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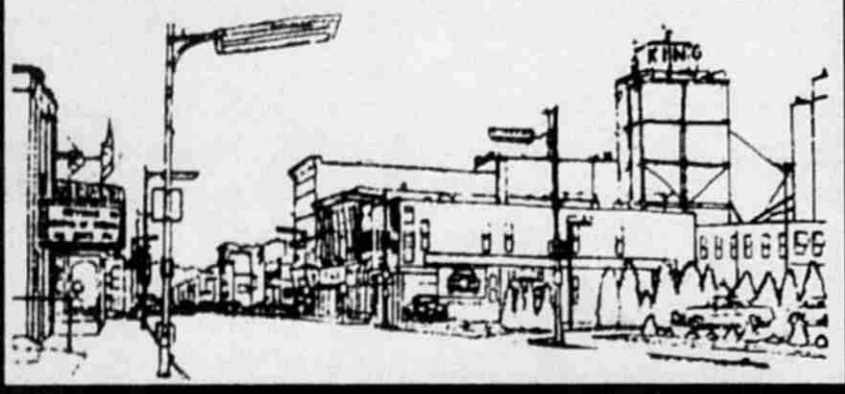
# The Lowell Ledger

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Wednesday, May 31, 1995

## Along Main Street



### ON VIEW AT THE CENTER

The annual Lowell student exhibit is presently on view in the Lowell Area Arts Council Gallery.

The work of middle and high school students will be on view through May 28. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The center is closed Mondays.

### AMUSEMENT PARK TICKETS

As a service to the community, Lowell Community Education is selling tickets to major amusement parks at discount prices. Please call Marge at 897-8434 for prices.

### COMMUNITY ED SUMMER SCHOOL

Community Ed summer school brochures are now available in your child's school office.

### MOOSE FISHING DERBY

The Moose fishing derby will be held at Stoney Lakeside Park on Saturday, June 3 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages two to 15 years old. There will be free hot dogs and pop.

### LAAC WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

The Lowell Area Arts Council's annual white elephant garage sale will be held June 15, 16 and 17. This year the sale will be held inside the arts center. Donated items may be dropped off there June 5 through 9 from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Please no clothing or large furniture.

To volunteer your time or make other arrangements for dropping off articles, phone Denise, 897-9678.

### CREEKSIDE KINGDOM PLAYGROUND REUNION

Remember the fun and friends of "Build" week? Sanding and sealing of the playground will be held June 17 and 18. For more information call Tina Phillips at 897-0709.

### LOWELL ATHLETIC BOOSTERS FIRST ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

The First Annual Golf Scramble will be held Wednesday, June 21 at Deer Run Golf Course with a shotgun start at 11 a.m.

Put together a team or let us make one for you and have a great time. The \$50 per person fee includes 18 holes, lunch/dinner, golf, memento and prizes awarded for events. For more information contact Mickey Burrows, president, Athletic Boosters at 897-4375.

### WARE SCHOOL REUNION

All persons who attended or taught at Ware School are urged to attend the reunion at Fallasburg Park on Sunday, June 25. Potluck meal at 1 p.m. For more information call 455-5138 or 897-7925.

### YMCA DAY AT THE WHITECAPS

Attend a West Michigan Whitecaps game with your friends and family Monday, July 10 at 7 p.m.

To get tickets call 897-8445. Reserved seat tickets are \$4 each and must be purchased from the YMCA office no later than June 9.

### OFF THE BLOTTER

Michelle Shippy, 21, of Ionia, struck the rear of a car driven by Norma Griesser, 48, of Clarksville on West Main Street near Church Street May 24. No one was injured.

James Bennor, 29, of Rockford, failed to yield for the traffic light at Main and Hudson Street May 24 and collided with a car driven by Mary Doornbos, 51, of Ionia. No injuries were reported.

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## REFLECTIONS



Reverend Herbert Kinsey reflected on the meaning of the Gettysburg Address during his keynote speech at Monday's Memorial Day service.

More Memorial Day service pictures are inside the Ledger on page 33.

## RTM ponders whether to open an Arby's in Lowell

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Craig Jamison has been the West Michigan area supervisor for Arby's the past 17 years.

His charge for each individual franchise is to do what is needed to assure that the sales for each franchise exceeds its fixed and national costs.

A survey is done to determine the area's economy, the traffic count and if the market is large enough for an Arby's to make money.

Jamison works for RTM, a franchise based out of Atlanta. RTM owns all the Arby's stores in West Michigan. It also owns markets in Fort Wayne and Indianapolis.

Recently RTM purchased Hardee's stores in Coopersville, Holland and Lowell. It has reopened the stores in Holland and Coopersville as Arby's. A decision as to whether the Lowell store will be turned into an Arby's store has not been made yet. That decision will not be made until later this summer.

The options for the vacant store are threefold. RTM can open it up as an Arby's franchise, rent the building out or continue to pay the lease cost on the building.

"We're in the business to make money. We lose money with the building sitting empty," said Jamison. "We have to decide whether it is in our best interest to rent it out or to turn it into an Arby's."

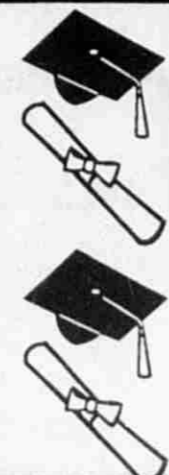
Jamison said the Lowell store is located in a smaller

market than what RTM likes to open up in. "We opened an Arby's up in Coopersville because it sits right off a major highway," Jamison said. "We tend to stay away from small towns. That is no slight against small towns. Customers in small towns tend to be

very loyal."

The other factor in the decision is the store's reputation. Previous franchises who have not fared well can give a store a bad reputation. Jamison said that is difficult for a new owner to overcome.

## INSIDE THE LEDGER



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# ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS, KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD JUNE 12, 1995

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the annual election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 12, 1995.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

At the annual school election there will be elected two (2) member(s) to the board of education of the district for full term(s) of four (4) years ending in 1999.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

Joe Barnella  
Jack T. Lane  
Ann Mulder

### GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Grand Rapids Community College, Michigan, will be held at the same time and at the same voting places as the annual school election on Monday, June 12, 1995, and will be conducted by the same school officials for those electors of the community college district residing in this school district.

At the Regular Biennial Election there will be elected two (2) members for the office of Community College District Trustee for full terms of six (6) years ending June 30, 2001.

THE FOLLOWING PERSON HAS BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

SIX-YEAR TERMS  
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2)  
Terri A. Handlin

THE VOTING PLACE(S) ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**PRECINCT NO. 1**  
Voting Place: Runciman Elementary School, 300 High Street, Lowell, Michigan. The first precinct consists of the City of Lowell and those portions lying north of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and Lowell Townships in Kent County, and Boston Township in Ionia County.

**PRECINCT NO. 2**  
Voting Place: Old Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash Road, Alto, Michigan. The second precinct consists of Bowne Township in Kent County and Campbell Township in Ionia County and those portions lying south of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and Lowell Townships in Kent County, and Boston Township in Ionia County.

**PRECINCT No. 3**  
Voting Place: Vergennes Township Hall, corner of Bailey Drive and Parnell Avenue in Vergennes Township. The third precinct consists of the Townships of Ada, Cannon, Grattan, and Vergennes in Kent County, and Keene Township in Ionia County.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

Norman Byrne  
Secretary, Board of Education

## OBITUARIES

**KILGORE** - Frank Kilgore, aged 59, of Grand Rapids, died Sunday, May 21, 1995 at the Blodgett Memorial Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his grandson, Tom Kazen in 1989. Surviving are his wife of 23 years, Janet Kilgore; three children, Kathy and Jim Willyard of Lowell, Bill and Bonnie Kilgore of Lemon Grove, CA, Jim Kilgore of San Diego, CA; three step-children Susan and Bill Hartert of Grand Rapids, John and Jennifer Boven of Hudsonville, Jim and Connie Boven of Lombard, IL; several grandchildren; sister and brother Oleta Davidson of Hume, MO, Clarence (Margie) Kilgore of Shawnee Mission, KA; sisters-in-law, Harriet Kilgore of Jenison, Carolyn Kilgore of Dundee, IL; and several nieces and nephews. Mr. Kilgore retired from Steelcase as a Tool Engineer. Funeral services were held Thursday with the Rev. Tom Bos officiating. Interment in Fairplains Cemetery. For those who wish, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**MILLER** - Glenn Floyd Miller Jr., aged 67, a lifetime resident of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, May 27, 1995. He was preceded in death by his parents, Glenn Floyd Sr. and Margaret, and a brother, Leo Miller. He is survived by his wife Ellen of 46 years; children Mary (William) Martin of Hastings, Virginia Conner, Patricia (Allan) Mull, Shirley (Timothy) Stevens, Mike Miller, Lorena (David) Smith, all of Lowell, Mel (Linda) Miller of Kentwood; brother Eugene (Joanne) Miller; sisters, Betty Morris, Sharon (Richard) Johnson, all of Lowell; 21 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Glenn was retired from Oven Fresh Bakery after 35 years of service. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday (today) at 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Pastor Kenneth McGee officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.

**LAMB** - Loyal C. Lamb (Hoppy), formerly of Lowell, passed away Thursday, May 18, 1995, in Pembroke Pines, FL, at the age of 67. Mr. Lamb retired in 1990 after 40 years as a driver for Associated Truck Lines (ANR), and was a veteran of WWII and of the Korean War. He is survived by his three children, Gary and Jan Lamb of Pembroke Pines, FL, Ronald Lamb of Grand Rapids, and Christine and Mark Stoutjesdyk, also of Grand Rapids; four grandchildren, Jason Lamb, Jamie, Kimberly and Kerri Stoutjesdyk; one sister Esther and Norval Way of Harrison, MI as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister, Hazel

Finney, formerly of Rapid City, MI; one brother Pat Lamb, formerly of Kalkaska. In accordance with Mr. Lamb's wishes, a private memorial service will be held by his immediate family.

**SWANSON** - Ila L. Swanson, aged 88, of Lowell, died Thursday, May 25, 1995. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer. She is survived by her brother Theo (Eleanor) Batchelor of Rochester Hills, MI; sisters, Frances Stalter of Lake Odessa, Ailene Goetz of Venice, FL; several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, Rev. Todd Thompson of Alto-Bowne Center United Methodist Church officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Alto Methodist Church or Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

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## Lowell and Fremont officials bring back wish lists from their visits

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The city of Fremont has been serving the youth of this

country since 1928.

From the spoon and into the mouths of babes have gone 240 Gerber baby food products worldwide.



Raymond Rathbun displays a piece of furniture presented to him by the city. The furniture was a gift from Superior Furniture.

Fremont, a city of approximately 3,875, partnered with the city of Lowell for Michigan's 1995 Mayor Exchange program.

"It's a learning experience. Mayor Exchange Day allows you to see how other cities operate and function," said Fremont Mayor Raymond Rathbun.

The entourage from the city of Lowell saw in their visit to Fremont the rewards from a Downtown Development Authority project.

"In the area of DDA, Fremont has already done many of the things Lowell is getting ready to start," Lowell Mayor James Maatman said. "They've completed lighting and streetscape work and they've rebuilt their City Hall."

Fremont City Manager Chris Yonker said he was impressed by how Lowell has privatized its services. "I will take with me from our visit to Lowell the fact it owns and operates its own power and cable companies."

Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said he would have liked to carry away Fremont's new City Hall. "It was antiquated. Fremont used DDA funds to tear down its City Hall and build a new one in the same spot. Combined within the same structure are the police and fire stations."

"Fremont has done a great job with their downtown," Pasquale said.



Fremont Mayor Raymond Rathbun is presented with a plaque from Lowell Mayor James Maatman following dinner at the Deer Run Golf Club.

Fremont city officials had a full day of site-seeing of city buildings.

After a short welcoming at City Hall, they were taken on a tour of City Hall, the police station, Lowell Cable Televi-

sion, Timpson Orchards, Stoney Lakeside Park, the water treatment plant, department of public works, the booster station, Lowell Light and Power, Creekside Park, Chadalee Farms,

the wastewater treatment plant, and Lowell High School. Lunch was served at the Look Memorial Fire Station and dinner was held at the Deer Run Golf Club.

Give me a young man in whom there is something of the old, and an old man with something of the young; guided so, a man may grow old in body, but never in mind.

—Cicero

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CANDIDATE

### TOP FIVE OBJECTIVES AS A LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER:

**IMPROVED PLANNING:** Institute a strategic and contingency planning process that is tightly coupled with the budget planning process.

**COST CONTROL:** Aggressively reduce non-instructional expenses and improve efficiency in the delivery of high quality education.

**NEW PROGRAMS:** Reallocate the savings from cost control measures towards new/enhanced programs and staff development.

**TECHNOLOGY:** Maximize the return on our investment in technology by increasing availability, utilization and training.

**COMMUNICATION:** Continue to improve communications between the board, administration, staff and parents. Publish plans and results. Hold regularly scheduled forums for community input.

#### FAMILY:

Married for 12 years  
Two boys; ages 8 and 9  
Both attending Cherry Creek Elementary

#### WORK:

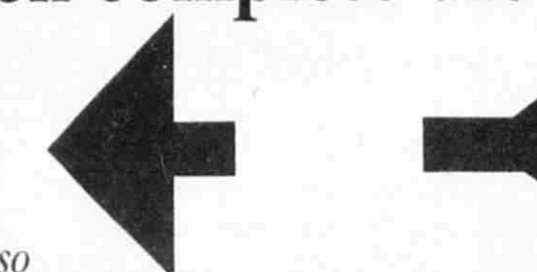
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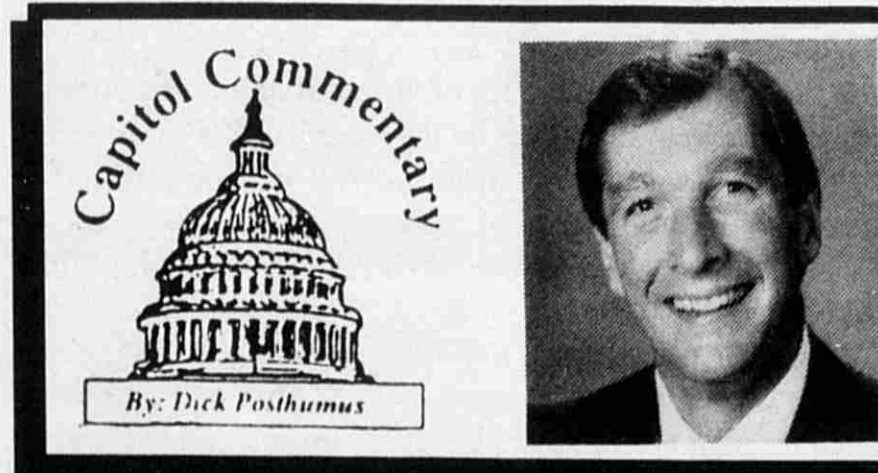
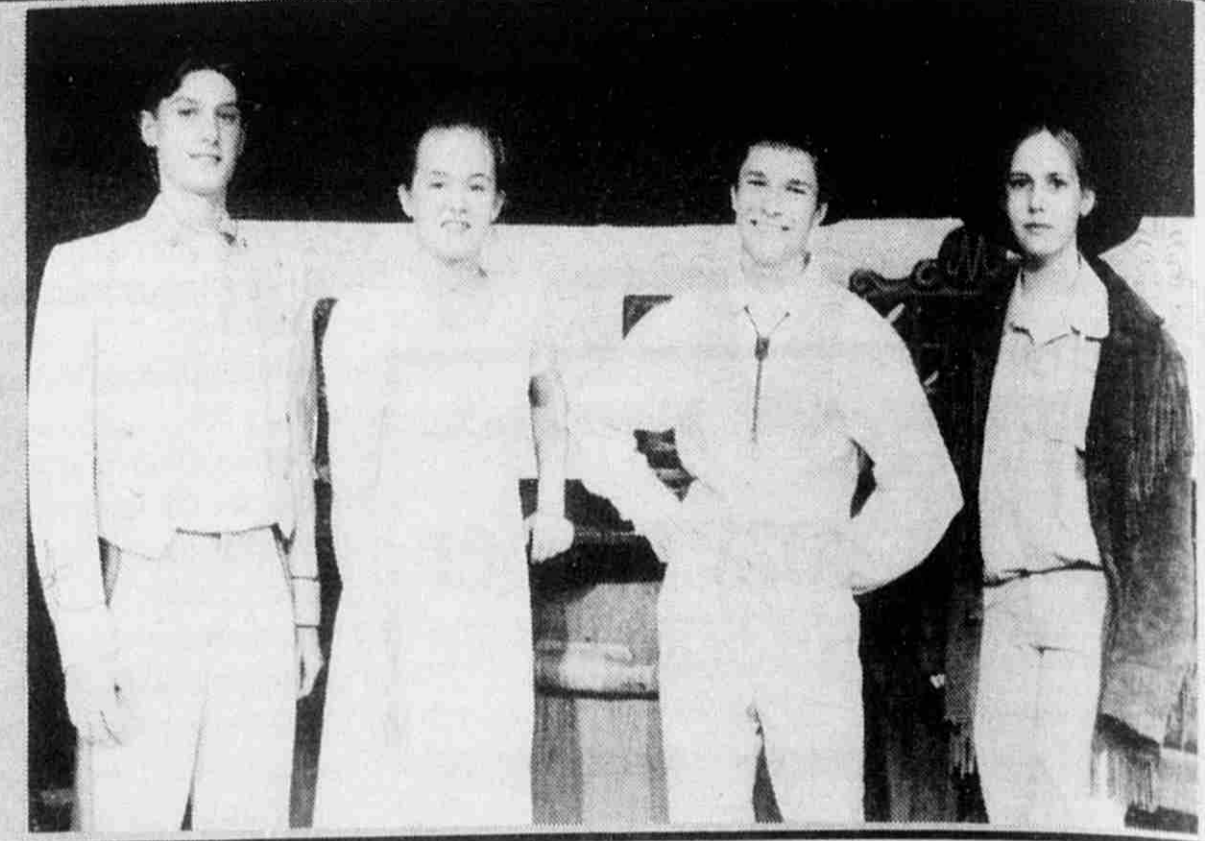
**Marv Hasso**  
Lowell Area Schools Board of Education Candidate



### Curtain closes on "Best In The West"

On Tuesday, May 30 the Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class, under the direction of Cheryl Blodgett, presented the romantic comedy, "Best In The West." Each nine weeks, a new drama class performs and this was the final production in this school year's series.

Pictured are four of the twenty-five cast members who did a fine job portraying the early Westerners' struggle to find romance. From left to right: Nick Blough, Erin Umlauf, Austin Krieg and Shannon Finnegan.



When an individual is convicted of a felony in the United States, he or she is usually sent to prison. By putting an offender behind bars, our intentions as a society are threefold: to punish, to reform and to protect the innocent. However, many would argue that our prison system fails to reform the majority of criminals and sometimes lets dangerous ones out too early. But perhaps the most poignant argument is that our prisons really don't punish.

Well, I am pleased to announce the Michigan Senate passed a bill last week that aims to inject some fairness into our system. Under Senate Bill 262, which passed overwhelmingly and was supported by both Republicans and Democrats, prisoners would no longer be able to take college classes for free.

More specifically, the legislation prohibits the Michigan Department of Corrections from providing college-level classes to prisoners unless directed to do so by federal court order.

It's a shame we even need to pass a bill like this one. In my mind, it makes absolutely no sense to provide convicted criminals with a benefit like higher education. In my column last week, I wrote about how the rising cost of higher education has either financially strapped families and students or it has completely barred others from pursuing their dreams. I also explained how terribly important some form of further education is in today's global economy. Without question, a college or vocational education or some form of job training is crucial to land a well-paying, secure job.

So how fair is it that those who break the law are granted access to the very education that many law-abiding citizens are denied because of cost? How fair is it that more than half of Michigan's college students rely on some form of financial assistance to cover the cost of tuition, books and room & board, yet convicted criminals can pursue the same education on the taxpayers' dime? It isn't. If you ask me, we should take the \$2 million we spend on prisoners' college educations and

funnel that money to financial aid or adult education programs.

Those opposed to the bill—although they are few—argue that by providing prisoners with access to education, they'll be better citizens when they are released. Well, I could argue that every graduating high school student in Michigan would be better equipped for the challenges of life if given the opportunity to pursue a college degree or vocational training, but we can't provide that for everyone. Still, I'm certain most taxpayers would rather help fund the educations of our law-abiding citizens than those of convicted felons. And what about the criminals who are serving life sentences without parole? They aren't denied access, yet they'll never leave prison.

If we truly want to provide opportunities for prisoners, we should focus on funding basic adult education instead. Making sure all prisoners can read and write would be money much better spent.

The fact is, unlike a high school education, a college education is not a right granted to every American citizen. And if the men and women who follow the law and contribute positively to society aren't granted an automatic right to higher education, a convicted criminal should not be treated differently.

While a lot of youngsters might say school is punishment, our older folks know it is a tremendous benefit and one that prisoners don't deserve.

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**Health** With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Donette Bish

Fibrocystic breast disorder is the most common benign (noncancerous) breast disorder. Fibrocystic breast or

fibrocystic changes occur in 53 percent of normal breasts of women in childbearing age.

Normal breast tissue is composed of mammary glands, ducts, fibrous tissue and fatty tissue. In fibrocystic breast there may be one or more cysts and an increase in fibrous tissue. These fibrocystic changes can cause pain or aching pain, that is often more prominent just before the onset of the menstrual period. The breast feels "lumpy-bumpy," with nodules or masses felt on examination. These lumps are movable, rubbery feeling, tender, and usually felt in the upper outer area of the breasts.

To determine if the lump is benign or malignant, a needle aspiration or needle biopsy may be performed by your doctor. If a cyst is present the fluid will be aspirated and the cyst will resolve. If the lump is solid, a sampling of the cells can be removed and analyzed for abnormal cells. Sometimes an

excision of the lump may be necessary to determine if the lump is noncancerous.

What can be done to eliminate monthly fibrocystic breast discomfort? Initial management can be as easy as a good support bra, local heat, and aspirin or tylenol or ibuprofen.

Some women experience decreased symptoms when caffeine and chemicals called methylxanthines are eliminated from their diets. Examples of beverages, food and drugs containing methylxanthines are chocolate, cocoa, coffee, colas, soft drinks and tea.

Other treatments have been suggested in treating symptoms such as using water pills, vitamin B6, vitamin E, stopping cigarette smoking, and relieving stress. There is no magical cure and some treatment can be better than others.

