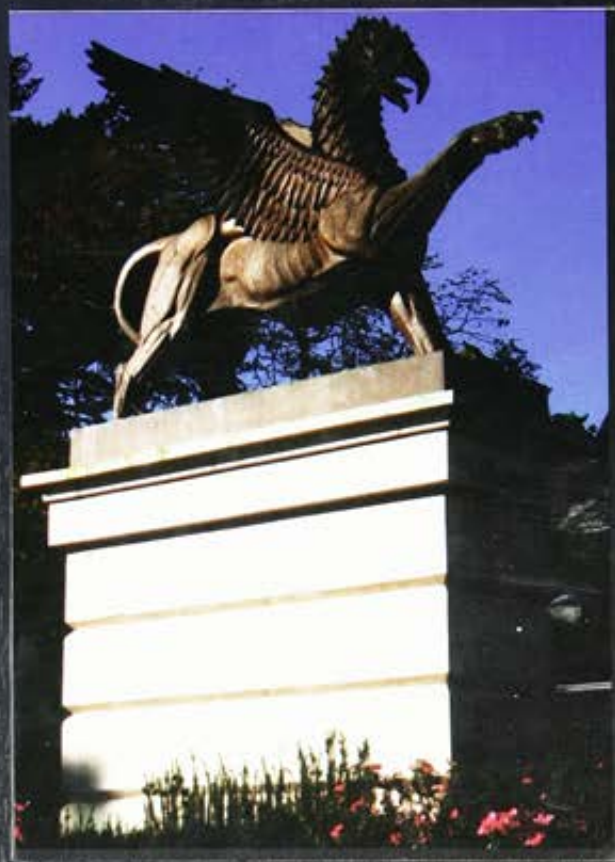


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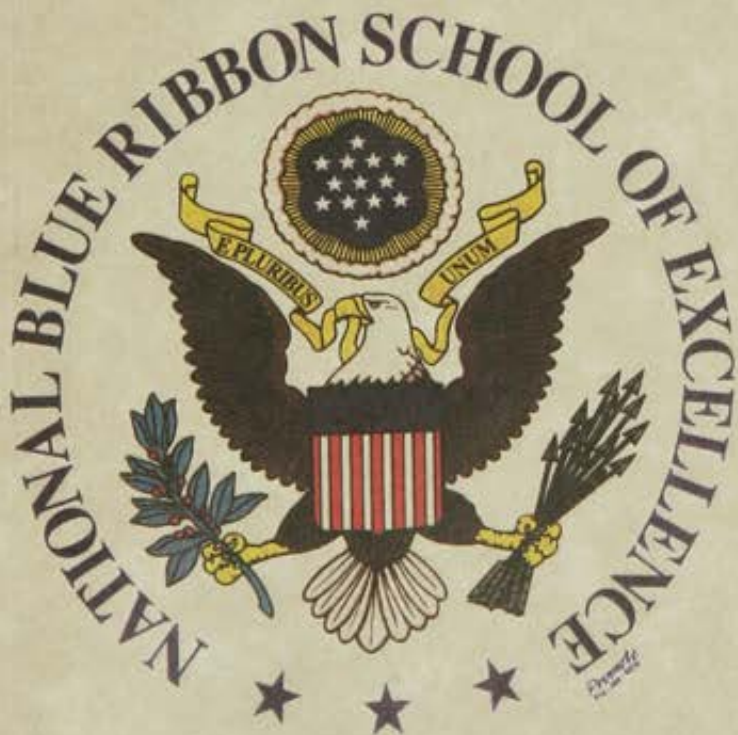
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VIANNEY High School

Life is a race, and high school is just part of that race. We push ourselves as hard as we can to reach that coveted finish line—graduation day. But from the first day of our freshman year to the last day of our senior year, we succeed, we fail, we live. Our experiences, failures, and successes become our memories and stay with us forever.

This year's first leg of the race started in August. As the end of the summer gave way to fall, we entered Spirit Week. For one whole week we celebrated the strength and pride of Vianney, a celebration which culminated on Homecoming weekend with a victory over CBC and an "Intergalactic" dance. The sweltering heat and strenuous work of our first two months were made endurable by the victories of our football and soccer teams, our cross country state qualifier, Griffin Theater's *You Can't Take it with You*, and Mark McGwire's race toward baseball immortality. The grand finale of fall came with the presentation of the Blue Ribbon Award. We received the award by winning our race for excellence.

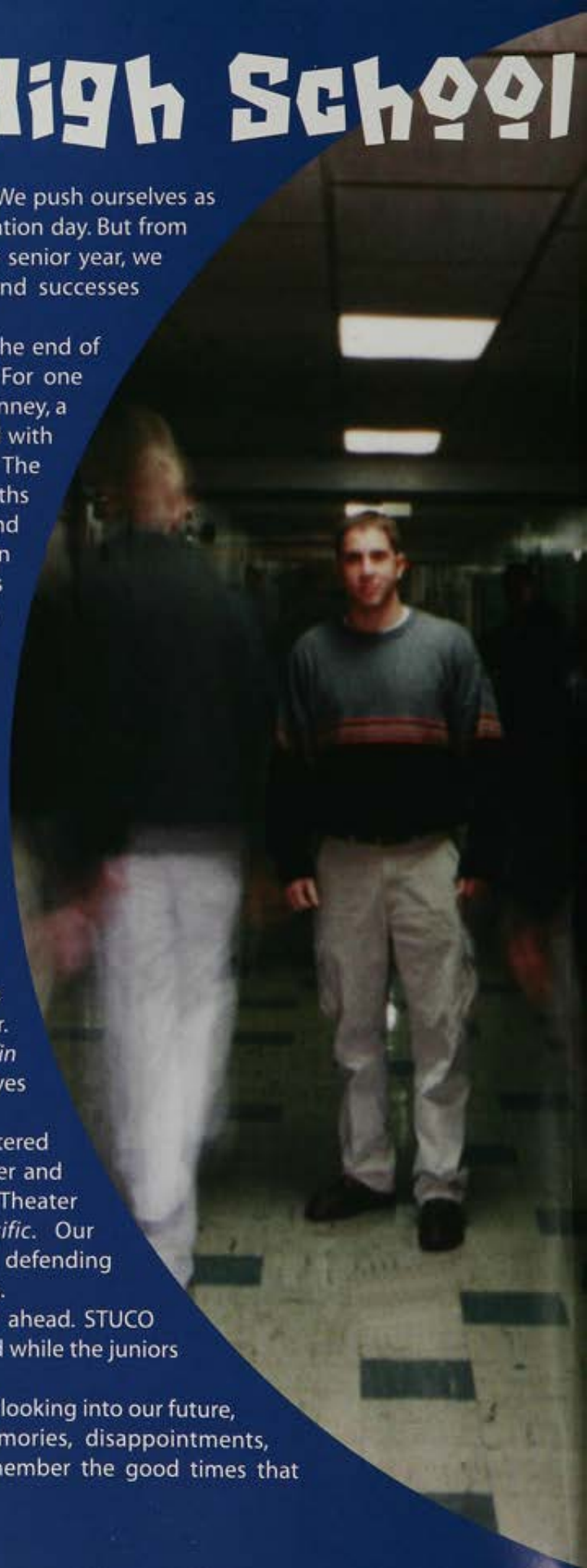
During the second leg of the race, we forged ahead to the winter months. The Griffin guppies, grapplers, and hoopsters kept us entertained. The band chipped in with a holiday concert. Christmas break whizzed by like a dream, and the changing of semesters meant a changing of classes. Despite inclement weather and snow days in January, we still celebrated the Pope's visit to St. Louis, receiving the Blue Ribbon, and our Homecoming victory with a full week of no classes.

Winter slogged on. News of alumna Trent Green's return to St. Louis as a Ram helped us forget the weather. February was also brightened by the *Night of the Griffin Auction* and a record amount of money raised. Still, all eyes remained focused on the next big event: Spring Break.

After Spring Break, the race picked up speed as we entered the third leg and could see the finish line nearing. Faster and faster the days of April and May flew by us. Griffin Theater produced a wildly successful musical, *South Pacific*. Our powerhouse lacrosse, golf, track, tennis, baseball, and defending state champion volleyball teams all turned in fine seasons.

As we headed down the stretch, summer loomed ahead. STUCO officers were elected for next year, and the seniors relaxed while the juniors took a couple of weeks to serve others.

And then graduation day. Finish line. We cross the line looking into our future, but we will always look back at four years of memories, disappointments, accomplishments, and friendships. We will always remember the good times that came to us Out Of The Blue.



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Moving Forward

By Bob Houchin

For thirty-nine years, St. John Vianney High has maintained a reputation for excellence in the St. Louis area. On November 22, the entire nation learned what people around here have known for all those years. To state it simply, the U.S. Department of Education named Vianney a National School of Excellence. They named Vianney a Blue Ribbon School.

Students, faculty, staff, and alumni alike gathered in the gym for the official presentation of the Blue Ribbon Award. Administrators from all over the area visited to help celebrate our incredible accomplishment. As speaker after speaker walked up to the podium to offer their congratulations, the crowd sat quietly in anticipation. The excitement coursed throughout the room.

Finally after all the speeches and praise, Student Council President Ed Lewandowski handed the plaque to Fr. Wosman. The crowd rose to their feet and erupted in a round of applause to mark the momentous occasion. One could not help feeling pride and exuberance. "That moment was so excit-

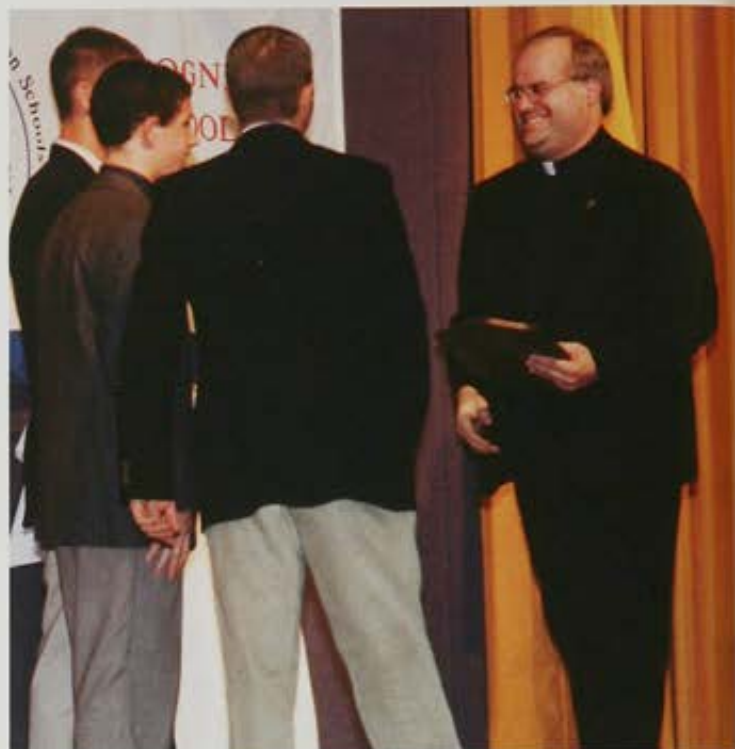
ing," said Lewandowski. "To be awarded an honor of the Blue Ribbon's magnitude is a memory I will carry the rest of my life. What a moment for the school!"

Four years ago Fr. Wosman and Mr. Keller embarked on a journey. Their goal was to make Vianney high school a place unlike any other. Changes quickly took place all around school. An influx of computers began, and renovations to the café and classrooms expanded the building and brightened its atmosphere. A strange new thing called block scheduling also appeared, together with a new weight facility, locker rooms, and coaches' office.

Some alterations were more difficult to deal with than others, but no matter how strenuous the situation, we pulled together and made it through these growing pains. Because of our sacrifices, Vianney rejuvenated itself, and as a result, a new era has begun. No longer do we look to other schools for ideas. Now we are the innovators. We are the leaders. We are the epitome of excellence. We are a Blue Ribbon Award winner.

Triumph~ Nick Beck, Matt Ronzio, and Ed Lewandowski present Fr. Wosman with the Blue Ribbon Award. "The Blue Ribbon award officially placed us at the

top category of schools," said STUCO President Ed Lewandowski. "It really shows that here at Vianney we do everything so well and at a level few can match."



Jubilant~ Students applaud Mr. Keller's announcement that we will receive an entire week off school to celebrate the Blue Ribbon, Fr. Chaminade Day, our victory over CBC, and the Pope's visit. The news

incited the loudest cheers of the day. "We were excited enough just to receive the award, but to get a week off school, was the perfect ending to a perfect day," said Senior Class President Ed Lewandowski.

Anticipation~ Principal Larry Keller discusses the prestige of the Blue Ribbon to the assembled students, staff, and guests. Receiving the award marked the success of a long, difficult application process.

Getting buff~ Sophomore Nick Riordon gives a fellow Griffin a spot. The new weight room created better bodies and better relationships. "The new weight room gives our kids a chance to improve

themselves athletically, but more importantly, it gives everyone a chance to live a healthier, more wholesome life," said Coach Dan Borkowski.



Presentation~ Fr. Richard Vosman places the Blue Ribbon plaque on its pedestal. The great honor recognizes the hard work and dedication of our entire Vianney family. "Many people do not realize the prominence of this award," said Mr. Charlie Eisele. "It's the creme de la creme of education."

I think I can~ Sophomore Matt Fuhr works out on the incline bench. "Every young man has a chance to reach his potential as an athlete. Surrounding him in an environment like the one we have in the new weight room helps insure the athlete that if he puts the effort in, it will equal results," said Coach Gene Gladstone.

Is that a girl?~ The supporters of the sports teams seem to be cheering for more than just the game. "Plenty of supporters displayed their Griffin spirit throughout the year," said Joe Voss.

Watch out!~ Male pattern baldness seems to be spreading as one student discovers early the effects of teaching. "Imitation is the greatest form of flattery," said Mr. Ripplingler.



"Did somebody say McDonalds?"~ Ed Lewandowski and Brian Peroutka enjoy McDonald's famous burger on Big Mac Day, a day devoted to Mark McGwire's assault on the home run record. "Ed is lucky I didn't beat him up with his stupid helmet," said Brian. "He just wishes he had a hat of his own," Ed responded.

X gets the square~ Students portray their favorite teachers in Vianney's version of "Hollywood Squares". The hilarious skit highlighted the Spirit Week pep rally. "It was fun, because I got to display my immense acting skills," said Jason Lee, right middle square.

Griffin Spirit

by Greg Bennett

What is Griffin spirit? Spirit at Vianney is a combination of two things: Christian beliefs and pride in our school. The distinctly Christian spirituality that permeates every aspect of the school sets Vianney apart. It serves as the basis for everything we do. In terms of school pride, every Griffin considers himself extremely fortunate to attend this great institution. This attitude is most clearly evident during Spirit Week.

What is Spirit Week? It is a time in which we celebrate school with full stands, loud cheers, and outlandish costumes. Spirit Week sent a shot of enthusiasm throughout the Vianney Family with exciting activities every day.

Dress up day and a school liturgy launched the first day of Spirit Week. Outer Space day took place on Tuesday. Students dressed like Martians and other strange alien creatures. However, the assembly featuring a hypnotist highlighted the day. "I really

thought Jason Lee hypnotized was the funniest thing I ever saw," said Sophomore Allister Dueker. On Wednesday, students came to school dressed as their favorite faculty member, but inclement weather canceled the faculty-student flag football game. Thursday marked "fifty years in the future" day. Students and teachers had to predict where the next half century would lead them. A magician concluded the day with a very entertaining assembly.

To cap off the week, students enjoyed a black and gold day and pep rally on Friday. A visit from the Point radio station's morning crew highlighted the rally along with Vianney's version of the Hollywood squares. Seniors got to imitate their favorite teachers in front of the entire school in this mock game show. "It was an awesome week; everything was so much fun," said Matt Terry. "Since I have been here I have not had this much fun."



Where are we?~ Students bring the gifts up to the altar wondering when their school turned into a beach. Vianney spirit centers around the school's religious identity. "It is important we focus on religion as a community," said Nick Beck.



Preaching to the people~ Matt Tabash speaks to the student body during Mass on a sunny South Pacific beach. "Liturgy is a big part of Vianney. It is a good time to gather and celebrate our spirit as a family," said Tabash.

Separated at birth~ During spirit week Craig Schoelch dresses as his favorite teacher, Mr. Baur. "Everybody thought I was Mr. Allard instead of Mr. Baur, then they thought my costume was funny after I told them who I was," said Schoelch.

Homecoming

by Dave Rogers

Spirit was raging, music was playing, and CBC was tasting mud. Yep, the Griffins were having a homecoming.

Homecoming weekend began on Friday, September 18 with a football game against CBC. The Vianney home crowd worked like an extra player at the game. In addition, the outstanding performance of Dave Wucher highlighted a stunning Griffin victory. Wucher was voted MVP of the game. As the clock ticked down to zero, the home bleachers emptied onto the field to celebrate the victory. By beating CBC, the varsity Griffins had earned a free day for the entire school.

The annual Homecoming Dance took place on Saturday. "In-

tergalactic Planetary", a title inspired by the Beastie Boys song, served as the theme. Most of the school came to celebrate at the dance. "I saw a couple people who hadn't been able to wash off all the black and gold face paint from the night before," said freshman TJ Signaigo. "The dance and the entire Spirit Week leading up to it were entirely new to me," Signaigo added. "I really enjoyed it!"

Whether this was your first or last homecoming, Homecoming '98 was certainly one to remember.

Hooked up~ Sophomore Gio Glasscock poses with Lindsey Mathey and Tracey Wunderlich as Homecoming nears an end. "Half the girls at that dance came with me," Gio joked. Tracey is the sister of senior Brad Wunderlich.



Ridin' with Mom~ Mike Fletcher with his date Sara Uhles say it all by their look. Many freshmen decided to have their parents caddy them to homecoming because of little money to rent a limo, and no license to drive a car. "Girls just cost way too much money," said Fletcher, "but I guess it's worth it."



Chips please~ Brian Heying, Mike Fletcher, and Greg Kleissle dine with their dates at Casa Gallardo before the dance. "I made all the women pay for dinner," said Heying. "No, just kidding."





Disco inferno~ Dan Schou and Sal Frisella show their stuff at the winter formal. The theme was 70's disco. They were among the few people who chose to get in touch with their groovy side. "I had a blast at the dance; it was great to finally have a winter dance this year," said Frisella.



Sure, I'm listening~ Leo Quattrocchi with his date Emily talk on the dance floor at the winter formal. "She wanted to leave, but I was having way too much fun. I eventually talked her in to staying, and later she started to enjoy herself," said Leo. The dance marked the first successful winter formal in two years.

Night out~ Three women find better company than their dates and let loose at the winter formal. Girls from schools all over the area, came to Vianney dances this year. "I really liked the big video screen they put up," commented a female guest, "but it's not the only reason I come to the dances; I like the guys, too."



Hall pass?~ Brian Kohlberg and Kim McCoy walk back from the Griffin Cafe during the winter formal. "Mr Pibb is probably my favorite soda. Oh, the dance, that was pretty good too," said Kohlberg.

Black and Gold

Settle down class~ Freshmen ignore their teacher. "The best thing about spirit days is seeing everyone get involved," said Dave Rogers.



Look out~ Jason Lee passes the ball to Matt Logush in the annual senior-faculty basketball game. "I had a great time playing the faculty," said Lee.



Smile for the camera~ Sophomores Dan Schiller, Tim Crawford, and Nick Riordan model their black and gold attire. "The best thing about Black and Gold days is seeing everyone get involved, scream their heads off, and have fun," said Schiller.

Going all out~ Senior Don Buehler and Mr. Joe Pecaut battle for a key rebound. The senior-faculty basketball game is a time for students and faculty to relax and have some fun. "After my dominating performance, NIKE signed me up to be their next sponsor," said Pecaut.





Show your spirit~ Nate Fete shows that to be a member of the lacrosse team you have to be a little insane. "I'll never forget my first Black and Gold day," said Ed Lewandowski. "I wasn't sure if the seniors were playing a trick on us or what. That was a crazy day. I'm glad the tradition has continued."

Um, um, good~ Fellow Griffins watch as our expert chefs burn lunch. "Alley rallies were the best part of Black and Gold days," said Justin Cutter.



Cheese~ Jim Michaels, Adam Ehrlich, and Alex Chekoudjian strike a pose. "Black and

Gold days is a time to get kinda crazy and show your spirit," said Ehrlich.



Strutting their stuff~ Scott Touzinsky and Jeff Kohlberg lead the volleyball team into the gym. "I don't care what anybody says. The greatest pep rally ever

was when "The Point" came to school to help kick off homecoming weekend," said Adam Ratkewicz.

Father-Son Banquet

by John Smith

Food, laughter, and sports celebrities highlighted the annual Father-Son Banquet. With special guests Dan McLaughlin, Stan Musial, and Cliff Politte speaking, it marked one of the most star-studded banquets in memory.

Sports Broadcaster and Vianney alum Dan McLaughlin delivered a captivating speech about his experiences at Vianney. He also discussed his friendship with fellow speaker Cliff Politte. Stan Musial enlightened Vianney students regarding his experiences in baseball and the hard work and dedication it took to succeed. He also entertained the crowd with a small sampling of his skill on the harmonica. Former Cardinal and

Vianney alum Cliff Politte followed Stan and thanked the Vianney family for its support at his major league debut and throughout his difficult first season.

In addition to the celebrity guests, the evening showcased a tantalizingly delicious meal. The banquet gave fathers and sons a chance to talk and laugh with other families in attendance. The Bennett family enjoyed a particularly rewarding evening with both Greg and his father Jerry taking home attendance prizes. Regardless, a good time was definitely had by all. "The food was great, the speakers interesting, and I got a new shirt," said junior Adam Ochonicky.



Like father like son~ Greg Kleissle and his father enjoy a nice evening. "A lot more people attended than we thought would; this made the evening a success," said Father Wosman. "There were about 600 in attendance; we only expected 400."

A time for bonding~ Junior Ryan Barden and his father talk about the old days. "The evening was really great," said Ryan. "We got a chance to sit down and talk to our dads, and I had a lot of fun."



Father honors fathers~ Fr. Wosman honors Mr. James Frisella and Mr. Ron Emmenegger with the James John Award. The award is given to those who make large contributions to Vianney.

It's electric~ Mothers show their sons a taste of the 70's. "It was great; everyone was dancing," said Junior Matt Smith. "Someone's mom was getting freaky in the circle."

Mother-Son Dance

by Devin McCart

There is nothing better than spending a fun-filled Saturday night with your mom. On March 6, the annual Mother-Son Dance was held at Orlando Gardens.

The evening began with a delicious meal featuring an excellent array of food. As dinner ended, students began to get nervous. "We tried to stay at our table as long as possible to avoid dancing with our moms," said Matt Schuessler.

Gradually the reluctance wore off, and Griffins began to take their moms onto the dance floor. They even got into it after a while. "The most interesting part of the night

was watching the moms challenge the boys at limbo," said Eric Buckley.

The dance served as a real breakthrough in strengthening mother-son relationships. "The guys had a lot of fun, and the mothers were ecstatic," commented Father Osborne. "Even though my mom had to leave early, I still had a great time," said John Smith.

As the night drew to a close, all the sons grabbed their moms for one last slow dance. "I think the dance turned out to be great and gave us a chance to bond with our moms outside the house," said Adam Ochonicky.



Cut a rug~ Junior mothers and sons share a personal moment. "It was cool because they separated the dances," said senior Steve Baur. "This made the dance floor less crowded and more fun."

We are family~ Although they have different moms, they are all part of the Griffin family. "It was a lot of fun," said Junior Seamus Gilligan. "It was a lot more fun than I personally expected."

Night of the Griffin

by Ed Lanfer

The Griffins put on another spectacular show as the auction went over with great success. According to Mrs. Kathy Smith, "The evening was very fun, and the food was delicious." Mr. DePhillips felt the same way. "It went incredibly well. The food was good and the boys did a great job," he said. Mike and Sue Schwent chaired the event, while Wendell and Joan DePhillips and Tom and Karen Bodine served as co-chairs.

The Griffs pulled in a total of \$84,503, and some of the items brought in some big numbers. For example, the Mark McGwire

framed, limited edition picture taken by alumnus Mr. David Klutho raked in the most money of any item. The privilege to name the Drive by Maryhurst, a Trent Green jersey, and the Pot of Gold also fetched handsome dollar amounts. The amount collected for the Pot of Gold is still unknown except to the people who won it.

Apparently everyone had a terrific time, and a lot of money was raised for the school. I'm sure next year will be as successful and fun as this year, especially with Mr. DePhillips and Mrs. Smith running things again.



Just pure fun~ Freshman Matt Guillot and Mr. Young laugh it up. "It's always fun for a lot of reasons," said Mr. Young. "It's great to talk to parents in a different way, and everyone enjoys themselves and makes money for the school."

Dressed to kill~ Seniors Matt Allen and Justin Cutter show their class. Wearing flashy clothes is just one of the benefits of working at the auction. "I liked my tux," said Cutter. "I found it drew a lot of mothers' eyes my way."



A sucker's born every minute~ An auctioneer tries to charm Mr. Borkowski out of some cash. Business transactions were just part of the big night.

Jazzin' up the gym~ The gym gets formal for the '99 auction. The classy look left an impression on those in attendance. "It was nice and elegant. The gym transformed into something else," said Fr. Wosman. "That's one of the great things about the auction."





The Year of Number 70 and Some Other Things...

by Dave Rogers

There is a big world outside of our school doors, and this year it was full of records, scandals, tragedies, and names.

Mark McGwire of our St. Louis Cardinals became the undisputed home run king of baseball by smacking 70 home runs in a highly publicized race with contender Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs. The entire nation focused its attention on the incredible feat.

The strongest and most influential man in the world went on trial this year in front of his nation for having an affair with intern Monica Lewinsky and allegedly covering it up. Prosecutor Kenneth Starr headed up those seeking President Bill Clinton's removal from office. Although Clinton was impeached by the House, he remained President when the Senate failed to amass enough votes to remove Clinton from office.

Clinton also made headlines when he decided to join NATO in its effort to protect Kosovo from neighboring Serbia by using military force. Serbia's horrific acts of genocide forced the world to take action.

While violence erupted abroad, our nation was not immune to its destructive grasp. Schools watched in awe as the crisis in Littleton, Colorado unfolded. Two heavily-armed students entered their school and proceeded to kill and injure dozens of their fellow classmates and teachers. Thousands held vigils all over the nation as America reexamined the problems facing our nation's youth.

Although it wasn't an Olympic year, the games were still the subject of controversy. Olympic officials were found guilty of accepting bribes in the bid for the site of the 2002 winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah. Allegations of bribery regarding previous years also surfaced.

In sports, the Yankees won the world series, the Denver Broncos won the Super Bowl, UConn became NCAA basketball champs, Tennessee took home the college football title, and sports legends Wayne Gretzky, Michael Jordan, and John Elway retired.

In local news, Vianney graduate Trent Green signed with the St. Louis Rams. The city eagerly supported their home town hero. The coaching staff felt the new star quarterback was a perfect fit for the St. Louis community, and the Rams' organization."

A local sports landmark also entered the spotlight when the historic St. Louis Arena was demolished. Thousands gathered to witness the razing and say goodbye to the building that had provided so many lasting memories.

Musically, many thought it was a year of hip-hop as artists such as DMX, Master-P, Timbaland, 2Pac, Jay-Z, Mase, and female vocalists including Lauren Hill, Brandy, and Monica dominated the air waves and MTV. Nevertheless, most Griffins could tell you that alternative still ruled. Bands such as Eve6, Metallica, Creed, Placebo, Everclear, Urge, Orgy, Everlast, Beastie Boys, Blink 182, Rob Zombie, Eminem, Limp Bizkit, and Korn seemed to be favored by Vianney's listening audience. Teenage singer Brittany Spears also hit it big with the support from many excited teenage men.

*At the box office, **Shakespeare in Love** edged out **Saving Private Ryan** to take home the Oscar for best picture. However, every other movie seemed lost in the wake of the highly-anticipated **Star Wars: Episode I**, released May 19th. Many dedicated fans waited in lines and paid top dollar simply for a sneak preview.*

Overall, it was a year that will not soon be forgotten.



The Spirit of St. Louis

by Chris Jeep

During the final week of January, St. Louisans enjoyed the experience of a lifetime: a visit from Pope John Paul II. His visit included a youth rally and a Mass. His presence in our community and his leadership in prayer inspired the entire city.

More than 75 Griffins went to the youth rally on January 26th. There were over 20,000 of St. Louis' young men and women in attendance. "Those that attended impressed the priests, bishops, and the Pope with their enthusiasm," said Mr. Pecaut. "I was also inspired."

Several Vianney students took their own special meaning from the historical event. "I had tickets to the youth rally at the Kiel, which was one of the most inspiring moments of my life," said Sopho-

more Kevin Arens. "Pope John Paul challenges all those he encounters to be better Christians. It was particularly important to me personally because he is considered the 'Big Guy' among ordained religious, which is what I plan to be once I leave Vianney. I hope to one day challenge people the way John Paul II does."

On the 27th after the youth rally, the Pope held a Mass at the TWA Dome. An amazing 110,000 packed the seats at the Dome to pray along with the Pope. Local Catholics savoured this great experience and hope he will come again. "Everyone knows this was a special moment which most will never see again," said Mr. Pecaut.

Amen~ Pope John Paul II speaks to the masses before leaving for Rome. "It was great to see him in St. Louis," said Chris Hart.



We are family~ Vianney students and families share their faith by going to the Papal Mass. "It was exciting. It felt good. I was overjoyed to see the Pope," said Junior Steve Longo.

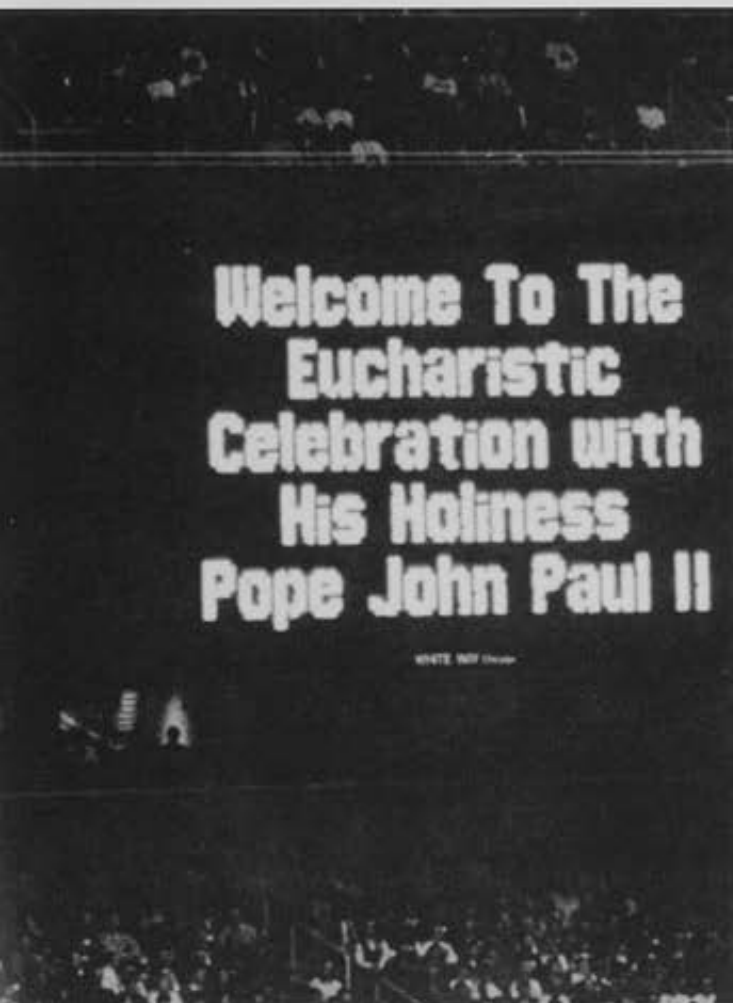
Bigger than life~ The Pope's image is flashed on the Jumbotron as he preaches at Mass in the TWA Dome. "That's the great experience of the Church: gathering together," said Fr. Wasman.





Church and state~President Bill Clinton meets Pope John Paul II on his arrival in St. Louis. The Pope urged the President to adopt a more Christian foreign policy. "It was cool to see the leader of the universal church here in St. Louis interacting with the people," said Miss Nichols.

Nice ride~ The Popemobile "speeds" down the runway. The visit of the Pope brought all of St. Louis to a stand-still. "It was definitely exciting to have 19,000 kids enthusiastic about such a religious figure. Also, all the Cardinals and Bishops learned about the youth," said Mr. Pecaut.



Religion St. Louis style~ The home of the Rams is transformed into a house of prayer for the leader of the Catholic

Church. "It is hard to describe in words what seeing the Pope is like," said Sophomore Dan Schoenig.

