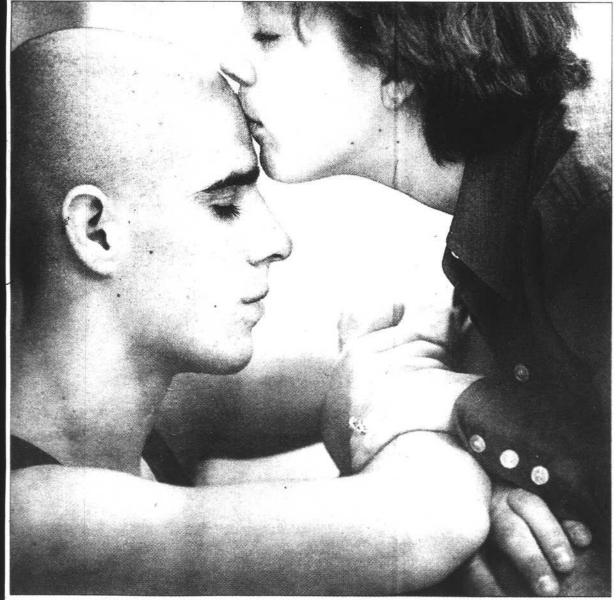


Lane Hickenbottom/DN LEFT: I SPENT ABOUT TWO YEARS thinking of this photo, about an hour setting it up, three hours exposing the negative and countless hours explaining my vision of the outcome to my grandparents. The final product looked just as I hoped.



THIS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLER just lost his last match in the Nebraska state meet and his girlfriend was trying to make him feel better. One of the goals of photography is to catch a special moment that may go unnoticed. This photo makes me feel sympathetic for the wrestler, but I also think he is lucky – he could have been sitting alone.



SANDY SUMMERS/DN
CAITLAIN MCCLEERY, who plays Magenta the maid, belts out a song for the Joyo Theater's production of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" while the movie plays behind her. I choose this photo as one of my favorites this year mostly because of Caitlain's expression. She radiates pure joy as she sings along with the movie during the crazy Rocky Horror production.