

# CHALLENGE YOUR ASSUMPTIONS

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**Participating in spirit** week's college day, Mr. Mark Sodderwall shows off his M.S.U. sweatshirt. The first semester student-teacher was an English major at Michigan State. Photo—Rinehart.

**Superintendent Mr. Robert Bass** attends his first Homecoming pep assembly. Bass assessed the teaching staff and the administrative and community support as strengths of the district. Photo—Rinehart.

## WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

*"Moving from Florida was a big change academically. I went to school 7½ hours there and here it's 6, but we did have a larger course selection."*

—Becky Zitzman



**Each day students** are greeted with a warm smile from parking lot attendant Dave Hart. His duties included checking for passes and patrolling the lot. Photo—Rumpz

**Transfer student Karen Jagow** pays close attention to a discussion on *THE ILIAD* in her A.P. English class. The senior was pleased with the variety of courses offered at Orion. Photo—Yamasaki.





Oh, those strenuous tests!

# Pressure

**P****W**as it right to have most of a college future depend on those three grueling hours of ACT testing? The gut-wrenching terror of extensive tests did cause some worry and frustration. "Taking the ACT was very stressful, not to mention it drained my brain!" recalled Nancy Brown.

Putting effort into the MEAP and PSAT tests wasn't the top priority for Brian Zurla. "It didn't affect our grades so I didn't try my hardest."

But Steve Brewer wished he'd taken the practice test before the PSAT and felt he didn't take exam preparation as seriously as he should have.

Test preparation came in very handy for some. Christy Buchanan went to a practice workshop in Ann Arbor to help prepare for major tests. "I read through my PSAT booklet and took the practice test; all of that and the workshop

made me feel I did well."

How did Orion do overall? The subjects tested in the MEAP were math, science, and reading. Lake Orion's reading results from 1990-91 were about average for the state, but slightly above average in science, and below in math. In the ACT test local students again did better in English than math.

Trying to improve school district results by setting goals, defining objectives, and providing improved programs were only a few of the areas covered in Public Act 25, the new state law designed to monitor educational success. In charge of PA 25 for Orion, Dr. Sherry Anderson saw the assessment work during half day inservices benefitting the school as a whole. "To become productive citizens, commit to quality work with pride in accomplishment, and demonstrate communication and interpersonal skills were only a few of many goals set for students."

**Megan  
Bergman**



**The MEAP test** isn't serious business for junior Casey Smith. He didn't even look at half of the questions. "If it would of counted, it would have been different." Photo—Rumpz.



**At the table** in the main lobby, Mike Sutherland joins his friends before school to play euchre. The MEAP wasn't difficult for him, though the PSAT was harder. Photo—Yamasaki.



## Varsity TENNIS

GOAL  
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LO	OP	
7	0	Clarkston
6	1	Waterford Kettering
6	1	Brandon
2	5	Rochester Adams
6	1	Waterford Mott
6	1	Pontiac Northern
6	1	Waterford Kettering
6	1	Brandon
6	1	Clarkston
7	0	Pontiac Northern
7	0	Waterford Mott
2	5	Andover
4	3	West Bloomfield

Holly Invitational	1st out of 4
Troy Invitational	5th out of 8
Davison Invitational	1st out of 8
Lapeer Invitational	3rd out of 8
Heritage Invitational	3rd out of 8
Athens Invitational	3rd out of 8
Athens Invitational	1st out of 8
GOAL Tournament	1st out of 6
MHSAA Regional	6th out of 11