A breast lump can be very frustrating and anxiety provoking and should be evaluated by your doctor.

### Bowling tournament winners



Lowell WBA held its 600 Tournament on May 20. There were 14 women who participated from the Lowell area. These women bowled six games with the top five bowlers going into a stepladder competition.

Pictured from left to right, are: Judy Phillips, Kay Nelson, Bonnie Essich, Donna Tyler and Gena Granholm. Phillips was the first-place winner.

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Every artist writes his own autobiography.  
—Havelock Ellis

**CHERRY CREEK CLASSIC 5K WALK/RUN**  
**JUNE 17, 1995**  
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## MAIN ST., CONT'D.

Pauline Barton, 50, of Lowell, was injured in an accident May 23 on Main near Ridgeview Drive when her car was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Jeffery Perkins, 27, also of Lowell.

Timothy McCormick, 37, of Lowell, pulled from a parking place on East Main Street into the path of a car driven by Marsha Sylvester, 41, of Greenville, May 22. No one was injured.

## Lowell High School May Students-of-the-Month

Each month four of the Lowell High School departments choose an outstanding student in their particular content area. Each of these students has shown exemplary work and added effort in the aforementioned content areas. Also each month an outstanding citizenship award is awarded to a student who is actively showing a responsible role in society or has done an outstanding deed for another. Any staff member can nominate any student and then the entire staff votes for one outstanding student each month.

Julie Wisner, a freshman, was selected by the life management department for the month of May because she displays all the characteristics that are expected of an outstanding student. Her work is done on time and is of excellent quality with creative and thoughtful insight. She is the daughter of Jerry and Kay Wisner of Lowell. Wisner has been involved in track, International Club, marching band and symphonic band. She is currently active with 4-

th as President and with the United Methodist Church Youth Group.

Jennifer Jansma, a junior, was selected by the music department for the month of May. Jansma is the daughter of Mike and Sue Jansma, of Lowell. She is very active at Lowell High School, has been involved in volleyball, track, International Club, Project Pals, choir, student council representative, student body vice president and next year will be student body president. She also has been the captain of the football cheer team plus earning the following awards: Cheerleading Most Valuable Player (10th grade), Sportsmanship Award (11th grade), Most Spirited (11th grade), Volleyball Most Improved Player (10th grade), and Choir Most Valuable Person.

Nate Lietzke, a sophomore, was selected by the mathematics department for the month of May. He is the son of Ted and Ellen Lietzke of Lowell. He has been active in football, track, marching band, Science Olympiad,

Shellie DeVries, 33, of Lowell, was arrested May 23 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Kristi Kelly, 23, of Lowell, was taken to the Kent County Jail for domestic assault May 29.

Linda Schumaker, 51, of Lowell, was cited into 63rd District Court May 29 for violation of city ordinance of creating a nuisance, i.e. burning trash with an obnoxious odor.

Joseph Kemen, 20, of Lowell, was cited into 63rd District Court for minor in possession of alcohol May 27.

Spencer DuBridge, 18; Kingsley Kennedy, 17; and Cory Jones, 17, all of Lowell, received appearance tickets into 63rd District Court May 29 for minor in possession of alcohol. A 16-year-old juvenile was also cited for transporting open

alcohol in a motor vehicle.

Bernard Weidenfeller, 32, of Grand Rapids, was arrested May 27 on a warrant issued by the Friend of the Court.

A 16-year-old juvenile from Lowell will be referred to probate court for violation of curfew May 24.

Eric Oesch, 22, of Lowell, was arrested May 25 for violation of probation.

Michael Anderson, 25, and Bonnie Norment, 33, both of Lowell, were released on bond May 22 after warrants were issued through 63rd District Court for assault and battery.



Lowell High School May Students-of-the-Month, from left to right, are: Nathan Lietzke, Julie Wisner, Jennifer Jansma, Brad Lyons and Ben Cowan.

## LAAC has two "Just for Kids"

The Lowell Area Arts Center presents two exciting summer programs "Just for Kids." Program A, "Art in the Park," will be held July 10 through 14. It is a five-day program for children ages six to 10. This activity-packed week features hands-on crafts each day as well as a continu-

ing story, "The Boy with the Green Hair." A brown bag lunch is included. This program will be held in Richard's Park. In the event of rain it will be held at the art center.

Program B is "Fine Arts Day Camp" held at the center August 14 through 18. This program features five art forms for children six to 12. Kids get an opportunity to dance, draw tie dye, paint and

much more. This workshop is held at the art center from noon to 3 p.m. each day. A snack break is included.

Each workshop is limited to 15 participants. The fee for either workshop is \$75 for LAAC members and \$85 for nonmembers. MasterCard and Visa are welcome.

For further information call the Lowell Area Arts Center at 897-8545.

## Duck race coming to Lowell

River Walk Duck Race tickets for the duck race September 3 are available at FMB, State Farm, Pippi's Playhouse and the Chamber office.

The cost for the tickets is \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The winning ticket receives \$500. Come and support the Riverwalk Festival Labor Day weekend.



## Hoops tourney rescheduled by YMCA

The word has been out that the "Showboat City Hoops Tournament" is not going to be run this summer.

The good news is that it will return with a slightly new look. The tournament will be sponsored by the Lowell YMCA with the help of the Lowell Knights of Columbus and will be held in late July. The dates are later than in the past and will be announced in the very near future.

Get your teams together and practice as information on registration will follow soon.

For further information call the YMCA at 897-8445.

## Lowell Cable outage

Many subscribers in the west end of our service territory were without cable service from early Sunday morning to about 10:45 a.m. Tuesday.

Lowell Cable TV is sorry for the inconvenience to these subscribers. There was a failure of a component within an electrical power supply which caused the outage. Company policy, which states that restoration of a problem causing an outage will begin on the next working day, was followed.

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The goal of life is living in agreement with nature.  
—Lao Tzu

## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS NOTICE OF TESTING OPTEC COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR THE JUNE 12, 1995 ANNUAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the OPTEC Computer Program Testing for the June 12, 1995 Annual Election will be conducted

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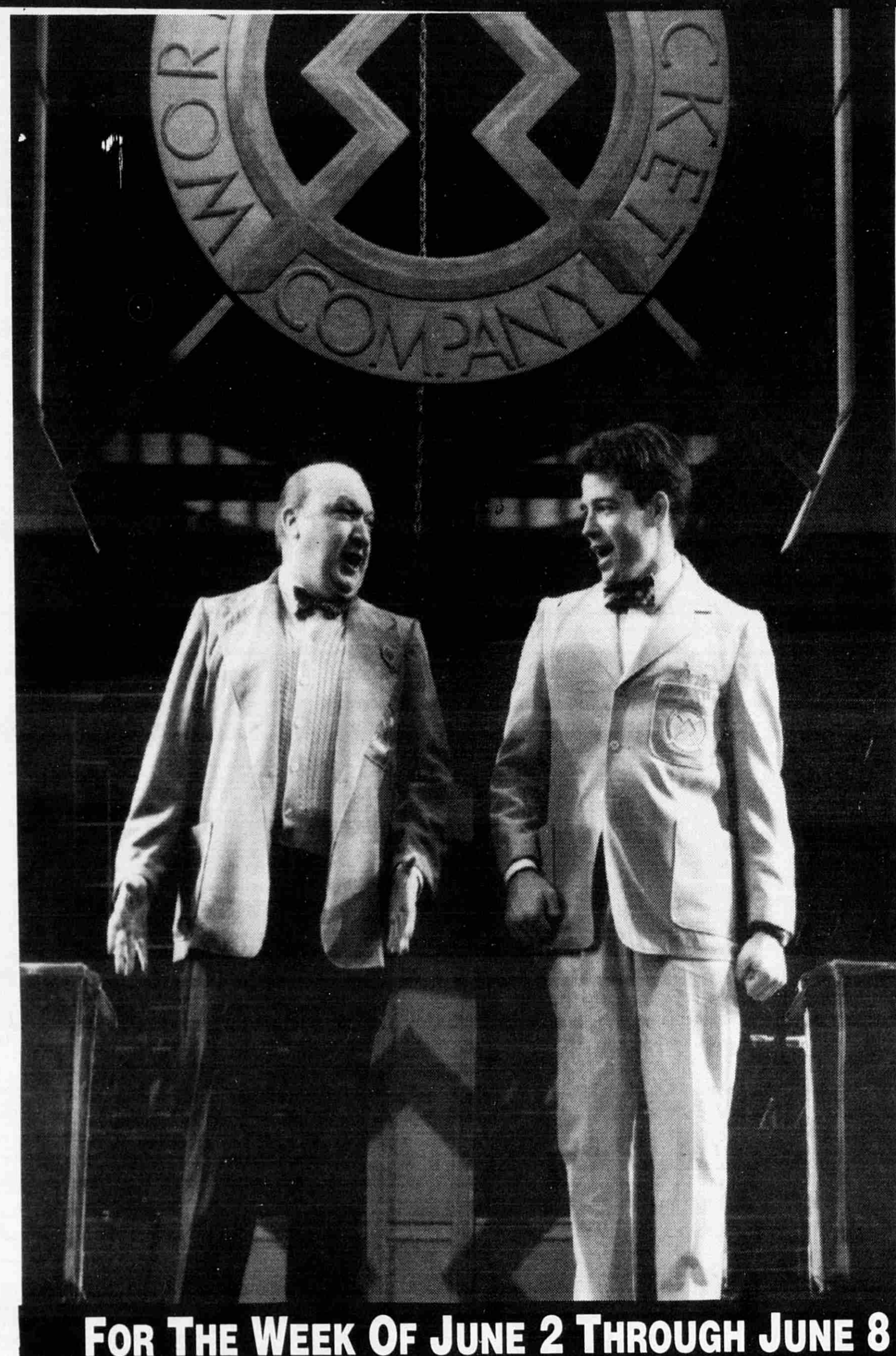
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HATS OFF to the CLASS OF '95. Special 12 Page Section Saluting The Lowell High School Class Of 1995! 117th COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES: Sunday, June 4th at 3:00 P.M. at the Lowell Showboat Amphitheater. CLASS MOTTO: "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." COLORS: Navy & Silver. FLOWER: Sunflower. Program will be moved to L.H.S. Gymnasium In Case Of Inclement Weather (Ticket Holders Only).

# Co-valedictorians set to address Class of '95

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

and Anastasia Luyk.

The 117th Lowell High School Commencement Exercise will take place at the Lowell Showboat Amphitheater June 4 at 3 p.m.

The 144 students making up the class of 1995 will be attired in class colors navy blue and silver.

Addressing the Class of 1995 will be salutatorian Dustin VanStee and co-valedictorians Nathan Livingston

The 1995 co-valedictorian is the daughter of Daniel and Kristine Luyk.

She completed her four years at Lowell High School with a grade point average of 3.984.

Luyk will attend either Grand Valley State University or Western Michigan University in the fall. She will study chemistry, premed

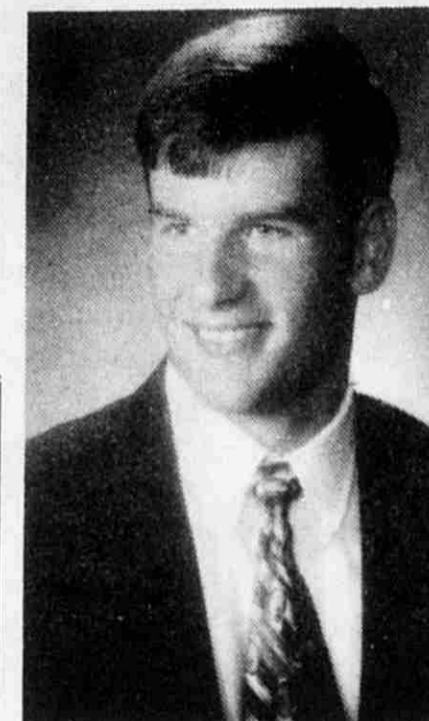


Anastasia Luyk

or nursing.

