Maybe Someday
It'll All Make Sense

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Covington, OH
Maybe Someday It'll All Make Sense ...

Pride

We can't all be shining examples, but we can at least twinkle a little.

— Speaker Unknown
Maybe Someday It’ll All Make Sense ... Competition

Success is never final; failure is never fatal; it is courage that counts.

— Winston Churchill
Maybe Someday It'll All Make Sense ...
Friendship

Memory is a form of immortality. The people you remember continue to be a part of your daily thoughts, and their influence is with you always.

— Speaker Unknown
Maybe Someday It'll All Make Sense ... Individuality

There is very little difference in people, but that little difference makes a big difference. The little difference is attitude. The big difference is whether it is positive or negative.

— Clement Stone
Maybe Someday It'll All Make Sense ... Choices

Destiny is not a matter of chance; it is a matter of choice.
— Speaker Unknown
Maybe Someday It’ll All Make Sense … Emotions

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

— Morrow
Maybe Someday It’ll All Make Sense ...

Humor

Take time to laugh. It is the music of the soul.

— Speaker Unknown
Faculty And Underclass
Faculty And Staff

Superintendent

Mr. Robert Van Osdol

Board Of Education

from left to right: Roger Finfrock, John Weikert, Mary McCullough, Glen McCool, and Paul Kenworthy

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Lori Graham, Bev Rench and June Fisher

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— Mr. Jerry Shaw
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Michelle Cruise
Sarah Dammeyer
Paul Downing
Emily Enderle
Rebecca Epperson
Nick Evans
Betsy Fessler
Scott Fetters
Jacob Forsythe
Chad Fosnight
Crystal Ganger
Erik Ganger
Megan Ganger
Lezlie Garber
Shad Gerken
Erin Gibson
Nathan Gibson
Shannon Gibson
Bonita Gilbert
Dawn Gilmore
Stacey Grilliot
Angela Heintz
Jeremiah Herron
Karl Hess
Joshua Hitchcock
Amanda Hitt
Kristi James
Tara Kiefer
Amanda Kier
Lyndsey Knauff
Nathan Knavel
Candace Landis
Erica Lauber
Keith Lyons
Michael Maniaci
Angela Manson
Michael McCool
Shawn McNeal

Jackie McVety
Chris Meyer
Krista Meyer
Keith Monroe
Peter Montgomery
Kelly Morris
Lori Newnam

Britney Noffsinger
Tiffany Oberly
Holly Ovenshine
Alan Parson
Michael Peters
Jason Pritchard
Jared Riviea

Evan Robbins
Jessica Robinson
Jared Rogers
Bryan Smith
Eric Speer
Brian Strait
Benjamin Supinger

Amy Swartz
Michael Swartz
Kristen Swinehart
Rose Swob
Justin Williams
Lincoln Wills
Niki Winks

Regina Wintrow
Nicholas Wooddell
Daniel Yohey

Not Pictured:

Erica Barga
Justin Pelsy

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Class Of '98

James Anspach
Laurie Apple
Brett Baker
Derek Baker
Kelly Barbee
Scott Beireis
Stacy Besecker

Eric Boothe
Nichole Bordelon
Dawn Brown
Karen Cassity
Sara Castle
Stephanie Castle
Sheila Christy

Chris Cooper
Melissa Cope
Julie Cron
Nichole Cruise
Derek Davis
Nate Davis
Josh Day

Jenny Deeter
Billy Ely
Hollie Fields
Justin Fields
Richelle Finfrock
Derick Fogi
Beau Frazier

Lori Frelin
Jesse French
Jonathan Frock
Stephanie Gephart
Christopher Gibson
Katrina Gingerich
Selena Gleason

Walker Gruber
Jason Hlitchcock
Anissa Hollopeter
Nick Hollopeter
Patrick Hughes
Christina Idle
Donna Knapp
Christina Landis
Cathy Lantz
David Larson
Lori Laub
Mark Leistner
Brett Linnott
Andrea Manson

Shelli Manson
Michael Marion
Donnie Martin
Angela Mayer
Christine McEade
Joel Mead
Randy Menke

Andy Meyer
Rachel Miller
Angie Millhouse
Katie Molesky
Brandon Moyer
Abigail Neifer
Kim Noll

Jon Olivera
Jeremy Poe
Aaron Powell
David Rosengarten
Jill Rudy
Brian Rupright
Casey Stacy

Philip Starry
Brooke Swartz
Brian Swinehart
Grace Swob
Dale Thompson
Jennifer Thompson
John Thompson

Leslie Torres
Janell VanDeGrit
Amanda Wagoner
Travis Warner
Stacy Weldy
Krista Wernick
April Wooten

Not Pictured:
Josh Barker
Kyle Brumbaugh
Charles Hollis
Christina Minnich
Brandon Pelsy
Michael Rue

Amy Wright
Class Of '97

Julie Albright
Kevin Alexander
Tracy Angle
Denise Apple
Matt Apple
Brad Barbee
Bryan Barbee

Whitney Bell
Jessica Bishop
Brandy Blankenship
David Brandenburg
Josh Buchter
Wendy Caldwell
Rachelle Cally

Kelly Cassity
Jessica Chaney
Misty Clark
Amy Conn
Karyn Dearth
Eric Deeter
Joe Dye

Andy Dysinger
Nicole Fetters
Mandi Fletcher
Jeremy Gade
Charles Gibson
Rachel Gibson
Chrissy Gillette

Missy Gillette
Joe Grigsby
Chip Hartley
Stacy Hembree
Scott Householder
Pam Huelskamp
Justin Huffman

Jeremy Ingle
Patrick James
Amanda Jay
Sarah Kier
Michael Laub
Stacy Long
Brent Maddy

24/juniors
Elisabeth Maier
Josh Michael
Doug Minnick
Amy Montgomery
Dale Morrow
Chad Mullen
Bill O'Connor

Matt Pattison
Krystal Penny
Tiana Powell
Ted Rogers
Mitch Schmidt
Becky Sink
Carrie Smith

Mack Snyder
Carla Swigert
Heather Thayer
Maggie Thompson
Layla Tipps
Stacy Torres
Noah Turner

Jodi Walters
Matt Weikert
Amber Wiltshire
Brooke Wooddel
Christy Yohey
Justin York

Not Pictured:
Steven Brown
Travis Bubeck
Joey Eply
Sam McCool
Traci Witherspoon
The 1995-96 J.V.S. students are: Sophomores: Josh Barker, Josh Day, Bill Ely. Juniors: Denise Apple, Steven Brown, Travis Bubeck, Rachelle Cally, Joey Epley, Jeremy Gade, Chrissy Gillette, Missy Gillette, Joe Grigsby, Patrick James, Elisabeth Maier, Sam McCool, Doug Minnich, Krystal Penny, Carla Swigert, Traci Witherspoon, and Christy Yohey. Seniors: Rita Barbee, Elijah Barnhart, Clinton Caldwell, Jason Clark, Bil Hicks, Tony Mayer, Amy Miller, Joe Miller, Lucas Moyer, Edward Richards, Ted Rogers, Renee Swallow, Shonda Swallow, Benjamin Vannoy, and Rodney Young.
The 1996 Covington High School Commencement Exercises were held on Saturday, May 25. The guest speaker was Jennifer Stickley, a Covington High School Alumnus. The Valedictorian was Erica Bowman and the Salutatorian was Andy Shaffer. Marshals were Whitney Bell and Amy Conn. The turning of the tassels was led by Class President Nick Manson.
JASON LYNN ANGLE — Basketball: 9 — Baseball: 10, 11, 12 — Perfect Attendance: 10, 11 — Science Olympiad: 9, 10, 11 — Ad Staff: 11, 12 — Homecoming Court

