

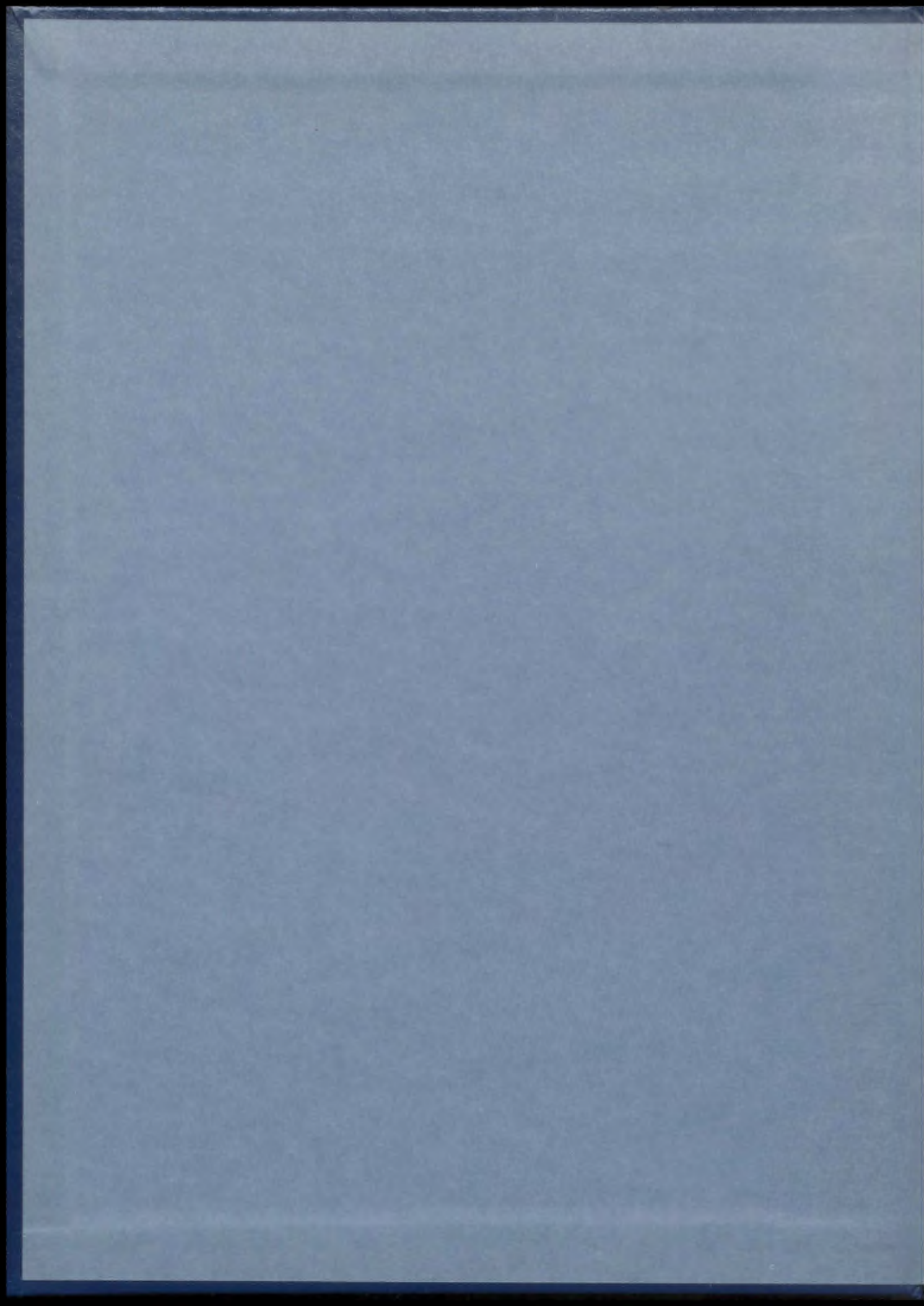
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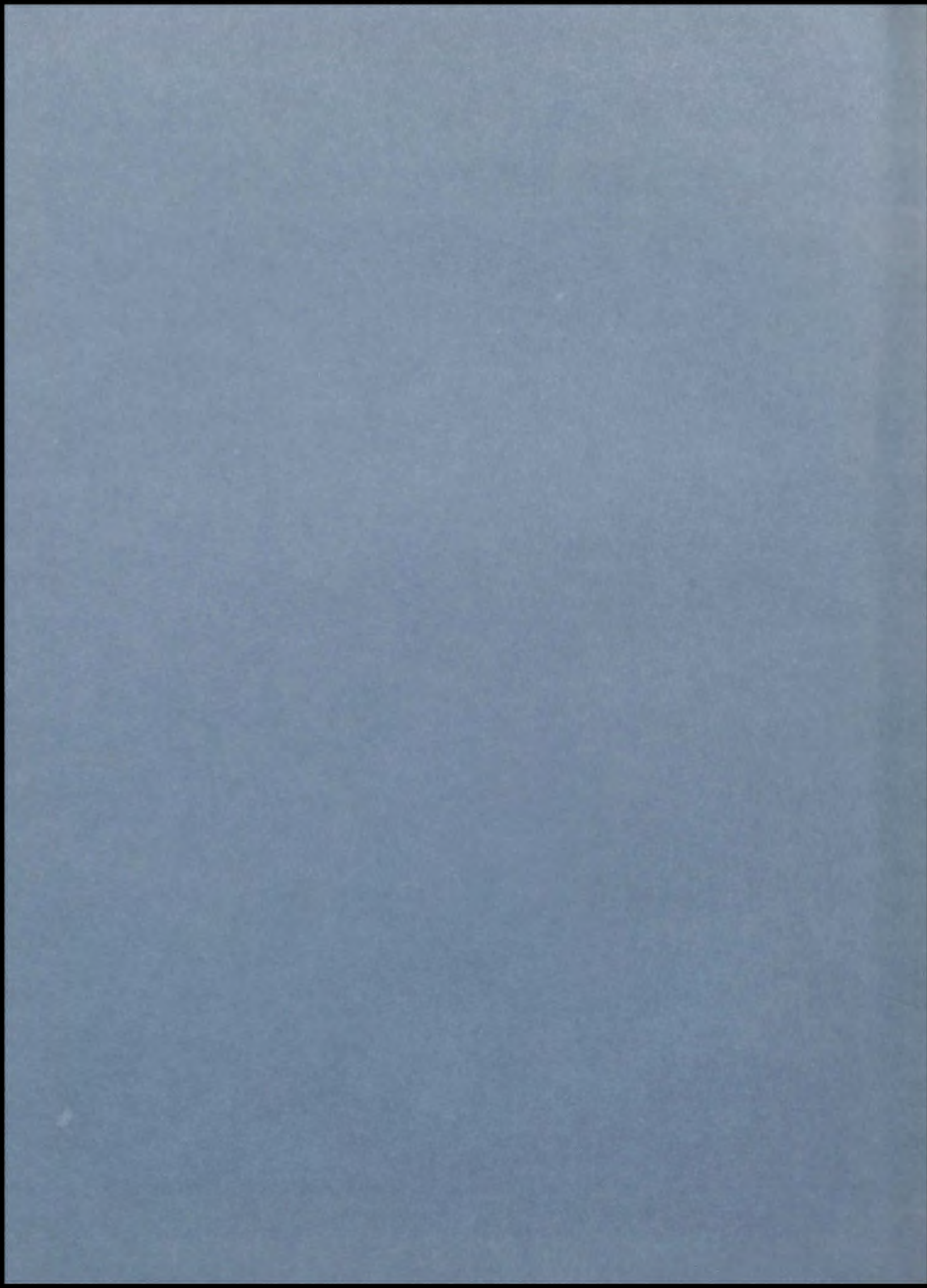
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UNION HIGH SCHOOL

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THIS, MY FRIENDS...







1997 BLUE & WHITE

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MONKTON ROAD
VERGENNES, VT 05491
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*This my
friend
is.....*

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*simply
another
beginning!*



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LOOKING BACK.....



AND THE SURVEY SAYS.....

From 36 Responses

We'd pay \$7.25 to see:

Tie—Happy Gilmore

Ferris Bueller's Day Off

Tie—Grease

Fear

We munch on:

Chips

Skittles

We watch:

Seinfeld

The Simpsons

Home Improvement

We Buy:

Gap

Levis

We sing along to:

Novocaine for the Soul

Children

We love to eat at:

McDonald's

Friendly's

Fire and Ice

Seniors, of course, drink:

Mt. Dew

Coke

Tie—Snapple

Sprite



Seven seniors wear glasses, but only five wear contacts. Over half (nineteen) drive their very own cars, and even more (twenty-three) support those lavish habits at the left with cash earned from jobs. Thirteen seniors are athletes; most of them play at least two sports. The same number of seniors sing in the chorus as play in the band (twelve). Eleven sing and dance in the musicals, while only one acts in other drama productions. A whopping twenty-six plan to attend college. Some fave courses of the class of '97 include World Cultures, English, and Band.



SENIOR



CLASS CLOWNS
Rick Hammond & Megan Thurber



BEST LAUGH
Karla Larrow & Matt Lanning



ALWAYS LATE
Rachel Brunet & Pat Hotte



NICEST SMILE
Matt Lanning & Molly Brady



MOST ARTISTIC
Vic Samaritoni & Brooke Potter



MOST ATHLETIC
Holly Paquette & Nate Kittredge



NICEST EYES
Erin Pettis & Darren Desjaton



MOST MUSICAL
Cheyanne Viskup & Matt Lanning



CLASS FLIRTS
Rick Hammond & Lindsay Gilbert

SUPERLATIVES



BEST PERSONALITY
Chris Sullivan & Marijean Brooks



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
Matt Lanning & Lauren Evancie



BULL THROWERS
Tim Little & Amy Miner



MOST UNIQUE
Richie Austin & Carol Dula



BEST DRESSED
Cheyanne Viskup & Eric Hoffman



MOST TALKATIVE
Megan Thurber & Rick Hammond



BEST DANCER
Matt Lanning & Megan Thurber



MOST UNORGANIZED
Richie Austin & Katie Sheldon
Jason Vincent



CLASS OPPOSITES
Pat Hotte & Naomi Cook



Carleen Atkins



Richie Austin



Bill Barrows



Jeff Becher



Jessica Bessette

Carleen- I have watched you grow from a small child and I have been proud of all your accomplishments. You have always pulled through all the rough things that life has put in front of you. But not once have you ever given up. We are very proud of you. We love you very much. Mom and Dad.

Bill We are very proud of you. You have grown into a very special and caring young man. We love you a lot. Mom and Dad.

Jeff- The strongest winds are the toughest challenge, but can carry you the furthest. Hoist your spinnaker and go for it. Jeff! Love, Dad and Deb. P.S. Chart your course!

Congratulations Jeff! And now you are about to take the longest trip you will ever go on-that is the journey to find yourself. So smooth sailing, "PF" - and keep those candles burning! Love you like crazy, Mom and George.

Jessica- I have been with you since the day you were born and no parent could be any prouder of her daughter. Now, you will move on with your life with me at a distance. Enjoy life to its fullest and always be happy. Love forever, Mom

Matt- May the force be with you! Love, Mom and Dad

Erin- Our precious little girl, you've given us so much joy. It hasn't always been easy, but you've grown and matured into a beautiful young woman. Keep it up. We love you. Mom, Dad, and Nick.

Molly- Congratulations! And full speed ahead. Follow your dreams, be the best you can be, and don't let a spider get in your way and remember, you'll always be our "M B d P." We love you. Mom and Dad.

Michael- Congratulations! We love you and wish you only the best in life. Be sure to keep that sense of humor! Always remember who you are, and what you believe in, and God will surely bless you. Love, Dad and Mom.

Marijean- A finely wrapped gift - a girl! A flower we've nourished. We've treasured in your growth - a babe to a vibrant, independent young woman whose warm, inviting heart and generous spirit envelops your family and friends. Your loving family.

Rachel- Here is the closing of your final year of high school. Congratulations in the accomplishment you have done. Good luck and best wishes in the years ahead. Love Mom and Dad.

Chrys- A person's life is like a book yet to be written. In that sense, you are destined to be a best seller and an all time classic (look at the first couple chapters). We can hardly wait to see the plot develop. Remember, You are your own author. Love Mom and Dad.

Dear Lori- We're so proud to call you our daughter. We wish you the best of luck and success with your future. Always remember wherever life takes you, we are here. Love ya Hermit. God Bless, Mom, Dad, Daniel, Becky.

Naomi- You have lived up to your name, "a pleasant, beautiful friend." You wear your emotions on your sleeve, you always attain your goals, and somehow manage to keep a song in your heart. Love, Mom, Dad and Em

Sarah- You have grown into a beautiful young woman. I admire your quiet passion for life and your sincere thoughtfulness of others around you. With this combination, you will succeed in whatever direction you choose. I love you always. Mom

Eric- We're very proud of you. We all knew you could do it. Always be happy and stay strange. Love Mom and all.

Lisa- "Princess!" We have watched you grow into a beautiful young woman that we are very proud of. You can do anything when you set your mind to it. We love you very much. Love Mom and Dad.

Carrie- The balance between safety and exploration isn't always easy to strike. Everyone must find it for herself. Listen to the stillness within yourself and follow your heart because you have been much loved and your heart is where the answers reside. I love you with all my heart, Dad.

To Case- Be patient my sweetheart towards all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions of life like a room full of beautiful treasure or a good book in which each page is written for you. I love you dearly, Dad.

Darren- With all your energy and self-determination your future goals will be attainable. We're proud of you. Love, Mom and Dad.



Matt Bodette



Erin Bowers



Mike Brisson



Rachel Brunet



Lori Clark



Kelly Boelens



Molly Brady



Marijean Brooks



Chrystal Bruso



Naomi Cook



Sarah Cousino



Eric Cushing



Lisa Cutich



Carrie Daigneault



Casey Daigneault



Darren Desjardon



Heidi Desjardins



Carol Dula



Devon Elizarde



Lauren Evancie



Rebecca Fearon

Heidi Precious giggles, we smile at each other, you can hear the laughter; we but heads at times and shared tears. Through it all, you have made us very proud. Love Mom and Dad

Carol You add sunshine to our lives with your love and free spirit. Mom and Dad.

Lauren Once joking, we said, "Remember, we knew you when you were nobody." Not joking, you answered, "I was never nobody." How true. Our pride is huge; our hearts full. Your future beckons; step up. Love Mom and Dad

To the bug Can't believe it's your turn to pack the suit cases! We'll miss you so much, but we want the best for you so go out there and be happy. Question--can we clean your closet now?

Mom, Dad, Jodi, Jason, Glacier.

Amanda Never lose sight of your dreams. Work toward your goals. Be happy! Love Dad and Mom

Lindsay You're as brilliant as you are beautiful! You make us very proud. We love you, Daddy, Mommy, Brodie, Zac and Meme.

Preston I am very proud of the person you are, and thankful that you are a part of my life.

Whatever path you choose to follow in this life, always be you, and trust in the truth. I love you, Mom.

Nick We had our tough times and happy ones as you grew. We are both so proud of you with all your hard work, plus we're proud of your success with the Vergennes Rescue. Love Dad and Mom.

Sonnes I am very proud of how far you've come in life, and whatever road you choose to take, I'll always be here for you. And always remember you'll always be my baby. Love Mother.

Eric You are the best son any parents could hope for. God has blessed us! As you go out into the world, believe in yourself, and know that we believe in you. Love Mom, Dad and Rebecca

Patrick Congratulations, you've made it. Now life's journey is an open road to you. There are lots of bumps in that road, but all of us have given you the tools to smooth out your road; now use them! Love Mom & Dad

Indri Study hard! Your works will get paid back. So, life is not meaningless for you and for us. We are proud of you. Love Mom and Dad

Deborah is my best friend, my buddy, and a lot of fun to be with when she is away from the farm life. We love to cut up and have fun. I love her very much. Love, Mom

Melissa A gift from God who made us parents. Very organized, love of God's ways and his creations, especially her cats Tony and Peter. We hope your dreams of the future will come true. We love you forever! Dad and Mom.

Loren You've always been a dreamer. Follow those dreams, don't take second best. We are very proud of you and we will stand behind you in whatever you decide. We love you very much. Mom, Dad and Ben

Nathan Thanks for being a good kid. We are so proud of you, and we love you so much. Remember, life's short, shoot for the moon. Love you, Mom and Dad

Dear Matt May you continue to bring joy to those around you as you do to us. We will always look up to you -our favorite son! Love, Mom and Dad

Karla Don't ever forget that no matter where your future may take you, you will always be in our thoughts, dreams and prayers. Love, Mom and Dad.

Tim Congratulations! You did a great job--we are very proud of you--keep that great sense of humor! We love you. Love, Mom and Dad.



Lindsay Gilbert



Nick Hamel



Eric Hoffman



Lusia Indriawati



Melissa Jones



Amanda Gilbert



Preston Hall



Rick Hammond



Pat Hotte



Deborah Smith



Lauren Kandzior



Nate Kittredge



Matt Lanning



Dan Lanpher



Karla Larrow



Tim Little



1996 Prom Court



Matt Bodette & Lauren Evancie



*1996 Prom King & Queen
Matt Lanning & Chieyanne Viskup*



Megan Thurber & Jason Vincent



Sarah Cousino & Bill Baslow



Anne de Boer & Chris Sullivan

Below: Class of 1997



CARIBBEAN NIGHTS

PROM 1996

The Class of 1997 danced the night away under balloon trees and a lighted waterfall. All those hours of decorating really paid off. A wonderful evening of Caribbean enchantment was had by all. Thanks to all who made it a success.





James McGrath



Larry McGrath



Carrie Meacham



Amy and Kristie Miner



Jimmy Meacham



Toby Moreau



Tina Newell



Bruce Palmer



Holly Paquette



Jeff Porcheron



Brooke Potter



Adam Pudvah



David Raymond



Allison Richards

James + Larry- We recieved a double blessing eighteen years ago. You hold our hands for a short time, but you will hold our hearts forever. Always look up and smile. Love, Dad and Mom. Ps 37:4

Carrie- our beautiful baby girl, our grown daughter, my best friend. We're so proud of you. We know you'll accomplish everything you want to do with your life. Life it safe and always happy. Love always, Mom, Dad, and Meach.

Jon- A teacher once said you have sticktuitiveness, he was right. You've come against many odds. But Mom watched God help a struggling young man succeed, I'm grateful to God who is faithful, and very proud of you Jonathan. Love, Mom.

Amy- You have only to follow the path you have worked so hard to build. It's made of quality materials. Today's decisions will set your course for tomorrow. As your journey continues, we will always be there for you. Love, Mom and Dad.

Kristie- Time clicks away on all clocks, the tide is now high, and still I cannot say goodbye. Pursue your dreams-our love and support will always be with you. Love, Mom and Dad.

Toby- Mom! I told you, I want to be a fireman. Well, Tob. You have grown to be a fine young man. We are very proud of who you are. Keep your hoses clean. Love, Mom and family.

Becca- Follow your dreams. Work hard and persevere. God and your family are always with you. Smile and enjoy life for you control your destiny. Love always, Mom.

Becky- I thank God every day for allowing me to be your Dad. You're a special young lady in all ways! Love, Dad.

Tina- You've worked hard to accomplish your goals to this stage of your life. Your mom and I are very proud of the person that you have become, and will stand behind you in all of your future endeavors. Love Mom and Dad.

Bruce- You have grown into a young man that we are so proud of! Congratulations and all our wishes for the best that life offers you. Love, Mom and Dad, Mark and Amy.

Holly- (Beana) Congratulations! You've made us so proud. You're one special April Fool. We love you. Dad, Mom, Tim, Heath, Kevin, Laura, and Taylor.

Erin Suzanne- Where has the time gone? Our beautiful baby is now a beautiful young lady. Go with your heart but use your head. We're proud of you and we love you now and forever. Love Mom, Dad, Katie.

Jeff- To our son: "Keep your fathers commands, and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them upon your heart forever." Proverbs 6:20. Congratulations! Love, Mom and Dad.

Brooke- We have been so proud of you-inspired by your talents, convulsed by the hilarity of your sense of humor, touched by your thoughtfulness. Our love and affection go with you always. Love, your family.

David- I knew you could do it. Congratulations. By the way, you're a hose-bag, uh huh, cause Mirle said. Best of luck and much happiness in whatever you do in the future. Lots of love, Mom and Mirle.

Allison- Your hopes are high, you want to fly, we hope that you will soar no matter when, no matter where, we couldn't love you more. Your family.



Jonathan Meacham



Rebecca Moultroupe



Roddy O'Brien



Josh Pantone



Erin Pettis



Heidi Kumble



Michelle Sabourin



Vic Samaritoni



Tyler Sears



Katie Sheldon

Heidi- may the stars be within your reach. You're a great daughter and a good friend. Love Mom & Conrad

Michelle- What a remarkable daughter. Your spirit and spunk is refreshing. Your caring and generosity shines. Always live your dreams and follow your heart, for it is a kind one.

Victor- Still a sweetheart! Love, Dad and Mom.

Tyler- Congratulations! We are very proud of you! You have an exciting future ahead of you with many opportunities for a great life. Follow your dreams and your heart and know that we support and love you, always. Mom and Dad.

Katie- I hope you find happiness in whatever you endeavor. You are a great person with a lot to offer the world. Anything can be yours if you try hard and persevere. Love always, Mom and Dad.

Michael- We wish you a good life, a big yard for all your vehicles, and dryer to store all your tools. Love Dad, Mom, Greg, and Erin.

Chris- We are so proud of you! Thanks for reminding us what desire, dedication, and hard work can accomplish! God bless you always, remember-if you've done your best, you've won!! Love Mom and Dad.

Jonathan- "What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Our love and prayers go with you. Dad and Mom.

Lyle John Swinton, my son, arrived at 7:50 AM 6 lbs, 2oz. A parents bundle of love and joy! That look of curiosity and determination in his growing up years gone by all too quickly. My son Lyle- handsome, witty, an achiever and leader. Lyle, your efforts and accomplishments have been terrific! I have been very lucky and proud to have had you in my life and by my side. Best wishes to you and your future plans. With love, Mother

Megan- It has been with great admiration that we have watched you grow as a student, leader, and daughter. As you continue to run the race of life, we will be watching with great pride. Love, Mom and Dad.

Sabrina- A hard working young woman who can and will overcome anything sent her way. Good luck in everything you do. Remember, we will always be there for you. Love, Sonya, Mike, Kara, and George.

Jason- The journey of life is sometimes rough, sometimes smooth, but if you fall down, look up, get up, and keep moving. All our best Chief. Mom and Dad.

Joe- Though life has not always been fair, with faith and perseverance, you have overcome. You have grown to become a fine man and a son we are very proud to call our own! God Bless You Love, Dad and Emily.

