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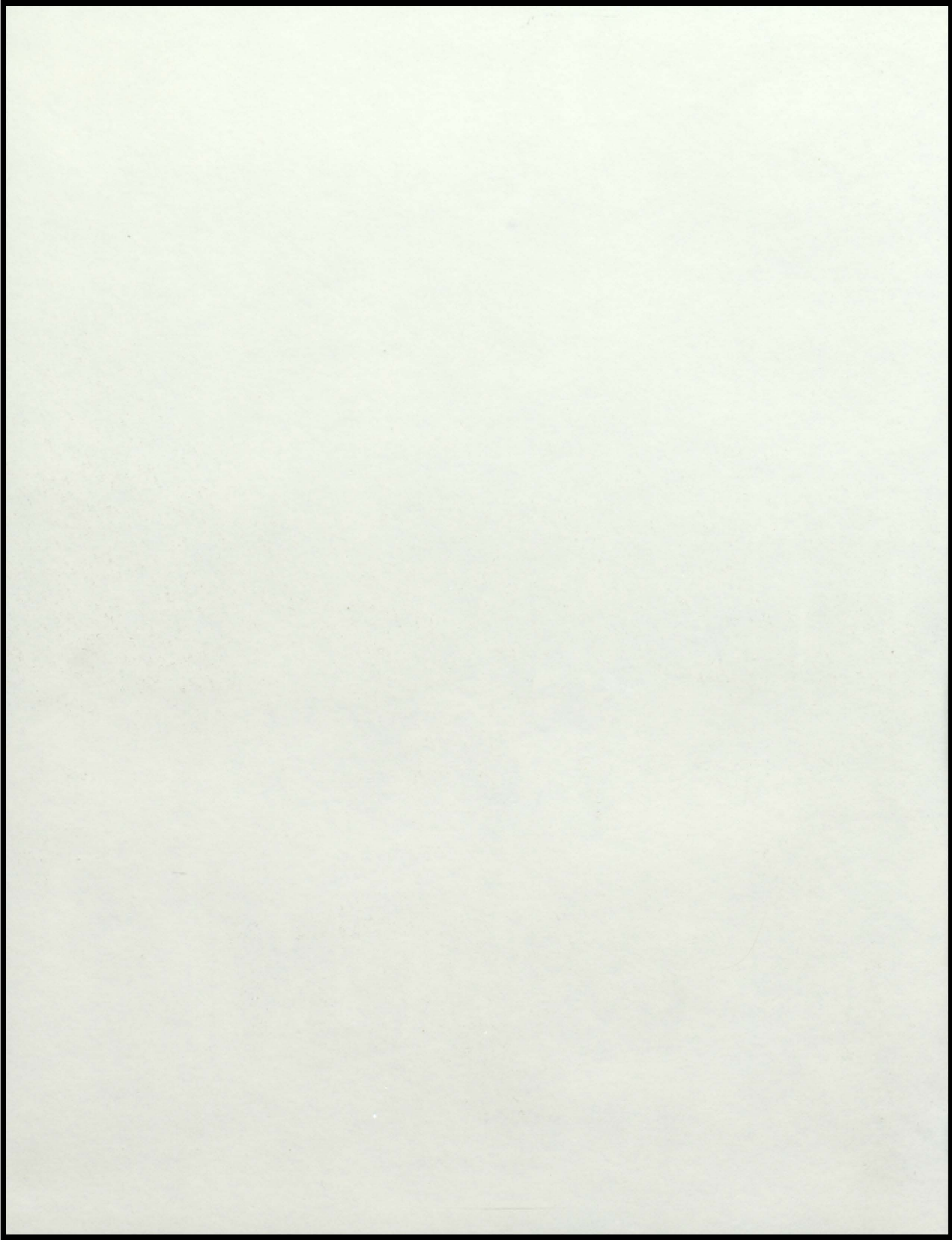














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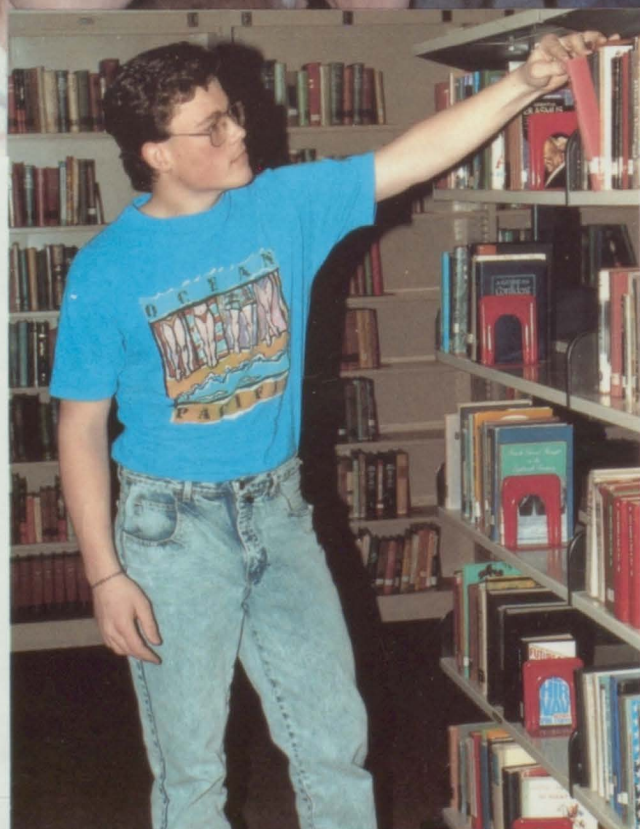






*STUDENT LIFE . . . Seniors pull with all their strength at Junior Olympics.*

*ACADEMICS . . . Book report time in English II sends Paul Clark to the library.*



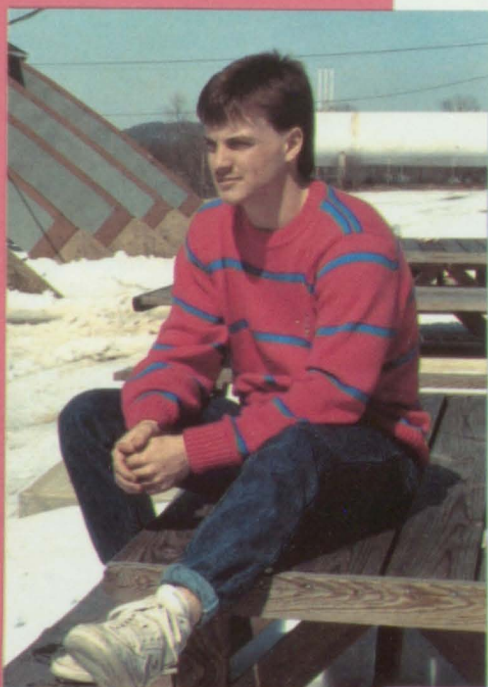


**SENIORS ...** Class spirit at the Homecoming pep rally fires up seniors.

**GUESS YOU HAD TO BE THERE ...** Ralene Maberry, David Wilson, Mary Boydston, and Stacy Veit clown around at the carnival.



**SPORTS ...** Cross Country runner Marty Henry gets encouragement before leaving for the state meet.



**STUDENTS ...** Joe Freeman waits for friends at one of the few places clear of snow.

**ORGANIZATIONS ...** Lisa Myers directs Pep Band members, decked out in sunglasses and hats.

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# Guess YOU HAD TO Be There

## Class spirit often hidden until pep rally time

Sometimes class spirit is like the old cliché about driving through a small town. If you blink, you miss it. If you wanted to see much excitement about a class or about a sports team, guess you had to be there, because it didn't happen every day. There were some days that were different, though. Special pep rallies managed to spark class rivalry and participation, and if you were there, you had to remember it. Shouting, cheering and outrageous skits helped students identify with their classmates in a common goal - being the best, the loudest, the most enthusiastic.







▲**PROUD TO BE** sophomores, Vickie Franks, Debbie Matthews, and Angie Miller respond to a senior cheer.

▲**CHRISTI EVANS SHOWS** off a lion mask and Scott Dunsmuir a Lion grin at the cross country state send-off.



▲**"WRITER'S BLOCK"** SUDDENLY cured, Debbie VonBehren decides not to jump, unlike her fellow skit participants.

▲**SHOUTING HELPS SHANNON** Kirkland and Kim Mills broadcast news that junior is the best class.

▲**TRYING TO POP** a balloon between them has Aaron Gray and Bart Evans up close and personal at a pep rally.

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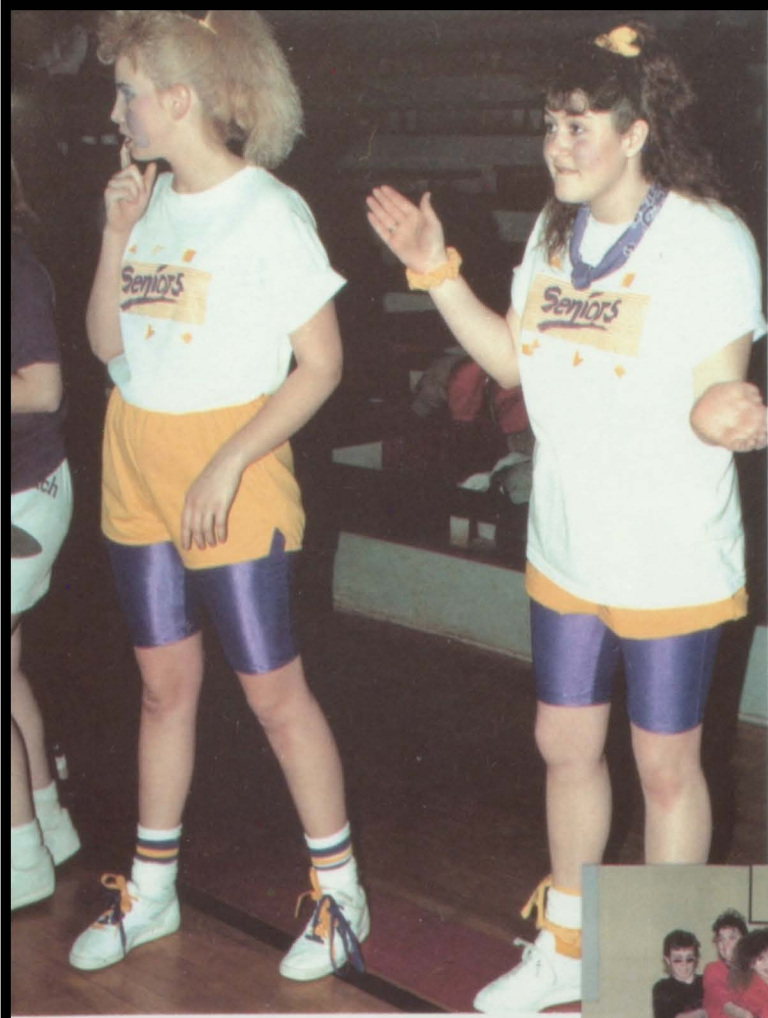
# Guess YOU HAD TO Be There

## Seeing is believing when it's Junior Olympics

Anyone who has never been to Junior Olympics has absolutely no idea what the event is really like. It tends to defy description. The ten events making up the battle of the four high school classes tend to be the loudest, the craziest, and yes, the strangest time of the entire year. Spray-painted hair, semi-serious arguments, and teens on tricycles tell some of the uniqueness of Junior Olympics, which has been around for eleven years. But beyond that, guess you had to be there, because the whole evening is "simply irresistible."

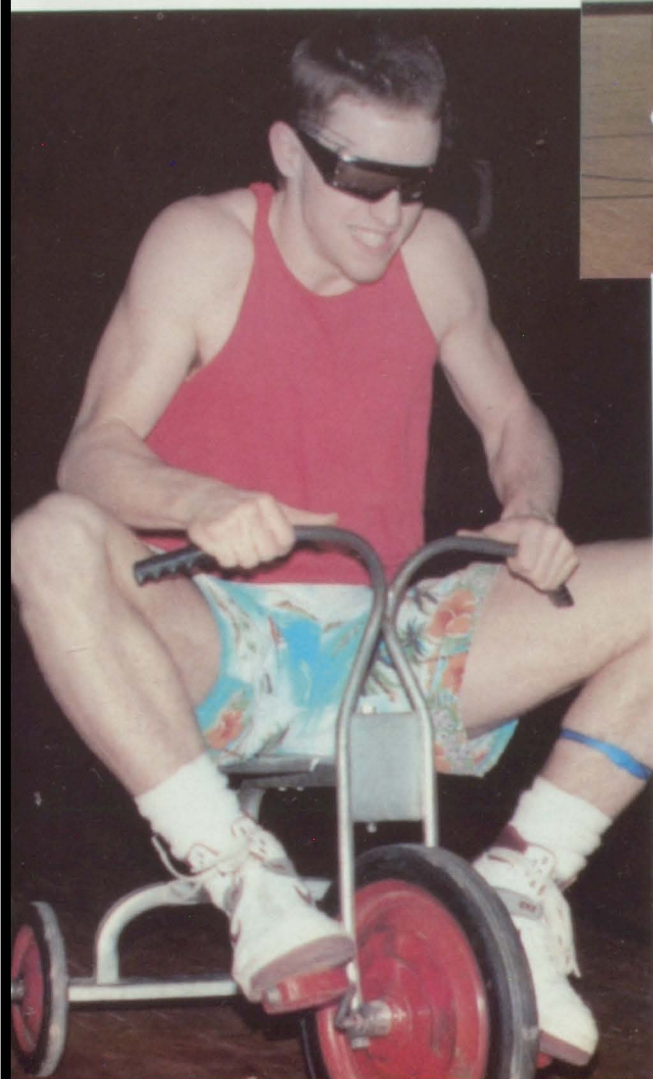






▲SENIORS STACY VEIT and Mary Cantrell watch their team try to win the free throw shooting game.

▲POPPING A BALLOON proves frustrating for sophomores Marc Brazeal and Lee Ann Cannon.



▲FRESHMEN TEAM MEMBERS struggle to beat the juniors in the tug-of-war.

▲JUNIORS DON'T INTEND to lose this preliminary tug-of-war match with the freshman team.



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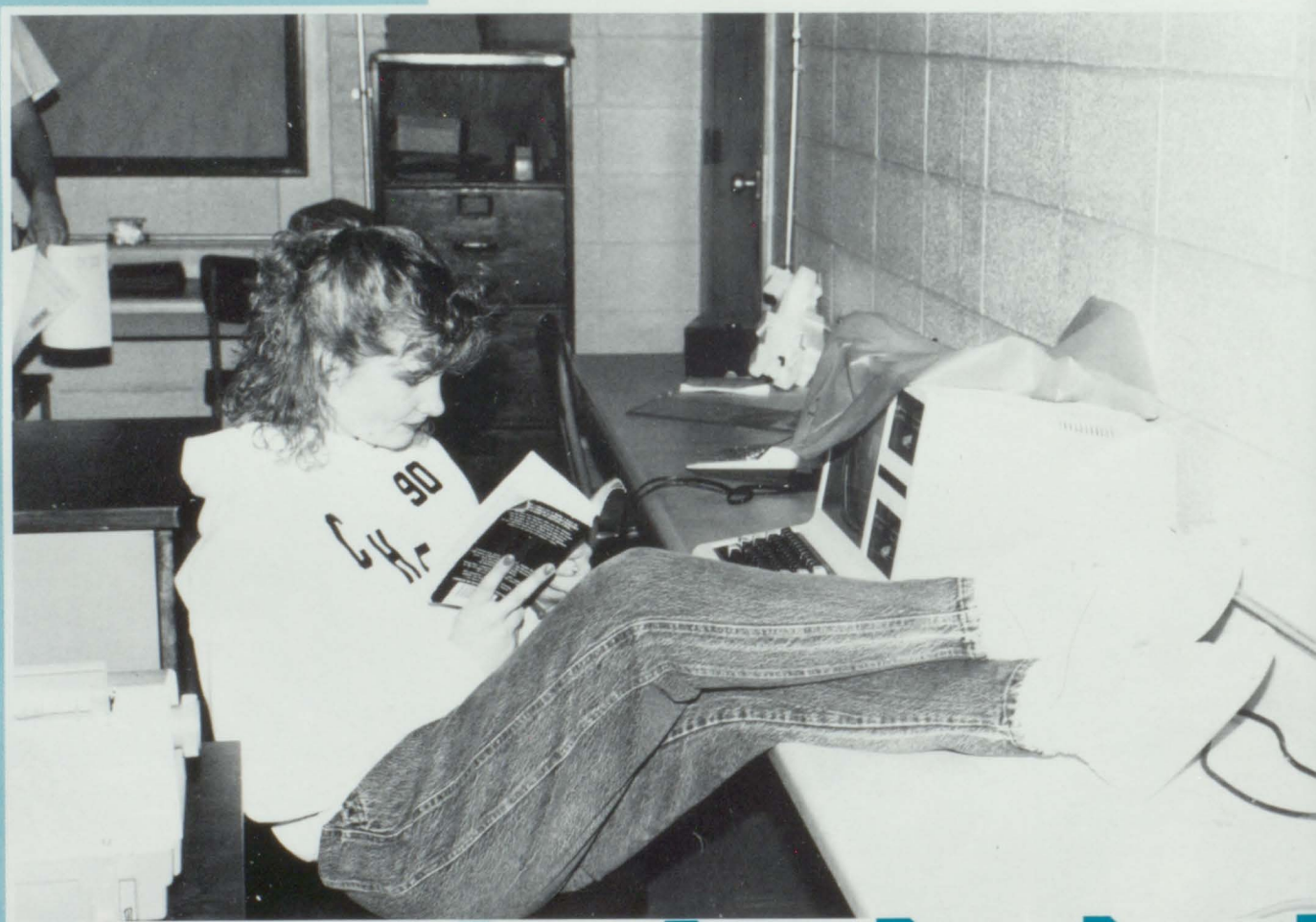
▲GARY GREENE PEDALS his way to the finish line for the junior team.



# *Guess* **YOU HAD TO** *Be There*

## Getting lost in thought appealing at times

Even when you're in a roomful of people, you can be by yourself - lost in thoughts of yesterday or tomorrow. Sometimes it doesn't take much effort to tune the rest of the world out, whether the scene is a crowded classroom, a parking lot, or a hotly contested ballgame. Good thoughts, bad thoughts, indifferent thoughts. Unless you are a mind reader, you have to be there - you have to be that person - to know what thoughts are bouncing around inside. Guess you had to be there never had a clearer meaning.

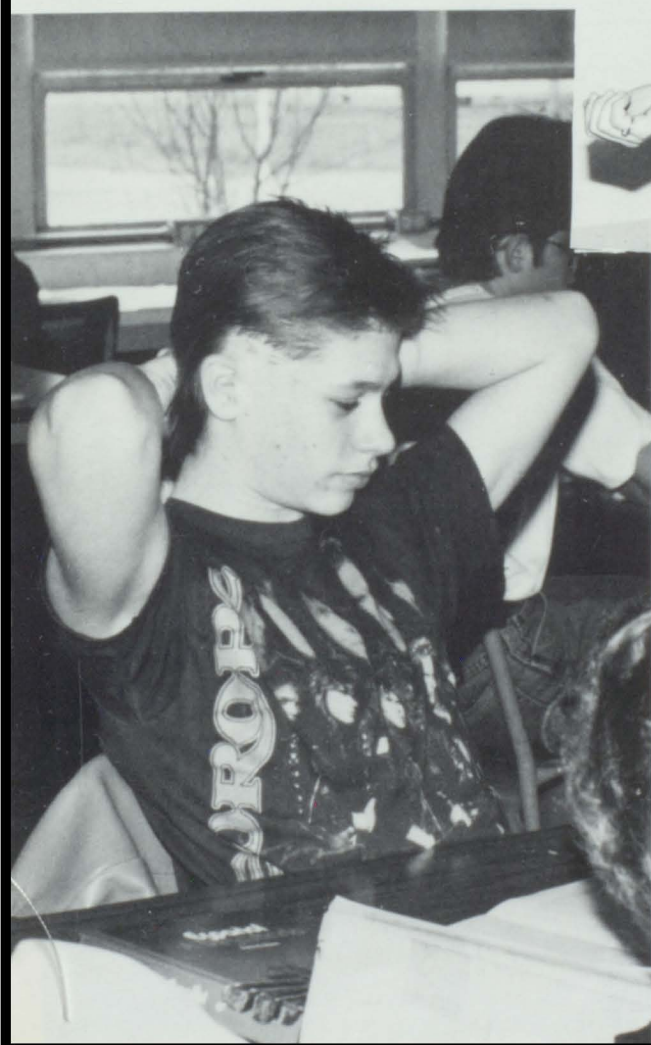






▲**BASKETBALL MANAGERS** BRIAN Williams and George Crisp concentrate on varsity action.

▲**DURING A BREAK** from playing clarinet in Pep Band, Melissa Helsley quietly watches a varsity basketball game.



▲**WORKING ON A** case of the flu, David Wilson finds a table where he can suffer in silence.

▲**CHANCES ARE** Gary Greene doesn't realize he is blowing a bubble while proofreading a newspaper assignment.

▲**SURROUNDED BY ACCOUNTING** students, Glen Evans thinks through a problem.

Guess You Had To Be there





▲GIGGLES ARE IN order for Angela Merritt, Annette Weddle, Sherlyn Gallion, and DeDee Hall.



▲KELLY EIDSON AND Eddie Whipple make plans for the weekend.



▲SENIORS CELEBRATE THEIR second consecutive Junior Olympics title.



▲SNOW IN MARCH plus a 70 degree thaw provides a strange Spring for seniors.

▲PALS HAL NOBLE and Jessie Phillips enjoy a sunny day together.



▲SHERLYN GALLION, MELISSA Hellsley, and Missy McGaw get ready for the senior group picture.

▲TALKING ABOUT GRADUATION makes it seem real to Scott Hesterly, Lori Wood, and Deana Kelley.

# IT'S YOUR Guess

Wondering about the future was an excellent pastime for the Class of 1989, ever wary of making a bogus decision about the adventure ahead of them.

It's your guess, and theirs, as to whether any of their dreams and schemes will come true. But most likely, they realize that what is ahead of them has the potential to be challenging, exciting, and definitely unpredictable.

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# SENIORS

## DAVID ADAMSON

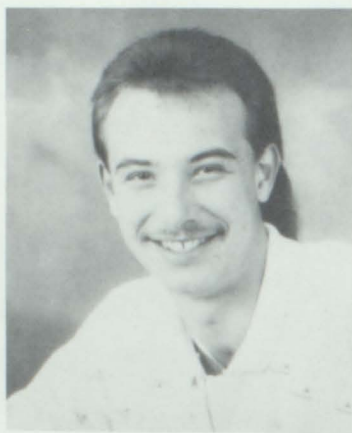
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## TASSIE BAKER

Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; FFA 3,4; Choir 1,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Softball 1; Carnival Queen candidate 1; Junior Miss Mansfield 1.

## JEFF BATY

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



## ANGELA BRAZEAL

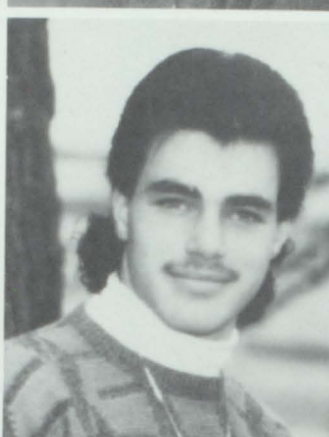
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## MARY CANTRELL

Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2; FBLA 3,4; Publications Staff 3,4; and Photographer 3,4; Choir 2,3; Class Officer 4; Pom Pon 1,2,3,4; Junior Olympics Team 2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 3; Track 1; Softball 2,3,4; Business Contest 4; Art Fair 1,2,3,4; Journalism Contest 3,4; Music Contest 2,3; FBLA Contest 4; ESP 4; Foreign Language Club 4.

## RUSTY CARTER

FHA 4; FFA 1,2,3,4; Junior Olympics Team 2,3,4; Baseball 1; Cross Country 2; Barnwarming King 3; Industrial Arts Fair 2,3.



## LARRY CHILSON

Science Club 3; Pep Club 3,4; and officer 4; FHA 4; FFA 1,2,3,4; and officer 2; Junior Olympics Team 2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Carnival King 3; Barnwarming King 1; Yearbook King candidate 4; Science Fair 3; Art Fair 1,2,3,4; ESP 4.

## CHARLOTTE CLARK

Science Club 3,4; Science Fair 3,4; Industrial Arts Fair 3,4; Art Fair 3,4; ESP 4.

## JAMES CODAY

Math Club 2,3,4; and officer 3; Science Club 2,3,4; French Club 2,3; NHS 2,3,4; and officer 4; FBLA 3,4; Student Council 2,3,4; and officer 3,4; Publications Staff 3,4; and editor 3,4; Band 1,2,3; Junior Olympics Team 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1; Basketball 1,2; Yearbook King candidate 2; Science Fair 2,3; Business Contest 4; Journalism Contest 3,4; Music Contest 1,2,3; ESP 4.



## DALE COOK

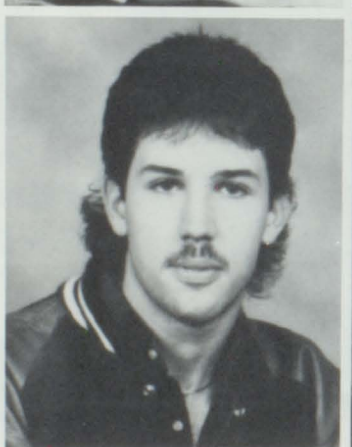
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## KELLY EIDSON

Science Club 3; French Club 3; FHA 4; FFA 4; Choir 3; Baseball 1,3,4; Science Fair 3; Art Fair 2; ESP 4.

## BARBARA EMERICK

Pep Club 1; FHA 1,2; FFA 3; Art Fair 2,3; ESP 4.





# How could I ever forget?

"I remember when we were playing Hartville my junior year, I was up to bat, one out, Audra Suits was on first, and Claire Brennan was on third. Missy Carri-ger was pitching. We stared each oth-er down and on the first pitch I hit it over the left-center field fence. I've never felt so good in my life." — **Missy McGaw**

"When Bryan Reed and I thought we were the Bionic Man and Bionic Bigfoot in the first grade." — **Mike Freeman**

"In third grade Angie Brazeal and I had to write one hundred sentences, be-cause we spent an hour in the bath-room" — **Julie Perry**

"We would sit in the lunchroom and try to hit the ceiling with ketchup by hitting the container on the table while we squeezed it." — **Joe Long**

"Aaron Gray, Kelly Eidson, Bart Evans, and I were in fourth grade and we thought we were the "A" Team. Aaron was Murdock and always ran around talking to an invisible dog. We used to run around on the playground picking fights so we could watch Bart (Mr. T) body slam people on the ground." — **Eddie Whipple**

"I drug Rhonda Fuge outside to see a bug pushing a Dr. Pepper can in the parking lot when we were sopho-mores." — **Mary Cantrell**

"In elementary the older guys were up behind the tree reading a Playboy, so we decided to sneak up and take it from them. Then we ran to the teachers and the boys all got the paddle." — **Aaron Gray**

"When Jacob Tanis and I put a worm down Tassie Baker's shirt in the sixth grade." — **Jeff Baty**

"Last year Aaron Gray and I broke an intercom, a mug, and a glass bowl in School Pub all in one hour." — **James Coday**

"When I was in fourth grade Debbie Adamson and I chased Joe Long around the merry-go-round with lipst-ick. He told Mrs. Box and we got into trouble." — **Angela Merritt**



▲**AARON GRAY SCRAMBLES** toward the finish line with car-go Rhonda Fuge in the Junior Olympics piggyback race.

## WINNERS OF THE BATTLE



▲**SENIORS CELEBRATE THEIR** victory in the tricycle race at Junior Olympics.

▲**WHILE RHONDA FUGE** starts the obstacle course, the se-nior team cheers her on.





# Seniors

## Class enjoys time together

You don't have to tell them twice. Seniors seem to automatically find time to enjoy each other's company, whether it be outside during lunch hour, in the classroom, or in the halls between classes. And even though their topics of conversation often center around the future and what it holds for them, they never seem to forget to savor the present. The senior year is finally here, with its good friends and good times.

▲MIKE FREEMAN, RUSSELL Prock, and Jeff Baty catch up on each other's latest news.



▲WANDA WILLIAMS GETS started on an English IV assignment.

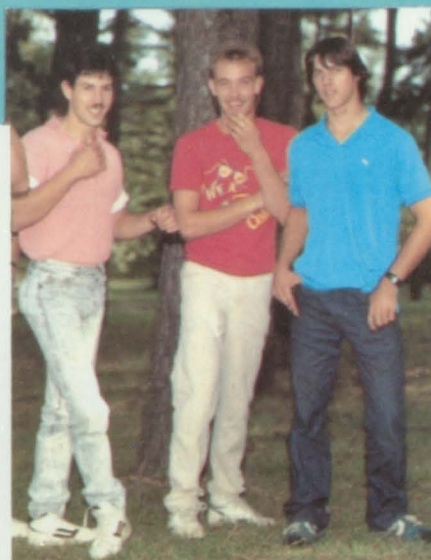
▲FRIENDS MAKE THE senior year special for Rhonda Fuge, Faira Watterson, Stacy Veit, Mary Cantrell, and Sherlyn Gallion.





▲STACY VEIT IS proud to be a member of the Class of 1989.

▲WAITING FOR THE photographer, Dale Cook, David Adamson, and Russell Prock are ready for the senior group photo.



▲FINDING A STRATEGIC location, James Coday and Aaron Gray wait for friends.

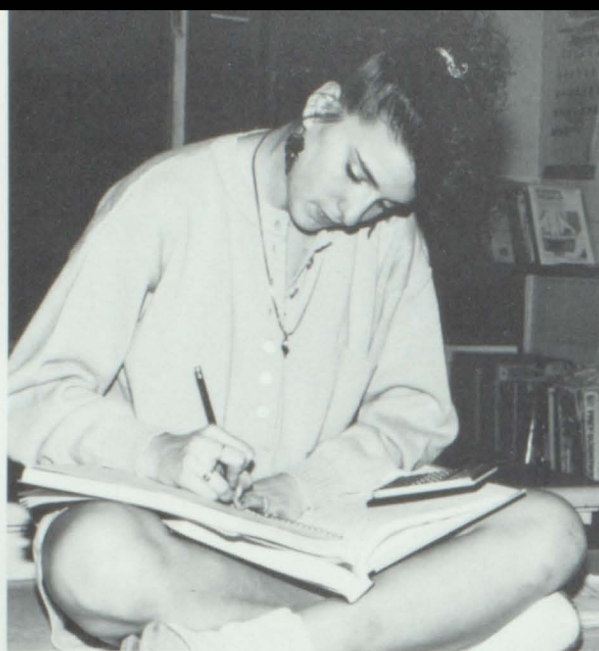
▲SENIOR RUSTY CARTER welcomes classmates to English IV third hour.



▲THE HALLWAY IS as good a place as any for seniors to gather and talk.

▲STUDENTS IN "SENIOR English" listen to teacher Sheri Dimos talk about composition.





▲**PERCHED UPON** A table in the science room, Rhonda Fuge does a chemistry assignment.

## STUDENTS OF THE FACTS



▲**SIGHT READING** A new piece of music challenges Teri McElroy, Robbie Turner, DeDee Hall, and Tassie Baker.

▲**LARRY LIVINGSTON AND Jamie Micheli** complete a metal-working project.



## My senior memories are . . .

"When me, Eddie Whipple, and Scott Hesterly went up to Shell Osage to go camping and bow hunting. We listened to the radio forecast Monday night and it was supposed to be 60°. We woke up with 8 inches of snow." — **Kelly Eidson**

"When I missed my last two basketball games because I was in the hospital." — **Lori Wood**

"Going to school only three hours a day. It was nice." — **Russell Prock**

"I finally got my driver's license after hearing people tease me about it for two years." — **Faira Watterson**

"How close our class became. Since we became seniors our class started hanging around each other more and doing more things together. I guess we realized that this was our last year together and we had better make the best of it." — **Rhonda Fuge**

"Winning Junior Olympics for the second year in a row." — **Julie Perry**

"Hanging out with all my friends." — **Heather Hensy**

"I'll always remember the triple overtime game against Fordland at the Rose Ceremony." — **Sean Hannum**

"When Jeff Baty, Jessie Phillips, and I were going 4-wheeling in my truck and the wheel fell off and we almost wrecked." — **Mike Freeman**

"How much I couldn't wait to get out." — **Leslie Marre**

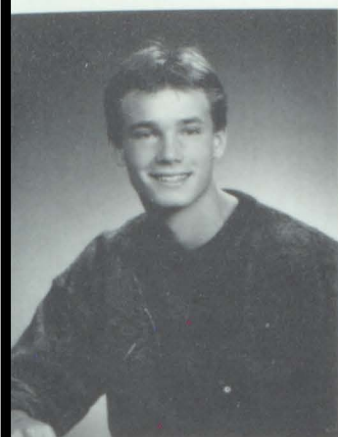
"When the volleyball team took second in districts. It was the farthest we had gone and the best we had done." — **Melissa Helsley**

"All the money that I have wasted on things." — **Kevin Lindsey**

"Slacking off in everything I did. This was my last year and I planned to have fun even if it killed me." — **Joe Long**



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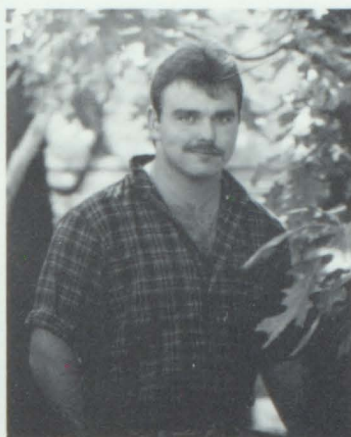
**BART EVANS**

Math Club 2; Pep Club 1,2; FFA 2; FBLA 3; Student Council 1,4; Publications Staff 3,4; and Editor 4; Choir 2,3,4; Class Officer 1,3,4; Junior Olympics Team 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Yearbook King 1; Science Fair 2; Industrial Arts Fair 1; Business Contest 1; Journalism Contest 3,4; Music Contest 2,3; Prom King 4.



**BRANDON FRANTZ**

Math Club 2,3,4; Science Club 2,3,4; French Club 2,3; NHS 3,4; FBLA 3,4; Band 1,2,3; Cross Country 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Science Fair 2,3,4; Music Contest 1,2,3; FBLA Contest 3,4; ESP 4.



**MIKE FREEMAN**

FFA 2,3,4; Junior Olympics Team 1; Baseball 1,2; Barnwarming King Candidate 4; Industrial Arts Fair 4.



**RHONDA FUGE**

Math Club 2,3,4; Science Club 2,3,4; and Officer 4; French Club 2,3; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2; NHS 2,3,4; FBLA 3,4; Student Council 3,4; Publications Staff 3,4; and Editor 3,4; Band 1; Choir 2; Class Officers 2,3,4; Pom Pon 1,2,3,4; Junior Olympics Team 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 1,2; Track 1,2,3,4; Yearbook Queen Candidate 2; Miss Mansfield 4; Runner Up 3; Science Fair 2,3; Business Contest 3; Journalism Contest 3,4; FBLA Contest 3; ESP 4; and officer 4.



**SHERLYN GALLION**

Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; NHS 4; FBLA 3,4; Band 1,2,3; Choir 3; Cheerleader 1,3,4; Junior Olympics Team 4; Volleyball 1,2; Track 1; Business Contest 4; Music Contest 1,2,3; FBLA Contest 4; ESP 4.



**AARON GRAY**

Math Club 2,3; Pep Club 1; FHA 2; FFA 2; NHS 3,4; FBLA 3; Student Curriculum 3; Publication Staff 3,4; and editor 3,4; Choir 2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Barnwarming King Candidate 2; Yearbook King Candidate 3; Science Fair 2; Industrial Arts Fair 1; ESP 4; Journalism Contest 3,4; Class Officer 4; Junior Olympics Team 1,2,3,4.



**DEDEE HALL**

Pep Club 1,2; FHA 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Choir 3,4; Cross Country 3,4; Track 3,4; Softball 1; Business Contest 3,4; Music Contest 1,2,3,4; ESP 4.



**SEAN HANNUM**

Math Club 2,3,4; Science Club 2,3,4; French Club 2,3; and officer 2; Pep Club 4; NHS 2,3,4; and officer 4; FBLA 3,4; and officer 4; Student Council 3,4; and officer 4; Band 1,2,3,4; Junior Olympics Team 3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Science Fair 2,3; Math Contest 3,4; Music Contest 1,2,3,4; FBLA Contest 3,4; ESP 4.



**MELISSA HELSLEY**

Math Club 2,3,4; and officer 4; French Club 1,2,3,4; and officer 4; NHS 2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Class Officer 1; Junior Olympics Team 3; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Softball 1,2,3,4; Science Fair 2,3; Math Contest 1,2,3,4; English Contest 2,3,4; Business Contest 2; Music Contest 1,2,3,4; ESP 4; All District Honor Band 1,4; All State Senior Honors Band 4; All District Concert Band 2,3.



