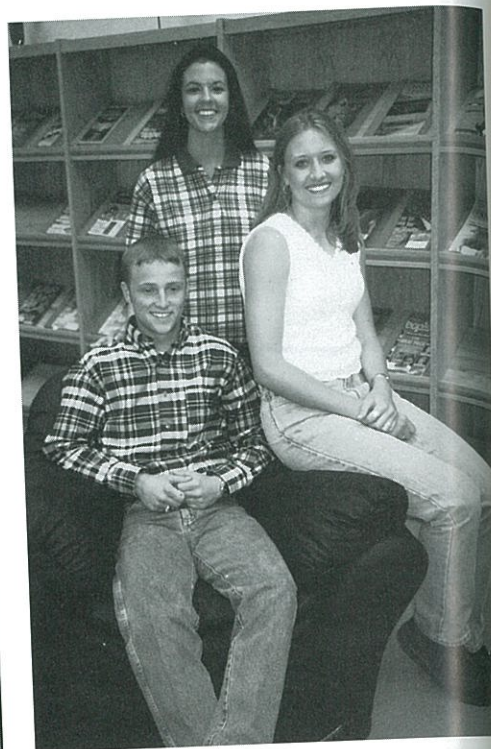


The cross-examination debate teams of Marci and Mandi McCallister and Kelsey Brown and Tim Martin got the UIL season off to a great start with the McCallisters winning the district C-X contest and advancing to state. Brown and Martin took third and were the alternate to state. This was quite an accomplishment for Brown/Martin, since Kelsey's original partner quit debate after the Christmas break. Tim agreed to take a *crash course* in order to make the team very competitive in time for the February 13, district debate contest.

Seniors came through at district in computer related contests. Jess Anne Fernandes placed first in computer applications and Billy Jerome came in second. In the computer science contest, Amber Robertson placed third.



UIL literary
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District 12-A
meet
by scoring
363 points.
Fifteen
students won
either first,
second or
third place to
advance
to the
regional
level.

The journalism events of news, feature, editorial and headline writing provided talented writers a forum for great success at the district meet. Wink students filled nine of the twelve spots advancing to the Region I meet. The regional competitors and their district wins were: Kathie Shirey, first in news and second in headline; Marci McCallister, first in headline and fourth in editorial; Kelsey Brown, fourth in feature; Mandi McCallister, third in headline; Erin Wolf, third in editorial; Jennifer McGehee, first in feature, first in editorial and fifth in news; and Tim Martin, second in news. Marci McCallister advanced to the State UIL Meet by placing third in headline at regional. Kathie Shirey placed fifth and Tim Martin sixth in news writing at regional.



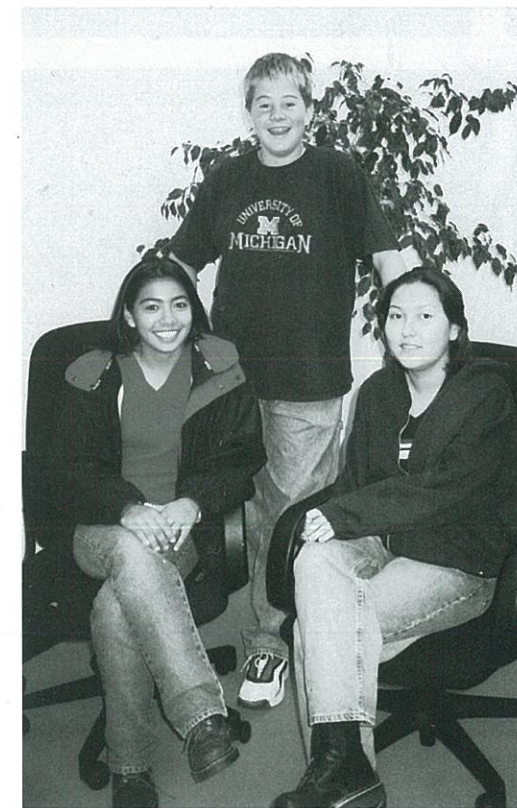
State Champs

Spelling Team wins back to back

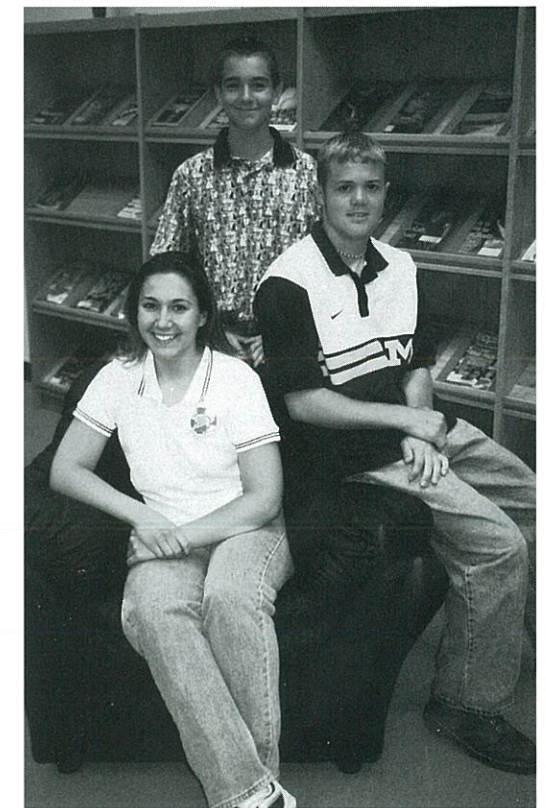
The spelling/vocabulary team made up of Mandi and Marci McCallister and Derrick York, with Kathie Shirey as alternate, won every contest it entered during the 1999 season and successfully defended its state championship at the State UIL Meet on May 8.



At state, Mandi was fifth place individual with Marci and Derrick scoring one and two points behind her. This made the championship a true team effort. Marci also placed fifth in headline writing at state.



Abigail Azima placed second in Lincoln-Douglas debate, Jeffrey Casteel took third in both informative speaking and poetry interpretation, and Jennifer Vega placed second in literary criticism to advance to regional. Abigail was an alternate to state as the result of finishing fourth at regional.



As individuals Erin Wolf won the district calculator applications contest, Kevin Benham placed second in mathematics, and Casey McCallister placed second in number sense. Collectively, the three won the district calculator applications team competition.