"Playing football was harder than I thought it would be, but I grew tremendously playing for Coach Clepper and Vianney." - Brandon Basler

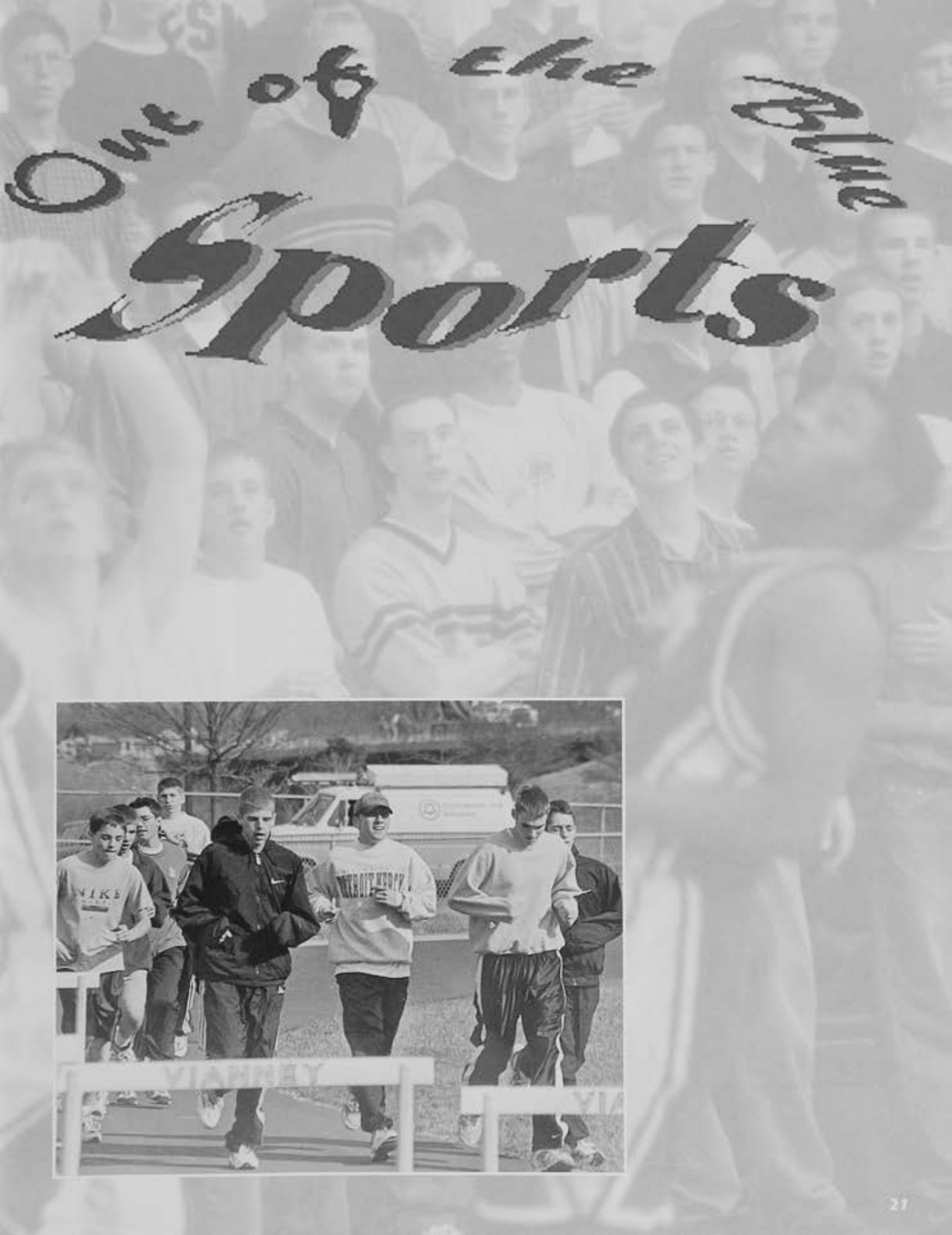
"I was suprised to see everyone charge the field after we beat CBC in the Homecoming game." - Bryan Sauder

"I didn't expect to play on the varsity football team for one game, much less make a kick and a tackle." - Darrick Sabada

"I didn't think the help from the upperclassmen last year would help me so much in tennis this year." - Dave Fuhrig

"I was hoping that we would win a lot of swim meets, and we did!" - Nick Cornwell





One of the Best Sports



What's up, Doc?~ Dr. Simpson puts on his game face during pregame warm-ups.



Junior Varsity Soccer~ First Row: Dan Merker, Matt Wamser, Brian Scheman, Kirk Barron. **Second Row:** Keith Costello, Brian Bashwiner, Houston Eaves, Matt Schuessler, Kevin Dieckmann, Adam Byrne, Dave Wehrle, Perry Mathina. **Third Row:** Adam Gorecki, Mike Pelech, John Haarmann, Coach Tom Simpson, Nick Beck, Rick Buelmann, Charles Franz.



Heads Up!!~ Leo Quattrocchi clears the ball out of the zone during a game against Hazelwood Central.

SCOREBOARD			
Sept. 3	CBC	0-2 (L)	
Sept. 5	Gran. City	2-0 (W)	
Sept. 8-12	CBC Tourney		
	DeSmet	2-1 (W)	
	SLUH	0-2 (L)	
	CBC	0-1 (L)	
Sept. 15	Rosary	5-0 (W)	
Sept. 19	Rockwood	3-2 (L)	
Sept. 21-26	CYC Tourney		
	St. Mary's	5-0 (W)	
	SLUH	1-1 (T)	
	Bellv. West	1-0 (W)	
	Sep. Chm.	4-0 (W)	
	Finals CBC	1-0 (W)	
Sept. 28	Fran. H.	3-2 (W)	
Sept. 30	Aq. Mercy	5-0 (W)	
Oct. 3	SLUH	3-1 (W)	
Oct. 6-8	Rick Hudson Mem.		
	Webster	2-0 (W)	
	Edwardsv.	0-1 (L)	
	St. Mary's	1-1 (T)	
Oct. 14	Oakville	3-1 (W)	
Oct. 17	Chaminade	1-2 (L)	
Oct. 20	DeSmet	1-3 (L)	
Oct. 23-24	Jeff. City Shoot Out		
	Rockhurst	1-3 (L)	
	Jeff. City	1-1 (T)	
Oct. 26	Hazel. Cent.	1-2 (L)	
Nov. 5-7	Districts		
	Semis Web.	3-0 (W)	
	Finals Lindb.	0-2 (L)	



Varsity Soccer

by Greg Bennett

Wins, losses, unbearable heat, bitter cold, and teammates on television: the varsity soccer team faced them all this season. Amid everything, Coach David Gauvain successfully returned to the helm and posted a winning record for the second straight season.

The team started strong, winning 12 out of their first 15. Beating CBC in the finals of the CYC Tournament highlighted the season. "It's great to be able to say that we beat a nationally-ranked team," said junior T.J. Powers. With a state championship contending team, fan support was immense.

The team cruised along until the Rick Hudson Memorial Tournament lay in its path. Including the tournament, the Griffins won only 2 of their last 9 regular season games.

Disappointed, the Griffins sought vengeance and prepared

to blast through districts and storm into state. They massacred Webster in the semi-finals displaying the skills that had propelled their early success. The team used their twelfth player, the home field, to execute accurate passes and net-seeking shots. The team steamed into the finals with high hopes of beating Lindbergh, the rival down the road. Both teams battled to deny each other an advantage. After a hard fought game, the Griffins reluctantly fell to the Flyers.

Despite the frustrating conclusion to the season, some individual performances stood out. Such performances were displayed weekly on Channel 2's *Prep Sports Showcase*. "The team was lead by fifteen seniors who will be hard to replace," said Coach Gauvain.



Varsity Soccer— First Row: David Buchek, Ian Quattrocchi, Rico Lange, Steve Schwarz, Nick Westrich, Tim Goede. **Second Row:** Leo Quattrocchi, Jim Michaels, Sean McMullen, Chris Krajacic, Brian Peroutka, Rory Leach, T.J. Powers. **Third Row:** Asst. Coach Duane Kloeppel, Tom Leto, Jeff Stegman, Kevin Ray, Justin Naber, Head Coach Dave Gauvain, Mike Kirchhoff, Joe Schiro, Brian Schwarze, Greg Gilsinn, Asst. Coach Tom Simpson



Where did everybody go?— Brian Schwarze strolls down the field for an easy goal.

Juke, Jive, and Score— Matt Logush sets up for a goal. "I took it down the field and shot across to the net. It was such a sweet shot I totally surprised the goalie," said, Logush.

B-Soccer

by Chris Jeep

With one half left and the team down by two, everyone sensed a defeat, everyone, that is, except the B-Griffs themselves. They knew they had a win in them.

Six minutes remained, and they still had not scored. However, the defense managed to shutdown St. Mary's offense completely. "We knew we had to step it up to win," said striker Matt Terry. "We worked as a complete team; everyone contributed in the second half."

In the closing minutes, the offense came alive. The team generated three unanswered goals to beat the Dragons 3-2.

This game epitomized a season

of many highlights. "For the first time in two years, the team ended the season with a winning record," said midfielder Andy Perez. "That game and claiming the championship in the Oakville tourney made the season worth playing."

These sophomores demonstrated their importance to the soccer program here. "The reason we were better was because everyone was physically prepared, had a better attitude, and welcomed the guidance of Coach Simpson," said Perez. Hopefully this team can continue to improve and produce more winning seasons in the next few years.



Fore~ Brian Benson (9) goes in for the shot. Unfortunately, the team failed to score that game against SLUH. "The season was a blast. The only down point was our upset loss to CBC. I learned many things this season, and from that game I learned that things won't always be fair," Benson said.



B-Soccer~ **First Row:** Jason Hrdlicka, David Gitto **Second Row:** Nick Knobbe, Matt Terry, Matt Kellerman, Houston Eaves, Paul Cullmann, John Grana, Andy Perez **Third Row:** Andy Greminger, John Kollar, Adam Gorecki, Charles Franz (Captain), Gio Glasscock, Pat Luer, Kevin Dieckmann, Coach Tom Simpson



Got 'em Beat~ Houston Eaves drives past his Oakville opponent. Houston played for both the B and JV teams this year.

SCOREBOARD

CBC	1-5	(L)	AMH	6-1	(W)
Granite City	2-1	(W)	SLUH	0-3	(L)
Rosary	2-2	(T)	Oakville	1-3	(L)
Summit	1-0	(W)	St. Mary's	3-2	(W)
Summit	2-1	(W)	Chaminade	0-0	(T)
Mehlville	4-1	(W)	Park Central	3-0	(W)
Oakville	1-0	(W)	DeSmet	0-3	(L)
Howell	2-0	(W)	H. Central	2-0	(W)
			St. Mary's	2-3	(L)



Their Expression Explains It All~ Coach Leassner motivates the C-Team after the first half in the Ed Muenster Tourney. They had little time to be down this season with

a record that suprised many. "What a great bunch of guys," striker Gary Leal said concerning his teammates.



C-Soccer~ First Row: Tim McMullen, Jeff Wolf, Jeff Menne, Sean Sevem, Gary Leal **Sec-
ond Row:** Eric Fultz, Brian Bensen, Evan Pennycook, Kevin King, Steve Hamm, Dan Pow-
ers, Brad Saylor, Nick Wilson, Zach Bodine **Third Row:** Coach Leroy Notice, Scott Hingle,
Brad Lipic, Eric Matthes, Phil Richardson, Brian Felter, Mike Beultmann, Mike Brannan,
Tim Koerber, Coach Tom Leassner



Air Time~Sean Sevem (6) battles SLUH by air in the Ed Muenster Tournament on Oct. 27. They placed second in the tournament, but tied the game (0-0).

SCOREBOARD			
Sept. 3	CBC	0-1	De Smet Tourney
Sept. 8	SLUH	1-0	vs Ft. Zumwalt So
Sept. 10	St. Charles West	2-0	vs Granite City
Sept. 11	Gibault	3-0	vs De Smet
Sept. 15	Duchene	2-0	vs Lindbergh
Sept. 16	Granite City	4-1	vs Chaminade
Sept. 23	SLUH	0-1	vs De Smet
Sept. 25	Chaminade	0-0	Ed Muenster Mem. Tourney
Sept. 29	St. Mary's	3-1	vs De Smet
			vs SLUH
			vs CBC

C-Soccer

by Dave Rogers

Forty eight hopefuls strode onto the practice fields in mid-August. Within weeks, coaches trimmed this number in half, and the newest members of the Vianney soccer tradition became the freshman team.

Through teamwork and determination, the team emerged as a force to be reckoned with and finished second in the Metro Catholic Conference behind CBC.

"I had a great group of kids who knew what it meant to work hard, learn from their mistakes, and most importantly, play as a team," said head Coach Tom Leassner.

The most heartbreaking setback in an otherwise excellent season occurred during the Ed Muenster

Memorial Tourney. It came not from an actual loss, but from a tie game in the championship match. CBC claimed the tourney championship based solely on overall goal differential. "It isn't fair that two teams having identical records should win or lose in that fashion," Leassner said.

Although teamwork served as the key to the team's success, several individual performances stood out as well. Gary Leal, coming to Vianney from Guatemala, led the team in scoring with twelve goals. Co-captains Jake Wilson and Brian Felter also contributed through their roles as team leaders.

Overall, a great year for a great group of guys.

Varsity Football

by Bob Houchin

After obliterating the Lindbergh Flyers on September 11, the varsity football team quickly focused their attention on the following week's game. For the first time in years, the CBC Cadets were to visit Don Heeb Field on Homecoming night. Historically, the Cadets had been one of the toughest teams on the schedule. As the anticipation and excitement grew stronger throughout Spirit Week, the football team remained focused on the biggest game of the year.

Charging onto the field, the team drew inspiration from the cheers erupting from the stands. Thousands of loyal Griffin supporters filled the bleachers and lined the sidelines to see the upset of the year. "It was going to be a battle," said Coach Gladstone, and he was not kidding. For forty-five

grueling minutes, both teams traded shot after agonizing shot. Finally with only three minutes left on the clock, Dave Wucher, the game's MVP, broke off a long touchdown run to seal the victory. When the game clock ran out, hundreds of ecstatic fans rushed the field and joined in a wild celebration with the team. Players, coaches, and fans alike shared tears, laughter, and shouts of joy. "Now that I look back on it," said Gladstone, "that win was the most exciting moment of the season."

Despite experiencing six big bumps in the road following the emotional CBC victory, the varsity Griffins remained positive as they prepared for the last game of the season. During the week, coaches shared horror stories of playing in front of the ferocious Jackson Indians' fans. Tales of visiting teams being cursed and spat upon

would be intimidating to most, but it only served as fuel to fire up the team.

The Griffins came flying out of the gates. The offense marched to the end zone at will, and neither the Indians' running game nor their air attack could penetrate the defense. From the opening whistle to the final second, the Griffins dominated. The Jackson faithful stood shocked as the Griffins dropped a goose egg on their not-so-savage Indians.

Throughout what proved to be a rocky season, the team grew closer to one another and to the coaching staff as well. Each member will carry the long-lasting memories of hilarity, happiness, and heart break with him the rest of his life. One statement sums up this year best. "It was awesome," said Gladstone. "I would not have traded it for any other."



Crunch!~ Bobby Slyman crushes Cape Central's quarterback. The big hit resulted in an interception and another Griffin score. "Despite not having the best record, the team had a lot of fun," said Slyman.



Varsity Football~ **First Row:** Derek Harris, Ryan Barden, John Kaestner, Kurt Schneider, Floyd Blackwell, Dan Malone, Sean Culleton, Bobby Slyman, Tim Rhame. **Second Row:** Derek Croghan, Todd Candela, Dave Wucher, Chris Natsch, Brian Callanan, Justin Kleffner, Ahmad Polack, Brandon Ortiz. **Third Row:** Nick Scarpino, John Nanna, Steve Longo, Bryan McMahan, Josh Bodine, Chris Johnson, K.C. Downer, Steve Emmet, Jeff Wosman. **Fourth Row:** Jerry Eidson, Pat Walsh, Eric Waterkotte, Sal Frisella, Dan Schou, Steve Hawf, Seamus Gilligan, Mike Schnieders. **Fifth Row:** Nate Micheal, Joe Scotino, Bob Houchin, Ben Barnett, Don Buehler, Kyle McDermott, Mike Nettemeyer, Adam Hoberg, Jason Chrapek. **Sixth Row:** Brian Graham. **Seventh Row (coaches):** Gene Gladstone, Jerry Stevison, Dan Borkowski, Paul Rhame. **Missing:** Chris Rocchio, Don Owen (coach), Jeff Smeltzer (trainer).



Look at him go!~ Captain Sal Frisella leads the team downfield for a key first down. This game proved to be one of the most physical games of the season.

SCOREBOARD

Fox 21-7 (W)
Lindbergh 26-3 (W)

HOMEcomings
CBC 14-3 (W)

SLUH 10-35 (L)
DeSmet 6-28 (L)
Chaminade 9-13 (L)
Borgia 3-18 (L)

DISTRICTS
Cape Central 30-47 (L)
Popular Bluff 7-22 (L)
Jackson 35-0 (W)

Touchdown!~ Dave Wucher dives into the endzone for another score. The Griffins steamrolled Jackson 35-0. "The chance to play in front of the whole town where football is life, was an awesome experience," said Bob Houchin.



Splat!~ A host of Griffin defenders pile on Cape Central's running back. The defense was the foundation for the team all season long. "Although we missed a couple of key plays, we had a productive season. I'll remember it forever," said Ahmad Polack.

Hike!~ Jerry Eidson snaps the ball to Sal Frisella while the offensive line fires out to blow open another hole in the Cadet defense. CBC couldn't handle the Griffin's ground game in a 14-3 win. "The offensive line dominated all night long," said Coach Gladstone.

B-Football

by Chris Jeep

With time winding down in the final quarter, the Griffs found themselves down by 14. Fort Zumwalt West's quarterback dropped back to pass, and Vianney's sideline grew silent. He released the ball assured that his team had already won the game. As the ball came down, however, it landed in the hands of Jason Brockmeyer. He picked off the pass and ran it to the opposition's two-yard line. On the following play, John Vazquez pushed it in for a touchdown.

The Griffs had a new look of determination. It paid off a few plays later when Steve Campbell recovered a fumble and scored another touchdown. They went on to win

28-14. "This game represents how the athletes worked all season long. They never quit, and they always gave their best. We won because of that attitude," said Coach McCarthy.

A victory against Oakville also highlighted the season. "In that game, we proved ourselves defensively, holding their offense to less than 60 total yards," said J. Guy Kehoe, defensive starter.

The team finished with a rather disappointing record of 2-7. "Though our record did not show it, I feel it was a successful season overall because everyone contributed to our success and we achieved our basic goals," said Dan Schiller, wide receiver.



First Row: Peter Brandt, Paul Przyzycki, Brian Sanders, Anthony Clements, Brad Gross, Jason Brockmeyer, Carl Berger, Dylan Padburg. **Second Row:** Mick Henderson, Bill Wangles, Ben Sanders, Dan Shiller, John Vazquez, Kevin Brockmeyer, Jon Schou. **Third Row:** Nick Riordan, Steve Voorhees, Jason Haar, Bill McMullen, Mike Moehlenbrock, Darrik Sabada, Sam DiGregorio, Jerry Cavanaugh. **Fourth Row:** Steve Campbell, Justin Roth, Andy Kraft, Mike Metzger, Dave Bleitner, Chris Steffan, J. Guy Kehoe, Matt Suellentrop, Matt Fuhr. **Fifth Row:** Asst. Coach Tim McCarthy, Head Coach Dave Hall, Asst. Coach Brad Sutterer.



Open a Can...~ Mike Moehlenbrock spears through a Jr. Bill with monster truck force. "It's the most exciting feeling in the world, and my favorite thing to do...you get a rush of energy plowing somebody over like that."

SCOREBOARD

Fox	6-21	(L)
Lindbergh	14-20	(L)
CBC	0-43	(L)
SLUH	0-28	(L)
DeSmet	0-21	(L)
Chaminade	6-21	(L)
Ft. Zumwalt West	28-14	(W)
Oakville	7-6	(W)
Bishop Dubourg	16-20	(L)

Off to the Races~ Mick Henderson eludes another defender in route to the promised land of the end zone. In this nail-biter against SLUH, the B-team lost despite a great effort. "Through hard training and long days in the weight room, it helps to have speed and endurance so you can run past Jr. Bills like that," said Henderson.





C-Football~ First Row: Marcus Smith, Josh Kleffner, Danny Smith, Greg Berger, Dave Arbuttie, Ty Winkler, Mike Vocher, Tom Echterhoff. **Second Row:** Marco Kramer, Adam Maurath, Ronny Pancer, Chris Hart, Al Bias, Ryan Ahillen, Kyle Webber. **Third Row:** Mike St. Cin, Joe Powderly, Clay Roth, John Schaeffer, Joe Haman, Mike Killian, Dave Rodgers, Andrew Shayne. **Fourth Row:** Matt Burleson, Brent Jackson, Brandon Uhl, Dan Madigan, Eric Wohlschlaeger, Dave Minner, Nick Colicchio. **Fifth Row:** Steve Gloriod, Tim Guilfooy, Jim Walsh, Chris Hoglan, Mike Buchiet, Matt Sikorski, Justin Fuller, Dan Huntzeker. **Sixth Row:** Dan Backer, Anthony Agliata, Ryan Broekleemann, Brandon Bassler, Tim Masterson, Kevin Wucher, Tom Beckett, Tyler Nowell, Greg Irwin. **Seventh Row:** Tom Vehige, Pete Buncher, Noel Abou-Nader, John Brown, Matt Dudley, Mike Klostermann, Mike Sheppard.

Follow the leader~ Pete Buncher speeds past a DuBourg defender to set up a Vianney TD. The C-Griffins defeated the Cavaliers after a tough game. "This win over DuBourg was important," said fresh-

man Dave Rogers. "We had a month of hard practices before this game, and it paid off through our improved teamwork and skill."



C-Football

by Chris Hart

Vianney has the ball on their own thirty down 16-7. Here is the snap and a toss to the fullback Tom Vaggie who drops back to pass. It is a long bomb to the receiver Ronny Pancer streaking down the sidelines. He makes the catch at the 15-yard line of Chaminade. First down Griffins!

Plays such as these highlighted an otherwise difficult season for the C-team. Despite its record (1-7), the freshman squad boasted many noteworthy team leaders this season. Tom Vaggie, for example, not only led the team on

the ground, but also in the air. He came through in tight spots to help the team gain ground any way it could. He also had quite a commanding presence on defense. Another team leader, starting quarterback Mike Sheppard, orchestrated the offense with his running, passing, and receiving skills. In one game alone, Sheppard racked up more than 60 yards. Such individual efforts helped hold the team together.

The C-Team fought hard this year and learned a lot about the game of football. Besides, there is always next year.

SCOREBOARD		
Vs	Score	W/L
DuBourg	20-0	(W)
SLUH	0-41	(L)
CBC	0-15	(L)
DeSmet	7-58	(L)
St. Mary's	20-28	(L)
Chaminade	13-30	(L)
Fr. Zumwalt	West 20-21	(L)
Record : 1-6		

Cross Country

by Matt Smith

Running is not just a sport, it is a way of life!..... Exuberant exclamations and smiling faces on the cross country team meant only one thing—another great season! "We really laid the cornerstone for a successful program," said Coach Craig Maxwell. "We had a great year with even greater improvements," commented Head Coach John Mohr.

This year witnessed the most successful Griffin cross country season since the early '80's. To begin, the team produced the school's first state qualifier since Dave Finder placed twelfth at the state meet in 1981. Freshman Tommy "Gordo" Gordon proudly represented the Golden Harriers in Jefferson City. On the cold and rainy morning of November 7, Gordon ran his guts out to finish 128th, truly an impressive showing for a freshman. Another notable addition to the Griffin phalanx was freshman Nick Tobias, who led the team as the number one runner for most of the season. Also, despite having placed fifth in the MCC again, the Griffs were proud to see three of their runners advance to the sectional race.

Freshmen weren't the only newcomers this year. Coach Craig Maxwell emerged as one of the team's greatest additions in years. Max, as most of the runners called him, won the Missouri High School State Cross Country Meet in 1992. Needless to say, he brought many changes to the cross country ex-

perience. Specifically, he instituted practices at 6 a.m., which were really appreciated by all! In addition, his positive coaching style and wide range of knowledge about running complemented Coach Mohr's workouts and long runs. Coach Maxwell ran with the team for every mile he possibly could.

Running is mental, and we're insane!..... Some of the harriers' best memories of the 1998 season consisted not entirely of personal records, great meets, or finishing hard workouts. Many runners shared good times while not running. One of the most popular methods of entertainment was the "pink belly." Everyone on the team, except seniors Brad Wunderlich and Captain Jake Collins, received a pink belly. The runners also had a great time shaving each other's heads the day before the big conference meet. Another story involved seniors Ryan Townsend, Jake Collins, juniors John Smith, Ben Abbot, Matt Smith and freshman sensation Nick Tobias driving all over Jefferson City looking for Coaches Mohr and Maxwell the night before the state meet.

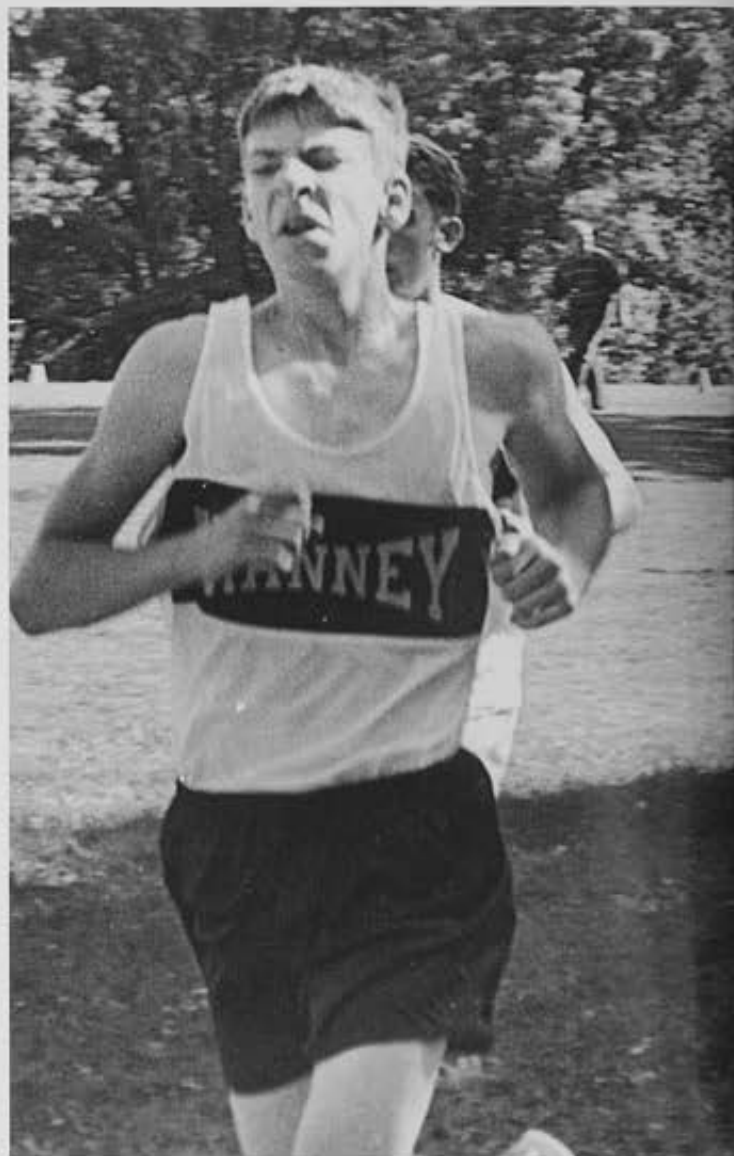
This season was a great one, and next year looks to be even more promising. "With six of my seven top runners returning, I have higher expectations and a whole new attitude!" said Coach Mohr. "Stop talking to me," said Coach Maxwell, "and go run!"

Fightin' Like Jerry Springer Guests-- Senior Ryan Townsend and junior Matt Smith fight a Webster Groves runner for position. "We had just come through the two-mile mark and we were tired. But with only a mile to go, I knew we had to go harder," said Townsend.



Great Googly-Moogley, It's Cold!—Coaches Maxwell and Mohr brave the elements to support freshman Tommy Gordon at the state meet at Oak Hill Golf

Course, in Jefferson City. "I was very proud of Tom that day and next year I want to take the whole team," said Mohr.





Workin' in the Mud~ Sophomore Anthony Granda and senior Tim O'Donnell push hard to the front of the pack in muddy Wilmore Park. "I could tell that the kid next to me was tiring, and I knew it was time to go," said Granda.

How Nice it Feels~ Varsity harriers relax with their good friend....water, after a grueling race at Webster Groves. "I love water," said sophomore Ryan Durban.



Cross Country~ **First Row:** Nick Tobias, Gary Berry, Matt Cohen, Dan Jones, Nick Frei, Tom Gordon, Doug Sicking. **Second Row:** Captain Matt Smith, Nick Holmes, Ryan Durban, Minde Gudenas, Anthony Granda, Neville Miller, Ben Abbott, John Smith, Matt Filla, Dan Riordan. **Third Row:** Coach Maxwell, Tom Barnowski, Adam Ochonicky, Captain Jake Collins, Ryan Townsend, Brad Wunderlich, Tim O'Donnell, Glenn Frei, Mike Seper, Coach Mohr



Dance Floor Pro~ Junior Mike Seper does the robot before the DuBourg meet. "The robot keeps me loose!" said Seper.



Keep 'em Rollin'~ Griffin's Varsity top seven jumps at the gun at the beginning of the race. "Wilmore Park was cold, wet, and muddy, but we wouldn't want it any other way," said junior Matt Smith.

Varsity Basketball

by Ed Lanfer

Unbelievable! A no-look pass from Jake Wilson connects with Matt Tabash for another two points. The Griffins have sealed another victory.

This was a common sight at Griffin basketball games this year. The duo of Matt Tabash and Jake Wilson wreaked havoc over the league again. Mike Paradoski and Mike Mulvihill added depth to the Griffin attack along with several juniors moving up to varsity. It was a terrific season despite the disappointment of losing in districts.

"We had several goals set for ourselves this year. We just fell short of the last one," said Coach Young. They ended the season with an impressive 17-9 record. For the second year in a row, the Griffins convincingly won the Country Day tournament. In addition, many players drew interest from college recruiters and made the All-Conference and Academic All-Conference teams. Even without a trip to Columbia, the team accomplished very much this year.

The impressive team effort was highlighted by several outstanding individual performances. "It's really hard to single

out one person as the MVP, but if I had to, I'd say Mike Paradoski," said Coach Young. Mike provided the size needed down low as well as team leadership all season. In addition, both Matt Tabash and Jake Wilson returned for their third seasons on varsity, once again putting up double figures in scoring. The marvelous performances from these two veterans of the GriffinDome will be missed. Year after year they thrilled fans with no-look passes, clutch shooting, and tenacious defense. Mike Mulvihill, a returning starter from last year, complemented the duo of Tabash and Wilson with his aggressive play. Justin Naber, Ben Faser, and Brian Bradley came off the bench to provide some much needed depth.

"The state finals in Columbia has been our major goal for the last few years. Being beaten early in districts this year and losing to Francis Howell North last year was a rather bitter pill to swallow," said Coach Young. Despite falling short in districts, the seniors produced impressive careers as Griffins. "They helped Vianney basketball move to a higher level, and they will be missed," added Young.



Front Row— Matt Tabash, Nick Gish, Brian Akers, Jake Wilson, Drew Paradoski, Mike Mulvihill, Ben Faser. **Second Row**— Coach Bill Young, Dan Paradoski, Jeff Suellmann, Joe Scotino, Brian Bradley, Jon Haarmann, Justin Naber, Mike Paradoski, Jim Feicht, Matt Heineck, Coach Kevin Walsh.

Chalk it up— Brian Bradley shoots a ten-foot jump shot over a Dragon defender. Brian was an excellent role player and a solid starter. "I will never forget the great victories over powerhouses like DeSmet," said Bradley.



Come on ref— As Coach Young ponders strategy, Coach K. Walsh begs for a decent call. Over the last two years, they turned around Vianney basketball producing a combined record of 39-15. "Because of this team's exceptional effort, we were able to win a lot of games and have fun doing it," said Young.

SCOREBOARD

Away	Home	Score
Seckman	34 Vianney	74
Lindbergh	44 Vianney	64
Vianney	52 DeSmet	58
SLUH	62 Vianney	54
Lindbergh	61 Vianney	75
Chaminade	58 Vianney	77
Vianney	59 Mehlville	61
MICDS	44 Vianney	61
Vianney	70 Ft. Zum. N.	63
Vianney	74 Lutheran N.	69
Vianney	70 Jennings	67
Summit	37 Vianney	75
Vianney	60 Cape Central	62
Oakville	29 Vianney	53
Kirkwood	55 Vianney	69
Vianney	58 CBC	74
Vianney	81 Fox	53
Vianney	40 SLUH	56
DeSmet	68 Vianney	53
CBC	65 Vianney	53
Vianney	63 Ft. Zum. N.	56
St. Mary's	49 Vianney	61
Vianney	87 Lutheran South	65
Vianney	67 Chaminade	68
Vianney	56 DeSmet	68
Vianney	61 Kirkwood	79





Throwing up a prayer~ Mike Mulvihill breaks through a double team for a lay up. Mike was among MCC leaders in every major category. "Winning the MICDS tourney was a definite high point," said Mulvihill. "Griffin basketball has definitely reestablished itself as a top program."

Not so fast~ Ben Faser makes sure his opponent does not get a free lane to the basket. Ben provided depth to an already strong bench and was one of the most popular members on the team. "With the kind of talent this team had," said Faser, "I didn't mind sitting on the bench."



The terror twins~ The sight of a back court composed of Matt Tabash and Jake Wilson instantly struck fear into opposing coaches' hearts. Over the last three years, the McDonald's All-American Nominees fueled Griffin basketball. "Un-

fortunately, the season ended earlier than we would have liked, but we worked hard and had fun," said Tabash. "The last couple seasons have been great. Because of the team's hard work, we were able to succeed in many ways," said Wilson.

Dominating the boards~ Mouthpiece and all, Mike Paradoski fights for another key rebound. Mike finished in the top three in points (361) and rebounds (195) in the MCC. "It's been an outstanding four years," said Paradoski. "Although we occasionally struggled, I'll never forget the great moments we had as a team."

B-Basketball

by Dan Schoenig

Often only the star player on a team receives credit for a team's victories. For example, when thinking of the Chicago Bulls, the now-retired Michael Jordan usually comes to mind. Like the Bulls, this year's B-Basketball team experienced success. Unlike the Bulls however, no single individual stood out as the dominant force behind that success. The team recorded a 20-4 record, a championship in the Fox tournament, a second-place finish in the Chaminade Tournament, and a second-place finish in the MCC. They accomplished all this without a clear MVP, but with their secret weapon: teamwork.

"The real key this year was the players playing as a team," said head coach Mr. Charlie Walsh, "Throughout the season, the players were always in sync, which really helped us." When

asked which players led the team, Coach Walsh found it difficult to come up with an answer. "I hate to highlight anyone in particular. They were a solid team, and different nights different people stepped up with different ways needed to be successful," he said. Sophomore player Brendan Rogan agreed. "I think that we were a good team. We knew everyone's talents and abilities, and took advantage of them."

Though teamwork was a big part of their success, they couldn't have won without great talent and desire. According to Coach Walsh, a constant was defense. Players backed each other up on defense and suffocated opposing offenses. In addition, any loss fueled the team's hunger to step up. They ended the season as the second winningest B-basketball team in Vianney history.

Which Way?~ Sophomore Peter Brandt confuses a St. Mary's defenseman as he drives for the lane. Vianney went on to defeat the Dragons 52-22. "I think it's ex-

citing to be playing basketball for Vianney," he said, "especially when I go right by someone and help the team."



B-Basketball~ First Row: Peter Brandt, Brendan Rogan, Matt Suellentrop, Dave Bleitner, Rico Lange, Steve Waterkotte. **Second Row:** Coach Ryan Rhea, Kevin Mclear, Matt Smith, Steve Austin, Joe Nolde, Tom Bannister, Coach Charlie Walsh.