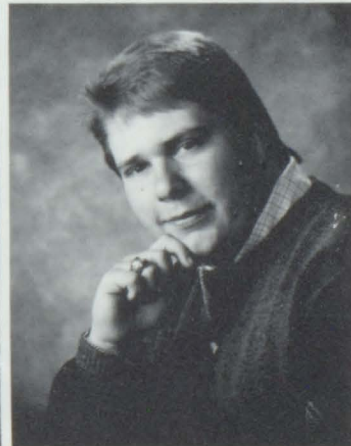
**HEATHER HENSY**

Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; FBLA 2,3,4; and Officer 4; Student Curriculum 3; Cheerleader 1; Junior Olympics Team 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Softball 1,2,3,4; Business Contest 4.



**SCOTT HESTERLY**

Math Club 2,3,4; Science Club 2,3,4; French Club 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; NHS 2,3,4; Junior Olympics Team 2,3,4; Baseball 1; Basketball 1; Cross Country 2,3,4; Track 2,3,4; Science Fair 2,3; Art Fair 1,3; ESP 4.



**JOHNNIE JONES**

Pep Club 2,3; FFA 4; Baseball 1,2,3,4.





▲SENIORS ANGELA BRAZEAL, Julie Perry, Mary Cantrell, and Heather Hensy carry on a spirited conversation on the way to pose for the senior group photo.

## POSING AS A GROUP



▲BY AN AUTHENTIC log cabin, Jeff Baty, Mike Freeman, and Kevin Kindsey wait for the rest of the class to arrive for a picture session.

▲SENIORS MAKE THEIR way to an iron gate where they will have a group photograph made.



## I know that I'll miss this . . .

"Everyone giving us special treatment because we're seniors, and getting away with anything." — Mary Cantrell

The thing that I will miss most is baseball, being with my friends, and shooting the breeze with anyone." — Larry Chilson

"Seeing everyone in the hall and talking to them. Running around the school with my friends acting crazy." — Jeff Baty

"Acting as crazy as I possibly could." — Jessie Phillips

"All my friends and my teachers because in spite of all the work they made me do, they were still fun to be around. Also fighting with friends from other schools, saying Mansfield is the best." — Angela Merritt

"Mrs. B's classes. We always had a blast in there. Having icing fights in foods and taking child development and talking about everything. We all became really close." — Annette Weddle

"My friends, and being around them all the time." — Barbara Emerick

"Getting to see my class mates, because most of them are going to college." — Johnnie Jones

"I'll miss a lot of things about my senior year, except for that pink and yellow striped cast." — Melissa Helsley

"Being able to share my thoughts with two special girls." — Mike Freeman

"Hanging around with the guys, giving the teachers heck, and getting to play ball." — Kelly Eidson

"Not being around all my friends. Most of them I've been with since kindergarten, and some special ones who moved here later." — Angela Brazeal

"Being able to breeze through my homework and still make good grades." — Leslie Marre



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**JULIE KELLEY**

Math Club 3,4; and officer 4; Science Club 3,4; French Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; NHS 2,3,4; FBLA 3; Band 1; Choir 3; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 4; Softball 1,2,3,4; Prom Queen 4; Science Fair 3; Art Fair 2; Music Contest 1.



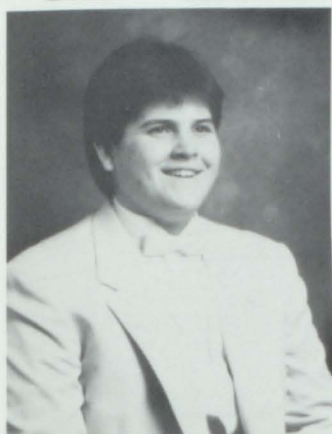
**DAVID KUHN**

FFA 1; Choir 1; Special Olympics 2.



**KEVIN LINDSEY**

Math Club 2,3,4; Science Club 2,3,4; French Club 3; Pep Club 3,4; FFA 4; NHS 3,4; FBLA 2,3,4; and officer 4; Track 3,4; Science Fair 2,3,4; Math Contest 1,2,3,4; English Contest 1; Industrial Arts Fair 1; Business Contest 3; Art Fair 2,3; FBLA Contest 3,4; ESP 4; and officer 4.



**LARRY LIVINGSTON**

Math Club 2,3,4; Science Club 2,3,4; Pep Club 3,4; FFA 1,3,4; FBLA 2,3,4; Science Fair 2,3; FBLA Contest 4.



**JOE LONG**

Math Club 4; Science Club 3,4; Pep Club 4; NHS 2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 2; Track 2; Science Fair 3; Industrial Arts Fair 3; Art Fair 1,2,4; Music Contest 1,2,3,4; ESP 4.



**LESLIE MARRE**

Math Club 2,3,4; and officer 4; Science Club 3,4; and officer 4; French Club 3; Pep Club 2; FHA 2,3,4; and officer 3; NHS 2,3,4; Publications Staff 3,4; and editor 3; Choir 2,3; Carnival Queen 3; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; Homecoming Princess 2; Science Fair 2,3; Math Contest 2; Music Contest 2,3; ESP 4.



**MISSY MCGAW**

Math Club 3; Science Club 2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; and officer 3,4; NHS 2,3,4; and officer 4; FBLA 4; Student Council 2,3,4; and officer 3,4; Band 1,2,3; Class Officer 2; Junior Olympics Team 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 1,2,3; Softball 1,2,3,4; Science Fair 3; Star Events 1; Music Contest 1,2,3; FBLA Contest 4; ESP 4.



**ANGELA MERRITT**

Science Club 3,4; French Club 3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; FBLA 2; Choir 2; Volleyball 1,2; Basketball 1,2; Softball 1,2,3,4; Science Fair 3; English Contest 1; Art Fair 1,4; Music Contest 2; ESP 4.



**JAMIE MICHELI**



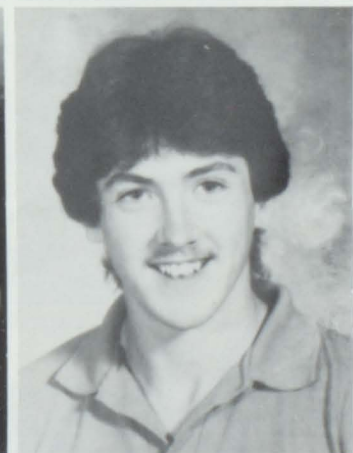
**HAL NOBLE**

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



**JULIE PERRY**

Math Club 3; Science Club 3; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; and officer 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; FBLA 2,3,4; Student Curriculum 1; Band 1; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Junior Olympics Team 1,3,4; Volleyball 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 1,2; Track 1,2; Softball 3; Yearbook Queen Candidate 1; Miss Mansfield Runner Up 4; Business Contest 3; Art Fair 3,4; Star Events 2; Music Contest 1; FBLA Contest 3; ESP 4.



**JESSIE PHILLIPS**

Pep Club 4; Choir 3; Art Fair 4.



# SENIORS

## RUSSELL PROCK

FHA 4; FFA 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 1,2; Track 1,2; Industrial Arts Fair 2.

## BRYAN REED

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

## ROBBIE TURNER

Band 1,2; Choir 2,4; Pep Club 4; Cross Country 2,4; Track 2.



## STACY VEIT

Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; FBLA 2,3,4; Student Curriculum 2; Publications Staff 3,4; and editor 4; Band 1; Choir 3; Pom Pon 1,2,4; Cheerleader 3; Junior Olympics Team 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 2,3,4; Track 3; Softball 1,2,4; Carnival Queen 4; Homecoming Princess 1; Miss Mansfield Runner Up 3; Business Contest 4; Journalism Contest 3,4; Music Contest 1,3; FBLA Contest 4; ESP 4.

## FAIRA WATTERSON

Pep Club 2,3; FHA 2,3,4; Choir 3; Barnwarming Queen Candidate 4; Homecoming Queen 4; Yearbook Queen Candidate 4; Business Contest 2,3,4; Music Contest 3; FBLA Contest 2,3,4; ESP 4.

## ANNETTE WEDDLE

FHA 3; FFA 2,3,4; Math Contest 1; Art Fair 2,4



## EDDIE WHIPPLE

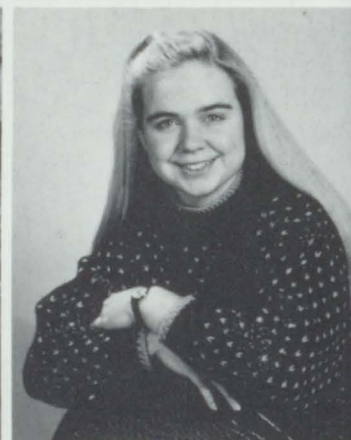
Pep Club 1; FFA 1,2,3,4; Publications Staff 3,4; Choir 2,3; Junior Olympics Team 3; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3; Carnival King 4; Industrial Arts Fair 1,2; Art Fair 1; Journalism Contest 3,4.

## WANDA WILLIAMS

Science Club 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Science Fair 2,3,4; Math Contest 3,4; English Contest 1,2,3,4; Art Fair 1,2,3,4.

## LORI WOOD

Math Club 2,3,4; Science Club 2,3,4; and officer 3,4; French Club 1,2,3; NHS 2,3,4; and officer 4; FBLA 3; Publications Staff 3,4; and editor 3,4; Band 1,2; Class Officer 2,3; Junior Olympics Team 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2; Softball 3,4; Carnival Queen Candidate 1; Science Fair 2,3,4; Math Contest 1,2; Business Contest 3; Journalism Contest 3,4; Music Contest 1,2; FBLA Contest 3; ESP 4; and officer 4.



▲*SNOW MOUNDED UP* as high as the top of the truck doesn't keep Sherlyn Gallion and Heather Hensy from coming to school in shorts, although Kelly Eidson opts for jeans.





# My senior trip memories are ...

"When Heather Hensy and I went to the bus 30 minutes early, crawled up on the bus, and went to sleep in a parking lot in downtown St. Louis." — **Julie Perry**

"Playing football under the Arch with Sean Hannum, Larry Chilson, Robbie Turner, James Coday, and Scott Hesterly." — **Missy McGaw**

"Larry Chilson turning our room upside down, literally. He turned over tables, lamps, everything. He also kept us awake all night." — **Sean Hannum**

"When James Coday walked into our room wearing Stacy Veit's bikini." — **Kevin Lindsey**

"All of the singing we did. Bart Evans, Sean Hannum, James Coday, Scott Hesterly and I recorded 'Every Rose Has It's Thorn.' When we got back I was hoarse." — **Aaron Gray**

"Walking around Ramada Inn with Lori Wood and talking to the security guard." — **Sherlyn Gallion**

"When at Grant's Farm James Coday couldn't even get a goat to take his bottle. He tried picking up girls but couldn't even get a goat." — **Stacy Veit**

"The ship the Golden Rod, the play, and meal was great. The girls made such a scene about this guy in the play, and after a while I started getting in screaming and all with the girls." — **Bart Evans**

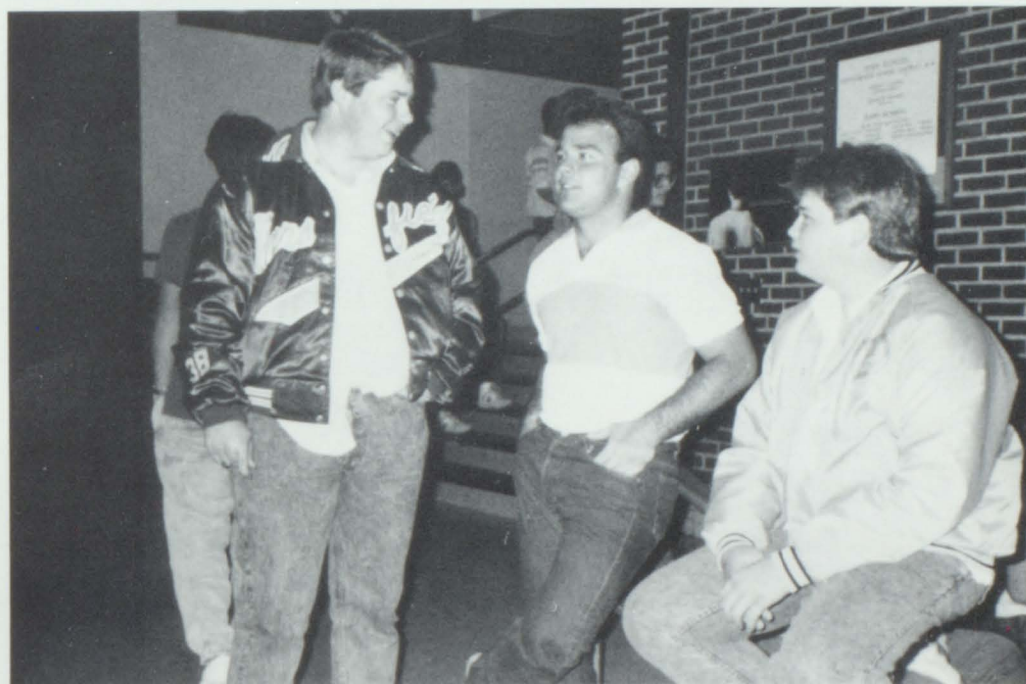
"Going to sleep at 4:30 a.m., getting a wake up call at 5 and I thought it was 7. I took my shower to get ready and I didn't realize what time it was until 5:30, and I had already gone down the hall to wake up Bart Evans and Aaron Gray. Then I woke up Mary Cantrell and she got in the shower." — **Rhonda Fuge**

"I remember the bus rides the most because everyone was singing and getting along better than they ever had." — **Julie Kelley**



▲LEFTOVER PROM DECORATIONS become "Jetson" outfits for Stacy Veit and James Coday, decorated by Mary Cantrell and Timmarie Hamilton.

## LAUGHING ALL THE WAY



▲EXTRA TIME DURING lunch hour gives friends Johnnie Jones, Mike Freeman, and Jeff Baty a chance to talk.

▲LOOKING AT THE latest crop of pictures for the yearbook brings laughter to David Wilson and Rhonda Fuge.





▲ **HOMECOMING CANDIDATES**  
ANGIE Miller, Audra Suits, Angela  
Brazeal, Leslie Marre, and Faira  
Watterson accept roses.

► **WHILE BARRY SHORT** races to the  
Junior Olympics finish line, Angela  
Kingery clings and laughs.





▲AT THE YEARBOOK signing party, Mary Cantrell and Tracy Light show their enjoyment of music.



▲JUNIORS AND SENIORS celebrate winning a relay game at Barnwarming.

▲AARON GRAY AND James Co-day brag a little about the seniors winning Junior Olympics.



▲JUNIOR AUDRA SUITS is happy to crown good friend Julie Kelley Prom Queen.

▲PROM MUSIC LIVENS up Darren Campie, Robbie Turner, Sherlyn Gallion, Jenifer Wallin, and Angela Merritt.

# YOU WERE *There*

High school means classes and studying, but it also means fun and games. There are events during the year that are anticipated, enjoyed, then remembered for years. It seems like the best times happen when students get together for ceremonies, parties, or games. It's important to make sure you were there, because the year can pass quickly in a blur of contests, carnivals, dances, and cookouts.

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## Cheering

## for the good guys

Cheering on the hero and booing at the witch gave the annual school carnival a melodramatic air.

Choir members added a new feature to the Community Teachers Association Carnival when they took part in an original melodrama.

"Mr. Spyres (the choir director) told me that I was good at writing, and to think up a melodrama," said Aaron Gray, author of the slightly zany production.

"Trouble in Spider Gap" had dozens of puns, acted out by a good witch, a bad witch, and a rather dense hero.

Lisa Hurst was the narrator.

"I read the puns and the characters acted them out," she said. "Like I read that one of the characters tore up the

stairs, so she ripped up a big sign that said 'stairs'."

Choir members took turns playing the characters. "I enjoyed being in the melodrama because it gave me a chance to show my true self," Angie Miller said. "A good witch, that is." But the participants in the melodrama weren't the only ones who enjoyed themselves.

"The kids who came had lots of fun booing and hissing at the characters," Gray said.

It was also a night of playing games, ranging from fish ponds to "toilet-flushing mania," or from Nintendo to ring toss.

The crowning of the four sets of royalty, chosen by a money-voting system, was the highlight of the evening.

There were four divisions, and winners were Tessa Miller and Jason Lansdown, lower elementary; Ashley Miller and Charles Campbell, upper elementary; Becky Bryson and Doug Walker, junior high; and Stacy Veit and Eddie Whipple, high school.

Other candidates were Kristy Kittrell, Brian Campbell, kindergarten; Amanda Allen, Ben Moody, first grade; Jamie Stepro, Arthur Slade, second grade; Stephanie Day, Nick Brooke, fourth grade; Melanie McGaw, Daniel Sewell, fifth grade; Shawn Williams, Ted Marre, seventh grade; Angela Kingery, Kerrick Lindsey, freshmen; Kristy Burnett, Kris Gray, sophomore; Shelly Clanton, Jim Farmer, junior.



▲CLOWNING AROUND With a serious message, promoting a drug and alcohol free America, ESP president David Wilson takes a break with Julie Lynch.

▲ACTING OUT THE pun "tied in knots," Angie Miller and Eric Spyres perform in the choir melodrama at the Carnival.

**“I read the puns and the characters acted them out. Like I read that one of the characters tore up the stairs, so she ripped up a big sign that said ‘stairs’.”**



▲**CARNIVAL ROYALTY, FRONT**, Jason Lansdown and Tessa Miller, Becky Bryson and Doug Walker; **back**, Charles Campbell and Ashley Miller, Eddie Whipple and Stacy Veit.

▲**ATTRACTED TO THE** skittle ball game, third grader Joseph Bell tries his hand at winning a prize.



▲**TAWNA WATTERSON HELPS** band director Lisa Myers arrange the merchandise at the band's jewelry engraving booth at the Carnival.

▲**PRIZES IN HAND**, Stephanie Calhoun watches Angie Bingham dip her hands into the green slime at the sixth grade booth.





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## laying the crazy games

It was almost like taking a trip in a time machine - back to a simpler life when a party meant hay bales, silly games, and country music.

Barnwarming, the traditional fall event sponsored by FFA and FHA, was filled with dancing, food, games, and the crowning of a new king and queen, freshmen Tracy Coffman and Johnny VanNess.

The royalty winners were selected as a couple, using the penny-a-vote system.

Other candidates were sophomores Jill Clouse and Paul Clark, juniors Lori Durham and Ron Felker, and seniors Julie Kelley and Mike Freeman.

Before the crowning, the eight candidates participated in several games, getting the dubious pleasure of feeding

each other baby food, and finding out that balancing a ping pong ball in a spoon held between their teeth while racing across the room isn't easy.

"Baby food is not my favorite snack," said Durham, who was spoon-fed by her partner Felker, who was blindfolded. "And having half of it go on my face instead of in my mouth was not an experience I ever want to repeat."

Other games included everyone. The four classes participated against each other in relay games that had them sending grapefruits and lifesavers down the line, with the use of hands strictly outlawed.

"You feel like a total dumb-dumb passing a grapefruit from chin to chin," said freshman Heather Lansdown. "It's like you are trying to squish it instead of peeling it."

After the games Barnwarming did not go smoothly. Closeness on the dance floor, probably inspired by the hit movie "Dirty Dancing," caused the chaperones to intervene.

Several couples had to be separated on the dance floor, and the music people were instructed to play no more slow songs, since some students were unable to control "public display of affection."

Several couples got mad and left early, but others had trouble understanding them.

"If you can't hold yourself back for a couple of hours," Clouse said, "then why come to Barnwarming?"

▲BARNWARMING ROYALTY, FRONT, sophomores Paul Clark and Jill Clouse, juniors Lori Durham and Ron Felker; middle, King Johnny VanNess and Queen Tracy Coffman; back seniors Julie Kelley and Mike Freeman.



▲TRYING TO DECIDE which sandwiches look best, Bart Evans, Clint Jackson, and John Top fill their plates.

▲BANANA BABY FOOD makes its way into Julie Kelley's mouth, guided by a blindfolded Mike Freeman.

“Baby food is not my favorite snack, and having half of it go on my face instead of in my mouth was not an experience I ever want to repeat.”





▲**DANCERS AT BARNWARMING** snap their fingers to the beat of loud rock music.

▲**DAVID WILSON, JULIE Perry and Jill Clouse** make the most of the dance time at Barnwarming.

▲**KING CANDIDATES JOHNNY VanNess, Paul Clark, Ron Felker, and Mike Freeman** try their skills at balancing ping pong balls and walking at the same time.



▲QUEEN CANDIDATE ANGELA Brazeal is escorted into the gymnasium by Aaron Gray.

## YOU WERE THERE

# A

*pp*lauding

*the royal court*

It was a jungle out there.

Palm trees, tropical flowers, and wicker furniture decorated the gym with the theme "Welcome to the Jungle," and senior Faira Watterson was crowned Homecoming queen.

"I never really thought I would get chosen as Homecoming Queen because I haven't gone here to school very long," said Watterson, who transferred to MHS as a sophomore.

Watterson was one of three candidates chosen by the seniors, then selected by a secret ballot vote of the student body.

Being crowned Homecoming Queen wasn't all a pleasant experience, according to Watterson.

"I had stage fright bad," she

said. "Getting out in front of all those people really bothered me."

Watterson's escort was Bart Evans and she was crowned by Claire Brennan, 1988 Homecoming Queen. Matt Calhoun was Brennan's escort.

Other senior candidates were Angela Brazeal, escorted by Aaron Gray, and Leslie Marre, escorted by Sean Han-num.

The three princesses were junior Audra Suits, escorted by Jim Freeman; sophomore Angie Miller, escorted by Marty Henry; and freshman Manda Curtis, escorted by Gary Greene.

The flower girl and crown-bearer were second graders Christina Shirley and Jason Coffman.

In the first game of the evening the junior varsity scored a 47-43 win over the Cabool Bulldogs, and later the varsity team came from behind to post a 59-56 victory.

After the games, the Homecoming crowd found that the decorations weren't the only thing that was different.

Instead of the usual radio station deejay, Blackjack was in charge of the dance, which featured a light show, a smoke dance floor, and a revolving mirror ball.

"The light show and the smoke were great because it was so much different from all the dances we have had before," Han-num said. "Watching the lights moving all over the walls and ceiling gave you something to do besides stare at your dance partner all night."



▲FILLED WITH SPIRIT cheerleaders Jayme DeChenne and Julie Perry lead the Pep Club.

▲FAIRA WATTERSON IS crowned by 1988 Queen Claire Brennan.

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▲**HOMECOMING COURT INCLUDES** freshman princess Manda Curtis, sophomore princess Angie Miller, senior attendant Angela Brazeal, Queen Faira Watterson, senior attendant Leslie Marre, junior princess Audra Suits, crown bearer Jason Coffman and flower girl Christina Shirley.



▲**FAIRA WATTERSON REIGNS** as Homecoming Queen, chosen by a secret ballot vote of the high school student body.

▲**VARSITY TEAM MEMBERS** gather to get some last minute instructions from Coach Jerry Armstrong.



# YOU WERE THERE

Dancing

the night away

"Say cheese," took on a new meaning as photographs, both past and present, dominated Prom.

A 30-minute slide show set to music was presented by Debbie VonBehren, in place of the traditional senior will and junior prophecy.

VonBehren had raced around school the two weeks before Prom, trying to get at least one shot of everyone who would be at the event. Slides were also made from photos at sports events, and a few "old timers" were thrown in, like the slide of James Coday and Stacy Veit marching in at their eighth grade graduation.

"I really liked the slide show," Audra Suits said. "I think it went over really well. A lot more students were involved, and it

kept everyone's attention."

For many, the rest of the evening meant standing in a long line, waiting for their turn to take a formal picture with their date or with a group of friends.

Waiting in line and then being repositioned several times by the photographer were trials to be endured by Prom goer's, who kept Dave Moore of World Photography busy taking pictures until Prom was over at 11 pm.

"It took forever to take just one picture," said Timmarie Hamilton, who had a photo made with a group of about 10 friends. "Dave would move us this way and that way. Nothing seemed to look quite right to him."

Senior Bart Evans was one of the nine varsity baseball players who had their photograph made together.

"We have a pretty good team this year and we all just wanted to remember each other. The picture was just a way for all of us to be together," he said.

Black, red, and silver masquerade masks were used to highlight the theme "Lost in your Eyes."

"I thought the juniors did a great job of decorating for Prom," senior Angela Brazeal said. "I really liked the red and black masks. They were different."

▲TO A FAST-PACED song, Mary Cantrell and Scott Hesterly dance at Prom.

▲SENIORS BART EVANS and Heather Hensy find time to talk between dances, near the masquerade canopy.



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▲**PHOTOGRAPHER DAVE MOORE** makes some adjustments to a collection of junior and senior friends who are having a group photo made at Prom.

▲**JUNIOR CLASS PRESIDENT** Jim Freeman welcomes over 150 people to the Prom, held at University Plaza Hotel in Springfield.

▲**JAMES CODAY AND Dave Wilson** give dancing at Prom a spirited touch.

▲**A BUFFET LINE** full of finger foods starts the evening off at Prom.



# YOU WERE THERE

## Racing

### for the victory

By the hair of their chinny chin chins.

That's how the seniors escaped defeat in the eleventh annual Junior Olympics, which matched the four high school classes in the athletic and not-so-athletic events.

The senior team was locked in a duel with the juniors, resulting in a one point senior victory.

The junior team finished second, freshmen third, and sophomores last, and the freshmen won the sportsmanship award.

"Just like anything else, it was a good feeling to win," said James Coday. "It was spectacular to win Junior Olympics two years in a row."

The juniors, however, thought they were cheated of a victory because of close finishes in several games.

"There's no doubt about it," Robert Elliott said. "We got cheated, absolutely cheated."

A new version of the balloon relay joined traditional events such as the tricycle race, obstacle course, tug of war, basketball dribble and free throw shoot.

The emcee was Deidra Barnett, scorekeepers were Shannon Kirkland and Kim Mills, and timekeeper was Lori Durham.

Teams for Junior Olympics were as follows.

Seniors: Stacy Veit, Mary Cantrell, Heather Hensy, Julie Perry, Rhonda Fuge, Lori Wood, Sherlyn Gallion, Larry Chilson, Rusty Carter, Sean Hannum, Scott Hesterly, James Coday, Bart Evans, and Aaron Gray.

Juniors: Audra Suits, Deana Kelley, Timmarie Hamilton, Heather Krider, Karrie Durham, Lisa Hurst, Gina Box, Marty Henry, Matt Calhoun, Robert Elliott, Rodney Vogt, Gary Greene, Jim Freeman, and Lance Adamson.

Sophomores: Shelly Detherage, Tiffany Watterson, Christi Evans, Angie Miller, Debbie Matthews, Julie Jurewicz, LeeAnn Cannon, Marc Brazeal, Kris Gray, Paul Clark, Matt Moody, Waylon Johnson, Glen Evans, and Troy Hughes.

Freshmen: Jennifer Greene, Stacey Wilson, Missy Carter, Serena Dunsmuir, Serina Page, Brandy Potts, Angela Kingery, Ben Choate, Frank Jones, Barry Short, Don Hanger, James Barnett, Lanny Dean, and Richard Chilson.



▲JUNIOR TEAM MEMBER Deana Kelley hangs on tight as Rodney Vogt races to the finish line.



▲**CRADLED BETWEEN ANGIE** Miller, Tiffany Watterson, and Shelly Detherage, Glen Evans cruises through the body race.

▲**ON THE FRONT** line for their teams, freshman Barry Short and junior Marc Brazeal fight for a tug-of-war victory.



▲**FRESHMAN TEAM MEMBERS** pull to the limit in the tug-of-war round with the juniors.

▲**JUNIORS JIM FREEMAN**, Robert Elliott, and Marty Henry make easy cargo of Gina Box in the body race.

▲**TROY HUGHES SPEEDS** through the tire portion of the obstacle course in pursuit of a sophomore victory.



# YOU WERE THERE

## R epresenting high school classes

Freshman Barry Short and Missy Carter won the El Leon royalty titles.

Four couples were elected to represent the high school classes, and after professional portraits were sent to the KY-3 television news team in Springfield for judging, Short and Carter were chosen to reign as 1989 El Leon King and Queen.

The judges were Tony Beason, Jan Tracey and Lisa Richardson, KY-3 news personali-

ties. The other candidates were sophomores Kris Gray and Shelly Detherage, juniors Marty Henry and Lori Durham and seniors Larry Chilson and Faira Watterson.

Judging was based on photogenic qualities, smiles, compatibility of the couple and naturalness. Royalty winners were also judged as a couple rather than individually.



▲FRESHMAN CANDIDATES BARRY Short and Missy Carter.

▲JUNIOR CANDIDATES MARTY Henry and Lori Durham.

▲SENIOR CANDIDATES LARRY Chilson and Faira Watterson



YEARBOOK ROYALTY  
BARRY SHORT  
MISSY CARTER





# YOU WERE THERE

## Watching

## the pageant

Rhonda Fuge, a senior, was chosen from a field of 9 contestants to reign for a year as Miss Mansfield.

Winners in the other divisions were Junior Miss Mansfield Angela Kingery, a freshman; Young Miss Mansfield Carrie Gleason, a sixth grader; and Lit-

tle Miss Mansfield Leslie Lynch, a third grader.

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 to grades four, five and six; Junior Miss Mansfield to grades seven, eight and nine; and Miss Mansfield to grades ten, eleven and twelve.

There were 30 Little Miss Mansfield contestants, 19 entries in Young Miss Mansfield, and 12 contestants in Junior Miss Mansfield.

Musical entertainment was by Heather Lansdown, Angie Miller, Gina Davis, Missy Carter and Leslie Marre.



▲SHELLY DETHERAGE, FIRST runner up; Rhonda Ruge, Miss Mansfield; Julie Perry, second runner up; Tassie Baker, third runner up.



▲JULIE LYNCH, FIRST runner up; Leslie Lynch, Little Miss Mansfield; Amanda Allen, second runner up; Kristina Shropshire, third runner up.

▲STACEY ARNALL, FIRST runner up; Angela Kingery, Miss Mansfield Junior; Tawna Watterson, second runner up; Jeri Moody, third runner up.

▲MELANIE MCGAW, FIRST runner up; Carrie Gleason, Young Miss Mansfield; Tessa Bennett, second runner up; Michelle Roberts, third runner up.





LITTLE MISS MANSFIELD  
LESLIE LYNCH

JUNIOR MISS MANSFIELD  
ANGELA KINGERY

MISS MANSFIELD  
RHONDA FUGE

YOUNG MISS MANSFIELD  
CARRIE GLEASON



# YOU WERE THERE

## Admiring the grads' success

Carrying yellow roses tied with purple ribbons, the white-gowned senior girls were escorted to graduation ceremonies by maroon-gowned senior boys.

The 1989 graduating class of 45 seniors was featured at two ceremonies. Baccalaureate services were on Sunday, May 14 and Commencement was held the following Monday.

Reverend Charles Ballangee delivered the message during Baccalaureate. Other ministers who took part were Reverend Jonathan Cooney, Reverend Ted Marre, and Reverend Harold Dennis.

The senior chorus sang "How Excellent is Thy Name" and Missy McGaw gave a speech.

Commencement began with Aaron Gray giving the in-

vocation. Bart Evans welcomed everyone and James Coday presented a speech.

"When I was walking in I was nervous, but when James (Coday) made his speech I relaxed," Gray said. "It felt like we were in class and he was just talking to us."

There were also speeches by Valedictorian Sean Hannum and Salutatorian Melissa Helsley.

Other honor students were Rhonda Fuge, Scott Hesterly, Kevin Lindsey, Joe Long, Leslie Marre, and Lori Wood.

Recognition of honor students was conducted by Senior Class sponsors Eric Spyres and Mary Boydston, followed by recognition of scholarship winners by Principal Frank Rowles.

There were three songs during Commencement. Faira Watterson sang "That's What Friends are For," a senior chorus sang "One Moment in Time," and the senior girls sextet sang "Do You Know Where You're Going To."

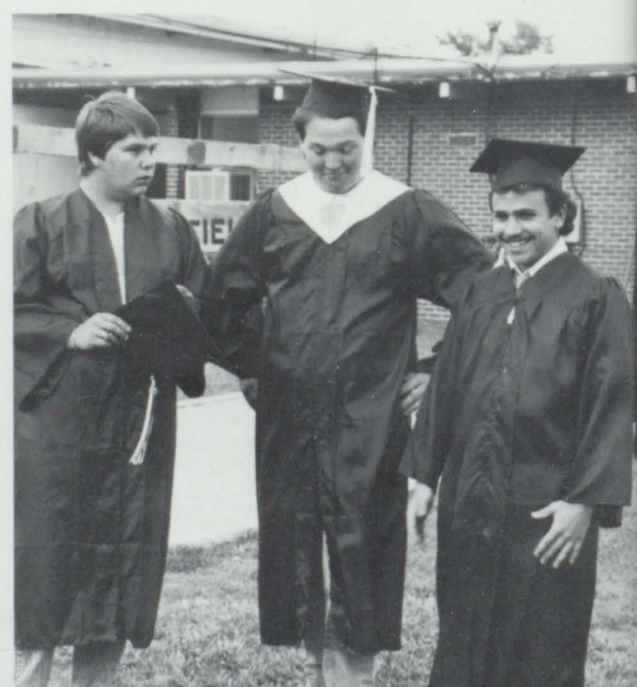
The presentation of diplomas was done by Superintendent of Schools Robert Perry. Brandon Frantz closed the ceremony with the benediction.

Evans was president of the Class of '89. Other officers were Gray, vice president; Mary Cantrell, secretary; and Angela Brazeal, treasurer.

The class motto was "Reality is where we are; dreams are where we go to see the world as it could be."

▲SALUTATORIAN MELISSA HELSLEY escorted to graduation ceremonies by Robbie Turner.

▲HAPPINESS AFTER GRADUATION shown on the faces of Jessie Phillips, Tassie Baker, and Kevin Lindsey.



“When I was walking in I was nervous, but when James (Coday) made his speech I relaxed. It felt like we were in class and he was just talking to us.”

▲WITH GRADUATION SET to start in a few minutes, Johnnie Jones, Kevin Lindsey and Hal Noble get ready for the ceremony.



▲AN EXCITED JULIE KELLEY shares graduation cheer with classmate Angela Merritt.



▲GRADUATES GATHER ON the school lawn before the ceremony begins.

▲SENIOR CHORUS MEMBERS perform "One Moment in Time" at graduation.

▲WITH DIPLOMAS IN hand, part of the class waits for the rest to assemble for their diplomas.





# YOU WERE THERE

## Enjoying the trip together

Fancy food plus a fast and furious pace added up to a fun time for seniors and their annual trip.

For the half of the Senior Class who went on the trip, this edition provided enough enjoyment to last much longer than the three days they were actually gone.

"We were busy all of the time," Bart Evans said. "There never really was a dull moment the whole time we were in St. Louis."

The class started off the trip by leaving the school at a chilly and dark 6:30 a.m. on Thursday.

Upon arrival in St. Louis, the group toured the Gateway Arch and shopped at St. Louis Centre.

"The arch is a lot farther up

**"We were busy all of the time. There never really was a dull moment the whole time we were in St. Louis."**

there than it really looks," Aaron Gray said. "I did fine while I was up inside the top until Mary Cantrell got up there and started crying."

After a full afternoon of sight-seeing and shopping the class went to the Old Spaghetti Factory to eat.

"We all were starving after the long bus ride and the shopping," James Coday said. "But thanks to Rhonda (Fuge) and Mary (Cantrell) we all had to wait 30 minutes at the bus because they got lost."

To end the first night the entire class went to the Cardinals' baseball game against the Montreal Expos, which the Cards won 5-2.

On the second day of the trip the class went to Grant's Farm a complimentary drive through-zoo to guests in St. Louis.

"We had a blast at Grant's Farm," Cantrell said. "I liked all the animals, but the camels looked like they were really enjoying themselves the most."

After getting the afternoon off, the class went to the Goldenrod Showboat, a dinner theater.

"It was totally different than what we all figured the show would be," Sherlyn Gallion said. "It was really awesome, especially Dave!"

**▲AT THE PETTING** area of Grant's Farm, Sherlyn Gallion takes time to feed a baby goat.

**▲DRESSED UP FOR** the dinner theater are Melissa Helsley, Sherylyn Gallion, Lori Wood, Missy McGaw, Julie Kelley, Faira Watterson, Heather Hensy, Stacy Veit, Mary Cantrell, Julie Perry and Rhonda Fuge.

▲KEVIN LINDSEY, SCOTT Hesterly, Sean Hannum, Larry Chilson, Aaron Gray, Bart Evans, and James Coday get ready for an evening on the town.





▲SEATED IN A balcony area, seniors get ready to watch a performance on the Goldenrod Showboat, left.

▲ALL SHOPPED OUT, Julie Perry and Heather Hensy wait for the rest of the seniors in downtown St. Louis.

▲PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE ABUNDANT on the senior trip, and this one caught Rhonda Fuge in action with friends Larry Chilson, Mary Cantrell, and James Coday.



▲THE GROUP FINISHES with a gift shop at Grant's Farm, and waits for the activities to begin, middle.

▲DARK SKIES AND cold early morning temperatures don't stop Faira Watterson and Bart Evans from bundling up for the trip departure.



