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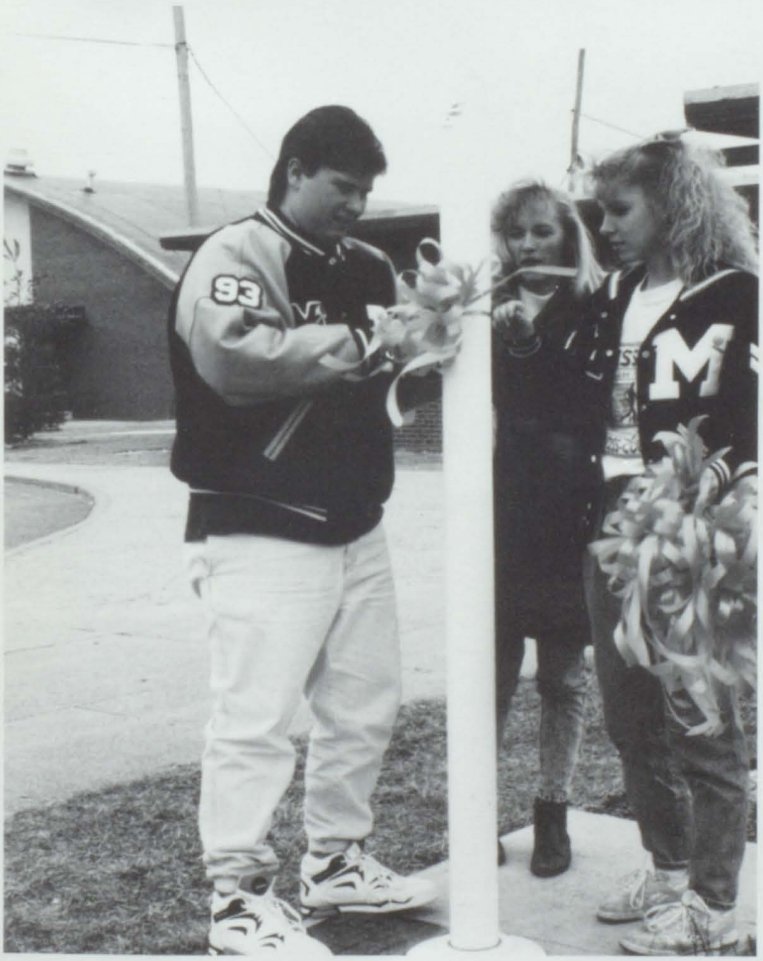

On a windy spring day, Tish Goss, Stacey Wilson, and Brandy Wright get outside for a while during lunch hour, above. Top, several students head back to school after lunch.

Student Council members Jared Jones, Shawn Williams, and Amy Compton tie a bright yellow ribbon on the flagpole. That ribbon and others represented MHS grads who were serving their country in the Persian Gulf.

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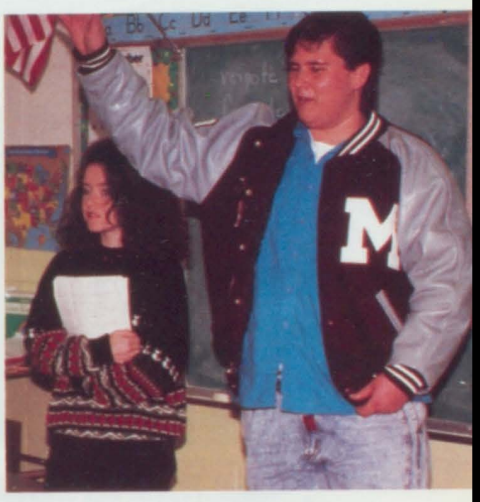

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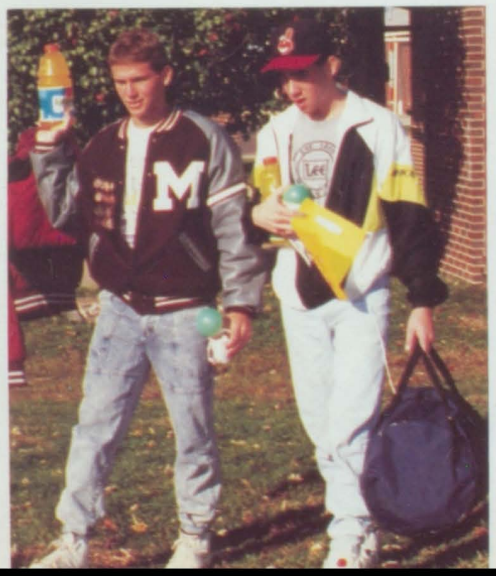

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Gatorade in hand, cross country runners Brad Hanger and Taylor Hamilton head for the state meet.

DESERT STORM

War fought a world away still close to home

As Operation Desert Shield evolved into Desert Storm, patriotism emerged as a daily part of life, not just something remembered on the Fourth of July.

The war to liberate Kuwait from Saddam Hussein and his Iraqi forces wasn't just fought in the Persian Gulf. In dozens of ways ranging from tying yellow ribbons to wearing patriotic T-shirts, MHS students became part of the war effort, at least in spirit.

By displaying yellow ribbons, students believed that in some tangible way they were helping the troops in the Gulf. Student Council sponsored the yellow ribbon project to honor the 15 MHS grads who were serving in the Gulf.

Students also organized an effort to place miniature American flags on the varsity boys' and girls' basketball uniforms.

Caught up in the action of a varsity basketball game, math teacher Randy Short displays his patriotic spirit.

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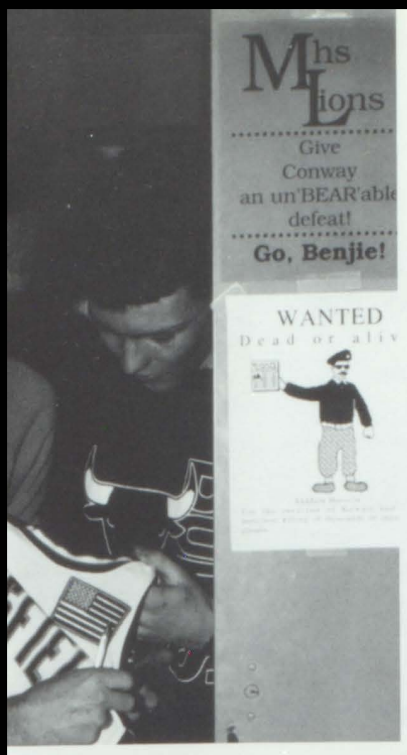

Varsity basketball player Benjie Dennis shows Waylan Johnson and teammate Barry Short the flags sewn on the basketball uniforms by home economics teacher Kathy Barnett.

Patriotism is expressed with an artistic angle by Lisa Henry and Carol Farris.

Waiting for a free throw to be taken, varsity team member James Barnett shows his American pride on the basketball court.

To show support for the Desert Storm troops, Paul Clark and Heather Lansdown tie a tiny American flag to a car antenna.

Tying yellow ribbons around several places on the school campus is the way Student Council members Amy Compton and Shawn Williams use to show student support for the war effort.

BRIGHT LIGHTS

Style signals loud, hot colors from top to bottom

Color was hot in 1991.

Shoes in bright reds, shocking pinks, and neon greens competed for attention with colorful windsuits and red, white and blue patriotic wear.

Once the war was in high gear, it was impossible to walk through the halls without seeing teens wearing T-shirts and sweatshirts decorated with flags and patriotic messages in support of the troops in the Persian Gulf.

Frequent trips to the shoe stores kept many students in the fashion step with Air Flights, Reebok Pumps, or other hot brands. Black shoes were on the wish list, too.

Windsuits were new on the fashion scene for both boys and girls. Brighter was considered better, and the sporty outfits did double duty for fun times and class times.

From Nike Air to red turfs, shoes make the most intense fashion statement of the year.

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Windsuits in big, bright blocks of color are comfortable and stylish favorites for several students to wear for a day of classes, including Jamin Corder, Shelly Detherage, and Brad Hanger.

No style was more popular than patriotic shirts, like those worn by Reggie Roy, Shelby Hesterly, Glen Evans, Stacey Arnall, Serena Dunsmuir, Shawnya Matney and front, Angela Lansdown.

Sunny Watterson, Angie Miller, and Tracy Coffman wear three popular looks - divided skirts, 60's retro, and mini's.

Marc Brazeal is one of several MHS males who sport an earring as part of their daily style.

In bright baggy pants and black shoes, Barry Short, Kris Gray, and James Barnett capture the latest look in teen apparel.

IT'S RALLY TIME

Pep rallies bring wild, crazy times to MHS

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, shaving creme-covered balloons, and boys in cheerleading skirts.

If you were playing Jeopardy, the answer would be "What is a pep rally?"

A special contest at the Homecoming pep rally featured three shapely males (Kevin Hall, Aaron Proffitt and Adam Brooke) who tried to outdo each other in a cheerleading competition and win the title of "Homecoming Queen."

The real queen candidates were treated to a balloon shaving contest which ended up with everyone from cheerleaders to candidates covered in shaving creme.

And at the first rally of the year, pom pon squad members became Ninja Turtles to pep up the crowd.

Showing his sophomore pride, Jon Freeman chants along with the cheerleaders at the first pep rally of the year.

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Careful not to get the shaving creme on herself, cheerleader Angela Lansdown prepares a surprise for the Homecoming pep rally contest.

Cheerleaders Angela Lansdown and Tracy Coffman give Hershey's kisses to the varsity basketball players to pump them up for the Homecoming game.

Homecoming Queen candidate LeeAnn Cannon models the aftermath of a balloon shaving contest held at the Homecoming pep rally and featuring the princesses and queen candidates.

At the first pep rally of the year, pom pon squad members Carrie Gray, Tish Goss, Jennifer Shropshire, and Serena Dunsmuir show their Ninja Turtle power.

Shaking his way through a cheer, Kevin Hall shows off his legs and his cheerleading talents to get votes for "Homecoming Queen" at the Homecoming pep rally.

Student Council members Barry Short, Christi Evans, and Jared Jones decorate a Christmas tree to place in the high school lobby.

Homecoming Queen candidates Tiffany Watterson and LeeAnn Cannon carefully shave balloons covered with shaving creme at the Homecoming pep rally.

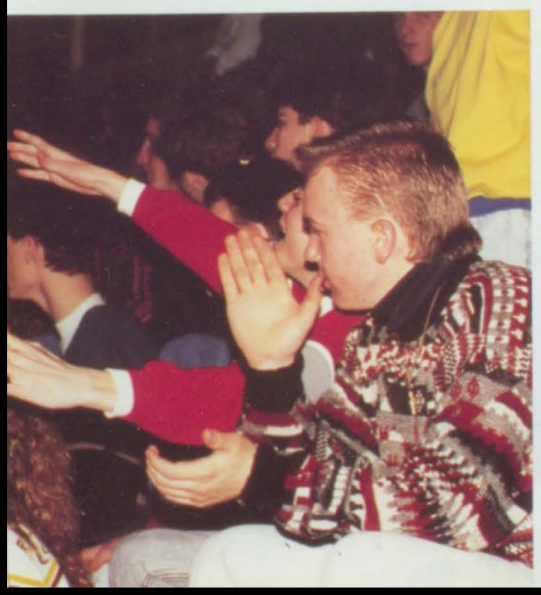
Shakin' it up

STUDENT LIFE

Never content with the same old thing, MHS students made sure that the school year included plenty of good times, even if they had to shake things up to do it. From dances to ballgames, it was a year full of memories.

Escorted by Taylor Hamilton, Aaron Proffitt awaits results of a pep rally queen contest.

Angie Miller, Amy Compton and Julie Jurewicz strut their stuff on the dance floor at Barnwarming.



Jon Freeman and Kendall Keith show some spirit at a home basketball game.

Country edges out rock at annual dance

Combining a dynamic rock beat and the swaying sounds of country gave Barnwarming just the right edge for a night of dancing and fun.

With country music becoming more popular, that style of music was asked for more than in recent years.

"I'm glad they played more country this year," junior Aaron Proffitt said. "I believe there is a higher population here that really likes the country music."

Tish Goss, a junior, enjoyed the way the music fit a variety of tastes.

"The music had a wide variety to it," she said. "I think it met everyone's needs. If you couldn't find a song you wanted to dance to, you were awfully picky."

Learning to two-step was a big event for some dancers.

"Barnwarming was great, and I loved two-stepping," sophomore Amy Compton said. "I have always wanted to learn how, and I finally got the chance to."

Junior Shelby Hesterly said that the dance was fun, but that more participation would have been nice.

"Not a lot of people danced at first, but it finally picked up after a while," she said.

Jared Jones, a sophomore, had the same idea.

"The dance was good, but a lot of people don't seem to understand the meaning of the word 'dance' and think it's a sin," he said.

The highlight of the event, which was sponsored by FHA and FFA, was the crowning of Barnwarming royalty.

Seniors LeeAnn Cannon and Kevin Hall were chosen king and queen by the penny-a-vote method.

"The music had a wide variety to it ... if you couldn't find a song you wanted to dance to, you were awfully picky."

Barnwarming royalty is front, Queen LeeAnn and King Kevin Hall, back, sophomore candidates Carrie Gray and Brad Hanger, juniors Missy Carter and Frank Jones, freshmen Sunny Watterson and Adam Brooke.

Amy Compton and Taylor Hamilton are lost in their own world as they dance at Barnwarming.

Jamming to a strong beat, Billy Stofer, James Barnett, and Kris Gray kick up their heels a little during a fast rock song.

Stopping dancing a while to catch their breath, Clint Berry and Jeremy Jones take a Mtn. Dew break.

Randall Roy and Missy Melton load up on food during a break from dancing at Barnwarming.

Two-stepping carefully, Bobbi Beck and Jared Jones learn the popular country dance during Barnwarming.

Forget the guys; Shelby Hesterly, Brandy Wright and Tish Goss can dance to a rock beat with plenty of style.

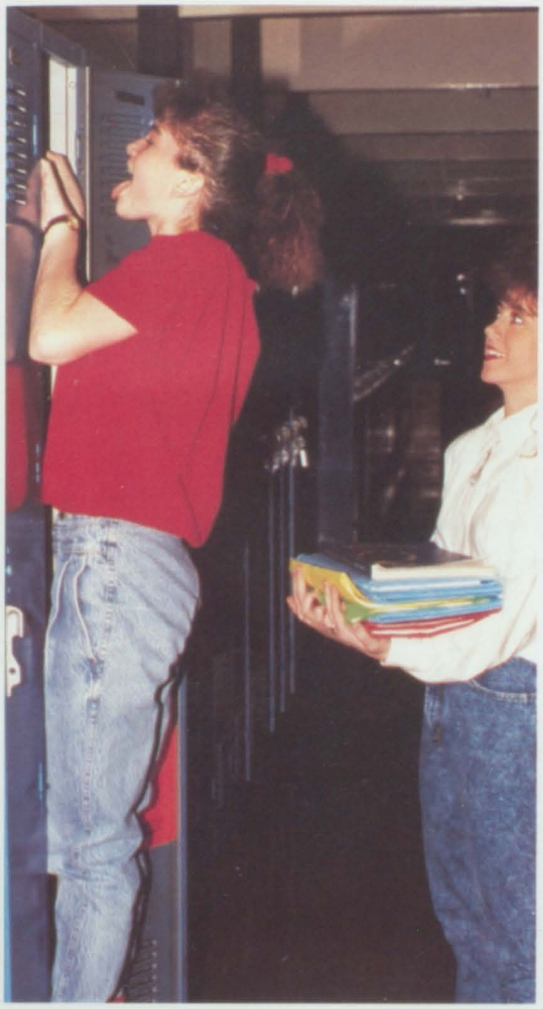
Typing forgotten for a while, Vickie Franks is glad to have the days assignment finished.

Seventy degree temperatures on a February day get Mike Young and Brandy Potts in the mood for a little silliness.

Before boarding the bus for their trip to Jefferson City and the state cross country meet, team members show their less than serious side. Middle, Scott Hall, and clockwise from left, Aaron Proffitt, Kevin Hall, Brad Hanger, Taylor Hamilton, Matt Brown, Becky Bryson, Jamin Corder, and Evan Kinser.

A laugh a day keeps the blues away

Finding out that she's a bit too short to see what is in the top of her locker, Missy Carter climbs in for a better look, while Tracy Coffman holds her books for her.



The term full-figured took on new meaning during Spirit Week.

Girls' basketball coach Freddie Doherty livened up Spirit Week by giving the Lion mascot some shapely female attributes.

The new shape was not on Doherty's mind when he originally decided to put on the costume.

"One reason I made it shapely was because I needed something to hold the head up," Doherty said. " But the main reason was so that no one would recognize me."

Junior Barry Short saw the lion in a different way.

"I thought the lion looked sexy," Short said. "Then I found out it was Coach Doherty and I thought he definitely looked sleazy."

Doherty walked through the halls at least three different times just to shake things up a little. Students ran to the door when he walked by their classrooms.

"I kept wondering who it was," freshman Randall Roy said. "It was fun trying to figure out who was in the costume. When I found it was Coach Doherty, I could hardly believe it. It didn't sound like anything he'd do."

Although Doherty fooled almost everyone, there were the few who knew that it was him by looking at the little details.

"I thought the lion looked sexy. Then I found out it was Coach Doherty and I thought he definitely looked sleazy."

"Coach couldn't keep his secret very well," sophomore Amy Compton said. "I could tell it was him just by looking at his shoes."

A little bit of fun may be all that is needed to make life a bit more enjoyable. Laughter often really is the best medicine.

"I wish things like that would happen more often," Short said. "We need to liven up the school a little more."

All dolled up as a shapely lion, girls' basketball coach Freddie Doherty gives home economics teacher Kathy Barnett, right, and her class a good laughter break during Spirit Week.

Homecoming delayed a month by ice storm

When Old Man Winter dropped into the Ozarks, dumping several inches of ice, he disrupted more than just classes.

The sleet and ice caused traveling difficulties, and the cancellation of the original January 5 Homecoming date.

The extra month of waiting was hard for queen candidate LeeAnn Cannon, but it was soon forgotten after she was crowned Homecoming Queen.

"It's hard when you have to wait those couple of weeks for the outcome, but it's even harder waiting an extra month," Cannon said.

All three queen candidates had to play the waiting game.

"Having to wait the extra time didn't bother me because I'm not a nervous person," candidate Tiffany Watterson said. "But it did hit me late that afternoon."

"A Night To Remember" was the theme for the ceremony, and the stage was decorated in blue and silver balloons.

Cannon was escorted by Marc Brazeal, and crowned by 1990 Queen Deana Kelley, whose escort was Benjie Dennis.

The queen was chosen by a secret ballot vote of the high school student body after three candidates had been selected by the Senior Class.

Watterson was escorted by Matt Moody, and the other senior attendant, Shelly Detherage, was escorted by Kris Gray.

Princesses and their escorts were freshman Sunny Watterson, Don Hanger; sophomore Shawnya Matney, Barry Short; junior Chanda Davis, James Barnett.

In a game that went right to the wire, the varsity Lions defeated Houston 64-58, collecting their fifteenth win of the season.

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Senior candidate Shelly Detherage is escorted to center court by Kris Gray, and below middle, after being announced as queen, LeeAnn Cannon gets a hug from escort Marc Brazeal.

Homecoming court includes senior attendant Shelly Detherage, sophomore princess Shawnya Matney, crown bearer Joey Harris, junior princess Chanda Davis, Queen LeeAnn Cannon, freshman princess Sunny Watterson, flower girl Nicole Soares, and senior attendant Tiffany Watterson.

LeeAnn Cannon reigns as Homecoming Queen.

Varsity team members get fired up after introductions are made for the game with Houston.

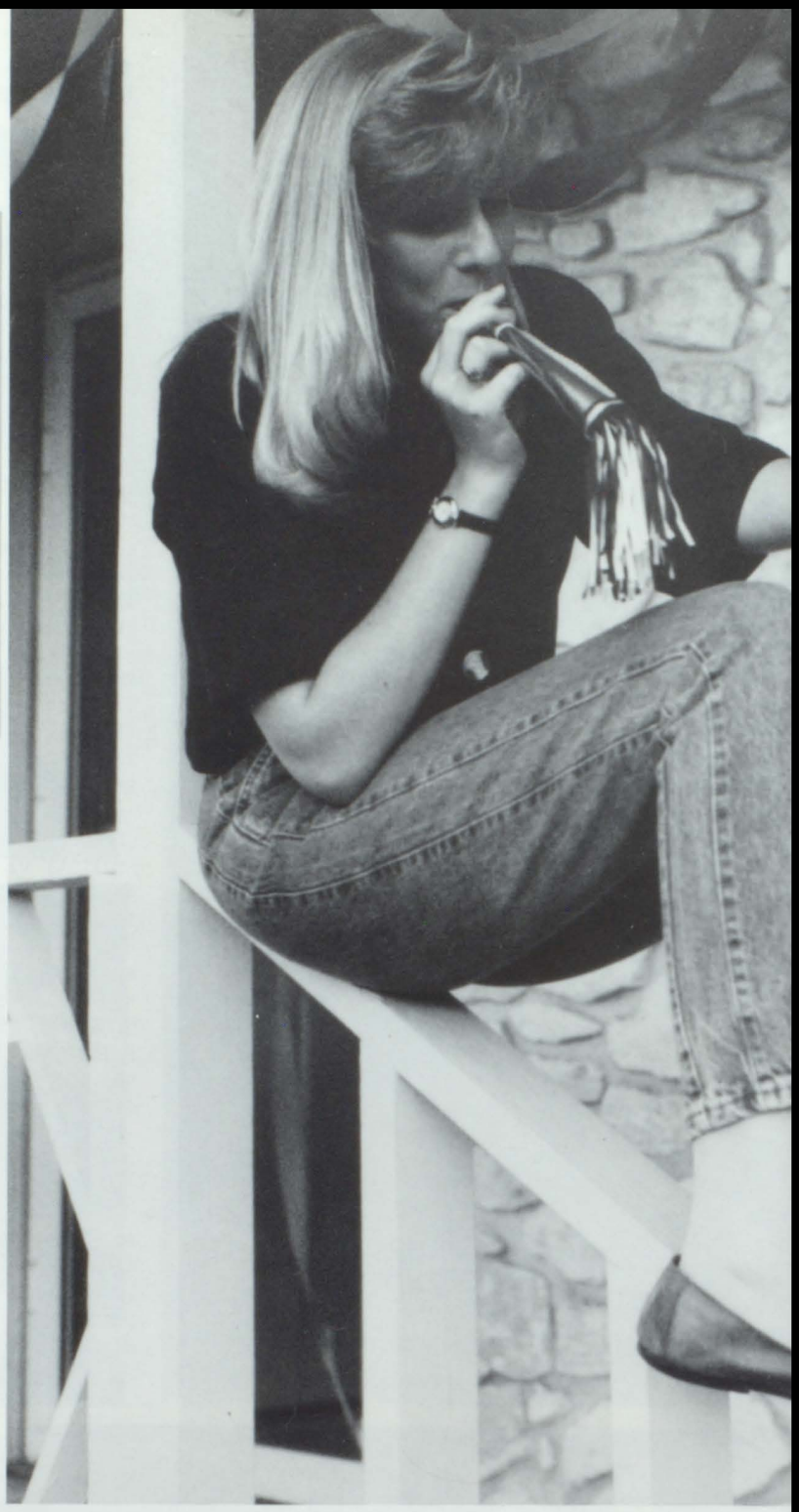
Breathless is the name of the routine, and pom pon squad members perform it with enthusiasm. Shown are Serena Dunsmuir, Jennifer Shropshire, Tish Goss, and Stacey Arnall.

During warm-ups by the varsity basketball team, cheerleaders lead the crowd and try to get the team fired up for the game with Houston.

Birthday parties mean noisemakers for Shelby Hesterly, who finds a high perch to catch all the action going on.

A game of "driveway basketball" entertains Ryan Miller, Jeremy Jones, and Adam Brooke.

Taking careful aim, Clint Berry lines up a pool shot at the D and M game room.



Barry Short shows how much fun it is to stay cool at the pool, after it reopened in August, 1990 following a two-year shut-down.

Game room provides spot for teens to be teens

What's there to do when you're home alone, faced with nothing to do but listen to your parents? For some MHS students, this dilemma is easily solved.

The game room, also known as the pool hall, has been discovered. In a small town without much activity, it's a place to be yourself, goof off, and hang out with your friends - all while having fun.

"Heading for the pool hall is a great way to get out of the house and still have fun," junior Floyd Hutson said.

For some students playing pool is the main attraction, almost.

"It is a great way to spend quality time with my friends while being out of the house," sophomore Kevin Jones said. "And while I'm with my friends I can play pool and goof off."

The game room attracts boys as well as girls.

"I think playing pool with the guys is fun because when I win, which isn't very often, it makes me feel good," sophomore Tawna Watterson said.

Not all girls go to the game room just to play pool.

"Sometimes Jill (Clouse) and I go up to the game room just to goof around and have fun with our friends," sophomore Becky Bryson said.

Sometimes the search for a great shot is what draws teens.

"I like the ability to play pool because of that special thrill of making an almost impossible shot," sophomore Taylor Hamilton said.

Then there's always that competitive spirit.

"I like the satisfactory feeling when I beat people," freshman Jesse Evans said. "Pool is like any other sport, it's very competitive. Besides, it teaches you self control and strategy."

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Watching a home baseball game from a tailgate kills a little afternoon time for Dwain Swopes, Kristin Calhoun, and Taylor Hamilton.

Sophia GreyOwl takes time out from horseback riding to show special pride in the latest addition to her stable.

Darts and Saddam big hit at carnival

Getting the chance to "launch a Scud" at Saddam was one of the hottest new games at the CTA Carnival.

Even though the Persian Gulf War was over by the time the annual carnival was held in March, hatred of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was still in full force.

Launch a Scud was sponsored by National Honor Society. Sponsor Janet Bryan drew several portraits of Saddam Hussein, and game players were supplied with red, white, and blue darts to make their attack with.

"We had a non-stop line at the booth," Bryan said. "We made lots of money for the seniors and had fun doing it."

Students, and lots of adults, jumped at the chance to throw darts at the picture of Saddam.

"I liked throwing darts at Saddam, especially when I hit him between the eyes," sophomore Kendall Keith said. "It was a way to show my support."

The war also provided the pom pon girls with the idea for their booth, Tie A Yellow Ribbon. Here people could sign their names on yellow ribbons and tie them to a tree.

"Our booth was designed to show we supported the troops when they were over in Saudi Arabia, and that we still support the ones over there," junior Serena Dunsmuir said.

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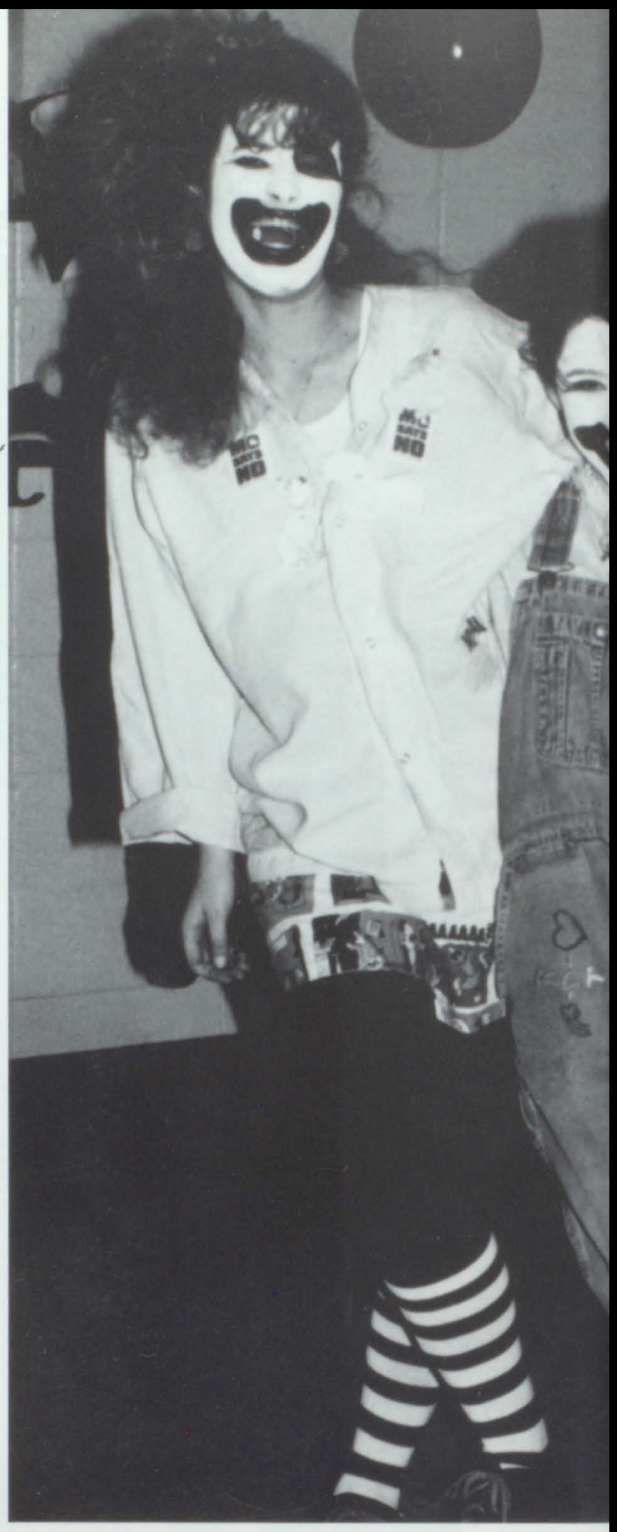
Many of the carnival games and booths were traditional ones, like the cheerleaders face-painting booth.

