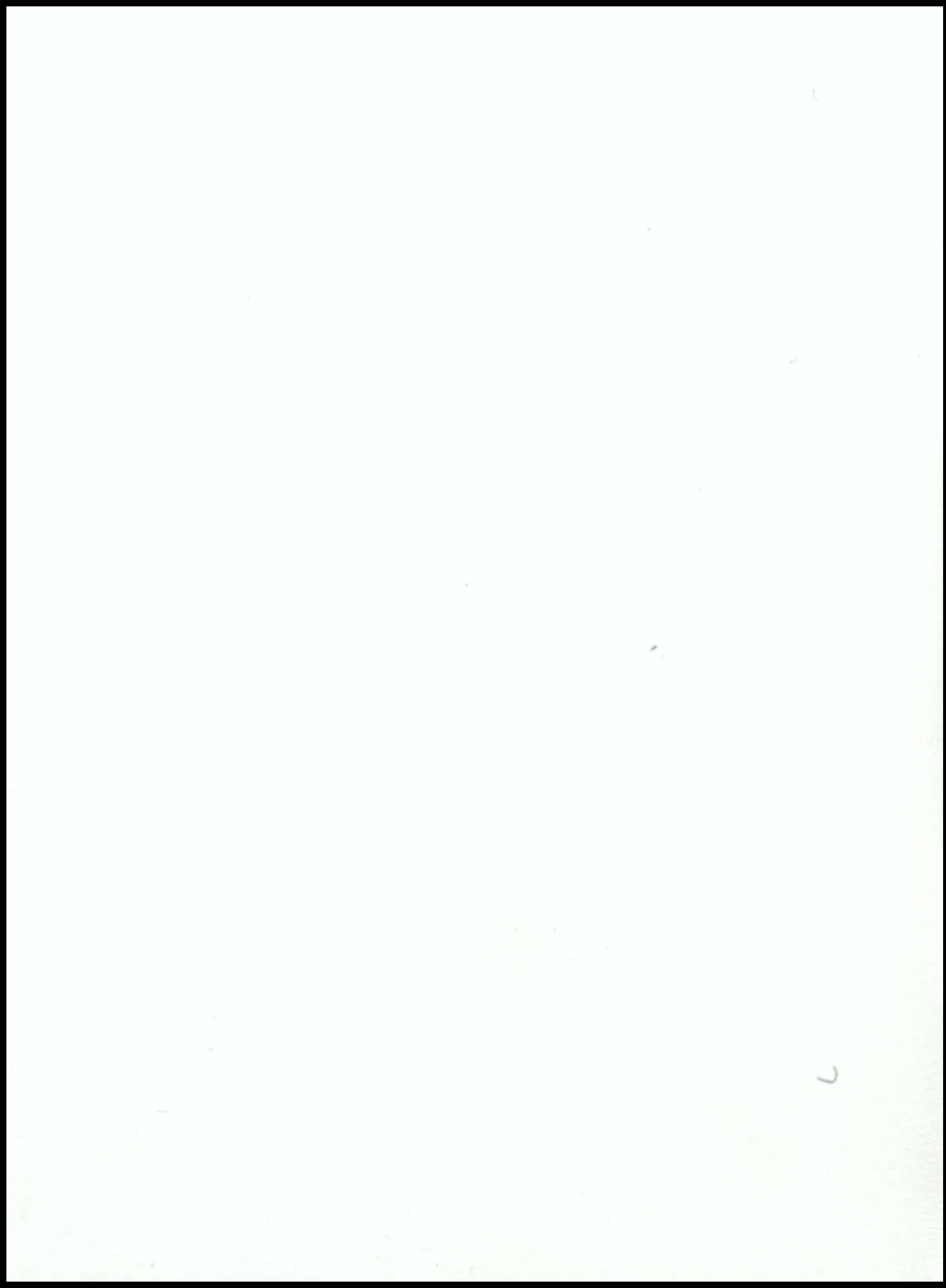


1998
REMEMBERING

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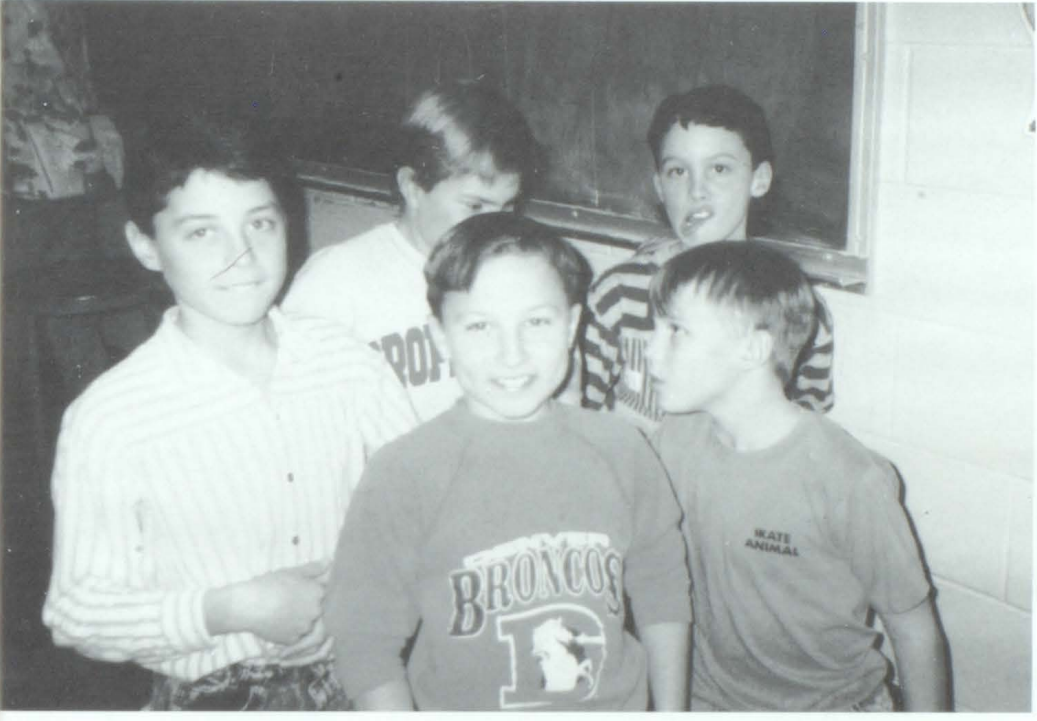


WAGNER COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Wagner, S.D. 57380 Presents the 1998 Raider Remembering Volume 57

The Senior Class would like to dedicate this annual to the memory of their fellow classmate David Beeson, who walked this earth from August 31, 1979 to March 8, 1994.

Joe Kuhlman, Matt Abdouch, Ryan Fechner, Jeff Cuka, and Kyle Hosek as they appeared in the fifth grade.



Back Row) Denna Kazena, Christina Andal, Nicole Soukup, Stephanie Soukup, Jamie Kokesh, Gina Woods, Ian King, Wes Brewer, Matt Abdouch, Ryan Wiechmann, Gary Onegwaard, Randy Robertson, Adam Soukup, Nick Uherka, (Front row) Tara Dvorak, Stephanie Villmow, Kim Seiner, Kelly Kafka, Jennifer Durham, Jeff Cuka, J.D. Cotton, Josh Beeson, and John Bartunek during sixth grade reading class.

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1998: A YEAR TO REMEMBER

The Class of 1998 will be "Remembering" 1998 for the rest of their lives. The students will treasure their memories of Wagner Community School. Jessica Blaha sums up the year with two words, "band trip."

1998 was full of happiness. The girls basketball team brought the state title to Wagner. Two gymnasts qualified for the state meet. Six wrestlers went to the state wrestling tournament in Aberdeen. The band and swing choir took a trip to Denver to perform. Jen Durham and Tanner Jurgensen were crowned

homecoming royalty. The Juniors put together a prom to remember with the theme "Paradise City." The high school play was an event to remember. The activities at Wagner Community School were plentiful and enjoyed by all.

The Seniors will remember Wagner Community School for all of the smiling faces and good friends. Nicole Soukup was heard saying, "The spirit of the class of '98 will live in the halls of WHS forever!" 1998 will definitely be a year to remember for all of the students at Wagner.



Mr. Bich teaches Jessica Jongewaard, Suzanne Andal, and Clara Frederick about their cat during Advanced Biology.

Stephanie Soukup, Gary Jongewaard, Tara Dvorak, and Suzanne Andal are making fun of the photographer.

Seniors Nicole Soukup and Tara Dvorak got just as messy as the freshmen during initiation.





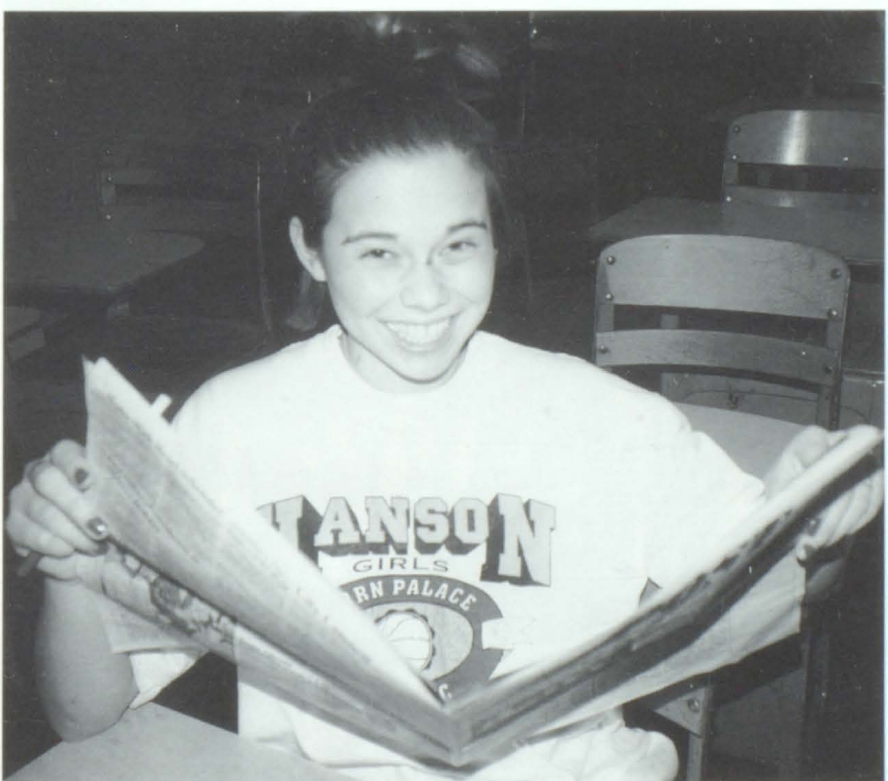
Above Left: Ryan Wiechmann works hard on his boat named *Titanic* during his two hour block shop class.

Above Right: Scott Donelan, Brain Kisely, Gary Jongewaard, Sean Coleman, J.R. Kaufman, and Nick Pravecck spend quality time with each other during swing choir practice.

Left: Dustin Hartley and Carl Denker sound their trumpets during a usual day of band.



Mrs. Schoepf's freshmen English class consisting of (back) Sherri Melton, Marissa Cournoyer, Dustin Hartley, Jeremy Cuka, Marissa Kocer, Pearle Barnhart, Robin Uecker, Wendy Uherka, Liz Kazena, Brian Nedved, and Jeremy Lhotak wave to the camera.



Kyla Whiting reads *The Wagner Post* to remember the past week.



The cast of Pinocchio takes a curtain call after their matinee performance for the kindergarten through sixth graders on October third.

Pinocchio

On September 29, Shannon Huneryager and Andy Daly, members of the Missoula Children's Theatre Company arrived to begin selection of the cast for the local production of "Pinocchio". After selecting the cast, the group rehearsed until the matinee performance for the elementary students was given on Friday afternoon, while the Saturday evening performance was open to the public.



The Fox, Cody Specketer; Sabrina, Blue Fairy, Mary Jo Nedved; Jiminy Cricket, Mateya Kuhlman; Cat, Amber Alderink; and the Puppets: Carrie Crisman, Lindsey Morrow, and Jill Denker performed in "Pinocchio".

Cast

Pinocchio: Shannon Huneryager; **Geppetto, Stomboli:** Andy Daly; **Jiminy Cricket:** Mateya Kuhlman; **Sabrina, the Blue Fairy:** Mary Jo Nedved; **Fox:** Cody Specketer; **Cat:** Amber Alderink; **Puppets:** Carrie Crisman, Jill Denker, Lindsey Morrow; **Candlewick:** Brian Kisely, **Crew:** Andrea Jongewaard, Dustin McAdaragh, Alan Nedved, Amanda Ishmael; **Urchins:** Alex Soukup, Tara Smejkal, Katie Hall, Margo Matula, Chiara Cournoyer, Tyler Cuka, Stephanie Carda, Leslie Crow, Robin Kisely, Savannah Breen; **Pleasure Isle Kids:** Josh Ishmael, Marc Minahan, Kristi Donelan, Christa Hahn, Mavrick Hill, Joey Koupal, Brittany Weston, Kelsey Doom, Markita McBride, Michael Kazena, Trevor Krcil, Shelley Melton, Abby Arndt, Kevin Carda, Carleena McBride; **Toys:** John Rysavy, Tait Johannsen, Mary Francis Kocer, Taylor Mohr, Chad Beeson, Amber Wilson, Laura Denker, Katrina McAdaragh, Shauna Thomas, Angele' Blaine, Wendy Meiers, Lethrese McBride; **Assistant Directors:** Teresa Humphrey, Andrea Fischer, Wendy Harrington, Jessica Jongewaard; **Pianist:** Stephanie Villmow

The "crew"; Amanda Ishmael, Dustin McAdaragh, Alan Nedved, and Andrea Jongewaard; accompany Candlewick, Brian Kisely, in his escapades.



(Back row) Misty Smejkal, Aaron Abdouch, Angie Wilson, Erica Podzimek, Jennifer Durham, Corey Reiser, Jennifer Roth, (Middle row) Janelle Bastemeyer, Joe Kuhlman, Tanner

Jurgensen, Jeff Kuhlman, Paul Kuhlman (Front row) Coty Picotte, Molly Andersh, Joey Cuka, and Audra Turner are Homecoming royalty.



1997 Homecoming Is Memorable

Many memories were made during the week of homecoming. The festivities of the week began with inside-out day on Monday. The freshman began to feel the tortures of high school after carrying books and trays, pushing food with their noses, and singing beautiful TV tunes. Monday night ended with coronation and the new king and queen being crowned. Afterwards the tradition of the burning of the "W" took place. Tuesday the students showed their sophisticated side by dressing up. Wednesday was a total opposite of Tuesday. The halls were filled with nerds galore. Some showing

there better sides. Thursday students dressed up as bikers or just went grungy all day. On Friday the school was filled with red and white. The action did not end in the hallways. The powder puff football game was filled with excitement and during the game other action was going on along side of the field. The freshman were being made into lunch by the seniors. They were drenched with ketchup, syrup, flour, mustard, eggs, tomatoes, and other food. It was an exciting day ending with the football game against Chamberlin. The Raiders stomped the Cubs, making it a memorable homecoming.



1997 Homecoming royalty are King Tanner Jurgensen and Queen Jennifer Durham.

A few nerds are taking time out during geography class. Nerds include Jamie Kokesh, Tara Dvorak, Nicole Soukup, Dan Kotab, Erica Podzimek, and Stephanie Soukup.

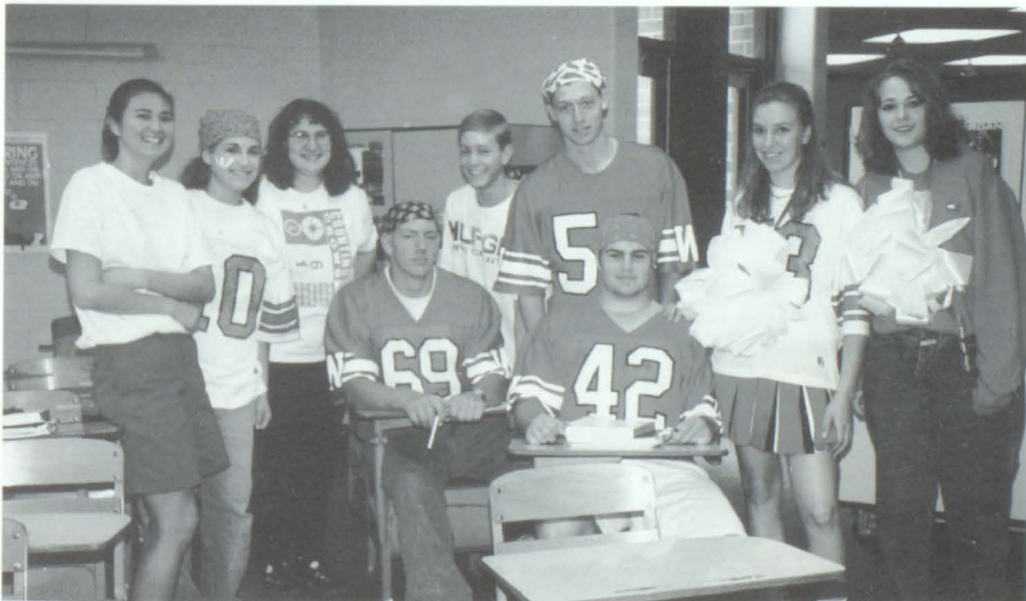


Above: Tanner Jurgensen and Matt Abdouch show their bad side on biker/grunge day while Ryan Thaler looks them over.



Left: Managers for the homecoming royalty include Jeff Cuka for Tanner Jurgensen, Randy Robertson for Joe Kuhlman, Kyle Hosek for Jeff Kuhlman, Tamara Schroeder for Angie Wilson, Stephanie Soukup for Erica Podzimek, and Tara Dvorak for Jen Durham.

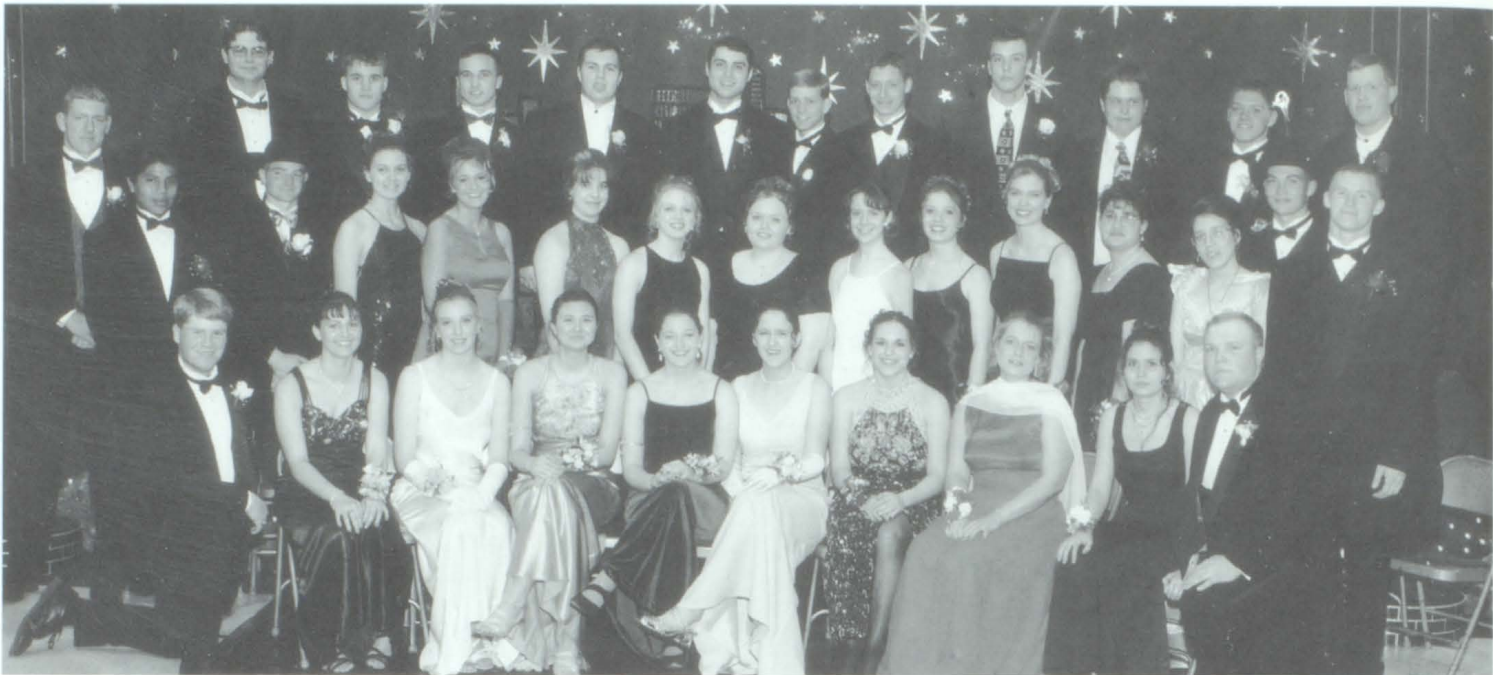
Below Right: Master of ceremonies for Home coming Coronation is senior class president, J.D. Cotton.



Seniors show their school spirit during red and white day. Chris Andal, Jen Durham, Danica Uherka, Adam Soukup, Scott Donelan, J. D. Cotton, Matt Abdouch, Tara Dvorak, and Nicole Soukup are among the seniors who show their spirit.

The seniors that attended were (Back row) Adam Soukup, Luke Jordan, Kyle Hosek, Jeff Cuka, Matt Abdouch, Joe Kuhlman, Scott Donelan, J.D. Cotton, Ryan Wiechmann, Matt Weber, Dan Kotab, Tom Ehrisman, (Middle row) Cristian Morales, Tanner Jurgensen, Gina Woods, Nicole Soukup, Laura Statler, Stephanie Soukup, Jamie Kokesh, Kim Seiner,

Laura Kaufman, Erica Podzimek, Danica Uherka, Shelly Mills, Nick Uherka, Jeff Kuhlman, (Front row) Gary Jongewaard, Stephanie Villmow, Tara Dvorak, Christina Andal, Angie Wilson Tamara Schroeder, Jennifer Durham, Kasi Brown, Jennifer Leibel, and Randy Robertson.



Remembering Prom

The Junior-Senior Prom went perfectly on Saturday April 4, 1998. All the Juniors and Seniors came together to celebrate a night they will never forget.

The evening started off with the Junior class parents and school cooks preparing the delicious meal. Then a short program followed with Mr. Shawn Kennedy as a guest speaker. Jen Durham gave the Senior Highlights and Dalene Link gave the Junior Highlights. J.D. Cotton gave a Senior Response with Mandy Koupal as Mistress of Ceremonies.