▲RONALD MCDONALD HAS new-found friends, alias Faira Watterson, Heather Hensy, Stacy Veit, Julie Perry, Rhonda Fuge and Mary Cantrell.



# YOU WERE THERE

## Watching them graduate

Tuxedos, suits, long and short dresses, video camcorders and flashing cameras combined to give eighth grade graduation a certain glow.

Proud parents made sure they recorded the event on tape and film as 62 formally-attired eighth graders were featured in graduation ceremonies.

Musical entertainment featured several selections.

A chorus sang "Candles on the Water," and the group was Carrie Gray, Vicky Noble, Tawna Watterson, Sophia Greyowl, Angela Lansdown, Jennifer Marcum, Shawnya Matney, Becky Bryson, Carolyn Mills, Nancy Curtis, Christy Barber, Shannon Page, Evan Kinser, Michael Huberts, and Jared Jones.

Members of the group also

sang "Somewhere Out There" and "You've Got a Friend."

Stacey Arnall played a piano solo by Rachmaninoff.

The invocation was by Brad Hanger, Gray gave the welcome, Curtis presented a speech, and Tella Jones gave the benediction.

Principal Merlin Miller presented the class, and Superintendent Robert Perry presented the diplomas.

Proud to show off what they had learned in their first year of school, the kindergarten class members presented a musical graduation ceremony, "Mother Goose is on the Loose."

The welcome to a crowd of relatives and friends was given by Heather Ingerson and Garrett Norell.



▲KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS CLAP along with one of the songs they performed at their graduation.

▲EIGHTH GRADERS WAIT for the rest of their classmates to receive their diplomas.

▲JOE MCNEIL AND Angela Lansdown march in to eighth grade graduation ceremonies.



▲DRESSED IN MATCHING blue, Carrie Gray and Kendall Keith take part in the eighth grade processional.

▲A SELECT CHÖIR of eighth graders performs "Candles on the Water."



▲BECKY BRYSON, JON Freeman, Kendall Keith, Carrie Gray, Stacey Arnall, Scott Smith, Amy Compton, Scott Hall, Sophia Greyowl, Brad Hanger, Jeremy Jones and Nancy Curtis pose while parents take pictures.

▲ADAM ROWLES, MINDIE Sullivan, and Chad Keith perform a song at kindergarten graduation.

▲EIGHTH GRADER RYAN Miller escorts Lucy Calhoun to graduation ceremonies.



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## What's it like to work the stand?

Coke, Sprite, Diet Coke, and Dr. Pepper. Rolo's, Payday, Snickers, Butterfinger, Baby Ruth, and M&M's, both plain and peanut, of course.

This is a sweet list most seniors were familiar with before the end of the basketball season.

"We had to work in the concession stand, like it or not," Larry Chilson said. "If we didn't, no senior trip."

Once the game begins and everyone gets organized, the half-time rush hits.

"One minute it's real quiet, then you get swarmed with little kids and parents alike," Sherlyn Gallion said. "Then you know it must be half-time."

After the rush is over and the game is underway again, business at the concession stand takes a sharp decrease. During the slow time, workers found different ways to pass the time.

"I just tried to stay out of trouble, and did some homework," Heather Hensy said.

Angela Merritt said seniors in the stand

## Roses, no thorns

Hugs, kisses and happy memories shared center court as 25 seniors and their parents were honored at the annual rose ceremony.

Seniors in sports or sport-related activities showed appreciation for their parents by presenting them a red rose during halftime of the last home basketball game. Missy McGaw and her parents, Dale and Carol McGaw, are pictured below.

There seemed to be fewer tears at this rose ceremony than at ones in the past.

"I thought whenever it would be my turn I would be sad," said Mary Cantrell, senior Pom pon member. "But, instead it turned out to be a happy moment."

Many seniors were unhappy that the background music for the ceremony had to be shut off because the

emcee could not be heard above it.

"The ceremony would have been more complete if the music could have stayed on," Cantrell said.

Roses for the occasion were purchased by Pep Club. Senior cheerleaders and pom pon members were presented roses by cheerleading sponsor Sheri Dimos and pom pon sponsor Sandy Davis. Other seniors were presented roses by junior cheerleaders and pom pon members.

Seniors entered the gym floor from the lobby, and parents came from the audience to meet their teenager in the middle of the floor.

"It was a special moment," Eddie Whipple said "It made me feel good being able to show my parents I appreciate all they've done."



DEDEE HALL, RUSTY Carter and Julie Kelley work the senior concession stand during a boys basketball game.

"mostly just sat and talked and waited until the next rush."

Funny things can happen while working in the concession stand.

"One night these kids came and bought all the Almond Joys we had, because they were trying to win a contest," Hensy said.

Although money was being earned for the senior trip, there were certain drawbacks to working in the concession stand.

"You can't watch the game," Scott Hestery said. "You also don't get to keep the money."

According to Leslie Marre, sometimes you can feel like a meanie.

"It makes you feel bad," she said, "when you have to tell a little kid who is looking up at you that he can't buy a candy bar with three pennies."



DURING THE WILDER Days celebration, Lisa Hurst, Rhonda Fuge, and Stacy Veit work at the "Sweetheart Saloon", a pom pon fundraiser.



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## elcome to the jungle

Blank concrete walls have been somewhat of an eyesore at the school for many years, but Judy Middleton and her art students helped the walls show a little Lion pride.

"We had wanted to paint years ago, but our past administration would not approve," Middleton said. "It was the first week of school when Mr. Rowles asked me if we could do something to give the walls a little life."

The art room's north exterior wall was chosen to be painted, and art students volunteered, probably not realizing the many hours of hard work that it would take to complete the painting.

The wall was first sanded by senior Larry Chilson and sophomores Billy Stofer and Matt Moody. Then juniors Lance Adamson, Darren Campie and David Severs painted the wall with a coat of blue paint.

"We had a real hard time choosing a lion that would suit our needs," Middleton said.

Robert Elliott, right, a junior, and Campie, both shown in the photo, painted the lion, work-

ing on it for much of the year.

"We had only one hour each day to paint on it, so it took some time to get it done and to have all the details finished," Elliott said.

Campie said the project took more time than he thought it would.

"We worked on it since about the third week of school," he said, "and we didn't get it completely finished until May."



## Oh, those Wilder Days

Involvement in everything from basketball shoots to frisbee tosses to bank robberies to parades happened at the annual Laura Ingalls Wilder Days Festival. Many clubs turned out to earn money and have fun doing it.

The FFA had three booths, a basketball throw, a baseball toss, and provided a jail for "lawbreakers."

FFA members also staged a bank robbery complete with guns and authentic sounding blanks. The Bank of Mansfield was where the heist took place.

The pom pon girls had a Sweetheart Saloon. On their menu for the day was milk, coffee, doughnuts, pie, chili and crackers, barbecue beef sandwiches and sloppy joes.

"We just dressed up saloon-like and tried to entertain the Wilder Days crowd," Shelly Detherage said.

Freshman Tish Goss and eighth grader Carrie Gray performed in the Ozark Mountain Players melodrama and singing acts, as did music teacher Eric Spyres.



## THE FLU BLUES

With the nurse's office resembling Grand Central Station, the flu bug hit in a big way in February. The elementary was affected most, with absenteeism reaching 34 percent, prompting school officials to call off classes for three days. Above, nurse Janice McNeil checks Collin Barr and Patricia Crane, and gets ready to greet two new patients.







SHANNON KIRKLAND



LISA HURST

## Death of two junior girls in car train wreck stuns school

Classes came to an abrupt halt Wednesday afternoon, April 12, when news of a traffic fatality involving students reached the school.

At approximately 1 p.m., a southbound convertible driven by Shannon Kirkland, a junior, slid into the path of an eastbound Burlington Northern train at an intersection about three blocks from the school.

Kirkland was pronounced dead at the scene. A passenger, Lisa Hurst, also a junior, was first taken to Mercy Hospital in Mansfield and then transferred by air evac to St. John's Regional Health Center in Springfield in critical condition. Hurst underwent emergency surgery, but died at approximately 5 p.m.

Both girls were thrown from the vehicle. Neither had been wearing a seat belt, according to the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

News of the accident reached students at school during fifth hour.

Students who were friends or acquaintances of the two were shocked and stunned, and many were overcome by the tragedy. Students were allowed to go wherever they wanted to on campus and talk, cry or just be with friends.

Senior Missy McGaw said lots of comforting was going on between friends.

"Mostly, close friends were hugging and crying a lot," McGaw said. "The thing that everyone was thinking about was that they didn't know when it might happen to them next."

Tim Logan, junior, said he and his friends discussed their driving habits.

"We talked about how we should be more careful now," Logan said. "Many people will learn and be more careful, but there will be a few who will forget it."

On Thursday, students were allowed to meet in small groups to give them the

chance to talk about their feelings. Groups could be found in classrooms, the library or the halls.

School counselor Okema Haden said students were allowed to grieve as they wished.

"Students did a lot of different things," Haden said. "Basically they handled it with their friends and I think everyone pulled together real well. A tragedy like this tends to make them more aware of what they meant to each other."

Principal Frank Rowles said the students were able to help each other through the first hours and days after the tragedy.

"Our kids right now are the most important thing," Rowles said. "They are pulling together and helping each other out. They must do that because the girls were so well liked and will be missed so much."

Private services for Kirkland were held Saturday morning at the Bergman-Miller Chapel. Private services for Hurst were held Saturday morning at the Full Gospel Church.

A joint funeral service was held at 2 p.m. in the high school gymnasium on Saturday.

Officiating at the services were Ronnie Baker, Harold Dennis and Geoff DeChenne.

A choir of MHS students sang, "Morning Has Broken" and "How Great Thou Art."

Pallbearers for Kirkland were Gary Greene, Marty Henry, David Wilson, Matt Calhoun, Jim Freeman, and Scott Duns-muir. Pallbearers for Hurst were Jeff Baty, Kris Gray, Paul Clark, Tommy Keith, Tommy Brown, and Benjie Dennis.

## Aaron (FUNDRAISER) Gray

At the start of the new school year, my friends and I were getting ready for sports, clubs, classes and the dreaded disease known as fundraising.

Fundraising? Yeah, you know. That's where 25 people run up and try to sell you anything from a block of cheese to a mirror to put in your locker.

Shoot, the first week of school I had already been given three different fundraisers from three different teachers to sell.

I know my parents grit their teeth when I bring home another brochure filled with lots of expensive, useless, and/or fattening foods to buy.

Just look around my house. It's decorated in Early Fund-raising. You know, all the things my mom has bought from me over the years.

Having a kid involved in all sorts of clubs and activities not only frustrated parents, but it usually costs them all kinds of money. In the last four years, I'll bet my mom has spent \$300 buying candles, spices, candy bars, stuffed animals ... need I go on?

## CHECKMATE

Sophomores Eddie Doan, Richard Gallion, Mike Keys, and Michael Bogart get in some practice before taking part in a chess tournament. The tournament was held in the high school library on the last school day before Christmas break, and pitted 16 students in single-elimination contests. Kevin Lindsey out-foxed the other contestants, claiming the \$10 prize money for first place.





# Teens with jobs forced to make choices

Girlfriends, boyfriends, clothes, food, cassettes, and posters. These are all things students spend their money on.

A Lion's Gazette poll showed that 43 percent of the student body had jobs, working anywhere from two hours all the way up to 40 hours a week, and making up to over \$100 a week.

A nationwide survey has shown that teenagers spend more than \$39 billion yearly.

Most of the money MHS students made went for food, clothes, movie or concert tickets, albums and cassettes, or transportation costs.

Some tried to save, but it didn't always work.

Billy Stofer, a sophomore, tried to save, but just to buy bigger things.

"I try to save for future supplies, and things for my car," he said.

Part-time jobs mixed in with the full-time lives of students made for long days.

"I would get up, go to school, go to baseball practice and then have to go to work," said Kelly Eidson, a grocery

carryout for Town and Country Supermarket. "After work, I would get home late and then have to do my homework."

Most jobs had lots of hours at work, which meant conflicts with school activities. Baseball games posed a problem for Eidson.

"On days of ballgames, I had to ask to have workdays changed with somebody," he said.

Or if someone wasn't available to change days with, students had to take the day off, which meant losing one day's

paycheck.

Lee Ann Cannon worked at Jack's Restaurant, and also ran on the cross country team.

"When I had a game, I had to ask the boss for that day off," Cannon said.

Ballgames aren't the only things that conflict with working. A recent survey of high school students revealed 30 percent of the working students in the study showed a decline in academic improvement since starting to work. The study also showed that workers had, on the average, a lower grade point average, and were more likely to miss school than non-workers.

"When I got off work at around 10:30 every night I work, and then I had to go home and do my homework until one in the morning, it was hard," said Town and Country Supermarket checker Missy McGaw. "Sometimes I didn't get my homework done."

Being employed part-time for some students also meant having to work on weekends.

"Sometimes it bothered me to see all my friends uptown running around," said Town and Country carryout Robert

Elliott. "They even parked to talk to each other in the T and C parking lot."

Even when student workers had time off, instead of spending it with friends, they had to catch up on homework or much needed sleep.

Heather Hensy, left, and Eric Lansdown, right, both had part-time jobs.



## Let It Snow

Long after most people thought the threat of winter weather was over, March dumped almost a foot of snow on the Ozarks, giving students like Kristen Calhoun and Paul Clark vacation time for building snowmen.





# Sign me, sign me, sign me!

It was unusual for Mansfield, but the 1988 yearbooks arrived the first day of classes in August.

Usually, the books arrive in October, and in 1987, when the books had to be partially reprint-

ted because of errors, the yearbooks arrived in November.

In celebration of the book's early arrival, the El Leon staff hosted a signing party at night, the first ever for the school.

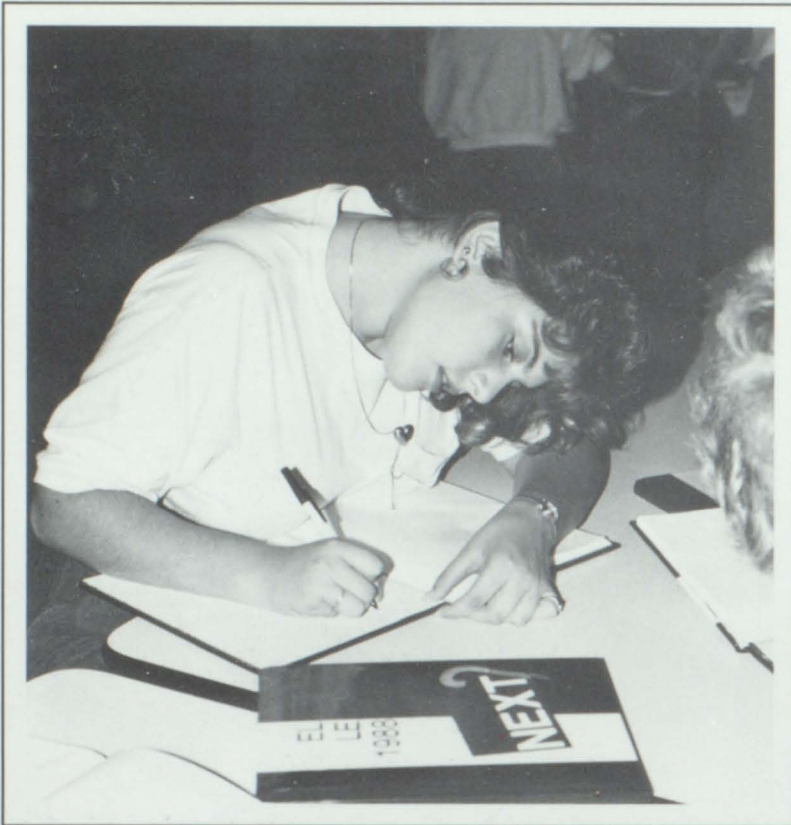
High school students who brought their 1988 yearbooks were admitted free, and other students were charged 50 cents for admission.

The two-hour event turned out to be a success, according to publication director Debbie VonBehren.

"About a hundred kids attended the party, and I was surprised at how it turned out," she said. "Some boys whom I had never seen sit still for longer than five minutes parked themselves in one spot and wrote in yearbooks for two solid hours."

Snacks and soda pop were available at the signing party, which was held in the multipurpose room. The sound system was set up for students who wanted to dance, but most of the students spent the entire time autographing friends' yearbooks.

Gina Davis, a freshman, autographs a yearbook, and has another one waiting to start on.



## Fifth grader dies in fire



An early morning fire in the south part of Mansfield claimed the life of 10-year old Brandon Miller, a fifth grade student.

Miller died of smoke inhalation when the blaze swept through his family's home on October 31.

Miller's parents and younger brother and sister escaped through a second-story window.

The fire was reported at 1:25 a.m. The family was asleep upstairs, and they were awakened by smoke and breaking glass.

Assistant Fire Chief Richard Skyles said the child was found upstairs near a stairway. In the dense smoke, he had apparently gotten separated from the rest of the family as they made their way to the second-story window.

When this happened, both the school and community experienced a great loss.

But through it all, the elementary grades were hit the hardest in the school.

Miller was a member of Frances Coday's fifth grade class. Coday said the other children were visibly disturbed.

"They were stunned and extremely quiet," Coday said. "It was hard for them to believe."

Because of their classmate's death, some students felt the need to talk to Jean Coday, the elementary counselor.

Like many others, fifth grader Matt Skyles displayed the typical reaction of shock and denial when he heard of the death.

"It didn't feel too good," he said. "I really didn't think it was true. I thought it was a joke."

The funeral services were held at Bergman-Miller Chapel that same week. The fifth graders attended as a class, and several rows of seats were reserved for them and also their parents.

## Assembly stresses injury prevention

Sticks and stones can break your bones, but spinal cord injuries can leave you paralyzed.

In an assembly sponsored by Student Council, the student body learned about spinal cord injuries through a presentation given by Cox Regional Health Center.

There were two speakers, a film strip, and a wheelchair demonstration.

Bart Evans, a senior, was used to show how a person with a back injury would be immobilized before being moved.





# Teens band together to form crisis fund

During the summer, a time when most teenagers are having fun, playing ball, and generally relaxing, seven Mansfield teens devoted their time to a worthwhile cause—helping others.

The teenagers banded together to form a community crisis fund when in a matter of weeks, three Mansfield teenagers were hospitalized at St. Johns Regional Health Center in Springfield due to injuries received in three separate accidents.

The first accident occurred May 27 and left Dwain Swopes, 19, injured. Richard Chilson, 15 was injured in a crash June 21, and two days later Rose Lyons, 22 was in a wreck.

With medical expenses running high, this crisis

fund was formed to help the three families making daily visits to Springfield, pay for gas, food and any other necessities they might require. The fund also opened accounts at Southern Missouri Bank and the Bank of Mansfield for people who wanted to donate directly to the families.

"Some of us were sitting at the 'little store', and thought it would be neat to help the families through a rough time," said senior Larry Chilson, one of the organizers.

After talking it over, Chilson and Becky Brennan, a 1987 MHS graduate, contacted friends. The Crisis Fund was started.

"Someone had to do something, so we took

on the challenge," said senior Mary Cantrell, one of the fund administrators. "Still I figured everyone would think that we were just teenagers, and they would think we would just forget about it in a while."

The original committee consisted of Brennan, Chilson, 1988 MHS graduate Susan Zorsch, and seniors James Coday, Aaron Gray and Cantrell.

One main goal of the group is to remain a youth organization. According to a rule set up by the committee, when members reach college age they have to resign.

Current officers are Chilson, chairman; Cantrell, vice chairman; David Wilson, treasurer; Coday, public relations; and members Karrie Durham and Gray.

To oversee the administration of funds the group appointed an advisory board of adults from the community.

Advisory board members are Jonathon Cooney, Mark Cross, Kurt Skyles, Gene Cravens, Judy Flageolle, Donna Tutt and Sister Majorie McCarville.

The first thing the crisis fund members did to raise money was to place canisters around town in several businesses. The canisters originally brought in around \$20 to \$30 a week, and presently draw in around \$10 to \$20 a week.

The group held a softball tournament which earned around \$1,450, a miniature golf tournament that made around \$50, and a garage sale that brought in close to \$300.

The long range goal for Mansfield is to keep the crisis fund going. They are investigating annual softball, basketball and golf tournaments to bring money in all year.

Coday says the group can accomplish those goals.

"We are going to succeed because we know what we're doing," he said. "We are willing to work hard and we aren't bogged down with jobs, and with kids to raise, so we have plenty of free time."

## STYLISH SENIOR SHIRTS

Class shirts hit the style scene with seniors ordered tee-shirts and sweatshirts emblazoned in purple and gold with "Seniors." In the photo below, Stacy Veit, Mary Cantrell, Lori Wood and Heather Hensy wear the shirts, which have 1989 on the back, plus the names of all class members.



## Top scholars honored with letters

Letters for academic excellence were presented at a banquet held in early May in the multipurpose room.

Academic letters were awarded to the following students.

Seniors Mary Cantrell, Rhonda Fuge, Sherlyn Gallion, Aaron Gray, Sean Hannum, Melissa Helsley, Kevin Lindsey, Leslie Marre, Stacy Veit and Lori Wood.

Juniors Lane Adamson, Deidra Barnett, Gina Box, Scott Duns-  
muir, Ron Felker, Jim Freeman,  
Becky Fry, Gary Greene, Bryon  
Ivy, Tracy Light, Jeff Long, John

Ragsdale, and Andria Turner.

Sophomores Frank Backus,  
Marc Brazeal, Kristy Burnett,  
LeeAnn Cannon, Benjie Dennis,  
Shelly Detherage, Christi Evans,  
Vickie Franks, Waylon Johnson,  
Rachelle Lansdown, Robby Max-  
well, Angie Miller, Brent Napier,  
and Tiffany Watterson.

Freshmen James Barnett, Sere-  
na Duns-  
muir, Steven Garrison,  
Tish Goss, Jennifer Greene, Don  
Hanger, Shelby Hesterly, Angela  
Kingery, Kerrick Lindsey, Michael  
Porter, Brian Williams and Stacey  
Wilson.

Provisional academic letters  
went to senior Brandon Frantz;  
juniors Lane Adamson, Jayme De-  
Chenne, Gary Greene, Kim Mills,  
and Audra Suits; sophomores Jill  
Clouse, Troy Hughes, and Carla  
Swopes; and freshman Tracy  
Coffman and Shawn King.

# THE End





▲ON A CRISP December Saturday, pom pon squad members march in the Mansfield Christmas parade.

▲EVERRETT MERRITT AND Darrell Cornelius are FFA mock bank robbers at Wilder Days.





▲**PACED BY TRUMPETERS** Joe Long and Matt Moody, the band performs during the Wilder Days parade.

▲**BASKETBALL PLAYERS GET** Skor candy bars from cheerleader Tassie Baker at a pep rally.

▲**STACEY WILSON AND DeDee Hall** demonstrate wheelchair difficulties at a Student Council assembly.



▲**AT THE PEP Club rose ceremony,** Julie Perry honors her parents, Barbara and Robert Perry.

▲**NEWSPAPER STAFFERS JENIFER Wallin, Timmarie Hamilton, Audra Suits, and Gary Greene** assemble issue two.

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If anything remains constant at this school, it is the presence of groups — service groups, honor groups, and performing groups. The stability of old favorites like FHA and FFA have been spiced up with the newness of clubs like ESP (Education Supports Prevention) - which have grown out of the need of teenagers in the 80's.

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## ewness everywhere tells of Council commitments

New almost got to be old when it came to Student Council.

New shrubs, a new graduation party, and a new flag pole were just some of the steps Stu-Co took to improve the school.

After years of absence, a flag pole was put up in front of the high school.

"I think it's important for us to have a flag to show support for our country," council member Gary Greene said. "It's been such a long time since we've had a flag pole I think it adds a lot to our school."

Shrubs were planted around the new flag pole, and the old shrubs in front of the principal's office were pulled up and replaced with new plants.

"Student Council worked hard to get the shrubs to look like professional landscaping and that's what it looks like," Stu-Co President James Coday said. "The old plants detracted from the appearance of the school, and the new ones will give the school a new image for visitors."

The council organized the first Project Graduation ever at MHS. The object of the event was to give graduates a place

to be on graduation night, with an all night drug and alcohol-free celebration.

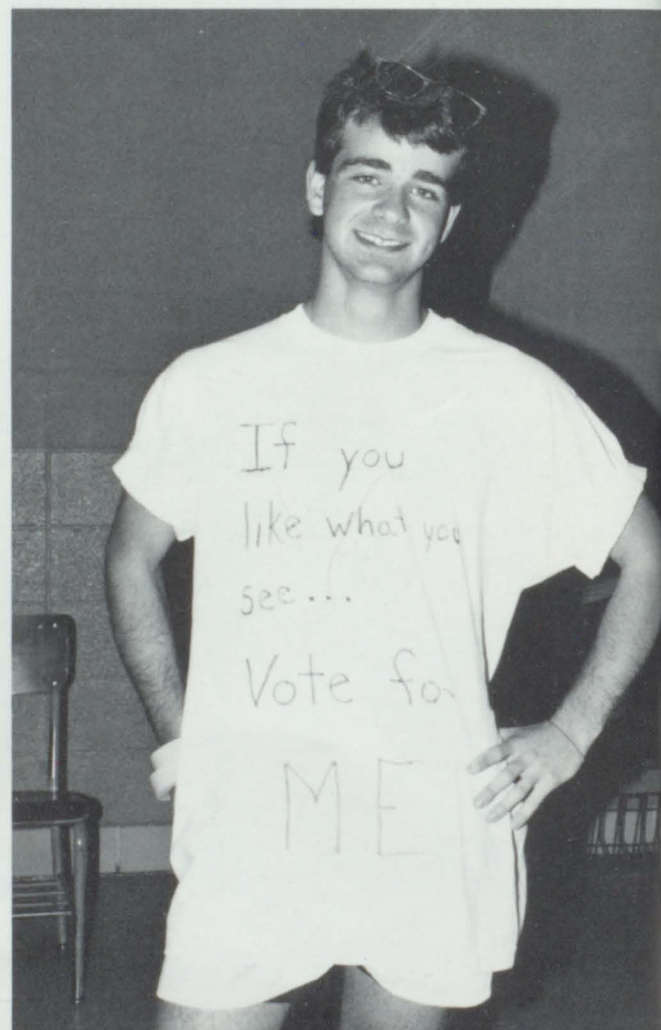
Games, music and prizes were all part of the evenings entertainment. Seniors were given two tickets apiece, and could give them to anyone they wanted. Guests had to leave the party around midnight.

From midnight on was for the seniors only. Volleyball and basketball tournaments were held, there was plenty of dance music, and an abundance of food. Prizes ranging from free video rentals to gold necklaces to television sets were given away by random drawings.

Student Council members worked on Project Graduation for many months, making plans and collecting donations for food and prizes.

"Being the first Project Graduation, I hope that it's a learning experience for the ones in the future who will be left in charge," chairman Missy McGaw said. "I hope Project Graduation is a tradition and not only a one night thing."

Project Graduation ended at approximately 9 a.m. the next day with a breakfast buffet.



▲JUNIOR JAYME DECHENNE rests in the Bloodmobile, becoming a first time donor in a StuCo sponsored effort.

▲CAMPAIGNS FOR STUCO president in 1990 were lively, shows David Wilson with his version of a campaign sign.



▲AN "OBSTACLE" COURSE to be maneuvered in a wheelchair puts Sean Hannum in need of assistance at StuCo assembly on spinal cord injuries.

▲STUCO MEMBERS DIG up old shrubs in front of the school to make way for new plants.



▲**STUDENT COUNCIL.** FRONT: Sean Hannum (treasurer), Missy McGaw (vice president), James Coday (president), Deidra Barnett (secretary), Frank Rowles (adviser); Row two- Rhonda Fuge, Jim Freeman, Bart Evans, Gary Greene; Back- Shelly Detherage, LeeAnn Cannon, James Barnett, Stacey Wilson.

▲**WITH STUCO PRESIDENT** James Coday supervising, members Deidra Barnett and Rhonda Fuge get donor information during the Bloodmobile visit.



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## ew club has White-Out Day to illustrate message

White faces, grave looks, and silence.

It was all part of a special day conducted by the school's newest organization.

White-Out day was one event sponsored by Education Supports Prevention, the name chosen for the new group. The program, based on Students Against Drunk Driving, was expanded to include all types of substance abuse.

Three committees were established. The Alternatives Committee, responsible for planning activities and guest speakers; the High-Step Committee, which helps elementary students learn how to deal with peer pressure and the decisions they will have to face; and the Natural Helpers Committee, designed to help students with problems.

Assemblies were held to introduce the club to the elementary grades. They included two puppet shows about dealing with peer pressure, a rap entitled "Don't Start", and a speech from the High-Step chairman, Lori Wood.

"We're trying to help the elementary understand that as they get older they will be faced with a lot of decisions, and that there will always be

positive alternatives," Wood said.

White-Out Day was sponsored by the Natural Helpers Committee. Every 20 minutes during the day, a high school or junior high student was pulled out of class and "killed". This meant their faces were painted with white make-up and they were asked not to talk.

The idea of the project was to create an awareness of how many teens are killed in alcohol-related accidents in the United States each day.

MHS's size may have helped get the program off to a successful start.

"I really think people are serious about this," said Kristy Burnett. "Being a small school, everyone knows everyone else and they have a real concern for people who have a problem."

A not-so-new, but very prestigious organization was the National Honor Society.

New members in NHS selected in late spring were Tracy Light, Deana Kelley, Bart Evans, Sherlyn Gallion, Lori Durham, Ron Felker, Kristy Burnett, Shelly Detherage, Vickie Franks, Waylon Johnson, Angie Miller, and Tiffany Watterson.



▲ESP PRESIDENT DAVID Wilson puts white makeup on Ron Felker's face as part of White-Out Day.





▲**WHITE FACES REPRESENT** teenage alcohol-related deaths, a graphic presentation by ESP.

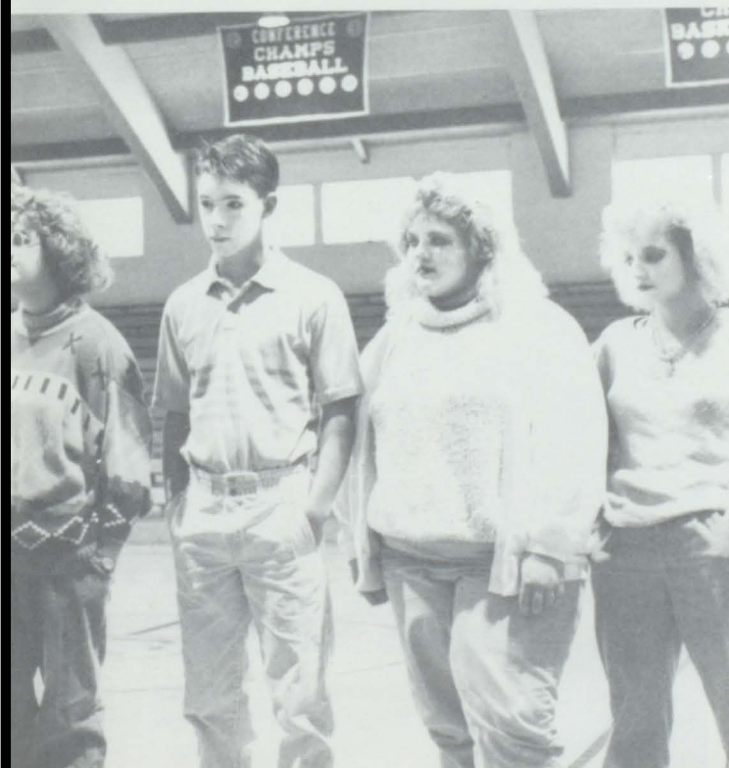
▲**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY** members James Coday, Matt Calhoun, and Aaron Gray put a new poster in the club-sponsored display.



▲**ESP, FRONT** - LANCE Adamson (Alternatives), Rhonda Fuge (Natural Helper), Lori Wood (Hi-Step), Kevin Lindsey (treasurer), Kristy Burnett (secretary), Tiffany Watterson (vice president), Dave Wilson (president), Judy Middleton (adviser); Row two - Tina Gage, Sherlyn Gallion, Angela Merritt, Stacy Veit, Angela Brazeal, Mary Cantrell, Waylon Johnson, Julie Perry, LeeAnn Cannon, Shelly Dethelage, Angie Miller, Vickie Franks, Diann Morris, Donna Durham; Row three - Shelly Clanton, Rachelle Lansdown, Deana Kelley, Timmarie Hamilton, Melissa Helsley, Leslie Marre, Sean Hannum, James Coday, Tracy Light, Shannon Kirkland, Lisa Hurst, Gina Box, Lori Durham, Benjie Dennis, Barry Short, Jennifer Greene, Angela Kingery; Row four - Steve Garrison, Kelly Eidson, Matt Moody, Tim Logan, Jeff Long, Aaron Gray, Jim Freeman, Marc Brazeal, Heather Krider, Jayme DeChenne, Serena Dunsmuir, Tish Goss, Heather Lansdown, Gina Davis; Row five - Dawn Cascone, Susan Jones, Jenifer Wallin, Mary Ann Gattlin, James Barnett, Missy Carter, Stacey Wilson, Don Hanger, Shelby Hesterly, Brandy Potts, Serina Page; Back - Richard Chilson, Mike Helsley, Bobby Clanton, Larry Chilson, Marty Henry, Kris Gray, Tracy Coffman, Shane Potts, Marny Clark, Brandy Wright.

▲**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**. Front - Okema Haden (adviser), Lori Wood (treasurer), James Coday (president), Sean Hannum (vice president); Row two - Jim Freeman, Aaron Gray, Matt Calhoun, Kevin Lindsey, Julie Perry, Dave Wilson, Scott Dunsmuir, Brandon Frantz; Row three - Melissa Helsley, Scott Hesterly, Leslie Marre, Rhonda Fuge, Gary Greene, Deidra Barnett, Gina Box, Audra Suits, Julie Kelley, Tim Logan; Back - Lane Adamson, Joe Long, John Ragsdale, Jimmy Shropshire, Jeff Long; Not shown - Missy McGaw (secretary).

▲**SHANNON KIRKLAND, BEN** Choate, Barbara Emerick, and Lesa Turner participated in White-Out Day.





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## uture homemakers throw sweet party

Heart to heart. This title for a Star Events project summed up what Future Homemakers of America felt as they helped hearing-impaired students enjoy a Valentine party.

The project, organized by juniors Tracy Light, Gina Box and Lori Durham, won a three star, the highest rating, and the right for the group to participate at the state level in the Little Friends category.

Star Events is a competition FHA sponsors to recognize members who do something helpful for the community.

FHA members planned Valentine activities for the students in the hearing impaired classroom. They helped the children cut out cookies and bake them, decorated the classroom, played games and served refreshments.

Since most of the students speak and understand only sign language, communication was a real challenge.

"We memorized a few signs we thought we might need ahead of time," Light said. "The rest we had to learn as we went along."

The difficulty of explaining rules and instructions was especially hard.

"We really didn't realize

how much we depend on speech and hearing until we tried to communicate without it," Box said.

The activity was planned so that the students could participate in a party such as those enjoyed in the regular classrooms. FHA members provided Valentine cards, and the exchange of cards with friends created lots of excitement for the children.

"It was really neat to watch the kids being so excited and happy about their Valentines," Durham said.

Freshman Stacey Wilson also earned a chance to compete in the Star Events state competition. She received a three star rating for her entry in the junior job interview.

All four of the three star winners presented their projects at the State FHA Convention in June.

Another FHA member, Deidra Barnett, will be campaigning at the state convention for the office of National Committee Member. This will be the first time Mansfield has had a candidate for a national office.



▲TRACY LIGHT AND Gina Box, in the background, help hearing-impaired children bake cookies as part of a Star Events project.



▲WITH ADVISER KATHY Barnett at her side, FHA photographer Tracy Light tries for a better angle at regional FHA installation.





▲**FHA REPORTER LORI** Durham lights a candle as she gives one of the FHA purposes at installation ceremonies.

▲**INCOMING FHA OFFICERS** watch the beginning of the installation ceremonies.



▲**OUTGOING REGIONAL OFFICER** Deidra Barnett installs new regional officer Gina Box.



▲**FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF America:** Front - Kathy Barnett (adviser), Deidra Barnett (regional vice-president), Kristy Burnett (devotional leader), Tracy Light (song and recreational), Julie Perry (vice-president), Missy McGaw (recreational leader), Audra Suitts (treasurer), Shannon Kirkland (secretary), Deana Kelley (parliamentarian), Lori Durham (reporter), Gina Box (president); Row two - Heather Krider, Angela Brazeal, Leslie Marre, Tina Gage, Angela Merritt, Heather Hensy, Sherlyn Gallion, Jayme DeChenne, Lisa Hurst, Tassie Baker, Julie Kelley, Annette Weddle, Jay McNeil; Row three - Donna Durham, Jill Clouse, Faira Watterson, Vickie Franks, Angie Miller, LeeAnn Cannon, Stacey Wilson, Shelby Hesterly, Heather Lansdown, Don Hanger, Gina Davis, Brandi Potts, Serena Page, Brandy Wright; Row four - Rachelle Lansdown, Susan Jones, Lesa Turner, Shelly Clanton, DeDee Hall, Debra Bryant, Frank Jones, James Barnett, Barry Short, Matt Calhoun, Stacey Veit, Jennifer Greene, Serena Dunsmuir, Angela Kingery, Tracy Coffman, Kim Mills; Back - Laura Rose, Mary Ann Gatlin, Andria Turner, Kristin Calhoun, Marny Clark, Holly Lakey, Christi Evans, Missy Carter, Tish Goss, Brian Williams, Aaron Gray, Larry Chilson, Kelly Eidson.



