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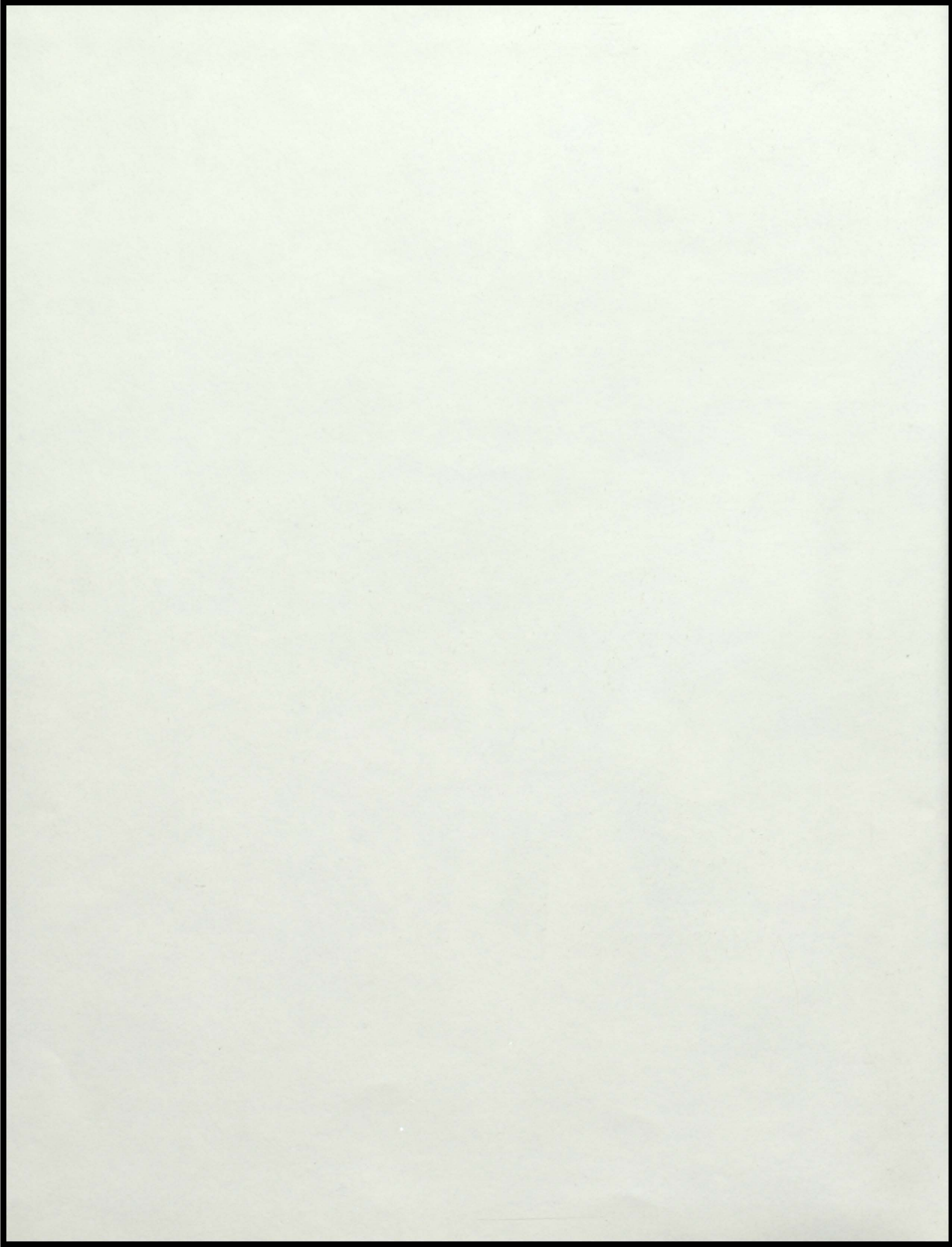














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■ **A SHADE BRIGHTER** ... With a shiny balloon reflecting images, Susan Jones waits for a pep rally to begin.



■ **ACTIVITIES** ... Getting laughs at Barnwarming, Susan Zorsch bottle feeds Brian Matney during a royalty contest.



■ **ACADEMICS** ... Inspecting data on their science project, Wanda Williams and Shauna Thieman check blood sugar plates.



■ **SENIORS** ... Relaxing in the hall at lunch, Deana Moyers waits for Serena Quessenberry to finish homework.



■ **ORGANIZATIONS** ... Band director Eric Spyres leads band members through a shady summer rehearsal session.

■ **SPORTS** ... Fighting for the rebound, Greg Jones pulls it down while Brett Neal waits to assist.



# S howtime, that's what time it is

Jammin' down had a double meaning at "The Dance". Held in May, "The Dance" was a gift to the student body from the faculty - they paid for the deejays as well as served as chaperones. Hits and Grins provided music and Showtimes, which ranged from limbo games to the hand jive. Although shorts are on the outlaw list at school, students were allowed to wear jams to the dance. Having a new event, designed strictly for fun, made school end on a bright note for many kids.



■ **PRACTICING FOR THE** limbo event, Deana Moyers joins the crowd and gets her legs stretched out.

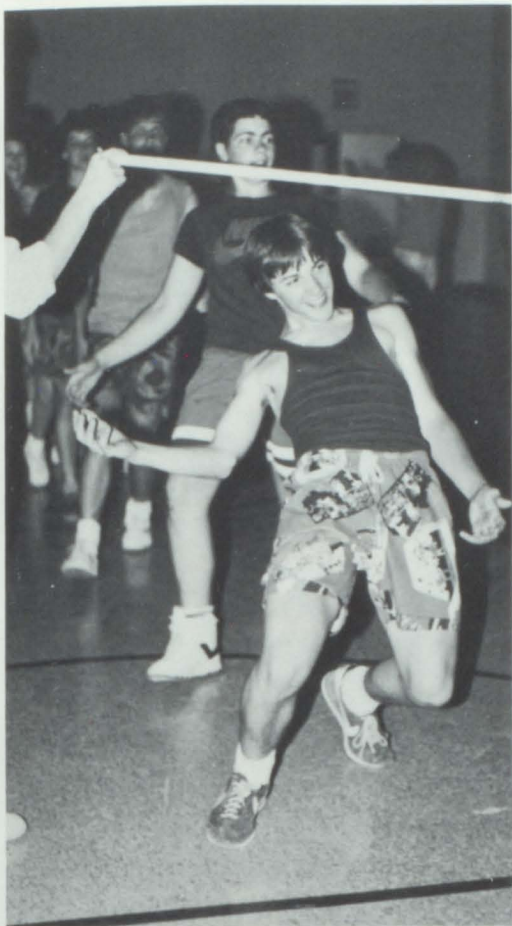
■ **LANCE ADAMSON AND** Kenny Garrison get a little crazy during an action dance.

■ **A DANCE WITH** some friends makes the night fun for Georgia Rose and Andria Turner.





■ **GETTING UNDER THE** bar is the goal for Lane Adamson as he tries the limbo game at the spring dance.



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■ **LEARNING THE HAND** jive moves, the students get ready to boogey with deejays "Hits and Grins".

■ **BRANDON FRANTZ AND** Patty Richardson do the "Hokey Pokey" at the spring dance.



■ **TWISTING TO THE** beat of the music, Jerry Allen and Tony Hooker dance until it hurts.



# Spirit, let's hear it

Spirit positively glowed at pep rallies, with each class trying to outshine the others. When students entered the gym for the rallies, they were asked to sit with their class. Without question, it was the best thing to happen to MHS pep rallies in years. Class spirit, and school spirit, was brighter than ever. The senior boys' "strip" act, the spirit groups' "Heard it through the Grapevine" raisin skit, and a Bartles and Jaymes "commercial" made pep rallies sparkle with fun.



■ **WHEN IT COMES** time for the sophomores to stand up and cheer, Scott Hesterly and Kelly Eidson try to yell the loudest.

■ **SUPPORTING THE JUNIORS** at a pep rally, Suzan Zorsch and Diane Holt hold up a poster claiming they have more spirit.





■ **TRYING TO SPARK** freshmen spirit at a pep rally, Heather Krider and Deidra Barnett boost Gina Box.



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■ **WINNING THE SPIRIT** stick for the best skit at the first pep rally, senior guys run through the gym to the applause of the crowd.

■ **BARTLES AND JAYMES** are portrayed by Earl Paxton and Gene Cravens at a pep rally.



■ **SHOWING THEIR JUNIOR** spirit, Vickey Jones, Larry Durham, Tony Hooker, and John Farmer cheer loudly at a pep rally.



# No pain, no gain in tug-of-war

**N** When it comes to the battle of the classes, each one tries to be a shade brighter than the others. And no where is the challenge more evident than at Junior Olympics. In this battle, the oldest doesn't always mean the strongest, and the fourteen team members try their hardest to out pull the other class. The tug-of-war matches have become so heated that the crowd leaves the bleachers to encourage the favorites. No matter who wins, the tug-of-war makes the evening brighter.



■ **TRYING TO BALANCE** arms and legs, the freshmen pull hard for a victory at Junior Olympics.

■ **SHOWING THAT THE** tug-of-war can be easy, junior John Top gives the rope a pull.



■ **WORKING TOGETHER TO** try to win a preliminary match, the senior class struggles with the sophomores.



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■ **THE JUNIOR CLASS** finds the freshmen to be tougher opponents than they had thought them to be.

■ **WENDY BOGART AND Rick Oliver** fight for a junior victory against the freshmen.



■ **SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER** Roger Wood shouts encouragement at the sophomore team.



## Catch the wave

Fashion made a bold and bright impression at MHS. Colorful Coke shirts hit the scene early in the year. Stripes, solids, and graphic designs were among the favorite styles. Long, straight skirts, or short, denim skirts proved to be popular favorites for MHS girls. The boys opted for sweatshirts and suspenders. Reeboks, black lace-up boots with rolled down socks, jazz oxfords, bows, and swatches added the final touches to any outfit.



■ **BOWS OF ALL** colors and sizes are the latest hair fashion style shown by Julie Perry, Mica Watterson, and Launa Matlock.

■ **LONG STRAIGHT SKIRTS** with lace-up boots and multiple pairs of socks is an '87 fashion style worn by Jana Euler and Stacy Veit.



■ **MINI SKIRTS HIT** the scene in denim, and are a new style for Rhonda Fuge and Shavon Campbell.



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■ **CATCHING THE WAVE** with Coca-Cola shirts is a popular fad for Becky Brennan (seated), Susan Huffman, Craig Carter, Elizabeth Euler, Matt Calhoun, Claire Brennan, Joe Freeman (front), Gina Box, Rona Baker, Stephanie Eidson, Steve Box, Deidra Barnett (back).



■ **SUSPENDERS ARE BACK** and becoming popular with either dress slacks or jeans, as shown by Bart Evans and Darin Raney.

■ **DRESSED UP OR** down with jackets or sweatshirts is a trend followed by Greg Jones, Noel Rummens, and Brad Detherage.





# Seniors

No matter what the occasion, whether it is a class, a special event, a sport match, or just goofing around, the senior year is different from the years that have gone before. Aware from the first day of school that it is the beginning of the end of their time together as a class, seniors collect memories to last a lifetime. They seem to know that the senior year should be a shade brighter, and they make a special point to enjoy every minute of the long-awaited year that passes all too quickly once it finally arrives.





■ **DARK GLASSES AND** unbuttoned shirts are in style for Steve Box, Greg Jones, Brad Detherage, Craig Carter, back: Joe Freeman and Steve Bruce at Prom



■ **PLAYING THE DRUMS** Brent Evans entertains the crowd at the faculty-sponsored spring dance.

■ **LOOKING THROUGH** A pamphlet in the counselor's office, Patty Short considers career opportunities.



■ **SERENA QUESSENBERRY AND** Devonna Sickels get in the Halloween spirit with special costumes.

■ **BUNCHED IN GROUPS** of friends, the seniors return from taking their group picture.

■ **SENIORS EXPRESS THEIR** spirit at a pep rally, trying to out-yell the other classes.



# SENIORS

*We've earned our place in the shade*

Once in a while, seniors have time to kick back and relax a little. They aren't always studying or competing or planning for their futures. Sometimes they make time to just enjoy each others' company, whether it be lounging in the parking lot or sharing a Coke break. And although they do often mention the future, they don't forget to enjoy the present. Good friends, good times. You're a senior! And everyone knows that the senior year is at least a shade brighter than all the others.



■ **SENIORS CHEER WILDLY** during the obstacle course event at Junior Olympics.

■ **SKETCHING WITH PENCIL,** Stephanie Eidson gets an art project ready for contest.

■ **A FRIENDLY DOG** brings smiles for Tammy Barlett, Candi Light, Becky McConnell, Darlene Holcomb, Kim Robinson, Laura Suits, and Julie McNeil.





■ **A PATH THROUGH** the pine trees leads the seniors to their group picture location.

■ **A TRUCK TAILGATE** becomes a lunch spot for Steve Bruce, Clay Jackson, and Kevin Martin.

■ **BYRON TAYLOR TELLS** Shaun Moore, Greg Spell, and Bobby Page about his summer plans.



■ **DRESSED IN BRIGHT** colors, seniors gather for a group picture in early autumn.

■ **RANDAL FUGE AND** Brice Adamson use lunch time to make weekend plans.

■ **A COLD COKE** sounds good to Angie Hylton and Jacqueline Batcheller.





# Seniors

## BRICE ADAMSON

Art Fair 2,3; Industrial Arts Fair 1,2,3; Science Fair 3; FFA 1,2,3,4.

## RONA BAKER

FHA 1,2,3,4; and officer 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Band 1; Mixed Chorus 3,4; Newspaper Staff 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Junior Olympics 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 2,3,4; Miss Mansfield Runner Up 2,3; District Music Contest 3,4; Math Club 2; Art Fair 1; Industrial Art Fair 1; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; FFA 1; Track 3,4; Science Club 2.

## TAMMY BARLETT

District Music Contest 1,2; Art Fair 1,2,3.

## JACQUELINE BATCHELLER

French Club 3,4, and officer 3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4, and officer 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Student Council 2; Speech and Debate 3,4 and officer 4; National Honor Society 2,3,4, and officer 3,4; Class Officer 2; Mixed Chorus 4; Junior Olympics 1,2; Pom Pon 1,2,3,4; Yearbook Queen Candidate 1; Homecoming Queen 4; Math Club 2,3,4, and officer 3,4; English Contest 1,2,3,4; Speech Contest 3,4; Business Contest 2,3,4; Science Fair 2,3,4; Math Contest 2,3,4; Student Curriculum 4.

## STEVE BOX

FHA 4; Pep Club 1,2; Newspaper Staff 3,4; Yearbook Staff 3,4; Junior Olympics 1,2,3; Industrial Arts Fair 1,2.

## ANGIE BRADSHAW HYLTON

FHA 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus 3,4; Newspaper Staff 3,4; Junior Olympics 1,2,3; Softball 1; Business Contest 3; FFA 1,2,3,4.

## BECKY BRENNAN

French Club 3,4, and officer 3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4, and officer 2,3,4; Student Council 1,2,3,4; Speech and Debate 3,4, and officer 3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4, and officer 2,3,4; Class Officer 1,4; Mixed Chorus 4; Newspaper Staff 4, and editor 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Junior Olympics 1,2,3,4; Softball 3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3; Yearbook Queen Candidate 4; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; District Music Contest 4; Math Club 2,3,4, and officer 3; English Contest 2,3,4; Speech Contest 3,4; Industrial Arts Fair 2; Prom Queen 4; Science Fair 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,3,4; Track 1; Cross Country 3,4; Student Curriculum 4; and Science Club 1,2,3,4.

## STEVEN BRUCE

FHA 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Student Council 4; Newspaper Staff 3,4; Yearbook Staff 3,4; Junior Olympics 1,2,3; Math Club 1,2; Industrial Arts Fair 1,2; Science Fair 3; Barnwarming King 2; Basketball 1,2,3; Baseball 1,2,3; FFA 1,2,3,4, and officer 1,2,3; Student Curriculum 1,2,3.

## CRAIG CARTER

Pep Club 3, and officer 3; Newspaper Staff 3,4, and editor 3,4; Yearbook Staff 3,4; Junior Olympics 1,2,3,4; Yearbook King Candidate 4; Math Club 2,4, and officer 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3, and officer 3; Science Club 3,4; and officer 4.

## KEVIN CLOUSE

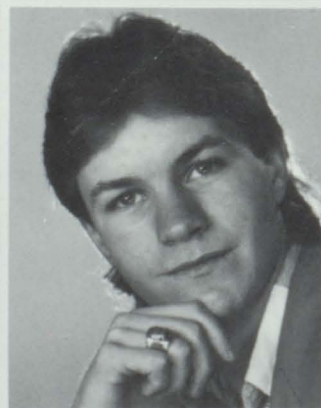
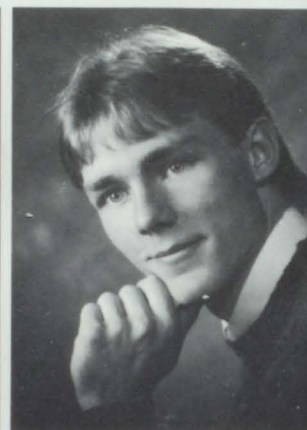
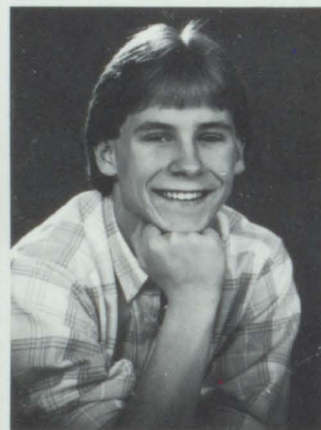
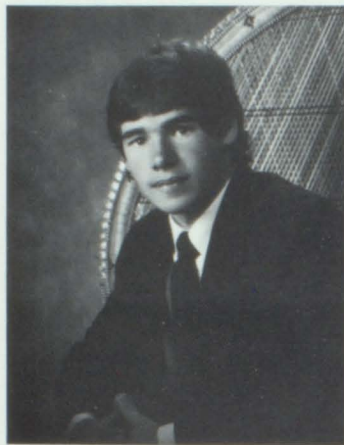
French Club 3; Yearbook King Candidate 3; Math Club 2,3,4; Art Fair 2,3; Science Fair 2; Barnwarming King 4; FFA 1,2,3,4, and officer 3,4; Carnival King Candidate 2.

## BRAD DETHERAGE

Pep Club 1,2,3; Student Council 2,3,4; Class Officer 1,2; Newspaper Staff 3,4; Yearbook Staff 3,4; Junior Olympics 1,2,3,4; Art Fair 1; Barnwarming King 3; Basketball 1; FFA 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3; Cross Country 1,2,3.

## STEPHANIE EIDSON

FHA 1,3,4; Pep Club 1,2; Mixed Chorus 2,3,4; Cheerleader 2; Junior Miss Mansfield 1; Miss Mansfield 3; District Music Contest 2,3,4; Art Fair 4; FFA 1,2,3,4; Carnival Queen 3.



■ **LEAVING THE FLOOR**, the boys make their exit a little more calmly than their entrance.



■ **GETTING READY FOR** their big entrance, senior boys wait for their cue to start removing clothes.

# B

## ig smiles, big towels let seniors show it off

Nasty Boys?

Over a dozen senior boys used this theme and beach towels to "wrap-up" the spirit stick trophy at the first pep rally of the basketball season, designed to highlight the Mansfield Tournament.

In front of a gymnasium full of kids, they "stripped" down to towels and boogied down to Jan-

et Jackson's song "Nasty Boys."

Once the song finished, the boys dropped their towels to reveal jams with phone numbers across the rears.

1-800-WILLING, 924-STUD, and 924-TAKN were just a few of the innovative phone numbers that got lots of laughs from the crowd.



■ **STARTING OUT THE** "strip tease" are seniors Steve Bruce, Craig Carter, Noel Rummens, and Brad Detherage.

■ **BIG SMILES AND** beach towels are the only items worn by the seniors, as far as the audience knows.

■ **DROPPING THEIR TOWELS**, the senior boys reveal their "phone numbers" for the crowd.



# Seniors claim victory for teamwork and spirit

Not even a defeat could stop the Senior Class from being a shade brighter.

In the ninth annual Junior Olympics, the class of 1987 fought long and hard, but eventually lost the battle.

Winning two events and totaling up 27½ points, they fell short of the junior's 30 points to take second place.

If first place had been given for teamwork and spirit, determination, and overall enthusiasm, there would have been no denying the senior team a victory.

Decked out in class colors, green and yellow, they proudly displayed '87 on the sides of their faces.

■ **LAUGHING ALL THE way**, Craig Carter carries Susan Huffman in the piggy back race at Junior Olympics.



■ **MICA WATTERSON CLEARS** the hurdle to try to win the obstacle course event for the seniors.



■ **SENIOR GIRLS GATHER** to encourage their team in the getting to school on time race.

■ **SENIORS STRUGGLE IN** tug-of-war match with the sophomores, who were to pull harder.

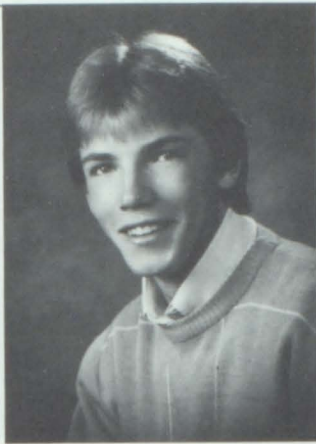


# Seniors



## JANA EULER

FHA 1,2,3,4, and regional officer 3; Student Council 2,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Class Officer 2,4; Band 1,3; Newspaper Staff 3,4; Yearbook Staff 3,4, and Editor 3,4; Junior Olympics 2,3,4; Homecoming Princess 3; District Music Contest 2,3; English Contest 1,2,3; Science Fair 2,3; Barnwarming Queen 3; FFA 4; Student Curriculum 1; Science Club 2,3.



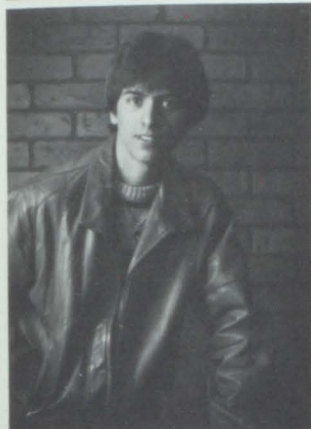
## BRENT EVANS

Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Junior Olympics 1,2,3,4; Math Club 2,3,4; Industrial Arts Fair 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4, and officer 3; Track 4; Science Club 2,3.



## JOE FREEMAN

FHA 4; Pep Club 1,2,3; Student Council 3,4; National Honor Society 2,3,4, and officer 3; Class Officer 3; Mixed Chorus 4; Newspaper Staff 3,4; Yearbook Staff 3,4; Junior Olympics 1,2,3,4; Yearbook King Candidate 1; District Music Contest 4; Math Club 2,3,4; English Contest 4; Art Fair 1; Science Fair 2,3,4; Barnwarming King 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4, and officer 4; Math Contest 1,4; Student Curriculum 2; Science Club 2,3,4.



## RANDAL FUGE

Math Club 3,4; Art Fair 3,4; Industrial Arts Fair 1; Science Fair 3; FFA 1,2,3; Science Club 3.



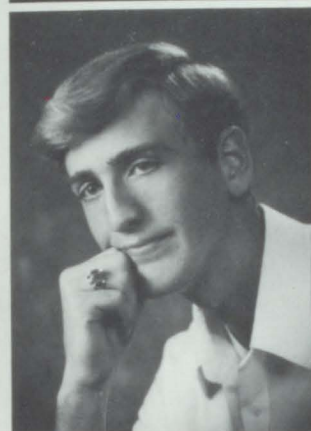
## DARLENE HOLCOMB

FHA 2,3; Pep Club 3; Art Fair 1.



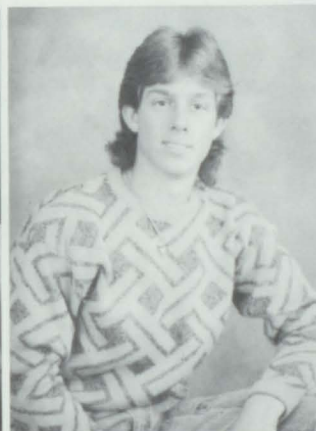
## SUSAN HUFFMAN

FHA 1,2,3,4, and officer 3,4; Student Council 1,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Class Officer 2; Band 1; Mixed Chorus 3,4, and officer 3; Newspaper Staff 3,4; Yearbook Staff 3,4, and editor 3,4; Junior Olympics 4; Cheerleader 1,3,4; Yearbook Queen 3; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; District Music Contest 3,4; Business Contest 3,4; Barnwarming Queen 4; Student Curriculum 3.



## JON INGERSON

French Club 3,4; Business Contest 4; Industrial Arts Fair 1,2; Science Fair 3.



## CLAY JACKSON

Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Newspaper Staff 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Math Club 2,3; Industrial Arts Fair 1; Science Fair 3; Basketball 1; Baseball 1,2,3; FFA 1,2,3,4, and officer 1,2,3,4; Science Club 2,3.



## GREG JONES

FHA 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Class Officer 3,4; Newspaper Staff 3,4; Yearbook Staff 3,4; and editor 4; Junior Olympics 3,4; Art Fair 1; Industrial Arts Fair 1,2; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3.



## CANDI LIGHT

FHA 2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Art Fair 1,4; Industrial Arts Fair 1.



## BRENDA LIVINGSTON

FHA 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2; Softball 1,2; Business Contest 3; Art Fair 3; Industrial Arts Fair 2; Science Fair 3; FBLA 3,4.



## KEVIN MARTIN

Pep Club 2,3,4; Yearbook King Candidate 3; Industrial Arts Fair 1,2,3; FFA 1,2,3,4; Carnival King 1.



# Seniors

## NOVA MCCLAIN

Band 4; District Music Contest 4; Business Contest 2,3,4; Art Fair 1,4.

## BECKY MCCONNELL

FHA 4; Pep Club 1; Miss Mansfield 4; Math Club 3; Industrial Arts Fair 1; Art Fair 3; Science Fair 2.

## JULIE MCNEIL

FHA 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2; Mixed Chorus 4; District Music Contest 1,4; Art Fair 4; FFA 2; Carnival Queen Candidate 4.



## SHAUN MOORE

FHA 4; National Honor Society 3,4; Math Club 2,3,4; Art Fair 1,2,3,4; Industrial Arts Fair 2,4; Basketball 1,2,3; Baseball 1,3; Cross Country 2; FBLA 3,4.

## DEANA MOYERS

FHA 1,2,4; Pep Club 1,2,3; Newspaper Staff 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Junior Olympics 4; Softball 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 3; Math Club 2,3; Business Contest 4; Art Fair 3; Basketball 1,2.

## BRETT NEAL

FHA 4; National Honor Society 3,4; Pep Club 1,2; Class Officer 4; Newspaper Staff 3,4, and editor 3,4; Yearbook Staff 3,4; Junior Olympics 4; Math Club 2,3,4; Art Fair 2,3,4; Industrial Arts Fair 1,2; Science Fair 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3; Math Contest 2; Carnival King 3; Science Club 3,4.



## BOBBY PAGE

Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Junior Olympics 1,4; District Music Contest 1,2,3,4; State Music Contest 1; Art Fair 4; Industrial Arts Fair 1,2,3; Prom King 4; Baseball 3; FFA 1,2,3,4, and officer 2; Track 3,4; Carnival King Candidate 4.

## CALLIE PRUITT

Band 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 4; Softball 2; District Music Contest 1,2,3,4; Industrial Arts Fair 2.

## SERENA QUESSENBERRY

FHA 1,2,3,4, and officer 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Class Officer 4; Mixed Chorus 3; Junior Olympics 4; Softball 1; Pom Pon 1,3,4; District Music Contest 3; Business Contest 4; Art Fair 1,2,3,4; Barnwarming Queen Candidate 2; FBLA 3,4, and officer 4.



## DARIN RANEY

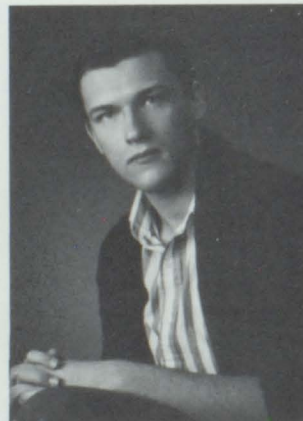
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## KIM ROBINSON

FHA 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Softball 1; District Music Contest 1,3; Business Contest 3,4; Art Fair 1; FFA 3,4, and officer 3,4.

## NOEL RUMMENS

French Club 3; FHA 4; Pep Club 3,4, and officer 4; Speech and Debate 3; National Honor Society 4; Band 1,2,3,4, and officer 4; Newspaper Staff 3,4; Yearbook Staff 3,4; Drum Major 4; District Music Contest 1,2,3,4; Math Club 2,3,4; English Contest 1; Speech Contest 2,3; Business Contest 2,3; Industrial Arts Fair 1; Science Fair 2,4; Track 2; Cross Country 2; Student Curriculum 4; Science Club 2,3,4.





■ **STUDYING HER FINANCIAL** position, Candi Light gets ready to make her next buy in Monopoly.

# Seniors still find time for studying

Study versus friends and parties.

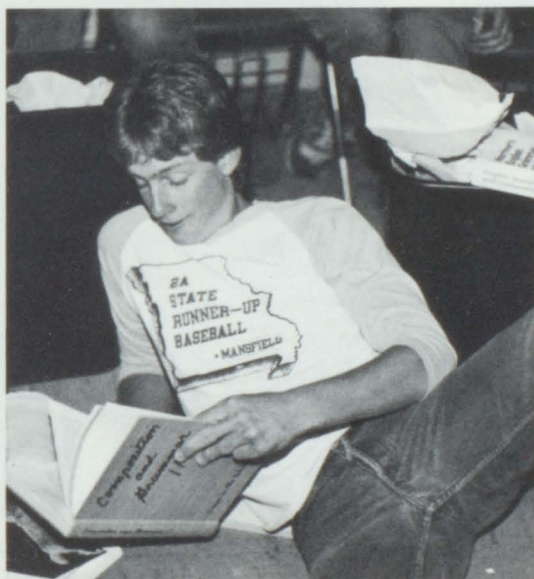
While this is an age old dilemma for students, it is especially true for seniors.

Since it is their last year, they feel they should be with friends, but they also worry about college and scholarships.

Most of the seniors handled the problem with grace.

They used academics as another chance to be together. They competed together at such things as science fair, FHA Star Events, or journalism contests.

Seniors choose similar class schedules and planned part-time attendance around each other so they could spend more time with each other.



■ **TRYING TO GET** as comfortable as possible, senior Clay Jackson compiles material for a research paper.

■ **WITH THE HELP** of a dictionary, senior English students Nova McClain and Kenny Lindsey discuss the meaning of a word.

■ **PRACTICING A SONG** for graduation occupies class time for Callie Pruitt, Tammy Barlett, Stephanie Eidson, and Julie McNeil.



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## riendship part of each day for seniors

From the first recess of kindergarten to the senior trip, they have always been easy to find.

Friends have been as much a part of everyday life for the Senior Class as food and water.

Whether it was a big group or just a couple of "best friends,"

they have shared lots of good times.

After all, the Class of 1987 chose the theme "Friends for now, friends forever, these are the times we'll always treasure."

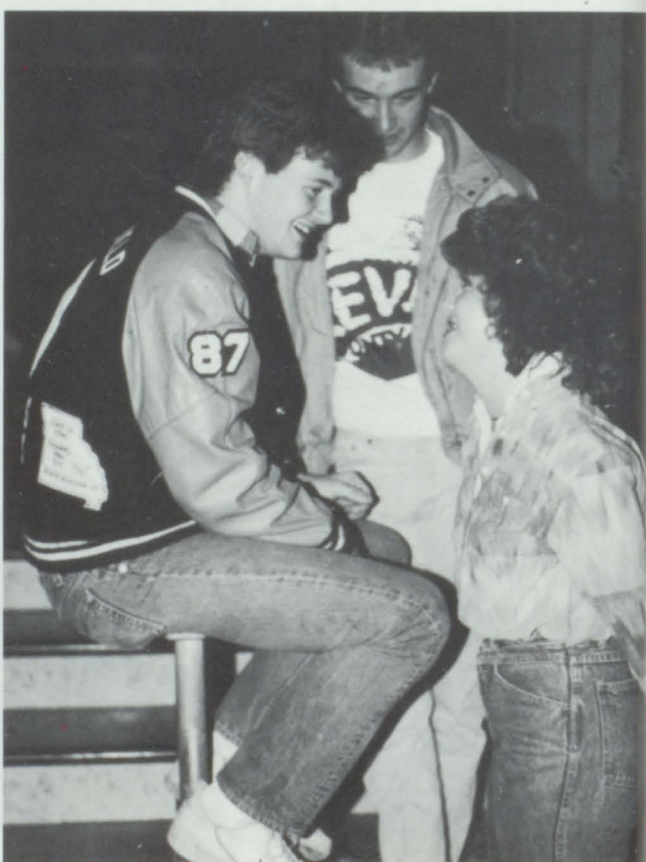
For them, that said it all.

■ **JANA EULER AND Susan Huffman** get ready to deliver items sent as a token of friendship on Valentines Day.



