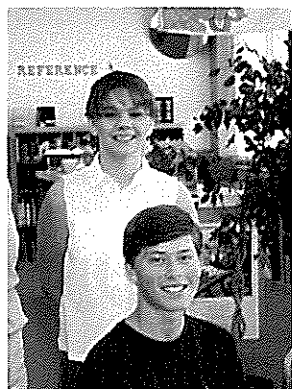


How do you spell achievement?

Hard work takes 17 to Regional and the spelling team to State!

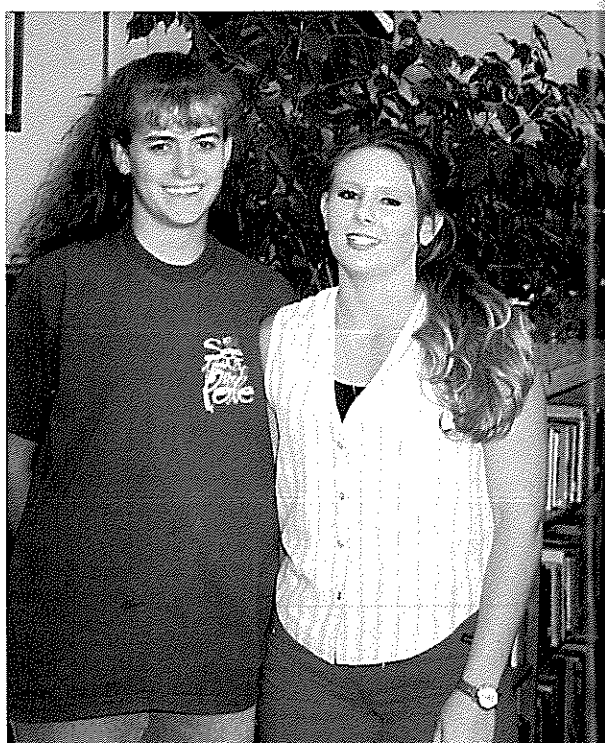
Juniors Amber Connell and Marilyn Briones along with sophomore Desiree Bickle are ready to place their Region I Spelling/Vocabulary Championship plaque in the trophy case. With the win, the girls qualified for the State UIL Meet. Amber also qualified as an individual by placing second at the regional meet.



Mandi Harner advanced to regionals in ready writing and Greg Smith advanced as district science champ. Also advancing to regionals, but not pictured, was Clifford Milligan who won second at district in accounting. Kim Hawkins was an alternate to regionals in accounting and Jess Anne Fernandes and alternate in prose.