Her goal is to some day start a career as an anesthesiologist or some other medical field.

Luyk's community activities include Tott's praise helper and a D.A.R.E role model.



Nathan Livingston

The 1995 co-valedictorian is the son of Robert Livingston and Nancy Misner.

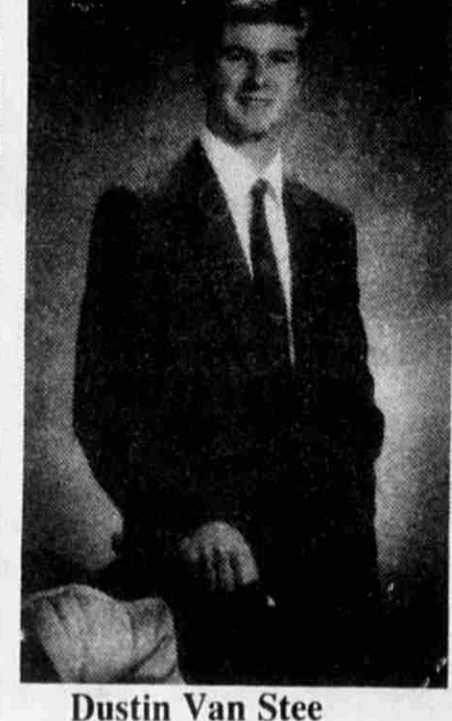
He completes his four years at Lowell High School with a grade point average of 3.984.

His academic future includes enrollment into Hope College in the fall. Livingston will enter a premed program and he will study philosophy and psychology.

Outside of the classroom at LHS Livingston has participated in the following ac-

tivities National Honor Society (president); co-captain of the football team; tennis captain; and member of the Model U.N.

Within the community the Lowell graduate has been active in the YMCA Leaders Club.



Dustin Van Stee

This 1995 salutatorian is the son of Jack and Linda VanStee.

His fall plans include attending Calvin College where he will study chemistry and mathematics.

In his four years at Lowell High School, VanStee attained a grade point average of 3.966.

His community activities have included his church youth group and the YMCA Leaders Club.

Beyond the classroom at

LHS he has participated in basketball, baseball, golf, National Honor Society, Model UN and Science Olympiad.

VanStee has received the following honors: letters in baseball, basketball and golf; he was named most valuable player and scholar athlete in basketball his senior year; and he earned a first place in quantitative analysis in Science Olympiad.



Rebecca Cattnach

In her four years of attendance at Lowell High School, Cattnach earned a grade point average of 3.903.

She is the daughter of Warren and Rosemarie Cattnach.

Her academic plans for the fall include attending the Milwaukee School of Engineering for architecture.

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Cattanach has been involved in the community with making floor plans for the Fallasburg Historical Society, church choir, youth group and as a nursery worker volunteer.

Outside of the classroom she has participated in FFA, Project Pals, volleyball, and the International Club. She also served as a girls' basketball manager her freshman through junior years.

Over the summer she will work at ITM as an engineering clerk.

Honors Cattanach has earned during her four years at high school include student of the month, honor roll, citizen of the month, academic letter and an honorary member of the Fallasburg Historical Society.

The 1995 graduate carried a 3.903 grade point average through four years of high school.

Nugent is the daughter of Dennis and Mary Nugent.

Her fall academic plans are to attend Central Michigan University. Where she intends to study education (teaching).

Nugent's community activities include youth group president at St. Patrick's Catholic Church and a member of the Lowell YMCA Leaders Club.

Outside of the classroom at Lowell High School, Nugent was involved with basketball, volleyball, softball, and FFA. She was also a class officer, and in student council, Women's Club and the National Honor Society.

Awards she received over the four years include D.A.R. Good Citizen; FFA: sentinel, vice president, president, region 5 secretary; basketball: varsity letter, most improved; softball: varsity letter, captain; volleyball: varsity letter, captain and most valuable player.

Outside of the classroom Dykstra was involved in the Lowell Equestrian team, International Club, National Honor Society, Rotary, Barrel Racing, and was a mid-union sled hauler (dog sledding).

Honors Dykstra received while at LHS include an equestrian letter and sportsmanship award; equestrian secretary; a district winner in the national barrel horse association; first place showmanship (rabbit) 4-H; and honor roll.

Michelle Dykstra is the daughter of Ted and Lou Jean Dykstra.

She carried a grade point average of 3.773 through four years of high school.

Her academic plans in the



Michelle Dykstra

fall include attending Grand Rapids Community College. She is interested in a career in veterinary medicine.

Her community activities include being a YMCA child care volunteer; a Kent Special Riding Program volunteer; a church acolyte leader and a church member of an Adopt-A-Road group.

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Sarah Wieland

Wieland carried a grade point average of 3.74 through her four years at Lowell High School.

She is the daughter of Bill and Carol Wieland.

In the fall she will continue her academic pursuit at Western Michigan University.

Her career plans include landscape architecture and design.

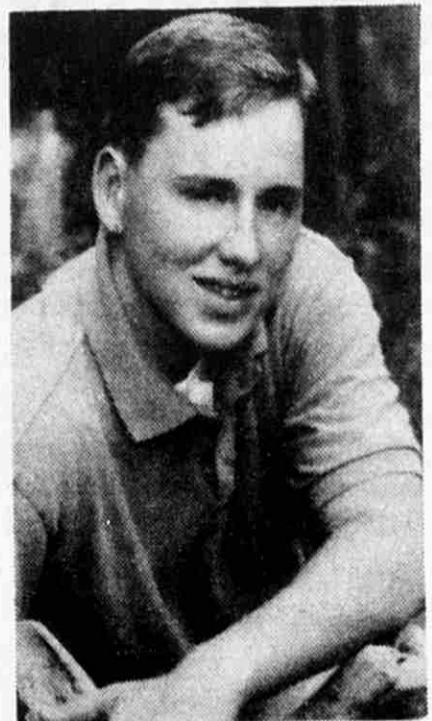
Wieland's community activities have included 4-H and serving as a math tutor.

Outside of the classroom she has been involved in basketball and has served as the boys' basketball manager.

Her high honors include receiving her academic letter. She also served as the senior class treasurer and as the South Kent 4-H president and treasurer.

Kevin Nugent is the son of Ed and Mary Nugent. The 1995 Lowell graduate has carried a grade point average of 3.708 through four years of high school.

Nugent's involvement out-



Brent VandenBosch

He is the son of Ed and Kathy VandenBosch.

Brent carried a grade point average of 3.733 through four years of high school.

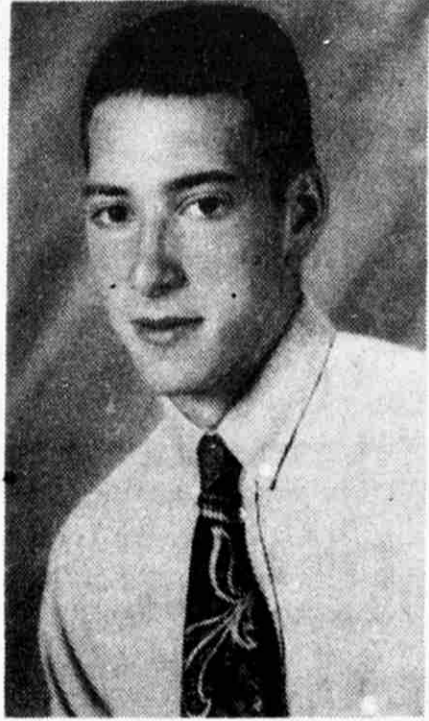
In the fall he will continue his academic pursuit at Ferris State University. His career plans include computerized accounting.

His community activities have included being a member of the Alton Bible Church youth group.

Honors he has received at high school include an academic letter, a member of the National Honor Society and a letter in baseball.

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Nugent's involvement out-



Kevin Nugent

side of school has included 4-H and vice president of St. Patrick's youth group.

His future academic plans are to attend Michigan State University in the fall where he will major in agriscience.

In his four years of high school, he has served with the FFA in a number of capacities - as vice president, chapter treasurer, and state winner in extemporaneous public speaking. Nugent also earned a varsity letter in soccer and baseball. He was vice president of the National Honor Society and a four-year member of the honor roll.