O

## ld name changed for new agricultural image

After all these years, a new name for FFA.

At the National FFA Convention held in Kansas City, the membership voted to change the name of the organization from Future Farmers of America to the National FFA Organization.

Many people thought that there were too many FFA students who weren't actually involved in farming because only two percent actually lived on farms and produced food.

Chapter officers at MHS thought the name was fine the way it was, primarily because Mansfield is a farming community, but each school has the option to keep the old name.

Although the change came as somewhat of a surprise, FFA sponsor Gene Cravens thinks it won't have much of an affect on the organization.

"I don't think the name change is really that important," Cravens said. "We can live with it either way. It still involves the same group of people, and the same leadership qualities and principles will be taught."

To start the year the officers

attended the area officer Leadership Training Conference at Southwest Missouri State University, and the University of Missouri Vocational Agricultural Day in Mt. Vernon.

"The training conference was fun," FFA President Lance Adamson said. "We had fun but we learned lots about how to lead our own chapter."

In addition to the seminars, several club members attended the National FFA convention and American Royal Livestock Show at Kansas City. While there the group attended a rodeo which featured the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band.

"The whole trip was worth every penny I spent," said Shane Potts, FFA secretary. "I especially liked the rodeo because of the bull-fighting and the bull-riding."

There were an estimated 22,000 FFA members from all over the United States attending the convention.

For the second year in a row, the FFA co-sponsored a high school rodeo held in conjunction with the town's Wilder Days. The rodeo is a state sanctioned event.



▲AG STUDENTS SHANE Potts, Brent Coffman, and Marty Henry talk about upcoming FFA activities.

▲FFA "BANDITS" KEVIN Hall, Everette Merritt, and Darrel Cornelius make a "loot" during Wilder Days.

▲DAIRY TEAM MEMBERS Lance Adamson, Deana Kelley, and Tiffany Watte son study before district contest.

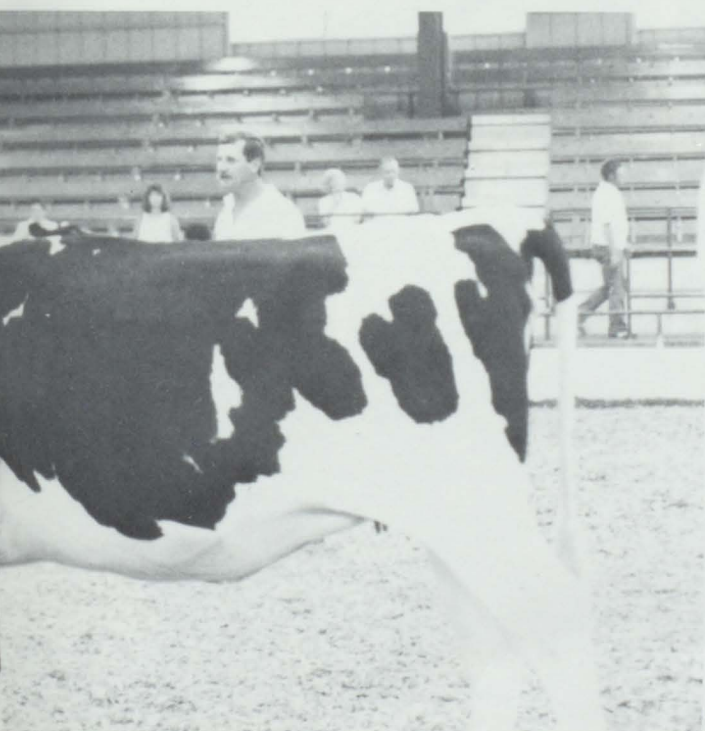






▲**AS A FUNDRAISER** during Wilder Days, Darrell Cornelius puts Everett Merritt in a "jail" on the Mansfield square.

▲**WITH PRINCIPAL FRANK** Rowles as a customer, Darren Campie, Lane Adamson, and Jim Farmer operate games during Wilder Days.



▲**FUTURE FARMERS OF America.** Front - Gene Cravens (adviser), Darrell Cornelius (sentinel), Shane Potts (secretary), Lance Adamson (president), Lane Adamson (reporter), Darren Campie (treasurer), Jim Shropshire (vice president); Row two - Malcolm Gaddis, Mike Bogart, Ron Felker, Kelly Eidson, Larry Chilson, Tommy Kingery, Kevin Hall, Jim Farmer, Bobby Clanton, Tommy Dugger, Richard Chilson, Susan Jones, Tiffany Watterson; Row three - Johnny VanNess, Richard Gallion, Jeff Long, Rodney Vogt, Jamie Napier, Rusty Carter, Jill Clouse, Robert Elliott, Bruce Keith, Jon Batcheller, Timmarie Hamilton, Deana Kelley, Reggie Roy, Melissa Farris, Carla Swopes, Missy Melton; Back - Harvey Wedge, Timmy Logan, Larry Livingston, Kevin Lindsey, Bryan Reed, Lori Durham, Scott Cantrell, Randy Taylor, Laura Rose, Dawn Cascone, Donna Durham, Kristen Calhoun, Paul Clark, Scott Storms.

▲**LANCE ADAMSON SHOWS** Adamson's Top Priority Cristy at the Ozark Empire Fair during the summer.



# R

## eporting not usually a carefree job

"Get help and more help and then strain my brain."

That's how Jayme DeChenne got her stories ready for the Lion's Gazette.

Interviewing tended to be a problem for staff members, regardless of the story.

"People will talk your ear off on some subjects, but when you ask them for something for the paper they don't know a thing and that's aggravating," Jenifer Wallin said.

Being on the staff makes students have a different attitude about the newspaper than they had as a reader.

"You have a totally different view of the newspaper," Tracy Light said. "You find out how much work and time goes into it and that makes you appreciate the paper a lot more."

In state competition the Lion's Gazette was named All-Missouri for the ninth year in a row, and for the seventh consecutive year the yearbook was also named All-Missouri by the Missouri Interscholastic Press Association.

Staff members won 17 individual state awards.

Yearbook winners, chosen from 403 entries, were Gina Box

first in theme copy, Stacy Veit first for portrait section copy, Deidra Barnett first for yearbook layout, Lori Wood first for graphics layout, Box second for academic faculty copy, Jim Freeman second for sports copy, Heather Krider second for student life copy, Rhonda Fuge second for graphics layout, and Mary Cantrell second for sports photo.

State newspaper entries totaled 1111, and MHS staff members swept the in-depth category. First place winners for a series on teen jobs were Wood, Aaron Gray, Bart Evans, James Coday, Fuge, Cantrell and Scott Dunsmuir.

Second place for a series on peer pressure went to Coday, Gray, Cantrell, Gary Greene, Box and Barnett; and third for a series on death went to Box, Greene, Evans, Gray, Wood, Coday, Fuge and Krider.

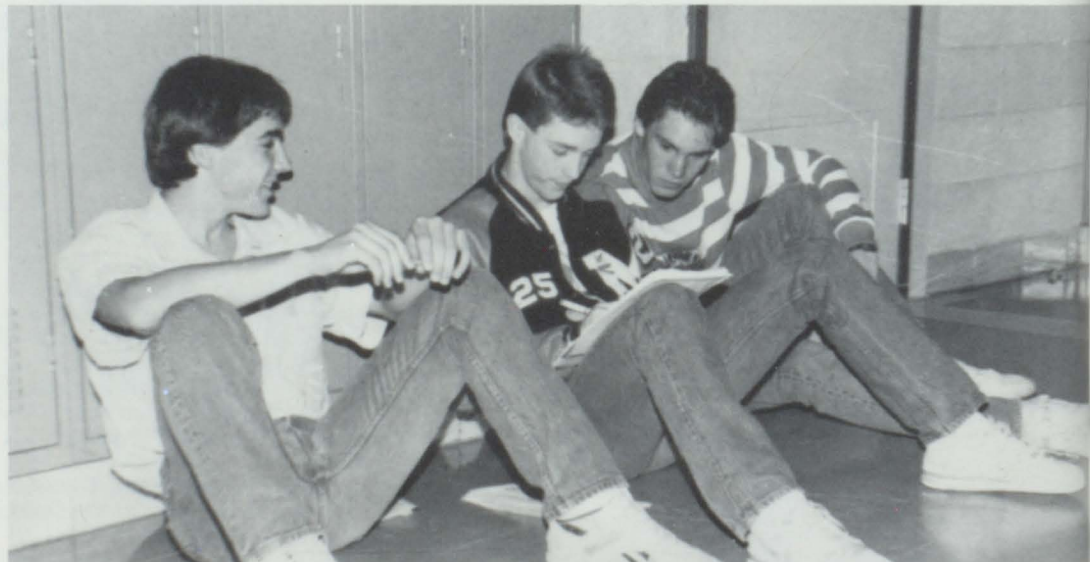
In other newspaper categories, Gray won first in column writing and Wood was first in feature writing. Barnett was second and Greene third in sports writing, and Gray won third in news writing.

▲STAFF MEMBERS AARON Gray and Deidra Barnett design layouts for the first yearbook deadline in February.



▲USING COPY PAGES already completed, Lisa Hurst, Jayme DeChenne, and Audra Suits index names in the yearbook.

▲AN INTERVIEW FOR a cross country story has reporter Gary Greene, center, getting information from runners Lane Adamson and his twin brother Lance Adamson.





▲NEWSPAPER AND YEARBOOK staff. On ground- Rhonda Fuge (El Leon Editor in Chief), Stacy Veit (El Leon Co-Editor), Mary Cantrell (Photographer/Senior Section Editor), Leslie Marre (Index Editor), Angela Brazeal; On bench-Audra Suits, Deidra Barnett (El Leon Assistant Editor); Seated on table- Tracy Light, Gina Box (Lion's Gazette Assistant Editor), Timmarie Hamilton, Jenifer Wallin; Standing on table- Jayme DeChenne, James Coday (Lion's Gazette Editor), Heather Krider, Eddie Whipple, Deana Kelley, Aaron Gray (Lion's Gazette Editor), Gary Greene (Lion's Gazette Assistant Sports Editor), Jim Freeman (El Leon Sports Editor), Bart Evans (Lion's Gazette Sports Editor). Not pictured- Lori Wood (El Leon Co-Editor), Lisa Hurst, Shannon Kirkland.





# S

## second grand prize win honors senior scientist

Off to the International Science and Engineering Fair ... again.

Wanda Williams won the second grand prize, for the second year in a row, at the South Central Regional Science and Engineering Fair with her project entitled "Bacterial Evolution: The Effect of Antibiotics on *E. Coli*."

This project was a continuation of the one she and Lori Wood entered last year which also was eligible to be entered in the ISEF in Knoxville.

Williams' project was a six-phase study done over the past two years on the resistance of bacteria to antibiotics.

Williams was pleased with the repeat win, which also earned her a four-year scholarship to the University of Missouri-Rolla.

"It was very exciting to get to return to the International Science and Engineering Fair," she said. "I felt more confident with the work on my project this year."

The international competition was held in Pittsburg. Several activities were held for all participants and their sponsors, such as mixers, tours of the city,

and seminars.

Other projects from MHS did well at the regional fair. Waylon Johnson won first place in biochemistry, and Wood received the Sigma Xi special award.

Wood, in earth science, Williams in microbiology, and Kerrick Lindsey in computers and math won their divisions at the Summit Conference Science Fair held at Fordland.

Shelly Detherage received a blue ribbon for her project in microbiology.

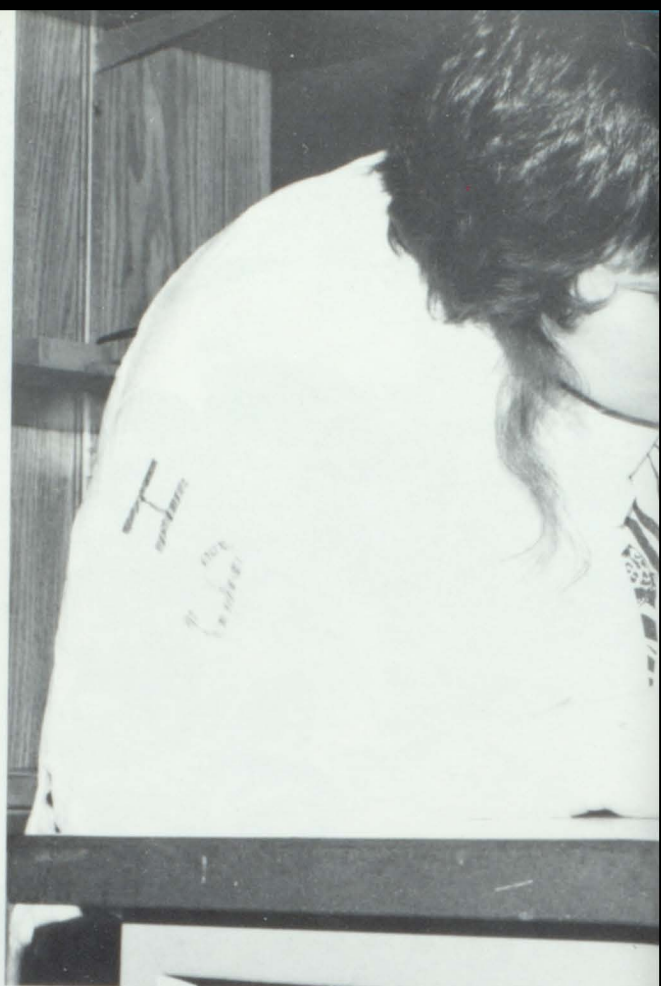
Brandon Frantz and Scott Dunsmuir received white ribbons at the conference fair.

At the Summit Conference Math Fair, also at Fordland, MHS students won the traveling trophy for the seventh year in a row.

Melissa Helsley, a senior, had been a contestant at the conference math contest all four years in high school.

"Being involved in the contest will be a great memory, knowing that I helped bring the traveling trophy home these four years," she said.

Lindsey received the championship award for algebra, and Helsley won the championship trophy for trigonometry.



▲CHECKING WATER SAMPLES from near the Mansfield lagoon gives Lori Wood data for her science project.

▲SCIENCE CLUB MEMBER Waylon Johnson puts the finishing touches on his science project.





▲**ROLLA SCIENCE FAIR** second grand prize winner Wanda Williams checks a slide for her project.

▲**AFTER AN EARLY** morning start on a Math Club trip to St. Louis, Julie Kelley and Audra Suits nap on the bus.



▲**SCIENCE CLUB. FRONT** - Leslie Marre (reporter), Dave Wilson (secretary-treasurer), Rhonda Fuge (vice president), Lori Wood (president), Leslie Smith (adviser); Row two - Rachelle Lansdown, Lesa Turner, Jenifer Wallin, Audra Suits, Troy Hughes, Waylon Johnson, Glen Evans, James Coday, LeeAnn Cannon, Shelly Detherage, Debbie Matthews, Vickie Franks, Angela Merritt, Tina Gage; Row three - Jayme DeChenne, Deana Kelley, Timmarie Hamilton, Julie Kelley, Kevin Lindsey, Hal Noble, Sean Hannum, Brandon Frantz, Scott Dunsmuir, Shannon Kirkland, Lisa Hurst, Gina Box, Lori Durham, Karrie Durham, Benjie Dennis; Row four - Deidra Barnett, Lane Adamson, Jeff Long, Eric Lansdown, John Ragsdale, Tim Logan, Christie Evans, Kris Gray, Angie Miller, Gary Greene, Donna Durham, Kristin Calhoun, Kristy Burnett, Missy McGaw, Heather Krider; Back - Tracy Light, Tiffany Watterson, Bryan Ivy, Joe Long, Wanda Williams, Robbie Maxwell, Marty Henry, Scott Hesterly, Michael Helsley, Brent Napier, Jeff Ladd, Bobby Clanton, Shawn Moss.

▲**MATH CLUB. FRONT** - Melissa Helsley (secretary), Julie Kelley (president), Leslie Marre (vice president), Lori Durham (treasurer), Sandy Davis (adviser); Row two - Larry Livingston, Deidra Barnett, Timmarie Hamilton, Troy Hughes, Waylon Johnson, Glen Evans, James Coday, LeeAnn Cannon, Shelly Detherage, Angie Miller, Vickie Franks, Lori Wood; Row three - Audra Suits, Deana Kelley, Kevin Lindsey, Scott Hesterly, Rhonda Fuge, Sean Hannum, Brandon Frantz, Scott Dunsmuir, Shannon Kirkland, Lisa Hurst, Gina Box, Dave Wilson, Benjie Dennis; Row four - Rachelle Lansdown, Jeff Long, John Ragsdale, Bryan Ivy, Joe Long, Lane Adamson, Tracy Light, Jimmy Freeman, Gary Greene, Heather Krider, Kristy Burnett, Tiffany Watterson, Lance Adamson.

▲**WITH HELP FROM** Eddie Doan, Lori Wood starts assembling letters for her science project display.





# L

## anguage club sings, cooks its way through year

From singing carols to making chicken enchiladas, Language Club offered a variety of activities.

For the first time at MHS there were two foreign languages offered in the curriculum during the same year. With this change French Club evolved into Language Club.

This gave the club more students, two sponsors, and more opportunities.

Around Christmas time the Language Club went caroling to some of the homes in Mansfield.

The group sang the carols in either Spanish or French.

"The kids enjoyed singing in different languages," Spanish teacher Sheri Dimos said. "We practiced for two weeks in class."

The carolers were Melissa Helsley, Kim Mills, Jennifer Wallin, Gina Box, Deanna Kelley, Sherilyn Gallion, Timmarie Hamilton, Angela Merritt, Mike Helsley, Mike Keys, DeDee Hall, and Deidra Barnett.

Language Club also went bowling and prepared a dinner for the school board. The bowling didn't turn out too well.

"The whole Language Club was supposed to go, but only

three of us went," Kelley said. "But we had fun without them."

The school board dinner, however, was a success.

With fondue, chicken enchiladas, fruit pizza, taco salads, weiner rolls and cinnamon rolls, the school board literally ate it up.

"The dinner was really good," Dimos said. "I think the school board really enjoyed it, judged by the amount they ate."

However, it did have some minor problems.

"Mrs. Blankenship dropped the glass bowl with the lettuce, so we had to go to town and start all over," said Wallin, of Vickie Blankenship, French teacher.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) had three people advance to state competition after winning at the district level. They were Kevin Lindsey, accounting; Deidra Barnett, Impromptu speaking; and Angie Miller in business math.

"There were about fifty people in my contest, from all sizes of schools," Miller said.

In addition to the contest, Miller was a voting delegate, along with Gina Box.

▲LANGUAGE CLUB MEMBERS Mary Cantrell and Angela Merritt prepare taco salad for a school board dinner of foreign foods.



▲FBLA MEMBERS ANGIE Miller, Brandon Frantz, and Kevin Lindsey are winners at district contest.

▲AFTER THE SCHOOL board was served, Language Club members chow down on a meal of foreign food prepared by the group.





▲FONDUE AND JENIFER Wallin are about to meet at a banquet of Spanish and French foods prepared by Language Club members for the school board.



▲VOTING DELEGATES ANGIE Miller and Gina Box and voting official Deidra Barnett listen to campaigning by Corey Hillhouse, who later won the FBLA president spot at state convention.



▲FBLA, FRONT- DAVE Wilson (parliamentarian), Heather Hensy (treasurer), Kevin Lindsey (vice president), Sean Hannum (president), Rhonda Fuge (secretary), Deidra Barnett (parliamentarian), Mary Boydston (adviser); Row two- Scott Hesterly, Larry Livingston, Tina Gage, Faira Watterson, Sherlyn Gallion, Glen Evans, James Coday, Jimmy Freeman, Julie Kelley, Christi Evans, LeeAnn Cannon; Row three- Eric Lansdown, Debbie Mathews, Jill Clouse, Stacy Veit, Mary Cantrell, Gina Box, Tracy Light, Angie Miller, Vickie Franks, David Kuhn; Back- Tim Logan, Jeff Long, Andria Turner, Lesa Turner, Heather Krider, Missy McGaw, Kristy Burnett, Rachelle Lansdown.

▲LANGUAGE CLUB. FRONT- Melissa Helsley (president), Deidra Barnett (vice president), Gina Box (secretary), Audra Suits (treasurer), Vicki Blankenship (adviser); Row two- Angela Merritt, Sherlyn Gallion, Julie Kelley, Timmarie Hamilton, Lori Durham, Deanna Kelley, Mary Cantrell, Jenifer Wallin, Lesa Turner; Back- Scott Hesterly, Lane Adamson, Joe Long, Mike Helsley, Mike Keys, George Crisp.



# S

## pirit 'never there' for sports team support

Although it boasted over 70 members, the best membership Pep Club has had in three years, many thought that this year wasn't the best, but the worst.

"It was never there. The only ones who yelled were the cheerleaders and pompon girls," said Shelly Detherage, vice president of Pep Club and also a pom pon squad member.

With so many members, and still no support, it caused some to wonder about members' reasons for being in the club.

"It seemed to me people were in Pep Club to get out of class and get another picture in the annual," said Heather Krider, varsity cheerleader.

Sheri Dimos, Pep Club sponsor, was "sure the majority of kids are in all clubs" for that reason.

"There were very few faithful members besides cheerleaders," she said.

After strong student support last year, the girls basketball team felt let down with hardly any support. About the only organized support they got was at the end of the season when

the Pep Club rode the bus with the players to districts in Summersville.

Some players resented the Pep Club on that trip.

"We didn't think it was fair that they rode the bus down with us," said Tiffany Watterson, basketball player. "We needed our rest and we were cramped."

The boys basketball team also felt a little let down.

"When I was a freshman and my brother played, there was a big Pep Club, but now it seems half the size," said Jim Freeman, varsity boys basketball player.

For Sean Hannum, varsity basketball player, sometimes hearing the other crowd yelling at him pumped him up.

"I could hear the other team's pep club, even when we were at home," he said.

Dimos tried a new tactic, with the members putting themselves on committees to be faithful to one sport.

"I tried to get everybody on a committee," she said, "and tried to take the emphasis off boys basketball. I feel every athlete should feel privileged."

▲JUNIORS DEANA KELLEY and Lane Adamson loudly advertise the merits of their class.

▲READY TO RELEASE an untied balloon, basketball player Lori Wood tries a relay game at the fall pep rally.



▲VARSITY CHEERLEADERS Heather Krider and Julie Perry lead a sideline chant.



▲SENIORS RHONDA FUGE and Heather Hensy respond to a cheer led by the juniors.



▲SOPHOMORES VICKI FRANKS, Debbie Matthews, Angie Miller, and Julie Jurewicz cheer for their class.



▲PEP CLUB MEMBERS provide support at a home game with Conway.



▲PEP CLUB, FRONT Rhonda Fuge, Shelly Detherage, (vice president) Mascot Teri McElroy, LeeAnn Cannon, (secretary/treasurer) Larry Chilson (president), Julie Perry, Sherlyn Gallion; Row two - Stacy Veit, Mary Cantrell, Kristin Calhoun, Donna Durham, Audra Suits, Dave Wilson, Heather Hensy, Angela Brazeal, Tiffany Watterson, Jay McNeill, Gina Box, Deidra Barnett; Row three - Deana Kelley, Tracy Light, Rachelle Lansdown, Timmarie Hamilton, Shannon Kirkland, Angie Miller, Lori Durham, Sean Hannum, Floyd Hutson, Eric Lansdown, Brandy Wright, Jayme DeChenne, Heather Krider, Row four - Lisa Hurst, Missy Melton, Carla Swopes, Tina Gage, Laura Rose, Julie Kelley, Kim Mills, Barry Short, Jim Freeman, Christi Evans, Heather Lansdown, Jennifer Greene, Serena Page; Row five - Shelly Clanton, Lesa Turner, Mary Ann Gatlin, Andria Turner, Larry Livingston, Kevin Lindsey, Tish Goss, Gina Davis, Kristy Burnett, Richard Chilson, Missy Melton, Angela Kingery; Row six - Serena Dunsmuir, Steven Garrison, Jeff Baty, Dawn Cascone, Jessie Phillips, Jimmy Shropshire, Jim Farmer, Jeff Long, Tim Logan, Brent Napier, James Barnett, Lane Adamson, Joe Long, Stacey Wilson, Tracy Coffman.



# B

## rand new squad members make steady progress

I'll never learn it on time.

A typical comment by beginning pompon squad members, but one that usually proved to be false.

However, having four brand new squad members sometimes slowed things down for the veteran Sweethearts.

"It was really difficult helping teach the routines because we had so many freshmen," said Mary Cantrell, co-captain.

Co-captain Rhonda Fuge said teaching routines was more difficult.

"It was a lot harder, because everything we said we had to explain," she said. "Normally we only have a couple of new people."

All the crowd sees is the finished routine, and what many don't realize is how much time and hard work goes into a 5-minute routine.

"Before Homecoming we were all worried about getting our routine finished and perfected," Deana Kelley said. "Everybody kept saying 'oh, come on, how hard can it be?' But then we tell them about how many practices we had a week and their mouths would drop open."

For at least one squad member, thoughts of Homecoming were tense.

"Homecoming was so scary," Shelby Hesterly said. "The routine was long and hard, and there was so many people there."

Even with the problems, by the end of the year everyone was starting to relax.

"The freshmen improved a lot from our first performance," Cantrell said. "They really worked hard and by the end of the year they were a lot better."

Senior Stacy Veit said the new members "improved 100 percent," and they agreed.

"I think we worked really hard," Serena Dunsmuir said, "I improved from my first performance to my last."

The crowds might have seen all the smiles, but what they didn't see was some of the pain.

Veit hurt her ankle during one of the pompon practices, and had to navigate with crutches for a few weeks.

"It hurt really, really bad," she said. "It made me very mad and I hated being on crutches for two weeks."



▲**FAST MOVES MARK** the snappy routine the squad also performed at Homecoming.

▲**SWINGING WITH THE** beat of the music, Deana Kelley performs at the last home game.





▲BRIGHT SMILES MAKE crowd pleasers of Deana Kelley, Mary Cantrell, and Stacy Veit.

▲HOMECOMING TRADITIONALLY CALLS for a routine to eclipse all others, and the squad charms the audience.



▲MHS SWEETHEARTS, FRONT - Rhonda Fuge, Stacy Veit, Mary Cantrell, Sponsor Sandy Davis; Row two - Deana Kelley, Tracy Light, Lisa Hurst, Missy Melton; Back - Brandy Potts, Marny Clark, Shelby Hesterly, Shelly Detherage, Serena Dunsmuir.

▲VARIATIONS IN MOVEMENT but consistency in smiles highlight a Sweethearts performance.

Sweethearts



# G

## ymnastics adds new spark to cheerleading squads

Ready for a change from the ordinary cheering and chanting, the cheerleading squads flipped for gymnastics classes.

"We mainly learned back handsprings, but we also learned cheers, jumps, pyramids, and partner stunts," said Gina Box, varsity cheerleader.

Although the gymnastics class in Springfield helped prepare the squads for the basketball season, it was not a requirement to attend, and some chose to learn on their own.

"I worked really hard on my own with back handsprings," said Missy Carter, junior varsity cheerleader. "I thought that I should use them during the games because it made our squad look better."

Both squads relied heavily on the alternates. Varsity cheerleader Tassie Baker had to quit cheering midway through the year because of a nagging knee injury, so alternate Sherlyn Gallion became a permanent member of the squad. On the junior varsity group, Tracy Coffman missed all Friday night games because of religious reasons, so alternate Stacey Wilson saw lots of action.

"I think it would have been better if we would have had a

permanent squad the whole year," Coffman said. "When we practiced, we practiced on team cheers and pyramids and stuff, then when one of us was gone, it messed everyone up."

In addition to the new try at gymnastics, both squads sported new uniforms for the first time in several years.

"It was a great change," Gallion said. "They were a lot nicer and we didn't look as bad."

The uniforms were primarily maroon instead of gold as before.

Both the varsity and junior varsity squads attended summer cheerleading camp, with the varsity squad going to the Universal Cheerleading Association at Drury College in Springfield.

During the camps, both squads won the championship award for their divisions, and earned a chance to attend national competitions.

"I really enjoyed camp," said Jayme DeChenne, varsity cheerleader, "because there weren't that many people there, so we got to know the instructors personally."

▲**VARSITY SQUAD MEMBERS** get the crowd fired up at a home game with Conway.

▲**GINA BOX COMPLETES** the final action of a varsity floor cheer.



▲**SHOWING THE EXCITEMENT** of a close game with Conway, Heather Krider leads a sideline chant.

▲**JAYVEE CHEERLEADERS** MISSY Carter and Angela Kingery get the Pep Club started on a chant.





▲**BOTH VARSITY AND** jayvee squads combine for a pyramid at the Homecoming pep rally.

▲**GETTING THE FOUR** classes fired up at the Homecoming pep rally puts both cheerleading squads in action.



▲**VARSITY CHEERLEADERS, FRONT-** Julie Perry, Sherlyn Gallion; **Row two -** Gina Box, Deidra Barnett; **Back -** Jayme DeChenne, Heather Krider.

▲**JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS** **Front -** Serina Page, Lee Ann Cannon, Missy Carter; **Back -** Stacey Wilson, Angela Kingery, Jennifer Greene, Tracy Coffman.



# Y

## oung participants dominate music groups

In most extracurricular activities, participating as an underclassman is anything but easy. However, in the music department, freshmen and sophomores more or less dominated.

Sophomore Kristy Burnett led the way with a one on her bell solo at the district competition. She went on to state where she received a two.

"I practiced before I went on and was really nervous because I forgot part of the music," Burnett said, "but when I performed, it went by too fast to be nervous. I messed up once, so I was really surprised to get a one."

Although Burnett was the only student to get a one, several students received two ratings on their performances.

Those who received two ratings were Dave Wilson, vocal solo; girls ensemble (Missy Carter, Angela Kingery, Serena Dunsmuir, Gina Davis, Heather Lansdown, and Tish Goss); girls mixed vocal (Angie Miller, Shannon Kirkland, Andria Turner, Vickie Franks, Kim Mills, and Leslie Marre); Melissa Helsley, clarinet solo; and Sean Hannum, tuba solo.

The girls ensemble, composed entirely of freshmen, is another example of underclassmen who excelled.

"It really made me nervous because my singing had never been judged before," Goss said. "We were told that the judge was very picky and that also added pressure."

Some students, like Matt Calhoun, had higher expectations than the ratings they received.

"I really thought that we would do better, but we didn't get much practice time," he said. "When we did practice, our sound never really blended like I thought it would."

Those receiving threes were the mixed vocal (Angie Miller, Heather Lansdown, Andria Turner, Shannon Kirkland, Dave Wilson, Brian Williams, Ben Choate, and Matt Calhoun); the high school band, and the brass sextet - made up of trumpet players Don Hanger, Evan Kinser, Joe Long, and Steve Garrison; tuba player Sean Hannum, and baritone player Matt Moody.

▲**SETTING THE BEAT**, drummer Kevin Hester provides the cadence for the band in the Wilder Days parade.



▲**DRUM MAJORETTE SHELBY** Hesterly leads the band at the Hartville Christmas parade.

▲**HATS AND SUNGLASSES** set the scene for Pep Band members at a home ballgame.







▲HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE watch the band march in the Wilder Days Parade in Mansfield.

▲JAMES CODAY MANS the drums at the cross country pep rally, before Kevin Hall waits his turn.



▲**MARCHING BAND. FRONT** - Sherlyn Gallion, Lisa Myers (director), DeDee Hall, Shelby Hesterly (majorette), Tracy Coffman, Debra Bryant, Melissa Helsley, J.J. McNeil; **Row two** - Jeff Long, Tim Logan, Joe Long, Eric Lansdown, Steven Garrison, Jimmy Shropshire, Kevin Hall, Kristy Burnett; **Back** - James Barnett, Jim Farmer, Stacey Wilson, Andria Turner, John Ragsdale, Don Hanger, Matt Moody, Sean Hannum.

▲**MIXED CHORUS. FRONT** - Barry Short, Dave Wilson, Tish Goss, Heather Lansdown, Serena Dunsmuir, Angie Miller, Vickie Franks, Shannon Kirkland, Lisa Hurst, Jayme DeChenne, David Kuhn; **Row two** - Eric Spyres (director), Ben Choate, Gina Davis, Missy Carter, DeDee Hall, Shelly Clanton, Debra Bryant, Teri McElroy, Brandy Wright, Brandie Potts, Susan Jones, Andria Turner; **Back** - Waylon Johnson, Brian Williams, Benjie Dennis, Matt Calhoun, Aaron Gray, Marc Brazeal, Bart Evans, Kim Mills, Jennifer Greene, Angela Kingery, Lesa Turner.



# And the beat goes on

▲PEP BAND MEMBERS play a fast tune at the cross country pep rally.



▲WITH DEBRA BRYANT playing the clarinet, the band pauses to perform while marching in the Mansfield Christmas parade.

▲MIXED VOCAL ENSEMBLE. Front - Angie Miller, Heather Lansdown, Andria Turner; back - Brian Williams, Waylon Johnson, Ben Choate, Matt Calhoun, David Wilson. Not pictured, Shannon Kirkland.

▲GIRLS ENSEMBLE. MISSY Carter, Angela Kingery, Heather Lansdown, Gina Davis, Serena Dunsmuir, Tish Goss.



▲GIRLS MIXED VOCAL. DeDee Hall, Angie Miller, Andria Turner, Vickie Franks, Kim Mills. Not pictured, Shannon Kirkland.





▲**MIXED CHORUS MEMBERS** rehearse a selection for a spring concert performance.

▲**INSTRUMENTAL SOLOISTS.** FRONT - Matt Moody, Melissa Helsley; back - John Ragsdale, Sean Hannum, Kristy Burnett.



▲**VOCAL SOLOISTS.** FRONT - David Wilson, Heather Lansdown; back - Andria Turner, Angie Miller.



▲**BRASS SEXTET.** FRONT - Matt Moody, Sean Hannum, Steve Garrison; back - Evan Kinser, Joe Long, Don Hanger.

▲**BRASS QUARTET.** JOHN Ragsdale, Matt Moody, Don Hanger, Steve Garrison.

▲**BLASTING A SONG** out on the trumpet, Joe Long performs in the Wilder Day Parade in Mansfield.



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## ctivities now liven up junior high existence

Changes, changes. The move from elementary to junior high brought a whole new dimension to the word school.

Hurrying from class to class, wrestling with a stubborn locker, and participating in lots of extracurricular activities soon became commonplace to MJH students.

Not so commonplace was the decision of several eighth grade boys to take home economics rather than shop.

"Home Ec is fun," Jeremy Jones said. "I think all guys should take this class and not get made fun of because of it."

Shop students had "big" plans too. They chose to make a large Brontosaurus out of pieces of wood. The project won them a one rating at the Summit Conference Industrial Arts Fair.

Junior high students danced to the hits. Unlike past years, the go-ahead was given for several dances for junior high.

The skateboard made a comeback with several MJH students. Kneepads and scrapes became prominent as the board sometimes turned "cruisin" to "brusin".

Carrying on a tradition, both

junior high cheerleading squads performed well at the UCA cheerleading camp at Southwest Missouri State University and brought home several blue ribbons and a spirit stick for each group.

"Camp was fun," Jacque Lansdown said. "We learned a lot of new dances and cheers."

The eighth grade cheerleaders were nominated for outstanding junior high squad, which won them a gold ribbon.

For the second year, the junior high musicians competed in a contest at Aurora

The sixth, seventh, and eighth grade band received a two rating, and five instrumental soloists earned one ratings.

Winning one ratings were Evan Kinser, trumpet; Joe Garrison, trumpet; Buffy Bingham, piano; Elizabeth Chilson, trumpet; and Angela Ragsdale, flute.

Several junior high runners competed at a cross country meet at Plato, with medals going to Brad Hanger, Scott Hall, Clint Buchanan, Evan Kinser, and Matt Brown.

The junior high track team participated in meets at Marshfield, Ava and Springfield.





▲**EIGHTH GRADE CHEERLEADERS.** From bottom, Carrie Gray, Melissa Holt, Patricia Millsap, Angela Lansdown, Traci Sharp; sides, Stacey Arnall, Amy Compton.

▲**JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS** and their blue ribbon winning dinosaur are front Matthew Brown, Joe McNeil, Taylor Hamilton; Back- Jason Bennett, Chris Farris, Matt Coffman, David Taylor, James Axsom, Miles Keith, Scott Hall, Jason Chilson, Robbie Pearson, Clint Berry.



▲**EIGHTH GRADER TAYLOR** Hamilton clears the high jump in a track meet with Ava.