BRIDGIT LAURIE ANTHONY — "Bridge" — Volleyball: 9, 10 — Cheerleader: 9, 11, 12 — Chorus: 10, 11, 12 — National Honor Society: 10, 11, 12 — Play Cast: 10 — Marching Band: 10, 11, 12 — Guidance Officer Worker: 12 — OMEA District Honors Choir: 11, 12 — Scholar-Athlete Award: 12 — Drama Club: 9, 10 — Pep Club: 9 — Art Club: 12, Secretary, 12 — Key Club: 12 — Homecoming Court

MISTY ANN BAKER — "Butts" — Chorus: 11 — Principal's Office Worker: 12 — Student Honor Banquet: 10 — Drama Club: 9 — Key Club: 12

RITA CATHERINE BARBEE — "Redneck" — Chorus: 9 — Marching Band: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Concert Band: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Pep Band: 9, 10, 11 — Band 1st Lieutenant: 12 — Student Librarian: 10 — Perfect Attendance: 9, 10, 11, 12 — FHA: 9, 10 — SADD: 10, 11, 12 — VICA: 11, 12

ELIJAH BARNHART

ERICA SUE BOWMAN — Class Vice President: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Volleyball: 9, 10, 11, 12, Captain: 11, 12 — Most Offensive: 10, MVP: 11, 12, 1st Team All-Conference: 10, 11, 12, Conference MVP: 12, 1st Team All-District: 10, 11, 12, District MVP: 12, 1st Team All-Ohio: 11, 2nd Team All-Ohio: 12, Honorable Mention All-Ohio: 10 — Basketball: 9, 10, 11, 12, Co-Captain: 11, 12, Most Rebounds: 10, 11, MVP: 10, 11, 1st Team All-Conference: 9, 10, 11, Conference MVP: 10, 11, 1st Team All-District: 10, 11, Honorable Mention All-Ohio: 10, 11, Academic All-State — 10, 11 — Track: 9, 12 — Softball: 10, 11 — Student Honor Banquet: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Excellence in Science: 9 — USMC Distinguished Athlete: 11 — Tandy Scholar: 12 — Century III Leaders Candidate: 11 — Scholar Athlete Award: 10, 11 — Ohio Space Scientists of Tomorrow Nominee: 10 — High "Q" Team: 11 — Bausch and Lomb Science Award: 11 — National Honor Society: 10, 11, 12, President: 12 — Play Cast: 9 — Concert Band: 9, 10 — Spanish Club: 9, 11, 12, Secretary: 11, President: 12 — Drama Club: 9, 10 — Key Club: 10, 12 — Homecoming Court

HEATH DAVID BREWER — "Brew" — Football: 9, 10 — Basketball: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Student Librarian: 9 — Key Club: 12 — Buccaneer Staff: 12

STEPHANIE LYN BRUOT — "Steph" — Cheerleading: 9, 10, 11 — Key Club: 10, 11, 12 — Guidance Office Helper: 12

CLINTON EDWARD CALDWELL — Marching Band: 9, 10 — Concert Band: 9, 10 — Pep Band: 9, 10

JOSHUA BRIAN CARDER — "Juice" — Football: 9, 10, 12 — Basketball: 9, 10, 11, 12, Regional Qualifier: 9, 10, 11 — Varsity "C": 9, 10, 11, 12 — Basketball Statistician: 9 — Chorus: 12

BRIAN DOUGLAS CASSEL — "Cassy Boy" — Football: 9, 10, 11, 12, Co-Captain: 12, Mr. Football: 11, CCC All-League: 11 — Track: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Homecoming King

KAIRA E. CASTLE — Marching Band: 10, 11, 12 — Concert Band: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Honors Band: 12 — Band 2nd Lieutenant: 12 — Pep Band: 10, 11 — Chorus: 11 — Spanish Club: 10, 11, 12, Vice President: 12 — Art Club: 12, President: 12 — Key Club: 12

JASON ROBERT CLARK — "Clarky" — Basketball: 9 — Baseball: 10

SHARON ELIZABETH DUFFEY — Cheerleader: 9 — Concert Band: 9 — Chorus: 11, 12 — Pep Club: 9,

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10 — Spanish Club: 10, 11 — Key Club: 12

JASON TYRONE DURBIN — “Durbo” — Football: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Wrestling: 9, 10, 11, 12, Rookie of the Year: 9, Co-MVP Wrestler: 10, 3rd Team Greater Miami Wrestling Team: 10, 2nd Team Greater Miami Wrestling Team: 11 — Art Club: 12 — PLUS Overnighter Youth Staff: 9, 10, 11

ROSELYN LEE EVANS — “Dough” — Raised money for Salvation Army

BROCK CARSON FIELDS — Football: 9, 10 — Basketball: 9, 10 — Baseball: 9 — Chorus: 9, 10 — Play Cast: 10 — Spanish Club: 9 — Drama Club: 9, 10


STACEY ELAINE FIELDS — Volleyball: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Track: 9, 10, 11, 12

DUSTIN WAYNE FOOGT — “P, Fogt” — Spanish Club: 11

JASMINE CHRISTINA HARTWIG — “Jazmoe” — Cheerleader: 9, 10 — Key Club: 9 — Art Club: 11, 12


STACEY ELAINE FIELDS — Volleyball: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Track: 9, 10, 11, 12

DUSTIN WAYNE FOOGT — “P, Fogt” — Spanish Club: 11

JASMINE CHRISTINA HARTWIG — “Jazmoe” — Cheerleader: 9, 10 — Key Club: 9 — Art Club: 11, 12

MATTHEW RICHARD KNOUFF — “Matt, Scrouff, Knouffinator, 71” — Golf: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Basketball Statistician: 9, 10 — Play Usher: 9 — Key Club: 10 — Art Club: 10, 11, 12, Art Show 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards

TINA LEE KYZER — “Troll” — Basketball: 9, 10, 11, 12, Best Free Throw Percentage: 10 — Track: 10 — Cross Country: 11, 12, Coach’s Award: 11 — Volleyball Statistician: 10 — Principal’s Office Worker: 10, 11 — Varsity C: 10, 11, 12 — Key Club: 11, 12

AMANDA MARIE LANDES — “Mandy, Bear” — Volleyball: 10, 11 — Chorus: 12 — Play Cast: 10

KATHRYN SUE LARSON — “Katie, Kate” — Track: 9, 10, 11 — Cheerleader: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Chorus: 9, 10, 11, 12 — National Honor Society: 11, 12 — Play Cast: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Most Outstanding Track Award: 9 — Track Sportsmanship Award: 11 — Cheerleading Coach’s Award: 11 — OMEA District Honors Choir: 11, 12 — CCC Scholastic Athlete Award: 12 — Competition Cheerleading Coach’s Award: 12 — Drama Club: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Secretary: 10, 11 — Key Club: 9, 10, 11, 12 — President: 12 — Pep Club: 9, 10 — Buccaneer Staff: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Co-Editor: 12 — Yearbook Business Manager: 11 — Homecoming Queen

MAUREEN ELIZABETH MANIACI — “Mo, Rene” — Class Secretary: 9 — Class Treasurer: 11 — Basketball: 9, 10, 11, 12, Co-Captain: 12 — Softball: 9, 10, 11, 12, CCC All-League: 10 — HOBY Award: 10 — Scholar-Athlete Award: 10, 11 — Student Honor Banquet: 11 — I DARE YOU Award: 11 — Who’s Who Among American High School Students: 11, 12 — Student Council: 11, 12 — Ad Staff: 12 — Yearbook Staff: 10, 11, 12, Co-Editor — 11

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STAC RENEE SHORT — “Shorty” — Class Treasurer: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Volleyball: 9, 10, 11, 12, CCC 1st Team: 10, 11, 12, 1st Team District: 9, 11 — Basketball: 9, 10, 11, 12, CCC 1st Team: 11 — Softball: 9, 10, 11, 12 — National Honor Society: 11, 12 — Scholar Athlete Award: 12 — Play Crew: 9 — Marching Band: 9, 10 — Concert Band: 9, 10 — Ad Staff: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Science Olympiad — Key Club: 12 — Homecoming Court