This year saw a change in announcement time of the Royalty. In past years, the Royalty was announced near the end of the dance. This year, the Junior class decided that the Royalty would be selected and the announcement of the chosen ones would be made before the Grand March, so the Royalty could lead it. This year's Prom Royalty were David Holzbauer and Rhonda Beeson as the prince and princess, while Randy Robertson and Angie Wilson were the King and Queen.

After the Grand March the dance was held. Tony Harrell was the music of the evening, playing everything from high beat dance to slow dancing country love songs.

The After Prom Party was held at the Dakota Bowl and Recreation. At the party students and dates could bowl, play pool and other games in the arcade for free. The evening was full of laughs. The hypnotist did a good job of embarrassing many people during his show.



Shawn Kennedy, former teacher and coach, gave the main address.



Jen Durham gave the Senior Highlights and Dalene Link gave the Junior Highlights. J.D. Cotton gave the Senior Response and Mandy Koupal was the Mistress of Ceremonies.

Paradise City

The junior class members that attended are (Back row) Richard Turner, Ryan Courmoyer, Kevin Waggoner, David Holzbauer, Ryan Slaba, Zach Thaler, Trevor Scherr, Paul Kuhlman, Craig Cuka, Gary Bartunek, Crystal Dupuy, (Middle row) Patricia Koupal, Josh Woods, Nick Pravecek, Jon Donnell, Marvin Oliveras, Roger Rezac, Waylon Payer,

(Second row) Carl Bergin, Suzanne Andal, Janelle Bastemeyer, Wendy Harrington, Sarah Kafka, Rhonda Beeson, Nichole Wiechmann, Jessica Jongewaard, Kristen Krcil, (Front row) Jessica Slaba, Sara Uherka, Molly Swatek, Suzie Sully, Janel Carda, Susana Dominguez, Dalene Link, Mandy Koupal, and Terry Ramsdell.



Above left: David Holzbauer and Rhonda Beeson are Prince and Princess. Randy Robertson and Angie Wilson are King and Queen. The 1997 Royalty are Sam Bermudez and Michelle Zolnowsky.

Above right: Susana Dominguez displays the prom decorations she is working on.

Left: Sophomore prom servers are Jill Kuhlman, Brandy Durham, Misty Smejkal, Jason Kuhlman, Dan Podzimek, and Aaron Abdouch.



Tanner Jurgensen receives his diploma from School Board President Wayne Scherr.



Gina Woods, Scott Donelan, Laura Kaufman, Danica Uherka, Stephanie Villmow, and DaNeera Dufur stand around talking before commencement begins.

Students who attended Wagner Community School for thirteen years are (Back row) Ryan Fehner, Nick Uherka, Ryan Thaler, Jeff Cuka, J.D. Cotton, Gary Jongewaard. (Third row) Randy Robertson, Tom Ehrisman, Ryan Wiechmann, Kyle Hosek, Adam Soukup, Matt Abdouch, Dan Kotab, Jamie Kokesh, Stephanie Villmow, (Second row) Scott Donelan, Erica Podzimek, Jennifer Leibel, Stephanie Soukup, Jeff Kuhlman, Josh Beason, Joe Kuhlman, and Danica Uherka. (Front row) Nicole Soukup, Tara Dvorak, Jennifer Durham, Tamara Schroeder, Trista Tuttle, Kasi Brown, and Kim Seiner.



Graduation 1998

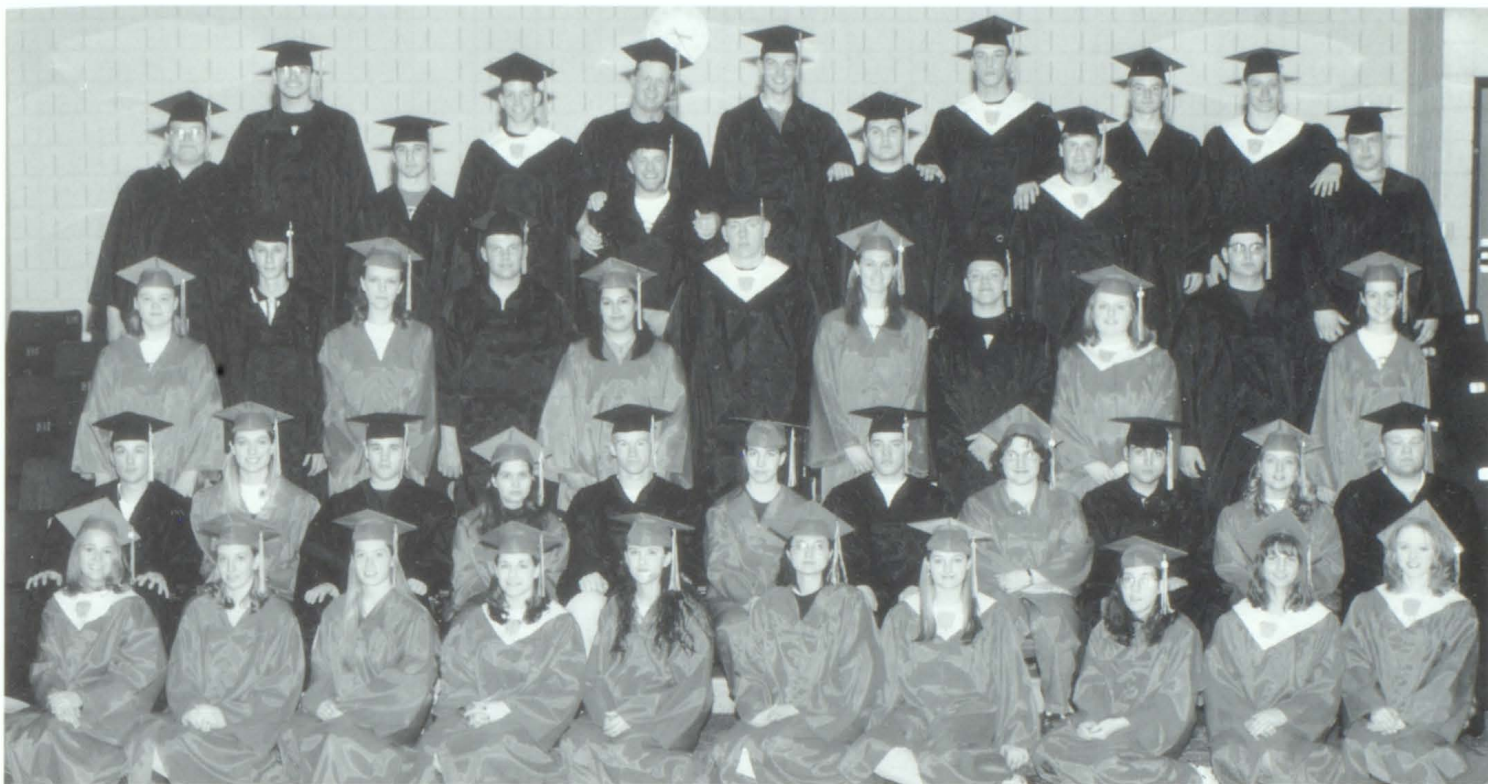
The class chose "In our hands we hold today; in our dreams we hold tomorrow; in our hearts we hold forever" as their class motto. The seniors also chose black, red, and silver as their colors along with a red rose as the flower. The class was one of the biggest classes the school has seen in a long time with forty-eight graduating. Jennifer Durham, salutatorian, gave the welcome and introduced Mr. Bich who gave the invocation. Next to speak was J.D. Cotton who read the class history. The high school chorus and some seniors sang "Fam-ily: Soar with Eagles" and "Friends". Valedictorian, Stephanie Villmow gave the Address. To close her speech she read a poem that moved many seniors to tears. The slide show and flower presentation caused another flow of tears among the seniors and their parents. Diplomas were issued to the seniors by School Board President Wayne Scherr. To close commencement Mr. Bich gave the benediction. Once outside the graduation class of 1998 threw their hats in the air.

Tara Dvorak, Jennie Leibel, and Nicole Soukup share a tender moment before graduation ceremonies start.



Members of the class are (Back row) George Cournoyer, Scott Donelan, Tom Ehrisman, Nick Uherka, Ryan Wiechmann, Tanner Jurgensen, JD Cotton, (Fourth row) Nick Cournoyer, Jeff Cuka, Shawn Beeson, Matt Abdouch, Gary Jongewaard, Matt Weber, (Third row) Trista Tuttle, Ryan Thaler, Jessica Westendorf, Steven Beeson, Jodi Cournoyer, Adam Soukup, Gina Woods, Dan Kotab, Jamie Kokesh, Luke Jordan, Kim Seiner,

(Second row) Ryan Fechner, Erica Podzimek, Kyle Hosek, Jennifer Leibel, Jeff Kuhlman, Laura Statler, Josh Beeson, Danica Uherka, Joe Kuhlman, Kasi Brown, Randy Robertson, (Front row) Nicole Soukup, Tara Dvorak, Laura Kaufman, Jennifer Durham, Tamara Schroeder, Christina Andal, Angie Wilson, Shelly Mills, Stephanie Villmow, and Stephanie Soukup.



Stephanie Villmow gave the address at graduation.



At graduation, Jennifer Durham gave the welcome.



The class history was read by J.D. Cotton.

Left: The play is over and the cast gathers for a last curtain call.

HEADIN' FOR A WEDDIN' !!

The Cast

Homer Hollowbone	Nick Uherka
Maw Hollowbone	Jamie Kokesh
Paw Hollowbone	Adam Soukup
Sarah Jo Hollowbone	Robin Bures
Gracie May Hollowbone	Danica Uherka
Fannie Jane Hollowbone	Stephanie Villmow
Pepper Hollowbone	Luke Jordan
Sis Hollowbone	Jessica Blaha
Grandpappy Hankley	Matt Abdouch
Widow Blairehouse	Nicole Soukup
Bertha Blairehouse	Tara Dvorak
Slim Blairehouse	Brian Kisely
Melissa Dugan	Suzanne Andal
Hortense Todd	Susana Dominguez
Isabel Todd	Kasi Brown

Director Mr. Glen Schoepf
Stage/lights Manager Sean Coleman

Homer Hollowbone (Nick Uherka) has fallen in love with a debutante whose picture he found in a newspaper. He writes to the girl telling her that he lives in a mansion, and he is a very refined, educated person. His letters are an exaggeration, as he lives in a shack in the mountains with his dirty, shiftless family, Maw (Jamie Kokesh), Paw (Adam Soukup), Sarah Jo (Robin Bures), Gracie May (Danica Uherka), Fannie Jane (Stephanie Villmow), Pepper (Luke Jordan), and Sis (Jessica Blaha).

As Homer writes another letter to Melissa Dugan (Suzanne Andal), he is caught and the family jumps to a conclusion that he is writing a "courtin'" letter to Bertha Blairehouse (Nicole Soukup), Paw, and Slim (Brian Kisely) arrive at the Hollowbone's because snow is too bad at their cabin. Also showing up at the Hollowbone's cabin is Melissa Dugan and the Todd sisters (Susana Dominguez and Kasi Brown). One thing leads to another and an old hillbilly feud breaks out in the three-room cabin with Grandpappy Hankley (Matt Abdouch) leading the Hollowbones and Widow Blairehouse leading the Blairehouses.

Above left: Homer, Bertha, Slim, Widow Blairehouse, Grandpappy Hankley, and Maw Hollowbone are feudin' in the three-room cabin.

Left: Gentlemen of the cast (Brian Kisely, Luke Jordan, Adam Soukup and Nick Uherka) are assisted in applying their make-up by Nicole Soukup, as the ladies' room turns into a dressing room for the cast.





Jim Altenburg
 Business Ed., Head. Boys' Basketball, Assistant Football
 Jodi Altenburg
 Social Studies, Assistant Track, J.H. Girls' Basketball Ball
 Howard Bich
 Biology, Head Track, Cross Country, Jr. Class
 Dan Bosma
 Counselor, Jr. Class



Linda Broecher
 Resource Room
 Dan Daum
 Science, J.H. Wrestling, J.H. Track, Jr. Class
 Phyllis Daum
 Resource Room
 Tim Dingman
 Band



Penny Evans
 Practice Teacher, Assistant Girls' Basketball
 Marcia Hall
 Library
 Dave Hutchinson
 Business Ed, Head Football, Assistant Boys' Basketball
 Sue Isebrands
 Spanish, Improv



Betsy Koenig
 Elementary Computers
 Theresa Koupal
 Study Hall, Newspaper
 Doreen Kuca
 Junior High Math
 Mary Lease
 Home Ec., English



Leanne Meaney
 Chorus
 Joan Mulder
 English, American History
 Walt Nedved
 Science, Athletic Director, J. H. Football
 Pete Nielson
 Ag, FFA, J. H. Football, J. H. Boys Basketball



Teachers Try Their Hardest

Teachers had a big influence on the lives of their students throughout the years. From the very first day of kindergarten until graduation, they shared their knowledge and shaped the future of

their students. Teachers had certain goals to achieve during the year with each class. Even though each teacher used different techniques in educating students, they all had the same goal, to

give each student the best education possible. When asked what her main goal in teaching is, Doreen Kuca stated "No matter what ability a student has, I try to make them succeed."



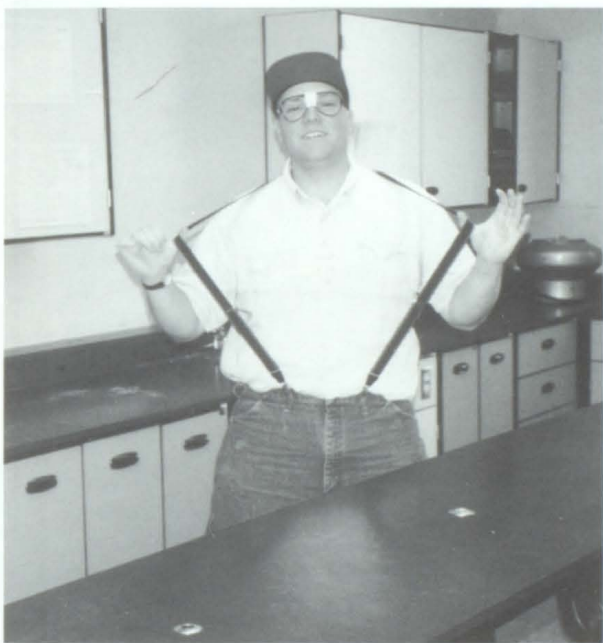
Doug Odens
PE, Grade Girls' and Boys' Basketball
Fran Podzimek
Math, English, Jr. Class
Dana Sanderson
Title IX Counselor
Doug Schladweiler
Psychologist



Glen Schoepf
Math, Computers, Play
Lorean Schoepf
English, Declam
Tom Studelska
S. Studies, Assistant Wrestling
Janice Twitero
Math, Annual



Verne Twitero
Science, Computer Graphics
Patricia White Horse
Special Education Director
Dianne Wiechmann
Current Events, English
Jean Wilson
Art, English



Betsy Wiltz
Jr. High English/Language Arts
Far left: Randy Robertson just being himself.



Above: Seniors, Nicole Soukup, Gina Woods, Stephanie Villmow, Erica Podzimek, Jennie Leibel, Christina Andal, Jodi Cournoyer, Kim Seiner, Angie Wilson, Stephanie Soukup, Tammy Schroder, Jennifer Durham, Trista Tuttle, Jamie Kokesh, Luke Jordan, Ryan Fechner, Kyle Hosek, Josh Beeson, Joe Kuhlman, J.D. Cotton, Scott Donelan, Anthony Bortolussi, Jeff Kuhlman, and Steve Beeson take a little time out of Psychology.
Left: Kim Seiner, Erica Podzimek and Stephanie Soukup look beautiful on dress up day.



Left: Superintendent Vernal Anderson
Right: Business Manager Marlene Stone

Remember Our Administration

The Wagner administration deserved to be remembered. The administration was made up of Neil Goter, Steven Petry, Vernal Anderson, Marlene Stone and the school board members-Wayne Scherr, Don Hosek, Todd Doom, Pete Kazena, Francis Soukup, Diane Thaler, and Jerry Seiner.

Superintendent Vernal Anderson took care of the basic supervision and administration of the school. Superintendent Anderson prepared the agenda for all the school board meetings. His area of expertise was on the issues dealing with transportation, instruction, maintenance, and meals.

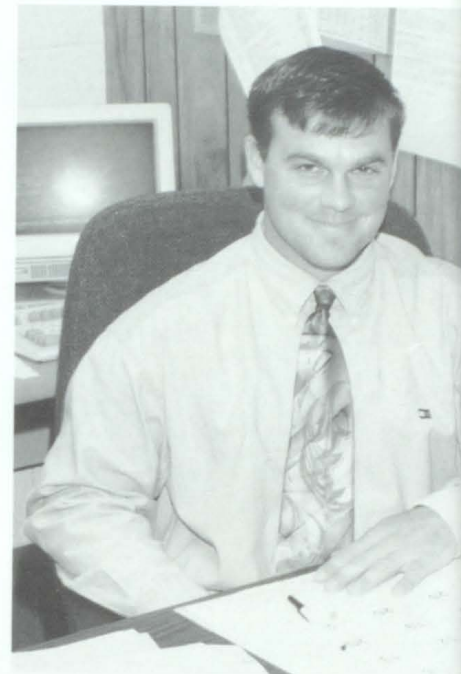
The job of Principal Goter was to handle the curriculum, evaluate the teachers and classes, and manage the discipline issue. He also made sure the extra-curricular activities ran efficiently and prepared the schedules.

Steven Petry was the assistant principal. Mr. Petry assisted with activities related to the high school principal. He also made sure things ran smoothly in the junior high.

Business manager, Marlene Stone, was in charge of all the school's finances. She made sure that all the accountable funds met state guidelines. Mrs. Stone took the minutes at the school board meetings, prepared the payroll, and ordered needed supplies.

Wayne Scherr, Don Hosek, Todd Doom, Francis Soukup, Diane Thaler, Jerry Seiner, and Pete Kazena were the school board members. These people made decisions that affected the entire school. They handled the allocation of funds and set the school policies. These fine men and women were responsible for many issues that came up during the year.

These fine people that comprised the administration put a lot of their time and effort into making this school an effective learning environment.



Above Left: Principal Neil Goter
Above Right: Assistant Principal Steven Petry

Members of the school board are (Back row) Francis Soukup, Todd Doom, Wayne Scherr, (Front row) Jerry Seiner, Pete Kazena, and Diane Thaler. Not pictured is Don Hosek.

Remembering the Class of 1998

The class of 1998 ended their high school career with many memories that will last them a lifetime. They are now ready to move on and start their careers.

Homecoming was the start of many great times. They were able to play powderpuff football and have a freshmen-senior food fight. Jennifer Durham and Tanner Jurgensen were named homecoming king and queen. Other candidates were Jeff Kuhlman, Joe Kuhlman, Angie Wilson, and Erica Podzimek.

During the week of Christmas, they decorated the wall by the locker room

with Winnie-the-Pooh wishing everyone a merry Christmas. Also during this time the senior class was given senior lounge privileges. They signed their names on the wall and brought in many games to keep them busy during their study halls.

Prom was yet another memorable night. They would like to thank the junior class for creating a wonderful prom for everyone to enjoy. They knew how much time they spent on their prom when they were juniors and could tell that the juniors worked hard.

The moment that they waited for was

finally here-graduation. They worked hard so that they could walk up on the stage and accept their diploma. The seniors slideshow and class history brought back many of the great times that they have shared together.

Remembering a fellow classmate of theirs that is no longer with them brought tears to many of their eyes. David Beeson was a great friend to the class and will always be remembered in the hearts of the senior class. They were grateful for the many valuable years that they were allowed to spend with him.



