mrs. Schutte led the Stream Team. Taking notice of the pollution of several creeks, this dedicated group put forth its efforts to clean them up.

What a catch~ *John Schou and Tom Detwiler find some nasty things in the creek. In this photo, they were cleaning Keifer Creek. "It was nice to do something for the environment that will help future generations," said John.*

Rough Riders~ *Andrew Craft, Steve Emmett, Jason Menne, Floyd Blackwell, Dan Malone, Anthony Scotino, Ryan Barden, Marciano Garcia, Perry Mathina, Joe Scotino, Dan Riordan, Brian Gabelsburger, Ed Lanfer, and Mrs. Schuette.*







SHS Seniors~ First Row: *Ms. O'Connell, Dan McDonald, Kirk Barron, Aaron Costello, Dan Mueller, and Matt Smith.* ***Second Row:*** *Bryan McMahan, Brian Scheman, Greg Oberbeck, Brian Bashwiner, Matt Gibbs, and Jeff Door.* ***Third Row:*** *Chris Hartman, Nick Riek, Matt Schneider, Steve Solovic, and Adam Ochonicky.*



On the line~ *Tony Nazzoli, Paul Kahle, Nick Knobbe, Mike Durbin, and Matt Bruns man the cafe for the annural SHS bake sale. The proceeds were donated to a Peruvian girl needing medical attention here in St. Louis.*



SHS Juniors~ First Row: *Kevin Brockmeyer, Shane Henderson, Paul Kahle, Nick Knobbe, and Mike Johnson.* ***Second Row:*** *Matt Bruns, Allen Denk, John Heet, Tony Nazzoli, and Charles Franz.* ***Third Row:*** *Mike Bradley, Nick Leone, Bill Jackson, Andy Kenny, Mike Durbin, and Pete Weseloh.*

Setting Records

by Greg Bennett

How many of you believe a bridge made out of popsicle sticks could support you? Well, if you weigh 240 pounds or less, the bridge built by Scott Marquart could. Tiny but mighty, Scott's wooden bridge weighed an astonishing 210 grams yet withstood 240 pounds of pressure. "I really thought that my bridge would hold 100 pounds," said Scott. Marquart shattered the three-year-old record by 60 pounds.

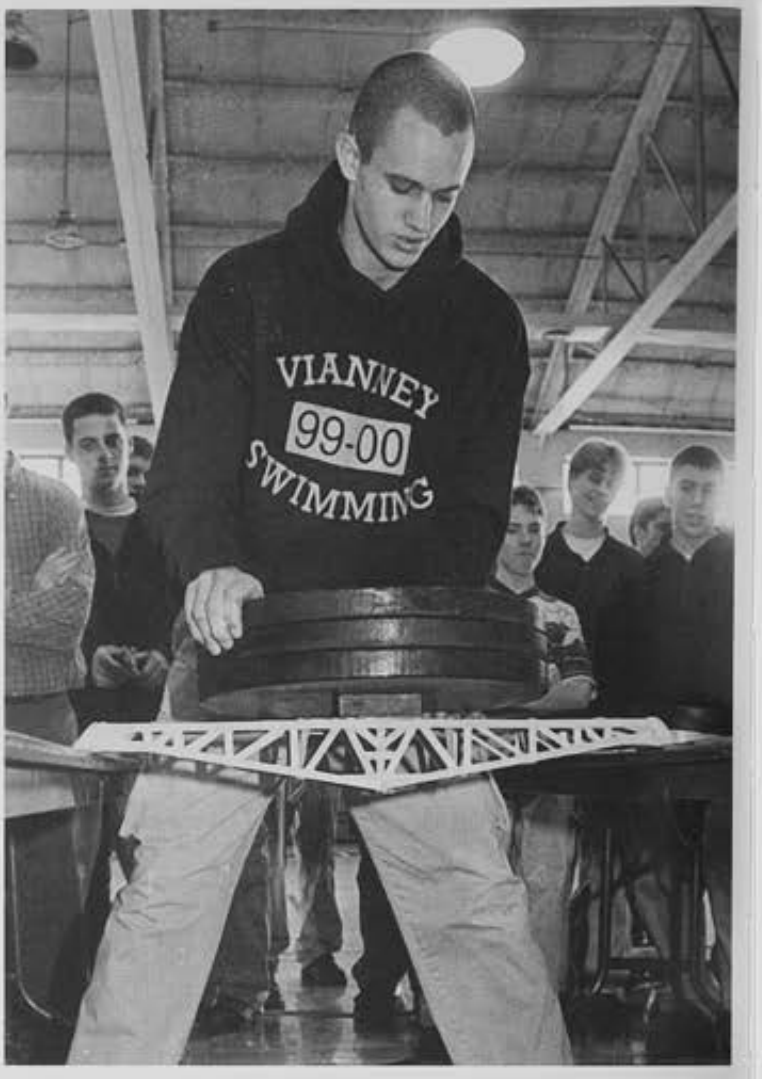


"Scott knocked me off my feet," said Mr. Farrell, the very ecstatic engineering drawing teacher. The general attitude of the class is one of pure joy as they live up to the competition's motto, "We, who are about to collapse, salute you."

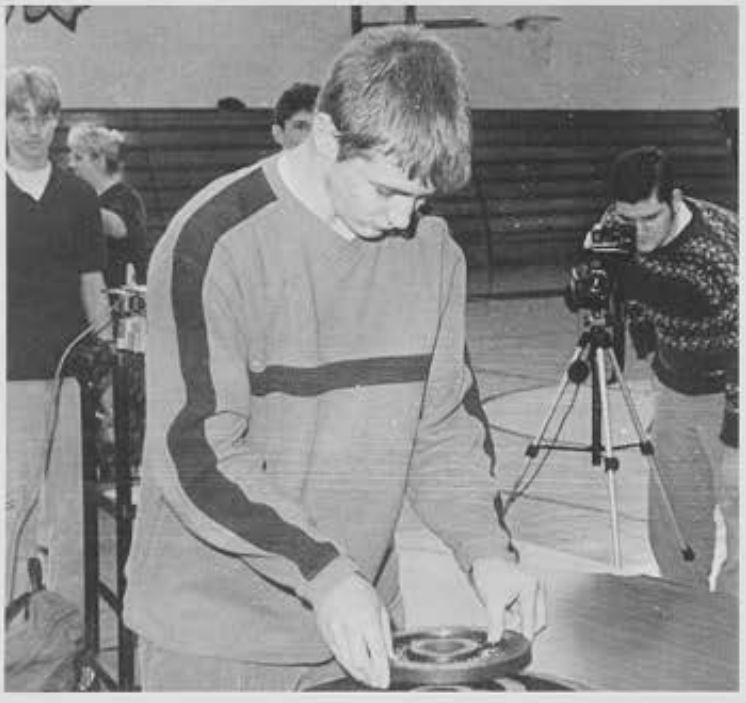
According to Mr. Farrell, Scott's win came about with a combination of glue and design. "His design was very basic. I think his win came from the execution. It was the way he put his bridge together," said Farrell.

The crowd support really got the competitors and Mr. Farrell in the mood. "The atmosphere was excellent. The kids were loud at points, but when a bridge was being loaded, it was so quiet you could hear a pin drop," said Farrell. Many students look forward to next semester's bridge contest. "I had a great time and want to see the record challenged next semester," said Tom O'Connell.

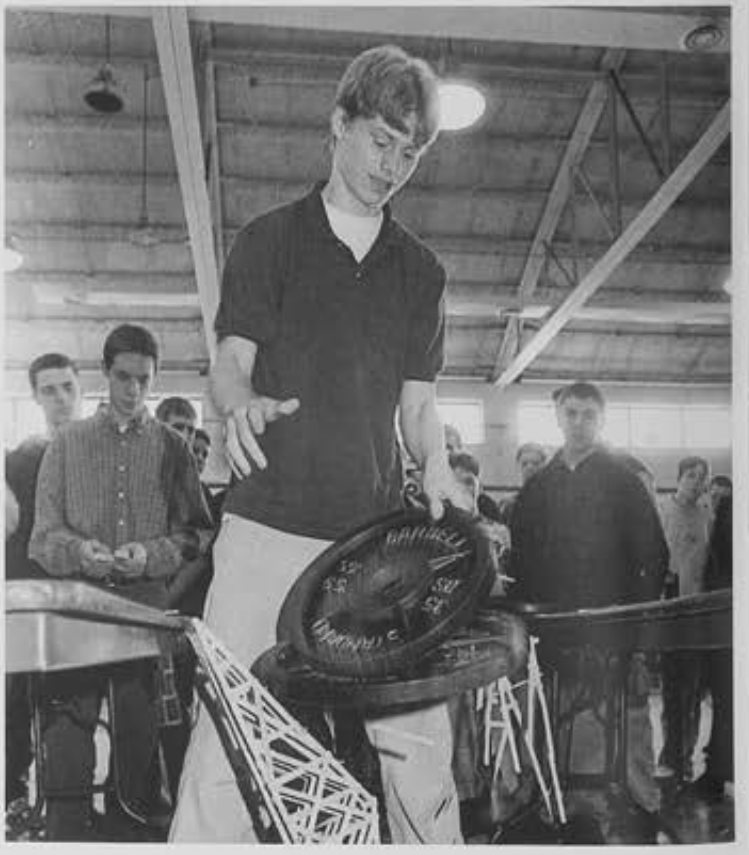
Next semester produced a tighter competition which was won by Tom Eckert with a maximum weight of 180 pounds.



The thrill of victory~ *Scott Marquart adds more weight on his way to breaking the all-time record in the bridge building contest. "I wasn't in the class but it was a lot of fun seeing how much weight they held and seeing Scott smash the record," said John Smith.*



Steady...steady~ *Pete Baumgartner tests the strength of his design during the bridge building competition.*



The agony of defeat~ *Chris Schneider watches his creation crumble under the weight.*





The winner's circle~ *Mr. Wuennenberg poses with architecture contest winners Tony Schnitzmeier, Shane Henderson, and Matt Unger. "For future architectural students, it's a lot of work but well worth it," said Schnitzmeier.*



Learning from the pros~ *Mr. Wuennenberg instructs Mr. Farrell's architectural drawing class. "The visit gave us an interesting look at a day in an architect's life," said Paul Cullman.*

Making a point~ *Tim Bottchen delivers part of his team's winning presentation in the spring architecture contest. "The project was really time consuming and stressful, but overall it was fun," said architecture student Andy Schmitz.*

Architectural Drawing

by Shane Henderson and Andy Hamilton

Each year, the students in Mr. Farrell's architectural drawing class are commissioned to design a building and present their ideas to a panel of professional architects on Architectural Night. Paul Wuenneberg of Mackey and Mitchell Associates, who is a Vianney alumnus, assigned the project for the first semester. The project was to design a Business and Industrial Training Center for East Central College in Union, Missouri. The project required hard work and dedication; some students even went to the extreme of visiting the project's site in Union. In the end, only one group could prevail: SHU Architectural Associates, consisting of Tony Schnitzmeier, Shane Henderson, and Matt Unger.

In the second semester, the final contest took place once again. Mr. John Kemper and Mr. Joe Poelzl, both Vianney alumni at the architechtural firm of Pecham Guyton Albers & Vlets Inc., provided this semester's assignment. It was to propose a plan for a First National Bank building. After many great presentations, the team of Derek Auer, Tim Bottchen, and Jeff Wosman rose to the top.

Where do you see yourself in 2,000 weeks (38 years)?



"I SEE MYSELF IN PRISON FOR STEALING $3.9 BILLION WORTH OF CHEESE." ~ JOE SHANNON



"I WILL HAVE SUCCESSFULLY MUTATED INTO HALF MAN - HALF GOAT, BECOMING GOATBOY." ~ BRIAN AKERS





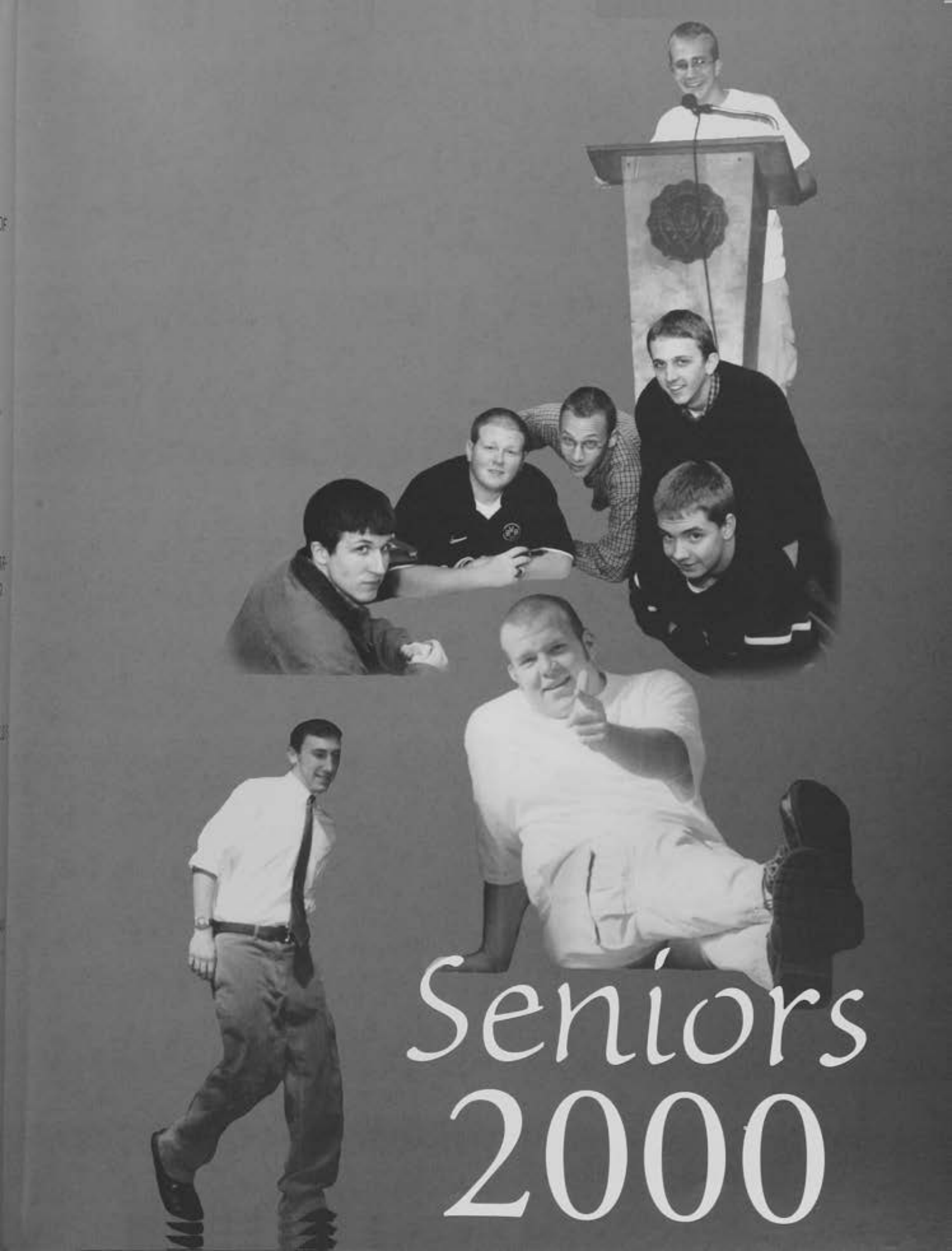
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Just chillin'~ *Adam Soaib and Brian Akers go all out on Hawaiian day. "How can I be so skinny, but live life so phat?" said Adam.*



C'mon, old man!~ *Kevin Roach gives a presentation for Mr. Williams' Spanish class. "It was better than another lecture. I wish we could do this everyday," he said.*





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Burke, Daniel



Costello, Aaron



Costello, Keith



Culleton, Sean

Gifts From God

by Karl Krekeler

After three years of hard work, dedication, and fun, the seniors finally got the privileges they deserve. These privileges set the seniors apart from the rest of the school, while rewarding them for everything they did. Some of them were in drama for three years, some played sports. Others were in STUCO or NHS. Very few, if any, however, sat back to enjoy the ride.

"I'm tired of fighting lines, fighting prices, and fighting for chairs," Senior Matt Smith said. The seniors finally got to go out to lunch, a privilege often coveted by underclassmen. "I like to go out to lunch," said Senior Joe Shannon. "This way I can get a little more variety for my money"

"I like being able to wear regular tennis shoes," remarked Joe Havermann. Senior Adam Ochinicky talked with Fr. Wosman at the beginning of the school year, and as a result, the seniors were finally allowed to wear their favorite pair of Nikes to school.

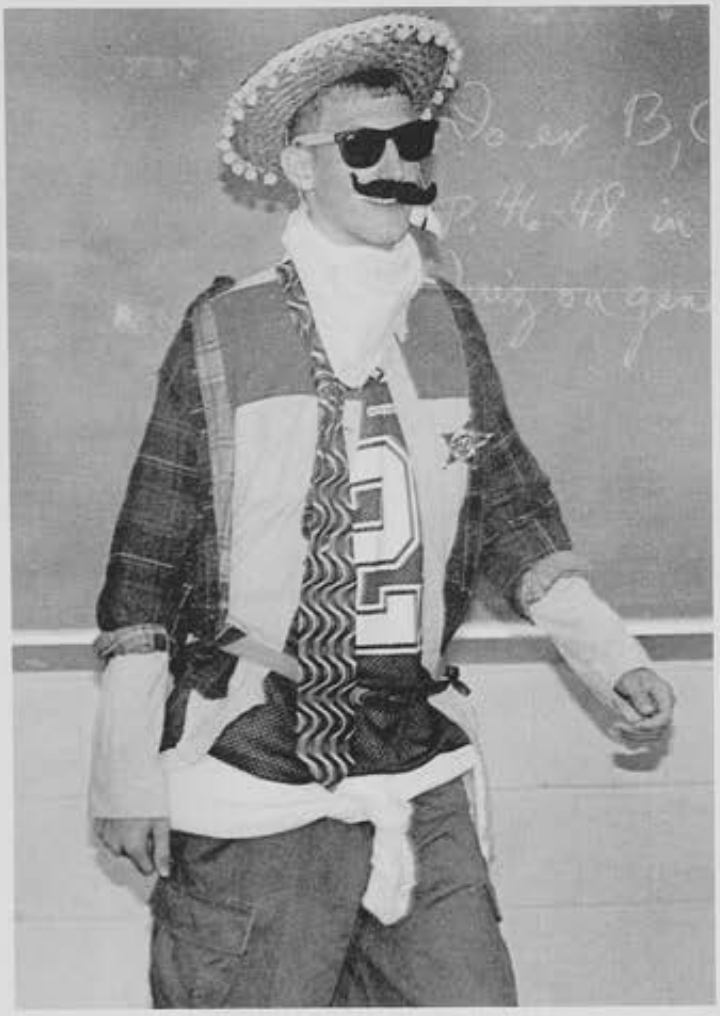
Several seniors tried to get the privilege of growing facial hair and getting to the front of the lunch line when they stay in school for lunch. Both were shot down. Fr. Wosman told them facial hair was reserved for second semester. "I can't wait until we get to grow facial hair," said Senior Jon Phillips. "If only I could grow it." Wosman also told the seniors that he would let them cut to the front of the lunch line when they stopped doing it illegally.