Jason- As you finish this final year in High School, and look forward to your future, we are very proud of you and wish you all the happiness and much success, always remember we will always be here for you. Love, Mom and Dad, Jeff, Tina, Billy, Cathy, Wyatt, Wade, Mike and Chad.



Mike Smith



Chris Sullivan



Lyle Swinton



Angela Unwin



J VanDeWeert



Betty Shows



Amy Smith



Jon Sullivan



Megan Thurber



Jennie Vanderwey



Joe VanDeWeert



Jason Vincent



Cheyenne Viskup



Sarah Whitaker

Carleen Atkins "Fred" 7/18/78

"Don't let anyone stand in the way of your dreams."
Chorus, 1-2.

Richard J. Austin "Dickie" 5/30/79

"You fill my mind up with words and numbers and
snap me in my place. I've always had trouble staying
snapped."

Band 1-3; Drama Production 2-4; One Act 2-4; Drama
Club 2-4; NYLC 3; Breadloaf 3-4; UVM Design 2-4;
Musical 1-2.



William E. Barrowes 10/05/77

Billie Jo Baslow 11/13/78



Travis A. Bates 5/11/79

Jeffrey A. Becher 2/01/79





Jessica L. Bessette "Jess" 3/29/79

"Time is a circus, always packing up and moving away." Ben Hecht
Chorus 1-3; German Club 1-3; German Exchange 3;
Prom Comm. 3.



Matthew P. Bodette 12/05/79

"Ukle nyuma cheskopokuta klees ka tlanka ya oska"
Greedo
Golf 1-4; Band 1-4; Prom Court; Soccer 1-2; Boys
State 3.



Kelly A. Boelens "Queen Kelly, Kel" 6/18/78

"Don't take everyone and everything for granted,
they disappear too fast."
Band 1-4; Select Chorus 4; Districts 3-4; Soccer 1;
Chorus 1-4; Plymouth 4; Band Prop Crew 2-4;
Musical Prop Crew 2-4; National Honor Society 3-4;
Band Festivals 3-4; Vergennes City Band 2.



Erin D. Bowers 3/20/79

"Then the time came when the risk it took to remain
tight in a bud was more painful than the risk it took
to blossom." Anais Nin
Districts 1-4; All-States 3-4; Environmental Club 1-2;
National Honor Society 3-4; Big Sister 1-2; SADD 2;
Prom Comm. 3; Band 1-4, Vice-President 3, President
4; Pit 2-4; Jazz Band 1-4; German Exch. 3; Ukrainian
Exch. 2; Softball 1-3; Russian Exch. 4.



Molly A. Brady "Mol" 1/29/79

"When the floor gets pulled out from underneath
you, you will always have the memories to dance
on."
Cheerleading 1-3; Soccer 2; Prom Comm. 3; Ring
Comm. 2; Student Council 2; Yearbook Section Head
4; Senior Video 4; Band 1-3; Chorus 3-4; Plymouth 4;
Districts 4; Project Grad 4; Winter Ball Comm. 4; SHG
1-4; Graduation Comm. 4; Baseball Mgr. 3; Poms 4.



Trevor H. Brash 10/31/79

Michael A. Brisson "Mike" 2/10/79

"The grass is never greener on the other side; I'll stay right here and frolic in the dirt and gravel"
Golf 1-4.

Marijean K. Brooks "Bean" 8/07/79

"Don't turn your back on a friend because when the time comes that you need them, their back will be turned on you."

Ring Comm. 2; Prom Comm. 3; Grad Comm. 4;
SADD 2-3; Big Sister 1-4; Yearbook 3; Soccer 3-4, Co-
Capt. 4, All-States 4, Laura Crenshaw Award 4,
Addison Independent All-Star Team 4, Lake
Division 1st team 4; Basketball 1-4, Co-Capt. 3-4;
Softball 1-4, Co-Capt. 3-4, Honorable Mention All-
Star Softball 2-3; Band 1; 1st Place UVM Writing 3;
Class Rep 3; Class Treasurer 4; School Improvement
Comm. 3; Community Comm. 4.



Rachel Brunet "Rach" 5/23/78

"I have had playmates, I have had companions in my days of childhood, in my joyful schooldays- All, all are gone, the old familiar faces." Old Familiar Faces (1798)

Soccer 1-4; Basketball 1-4; Softball 1-4; Big Sister 1;
Ring Comm. 2; Prom Comm. 3; Student Council 1-2;
Winter Ball Comm. 4; SHG; Graduation Comm.;
AAU B-Ball.

Chrystal A. Bruso 3/09/79

"Everyone is born with sails, but it is you who must add the wind in order to set afloat and explore."

Basketball 1-4; Softball 1-4; Musical 1, 3-4; Pit 2; Jazz
Band 1-4; Band 1-4; Treasurer 1-4; Class Vice
President 3; Secretary 4; National Honor Society 3-4;
Ring Comm. 2; Spirit Comm. 3-4; French Tutor 3;
Chorus 3; Who's Who 3-4; Winter Ball Comm. 4.



Lori Clark "Wewe" 11/26/78

"The only limitations are those of imagination."

FFA 1-4; Vice President; Reporter; Treasurer; NBHA;
ACES 4.

Naomi R. Cook "Nomi-Neemers" 12/08/78

"Where's that place where time stands still; it's everything I understand and all the things I never will." Mary Chapin Carpenter

Class Rep 3; Exec. Sec. 4; Chorus 1-4, Districts, All-
States, Plymouth, Select Chorus 4; Musical 1-4;
German Club 1-4; German Exch. 3; Girls State; Yrbk.
4; Big Sister 1; Poms 1-2; Flags 3-4; Cheerleading 2-3;
Prom Comm.; SADD 2; Project Grad Comm.; Dance
Team 1-2; Winter Ball Comm. 4; Chorus Comm. 3-4;
Grad Comm. 4; UVM Writing Award; Penn. Trip 4;
National Honor Society 4.





Sarah Cousino 2/12/79

"Go melt back in the night, everything inside is made of stone, there is nothing in here moving, and anyway I'm not alone." Bob Dylan
German Exch.; Class Marshall; SHG 2.



Eric W. Cushing "Z" 3/17/78

"How does it feel on your own, with no direction home, like a rolling stone?" Bob Dylan
German Club.



Lisa L. Cutich 1/17/79

"If you don't put limits on yourself, you can always keep striving. You might amaze yourself with what you discover you can do." Collin McCarty
Cheerleading 1-2; SHG2-3; Big Sister 1; Softball Mgr. 1; Class Rep 1-2; Poms 2; Ring Comm. 2; Prom Comm. 3; Flags 3-4; Work Co-op 3-4; Winter Ball Comm. 4.



Carrie Daigneault 4/20/78

"Every silver lining has a touch of grey." Grateful Dead



Casey M. Daigneault 4/25/79

"Life is like a picture, it will only develop if you take your best shot." Comic 50 out of 50



Annemarie de Boer "Dutch" 5/24/79

"In order to be successful, you have to lose sight of the shore, so your dreams can use hope to run free."
FFA 1-4; State Convention 1-4; Eastern States 1-4; Kansas 1, 3-4; Dairy Foods First 1; Ag Sales/Service; Farm Business Mgr; Dairy Showmanship 3; Courtesy Corp 3; Sentinel 2; Secretary 3; District Pres.4; Exec. Comm. Chair 4; Prom Court; Band 1-4; Chorus 4; 4H Showing 1-4.

Robert T. De Graaf "Bob, Bert" 8/29/78
 "Too much fun? What's that mean?" David Lee
 Murphy



Darren A. Desjardon "Derwood" 10/07/79
 "It's all good!"
 Vergennes Fire 1-4; Vergennes Rescue 3-4; Band 1-2;
 Golf 3-4.



Heidi Desjardin 6/21/79
 "You can't base your life on other people's expecta-
 tions."

Carol A. Dula "Curl" 8/16/79
 "The ice is thin, come on dive in underneath my lucid
 skin." Sarah M.
 Swimming 1-4, Capt. 2-3; Soccer 1-4, Capt. 4; Student
 Council 3-4; Prom Comm.; Band 1-4; Section Leader 3;
 Chorus 1,4; NHS 3-4; Tech Crew 1-4; German Exch.



Devon R. Elizarde 1/12/79

Lauren B. Evancie "Lo" 6/17/79
 "If I told you what it takes to reach the highest
 heights, you'd laugh and say nothing's that simple."
 Pete Townshend
 Musical 1-4; Districts 1-4; Chorus Districts 3-4; Soccer
 1-3; Swimming 1-4; Prom Comm. 3; Prom Court; Ring
 Comm. 2; Welcoming Comm. 1-4; Yrbk Section Head 3;
 Editor 4; Big Sister 1; Math League 3-4; Class President
 1,4; Exec. Vice Pres. 2; Class Rep. 3; Spirit Comm. 1, 3-
 4; Co-Chair 3-4; School Improvement Comm. Chair 2;
 Girls State 3; Xerox Award 3; Sylvan Scholar 3; Project
 Grad 4; Winter Ball Comm. 4; Grad Comm. 4; NYLC 3;
 Band 1-4; Chorus 3-4; National Honor Society;
 Principal's Leadership Award 4.



Rebecca Averill Fearon "Becky, Jan" 9/17/79

It's intuitively obvious to even the most casual bystander." My Dad

Jazz Band 1-4; Band 1-4; Music Stage Crew 1-2; Stage Manager 3; National Honor Society 3-4; Big Sister 3; German Exch. 3; Student Council 1-4; Chorus 4; Ring Comm. 2; Prom Comm. 3; UVM Leaders Conf. 3; City Band 1-4; German Club 1-3; Districts 2.



Amanda Gilbert 3/21/78

"Within me lies the power to seize the hour and live my dreams."



Lindsay Rae Gilbert "Linds" 11/03/79

"Purple haze was in my brain, lately things don't seem the same, actin' funny, but I don't know why, 'Scuse me while I kiss the sky." Jimi Hendrix

Basketball 1-2; Softball Mgr. 2; Student Council 1-2; SHG 2-4; Ring Comm. 2; Prom Comm. 3; Poms 3-4; Senior Video; SADD 2,4; Big Sister 1-2.



Preston Hall 1/24/79



Nicholas J. Hamel 12/24/78

"If you aren't living on the edge, you're taking up too much space."

Vergennes Rescue.



Richard R. Hammond "Rick, Bull" 10/16/78

"You never know 'til the moment the fire stares you down, you're just gonna do this job or be great at it."

Backdraft
Soccer 1; Rescue 3-4.

Amanda L. Hellmuth "Al" 7/15/79
 "No more tears." Johnson & Johnson



Eric P. Hoffman "E" 5/19/79
 "If something is too hard, give it up. The moral, friend, is to never try anything." Homer Simpson
 Prom Comm. 3; Basketball 1-4; Golf 2-4; Yearbook Editor 4; Boys State; Project Grad 4.

Patrick Hotte "Pat" 3/26/79
 "I heard a rumor I died murdered in cold blood, dramatized pictures of me in my final state. You know I cried." Tupac



Lusia Indriawati "Indri" 1/04/79
 "Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it." Lou Holtz
 Math League 3-4; Chorus 1-4; Band 3-4; Yearbook 4; Jazz Band 4; Soccer 2; Swim Manager 2.

Melissa D. Jones 2/07/79
 "Be in this world but not of it."
 National Honor Society 3-4; Cheerleading 2; Prom Comm.; German Club 1-4; Girl Scouts 1-4; Yearbook 3-4; Editor 4; Girls' Group; Winter Ball Comm.; Graduation Comm.



Loren Kandzior "Diesel" 5/30/79
 "All Vermonters come back to live at home."
 FFA 1-4.



Nathan Kittredge 11/19/78

"Like a ship lost in the night I just don't know which way I'll steer, but I'll keep chasing my dreams and only I can make them real."

Wrestling 1-4, Capt. 3-4, VT State Runner-Up 3, New England's 6th place 3, VCAC All Star Team 3-4, 100th Wins Club 4, Nationals Participant 4; J.V. Baseball 1-3; Track 4; Soccer 1-4, Capt. 4.



Matthew W. Lanning "Matt" 1/21/79

"Certain questions get answered, others spring up. Your mind plays tricks, you play tricks back. It's like you're unraveling a big cable knit sweater, but it keeps knitting and knitting and knitting." Pee Wee Herman

Basketball 1-4, Capt. 2,4; Track 2-4, States 2-4; Band 1-4; Jazz Band 1-4; Chorus 3-4; Musical 1, 3-4; Class Rep. 1-2; Math League 3-4; Prom Comm. 3; Prom King; Boys State.



Daniel J. Lanpher "Dan" 12/13/79

Theater Lighting 1-4; Band 1-4; Jazz Band 3-4, Districts 2.



Karla A. Larrow "Kaka" 7/19/79

"It's easier to make friends than it is to keep them." FFA 1; Yearbook 3; Ring Comm.; Project Grad; Grad Comm.; Winter Ball Comm.



Timothy Little "Tim" 11/14/78



Lee E. Loven 10/24/78

"Start the engine, rev it high, dump the clutch, and say goodbye. Life is a journey, so kick back and enjoy the ride."

James P. McGrath 11/07/78

"Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh, reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting, and let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6:7-9

Explorers 1-4; Lighting tech 1-4; Boy Scout 1; Champlain College Community Award; Middlebury Explorer of the Year; Honor Grad Vt. Police Academy Explorer Program 3.



Larry C. McGrath 11/07/78

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." Mohandas Gandhi

Law Explorers 1-2; Band 1-4; City Band 3; Prop Crew 2,4.

Carrie Meacham "Carebear" 4/09/79

"The only reward of virtue is virtue, the only way to have a friend is to be one." Ralph Waldo Emerson
Basketball 1-2; Softball 1-2,4; Ring Comm. 2; Close-Up 2; Chorus 3; Prom Comm. 3; Class Rep 4; Big Sister 1; HOBY 2; Winter Ball Comm. 4; Grad Comm. 4.



James W. Meacham, Jr. "Jimmy" 9/08/79

"Life is a like a roller coaster ride, some learn by mistakes but most learn the hard way."

Jonathan Meachem "Jon-Boy" 7/10/78

"Feel no pain, but my life ain't easy. I know I'm my best friend, I'll fight until the end to escape from a true false world, undamaged destiny, can't get caught in the endless circle. Ring of stupidity." Metallica



Amy B. Miner 2/06/79

"Don't deplete my oxygen for the guy who is turning blue, but ask me and I'll do anything for you."

Big Sister 1; Swimming 1-3; Soccer 1-2; Softball 1-4; Design Competition 1-4; Band 1-4; Section Leader 3; Jazz Band 1-4; B.U. Competition 3; Environmental Club 1; City Band 1-2; Water Testing 1-2; NYNEX Intern 3; Districts 1-2.



Kristie S. Miner "Kris" 11/24/80

"One who fights monsters should see to it that in the process he does not become a monster, and when looking long into an abyss also looks into you."

Friedrich Nietzsche

Band 1; Soccer 1; Swimming 1; German Club 1-2; Environmental Club; Track 1; Jazz Band 1.



Rebecca L. Moultroup "Beck" 8/11/79

"If I die before I learn to speak, will money pay for all the days I lived awake, but half-asleep?" Primitive Radio Gods

Band 1-4; Chorus 4; Prom Comm. 3; Musical Prop Crew 2-3; Explorers 2-4; French Trip 2; River Watch 1-2, 4.



Toby Moreau "Probie" 8/05/77

"Fire lives, breathes, eats, and hates; the only way to kill it is to think like it." Backdraft



Tina Newell "T" 1/11/78

"You cannot love or hate something about another person unless it reflects something you love or hate about yourself." Cherie Scott Carter

Softball 1-4; Basketball 1-2, 4; Girl Scouts 1-4; German Club 1-4; Big Sister 1; Yearbook 4; Prom Comm. 3; Girls' Group 1; German Exch. 3; Winter Ball Comm. 4; Grad Comm. 4; Who's Who 4; National Honor Society 4.



Roderick V. O'Brien "Roddy" 12/08/78



Bruce A. Palmer 5/23/78

"Fire fighting: I fight what you fear."

Wrestling 1; Soccer 1-2; Vergennes Volunteer Fire.

Joshua Panton 9/05/79

"Content is wealth, the riches of the mind, and happy he who can that treasure find."

Basketball 1-2; Track 2; FFA 1-4; Star Green Hand 1; Green Hand Vice Pres. 1; State Convention 2-4; Dairy Judging 1,3; National Convention 2-4; Ag. Bus. Mgmt. 2; Dairy Foods 3-4; Horse Judging 3; Big "E" 2-4.



Holly J. Paquette "Holl" 4/01/79

"As always, victory finds a hundred fathers, but defeat is an orphan."

Soccer 1-4, All-States 4, MVP 4, Addison Independent All-Star Team 4, Lake Division First Team 4, Twin State Team 4; Basketball 1-2,4; Softball 1-4; Ring Comm. 2; Grad Comm. 4; Prom Comm 3.



Erin S. Pettis "Petri" 7/21/79

"If I could sit high, how much greater I'd be! What a king! I'd be a ruler of all I could see! On va commencer!" Dr. Seuss

Band 1-4; Chorus 1-4; Districts; All-States; Plymouth; Prom Comm. 3; Musical 2-4.

Nicholas D. Piper 5/16/78

Jeffrey L. Porcheron "Porch" 5/10/79

"Live long and prosper."

Basketball 1-4, Capt. 4; Baseball 1; Soccer 2; Golf 4.



Brooke Potter 5/16/79

"Forgive me, for children grow old, all that touched my eye once, disappeared, even I have grown cold to the world."



Adam M. Pudvah "Puddy" 10/01/79

"The world is always against you. You try your hardest and you find there is always someone better than you."
Basketball 1.



Allen R. Pulsifer 7/13/78



David A. Raymond "Dave" 2/22/78

"Paper or plastic, sir?"
Chorus 1-4.



Allison J. Richards "Alley" 7/27/79

"For if I ever saw you, I didn't catch your name, but it never really mattered, I will always feel the same."
Yearbook; German Club; German Exchange.



Heidi L. Rumble "Flory, Ghost, Hoie" 8/20/79

Nature Club; Cheerleading 1-4, Capt.; Girls State Alternate; Yearbook.



Michelle L. Sabourin "Michelin" 8/23/79

"I am the magical mouse. I don't eat cheese, I eat sunsets and the tops of trees."
Cheerleading 1,3; Soccer 1-2; Softball 1-2; Track 3-4; Yearbook 4; Ring Comm. 2; Prom Comm. 3; Winter Ball 4; Senior Video 4; Poms 2-4.

Victor A. Samaritoni "Vic, Vito" 4/16/79
Wrestling 2-4, Capt. 4; Drama Club 3-4.



Tyler Scars 11/27/79
"It's designed to break your heart. The game begins in the spring, when everything else begins again, and it blossoms in the summer, filling the afternoons and evenings, and then as soon as the chill rains come, it stops and leaves you to face the fall alone."

Ferry Sefiadi "Kurt" 3/22/79
"May there always be peace and love among us. Violence is not the only answer."



Catherine Sheldon "Kate" 9/16/79
"No more turning away from the weak and the weary. No more turning away from the coldness inside. Just a world that we all must share. It's not enough to stand and stare. Is it only a dream, there'll be no more turning away." Pink Floyd
Drama Club 3; Musical 2; Cheerleading 2; Soccer 3; Prom Comm. 3; German Exch. 3; German Club 1-4; Student Council 3-4; Winter Ball Comm. 4; Yearbook 4; Chorus 4; Russian Exch. 4; Ukranian Exch. 3.

Betty Shows "Mom" 2/02/60
"I had a dream to graduate from school, and this year I will, thanks to my husband and kids. Love you all."



Deborah Smith "Deb" 3/14/78
"When the day gets cookin' gonna grab my toys and it really doesn't matter which wave we're on, get to turnin' up them good old boys." Clint Black



Michael Smith 6/14/79



Amy Smits "George" 10/31/79

"There are hundreds of languages in the world, but a smile speaks all of them."
FFA 1-4; Oklahoma City Land Judging 2; Kansas City 3-4; District Chorus 1; District Band 2-4; Chorus 1; Band 1-4; Prop Crew 3; Section Leader 3; Eastern States 2-3.



Christopher Sullivan "Sull" 10/17/79

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."
Baseball 1-4; Wrestling 1; Soccer 1-4; Capt. 4; FFA 1-3; Fire Dept. 3-4; Network Asst. 3-4; Boys State 3.



Jonathan D. Sullivan 11/04/80

"Only the scared die unsatisfied."



Lyle Swinton "L.J." 9/26/78

"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you never stop." Confucius



Megan L. Thurber "Lucy" 2/27/79

"Those who say it can't be done shouldn't interrupt those who are doing it."
Student Council 1-4; Soccer 1-3; Track 2-4; Cross Country 4; Big Sister 1-4; Districts 1-4; Musical 2-4; Girls State 3; German Exchange 3; National Honor Society 3-4; President 4.

Sabrina L. Tracey "Girl" 1/16/79

"Senior year is finally over. CT, HR, CM, SW, MB, KS. Anna, don't be late. Thanks (mom) Sandi, Sonya, and Mike. Roland, thank you for everything you have done. I will always love you 4-ever. Aug. 5, 1995. I love you Roland."
Cheerleading 1-3; Softball 2-3; 4-H 1-4.



Angela M. Unwin "Betty" 3/02/79

"Why take life seriously; you'll never get out alive."
Basketball 1-2; Softball 2; Close-Up 2; German Club 3.

Jennie Vanderwey "Jen" 12/04/78

"Those who fear death are the same ones who have not lived their lives to the fullest; when you laughed in death's face, you were not being courageous, you were just being honest." Garth Brooks
FFA 1-4; Eastern States 1-3; Land Judging 1-2; Dairy Cattle Judging 2; Showmanship 3; Farm Bus. Mgmt. 3; Dairy Foods 1-2; Barre Farm Show 1-4; Parliamt. Pro. 3-4; Kansas City, 4; German Club 1-3.



Jason K. VanDeWeert "Chief" 8/12/79

"Some girls don't like boys like me. Ah, but some girls do." Sawyer Brown
Football 1; Basketball 1; FFA 1-4; National Convention 3-4; 1st place Ag Mech. 3; State Convention 2.

Joseph A. VanDeWeert "Joe" 4/20/79

"Life's short, have fun, cause some trouble, just don't get caught."



Jason Vincent "Vinny" 8/10/79

"There is no wisdom greater than kindness."
Baseball 1-4; Sportsmanship 2; Soccer 1-4; Capt. 2,4; Big Brother 4; Prom Court 3; Winter Ball Comm. 4; German Exch. 3; Grad. Comm. 4.