"The lines went on for miles," freshman Bobbi Beck said. "I was afraid I was going to have nightmares of clowns and paws. We never got breaks and it seemed like everyone wanted their faces painted."



Carnival royalty is front, sixth graders Steven Welch and Lauren Miller, second graders Matthew Dunbar and Danette Sickels; back, freshmen Randall Roy and Shawn Williams, eighth graders Joe Garrison and Tara Moody.

Clowning around at the carnival suits ESP members Jenna Murray and Patricia Millsap.

Don Hanger takes a turn working to remove darts from a drawing of Saddam Hussein at the National Honor Society "Launch a Scud" booth.

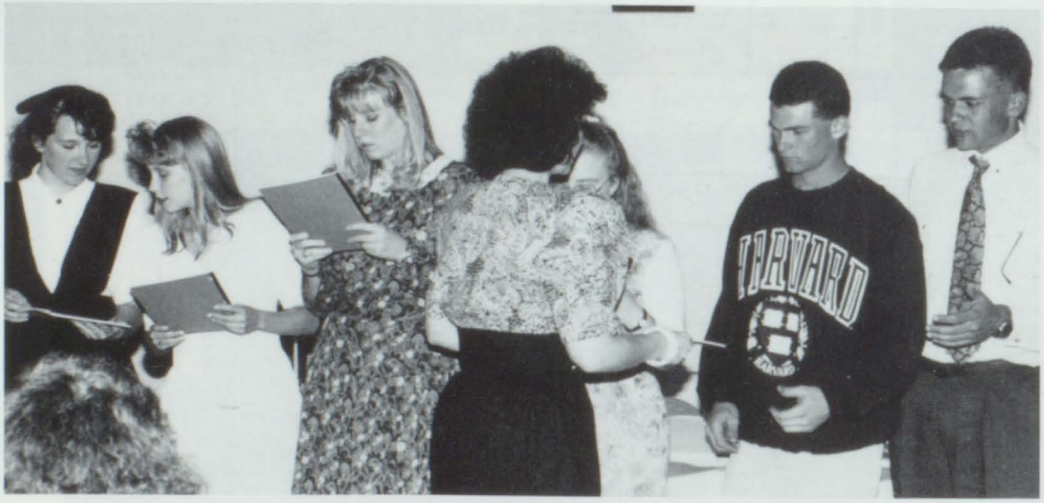
Waiting for the first number to be called, Becky Bryson and Brandy Wright play a game of bingo at the carnival.

Benjie Dennis targets a softball toward a milk can in hopes of winning a prize at the FFA game booth.

Big, bright hearts is what Sumer Welch gets painted on her face by Stephanie Copeland at the cheerleading booth.

After taking teasing from Coach Randy Short about nicknames, Evan Kinser presents him with a gift, a "hillbilly briefcase," at the athletic banquet. Athletic director Jerry Armstrong is at center.

During installation of NHS officers at the academic banquet, James Barnett has a little trouble with a candle. Others shown are Shelly Detherage, Shelby Hesterly, Waylan Johnson, Jennifer Greene, Angie Miller, and Tish Goss.



Reporter notebooks to be presented to new staff members are handed out to current staff (Stacey Wilson, Tish Goss, Shelby Hesterly, Brandy Wright, Don Hanger, James Barnett) by journalism adviser Debbie Von Behren at the academic banquet.

Girls' basketball coach Freddie Doherty keeps the audience laughing with some improbable stories at the athletic banquet.

Awaiting basketball awards are Christi Evans, Tiffany Watterson, Tracy Coffman, Sunny Watterson, Amy Compton, and Shelly Detherage.

Scholars and athletes honored at banquets

Awards of every kind were presented at two banquets in the spring - academics and athletic.

Both banquets drew a large number of parents, students, and teachers, both were held in the multi-purpose room, and both began with buffet meals. But the similarities ended there.

At the academic banquet, National Honor Society installation of officers was held, and new members were announced.

Twelve new members for the newspaper and yearbook staff, chosen after tryouts, were also announced, a new addition to the evening.

"There was a lot of competition for the 12 open spots on the staff," publications adviser Debbie Von Behren said. "We decided to add a little suspense and announce the ones selected at the banquet, to give them some recognition."

Awards were given out for every academic subject area, and several special awards were presented.

At the athletic banquet, girls' basketball coach Freddie Doherty stole the show during his talk about his team members.

Each girl was introduced with a funny story, and each story was more improbable than the one before.

Doherty had the audience rolling in the aisles, as the old cliche goes, especially during the story about sophomore Stacey Arnall and senior Kris Gray, who had just broken up a short time before the banquet.

"It seemed like the joke he was telling about us was going to go on for hours. I'll never forget...how hard everyone laughed."

"It seemed like the joke he was telling about us was going to go on for hours," Arnall said. "I'll never forget standing in front of all those people, and how hard everyone laughed."

At the athletic banquet, Stacey Arnall reacts to the crowd-pleasing "story" girls' basketball coach Freddie Doherty is telling about her and a former boyfriend.

Janet Bryan hands out academic letters to sophomores Becky Bryson, Matt Brown, Amy Compton, Stacey Arnall, James Axsom, Carrie Gray, and Scott Hall.

King Tut overwhelms 'junior' decorators

Had King Tut not already been dead, members of the Junior Class would probably have helped sponsor his demise.

Prom decorations for an Egyptian theme, including a 14-foot tall gold, black, and turquoise "mask of King Tut," turned out to be much more difficult to assemble than first bargained for.

"I didn't think the stuff looked that hard when we first opened the packages," Barry Short said, "but I realized I was wrong after we started working."

Creating the 14-foot tall King Tut mask turned out to be harder than anyone expected.

"King Tut was so difficult," Missy Carter said. "He was so big and there were so many layers to put on his face."

King Tut definitely did not arrive "together." He came as sheets of paper and big pieces of stiff cardboard.

"Cutting out King Tut was difficult," Short said. "It was hard to cut on the lines, especially just using a razor blade."

Then getting the mask upright was a challenge.

"King Tut was so tall," James Barnett said. "It's hard to put up a 14-foot tall mask when you are only 6 foot tall."

Frustrations were shown in the last crucial hours of decorating.

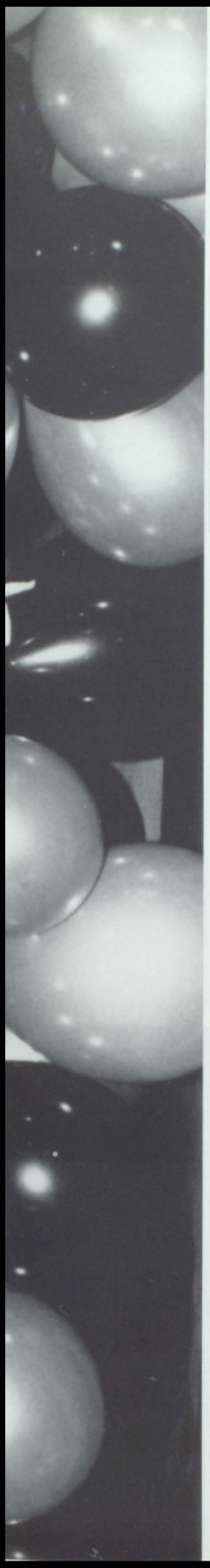
"I didn't think the stuff looked that hard when we first opened the packages, but I realized I was wrong after we started working."

"The hardest part of the whole thing was getting along with everybody," junior Anjeannette Kjar said. "Everyone began to get grouchy toward the end."

Knowing Prom was just hours away made decorating enjoyable.

"When we were putting it together it was hard to imagine what it would look like," Carter said. "Then towards the end it was fun seeing it all come together."

While James Barnett cuts a camel leg out of cardboard, Tish Goss reaches for a razor blade from Barry Short to help out.



Wrapping wires full of gold and black balloons around an arch is a last-minute decorating job done at University Plaza Hotel by Anjeanette Kjar.

While Kathy Barnett and others steady the bottom, Benjie Dennis holds the top of King Tut so it can be fastened to a 14-foot tall stand.

Brandy Wright adjusts a gold palm leaf on one of the Prom centerpieces.

Heather Lansdown and Jennifer Greene put the finishing touches on a gold and turqoise peacock, destined to be part of Prom decorations.

Lending a helping hand, Don Hanger steadies things while Bill Douglas drills a hole in what will become a gold palm tree.

Jewel of the Nile costly Prom adventure

It's traditional. The Junior-Senior Prom leaves lots of people with empty wallets.

The theme was Jewel of the Nile, and by the time juniors and seniors were through buying dresses, renting tuxedos, and paying for photographs, many of them felt they could have bought a real jewel for the money they shelled out for Prom.

Tuxedos ranged from $40 to $85, and dresses could be anywhere from double digits to $250. Some didn't think it was worth it.

"I spent $185 on a dress, the music at Prom was terrible, and nobody danced," senior Julie Jurewicz. "If I had known it wasn't going to be fun I wouldn't even have bothered taking a date."

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Like Jurewicz, Marc Brazeal wasn't impressed much with Prom either.

"The music stunk and there wasn't anything fun to do at all," he said. "I spent over $100 and it wasn't really worth it."

Junior sponsor Debbie Von Behren finds it increasingly hard to satisy Prom-goers.

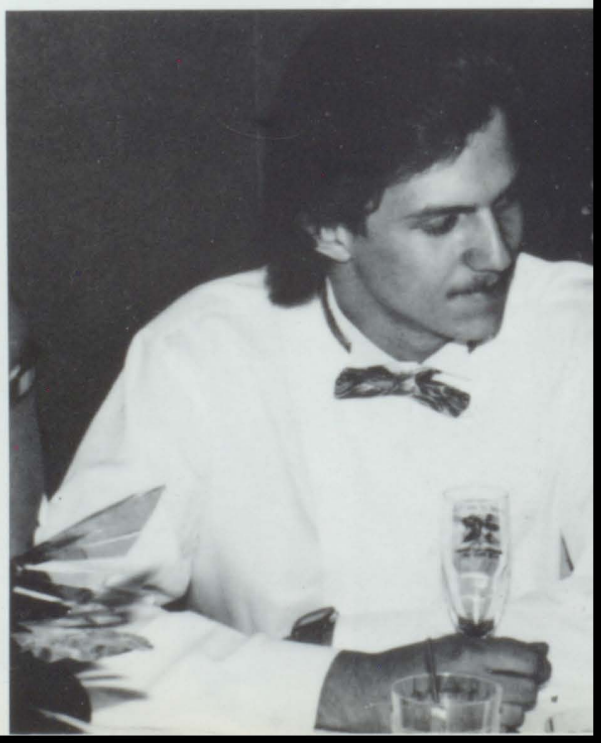
"It gets to the point where you don't know what the kids expect," she said. "Prom is simply a dinner and a dance to celebrate the end of high school for the seniors."

Von Behren said pleasing everyone is impossible.

"The food was great, the juniors had worked hard on the most striking decorations we've had, we gave everyone a souvenir glass, and Prom was at University Plaza in Springfield, top of the line in this area," she said.

"Yet when the music isn't exactly what some think it should be, they label Prom 'terrible'," she said. "It makes you wonder what it would take to please them."

Friends gather for a group picture at Prom. Front, Clint Thompson, Chuck Hickle, Paul Clark, Mike Young, Clay Thompson, Aaron Proffitt; back, Frank Jones, Ben Choate, Mike Bogart, Scott Cantrell, Mike Pearson, and Bryan Cannon.



The music gets to Waylan Johnson and Shelly Detherage, who hop on a table top for a brief dance at Prom.

Tommy Dugger shares a slow dance with his date, left, and Serena Dunsmuir and Benjie Dennis flash some fast moves on the dance floor, below.

Prom King and Queen are Marc Brazeal and Tiffany Watterson, above, and middle, baseball caps accessorize the tuxs of Steve Garrison, Frank Jones, and Brian Williams.

Tiffany Watterson, Aaron Gray, Christi Evans, and Barry Short discuss how to have their pictures made together.

All smiles, Heather Lansdown, seated with date Clay Thompson, laughs with people at her table.

Seniors pick bus ride as tops of class trip

A three-day trip crampacked with places to visit and see is what senior trip was, and more.

From dining in a dinner theater to a crazed shopping spree for relatives and friends at home, there was always something lively going on during the trip to St. Louis.

Although the group visited many interesting places, most seniors agreed the bus ride home - believe it or not - provided the most fun.

"I enjoyed the bus ride back home because everyone relaxed and bonded like a big family," Angie Miller said. "I think we all realized our senior year was coming to a close and we wanted to enjoy it until the end."

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A fun ride home it might have been, but some sleep-deprived seniors used this time to nap.

"I enjoyed the bus ride home because I finally got a chance to catch some Z's," Kristy Burnett said.

Vickie Franks barely slept at all in St. Louis.

"The bus ride home was great because I got to sleep," she said. "I had only gotten three hours of sleep since we left Mansfield Thursday morning."

The bus ride home let Marc Brazeal be as crazy as he wanted to be.

"The best part of senior trip was when we got back on Saturday night and cruised town in the bus," Brazeal said. "We were screaming and yelling out the windows, having the time of our lives."

Thoughts of jumping into the real world caused Benjie Dennis to enjoy the senior trip.

"I enjoyed pretty much all of the senior trip," he said. "I think everyone realized this was our final chance to be as silly and crazy as we wanted to be, and we totally took advantage of it."

Shalawn Emerick, Troy Hughes, Missy Melton, Kristy Burnett, and Carla Swopes rest a minute before the next senior trip activity.

With eyes that say it's time to go home and get some sleep, Julie Jurewicz gathers up her luggage for the bus trip home from St. Louis.

Marc Brazeal, front, and Neal Cross, back, get ready to combine swimming and photography on the senior trip.

A clerk in Claire's Boutique in a St. Louis mall pierces Benjie Dennis' ear so he can wear a small earring.

Glen Evans takes time during the senior trip visit to Grant's Farm in St. Louis to check out a friendly horse.

Using their best table manners, Christi Evans, Marc Brazeal, and Waylan Johnson dine in style at Agatha's, a St. Louis restaurant, above. Middle, all the seniors on the trip gather for a group photo before they eat at Agatha's.

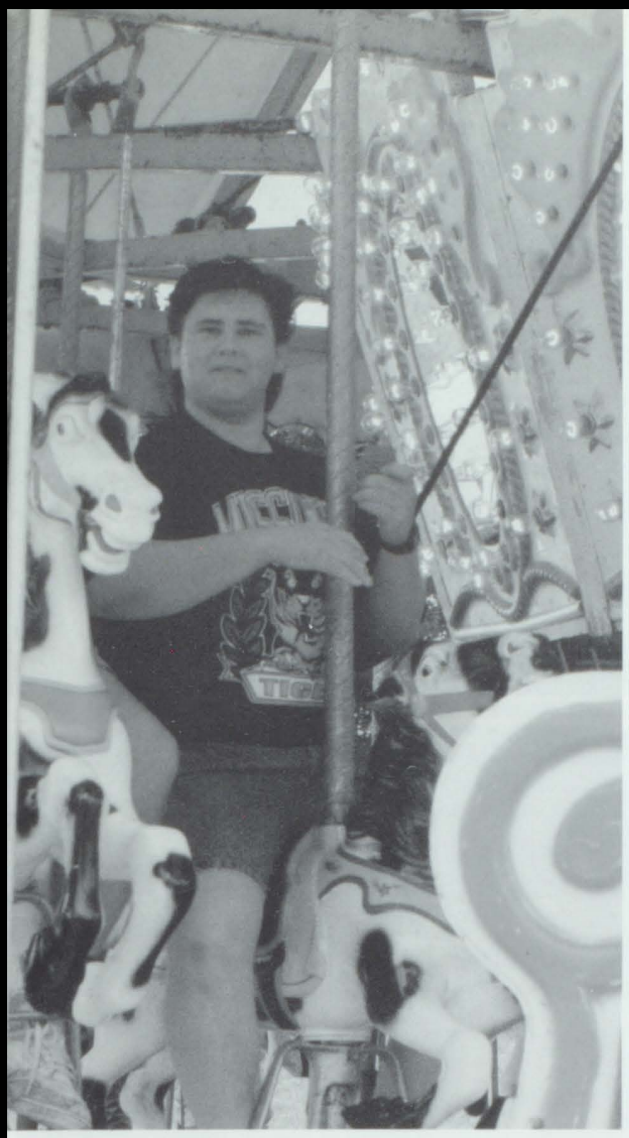
Scott Smith, Brad Hanger, and Jared Jones prove that the Butter Day carnival's carousel isn't just for little kids.

Kissing the pig is the price Angela Kingery, not Kris Gray, left, must pay on Butter Day as part of a Wright County cancer society fund raiser.

Bass drum player Matt Brown keeps the beat as the band performs in front of the square during the Butter Day parade.

Kevin Jones, Kim Jones, and Chris Farris cool off on the Tempest at the Butter Day carnival.

Arm in arm, Terry Robinson and Shawyna Matney watch the Butter Day parade.



Traditional festival brings games, rides

Twirling around and going upside down at a ferocious speed may sound sickening to some people, but it all spells out fun to those who attended the festivities at Butter Day.

The carnival was in town May 15-18 for Butter Day, Mansfield's annual spring celebration of agriculture in the Ozarks.

For freshman Stephanie Copeland, Butter Day was a little more special this year.

"I had more fun than usual this year at Butter Day," she said. "A friend of mine from Tennessee that I hadn't seen in a long time came down, and we had fun watching everything."

Butter Day had improved from last year for sophomore Angela Lansdown.

"I liked Butter Day more," she said. "They had better games than they have had for a while."

Entertainment on the square was good for those who were not into riding the rides.

"Some of the singing was really good," freshman Steve Wilson said. "Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves."

But not everyone joined right in on the activities; just observing suited sophomore Jenna Murray.

"It was the first year I had ever gone to Butter Day. Everything about it was new and exciting."

"I mostly just walked around," she said. "But it was fun to just look at everything."

For someone who is new to the town and not familiar with all that goes on during Butter Day, the event is an interesting mix of parades, games, rides, and music.

"It was the first year I had ever gone to Butter Day," sophomore Christi Jones said. "Everything about it was new and exciting."

Holding the stuffed cow won at one of the carnival games, Jennifer Shropshire laughs with Brad Hanger and Jared Jones while Don Hanger tries to win a few more prizes on Butter Day.

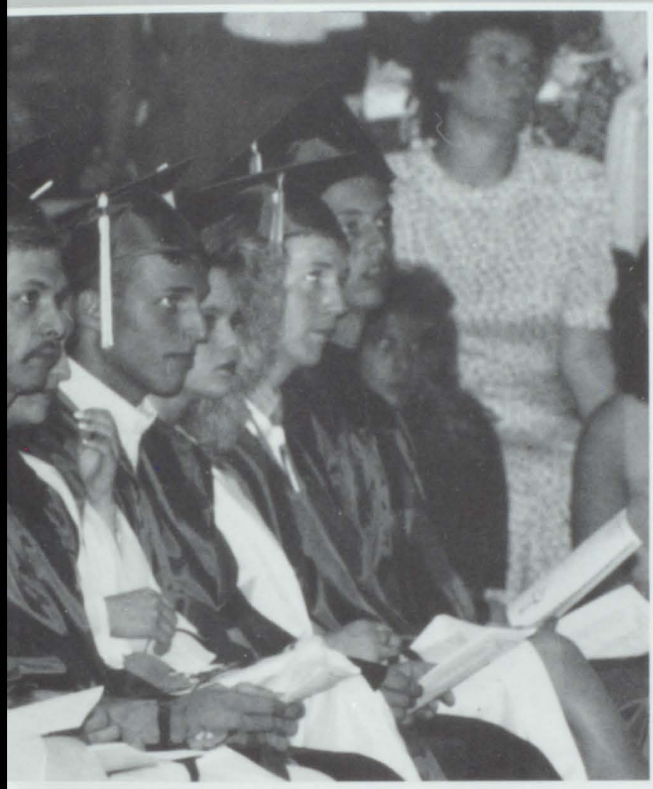
Mike Young watches while the senior chorus performs a song. Behind him are Mike Helsley and Chuck Hickle.

Graduates listen to remarks made about their years in high school by Valedictorian Angie Miller.

The Class of 1991 awaits the start of the graduation ceremonies.

Salutatorian Tiffany Watterson is escorted to commencement ceremonies by Waylan Johnson.

Valedictorian Angie Miller is escorted to graduation by Matt Moody.



Ceremonies sad, but represent new stage

When all the ceremony was over, they knew their lives had just begun.

"Overall I feel our graduation went well," Valedictorian Angie Miller said. "It was sad, but now we're moving on to bigger and more enjoyable experiences."

Graduation ceremonies for the 50 students in the Class of 1991 were divided between Baccalaureate services May 19 and Commencement on May 20.

Rev. Larry Proffitt of the First Baptist Church delivered the message during Baccalaureate. Other ministers who took part were Revs. Harold Dennis, Roy Clouse, and Charles Ballengee.

Missy Melton and Melissa Farris sang "Forever Young", Kris Gray sang "Friends", and Miller and Matt Moody sang "America, In God We Trust." Christi Evans was pianist.

Commencement began with the invocation prayer by Gray, and Evans provided the welcome. Miller and Salutatorian Tiffany Watterson both spoke.

Other honor graduates were Marc Brazeal, Kristy Burnett, LeeAnn Cannon, Benjie Dennis, Shelly Detherage, Evans, Vickie Franks, Waylan Johnson, Rachelle Lansdown, Robby Maxwell, Brent Napier, and Caree Simmons.

Recognition of scholarships was conducted by Principal Frank Rowles.

"Overall I feel our graduation went well. It was sad, but now we're moving on to bigger and more enjoyable experiences."

The song "The Gospel According to Luke" was performed by Gray, Miller, Johnson, and Moody. The senior chorus performed "With a Little Help from Our Friends."

The presentation of diplomas was by Superintendent Robert Perry. Burnett closed the ceremony with the benediction.

Class officers were president Evans, vice president Johnson, secretary Jill Clouse, and treasurer Glen Evans.

Seniors sing "With a Little Help from My Friends", left, and above, Kris Gray, Angie Miller, Waylan Johnson, and Matt Moody perform "The Gospel According to St. Luke."

Eighth grade graduates listen to the welcome speech by Tara Moody.

A photo to remember the evening by gathers up Tara Moody, John GreyOwl, Stephanie Calhoun, Torrie Collins, Jerry Garrison, Erin Calhoun, and Joe Garrison before eighth grade graduation starts.

Irisha Perry is escorted to eighth grade graduation ceremonies by James Hanger.

Friends Sabrina Kelly, Jennifer Top, Angela Ragsdale, and Melisa Porter wait for eighth grade graduation ceremonies to begin.

Graduates come in two distinct sizes: like eighth graders Michael Davis and Emily Matlock, left, and kindergarteners Jason Kennedy and Paige Butterfield, below.

Two special classes graduate with style

In a special ceremony at eighth grade graduation, the 58-member class presented the middle school with a plaque in memory of Merlin Miller.

Miller was principal when the class was in the seventh grade, and he died of a heart attack during the summer of 1990.

"The thing I will always remember about eighth grade graduation is presenting the plaque in memory of Mr. Miller to the school," Emily Matlock said.

At graduation Ashley Miller gave the invocation and Tara Moody presented the welcome. The class president Torrie Collins gave a speech and presented the plaque, and Shelly Williams gave the benediction.

Principal Jerry Armstrong announced the class, and Superintendent Robert Perry presented the diplomas.

The eighth grade girls chorus sang "From A Distance", the mixed chorus sang "We Must Say Good-Bye", a girls sextet sang "That's What Friends Are For", and Janie Carter sang "He's Here For Me."

The kindergarten class was presented in a musical graduation ceremony, "A Mickey Mouse Graduation."

The welcome to relatives and friends was given by Justin Atkisson, Sarah Bennett, Paige Butterfield, Cory Letsinger and Cody McCleary.

Principal Jean Coday was introduced by Justin Kingery, Tim Brazeal, Amanda Walker, Keith Newton, Courtney Allen and Whitney Hannaford.

The kindergarten class sang songs to match their theme, including "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious", "Mickey Mouse March", "It's a Small World", and "Winnie The Pooh."

"The thing I will always remember about eighth grade graduation is presenting the plaque in memory of Mr. Miller to the school."

With moral support from their favorite stuffed animals, kindergarten graduates wait for the processional to start at kindergarten graduation.

Singing out as loud as they can, kindergarten graduates start their musical program with enthusiasm.

Miss Mansfield contestants dazzle the judges with bright smiles and plenty of poise

Tiffany Watterson, a senior, was chosen from a field of 11 contestants to reign as Miss Mansfield for a year.

Winners in the other divisions were Junior Miss Mansfield Jennifer Shropshire, a freshman; Young Miss Mansfield Donna Young, a fourth grader; and Little Miss Mansfield Laura Furr, a first grader.

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

There were 28 Little Miss Mansfield contestants, 18 entries in Young Miss Mansfield, and 16 contestants in Junior Miss Mansfield.

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.

This was the twentieth year for the contest. Future Homemakers of America sponsors the pageant each year as a fund raiser.

A special addition to the contest for 1991 was a patriotic tribute at the end of the evening. Everyone was invited to stand and sing "I'm Proud to be an American."

Tara Moody, third runner up; Sunny Watterson, second runner up; Jennifer Shropshire, Junior Miss Mansfield; Sara Moody, first runner up.

Kristina Shropshire, third runner up; Anna Cross, second runner up; Laura Furr, Little Miss Mansfield; Kacee Bujarski, first runner up.

Melissa Farris, third runner up; Allison Arnall, second runner up; Donna Young, Young Miss Mansfield; Leslie Lynch, first runner up.

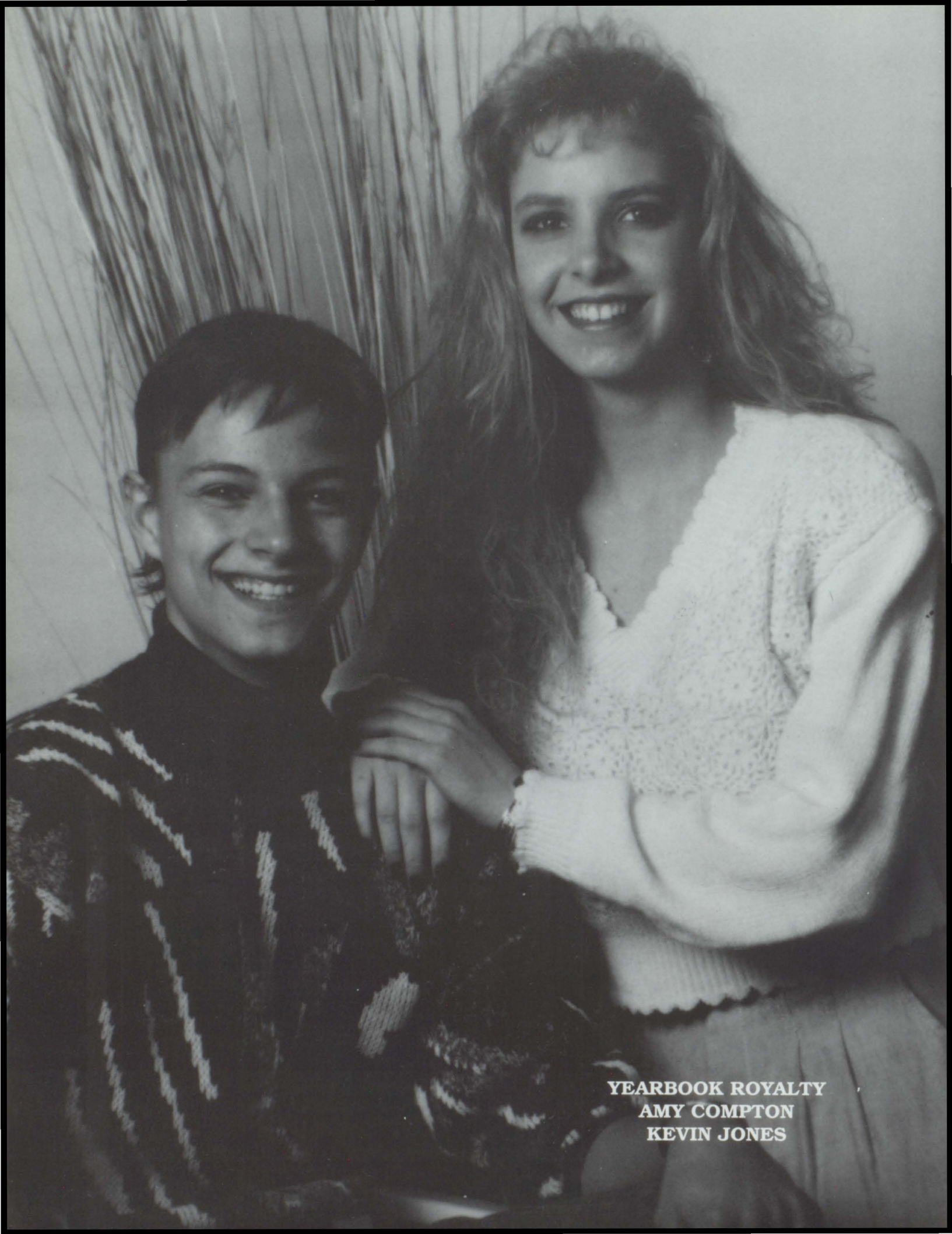
Christie Jones, third runner up; Christi Evans, second runner up; Tiffany Watterson, Miss Mansfield; Amy Compton, first runner up.