Vianney 64	Windsor 44	Vianney 57	CBC 32
Vianney 41	SLUH 36	Vianney 60	Fox 46
Vianney 51	Paltonville 47	Vianney 42	SLUH 37
Vianney 42	Oakville 34	Vianney 25	Desmet 55
Vianney 52	Lindbergh 42	Vianney 43	CBC 39
Vianney 52	Chaminade 46	Vianney 55	FC Zumwalt N. 48
Vianney 46	Mehlville 34	Vianney 37	Desmet 50
Vianney 58	University City 48	Vianney 52	St. Mary's 22
Vianney 43	Chaminade 42	Vianney 57	Lutheran South 43
Vianney 59	SLUH 30	Vianney 58	Chaminade 61
Vianney 34	Desmet 40	Overall: 20-4	
Vianney 55	Summit 34	2nd in MCC	
Vianney 49	Oakville 20		
Vianney 49	Kirkwood 39		

Like a Brick Wall~ Freshman Joe Nolde and Sophomore Steve Waterkotte work together to deny penetration to the lane. The Griffs went on to crush St. Mary's. "They

played together and were good friends, which helped on the court," said Coach Rhea.



You want a piece of me?~ Sophomore Rico Lange dares an Oakville guard to drive the lane. The B-Griffs earned another victory in defeating Oakville. "Defense is one of the key elements for me," said Lange, "I do my best to help the team."



Air "Smitty"~ Sophomore Matt Smith leaps for the ball, dominating a St. Mary's player. This helped the Griffs win yet again. "Our team had an impressive season. I'm glad I was a part of it," said Smith.



C-Basketball~ **First Row:** Kyle Koblitz, Nick Wilson, Scott Hingle, Mark Helscher, Mark Sucher, Jeff Menne, Mike St. Cin. **Second Row:** Coach Ryan Luhnning, Mike Sheppard, Andy Dacey, Jack Fleming, Tom Vehige, Mark Greaves, Brian Felter, Tyler Nowell, Tony Dacey, Brad Lipic, Coach Brad Sutterer.

C-Basketball

by Dave Rogers

Freshmen basketball seemed to have two seasons instead of one this year. The team struggled during the first half, but by the end of the season, learning to interact with one another keyed success. "During the second half of our season, all the pieces of the puzzle came together and we really got pumped," said Brian Felter.

If a team only learns through hard work and determination, then this team learned a lot. "Our tough practices helped create a winning team, smart on the court," Felter added.

Easy Money~ Sophomore Dave Bleitner puts up and sinks another free throw, helping defeat St. Mary's. "Everybody on the team improved, and I especially did with free throws which felt good," he said.

Placing second in the Vianney Invitational marked a great accomplishment for the team, proving that they had the skills needed to get the job done. Dominating rival CBC also highlighted the season. "Tearing up CBC three times in a row let me know we were a good team," said Scott Hingle.

"Despite our downs, everyone practiced and played hard all year. When everyone contributed, we had more success and got our job done," said Hingle. "Becoming a .500 team was the accomplishment that had made all the hard work worth it." The team began the season uncertain of its future, but ended the year secure in the knowledge that dedication leads to success.

SCOREBOARD

Ladue	W	44-37	Away
Webster	L	44-39	Away
Mehlville	L	41-38	Away
SLUH	L	41-37	Home
St. Mary's	W	53-42	Home
Chaminade	L	53-24	Home
Mehlville	L	42-40	Away
SLUH	L	42-33	Away
Dubourg	W	54-32	Away
St. Mary's	L	48-35	Away
Rosary	W	53-25	Away
CBC	W	57-49	Home
Affton	W	57-50	Away
Rosary	W	59-27	Away
Chaminade	L	50-23	Away
Luth. South	W	54-34	Home
Eureka	W	57-51	Away
CBC	W	56-42	Away
DeSmet	L	45-26	Home
Fox	W	54-24	Home
CBC	W	48-44	Home
DeSmet	L	40-36	Home
DeSmet	L	54-39	Away
DeSmet	L	43-32	Away

I know something you don't know~ Senior Mike Walsh sizes up his opponent searching for a weakness. "I was thinking how to put this guy on the mat, so I could tear him up," said Walsh. Walsh lost the match 7-5 with 8 seconds left.

SCOREBOARD

12/2/98	Vianney	49	Hazel, Cen.	29	1/30/99	MCC Tourney	
12/4/98	Parkway North Invit. 1st with 157 pts				DeSmet	222	
12/8/98	McCluer N.	35	Vianney	32	Vianney	215	
12/10/98	Belleville E.	35	Vianney	31	CBC	177	
12/11/98	St. Char. W.	52	Vianney	16	SLUH	91	
12/19/98	St. Clair Classic 1st 331 pts				Chaminade	52	
12/28/98	Spartan Classic 6th 268 pts				2/2/99	Francis How.	49 Vianney 19
1/12/99	Vianney	43	DeSmet	28	2/6/99	District 2 Tourney 1st - 179 1/2pts	
1/14/99	Vianney	50	Parkway S.	25	2/13/99	Sectionals - 6 State Qualifiers:	
1/15/99	CBC	37	Vianney	30		Mike Walsh	
1/22/99	Mehlville	41	Vianney	30		Justin Kleffner	
1/27/99	Wentzville	43	Vianney	21		Eric Suda	
						Chris Krajacic	
						Dan Malone	
						Ahmad Polack	

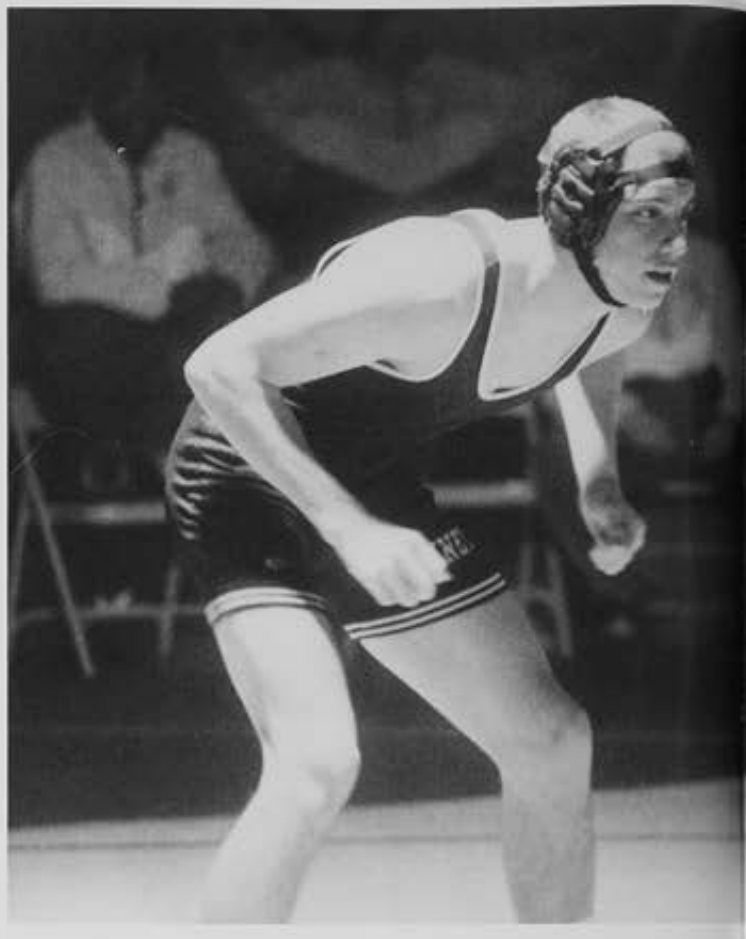


Varsity and J.V. Wrestling~ *First Row:* Coach Hanau, Mike Johnson, Aaron Costello, Josh Lashley, Andy Perez, Andy Luesse, Logan Kinder, Dan Malone, Kurt Schneider, Ben Abbot, Mike Jansen. *Second Row:* Rob Sedlak, Matt Healy, Eric Suda, Justin Klefner, Mike Klein, Tony Schmitt, Floyd Blackwell, Jeff Malone, Dominick Saguto, Shawn Peters, Derek Bucheit, T.J. Powers, Bill Wangles, Coach Clepper. *Third Row:* Coach Brennan, Matt Hornsey, Allister Dueker, Chris Jeep, Ricky Boyet, Seamus Gilligan, Andy Voss, Carl Berger, Eric Gordon, Matt Terry, Minde Gudenas.



So, uh, what did you think of that move?~ Coach Clepper and Coach Hanau watch one of their wrestlers battle on the mat..

Another one bites the dust~ Eric Suda shakes the referee's hand after defeating his opponent. "Yeah, that win was pretty easy, and I was more than happy to help the team," said Suda.



Varsity Wrestling

by Greg Bennett and Chris Jeep

Unforgettable memories, state qualifiers, and the hardest workouts known to man: the essentials of a wrestling season. This year the Grappling Griffins took to the mats without perennial state champs, the Baders. "It was strange not having a Bader out there with us. Their presence became a security blanket to some of us," said junior T.J. Powers. Nonetheless, the season rolled on. "We didn't change anything. We practiced and worked out. Life goes on," said Coach Clepper.

Indeed life went on. The Griffins once again posted incredible season marks. With a tough schedule, every win was noteworthy. "Beating DeSmet and Hazlewood Central were really morale boosters," said junior Jeff Malone. Senior Chris Krajacic added that CBC was one of the most memorable matches. "We should have won that match. It was a controversial call which kept us from winning."

After the regular season, a new district this year brought new challenges. "The Tradition Continues" served as the team's motto for districts. Vianney, the undisputed kings of their former district, showed no signs of relinquishing their reign. The Griffins qualified twelve of fourteen

wrestlers for sectionals in capturing the district title. "Districts in my opinion was the most memorable match. With new districts and all, it was really exciting. Plus, we needed to keep the tradition alive," said junior Josh Lashley.

Sectionals were exceptionally difficult. Only the strong survived and qualified for state. Nevertheless, the team made its mark by qualifying everyone in the 152-pound weight class and above. Qualifiers included Mike Walsh, Eric Suda, Chris Krajacic, Ahmad Polack, Justin Kleffner, and Dan Malone. Unfortunately, one of the team leaders, Eric Suda, couldn't wrestle in Columbia because of a shoulder injury.

At the state tournament, the Griffin Grapplers failed to win a single match. Some speculated that the loss of Suda was the main reason for this. Suda disagreed. "I don't think my injury caused the other team members to lose. They gave it their best. What else could anyone ask for?"

Regardless of their point total at state, the grapplers continued the strong tradition at Vianney, a tradition which should continue into next year. "I have a good outlook for next year. We have a lot of returning starters, and some new kids coming up," said Coach Clepper. "Next year should be an exciting one."



Friends No More~ Ahmad Polack shakes hands and then destroys his opponent. "It was a very important win for me. It came on my birthday and senior night," said Polack. Despite his efforts, Vianney lost the match.

Looking toward state~ Senior Chris Krajacic battles his opponent on the mat in his quest to reach the state championship. He lost at state to the eventual second place finisher. "It was nice to know I didn't lose to a nobody," said Krajacic.

JV-Wrestling

by Shawn Peters and John Sztukowski

As the referee's hands slapped the mat over and over again, the Vianey sideline cheered with each new Griffin victory. The JV Griffs left no doubt that they were wrestling at their best at the Parkway North Invitational. With numerous first place medals, the Griffs proved that their hard work had payed off. "This tournament proved how bad everyone wanted it," said heavyweight Chris Jeep. "Though we only placed second, we were proud of every victory."

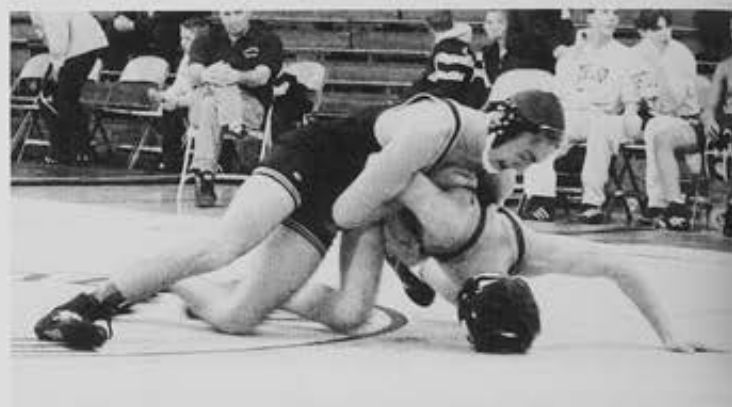
Along with that impressive showing, the Griffs battled for a third-place finish in the MCC tournament. Unfortunately, freezing temperatures froze pipes and led to the cancellation of the Vianey Tournament.

Despite impressive tournament performances, the team just couldn't seem to put it together in their dual meets. After opening the season with a victory over Hazelwood Central, they lost momentum and posted a disappointing season record. "We had a difficult season that just seemed to keep getting harder," said 130-lb. wrestler Andy Perez. "Our record didn't show how hard everyone worked. We just could not wrestle big all the time."

As the season rolled on, the team remained positive and just kept working. Team leaders Chris Jeep and Andy Perez compiled 15-2 records. "This was due to hard work and fellow team members cheering me on," said Andy Perez. "With off-season tournaments, camps, and joining other teams, we can only get better."

It's a bird, it's a plane. No, it's just Corky~ As the JV team looks on, sophomore Logan "Corky" Kinder takes on another opponent. "I just wrestled with pure adrenaline," said Kinder.

Take that~ Sophomore Allister Dueker puts his opponent in a chicken wing. "I knew I was going to pin him because he kept letting me put moves in," said Dueker. Allister won most of his matches this year.



SCOREBOARD

Hazelwood Cen.	(W)
McCluer N.	(L)
Belleville E.	(L)
St. Charles W.	(L)
DeSmet	(L)
CBC	(L)
Parkway S.	(L)
Francis Howell	(L)
Mehlville	(W)
Wentzville	(W)

DeSmet Quad
2nd Place

MCC
Tournament
3rd Place



The sweet smell of victory~ Junior Floyd Blackwell pins his opponent. "It was a hard match," said the 171-pound wrestler. "I had him pinned for a while, but the referee took a long time to call it."



Keep on rolling~ PeeWee Rollo doesn't seem to know who has control. "The Francis Howell team looked worried because they knew they might lose that match," said heavyweight Chris Jeep.

Looks painful~ A freshman wrestler slaps a backward half nelson on his CBC opponent. "We had a great meet against CBC; everyone wrestled to his potential," said Freshman Greg Berger.



Big squeeze~ Freshman Dan Madigan puts his opponent on his back for the pin. The freshmen enjoyed a successful year losing only two dual meets all season.



Freshman Wrestling~ **First Row:** Tim Townsend, Ryan Welker, Greg Berger, Josh Kleffner, Doug Sicking, Nick Holmes, Steve Stauze, Ryan Finke. **Second Row:** Dennis Buchheit, Nick Colicchio, Eric Wolschlaeger, Tim Sedlak, Ben Asinger, T. J. Signaigo, Dave Larson, Coach John Hanau. **Third Row:** Dan Madigan, Tommy Becket, Jim Walsh, Matt Dudley, Eric Muess, Pat Martchink, Mike Klosterman, Danny Powers, Greg Irwin.

C-Wrestling

by Dave Rogers

"Playing through pain is what wrestling is all about," said Head Coach John Hanau. "That's what the freshmen need to learn." There is no doubt that the C-wrestling team learned exactly that, how to work hard and win.

The team developed a winning attitude through weeks of back-breaking practices. They entered every match confident of victory, including the biggest match of the year, the MCC tournament. They won the tournament by edging out CBC. The close margin of victory frightened many team members who were used to crushing their opponents.

Tim Townsend (103), Jim Walsh

(130), Eric Wohlschlaeger (145), and Matt Dudley (152) demonstrated great leadership skills as well as talent and hard work throughout the season. In addition, Andy Luesse moved up to the JV level because of his talent.

"It was the hardest sport I have ever played," said Nick Colicchio, a first-time wrestler. "But I am proud of our record, and how hard we worked to get there. It seemed the tougher wrestling got, the more fun it was."

Hanau was also proud of his team. "There is one thing that will always be true in wrestling," he said. "The tougher the team, the more injuries you will see. Let's just say we had a lot of injuries."

SCOREBOARD

Hazelwood Cen.	(W)
Parkway N.	(W)
McCluer N.	(W)
Belleville E.	(W)
St.Charles W.	(W)
Parkway Cen.	(W)
Mehlville	(W)
DeSmet	(W)
Parkway S.	(W)
CBC	(W)
Wentzville	(L)
Francis Howell	(L)

Kirkwood
Invitational
2nd

MCC
Tournament
1st

Varsity Hockey

by Greg Bennett

"Our physical play really kept us going," said Josh McDaniels, junior forward. The Griffins may have had trouble scoring this season, but throwing their weight around was never a problem. The Griffins showed they were one of the toughest teams in the conference. "If we hadn't played tough the way we did, our record would have been worse," said J.B. Neal. The Griffins fed their die-hard fans' appetites for physical play on the ice. "I saw Josh McDaniels, J.B. Neal, Mike Mesko, and Jim Winkler really step up this season," said Nick Bouyoukus. Indeed the team as a whole stepped up the physical play. "No one on this team is pretty," said Coach Hazleton.

Despite their grit and aggressive play, the team had trouble

putting together a winning season. "The season had its ups and downs," said senior Steve Rukcic. "At one point we were doing well, then all of a sudden, we were doing very poorly," said senior Chris Newport.

Playing through the roller coaster of a season, the team did manage to have some fun. "I remember when Bob Slyman placed his hand imprint on Paul Passenise's backside in the locker room," said Josh McDaniels. What did the coaches think about the horseplay in light of a losing season? "The coaches were really tight and cool," said J.B. Neal. "They were even more fun than the players." The loose atmosphere made for a season to remember.

SCORE BOARD

Lafayette-2 vs Vianney-1	11/9/98
Fox-0 vs Vianney-4	11/13/98
Vianney-1 at Webster-3	11/14/98
St. Mary's-0 vs Vianney-5	11/20/98
CBC-3 vs Vianney-3	11/23/98
Vianney-4 vs Marquette-5	11/27/98
DeSmet-3 vs Vianney-0	11/30/98
Cham.-10 vs Vianney-2	12/5/98
DuBourg-0 vs Vianney-15	12/7/98
Vianney-4 vs SLUH-1	12/18/98
Vianney-6 vs Lindbergh-0	12/26/98
Oakville-5 vs Vianney-1	12/28/98
Kirkwood-4 vs Vianney-7	1/2/99
Vianney-4 vs St. Mary's-3	1/8/99
SLUH-2 vs Vianney-3	1/16/99
Vianney-1 vs DeSmet-1	1/18/99
Vianney-4 vs Chaminade-8	1/21/99
Vianney-0 vs CBC-3	1/22/99
Vianney-6 vs Summit-4	1/25/99
DuBourg-1 vs Vianney-16	1/30/99
McCluer-3 vs Vianney-5	2/6/99
McCluer-1 vs Vianney-7	2/8/99
Summit-3 vs Vianney-4	2/11/99
Vianney-1 vs Summit-4	2/13/99
Vianney-0 vs Summit-1	2/13/99



Varsity Hockey~ First Row: Steve Hromadka, Joe Strautmman, Ryan Schilli, Mike Rask, Aaron Ewen, Bobby Slyman, Ryan Wargel, Greg Topolski. **Second Row:** Coach Shawn Hazleton, Mike Leveque, Trevor Davenport, Andrew Cheatham, Kyle Burns, Jimmy Winkler, J.B. Neal, Jason Lee, Chris Newport, Steve Rukcic, Jack Fleming, Paul Passenise, Mick Henderson, Matt Ronzio, Jason Berra, Assistant Coach Todd Wess.



Let 'er rip~ Aaron Ewen takes a tremendous slapshot in a game against CBC.

The Dominator~ Goalie Jim Winkler makes a save as Steve Rukcic looks on in a game against CBC.





Stretch Armstrong~ Goalie Jeff Borgers goes side to side to make a huge save against CBC. "I played a good game," said Jeff. "We all did."

He's Off~ Mike Leveque leads the pack as he streaks down the ice with Mike Mesko not far behind. "I never thought I was that fast, but I guess it came in handy," said Leveque.



C-Team Hockey ~ **First Row:** Chris Favier, Brian Schaeffer, Mike Burke, Andy Pizarkiewicz, Brett Daily, Dan Madigan, Jeff Borgers. **Second Row:** Tom Jones (manager), Coach John Coyal, John Stegman, Matt Ortinau, Matt Schneider, Ben Cox, Dave Kraus, Tom Cowley, Jeremy Kijowski, Nick Tobias, Coach Mark Felicelli.



Junior Varsity~ **First Row:** Steve Hrmadka, Andy Luesse, Trevor Davenport, Ryan Earley, Andrew Cheatham, Matt Ranzro, Kyle Burns, Mick Henderson, Nick Behnen, Greg Topolski. **Second Row:** Andy Davenport (manager), Assistant Coach Dean Penbertley, Jack Fleming, Phil Richardson, Pete Weseloh, Ryan Wargel, John Phillips, Mike Buchheit, Jason Kellar, Jason Berra, Jason Lee, Assistant Coach Marty Madigan, Assistant Coach Todd Wess. **Not Pictured:** Tommy Cowley.

JV-Hockey

by Chis Jeep

Success, hard work, and determination. What do these have in common? They epitomized the JV team's season and all-around attitude. After compiling a losing record last season, the Griffs emerged just a year later as a league powerhouse. "We just played hard and kept a winning attitude the whole season," said Assistant Captain Andrew Cheatham. "We also had a lot more determination and more experience in the league."

This new attitude was instrumental as they posted a 28-8-4 record. Highlights included a championship in the DeSmet tour-

namment with big wins over DeSmet in the semifinals and CBC in the finals.

After making the playoffs, the team kept to its winning ways. "As the playoffs approached, our intensity rose," said Junior Mike Mesko. After beating both SLUH and Chaminade, the Griffs barely lost to DeSmet in the semifinals because of a disallowed goal. "We all thought it was a goal. It hit the top of net and came out," said Mick Henderson.

Despite the loss, Vianney took third in the league. "We proved to people we were winners and that we never quit," said Sophomore right wing Andrew Cheatham.

Swimming

by Scott Marquart and Chris Hart

Two seasons in one year? Seems unusual, doesn't it? Well, the swimming season this year was very unusual. The team seemed to have two seasons, one before Christmas and one after. The Golden Guppies, led by Seniors Zach Best, Nick Cornwell, and Tony Romano, were on pace to qualify several swimmers and divers for state. At the tri-meet against Summit and Westminster in late December, several relay teams and individual swimmers recorded times approaching marks that would have sent them to state.

A long Christmas break and a week vacation for the Pope's visit split the season in two. The time off cost the swimmers much of what they had worked so hard for in the past months. Even with the guidance of Coaches Simpson and Schuette, the team never seemed

to get back to its old form.

Despite all the distractions, the guppies swam into the MCC finals with high hopes. "Tremendous senior leadership was the key," said Coach Simpson. "They contributed in a significant way both in the water and out." Steve Longo, John Lucas, and Tony Romano led the individual competitors, placing for the Griffins in a tough MCC field.

By season's end, the team had assumed a positive attitude and a sense of accomplishment. "I was happy to see six freshmen work so hard through the season, and I feel everyone had a great year," said Mark Gadell. Senior Nick Cornwell agreed. "This last year was a lot of fun, and it was great to see everyone improve his times. I will definitely miss swimming for Vianney."



Gasping for air!— Freshman Tom Gordon pushes himself as he swims toward the finish line. "Tom always put in 150%." Said Coach Schuette. "He tackled two of the toughest events every meet and never complained."

SCORE BOARD

RACQUETBALL

Parkway Central	2-5 L
Kirkwood	1-6 L
CBC	7-0 W
MICDS	7-0 W
Parkway West	7-0 W
SLUH	0-7 L
Parkway Central	5-2 W
Parkway North	7-0 W
DeSmet	6-1 W
Principia	7-0 W



Swimming— First Row: Nick Dower, Tom Gordon, Marco Kramer, Chris Hart. **Second Row:** Coach Jacki Schuette, Dan Hunzeker, Captain Zac Best, Captain Tony Romano, Captain Nick Cornwell, Mark Gadell, Coach Tom Simpson. **Third Row:** Steve Longo, Scott Marquart, Steve Emmett, Adam Ochonicky, Pete Buncher, John Lucas. **Not pictured:** Nick Simpher.

State of confusion? ~ Doc Simpson and Brother Len discuss strategy during a meet.



Racquetball

by Nick Hildreth and Bill Jackson

What a year for the racquetball team! The varsity team made a complete reversal from last year. The Griffins compiled a 7-3 record this season, compared to a 3-7 record last year, making them one of the top teams in the area. Not only that, the team multiplied in size. There were almost enough players for three junior varsity teams. "We had a great turnaround year, and a great rebuilding year with more players than ever," said Coach Ripplinger.

Led by their top two players and league all-stars Tony Matchett and Brian Kohlberg, the Griffins defeated some of the most competi-

tive teams in the area. In the state tournament, Brian Kohlberg brought home a second-place finish while Ryan Maher, Gary Berry, and the doubles team of Mike Asinger and Tom Long all finished third. The team as a whole placed fourth in the state. In the national tournament, they proudly brought home sixth place.

"We completely turned our record around," commented senior Adam Ratkewicz. "We were competitive with every team that we went up against." When asked if he could summarize the season in one word, he simply said "WOW!"

Diving for victory!~ Tony Romano executes perfect form. "It was fun, even tough it was my last year. My only wish is that I swam all four years instead of just two," he said.



Varsity Racquetball~ **First row:** Gary Berry, Brian Kohlberg, Tony Matchett, Mike Asinger. **Second row:** Coach Dennis Ripplinger, Matt Schneider, Adam Ratkewicz, Ryan Maher, Tom Long.



J.V. Racquetball~ **First row:** Matt Koke, John Grana, Mike Schwent, Joe Ebert, Kyle McCoy, Matt Bruns. **Second row:** Dennis Ripplinger, Jeff Door, Matt Buck, Bill Jackson, Luis Lightle, Anton Ho.



Laying Out~ Brian Kohlberg dives to recover control of the ball, which gives him control of the court. "Brian's determination gave him the success that he achieved this season," said Coach Ripplinger.



Eye of the tiger~ Brian Kohlberg focuses on the kill. "Concentration is the key to success," he said.

Varsity Volleyball~ State Champs!

by Greg Bennett

Undefeated state champions! The volleyball team did it again. There was some speculation that SLUH would make the transition from 3A to 4A a difficult one. The Griffins proved otherwise. In the regular season the team routed SLUH on both occasions, but neither one of those wins could compare to the win that would come at the end of the season.

With the bulk of the team returning this year, the Griffins had an easy time making even the toughest critics acknowledge their skill. "We worked hard in practice, and we stayed focused through the year," said Junior Scott Touzinsky.

The majority of the team consisted of juniors. The seniors on the squad, like Jeff Pieschel and

Adam Ratkewicz, became big brothers to the younger players. Thanks to effort from the seniors and guidance from the coaches, the juniors will be able to take over the leadership positions next year. Sophomore Rico Lange and Freshman Mark Greaves, with his pulled-up socks, also learned new skills and grew as players.

Coach Gabbert, the real star of the team, sculpted the team with his leadership. Assistant Coach Jeff Cheak also made a big impact in his first year at Vianney.

From the beginning of the season, the Griffins sought only one thing: a third straight state title. Heading into the state tournament, they were undefeated and determined to stay that way. After rolling over Francis Howell and DeSmet, Vianney defeated CBC

15-5, 15-9 in the semis. The stage was set for the finals against SLUH.

The gym was buzzing from the beginning. SLUH fans cheered, "Go back to 3A." They fell silent once the game started, and all the efforts by Vianney fans to get them to say anything was futile.

The first game was very similar to the regular season. Vianney took it to SLUH. With every shot they pounded in the fact that they were going to win the game.

In the second game SLUH found some energy. "SLUH served great," said Coach Gabbert. "But our great passing, tough defense, and our great serves established our rhythm to the game." The Griffins finished with a 15-5, 15-11 win over the former 4A kings. Fans rushed onto the court to celebrate with the champions from Vianney.

Scoreboard

Lindbergh	15-4, 15-0	W
Oakville	15-3, 15-11	W
St. John	15-3, 15-8	W
CBC	15-7, 15-7	W
Chaminade	15-1, 15-0	W
Mehlville	15-4, 15-4	W
St. Mary's	15-10, 16-14	W
Rosary	15-3, 15-5	W
SLUH	15-0, 15-6	W
Lafayette	15-5, 15-6	W
DeSmet	15-7, 15-7	W
Chaminade	15-3, 15-2	W
DuBourg	15-2, 15-2	W
Kirkwood	15-7, 15-12	W
SLUH	15-7, 16-14	W
CBC	15-8, 15-12	W
DeSmet	15-13, 15-13	W
<i>DeSmet Tournament</i>		
DeSmet	15-13, 15-17	T
DuBourg	15-7, 15-6	W
Rosary	15-5, 15-6	W
William Crisman	15-7, 15-9	W
St. Mary's	15-4, 15-9	W
SLUH	15-8, 15-9	W
<i>Districts</i>		
Francis Howell	15-0, 15-8	W
DeSmet	15-1, 15-7	W
CBC	15-9, 15-5	W
<i>State</i>		
SLUH	15-5, 15-11	W

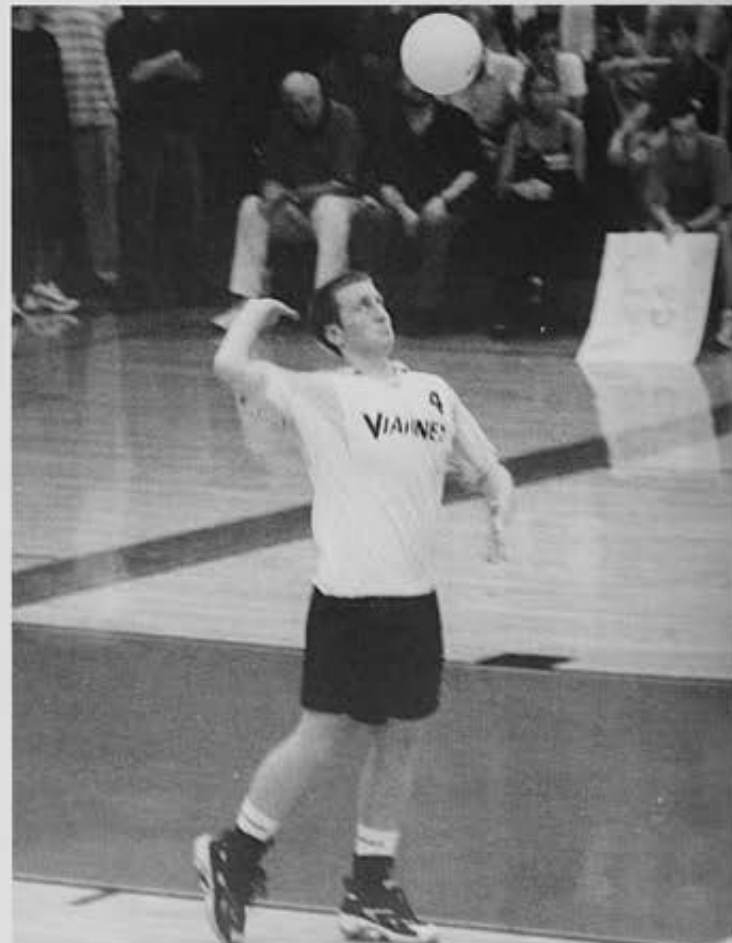


Varsity Volleyball~ First Row: Coach Jeff Gabbert, Jim Feicht, Scott Touzinky, Tim Peniston, Mark Greaves. **Second Row:** Jeff Pieschel, Rico Lange, Jeff Kohlberg, Mike Mayer, Phil Goedecker, Nick Beck, Manager Mike Jansen, Adam Ratkewicz.



Not Today~ Jeff Kohlberg prevents SLUH from establishing their serve in the state

finals. "It was a great game and we really took it to 4A," said Kohlberg



Stop it if you can!~ Jeff Pieschel gears up to deliver an ace. When asked about the

season he nearly grinned and said "3peat."

Eat Rubber~ Jeff Kohlberg drills the ball to the ground against SLUH while Jeff Pieschel and Jim Feicht look on. "This

year was great. We made an impact to compete at any level," said Feicht.

"No Point for you!"~ Jeff Pieschel stuffs a SLUH spike to save a point. "Jeff Pieschel is the greatest player on the team," said

Tim Rhame. "Still, everyone else is awesome too."



"Celebrate good times, come on.."~ Fans rush the court as the volleyball wins its

third straight state title. "Of all the teams of the past, this one is by far the best.

They worked hard and their serving was the focus for the 3-peat," said Coach Jeff

Cheak. "We deserve 4A," said Tim Peniston.

JV-Volleyball

by Dan Schoenig

The Junior Varsity Volleyball season this year can best be described as nothing short of spectacular. The team shocked a lot of people with their perfect record of 16-0. Sophomore Dave Gitto summed up the pre-season expectations of the team, "At the beginning of the season, we thought we were going to start off slow, but it ended up great. We surprised a lot of people, and especially ourselves."