These privileges were reserved for the crème de la crème of the school. All of them were rightly distributed.



Big, and I mean BIG, Mac~ *Our very own Bryan McMahan struts his stuff at the senior-faculty basketball game. "My team was down," said Bryan, "so I needed to unleash the beast."*

Ay, Caramba!~ *Adam Ochonicky tries to make a fashion statement while staying in the line of good taste. "My name is Pancho Villa," said Adam.*



Under Pressure

by Rick Schimpf

Seniors have possibly the most stressful job in the entire school. They have many expectations placed upon them. The administration expects them to be leaders. Teachers want them to set the standard for class work. Underclassmen look up to them. Parents expect good grades. Their coaches push them to be superstars. It is an awesome responsibility to have to live up to these expectations.

However, it doesn't stop there. Seniors put pressure on themselves to be everything they can be. "I've got too many things going on right now," said Aaron Costello.

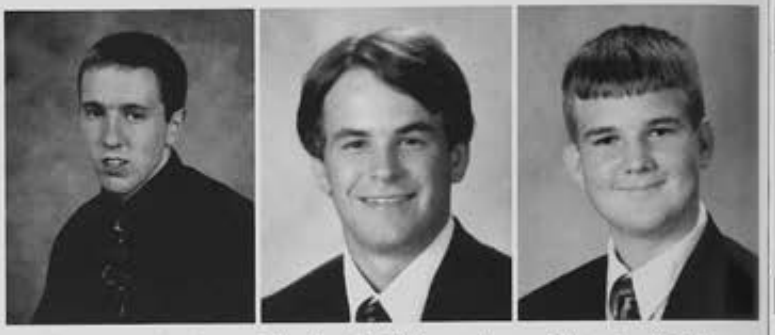
They put pressure on themselves to get into their first choice college and get all the scholarships they've applied for. "The biggest pressure on me right now is everything having to do with college," said Karl Krekeler.

Other pressures include increasing class rank and keeping Vianney a great place to attend. "Trying to keep Vianney's good name alive is my biggest source of pressure," said Greg Bennett, "not to mention living up to the role of the upperclassman." Few are simply coasting.

They are the doctors, lawyers, accountants, athletes, and engineers of tomorrow. They are the future. The class of 2000 is up to the challenge of meeting all expectations placed upon them.



Curran, David | Davidson, Brian | Dierker, Kevin



Eaton, Nicholas | Eberhardt, Christopher | Eckstein, Nicholas



Frei, Glennon | Friederich, Mark | Gallion, Austin



Gieseler, Timothy | Gilligan, Seamus | Gish, Nicholas



Gritzke, Ryan | Gruener, Stephen | Haarmann, Jonathan



DiPrimo, John



Door, Jeffrey



Dower, Nicholas



Emmett, Stephen



Feicht, James, Jr.



Fink, Ian



Gathard, Thomas



Gerth, Kevin



Gibbs, Matthew



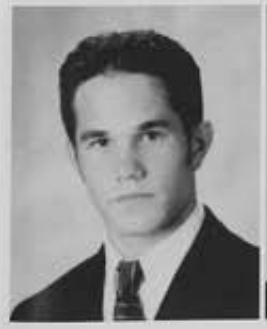
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Gregory, John



Grillo, Nicholas



Hansen, Jonathan



Hartman, Christopher



Havermann, Joseph





Blast from the past~ *Dan Mueller and Tom Schwartz go retro. Spirit Week provided the opportunity for everyone to bring back the days of Michael Jackson and Cindi Lauper.*



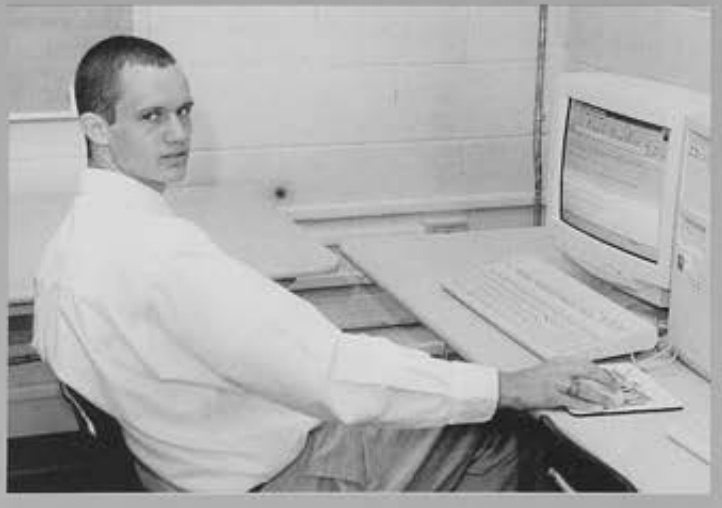
What's up, guys? ~ *Ken Politte and Tim Bottchen display their brotherly love after Mass. "Bobo's the best singer at every Mass," said Ken.*



Show us what you got~ *Tony Schnitzmeier demonstrates his artistic ability in Vianney's hallway. Several students worked on the mural throughout the year.*



To be, or not to be~ *Tom Eckert and Mike Schwent discuss* The Miser, *Vianney's fall play. The play was acclaimed as one of the best Vianney has produced.*



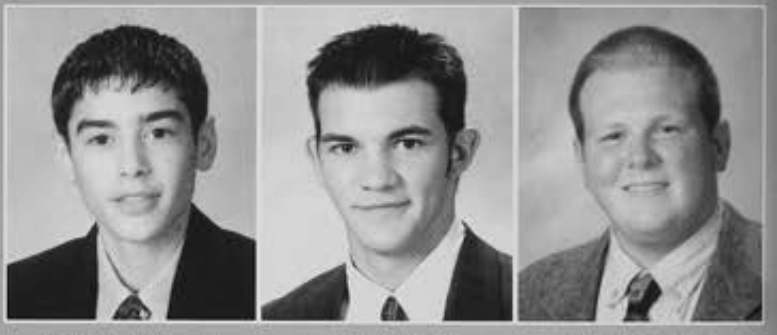
Surfin' the net ~ *Scott Marquart takes advantage of Vianney's new computer lab. "It's either working on my term paper or checking out Hampster-Dance.com," said Scott.*



Healey, Matthew | Horan, Gregory | Huff, Justin



Kane, Matthew | Kinghorn, Edmond | Kleffner, Justin



Koke, Matthew | Kopp, Russell | Krekeler, Karl



Leach, Rory | Ledbetter, Neal | Lewis, Jeffrey



Malone, Daniel | Malone, Jeffery | Mark, Richard



Jacobs, Joseph



Johnson, Christopher



Kaestner, John, Jr.



Klein, Michael



Klepac, Ryan



Kohlberg, Jeffrey



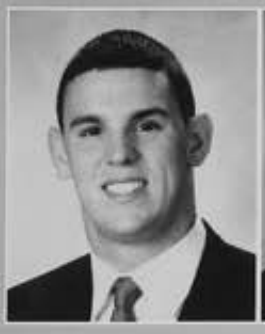
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Lanfer, Edward



Lashley, Joshua



Longo, Stephen



Lucas, John



Maher, Ryan



Marquart, Scott



Marschner, Thomas



Martin, Erik





Where are you, Aphrodite?? *~ Joe Puleo dresses up for Toga Day, his favorite part of Spirit Week. "I dig togas," said Joe.*



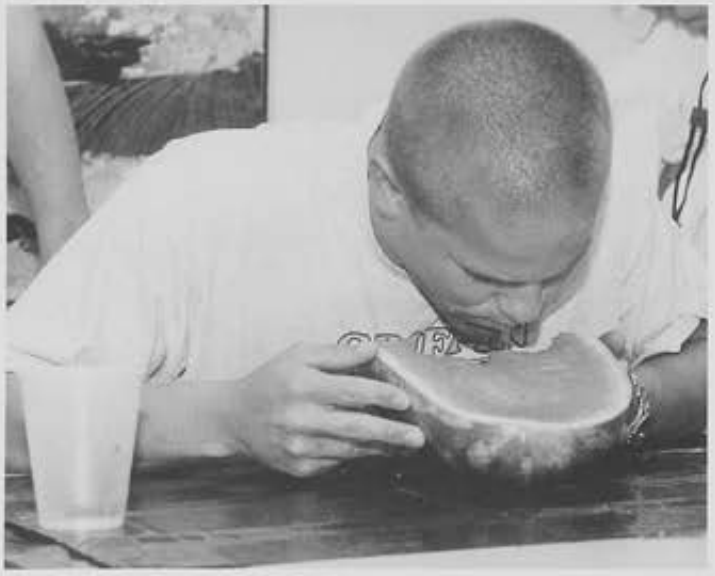
Guzzling it down *~ Seamus Gilligan drinks a nice, refreshing Coke while smiling for the camera. "I was very upset when the school switched from Coke to Pepsi," said Seamus.*



Be careful there, Justin~ *With a circular saw in his hand, Justin Kleffner prepares to do some damage. "Just hand me a 2x4," he said.*



STONE COLD!!~ *John Kaestner dresses up as Stone Cold Steve Austin for the pep rally. "That day was just more preparation for my future as a pro wrestler," said John.*



I think I swallowed a seed~ *Sean Culleton pigs out during the Spirit Week's Eating Triathalon. "We had a lot of activities that week, but that one was my favorite," he said.*



Martorano, David



Mathina, Perry



Mayer, Michael



McDermott, Kyle



McDonald, Daniel



McGauley, John



Merker, Daniel



Mesko, Michael



Meyer, Gabriel



Murphy, Thomas



Myers, Michael



Nanna, Mark



Nettemeyer, Michael



Nikolic, Branko



Oberbeck, Gregory



Mayes, Dustin



McCart, Devin



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McMahan, Bryan



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Menne, Jason



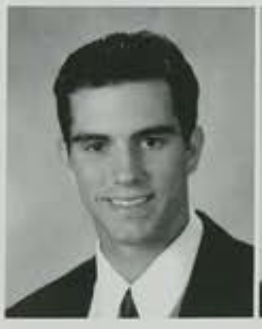
Michael, Nathan



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Neal, John



Nelms, Matthew



Ochonicky, Adam



Ortiz, Brandon



Paradoski, Drew





Laid back~ *Don't you think you're taking the senior privileges a little too far, Matt Brayfield? "I was hoping this wouldn't be in the yearbook," said Matt.*



Go, team, GO!~ *Kirk Barron cheers on his teammates with the help of his parents. "It was a nice night to play in front of my parents," he said.*



The importance of personal hygiene~ *Tom Barnowski holds up a roll of toilet paper in the library for everybody to see. "I think people should live in a society free of one-ply and full of comfort," said Tom.*



The needle's not that big~ *Chris Rocchio flexes for the camera as he donates a pint of blood to the American Red Cross. "Don't be a turkey -- the needle's not that big!" was this year's slogan. "I don't mind giving blood, but I could do without the dizziness," said Chris.*



What's up, Michelangelo? ~ *Jon Hansen makes our school more beautiful. "Just sprucing up the hallways," said Jon.*



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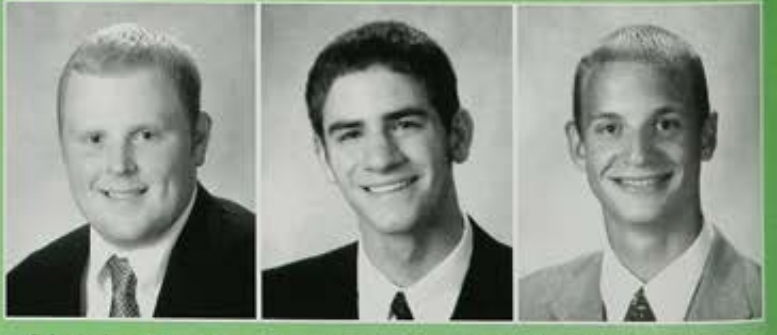
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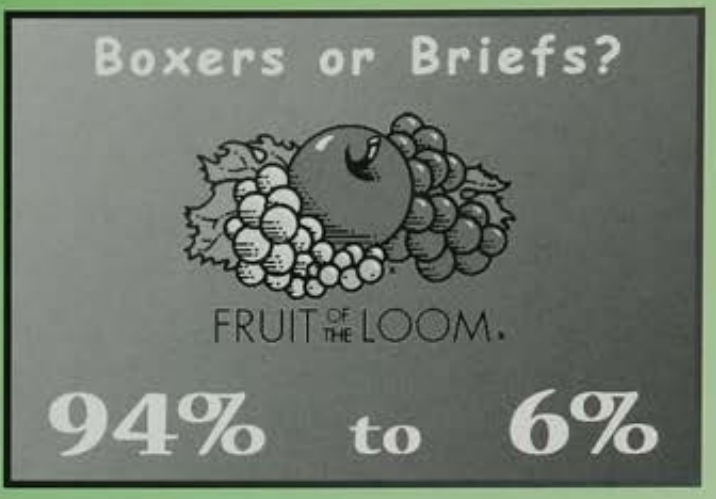
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Schwab, Matthew | Schwartz, Thomas | Schwent, Michael





Chip off the old block~ *Steve Longo sits nexts to his dad at the Father-Son Banquet. "The banquet was a wonderful event, as always. I've enjoyed it for four years," said Steve.*



Creative inspiration~ *Mike Klein, John Kaestner, and Tim Smith discuss how they're going to build a set for stagecraft, a new course at Vianney. "Mr. Book has a way of making any class difficult," said Mike.*

Once A Griffin...

by Nick Roth

Four years. Four years of friends. Four years of laughter. Four years of celebrating good times and confronting bad times. Four years of memories. Four years of being part of a special, one-of-a-kind family.

We look back at the years we've spent here together and sometimes take for granted that one day it will be gone. As the Class of 2000 moves along that road of life to college and their futures, Vianney is a past memory. Friends might never be the same. Life may drift us all apart, and never allow us to see one another again.

Despite the many mysteries of what the future holds and where it will take us, one thing is set in stone. One thing bonds us all. "I'll always remember my times at Vianney. I've had four great years of friends and fun," said Senior John Smith.

Wherever we might go, whatever we might do, there will always be a place we can call home — a place to feel welcome and to be supported. "I've made so many friends and met so many people here. I'll never be able to forget the time I spent here. This is my home," said Senior Karl Krekeler. The peers we shared our lives with are all our brothers and will be with us at all times, no matter where or when. We will always be together in spirit.



We are the black and gold of Vianney~ *The griffin has symbolized Vianney brotherhood since the school began in 1960.*





Scotino, Anthony | Scotino, Joseph | Seper, Michael



Smith, Timothy | Smith, Matthew | Smith, John



Spalding, Joel | Stephens, Andrew | Suelmann, Jeff



Wagner, Ryan | Walker, Joseph | Wamser, Matthew



Wood, Jeffrey | Wosman, Jeffrey | Yerkes, Daniel



Shannon, Joseph



Shaughnessy, Thomas



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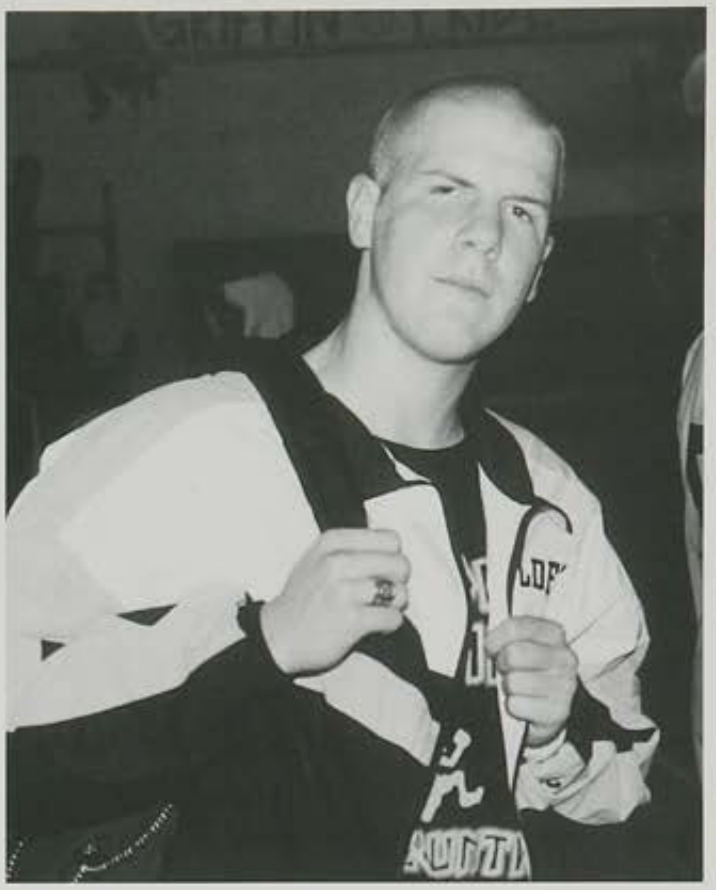
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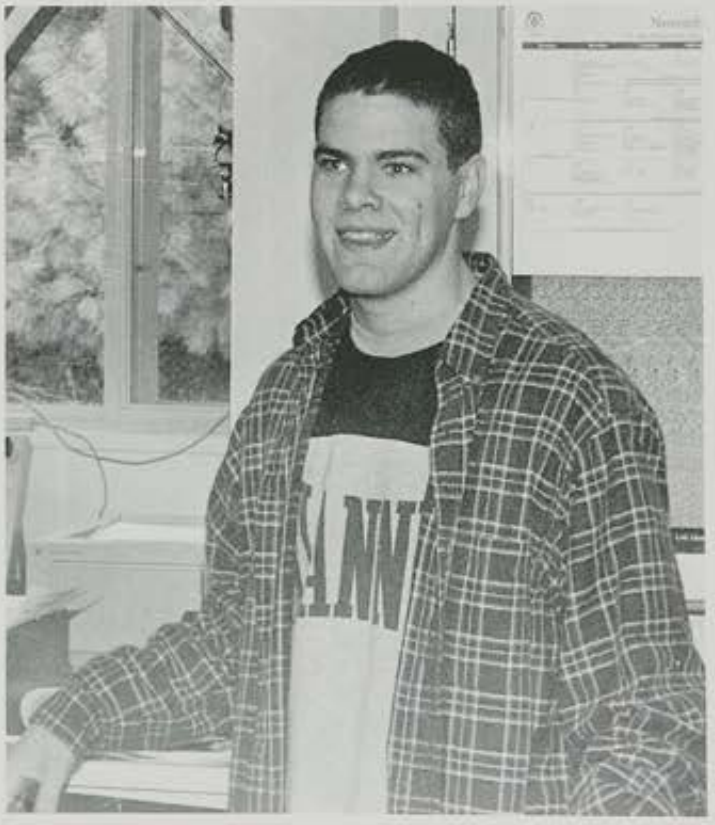
Zerkel, Paul



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Struttin' his stuff~ Ben Abbott leaves the Griffin Dome after a pep rally. "I'm just happy to be in the yearbook this year," said Abbott.



