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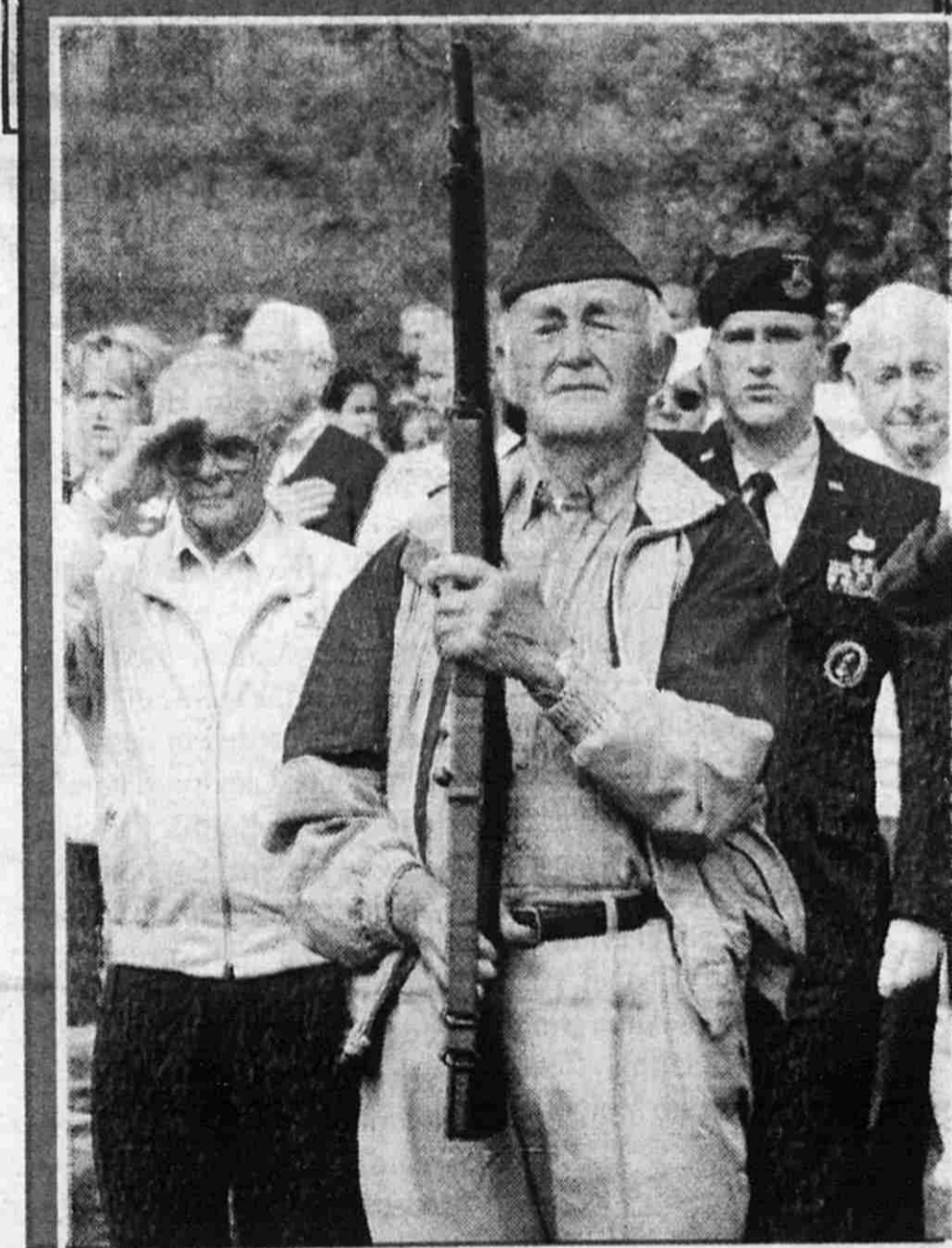
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Wednesday, May 29, 2002



Veterans Remembered

A Memorial Day Observance Ceremony, held at Oakwood Cemetery, remembered the lives lost in war and honored those who fought for freedom and lived. Prior to the ceremony, city residents lined the streets for a parade which began on Riverside Drive, stopped at the Veterans Memorial Park for a memorial service and wreath deployment and then proceeded to the cemetery. Memorial Day service guest speaker was Rev. Keith McIver.



Structural changes planned for elementary

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It is the largest elementary school in Kent County. The sheer numbers at Cherry Creek Elementary limit its ability to be that small nurturing educational facility that many adults associate with their childhood school days. The average elementary school houses between 300-400 students ... Cherry Creek's enrollment more than doubles that average. It currently enrolls 833 students. Cherry Creek's layout is sectioned off by grade levels (all second-grade classrooms are grouped together, as are third through fifth grades). While this concept provides/encourages horizontal team teaching, it is not an environment that has brought about opportunities for shared planning and materials among the different grade levels. Through the leadership of Cherry Creek principal, Maureen Dorough, the elementary school will undergo a structural change for enhanced learning and safety beginning with the 2002-03 school year. The new concept will be made of four learning neighborhoods. This is where smaller teams, consisting of grades two

through five, are established and contribute to the overall community of Cherry Creek. "The idea is to create a smaller more nurturing 'student-centered' culture allowing for relationship-building among students, teachers and parents," Dorough explained. The new concept is supported by studies which indicate a higher percentage of students, across all socioeconomic levels, are successful when they are a part of smaller, more intimate environments. Each of the four learning neighborhoods will have a little over 200 children. The concept will allow for vertical as well as horizontal team teaching. "The transition from year to year will be easier and more comfortable for students," Dorough explains. Children will see familiar faces (both teacher and student), alleviating the panic children experience when walking into their new classroom and not seeing a familiar, friendly face. The new learning concept does not come without ques-

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Leah & Her Pack

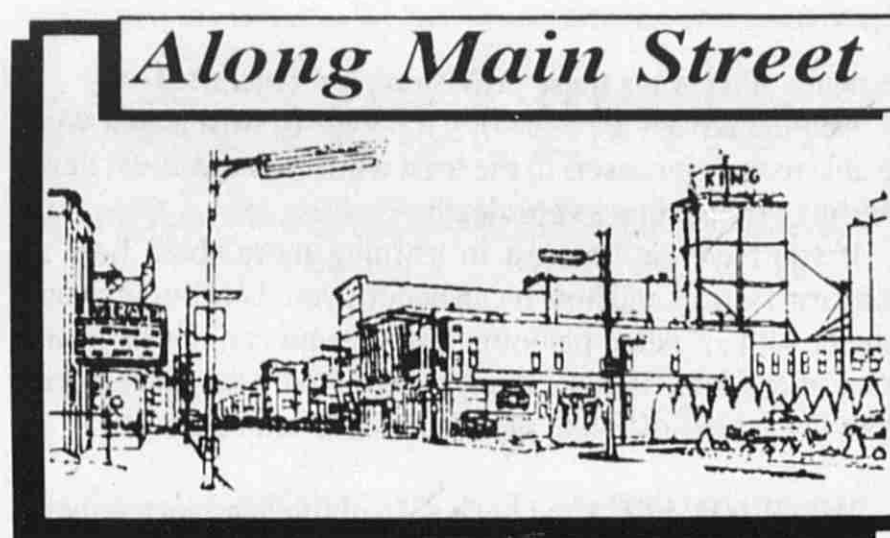
••• Her fourth-grade classmates "walked to Disney" in a show of solidarity and support while Leah Nawrocki was being treated for leukemia.

While Leah Nawrocki was tracking her white blood cells from her hospital bed, her classmates were walking/jogging to Disney World a quarter mile at a time for the 10 year old. Nawrocki, diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia on March 12, was separated from her classmates for nearly a month before returning to class on April 8.

"She doesn't go all the time... only when she feels good," said her mother, Amy Nawrocki. Leah has remained very upbeat and positive throughout the ordeal, according to her mother. Acute lymphoblastic leukemia is when the white blood cells increase to out-of-control levels. "They say it's the best kind of leukemia to get. It's the most curable," Nawrocki explains. "Doctors tell us there is a 90-95 percent chance Leah will come out of this just fine. There is also a small chance she will have a relapse." Leah has been in remission since the eighth day after entering the hospital. She will have to have chemotherapy treatment for the next two-and-a-half years. In an effort to give Leah a sense of connectedness, her St. Patrick's classmates, in a show of solidarity, began their walk to Disney World.

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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS NOTICE OF TESTING

**OPTEC COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR
THE JUNE 10, 2002 ANNUAL ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that the OPTEC Computer Program Testing for the June 10, 2002 Annual Election will be conducted on June 3, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.

SYNOPSIS GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING GRATTAN TOWNSHIP HALL MAY 13, 2002

MOTIONS APPROVED:

- Motion to approve the agenda
- Motion to approve Consent Agenda
- Motion to approve March 11, 2002 minutes
- Motion to approve April 8, 2002 minutes
- Motion to approve April 22, 2002 minutes
- Motion to approve Clerk's report -
- Motion to put Bad Check Ordinance on next month's agenda
- Motion to approve the key policy
- Motion to approve the expansion of the sewer district of the two parcels to the east of Bedaki as identified on the map
- Motion to approve the purchase of a new computer
- Motion to allow the Boy Scouts to park their paper trailer on the Township property for a year contingent upon it being maintained properly
- Motion to approve the Junk control Ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission changes the wording in item C on page 1 and the elimination of E on page 3.
- Motion to approve the draft letter to the Kent County Sheriff letter.
- Motion to table the Junk Car Ordinance until next meeting
- Motion to refer the "Dogs & Noise" and the "Truck Parking" back to the Planning Commission
- Motion to temporarily stop all action at this time on the Zoning Enforcement policy until the township can come up with an enforcement policy. (motion denied)
- Motion that the board revise the Zoning Enforcement Policy and the policy be the number one concern on the next agenda.
- Motion to draft a resolution to close the road for the bridge walk
- Motion to adjourn 10:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Gloria Burns, recording secretary

ATHLETIC PHYSICALS

Athletic physicals for boys, grades 10-12, will be held on Wednesday, May 29 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the high school locker rooms. Bring a physical card with you, filled out and signed by a parent for the doctor to complete.

MICHIGAN ARTIST AT RIVERWALK GALLERY

Kathleen Mooney, a Michigan artist, will have an exhibit at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce from May 22 through July 12. A reception will be held Saturday, June 15 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The show is called "Fire and Water-Worked Surfaces." Call 897-9161 for viewing.

POP CAN DRIVE

The Lowell varsity boys soccer team will be having a pop can drive on Saturday, June 1 from 9 - noon. Proceeds for a team-building trip later in July.

BOATERS SAFETY COURSE

Lowell Community Education will be offering a Michigan Boaters Safety Course on June 3 and 10. Call 897-8235 to register for this free course.

MUSIC THERAPY CHILDREN'S CAMPS

The Franciscan Life Process Center will be offering summer camps both for children with special needs and for their siblings. Music, art/crafts and outdoor experiences will be included. Call Sister Mary Margaret at 897-7842 ext. 317 to find out dates and to register your children.

ATHLETIC PHYSICALS

Athletic physicals for girls, grades 10-12, will be held on Wednesday, June 5 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the high school locker rooms. Bring a physical card with you, filled out and signed by a parent for the doctor to complete.

TOTS ANNUAL PICNIC

The annual Tots on Track for School Picnic and Bus Ride will be held Thursday, June 6 from 11:30 to 1 p.m. at the playground behind Runciman Bldg. Rain location: in the gym.

Thank You!

We would like to thank all our friends who helped us move from the old "Parnell Grocery, Ltd." and into the new "Parnell Grocery, Ltd." We could never have accomplished the move without you.

You have supported us all these 32 years and we deeply appreciate your continued support.

Thanks to our children and to their families for all the work they have done during the moving process and also in the past. We would also like to thank everyone who has sent flowers to welcome us into our new building.

Last, but not least, a special thanks to Joe Nawrocki of Innovative Construction, for his determination and persistence throughout the building process.

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WORKSHOP/LUNCH ON HEALTH INSURANCE

An informational workshop on Health Insurance and Long-Term Care will be held at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, June 6 at noon. Seating is limited; call Speerstra Insurance at 897-9259 to RSVP by June 3.

CALLING ALL PAST/PRESENT GIRLS TRACK PARTICIPANTS

There will be a gathering of girls track participants, past and present, on Sunday, June 9 from 2-4 p.m. at the LHS track (weather permitting) to recognize coach Kathy Talus. Held in LPAC if inclement weather. RSVP to 897-0532.

PICK UP YOUR APPLICATION FOR JULY 4 PARADE

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for entries in the July 4 parade. Floats, bands, animals, cars; kids; decorate your bikes and join in. Call Liz at 897-9161 for an application.

Nawrocki, cont'd ... From Page 1

Using a quarter-mile track at the school, the fourth-graders began charting their weekly progress. Eight weeks later, Tom Cichon's 22 fourth-grade students legged out 1,274 miles.

"It was something tangible the students could do to let Leah know that they care," said event coordinator, Ken Schoenborn.

On Friday morning, with Leah accompanying them, the fourth-graders celebrated over pizza.

Each student received a certificate and a heart-felt applause from Leah and her parents, Joe and Amy Nawrocki. Seated on a Harley Davidson, Leah was serenaded with song by Amy Forslund-Pulaski. In a take-off from "Leader of the Pack," Forslund-Pulaski sang a rendition of "Leah and Her Pack."

Fourth-grader, Amanda Geldersma received a gift certificate to Toys R Us for legging out the most miles (114).

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Balloon Talk Heats up Studies at Alto

Tom Bergeon, of ReMax, has been flying hot air balloons for 22 years. Bergeon was at Alto Elementary School discussing the science of piloting a balloon hundreds of miles above the earth's surface. Inclement weather prevented Bergeon from taking Alto principal, Mary Ann Schram up for a ride. Bergeon did, however, talk to students and display the hot air balloon inside the school's new gymnasium. Pictured, left to right, in the balloon basket are Alto fifth-graders, Sheryl Huber and Sierra Moore.



Transition math lessons extend beyond the classroom

By Thaddeus J. Kraus, Lowell Ledger Editor

In celebration of National Nursing Home Week, students from the transition math class of Keith Boeve and Mike Michaud visited Laurels of Kent residents.

"It's a good social and character building project," Boeve explained. "Not all learning takes place in a classroom."

Those who doubt Boeve need only watch students interact and converse with the residents and to see their smiles come to life.

"It's fun and the residents really enjoy it," said transition math student, Angie White. "They are very talkative. I had a lady talk to me about her husband, and butterflies. She also asked that I come back and visit her."

Tim Shoen noted he too enjoys meeting and talking to the residents. "They ask me how I'm doing in school - I tell them better than I used to. The ladies ask me if I have a girl friend."

Boeve said he rotates the activities (games and crafts) the students do with the residents from visit to visit.

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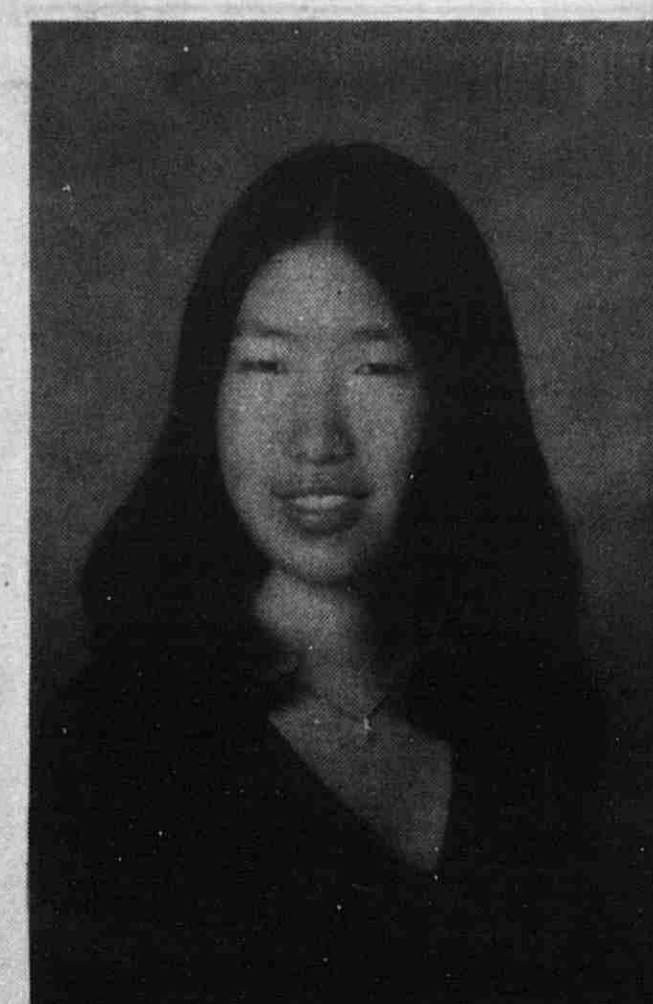
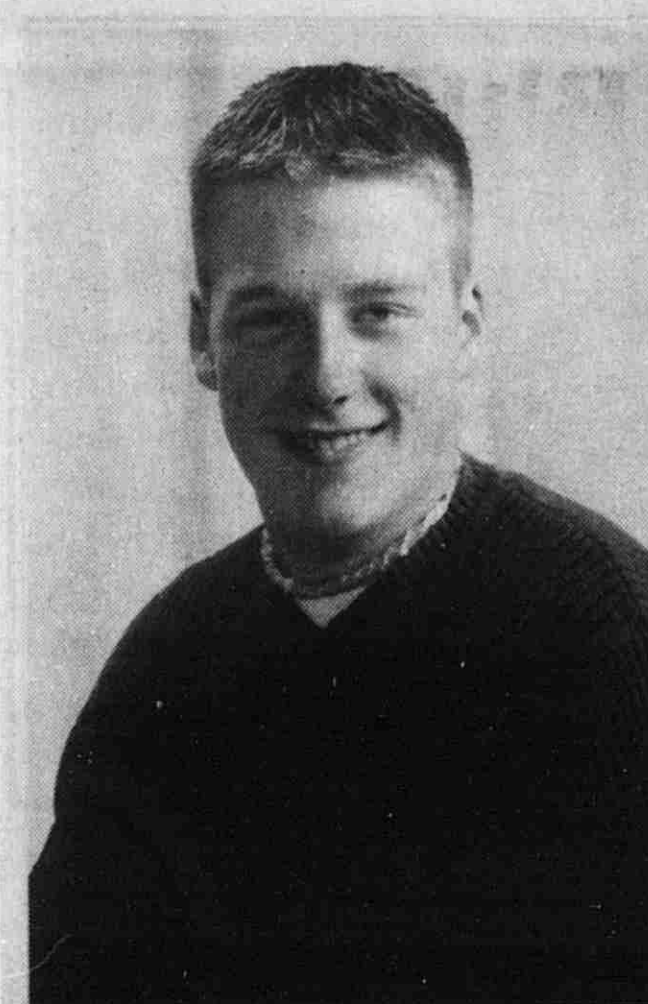
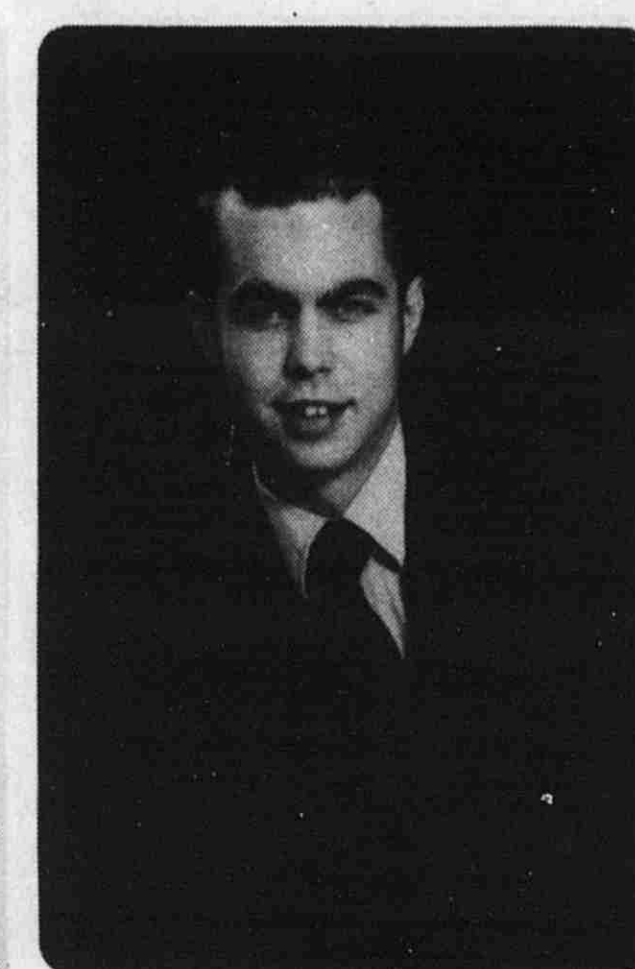
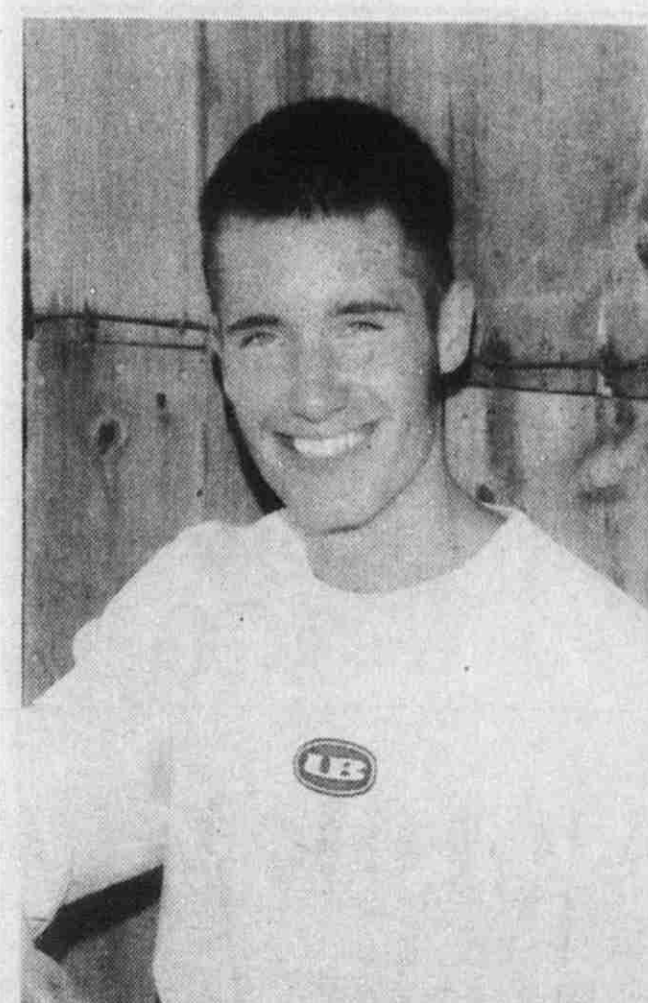
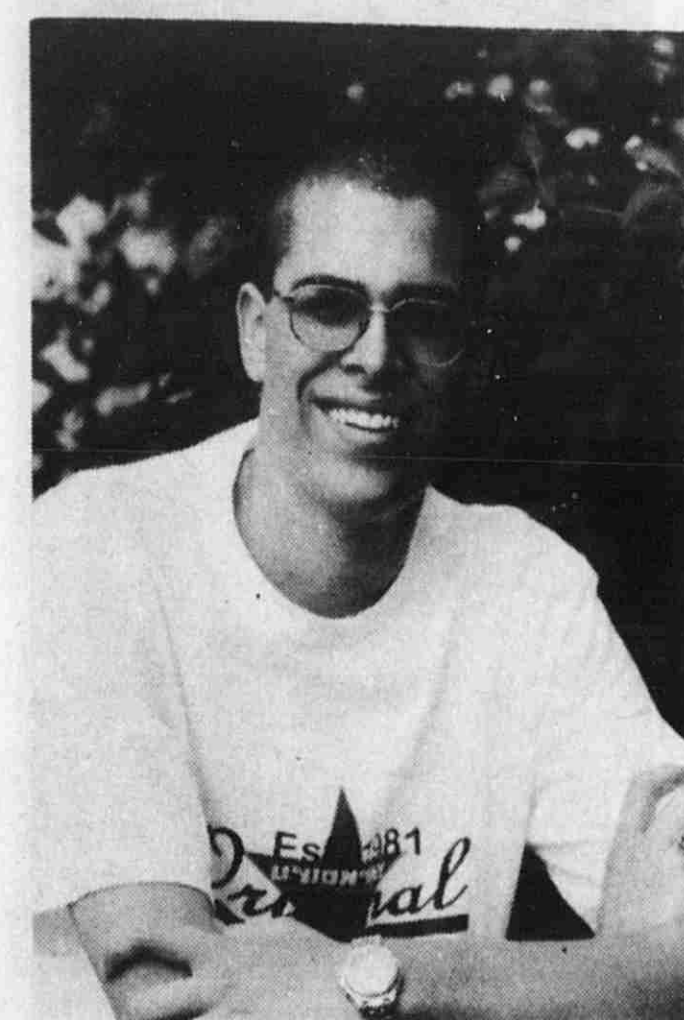
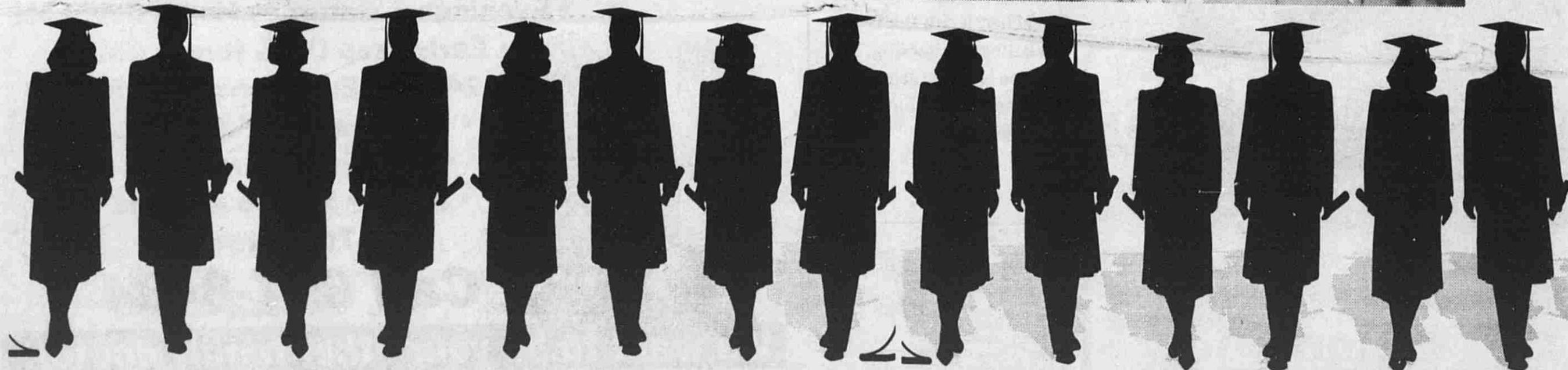
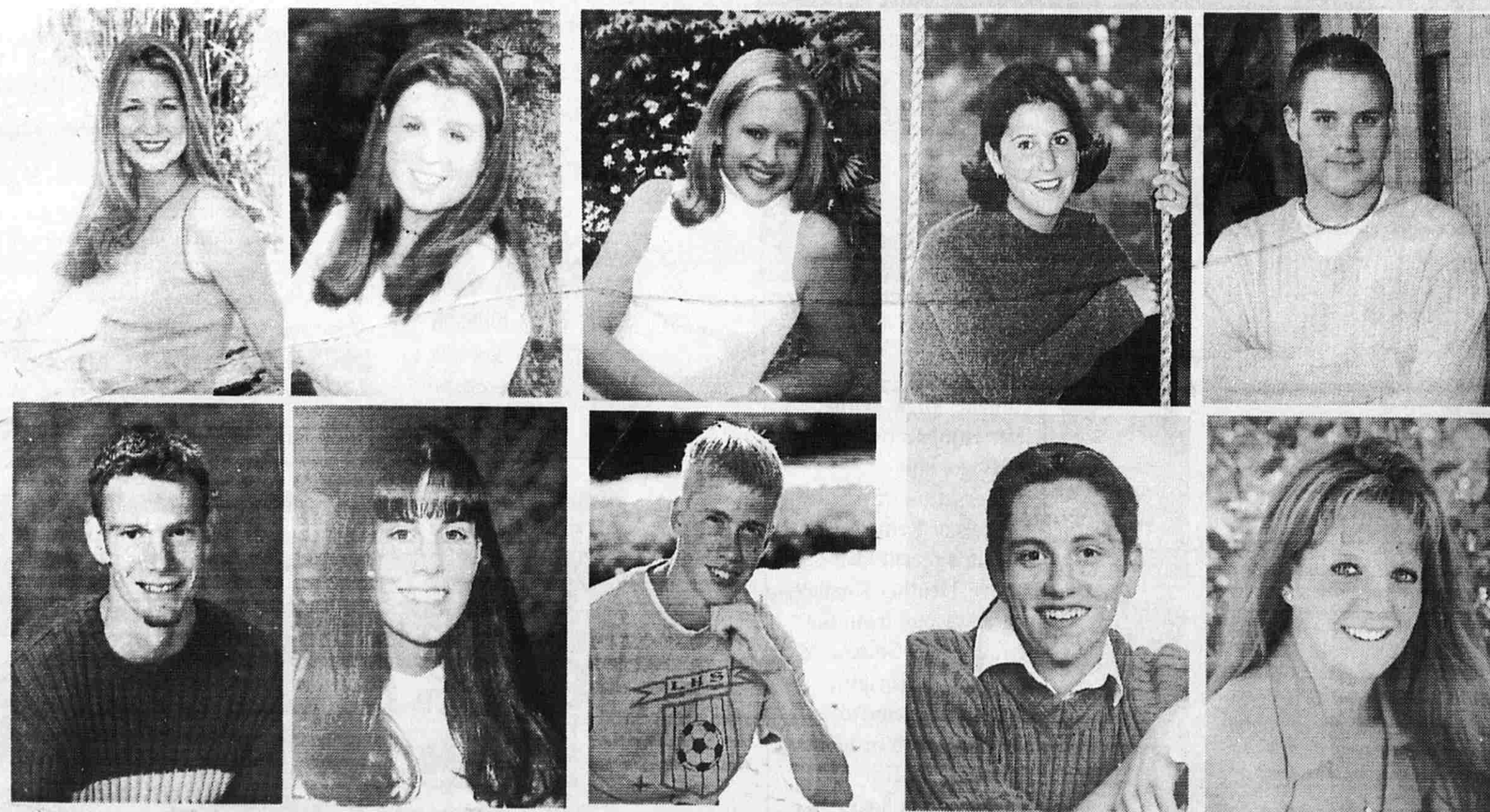
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CLASS SONG:
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CLASS FLOWER:
Forget-Me-Not