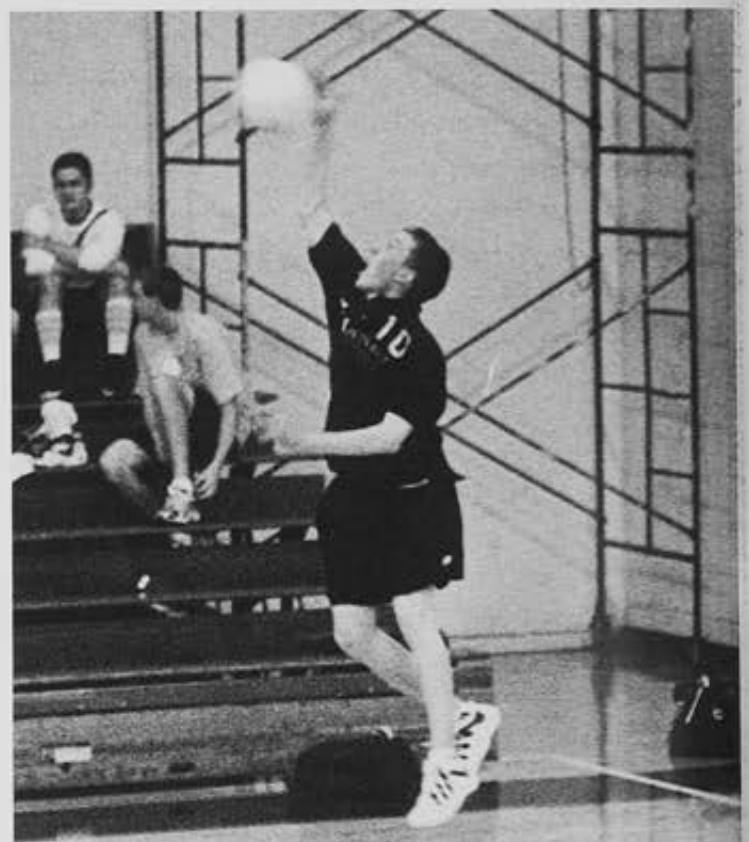
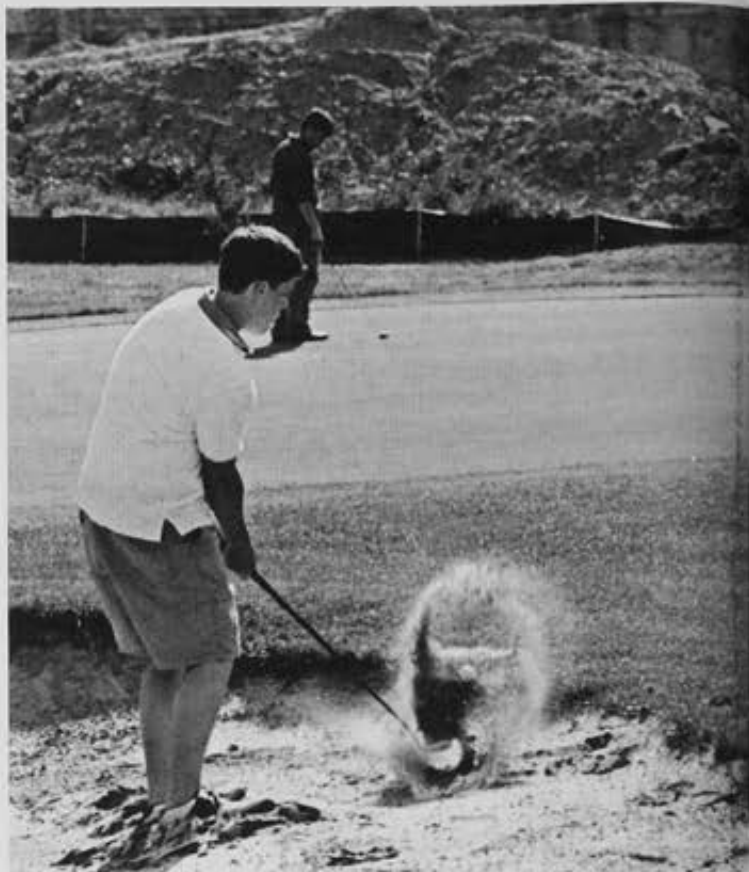
The team was well rounded in all areas, developing their skills under the guidance of Coach Jeff Cheak. Offense was obviously their strong point. Speeding serves and well played bumps, sets, and spikes led the team to victory sixteen times. This strong offense electrified onlookers that didn't expect this much out of the JV Griffis. Their great season led many to believe that Vianney's dominance in the varsity ranks will continue for seasons to come.



JV Volleyball~ First Row: Pat Walsh, Phil Goedeker, Tom Marschner. Second Row: Joe Ebert, Mark Sucher, Tyler Nowell, Mark Zieres.

Scoreboard

Lindbergh	15-1, 15-3	W	DeSmet JV Tournament
Oakville	15-11, 15-6	W	
St. John	15-2, 15-6	W	Chaminade 15-8, 15-7 W
CBC	15-6, 17-15	W	DuBourg 15-3, 15-9 W
Chaminade	15-1, 15-0	W	Kirkwood 15-5, 15-5 W
St. Mary's	15-2, 15-12	W	SLUH 15-4, 11-15, 15-9 W
Rosary	15-1, 15-1	W	CBC 15-9, 15-11 W
SLUH	15-7, 15-9	W	DeSmet 16-14, 15-6 W
Lafayette	15-2, 15-8	W	
DeSmet	15-2, 15-12	W	



Flattening the competition~ Vianney players send the ball rocketing over the net. These plays made their perfect record possible. "Skills like this are going to make for some great Varsity play in the future," said Coach Furrer.

Easy ace~ Sophomore Dave Gitto exemplifies the JV Volleyball team's skill with a precise serve. Serving was just one of the team's strong points. "It makes you feel good to send a serve like that, just knowing you've helped the team," said Gitto.



Golf

by Tom O'Connell

The Griffin Golf season got underway in late March. In addition to its regularly scheduled matches, the varsity team participated in several tournaments. In the Pizza Hut Classic, they placed fifth. The team finished in eighth place in the Hurricane Classic, and in tenth place in the Capital City Invitational. Their overall record for the season was 5-5, placing them second in the conference. With an average score of 40.8, Senior Tim Goede lead the team to a successful season. Senior Ryan Meyer placed in the top twenty in the

Chips Ahoy~ Sophomore Mike Asinger attempts to get out of his entrapment with a skillful shot. Sand traps are a major annoyance in the eyes of most Vianney golfers. "I considered the golf team, and when I see skills like that, I wish I had played," said Freshman Dave Rogers.

state. "We had a successful season even though it was up and down. The district was very tough," said Coach Don Heeb. He also thinks that next year's team should be strong due to the great JV players who will be moving up.

As for the JV team, Coach Dave Hall thinks that with a little work the team should be able to improve on this year's 6-5 record. Leading the team throughout the

season were Juniors Adam Byrne and Chris Eberhardt.

The freshman golf team had a rough year having to face several JV teams from other schools. "It was a good opportunity for these young men to get valuable experience against some strong programs," said Coach Lunning. Freshman Kevin McLearn had several great rounds and has a promising future.



Varsity Golf~ First Row: Brian Bashwiner, Matt Tabash, Tim Rhame, Tim Goede. **Second Row:** Tim Rask, Kurt Govero, Ryan Meyer, Coach Don Heeb.



JV Golf~ First Row: Kevin Mueckel, Dan Merker, Nick Knobbe, Sam Schuster, Ryan Wargel. **Second Row:** Adam Byrne, John Neal, Dave Martorano, Coach Dave Hall, Chris Eberhardt, Mike Asinger.



C Golf~ First Row: Tim McMullen, Josh Hamilton, Kyle Anderson, Zach Bodine. **Second Row:** Tom O'Connell, Ben McCullough, Kevin McLearn, Mike Bueltmann.



A Chip on his shoulder~ Sophomore Sam Schuster makes a beautiful chip shot as Dan Merker looks on. Precision was a

high point for Griffin golf. "I could tell that was a good shot before I hit the ball," said Schuster. "I ended up getting a par."

Varsity Baseball

by Rob Sedlak

Led by new Head Coach Ryan Rhea, the three returning lettermen and fresh-faced juniors of the varsity baseball team finished near .500 at 9-10 with a disappointing MCC record of 1-7.

However, their record is deceiving in telling the actual amount of success the team achieved. Since March the Griffins showed great improvement on the field along with consistent improvement by the pitching staff. The team's speed was another of its strong areas. Along with their fielding and pitching, it kept them close in a lot of games. They unfortunately just couldn't get the big hits when they needed them, often leaving the team just out of reach of a victory.

Dan Schou led the team on

the field assisted by Terry Richards and Nick Schneeberger by example. Offensively, Sal Frisella put up great numbers. His performance was complemented by the contributions of Dan Schou (.386), Terry Richards (.275), Joe Puleo (.308), and Jim Winkler (.375), who all had solid years at the plate.

Frisella's stick earned him the Silver Bat Award, after hitting a phenomenal .560 along with five dingers. Because of the abundance of quality pitching, Joe Puleo and Joe Jacobs shared the Cy Young honor. And Terry Richards' hard work and dedication resulted in him receiving the title of MVP.

Coach Rhea is looking forward to next season based on the youthful team he coached this year. "I was happy with my first team as a head coach," he said.

Waltzing on home~ Dan Schou scores safely once again. Schou was among the team's offensive leaders and provided senior leadership all season.



Varsity Baseball~ First Row: David Buchek, Nick Schneeberger. **Second Row:** John Vasquez, Brian Scheman, Matt Fuhr, Joe Jacobs, Nick Bouyoukos, Josh McDaniels, Chris Natsch. **Third Row:** Head Coach Ryan Rhea, Dan Schou, Jim Winkler, Bryan Sauder, Terry Richards, Brian Schwarze, Joe Puleo, Sal Frisella, Assistant Coach Shawn Hazelton. **Not Pictured:** Scott Haberle.



SCOREBOARD					
Mehville	8-7	W	Lafayette	11-12	L
Oakville	9-7	W	Chaminade	4-5	L
Howell	9-10	L	Marquette	8-7	W
Chaminade	4-14	L	Kirkwood	18-1	W
Zumwalt North	5-8	L	Borgia	5-8	L
DeSmet	12-10	W	Fox	5-1	W
Gibault	6-1	W	SLUH	3-10	L
CBC	6-17	L	Lindbergh	6-14	L
Howell Central	11-4	W	CBC	4-5	L
St. Mary's	7-2	W	SLUH	7-12	L
McLues	9-0	W	DeSmet	2-16	L



Swing and a miss~ Pitcher Nick Bouyoukos strikes out another victim on his way to a victory. "Pitching was a high point on the team this year," said Sophomore Matt Fuhr.

Double Play~ Turning a double play, the Griffins display their great defense. "I know it wasn't the best season, but we made some great defensive plays," said Sophomore John Vasquez.



Swing and a long one~ Sal Frisella smacks another long ball over the fence. "We had a lot of great hitters who got hits at the right time," said Sophomore Charles Franz.

Reach out and tag someone~ Senior Jim Winkler reaches out to grab the ball for a sure out. "Great players seem to come through when they need to," said Sophomore John Grana.

B-Baseball

by Rob Sedlak

After a wet spring, the B-Baseball team finally was able to get a few games under its belt by mid April, finishing the season with an overall record of 6-8. With a disappointing conference record of only 1-5, the Griffis were unable to repeat as Metro Catholic Conference champs.

The team had a strong defense in the field, but often was unable to put runs on the board. However, it often was not only the runs the Griffis needed. The unpredictable, rain-filled schedule just didn't allow the players to gel as a team.

Despite those setbacks, there were some players that consistently produced, including Charles Franz at the plate and Gary Berry behind it. Also freshman southpaw Tom Cowley displayed an impressive pitching arm and a bag full of pitches.

"We had a disappointing overall record, but there were some bright spots," said Coach Brennan.

Step up to the plate~ John Grana connects, cracking the ball with force. "That's a weird thing about hitting...when you connect with a good hit, you can feel it will be great before it leaves the bat."



SCOREBOARD					
Francis Howell	7-11	L	Francis Howell North	3-13	L
Chaminade	13-9	W	Kirkwood	11-1	W
Fort Zumwalt North	3-1	W	Borgia	2-1	W
DeSmet	9-17	L	CBC	0-1	L
DuBourg	12-1	W	SLUH	3-10	L
CBC	2-3	L	DeSmet	7-10	L
Lafayette	10-12	L	Lafayette	6-4	W



B-Baseball~ First Row: Gary Berry, Tom Cowley. Second Row: Assistant Coach Tom Leassner, Rob Sedlak, Dan Schiller, Bill McMullen, Steve Waterkotte, Darrik Sabada, John Grana, Head Coach Brian Brennan. Third Row: Tony Erb, Brendan Rogan, Jason Haar, Justin May, Gio Glasscock, Charles Franz, Ryan Wilhite, Mike Moehlenbrock.

C-Baseball

by Tim Sedlak

The freshman baseball team struggled early in the season with a 1-4 record. However, they turned it around to finish with a winning record of 8-7.

A number of quality players really stepped up for the freshman team and should have an impact in years to come. Scott Hingle, Peter McDermott, Andy Luesse, and

Tom Vehige led the team at the plate, while Jack Fleming, Nick Wilson, Mike St.Cin, Tony Dacey and Andy Dacey supplied the leather in the field. On the mound Scott Hingle and Phil Alles showed great skill.

"This team has shown a lot of improvement since its 1-4 start. The team's spirit was very strong. They worked hard all season and continued to get better. But they need to be competitive every game. They have to practice hard so they can be ready for anything," said Coach Travis.



Pickin' 'em off, and strikin' 'em out- Freshman Scott Hingle works from the mound during one of the C-team's games. "I pitched pretty well because I had a good defense behind me," said Hingle.

SCOREBOARD					
Channahon	8-14	L	DeSmet	1-2	L
CBC	2-11	L	Parkway Central	14-6	W
CBC	5-4	W	Parkway North	6-7	L
Parkway Central	13-14	L	Lutheran South	7-8	L
Gilbault	13-5	W	Parkway South	4-0	W
Fox	8-4	W	Parkway West	4-7	L
SLUH	4-6	L	Borgia	2-1	W
SLUH	11-8	W			



C-Baseball~ First Row: Andy Luesse, Tom Vehige, James Brenton. **Second Row:** Trevor Davenport, Mike Killian, Scott Hingle, John Schaefer, Tony Dacey, Pete Baumgartner, Andy Dacey. **Third Row:** Head Coach Steve Travis, Jeff Wolf, Mike St. Cin, Nick Wilson, Joe Nolde, Jack Fleming, Peter McDermott, Phil Alles, Assistant Coach Brad Sutterer.

Go Crazy Folks...~ Gio Glasscock connects with a strong swing with the team looking on. "It feels pretty good to hit like that, just solid and smooth on the bat," he said.

Lighter than air~ Junior Dan Yerkes leads the pack in a 200m race. Yerkes led the sprinters as one of the fastest members of the team. "This season we exceeded expectations by far and really competed with schools. We let people know that we were a school to watch," said Head Coach John Mohr.

He's going for speed~ Junior Jeff Vosman finishes up his 200m run. "We had a very young team this season, and almost all of the sprinters will return next year. I'm looking forward to it," said Sprint Coach Mark Murphy. Juniors and seniors combined to provide strong leadership and create a competitive team.



Varsity Track~ First Row: Chris Hartman, Jeff Vosman, Adam Ochonicky, John Smith, Captain Jason Lee, Mark Ilko, Matt Buck, Tom Marschner, Aaron Frei. Second Row: Kevin Gritzke, TJ Powers, Bob Parr, Kurt Schneider, Matt Schuessler, Dave Curran, Nick Eckstein, Dan Malone. Third Row: Head Coach Mohr, Coach Farrell, Nick Burns, Tom Barnowski, Dan Yerkes, Ryan Townsend, Coach Maxwell, Coach Murphy.



Like a bird~ Sophomore Matt Terry clears the pole vault. A number of athletes competed in the varsity division. "Every time I saw them, they were always going higher than the day before," said Mr. Maxwell.

Rocket arm~ Senior Bob Parr demonstrates perfect form. "Four years ago they were just on the team, but this year they were leaders," said Mr. Stevison. There were eight seniors on the team.



Rain men~ Dan Yerkes, Jason Lee, and Chris Hartman pause after a lap in the rain at the postponed Freshman Invitational. Senior Jason Lee led the team on and off

the track. He also represented the Griffins at State. "I am extremely pleased with the season. It was the most successful since I have started here," said Coach Mohr.



Varsity Track

by John and Matt Smith

As the 1999 varsity Griffin track year got underway, hopes were high for a successful season. Several key runners returned including '98 team MVP Matt Schuessler and '98 Athlete of the Year Jason Lee. At the MCC relays early in the season the Griffins let the competition know how much they had improved.

Although the Griffins lacked the depth of other schools, several key athletes helped the team remain competitive. Adam Gorecki made a name for himself as one of the best sophomore pole vaulters in the area. Senior Adam Hoberg emerged as a consistent placer in the shot put. Juniors Dan Yerkes and Matt Schuessler led the sprint team to several impressive finishes, with Schuessler becoming MCC champion in the 400m run. Junior John Smith medaled in several meets to lead a much-improved distance team. The team's best runner, however, was Senior Jason Lee, who dominated the competition in the 300m hurdles and broke the school

record in the process. Yerkes, Schuessler, Smith, and Lee made up one of the best 4 x 400 meter teams in the area, medaling in every race up until districts.

The 4 x 400 team, along with several individuals, were hoping to get past districts, but they knew it would not be easy. Vianney was placed in one of the most difficult districts in the state. Several Griffins ran their fastest times of the year, but only Jason Lee qualified for sectionals in the 300m hurdles. The 4 x 400 team ran a tremendous race but against the brutal competition fell to fifth place, one away from qualifying.

After a difficult week of practices, Jason Lee felt confident going into sectionals. On the day of the race he accomplished the improbable. After a fourth place finish at districts, Jason won sectionals with a time of 38.1 seconds, the second fastest in the state. A week later, he proudly represented Vianney at state. A great ending for a great year in track.



Leaps and bounds~ Junior Glen Frei completes a successful high jump at a Vianney meet. Frei competed in distance running as well. Many chose to compete in several events to get a good variety of

competition. "Running distance was great, I did really well and improved greatly, but sometimes my high jumping would suffer because a lot of my time would go towards running," said Frei.



"I enjoy track a lot because it is so laid back. The camaraderie between the runners and other schools is very strong. My time as a coach at Vianney has been very well spent, and I will miss it. It has been great!"
-Retiring coach Mr. Jim Farrell

JV-Track

by Mike Kremer

"Working hard all season was a major advantage to the JV Team. We turned out some great performances with the help of freshmen who stepped up," said Sophomore Justin Roth. The team was strong all around with Adam Fiock in discus and shot put, Dan Paradoski in the hurdles, dedicated runners, a handful of talented sophomores in pole vault, plus a lot of determination.

"Mid-distance was a strong point of our team," said Neville Miller. Miller led the 4x800m and

Pure Motivation~ Sophomore Dan Paradoski clears hurdles in one of the many 100m hurdle races he won, while the team watches. Team support at the meets from freshmen was very strong.

4x400m teams which consistently competed at a high level. However, it was the 4x100m team of Andy Greminger, Adam Gorecki, Matt Terry, and Mike Klosterman who shattered the JV record.

"The freshmen took an active role this year on JV. Their efforts combined with talented sophomores who came back to make us a really good team," said Miller. Top performances were turned in by Tom Gordon, Nick Tobias, and everyone else who worked tirelessly to make the team strong.

Takeoff~ Andy Greminger starts his run to clear the bar in the All Catholic meet. "We had a great group of guys. They improved so much. I was amazed at their determination and perseverance," said Head Coach John Mohr.



JV-Track~ First Row: Dan Paradoski, Matt Terry, Carl Berger, Aaron Harwood, Tony Schmitt, Neville Miller, Mindaugus Gudenas. Second Row: Adam Fiock, Adam Gorecki, Andy Greminger, Nick Roth, Nate Powers, Andy Bakai, Dan Riordan.



C-Track

by Dave Rogers

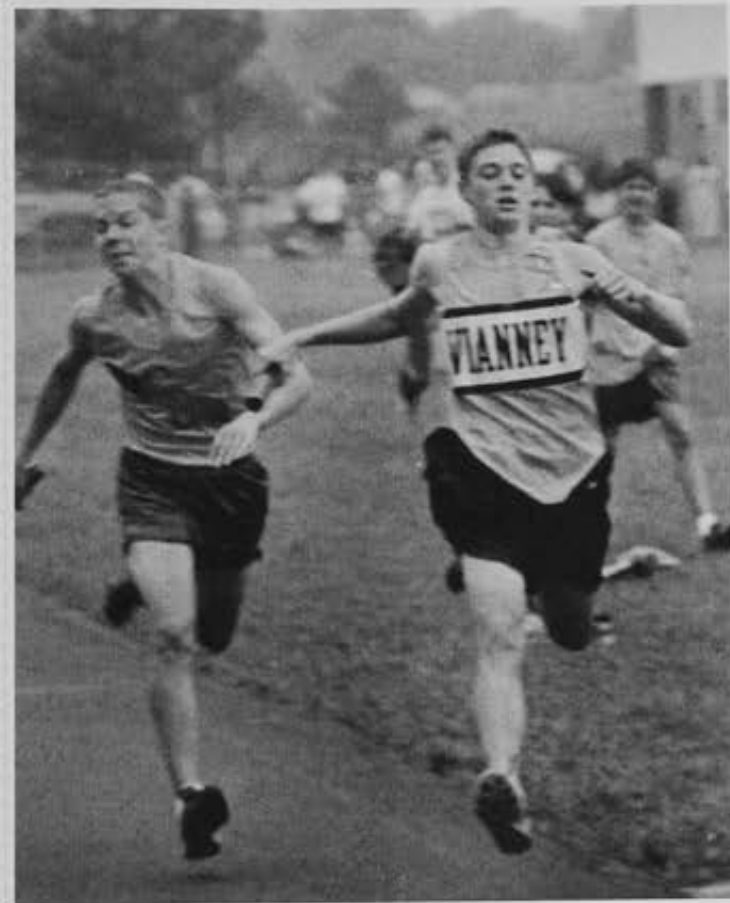
"Coaching a group of mostly inexperienced freshmen, you enter a season wondering about the outcome. But this year the C-team really proved themselves," said Coach Maxwell.

With a number of bright and talented athletes, the C-Track team challenged competitors and worked hard to earn well-deserved respect this year. Many freshmen even moved up into the JV and varsity divisions. In addition, the team challenged and broke school records.

Under the guidance of Head Coach Mohr, it was a learning experience for many who discovered that hard practices are well

worth it when you perform well in the meets. "Practicing was grueling! After the first week I didn't want to walk anymore, much less run," said John Fuerst. The team also discovered that experience from practice can be healthy, too. "We were inexperienced in the beginning. Toward the end, we gave the trainer a break, and cut down on the injuries," said Ryan Welker.

The freshmen were strong because of team effort, but standout athletes included Mark Helscher, Mike Klosterman, Pete Buncher, Matt Dudley, Al Bias, Nick Tobias, and Tom Gordon. Good job on a great season, guys.



Victory~Tom Gordon finishes the 4x800m relay which won first place and came within a half second of the Freshman record. Also on the team were Brian Benson, Ryan Broekelmann, and Nick

Tobias. "I was really pleased with our relay teams. They worked extremely hard, and it paid off when we started to win," said Coach Maxwell.



100% Determination~ TJ Signaigo starts his 100m sprint at the Freshman Invitational at Vianney. "I tried my best all year and it finally paid off," said Signaigo. The sprinters had a good year including a highlight of breaking the 4x100 record.



Air~ Freshman Ben Cox clears the hurdle at the Freshman Invitational. "We all worked really hard to get where we did, I enjoyed running track a lot.. Running

hurdles, some people wouldn't imagine, but you get pretty banged up. If you miss a hurdle or two you walk away with big bruises at the end of the day," said Cox.



C-Team~ **First Row:** Nick Frei, Matt Guillot, Mike Klosterman, Al Bias, TJ Signaigo, Ryan Welker, Tony Glass, Matt Dudley, Scott Laschober. **Second Row:** Nick Tobias, Ronnie Pancer, Evan Pennycook, John Fuerst, Dave Rogers, Ben Cox, Scott Yackey, Steve Curran, Steve Dudak, Brian Benson, Ryan Brokelman, Mike Cohen.

Varsity Tennis

by Nick Hildreth

The Varsity Griffins did something this season that has not been done in a long time. They finished the season with a winning record of 8-6.

The success of the team can be attributed to the talented senior class. Team highlights included a big conference win over CBC. The team also finished strong with convincing wins over DuBourg and Fort Zumwalt. The varsity Griffins were led by Sophomore Dave Fuhrig at the number one slot and Seniors Marty Walsh, Rob Kargus, and Rocky Colona at the two, three, and four spots respectively. Once again, the number one doubles team of Jeff Henderson and Rob Hassler dominated, going 4-0 in the very strong MCC. Also strong in the number two double slot was the combo of

Adam Swenson and Nick Hildreth. Finishing out the varsity squad were seniors Tom Long and Mike Willick.

The team went into the MCC tournament with high expectations. Through the tough competition and the pounding rays of the sun, the team pulled out a fifth place finish. Some individual medals went to Marty Walsh and the doubles team of Jeff Henderson and Rob Hassler. They finished with third place medals.

When asked about the season, coach Tim McCarthy said, "For the first time in a long time, the Vianney tennis team finished over .500. That results from the senior leadership and commitment over the off-season. I'm very proud of the boys, and I hope to keep it up next year." Way to go tennis team on an outstanding season!

Here it comes~ Dave Fuhrig slams the ball back. "The reason I played well was be-

cause of how hard I worked in the off season," said Dave Fuhrig.



Tennis~ First Row: Nick Hildreth, Dave Fuhrig, Tim Welby. **Second Row:** Marty Walsh, Jeff Henderson, Tom Gathard, Matt Brightman, Mike Willick, Dan Dolan. **Third Row:** Assistant Coach Eric Brees, Robert Kargus, Robert Hassler, Tom Long, Adam Swenson, John Sztukowski, Head Coach Tim McCarthy.

SCOREBOARD

Rockwood Summit	W	Oakville	W
Parkway Central	L	Westminster	W
Webster	W	DeSmet	L
Francis Howell	L	Ft. Zumwalt North	W
Marquette	L	DuBourg	W
CBC	W	MCC(Chaminade)	L
Lindbergh	W	Record- Wins 8	Losses 6
SLUH	L		

Game...Set...Match~ Rob Kargus hits a backhand in a singles match. "We did well overall and I am pleased with our performance. Seniors really stepped up in key matches," said Coach Brees.

JV-Tennis

by Dan Schoenig

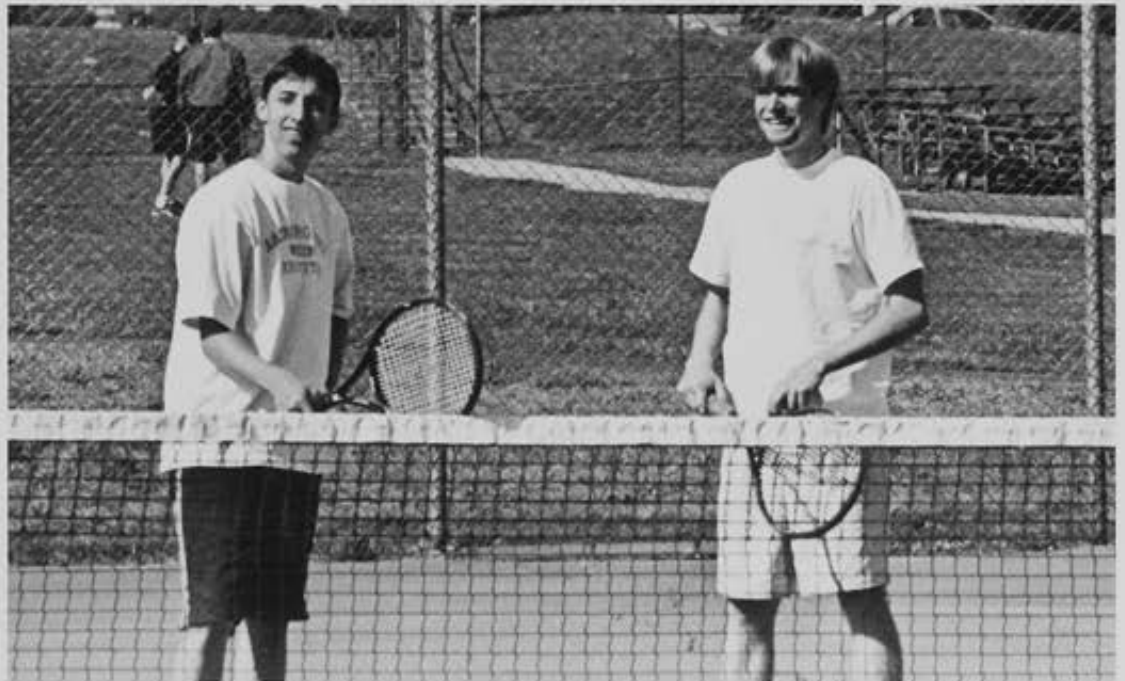
The Griffin Junior Varsity tennis squad displayed hardly anything but crowd-pleasing skills this year. With new and experienced players, the team showed strength, determination, and dedication. Under the guidance of Coaches McCarthy and Bles and with practices with the varsity team, a great season was produced.

Though it is difficult to cite an accurate team record with players

distributed between JV and Varsity, the season can be looked at as victorious without question. Strong base line shots, ground strokes, forehands and backhands characterized the team's play. According to the coaches, one of the team's strongest assets was just pure enthusiasm. The JV Griffs showed their love for the game through their hard work.

Coach McCarthy summed up the season with these words: "The JV players displayed a lot of talent and potential throughout the season. Many young players improved their game greatly as the season went on."

We won!~ Doubles team of Marty Walsh and Dave Fuhrig after a win at districts. "The tennis Griffs did well in arguably the most competitive district in the state," said Coach McCarthy.



Where's the ball?~ Adam Swenson and Rob Hassler take a break during practice at Meramec. "I thought we did really well, and we did better than last year," said Freshman Marty Andrews.

Serving it up~ Jeff Henderson serves up an ace at district. "I think we could have done a lot better, but Robert Hassler and Jeff Henderson did well all year as well as the rest of the team," said Mike Willick.

Varsity Lacrosse

By Matt Bruns

After Vianney's varsity lacrosse team defeated CBC, one could sense the excitement of the Griffins as the CBC players mourned the destruction of their perfect record. Overcoming the undefeated CBC team was one of many highlights of the lacrosse season. With a 6-3 record, the Griffins made it to the playoffs. "We really had a strong team and it was a good season for improving the lacrosse program," com-

mented Coach Matt Clary.

As part of the strong team, Mike Kirchoff and Justin Cutter made it onto the All-Conference team. Other Griffins garnering postseason honors included Chris Krajacic and Dan Ward who earned spots on the All-Conference second team.

The individual accomplishments, winning team record and playoff qualification made the lacrosse season a memorable one for the whole team.



Where are you?~ Junior Chris Johnson looks for an open man. He will be one of the talented players returning to the Varsity roster next season.



Clothesline!~ Senior Chris Krajacic splits the defense. In addition to playing three sports, he managed to keep his grades up, finishing number two in the senior class.

Lose a contact?~ Senior Chris Krajacic sets up for the face-off. Face-offs often set the tone of the game.



Crosscheck~ Senior Mike Kirchoff fights through the defense. The Varsity will be losing half of its players due to graduation, but the success of the JV team provides hope for next year.



Varsity Lacrosse~ First Row: Andrew Valenta, Nate Fete, Dan Ward, Richard Perez, Paul Cullmann, Scott Pelizzaro. Second Row: Chris Johnson, Chris Krajacic, Craig Bussen, Justin Kleffner, Coach Clary, Ahmad Polack, Mike Kirchoff, John Nanna, Charles Ohms

JV-Lacrosse

By Matt Bruns

Finishing with a 5-1 record, the JV lacrosse team proved they were one of the best teams in the area. "It's good to finally have a winning season," said Sophomore Paul Kahle. "The whole team stepped up and gave it all they had in every game." The team's dedication and hard work resulted in a near perfect record. The only blemish on the year came in a loss at the hands of CBC. However, the disappoint-

ment was overshadowed by a spectacular win over Fox. The Griffins crushed the warriors with an amazing score of 12-1.

Mr. Clary was pleased with the overall outcome of the season. He appreciated the participation and results. "We had a lot of kids come out. They were devoted and showed improvement over the course of the season," he said. The future looks bright for Vianney lacrosse.



Not in my house~ Freshman goalie Greg Irwin clears the ball from the zone. Greg was a three-sport athlete and vice-president of his class.



Oops!~ Sophomore Ryan Curry mishandles the ball after being hit by a Parkway West defenseman. The JV team made

very few errors this year as they accumulated a near perfect record of 5-1.



JV Lacrosse~ **First Row:** Tom Shaw, Tyler May, Ben Asinger, Mike Burke, Paul Kahle, Ryan Curry, Dominic Frisella. **Second Row:** Doug Wlodarek, Matt Filla, Mike Buchheit, Chris Perkowski, Casey Matthews, Anthony Agliata, Andy Kenny. **Third Row:** Chris Wynne, Rick Onder, Pat Martchink, Pat Luer, J. Guy Kehoe, Mike Preis, Jeff Miller, Greg Irwin.



Attack~ Vianney goes for the goal. The JV team had an outstanding season.

Roller Hockey

by Chris Jeep

Coming down the floor passing the puck back and forth, the opposition sets up for a shot. They wait to shoot hoping the defense will break down. The Griffin defense makes them work though, and when they finally get a shot away, the goaltender swarms on the puck. Just another typical game for the tenacious "D" of the Vianney roller hockey team.

The Griffins had a successful but somewhat disappointing season this year. "I wanted to take it back to state like we did last year," said Tony Schmitt. "But due to unlucky events, we were not able to." One of these "unlucky events" occurred when goaltender Chris Favier broke his arm with a few games left. In typical fashion, the

team played through this adversity with the help of back-up goaltender Jeff Borgers. "I played well behind the team's amazing defense," said Borgers.

The Griffins played hard and kept their spirits up all year. "No one ever gave up even when we knew the season was over," said Sam Schuster. "We showed a lot of heart, but just came up short."

When everyone is back and healthy next year, the team will compete for the top spot once again as one of the league's powerhouses. "We will own the league next year," promised Sophomore Ryan Durban.

Charge!~ Freshman Mike Vocker breaks for the net. "We wouldn't have had such a great season if we didn't work so well as a team," said Sophomore Matt Hornsey.



Varsity Roller Hockey~ **First Row:** Brett Dailey, Joe Strautmann, Keith Van de Reit, Al Curtis. **Second Row:** Greg Schellert, Erik Martin, Bryan Martin, David Ventimiglia, Matt Andres. **Not Pictured:** Nick Behnen, Steve Hromadka.



JV Hockey~ **First Row:** Mike Vocker, Sam Schuster, Chris Favier, Andy Werkmeister. **Second Row:** Coach Tom Jones, Jeff Lewis, Tony Schmitt, Matt Hornsey, Joel Spalding, Kevin Kidd, Coach Jim Hornsey. **Not Pictured:** Ryan Durban, Brian Heying.



Bowling

by Jeff Schuler

Despite consisting of only six members, a relatively low number for a high school sport, the varsity bowling team proved to be a big part of the Vianney athletic program. The team took fourth in the St. Louis district and first in their own conference.

Senior leadership provided by Chris Seagrass and Brad Wunderlich keyed the team's success. In addition, the consistent play of Junior Steve Solovic, the team's top player, helped main-

tain Vianney's solid reputation as one of the area's best teams. Steve compiled a 208 scoring average to lead the conference. His performance also earned the 1999 Howard Kee Memorial Scholarship.