Cheyenne E. Viskup "Chey" 3/30/79

"I always knew that looking back on tears would make me laugh, but I never thought that looking back on laughter would make me cry. If you listen to the wind, you can hear the voices of your life, and they will carry you through."

Soccer 1-3; B-Ball 1-4; Capt. 1; Track 3-4; Cross Country 4; Musical 1-4; New England Band 3-4; All State Band 1-4; Districts 1-4; Chorus Districts 3-4; Class President 3; Prom Comm. 3; Prom Queen; Math League 3-4; U.S. Senate Page 3; Plymouth; Drum Major 3-4; Jazz Band 2-4; Band 1-4; Chorus 1-4; School Imp. Comm. Co-Chair 4.



Christopher Weber 8/26/78



Timothy Weber 12/11/79



Sarah Jane Whitaker 3/23/79

"All you need in life is ignorance and confidence, then you'll find success."

Soccer 1-3; Softball 1-2; Track 3-4; SHG 1-4; Prom Comm. 3; Winter Ball Comm. 4.

MEMORIES TO TAKE WITH US FOR OUR NEW BEGINNING. . .





At the close of these six years at Vergennes Union High School, we bid farewell to frantic food drives, massive Tug-O-Wars, and never ending fundraisers. We say goodbye also to familiar faces and dear friends. The ties strengthened by these years together will remain with us forever. As we leave this beginning, we move on to another, bringing with us memories, tears, and laughter. These years have prepared us for what lies ahead. We will carry them with us forever. From the Class of 1997, farewell.



SPORTS FEVER



Vergennes Commodores



Sink Their Opponents

CAPTAINS' CORNER



"I had fun running cross country last fall, and I hope to have the same opportunities next year as a senior."

Paul Ryan



"Except for the injuries, the season went well. Everyone had fun and we look forward to senior year."

Emily Lanning



"At our first meet we took second place, but we couldn't maintain that spot. Next year should be better."

Megan Thurber



Cross-country team members head for a meet. Left to right are Katy Mack, Amanda Cook, Cheyanne Viskup, Christina Aiken, Anne Pettibon, Erin Jewell, Megan Thurber, and Emily Lanning.

CROSS COUNTRY





At the Essex Invitational, Paul Ryan placed second in the Division II boys' race, clocking 17 minutes, 18 seconds.

CROSS COUNTRY RECORDS

Due to injuries early in the season, the girls were unable to maintain their fine start of second place at the first seven-team meet in September at Colchester. On the other hand, Paul Ryan kept Vergennes in the headlines with top finishes throughout the season, a course record at the South Burlington Meet in Red Rocks Park and as the first Vermonter to cross the finish line in the Division II race at the Essex Invitational. Individual times for the 5 kilometer cross-country race include the following.

Katy Mack	22:35 minutes
Emily Lauring	22:39 minutes
Megan Thurber	22:39 minutes
Paul Ryan	16:47 minutes

CAPTAINS/ CORNER



"We didn't have a very good season but we did our best."

Jason Vincent



"Not everything is winning or losing. be proud of your accomplishments."

Nathan Kittredge



"We had a good season and a lot of young talent. good luck to the team next year."

Chris Sullivan



Top row from left to right: Jarret Dubois, Steve Smith, Louis Galiotti, Ryan Rossier, Keith LeBeau, Adam Dugan, Ty Zimmerman, Peter Glidden, Scott Smith, Coach Mike Plankey. Bottom row from left to right: Aaron Hawley, Justin Rice, Jason Vincent, Chris Sullivan, Nathan Kittredge, Raymond Naingolan, Timothy Little, Matt Fuller. Missing: Scott Bissonette, Josh Kayhart.

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER





Good Job Seniors



SCOREBOARD

	VUHS	THEM
Green Mt. Valley	2	2
Richford	4	2
Green Mt. Valley	0	4
Enosburg	2	4
Burke Mt.	1	0
Mt. Abraham	3	1
BFA Fairfax	0	2
Milton	0	1
Rice	2	2
Richford	1	0
Enosburg	1	2
BFA Fairfax	1	1
Middlebury	1	3
Mt. Abraham	0	1

Playoffs

Otter Valley	0	2
Montpelier	5	0



CAPTAINS' CORNER



"I was really proud of the team this year. Everyone worked well together."

P.S. I am cool.
Marijean Brooks



"It was good to know that a group with such an age difference could be so much like a team."

Rachel Brunet



"Life's rough, but we fought hard."

Carol Dula



"This season was great. The whole team got to learn more about each other. This helped us to be very successful."

Holly Paquette



Back Row: Heidi Gebo, Courtney Houston, Laurie Marcotte, Electra Usher, Karin Munnett, Shelley Dubois, Mara Mueller. Coach: Doug Hawley. Front Row: Jen Ryan, Kari Kozic, Carol Dula, Marijean Brooks, Holly Paquette, Rachel Brunet, Betsy Hawley, Allison Becher.

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER





Freshman sensation Mara Mueller traps the ball. In her first season, Mara lead the Commodores' offensive attack, leading the team in goals scored.



Above: Marijean Brooks makes a diving save. Coming up big this year, she posted four shutouts and made All State and the Lake Division Team. To the right, Holly Paquette controls the ball. Holly also made All-States and the Lake Division Team, plus a spot on the Twin State Team.



SCOREBOARD

	VUHS	THEM
Fair Haven	1	2
Winooski	6	0
Richford	2	1
Enosburg	2	0
Green Mt. Valley	1	1
Mt. Abraham	0	1
Middlebury	2	2
Richford	1	0
Middlebury	2	1
Winooski	1	0
Rice	0	1
Enosburg	0	3
Mt. Abraham	0	3
BFA Fairfax	3	1
Play offs		
Burke Mt	2	3



CAPTAINS' CORNER



"Our season was tough, yet was a lot of fun. We started off slow, but the improvement was obvious at the end of the season."

David Maurer



"We didn't have the greatest season ever, but we played hard and did pretty well. We had fun."

Gabe Bushey



"The team tried the best they could, even though our best players were taken by varsity."

Tony Samaritoni



Back row from left to right: Coach Roland Guyette, Erich Mueller, Collin Evancie, Nathan Everts, Travis Clark, Chris Rampone, Chris Moultroup, Justin Angier. Front row from left to right: Steve Marcotte, Don Lane, David Maurer, Gabe Bushey, Tony Samaritoni, Ira Beaver, Ashley Ross.

J.V. BOYS SOCCER



CAPTAINS' CORNER



"We had a young team this season, but we were still able to work well together."

Monique Provencher



"We had a strong season, and we all learned a lot about ourselves."

Erin Torrey



Back row from left to right: Coach Annie Wilson, Amy Bodette, Jamie Barrows, Sara Donnelly, Darci Yantz, Natasha Haaijema, Jamie Litch, Amy Hawley, Marie Chugg, Jessica Jerry, Carol Fournier. Front row from left to right: Melody Bodette, Brodie Gilbert, Jessica Bissonette, Nicole Brusio, Monique Provencher, Erin Torrey, Nina McDonald, Christine Danyow, Kim Torrey, Sabra Vachon

J.V. GIRLS SOCCER



CAPTAINS' CORNER



"I think we had a pretty good season considering we had a young team. It was a rebuilding year but things went well and I had fun."
Marijean Brooks



"This season was ok. We didn't do as well as I would have wished, but I had a lot of fun."
Katy Mack



Varsity team members are as follows: standing from left to right, Coach Ralph Paquette, Heidi Gobo, Cheyanne Viskup, Karin Munnett, and Manager Kim Torrey, kneeling from left to right are Holly Paquette, Erin Torrey, Katy Mack, Marijean Brooks, Mara Mueller, and Emily Lanning.

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL





Junior standout Katy Mack's excellent effort and achievement this season earned her Lake Division Second Team honors



Team seniors were Holly Paquette, Marijean Brooks, and Cheyanne Viskup



1996-1997 Varsity Girls Scoreboard

	Us	Them		U	Them
BFA Fairfax	48	22	Missisquoi	39	36
Winooski	61	33	Milton	39	82
Enosburg	28	62	Mt Abe	36	72
Winooski	52	23	Colchester	53	37
Enosburg	46	54	BFA Fairfax	39	12
Mt Abe	31	62	Burlington	30	32
Colchester	51	29	Mt. Mansfield	44	60
Middlebury	44	46	Missisquoi	48	47
Burlington	42	40	Milton	34	51
Middlebury	31	41	PLAYOFFS		
Mt. Mansfield	45	48	Mill River	44	61

CAPTAINS* CORNER



"This year was a fun year and also a learning one. I enjoyed it a lot."

Matt Lanning



"We had a good season and finished with style in division playoffs."

Jeff Porcheron



Back row from left to right: Manager Adam Pudvah, Adam Dugan, Eric Hoffman, Ian Nye, Ryan Rossier, Trevor Lombard, Louis Galiotti. Front row, from left to right: Adam Marro, Scott Smith, Matt Lanning, Jeff Porcheron, Justin Rice, Steve Smith. Missing, Coach Gene LeBeau

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL





SCOREBOARD

	VUHS	THEM
@ Harwood	55	60
@ Enosburg	69	85
FAIRHAVEN	39	53
@ Richford	62	71
@ BFA Fairfax	74	45
@ Peoples	63	65
@ Fairhaven	46	67
RICHFORD	61	41
BFA FAIRFAX	74	49
ENOSBURG	65	50
MT. ABRAHAM	65	56
MIDDLEBURY	54	66
WINOOSKI	69	64
@ Milton	86	79
@ Missisquoi	51	42
@ Middlebury	59	47
@ Mt. Abraham	68	51
@ Winooski	68	57
MILTON	58	42
MISSISQUOI	56	34

CAPTAINS' CORNER



"This season was fun. Everybody improved throughout the season."
Becky Ebel



"Our record didn't reflect our abilities, but we had a fine season and everyone had fun."
Jenny Johnson



"Even though our record wasn't that great, we played well as a team."
Kelli VandeWeert



Front row left to right: N. Bruso, A. Frasier, S. Donnelly, J. Johnson, K. VandeWeert, B. Ebel, C. Danyow, S. Mossey, A. Hawley; back row from left to right: Coach S. Brooks, R. Lanning, S. Stearns, C. McBride, C. Sullivan, R. Tisbert, C. Fournier, D. Yantz, C. Michael, Coach L. Gebu.

J.V. GIRLS BASKETBALL



CAPTAINS' CORNER



"We had a great year, hopefully next year we will be better with the experience we gained."

Travis George



"This year was fun at times and a struggle at others. I think we learned a lot from our mistakes." Ben Begins



Front row from left to right: Nathan Evarts, Luke Husk, Travis George, Ben Begins, Steve Marcotte, Nathan Torrey. Back row from left to right: Coach Barry Aldinger, Gabe Bushey, Keith LeBeau, Rory Thompson, Wayne Jones, Justin Angier, Ross Coulman, Chris Moultroup.

J.V. BOYS BASKETBALL



CAPTAINS' CORNER



"I've had a great wrestling career but couldn't have done it without coaches Tom Tisbert, Joel Palmer, and Steve Bissonette."
Nate Kittredge



"We had a really impressive season this year, and we are only losing two seniors, so expect another good showing next year."

Vic Samaritoni



Standing from left to right are Nathan Kittredge, Erich Mueller, Victor Samaritoni, Coach Bissonette. Kneeling from left to right are Scott Bissonette, Jacob Meader, Chris Rampone, Karl Miller.

WRESTLING





SCOREBOARD

Because VUHS couldn't field entries for several weight classes and had to forfeit matches, the 1997 season team results were disappointing. On the other hand, undermanned VUHS made up for lack of quantity with quality performances, as individual wrestlers qualified for division, state, New England and national tournaments. At the Division II state wrestling tournament, Vergennes placed fourth, and at the Vermont state meet held at Essex High School, Vergennes placed eighth in a field of twenty-two Division I and II high school teams.

Individual first and second place finishers are listed below.

DIVISION II STATE TOURNAMENT

Captain Nate Kittredge: 1st Place—160 pounds

Captain Vic Samaritoni: 1st Place—215 pounds

Scott Bissonette: 1st Place—103 pounds

Erich Mueller: 2nd Place—189 pounds

Chris Rampone: 2nd Place—112 pounds

VERMONT STATE TOURNAMENT

Captain Nate Kittredge: 1st Place—160 pounds

Captain Vic Samaritoni: 2nd Place—215 pounds

Captains Nate Kittredge and Vic Samaritoni qualified for the New England and National Tournaments at 160 pounds and 215 pounds respectively



CAPTAINS' CORNER



We had a young squad this year, full of energy and talent. We overcame many challenges daily and shone out on the floor. Good luck to next year's squad!!"

Heidi Rumble



"I'm really glad we worked together well and that everyone was friends."

Kara Sorenson



"This year's squad was a young one, but we were full of determination and we always strived to be the best we could be. Great job, girls! Thanks, Coach! We love ya!"

Erin Jewell



The varsity cheerleaders are pictured above, from left to right in the back row: Ada Safford, Diana Rose, Heather Kandzior, Jessica Degree, Erin Jewell, Abby Dubois, Jaime Barrows, and Coach Diane Marcotte; in the second row kneeling are Nina McDonald, Heidi Rumble, Jami Tucker, Kara Sorenson, and Sarah Spear, front and center is Natasha Haaljema.

VARSITY CHEERLEADING



The team's lone senior was Heidi Rumble.





YELL OUT YOUR COLORS COMMODORES!!!!



***BLUE
AND
WHITE!!***



COACHES' CORNER

"A small team, but full of spirit and potential."

Cookie Stepaniuk

"They have improved a lot and will contribute a lot to varsity."

Erika Dugan

"It was a great year, and they did a great job."

Audrey White

"They have come a long way, and I have learned a lot."

Billie Jo Sumner



Back Row, from left to right: Coach Billie Jo Sumner, Hilary Norton, Rose Marsano, Elizabeth Richmond, Andrea Cousineau, Coach Audrey White. Front Row, from left to right: Coach Erika Dugan, Christina Redmond, April Marble, Danielle Moreau, Coach Cookie Step.

J.V. CHEERLEADING



"Small in numbers, but large in accomplishment, this year's JV team rose to each task placed before it. The team worked hard on a variety of stunts and dances, increasing their personal skills. Danielle Moreau and Chrissie Redmond worked with the Varsity competition team. Way to go JV!"

Coach Cookie Step

GOLF TEAM



Pictured above are the 1997 golf team members. From left to right, standing, are Coach Bill Connors, Darren Desjardon, Jessica Devoid, David Maurer, Tom Hellyer, Ryan Rossier, Ian Nye, Jarret Dubois, Scott Smith, Peter Burke; from left to right, kneeling, are Nathan Evarts, Matthew Bodette, Aaron Hawley, Eric Hoffman, Justin Rice, Trevor Lombard, Corey Mack. In the Metro Division, the golf team practices at Basin Harbour and plays in tournaments at Newport, Burlington, Champlain, Basin Harbor, Essex, and West Bolton.

SWIM TEAM



Pictured above are the 1997 swim team members; from left to right are Laura Womack, Jeremy Ouimette, Amy Miller, Anne Pettibon, Cassandra Moulton, Betsy Hawley, and Carol Dula. The swim team practices at Mt Abraham High School. They compete in the Adirondack Division, a division in New York which includes the Albany Starfish, the Schenectady Sharks, the Glens Falls Gators, and other New York swim clubs.

SENIORS



"Participation has been increasing every year. We have a lot of individual talents and though not enough for a full team, we still have a good time."

Matt Lanning



"The after-practice cream teas were the best!"

Michelle Sabourin



"Running is considered an individual sport, but we were definitely a team. We set goals together, and reached them together."

Megan Thurber



"Track is a good sport, you get out what you put in."

Cheyenne Viskup



Top Row: Peter Glidden, Karl Miller, Matthew Lanning, Paul Ryan, Fred Lichtenfels, Cheyanne Viskup. Second Row: Kelli VandeWeert, Jennifer Ryan, Emily Lanning. Last Row: Michelle Sabourin, Staci McDonald, Nicole Brusco, Megan Thurber. Coach: Rebecca Saward. Mgr.: Tanya Culver.

TRACK & FIELD





TRACK & FIELD SCOREBOARD

The track and field team posted a successful season; individuals attained their goals, setting new times and extending jump distances. Individual bests are below:

INDIVIDUAL BESTS

Niki Bruso	100 meters	13.89seconds
Peter Glidden	long jump	5'6"
Emily Lanning	1500 meters	15:10minutes
Matt Lanning	high jump	5'10"
Fred Lichtenfels	long jump	4'10"
Karl Miller	long jump	15'9"
Jen Ryan	1500 meters	17:10minutes
Paul Ryan	3000 meters	9:37 minutes
Michelle Sabourin	100m hurdles	34.51seconds
Megan Thurber	800 meters	8:09minutes
Kelli VanDeWeert	800 meters	9:75minutes
Cheyenne Viskup	3000 meters	33:45minutes

SENIORS' CORNER



"This season will definitely be a rebuilding year. I expect we will have good hitting, and hopefully, our pitching will catch up later in the season."

Chris Sullivan



"Last year was all right. Our pitching improved throughout the season, and our hitting overall was pretty good."

Jason Vincent



The 1996 team, top row from left to right, are Coach Ray Beaver, Chuck Ringer, Chris Sullivan, Jason Vincent, Louis Galiotti, and Jesse Beaver; bottom row from left to right are Richard Przybylinski, Jeremy Brooks, Bill Smith, Trevor Marcotte, Chad Whittemore and Ben Gaboriault

VARSITY BASEBALL





Junior standout **Chuck Ringer** scores one of his many runs of the 1996 season

Last year's seniors carried the 1996 VUHS baseball team to a very fine record in the tough Metro League Division. Above from left to right are Coach Beaver, Chad Whittemore, Bill Smith, Trevor Marcotte, Richard Przybylinski, Jeremy Brooks, and Ben Gaboriault.



1997 SEASON SCHEDULE

<i>April</i>			
19	Enosburg	@	Vergennes
22	Vergennes	@	BFA Fairfax
24	Vergennes	@	Enosburg
26	Vergennes	@	Richford
<i>May</i>			
1	BFA Fairfax	@	Vergennes
3	Mt. Abe	@	Vergennes
8	Vergennes	@	Champlain Valley
10	Vergennes	@	Burlington
15	Vergennes	@	South Burlington
20	Rice	@	Vergennes
22	Colchester	@	Vergennes
24	Vergennes	@	Winooski
27	Vergennes	@	MLAbe

CAPTAINS' CORNER



"Last year was fun. We had a young team with a lot of talent, but we didn't win as much as we would have liked. We hope to make this year more successful and be a contender in the Metro League."

Marijean Brooks

Holly Paquette



Standing from left to right are Tina Newell, Rachel Brunet, Amy Miner, Heidi Gebo, Laurie Marcotte, and Coach Lissa Gebo; sitting are Lisa Champine, Jennifer Daniels, Holly Paquette, and Marijean Brooks

VARSITY SOFTBALL





Last season the Girls Varsity Softball team finished with a record they felt could have been better. The 1996 squad was very young, with three seniors and many junior varsity players who were moved up. For the 1997 season, Vergennes should have more talent, and many of the players will also have the experience of the previous year. This combination should make the team a much tougher competitor during the 1997 season. Coach Lissa Gebo said she expected the Metro League would offer a strong challenge, but with more confidence and the return of several key players, the outlook for 1997 is very positive. Coach Gebo adds, "With luck, we'll improve our record substantially and do well in the playoffs." Pictured below are the 1996 captains, from left to right, Holly Paquette, Alisa Haajema, Jennifer Daniels, Lisa Champine, and Marijean Brooks.



SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Game
April 19	ENOSBURG
April 22	@Fairfax
April 24	@Enosburg
April 26	@Richford
April 29	@Harwood
May 1	FAIRFAX
May 3	MT. ABE
May 8	@CVT
May 10	@Burlington
May 13	MIDDLEBURY
May 15	@S. Burlington
May 20	RICE
May 22	COLCHESTER
May 24	@Winooski
May 27	@Mt. ABE

COACH'S CORNER



"Although the record of last year's team didn't show the players' effort, they did put in a lot of time and hard work. I look forward to a terrific season this year."

Coach Samaritoni



In the top row from left to right are B. Crossman, S. Desjardin, and E. Hebert. In the middle row are J. Haight, J. Gaboriault, Coach Samaritoni, and J. Elzinga. In the bottom row are T. Samaritoni, G. Bushey, A. Dugan, and W. Jones.

J.V. BASEBALL



AWARDS



Most Valuable
Player

Darci Yantz



Most Improved
Player

Stacey Stearns



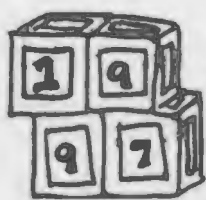
Coch's Award
Jessica Bissonette



In the back row from left to right are Erin Torrey, Stacey Stearns, Coach Ralph Paquette, and Carrie Sullivan. In the front row are Erin Bowers, Jessica Bissonette, Allison Becher, Electra Usher, and Darci Yantz.

J.V. SOFTBALL





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CLASS OF 1998

Our class has just one more year left at VUHS. We've almost made it to the top! Of course, it's taken hard work to get where we are. We've stuck together through all the fundraising, team practices for sports—many of us were on varsity teams—prom planning and decorating, endless rehearsals for "Me and My Girl," and tests, tests, tests—especially SATs. Some of us had the opportunity to take on leadership roles, good practice for next year. Although our class may not always be as close as we could be, we definitely have a personality that is all our own. We're looking forward to the responsibilities and the fun of being seniors next year.