CLASS COLORS:
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& Blue

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Bryan David Allchin
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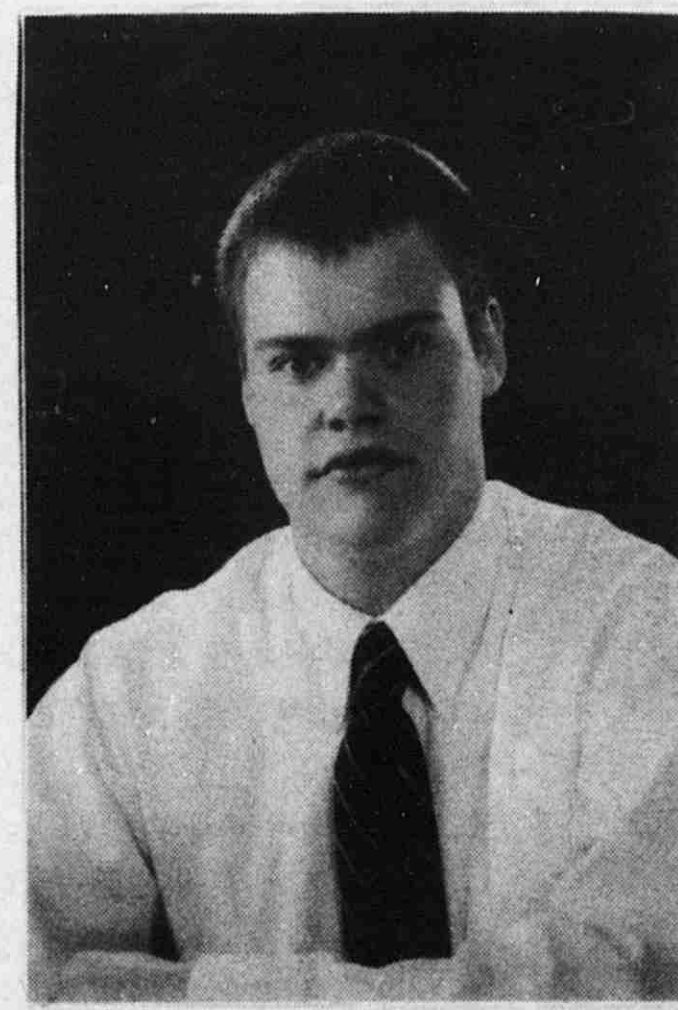
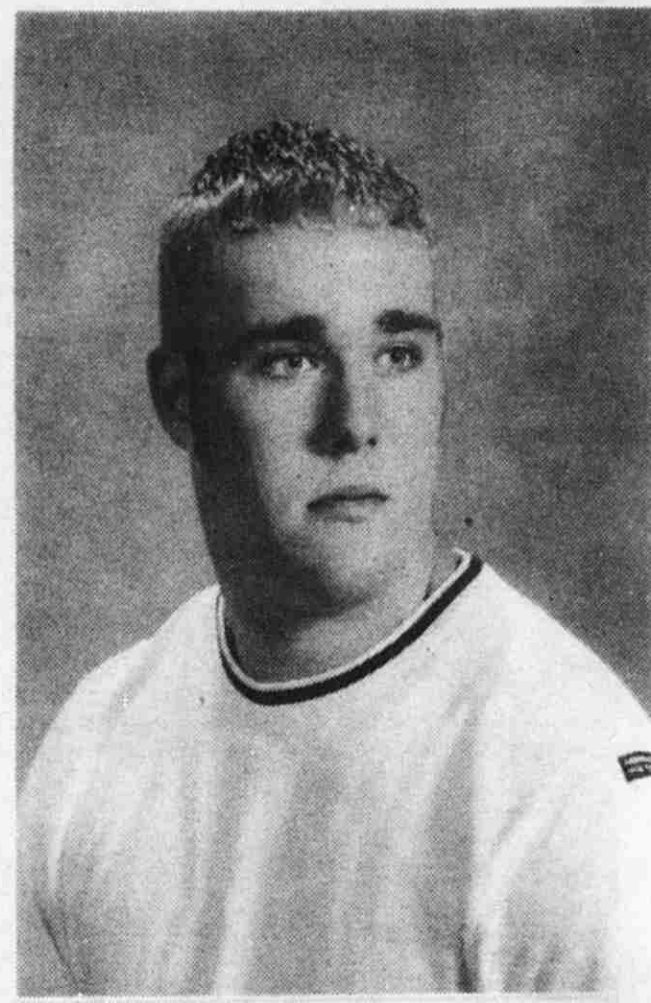
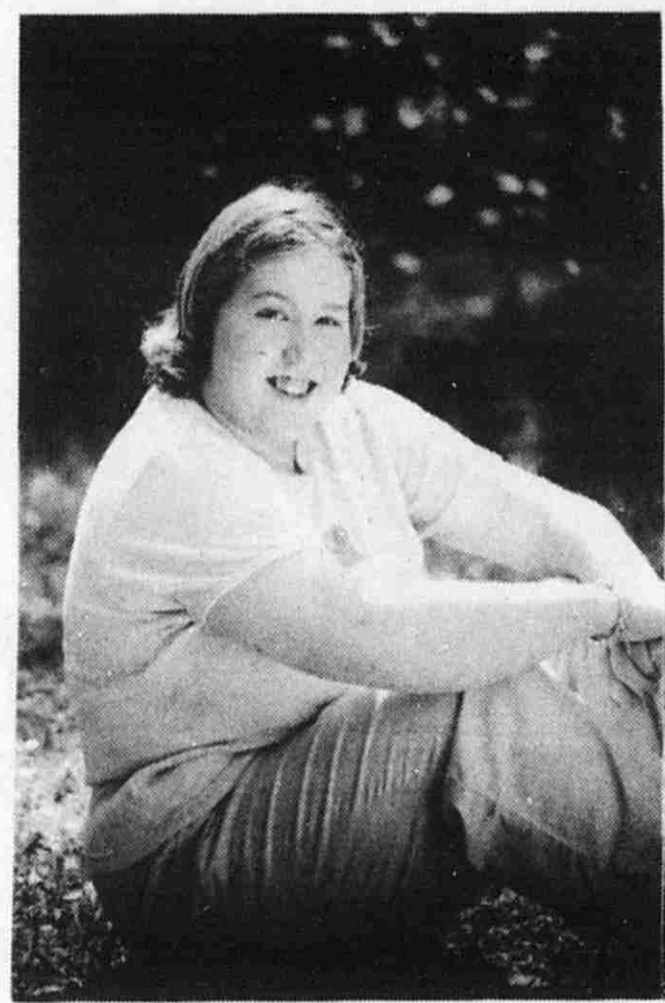
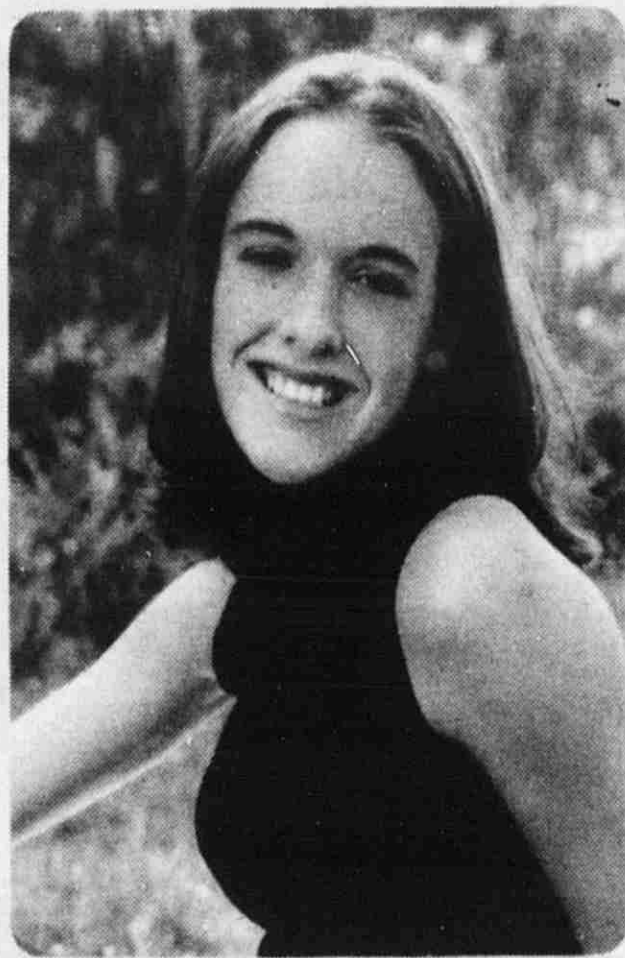
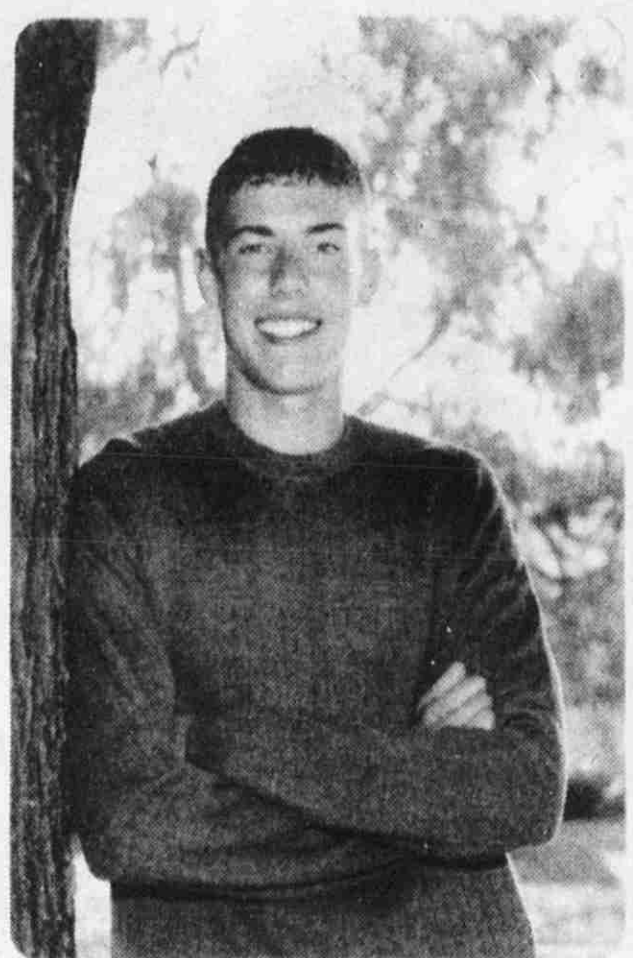
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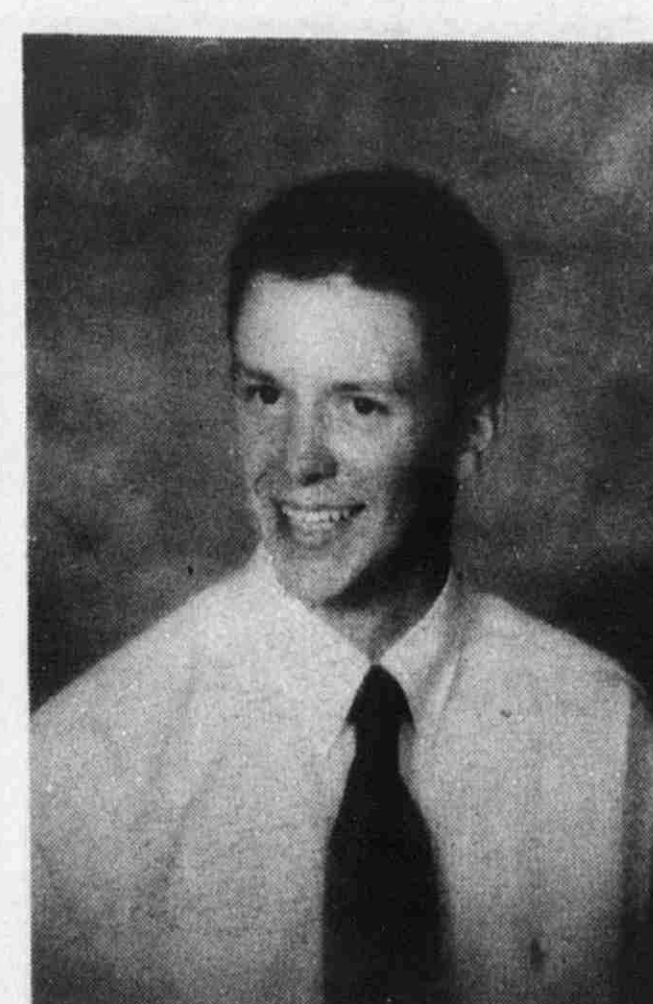
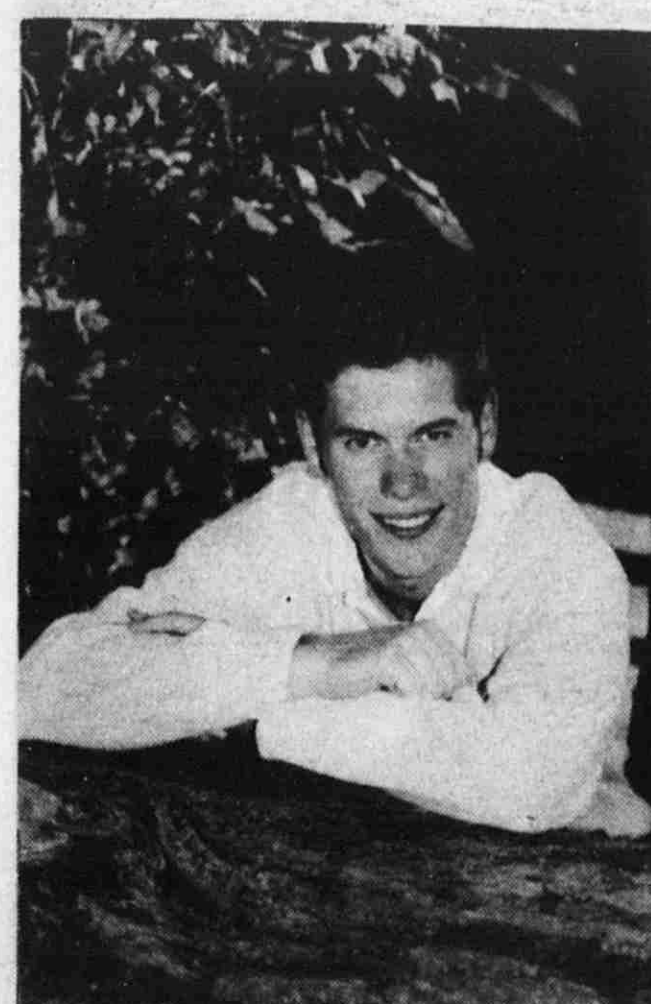
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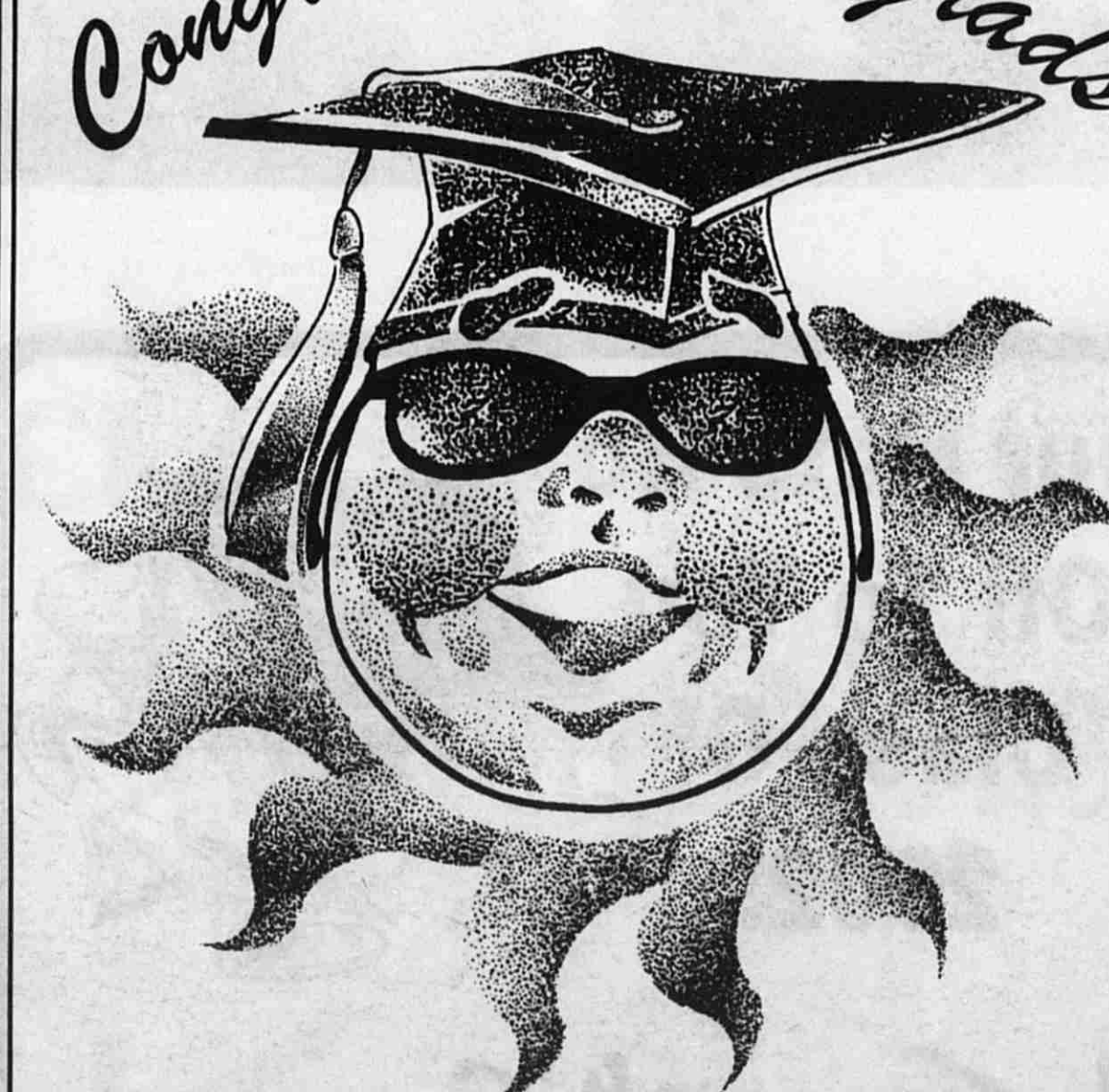
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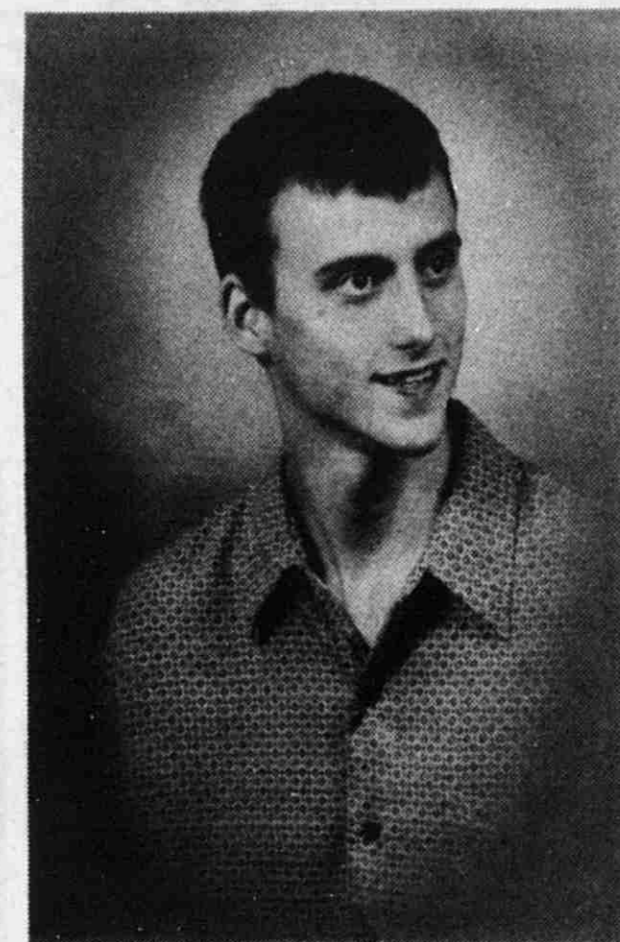
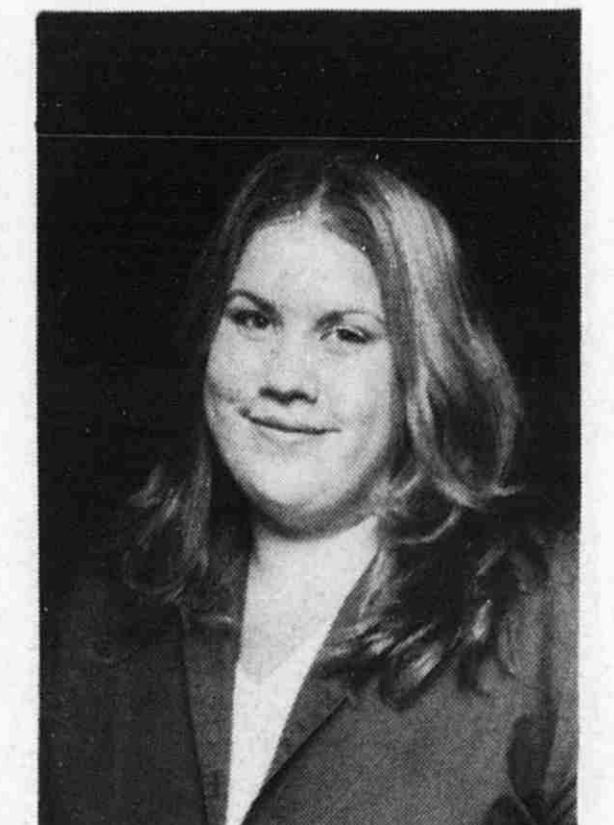
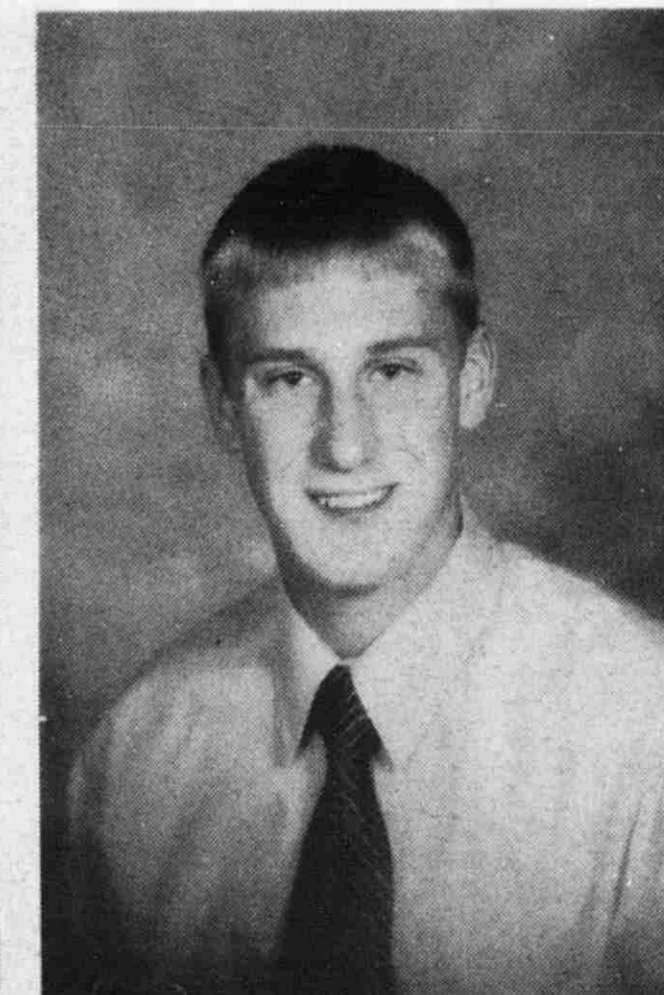
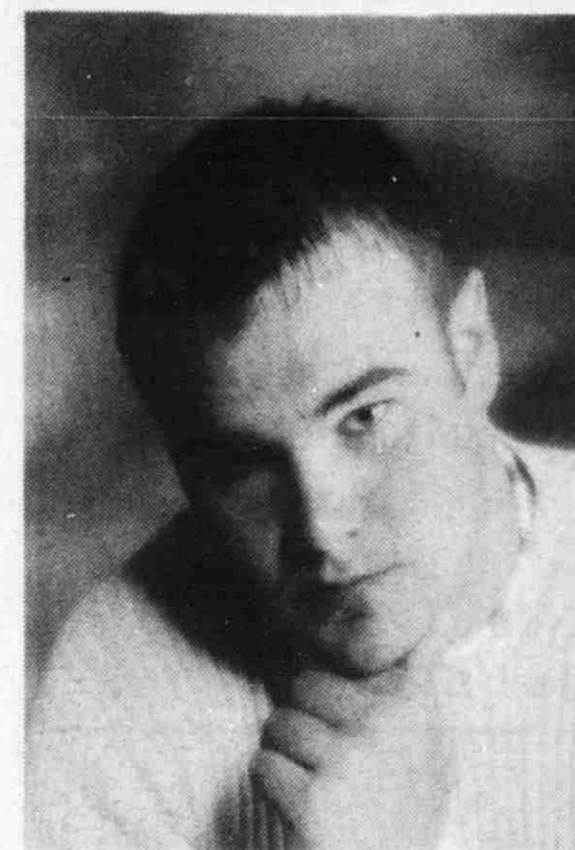
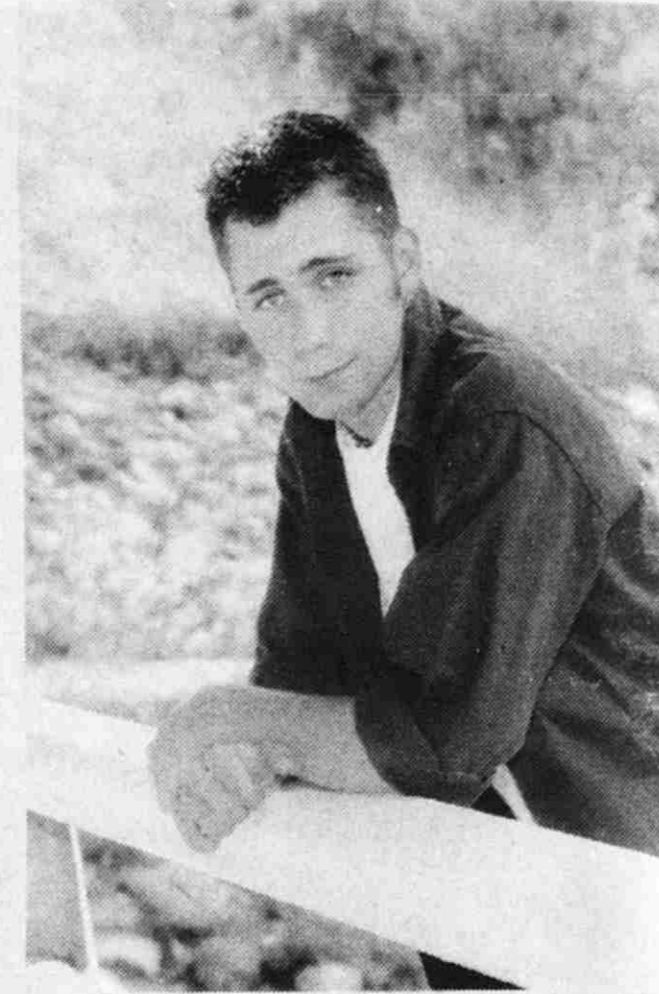
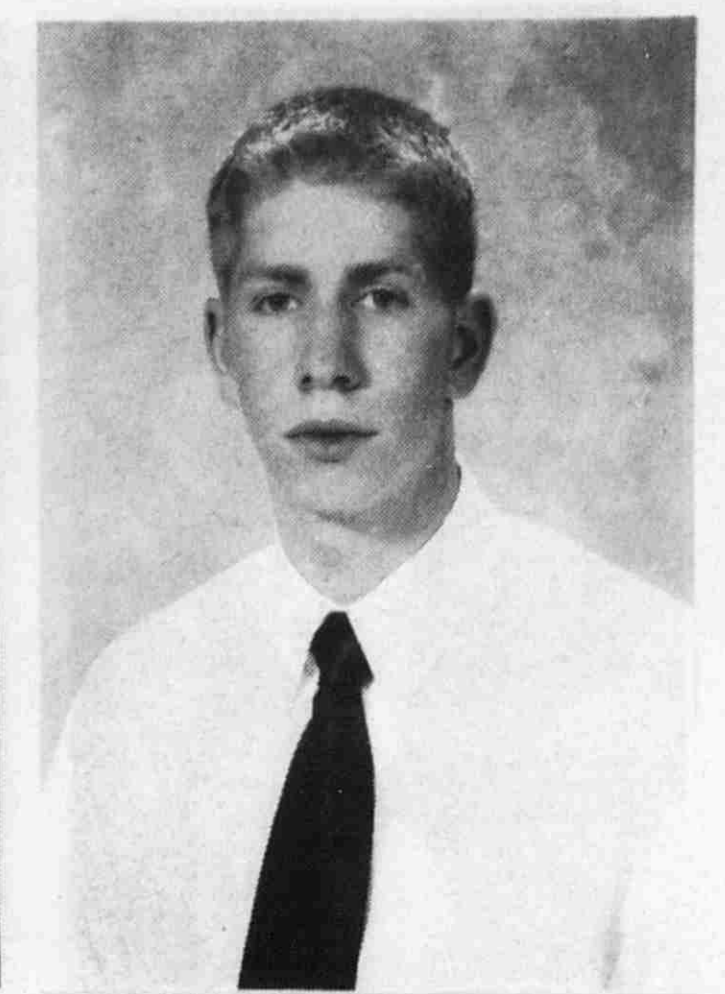
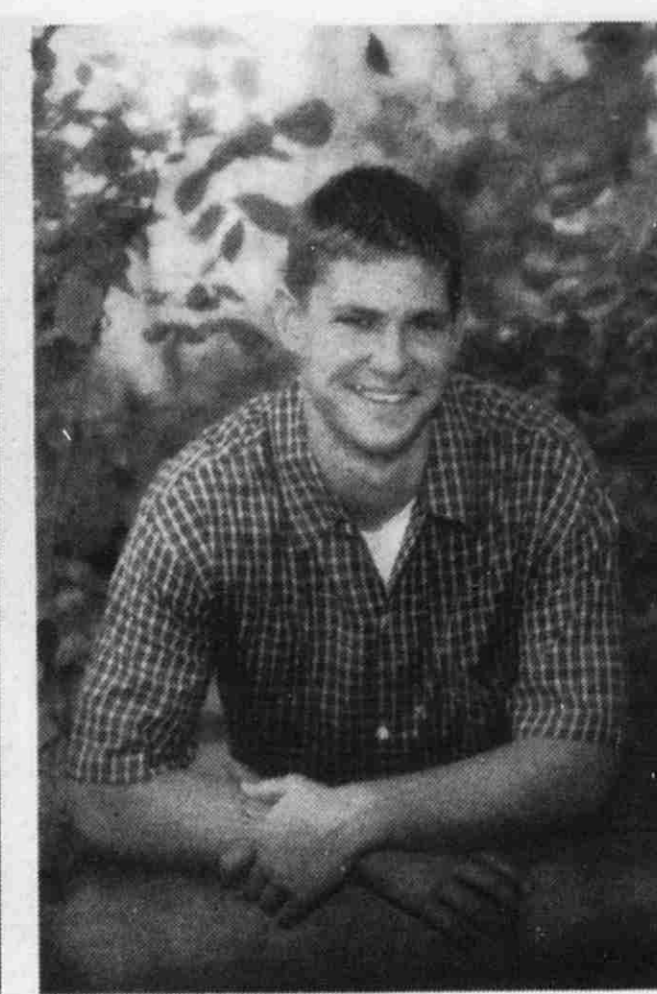
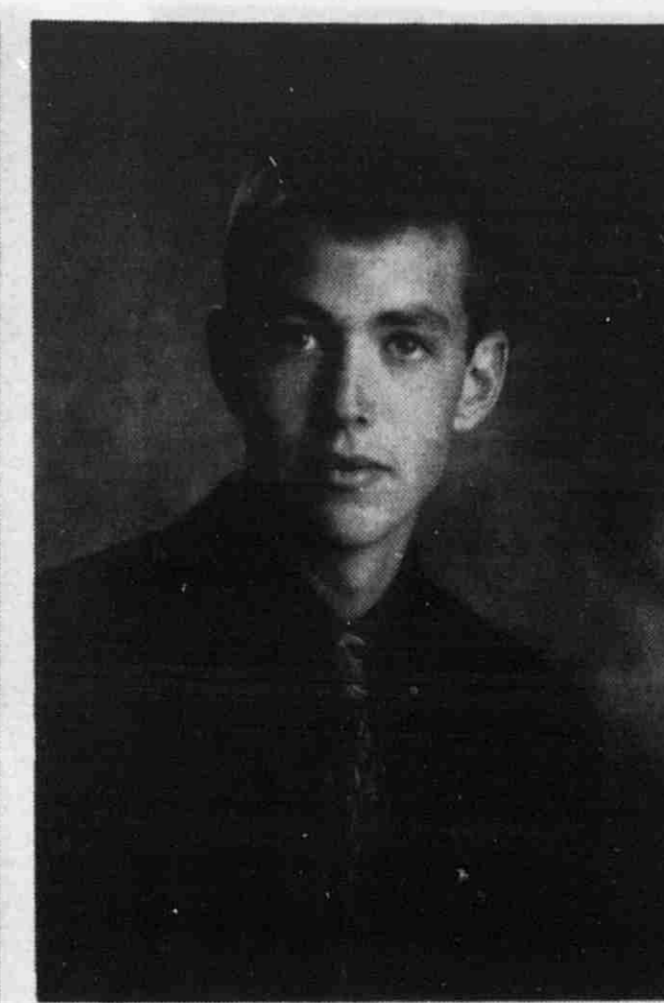
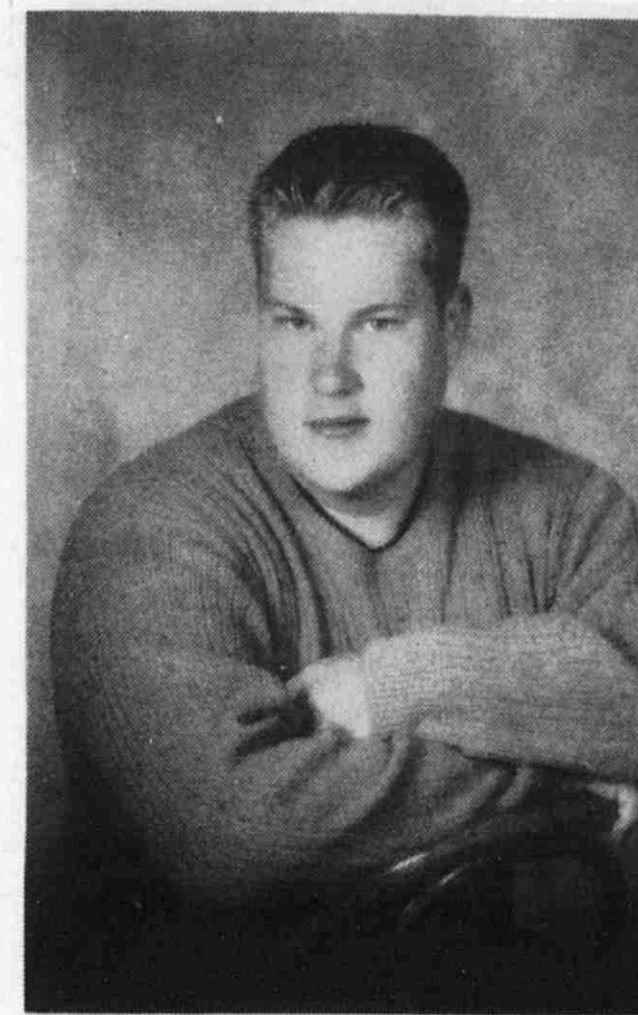
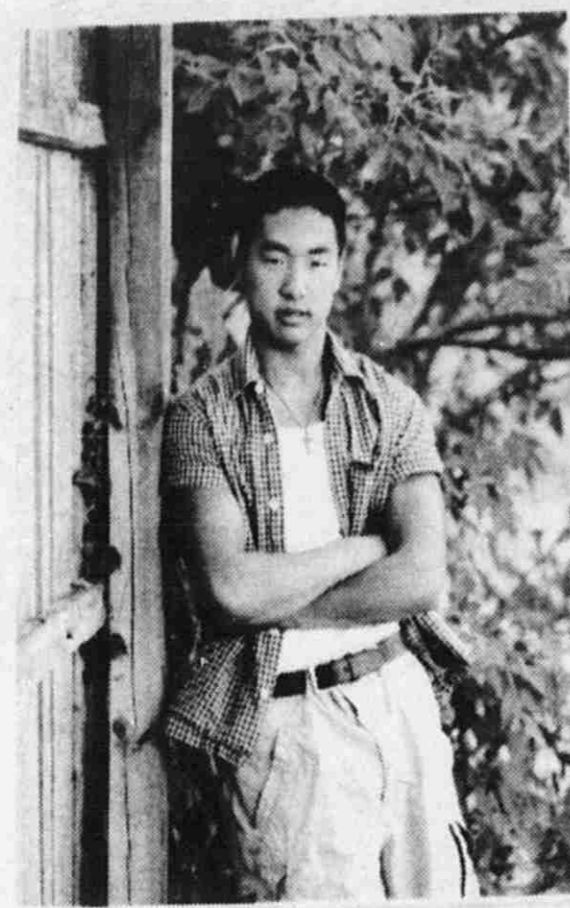
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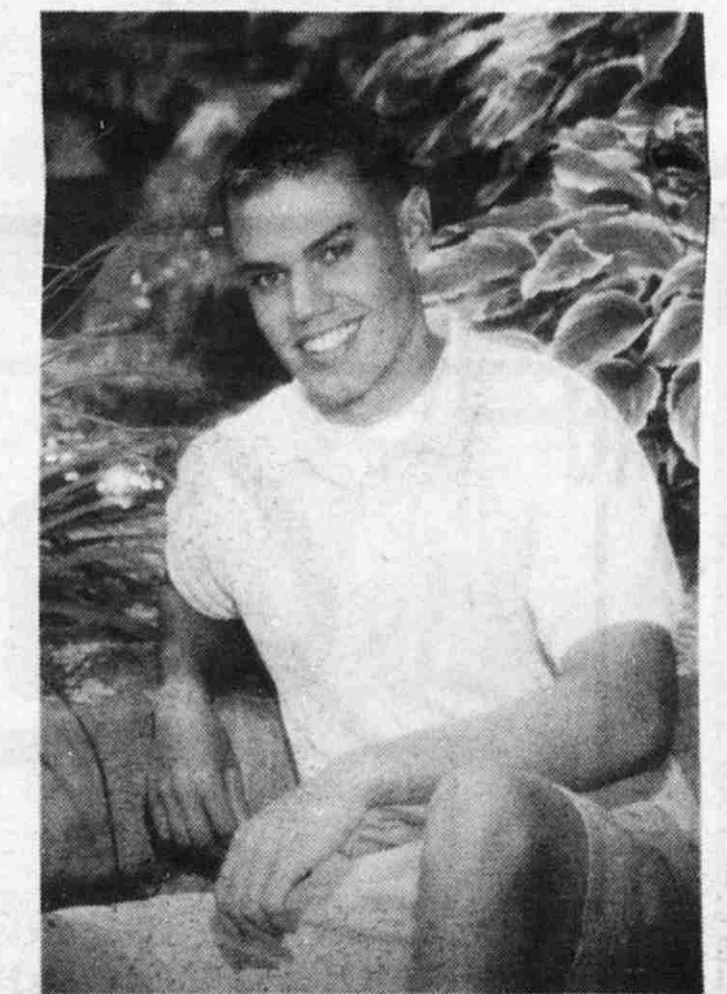
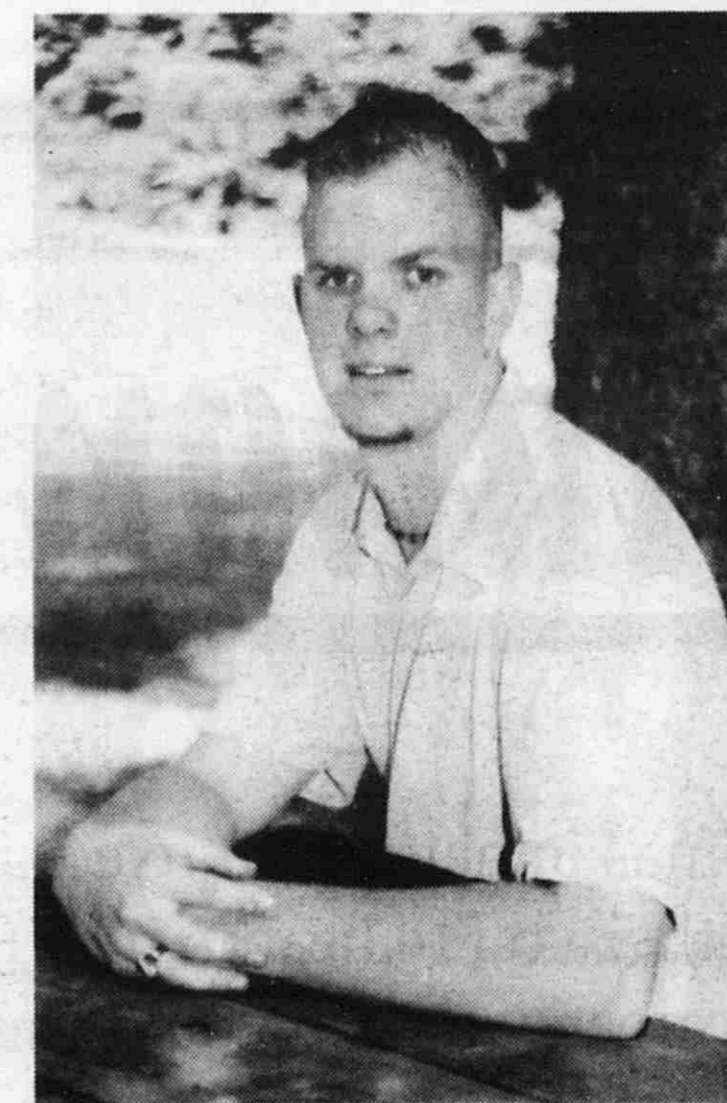