Same ol', same ol'~ *Chris Hartman is caught on camera during an ordinary day in engineering drawing. "Senior year was one of the best times of my life," said Chris.*

Boogie Night

by Matt Schuessler

On May 5, the seniors took part in the annual Senior Prom Dinner and Dance. The event took place at the Airport Radisson Hotel. Seniors arrived by various modes of transportation, including limousines, party buses, and their own personal cars.

The party kicked off at 7:00 PM with the taking of formal pictures provided by Nottingham Photography. Seniors also received their prom night commemorative mugs and wine glasses for their dates. Couples then had time to mingle and talk with friends before eating. It marked one of the few remaining times the class of 2000 would be gathered together.

Dinner was not served in the traditional way but as a food bar. This allowed the dinner portion of the night to move by more swiftly so that the dancing and partying could start sooner and last longer.

The sounds of the dance were provided by the familiar TKO DJ's and their popular music video screen. When asked to comment on his favorite part of the dance, T.J. Powers stated, "Dancing to Britney Spears with Eber Simpson had to be it."

The feeling of camaraderie between classmates made prom a special night. Memories were made that will stay with the class of 2000 for years.

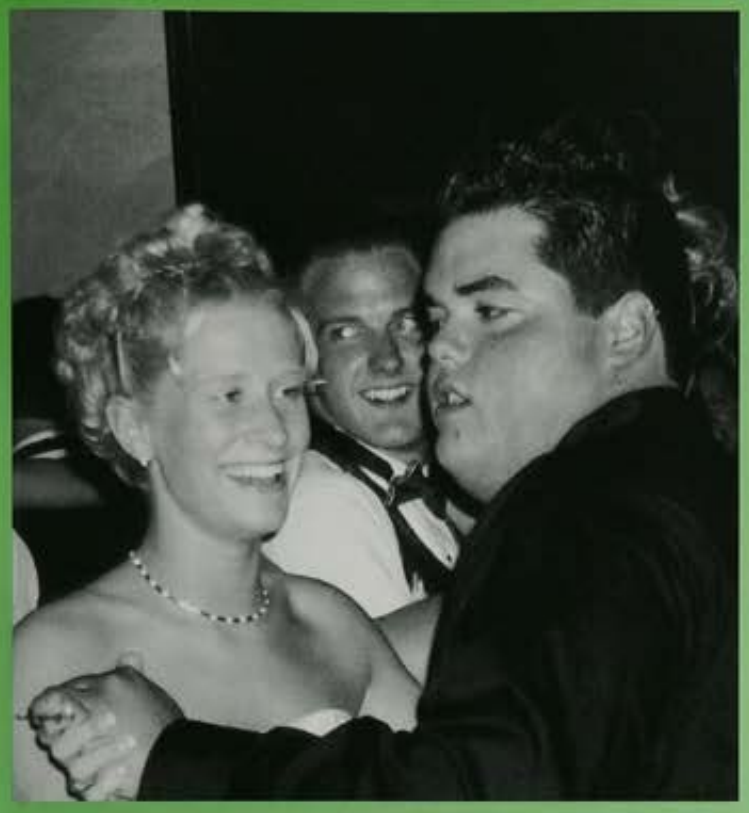
Gettin' ready~ *Mike Meska, Justin Kieffner, and Nick Schreeberger prepare to partake in an unforgettable night.*

We're coming to get ya~ *Nick Roth and Aaron Costello make their way on to the dance floor, " Even without a limo, prom was a night to remember," said Roth.*

Hey Baby~ *Adam Soaib woos his date during another dance*









I'll get you my pretty~ *Tom Applebaum is in search of his date.*

Blinded by the Light~ *Tim Bottchen, Ken Politte, Matt Brayfield, and John Kaestner stare in amazement at the disco ball. "Prom was amazing. The Radisson looked great, and everyone had a great time," said Brayfield.*









Keeping TIme~ *Nate Michaels and Mike Seper dance to the music while a trio of girls pose behind.*

All Smiles~ *Two lovely ladies enjoy a fantabulous Vianney Prom.*

Putting on the Ritz~ *Ryan Celeslie spins his cane with great skill.*

Finally!~Matt Smith exuberantly rejoices after receiveing his diploma. "I just yelled, 'Mom, I got it.'" said Smith.

Smile! ~ NIck Riek gives the camera his best goodbye smile. "I was looking forward to that day for four years, but when it got there I couldn't remember why I was looking forward to it," said Riek.

Mr. Vianney ~ Nick Beck, winner of the Griffin of the Year award, proudly carries his plaque off of the stage. "Being named Griffin of the Year was the greatest honor I could imagine," exclaimed Beck.









Friends, Griffins, Countrymen...~ Co-valedictorians Nick Dower and Adam Byrne share their farewells and words of encouragement.

Congratulations~ Joe Puleo shakes hands with Mr. Keller while gaining his diploma. " I made lots of friends and memories in the last four years," said Puleo







Moving On...

by Joe Havermann

In a little under an hour, four years of hard work culminated with the Class of 2000 walking on the stage to receive their diplomas. The senior class lined up in the hallway before the ceremony with conflicting emotions. While almost every senior in attendance looked forward to the years to come, many of the Griffins were sad to see their four years of fun, learning, and spirit come to an end. "I'm looking forward to attending SLU next Fall, but I'm really going to miss the experiences I had at Vianney," said co-valedictorian Nick Dower.



When the Vianney Griffins finally walked into the gym to take their seats, the atmosphere was both anticipatory and subdued. Senior President Matt Brayfield waited on the stage to introduce the night's speakers. After an opening prayer led by Archbishop May Service Award Recipient Jon Phillips, Matt Brayfield introduced the co-valedictorians. Adam Byrne was the first valedictorian to address the class, followed shortly by Nick Dower, who read a poem he had written. As the night wore on, the serious atmosphere seemed to be replaced with feelings of relief and lightheartedness. By the end of the ceremony, Mr. Keller, Chairman of the Board Bill Lenzen, and Father Wosman had all shared their insights with the graduating senior class.

After the ceremony ended, the Class of 2000 walked outside to be greeted by the entire Vianney faculty. Each Griffin received a hat with the words "Vianney Alumni" printed across the front. Graduation marked a turning point in the lives of those who worked hard over their four years at Vianney. Then everybody went their separate ways to pursue their own unique destinies. We can only hope that the years to come will be as fulfilling and successful as the years we spent at Vianney.



"Rock n Roll"~ *Tom Schwartz gives the senior class his final farewell. "As last of 16 kids to make it through high school I felt the urge to pay tribute to my parents, siblings, and Vianney," said Tom. Over his four years here, he has contributed in many ways.*

Gee, thanks ~ *Dan Malone accepts his diploma. "It's been a fun four years at Vianney. I hate to be leaving all my friends," said Malone*



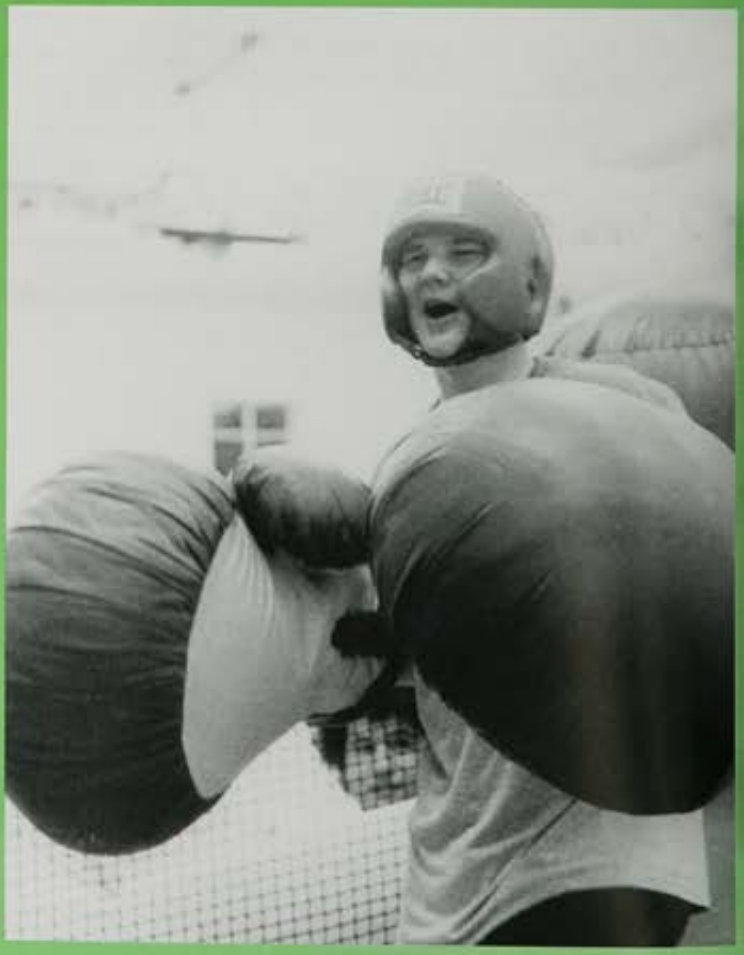
Time to Celebrate

by Joe Havermann

After the Class of 2000 had a chance to adjust to their new roles as Vianney alumni, everybody met at the River Chase Hotel for the Griffin All-Night Party. The party marked the last time that the entire class could be together before going off to college. This year's event was organized by Mrs. Donna Byrne.

Whether they chose to pass the time playing laser tag, gambling, or pigging out on sandwiches and nachos, there were plenty of fun-filled activities at the party. "My favorite part of the All-Night Party was definitely the caricature artists. They were really funny," said senior Kevin Dierker. Later in the night a hypnotist arrived to perform a show for the Vianney graduates.

The senior All-Night Party is an important part of the Vianney tradition. It provides needed closure to the graduation ceremony and a safe way for seniors to celebrate the close of their high school career. This year's party was a huge success. "We had a great last time together," said Kirk Barron.



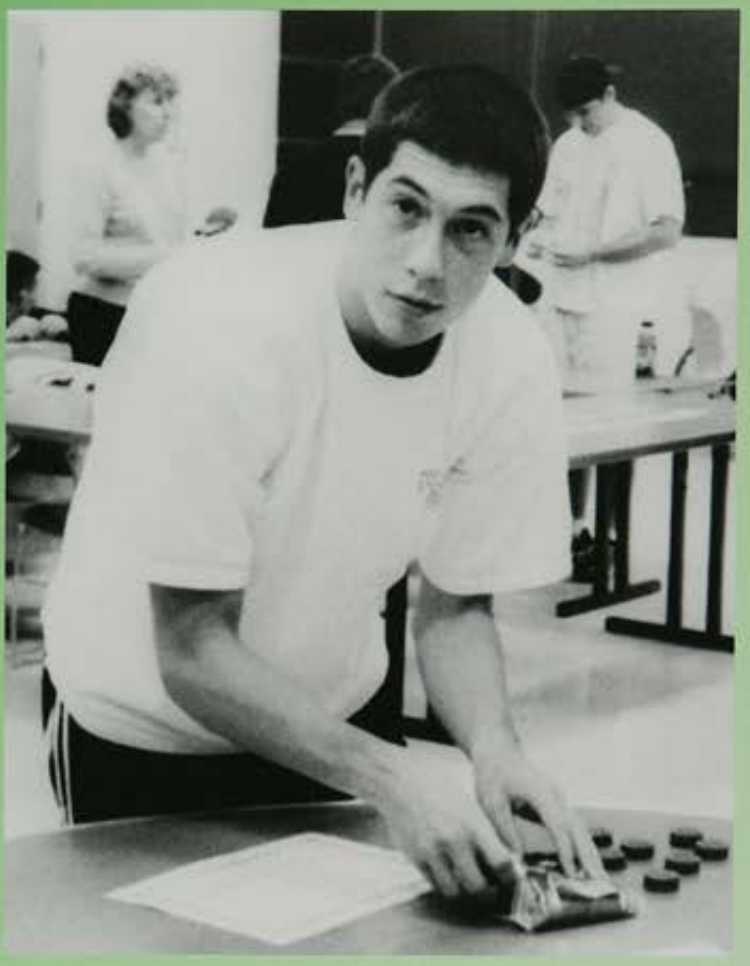
Come and get it! *~ Senior Nick Eckstein challenges anybody brave enough to step in the ring with him.*

Fearsome Foursome *~ Dan Merker, Bryan McMahan, Mike Mesko, and Jon Hansen prepare to engage in an all-out laser war.*

Steady...~ *Adam Weatherby prepares for one of his killer combos.*



Money bags~ *Senior Jeff Kohlberg counts out the chips that were distributed for gambling wishing they were real.*





Chief Hustler ~ *Mr. Matreci shows off his skills. "It was great fun taking the seniors for all their money," said Mr. Matreci.*





Roll the dice ~ *Kirk Barron, Scott Touzinsky, Tom Applebaum admire the gaming room. "We made it a great last time together," said Barron.*

Card Sharks~ *Dustin Mayes and Kyle McDermott gamble away their college savings. Good thing it was fake money.*

Four Years of...

Ups and downs—mostly ups
"Rise and shine campers"
Watching the lunch line get bigger
Dress up days
Mr. McCarthy's quiet voice
Blue Ribbon
Coach Heeb
State Volleyball Champs
Early dismissals
"We're not communicating"
Seamus' bald head
"Hey, boy!"
The Ripper
"We have a huge game tonight."
Warm and fuzzy birthdays
The fight song
"Spruce it up."
Short freshmen
"Calling all guppies."
"Eat 'em up, Eat 'em up, Rah, Rah, Rah."
Scheman arm wrestling
"I see the bubbles."
"Don't make me send you to Mr. Borkowski."
Memories and friendship

Most Likely to ...

To become a race car diver—Joe Shannon

To become a history teacher like K. Walsh—Steve Longo

To be the next Karate Kid—Scott Moore

To take over for Bill Gates—Kevin Gerth

To be a professional monster truck driver—Justin Kleffner

To extend a chat into an hour long debate—Matt Smith

To be sponsored by Nike—Scott Touzinsky

To be a professional hockey player—J.B. Neal

To be a state congressman—Matt Brayfield

To be MTV VJs—Dan Mueller and Tom Schwartz

To become the owner of AMF bowling lanes—Steve Solovic

To win a body building contest—Chris Rocchio

To own a motorcycle—Nick Collins

To own a VW shop—Mike Ross

To work for the WWF—John Kaestner

To coach debate at Vianney—Tom Barnowski

To work at Abercrombie—Tom Schwartz

To be discovered as the lost member of Monty Python—Chris Soer

To drive the coolest Oldsmobile—Mark Nanna

To be a model—Josh McDaniels

To become a chess champ—Tony Rich

What Would You Do with $2000?