▲**JUNIOR HIGH TRACK** team. Front- Becky Bryson, Sophia Greyowl, Amy Compton, Stacey Arnall, Christy Barber, Vicky Noble, Mike Huberts, Scott Hall, Clint Buchanan; Row two- Jeremy Jones, Evan Kinser, Miles Keith, Taylor Hamilton, Clint Berry, Kendall Keith, Scott Smith, Brad Hanger, Jason Chilson, Stephen Chilson; Row three- Sunny Watterson, Elizabeth Bingham, Stephanie Joseph, Jacque Lansdown, Kimberly Hyde, Bobbi Beck, Stephanie Kelly, Greg Henry, Steven Wilson, Jesse Evans, Merle Strohm; Back row- Adam Brooke, Russell Wallace, Jared Jones, Randall Roy, Ted Marre, Justin Long.

▲**JUNIOR HIGH BAND.** Front- Joe McNeil, Stacey Arnall, Stephanie Joseph, Virginia Fulbright, Stephanie Copeland, Melissa Holt, Heather Fairbairn, Angela Lansdown, Jennifer Marcum; Back- Stephanie Kelly, Evan Kinser, Nancy Curtis, Sophia GreyOwl, Matt Brown, Clint Buchanan, Jason Chilson, Justin Long, Veronica Noble.

▲**SEVENTH GRADE CHEERLEADERS** Front- Jennifer Shropshire, Buffy Bingham, Bobbi Beck; back- Sunny Watterson, Cheri Sharp, Jacque Lansdown.





▲**STRETCHING OUT BEFORE** a cross country meet is a must for Jennifer Greene, Brandi Potts, and LeeAnn Cannon.

▲**WITH INTENSITY IN** her eyes, Mary Cantrell returns the ball, backed up by Karrie Durham.





▲**SHOOTING OVER THE** Conway center, Matt Calhoun looks for the bucket; Kris Gray goes into rebound.

▲**OFF WITH THE** gun, cross country runners and their "guests", the basketball team, go for the early lead.

▲**FIGHTING FOR THE** ball, Karrie Durham and Julie Perry are surrounded by the Seymour team.



▲**PITCHER BART EVANS** fires a fast-ball home in a fall game against Plato.

▲**SHOWING WINNING FORM** the girls basketball team claims the first place trophy of the Mansfield Tournament.

# Guessing GAMES

Guessing what was going to happen in each sport season was definitely not an easy task, but it was fun trying. The reality was that the girls cross country team made MHS history by being the first girls' team from the school to complete at the state level. While the volleyball team only lost two games and baseball was also strong, the basketball seasons were filled with lows amid the highs.

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## Keeping score . . .

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## tate dream almost comes true

Only four points separated them from the thrill of a district title and state competition.

But instead of cheers, the top-seeded Lady Lions volleyball team erupted in tears when their chance at victory was upset by a 16-14 and 15-12 loss to Liberty.

"Losing to Liberty in the finals was real tough," senior

Lori Wood said, "but we had a great year."

The team finished the year with a record of 19 wins and only 2 defeats. They also won the first place trophy at the Norwood Tournament.

That record was good enough to be the best ever for an MHS girls team.

"It was the best year we

have ever had," said coach Roger Wood. "The girls worked really hard and I was just happy to be in the tournament finals."

Senior team member Mary Cantrell also was glad to be in the championship game.

"It was really exciting being that close to first place in districts," Cantrell said. "We knew we were going to do real good when the year started, but who would have thought that good?"

As the season progressed and the team kept winning and winning, a few superstitions evolved among the team members.

"I always wore the same pair of socks," said senior Julie Perry. "I just started wearing them and since we kept winning, I always wore them."

Practically every player had a special song to listen

to before each game.

"I listened to 'Welcome to the Jungle' by Guns-n-Roses," sophomore Shelly Detherage said. "I listened to it excruciatingly loud, to get me going."

Wood led the team in scoring with 146 points, followed by Detherage with 131, and senior Heather Hensy with 129.

Leading spikers for the Lions were Detherage and senior Melissa Helsley.

"The spike has come a long way," Lori Wood said. "We were able to take the net this year as opposed to past years and we were able to hit the ball a lot harder this year and get it in."

Wood, Helsley, and Detherage were named to the All-Summit Conference first team, and Cantrell to the honorable mention team.



▲VOLLEYBALL VARSITY TEAM. Front - Mary Cantrell, Stacy Veit, Lori Wood, Audra Suits, Karrie Durham; Back - Assistant Coach Jim Reaves, Deidra Barnett, Shelly Detherage, Heather Hensy, Melissa Helsley, Julie Perry, Heather Krider, Tiffany Watterson, Julie Kelley, Coach Roger Wood.



▲JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL team. Front - Heather Krider, Deidra Barnett, Julie Perry; Back - Assistant Coach Jim Reaves, Serina Page, Tiffany Watterson, Diann Morris, Tracy Coffman, Stacey Wilson, Julie Jurewicz, Missy Carter, Coach Roger Wood.



▲CONCENTRATION IS THE key as Stacy Veit and Lori Wood get set to bump.



▲VARSITY TEAM MEMBERS support the Jayvee team when they score 13 unanswered points in a comeback from a 12-2 deficit against Fordland.



▲PREPARING TO BUMP, Audra Suits and Lori Wood make sure someone returns the serve.

▲FACIAL EXPRESSIONS SHOW determination by Mary Cantrell as she bumps the ball back to Fordland.

SCORECARD		
US	OPPONENT	THEM
15-13, 15-7	Seymour	
15-12, 15-4	Gainesville	
15-4, 15-5	Niangua	
15-2, 15-4	Sparta	
16-14, 15-10	Plato	
	Mountain Grove	15-3, 15-7
15-11, 15-7	Ava	
15-9, 15-7	Forsyth	
15-2, 15-7	Seymour	
15-4, 15-13	Niangua	
16-14, 15-10	Willow Springs	16-14
15-4, 15-7	Fordland	
15-13, 15-15-1	Norwood	
15-11, 15-9	Cabool	15-13
15-13, 15-4	Gainesville	
15-6, 15-3	Conway	
15-6, 15-6	Norwood	
15-10, 15-2	Fordland	
15-13, 15-0	Cabool	
	Liberty	16-14, 15-12
19	TOTALS	2

▲GETTING HIGH TO block, Melissa Helsley defends against Fordland.



## Keeping score . . .

# S

## season's end like 'instant' replay

Domination turned to disappointment for the baseball Lions at seasons' end.

After winning 14 straight games, including the district title, the Lions fell to Licking in the state sectionals, 14-7.

Making the loss more painful was the fact that it was the third straight year

that Licking has ended the Lions' season.

Mansfield was ahead 6-3 going into the fourth inning when the defending 2A state champs scored three runs to tie the game. The rally changed the game's momentum and Licking scored eight more runs to Mansfield's one.

The Lions roared to a

10-1 start in the fall with the only loss coming at the hands of Plato. Then after struggling to a 2-2 start in the spring season, the team reeled off 14 straight wins to end the season with a record of 26-4.

The 26 wins set a new baseball record at the school.

"We had a very successful year," pitcher Matt Calhoun said, "but the loss to Licking was very disappointing, especially because of our high expectations of going to state."

One of the biggest games of the year managed to keep the Lions out of national record books.

Plato pitcher Kenny Steenstra had a chance to score win 62 in his high school career and break a national record in a game against Mansfield. Howev-

er, MHS won the game 2-0 with Bart Evans pitching a shutout and Calhoun hitting a ninth-inning homerun.

Baseball awards went to seniors Evans and Aaron Gray, who were chosen co-MVP's in a vote by team members. Gray also led the team with a batting average of .500.

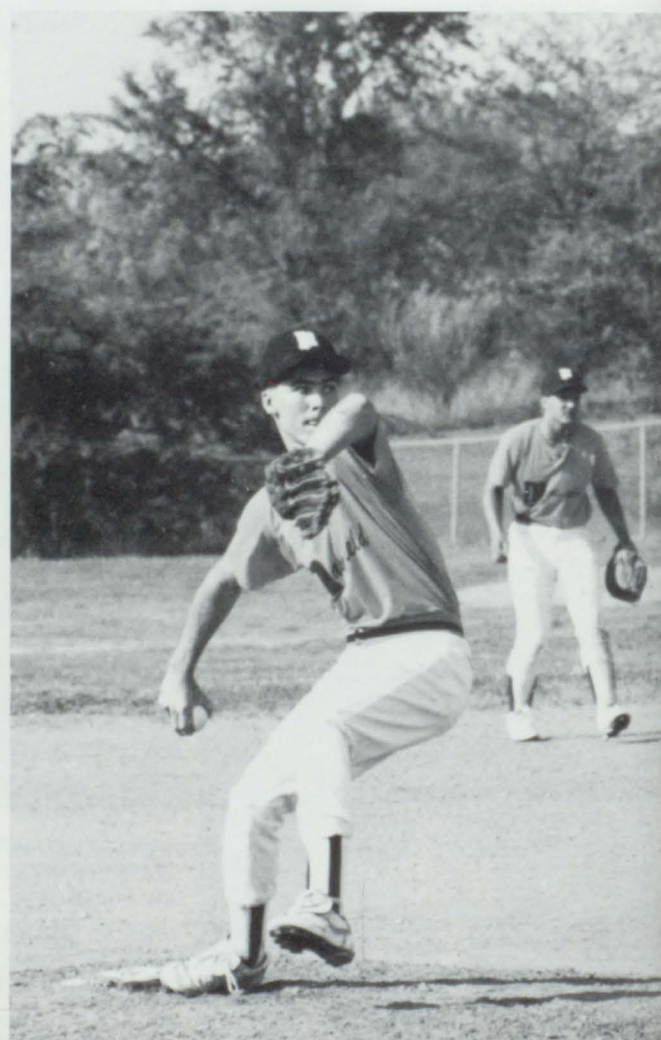
Gary Greene led with 9 homeruns, while Jim Freeman drove in 51 runs.

The Lions posted a 12-0 conference record to win the Summit Conference championship.

Gray, Evans, Greene, Freeman, Calhoun, Ron Felker, and Sean Hannum were chosen for the All-Conference first team, and Larry Chilson received All-Conference honorable mention.



▲BASEBALL TEAM. FRONT - Bobby Clanton, Frank Jones, Barry Short, Reggie Roy, Don Hanger, Richard Chilson; Row two - Glen Evans, Billy Stofer, Matt Moody, Kris Gray, Marc Brazeal, James Barnett, Johnny VanNess, Larry Chilson; Back - Coach Doug Jones, Ron Felker, Gary Greene, Bart Evans, Aaron Gray, Eddie Whipple, Sean Hannum, Kelly Eidson, Dave Wilson, Matt Calhoun, Jim Freeman, Coach Butch Burch.



▲SECOND BASEMAN AARON Gray applies the tag as Kris Talbot of Conway is called out.

▲MIDWAY THROUGH HIS windup, Matt Calhoun attempts to throw a strike to a Conway batter.





▲**STRETCHING HARD**, GARY Greene attempts to beat the throw back to the first base in a fall game.

▲**STRIDING INTO THE** pitch, Jim Freeman anticipates the ball in a home game against Conway.



▲**SEAN HANNUM SLIDES** in safely at third in a home game with Niangua.

▲**CONCENTRATING ON THE** pitch gets Ron Felker set to swing away in a spring home game with Conway.

## S CORECARD

US	OPPONENT	THEM
18	Niangua	0
11	Seymour	0
6	Conway	2
13	Hartville	0
16	Niangua	1
32	Fordland	3
11	Conway	4
0	Plato	2
5	Hartville	3
11	Fordland	4
13	Norwood	0
8	Mtn. Grove	13
5	Seymour	1
9	Seymour	0
4	Lebanon	5
12	Hartville	2
11	Niangua	1
17	Fordland	0
8	Ava	2
2	Plato	0
11	Conway	6
12	Norwood	1
17	Gainesville	2
12	Gainesville	5
10	Rogersville	4
17	Ozark	0
13	Houston	1
15	Crane	1
10	Hartville	1
7	Licking	14
26	Totals	4



## Keeping score . . .

# F lu and injuries keep team lagging

Everyone remembers the old slogan "an apple a day keeps the doctor away."

Well, if they had thought it would have helped keep them healthy, the girls basketball team might have eaten dozens of apples during the season.

The girls' season started off rather normal, until several team members were hit with persistent cases of

flu and with annoying injuries.

Under those conditions, Coach Butch Burch said his team played about as good as possible.

"We could've done better," he said, "but all things considered with injuries and illnesses, we did probably as good as we could have."

The varsity girls compiled

a 10-13 record in Coach Burch's first year at MHS. A strong start had expectations running high for a solid year.

"We started strong and then it seemed like everyone had something wrong with them," varsity player Audra Suits said. "After that we just couldn't recover."

Sophomore starter Shelly Detherage also expected a better year.

"Considering our overall ability and coaching, we really should've done better," she said.

Sophomore Christi Evans, also a varsity starter, said she thought team defense was a key to the early success.

Coach Burch said he thought lack of conditioning was a reason for the team's decline in the latter half of the season. The girls lost their last eight games, which included two over-

time matches.

"We weren't in as good shape as we should have been," Burch said. "Actually we weren't healthy enough to get in good shape. The last game of the year we had one starter gone, another that had to soak both her feet, and one that was real sick during the game."

The Lady Lions won first in the Mansfield Tournament, placed second in the Norwood Tournament, and fourth in the Summit Conference Tournament.

Detherage led the Lady Lions in points with 416, a 16 point average per game. Detherage was also leading rebounder, bringing down an average of 7.5 a game.

Detherage made the All-Conference first team and Evans made honorable mention.



▲ VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL team. Front - Heather Hensy, Audra Suits, Christi Evans, Lori Wood, Karrie Durham, Rhonda Fuge; Back - Deidra Barnett, Missy McGaw, Shelly Detherage, Julie Perry, Julie Kelley, Coach Roger Wood.



▲ JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS basketball team. Front - Jennifer Greene, Stacey Wilson, LeeAnn Cannon, Tiffany Watterson, Tracy Coffman, Brandy Wright; Back - Deidra Barnett, Missy McGaw, Julie Kelley, Coach Roger Wood.



▲ GETTING THE JUMP on the Conway Bears, Shelly Detherage goes high in the air on the opening tip-off; inset, Audra Suits tries to complete a pass.





▲DOUBLE-TEAMING THE ball, seniors Julie Perry and Lori Wood apply pressure while Christi Evans denies the pass.

▲FEELING PRESSURE, RHONDA Fuge attempts to dish the ball off to a teammate.



## S CORECARD

US	OPPONENT	THEM
46	Niangua	41
35	Hartville	60
35	Seymour	44
55	Norwood	45
43	Ava	39
57	Bradleyville	25
61	Dora	21
73	Cabool	24
39	Liberty	38
44	Hartville	59
64	Bradleyville	33
26	Conway	54
42	Fordland	41
26	Gainesville	34
48	Niangua	39
47	Norwood	48
34	Conway	47
30	Gainesville	37
23	Hartville	42
37	Seymour	44
41	Hartville	53
40	Fordland	45
46	Gainesville	47
10	TOTALS	13



▲WITH PAIN ON her face from an injury Rhonda Fuge rests while Coach Butch Burch checks her ankle. Teammates Julie Perry, Karrie Durham, Lori Wood, and Christi Evans give moral support.



## Keeping score . . .

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## treaky season for basketball team

They could be called streakers but not with the usual meaning of the word.

In fact, it is impossible to describe the boys basketball season without using the word streak several times.

The Lions rolled to seven straight wins to open the season, which included winning the championship of the Mansfield Tourna-

ment. Then after winning three out of the next five games, the team faltered, hitting a losing streak in which the Lions only won one of eight games.

However, the team got it together the last seven games, pulling out five victories to end with a 16 and 11 record.

"We had an unusual year by winning ten of twelve

and then losing seven of eight," said Coach Jerry Armstrong. "But we ended strong, and I felt our team was better at the end of the year than at any time before."

During the last streak, one win will stick with the players. A 72-63 decision over Ava was memorable because the Lions had suffered a 39-point loss - the worst defeat in years - to the Bears earlier in the season during tournament play.

"Beating Ava was important to me," Jim Freeman said, "because it showed how much we matured as a team over the year."

Seniors Sean Hannum and Aaron Gray were in agreement that the season was, for them, a success.

"I thought we had a very successful year," Gray said. "We started out on fire, then tailed off, but I

was happy to end playing well the way we did."

One game that both players will remember is the last home game, a triple-overtime thriller with Fordland.

"It was a game I'll always remember," Hannum said. "How could you forget a triple-overtime win in the last home game of your career?"

Junior Matt Calhoun led the Lions in scoring with an average of 16.2 points per game. Other double-figure scores were sophomore Kris Gray with 12.4 and Hannum with 10.3.

Gray led the Lions in rebounding with 219 total boards. Hannum led in field-goal percentage with 65.2 while Calhoun shot 82.1 percent from the free-throw line. Freeman was the assist leader with 103.

Calhoun made the All-Conference team.



▲ **VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM** Front - Marc Brazeal, Jimmy Freeman; Back Coach Jerry Armstrong, Gary Greene, Aaron Gray, Kris Gray, Marty Henry, Sean Hannum, Matt Calhoun, Coach Doug Jones.



▲ **JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL** - Front - Chris Dunn, Billy Stofer, Reggie Roy, Frank Jones, Don Hanger, Ben Choate; Back - Brian Williams, Dave Wilson, Matt Moody, Lance Adamson, Barry Short, James Barnett, Benjie Dennis, George Crisp, Coach Doug Jones.



▲ **GARY GREENE LOOKS** for the pick on defense in a game with Conway.

▲ **GOING FOR THE** offensive board, Sean Hannum takes possession.





▲**POWERING THE BALL** to the hole, Kris Gray goes up strong and Marc Brazeal fights for the inside position.

▲**PLAYING MAN TO man** defense, Aaron Gray keeps an eye on his man.



## S CORECARD

US	OPPONENT	THEM
67	Plato	52
71	Niangua	63
67	Gainesville	49
73	Niangua	54
64	Gainesville	50
71	Houston	58
76	Seymour	60
56	Conway	72
73	Norwood	55
62	Hartville	63
59	Cabool	56
77	Seymour	37
52	Gainesville	59
43	Ava	82
46	Gainesville	53
59	Republic	82
74	Cassville	53
58	Harrison, Ark.	79
76	Conway	83
63	Hartville	69
63	Seymour	50
61	Fordland	57
68	Mountain Grove	61
72	Ava	63
53	Willow Springs	56
59	Gainesville	55
67	Altton	83
16	Totals	11

▲**WITH A FIRM** hold on the ball, Jim Freeman protects it from a Conway defender while Marc Brazeal and Matt Calhoun get in position for the pass.



## Keeping score ...

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## oth teams qualify for state

Killer hills and bone chilling winds were the boys' cross country team's most overpowering opponents when they ran their way to eighth in the state.

It was the second year in a row for the boys to run at state, and the first year for the girls team to compete at state.

Over 150 boys competed, while there were 124

girl runners.

The boys' team finished with junior Lane Adamson placing 31, junior Lance Adamson 44, senior Scott Hesterly 70, junior Marty Henry 88, senior Robbie Turner 96, junior Scott Dunsmuir 110, and senior Brandon Frantz 119.

Lane Adamson said the cold weather and the brutal hills made the 3.2 mile

race in Jefferson City extra tough.

"It wasn't a good race," he said. "I thought the course was extremely tough because the wind was so cold and the hills were so long."

Hesterly said injuries and illnesses cost the team a chance to run up to full potential.

"My knee gave out halfway through the race," he said. "Scott Dunsmuir was sick and that hurt our chances. We really didn't run up to potential."

While the boys were running their way to eighth place, the girls were making MHS history as the first girls team to compete in a state event. They finished eleventh as a team, and sophomore Christi Evans finished eleventh, which earned her a spot on the All-State team.

Even though Evans was confident, she said she was

also nervous.

"I was nervous because everyone expected me to do well," she said. "The course seemed harder, but I also felt stronger running it."

In regular season meets the boys compiled five first-place victories and one second-place finish.

Coach Randy Short said the team's work ethic and drive were big keys to their successes.

"Everything these teams got they got from hard work and determination," he said. "Even when they had to run at 7 in the morning for a couple of weeks, they were determined to make themselves better."

Lane Adamson, Lance Adamson, Henry, Hesterly, Dunsmuir, and Evans were named All-Conference and All-District.



▲CROSS COUNTRY TEAM. Front - Marty Henry, Scott Dunsmuir, Lane Adamson, Ben Choate, Billy Stofer, Benjie Dennis; Back - Coach Randy Short, Lance Adamson, Brandon Frantz, Scott Hesterly, Robbie Turner.

▲CROSS COUNTRY TEAM. Front - Brandy Potts, DeDee Hall, Rachelle Lansdown; Back - Christi Evans, Angela Kingery, Jennifer Greene, LeeAnn Cannon, Coach Randy Short.



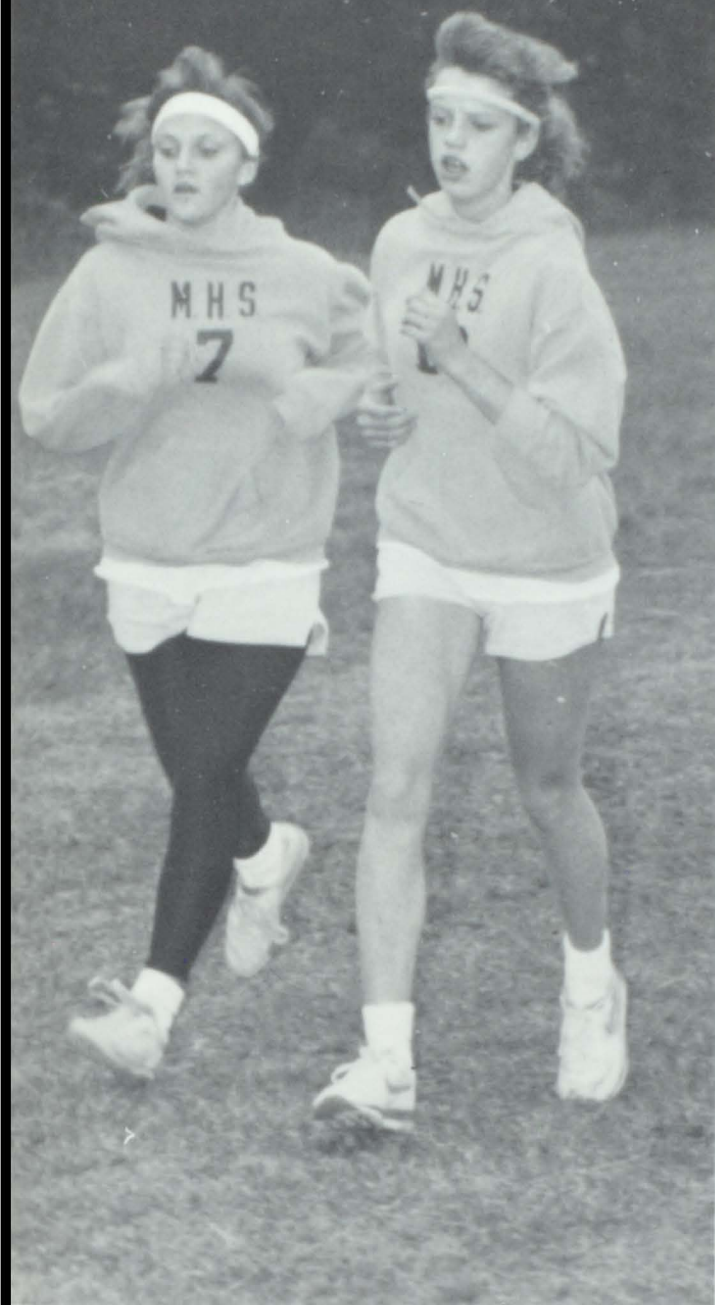
▲KEEPING UP WITH the competition, Christi Evans runs in the state cross country meet at Hughes Park in Jefferson City.

▲IN THE MIDDLE of a pack of runners, Scott Dunsmuir competes at the state cross country meet at Jefferson City.



▲**HAVING A BUDDY** to run with helps LeeAnn Cannon and Jennifer Greene get to the finish line.

▲**ON THEIR WAY** to Jefferson City for state competition Marty Henry, Scott Hesterly, Brandon Frantz, and Scott Dunsmuir show off Gatorade donated by Pep Club.



## S CORECAR D

**Location:** Plato

**Results:** Second in varsity, third in girls

**Medal Winners:** Scott Hesterly, Lane Adamson, Marty Henry, Ben Choate, Billy Stofer, Benjie Dennis, Christ Evans, LeeAnn Cannon

**Location:** Nixa

**Results:** Fifth in varsity, first in girls

**Medal Winners:** Hesterly, Choate, Evans, Angela Kingery, Cannon

**Location:** Pleasant Hope

**Results:** Third in varsity, second in girls

**Medal Winners:** Hesterly, Lane Adamson, Henry, Choate, Evans

**Location:** Mansfield

**Results:** First in varsity

**Location:** Mountain Grove

**Results:** Fifth in varsity, sixth in girls

**Medal Winners:** Hesterly, Lane Adamson, Lance Adamson, Evans

**Location:** Conway

**Results:** First in varsity

**Medal Winners:** Lane Adamson, Hesterly, Henry, Scott Dunsmuir, Brandon Frantz, Evans, Brandy Potts

**Location:** Mansfield

**Results:** First in varsity

**Medal Winners:** Lane Adamson, Lance Adamson, Henry, Hesterly, Dunsmuir, Choate, Ron Felker, Evans, Potts

**Location:** Summit Conference at Conway

**Results:** First in varsity

**Medal Winners:** Lane Adamson, Lance Adamson, Henry, Hesterly, Dunsmuir, Evans

**Location:** Districts at Lake Springfield

**Results:** First in varsity and girls

**Medal Winners:** Lane Adamson, Lance Adamson, Henry, Hesterly, Dunsmuir, Evans

**Location:** State at Jefferson City

**Results:** Eighth in varsity, eleventh in girls

**Medal Winners:** Evans



▲**MATCHING UP WITH** runners from over a dozen schools, Mansfield runners compete in a medal meet at home.

▲**PICKING UP THE** pace, Ben Choate tries to overtake the leader at a Mansfield junior varsity meet.



## Keeping score ...

# District wins get three to state

Standout performances at the district track meet had three MHS athletes off and running at the state competition in Jefferson City.

Sophomore Karrie Durham was district champion in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 16.9 seconds, and was also district champ in the 300 meter hurdles with a 48.84 time,

which earned her a ranking of fourth in southwest Missouri.

Marty Henry, a junior who has run for three years in the state cross country meet, earned a district championship in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.3 seconds.

With a second place finish of 4 feet 8 inches in the high jump event, sopho-

more Shelly Detherage also qualified for state.

The state competition was nerve-wracking, according to Detherage.

"The way I won at districts made the state meet scary," she said. "I won districts at 4'8", and at state they started jumping at that height."

Detherage cleared 4'10", finishing tenth out of a field of 16.

Durham ran her first event at 11 a. m., and had to wait for the second event at 4:30 p. m.

"Coach (Randy) Short and Coach (Becky) Gregory wouldn't let me eat between races, and I was starving," she said. "My parents were there, and everyone was giving me advice. They would tell me to get out of the sun, do this, do that."

Durham made it to the finals in the 100 meter

hurdles, finishing seventh. She ended up eleventh in the 300 meter low hurdles.

"I got a late start in both races because I didn't want to lose because of a false start," she said.

Henry finished fifteenth in the 100 meter dash.

The whole state meet was a new experience for these athletes.

"It was scary," Detherage said. "People were there from towns I had never even heard of before."

It might also have been scary because Mansfield is one of the few schools in this area which has a track team but no track for them to practice on.

Most of the team's running is done around the Mansfield Cemetery, and the jumping events, are practiced on the elementary playground and in the gym.



▲**TRACK TEAM, FRONT** - Shelly Detherage, Karrie Durham; Row two - Julie Perry, Brandie Wright, Manda Curtis, DeDee Hall, Rachelle Lansdown; Row three - Serlina Page, Vickie Franks, Serena Dunsmuir, Angie Miller, Heather Krider, Ben Choate, Jennifer Greene, Angela Kingery, Rhonda Fuge, Brandy Potts, Lane Adamson, Benjie Dennis, Shane Potts; Back - Scott Hesterly, Brandon Frantz, Marty Henry, Scott Dunsmuir, Paul Clark, Kevin Lindsey, Heather Lansdown, Lance Adamson, Lonnie Cook; Not Shown - Chris Walker, Deidra Barnett, Jayme DeChenne, Kristy Burnett, LeeAnn Cannon, Troy Hughes, Tommy Kingery.

▲**IN THE LONG** jump event at Nixa, Lane Adamson sails through the air.

▲**BRANDON FRANTZ KICKS** in the power in the 400 meter run at Nixa, right page.





▲HIGH JUMPER MARTY Henry clears the bar to finish third in the high jump event at Nixa.



▲WITH HIS FEET in the starting block, Ben Choate gets ready to run the first lap of the 3200 meter relay at Nixa.

▲KARRIE DURHAM PASSES off to Rhonda Fuge in the 400 meter relay race at Nixa.

## S CORECARD

Meet: Marshfield  
Events: 100 Meter Low Hurdles: Karrie Durham first  
300 Meter Low Hurdles: Durham first  
Shot: Deldra Barnett first, Marty Henry first  
Discus: Heather Krider first  
High Jump: Shelly Detherage first  
100 Meter Hurdles: Scott Hesterly first  
300 Meter Hurdles: Hesterly first

Meet: Ava  
Events: 100 Meter Hurdles: Karrie Durham first  
300 Meter Hurdles: Karrie Durham first  
High Jump: Marty Henry first

Meet: Ava  
Events: Shot: Marty Henry first  
100 Meter Low Hurdles: Karrie Durham first  
300 Meter Low Hurdles: Durham first  
High Jump: Shelly Detherage first  
Shot: Heather Krider first  
Long Jump: Rhonda Fuge first, Benjie Dennis second

Meet: Ava  
Events: 100 Meter Low Hurdles: Karrie Durham first  
300 Meter Hurdles: Durham first  
High Jump: Marty Henry first

Meet: Willow Springs  
300 Meter Low Hurdles: Karrie Durham first  
Shuttle Hurdle: Vickie Franks, Rhonda Fuge, Karrie Durham, Serina Page first

Meet: Districts (School of the Osage)  
100 Meter Dash: Marty Henry first  
100 Meter Low Hurdles: Karrie Durham first  
300 Meter Low Hurdles: Durham first  
High Jump: Shelly Detherage second

Meet: State (Jefferson City)  
100 Meter Dash: Marty Henry fifteenth  
100 Meter Low Hurdles: Karrie Durham seventh  
300 Meter Low Hurdles: Durham eleventh  
High Jump: Shelly Detherage tenth



## Keeping score ...

# G

## irls settle for league second

After a year at the top, the conference title eluded the grasp of the softball team.

However, the team compiled another winning season with an overall record of 6-5 and a conference record of 6-4.

After winning the conference championship last year, the Lady Lions had to settle for second this year

with Seymour taking the honors as conference champions.

Several underclassmen helped make up the nucleus of the team, which Coach Roger Wood said was a very competitive group.

"I was pleased with the overall performance," Wood said. "I thought the girls were really competi-

tive this year. When it came down to it, we hit well, pitched well, and defended well, and that's basically all you can ask out of a team."

To Christi Evans, beating Hartville twice was the highlight of the year.

"We felt like we owed them from basketball," Evans said, "and that made us want to beat them that much more."

Tiffany Watterson was one team member who was slightly disappointed with the overall record.

"I thought we had the potential to be better," Watterson said. "We just didn't work together as well as we should have."

Watterson, who hit the team's only grand-slam home run, said she just tried to get a solid hit.

"I was excited and shocked," Watterson said. "I just tried to hit it like I usu-

ally do and put it in play."

Leading hitters were Mary Cantrell with a .656 batting average, and Evans was close behind with .560 batting average.

Missy McGaw led the team in homeruns with two; Watterson, Missy Carter, and Heather Hensy each had one.

Stacy Veit and Evans were pitchers for the team. Veit had a 2-2 record and Evans compiled a 4-3 record.

Lettermen were LeeAnn Cannon, catcher; McGaw first base; Audra Suits, second base; Julie Jurewicz, third base; Cantrell, shortstop; Watterson, left field; Hensy, center field; Tracy Coffman, designated hitter; Carter, pinch hitter, and Lori Wood, pinch runner. Timmarie Hamilton was a provisional letterman.



▲**SOFTBALL TEAM.** FRONT - Mary Cantrell, Stacy Veit, Heather Hensy; Row two - LeeAnn Cannon, Lori Wood, Missy Carter, Tracy Coffman, Stacey Wilson, Angela Merritt, Tiffany Watterson, Christi Evans; Back - Melissa Helsley, Andria Turner, Jenifer Wallin, Deana Kelley, Audra Suits, Timmarie Hamilton, Julie Jurewicz, Missy McGaw, Coach Roger Wood, Coach Jim Reaves.

▲**WHILE THE LADY** Lions are rallying, Tiffany Watterson hits a single in a game with Conway.



▲**FIELDING THE BALL** cleanly, shortstop Mary Cantrell waits to tag the runner.







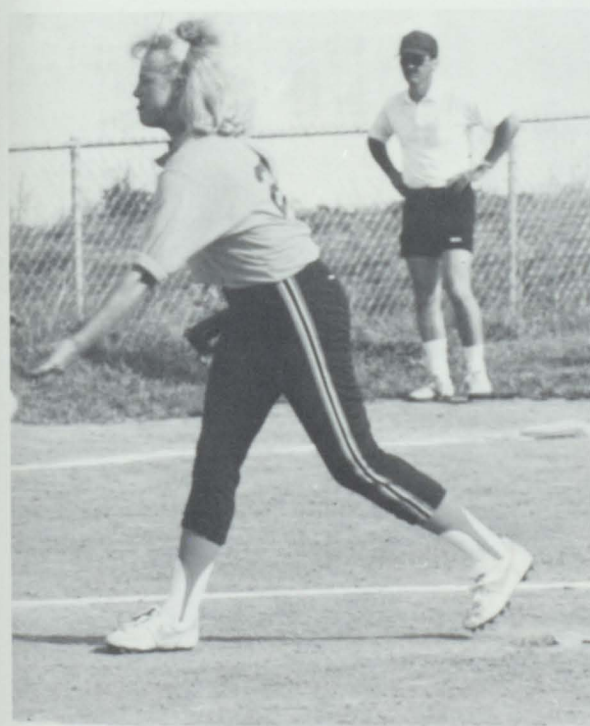
▲**WAITING FOR THE** pitch, Missy Carter gets ready to steal third after hitting a double against Conway.

▲**AFTER REACHING FIRST** on a single, Audra Suits cheers on the next batter.



## S CORECARD

US	OPPONENT	THEM
13	Seymour	17
15	Hartville	5
17	Niangua	14
13	Hartville	9
7	Norwood	14
10	Conway	7
17	Niangua	2
12	Seymour	13
16	Conway	20
13	Gainesville	7
18	Gainesville	19
6	Totals	5



▲**WINNING PITCHER STACY** Veit releases the ball to throw a strike to the Conway batter.



▲**WITH THE BALL**, being hit to third, Missy McGaw runs to first to get the batter out.



▲**THIRD BASEMAN JULIE** Jurewicz gets down and ready to field the ball against Conway.



## Keeping score ...

# G

## irls shine in record season

By the time the smoke had cleared, they had captured a first place trophy and the best record ever for the team.

The junior high girls basketball team, with an 11-2 record, compiled the best record since the team was organized in 1982.

They also won first in the Summit Conference Tournament and second in the

Norwood Tournament.

Although the team had a shot at an undefeated record, the two losses may have made them stronger later in the season.

"I felt we shouldn't have lost," said Randy Short, junior high coach, "but those losses made them better as a team."

The most memorable game of the season

occurred during a semifinal match with Niangua in the conference tournament.

Midway through the second quarter, the Niangua coach apparently became upset over the officiating. One of the Niangua girls got a technical foul and the coach got two technicals and was ejected from the game.

Because no other school official was there to coach the team, the Niangua girls had to forfeit.

"I thought it was neat at first," said team member Amy Compton. "Then we were afraid the Niangua mothers were going to attack us."

Both the eighth grade and the seventh grade boys teams ended the season with losing records, 4-10 and 4-6 respectively.

The eighth grade won second in the Norwood Tournament and fourth in

the conference tournament.

"Playing in the conference tournament was more fun than playing regular games," said eighth grader Taylor Hamilton.

Eighth grader Stacey Arnall led the girls in scoring with a high game of 22 and an average of 12 points a game.

Brad Hanger, whose high game was 18, averaged 9 points for the eighth grade.

Adam Brooke and Randall Roy, whose high game was 17, were top scorers for the seventh grade, averaging 9 and 8 points respectively.

Arnall and Cheri Sharp were leading rebounders for the girls, and Hanger and Scott Smith held top rebounding honors for the eighth grade. Roy and Brooke were top rebounders for the seventh grade.



▲JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS basketball team. Front - Traci Cannon, Stacey Arnall, Cheri Cannon, Amy Compton, Sunny Watterson; Back - Coach Randy Short, Jacque Lansdown, Aretha Sickels, Melissa Holt, Christy Barber, Tawna Watterson, Buffy Bingham.