MICOLE MARIE SIMON — “Nickol, Slutch” — Volleyball: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Chorus: 9, 11 — PLUS Youth Staff: 9 — Key Club: 10, 11, 12 — SADD: 9, 10, 11 — FHA: 9, 10, 11 — Reporter: 9, 10, 11

JASON DAVID SINK — “Jay, Sink” — Chorus: 11, 12 — Honors Choir: 12 — Play Cast: 12

SARAH JANE SOMMER — Volleyball: 9, 10 — Cross Country: 11, 12, Most Valuable Runner: 11, 12, Coach’s Award: 12 — Basketball: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Track: 9, 10, 11, 12, Most Valuable Runner: 10 — National Honor Society: 11, 12 — Science Olympiad: 10 — Key Club: 12 — Homecoming Court

TIMOTHY GREGORY SPEER — “BOSS” — Spanish Club: 9, 10

JASON LEE STAUNDT — “Staudt” — Football: 9, 10, 12 — Track: 9, 10, 11

SARA JANE STOLER — Basketball: 9, 10 — Softball: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Play Cast: 9 — Marching Band: 9, 10, 11 — Concert Band: 9, 10, 11 — Art Club: 10, 11, 12, Treasurer: 12 — Pep Club: 10 — Drama Club: 10, 11 — SADD: 11 — Key Club: 12

RENEE LYNN SWALLOW — “Nay, Nay Nay” — Volleyball: 9, 10 — Basketball Statistician: 9 — Chorus: 9, 10 — Play Cast: 9, 10, 11 — Perfect Attendance: 11 — JVS Student of the Quarter: 11 — Key Club: 9, 10 — Drama Club: 9, 10, 11, JVS SADD: 11, 12 — JVS FHA HERO: 11, 12, Vice President: 12

BENJAMIN VANNOY

SARAH MARIE VICKERY — “Vic” — Chorus: 9, 10, 11, 12 — Attendance Office Worker: 9 — Student Librarian: 12 — SADD: 9 — Key Club: 11, 12 — Buccaneers Staff: 9, 10, 11, 12, Asst. Co-Editor: 11, Co-Editor: 12

CATHERINE JENNIFER WATSON — “Cathie J.” — Student Librarian: 12 — Key Club: 9, 12 — FHA: 11, 12

JASON MICHAEL WILLS — “BUBBA” — Football: 10 — Baseball: 9, 10, 11 — Baseball: 9

RODNEY SAM YOUNG

DANIELLE ZORETIC — Art Club: 12 — Key Club: 12

Class Leaders

SHONDA DEE SWALLOW — “Fred, Shonda Sue, Shonnie, Swallow” — Chorus: 9 — Play Cast: 9 — Student Librarian: 10 — Perfect Attendance: 9, 10, 11 — Key Club: 9, 10, 11 — SADD: 9, 10, 11 — Drama Club: 9, 10, 11 — Buccaneers Staff: 9, 10, 11

TENILLE JANINE THOMPSON — “T.J.” — Volleyball: 9 — Key Club: 9 — Art Club: 11, 12, Vice President: 12

JILL HANNAH TOBIAS — “Wilbur” — Volleyball: 9 — Chorus: 9, 19, 12 — Play Cast: 10, 11 — Play Crew: 9 — Drama Club: 10, 11 — Key Club: 9, 10, 12 — Buccaneers Staff: 12

Best Dressed

Erica Bowman, Andy Shaffer

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Homecoming was held on September 29, 1995. The football team shut-out Mississinawa Valley 49-0. Crowned Queen at the game was Katie Larson, and at the dance Brian Cassel was crowned King. The Queen Candidates and their Escorts are to the right and the King Candidates are on the opposite page. Queen Candidates: Sarah Sommer, Erica Bowman, Katie Larson, Staci Short and Bridgit Anthony. Escorts: James McCullough, Jason Angle, Chad Pequinot, Jason Wills and Brock Fields. King Candidates: Andy Shaffer, Brian Rudy, Nick Manson, Brian Cassel, Jason Angle.
Marching Band

The Covington Band of Bucc Pride had a very successful year. In addition to performing at all football games, they participated in community functions, parades, and competitions throughout Ohio. Their approximate rehearsal time, 100 hours, led them to receive these awards: Third Place Percussion and Overall at Piqua Invitational; Best Field Commander, Second Overall, and Third Place Percussion at Amelia; Fourth Place Overall at The Kettering Classic all of these awarded in Class C. Mrs. McIntosh would like to congratulate the band for their hard work and dedication.
Left to Right, Back row: Nick Hollopeter, Megan Ganger, Stacey Grilliot, Brooke Swartz, Senior Kaira Castle, Nick Wooddell, Lyndsay Angle, Michelle Marion, Kelly Barbee, Erin Gibson; Third Row: Christina Landis, Tiffany Oberly, Angie Heintz, Jarod Rogers, Betsy Fessler, Chad Fosnight, Eric Speer, Candy Landis, Janell VanDeGrift, Karyn Dearth, Stephanie Castle; Second Row: Alan Parson, Karen Cassity, Rachel Burgess, Senior Rita Barbee, Regina Wintrow, Jamie Reynolds, Kristy Dearth, Jamie Good, Brandy Hutton, Christine McDade, Lori Laub; First Row: Director Katherine McIntosh, Sara Castle, Shelli Manson, Senior James McCullough, Whitney Bell, Erik Ganger, Kirk Manson, Angie Manson, Chad Mullen, Field Commander Mike Marion; Sitting: Brooke Wooddell, Rachel Gibson. Not Pictured: Keith Monroe, Eric Evans.
Christmas
National Honor Society

The annual National Honor Society induction took place on March 12, 1996. Thirteen new members were inducted. The ceremony was followed by a small cookie and punch reception and then lunch at the Olive Garden.

New members are: Misty Clark, Katie Molesky, Julie Cron, Kelly Barbee, Maureen Maniaci, Casey Stacy, Maggie Thompson, Stacy Beseker, Dale Morrow, Aaron Powell, Eric Boothe, David Larson, and James McCullough. (Picture of Aaron Powell with parents is unavailable.)
The entire National Honor Society members are as follows: Kelly Barbee, Katie Molesky, Kate Larson, Bridgit Anthony, Sarah Sommer, Becky Sink, Maggie Thompson, Whitney Bell, Julie Albright, Misty Clark, Stacy Long, Carly Pickering, Erica Bowman, Maureen Maniaci, Tracy Angle, Stacy Besecker, Chad Mullen, Dale Morrow, Paul Poast, Andy Shaffer, Staci Short, Matt Weikert, Scott Householder, David Larson, Eric Boothe, Julie Cron, Casey Stacy, Aaron Powell, Dan Knauff, and James McCullough.
Art Show

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The twentieth annual Covington High School Art Show took place on May 8, 1996. Stephanie Gephart received best of show. Other honorable awards were given to Wendy Caldwell, Anissa Hollopeter, Aaron Powell, Regina Wintrow, Brad Barbee, and Brett Baker. The art show is organized each year by the art club advisor, Miss Flander.
Mardi Gras
The 1996 Covington High School Junior-Senior Prom was held on April 27, 1996. The theme was "Mardi Gras" and the theme song was "Dance With Me" by Intrigue. The candidates for Prom Queen and King were: Jill Tobias, Bridgit Anthony, Stacey Fields, Sarah Sommer, Staci Short, Brian Rudy, Jason Angle, Andy Shaffer, Rory Hoke, and Nick Manson.
The Music Man
Team members include — (l to r) bottom row — Keith Monroe, Scott Fetter, Dan Yohey, Justin Bubeck, Dustin Cope, Brian Brown, Jeremiah Herron, Mike Peters, Nathan Knavel, and Lincoln Wills; second row — manager John Frock, Chuck Gibson, Derek Baker, Joe Dye, Randy Menke, Walker Graher, Dale Thompson, Eric Boothe, Brett Baker, Donnie Martin, Shad Gerken, Dale Mor­row, and Coach Dave Tobias; third row — Head Coach Bob Riley, Coach Jerry Shaw, Matt Apple, Mack Snyder, Andy Dysinger, Bill O'Connor, Travis Bubeck, Matt Weikert, Jeremy Ingle, Sam Mc­Cool, Noah Turner, Justin York, Mitch Schmidt, Manager Dave Brandenburg, Coach Doug Swartz, and Coach Bill Wise; fourth row — (Seniors) Paul Poast, Jason Staudt, Brian Rudy, Nick Manson, Lee Schmidt, Jason Durbin, Josh Carder, Adam Hittle, Bill Hicks, Andy Shaffer, and Brian Cassel.