"I WOULD BUY PEZ." ~ANDY PEREZ



"I WOUD BUY A DATE WITH ALICIA SILVERSTONE." ~AL CURTIS



"I WOULD BUY MY WAY THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL." ~ZACH DAPRON



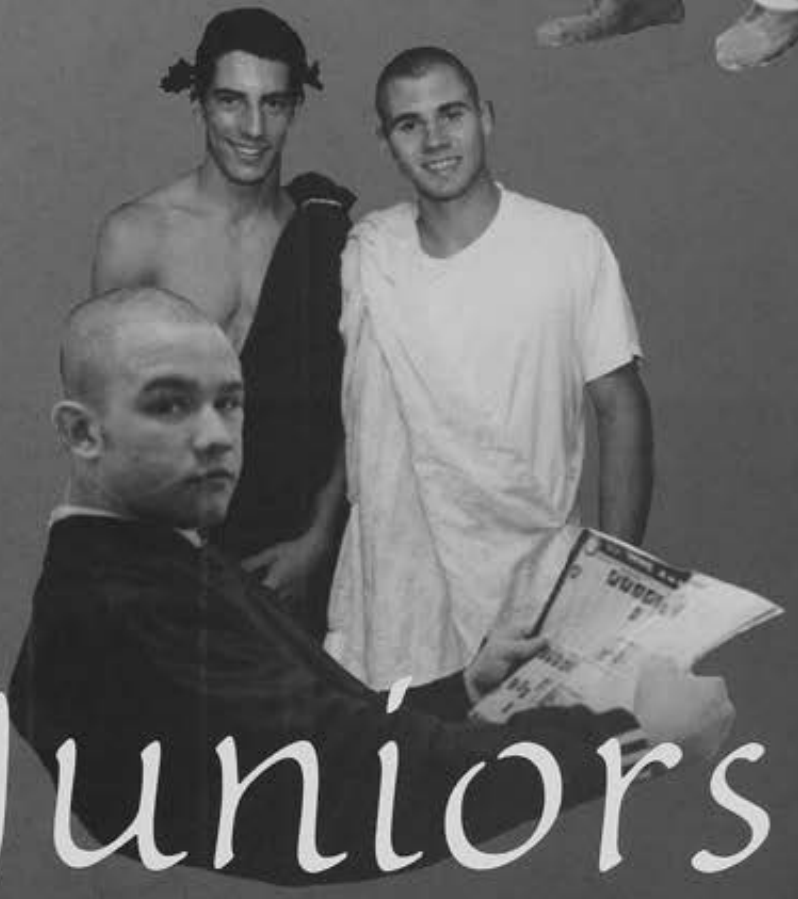
"I WOULD PAY OFF MY SPEEDING TICKETS." ~NICK BONO



"I WOULD GO SPEND IT AT BEST BUY." ~JON HIGGS







Juniors 2000

The Big K

by Matt Bruns

Remember those cold, bitter days when you arrived in the morning? With a sixty-pound book bag on your back, you tumbled across the pavement toward the mountainous stairs at Martin Luther Drive. Then you nimbly dodged the constant gauntlet of speeding seniors and parents. As you looked up at the Griffin statue, you thought, "Well, I made it to the first land mark." However, while you gazed toward the distant school with squinting eyes, you realized that you still had a mile to go before you reached the comfortably warm, cozy lobby. By the time you grabbed the door handle, you had already worked up quite an appetite. But the café dropped out of the question when you saw you had less than one minute to get to class.

Since only seniors could park on the lower lot, many juniors had to leave their cars on the K-Mart lot and make the long trek to school. The strenuous nature hike could really eat into one's time and could become a hassle. "I think it is annoying, especially when I'm late," commented junior Chris Arno. Although the juniors became accustomed to the massive hike, they still regretted the pain in the neck. Let's face it; the walk from the Big K was straight-out inconvenient.

Maybe the excruciating walk just made the juniors more anxious for senior year. Despite the discomfort, at least we received good exercise. Besides, all of those frequent walker miles added up to a space on the lower lot when the seniors didn't have school.



Down, set, hike!~ *Rob Sedlak, with his Lego hat, and Mick Henderson take a break from selling donuts to play ball. "God built the world with Duplo Legos," said Sedlak.*

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



Austin, Stephen
Bakai, Andrew
Bannister, Thomas
Barnes, Chris
Bauer, Alan



Behnen, Nicholas
Berger, Carl
Berry, Gary
Bleitner, David
Bono, Dominic



Borgers, Jeffrey
Bradley, Michael
Brandt, Peter
Briscuso, Anthony
Brockmeyer, Jason





FAVORITE MOVIES

1. The Matrix
2. Sixth Sense
3. Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me
4. American Pie
5. Varsity Blues
6. Fight Club

We are family~ *Mike Leveque, Andy Perez, Jon Higgs, and Chris Seithel celebrate the family experience. "We're all one big happy family here at Vianney," said Leveque.*



Brockmeyer, Kevin
Bruns, Matthew
Buchek, Maro
Burns, Kyle
Campbell, Steven

Caples, Philip
Casey, Shawn
Cavanaugh II, Jerry
Cheatham, Andrew
Clark, Tanner

Clements, Anthony
Colombo, Anthony
Craft, Andrew
Crane, Kevin
Crawford, Tim

Cullmann, Paul
Curry, Ryan
Curtis, Allen
Dailey, Brett
Dapron, Zachariah

Dieckmann, Kevin
Diestelkamp, Jon
DiGregorio, Sam
Dueker, Allister
Durban, Ryan



Durbin, Michael
Eaves III, Robert
Ebert Jr., Joseph
Eckert, Thomas
Egan, Trevor



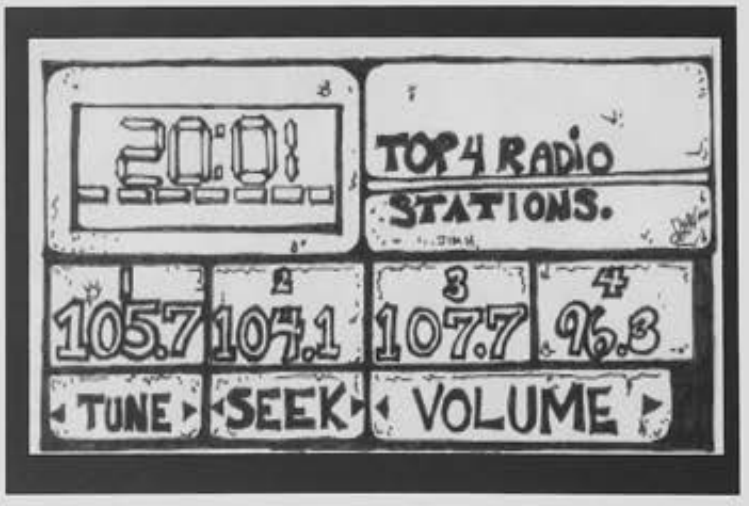
Engelstad, Ryan
Erb, Anthony
Favier, Chris
Filla, Matthew
Fiock, Adam



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









Fashion makeover~ *Richard Hutson receives a "professional" hair cut from his fellow classmates as a consequence for losing a bet. "That's the last time I'll make a bet," said Hutson.*



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



Gillick, Matthew
Gitto, David
Glasscock, Giovanni
Gordon, Eric
Gorecki, Adam



Gough Jr., John
Grana, John
Granda, Anthony
Greminger, Andrew
Gross, Bradley



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

Griffins From Across the Sea

by Mike Bradley and John Sztukowski

At the beginning of the 1999-2000 school year, two new students were introduced to the Vianney family: Alex Havadi-Nagy from Cologne, Germany, and Bane (Bronco) Nikolic, who hails from Cacak, Yugoslavia.

Alex was a part of the junior class of 2001 and adjusted very well to the American culture. "At first I thought, 'No girls, what have I gotten myself into?" Alex said jokingly about the all-guys issue. However, he became comfortable with the idea quickly and made many new friends. Alex's personality was great; he was interesting, neat, and extremely friendly. While he was here, Alex was kept busy with his classes, as well as with the after school work-study program and racquetball.

Bane joined the senior class of 2000 this year and also familiarized himself with the customs and lingo of the United States very quickly. "The U.S. is totally different from Yugoslavia," said Bane. "There is no way of determining the most important differences." Like Alex, Bane also participated in the work-study program and was kept busy with his classes. He enjoyed swimming for Vianney and was very amiable. Bane walked the halls of Vianney like any other student, and he was liked and respected by his fellow classmates.

During their stay in St. Louis, Bane and Alex demonstrated their intelligence in developing their English vocabulary and in speaking the language so well. Prior to this trip, both of them had studied English for about six years; however, this was still quite an adjustment. Bane and Alex enjoyed participating in the Griffin spirit and attended athletic events as well as the much-anticipated Homecoming dance. These two were exceptional guys and very outgoing. Getting to know them was fun, and hopefully in the future they will come back and visit their friends from Vianney.



Foreign Griffins~ *Bane Nikolic (Serbian senior) and Alex Havadi-Nagy (German junior) got to spend a year in the U.S. at Vianney. "Schade, dass es hier keine Frauen gibt!" said Alex.*



Wannabe architect~ *Shane Henderson works on the blue prints for his future dream house. "Winning the architecture contest was one of the highlights of the year," said Shane.*



How did it do that?~ *At Open House, Neville Miller displays his physics experiment. "The physics experiments at open house were cool because we got to use interesting tools," said Neville.*

Best Actress Survey

1. Jennifer Love Hewitt
2. Catherine Zeta Jones
3. Sarah Michelle Gellar
4. Angela Lansbury
5. Alysa Milano
6. Katie Holmes

Havadi-Nagy, Alex
Heet, John
Heineck, Michael
Henderson, Mick
Henderson, Shane



Hennis, Andrew
Higgs, Jonathan
Ho, Anton
Hornsey, Matthew
Howard, James



Hrdlicka, Jason
Hutson, Richard
Jackson, William
Jansen, Michael
Jeep, Chris



Jerden, Mark
Johnson, Michael
Kahle, Paul
Kehoe, J.Guy
Kellar, Jason





Comic relief~ *According to the Junior class, Tom Bannister is full of laughs.*

Who's the Class Clown?

by Jim Howard

What do you call a guy who always has a comic comment for every situation? He is a guy that will speak his mind with typical, off-beat humor and can keep a straight face while making fun of a teacher. Able to make even the teacher laugh, he is extremely quick-witted; he can come up with a sarcastic comment at the exact moment it is called for. Even though he acts like a complete idiot, he can do it without looking like an idiot at all. He is the "class clown," and with a class of 200, you are bound to have more than just one.

The class of 2001 is proud of their class clowns. Where would we be without them? Who would break the ice, the tension, and the stress of high school? Vianney has been "blessed" with more than its share of class clowns.

Class Clowns

1. Tom Bannister
2. Steve Campbell
3. Jon Schou
4. Kyle Burns
5. Mike Meyer



Kellermann, Matt
Kenny, Andrew
Kinder, Logan
Knobbe, Nicholas
Kollar, John



Kraus, David
Kremer, Michael
Lahrman, Dominic
Lakin, Jonathan
Lange, Enrico



Lanzendorf, Tony
Lawler, John
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Leone, Nicolas
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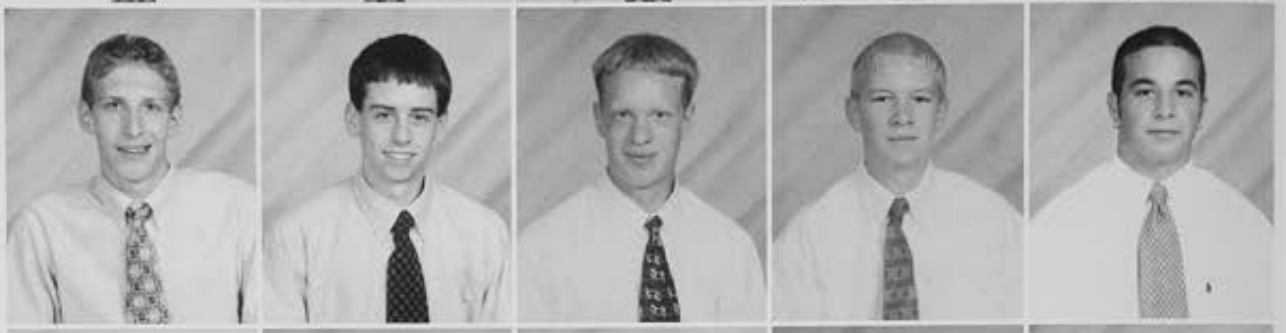


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Liebmann, Ben
Lightle, Luis
Luer, James
Maret, Andrew

Matthews, Casey
May, Justin
McCoy, Kyle
McDermott, Matt
McKeever, Mike



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



Miller, Neville
Moehlenbrock, Mike
Morris, Robert
Mueckl, Kevin
Mueller, Kevin



Najbart, Jeffrey
Nauman, Eric
Nazzoli, Anthony
Nolan, Marc
Oge, Timothy





Painting the past~ *Jim Howard lends his talents to the History of Evolution Mural in the 200 hall. "I'm always looking for different ways to express my artistic talents," said Howard.*

If I Could Be In a Band, I Would Join...

1. Phish
2. Rage Against the Machine
3. Limp Biskit
4. Dave Matthews Band
5. 311
6. Blink 182
7. Kid Rock
8. Metallica



Onder, Richard
O'Neill, Patrick
Padberg, Dylan
Paradoski, Daniel
Pelizzaro, Scott



Perez, Andrew
Perkowski, Chris
Peters, Shawn
Pisarkiewicz, Andrew
Powers, Nathan



Przyzycki, Paul
Quattrocchi, Ian
Rakel, Nathaniel
Reinhardt, Samuel
Riordan, Daniel



Riordan, Nicholas
Rogan, Brendan
Ronzio, Matthew
Roth, Justin
Ryan, Robert



Punkrocker~ *Jon Higgs dons the hair to show his spirit. "I wanted to show my Griffin spirit on Black and Gold day and wanted to have a little fun in the process," said Jon.*



To-ga, to-ga, to-ga~ *Tim Crawford, Tony Schmitt, Gio Glasscock, and Peter Brandt show some skin. "Toga days teach us important lessons for college life," said Crawford.*

If I were Principal...

1. I would cancel school.
2. I would make Vianney coed.
3. I would have an open dress code.
4. I would fire the teachers.
5. I would provide nap time.
6. I would expel all of the trouble makers.
7. I would have a Black and Gold Day.
8. I would have Angela Lansbury over for lunch.



Poof!!~ *Kyle Burns attempts to summon the genie during a chemistry experiment. "It was great to get outside for a change," said Burns.*

Captain Chris!~ *Chris Jeep prepares to save the school. "I put this on whenever I feel like conquering the universe," said Chris.*

Sabada, Darrik
Saguto, Dominick
Sahaida, Adam
Sanders, Brian
Sanders, Benjamin



Schiller, Daniel
Schisler, Daniel
Schmitt, Anthony
Schoenig, Daniel
Schou, Jonathan



Schuster, Samuel
Sedlak, Robert
Seithel, Chris
Shaw, Charles
Smith, Tyson



Smith, Matthew
Steffan, Chris
Suellentrop, Matt
Switzer, Gregory
Sztukowski, John





ZZZZZZ~ *Jon Diestelkamp recharges for more dancing. "I was bored out of my mind because Nevile took my date," said Jon.*



Dazed and confused~ *Eric Gordon has become a zombie to class life.*



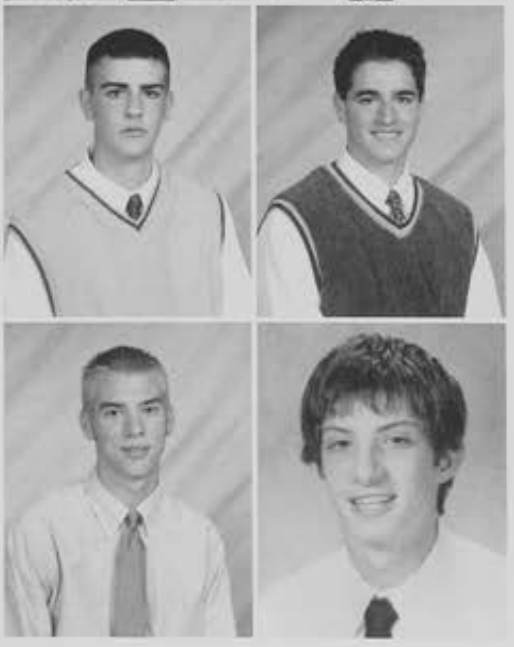


Telker, Brad
Terry, Matthew
Tribl, Michael
Tucker, John
Vasquez, L. John

Viner, Jason
Voorhees, Stephen
Wangles, William
Wargel, Ryan
Waterkotte, Steven



Groovy lid~ *Tom Eckert and his date take a trip back to the days of the Seventies during Homecoming. "It's all in the hat," said Eckert.*



Weseloh, Henry
Wilhite, Ryan

Wynne, Chris

Schaeffer, David

Goldfinger

On April 28th, the junior class came to school with a different attitude. That day was the day they received their long awaited class rings. As the juniors waited outside for their proud parents, the freshman and sophomores were called to the gym to witness the electrifying mass. While the juniors and their parents were being seated, the newly marked upper classmen had a feeling of being yet another step closer to adulthood. While names were being called, and students received their rings, parents took pictures and video taped their sons become upper classmen. Once the juniors received their rings, parents asked themselves the question,"How did he grow up so fast?"

The following evening, the junior ring dance took place. Not only did almost 100% of the entire junior class show up, but also a boatload of girls were present. Although the D.J. got some poor reviews, it didn't ruin everyone's night. "Yeah, the D.J. was bad, but everyone was dancing, rolling, and having a blast," said Jason Viner. The popular thing seemed to be to dance with glow sticks. Although the party at Vianney ended at 11:00, the memories will last forever.



Awww~ *Rick Onder holds his date close. "It was the most memorable night of my junior year," said Rick.*

Hey! Get your own girl~ *John Lawler and Alan Bauer defend their dates. "The good songs you can't dance to, but the bad ones you can," said Lawler.*

Hold me!~ *Ryan Wargel is swept off his feet by Chris Seithel. "Can I keep him?" asked Seithel.*

Swingers~ *Tanner Clark and Anthony Briscuso are chillin' on the dance floor. "It was fun and it gave a glimpse of what next year will be like," said Clark.*









Woo-Hoo!~ *Mike Moehlenbrock shouts his barbaric yawlp. The dance allowed several guys to let loose and show their wilder sides.*

Celebrating good times~ *Brad Telker, Andy Atchison, Chris Seithel, Ryan Wargel, Matt Filla, and their dates celebrate. "It was hot at the dance, and the DJ wasn't great, but it was fun," said Filla.*

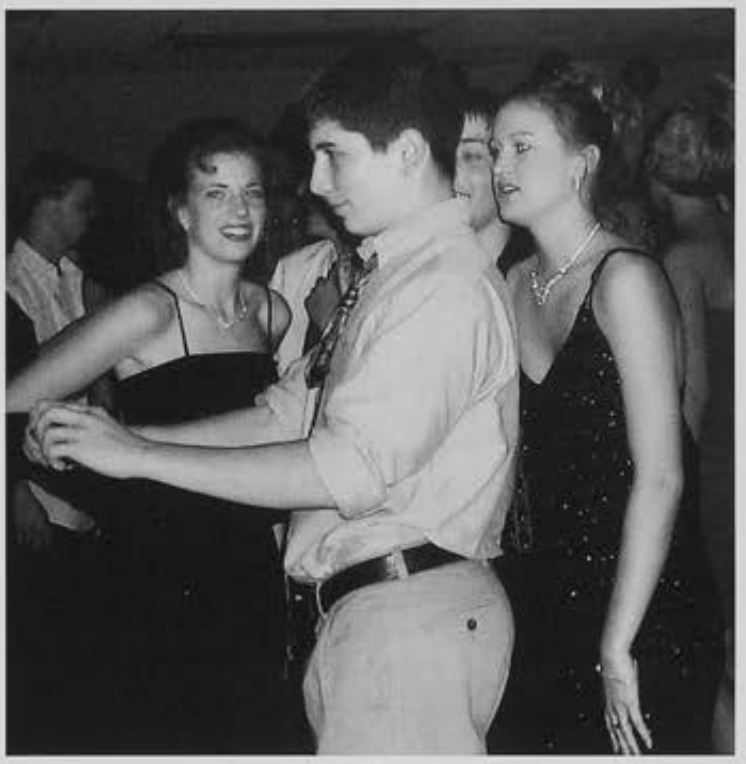


Does yours fit?~ *Brad Telker tries on his new ring. "It was exciting to get our rings," said Brad.*

Shakin' it~ *Neville Miller has got the moves. "We're moving up the ladder. I'm a big man on campus now," said Neville.*

The lawnmower~ *Dominick Saguto exhibits his exquisite technique. "It was a good time to celebrate with my friends from school and my date," said Saguto.*







At Your Service

by Matt Bruns

Although the juniors had a shortened school year, summer did not come early. Instead, each student spent two weeks giving forth his time and effort for the communitiy. As part of a graduation requirement, the Juniors had to perform seventy-five hours of community service. The origins of service ranged from hospitals, to schools, to foreign countries. No matter where the Juniors went, each enjoyed a moving experience.