Matthew
Abdouch



Christina
Andal



John
Bartunek



Josh
Beeson



Steve
Beeson



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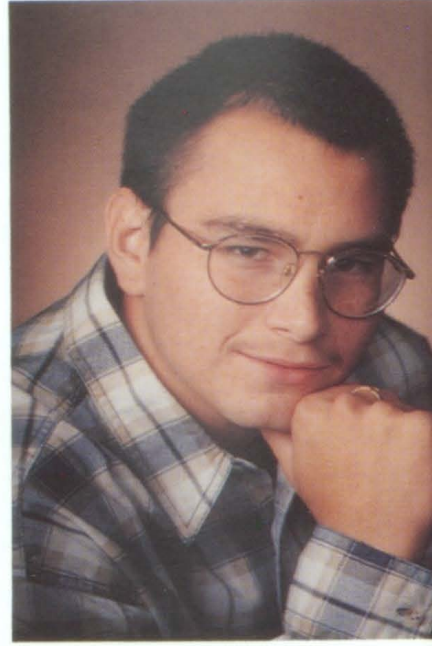
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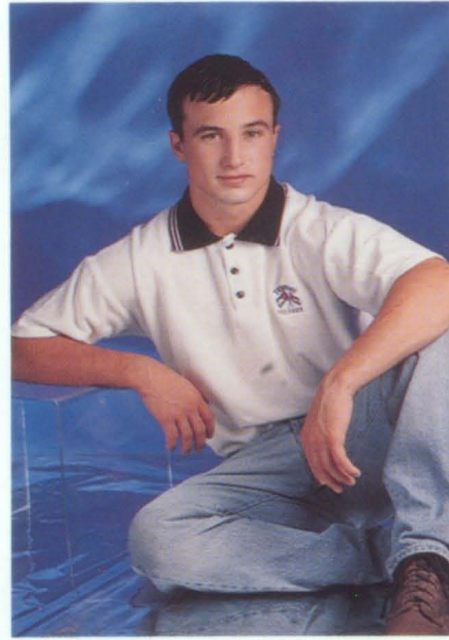
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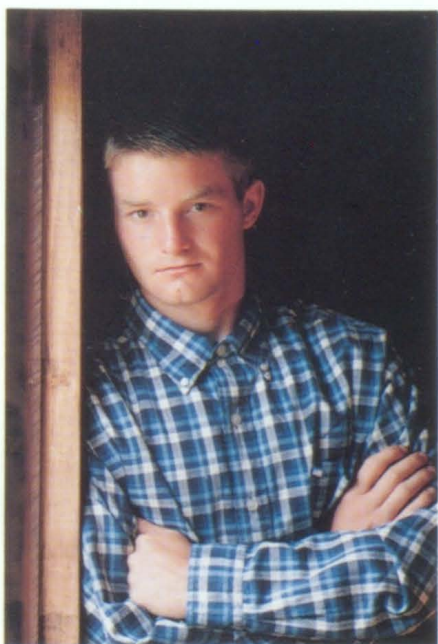
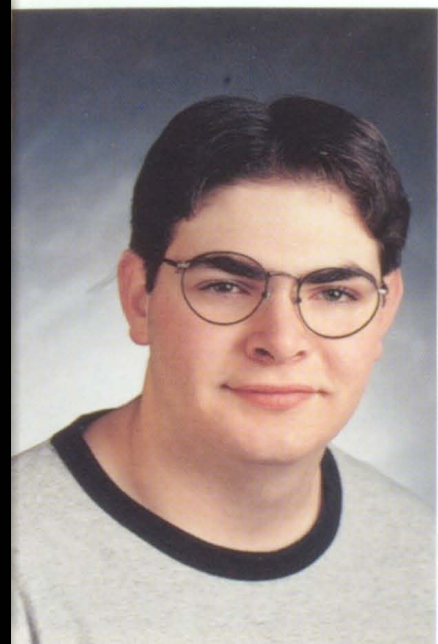




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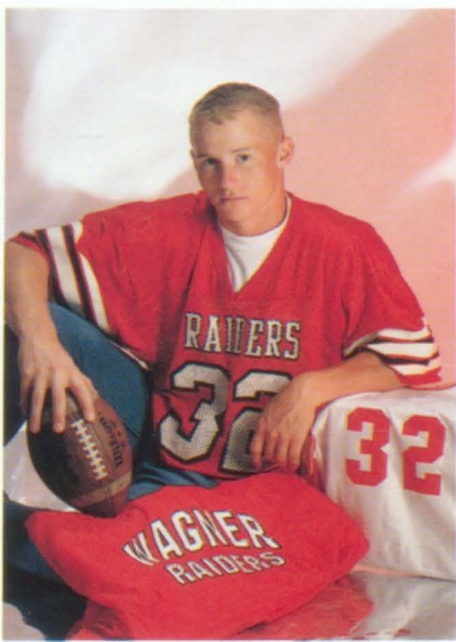
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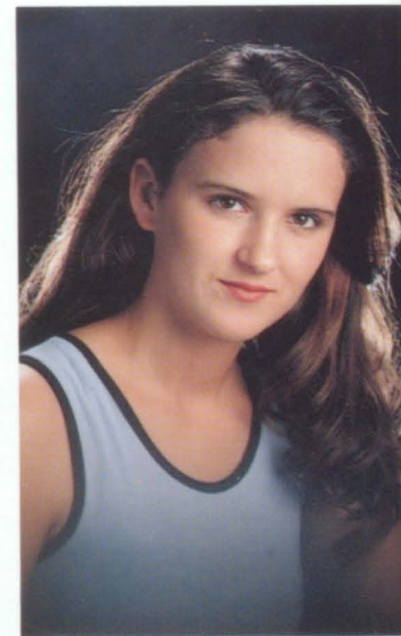


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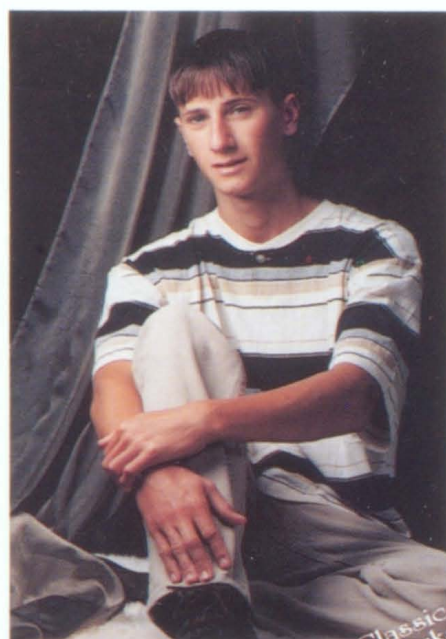
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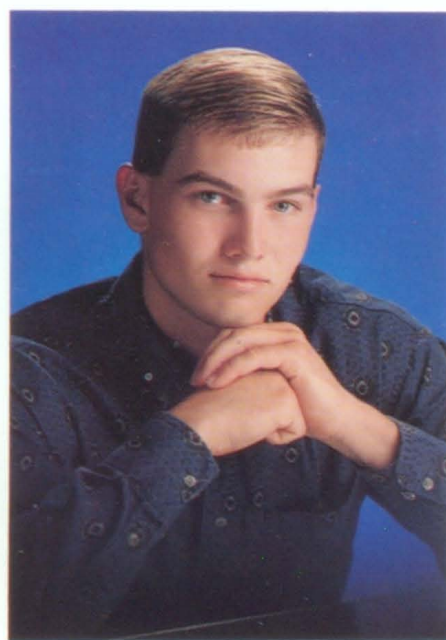
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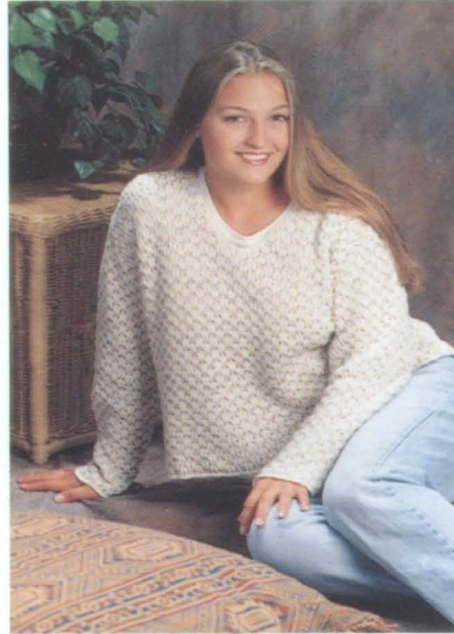
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Angela
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Gina
Woods



Shawn Beeson



Above Right: The Senior Class Officers for the year are Vice-President Randy Robertson, Secretary/Treasurer Christina Andal, and President J.D. Cotton.

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The people we have known
And the friendships we have sewn
It all ties in together
We will remember this forever
And as we take a different road
Grown from young to old
We learn we all control our fate
Together as the class of 1998

By a member of the class of 1998

Nicole Soukup, Jennie Leibel, and Gina Woods relaxing in the senior lounge.



Following seniors received scholarships:
(Back row) Gary Jongewaard, Ryan Wiechmann,
(Middle Row) Dvorak, Jamie

Kokesh, Nicole Soukup, Stephanie Villmow,
(Front row) Jennifer Durham, Stephanie Soukup,
J. D. Cotton, Scott Donelan, and Adam Soukup



Staters are (Back row) Richard Turner, Trevor Scherr, and Frank Carda. Girls Staters are (Middle row) alternates, Sarah Kafka and Nichole Wiechmann, and (Front row) delegates, Suzanne Andal and Ana Dominguez.

Awards Given

On May 14, 1998, the Music and Academic Awards Night was held. There were many students receiving awards. Stephanie Villmow received the Philip Sousa Award, while Tara Dvorak received the Outstanding Senior Chorus Member Award and the Outstanding Swing Choir Award. Other Outstanding Chorus Awards went to Neera Dufur, Brian Kisely, and Suzanne Andal. Jamie Kokesh received Senior Oral Interp Award, while Tara Dvorak received the Speech Excellence Award. Seniors receiving scholarships were Adam Soukup, Tanner Jurgensen, Jennifer Durham, Gary Jongewaard, J.D. Cotton, Luke Jordan, Nicole Soukup, Scott Donelan, Stephanie Villmow,

Stephanie Soukup, Angie Wilson, Danica Uherka, George Cournoyer, Ryan Wiechmann, Jamie Kokesh, Tara Dvorak, and Jessica Westendorf.

On the following Friday night, the Athletic Banquet was held. Jennifer Durham was named "Hardest Worker", Heidi Odens, "Most Improved", and Mandy Koupal, "Most Valuable" for the basketball team.

In football, the "Most Valuable" was Jeff Kulhman, while Ryan Slaba received the "Most Valuable Offense" award. Matt Abdouch was named "Most Valuable Defense" and "Most Valuable Lineman" went to Richard Turner. Trevor Scherr received the "Special Teams Player" award and Todd Link was named "JV Player of the Year."

Adam Soukup was named "Hardest Worker (in honor of David Beeson)" and Ross Cimpl was named "Most Dedicated (in honor of Kevin Swatek)." "Most Improved (in honor of Bobby Soukup)" went to Zach Thaler and "Most Valuable (in honor of Scotty Harrell and Bobby Soukup)" went to Jeff Cuka. Adam Soukup received the "Lifter of the Year" award.

Gymnast Nichole Wiechmann received the "Most Dedicated" award, while Tresa Scherr received the "Most Improved" award. Suzie Sully was named "Most Valuable."

The only cross country member receiving an award was Ryan Thaler, as he received the "Most Valuable" award.

Gina Woods was named "Most Improved" on the volleyball team as Jennifer Durham was named "Hustler." Mandy Koupal was named "Most Valuable" and Jill Kulhman was named "JV Most Valuable."

The "Hardest Workers" award in track went to Mandy Koupal, Jeff Kulhman, Tanner Jurgensen, Ryan Slaba, and Roger Rezac, while the "Most Improved" went to Kristi Stotz and Todd Link. "Most Valuable" went to Suzie Sully and Jeff Kulhman.

Darren Rysavy earned the "Most Dedicated" award in golf, while Dan Podzimek won the "Most Improved" award. Dawn Gruenewald won "Most Improved and Dedicated" and Robin Bures and Nick Cotton were named "Most Valuable."

Letter winners for the Rodeo Club were Kasi Brown, Nick Uherka, Sara Uherka, Jackie Van Duysen, Jeremy Lhotak, and Wendy Uherka.

Other awards given were "Over 100 Career Track Wins" to Mr. Bich, who received a plaque along with a standing ovation. Mr. Nedved also received a plaque and a standing ovation on his retirement as the school's Athletic Director. Previously in the year, Jennifer Durham was recognized as the school's "Girls and Women in Sports" and Mr. Nedved was honored as he was inducted into the Wall of Fame in the Bon Homme School lobby. Former Principal Roger Wiltz and Coach Studelska were inducted into the South Dakota Wrestling Hall of Fame during the wrestling season.

Juniors

Juniors Advance

The class of 1999 has survived yet another at Wagner High School. The juniors had a busy year preparing for the prom and working at the concession stand. This class surpassed its expectations in everything from

academics to athletics to music. The year seemed to fly by, they all had fun and made the best of their year. The class of 1999 is looking forward to the many memories it will bring before they leave the halls of Wagner Community School.

Suzanne Andal
Gary Bartunek
Janelle Bastemeyer
Rhonda Beeson
Wayne Bergin



Frank Carda
Janel Carda
Bess Cournoyer
Nicholas Cournoyer
Craig Cuka



Susana Dominguez
Crystal Dupuy
Jennifer Fuchs
Wendy Harrington
Shawn Honomichl



Nicholas Ishmael
Jessica Jongewaard
Sarah Kafka
Amanda Koupal
Patricia Koupal



Kristen Kircil
Paul Kuhlman
Dalene Link
Michael Medricky
Waylon Payer





Nicholas Pravecek
 Roger Rezac
 Trevor Scherr
 Jessica Slaba
 Ryan Slaba



Suzanne Sully
 Molly Swatek
 Zachary Thaler
 Richard Turner
 Sara Uherka



Jackie VanDuysen
 Nichole Wiechmann

Left: Goofing around in chorus are (Back row) Gary Jongewaard, JR Kaufman, (Fourth row) Nick Pravecek, Jessica Blaha, Scott Donelan, Sean Coleman, (Third row) Tara Dvorak, Nicole Soukup, Melissa Marshal, Suzanne Andal, (Second row) Dalene Link, Stephanie Soukup, (First row) Susana Dominguez.



Joshua Woods



Above: Junior Class Officers are Susana Dominguez, president; Mandy Koupal, secretary/treasurer; Zach Thaler, vice-president.

Left: The girls; Kristen Kreil, Mandy Koupal, Stephanie Soukup, Susana Dominguez, Tamara Schroeder, Molly Swatek and Rhonda Beeson, from Mr. Bich's Advanced Biology class gather before class begins.

Sophomores

Sophomores in Action

The class of 2000 became sophomores this year. The classes required of sophomores included English II, biology, career ed, basic computers, and geometry. The year was a very exciting year with many of our classmates actively participating in football games, basketball games, gymnastics, concerts, and a variety of contests.

This year the sophomore class did something very different that they usually get to do when they are a junior. They selected their own customized rings. Most of them were anxious to see them after waiting eight weeks.

There were many memories to make, experiences to learn from, and much fun to be had by all.

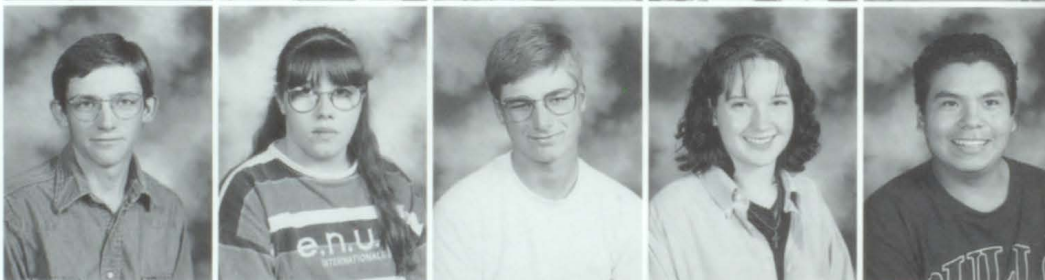
Aaron Abdouch
Brad Bartunek
Jessica Blaha
Mario Bortolussi
Justin Bouza



Joseph Carda
Sean Coleman
Nicholas Cotton
Carl Denker
Brandy Durham



Steven Fousek
Clara Frederick
Curtis Fuchs
Dawn Gruenewald
Calvin Gunhammer Jr.



Teresa Humphrey
James Kaufman
Elizabeth Kazena
Brian Kisely
Jason Kuhlman



Jill Kuhlman
Todd Link
Marva Matula
Thomas Peters
Daniel Podzimek



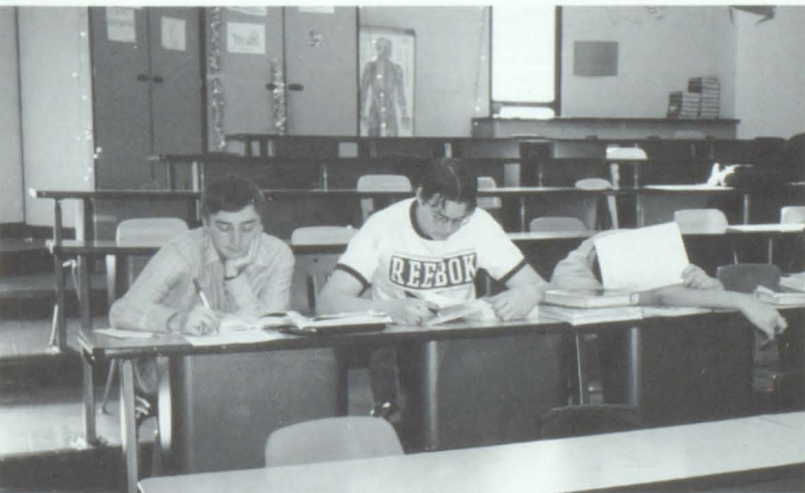


Terry Ramsdell
Charisse Redlightning
Jason Robertson
Darren Rysavy
Adam Sanderson

Misty Smejkal
Rachel Soukup
Cody Specketer
Kenneth St. Pierre
Kristina Stotz

Debbie Sudbeck
Jozef Swatek
Timothy Van denHoek
Kevin Waggoner
Gwyn Weston

Kyla Whiting
Left: Working on their biology are Jessica Blaha, Rachel Soukup, Dawn Gruenewald, Charisee Redlightning, Nick Cotton, Adam Sanderson, Debbie Sudbeck and Liz Kazena.



Jason Robertson and Tim Van denHoek prepare their biology lessons while a fellow student is less than studious.



Sophomore class officers include President Joe Carda, Secretary/Treasurer Todd Link, and Vice-President Dawn Gruenewald.

Freshmen Initiated

The class of 2001 took their first step into High School a bit wary of the seniors. Initiation came dreadfully quick. The freshmen had F's painted on their faces so they could be easily recognized. Not so bad, at first, but they later got the humiliation bomb. They had to pass a straw to each other using only their mouths without touching a piece of fruit on the straw. A few members of the class had an opportunity to play

"Ooga Booga". They probably would've passed if they had known they'd leave a puddle of water everywhere they sat for the rest of the day!

The freshmen also played leap frog, rolled food with their noses, carried books for seniors, wore trash bag diapers, competed in wheelbarrow races, and sang and danced to some very embarrassing songs. Last, but definitely not least, the freshmen had the old "pie

fight" with the seniors after the Powder Puff football game. It was a blast to watch, as long as you weren't the one getting your shirt stuffed with whipped cream or having Hershey's syrup and mustard used as shampoo and conditioner, right? Initiation was one of the class's very first memories of high school, and in the course of time, they would surely make many, more memories.

Justin Arrow
Theodora Arrow
Pearl Barnhart
Tasha Bastemeyer
Jeff Beeson



Quentin Bruguier III
Robin Bures
Marissa Cournoyer
Terry Cuka
Danielle Davenport



DaNeera Dufur
Christina Durham
Andrea Fischer
Melissa Franklin
Travis Giedd



Clarissa Gonzales
Cornell Gunhammer
Dustin Hartley
Joshua Havranek
Jeremie Johnson



Shonda Jurgensen
Haley Kocer
Andrew Koupal
Jeremy Kreeger
Tara Lake





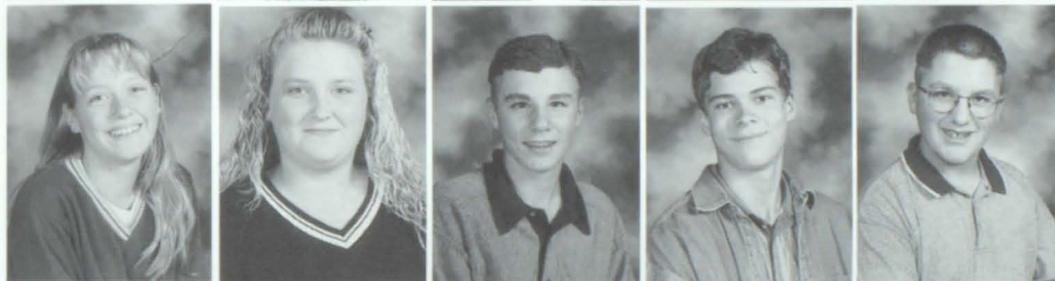
Roxy Leaf
Crystal Leibel
Jeremy Lhotak
Charlene Little Bear
Amber Madsen



Julia Marshall
Melissa Marshall
Alyssa Mathis
Jessica McBride
Sherri Melton



Cody Meyer
Brian Nedved
Heidi Odens
Corey Reiser
David Remme



Jennifer Roth
Tara Smejkal
Joseph Soukup
Matthew Soukup
Randy Soukup



Irene Stevens
Robin Uecker
Wendy Uherka
Jason VonEschen
Wayne Walters



Virgil Weston
Sarah Wiechmann
David Woods
Luke Yanez
James Zolnowsky

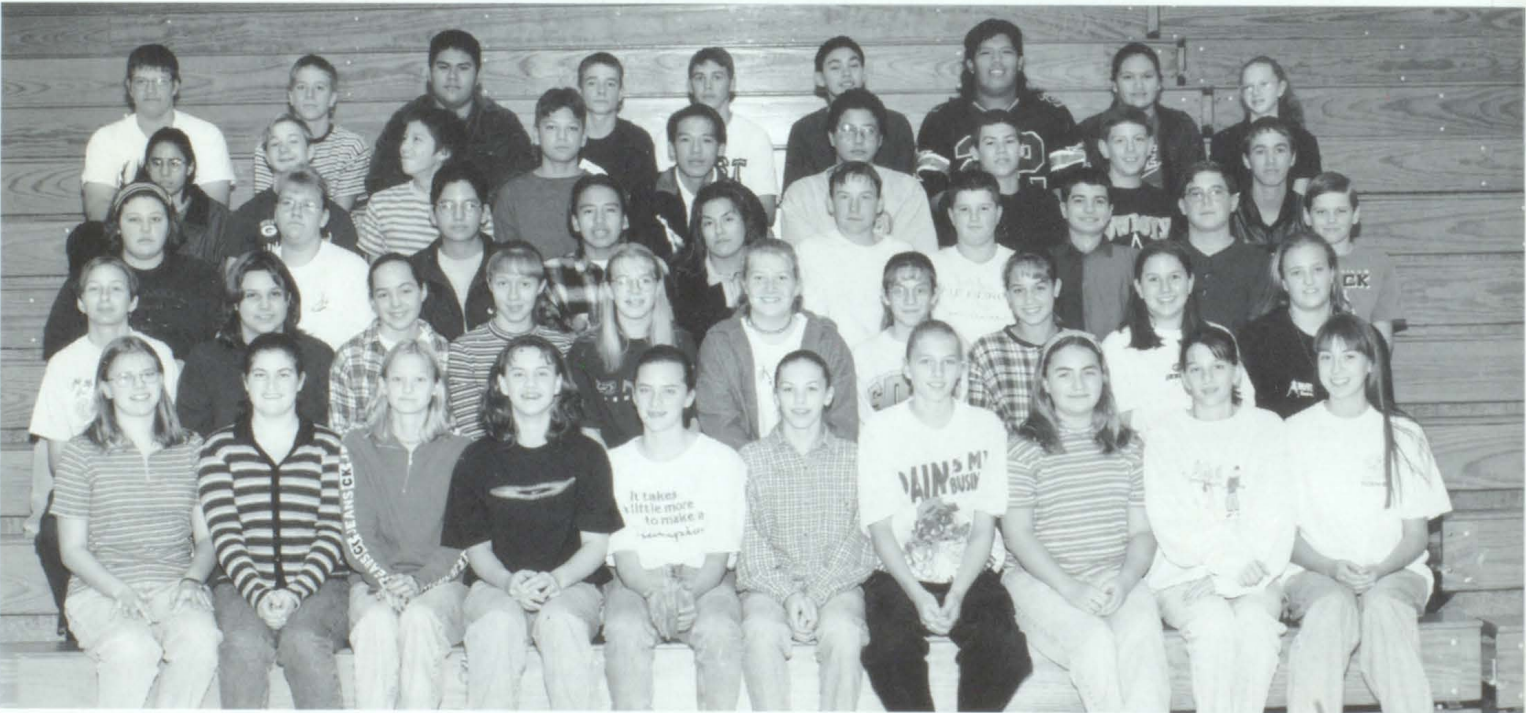


The freshmen class officers are Cody Meyer, president; Jeffery Beeson, vice-president and Sarah Wiechmann, secretary-treasurer.