Chris Seagrass seemed to sum up the year best. "Overall we had a very successful year," he said.

Vianney bowling wasn't just limited to the varsity ranks, however. Scores of other Griffins were able to enjoy the game on the intramural level. These bowlers met up at Crestwood Bowl on select Fridays to hit the lanes. Although some high scores were recorded, having a good time was the first priority.

Rolling like a pro— Charles Franz shows there is more to bowling than rolling a ball; you have to look good doing it. "If you have the right approach, you can feel the strike coming," said Franz.



Varsity Bowling— **First Row:** Charles Franz, Greg Oberbeck. **Second Row:** Nick Riek, Brad Wunderlich, Steve Solovic, Chris Seagrass.



On the Move— Sophomore Al Curtis starts the charge past goalie Steve Hromadka. "Last year I played at Lindbergh. I was glad to come here and play with more talented players," said Curtis.

On a roll— Junior Nick Riek stares down the alley hoping to get a strike. "We all played very good this year, and we could not have done so well if we didn't work together," said Chris Seagrass.

"I wanted to get a speech and debate team together. Then one day they announced that Vianney was starting one." - Dave Rogers

*"I was suprised to see the yearbook change so much in so little time."
- Mike Kremer*

"We actually got the first paper out on time." - Mr. Murphy

"I never thought I would come into high school and get as involved as I have." - Matt Guillot

*"In Doc. Simpson's class, we got to go to Forest Park to clean things up." -
Ryan Weber*



One of the Power Organizations



Good work ethic?~ Seniors Matt Pross and Carl Laschober give their blood, sweat, and tears for set construction. "Making the set seems like torture," said Pross, "but it's worth every minute to hear the crowd's applause."

Where's Elton John?~ Rocketman Junior Josh Piontek shows his favorite toy to Senior Brian Kohlberg. Both actors pulled a great performance in *You Can't Take It With You*. "Overall, with scenes like this, the play was a lot of fun," said Piontek.



Beware the Ides of March~ Junior Josh Piontek shows off his attire to Betsy Noce, who is passed out on the couch. Even wardrobe shows the diversity of Vianney actors. "I felt really weird in that costume," said Piontek, "I almost busted out laughing."

Respect my Authority!~ Sophomore Mike Johnson lays down the law with senior Mark Archambeault. Their great performances helped to make *You Can't Take it With You* a success. "This was my first play, and it was a lot of fun," said Johnson. "Everyone was nice, welcomed me, and made it fun."



Please say yes~ Senior Reid Hansted uses the old Vianney charm in *South Pacific*. Great leading ladies like this helped the

success of the play. "The play was a great experience," said Hansted, "and a great way to meet new people."



Griffin Theater

by Ed Lanfer

It was a successful year for the drama department once again despite several changes. Mr. Book replaced Mr. Sieve as director and added a musical to the list of plays. Griffin Theater produced two plays this year, *You Can't Take It With You* and *South Pacific*. Both were huge successes.

You Can't Take It With You was performed on November 12-15. The hard work of cast and crew paid off. A terrific job on the set construction along with a great performances from the cast resulted in a very enjoyable production. "This year was really successful, and I don't remember seeing any failures at all. I'd have to say this was the best year in theater Vianney has had in the past four years," said Matt Pross.

The spring play, *South Pacific*, played March 18-21 and also delighted audiences. Great effort went into making this play the

best it could be. Real palm trees were shipped in to accompany an amazingly realistic backdrop and created a tropical atmosphere. According to Nick Roth, "The cast did a terrific job, and it was fun to work on and watch. I enjoyed seeing it, and from what I heard, everyone else did too."

Mr. Book was new to the drama department this year, but his numerous years of experience in theater made for an easy transition. In fact, many thought this was one of the best years in drama Vianney has had in years. "This year went really well. The first play was a great experience, and even though I wasn't involved in the second, seeing it come off was great," said Mike Johnson.

Most importantly, everyone involved in the plays had a lot of fun this year, and Vianney can look forward to many more successful years of entertainment from the Griffin Theater.



Stealing the Spotlight~ Newcomers Ahmad Polack and Ed Lewandowski and veterans Matt Pross and Tom Appelbaum take center stage. New faces helped draw

big crowds for *South Pacific*. "Doing *South Pacific* was totally different from anything I've done before. It was a rush," said Ed Lewandowski.

The Griffin

by Jeff Schuler

Deadlines, deadlines, deadlines. Students could hear these words echo in Room 102 every time *The Griffin* was due to be published this year. Although it proved to be a nerve-racking experience, the staff managed to produce a quality newspaper. Editors added several improvements to the paper, including the "What If...?" section, "Teacher Focus," and "Scholar Athlete Spotlight." The layout of the paper also changed. More pictures and other graphics made the paper much more readable.

Dedicated staff members keyed the paper's success. On most nights before *The Griffin* was due out, the staff remained here at school late into the night producing the final layout. "It's not that

I don't like Kinkos," said Mr. Murphy. "It's being there at two in the morning that bothers me."

Fortunately, the staff received some assistance in the second semester when it enlisted the help of the journalism class. "It was a relief to have the class take some of the load off of our after-school duty," Murphy said.

In the end, hard work and creative ideas produced the best papers the school had seen in years. "Being an editor on the paper was hard work, but a lot of fun," said Kevin Ailor, one of the three senior editors this year. "I hope Mr. Murphy finds good people to replace us."

A Typical Day...~ While trying to get something done, the yearbook staff stuffs their faces. "We've got a bad habit of visiting the Cafe before doing anything," said Editor Joe Gadell.



Newspaper~ **First Row:** Mike Fletcher, Matt Cohen, Dave Rogers, John Smith, Mike Kremer, Nick Hildreth, Chris Hart. **Second Row:** Steve Waterkotte, Dominick Saguto, Bill Jackson, Mike Cohen, Kevin Ailor, Karl Krekeler, Mr. Mark Murphy. **Third Row:** Matt Bruns, Dan Dyn, Tom Barnowski, Bob Houchin, Joe Gadell, Greg Bennett. (Not Pictured: Tim Nix, editor-in-chief).



Our "Closet"~ Joe Gadell rearranges a page as Kevin Ailor gives advice. Kevin Ailor has been on yearbook three years at Vianney and has written for the newspaper as well.

A Rare Occasion...~ Karl Krekeler actually does an interview? Too good to be true. Karl Krekeler was caught saying, "Oh, but that was just a setup!"



The Talon

by Dan Schoenig

Even with a good thing, there is always room for improvement. *The Talon* proved to be no exception to the rule. "Things have been going a lot better this year, I think, than previous years. We are a lot more organized," said Senior Joe Gadell, executive editor.

Two important events greatly impacted the yearbook staff. First, Room 102 switched from Macintosh to IBM. The switch made the journalism lab compatible with the majority of school computers and enabled the staff to take work home with them. Members endured a lot of frustration to make this a reality. Getting the new computers donated in the first place meant a variety of hassles. Once here, the machines required an upgrade so that each was capable of running the software. Finally, the staff had to learn to master new programs and formats. In the end, however, the switch to IBM eased production immensely.

Staff attendance at a yearbook conference before school started also inspired several changes. Sponsored by our publishing

company, the conference took place in Nashville, Tennessee. There, staff members developed our theme, "Out of the Blue," and thought of other creative ways to improve the book. This experience formed the basis for the entire year.

"I am constantly learning from this experience," said Mr. Murphy, who completed his first year running things. "I see the book going in great directions, with a lot of creativity and good ideas. It is definitely a lot of work, and I am very pleased with the group's dedication. As always, we are trying to improve."

"We have a lot of good pictures from the photo club. We've been working pretty hard with Mr. Murphy and John Trotter (our yearbook representative), and we're doing pretty well," said Sophomore Mike Kremer. "I think the yearbook should be better than last year's because I think we've got a lot more people working on it."

Overall, this year meant striving for change and looking for opportunity everywhere possible.



Yearbook~ First Row: Mrs. Fullenkamp (asst. advisor), Tom O'Connell, Matt Bruns, Tom Jackson, Kevin Ailor (asst. editor-in-chief). **Second Row:** Karl Krekeler, Bill Jackson, Tim Nix, Dan Dyn, Joe Gadell (editor-in-chief), and Mr. Mark Murphy (advisor).



Our Fearless Leader~ Mr. Murphy flips through the file of pages in Room 102. It was his first year as yearbook advisor. He said, "Despite all the frustrations this year, I'm proud of what we were able to accomplish!"

Video Yearbook

by Matt Smith

"Always finding the funny, crazy, and exciting aspects of our school is the goal of the Video Yearbook club," said Mrs. Smith, club moderator. "And we capture it on video, ensuring you will never forget those memories."

This year, the video and print yearbooks shared the same theme: "Out of the Blue." The theme was chosen to celebrate the Blue Ribbon Award received in November.

Due to Mrs. Smith's pregnancy this year, International Multimedia representative, John Trotter served as the moderator for the publication. "He filmed some of

the harder stuff," said Senior Kurt Schneider.

The staff also captured major events that happened outside of the school, so those viewing in the future might better understand this year. "We tried to get the whole view of the student body, as well as a view of the world around them," said Schneider.

It took a lot of continually hard work by the members of the club to put out quality work, but it all paid off in the end. The memories of Vianney provided by the video yearbook club will stick with students forever.



Video Yearbook~ John Lawler, Josh Piontek, Dan Paradoski, Michael Johnson, Brian Callanan, Kurt Schneider, Jeff Borgers, Kyle Weber.

That's Camera-MAN to you!~ Here comes sophomore Jerry Cavanaugh doing busy work for the video yearbook. "I

love the camera, and the camera loves me," said Cavanaugh. "We all know there is no film in this camera."



The camera is your friend~ Anthony Granda captures the track team at work. "This year was really great for me. I was all over taking pictures for the club, and I had

a lot of fun," said Granda. Mr. Stevison estimated that the photo club took four and a half to five thousand pictures this year.

Photo Club

by Dustin Davis

Snap! The shutters click as the film captures memories of the Griffins. This is just another day in the life of the photo club.

"This year we had some experienced photographers who were willing to go out and get some great pictures," said Mr. Stevison, club moderator. All year long, the photo club focused on picture taking and developing. The students worked hard in the lab with Stevison all year.

Even with this experience, the club welcomed students who wanted to learn about photography. For example, Freshman Dave Rogers never had any experience

in photography, but he dedicated himself to learning the trade along with several other freshmen. "I came in knowing nothing, but now I can take pretty good pictures," said Rogers. "They taught me everything I know."

At Vianney sporting events, dances, and special occasions, club members captured fellow Griffins in their finest moments. In fact, it was hard to go anywhere without seeing a camera. This dedication proved the club members' desire to better themselves as photographers. "Photography is like anything else," said Stevison, "the more you practice, the better you get."



Photo Club~ Michael Johnson, Mike Cohen, Dan Riordon, Jeff Borgers, Joe Haman, Anthony Granda, Dave Rogers, Matt Guillot, Mike Kremer, Scott Moore, the proud members of the Photo Club.

Speech and Debate

I am ALWAYS right!— Matt Smith and Dave Rogers discover that things can get a little out of hand when two egos

clash. Smith won a fourth place trophy for his efforts in L.D. debate. "But I am gooder than Matt," said Rogers.



by Matt Smith

"If you're not embarrassed, you aren't doing it right," said Mr. Craig Maxwell, speech and debate team coach. In its first year, the team held its ground with all of the top teams in the area. Members learned firsthand the competitive nature of public speaking by "just jumping into it with very little experience," said Maxwell.

Mr. Maxwell started the group in November, and over the next five months of competition, team members discovered a whole new world. Speech events ranged from reading passages to improvising. Debaters argued their cause in two events: Lincoln-Douglas and policy debates. Lincoln-Douglas debaters argued value and principle, while policy debaters argued foreign, domestic and political policies. "For policy debate we had to carry huge bins of information. With all the teams at our meets

with their bins, it sometimes looked like an airport," said Tom Barnowski.

The team seemed to have fun and learned a lot. No member of the Griffin team had ever participated in high school speech and debate before this year, but that didn't stop them from thoroughly enjoying themselves. In fact, having a good time seemed to produce positive results. "All the other teams came in all serious, but we were real relaxed and it proved the key to our success," said Devin McCart.

Their first meet at Pattonville High School was rocky, but as they learned more, success followed. As the year progressed, they became better with every meet. Like a stone rolling down a hill, they seemed to continuously gather momentum. I guess a stone might have a little trouble with that whole public speaking thing though.



Nice tubs— Tom Barnowski gets in a policy debate-style workout. "For policy debate we had to carry these big tubs full of information. With all

the teams at our meets carrying bins, at times it looked like an airport," said Tom Barnowski. Note: Tom Barnowski has never been to an airport before.



Speech and Debate Team—First Row: Kevin Roach, Nick Hildreth, Matt Cohen, John Smith, Chris Soer. **Second Row:** Matt Smith (president), Matt Unger, Nick Roth, Dave Rogers (secretary), Joe Haman. **Third Row:** Scott Marquart, Greg Bennett (vice-president), Glen Frei, Tom Barnowski, Chris Schneider, Devin McCart (historian), John Fuerst.



Hey Coach— Mr. Craig Maxwell, coach of the speech and debate team, made an impression in and out of the classroom this year. "At one of our meets, this girl was flirting with him because she thought he was a student," said Greg Bennett.

Student Council

by Greg Bennett

More fans at sporting events, great dances, better pep rallies, and high ambitions sum up the year for STUCO. Since the beginning of the year, STUCO sought to make improvements, improvements in school spirit and improvements in STUCO itself.

First of all, dances became bigger and better. "Homecoming was the overall biggest improvement," said STUCO President Ed Lewandowski. In fact, the "Intergalactic" Homecoming was the best attended dance in years. In addition, for the first time in years, STUCO was able to successfully hold a winter dance at Vianney. The "retro" theme for the dance produced some groovy polyester outfits.

Pep rallies also experienced a boost. Who could forget the spring sports pep rally featuring the student-faculty basketball game? The teachers almost won

the game until the seniors unleashed their secret weapon: Elijah Mohammed, a.k.a. Jake Wilson. He helped the students come back and win on a dramatic last minute bucket by Tim Rhame. STUCO also put on a great Spirit Week and Homecoming pep rally featuring Vianney's version of the Hollywood Squares. "I see de bubbles. I see de bubbles," became an overnight sensation.

School spirit at sporting events rose to new heights thanks to STUCO. The Griffin faithful provided a definite home court advantage for their teams. All members of the Vianney family chipped in their support. "The freshmen had excellent school spirit," said Lewandowski. STUCO's efforts to pump up the school and make students aware of games were essential.

The Vianney family thanks the members of STUCO for all their hard work throughout the year.

I laugh at the thought~ Justin Naber laughs as the hypnotist prepares to hypnotize him during Spirit Week. "I told him, 'you must be crazy to think I can be hypnotized,'" said Naber.

I told you I was an Alien~ Jason Lee displays his true self after being hypnotized. "It was like I knew what I was doing, but I couldn't stop," said Lee. STUCO made every day a good time during Spirit Week.



Senior STUCO~ Justin Cutter, Eric Suda, President Ed Lewandowski, Matt Allen.



Sophomore STUCO~ Adam Gorecki, President Matt Ronzio, Rob Sedlak, Mike Leveque.



Junior STUCO~ Mark Friederich, Tom Marschner, President Nick Beck, Adam Byrne.



Freshman STUCO~ Andy Luesse, Tom Vehige, President Jeff Miller, Greg Irwin, Tim Sedlak.

STUCO Elect

by Dan Schoenig

The elections for next year's student council featured some surprises. Two future class presidents, Freshman Mike Sheppard and Junior Matt Brayfield, were elected to STUCO for the first time, a rare occurrence at Vianney.

After three years of school with no STUCO experience, Matt Brayfield of the class of 2000 was elected STUCO President by the entire student body in a race against vice-presidents Nick Beck, Adam Byrne, and Tom Marschner. "When I learned I was one of the

final four, I was extremely nervous, anxious, and honored to even be running against the others," said Brayfield. "When I found that I had won, I was in a class with a lot of my friends going crazy and celebrating. We will work together to make it a good year for the seniors and a great year for everyone at Vianney."

With every newly elected STUCO member focused on getting all Griffins involved in raising spirit and making our years here memorable, next school year promises to be a great one.



STUCO 2000~ Tom Cowley, Greg Irwin, Tom Marschner, Nick Beck, President Matt Brayfield, Mike Sheppard, Matt Ronzio, Adam Byrne, Mick Henderson, Jeff Miller, Mike Leveque. **Not Pictured:** Rob Sedlak.



Our fearless leader on the job.~ STUCO president Ed Lewandowski takes a break from his many duties. "I was sleeping in a mini-van going to the airport for Washington D.C. I didn't know they took the picture," said Lewandowski.

Center of attention~ Vice-President Justin Cutter escorts his date, Tara Moriarty at Homecoming. "It was a successful homecoming. We beat CBC and school spirit went way up," said Cutter.

Band

by Chris Hart

Imagine that you have to get up on stage and perform in front of parents, teachers, and future students. Well, there are Griffins who are expected to do this from week to week for almost the entire year. These brave souls are members of Vianney's band.

The band played an essential role in representing our school and displaying Vianney spirit. For example every varsity home football and basketball game featured their crowd-moving tunes. "I think the band performed well. We showed dedication, too. Most every member of the band showed up at every

football and basketball game. We have improved," said band member Tony Rich.

An acclaimed performance at the Winter Concert marked one of the band's biggest accomplishments. "We worked hard and had a good time," said Brian Bradley.

The direction of Mr. Neyer and the band performing as a unit keyed success. "The band gained a lot of new members, and we blended well together, not to mention the great senior leadership," said Jason Lee. "It was an awesome year. One of the band's best ever," said Dan Chibnall.



Saxes~ First Row: Joe Seibel, Dave Rogers, Ben Asinger, Dan Malone, Jeff Henderson, Adam Ehrlich. **Second Row:** Casey Matthews, John Svoboda, Ryan Celeslie, Adam Swenson, Matt Boka. **Third Row:** John Brown, Anthony Clements, Pat Amador, Tony Erb.



Percussion~ First Row: Sam Reinhardt, Tim Welby, Tim Townsend, Doug Wlodarek, Alex Chekoudjian. **Second Row:** Tom Appelbaum, Bill Jackson, Greg Santacruz, Chris Eckstein.



Trumpets~ First Row: Mike Asinger, Chris Soer, Paul Freiling, Marty Andrews. **Second Row:** Adam Sahaída, Mark Fratto, Ed Kinghorn, Carl Berger, John Grana, Nick Eckstein. **Third Row:** Brandon Uhl, Rob Ryan, Matt Grothoff, Bob Parr, Ben Barnett, Zach Best.



Clarinets~ First Row: Jason Nigro, Floyd Blackwell, Clay Mark, Josh Piontek. **Second Row:** Nick Roth, Matt Trager, Brian Bradley, Mike McGovern, Joe Shannon.



Bass~ First Row: Brad Gross, Joe Powderly, Dan Chibnall, Jason Lee, Eric Nauman. **Second Row:** John Poertner, Chris Hartman, Don Harris, Tom Schwartz, Matt Howard, Ben Sanders. **Third Row:** Don Buehler, Steve Longo, Mike Bradley, Tony Rich, Mike Metzger, Ryan Townsend, Nick Grillo.



Blowing away~ Clay Mark shows his talents during open house. "I think we played our best and represented our school well," said Ryan Townsend.

How Professional~ The concert band plays like the pros at the Winter Concert. "We worked hard and had a good time," said Brian Bradley.



It Sounds Like Music~ Clarinet players Floyd Blackwell, Josh Piontek, and Jason Nigro play at rehearsal for the Winter Concert. "It was fun; we just went up there and played our best," said Ryan Celeslie.

Smooth Sliding~ Trombone players Dan Chibnall, Matt Howard, Tom Schwartz and Steve Longo toot their horns at the Winter Concert. "We played extremely well, and I was happy with my performance that night," said Steve Longo.



Chess Team

by Bob Houchin

Over the last thirty years, few teams in the state or nation have dominated as consistently as Vianney's chess team. "When you really think about our success, it's no mystery," said Coach Ed Baur. "It's the boys' constant commitment. Any free time they get, they are always in here playing and playing. They are always working to get better."

After losing two of their best players to graduation, the Griffins appeared somewhat vulnerable at the beginning of the year. They dispelled all thoughts of a disappointing season, however, by winning four tournaments and placing second in the other. In league play, they impressed everyone with a second-place finish and a successful run in the playoffs. "We always have been able to dominate in all phases of competition," said Team Captain Tom Jackson. "It's never just a few guys winning. The whole team is successful. That's what happens when you work hard as a team. You are able to accomplish your goals."

Following the completion of the regular season, the team began to

focus on their greatest challenge of the year: they wanted to win Vianney's tenth state championship. Going into the contest, they seemed obvious favorites to win it all. After three rounds and seven agonizing hours, the team managed to claw its way into second place. With only one round left to play, they needed to make up a single point to seal another state title. Unfortunately fate was not on the Griffins' side that day. Despite outstanding efforts by Junior Tony Rich and Freshman Matt Kinghorn, the team placed a respectable sixth. "There is nothing to be ashamed of," said Baur. "We played a great tournament. We just had one bad round. This team played their guts out all season long, and they know in their hearts how good they truly are."

What the Griffins lacked at state, they made up for in the National Tournament. There, the under 1300 (rating) team placed 21st and the under 1000 team placed third, the best the team has ever finished before. The under 1000 team was led by Sophomore Nick Knobbe, who took fifth in the nation.



Varsity Chess~ First Row: Tim Crawford, Dave Curran, Anton Ho, Matt Gibbs, Joe Spezia, Tom Jackson, Ryan Gritzke, Nick Knobbe, Mike Kremer, Assistant Coach Mark Murphy. **Second Row:** Head Coach Ed Baur, Anthony Granda, Ryan McSpadden, Jim Howard, Mike Ross, Ryan Celeslie, Bob Houchin, Luis Lightle, Adam Fiock. **Third Row:** Adam Weatherby, Ed Kinghorn, Kevin Gritzke, Andy Schmitz, Tony Rich, Glenn Frei, Alan Bauer, Matt Bruns.

Where did that come from?~ Kevin Gritzke is stunned in the match against Alton. Vianney defeated Alton 19.5 to 10.5. "It was over before it started."



Checkmate ~ Tom Jackson plans out his game-winning move against Alton. Vianney won the match 19.5 to 10.5. "Everyone thought that we were going to have an off year because we lost a lot of good players, but we proved otherwise," said Jackson.



Just warming up~ Andrew Schmitz practices against Mike Kremer just before a big match. "I love whipping up on underclassmen," he said.

Playing by the numbers~ Mr. Baur plays multiple Vianney reserves while the varsity team battles another school. "I just try to keep them on their toes," said Baur.



Freshman Chess~ **First Row:** Head Coach Ed Baur, Matt Kinghorn, Marty Andrews, Matt Schultheiss, Chris Hart, Ben Cox, Assistant Coach Mark Murphy. **Second Row:** Steve Curran, Alex Whelchel, Dave Rodgers, Nick Frei.

Scoreboard

Tournaments		
Gateway League	2nd	
Belleville	1st	
Chaminade	1st	
Westminister	1st	
Parkway South	1st	
State	6th	
Nationals:		
1000-1300	21st	
Under 1000	3rd	
Vianney	Opponent's Score	
30	Burroughs	0
12	Parkway North	18
22	Parkway South	8
30	Valley Park	0
22	DeSmet	8
22	Burroughs	8
19	Parkway North	11
24	Parkway South	6
22	Valley Park	8
30	DeSmet	0
19.5	Alton	10.5
12	Parkway West	18

Art Club

by Bob Houchin and Jim Howard

The art club is an organization that allows students a chance to expand their horizons of creativity and enhance their understanding of the visual arts. Members learn to expand their minds by exploring their imaginations and creating works foreign to their normal art classes. "Being a member has taught me to be more expressive in all of my works," said Tim Masterson.

Quite possibly the most well-known artist at school this year was senior Tom Young. For many people, he was the first person associated with the art club. The reason for his fame was quite simple. One could not pass down a hall without stumbling upon his work. Every time you saw a homecoming, trifacta, or letterman's club shirt, you were actually staring at one of his masterpieces. For the last several years, Tom served as Vianney's main T-shirt designer.

Another senior whose work adorned the halls was Kevin Gritzke, or KAG for those familiar to his work. His *Link from Zelda* pictures were his most famous

creations.

Ready to assume leadership next year are the talented John Lawler and James Howard. Lawler's best work this year was the Terran Marine fighting the Zerg Hydralisk depiction. Howard specialized in graphic medieval pictures as well as outer space illustrations.

More students joined the continually growing club this year, but that was not the only thing increasing. The talent of the veteran artists improved with every meeting. With additional members, the club was able to provide a larger service to the school. When not attending to their own individual projects, the group came together to generate signs for an assortment of upcoming games and activities.

Whether it meant creating posters for events or just hanging paintings on the hallway walls, the art club served a vital purpose. They kept the school informed, and created a better atmosphere. Most importantly, "We had a fun time doing it," said Alex Whelchel.

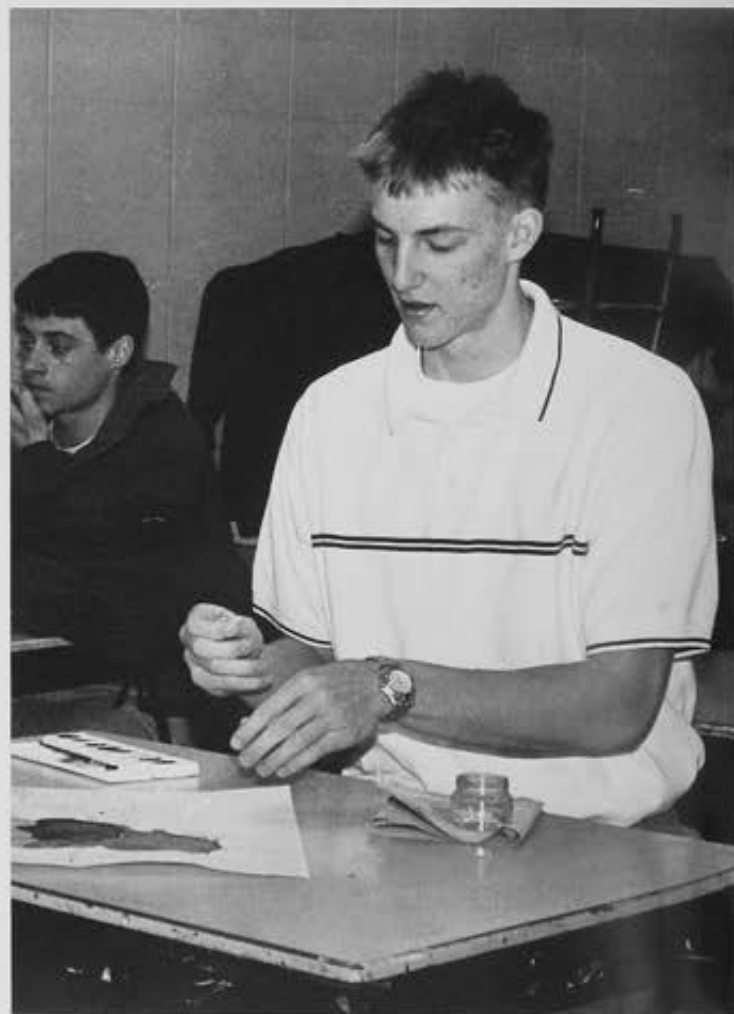


Art Club~ First Row: Ms. Colleen Judge, Kyle Anderson, Alex Whelchel, Tim Townsend, Tony Schmitt, Kevin King, Tom Marschner, Russ Kopp, Jack Schurk, Matt Koeper. **Second Row:** Ryan Weber, Scott Moore, Mark Jerden, Jim Howard, John Lawler, Tim Peniston, Pete Buncher, Tim Masterson, Brad Gross. **Third Row:** Derek Auer, Jeff Wosman, Tim Bottchen, Mike Seper, Tom Gathard, Adam Byrne, Kirk Barron, Ben Dietrich, Jeff Weishaar, Dan Riordan.

Working their fingers to the bone~ Tim Peniston works on a cartoon for the art club. "The cartoon was fun. Art is all about sprucing and shading," said Peniston.

"We're not posing, honest."~ Tim Bottchen and Jeff Wosman work diligently on their art. "Being part of the art club was cool; I had a lot of fun," said Wosman.

Preparation for a ritual~ Life Campers prepare to shave Mike Schwent's head. "I just got out of the pool, and these girls wanted to shave my head," said Schwent. "I told them my mom would kill me."



LIVE

by Scott Moore

During the second week of August, six Vianney students and Ms. Nichols boarded a plane and headed to LIFE camp. There, students took the time to reunite their spirits with God. After the experience, they found themselves full of happiness, faith, and the Holy Spirit.

When the Vianney contingent (plus one girl from St. Joseph's Academy) gathered at the airport before takeoff, no one knew much about one another. This situation changed dramatically over the course of the following week.

When they arrived at the camp site in San Antonio, the boys discovered their bunks were located "off-campus." This meant they were able to have a great time staying up until one in the morning. Unfortunately, waking up at

seven kind of put a damper on things.

Every day, there was mass, meditation, and recreation time. At night, they enjoyed gazing at the stars, dancing, listening to music, and basically doing whatever they wanted.

As the week progressed, the Vianney group came to know each other and became friends. They also came to know other people from all over the United States.

Although LIFE camp ended, the spirit of the experience lasted all year in the Vianney youth group, LIVE. The LIVE group has volunteered their time to help serve food to the less fortunate. They also have meetings almost every Wednesday to help spread their experiences to others. Overall, they had a very successful year.



LIVE~ First Row: Steve Longo, Scott Moore, Aaron Costello. **Second Row:** Mike Schwent, Matt Howard, Mark Archambeault, Josh Piontek, Ms. Nichols.

Truth or Dare?~ Aaron Costello gets his head shaved because of a dare at Life Camp. "I was dared by all the girls to shave my head. I was having so much fun, I figured, why not?" said Aaron.

National Honor Society

by John Smith

On a cold fall night, students from local high schools gathered at Vianney to visit with representatives from many colleges throughout the nation. The National Honor Society helped in the setting up and taking down of the different tables that were used by the representatives. Most agreed that the event was a huge success. The night turned out to not only be informative, but also fun. Without the help of the NHS, this would not have been possible.

At the end of the night, after the gym was clean and the representatives had left, the volunteers had just one more mess to clean. The representatives from the colleges had left mounds of food which the volunteers were more than happy to finish.

This was just one of the events put on by the society. The NHS also helped in Vianney's Open House, which a record number of grade school students attended. Members helped as tour guides for Open House, explaining the school to the parents and children in attendance. This type of dedication formed the basis of the NHS.

Requirements for entrance into the society are scholarship, leadership, character, and service. These students impressively met not only the academic requirements, but also the needed service requirements of this elite group. In their service to the Vianney community this year, the NHS proved what dedicated students can accomplish and served as role models for the underclassmen.



NHS Seniors~ Pat Amador, Tom Antonacci, Ben Barnett, Zach Best, Matt Boka, Brian Bradley, Nick Burns, Brian Callanan, Dan Chibnall, Tom Christoffel, Mike Cohen, Nick Cornwell, Gerald Eidson, Steve Hawf, Nick Hildreth, Bob Houchin, Matt Howard, Mark Ilko, Mike Kirchoff, Brian Kohlberg, Chris Krajacic, Karl Laschober, Jason Lee, Ed Lewandowski, Tony Matchett, Mike McGovern, Jason Michael, Mike Mulvihill, Justin Naber, John Nanna, Tim Nix, Tim O'Donnell, Mike Paradoski, Matt Pross, Mike Sarli, Bryan Sauder, Kurt Schneider, Chris Schulte, Brian Schwarze, Eric Suda, Matt Tabash, Andy Valenta, Joe Voss, Marty Walsh, Pat Walsh, Jeff Weishaar, Todd Wilkes, Jake Wilson, Brad Wunderlich.



NHS Juniors~ Tom Barnowski, Nick Beck, Adam Byrne, Richard Bueltmann, Keith Costello, Nick Dower, Nick Eckstein, Steve Emmett, Jim Feicht, Glen Frei, Nick Grillo, Ryan Gritzke, Jon Haarmann, Chris Hartman, Joe Havermann, Justin Kleffner, Karl Krekeler, Josh Lashley, Steve Longo, Dan Malone, Tom Marschner, Bryan McMahan, Nathan Michael, Chris Natsch, Adam Ochanicky, Mike Pelech, Josh Piontek, Tom Powers, Anthony Rich, Chris Rocchio, Nick Roth, Brian Scheman, Nick Schneeberger, Matt Schneider, Matt Schuessler, Anthony Scotino, Josh Smith, Chris Soer, Jeff Wosman, Mark Zieres.



A Great Honor~ Junior Nick Grillo works his way through the line of handshakes. "I think this was one of the proudest moments of my life," said Grillo.



Way to go, guys~ Principal Larry Keller delivers his comments to the new inductees into the NHS. "The National Honor Society Convocation is a time to celebrate excellence, and each member and new inductee represents the best that St. John Vianney High School has to offer," said Keller.



Active Members~ Tom Antonacci, Brian Bradley, Craig Bussen, Bob Caldwell, Brian Callanan, Kevin Cassa, Nick Cornwell, Dan Domagalski, Adam Ehrlich, Gerry Eidson, Dan Friederich, Dustin Hatcher, Tracy King, Brian Kolhberg, Tony Matchett, Mike Paradoski, Rudy Rudolph, Craig Schoelch, Matt Tabash, Keith Van de Riet



New Members~ Mike Bradley, Aaron Costello, Chris Hartman, Tom Jackson, Brian McMahan, Chris Natsch, Greg Oberbeck, Adam Ochonicky, Matt Pross, Adam Ratkewicz, Terry Richards, Nick Riek, Matt Schneider, Matt Smith, Steve Solovic, Adam Weatherby, Jeff Wosman.



One of us~ Mr. Charlie Eisele proudly welcomes senior Carl Hatcher to the National Honor Society.

Spanish Honor Society

by Matt Smith

Charity and good work served as the emphasis of Vianney's 1998-1999 La Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica. The club sponsored a Guatemalan boy, collected money for AIDS awareness, and held a bake sale to benefit Marianist Missions and the local organization of Support Dogs for the Handicapped. "We just try to help out organizations that don't get a lot of attention or help. We want to be different," said Club President Brian Kohlberg.