For students who went to hospitals and schools, many agreed that they connected with the people they helped. Not only did they learn about the different problems that people struggle with, but also acquired an understanding of others' personalities as well as their own. "The experience was great. Staff and people I worked with were very friendly. I recommend that you work at Missouri Baptist Hospital," said Andy Bakai.

Daring to travel beyond the country border, twelve juniors under the leadership of Mr. McCarthy flew to Mexico and helped the Marianists in the Uxpanapa Valley. The students got a chance to see Mexico City and experience the daily life of a poor village. While improving their Spanish language skills, the juniors learned how lucky they have it in the United States. They built a corral and a warehouse, made cheese, milked cows, and slaughtered their own dinner. Above all, they made friends with the locals and found their experience to be very moving. "It was a lot of fun," said Mike Johnson. "We met a lot of people and learned a lot about the Mexican culture."

Although some juniors were nervous prior to their service project, most found their two weeks to be a success. No matter where they worked, the students helped the community, learned new things, and had a good time.



Out of my way~ *John Heet wheels Helen down to Mass at Green Park Nursing Home. "I had a great time and learned a lot from this great experience," said John.*



Teaching the tikes~ *Zach Dapron plays with some little tikes at Margaret Mary Daycare. "The kids had a party for one of the girls so the schedule was thrown off and it was crazy. I felt at least good for helping out with the kid's birthday," said Zach.*



Shine those shoes~ *Matt Sullentrop assists a resident during his Social Service Project. "It was fun and exciting," said Matt.*

Smile~ *Nick Leone, Bill Jackson, Anthony Granda, and John Heet pose for a picture with Howard Martin at Green Park Retirement Home. "I didn't think SSP would be as fun as it was," said Bill Jackson.*



Shocked~ *Mike Kremer wires an electrical outlet at the Family Center of East St. Louis. "The hardest thing was walking across an area of the roof with no top. It was scary but I made it," said Mike.*







Where is his Vianney Hangtag~*Kevin Mueckl rides a great looking horse in Mexico.*

Diggin' to China~ *Sam DiGregorio and Carl Burger help build a corral in Mexico.*

If you had 2,000 minutes to spend anywhere, where would you go?





"I WOULD GO TO K-MART, BECAUSE THEY HAVE EVERYTHING THERE." ~TIM GILLIGAN



"I WOULD GO TO CHUCK E. CHEESE BECAUSE IT'S A PLACE WHERE A KID CAN BE A KID." ~TOM COWLEY

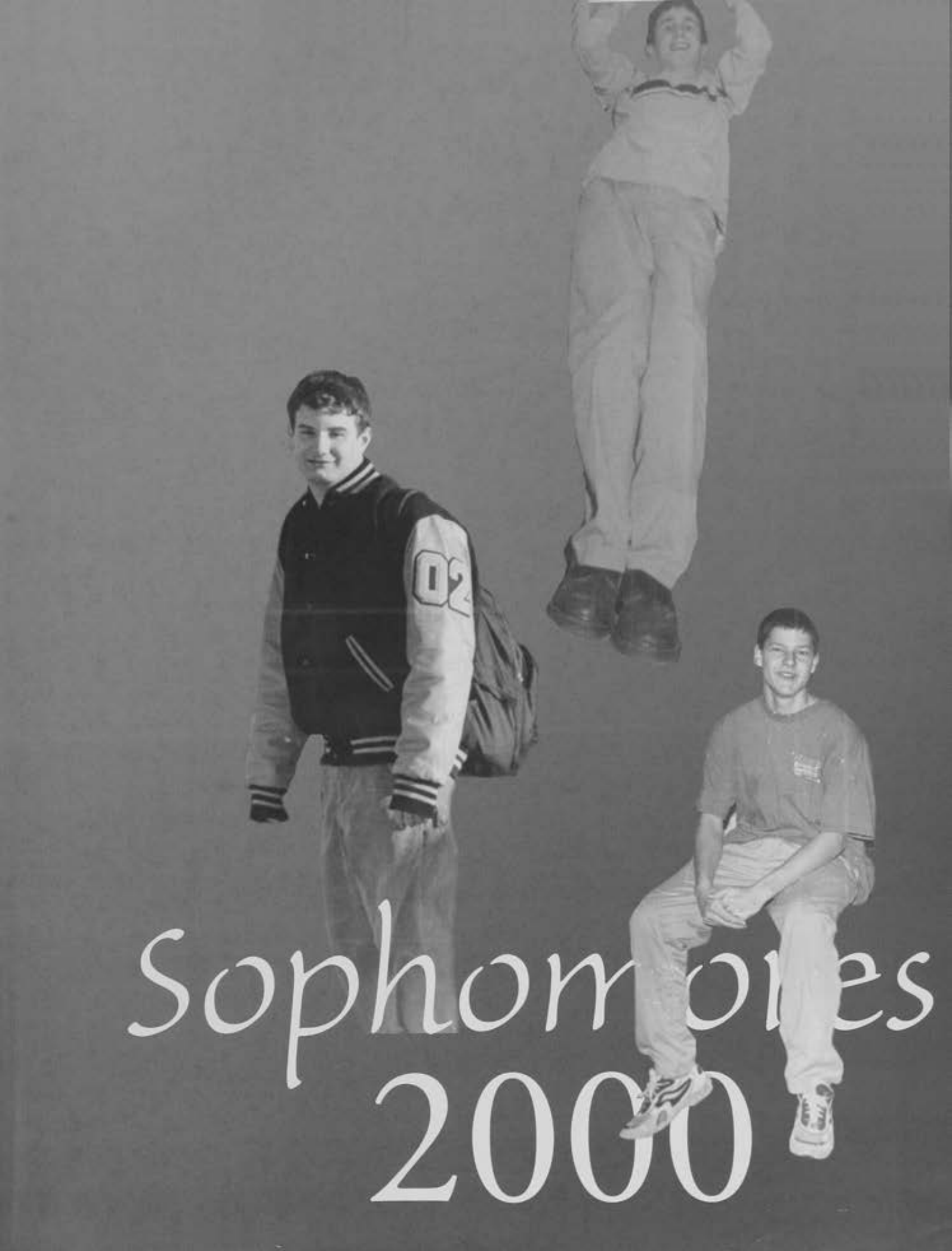


"I WOULD GO TO THE MOON, BECAUSE IT'S COOL AND I'VE NEVER BEEN THERE." ~TOM ECHTERHOFF



"I WOULD GO TO MICHAEL JORDAN'S HOUSE." ~NICK TOBIAS





Sophomores 2000

Sophomore Top Ten List

by Tim Sedlak

Becoming a sophomore had a lot of advantages. The ten best things about becoming a sophomore were:

10) You had enough courage to walk in the middle of the hallways.
9) You weren't the seniors' slave.
8) You weren't shoved to the back of the lunch line.
7) There was someone to pick on.
6) You weren't the shortest anymore.
5) You weren't referred to as FRESHMAN!
4) The teachers liked you, especially Doc. Simpson.
3) You didn't get your lunch money stolen.
2) You didn't have to buy any more elevator passes.
1) You existed.

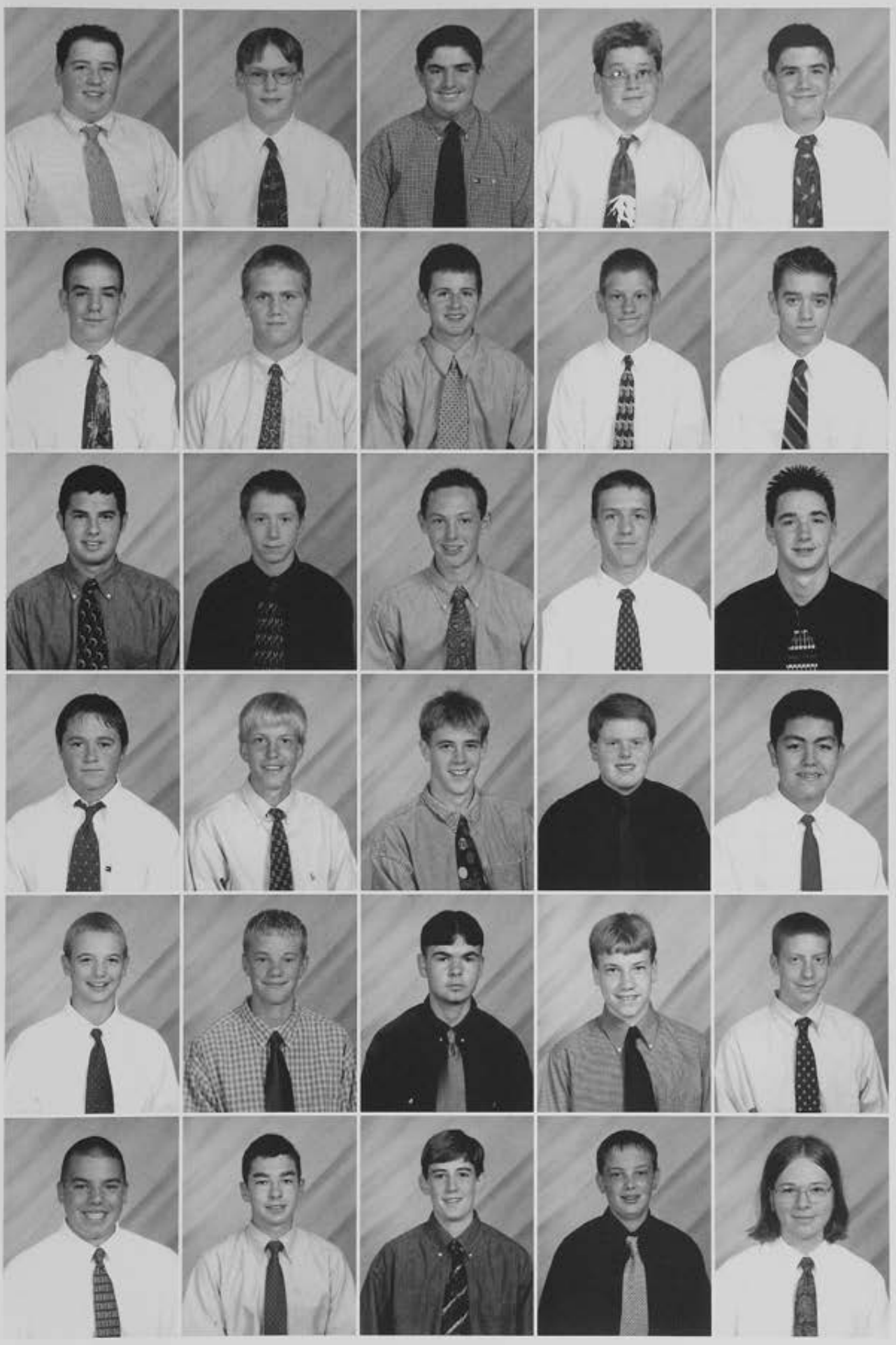


Can't touch this~ *Doug Sicking bobs and weaves his way into an open field. Jason Nigro can't catch the speed demon. "Forget football, I'm heading to the wrestling mats," said Siking. Many Griffins enjoyed playing sports outside the office after school.*



Sophomores, lend me your ears~ *Tom Cowley reenacts Julius Caesar on toga day during Homecoming Spirit Week. "You have to expect the unexpected," said Cowley, "therefore there is no unexpected...or something like that. Boo-Yah!"*





Agliata, Anthony
Ahillen, Ryan
Alles, Philip
Anderson, Kyle
Andrews, Martin
Arbutti, David
Asinger, Benjamin
Auck, Ryan

Backer, Daniel
Basler, G. Brandon
Baumgartner, Peter
Baur, Vincent
Beckett, Thomas
Benson, Brian
Berger, Gregory
Bergersen, Brett

Berra, Jason
Bias, Alex
Bodine, Zachary
Brannan, Michael
Brenton, James
Brightman, Matt
Broekelmann, Ryan
Brown, John

Bruns, Christopher
Brutcher, Paul
Buchheit, Dennis
Buchheit, Michael
Bueltmann, Mike
Buncher, Peter
Burlison, Matthew
Castro, David

Cohen, Matthew
Colicchio, Nicolas
Colombo, Dominic
Cowley, Thomas
Cox, Christopher
Craft, David
Curran, Stephen
Dacey, Andrew

Dacey, Anthony
Davenport, Trevor
Denk, Alan, Jr.
Detwiler, Thomas
Divincen, Chris
Dolan, Daniel
Driskill, Kevin
Drury, Jesse

Top 10 ways to get a detention

by Tim Sedlak

10. Insult Mr. Borkowski
9. Hack into the computers
8. Come to school naked
7. Publish what we originally had for #7
6. Violate the dress code
5. Get into a fight
4. Skip class
3. Insult a teacher
2. Don't wear a tie on dress up days
1. Be a freshman in Mr. Leassner's class

Behold, it is Pete~ *What do you say about the school spirit of a guy in a coconut bra? Pete Buncher displays a little of his Hawaiian side during Homecoming Spirit Week. "You know those were real coconuts, but the milk wasn't that good though," said Buncher.*



Wise Fool

by Scott Yackey

The word "sophomore" derives from the Latin words *sophos*, meaning wise, and *moros*, meaning fool. It is the perfect compliment or insult, a sophisticated moron.

The 2000 sophomores upheld the definition in many ways. They slept in class and expected an A. They had responsibilities, but were not responsible. They gladly butt in front of freshmen in the café, but wouldn't dare do so to the juniors and seniors. They had muscles the size of Superman's but were quickly deflated when someone of authority stepped in. According to Mr. Leassner, "They would make fun of someone one day and ask them for a favor the next."

Those who had already passed their days as sophomores offered their insights. "As a sophomore, you're finally older than someone, but you don't act it," said junior Mike Bradley. "They overcompensate for being picked on as freshmen and think that they are kings, but they still have a long way to go," added Adam Fiock. And Mr. Williams pointed out their worst trait of all: "burgeoning body odor."

But the dictionary explains it all very well under the word sophomoric: *pertaining to, like, or characteristic of a sophomore or sophomores, often regarded as self-assured, opinionated, etc. though immature and inexperienced.*





Duchek, Matthew
Dudak, Stephen
Dudley, Matthew
Earley, Ryan
Echterhoff, Tom
Egan, Nicholas
Eschmann, Matt
Favier, Nicholas

Feldmann, Brian
Felter, Brian
Finke, Ryan
Fleming, Jack
Fletcher, Michael
Franz, Zachary
Frei, Stephen
Fuerst, John

Fuller, Justin
Fultz, Eric
Gerner, Nikolaus
Gilligan, Timothy
Gladis, George
Glass, Anthony
Gloriod, Stephen
Goedeker, Phillip

Gordon, Thomas
Gorman, Calvin
Grasso, Nicholas
Greaves, Mark
Grelle, Stephen
Grothoff, Jon
Guilfoy, Timothy
Guillot, Matthew

Haman, Joseph
Hamilton, Joshua
Hamm, Steven
Hart, Christopher
Heineck, Matthew
Helscher, Mark
Hempen, James, Jr.
Heying, Brian

Hingle, Scott
Hock, Adam
Hoglan, Chris
Holmes, Nicholas
Hosking, William
Hromadka, Steven
Hunzeker, Daniel
Irwin, Gregory

Jackson, Brent
Jackson, David
Jones, Daniel
Kappel, Chris
Kelso, Daniel
Kijowski, Jeremy
Kilgore, Timothy
Killian, Michael



King, Kevin
Kinghorn, Matt
Kleffner, Joshua
Kleissle, Gregory
Klosterman, Mike
Koeper, Matthew
Koerber, Timothy
Konczakowski, Matt



Kornmann, Sean
Kramer, Marc
Larson, David
Laschober, Scott
Leicht, Christopher
Leiendecker, Joe
Lipic, Bradley
Lucas, Daniel



Luesse, Andrew
Madigan, Daniel
Martchink, Patrick
Martin, Bryan
Masterson, Tim
Matthes, Eric
Maue, Jeremy
Maurath, Adam



May, Tyler
McCullough, Ben
McDermott, Peter
McLear, Kevin
McMullen, Tim
Menne, Jeffrey
Michael, Chris
Miller, Jeff



Minner, David
Mueller, Brian
Mues, Eric
Nealon, Gary
Nigro, Jason
Nolde, Joseph
Nowell, Tyler
O'Connell, Tom





Favorite Sophomore Cars

1. Ford Mustang
2. Hummer
3. Dodge Viper
4. Chevrolet Corvette
5. Lamborghini
6. Ferrari
7. BMW



Drivers beware~ *Greg Irwin and Matt Guillot show off their new-found freedom. The ability to drive was one of the highlights of sophomore year. "I was very comfortable with his driving ability until I got the call from the police," said Greg's loving mom, Mrs. Irwin.*



Getting Out on the Road

by Matt Ortinau

Every teenager dreams of the day he can get his own license. Most sophomores turned sixteen this year and finally achieved that goal. They didn't have to rely on mom, dad, friends, or friends' parents for rides anymore. They could go out on dates and to school events by themselves. "It's better than riding a Schwinn," said Nick Egan.