YOUNG MISS MANSFIELD
DONNA YOUNG

JUNIOR MISS MANSFIELD
JENNIFER SHROPSHIRE

MISS MANSFIELD
TIFFANY WATTERSON

LITTLE MISS MANSFIELD
LAURA FURR



YEARBOOK ROYALTY
AMY COMPTON
KEVIN JONES

Yearbook king and queen show winning smiles, compatibility

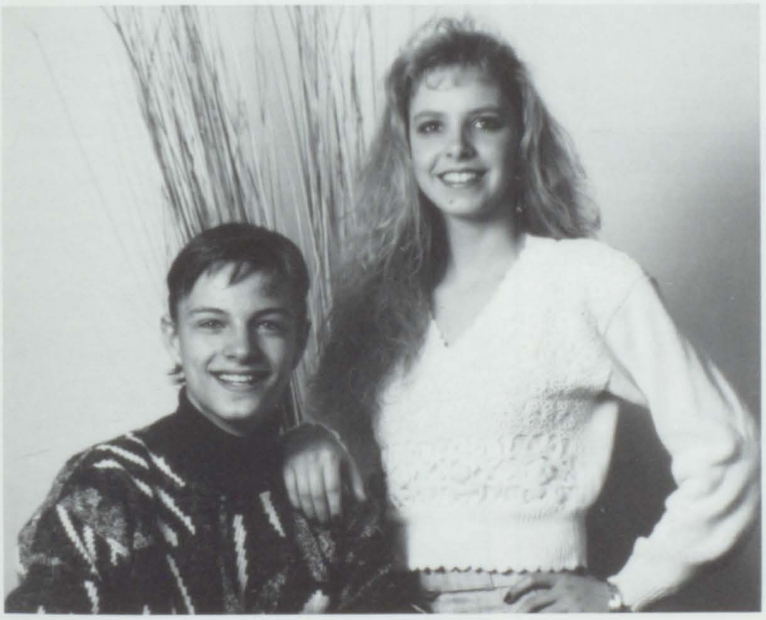
Sophomores Amy Compton and Kevin Jones won the El Leon Royalty titles.

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, Compton and Jones were chosen to reign for a year as 1991 El Leon King and Queen.

The judges for the annual contest were Tony Beason and Leanne Gregg, KY-3 news personalities.

The judging for the contest was based on photogenic qualities, smiles, compatibility of the couple, and their naturalness.

Royalty winners were also judged as a couple rather than individually.



Senior candidates Tiffany Watterson and Marc Brazeal, top; sophomore candidates Amy Compton and Kevin Jones, bottom.

Junior candidates Tish Goss and James Barnett, top; freshman candidates Bobbi Beck and Steve Wilson, bottom.

Sizzling temperatures give students several afternoon vacations

By Benjie Dennis

Temperatures in the upper 90's resulted in the early dismissal of six school days in late August and early September, but didn't result in extra days being added to the school year.

"The temperatures of the classrooms on those days is what led me to letting school out early," Superintendent Robert Perry said.

Students found the extreme temperatures hard to work in.

"It was miserable," said sophomore Evan Kinser. "I couldn't think because I was just too hot. Then getting out early made it harder since we got behind and our teachers made us work faster than we should have."

Students said it was not an ideal situation.

"I couldn't work," said sophomore Jeremy Jones. "All I thought about was getting out of school and cooling off. I couldn't even see my work through the sweat."

Teachers also found it hard to have class in the unbearable temperatures.

"Everyone was hot and tired and didn't want to work," math teacher Sandy Lakey said. "We turned up the fans, but they just blew around hot air. Turning the lights out didn't help either; it just made the kids more tired."

Some days the high school schedule was rotated.

"I have two of the same classes before and after one o'clock," Lakey said. "This made it harder to keep them together. Reversing the schedule helped in getting caught up, but then we would have an assembly or just get out at one again."

The three schools (elementary, middle school and high school) being one unit played a part in the decision making.

"High school kids are just lucky that the school system is all one," high school principal Frank Rowles said, "because if it wasn't we would tough it out and not miss any days."

***ON ONE OF** the first days of school when the temperature was close to 100, Christi Evans tries to cool off by sharing a seat with a fan.*

MHS picks THE HIT LIST

MUSICIANS

1. Garth Brooks
2. Damn Yankees
3. Roxette
4. Clint Black
5. Tesla
6. Wilson Phillips
7. Faith No More
8. Vanilla Ice
9. Alias

THE TOPS IN ACADEMICS

Twenty-seven students were given special recognition at the academics award banquet for being on the Principal's Honor Roll for the entire school year.

These students maintained a grade point of 10.5 or above during the school year.

They are as follows.

Seniors: Shelly Detherage, Christi Evans, Vickie Franks, Waylan Johnson, Robby Maxwell, Angie Miller, Caree Simmons, Tiffany Watterson;

Juniors: Tish Goss, Jennifer Greene, Don Hanger, Shelby Hesterly, Kerrick Lindsey, Mike Porter, James Barnett, Stacey Wilson;

Sophomores: Stacey Arnall, Becky Bryson, Carrie Gray, Scott Hall, Jared Jones, Evan Kinser, Ryan Miller;

Freshmen: Bobbi Beck, Randall Roy, Jennifer Shropshire, Sunny Watterson.

Shaky, scary 'earthquake' doesn't even wiggle a little

By Benjie Dennis

It was California last year. This year it was supposed to be Missouri.

But Missouri's biggest "event" in years turned into a non-event when scientists' projection of a major earthquake on the bootheel's New Madrid Fault failed to materialize.

The only thing that shook up New Madrid was the hundreds of national news media representatives who descended on the area around the December 3 target date.

Iben Browning, a New Mexico climatologist, forecast a major quake for that date. He said Missouri faced a 50 percent chance for an earthquake on that date.

The reason people took notice of his projection was that he had correctly forecast last year's earthquake in San Francisco.

And Missouri residents did more than take notice. They prepared by adding insurance, removing breakables from walls, and even closing schools on the December date.

Mansfield also got caught up in the fury, which at the very least made people review safety procedures for earthquakes.

At a state principals' meeting, high school principal Frank Rowles was given detailed information about the possible earthquake and safety precautions, which he passed on to teachers and staff members. A school-wide earthquake drill was held in November.

"I would rather have had drills and information about it than not to be prepared at all," Rowles said.

Students weren't sure how everyone would react in a real earthquake.

"I'm afraid I'll panic because things will be falling around me and people will be screaming and running around everywhere," sophomore Matt Brown said. "I figure almost everyone will lose their heads a little."

Others thought they could remain calm.

"Since I've never been in an earthquake I really don't know how I will react," junior Serina Page said. "I handle the weather conditions around here pretty well, so I figure I'll do the same in an earthquake."

Math teacher Sandy Lakey also had a calm attitude about any possible earthquake.

"I'll tell my kids to get under their desks," she said, "and I'll do the same."

1989 HOME ALONE Patriot Missile MILLI VANILLI Donald Trump 1989

DEBBIE VON BEHREN, *center, with the 1991 Missouri Journalism Teacher of the Year plaque presented at Columbia, and daughters Allison and Stacey Arnall. Von Behren was also presented a plaque by the Mansfield school system in honor of the state award.*

MISSOURI JOURNALISM TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Von Behren honored for years of journalistic excellence

By Benjie Dennis

After years of polishing her students' skills so they could win awards, an MHS teacher was honored with a high award herself.

Debbie Von Behren, newspaper and yearbook adviser, was honored as 1991 Missouri Journalism Teacher of the Year, an award co-sponsored by Missouri Interscholastic Press Association and the Missouri Journalism Education Association.

The award was presented at a banquet at the University of Missouri at Columbia in April. Von Behren received a standing ovation from the more than 200 people attending. She received two plaques, one for herself and one for the school.

The Missouri Journalism Teacher of the Year is selected for excellence and comprehensiveness of teaching efforts, involvement in scholastic journalism organizations, and practical journalism experience.

Principal Frank Rowles said Von Behren deserved the award.

"We are extremely proud of what she has done for our school, and is continuing to do for us," he said. "We feel we have the finest journalism teacher in the state."

Von Behren credits her students with helping her win.

"Being Missouri Journalism Teacher of the Year is a big honor for me, but I've been blessed with great students over the years," she said.

Publications advised by Von Behren have been consistent award winners, earning 20 All-Missouri titles in the past 10 years. The Lions Gazette has won 11 All-Missouri awards, and the El Leon 9.

During that same time period, her journalism students have won 156 individual state awards. Her staffs have won several state sweepstakes titles in both newspaper and yearbook, and won first place awards from Quill and Scroll and the National Scholastic Press Association.

"The impact of her teaching has been significant and far reaching," Superintendent of Schools Robert Perry said. "The quality of her work is reflected not only in the many All-Missouri awards, but also in the many individual awards that her students have achieved in contests over the years.

"She turns a school atmosphere into a professional deadline oriented publication atmosphere, keeping the students' interest, enthusiasm, and quality of work high."

COOL POOL

By Tish Goss

No sand, no surf, but plenty of fun in the sun.

After almost three complete summers without a municipal pool, that's what the rebuilding and reopening of the pool meant for many people in the summer of 1990.

The pool opened August 10 and average attendance for each day was about 100 people.

"The pool was a good place to be with your friends and to have lots of fun," freshman Bobbi Beck said.

Some people were disappointed the pool was open for such a short time.

"The pool wasn't open long enough, but it was fun while it lasted," sophomore Taylor Hamilton said.

The pool was open approximately four weeks, which included several afternoons after school let out for the day.

"I don't think the pool could have been open any longer because the weather got cooler," manager Greg Goss said.

Fortunately, there were no major problems at the pool.

"Overall I think the pool's new design is much better," Goss said.

Most students were glad that the boredom of the past three "dry" summers was over, and only a dim memory.

"I was relieved when it opened," said freshman Randall Roy, "because it gave me something to do during the days."

GLAD THAT THREE *"dry" summers are over and the Mansfield swimming pool has been rebuilt, several high school students cool off together after a hot day at school in late August of 1990.*

MHS picks

THE HIT LIST

LEISURE

1. Watch movies
2. Cruise
3. Go to parties
4. Date
5. Play pool
6. Go shopping
7. Go to the creek
8. Swim at the pool
9. Fish and hunt

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CAGO BULLS Nelson Mandela BART SIMPSON Cellular phones

MHS doesn't 'have a cow' over Simpson shirts

By Don Hanger

"Cool your jets, man."

That's what many MHS students wanted to tell Willard Elementary School and others across the nation who put a ban on Simpsons' T-shirts.

Students at Mansfield were allowed to wear most shirts featuring the Simpsons, and they liked having that freedom. They also enjoy the craziness of the animated hit television show.

"I like Bart and the rest of the Simpsons; they're cool," senior Vickie Franks said. "I don't think the Simpsons shirts should be banned from schools, though, because they are just cartoon characters and I don't think they have that much influence on people."

The elementary school at Willard originally banned all Simpsons shirts, but later the board of education revised the ban to allow some of the less offensive designs to be worn.

The "Underachiever and proud of it" shirt seems to have caused the most controversy, and several districts across the U. S. have told students not to wear those shirts to school.

Most students think the Bart shirts are O.K.

"The Simpsons are the only thing on T.V. worth watching," sophomore Matt Coffman said. "Not all the shirts should be banned. Only a few shirts are really bad enough to ban."

English teacher Debbie Von Behren said both her daughters have Simpsons shirts, and she doesn't see anything wrong with them.

"Their shirts show Bart soaring toward a basketball goal and say 'Air Simpson, It is the shoes,'" Von Behren said. " We didn't buy them because we are crazy about Bart, but because we like basketball and Bart just happens to be 'in' at the moment. Last year the fad was Batman, this year it's Bart."

The Simpsons T-shirt problem haunting other schools didn't really affect MHS.

"We're not going to ban shirts or cartoons unless the character is obscene in the written word or with his gestures," Rowles said. "I told people who wore the Simpson's shirts not to wear them again because of what Bart says in his cartoon. We're not testing it any differently than any other T-shirt."

DOUG WALKER'S SIMPSONS *shirt is one that is perfectly acceptable for school, according to MHS standards.*

MHS picks

THE HIT LIST

NEWS STORIES

1. Operation Desert Storm
2. Iraqi invasion of Kuwait
3. Nancy Cruzan's death
4. 2 Live Crew in Springfield
5. Missouri earthquake prediction
6. Milli Vanilli scandal
7. Mtn. Grove school burning
8. Roseanne Barr and national anthem
9. Controversy over the Simpsons

THE UNITED STATES AT WAR: Students nervous, emotional, sad

By Benjie Dennis

As Operation Desert Shield evolved into Desert Storm, many students became more watchful of international events than ever before.

The war with Iraq began Wednesday evening, Jan. 16, the first day back in classes at MHS after an extended Christmas and "ice" vacation.

With the nation at war, students went through their normal routines, but most had thoughts of war in their minds.

"I had mixed emotions because I knew it had to be done," senior Shelly Detherage said. "I also knew a lot of my friends would be in very close contact with the war."

Senior Tina Gage had a brother serving his country in the Persian Gulf, and junior Serina Page and sophomore Shannon Page had two brothers there.

"Having two brothers in Saudi Arabia, not knowing exactly where they were at, was a double worry for our family," Serina Page said.

Gage said her brother was trying to see the big picture.

"I think my brother was scared of what might happen," she said, "but he knew he had to go ahead and do his job."

Even though the war in the Persian Gulf was over relatively quickly, in February, as sophomore Kendall Keith said, "it was scary to see the war start."

A PILE OF *basketball uniforms with newly-sewn flags is just one sign of MHS support for the war.*

1989 PRETTY WOMAN Jim Henson MICHAEL JORDAN Janet Jackson 1989

For Frank Backus, it was the

Wrong place, wrong time

By Marc Brazeal

March 6, 1990, was a nightmare for senior Frank Backus.

Backus, a junior at the time, was driving an ATV, more commonly referred to as a three-wheeler. Also on the vehicle was his four-year old neighbor, Jerry Wall. When a log truck driving by on Business 60 passed near the three-wheeler, there was a collision.

The accident was just a case of two people being in the wrong place at the wrong time, Backus thinks.

"I was just turning around in the driveway," he said. "The next thing I knew I was being sucked under by the truck."

Wall was thrown from the ATV before Backus slid underneath the truck wheels.

"When I came to, I was going into shock and I felt a lot of heat," he said. "My leg was getting heavier and heavier. When they put a blanket on my leg it felt more like a brick."

Wall wasn't breathing until an EMT team arrived and performed CPR. He had cracked ribs and a collapsed lung, but was released from the hospital three days later.

Backus wasn't as lucky. He had a crushed pelvis and internal bleeding. To compound the problem, it took the ambulance half an hour to get to the scene of the accident.

"By the time I was in the hospital bed in intensive care I thought I might die," he said. "I had all these tubes running out of me and I was really scared."

Backus made it through, but his first few weeks in the hospital were unpleasant.

"I was in intensive care for two weeks," he said. "I could hardly breathe or move, plus two surgeries aren't much fun either."

Doctors first told him he might never walk again, but Backus knew better.

"All I could think about was walking again," he said. "I knew I would be up walking before my senior year started."

Backus is able to walk again now, but he was confined to the hospital bed for three months and then to a bed at home for two more months. He had to stay flat on his back and was in traction much of the time.

Finding out who his friends really were was part of his long recovery.

"My friends got things for me and came to visit me to keep me company," Backus said. "I'll never forget that."

Backus doesn't think he will ever forget the accident.

"I wake up every morning and things from the accident go through my mind," he said. "I'm just glad to be alive!"

Roses used to honor parents

By Kris Gray

At center court, basketball was forgotten for a few minutes as hugs, kisses and roses became the main focus.

Before the Lions took the floor against Conway, seniors showed appreciation to their parents for the support they provided during the school year.

***GIVING HIS MOTHER** Patty a hug, Benjie Dennis presents her and his father Harold with a rose at the annual rose ceremony for seniors.*

Seniors in sports or sport-related activities presented their parents with a red rose provided by Pep Club, which sponsors the annual ceremony.

"It was a serious and emotional moment for me," senior Kris Gray said. "The rose they presented us with shows that they appreciate what we have done in our high school years. Then in turn, we could show our parents how much we appreciate them."

Sixteen seniors were honored for participation in basketball, baseball, softball, track, cross country, volleyball, cheerleading, pom pon and pep band.

"I was surprised to see so few seniors participate," Tiffany Watterson said, "but it was good because usually you have people that participate in the ceremony that really haven't contributed at MHS."

In addition to the roses, which were handed to the seniors by sophomore and junior cheerleaders and pom pon girls, both boys' and girls' basketball team members were given miniature basketballs autographed by their teammates.

"It's a good thing for the seniors to get recognized for their sports activities throughout their high school career," senior Marc Brazeal said. "The basketball is something I can keep forever, to remind me of the great times I had as a Mansfield Lion."

***GOING FOR A** high five instead of a hug, Shelly Detherage meets her parents, Jim and Joyce Detherage, at center court for the annual rose ceremony when seniors honor their parents for support during their high school years.*

MHS picks

THE HIT LIST

SONGS

1. "Friends in Low Places"
2. "I've Got the Power"
3. "More Than Words Can Say"
4. "Play that Funky Music"
5. "From a Distance"
6. "Ponderous"
7. "Killin' Time"
8. "Voices that Care"
9. "High Enough"

RECIPE FOR A SMALL SCHOOL

Start with a large amount of preps and jocks, then add a moderate supply of brains. Stir in a healthy portion of skaters and ropers, then fold in a few nerds. For extra flavor season lightly with a handful of metal heads.

***LONG HAIR IS** a must for metal heads, as members of this clique describe themselves, including Doug Coffman, Matt Francis, Josh Fetter, Terry Robinson, and Malcolm Gaddis.*

By Jennifer Greene

Small schools are just one big happy family, right?

Wrong! A survey showed that 88 percent of the students say Mansfield is a cliquish school.

This same 88 percent said the school has "sharply divided groups that don't mingle much with each other."

So what are the groups?

Well, according to the survey, the most noticeable and easily recognized groups are preps, jocks, brains, nerds, skaters, ropers and metal heads.

The clothes teens wear sometimes show their clique.

"To be a prep, you have to wear the right clothes with the popular name brands," junior Angela Kingery said. "You also have to be active in sports and extracurricular activities. The same goes for jocks."

Sophomore Ryan Miller disagrees. He said it is who you are with, not what you wear.

"Preps don't have to wear all the right, expensive clothes, they just have to be with the right group of people," Miller said.

Defining each clique often varies from person to person, but the jock category seems to be pretty clear-cut.

"People who play basketball and baseball are jocks," freshman Randall Roy said.

Stretching out explanations is how one sophomore described a brain.

"Brains are those who give you an answer two miles long when it could be in two words," sophomore Melissa Holt said.

The way metal heads dress also label their clique.

In junior Josh Fetter's opinion, his speech and dress is what makes him different.

"Having longer hair than most guys, usually wearing the darker colors and wearing concert tee-shirts makes me stand out from other people," Fetter said. "I also don't talk like most of the average hicks around here."

ICE, ICE, BABY

By Shelby Hesterly

"Old Man Winter" unleashed his fury full force over Christmas break.

Instead of the normal Christmas vacation of about two weeks, Mansfield students had 27 days of unexpected freedom.

At least four inches of slippery ice covered the Ozarks. Just walking became a difficult task.

"I went out to feed the dog," freshman Steven Wilson said. "When I got about three feet away from the porch, I fell down and slid all the way down to the fence that's in our back yard. When I was to about the same spot, I fell again. I started yelling until someone threw me a rope."

Senior Tiffany Watterson found a better way to get down the icy slopes.

"I was walking on the driveway and started to slide," she said. "So I just sat down and slid the rest of the way."

A helping hand was all that some people needed, and junior James Barnett often ended up being a good Samaritan.

"Every time I tried to go somewhere," he said, "I ended up pulling other people's cars out of the ditch with my truck."

With the ice came many accidents.

"Mom went sledding and got going too fast," junior Barry Short said. "She hit a barbed wire fence post, and was knocked out."

A little midnight madness came over sophomore Jared Jones and some friends one evening.

"We went to Rush's hill about midnight one night and went sledding," he said. "While we were there, this dog kept barking at us, so we took it off its chain, and it came down the hill with us."

People became inventive when it came to finding different ways to go sledding.

"We went sledding on a car hood," freshman Jennifer Shropshire said. "But it was pulled by a four-wheeler out in a field."

Junior Don Hanger found an odd "hill" to sled on.

"The ice was so thick," he said, "I went sledding on a huge sawdust pile."

A drastic climate change was in store for English teacher Arlene Magnin when she returned to Missouri from a vacation.

"We went to Florida for five days," she said. "One day we were on a beach in Florida getting a tan in 85 degree weather, and the next day we were crawling up our hill on the ice, on our hands and knees."

Dressed for warm weather, Magnin had difficulties getting the rest of the way up to her house, after the car couldn't make it up the inclined drive.

"I only had on a light jacket, and no gloves," she said. "It took me 30 minutes to get to the house, when it normally takes two."

Being trapped at home was not an unusual event, and patience wore thin for many families. Shropshire reached the ultimate boredom.

"I would have rather been in school," she said, "than be stuck in my house."

Experimental class targets dropouts

By Tish Goss

Talking about personal problems and setting goals for the future is not the usual lesson for a high school classroom.

The Phoenix class, taught by Arlene Magnin, was an experiment in motivating "at risk" students.

"Students who were placed in the Phoenix class were students exhibiting one or more characteristics of being a potential dropout," high school principal Frank Rowles said.

Some students chose to take the class, others were encouraged to enroll. Rowles said several factors were used to identify students who might be a risk of becoming dropouts.

"We looked for a number of warning signs," he said. "We considered students who had been retained, ones with attendance problems, and ones who had shown weaknesses in core classes."

Besides setting goals and working out problems, students also were tutored in core classes.

"Drug and alcohol abuse and suicide prevention information is included in class discussions," Magnin said, "but building up the students' self-esteem is our main concern."

MHS picks

THE HIT LIST

MOVIES

1. "Pretty Woman"
2. "Ghost"
3. "Home Alone"
4. "Young Guns II"
5. "Flatliners"
6. "Die Hard II"
7. "Navy Seals"
8. "Dances with Wolves"
9. "Kindergarten Cop"

1991 DICK TRACY Desert Storm VANILLA ICE Michelle Pfeiffer NIN

Banquet awards ceremony in spring honors students in all academic areas

Academic awards of all kinds were presented by high school faculty members at the annual awards banquet.

The awards included the following.

ARTIST OF THE YEAR: Marny Clark first, Bill Douglas second, Christi Evans third. BEST ARTWORK OF THE YEAR: Bill Douglas first, Marny Clark second, Doug Coffman third. MOST IMPROVED ART STUDENT: Chris Farris.

KEYBOARDING: Stacey Arnall, Serena Dunsmuir, Carrie Gray, Shelby Hesterly, Angela Kingery, Michael Porter, Stacey Wilson. ACCOUNTING I: Becky Bryson, Tish Goss, Don Hanger, Robby Maxwell, Caree Simmons. ACCOUNTING II: Vickie Franks, Rachelle Lansdown, Angie Miller.

ENGLISH I: Stephanie Joseph, Bobbi Beck, Jodi Philpott. ENGLISH II: Carrie Gray, Stacey Arnall, Ryan Miller. ENGLISH III: Kerrick Lindsey, Don Hanger, Shelby Hesterly. ENGLISH IV: Tiffany Watterson, Angie Miller, Shelly Detherage, Robby Maxwell.

OUTSTANDING NEWSPAPER STAFF MEMBERS: Benjie Dennis, Don Hanger. OUTSTANDING YEARBOOK STAFF MEMBERS: Kris Gray, Shelby Hesterly. OUTSTANDING OVERALL PUBLICATIONS STAFF MEMBER: Christi Evans. JOURNALISM : Jennifer Greene, Kerrick Lindsey.

DRIVERS EDUCATION: Ryan Miller, Sophia Greyowl.

FRENCH II: Stacey Arnall, Robby Maxwell.

FAMILY RELATIONS: Shawnya Matney. INTERIOR DESIGN: Carrie Gray. HOUSING: Becky Bryson. HEALTH: Justin Long, Jared Jones, Jody Philpott, Melissa Holt.

GENERAL TECHNOLOGY: Shawnya Matney. CAD TEAM: Shelly Detherage, Waylan Johnson. BEST CAD OPERATOR: Paul Clark.

ALGEBRA I: Jamin Corder. ALGEBRA II: Jared Jones. CALCULUS: Tiffany Watterson. GTA MATH: Kerrick Lindsey.

BAND: Evan Kinser.

BIOLOGY I: James Axsom, Becky Bryson, Carrie Gray, Scott Hall, Jared Jones, Evan Kinser, Ryan Miller, Scott Smith. BIOLOGY II: Tish Goss, Don Hanger, Shelby Hesterly, Kerrick LIndsey, Mike Porter, Caree Simmons, Stacey Wilson. CHEMISTRY: Waylan Johnson, Tiffany Watterson.

GOVERNMENT: Kerrick Lindsey. PSYCHOLOGY: Kerrick Lindsey. AMERICAN HISTORY: Jennifer Shropshire, Jenna Murray. WORLD HISTORY: Jared Jones, Carla Swopes.

SERVICE AWARDS: Robby Maxwell, Brent Napier. I DARE YOU: Shelby Hesterly, Don Hanger. TANDY TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARS: Angie Miller, Waylan Johnson.

TIFFANY WATTERSON LIGHTS *a candle as part of National Honor Society installation ceremonies held at the academic banquet. Other officers shown are Shelly Detherage, James Barnett, Shelby Hesterly, Jennifer Greene, and Angie Miller.*

MHS picks

THE HIT LIST

SAYINGS

1. **Not a problem**
2. **Homey, don't play that**
3. **Not gonna do it**
4. **Wasup**
5. **Sounds like a personal problem to me**
6. **Home boy**
7. **Wouldn't be prudent**
8. **Not**
9. **Read my lips**

Destination: Missouri Scholars Academy

By Kris Gray

Stacey Arnall was one of 330 gifted high school sophomores selected by state education officials to attend the 1991 Missouri Scholars Academy, a three-week program held in June at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Academically, students chosen for the Scholars Academy represent the top one-half of one percent of the state's sophomore class.

Each public and private high school in Missouri is eligible to nominate one student for the academy. This year, over 600 sophomores were nominated.

Arnall was selected on the basis of aptitude tests, intelligence tests, evidence of leadership, initiative, creativity, and grade point average.

"It was a big honor to be the school's nominee," Arnall said. "Then when I found out I was selected by the state, it was an even bigger thrill to think about all the opportunities I was going to have at Scholars Academy."

Scholars Academy was started in 1985, and is funded by the state. The goal of Scholars Academy is to help gifted students achieve their full potential. The academy provides an intensive, challenging learning experience that cannot be matched in a regular high school.

Scholars select a course of study in mathematics, science, social studies or humanities and spend three hours a day, six days a week, in intensive academic pursuit of this major course.

"Scholars Academy is going to be great," Arnall said. "My major class is called 'Gods, Games and Geniuses,' and we are supposed to learn things we've never faced before in the area of mathematics. I'm also going to take Latin.

"My minor is jazz dance," she continued, "and we'll learn dance history and choreography, then get to perform three or four numbers set to 90's music."

Other activities are chorus, theater, creative writing, archaeology, anthropology, and sports. Evenings, students can attend concerts, films, and lectures.

TOP ATHLETES HONORED WITH PLAQUES AT BANQUET

By Marc Brazeal

At the annual athletic banquet, sports letters and special awards were presented for all areas of sports at MHS.

Plaques were presented to the top players in volleyball, basketball, and track.

Volleyball awards presented by Coach Roger Wood included the following.

TOP SERVER: Stacey Arnall;

TOP SERVING PERCENTAGE: Shelly Detherage;

BEST SETTER: Tiffany Watterson;

HUSTLE AWARD: Stacey Wilson;

MOST KILLS: Shelly Detherage;

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS: Shelly Detherage, Tiffany Watterson.

The boys' basketball awards were presented by Coach Jerry Armstong and included the following.

TOP REBOUNDER: Kris Gray;

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYER: Marc Brazeal;

TOP FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE: Barry Short;

HUSTLE AWARD: Marc Brazeal;

TOP FREE THROW PERCENTAGE: Barry Short;

BEST THREE-POINT SHOOTING: Marc Brazeal;

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER: Jeremy Jones.

Girls' basketball presentations were made by Coach Freddie Doherty, and were as follows.

TOP REBOUNDER: Shelly Detherage;

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYER: Tracy Coffman;

TOP FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE: Shelly Detherage;

HUSTLE AWARD: Christi Evans;

LEADING STEALS AND ASSISTS: Christi Evans;

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER: Stacey Arnall.