### MVP/CAPTAIN

Kristen Plunkett

### MIP

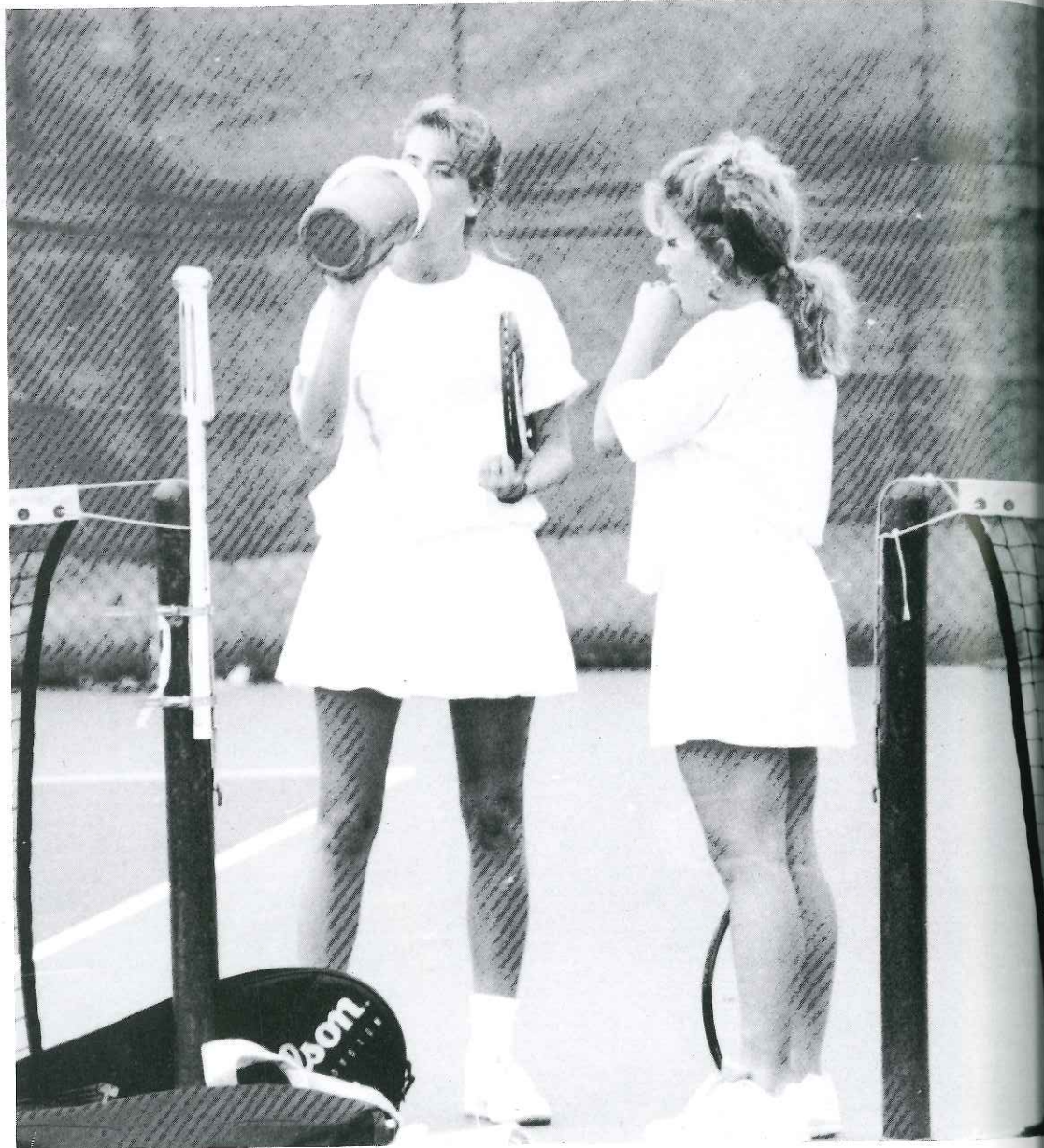
Krista Petersen

### COACH'S AWARD

Kim Abel

*Between sets, Pam Simmons and her second doubles partner take a water break. Playing tennis in humid weather is not the first on anyone's list, so water was Pam's best friend. Afterward, they returned to the court and finished off with an easy victory.*  
Photo—Rinehart.

*Senior Kristen Plunkett attempts her approach shot at the net against rival Rochester Adams. Victory eluded her in the first loss of the season, but spirits remained high. "This is the strongest team we have ever had. We did our best," said Kristen.*  
Photo—Rinehart.



### Varsity Girls Tennis—Front Row:

Laurie Moses, Shannon Gardner, Paula Mejta, Kristen Plunkett, Courtney Plunkett, Nicky Zitta, Jill Gards. **Back Row:** Coach Cal Darbee, Jamie Rop,

Christiane Dally, Kyna Getsinger, Krista Petersen, Pam Simmons, Kim Abel, Jenni Wozniak, Coach Wayne Gilbert. Photo—Prestige.