Seventh and Eighth Grade

Members of the seventh grade are (Back Row) Lucas Dunham, Dustin McAdaragh, Timothy Rouse, Thomas Morrow, Walter Jandreau, Gregg Frederick, Walker Thompson, Nathan Picotte, Derek Gray, Justin Eggers, (Fifth Row) Soshup, Shelby Melton, Nick Bubaker, Scott Robertson, Grant Kocer, Riley Soukup, Tim Leibel, Alfred Gunhammer, John Zephier, Jordon Odens, Seth Petrik, Andrew Nordquist, (Fourth Row) David Barlett, Michael Dvoracek, Jon Podzimek, John Odens, Matthew Koupal, Aristeo Orozco, Leon Antelope, Michael Little Bear, Joel Perry, (Third Row) Dan Novak,

Priscilla Hubbeling, Dannielle Cooke, Antoinette Aungie, Frances Jandreau, Enessa Weston, Kateri Zephier, Desiree Sully, Alicia Bromley, Irene Fischer, (Second Row) Michelle Drapeau, Markita McBride, Andrea Jongewaard, Jill Denker, Katie Holzbauer, Michele Koupal, Rachel Doom, Nichole Stotz, Adrienne Red Buffalo, Ann Marie Celis, Tyrelle Gullikson, Santana Merritt, (Front Row) Lindsey Olson, Becky Kokesh, Heather Scott, Heidi Cuka, Jessica Nedved, Danielle Carda, Trina Soukup, Dusti Jurgensen, and Margo Matula.



(Back Row) Paul Harrington, Bryce Reiser, Mark Humphrey, Scott Link, Ross Cimpr, Jorge Fast Horse, Tyrone Primeaux, Valerie Jandreau, Heidi Stotz, (Fourth Row) Alicia Heck, Randy Honomichl, Jan McBride, Andrew Estes, Robbie Fox, Theodore Kranig, John Holzbauer, Scott Seiner, Jeremy Cuka, (Third Row) Robin Archambeau, Jessica Dvorak, Ambrose Bruguier, Delano Aungie, Jennifer Faith, Jeremy Havranek, Adam Kafka, Ross Beeson, Roger

Medricky, Jason VanDuysen, (Second Row) Renee Stock, Darcie Bermudez, Amy Blaha, Janae Reinbold, Nicole Krcil, Cari Uecker, Tracy Fousek, Jody VanDuysen, Jonna Carda, Jillian Jaeger, (Front Row) Mary Jo Nedved, Kim Leibel, JoEllen Lhotak, Miranda Hill, Angela Mazourek, Melanie Villmow, Lindsey Nedved, Chiara Cournoyer, Tresa Scherr, and Vanessa Yanez are members of the eighth grade class.

Serving as school secretaries are Jan Woods, Rosie Koupal, Mary Koupal, and Marilyn Zylstra

Working to keep our school clean are Bonnie Soukup, Bonnie Carda, George Brisby, Bob Dvorak, Dale Carda, and John Mills.



Cooking up all of those delicious meals are (Back Row) Mara Beckwith, Bonnie Carda, Lois Barkley, Bev Gau, Denise Efta, Della Stimpson, Elaine Schroeder, (Front Row) Lisa Archambeau, Jolene Link, Jeanene Horner, Kathy Leibel, and Karen Krcil.

Support Staff at Wagner School

Secretaries in the business offices were Rosie Koupal, and Marilyn Zylstra who have been with Wagner Community School for twenty four years each. Duties included typing reports and minutes, working with the lunch program and any other tasks assigned. They managed to keep reports interesting and fascinating. Quite a heavy load!!

Principals' office secretaries included Jan Woods with four years and Mary Koupal with five years of service. Their tasks were to hand out all of those great report cards, deliver endless messages, track lost students, file attendance reports and fulfill requests from the Principals.

The janitors kept our school clean and operational and free of gum wads and candy wrappers. THANK-YOU!

Bus drivers, with excellent driving records, brought the half-sleeping children to the halls of the school.

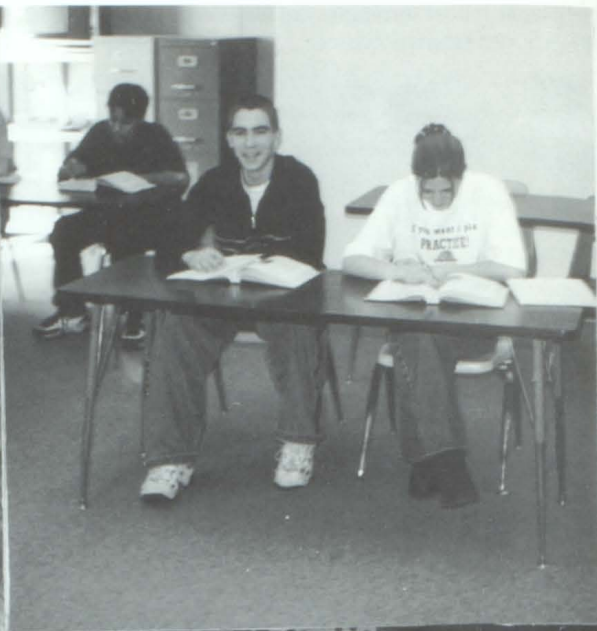
The cooks had talent beyond the kitchen stove, such as Star Search would envy! You should have seen their version of Lunch Lady Land! It was fantastic! Great performance ladies and you cook, too.



Bus drivers are (Back row) Richard Andersh, Terry Hollman, Jane Andersh, Alvin Rezac, (Front row) Kevin Andersh, Wilbur Meyer, Ray Kostel, and Ken Peters.



Student Life



Student Council Active

Student Council members include (Back row) Tresa Scherr, Trina Soukup, Jon Podzimek, (Third row) Ross Cimpl, Jessica McBride, Joey Soukup, Marissa Cournoyer, (Second row) Tara Dvorak, Rhonda Beeson, Randy Robertson, Trevor Scherr, Stephanie Villmow, Jill Kuhlman, Sean Coleman, (Front row) Scott Donelan, Jennifer Durham, Stephanie Soukup, Nicole Soukup, Jamie Kokesh, and Suzanne Andal.



Student Council was active throughout the year. Elections for the new officers took place the first part of the year. The candidates campaigned and got student signatures. After elections, new ideas were brought to the student body and faculty through the members. In the fall, the homecoming days were chosen with a variety of new ideas. The best Halloween costumes were chosen during October. The student body soon began recycling paper. Boxes were set aside and placed in each classroom throughout the elementary and high school. The members then collected the full boxes and took it to the boy scouts. Later on the Christmas movie was chosen and everyone enjoyed watching the *Saint*. During intermission the members served candy bars and pop to the students.

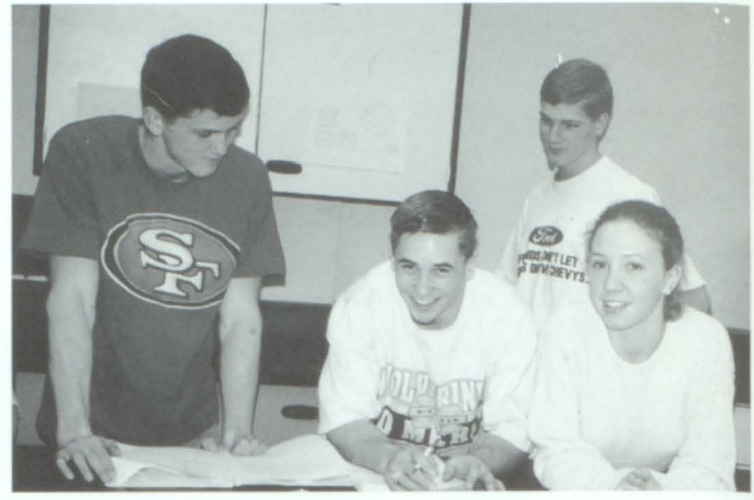
The student council used a new method of collecting money for children with disabilities. The program was called pennies for patients. Containers were placed in each classroom and the students were to bring in any pennies that they had available. The pennies would then be sent to the hospital. The members brought up issues at the meetings and the members got involved in other volunteer activities such as setting up a food drive during the winter months. The amount of food collected was not large but every little bit helped. There were several topics discussed such as the gum and candy privilege, the junior high dances, student parking, perfect perfect, and the scavenger hunt to name a few. Steve Petry, secondary principal, was the new student council leader. The student council's purpose was to represent their classes and their fellow classmates' ideas or complaints. The student body did a very good job of expressing their opinions on things this year and that helped make the school and the students become more actively involved. Involvement is the key to a better education. The student council did a good job of getting involved.



Student Council officers are President Jennifer Durham, Vice-President Stephanie Soukup, and Secretary/Treasurer Nicole Soukup.



Above Left: During homecoming week, Stephanie Soukup and Nicole Soukup are all smiles during government class while Joe Kuhlman, Dan Kotab, Tara Dvorak, Steven Beeson, George Cournoyer, and Jamie Kokesh sit in the background.



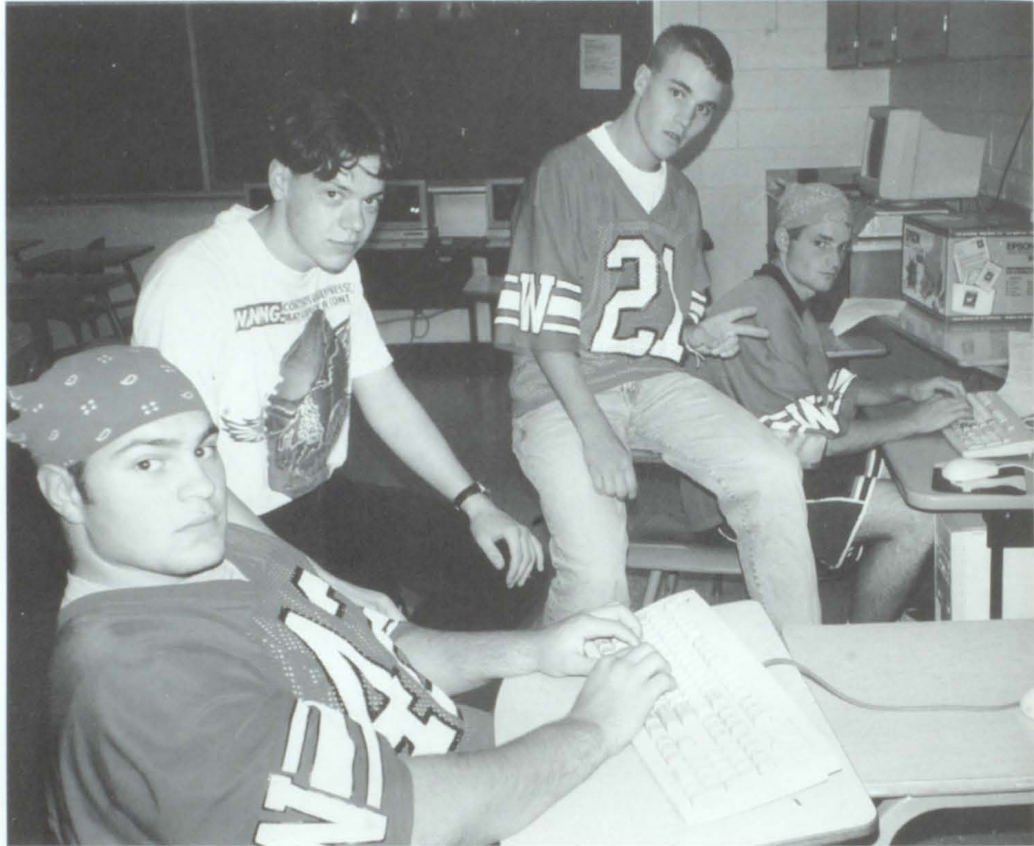
Above Right: Josh Woods, Ryan Slaba, Roger Rezac, and Janelle Bastemeyer enjoy another day of chemistry.

Right: Working hard on the computers in the ag room are Matt Abdouch, John Bartunek, Kyle Hosek, and Tanner Jurgensen.

Academic Excellence

Wagner High School excelled in academics during the year with many students adjusting success. Freshman students adjusted to the transition to high school, and enjoyed classes such as Mrs. Twitero's algebra, Mr. Daum's physical science, and Mrs. Schoepf's English. The sophomores at Wagner High, with the assistance of Mr. Bich and Mr. Nedved, entered the wonderful world of biology. Mr. Bich also guided the juniors with cat dissection, while Ms. Lease introduced them to term papers. The seniors had an exciting year making sure they had taken all the required classes in order to graduate. They were successful in completing the long journey through high school. With the high quality of academics at Wagner High School it is certain that the rest of the grades will follow in their footsteps.

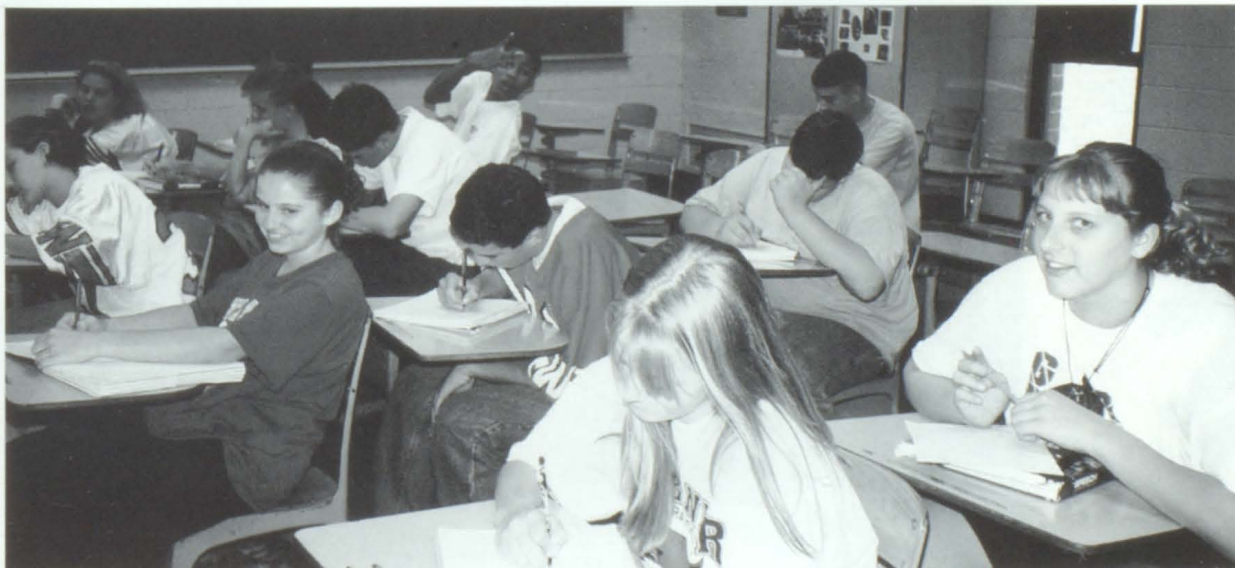
DaNeera Dufer, Jason VonEschen, Sherri Melton, Shonda Jurgensen, Wendy Uherka, Dustin Hartley, and Tara Lake try to solve the problems in their algebra homework.



Shawn Honomichl, Wayne Bergin, and Frank Carda dissect their cat in advanced biology.



Getting ready for a day in shop class are Justin Bouza, Jason Robertson, Tim VandeHoek, and Steven Fousek.



Above Left: In art, Tom Peters brushes his paper with water as Rachel Soukup and Terry Ramsdell decide what color to use.
Above Right: Steven Beeson advertizes his Surge in the back of study hall.
Left: Freshman English is exciting for Danielle Davenport, Andrew Koupal, Virgil Weston, Christi Durham, Corey Reiser, Sarah Wiechmann, Joey Soukup, Jeff Beeson, Jenny Roth, and Alyssa Mathis.

Annual Staff Faces Challenge

The annual staff members had a new challenge this year. The annuals this year were constructed on the computers. In previous years the stories and captions were typed on the computers, but this year was a little different. Annual staff members constructed the whole page, pictures and everything, on the handy computers. This eliminated nasty cuts from cutting out pictures. This also saved lots of time that was wasted on cutting and pasting pictures.

Some annual staff members went to training last summer to learn how to use the page making program. Karla Payne, a Josten's representative, came to Wagner to help the annual staff members learn how to use the program.

The planning committee took their annual trip to Mitchell to choose the annual cover and to learn even more about the annual.

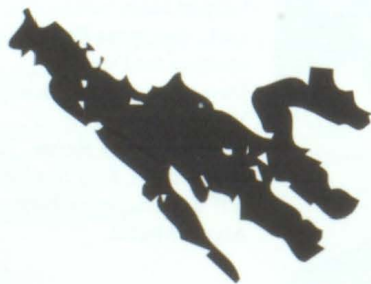
Mrs. Twitero's expertise helped annual staff members meet their deadlines. She has been working with the annual staff for 14 years. Her dedication to the annual staff has made this annual possible. She also took time out of her busy summer to learn, along with the annual staff members, how to use the page making program.

Right: The Planning committee for this year is (Top) Suzanne Andal, Susana Dominguez, (Below) Jamie Kokesh, Nick Pravecek, Kim Seiner, Tara Dvorak.

Left: Suzanne Andal works on her annual page to meet her deadline.

Erica Podzimek cuts pictures to fit her annual page.

The annual staff members are (Back row) Jamie Kokesh, DaNeera Dufur, Jessica Blaha, Suzanne Andal, Nick Pravecek, Sean Coleman, Susana Dominguez, Pearl Barnhart, Joseph Carda, Randy Soukup, Advisor Mrs. Twitero, (Front row) Danica Uherka, Kim Seiner, Stephanie Soukup, Erica Podzimek, Nicole Soukup, Tara Dvorak, Jennifer Leibel, Kasi Brown, Gina Woods, and Trista Tuttle.





The Newspaper Staff members for this year are (Back row) Matthew Koupal, Gina Woods, Kim Seiner, Pearl Barnhart, (Middle row) Jamie Kokesh, Suzanne Andal, Advisor Mrs. Koupal, Stephanie Villmow, Danica Uherka, (Front row) Tara Dvorak, Alyssa Mathis, Teresa Humphrey.



The editors for this year are (Back row) Junior editor Suzanne Andal. (Front row) Co-editors Danica Uherka and Jamie Kokesh.

“Raider Report” Under New Management

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! The “Raider Report” was under new management this year. The newspaper staff advisor Mrs. Koupal brought new highlights to the esteemed school newspaper. The newspaper featured such articles like the Point/Counterpoint, Mystery Person, Top Ten Movies List, many surveys, FFA, Music Notes, Sports Pages, and a calender and cartoon each month.

This year the paper also included a classified section. The newspaper staff also sold Valentine’s ads this year which appeared in the paper. The paper is mostly known for its mystery person. Within the paper there were clues about the mystery person. This is the part that students like best because if they guess the right answer and their name is drawn they win a prize.

Mrs. Koupal works on the calender for the newspaper.



Jessica Jongewaard advanced to the region competition which was held in Mitchell.



The readers' theater group consisted of (Back row) Teresa Humphrey, Pearl Barnhart, Jessica Jongewaard, (Front row) Rachel Soukup, Heidi Odens, and Wendy Harrington.



Learning Experience

The oral interp team had a learning experience. New freshmen joined oral interp and learned how much fun they could have. The members traveled to Winner, Yankton, and Mitchell for various competitions throughout the year.

Winners of the local contest moved on to the district competition on November 12. These winners included Suzanne Andal, non-original oratory; Heidi Odens, serious prose; Jessica Jongewaard, humorous; Jamie Kokesh and Wendy Harrington, duet interp; Jamie Kokesh, poetry, and the readers' theater group. At districts, Jessica Jongewaard placed third and moved on to the regional contest with her selection entitled "Pioneer, Go Home." The region competition was held in Mitchell on November 18 where Jessica received an excellent rating.

On December 2, the runners-up competition was held in Yankton on the campus of Mount Marty. Those who did not make it to state level were able to compete. Two rounds were held in the morning to choose the final contestant to read in the afternoon. Danica Uherka and Suzanne Andal competed in the final round. Suzanne received fifth place in oratory, and Danica received fourth in poetry.



Oral interp members include (Back row) Suzanne Andal, Heidi Odens, Rachel Soukup, Wendy Harrington, Pearl Barnhart, (Middle row) Teresa Humphrey, Nicole Soukup, Jamie Kokesh, Alyssa Mathis, (Front row) Tara Dvorak, and Danica Uherka.

The team did very well this season and are looking forward to an even better season next year.



Members of the Improv troupe are (Back row) Advisor Mrs. Isebrands, Haley Kocer, Danica Uherka, Shonda Jurgensen, Advisor Mr. Bosma,

(Middle row) Pearl Barnhart, Teresa Humphrey, Marva Matula, (Front row) Sean Coleman and Adam Sanderson.



Improv Performs Skits to Influence Students

The Improv troupe attended a five-day camp at Storm Mountain near Rapid City during the summer. The troupe performed at the methamphetamine workshop in the fall. Improvers attended a T.A.T.U. (Teens Against Tobacco Use) workshop in Wagner also in the fall.

Improv performed three scenes per grade for the Marty elementary during the Great American Smokeout. The troupe performed for the Wagner elementary for their safety awareness program.

They hosted a family night for all troupes at the CO-OP. They performed two scenes for that. They also performed three scenes for each elementary grade in Wagner.

The Improve troupe spent many hours of practice during which they had a lot of fun and developed a healthy group spirit and became a close-knit group.

All in all the Improvers had a great year.



Wagner FFA P.R.I.D.E.

P.R.I.D.E. was an acronym for Promoting Respect Ignites the Desire to Excel. This was something the FFA truly believed in and wanted to see more of at Wagner Community School.

The year started off with 15 members going to Leadership camp in July at Custer Park. The trip had a few minor set backs, but in the end the FFA'ers made it out there safe and sound. Made for Excellence was the next leadership experience for the FFA. MFE was a weekend conference held in Pierre. In November, Danica Uherka traveled to Kansas City to participate in the 50th National FFA Band at the National Convention. Later on in the week Tara Dvorak and Kasi Brown arrived at the 70th National Convention. The girls had a wonderful time and made many new friends.

The first contest of the year was Land judging. As a team Wagner placed third, and six of the ten placed. Leadership CDE's was the next contest to participate in. The Senior Parli-Pro team placed first at districts and fifth in the State. Tara Dvorak was selected to the All-State Parli-Pro team as Vice President. While the Junior Parli-Pro team placed sec-

ond at districts and went to state. Next came the Production CDE's. Livestock, Farm Management, Crops, and Horse were the events Wagner FFA concentrated on this year. The FFA went to districts, McCook Central, and Little I to qualify for State Convention.