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Nugent's involvement out-

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Kerry Nugent



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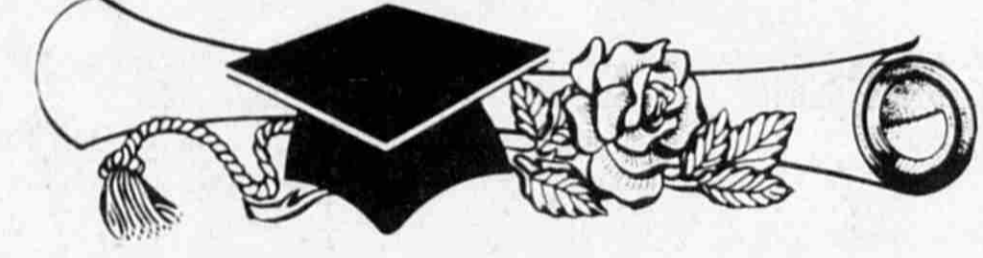
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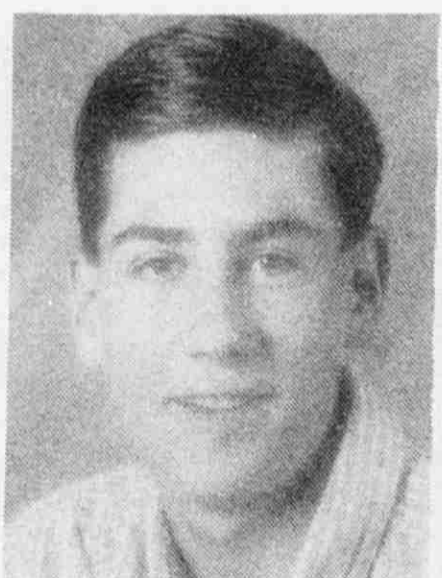
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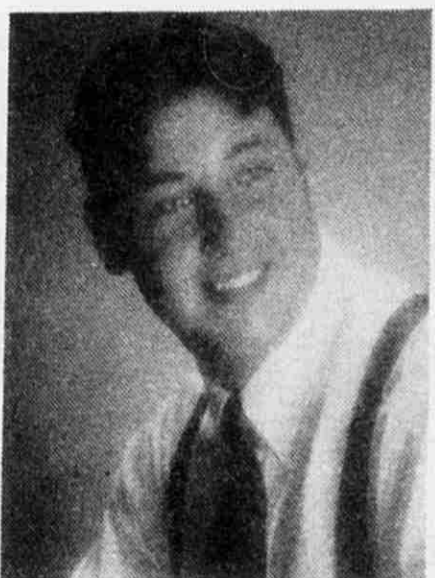
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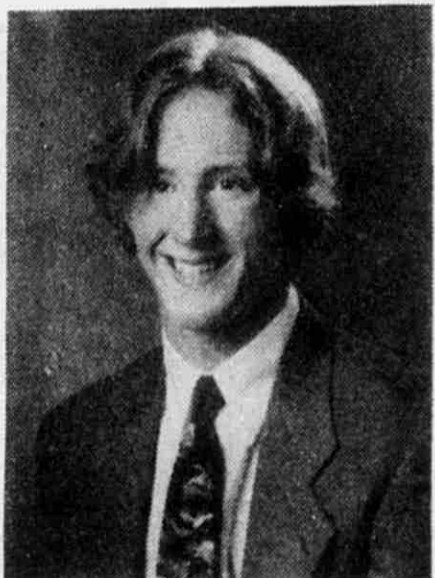
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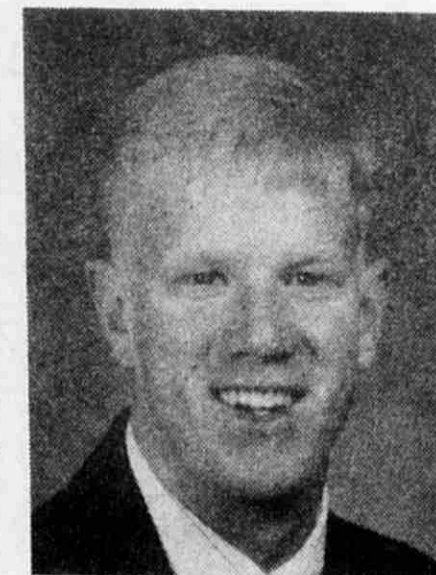
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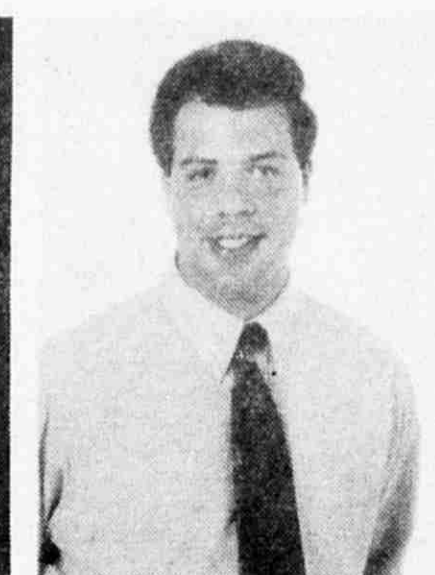
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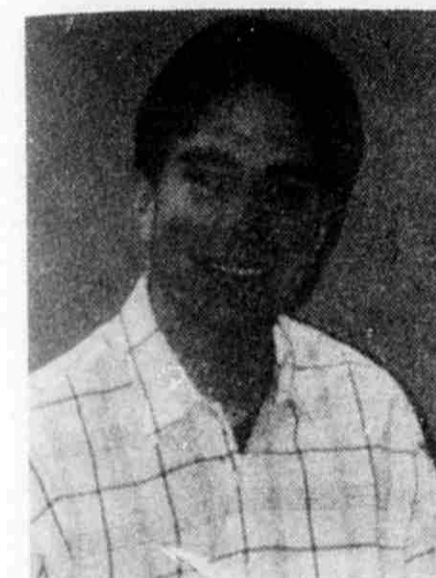
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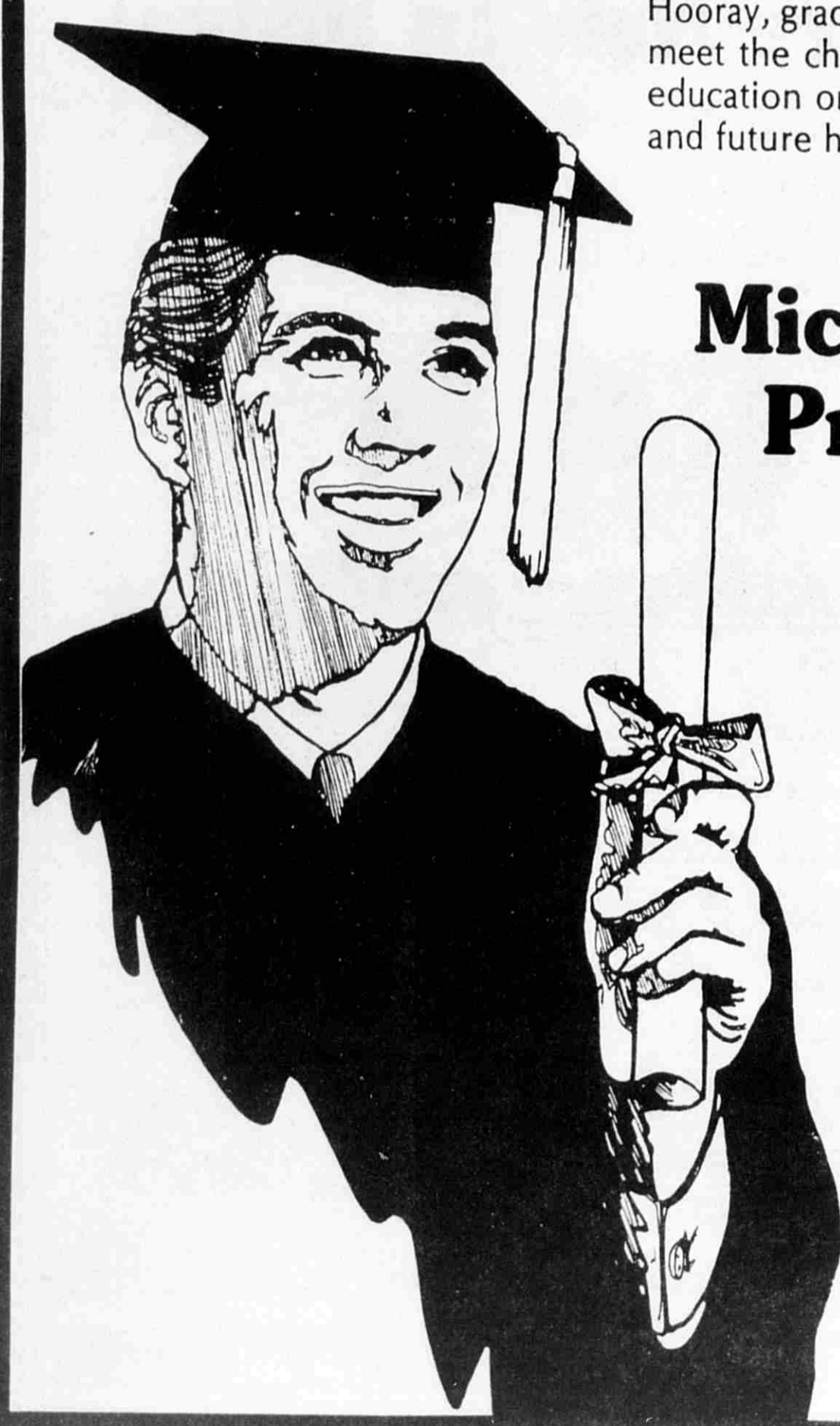
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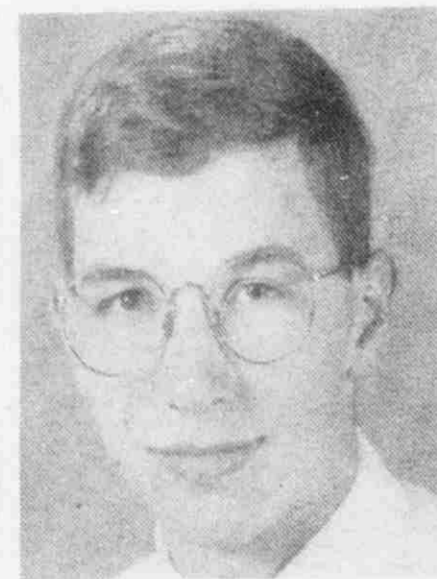
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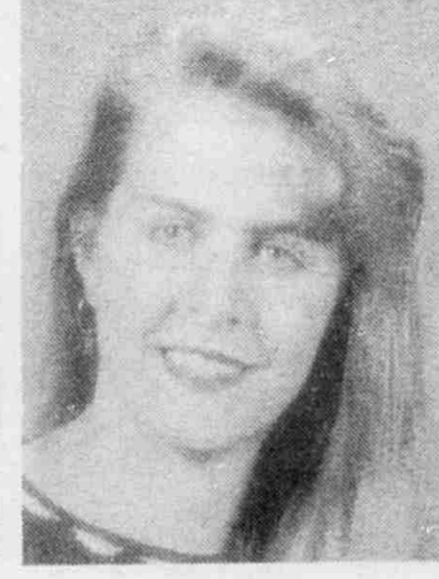
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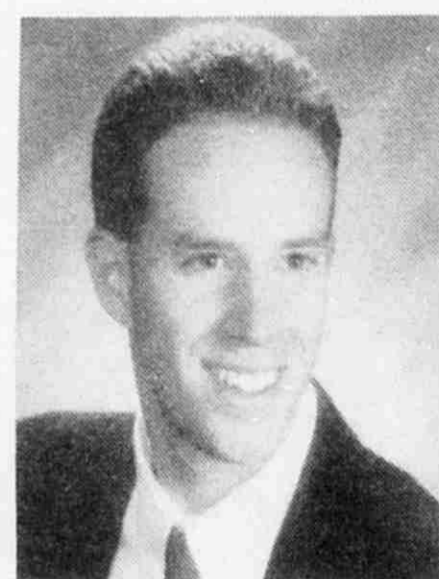
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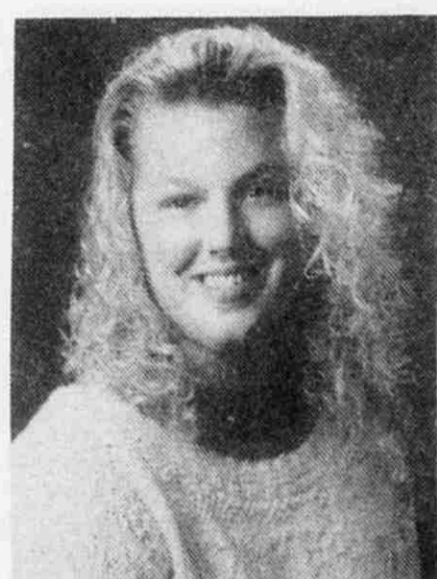
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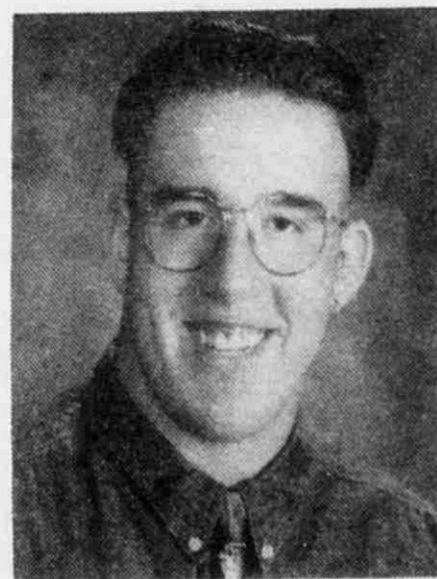
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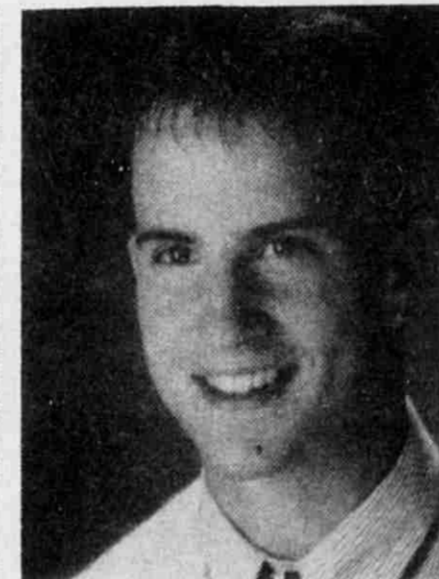
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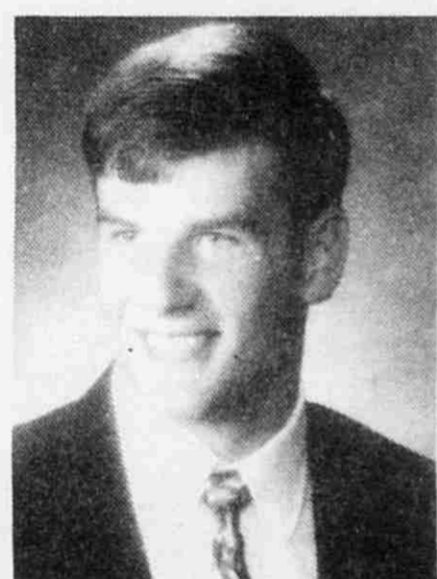
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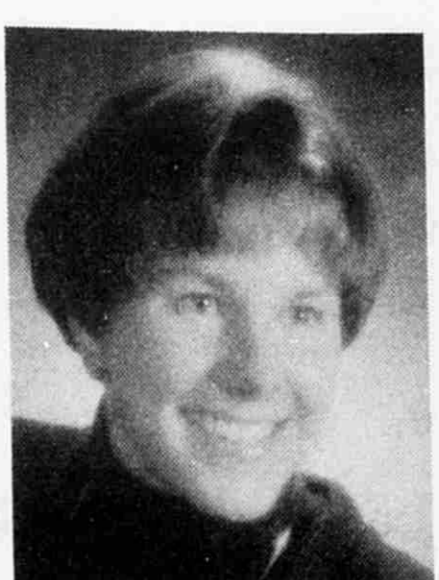
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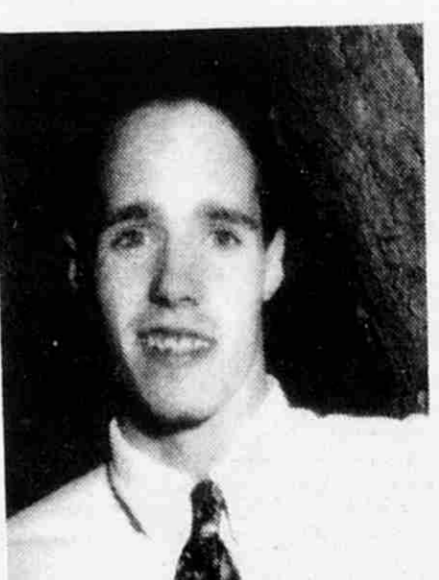
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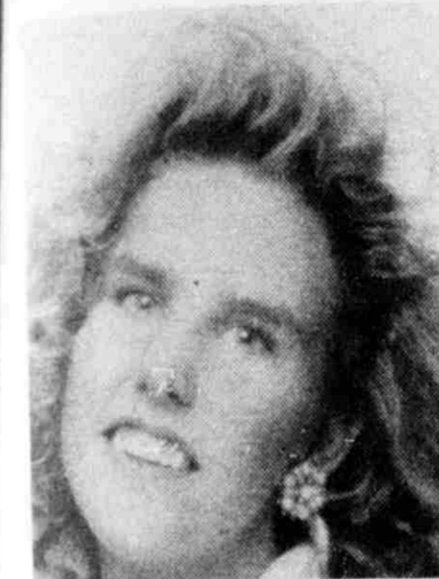
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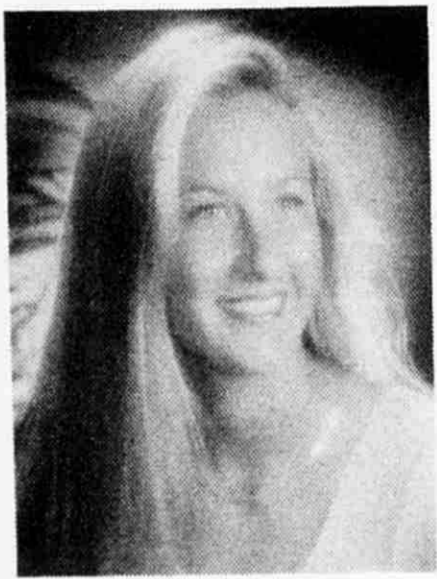
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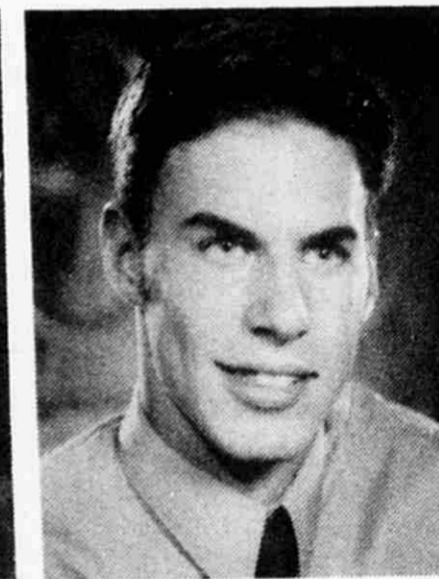
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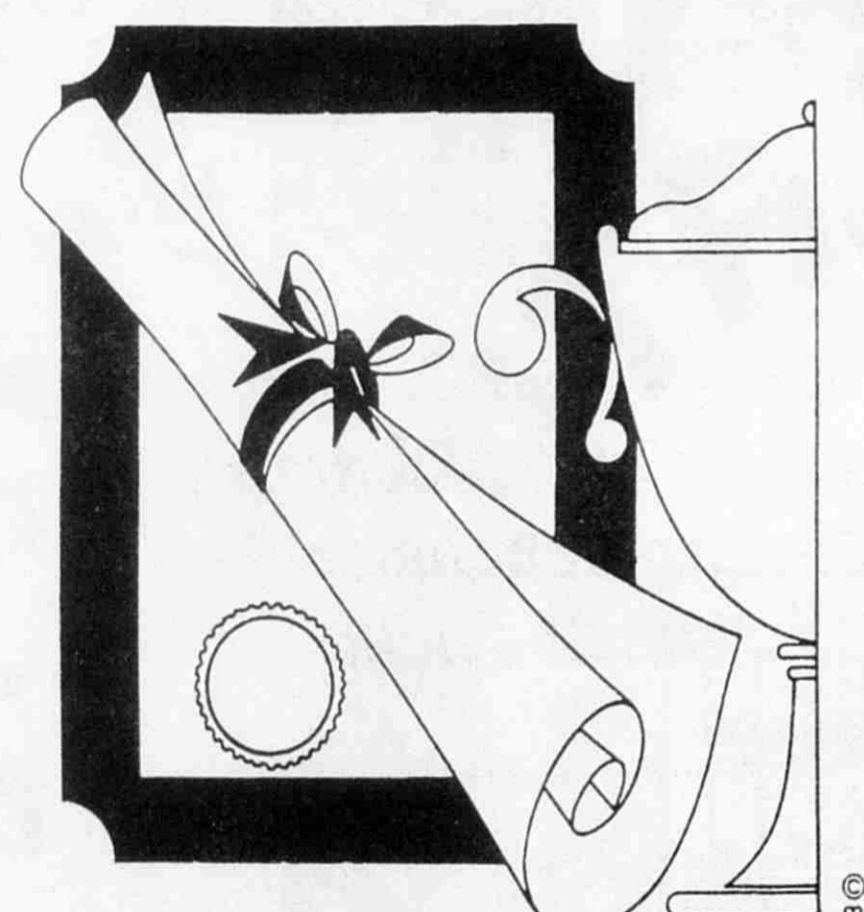
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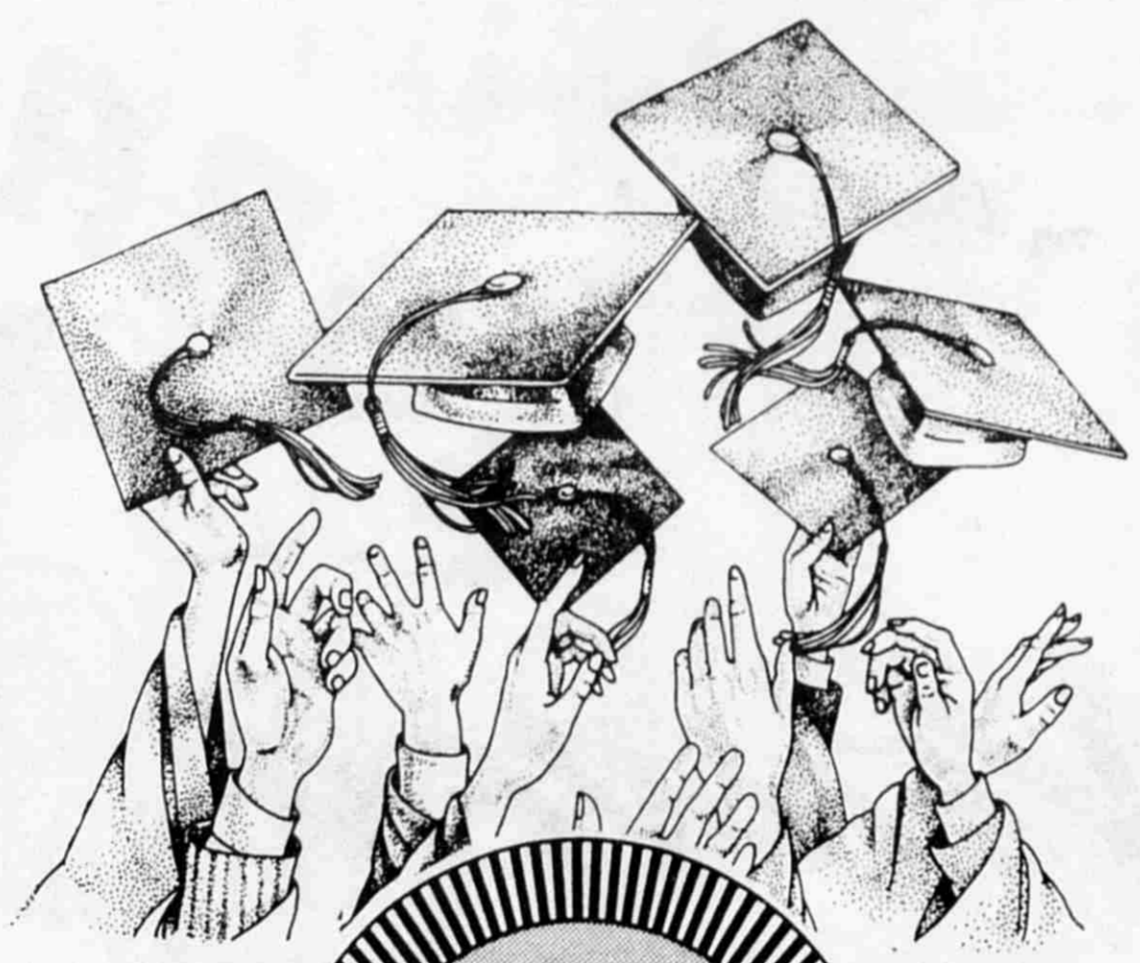