■ **HAVING A GOOD** time helps Becky Brennan, Rona Baker, and Clay Jackson get ready for the senior group picture.

■ **EXPLAINING HOW TO** focus, Brett Neal shows Joe Freeman the finer points of a 35mm camera.



■ **DURING A SPARE** moment at lunch, Greg Jones talks to Vickey Jones and David Adamson.



# Seniors



## PATTY SHORT

FHA 1,2; Mixed Chorus 4; Art Fair 1,2; Industrial Arts Fair 2; Special Olympics 1,2,3,4.



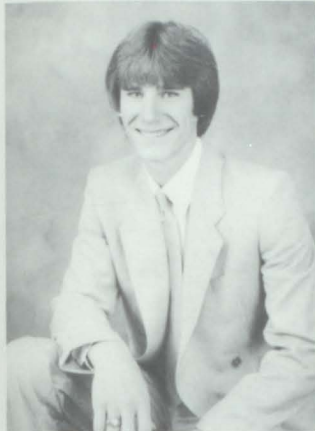
## DEVONNA SICKELS

Class Officer 2,3; Junior Olympics 1,2,3; Art Fair 2,3,4; Industrial Arts Fair 1,2,3; FFA 1,2,3,4, and officer 2,3,4; Carnival Queen Candidate 2.



## LAURA SUITS

FHA 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 3,4; Softball 1; Science Club 3; Business Contest 2,3,4.



## DWAIN SWOPES

Pep Club 3,4; Junior Olympics 1,4; Track 3,4.



## MICA WATTERSON

FHA 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 4; Junior Olympics 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Miss Mansfield 2; Homecoming Princess 2; Business Contest 4; Art Fair 2,3,4; Science Fair 3; FFA 3,4; Track 4; Carnival Queen 1; Student Council 2.

## NOT SHOWN: KENNY LINDSEY

French Club 3,4; Student Council 3; National Honor Society 2,3,4, and officer 4; Math Club 3,4; and officer 4; English Contest 1,2,3,4; Art Fair 3,4; Industrial Arts Fair 4; Science Fair 3; Math Contest 1,2,3,4.

## GREG SPELL

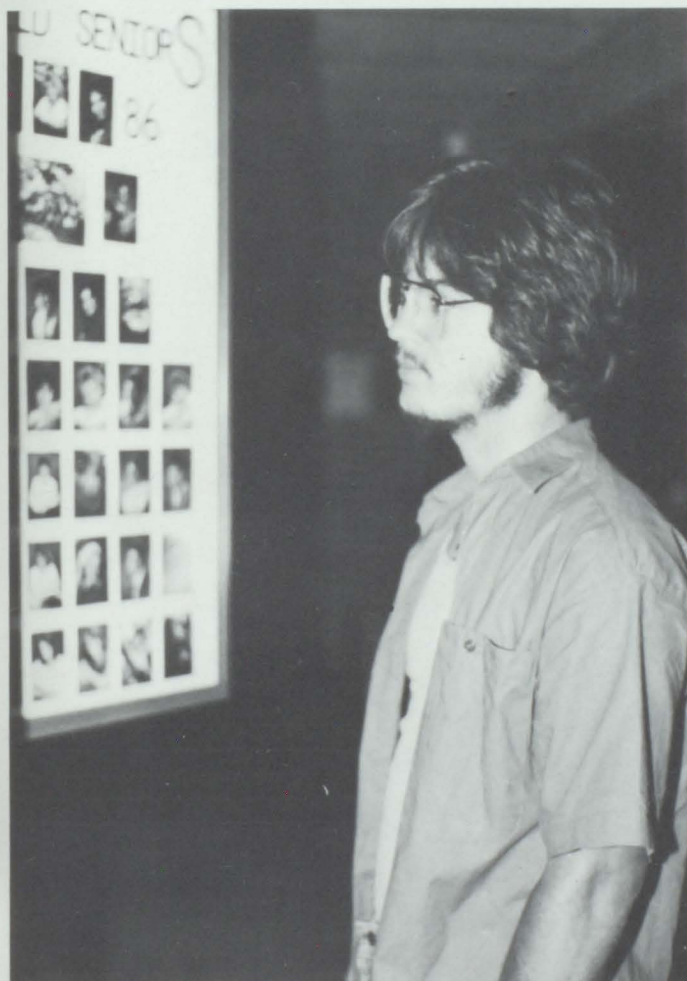
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## BYRON TAYLOR

FFA 4; Industrial Arts Fair 2; FFA 1,2,3,4.

## MARC DODSON

Art Fair 4; Track 3.



■ **STEVE BOX** *HOLDS* the interest of Craig Carter, Steve Bruce, and Greg Jones with his latest hunting story.

■ **CHECKING OUT THE** senior panel from 1986, Shaun Moore finds friends from the past.



# SENIORS

## *Graduation signals change*

Friends for now, friends forever, these are the times we'll always treasure.

This motto was especially true for the 1987 graduating class as they celebrated their graduation in two ceremonies.

Baccalaureate services were on Sunday, May 17, and Commencement was held the following Monday.

Rev. John Moles of the Highway Church of the Nazarene delivered the message during Baccalaureate. Other ministers who took part were Rev. Steven Russ, Rev. Ted Marre, and Sister Marjorie McCarville.

Tammy Barlett and Stephanie Eidson sang "Love in Any Language" at Baccalaureate.

Commencement began with Kevin Clouse giving the invocation. Noel Rummens welcomed everyone and Serena Quessenberry read a poem. Valedictorian Jacqueline Batcheller gave a speech, followed by Salutatorian Becky Brennan.

Other honor students were Kenny Lindsey, Susan Huffman, Joe Freeman, Jana Euler, Kim Robinson, Brett Neal, Mica Watterson, Serena Quessenberry, and Noel Rummens.

Recognition of honor graduates was conducted by Senior Class sponsors Mrs. Judy Middleton and Randy Short, followed by recognition of scholarship winners by Principal Gene Garrison.

There were two songs during

Commencement. "Friends" was sung by Rona Baker, Bobby Page, and Stephanie Eidson, and "We Must Say Good-bye" by the Senior Choir.

The presentation of diplomas was done by Superintendent of Schools Robert Perry and Board President Curt Calhoun.

Joe Freeman closed the ceremony with the benediction.

The class flower was the yellow rose and class colors were yellow and green.

Jana Euler was president of the Class of '87. Other officers were Greg Jones vice president, Serena Quessenberry secretary, and Brett Neal treasurer.



■ **CONGRATULATING FRIENDS IS** the order of business for Craig Carter, Greg Jones, and Brett Neal.

■ **BRENDA LIVINGSTON, ANGIE Hylton, and Devonna Sickels** share a graduation hug.





■ **SALUTATORIAN BECKY BRENNAN** is escorted to graduation ceremonies by Brad Detherage.

■ **THE SENIOR CHOIR** sings "We Must Say Good-bye" at graduation exercises.



■ **SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS** Serena Quessenberry, Brett Neal, Jana Euler, and Greg Jones.

■ **WITH A HUG**, Tammy Barlett wishes a classmate a happy future.

■ **SENIORS WAIT FOR** the processional to end and all graduates to be in place.





# Activities

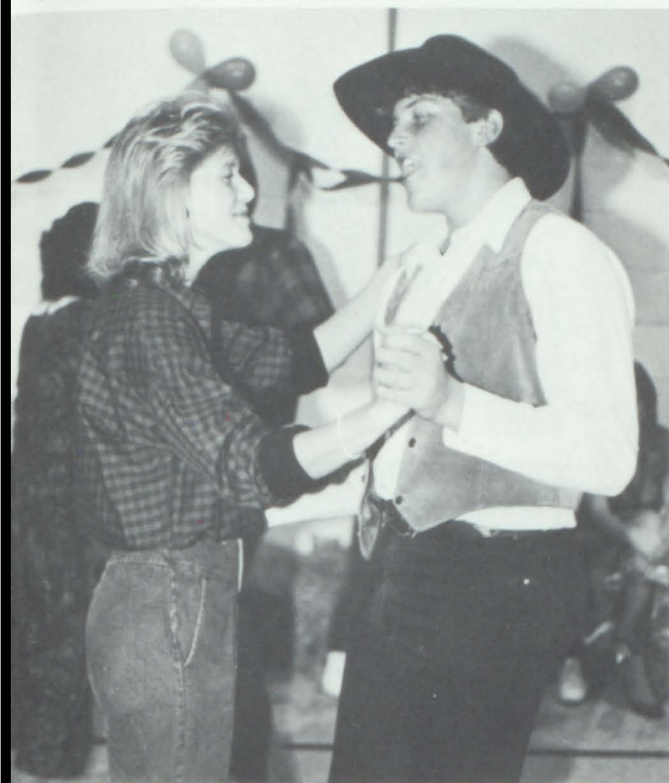
Activities are always colored the brightest shades at MHS. Events like Barnwarming, Homecoming, Prom bring specialness to the school year. Dressing up, going out, having fun are standard features of those activities which are anticipated for months. Besides the events designed strictly for fun or celebration, there are always chances to show off talents newly learned or polished for years. Musicians and other performers often bring smiles to faces, praise to lips, and applause from hands. Special activities are not only a shade brighter themselves, but they help make school a brighter place to be.





■ **DEMONSTRATING THE TEXAS**

Two-step, FHA and FFA presidents Jana Euler and Clint Jackson dance at center court.



■ **SENIORS BECKY BRENNAN,**

Jacqueline Batcheller, and Susan Huffman are the tops in Homecoming royalty following coronation ceremonies.



■ **AARON GRAY TRIES** to delicately balance a spoon on his nose during a Barnwarming relay game.



■ **SOUNDING MUSICAL DESPITE** the cold, band members march in the Mansfield Christmas parade.

■ **FLASHING BRIGHT SMILES,** the Sweethearts perform before thousands at the state 2A basketball tournament in Springfield.

■ **STRAINING TO KEEP** the rope moving in their direction, the sophomores defeat the seniors in a tug-of-war match.



# Dance 'til you drop

## B•A•R•N•W•A•R•M•I•N•G

**S**ucking a baby bottle full of Kool-Aid or running with a balloon between your legs is something most ordinary people don't do, at least in public.

But at Barnwarming, the goofier the games are, the better everyone likes them.

Royalty candidates participated in some special games, including shaving a balloon lathered in shaving creme.

"Of all the games, shaving the balloons was the most fun," sophomore queen candidate Marie Goforth said. "But I was scared to death our razor was going to slip and we were going to pop the balloon and end up covered with

with a spoon on your nose, and holding an orange with your neck, passing it down the line not using hands or arms.

Instead of the traditional square dancing, FFA President Clint Jackson and Brian Matney taught everyone the Texas Two-Step. They made the dance look easy, but those who tried it found out different.

"Learning the two-step was kind of hard," Vickey Jones said, "because the guy I was with kept stepping on my toes."

Seniors Susan Huffman and Kevin Clouse were chosen as Barnwarming Royalty, selected by the penny-a-vote method.

Other candidates were juniors Susan Zorsch and Brian Matney, sophomores Marie Goforth and Aaron Gray, and freshman Gina Box and Marty Henry.

In addition to the games and two-stepping, there was dancing to rock music, and plenty of snacks and apple cider.

FFA and FHA sponsor this annual fall event. They provided chips, dip, cookies, and apple cider.

***"I was scared to death our razor was going to slip and we were going to pop the balloon and end up covered with shaving creme." Marie Goforth.***

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"My favorite part was sucking on the baby bottle," Aaron Gray said, "but I hated getting the Kool-Aid spilled all over me."

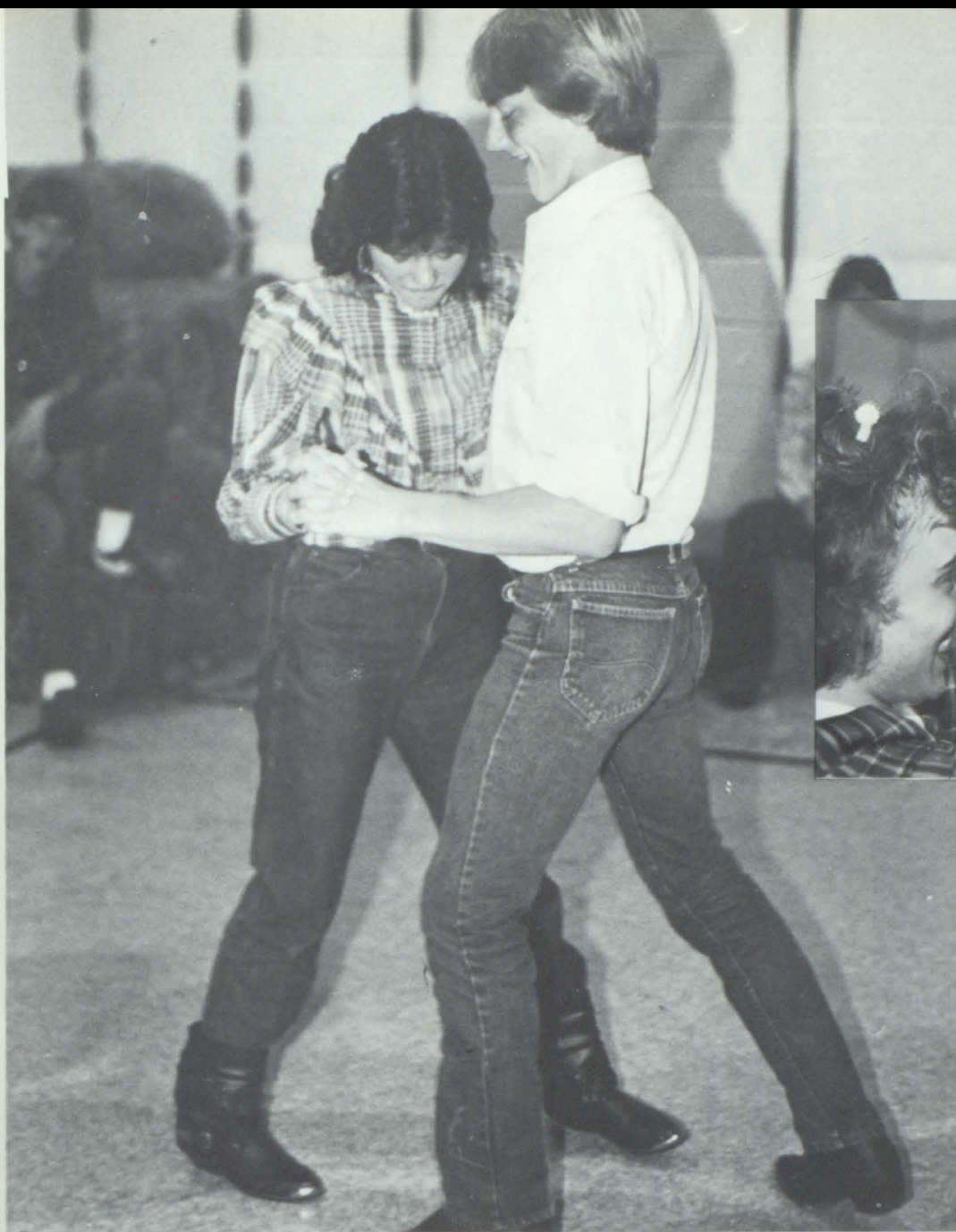
Games for the entire group included the relay races of walking

■ **BARNWARMING ROYALTY, CLOCKWISE** from top, Queen Susan Huffman and King Kevin Clouse, Susan Zorsch and Brian Matney, Marty Henry and Gina Box, Marie Goforth and Aaron Gray.



■ **SHAVING CAREFULLY, GINA Box** trusts Marty Henry to hold the balloon steady during a candidates game.





■ **MOUTHS SET FIRMLY** with determination, Deana Kelley and Marty Henry practice the Texas Two-Step.



■ **ROYALTY WINNERS SUSAN** Huffman and Kevin Clouse slurp their way to a victory in the baby bottle race.



■ **HOLDING A BALLOON** between his legs Brian Matney eases his way to the finish line of the relay.

■ **A SLOW LOVE** song gives couples the chance to sway to the beat at Barnwarming

*Shade  
your eyes*

Learning the Texas Two-Step taught the crowd that what looks easy is sometimes rather difficult.



# Play it your way

## C·T·A C·A·R·N·I·V·A·L

**S**milng faces, laughter, and just plain having fun.

The low roar of the crowd was mixed with laughter and pleas for money at the sixth annual Community Teacher Association Fall Festival Carnival.

The younger kids pleaded with their parents for money to play bingo, win a goldfish, or get their faces painted by members of the cheerleading squad.

"The kids are amazed with the funny faces they got," Kelley Jones, varsity cheerleader said, "and we had a great time drawing all those little hearts."

Lots of the action took place at the goldfish booth, where the brightly colored fish were won al-

to do a pom pon routine, taught by members of the MHS Sweethearts. And it wasn't just little girls who tried learning the routine.

"I thought it was pretty wild," sophomore Bart Evans said, "but learning the routine was harder than I thought."

The aroma of popcorn, carmel apples, and hot dogs filled the air, but the highlight was the crowning of royalty, chosen by a money voting system.

There were four divisions. Kindergarten-grade three winners were Adam Grubbs and Katie Williams. Grade four-six chose Emily Matlock and Michael Davis. Missy Carter and Ben Choate were picked from grades seven-eight, and winners from grades nine-twelve were Vickey Jones and Brent Daniels.

Other candidates and grades were Christy Pat-

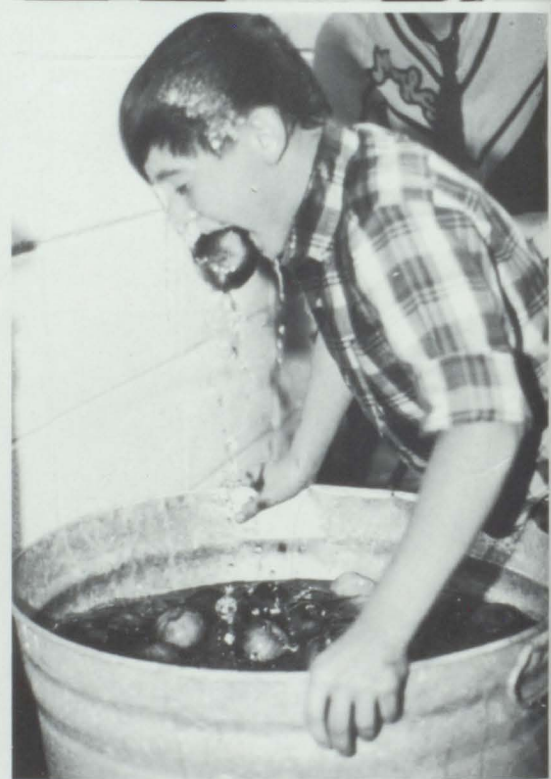
terson, Brandon Edmons, Michael Kirkland, third; Ted Marre, Elizabeth Bingham, fifth; Traci Cannon, Kendall Keith, sixth; Julie Jurewicz, Jamie Smith, eighth; J.J. McNeil, Dave Wilson, ninth; Lawanda Young, Dale Cook, tenth; and Julie McNeil, Bobby Page, twelfth.

most as quickly as they could be bagged up.

"Nobody working ever got a chance to sit down," junior April Light said, "because of all the little kids crowding around and trying to win a goldfish."

The older kids enjoyed testing their skills at trying to win a pop at the Math Club booth or learning

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***April Light***



■ **TRYING HARD TO** get the moves just right, Aaron Gray, Bart Evans, and Eddie Whipple follow Stacy Veit's pom pon motions.

■ **WATER DRIPPING EVERYWHERE** doesn't keep Brian Hodges from enjoying the apple he won at the pom pon booth.





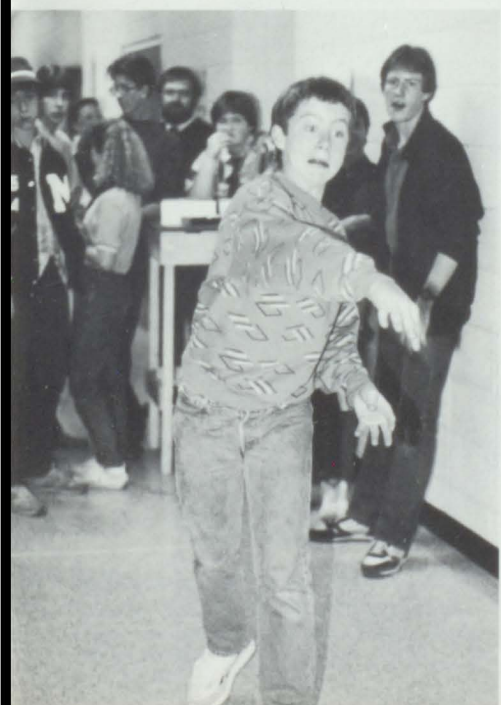
■ **CARNIVAL ROYALTY, FRONT,** Katie Williams and Adam Grubbs, Emily Matlock and Michael Davis; **back,** Missy Carter and Ben Choate, Vickey Jones and Brent Daniels.

■ **DEIDRA BARNETT PAINTS** a design on Niki Anderson's face at the cheerleading booth.



*Shade  
your eyes*

At times, it seems like everyone in town is packed into the multi-purpose room, but that makes it more fun.



■ **POLE IN HAND,** Brandie Crisp tries to hook a fish at an elementary booth.

■ **TRYING FOR A** prize at the sophomore booth, Benjie Dennis hurls a Nerf football at a target.





YEARBOOK ROYALTY  
HOLLY CLARK  
BO McALISTER



# Reign for a year

## Y•E•A•R•B•O•O•K R•O•Y•A•L•T•Y

Juniors Bo McAlister and Holly Clark won the El Leon Royalty titles.

Four couples were elected to represent the high school classes,

and professional portraits were sent to the KY-3 television news team for judging.

Judges Tony Beason and

Leanne Gregg said McAlister and Clark had "the most pleasant smiles and compatible appearance."



■ **SENIOR CANDIDATES BECKY** Brennan and Craig Carter, top; sophomore candidates Rhonda Fuge and James Coday.

■ **JUNIOR CANDIDATES HOLLY-** Clark and Bo McAlister, top; freshman candidates Nancee Clouse and Robert Elliott.



# Heaven in your eyes

## H•O•M•E•C•O•M•I•N•G

**T**he atmosphere was tense. The week of posters, campaigning, and dreams was about to end.

Nervous and excited candidates, cheerleaders, pom pon girls, and basketball players walked into the gymnasium by candlelight to form the shape of a star.

Choosing from three senior candidates, the student body selection was about to be announced. The 1987 Homecoming Queen would soon have a night to remember.

Emcee Missy McGaw opened the envelope, ending the suspense. Jacqueline Batcheller was chosen Homecoming Queen. Batcheller was crowned by Lisa Johnson, last

Other candidates were Becky Brennan and Susan Huffman. Princesses were junior Shavon Campbell, sophomore Leslie Marre and freshman Lori Durham. Flower girl was Regina Roy and crown bearer was Jeromie Snavelly.

The Queen and the candidates were presented miniature basketballs signed by the basketball team. The candidates and the princesses were also given necklaces and charms.

Theme for Homecoming was "Heaven in Your Eyes." After the crowning, the Queen and her court made their way to the stage decorated with streamers, stars, and balloons.

The evening was also a basketball success, with the junior varsity defeating the Fordland Eagles 75-24, and the varsity team romping to a 90-53 win.

A rose ceremony honoring seniors in sports and sports-related activities and their parents was held during the half time of the first game, and the MHS Sweethearts pom pon squad entertained during the second.

A dance was held following the ballgames.

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year's queen.

"It was a privilege and honor to be selected as a candidate for Homecoming," Batcheller said, "but being crowned was a thrilling experience I'll never forget."

Brett Neal was Batcheller's escort, and he gave her a bouquet of roses, a bracelet, and the traditional kiss.





■ **WITH A SMILE**, roses, and a souvenir basketball, Jacqueline Batcheller reigns as Homecoming Queen.

■ **MHS HOMECOMING QUEEN** Jacqueline Batcheller and court (clockwise from front left) Shavon Campbell, Regina Roy, Jeromie Shavely, Becky Brennan, Susan Huffman, Lori Durham, and Leslie Marre.



■ **ESCORT BRETT NEAL** mirrors Jacqueline Batcheller's delight at being named Homecoming Queen.



■ **HOMECOMING CANDIDATES AND princesses** receive roses from Gene Cravens at a pep rally, and he gets a hug from Jacqueline Batcheller.

■ **SENIOR GUARD JOE Freeman** keeps the ball in control for the Lions during the varsity game against Fordland.

■ **SOPHOMORE PRINCESS SHAVON Campbell** and escort Greg Jones, varsity basketball player, take part in the processional.

*Shade your eyes*

Three senior girls had a chance at a once in a lifetime dream ... being a Homecoming Queen.



# Fight to the finish

## J•U•N•I•O•R O•L•Y•M•P•I•C•S

**S**ome people thought it was an upset.

But the Junior Class dominated the other classes by winning the ninth annual Junior Olympics, a competition between the four high school classes.

The seniors came in second, followed by the sophomores. The freshmen finished last but won the sportsmanship award.

The teams competed in events such as the tricycle race, obstacle course, shoe relay, tug-of-war, basketball dribble, ping pong ball relay, body race, and more.

"It was really cool beating the seniors," junior Rick Oliver said, "because nobody thought we

Mica Watterson, Serena Quessenberry, Rona Baker, Becky Brennan, Deana Moyers, Susan Huffman, and Jana Euler.

Junior team members were Romin Dasmalchi, Larry Durham, Clint Jackson, Rick Oliver, John Top, Kelly Hall, Brian Matney, Claire Brennan, Shavon Campbell, Susan Zorsch, Diane Holt, Holly Clark, Vickey Jones, and Wendy Bogart.

Sophomore team members were James Coday, Aaron Gray, Bart Evans, Larry Chilson, David Adamson, Dale Cook, Rusty Carter, Rhonda Fuge, Lori Wood, Tammy Dunn, Mary Cantrell, Heather Hensy, Stacy Veit, and Lawanda Young.

Freshman team members were Jimmy Freeman, Rodney Vogt, Marty Henry, Gary Greene, Matt Calhoun, Robert Elliott, David Wilson, Karrie Dur-

ham, Audra Suits, Dana Sheppard, Deana Kelley, Deidra Barnett, Heather Krider, and Timmarie Franken.

The juniors made almost \$500 from the fund raiser to help pay for Prom.

could."

The emcee was Launa Matlock, scorekeeper Elizabeth Euler, and timekeeper April Light.

Senior team members were Brent Evans, Craig Carter, Joe Freeman, Brett Neal, Brad Dethrage, Bobby Page, Dwain Swopes,



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■ **HOLDING ON TIGHTLY,** K Durham and Gary Greene race for finish line.





■ **WITH SENIORS AND** freshmen cheering them on, the sophomores defeat the juniors in the tug-of-war.

■ **SOARING OVER THE** hurdles, Rhonda Fuge tries to get the best time in the obstacle course.

■ **WORKING AS A** team, the juniors pull to win the tug-of-war.



■ **PEDALING HIS FASTEST**, freshman David Wilson races to the finish line.

■ **ENCOURAGED BY ROBERT** Elliott, the seniors pull their hardest in the tug-of-war.





Junior Miss Mansfield  
Shelly Detherage

Little Miss Mansfield  
Jennifer Moody

Miss Mansfield  
Becky McConnell

Young Miss Mansfield  
Amy Compton



# Hold that smile

## M•I•S•S M•A•N•S•F•I•E•L•D

**B**ecky McConnell, a senior, was chosen from a field of 10 contestants to reign for a year as Miss Mansfield.

Winners in the other divisions were junior Miss Mansfield, eighth grader Shelly Detherage; Young Miss Mansfield, sixth grader Amy Compton, and Little Miss Mans-

field, first grader Jennifer Moody.

Out-of town judges looked for smiles, poise, posture, an attractive appearance, and a pleasant attitude.

Future Homemakers of America sponsors the pageant each year as a fund-raising activity.

Each of the four divisions was

composed of three grades. Little Miss Mansfield was open to grades one, two, and three. Young Miss Mansfield was open to grades four, five, and six. Junior Miss Mansfield contestants were from grades seven, eight, and nine; and girls in grades ten, eleven, and twelve were eligible for Miss Mansfield.



■ **APRIL LIGHT, FIRST** runner up; Becky McConnell, Miss Mansfield; Jana Euler, second runner up; Holly Clark, third runner up.

■ **JAYME DECHENNE, FIRST** runner up; Shelly Detherage, Junior Miss Mansfield; Jeanne Bryan, second runner up; Missy Carter, third runner up.

■ **SHAWN WILLIAMS, FIRST** runner up; Amy Compton, Young Miss Mansfield; Vicky Noble, second runner up; Carrie Gray, third runner up.

■ **CHRISTY BRAZEAL, FIRST** runner up; Jennifer Moody, Little Miss Mansfield; Jennifer Dunn, second runner up; Regina Roy, third runner up.



Try to make it last

## J.R.-S.R P.R.O.M

**J**uniors and seniors hoped it would last forever.

The Prom was held at the University Plaza in Springfield, with "Forever" as its theme.

"Hits and Grins," a deejay duo, provided a new style of music and dancing. In between regular rock dances, they had Showtime, which meant they taught games and dances that went with the music they played.

"I liked the way the band got the students involved with games," Shavon Campbell said. "The kids liked the variety of dancing and music."

Dances such as The Twist, Hand Jive, Funky Chicken, and

Junior Class president Romin Dasmalchi served as host for the evening's program, and on behalf of the Junior Class presented souvenir glasses to juniors, seniors, faculty, and board members.

"I thought the evening went well," Dasmalchi said. "I was glad that the students as well as the faculty and administrators enjoyed our Prom."

Juniors Larry Durham and Rick Oliver read the Junior Prophecy and Seniors Noel Rummens and Joe Freeman read the Senior Will.

The buffet-style meal featured roast beef and glazed ham. During the meal, Dave Moore of World Photography provided a slide show of events that took place throughout the year.

Seniors

Bobby Page and Becky Brennan were crowned Prom King and Queen, chosen by a secret bal-

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Hokey Pokey provided breaks from regular dancing.

"I liked learning the Hand Jive," Becky Brennan said. "It was fun learning it with a group of students."

lot vote of the Junior Class.

Decorations were black and pink balloons, in bouquets on the circular tables, and covering an arch behind the head table.



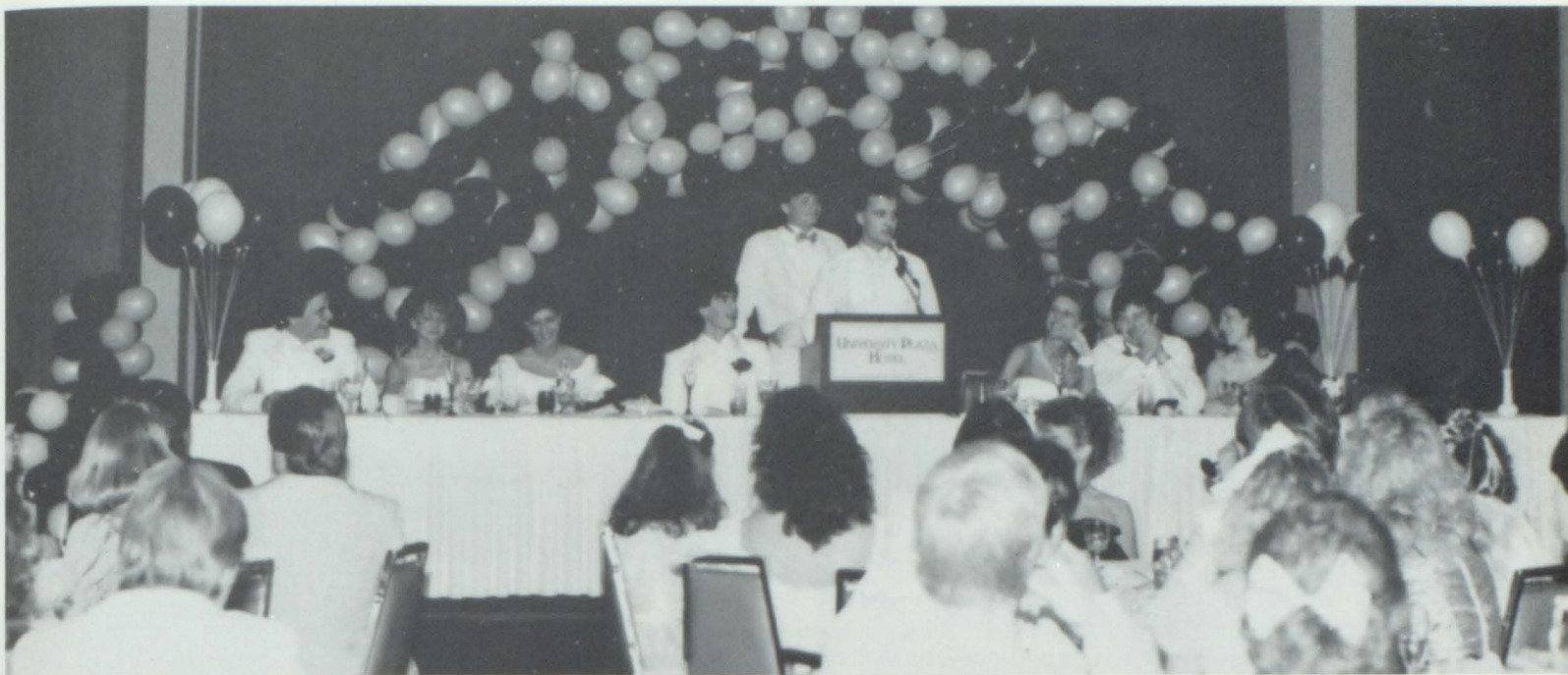
■ **ON BEHALF OF** of the seniors, class president Jana Euler thanks the juniors for the Prom.