This year seven seniors applied for the State Degree, but only four received it. They were Kasi Brown, Tara Dvorak, Dan Kotab, and Randy Robertson. They were honored at the State Convention with a banquet. The Livestock Team placed 19th out of 80 teams. Kasi Brown received a silver and Misty Smejkal received a bronze. The Horse Team also placed 6th out of 64 teams. Jackie VanDuysen received a gold while Wendy Uherka got a silver and Kasi Mike received a bronze. Mike Medricky got a silver in Crop judging.

The FFA Banquet was held on May 4. Awards were given out and a benefit auction was also held.

This year's chapter officers are Jessica Slaba, Secretary; Randy Robertson, Treasurer; Kasi Brown, Vice-President; Tom Ehrisman, Sentinel; Tara Dvorak, Reporter; and Nick Uherka, President



FFA members are (Back row) Travis Giedd, Wayne Bergin, Mike Medricky, Corey Reiser, Joey Soukup, Matt Weber, Patricia Koupal, Nick Ishmael, (Sixth row) Frank Carda, Josh Woods, Gary Jongewaard, Brain Kisely, Todd Link, Jason Kuhlman, Craig Cuka, Cody Meyer, (Fifth row) Tim Vandenhoeck, Jeremy Kreeger, Curt Fuchs, Dan Podzimek, Andrew Koupal, Steve Beeson, Jeremy Lhotak, (Fourth row) Wayne Walters, Terry Ramsdell, Steven Fousek, Terry Cuka, Jeff Beeson, Randy Soukup, Kevin Waggoner, Joey Swatek, (Third row) Jason Robertson, Carl Denker, David Holzbauer, Dan Kotab, Justin Bouza, Misty Smejkal, Sara Uherka, (Second row) Nicole Wiechmann, Rhonda Beeson, Jackie VanDuysen, Wendy Uherka, Danica Uherka, Kim Seiner, Ryan Wiechmann, Advisor Mr. Nielson (Front row) Randy Robertson, Tom Ehrisman, Nick Uherka, Kasi Brown, Tara Dvorak, and Jessica Slaba.



Culture Club

Culture Club members were (Back row) Markita McBride, Jessica Dvorak, Margo Matula, Jenna Dvorak, Tyrelle Gullikson, Mark Humphrey (Middle row) Tyrone Primeaux, Andrea Fischer, Delano Aungie, Adam Sanderson, Enessa Weston, Advisor Dana Sanderson (Front row) Andrew Estes, Antoinette Aungie, Marva Matula, Jessica McBride, Teresa Humphrey, Renee Stock, and Lucas Dunham.



Once again the Wagner culture club had a busy, yet successful year under the supervision of Dana Sanderson. They went to numerous places and did a lot of community service acts. This year started off with a bang when they had a food stand set up at Arts in the Park over Labor Day weekend, and also put on concerts and activities there as well. They also sold raffle tickets for a Christmas drawing, sold candy bars with the National Honor Society, set up a concession stand at the Harlem Crowns basketball game, sold candy grams for Valentine's Day, served supper for a Ducks Unlimited banquet, served supper on Royalty Day at the VFW, went to see General Colin Powell speak, went camping at Palisades State Park, went to a SDSU football game and to Hobo Days, went to a USD basketball game at the Dome, had a Christmas party in Sioux Falls which included skating and a movie, and went to USD for a play. They also went skiing in the Black Hills and helped organize the Harlem Crowns basketball game. They also played music for dances in Marty, Lake Andes, and Wagner. And you can't say that they didn't do their share of community service, they picked up trash along Highway 46 and around the school, and they helped the American Cancer Society on Daffodil Day.



Advisory Board members are (Back row) Delano Aungie, Adam Sanderson, (Front row) Marva Matula, Jessica McBride, and Teresa Humphrey.

Chorus members are (Back Row) Jennifer Roth, Wendy Uherka, Sarah Wiechmann, Heidi Odens, Sherri Melton, Alyssa Mathis, Robin Bures, Todd Link, Justin Bouza, Shonda Jurgensen, (Fifth Row) DaNeera Dufur, Robin Uecker, Teresa Humphrey, Misty Smejkal, Jessica Blaha, Brian Kisely, J.R. Kaufman, Adam Sanderson, Nick Cotton, (Fourth Row) Rachel Soukup, Dawn Gruenewald, Marva Matula, Suzanne

Andal, Susana Dominguez, Sean Coleman, David Holzbauer, Nick Pravecek, (Third Row) Wendy Harrington, Kris Krcil, Dalene Link, Mandy Koupal, Rhonda Beeson, Sarah Kafka, Janel Carda, Director Mrs. Meaney, (Second Row) Gary Jongewaard, Stephanie Villmow, Kasi Brown, Nicole Soukup, Stephanie Soukup, Scott Donelan, (Front Row) Jen Leibel, Kim Seiner, Tara Dvorak, Erica Podzimek



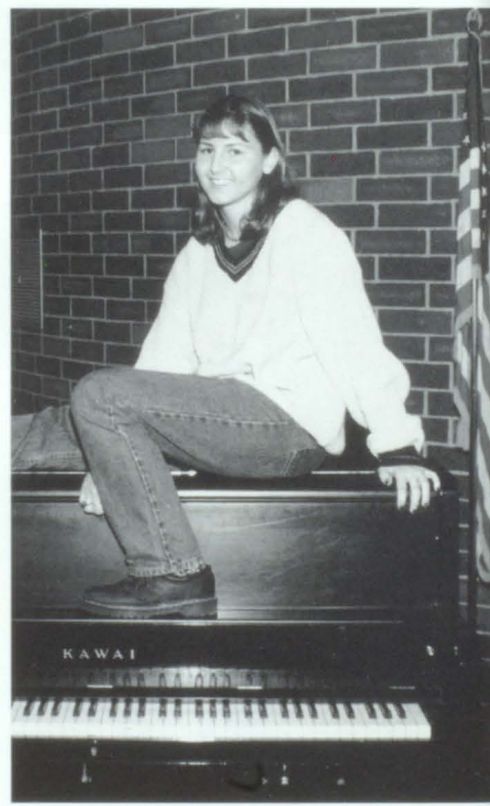
Chorus Busy

The chorus was busy this year, between practicing and performing, all of that hard work paid off. At the music contest held in Lake Andes on February 4, the following people received superior ratings on their performances, either in a group or solo: Laura Kaufman, Erica Podzimek, Stephanie Soukup, Dalene Link, Tara Dvorak, Mandy Koupal, Jessica Blaha, Brian Kisely, Scott Donelan, Suzanne Andal, Rhonda Beeson, J. R. Kaufman, Heidi Odens, Sherri Melton, Wendy Harrington, Jennifer Roth, DaNeera Dufur, Gary Jongewaard, Rachel Soukup, and Jessica Jongewaard. It was great to see so many talented musicians. Those lettering in chorus for participation, and performing at concerts were: DaNeera Dufur, Alyssa Mathis, Sherri Melton, Heidi Odens, Jennifer Roth, Robin Uecker, Jessica Blaha, Sean Coleman, Brian Kisely, Rachel Soukup, Suzanne Andal, Susana Dominguez, Wendy Harrington, David Holzbauer, Jessica Jongewaard, Mandy Koupal, Dalene Link, Nick Pravecek, Scott Donelan, Tara Dvorak, Gary Jongewaard, Laura Kaufman, Erica Podzimek, Nicole Soukup, Stephanie Soukup, and Stephanie Villmow.

It was a great year filled with music directed by talented teacher Leanne Meaney. The chorus was filled with many aspiring young musicians. It was wonderful to see all of the musical ability and talent, one could say they were musical athletes striving for perfection.



DaNeera Dufur was one of ninety students, selected from a group of over five hundred who applied, to perform in the South Dakota Junior Honors Choir.



Stephanie Villmow, a very talented pianist, donated her time and effort to accompany the choir.

Back row) Tara Dvorak, Nick Pravecsek, Stephanie Soukup, Susana Dominguez, Suzanne Andal, Alyssa Mathis, Sean Coleman, Stephanie Soukup, Jessica Jongewaard, Dalene Link, JR Kaufman, Jessica Blaha,

(Front row) Wendy Harrington, Scott Donelan, Gary Jongewaard, David Holzbauer, Brian Kisely, and Robin Uecker performed as members of the swing choir.



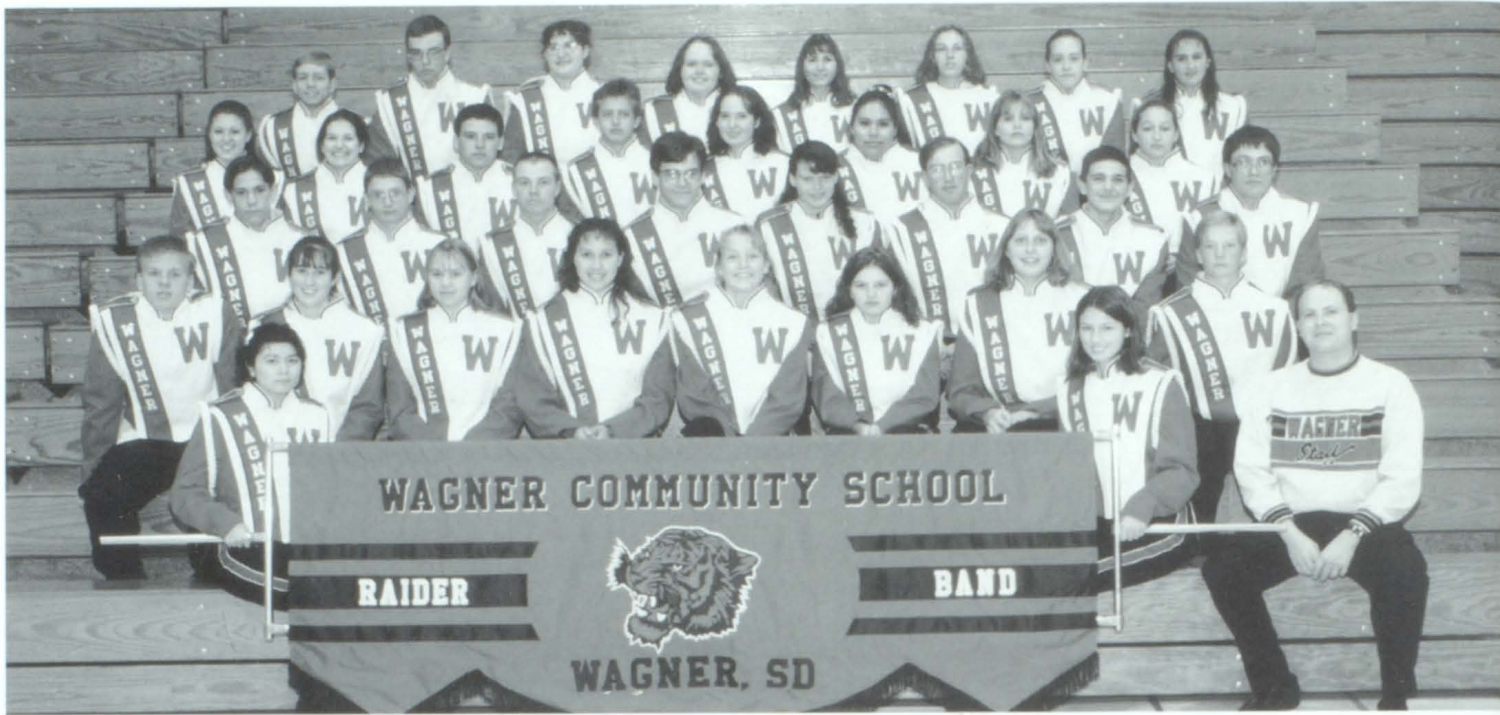
Those chosen to perform at All-State Choir were Brian Kisely, JR Kaufman, Dalene Link, and Suzanne Andal. The alternates were Scott Donelan, Gary Jongewaard, Jessica Blaha, and DaNeera Dufur. (Back Row) Brian Kisely, Scott Donelan, Gary Jongewaard, JR Kaufman, (Front Row) DaNeera Dufur, Jessica Blaha, Dalene Link, and Suzanne Andal.



Senior chorus members are (Back Row) Kim Seiner, Gary Jongewaard, Scott Donelan, Stephanie Villmow, (Second Row) Stephanie Soukup, Nicole Soukup, Erica Podzimek, Tara Dvorak, Jen Leibel, (Front Row) and Kasi Brown

Wagner Community School Band members are (Back row) Scott Donelan, Ryan Wiechmann, Danica Uherka, Jamie Kokesh, Stephanie Villmow, Mandy Koupal, Dalene Link, Janel Carda, (Fourth row) Sarah Kafka, Rhonda Beeson, David Holzbauer, Sean Coleman, Dawn Gruenewald, Teresa Humphrey, Wendy

Harrington, Christina Durham, (Third row) Nick Pravecek, Brian Kisely, Terry Cuka, Matt Soukup, Sherri Melton, Dustin Hartley, Carl Denker, Craig Cuka, (Second row) Andrew Koupal, Crystal Leibel, Robin Bures, Wendy Uherka, Jennifer Roth, Sarah Wiechmann, Alyssa Mathis, Jason VonEschen, (Front row) Suzanne Andal and Jessica Blaha and Director Mr. Dingman



This years band officers are Alyssa Mathis-Freshman class, Mandy Koupal -Junior class, Scott Donelan-Senior class, and Sean Coleman-Sophomore class.

Band Travels

The band started the year by playing at Czech Days in June. Labor Day found the band marching in the Wagner Labor Day Parade. The band also attended the Augustana Band Festival, Northern Band Festival and the Avon Festival

The Jazz Band was also very busy as they performed at the concerts and performed at the South Dakota Jazz Festival in Vermillion. The Jazz Band is composed of students who volunteer their time and talents. They meet to practice before school.

The highlight of the year for many of the band students was the big band trip. The Band traveled to Denver where they enjoyed such performances as The Country Dinner Playhouse performing "State Fair". The Band performed at Writers Square and Wheatridge Manor. This was a very exciting and enjoyable trip.

The Pops Concert was the last performance of the year. This concert features lighter tunes and is enjoyed by everyone.



This years seniors are Scott Donelan, Stephanie Villmow, Jamie Kokesh, Danica Uherka and Ryan Wiechmann



The following band members and others who helped the band during one of this year's football games Dustin McAdaragh, Scott Robertson, John Holzbauer, Janae Reinbold, Angela Mazourek, Mark Humphrey, Mary Jo Nedved, JoEllen Lhotak, Tracy Fousek, Tresa Scherr, Nicole Krcil, Jody VanDuysen, Vanessa Yanez, Lindsey Nedved, Paul Harrington, Stephanie Nedved, Jillian Jaeger, Melanie Villmow, Jonna Carda, Miranda Hill, Cari Uecker, Matt Soukup, Carl Denker, Jeremy Cuka, Jamie Kokesh, Crystal Leibel, Sherri Melton, Brenda Kokesh, Danica Uherka, Andrea Jongewaard, Janel Carda and Stephanie Villmow.



Stephanie Villmow, Sean Coleman and Jamie Kokesh tried out for All-State Band.



Craig Cuka, Suzanne Andal and Stephanie Villmow participated in the Augie Band Festival held on the campus of Augustana College in Sioux Falls.



Quiz Bowl

Seven seniors led the eleven member quiz bowl team. The quiz bowl team competed twice throughout the year. First in the South Central Cooperative held here in Wagner. There were several towns with most of them having more than one team. The competition was tough. Wagner did not place but they did a very good job of showing their teamwork. Tripp-Delmont took the trophy in that competition. Next the team traveled to Scotland for the Scotland-Menno Pizza Bowl. To be a member of quiz bowl team, a student had to qualify by taking a test to see who scored well.

Quiz bowl members include (Back row) Advisor Darlene Dvorak, Andrew Koupal, Christine Andal, JD Cotton, Jenny Durham, Adam Soukup, Cody Specketer (Front row) Sarah Kafka, Kim Seiner, Gary Jongewaard, Richard Turner, and Stephanie Villmow



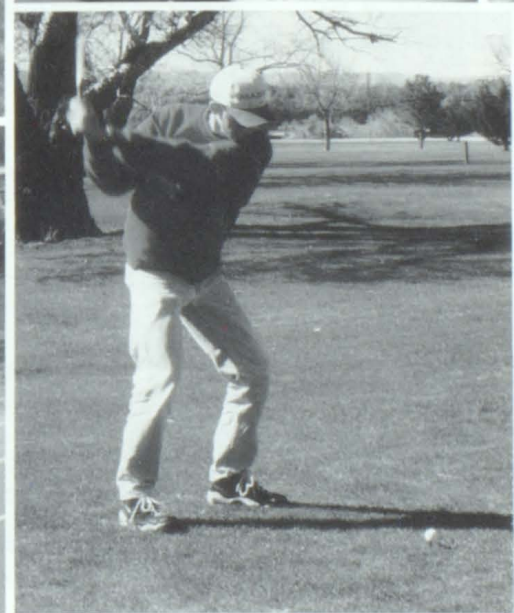
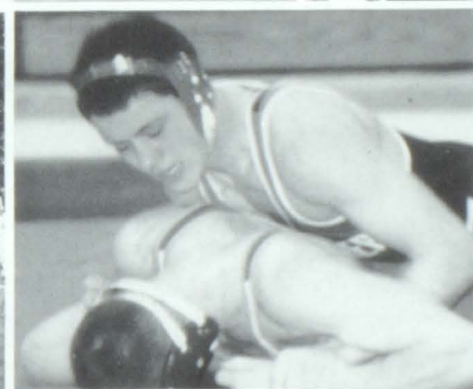
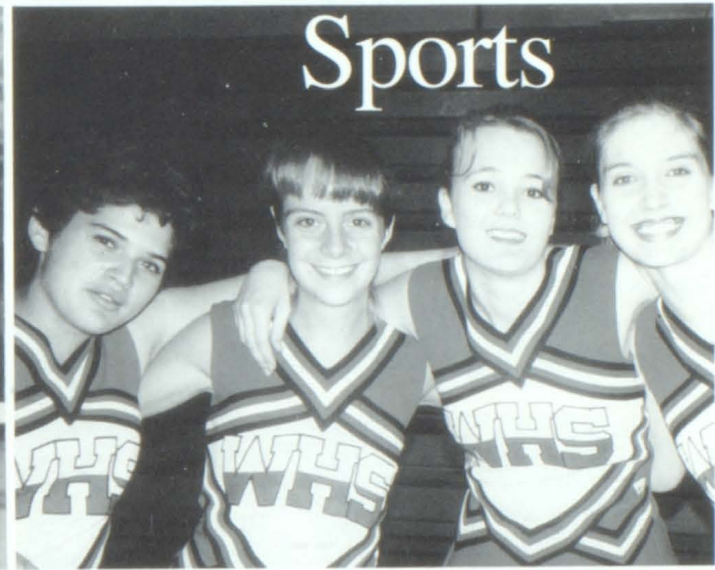
National Honor Society

The National Honor Society inducted new members from the junior and senior classes. The members sold candy bars to raise money for their annual trip to Sioux Falls. The Sioux Falls trip is a way for the school to reward the members for their outstanding academic achievements. While in Sioux Falls, the members are treated to a movie, a fine-dining restaurant, and a day of shopping or whatever they enjoyed doing.

To be a member of National Honor Society five qualifications must be met and they include: (1) obtaining a 3.0 GPA (2) scholarship (3) school and community service (4) leadership, and (5) character dealing with attitude and honesty. It takes a lot of hard work throughout high school to meet these five qualifications. The students who are able to fulfill these qualifications are richly deserving of the reward of being inducted into the National Honor Society.



National Honor Society members are (Back row) Scott Donelan, Gary Jongewaard, Luke Jordan, Susan Dominguez, Suzanne Andal, (Middle row) Adam Soukup, Kristen Krcil, Sarah Kafka, Nicole Soukup, Stephanie Soukup, Stephanie Villmow, Ryan Wiechmann, (Front row) Nichole Wiechmann, Amanda Koupal, Angie Wilson, Jennifer Durham, JD Cotton, and Jamie Kokesh.



Nick Uherka is waiting to team rope.



Above: Sara Uherka weaves through the poles. Right: Kasi Brown turns around the last pole at Watertown Regional Rodeo.



Members of the rodeo team include (Back row) Sara Uherka, Jackie VanDuysen, Advisor Karen Brown, Kasi Brown, Wendy Uherka, (Front row) Nick Uherka and Jeremy Lhotak.



Wagner Hosts Second Annual Practice Rodeo

The Wagner High School Rodeo Team competed in High School Rodeo from April until June. Wagner hosted another practice rodeo in May. Members qualifying for the State Finals in Rapid City were Nick Uherka-team roping, Sara Uherka-goat tying, Jackie VanDuysen-goat tying, team roping, queen. Kasi Brown won a saddle for being the top calendar salesperson.

Wendy Uherka ropes her break-away calf.



Jackie Van Duysen was crowned the 1997 Watertown High School Rodeo Queen.

Excellent Season

The cross country team members are (Back row) Coach Howard Bich, Jason VonEschen, Tanner Jurgensen, Ryan Thaler, Jeff Kuhlman, Josh Woods, Adam Sanderson, David Woods, (Middle row) Dustin McAdaragh, Andrew Estes, Jason McBride, James Zolnowsky, Andrew Koupal, Scott Seiner (Front row) JoEllen Lhotak, Nichole Wiechmann, and Marva Matula.



The cross country team had an excellent season. There were many firsts accomplished throughout the season. The girl letter winners were JoEllen Lhotak and Marva Matula. The boy letter winners were Ryan Thaler, Jeff Kuhlman, Tanner Jurgensen, Adam Sanderson, David Woods, Andrew Koupal, and Jason VonEschen. The remaining members were Jason McBride, Andrew Estes, Dustin McAdaragh, Scott Seiner, James Zolnowsky, Josh Woods, and Nichole Wiechmann. The varsity boys won the Spencer Invitational. This was the first meet ever won by a Wagner cross-country team. The JV team also won two meets, the SESD Conference and the Ft. Randall Invitational. Ryan Thaler was the only runner to make it to state. He was the first person from Wagner to qualify for state in cross-country. Overall the team had a very productive season.



Above Left: The varsity boys runners get set at the line.

Above Right: JoEllen Lhotak lines up to start the race.

Left: Adam Sanderson, Josh Woods, Andrew Estes, Jason McBride, David Woods, and Dustin McAdaragh walk the course before the race.