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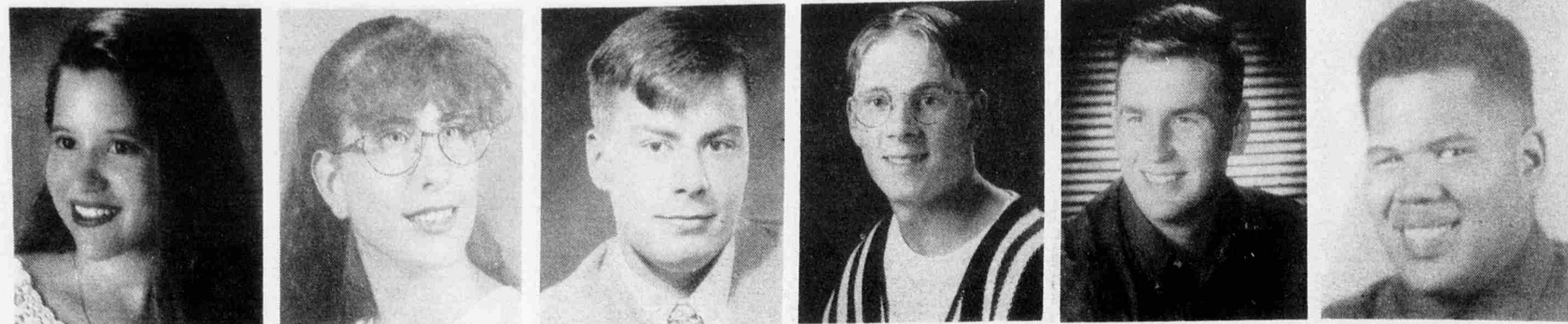
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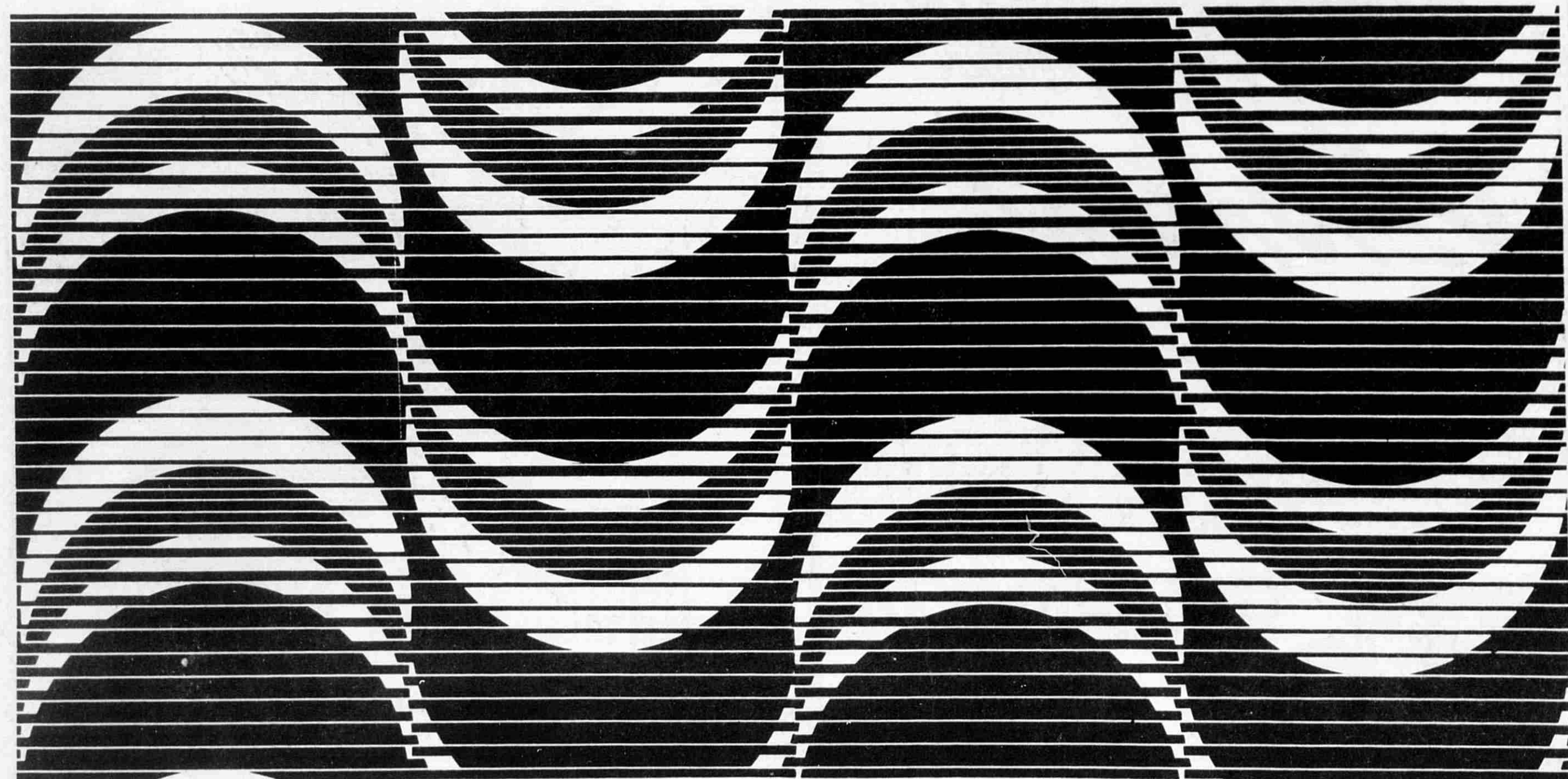
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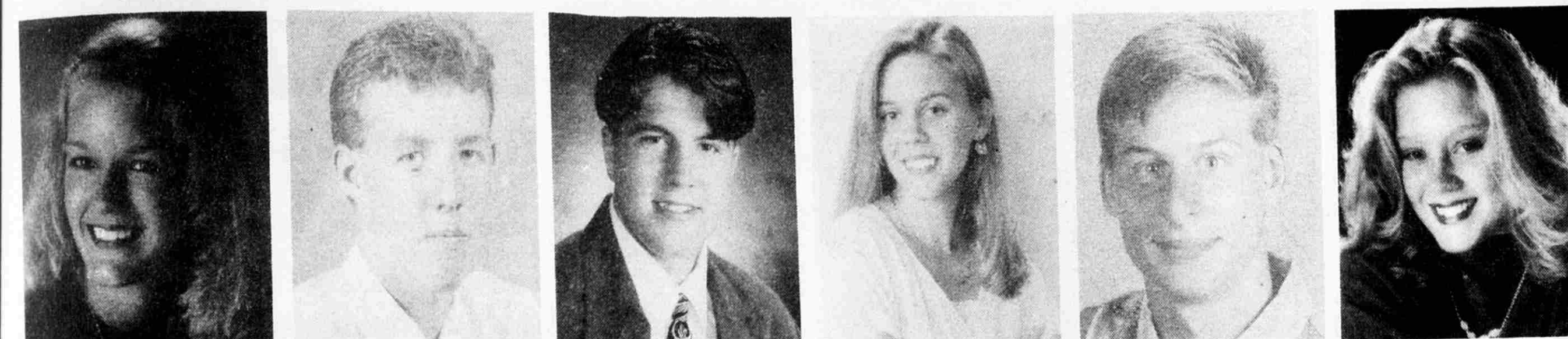
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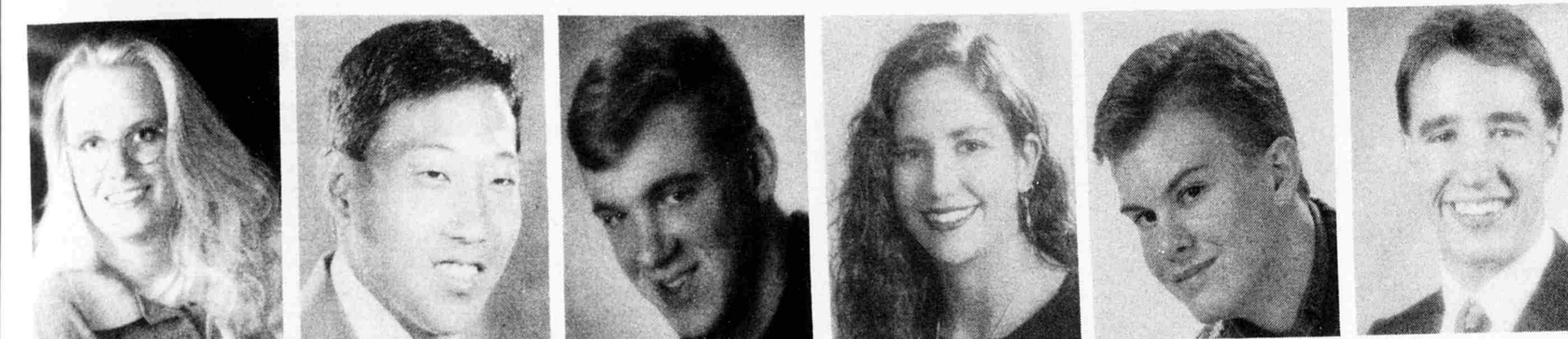
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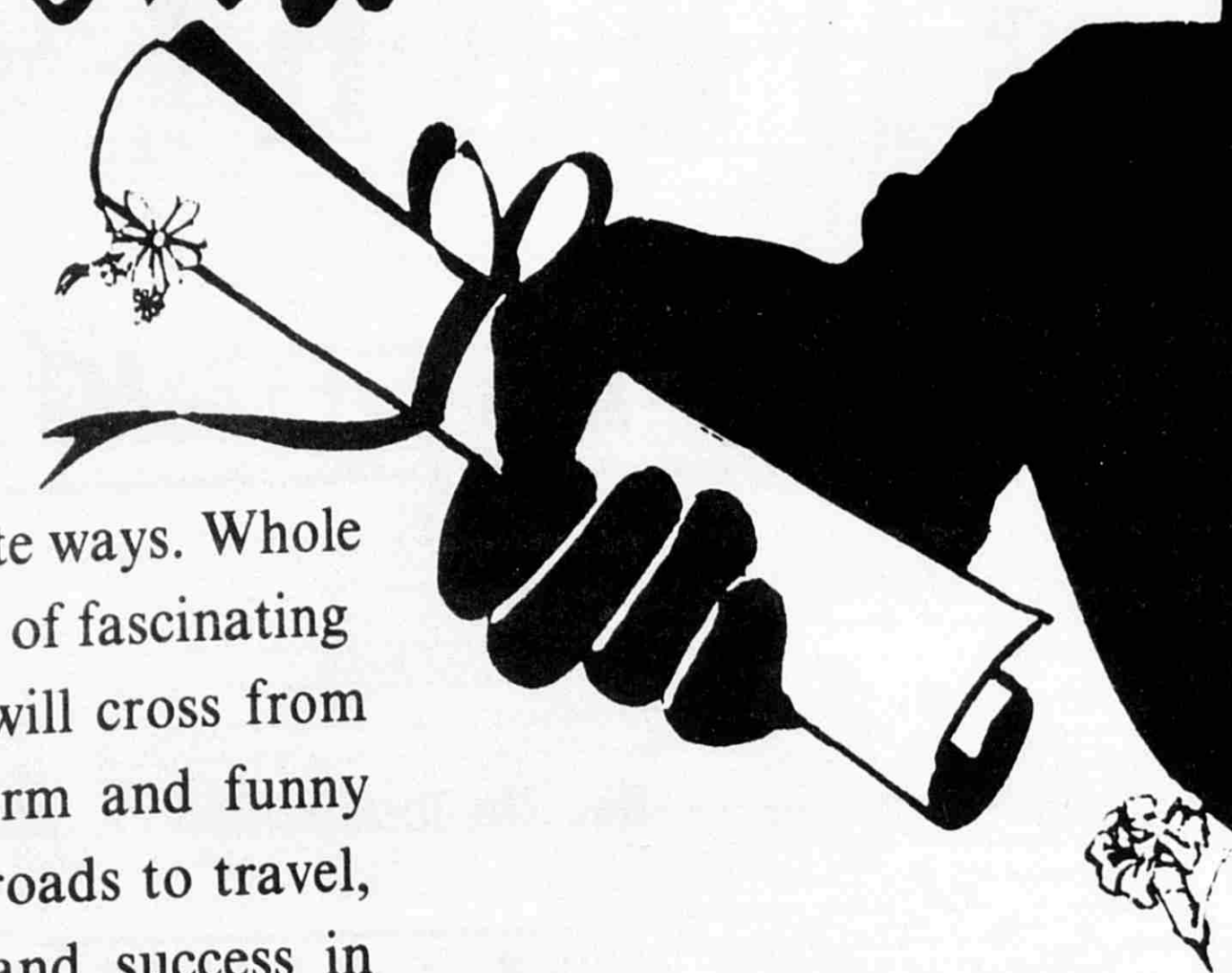