But with this freedom came responsibility. "The ability to drive is great because I don't have to be driven places with my parents anymore. The only bad part is, now I have to take my little brother places," said Kyle Anderson. Kyle was not alone. Many found themselves as chauffeurs for their younger siblings and friends, too.

Sophomores found it wasn't all fun and games after they passed their driver's test. They had to find jobs so they could make money for insurance, pay for gas, and possibly buy their own car. And getting pulled over for speeding was no picnic either.

Despite the responsibility and cost, driving sure beat coming home from a date and having to tell your girlfriend goodbye right after your mom did.

Oppelz, Eric
Ortinau, Matthew
Owens, Chris
Pancer, Ronald
Pennycook, Evan
Powderly, Joseph
Powers, Daniel
Raineri, Philip



Richardson, Phillip
Risk, Ryan
Rogers, David
Rogers, C. David
Ruzicka, Kenneth
Sanders, Kenneth
Sayler, Bradley
Schaefer, John



Schaeffer, Brian
Schneider, Chris
Schultheiss, Matt
Schulze, Timothy
Schurk, John
Scovill, Patrick
Seagrass, Jon
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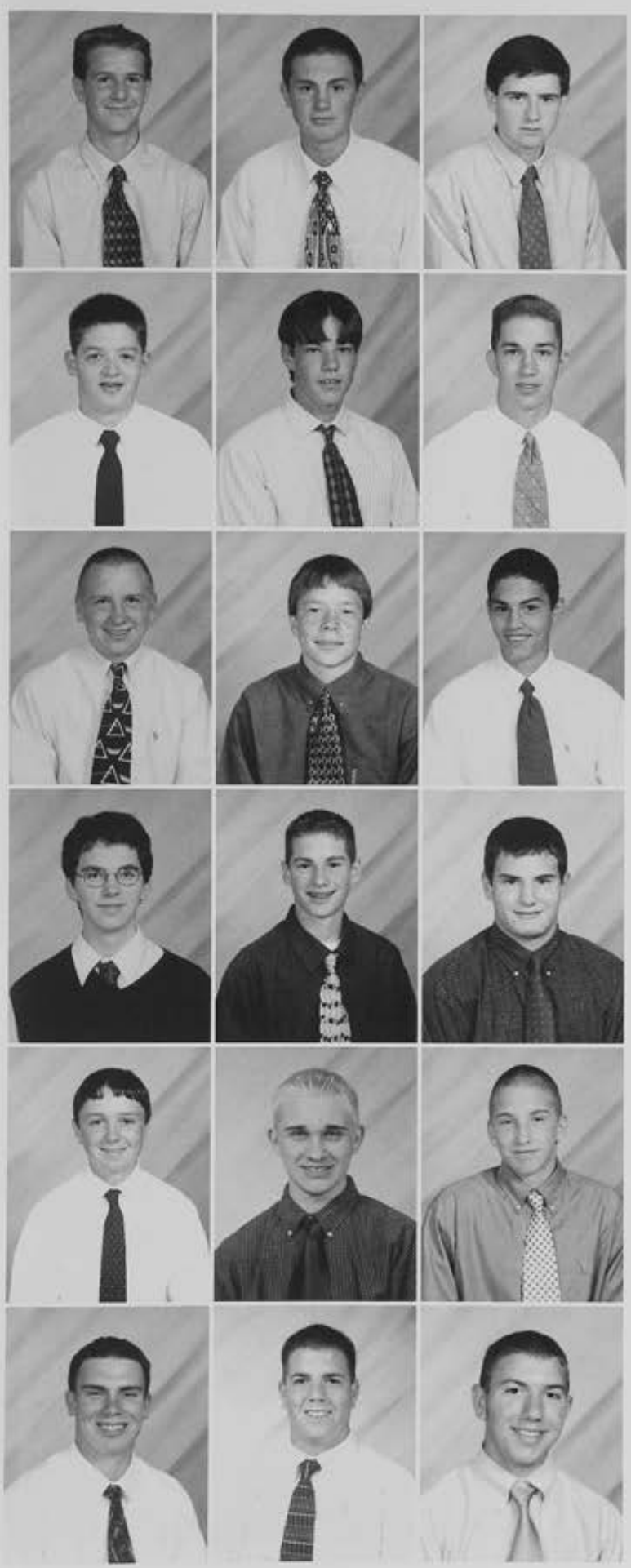


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Simpher, Nicholas
Smith, Daniel
Smith, Marcus
St. Cin, Michael
Stanze, Steve
Stegman, John
Straub, Chris



Striebel, Adam
Sucher, Mark
Tobias, Nicholas
Topolski, Gregory
Townsend, Tim
Uhl, Brandon
Vehige, Thomas
Vocker, Michael







Sleeping on the job~ *Greg Irwin shows that counting predicate adjectives can be just as effective as counting sheep. Teachers this year increasingly cracked down on students sleeping during class, but anyone who sat through their share of lectures could agree, a little nap here and there never hurt anyone. "Nobody ever sleeps in my class," said Mr. Hall, "I make sure of that!"*



The big comfy couch~ *There's nothing like a big sofa to bring out the closeness of Brian Martin, Mark Helscher, and Tom Cowley, as they relax during Encore. "It's T. Mack's sofa," said Helscher.*

Odd Jobs

by Kyle Anderson

Cars, insurance, and gas; these responsibilities made a new life for sophomores. Most sophs soon realized that they didn't come for free. It all came down to the almighty dollar.

To what lengths did some go to get the funds to pay for these things? Sophomores risked their pride and self-esteem for them.

One of them was Jack Schurk. Jack was paid to get covered in make-up and pretend to be a car accident victim for a nurses' clinic. After a whole day of being checked on and poked at by soon-to-be nurses, Jack was ready to get his check and get the heck out of there.

Another such case was Jeremy Maue. Every Saturday morning for about two years, Jeremy was paid to stand around and embarrass himself. The job: He dressed up like a giant Twinkie and distributed free snacks to promote Hostess stores. "I worked during the summer, so I hated how hot it got in that suit," said Maue. "And I had to wake up early, so I was always tired. But I never complained when I got paid."

And getting paid was what it was all about. Many sophomores performed such tasks in search of a paycheck. Having money to spend almost made it worthwhile. *Almost.*

A Second Chance

By Dave Rogers

We were not little freshmen anymore. Our role was now very different. A task that was different from the seniors, who had to head the leadership of the school, the juniors, who had to prepare for the upcoming year, and the freshmen, who simply had to find their way around. But the sophomores, the middle children of the school, became the heart of the Griffin spirit. This year we faced the responsibility of being older, as well as wiser.

We took the responsibility squarely on our shoulders. "It was a tough adjustment," said Joe Haman. "But having been a strong freshman class, we were able to make the transition almost painlessly."

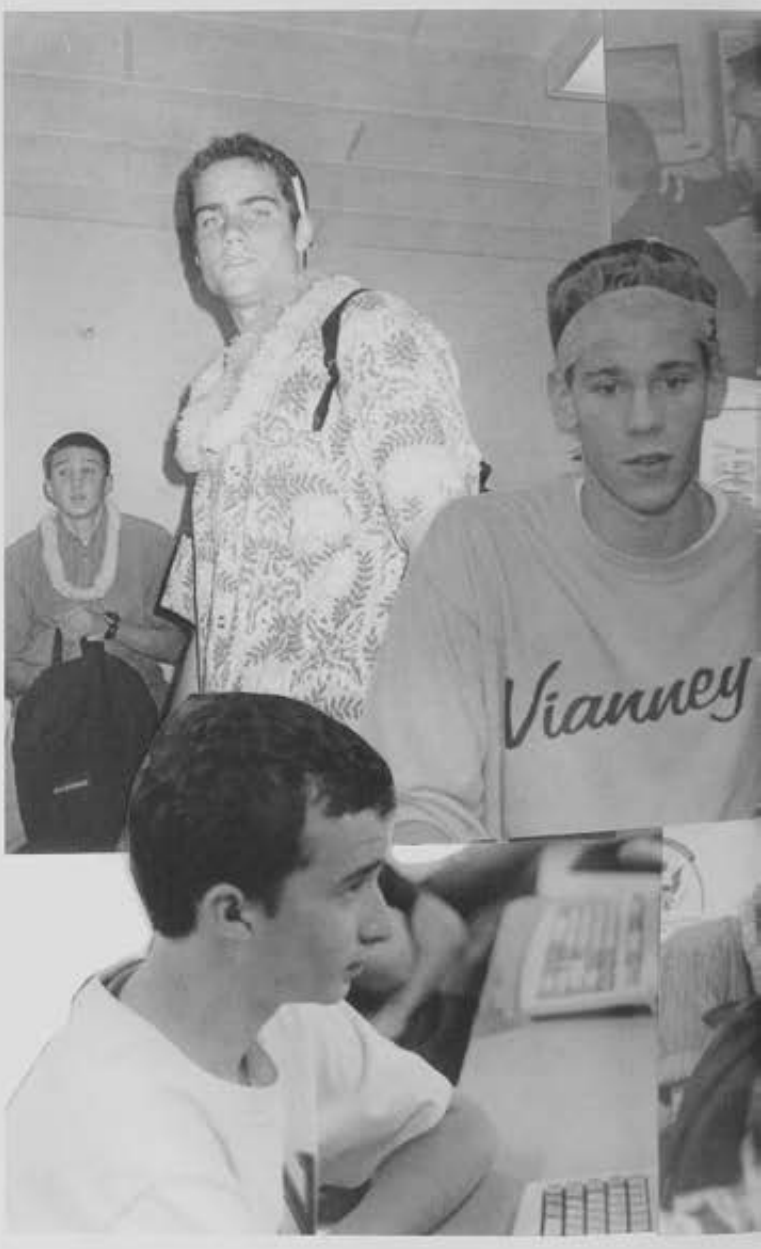
Sometime between the bump and grind of school, outside activities, and life, we were able to learn what it meant to be a member of the Vianney family. Now we had to show our spirit to our newest brothers. "It's strange. This year we aren't the ones running through the halls and being obnoxious," said Joe Powderly. "This year *we* are ones yelling at the freshmen."

The school expected more out of us, and we were able to achieve that goal. What we learned from the process will help carry us through the next two years and will be priceless for the rest of our lives. We didn't just learn how to be sophomores; we learned how to be Griffins, and that is something you never forget.





Deserved break~ *Joe Leiendecker, Nick Gurner, Kevin King, Mike Brannan, and Ryan Risk take advantage of Encore to catch a bite to eat. The 25 minutes of Encore each day can become a student's best friend if he didn't get breakfast or missed last night's homework. "I love Encore because it gives you time to catch up on some beauty sleep," said Gurner.*



A Break in the Action





Wahlig, Nicolas
Walsh, James
Walsh, Patrick
Waters, Jason
Weber, Kyle
Weber, Michael
Welby, Timothy
Welker, Ryan



Werkmeister, Andrew
Whelchel, Alex
Willer, Matthew
Wilson, Nicholas
Winkler, Ty
Wlodarek, Douglas
Wohlschlaeger, Eric
Wolf, Jeffrey



Wucher, Kevin
Yackey, Scott

Not Pictured:
Brown, Cody



What Would You Like 2000 Of?



"FRIENDS, YOU CAN NEVER HAVE ENOUGH OF THOSE." ~CASEY BOLLIER



"CD'S BECAUSE I LOVE MUSIC." ~MARK SITEK



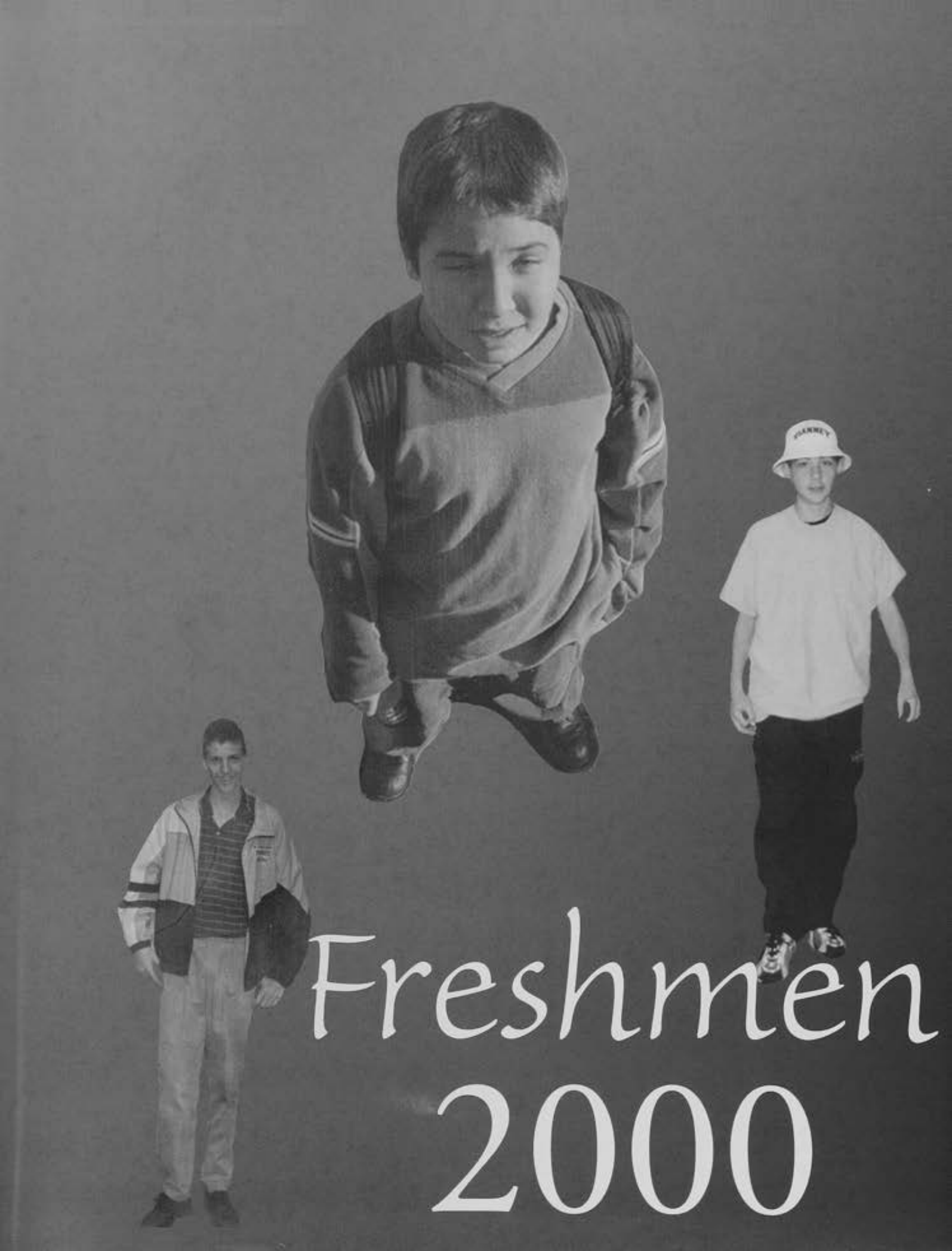
"2000 OF THE CAFE'S COOKIES." ~GARRETT SHEDRON



"I WOULD HAVE 2000 LIVES." ~ERIK USTRUCK



"I WOULD HAVE 2000 LUNCH CARDS." ~CURTIS CRAWFORD



Freshmen 2000



Catchin' some Zzz's~ *Freshman Dave Dapron takes a quick snooze before the start of Father Cahill's class. According to Dave, "Religion class is relaxing, too relaxing."*