Tara Dvorak, Stephanie Soukup, Erica Podzimek, Nichole Wiechmann, Marissa Cournoyer, and Rhonda Beeson are ready to lead the cheering at a football game.

Nichole Wiechmann, Rhonda Beeson, Tara Dvorak, Marissa Cournoyer, Stephanie Soukup, and Erica Podzimek proudly represent Wagner Community School as football cheerleaders.

The Thrills and Spills of Cheerleading

The Wagner High School cheerleaders have had their share of thrills and spills during the season. Cheerleading tryouts were held in May. Dakota Wesleyan University cheerleaders showed the cheerleaders some new techniques during summer camp. Practices were long and vigorous, but they turned out to be successful. The football cheerleaders performed a dance routine during a football and basketball game. The girls basketball and wrestling cheerleaders did their best to cheer Wagner on at the State Tournaments. The boys basketball cheerleaders stayed busy cheering for the boys. Advisors for the cheerleaders were Amy Nielson and Stacy Nedved.

Boys Basketball cheerleaders Tara Dvorak, Rhonda Beeson, Nicole Soukup, and Shonda Jurgensen.



Left: The crowd reacts to the state championship win by the girls' basketball team. The game was held in Mitchell.



Above: The girls basketball cheerleaders (back to front): Erica Podzimek, Nicole Soukup, Kim Seiner, and Susanna Dominguez perform a cheer for starting lineups.

Left: Kim Seiner, Nicole Soukup, Erica Podzimek, and Susanna Dominguez cheer their way to the state tournament as they cheered for the girls' basketball team.

Below Left: Kris Krcil, Stephanie Villmow, Kim Seiner, and Christi Durham give the wrestlers encouragement throughout the year.



Members of the varsity girls' basketball team are (Back row) Assistant Coach Corrie Talsma, Jenny Durham, Heidi Odens, Brandy Durham, Alyssa Mathis, (Third row) Head Coach Neil Goter, Molly Swatek, Kristi Stotz, Jill Kuhlman, Lindsey Nedved, Assistant Coach Penny Evans,

(Second row) Dalene Link, Kyla Whiting, Mandy Koupal, Suzie Sully, Janelle Bastemeyer, (Front row) Managers Allison Jaeger, Laken Nedved, and Ashley Mathis.



State A Champions

With a perfect record of 24-0, the Wagner Red Raiders captured the title of South Dakota State A Girls Basketball Champions. In addition to being the State A Champions, the Red Raiders were also crowned Little Missouri Valley Conference Champions, District 9A Champions, and Region 5A Champions. The road to the state tournament was a long, but exciting adventure. The girls proved that they were a force to be reckoned with in the regular season by going undefeated. Tournament time approached and the Red Raiders easily defeated Platte and Scotland in districts and Wessington Springs in regionals. The final stop for the team was the Corn Palace in Mitchell where the Red Raiders proved they were number one. Beating Flandreau and Redfield in the first two games, Wagner faced the Ladybirds of Lennox for first place honors. The Red Raiders proved victorious with a final score of 52-43.

Red Raider players received numerous honors. Leading the team with 23.9 ppg and 11.2 rpg was Mandy Koupal. Mandy Koupal received many honors

including being named 1st Team All State, All-Conference, Daily Republic Player of the Year, Argus Leader's Elite Five, WNAX Player of the Year, All-Tournament at State Tournament, and State Tournament Player of the Game. Jenny Durham was awarded Academic All-State. Brandy Durham and Heidi Odens were also honored with All-Conference. Brandy Durham was also awarded State Tournament Player of the Game while Heidi Odens was named to All-Tournament at the State Tournament.

Letter winners were Jenny Durham, Molly Swatek, Janelle Bastemeyer, Dalene Link, Suzie Sully, Mandy Koupal, Brandy Durham, Kyla Whiting, Kristi Stotz, Jill Kuhlman, Heidi Odens and Alyssa Mathis.

Along with the players, the coaches were also recognized. Head Coach Neil Goter and Assistant Coach Corrie Talsma were the Region Head and Assistant Coaches of the Year. Coach Goter was honored by being named the South Dakota Girls Basketball Coach of the Year.

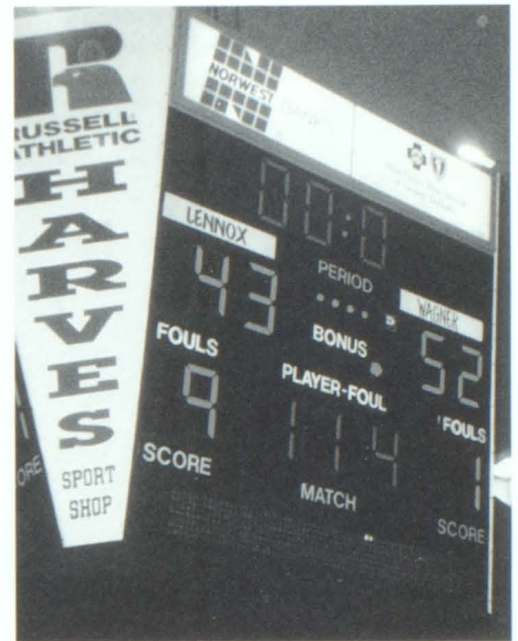


Jenny Durham is the lone senior on the girls' basketball team.

Junior varsity team members included (Back row) Coach Penny Evans, Miranda Hill, Christi Durham, Vanessa Yanez, Angie Mazourek, Lindsey Nedved, Roxy Leaf, Coach Corrie

Talsma, (Second row) Robin Uecker, Kristi Stotz, Kyla Whiting, Alyssa Mathis, Jill Kuhlman, (Front row) Marva Matula, Jennifer Roth, Melanie Villmow and Tresa Scherr.

The scoreboard gives testimony to a Wagner victory in the State A Girls' Basketball Tournament.



After a Mandy Koupal shot, she and teammate Heidi Odens try to out rebound their Parkston opponents.



	WE	THEY
Andes Central	82	35
Burke	76	68
Miller	73	39
Parkston	89	87
Corsica	75	33
Tripp-Delmont	74	49
Lennox	58	50
Scotland	74	51
Gregory	83	40
Parkston	49	40
Chamberlain	66	41
Willow Lake	59	53
Armour	68	44
Winner	47	34
Bon Homme	73	43
Platte	68	34
Avon	76	33
Wessington Springs	54	46
DISTRICTS		
Platte	76	46
Scotland	66	29
REGIONS		
Wessington Springs	86	53
STATE		
Flandreau	51	49
Redfield	71	62
Lennox	52	43

RECORD 24-0



Serving as statisticians for the team are (Back row) Trista Tuttle, Dawn Gruenewald, Bess Cournoyer, Gina Woods, (Front row) Jessica Westendorf and Kristin Krikel.

The varsity football members are (Back row): Coach David Hutchison, Dan Podzimek, Jeff Kuhlman, Ryan Fechner, Ryan Wiechmann, Adam Soukup, Richard Turner, Frank Carda, Luke Jordan, Assistant Coach Jim Altenburg, (Middle Row) Assistant Coach Pete Nielson, Darren Rysavy, Joe Kuhlman, Matt Abdouch, Kyle Hosek, Gary Jongewaard, David Holzbauer,

Jason Kuhlman, (Middle Row) Assistant Coach Steve Petry, Craig Cuka, Ryan Slaba, Aaron Abdouch, Trevor Scherr, Tanner Jurgensen, Nick Cotton, J.D. Cotton, Todd Link, Assistant Coach Dan Fischer, (Front Row) Kenny St. Pierre, Terry Cuka, Jeremy Lhotak, Joey Soukup, Jeremy Kreeger, and Ross Cimpl.



“We could have done better, but we could have done worse.”

- Senior Adam Soukup

The junior varsity members are: (Back row) Coach Jim Altenburg, Dan Podzimek, Craig Cuka, Jason Kuhlman, Darren Rysavy, (Second row) Ross Cimpl, Jeremy Lhotak, Todd Link, Coach Dan Fischer, (Third row) Nick Cotton, Jeremy Kreeger, David Holzbauer, Terry Cuka, and Joey Soukup.

Team Wins Homecoming Game against Chamberlin

The big excitement for the season was winning the homecoming game with the score of 16 to 6. The team was led by eleven seniors. “They will be missed” said one member of the team. The team had a new head coach in David Hutchinson. Mr. Hutchinson is the third new coach in three years. The team found itself adjusting to a new way of doing things.

The letter winners this year are Jeff Kuhlman, Ryan Fechner, Ryan Wiechmann, Joe Kuhlman, Matt Abdouch, Kyle Hosek, J.D. Cotton, Adam Soukup, Tanner Jurgensen, Richard Turner, Frank Carda, Gary Jongewaard, David Holzbauer, Ryan Slaba, Trevor Scherr, Zach Thaler, Kenny St. Pierre, Dan Podzimek, Aaron Abdouch, Darren Rysavy, Jason Kuhlman, and Luke Jordan. Recognized as All-State Academic members were Adam Soukup and J.D. Cotton.



As #15 Aaron Abdouch gets handed the ball, the offensive team gets ready to run a pre-game play.

Coach David Hutchison and the senior members of the team : Ryan Wiechmann, Joe Kuhlman, Adam Soukup, Jeff Kuhlman, Ryan Fechner, Luke Jordan, Matt Abdouch, Kyle Hosek, J.D. Cotton, Gary Jongewaard, and Tanner Jurgensen.



The stats this year were Kristen Krcil, Jenny Durham, Mandy Koupal, Jill Kuhlman, and Brandy Durham.

82 Dan Podzimek gets psyched for the big game against Bon Homme as he practices kicking.



Scoreboard

	We	They
Parkston	0	24
Bon Homme	0	35
Stanley County	0	20
Platte	0	14
Gregory	7	52
Chamberlain	16	6
Miller	17	20
Rock County	12	13



Coach Hutchison leaves the huddle as the action resumes.

Varsity squad members are (Back row) Stephanie Soukup, Laura Kaufman, Gina Woods, Erica Podzimek, Tamara Schroeder, Jenny Durham, Jodi Cournoyer, (Middle row) Jessica Blaha, Lindsey Nedved, Vanessa Yanez,

Mandy Koupal, Dalene Link, Coach Tana Uecker, (Front row) Michelle Koupal, Jill Kuhlman, Brandy Durham, and Bess Cournoyer.



Lady Raiders Have a Great Season

The Lady Raiders ended their season with a 21-6 record. They had many challenging matches, but they proved equal to the task with the help of their new coach Tana Uecker.

They had many tournaments during the year. The first one that the Lady Raiders played at was the Bon Homme Tournament, which they received first place. They placed second at the Gregory Tournament, the SESD Conference Tournament, the LMVC Conference Tournament, and in the District Tournament.

Three players received the All-Conference LMVC and SESD All-Tournament award. They were Mandy Koupal, Jenny Durham, and Gina Woods. Also receiving Honorable Mention for LMVC was Dalene Link. Jenny Durham received the Academic All-State award and Mandy Koupal was named to the All-State Second Team.

The girls had a very challenging season and did a great job. They worked hard and it paid off. These girls should be very proud of themselves.



(Back row) Lindsey Nedved, Vanessa Yanez, Jill Kuhlman, Brandy Durham, Jessica Blaha, Bess Cournoyer, (Middle row) Alyssa Mathis, Coach Ann Kropuenske, Robin Bures, Cari Uecker, Teresa Humphrey, Nicole Krcil, Pearl Barnhart, Robin Uecker, (Front row) Miranda Hill, Tracy Fousek, and Jonna Carda.

Stephanie Soukup gets ready to serve the ball.

Volleyball



Seniors this year are (Back row) Jodi Cournoyer, (Middle row) Erica Podzimek, Stephanie Soukup, Tamara Schroeder, (Front row) Gina Woods, Laura Kaufman, and Jenny Durham.



*Bonesteel-Fairfax	13-15, 15-6, 15-10
*Platte	13-15, 15-9, 15-9
*Colome	15-10, 15-5
*Burke	15-2, 15-6
Pierre	6-15, 2-15
West Central	8-15, 15-1, 1-15
*Gregory	15-9, 8-15, 15-10
*Emery	15-10, 15-11
*Avon	15-0, 15-9
*Bon Homme	15-9, 16-14
*Alcester-Hudson	15-0, 15-1
*Wakonda	15-10, 15-4
*Gregory	15-4, 15-12
*Winner	15-8, 15-2
*Tripp-Delmont	15-11, 15-5
*Parkston	15-4, 16-14
*Madison	14-16, 15-4, 15-4
*Chamberlain	15-9, 15-4
*Parkston	15-4, 16-14
Bon Homme	6-15, 17-19
Districts	
Scotland	10-15, 15-10, 10-15
*Platte	15-9, 15-6
*Scotland	5-15, 15-3, 15-12
Bon Homme	4-15, 6-15
*Denotes a win	



Above Left: Jennifer Durham sets the ball while Dalene Link watches Mandy Koupal and Erica Podzimek get ready to spike.

Above Right: Jennifer Durham, Dalene Link, and Erica Podzimek get down and ready as Mandy Koupal goes up for the spike.



Statisticians for this year are (Back row) Trista Tuttle, Danica Uherka, (Front row) : Jamie Kokesh and Suzanne Andal. Not Pictured: Janel Carda and Jessica Westendorf.

Members of the varsity team are (Front row) George Cournoyer, Kyle Hosek, Ryan Fechner, Jeff Kuhlman, Joe Kuhlman. (Middle row) Jason Kuhlman, Paul Kuhlman, Ryan Slaba, Sean Coleman, Adam

Sanderson, Nick Cotton (Back row) Coach Hutchinson, JR Kaufman, Aaron Abdouch, Darren Rysavy, Dan Podzimek, and Coach Altenburg.



The JV team consisted of (Front row) Joey Soukup, and Jeremie Johnson. (Middle row) Brian Nedved, David Woods, Terry Cuka, Andrew Koupal, Quentin Bruguier, Virgil Weston (Back row) Adam Sanderson, Coach Altenburg, JR Kaufman, Darren Rysavy, Dan Podzimek, Jason Kuhlman, Nick Cotton and Sean Coleman.



Tough Season

This year the Raider basketball team had a tough season. The season ended with 3 wins and 16 losses.

Paul Kuhlman set a Wagner High School record with nine 3-pointers made in one game. Kuhlman had 9 for 12 for an amazing 75% from behind the arc.

Letter winners for the year were George Cournoyer, Jason Kuhlman, Adam Sanderson, Ryan Fechner, Kyle Hosek, Ryan Slaba, JR Kaufman, Joe Kuhlman, Jeff Kuhlman, Aaron Abdouch, and Paul Kuhlman

Aaron Abdouch was named to the SESD All-Conference boys basketball team. Paul Kuhlman was named to the LMVC All-Conference boys basketball team.

Ryan Fechner attempts a free throw. Paul Kuhlman, Jeff Kuhlman, Kyle Hosek, and Adam Sanderson watch for the rebound.



Senior boys on the team are (starting at number 31) Joe Kuhlman (to his right) George Cournoyer, Jeff Kuhlman, Kyle Hosek, and Ryan Fechner.



The boys gather around as Coach Altenburg and Coach Hutchinson give them some advice.



Joe Kuhlman takes a shot as Jeff Kuhlman, Ryan Slaba and George Cournoyer wait to rebound.



Jeff Kuhlman goes up for a lay-up

	We	They
Avon	44	42
Scotland	46	62
Armour	58	69
Geddes	54	76
Tripp-Delmont	45	70
Corsica	49	68
Bonesteel-Fairfax	67	48
Stickney	47	54
Chamberlain	43	53
Gregory	51	59
Parkston	53	82
Plankinton	51	60
Bon Homme	44	65
Lake Andes	58	74
Avon	55	65
Marty	76	50
Burke	50	79
Platte	45	62
Scotland	43	72

Right: Angie Wilson was Wagner's only senior during the season.

Below: Crystal Leibel demonstrates her flexibility by doing the splits on the beam.



Gymnastics Team Led by New Coaches

Gymnastics began the year with two new coaches: Ms. Kelli Nelson, head coach, and Mrs. Donna Syljuberget, assistant coach. Many new faces joined the returning gymnasts. Although it was a young team, it was team full of energy.

The season started with the team hosting the Wagner Invitational and the Wagner/Yankton Dual. Even though the team was rocked by a few injuries, it stayed strong throughout the season. Since most of the team was young and new, they enjoyed going to new places and meeting new people.

During the season, the girls placed in the following events: Suzie Sully on floor, vault, beam, and all-around; Susana Dominguez on all-around; Melanie Villmow on beam; Tresa Scherr on beam;

Jessica Nedved on floor, bars, vault, and all-around; Angie Wilson on bars; Crystal Leibel on beam; Nichole Wiechmann on beam; Katie Holzbauer on beam; Tara Lake on bars; Adrienne Red Buffalo on bars, vault, and all-around; Misty Smejkal on bars; Jen Roth on floor; Markita McBride on bars, floor, vault, beam, and all-around; Dusty Jurgensen on floor; Sarah Wiechmann on floor; Jessica Slaba on vault; Trina Soukup on floor; and Stephanie Nedved on vault. Our first time letter winners were Melanie Villmow and Tresa Scherr, and our returning letter winners were Suzie Sully, Susana Dominguez, Angie Wilson, Nichole Wiechmann, and Jessica Slaba. This year's state competitors were Suzie Sully and Nichole Wiechmann.



Sarah Wiechmann shows off her bar skills and her pearly whites!!

Wagner Junior Varsity Gymnastics Team members are (Back row) Mrs. Syljuberget, Stephanie Nedved, Jessica Nedved, Dusty Jurgensen, Heidi Cuka, Coach Kelli Nelson. (Middle row) Stephanie Villmow, Tresa Scherr, (Front row) Markita McBride, Trina Soukup, Adrienne Red Buffalo, and Heather Scott.

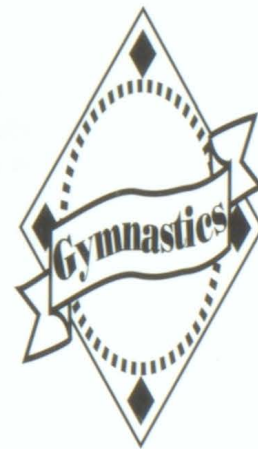


'97-'98 Season

<u>Meet</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Points</u>
Wagner Invitational	7 th	87.1
Wagner/Yankton Duel		
Varsity	2 nd	79.2
Jr-Varsity	2 nd	56.5
Stanley County Invt.	6 th	93.5
Mitchell/Wagner Dual		
Varsity	2 nd	85.2
Jr-Varsity	2 nd	56.9
Madison Invitational	6 th	85.6
Chamberlain Triangle		
Varsity	3 rd	90.5
Jr-Varsity	1 st	78.8
Miller Invitational	6 th	98.55
Yankton/Wagner Dual		
Varsity	2 nd	84.3
Jr-Varsity	1 st	65.0
Region IIA at Madison	4 th	95.775



Wagner High School Gymnastics Team members are (Back row) Jessica Slaba, Nichole Wiechmann, (Third row) Angie Wilson, Suzie Sully, Susana Dominguez, (Second row) Mrs. Syljuberget, Jennifer Roth, Tara Lake, Coach Kelli Nelson, (Front row) Sarah Wiechmann, Marissa Cournoyer, Misty Smejkal, and Crystal Leibel.



The varsity team this year included (Back row) Assistant Coach Tom Studelska, Richard Turner, Adam Soukup, Head Coach Dan Fischer, (Third row) Corey Reiser, Todd Link, Brian Kisley, and Jeremy

Kreeger, (Second row) Zach Thaler, Trevor Scherr, Jeff Cuka, Randy Soukup, (First row) Jeremy Cuka, Bryce Reiser, Ross Cimpl, and Jeremy Lhotak. Not pictured David Holzbauer and Craig Cuka.



Wrestling

The wrestlers this year had a fantastic season going 9-1 in dual meets. Under a new coach Dan Fischer, the team fared well finishing ninth in the state, and sharing a piece of the title as SESD Conference dual champions with Parkston and Bon Homme. They had several place winners at state as Richard Turner finished second at HWT, Jeff Cuka, third at #125, Trevor Scherr finished fifth at #135, and Ross Cimpl, seventh at #119. At the District Tournament, Bryce Reiser took fourth, Jeremy Lhotak took second, Ross Cimpl took first, Jeff Cuka took first, Trevor Scherr took second, Zach Thaler took fourth, and Richard Turner took first.

At the Regional Tourna-

ment, Bryce Reiser took fourth, Jeremy Lhotak took second, Ross Cimpl took first, Jeff Cuka took first, Trevor Scherr took second, and Richard Turner took first. There were nineteen letter winners this year. They included Bryce Reiser, Jeremy Cuka, Ross Cimpl, Jeremy Lhotak, Jeff Cuka, Trevor Scherr, David Holzbauer, Zach Thaler, Corey Reiser, Jeremy Kreeger, Todd Link, Craig Cuka, Randy Soukup, Richard Turner, Adam Soukup, Brian Kisely, John Holzbauer, Dustin McAdaragh, and Riley Soukup.

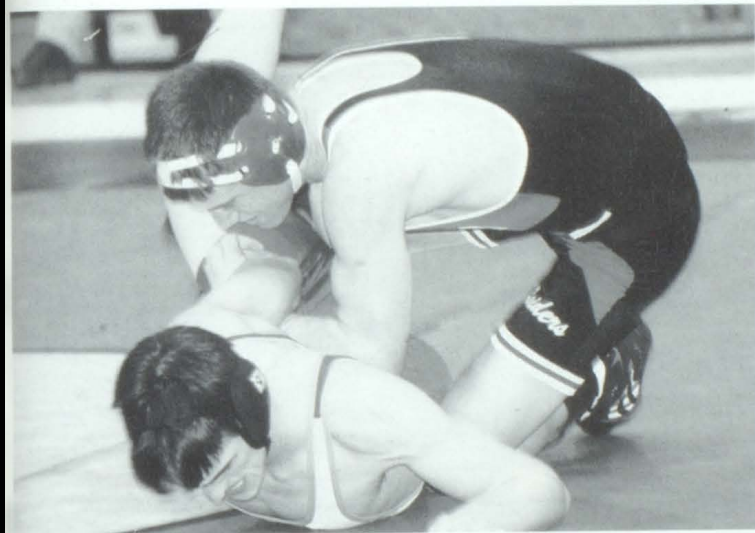
Fischer commented, "We have a young team. Give us a couple of years, and we'll have a terrific program."



The seniors this year were Jeff Cuka and Adam Soukup.

The stats for the season were Molly Swatek and Janelle Bastemeyer.