Melissa Armell
Allison Becher
Jessica Bissonette
Logan Blaise
Karen Blanchard
Keith Boucher



Peter Burke Jr.
Christopher Clark
Keelin Clark
Rhiannon Condon
Tanya Culver
Julie Daniels



Jacob Danyow
Amanda Degree
Steven Desjardin
Jeremy Devoid
Jessica Devoid
Thomas Donnelly





Abigail Dubois
Jarret Dubois
Shelley Dubois
Christopher Dyke
Michael Florucci
Carol Fournier



Matthew Fuller
Jeffrey Gaboriault
Louis Galiotti
Peter Glidden



Randolph Grant
Kara Griswold
Angela Hawkins
Aaron Hawley



Eric Hebert
Ethan Hebert
Kevin Hebert
Courtney Houston
Jay Jerger
Erin Jewell



Katie Kachmar
Josh Kayhart
Monica Kirsch
Emily Lanning



Jonathan Laramie
Fred Lichtenfels
Trevor Lombard
Stephanie Looby



Amanda Loven
Katherine Mack
Laurie Marcotte
Jeremy Marquardt
Adam Marro
B. McKirryher III

Karl Miller
Lynn Miller
Karin Munnett
Angie Norton
Ian Nye
Jack Ploof



Mike Porcheron
Robert Porter
Eric Preston
Bruce Putnam



Michael Quinlan
Jordan Raphael
Rheni Riani
Justin Rice



Ben Richmond
Chuck Ringer
Steffy Rompas
Diana Rose
Ryan Rossier
Paul Ryan



Ada Safford
Kori Saltus
Marquita Shows
Scott Smith



Steve Smith
Richard Sorrell
Tyler St. Jean
Brienne Tisbert

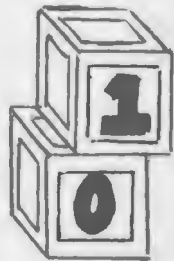


Kim Torrey
Electra Usher
Ben Veldman
Adam Workman
Darci Yantz





SOPHOMORES



CLASS OF 1999

Another busy year has passed for the class of 1999, a year full of sports, clubs, student council, and school work. Our classes were challenging, and sometimes we felt weighed down with increased homework and transition to block scheduling. We're not the little kids in the senior high anymore, but we still have a lot to learn. "Me and My Girl" was a highlight for some of us, and we're all looking forward to next year as juniors—varsity sports at last, our very own prom, planning the future after VUHS. College or a job, what will it be? We're slowly climbing to the top of the heap at Vergennes Union High School.

J. Allen-Hawkins
Heather Beaupre
Benjamin Begins
Paul Bent
T.J. Blaise
Amy Bodette



Daniel Boudreau
Nicole Bruso
Gabriel Bushey
Andrew Campbell
Christina Caniyo
Chasidy Counter



Brian Crossman
Justin Dimond
Jeremy Dowdy
Adam Dugan
Rebecca Ebel
Jeremy Elzinga





Collin Evancie
Jaime Farnsworth
Lynn Fischer
Paul Foley
Jason Fuller
Heidi Gebo

Travis George
Brodie Gilbert
Olive Gove
Michael Graves

Natasha Haajema
Jeremy Haight
Betsy Hawley
Karl Hellmuth

Thomas Hellyer
Jessica Husk
Luke Husk
Bradley Hutchins
Bradley Jerger
Michael Jerry

Jennifer Johnson
Eslie Jones
Wayne Jones II
Ben Kandzior

Michael Kilbreth
Kari Kozic
Donald Lane
Jessica Lane

Amanda Laramie
Jenae Lauer
Jennifer Lavelle
Keith LeBeau
Nichole Lopinto
Kristi Loven

April Marble
David Maurer
Thomas Michael
Amy Miller
Leah Mills
Crystal Montani



Aaron Morrison
Bobbie Jo Moureau
Ray Nainggolan
Kelly O'Brien



Simone Perron
Sarah Phelan
Phillip Pierce
Jeffrey Place



H. Provencher
M. Provencher
Kim Richards
Adam Robarge
Jennifer Ryan
Tony Samaritoni



Andy Sears
Jeff Sessions
Serina Shows
Jesse Simpson



Kara Sorenson
Lance Steady
Ronald Stearns
Stacey Stearns



Carrie Sullivan
Michelle Tarte
Maranda Taylor
Eric Thomann
Erin Torrey
Nathan Torrey





Seth Tracy
 Sid Vander Wey
 Pete VandeWeert
 Kelli VandeWeert
 Shannon Warden
 Josh Whitten



Ty Zimmerman



FRESHMEN



CLASS OF 2000

The class of 2000 has arrived! We're finally here, and we're psyched to be a part of the senior high. As we begin our journey, we look back on a year of exciting firsts--JV and, for a few, varsity sports, more responsibility, more extra-curricular opportunities, and more homework. For some, "Me and My Girl" was a highlight, and for many, just the transition to the freshman year was the important factor. We look forward to the next three years at VUHS, whether we're on the field or the court- or just on the loose. We plan to bring in the new century for VUHS, so from the class of 2000, hello and get ready for the future!

Christina Aiken
Justin Angier
Chauncy Barrows
Jamie Barrows
Valerie Beach
Ira Beaver



Joshua Bent
Travis Bergmiller
Scott Bissonette
Melody Bodette
Ethan Brash
Craig Brinkman



Christopher Burke
Melanie Carlson
Marie Chugg
Rebecca Clark
Travis Clark
Amanda Cook





Emily Cook
Ross Coulman
Andria Cousineau
Daniel Crossman
Joni Culver
Elijah Cyr



Christine Danyow
Kim Dessureault
Sarah Donnelly
Sarah Dyke



Nathan Evarts
Melinda Fleming
Nina Foster
Janice Frank



Amber Frasier
Lee Gaboriault
Derek George
Gary Haaajema
Chris Hamel
Jonathan Hanlon



Holly Haskins
Kurt Hatch
Heidi Hausler
Amy Hawley



Leatha Hoffmann
Valerie Huizenga
Brigitte Husk
Jessie Jerry



Liza Jillson
Heather Kandzior
Thomas Kozic
Rachel Lanning
Todd Iarrow
Jamie Lee Litch

Adam Loven
Corey Mack
Stephen Marcotte
Judd Markoski
Rose Marsano
Carole McBride



Nina McDonald
Robert Meacham
Jacob Meader
Colleen Michael



Stephanie Mossey
Cassandra Moulton
Leo Moulton
Chris Moultroup



Danielle Moureau
Erich Mueller
Mara Mueller
Aaron Myers
Hilary Norton
Keith O'Donnell



Jeremy Ouimette
Erika Paine
Heath Paquette
Jillian Paquette



Michael Paquette
Melanie Paul
Annie Pettibon
Anna Popick



Matt Provencher
Timothy Quinlan
Wayne Rainey
Chris Rampone
Christina Redmond
Elizabeth Richmond





Ashley Ross
Tom Saltus
Garrit Smits
Sarah Spear
Shannon Stewart
Jeremy Stone

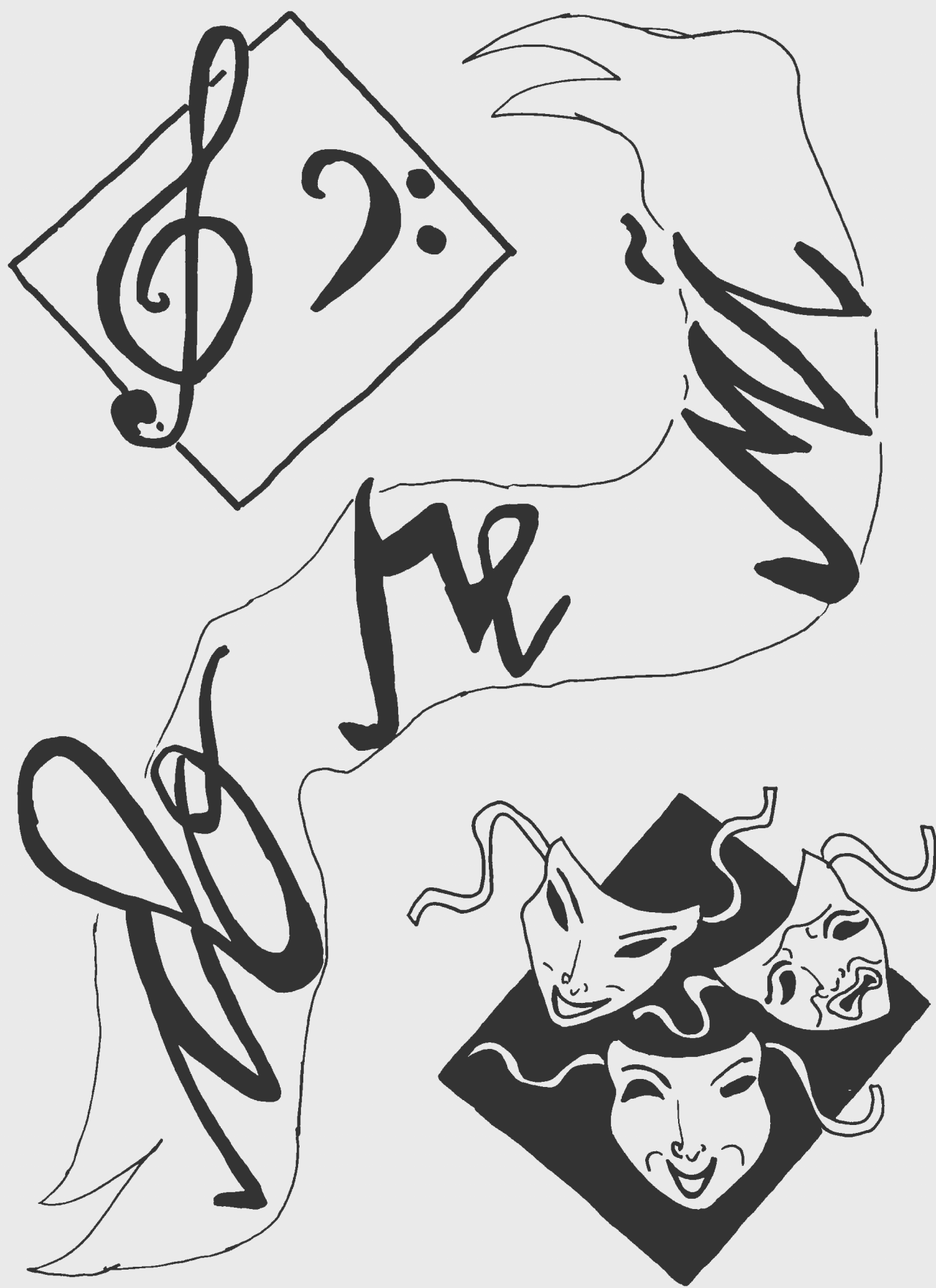
Mary Sullivan
Chris Sumner
Jesse Therrien
Rory Thompson
Roxanne Tisbert
Jeremy Torrey

Jami Tucker
Sabra Vachon
Jessica Veldman
Emily White
Robert Williams
Amber Wood



Eric Young







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Maranda Taylor
Emily Cook
Amy Hawley
Abby Dubois

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Kevin Hebert
Aaron Hawley, SL
Josh Bent
Chrystal Bruso
Nathan Torrey
Amy Miner
Dan Lanpher, SL
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Natasha Haaijema
Matt Lanning, Prop
Jarret Dubois
Stephanie Mossey
Crissie Redmond
Lee Gaboriault
Ty Zimmerman
Wayne Jones



Brass & Percussion Section



The Plymouth Festival participants are pictured above, from left to right in the first row, Erin Bowers and Cheyanne Viskup, and in the second row Adam Workman and Kevin Hebert. Band instructor Susan O'Daniel is seen on the left



Districts Concert Band, first row: E. Lanning, L. Evancie, A. Laramie, K. Boelens, C. Hamel, K. Torrey, second row: N. McDonald, R. Riani, M. Thurber, A. Dubois; third row: J. Jerry, T. Donnelly, P. Glidden, C. Dula, A. Popick, J. Markowski, fourth row: S. Mossey, A. Pettibon, R. Lanning, C. Bruso, N. Torrey, fifth row: D. Maurer, A. Hawley.



Districts Wind Ensemble, first row: E. Pettis, A. Smits, S. Vachon, A. Workman. Second row: S. Phelan, J. Bent, K. Hebert, K. Miller. Third row: E. Bowers, C. Viskup.

All States Candidates are pictured above. In the first row are Amy Smits, Adam Workman, Kim Torrey, and Chris Hamel. In the second row are Nina McDonald, Josh Bent, Kevin Hebert, and Karl Miller. In the third row are Cheyanne Viskup, Aaron Hawley, David Maurer, and Erin Bowers.

"Music is the only language in which you cannot say a mean or sarcastic thing."

Susan O'Daniel
Band Instructor



Jazz Band, first row: J. Jerry, R. Fearon, L. Indriawati, C. Hamel, B. Ebel, C. Evancie. Second row: Jazz Band Manager E. Pettis, S. Phelan, D. Lanpher, P. Glidden, C. Viskup, R. Nainggolan, T. Donnelly. Third row: E. Bowers, C. Sullivan, B. Crossman, D. Maurer, C. Dula, K. Miller, A. Popick. Fourth row: N. McDonald, A. Miner, K. Hebert, M. Lanning, C. Bruso, A. Hawley.



Band officers are pictured above: in the first row, E. Bowers, A. Workman, E. Lanning, C. Bruso; in the second row, R. Lanning, K. Hebert, A. Cook. Pictured below are the prep crew section leaders, and light crew in the first row, K. Torrey, N. Bruso; in the second row, A. Popick, S. Phelan, D. Lanpher, K. Boelens, P. Glidden, T. Donnelly; in the third row, L. McGrath, B. Crossman, D. Maurer, M. Bodette; in the fourth row, A. Hawley, J. Markowski; and in the fifth row, M. Lanning and R. Rossier.



All State Candidates are pictured: Kevin Hebert, Adam Workman, Cheyanne Viskup, Erin Bowers, and Karl Miller.



Woodwind Section of High School

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N
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Treasurers
Chrystal Bruso
Amanda Cook

Librarians
Kevin Hebert
Rachel Lanning

Saxophones
Amy Smits
Rebecca Fearon
Jessie Jerry
Lusia Indriawati
Peter Glidden, SL
Amy Miller
Collin Evancie
Tom Donnelly
Becky Ebel
Kori Saltus, SL
Melody Bodette
Keelin Clark
Peter Burke
Hilary Norton
Michael Paquette
Erin Pettis,
Michelle Tarte
Sarah Phelan, SL
Paul Foley

French Horn
Megan Thurber
Nina McDonald

Trombone
Karl Miller
Ryan Rossier, Prop
Mara Mueller
Ray Nainggolan

Euphonium
Carol Dula
Anna Popick
Jon Laramie

Mallets
Cheyanne Viskup
Tanya Culver

Tympani
Judd Markowski

Percussion
Erin Bowers
David Maurer, SL
Matt Bodette, SL
Larry McGrath, Prop
Brian Crossman
Ricky Sorrell
Carrie Sullivan
Preston Hall

"In September, when I walked into this class, I thought to myself, I can't sing--what am I doing here? I thought that I would stick out and everyone would laugh at me. After a couple of days, I thought, 'Wow this is pretty fun. Now I feel comfortable and confident about my voice.'"



"COME LADS AND



Chorus officers and director are pictured above: first row, Boys Section Leader S. Smith, Treasurer S. Warden, President A. Laramie; second row, Secretary T. Culver, Director S. Nolan, Soprano Section Leader N. Haaijema; missing, President N. Cook and Alto Section Leader S. Dyke.



All New England candidates are pictured above: in the first row, J. Lavelle, E. Pettis, K. Hebert, S. Warden, C. Viskup, A. Laramie, C. Fournier, and S. Rompas; in the second row, L. Indriawati, K. Boelens, A. Campbell, M. Kirsch, T. Culver, C. Dula, L. Evancie, S. Looby, and R. Riani.

"Life is no passing memory of what has been, nor the remaining pages in a great book. It is the opening of eyes long closed. It is the heart, after years of secret conversing, speaking out loud in the clear air."

*David Whyte
"Live your song"
Stephanie H. Nolan*



All State candidates are pictured above: in the first row J. Lavelle, E. Pettis, A. Laramie, D. Rose, S. Warden, C. Viskup, M. Thurber, C. Dula, and L. Evancie; in the second row, G. Haaijema, L. Indriawati, K. Boelens, A. Campbell, M. Kirsch, T. Culver, J. Bent, S. Rompas, S. Looby, and R. Riani.

Soprano
Christina Aiken
Jessica Bissonette
Kelly Boelens
Molly Brady
Emily Cook
Naomi Cook
Amanda Cook
Andrea Cousineau
Joni Kay Culver
Amanda Degree
Rebecca Fearon
Janice Frank
Lindsay Gilbert
Olive Gove
Natalsha Haaijema
Angela Hawkins
Amy Hawley
Jessie Jerry
Erin Jewell
Bobbie Jo Moureau
Katie Kachmar
Amanda Laramie
Jennifer Lavelle
April Marbel
Colleen Michael
Dani Moureau
Mara Mueller
Kelly O'Brien
Annie Pettibon
Erin Pettis
Hannah Provancher
Monique Provancher
Diana Rose
Heidi Rumble
Catherine Sheldor
Shannon Stewart
Jessica Veldman
Cheyanne Viskup
Shannon Warden
Amber Wood
Alto
Valerie Beach
Keelin Clark
Tanya Culver



"I was much more shy about my voice...Over time, with much support, I opened up and sang my heart out."

"My vocal skills have improved immensely—I feel happy with my voice and what it can do...I am feeling very optimistic about the upcoming year."

LASSES, ALL OBEY THE TUNEFUL CALL"

Alto

Anna de Boer
Carol Dula
Sarah Dyke
Lauren Evancie
Carol Fournier
Brodie Gilbert
Lucia Indriawati
Liza Jillson
Monica Kirsch
Kari Kozle
Rachel Lanning
Stephanie Looby
Nina McDonald
Rebecca Moultroup
Simone Perron
Chrissy Richmond
Rhena Riani
Steffy Rompas
Kara Sorenson
Mary Sullivan
Megan Thurber
Electra Usher
Emily White

Tenors

Josh Bent
Gary Haaijema
Matthew Lanning
Judd Markowski
Michael Paquette
Scott Smith
Steve Smith

Basses

Andrew Campbell
Devon Elizalde
Jon Hanlon
Kevin Hebert
Jacob Meader
Karl Miller
David Raymond
Ryan Rooster
Jeff Sessions



Select Chorus members from left to right above are: first row, K. Kachmar, E. Pettis, K. Boelens, R. Riani, L. Indriawati, and S. Rompas; second row, A. Cook, A. Laramie, S. Warden, C. Viskup, T. Culver, S. Looby, and M. Kirsch; third row, K. Miller, A. Campbell, K. Hebert, D. Raymond, A. Workman, M. Lanning, J. Bent, and G. Haaijema.

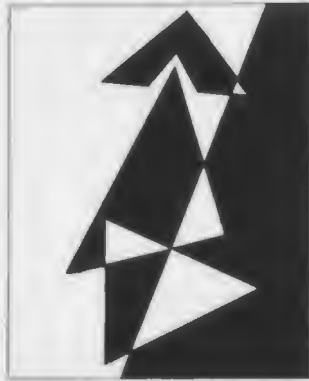


Districts participants are pictured above: first row, L. Indriawati, R. Riani, C. Dula, R. Moultroup; second row, C. Fournier, A. Laramie, S. Warden, L. Evancie, M. Thurber, S. Rompas; third row, A. Campbell, K. Kachmar, K. Hebert, T. Culver, M. Kirsch, J. Bent, G. Haaijema, S. Looby.



Plymouth participants are pictured above: first row, E. Pettis, L. Indriawati, D. Raymond, M. Thurber, C. Dula, L. Evancie; second row, C. Viskup, K. Boelens, M. Lanning, H. Rumble, R. Moultroup. Pictured on the left is Director Stephanie Nolan.





Our Ode to Performance

Marching Band 1996

The 1996 VUHS Marching Band participated in four major parades including the Vermont All-State Parade in Springfield, and three additional parades throughout the state, including Essex, Middlebury and Vergennes.



Flag squad: left to right: Joanne Maurer, Wendy Andrews, Naomi Cook, Christina LeBeau, Heather Kandziar, Kelly Lewis, Valerie Huizenga, Katie Sheldon, and Shannon Moulton



Poms squad: left to right: Bobbie Joe McCreath, Jannet Barrows, Marique Provencher, Brodie Gilbert, Michelle Sabourin, Lindsay Warden, Hannah Provencher, April Marble, and Amanda Degree.





Jeff Spencer, Art Teacher

Falling beyond reality
and far behind--
the picture of you
lingers in my mind.
The stars' whispers
and midnight dreams
have become all too real
and everything becomes
too beautiful to touch;
to feel.
Sinking into azure seas
of oblivion
I shattered my haven
of lies
when I noticed the beauty
in your eyes.

I wish to take
you into my dream
where time has never passed
where this ecstasy can
eternally last.

KSM

PERSISTENCE By: Richard Austin

In the evolution towards perfection of desire,
I must persist
I will resist
The temptation of the fire,
The flames of intoxication I won't let bring me down
I refuse to be a chemically based clown
I have shown I can talk the talk
Now sit and watch me walk the walk
Offer, shove, stick it in my face
I will not become a disgrace

To the one who watches
The one who sees
The one who put me in the place to be
To be, to try
This is why, I keep my path clear
I do so out of love not fear
For one day I will be in his love
One day I will rise above
Above this physicality
I will transcend material reality
I will have cleaned the pollution of want from my spirit soul.

FATE By Tom Hellyer

Life is like a river.
The spirit that travels it, just a ship.
As time slides along, we all say good bye.
These friends and companions are here just for the trip.
None of us knows what the future holds.
That's just how fate works.



"Foot" by Carol Dula



"Slam Dance" by Keith O'Donnel

"Try to paint a



"Geometric Shapes" by Jessica Veldman

When students enroll in art classes at Vergennes Union High School, they will learn a new language. This language will not rely on letters, words, and sentences; this language will be based in symbolic expression. Students will learn to communicate their feelings, opinions, and philosophies through the pictorial shapes and vivid colors of visual art. This is the student's chance to purge the mind's eye of its voluminous imagery.

- Jeff Spencer-

EXCELLENCE IN WRITING

The following students are the winners and runner-ups of the first round of the Vermont Excellence in Writing Competition. These students are invited to attend the Award Assembly to receive their certificates.

9th Grade	Winner	Rachel Lanning
	Runner-up	Jesse Jerry
10th Grade	Winner	David Maurer
	Runner-up	Don Lane
11th Grade	Winner	Rhiannon Condon
	Runner-up	Courtney Houston
12th Grade	Winner	Kristie Miner
	Runner-up	Richard Austin

The New England Young Writers' Conference meets at Middlebury College's Bread Loaf campus where it brings together student writers from all over New England and New York to celebrate fine writing. The staff are published poets and fiction and nonfiction writers who lead workshops and other small-group sessions about writing; some of them read from their work to the entire conference. This creative weekend provides an intensive opportunity for all the participants to discuss the art and craft of writing with nearly 300 others who share the same interest.

This year the New England Young Writers' Conference runs from Thursday to Sunday, May 15-18, 1997. Vergennes Union High School candidates for the conference are Richie Austin, Monica Kirsch, Tom Hellyer, Christina Caniyo, Andrew Campbell, Rhiannon Condon, Jesse Lauer, and Kristie Miner.



Joe Matkowski
Bread Loaf Coordinator

"Two wrongs don't make a right,
I am told, but on city streets three
lefts do."