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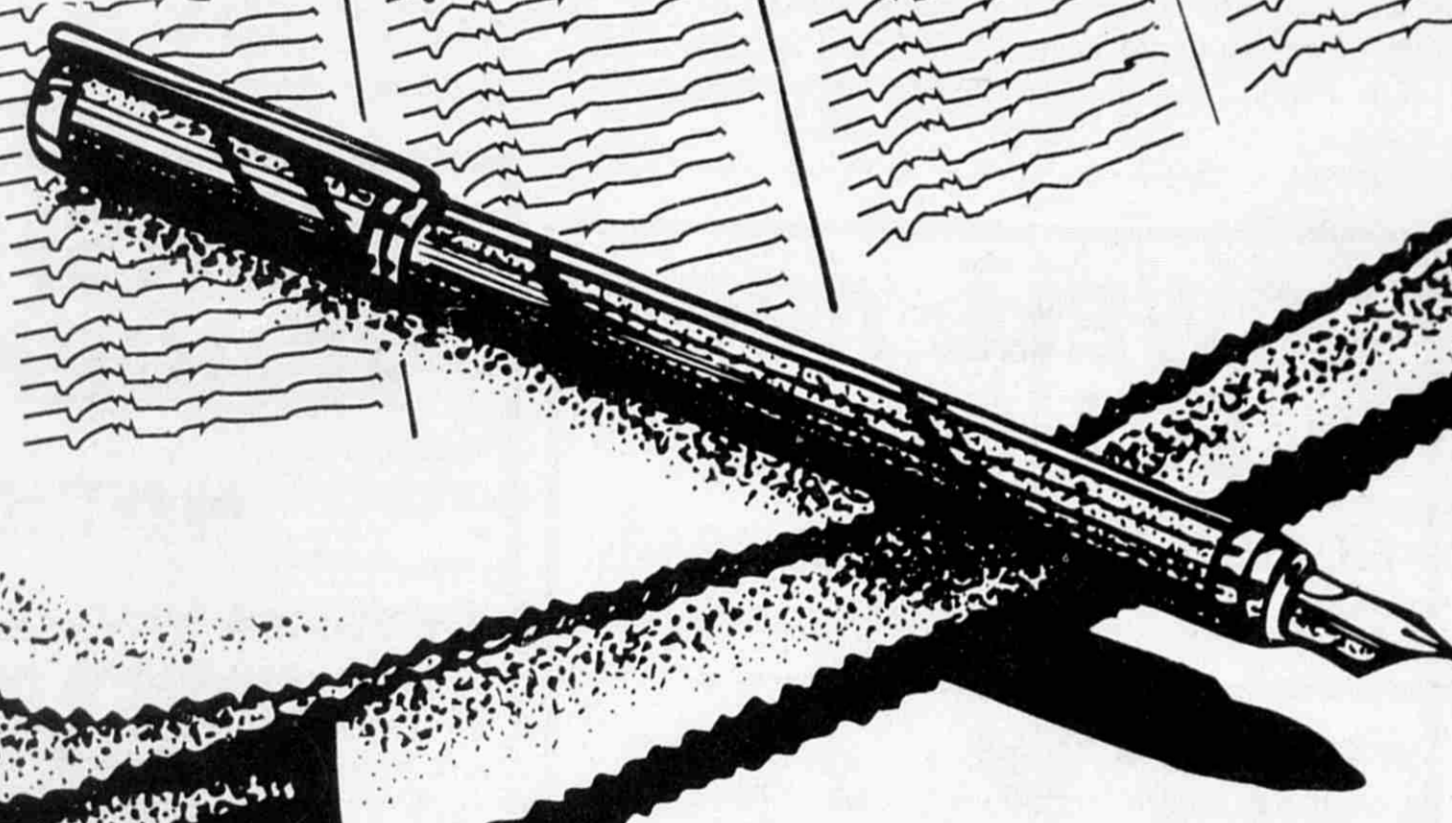
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### COLLEGE NEWS

