



Walker Elementary School 1996-1997



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The yearbook that almost wasn't

This yearbook artwork was created by computer—the words, the pictures and the photos. The words were typed in on a keyboard and the art and photos were scanned in. All that information was stored on a hard drive. When this process was almost 3/4 of the way finished, the hard drive that contained all the information "crashed."

Unfortunately, because of the amount of memory required to store all the photos (its the best excuse we could come up with), the information was not backed up onto anything else. A crashed hard drive can be anything from corrupted or misplaced information to something much more serious. It was the more serious problem that our hard drive ran into. Our drive had several corrupt files, but it also had some mechanical problems. We took the hard drive to **Advanced Data Solutions** to see if they could save any of our work. The estimate was around \$600 — Since our yearbook is a donated effort (no one profits from the book) we told them that we would just have to forget the yearbook this year. It was then that Joe Cruz cut his bill in half and took an offer of some old broken hard drives as payment. He did it so "the children could have a yearbook." A special thanks goes to Joe Cruz and the crew at Advanced Data for their generous contribution to this yearbook.

While thanks are being handed out— special thanks to Michele Will who spent hours typing and sorting out first and second graders (remember class size reduction?) into their new rooms as well as all the other classroom changes.

A hearty thanks to Mrs. McCormick of **School Portraits** who generously donated class and faculty portraits for the yearbook.

Thanks to Tom Fairbrother who not only designed the cover, but also printed every single page on a borrowed press — and to Dennis and Carlene Dater of **Allegra Printing & Graphics** whose press and facilities were used (again) and who also donated hundreds of dollars worth of inks and plates.

And finally, thanks to the kids who really, *really* wanted this book done. Here it is. Finished at last.

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