Miami East
National Trail
Tri County North
Bethel
Mississinawa Valley

us/them

Arcanum
Twin Valley South
Ansonia
Cedarville
Bradford

28-0
33-6
28-7
20-0
49-0

19-7
48-0
14-0
20-21
63-7

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The 1995 football team had an outstanding season posting a record of 9-1 and winning its first CCC league championship. This was the best football win/loss record since the 1985 team. The Buccs just missed getting into the playoffs finishing 5th in the computer rankings. Offensively, the team averaged over 32 points a game while allowing under 5 points per game. The reserve team also had an outstanding season posting a record of 8-1. This raises expectations for future success in football.
The competition dance squad began practice in June after dance camp. Their hard work and long hours of practice were awarded with a fifth place finish out of 21 squads at Bremenfest and a second place finish out of 17 squads at the Bradford Pumpkin Show. They also performed at the Darke County Fair, basketball game half times, and various community events. The members at left were—bottom row (l to r)—Jill Rudy, Senior Kate Larson, and Lori Frelin; second row—Senior Bridgit Anthony, Britney Noffsinger, and Erin Gibson; third row—Casey Stacy, Kelly Cassity, Julie Albright. The football cheerleaders included—bottom row (l to r)—Senior Kate Larson and Senior Bridgit Anthony; second row—Jill Rudy and Lori Frelin; top row—Kelly Cassity, Andrea Manson, Casey Stacy, and Julie Albright.
The 1995 golf team had a good year despite having a losing record. Our team season scoring average of 186 was the second lowest average over the past 15 years. Only last year's CCC champs had a better average. With 5 of our top 6 golfers being freshmen and sophomores, the future looks bright for the Buccs' golf teams.

Team members included — bottom row (l to r) — Mark Leistner, Senior James McCullough, Erik Ganger, Jake Forsythe, B.J. Smith, Derek Davis, and David Rosengarten; top row — Coach Ron Schultz, Jon Frock, Nate Davis, Andy Meyer, Senior Chad Pequignot, Kevin Alexander, and Senior Matt Knouff.
Highlights of the girls' cross country team include winning the Miami County Invitational, placing second at the CCC meet, and qualifying to the regional meet for the first time ever. Also the girls' record at 5000 meters was broken by Sarah Sommer with a time of 20:11 at the Eaton Invitational. Still another first that happened this year was Sarah qualifying to run at the State Cross Country Meet in Columbus. This marked the first time a girl runner has ever done this. Congratulations to the girls on a fine season, and I would like to thank seniors Sarah Sommer and Tina Kyzer for their dedication and loyalty and wish them good luck in the future. — Coach Foster
The boys' cross country team had a tremendous season this past year. They won the Miami County Invitational and the Eaton Invitational, captured the CCC league title, and were Dayton District Champions. They also broke the 100 wins mark with 128 wins. Led by David Larson and Kyle Brumbaugh, this youthful team, made up of all sophomores and freshmen, exceeded all of its goals. Their hard work and dedication in the summer paid off, and with everybody back next year, we'll be setting our expectations quite high. — Coach Foster

Team members included — bottom row (l to r) Eric Speer, David Larson, Ryan Clark, Mike Maniaci, and Brian Strait; top row — Kyle Brumbaugh, Keith Lyons, Paul Downing, Nate Gibson, and Coach Doug Foster.
Varsity Volleyball

Team members included — bottom row — (l to r) — Angie Milhouse, Tiana Powell, Whitney Bell, and Jessica Bishop; top row — Coach Lonnie Cain, Senior Nikki Simon, Stacy Weldy, Becky Sink, Senior Staci Short, Senior Erica Bowman, Richelle Pinrock, and Senior Stacey Fields.

The 1995 Edition of the Covington Buccaneer Volleyball team finished the season 21-5. We completed league play at 8-3 which was good enough for second place behind a very strong National Trail team. We were 3-0 in the Franklin Monroe tournament and 1-1 in the Anna Inv. We received the 1st seed in the Covington Sectional and advanced to districts for the third year in a row. At districts we defeated Williamsburg and laid claim to Covington’s fifth District championship in Volleyball. During Regionals this year we were paired against Lehman for the semifinal round. We came out on top with a 16-14, 10-15, 15-10 win. This marked only the second time in Covington Volleyball history that a Buccaneer Volleyball team would advance to the regional finals. In regionals we played the Number 1 ranked team in the state of Ohio, St. Henry. Although we came out on the short end of the score, I feel we ended a great season with a great match. Our team played as hard as capable and finished our tournament season with “No Regrets.” I would like to thank the seniors for all of the great memories, and challenge the underclassmen to create even more. Go Buccs!
This year's JV volleyball season was a learning experience for all involved. In my first year coaching for Covington, I had the challenge of learning not only the girls' names and personalities, but also their unique playing styles. In addition, the girls were faced with adjusting to a new coach, which I know was not always easy. However, we had a very successful season, finishing with a record of 9-9 overall. I was extremely pleased with the progress and effort the girls displayed. Overall, I think the girls learned a great deal about volleyball, became better athletes, and most importantly, had a lot of fun. Congratulations on a great season! — Coach Amaralt.

Team members included — bottom row (l to r) — Niki Winks, Leslie Garber, Lyndsay Angle, Lyndsay Knauff, Becky Epperson, and Angie Manson; second row — Candy Landis, Tiffany Oberly, Emily Enderle, Betsy Fessler, Jessica Robinson, and September Beeman; top row — Coach Maureen Amaralt, Brooke Swartz, Andrea Manson, Janell VanDeGrift, Donna Knapp, Richelle Finfrock, Stacy Besecker, April Wooten, Grace Swab, Stephanie Castle, Krista Wenrick, and Coach Niki Simon.

Team members included — bottom row (l to r) — Jon Frock, Justin Huffman, Josh Buchter, Senior Rory Hoke, Dale Thompson, Senior James McCullough, and Aaron Shively; second row — Coach Fisher, Matt Apple, Matt Weikert, Chip Hartley, Senior Jason Wills, Andy Meyer, and Senior Heath Brewer.

The boys' basketball team had an up and down year in 1995-96. The boys played very hard in every game but finished with a 6-15 record. Their 6-5 CCC record tied them for 5th place. Throughout the year the players showed class and determination.
The reserve basketball team finished the season at 6-14. The reserve Buccs were 5-6 in the Cross County Conference. The team showed improvement in all areas as the season progressed and will only get better during the off season.


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basketball/71
The Freshmen Boys' Basketball team was a very enjoyable group to coach. Even though we didn't get as many wins as we would have liked, I felt the young men played hard throughout the season and learned a lot. I would like to wish them the best with their basketball future at Covington.

— D. Foster

Team members are: bottom row (L to R) — Peter Montgomery, Jake Forsythe, Mike Maniaci, Mike McCool, Erik Ganger, and Dan Yohey; top row — Keith Lyons, Paul Downing, Chad Fosnight, Justin Bubeck, Evan Robbins, and Nate Gibson. (Not Pictured — Coach Foster.)

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Versailles 30-47
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At right, the Varsity Cheerleaders included — (l to r) — Jill Rudy, Julie Albright, Captain Bridgit Anthony, Kate Larson, and Lori Frelin.