Track awards were presented by Coach Randy Short and included the following.

BOYS TOP POINT WINNER: Benjie Dennis;

GIRLS TOP POINT WINNER: Vicky Noble.

At the banquet letters were also presented to members of the cheerleading squad and the pom pon squad by sponsors Lisa Myers and Janet Bryan, respectively.

Special Olympics sponsors Stephaney Menzie and Georgianne Brown explained the sports activities their students play in.

Armstrong was presented with a poster-size photo of the basketball team as a retirement gift from the team.

SUSPICION SHOWS ON *the faces of basketball players Christi Evans, Tiffany Watterson, and Shelly Detherage as they listen to stories Coach Freddie Doherty is telling while he introduces team members at the banquet, above. Right, Kris Gray and Don Hanger receive recognition for basketball.*

MHS picks

THE HIT LIST

CELEBRITIES

1. **Julia Roberts**
2. **Emelio Esteves**
3. **Charlie Sheen**
4. **Mel Gibson**
5. **VanDamme**
6. **Kevin Costner**
7. **Fresh Prince**
8. **Richard Gere**
9. **Kirstie Allie**

As CONTROVERSIAL as they wanna be

By Don Hanger

"As controversial as they wanna be" is one way to describe 2 Live Crew's album "As Nasty as They Wanna Be."

The rap group performed a fall concert in Springfield at the Regency Showcase. Two performances were held, with 500 tickets available for each.

The Miami group and its album "As Nasty as They Wanna Be" were at the center of a First Amendment dispute since June, when a federal judge in Florida ruled their lyrics obscene.

Their lyrics have been criticized as promoting violence against women.

Even though 2 Live Crew's songs don't appeal to everyone, many MHS students like the group.

"I personally like them," senior Julie Jurewicz said. "They are funny to listen to, and their songs make you laugh."

Some think that 2 Live Crew's album is "cool."

"I've got 'As Nasty as They Wanna Be' and I like their songs," junior Terry Robinson said. "I like the lyrics most; they're pretty cool."

Some are frustrated with the treatment the album got.

"People like Eddie Murphy have been getting away with saying things like this for a long time, so why start with this group?" senior Shelly Detherage said.

Though some MHS students approve of 2 Live Crew, at least one student doesn't.

"I dislike their lyrics because they're obscene," junior Tracy Coffman said. "I don't like the influence they put on kids. Anyone with that much influence should try to set a good example, not a bad one."

In opposition to the concert, over 1500 people, flashlights in hand, lined Springfield's Kansas Expressway.

The protest was called "Springfield Stands Up for Standards" and was organized by Christian radio station KADI-FM.

When 2 Live Crew performed in Springfield, most students were unable to attend because of the age limit of 18 for admission.

"I would've gone to the concert, but I wasn't 18 so I couldn't get tickets," sophomore Jeremy Jones said.

The restraint on age was a common problem.

"I wanted to go to their concert, but I wasn't 18," Robinson said. "It would've been a blast, especially with the cops there and everything."

The 2 Live Crew got around Springfield laws against obscenity by letting the audience shout out the "bad" parts of their raps.

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DANCES WITH WOLVES Scud MADONNA *Kevin Costner* Cl

MHS picks

THE HIT LIST

TV SHOWS

1. Married with Children
2. Cheers
3. 90210 Beverly Hills
4. America's Funniest Home Videos
5. Saturday Night Live
6. Quantum Leap
7. Fresh Prince of Bel Air
8. A Different World
9. Arsenio Hall

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TRIES SEVERAL SPORTS

SPECIAL OLYMPICS STUDENTS *tried several sports, including basketball, bowling, track and field, and cheerleading. Team members are front, Channon Lemonds, Brandon Lemonds, Kathy Liles; middle seated, Mitch Lansdown, Robbie Wallin, Coach Georgianne Brown, John Matney, William Liles; back standing, Sharon Calhoun, Coach Stephaney Menzie, Robbie Van Orden, Marlon Doan, David Young.*

Junior high switches to middle school

JEFF LADD AND *Carla Swopes start through the doors that lead from the high school to the middle school.*

By Christi Evans

Traditionally, seventh and eighth grades have been "junior high," but Mansfield joined a trend toward the concept of "middle school."

"Junior high has traditionally been thought of as a mini high school," said Superintendent Robert Perry. "With middle school we can be more flexible, especially in scheduling."

With the name change there were also physical changes. The library was divided into two parts and glass doors were added in the main hall to separate the classroom areas.

Middle School Principal Jerry Armstrong thinks the separation of middle school and high school has been a positive change.

"The middle school age child needs to mix with others of his own age level," he said. "They are not ready to be high school students."

SPORTS AND SMARTS: A winning combination

By Don Hanger

Seniors Benjie Dennis and Tiffany Watterson received the Army-National Guard's annual National Scholar-Athlete Award at the spring academic awards banquet at Mansfield High School.

They were selected by MHS guidelines which specify that the awards go to the seniors with the highest scholastic rank in their class who have lettered in two sports.

"I think it is great to receive an award that shows you can do well at both scholarship and sports," Dennis said.

SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER *Roger Wood places the National Scholar-Athlete Award medal around the neck of Benjie Dennis. Tiffany Watterson, right, was also the recipient of the award.*

THE END

1991

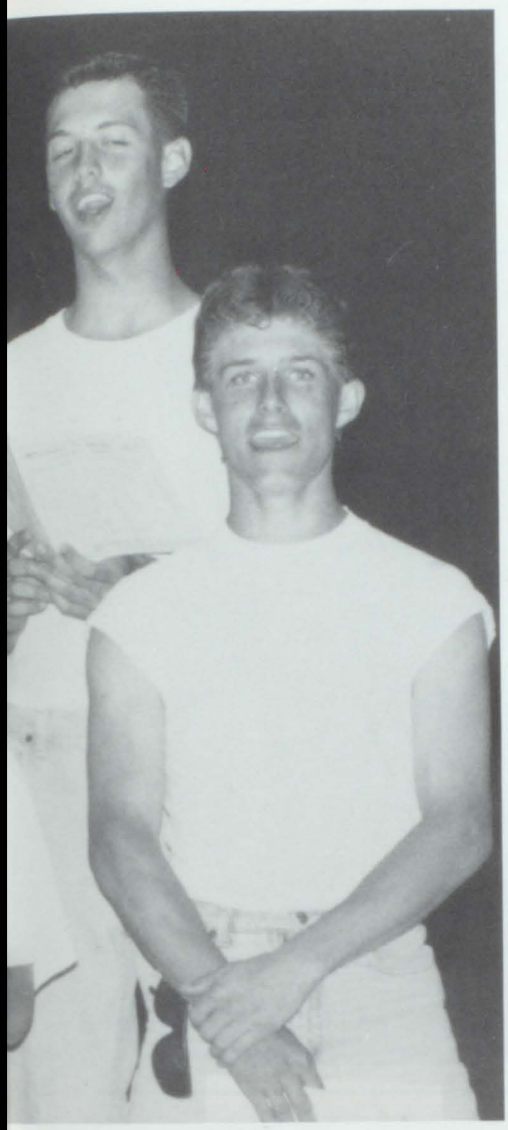
CINNATI REDS Kuwait JOE MONTANA Roseanne Barr/National Anthem

There is "Nothing Like a Dame," according to male choir members, and director Eric Spyres, middle, at the spring music concert. Front, Miles Keith, Jon Freeman, Ryan Miller, Billy Stofer; back, Steve Wilson, Kevin Hall, Waylan Johnson, and Matt Moody.

Smiles are everywhere as publications staffers display certificates for state-winning entries at awards day in Columbia. They are Kerrick Lindsey, Heather Lansdown, Tish Goss, Stacey Wilson, Christi Evans, Brandy Wright and Shelby Hesterly.

Movers and Shakers

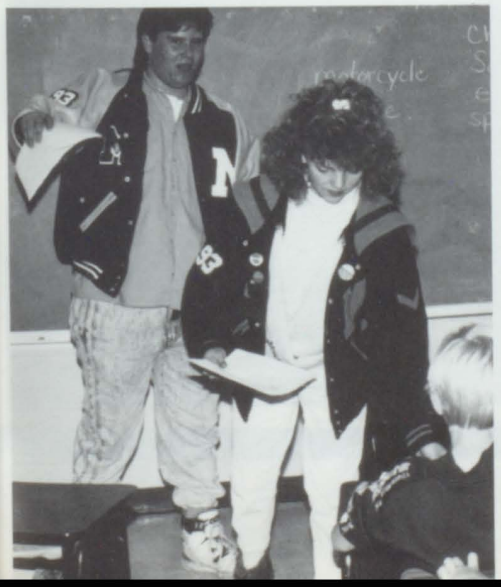
ORGANIZATIONS



Clubs. They're more than just a yearbook photo opportunity. Many MHS students jumped into the thick of things, teaching children the dangers of drug abuse, helping the needy at Christmas, and showing patriotic pride during a shaky time of national crisis and gloom.

Flag girl Stephanie Copeland moves through a routine as the band plays at Wilder Days.

With help from FFA member Billy Stofer, Greenhand Steve Wilson catiously explores a suspicious bucket, part of FFA initiation.



ESP members Jared Jones and Angela Lansdown start a Hi-Step lesson in the elementary.

PERILS OF FUNDRAISING

...it's a dirty job, but club members have to do it to finance all those activities

Fundraising. Just because it starts with F-U-N doesn't always mean it's "fun."

Fundraising is a word that is dreaded by all students involved in clubs. Anything from cookbooks to Tupperware is sold in an attempt to make a buck, and selling isn't always easy.

"Doing the fundraiser takes a lot of time," sophomore Stacey Arnall said. "I get tired of asking the same people to buy things again and again."

Not enough people to sell to is one problem.

"In such a small town you have to ask people over and over, and I get embarrassed to have to ask them to buy," junior Barry Short said.

Sophomore Jared Jones gets burned out on the selling idea.

"Selling stuff isn't so bad," Jones said. "But there are times that we are selling a lot of things all at once and it gets hard to get people to buy."

Many students selling the same product can lead to problems.

"By the time you get to someone to sell to them," freshman Steve Wilson said, "someone has been there before you, and they can't afford to buy twice."

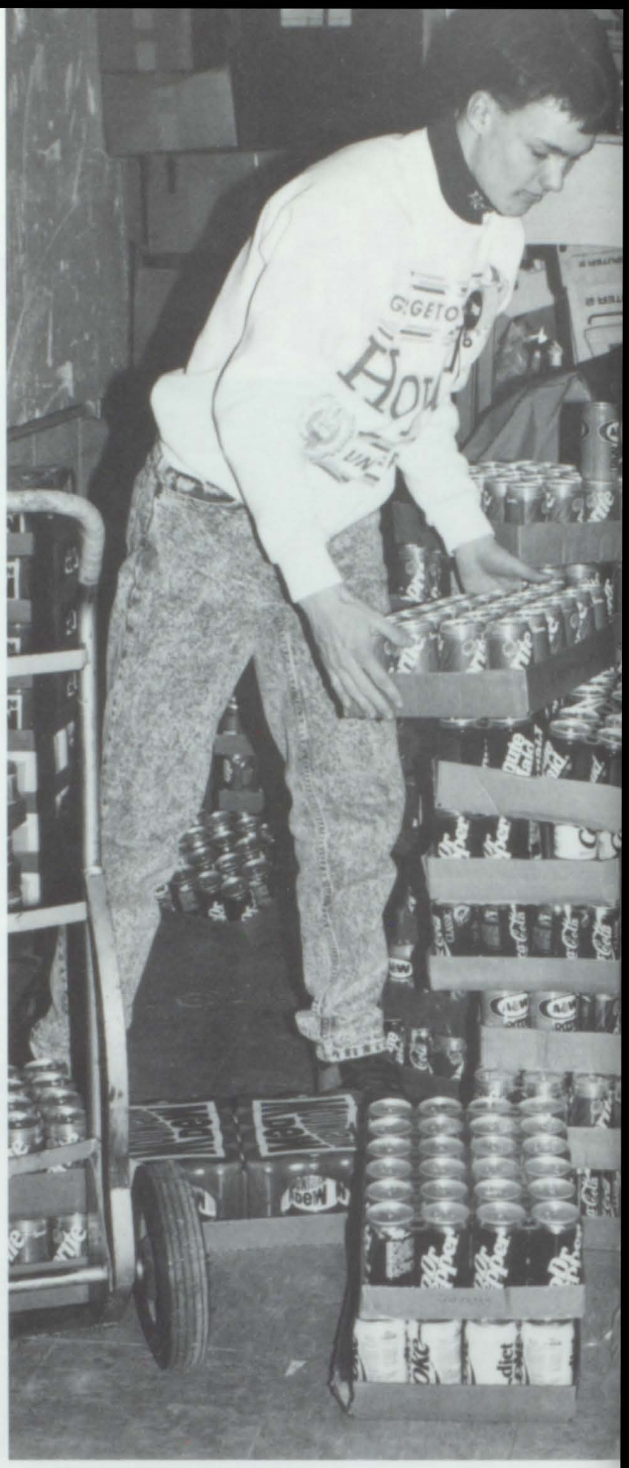
School spirit could be attributed to why some fundraisers do well.

"People know that it is for the school," Jones said. "So they try to support us the best they can."

Arnall thinks the easiest things to sell are the ones you don't have to work at selling.

"It was easy to sell the mugs with the class dates on them," she said. "I didn't have to put much time into it, I could sell them at school."

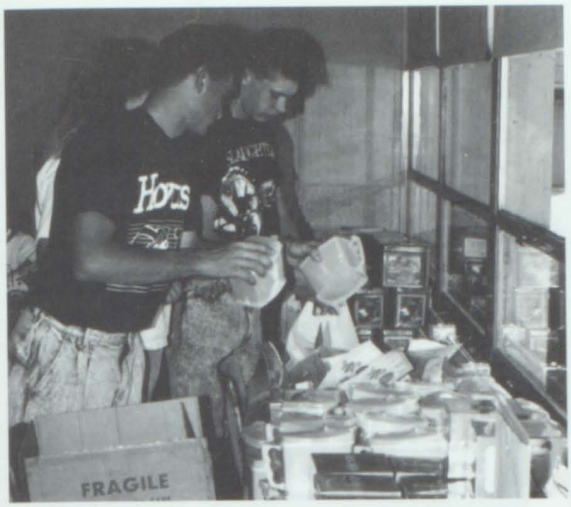
"In such a small town you have to ask people over and over, and I get embarrassed to have to ask them to buy."



BUSINESS LEADERS

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA. Front - Waylan Johnson (treasurer), Tiffany Watterson (parliamentarian), Vickie Franks (vice president), Heather Lansdown (secretary), Mary Boydston (adviser); Row two - Tracy Coffman, Angela Kingery, Carrie Gray, Serena Dunsmuir, Missy Carter, Chris Dunn, Ben Choate, Jill Clouse, Steven Garrison, Brian Williams, Michael Porter; Row three - Evan Kinser, Stacey Wilson, Shelby Hesterly, Brandy Wright, Jared Jones, Stacey Arnall, Becky Bryson, Amy Compton, Shelly Detherage, Angie Miller, Julie Jurewicz, Kerrick Lindsey; Back - Mike Helsley, Caree Simmons, Robbie Maxwell, Brent Napier, Don Hanger, James Barnett, Tish Goss, Stacy Frantz, Heather Fairbairn, Kristy Burnett, Rachelle Lansdown, Paul Clark.

Thirsty drinkers keep Barry Short busy hauling Coke products to the StuCo pop machine in the lobby.



Assembly lines help publications staff members Don Hanger and Glen Evans organize fundraising items for distribution.

Selling candy bars to finance Prom is a big job for the Junior Class, and Jennifer Greene, Missy Carter, and Shelby Hesterly help uncrate a shipment of 120 cases.

Tracing hearts on bright red construction paper is Heather Lansdown's job for an FBLA Valentine's Day fundraiser. Students could buy Valentine "kisses" for sweethearts or friends and have them delivered by FBLA.

Candy canes are distributed to Amy Compton and others by FBLA members LeeAnn Cannon, Heather Lansdown, Vickie Franks, and Kristy Burnett, as part of a Christmas fundraiser by the group.

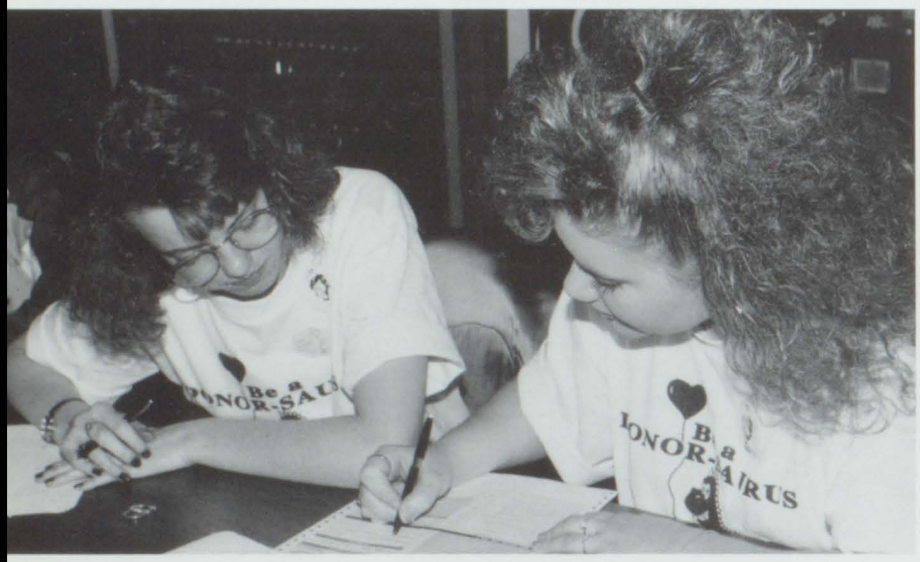
MATH CLUB

MATH CLUB. Front - Sandy Lakey (adviser), Angie Miller (president), Christi Evans (vice president), Tiffany Watterson (secretary), Benjie Dennis (treasurer); Row two - Robbie Maxwell, Vickie Franks, Rachelle Lansdown, Serena Dunsmuir, Heather Lansdown, Ben Choate, Marc Brazeal, Jennifer Greene, Angela Kingery, Missy Carter, Tracy Coffman; Row three - Brent Napier, James Axsom, Tish Goss, Shelby Hesterly, James Barnett, Don Hanger, Jared Jones, Steve Garrison, Michael Porter, Kerrick Lindsey, Amy Compton, Back - Mike Helsley, Waylan Johnson, Shelly Detherage, Evan Kinser, Scott Hall, Becky Bryson, Kevin Hall, Matt Brown, Ryan Miller, Stacey Arnall, Wava Engle, Clint Berry, Brandy Wright.

With a little held from a friend, Amy Compton, Christi Evans reaches the top branches of the Christmas tree StuCo is decorating for the high school lobby.

Attaching blue balloons to a white arch, StuCo members Christi Evans and Wava Engle decorate the stage for Homecoming festivities later that night.

StuCo members Jennifer Greene and Angie Miller fill out forms for a donor who will give blood during the Red Cross Bloodmobile visit to the high school in the spring.



StuCo and NHS

STUDENT COUNCIL. Front - Barry Short (treasurer), Jared Jones (president), Amy Compton (vice president), Scott Hall, Roger Wood (adviser); Back - Tracy Coffman, Christi Evans, Jennifer Greene, Angie Miller, Shawn Williams, Wava Engle, Stephanie Joseph.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY. Front - Tiffany Watterson (secretary), Shelly Detherage (president), Waylan Johnson (vice president), Angie Miller (treasurer), Janet Bryan (adviser); Row two - Tracy Coffman, Christi Evans, Jennifer Greene, Stacey Wilson, Don Hanger, Shelby Hesterly, James Barnett, Tish Goss, Brandy Wright; Back - Vickie Franks, Kristy Burnett, Caree Simmons, Brent Napier, Michael Porter, Kerrick Lindsey.

Balloons and more balloons are fastened together by StuCo members Amy Compton, LeeAnn Cannon, and Tracy Coffman as they decorate for Homecoming.

Yellow ribbons are tied in a variety of places around campus during the war by StuCo's Scott Hall and Jared Jones.

NOT JUST A PRETTY FACE

...Student Council did more around MHS than just pose for a picture in the yearbook

Yellow ribbons, blue balloons, and red Christmas ornaments are colorful reminders of several projects Student Council undertook for the benefit of the school.

A special project came about because of the Persian Gulf War. StuCo members tied yellow ribbons around the school in order to show support for the service men and women in the Gulf area.

Each ribbon represented a graduate of MHS serving in the Middle East.

"I believe it showed support as far as the school goes," StuCo president Jared Jones said. "It let the community know that even though we are high schoolers, we do care about what is going on around us."

Following tradition, StuCo members were responsible for Homecoming decorations, and they also helped the school get in the Christmas spirit with bright decorations in the high school lobby.

But the group also took on a more serious task when it sponsored a Red Cross Bloodmobile visit to the MHS campus for the second year in a row.

"Having the Bloodmobile visit our school was beneficial to the whole community because there was an abundance of donors participating," senior representative Angie Miller said.

"It let the community know that even though we are high schoolers, we do care about what is going on around us."

Others believed they were helping more than just the community, but also the troops.

"Besides helping Mansfield," Jones said, "it replenished the stock of blood sent to the troops."

LANGUAGE CLUB

FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB. Front - Wava Engle (secretary-treasurer), Vickie Blankenship (adviser), Stacey Arnall (vice president), Scott Hall (president); Row two - Robbie Maxwell, Serena Dunsmuir, Shelby Hesterly, James Barnett, Brent Napier; Back - Clint Berry, Jared Jones, Sophia GreyOwl, Mike Helsley, Evan Kinser.

SHOW AND TELL REVISITED

...ESP members take their serious message to grade school children in a fun way

Spending an afternoon in an elementary classroom with a bunch of wiggly little kids doesn't exactly describe a dream day for most high school students.

But to ESP (Education Supports Prevention) Hi-Step members, it's a great way to get a message across.

One day every month, a group of Hi-Step members would talk to the elementary children about drug and alcohol abuse.

Each group was assigned a class, and would make presentations to the same children all year.

The high school students often returned from their lessons with a feeling of self-worth.

"You can tell we make an impression on them...they always come up and talk to you like you're best friends. It's almost like hero worship."

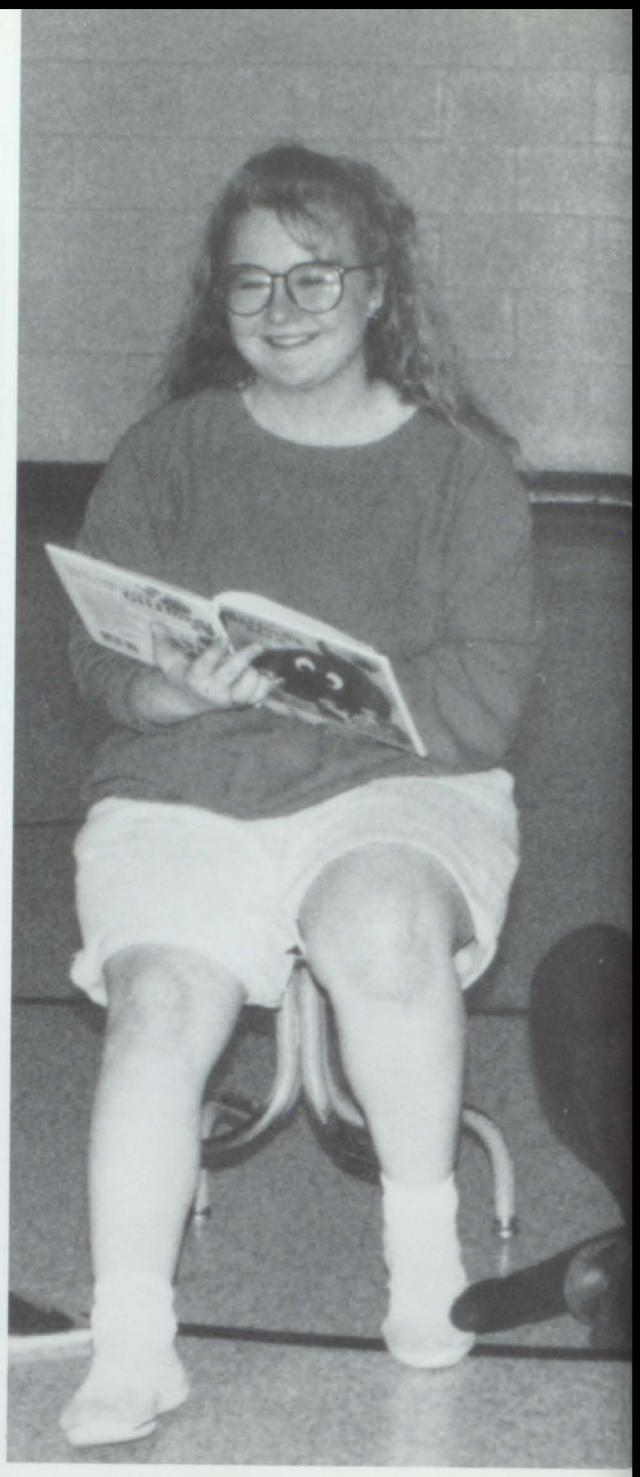
"You can really tell we make an impression on them," junior Stacey Wilson said. "When you're walking by the elementary they always come up and talk to you like you're best friends. It's almost like hero worship."

Fun activities were used to show the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.

"The last time we were talking about alcohol we had one of the kids put on these big rubber gloves and sunglasses to make him feel supposedly like he was drunk," Wilson said. "That project really worked out great, plus it was fun for them."

The elementary children even found admiration, and more, for their new "teachers."

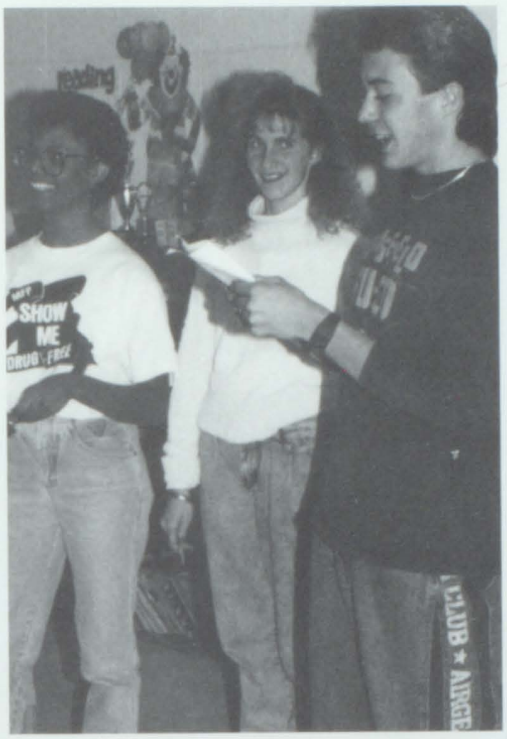
"All the little girls fell in love with Randall Roy and Adam Brooke," said junior Shelby Hesterly, who made her presentations with the two freshmen boys. "It was really funny."



ESP

EDUCATION SUPPORTS PREVENTION. Front - Tiffany Watterson (president), Chanda Davis (vice president), Scott Hall (treasurer), Aaron Proffitt (secretary), Ben Choate, Arlene Magnin (adviser), Okema Haden (adviser); Row two - Angela Kingery, Caree Simmons, James Axsom, Carrie Gray, Jeremy Jones, Wava Engle, Stacey Arnall, Kevin Hall, Matt Brown, Steven Garrison, Brian Williams, Missy Carter; Row three - Billy Stofer, Stacey Wilson, Shelby Hesterly, Tish Goss, Brandy Wright, Scott Smith, Jared Jones, Patricia Millsap, Vickie Franks, Amy Compton, Vicky Noble, Heather Fairbairn, Sophia GreyOwl; Row four - Marc Brazeal, Kendall Keith, Brent Napier, Robbie Maxwell, Stephanie Joseph, Randall Roy, Brad Hanger, Becky Bryson, Stacy Frantz, Jeri Moody, James Barnett, Jamin Corder; Back - Barry Short, Christi Evans, Jennifer Greene, Tracy Coffman, Neil Cross, Matt Moody, Shawn Williams, Sunny Watterson, Adam Brooke, Jennifer Shropshire, Don Hanger, Miles Keith, Clint Berry, Robbie Pierson.

Brandy Wright, accompanied by her friend, Clifford, provides story time for elementary students as part of ESP's Hi-Step program toward drug- and alcohol-abuse prevention.



Lessons on drug- and alcohol abuse prevention can be fun, like the one taught to the first graders by Stephanie Joseph, Jennifer Shropshire, and Scott Hall.

Discussion groups are a big part of the program at a two-day peer helper seminar attended by ESP members Angie Miller and Matt Moody.