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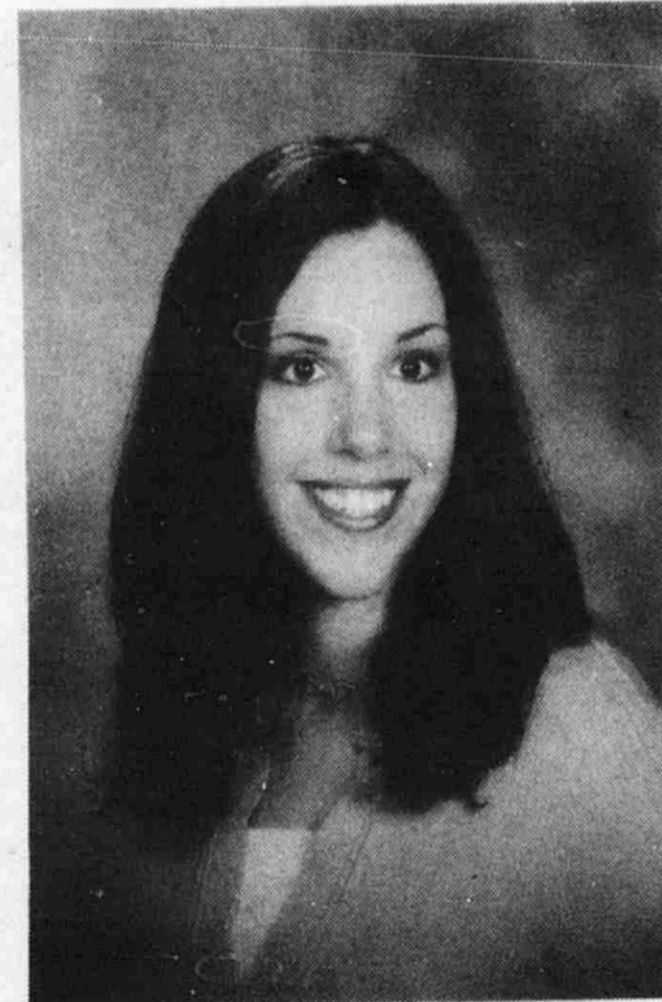
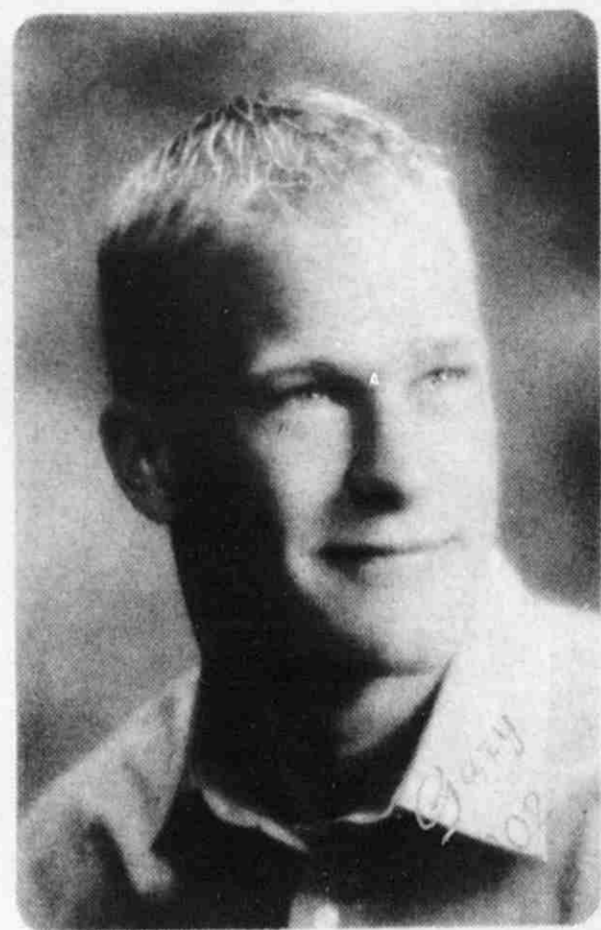
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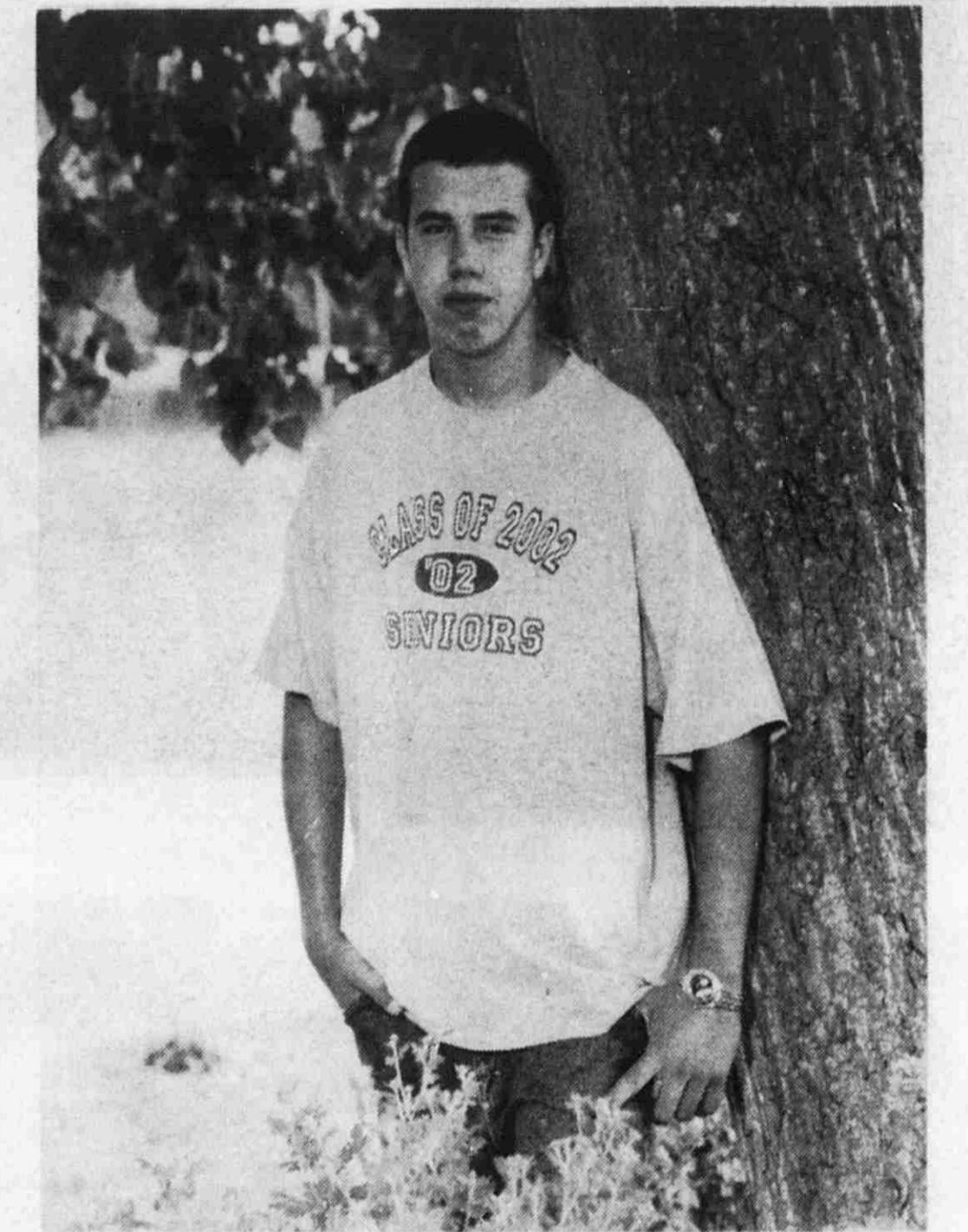
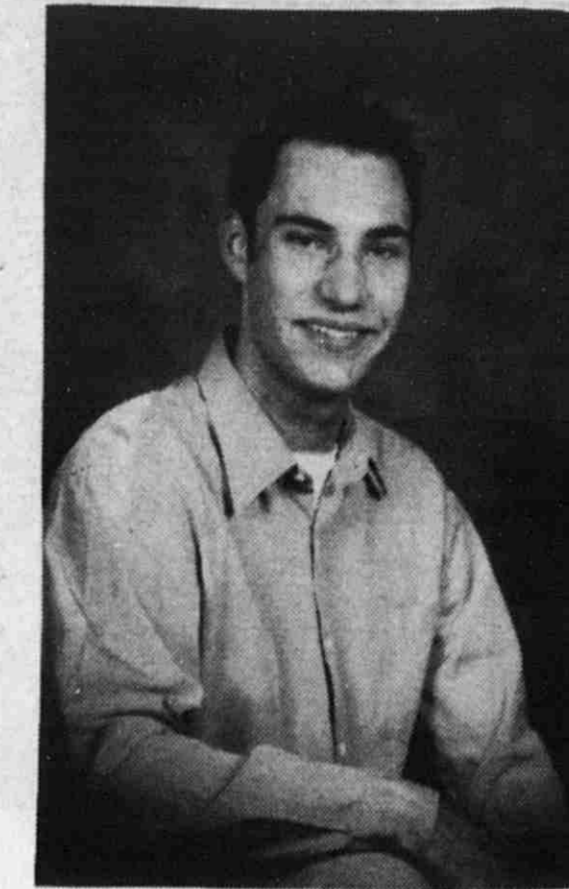
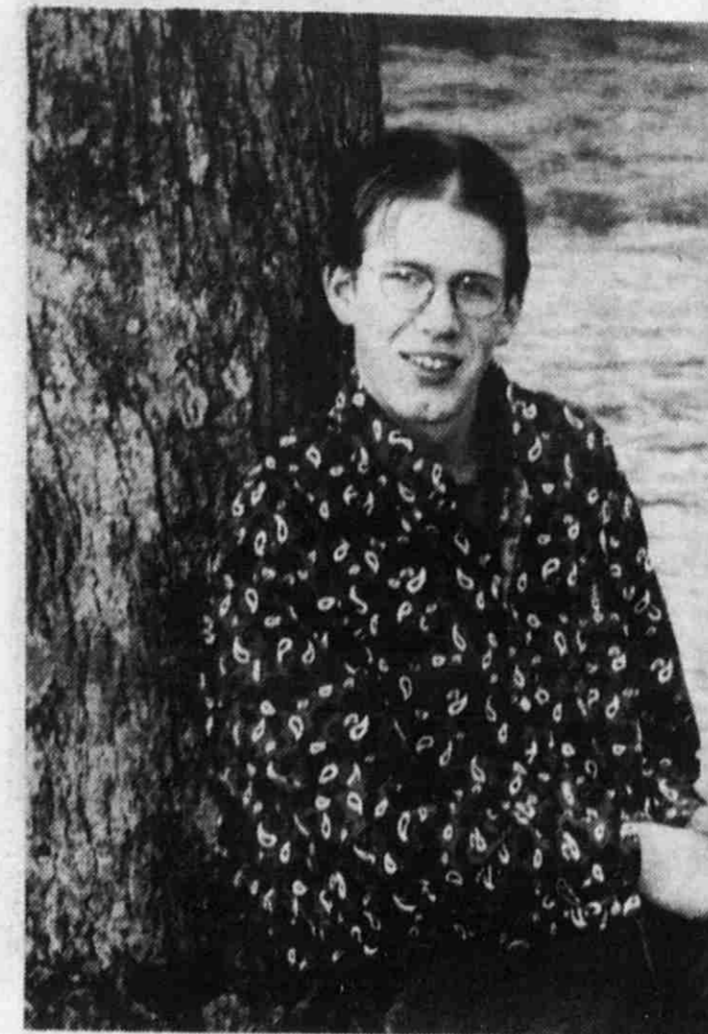
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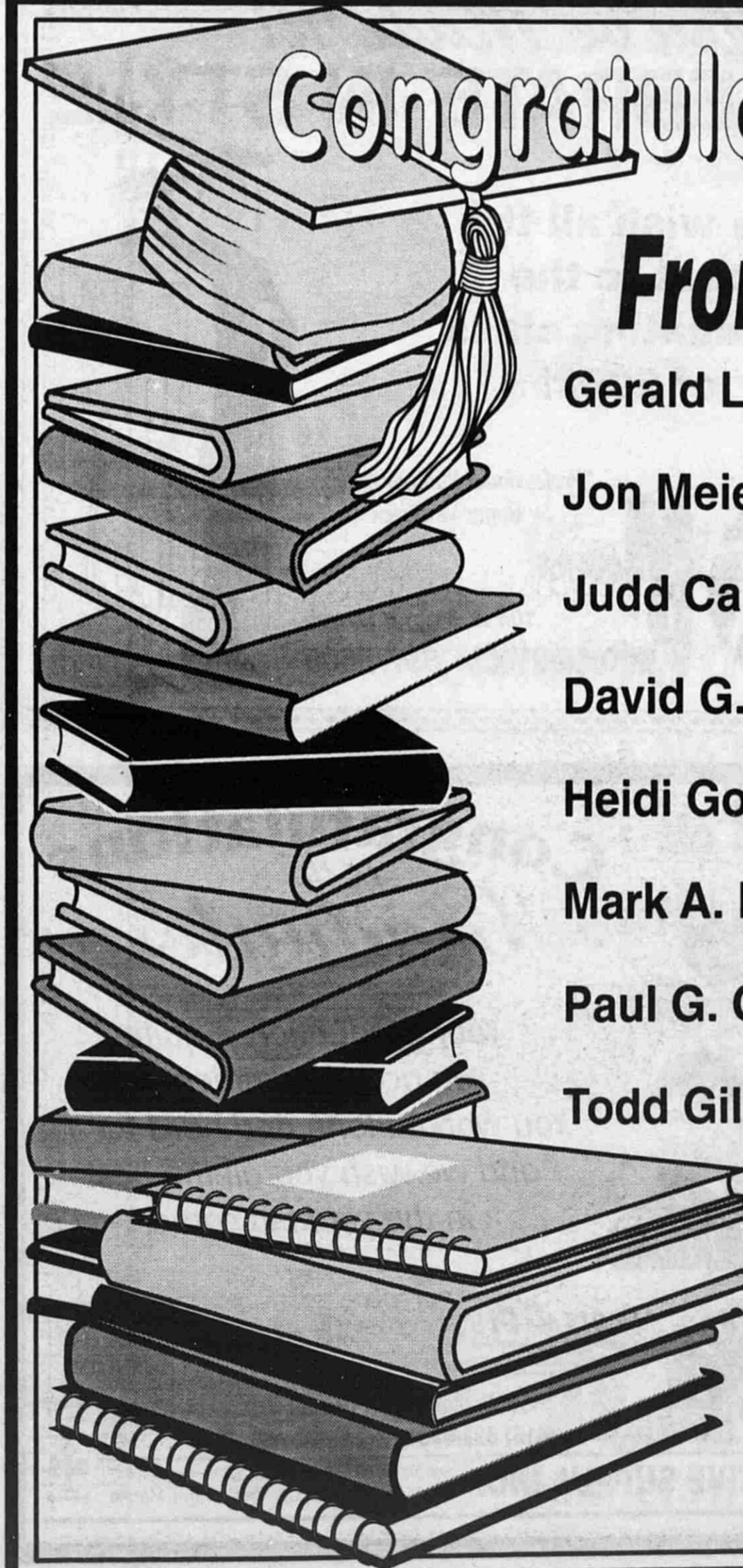
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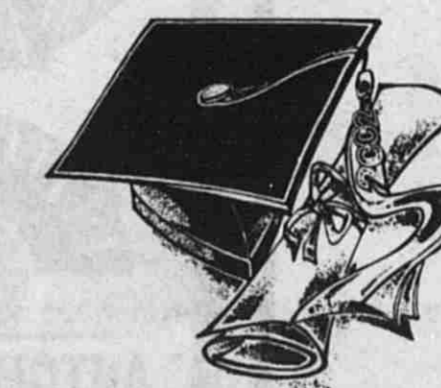
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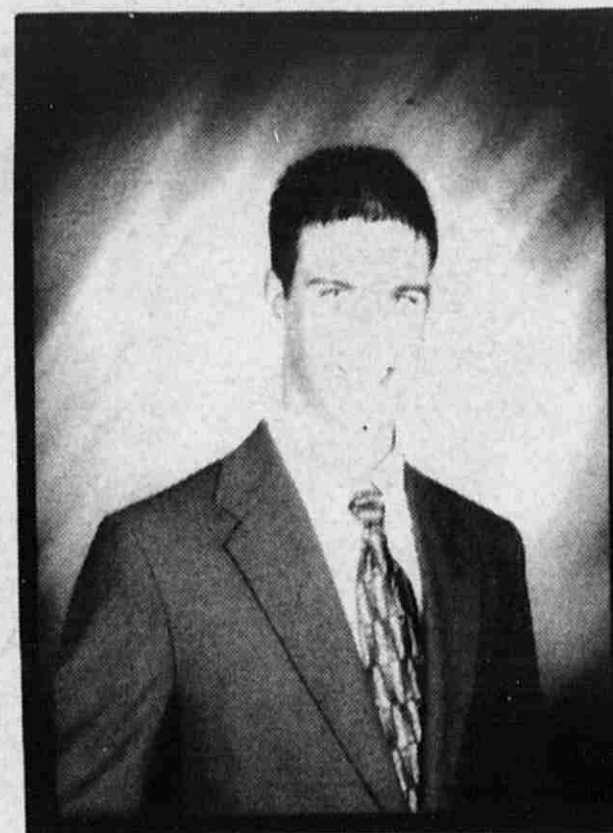
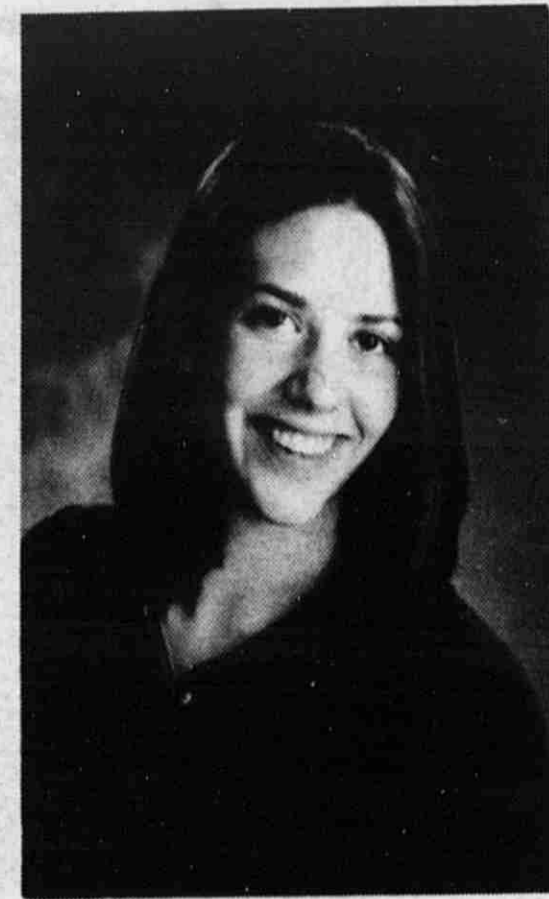
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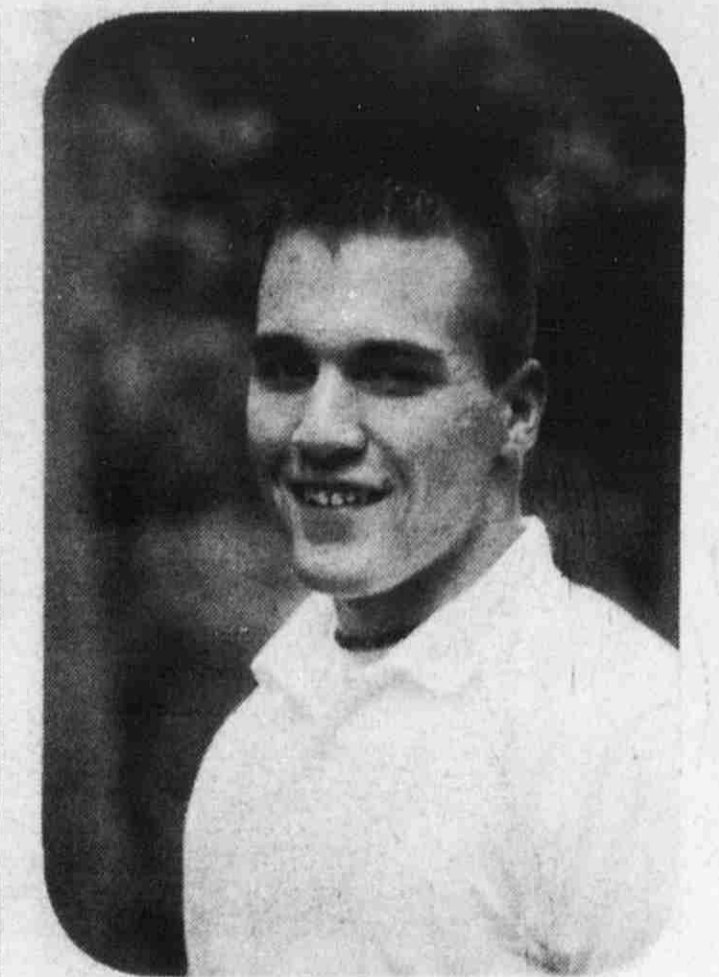
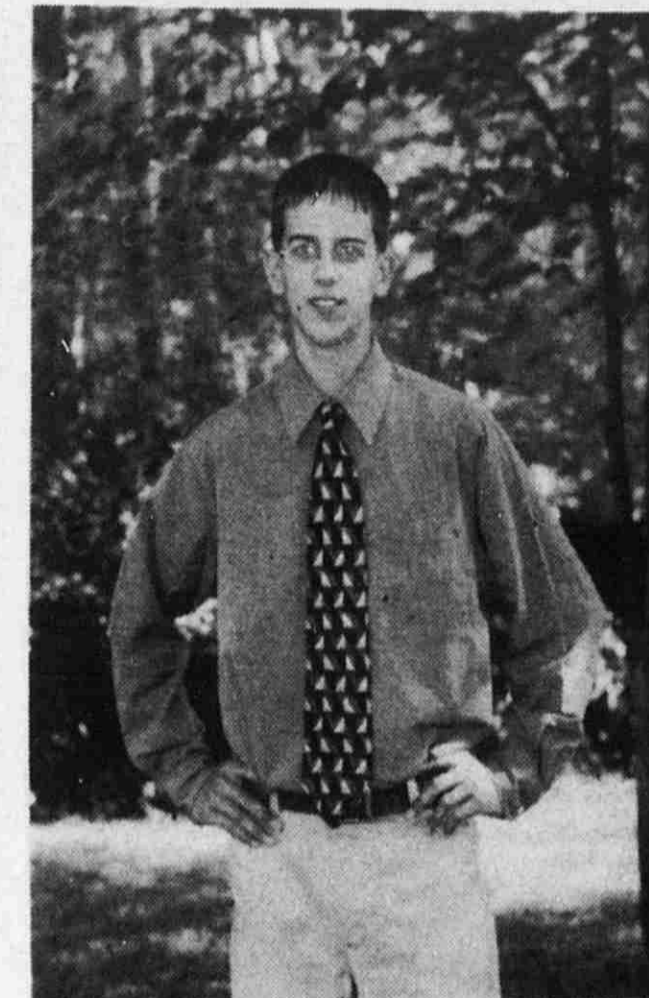


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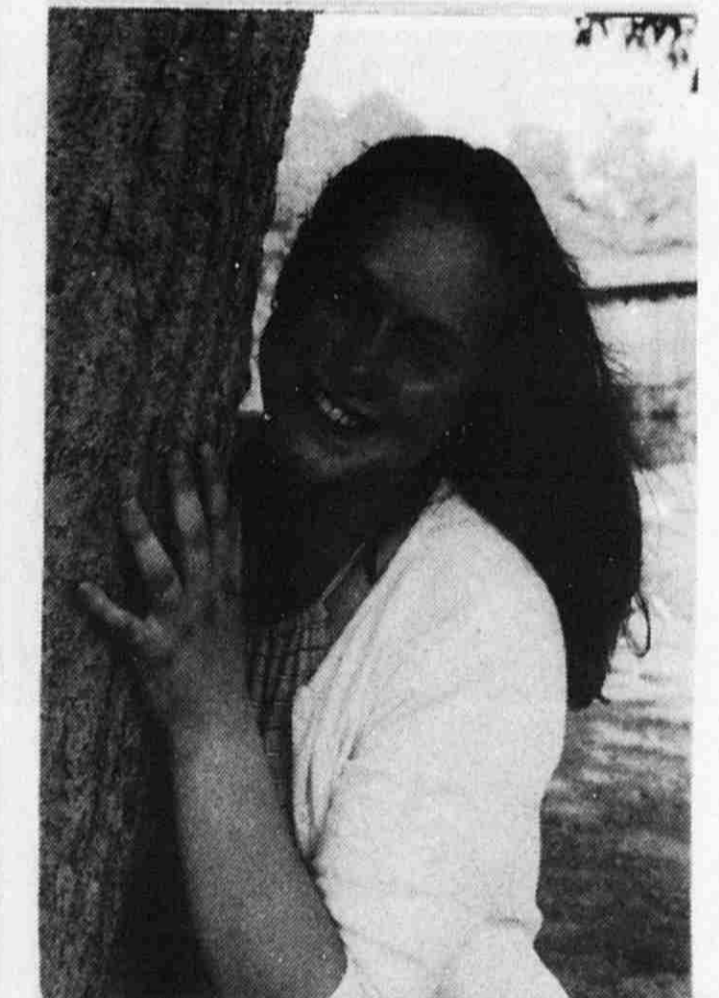
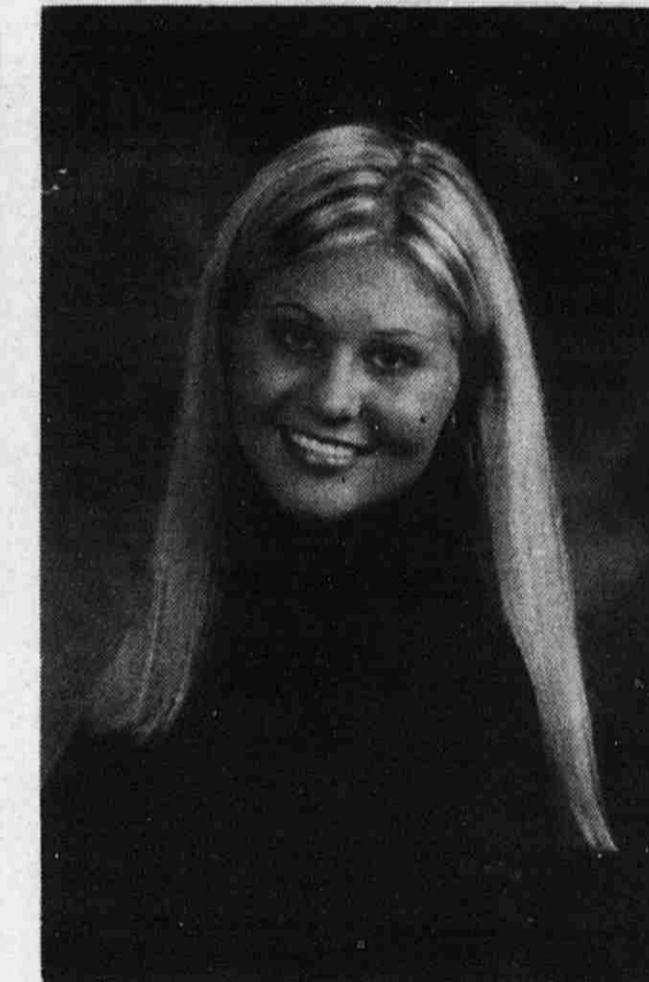
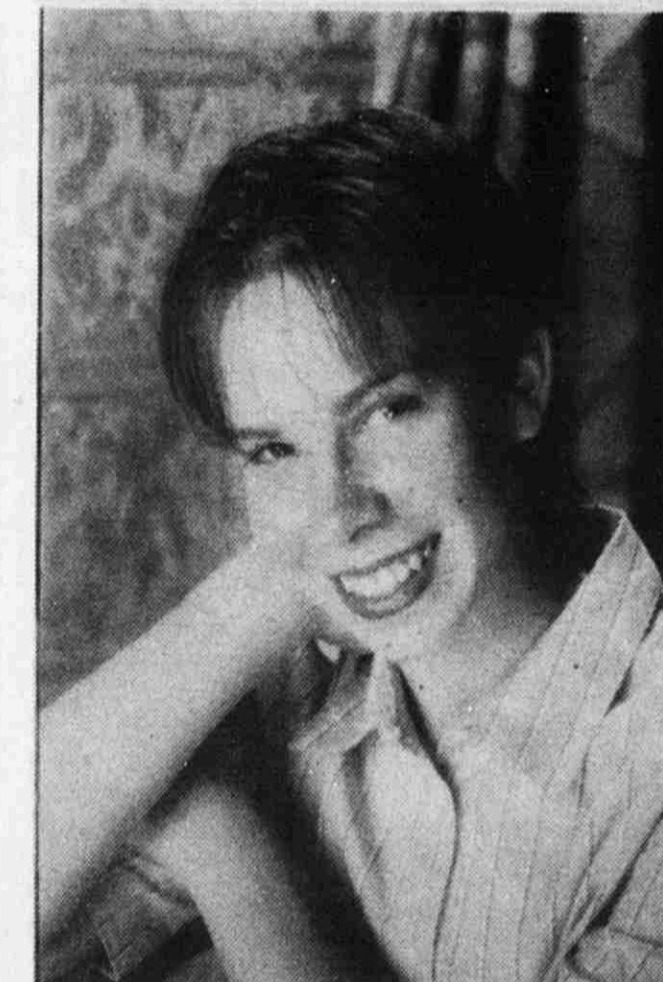