Below, the Reserve Cheerleaders included — sitting — (l to r) — Captain Andrea Manson; kneeling — Angie Heintz, and Britney Noffsinger; standing — Kristen Swinehart, Rachel Burgess, and Erin Gibson.
Girl's Varsity Basketball

The season was a very successful one. The Lady Buccs finished 19-5 overall and 10-1 in the CCC. This mark was good enough to capture their 3rd consecutive outright CCC championship. The team set new records for average points per game at 62.5, field goal % at 45%, most points and rebounds in a season (1500 and 867) and total f.g. with 624.

In tournament play, the girls captured their 1st sectional title since 1992, and the Buccs finished District runners-up to Fayateville.

Individual honors went to Erica Bowman (Team MVP, CCC Most Outstanding Player, District Nine Player of the Year, first team All Southwest District & Special Mention All Ohio), Staci Short (All CCC, District Nine All Star, and Honorable Mention All Southwest District), Tina Kyzer (Special mention) and Becky Sink (Honorable Mention in CCC).

Team members are: bottom row (l to r) — Senior Sarah Sommer, Whitney Bell, Angie Millhouse, Senior Tina Kyzer, Senior Staci Short, Jessica Bishop, and Becky Sink; top row — Coach Besecker, Stacy Besecker, Richelle Finfrock, Senior Erica Bowman, Emily Enderle, Shelli Manson, Senior Maureen Maniaci, and Coach Denke.
The 1995-1996 junior varsity girls' basketball team was coached by Ms. Deneke. The team finished with an overall record of 13 wins and 7 losses. After a rather slow start, the team pulled together and won their last 11 games. Thanks for your effort and congratulations for an excellent season.

Team members are: sitting — Krista Meyer; bottom row (l to r) — Crystal Ganger, Megan Ganger, Lori Laub, Katie Molesky, and Kelly Barbee; top row — Coach Deneke, Candy Landis, Stacy Grilliot, Sara Castle, Julie Cron, and Angie Manson.
The wrestling team had a great season, winning the Covington Inv., Miss. Valley Inv., and the CCC League meet. We also placed 3rd at the Milton Inv. which featured 5 top Division 3 teams and 5th in the Greater Miami Valley Coach’s poll.

In the CCC meet, we had 10 champions and 4 2nd place finishers. Eight of our wrestlers placed at Sectional and went on to compete at Districts. We also had 18 wins and 7 losses in dual meets. Overall, we were 87-24 in tournaments and dual meets.

Finally, Jason Durbin set 6 individual records, Paul Poast set 1 individual record, and 7 team members made the Greater Miami Valley Wrestling Coach’s Assoc. All-Area team.
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Sectional — 8th out of 18
District — 9th out of 38
Baseball

Team members included — bottom row (l to r) — Mike Marion, Brandon Moyer, Walker Graher, Justin Huffman, Senior Jason Angle, Jon Olivera, and Dustin Cope; top row — Coach Whitey Forsythe, Andy Dysinger, Mack Snyder, Justin York, Kevin Alexander, Senior Andy Shaffer, Dale Thompson, Jake Forsythe, and Coach Tom Burelison.

A picture for the JV team was unavailable. JV team members included Brian Strait, Peter Montgomery, Brandon Moyer, Jon Olivera, Justin Williams, Chad Fosnight, Nathan Knavel, Nick Wooddell, Lincoln Wills, Dustin Cope, and Jake Forsythe.

This year's baseball team was very successful. For being a young team, I felt they put out tremendous effort. The team worked to a 9-7 record and 3rd place in the Cross County Conference. I would like to thank Andy Shaffer and Jason Angle for their hard work; they will be missed. I'm looking forward to a successful 1997 season. — Coach Forsythe.
Varsity team members (above) included — bottom row (l to r) — Angie Milhouse, Angie Manson, Carla Swigert, Carrie Smith, Whitney Bell, Stacy Torres, Layla Tipps, and Candy Landis; top row — Don McRenolds (Chuck) Jessica Bishop, Becky Sink, Becky Epperson, Leslie Torres, Senior Maureen Maniaci, Senior Staci Short, Stephanie Castle, Abbey Nieter, Richelle Finfrock, Shelli Manson, Coach Dan Cain. Not pictured: Senior Sara Stoler. Reserve team members (below) included — bottom row (l to r) — Sara Dammeyer, Bridgit Clark, Amy Swartz, Nicole Cromwell, Tiffany Oberly, and Jessica Robinson; top row — Crystal Christie, Hollie Ovenshire, Betsy Fessler, Abbey Niefer, Stephanie Castle, Candy Landis, and Lyndsay Angle.

The 96 lady Buccs became the first softball team at Covington to win a district championship. Along the way, they were crowned Co-Champs in the CCC and finished 19-3 overall. The Buccs lost a hard fought game to Coldwater 1-0 in the Regional Semifinals. Two goals were met by the girls this year; league champs and district champs. Good pitching, good hitting and great defense carried the Lady Buccs farther than any Covington team before them. Staci Short and Maureen Maniaci, both 4 year starters, finished their careers in fine fashion and will be greatly missed. Next year the Buccs will shoot for another league title, district title, and go after their first Regional Championship. Go Buccs. — Coach Cain

The 1996 boys' track team had a very good season as they were undefeated in regular meets with a record of 11-0, had one invitational championship and had one second place finish. Late season illnesses and injuries kept the team from placing higher in the league and in district meets.

Individual awards were given to the following members:

- Outstanding track performer — Brian Rudy
- Outstanding field performer — Brian Cassel
- Dr. Girourd Sportsmanship — David Larson
- Coach's Award — Paul Poast

Meet Results

Regular meets:
- Versailles Inv.
- Mote Relays
- Ansonia Tiger Relays
- Covington Inv.
- Kenny Beard Inv.
- CCC:
- Districts:

4 first place finishes
- 9th of 12 teams
- 8th of 12 teams
- 1st of 11 teams
- 2nd of 11 teams
- 4th of 11 teams
- 5th of 10 teams
- 9th of 17 teams

80/boys' track
The highlight of the 1996 girls’ track season was undoubtedly the first ever CCC league championship. Although unexpected by most, the team believed they could win.

Throughout the year the girls were led by senior Sarah Sommer, junior Denise Apple and sophomore Andrea Manson. However, the quality of all team members and their efforts is what made the year a success day in and day out.

After the league meet, the Lady Buccs were able to qualify 7 members for the regional meet. The strong freshman, sophomore, and junior classes should indicate good things to come.

Team members included: bottom (l to r) — Senior Sarah Sommer, Andrea Manson, Casey Stacey, Katie Molesky, Niki Winks, and Krista Meyer. Middle row — Emily Enderele, Erin Gibson, Kelly Cassity, Mandi Fletcher, and Kim Noll. Top row — Denise Apple, Senior Erica Bowman, Janell VanDeGrift, Laurie Apple, and Wendy Caldwell.

Meet Results

Regular meets:
- Mote relay: 3 first place finishes
- Tiger relays: 1 second place finish
- Kenny Beard Inv.: 5th of 11 teams
- Covington Inv.: 3rd of 9 teams
- CCC League meet: 4th of 11 teams
- District meet: 5th of 11 teams

3rd of 10 teams
4th of 18 teams

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Your many accomplishments have made us very proud. The future is what "you" make of it. Set your goals high and success will be just around the corner.

Love,
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Jill (Wilbur),
We knew you could do it.

With all our love and support,
Dad, Mom, Buck, Titter and Tatter

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Dan,
What else is there to say, other than, you've made us very, very proud?

Love,
Mom and Dad
Jane Gildow retired in December after 20 years of teaching art at C.H.S. The staff and students alike will fondly miss Mrs. Gildow’s...