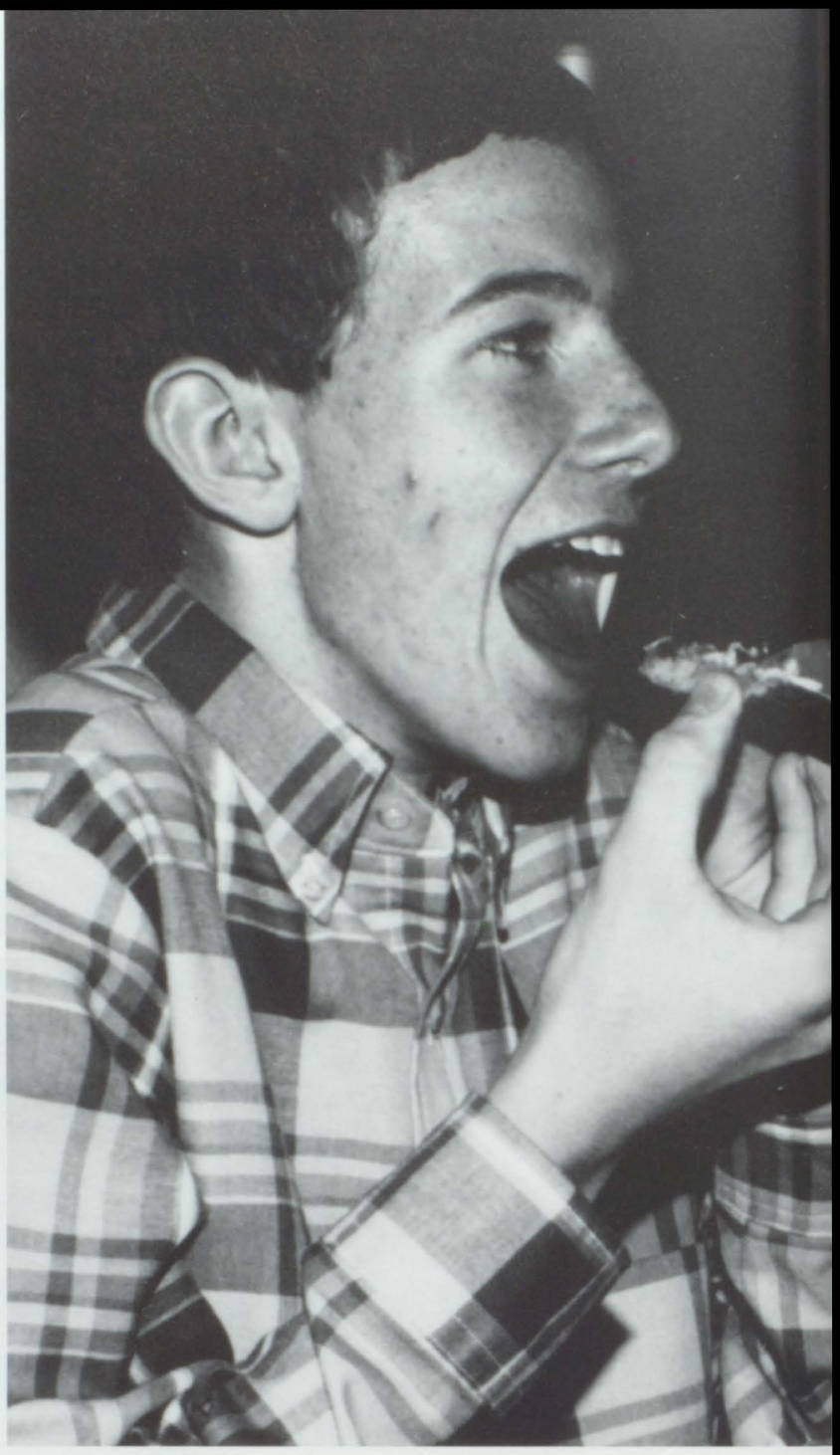
Carrie Gray, center, talks to third graders, telling them what she and Hi-Step members Heather Fairbairn and James Axsom have planned for the day's session.

SCIENCE CLUB

SCIENCE CLUB. Front - Benjie Dennis, Barry Short, Tiffany Watterson (president), Shelly Detherage (vice president), Waylan Johnson (secretary), Angie Miller (treasurer), Jane Darnell (adviser); Row two - Ryan Miller, Kendall Keith, Carrie Gray, Serena Dunsmuir, Missy Carter, Chris Dunn, Ben Choate, Julie Jurewicz, Steven Garrison; Row three - Clint Berry, James Axsom, Stacey Wilson, Shelby Hesterly, Jared Jones, Becky Bryson, Amy Compton, Jill Clouse, Patricia Millsap; Back - Jeff Ladd, Caree Simmons, Robbie Maxwell, Brent Napier, Don Hanger, Aaron Proffitt, James Barnett, Wava Engle, Stacy Frantz, Heather Fairbairn.

Evan Kinser samples fruit pizza prepared by Language Club members for the school board.

Kiwi, strawberries, and peaches are arranged on a fruit pizza which Language Club members Stacey Arnall and Shelby Hesterly prepare for a school board feast.



Liver probably never looked so bad as it does to Jamey Kabage as he pushes a chunk of it across the room during FFA initiation.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA. Front - Kathy Barnett (adviser), Kristin Calhoun (historian), Tracy Coffman, Carrie Gray (parliamentarian), Tish Goss (devotional leader), Brandy Wright (Power of One coordinator), Stacey Wilson (Star Events coordinator), Shelby Hesterly (Star Events coordinator), Christi Evans (first vice president), Heather Lansdown (second vice president); Row two - Matt Moody (recreational leader), Kendall Keith (recreational leader), Tawna Watterson (regional representative), Reggie Roy, Missy Carter (Power of One coordinator), Jennifer Greene (treasurer), Angela Kingery (reporter), Barry Short (program director), James Barnett (president); Row three - Chris Dunn, Billy Stofer, Brad Hanger, Serena Dunsmuir, Chanda Davis, Shawnya Matney, Annette Ramsey, Jody Philpott, Jeri Moody, Stacy Frantz; Row four - Kris Gray, Stacey Arnall, James Axsom, Jacque Lansdown, Stephanie Copeland, Stephanie Joseph, Rachelle Lansdown, Vickie Franks, Angie Miller, Becky Bryson, Debbie Cook, Heather Fairbairn; Row five - Lucy Calhoun, Christie Jones , Jackie Kirkland, Beth Gaddis, Shawn Williams, Sunny Watterson, Jennifer Schropshire, Sophia GreyOwl, Jill Clouse, Stephanie Kelley, Bill Douglas; Back - Ryan Miller, Jon Freeman, Marc Brazeal, Frank Jones, Clint Berry, Jared Jones, Scott Smith, Don Hanger.

Spitting her farthest, Carol Farris shows the winning form which won her first place in the FFA initiation spitting contest, below.

Thrilled at the prospect of digging around in a bucket of cornmeal, bananas, and hotdogs, Kim Hyde endures FFA initiation, bottom.

FOOD, FOLKS, AND FUN

...FFA initiates play with their food, which in this case is better than eating it

Using hands was definitely not part of fun for the "greenhands" on FFA initiation day.

The inititation festivities were held in the agriculture shop room, and there was a tasty array of events for the 30 new chapter members to participate in.

Male greenhands used their noses to push a juicy hunk of liver across the floor, a distance of about ten feet.

Winning the liver-pushing contest holds high prestige for freshman Jesse Evans.

"That piece of liver smelled three times worse than the worst thing you could ever imagine smelling in your life," he said. "After pushing the liver ten feet it felt really slimy."

There was more to this initiation than just a liver-pushing contest. In another event, initiates were blindfolded and had to reach through a toilet lid into a pail filled with cornmeal, hot dogs, bananas, and other yummy items.

A spitting contest was held for the girls.

"I thought that type of contest was nasty, and it was embarrassing when I won," freshman Carol Farris said. "I didn't want to eat anything after that for a while."

The spitting contest was an unusual sporting event for the girls, which only added to the initiation fun.

"It was unusual because being 'greenhands' we didn't know what they were going to do to us, and then they told us to spit," freshman Areatha Sickels said. "We really didn't know how we were supposed to spit or anything."

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FUTURE FARMERS

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA. Front - Lyle Whittaker (adviser), Kevin Hall (representative), Matt Brown (secretary), Tawna Watterson (treasurer), Reggie Roy (first vice president), Tiffany Watterson (president); Row two - Steven Wilson, Aretha Sickels, Christy Barber, Carol Farris, Tommy Kingery, Virginia Fulbright, Brenda Winsor, April Lynch, Lisa Henry; Row three - Merle Strohm, Jesse Evans, Steve Pearson, Marty Decker, Billy Stofer, Brad Hanger, Johnny VanNess, Tommy Dugger, Shelly Adams, Pat William; Row four - Scott Smith, Randall Roy, Adam Brooke, Caree Simmons, Scott Hall, Jamey Kabage, Harvey Wedge, Carl Splain, Floyd Hutson, Michael Jones; Back - Matt Doyle, James Johnson, Matt Coffman, Mike Young, Brandy Potts, Lucy Calhoun, Christie Jones, Jackie Kirkland, Beth Gaddis.

ONE IS MORE THAN ENOUGH

...Senior sings his way to the top rating in the state music festival in Columbia

One is a lonely number, the song says, but to senior Matt Moody, one is a winning number.

Combining a natural voice talent with some sound musical instruction, Moody earned a one rating at the district music festival, then traveled to Columbia to make a one at the state contest.

"I wasn't really surprised at getting a one at districts," Moody said. "But when I got a one at state I really couldn't believe it."

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Moody said getting the top rating wasn't all skill, although that helped.

"The music contest was exciting and fun, but to win you've got to have some luck, too," he said.

Moody performed "The Blind Plowman" and "Come to the Fair."

Instructor Eric Spyres said determination was involved in Moody's accomplishment.

"Matt is one of the best students I've had for listening to what you tell him and going ahead and making himself a better singer," Spyres said. "That is what has made him as good as he is now."

Besides Moody's individual performance, the mixed chorus earned a two rating at the district festival, whose location was changed from Springfield to West Plains.

In the spring, the group had some lighter moments at a concert featuring "Footloose", "Summer Nights", and "Nothing Like a Dame."

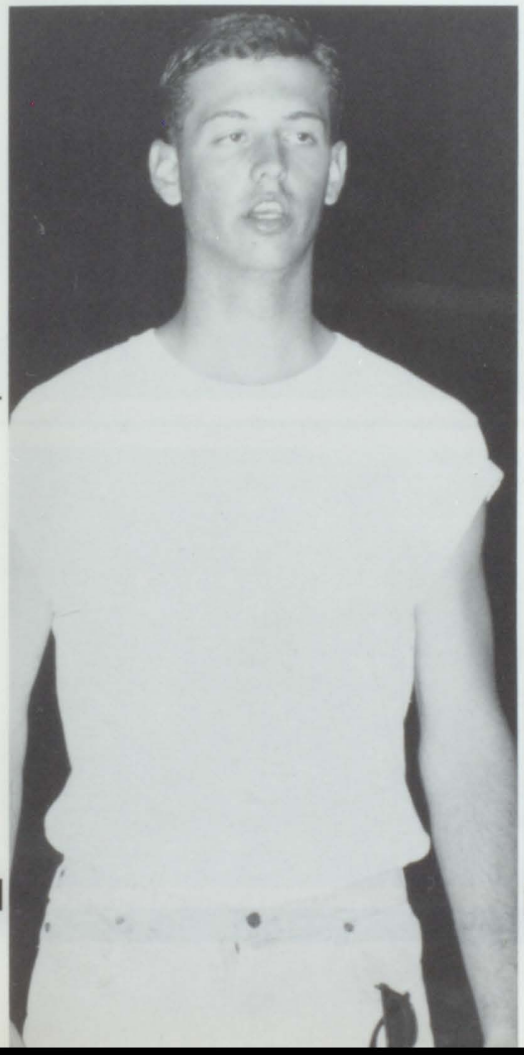
Choir robes were switched for tee-shirts and "shades," and soloists included Moody, senior Waylan Johnson, junior Marny Clark, and senior Angie Miller.

Soloist Kris Gray performs at the Miss Mansfield pageant, below, and Waylan Johnson and Marny Clark sing "Summer Nights" at the spring choir concert, bottom.

"Sabbath Prayer" from "Fiddler on the Roof" is performed at the spring concert by Marny Clark, Shawn Williams, Tawna Watterson, Melissa Farris, Bobbi Beck, and Aretha Sickels.

MIXED CHORUS

MIXED CHORUS. Front- Matt Moody, Jill Clouse, Carrie Gray, Angie Miller, Julie Jurewicz, Marny Clark, Eric Spyres (director); Row two - Miles Keith, Kevin Hall, Aretha Sickels, Tawna Watterson, Jacque Lansdown, Melissa Farris, Sunny Watterson, Stephanie Joseph; Back - Steven Wilson, Ryan Miller, Taylor Hamilton, Waylan Johnson, Jon Freeman, Billy Stofer, Shawn Williams, Jennifer Shropshire.



Matt Moody shows the audience at the spring concert the style that earned him a one rating at the state music contest. Moody is singing "The Blind Plowman", one of his contest entries.

After the choir performs "Summer Nights" at the spring concert, Angie Miller and Marny Clark, in center in dark shirts, provide some comments that get the whole group's attention.

Blasting out the sound, Joe Garrison, Evan Kinser, and Matt Moody make up the trumpet section at the spring concert.

Keeping track of the music and the director, Joe McNeil, Vicky Noble, Kevin Hall, and Justin Long are percussionists at the spring concert.

Roses for director Lisa Myers are presented by Evan Kinser at the spring concert. Other band members shown are Vicky Noble, Stephanie Kelly, Matt Moody, and Virginia Fulbright.

HIGH SCHOOL BAND

HIGH SCHOOL BAND. Front - Lisa Myers (director), Melissa Holt, Evan Kinser, Stephanie Kelly, Joe McNeil, Matt Brown; Back - Stephanie Copeland, Virginia Fulbright, Matt Moody, Kevin Hall, Vicky Noble, Justin Long.

Drummer Joe McNeil keeps the beat for the band during the Wilder Days parade, and bottom, clarinetists Sabrina Kelly, Melissa Holt and Stephanie Copeland perform at the spring concert.

SMALL IN SIZE, NOT SOUND

...band members keep on playing, even when their number dwindles

Seventy-six trombones they weren't.

But even though there was a limited, even tiny, number of musicians involved, the band kept the music flowing in many ways, from concerts to parades.

Only nine students were enrolled in band class, a major drop from previous years. But director Lisa Myers said that scarcity of numbers wasn't totally bad for the music program at MHS.

"Quantity doesn't mean quality, and we had quality," she said. "The band will grow in numbers."

Fewer people in the class made band more enjoyable for sophomore trumpet player Evan Kinser.

"With fewer people we had fewer interruptions, therefore we could concentrate more on the music we played and the problems in the music, not the problems in the class, he said."

The smaller size of the band also made marching in parades a problem, but the band maintained an adequate size with the addition of middle school musicians.

The combined high school and middle school band received a two rating at district music festival for the second year in a row.

Band letters were awarded to senior Kevin Hall; sophomores Kinser, Matt Brown, Melissa Holt, Vicky Noble, Joe McNeil; and freshmen Stephanie Kelly and Justin Long.

These letters were awarded on the basis of points acquired for activities such as marching in parades, performing in concerts, and entering the district music contest.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND. Front - Lisa Myers, Karen Farris, Stephanie Flinn, Joanie Fulbright, Lisa Ladd, Trisha Perry, Tara Moody, Ashley Miller, Naomi Strohm; Row two - Michael Douglas, Brian Pollock, Sean Spyres, Garan Kinser, Jeff Hanger, Trish Dalton, Melanie Blankenship, Sara Moody, Heather Gray, Niki Anderson, Angela Ragsdale; Back - David Climer, Luke Johnson, Jason Bryson, James Hanger, Joe Garrison, Dustin Lansdown, Mark Brown, Tara Fetter, Michelle Roberts, Melanie McGaw, Stephanie Blankenship, Sabrina Kelly.

CUPID STRIKES AGAIN

...publications staff members wonder how they ever lived without computers

It was love at first sight.

Publications staff members fell for the newest additions to the group, but the stars in their eyes were for a couple of computers, not a living, breathing person.

Two Macintosh SE's and a laser printer brought desktop publishing to MHS.

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Lions Gazette editor-in-chief Benjie Dennis said the computers save tons of work.

"Computers make it easier to write a story," he said. "It takes one-fourth the time it used to take. If we wouldn't have had the computers this year the newspaper and yearbook wouldn't be as good as they are."

The publications staff members also like the computers because of the endless possibilities they offer.

"Those things are a big help!" junior yearbook editor Shelby Hesterly said. "They make me always want to learn more."

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

Staffers won 24 individual state newspaper and yearbook awards.

In national judging for the first time, the yearbook was ranked First Class by National Scholastic PressAssociation.

Interviewing Christie Jones, editor Benjie Dennis works on a feature story for the Gazette.

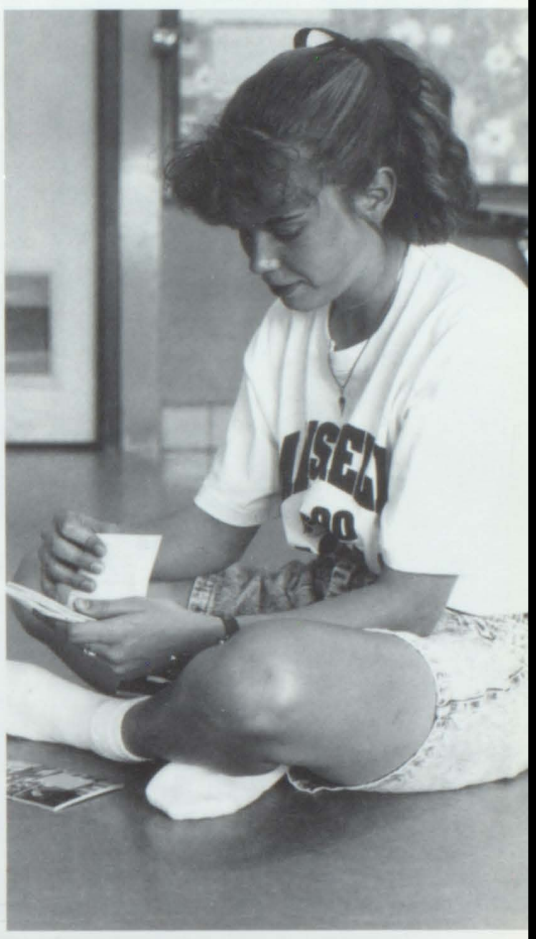
Checking for mistakes, James Barnett and Aaron Proffitt proofread their yearbook grade page before it is sent to the printer.

PUBLICATIONS STAFF

NEWSPAPER AND YEARBOOK STAFF. Front - Glen Evans (business manager), Benjie Dennis (newspaper editor-in-chief), Christi Evans (yearbook editor-in-chief), Marc Brazeal (newspaper senior editor), Kris Gray (yearbook senior editor), Debbie Von Behren (publications director); Row two - Tish Goss, yearbook senior section editor), James Barnett (yearbook sports editor), Serena Dunsmuir (photographer), Shelby Hesterly (yearbook junior editor) Don Hanger (newspaper sports editor), Stacey Wilson (yearbook index editor), Brandy Wright (photographer); Back - Kerrick Lindsey (newspaper junior editor), Heather Lansdown (yearbook club editor), Aaron Proffitt (newspaper sports editor), Jennifer Greene (yearbook junior editor), Tracy Coffman (yearbook academics editor).

Stacey Wilson uses the computer to work on the yearbook index, with help from Tish Goss.

Yearbook editor Christi Evans gets down on the floor for plenty of room to decide which photos to use on the people division spread.



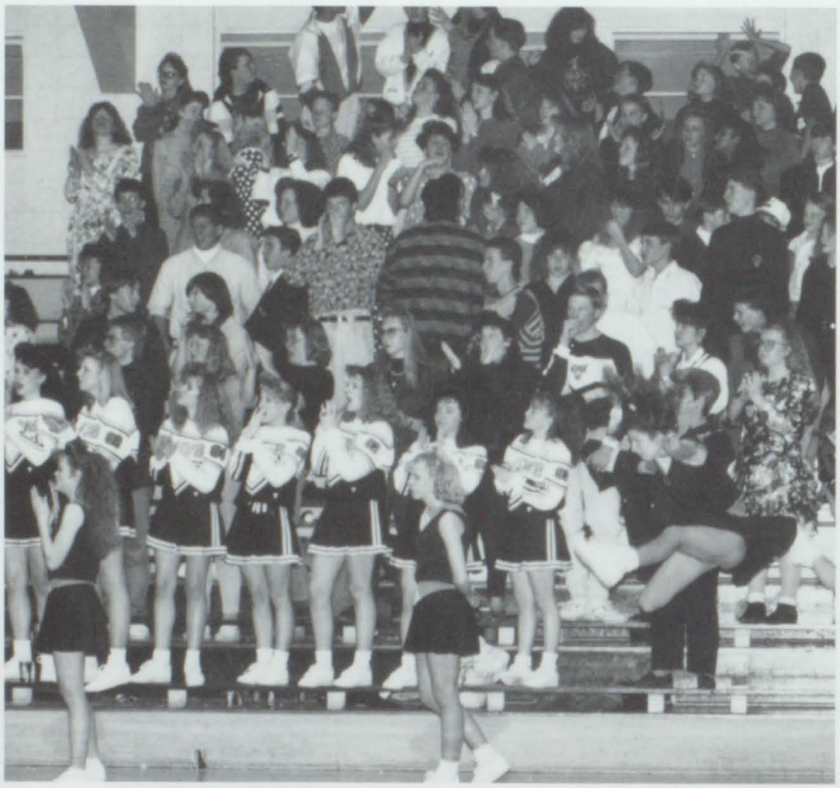
"Pub-lings," or publications staff members nicknamed by adviser Debbie Von Behren, take a break from deadlines. On ground, Marc Brazeal, Serena Dunsmuir, Tish Goss, James Barnett, Don Hanger; middle, Tracy Coffman (standing), Kerrick Lindsey (standing), Brandy Wright (seated), Heather Lansdown (standing), Kris Gray (seated), Stacey Wilson (seated); back, Jennifer Greene, Aaron Proffitt, Christi Evans, Glen Evans, Shelby Hesterly; top, Benjie Dennis.

Bare bleachers in the Pep Club section reveal a sight often seen at home basketball games.

Homecoming is one event that packs the gym's pep area, middle.

Hippy Day was added to Spirit Week, and gives Sophia GreyOwl, Amy Compton, Vicky Noble (seated), and Carrie Gray a chance to try wearing bell bottoms and mini skirts.

White shoe polish helps cheerleader Tracy Coffman write the names of the cross country runners on the bus that will take them to the state meet.



Shapely legs are shown at a pep rally contest. Banner holders are pom pon girls Stacey Arnall, Missy Melton, and LeeAnn Cannon.

Spirit is boosted during a home game by pom pon squad members Serena Dunsmuir and Stacey Arnall.

DEATH OF A PEP CLUB

...after being sickly for several years, the group finally 'passes away'

One, two, three, four! We don't show up anymore!

Anyone searching for Pep Club's favorite cheer could have picked the one above.

Often the only ones in the Pep Club section at home basketball games were pom pon squad members and middle school kids. Away games were even more dismal.

Then there was the failure of even 15 club members to sign up to ride the bus to away boys' games, causing pep buses to be cancelled for several games, a definite first in MHS history.

"It's sad that not as many people go out for Pep Club as they used to, but when you start putting rules and restrictions on clubs, like what was done this year, it's hard to want to join and take pride in being in the club," senior Shelly Detherage said.

Some explanation might be found in the new rules. The club decided that each member had to attend four boys' and girls' home games, and one away game for each. This rule angered members. Some quit, while others stayed but weren't happy.

"Pep Club needs to be bigger and needs more support," sophomore Stacy Frantz said. "I think if they dropped the new attendance rule the club would increase in size."

Members were also upset with state rules outlining ways in which students can't show spirit.

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PEP CLUB

Front - Debbie Cook, Wava Engle, Angela Kingery, Melissa Holt, Stephanie Copeland, Tracy Coffman (president), Aaron Proffitt (treasurer), Lisa Myers (sponsor); Row two - Jared Jones, Stacey Arnall, Carrie Gray, Serena Dunsmuir, Tish Goss, Shelby Hesterly, Jennifer Shropshire, Patricia Millsap, Matt Brown; Row three - Chris Dunn, Joe McNeil, Kristin Calhoun, Chanda Davis, Brandy Wright, Vickie Franks, Heather Fairbairn, Stacy Frantz, Jeri Moody, Clint Berry; Row four - Marc Brazeal, Ben Choate, Scott Hall, Brent Napier, Kevin Hall, Sophia GreyOwl, Becky Bryson, Jill Clouse, Amy Compton, Matt Coffman; Back - Evan Kinser, Frank Jones, Steve Garrison, Shawn Williams, Sunny Watterson, Stephanie Joseph, Jeremy Jones, Scott Smith, James Barnett, Kendall Keith.

SHAKE, RATTLE AND ROLL

...pom pon squad overcomes early morning blahs to perfect flashy routines

It's early in the morning, seven a.m. to be exact. Seven half-asleep girls stagger slowly into the gym, ready to dance, if they can wake up first.

Alarm clocks went off early for the Sweethearts pom pon squad on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings, as the girls tried out the philosophy that practice makes perect, no matter what time of day it is.

"Thursdays were the worst," junior Serena Dunsmuir said. "I had life guard classes on Wednesday nights, and usually didn't get home until midnight."

Making a fashion statement was not the main thing on the girls' minds. The usual "costume" consisted of baggy sweats and oversized tee-shirts.

"I didn't care how I looked," junior Tish Goss said. "They couldn't expect me to look as fresh as a daisy, because everyone looked as bad as I did."

After practice, the rest of sophomore Stacey Arnall's day was filled with sleepiness.

"After getting up and practicing," she said, "I ended up being tired and dragging around all day."

When the girls arrived before the sun did, the gym was a rather unfriendly place.

"The gym was cold and dark," freshman Jennifer Shropshire said. "We were all usually about to fall asleep and didn't want to practice."

However, sophomore Patricia Millsap said the girls did have productive times.

"Getting up that early was tough," she said. "But we didn't mind, because we were doing it for our school and our team."

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MHS SWEETHEARTS

MHS SWEETHEARTS POM PON SQUAD. Front - Serena Dunsmuir, Jennifer Shropshire; back - Tish Goss, Carrie Gray, Shelby Hesterly, Stacey Arnall, Patricia Millsap.

Flashing big smiles, the squad performs at the last home game.

Serena Dunsmuir and Missy Melton perform a fast-paced routine to M.C. Hammer and "You Can't Touch This."

Rocking to the music, Stacey Arnall performs with a smile.

"Good Golly, Miss Molly" gets the squad swaying at center court during Homecoming, middle.

<None>Matching mirror image moves, Carrie Gray, front, and Shelby Hesterly entertain the

Flashing smiles and matching poses end a spirited floor cheer.

Captain Tracy Coffman leads a cheer and keeps an eye on the ballgame at the same time.

Cheerleaders Tracy Coffman, Bobbi Beck, Wava Engle, Stephanie Copeland and Melissa Holt do their best to show the Lion spirit with a chant at a pep rally.

Homecoming means a special pyramid, which the squad practices on the sidelines before the varsity game, middle.

Chanting from the sideline, Stephanie Copeland, Melissa Holt and Wave Engle lead the crowd in a cheer, below.

SPIRIT, LET'S HEAR IT!

...cheerleaders merge two squads into one for extra spirit power at games

Mixing ages can often be as volatile as mixing chemicals - sometimes there's an explosion.

When the varsity and junior varsity cheerleading squads of six were combined into one squad of ten, many cheerleaders had mixed feelings.

"I was scared when I heard about having one squad," freshman Bobbi Beck said. "I didn't know how the upperclassmen would treat us, or how well we would get along."

Several cheerleaders liked the big group.

"Having more squad members on the floor looked good," junior Tracy Coffman said. "It also let us grab more people's attention by doing more outstanding pyramids."

Having a squad with varied ages was a plus, the younger girls decided.

"A squad with all different ages helped us freshmen," Beck said. "When we had questions on cheers we could go to the older girls for help."

Still, the combined squad also had minuses.

"It was harder to get all the cheerleaders together, and when we did, we usually fought and never decided on anything," freshman Stephanie Copeland said.

The bigger squad meant more practices.

"We had to work harder because learning cheers took longer," Coffman said.

The decision to combine was a good one, squad members said.

"I was scared when I heard about having only one squad. I didn't know how the upper classmen would treat us..."

"Having one squad was better because the best people were all on one squad working together," sophomore Wava Engle said, "instead of two squads working against each other."

CHEERLEADERS

CHEERLEADERS. Front - Stephanie Copeland, Kim Hyde; middle - Angela Lansdown, Melissa Holt, Debbie Cook; back - Bobbi Beck, Wava Engle, Tracy Coffman, Angela Kingery.

Denying the ball inside to a Conway player, Jennifer Greene is backed up by Christi Evans, Tiffany Watterson, Shelly Detherage and Stacey Arnall. The Lady Lions won the game.

Missy Carter bumps a serve in a home game with Seymour which MHS won. Shelly Detherage and Wava Engle are ready for the set.

Shake, rattle, and roll

SPORTS

Shaking up their opponents was the name of the game for sports teams at MHS. Winning records, and even some outstanding records, were served up by both girls' and boys' teams. Rattling opponents was common, and most MHS teams rolled over their rivals with ease.