■ **SHOWING THEIR APPROVAL** with applause, Claire Brennan and Rhonda Fuge listen to the senior will.



■ **BECKY BRENNAN AND Bobby Page** reign as Prom Queen and King.

■ **OFTEN CAUSING THE** audience to laugh, Joe Freeman and Noel Rumens read the senior will.



■ **LARRY DURHAM AND Rick Oliver** read the senior prophecy, letting class members know their future plans.

■ **GETTING INVOLVED IN** Showtime, teachers Judy Middleton, Randy Short, Sherry Dimos, and Leslie Smith, "play" instruments to the music.

■ **UNINHIBITED, BRENT EVANS, Brett Neal, and Clint Jackson** dance on chairs.



# Enter a new world

## G·R·A·D·U·A·T·I·O·N·S

**A**fter learning and attending school for a whole year, the kindergarten class members finished the first step of their education with a musical graduation ceremony.

Performing the program "As We Grow" was very fitting for the class.

The welcome to a crowd of relatives and friends was given by Lucas Anderson, Sarah Allen, Stephen House, and Christina Kirkland.

The program included the song "Itsy Bitsy Spider" and many others. Two of the songs were performed with sign language, which the kindergarten kids had learned throughout the year to help communicate with one of their classmates.

Douglass Slade and Tiffany

graduation from junior high from Superintendent of Schools Robert Perry.

The graduation ceremony included a welcome speech given by Angie Miller.

"Junior high was a step toward four years of high school," she said. "I am looking forward to moving up to new classes and new experiences."

A small ensemble made up of Shelly Detherage, Maxi Sharp, Angie Miller, Stephanie Duncan, Christi Evans, Jeanne Bryan and Tiffany Watterson sang "That's What Friends are For". "Heaven In Your Eyes" was sung by a quartet of girls composed of Tina Gage, Kristy Burnett, Rachelle Lansdown, and Missy Melton.

Christi Evans performed a piano solo "Sonate" for graduation ceremonies.

Principal Gene Garrison presented the class, following a speech by Julie Jurewicz.

The invocation was by Benji Dennis and Troy Hughes gave

the benediction.

The processional and recessional were played by Mrs. Debbie Dale.

Eighth grade graduates were treated to a graduation party at the Lion's Hall. Parents of the class members were hosts and hostesses for the event, which has become a tradition.

Daughters presented elementary principal David Brouse, who gave the 62 kindergarten graduates their diplomas.

The program was under the direction of elementary music teacher Mrs. Debbie Dale. Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell provided piano accompaniment.

Sixty-five eighth graders received their diplomas at their



■ **KINDERGARTEN GRADUATES**  
AND kindergarten moms get ready for  
the ceremony to begin.

■ **MATTHEW ADAMSON AND Lor-**  
etta Chilson take part in the processional  
at kindergarten graduation.



■ **KINDERGARTEN GRADUATES**  
 WAIT for diplomas to be awarded.



■ **STEPHEN HOUSE AND Tina Kirkland** welcome everyone to kindergarten graduation.

■ **AFTER EIGHTH GRADE** graduation ceremonies, class members show off their diplomas.

■ **EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES** applaud a piano solo by Christi Evans.



# March to the Beat

## M•U•S•I•C G•R•O•U•P•S

**A** parade in Mansfield isn't too much of a challenge for a marching band. After all, how long can it be?

But a parade in Springfield is a different story.

Over twenty bands were selected to march in the Springfield Christmas Parade and the Mansfield band was one of them. It was an honor and thrill for the band students, but also quite a different experience from local parades.

"The Springfield parade was a long march up what seemed to be extremely large hills," Scott Dunsmuir said "It was a cold and windy, and my flute kept sticking to my lower lip. On top of that, the wind almost blew my hat off

Band and choir members put in many long, hard hours to prepare themselves for contests, parades, and concerts.

This was the first year for director Eric Spyres' students to receive no one ratings at district music contest.

"We had inexperienced and young students in the music department," he said, "but if they stick with it, we will be heading places."

Two ratings in the instrumental area were given to Melissa Hellsley, clarinet solo, and Sean Han-num, tuba solo.

Vocal soloists Susan Huffman, Bobby Page, Bo McAlister, Daniel Cox, and Kelly Hall all received two ratings. The double mixed quartet also made a two.

The band earned a three rating; as did Kenny Garrison, trumpet solo; John

Ragsdale, trombone solo; and James Coday, snare drum solo. The woodwind quartet, the girls sextets, and vocal soloist Leslie Marre made threes.

Choir received a three rating and a two in sight reading.

*"The Springfield parade was a long march up what seemed to be extremely large hills. It was cold and windy, and my flute kept sticking to my lower lip." Scott Dunsmuir*

several times."

John Ragsdale also found the large parade to be different.

"The people in front of us kept throwing candy and we had to dodge little kids trying to get it," he said.



■ **AFTER LEADING THE** band two miles in the Wilder Day parade, senior Noel Rummens still has a smile.



■ **WHILE MARCHING IN** the Springfield parade, the MHS band plays the "Brighter Side of Christmas."

■ **MIXED CHORUS, FRONT-** Wendy Bogart, Holly Clark, Bo McAlister, Vickey Jones, Kelly Hall, Shavon Campbell, Brent Daniels, Mary Cantrell, Julie McNeil; **Row two-** Director Eric Spyres, Kelly Jones, Daniel Cox, Elizabeth Euler, Leslie Marre, Dana Sheppard, Michelle Walker, Tammy Barlett; **Row three-** Eddie Whipple, Angie Brazeal, YuRhonda Dean, Rhonda Fuge, Aaron Gray, Jackie Batcheller, Susan Huffman, Becky Brennan, Bart Evans; **Back-** James Hooker, Patty Short, Tricia Gage, Beth Dronney, Angela Merritt, Joe Freeman, Jimmy Freeman, Nova McClain, Robbie Turner.

■ **WOODWIND QUARTET, FRONT-** Lori Wood; **Back-** Shauna Thieman, Melissa Helsley, Sherlyn Gallion.

■ **MIXED EIGHT, FRONT-** Holly Clark, Susan Huffman, Becky Brennan, Leslie Marre; **Back-** Bo McAlister, Bobby Page, Joe Freeman, Jimmy Freeman.





■ **A SHADY SPOT** makes a good summer practice area for James Coday, Melissa Helsley, Deidra Barnett, and Missy McGaw.

■ **SEXTET I, FRONT-** Susan Huffman, Becky Brennan, Leslie Marre; **Back-** Vickey Jones, Holly Clark.

■ **VOCAL SOLOISTS, FRONT-** Susan Huffman, Kelly Hall, Leslie Marre; **BACK-** Bo McAlister, Bobby Page, Daniel Cox.



■ **INSTRUMENTAL SOLOISTS,** Shauna Theiman, Melissa Helsley, James Coday, John Ragsdale, Sean Hannum, **FRONT-** Kenny Garrison.

■ **SEXTET II, FRONT-** Jana Cole, Dana Sheppard, Wendy Bogart; **Back-** Michelle Walker, Mary Cantrell.



■ **HIGH SCHOOL BAND,** Front- Melissa Helsley, Sherlyn Gallion, DeDee Hall, Deidra Barnett, Gina Box, Scott Dunsmuir, Lori Wood, Shauna Thiemann, Deana Kelley; Row two- Director Eric Spyres, Andrea Turner, Debra Bryant, Heather Kridner, Noel Rummens, Jim Farmer, Robbie Turner, Susan Jones; Row three- Kenny Garrison, Scott Ingerson, Eric Lansdown, Timmy Logan, Joe Long, Missy McGaw, David Wilson, Jay McNeil; Back- Brandon Frantz, John Ragsdale, Sean Hannum, Carl Cook, Jimmy Shropshire, James Coday.



■ **JUNIOR HIGH BAND**, Front- Ben Choate, Matt Moody, Kevin Hall, Billy Stofer, Richard Gallion, Kristy Burnett, Cindy Simpson, Rachelle Landsdown, Tina Gage; Row two- Director Eric Spyres, James Williams, Douglas Coffman, Marsha Ross, James Barnett, Missy Carter, Gina Davis, Heather Lansdown, Stacy Wilson, Tish Goss, Krystal Pruitt; Back- Barry Short, Tracy Coffman, Jeanne Bryan, Christi Evans, Jennifer Greene, Tiffany Watterson, Shelly Detherage, Donald Hanger, Steven Garrison, Floyd Hudson.



■ **MIXED CHORUS PERFORMS** a fall concert for Veterans Day, singing several patriotic songs.



■ **HIGH SCHOOL BAND**, directed by Eric Spyres, performs a concert in tribute to veterans.



■ **DEIDRA BARNETT, DRUM** majorette, leads the band in the Christmas parade at Springfield.



# Same old story

## P·U·B·L·I·C·A·T·I·O·N·S

**I**t was the same old story. But it was a good story. For the seventh year in a row, the Lion's Gazette, the newspaper, was named All-Missouri, the highest state award. Only 12 schools won the award. For the fifth year in a row, the yearbook was named All-Missouri.

But there was more. Staff members won 14 individual state awards.

Yearbook winners (chosen from 475 entries) were Claire Brennan first in portrait section copy, Brad Detherage first in non-portrait layout, Susan Huffman and Jana Euler, first in yearbook cover and theme design, Launa Matlock first in graphics layout,

bered 1183. MHS winners included first place in the in-depth category with a series on drug use in Mansfield. Reporters were Craig Carter, Brett Neal, Darin Raney, Greg Jones, Steve Box, Steve Bruce, and Huffman.

Carter, Euler, and Rummens took third with an in-depth called "Footloose," and Huffman, Euler, and Box got honorable mention for a cruising in-depth series.

Carter won second in feature story, Euler got honorable mention, and so did Detherage.

At the awards ceremony in Columbia, Gazette editor-in-chief Carter was recognized as a nominee for Missouri Student Journalist of the Year.

Results of the third annual Ozarks Publications Advisers Contest were also gratifying for staff members. They took second overall in the contest held at

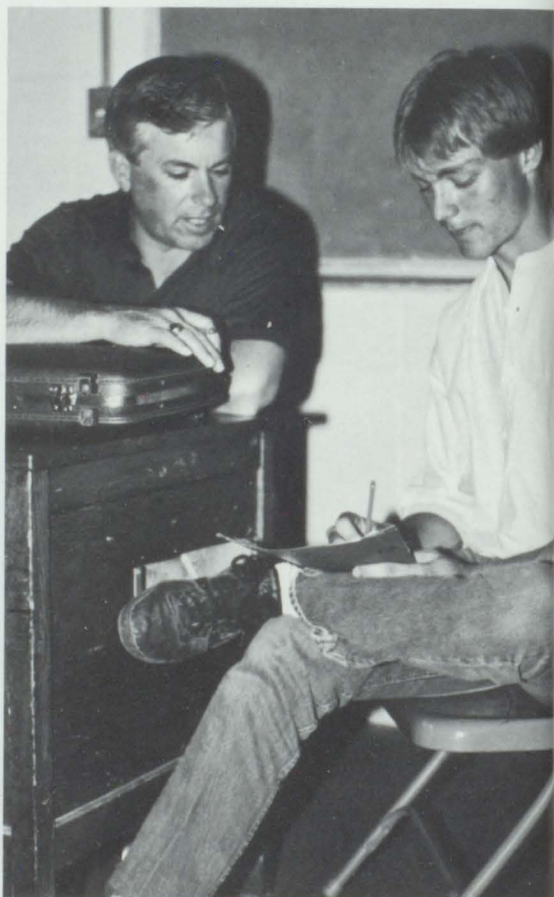
***For the seventh year in a row, the Lion's Gazette, the newspaper, was named All-Missouri, the highest state award. Only twelve schools won the award.***

Susan Zorsch second in academic copy, Shavon Campbell second in sports copy, Elizabeth Euler second in club copy, and Noel Rummens, third in non-portrait layout.

State newspaper entries num-

bered 1183.

In the Missouri Press Women's Youth Writing Contest, Becky Brennan won honorable mention for her sports feature about John Farmer.



■ **INTERVIEWING COACH JIM** Nichols, editor-in-chief Craig Carter takes notes for a basketball feature in the Gazette.





■ **NEWSPAPER AND YEARBOOK** staff. Seated- Kelley Jones, Claire Brennan, Elizabeth Euler, April Light, Rona Baker, Deana Moyers; Middle- Susan Zorsch, Patty Richardson, Wendy Bogart, Brad Detherage, Clint Jackson, Noel Rummens, Launa Matlock, Clay Jackson, Vickey Jones, Rick Oliver, Shavon Campbell, Mrs. Debbie Von Behren (adviser); Back- Jana Euler (El Leon Editor), Craig Carter (Lion's Gazette Editor), Susan Huffman (El Leon Editor), Bo McAlister, Holly Clark, John Top, Darin Raney, Steve Box, Joe Freeman, Steve Bruce, Romin Dasmalchi, Becky Brennan, Greg Jones (El Leon Editor), Brett Neal.



■ **IDENTIFYING STUDENTS** IN a group picture requires Rick Oliver to use a magnifying glass for accuracy.

■ **SUSAN HUFFMAN AND JANA EULER** work hard on yearbook layouts for a spring deadline.



*Shade  
your eyes*

All-Missouri awards  
just keep rolling in for  
these staffers, but they  
still have to act crazy  
once in a while.



# High on Life

## S.T.U.D.E.N.T C.O.U.N.C.I.L

**H**igh on life. We did it! The biggest project the Student Council tackled was Drug and Alcohol Awareness Day and High on Life Field Day, held in early May.

"Everyone that I talked to; students, faculty, and administration, that participated and had anything to do with it thought it was super," sponsor Eric Spyres said. "I really appreciate the work the kids on Student Council did, especially president Becky Brennan."

In the morning, several speakers were available to the students, both in large and small groups.

The afternoon, labeled High on Life, was full of activities de-

classroom discussions," secretary Susan Huffman said. "It looked like almost everyone had a good time in the afternoon at the field day, especially when the water balloon toss turned into a water fight."

As a special part of the day, Student Council presented a picnic area and three picnic tables to the students and faculty. This had been a two-year project. The picnic area is located between the school and the gym.

Homecoming and the dance following was another big project for Student Council.

"I was really glad with the turn-out," Junior Class representative Clint Jackson said, "because we worked hard getting it all ready."

Student Council members once again attended the regional Student Council Meeting, held

***"Everyone... that participated and had anything to do with it thought it was super. I really appreciate the work the kids on Student Council did." Eric Spyres***

signed for fun and excitement.

The field day included a softball tournament as well as games of Simon Says, a water balloon toss, a frisbee tournament, and a three-legged race.

"I'm glad a lot of students participated in our awareness day

in Branson.

The Student Curriculum Committee advised the administration on class offerings for the next school year. They also took an active part in the Drug and Alcohol Awareness Day and High on Life Field Day.



■ **STUDENT CURRICULUM COMMITTEE.** Diane Holt, Jacqueline Battcheller, Gary Greene, Stacy Veit, Sean Hannum, Becky Brennan, John Farmer, Noel Rummens, Eric Spyres (adviser).

■ **STUDENT COUNCIL. FRONT -** James Coday; Back - Eric Spyres (adviser), Deidra Barnett, Romin Dasmalchi, Susan Huffman, Clint Jackson, Steven Bruce, Jana Euler, Brad Detherage, Becky Brennan, Joe Freeman, Gina Box, Missy McGaw.





■ **SURROUNDED BY PAST** and present Student Council members. StuCo president Becky Brennan presents three picnic tables to the student body.

■ **AFTER WAITING IN** line for lunch, Kelly Hall and John Top look for an empty picnic table.



■ **A HUNGRY CROWD** waits for its turn while Cathy Whipple and Brent Coffman fill their plates.

*Shade  
your eyes*

StuCo took a serious issue, and gave MHS students the chance to "just say no" and feel good about it.



# Of mice and plants

## S·C·I·E·N·C·E M·A·T·H

**F**inding busy, hardworking, enthusiastic students is easy, at least for the weeks before science fair.

Just check out the science lab. Science Club members will be observing mice, watering plants, and cutting letters out with stencils.

Each year the Science Club enters the South Central Science and Engineering Fair at University of Missouri at Rolla. This year MHS brought home two division first places, one division second place, and one division third place award.

"I felt like we did pretty well," said Mrs. Leslie Smith, Science Club adviser. "I'm proud of every one of the students."

en's Institute of Microbiology.

"It was an honor to be recognized at Rolla," Brennan said. "It is a prestigious fair, and Joe and I worked hard on our project."

Leslie Marre and April Light took second place and John Farmer took third place in behavioral science.

All of the projects were also entered in the Summit Conference Science Fair.

People receiving blue ribbons were Batcheller, Claire Brennan, Freeman, Becky Brennan, Susan Zorsch, John Top, April Light, Leslie Marre, Kenny Garrison, Carl Cook, Lori Wood, Rhonda Fuge, and Diane Holt.

Math Club members won the traveling trophy at the Summit Conference Math Fair for the third year in a row.

After raising money from a booth at the CTA Carnival,

and the Pepsi machine in the lobby, the Math Club had a cook-out at Joe Freeman's home.

Hamburgers were barbecued, and after eating, members and guest played ping-pong, basketball, and wiffle ball.

Jacqueline Batcheller received first place in zoology for the third year in a row.

Claire Brennan and Joe Freeman won first in microbiology. They also received an honorable mention certificate from the Army and a certificate from the Wom-

*"It was an honor to be recognized at Rolla. It is a prestigious fair, and Joe and I worked hard on our project." Claire Brennan.*



■ ROMIN DASMALCHI FISHES for quarters at the Science Club game booth at Wilder Days.



■ **MAKING SURE ALL** the letters are straight, Brandon Frantz completes his data board for the science fair.



■ **WATERING HER PLANTS** lightly with a paint brush, Becky Brennan works toward a well-documented project.

■ **RHONDA FUGE CHECKS** the mice she is studying as a science project.



■ **SCIENCE CLUB, FRONT-** Mrs. Leslie Smith (adviser), Romin Dasmalchi (treasurer), Craig Carter (secretary), Noel Rummens (vice-president), Becky Brennan (president), Claire Brennan (reporter), Larry Livingston; Row two- Kelley Jones, Elizabeth Euler, Launa Matlock, Rhonda Fuge, Susan Zorsch, Jacqueline Batcheller, Lori Wood, Diane Holt, Vickey Jones, April Light, Shauna Thieman; Row three- Scott Hesterly, Brandon Frantz, Rick Oliver, John Top, Wesley Lebahn, John Farmer, Carl Cook, Wanda Williams; Back- James Coday, Kevin Lindsey, Kenny Garrison, Sean Hannum, Clint Jackson, Brett Neal, Joe Freeman, Kelly Hall.

■ **MATH CLUB. FRONT-** Jacqueline Batcheller (president), April Light (secretary), Morgan Dale (adviser), Claire Brennan (treasurer), Kenny Lindsey (vice president); Row two- Kelley Jones, Becky Brennan, Susan Zorsch, Diane Holt, Elizabeth Euler, Brent Evans, Rhonda Fuge, Lori Wood, Leslie Marre, Shauna Thieman, Patty Richardson; Row three- Romin Dasmalchi, Noel Rummens, Launa Matlock, Brett Neal, Joe Freeman, Shaun Moore, John Top, Rick Oliver, Vickey Jones, Melissa Helsley, Becky Brennan; Back- Carl Cook, Kevin Lindsey, James Coday, Scott Hesterly, Brandon Frantz, Larry Livingston, Kenny Garrison, Sean Hannum, Randal Fuge, John Farmer, Clint Jackson, Wesley Lebahn.

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your eyes*

Putting in extra  
hours didn't phase  
these club members.  
They had goals, and the  
thrill of reaching them.



# Watch the stars

## F•U•T•U•R•E H•O•M•E•M•A•K•E•R•S

**F**HA members had stars in their eyes.

Competing for the first time ever in Star Events, Future Homemakers of America members captured two of the three-star awards, along with the chance for two groups to compete at the state level.

Susan Huffman won the senior job interview on home economics basics. A project called "Little Friends" was a winner for Jana Cole, Julie Perry, and Gina Box. The project included a board display about babysitting and the Parents as First Teachers program.

"It was not only fun working on our project," Cole said, "but I

during Wilder Day weekend in order to buy the local nursing home a VCR.

The annual Parent Member Banquet featured a turkey and dressing dinner. Seniors paid tribute to their parents with roses, kisses, and poems.

New members once again donned ridiculous outfits to take part in the annual initiation ritual. Coming to school with no make-up, hair in pin curls, and wearing mis-matched shirts, shoes, and socks was every girl's nightmare come true.

"It was fun being stupid," Lisa Hurst said, "but it was embarrassing. We all looked ridiculous."

The girls also carried around their favorite stuffed toy and were to wear every piece of jewelry they owned.

FHA combined with the band to take

their annual trip to Silver Dollar City in the spring. Over 50 kids spent the day looking at crafts and drying off from all the water rides.

also learned lots about the care of young children."

Members spent much of the year involved in community service projects. Many of them rocked in rocking chairs for five hours

*"It was not only fun working on our project, but I also learned lots about the care of young children." Jana Cole*



■ **ROSES IN HAND**, the new FHA officers are installed at the Parent Member Banquet.

■ **ON A SUNNY** September morning, FHA members hold a Rock-a-Thon to benefit the Nursing Home.



■ **DRESSED IN THE** wild garb of FHA initiation, Shelly Clanton and Lesa Turner use free time to laugh at their predicament.



■ **FHA PRESIDENT JANA Euler** welcomes parents and guest at the Parent Member Banquet.

■ **FRESHMAN DANA SHEPPARD** receives her new FHA member pin from chapter officer Julie Perry at the banquet.



■ **FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF America.** Front- Mrs. Kathy Barnett (adviser), Serena Quesenberry (parliamentarian), Susan Huffman (historian), Jana Euler (president), Becky Brennan (regional officer), Kim Robinson (treasurer), Julie Perry (secretary), April Light (recreational leader); Row two- Deana Moyers, Candi Light, Laura Suits, Joe Freeman, Mica Watterson, Noel Rummens, Rona Baker (reporter), Julie McNeil, Becky McConnell, Brett Neal, Stephanie Eidson, Steve Bruce, Shaun Moore, Jackie Batcheller (vice president), Jana Cole (devotional leader); Row three- Angie Calton, Patty Matney, Angela Brazeal, Missy McGaw, Claire Brennan, Elizabeth Euler, Susan Zorsch, Launa Matlock, Shavon Campbell, Vickey Jones, Kelley Jones, Nancy Severs, Lori Emerick; Row four- Dena Munden, Annetta Walker, Tassie Baker, Heather Hensy, Rhonda Fuge, Mary Cantrell, Angela Merritt, DeDee Hall, Sherlyn Gallion, Julie Kelley, Leslie Marre, Teresa Cornelius, Marie Goforth, Cathy Whipple, Annette Weddle, Lawanda Young; Back- Cathline Kuhn, Kim Mills, Andrea Turner, Jennifer Wallin, Deana Kelley, Shannon Kirkland, Lisa Hurst, Dana Sheppard, Gina Box, Deidra Barnett, Traci Light, Audra Suits, J.J. McNeil, Nancy Clouse, Lori Durham, Lesa Turner, Debra Bryant, Shelly Clanton.

*Shade  
your eyes*

FHA members spent  
lots of time helping  
others and they didn't  
care if the person was 9  
months or 90 years.



# Call us the best

## F·U·T·U·R·E F·A·R·M·E·R·S

**I**t was called the best news ever for the Mansfield FFA Chapter.

Winning first place in the nation in the Hoard's Dairyman Dairy Cattle Judging Contest was a goal the chapter has worked toward for years.

The chapter received first place out of 1,306 chapters entered, and received \$100 and a commemorative plaque.

"When I received the call telling me that we won I was very surprised," vocational agriculture teacher Gene Cravens said. "It was the best news ever in my career."

A picture of the chapter and a story about them was in the May issue of the Hoards Dairyman

convention delegate and chapter president Clint Jackson. "It made me very proud."

Larry Durham was also a delegate to the convention.

The FFA entered the judging contest at School of the Ozarks to get practice for the district contest, which was held at SMSU in Springfield. It was the first time in years the chapter had teams in every contest.

The Meats Team received a Group I rating at SMSU and was the alternate team to go to Columbia for the state competition. Team members were Steve Bruce, Steve Box, Brad Detherage, and Darrel Cornelius.

The chapter's Building Our American Community (BOAC) project was one to help the school.

The FFA members built picnic tables and poured concrete for the

tables to sit on, helping with the Student Council project to improve school grounds.

Chapter members also went on their annual summer float trip in July.

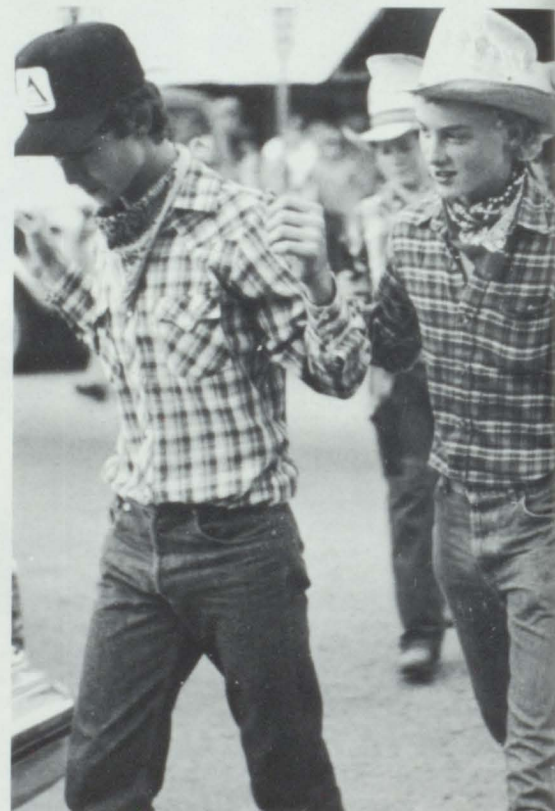
magazine.

Mr. Cravens also achieved another honor. He was awarded the Honorary State Farmer Degree at the FFA State Convention held in Columbia.

"It was an honor for our adviser to receive such an award," said

*"When I received the call telling me that we won I was very surprised. It was the best news of my career." Gene Cravens*

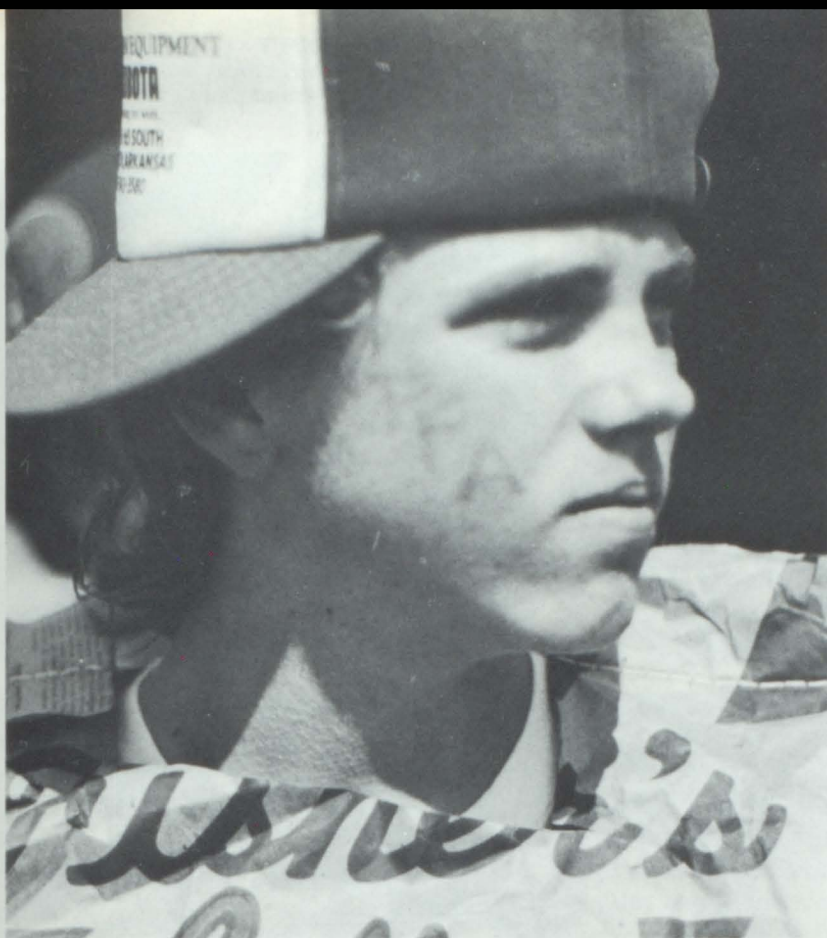
■ FFA "JAILER" DAVID Adamson brings Lawanda Young for Tammie Barlett to put in the FFA jail at Wilder Days.



■ "OUTLAWS" EDDIE WHIPPLE and Aaron Gray are arrested following the Wilder Days bank robbery.

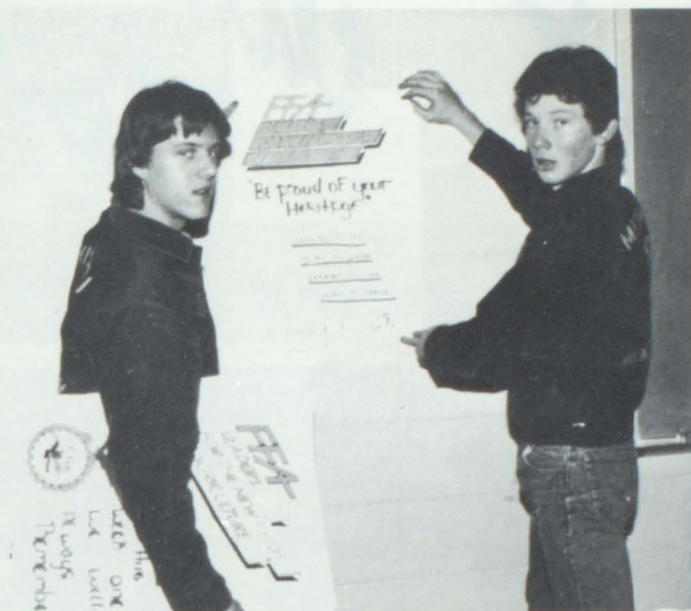
■ FFA GREENHANDS LANE Adamson, Lance Adamson, and Jim Freeman dress up in feed sacks for Algebra class.





■ **BRENT COFFMAN** SHOWS his Greenhand pride with a green FFA design painted on his face.

■ **SOPHOMORES** **RUSSELL PROCK** and Terry Henry hang posters they made to celebrate the National FFA Week.



■ **FUTURE FARMERS OF America.** Front- Gene Cravens (adviser), Clay Jackson (sentinel), Larry Chilson (reporter), John Top (treasurer), Kevin Clouse (vice president), Clint Jackson (president), Patty Richardson (secretary); Row two- Hal Noble, Willie Henry, Tony Henry, Byron Taylor, Jana Euler, Brent Evans, Stephanie Eidson, Steve Bruce, Joe Freeman, Mica Watterson, Tammy Barlett, Tony Hooker, Jerry Allen, Charlie McClain; Row three- Catherine Kuhn, Marie Goforth, Dale Cook, David Adamson, Sean Babb, Bo McAlister, Brent Daniels, Kirby Skyles, Wes Lebahn, Rick Oliver, Larry Durham, Gary Davis, Daniel Cox, Nancy Severs; Row four- Eric Landsdown, Scott Storms, Al Hire, Russell Prock, Eddie Whipple, Bart Evans, Aaron Gray, Jeff Baty, Bryan Reed, Mike Freeman, Brian Matney, Charlotte Clark, Tim Brooke, Rick Caudle, David Kuhn; Row five- Robert Johnson, Everett Merritt, Stuart Hanson, Marty Henry, Rodney Vogt, Trina Rodgers, Timmarie Franken, Brent Coffman, Rusty Carter, John Batcheller, Wayne Young, Terry Henry, Susan Jones, David Brumley; Back- Becky Fry, Darren Campie, Shane Potts, Jamie Napier, Bruce Keith, Timmy Logan, Jimmy Shropshire, Lance Adamson, Russell Caudle, Edwin Slade, Teresa Cornelius, Michelle Morris, Linda Henry, Lane Adamson, Jimmy Freeman, Matt Calhoun.

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your eyes*

Chapter members  
wiped out the competi-  
tion to win the national  
award in dairy judging.



# Drop those towels

## P.E.P C.L.U.B

**A**t first glance, beach towels and black trash bags don't have much in common.

But both items played a big role in making pep rallies talked and giggled about for days after they happened.