1. incredible art expertise and talent
2. sense of humor and vivacious laughter
3. friendliness, stories, and gossip
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5. famous line — “Use your B-R-A-I-N!”
Sadly, this year on January 20th, Senior Ted Rogers was fatally injured in a car accident. He will be deeply missed by many friends and family.
French transportation workers strike against their government throughout the month of December, shutting down the airlines and the metro system, after France increases the retirement age from 50 to 55 and lengthens the work week from 37 to 39 hours in efforts to cut spending.

In a powerful address to the U.N.'s Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China, attended by 30,000 women from 180 countries, U.S. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton declares, "Women's rights are human rights," to a desk-thumping, applauding audience.

In late May, a doctor performs emergency surgery aboard British Airways flight 32 using a coat hanger, a knife and fork, and a scissors sterilized in brandy to save a woman whose life is threatened by a collapsed lung.

Shock waves hit the Middle East when Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is shot and killed while leaving a peace rally in Tel Aviv November 4. His murderer, Jewish extremist Yigal Amir, fanatically opposes peace negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

In Tahiti protests escalate into riots after France detonates a nuclear test device 750 miles from the South Pacific island. France's September resumption of tests after a three-year moratorium brings global condemnation.

Marxist Cuban President Fidel Castro abandons his Havana cigar and military fatigue for a suit and tie on a diplomatic visit to New York in October, where he tries to convince the U.S. to lift its 33-year-old trade embargo on still-communist Cuba.

Madman Shoko Asahara, leader of the Japanese apocalyptic religious cult, Aum Shinrikyo, is arrested on May 16 and charged with the Tokyo subway nerve-gas attack that left 12 people dead and injured 5,500 more in March. Fifty years after the end of World War II, Japan remembers those killed by the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima. A solitary building left standing after the blast, now a memorial called the Atomic Bomb Dome, symbolizes the horrors of war and the price of peace.

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An earthquake kills 51 people on the resort-studded Pacific coast of Mexico. The quake measures 7.5 on the Richter scale and is felt 330 miles away in Mexico City.

Quebec, Canada's largely French-speaking province, defeats an October referendum on Quebec independence by a margin of less than one percent.

In July, without public explanations, Burma's military rulers free the country's most famous political prisoner, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of the pro-democracy movement and Nobel peace laureate, after six years of house arrest.

Russian figure skater Sergei Grinkov, 28, collapses and dies from a heart attack during practice with his wife-partner Ekaterina Gordeeva on November 20. The pair won two Olympic gold medals and four world pairs titles.

Security trader Nicholas Leeson is arrested in Germany in March 1995 for fraud, forgery, and breach of trust. Leeson racked up a $1.32 billion loss that caused the collapse of Barings PLC, the 233-year-old British bank.

Great Britain's Princess Diana shocks Buckingham Palace with a tell-all BBC interview. Defying royal protocol, she discusses her marriage to an unfaithful husband, Prince Charles, her struggle with depression and bulimia, and an extramarital affair. The majority of English people express their support and sympathy.

Flash

In November, the Republic of Ireland narrowly passes a referendum calling for an end to the country's 1937 constitutional ban on divorce.

While competing in an international balloon race in September, two hot air balloonists, one English and one American, are shot down when their balloon floats off course over Belarus. The Belarusian army sees the balloon as a security threat and fires without warning. The balloonists fail to their death.

More than four years after Desert Storm, Iraq's President Saddam Hussein remains in power, though two of his sons-in-law defect to Jordan on August 8 and call for Hussein's overthrow.

Hope blooms for peace in Bosnia when Bosnia's President Izetbegovic (left) shakes hands with Serbia's President Milosevic on the opening day of the November cease-fire talks in Dayton, Ohio. Croatia's President Tudjman looks on. The ensuing Paris peace agreement of December sends 60,000 NATO peacekeeping troops to the war-torn country.
San Francisco sewer line bursts under pressure from battering rainstorms, creating a monster sinkhole that swallows a $2-million house in the Sea Cliff district. One-hundred-mile-per-hour winds knock out power to tens of thousands of homes and nearly blow a truck off the Bay Bridge.


Three days of drenching rains on the Pacific Northwest swell rivers to overflowing, causing severe flooding in Washington in December. In the town of Carnation, a pastor conveys a woman to dry land with a wheelbarrow.

The federal government repeals the national 55-mile-per-hour highway speed limit, enacted in 1974 during the oil embargo. The legislation allows states to set their own limits. On Montana highways, speed limits are eliminated completely.

Air Force Captain Scott O'Grady (right) is rescued from pursuing Bosnian Serb forces by U.S. Marines on June 8, six days after his plane is shot down over Bosnia. O'Grady survived on insects, plants, and rainwater.

U.S. Senator Bob Packwood of Oregon resigns on September 7, the day after the Senate Ethics Committee voted unanimously to expel him for sexual misconduct, embarrassingly detailed in his diaries, which were made public.

The nation comes to a standstill on October 3 as more than 150 million people watch live TV coverage of the outcome of the nine-month-long trial of the century. After less than four hours of deliberation, the jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson not guilty of the murders of his ex-wife Nicole and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Illinois suffers a record heat wave in July, with temperatures as high as 104°F. The heat takes the lives of 457 people statewide. At Wrigley Stadium, Jaime Navarro helps faithful Chicago Cubs fans stay cool.

After a year of fame as a conservative revolutionary, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich slumps in popularity, tainted by the government shutdown, his stalled Contract With America, and investigations into his political action committee and his financial affairs.

Two-thousand volunteer firefighters battle a raging wildfire in eastern Long Island, New York. For three days in August. The fire, following a 21-day drought, consumes 5,500 acres of pine barrens and damages a dozen homes. There are no injuries or fatalities.
As more Americans invest, Wall Street enjoys a bull market. In November, the Dow-Jones Industrial Average hits 5000, a milestone indicating healthy corporate profits and low interest rates.

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As the result of an improperly cleaned test tube at a fertility clinic, a woman in the Netherlands gives birth to twin boys, each from a different father.

A stunning photograph from the Hubble Space Telescope captures a moment in the birth of a star in the Eagle Nebula, 7,000 light years from Earth. Light from the young star's nuclear furnace lifts towering pillars of hydrogen gas and interstellar dust.

The world's first test-tube gorilla is born at the Cincinnati Zoo in October as part of an effort to save the western lowland gorilla, an endangered species that numbers fewer than 450 animals.

Fossils of a jawbone (left) and leg bone (right) found in Kenya in August reveal a previously unknown species of upright hominid that lived four million years ago, pushing the emergence of bipedalism back half a million years. Walking upright is a key adaptation that separates humans from apes.

Archaeologists discover a 3,000-year-old tomb in May that is believed to hold the remains of 52 sons of Ramses II, Pharaoh of Egypt.

Researchers announce that they have isolated a gene in mice linked to obesity. Mice with a mutated Ob gene are injected with the hormone leptin, resulting in dramatic weight loss. The public is tantalized at the prospect of leptin as a slimming treatment for use in humans.

In March, the Federal Drug Administration approves a chickenpox vaccine. Rarely fatal, chickenpox affects 3.7 million Americans annually.

In a procedure known as tissue engineering, scientists grow a human ear under the skin of a laboratory mouse. Researchers hope the procedure will play an important role in the future of transplant surgery.

As a protective measure against counterfeiting in the era of digital publishing, the Treasury Department redesigns U.S. currency bills, to be issued over the next five years, starting early 1996 with the new $100 bill.
Former rivals in space become comrades in space after the historic docking of the U.S. space shuttle Atlantis and Russia's Mir space station on June 29. Astronaut Robert Gibson (in red) greets cosmonaut Vladimir Dezhurov.

Buyers rush to stores for the new computer operating system Windows 95, spurred by Microsoft Corp.'s $700-million publicity barrage and the promise of a friendlier interface.

In June, volcanic eruptions give birth to a baby island. A new member of the Tonga Islands emerges near New Zealand, 900 feet high and 140 feet wide.