### Senior Awards, continued....

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#### Drama Award

Tallie Bassett, Tricia Roy, Brittanie Weigel, Ana Luyk

#### Journalism Award

Becky Cattanach, April LaBine, Ginger Smith, Matt Staup, Brian Thomas

#### FFA/Agriculture

Loren Kaeb, Kerry Nugent, Kevin Nugent, Krista Posthumus, Ken VanSpronsen

#### National Honor Society Award

Ron Acheson, Dena Beers, Margaret Blanding, Rebecca Cattanach, Michelle Dykstra, Ben Knudstrup, Nathan Livingston, Anastasia Luyk, Jamie McCaul, Michelle Murphy, Kerry Nugent, Kevin Nugent, Brian Phillips.

#### Forensics Award

Tricia Roy, Chrys Thaler, Brittanie Weigel

A total of 1,712 students are included on the dean's list for the winter semester of the 1994-95 academic year at Western Michigan University. To be eligible, students must have compiled at least a 3.5 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0 being all A's) in at least 14 hours of graded class work.

Among them were Ryan J. White and Laura Ann Zigmont both of Lowell; Tom Andrew Beetham, Melissa J. Dykgraaf, Tamara J. Faber, and Paula M. Hansen, all of Alto.

Albion College senior Jason J. White graduated magna cum laude from Albion College on May 13, receiving a bachelor of arts in economics.

The honor of magna cum laude is given to students who maintain a grade point average between 3.6 and 3.8 out of a possible 4.0.

White is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. White of Lowell.

Albion College is a private, coeducational, liberal arts college located in the south central Michigan town of the same name.

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### LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP REZONING GRANTED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Board approved the recommendation of the Planning Commission on the rezoning request of Woodruff Palmer to rezone approximately 80 acres in Section 19, 41-20-19-400-002 at 10399 Cascade Road, SE. This request was to rezone Agricultural-1 land to Agricultural-2 land to allow a Special Use permit to build a Golf Course and was the subject of a public hearing on Wednesday, April 26, 1995.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk  
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### CITY OF LOWELL

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**LAST DATE TO FILE**  
**NOMINATING PETITIONS**  
**JUNE 20, 1995 - 4 P.M.**

Persons interested in seeking election to the Lowell City Council to fill any of the three (3) vacancies occurring, must obtain nominating petition forms for circulations and return not later than 4:00 p.m. on June 20, 1995. Petition forms are available between 8 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. from the Lowell City Deputy Clerk, Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell.



# Neighbors remain pessimistic, even with announced improvements

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Donald Fizer, owner of Michigan Wire Processing/D&D Trucking site, has proposed investing approximately \$25,000 into public improvements at the 2485 W. Main site.

The improvements are aimed at screening the business site from area residents and deadening the sound coming from the site.

While Fizer has demonstrated an effort to accommodate residents bordering to the north, questions remain as to just how effective the planting of trees would be in deadening the sound.

After a Saturday visit, commissioner Clark Jahnke stated the Michigan Wire site is a far cry from what it was. "Michigan Wire has demonstrated a reasonable effort to accommodate those residents to the north," he said, "although I doubt that the trees will provide a reasonable deadening of the sound. I think a fence has a better shot of breaking down the noise."

Jahnke visited the properties of Anna Jankowski, 315 Alden Nash, and Sharon Potter, 320 Alden Nash. "You hear better what's going on at the site by standing on the residents' properties to the north than you do by standing at Michigan Wire's back door."

The landscaping plans for the site include but are not limited to:

- 18 white pines (6-10 feet in height).
- 12 black-eyed Susan Goldstrums.
- Four blue rug junipers.
- Five day lilies.
- One sargent cherry
- Nine candytuits
- 11 garden phlox
- 11 forsythia northern golds.
- 27 dames rocket.
- Seeding - peat and topsoil.

The berm will be 12 feet high. The pines will be planted on the berm.

There is an existing 140 feet of pine screening along the back lot. Michigan Wire proposed that the next 250 feet be covered with berm and pines. Jankowski asked that it extend the berm into the existing 140 feet of pines.

"That would block the truck well where most of the noise

is coming from," Jankowski said. "Something is still needed besides the pines."

Fizer said he is in the process of contracting out for more soil so the berm can be extended.

Jankowski said she felt a fence along the back property line would better block the noise.

"If a fence is the answer, I'd be more than happy to do that. It could be done in two weeks," Fizer said. He added that the treated wooden fence would be put on the residents' property lines.

Potter questioned whether the compressor room has been located elsewhere.

Fizer said it has been closed. "We changed the air intake to the west portion of the building."

Potter then asked if the compressor room had been insulated. "We can do that," Fizer said. "We have already sealed it off. However, there has to be a hole in the room for air intake."

Fizer noted that Michigan Wire has been in Lowell 19 years

and that it serves 123 employees. "I think we've been an asset to the community and we've tried to be a good neighbor. But it is an industrial site and will remain an industrial site," he said.

Jankowski said she felt the city made a mistake when it rezoned the site industrial.

Along with the improvements, Fizer and Steven Donker, of Steadfast Construction, proposed a 5,680-foot addition to D&D Trucking encompassing shop and office uses.

The proposal includes exterior lighting, curb and gutter with asphalt for lane change, concrete the first 60 feet of the drive, and asphalt for parking and the rest of the drive.

By a vote of 5-2, the Lowell Planning Commission decided to hold back its recommendation until MDOT noted where its entrance preference would be.

Donker questioned why the location of the drive should hold up the recommendation. "It is either going to be on the west side or east side. Nothing else will change."



## Accident on Bailey

A vehicle eastbound on Bailey Drive left the roadway and hit a tree Thursday.

The cause of the accident has not been determined. Minor injuries were incurred.



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