

The spelling/vocabulary team made up of senior Desiree Bickle and sophomores Mandi and Marci McCallister, along with seniors Alan Watts, in number sense and mathematics, and Greg Smith in science all qualified for the State UIL Literary Meet. Marci also qualified for State in editorial writing. The spelling team finished first, while Smith placed fifth.

UIL coordinator and C-X debate coach, Mrs. Jane Benham, and debaters Amber Loftin, Kristi Navarrete, Kelsey Brown and Marci McCallister got the spring UIL season off to a good start when the sophomore team of Brown/McCallister placed second at the district to advance to the state meet in March. Loftin and Navarrete were the alternate team to state.



BEFORE AND AFTER: Although the spelling team of Desiree Bickle and Mandi and Marci McCallister manage to smile just before entering Welch Hall on the campus of UT for the state spelling contest, their nervousness is apparent. But, what a difference a little gold makes as they celebrate later with their first place medals.



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Twenty-three go to Regional; five advance to State
SPELLING TEAM WINS GOLD!

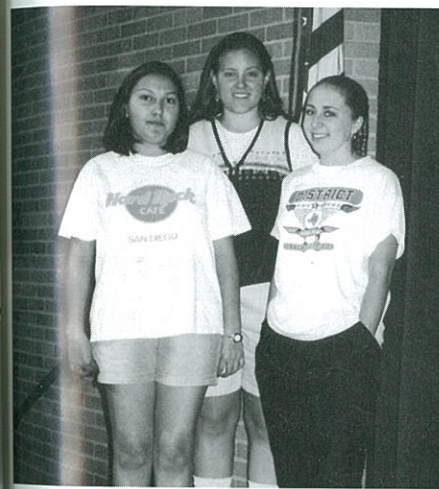
UIL literary competitors reached a new standard of excellence by scoring more than 500 points to win the District 12 title for the fifth year in a row.

Contestants won all but two team events and, the one-act cast and crew accounted for sixty of the grand point total.

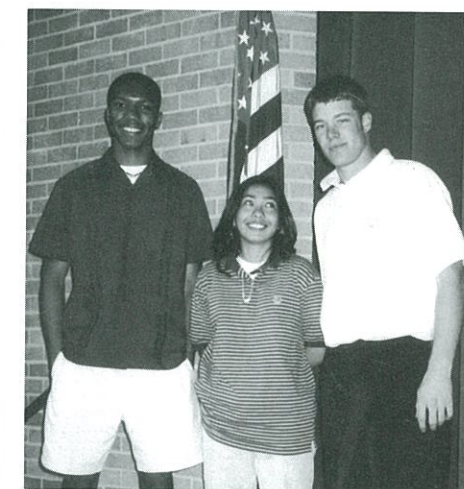
An all-time high number of individuals (twenty-three, not including the play cast) advanced to the Region II meet at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

This accomplishment did not come without effort. Students and their coaches traveled over West Texas virtually every week-end all spring going to practice meets where contestants faced, and in many cases defeated, opponents from schools all the way to 5A in size.

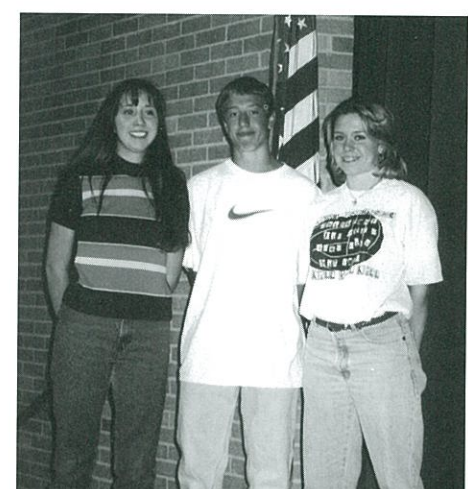
UIL success, like the success in athletics, takes work and dedication. The supreme efforts by this year's contestants sets a new mark for future groups to surpass.



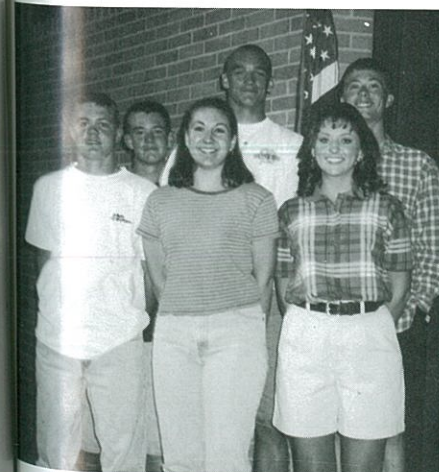
Miscellaneous Event Qualifiers: Jennifer Vega, literary criticism; Kelsey Brown, ready writing; and Amanda Haring, computer applications



Speech Event Qualifiers: Shawn Matthews, prose interpretation; Abigail Azima and Pat Gray, Lincoln-Douglas debate



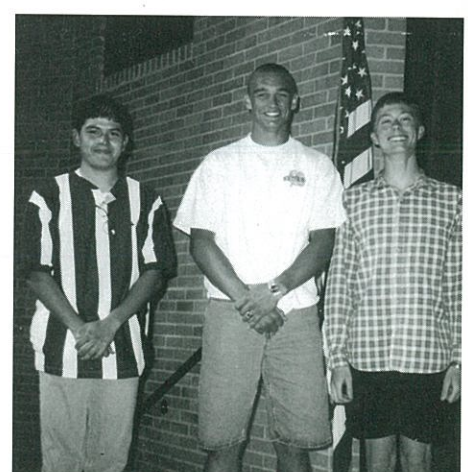
Current Events and Issues Team: Kristi Navarrete, Swen Swenson and Geanna Baker



Math Events and/or Science Qualifiers: Casey McCallister, Lonnie Lovell, Erin Wolf, Alan Watts, Desiree Bickle and Greg Smith



Journalism Events Qualifiers: Kathie Shirey, Jess Anne Fernandes, Marci McCallister and Jennifer McGehee - Amber Loftin not pictured



Computer Science Team: Omar Armendariz, Alan Watts and Greg Smith