The movie Apollo 13 opens in the summer after filming many of its scenes inside NASA's "zero gravity" plane, which mimics the weightlessness astronauts experience in space by diving into a 23-second freefall.

After a decade-long search, scientists isolate what may be the most important cancer-related gene. The defective gene known as ATM is associated with cancers of the breast, colon, lung, stomach, pancreas and skin, and may be carried by two million Americans.

Astronomers using the Hubble Space Telescope observe new moons orbiting the planet Saturn, adding at least 2 moons and possibly 4 to Saturn's previously known total of 16.

A team of French and British explorers believe they have found an ancient breed of horse previously unknown to scientists. In November, the four-foot high horse with a triangular head, which resembles the vanished horses of European Stone Age drawings, is named Riwoche for its home region in Tibet.

October satellite photographs show the recent rapid deterioration of the earth's ozone layer above Antarctica. Pollutants produced mostly by the U.S. cause the hole in the atmosphere's protective layer to increase to the size of Europe.

In November, Visa introduces a cash-storage card that eliminates a pocketful of loose change. A chip in the plastic card tracks the amount of available cash, which is accessed with a reader at the place of purchase. The card can be taken to the bank and reloaded.

Now virtual reality comes in a handy travel size with Nintendo's latest, Virtual Boy, a portable 3-D video-game system with stereophonic sound.

New research shows that the meat-eating Tyrannosaurus rex did not loom upright, but stalked along lower to the ground. The discovery is reflected in the reopened exhibits of the famed dinosaur halls of New York's American Museum of Natural History after three years of redesign.
Already well known for her appearances in Aerosmith music videos, 19-year-old Alicia Silverstone achieves stardom with the 1995 summer movie hit Clueless. Millions of Americans tune in to Martha Stewart's TV show, subscribe to her magazine, and read her books. The popular cooking and home-decorating entrepreneur builds an empire by packaging a distinctive American nostalgic style.


Hot actor Antonio Banderas falls in love with another screen sex-symbol Melanie Griffith during the filming of Two Much. Banderas will co-star with Madonna in the film version of Evita and will star in Steven Spielberg-produced Zorro.

Sandra Bullock follows up her star-making role in Speed with the gentle romance While You Were Sleeping. Bullock's fresh, wholesome image earns her an "Entertainer of the Year" nomination from Entertainment Weekly magazine.
America is disappointed in its high hopes for Colin Powell's 1996 presidential candidacy. At the close of his whirlwind book tour for *My American Journey*, the General and his wife Alma announce in November that he will not seek the Republican nomination.

Stand-up comic and sitcom star Ellen DeGeneres makes the best-seller list with her book *My Point...And I Do Have One*.

Calvin Klein's provocative CK Jeans campaign causes an uproar in August, bringing nasty headlines, threats of retailer boycotts and an FBI investigation. The scandal only seems to help sales.

Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley announce their divorce almost a year after their surprise marriage. The tabloids have a field day speculating about the reasons for the marriage (was it a cold-hearted career move?) as well as the causes for the break-up (was he after Elvis' fortune?).

Breaking the Surface, the autobiography of Greg Louganis, former U.S. Olympic gold-medal diver who revealed earlier that he has AIDS, debuts at No. 2 on the best-seller list.

Popcorn magnate Orville Redenbacher, who transformed popping corn into a gourmet item, dies on September 19 from heart failure.

Two Chinese women set a new Guinness world record in November by living in a room for 12 days with 888 poisonous snakes. The previous world record, set in Singapore in 1987, was 10 days with 200 snakes.

John F. Kennedy, Jr. is cofounder and editor-in-chief of *George*, a glossy new magazine covering American politics. Hounded all his life by the press, Kennedy joins their ranks, contributing a feature interview to each issue.

Actress Demi Moore becomes the highest paid woman in Hollywood, able to command $12.5 million per movie, even after this year's flop at the box office *The Scarlet Letter*, loosely based on Hawthorne's classic.

Favorite of America's heartland for his *You Might Be A Redneck If...*, jokes, Georgia-born stand-up comic and author Jeff Foxworthy gets his own ABC sitcom in which he plays himself.

Model Beckford Tyson, singled out by Ralph Lauren for his all-American looks, signs an exclusive contract with the fashion designer in 1995.

Miss Oklahoma Shawntel Smith is crowned Miss America on September 16. During the broadcast of the 75th pageant, viewers phone in their votes to retain the swimsuit competition.

A 10-year-old St. Louis schoolboy, Larry Champagne III, becomes a hero by taking control of his school bus after the driver suffered a stroke. Champagne is later awarded a $10,000 scholarship by the bus company.

Christopher Reeve, in a wheelchair and hooked up to a portable respirator, appears with his wife, Dana, at the American Paralysis Association's annual gala on November 9, less than five months after a fall from a horse left him almost totally paralyzed.

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**Batman Forever**

With Val Kilmer in the title role and Chris O’Donnell as Robin, becomes the third Batman movie and the summer’s top-grossing film.

**Conan O’Brien**

Quietly gains popularity as host of NBC’s “Late Night,” a slot previously filled by David Letterman. Letterman’s current show on CBS slowly loses viewers.

**Whitney Houston**

Stars in the December film release, *Waiting to Exhale*, adapted from Terry McMillan’s best-selling novel about the lives of four middle-class African-American women. Houston sings the title song for the movie soundtrack, which enjoys brisk sales.

**Denzel Washington**

Critically acclaimed for his performances in films *Crimson Tide* and *Devil in a Blue Dress*, receives highest praise from the City of Los Angeles, which honors him with the Martin Luther King, Jr., Award for his philanthropic work on behalf of children.

Disney Pictures continues its line of animated blockbusters with the Native American legend *Pocahontas*. The picture previews in New York’s Central Park to an outdoor audience of 200,000.

**Pierce Brosnan**

Abandons his Aston Martin for a BMW Z3 Roadster in *Goldeneye*, the latest and, some say, best James Bond movie.

**Jane Austen classics**

Three 1995 movies bring Jane Austen classics to the silver screen: *Clueless*, based on Austen’s novel *Emma*, and *Sense and Sensibility*.

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**How to Make an American Quilt**

To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday, and *Romeo and Juliet* with Leonardo DiCaprio as her co-star.

Although ABC cancels her TV series “My So-Called Life,” 17-year-old Claire Danes hits the big screen in *How to Make an American Quilt*, *To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday*, and *Romeo and Juliet* with Leonardo DiCaprio as her co-star.

**In the suspense-thriller Seven**

Heartthrob Brad Pitt attracts a wide male audience with his performance as a detective on the trail of a serial killer whose murders are based on the seven deadly sins.
Ten years after creating the popular comic strip "Calvin and Hobbes," cartoonist Bill Watterson retires in December.

Horror-fiction author Stephen King signs a deal with Signet books to release his upcoming story, "The Green Mile," as a paperback series.

Fox TV's "The X Files" stars David Duchovny as an FBI agent who investigates supernatural phenomena. The show becomes a surprise hit, giving millions of viewers reason to look forward to staying home on a Friday night.

NBC's hospital drama "E.R." continues to draw high ratings throughout 1995 thanks to its dramatic realism and the appeal of handsome George Clooney (middle right), supermodel Cindy Crawford's latest date.

Disney Entertainment spends $19 billion to purchase the ABC television network in July.

"Toy Story" is the world's first entirely computer-animated film. Released by Disney during the Christmas season, it features the voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, and Don Rickles.

Disney Pictures from Shooting Star

MTV introduces "Singled Out," an over-the-top dating game show where contestants ask random, pointless questions of a crowd of suitors, sight unseen, until the zany answers have eliminated all but that one perfect love match.

According to a Roper Youth ~ Poll, the two hottest TV shows among teens this season are the daytime soap "Days of Our Lives" and the evening soap "Melrose Place."

"The Jon Stewart Show," a late-night talk show aimed at Generation X, fails to catch on. During the final taping, host Stewart says, "To all those people who said my show wouldn't last, I have only one thing to say. Good call."