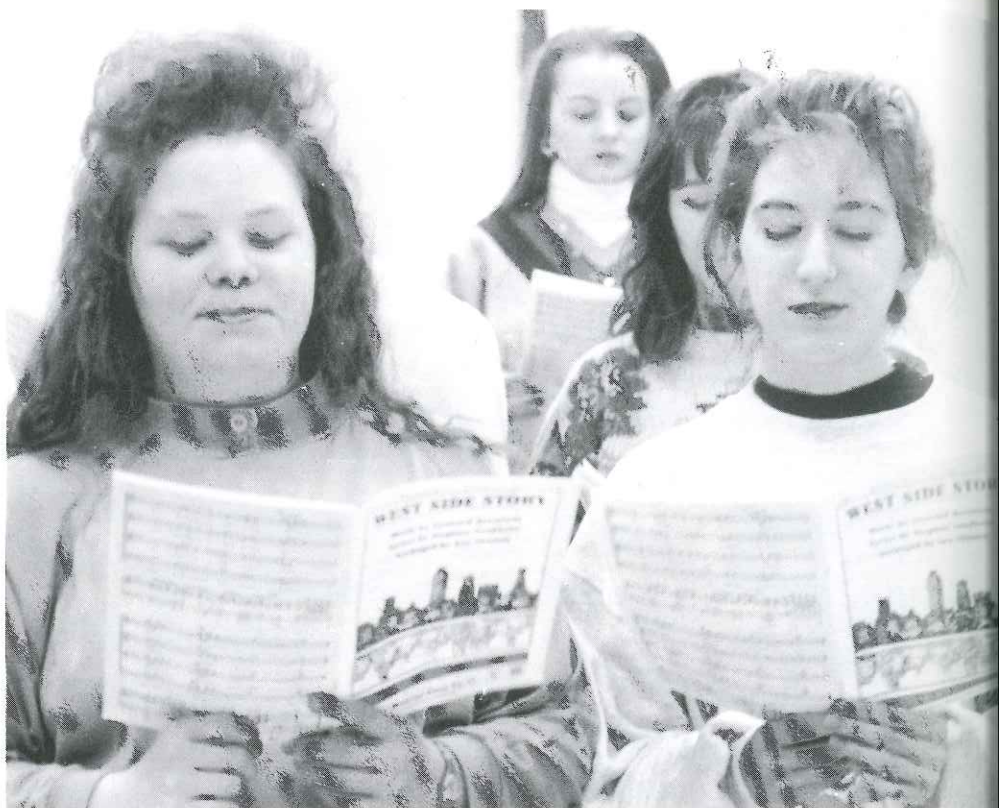


*Maybe new bleachers were the cause of the spontaneous rise in the fan level. More students poured into the stands with sudden interest in watching tennis. Jenni Wozniak, a player in the crowd, recalled, "This is the most fans we have ever had."*



**Laura Berger and Lisa Ray** use fifth hour and after school rehearsals to prepare for choir concerts. Photo-Rinehart.

**Members of the choir** including Misty Siterlet, performed at the annual Christmas Cabaret. Selections included "Ave Maria", "Carol the Bells", and the traditional "Hallelujah Chorus". Photo-Rinehart.



## Chorale

The Chorale is under the direction of Mrs. Karen Schadel. During the year they perform in various concerts, such as fall, Christmas, and Spring shows. Certain members are also in Locomotion, the Men's Ensemble, and Honor's Choirs.

**Chorale FRONTROW:** Heather Luckadoo, Shannon Liedke, Holly Shaw, Misty Siterlet, JoEllen Csokas, Danielle Wagner, Dawn Wells, Stephanie Rowden, Lisa Parks, James DelReal, Nathan Tison, Patty Moore, Jennifer VanTrease, Noelle Keener, Theresa Fredericks, Cindy Shilling. **SECOND ROW:** Kelly Buck, Amy Garcia, Katie McGee, Nicole Dallas, Denise Hamacker, Michelle Resigh, Patty Dehn, Ean Pirala, Bryan Busha, Brian Pavliscak, Tim Arbruster, Lorenzo Rivera, Gary Pinkerman, Kristi Hicmott, Erica Eischeid, Krista Cattuchio, Carrie Lipo, Lisa Ray, Laura

Berger, Beth White, Paula Szykiewitz, Wendy Wrueblewski, Julie Taylor, Shakyra Eady, Cara Walker, Amanda Moore, Chris Doble, Brent Hertz, Eric Pudlo, John Germain, Kevin White, Deena Rebb, Ami Grace. Photo-Prestige.



# STAYING *together*

Going out, commitment, just friends, it was all part of forming relationships. Whether after a few dates or a few years, couples formed. For most, wasn't difficult to stay with that special person.

Chrissy Soule, who had dated Miles Petersen for two years, knew what made them work. "We stayed together because my friends hung out with the group of his guy friends."

Others were newly in love. Tanya Olijnyk wasn't sure things got started with her admirer, Lance Guld. "Once hung in there till he got me," she shrugged, but added, "he's really, really, sweet, and would do anything for me."