The first pep rally of the Mansfield Tournament included skits by the freshman, junior, and senior classes. However, the senior boys stole the show.

To the song "Nasty Boys" the boys strutted out of the locker room with towels knotted around their middles, over what appeared to be the bare lower half of their bodies. Shirts were stripped off, twirled over head, and thrown aside.

*"I loved the skit to death. You could tell the senior boys were having a blast, and the audience was, too. I wish we could have more pep rallies like that." Mary Cantrell*

The routine ended when the towels were dropped, revealing jams with "phone numbers" attached to the seat.

Examples of the numbers included Craig Carter, HOT-4-U; Brad Detherage, HOT-2-TROT; Clay Jackson, 924-PARK; Brent Evans, 1-800-WILLING; Steve

Bruce, 924-BABE; and Steve Box, 924-TAKN.

"I loved the skit to death," Mary Cantrell said. "You could tell the senior boys were having a blast, and the audience was, too. I wish we could have more pep rallies like that."

To ensure lots of support at important ballgames, the Paw Pride Pep Club held other pep rallies for the student body.

"There seemed to be more enthusiasm this year," said Becky Brennan, Paw Pride president. "It was great."

At the Homecoming pep rally, the cheerleaders and pon pon girls did a routine to "I Heard It Through The Grapevine."

They dressed up like raisins, wearing trash bags, black tights, gloves and sunglasses.

"I felt dumb wearing a trash bag," April Light

said, "but we really did have a lot of fun."

Martles and Daymes (alias ag teacher Gene Cravens and maintenance man Earl Paxton in a Bartles and Jaymes commercial spoof) encouraged the kids at the rally to attend the ballgame.

■ **VARSITY CHEERLEADERS**  
SUSAN Huffman, and Rona Baker pep up the crowd during the Homecoming rally.



■ **DRESSED LIKE RAISINS** and jammin' down, Serena Quessenberry, Holly Clark, Susan Zorsch, and Diane Holt grab the crowds attention.

■ **RAISING MONEY FOR** Pep Club Launa Matlock and Kelley Jones sell Shave Ice on Campbell a pom pon at the carnival.



■ **PEP CLUB. FRONT-** Jana Euler, Serena Quessenberry, Claire Brennan, Kelley Jones, Shavon Campbell, Noel Rummens, Jean Steinhauer, Heather Krider, Mary Cantrell, Rhonda Fuge; Row two- Holly Clark, Susan Zorsch, Timmarie Franken, Michelle Morris, Wendy Bogart, Heather Hensy, Clay Jackson, Susan Huffman, Rona Baker, Stacy Veit, Launa Matlock; Row three- Tracy Light, Diane Holt, Sherlyn Gallion, Deana Kelley, Melissa Taylor, Julie McNeil, Kim Robinson, Laura Suits, Brent Evans, Julie Perry, Karrie Durham; Back- April Light, Jackie Batcheller, Leslie Marre, Rick Oliver, Angela Brazeal, John Top, Patty Richardson, Angela Turner, J.J. McNeil, Julie Kelley, Dana Shepard, Jayme DeChenne, Shannon Kirkland, Audra Suits.



■ **SHOWING OFF** WITH a mock strip tease, the Senior boys excite the crowd at a pep rally.



■ **BOOSTING THE SPIRIT** of the fans, varsity cheerleaders use acrobatics at the Homecoming game.

*Shade  
your eyes*

Nothing compared to  
the comic sights of the  
"senior strip" or the  
"trash bag raisins,"  
compliments of Pep  
Club.



# Crush 'em, teams told

## C•H•E•E•R•L•E•A•D•E•R•S

**I** magine getting up when it is still dark . . . and coming to school to jump, yell and flip.

That is what the two school cheerleading squads did for weeks and weeks, getting to school at 7 a.m.

"When we get to practice," varsity cheerleader Kelley Jones said, "we just forgot about everything else and worked as one squad."

The early morning practices began with exercising, then hard work on cheers. The rest of the time was focused on acrobatics.

Back-handsprings, aerials, walkovers, and many more tumbling tricks were worked on. The

them from falls. But there were falls before the stunts were learned, so practice required serious concentration.

A different variety of cheers was seen this year, but all of them were filled with spirit, according to squad members.

"I think this year that we had a lot of pep and spirit," varsity cheerleader Susan Huffman said, "and we tried to spread it around."

One major goal for the varsity squad was winning the cheerleading trophy at the Seymour Tournament, which they did.

They also won several awards at camp at Drury College.

The varsity squad team won the Grand Championship trophy,

plus lots of ribbons for jumps and cheerleading skills.

"After a hard week of learning new cheers and competing against differ-

ent squads," Huffman said, "winning the Grand Champ trophy was the highlight of the week."

The junior varsity squad attended camp at Southwest Missouri State University.

*"After a hard week of learning new cheers and competing against different squads, winning the Grand Champ trophy was the highlight of the week." Susan Huffman.*

squad concentrated on timing, to make every move sharp.

"After three years in cheerleading," varsity cheerleader Rona Baker said, "this is the first year that I think we have accomplished the goals that we have set."

Learning new stunts required "spotting", having someone guard

■ **VARSITY CHEERLEADERS**  
SHAVON Campbell, Kelley Jones and Claire Brennan lead a sideline cheer to raise spirit.

■ **VARSITY CHEERLEADERS**  
LEAD the Pep Club in a chant designed to get the crowd on its feet.



■ **VARSITY CHEERLEADERS.**  
FRONT- Susan Huffman, Rona Baker, Mica Watterson. Back- Kelley Jones, Shavon Campbell, Claire Brennan.

■ **JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS.** Front- Tassie Baker, Deidra Barnett. Middle- Karrie Durham, Gina Box. Back- Julie Perry, Heather Krider.





## The fall guys

■ **CHANTING "CRUSH" EM**, both cheerleading squads climb into a pyramid, where with closed eyes and clenched fists, they fall to the floor.



■ **THE COMBINED CHEERLEADING** squads thrill the crowd by tossing Mica Watterson over outstretched arms.

*Shade  
your eyes*

Collapsing pyramids  
and heart-thumping  
acrobatics made these  
two squads the top guns  
at their crafts.



# On the road again

## S•W•E•E•T•H•E•A•R•T•S

**W**orking hard, being determined, and having lots of enthusiasm was a necessity for being a Sweetheart.

The Sweethearts started their Tuesdays and Thursdays bright and early practicing 7 a.m. until 8:30 a.m., learning and perfecting routines.

But the hard work and early morning practices paid off, because the girls were invited to perform for the second year in a row at the 2A State Basketball Tournament at Hammons Student Center in Springfield.

Last year, the squad performed for an afternoon girls game. This year, they performed for a

kick.

The crowd showed its appreciation of the girls performance with applause and more.

"Getting a standing ovation from all those people at Hammons Center just made chills run up and down my spine," Jana Euler said. "I'll always remember that feeling."

The road to Hammons Center and a "standing O" was long for the squad members.

"We spent a lot of long hours sweating and working on routines," senior squad member Jacqueline Batcheller said, "but every bit of hard work that we put into it was worth it."

The Sweethearts were willing to take time out to work and encourage one another, which was a plus for the squad.

"The support that we gave each other was overwhelming this

second round boys match-up, which just happened to include Hartville High School in its bid for the state championship. So this year, Hammons Center was almost full, and several thousand people watched the MHS girls smile and

year," senior Serena Quessenberry said.

The Sweethearts attended the Universal Dance Camp at the University of Missouri-Rolla.

They collected over 40 ribbons, and a superior trophy.

■ **PERFORMING AT A** pep rally, Susan Zorsch, Mary Cantrell, Holly Clark and Diane Holt try to raise spirit.

■ **WAITING AT HAMMONS** Center for the right cue, Jana Euler and Launa Matlock prepare for the routine's fall.



■ **POM PON SQUAD.** Front- Jacqueline Batcheller, Serena Quessenberry, Jana Euler, Row two- Holly Clark, Diane Holt, Launa Matlock, Susan Zorsch, April Light, Back- Mary Cantrell, Stacy Veit, Rhonda Fuge, Traci Light.



■ **ALL SMILES, RHONDA** Fuge, Susan Zorsch, and Holly Clark charm the thousands at Hammons Center.

■ **MARCHING IN THE** Wilder Day parade allows the pom-pon girls to perform with the marching band.



*Shade  
your eyes*

These twelve girls got a standing ovation from a crowd of thousands. Big smiles and high kicks are their trademarks.

■ **SERENA** QUESENBERY HELPS Jana Euler stretch out before performing before a packed crowd at Hammons Center.

■ **PERFORMING A CROWD** favorite, "Great Gosh Almighty", April Light, Susan Zorsch, and Jacqueline Batcheller entertain at MHS.





# The few, the proud

## A·C·A·D·E·M·I·C·S

**A**cademic clubs at MHS are growing by leaps and bounds.

The most prestigious group is National Honor Society, which added 15 new members in the spring.

Added to the chapter were Noel Rummens, John Top, Jana Cole, James Coday, Kenny Garrison, Sean Hannum, Scott Hesterly, Joe Long, Rhonda Fuge, Melissa Helsley, Julie Kelley, Leslie Marre, Missy McGaw, Shauna Theiman, and Lori Wood. Sponsor is Mrs. Okema Haden.

"It is a privilege to be in National Honor Society because so few people are chosen," McGaw said. "It makes me feel good to

Future Business Leaders of America, organized last year by Mrs. Jean Steinhauer, continued to grow. The club doubled in size to 41 members, and made a showing at their first FBLA contest, held at Ava.

Because of top finishes at the district level, Jacqueline Batcheller and John Farmer advanced to the state contest.

Farmer placed seventh in public speaking, and Batcheller was entered in advanced accounting.

French Club, also a second year club, spent time cooking. Club members, with the help of sponsor Mrs. Vicki Blakenship, served a French dinner to the school board members.

A third club also celebrated its second birthday.

"We grew this year," Speech and Debate sponsor Miss Debbie

Clevenger said. "More students had the opportunity to become involved."

Speech and Debate students went to several contests, including districts. Jacqueline Batcheller entered original oratory, and Deidra Barnett entered radio speaking and prose.

***"It is a privilege to be in National Honor Society because so few people are chosen. It makes me feel good to know I represent our school academically." Missy McGaw***

know I represent our school academically."

To become a member of NHS, a student must be in grades 10-12, maintain at least a B average (8.0), and be nominated by at least three teachers on the basis of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

■ **MAKING MONEY FOR NHS**, Joe Freeman and Susan Huffman sell baked goods at the CTA Carnival.



■ **FRENCH CLUB. FRONT-** Mrs. Vicki Blankenship (adviser), Becky Brennan (president), James Coday (treasurer), Jacqueline Batcheller (vice president), Claire Brennan (secretary); Row two- Brandon Frantz, Lori Wood, Elizabeth Euler, Diane Holt, Jana Cole, Julie Kelley, Melissa Helsley; Back- Jon Ingerson, Kenny Garrison, Sean Hannum, Veronica Freeman, Michelle Walker, Rhonda Fuge, Susan Zorsch.

■ **SPEECH AND DEBATE Club.** Front- Lori Wood (secretary), Becky Brennan (vice president), Jacqueline Batcheller (president), James Coday (treasurer); Row two- Deidra Barnett, Diane Holt, Rhonda Fuge, Claire Brennan, Joe Freeman, Gary Greene; Back- Susan Zorsch, Kelley Jones, Bo McAlister, John Farmer, Melissa Helsley, Shauna Thieman.





■ **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY.** Seated- Holly Clark, Becky Brennan; Row two- Kenny Lindsey (president), Elizabeth Euler, Susan Zorsch, Mica Watterson, Joe Freeman, Claire Brennan, Mrs. Okema Haden (adviser); Back- Jacqueline Batcheller (secretary), April Light (vice-president), Diane Holt, Greg Jones, Jana Euler, Brett Neal, Susan Huffman, Romin Dasmalchi (treasurer), Shaun Moore.



■ **FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS of America.** Front- Mrs. Jean Steinhauer (adviser), Carl Cook, John Farmer, Mica Watterson, John Top (reporter), Clint Jackson (parliamentarian), Jacqueline Batcheller (president), Susan Huffman (vice president), Kim Robinson (secretary), Serena Quessenberry (treasurer), Romin Dasmalchi; Row two- Heather Hensy, Shaun Moore, Bo McAlister, Laura Suites, Launa Matlock, Jana Euler, Brad Detherage, Rona Baker, Clay Jackson, Rick Oliver; Back- Julie Perry, Kelley Jones, Diane Holt, Becky McConnell, Julie McNeil, Nancy Severs, Kevin Lindsey, Larry Livingston, Kelly Hall, Elizabeth Euler.

**SERENA QUESSNBERRY, KIM Robinson, and Julie McNeil** sort ribbon-coded candy canes for an FBLA fundraiser.

*Shade  
your eyes*

Three clubs celebrated second birthdays in 1987, and the way they are growing, they should be around for many more.



# Sports

There were bright moments and bright athletes, as MHS sports teams raced through their seasons. A freshman qualifying for the state cross country run was a first for the school, and a 51-point scoring rampage by a senior guard provided excitement on the basketball court. Although not all sports records were brighter than the year before, most MHS athletes male or female, improved their skills by the time the 1987 seasons had to come to an end. For Mansfield fans both ballgames and races were pleasant diversions as well as spirit rousers.





■ **BECKY BRENNAN** HOLDS a firm defensive position against a Seymour guard.



■ **TAKING A HEALTHY** lead off first base, Joe Freeman gets set to steal second in a conference game with Fordland.



■ **CRAIG CARTER SCORES** two points over a Branson defender in the third place game of the Nixa Tournament.



■ **THE HEAT IS** on as MHS runners begin the first lap of a conference cross country meet.



■ **RONA BAKER BUMPS** the ball across the net to score a point for the Lady Lions.



■ **VARSITY PLAYERS BRENT** Evans, Joe Freeman, Greg Jones, and Brett Neal surround Hartville center James Wynn.



# TRACK & C.C.

## Running away with it

**N**ow he will always be a part of the history of MHS.

For the first time in local cross country existence, a freshman made it to the state meet.

The history-making runner was Marty Henry, and he spent many hours training, including exercising, eating right, and running every day.

"I started running six to eight miles a day," Henry said, "then when I felt that I was in shape, I just ran three to four miles with the guys at school."

Henry placed tenth at districts with a time of 19:07.

"People had told me that it would be extremely hard, so I got myself all psyched up," he said. "But it turned out better than I thought. I was really pleased with my time and place even though inside, I knew I could always do better."

At the state meet, Henry competed with 150 other runners, placing number 75 with a time of 19:50.

Cross country coach Randy Short was proud of Henry, and said it was quite an accomplishment to make it to the state meet as a freshman.

Other strong finishers for MHS at area meets were

John Farmer, Scott Hesterly, Lane Adamson, Rodney Vogt, Robbie Turner, Carl Cook, Kenny Garrison, Becky Brennan, and Wendy Bogart.

The first meet of the spring was a satisfying one for the track team, because they took eight first places in a triangular meet with Greenwood and Spokane.

With a record number of members, the track team also set a few records for MHS.

At the district meet at School of the Osage, Bobby Page won the discus event and Rona Baker was second in discus. Both qualified for

the state competition in Jefferson City, and both placed in the top ten in their division.

Others who were top finishers at districts were Karrie Durham, who placed third in the 300 meter hurdles, Carl Cook who placed third in the 400 meter dash, and John Farmer who placed fourth in the 1600 meter run.

In addition to the high school track team, Coach Short also organized a junior high team who entered several meets.

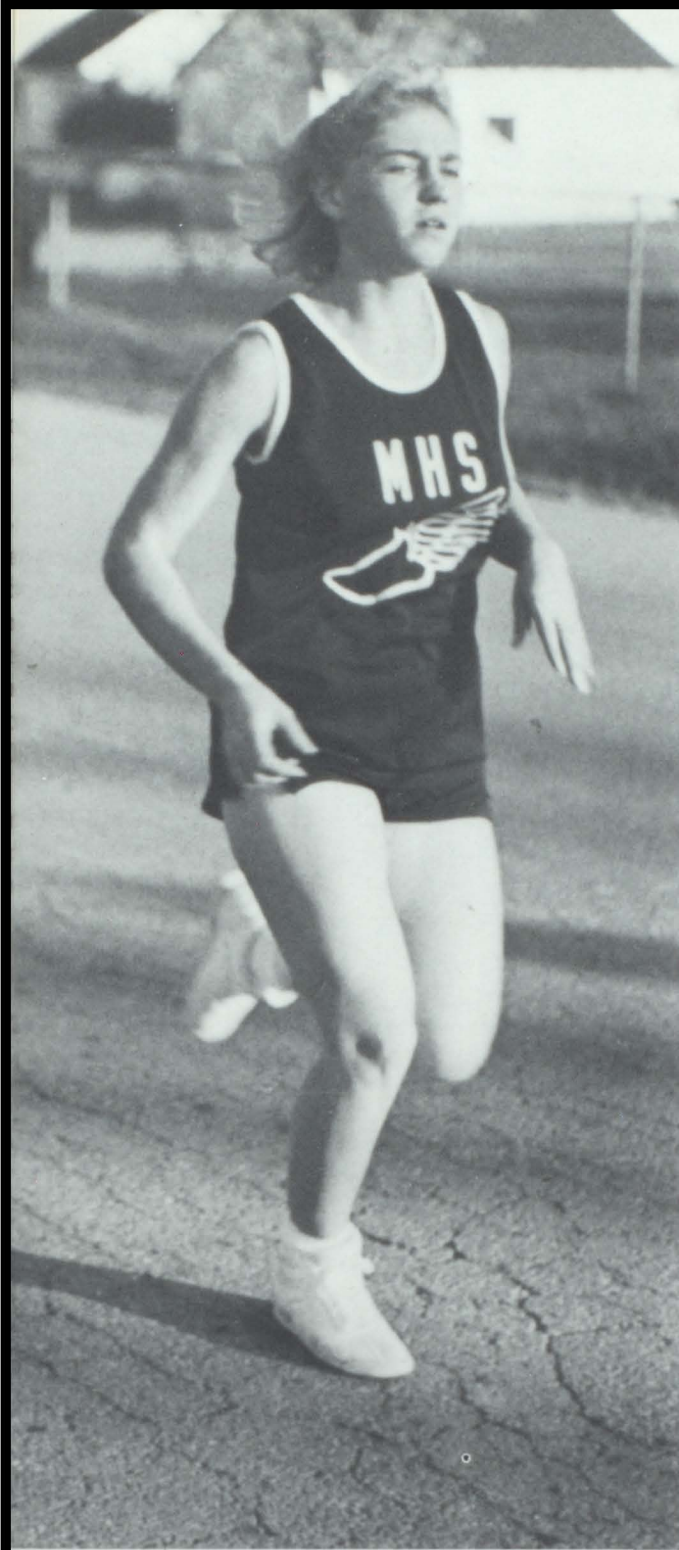


■ **PRIOR TO A** cross country race, Timmarie Franken, Cathy Whipple, and Becky Brennan stretch out for better running.



■ **SWEAT PLASTERING THE** face to his forehead, Robbie Turner tries to pass a Conway runner at the finish line.





■ **AS SHE NEARS** the finish line junior Wendy Bogart picks up her pace in a fall cross country race.

■ **COMPETING IN THE** state cross country meet, freshman Marty Henry, number 75, lines up with the other runners.



■ **TRACK AND CROSS** country teams. Front-Tim Logan, Terry Henry, Jeff Long, Shane Potts, Lane Adamson, Brent Coffman, Wendy Bogart, Kelly Hall, Shavon Campbell, Lori Wood, Heather Krider, Timmarie Franken, Rhonda Fuge, Tracy Light; Row two - Joe Long, Everett Merritt, Russell Prock, Brandon Frantz, Scott Hesterly, Mica Watterson, Rick Oliver, Romin Dasmalchi, Bobby Page, Rona Baker, Brent Evans, Karrie Durham, Vickey Jones, Dale Cook, Julie Perry, Jayme DeChenne, Lori Durham, Darren Campie, Al Hire, James Hooker; Back - Robbie Turner, Carl Cook, Ken Evans, Larry Durham, Marty Henry, Kenny Garrison, Timmy Page, Lance Adamson, Dwain Swopes, David Adamson, Robert Elliott.



■ **RUNNING HIS HARDEST**, Marty Henry crosses the finish line in a cross country medal meet at Mansfield.

■ **PACING HIMSELF**, SCOTT Hesterly competes in a Mansfield cross country meet.



## P.O.I.N.T.S OF INTEREST

Meet	Runner	Event	Place
Green-wood	John Farmer, Kenny Garrison, Ken Evans, and Marty Henry	3200-relay	first
	Carl Cook	100-meter	first
	Carl Cook	400-meter	first
	John Farmer	3200-meter	first
	Bobby Page	discus	first
	Bobby Page	shotput	first
	Mica Watterson, Karrie Durham, Rhonda Fuge, and Shavon Campbell	400-relay	first
	Karrie Durham, Lori Durham, Wendy Bogart, and Lori Wood	1600-relay	first
	Carl Cook	400-meter	first
	Bobby Page	shotput	second
Ava	Larry Durham	110-meter hurdles	second
	Carl Cook	100-meter	second
	Jerry Allen	discus	second
	Bobby Page	300-meter hurdles	second
	Carl Cook	200-meter	second
	Romin Dasmalchi, Carl Cook, Marty Henry, and Kenny Garrison	1600-relay	second



# VOLLEYBALL

## *Building year brings experience*

**V**ictory comes one step at a time.

On their way to compiling a 7-9 record, the volleyball team found the path to victory was rough, but worth traveling.

With only two returning lettermen, senior Rona Baker and junior Shavon Campbell, team members had to work extra hard to combat the lack of experience.

"This was a building year with a great deal of intensity," second-year coach Roger Wood said. "This was the hardest working group

I've ever worked with."

Campbell led the team in scoring with 121 points and Baker served for 116 points.

According to Coach Wood, junior Diane Holt was leading spiker for the team, with junior Susan Zorsch also strong in that area. Offside spiker was sophomore Melissa Helsley, and sophomore Lori Wood was team setter. Strong back row defense came from junior Claire Brennan, sophomore Mary Cantrell, and freshman Audra Suits.

Although they had to settle for a losing record, the players could see positive things happening during the year.

"I think we had a great year," Zorsch said. "We really improved as the year went by. Each game showed our improvement."

Assistant coach Jeff Dill also saw improvement in the team.

"We had a lot of young girls who had never played volleyball," he said. "I think they came along way toward developing solid skill."

They took third place in the Norwood Tournament, and also participated in tryouts for a state-wide team which would play during the summer.

"The volleyball tryouts were really rough," Cantrell said. "By the time the warm-ups were over, I thought I was going to die."

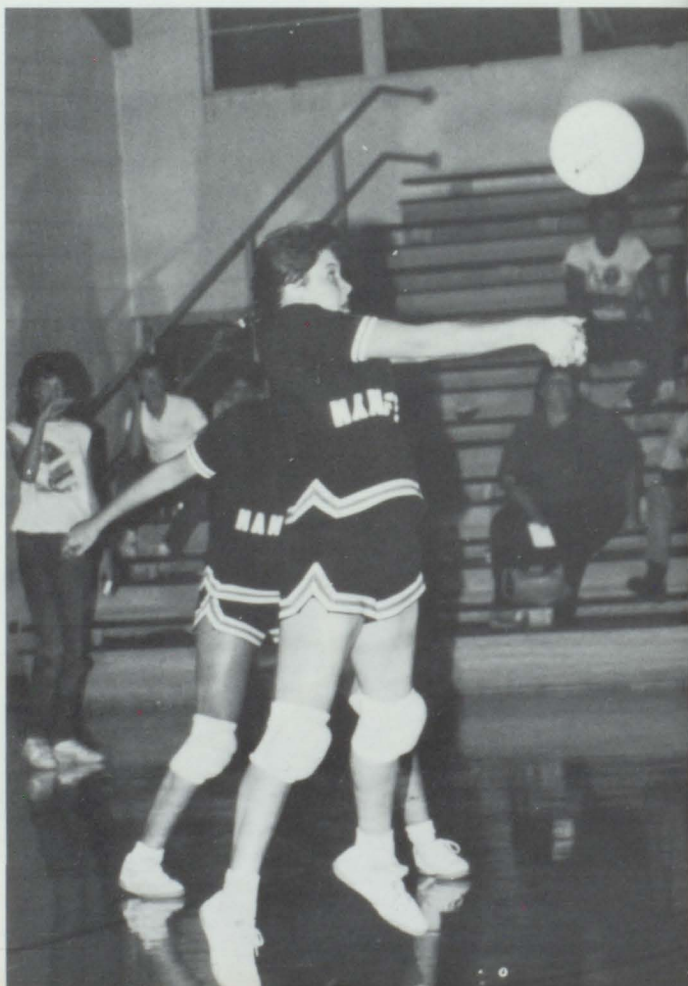
The tryouts also helped the girls in skill and spirit.

"It was a good experience," Lori Wood said. "We learned lots of things that will help us next year."

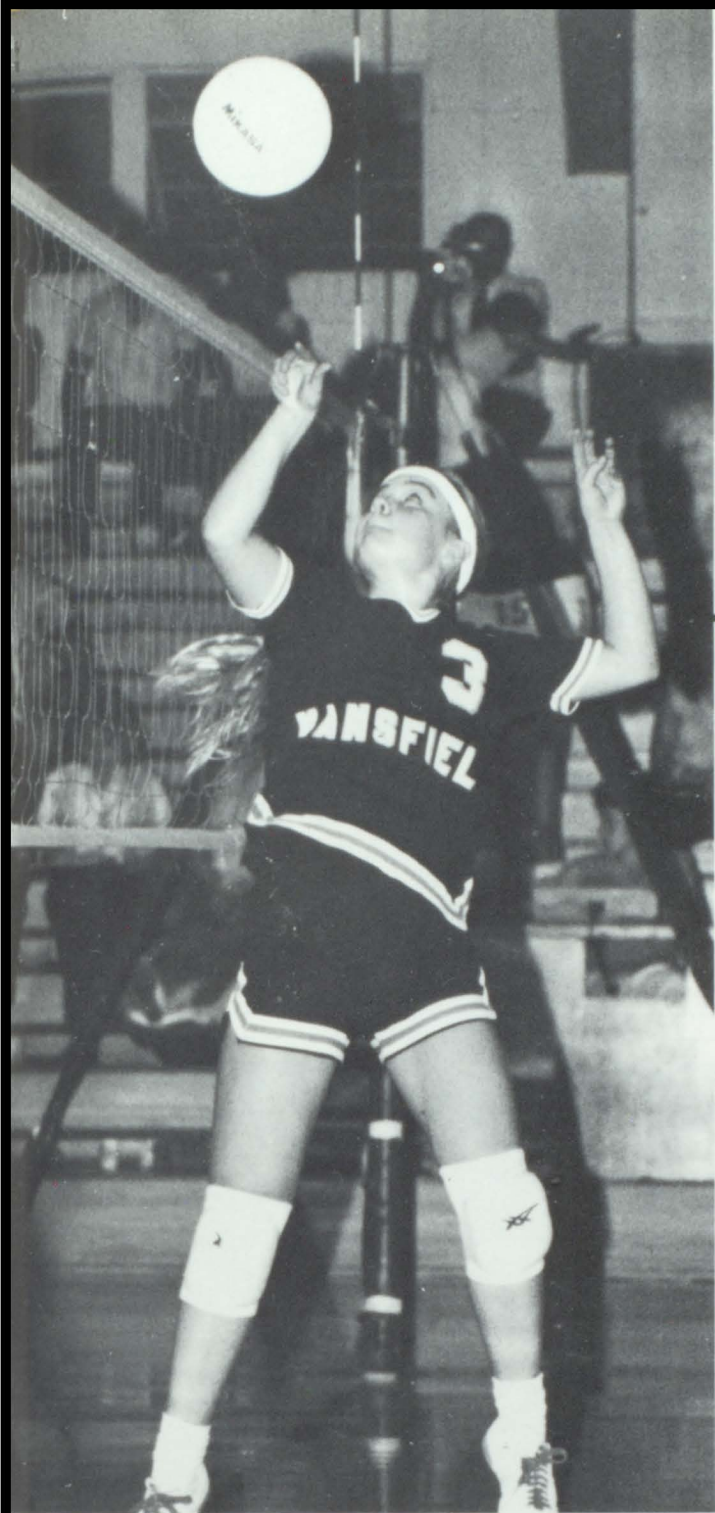


■ **DOWN IN POSITION** and ready, Diane Holt, Mary Cantrell, and Shavon Campbell wait for the serve.

■ **AFTER A SERVE** to the Lady Lions, Mary Cantrell moves the ball back to Tiger territory.







■ **GETTING A PLAY** ready for her team, Lori Wood sets for a spike.

■ **BACKED BY LORI** Wood and Shavon Campbell, Claire Brennan bumps the ball back to Norwood.



■ **VOLLEYBALL TEAM.** FRONT- Karrie Durham, Tinmarie Franken, Dana Sheppard, Lesa Hurst, Heather Krider, Angela Merritt, Stacy Veit, Deana Kelley, Deidra Barnett, Annetta Walker, Sherlyn Gallion; Back- Coach Roger Wood, Julie Kelley, Audra Suits, Rona Baker, Shavon Campbell, Heather Hensy, Diane Holt, Melissa Helsley, Susan Zorsch, Clair Brennan, Mary Cantrell, Lori Wood, Andrea Turner, and Assistant Coach Jeff Dill.



■ **WHILE MELISSA HELSLEY** and Diane Holt watch the action, Lori Wood keeps the ball in play.



■ **STRETCHING HIGH, SUSAN** Zorsch bumps the ball back to score a point against the Seymour Tigers.

## P.O.I.N.T.S OF INTEREST

Them	Opponent	Us
15-0, 15-1	Gainesville	15-12, 15-9
	Norwood	15-13, 15-10
15-9	Gainesville	15-8, 15-13
15-9	Seymour	
15-9, 15-10	Ava	
	Forsyth	15-7, 15-8
15-10, 15-10	Seymour	15-12
15-11, 15-7	Seymour	
15-5, 15-9	Willow Springs	
	Fordland	15-13, 15-1
16-4	Norwood	15-9, 15-8
15-8, 15-8	Cabool	
15-11, 15-7	Gainesville	15-13
15-8, 15-13	Norwood	15-4
	Fordland	15-4, 15-5
8	Totals	7



# BASEBALL

## *Slugging never quits*

**T**hey came close, but didn't quite make it to state play.

The baseball squad finished with an 18-8 overall record, and a second place finish in the district tournament, missing a chance at state by a very small margin.

The Lions were defeated by Licking in the district finals 2-1 in 9 innings. Licking went on to the Final Four in Class 2A.

Mansfield won the Summit Conference title with an 8-2 record, and placed seven players on the all-confer-

ence team. Seniors Brent Evans and Joe Freeman, junior Kirby Skyles, and freshmen Jim Freeman, Matt Calhoun, and Gary Greene were each chosen for the All Conference First Team. Sean Hannum, a sophomore, received All Conference honorable mention.

Three special trophies were up for grabs at the end of the season, and there was a tie for most valuable player between Skyles and Joe Freeman. Brent Evans won the trophy for the least

amount of strikeouts with just one in the fall and spring seasons combined. Jim Freeman won the highest batting average award, hitting .472.

Lettering for the Lions were Calhoun, pitcher and third base; Bart Evans, pitcher and third base; Jim Freeman, catcher; Hannum, first base; Joe Freeman, second base; Skyles, shortstop; Larry Chilson, left field; Brent Evans, center field; Greene, right field; Darrin Moore, pitcher; and Aaron Gray, outfield,

Jim Nichols was coach of the team for the fall season.

"I was looking forward to the season," Coach Nichols said. "We had some good young talent coming in and I felt like they could help make us very competitive."

A controversial school board decision removed Nichols as baseball coach, replacing him with assistant Duane Widhalm for the spring season. Nichols had taken the 1984 edition of the baseball team to second place in the state.



■ **IN POSITION AS** shortstop, Kirby Skyles waits for a ground ball in a game against Fordland.

■ **GETTING BELOW THE** tag, Gary Green slides safely to third.



■ **CALLING OFF TWO** infielders, first baseman Sean Hannum catches a fly ball on the pitcher's mound.



■ **SWINGING WITH A full count,** Bart Evans pounds out a two-run double.

■ **GATHERING AROUND HOME PLATE,** team members congratulate Matt Calhoun on a home run.



■ **BASEBALL TEAM. FRONT-**Larry Chilson, Aaron Gray, Kirby Skyles, Brent Evans, Clay Jackson; **Row two-** Johnny Jones, Bart Evans, Joe Freeman, Eddie Whipple, Jimmy Freeman, David Wilson; **Back -** Coach Duane Widhalm, Gary Greene, Sean Hannum, Craig Carter, Darrin Moore, Matt Calhoun, and Mike Freeman.



■ **FRESHMAN PITCHER MATT** Calhoun delivers another strike in a fall game against Fordland.