The popular NBC TV series "Friends" returns for a second highly rated season. Its runaway success inspires less successful imitations by other networks.

Jim Carrey earns $20 million for the starring role in the comedy "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls," a sequel to the extraordinarily popular "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective."

Devoted fans will not be denied another season of NBC's sitcom "Seinfeld" after all. Creator Jerry Seinfeld decides to keep his "show about nothing" going for an eighth season.
Tieir down-to-earth style and soulful pop songs make Hootie and the Blowfish popular favorites. Their debut album *Cracked Rear View* sells over 5 million, and the group is named Best New Artist at the MTV Music Awards in September.

Twenty-year-old Canadian newcomer Alanis Morissette raises some eyebrows with her up-front, aggressive lyrics and attitudes. Nevertheless, her album *Jagged Little Pill* goes double platinum.

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Brandy, whose self-titled platinum album and single "I Wanna Be Down" hit high on the R&B charts, sweeps the first Soul Train Music Awards in August. The 16-year-old singer wins Best New Artist, among other awards.

Beatlemania returns in 1995 with ABC's six-hour documentary *The Beatles Anthology*, the video releases of *A Hard Day's Night* and *Help!* and the album collection *Anthology*, featuring previously unreleased material.

The chart-topping movie soundtrack *Dangerous Minds* features Coolio's rap anthem "Gangsta's Paradise," the number-one single of the year according to *Billboard* magazine.

Blues Traveler emerge from the underground scene to widespread popularity with their album *Four* and the single "Run-Around."

Cleveland-based rap group Bone Thugs-n-Harmony vault to the top of the charts with some old-fashioned harmonizing on the album *E. 1999 Eternal."

Yoko Ono and Little Richard join a host of celebrities at the opening of the glitzy Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland on September 1.
Live dedicate their single "Lightning Crashes" to victims of the Oklahoma City bombing. The rock band's Throwing Copper album yields three hit singles; Billboard Music Awards names them Rock Artist of the Year.

The Chicago-based rock band Smashing Pumpkins release their epic double album Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness to critical and public acclaim.

Mariah Carey's Daydream sells over 5 million copies, taking number-one spot on the Billboard album chart. Carey performs with Boyz II Men on the hit single "One Sweet Day."

R.E.M.'s summer tour is interrupted by medical emergencies for three of the band's four members. The tour, their first in five years, is eventually completed with all members in good health.

In October, David Bowie and Nine Inch Nails wrap up the U.S. portion of Bowie's world tour. At each show, Bowie and Trent Reznor's band play a set together. In December, Bowie tours Europe with Morrissey as his opening act.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers tone down their trademark bawdiness in their newest album, One Hot Minute.

Former Nirvana drummer Dave Grohl plays a new sound as guitarist and lead singer in the Foo Fighters, an alternative rock band that enjoys three singles off their self-titled debut album in 1995.

Atlanta's TLC is honored at the Billboard Music Awards for providing two of the year's biggest hits. "Creep" and "Waterfalls" both lead the Hot 100 singles charts for weeks.

A hard-luck story turns into overnight success in the case of Canadian Shania Twain, born in poverty to an Irish mother and an Ojibway Indian father. Twain's 1995 hits include "Who's Bed Have Your Boots Been Under?" "Any Man of Mine" and the title tune to her 3-million-selling album The Woman In Me.

Success doesn't mellow the style of alternative rock band Green Day, who release their anxiously awaited fourth album Insomniac, their fastest and darkest album to date.

Selena, the 23-year-old Tejano music queen, is gunned down in Corpus Christi in March 1995 by Yolanda Saldivar, former president of her fan club. The July release of a collection of Selena's hits, Dreaming of You, sees some of the fastest sales in music history.

Seal's hit off the Batman Forever movie soundtrack, "Kiss From a Rose," is all over the summer playlists. The single propels the artist's self-titled album to the double-platinum mark.

With the record-setting sales of his album Fresh Horses, only three musical acts in U.S. history outsell country music icon Garth Brooks: the Beatles, the Eagles, and Billy Joel.
International soccer star Michelle Akers, world's top woman player, leads the U.S. women's soccer team to a 2-1 sudden-death victory over Norway in the U.S. Cup title game in August.

Jeff Gordon, 24, dominates the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing's Winston Cup, winning 7 of NASCAR's 31 races and earning $4.3 million in 1995, a record for the sport.

The University of Nebraska demolishes the University of Florida, 62-24, in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl to win their second consecutive national college football title and cap Cornhuskers coach Tom Osborne's 23rd season.

The New Jersey Devils win the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup, beating the heavily favored Detroit Red Wings in four straight games.

The most controversial moves are off the field this season as the Cleveland Browns NFL franchise announces its move to Baltimore and the Houston Oilers announce their move to Nashville.

In May 1995, Peter Blake's Team New Zealand in "Black Magic 1" defeats Dennis Conner's team in "Young America" in the first 5-0 sweep in the 144-year history of the America's Cup.

In Super Bowl XXX, the heavily favored Dallas Cowboys beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 27-17. Dallas cornerback Larry Brown ices the game for the Cowboys with the second of his two interceptions, and is named MVP for his heroics.

Twenty-one-year-old tennis champ Monica Seles, returning to competitive play two years after being stabbed at a tournament in Germany, wins the 1995 Australian Open.

Hall-of-Famer Mickey Mantle, a switch-hitter and one of the great sluggers in baseball history, dies of cancer on August 13. Mantle hit 536 home runs in his 18-year career and compiled a lifetime batting average of .298.
The Atlanta Braves edge the Cleveland Indians 1-0 in game six to win the World Series on October 28. Closing pitcher Mark Wohlers leaps for joy.

National Basketball Association fines the Chicago Bulls $25,000 when Michael Jordan wears his previously retired number 23 jersey for luck during championship playoffs against the Orlando Magic in May 1995.

In September, Baltimore Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken, Jr., achieves a record-setting 2,131 consecutive games.

Former L.A. Lakers point guard Earvin "Magic" Johnson announces a return to basketball in January 1996. Johnson retired in 1991 when he discovered he was HIV positive.

The Northwestern University Wildcats—long a gridiron laughingstock—pile up ten victories in 1995 and go to the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1949.

Pete Sampras, winner of the 1995 men’s singles championships at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, ends the professional tennis season with a number-one world ranking.

Quarterback Dan Marino of the Miami Dolphins sets four lifetime passing records during the 1995 football season: 4,700 yards, 342 touchdowns, 3,686 completions and 6,467 attempts.

Betsy King wins her 30th tournament on June 25 and gains entry to the Ladies' Professional Golf Association's Hall of Fame, one of the most difficult attainments in sports.

German tennis star Steffi Graf, who won three of five Grand Slam titles in 1995, ends the professional tennis season ranked number one in the world.

Master of the sinking fastball and still learning to speak English, L.A. Dodgers pitcher Hideo Nomo, formerly with the Kintetsu Buffaloes in Japan, is named Rookie of the Year. Nomo is the second Japanese-born player to join the U.S. major leagues, and the first All-Star.
The most recentfad in purses takes the form of small backpacks.

Designer water spreads to the pet world. Doting pet owners buy tuna-flavored bottled water for Fluffy and beef-flavored bottled water for Spot.

Girly things enjoy a surge in popularity with young women, who wear baby barrettes, knee socks, tiny t-shirts, little jumpers, and funky Mary Janes, and kid around with "Hello Kitty" accessories.

Americans consume culture and history as attendance at America's 8,000 museums climbs to 600 million people per year, more than movie, theater, and sports attendance combined.

Diners are treated to variations on theme cafes, as Hard Rock Cafe is joined by Fashion Cafe, Planet Hollywood, Harley-Davidson Cafe, and London's Cyberia Cafe where patrons sip coffee and surf the Internet.

A first in the long, popular history of M&M's candies: a new blue M&M joins the colorful candy-coated mix.

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