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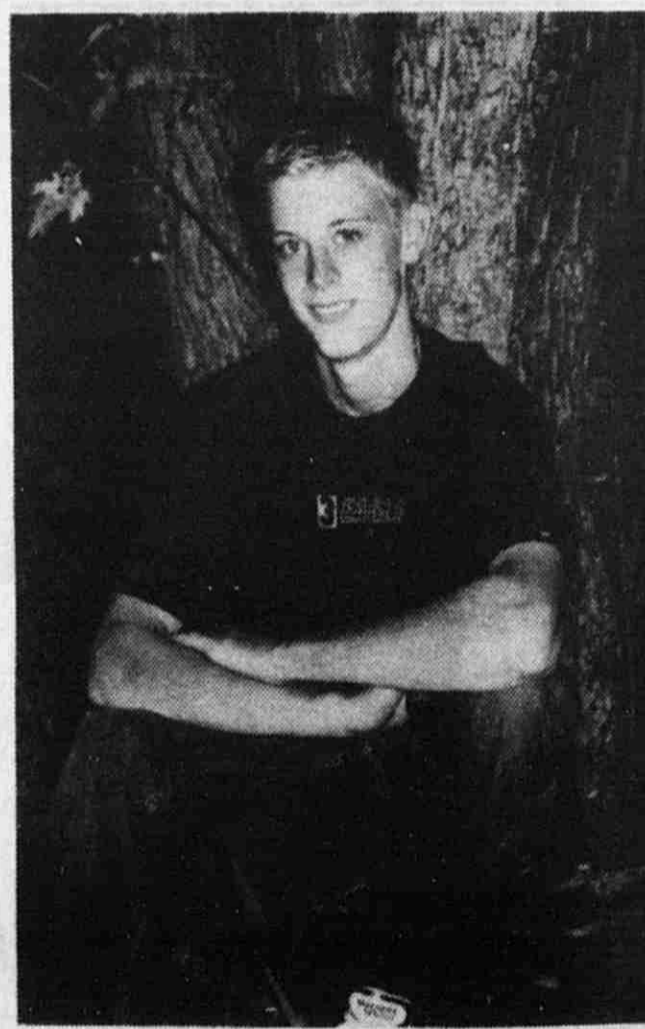
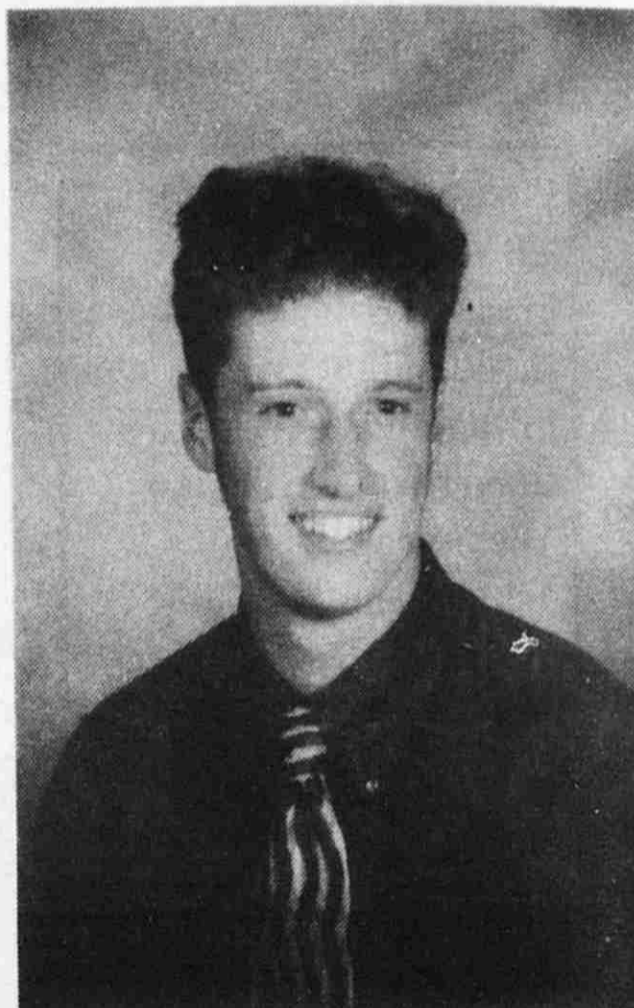
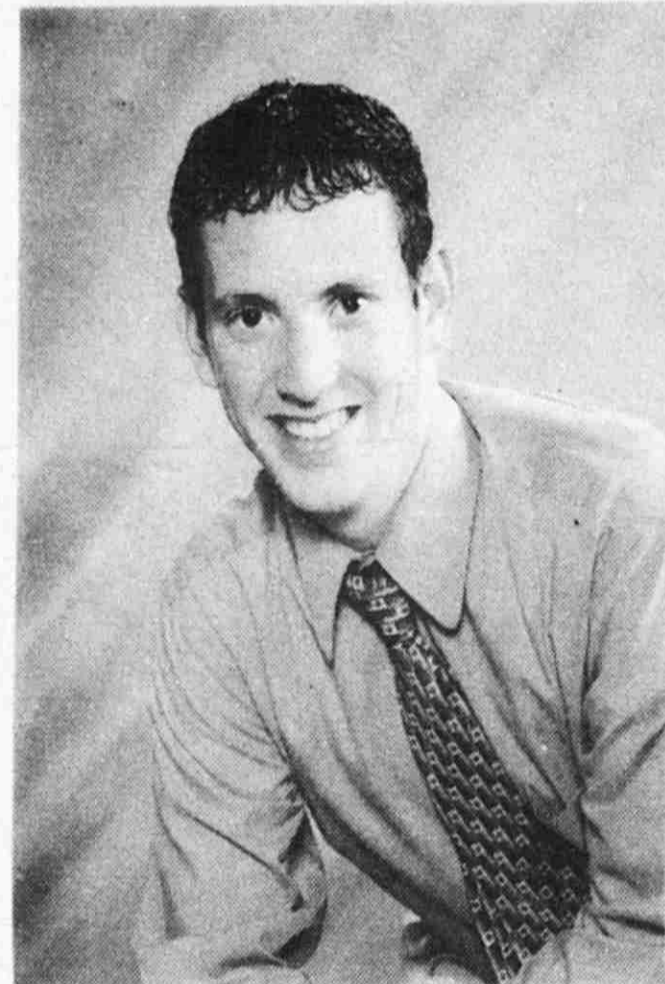
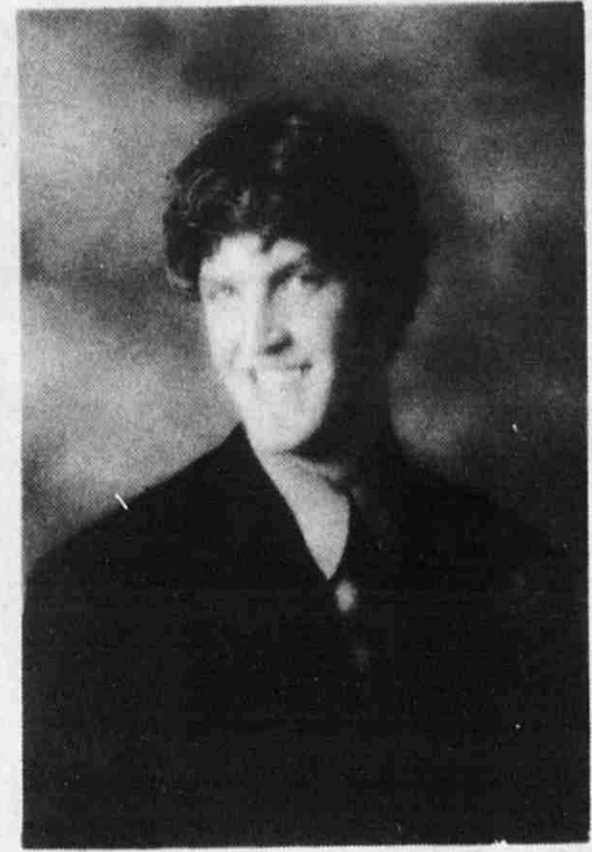
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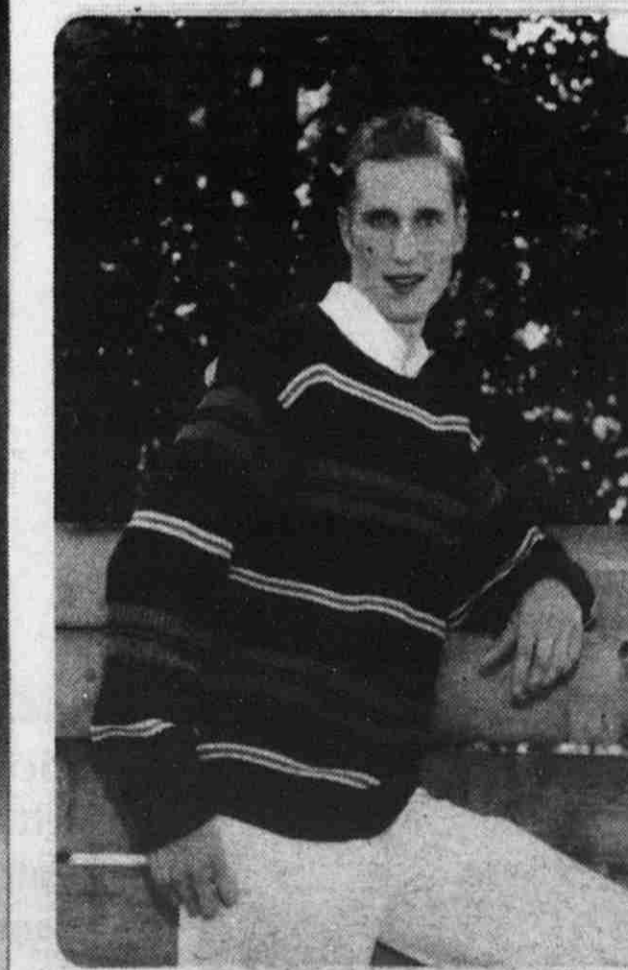
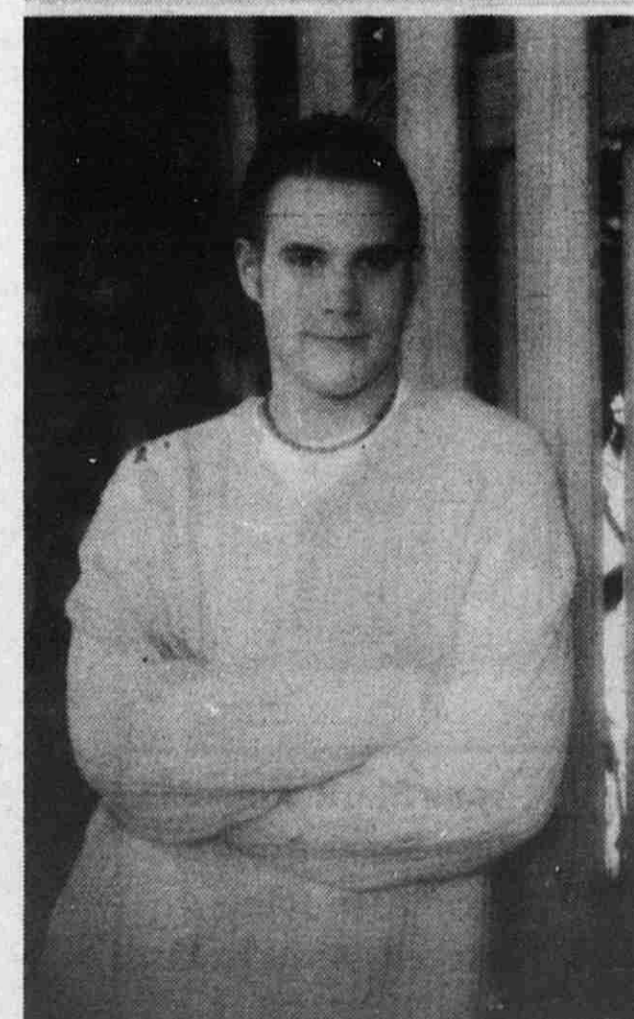
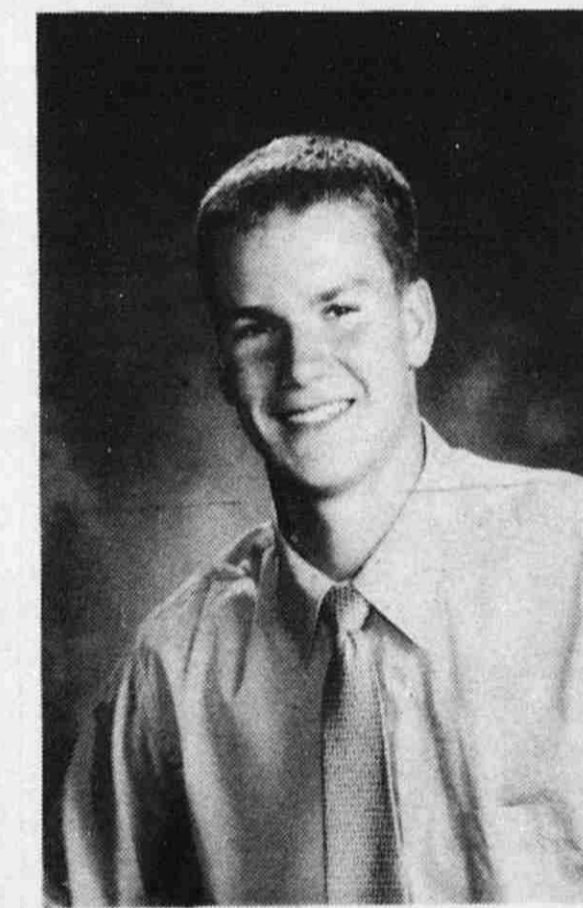
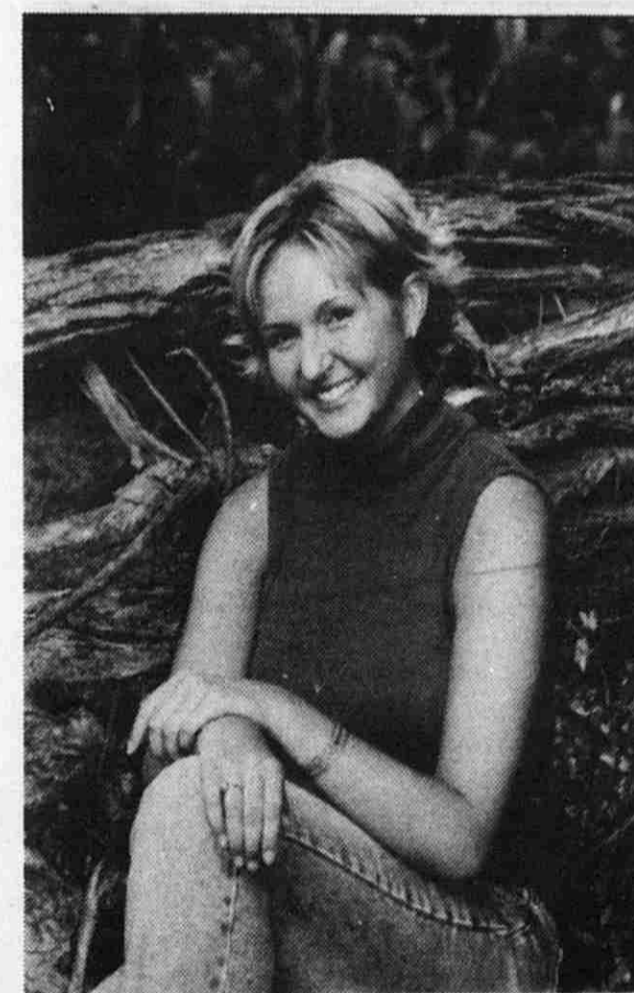
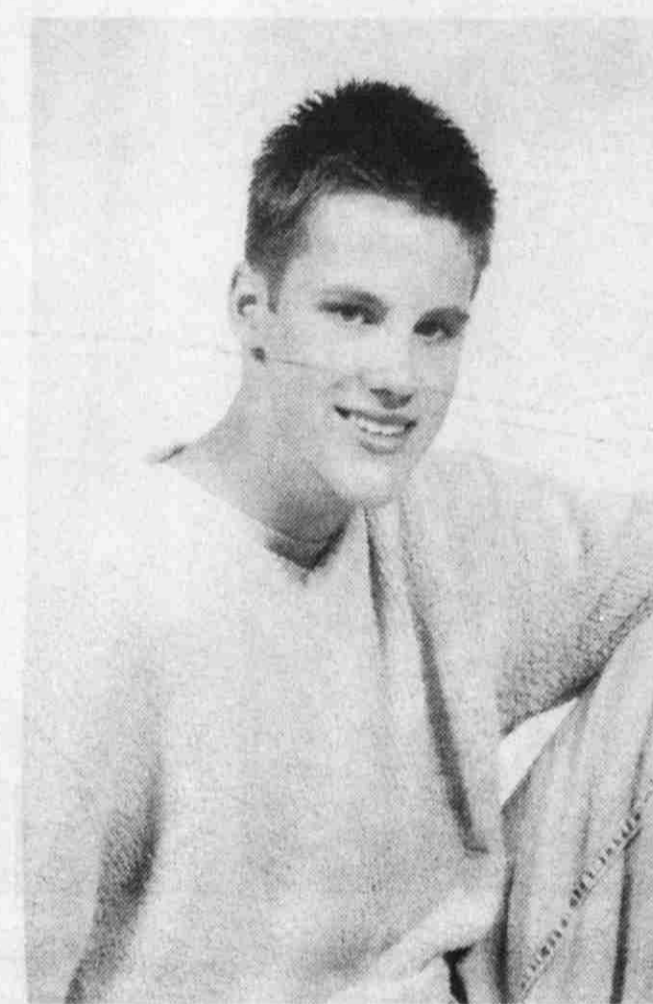
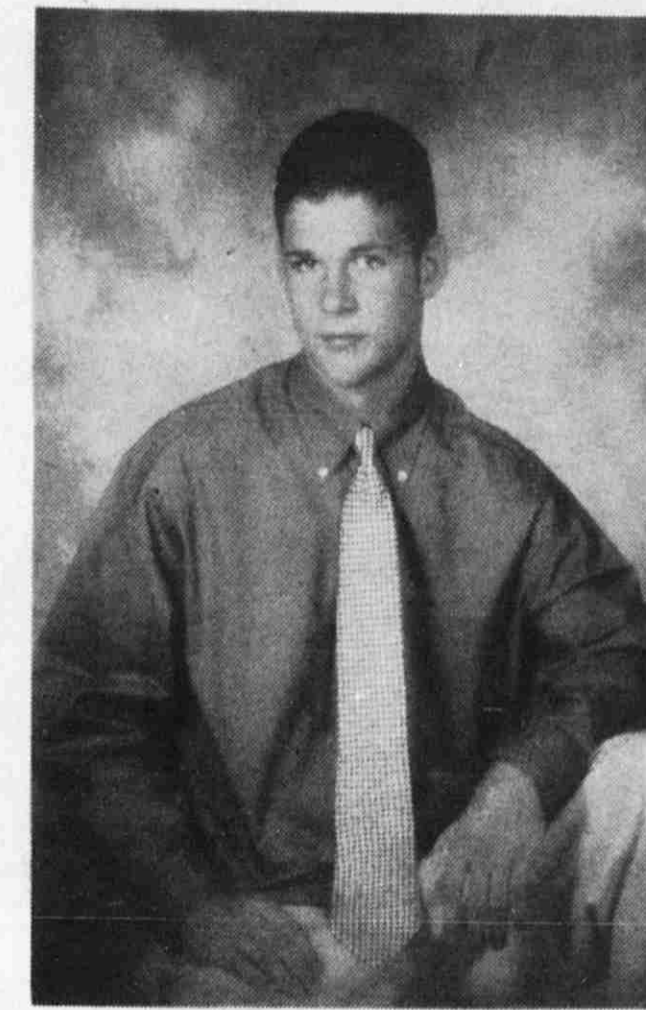
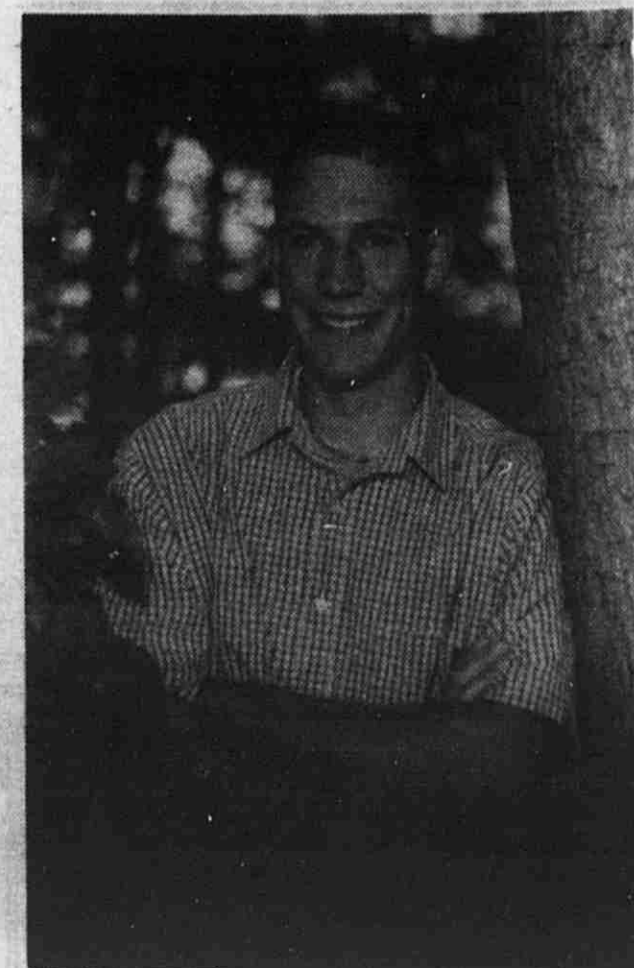
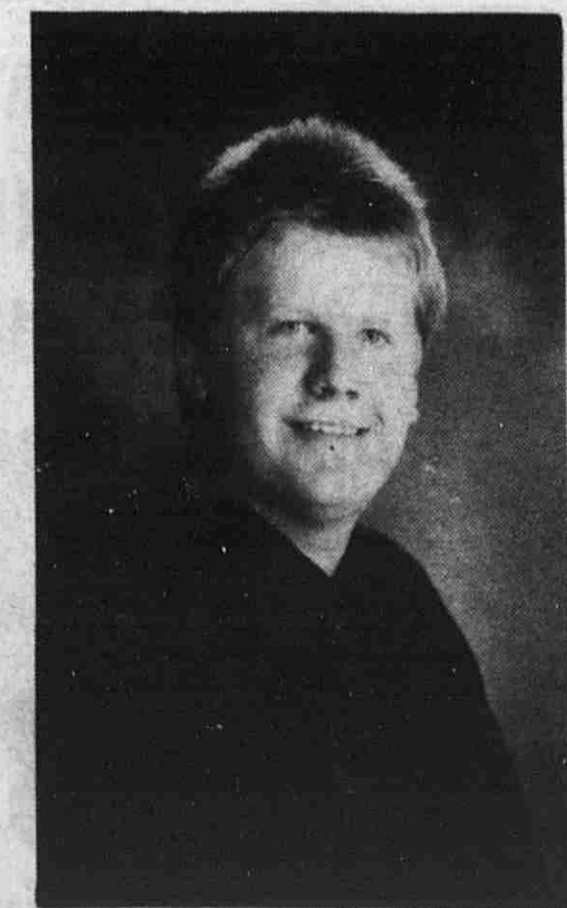
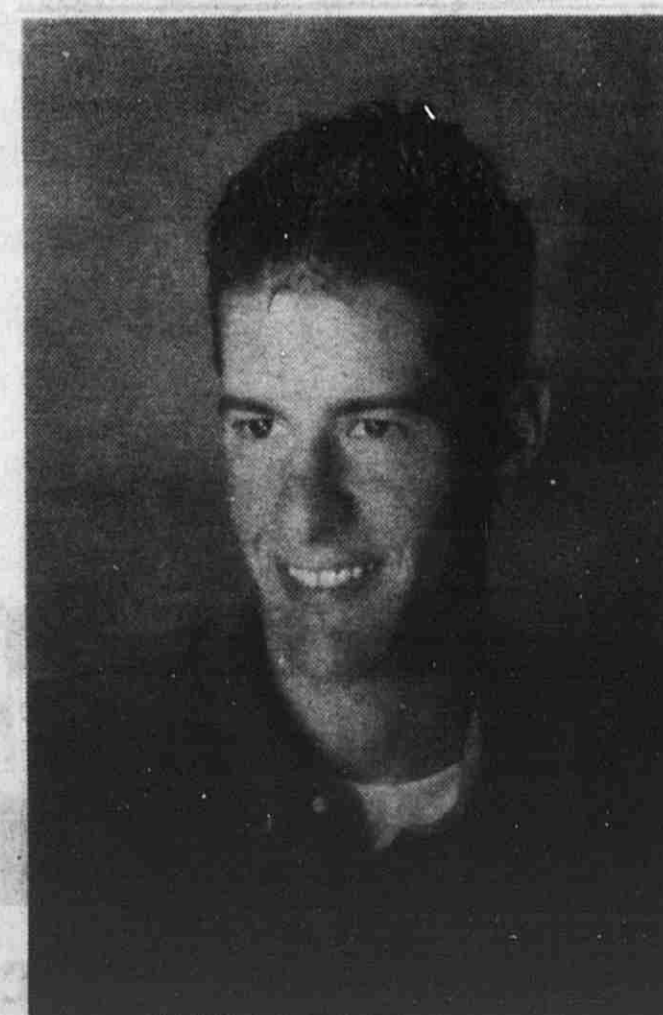
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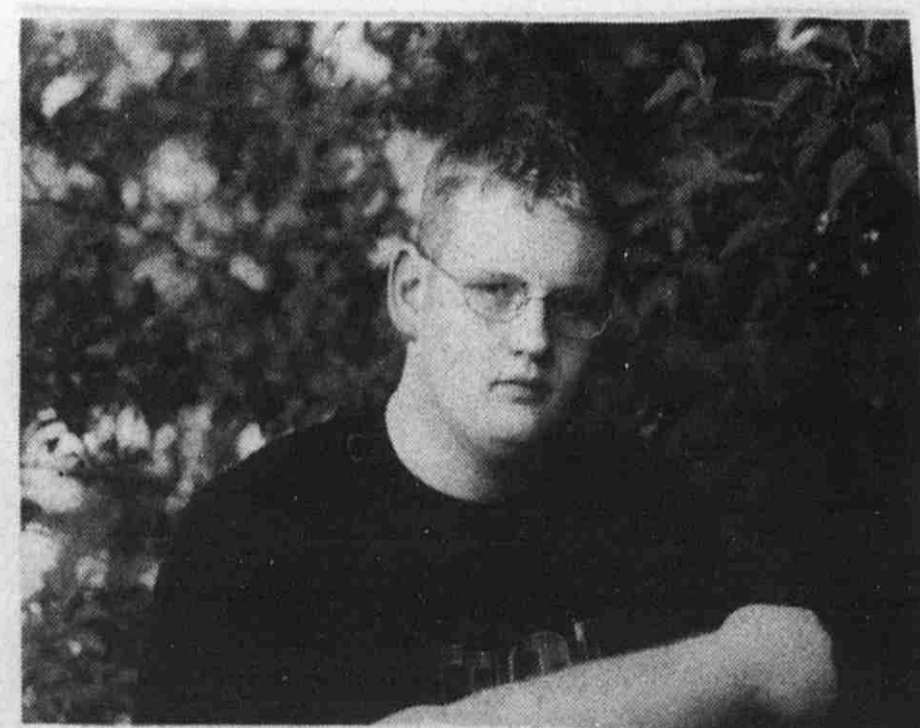
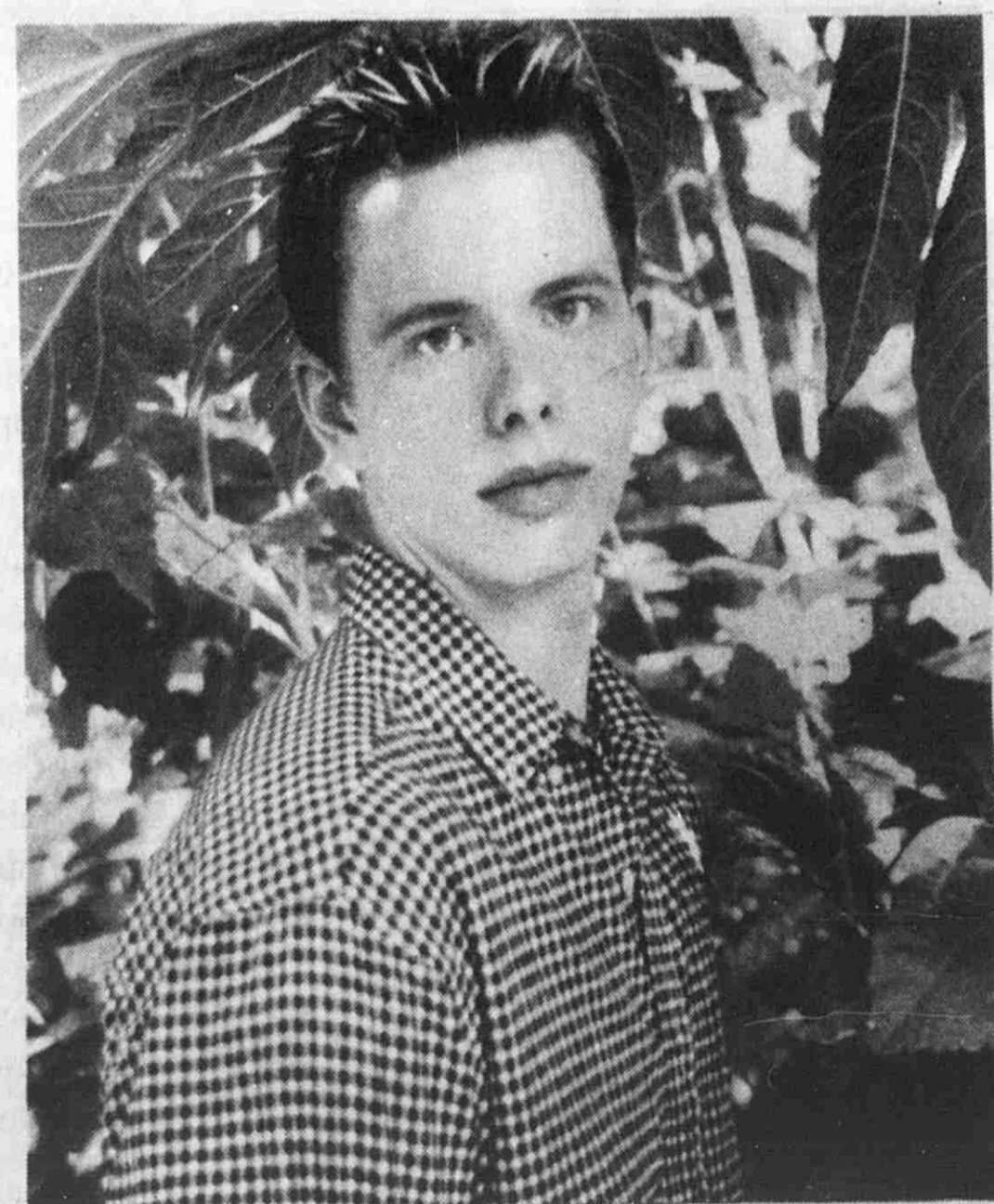
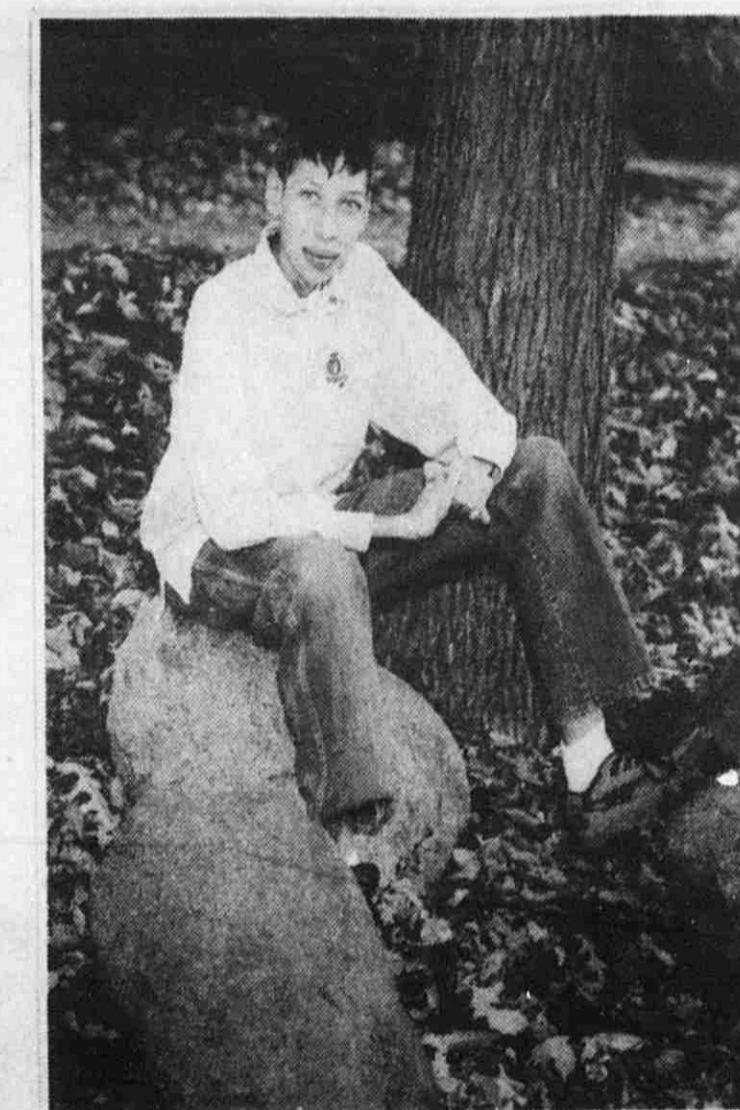
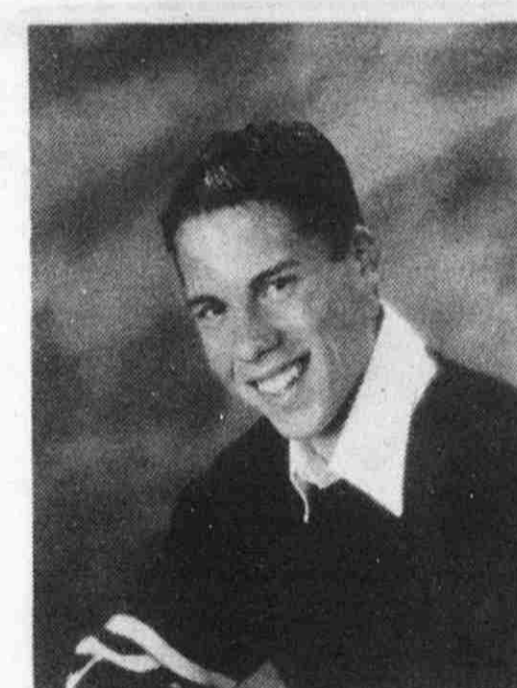
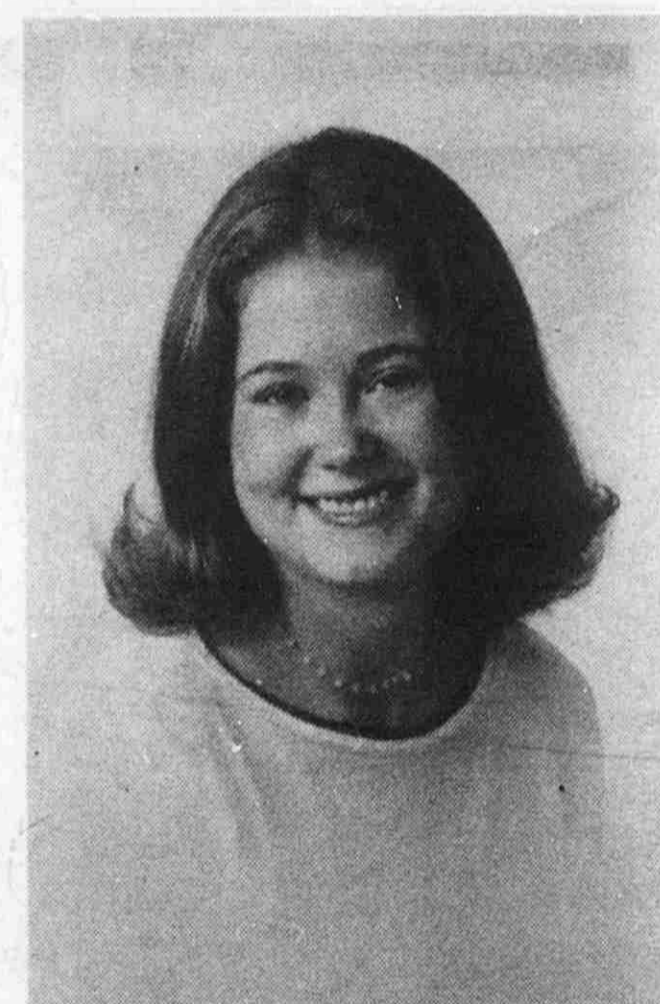
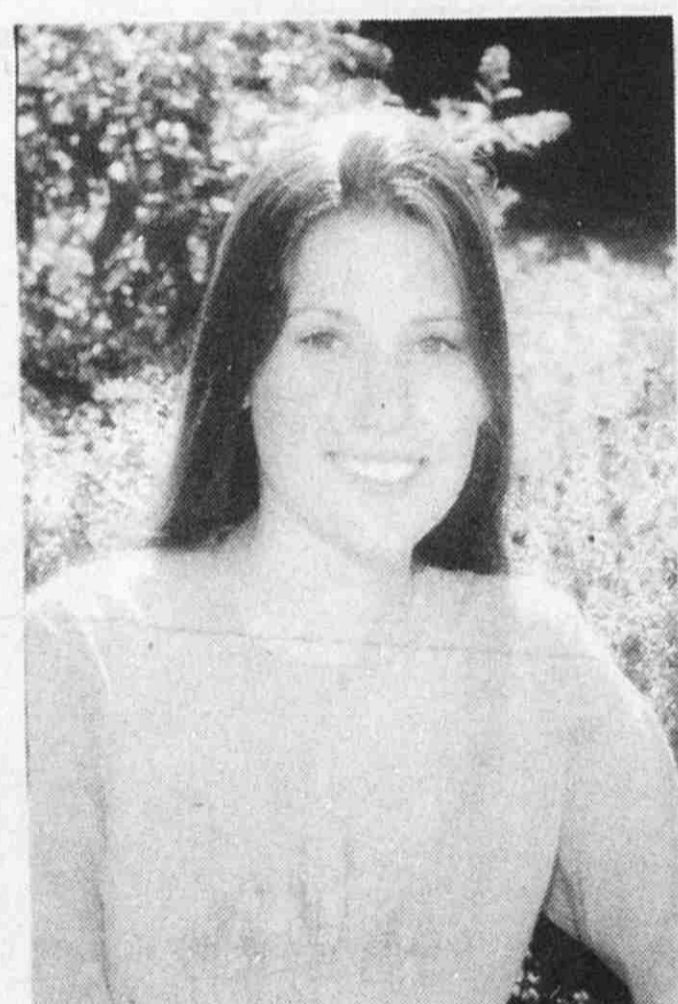
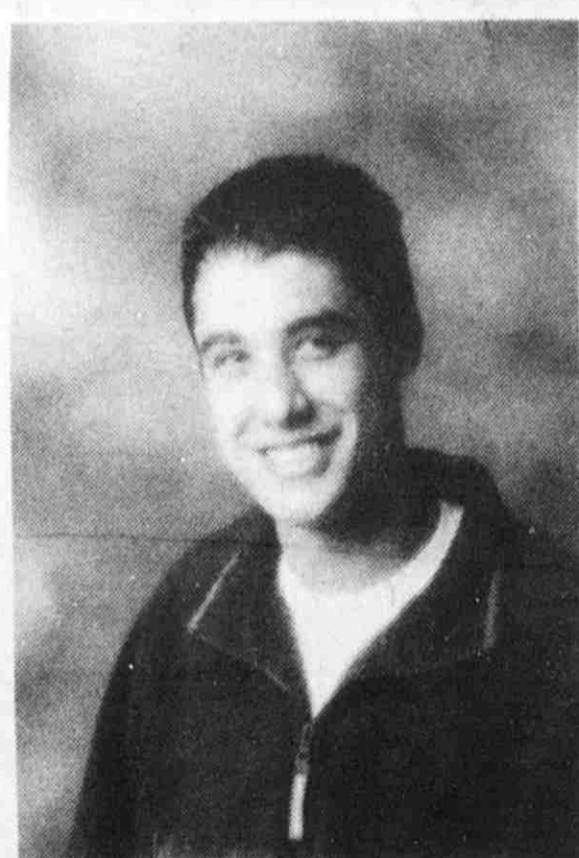
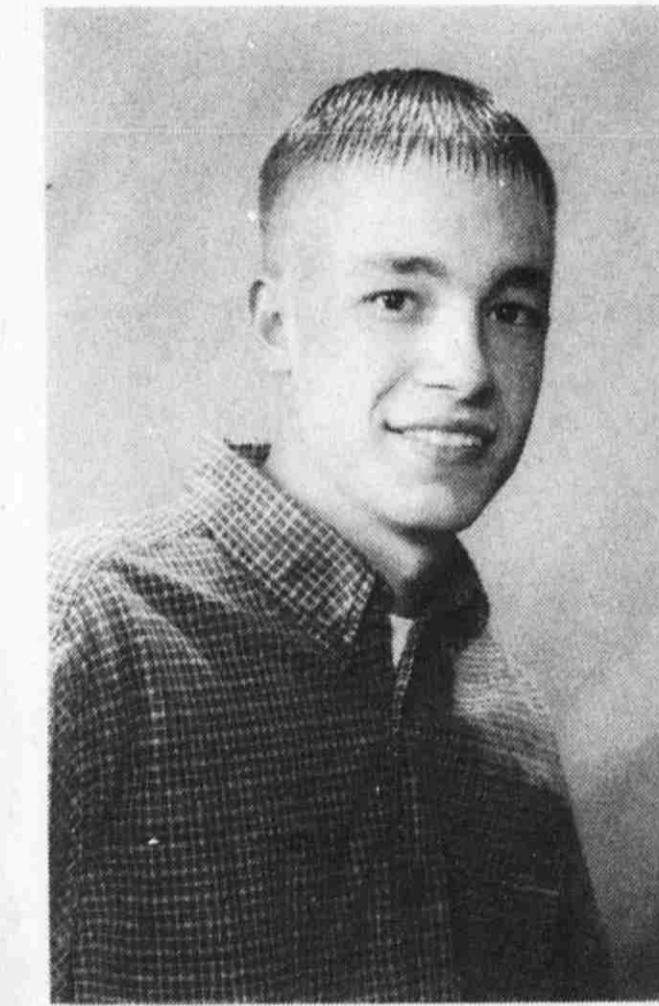
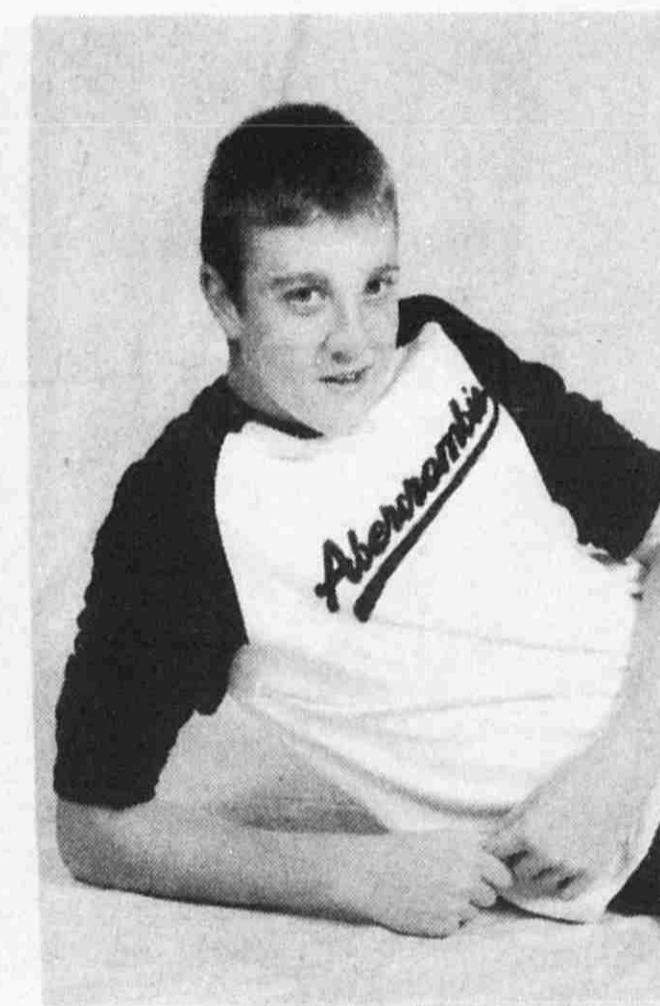
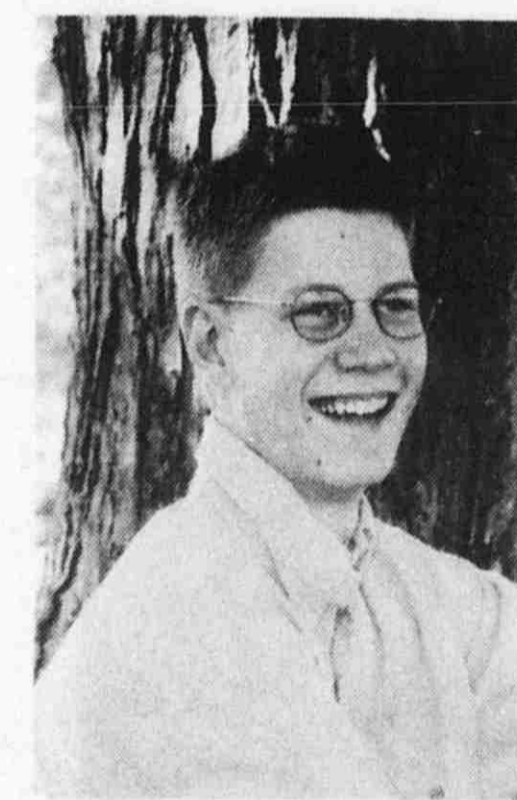
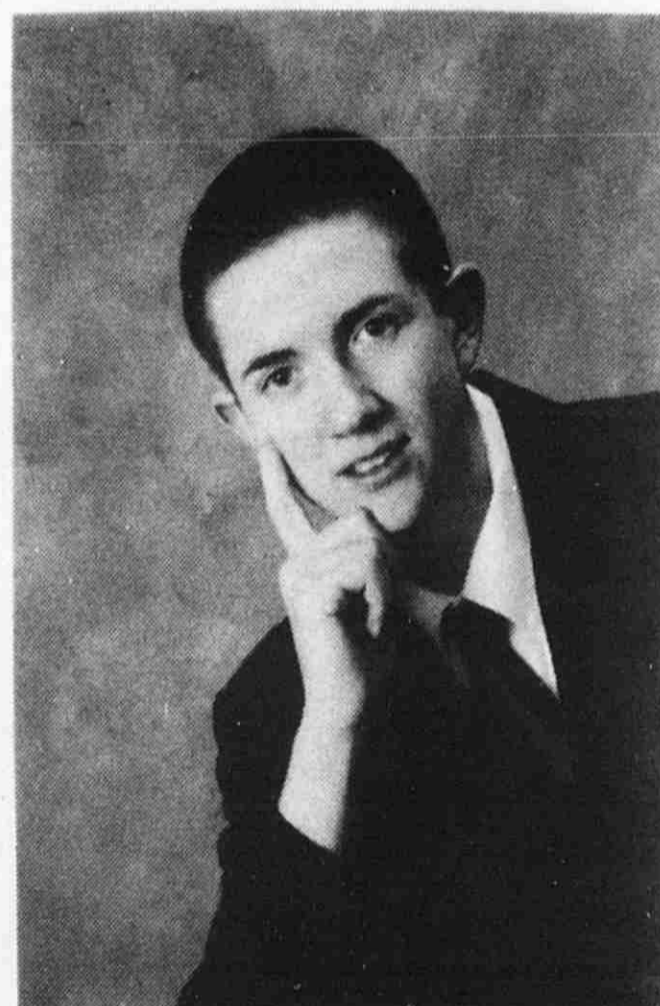
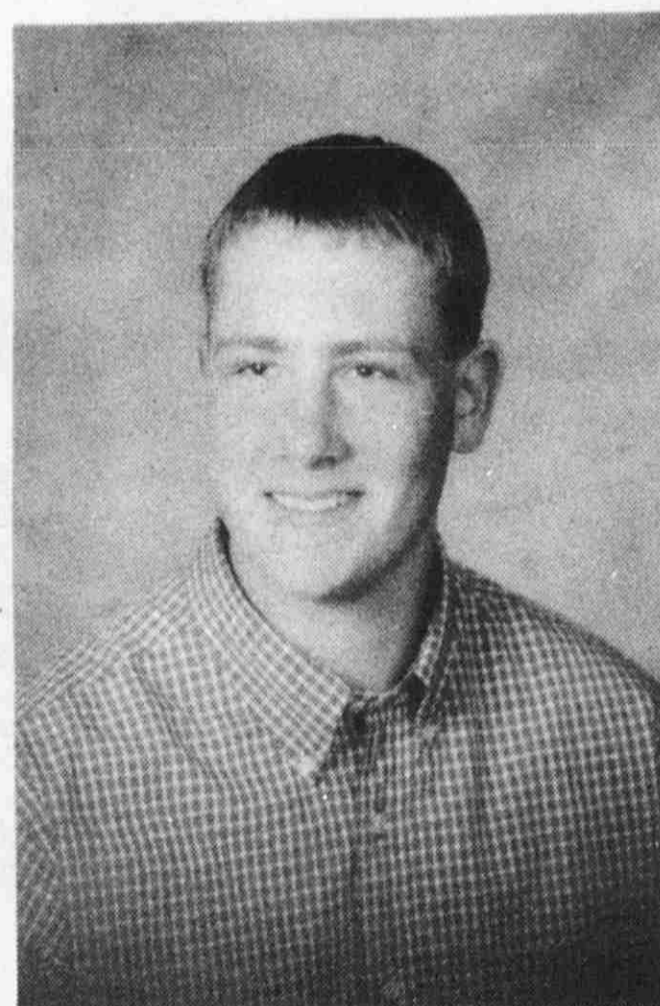
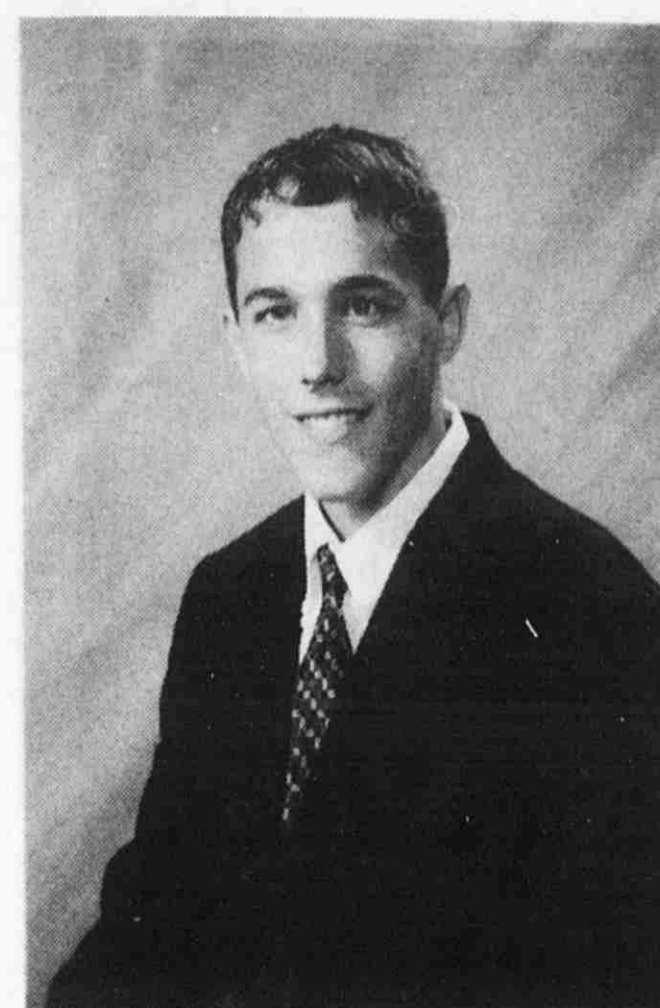
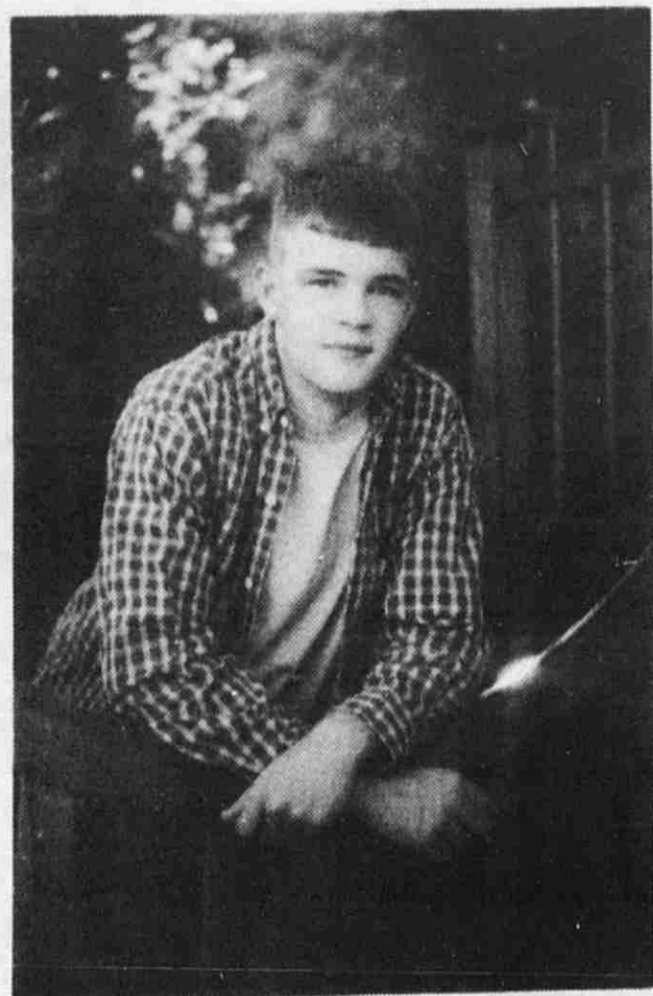
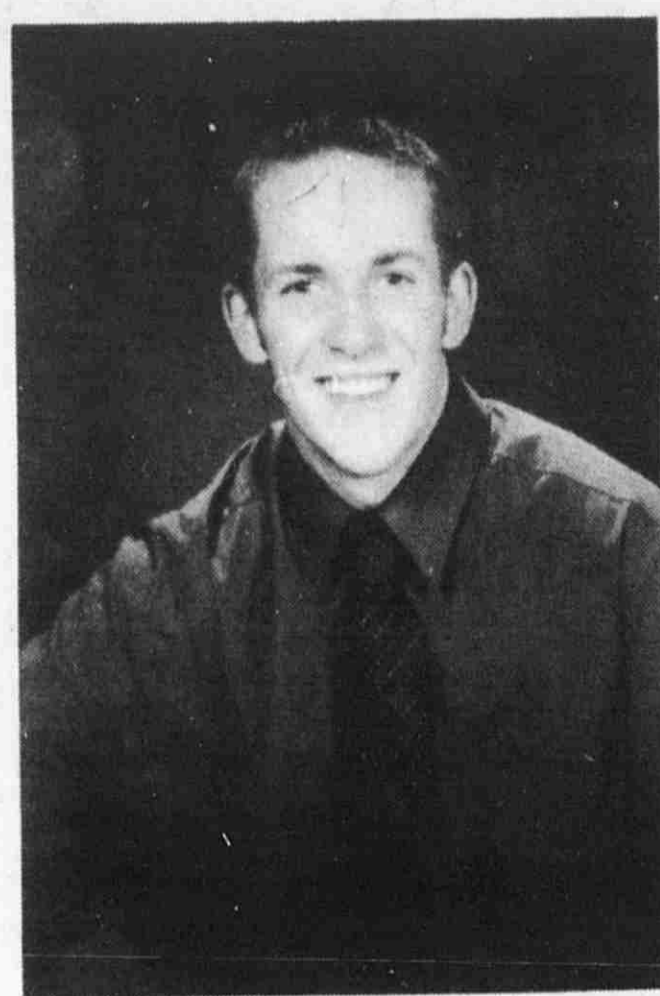
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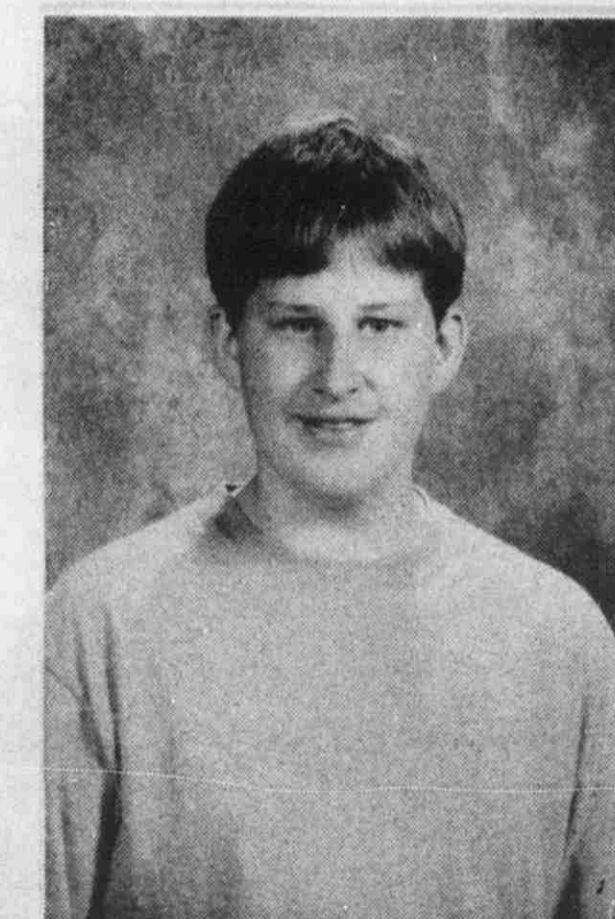