Guldi was also pleased. "I got the one I wanted," he added.

Other couples didn't really know if commitment was what they wanted, but time and again their names were

linked.

Eric Benedict and Cara Marker had this problem. Eric recalled, "We've gone out before, then we went out with other people, now we're going out with each other again." A perplexed Benedict stated, "We kept going back for each other." Their personalities "went together," he felt.

Troy Kloostra shared Eric's dilemma and kept his eye on senior Heidi Mielcarek. Troy was on and off with Heidi for a year. Then he realized, "You really get to know a person." In Kloostra's words, "A strong bond was developed."

Laurie Moses shared in a sophomore-junior relationship. "Gary (Stevenson) and I have gone out for a year and a half. We broke up because of his switch to the high school," she remembered. "It was very obvious we still liked each other; the jealousy was always there."



**Tina Millen  
Andrew Miller  
Michael Miller  
Brandy Milligan  
Joni Moe  
April Moher  
Carrie Morgan  
Robert Morgner  
Timothy Morris**

**Diana Morrissey  
Laurie Moses  
Jason Mynes  
Jessica Nelson  
Heather Nunn  
Karen Odden  
Matthew Olds  
Landon Owens  
Arianne Papasian**

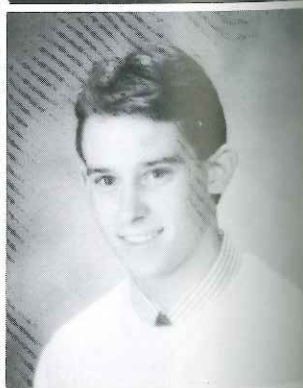
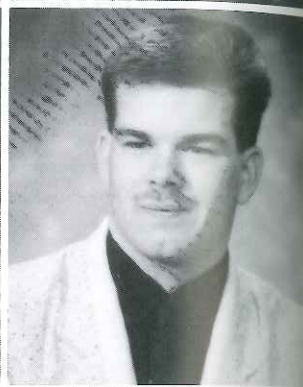
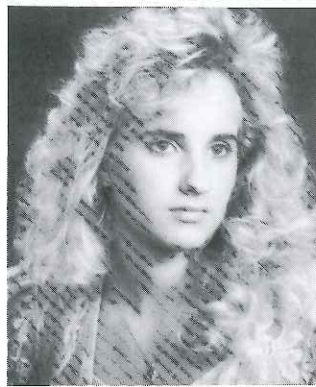
**Sarah Papasian  
Rebecca Parker  
Kevin Peacock  
James Pearce  
Aaron Pender  
Amy Pepper  
Dennis Perry  
Bradley Petersen  
Adrienne Peterson**

**Elizabeth Peterson  
Anthony Pettinato  
Benjamin Pfahlert  
Maria Phillips  
Dennis Phillips  
Stephen Piazza  
Richard Pierce  
Ean Piirala  
Lisa Platt**



# SENIORS

**Spotted regularly** at games are seniors Kevin Vernagus, Kevin Erskine and Mark Belanger. Not normally considered loud, the three pumped up the volume when rooting on Orion teams. Photo—Rinehart.



## Ryan Bissell

I am going to start my summer by working at Oroweat making \$8.75 an hour unloading trucks. Once I have 1,500 dollars I'm going to put a "boomin' system" in my car and my friends and I are going to scope Venice Beach. Before I get serious with college I'm going to party all summer. I feel everybody needs to have an open mind because that's when true friends and happiness are found.

## MOVING ON

Expectations and concerns filled the minds of seniors as their last summer approached. "It is going to be sad in a way, but I will make the most of time with my friends," admitted Kevin Schneider. Along with spending quality time with friends, the majority planned to work. "I have to pay for college, so I am going to work two jobs," Rachel Sines said regretfully.

Graduation, open houses, and college preparations also kept the seniors' minds off the "important things." Some labeled this senioritis, others considered it as setting priorities. "I don't know any details about my open house yet, but I am excited about the money," revealed Kevin.