The club brought an awareness

of Hispanic values and culture to other members of the school and community. The club was established in 1982 and dubbed the Capitulo Don Quixote. Members in the society maintained an A average, and were second year Spanish students continuing into their third year of language study. This year seventeen juniors and seniors were initiated into the organization, making the total membership 37 for the '98-'99 school year. "I really like the cool patch we got!" said new member Adam Ochinicky.

FBLA

by Ed Lanfer

Have you ever wondered how the successful business people of today ever got started? Well, the Future Business Leaders of America program is one place. This organization allows students to learn, practice, and compete in their respective fields. We have had an excellent program for years and have sent many students to the state finals. This year was no exception. "The boys did great this year. I was really proud of all of them," said Mr. Hall.

The team traveled to Meramec this year to compete in the district championships. There, they qualified for state with great per-

formances. Anthony Scotino, Nick Cornwell, Dan Friederich, Mark Errante, Aaron Hook, and Nick Hildreth all went to the state finals.

The finals took place in Columbia, and everyone did well. Tony Scotino, Dan Friederich, and Nick Cornwell all placed in the top ten in their respective fields. "It was a really cool trip. We got to go out of town and meet lots of people outside of school," said Anthony Scotino.

All club members were happy with this year's results. Hopefully next year Vianney's tradition of success will continue.



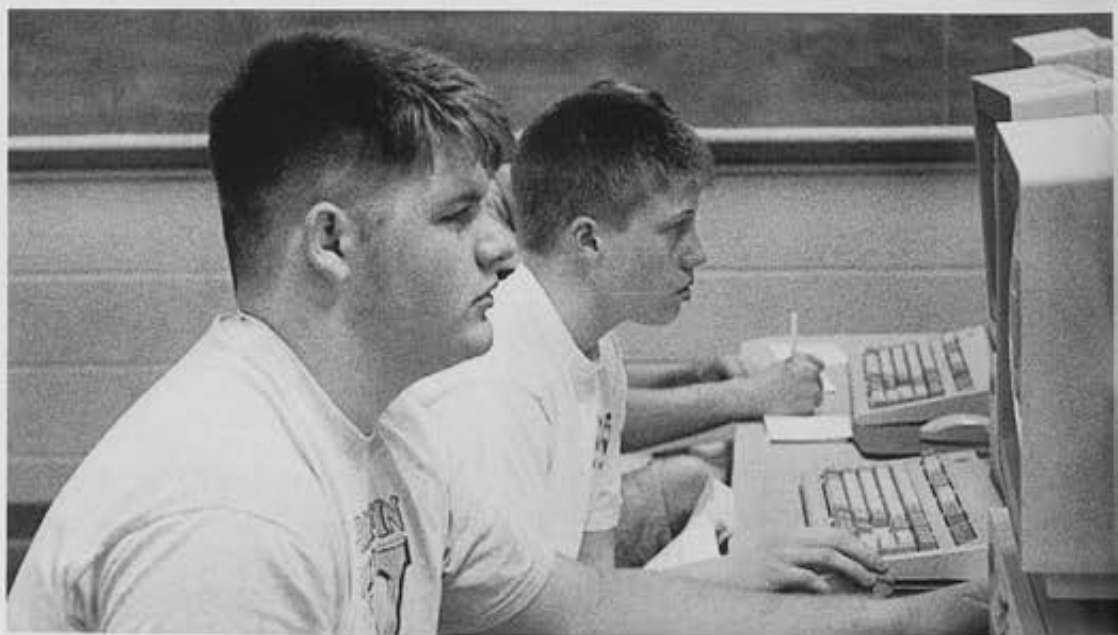
Future Business Leaders of America— **First Row:** Richard Hutson, Tim O'Donnell, Mark Gadell, Nick Hildreth, Josh Lashley, Todd Wilkes, Scott Pinkowski. **Second Row:** Darnik Sabada, Kevin Brockmeyer, Mike Cohen, Nick Cornwell, Adam Bryne, Aaron Frei, Aaron Hook, Kevin Casso, Tom Welby, Dave Bleitner. **Third Row:** Paul Zerkel, Kevin Gerth, Anthony Scotino, Marty Walsh, Mark Errante, Dan Friederich, Mike Paradoski, Brian Callanan, Steve Solovic, Tom Barnowski, Mark Zieres.



Deep in thought— Allister Dueker contemplates a lesson from Mr. Hall. Several FBLA members competed in the state finals in Columbia.

The proper guidance— Mr. Hall helps Tom Echterhoff with an FBLA problem. "I was really proud of them all," said Mr. Hall.

Call them 'Sir'— Chris Steffan and Greg Gaudet, two of Vianney's future business leaders, work on the computer. FBLA introduces them to the necessary skills to compete successfully in the business world.



Lettermen's Club

by Chris Jeep

What do "Toys for Tots," the American Red Cross, and the Vianney Athletic Department have in common? Vianney's Lettermen's Club connects all three in a positive way by helping the less fortunate. This year, one of the club's most successful, the Lettermen collected over \$6,000 for charity.

"I enjoy seeing young men grow into mature young men through service and responsibility," said Co-Moderator Mr. Rhame. At Vianney, Griffins proved willing to share their money and spirit with many

other organizations and people. This year they held several events to raise money and provide service. Events included the blanket drive, the first ever Lift-a-thon, and two Red Cross blood drives. These are just a few ways the club helps the community.

This year was the first year for the Lift-a-thon, which featured 34 contestants and raised money for the Athletic Department. This year's blanket drive also met with success by collecting 72 blankets and \$2,000 dollars in contributions.

The club served as a model for Griffin ideals throughout the year.



Lettermen's Club~ First Row: Eric Suda, Bobby Slyman, Tim Goede, Tim Rhame, Ben Faser, Brian Kohlberg, Sal Frisella, Mike Willick, Jason Michael. **Second Row:** Gerry Eidson, Matt Tabash, Mike Mulvihill, Dan Schou, Bob Caldwell, Marty Walsh, Kurt Schneider, Mr. Rhame. **Third Row:** Nick Hildreth, Jeff Pieschel, Chris Krajacic, Bryan Sauder, Tom Long, Brian Callanan, Mike Paradowski, T.J. Powers. **Fourth Row:** Tim O'Donnell, Nick Cornwell, Adam Ratkewicz, Steve Emmett, John Smith, Adam Ochonicky, Tom Barnowski, Matt Schneider, Matt Smith. **Fifth Row:** Joe Voss, Tom Marschner, Tim Peniston, Jeff Malone, Devin McCart, Dan Naumann, Brian Bradley, Ryan Townsend. **Sixth Row:** Nick Beck, Jeff Wosman, Ricky Bueltmann, Mike Mayer, Matt Schuessler, Adam Gorecki, Ryan Durban. **Seventh Row:** Adam Byrne, Mark Zieres, Craig Bussen, Mike Mesko, Chris Rocchio, Greg Horan, Jeff Kohlberg. **Not Pictured:** Bob Houchin



Going~Looking and acting their best, Lettermen's Club members prepare to share their generosity with the less fortunate. **Going**~Club members compete to see who can carry more blankets. **Gone**~They finally got it loaded; they just hope our van will start.

Bridge Building

by Tom O'Connell

"We, who are about to collapse, salute you," the PA announces every year in both the fall and the spring. This motto means only one thing around Vianney High School: it's bridge-building time.

Finalists came together in the gym during December and May to exhibit the skills they had learned in Engineering Drawing class. The students had to follow very precise requirements. The two-foot, ten-inch-to-three-foot structures could not exceed the weight of 240 grams. The winner was determined by the maximum load that the bridge could hold minus any deduction for the bridge being overweight. The glue could only extend .5" from each joint to prevent overeager students from "painting" their bridges with glue.

The bridges that held at least 50 pounds in the preliminary competition were stretched to their limits before the anxious crowds assembled in the gym. As each weight was added, the students gasped to see how the structures would hold under the pressure. Of the 28 entries from the first semester's Engineering Drawing class, Tim Bottchen's architectural marvel held the most weight at 110 lbs. His design was an engineering masterpiece that the others simply could not match. In the second semester, Andrew Hennis and Derek Auer tied for first with each bridge holding 90 pounds. The competitors were challenged to surpass the current record held by the 1996 and 1997 winners, Charlie Croghan and Bryan Lind. Each of their bridges held 180 lbs.



Weighting in~ Sophomore Andrew Hennis lets his bridge do its work. He ended up tying Derek Auer with a weight of 90 pounds in the second semester. "I learned

a lot this semester with Mr. Farrell. He was a big reason for my success. I wasn't nervous competing, just relieved to get it done with," said Hennis.



Active learning~ Junior Matt Buck secures weight to his bridge hoping to break the school record. "I learned a lot this semester building my bridge and compet-

ing against everyone in my class. It was a real hands-on way to learn building skills," said Buck. The highest weight supported this year was 110 pounds.

Architecture Contest

By Devin McCart

What is architecture? An Architect is a chief worker, a master builder. Architecture is an art, a profession, or the science of design. All this is emphasized at Vianney in the architecture course. In this class, the students are introduced to a satisfying and creative profession of ideas and planning, of intelligent design, detailing and specification writing and finally, actual construction.

Hands-on teaching~ Mr. Farrell helps Quin Swederska secure his bridge entry between the two tables. "The competition is their final exam, 95% of their grade depends on how well they designed their bridge. And the other 5% depends on how much weight it supported," said Farrell.

Taught by only the best, Mr. Farrell, a great teacher who lets you work and listen to music without getting yelled at. There is a tradition every year in which the students are given a final project where they have to create their own detailed building and present it to a panel of judges. This year the students were given a project from the Mackey Mitchell Association of St. Louis. Their project was to create a clubhouse for the Ladue golf course. Each group was given specific criteria, which they had to follow. This gave the students an opportunity to actually see how it is really done. The class proved that the best way to learn is to "just do it."



All part of school~ The engineering drawing class listens to instructions for preparing their work for competition. Paul Wuennenerg, an architect from the firm of Mackey and Mitchell Associates, explains their assignment: designing a golf pro shop. "The creativity of their designs was amazing. I was very pleased with their effort," said Mr. Farrell.

Hard work pays off~ Tom Marschner, Erik Martin, and Keith Van de Riet display their winning architectural display. "There were so many great designs, the judges had a tough time determining the winner. They all paid attention well to instructions and it paid off in the end," said Mr. Farrell.



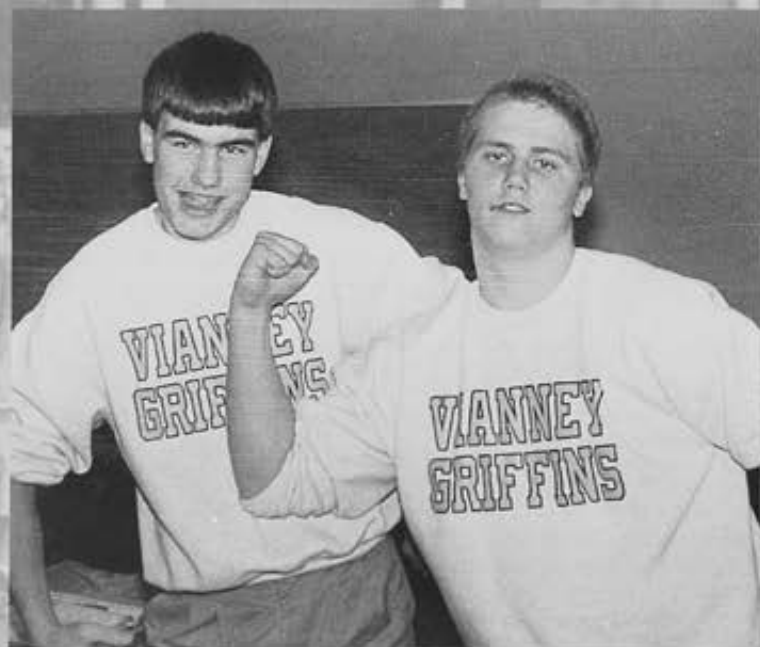
"I saw Mark McGwire at Chili's Restaurant." - Dan Lucas

"I went out for a pass in football, and my pants came down." - Dan Hunzeker

"I ran into Yasmine Bleeth at the baseball game" - Chris Hoglan

"I was caught scarfing down nachos at the Cardinal game on Fox Sports." - Chris Michael

"I won a Hawaiian dress-up contest (\$100)." - Mike Brannan



One of the Blue

Freshmen



Noel Abou-Nader
 Anthony Agliata
 Ryan Ahillen
 Philip Alles



Kyle Anderson
 Martin Andrews
 David Arbutti
 Benjamin Asinger



Ryan Auck
 Daniel Backer
 G. Brandon Basler
 Peter Baumgartner



Thomas Beckett
 Brian Benson
 Gregory Berger
 Brett Bergersen



Freshmen Matt Heineck and Pat Martchink walk into the future on their first day at Vianney.





Joshua Bergman
Jason Berra
Alex Bias
Zachary Bodine
Michael Brannan

Matthew Brightman
Ryan Broekelmann
John Brown
Christopher Bruns
Dennis Buchheit

Michael Buchheit
Mike Bueltmann
Peter Buncher
Michael Burke
Matthew Burlison

David Castro
Matthew Cohen
Nicolas Coliccho
Thomas Cowley
Christopher Cox



First Day of School

by Tom O'Connell

Tuesday, August 18th, 1998 was the first day of school for the Griffins of the Class of 2002. The 217 anxious freshmen were welcomed with a brief thunderstorm as they arrived carrying shirts and ties for class pictures. Several students in the class were overheard saying they would be dead if the tie their dad had knotted were to come undone.

Members of the senior class

The freshman class poses in front of the Griffin statue, a first day ritual.

were in attendance to help the clueless new Griffins make their way around the building. The class was divided into groups for orientation and picture-taking. Then, they walked through their schedules and were taught Griffin cheers by the upperclassmen. Finally, everyone reassembled for lunch provided by the award-winning Griffin Cafe. Having made it through their first day, the freshmen were dismissed to find that the sun had returned and that they were now officially the newest members of the Vianney family.

David Craft
 Wade Croghan
 Stephen Curran
 Andrew Dacey
 Anthony Dacey



Trevor Davenport
 Alan Denk, Jr.
 Chris Divincen
 Daniel Dolan
 Kevin Driskill



Jesse Drury
 Matthew Duchek
 Stephen Dudak
 Matthew Dudley
 Ryan Earley



Thomas Echterhoff
 Nicholas Egan
 Frank (Matt) Eschmann
 Nicholas Favier
 Brian Feldmann



Mr. Leassner delivers another great speech to one of his freshman English classes.



Fr. Cahill teaches outside the classroom.





Brian Felter
Ryan Finke
Jack Fleming
Michael Fletcher



Zachary Franz
Stephen Frei
John Fuerst
Justin Fuller



Eric Fultz
Nikolaus Gerner
Timothy Gilligan
George Gladis



Anthony Glass
Stephen Gloriod
Phillip Goedeker
Thomas Gordon



Favorite Freshmen Teachers

- #1 Fr. Cahill
- #2 Mr. Leassner
- #3 Mr. Glaser
- #4 Mr. Blee
- #5 Mr. K. Walsh
- #5 Mr. Luhning
- #6 Mr. Brennan



Mr. Glaser takes a brief break from molding his students.

Calvin Gorman
Nicholas Grasso
Mark Greaves
Stephen Grelle



Jonathon Grothoff
Timothy Guilfooy
Matthew Guillot
Joseph Haman



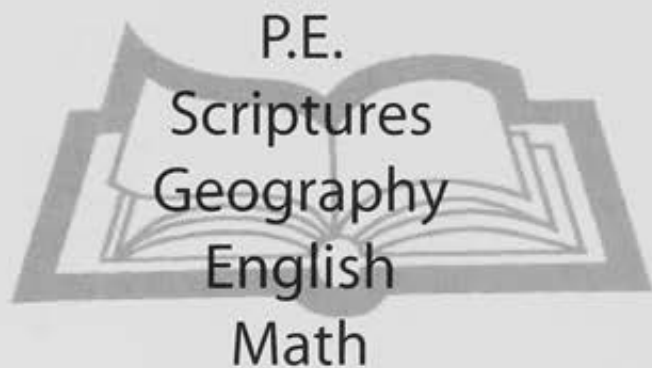
Joshua Hamilton
Steven Hamm
Christopher Hart
Matthew Heineck



Mark Helscher
James Hempen, Jr.
Brian Heying
Scott Hingle



Favorite Classes



Even the camera fails to distract Phil Alles.





Adam Hock
Christopher Hoglan
Nicholas Holmes
William Hosking
Steven Hromadka



Daniel Hunzeker
Gregory Irwin
Brent Jackson
David Jackson
Daniel Jones



Chris Kappel
Daniel Kelso
Jeremy Kijowski
Timothy Kilgore
Michael Killian



Kevin King
Matthew Kinghorn
Joshua Kleffner
Gregory Kleissle
Mike Klosterman

Block Schedule

by Dave Rogers
The four by four block schedule, instituted at Vianney in 1997, entered its second year, though to incoming freshmen it was entirely new. Most found the four eighty-five minute classes approximately twice as long as classes they had in grade school. The increased homework load also took some getting used to. As a result, freshmen were

easily recognizable at the beginning of the year; they were the ones with the blank expressions on their faces. Although many students complained about the length of the classes, they admitted that it was easier to have only four classes to focus on. Block scheduling is sure to be continued at Vianney as part of the school's ever changing forward momentum.

Calvin Gorman gives a presentation in scripture class.



Kyle Koblitz
 Matthew Koeper
 Timothy Koerber
 Matt Konczakowski
 Sean Kornmann



Marc Kramer
 David Larson
 Scott Laschober
 Gary Leal
 Joe Leiendecker



Bradley Lipic
 Jonathan Loehr
 Daniel Lucas
 Andrew Luesse
 Daniel Madigan



Patrick Martchink
 Bryan Martin
 Timothy Masterson
 Eric Matthes
 Jeremy Maue



Marco Kramer and Kevin King celebrate a job well done as magician's assistants during Spirit Week.

T.J. Signaigo shows great ambition on "50 years from now" day during Spirit Week.



Adam Maurath
Tyler May
Benjamin McCullough
Peter McDermott

Kevin McLearn
Timothy McMullen
Jeffrey Menne
Christopher Michael

Jeff Miller
David Minner
Eric Mues
Gary Nealon

Jason Nigro
Joseph Nolde
Tyler Nowell
Thomas O'Connell

First Homecoming

by Dave Rogers

In a year of firsts for the freshmen, this year's Homecoming really stood out. It allowed freshmen to take part in some of the best aspects of the Vianney experience for the first time. The festivities began with an unforgettable Spirit Week. The week's daily themes included outer space day, dress-like-your-favorite-teacher day, fifty-years-in-the-future day, and, of course, Black and Gold day. Strong freshman participation highlighted the week. The homecoming pep rally on Friday

included special guests Tom, Trish, and Jeff from 105.7 The Point morning show. The day also provided the freshmen with their first pep rally skit, a hilarious presentation of "Vianney Celebrity Squares." Most of the new Griffins stuck around that day to enjoy some barbecue provided by STUCO and to watch the football team thrash CBC. To top things off, the dance on Saturday marked the first time the class of 2002 put on their fancy clothes and took to the dance floor. Overall, Homecoming was a huge success and a great way to start off the Vianney experience for the freshmen.

Matt Guillot and Dave Rogers pose with their dates at the Homecoming dance while Matt Sikorski sneaks in.

Eric Oppelz
 Matthew Ortinau
 Chris Owens
 Ronald Pancer



Evan Pennycook
 Joseph Powderly
 Daniel Powers
 Michael Preis



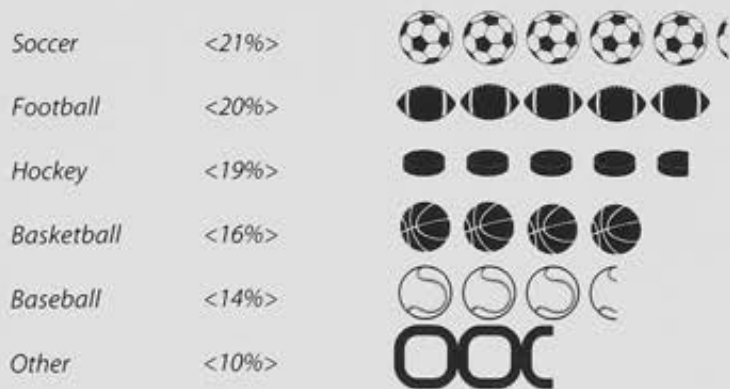
Philip Raineri
 Phillip Richardson
 Ryan Risk
 C. David Rogers



David L. Rogers
 Clayton Roth
 Ben Rudolph
 Kenneth Ruzicka



Favorite Freshman Sports



Teammates congratulate Gary Leal after his goal against Chaminade.



Kenneth Sanders
Bradley Saylor
John Schaefer
Brian Schaeffer
Chris Schneider

Matt Schultheiss
Timothy Schulze
John Schurk
Patrick Scovill
Jon Seagrass

Timothy Sedlak
Joseph Seibel
Matthew Seiter
Sean Sevem
Thomas Shaw

Andrew Shayne
Mike Sheppard
Sean Shortell
Douglas Sicking
Terrence Signaigo

A Step Up

by Tim Sedlak

August 18, 1998 marked the first day of high school for the class of 2002. Members of the class had to adjust themselves to an entirely new environment. They were no longer top dogs at their school. Instead, they were the low men on the totem pole. Despite their relatively low status, the vast majority of the freshmen seemed to favor high school to grade school. Tom Gordon said that he thought

high school was a lot easier than grade school because of block scheduling. He also thought high school food was much better. Nick Wilson agreed that high school was an improvement over grade school. He said, "I like it more because I get to meet a lot more people. I also think high school food is a lot better than grade school food." So whether it was the food, the classes, or the people, most freshmen seemed to agree that their step up was a step in the right direction.

Freshman STUCO. First Row: Tom Vehige and Greg Irwin. Second Row: Andy Luesse, Jeff Miller, and Tim Sedlak.

Matthew Sikorski
 Nicholas Simpher
 Marcus Smith
 Daniel Smith
 Steve Stanze



Michael St. Cin
 John Stegman
 Chris Straub
 Adam Striebel
 Mark Sucher



Nicholas Tobias
 Greg Topolski
 Tim Townsend
 Brandon Uhl
 Thomas Vehige



Michael Vocker
 Nicolas Wahlig
 James Walsh
 Patrick Walsh
 Jason Waters



Steve Gloriod really gets into his meditation.





Kyle Weber
Michael Weber
Timothy Welby
Ryan Welker



Andrew Werkmeister
Alex Whelchel
Matthew Willer
Nicholas Wilson



Ty Winkler
Douglas Wlodarek
Eric Wohlschlaeger
Jeffrey Wolf



Kevin Wucher
Scott Yackey

Not Pictured:

Vincent Baur
James Brenton
Michael Kowieski



Mike Bueltmann and Brian Benson scarf down their burgers on "Big Mac" day.

Freshmen Brian Felter, Adam Striebel, and Mark Sucher share their faith at the Thanksgiving prayer service.

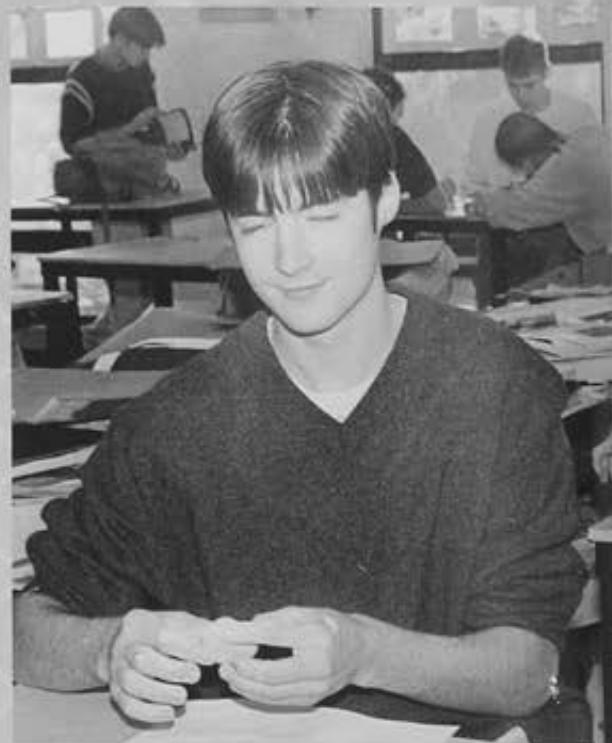
"During my freshman year, my class sang 'Happy Birthday' to me a day early." - Andrew Bakai

"A shark ran into me." - Ryan Wilhite

*"I pulled out of a parking lot in a golf cart, and a speeding car hit me."
- Michael Kremer*

"I almost burned down the house with a toaster oven." - Allister Dueker

"I was driving along when a wheel fell off, hit a tree, bounced back and hit my car." - Tyson Smith



Out of the Blue

Sophomores



Second Year Standouts

by Rob Sedlak

The class of 2001 had a sensational freshman year in '98. They displayed an unbelievable amount of school spirit and became an important part of the Vianey family. Although this first year was certainly exciting, sophomore year proved to be an even more enjoyable experience for most members of the class.

Matt Ronzio, president of the sophomore class, said, "I enjoyed sophomore year more than freshman year because I knew the

schedule better. I was also excited about the great STUCO we had in office. They made it a year to remember."

Sam Schuster had an easier time with school his second year. "I knew more people, and I was having more fun," he said. Nick Bono agreed, "I was more comfortable in my classes, and I enjoyed the environment more."

Hopefully, things will only get better for the class of 2001.

Sophomores Brendan Rogan and Sam Reinhardt enjoy the best part of school.



Kevin Arens
Michael Asinger
Andrew Atchison
Stephen Austin
Andrew Bakai



Thomas Bannister
Christopher Barnes
Alan Bauer
Nicholas Behnen
Carl Berger



Gary Berry
David Bleitner
Dominic Bono
Jeffery Borgers
Michael Bradley



Peter Brandt
Anthony Briscuso
Jason Brockmeyer
Kevin Brockmeyer
Matthew Bruns





Sam Schuster and Allister Dueker take a break from class.

Mike Johnson and Jeff Borgers pay a visit to Alumni Director Steve Kinstler.



Steven Campbell
Philip Caples



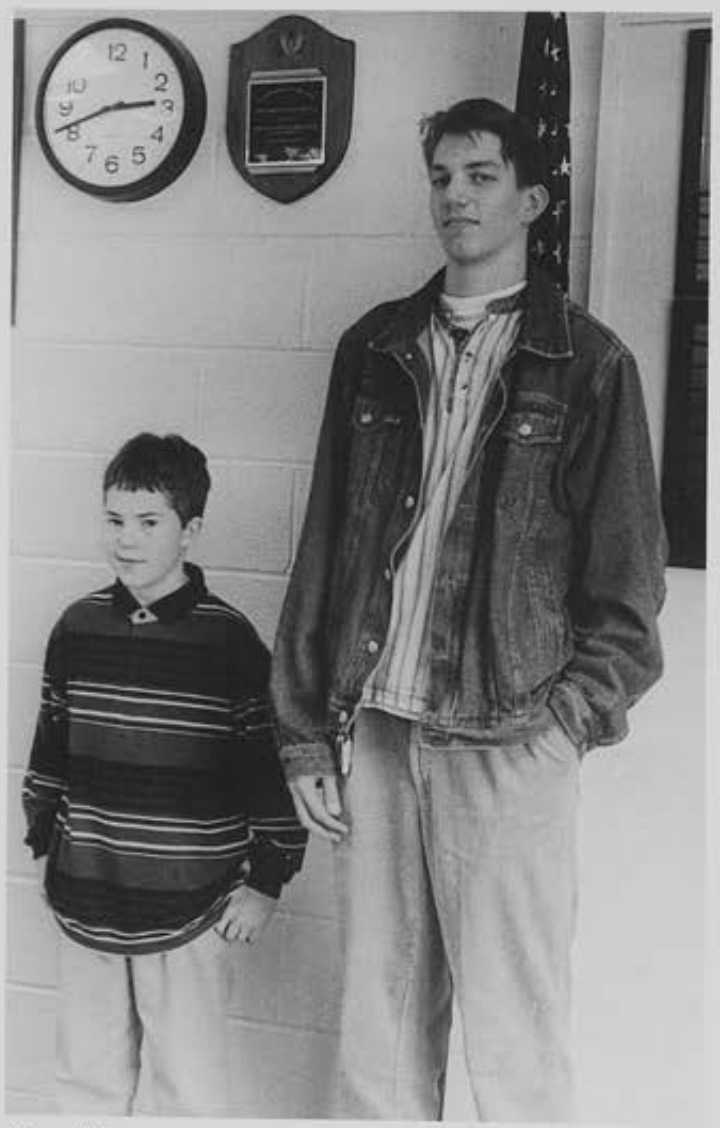
Jerry Cavanaugh
Andrew Cheatham



Anthony Clements
Andrew Craft



Kevin Crane
Timothy Crawford



What a difference a year makes! Freshman Dave Rodgers poses with Sophomore Matt Smith.

Sophomore Spirit

by Matt Ronzio

The Sophomore class was very unique this year. What set them apart was the great amount of spirit they displayed at every opportunity. At any given school event, one was sure to find a great number of sophomores present. Sophomore Steve Campbell defined spirit as "the pride we have in being Griffins. We show it by dressing up on Black and Gold days and by supporting our sports teams."

During Spirit Week it was made

clear that the sophomores could rival any other class when it came to school spirit. They showed it by participating in every theme day, especially Black and Gold day. At the pep rally in the fall, an award was given out to the most spirited person in each class. The winner in the sophomore class was Rob Sedlak. Commenting on the award Rob admitted, "This is a great honor for me to be awarded this. With all the spirit in this class, it must have been a tough decision."

Rob Sedlak and Matt Ronzio show their spirit at the Homecoming pep rally.



Paul Cullmann
Ryan Curry
Brett Dailey
Zachariah Dapron



Brian Dempewolf
Kevin Dieckmann
Jonathan Diestelkamp
Salvatore DiGregorio



Allister Dueker
Ryan Durban
Michael Durbin
Robert Eaves III



Joseph Ebert, Jr.
Thomas Eckert
Trevor Egan
Ryan Engelstad





Sam DiGregoria tells a "funny" joke to Darrik Sabada and Jon Schou.

Chris Perkowski and Dan Schiller display their war paint.



Anthony Erb
Christopher Favier
Matthew Filla
Adam Fiock
Charles Franz



Mark Fratto
Paul Freiling
Dominic Frisella
Matthew Fuhr
David Fuhrig



Brian Gabelsberger
Mark Gadell
Marciano Garcia, V
Gregory Gaudet
Mathew Gillick



David Gitto
Giovanni Glasscock
Eric Gordon
Adam Gorecki
John Gough, Jr.

License to Drive

by Matt Bruns

While most tests are universally dreaded, the driver's test seems to be the exception. Most sophomores turned sixteen this year. This meant they could get their license and not have to rely on mommy or daddy to cart them around. Being able to drive enabled them to take their dates out without having mom looking in the rearview mirror. It also gave them the freedom to just get up and go.

However, they took on more responsibility as well. Kevin Crane complained, "Having a license can

be more fun than it is worth. First I have to get my license plate. Second, I don't always have my own car. And, I have to get a job to pay for the ridiculous insurance and gas." Although driving included these drawbacks, most believed it was worth the work. "Despite having to be a chauffeur for your friends, driving is great because you can go to Jack in the Box or go out on your own," commented Rob Sedlak. Getting a driver's license was one of the biggest thrills of sophomore year.

Marciano Garcia and Tim Crawford proudly display their licenses.



John Grana
Anthony Granda
Andrew Greminger
Bradley Gross
Mindaugas Gudenas



Jason Haar
Andrew Hamilton
Donal Harris
Anthony Hartman
Aaron Harwood



John Heet
Andrew Henderson
Shane Henderson
Andrew Hennis
Jonathan Higgs



Anton Ho
Matthew Hornsey
James Howard
Jason Hrdlicka
Jeffrey Huffman



Kevin Arens shows off his license and his profile.

Sophs' Favorite Cars

- #1 Corvette
- #2 Jeep
- #3 BMW
- #4 Hummer
- #5 Viper



Ryan Durban and John Gough chill in the Cafe.



Mr. Eisele and Rob Sedlak discuss the very important subject of chicken wings.

Richard Hutson
William Jackson

Michael Jansen
Chris Jeep

Mark Jerden
Michael Johnson

Paul Kahle
J. Guy Kehoe

Working Griffins

by Bill Jackson

For many, sophomore year marked the beginning of a life-time of responsibilities. One of the most important of these responsibilities was finding and maintaining a job. Most sophomores needed a job to pay for a car, for insurance, or for other essentials. Some just liked to have a few extra dollars for the weekend.

Vianney sophomores had some diverse feelings about their jobs. Some cherished working. "I get paid for doing absolutely nothing

at Wal-Mart. I just sit there and read a magazine. I love it!" Tony Schmitt said. Others despised working. "It stinks. It takes up your spare time," Jeff Schuler admitted. Still other sophomores had mixed feelings. "Work is very stressful and time-consuming," Matt Bruns said, "but you earn a lot of money, which makes working worth it." Even though sophomores had differing opinions about work, the experience was invaluable.

"I didn't do it. I promise." Sam DiGregorio pleads his innocence.



Jason Kellar
Matthew Kellermann
Andrew Kenny
Logan Kinder



Nicholas Knobbe
John Kollar
David Kraus
Michael Kremer



Casey Kujawa
William LaGrand
Dominic Lahrman
Jonathan Lakin



Enrico Lange
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Jason Lee



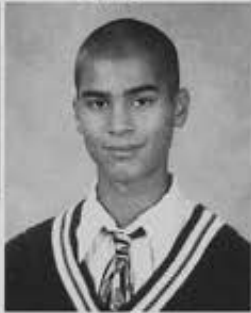


Brian Gabelsberger pretends to do his homework for the camera.

Anthony Granda and Mike Seper: the odd couple.



Nicolas Leone
Thomas Leto
Michael Leveque
Benjamin Liebmann
Luis Lightle



James Luer
Andrew Maret
Willie Mattammal
Casey Matthews
Justin May



Kyle McCoy
Matthew McDermott
Michael McKeever
William McMullen
Ryan McSpadden



Robert Merli
Michael Metzger
Michael Meyer
David Meyer
Neville Miller



Matt Hornsey and Mick Henderson contemplate stealing Mr. Murphy's prized refillable mug.