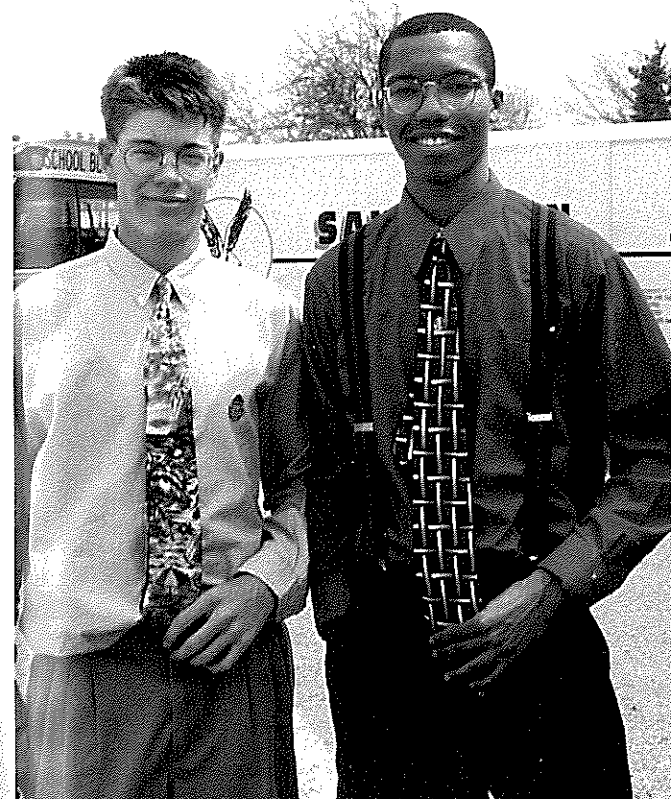


Math contestants swept district by qualifying as teams in number sense, calculator, and mathematics. The number sense team consisting of Alan Watts, Desiree Bickle, and Greg Smith finished second at regionals with Alan taking fifth place individually. The calculator team was made up of Jhenisa Barnett, Jennifer Tinkler, and Erin Wolf. Desiree Bickle, Jhenisa Barnett and Alan Watts, who again placed fifth, were on the mathematics team.



Sophomores Amber Loftin and Misty Lukins won the first of 406 points when they placed second at the district cross-examination debate contest. This won them a trip to the State Debate Contest in Austin during the week of spring break.

Sophomores Pat Gray and Shawn Matthews competed at regionals after placing second in Lincoln-Douglas debate and first in prose interpretation, respectively, at the district meet.



Journalism contestants qualified for regionals in three of four events. Amanda Gonzales placed first at district in both news and feature writing and took fifth place at regionals. Jennifer Tinkler and David Bickle placed second and third in headline writing at district, while freshman, Tim Martin, made it to regionals with a second place finish in news writing. Eric Hawkins and Misty Lukins were alternates for regionals in news and feature writing.



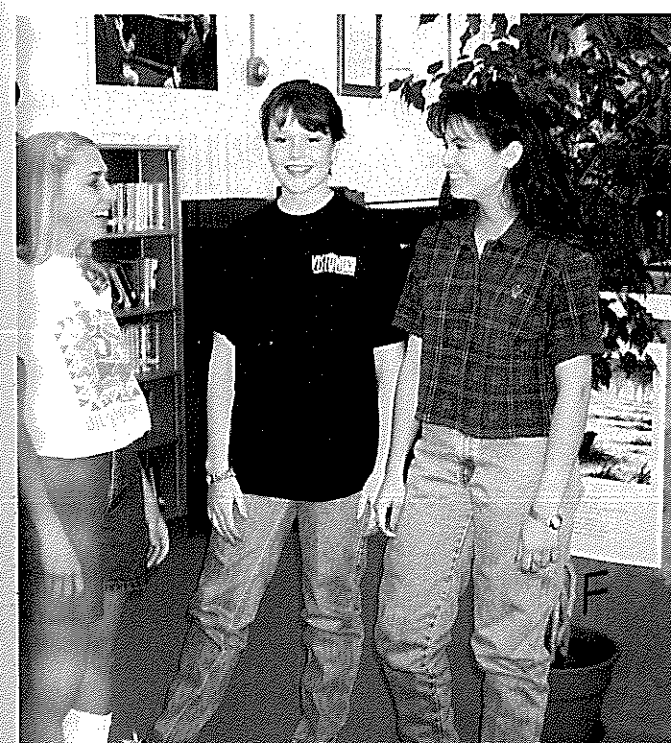
U.I.L.
Contestants
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Scoring 406 points, Wink won the District Literary Championship for the third consecutive year and qualified seventeen for the Region I Literary Meet. A school cannot score this many points without a tremendous amount of work on the part of students and coaches.

The work for most events starts soon after school begins and involves practicing, not only during reading/tutorial time, but for hours after school as well. The success a student has usually depends on the commitment he or she makes to a particular event.

U.I.L. participants and their coaches give up what little free time there is during the second semester to work on practice tests or speeches, and they spend several week-ends at practice meets.

This extra effort pays off when the points start rolling in beginning with the cross-examination debate contest in early March. By the time of the district meet at Sul Ross University in Alpine, contestants fill almost every contest slot. The large number of students participating means more points, everyone of which is important.



The computer applications team made up of Mandi Haring, Jhenisa Barnett and Ashley Robertson competed not only against other schools but against each other as only two could compete at district and regionals. Ashley and Jhenisa squeaked past Mandi and placed first and second at district. Ashley placed fourth at regionals. Jhenisa also qualified for regionals in mathematics, calculator, and literary criticism.