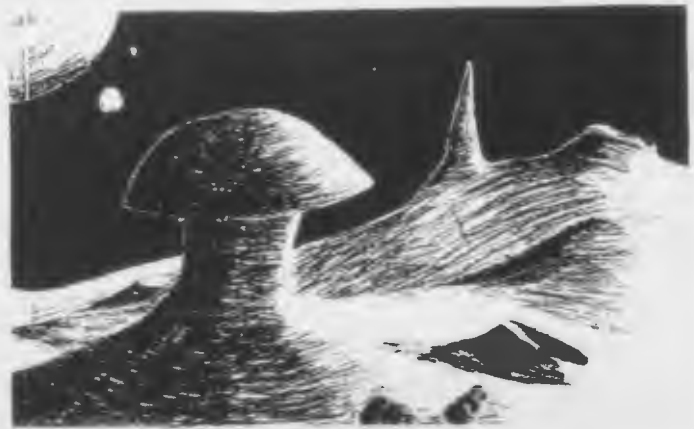
Rhiannon Condon



Matt Schlein, Bread Loaf Coord.



Joe Whalen, Writing Coord.



"Space Scape" by Keith O'Donnell

beautiful & tender picture'
- Roger Emerson -

There is to be a dinner at the Country Cabin Restaurant. It is a small restaurant, but the food is irresistible. The chefs are only the best. The restaurant is empty except for you and your table.

Your table awaits with a glass of non-alcoholic, aged sparkling cider from the best apples. It is a thick yellow color. You take a sip and it slides easily down your throat. The after taste is of fresh apples; the anticipation is overwhelming.

The waiter finally arrives dressed in a dark maroon suit. He smiles and sets down a plate of warm, soft garlic bread with minced garlic, garlic salt, and garlic powder. The steam is curling up from the bread; your mouth is watering. A young waitress comes out with a short, tan skirt and a white blouse; her hair is short and blond. She struts over to your table and sets down a salad of lettuce and sprouts, topped with succulent scampi and seasoned shrimp.

For the grand finale, there is a whole lobster, saturated in butter and select chef sauces, sprinkled with croutons. To your left there is the best salad imaginable. It is made up of lettuce, peppers, garlic, pickles, croutons, a whole juicy deli pickle, and a hard boiled egg; the aroma is overwhelming!!

- Donald Lane -



"Space Scape" by Erika Paine



Art by Chris Clark

WHO AM I?
By Jessie Jerry

Who is anyone
to tell anyone
who they are?
Not just anyone can tell
anyone who anyone is.
Only that anyone
can tell who they are.
If everyone told
anyone who they are.
If everyone told who they were,
anyone would be just like
everyone,
then everyone would be anyone,
and who would be no one.

*"Good literature continually read for pleasure
must, let us hope, do some good to the reader..."*

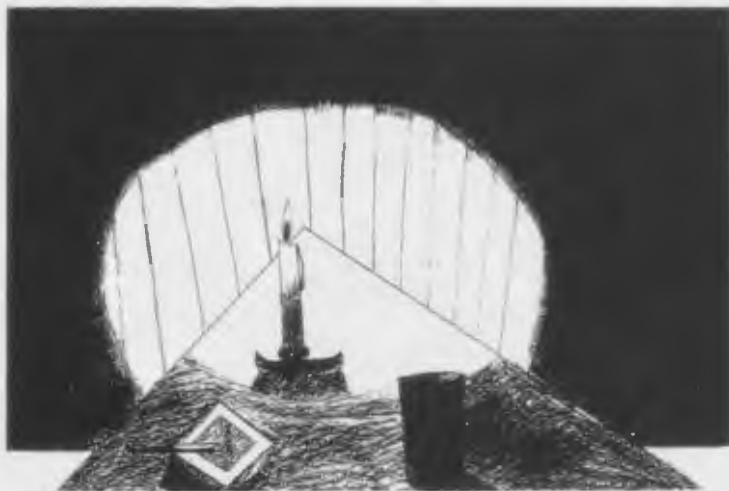
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Weeping Willow
By Rhiannon Condon

Weeping Willow always moaning,
Cringing when the wind is blowing.
Weeping Willow bending over,
Swimming branches, floating over,
Currents of the crying wind.
Weeping Willow always sobbing,
Drooping branches, hanging under,
Sleeping in the dying wind.

The moon in the sky,
Looking quiescent and barren,
Placid and dreary.

Rachel Lanning



Art by Tom Hellyer

Malleus Maleficarum
By Arching Crescent Sun (Andrew J. Campbell)

Thou seeketh the destruction
Corpses multiplying under the sun
Malleus Maleficarum
Thine evil hath begun
Thou hath tied me upon a stake
The flame burneth my soul
My wraith begins to quake
Thrown into a bottomless hole

Thy ajna seeth the utter horror
Thy vishudda breathes the darkened prana
Thy anahata feels the suffrage
Hanging, Burning
Tortured to thy death
Destruction instruction:
Malleus Maleficarum:
Twisting, Turning
Witches burning

The darkness shalt clear
About thy violent wraith
For to the Queen of Heaven
I've given all my faith
Oh Goddess of the moon
I shalt ascend the highest mountain
Hence I might reach thy womb
And thy justice shall begin.

Return to the Goddess

By Arching Crescent Sun (Andrew J. Campbell)

I read the label
The ingredient
So many components
I cannot pronounce
Food is not food anymore

When Earth is just another
Womyn we abuse
And the fires we circle
Are circled with booze
We don't realize all
The connection we lose
I return to the Goddess

Earth Mother, Goddess of the Moon
Queen of Heaven, Green Lady of the Earth
All life is born from within Her womb
All comes to death, and She gives rebirth

I read the Bible
The "sacred book"
The translators' errors
I can't comprehend
God is not God anymore

When the air we breathe
Is a toxic fume
And the water we pollute
Sets us in gloom
the way we'll direct
Guides us to doom
I return to the Goddess

Earth Mother, Goddess of the Moon
Queen of Heaven, Green Lady of the Earth
All life is born from within Her womb
All comes to death, and She gives rebirth

I read ancient texts
Of Pagans and Witches
So much misconception
I don't understand
Love is not love anymore

When Earth is just another
Womyn we neglect
And war is just our way
To say we can protect
Love, peace, and respect
Are magic ways to reconnect
We return to the Goddess

Earth Mother, Goddess of the Moon
Queen of Heaven, Green Lady of the Earth
All life is born from within Her womb
All comes to death, and She gives rebirth



Art by Vic Samaritoni

Time, the fourth dimension
We take time to think about time
Events in history
Dreams for the future
Most importantly we think about what we will do this hour
Will we wait, or will we act
Will we reminisce, or will we plan
It is good to study the past,
But we must learn for our years ahead.

David Maurer

Music,
pure, comforting sounds
flowing through my mind,
through my thoughts
to linger there,
playing over and over
until my fingers move
and I play it myself,
over and over,
blending melody and harmony
into one
and its sweet song is
forever imprinted
in my hands.

By Jessie Jerry

Why Little Butterfly?
By Mary Sullivan

Instead of many, there was none.
No fluttering in the pastures,
No fluttering near lakes and streams.
No **nothing**.
And why not? It's snowing!



Art by Brooke Potter



Musical



Pit: (L to R) 1st row: N. Bruso, E. Bowers, S. O'Daniel (Pit Director), C. Evancie, S. Sawyer, C. Hamel, C. Tatlock.
 2nd row: A. Husk, S. Conway, D. Welch, L. Maier.
 3rd row: D. Bruso, D. Maurer, J. Lanpher, B. Cass, A. Workman.
 Missing: H. Laramie, S. Phelan, A. Hawley, J. Klopfenstein, A. Delgadillo, P. Glidden.

Bill	Matt Lanning
Sally	Megan Thurber
Sir John	Karl Miller
Duchess	Amanda Laramie
Parchester	Kevin Hebert
Heatherset	Judd Markowski
Jasper	Ray Nainggolan
Jaquie	Shannon Warden
Gerald	Ryan Romero

Battersby	John Viskup
Bettersby	Naomi Cook
Lady Brighton	Lauren Evancie
Lord Brighton	Josh Bent
Lady Dix	Cheyenne Viskup
May	Elicia Besette
Celia	Katie Kachmar

Mrs. Brown	Stephanie Looby
Bob	Miles Miller

Knight In Armor	Bert Bruso
Ancestors	Ray Nainggolan
	Miles Miller
	Jessica Raymond
	Gary Haaijema
	Josh Arel

Telegraph	Gary Haaijema
Major Domo	Carol McBride
Maid	Andrea Crasman
Lambeth Lady	Erin Pettis
Cook	Mara Mueller



Vernon Union High School Auditorium
April 10, 11, and 12, 1997



L to R: Assistant Choreographer : Margareth Welsch, Director : Robert Demic, Stage Manager : Rebecca Fearon, Head Choreographer: Barb Demic. Missing: Costume Designer: Donna Lalumiere, and Voice Director: Stephanie Hahn-Nolan.

The musical "Me & My Girl" was different from "Annie." Many of the dances and the acting were really hard to learn, and we think that the whole cast did their best to put this musical together. We really think this musical was great entertainment for everyone.

1997

Tap/jazz/chorus Nina McDonald
Eliza Spencer
Andrea Cousineau
Josh Bent
Josh Arel
Tap/chorus Chrystal Bruso
Lauren Evancie
Erin Pottis
John Viskup
Naomi Cook
Cheyanne Viskup
Jazz/chorus Katie Martinez
Sarah Caum
Rachel Cobb
Jessie Jerry
Steffy Rompas
Amy Yandow
Chorus Marie Chugg
Katherine Sumner
Mary Sullivan
Hillary Hulst
Cassie Foote
Janice Frank
Ellicita Bessette
Carrie Place
Janet Lavelle
Rheni Riani
Katie Pettis
Amanda Cook
Sarah Morris



Director • Rober Demic
Choreographer • Barb Demic
Voice Director • Sterphanie
Hahn- Nolan
Music Director • Sue O'Danial
Stage Manager • Rebecca Fearon

The Breakfast Club

Cast of Characters

Claire

Keelin Clark

Claire's Mother

Carol Fournier

Brian

Tom Hellyer

Brian's Mother

Lindsay Forgues

Andy

Jory Raphael

Andy's Father

Miles Miller

John Bender

Richie Austin

Bender's Mother

Amanda Laramie

Allison

Christina Canino

Mr. Vernon

Karl Miller

Carl

Aaron Hawley

Robin

Kelly O'Brien

Understudy for Claire

Jennifer Chaney

Stage Crew

Director

Matthew Schlein

Stage Manager

Karen Munnett

Assistant Stage Manager

Kim Torrey

Set Design

Victor Samaritoni

Matt Schlein

Set Construction

Victor Samaritoni

Carol Fournier

Karen Blanchard

Jennifer Chaney

Tim Weber

Lighting

Judd Markowski

Erin Bowers

Dave Maurer

Dan Lanpher

Poster Design

Jordan Raphael

Director of Publicity

Monica Kirsch

Keeper of the Fluff

Jennifer Chaney

Program

Karen Blanchard

From the Addison Independent

"Was it the language that bothered some? A particular student's performance? Or was it simply the content of the play? In this information age we do not have the luxury of thinking that kids haven't been exposed to societal ills. To my mind that is thinking like an ostrich.

Art of any genre is meant to make a statement, meant to stir the soul, meant to make an impression, then to move the viewer. If the art does not move the viewer, the art as well as the artist has failed.

If 'art reflects life,' did some of us look onto that stage into that mirror and see faces we did not like? Did the faces we saw reflecting back stir us in some way? Did those faces belong to some of us? If this is the case, the play was a success. Negative or positive, the viewers were moved, and that is success."

Rebecca I. Blanchard

"Does this set the precedent for the school to be a 'promoter of filth,' as one parent suggested? And isn't the school supposed to be a light on

the hill and promoter of good values?" These are good questions, and the answer to them by school officials will hopefully keep censorship at bay.

But the school can't teach values by ignoring the social issues the students deem important, or by denying the reality of student dialogue and whitewashing into talk befitting a Sunday School. Schools teach, at times, by allowing a more honest and upfront approach to these issues than many parents do at home. And through that teaching, the guiding light shines, and the redeeming values are sorted out by the students far more readily than by many parents."

Angelo S. Lynn

"Hoping to diffuse the ongoing controversy over the school drama department's presentation of 'The Breakfast Club,' a divided Vergennes Union High School board voted Tuesday night to authorize a committee to develop content guidelines for future productions."

Andy Kirkaldy



"Despite the controversy over the play's theme, there can be no controversy regarding the high quality of the students' performances and technical skills in translating the play to the stage."

—Matt Schlein, Director

THE BREAKFAST CLUB



Presented

By

V.U.H.S



One Act 1997



Mr. Matt, Drama Club Director



The full cast standing from left to right are Vic Samaritoni, Carol Fournier, Randy Grant, Aaron Hawley, Matt Schlein, Karl Miller, Karin Munnett, Drew Campbell, Christina Caniyo, and Kim Torrey, seated are Jessica Waite and our innocent bystander Darci Yantz.



Vergennes Union High School
presents
**The Complete Works of
Shakespeare (Abridged)**

by *The Reduced Shakespeare
Company*

CAST
(in order of appearance)

Christina Caniyo	Self
Randy Grant	Self
Drew Campbell	Self

Shakespeare Comedy Chorus:
Keelin Clark
Carlo Fournier
Karin Munnett

Karl Miller	Self
Aaron Hawley	Self

Bernardo	Karl Miller
Horatio	Aaron Hawley
Hamlet	Drew Campbell

Polonius	Keelin Clark
Ophelia	Christina Caniyo
King	Karl Miller

Queen Gertrude	Karen Munnett
Laertes	Randy Grant

Production Staff

Director	Matt Schlein*
Set Design:	Karen Blanchard

	Vic Samaritoni
	Matt Schlein*

Stage Manager	Kim Torrey
Lights:	Dan Lanpher

	Judd Markowski
Set Construction:	

	Vic Samaritoni
	Jessica Waite

*Produced by special arrangement
with Broadway Play Publishing*

Special thanks to Mr. Sam, Lello Jones, Mel Cooley, Stoney Lee Curtis, Oscar and the Boys, Vince Clortho, Sid, Nancy, The makers of Pluff, Candace Burke & Inspector Clouseau

Charge!!!

ACADEMICS





CHRISTOP



We, the members of the class of 1997, dedicate the 1997 VUJHS yearbook to Christopher Brady. Mr. Brady has been our librarian for many years, as well as our devoted friend through our high school careers.

We appreciate and thank him for all the time he took to listen to us and help us with our problems, to further our education as well as brighten our high school days.

Our class has dedicated this 1997 yearbook to Mr. Brady because of his devotion to our class. He has shown us companionship, kindness, friendship, and so much more. Besides his devotion to the school, helping out wherever he is needed, he has made many improvements in the library.

We will especially remember all that he has done for our class. He brought music to our halls, introduced us to more technology, built the new bulletin board, and always kept his sense of humor.

"We honor you, Mr. Brady!"

The class of 1997 is proud to dedicate our yearbook to Christopher Brady.

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ATION 1997

ADMINISTRATION



H. Clif Randolph
Principal



Mary Ellen Royce
Vice Principal



Glory A. Martin
Secretary



Melissa Cota
Secretary



Anita Godard
Secretary



Superintendent & Staff

Pictured above and standing, from left to right, are E. Keane, T. Oxholm, D. Corcoran, A. Cota, C. Gebo, S. Hayes, and J. Everitt; seated are S. Bushey, D. Lanphear, and K. Estey.



Richard J. Burke
Director



Lise Davidson
Counselor



Angela Dykema
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Michael Koscinski
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Supervisor





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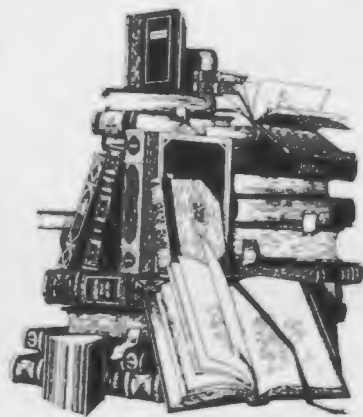


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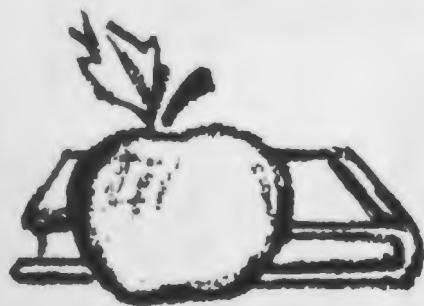


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AROUND THE WORLD



"He who fails to heed history's lessons is doomed to repeat them."

Barry Aldinger
Social Studies



Close Up
Mr. Aldinger
Jenn Johnson
Amy Bodette
Kara Sorenson
Erin Turvey
Jenn Ryan
Missing:
Tom Michael



*"If the only concept you learn from these courses is acceptance of other people, for who they are not what they are, you have learned one of the most important lessons."
"How can you affect change in the future if you have not studied and learned from the past?"
"The world is at your fingertips—what you need to do is study the hand."*

Pamela Taylor
Social Studies



RIGOR RIGOR
*Pull the trigger.
Bang! Bang!*
Learn a lot
Jon Yarnall
Social Studies



"The class I enjoy teaching the most this year is the French III/IV combination class. At this level, the kids who are taking it are there because they want to be. Because this is the first year I've taught a combination level class, I've been free to pick and choose from numerous sources and it has brought a lot of variety to the class. Also, I believe that the students have made real strides in their speaking abilities at this level."

Sue Ellen Kelly
French



"He who knows no foreign language has never really learned his own."
Joy Minns
German





All Participants Gain Insights From Russian Exchange

Vergennes Union High School students, faculty, and parents—through Project Harmony—hosted students and faculty from School #102, Samara, Russia, October 4-18, 1996. Our Russian friends were provided with an opportunity to experience our culture and travel to different parts of the state while here. The students attended a Middlebury College football game, visited the Shelburne Museum, the Vermont Marble Exhibit, the State House, the Ben and Jerry's plant, the South Burlington Fire and Police Departments, the Burlington Police Department, WIZN, the Stowe Gondola, B.F. Goodrich, Kennedy Brothers, Middlebury Lanes, and of course, McDonalds! They also visited all the area elementary schools and shared with students insights into their culture. The exchange provided all who participated with an opportunity to talk with each other and make friends.



German Exchange

The exchange with the Goetheschule in Boeum was begun almost ten years ago when Heinz Hester was visiting Vermont and decided he would like a partnership with a school in this area. About a dozen students went on the first exchange visit. Since then, as many as thirty-five students in one year have visited Germany. Students attend the Goetheschule and also visit surrounding areas. They tour the medieval town of Hattingen, visit moated castles, climb the steps of the Cologne cathedral and see ancient Roman ruins.



EXPLORING MINDS



"Life is change -- growth is optional."
"Sometimes going back to the beginning is progress."
Judith Mace
English



Jay Rogers
English



Matt Schlein
English



"Today's preparation determines tomorrow's achievement."
Catherine H. Spaulding
English



"Years may wrinkle my skin, loss of enthusiasm would wrinkle my soul."
F. Anne Sullivan
English



"Reading does not lose its beauty to age or to death."
Joseph E. Whalen
English



Chris Brady
Librarian



Lenore Morse
Library Aide



GET TUNED IN

"Live your song"
Stephanie
Hahn Nolan
Music



Susan
O'Daniel
Music



*"Art is the study
of an unspoken
language."*
Jett Spencer
Art



William
Conner
Physical
Education



Lee Francis
Physical
Education



Rebecca
Day-Saward
Physical



TECHNOLOGY



Harmon Boise
Agriculture



"The universe, and education, are not only hard to imagine, they are stranger than we can imagine."

Wayne Ganson
Science



"Life is not like burger King; you can't have it your way."

Robert McNamara
Science



"Curiosity may have killed the cat but it never hurt a student."

Mark Powers
Science



"I have never met a student I didn't like"

Susan O'Brien
Home Economics



Judith Wiger - Grohs
Science



Cathryn Butler
District Nurse



Vicki Trueman
Nurse



Roland Guyette
Driver Education



TWENTY FIRST CENTURY



Nancy
Ambrose
Mathematics



" $2B V = 2 B$ "
Cari Callahan
Mathematics



"The best moments in class come when a group of students are working on a problem and all of a sudden shout a unison 'Yes!' as they nail down the solution."



Charles
Mactadyen
Mathematics



"When aren't you going to use this?"

Paul Tighe
Mathematics



"Remember - Today it's Everyone's Business."

Ralph
Paquette
Business
Education



"The most important tool for success is the belief that you can succeed."

Stephanie Phillips
Business Education



John Harris Scott Lynk Eric Schuele
Challenge Prog. Technology Ed. Computer Spec.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION



Jean Galiotti
Alternative
Educator



Chastity Ploof
Alternative
Educator



Craig Scribner
Alternative
Educator



Lee Shorey
Alternative
Educator



Dennis West
Alternative
Educator



"I love teaching. Being able to have a positive effect on a student's life is the best. What I would most like to be able to instill in students is the desire to learn."

Craig Scribner



To the
Addison
Career
Development
Center
We go!



SPECIAL EDUCATION



"Everyday is an adventure!"

Frances Allo



"Watching all of our students learn and grow through their high school years is a real joy!"

Jacqueline Cote



Frances Allo
Special
Educator



Jacqueline
Cote
Special
Educator



Robert Gerow
Special
Educator



Martha
Drolet-Khalifa
Special
Educator



Deborah
Thorpe
Special
Educator



Chris Pepin
Home School
Coordinator



See
You
Next
Year!

ACCENT ON



ACTIVITIES



STUDENT COUNCIL



Senior Class: Katie Sheldon, Rebecca Fearon, Marijean Brooks, Pres. Lauren Evancie, Chrystal Bruso, Cheyanne Viskup, Carol Dula.

Sophomore Class: Jenn Johnson, Kelli VanDeWeert, Erin Torrey, Brodie Gilbert, Betsy Hawley, Shannon Warden, Pres. Amy Bodette.



Junior Class: Karl Miller, Jarret Dubois, Ian Nye, Julie Danielle, Pres. Shelley Dubois, Courtney Houston, Allison Becher, Erin Jewell.

Freshman Class: Melody Bodette, Mara Mueller, Emily Cook, Amber Frasier, Zach Mueller, Amanda Cook, Pres. Rachel Lanning.



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HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!



PUMPKIN

P A N D E M O N I U M



The VUHS Faculty shows what they're made of in a game of Tug-of-War.



The Pumpkin Carving Contest was a success, with the Seniors taking first.



Don Lane under fire: water balloons in his pants.



Pumpkin Pandemonium director Ryan Rossier takes charge of the obstacle course.



Lauren Evancie and Rachel Brunet: heavy into the gourd passing.