The JV team members were Coach Tom Studelska, Justin Eggers, John Holzbauer, Riley Soukup, Shelby Melton, and Dustin McAdaragh.



	We	They
Chamberlain	54	18
Gregory	39	34
Winner	46	12
Parkston	27	26
Platte	68	6
Springfield Academy	53	24
Burke	56	15
Scotland/Menno	42	30
Lake Andes	40	28
Bon Homme	28	34
Districts	3rd Place	
Regions	2nd Place	
State	9th Place	

Above: Trevor Scherr works a tilt on his opponent during his match.
 Right: Jeff Cuka tries to maneuver around his opponent during his match.

The girls track team members are (Back row) Coach Howard Bich, Pearl Barnhart, Nichole Wiechmann, Lindsey Nedved, Mandy Koupal, Heidi Odens, (Third row) Rhonda Beeson, Melanie Villmow, Jennifer Roth, Tresa Scherr, Robin Uecker, Alyssa Mathis, (Second row) Brandy Durham,

Kyla Whiting, Janelle Bastemeyer, Christi Durham, Nicole Krcil, Tracy Fousek, Laura Kaufman, (Front row) Jill Kuhlman, Kristi Stotz, Molly Swatek, Suzie Sully, Jennifer Durham, Roxy Leaf, and JoEllen Nedved.



Team Successful

The girls track season has been a successful one according to head coach Howard Bich. The girls team won the region meet and both conference meets. The team went on to win five invitationals, for a total of eight meet victories.

The team was successful with their depth. Twenty-three girls contributed to the team points, with the team scoring in almost every event they entered. Suzie Sully led the team points with Mandy Koupal and Tresa Scherr close behind. Sully set a new school record of 60.06 seconds in the 400 meter dash. Kyla Whiting set a school pole vault record at 7'6".

Five girls qualified for the state track meet held in Spearfish and Rapid City. Suzie Sully qualified in the long jump, 100, 200, and 400 meter dashes. Suzie placed fourth in the 400 meter and sixth in both the 100 and 200 meter dashes. Mandy Koupal successfully defended her title in the high jump with a jump of 5' 8" to claim first place at state for the second year in a row. Alyssa Mathis made her first appearance in the shot put. Kyla Whiting put her best effort forward in the pole vault. Eighth grader Melanie Villmow represented Wagner High School in the 400 meter dash. The team finished with twenty-one points to tie for twelfth place at the state meet.

The Most Improved was Kristi Stotz. Mandy Koupal was the hardest worker. The Most Valuable Player award went to Suzie Sully.



Alyssa Mathis throws the discus for an attempt to bring home a medal.



Mandy Koupal anchors the 3200 meter relay at the Wagner track meet.

Kristi Stotz makes an attempt at the 100 meter hurdles.



Junior Molly Swatek makes her mark in the long jump.



Heidi Odens leaps over the 100 meter hurdles with ease and confidence.



Above left: The senior girls track member are Jennifer Durham and Laura Kaufman.

Above right: Kyla Whiting makes an attempt at the girls high jump at the LMVC track meet held in Wagner.

Left: Track members Jill Kuhlman, Christi Durham, Nichole Wiechmann, Roger Rezac, and Todd Link await their respected events at the LMVC track meet on May 5.



The members of the boys track team are (Back row) Tanner Jurgensen, Jeff Kuhlman, Ryan Fechner, J.D. Cotton, Scott Donelan, Coach Mr. Bich. (Third row) Ryan Slaba, Ryan Thaler, Roger Rezac, Trevor Scherr. (Second row)

Aaron Abdouch, Todd Link, Cody Specketer, Adam Sanderson, Josh Woods. (Front row) James Zolnowsky, Jason Von Eschen, David Woods, Andrew Koupal, and Terry Cuka.



Tanner Jurgensen and Trevor Scherr run at the Wagner track meet.



The senior members of the track team are (Back row) Tanner Jurgensen, Scott Donelan, J.D. Cotton, Ryan Thaler. (Front row) Jeff Kuhlman and Ryan Fechner.

BOYS TRACK

The boys track team had an excellent year this year. The team won the LMVC Conference meet. They also won four invitational for a total of five wins for the year. The boys kept improving throughout the season. They had good depth. Twenty-two different boys scored and were able to score in running events each meet. The team's leading scorers were Jeff Kuhlman, with 186 1/4 points, and Todd Link, with 184 1/2 points. The one, two, three, punch of Jeff Kuhlman, Roger Rezac, and Tanner Jurgensen in the 800 meter run helped to build excitement throughout the year. All in

all the team had a very successful year.

There were six qualifiers for the state track meet. Those boys were Tanner Jurgensen, Ryan Slaba, Roger Rezac, and Jeff Kuhlman, who qualified in the 3200 meter relay. The relay team placed seventh at the state meet. Jeff Kuhlman also qualified in the 800 meter run. Ryan Fechner qualified in high jump and placed seventh at the state meet. Also Todd Link qualified in pole vault and 300 hurdles. The boys garnered four points at the state meet to tie for thirty-seventh place.



For Scherr flies high over the bar.



Scott Donelan goes the distance.



Todd Link is focused on the hurdle in front of him



(Middle left) Richard Turner throwing the shot putt.

(Middle center) Ryan Fechner leaps over the bar like is was nothing.

(Middle right) Ryan Thaler giving his all.

(Bottom left) Tanner Jurgensen passing the baton to Ryan Slaba.

(Bottom right) Roger Rezac hands on off to Jeff Kuhlman.



Golf Returns

The golf team traveled to Scotland on Friday, April 10, for their first tournament. The guys started on holes one and four, while the girls started on seven. Nick and Darren both golfed a 105. Sean golfed a 108 followed by Dan with a 120. Robin shot a 163. Jessica golfed a 163, followed by Dawn with a 166. The team handled their first tournament well.

The next boy's tournament was held at Springfield. The course had a maze of trees and water hazards on practically every hole. Sean golfed a 110, followed by Nick with a 114 and Darren with a 116.

The girls golfed at Tyndall while the guys were in Springfield. Robin received a 134, followed by Dawn with a 150 and Stephanie with a 169.

The third tournament was held on the home course at Randall Hills on Tuesday, April 21. It was only nine holes of play, though, instead of eighteen. Not playing up to their ability, Nick and Sean tied with a 55. Darren was close behind with a 57, followed by Dan with a 58. Robin hit a 75. Dawn and Jessica tied with a 76, followed by Stephanie with a 78.

The Burke tournament was held on Friday, April 12. A seventh grader stepped up to the challenge by substituting for another golfer. Mike Dvoracek golfed a 102, followed by Dan with a 111. Darren received a 113 and Nick had a 117.

Next, the team journeyed to Parkston on May 1. The girls didn't participate this time. The course was a mixture of fast and slow greens and had a 200 yd par with two streams running through it. Darren and Sean golfed tremendously well and received a 94 each. Nick golfed a 106.

On May 5, the golf team went to Lakeview Golf Course on the north side of Mitchell. This course was an 18 hole course with hazards on six holes. Trees on the course added an extra challenge. Dan lead the pack with a 93, followed by Nick with a 97. Darren hit a 98 and Sean had a 100. Dawn golfed a 138, followed by Robin with a 164.

On May 12, the golf team traveled to Mitchell once more for Regions. This time Darren lead the pack with a 96, followed by Sean's 105. Nick shot a 113, followed by Dan with a 125. Leading the girls, Jessica received a 138, followed by Robin with a 143, and Dawn with a 144.

Mr. Bosma stated, "I am proud of their tremendous gains. Their improvements are commendable since the beginning of the season. I believe we have all learned a great deal this year."

Receiving letters were Darren Rysavy, Dan Podzimek, Nick Cotton, Mike Dvoracek, Sean Coleman, and Robin Bures.

Team members are (Back row) Dan Novak, Darren Rysavy, Nick Cotton, Dan Podzimek, J.R. Kaufman, Coach Dan Bosma, (Third row) Jessica Blaha, Robin Bures, Grant Kocer, Haley Kocer, Danica Uherka, (Second row) Keith Allen, Andrew Nordquist, Sean Coleman, Matt Allen, David Remme, Mike Dvoracek, (Front row) Stephanie Villmow, Shonda Jurgensen, and Dawn Gruenewald



(Middle left) Sean Coleman sinks a putt on the ninth hole at Parkston.

(Middle right) Darren Rysavy concentrates on a putt at Randall Hills.

(Bottom) Nick Cotton exhibits his frustration after a bad day of golf in Parkston.

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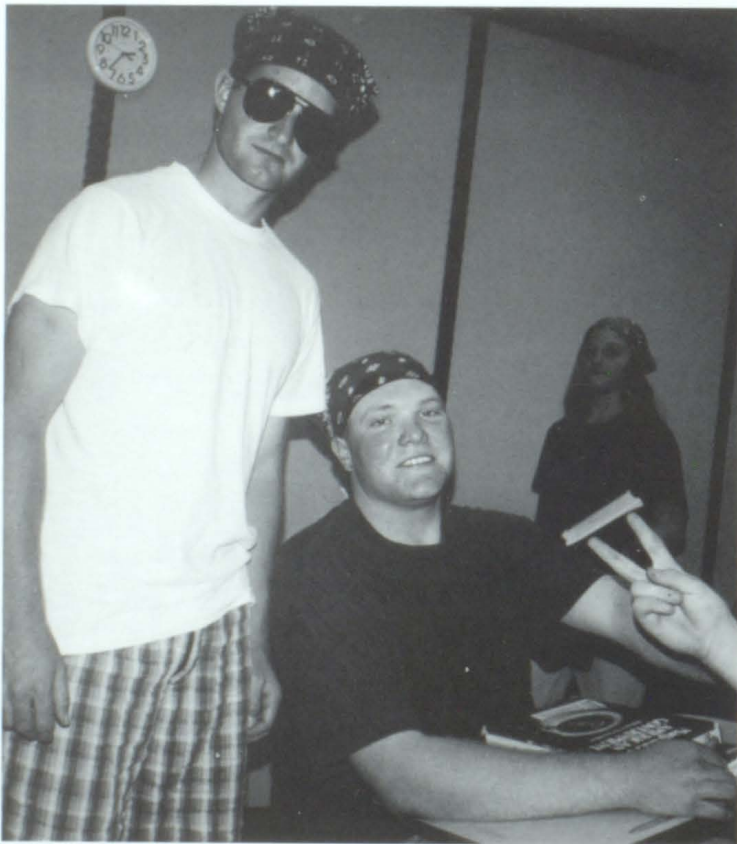
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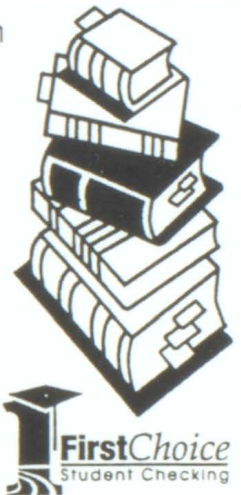
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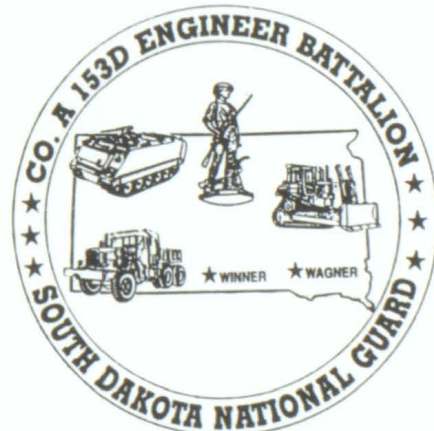


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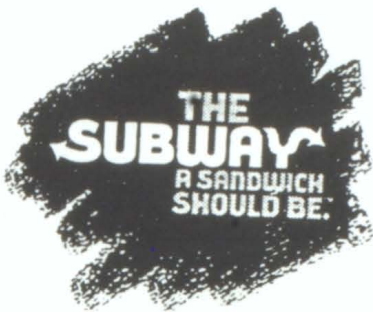
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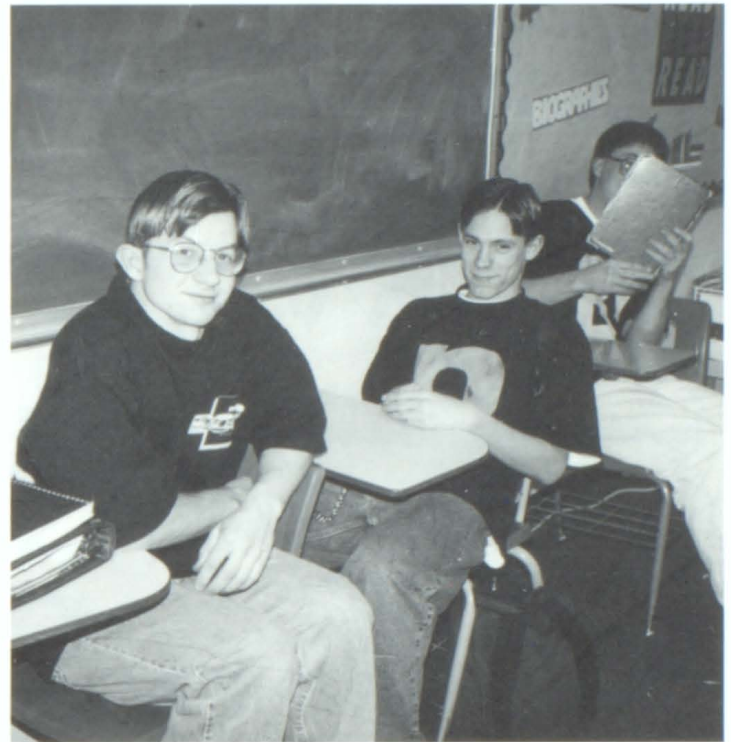
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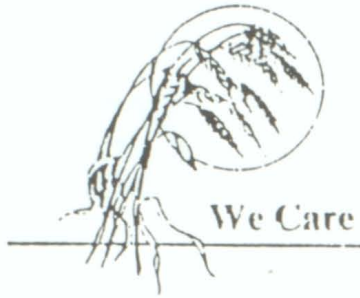
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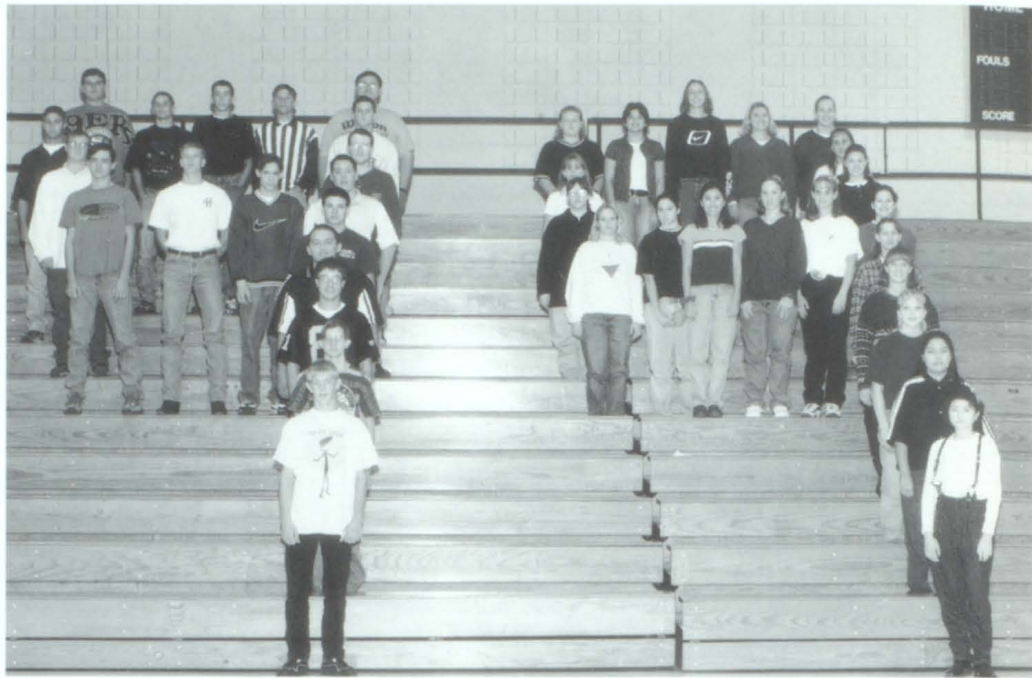
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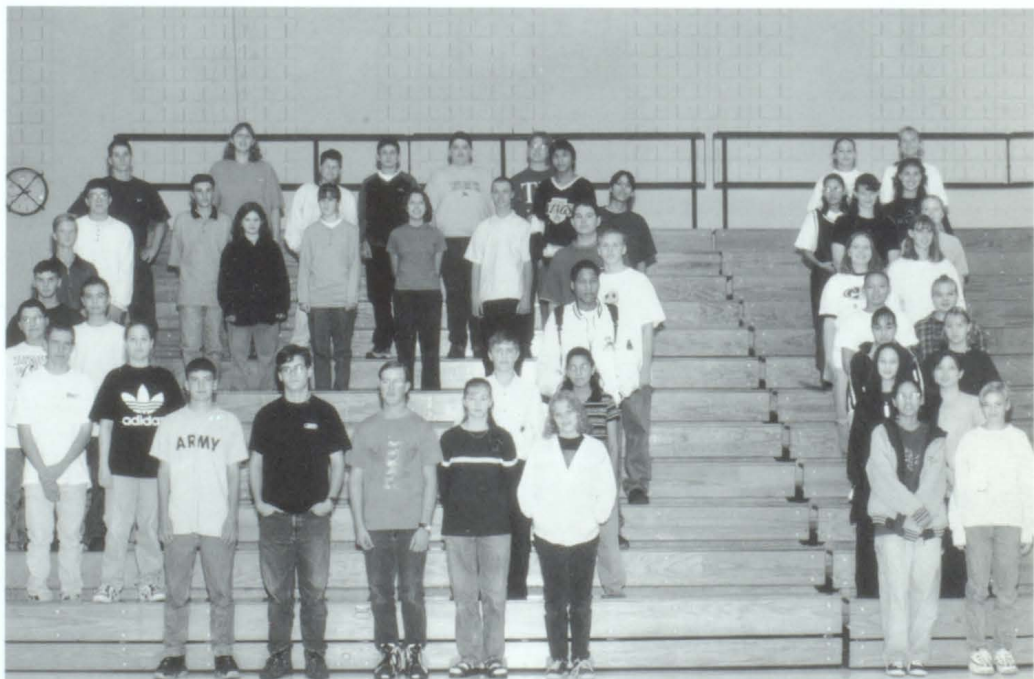
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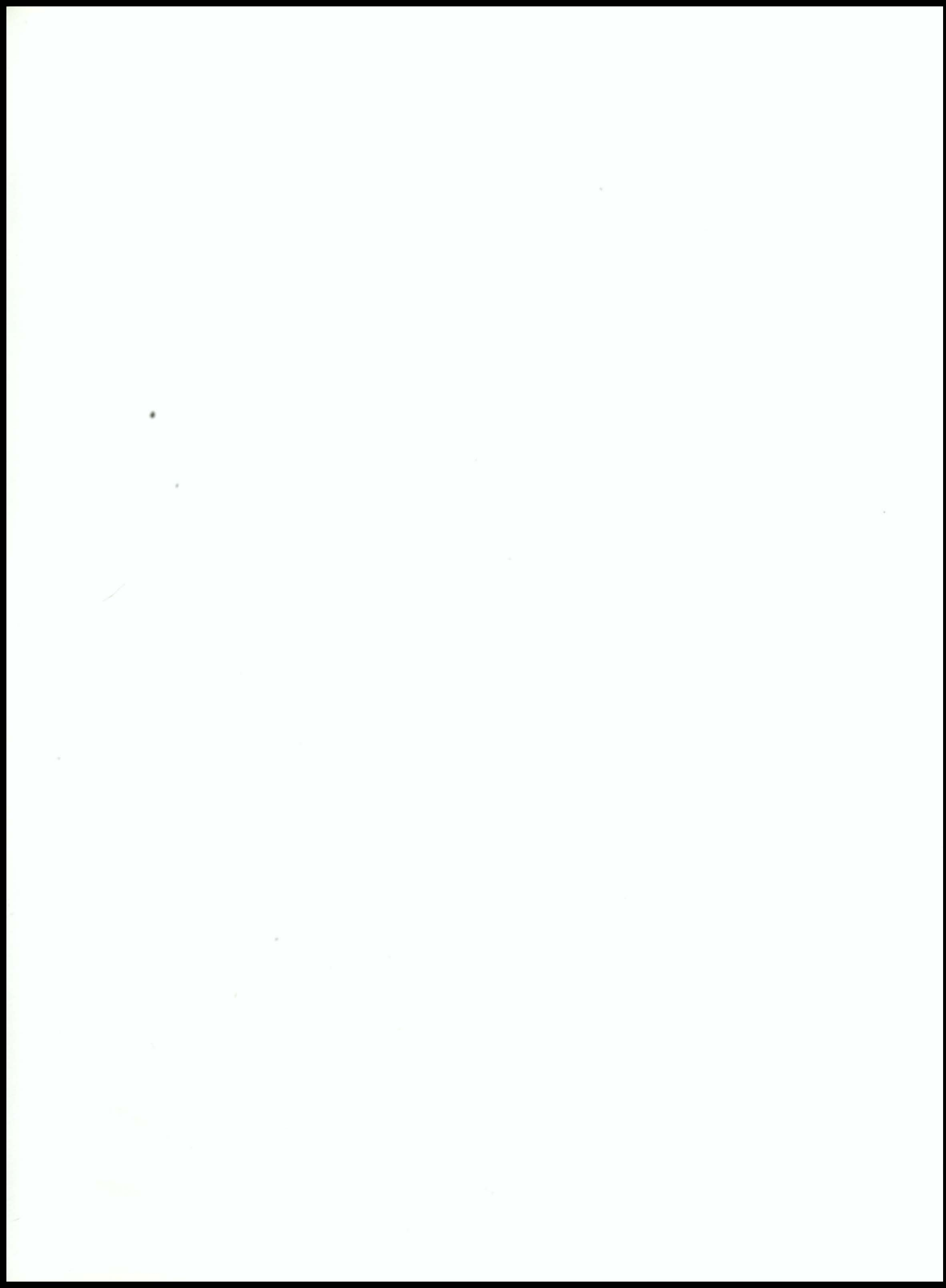
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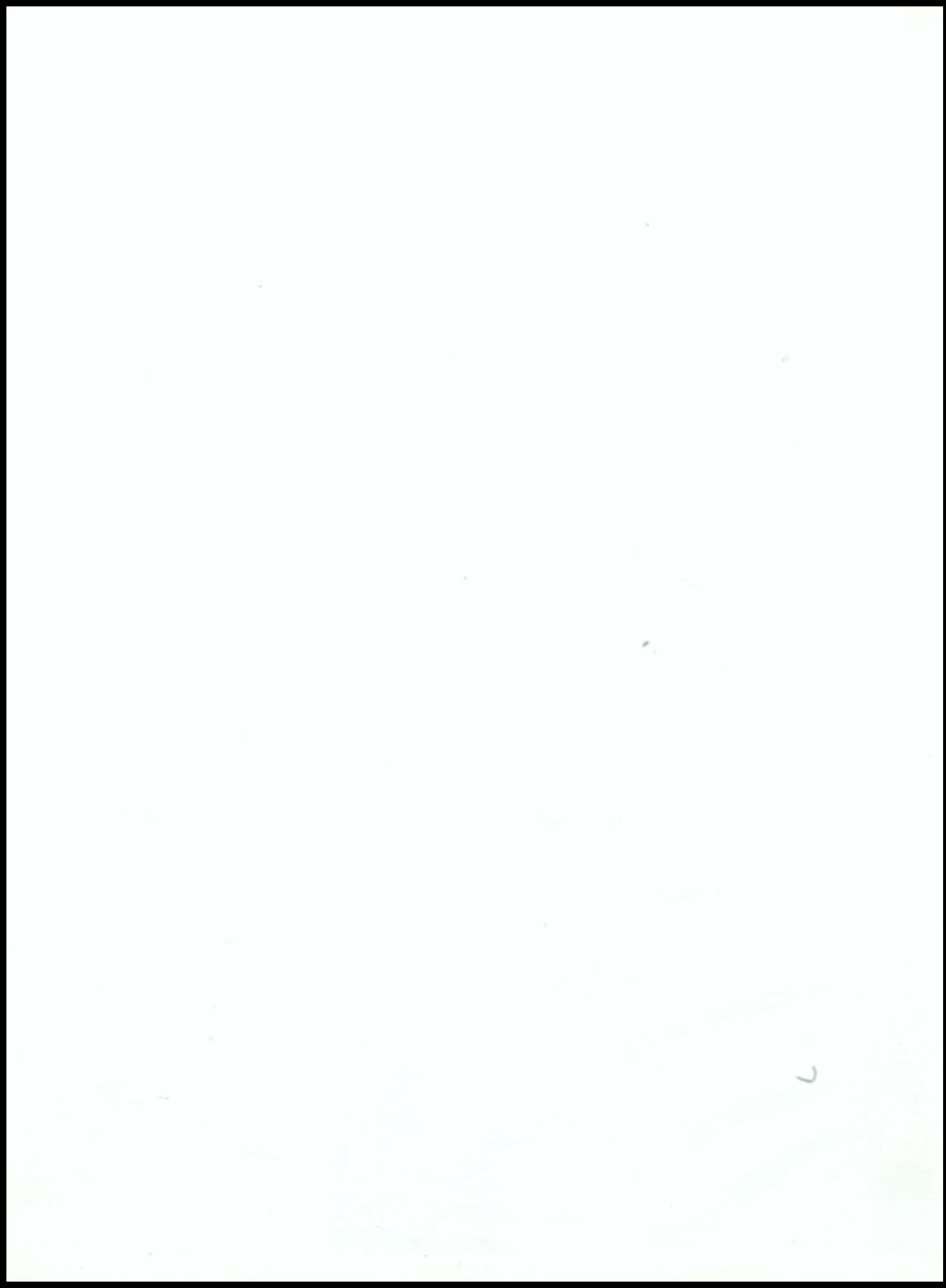