## P.O.I. N.T.S OF INTEREST

Us	Opponent	Them
7	Fordland	8
17	Norwood	0
13	Hartville	14
6	Seymour	7
11	Fordland	4
10	Seymour	5
15	Norwood	1
12	Hartville	1
16	Conway	3
12	Norwood	0
11	Gainesville	1
7	Hartville	1
0	Ava	4
15	Gainesville	2
10	Fordland	0
2	Conway	0
2	Lebanon	8
3	Fordland	5
14	Conway	7
4	Seymour	6
14	Houston	9
5	Plato	2
3	Hartville	0
9	Seymour	3
1	Licking	2
18	Totals	8





# BASKETBALL

## *Girls optimistic about future*

**W**inning is not the most important factor to consider in athletics.

After struggling through another losing season, the Lady Lions kept a positive attitude because of their love for the sport.

"I don't care if we win or lose," junior Claire Brennan said, "I just love the game."

Although the girls did not improve their record, they accomplished a few things never done by the MHS team before. It was the first time in the school's history for beating Conway and

Gainesville. The team also won the consolation trophy in the Norwood Tournament.

"I felt that defensively we improved," Coach Randy Short said. "We played better as a team and we were beating teams that have had a tradition in winning."

Many team members ended the season optimistically.

"I had a blast," sophomore Rhonda Fuge said. "I would give up every other sport and activity just to play basketball."

With the renewed interest

in girls basketball, players and coaches hope the next few years will see more records set by the girls.

"If everybody stays out and is dedicated," sophomore Lori Wood said, "we should keep improving as a team."

According to assistant coach Roger Wood, the important thing to remember about girls' basketball is the enjoyment of the game.

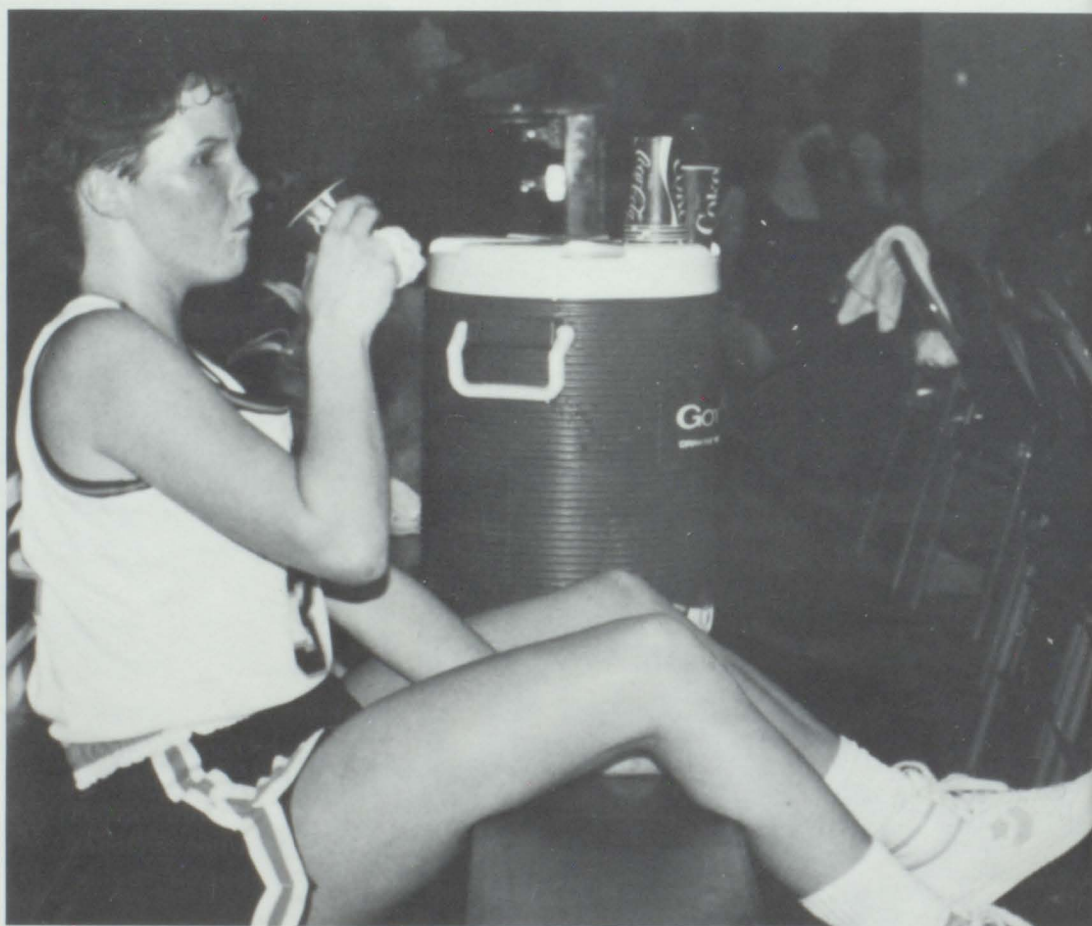
"Basketball is a sport with so much enjoyment," he said, "it makes your liver quiver."

Sisters Becky Brennan and Claire Brennan were once again named to the All-Conference team. Becky, a senior, led the team in scoring, averaging 12 points per game. She was also the leading rebounder. Claire, a junior, averaged 11.1 points. Becky and Susan Zorsch, a junior, both had a 50 percent free throw average.

As a team, the girls had a 15-16 record, with a 34 percent field goal average and a 41 percent free throw average. Average scoring per game by the team was 37.6.



■ **CLAIRE, BRENNAN GETS** the ball down the court, scouting out the best place to pass.



■ **AFTER FOULING OUT** in the final home game of the season, Becky Brennan gets a cool drink of water.





■ **SIGNALING FOR THE** ball, Julie Perry and Claire Brennan get ready for a pass.



■ **GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM.** Front- Angela Merritt, Claire Brennan, Becky Brennan, Annetta Walker; Row two- Assistant Coach Roger Wood, Karrie Durham, Audra Suits, Lori Wood, Rhonda Fuge, Heather Hensy, Coach Randy Short; Back- Missy McGaw, Melissa Helsley, Diane Holt, Julie Perry, Susan Zorsch, Deidra Barnett.



■ **CONCENTRATING WHILE A** Seymour player gets ready to shoot a free throw, Susan Zorsch waits to rebound.

■ **DIANE HOLT, SUSAN** Zorsch, and Lori Wood set up defense for the Lady Lions against Seymour.

## P.O.I.N.T.S OF INTEREST

Us	Opponent	Them
32	Norwood	45
29	Conway	43
23	Ava	48
37	Strafford	72
24	Niangua	30
54	Bradleyville	15
34	Fordland	37
58	Gainesville	52
37	Niangua	52
33	Norwood	48
43	Forsyth	62
45	Conway	40
41	Seymour	60
34	Seymour	43
54	Dora	32
45	Norwood	38
46	Hartville	62
35	Seymour	44
35	Hartville	41
30	Fordland	40
29	Willow Springs	80
5	Total	16



# BASKETBALL

## *Getting tough only choice*

**G**etting tough was the only thing they could do.

After being predicted by many people to have a dismal season, the Lions showed how tough they were.

Winning the Mansfield Tournament for the fifth time in six years, being in the finals of the Seymour tourney for the sixth year in a row, and finishing fourth in the highly competitive Nixa Tournament were just a few ways the Lions clawed their way to a 17-9 season.

"We started out playing good ball," senior center

Brett Neal said, "We beat some good teams and lost a few real close games."

The Lions lost close ball games to teams such as Hartville, which later placed second in the state, Harrison, Arkansas and Branson, 4A and 3A schools, and Sparta and Willow Springs, teams ranked in the top four in southwest Missouri in their respective classes.

The Lions also received some recognition from area media by being ranked fourth in Class 2A in this area.

Coach Jim Nichols was especially pleased with his

fifth Mansfield Tournament victory.

"The kids played with lots of intensity and showed a lot of desire to win," he said. "We've come a long way since the time I took over this bunch in eighth grade."

All five starting positions were filled by seniors, three of whom were named All-Conference.

Center Brett Neal and guard Brent Evans were named First Team All-Conference, and forward Craig Carter was named to the second team.

Evans led the team in scoring, averaging 31.3

points. His high game was a 51-point rampage in a game against Forsyth. Evans also led the team in free throws (70), field goals (57) percentage and rebounds (207).

Neal averaged 12 points a game, and was close behind Evans in field goal shooting percentage with 55. Neal was second leading rebounder with 139.

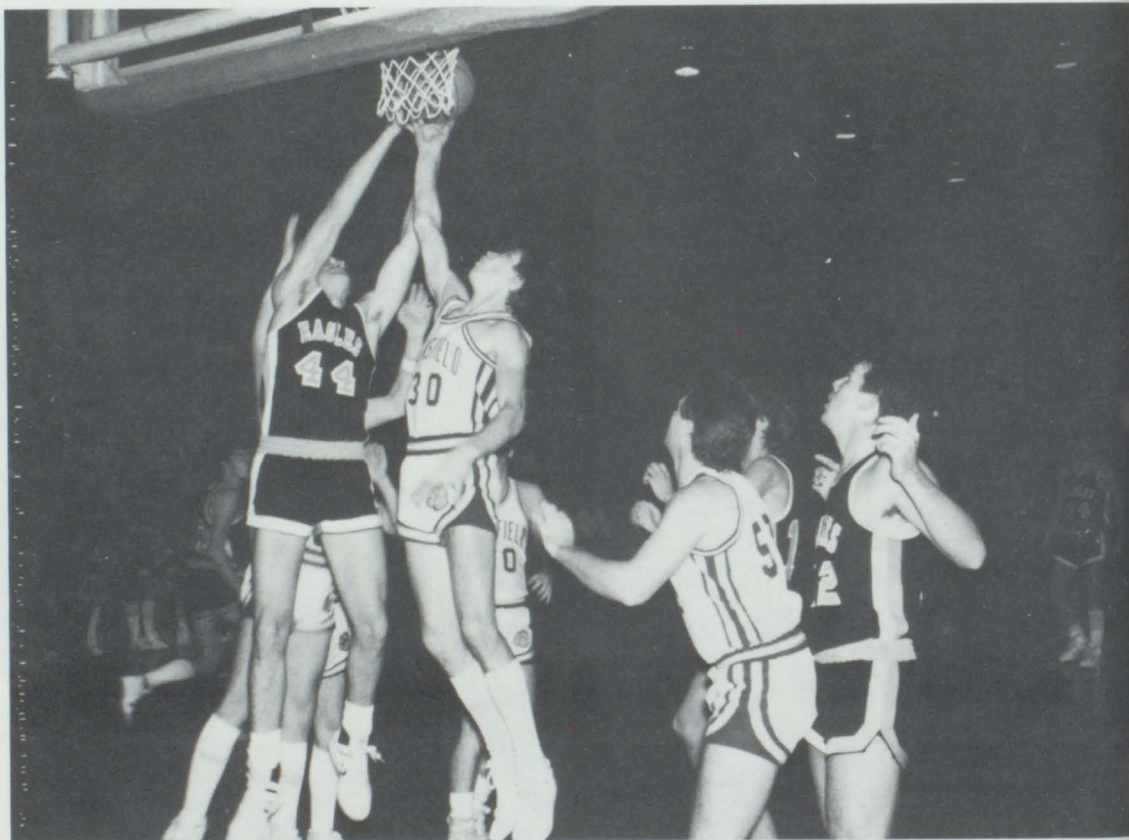
Carter's defensive rebounding was second highest on the team, and he was also a leader in total rebounding with 133.

The Lions scored an average of 68 points to their opponents' 55.



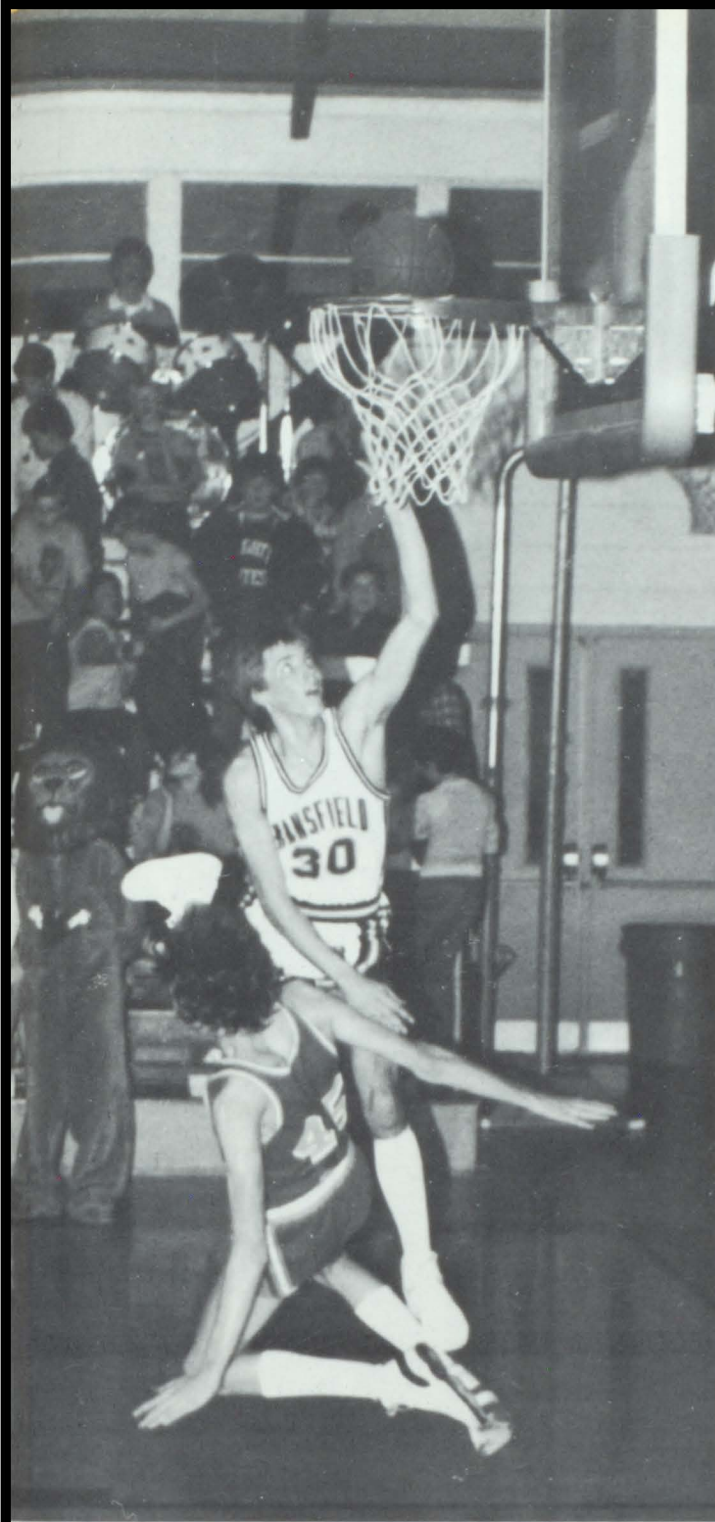
■ **SENIOR GUARD JOE Freeman** plays defense in Mansfield Tournament action against Plato.

■ **BRENT EVANS SCORES** two points against the Hartville Eagles.



■ **BRETT NEAL TRIES** to shoot over two Branson players in the third place game of the Nixa Tournament.





■ **VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM.** Front- Romin Dasmalchi, Sean Hannum, Jimmy Freeman, Brent Evans; Back- Coach Jim Nichols, Bart Evans, Greg Jones, Brett Neal, Craig Carter, Assistant Coach Duane Widhalm, James Coday.



■ **JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM.** Front- David Wilson, Gary Greene, Aaron Gray, Lane Adamson, Eddie Whipple, Jimmy Freeman, Sean Hannum; Back- Coach Jim Nichols, Marty Henry, Matt Calhoun, Lance Adamson, David Adamson, Robert Elliott, Assistant Coach Duane Widhalm, Darrin Campie.



■ **SENIOR GUARD BRENT EVANS** is fouled as he shoots a layup over a Fordland defender

■ **BRETT NEAL SENIOR** center, shoots a power move as two Fordland players try unsuccessfully to defend the basket.

## P.O.I.N.T.S OF INTEREST

Us	Opponent	Them
58	Plato	56
60	Niangus	52
76	Gainesville	54
53	Conway	43
58	Plato	57
71	Seymour	66
61	Conway	76
58	Fordland	51
49	Hartville	86
93	Cabool	67
87	Fordland	53
57	Sparta	67
86	Norwood	69
65	Gainesville	57
57	Nixa	55
56	Harrison, Ark.	72
70	Branson	72
107	Forsyth	70
60	Conway	49
58	Hartville	73
83	Cabool	46
63	Seymour	67
90	Fordland	53
71	Ava	54
68	Willow Springs	102
53	Cabool	67
17	Totals	9



# Shooting for the top



■ **WHILE BRETT NEAL** shoots over a Fordland defender, Craig Carter, Brent Evans, Matt Calhoun, and Kirby Skyles hit the boards.



■ **FIGHTING FOR THE** ball, Brent Evans is surrounded by Kirby Skyles, Greg Jones, Craig Carter, and Hartville players.



■ **CHASING A LOOSE** ball, Craig Carter and Kirby Skyles keep it from going out of bounds.



■ **PLAYING HANDS UP** defense, Greg Jones cuts off the passing lanes.





■ **COMING IN FROM** the baseline, Craig Carter puts up a shot, while Brett Neal goes for the rebound against Fordland.

■ **GOING UP STRONG**, Greg Jones puts up a shot over a defender from Fordland.



■ **FIGHTING FOR A** rebound, David Adamson goes after the ball, while Matt Calhoun and Gary Greene get ready to help.

■ **VARSITY TEAM MEMBERS** display their trophy after winning the championship of the Mansfield Tournament. They are Brett Neal, Joe Freeman, Coach Jim Nichols, Mitzy Nichols, Monica Nichols, Greg Jones, Brent Evans, Craig Carter, Bart Evans, Kirby Skyles, Romin Dasmalchi, and Assistant Coach Duane Wildhalm.





# SOFTBALL

## *Strong finish evens record*

**I**t couldn't be called a winning season, but it definitely wasn't a losing season either.

Winning the last three games of the season, the Lady Lions evened their record at 5-5.

Because practices were dragging early in the season and the team was not getting enough batting practice, a pitching machine was obtained.

"I thought the pitching machine was really neat,"

Dana Sheppard said, "but it's not so neat when the ball hits you instead of you hitting it."

The pitching machine was a great success, according to Coach Roger Wood. After using it, the team's batting average jumped about .100.

After a slow start, everything fell together the second half of the season. Every team the Lady Lions played was defeated the second time around.

"We got our act together the second half of the sea-

son," Coach Wood said. "Our seniors showed strong leadership to get us on the winning track."

Most of the games were close. The first time the girls faced Norwood and Conway, the games went into extra-innings.

Although the team's record did not top last year's record of 8-1, the enthusiasm was still there.

"I had a great time even though we got off to a bad start," sophomore pitcher and third baseman Stacy

Veit said. "I can't wait to play next year."

Junior Claire Brennan claimed the highest batting average award with .500. Senior shortstop Becky Brennan was close behind with .484.

Other varsity players were Deana Moyers, Lawanda Young, Susan Zorsch, Heather Hensy, Melissa Helsley, Mary Cantrell, Veronica Freeman, and Audra Suits.



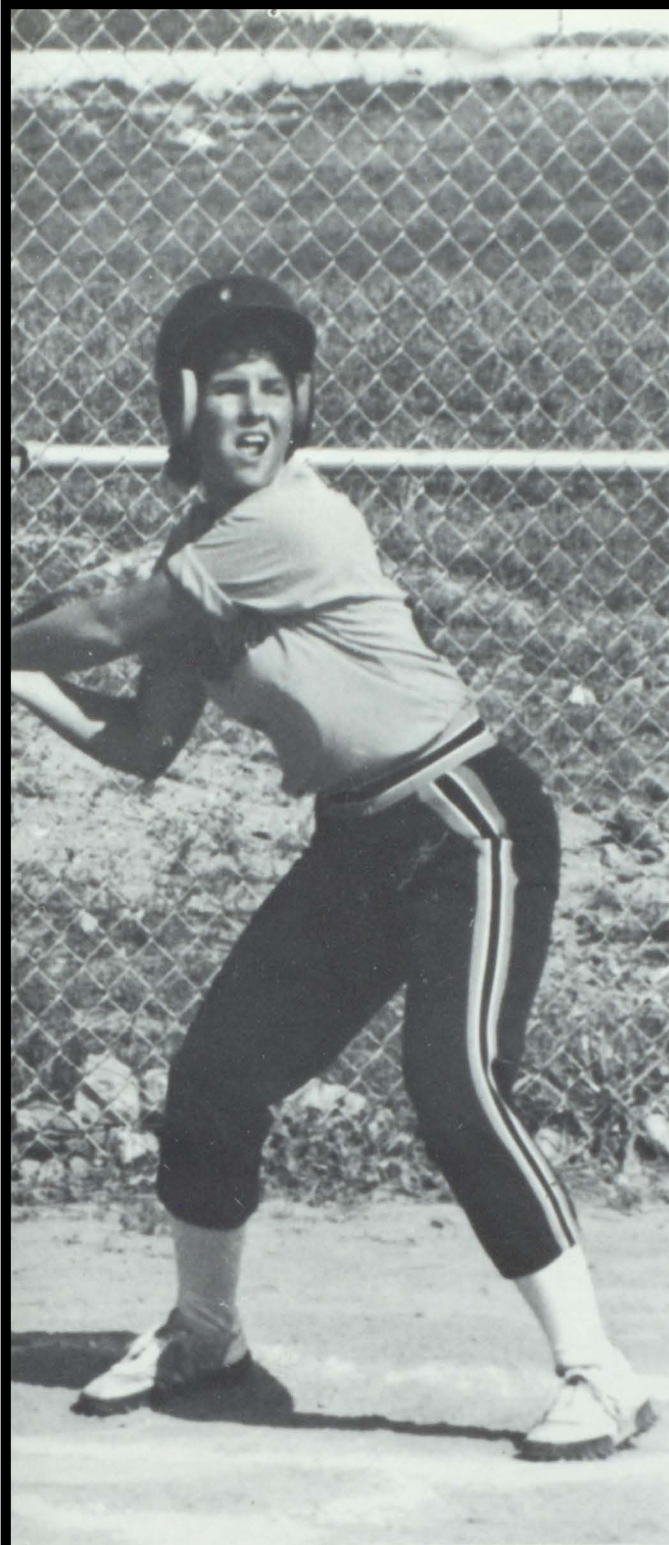
■ **IN TROUBLE IN** the first inning of a game against Fordland, pitcher Stacy Veit talks to Coach Roger Wood.

■ **STRETCHING FOR THE** catch, Deana Moyers tries to get a Fordland player out at third.



■ **WAITING THEIR TURN** at bat the softball girls watch the game from the hillside instead of the bench.





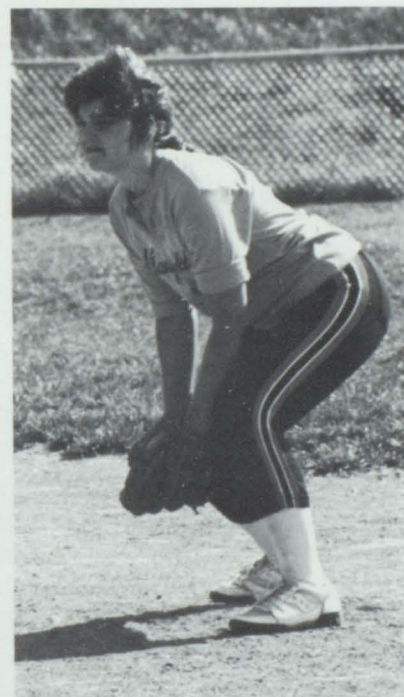
■ **GETTING READY TO** swing, Becky Brennan studies the pitch in a conference game with Fordland.



■ **WAITING FOR A** hit, first baseman Missy McGaw gets ready to field in a game with Fordland.



■ **SOFTBALL TEAM. FRONT-** Angela Merritt, Lisa Hurst, Audra Suits, Becky Brennan, Dana Sheppard, Julie Kelley, Claire Brennan, Susan Zorsch; **Row two-** Andrea Turner, Mary Cantrell, Deana Kelley, Tammy Dunn, Lawanda Young, Annetta Walker, Veronica Freeman; **Row three-** Coach Roger Wood, Diane Holt, Heather Hensy, Deana Moyers, Stacy Veit, Missy McGaw, Melissa Helsley, Coach Jeff Dill.



■ **READY TO FIELD** a ball, second baseman Lawanda Young gets down and in position.

## P.O.I.N.T.S OF INTEREST

Us	Opponent	Them
11	Norwood	12
16	Norwood	1
15	Conway	20
5	Hartville	13
3	Fordland	12
16	Conway	10
6	Seymour	7
9	Fordland	2
7	Hartville	4
14	Seymour	2
5	Total	5



# BASKETBALL

## *'Juniors' winners at last*

**V**ictory ... it was a new feeling for the junior high girls basketball team.

For the first time in their five year history, the MJH girls had a winning season, recording a record of 7-3.

They won more games this season than in the other four seasons combined. They had only won five other games before this year.

"We had more experience," eighth grader Shelly Detherage said, "and we

worked on our defense and press, which were the main strengths of our team."

Coach Roger Wood gave the girls the credit for a good season.

"They were a very aggressive team that worked hard," he said. "They also had a lot of early morning practices."

Beating Hartville gave the team a special thrill.

"I think I enjoyed winning against Hartville the most," eighth grader Christi Evans

said, "because they were our biggest rival and we won big."

The eighth grade boys team slid by with a 7-5 record, holding onto a winning season.

"Even though we had a winning season," Marc Brazeal said, "we could have done better if we would have hustled more every game."

Coach Duane Widhalm thought the team finished better than it started.

"It was good to see them

finish the season with strong performance w Conway." he said. "I h that game encouraged a promoted enthusiasm the boys in preparing the selves for the jayvee p gram next year."

The seventh grade b had an impressive seas finishing with an 8-1 rec

"We played together a played good defense," Ba Short said.



■ **JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL** team. Front- Maxi Sharp, Stacy Wilson, Jennifer Greene, Christi Evans, Jeanne Bryan; Back- Coach Roger Wood, Julie Jurewicz, Tiffany Watterson, Stephanie Duncan, Shelly Detherage, Shalawn Emerick.

■ **DURING A SEVENTH** grade basketball game against Hartville, Chris Dunn goes after a loose ball.



■ **EIGHTH GRADE CHEERLEADERS.** Front- Angie Miller; Middle- Jeanne Bryan, Maxi Sharp, Shelly Detherage, Missy Melton; Top- Christi Evans.

■ **SEVENTH GRADE CHEERLEADERS.** Front- Marsha Ross, Traci Coffman, Missy Carter; Back- Shelby Hesterly, Angela Kingery, Stacey Wilson.







■ **SEVENTH GRADE BASKETBALL** team. Front- Ben Choate, Reggie Roy, Bryan Williams, Chris Dunn, James Barnett, Frank Jones; Back- Don Hanger, Barry Short, Terry Robinson, Shawn King, Tommy Kingery, Coach Duane Widhalm.



■ **EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL** team: Front- Scott Cantrell, Mike Bogart, Glen Evans, Billy Stofer, Kevin Hall; Back- Benjie Dennis, Matt Moody, Kris Gray, Waylon Johnson, Marc Brazeal, Richard Gallion.



■ **EIGHTH GRADER BENJIE** Dennis shoots a layup in a home game against the Seymour Tigers.

## P.O.I.N.T.S OF INTEREST

### SEVENTH GRADE BOYS

Us	Opponent	Them
29	Conway	21
51	Seymour	23
32	Hartville	24
25	Fordland	20
39	Seymour	28
29	Hartville	10
29	Gainesville	36
46	Ava	45
31	Conway	27
8	Total	1

### EIGHTH GRADE BOYS

Us	Opponent	Them
51	Conway	32
42	Seymour	33
47	Hartville	48
31	Fordland	33
32	Seymour	18
39	Hartville	44
41	Fordland	22
38	Gainesville	33
35	Conway	38
36	Fordland	30
31	Ava	44
43	Conway	29
7	Total	5

### JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS

Us	Opponent	Them
35	Conway	15
23	Seymour	8
31	Hartville	13
9	Fordland	10
23	Seymour	8
28	Hartville	9
22	Fordland	23
21	Gainesville	20
34	Conway	15
7	Total	3

■ **SEVENTH GRADER BARRY** Short pulls down an offensive rebound against Hartville, top- Christi Evans, an eighth grader, scores two against Hartville.



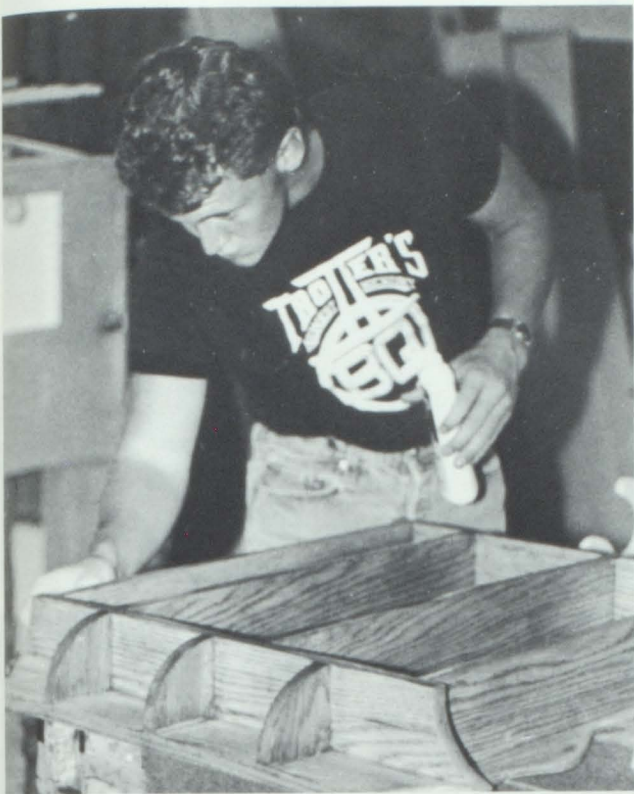
# Academics

If there is any area where many MHS students work extra hard to be a shade brighter, it is academics. They not only compete among each other, but they compete against students in the conference as well as around the state. And while students here can't claim to be the best in every area, contest results show that in many cases they have learned to try a shade harder. Books, studying, and tests combine for top results, especially if the subject is one that interests the student.





■ **FINISHING UP HIS** shop project, Brian Matney applies a finishing coat of varnish.



■ **MAKING BISCUITS IN** home economics class, Shelly Clanton, Shannon Kirkland, Jayme DeChenne, and Peggy Duke get ready for baking.



■ **WORKING ON THE** computer, Carl Cook proofreads his project.



■ **READING IN THE** library, Julie Kelley researches a term paper.

■ **TRYING TO UNDERSTAND** her algebra, Sherlyn Gallion gets some help from math teacher Morgan Dale.

■ **DISSECTING A PIG**, Mrs. Leslie Smith shows her biology students the different organs.



■ **PREPARING FOR MUSIC** contest means lots of practice with Eric Spyres for Vickey Jones, Shavon Campbell, Elizabeth Euler, and Kelley Jones.

■ **WITH ART CLASS** moved outside, Mike Tuders and Al Hire sketch in pencil.



■ **DURING ART CLASS** Marty Henry and Rodney Vogt put their artistic talents to work painting a trash can.

#### DEBBIE DALE

Classes-Junior High Music, Elementary Vocal Music.

#### WANDA MCGHEE

Classes-Junior High Art, Art I, Elementary Art.

#### JUDY MIDDLETON

Classes-Art I, Art II, Art III, Individualized Art, Drawing, Photography; Extra Duties -Senior Class Sponsor.

#### ERIC SPYRES

Classes-High School Band, Junior High Band, Elementary Band, Music Theory, Music Appreciation, Choir; Extra Duties-Student Council Sponsor.

#### ART FAIR '87

Firsts-Candi Light, Pastels; Bryon Ivy, Computer Art; Darin Raney, Commercial Design. Seconds-Mary Cantrell, Pastels; Tommy Keith and Wendy Bogart (tie), Color Pencil; Karrie Durham, Black and White Design; Bobby Page, Metal Sculpture; Nova McClain, Photography. Thirds-Holly Clark, Pastels; Scott Ingerson, Mixed Media; Randy Caudill, Calligraphy; Wanda Williams, Posters; Tim Page, Metal Sculpture; Darin Raney, Photography.



■ **RELAXING WITH GIANT** hands constructed by art student Wanda Williams, Bruce Keith and Kelly Eidson enjoy Spring.



# Mixed chorus mixes lots of learning, laughter

Most of the time when you have a job to do it turns out to be all work and no play.

But in mixed chorus, fun and "getting the job done" seemed to go hand in hand.

"The class is unique," freshman Gary Greene said. "It's one class where you can have fun while you are doing your work."

For a change, this year's schedule offered mixed chorus both second and fourth hour instead of the customary one hour.

"Last year when the schedule was being made, Mr. Garrison came to me and asked me to open a class that could take more students," said Eric Spyres, band and choir teacher at MHS. "Since music appreciation could just take ten students, I decided on another mixed chorus class."

Between songs, the mixed chorus class seemed to always get into some type of mischief.

"One day some of us guys all ganged up on Spyres and hit him with snowballs," freshman Jimmy Freeman said. "It was a lot of fun."

Laughing at themselves as well as others is a big part of the class.