Marc Brazeal shoots two points past a Seymour guard during the Mansfield Tournament, which the Lions won.

Lead-off man Frank Jones awaits the pitch in a varsity home baseball game against Niangua.

Brothers Scott and Kevin Hall, followed by Jamin Corder, complete the first lap of a home cross country meet which MHS won.

Young team lacks experience, substitutes effort

Cross country makes fourth trip to state meet

Just do it!

Those famous Nike words were exactly the attitude the cross country team had, an attitude that led the runners to their fourth consecutive state cross country meet appearance.

The team placed twelfth at state, the weakest of the four years, but was younger than in years past.

Senior Kevin Hall was the oldest runner. The rest were sophomores - Taylor Hamilton, Evan Kinser, Brad Hanger, Jamin Corder, Scott Hall, and Matt Brown.

"Times at state were 30 seconds faster than last year," Coach Randy Short said. "The youth of the team also contributed to a decline in our overall placing at state."

Mansfield's top runner, Hamilton, placed 34th with a time of 18:52. Hanger came in second for MHS with a time of 19:33 and placed 75th overall.

The team also had a few things to brag about back on the homefront.

Mansfield blew the competition away at the Summit Conference meet.

Unlike other sports where coaches make the conference team selections, in cross country the runners pick themselves by placing in the top ten in the conference meet.

Every Mansfield runner earned All-Conference honors and the team was Summit Conference champion. Along with the guys, Becky Bryson, sole girl runner, also earned All-Conference honors.

The boys' team won first at the district meet at Norwood behind a trio of All-District runners; Hamilton who was 6th, Scott Hall 8th, and Kinser 9th. Bryson also made All-District, finishing 9th.

The team came together at the end of the season, despite a slow start, and it paid off.

"We came around at the end of the year, and started running more as a pack," Kevin Hall said. 'That's why we won the conference and district meets."

● **BECKY BRYSON AND** James Axsom start on the second lap of a home meet.

● **CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS** Matt Brown, left, and Jamin Corder make it a race to the finish line with a Seymour runner at a home meet which the Mansfield team won.

● **SPRINTING FOR THE** finish line, Scott Hall runs in a home meet.

● **WHILE WATCHING THE** junior varsity race, Evan Kinser, Taylor Hamilton and Brad Hanger talk about strategy for the varsity run.

● **AFTER THE GUN** sounds, the varsity cross country race is underway in a field behind the elementary playground. Mansfield runners are near the middle.

LETTER WINNERS

M CROSS COUNTRY

WON 3

MHS	MEET LOCATION
Second	Mtn. Grove
Sixth	Plato
Third	Nixa
Fifth	Willow Springs
First	Mansfield
Sixth	Mtn. Grove
Third	Niangua
Sixth	Mansfield Invitational
First	Conference Meet
First	Norwood (Districts)
Twelfth	Jefferson City (State)

"From the very first of the running season, I felt that we had to go to state to keep the tradition of the cross country team alive." -- Jamin Corder

● **LEAD MHS RUNNER** Taylor Hamilton sprints to move up a position in a pack of runners.

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM. Coach Randy Short, Evan Kinser, Scott Hall, Taylor Hamilton, Jamin Corder, Brad Hanger, Kevin Hall, Matt Brown, Becky Bryson.

Opponents shown no mercy by deadly 'kill' offense

Volleyball team spikes its way to best season ever

K stands for kill, and that's what the volleyball team did to its opponents, showing no mercy on the way to a 22-2 record, the best in school history.

Senior Shelly Detherage, the "kill specialist," set a school spiking record by hitting for 408 kills, an average of 17 per game. She also had a 93 percent serving average.

"It's always an honor to break a school record," Detherage said. "But considering my love for volleyball, it was an exceptional honor."

Sophomore Stacey Arnall was also a record setter. She served for 199 points, breaking Detherage's old record of 152.

The team won first in the conference tournament, second in the Norwood Tournament, and was conference champion.

For the second year in a row, Licking denied Mansfield a berth in the state tournament. Licking won the district championship, but MHS put up quite a fight, taking the games to 15-13, 15-11.

"We had a lot of talent on our team, and we worked well together," Arnall said. "It will be a hard act to follow."

Other starters were senior Tiffany Watterson, juniors Tracy Coffman and Stacey Wilson, sophomore Wava Engle.

Coach Roger Wood's reflections were positive ones.

"Our season was like driving on the Autobahn highway in Germany," he said. "We had 22 straight stretches and only two curves."

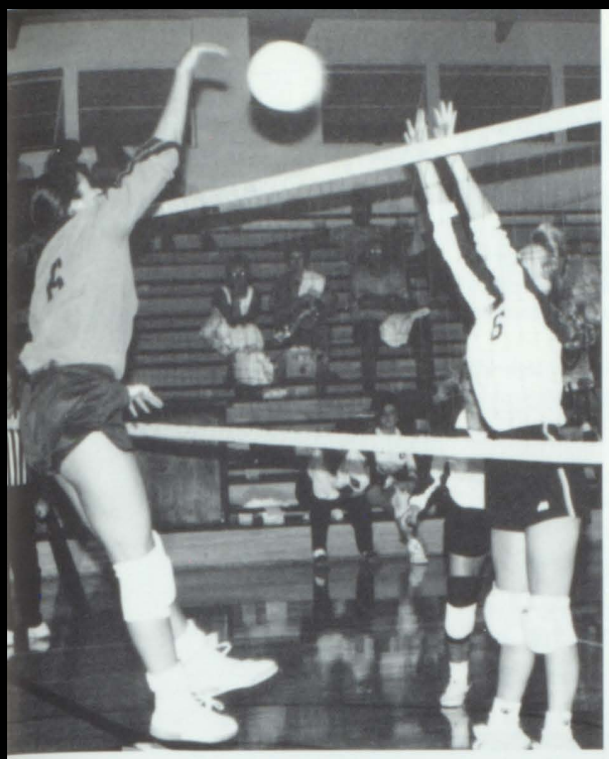
Detherage, Watterson and Arnall were All-District. Detherage and Watterson were first team, and Arnall second team.

Five team members were All-Conference. First team picks were Detherage, Watterson, Wilson and Arnall. Coffman was honorable mention.

● **STACEY ARNALL TRIES** to tip the ball over two Cabool blockers in a match which the Lady Lions won.

● **CONCENTRATION SHOWN ON** her face, Wava Engle serves in a home game with Seymour, above right.

● **IN A WINNING match** with Bradleyville, Stacey Wilson goes up for a spike.



● **POWER SPIKER SHELLY** Detherage sends the ball back with authority to the Willow Springs players in a game which MHS won.

LETTER WINNERS

M VOLLEYBALL

WON 22 LOST 2

MHS		OPP
15-3, 15-5	Seymour	
15-3, 15-1	Conway	
15-0, 15-4	Niangua	
15-6, 15-5	Bradleyville	
15-6, 15-9	Gainesville	
	Houston	15-1, 15-3
15-7, 15-5	Ava	
15-2, 15-3	Forsyth	
15-7, 15-6	Seymour	
15-0, 15-2	Bradleyville	
15-1, 15-6	Mtn. Grove	
15-9, 15-8	Willow Springs	
15-12, 15-2	Fordland	
15-4, 15-7	Norwood	
15-8, 15-3	Cabool	
15-12, 15-6	Gainesville	
15-12, 15,1	Conway	
15-5, 15-12	Seymour	
15-6, 15-2	Gainesville	15-13
15-0, 15-6	Norwood	
15-9, 15-1	Fordland	
15-2, 15-7	Cabool	
15-9, 15-6	Gainesville	
	Licking	15-13, 15-11

"This was the most thrilling and enjoyable season of my volleyball career. Having such a wonderful crowd at districts made it a great ending even though we took second." -- Shelly Detherage

● **BUMPING A SERVE,** Tracy Coffman gets the ball into position for a set and spike.

● **TIFFANY WATTERSON DIVES** after a spike, managing to bump it up and save an MHS point. Shelly Detherage is in the background.

JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM. Stephanie Kelly, Sophia Greyowl, Scott Smith, Amy Compton, Melissa Holt, Missy Carter, Tawna Watterson, Jacque Lansdown, Angela Kingery, Sunny Watterson, Jared Jones, Brandy Wright, Coach Roger Wood.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM. Front - Stacey Arnall, Shelly Detherage, Tiffany Watterson, Stacey Wilson; Back - Melissa Holt, Tracy Coffman, Missy Carter, Wava Engle.

Stronger schedule makes team put up or shut up

Girls glad for the chance to play tougher teams

After last season's record breaking 20-7 finish, just about everyone wanted the Lady Lions schedule to be "beefed up."

And it happened. West Plains, a 4A team, was added to the regular season; 4A and 3A teams were added to the Mansfield Tournament; and the girls played in the Greene County League Tournament at Springfield Catholic.

"It was about time we got to play somebody different than the same old conference teams that we play over and over," senior guard Christi Evans said.

The Lady Lions were up to the challenge, collecting 19 wins, which included second place in the GCL Tournament, third in the conference tournament, and consolation in the Mansfield Tournament.

Shelly Detherage, senior center, thought the home tourney brought teamwork out.

"In the tournament we played well as a team, and a lot of players contributed in our two wins," she said. "That helped us prepare for the tougher teams we faced later."

Leading scorer was Detherage, who averaged 17 points. Evans and sophomore Stacey Arnall averaged 13 and 11 points, respectively.

Detherage was also leading rebounder with 8 per game, and led the team with a field goal percentage of 49.

Evans led the team with 76 steals and 90 assists. She also shot 72 percent from the free throw line.

Detherage and Evans were first team All-Conference and Arnall was honorable mention.

● **SHOOTING OVER SEYMOUR'S** Christy Pearce, Shelly Detherage scores two to help the Lady Lions to a victory.

● **CHRISTI EVANS MOVES** down court to set up an offensive play in a game with Hartville which the Lady Lions won.

LETTER WINNERS

BASKETBALL

WON 19 LOST 7

MHS		OPP
65	Conway	42
37	Fordland	46
45	Seymour	33
53	Willow Springs	38
29	West Plains	48
67	Ava	29
45	Norwood	53
75	Cabool	38
53	Mtn. Grove	37
91	Liberty	32
51	Hartville	26
38	Norwood	43
52	Conway	39
59	Lutie	44
46	Gainesville	53
59	Niangua	19
47	Seymour	40
58	Conway	35
54	Seymour	41
55	Forsyth	31
80	Walnut Grove	51
56	Catholic	22
62	Hartville	39
48	Fordland	39
52	Hartville	39
54	Alton	55

"It was great being in the Greene County League Tourney at Catholic my senior year. Playing the top-ranked 2A team in the state was exciting for the team and for the fans." -- Christi Evans

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM. Front - Evan Kinser, Becky Bryson, Sunny Watterson, Christi Evans, Tracy Coffman, Missy Honeycutt, Trisha Perry; Back - Jennifer Greene, Shelly Detherage, Stacey Arnall, Tiffany Watterson, Amy Compton, Assistant Coach Sonya Butler, Coach Freddie Doherty.

● **JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM.** Jacque Lansdown, Areatha Sickels, Tawna Watterson, Amy Compton, Sophia Greyowl, Brandy Wright.

● **BEATING THE PRESS** off the dribble, Tiffany Watterson drives toward the basket.

● **DETERMINED NOT TO** let her man get the ball, Stacey Arnall bodies up to a Conway player.

● **QUICK TO REACT,** Tracy Coffman stops a Hartville offensive move, with help from Sunny Watterson.

Buzzer shot ends season abruptly

One point , one second will be memory-makers

Basketball fans have been heard to say that there is nothing sweeter than a three-pointer at the buzzer.

But to MHS players and fans, a specific three-pointer at the buzzer was sour, not sweet.

This basket abruptly ended the season when the top-seeded Lions took a 63-62 overtime loss to Licking in the district semifinals.

One second was left on the clock and MHS was up by two when a Licking player threw up a shot that bounced off the backboard and fell in.

"When it left his hand I knew it was in," junior Barry Short said. "When it went off the board it was worse."

But other players were not so sure the shot was going in.

"When the kid first shot the ball it was so far off I thought we had won it," senior Benjie Dennis said. "But when it went off the board it felt like the kid had ripped my heart out and stepped on it."

Stunned silence was the first reaction from the players.

"I couldn't believe it went in," senior Kris Gray said. "The guy had only made one all night."

At times the team was ranked eighth in the state, and the players always thought about making the Final Four.

"It makes me wonder," senior Marc Brazeal said. "We could have just as easily gone all the way as lost in districts."

The Lions won a first place victory in the Mansfield Tournament, and second place in the Seymour Tournament. A perfect league record gave the team the conference title.

All-Conference selections were Gray, Brazeal, and Short.

Gray and Short led the team in scoring, both averaging 20 points per game. Brazeal added 15 a game.

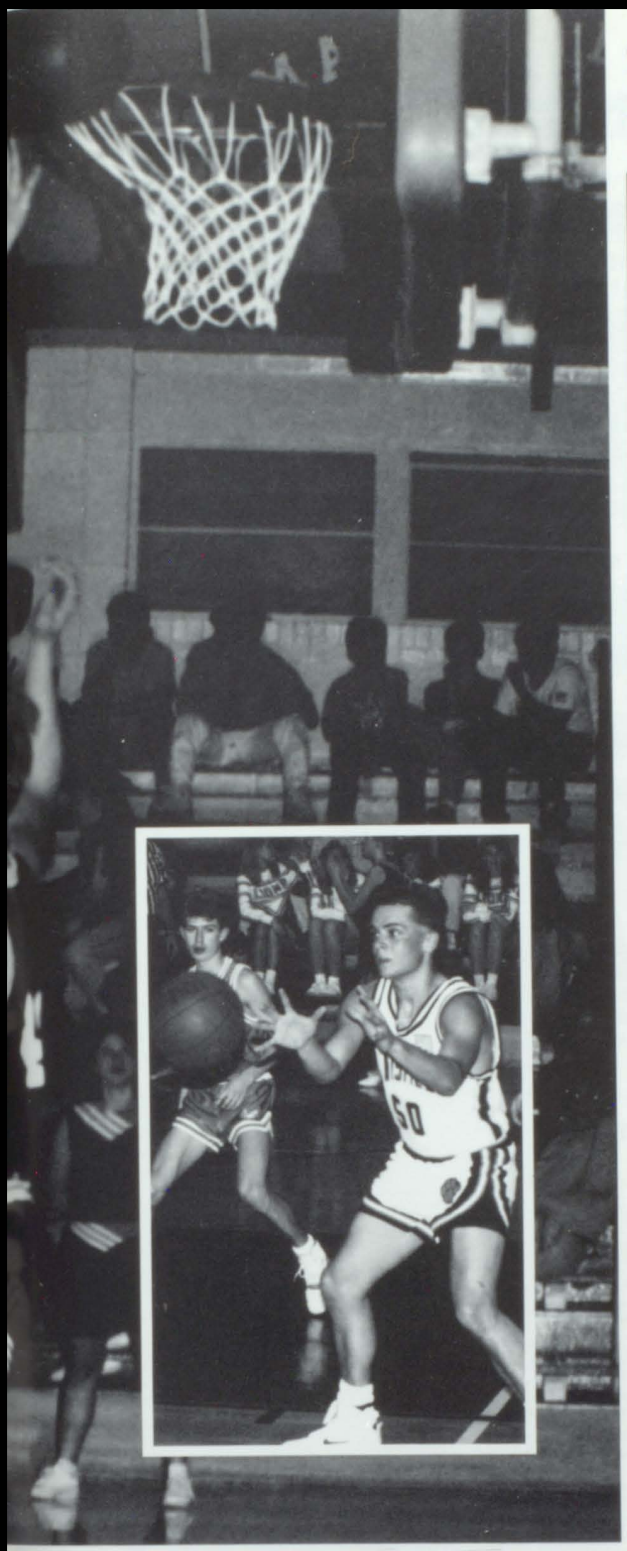
Gray also led in rebounding, grabbing 16 per game for a 400 total.

Field goal shooting percentage leader was Short with 67 percent, and he also shot 81 percent from the line.

● **HANDLING THE PRESSURE** from Seymour, Marc Brazeal brings the ball down the floor for the Lions.

● **WHILE A SEYMOUR** player watches helplessly, Barry Short jumps high to score two.

● **BENJIE DENNIS MOVES** into position to keep his man from scoring, right, and Matt Moody blocks out a Conway defender.



● **KRIS GRAY POWERS** the ball to the hole over two Seymour defenders. Inset, James Barnett waits for the pass inside as he positions himself to score.

LETTER WINNERS

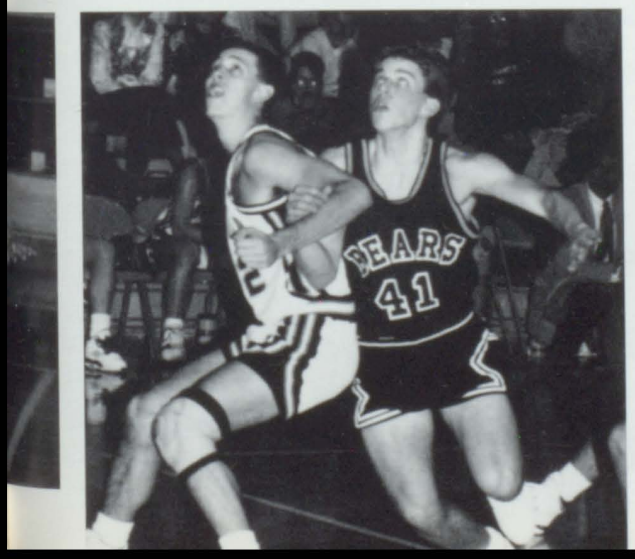
M BASKETBALL

WON 18 LOST 7

MHS		OPP
96	Niangua	53
70	Plato	46
61	Seymour	43
96	Niangua	59
91	Seymour	56
80	Plato	57
75	Conway	44
88	Norwood	55
74	Cabool	46
83	Gainesville	62
62	Ava	66
44	Mountain Grove	57
62	Gainesville	53
48	Macks Creek	56
54	Rogersville	61
69	Conway	48
67	Hartville	61
64	Houston	58
63	Seymour	62
64	Cabool	51
83	Fordland	65
55	Ava	66
64	Willow Springs	72
83	Plato	59
62	Licking	63

"Our number one goal at the beginning of the season was to win the Summit Conference, and doing that by beating Hartville at their place was definitely the highlight of the year." -- Marc Brazeal

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM. Front - Marc Brazeal, Kris Gray, Don Hanger, Frank Jones, Benjie Dennis, Chris Dunn; Back - Barry Short, James Barnett, Brad Hanger, Reggie Roy, Matt Moody, Kendall Keith. Not shown - Coach Jerry Armstrong.



● **JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM.** Front - Kendall Keith, Steve Wilson, Ryan Miller, Reggie Roy, Jon Freeman; Back Randall Roy, Brad Hanger, Jeremy Jones, Scott Smith, Coach Doug Jones, Adam Brooke.

Track team shrinks in size, but maintains spirit

Smaller team means more variety in events

Unlike team sports, when you don't do well in track and field, you have no one to blame but yourself.

"I really enjoy track season," senior Benjie Dennis said. "It allows you to challege yourself and not rely on other teammates. If you don't do well you can't go around and put the blame on someone else."

With 82 points, Dennis was the top male point winner, and with 91, sophomore Vicky Noble was tops for the females.

Compared to other years, only a small number of students were out for track.

"It was fun this year since we had such a little squad," sophomore Jared Jones said. "It was better because we had more freedom to do what we wanted."

The season seemed to fly by for some.

"It seemed the season had just started and then it was over," sophomore Jamin Corder said. "I wish track season lasted longer or at least I wish we had a few more meets."

Sophomore Evan Kinser said that even though it was a small squad, it was successful.

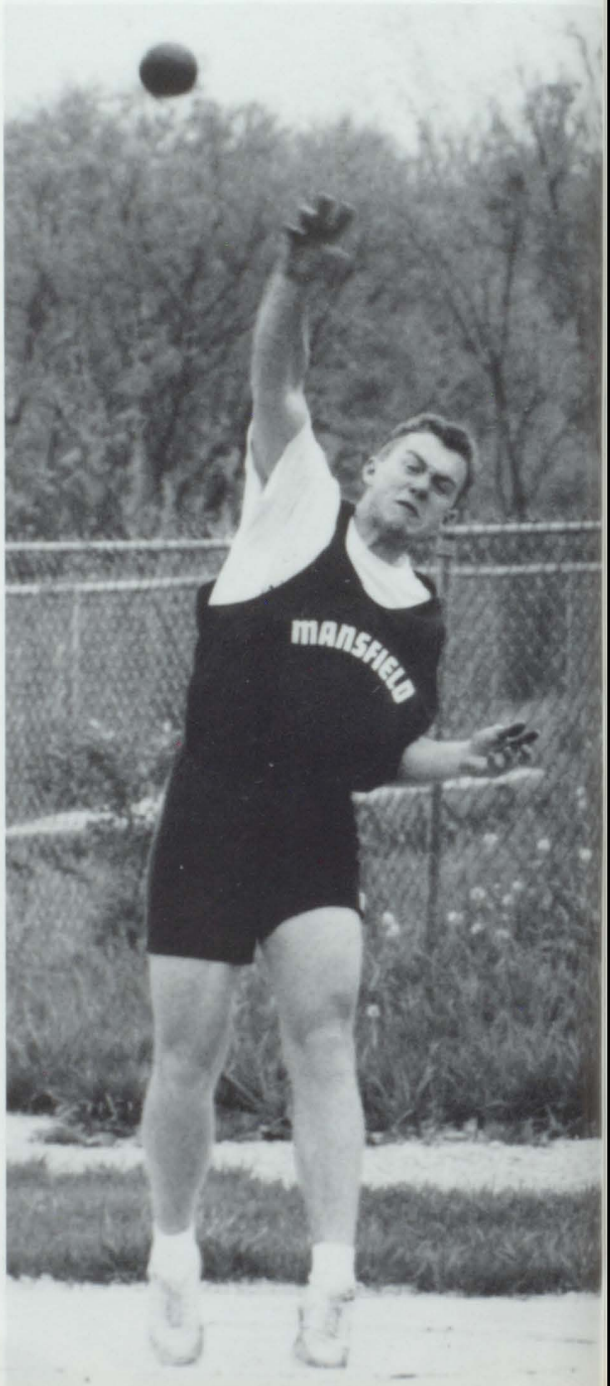
"I thought we were able to compete well with schools bigger than ours," Kinser said. "I think we do very well considering the facilities we have."

Trying more events was why sophomore Angela Lansdown thought track was fun.

"We got to move around and do more of the different events," she said. "We had such a small track squad Coach allowed us to do the events we thought we could do the best at."

● **THE 200m DASH** is the race of the moment for Bobbi Beck, third from the left, in a meet at Mtn Grove.

● **UP AND OVER** the high jump bar, Taylor Hamilton competes in a meet at Mtn. Grove



● **BENJIE DENNIS' FACE** shows the massive effort he uses to throw the shot put.

● **JARED JONES COMES** out of the spin, ready to release the discus.

● **CONCENTRATING ON FORM,** Angela Lansdown clears the hurdle with room to spare.

● **GLEN EVANS TRIES** clearing the high jump bar in a track meet at Mtn. Grove.

LETTER WINNERS

M TRACK

MEET: AVA Long Jump: Angela Lansdown 3, 100 yd Dash: Vicky Noble 1, Shot Put: Benjie Dennis 2, Discus: Dennis 3, 400 Relay: Glen Evans, Scott Hall, Kevin Hall, Neal Cross 3
MEET: AVA Triple Jump: Bobbi Beck 3,100 Run: Vicky Noble 3, Discus: Benjie Dennis 2, Noble 3, Shot Put: Dennis 2, 400 Relay: Taylor Hamilton, Scott Hall, Kevin Hall, Dennis 3
MEET: AVA 110m High Hurdles: Vicky Noble 2, 1600m Run: Becky Bryson 2, 400m Relay: Stephanie Kelly, Bobbi Beck, Noble, Jill Clouse 3, Benjie Dennis, Scott Hall, Kevin Hall, Taylor Hamilton 3, 3200m Run: Bryson 1, Evan Kinser 2, Matt Brown 3, Melissa Holt 2, Discus: Noble 3, Long Jump: Kelly 2, Angela Lansdown 3, Triple Jump: Kelly 2, Noble 3, High Jump: Holt 2, 400m Dash: Scott Hall 3, Shot Put: Dennis 1

"Track was the best this year, and I regret not being in it my sophomore and junior year. I feel like I missed out on a lot of fun." -- Kevin Hall

● **GIVING IT HER** all, Vicky Noble tries to take a first place finish for Mansfield.

TRACK TEAM. Front - Benjie Dennis, Scott Hall, Becky Bryson, Stephanie Kelly, Melissa Holt, Vicky Noble, Angela Lansdown; Back - Jared Jones, Scott Smith, Glen Evans, Taylor Hamilton, Neal Cross, Jamin Corder, Matt Brown, Evan Kinser, Kevin Hall, Randy Short.

Second try powers team to second place in state

After despair in 1990, the team strikes back in '91

All year long, they said they would be back.

And they were right.

Last year after losing the first game in the state tournament, rain kept the team from playing for third. It was a huge disappointment.

This year, the team fought back, playing a tough schedule of 3A and 4A teams, and gaining the strength down the stretch to make it back to the Final Four.

Starters on the team were seniors Marc Brazeal, Kris Gray, and Billy Stofer; juniors Barry Short, Don Hanger, James Barnett, and Frank Jones; sophomores Kendall Keith and Jeremy Jones.

In the state championship game, St. Pius jumped to an early lead, but the Lions rallied with four runs in the third when Jones led off with a single and scored on a double by Brazeal.

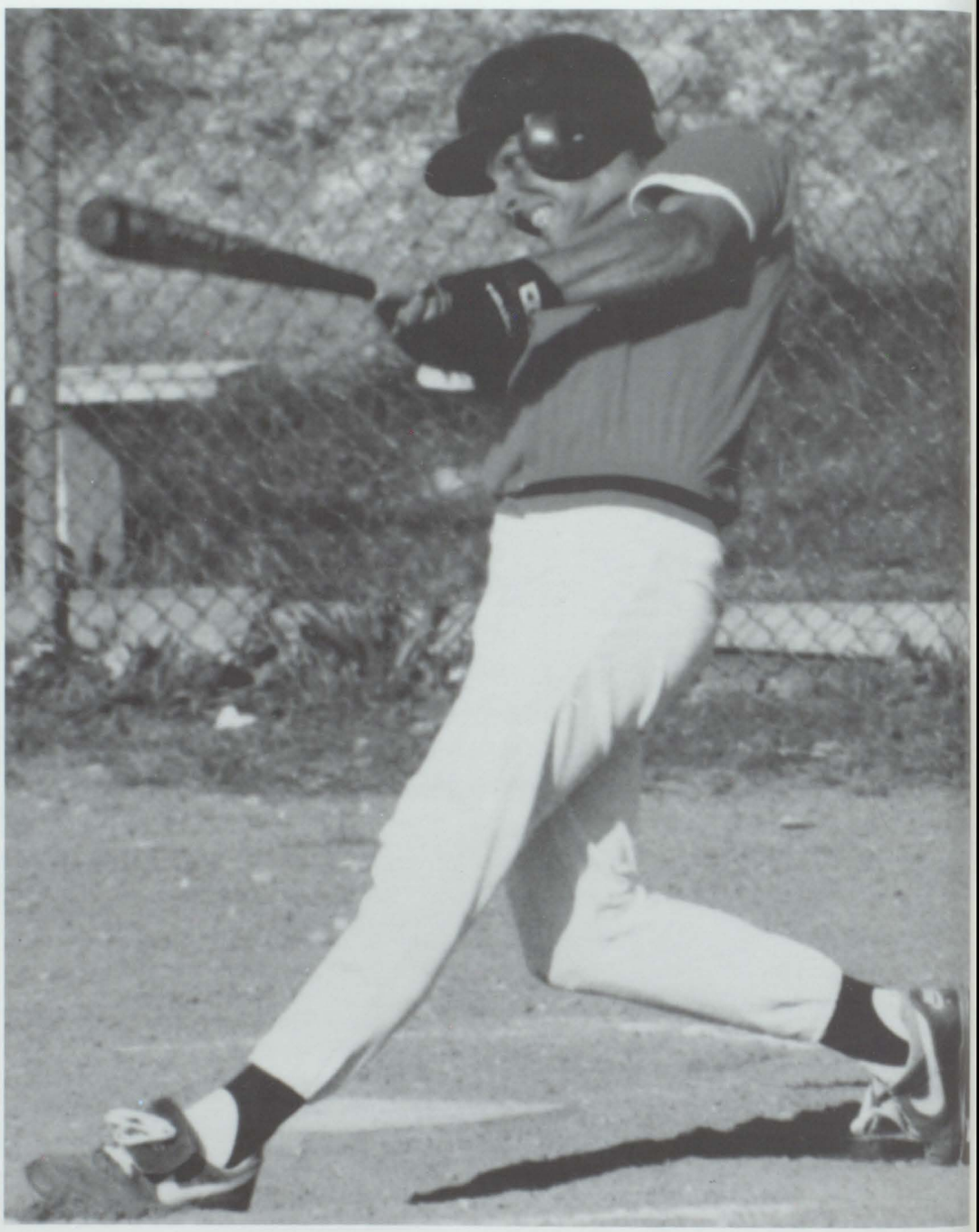
After an intentional walk to Gray (one of four to him in the game), Keith drove in a run with a single, Stofer tripled and drove in two more.