The Freshmen Class: Tug-of-War Champions.



SOPHOMORE RING COMMITTEE

Betsy Hawley, Amy Bodette, Erin Torrey,
Shannon Warden, Jen Johnson.

Left: SENIOR WINTER BALL COMMITTEE: Lauren Evancie, Rebecca Moultrou, Chrystal Bruso, Megan Thurber, Kelly Boelens, Lindsay Gilbert, Molly Brady, Michelle Sabourin, Carol Dula, Cheyanne Viskup, Rebecca Fearon, Erin Bowers, Naomi Cook, Lisa Cutich, Tina Newell, Holly Paquette, Marijean Brooks, Kate Sheldon, Carrie Meacham, Rachel Brunet, Melissa Jones

COMMITTEES, COMMI



JUNIOR PROM COMMITTEE "A SECRET GARDEN"

L-R: Erin Jewell, Monica Kirsch, Aaron Hawley, Ryan Rossier, Jeff Gaboriault, Julie Daniels, Allison Becher, Kori Saltus, Emily Lanning, Kim Torrey, Laurie Marcotte, Shelley Dubois, Courteney Houston, Keelin Clark, Tanya Culver.



SENIOR GRADUATION COMMITTEE



PROJECT GRAD COMMITTEE

Chairs: Lauren Evancie, Erin Bowers, Naomi Cook.

TTEES, COMMITTEES....

SENIOR VIDEO COMMITTEE

Lindsay Gilbert, Rachel Brunet, Molly Brady.





1997 Yearbook Staff



Standing from left to right are Advisor Lenore Morse, Mara Mueller, Matt Lanning, Ryan Rossier, Jordan Raphael, Aaron Hawley, Erin Torrey, Emily Lanning, Shannon Warden, Naomi Cook, Steffy Rompas. Sitting, from left to right: Katy Sheldon, Tina Newell, Rheni Riani, Melissa Jones, Lauren Evancie, Amy Bodette, Betsy Hawley, Melody Bodette, Lusia Indriawati, and Molly Brady.



Pictured above from left to right are the 1997 yearbook editors Melissa Jones, Eric Hoffman, and Lauren Evancie.



Letter from the Editors:

Where do we begin when speaking of the 1997 **Blue and White**? At first thought, we only remember the hours upon hours of piecing together layouts from non-existent pictures and staring at a checkered paper layout form and then the computer screen until our concerned friends finally dragged us from the library so that, after a reasonable break, we could again speak coherently. Who knew that signing up to be an editor would entail weekends, 7:30 a.m. meetings, 11:00 p.m. week nights, the latter when patient custodians insisted we leave "now." While we sustained ourselves on those awful Cherrydale Farms chocolates stashed in that ridiculously inadequate yearbook corner, we designed layouts, wrote text and headlines, cropped photos, sketched and inked original art and chose other graphics, typed everything on the Yeartech templates—Josten's adaptation of PageMaker for the MAC--and, finally, printed, checked and rechecked, and then packaged our 168 pages to send to Jostens (later we proofread all those pages).

But what we all will remember, when the picas are counted and the proofs proofed for the last time, is that we were an integral part of something that will remain with us for many years to come. As editors of the 1997 **Blue and White**, we wish future editors the best of luck and hope all VLHS students and staff enjoy this year's final product.

Lauren Evancie, Eric Hoffman, and Melissa Jones.





Advisors pictured above are Liz Ryan, Lise Davidson, and Rosemary Mueller.



BIG BROTHERS AND SISTERS PROVIDE FRIENDSHIP AND SOLID SUPPORT

Every year Vergennes Union High School students volunteer for training and subsequent work with elementary school students in a special one-on-one enabling relationship. When VUHS students begin the experience as freshmen, they can work with their younger brothers and sisters through the elementary school years and develop lasting relationships. For the VUES children, the weekly visit may encourage positive change in their lives, and for VUHS students, much can be learned from this mentoring opportunity.

"Big Brother / Big Sister is a great organization that benefits many young students from VUHS and VUES. In most cases, students from the high school spend a half-hour per week with their young friends. It is a great time for everyone to relax and enjoy each other. The year is highlighted with a Christmas party and an end-of-the-year get together. It has been a very enjoyable experience for me." Ryan Rossier



The 1996-97 big brothers and sisters pictured below are, back row standing from left to right, Serina Shows, Jami Tucker, Heidi Hausler, Emily White, Liza Jillson, Carol McBride, Ryan Rossier, Aaron Hawley, Jeremy Ouimette, Judd Markowski; second row Val Huizenga, Bridget Husk, Megan Thurber, Emily Lanning, Melanie Paul, Kim Dessureault, Marijean Brooks, Sarah Spear, Stephanie Mossey; third row Louis Galiotti, Tanya Culver, Mara Mueller, Amy Bodette, Betsy Hawley, Amy Hawley, Ira Beaver, Chris Rampone, Erich Mueller, Annie Pettibon, Rachel Lanning; next row, Kori Saltus, Monica Kirsch, Jamie Barrows, Sarah Donnelly, Becky Ebel, April Marble, Bobbie Jo Moreau, Rebecca Moultrou, Christina Aiken, Mary Sullivan; front row Sarah Dyke, Olive Gove, Colleen Michaels, Cassie Moulton, Jessica Husk, Jenn Lavelle, Amanda Degree, Ada Safford, Melissa Armell, Diana Rose, and Danni Moureau.





VTLSP



Vermont Teen Leadership Safety Program (VTLSP) had an exciting year. We began the year by voting to expand SADD and change it to VTLSP. In November, we went to the 10th annual Governor's Youth Leadership Conference. This conference gave us the ideas and energy to pull off many events. Some of our endeavors included Ghost Out, SOS, Lights on for Life, Red Ribbon Tree, Peer Counseling, Multimedia Shows, and Middle School awareness. We are looking forward to a trip to Missouri during the summer. Look into us next year!



Members pictured below are, sitting from left to right, Monique Prevencer, Shannon Warden, Amy Bodette, Monica Kirsch, and Keelin Clark; standing from left to right are Sarah Dyke, Courtney Houston, Jenn Johnson, Erin Torrey, Kori Saltus, Jarret Dubois, Kara Sorenson, and Advisor Dianne Marcotte. Camera shy were Laurie Marcotte, Emily White, Jillian Paquette, and Julie Daniels.



FFA--FUTURE FARMERS

FFA OFFICERS STAND TALL

Pictured below to the right, Vergennes Chapter FFA officers line up prior to one of their regular meetings.

PRESIDENT
Josh Panton



VICE PRESIDENT
Lori Clark



SECRETARY
Kelli VanDeWeert



TREASURER
Joe Allen-Hawkins



SENTINEL
Jason VanDeWeert



ADVISOR
Harmon Boyce

One of the most active chapters in Vermont, Vergennes FFA members participate in local, state, regional, and national events, including cattle and horse shows all summer and a recycling and composting project at Field Days. Eastern States competitions in September precede the trip to Kansas City in November, where students who qualify regionally compete for national honors in a wide range of events, including public speaking, parliamentary procedure, agricultural mechanics, and other contests. Every year VUHS sends twelve to eighteen FFA members to Kansas City for a week of competition, workshops, panel discussions, and fun. Other FFA activities include the Barre Farm Show, the Vermont and National Leadership Conferences, the latter in Washington D.C., Donkey Basketball against the seniors, and the Chicken Barbeque for families and friends. During the year, FFA members work hard to improve their skills and also take time out for fun on bowling and skiing field trips.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR
AnneMarie deBoer



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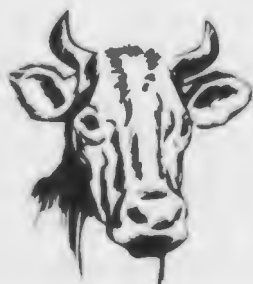
The 1996-1997 FFA members are pictured to the right as follows: in the back row, from left to right, Joe VanDeWeert, Pete VanDeWeert, Jay Jerger, Jennie Vander Wey, Lori Clark, Jason VanDeWeert, Sid Vander Wey, and Lee Pratt; in the middle row from left to right, Amy Smits, Anne deBoer, Dean Helfernan, Hans deBoer, Josh Panton, Kelli VanDeWeert, Michelle Boyce, Jeff Freegard, and Jeremy Devold; in the bottom row from left to right, Pam VanDeWeert, Kevin VanDeWeert, Deven Dubois, Treman Fuller, David Carmichael, Luke Tallman, and Eric Meacham.



To the right are members of the Middle School Chapter: standing from left to right, Pam VanDeWeert, Deven Dubois, Kevin VanDeWeert, David Carmichael, Eric Meacham, and Jeff Freegard; sitting from left to right, Hans deBoer, Adam Thomann, Luke Tallman, and Treman Fuller.



In the FFA candids to the right are Lori Clark and Jason VanDeWeert at Kansas City and Josh Panton during a local meeting.



Future Business Leaders Of America



Above, FBLA members (from left to right) Erin Jewell, Carrie Meacham, and Melissa Armell work in VUHS offices, gaining practical experience that supports their business programs. Advisor Stephanie Phillips is pictured above and to the right.



Math League



Standing left to right are Nancy Ambrose, advisor, Bill Wood, Matt Lanning, Cheyanne Viskup, Lindsay Gilbert, Aaron Hawley, Rebecca Fearon, Lusia Indriawati, and Steffy Rompas; sitting are Ryan Rossier, Megan Thurber, Rheni Riani, and Lauren Evancie. Missing, Paul Tighe, advisor.

Above, Math League team members study for a meet. Despite being one of the smallest schools, VUHS boasts one of the largest teams in the Greater Burlington Math League, with 15 members. Each of the five meets consists of individual competitions as well as a team test competition. Amid strong competition, VUHS placed fifth overall this year, yielding only to Essex, Burlington, Colchester, and South Burlington. Other competing schools include: BFA-St. Albans, BFA-Fairfax, Champlain Valley, Mt. Abraham, and Winooski. Congratulations to the members for their fine efforts. Congratulations also to Nancy Ambrose, mother of triplets, Kathleen Claudia, April Lee, and Dana Alan.

VUHS Students Enter Design Competitions



Advisor John Harris (above) remarked, "Design competitions bring out the energy, enthusiasm and competitiveness of students interested in engineering and technology. They start with a problem and use their imaginations to design the project and then develop skills."

Standing from left to right are T. Michael, J. Devold, R. Condon, J. Harris, R. Austin, A. Miner, E. Hebert, K. Grant, F. Lichtenfels, and B. Crossman; sitting are D. Crossman, T. Bergmiller, and C. Burke. Below are Rich Austin and Amy Miller who have represented VUHS more times and won more playoff appearances than any other competition duo in the local program's history.



The 1996 UVM TASC (Technology and Science Connection) project was to build a fully remote-controlled pneumatic-powered recycling device. VUHS won 1st place in the creativity category (Dan Crossman, Travis Bergmiller, Tom Michael) and took 5th and 8th places in the performance category. It was the second straight year that VUHS placed more than one team in the top eight at UVM. Six VUHS teams designed and built projects to compete in the 1997 Boston University Peak Performances Design Competition. These teams followed in the footsteps of 1996 and 1995 Vergennes teams that placed 3rd & 4th out of 104 teams in 1996 and 1st & 2nd of 58 teams in 1995.

UVM Junior Conference

Students chosen to attend the 1997 UVM Conference were as follows: Peter Glidden, Keelin Clark, and Carol Fournier. Vergennes Union High School students spent May 20 at the university attending two academic seminars led by UVM faculty, participating in discussion groups with current university students, and engaging in a 'mock' application review session. VUHS students also received additional information and materials regarding admissions and financial aid procedures. The UVM Junior Conference is designed to provide Vermont students with an introduction to college life and help them with the admissions process.



National Honor Society



The 1995-96 members, standing from left to right, are Melissa Jones, Lauren Evancie, Rebecca Fearon, and Rebecca Moultroup; seated from left to right are Megan Thurber, Erin Bowers, & Chrystal Bruso.



The 1996-97 officers of the VUHS National Honor Society are as follows: Vice President Erin Bowers, President Megan Thurber, and Secretary Lauren Evancie (missing, Treasurer Kelly Boelens).



National Honor Society

The Vergennes Union High School National Honor Society is comprised of students from the junior and senior classes. New members are inducted every December relative to standards of excellence for the following categories: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Students must have a cumulative grade point average of B or higher and demonstrate unusual and consistent participation in sports, community service, and extracurricular clubs and activities. Because it is a national organization, the achievements of these students are recognized across the United States. Students are selected by a faculty council at each local high school.

In addition to participation and leadership in many school sports and activities, members also find time to support community service and chapter projects such as Toys for Tots—the collection, wrapping, and delivery of Christmas gifts for needy children in the district. Other projects include fundraisers for the school improvement gifts, tutoring in the middle school, sponsoring an orientation dinner and information session for parents and students entering the middle school, and providing leadership for various activities when the need arises.

This year's new members and their families welcomed Enzo Lynn, Publisher of the Addison Independent, as the main speaker at the December induction ceremony. A reception was held for families, new members, and special guests following the induction ceremony. Photos on these pages were taken before and after the ceremony.



Guests at the December 1996 induction ceremony and reception are pictured above, from left to right: Angelo Lynn, Dale Lanphear, Mike Koscinski, H. Cliff Randolph, Dennis Mueller, and Richard Burke



Above are 1996-97 members, standing from left to right, Allison Becher, Courtney Houston, Melissa Jones, Marijean Brooks, Naomi Cook, Cheyanne Viskup, Adam Workman, Ryan Rossier, Chris Sullivan, Matt Lanning, Mike Florucci, Matt Bodette, Rhiannon Condon, Rebecca Moultroup, Emily Lanning, and Amy Miner; sitting from left to right are Chrystal Bruso, Erin Bowers, Tina Newell, Megan Thurber, Rebecca Fearon, and Lauren Evancie.

AWARDS

Tandy Technological Scholars



Lauren Evancie and Rebecca Moultroup

HOBY Representative



Amy Bodette and Nicole Bruso (alt.)

VUHS & Vermont State DAR Good Citizen Award



Matthew Lanning

Most Outstanding Student Volunteer



James McGrath

Principal's Leadership Award



Lauren Evancie

American Legion Oratorical Contest

National Youth Leadership Conference



1st--Tom Charbonneau



2nd--Melissa Jones

Xerox Award



Lauren Evancie and Richard Austin

V.F.W. "Voice of Democracy" Contest



Lauren Evancie



1st--Melissa Jones, 2nd--Tom Charbonneau



Matt Bodette, Chris Sullivan, Matt Lanning, Eric Hoffman.



Megan Thurber, Lauren Evancie, Naomi Cook.

BOYS STATE

GIRLS STATE

Environmental Club



The following Environmental Club members are pictured above: President Stephanie Looby, Vice President Karin Munnett, Secretary Kim Torrey, Treasurer Karen Blanchard, and members Michelle Hawkins, Jillian Paquette, Emily White, Amber Mohan-Strong, Audry Tucker, Amanda Degree, Darci Yantz, Katha Sears, Brianne Tisbert, and Kara Griswold.

After a year of fundraising activities, Environmental Club members look forward to their June whale watch on a research vessel off the coast of Newburyport, Massachusetts. During this day-long excursion last year, the weather was perfect and club members enjoyed sightings of finback, minke and humpback whales, plus a range of pelagic species. In addition, on board their ship was a National Geographic photographer on assignment. Photos below were from the 1996 whale watch.



Pictured above is advisor Susan Miner (missing were advisors Phyllis Pankey and Judy Flemer).



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In November, a hijacked Ethiopian airliner crashes after running out of fuel. The crash occurs near a resort beach in the Comoros islands in the Indian Ocean. At least 123 of the 175 people on board die, including the hijackers.

After 36 years, Central America's longest civil war ends when Indian rebels and military leftists sign a truce in Guatemala.

British Telecommunications agrees to purchase MCI Communications for up to \$21 billion in November. The deal is the biggest foreign purchase of a U.S. company ever concluded.

A U.N.-negotiated treaty banning chemical weapons worldwide is set to take effect in the spring. The treaty prohibits the development, production, stockpiling or use of chemical weapons, and calls for the destruction of existing supplies. The treaty is signed by 160 nations, including the U.S.



King Hussein, leader of the Hashemite Muslim dynasty of Jordan, is elected to Jordan's new constitutional presidency in September. The election is held in accordance with provisions of the U.S.-brokered Golan peace agreement.



The Miss World beauty pageant, held in Bangalore, India in November, raises a storm of protests, some violent, including one by a group threatening to stage a mass suicide during the pageant's telecast. A new Miss World is crowned without incident.



King Hussein of Jordan (right) visits the West Bank of the Jordan River in October to show support for the Palestinian-Israeli peace talks and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. It is Hussein's first visit since Jordan lost the territory to Israel in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War.

Democratizers gather in Toronto, Canada in October 25 to protest outbreaks in social services by the Ontario government. Thousands of people march through the city during "Metro Days of Action," organized by labor and social activists.



Russian President Boris Yeltsin wins reelection in July, despite persistent health problems. After successful heart surgery in November he returns to work.

A pipe bomb explodes in Centennial Olympic Park after the first day of competition at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Flags fly at half-mast to mourn the 1 person killed and more than 100 injured.



Pope John Paul II undergoes surgery for an inflamed appendix in October. His chief surgeon Dr. Francesco Cruciani announces that the 78-year-old leader of the Roman Catholic Church is free from "previously undiscovered serious ailments."



In a group so large it could be tracked by satellite, hundreds of thousands of refugees abandon camps in Zaire in November and begin a journey home to Rwanda, which they had fled to escape a civil war. Closing of the camp forces the refugees to flee.

Getty Images Photo



Mass graves containing the bodies of Muslims, allegedly murdered by Serbs in 1992 during the Bosnian civil war, are excavated in Bosnia-Herzegovina throughout the year as a shaky peace negotiated in 1995 continues.



On July 17, Trans World Airlines Flight 800 explodes 13,700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 230 passengers and crew members. The Boeing 747-100 was en route to Paris from New York. The cause of the explosion remains a mystery.

A Saudi Arabian truck bomb killed 151 people on June 25 in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Mourners grieve at a memorial service held in Khobar, Saudi Arabia.



More than 300 Tutsi refugees in the African country of Burundi are slain by Hutus, a rival ethnic group. The covered bodies, mostly women and children, illustrate the ferocity of the conflict.



AP Photo/Press



A lone gunman kills 16 kindergartners, their teacher, and then himself at a Dunblane, Scotland school in March 1996. A month after the tragedy, officials tear down the school gymnasium in which the shootings occurred.

Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and Diana, Princess of Wales, are divorced on August 28. According to one observer, "The most spectacularly miserable marriage of the century is over."



Israeli right-wing leader Benjamin Netanyahu wins the May 1996 election for Prime Minister, defeating Prime Minister Shimon Peres, whom many Israelis think is making too many concessions to Israeli Arab neighbors.



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The U.S. Army issues strict new policies for drill instructors and female trainees, as hundreds of complaints of sexual harassment are revealed in November. Drill instructors are now required to leave their doors open if a female is inside, and women must travel in pairs.

After thousands of veterans complain of illnesses since the 1991 Persian Gulf War, the Pentagon warns they may have been exposed to chemical weapons. The Pentagon reveals that up to two tons of sarin nerve gas may have been released.

Six-year-old beauty pageant queen JonBenet Ramsey is found murdered in the basement of her parents' Colorado home the day after Christmas. Her death raises a nationwide awareness of controversial youth beauty pageants.

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia) is fined \$300,000 in a bi-partisan vote after the House Ethics Committee's year-long investigation into alleged financial improprieties.



Former U.N. ambassador Madeleine Albright is nominated for Secretary of State by President Clinton on December 5. Confirmed in office in January 1997, Albright is the first woman to head the State Department.



Seven-year-old pilot Jessica Dubroff is killed when her Cessna airplane crashes shortly after take-off in bad weather from the Cheyenne, Wyoming airport. Her flying instructor and her father, the plane's two passengers, are also killed in the April 1996 crash.



Theodore Kaczynski, alleged to be the "Unabomber," who killed 3 people and wounded more than 20 others with mail bombs since 1978, is arrested in Montana in April 1996. Information provided by Kaczynski's brother leads to the arrest.



Bro Jax, a gorilla at Chicago's Brookfield Zoo, becomes a hero when she rescues a 3-year-old boy knocked unconscious after falling 18 feet into the ape enclosure. The boy suffers brain contusions but soon recovers.

Arson against African American churches, mostly in the South, is a serious problem in 1996, as hundreds of churches are burned down. Residents of Portland, Oregon, survey the damage inside a church after a June fire.




One of the longest armed stand-offs in U.S. history occurs outside Jordan, Montana between the FBI and members of an anti-government group calling itself the Freemen. The 81-day siege ends peacefully in June.

On August 11 a boater rescues 10-year-old Taylor Touchstone from the snake- and alligator-infested waters of a Florida swamp 14 miles away from where he disappeared August 7. Although exhausted and badly scratched, the autistic boy recovers fully.







Associated Press


 William Jefferson Clinton defeats Republican Bob Dole and Independent H. Ross Perot to become the 42nd president of the U.S. and the last president of the 20th century. Clinton is the first Democrat since Franklin Roosevelt to be reelected to a second term.



 A civil jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson liable for the June 12, 1994 wrongful deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. In a unanimous verdict, the jury awards \$8.5 million in compensatory damages to Goldman's parents. The Brown and Goldman families are each awarded \$12.5 million in punitive damages.




 Days of abnormally heavy rains in November undermine the roadbed of Oregon's Interstate 5, creating a 40-foot-deep sinkhole, into which two semitrailer trucks tumble.

 The El Centro, Calif., earthquake jolted the Pacific Northwest, sending four women, including Hope Linderholm (left) and Jessie Montalvo. Montalvo and another female child later drop out, citing harassment and "seductive" teasing.




AP Wire Photo

 Topsail Beach, a town on an island off the coast of North Carolina, is one of many Eastern locations hit hard by Hurricane Bertha in July. Six powerful hurricanes, all with winds over 110 miles per hour, made 1996 a near-record year doing \$3.5 billion in damage in the U.S.




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 Nationwide forest fires blacken more than twice the acreage lost to fires in an average year. California, Montana and Oregon are particularly hard hit.



Karl Mollen/The


 All 113 people aboard a Valujet DC-9 are killed in May 1996 when a fire breaks out in the cargo hold. The plane, en route from Miami to Atlanta, crashes and disappears almost completely into the Florida Everglades, making it difficult for workers to retrieve wreckage.




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 Security guard Richard Jewell is investigated as a suspect in the July Olympic Park bombing. After three months of media frenzy, during which Jewell is a virtual prisoner at his home, the U.S. Justice Department admits there is no evidence against him.