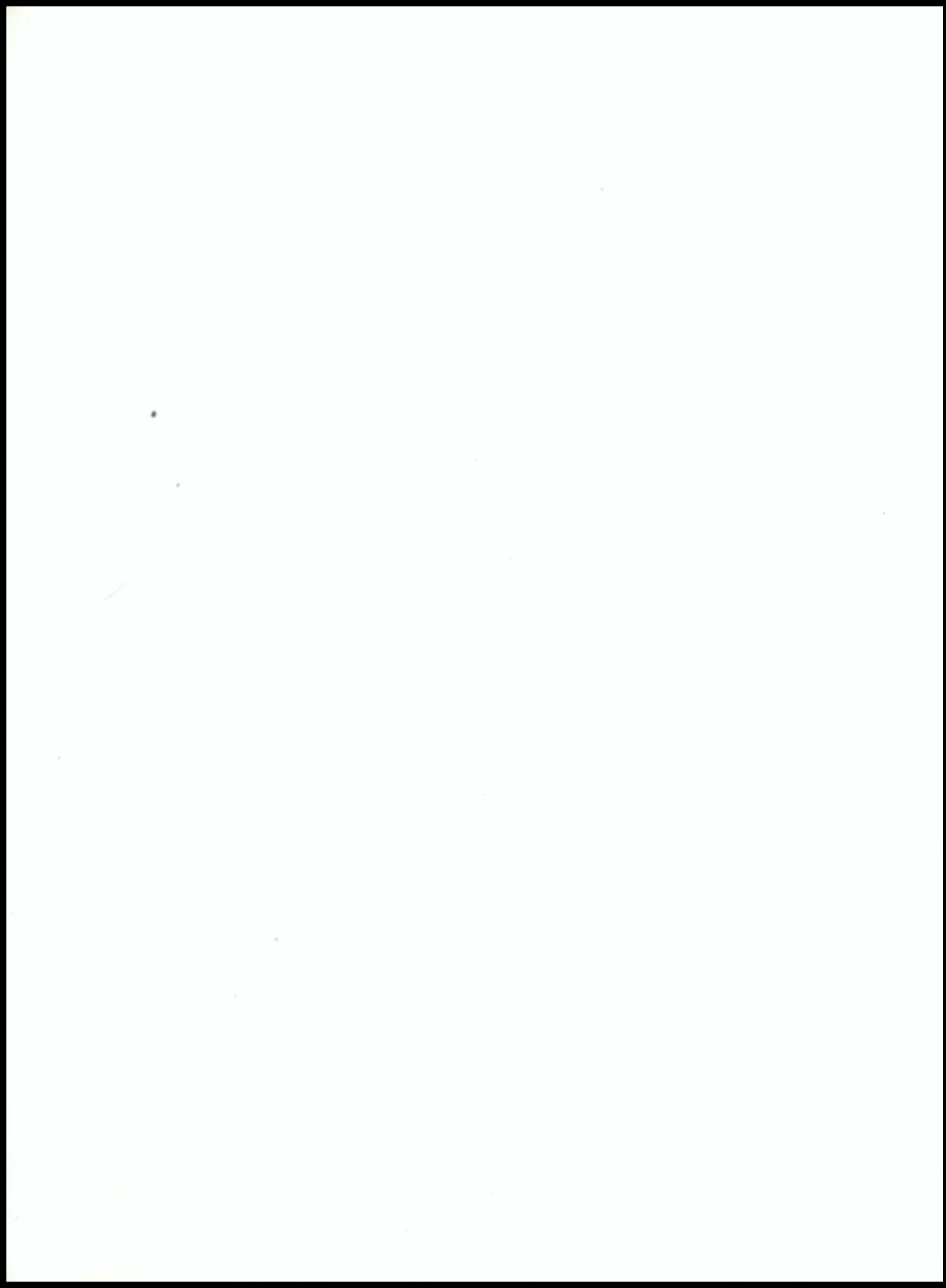
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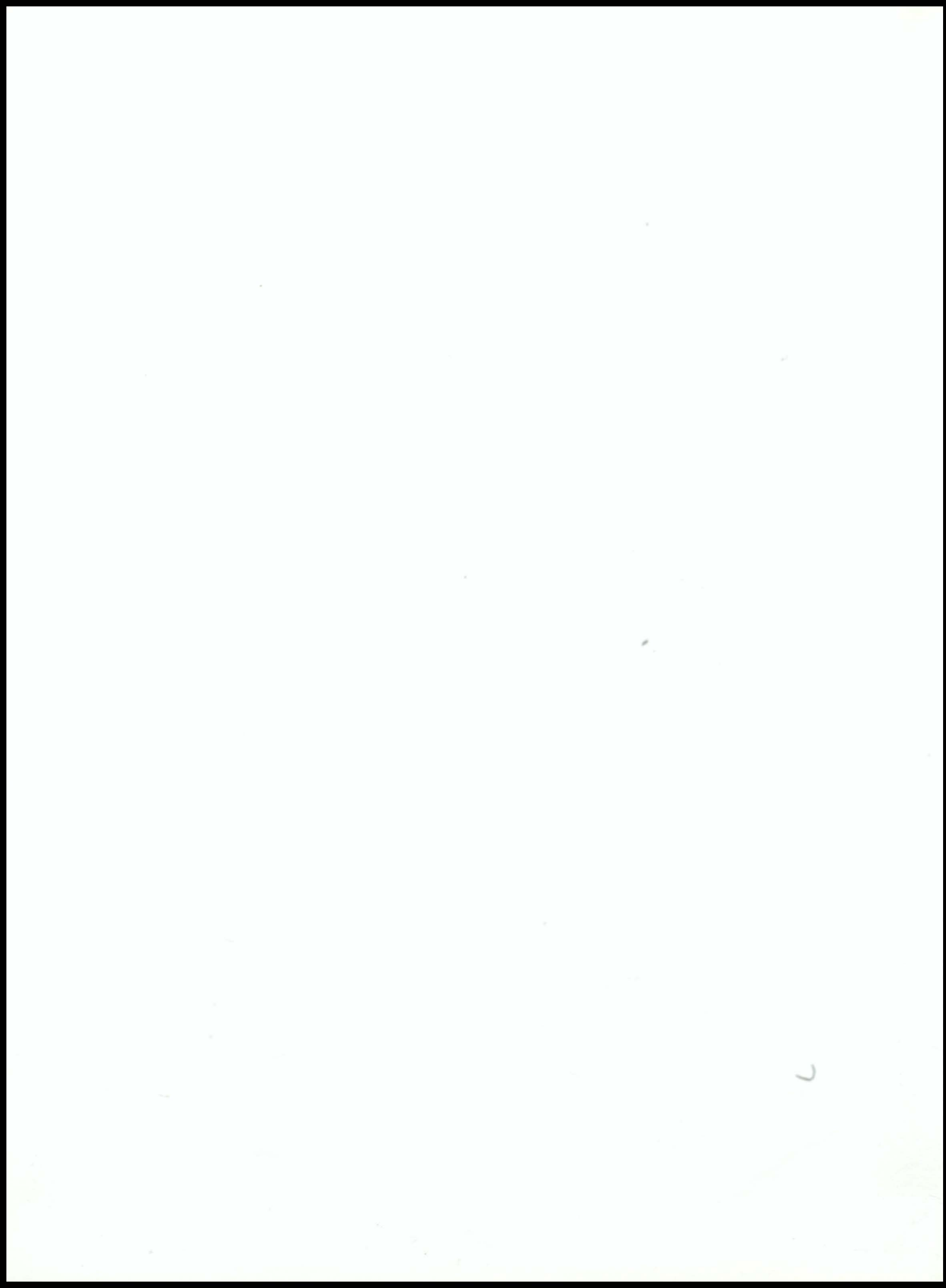
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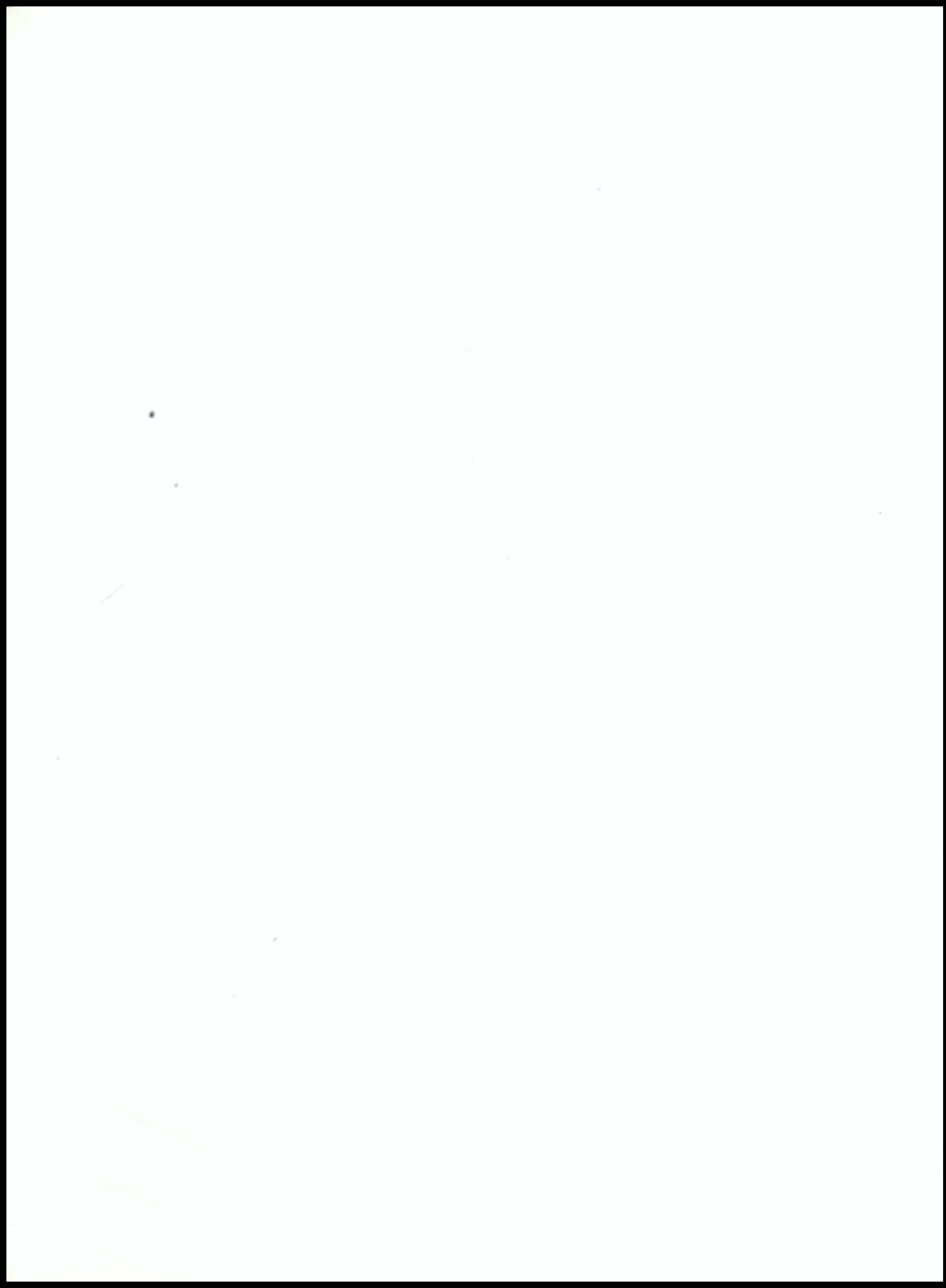


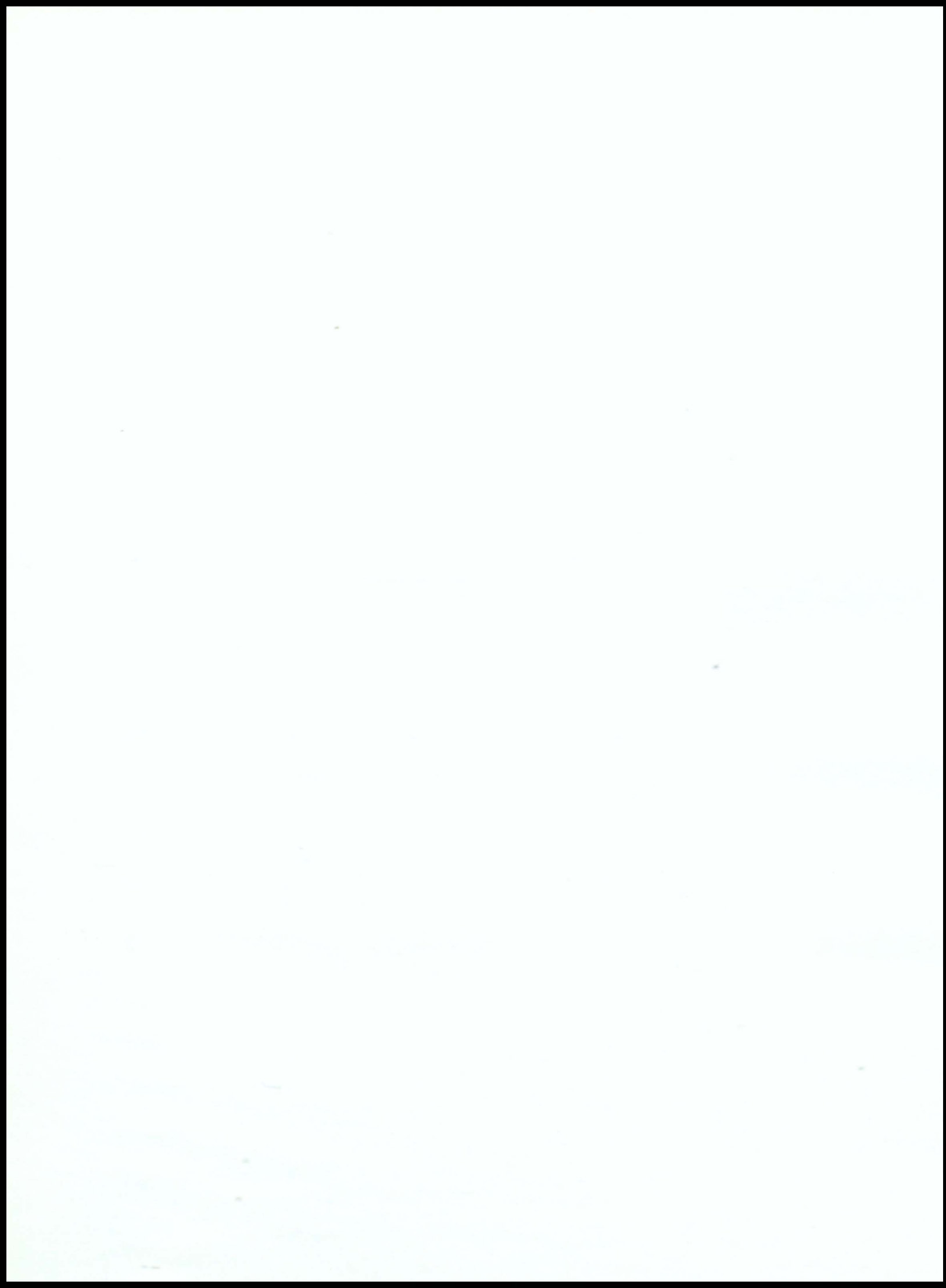


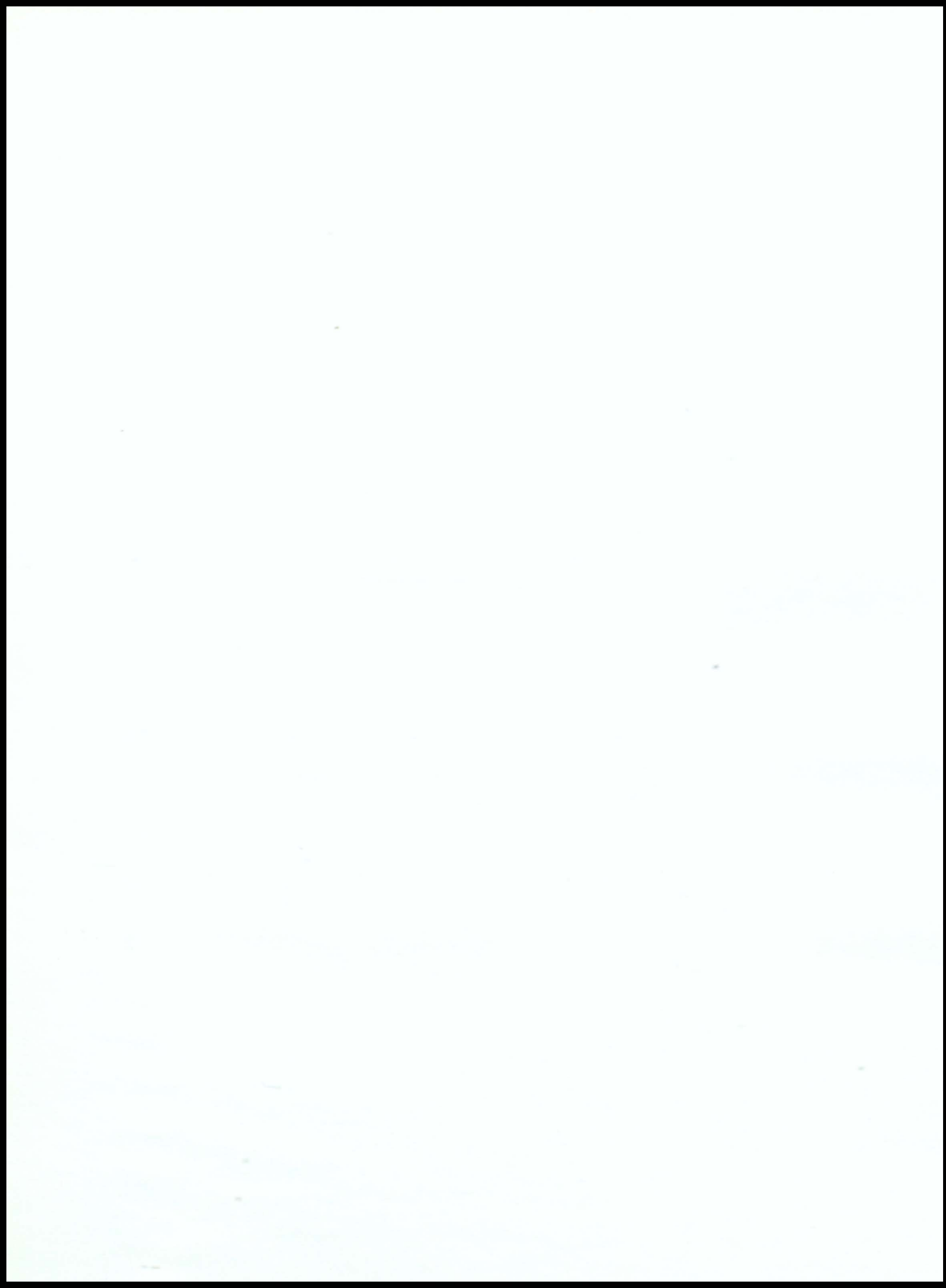


















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