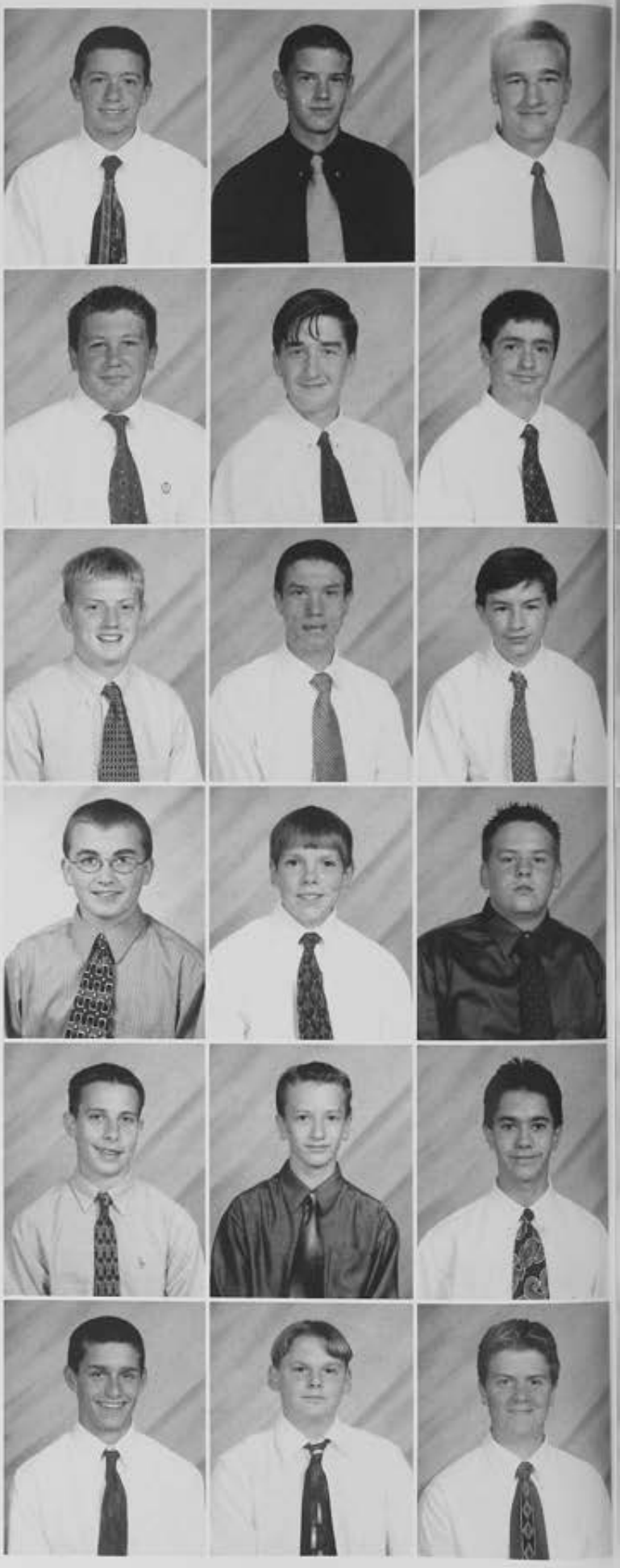


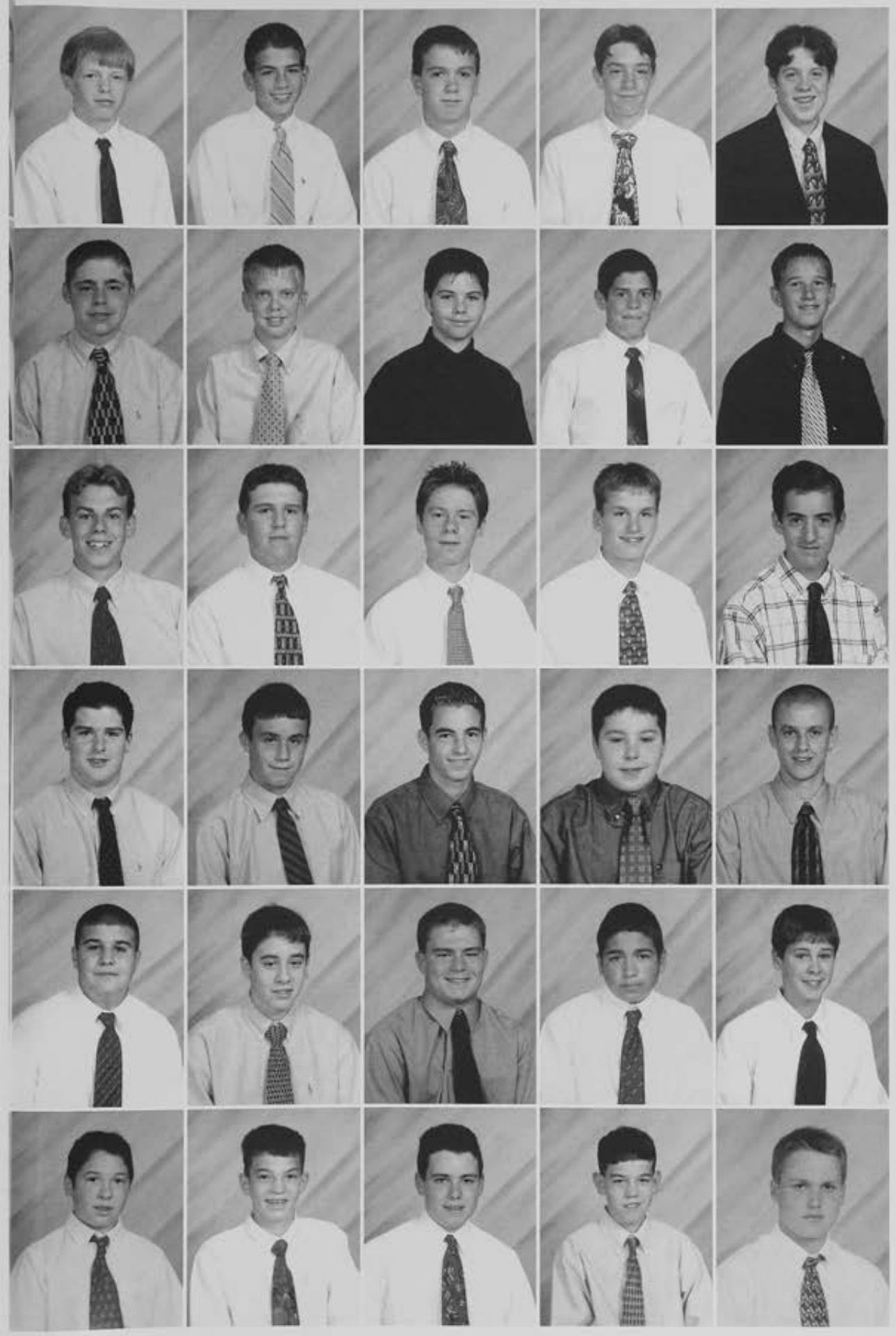
Find a Way~ *Chris Wilke and fellow blindfoldees try to form a square with a loop at the Freshmen Orientation. "Freshman Orientation was a lot of fun. I had a great time playing soccer that night with the seniors and my new classmates," said Freshman Chris Wilke.*

What a Difference a Year Makes

by Ben Miller

Last Year: Act tough and smack people around.
This Year: Act tough and GET smacked around.
"I can't make fun of anyone. If I do, I'll get beat up." ~Dan Terveer.
Last Year: You thought you were all that.
This Year: People treated you differently because you were a freshmen.
"I can't wait until I'm a sophomore so I can rat on freshmen all day." ~Mike Richars.
Last Year: Teachers did not push you that much to succeed in the classroom.
This Year: You had to actually stay awake in class to pass the course.
"This year is a lot tougher because my grade school did not prepare me for what I am doing now." ~Pat Shamel.
Last Year: CYC teams were terrible; you only had to sign up.
This Year: High school athletic teams were better; cuts are made.
"Cuts make it better, but not everyone gets a chance to play- too bad." ~Matt Brand.
Last Year: You were limited to a few sports.
This Year: You can pretty much play any sport that you want to.
"It leaves a lot more options for us; we're not limited as to what we can play." Nate Stein.





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Cook, D. Bruce
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Craft, Aaron
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Finger Boards: The Going Craze

by Dan Terveer

Spins, flips, jumps, grinds. Such words normally associated with extracurricular entertainment made their way into freshman classrooms this year. Fingerboards, handheld versions of real skateboards, became a common sight at school.

Students enjoyed them for various reasons. "It was something to fool around with," said Chris Sherlock. "They helped me pay attention," added Phil Dunlap. Whatever the reason, finger-boards were everywhere. It was like having a miniature X-Games here at Vianney.

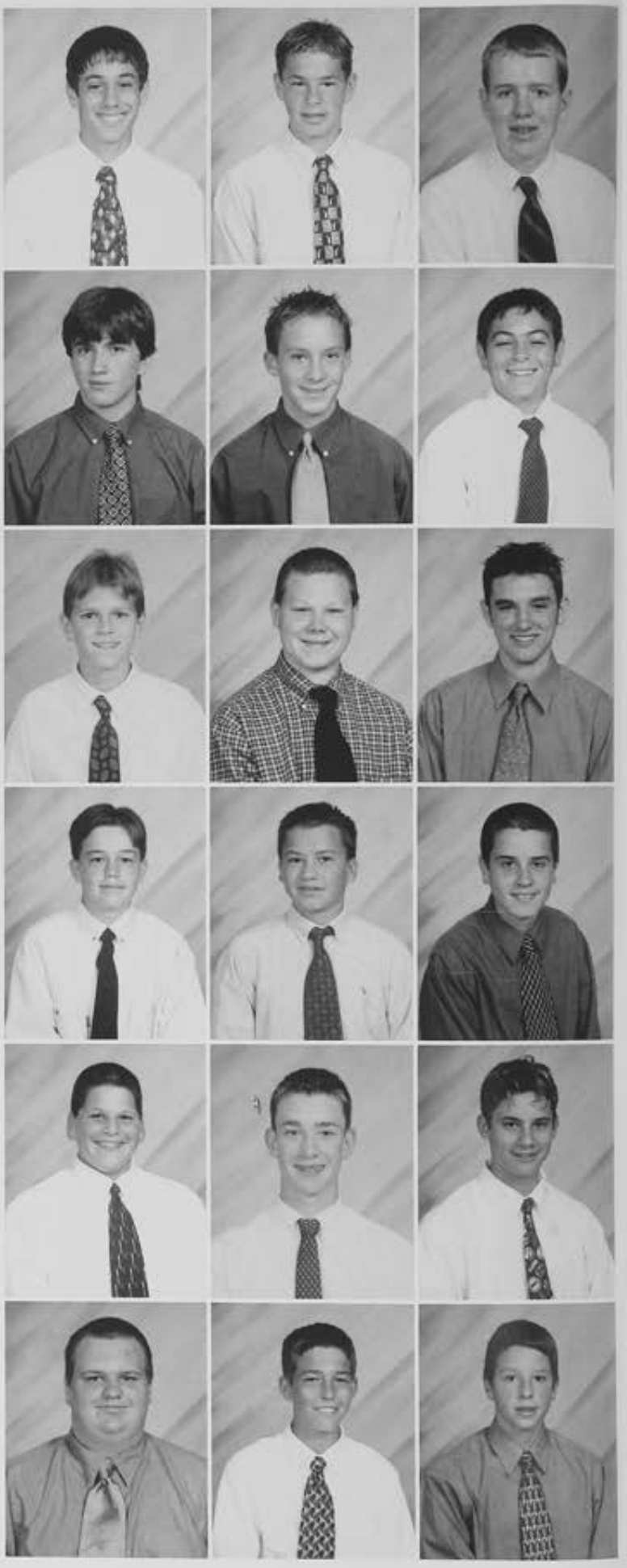
Top reasons they were cool:
1)They used actual skateboard brand names like Blind, World Industries, and Bird House.
2)The pictures on the bottom were like the real boards.
3)They came with parts: two sets of wheels, extra nuts and screws, a T-wrench, and a screwdriver. This provided the ability to adjust the boards for better handling.
4)With practice, you could perform some neat tricks.
5)It was a hobby that didn't cost an arm and a leg. You could get one for six to seven dollars.
6)They were easy to take with you.



Anything to pass the time~ *Freshmen Dan Morris, Jeff Curry, and Rob Bargette pass the time with finger-boards before class.*



Gather'Round y'all~ *Kyle Zotta, Tim McManemy, Mark Peralta, Brendan McKenzie, and Nick Coppersmith talk about "issues." "Mr. Mitchell's biology class was sometimes tough, but I had a good time with my friends," said Freshman Kyle Zotta.*





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Deno, David
DeSmedt, Nicholas
Dixon, Robert
Domachowski, Jason
Donovan, Thomas
Dougherty, Tim
Duchinsky, David

Dunlap, Philip
Effinger, Benjamin
Elking, Aaron
Etling, Matthew
Evitts, Jeffrey
Faser, Bryan
Fete, Clayton
Finegar, Mark

Finke, C. Drew
Finley, Justin
Fischer, Daniel
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Gallagher, Ryan
Geldmacher, Mark
Gewinner, Ryan

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Latorre, Jesse
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Lenze, Matthew



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Miller, Daniel



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Monaghan, Ryan
Morales, Philip
Morris, Daniel
Muenster, Stephen
Murphy, Kyle
Murray, Andrew
Murray, Lawrence





Diggin' In~ *Freshman Ryan McNamara stuffs his face at the Eating Triathlon. The Eating Triathlon was one of the favored highlight of Spirit Week.*





On the shoulders of giants~ *Freshmen take part in bonding activities during Freshmen Orientation. Chris Wilke sits atop Mike Richars' shoulders.*

Freshman Favorites

Music

Rock: 32% Rap: 31% Alternative: 30% Other: 7%

Food Bar

Wing: 36% Pasta: 14% Fry: 12% Taco: 9% Other: 9%

Sports to Watch

Football: 45% Hockey: 19% Baseball: 9% Soccer: 8% Basketball: 8% Other: 11%

Sports to Play

Football: 22% Hockey: 17% Soccer: 13% Baseball: 13% Basketball: 12% Other: 23%

Nahlik, Michael
Nations, Jeffrey
Natsch, Daniel
Nau, Felix
Nienkamp, Luke
Noce, Anthony
Oge, Ryan
Ohlman, Paul



Ott, Ryan
Parbs, Brandon
Patti, Steven
Peralta, Mark
Perotta, Brian
Podgornik, Ross
Reagan, John
Regna, Mark



Reinhardt, William
Reinhold, Eric
Reuter, Ryan
Richars, Michael
Riley, George
Risk, Thomas
Roder, Chris
Romano, Giancarlo



Rosenthal, Jon
Roth-Roffy, Eric
Rusnak, Ian
Russell, Brad
Russell, Michael
Ryan, Neil
Sachs, Michael
Saucier, Kyle



Schmidt, Edward
Schmidt, Kenneth
Schoelch, Bryan
Schuermann, Mark
Schulte, Neil
Schwab, Jesse
Schwob, Joseph
Scott, John



Seithel, David
Self, Patrick
Shamel, Patrick
Shea, James
Shedron, Garrett
Sherlock, Chris
Singer, Scott
Sinovic, Jacob







Hometown hero~ *Rams quarter-back Trent Green poses for a shot with Freshman Dan Morris at the Father/Son Banquet. "Trent was really nice, and I'm glad he went to Vianney," said Dan.*



Takin' a break~ *Tim Dougherty and his date Stephanie Weirman take a break from Homecoming festivities. "Homecoming was so much fun we had to take a break for a while. All that dancing made me tired," said Dougherty.*



Waiting for the Teacher~ *Jesse Schwab waits excitedly for the start of class. "Freshman year was great; I loved it," said Schwab.*



Say Cheese~ *Dave Deeken, Joe Whatton, Felix Nau, Ryan Monaghan, TJ McKenna, and Curtis Crawford do not expect the camera. "Freshman year has been great. I got to meet a lot of new people and I made a ton of new friends," said Deeken.*



Give Me Five~ *Nick Vogt and Pat Bradley survive another day of practice. "I loved playing for Coach Borkowski because he encouraged us to leave peoples' heads hanging by one muscle. Go spooners!" said Nick.*

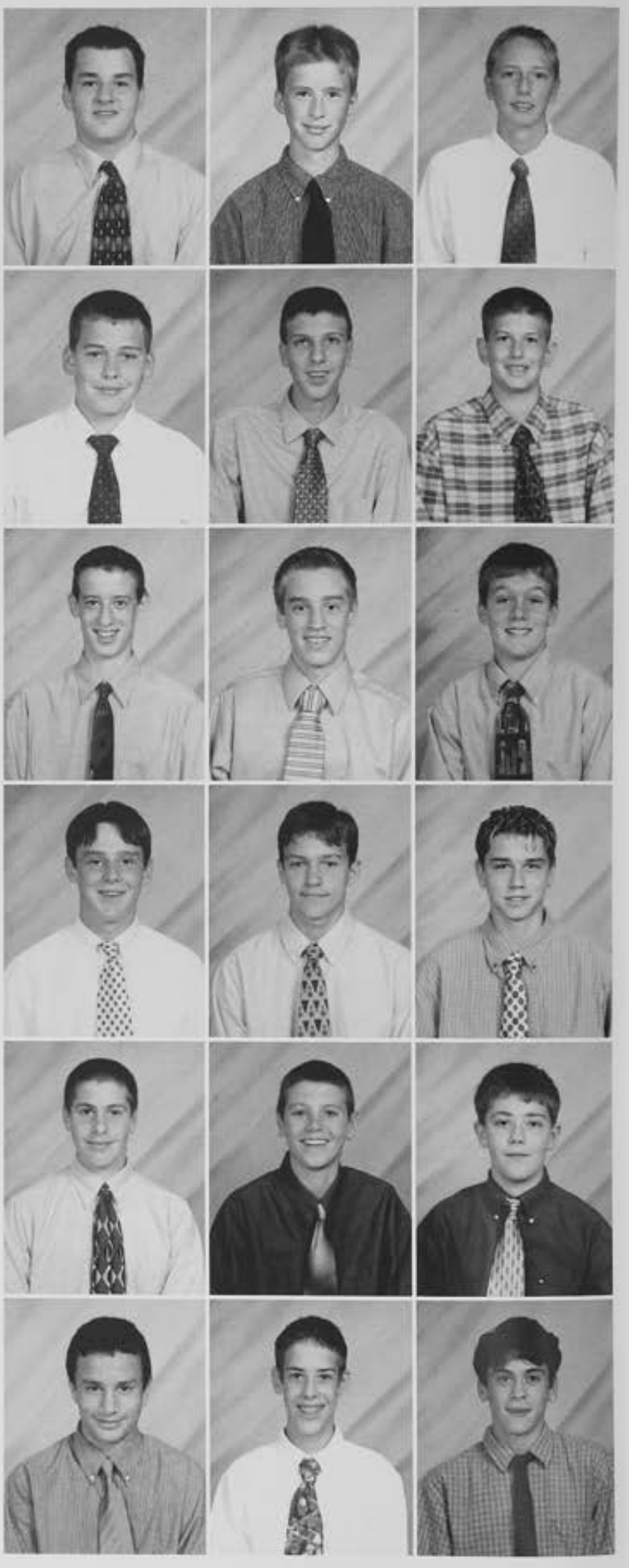
Anything but Routine

by Matt Etling

It's a new time. It's a new place. It's a new feeling. High school is a place for new beginnings. Our beginning occurred in August when we were herded in the halls on the first day by the upperclassmen. They showed us the ropes. They taught us Vianney's cheers and instilled in us the pride that comes with being a Griffin. It was like nothing we'd ever seen before. "When I first walked in the door, I was overwhelmed and yet excited," said Josh Cox. "I looked around and noticed the pride and tradition, and I felt happy to be here."

Freshman year was exciting and new. It was filled with new encounters and new friends. "Being a freshman was more than I expected," said Ryan Gallagher. "I met a lot of new friends, and I will enjoy spending the next three years with these guys."

We established bonds that will last for our time here and beyond. We have embarked on a journey and have completed the first leg. Let's enjoy our trip to the finish line.