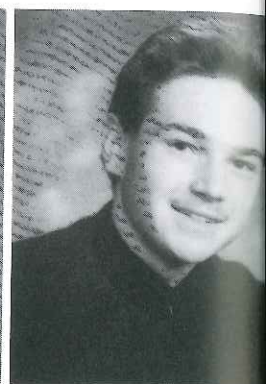
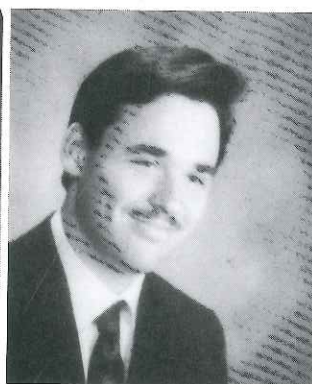
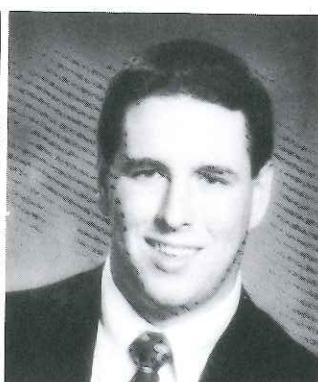
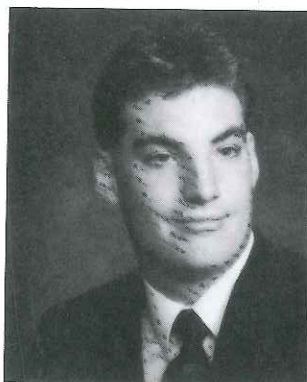
Regardless of their distractions, the seniors were all sincere about losing good friends after the June graduation. Lance Guldi commented, "It's a nice feeling to know I'm moving into the real world, but I'm realizing I'll never see a lot of good friends I've made in high school." This frightening realization stuck in seniors' minds as they enjoyed their last days of high school.

—Kim Anderson

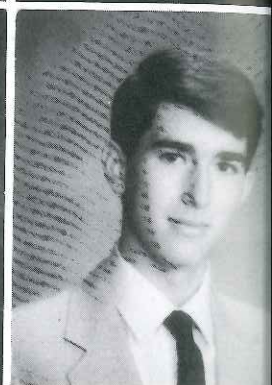


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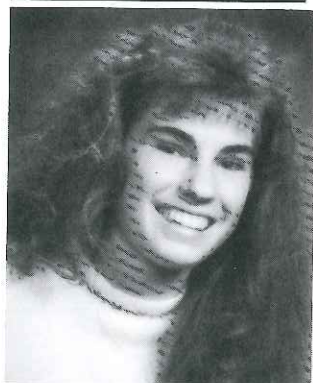
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**Danny Schram**  
**Tara Schwieger**  
**Matthew Seals**



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**Laura Sevilla**  
**Jennifer Shagena**  
**Ryan Shaw**  
**Kara Short**  
**Nicole Shutt**



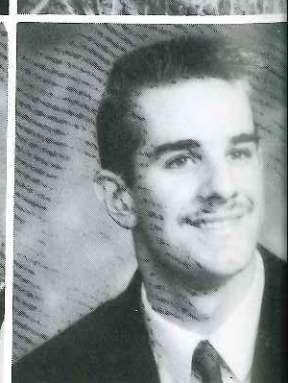
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**Craig Smith**  
**Heidi Smith**



**Jason Smith**  
**Stacie Smith**  
**Tina Smith**  
**Travis Smith**  
**Allison Smolarek**  
**Mary Snyder**



**Christine Soule**  
**James Spearing**  
**Jana Staron**  
**Darrin Stauffer**  
**Paul Steffens**  
**Tony Steffens**





**Language Arts teacher** Mrs. Valjoan Meyer prepares for a performance. Her interest in drama prompted her to pursue acting at the community theatre. Photo—Rinehart.

**Dr. Sherry Anderson** talks with parents during a home football game. The vice-principal also likes to sing in the church choir and spend time traveling with her son. Photo—Rinehart.