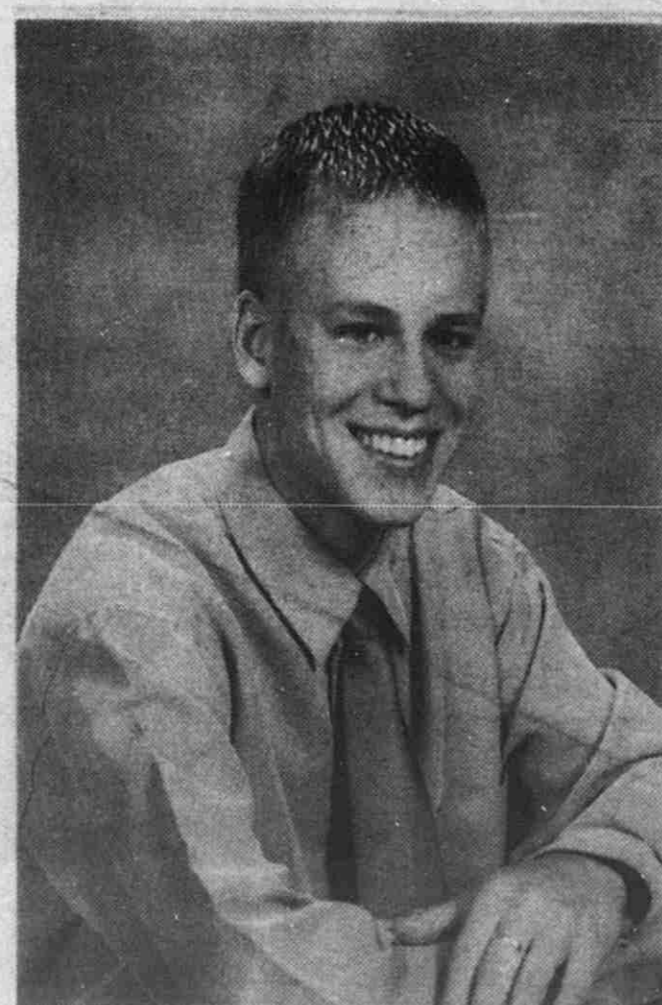
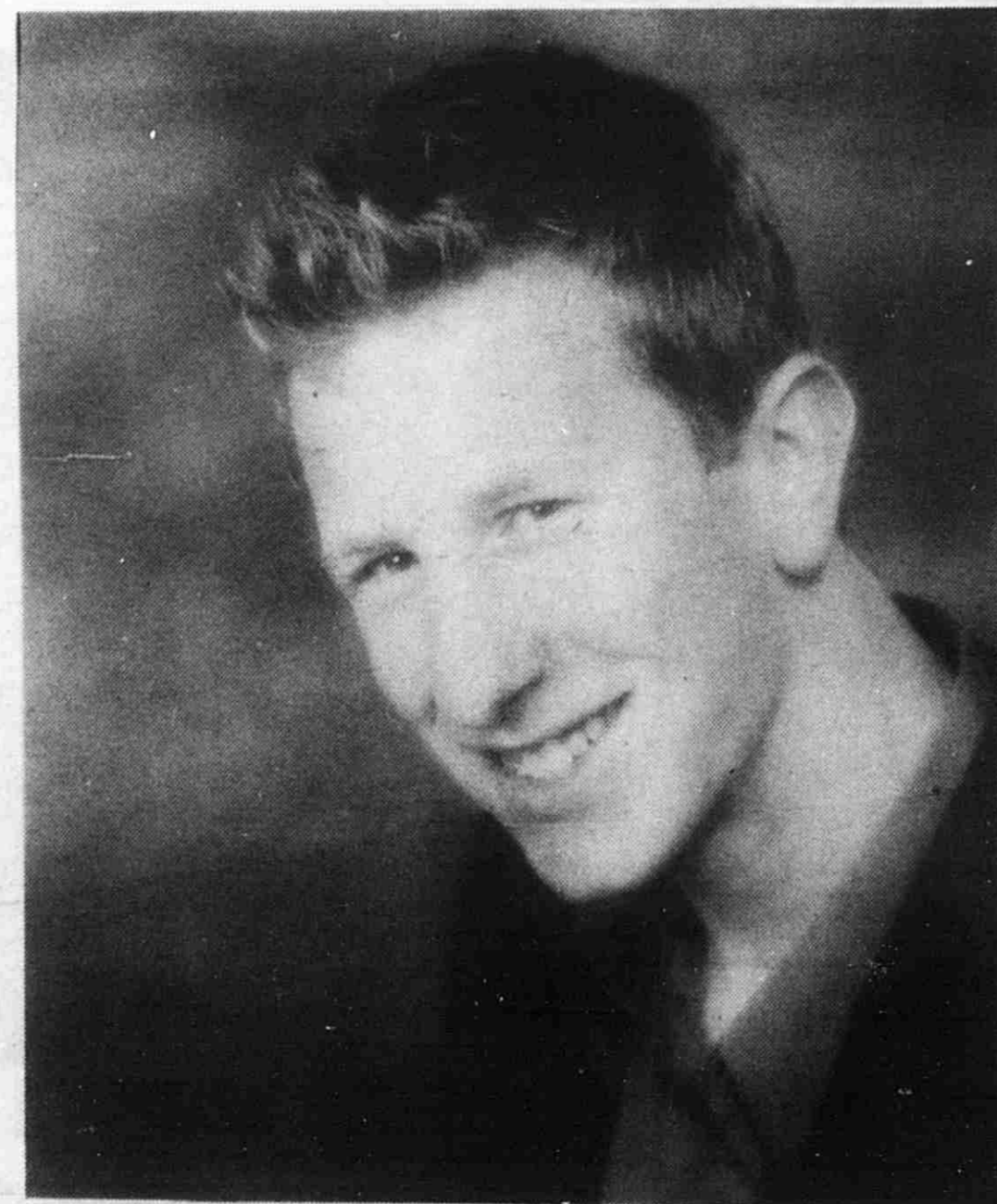
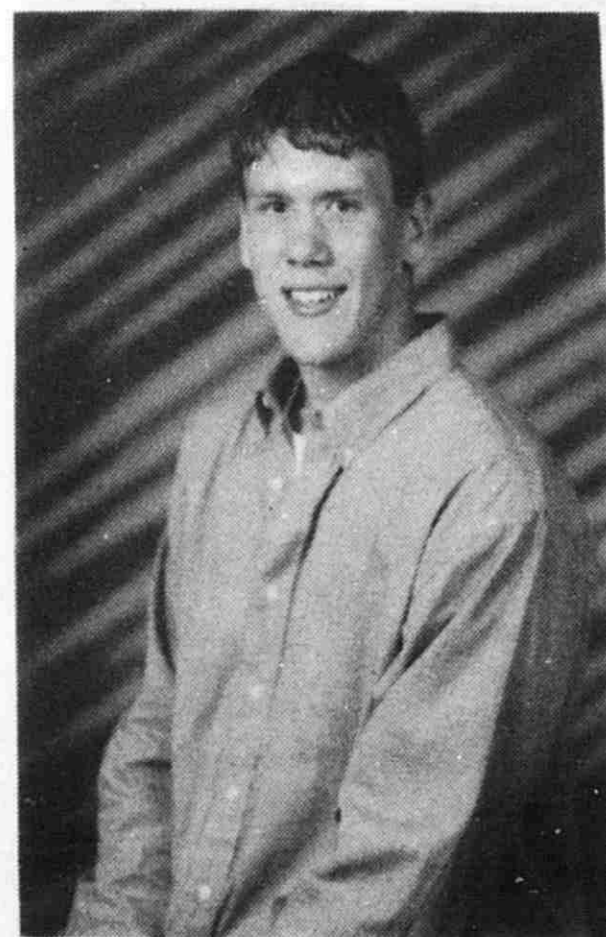
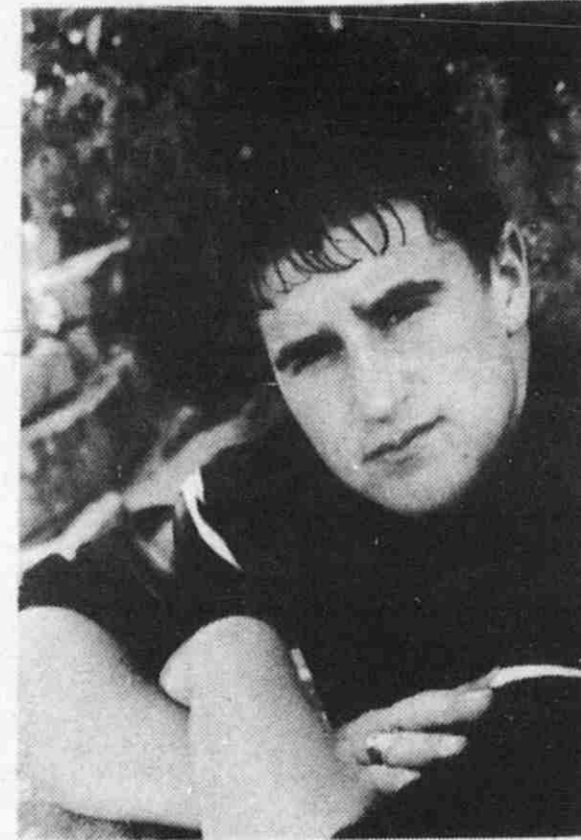
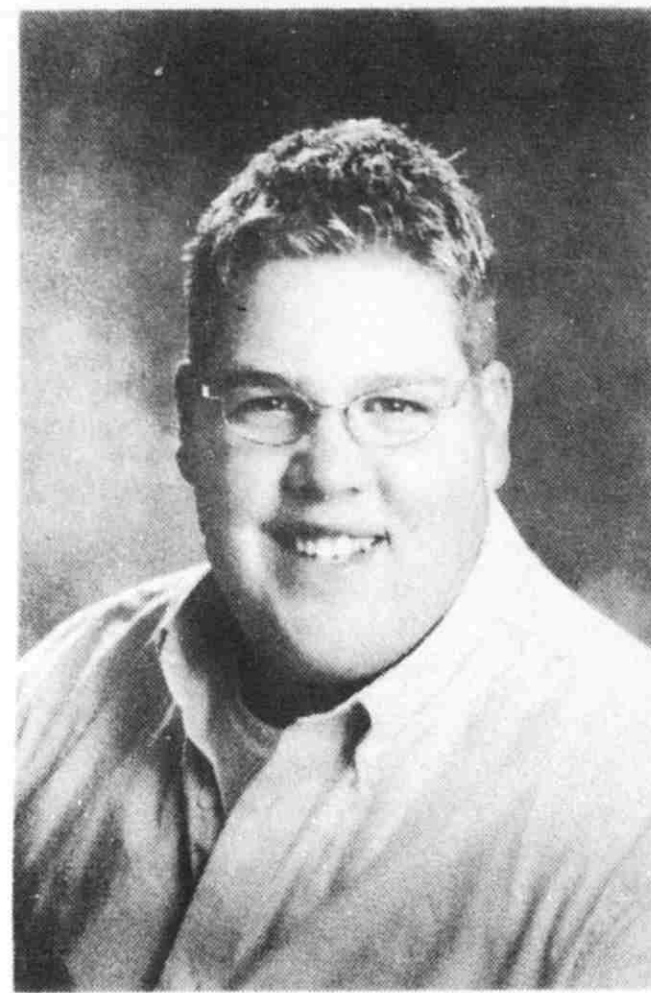
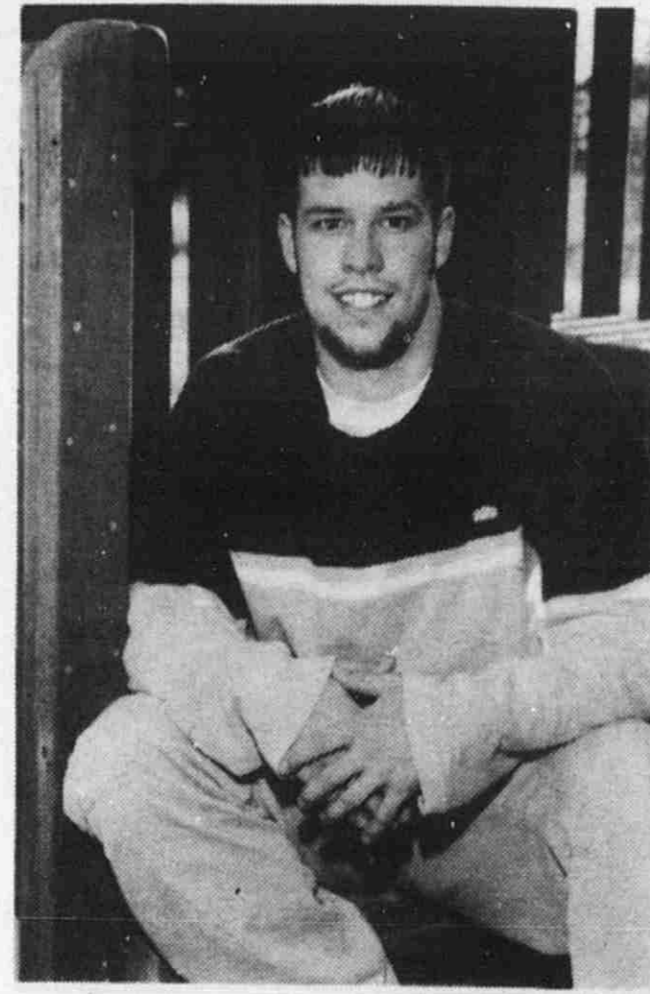
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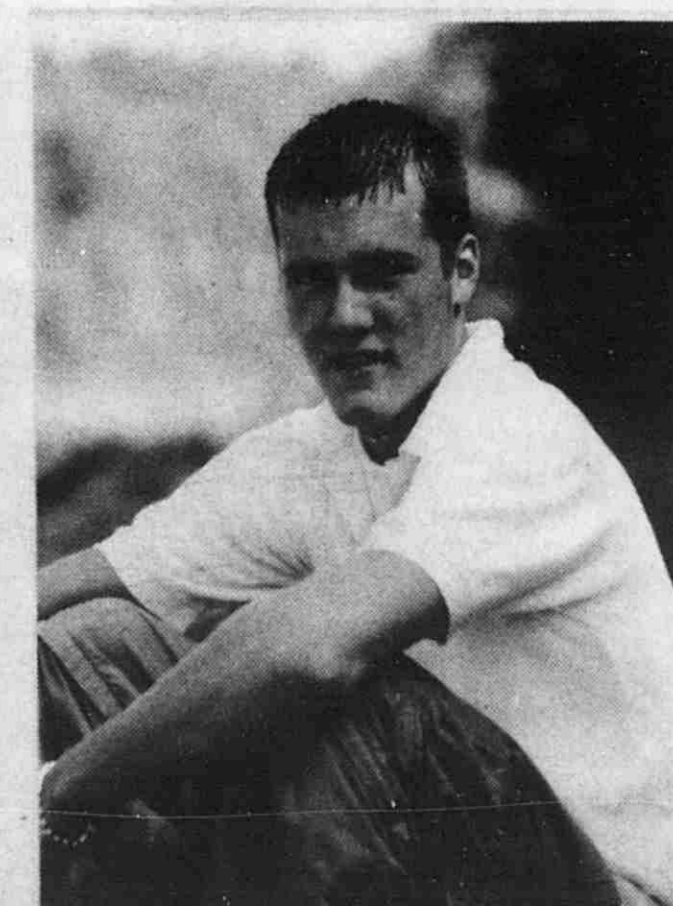
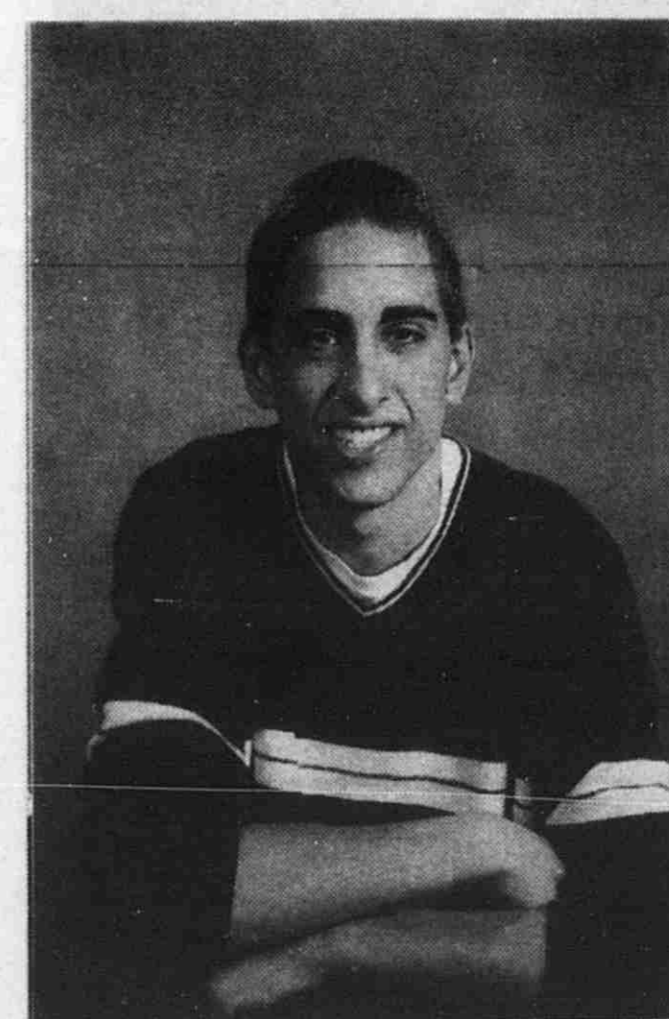
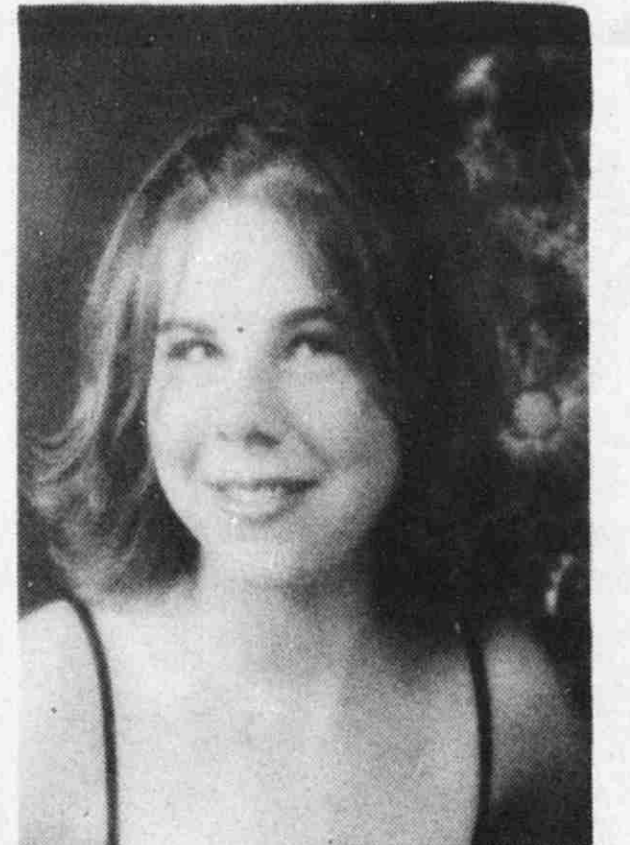
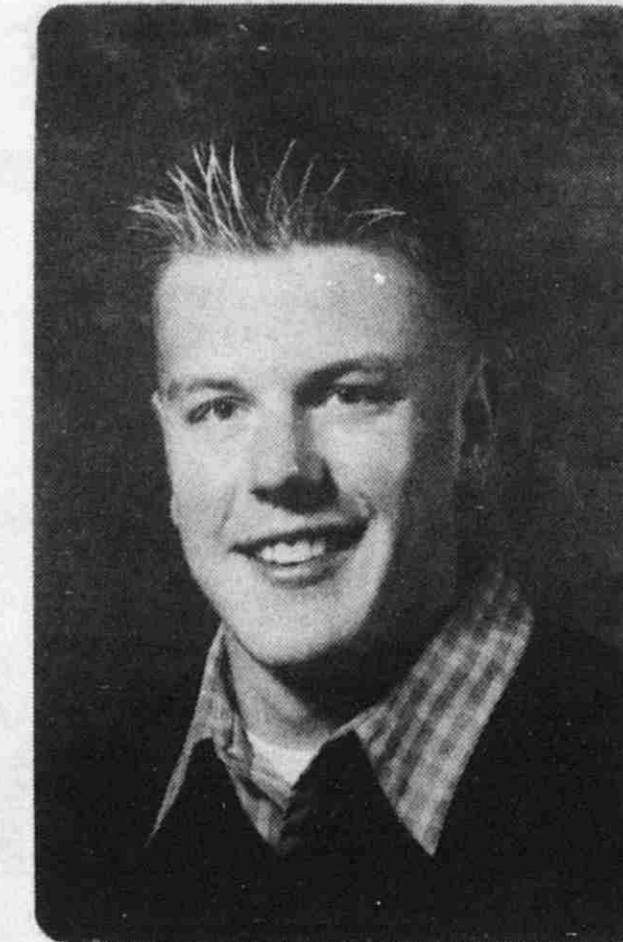
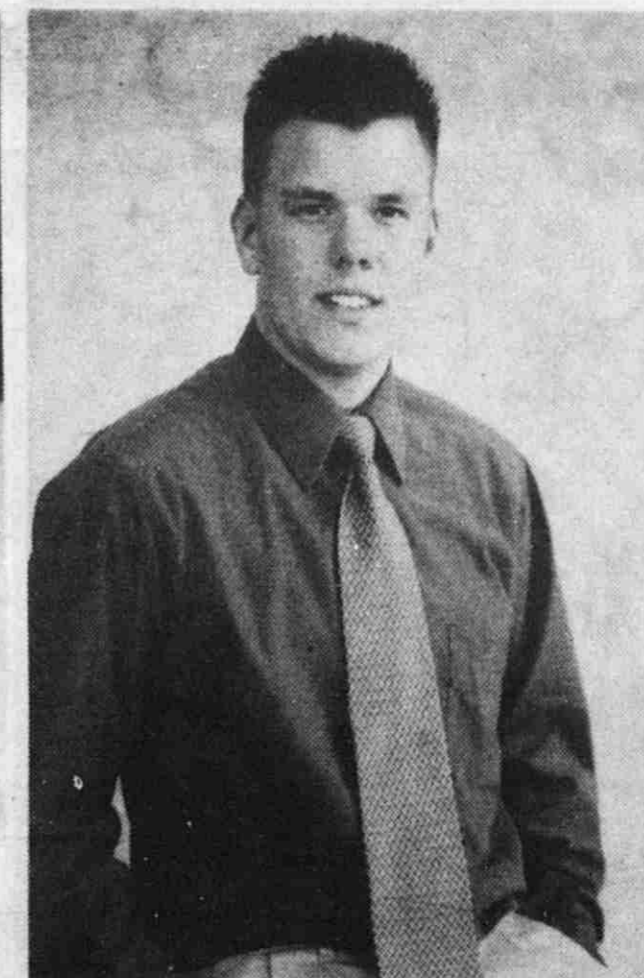
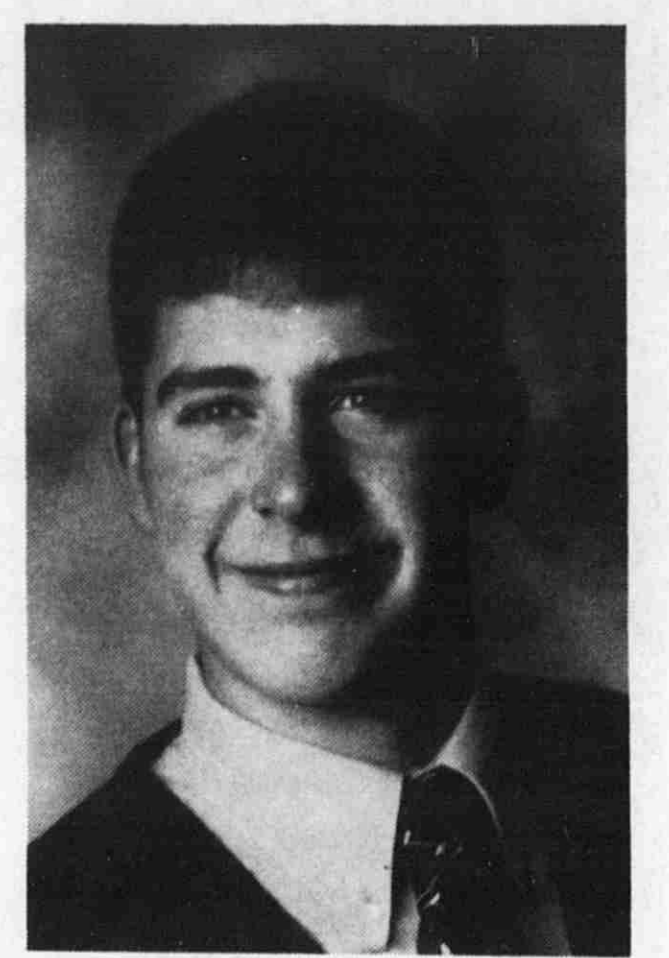
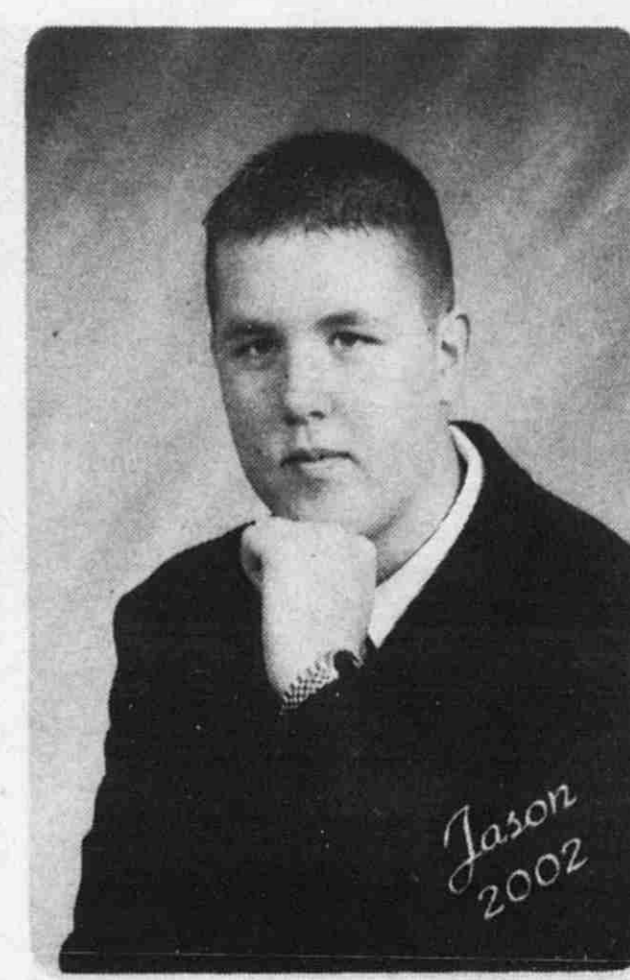
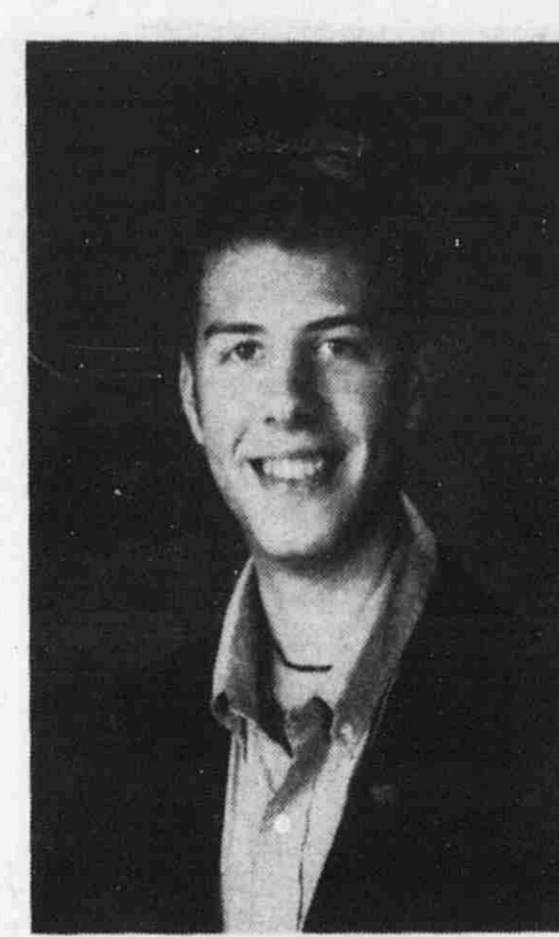
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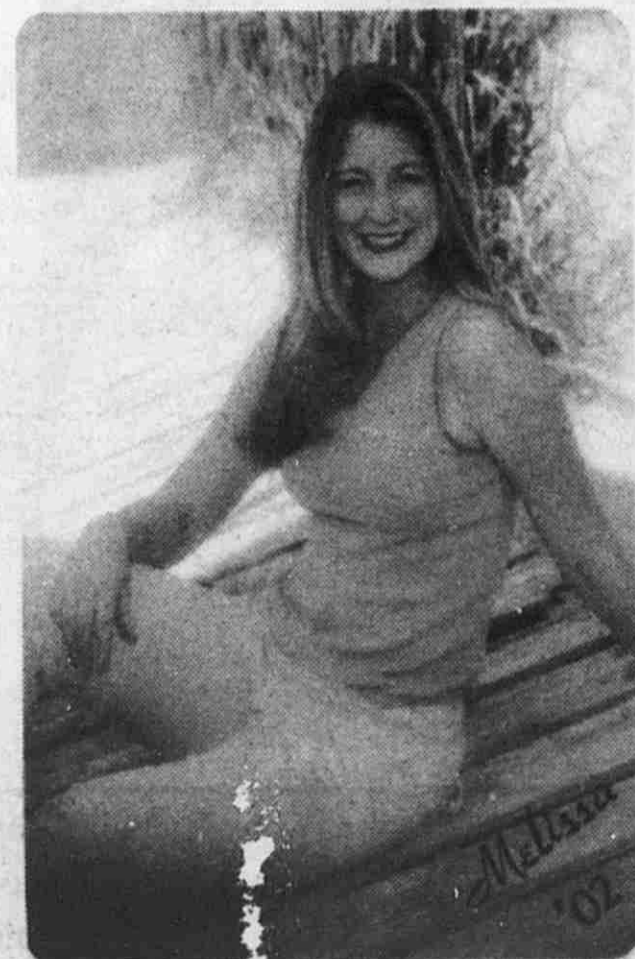
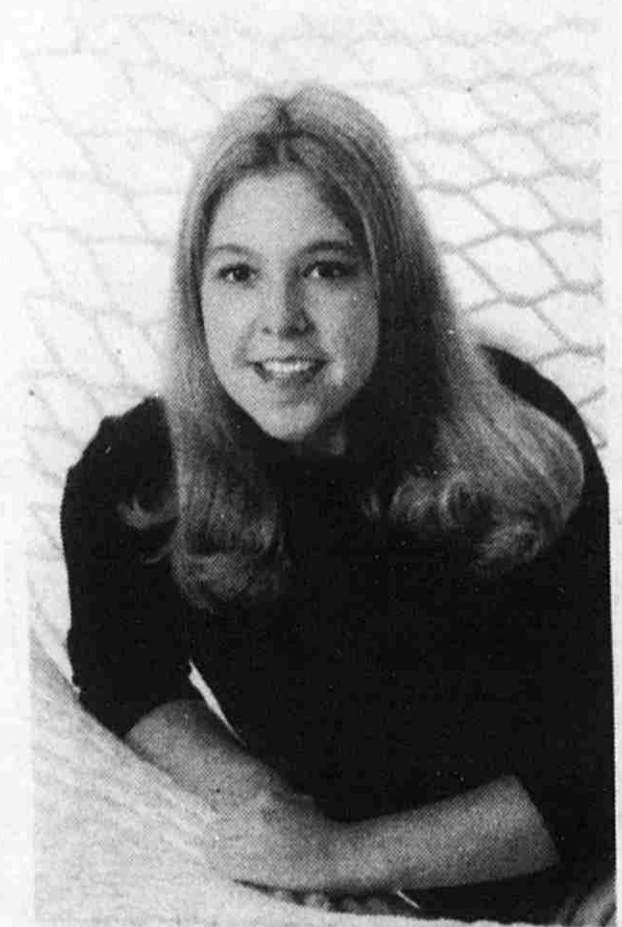
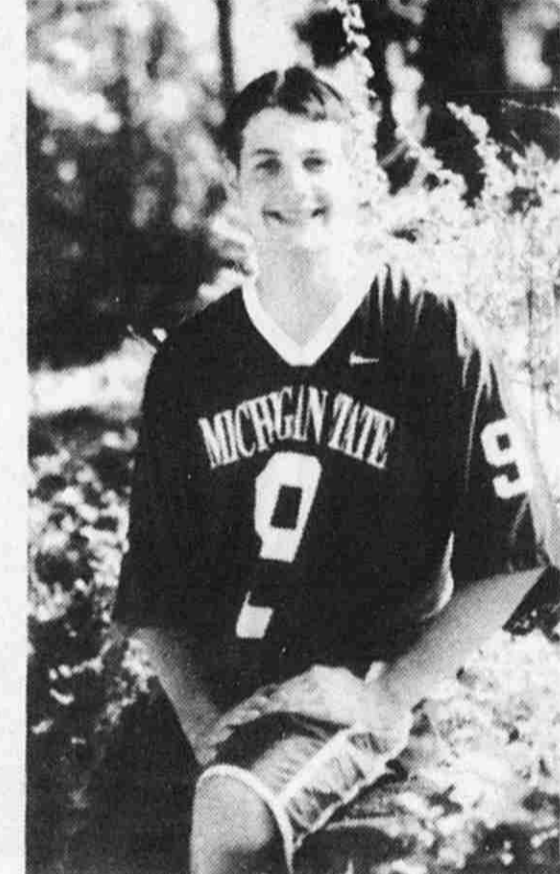
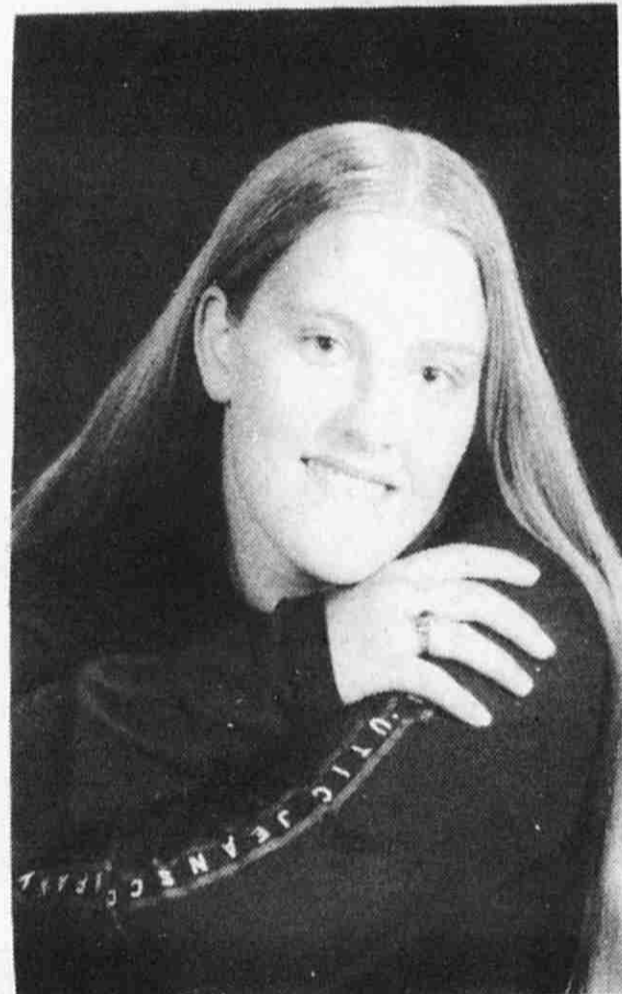