"I like the class because you can laugh at your's and other people's mistakes," Timmarie Franken said. "The teacher enjoys it as much as we do."

Disadvantages of the class are few, according to Mr. Spyres.

"The class gets along rather well," he said. "It's one of the

only classes that freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors are together in. This way some of the underclassmen get to meet "Big Joe Jock" and see he's not such a bad guy after all."

But the general consensus of the class says that it's not "all play and no work."

"We goof around a lot, but we work pretty hard," senior Susan Huffman said.

Another senior agrees.

"It's not all work, but it's not all play either," Bobby Page said. "I've been in the class for four years, and Mr. Spyres worked us harder this year than he has in the last three."

First year students learned what mixed chorus was really like.

"Everybody is pretty calm and relaxed in there," sophomore Angie Brazeal said. "A lot of it is because it's not a class we have to take, we just want to take it."

Because of all of the hard work, the kids in mixed chorus are finding out there really is light at the end of the tunnel.

"There were kids who came in the class at the first of the year and sounded terrible," Mr. Spyres said. "Now they're sounding much better."

"Believe it or not, we're getting better."

■ **MIXED CHORUS SINGERS** practice for a spring concert featuring music from the 50's and 60's.



■ **CLOCKWISE FROM MIDDLE** left. Mrs. Judy Middleton, art teacher; Eric Spyres, music teacher; Mrs. Debbie Dale, junior high music teacher; Mrs. Wanda McGhee, junior high art teacher.



# C

## ontemporary topics open boys' eyes

Talk is cheap, but not for the ten guys in contemporary living class.

The boys enjoyed their marathon discussion sessions third hour, and felt they learned more from the open discussion than they did from just reading their textbooks.

"Contemporary living is a fun class," Byron Taylor said, "because we have lots of discussions and that makes it easier to understand."

Topics the class tackled included personality development, child development, pre-natal care, and birth control.

Almost everyone in the class was surprised by at least some of the facts they have learned.

"I was amazed," Craig Carter said, "at how small a developing baby is."

Mrs. Kathy Barnett, home economics teacher, was satisfied with the results of the class, especially since it hadn't been in the curriculum for several years.

"The boys participated and responded well to group discussion," she said. "I am very proud of their adult attitudes toward

the subjects we discussed."

The boys learned about babies from the time of conception to birth. They talked about the precautions that need to be taken in order to produce a healthy baby. They also discussed the consequences that happen when the mother doesn't exercise good care before the baby is born.

Class members admitted being staggered by what they learned.

"I learned that having babies is a lot harder than I thought," Greg Jones said.

The boys even learned they can be responsible for birth defects through heredity or their own use of drugs or alcohol.

"It's kind of scary," Noel Rumens said, "to think that a birth defect could be as much my fault as hers."

Mrs. Barnett said the things that seemed to fascinate the boys the most included the size and development of an unborn baby.

"It is surprising," Shaun Moore said, "how much we learned in just this short time about babies."

The class not only dealt with family life, but also taught money management, nutrition, clothing selection and care, and housing choices.

"I hope I'm teaching the boys to evaluate the alternatives they face," Mrs. Barnett said, "and helping them to make better decisions."

And it seemed to work.

"We learned things in contemporary living," Greg Spell said, "that we wouldn't learn in any other class. That's why it made it so fun and interesting."

■ **SAMPLING WHAT THEY** have cooked, the contemporary living class eats lunch in the home economics room.

■ **WORKING ON AN** engine, ag teacher Gene Cravens helps students Wayne Young, Terry Henry, and Charlie McClain.



■ **MIDDLE, INDUSTRIAL ARTS** teacher Bill Ghan checks the work of Kevin Martin and Jeff Calhoun; left, Mrs. Jean Steinhauer, business teacher; above, Mrs. Kathy Barnett, home economics teacher.





■ **POLISHING HIS SHOP** project, Randy Reblura puts the finishing touches on before a series of contests.

■ **PLAYING A GAME** which they made in principles of management, Darrin Moore, Tim Brooke, Larry Durham, and John Farmer keep track of the score.

■ **MAKING BISCUITS** in home economics class, Tanya Davis and Teresa Cornelius roll out the dough.



#### KATHY BARNETT

Classes - Exploratory Home Economics Skills, Independent Living Skills, Contemporary Living, Foods, Parenting, Housing, Family Health; Extra Duties - Future Homemakers of America Adviser.

#### GENE CRAVENS

Classes - Advanced Dairy Science, Advanced Livestock Marketing, Animal Nutrition, Animal Health, Agricultural Leadership, Plant Science, Animal Science; Extra Duties - Future Farmers of America Adviser.

#### BILL GHAN

Classes - Junior High Shop, Drafting, Metals, Woods Process, General Shop; Extra Duties - Freshman Class Sponsor.

#### JEAN STEINHAEUER

Classes - Office Technology, Typing, Bookkeeping, Principles of Management; Extra Duties - Future Business Leaders of America Adviser, Pep Club Sponsor, Cheerleader Sponsor.

#### CONFERENCE BUSINESS CONTEST

Blue Ribbons - Susan Huffman, Typing II Production; Laura Suits, Typing II Speed; Holly Clark, Typing I Speed; Carl Cook, Accounting.

Red Ribbons - Melissa Helsley, Typing I Speed; Wesley Lebahn, Accounting.

White Ribbons - Tim Page, Typing I Speed; Holly Clark, Typing I Production; Kim Robinson, Accounting.

#### CONFERENCE INDUSTRIAL ARTS CONTEST

Best in Show - Randy Reblura

Best in Drafting - Shaun Moore

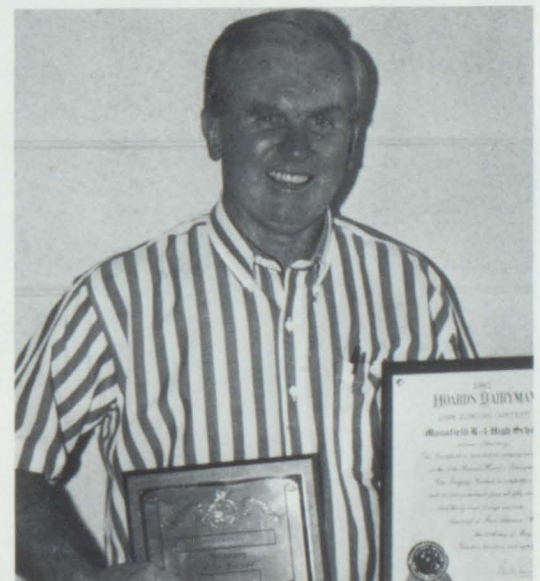
Blue Ribbons - Hal Noble, Mike Keys, Charlotte Clark, Larry Mitchell, Shawn Moss, Steve Garrison, Shaun Moore, Terry Welker, Randy Reblura, Willie Henry, Benjie Dennis, Teresa Cornelius, Michelle Morris, Brent Daniels, Scott Cantrell, Scott Storms, Bryon Ivy, Russell Prock, Johnny Davis.

#### DISTRICT INDUSTRIAL ARTS CONTEST

Ones - Teresa Cornelius, Randy Reblura, Shaun Moore, Terry Welker, Shawn Moss, Michelle Morris, Larry Mitchell, Bryon Ivy, Scott Storms, Benjie Dennis, Charlotte Clark.

#### STATE INDUSTRIAL ARTS CONTEST

Ones - Teresa Cornelius, Randy Reblura.

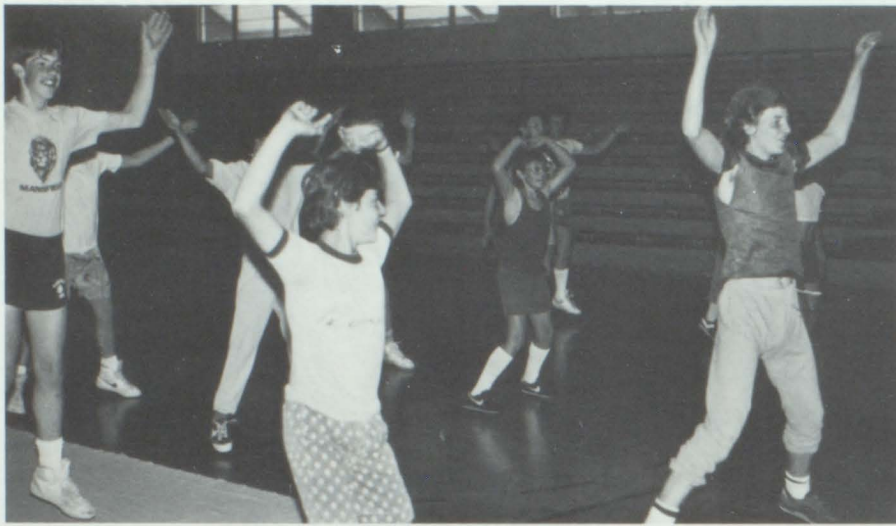


■ **GENE CRAVENS, AGRICULTURE** teacher, displays his State Farmer plaque and national Hoard's Dairyman Contest first place plaque.



■ **DRIVER'S EDUCATION TEACHER** Jim Nichols gets ready to drive with Joe Long, Kevin Lindsey, and Larry Livingston.

■ **WARMING UP BY** exercising, the freshman physical education class does jumping jacks.



■ **TEACHING TENNIS, RANDY Short** shows his freshman physical education class how to correctly hit the ball.

**JIM NICHOLS**

Classes-Driver's Education, Lifetime Activities;  
Extra Duties-Athletic Director, Boys Basketball Coach, Baseball Coach.

**RANDY SHORT**

Classes-Seventh Grade Girls Physical Education, Eighth Grade Girls Physical Education, Elementary Physical Education, Lifetime Activities; Extra Duties-Girls Basketball Coach, Cross Country Coach, Track Coach, Senior Class Sponsor.

**DUANE WIDHALM**

Classes-Seventh Grade Boys Physical Education, Eighth Grade Boys Physical Education, Elementary Physical Education, Lifetime Activities; Extra Duties-Junior High Boys Basketball Coach, Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, Assistant Baseball Coach.



■ **PREPARING FOR THE** hike, the freshman physical education class lines up for a game of football.



■ **DEMONSTRATING THE CORRECT** way to shoot a basketball, Duane Widhalm shows Jon Batcheller how to hold the ball.

■ **TAKING A SWING,** Debra Bryant practices hitting the golf ball in physical education class.

# L

## earning to drive anticipated, dreaded

Imagine getting in a car with someone behind the wheel who has never driven before.

This may seem frightening to most people, but the driver's education classes seemed to always handle it well.

There were three "driver's ed" classes per semester at MHS, with a maximum of nine students per class. Coach Jim Nichols, the driver's ed teacher, said that the goal for the class was to help every student be able to pass Missouri's written and driving examinations.

The students spent 30 hours in the classroom. The rest of the semester was spent driving, alternating with other students.

The students also learned the rules and regulations of driving.

"I wanted the students to learn how to be defensive drivers," Coach Nichols said, "instead of offensive."

Travis Watterson saw driver's education as a class he needed to take.

"Driver's education," he said, "helps people learn the rules of the road better, and the ones who don't know how to drive have a chance to learn the right way."

Driver's education is a class that most students said they anticipated for months. Many of the students said they were nervous when they finally got to start driving, but once things settled down, they enjoyed the driving days.

"It was fun the first time I drove," DeDee Hall said, "but I was a nervous wreck. I drove real slow and Coach Nichols told me to pick up speed. When I did

I almost went off the road."

Although the class was new, challenging, and fun, many of the drivers found it hard not to make any mistakes. Some of them turned the wrong way, ran a stop sign, or made other driving errors. Most of them had at least one funny story to tell about their first few days behind the wheel.

"The first day I drove," Missy McGaw said, "Coach Nichols told me to back up, then take off. I was so nervous I peeled out and almost ran into the ditch."

Nervous seemed to be prominent in the vocabulary of driver's ed students, especially when they talked about the other guy behind the wheel.

"The first time you ride in the driver's ed car you feel a little nervous," Eddie Whipple said, "because you have never been with the driver and you don't know how he is going to drive."

But nervous or not, the hours spent in the car were for a reason.

"If you can drive in Mansfield," Coach Nichols said, "you should be able to drive just about anywhere."

■ **SHOWING STUDENTS THE** different instruments in the car, driver's education teacher Jim Nichols prepares Larry Livingston, Angela Brazeal, and Joe Long for driving.





# S

## taff's reputation based on success

Having fun was a major part of putting out the Lion's Gazette and the El Leon.

Ask any staff member, and get ready to hear some crazy stories.

"I thought last year was just a blast," Gazette editor Craig Carter said. "It was like we had all these people, and they were all lunatics, and we had a state winning paper. It was so fun!"

Class time in school publications was not always used for writing stories or drawing layouts. Mouths often moved as fast as the pencils.

"In the middle of writing our stories," Greg Jones said, "all of us guys planned our hunting and fishing trips."

There may be goofing around at times in "school pub", but when deadline rolls around, second-year staff members know the atmosphere changes.

"When it was time to meet a printer's deadline, it was a madhouse," Angie Bradshaw said. "Mrs. VonBehren would get grouchy and so would everyone else. It always seemed like the stories would never get done by the deadline."

School pub's reputation as a hard-working but fun-loving class drew a record number of staff members this year.

"I enrolled in school publications," first year staffer John Top said, "because last year's staff members had such a good

time, and still produced an All-Missouri yearbook and newspaper."

Newspaper and yearbook adviser Mrs. Debbie VonBehren was pleased with the direction the class has taken.

"Our nine years as a class have been a building process," she said. "The first few years, I took just about anybody as a staff member. Gradually, we started to attract the sharper students, even the traditional 'jocks' who aren't expected to be writers, but who are actually super staff members. Now I think being on the staff carries quite a bit of prestige at MHS."

And being a part of the newspaper and yearbook was a satisfying experience for most students.

"Being a member of the staff gives us a sense of importance," Brad Detherage said, "because we let people know what is going on."

Mrs. VonBehren likes for the staff members to be proud of what they do, and to have fun while they work hard.

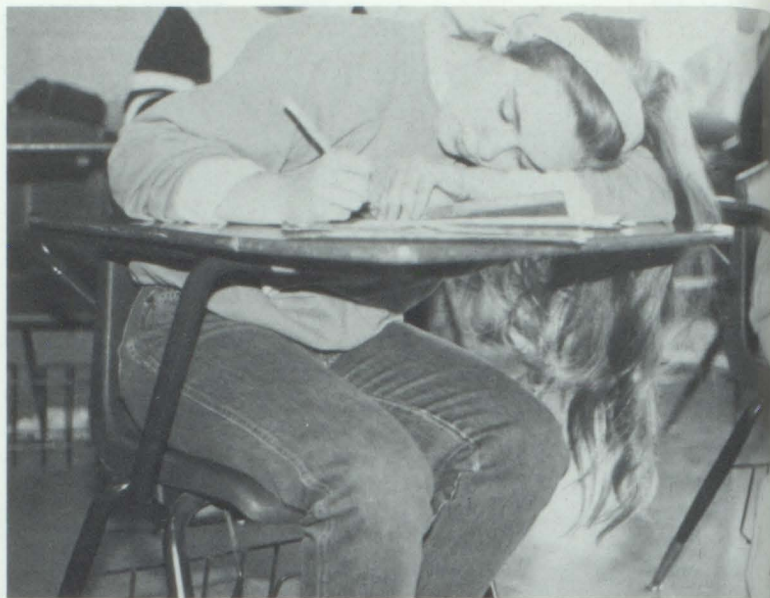
"Since school pub is my favorite class," she said, "I try to make it their favorite class. We are more laid back and relaxed that hour."

Senior staffer Jana Euler agreed that the class was a fun experience.

"School pub has to be one of my favorite classes," she said. "It's never the same old boring stuff. We work hard, but each day is a whole new world. Besides, we know that what we are doing is important."

■ **SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS STUDENTS** John Top, Rick Oliver, Clint Jackson, Kelley Jones, and Wendy Borgart design yearbook layouts.

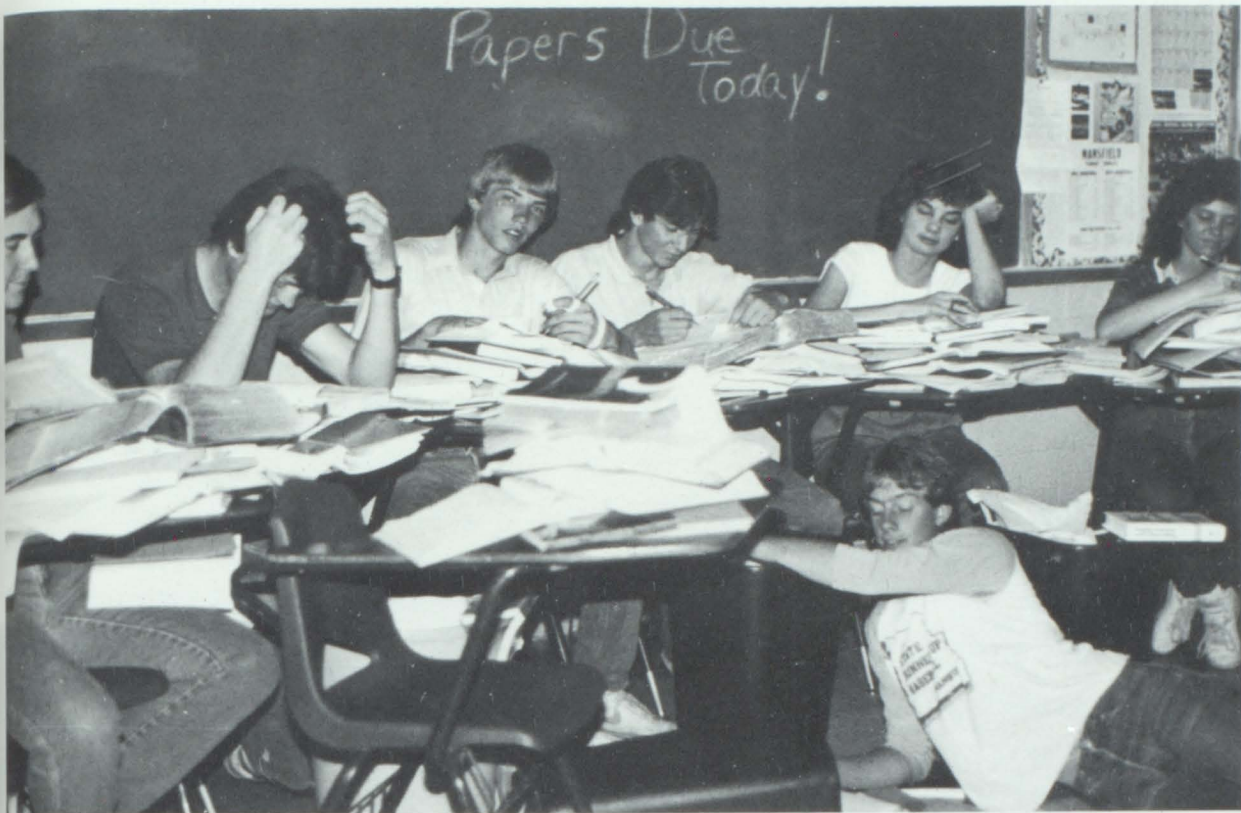
■ **LORI WOOD GETS** close to the task at hand while taking an English II test.



■ **CLOCKWISE FROM MIDDLE** left, Mrs. Kay Goss, librarian; Mrs. Vicki Blankenship, French teacher; Miss Debbie Clevenger, junior high English teacher; Mrs. Sheri Dimos, English teacher.



■ **HURRYING TO MEET** the deadline, English IV students work hard on term papers.



**VICKI BLANKENSHIP**

Classes - French I, French II; Extra Duties - French Club Sponsor.

**DEBBIE CLEVINGER**

Classes - Seventh Grade English, Eighth Grade English, English I. Extra Duties - Speech and Debate Club Sponsor, Junior High Cheerleader Sponsor, Seventh Grade Sponsor, Pep Club Sponsor.

**SHERI DIMOS**

Classes - English I, English III, English IV.

**KAY GOSS**

Classes - Librarian; Extra Duties - Pom Pon Sponsor, Junior Class Sponsor.

**DEBBIE VON BEHREN**

Classes - English II, School Publications I, School Publications II; Extra Duties - Newspaper Adviser, Yearbook Adviser, Junior Class Sponsor.

**CONFERENCE ENGLISH CONTEST**

Red Ribbons - Shauna Thieman, Composition; Jacqueline Batcheller, Composition; Jim Freeman, Spelling; Wanda Williams, Spelling; Claire Brennan, Spelling; Kenny Lindsey, Mechanics.  
White Ribbons - Diane Holt, Mechanics; Joe Freeman, Spelling; Susan Zorsch, Compositions.

**OZARKS PUBLICATIONS ADVISERS JOURNALISM CONTEST**

Firsts - Launa Matlock, Yearbook Layout; Jana Euler, Yearbook Theme Copy; Craig Carter, Brett Neal, Darin Ramey, Greg Jones, Susan Huffman, Steve Box, Steve Bruce, Newspaper In-Depth Series.  
Seconds - Becky Brennan, Newspaper Sports Feature; Susan Zorsch, Yearbook Academics Copy; Susan Huffman and Jana Euler, Yearbook Cover and Theme Design.  
Thirds - Craig Carter, Newspaper Feature Story and Newspaper Column; Vicky Jones and April Light, Yearbook Layout.



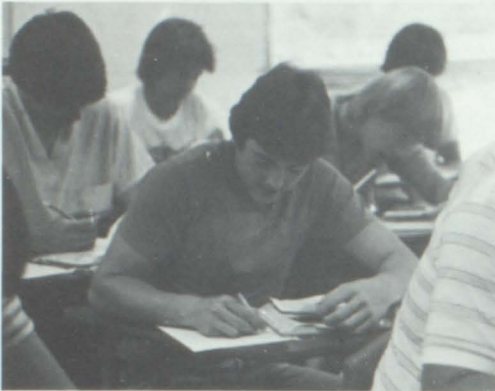
■ **SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS STAFF** member Shavon Campbell checks on facts.

■ **TAKING A BREAK** from the hot classroom, Gary Davis, Mary Elsey, Travis Watterson, Sean Babb, and Mrs. Sheri Dimos work on English III in the shade.



■ **THE LOCATION OF** a major city in America is pointed out for Gary Davis and Rhonda Dowsey by Kathleen Bryant.

■ **JESSIE PHILLIPS STUDIES** a world history chapter about World War II.



■ **FHA MEMBERS FIND** that they must read American history assignments even when dressed up for initiation.

**DEBBIE CLEVENGER**

Classes - Psychology, Sociology; Extra Duties - Junior High Cheerleader Sponsor, Speech and Debate Club Sponsor, Seventh Grade Sponsor, Pep Club Sponsor.

**ROGER WOOD**

Classes - American History, World History; Extra Duties - Softball Coach, Volleyball Coach, Junior High Girls Basketball Coach, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Sophomore Class Sponsor.

**DEBBIE VON BEHREN**

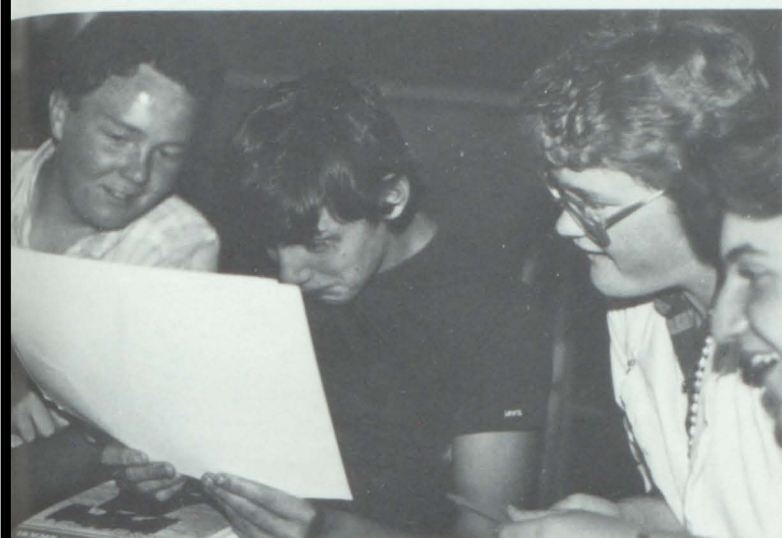
Classes - American History; Extra Duties - Newspaper Adviser, Yearbook Adviser, Junior Class Sponsor.

**JEFF DILL**

Classes - Seventh Grade Social Studies, Eighth Grade Social Studies, Geography, Economics, Comparative Government; Extra Duties - Assistant Volleyball Coach, Assistant Softball Coach, Eighth Grade Sponsor.



■ **JOHN RAGSDALE, DAVID Brumley, and Patty Richardson** look at photographs of World War II in American history class.



■ **ECONOMICS TEACHER JEFF Dill** deals out the opening cash to Darlene Holcomb in a game of Monopoly. Above left, Roger Wood, social studies teacher; right, Mrs. Debbie Von Behren, social studies, English and journalism teacher.

# When money talks class tries to listen

It is a subject even the experts can't agree on.

But even though it isn't an exact "science", this subject is still worth learning about.

Economics. It is the study of supply, demand, and numerous other factors affecting our economy.

Sound interesting? Well, economics teacher Jeff Dill tried to make it interesting to his class of fifteen by making games out of this complex subject.

"I think if you handle some of the basics as a game," he said, "the practical aspects of it become more apparent to the students."

In addition to learning facts about economics from the textbook, the class played monopoly and predicted the stock market. The class members seemed to agree with Mr. Dill's philosophy of making learning fun.

"I think Monopoly really shows you that you must invest your money carefully if you want it to work for you," Claire Brennan said. "Even though I played the game all the time when I was a kid I never really thought about the meaning of it."

Rick Oliver found that participating in a familiar game made him aware of things he hadn't noticed before about economics.

"It's a fun class when we do things like Monopoly, the stock market, and stuff like that," he said. "I think it gets the point across more than just reading about it."

To study the stock market and how stock purchases are made,

economics students charted the progress of the stock exchange by consulting newspaper listings. In that way, they were able to get a feeling for market trends and procedures.

"We learned how to pick out stocks by judging their value," Susan Zorsch said. "I know how to contact a broker now if I ever need to make a stock purchase."

The class also studied tariffs, importing, and exporting.

"I was really surprised," Scott Ingerson said, "to find out how much our economy relies on foreign trade."

Mr. Dill, as well as the class, feels that the things they had learned will come in handy in the future.

"All in all," he said, "I think it would be a good idea for anyone to take an economics class. When your money is concerned you never know too much, and I hope that the things we've covered will help the students invest their money wisely."

Larry Durham had similar ideas about the finer points of economics.

"I hope that 'econ' class will help me," he said, "with my life-long goal to be filthy rich."

■ **DIANE HOLT COLLECTS** rent money from Susan Zorsch in a game of Monopoly during economics class.





# D

## issecting not bad just smells like it

The smell of formaldehyde and the sight of something dead isn't exactly most people's idea of fun.

But sign up for either biology or anatomy classes and that is what you'll have to look forward to.

By dissecting small animals, Mrs. Leslie Smith, science teacher, hopes something for the students was accomplished other than simply being grossed out.

"I intended for the kids to learn where the various body parts are in relation to their own," she said.

The big project for the biology class was dissecting pigs, while the anatomy class dissected minks.

"Dissecting is neat, because you get to learn all the stuff first hand," Lori Wood said. "And it really wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. It was actually fun. The only thing that was bad was the smell of the formaldehyde."

The students cut open the carcass and identified the respiratory, digestive, and circulatory systems to determine the function of the animal.

"Studying the systems of the mink was interesting," Diane Holt said, "because they resembled the human system."

Although the work was hard, many students enjoyed it, although the animals got to be kind of boring to the students.

"Cutting up the pig was worse than I thought it would be,"

**■ AFTER SEVERAL DAYS** study, Bart Evans and Aaron Gray easily identify internal organs of their pig.

Scott Hesterly said. "They stink and they were slimy."

To make the dissecting more fun, some students gave their animals names like "Studley" or "Slim."

Because they dissected the animals for approximately four weeks, the smell became worse as the days went by.

"Some days you got real bad headaches," Claire Brennan said, "because the smell got to be strong."

Mrs. Smith was very pleased with the work of the students in both classes.

"The learning experience was good for the students," she said, "and they were also eager to learn new terms about the animals."

All things considered the students had fun while they learned biology and anatomy.

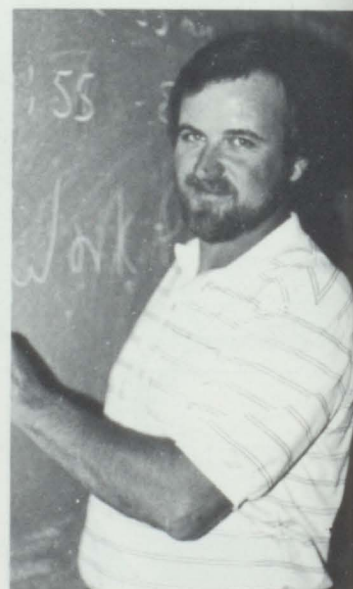
"Besides the smell of the formaldehyde, dissecting the pig was fun," Sean Hannum said. "It was neat skinning the pig then finally cutting it open and looking at the organs."

For most of the students in biology, dissecting was the high point of the year. It added practical experience to the knowledge they had gained from textbooks.

"Dissecting was the most exciting part of the whole year," Vickey Jones said. "The organs in pigs are similar to people. I know that now."

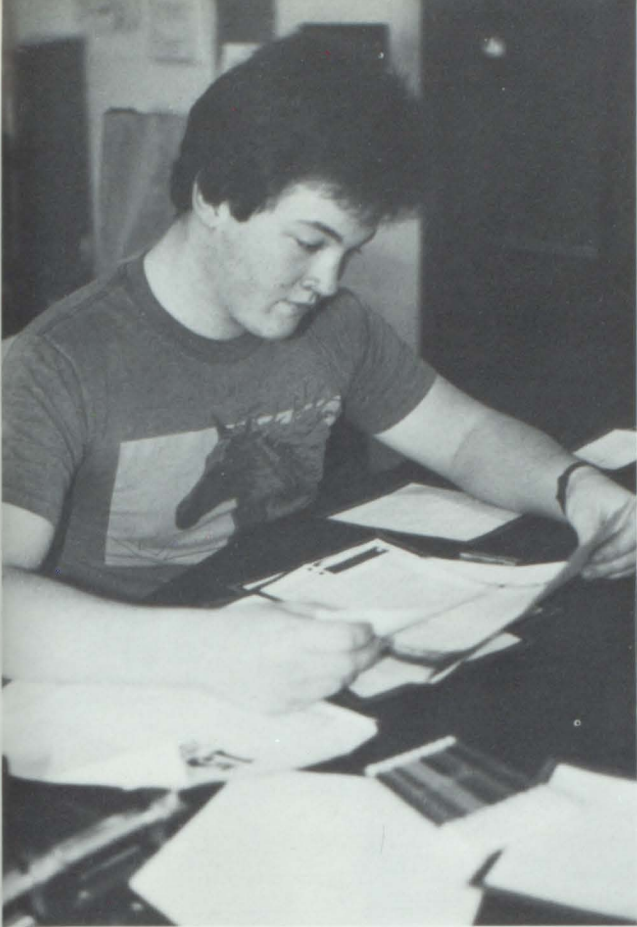
Although the students didn't all learn the same amount of material, one thing they are sure never to forget is the experience of dissecting carefully in science class.

■ **RANDAL FUGE** AND **Kenny Lindsey** listen as **Mrs. Carolyn Todd** gives instructions for a computer assignment.



■ **CLOCKWISE FROM MIDDLE** left, **Morgan Dale**, math teacher; **Mrs. Leslie Smith**, science teacher; **Max Greene**, junior high science teacher; **Mrs. Joyce Markin**, junior high math teacher.





■ **WORKING ON THE** display board, Kevin Lindsey finishes his science project.



■ **DURING BIOLOGY LAB**, John Farmer and Carl Cook identify internal organs of their pig.



■ **DEIDRA BARNETT, LANE Adamson, Jimmy Freeman and Robert Elliott** work algebra problems at the board.

**MORGAN DALE**

Classes-Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Vocational Math; Extra Duties-Math Club Sponsor.

**MAX GREENE**

Classes-Seventh Grade Science, Eighth Grade Science, Conservation; Extra Duties-Eighth Grade Sponsor.

**JOYCE MARKIN**

Classes-Seventh Grade Math, Eighth Grade Math, Basic Math; Extra Duties-Seventh Grade Sponsor.

**LESLIE SMITH**

Classes-Biology, Physical Science, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Anatomy; Extra Duties-Science Club Sponsor.

**CAROLYN TODD**

Classes-Computers I, Computers II, Computers III, Pre-Algebra, Consumer Science, Junior High Computers.

**CONFERENCE MATH CONTEST**

Trophy-Kenny Lindsey, Trigonometry; Diane Holt, Algebra II.

Firsts-Jacqueline Batcheller, Trigonometry; Susan Zorsch, Algebra II.

Third-Joe Freeman, Trigonometry.



■ **MRS. CLEO CHAMBERS**, high school secretary.

■ **MRS. RUBY JOHNS**, secretary to the superintendent.