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Sitek, Mark
Skaggs, Adam
Smith, Nathan
Stecich, Timothy
Stein, Nathaniel
Stieven, John
Stoker, Brian







Suardi, Peter
Tauser, Justin
Terveer, Daniel
Tissi, Daniel
Trokey, Matthew
Tuholske, Gregory
Ustruck, Erik
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Vassel, Michael
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Woolbright, Ryan
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Zaharias, Chris



Zerilli, Salvatore
Ziegler, Scott
Zorumski, Ian
Zotta, Kyle



Group Hug~ *Freshmen Paul Galati, Josh Cox, Greg Brighton, Brendan McKenzie, John Scott, Brandon Parbs, Brad Akins, and Kevin Haar mob each other.*

What Would You Do with 2000 Days Off?



"Day 1: Sleep.
Day 2: Sleep.
Day 3: Sleep.
Day 4-2000: Anything I want to do!"
~Mrs. Follis



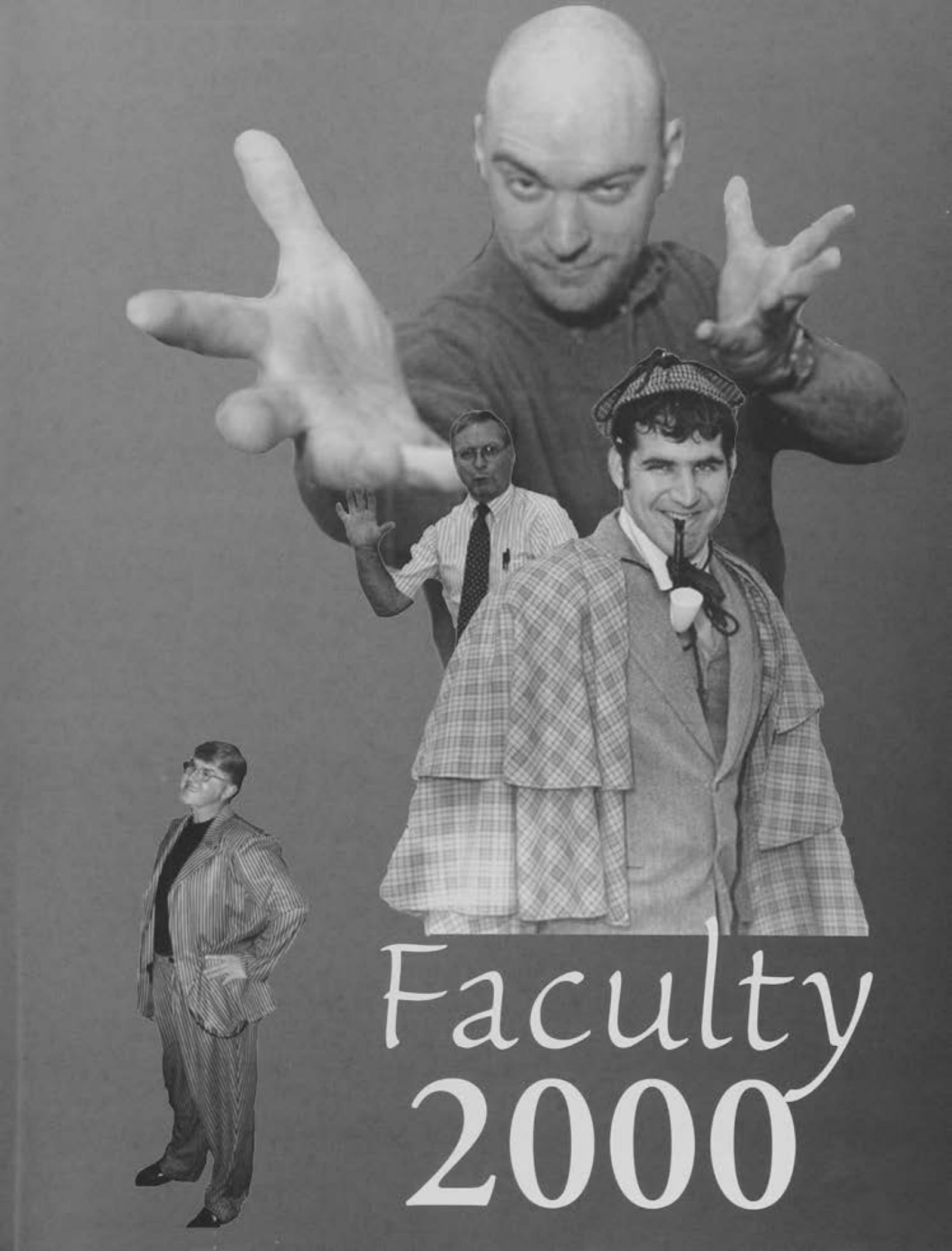
"Rest, play hockey, and travel to Canada and France."
~Mr. Dagenais



"A whole lot of nothing."
~Mr. Rhea



"Train for the Olympic gold in weightlifting."
~Mr. Murphy



Faculty 2000

Take a chance~ *Mr. Pecaut eagerly encourages cash-holders to give him their money in return for raffle tickes at the Father/Son Banquet. "Yes, you too can be a winner," said Mr. Pecaut.*



Ouch~ *Mr. Gladstone gives the camera his widest smile as he works at making his copies. After the picture was taken, Gladstone admitted he was screaming inside. "Somebody better get my thumb out of this blasted machine," he said.*





Eugene Allard



Beverly Baumgartner



Edward Baur



Jerome Boeckman



Al Book



Daniel Borkowski



Laura Breitzig



Brian Brennan



Bro. Chester Burnog



Fr. J. Donald Cahill



Matthew Clary



Tim Clepper



Patricia Czajkowski



Robert Dagenais



James Dailey



Wendell DePhillips



Michael Diffley



Charles Eisele



James Farrell



William Fiock



Linda Follis



Barbara Fullenkamp



Lawrence Furrer



David Gauvain



Gene Gladstone



David Hall



James Hankemeyer



Donald Heeb



Marybeth Hopfinger



Nancy Irwin



Got any tickets?~ *Mr. Hall is caught in the act of asking Mr. Diffley for tickets for that Sunday's Rams' game. "I was checking to see if he had lost any weight; we had a contest this year", said Mr. Hall.*

Turf one day, teacher the next

by Adam Skaggs

How many people would ever imagine our mild-mannered, geography teacher Mr. Diffley, husband and father of two, could be a ball boy for the Rams? Well, it's true. Mr. Diffley catches the balls in the pre-game for the Rams' quarterbacks and catches field goals and punts during the game. "Football is more of a passion for me than it is a job," he said.

FOOTBALL IS MORE OF A PASSION FOR ME THAN IT IS A JOB

Getting the job was a matter of luck. In 1994, when the Rams came to St. Louis, a friend of Mr. Diffley's was moving and needed someone to take his place as a ball boy. Mr. Diffley happened to be in the right place at the right time.

Even though Mr. Diffley is into the Rams, he still takes more pride in our own games. "What makes it all worthwhile for me is to see a group of young men learn what it means to be accountable, to be depended upon in a true sense of accomplishing a goal," he said. "Professional football does not provide that as much as high school football does." He believes that in high school the players are playing for the love of the game and school pride, while in the NFL they play for a pay check.

So next time you go into his classroom or watch a football game on TV, remember who our NFL player is, Mr. Diffley.

Cool cat~ *Mr. C. Walsh organizes his papers in the shadow of his "McGwire-Sosa Watch." "Put your money on the Redhead, fellas."*

What up, yo?~ *Mr. K. Walsh spins the basketball on one finger over the summer. He claims he knew that before the Globetrotters visited. "Ahh, the wonders of velcro!" said Coach Gladstone.*






Colleen Judge


Lawrence Keller


Bernard Kilcullen


Stephen Kinstler


Thomas Leassner


Ryan Luhning


Dennis Matreci


Craig Maxwell


Theresa Mayes


Timothy McCarthy


Michael Mitchell


John Mohr


Mark Murphy


Stephen Neale


James Neyer



Carrie Nichols



Judith O'Connell



Fr. Robert Osborne



Kevin O'Toole



Joseph Pecaut



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Dennis Slay



Jerry Smith



Kathryn Smith



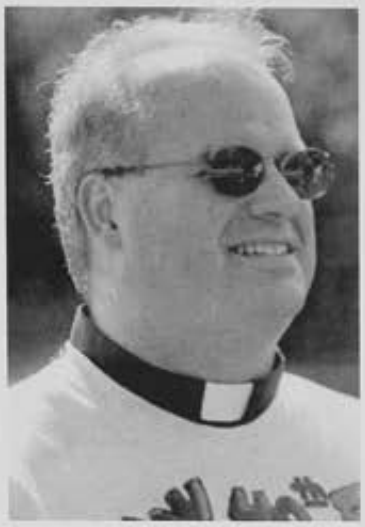


Role reversal~ *Mr. McCarthy takes some notes. Mr. McCarthy, what is 2+2? "Hey, there is a reason I ain't a math teacher."*

Excuse me?~ *Mr. Mohr receives another brilliant answer from a highly intellectual Griffin student. "Is it June yet?" he asked.*

Here come the Men in Black~ *Mr. Brennan and Mr. Diffley get a good laugh out of what Mr. Leassner is saying during Fr. Wosman's 40th birthday party. "A priest, a rabbi, and the Dalai Lama ..."*

Forty and counting~ *Father Wosman enjoys the festivities at his birthday party during Spirit Week.*







Jennifer Smith



Gerald Stevison



Thomas Stevison



Brad Sutterer



Stephen Travis



Gather 'round~ *Ms. Carrie Nichols instructs her sophomore history class. She is celebrating her five-year anniversary with Vianney.*



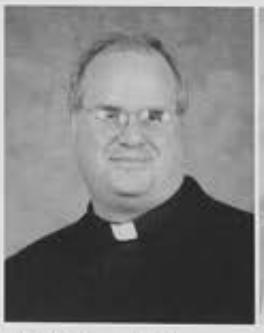
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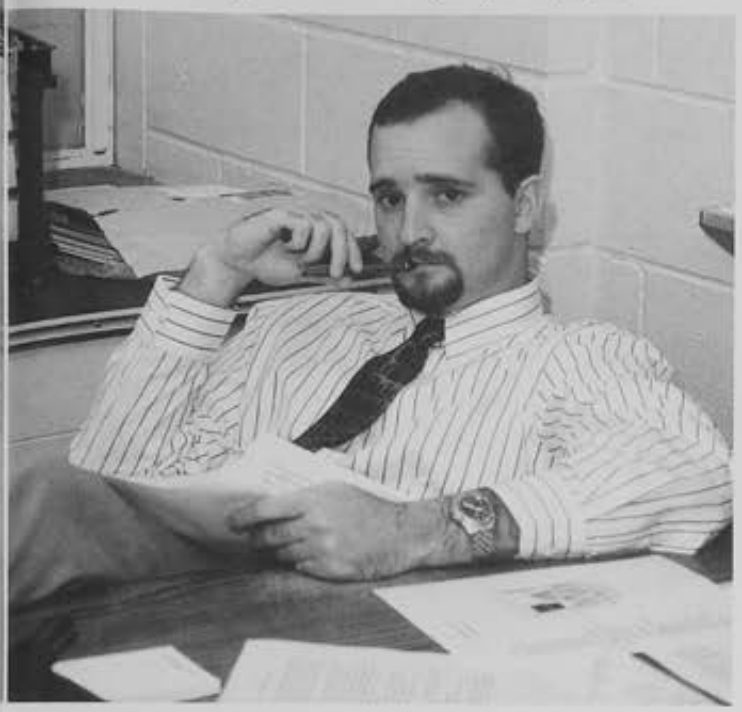


Suzanne Wulkopf



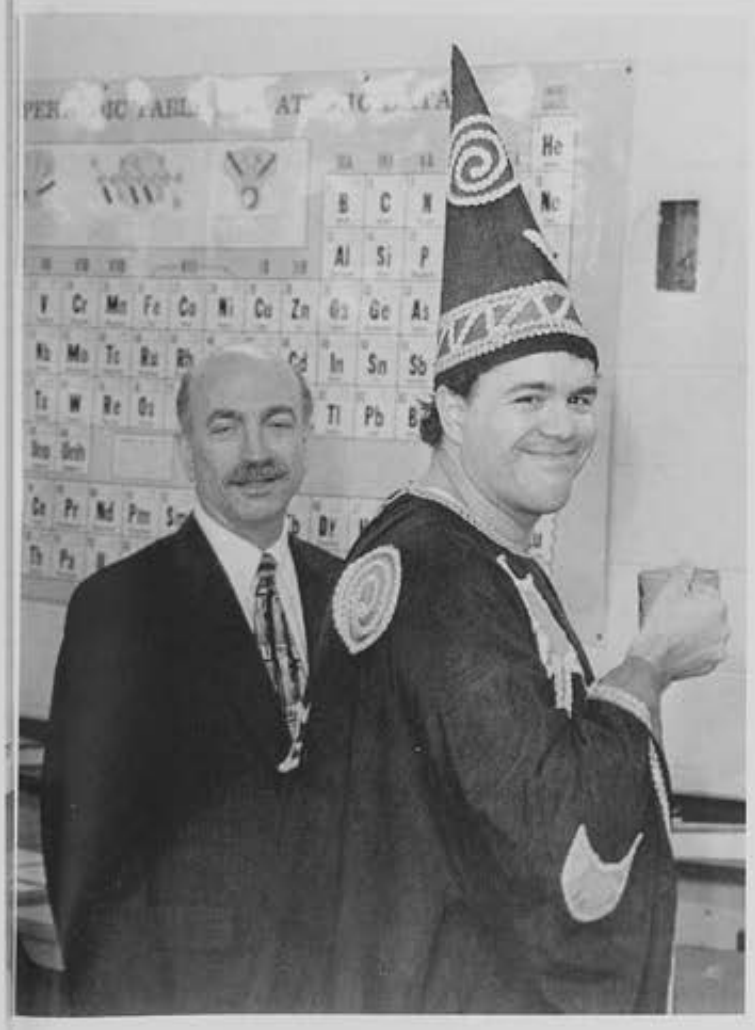
William Young

"If I don't get my coffee..."~ *Mr. Murphy gives the camera his evil eye after he is interrupted grading a paper. "I just love grading those papers," he said.*



A little help here~ *Mr. Allard assists Tony Rich on the computer during Open House. "We used the computer to graph and analyze data," said Mr. Allard.*





Working some magic~ *Mr. Hankemeyer endures the traditional duty of every first-year English teacher: dressing up for Open House. "Laugh, and I'll turn you into a newt."*

ROLLIN' ON THE RIVER

by Tim Crawford

Most of us spent our summer vacation sitting poolside checking out the girls. Not Dr. Simpson; his summer vacation consisted of an adventure down the Mississippi River. The goal was to canoe from the beginning of the river in Lake Itaska back down to St. Louis. Unable to find any other brave Vianney teachers to accompany him, Doc would be making this trip all alone.

> HE WAS ON THE RIVER FOR ABOUT 10 DAYS AND TRAVELED 202 MILES.

From the start, things did not go as planned. Arriving at the source of the mighty Mississippi, all Doc found was a swampy little stream, instead of a river one would expect. Nonetheless, he put his canoe in and got started. In the first three days, he did not see anyone else except mosquitoes, which were ferocious.

During the third day, Doc grew tired of paddling through this swampland. He hopped out of the canoe with a rope tied to his waist and the other end tied to the canoe and started walking down the middle of the Mississippi. Later on this day, he found another brave couple with whom he canoed about forty miles over the next few days. One of his most memorable days was when he got caught in a storm and spent the entire night trying to hold his tent down so it would not blow away.

After being interrupted to fly home and take care of family problems and getting bored with the lack of company, Doc decided to give up. He was on the river for about ten days and traveled 202 miles. He tells me that even though he did not make it to St. Louis, he still had a good time. "The scenery and wildlife were beautiful, and I would do it again in a heartbeat," he said. In fact, he is planning another trip right now, so let's all wish him luck!

Special



In Loving Memory



Casey Kujawa

Darrik Sabada

People

Headed to the Hall



Back to His Roots~ *Mr. Ken Allgeyer throws out a hat on career day. Mr. Allgeyer works in commercial sales and is a wonderful contributor to the Vianney Family.*

by Patrick Shamel

On January 16, seven men were inducted into the Vianney Hall of Fame as perfect models of what a Griffin should be. The seven inductees were Ken Allgeyer '86, Don Grant, Bro. Francis Haug, S.M., Mark Lamping '76, Thomas Lang '64, Mike Villa '64, and Ed Wulkopf.

Ken Allgeyer left an indelible mark on Vianney. He was in the NHS, and graduated as a Gold Circle winner. He is working in commercial sales for KEZK.

Don Grant served on the Board of Directors of Vianney from 1988-1994. He served on many boards as a masonry contractor. He has provided expert opinions to Vianney on various expansion projects.

Bro. Francis Haug, S.M. has helped Vianney both on and off the field. He taught English, Math, and Religion, and he coached basketball, football, baseball, and tennis. A model Marianist, he provided inspiration to all of his students.

When he is not running charitable events, Mark Lamping is the President of the St. Louis Cardinals. He also worked at Anheuser-Busch for fourteen years in the corporate planning group. His generous support has made a great impact on the school.

A member of the first freshman class at Vianney, Griffin of the Year Tom Lang has been a private practice attorney since 1971. He also served on the Board of Directors and was Chairman at Vianney for several years. He is currently the Director of Legal Services in eastern Missouri.

A standout in soccer, basketball, and baseball, Mike Villa coached the 1978 Griffins to their first state championship.He also earned Vianney a #1 ranking in the country in *USA Today*. He is now a batting practice pitcher for the Cardinals.

With five sons enrolled here beginning in 1984, Ed Wulkopf has always immersed himself in the Vianney experience. He served as auction chairman, board member, and concessions manager. He received the James John Award for his outstanding service and dedication to Vianney.



Hall of Fame Inductees~ First Row: *Mark Lamping '76, Ed Wulkopf, Bro. Francis Haug, S.M., Mike Villa '64.* **Second Row:** *Don Grant, Ken Allgeyer '86, Thomas Lang '64.*

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