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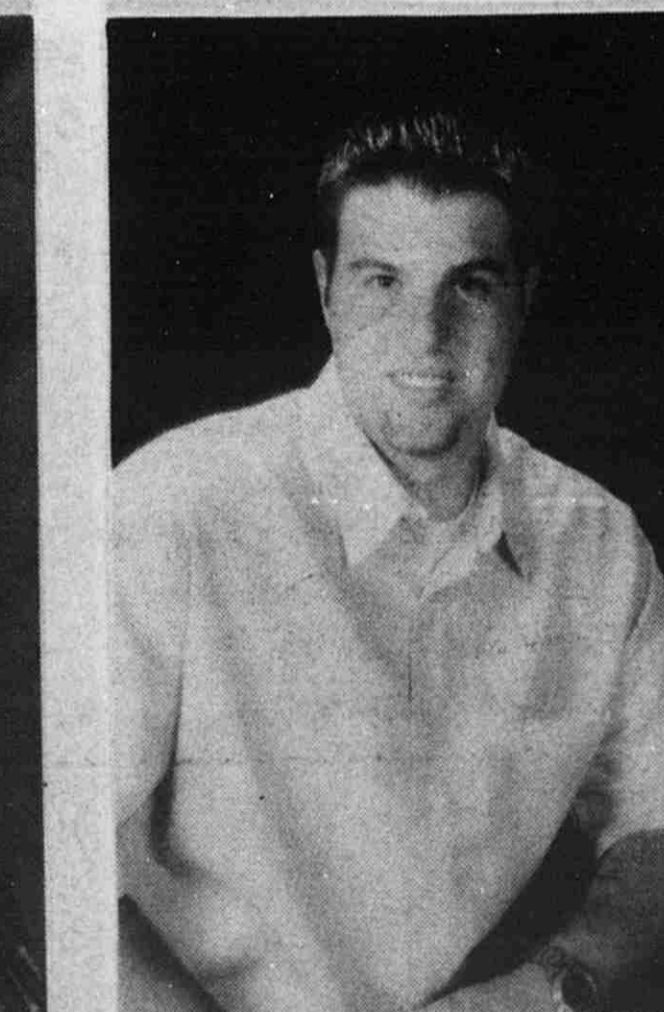
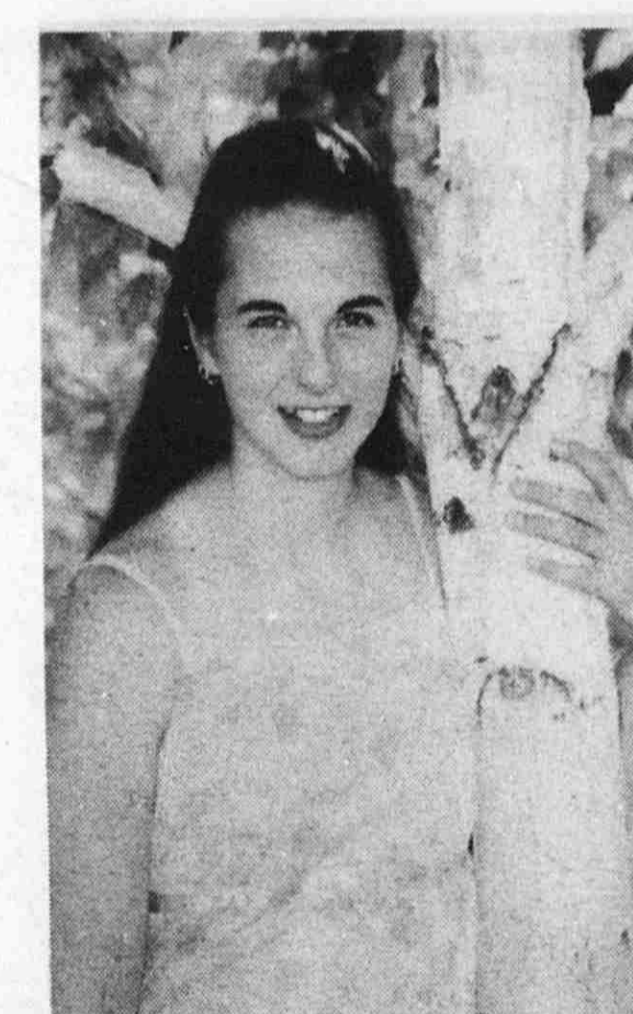
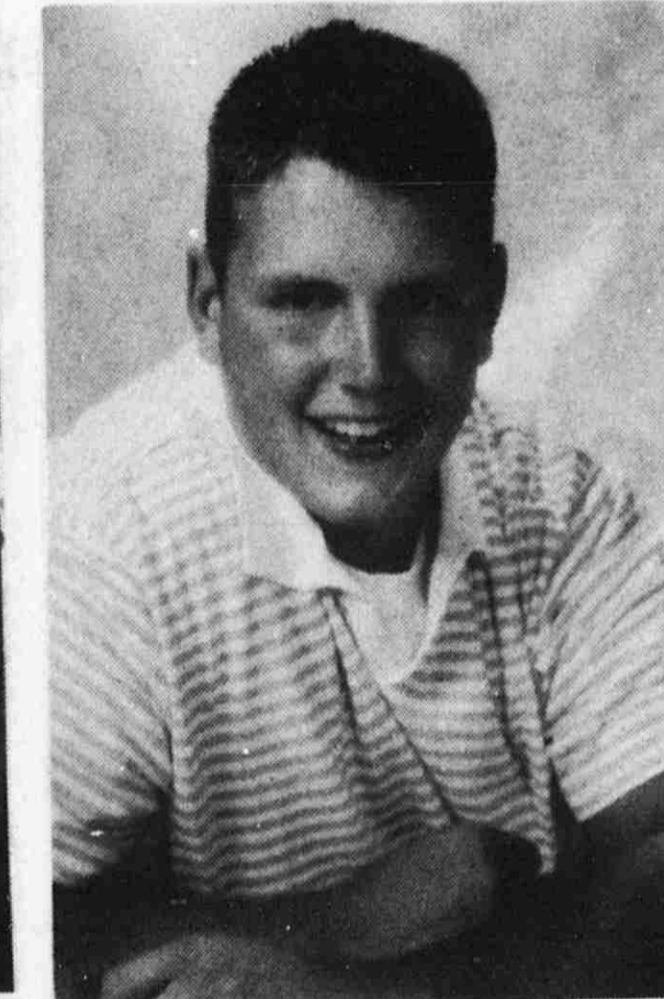
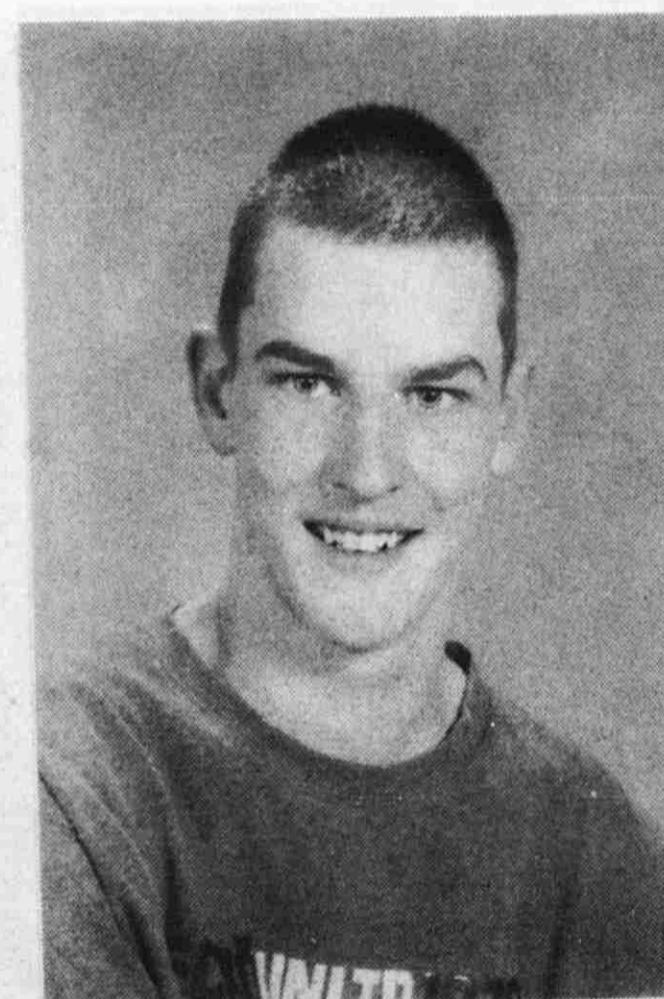
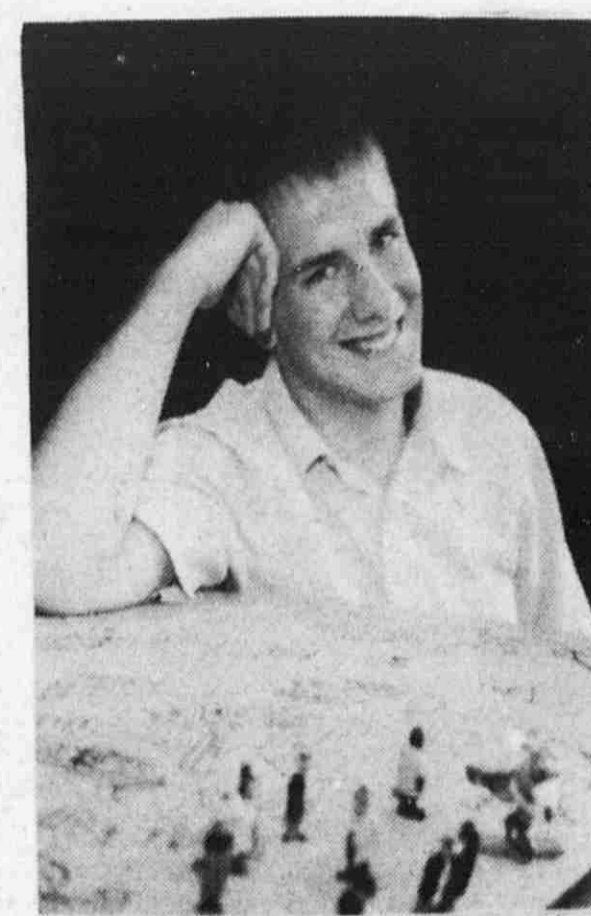