■ **MRS. LANA KIRKLAND**, special programs secretary.

■ **MRS. DEBBIE LETSINGER**, elementary secretary.



■ **SUPERINTENDENT SCHOOLS** Robert Perry.



# A dministration does substance study

To coincide with national efforts to control the drug and alcohol problem among teenagers, the school administration offered a drug, alcohol, and tobacco awareness program to students.

"I saw a need and reacted," high school principal Gene Garrison said. "As principal, you sometimes just have to start somewhere."

Three sessions held a month apart were presented by third hour teachers in the fall, and in the spring a schoolwide assembly was held, including a main speaker and several smaller seminars.

"The teachers have reacted super positive. I was extremely impressed with the staff's reaction," Mr. Garrison said.

Mr. Garrison completed his seventh year as principal of the high school and junior high.

He also helped set up a student of the month program in conjunction with the local Lions Club.

"We wanted to recognize students," he said, "who are making a positive contribution to the school."

A committee of teachers selected the students each month, based on nominations by the entire faculty. One student was chosen from the junior and senior classes and one from the freshman and sophomore classes.

The decision was based on leadership, school spirit, contributions to the school, citizenship, and organization involvement.

Superintendent of Schools Robert Perry completed his ninth year in the Mansfield R-IV school system. His first two years were spent as the high school principal, and the last seven years as superintendent.

On the last day of school, Mr. Perry presented an appreciation plaque to Mrs. Mary Lou Rush, who retired after teaching 28 years in the Mansfield system. Mrs. Rush had taught both elementary and junior high classes.

David Brouse was principal of Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary for his second year.

Mrs. Ruby Johns marked her twenty-third year with the school system. She spent eight years as the elementary secretary and the past fifteen as secretary to the superintendent and school bookkeeper.

Mrs. Cleo Chambers spent three years as elementary secretary and has now completed sixteen years as the high school secretary and receptionist.

Mrs. Debbie Letsinger was elementary secretary for her sixth year. She was junior high secretary for three years before moving to the elementary.

For the fifth year, Mrs. Lana Kirkland was secretary to the special programs coordinator. She was also in charge of keeping lunch records.

The Mansfield Board of Education president was Dale Keith.

## ■SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Curt Calhoun, Dale Keith, Steve Moody, Gary Hanger, Larry Kingery, Larry Hesterly.



■HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, Gene Garrison, top, Special Programs Coordinator Merlin Miller, middle, and Elementary Principal David Brouse, above.



# Special teachers bring special help

"We get more instructions with a new car, than a new baby."

That statement is a favorite quote of Mrs. Kathy Short, who worked with the Parents As Teachers program.

In its second year at Mansfield, the program involves screening children from 12 to 36 months of age. During the screening children are tested on four areas of development: social skills, fine motor skills, language development, and gross motor skills.

Four pilot projects were started in Missouri four years ago, and Parents as Teachers has now been adopted state-wide for every school district to participate in. Mansfield was selected as a second wave project, which means out of 500 districts in Missouri, only 28 were chosen for special study.

The second wave project keeps a close track on the children in the program through the third grade.

Mrs. Short conducts four home visits to the pilot families and discusses safety-proofing homes and other helpful hints of parenting.

"I think preschool programs will become more common in rural areas," Mrs. Short said, "making more children better prepared for the transition from home to school."

After teaching a regular grade school class here for 17 years,

Mrs. Jean Coday became the school's first elementary guidance counselor and academic facilitator.

Mrs. Coday helped the children deal with adjusting to the demands of life. She used many methods of counseling including individual, small group, and classroom counseling.

She also conducted small group sessions designed to attain academic improvement.

"I provided classroom teachers with resource materials," she said, "and helped them identify students who were in need of more individualized instructions and special attention."

Mrs. Okema Haden, junior and senior high school counselor, had responsibilities including consulting students for class selections, helping with college preparation, and serving as test coordinator.

Four teachers were involved in remedial instruction. Mrs. Helen Lawrence taught remedial reading, Miss Linda Graham taught remedial language arts, Dallas Chambers taught remedial math, and Mrs. Lori Felton was speech therapist.

Miss Jeanette Sparks taught elementary EMH, Mrs. Dorothy Wallace was responsible for elementary learning disability classes, and Miss Stephaney Wright instructed the junior and senior high students with learning disabilities.

Teachers at the "Annex" and their subjects were Mrs. Mary Blakey, orthopedically handicapped; Mrs. Cindy Breid-Baker, hearing-impaired; and Miss Vickie Johnston, behavior disorder.

■ **MISS VICKIE JOHNSTON**, behavior disorders; Mrs. Okema Haden, counselor.



■ **PARENTS AS TEACHERS** project children meet, with their moms and dads, at the school.



■ **CLOCKWISE FROM MIDDLE left**, Miss Stephaney Wright, EMH-LD teacher; Mrs. Georgianne Brown, EMH teacher; Mrs. Lori Felton, speech therapist; Mrs. Dorothy Wallace, LD teacher.





■ **ELEMENTARY COUNSELOR JEAN** Coday conducts an individual counseling session.

■ **MRS. CINDY BREID-BAKER**, hearing impaired teacher; Mrs. Mary Blakey, orthopedically handicapped teacher.



■ **MRS. HELEN LAWRENCE**, remedial reading; Miss Linda Graham, remedial language; Dallas Chambers, remedial math.

■ **PARENTS AS TEACHERS** director Mrs. Kathy Short uses her bulletin board to get the point across.



■ **COOKS, MRS. NANCY** Veit, Mrs. Pat Dennis, Mrs. Kay Landsdown, Mrs. Sue Findley, Mrs. Connie Calhoun, and Mrs. Jean Helsley.



■ **BUS DRIVERS CLAUDE** Dale, Don Hanger, Jim Lund, Calvin Freeman, Harold Dennis, Steve Dillion, Lester Davis, Bill Smith, Bill Gray, Emmett Allen, and John Ryan, standing in door.

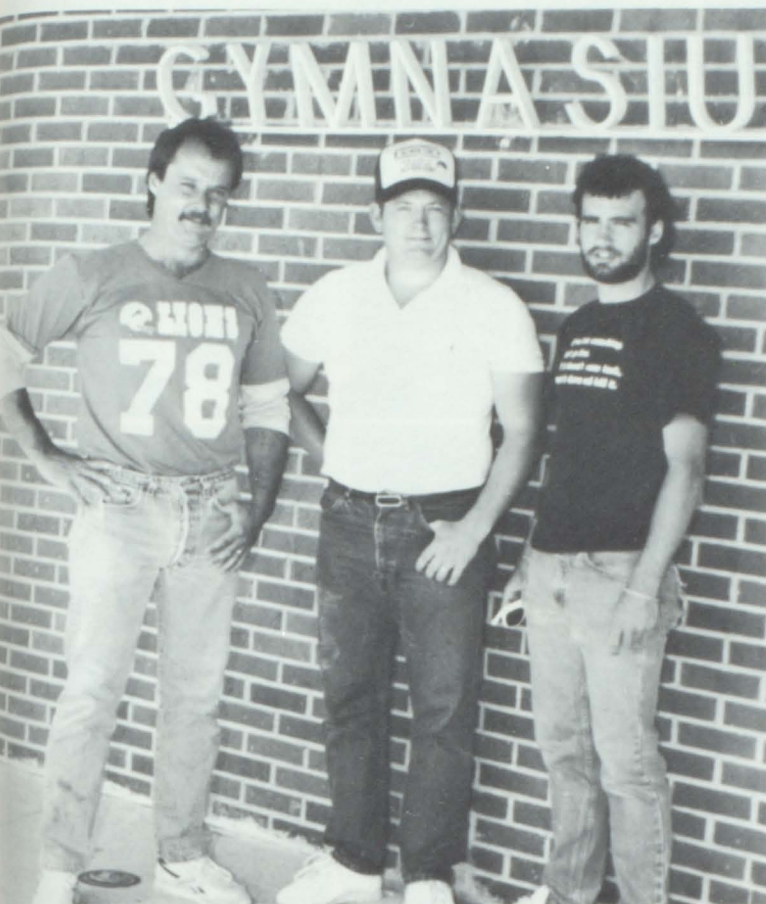
■ **TEACHERS AIDES MRS.** Helen Euler, Mrs. Patty Hanger, and Mrs. Laurel Hall.

■ **ELEMENTARY CUSTODIANS ROBERT** Maxwell and Bill Bennett.





**■HIGH SCHOOL CUSTODIANS**  
 Danny Coday, Gary Goss, and Donnie  
 Dennis.



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## arl, call the office familiar sound

If you hear the familiar sound over the intercom saying, "Earl, please call the office," you know something is broken and needs to be fixed.

Earl Paxton, maintenance man, puts in many hours taking care of the needs of the school.

"I enjoy fixing things," Paxton said, "that involves the use of my hands."

Not only does he take care of the high school, he also is in charge of the lunchroom, elementary, gymnasium, music room, and the junior high school.

Five aides worked for the school system. Elementary aides were Mrs. Helen Euler, Mrs. Patty Hanger, and Mrs. Laurel Hall. Special education aides were Mrs. Melanie Light and Mrs. Janice McNeil.

Again this year, the lunchroom workers served free Thanksgiving and Christmas lunches to all students and staff.

The school bus drivers' vehicles were inspected and the bus fleet was found to be free of defects concerning brakes to mufflers to lights.

"Jim Lund and Don Hanger are two dedicated individuals who do a big job for the school system," Superintendent Robert Perry said, "and people don't usually recognize that. People seem to take buses running everyday for granted."

Transportation superintendent was Lund and the assistant was Hanger.

Lund attributes the good review to constant checks of the maintenance staff.

"Our regular continuous

maintenance program deserves a lot of credit," Lund said. "We check everything over and keep things in good shape."

In the inspection, if a bus has anything defective, it must be pulled off duty. In the nine years he has been superintendent, Perry said no bus has been found defective, and Perry is also proud of the school's nine-year record of no injury accidents.

Mrs. Becky Moody, elementary librarian, received a great deal of pleasure from seeing kids excited about reading.

"The thing I like most about my job," Moody said, "is when a student brings back a book and is anxious to check out another one."

School nurse Mrs. Janet Brooke also found fulfillment from working with younger children up through the older ages.

"Somedays it's a challenge," she said, "but when one of the kids acts appreciative for something I've done, it makes it all worthwhile."

Brooke's days are often very busy. Not only does she care for sick students, she keeps all immunization records up to date, does occasional vision and hearing screenings, and makes sure that all students have their shots up to date.

**■MAINTENANCE MAN EARL**  
 Paxton, assisted by FFA workers, constructs the foundation for the picnic tables donated by Student Council.



**■MRS. MELANIE LIGHT**, special education aide, and school nurse Mrs. Janet Brooke, middle row.

**■SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE** Mrs. Janice McNeil and elementary librarian Mrs. Becky Moody, above.



Jerry Allen  
Sean Babb  
Wendy Bogart  
Claire Brennan  
Tim Brooke  
Kathleen Bryant  
Shavon Campbell



Ricky Caudle  
Holly Clark  
Jana Clark  
Carl Cook  
Lonnie Cook  
Daniel Cox  
Brent Daniels



Romin Dasmalchi, president  
Denise Davis  
Gary Davis  
Roger Downen  
Dondra Dowsey  
Rhonda Dowsey  
Larry Durham



Lori Emerick  
Elizabeth Euler  
Ken Evans  
John Farmer  
Tricia Gage  
Kelly Hall  
Alicia Higgins



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# Juniors

## Lure of money never quits

**Y**our own car, dates, clothes, gas, movies, pizza, and a new tape.

All of these add up to money, and the need for money is no problem to many juniors.

They spend much of their free time away from school working at part-time jobs.

"I work at the Mansfield Mirror preparing the Shopper," April Light said. "I work for a couple of hours on Monday nights."

Some kids work after school and weeknights, but a few only work on Saturdays or Sundays.

"It doesn't seem so bad, only working on Sundays," Launa Matlock said, "because it still gives me the weekend to

run around."

The two grocery stores have jobs that seem to appeal to most of the kids.

Matlock and Elizabeth Euler are checkers at Town and Country, and Romin Dasmalchi is a carry-out. Kirby Skyles and Rick Oliver are carry-outs and stockers at Rader's IGA.

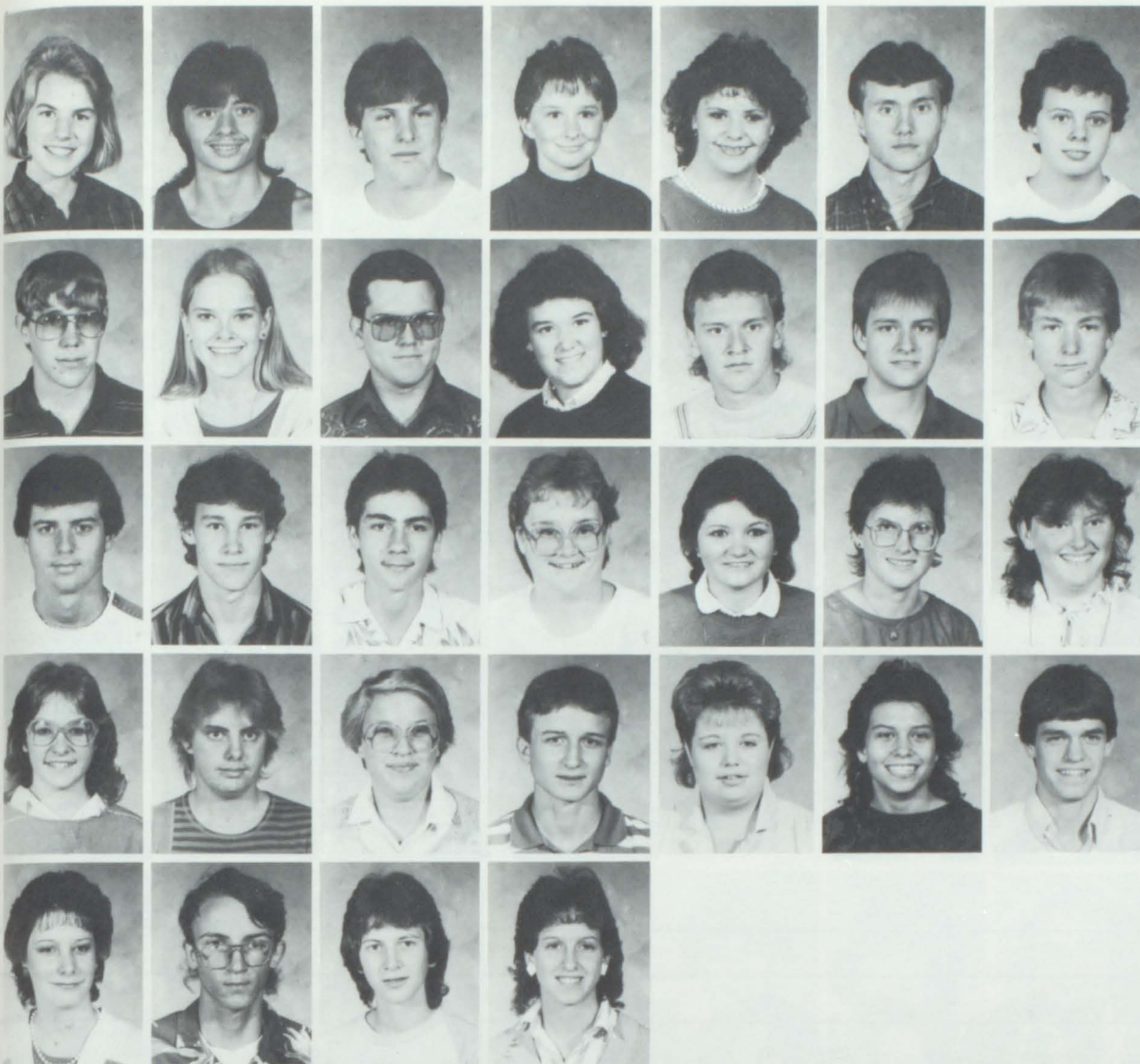
"Being a carry-out isn't so bad," Skyles said. "It gives me money to spend on my truck."

Some find employment outside of Mansfield. Brent Daniels works on Saturdays at Wilson Carpet and Paint in Marshfield.

"Working isn't so bad," Daniels said, "and I like the money for dates."







Diane Holt  
Tony Hooker  
Clint Jackson  
Kelley Jones  
Vickey Jones  
Tommy Keith, secretary  
Lesa Kingery

Wesley Lebahn  
April Light  
John Livingston  
Launa Matlock  
Brian Matney  
Bo McAlister, treasurer  
Charlie McClain

Darrin Moore  
Rick Oliver  
Tim Page  
Patty Richardson  
Michelle Rogers  
Georgia Rose  
Beth Ann Rose

Nancy Severs  
Jim Shannon  
Shalene Simpson  
Kirby Skyles  
Monique Slade  
Melissa Taylor  
John Top

Michelle Walker  
Robbie Wallin  
Travis Watterson  
Susan Zorsch, vice president  
NOT SHOWN:  
Veronica Freeman



■ **AS A FUND-RAISER** for school publications, Bo McAlister, Clint Jackson, and Holly Clark make giant tissue flowers.

■ **TAKING A BREAK** from class, April Light, Wendy Bogart, and Kelley Jones catch up on the latest gossip.



David Adamson  
Debbie Adamson  
Tassie Baker  
Jeff Baty  
Angela Brazeal  
Jeff Calhoun  
Mary Cantrell



Rusty Carter  
Randy Caudill  
Larry Chilson  
Charlotte Clark  
James Coday  
Dale Cook  
Teresa Cornelius



Tammy Dunn  
Elizabeth Droney  
Kelly Eidson  
Barbara Emerick  
Bart Evans  
Brandon Frantz  
Mike Freeman



Rhonda Fuge, vice president  
Sherlyn Gallion  
Kenny Garrison, treasurer  
Marie Goforth  
Aaron Gray  
Dedee Hall  
Sean Hannum



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# Sophomores

## School never dull with siblings

**H**aving a brother or sister in high school the same time you are is great. Or is it?

Many members of the sophomore class had siblings in high school, and they said the advantages were numerous.

"When I was having a problem with homework," Kevin Lindsey said, "I could go to Kenny for help."

Having an older brother around also helped Bart Evans.

"One of the things I enjoy about having an older brother," he said, "is that my parents let me do more when he is around."

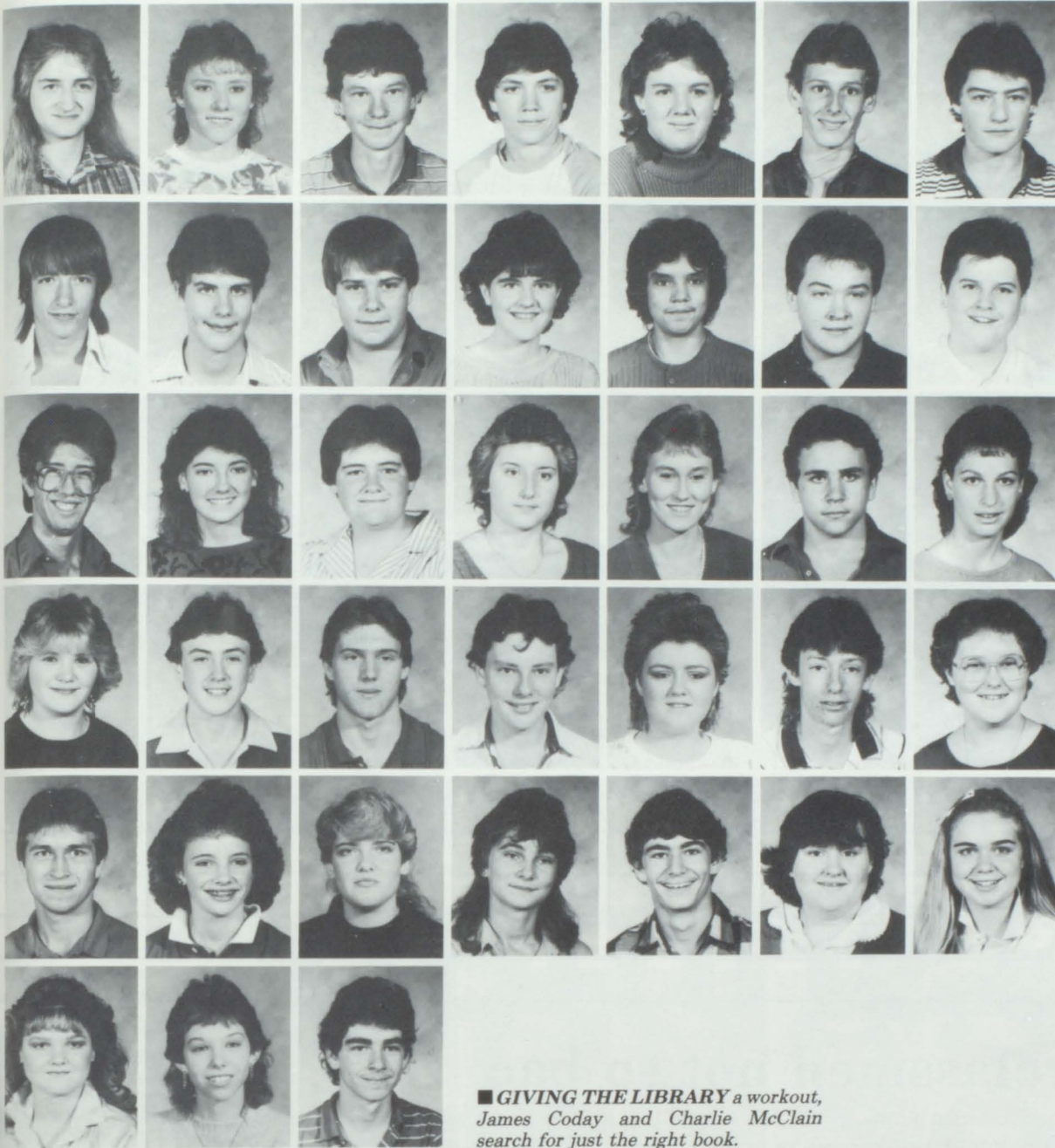
An older sister with a driver's license and a car is a big plus for Larry Livingston, who got out of riding the bus to school. And although Tassie Baker wished she was the older instead of Rona, she found she didn't get into as much trouble when Rona was around.

One of the things some sophomores realized after having a family member at school with them everyday was that they will miss them when they are gone.

"It was kind of cool having Randal here," Rhonda Fuge said, "With both of us in high school we didn't feel like brother and sister."







Melissa Helsley  
Linda Henry  
Terry Henry  
Willie Henry  
Heather Hensy  
Scott Hesterly  
Al Hire

James Hooker  
Scott Ingerson  
Johnie Jones  
Julie Kelley  
David Kuhn  
Kevin Lindsey  
Larry Livingston

Joe Long  
Leslie Marre  
Missy McGaw, president  
Angela Merritt  
Michelle Morris  
Hal Noble  
Julie Perry

Beverly Peterson  
Jessie Phillips  
Russell Prock  
Bryan Reed  
Jimmie Lynn Shirley  
Jeff Taylor  
Shauna Thieman

Robby Turner  
Stacy Veit  
Annette Weddle  
Cathy Whipple  
Eddie Whipple  
Wanda Williams  
Lori Wood, secretary

Lawanda Young  
Tammy Young  
Wayne Young

■ **GIVING THE LIBRARY** a workout,  
James Coday and Charlie McClain  
search for just the right book.



■ **SOPHOMORE BOYS USE** part of  
their lunch time to finish a world history  
assignment.



Lance Adamson  
Lane Adamson  
Deidra Barnett, president  
Jon Batcheller  
Lea Bembry  
Gina Box  
J.J. Brown



David Brumley  
Debra Bryant  
Matt Calhoun  
Angie Calton  
Darren Campie  
Russell Caudle  
Shelly Clanton



Leslie Climer  
Nancee Clouse  
Brent Coffman  
Darrel Cornelius  
Peggy Dake  
Jayme DeChenne  
Scott Dunsmuir



Karrie Durham  
Lori Durham  
Robert Elliott  
Jim Farmer  
Timmarie Franken  
Jimmy Freeman  
Rebecca Fry



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# Freshmen

## Underclassmen not so bad

**C**ontrary to upperclassmen's opinions, the ninth grade thinks freshmen are pretty special.

At times it seems that freshmen spend most of their first year of high school being pushed around and put down. After all, this class has four years to go before being in a position to call the shots.

"It's not that bad, but you get looked down on a lot by upperclassmen," Dana Sheppard said, "You're always considered a little freshman."

Most of the freshmen spend time trying to be friends with the older students. Most succeed, finding out their fears about high school don't ever happen.

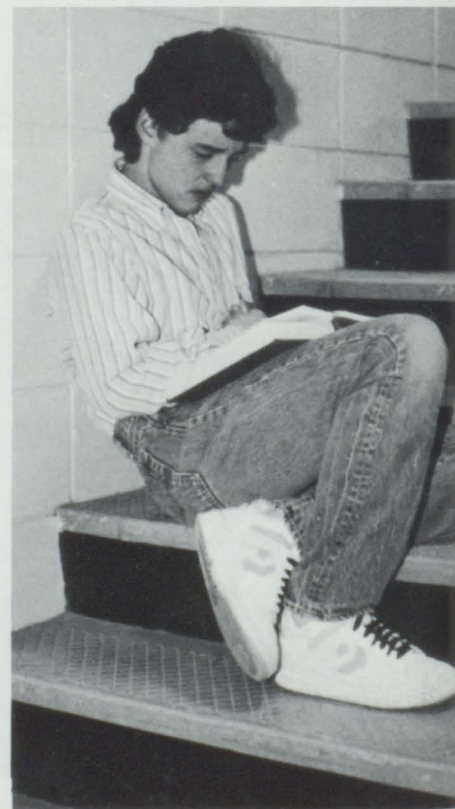
"It's not as bad as you think when you're in junior high," Tracy Light said. "You think they are all going to pick on you, but mostly they are just teasing."

After only a few weeks as a ninth grader, class members have figured out what it takes to be accepted.

"You have to work harder," Jayme DeChenne said, "to prove yourself to the upperclassmen."

After a few weeks of school the freshmen know that they have to stick together in order to have a pleasant year.

"We're closer and have to rely on each other," Jennifer Wallin said, "since it's our first year."



■ **SPENDING HIS SPARE** time studying for his next class, Robert Johnson lounges on the stairs.





Gary Greene  
Stuart Hanson  
Marty Henry  
April Holt  
Lisa Hurst  
Bryon Ivy  
Robert Johnson

Susan Jones  
Jacob Kabage  
Bruce Keith  
Deana Kelly  
Jeff King  
Shannon Kirkland  
Heather Krider

Catherine Kuhn  
Kathline Kuhn  
Eric Lansdown  
Traci Light  
Timmy Logan  
Jeff Long  
Patty Matney

J.J. McNeil  
Everett Merritt  
Kim Mills  
Larry Mitchell  
Dena Munden  
Jamie Napier  
Keith Philpott

Shane Potts  
John Ragsdale  
Diane Ridenhour  
David Severs  
Dana Sheppard, vice president  
Jimmy Shropshire  
Edwin Slade

Scott Storms  
Audra Suits, secretary  
Michael Tuders  
Andrea Turner  
Lesa Turner  
Rodney Vogt  
Annetta Walker

Karen Wallace  
Jennifer Wallin  
David Wilson  
Darrel Young

■ **DISCUSSING PLANS FOR** the weekend keeps Trina Rogers, Jon Batcheller, and Everett Merritt busy at lunch.

■ **SHANNON KIRKLAND, JAYMIE DeChenne, and Lisa Hurst** share a few laughs over lunch in the home economics room.





Michael Bogart  
Marc Brazeal  
Jeanne Bryan  
Kristy Burnett  
Scott Cantrell  
Bobby Clanton  
Christina Clift



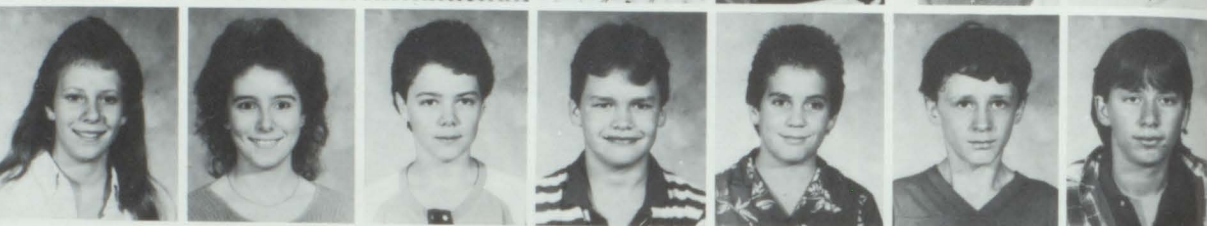
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Shelly Detherage  
Eddie Doan  
Tommy Dugger  
Stephanie Duncan



Jamie Dunn  
Donna Durham  
Shawlawm Emerick  
Christi Evans  
Glen Evans  
Melissa Farris  
Shannon Farris



Vickie Franks  
Tina Gage  
Richard Gallion  
Kris Gray  
Kevin Hall  
Mike Helsley  
John Hooker



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# Grade Eight

## Seventh graders good for hobby

**S**eventh graders seemed to be the eighth graders' favorite subject ... to pick on.

Most eighth graders would agree that picking on seventh graders is one of their favorite things.

"I like to pick on seventh graders," Marc Brazeal said, "and blame them for bad things that happen."

Having a relative in the seventh grade made the pastime even more enjoyable.

"Everybody's more mature, and my brother is in seventh grade, so I can pick on him" James Smith said.

In addition to picking on seventh graders, most eighth graders like chang-

ing classes and becoming involved in all the extra-curricular activities.

"I liked not having to stay in a classroom all day," Rachelle Lansdown said.

Being in sports and sports-related activities helped make the year special for many eighth graders.

"It was an exciting year," Missy Melton said, "I got to go to all the basketball games and cheer for all the gorgeous guys on our team."

Eighth grade was definitely a step up for the junior high students.

"You get more privileges," Michael Bogart said, "and you get to change classes."



■ A GOOD LAUGH helps end lunch hour for Kristy Burnett and Cynthia Simpson.





Tony Hughes  
Waylon Johnson  
Julie Jurewicz, President  
Michael Keys  
Shannon Koster  
Jeff Ladd  
Diane Landsdown

Joyce Lansdown  
Rachelle Lansdown  
Jamie McClain  
Ronnie Mabry  
Robbie Maxwell  
Melissa Melton  
Angie Miller

Matt Moody, Vice President  
Dianne Morris  
Shawn Moss  
Brent Napier  
Angela Rose  
Maxi Sharp  
Cynthia Simpson

James Smith  
Billy Stofer  
Carla Swopes  
Randy Taylor  
Clay Thompson  
Clint Thompson  
Brian Thornsbury

Scott Tucker  
Floyd Turley  
Tiffany Watterson  
Terry Welker  
Danny Young  
Mike Young, Secretary



■ **SCIENCE TEACHER MAX** Greene supervises eighth graders in a tornado drill.

■ **ANGIE MILLER TRIES** her best to stuff an already overstuffed locker.



Jennifer Adams  
James Barnett, president  
Melissa Carter  
Richard Chilson  
Ben Choate  
Tommy Christenson  
Marney Clark



Douglas Coffman  
Tracy Coffman, secretary  
Gina Davis  
Marlon Doan  
Chris Dunn  
Serena Dunsmuir  
Christopher Farris



Malcolm Gaddis  
Steven Garrison  
Tish Goss  
Jennifer Greene  
Donald Hanger  
Shelby Hesterly  
Floyd Hutson



Frank Jones  
Jamey Kabage  
Dana Kelley  
Carla King  
Shawn King  
Angela Kingery  
Tommy Kingery



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# Grade Seven

## Pen pals don't come through

**D**isappointment is a way to sum up the feelings of many seventh grade students who didn't receive a letter from their penpal.

Approximately 30 English students paid one dollar to order names of boys and girls in a foreign country.

"I was looking forward to learning about a new country," Barry Short said "and making a new friend."

The students got to choose friends from the continents of Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, and the Americas.

Seventh graders were very enthusiastic about learning new customs, and it also taught them a sense of responsibility in writing to their penpals.

"I thought it would be fun and a good learning experience to write to other students in foreign countries," said Miss Debbie Clevenger, English teacher. "This was a way we could strengthen our writing skills."

Even though the penpals corresponded in English, which is the second language spoken in most countries, the seventh graders found it difficult to understand the translation.

Jennifer Greene received a letter from her penpal who lives in Skene, Sweden.

"It was fun to be the only person to receive a letter," she said, "and I always like making a new friend."







Heather Lansdown  
Kerrick Lindsey  
Ben Long  
Teresa Lowe  
Shannon Matney  
Carolyn Mills  
Serena Page

Michael Porter  
Brandy Potts  
Crystal Pruitt  
Terry Robinson  
Marsha Ross  
Candida Rovig  
Mark Roy

Reggie Roy, vice  
president  
Barry Short  
Carl Splain  
Janet Turley  
Johnny VanNess  
Harvey Wedge  
Brian Williams

James Williams  
Patrick Williams  
Stacey Wilson  
Brandy Wright  
David Young



**A HEATED DISCUSSION** fills the  
st of lunch hour for Serena Page, Bran-  
Potts, and Marney Clark.



■ **WHILE CHRIS FARRIS,** Caroline  
Mills, and Teresa Lowe wait in line, Mi-  
chael Porter gets a drink.