Michael Moehlenbrock
Robert Morris
Kevin Mueckl
Kevin Mueller



Jeffrey Najbart
Eric Nauman
Anthony Nazzoli
Marc Nolan



Patrick O'Neill
Timothy Oge
Richard Onder
Dylan Padberg



Daniel Paradoski
Joseph Paszkiewicz
Scott Pelizzaro
Andrew Perez





Vianney football games are a great place to hang out with your friends!

John Gough, Matt Gillick, and Mr. Dagenais welcome visitors at Open House.



Chris Perkowski
Shawn Peters
Andy Pisarkiewicz
Nathan Powers
Paul Przyzycki



Ian Quattrocchi
Nathaniel Rakel
Samuel Reinhardt
Daniel Riordan
Nicholas Riordan



Brendan Rogan
Matthew Ronzio
Justin Roth
Robert Ryan
Darrik Sabada



Dominick Saguto
Adam Sahaida
Benjamin Sanders
Brian Sanders
Craig Sarkis

In Exchange

by Matt Hornsey

Mindaugas Gudenas, better known as simply Minde, became a Griffin this year as a foreign exchange student from Lithuania. Because of his many outstanding accomplishments at his young age, he quickly earned the respect of his fellow classmates. Minde brought with him an ability to speak three languages: Russian,

Lithuanian, and English. Astonishingly, Minde had only been a resident here for two months before he began taking classes with us. Despite his limited time in our country, he quickly adapted and worked hard to excel in athletics as well as academics. Minde served as a great example of how hard we should all work to achieve our goals.

Minde hangs with his pal Matt Ronzio.



Matt Ronzio prepares the Homecoming feast.

Daniel Schiller
Daniel Schisler



Anthony Schmitt
Daniel Schoentg



Jonathan Schou
Jeffery Schuler



Samuel Schuster
Robert Sedlak





Minde gives a presentation in English class with his partner, Dominic Saguto. Dave Kraus waits for his ride.



Christopher Seithel
Charles Shaw
Matthew Smith
Tyson Smith
Christopher Steffan



Matthew Suellentrop
Gregory Switzer
John Sztukowski
Brad Telker
Matthew Terry



John Tucker
Jason Viner
Stephen Voorhees
William Wangles
Ryan Wargel



Steven Waterkotte
Henry Weseloh
Ryan Wilhite
Christopher Wynne

Not Pictured
Lloyd Vasquez
Kyle Burns
Matt Altman

"I beat Scheman in arm wrestling." - Dan McDonald

"Puberty hit me like a ton of bricks." - Jon Phillips

"I ran ten miles in one day." - Mike Seper

"I was put in a class with my brother." - Nick Eckstein

"I got a job!" - Matt Kane

"We got a week off school because of the Pope." Greg Bennett



Out of the Blue

Juniors





Nick Beck receives the Ed Panske Award, given for outstanding athletic and academic achievement.



Matt Koke admires Tom Barnowski and John Smith's manner of eating hot dogs.

Favorite Wrestlers

- #1 Stone Cold Steve Austin
- #2 Goldberg
- #3 Kevin Nash
- #4 The Undertaker
- #5 Hollywood Hogan





Jeremy Ahlemeyer
 Brian Akers
 Tom Appelbaum
 Derek Auer
 Ryan Barden



Tom Barnowski
 Kirk Barron
 Brian Bashwiner
 Nicholas Beck
 Gregory Bennett



John Bielik
 Floyd Blackwell
 Joshua Bodine
 Timothy Bottchen
 Nick Bouyoukos



Gregory Bowe
 Matthew Brayfield
 David Buchek
 Derek Buchheit
 Matthew Buck



Erik Buckley
 Richard Bueltmann
 Daniel Burke
 Adam Byrne
 Ryan Celeslie



Nickolas Collins
 Keith Costello
 Aaron Costello
 Sean Culleton
 David Curran

Favorite Actresses

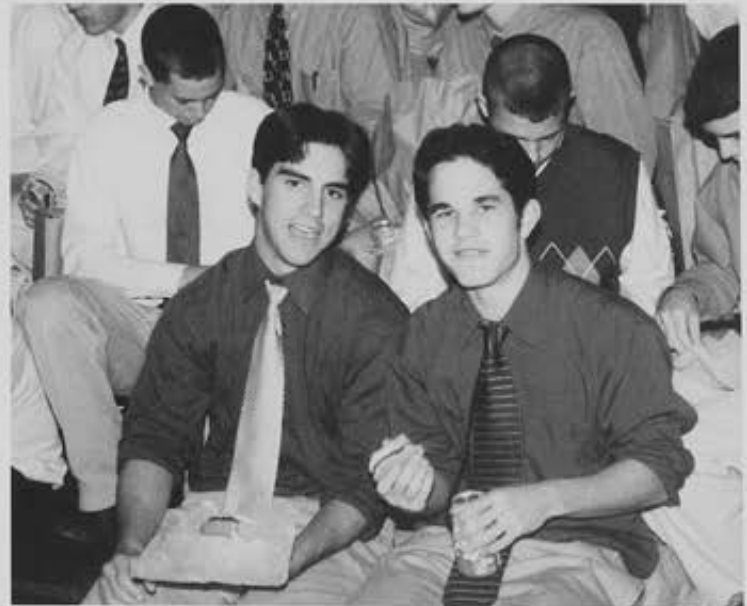
- #1 Katie Holmes
- #2 Jennifer Love Hewitt
- #3 Jennifer Aniston

Favorite Actors

- #1 Adam Sandler
- #2 Chris Farley
- #3 Nicholas Cage



Nick Dower gets tossed by fellow classmates for his lack of cooking ability.



Jon Hansen and Chris Natsch enjoy their Blue Ribbon lunch.



Vianney guys always have fun when girls are around.



Vianney's Juniors get ready to tear it up on the dance floor.

Vianney's Homecoming attracts girls from everywhere.



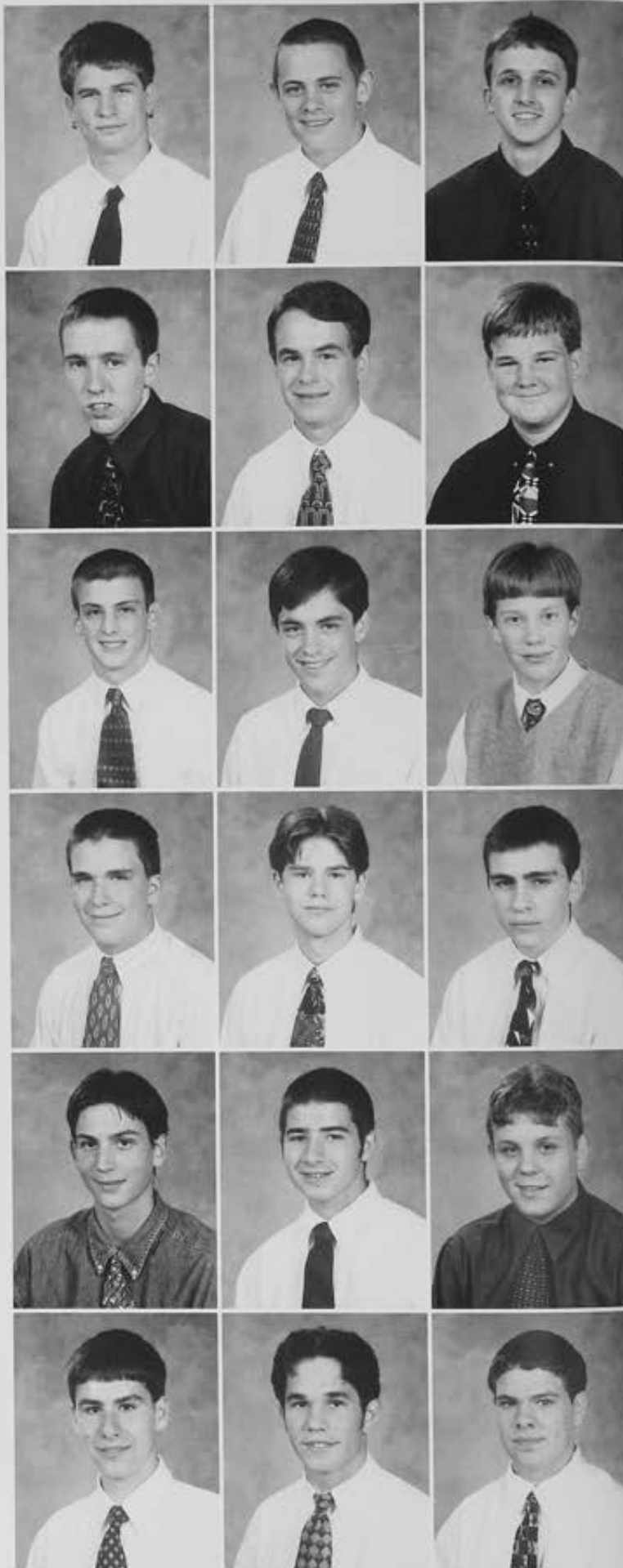
Dances

by Jon Hansen

When you think about all the good times of your junior year at Vianney, your list is simply not complete without mentioning school dances. This year's Intergalactic Homecoming dance, for example, was an event to remember for a long time. With the DJ pumping out songs like "Zoot Suit Riot," the always popular "YMCA," and "Intergalactic" (this year's

theme), the dance was a hit.

However, Vianney's Homecoming wasn't the only dance to remember. We cannot forget about the Ursuline, Nerinx, Cor Jesu, St. Joe, and Visitation dances. On these occasions, we displayed our Griffin spirit out on the dance floor. I'll never forget how we crowded around whenever the DJ spun "Stayin' Alive." Moments like these made junior year unforgettable.



Juniors' Favorite Teachers

- #1 Doc Simpson
- #2 Fr. Cahill
- #3 Bro. Rudy
- #4 Mr. Hall
- #5 Mr. Neale

Brian Davidson
Kevin Dierker
Jeffrey Door
Nicholas Dower
Kevin Downer

Nicholas Eaton
Chris Eberhardt
Nicholas Eckstein
Stephen Emmett
James Feicht, Jr.

Ian Fink
Glennon Frei
Mark Friederich
Austin Gallion
Thomas Gathard

Kevin Gerth
Matthew Gibbs
Timothy Gieseler
James Gilligan
Nicholas Gish

Kurt Govero
John Gregory
Nicholas Grillo
Ryan Gritzke
Stephen Gruener

Jon Haarmann
Jonathan Hansen
Chris Hartman
Matthew Healey
Gregory Horan



Doc Simpson helps Jeff Malone tackle a chemistry equation.



J.B. Neal gets a little camera shy as Scott Touzinski and Sean McMullen smile for the picture.



Give more than a pint? Jon Hansen helps Mike Seper to the food table at the blood drive.



Tim Bottchen admires Brian Akers' work on the computer.



At Open House, Adam Ochonicky realizes he doesn't know that much about the school.



Junior Campout

by Glennon Frei

What can cause almost an entire class of juniors to stay up until the wee hours of a Monday morning when a grueling school day awaits them? What can lead intelligent young men to run around like maniacs until dawn when sleep is the only logical option? The answer is easy: the junior campout.

In September, members of the class of 2000 came to Vianney on a Sunday to enjoy a night of playing sports, eating, watching movies, and talking. Most students took part in a tackle football game that lasted until 2:00 AM. The next morning's soreness made many wish that they hadn't.

Later on, most of the students either ate, played basketball, or

watched movies. Basketball lasted a couple hours, and some teachers even joined in the fun. Movies watched included *Billy Madison* and *Amistad*.

After that, the smart students went to sleep because school was going to start in a few hours. Still, some students played touch football in the gym until school started or went out to eat breakfast.

Before school could start, everything had to be cleaned up. Student Council did a great job tidying it up with the help of teachers and a handful of students who were still awake.

That day during school, students were allowed to dress down. Most students didn't care, though; they were all asleep.



Justin Huff
Joseph Jacobs
Chris Johnson
John Kaestner, Jr.
Matthew Kane



Edmond Kinghorn
Justin Kleffner
Michael Klein
Ryan Klepac
Jeffrey Kohlberg



Matthew Koke
Russell Kopp
Karl Krekeler
Nathan Labruyere
Edward Lanfer



Joshua Lashley
Rory Leach
Neal Ledbetter
Jeffrey Lewis
Stephen Longo



John Lucas
Ryan Maher
Daniel Malone
Jeffery Malone
Richard Mark



Scott Marquart
Tom Marschner
Erik Martin
David Martorano
Perry Mathina



Glenn Frei goes out for a pass in front of school.



Aaron Costello tries to catch up on his sleep after an exciting night.



John Harman stands out in the crowd.



Scott Touzinski slams another point home.

Griffin Thunder

by Matt Brayfield

"What did you do this summer?" That is probably the most often asked question during the annual first day of school. More often than not, the answer consists mostly of either sleeping or watching T.V. But, for four Vianney juniors, the summer of 1998 provided a little separation from the usual routine.

Scott Touzinsky, Sean McMullen, Jeff Kohlberg, and Jim Feicht decided to take over

Dallas and the 1998 Junior National Volleyball Tournament this summer. After leading their under-16 Missouri Thunder Team to the National Championship, these four standouts emerged as members of the 16-man All-American squad. If that's not enough, Scott Touzinsky was named the MVP of the tournament, a tournament consisting of the best teams from the USA, Canada, and Puerto Rico. Congratulations!





Michael Mayer
Dustin Mayes
Devin McCart
Joshua McDaniels
Kyle McDermott



Daniel McDonald
John McGauley
Bryan McMahan
Sean McMullen
Jason Menne



Daniel Merker
Michael Mesko
Gabriel Meyer
Nathan Michael
Scott Moore



Vianey students support their team at a football game.



Daniel Mueller
Thomas Murphy
Michael Myers
Mark Nanna
Chris Natsch



John Neal
Matthew Nelms
Mike Nettemeyer
Gregory Oberbeck
Adam Ochonicky



John Kaestner turns to his adoring fans.



Brandon Ortiz
Drew Paradoski
Paul Passanise
Michael Pelech
Timothy Peniston

Don't worry Glenn, only five more miles to go!



The Griffins get ready to take the field.



It takes three CBC players to handle Vianney's Adam Byrne.

Who Is Vianney's Biggest Rival?

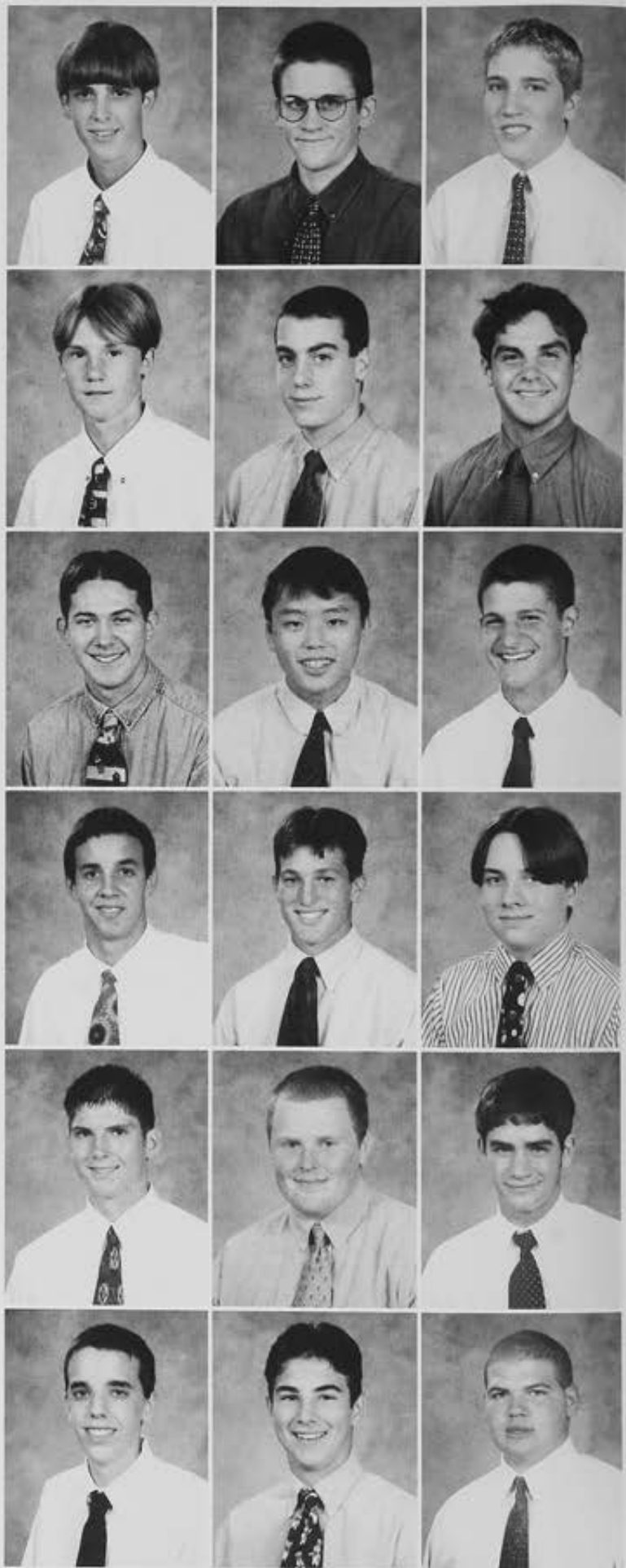
by Tom Applebaum

Every school has another school that is their worst enemy in a good-natured way on the athletic field. Every school has another school that, when the two schools meet, inspires an enormous desire to win. Huge crowds usually accompany such a meeting. There is always one school that frustrates you more than any other for any number of reasons. I think most people would agree that the CBC Cadets are Vianney's biggest rival.

In the past, CBC has had a reputation for being Vianney's toughest, most difficult team to beat in almost any sport. Vianney has long strived to beat CBC, but this is not always an

easy task. However, we have accepted and welcomed this challenge. In fact, Mr. Keller issued a challenge of his own this year. He said that if Vianney could beat CBC in the Homecoming football game, the entire school would receive a day off. Apparently that was all the motivation our team needed, because that night Vianney beat the Cadets 14 to 3 in front of a huge home crowd.

After the victory, Coach Gene Gladstone said, "I wasn't aware that CBC was our biggest rival. I think all four of the big schools: Chaminade, CBC, St. Mary's, and SLUH, are all our big rivals and tough competitors."



Benchwarmers

by Matt Brayfield

What transforms a good Griffin team into a great Griffin team? Is it the superstars, the Donny Buehlers and the Sal Frisellas in football, or the Jeff Stegmans in soccer? No, of course not. The real heroes are the benchwarmers. These athletes come out everyday to practice and work hard without any reward

except a chance to experience the varsity atmosphere. They brave the cold every game with the hope of just getting in the game. "It's just being part of the team that keeps me going," confessed Rory Leach, a not-so-prominent member of the Varsity soccer squad. In the words of Chris Rocchio, "We all can't wait for another chance next season."



Richard Perez
Thomas Pfuhl
Jonathan Phillips
Joshua Piontek
Kenneth Politte



T.J. Powers
Nicholas Pucci
Joseph Puleo
Justin Raithehl
Anthony Rich



Nicholas Riek
Kevin Roach
Chris Rocchio
Michael Ross
Nicholas Roth



Gregory Santacruz
Brian Scheman
Richard Schimpf
Andrew Schmitz
Nick Schneeberger



Matt Schneider
Mike Schmieders
Tony Schmitzmeier
Matt Schuessler
Matthew Schwab



Thomas Schwartz
Michael Schwent
Anthony Scotino
Joseph Scotino
Michael Seper



Put me in coach; I'm ready to play.



Kirk Barren, Keith Costello, and Rick Beltman celebrate after a goal.



Kevin Roach helps out with a difficult problem.



Joel Spaulding, Ryan Wagner, Mike Meyer, Kevin Dierker, and Mike Schnieders pose with some of the ladies of Nazareth Living Center.



Matt Koke, Russell Kopp, and Tom Marschner with a favorite resident.



Junior Service Project

by Matt Smith

And then there was twelve...For their social service project, many juniors helped out the elderly, some helped children, and twelve helped Mexico. Twelve juniors chose to go above and beyond the call of duty and spend ten laborious days in the sweltering heat of southern Mexico. Living with farmers and their families in the remote Uxpanapa Valley, the juniors restored churches, milked cows, and grew through their experience.



Bryan McMahan poses with the family that hosted him in Mexico.



Scott Marquart, Nick Riek, Greg Oberbeck, Mark Nanna, Bryan McMahan, Matt Schneider, Matt Nelms, Matt Smith, Justin Huff, Jeff Malone, Devin McCart, Aaron Costello, and Mr. Williams relax on the last night of their project.



Social Service students in Mexico gather at a church in the morning to begin restoration.

Joseph Shannon
Tom Shaughnessy
Matthew Smith
Timothy Smith
John Smith
Adam Soaib

Christopher Soer
Steven Solovic
Joel Spalding
Andrew Stephens
Jeff Suelmann
Matthew Toenjes

Scott Touzinsky
Matthew Unger
Ryan Wagner
Joseph Walker
Matthew Wamser

Adam Weatherby
Ryan Weber
David Wehrle
Jeffrey Wood
Jeffrey Wosman

Not Pictured:
Ben Abbott
John DiPrimo
Joseph Havermann
Erik Reedstrom
Eber Simpson IV



Daniel Yerkes
Paul Zerkel
Mark Zieres

Junior Ring

by Matt Smith

Junior Ring Mass is exciting. Exciting for the juniors because they begin to sense the leadership of being seniors. Exciting for seniors because they know that they are even closer to graduation. Exciting for the faculty because by May they are ready for the seniors to graduate. And exciting for the parents because they can finally see what exactly cost them so much money. Father Wosman best described it as "a transition from little boys to young men." Definitely exciting. What could be more ex-

citing? The Junior Ring Dance!

"I had a blast at the dance," said Sarah Flynn, a sophomore at St. Joseph's Academy and John Smith's date. Everyone had a good time busting a move to DJ and Vianney Alum, Jason Byrne. The crowd was small but still vivacious as many stayed till the end. "The dance was a great way to celebrate our transition," said Greg Bennett.

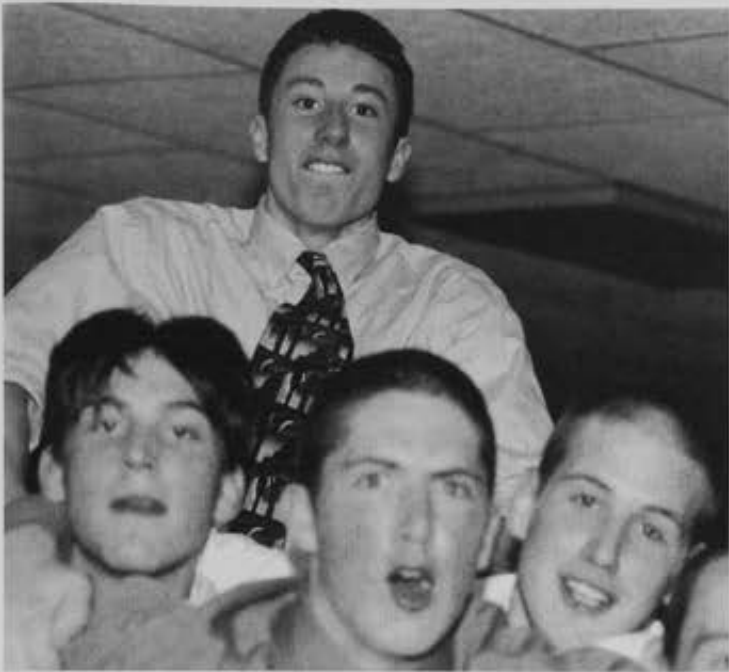
Greg Haran and Kurt Gvero show that they know how to party.



Tom Marschner leads the school in prayer during the Junior Ring Mass.



Dustin Mayes takes a step into the future as he receives his ring from Fr. Wosman.



Mike Seper is treated like a king at the Junior Ring Dance.

Tom Schwartz gets his groove on with a perfectly executed back spin.



Chris Hartman and Nathan Labruyere take it easy with their dates.

Jeff Malone shows his date a good time.



"I was abducted by Aliens" - Sal Frisella

"I got a 300 Dollar car stereo for nothing" - Kit Wagner

"We went to see Cliff Pollite make his debut as a cardinal." - Bryan Bradley

"I danced with my mom while I was hypnotized." - Joe Schiro

"During a hallway run, I ran into a door and everybody ran over me." - Steve Hawf

"I got pulled over three days in a row" - Joe Voss



Out of the Blue

Seniors



Doc: "Alright, one part toluene, three parts nitrate."



Joseph Adams



Kevin Ailor



Matthew Allen



Patrick Amador



Thomas Antonacci



Mark Archambeault



Mark Bakal



Richard Bardgett



Benjamin Barnett



Stephen Bauer



Nicholas Bax



Zachary Best



Matthew Boka



Thomas Bossaller



Ricky Boyet

Growing Together

by Kevin Ailor and Tom Jackson

It all began with freshman year and the end of knowing ourselves as boys; we were now young men. As freshmen, we had bells to signal the beginning and end of classes, and the school day consisted of seven forty-five minute classes. How things would change.

Sophomore year proved to be better. We knew what to expect, and we knew some of the teachers. We even started to drive ourselves to school. Sophomore year also marked the last year Vianney was to have the seven class daily schedule.

During junior year we received our rings and became upperclassmen. We also introduced ourselves to block scheduling and a much larger student population.

Senior year was great! We knew the teachers, we knew the school, and we were top dogs. Vianney was nationally recognized as a Blue Ribbon school of excellence.

Although the four years went by very quickly, they made an indelible mark on each of us. We will not forget these great years as we look toward an even bigger challenge, college.

Senior Lettermen's Club members load a portion of the blankets donated to the blanket drive by the Vianney family.



Brian Bradley

Nicholas Bresnan

Donald Buehler

Nicholas Burns

Michael Bush



Craig Bussen

Robert Caldwell

Brian Callanan

Todd Candela

Marco Carrera



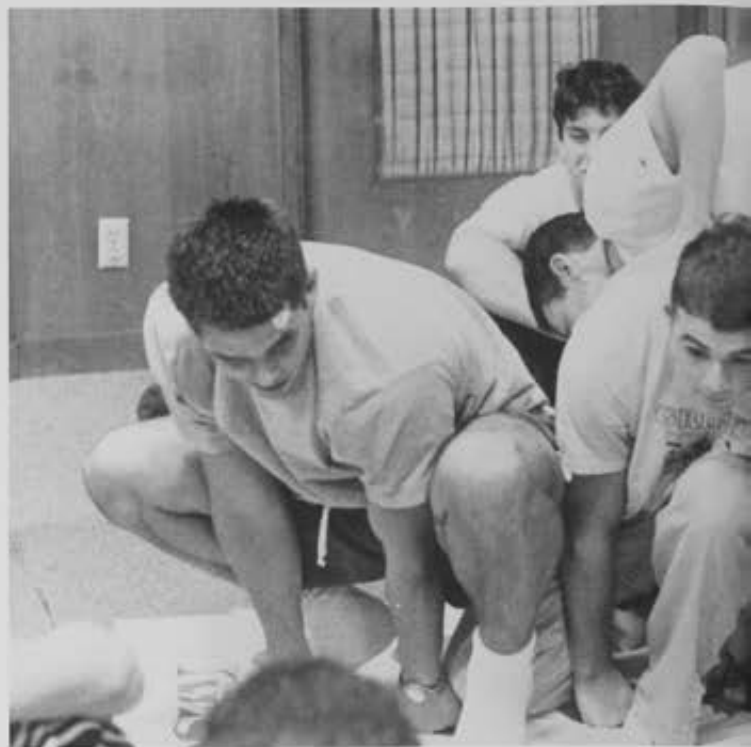
Kevin Casso

Alex Chekoudjian

Daniel Chibmall

Jason Chrapek

Anxiety strikes as Tim Rhame prepares to donate blood.



Thomas Christoffel



Michael Cohen



Jake Collins



Angelo Colona



Cory Conway



Nicholas Cornwell



Derek Croghan



Justin Cutter



Erik Danis



Dustin Davis



Eric DeMerit



Brent DePhillips



Benjamin Dietrich



Daniel Domagalski



Michael Donahue

Definition of Seniors

by Reid Hansted

What does it mean to be a senior? Walking through the halls this year made this a very easy question to answer. The seniors of 1999 were leaders in every sense of the word. First of all, they were leaders academically. This was epitomized in the large number of seniors who tutored struggling underclassmen. They were not forced to do this; they did it because they wanted to. This year's Fall Honors Convocation provided another example of academic leadership. Over

50% of the senior class stood up when the honor roll was called, an impressive accomplishment.

Seniors were leaders spiritually as well. This was evident in the amount of senior participation at the masses and other events sponsored by campus ministry. Furthermore, during Spirit Week in the fall, we held the best pep rally ever seen here at Vianney, an event led entirely by seniors. Attendance at games and dances was also outstanding this year. Without senior leadership, none of this would have been possible.



Amid the tangle of limbs, Derek Croghan defies gravity.



Daniel Dyn



Dean Ebert



Christopher Eckstein



Adam Ehrlich



Gerald Eidson



Matthew Endres



Mark Errante



Aron Ewen



Benjamin Faser



Matthew Fendler



Nathan Fete



Joshua Franklin



Aaron Frei



John Friederich



Sal Frisella

Pat Walsh second guesses his decision to give blood.



Joseph Gadell



Joshua Gilman



Gregory Gilsinn



Timothy Goede



Brian Graham



Kevin Gritzke



Matthew Grothoff



Charles Hammelman



Reid Hansted



Derrick Harris



Robert Hassler



Carl Hatcher



Stephen Hawf



Scott Heberle



Darrell Helfrich



Senior Music Survey

1. Bout It Bout It - Master P

5. Jump Right In - The Urge

2. V-High Fight Song

6. Joker - Steve Miller

3. Intergalactic - Beastie Boys

7. Gettin' Jiggy w/it - W. Smith

4. Enter Sandman - Metallica

8. Make 'em say uh - Master P

The seniors grow even closer on their retreat.



Jeffrey Henderson



Nicholas Hildreth



Bradley Hill



Adam Hoberg



Aaron Hook



Robert Houchin



Matthew Howard



Christopher Hulsey



Mark Ilko



Thomas Jackson



Robert Kargus



Kevin Kidd



Tracy King

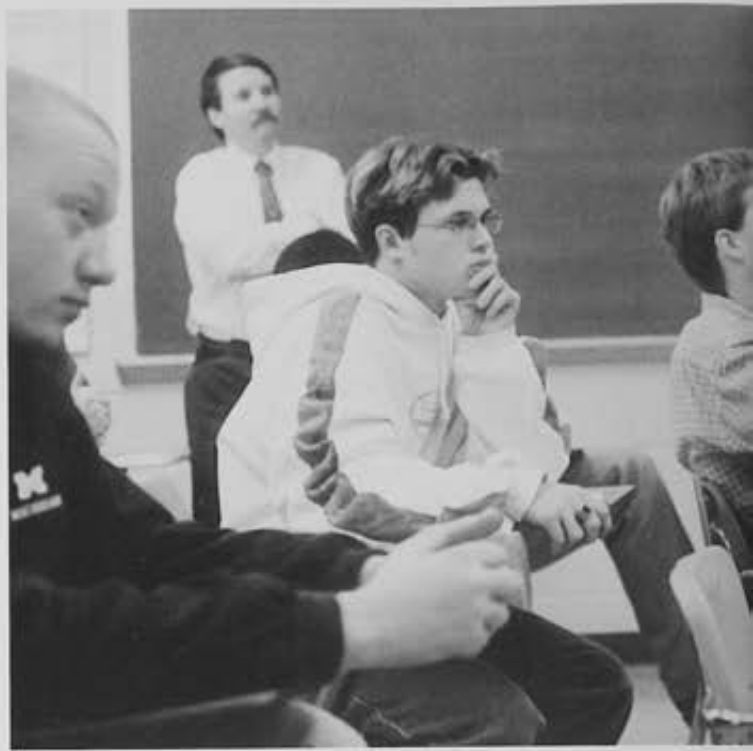


Michael Kirchhoff



Nicholas Koenig

Matt Allen and Mark Archambeault are the extremes on Black and Gold day.



Brian Kohlberg



Christopher Krajacic



Kenneth Kuhn



Karl Laschober



Jason Lee



Steven Lehrmann



Timothy Leindecker



Edward Lewandowski



Matthew Logush



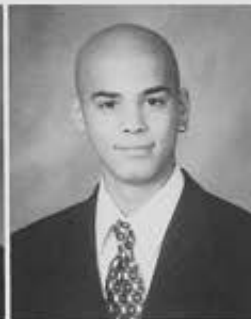
Thomas Long



Phillip Mantia



Tony Matchett



Michael Mattammal



Michael McGovern



Thomas Meisemann

Senior Role in Spirit

by Nick Hildreth

For three years, the class of '99 had taken a back seat when it came to leading the school. As seniors, however, we enthusiastically assumed the role of leaders in school spirit.

Led by an energetic Student Council, our class of 197 students eagerly grabbed the reins left by the class of '98. We had always been a spirited class, and we finally showed the school all we could do with that spirit. We first unveiled our energy and pride this year at Freshman Orientation. We

showed the freshmen what it meant to be a Griffin and taught them the cheers they would be screaming over the next four years. All year long we savored our role as leaders in spirit. At every sporting event, pep rally, and ceremony, it was easy to recognize the seniors. We were the ones making the most noise and taking the greatest pride in our school. As Tim O'Donnell commented, "We were instrumental in the spirit of the school. We set the tone." Hopefully the underclassmen learned from our example.

Adam asks, "What is this new invention, Mr. Spock?"



John Merli



Ryan Meyer



Jason Michael



Jeffrey Michael



James Michaels



Michael Mulvihill



Justin Naber



John Nanna



Daniel Nauman



Chris Newport



Chris Nicollerat



Timothy Nix



Timothy O'Donnell



Charles Ohms IV



Brian Ostendorf

A brain storming activity during one of the Letterman's Club meetings helps stir ideas to better the school.

Mark Errante shows off his twin brother.



Nicholas Pacino



Michael Paradoski



Robert Parr



Zachary Pashia



Brian Peroutka



Jeffrey Pieschel



Scott Pinkowski



Johnathan Poertner



Ahmad Polack



Daniel Porte



Bryan Pritt



Matthew Pross



Leo Quattrocchi



Timothy Rask



Michael Rask



Most Popular Colleges

Among Seniors :



1



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WashU



3



4



5

Southeast
Missouri State University



Adam Ratkewicz



Kevin Ray



Timothy Rhame



Terry Richards



Mark Rogers



Anthony Romano



David Rudolph



William Rudolph



Steve Rukcic



Michael Sarli



Bryan Sauder



Nicholas Scarpino



Gregory Schellert



Ryan Schilli



Joseph Schiro

Reid Hansted, Mark Archambeault, and Brian Kohlberg perform in one of the final productions of the fall play.