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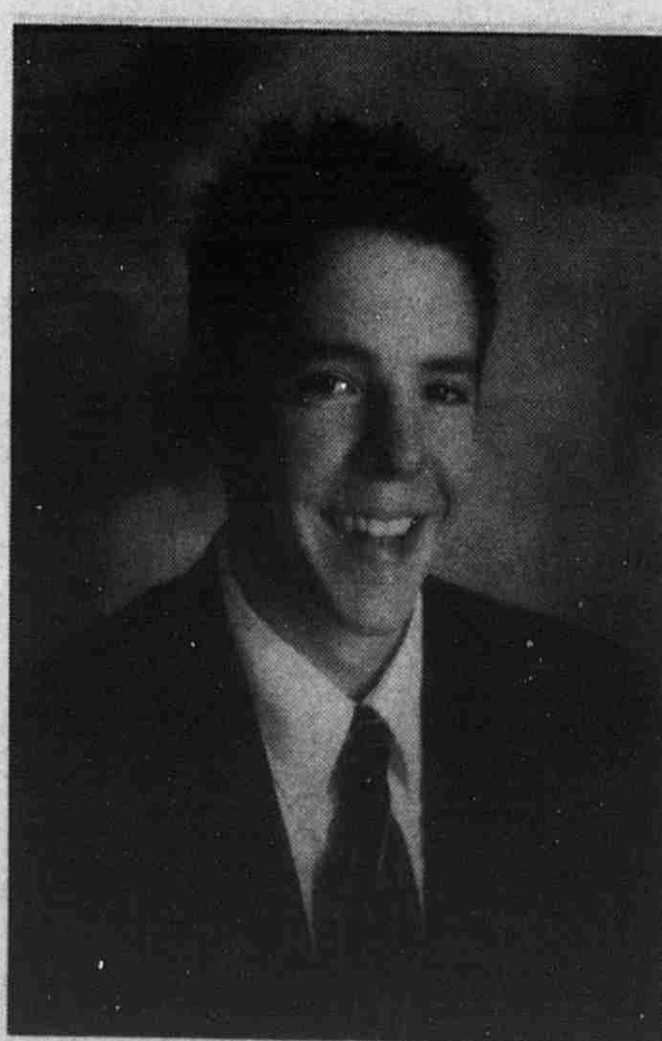
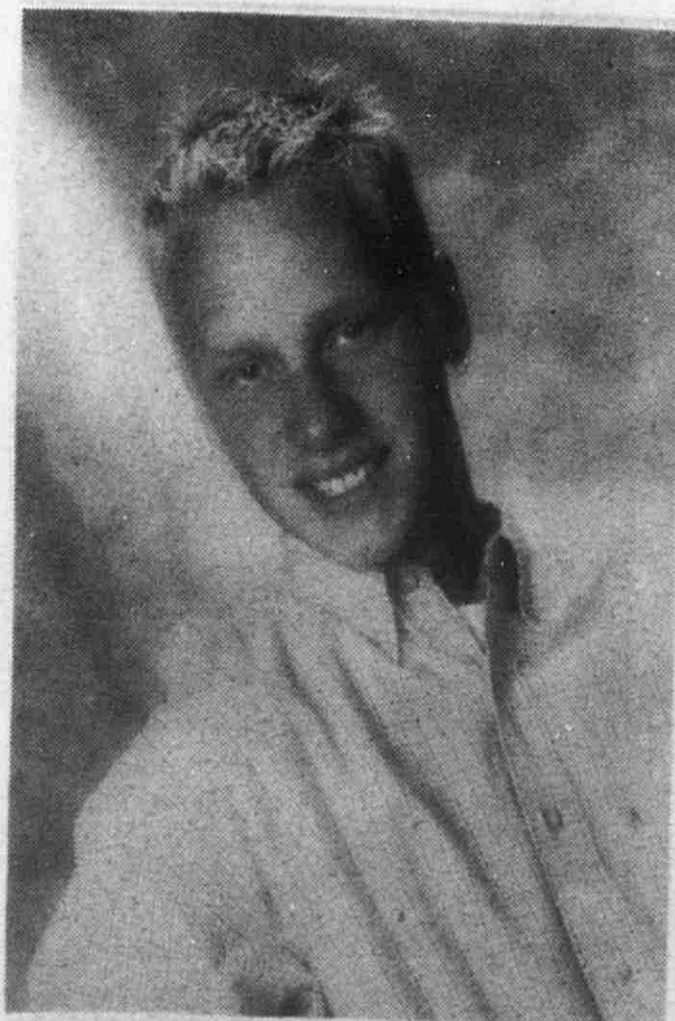
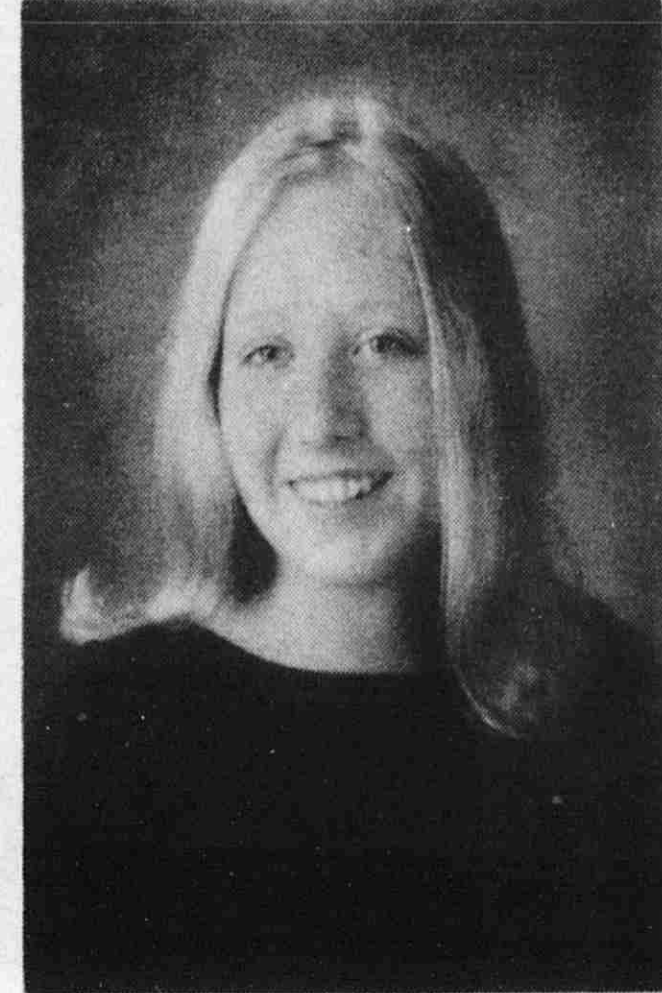
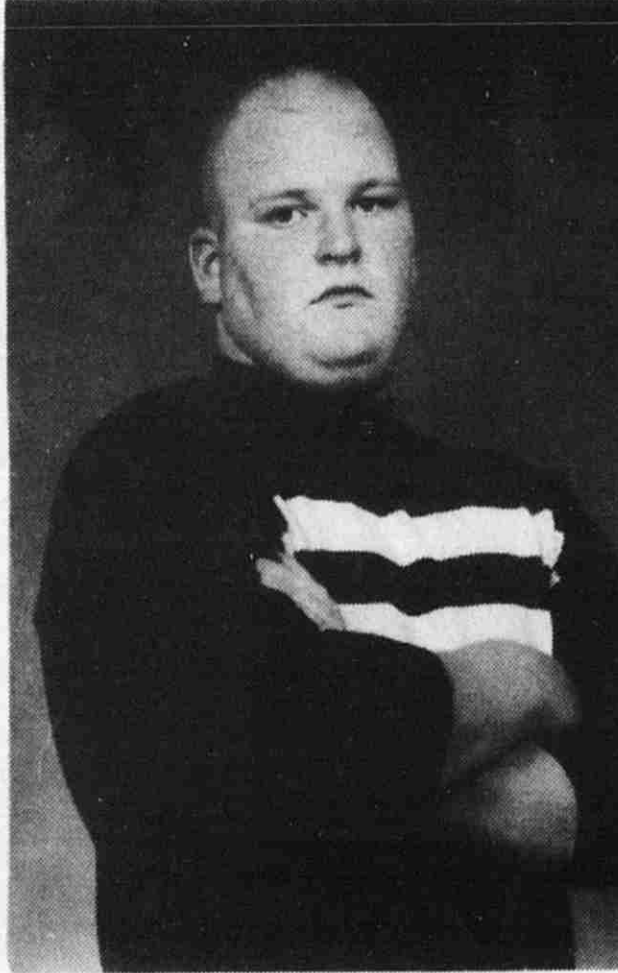
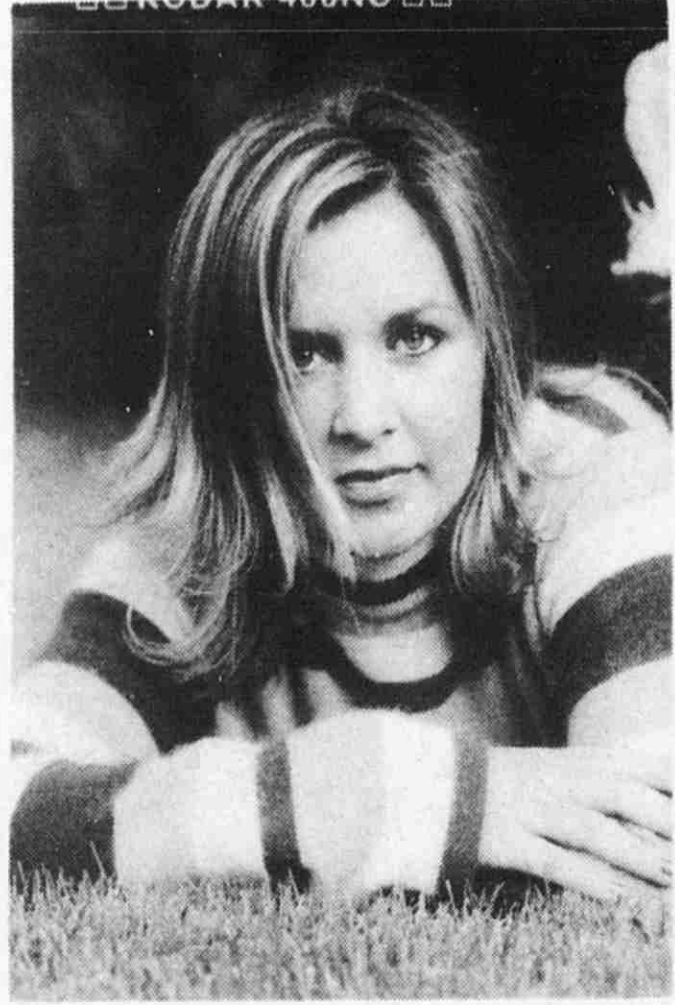
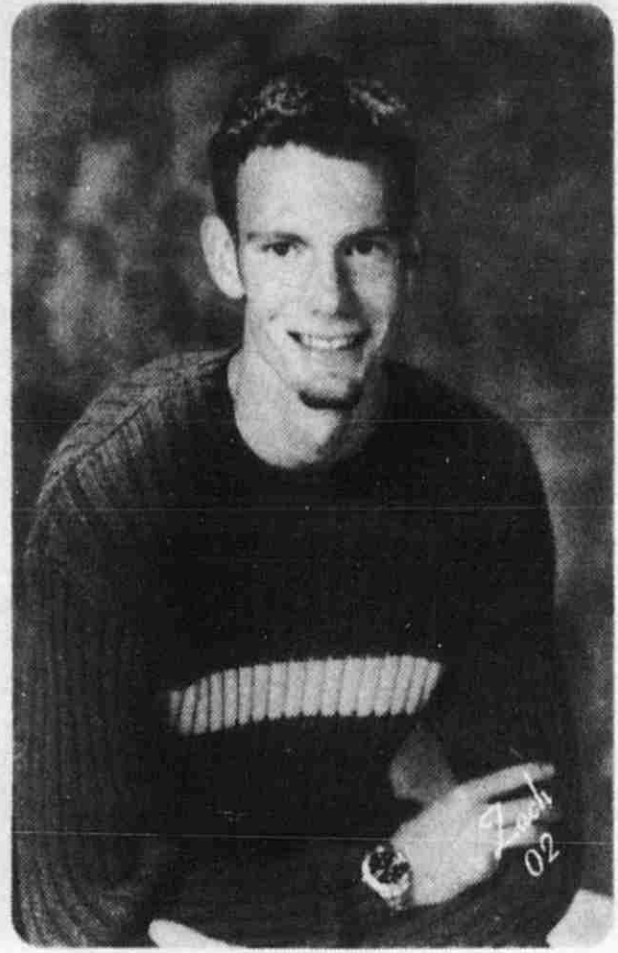


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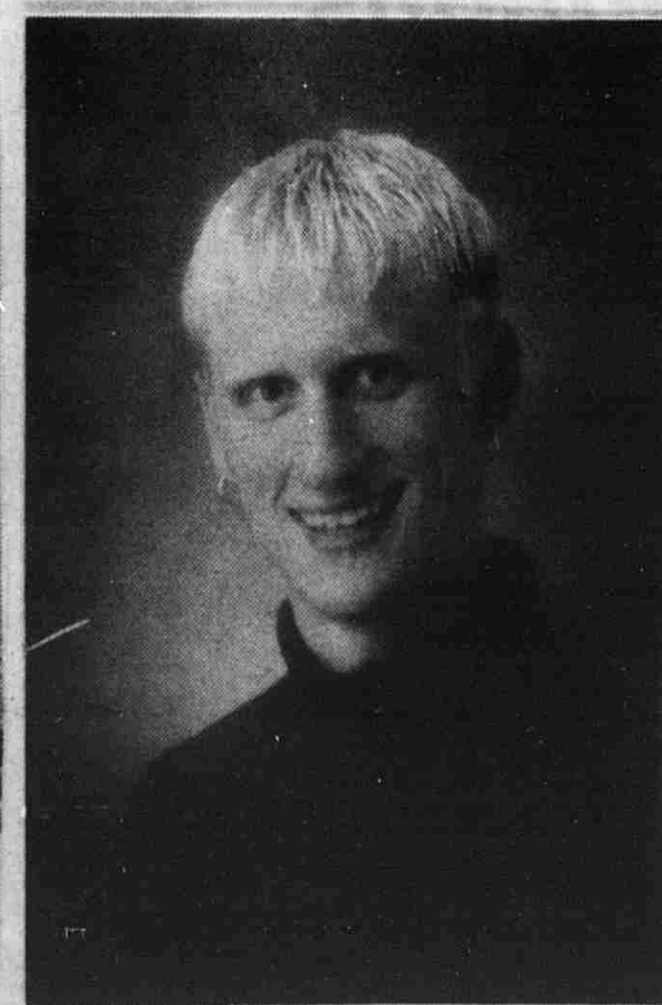
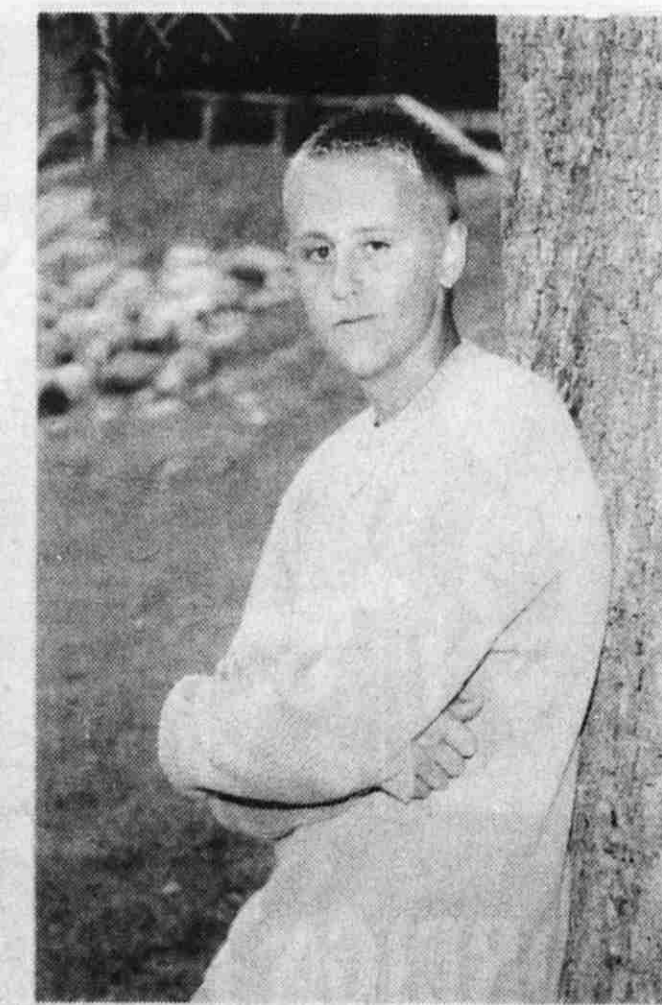
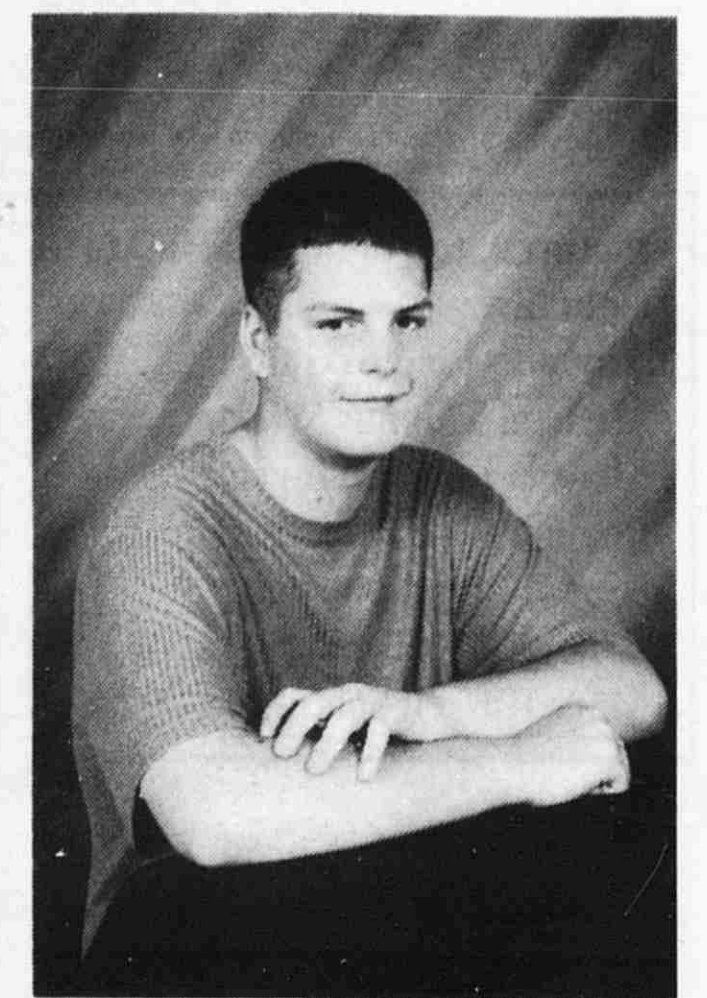
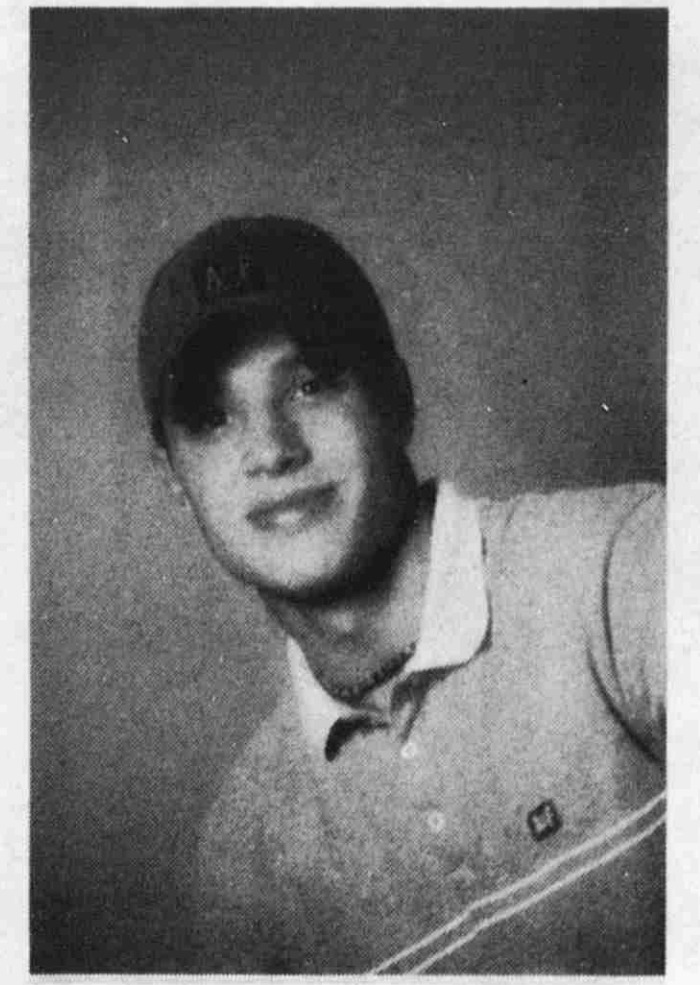
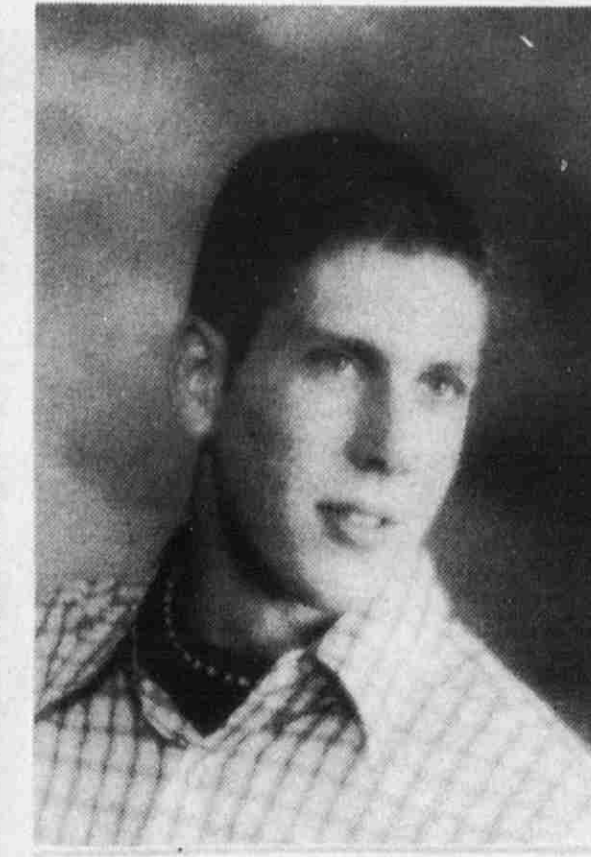
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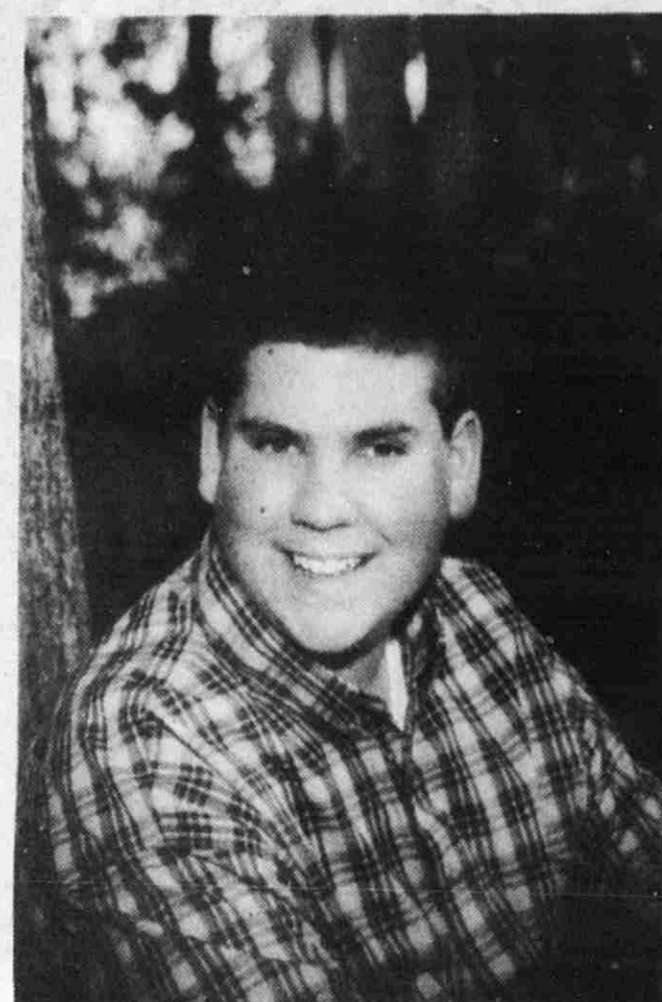
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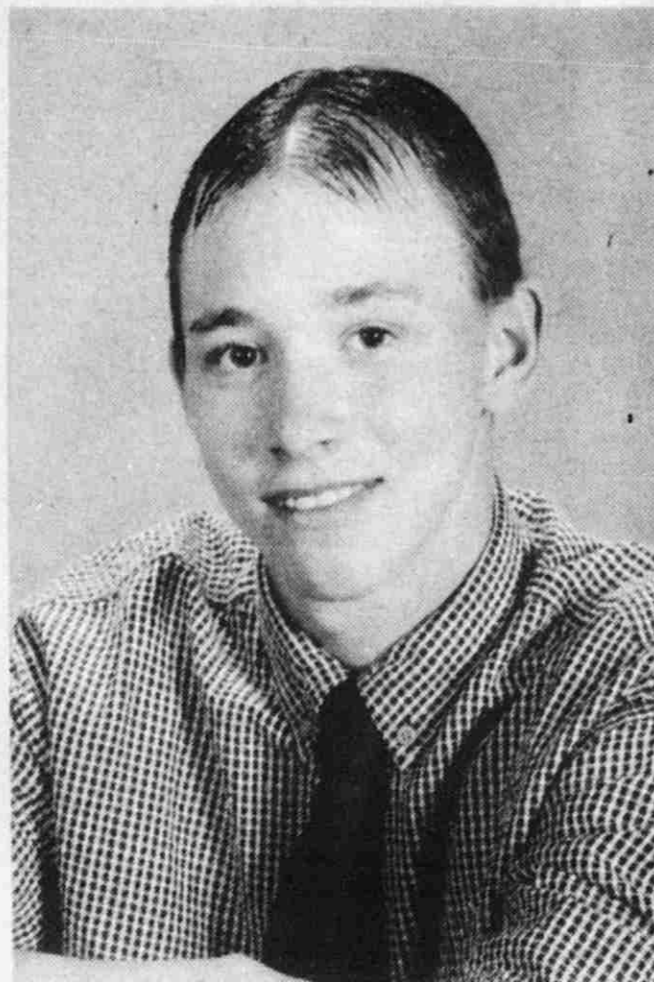
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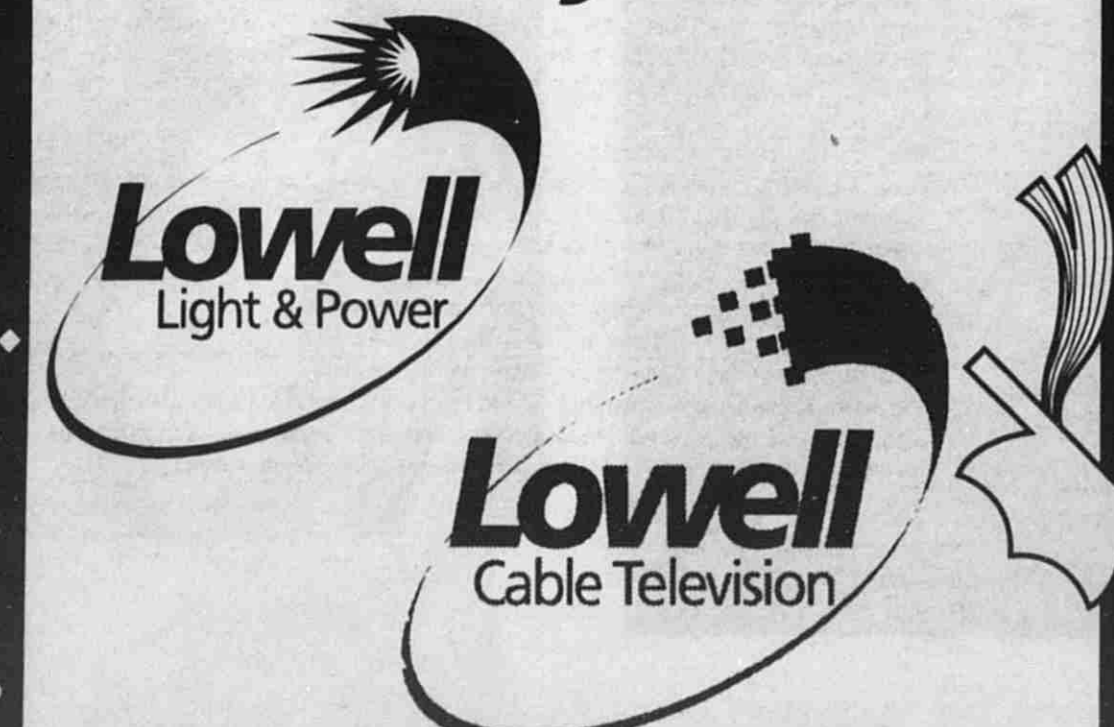
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		Kelly Elisabeth Riddle	Michigan Merit Award
		Matthew Donald Roth	Michigan Merit Award
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		Marc Russell Scurturro	The David Dombak Memorial Visual Art Scholarship, Grand Rapids Community College Staff Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
		Kelsey Lynn Scheider	The Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Albion College Presidential Scholarship, Albion College Distinguished Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award, Albion College Academic Scholarship
		Meissa Joy Schoop	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Technological University Ted Rozsa Endowed Scholarship, Michigan Technological University Board of Control Scholarship, Commended by the National Merit Scholarship Program, The C.H. Runciman Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
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		Michael James Scott	Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Honors Scholarship, Michigan Merit Award
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Schloop and Tomczak 2002's top graduates; 124th commencement Sunday