▲EIGHTH GRADE BOYS basketball team. Front - Kendall Keith, Matt Brown, Scott Hall, Shawn Sartor, Ryan Miller, Jon Freeman; Back - Coach Randy Short, Jeremy Jones, Jamin Corder, Scott Smith, Brad Hanger, Taylor Hamilton, Jason Chilson.



▲EIGHTH GRADER SCOTT Smith fights for a loose ball in a game against Hartville.

▲EIGHTH GRADER AMY Compton plays close defense against Gainesville.

▲JUST AFTER SHOOTING, Sunny Watterson gets double-teamed.



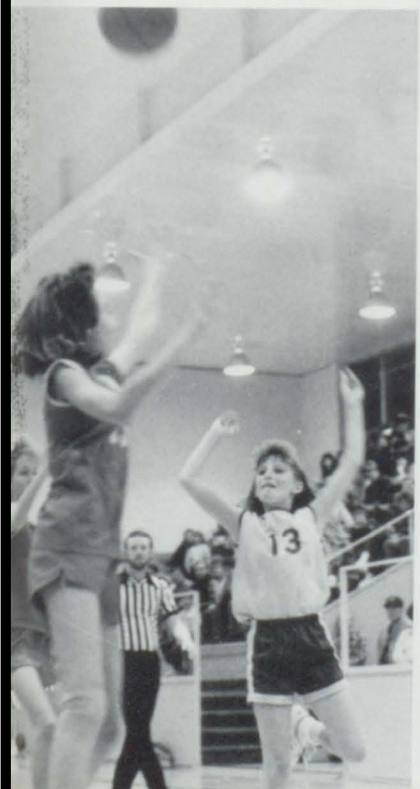
▲POSTING UP IN the lane, seventh grader Cheri Cannon and eighth graders Stacey Amall and Traci Cannon look for the ball against the Norwood Pirates.



▲SEVENTH GRADE BOYS basketball team, Steven Wilson, Justin Long, Adam Brooke, Stephen Chilson, Merle Strohm, Coach Randy Short.

▲SHOOTING OVER A Hartville defender, Adam Brooke fires one up while Steven Wilson and Randall Roy wait for the rebound.

▲PROTECTING THE BALL, Kendall Keith looks for an outlet while Brad Hanger and Jeremy Jones head down court.



## S CORECARD

GIRLS		
US	OPPONENT	THEM
26	Conway	20
24	Seymour	15
40	Hartville	13
31	Hartville	09
23	Norwood	35
24	Seymour	16
35	Hartville	10
23	Fordland	31
31	Norwood	20
35	Niangua	22
02	Niangua	
	(forfeit)	00
33	Gainesville	30
32	Gainesville	25
11	TOTALS	2

GRADE EIGHT		
US	OPPONENT	THEM
30	Conway	21
24	Seymour	27
20	Hartville	53
37	Norwood	34
24	Hartville	42
14	Seymour	39
18	Hartville	40
30	Fordland	34
38	Norwood	36
34	Niangua	38
26	Niangua	23
25	Hartville	37
27	Gainesville	39
30	Gainesville	62
35	Ava	56
4	TOTALS	11

GRADE SEVEN		
US	OPPONENT	THEM
26	Conway	20
35	Seymour	33
16	Hartville	57
19	Seymour	32
20	Hartville	43
30	Fordland	42
33	Norwood	28
18	Niangua	30
20	Gainesville	38
35	Ava	29
4	TOTALS	6





▲**BASIC SKILLS STUDENTS** Heather Lansdown, Ron Felker, Tracy Coffman, Gina Davis, and Missy Carter review.

▲**SCOTT CANTRELL WATCHES** Robert Elliott carefully sand the crown of his cabinet project in shop.





▲RESEARCHING A TERM paper in the library, Leslie Marre and Brandon Frantz work on notes.



▲KRISTY BURNETT, JAY McNeil, Jeff Long and Tim Logan let fingers do the walking in keyboarding.

▲STUDYING FOR A test occupies basic skills students Frank Jones and Billy Stofer.



▲BIOLOGY STUDENT MISSY McGaw starts dissection of a starfish.

▲INDUSTRIAL ARTS STUDENTS bring their projects outside for a picture for the Mansfield Mirror.

# GUESS WE'LL STUDY

Lugging around armloads of books and cramming until two in the morning for a major test is not nearly as glamorous as being the star of a basketball game or dancing the night away at Prom. Motivating yourself to study is not always easy, but working for good grades, contest wins, and possible scholarships gets many students in the mood to tackle the books - most days.

► Academics



# GUESS WHAT?

## Dissecting pigs, lunch not greatly compatible

▲BIOLOGY STUDENTS JOE Long, John Ragsdale, and Lane Adamson get acquainted with the pig they will be dissecting.



For Biology II students, dead pigs and lunch don't mix.

"We go and dissect pigs fourth hour, then eat lunch right afterwards," Deana Kelley said. "I don't have much of an appetite."

With a class of 13, (10 juniors and 3 seniors) dissecting pigs brings mixed emotions, especially since the class meets fourth hour and the smell of the chemicals used to preserve the animals tends to linger as the class members go to lunch.

Audra Suits said she "won't touch the disgusting things," but Timmarie Hamilton thinks "slicing and dicing little piggies" is fun.

Others take a more scientific view of the matter of learning about biology.

"It's really interesting because you get to see where all of the major organs are located," Jenifer Wallin said.

In addition to dissecting star-

fish and fetal pigs, Biology II students learn about human anatomy and physiology. After learning from textbooks and notes, dissecting allows a comparison of human and animal organs.

Some students, such as Bryon Ivy, think the actual dissection is a lot more fun than just discussing the whole process.

"I think the learning experience could be enhanced if we spent more time doing the actual work and less time discussing it," he said.

All in all, the students find dissecting to be different from projects in any other class.

John Ragsdale sums up the feelings of most of the biology class members.

"If it wasn't for the smell of formaldehyde and the fact that it's right before lunch," he said, "looking at pig's guts could be fun."

### CONFERENCE SCIENCE FAIR

Division Winners - Kerrick Lindsey, Wanda Williams, Lori Wood.

Blue Ribbons - Shelly Detherage.

White Ribbons - Scott Dunsmuir, Kevin Lindsey and Brandon Frantz, Waylon Johnson.

### CONFERENCE MATH FAIR

Division Champions - Melissa Helsley, Trigonometry; Kerrick Lindsey, Algebra I.

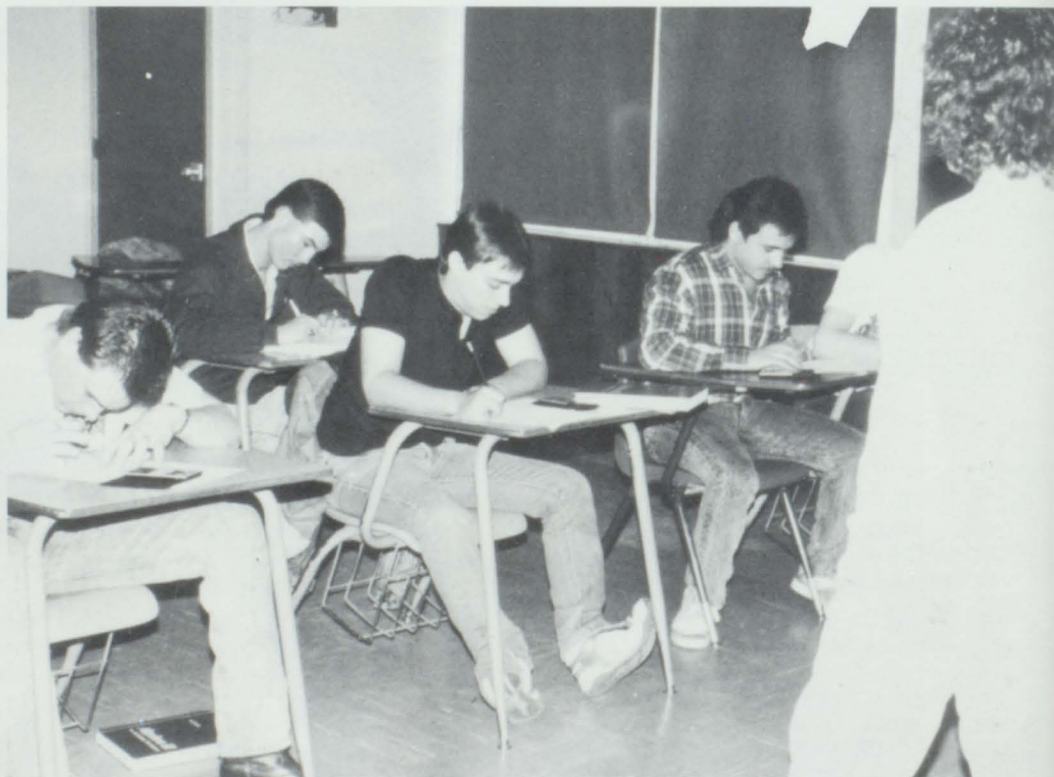
Firsts - Jeff Long, Geometry.

Seconds - Sean Hannum, Trigonometry; Manda Curtis, Basic Math.

Thirds - Kevin Lindsey, Geometry.

Honorable Mention - Wanda Williams, Trigonometry; John Ragsdale, Geometry; Don Hanger, Algebra I; Michael Porter, Algebra I; Waylon Johnson, Algebra II; Angie Miller, Algebra II; Shawn King, Basic Math; Reggie Roy, Basic Math.

GUESS HOW?



▲ALGEBRA II STUDENTS work on a class work assignment, supervised by teacher Sandy Davis.



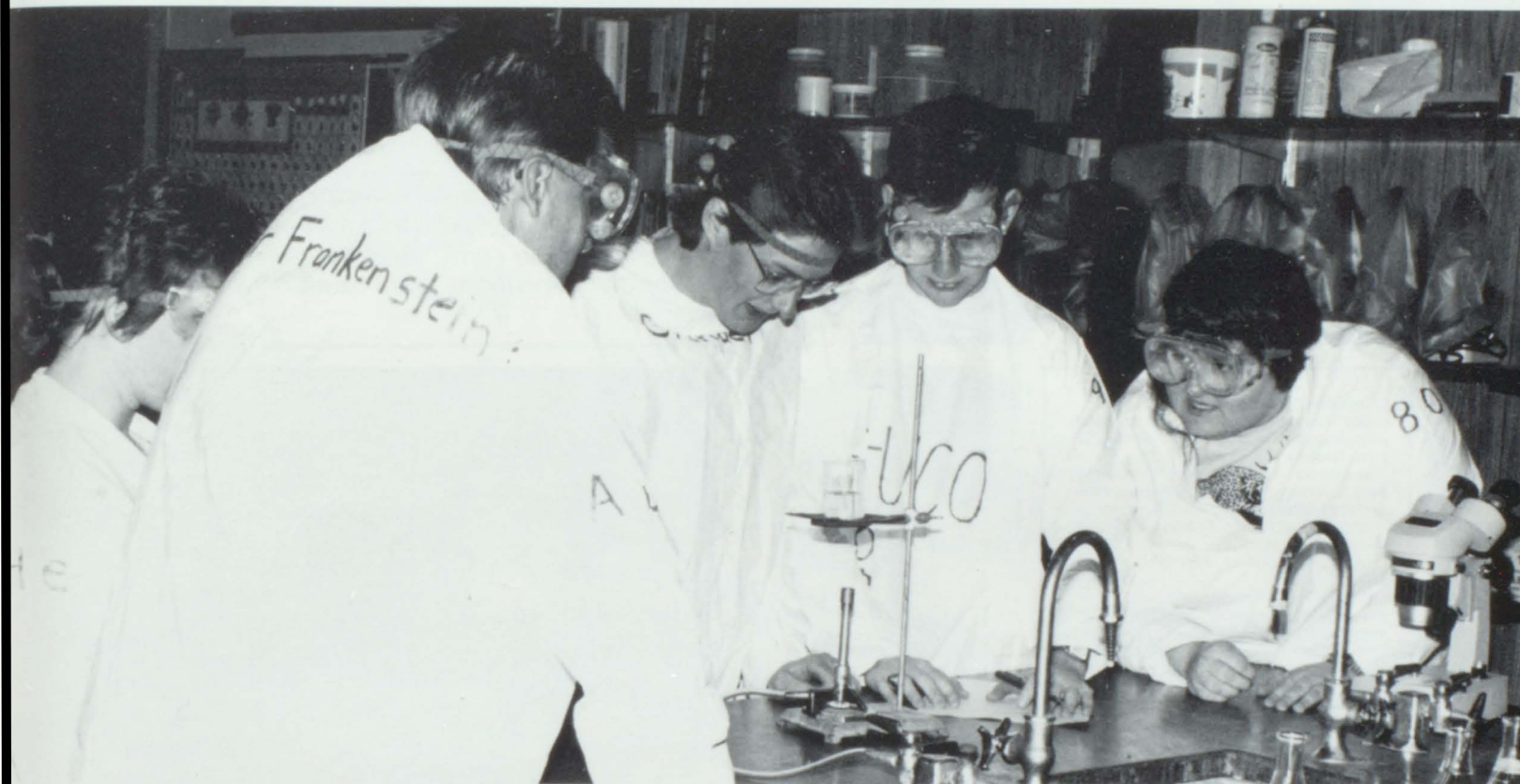


▲**BIOLOGY II STUDENT** Jenifer Wallin carefully uses scissors to begin dissection of a starfish.

▲**USING A CALCULATOR** helps Lane Adamson and John Ragsdale figure out a complicated math problem.



▲**LAB COATS AND goggles** in place, chemistry students Angela Merritt, Sean Hannum, Brandon Frantz, James Coday, and Wanda Williams start an experiment.



**SANDY DAVIS** (Math)  
Extra Duties: PomPon Sponsor,  
Sophomore Class Sponsor  
**MAX GREENE** (Science)  
Extra Duties: Grade Eight Sponsor  
**RANDY SHORT** (Math)  
Extra Duties: Cross Country and  
Track Coach, Junior High Basketball  
Coach, Grade Seven Sponsor  
**LESLIE SMITH** (Science)  
Extra Duties: Science Club Sponsor



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Math/Science

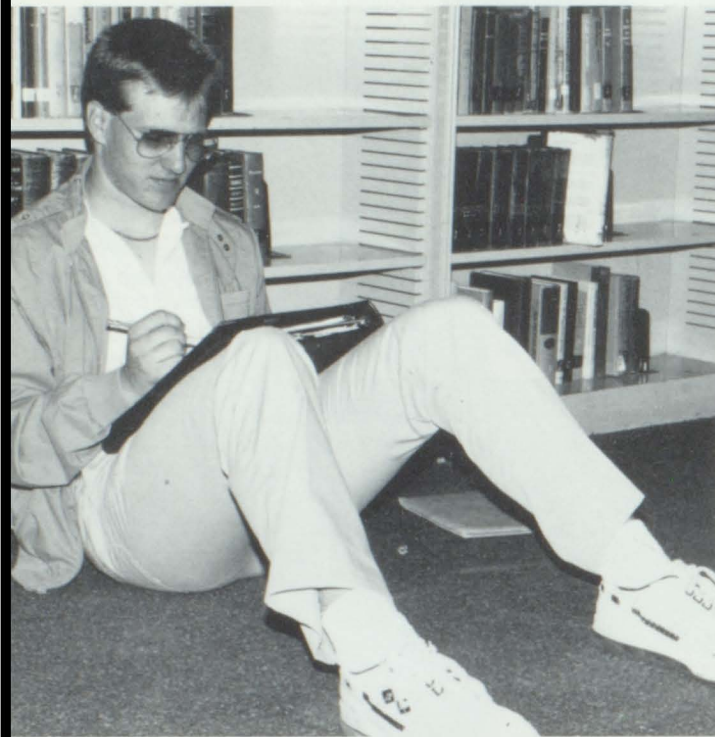
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# GUESS WHAT?

## Foreign language students find Spanish intriguing

▲SENIOR ENGLISH STUDENT Sean Hannum gets comfortable in the library while starting term paper research.



Hablas Espanol?

If you heard this or other foreign-sounding phrases, then you knew Spanish I was in full swing in its first year at MHS.

Besides the challenge of learning a new language, many students in the class enrolled in Spanish I because they were looking ahead to college.

"Most colleges want you to have at least two years of a language," Manda Curtis said.

Teacher Sheri Dimos added a little spice to the class by not letting the students use their English names. Each name has a Spanish equivalent, and students had to use that name on homework papers and tests.

"At first, when we got our Spanish names it confused me," said Gina "Nela" Box. "But now it makes the language more real to me."

Some of the other names used were Teresa Marie (Timmarie Hamilton), Marlena (Missy

McGaw), and Sylvia (Stacy Veit). Dimos was referred to as Senora Dimos.

Dimos said Spanish requires a great deal of memorization and dedication.

"Spanish isn't something that can be picked up through 50 minutes of class time each day," she said.

The students have dreams of being able to communicate in Spanish for several reasons.

"I think it is great that we have Spanish," said Sherlyn Gallion. "When I go to Puerto Rico in the future I can talk to them, and also I can say certain things to people around here and they won't know what I'm saying."

To get a feel of a Spanish holiday, the class members learned Christmas carols in Spanish. Class members also got a magazine written totally in Spanish, which deals with current issues.

## GUESS HOW?

### CONFERENCE ENGLISH CONTEST.

Blue Ribbons - Don Hanger, Composition; John Ragsdale, Composition; Wanda Williams, Spelling.

Red Ribbons - Sean Hannum, Composition; Kerrick Lindsey, Grammar; Melissa Hiesley, Grammar; Jim Freeman, Spelling.

White Ribbons - Chris Walker, Composition; Glen Evans, Spelling.

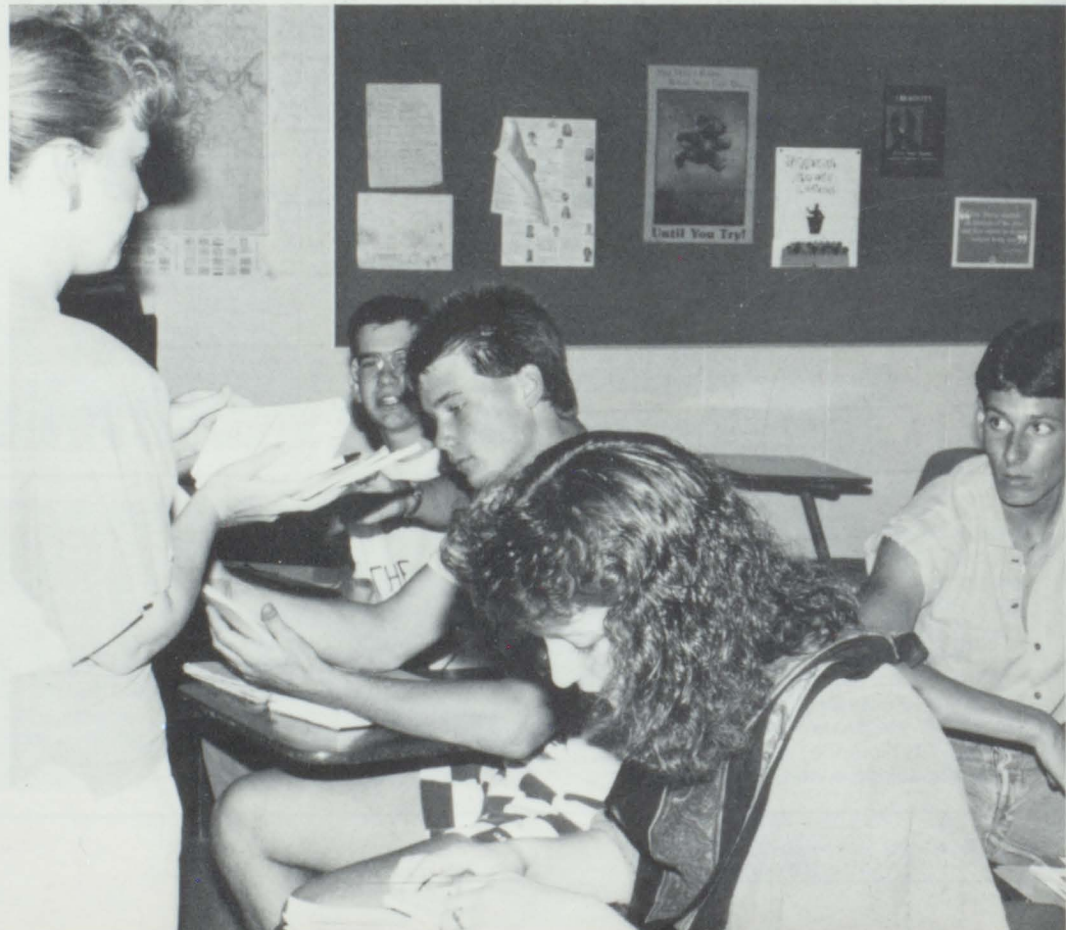
### OZARKS PUBLICATIONS ADVISERS JOURNALISM CONTEST

Firsts - Deidra Barnett, Yearbook Layout; Aaron Gray, Newspaper Column; Gina Box, Yearbook Theme Copy; Gray, Box, James Coday, Heather Krider, Rhonda Fuge, Gary Greene, Bart Evans, Lori Wood, Newspaper In-Depth.

Seconds - Jim Freeman, Write-Off Sports Story; Greene, Yearbook Sports Copy; Box, Yearbook Academic Copy.

Thirds - Barnett, Write-Off Yearbook Layout; Evans, Sports Column; Wood, Yearbook Layout; Fuge, Yearbook Theme Design; Wood, Gray, Evans, Coday, Fuge, Mary Cantrell, Scott Dunsmuir, Newspaper In-Depth.

▲ENGLISH IV TEACHER Sheri Dimos hands back research paper note cards to James Coday, Bart Evans, Julie Perry, and Scott Hesterly.







▲**ENGLISH II STUDENTS** Eddie Doan and Mike Keys check out newspapers from other schools in a journalism unit.

▲**SOPHOMORES SCOTT CANTRELL** and Glen Evans work on a report in the library.



▲**WHILE JULIE KELLEY** makes a few additions, Lori Wood spreads English IV term paper note cards out for serious attention.

**VICKI BLANKENSHIP** (English)  
Extra Duties: Language Club Sponsor, Grade Seven Sponsor  
**SHERI DIMOS** (English)  
Extra Duties: Cheerleader Sponsor, Pep Club Sponsor  
**KAY GOSS** (Librarian)  
Extra Duties: Junior Class Sponsor  
**DEBBIE VON BEHREN** (English/Journalism)  
Extra Duties: Newspaper and Yearbook Adviser, Junior Class Sponsor



**GUESS WHO?**

Language Arts

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# GUESS WHAT?

## World history students zero in on Russian history

▲**FRESHMAN MARNY CLARK** answers questions at the end of an American history chapter.



Peter the Great, Kevin Armstrong, and Salman Rushdie.

If these names don't ring a bell, just ask world history students to fill you in.

World history students studied a unit on Peter the Great and watched a seven part mini-series on the Russian emperor.

History teacher Roger Wood said Peter the Great was instrumental in leading Russia to world power status.

"Peter was the main reason for Russia becoming a world power today," Wood said. "He started them on the road to becoming what they are today."

Wood said that Rushdie's book, *Satanic Verses*, which drew a death threat for the author by Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini, caused some interesting discussions in class.

"Rushdie's book and all the

trouble he caused has made things interesting," Wood said. "Kids who didn't even know much about the scandal would get their two cents in for sure."

A new addition to the history classes was a student teacher. Kevin Armstrong took over classes around the second quarter and stayed until Christmas.

Heather Krider saw having Armstrong as a teacher as a learning experience.

"I thought it was neat," she said, "because he was learning as well as we were."

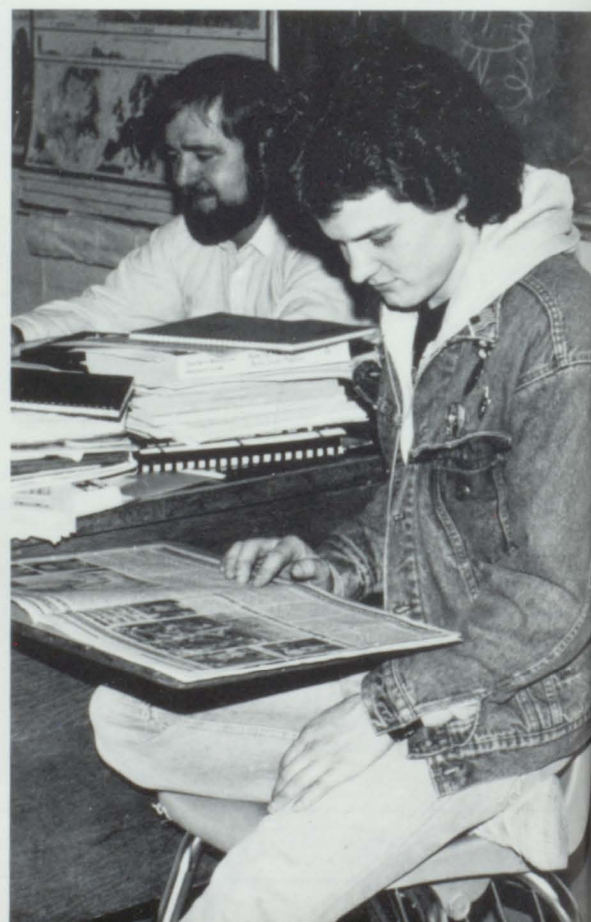
Frank Backus said he enjoyed world history because he was allowed plenty of freedom of speech.

"I really liked the class," Backus said. "You were allowed to express your feelings instead of just studying books all the time."



▲**COUNSELOR OKEMA HADEN** offers advice to Misty Cantrell and Leslie Climer.

▲**FRANK BACKUS** checks out current events during his hour as teacher's aide for social studies teacher Roger Wood.





▲**AMERICAN HISTORY STUDENTS** read an issue of a newspaper provided as a public service by Springfield Newspapers.



▲**SPECIAL OLYMPICS. FRONT** - Coach Georgianne Brown, Deana Calhoun, Edna Brazeal, Joyce Lansdown, Becky Lynn, Sharon Calhoun, Cheerleading Coach Stephaney Wright; Row two - Shannon Koster, George Crisp, Tommy Christeson, Richard Chilson, Scott Storms; Back - Marc Doan, Marlon Doan, David Kuhn, David Young.



MARY BLAKEY (Orthopedically Handicapped)  
 GEORGIANNE BROWN (Special Education)  
 DALLAS CHAMBERS (Remedial Math)  
 LORI FELTON (Speech Therapist)

OKEMA HADEN (Counselor)  
 HELEN LAWRENCE (Remedial Reading)  
 RALENE MABERRY (Remedial Reading/Math)  
 SUE NIEDERT (Behavior Disorders)

VIRGINIA OLIVER (Math)  
 JIM REAVES (Social Studies)  
 JANE SHIRLEY (Hearing Impaired)  
 KATHY SHORT (Parents As Teachers)

DOROTHY WALLACE (Learning Disabilities)  
 ROGER WOOD (Social Studies)  
 STEPHANEY WRIGHT (Special Education)





# GUESS WHAT?

## Marching to the beat takes hours of practicing

▲ **WHILE ROBBIE MAXWELL** poses, Richard Gallion sketches the first few lines of a portrait.

"Heels, together! Toes, apart! Stomach, in! Chest, out! Shoulders, back! Chin, Lions' Pride!"

Before every parade and after every practice, the Marching Lions Band screamed those words to show everyone their pride.

But other than being proud to be a part of the group, what was it like to march with the band?

Not unlike other activities, marching took lots of practice and preparation.

"We got out and marched every day, up and down the streets of town," said Sean Hannum, tuba player.

Once in the parade, walking down the streets of neighboring towns, band members found there were always hundreds of people watching them.

Although most liked the attention from the crowd, others could have done without it.

"With all the people staring, I always thought I was going to trip, fall down and make a fool of myself," said Jimmy Shropshire, drummer.

There was also plenty of time for marchers to think while they were marching.

While saxophone player Stacey Wilson wondered "if I was going to fall or if my mother was watching me," and clarinetist Melissa Helsley thought about "whether I was marching correctly or not," Hannum worried about the whole band.

"Don't let us embarrass ourselves. Stay in step. I worried about the whole band," Hannum said.

During a long and tiring parade, what kept the marchers going?

"Thinking of getting to the bus, and taking off my drum and uniform," Shropshire said. "Then going home and sitting in front of the television and fireplace."

### ART FAIR '89

Firsts - Charlotte Clark, Perspective; Clark, Pencil (Animal); Tim Logan, Black and White Photo; Bryon Ivy, Cinematography; Shelly Detherage, Pencil (Figure); Kerrick Lindsey, Cartooning; Kristen Calhoun, Pastel; DeDee Hall, Pencil (Landscape).

Seconds - Wanda Williams, Crayon; Bryan Reed, Color Photo; Ivy, Cinematography; Lindsey, computer, Detherage, Pencil (Color).

Thirds - Julie Perry, Tempra; Ivy, Black and White Photo; Clark, Color Photo; Matt Moody, Commercial Art; David Wilson, Ink.

Fourths - Lance Adamson, Darren Campie and David Severs, Sculpture; Clark, Wood Sculpture; Clark, Color Photo; Robert Elliott, Perspective; Dan Flanagan, Collage; Angela Brazeal, Crayon; Calhoun, Paper Making; Jon Batcheller, Poster; Hall, Watercolor; Donna Durham, Charcoal.

Honorable Mention - Jamie Michell Collage; Detherage, Black and White Photo; Bruce Keith, Mosaics; Becky Fry, Ink; Brazeal, Pencil (Animal); Calhoun, Poster.

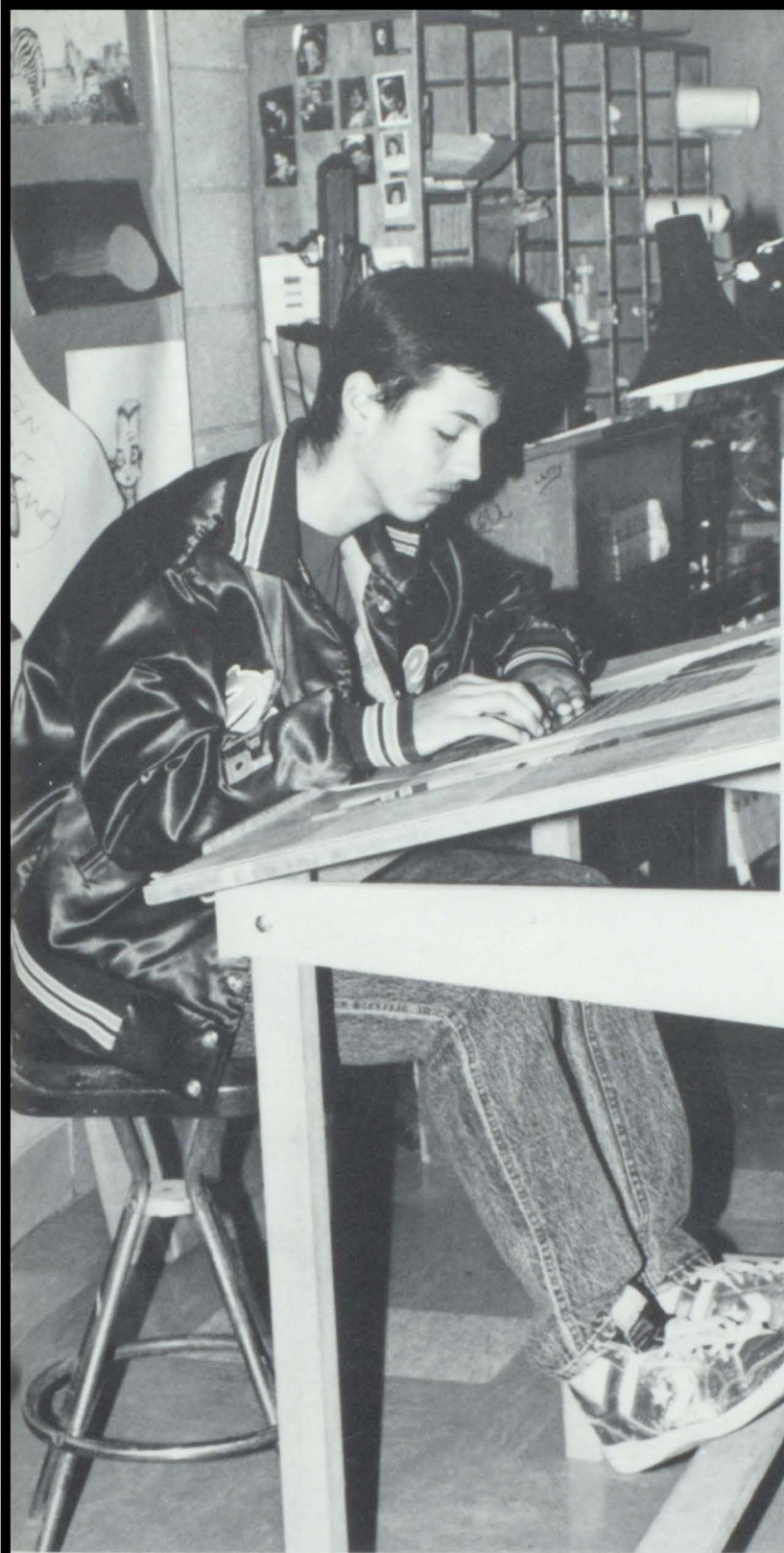
MHS Finish - Tie for first place with Mtn. View Liberty; Charlotte Clark second highest individual winner overall.

▲ **SOPHOMORE JILL CLOUSE** browses through hundreds of exhibits at the Alpha Rho Tau art festival held in the Mansfield gymnasium.

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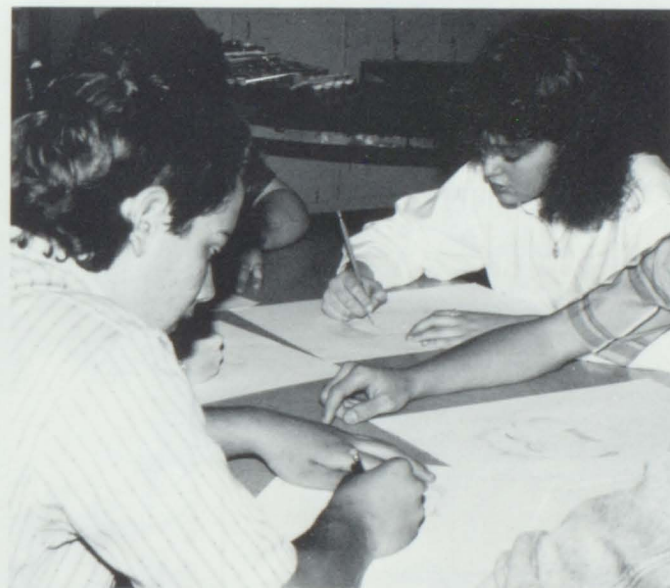




▲**WORKING AT A** drafting table helps Art II student Matt Moody put finishing touches on his perspective drawing.

▲**CHOIR DIRECTOR ERIC** Spyres works with small ensemble singers Susan Jones, Lesa Turner, Debra Bryant, DeDee Hall, Shelly Clanton, and Brandy Wright.

▲**ART STUDENT DONNA** Durham works on a portrait, surrounded by a table full of artists trying the same project.



**JUDY MIDDLETON** (Art)  
Extra Duties: ESP (Education  
Supports Prevention) Sponsor  
**LISA MYERS** (Instrumental Music)  
**ERIC SPYRES** (Vocal Music)  
Extra Duties: Senior Class Sponsor  
**GAIL MORGAN** (Art)  
NOT SHOWN



**GUESS WHO?**

Fine Arts



# GUESS WHAT?

## Vo-tech course of study not for all students

▲*USING A DRILL press, Tommy Dugger does preliminary work on a woods process project.*



It's not for everyone.

But students in need of an alternative education were eager to consider the vocational technical classes at Mtn. Grove.

Six MHS juniors and seniors were bused to Mtn. Grove during mid-morning so that they could take vo-tech classes the rest of the day.

"I liked going because I felt I learned more about body repair than I would here at Mansfield," said Keith Philpott, a first year auto body repair student.

Other Mansfield students who attended the vo-tech classes were second year students Hal Noble, electronics, and Robbie Turner, auto body repair; and first year students Brent Coffman, auto-mechanics; Everrett Merritt, auto-mechanics; and Rodney Vogt, mechanics.

The students usually spent one hour in the classroom working from a book, while the other two hours were spent getting

hands-on experience.

"A group of people get assigned to projects to work on," Noble said. "I learned the basics of electronics, worked on radios, and also went into televisions, computers, and robotics."

The Vo-Tech has two courses that deal with cars. Auto body repair teaches students to restore damaged frames and body sections to their original shape; auto mechanics shows how to diagnose and repair automotive failures.

"I don't want to be a 'shade-tree mechanic' (not certified)," Coffman said. "I'll probably go into a career using the automechanics and I want to know what I'm doing."

The electronics class works with the basics of electronics, radios, computers, and robotics.

"Mainly we worked on everything electronic," Noble said. "We divided up and then worked on different projects."

### CONFERENCE INDUSTRIAL ARTS CONTEST

Division Winners - Danny Young and Shannon Matney, Outstanding in General Shop; David McDowell, Outstanding in Junior High Shop.