Matt Tabash smokes Chaminade's defender as he goes for the hoop.



Kurt Schneider



Craig Schoelch



Daniel Schou



Mark Schulte



Christopher Schulte



Stephen Schwarz



Brian Schwarze



Christopher Seagrass



Matthew Seavitte



David Sinclair



Robert Slyman



Jeffrey Stegman, Jr.



Joseph Strautmman



Dustin Stull



Eric Suda

Endless Memories

by Mark Rogers

We knew this day would come, as it has come to all of the seniors before us, but it has happened so quickly. It is hard to imagine that we will no longer call Vianney our home. We've grown to love Vianney, and there are many things we will miss.

For most, Vianney has been a place where special memories and close bonds have been formed. Todd Wilkes summed it up perfectly when he said, "The class of '99 always had something very special about it. We were a well-

rounded class, and together we obtained the highest recognition in sports and academics and became fine Christian men with great spirit. I'm proud to be a Griffin."

We have grown very close to each other over these last four years, and many friendships will last forever. Our experiences here will never be forgotten. But now, it is time to move on. It is time to spread our Griffin spirit to everyone we meet. As we go our separate ways, each of us will carry a piece of Vianney with him. We will always be Golden Griffins.

Nick Hildreth struggles to be featured in the Vianney Yearbook as Tony Romano and Jake Collins look on.



John Svoboda



Quin Swederska



Adam Swenson



Matthew Tabash



Nathan Toal



Nicholas Toal



Ryan Townsend



Matthew Trager



Andrew Valenta



Keith Van de Riet



David Ventimiglia



Joseph Voss



Kristian Wagner



Martin Walsh

*Not Pictured:
Joe Spezia*



Michael Walsh



Patrick Walsh



Daniel Ward



Eric Waterkotte



Jeffrey Weishaar



Thomas Welby



Michael Wende



Nicholas Westrich



Brian Whitcraft

Senior Retreat

by Mark Rogers

The class of '99 had the privilege to attend Senior Retreat at the Marianist Retreat Center in Wildwood. It was an overnight experience in which we had time to pray, relax, and participate in group activities. Going into it, no one knew what to expect, but everyone was excited about the thought of getting away from classes and the normal routine. When we got there, a few people were slow to get into the mode of talking about themselves. That didn't last too long, and eventually everyone was taking part in the activities and discussions. We decided individually and as a group what goals we wanted to achieve.

We started to get into serious conversations and talked about things that I've never been able to talk about, even with my closest friends. Many of the subjects were issues that we came up with our-

selves, and they concerned things that we faced or will soon deal with. It was unique because I saw everyone taking part and praying. When we weren't busy, we had free time to take advantage of the nature trails, play board games and cards, listen to the radio, play ping-pong, or just go to sleep.

We were able to get things off our minds during this stressful time in our lives. I heard about problems from people that I thought had it all, and I got closer to my friends and other classmates. It was one of the best experiences I've had as a Griffin. We learned that we're not all that different from each other. Before we left, we had the opportunity to read and write messages to fellow Griffins and friends from other schools. We left with a feeling of unity and achievement because we met all of our goals and the retreat was a success!



Nick Bax and Reid Hansted get distracted as they talk one on one.

As Tim Rhame and Zach Pasha play cards, Tim Goede watches Rudy Rudolph trim his toenails.



Adam Wiesehan



Todd Wilkes



Michael Willick



Jacob Wilson



David Wilton



James Winkler



David Wucher



Brad Wunderlich



Thomas Young



"Good answer, wrong question." - Mr. Corbin



"You no good son of a buck." - Mr. Rhame



"What a blithering idiot!" - Doc Simpson



"It's all about the struggle!" - Mr. McCarthy



"Don't poke the bear." - Kwas



"Whoo, honey child!" - Bro. Mason

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Senior Party

by Bob Houchin

All good things must come to an end, and there is not a better way for the seniors to conclude their four wonderful years than by having an all night party. For the second year in a row, the evening's festivities transpired at the Point. The facility provided sports and other activities to participate in. The two most popular events had to be boxing in a trampoline ring with oversized gloves and the much more traditional basketball. With the help of a fortune teller, many seniors saw a little glimpse into their futures. For those graduates that enjoy taking control of their own destinies, black jack, roulette, and poker tables were available until 3:00 A.M.

One can not forget the mountains of food available all night long. During the early evening hours, graduates snacked on cookies and sub sandwiches. As the party raged through the night, Domino's Pizza and nachos provided a tasty snack for the tired basketball player and the depressed gambler. Finally in the morning, doughnuts, bagels, and pastries accompanied by large quantities of coffee helped begin the next day on the right foot.

Before departing, seniors anx-

Mark Errante, Tim O'Donnell, Aaron Hook, and Matt Howard try to top Mr. Steve Kinstler in a hand of blackjack.

iously awaited for the distribution of the attendance prizes. Each graduate received five tickets to place in a drawing for the particular gift they desired. They had a choice of many different appliances that are necessary for every college student such as mini refrigerators, microwaves, and televisions. Everyone went home happy with some kind of gift whether it was a stereo, gift certificates, or a grab bag.

Once the raffles ended and the games finished, reality began to set in. This would be the last time the class of '99 would ever be together in quite some time. Seniors began to say their good byes to one another. Many remembered the memorable times they experienced the last four years. Handshakes, hugs, and tears were shed by all. We all understood that it was time for us to move on to bigger and better things, yet deep down inside we all wished that we just had one more year.

Dan Ward, Mike Wendy, Tom Young and Brian Perutka try their luck.

Scott Pinkowski does his best at two in the morning.





Kevin Gritzke, Nick Cornwell, and Chris Krajacic take their chances.

Nothing can hold back Tom Young and Nate Fete.



Senior Prom

by Nick Hildreth

On Friday, May 7th, our senior class embarked on one of the most memorable events in their high school lives: the senior prom. With the Griffins dressed in their snazzy tuxedos and their dates dressed in elegant dresses, the seniors walked into Two Hearts Banquet Center with high expectations. The food served featured chicken, ham, potatoes, and vegetables. "I thought the food was good," said Terry Richards. However, some people expected a little more. "The food was okay, but I was hoping for something better," said Adam Ratkewicz.

After the dinner, the couples headed to the dance floor to

boogie the night away. But there was one problem: the dance floor was too small. "My date and I were crowded for most of the night," Craig Schoelch said. Nevertheless, our seniors still put on a show with Mark Errante swing-dancing with his date and Tom Young doing his break dance routine.

As the night came to a close, the class of 1999 enjoyed the last dance before heading home. "My date and I really enjoyed ourselves. This night was really something," said Tim O'Donnell. As for the rest of the seniors, I'm sure they won't be forgetting this evening any time soon.



Steve Rukcic and his date enjoy a close dance on a night to remember.



Bob Slyman and Ahmad Polack sit down to eat while their dates briefly slip away.

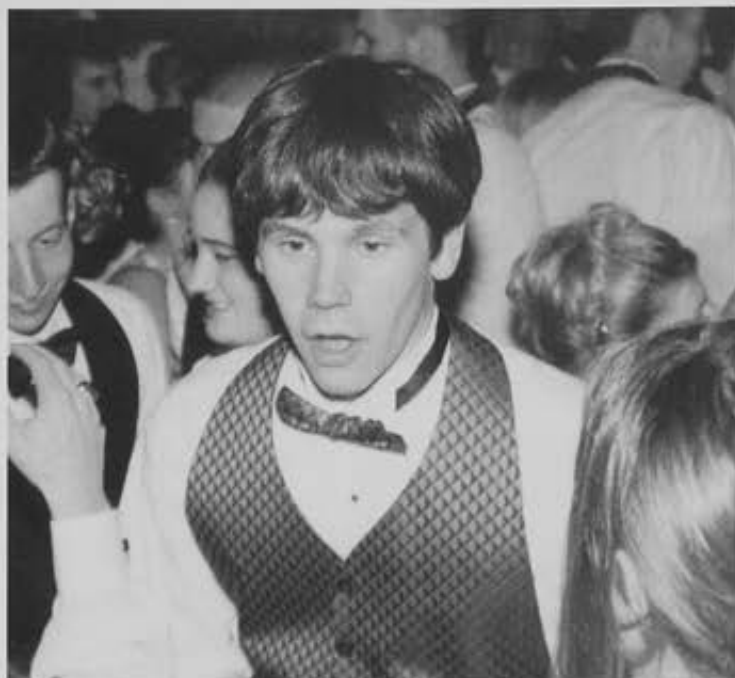
Cory Conway and his date enjoy a moment of privacy.





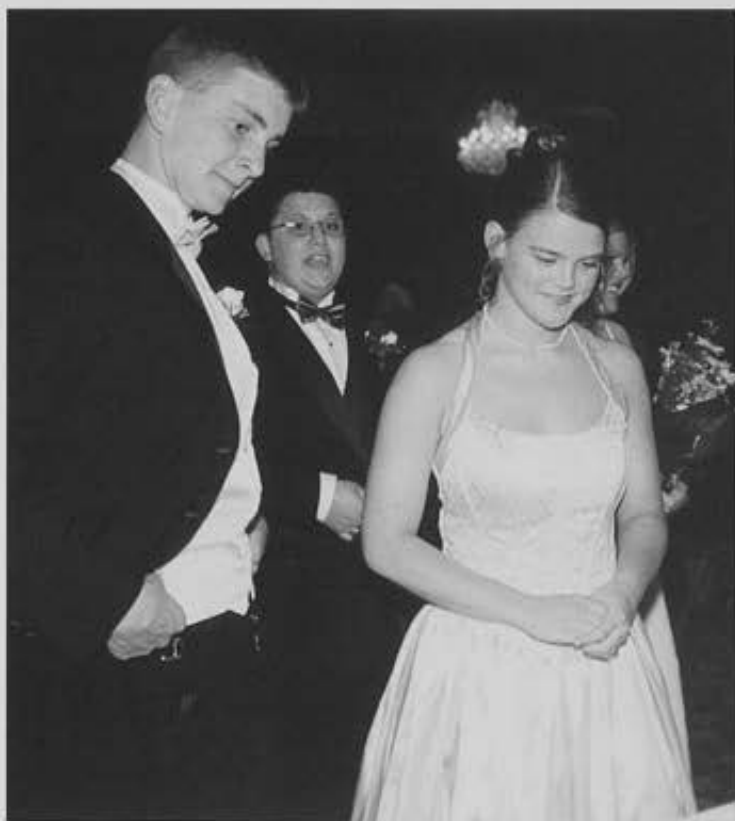
Brian Peroutka makes sure he gets his face on video.

Ben Dietrich doesn't look so well after a large prom dinner.



Mr. Hall becomes green with envy over Mr. Matreci's and Mr. Keller's delicious dinners.

The Senior Prom crowd sits down to a luxurious dinner.



Craig Bussen and his date check in with high hopes.



Four Years of...



"Don't poke the bear." • Baur's jokes • Illiterate announcement readers • "Spruce it up a little." • Eugenics • "Right answer, wrong question." • The flamboyant fat man • "Hey, boy!" • Jumpin' Jerry • "...your lights are on." • K. Walsh's hairline movement • "Rise and shine, pilgrims." • Fr. Cahill • "Good morning, Griffins. Please stand for prayer." • Warm and fuzzy happy hidey-ho birthdays • Hypnotists • Rrripp! • "Get in your seats and stand for prayer." • "Whoop, Honey Child!" • "Jesus Christ and General Jackson!" • "Age quod agis." • Hollywood Squares • Rumors of Vianney going co-ed • "You can't fix stupid." • Mr. Borkowski's gatherings • Senior-faculty basketball games • Boo-yah! • Forgetting the words to the Pledge • E-Period Biology class • "I see the bubbles." • "Take care of yourself. Take care of each other. Take care of this place" • "Don't make this my last day of teaching." • Homecoming • Pep rallies • Super sub • Dances • Prayer time • Crowded hallways • Mr. Muenster • "Read my book!" • "You guys are going to drive me to drinking." • Breaking in the new teachers • C. Walsh's sarcasm • Falling through glass doors • "Purple" • "Thank you for not smoking." • "Don't go away mad, just go away." • Mr. Borkowski as a school girl • Jeff Henderson's hair color of the month club • elevator passes • "Fun facts to know and tell" • Jimmy "Light my Fire" Neyer • "I'll throw you out. I will." • Cliff Politte Day • Life-long friends • Griffin spirit • Great memories •



1995

Most Likely to...

- ...become a world-renowned shrink Dan Chibnall
- ...vote himself into Congress Sal Frisella
- ...strangle a grizzly bear with his bare hands Eric Suda
- ...be K. Walsh Dan Schou
- ...become a pastor Matt Allen
- ...be a US President Ed Lewandowski
- ...become a samurai Tom Bossaller
- ...own a gym Bobby Slyman
- ...be a lounge singer Adam Ehrlich
- ...be in the next "Saved by the Bell" Pat Walsh
- ...be the smartest person ever Mike Paradoski
- ...be a cartoonist Tom Young
- ...drive a monster truck Ben Barnett
- ...fall asleep during an earthquake John Svoboda
- ...be a pro wrestler Kurt Schneider
- ...follow in Bruce Lee's footsteps Leo Quattrocchi
- ...be the next Ebert from "Siskel and Ebert" Eric DeMerit
- ...coach Vianney basketball Mike Mulvihill
- ...speak to an alien Jason Lee
- ...be a beach bum John Nanna
- ...hook up a lightbulb to his hair Jeff Henderson
- ...be the next Big Bird Tim Leindecker
- ...be a farmer Brian Callanan



1999

Graduation

by Bob Houchin

After four years of hard work and determination, the class of '99 graduated Saturday, May 22nd. A mixture of emotions stirred throughout the evening. Although the thrill of graduating is unlike any other, a blanket of sorrow cast a shadow over the night's events. Throughout our many years at Vianey, we developed outstanding relationships, earned numerous honors, and more importantly, learned what it meant to be part of the Vianey family. Unfortunately, it would all come to an end after one night.

As we walked down the aisle two by two, an uncanny calmness washed over us. It was our time to shine, and all eyes were on us. Once we settled into our seats, the commencement began with a prayer by Archbishop John May

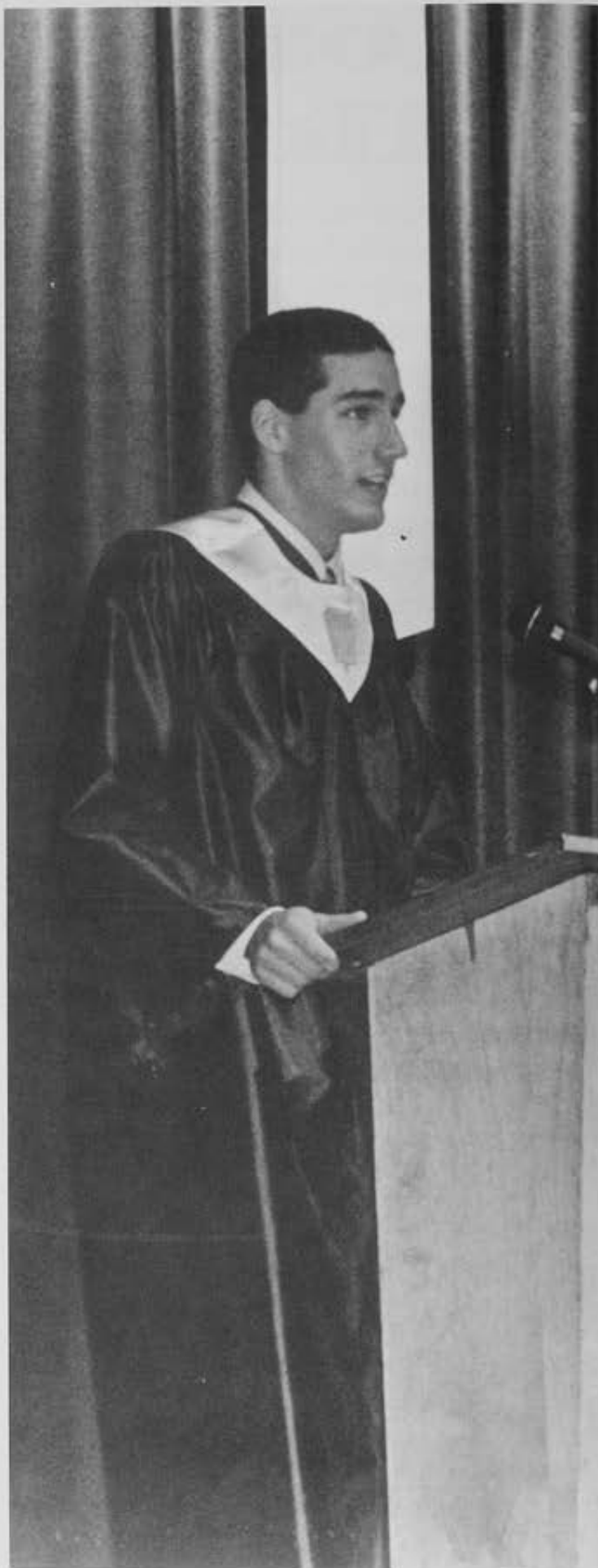
Award winner Brian Bradley. Following the invocation, Valedictorian Mike Paradoski reflected over our four years. He urged us to remember and cherish all the incredible moments we experienced in high school. Finally, after almost an hour of waiting, Mr. Keller and Fr. Wosman began awarding diplomas.

Quickly our confidence turned to uneasiness. Father reiterated the importance of graduating and the the responsibility it carries. "When I was a child I acted as a child. Now I am a man and I cast away my childish things," he said. With those parting words, the class of '99 left Vianey not as students but as alumni. We will forever carry with us the lessons we learned, the memories we shared and the friendships that will last a lifetime.



Mr. Keller reflects on the Homecoming victory over CBC during his speech to the Class of '99.

Mike Paradoski delivers his valedictorian address.





After four years of work, Mike McGovern receives his diploma. Kurt Schneider pauses for a picture to celebrate graduation.



Mike Kirchoff, Eric DeMerit, and Tom Christoffel show off their achievement.

Matt Pross strolls down the halls for the last time as a Vianney student.

Tom Young, the last to receive his diploma, pumps his fist for the class of 1999.

"I was contacted out of the blue to consider interviewing for principal in 1995." - Mr. Keller

"I didn't win the lottery...again." - Mr. Murphy

"I woke up one Sunday morning and decided I needed to jump out of an airplane...and I did!" - Mr. Neale

"I found out that I had cancer at the age of 21. I'm still living today and have turned it into a positive thing in my life." - Mr. Pecaut

"I was teaching my class at Mercy High, and the principal opened the door to wish me a happy birthday. When I turned around, a pie hit me in the face. My wife and the school secretary were there and had planned the whole thing." - Mr. Matreci



Out of the Blue

Faculty





Mr. Blees shares a special moment with one of his freshman footballers.



Mr. Brennan catches the spirit of the holiday season.



Mr. Gene Allard
Physics, Physics 1818,
Conceptual Physics,
Electronics Club, Head of
Science Department



Ms. Bev Baumgartner
Librarian, Adjunct
Counselor



Mr. Ed Baur
Chemistry, APChemistry,
Chess



Mr. Erik Blees
Film Studies, English I,
C-Football, Tennis



Mr. Jerry Boeckman
Physical Education



Mr. Al Book
Introduction to Arts, Spe
Drama



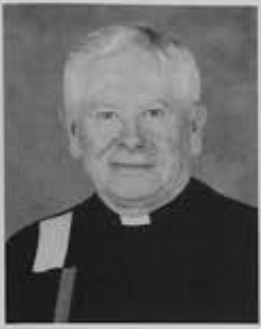
Ms. Laura Breitzig
Guidance



Mr. Brian Brennan
Geometry, Algebra I,
B-Wrestling, B-Baseball



Bro. Chester Burnog
Business Manager



Fr. Don Cahill
Scriptures



Mr. Matt Clary
Scriptures, English I,
English III, Lacrosse



Mr. Tim Clepper
Algebra I, Algebra I Honors,
C-Football, Varsity
Wrestling



Mr. Gary Corbin
Biology I, AP Biology



Mrs. Pattie Czajkowski
Learning Consultant



Mr. Bob Dagenais
French I, French II, French
III, French IV, French Club



Mr. Jim Dailey
German I, German II,
German III, German IV,
Religion, Bowling



Mr. Charlie Eisele
Administrative Assistant,
National Honor Society



Mr. Jim Farrell
Engineering Drawing,
Architectural Drawing,
Varsity Track



Mr. Bill Fiock
Gospel Values, Vocations,
OSA



Mr. Clary clears his mind.



A meeting of the minds... Mr. Rhame and Mr. Corbin.

Mr. Farrell enjoys his Blue Ribbon lunch in style.





Mrs. Baumgartner brightens up the day of freshman Chris Hart.



Mr. Leassner takes a break from teaching.



Mr. Glaser impersonates his favorite student during Spirit Week.



Mrs. Linda Follis
Algebra II, Analysis,
Intermediate Math, Math
Club



Mrs. Barb Fullenkamp
Spanish I, Spanish III,
Spanish III Honors, Spanish
IV Honors, Yearbook, Head
of Language Department



Mr. Larry Furrer
Algebra II, Algebra II
Honors, Geometry, Honors
Geometry, Varsity Volleyball



Mr. Dave Gauvain
Physical Education, Life
Sports, Varsity Soccer



Mr. Gene Gladstone
Algebra II, Leadership,
Technology Coordinator,
Varsity Football, Strength
Training



Mr. Jack Glaser
Geography, World
Civilizations II, Modern
European History



Mr. Dave Hall
Computer Applications,
Accounting, B-Football,
Golf, STUCO, FBLA



Mr. John Hanau
Psychology, World
Civilizations II, American
History, American
Government, C-Wrestling,
Close-Up



Mr. Don Heeb
Athletic Director, Golf



Mrs. Mary Beth Hopfinger
School Secretary



Mrs. Nancy Irwin
Technology Specialist



Ms. Colleen Judge
Art I, Art II, Art III, Art IV,
Art 1818, Introduction to
Arts, Art Club



Mr. Steve Kinstler
Director of Alumni
Relations



Mr. Gene Kwasinski
Vocations, Gospel Values,
Head of Religion Department



Mr. Tom Leassner
English I, C-Soccer,
B-Baseball



Mr. Ryan Luhning
Physical Education, Fitness,
Life Sports, C-Football,
C-Basketball



Bro. Louis Mason
Calculus



Mr. Dennis Matreci
Assistant Principal,
American History



Mr. Craig Maxwell
English III Honors,
Effective Communication,
Cross Country, Track,
Speech and Debate



Mr. Pecaut prepares Advent wreaths for the classrooms.



Mr. Kinstler and Kwas share a moment in the hallway.



Open House gives Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Murphy a chance to show their talents.



Mrs. Follis shares the joy of being one of this year's new faculty members.



Mrs. Terri Mayes
Secretary



Mr. Tim McCarthy
Current Issues, Geography,
B-Football, Tennis, Paint
Ball



Ms. Susan Miskel
Development, Administra-
tive Assistant



Mr. John Mohr
English II, English III,
English IV, Cross Country,
Track



Mr. Mark Murphy
English II, Effective
Communication, Journalism,
Yearbook, Newspaper,
Chess, Track



Mr. Steve Neale
Scriptures, Gospel Values,
Sacraments, LIVE, Liturgical
Choir



Mr. Jim Neyner
Beginning Band, Concert
Band, Senior Religion,
Choir, Music Theory, Pep
Band



Ms. Carrie Nichols
Sacraments, Scriptures,
Geography, LIVE, Campus
Ministry



Ms. Judy O'Connell
Administrative Assistant,
Spanish Honor Society



Mr. Kevin O'Toole
Director of Guidance,
National Honor Society



Cathy Squires, Mary Terry, Lorraine Michaels, Denise Fuhr, Karol Romano, Margie West, Marie Poole.



Mr. Ed Baur and Mr. Dave Williams chow down with unknown priest!



Mr. Dennis Slay, Director of Griffin Cafe.



*Mr. Jim Ebbesmeyer,
Director of Maintenance*



*Mr. Paul Hawkins,
Maintenance*

Mr. Erik Blees

Few teachers can relate to their students the way Mr. Blees can. His easy-tempered attitude and relaxed manner allows him to get closer to his classes. At the same time, it helps him accomplish the goals of that particular course of study. Students are much more eager to learn when they know they can associate with their instructor. "Both the strength and the weakness of my teaching style is how well I relate to teenagers," said Blees. "I can remember what it was like to be in their shoes just a few years ago."

Unfortunately for the Vianney family, this was Mr. Blees' last year. He hopes to be accepted into the GEOS program next year and teach conversational English in Japan. If this does not work out, he plans to return to college in St. Augustine, Florida, and pursue his Masters degree. "One thing is for sure," said Blees. "I am going to miss cracking jokes and horsing around with the kids."

"My first year at Vianney I was not sure what to expect. I spent my entire life in the public school system. Over the last two years, I have developed a deep respect for both Vianney and the Marianists. I definitely approve of the way students are taught in such a great family atmosphere."

We hope Mr. Blees is successful in whatever path he may choose. Anyone who was lucky enough to experience one of Mr. Blees' English or film studies classes will never forget the classic jokes or the occasional messing around. His good-natured demeanor and easy-going spirit will always be remembered. "I hope some day I will once again be able to experience the kind of relationships with both faculty and students I have experienced at Vianney," said Blees.



A different approach~ Mr. Blees had his own look and his own style of teaching. He grew his beard last year because of a bet with his girlfriend. "Mr. Blees is a cool guy," said Dustin Davis. "I enjoyed getting to know him during senior retreat."

Special



Fifty years of service~ Father Cahill entered the Marianists fifty years ago, and he still looks as young as he ever did. "Fr. Cahill is a great teacher," said Chris Jeep. "He is friends with his students, which makes them more willing to learn."



People



Hanau in action~ Mr. Hanau shares his wealth of knowledge with his students, so they can succeed in life. "His teaching is like nothing I have experienced before," said Dan Schoenig. "He has an intense way of making you learn and makes it fun."

Fr. Don Cahill

It is difficult to comprehend that Fr. Don Cahill has been a member of the Marianist order for half a century. In thirty-seven of his fifty years of dedicated service, Fr. Cahill has devoted his life to educating young people both in mind and in spirit. Thousands of students from five schools and four cities have had their lives personally touched by Fr. Cahill. He is a man who lives the Gospel every day of his life by treating each person he encounters with kindness and compassion.

Attending a new school and entering a strange environment is very intimidating for most freshmen. Through free milk and cookies, an extra dollar for lunch, or just a warm-hearted smile, Fr. Cahill has always been there to help ease each student's transition into high school life. In the classroom, his undying patience, deep love for young people, and vast knowledge of an assortment of topics place him in a league of his own. "It is difficult to explain why I love teaching," said Cahill. "I think it's the excitement and joy I receive from seeing a kid not only know, but understand the material. It's an incredible feeling. It is the reason why I continue to teach."

"Educating young people is like setting a fire. Some catch the ideas right away. Some may catch it later, but when they take that knowledge now or twenty years from now and apply to everyday lives, I know I accomplished my goal," said Cahill. That desire to educate and help students is what keeps Fr. Cahill going after so many years, and that is the same desire that will continue to burn inside and keep him active for many years to come.

Mr. John Hanau

After a decade of being together, Vianney and Mr. John Hanau are parting ways. Mr. Hanau, former assistant wrestling coach, accepted the head wrestling coach position at CBC. "They provided an opportunity that I felt I could not pass up because I may never be offered it again," said Hanau. "I have been very happy here and that made the decision even more difficult."

In only ten years, Mr. Hanau left an indelible mark on many peoples' lives. He was more than a fellow faculty member, a teacher, or a coach. He was a friend. As a student, one never thought twice about talking to Mr. Hanau about anything. His ability to converse openly about his life helped seal a bond with his students that few other teachers have. His unforgettable classroom quotes and crazy stories about his rambunctious sons Sam and Noah always helped ease a tense moment or lightened up one's day.

On the mat, he instilled toughness and discipline in his wrestlers. The lessons they learned in those humid gyms will never be erased. Coach Hanau expected the best from them, and rarely did he not get it. Although he was a tough man to please, he wished the best for his wrestlers like a father would for a son.

Everyone will miss Mr. Hanau, and the feeling is mutual. "It's hard to walk away from the faculty and the students, because they mean more than that to me," said Hanau. "I will miss the lifelong friends I have made, the students, and the family spirit. Thank you for a lot of great memories."

Those memories he gave us will not soon be forgotten. We will always remember his understanding of history and psychology, his knowledge of wrestling, and his talented guitar playing. Mostly though, we will miss his great character and friendship. His departure will leave a void not easily filled.



A solemn moment~ Mr. Hanau receives the Eucharist from Matt Howard. Besides being an exceptional wrestling coach and successful teacher, Mr. Hanau was an essential part of the Vianney family for ten years. "Mr. Hanau is a great guy," said Bob Houchin. "You could always talk to him about anything. I'm going to miss him."

Mr. Jack Glaser

He is adored by students and faculty alike and has been a part of the Vianney family for the majority of his life. In the last twenty one years, he has taught thousands of students. Every year he has to say good-bye to some of them at graduation. This year, it is the students who are saying good-bye to Mr. Jack Glaser.

"He made learning fun," said Sophomore Casey Kujawa. "It kept you interested when you were in the classroom." By creating a fun and friendly atmosphere, Mr. Glaser made difficult subject matter more accessible. In fact, he credits his sense of humor for much of his teaching success. "You have to have a sense of humor these days to get through, but it also helps a whole lot to be funny if you have to teach a group of high school guys," said Glaser.

His extensive knowledge of history also aided his instruction. Mr. Glaser could explain almost any significant historical event in great detail and make it relevant to his students. He strived to help his students truly get a feel for what they were learning. By relating the past to the present, he gave Griffins a greater understanding of what they could spend years cramming into their brains with text books.

In his time at Vianney, he mostly taught geography, but he also taught religion and was assistant principal for four years. "It will be hard to leave, but I have to say good-bye," said Glaser. "I am going to see where the wind blows me. I want to teach still, but am not sure if I will teach high school or something else."

If you want to know exactly how good a teacher Mr. Jack Glaser is, all you have to do is ask some of his students. If you took his class, you know that when alumni came back to visit, they always stopped by his room. He would stop everything to greet them and went out of his way to welcome them back. His care and concern let them know they were still a part of the Vianney family.

"He turned me on to history," said Chris Schultze, and Chris isn't alone. He has made a difference in the lives of thousands of young men. Thank you, Mr. Glaser. You will be missed.



Catchin' the Spirit~ Mr. Glaser shows off his everlasting happiness at Vianney. Throughout his twenty-one years he shared his spirit with many students. "Mr.

Glaser was an awesome teacher who made school fun," said Greg Bennett. "He will be missed dearly by the Vianney family."

Special



"My spider senses are tinglin"~ Mr. Gene Kwaskinski, one of the most revered teachers in Vianney history is stepping down this year. "You had to have Kwaz as a teacher to truly live the Vianney experience," said Senior Joe Gadell.



People

Mr. Gary Corbin



The Great Corbini— Mr. Corbin leads the school in song during Mass. His singing ability was only one of the many talents he shared with the Vianney family for years. "Mr. Corbin always pumped up the spirit at Mass," said Freshman Tom O'Connell.

Singing, playing musical instruments, and teaching with a style all his own are just some of the unforgettable skills of a man who will certainly be missed around the halls of Vianney next year. After thirty inspirational years of teaching, a legend has decided to retire. Even though he will no longer be writing on the chalkboard, lecturing, or cracking jokes at Vianney, Mr. Gary Corbin's smiles, love for his students, and his all-around musical talent will live on in the memory of his students forever. "Mr. Corbin was a powerful teacher, and yet still motivating and entertaining," said 1995 graduate Brian Jeep. "He was the teacher who made me decide to get a major in Biology."

In his three decades of teaching, he encountered thousands of empty minds waiting to be filled with his knowledge. The way he taught made his students feel comfortable and very ready to learn. He even brought his musical talent into the classroom. Through music he found a creative way to get his points across.

His teaching wasn't just limited to the classroom. At 2:30, after announcements, everyone knew where to find Mr. Corbin. He was out in the parking lot, playing his harmonica, or explaining Biology, or talking with students. He could help students learn in a variety of ways. Such skill only comes about after years of dedicated, loving service.

He will be missed not only by his students, but by the teachers he taught with. "Gary made me feel comfortable about teaching here right away. I'll sure miss his singing and joking in the faculty room. He's one of a kind," said Mr. Murphy. "I will miss him a lot as a fellow teacher," said Mr. Hanau.

Commenting on his leaving Vianney, Mr. Corbin said, "I will miss the teaching very much, but now is the time to pursue other things." Gary Corbin was not just a teacher at Vianney; he was a legend.



Teaching the facts of life— Mr. Corbin instructs his class under the pavilion. He often took his classes outside to teach biology in its natural state. "Mr. Corbin was the smartest teacher I ever had," said Sophomore Adam Fiock.

Mr. Gene Kwasinski, "Kwas"

Unfortunately, someone poked the bear one too many times. After thirty-eight years of loyal service to Marianist education, Mr. Gene Kwasinski, more affectionately known as Kwas, said goodbye to St. John Vianney High School and the teaching profession. "I no longer have the energy necessary to take my teaching to the next level of excellence," said Kwas. "I have been teaching for basically two-thirds of my life, and I would like to leave the profession while still on top of my game and, more importantly, while still in relatively good health."

It is difficult to find a person more genuine than Kwas. With his unforgettable quotes and hilarious fishing stories, he always found a way to relate with his students and, at the same time, become much closer to them. Kwas always gave of himself to his students, teachers, and friends, and rarely did he ever ask for anything in return. That was the kind of teacher and man Kwas was and still is. Even in his last days of teaching, he kept his intentions of retiring to himself. He did not want any speeches, dinners, or celebrations to interrupt the daily learning process. "I shall miss all of you very much," said Kwas. "The realization that I will no longer be interacting with you on a daily basis will be one of my most difficult challenges. I do not need a formal ceremony to remind me of this fact. I hope you all understand."

No matter where Kwas goes, no matter what Kwas does, he will always be a member of the Vianney family. His dedication to the Marianists and the students they educate ensures that. "My friends, you will always be in my prayers, hopes, and dreams," said Kwas. I can assure you Kwas that you will always be in ours as well.

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