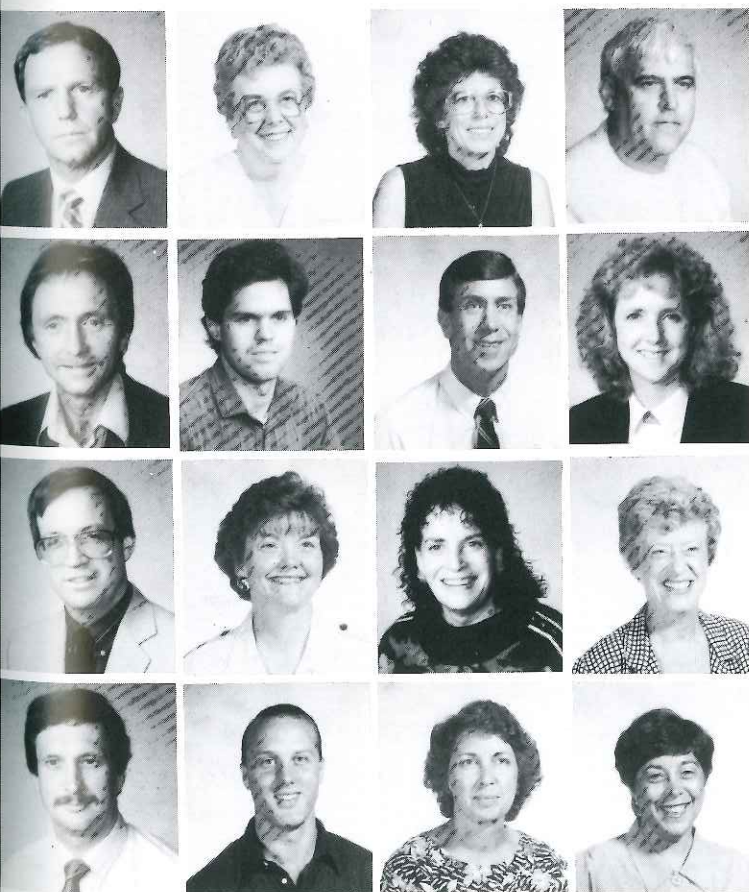


## teacher

*I like doing Teacher Talk because it gives me a chance to meet the teachers in our district. Despite the many problems of our community, the teachers still have a good outlook on things.*

*Mrs. Judy Skibo*

## talk



**Gary Michael Kibby:** Calculus AP; Calculus; Pre-Calculus; Varsity Girls Basketball Coach; 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach.

**Neva Kolodziejczak:** Cafeteria. **Betty Landstrom:** Staff Associate.

**Robert Lomerson:** All About Me; Introduction to Psychology.

**Charles Dennis Londo:** French I, II, III, & IV; Introductory Psychology; Abnormal Behavior; School Improvement Core Committee; MEA—NEA Representative.

**Pat MacIntyre:** Voc. Auto I, II, III.

**Chuck Mahoney:** Physics; Physical Science; Varsity Boys Basketball Coach.

**Deborah Martinez:** Study Skills; Math Operations; Vocational Social Studies; Community Service.

**James R. McGraw:** American Government; Contemporary U.S. History; Close-up; Marching Band Announcer; Assistant Varsity Football "Spotter".

**Jan McNamara:** Counselor.

**Rosalyn Mermell:** Substance Abuse Coordinator; Just Say No; SADD; Youth to Youth; Pip-Fest; Peer Resistance; Solid Ground.

**Susan E. Michener:** Contemporary U.S. History I & II; Global Studies; National Honor Society.

**Stan Mijal:** Geometry; Consumer Math/Refresher Math; Physical Science; LOEA Building Representative.

**John D. Miles:** Earth Science; Wrestling Coach (9th & 10th grade).

**Ella Modell:** Automated Office; Marketing; Notetaking; Co-op; School Improvement Core Committee.

**Bonnie Mrock:** Library Technical Assistant.



# Harmony House

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## 20 IN '92

1. Prince
2. Garth Brooks
3. Nirvana
4. Public Enemy
5. Erasure
6. Red Hot Chili Peppers
7. Guns N' Roses (I & II)
8. John Mellencamp
9. Reba McEntire
10. Bob Seger

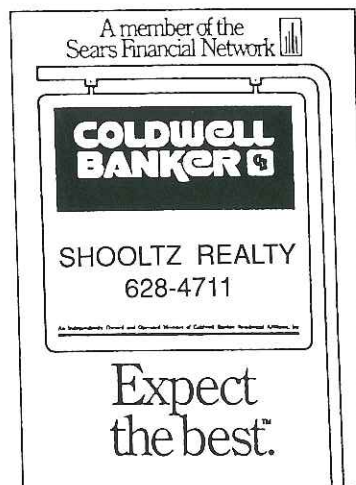
11. Mariah Carey
12. Bryan Adams
13. Ice Cube
14. The Commitments
15. Natalie Cole
16. Harry Connick, Jr.
17. Bonnie Raitt
18. Ozzy Osbourne
19. Metallica
20. Hammer

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**Seniors!**  
**From the**  
**Drama**  
**Club**

### To the graduating class of 1992

Congratulations on your achievements!  
May God bless you always with the  
*Wisdom* to know what is right, and the  
*Courage* and *Strength* to do what is  
right.



Best wishes for a very successful future.