MHS added a run in the fourth, but the Warriors went on to win 9-5.

Brazeal and Gray were named to the all-state All-Star team after the state tournament.

All-Conference picks were Brazeal, Gray, Short, Barnett, and Jones. Keith was honorable mention.

In post season awards, Short received the MVP and batting average awards, Brazeal was given the defensive award, and Stofer received the least strikeout award.



● **TOP, DON HANGER** packs up his gear after another MHS win, and above, Kris Gray makes the tag to keep the Seymour runner close to first.

● **MARC BRAZEAL CONNECTS** for a line drive in a game with Norwood.

LETTER WINNERS

M BASEBALL

WON 17 LOST 8

MHS		OPP
20	Niangua	0
12	Seymour	2
15	Crane	5
17	Hartville	7
8	Conway	7
17	Niangua	0
10	Seymour	0
9	Conway	1
14	Plato	1
7	Hartville	1
16	Norwood	5
14	Fordland	0
15	Marshfield	3
11	Plato	0
4	Gainesville	8
13	Gainesville	3
9	Mtn. Grove	10
8	Glendale	10
6	Seymour	5
12	Parkview	1
9	Hartville	1
13	Lebanon	16
9	Ava	5
12	Norwood	2
11	Rogersville	0
1	Willard	6
3	Kickapoo	17
13	Hartville	3
11	Conway	4
23	Gainesville	10
15	Lamar	5
5	Fatima	4
5	St. Pius	9

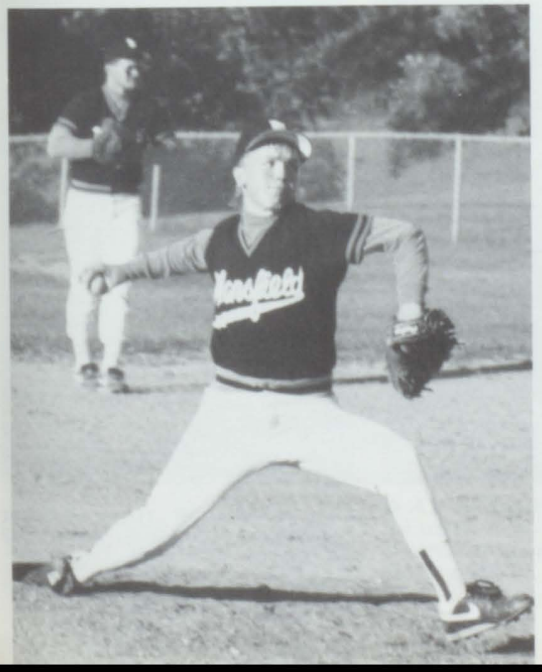
"The reason that we played all those good teams this year was to prepare us for this (winning districts and being in the state tournament). This was the best prepared team I have ever had - because of our tough schedule." -- Coach Doug Jones

● **STEPPING OUT OF** the batters box, Billy Stofer waits for the sign from Coach Doug Jones.

● **READY FOR THE** pitch, James Barnett catches in a home game with Seymour.

BASEBALL TEAM. Front - Jesse Evans, Ryan Miller, Billy Stofer, Casey Mattix, Steven Wilson, Jon Freeman, Brad Collins; Row two - Reggie Roy, Clint Berry, Kendall Keith, Marc Brazeal, Don Hanger, Frank Jones, Aaron Proffitt; Back - Coach Doug Jones, James Barnett, Barry Short, Jeremy Jones, Kris Gray, Matt Moody, Randall Roy, Adam Brooke.

● **FRANK JONES SLUGS** out a hit, left, and Matt Moody pitches in a home game with Norwood, above.



● **KENDALL KEITH THROWS** a strike in a spring home game, left. Behind him is Kris Gray at first.

With youth comes inexperience on playing field

But youth still grabs a 6-5 record for season

A couple of seniors, a couple of juniors, and lots of sophomores and freshmen gave the softball team an average experience level of...not much.

"Having a young team means you need a lot of leadership from the seniors," freshman Areatha Sickels said. "We were lucky to have two good seniors that provided us with that."

Junior Missy Carter said the variance in age isn't a problem.

"Having an inexperienced team makes us want to work that much harder to win ballgames," she said. "But that extra work lets us have more fun."

Senior Tiffany Watterson said there should have been more wins.

"We should've had a better season than we did because we had more talent than we showed," she said. "I think inexperience was a big part of the problem."

Sophomore Amy Compton thinks part of the problem is that softball is not as highly rated as some other sports.

"Many people do not take softball as serious as other sports, but to me it is just as competitive," she said.

Leading batting averages were Watterson .455, senior Julie Jurewicz .441, Carter .440, junior Stacey Wilson .421 and Sickels .406.

Lettermen were Watterson; Jurewicz; Carter; Wilson; Compton; sophomores Wava Engle, Stacey Arnall, Sophia GreyOwl; freshman Jacque Lansdown, and Sickels.

All-Conference picks were Watterson, Jurewicz, Wilson, Carter, and Compton.

● **IN A HOME** game with Seymour, Stacey Wilson pitches with a runner on first and two outs.

● **UP TO BAT** with the bases loaded, Tiffany Watterson connects with the ball for a double and two RBI's.

● **IN POSITION JUST** off first base, Stacey Arnall waits for action from the Norwood batter.

LETTER WINNERS

M SOFTBALL

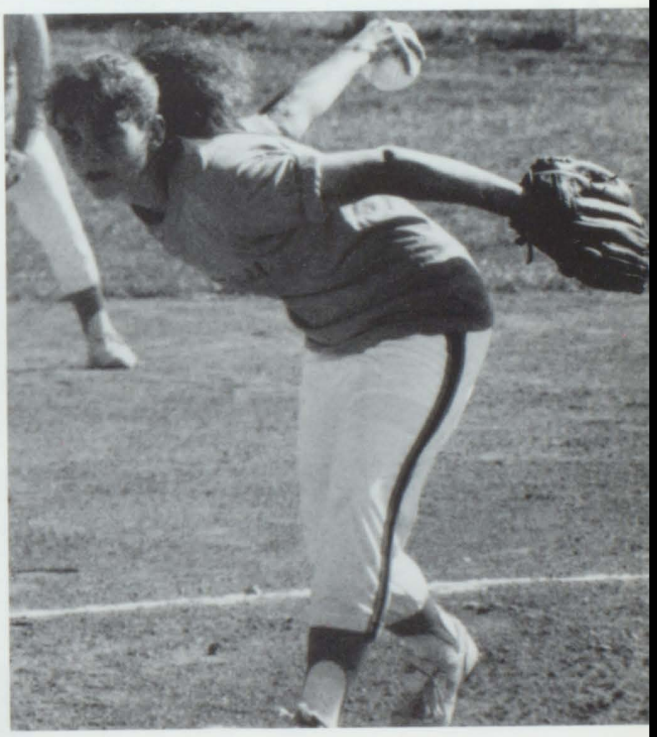
WON 6 LOST 5

MHS		OPP
5	Gainesville	13
7	Niangua	0
13	Seymour	12
14	Conway	20
10	Hartville	6
8	Gainesville	11
14	Fordland	12
5	Norwood	17
11	Seymour	12
7	Niangua	0
15	Conway	9

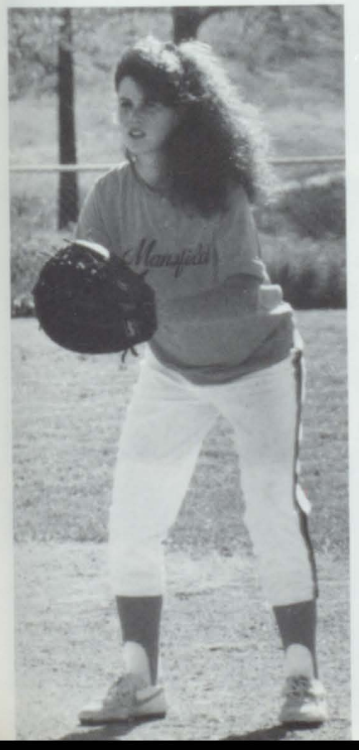
"Being a young team now just strengthens us in the long run. Losing only two to graduation means a bright outlook for the future." -- Stacey Arnall

SOFTBALL TEAM. Front - Amy Compton, Wava Engle, Stacey Arnall, Areatha Sickles, Jacque Lansdown, Kim Hyde; Back - Coach Roger Wood, Missy Carter, Tiffany Watterson, Julie Jurewicz, Stacey Wilson, Tawna Watterson, Brandy Wright, assistant Brad Hanger.

● **THIRDBASEMAN JULIE JUREWICZ** makes the catch to end a Seymour rally.



● **CONCENTRATING ON THE** strike zone, Missy Carter comes through with a strike in a home game with Norwood.



● **AT SECOND, AMY** Compton focuses her attention on the batter, as does Jacque Lansdown in the outfield.

Middle school teams shoot to win and win again

Girls turn season record around in strong style

Hard work and improvement was considered the "mission accomplished" by the middle school basketball teams.

The seventh and eighth grade boys' teams and the girls' team posted a combined 30-9 record.

The girls' team, made up of both seventh and eighth graders, made a complete turnaround from a 2-12 season last year to a 12-2 mark at season's end.

"The girls played hard," Coach Freddie Doherty said. "The future looks really bright for them."

Although the girls lost two games, it was the best season ever for a girls' team since middle school girls' hoops began.

"We had a great season," eighth grade guard Shannon Cantrell said. "We consider it an honor to hold the best record ever for the girls' team."

The seventh grade boys compiled an even 5-5 record, but believe they will improve.

"This year's eighth grade won more games this year than they did last year, so we think we will improve like they did," Matt Skyles said. "We have the talent to improve, too."

The eighth graders finished with a record of 13-2.

"I thought we did real well," Joey Allen said. "We worked hard, but I would have liked to have been undefeated."

Overall, boys' coach Randy Short was happy with the teams.

"I was pleased with both teams," he said. "They worked really hard and that was our main goal."

● **TRISHA PERRY LEAPS** over two Hartville defenders to score two points.

● **EIGHTH GRADERS JOEY** Allen and Michael Davis fight for control of the loose ball against Hartville.

● **TRYING TO KNOCK** the ball away, seventh graders Phillip Hull and Garan Kinser trap a Norwood player.

● **HEADS UP MAN** to man defensive pressure is applied by seventh graders Matt Skyles and Hayden Dennis.

LETTER WINNERS

BASKETBALL

MIDDLE SCHOOL

WON 13 LOST 2

MMS	GRADE EIGHT	OPP
44	Niangua	6
30	Seymour	15
37	Conway	24
51	Skyline	16
39	Norwood	31
29	Bakersfield	31
53	Hartville	32
46	Gainesville	23
49	Norwood	45
21	Seymour	15
32	Fordland	23
33	Hartville	23
40	Conway	32
34	Fordland	50
31	Ava	28

WON 5 LOST 5

	GRADE SEVEN	
39	Niangua	17
38	Seymour	34
38	Conway	25
24	Hartville	36
27	Gainesville	20
46	Norwood	36
28	Seymour	33
19	Fordland	49
27	Hartville	29
21	Ava	27

WON 12 LOST 2

MHS	GIRLS	OPP
25	Niangua	22
29	Seymour	20
27	Conway	19
36	Mansfield	26
36	Norwood	10
32	Skyline	26
29	Hartville	21
40	Gainesville	27
31	Norwood	8
25	Seymour	34
29	Fordland	10
21	Hartville	10
27	Seymour	10

EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL TEAM. Joey Allen, Chuck Campbell, Joe Garrison, Mike Scott, Mark Brown, Jerry Garrison, Dustin Lansdown, Tom Moody, Michael Davis, James Hanger, John Greyowl, Coach Randy Short.

SEVENTH GRADE BASKETBALL TEAM. Jeffery Chambers, Randon Ivy, Phillip Hull, Matthew Skyles, Sean Spyres, Hayden Dennis, Jeffrey Hanger, Adam Proffitt, Jason Bryson, Garan Kinser, Coach Randy Short.

GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM. Front - Trish Dalton, Tara Moody, Lisa Ladd, Missy Honeycutt, Shannon Cantrell, Jackie Honeycutt, Janet VanNess; Back - Stephanie House, Stephanie Blankenship, Janie Carter, Trisha Perry, Jennifer Kingery, Emily Matlock, Melanie Blankenship.

● **SEVENTH GRADE CHEERLEADERS.** Front - Tessa Bennett, Melanie McGaw, Sara Moody; Back - Jennifer Jones, Eva Farmer, Michele Roberts.

● **EIGHTH GRADE CHEERLEADERS.** Front - Stephanie Calhoun, Tara Moody, Laura Shannon; Back - Ashley Miller, Erin Calhoun, Brooke Newton.

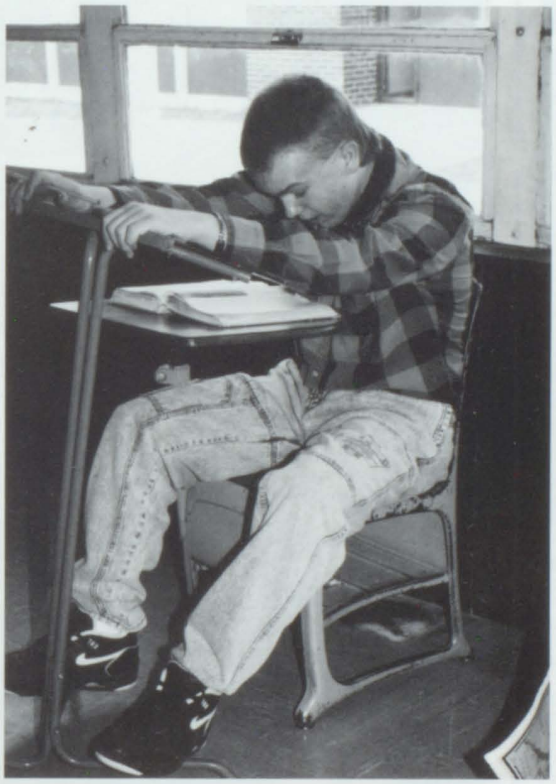
Biology II students Don Hanger and Mike Porter check out the small intestine of a fetal pig.

Making careful measurements, Shelly Detherage, Angie Miller, and Tiffany Watterson start a chemistry experiment.

Shake and Bake

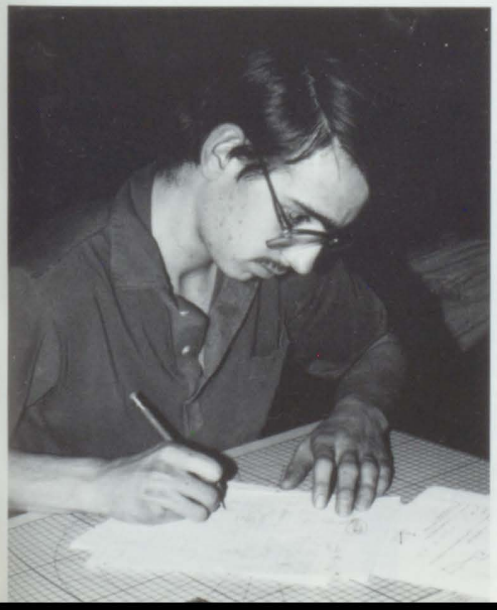
ACADEMICS

With students shaking up chemicals for chemistry experiments, baking up pastries in foods class, opening up textbooks of every description, and firing up computer terminals in several subject areas, MHS was a busy place to be, academically speaking, that is.



World history student Kendall Keith takes his turn reading aloud.

While keyboarding teacher Mary Boydston explains the lesson, Brandy Wright follows along in the book. Behind her is Mike Keys.



Working through a problem on scrap paper, Harvey Wedge takes an Algebra II test.

Sure doesn't look like 2 plus 2

French isn't the only foreign language that is being taught at MHS.

Some students would place higher mathematics in that category.

MHS students are first introduced to algebra in middle school. Many of these students go on to bigger, harder and more complicated math classes such as GTA III.

Combining subjects such as geometry, trigonometry and Algebra III is better, some students say.

"Putting all the subjects into one is better for me," senior Robby Maxwell said, "because it lets me get all three of those subjects out of the way all at once."

A few GTA III students believe it would be better to take each subject as an individual class.

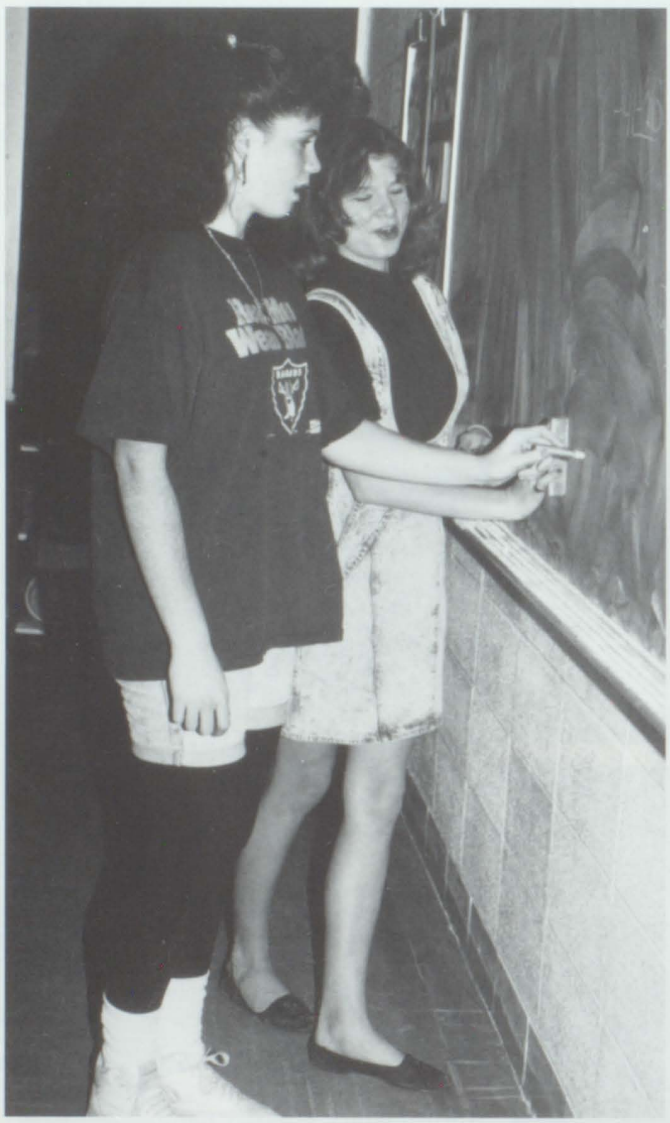
"I think separate classes would be better," senior Mike Helsley said. "It would let us go into greater detail, cover more and give us a better understanding of each of those subjects."

Even though some students are wary of challenging the GTA III class, most students who take it are quite confident they can make it, one way or another.

"Algebra isn't as hard as everyone usually makes it out to be," junior Anjeanette Kjar said. "It all follows a certain method or formula, and as long as you know that it's pretty easy."

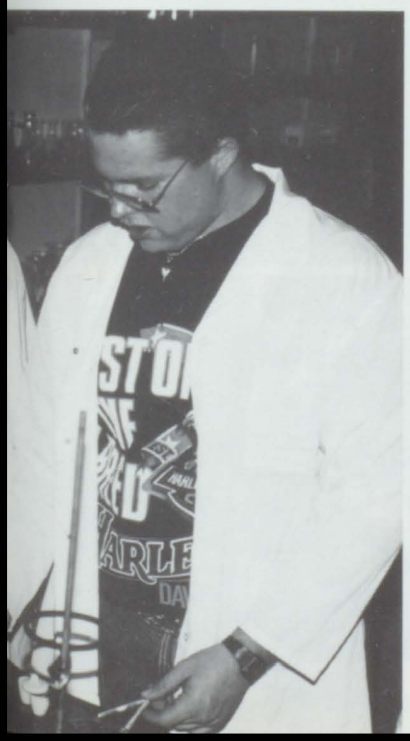
BIOLOGY II STUDENTS Jennifer Greene and Missy Carter explore the abdominal cavity of a fetal pig.

USING A CALCULATOR for help, Scott Hall works on an Algebra II test.



STACEY ARNALL AND Wava Engle show the Algebra II class how they arrived at an answer.

ADJUSTING THE BUNSEN burner, Brent Napier, Robby Maxwell, and Jeff Ladd start a chemistry experiment.



WITH TEACHER JANE Darnell helping, Biology II student Steve Garrison locates an internal organ in a fetal pig, while Brian Williams watches.

SONYA BUTLER
(Math, P. E.)
Extra Duties:
Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach

JANE DARNELL
(Science)
Extra Duties:
Science Club Sponsor

MAX GREENE
(Middle School Science)
Extra Duties:
Grade Eight Sponsor

DOUG JONES
(Science, P. E.)
Extra Duties:
Baseball Coach, Assistant Basketball Coach

SANDY LAKEY
(Math)
Extra Duties: Math Club Sponsor, Senior Class Sponsor

RANDY SHORT
(Middle School Math)
Extra Duties:
Cross Country Coach, Track Coach, Middle School Boys' Basketball Coach

ACADEMIC WINNERS

CONFERENCE SCIENCE FAIR
Thirds - Jenna Murray, Bill Douglas, zoology; Terry Robinson, Shawnya Matney, chemistry.

CONFERENCE MATH FAIR
Firsts - Robby Maxwell, Algebra II; Kerrick Lindsey, trigonometry.
Thirds - Waylan Johnson, geometry.

Just talking about the 'write stuff'

It's late at night, and you are sitting at home with a blank mind, and a blank sheet of paper to go with it. It must be time to write in your journal.

All four English classes, freshmen through seniors, kept daily journals.

English I and II wrote about anything they chose.

"The purpose was just simply to get kids to write," English II teacher Debbie Von Behren said. "Writing something is better than writing nothing."

Freshman Jody Philpott used her journal to let out frustrations.

"It's a way to let things out of your mind," she said. "If you want to express opinions that could hurt someone's feelings, you can write it on paper instead of hurting them."

Writing in his journal helped freshman Jesse Evans keep track of daily events.

"They were like keeping a diary," Evans said. "They helped keep records of what I did."

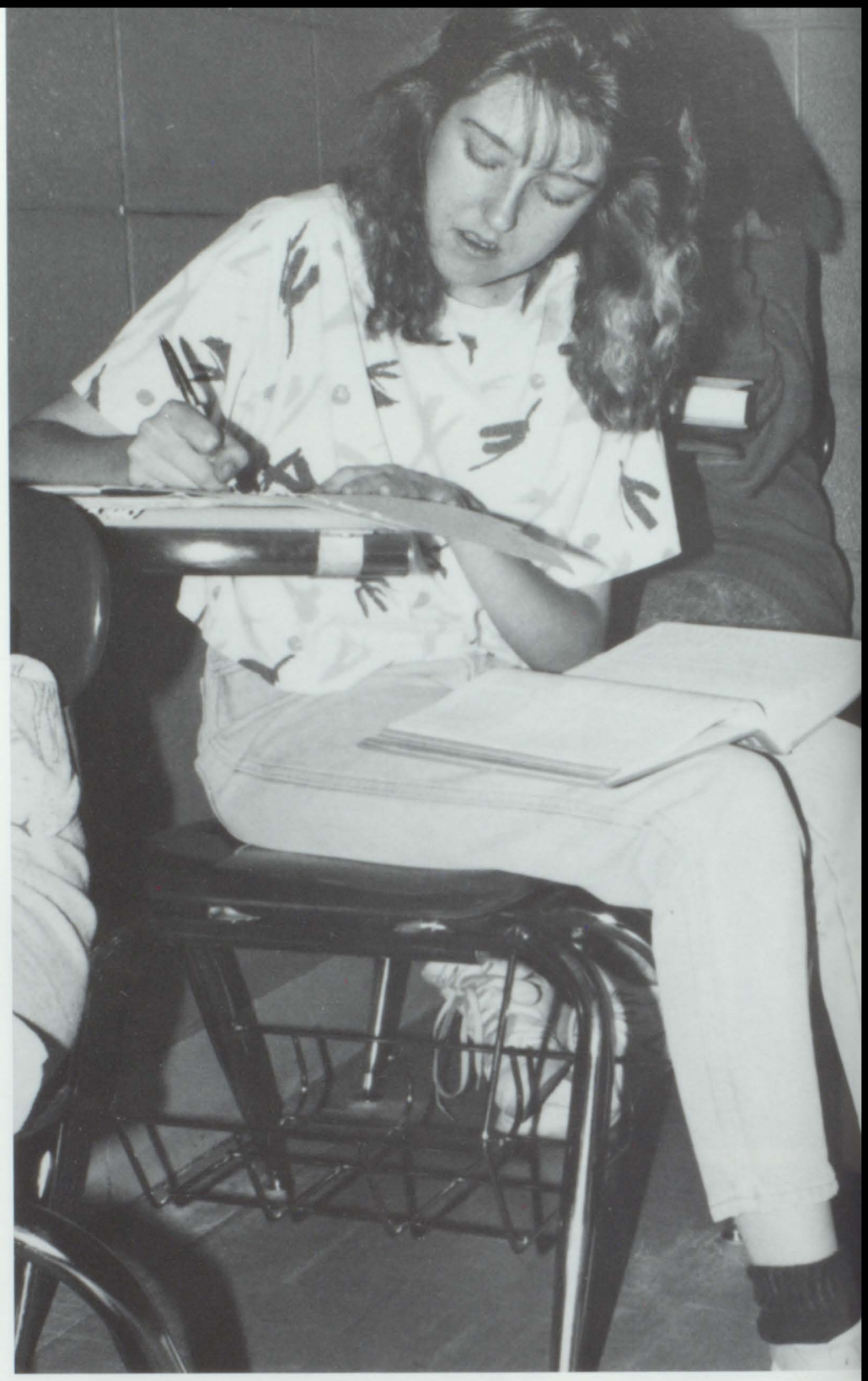
Some students found it a hassle having to write approximately 100 words every night.

"I didn't like to write in my journal," sophomore Jamin Corder said. "I ended up writing whatever popped into my head first, which usually was cross country meets or practices."

English III and IV classes wrote journal entries based on textbook assignments.

Certain journal assignments allowed students to let their imaginations run wild.

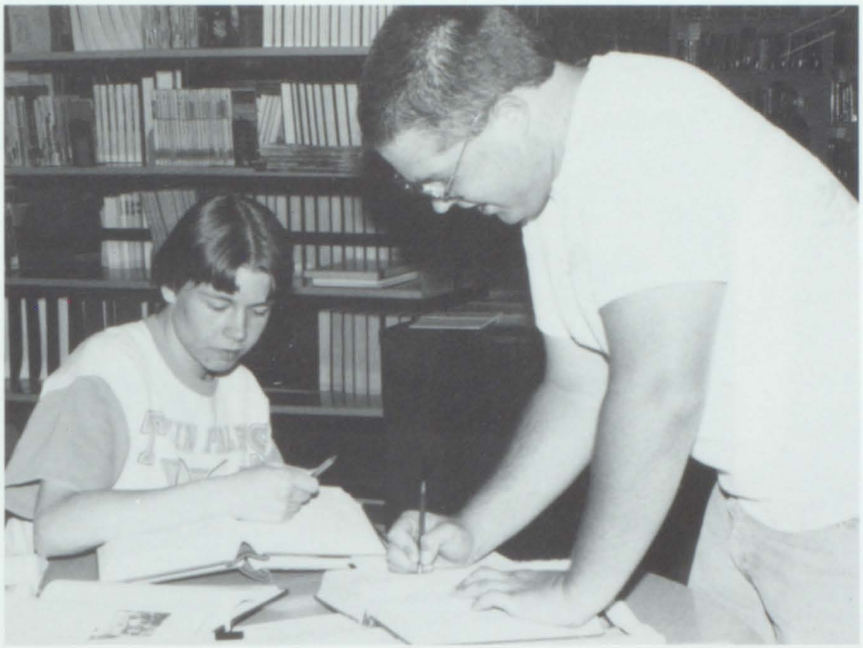
"I liked the fact that you could expand your mind and creativity," junior Jamie DeTavis said. "I liked writing my obituary. It was interesting thinking up what will happen in my life, so when I am older, I can look back and see if I was right."