One Ratings - Robert Elliott, David McDowell, Brian Hodges, Stephen Chilson, Tommy Kingery, Taylor Hamilton, Clint Berry; Mike Helsley (2), Josh Michell, Shannon Matney (2), Danny Young (2), Kathrine Kuhn, Tommy Dugger, Dale Cook, Mike Bogart, Gary Greene.

Two Ratings - Justin Long, Dusty Stout, Clint Thompson, Charlotte Clark, Mike Keys, Catherine Kuhn, Becky Fry, Shelly Clanton, Debra Bryant, Scott Storms, Michael Porter, George Crisp.

GUESS HOW?

▲*WITH LORI DURHAM, Stacy Veit, Angela Rose, and Angela Merritt as back up, Faira Watterson learns to decorate a cake.*







▲**USING AN ELECTRIC** sander, Susan Jones works on her project in woods process class.

▲**BRENT COFFMAN, EDDIE Whipple, and Johnny Jones** work on a truck motor in ag power class.

▲**KEYBOARDING STUDENTS DO** a timed typing exercise during seventh hour class.

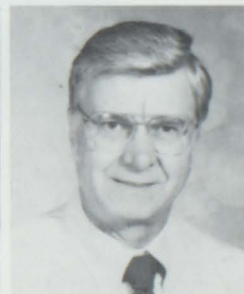


**KATHY BARNETT** (Home Economics)  
Extra duties: Future Homemakers of America Sponsor

**MARY BOYDSTON** (Business)  
Extra Duties: Future Business Leaders of America Sponsor, Senior Class Sponsor

**GENE CRAVENS** (Agriculture)  
Extra Duties: Future Farmers of America Sponsor

**BILL GHAN** (Industrial Arts)  
Extra Duties: Freshman Sponsor



**GUESS WHO?**

Vocational Arts

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# GUESS WHAT?

## Fitness, exercise class gives variety to schedule

▲**FRESHMAN PHYSICAL EDUCATION** students Teresa Lowe and Dawn Cascone do a set of exercises.



Kind of like P.E., only better. That's how Audrey Thomas described fitness and recreation class.

The class, taught by Becky Gregory, spent the school year in activities such as running, walking and jumping rope, and learning about hunting and archery.

Most students seemed to like the year's first activity, which was walking around a block nearby, a distance of approximately half a mile.

"We started slow and got faster," Kim Mills said. "It was fun when the weather wasn't too hot."

Joint and tendon injuries from walking are rare, the students in fitness and recreation learned.

"You can't injure yourself as easily as with other kinds of exercises," Shelly Clanton said. "It strengthens muscles just as well, only it takes longer."

Unlike most physical education classes, half of the time

was spent learning proper training procedures and routines, and how these activities help your body. Proper selection of exercise clothing and shoes were also discussed.

"We learned about what kind of shoes to buy so we won't hurt ourselves," Mills said.

Students learned that not only does aerobic exercise tone muscles, but the way we take care of our bodies in early life affects the future, too. This is particularly true for cardiovascular problems.

"Fitness helps prevent heart attacks and if you want to extend your life you should exercise," said Jenifer Wallin.

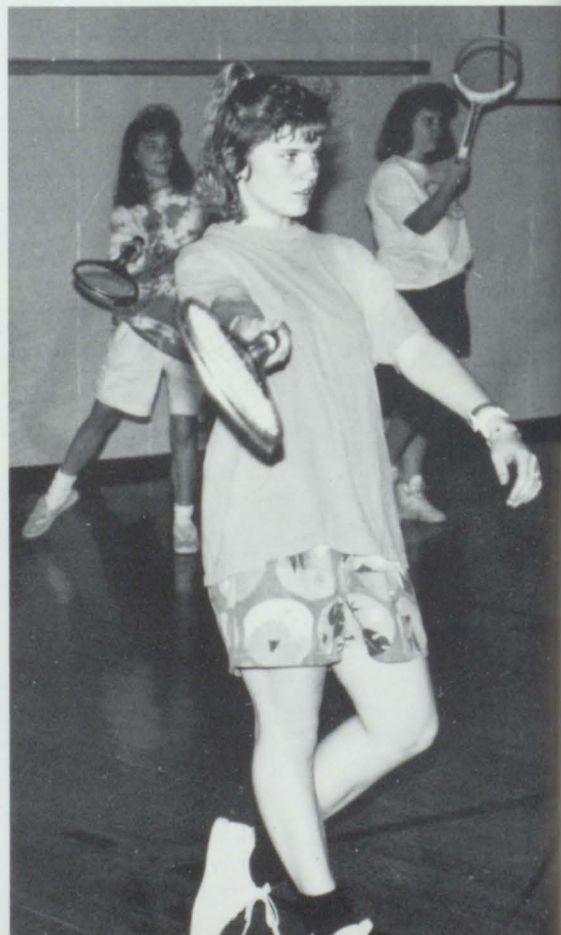
Gregory taught that people can stay in shape without the benefit of a lot of expensive work-out machines.

"Walking uses a lot of muscles," Leslie Climer said, "and it's cheap! Walking and running around the block made me lose weight and I am in better shape now."



▲**DRIVERS EDUCATION TEACHER** Butch Burch explains motor functions to Danny Young, Angie Miller, and Tiffany Watterson.

▲**FOLLOWING THE TEACHER'S demonstration,** Holly Lakey works on her tennis serve.





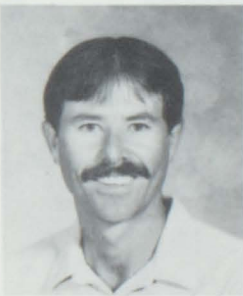
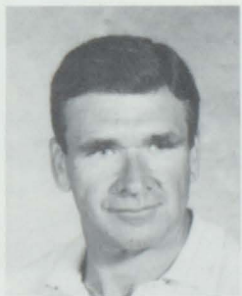


▲HARVEY WEDGE, FLOYD Hutson, and Malcolm Gaddis help Pat Williams work with weights.

▲JUMPING JACKS GET an excercise session started for girls in the freshman physical education class.



**JERRY ARMSTRONG** (Physical Ed.)  
Extra Duties: Athletic Director, Boys Basketball Coach  
**BUTCH BURCH** (Health/Driver's Ed.)  
Extra Duties: Girls Basketball Coach, Assistant Baseball Coach  
**BECKY GREGORY** (Physical Ed.)  
Extra Duties: Junior High Cheerleader Sponsor, Pep Club Sponsor, Assistant Track Coach  
**DOUG JONES** (Science/Physical Ed.)  
Extra Duties: Baseball Coach, Assistant Basketball Coach



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Physical Education

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# GUESS WHAT?

## New administrators bring winds of change

▲HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL Frank Rowles works on the class schedule for the 1990 school year.



A year for change.

From the very beginning the year was ear-marked for improvements.

With new people in three of the administration positions, it was impossible for change to not occur.

Frank Rowles, an eight-year teaching veteran, jumped into the high school principal job with both feet.

"I feel we (students, faculty, and administration) have accomplished a lot by working as a team," Rowles said. "I think we share a view of where we are headed at Mansfield High. We want this school to be the best it can be in all areas."

Rowles worked for cooperation between himself and the students to make a good year.

"I would like the students to respect me because I am working for them, not because I'm their principal," he said.

According to Rowles, he has found what he is looking for.

"Having taught for eight years before going into administration, I have found the job of principal quite different from that of teaching," he said. "I love what I'm doing now as principal, and hope to remain in administration indefinitely."

While Rowles was getting accustomed to his post, Merlin Miller, Special Education director for seven years, took over a newly created post as junior high principal, which the school had not had since the 70's.

"I think we've had a good year," Miller said. "The students had someone readily available to listen to them. It made the junior high a transition between elementary and high school."

The elementary was not forgotten in the changes, getting a new principal, John Metz.

Metz had been in the field of education for some 28 years before he took over the elementary principalship at Mansfield.



▲WITH STAFF MEMBERS gathered at an early-morning surprise birthday party, Superintendent Robert Perry inspects his "Over the Hill" collection of gifts.

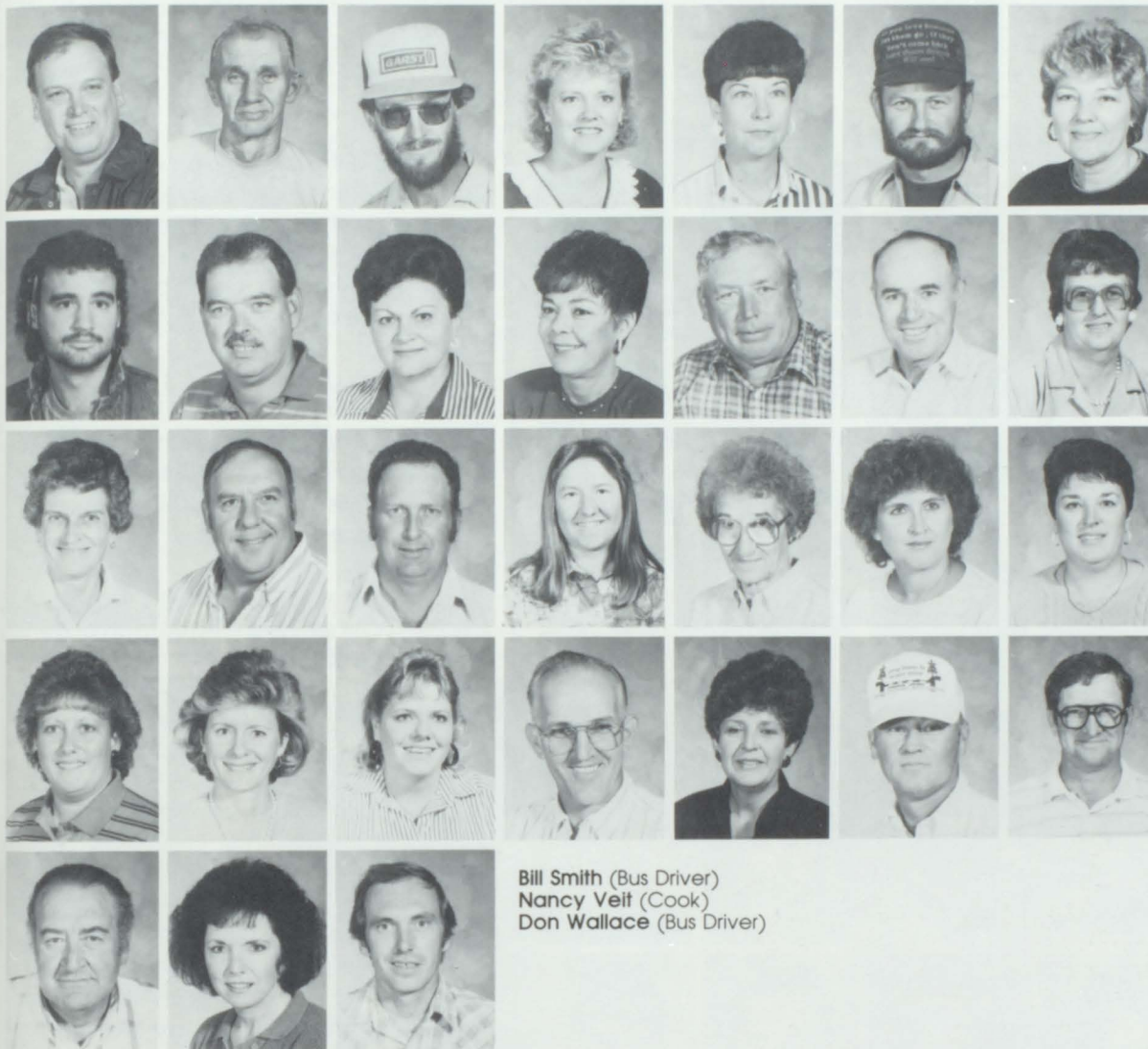
▲SUPERINTENDENT ROBERT PERRY and school board member Larry Hesterly dig in to a special foreign foods meal prepared by the Language Club.







▲SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS Gary Hanger, Dale Keith, Curt Calhoun, Larry Kingery, Larry Hesterly, Larry Anderson.



Charles Ballengee (Bus Driver)  
Bill Bennett (Custodian)  
Rex Bird (Bus Driver)  
Janet Brooke (Aide)  
Connie Calhoun (Cook)  
Rex Carter (Bus Driver)  
Cleo Chambers (Secretary)

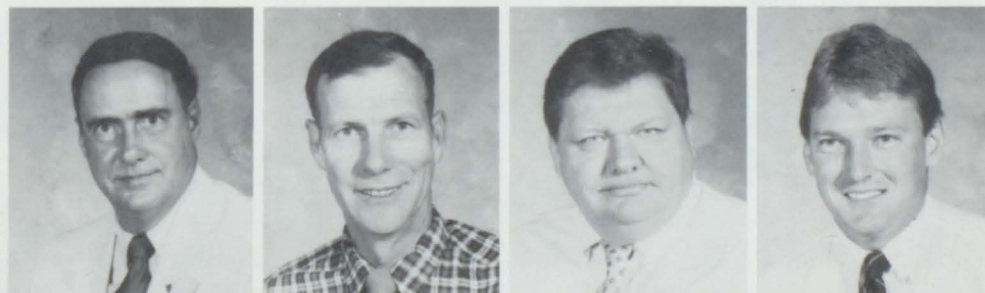
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Harold Dennis (Custodian)  
Pat Dennis (Cook)  
Joyce Detherage (Secretary)  
Claude Dale (Bus Driver)  
Lester Davis (Bus Driver)  
Helen Euler (Librarian)

Sue Findley (Cook)  
Calvin Freeman (Custodian)  
Don Hanger (Bus Driver)  
Patty Hanger (Aide)  
Jean Helsley (Cook)  
Cheryl Keith (Cook)  
Lana Kirkland (Secretary)

Kay Lansdown (Cook)  
Debbie Letsinger (Secretary)  
Melanie Light (Aide)  
Jim Lund (Bus Supervisor)  
Janice McNeil (Nurse)  
Terry Robinson (Bus Driver)  
Ronnie Roy (Custodian)

Bill Smith (Bus Driver)  
Nancy Veit (Cook)  
Don Wallace (Bus Driver)

John Metz (Elementary Principal)  
Merlin Miller (Junior High Principal)  
Robert Perry (Superintendent)  
Frank Rowles (High School Principal)



GUESS WHO?

Administration

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# G

## uys, gals; which sex has life easier?

Lance Adamson  
Lane Adamson  
Deidra Barnett  
Jon Batcheller



Gina Box  
Debra Bryant  
Matt Calhoun  
Darren Campie



Russell Caudle  
Shelly Clanton  
Leslie Climer  
Brent Coffman



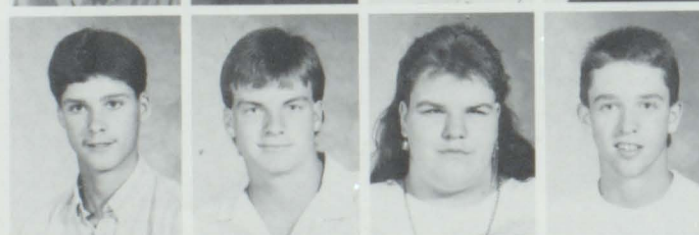
Lonnie Cook  
Darrel Cornelius  
Jayme DeChenne  
Scott Dunsmuir



Karrie Durham  
Lori Durham,  
treasurer  
Robert Elliott  
Jim Farmer



Ron Felker  
Jim Freeman,  
president  
Rebecca Fry  
Gary Greene



"My opinion is that a guy has it easier. First of all, he doesn't have to curl his hair, wear makeup or worry about what he wears as much as a girl." — **Tracy Light**

"Boys have it easier. This world is a male-oriented world. We can find a job easier. We get the higher paying jobs." — **John Ragsdale**

"Really I think girls have it a little harder. Like in sports or work they have to try a lot harder to prove themselves. Most people think because you're a girl you won't do as well as a guy." — **Deana Kelley**

"Boys have it easier. For one thing guys usually get to go wherever they want and stay out however late they want because parents want girls to be in on time so they won't get a bad reputation." — **Heather Krider**

"That's one question that's easy to answer in any of your classes. If a boy asks to go to the bathroom the teacher rants and raves; but if a girl asks if she can go to the bathroom they say yes." — **Ron Felker**

"Girls have an advantage because studies show girls live longer than boys." — **Kathline Kuhn**

"I think boys have it easier, because they could go out with 5 to 10 girls in a car and nobody would think much about it, but if a girl went out with 3 to 4 guys it makes her look bad." — **Shane Potts**

"I think girls have it easier. Most of the boys have to come up with a car of their own and that means that they have to get a job." — **Jay McNeil**

"Boys have it easier in a lot of ways. In the morning boys get up 10 minutes before they have to leave, girls get up about one hour or longer before they leave." — **Lori Durham**

"I think girls have it easier than boys, because boys are expected to do more. Like on the basketball court the guys are expected to run harder and do everything else better." — **Karrie Durham**





Timmarie Hamilton  
Stuart Hanson  
Marty Henry  
Lisa Hurst  
Bryon Ivy  
Susan Jones  
Bruce Keith

Deana Kelley  
Marry Kirk  
Tara Kirk  
Shannon Kirkland  
Heather Krider  
Cathrine Kuhn  
Kathline Kuhn

Eric Lansdown  
Tracy Light  
Tim Logan  
Jeff Long  
Jim McChoard  
J.J. McNeil  
Everett Merritt

Kim Mills  
Dena Munden  
Jamie Napier  
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Shane Potts  
John Ragsdale  
David Severs

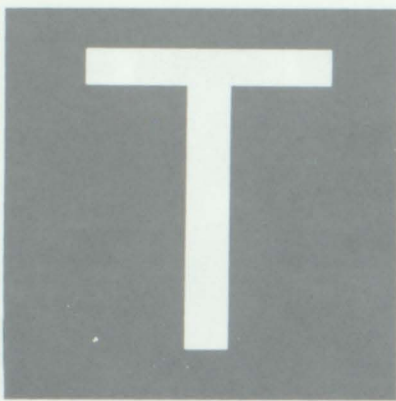
Jimmy Shropshire  
Scott Storms  
Audra Suits,  
vice president  
Andria Turner  
Lesa Turner  
Jenifer Wallin  
David Wilson,  
secretary



▲**STUDYING THE NOMINATIONS** on the chalkboard, class president Jimmy Freeman makes his Junior Olympics team selection.

▲**SKIMMING THROUGH CATALOGS**, junior girls discuss Prom decorations.





he hardest  
part of  
growing up  
is this . . .

Frank Backus  
Michael Bogart  
Marc Brazeal,  
treasurer  
Kristy Burnett



Kristen Calhoun  
LeeAnn Cannon  
Scott Cantrell  
Dawn Cascone



Bobby Clanton  
Paul Clark  
Jill Clouse  
George Crisp



Johnny Davis  
Benjie Dennis  
Shelly Detherage,  
president  
Eddie Doan



Tommy Dugger  
Donna Durham  
Shalawn Emerick  
Christi Evans,  
vice president



Glen Evans  
Melissa Farris  
Vickie Franks  
Tina Gage



"Managing time is difficult. Between school, work, sports, and other activities there's not a lot of time to have fun and do what you want to do." — **Tiffany Watterson**

"The hardest thing about growing up is if your friends are older than you are they get their license before you do, and you get left at home, while they go out and go to parties." — **Kris Gray**

"Having to deal with people that you just absolutely cannot stand. People that you have to go to school with all day long and they really drive you crazy." — **Vickie Franks**

"I think the hardest thing about growing up is having to deal with the pressures and problems of being a teenager. You're faced with the issues of sex, drugs, alcohol, teenage pregnancy, and a lot of other stuff." — **Carla Swopes**

"The hardest thing about growing up is making big decisions about things. Like deciding to go along with your friends because they want you to or saying no, that's not for me." — **Julie Jurewicz**

"Possibly the hardest thing about growing up is thinking about the future. Worrying about what's going to happen after graduation, what kind of job will I have, and things like that are all pretty hard." — **Robby Maxwell**

"Each year everyone expects more of you and that gets frustrating. You get scared; you start worrying that you can't compete with their expectations." — **Missy Melton**

"Having to worry about what you are going to do when you finally get old enough to do something. Like college; you have to decide if you want to stay close or go far away. If you go away you'll miss people; if you stay close you'll get sick of them." — **Marc Brazeal**

"Realizing that some of your greatest dreams aren't going to come true." — **Kristy Burnett**





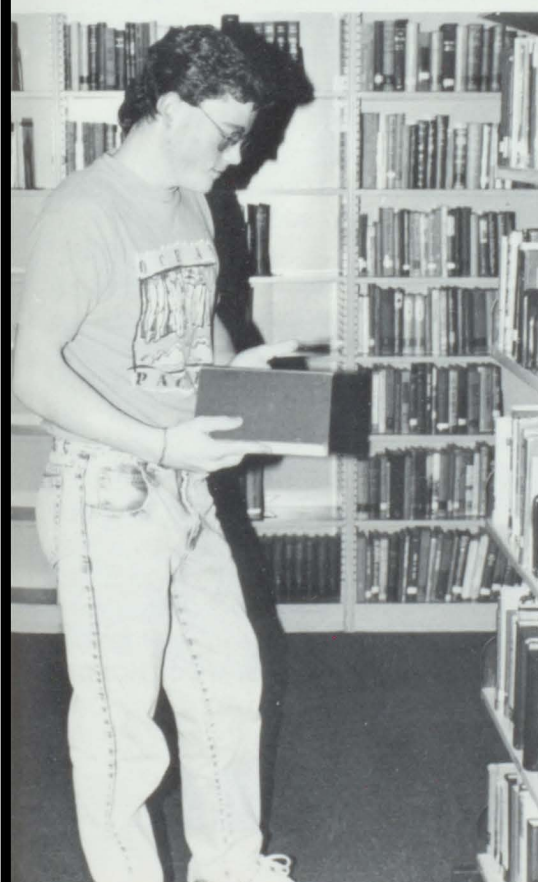
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Kris Gray  
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Mike Helsley  
Troy Hughes  
Waylon Johnson  
Julie Jurewicz

Michael Keys  
Shannon Koster  
Jeff Ladd  
Holly Lakey  
Diane Lansdown  
Rachelle Lansdown  
Robbie Maxwell

Melissa Melton  
Angie Miller,  
secretary  
Matt Moody  
Shawn Moss  
Brent Napier  
Angela Rose  
Laura Rose

James Smith  
Billy Stofer  
Carla Swopes  
Clay Thompson  
Clint Thompson  
Brian Thornsberry  
Tiffany Watterson

Mike Young  
Travis Young  
Not Shown:  
Ben Hall  
Debbie Matthews  
Diann Morris  
Randy Taylor  
Danny Young



▲**CONCENTRATION IS THE** name of the game as George Crisp plays Scott Cantrell, with Lori Durham and Waylon Johnson as witnesses.

▲**SEARCHING FOR THE** right book, Paul Clark gets set to work on a report for his English class.





# My first day as a freshman was like . . .

James Barnett  
Missy Carter,  
treasurer  
Richard Chilson  
Ben Choate,  
secretary



Tommy Christeson  
Marny Clark  
Douglas Coffman  
Tracy Coffman



Manda Curtis  
Gina Davis  
Marlon Doan  
Bill Douglas



Christopher Dunn  
Serena Dunsmuir  
Steven Garrison  
Mary Ann Gatlin



Tish Goss  
Jennifer Greene  
Donald Hanger  
Shelby Hesterly



Floyd Hutson  
Frank Jones  
Shawn King  
Angela Kingery



"The hallway seemed so long, I thought I would never get to the 'little freshman' section." — **Gina Davis**

"It was really weird; nobody talked to me except for the other freshmen. But then some seniors started coming to our end of the hall to talk to us." — **Serena Dunsmuir**

"I couldn't remember my classes or my locker number. I didn't know where I was supposed to go, or when, or even why, but eventually I made it through the day." — **Malcolm Gaddis**

"The first day was a lot easier than thought. I didn't get put in a trash can or anything." — **Shelby Hesterly**

"It was fun with all the free time at lunch, and I didn't have to walk in stupid little lines." — **Doug Coffman**

"It was a very long day." — **Casey Lang**

"I got lost twice in the same hour. First I went to the English room and then I went into the algebra room, when I was supposed to be in American History." — **Serina Page**

"I was kind of nervous. I had to follow everybody around so I would know which classes to go to." — **Brian Williams**

"I had heard that all of my friends were on the black lists of upperclassmen, so I instantly thought I was too. Once I got to school it wasn't so bad." — **Tish Goss**

"We kept getting told we were going to get initiated and were referred to as 'little wimpy freshmen'." — **Jennifer Greene**

"My first day as a freshman was kind of scary because of all the seniors chasing us up and down the hall." — **Floyd Hutson**

"By the end of the day I had upper-classmen friends who I never thought knew of my existence." — **Don Hanger**

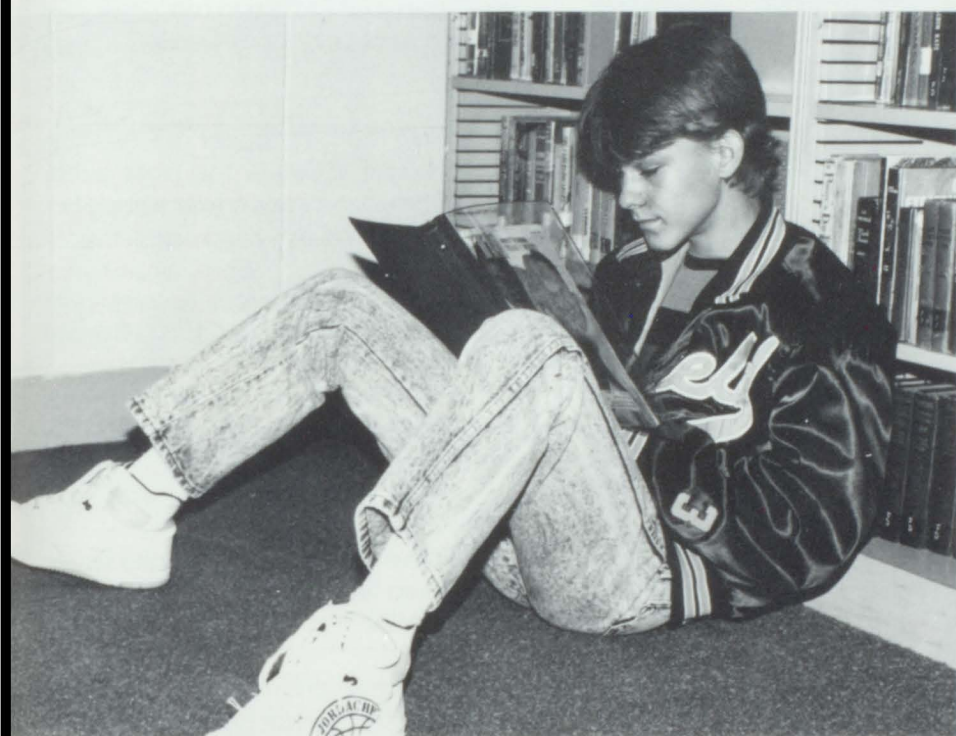




Tommy Kingery  
Heather Lansdown  
Joyce Lansdown  
Kerrick Lindsey,  
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Shannon Matney  
Serina Page  
Bob Perrin

Michael Porter  
Brandy Potts  
Reggie Roy  
Terry Robinson  
Barry Short  
Carl Splain  
Johnny VanNess

Harvey Wedge  
Brian Williams  
Pat Williams  
Stacey Wilson,  
president  
Brandy Wright  
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Casey Lang  
Gina LaRue

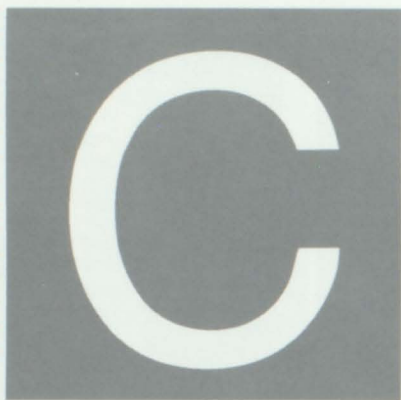


▲**FINDING A QUIET** place to read a magazine, Frank Jones enjoys the free time.

▲**CHECKING OUT THE** latest fashions, the library is the place to be for Serina Page, Angela Kingery and Brandy Potts.

▲**SHOWING A COLORFUL** Christmas, the freshman float brightens up the Mansfield Christmas parade with Heather Lansdown, Gina Davis, and Tish Goss aboard.





all me  
famous,  
call me  
successful

Stacey Arnall  
James Axsom  
Christina Barber  
Kevin Barr



Jason Bennett  
Clint Berry  
Matthew Brown  
Becky Bryson



Clint Buchanan  
Luci Calhoun  
Jennifer Cantrell  
Jason Chilson



Andy Clark  
Matthew Coffman  
Amy Compton  
Jamin Corder



Nancy Curtis  
Steven DeWeese  
Mark Doan  
Julie Dobbs



Wava Engle  
Heather Fairbairn  
Chris Farris  
Stacy Frantz



"I would like to be a pro skateboarder. People don't realize how much fun it really is and the money you get just for doing something you enjoy doing." — **Taylor Hamilton**

"If I could grow up and become famous I would like to be known as a great scientist." — **Jason Chilson**

"I would like to be known for being an astronaut. I want to be on the first successful shuttle to Saturn." — **Carrie Gray**

"For being the first woman president, because then maybe there would be less chauvinistic men in the world." — **Patricia Millsap**

"I would want to be famous for milking dairy cows. I would like to milk 500 cows and get over a million a year." — **Matt Brown**

"For being the best golfer on the PGA tour because if you're the best golfer you win lots of money in tournaments." — **Jon Freeman**

"I want to be a famous lawyer that never loses a case." — **Christy Barber**

"What I would like to be famous for is being the first person to play the banjo as fast as a person can play it." — **Brian Hodges**

"I would like to be a famous scientist so that I could find the cure for AIDS." — **Carolyn Mills**

"If I could grow up to be famous I would want to be famous for being sweet and treating everyone the same no matter who they are." — **Angela Lansdown**

"I would like to be a famous basketball coach. My team would be made up of only the best-looking guys." — **Stacey Arnall**

"If I would want to be famous it would be for climbing Mount Everest." — **Jason Bennett**

"I want to be famous for playing all sports and breaking all sports records." — **Scott Smith**





Jon Freeman  
Elizabeth Gaddis  
Carrie Gray  
Sophia Greyowl  
Scott Hall  
Taylor Hamilton  
Bradley Hanger

Brian Hodges  
Melissa Holt  
Michael Huberts  
Jeremiah Johnson  
Jared Jones  
Jeremy Jones  
Kevin Jones

Teliah Jones  
Jamey Kabage  
Kendall Keith  
Miles Keith  
Evan Kinser  
Jacklyn Kirkland  
Angela Lansdown

Shawnya Matney  
David McDowell  
Joseph McNeil  
Ryan Miller  
Carolyn Mills  
Patricia Millsap  
Jeri Moody

Michelle Moody  
Jarrett Nichols  
Vicky Noble  
Shannon Page  
Robert Pierson  
Shawn Sartor  
Traci Sharp

Scott Smith  
Donald Squires  
Casey Stout  
David Taylor  
Janet Turley  
Doug Walker  
Tawna Watterson



▲**SUNSHINE AND FRIENDS** equals fun for Jared Jones, Clint Berry, Shannon Page, Carolyn Mills, and Jerri Moody.

▲**UNSEASONABLY WARM WEATHER** tempts Taylor Hamilton, Jeremy Jones, and Josh Micheli to catch a skateboard ride behind a Christmas parade float.



# N

ervous is  
when this  
happens . . .

Bobbie Beck  
Elizabeth Bingham  
Edna Brazeal  
Adam Brooke



Deana Calhoun  
Stephen Chilson  
Brad Collins  
Debbie Cook



Stephanie Copeland  
Nancy Davis  
Marty Decker  
Matthew Doyle



Byron Dugger  
Jesse Evans  
Virginia Fulbright  
Mike Grindstaff



Jonette Hampton  
Kim Henry  
Tracey Hughes  
Kimberly Hyde



James Johnson  
Marvin Johnson  
Stephanie Joseph  
Stephanie Kelley



"When your teacher gives you an assignment two minutes before the bell rings." — **Stephanie Copeland**

"I get nervous when I ask a girl to go with me and I am afraid they will say no." — **Randy Roy**

"Having to speak in front of a large crowd." — **Shawn Williams**

"Having to take a test I didn't study for." — **Aretha Sickels**

"When I'm with a cute guy and I'm trying to keep my cool." — **Jennifer DeWeese**

"Going to a music contest where I've never been before. The judges are looking straight at you. Then you forget the music you had to play." — **Stephanie Kelley**

"Going to the dentist." — **Dusty Stout**

"When I have a lot of homework and no time to do it." — **Justin Long**

"Horses make me nervous, because when I was first learning to ride a horse, it took off with me on it. I was pulling on the reins for it to stop, but it just kept going." — **Sunny Watterson**

"I get really nervous when I try to hold a regular conversation with a guy that I like." — **Buffy Bingham**

"I get really nervous when a great looking guy asks me questions. I get so nervous that I say really stupid things." — **Jennifer Shropshire**

"The thing that makes me nervous is going to the doctor's when I know that I have to get shots." — **Stephen Chilson**

"I get nervous when I get in trouble and my parents don't find out." — **Tracey Hughes**

"The thing that gets me nervous is being stared at for a long time." — **Ted Marre**

"Being put on the spot and hurried makes me nervous." — **Bobbi Beck**





Johnnie Kuhn  
Brian Kuster  
Annette Lansdown  
Jacque Lansdown  
April Lynch  
Justin Long  
Ted Marre

Jason Miskell  
Amy Morris  
Jimmy Nichols  
Steven Pearson  
Jody Philpott  
Brandon Reese  
Randall Roy

Cheri Sharp  
Jennifer Shropshire  
Aretha Sickels  
Dusty Stout  
Merle Strohm  
Russell Wallace  
Sunny Watterson

Not Shown:  
Misti Collins  
Jennifer DeWeese  
Barbara Hall  
Lisa Henry  
Becky Lynn  
Josh Micheli  
Stephen Neal  
David Young

Shawn Williams  
Steven Wilson  
Brenda Winsor



▲**STUDY HALL** AND a game of checkers passes the time for Stephen Chilson, Merle Strohm, and Steven Pearson.



▲**LUNCHTIME** PROVIDES TIME for conversation for Aretha Sickels, Bobbi Beck and Kimberly Hyde.

▲**USING SOME FREE** time, Kimberly Hyde and Shawn Williams search for a good magazine to read.



# E

## lementary memories will be . . .

Robert Axsom  
Jennifer Brooke  
Mark Brown  
Erin Calhoun



Matthew Calhoun  
Sharon Calhoun  
Stephanie Calhoun  
Charles Campbell



Shannon Cantrell  
Stephen Cantrell  
John Carnall  
Janie Carter



Elizabeth Chilson  
Lynda Christeson  
Julie Clouse  
Torrie Collins



John Crain  
Michael Davis  
Crystal Doan  
Mike Douglas



Jodi Edwards  
Dale Evans  
Jerry Garrison  
Joe Garrison



"At our Christmas party we had a blast. The music was loud and then when we played the 'Hippy Hippy Shake' Mr. Metz came in and started boogying. We all got a kick out of it." — **Trisha Perry**

"What I will remember most about elementary is when I went to school with a skirt on and I noticed I had it on backwards." — **Janie Carter**

"I will remember the time when I was running in gym and I fell and slid across the floor." — **Emily Matlock**

"I'll remember all the great parties we had in sixth grade." — **Tara Moody**

"The thing that I'll remember the most is, when I was in second grade and we had a real tornado. About five of us kids sat in a circle underneath a table and prayed." — **Jennifer Top**

"I have enjoyed the sports, the field trips, and the special activities." — **James Hanger**

"I think the thing that I will remember was at the Christmas party when I was opening a present that nobody signed, and when I opened it, it was a big blue bra that some of the girls had bought for me." — **Michael Davis**

"I will remember all of the homework." — **John Crain**

"What I will remember about school is when Angela Swopes and I were in the bathroom talking when a man walked in thinking it was the boys' bathroom." — **Marissa Joseph**

"What I remember most is when we were playing soccer one day. I went to kick it, I slipped and fell right in to the mud." — **Mark Brown**

"Recess is what I will miss because we won't have it in seventh grade." — **Elizabeth Chilson**

"The grade cards." — **Dustin Lansdown**

"I will remember all my nice and fun teachers." — **Melisa Porter**





Bruce Gatlin  
Matt Gatlin  
Carrie Gleason  
Jamon Gray  
John Greyowl  
James Hanger  
Missy Honeycutt



Stephanie House  
Lisa Hyde  
Sarah Johns  
Amanda Jones  
Marissa Joseph  
Sabrina Kelly  
Keith Lang



Dustin Lansdown  
Emily Matlock  
Ashley Miller  
Tara Moody  
Tom Moody  
Brooke Newton  
Trisha Perry



Melissa Porter  
Vanessa Price  
Angela Ragsdale  
Kristi Rogers  
Mike Scott  
Laura Shannon  
Deneane Sickles



Dallas Smith  
Stephen Stepro  
Mirissa Stillwell  
Naomi Strohm  
Angela Swopes  
Jennifer Top  
Robbie VanOrden



Barry Wedge  
Shelly Williams  
Michelle Woods  
Vicki Box, teacher  
Susie Graham, teacher  
Not shown:  
Van Barr  
Amanda Flinn  
Diana Riley  
Kenny Robinson  
Johnny Wintjen



▲*RACING FOR THE* finish line in the gunny sack race during Wilder Day festivities are sixth graders Tom Moody, Joe Garrison, Dustin Lansdown, Trisha Perry, Tara Moody, and Stephanie Calhoun.