 Sixteen-year-old first-grader Johnathan Prevette is suspended from his Lexington, North Carolina elementary school for violating the city schools' sexual conduct guidelines—he kissed a female classmate. Prevette is quickly reinstated after a nationwide controversy over the suspension.



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A 9,300-year-old skeleton discovered in July near Richland, Washington is the oldest and most intact set of human bones ever discovered in North America. Research is suspended, however, as the tribes from the Native American grounds where it is found claim the skeleton as an ancestor and want the bones buried.

Trauma Seal, a new medical adhesive that is applied like a lip-balm stick, is in clinical trials at 10 hospitals and health care institutions nationwide. The biodegradable adhesive could eliminate stitches and return visits.

New York Police Department canines begin wearing three-pound, infrared cameras, scouting out potentially dangerous areas before police officers enter the scene. Handlers are developing bullet-proof vests for the dogs to wear.

A new category of animal is discovered in the form of bacteria that live on the lips of lobsters. *Symbion pandora*, which lives on food scraps from lobster lips, is called "the zoological highlight of the decade."



Videogame giant Nintendo releases its long-awaited Nintendo 64, a new hardware system that draws players into the game and moves three times faster than any existing system.



An expedition to rescue the *Titanic*, the legendary "unsinkable" ocean liner that sank on its maiden voyage in 1912 from its North Atlantic grave more than two miles deep, ends in failure in August due to rough seas.



In August, scientists discover evidence of bacteria-like life on a meteorite found in 1984 and believed to be part of the crust of Mars 4.5 billion years ago. It is the first possible proof that life is not unique to Earth.



American astronaut Shannon Lucid (right) spends 188 days in space, breaking American space endurance records after joining the crew of the Russian space station Mir.



Egyptians begin work to preserve the Great Sphinx from the ravages of wind, pollution and time. The 4,500-year-old statue is located in Giza near the great pyramids.



The Mars Surveyor Trolley named Sojourner is carried on-board *Mars Pathfinder*, an unmanned spacecraft launched in December. Sojourner, a free-roving probe the size of a child's wagon, will photograph the Martian surface and determine the composition of rocks on Mars.

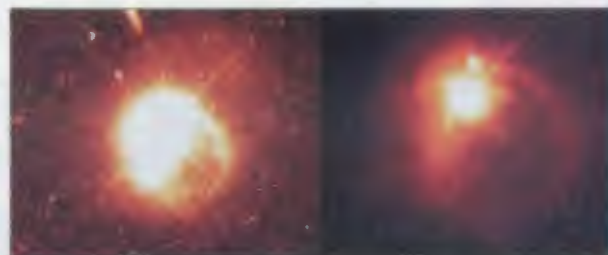


Satellite dishes became one of the year's hottest-selling electronic consumer products. Owners find the savings of not paying for cable services cover the cost within a few months.





© 1996 Monterey Bay Aquarium. Photograph by Randy Wilde.



California's Monterey Bay Aquarium opens a new wing in March 1996. The million-gallon indoor ocean showcases the marine life of the outer reaches of Monterey Bay, 5 to 60 miles offshore.

The Hubble Space Telescope captures new images of quasars, the universe's most powerful and baffling phenomena. Previously thought only to exist in colliding galaxies, new pictures indicate quasars can also exist in undisturbed galaxies—causing astronomers to revisit their theories.



AP/Wide World

Steam and ash from Iceland's Laki volcano blast 33,000 feet in the air on October 9. Molten rock from the volcano's 6-mile-wide fissure melts through more than 2,000 feet of glacial ice, threatening the island with widespread flooding.



An "oxygen bar" in Toronto, Canada, allows patrons to pay \$16 to spend 20 minutes breathing pure oxygen. The owners of the O₂ Spa Bar claim the treatment is a healthy way to rejuvenate the body and offer fruit "flavors" to liven up the experience.



DOUGLAS MILES

The Smithsonian Institution celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding with a nationwide tour of prize exhibits, including this stovetop hat worn by Abraham Lincoln.

Paleoanthropologist Mary Leakey, shown with husband Louis Leakey in a 1959 photograph, dies in December. Discoveries by the Leakeys throughout their careers are

some of the most important in paleoanthropological history. Her greatest discovery was a trail of 3.7-million-year-old footprints, which proved that hominids walked upright far earlier than previously believed.



UPI/Donna Edwards



AP/Wide World

The world's largest flower, the Titan Arum, also known as the "corpse flower," blooms in London's Kew Gardens for the first time since 1953. The flower is nicknamed for its strong stench when in bloom.

New research suggests that hormone therapies can keep middle-aged men stronger and more youthful. A testosterone-releasing skin patch called Androderm is prescribed by many doctors to supplement the natural hormone.



FACES



Pete Rozelle, 1979
Nobel Peace Prize winner, suffers a heart attack in late December. It is the 86-year-old Roman Catholic nun's fourth serious illness in 1996.

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Former NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle dies on December 6. Rozelle is credited with transforming professional football into America's top spectator sport, and with inventing the Super Bowl.

Basketball megastar Michael Jordan launches his own cologne, Michael Jordan Cologne. Demand for the fragrance is so high that manufacturer Bajan Fragrances limits sales to 12 bottles per customer.

The ever-present Cindy Crawford releases a book on applying make-up, *Basic Face*, enjoys a long run on the best-seller lists.

The National Women's Hall of Fame opens in Seneca Falls, New York, inducting 11 women, including author Louise May Alcott, and Oveta Culp Hobby, the nation's first female colonel.

Archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin dies of pancreatic cancer in November. Bernardin was known for being a reconciler in churches torn between tradition and modern culture, as well as for speaking out against physician-assisted suicide.



In April 1996, singer Michael Jackson is seen escorting a woman later identified as Debbie Rowe, an employee of Jackson's plastic surgeon. In November, Jackson announces that he and Rowe are married and that she is carrying his child.



'The Late Show' host David Letterman (right), who had been hinting at retirement, re-signs his contract with CBS, keeping him at 'The Late Show' through 2002.

Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, and Prince Andrew, Duke of York, and son of Queen Elizabeth II, are divorced in May 1996. "Fergie" subsequently goes public with TV appearances and an autobiography.



Fergie Frolin appears with host Rose O'Donnell on ABC's 'The Rose O'Donnell Show.' The talk show, which premieres in 1996, gains quick popularity and respect.


Music megastar Madonna gives birth to Lourdes Leon, a 6-pound 9-ounce girl, on October 14. Madonna's big year continues when she wins a Golden Globe for her role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's on-screen rendition of the musical *Evita*.

In October, TV talk-show host Jenny Jones testifies during the Michigan murder trial of Jonathan Schmitz. Schmitz was accused of killing Scott Amedure, who revealed romantic feelings for Schmitz during a March 1995 taping of a 'Jenny Jones Show.'






AP/Wide World Photos

 In a small, secret ceremony on an island off the coast of Georgia, John F. Kennedy Jr. marries Carolyn Bessette, a *Cake* Klein publicist, in September. Kennedy, who dated Bessette for two years, had long been considered one of the world's most eligible bachelors.




AP/Wide World Photos

 New York Yankees fan Jeffrey Maier interferes with a fly ball during game one of the American League Championship Series on October 9. The hit is ruled a home run, tying the game 4 to 4 in the eighth inning and making Maier New York's hero for a day.




AP/Wide World Photos


 Legendary heavyweight boxer Muhammad Ali is the final athlete to bear the Olympic torch, lighting the Olympic flame at the opening of the Centennial Summer Olympics in Atlanta on July 19.



AP/Wide World Photos

 Miss Gwyneth Paltrow's First Lady (Jennifer) Kennedy Dress and President John F. Kennedy are auctioned off in April 1996, including a necklace of simulated pearls shown in this 1982 photograph. The fake pearls, valued at \$500 to \$700, sell for \$211,500, bringing the auction total to \$34.5 million.



 Veteran comedian George Burns dies in March 1996, just weeks after reaching the age of 100. The legendary Burns won an Oscar, an Emmy and a Grammy Award in an illustrious career dating back to vaudeville.





AP/Wide World Photos

 Miss Kentucky, Tara Dawn Holland, is crowned Miss America at the 1996 pageant on September 14.




AP/Wide World Photos

 Angela Lansbury appears in her final season as mystery writer Jessica Fletcher on CBS's "Murder, She Wrote." The hugely successful show ran for 12 seasons.

 Basketball player Kobe Bryant joins the Los Angeles Lakers straight out of high school, signing a multi-million dollar contract during the team's 1996-1997 season.



AP/Wide World Photos

 As a stand against the invasion of his privacy, George Clooney, star of NBC's "ER," boycotts Paramount's "Entertainment Tonight" after its season show "Hard Copy" runs unauthorized footage of the actor's private life.

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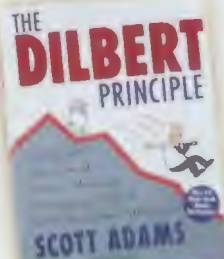
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Tom Cruise stars in Jerry Maguire, a romantic comedy about a sports agent who decides to change his shallow ways, and spends the rest of the movie trying to regain his success. It is a breakthrough role for Cruise, who is normally depicted as a cocky winner.

To honor the 20th anniversary of its release, producer George Lucas issues a "remade" Star Wars, with new scenes, computerized special effects and souped-up animation. Lucas' grand plan calls for a nine-film cycle, including prequels.

English actor/director Kenneth Branagh plays Hamlet in his star-studded remake of Shakespeare's classic. Despite running four hours, the movie is a critical and box-office success.

NBC's Thursday night drama "ER" features television's first HIV-positive prominent character: Jeanie Boulet, a physician's assistant played by Gloria Reuben, is relatively open about her condition and helps confront the stigma of AIDS.



Scott Adams' *Dilbert*, the comic strip about office politics, captures the nation's imagination. In book form, *The Dilbert Principle* becomes a national best-seller.



Actors Winona Ryder and Daniel Day-Lewis star in *The Crucible*, which opens in December. The screen adaptation of Arthur Miller's famous play about the Salem witch trials is written by Arthur Miller himself.



Sherry Stringfield, Dr. Susan Lewis, on NBC's "ER," leaves the show at the peak of her character's popularity. In her final episode, when Dr. Mark Greene, played by Anthony Edwards, declares his love for Susan, the show garners its highest ratings ever.



Patrick Stewart (left) and Brina Gall (right) star in *Star Trek: First Contact*, a movie featuring characters from the TV show *Star Trek: The Next Generation*.

Drawn to life: TV cartoon during the second season of ABC's "The Drew Carey Show." A zany sitcom about working-class characters in Cleveland, Ohio.



Academy Award-winning actor Tom Hanks' first effort at directing receives critical praise when *That Thing You Do!*, a movie about the meteoric rise and fall of a 1960s rock band, opens in October.

Model Brooke Shields (center) moves to television in NBC's "Suddenly Susan," a sitcom premiering in September. Shields plays a columnist opposite magazine editor Judd Nelson (far right).



Author Michael Crichton publishes *The Lost World*, a sequel to *Jurassic Park*, the colossal novel and movie. The new book promises to generate just as much hype, with a movie already in the works.



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Explosive special effects rivet audiences to their seats as they watch *Independence Day*, one of summer's blockbuster movies.

Bugs Bunny and Chicago Bulls basketball star Michael Jordan share top billing in *Space Jam*, a partially animated feature film that opens in late November.



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Actors Brad Pitt (left) and Jason Patric star in *Se7en*, a film about four men and their extraordinary scheme to revenge the abuse they experienced as boys. The controversial movie also stars Dustin Hoffman, Robert De Niro and Kevin Bacon.



In September, Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes star as the classic star-crossed lovers in the film *Romeo and Juliet*.

Tom Cruise stars in *Mission: Impossible*, based on the 1960s and '70s television series of the same name. Despite critical pull-downs, the movie is a huge box-office hit.



John Lithgow (front right) earns both an Emmy and a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Comedy Series in NBC's "3rd Rock From the Sun," a sit-com about a family of aliens living in contemporary America.



America's favorite sit-com father, Bill Cosby, enjoys the success of his new CBS show, "Cosby." In January 1997, however, tragedy strikes as Cosby's son Ennis is killed in Los Angeles in an apparent random robbery.



Stars Bill Paxton and Helen Hunt flee a tornado of awesome proportions in *Twister*, another summer blockbuster which tells the story of storm chasers highly devoted to studying the inner workings of tornadoes.



Michael J. Fox returns to television in September as a deputy mayor in ABC's "Spin City," a sit-com about the inner workings of New York's City Hall.

MUSIC

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flash

Folk and blues artist Tracy Chapman returns to the scene in 1996 with the single "Give Me One Reason." Chapman receives five Grammy nominations in January 1997.

The artist formerly known as Prince releases *Emanation*, a three-hour, three-CD album, in honor of his release from his Warner Bros. recording contract.

Guitarist Slash of Guns N' Roses forms his own band. His new group, *Slash's Blues Ball*, is a six-man blues band grounded in the blues-based hard rock of the 1970s.

Rockers Sheryl Crow joins the ranks of musicians who have had their albums banned from Wal-Mart. The retail giant objects to a lyric alleging that kids kill each other with guns they obtained from the store.



The Beatles' *Anthology 3*, the third and final album from the reunited remaining members of the band, is released in November. Following the example of these two previous anthologies, *Anthology 3* sells in record numbers.



Kiss' lead guitarist Gene Simmons strikes a familiar pose as the band locks off a reunion tour with a June 28 concert in Detroit. The tour marks the first time the original members of the band perform together since 1979.



Canadian pop artist Celine Dion tops the charts in 1996 with the album *Falling into You*, which sells more than 16 million copies worldwide.



Alternative-rock band Oasis releases a new album, *Definitely Dead*, in November. The album contains 17 new tracks recorded between 1993 and the 1994 episode of singer Noel Dole's (right).



After 10 years of separation, members of the band Van Halen are reunited with their former lead singer David Lee Roth (right) at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Roth later claims he thought he was rejoining the band, who chose a different lead singer.

British pop superstars Liam (left) and Noel Gallagher cancel the remainder of a U.S. concert tour in September until rumors that their band, Oasis, is breaking up. Denying the reports, the brothers announce they will release a new album in the summer of 1997.



Green, an alternative-rock group with an American (punk) sound, tours the U.S. to promote their album *Cassadon Stone*. They release another chart-topping album, *Two Steps from Hell*, in the winter.



Heavy metal band Metallica is the headlining act for the summer concert Lollapalooza, traditionally an alternative-rock show. Metallica remains high-profile, winning an MTV award for the year's Best Hard Rock Video in September.



★ No Doubt, fronted by lead singer Gwen Stefani, releases *Tragic Kingdom*, which includes such chart-toppers as "Just a Girl," "Spiderwebs," and "Don't Speak."



★ George Strait is honored by the Country Music Association in October with three major awards—Single of the Year for "Check Yes or No," Album of the Year for *Clear Blue Sky*, and Male Vocalist of the Year.



★ The hit single "Where It's At" kicks off the new Beck album *Delay*, which is released to popular and critical acclaim. *Spin* magazine awards Beck Artist of the Year.



Mike Wasserman/Photo Disc/Getty

★ Counting Crows' second album, *Recovering the Satellites*, is released in October. The long-awaited follow-up to 1993's *August and Everything After* debuts at number one on the charts.



★ Toni Braxton's second album, *Secrets*, is released in summer 1996. Braxton wins R&B Single of the Year for "Let It Flow" at the *Billboard* Music Awards in the fall.



★ Alanis Morissette's jagged *Little Piss* reigns the charts, becoming the all-time top-selling album by a female artist. Morissette also dominates the 1996 Grammys by winning four awards, including Best Album.



★ Death Row Records co-founder Dr. Dre, often dubbed the "godfather of 'gangsta' rap," begins distancing himself from hard-core rap. "Dre's There, Dre's That," his break-away anthem, premieres on MTV in September.



★ Fourteen-year-old singing sensation LeAnn Rimes is nominated for the Country Music Association's Horizon Award after the breakthrough success of her single "Blue." The popular new star is often compared to country music legend Patsy Cline.



★ The music world is stunned in September by the death of rapper Tupac Shakur, killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas. Speculations as to the killer's motive abound, but the year ends with no answers and no arrests.



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★ R.E.M.'s 12th album, *New Adventures in Hi-Fi*, the group's first recording since 1994's *Murmur*, is released by Warner Bros. in September.

★ The Wallflowers, with Jakob Dylan, son of legendary folk artist Bob Dylan, release *Bringing Down the Horse*, which features hit singles "One Headlight" and "6th Avenue Heartache."



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flash

Tennis pro Pete Sampras wins the eighth grand-slam title of his career at the U.S. Open in September. Steffi Graf wins the U.S. Open Women's title, beating Monica Seles.

Pro boxer Mike Tyson loses his Heavyweight Champion of the World title to Evander Holyfield in a November match. Holyfield, a former two-time world champion, reclaims his title in the surprise win.

Chicago Bulls star Dennis Rodman furthers his controversial reputation by kicking a photographer in the groin during a game against the Minnesota Timberwolves in January 1997. Rodman is suspended for up to 11 games without pay, costing him more than \$1 million, in addition to a \$25,000 fine to the NBA, as well as a reported \$200,000 settlement with the photographer.

Baltimore Orioles second baseman Roberto Alomar is suspended for five games, deferred to the 1997 season, when he spits on an umpire during a heated argument over a questionable call in the National League play-offs. Controversy ensues over the leniency of the punishment.



Team USA wins the World Cup of Hockey, beating Canada 5-2 in the final. Eight teams from Canada, Europe and the U.S. participate in the World Cup, which replaced the Canada Cup.



Twenty-year-old golfing phenom Eldrick "Tiger" Woods turns pro in August, making the transition from exceptional amateur golfer to well-endorsed professional, including a deal with Nike worth an estimated \$40 million.



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In June, the Colorado Avalanche beat the Florida Panthers in the N.H.L. Stanley Cup playoffs. The final game in the series comes to a close at 7:32 a.m., when the Avalanche finally score the winning goal in the third overtime period.



AP/Wide World Photos

Race car driver Terry Labonte wins NASCAR's Winston Cup championship with a total of 4,657 points after finishing fifth in the final race, the Napa 500 at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Led by quarterback Brett Favre, the Green Bay Packers beat the New England Patriots 35-21 in Super Bowl XXXI at the Louisiana Superdome. It is the Packers' first Super Bowl since 1968.



AP/Wide World

The New York Yankees win the World Series, beating the Atlanta Braves in a four-game sweep, after losing the first two games. It is the first series title for the Yankees since 1978.



The U.S. women's gymnastics team takes the gold at the Summer Olympics. Kerri Strug, second from right, is the heroine of the competition, landing her final vault despite a dislocated left ankle.

U.S. swimmer Amy Van Dyken wins the women's 100-meter butterfly event at the Olympic Games with a time of 59.13 seconds. Van Dyken wins a total of four golds.



The Chicago Bulls win their fourth NBA championship in six years as they defeat the Seattle SuperSonics in game six of the NBA Finals on June 16.



U.S. Olympian Dan O'Brien rocks up 8,624 points to take the gold medal in the decathlon, a grueling 10-event track-and-field competition.



April 1996 marks the 100th running of the Boston Marathon. More than 38,000 contenders participate.



Jean Driscoll (front right) of the U.S. takes the silver in the women's 800-meter wheelchair race, a demonstration sport, at the Summer Olympics. Driscoll, seven-time winner of the Boston Marathon, retires at the end of 1996, after setting several world records during her career.

Olympic swimmer Tom Dolan captures another gold for the U.S. as he wins the 400-meter individual medley on July 21. Dolan wins with a time of 4:14.80.



Minnesota Twins star centerfielder Kirby Puckett announces his retirement from baseball in July. A serious eye ailment forces Puckett to give up the game, but he manages to maintain his upbeat attitude at press conferences and interviews.

U.S. Olympian Michael Johnson wins the 200-meter final in a world-record time of 19.32 seconds. Johnson's triumph comes three days after he wins the 400-meter race, making him the first man to win both events in one Olympics.



Basketball star Shaquille O'Neal jumps from the Orlando Magic to the Los Angeles Lakers in July. The deal is the richest in NBA history, paying O'Neal \$120 million over 7 years.

LIFESTYLE

flash

Helping consumers maintain privacy, marketers promote home AIDS tests. Consumers draw their own blood and then send it away to be tested confidentially.

Advancing technology means more options on telephones, including Caller ID, which becomes more common than ever in 1996. The display unit allows people to see the name and number of their caller before even answering the phone.

Authors Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider release *The Rules*, a controversial manual teaching women strategies for getting a man to propose marriage. While the book draws criticism from both sexes, it is a best-seller.

The U.S. Postal Service issues stamps commemorating Hanukkah, the first non-Christian religious holiday ever featured on a stamp.

Casual Fridays become more and more widespread in American work culture. Businesses allow employees who normally dress in professional clothing at work to wear more comfortable, casual clothing on Fridays.



A "Sesame Street" stuffed toy causes panic among holiday shoppers. Tiebe Me Bino sells out in stores nationwide, and has shoppers fighting over scarce inventory and paying hundreds of times the toy's value.



The My Twinn Doll Company offers individually crafted dolls that replicate, from a photo, the eye color, hair and facial features of a living girl. Each doll comes with two matching outfits, one for the doll and one for the owner.



Nail polish colors get darker and funkier. Deep browns and blues are popular forms of expression and style.



The ongoing dance craze is the "Macarena," a Latin hip dance. People of all ages participate in the dance, including Olympians, celebrities and workers of the Democratic National Convention (above) and the New York Yankees grounds crew.



The Treasury needs to meet its \$4.75 in October and will increase again to \$5.15 effective September 1, 1997.



The beverage industry introduces a new concept—bottled water with caffeine! One bottle of the uncarbonated water contains as much caffeine as one cup of coffee.

Disney's 101

Dalmatians inspires an avalanche of promotional merchandise filling stores with spotted toys, backpacks, games and other odds and ends.



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S C H O O L



EXPLORERS



Team teachers and assistant are Otto Althoff, Elma Grant, Cookie Steponaitis, and Dianne Jackson. Susan Clancy is middle-school guidance counselor. The Explorer Team began this year in the Wild West with rodeos, cowboys, and a roping challenge. The team then set sail for Colonial America and, thereafter, Europe. Always, this team works to learn together. Using an interdisciplinary curriculum, with sails up and a steady wind the team's course is true.