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

If Lowell High School valedictorian, **Melissa Schloop** had to start high school again, she'd do a better job of exploring life's endless possibilities for fun.

"It wasn't until my junior year that I began to explore," Schloop explained.

From the start, however, the senior's hard work has garnered her great academic success.

Schloop will graduate with a 4.115 grade point average. She will attend Michigan Technological University in the fall to study biomedical engineering.

She is the 18-year-old daughter of John and Julie Schloop. Awards and Scholarships earned by Schloop include MTU's Board of Controls Scholarship (full tuition) and the Ted Rozsa's Endowed Scholarship.

Outside of the classroom Schloop participated in the art/drama club, Science Olympiad; LHS pit band and marching band and the National Honor Society.

"The best part of high school is the lifelong friends that I've made," Schloop said.

Shelby Tomczak is the Lowell High School Class of 2002 salutatorian.

The daughter of Roger and Kathy Tomczak graduates from Lowell High School with a grade point average of 4.060.

She will study engineering at Western Michigan University in the fall.

"I would change nothing. I am thankful for the experiences, memories and friendships I've made," Tomczak said.

The many organizations and activities in which Tomczak participated helped create many of those friendships and experiences.

Tomczak was active in Leader's Club, Lady Arrow Varsity Club, Environmental Club, International Club, AAU Basketball coach, Academic Track coach, First-grade mentor, YMCA employee and volunteer, Relay for Life, Adopt-A-Road, National Honor Society, basketball, softball and Model U.N.

Awards and scholarships she earned included DAR Good Citizen Award, Medallion Scholarship and Congressional Medal of Merit.

Kelsey Scheider, the daughter of Mike and Marcia Scheider, will graduate with a 4.058 grade point average, putting her in the top three of her class.

The Lowell equestrian also rides out with the memories of the team's 2000 state championship.

"I wouldn't change a thing. Mistakes are made to learn from," Scheider explains.

She will attend Albion College in the fall to study theatre and speech communications. Her career goal is to some day be a news broadcaster or to act.

Making her top three list of extracurricular activities are

the equestrian team, dance competition team and Model U.N.

Scholarships and awards she has received include the Albion Presidential Scholarship and the DASP Scholarship.

Organizations and activities she was involved in include Leader's Club, 4-H, Civic Theatre Guild, Community Theatre, National Honor Society and Women's Club.

Erin Weber, in looking back on her four years in high school, much has appreciated her experiences so that she wouldn't change a one.

The daughter of Mark and Ginny Weber graduates from Lowell High School with a grade point average of 4.042.

Weber will attend Lyman Briggs College at Michigan State University in the fall. She will study math and science.

The National Honor Society member was active in Word Studies, marching band, Junior Rotary and the Yearbook.

Awards and scholarships she earned include Sportsmanship (Cheerleading), LEA World Studies Scholarship and honor roll.

Her top three activities outside the classroom were Cheerleading, Model U.N. and World Studies Council.

David Johnson would be more fervent in his studies while involving himself in more extracurricular activities and athletics if he were to start high school again.

"What I most liked about high school was the higher-level classes which challenged me all the while in a fun learning environment," Johnson explained.

He completed his four years in Lowell High School with a grade point average of 4.037. Johnson will attend Grand Valley State University in the fall where he plans to study chemistry and business.

He identified Science Olympiad as his top extracurricular activity.

Johnson is the 18-year-old son of Michael Johnson and Leslie Johnson.

Zach Stauffer will attend Indiana Institute of Technology in the fall. The senior leaves LHS with a 4.037 grade point average and will study electrical engineering.

The son of Dave Stauffer and Deborah Stauffer-Wright calls soccer, track and Model U.N. his top 3 extracurricular activities.

The National Honor Society member says he would live his high school days the exact same way he has. "I would just try to do everything better," Stauffer said. "Plus I'd be really old."

Awards and scholarships Stauffer has earned include the Indiana Institute of Technology Achievement Scholarship; Sprint Factory Scholar Athlete; two time all-conference, all-district, all-region, third team all-state and second team all-state in soccer.

Activities and organizations in which he was involved in included choir, Men's Club, and Boys State.

Jenny Wagner liked everything just the way it was and has no desire to go back and change anything about her four years at Lowell High School.

Wagner will carry a 4.012 grade point average to Albion College in the fall. She has not yet decided on her area of study.

"I've really enjoyed hanging out with my friends and always having a good time," Wagner said.

Her top three extracurricular activities were identified as soccer, volleyball and the Lady Arrows Varsity Club.

The National Honor Society member is the daughter of Sid and Sue Wagner.

Michael Kinney will pick between Grand Valley State University and Michigan State University as to the college he will attend in the fall.

The 18-year-old son of Tom and Sue Kinney will study international relations with an eye on a career in the state department.

Awards and scholarships Kinney has received include National Merit Finalist, Steelcase Foundation Scholarship and GVSU's Awards of Distinction Scholarship.

His top three extracurricular activities in high school were Men's Club, student council and soccer. He also enjoyed Yearbook, Model U.N. and Leaders Club.

He graduates from LHS with a 3.979 grade point average.

Daniel Thaler will attend Grand Rapids Community College before transferring to a four-years university to study political science and journalism.

The son of David Thaler and Carolyn Thaler completes four years of high school with a grade point average of 3.975.

"What I enjoyed most about high school was making an incredible social security advertisement," Thaler explains.

Shanda Yonker will study dental hygiene at Grand Rapids Community College.

The National Honor Society member earned the MEAP Scholarship Award and the fall cheerleading Coach's Award.

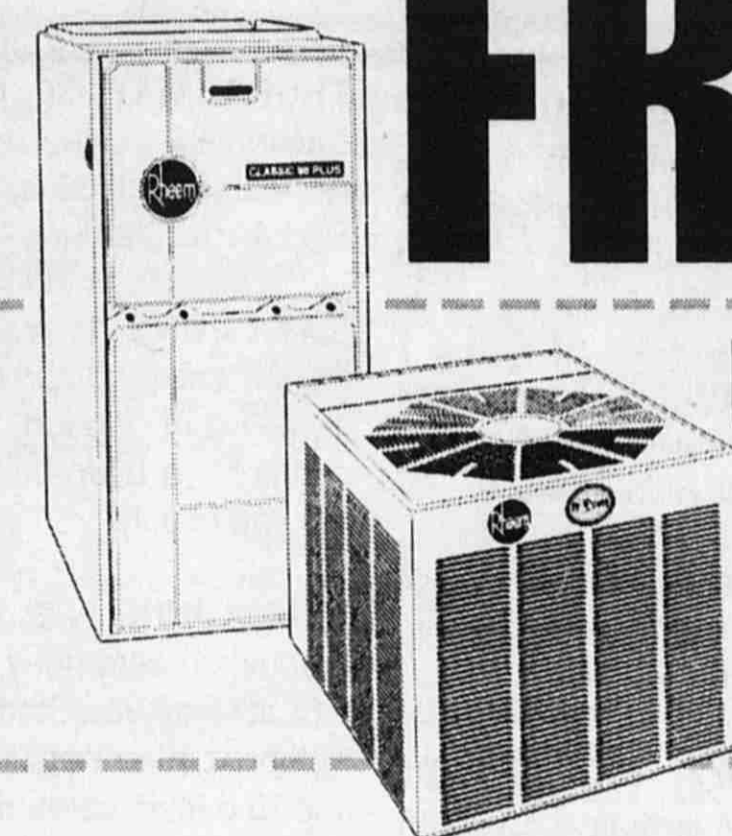
Yonker has been active in her church youth group and choir.

The 18-year-old is the daughter of Tom and Kim Yonker. Making her top three list of extracurricular activities were fall and winter cheerleading and powder puff football.

Cheering through eight athletic seasons throughout high school, and the close and new friendships she built were what Yonker most liked about high school.

"I love the memories that I have made and the experiences that I have gone through. I wouldn't change a thing," Yonker said.

She finishes high school with a 3.975 grade point average.



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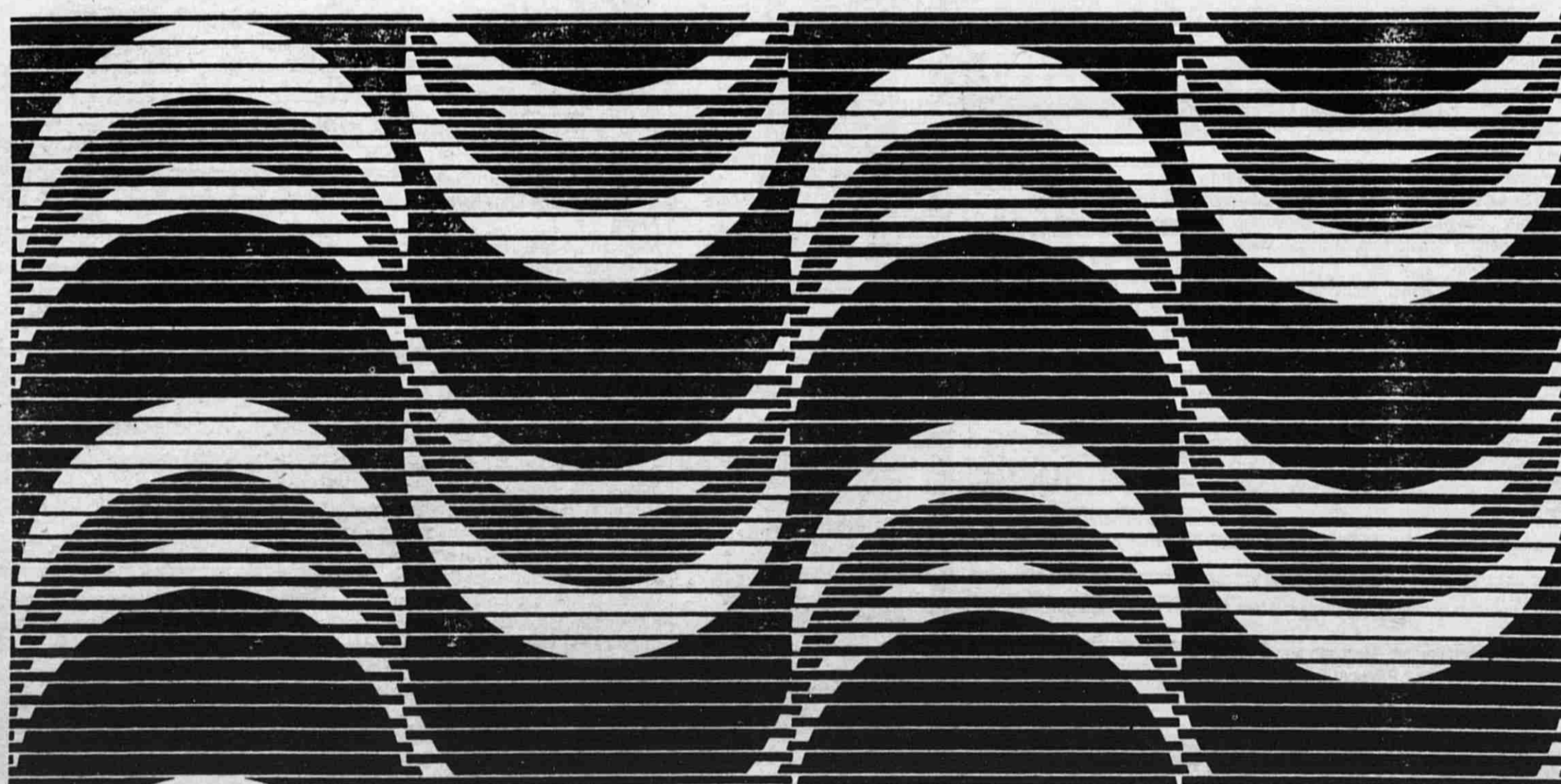
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Airport moves forward on project to improve its state status

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

After completing its new taxi way and lighting, the Lowell Airport Board has now turned its focus on improving its status with the state.

At a Monday night meeting, airport director, Jim Sowle, on behalf of the airport board, sought and received approval to use \$25,000 of a \$70,000 loan secured through the Aeronautics Bureau for the purpose of a survey and to define the needs of the airport. The needs study would help the airport board determine what the Lowell Airport would need to accomplish to receive a general utilities status through the Michigan Aeronautics Commission.

"What it comes down to is money," said Sowle. "With this status we will be able to receive about 90 percent of the funds from the state for future projects."

To gain the general utilities status, the Lowell Airport must complete three steps: the first being the study

and Type A survey of the property that will identify every tree, determine boundaries, and map out elevations. The next part of the process will be to negotiate settlements for air easements, which could take one to two years, Sowle said. The last phase would be to implement what is necessary.

The airport board has selected URS Corporation to complete the work needed for the project.

The entire project probably will take up to four years to complete, Sowle said.

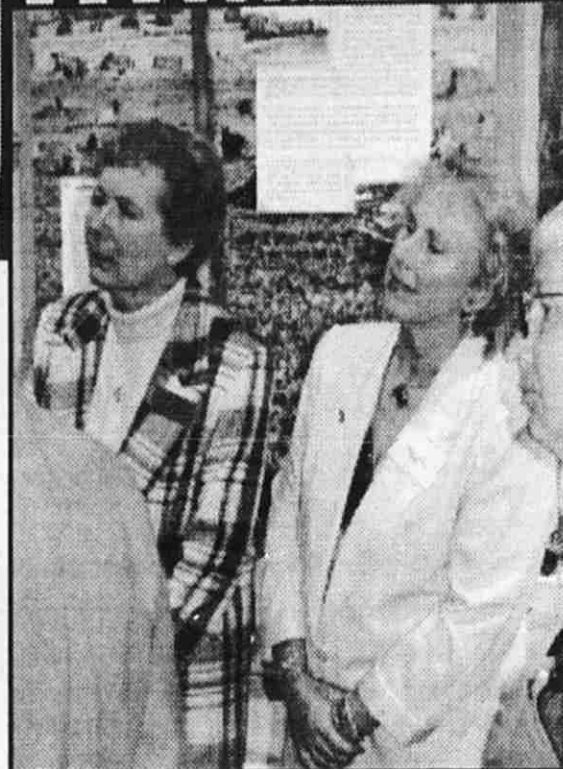
"We may never get any further funding from the state," he said. However, the airport has been doing quite well over the past several years, said city manager, David Pasquale. With various user fees, the airport now runs on a budget of \$30,000 with no city funds being used to help operate the facility.

Sowle said the airport is currently in the process of paying back the original \$70,000 loan from the state for the taxi work and the status project. Since it is a state loan, the state does have the final say for what the money can be used.



First Women Mayors

The first-ever lady mayors of St. Joe (Mary Goff, right) and Lowell (C. Jeanne Shores) lend an attentive ear to Lowell Area Historical Museum's executive director, Judy Straub as part of Mayor Exchange Day in Lowell. City officials visited St. Joe on Thursday, May 23.



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Red Arrow girls shut down Zeeland

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Ahead 2-0 at halftime of its O-K White Conference tourney game with Zeeland, the Red Arrow girls soccer team was reminded of the lumps it had over the program's opening five years. "They didn't play bad in the first half, but not as good as they could have played," said Lowell soccer coach, Ryan Conlan. "I just told them the second half was their time to be on the giving end."

The Red Arrows went out and controlled the game, posting a 3-0 win over the Chix.

The win improved Lowell's league record (regular season and tournament) to 4-4 and overall record to 10-6-1.

"It's the first time we've finished at .500 in the league

and the first time we've had a winning record," Conlan explained. "This win was great for our seniors. The young players didn't go through those tough years. I'm really happy for Jenny (Wagner) and Laura (Horsley). Their hard work and dedication over the last four years has paid off."

The Red Arrows' first-half goals were scored by Amanda Rau off an assist by Abby Debiak at the 10:08 mark.

Horsley netted the second goal at the 5:45 mark off an assist from Amy Oberlin.

The game's only second-half goal was netted by Becky Bosserd. The junior was assisted by Oberlin.

"The girls controlled the game throughout," Conlan said.

"It's the first time we've finished at .500 in the league

Hudsonville 2
Lowell 1 (O.T.)

Lowell did everything but win its opening game of the O-K White Tournament.

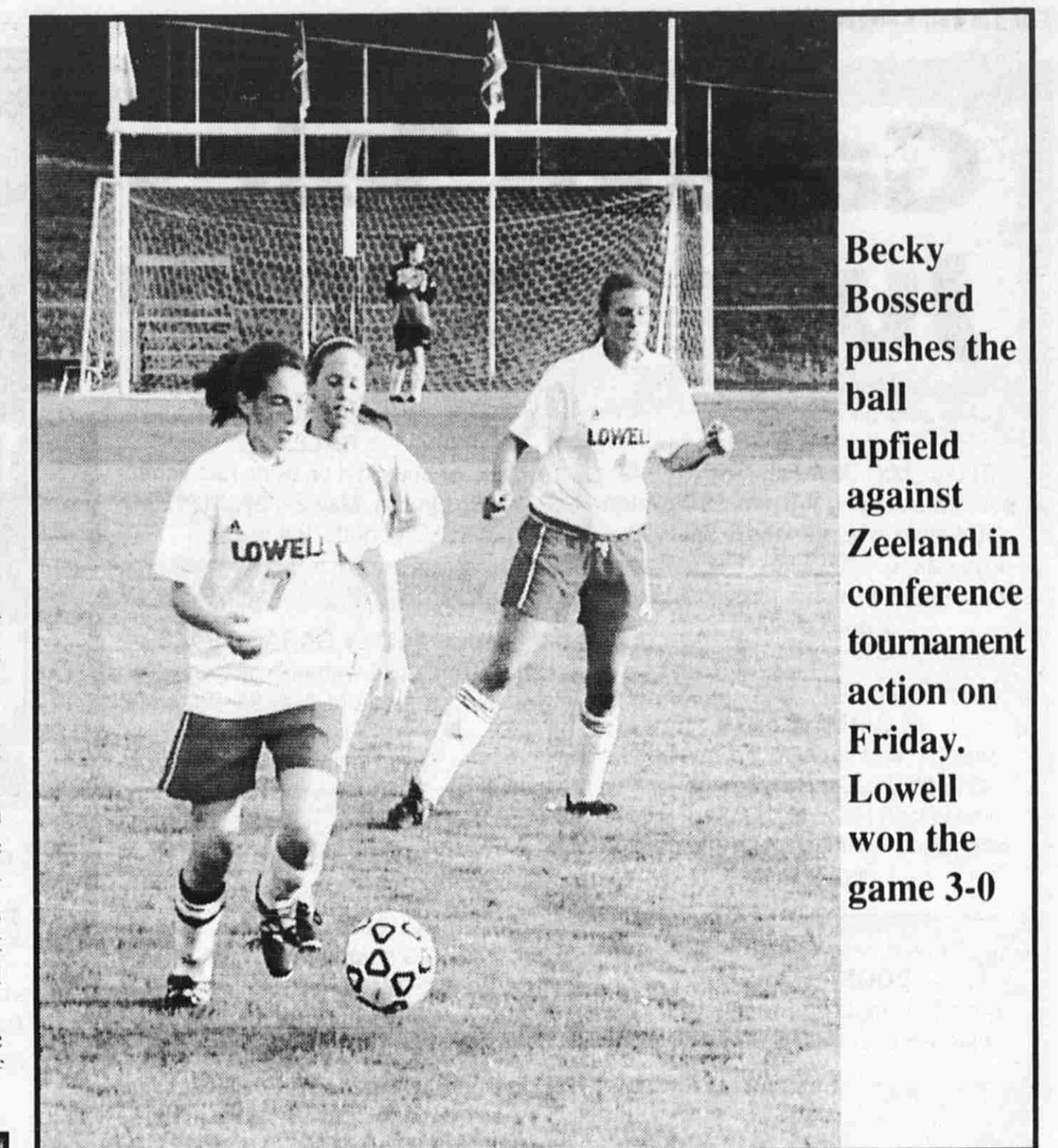
"We should have won," said Lowell soccer coach, Ryan Conlan. "The girls played well and had opportunities, but couldn't finish."

The Red Arrows' only score came on a missed penalty kick from Abby Debiak.

The Hudsonville keeper knocked the ball down but could not gain possession. Debiak raced toward the ball and blasted the missed shot into the net.

"We were inches from ending the game in overtime during the first six-seven minutes, but couldn't put the ball in the net," Conlan said. "It was an aggressive, physical game."

Hudsonville scored the winning goal in overtime off a counter attack.



Becky Bosserd pushes the ball upfield against Zeeland in conference tournament action on Friday. Lowell won the game 3-0.



Lowell's Amy Oberlin works to maintain possession.

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Council approves Capital Improvement Plan thru 2007

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Everyone has a wish list of things they would like to accomplish over the next year or the next ten. The city of Lowell isn't much different in that respect, then again most people don't have projects around the million dollar mark either.

At its Monday night meeting, the Lowell City Council approved its Capital Improvements Plan for 2002-2007 which ranged from road repairs and the City Hall/police station project to airport improvements and a proposed outdoor skating rink.

An annual process, the Capital Improvements Plan,

allows the city to prioritize future projects in its various departments. Some of those areas, such as the airport and water treatment plant, have their own funding sources and do not rely on the city's general fund.

"Finances tell us what we can and can not do," said city manager, David Pasquale. It

is no secret that the 2002-03 city budget is very tight, limiting what the city can cover this year. Still uncertain are two roofing projects: the Foreman Building and the Look Memorial Fire Station along with requested monies for operations of the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

But what is the city's hopes for the future? Well, there is quite a lot on the agenda.

In the area of roads, which receives state funding, Gee Drive tops the list for repair work. The cost is around \$891,000. Other major streets on the list include Bowes and Foreman roads; work on Grindle and Sibley streets also made the list. Most of the roads would be dependent on federal funding or a bond issue for the work.

The Water Treatment Plant has proposed a Revenue bond to help cover the

one million dollar construction and installation of well no. 5. At this time, demand on the city's water has dropped, not making it an urgent need to expand the capacity yet. Under water distribution needs, the city has several projects proposed for the upcoming years which include the contracted installment of an 8-inch main on Hunt Street from Beech Street to east Lincoln Lake Ave., and the budgeted water system reliability study.

The Public Works Department is hoping for a new storage building for vehicles, around \$300,000. It would provide space for vehicles, equipment, sand and salt as well as flammable materials, posts, street signs, fencing and lumber. A "space needs" study also has been proposed. The study would cost around \$8,000.

The cemetery is still look-

ing for its office/maintenance building, \$50,000 along with top course on all the roads, \$20,000.

The City Hall/police station project, at around \$4 million, was on the list. With the acceptance of the bonds, which the council will decide on at its next June 3 meeting, the project could start this summer. Also on the Capital Improvements list was an outside skating rink with equipment costing around \$670,000.

Concerning park improvements which utilize the Lee Fund, Stoney Lakeside Park, the proposed site for the ice skating rink, will get a pavilion and the east side of its parking lot paved. Improvements also call for the initial clean up, road grading, and naming of a new park located near the Division Capital Improvements, cont'd, pg. 41

Floral botany highlights 2-month show at LAAC

Botanika '02 will provide artists with an opportunity to submit subjects not ordinarily corralled into an exhibit.

The show, held at the Lowell Area Arts Council gallery, is unusual in that the reception will be held the same day in which it opens - June 1 from 1 until 3 p.m. Prior to the reception there will be a plant and art sale from 9 a.m. until noon.

The June exhibit will remain throughout the month and then will be replaced in its entirety with a second phase, but same theme on July 1.

"The idea is to give more artists an opportunity for exposure," said exhibit director, D. Fletcher Davis. The artwork displayed will come in many different mediums, will all be impressions of the natural botanical world around us.

Images on display will include floral botany and entomology expressed in multi-media artworks. "This is the LAAC's main summer exhibit," Davis explained. "It's an invitation to all area artists."

Events scheduled for the two-phase exhibition are:

- Mosaic patio stones workshop, June 8, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- Gardening in July with Steve LaWarre from Meijer Gardens, July 10, 7 p.m.
- Garden Tours, July 13, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and 2:30 until 4 p.m.
- Two-day mosaic flowerpot workshop, July 13 and 20, 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.
- Meet the artists, July 19, 7 until 8:30 p.m.
- Photographing flowers with Richard Williams, July 20, 9 until 11 a.m.

For more information call the LAAC at 897-8445.

Capital Improvements cont'd ... From Page 40

Street bridge, along with a sprinkling system at Richards Park. Future projects include tennis courts, a skateboard park, dugouts and a future park at the Unity High School site located on N. Monroe.

The Lowell Airport continues to improve its status with the state via a \$70,000 state loan, and thumbs up from the city to bring phase one of its four-year project on getting general utility status.



The world is always ready to receive talent with open arms. Very often it does not know what to do with genius.
—Oliver Wendell Holmes

REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD JUNE 10, 2002

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 10, 2002.

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

At the regular school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 2006.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

**Peter Haefner
Patrick Nugent
James Van Buren**

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 7, 2002.

THE VOTING PLACES 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 Bowne 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.

Patrick Nugent
Secretary, Board of Education

Please Join Us For A Special Community Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony For...



On Foreman, just east of Alden Nash

The Lowell Area Schools' Education Foundation has recently received a gift of 34.7 acres of woodland for environmental education and community trails. This acreage is located within a mile of the Wittenbach Agriscience Center and the Wege Natural Area. The area will be named the Cooper Woodland Preserve.

The woodland was a gift to the Education Foundation from Dick Cooper, a retired attorney and his wife, Shirley. The school district is very fortunate to acquire this piece of land! The Cooper Woodland Preserve will provide yet another nearby natural area, preserved as open space, to be used by the Lowell Area Schools and the community in and around Lowell.

You are cordially invited to join us!

DEDICATION AND RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY
At the Preserve on Foreman, just east of Alden Nash
Thursday, June 6th, 5:30-6:00 p.m.
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LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting of May 13, 2002

REPORT - Destination Imagination - Lori Ingraham, Coach of "Destination ImagiNation," showed a video of the many activities that the students participated in during the school year.

REPORT - Middle School Academic Track - Cyndi Geiger and Chris Stacey explained the Middle School Academic Track program.

REPORT - Middle School Generation Y - Susan Day along with several students showed how students help teachers with technology.

REPORT - High School Forensics - Jane Gillespie along with two high school students explained the recent results of the Forensics competition.

REPORT - Unity School Forestry Management - Monique Colon and Amber Bayles, Unity High School Students, presented a report on the recent forestry management project conducted at the Wittenbach Center.

REPORT - Food Service - Connie Gillette gave an update on the status of its food service program.

ACTION ITEMS -

Accepted the following gifts:
• John Baughman donation of art materials valued at \$350 to be used by the Lowell Middle School Art Department.
• Ionia County National Bank donation of \$1,543.33. to be used by the elementary reading programs.
• The Hinton Family donation of books valued at \$217.05 to be used by the Bushnell Media Center.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/Adopted were:

- The minutes for the April 15, 2002 regular meeting, and the April 22, 2002 special meeting.
- The following payment of bills for April 2002:
GENERAL FUND.....\$781,011.31
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND
A. Food Service Fund.....\$60,375.18
B. Athletic Fund.....\$13,734.96
SCHOLARSHIP FUND.....\$400.00
2000 CONSTRUCTION FUND.....\$24,035.58
1990 DEBT FUND.....\$2,535,750.00
2000 DEBT FUND.....\$649,669.39
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....\$29,476.32
- Election workers for the June 10 election
- Lowell Amateur Radio Youth Club trip to Dayton, OH on May 17 through May 19
- Lowell Amateur Radio Youth Club trip to Dayton, OH on May 18, 2002
- Lowell Amateur Radio Youth Club begin the process for an installment purchase contract for two (2) 2003 71-passenger buses

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE - Jim White gave a short update on the construction process to date. High School - the addition has started with 8 classrooms and a small cafeteria planned. Several repair jobs at the other buildings will take place this summer.

BUDGET - Bert Bleke reported that \$500,000 still needs to be cut from the budget next year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Middle School and High School received North Central Accreditation. The OK League is slated to be realigned with the item coming for Board approval in June. The Board Candidate Forum will take place on Thursday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Jim White gave a short update on reading.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
Board Candidate Forum
Thursday, May 23, 2002
Runciman Administration Building • 7:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, June 10, 2002 • 7:00 p.m.
Runciman Administration Building - Board Room

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