# W

## hat would you do if you were older?

Kallie Ackerman  
Niki Anderson  
Lonnie Bell  
Tessa Bennett



Melanie Blankenship  
Stephanie Blankenship  
Mica Brooke  
Jason Bryson



Nathan Carr  
Jeff Chambers  
Steven Chambers  
Chad Clanton



David Climer  
Misty Coffman  
Crystal Cook  
Trish Dalton



Angela Darr  
Robby Decker  
Hayden Dennis  
Donnie Detherage



Faye Dollarhide  
Stephanie Doyle  
Eva Farmer  
Marc Farris



"I would like to drive a car. I know how to shift gears, and everything else, so if only I had my license and a car and I was older!" — **Krista Pritchard**

"I would buy stocks and bonds so I can be rich and earn some money." — **Amanda Mills**

"I would like to drive a big truck because my dad does." — **Bobby Franks**

"Get a job. My brother gets lots of money for working for other people and I want money to go to the mall every Saturday and blow all my money." — **Jennifer Kingery**

"Go on dates. My mom won't let me. She says I'm too young. So I have to wait til I'm 15 or 16." — **Dottie Hughes**

"I would like to be a teacher so I could help other kids learn. I think it would be neat to teach math and science, and all the subjects except English." — **Melanie Blankenship**

"I would drive, then I wouldn't have to ride the bus and on Friday and Saturdays I could go cruising and go shopping." — **Janet Van Ness**

"I would pick to help at the barn because I like animals and I like to milk, but they say I'm slow and too short." — **Julie Williams**

"If I could do one thing I can't do now because I'm too young, I'd vote so Bush would not be President." — **Natasha Wallin**

"Hunting, because I like to go hunting by myself, but my mom won't let me. She is afraid that I'll get hurt or get lost." — **Jeffrey Hanger**

"Go places with my friends, without my parents or their parents." — **Angela Darr**

"Fly a F-14 Tomcat jet. So I can shoot enemy jets down." — **Donnie Detherage**

"I would use a major credit card of someone's, and buy a ticket to Alcapulco." — **Eva Farmer**





Stephanie Flinn  
Bobby Franks  
Joanie Fulbright  
Heather Gray  
Jeffrey Hanger  
Merlin High  
Jackie Honeycutt



Dottie Hughs  
Phillip Hull  
Randon Ivy  
Bill Jeness  
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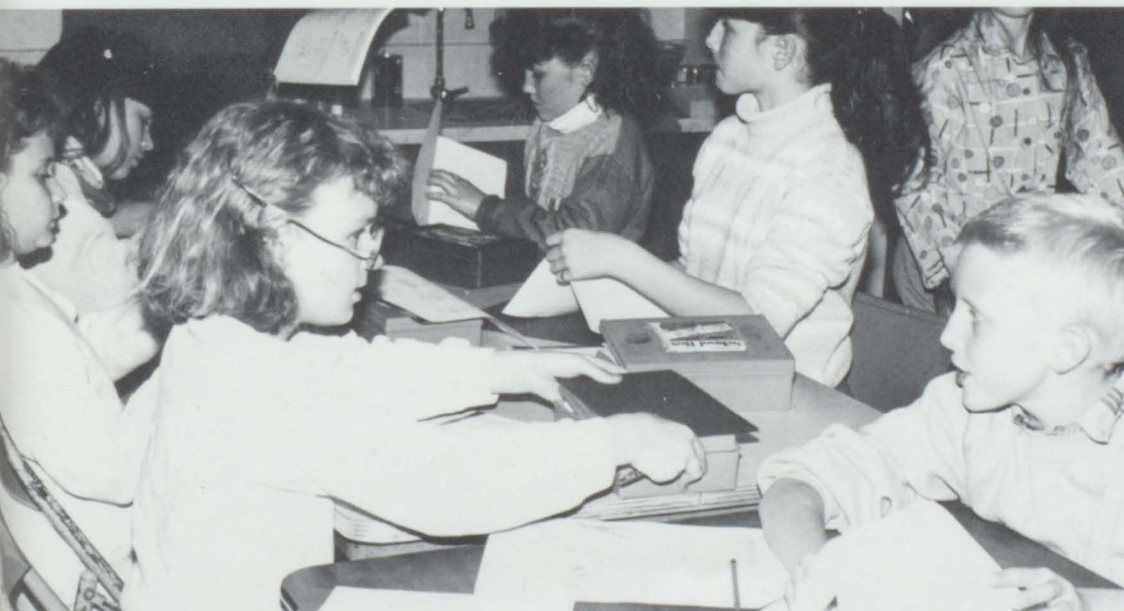
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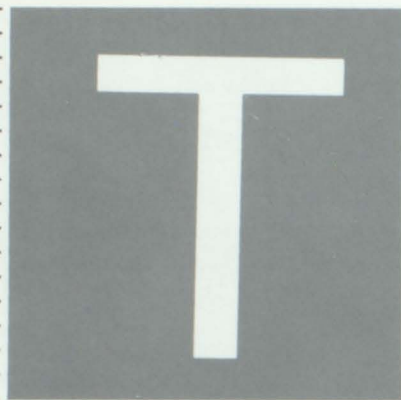


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Jerry Ward  
Julie Williams  
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Mildred Beckler, teacher  
Frances Coday, teacher



▲WORKING ON AN art project is fun for Stephanie Doyle, Sara Moody, Melanie Blankenship, Erin Morgan, Jennifer Jones, and Sean Spyres.





# ry being invisible for a day

Jill Adamson  
Lee Barber  
Michael Baty  
Dedra Bell



Angie Bingham  
Bobby Black  
Michael Brame  
Jeffrey Brooke



Nick Brooke  
Shane Bujarski  
Steven Cannon  
Billy Chilson



Christa Choate  
Jarod Coday  
Jeremy Corder  
Brandie Crisp



Jason Daniel  
Jason Davis  
Stephanie Day  
Niki Detherage



Rodney Franken  
Eric Grubbs  
Michael Harris  
Brandie Hassman



"If I were invisible for one day, I would chase girls the whole day." — **Jeffrey Brooke**

"I would go to the grocery store and get all the chocolate stuff, except the stuff with almonds." — **Angie Bingham**

"I would go to a shopping center or some kind of store and go up to people and just start talking to them like I wasn't invisible." — **Stephanie Day**

"If we had a ballgame against Hartville I would make them lose and make Mansfield win. That would be funny." — **Aimee Williams**

"I would see if I could walk through someone, just to feel how it would be like." — **Summer Slade**

"If I were invisible for one day, I would go outside and play on the playground if I were invisible." — **Christy Hastings**

"I would go to the store and buy some stuff and the sales lady would probably make the lady in front of me pay for it because she couldn't see me." — **Sheryl Walker**

"I would freak because I couldn't brush my hair." — **Lauren Miller**

"If I were invisible for one day, I would play tricks on people and trip them. Then I would sneak up behind people and scare them." — **Billy Chilson**

"I would spy on people and help the FBI catch people." — **Steven Welch**

"If I were invisible for one day, I would drive in a car and everyone would wonder how the car was moving." — **Wendy Matlock**

"I would put on my brother's clothes and scare him half to death, because he would think his clothes were alive." — **Emily Moody**

"If I were invisible for one day, I would get on a plane that goes to Disneyland and stay there for 12 hours." — **Michael Spyres**





Christy Hastings  
Lisa Hodges  
J.W. Hutson  
Jason Johns  
LaDonna Johnson  
Kim Joseph  
Janet King

Justin King  
Eric Kjar  
Loretta Lansdown  
Ronnie Lansdown  
Nicole Lucas  
Kristy Mace  
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Emily Moody  
Sandy Nelson  
Teddy Rose  
Elizabeth Roth  
Regina Roy

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Summer Slade  
Michael Spyres  
Joseph Swopes  
Tara Travis  
Melissa Wedge  
Steven Welch

Aimee Williams  
Jennifer Wright  
Crystal Young  
Ann Kinser, teacher  
Jana Schlesener, teacher



▲CONCENTRATING ON FINDING the answer to a multiplication problem lets Jill Adamson perfect her skills.

▲HAND CLAPPING LETS fourth graders keep the beat while performing a folk song on the square at Wilder Days.



# O

ne wish  
would  
bring me . . .

Allison Arnall  
Natasha Bailey  
Rachel Barber  
Robert Baugh



Joseph Bell  
Ashley Blankenship  
Jeromy Brooke  
Nicole Broome



Kassy Calhoun  
Eric Carampitan  
Lydia Chilson  
T.W. Climer



Henry Cook  
Jessica Copeland  
Scott Corder  
Daniel Crain



Cindy Dalton  
Patricia Dollarhide  
Ricky Dugger  
Jennifer Dunn



Melissa Farris  
Chris Flageolle  
Heather Forbis  
Frances Gittings



"I would wish that I was really skinny so I could be a model." — **Kassy Calhoun**

"If I had one wish, I would wish to have my brother back because I liked my brother." — **Tessa Miller**

"I would wish for a baby sister, because I don't have anybody to play with when I get home from school." — **Shannon Reese**

"I would wish that I was in junior high." — **Nathan Hanger**

"If I had one wish, I would get more girls in our class, and no more boys." — **Amanda Skyles**

"I would wish that I was a teenager so that I could drive a car." — **Misty Stout**

"To have my own Nintendo would be my wish." — **Curtis Melton**

"A horse would be my wish because I like them and I've always wanted one." — **Ashley Blankenship**

"I would like to have all the Nintendo tapes." — **Natasha Bailey**

"If I could have any wish, I wish I could be in Hollywood and meet Kirk Cameron." — **Rachel Hall**

"I would have all the pretty girls over and party." — **Chris Flageolle**

"I would want to get married to a teenager, and kiss her, and live in a mansion." — **Jeromy Brooke**

"If I had one wish, I would like one hundred thousand wishes." — **Adam Grubbs**

"I would be a nurse and help the sick." — **Heather Forbis**

"I wish I could have my own room and a television." — **Kati Williams**

"A horse would be what I would wish for." — **Alice Goldsberry**

"I would wish for a trip to China." — **Jeannie Johnson**





Alice Goldsberry  
Adam Grubbs  
Rachel Hall  
Nathan Hanger  
Jerryl Henry  
Jeannie Johnson  
Sarah Johnson

Chad Keeling  
K.C. Kittrell  
Jason Lansdown  
Janice Liles  
Joey Long  
Leslie Lynch  
Curtis Melton

Tessa Miller  
Jenny Moody  
Shannon Reese  
John Rhodes  
John Roberts  
Melissa Scott  
Armagh Shirlley

Courtney Short  
Amanda Skyles  
Gary Slate  
Misty Stout  
James Strunk  
Melvin Thompson  
Christy Tucker

Gina Turley  
Kati Williams  
Don Wilson  
Kathy Winsor  
Donnie Young  
Pat Brown, teacher  
Linda Graham, teacher



▲**SANTA'S ELVES**, ALIAS the third grade boys, perform "Santa From Santa Land" at the Christmas program.

▲**WITH ANGELIC FACES**, the third grade Christmas Chorale sings in the cantata "Cheer Up, Mr. Santa."



# M

## y least favorite food is . . .

Matthew Adamson  
Sarah Allen  
Luke Anderson  
Collin Barr



Jason Barton  
Thomas Beggs  
Justin Borders  
Jason Brazeal



Jason Brooke  
Johnny Bryant  
Daniel Cain  
Terry Cain



Jason Coffman  
Christin Cook  
Ericka Cook  
Patricia Crain



Jessica Curtman  
Amber Davis  
Jason Eagleston  
Brandon Edmonds



Jason Farris  
John Gittings  
Mandy Goss  
Gerri Hensley



"My least favorite food is hominy because it is nasty." — **Brandon Edmonds**

"I don't like split-pea soup because it looks weird." — **Collin Barr**

"Spinach is my least favorite food because it's green and slimy." — **Arthur Slade**

"My least favorite food is dumplings because they are made out of biscuits." — **Jason Brazeal**

"I don't like spinach because it's green, and they put vinegar on it and then it is just yucky." — **Tiffany Hurst**

"My least favorite food is broccoli because it's gross." — **Jason Farris**

"I don't like yogurt because it is sour." — **Kinder Pollack**

"Spinach is my least favorite food because it's green and stringy and it looks like leaves." — **Mandy Goss**

"My least favorite food is honey, because it is sticky." — **Mandy Goss**

"I don't like spinach because it tastes like catfood." — **Crystal Steffe**

"My least favorite food is beans, because they are brown and sick." — **Stephanie Merrifield**

"Catsup is my least favorite food. I don't know why, it's just gross." — **Amber Davis**

"My least favorite food is cheese. I don't like it because it doesn't have a good taste. I also don't like hot cheese because it's hot." — **Luke Anderson**

"I don't like spinach, because it's stringy." — **Michelle Napier**

"My least favorite food is cooked carrots because they are not tasty. I always give them to my brother; he hates them too." — **Nick Hulm**

"My least favorite food is spinach because it has vinegar and it is green like grass." — **Ronald Mace**





Lori Hodges  
Stephen House  
Rachel Hull  
Tiffany Hurst  
Kristina Hutson  
Mandy Hutson  
Carol Kelley



Brandon Lansdown  
John Lansdown  
Roy Liles  
Jonathan Lynch  
Ronnie Mace  
Stephanie Merrifield  
Jillian Millsap



Michelle Napier  
Tracy Oberdeck  
Christy Patterson  
Kinder Pollack  
Nicholas Prell  
James Ramsey  
Joey Rhodes



Robbie Rippee  
Rachelle Roy  
Matthew Scott  
Christina Shirley  
Arthur Slade  
Daniel Soares  
Crystal Steffe



Jamie Stepro  
Curtis Stuart  
Sherry Turley  
Shannon Wallin  
John Ward  
Clay Wilson  
Donna Young



Josie Adamson, teacher  
Elaine Crump, teacher  
Kay Scrivner, teacher  
Not Shown:  
Christina Croney  
Jessica Zimmerman



▲SECOND GRADERS PERFORM in the Mansfield Christmas parade by doing a jump rope routine.

▲WITH ENTHUSIASM, SECOND grade boys sing in the Christmas cantata "Cheer Up, Mr. Santa."



# W

hen I  
grow up  
I'll be . . .

Amanda Allen  
Jeremy Archer  
Katrina Bailey  
B.J. Batten



Serena Baugh  
Janisha Bennett  
Letha Black  
Ricky Boak



Kacee Bujarski  
Josh Campie  
Tracy Cantrell  
Sarah Carr



Loretta Chilson  
Daniel Christeson  
Byron Clark  
Dustin Clark



Steve Collins  
Betty Conrad  
Austin Corder  
Amy Daugherty



Brandi Dering  
Karen Eagleston  
Jeremy Evans  
Bridget Gittings



"When I grow up I would like to be a teacher and I would make the kids mind." — **Sonja Hale**

"A beautician because I like to fix people's hair." — **Summer Welch**

"When I grow up I want to be a veterinarian because I like to take care of kittens and puppies." — **Kristina Shropshire**

"I want to be a cop because I want to arrest people." — **Daniel Christeson**

"When I grow up I want to be a mother because I like to play with children." — **Karen Eagleston**

"I want to be a motorcycle rider because I want to jump high and wreck." — **Dustin Clark**

"When I grow up I would like to be a movie star because it will be fun." — **Kacee Bujarski**

"When I grow up I would like to be a truck driver because I want to go around the world." — **Charlie Wilson**

"I would like to be a wrestler because I like to wrestle Luke, and Stephanie, and Sarah." — **Jerry Johnson**

"I want to be a paleontologist because I like dinosaurs." — **Ben Moody**

"I want to be an astronaut and a teacher because I want to make money so maybe I can get another job." — **Anna Cross**

"When I grow up I'm going to be a nurse because I don't want people in my family to be hurt." — **Kandeda Kabage**

"When I grow up I want to be a painter because my dad is." — **Scott Litz**

"I want to play basketball when I grow up." — **Dustin McCleary**

"I want to be a ballerina, because they are pretty." — **Amy Daugherty**

"When I grow up I want to be a chef just like my dad is." — **Austin Miller**





Tina Gittings  
Sonja Hale  
Zachary Hall  
Dawn Hastings  
Christopher Hicks  
Jason Hilliard  
Afton Ivy

Scott Jackson  
Jerry Johnson  
Kandeda Kabage  
Jayme Keeling  
Craig Letsinger  
Scott Litz  
Kevin Lucas

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Dustin McCleary  
Destiny Millard  
Austin Miller  
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Ben Moody

Laura Pettit  
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Jessica Roth  
Derek Sartor  
John Schofield

Kristina Shropshire  
Stephanie Strunk  
Cheryl Swopes  
Kalli Taylor  
Karol Turley  
Kim Turley  
Josh Turner

Serina Van Ness  
Desiree Vhyldal  
Robert Ward  
Rick Weaver  
Summer Welch  
Charles Wilson  
Carl Anderson, teacher

Janet Mitchell, teacher  
Cheryl Welton, teacher



▲WHILE THEY SING "Bows, Bows, Beautiful Bows", the first grade girls try to "Cheer up Mr. Santa" in the Christmas play.



# S

aturday  
would be  
good for. . .

Rodney Bell  
Matt Bennett  
Sarah Brown  
Cody Bryson



Joshua Bubeck  
Daniel Cain  
Brian Cannon  
Tona Carter



Clark Choate  
Joshua Cleaver  
Dustin Coday  
Colleen Cook



Jessica Daniel  
Jeffery Decker  
Alexandra Doyle  
Bryan Dugger



Matthew Dunbar  
Jerry Elliott  
Cassandra Franken  
Michael Gittings



Joey Harris  
Kellie Harris  
Joshua Hartzell  
Heather Ingerson



"Go to school and play with puzzles and books and play with playdo." — **Dustin Coday**

"Go to the park and swing, slide, and run a lot." — **Amber Randall**

"Swing and watch a movie." — **Matthew Dunbar**

"Go outside and ride my bike to Grandma's." — **Mike Lebahn**

"Ride my bike in the house around the kitchen while Mom was cooking." — **Sarah Brown**

"Play baseball outside with my brothers and sisters." — **Becky Young**

"Jump up and down on my bed until I hit my head on the ceiling." — **Kellie Harris**

"Go outside and play with my toys and my Cabbage Patch doll." — **Cassandra Franken**

"Stay at home and watch cartoons, every bit of them." — **Tommy Martin**

"Help my mom wash dishes; I think it's fun." — **Tara Jackson**

"Watch cartoons and ride my bike a little." — **Tona Carter**

"Go fishing with my dad. My dad and I like to go where there are big fish." — **Garrett Norell**

"If my mom would let me, I'd feed the cows with my dad, I feed them a lot of times. I like to push the hay off the truck to the cows." — **Chad Keith**

"If it were summer I would go swimming in Springfield. I would take a ball so I could play with my sister." — **Alexandra Doyle**

"Play outside on my swingset and watch Bugs Bunny and Mickey Mouse cartoons." — **Meagan Smith**

"I would play Super Mario Brothers on my Nintendo, where the man jumps over the turtles, but I can hardly get through the first thing." — **Erica Spyres**





Tara Jackson  
Keith Jackson  
Carrie Jarrett  
Chad Keith  
Richard Kelley  
Shawna Kennedy  
Blake Lebahn



Tyler Macky  
Tommy Martin  
Albert Matney  
Garrett Norell  
Brandon Olive  
Amanda Ramsey  
Amber Randall



Adam Rowles  
David Scrivner  
Dannette Sickles  
Meagan Smith  
Nicole Soares  
Erica Spyres  
Joshua Street



Mindie Sullivan  
Kodi Taylor  
Rashelle Thompson  
Mike Turley  
John Williams  
Rebecca Young  
Annette Barton, teacher



Vicky Taylor, teacher  
Not shown:  
Grace Croney  
Ilena Turley  
Christin Zimmerman



▲**CONCENTRATING ON LEARNING** numbers, Brandon Olive finishes his math assignment.

▲**FOLDING, SNIPPING, AND GLUING**, John Williams, Colleen Cook, and Chad Keith make their winter snowflakes.

▲**KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS AND** winter weather combine for lots of snowflakes.







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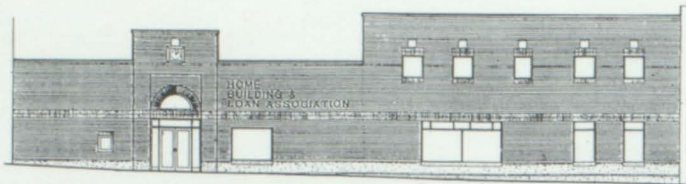
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That boy he did,  
He could be stubborn  
Though we loved that kid.

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But we know he's better off that way.  
No more pain or agony,  
He is up in heaven, you see.

He liked the Cardinals,  
That was his dream,  
To be a ball player  
For the Cardinals team.

So when you hit a home run,  
You say that one's for Brandon,  
That's the one.

By Ashley Miller

Dear Brandon, why did you have to die?  
I sit around all day and all I do is cry.

I remember when you were mad,  
I remember when you cried,  
I remember the day on Halloween  
When we had to say goodbye.

I wish you could come back,  
Oh, I really do.  
I know you miss your Mom and Dad  
And the rest of your family, too.

If I had only one wish,  
That one wish would be  
To have you come back with  
Your family and me.

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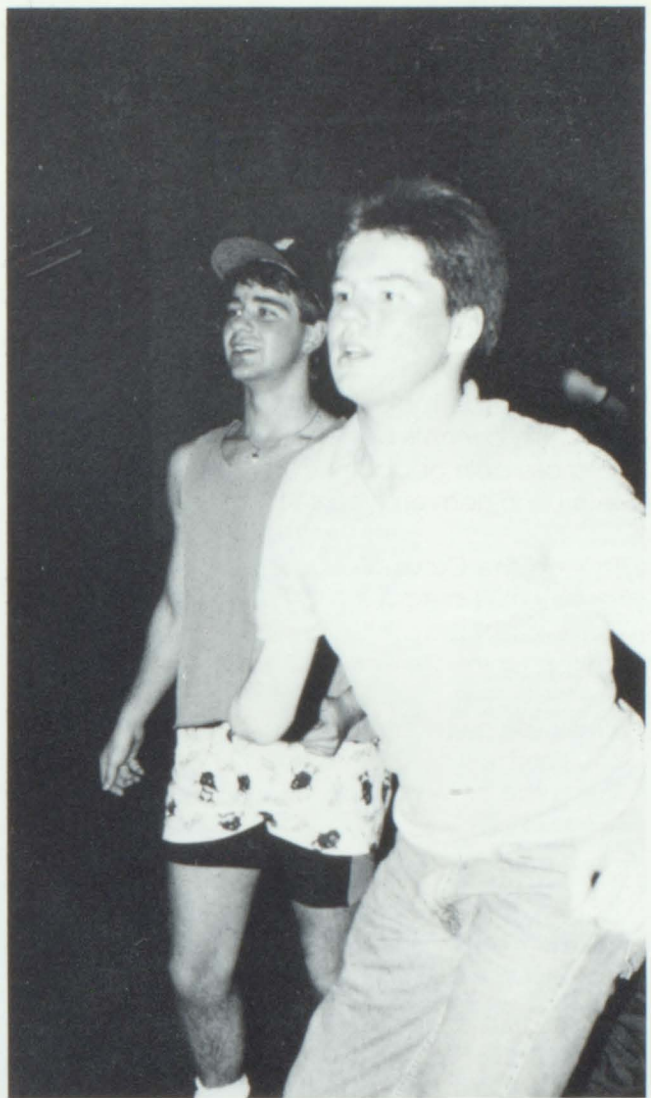
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# Guess YOU HAD TO Be There

▲SUFFERING THROUGH THE inconvenience of a broken arm, Benjie Dennis is labeled "caution, accident prone," after a basketball injury.



Guess you had to be there.

It's not just the ending to a joke no one understands, it's a phrase that sums up the type of year 1989 was at MHS. You really had to be there to experience it.

Sometimes the funny times and sad times can't be fully understood unless you were there yourself. Words can be written and pictures can be taken, but the spirit or mood can't be captured. The 1989 school year was . . . well, you had to be there!

In many ways it was a year of "firsts." Mansfield hosted, and won, its first ever girls basketball tournament, clinching the championship in the final game of the round-robin tournament by tripling the opponents score.

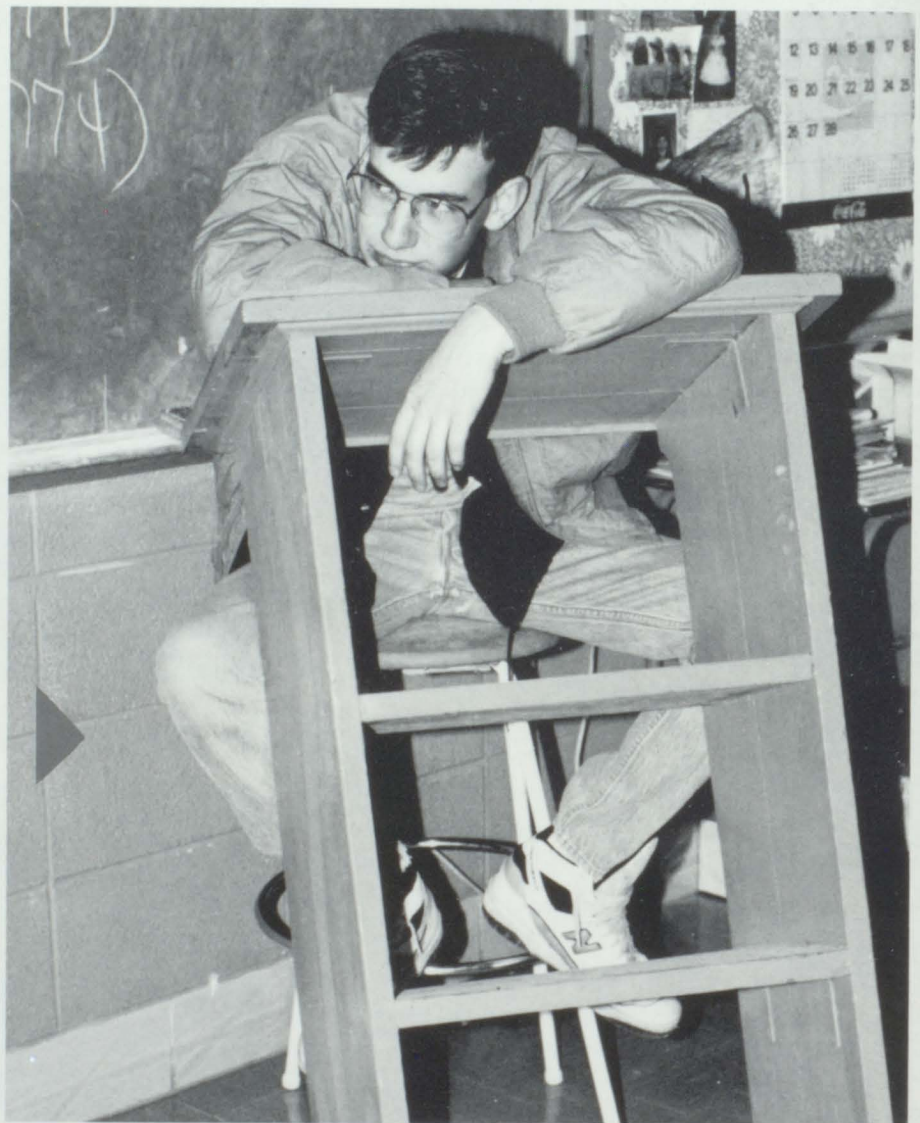
Hablas Espanol? This and other foreign-sounding phrases gave a clue that Spanish I was in full swing in the curriculum for the first time in recent years.

A new program aimed at prevention of substance abuse was started. Education Supports Prevention, ESP for short, took steps toward helping students enjoy a drug-free life. Members organized a White-Out Day, taking one student every 20 minutes, painting their faces with white paint, and asking them not to talk for the rest of the day to symbolize the number of teens killed in alcohol-related accidents in the United States each day.

After a drive to get a Project Graduation started last year failed, 1989's was a success as area businesses donated gift certificates, prizes, and money to support the school's first all-night substance-free party for graduates, sponsored by the Student Council.

Trying to get interest up for girls' athletics, Student Council also hosted a fall sport dance, another first at MHS, after a home volleyball game.

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▲NEWSPAPER DEADLINES JUST met lets editor James Coday rest after last minute pressures.





▲SENIORS RHONDA FUGE and Mary Cantrell display what they think should be an Olympic event-sign stunts.



▲SHARING A CRAZY story is part of the senior year for Annette Weddle, Sherlyn Gallion, Rusty Carter, and DeDee Hall.





▲JUNIORS HEATHER KRIDER and Deidra Barnett uncrate 120 boxes of candy bars their class must sell to finance Prom.

Many of these projects were made possible by the arrival of a new high school principal, who took several innovative steps to strengthen school pride.

But there was more than school to be aware of in 1989.

MHS students and the rest of the nation watched as Republican George Bush and Democrat Michael Dukakis verbally slugged it out during the Presidential debates. Bush, who wanted a "kinder and gentler" America, was elected as the 41st President of the United States, with Dan Quayle as the new Vice President.

The Summer Olympics had many students watching hours of televised coverage while they cheered on their favorite athletes.

Crime and punishment was a big issue in the state. A Highway I-44 drug bust near Springfield caused a sensation as millions of dollars worth of cocaine, marijuana and other drugs was discovered in a vehicle stopped for a routine traffic violation. This scene was repeated many times during the year, leading law enforcement officials to believe I-44 served as a major transportation route for illegal drugs.

Some citizens demonstrated while others cheered as a convicted murderer was put to death in Missouri's electric chair, the first execution in the state in recent years.

Mansfield students spent a "dry" summer as the city swimming pool remained closed due to a huge water leak, which sadly enough, the city couldn't afford to fix. By the end of the school year, it was also apparent a second summer would be spent without a swimming pool.

To boost tourism, an information center was opened in a caboose donated to the city, and new signs were put up proclaiming Mansfield as the home of Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Although Mother Nature was stingy with snow-day vacations, healthy students enjoyed a three-day break from classes because of a flu

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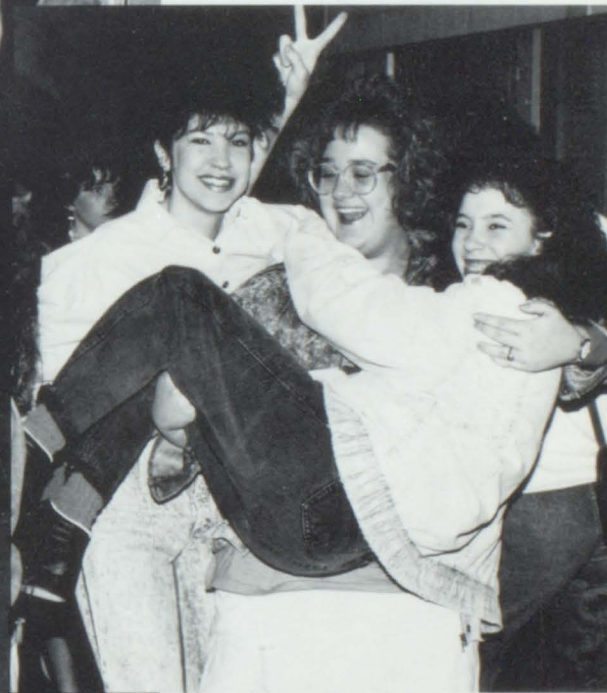






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▲SOPHOMORES PAUL CLARK, Marc Brazeal, LeeAnn Cannon, Angie Miller, and Shelly Detherage wait for the bell to ring at the end of sixth hour.



▲FRIENDS JAYME DECHENNE, Shannon Kirkland, and Lisa Hurst clown around in the hall between afternoon classes.



epidemic, while those hit with the "bug" would probably have preferred classes to their illness.

School pride increased in 1989 as students and patrons alike admired the new flag, score table, and speakers added to the gym.

A blank concrete wall, an eyesore for many years, became another source of Lion's pride as art students adorned it with a mural of the school mascot.

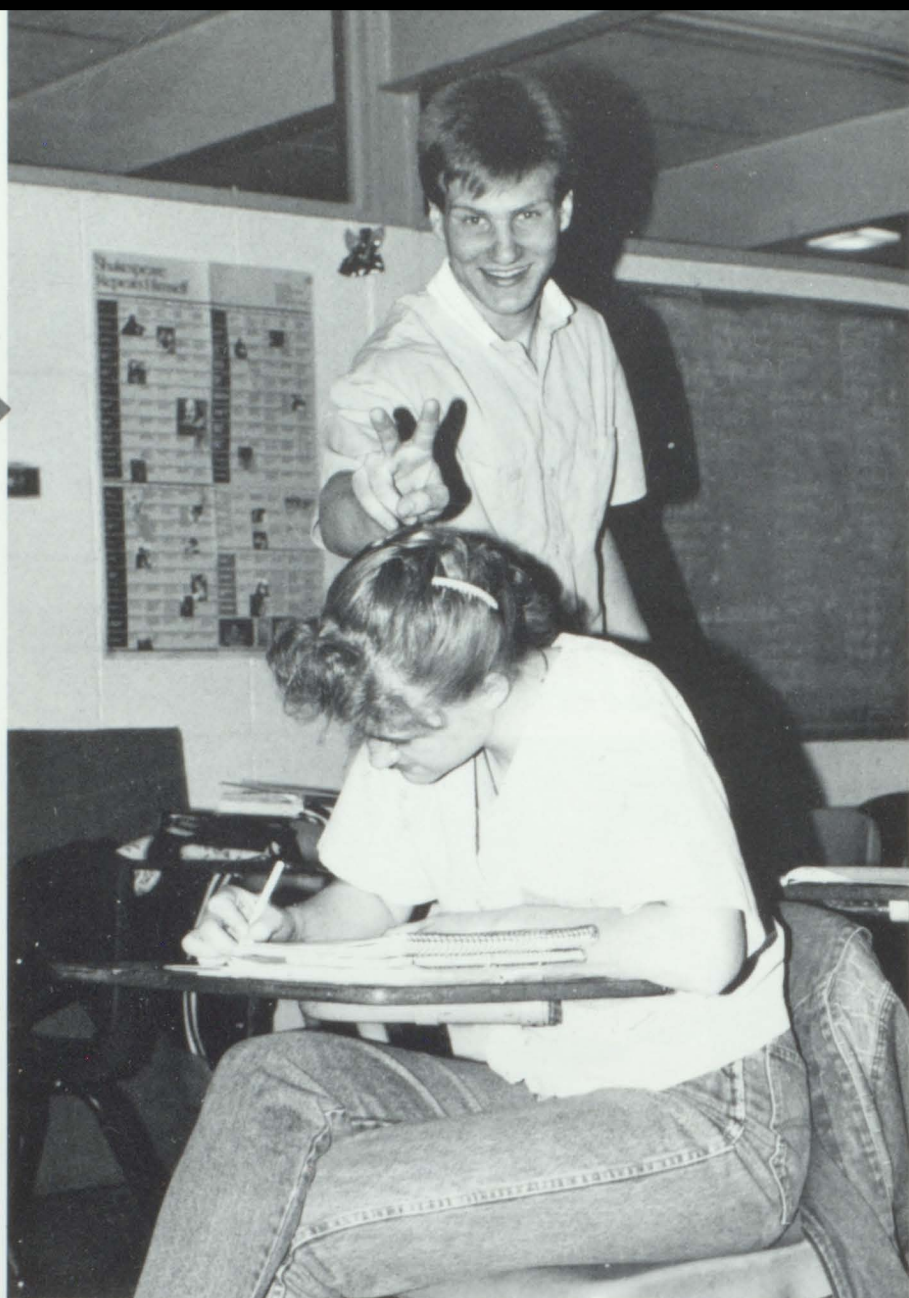
Tragedy stepped into the school scene in the form of death-again. Students, still sensitive to the pain of loss of a favorite teacher and a popular custodian the year before, again felt grief as a fifth grade boy died in a fire at his home, and two junior girls died in a car-train accident.

And although there are year to year differences, some things never change. MHS students took many academic contest honors, the Sweethearts pom pon squad got a standing ovation for their Homecoming performance, and video games, skateboards, and sweatshirts were back in style.

A new basketball rivalry was born as Gainesville replaced Hartville as MHS's biggest rival of the year.

Seniors spent much of their time rushing around to get everything done, looking forward to graduation, yet feeling a little misty-eyed and apprehensive about leaving friends and facing the future.

Nineteen eighty-nine was a year filled with memories. Most of them you can find right here in these pages. Others? Well, guess you just had to be there!



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