Ashley Angier
Abby Barratt
John Tyler-Begins



Brent Bergmiller
Elicia Bessette
Katie Blanchard
Nicholas Bowers



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Tanya Meacham
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Kaci June Spear
Katherine Sumner
Jerry Tanner
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Robert Torrey
Audrey Tucker
Thomas Watson
Danielle Welch
Benjamin Williams

PILOT



Team teachers and assistants are Theresa Cavoretto, Daryl Hatch, Sue Bingham, Pauline Desautels, and Martha Fisher. Our fourth year has been a rewarding and adventurous one! We have picked and placed eggs with students and designed robotic arms. We have traveled to many cultures and times, such as Ancient Egypt and Greece. We have lived in the Middle Ages and built castles, painted shields, and enjoyed a medieval fair. The Pilot Team has soared into excellence through the caring, sharing, and hard work of the students. It has been a great year.



Alicia Abrahamson
Tanya Albert
Lindsey Bessette
Rebecca Blacklock



Stacy Burke
Adam Burns
Michelle Caniyo
Peter Collette



Jordan Dykema
Brett Everest
Kirk Goodman
Brenna Griswold
Elizabeth Hall
Laura Hastings



Erin Hoffman
Kyrsten Howard
Erin Jackman
Shannon Jameson
August Jerger
Ryan Kayhart





Zachery Kennelly
Marcel Laberge
Amanda Martell



Erika Miner
Gerald Moulton
Laura Ouimette



Gretchen Paul
Katherine Pettis
Jacob Plankey
Alicia Prime



Israel Provencher
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Katie Recupero
Angie Rougier
Katha Sears
Parker Shorey



Erin Smith
Justin Taylor
Jessica Torrey



Gareth Turo
John Viskup
Jessica White



Anthony Whitney
Phillip Wildasin
Carly Zimmerman

QUEST



Team teachers and assistants are Judy Flemer, Joseph Matkowski, Ronald Nimblett, June Stansbery, and Michelle Brown. Team Quest really pulls together -- even up mountains. This fall, we climbed Snake Mountain during October and enjoyed the view. On the homefront, this is a team that likes to socialize, and the Halloween Party kicked off a year of activities that included the winter ski trip and other events.



Joshua Arel
Logan Becher
Mark Bienvenue
Nathan Bingham



Travis Bingham
Justin Bolduc
Sean Brown
Sarah Caum



Cassie Charlebois
Michael Clark
Adam Clifford
Jason Commanday
Preston Cousino
Douglas Devold



Coburn Ellingwood
Timothy Essex
Justin Gordon
Reyvan Hanlon
Shannon Hanlon
Darren Hatcher





Michelle Hawkins
Christine Hinz
Hilary Hulst
Machelle Jameson
Adam Kimball
Richard Krayewsky

Sean LaFlam
Amanda Lamonda
Peter Mailloux
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Erin Paquin
Paul Parent

Jason Peet
Matthew Picard
Ryan Piper
Sarah Price
Nathan Redmond
Christopher Reed

Kevin Reed
Ashley Ringer
Michael Robarge
Brannon Soter
Ryan Steady
Jesse Stearns

Jason Stone
Sheena Strada
Chris Strong
Daniel Sweeney
Luke Tallman
Gary Taylor

Pamela Vandeweert
Amanda White
Christopher White
Brandon Wilber
Patricia Winters
Amy Yandow

FAR SIDE



Team teachers and assistants are Alida Dinklage, Phyllis Pankey, Robin Hanlon, and Susan Miner. Team Farside has had a very busy year. We have been on many exciting field trips including the waste water treatment facility in South Burlington and Champlain Lanes for bowling. We studied the part Lake Champlain played during the Revolutionary War. This year, our team has the following committees: Party and Just Us, End of the Year Field Trip, During School Field Trip, Jargon Journal, and Fundraising. Although our team is small, we work well together.



Hillary Barrows
Anna Booska
Rebecca Brinkman
Keri Carlson



Jennifer Chaney
J. M. Clayton-Hall
Griffin Condon
Erin Cook



Nathan Couture
Hans deBoer
Stephanie Dugan
Cassandra Foote
Lyndsay Forgues
Cheri Franklin



Maureen Green
William Hastings
Katherine Hatch
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Ervin Huestis
Jack Hutchins





Adam Kenyon
Janet Lavelle
Kristin Lichtenfels



Chris McKirryher
Jason Minns
A. Mohan-Strong



Hasket Morris
Marc Myers
Jason Ouellette



Juliette Plantier
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Jake Pyper
Chris Quesnel
Jessica Raymond



Heather Simpson
Amanda Soutier
Eliza Spencer



Martha Stansberry
Jennifer Tallman
Davin Torrey



Lawrence Watson
Charles Webb
Ashley Welch

GIRLS SOCCER



The 8th Grade Soccer — left to right, (front row) K. Lichtenfels, E. Jackman, B. Blacklock, K. Martinec, A. Yandow, C. Zimmerman, B. Bruso, L. Bessette, R. Cobb; (back row) C. Foote, J. Farnsworth, S. Laidman, S. Caum, A. Angier, A. Welch, L. Cosgrove, J. Gould, and Coach Julie Gebo. Missing: Coach Lissa Gebo.



The 7th Grade Soccer — left to right, (front row) A. Soutiere, K. Carlson, E. Spencer, A. Ringer, M. Carmichael, (back row) Coach Julie Gebo, M. Stansberry, K. Recupero, R. Hanlon, H. Barrow, S. Dugan, S. Kimball, and K. Hatch. Missing: E. Miner, K. Sumner, C. Taylor.



CAPTAINS

Amy Y.
Carly Z.

Reyvan H.
Erika M.





Team A Boys Soccer— left to right, (front row) D. Hebert, J. Ouellette, C. Reed, J. Viskup, D. Torrey, M. Miller, D. Devoid, I. Provencher; (back row) A. Kimball, B.J. Soter, N. Bowers, R. Krayewsky, I. Glidden, K. Reed, and Coach Kelli Kozić.



Team B Boys Soccer- left to right, (front row) L. Becher, T. Maynerd, J. Plankey, B. Torrey, J. Provencher, B. Epstein, A. Clifford; (back row) Coach Tom Kozić, D. Carmichael, A. Kenyon, W. Webb, K. Goodman, M. Clark, N. Schmidt, and D. Kennet



CAPTAINS

A TEAM

David T.
Chris R.
Kevin R.

Richard K.

B TEAM

Mike C.
Ben E.



BOYS SOCCER

GIRLS BASKETBALL



The eighth grade girls basketball team--in the back row standing, from left to right, Coach Samaritoni, Dawn Jerry, Elicia Bessette, Alicia Prime, Sarah Caum, Jessica Torrey, Shannon Jameson, Ashley Angier, Sarah Price, Kristin Lichtenfels, Bethany Bruso, Cassie Foote; kneeling, Rachel Cobb, Amy Yadow, Carly Zimmerman.



The seventh grade girls basketball team--in the back row standing, left to right, S. Barrows, E. Cook, K. Spear, M. Jameson, K. Sumner, M. Stansbery, A. Martell, K. Hatch; in the second row kneeling, L. Hastings, S. Dugan, E. Paquin, E. Spencer, H. Barrows, E. Hoffman, C. Culver, M. Carmichael; in the third row sitting, H. Simpson, K. Howard, K. Blanchard, R. Hanlon, A. Ringer, P. Van DeWeert; and missing, E. Miner.



"We learned a lot this year."

"Our team has gotten very close."

"We are looking forward to next year."

BOYS BASKETBALL



The eighth grade boys basketball team--standing from left to right, Jason Ouellette, Deven Devold, Adam Clifford, Liam Quinn, Ben Epstein, Richard Krayewsky, John Viskup, Michael Clark, Leslie Larrow, Nathan Schmidt, Kevin Reed, Chris Reed, Logan Becher, and Nathan Redmond.



The seventh grade boys basketball team--in the back row standing, from left to right, Coach Coulman, Ben Williams, Jason Peet, Marc Myers, Nate Couture; kneeling from left to right, Bob Torrey, Davin Torrey, Sean LaFlam, and Peter Mailloux; missing were Ryan Kayhart, Miles Miller, Ryan Piper, Nathan Redmond, Parker Shorey, Sean Brown, Justin Gordon.



C H E E R L E A D I N G



Cheerleading Team -- left to right, standing in the back row, Lyndsay Bushey, Suzanne Laidman, Abby Barratt, Lyndsay Forgues, Janet Lavelle, Stacey Burke, Jessica Waite, Kristin Brisson, kneeling in the front row, Cheri Franklin, Erin Jackman, Katie Martinec, Becky Blacklock, Michelle Hawkins, Jessica Raymond. Missing: Amanda Soutiere, Linnea Oosterman, Mandy LaMonda, Cassie Charlebois, Elizabeth Hall, Patty Winters, and Amber Mohan-Strong



The 1996-1997 cheerleaders loved:

"doing stunts,"

"doing yoga,"

"doing totem poles,"

"doing Christmas trees,"

"having fun, and

"being friends."



SOFTBALL BASEBALL WRESTLING



Girls Softball Team -- left to right, (front row)
K. Lichtenfels, E. Bessette, S. Caum, A. Welch,
K. Martinec, A. Yadow, C. Foote,
C. Zimmerman, R. Cobb, L. Forgues, A. Angier,
E. Spencer.



Boys Baseball Team -- left to right, (front row)
L. Becher, D. Devold, D. Torrey, K. Reed,
L. Quinn, A. Kimball, N. Couture, C. Quesnel,
M. Miller, I. Provencher, K. Goodman,
S. Brown, P. Mailloux, G. Moulton,
R. Krayewsky, M. Clark, S. LaFlam, D. DuBois.



Wrestling Team -- left to right,
Chris Beagle,
Philip Wilderson,
Chris White,
Shawn Newell,
Gareth Turo,
Israel Provencher,
Chris Strong,
Jeremy Robert,
Carlie Porter,
Luke Tallman,
Eddie Wilderson,
Ray White, and
Coach Matthew Jolley



MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND



E♭
 Laura Ouimette
 Katie Pettis
 Amata Wile
 Kristin LaBonté
 Erika Myer
 Katie McInerney
 Christina Horz
Clarinet
 Cassie Frost
 Suzanne Laidman
 Hilary Barrows
 Reyvan Hanton
 Lindsay Ferguson
 Chana Culver
 Cheri Franklin
 Anna Bouska
 Katie Hatch
Bass Clarinet

DISTRICTS

E. Cook, S. Price,
 C. Zimmerman
 A. Yandow, C. Foote,
 J. Vaskup, L. Ouimette
 K. Pettis, (back row)
 L. Bushey, H. de Boer,
 C. Quesnel, M. Miller,
 B. Torrey, J. Torrey,
 C. Ellingwood

OFFICERS

K. Martinec,
 A. Yandow, R. Cobb,
 C. Zimmerman,
 L. Quinn

JAZZ BAND

Piano:
 J. Raymond

Keyboard Bass:
 M. Miller

Rhythm:
 L. Bushey
 D. Hebert

Carly Zimmerman

Alto Saxophone

Liam Quinn
 Amy Yandow
 Erin Cook
 Miles Miller
 Griffin Comdon
 Sean Brown
 Dawn Jerry
 John Myers
 Deven DuBois
 Dustin Kinner
 Liora Osterman

Tenor Sax

Luke Tallman
 Jason Chellette

Bari Sax

John Vaskup

Trumpet

Chris Quesnel

Sarah Price

Hans deBoer

Josh Arel

Erin Smith

William Hastings

Peter Malloin

Nick Bowers

Mark Myers

Adam Kimball

Parker Shorey

French Horn

Kelli Minor

Trombone

Coby Flingwood

Jessica Torrey

Bob Torrey

Percussion

Dan Hebert

Lindsay Bushey

Katie Martinec

Mallets

Rachel Cobb

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORUS

Alicia Abrahamson
 Tonya Albert
 Abby Barratt
 Bliza Bassette
 Lindsay Bassette
 Becky Blacklock
 Katie Blanchard
 Becky Brinkman
 Kristin Brisson
 Bethany Bruce
 Stacy Bucke
 Michelle Camus
 Megan Carmichael
 David Carmichael
 Sarah Casey
 Ten Chaney
 Cassie Charlebois
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 Leila Cosgrove
 Stephanie Dugan
 Ben Epstein
 Josie Framsworth
 Jen Gould
 Brenna Grosvold
 Elizabeth Hall
 Shannon Hanson
 Laura Hastings
 Michelle Hawkins
 Erin Hoffman
 Kirsten Howard
 Hilary Hulst
 Stephanie Jewell
 Stephanie Kimball
 Mandy Lamonda
 Janet Lavelle
 Amber Mohan-Strong
 Sarah Morris
 Gerald Moulton
 Ashley Norton
 Erin Papun
 Gretchen Paul
 Carrie Place
 Arnee Plunket
 Jessica Raymond
 Katie Recupero
 Katha Sears
 Adam Seaton
 Heather Simpson
 Amanda Soutiere
 Kacie Spear
 Eliza Spencer
 Sheena Strada
 Katherine Sumner
 Jenny Tallman
 Christina Taylor
 Audrey Turner
 Danielle Welch
 Ashley Welch



DISTRICTS



COMBINED



COMBINED CHORUS - Meets once a week while the Jazz Band meets. It is made up of regular Chorus students and some additional Band students. Band Students in combined chorus: A. Booska, R. Cobb, E. Cook, C. Culver, L. Forgues, C. Franklin, K. Hatch, K. Martinec, K. McEnerny, L. Oosterman, L. Ouimette, K. Pettis, E. Smith, L. Tallman, J. Torrey, B. Torrey, A. Yandow, C. Zimmerman

DITSRICTS - is a festival that students are auditioning for. There is a district concert in which students from many schools are participating in, including Vergennes.

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Chris Quesnel, Chris McKirryher

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M. Caniyo, A. Abrahamson,
Advisor Mrs. Abrahamson,
B. Brinkman, E. Hall, M. Carmichael,
A. Angier Missing: S. Burke.

Spelling Team



S. Caum, K. Pettis,
Advisor Mrs. Dinklage M. Caniyo,
E. Bessette

Student Council



K. Lichtenfels, B. Torrey, S. Caum,
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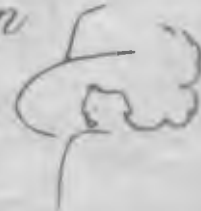
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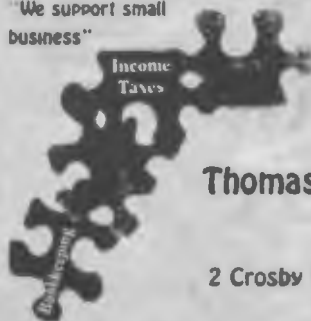
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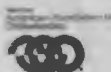
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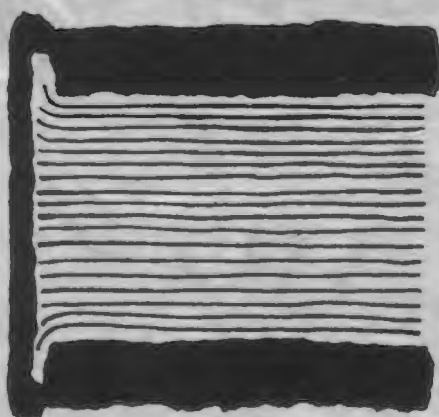
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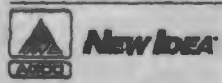


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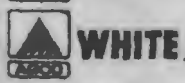
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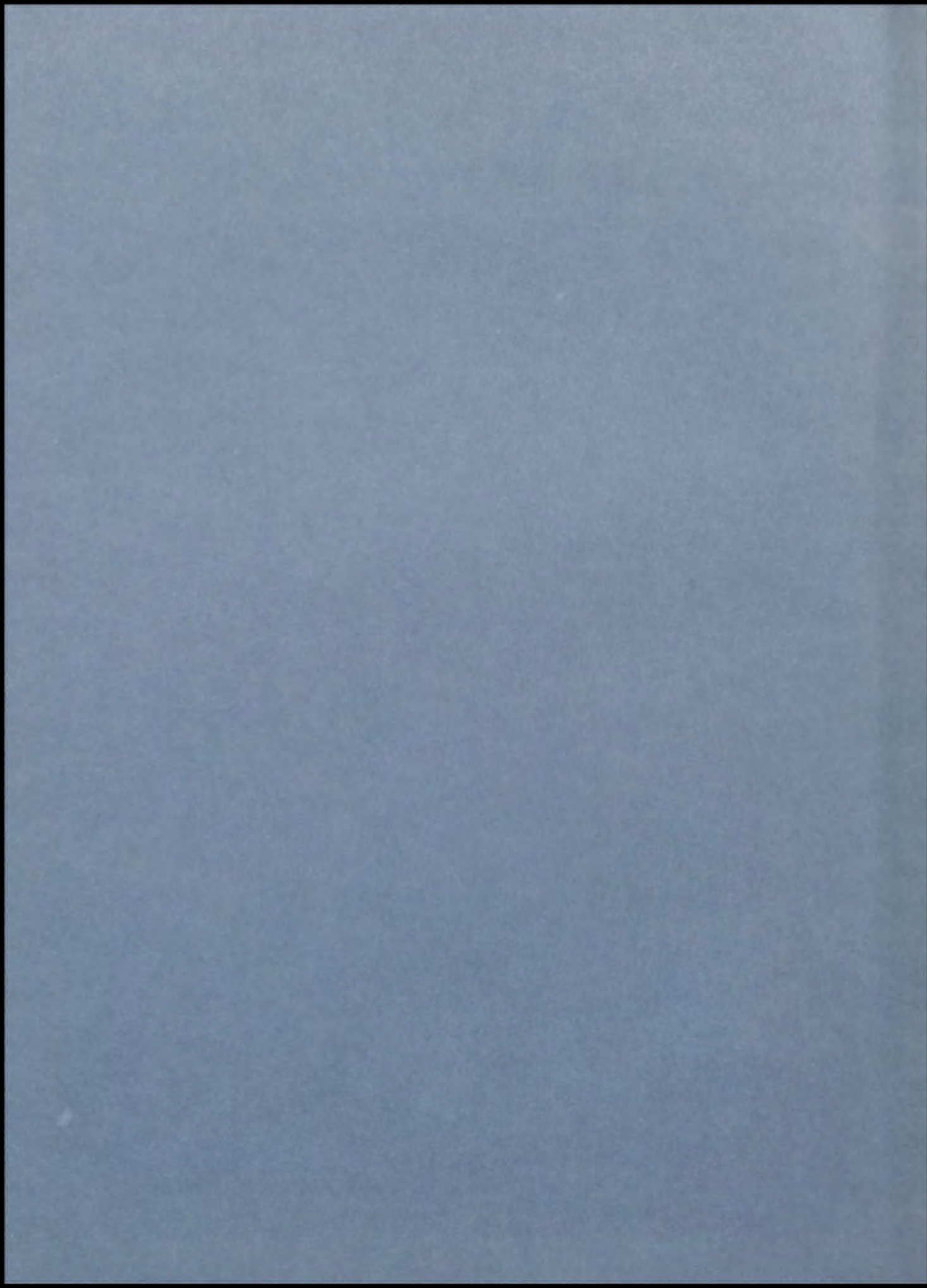
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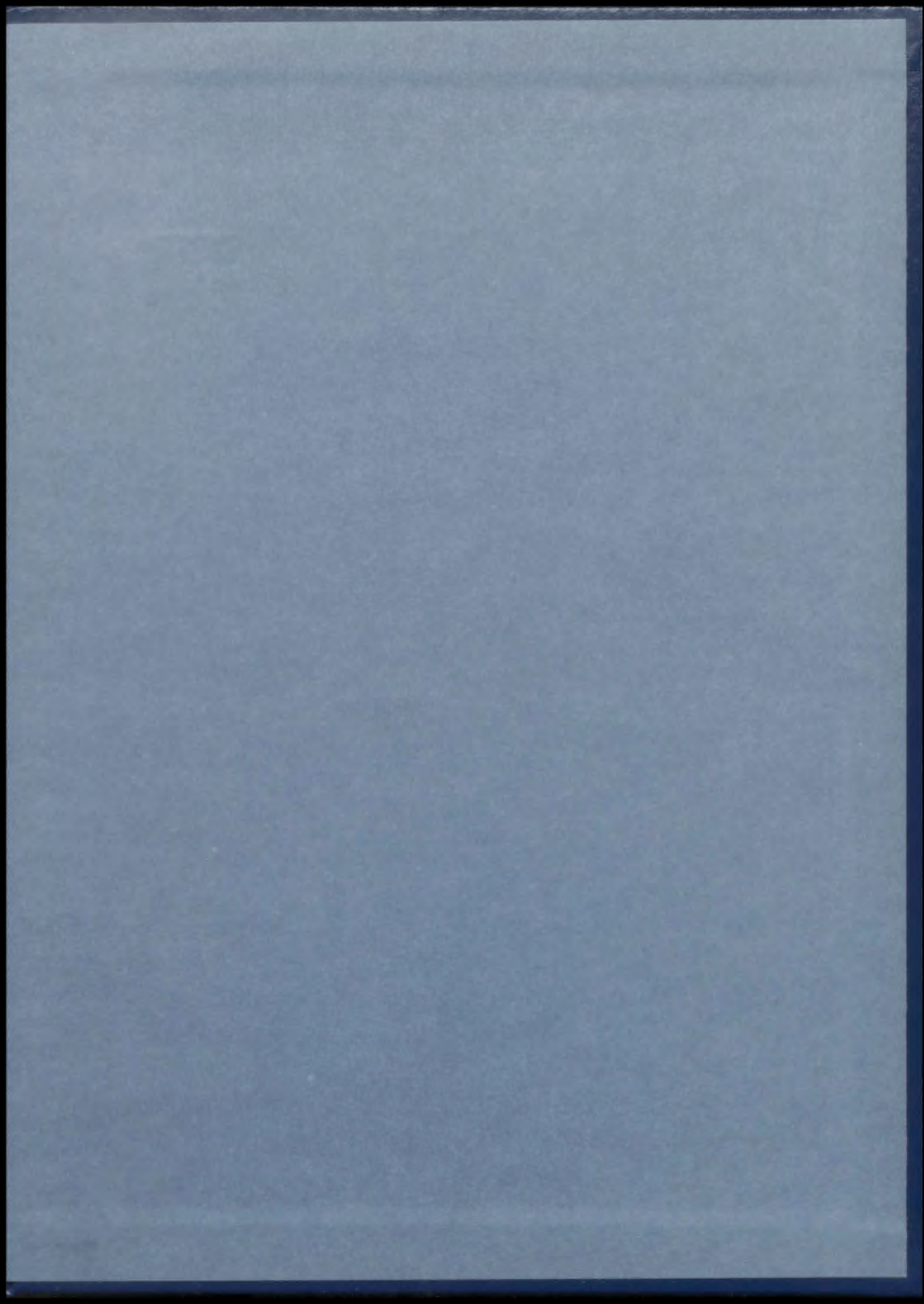
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