Stacey Arnall  
Robert Barnes  
Christy Barber  
Jason Bennett  
Clint Berry  
Matt Brown  
Becky Bryson



Clint Buchanan  
Deana Calhoun  
Lucy Calhoun  
Christi Calton  
Traci Cannon  
Jason Chilson  
Yvonna Climer



Matt Coffman  
Amy Compton  
Debbie Cook  
Jamin Corder  
Becky Dake  
Berty Decker  
Mark Doan



Byron Dugger  
Steven Duncan  
Heather Fairbairn  
Taylor Franken  
Stacy Frantz  
Jon Freeman  
Beth Gaddis



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# Grade Six

## Sixth grade studies inventions

**T**he cars and telephones their grandparents used aren't like the ones today, the sixth graders found.

Mrs. Mary Lou Rush's class studied early inventions. They wrote reports, worked on crossword puzzles, and drew pictures of the inventions.

"We have learned about some of the inventors and their inventions," Amy Compton said. "We found information in World Books and wrote reports on them."

Early model cars were a favorite for Jared Jones to study and draw.

"I like the way older cars looked better than the futuristic ones," he said.

Along with the automobile, the tele-

phone was also studied.

"I think the telephone has changed the most of the inventions we have studied," Compton said.

Mrs. Vicki Box's class formed a class constitution to use during the year.

"The kids and I came up with rules that we thought would fit our class best," Mrs. Box said.

The constitution was displayed on the classroom wall, and each class member signed it. If the rules were broken, the kids knew what the punishment would be.

"Every time we got in trouble," Jon Freeman said, "we had to copy the constitution!"







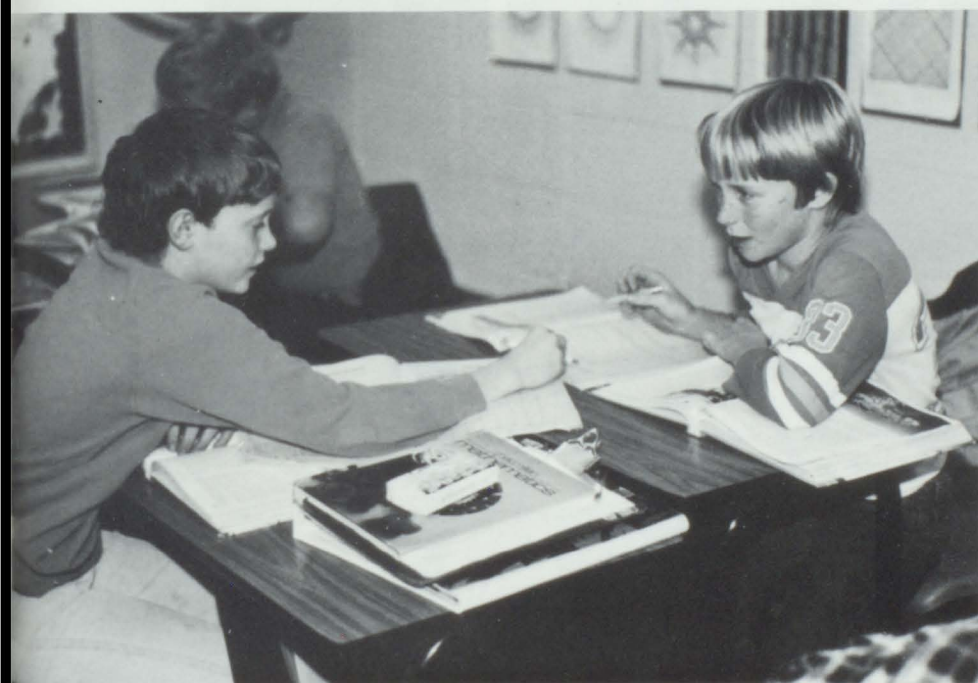
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Brian Hodges  
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Jared Jones  
Jeremy Jones  
Kevin Jones  
Kendall Keith

Miles Keith  
Kathy Kelley  
Evan Kinser  
Jackie Kirkland  
Mike Lanning  
Angela Lansdown  
Shawnya Matney

David McDowell  
Joe McNeil  
Ryan Miller  
Patricia Millsap  
Jeri Moody  
Michelle Moody  
Amy Morris

Vicky Noble  
Shannon Page  
Robbie Pierson  
Donnie Squires  
David Taylor  
Doug Walker  
Tawna Watterson



■ **WORKING ON A** science assignment, Robert Pierson and Joe McNeil discuss one of the questions.



■ **MRS. MARY LOU** Rush, sixth grade teacher.

■ **SINGING A SONG** in music class gives the sixth graders a break from the classroom.



Dustin Banes  
 Bobbi Beck  
 Elizabeth Bingham  
 Adam Brooke  
 Cynthia Brummitt  
 Adam Bryan  
 Cheri Cannon



Stephen Chilson  
 Brad Collins  
 Misti Collins  
 Stephanie Copeland  
 Nancy Davis  
 Jesse Evans  
 Carol Farris



Jennifer Friese  
 Virginia Fulbright  
 Kathy Hall  
 Jonet Hampton  
 Kim Henry  
 Lisa Henry  
 Tracey Hughes



Kimberly Hyde  
 Marvin Johnson  
 Stephanie Joseph  
 Stephanie Kelly  
 Johnnie Kuhn  
 George Lanning  
 Annette Lansdown



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# Grade Five

## Fifth grade becomes responsible

**T**he life of a fifth grader included more work, more responsibility, and less freedom.

Less freedom meant not getting the same playtime as the year before, which most of the fifth graders didn't like, but quickly learned they would have to learn to live with.

"I'd like to have more recesses, so I wouldn't feel so cooped in," Bobbi Beck said. "I don't like having to stay inside all day."

However, most of the students agreed they liked the fifth grade, even though it meant more work for them during the day.

"I like getting the extra work," Randal Roy said, "and I really like certain

girls."

Still, some students didn't thrive on the extra work. Shawn Williams didn't like all the extra assignments. She especially disliked doing the maps for her social studies projects.

Once the routine of being in the fifth grade was established, the students started having jitters while wondering what life in the sixth grade will be like next year.

"I'm a little bit scared about going into the sixth grade because I don't know what to expect," Jesse Evans said. "At least I'll get to have more fun since we will be the oldest kids in the elementary."



■ **FIFTH GRADER KATHY** Hall concentrates hard to get her social studies work finished.





Jacque Lansdown  
Justin Long  
April Lynch  
Beckie Lynn  
Ted Marre  
Benji Moore  
Jody Philpott

Steven Pearson  
Kenny Robinson  
Randall Roy  
Terry Schofield  
Randall Schofield  
Jennifer Shropshire  
Angela Swopes

Areatha Sickels  
Tanisha Thacker  
Russell Wallace  
Sunny Watterson  
Joshua Williams  
Shawn Williams  
Steven Wilson

Brenda Winsor  
David Young



■ **CHECKING THROUGH THE** new World Books, fifth graders Dusty Banes, Beckie Lynn, Stephanie Kelley, Brenda Winsor, April Lynch, and Steven Wilson can find no flaws.

■ **FIFTH GRADE TEACHERS** Mrs. Kathryn Nichols and Mrs. Susie Graham.

■ **ADAM BRYAN AND** Shawn Williams sort through Valentines made by the class members.





Jennifer Brooke  
Mark Brown  
Matthew Calhoun  
Sharon Calhoun  
Charles Campbell  
Shannon Cantrell  
Stephen Cantrell



John Carnall  
Janie Carter  
Elizabeth Chilson  
Lynda Christeson  
Thomas Clouse  
Torrie Collins  
John Crain



Micheal Davis  
Crystal Doan  
Micheal Douglas  
Jodi Edwards  
Brent Freeman  
Jerry Garrison  
Joe Garrison



Carrie Gleason  
John GrewOwl  
James Hanger  
Jamon Hodo  
Melissa Honeycutt  
Stephanie House  
Lisa Hyde



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# Grade Four

## Pizza thrills fourth graders

**T**o most kids a 100 percent meant an A, but not to the fourth graders.

To fourth graders, a perfect score meant pizza.

The students received a pizza party for their efforts in the elementary reading program begun this year at Mansfield in connection with area Pizza Huts.

Mrs. Carol Garrison's and Mrs. Elaine Crump's classes each received a 100 percent for four out of five months in the program.

"I got a Pizza Hut certificate," Stephanie House said, "and our class got to have a big pizza party."

Each child had a certain number of

books to read in order for the class to reach its goal for the month. When the kids read their books they received a coupon good for a free individual pizza.

"We had to read three books and give an oral book report," Emily Matlock said, "before we got a certificate to go eat pizza."

The program, initiated by Pizza Hut, was designed to give the kids an incentive to read. The class set their own goals each month and even challenged other classes involved in the program.

"I liked to eat the pizza," Missy Honeycutt said, "I really liked it because our class got to have a pizza party."







Brian Johnson  
Marissa Joseph  
Amy Kelly  
Sabrina Kelly  
Billy Kennedy  
Virginia Keys  
Jennifer Kingery

Dustin Lansdown  
Emily Matlock  
Ashley Miller  
Karen Miller  
Tara Moody  
Tom Moody  
Brooke Newton

Billy Pasley  
Trisha Perry  
Melisa Porter  
Angela Ragsdale  
Diane Riley  
Kristi Rogers  
Michael Scott

Laura Shannon  
Deneane Sickels  
Dallas Smith  
Stephen Stepro  
Mirissa Stillwell  
Jennifer Top  
Robbie Van Orden

Barry Wedge  
Jennifer Williams  
Michelle Williams

■ **MRS. ELAINE CRUMP** and Mrs.  
Carol Garrison, fourth grade teachers.



■ **CROWDING AROUND THE** sup-  
plies, fourth graders weave with paper in  
art class.

■ **ENTERTAINING AT THE** annual  
Wilder Day, fourth graders sing "Oh,  
Susannah."





Niki Anderson  
Daniel Arnold  
John Arnold  
Tessa Bennett  
Melanie Blankenship  
Stephanie Blankenship  
Julia Bolding



Christy Brazeal  
Mica Brooke  
Jason Bryson  
Nathan Carr  
Jeffrey Chambers  
Steven Chilson  
Chad Clanton



David Climer  
Misty Coffman  
Crystal Cook  
Trishisa Dalton  
Robbie Decker  
Hayden Dennis  
Donnie Detherage



Faye Dollarhide  
Eva Farmer  
Brian Farris  
Karen Farris  
Marc Farris  
Bobby Franks  
Billy Friese



shades of class

# Grade Three

## Third graders learn life saving

**L**earning to save a "dummy" gave third graders an idea of what it would be like to save a real person from death if they needed to.

Last year, third grade teacher Mrs. Carol Anderson read a story about kids learning CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) so they would be able to keep someone alive by artificial means.

This year, she asked Mrs. Helen Stanford, Mercy Hospital nurse, to give a CPR demonstration to the third graders, and they learned the correct procedures for this life-saving technique.

"When someone has trouble breathing," Laurel Simpson said, "you blow air into their mouth."

Checking behind the ear for the pulse is important, Jennifer Kingery learned, and you must push up on the stomach, Tessa Bennett discovered.

Learning when to use CPR was another factor taught to the third graders.

"If one of your friends has a heart attack," Phillip Hull said, "you might need to help."

Donnie Detherage learned that when a person gets too hot and has a heat stroke, CPR can be used.

Whatever they learned, practicing CPR on Annie the dummy was an experience the third graders said they will never forget.



■ **PINNING UP VALENTINES** gives Jennifer Kingery and Christy Matney a chance to see who made each picture.





Joanie Fullbright  
Heather Gray  
Kevin Goforth  
Jeffrey Hanger  
Jackie Honeycutt  
Dottie Hughes  
Phillip Hull

Randon Ivy  
Luke Johnson  
Jennifer Jones  
Jason Kabage  
Jennifer King  
Jennifer Kingery  
Garan Kinser

Michael Kirkland  
Lisa Ladd  
Deloris Lansdown  
Christy Matney  
Melanie McGaw  
Brandon Miller  
Amanda Mills

Kim Moody  
Michael Moody  
Sara Moody  
Brian Moore  
Tony Naugle  
T.J. Pasley  
Brian Pollock

Michelle Pruitt  
Michelle Roberts  
Laurel Simpson  
Matthew Skyles  
Sean Spyres  
Valerie Turley  
Janet VanNess

Jim Wallace  
Natasha Wallin  
Brian Welker  
Timothy Welker  
Julie Williams  
Sarah Williams  
Dawn Wingo



■ **LOOKING AT BONES** means spare time fun for Mark Farris, Jeffery Chambers, Sean Spyres and Brandon Miller.



■ **THIRD GRADE TEACHERS** are Mrs. Carol Anderson, Mrs. Pat Brown, and Mrs. Twila Collins



Jill Adamson  
Michael Baty  
Dedra Bell  
Angie Bingham  
Michael Brame  
Jeffrey Brooke  
Nick Brooke



Shane Bujarski  
Billy Chilson  
Christa Choate  
Jarod Coday  
Daniel Collins  
Jeremy Corder  
Brandie Crisp



Jason Davis  
Stephanie Day  
Niki Detherage  
Brittney Farris  
Rodney Franken  
Eric Grubbs  
Frank Harris



Michael Harris  
Christy Hasting  
Lisa Hodges  
J.W. Hutson  
Chris Johnson  
Jeannie Johnson  
Kimberly Joseph



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# Grade Two

## Second grade runs post office

**H**eadings, closings, and postscripts sound like pretty serious business for second grade kids. But it was all in a day of "learning to use the post office" for this bunch.

The post office was a small white box in one corner of the classroom, and the letters were written after all work was completed.

The first person done with all his work got the job of passing out all the mail, or being the mailman.

"The letters had to have correct spelling and had to be punctuated correctly," said Mrs. Kay Scrivner, second grade teacher. "If the letter contains mistakes it must be corrected before it

can be mailed."

Letter writing knocked out two birds with one stone for the class.

"We were teaching the kids proper writing form, how to use addresses and dates, and how to put their thoughts onto paper," Mrs. Scrivner said.

"The kids really enjoyed writing the letters to their friends," added Mrs. Josie Adamson, second grade teacher.

The second grade kids enjoyed writing letters, for many reasons.

"I liked to get letters," Michael Spyres said. "It was fun to read them."

"You can say things to another person." Emily Moody said, "without anyone else knowing."







LaDonna Johnson  
Justin King  
Mindy Kurz  
Loretta Lansdown  
Ronnie Lansdown  
Janice Liles  
Wendy Matlock

Tina Merriman  
Lauren Miller  
Jennifer Millsap  
Emily Moody  
Mitzi Nichols  
Justin Pruitt  
Teddy Rose

Elizabeth Roth  
Regina Roy  
Summer Slade  
Jeromie Snavelly  
Michael Spyres  
Joseph Swopes  
Tara Travis

Angela Ulrich  
Melissa Wedge  
Steven Welch  
Aimee Williams  
Jennifer Wright  
Crystal Young  
Donnie Young



■ **BRITTANY FARRIS** *TIPS* her chair back to get a closer look at a classmate during a reading lesson.

■ **SHARING A ROW** with Jennifer Millsap and Regina Roy, Brandie Crisp raises her hand to give an answer.

■ **MRS. KAY SCRIVNER** and Mrs. Josie Adamson, second grade teachers.





Allison Arnall  
Natasha Bailey  
David Barnes  
Robby Baugh  
Joseph Bell  
Chris Benton  
Ashley Blankenship



Derek Bolding  
Jeromy Brooke  
Nicole Broome  
Johnny Bryant  
Kassy Calhoun  
Eric Carampatan  
Lydia Chilson



T.W. Climer  
Christina Coble  
Henry Cook  
Jessica Copeland  
Scott Corder  
Daniel Crain  
Rebekah Dale



Cindy Dalton  
Patricia Dollarhide  
Ricky Dugger  
Jennifer Dunn  
Melissa Etzel  
Melissa Farris  
Chris Flageolle



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# Grade One

## First graders learn new skills

**I**t's a cliché, but the phrase "having their nose in a book all the time" really describes many first graders at Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary School.

"They are eager beavers who love to read," first grade teacher Mrs. Kathy Nichols said, "especially when they grasp the skill. They can't believe that reading is something they can learn how to do by themselves."

The first graders learned to read by associating the letters to the sounds, and sounding out new words became a challenge they attacked every day with great anticipation.

"I like to read," Jenny Moody said,

"because I like to see if I know all the words."

The first graders went to the library once a week and checked out books. This was a day Melissa Etzel liked, because she could get new books she hadn't read.

The first graders read a large assortment of "easy reader" books.

"**I Want to Be a Truck Driver** is my favorite book," Chris Flageolle said, "because I like the words in it and it is fun to read."

The first graders were required to have their parents sign a form saying that they read a book at home. This was to get them ready for writing book reports in the upper grades.







Patricia Freeman  
Heather Forbis  
Frances Gittings  
Alice Goldsberry  
Adam Grubbs  
Rachel Hall  
Nathan Hanger

Jessica Heatherly  
Jerry Henry  
Chad Keeling  
Travis King  
Jason Lansdown  
John Lansdown  
Roy Liles

Joey Long  
Leslie Lynch  
Shoji McGhee  
Curtis Melton  
Tessa Miller  
Jenny Moody  
Tina Naugle

John Roberts  
John Rhodes  
Stephen Russ  
Matthew Scott  
Melissa Scott  
Courtney Short  
Amanda Skyles

Gary Slate  
Jodee Snavelly  
Justin Stoner  
James Strunk  
Jamay Thacker  
Melvin Thompson  
Gina Turley

Don Wilson  
Kati Williams  
Kathy Winsor



■ **WORKING AT THE** board, Ashley Blankenship points out the answer to Robby Baugh and Henry Cook.

■ **MRS. KATHY NICHOLS**, Mrs. Frances Coday, and Mrs. Janet Mitchell, first grade teachers.



■ **DRESSED AS DOLLS**, the first grade girls perform in the elementary Christmas musical.



Matthew Adamson  
Sarah Allen  
Luke Anderson  
Jillian Bingham  
Justin Borders  
Jason Brooke  
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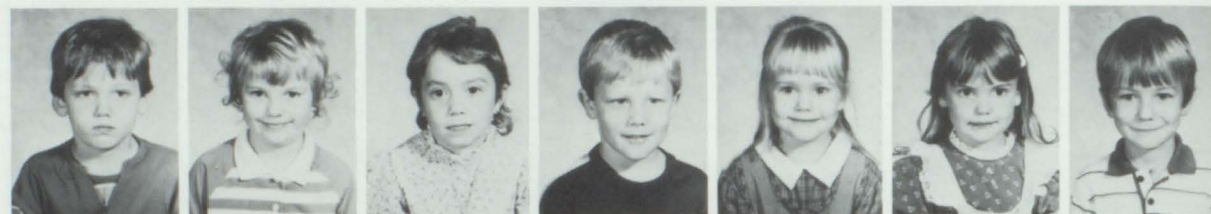
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Chris Hutson



shades of class

# Kindergarten

## Kindergarteners learn signing

**K**indergarten students love to talk, and this group learned how to talk with their hands as well as their mouths.

Along with learning how to read, write, and use numbers, sign language was added to the schedule for the students.

The program was set up so that students could communicate with a hearing impaired student.

"It's the most unique thing they've done all year long," kindergarten teacher Mrs. Vicky Taylor said.

Each day for about 15 minutes, Mrs. Cindy Baker, the hearing impaired teacher, and Mrs. Lori Felton, the speech

therapist, would teach the students new sign language.

"We learned how to say our name using sign language," Curtis Stuart said, "and we got to answer our teacher's questions in sign language."

The students also learned an important lesson during the year when a pretend accident victim was transferred to a Mercy Hospital ambulance in a mock emergency that took place in the school parking lot.

This program was used to show students the importance of using a seat belt.

"If your seat belt isn't on," Jerrod Millsap said, "you'll have a wreck and hit the windshield."







Kristina Hutson  
Carol Kelley  
Tina Kirkland  
Brandon Lansdown  
Jonathan Lynch  
Brandon McNamer  
Stephanie Merrifield

Jerrod Millsap  
Michelle Napier  
Tracy Oberbeck  
Christy Patterson  
Kinder Pollock  
Nicholas Prell  
April Quinn

Carl Ramsey  
James Ramsey  
Stephen Ramsey  
Joseph Rhodes  
Rachelle Roy  
Arthur Slade  
Crystal Steffe

Jamie Stepro  
Curtis Stuart  
Sherry Turley  
Jason Turner  
Michael Wagnon  
Shannon Wallin  
Donna Young



■ **KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS**  
**ARE** Mrs. Vicky Taylor and Mrs. Cindy Brouse.

■ **WORN OUT AFTER** a hard days work, Micheal Wagnon takes a nap.

■ **KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS**  
**SEE** a pretend accident victim transferred to an ambulance in a mock emergency.

■ **SHOWING OFF THEIR** costumes during the Halloween parade, Donna Young and Christina Cook walk with Mrs. Cindy Brouse.





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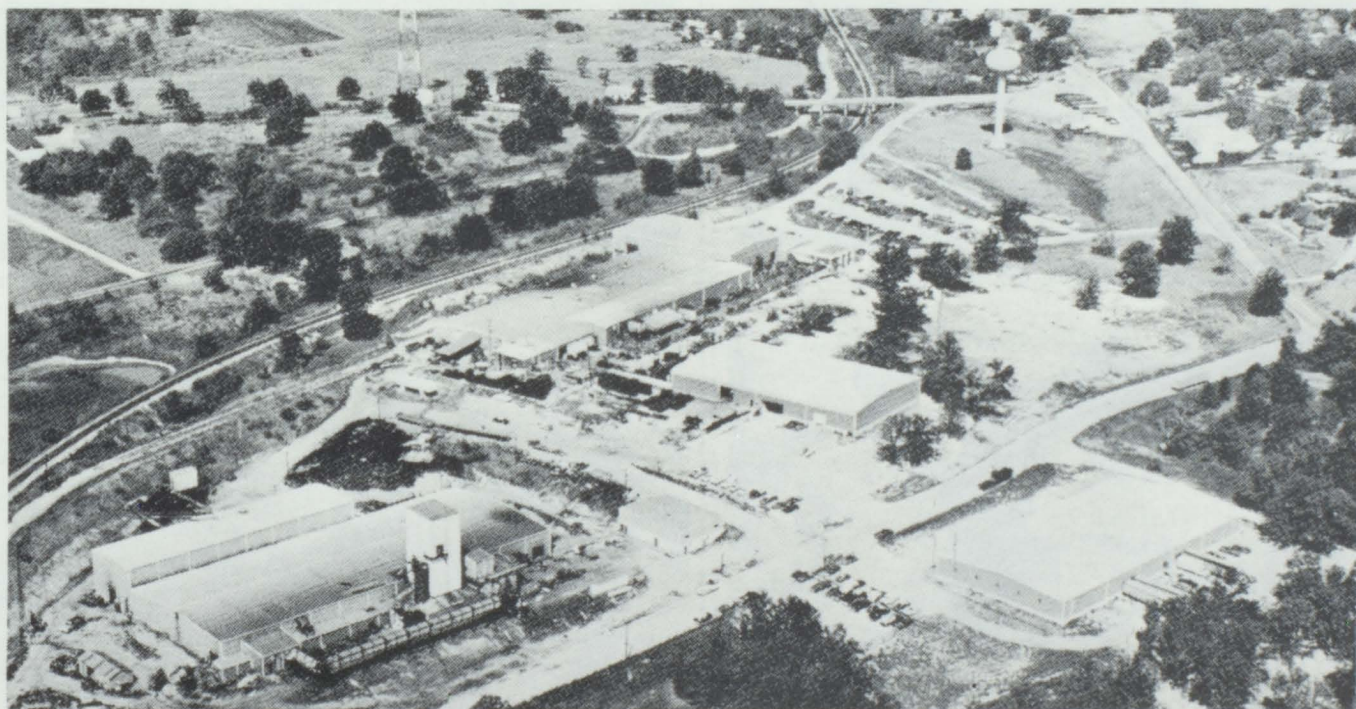
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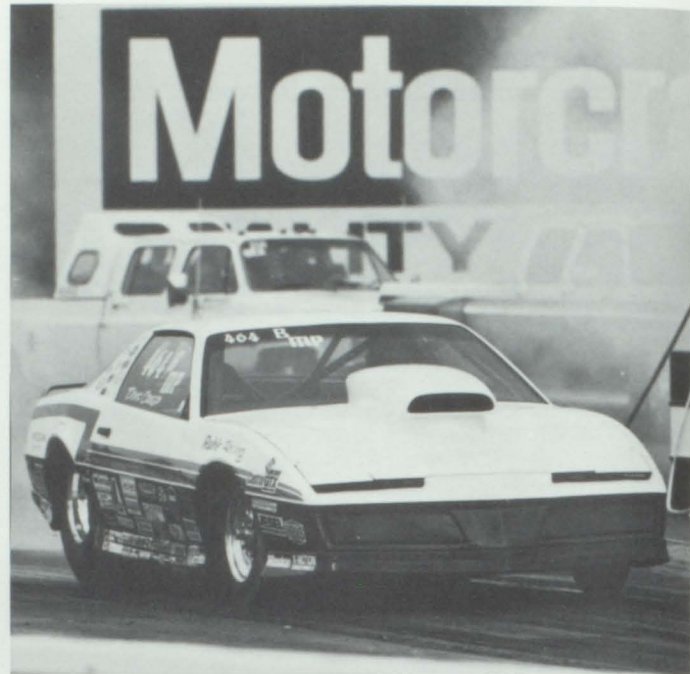
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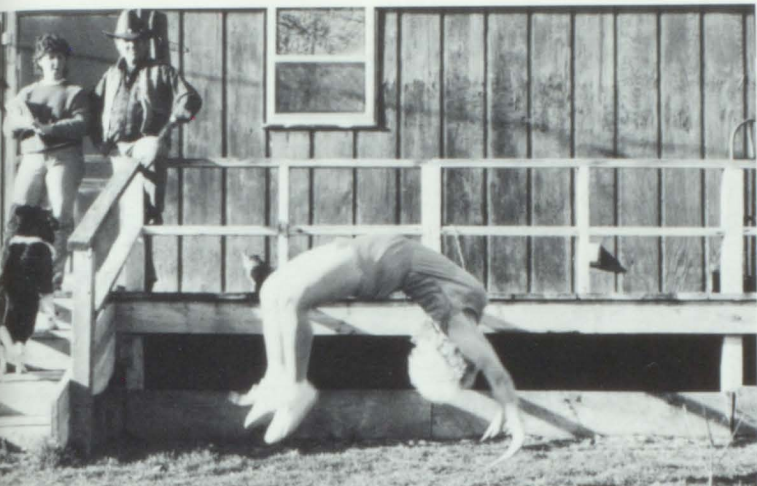
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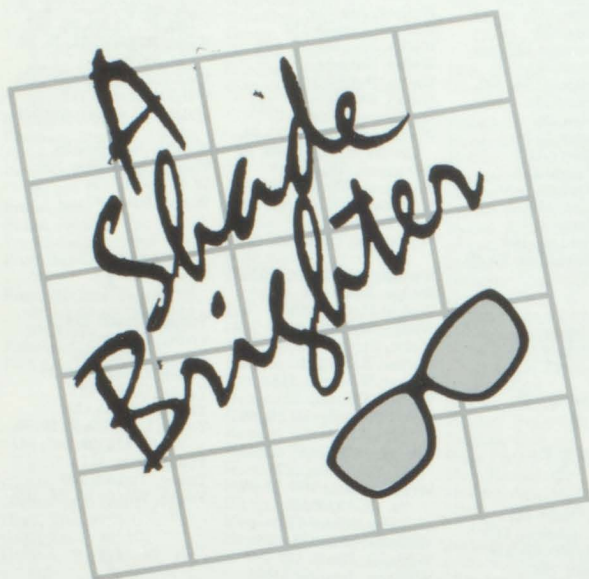
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■ **SITTING AT THE** new picnic tables, students enjoy their lunch provided by Student Council.



## Year shines bright

Wearing sunglasses, the boy walking down the dark hall was questioned by the principal as to why he was wearing the glasses indoors.

"My future's so bright, I gotta wear shades," the boy replied.

In many ways, that confident attitude expressed in a popular song fit the atmosphere at MHS.

To help students realize the dream of a bright future, Student Council hosted a drug and alcohol awareness seminar. They treated  
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■ **DASHING TO THE** finish line, Claire Brennan and Diane Holt attempt to win the three-legged race.



■ **WITH ARMS STRETCHED** out, Debra Bryant carefully catches her water balloon.



■ **AFTER A GAME** of Simon Says, students rest up for the next event.

■ **FRESHMEN WATCH AS** one of their team members gets ready to bat in the class softball tournament.

■ **KEEPING HANDS AND** feet off the ground, students participate in a game of Simon Says.



■ **WITH GREAT EFFORT,** Charlie McClain takes a swing at the ball.



■ **KENNY GARRISON SNACKS** on some Cheetos while talking with Brandon Frantz, Kevin Lindsey, and Scott Dunsmuir.



■ **BO MCALISTER AND** Monique Slade follow the leader in a game of Simon Says.

■ **JENNIFER WALLIN COLLAPSES** on the ground after falling at the finish line with partner YuRhonda Dean in the three legged race.



■ **DOZENS OF STUDENTS** get involved in a game of Simon Says with business teacher Mrs. Jean Steinhauer.



■ **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** watch the dedication of the picnic tables by the Student Council during field day.



■ **DAVID ADAMSON AND Lawanda Young** watch the day's activities since Young is sidelined with an injured ankle.



the entire high school to a picnic lunch, and an afternoon called High on Life. There was a softball tournament, and lots of individual games, shown here on the next seven pages. High on Life, as evidenced by the participation and smiles, was a big success. It was a time when students could get out of the classroom, wear jams, and have fun in the sun.

To recognize students headed for a bright future, the local Lion's Club initiated a Student of the Month program. The winners received a certificate, a tee-shirt, and were special luncheon guests at a Lion's Club meeting.

Pep rallies were several shades brighter, with more class spirit shown than in the past. Whether it was the senior boys "stripping down" to "Nasty Boys" or the spirit squads dressed as "I Heard it Through the Grapevine" raisins, MHS students had plenty to cheer about.

Spirit was also the key word when students participated in Homecoming week activities ranging from Mourning Day (black attire in respect for the soon-to-be-conquered Fordland Eagles) to Hawaiian Day.

Memorable events of the year brought tears to our eyes, smiles to our faces, and pride to our hearts.

Missourians scrambled to prepare for a Presidential visit during the fall. President Ronald Reagan spoke in Springfield on behalf of Republican U.S. Senatorial candidate Kit Bond, and a few lucky people from Mans- (continued)



■ **TRYING TO WIN** the race, April Light and Darin Raney hobble through the three-legged event.

■ **FAIRA WATTERSON CATCHES** a water balloon and still manages to stay dry at field day.



■ **WHILE HIS ELEMENTARY** class watches field day activities, Randy Short gets drenched by girls basketball team members.

■ **DEBRA BRYANT CATCHES** the water balloon, which to her surprise stays in one piece.



field were able to be there.

Purdy, a small school in Missouri about the same size as Mansfield, gained national attention because of a 100-year-old ban on school-sponsored dances. With the issue almost identical to the hit movie "Footloose," MHS students sympathized with their Purdy counterparts.

We shared the grief when another Missouri Highway Patrolman was shot and killed during a "routine traffic check," making it plain that even the Ozarks isn't safe from violence.

Here at home we cheered as MHS sent its first freshman ever to a state track competition. The Sweethearts pom pon squad wowed the crowds for the second year in a row at the state basketball tournament.

It was evident that academic accomplishment was never brighter, as students took medals and awards in many areas.

New events helped groups shine. The band marched in the Springfield Christmas parade and serenaded walkers passing through town on their months-long journey (continued)



■ **AFTER SOAKING COACH** Randy Short with cups of water, the culprits laugh about the wet results.



■ **THE CROWD GIVES** its attention during the dedication ceremony of the picnic tables.

■ **MONIQUE SLADE TAKES** her turn at the frisbee toss during High On Life field day.



■ **HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL** Gene Garrison thanks the Student Council for their efforts which resulted in the gift of the picnic tables to the school.

■ **BEING CAREFUL NOT** to get wet, Claire Brennan catches the water balloon.



■ **SOAKING UP SOME** rays, Craig Carter and Sean Hannum watch the softball game between the juniors and freshmen.

■ **TRYING TO AVOID** getting wet, students gingerly reach for the water balloons.

■ **JUNIOR DIANE HOLT** shows class spirit, looks to the future and 1988.



to raise money for the homeless. FBLA entered contests for the first time.

Seniors found themselves caught in the age-old trap of trying to get everything done and still find time for fun.

Many things will be memorable for them about their last year, including boys enrolling in contemporary living, working in the senior concession stand, and going on the class trip to St. Louis.

Special memories were available at MHS for anyone who wished to take them. Just ask someone who was there, and they could probably say that around MHS, life during the 1987 school year was a shade brighter than the year before.

And if you wonder if that's really true, just take a look through these pages. You may have to put on your shades, because MHS really did shine brightly.