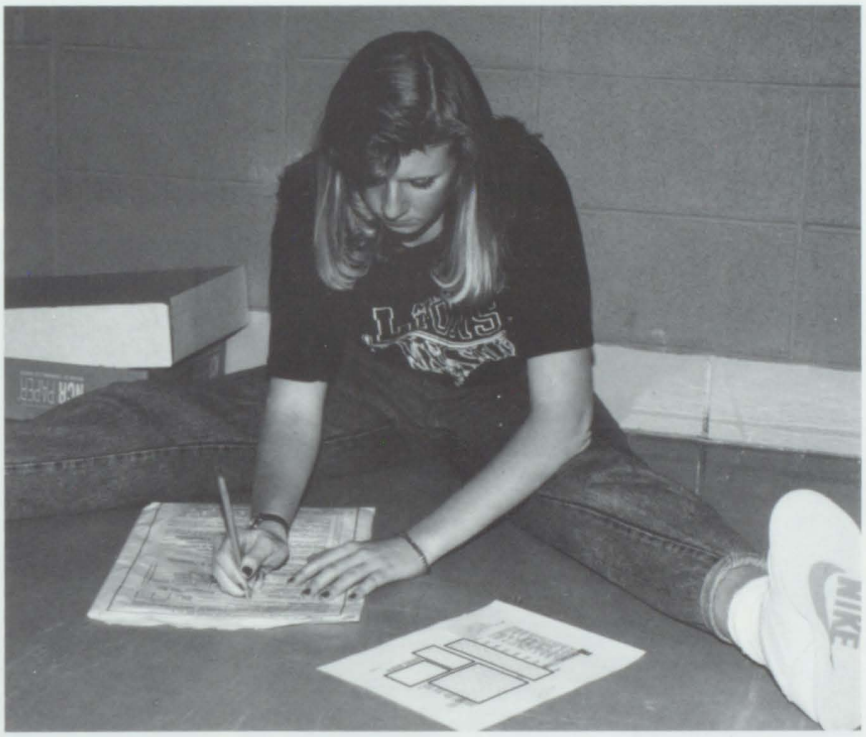


EYE TO EYE with one of the publications class's new Macintosh SE computers, Don Hanger and Tish Goss start learning the software program QuarkXPRESS.

AFTER READING THE novel *The Pearl* in English II, Lucy Calhoun takes notes before writing an analytical paper about the characters in the book.

ROBBY MAXWELL AND Jeff Ladd do initial research in the school library for their term papers in English IV.





IT'S DEADLINE DAY and publications student Shelby Hesterly makes final checks on her grade page assignment for the yearbook.

ENGLISH IV STUDENTS Tiffany Watterson and Angie Miller get down to task in the school library by checking out some sources for their research papers.

VICKI BLANKENSHIP
(French, Middle School English)
Extra Duties: Language Club Sponsor, Grade Seven Sponsor

KAY GOSS
(Librarian)

BECKY GREGORY
(English, P. E.)
Extra Duties: Pep Club Sponsor, Freshman Class Sponsor, Middle School Track Coach

ARLENE MAGNIN
(English)
Extra Duties: ESP Sponsor

DEBBIE VON BEHREN
(English, Journalism)
Extra Duties: Yearbook Adviser, Newspaper Adviser, Junior Class Sponsor

ACADEMIC WINNERS

MISSOURI INTERSCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION STATE JOURNALISM CONTEST

Firsts - Don Hanger, news story, sports feature; Kerrick Lindsey, column, theme copy; Aaron Proffitt, sports column; Christi Evans, yearbook cover & theme design, layout design; Shelby Hesterly, academic copy; Kris Gray, sports copy, portrait section copy; Jennifer Greene, student life copy; Glen Evans, club copy; Benjie Dennis, Marc Brazeal, Lindsey, Brandy Wright, Hanger, James Barnett, Greene, Serena Dunsmuir, in-depth. **Seconds -** Gray, sports copy, student life copy; Tish Goss, club copy; Hesterly, yearbook layout; Greene, feature story; Dennis, Lindsey, Brazeal, Hanger, Greene, Heather Lansdown, Christi Evans, Dunsmuir, Goss, Stacey Wilson, Proffitt, Wright, in-depth. **Thirds -** Hanger, sports copy; Dennis, news story; Hesterly, feature story; Lindsey, Dennis, Brazeal, Hanger, Tracy Coffman, Greene, Lansdown, Christi Evans, in-depth series.

OZARKS PUBLICATIONS ADVISERS JOURNALISM CONTEST

Firsts - Marc Brazeal, feature story; Christi Evans, yearbook cover & theme design, write-off yearbook cover design; Kerrick Lindsey, theme copy; Jennifer Greene, student life copy; Shelby Hesterly, academic copy. **Seconds -** Christi Evans, feature story; Kris Gray, sports copy; Glen Evans, club copy; Benjie Dennis, Lindsey, Tracy Coffman, Don Hanger, Brazeal, Greene, Heather Lansdown, Christi Evans, in-depth. **Thirds -** Hanger, sports copy; Gray, student life copy; Christi Evans, yearbook layout; Tish Goss, write-off editorial. **Honorable Mention -** Lansdown, write-off yearbook layout.

MISSOURI PRESS WOMEN'S JOURNALISM CONTEST

Honorable Mention - Christi Evans, feature story.

CONFERENCE ENGLISH CONTEST

Blue ribbon - Tiffany Watterson, composition; **Red ribbons -** Kristy Burnett, spelling (second overall); Ryan Miller & Shawn Williams, spelling (tied for third overall); Stacey Arnall, grammar; Caree Simmons, grammar; **White ribbons -** Jennifer Greene, spelling; Robby Maxwell, vocabulary; Jennifer Shropshire, grammar; Don Hanger, grammar.

Computers right at home in shop class

Home economics classes aren't the only ones designing things. So is another class, but in an entirely 90's way.

CAD (Computer Aided Designing)) was an addition to the industrial arts curriculum.

CAD is a computer course in which students learn about the techniques of drawing and designing on computer. The class seems to have captured the imaginations of many students.

"I like the class a lot because it's something new and totally different," senior Shelly Detherage said. "The computers are great with all their different functions. The class is just truly amazing."

Detherage is by no means the only student who likes CAD.

According to sophomore Jason Sweat, the computers are great to work with.

"We can draw and design almost anything on these computers, and someday I hope this knowledge comes in handy with a job," Sweat said.

And Sweat isn't the only one with the future on his mind.

"Drawing on the computers sharpens our motor skills and almost everything is possible," junior Terry Robinson said.

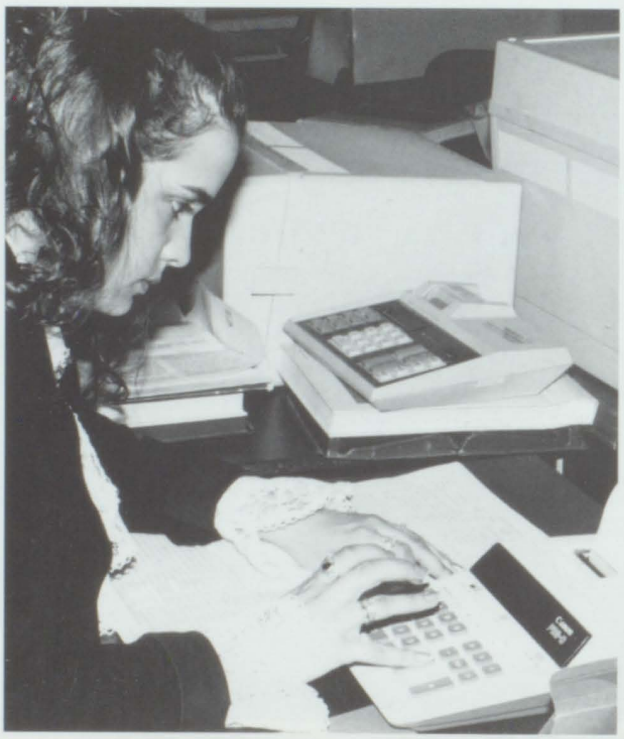
Since the class was such a hit in its first year, teacher Bill Ghan has already been looking toward the future and the addition of CAD II.

At least one MHS student is already looking forward to this second level.

"CAD is a great class and you're always learning something new," sophomore Vicky Noble said. "I hope CAD II is just as exiting and fun."

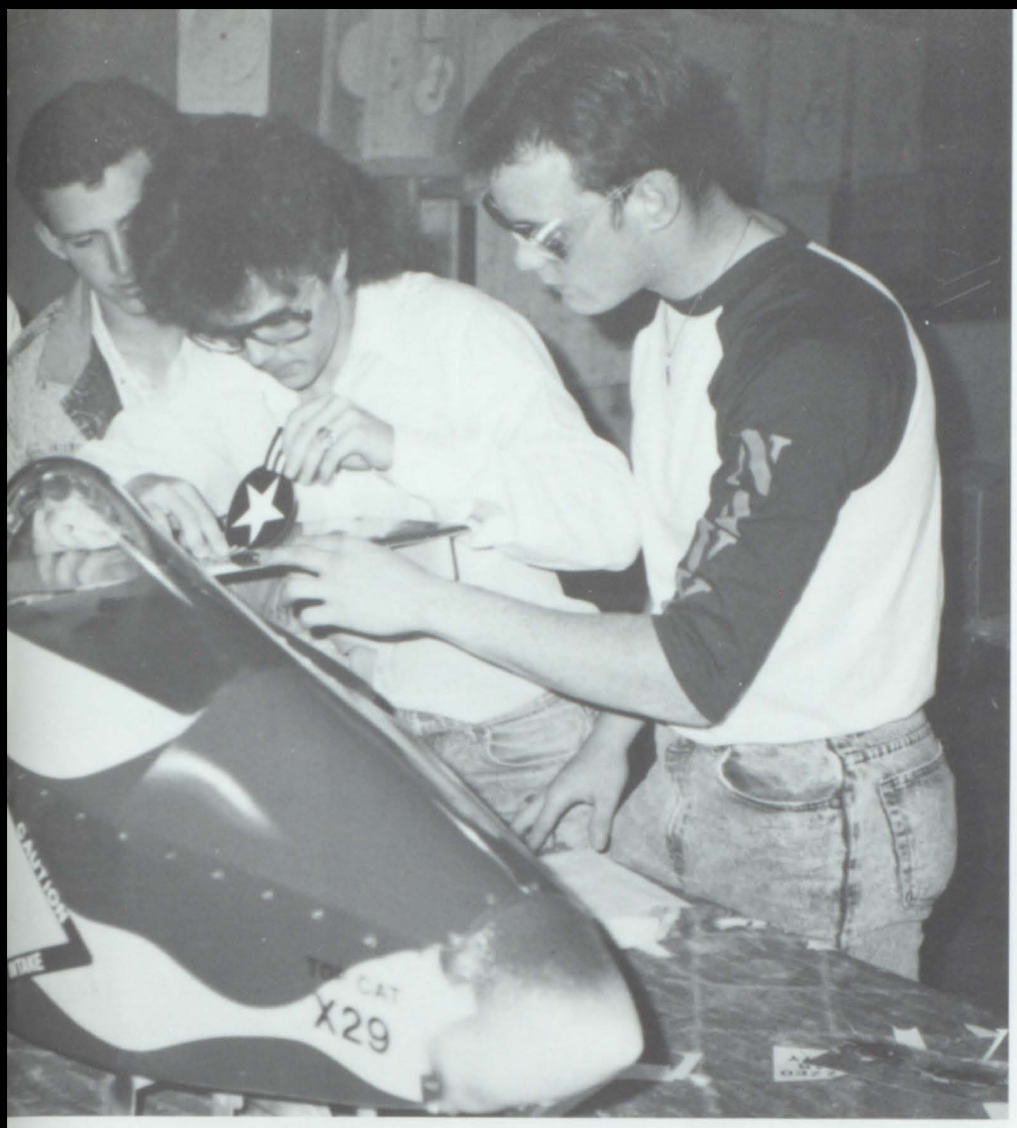
RICHARD GALLION AND Mike Keys, right, apply decals to the mini-airplane they built in shop class. David McDowell and Tommy Dugger observe the process.

CAD, OR COMPUTER Aided Design, has Clay Thompson under deep concentration.



USING A TEN-KEY, accounting student Caree Simmons checks a list of figures.

WOODWORKING STUDENT MILES Keith puts a final coat of stain on an endtable he built.



READING THE DIRECTIONS carefully, Jody Philpott and Lucy Calhoun start the first step of sewing, laying out the pattern on the fabric.

DAVID YOUNG AND Steven DeWeese start a construction project in the ag shop.

KATHY BARNETT
(Home Economics)
Extra Duties:
Future Homemakers of America Sponsor

MARY BOYDSTON
(Business)
Extra Duties:
Future Business Leaders of America Sponsor, Senior Sponsor

BILL GHAN
(Industrial Arts)
Extra Duties:
Sophomore Class Sponsor

LYLE WHITTAKER
(Agriculture)
Extra Duties:
Future Farmers of America Sponsor

ACADEMIC WINNERS

CONFERENCE BUSINESS CONTEST
Second - Robby Maxwell, Accounting I.
Third - Becky Bryson, Accounting I.

DISTRICT FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA CONTEST
Firsts - Robby Maxwell, Accounting I; Kerrick Lindsey, information processing concepts; Carrie Gray, Business English I.

STATE FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA CONTEST
Fourth - Kerrick Lindsey, information processing concepts.
Seventh - Carrie Gray, Business English I.

MISSOURI BUSINESS EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION CONTEST
Fourth - Becky Bryson, Tish Goss, Robby Maxwell, Accounting I Team.

CONFERENCE INDUSTRIAL ARTS CONTEST
Blue ribbons - Shelly Detherage, Waylan Johnson, Clay Thompson, Doug Coffman, Josh Fetter, Malcolm Gaddis, Vicky Noble, Merle Strohm, Justin Long.
Red ribbons - Detherage, Johnson, Thompson, Gaddis, Matt Francis, Terry Robinson, Harvey Wedge, Jason Sweat, Strohm, Long.
White ribbons - Paul Clark, Johnson, Coffman, Fetter, Robinson, Sweat, Noble, Strohm, Long.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA STAR EVENTS
District winners - Brandy Wright, Tish Goss, Shelby Hesterly, Little Friends; Jennifer Greene, job interview; Stephanie Copeland, job interview.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA STATE CONTEST
Fourth - Matt Brown, Kevin Hall, Robert Gower, Billy Stofer, livestock team.
Sixth - Caree Simmons, Richard Gallion, Scott Hall, forestry team.
Choir members - Stofer, Hall, Steve Wilson, Jacque Lansdown, Tawna Watterson, Aretha Sickels

Smile and say cheese, please

The simple photographer.

Kodak's slightly dippy commercial cameraman makes the joys of photography look so terribly easy.

However, photography students found out quickly that there is more to taking a good picture than just putting film in the camera, pointing, and shooting.

"It is really hard to get the light settings just right so that the pictures come out the way that you want them to," sophomore Patricia Millsap said. "We messed up a lot of negatives."

Photography teacher Janet Bryan stressed the basics of single lens reflex cameras and their accessories.

"The students learn how to take better pictures than just ordinary snapshots," she said. "Then we go through the stages of developing the film and making enlargements."

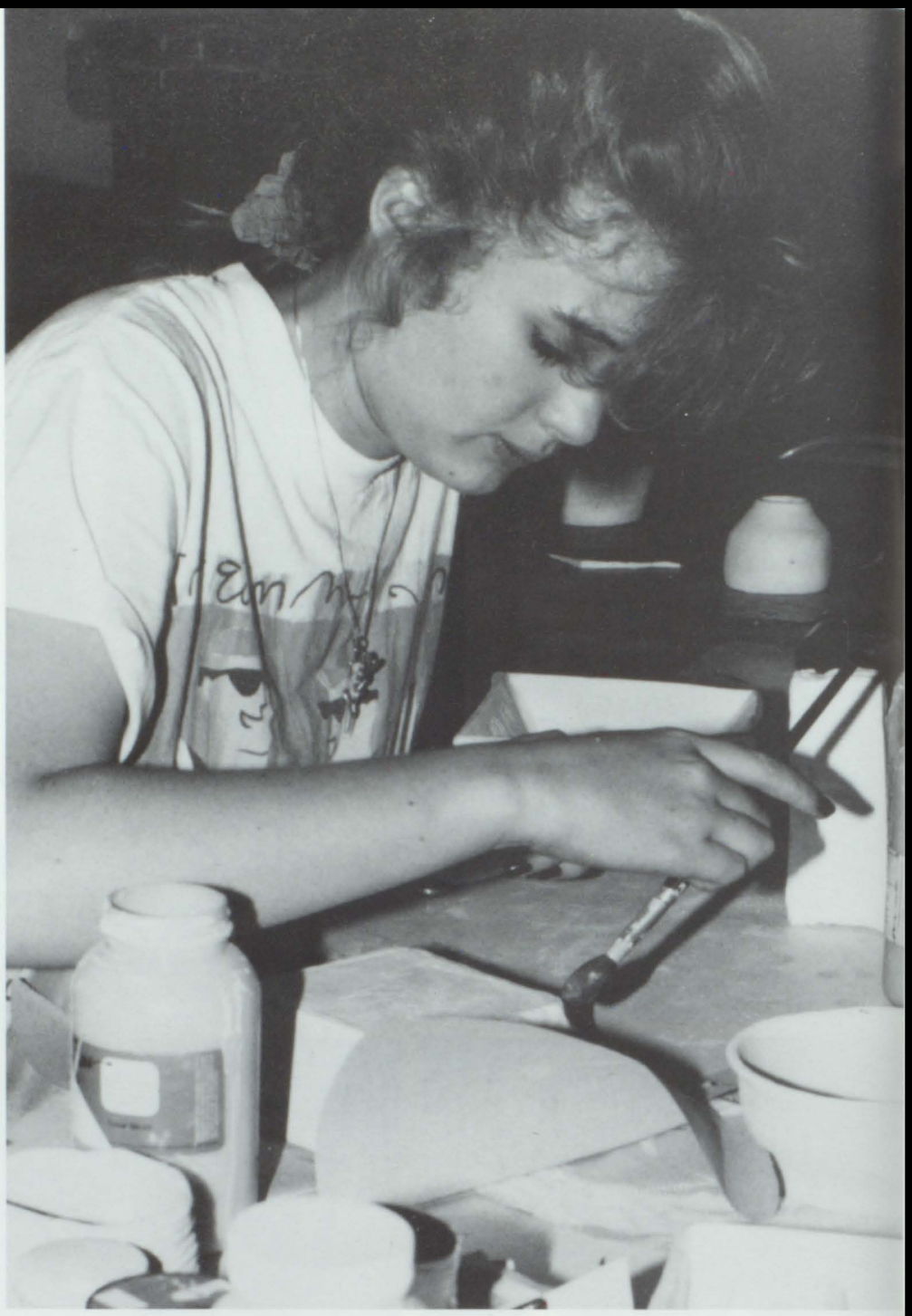
For some students, learning how to develop their own photos was a skill they had wanted to acquire for a long time.

"It was a great experience to take pictures and actually learn how to develop them," junior Barry Short said. "That was something I have always wanted to do."

Class members also learned the history of photography and participated in experimental photography.

It was definitely not your average class, students said.

"Photography is a really fun class," senior Melanie Coffman said, "especially if you want to learn a little more than average about cameras."

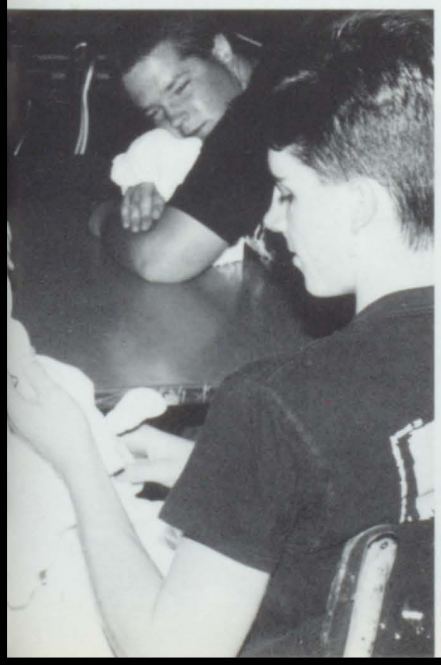


STARTING WITH SOME wet clay, Chris Farris starts a pottery project while Jason Bennett watches.

KEVIN JONES AND Shannon Page work together on a tie dye shirt project for art class.

SURROUNDED BY SUPPLIES, Jenna Murray carefully brushes a blue ceramics glaze onto her art project.

WHILE ROBBIE PIERSON holds everything steady, Dusty Stout applies paper mache to a cardboard base.



REHEARSING PRIOR TO spring concert, boys' choir members and director Eric Spyres sing "There is Nothing Like a Dame."

SHALAWN EMERICK LIGHTLY shades a landscape during art class.

JANET BRYAN
(Art)
Extra Duties: National Honor Society Sponsor, Pom Pon Sponsor

CINDY MARTIN
(Art)

LISA MYERS
(Instrumental Music)
Extra Duties: Pep Club Sponsor, Cheerleader Sponsor

ERIC SPYRES
(Vocal Music)

ACADEMIC WINNERS

ART FAIR 91
Second - Carol Farris, papermaking.
Thirds - Robert Miller, drawing; Bill Douglas, ink drawing.
Fourth - Malcolm Gaddis, sculpture; Douglas, ink drawing; Christi Evans, photography; Mike Young, black and white design.
Honorable Mention - Josh Fetter, sculpture; Eddie Doan, scratch board; Marny Clark, drawing (figure), drawing (portrait); Jason Bennett, photography; Jenna Murray, fibers.

DISTRICT MUSIC CONTEST
One Rating - Matt Moody, vocal solo.
Two Ratings - Evan Kinser, trumpet solo; band; choir; Bobbi Beck, vocal solo; Marny Clark, vocal solo.
Three Ratings - Shawn Williams, vocal solo; Carrie Gray, vocal solo; Angela Lansdown, piano solo.

STATE MUSIC CONTEST
One Rating - Matt Moody, vocal solo.

War projects capture interest

Working hours and even days on a homework assignment may not seem fun, but for several American History students, it was a great change from the usual term papers.

Each student in Roger Wood's class was assigned a project dealing with the Civil War. They were given the choice to make a Civil War scene, write a diary, or draw flags.

Some students took this opportunity to learn about the feelings and ways of life of the slaves and women left behind during the war.

"I wanted to write a diary because I thought writing words down on paper would be an easy way to understand more about the slaves and the southern women," freshman Stephanie Joseph said.

Others just wanted to be use different skills than the normal ones used in history classes.

"I made a war scene model because I could be more creative," said freshman Adam Brooke. "I worked about two weeks and learned a lot because it made it more interesting.

Having someone else to share ideas with while working made the project better, too.

"Sharing the job with Stephanie Copeland made it go faster and was a lot more fun," freshman Aretha Sickles said. "We shared the job of building stuff and thinking of neat things to do."

Most of the students made war scenes, but a few just wanted to be different.

"Everyone seemed to be doing the same thing, so I drew flags and learned about a different side of the war," freshman Stephanie Kelly said.

USING THE MAP of Europe, Bobbi Beck points out several locations for the rest of the class.

JACQUE LANSDOWN AND Stephanie Joseph get ready for a newspaper quiz during American History class.

MARY BLAKEY
(Orthopedically Handicapped)
GEORGIANNE BROWN
(Special Education)
Extra Duties: Special Olympics Sponsor
DALLAS CHAMBERS
(Remedial Math)

FREDDIE DOHERTY
(Physical Education)
Extra Duties: Girls' Basketball Coach
LORI FELTON
(Speech Therapist)
OKEMA HADEN
(Counselor)
Extra Duties: ESP Sponsor

HELEN LAWRENCE
(Remedial Reading)
STEPHANEY MENZIE
(Special Education)
Extra Duties: Special Olympics
JIM REAVES
(Social Studies)
Extra Duties: Grade Eight Sponsor

JANE SHIRLEY
(Hearing Impaired)
JOYCE VON ALLMON
(Behavior Disorders)
ROGER WOOD
(Social Studies)
Extra Duties: Volleyball Coach, Softball Coach, Student Council Sponsor

JARED JONES FINDS a location in the Soviet Union and shows it to Scott Smith, left, and Joe McNeil, right.

LEARNING HOW TO drive includes listening to class discussions, like Jarrett Nichols is doing in drivers education.

Crime and punishment, MHS style

It's a dirty job, but somebody has to do it.

High school disciplinary functions are performed by Principal Frank Rowles, who can prescribe "eighth hours", suspensions, parental conferences and other punishments.

How does MHS stack up with other high schools in reference to daily disciplinary problems?

"I think Mansfield is pretty average," Rowles said. "Only a small percentage of the student body, about 10 percent or less, represents a re-occuring discipline problem."

According to Rowles, most of the rule violations are committed by the same students, which is often a discouragement for him.

"You see the same students in the office day after day," he said. "The situation becomes really frustrating after a while."

Rowles admits that with some repeating cases, punishment can lose its effect.

"You try to make punishment more severe, but some times it doesn't work," he said.

And anyway, what students think of as punishments are actually efforts to rehabilitate them, Rowles said.

"We are trying to teach the students, not punish them," he said.

Compared to when Rowles arrived at Mansfield three years ago, he thinks that improvements have been made in the discipline situation.

"I feel like I don't see a lot of rule violations during the day," he said. "We are doing something right."

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL JEAN Coday gets ready for a busy day at Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary.

Joyce Adamson (Cook)
Charles Ballangee (Bus Driver)
Bill Bennett (Custodian)
Janet Brooke (Aide)

Connie Calhoun (Cook)
Cleo Chambers (Secretary)
Donnie Dennis (Custodian)
Harold Dennis (Custodian)

Pat Dennis (Cook)
Joyce Detherage (Aide)
Claude Dale (Bus Driver)
Lester Davis (Bus Driver)

Helen Euler (Librarian)
Calvin Freeman (Custodian)
Don Hanger (Bus Driver)
Patty Hanger (Aide)

Jean Helsley (Cook)
Barbara Jackson (Cook)
Cheryl Keith (Cook)
Lana Kirkland (Secretary)

Kay Lansdown (Cook)
Debbie Letsinger (Secretary)
Melanie Light (Cook)
Jim Lund (Bus Supervisor)

Janice McNeil (Secretary)
Margaret Moody (Aide)
Ronnie Roy (Custodian)
Kathy Short (Parents as Teachers)

STANDING IN FRONT of the gymnasium, Superintendent of Schools Robert Perry and High School Principal Frank Rowles wait for seniors to assemble for graduation.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS Gary Hanger, Larry Hesterly, Nancy Neal, Curt Calhoun, Larry Kingery, Larry Anderson.

JERRY ARMSTRONG
(Middle School Principal)
Extra Duties: Athletic Director, Boys' Basketball Coach

JEAN CODAY
(Elementary Principal)

ROBERT PERRY
(Superintendent of Schools)

FRANK ROWLES
(High School Principal)

DOROTHY WALLACE
(Special Education Administrator)

Photos of the senior trip captivate Marc Brazeal, Christi Evans, Waylan Johnson, and Benjie Dennis.

On a warm spring day, Billy Stofer, Robbie Pierson, and Miles Keith share lunch and a few laughs.

What's Shakin'

PEOPLE

Whether you are talking CD's or the latest fashions, teens have definite opinions on what's shakin' as the latest and the greatest. Everything that happens at school definitely doesn't fit between the covers of a book, and that's what makes for individuality, MHS-style.

Jason Bennett, Steve DeWeese, Andy Clark and Vicky Noble check out Josh Micheli's haircut.

To complete her look, Jenna Murray wears an earring with a message.

Don Hanger and girlfriend Jennifer Shropshire make their way down the hall to their next class.

S E N I O R S

FRANK BACKUS

MIKE BOGART
FFA 1,2,3,4; Art Fair 1.

MARC BRAZEAL
FHA 3,4; FBLA 3; ESP 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Science Club 2,3; Math Club 2,3,4; Class Officer 1,3; Publications Staff 3,4; and Editor 3,4; Choir 1,2; Basketball 1,2,3,4; and All-Conference 4; and KKOZ Dream Team 4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; and All-Conference 3,4; Industrial Arts Fair 1,2; Music Contest 1,2; FBLA Contest 3; Business Contest 3; Journalism Contest 3,4; Carnival King Candidate 4; Yearbook King Candidate 4; Prom King 4.

KRISTY BURNETT
FHA 1,2,3; and Officer 2,3; FBLA 2,3,4; and Officer 3; ESP 2; and Officer 2; Pep Club 1,2,3; Science Club 2,3; Math Club 2, 3; NHS 2,3,4; Band 1,2; Track 1,2,3; Music Contest 1,2; English Contest 4; FBLA Contest 2; Business Contest 2; STAR Events 1,2; Carnival Queen Candidate 2.

KRISTIN CALHOUN
FFA 1,2; FHA 1,2,3,4; and Officer 4; FBLA 3; ESP 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Science Club 1,2; Choir 1,3; Art Fair 1,2,3.

LEEANN CANNON
FHA 2; FBLA 2,3; ESP 2; Pep Club 1,2,3; and Officer 2; Science Club 2; Math Club 2,3; Student Council 2; Band 1; Pom Pon 3,4; Cheerleader 2; Basketball 1,2,3; Softball 1,2; Track 2; Cross Country 1,2; Homecoming Queen 4; Homecoming Princess 3; Barnwarming Queen 4.

SCOTT CANTRELL
FFA 1,2,3; and Officer 2,3; Track 1; Cross Country 1; Industrial Arts Fair 1,2.

BOBBY CLANTON
FFA 1,2 ; ESP 2; Science Club 2; Baseball 2; Math Club 3.

PAUL CLARK
FFA 3; FBLA 3,4; Science Club 3,4; Track 2; Industrial Arts Fair 4; Art Fair 4; Barnwarming King Candidate 2; Yearbook King Candidate 1.

JILL CLOUSE
FFA 2,3; FHA 1,2,3,4; FBLA 2,3,4; and Officer 3; ESP 2,3; Pep Club 3; and Officer 3; Science Club 3; Math Club 3; Class Officer 3,4; Choir 4; Track Manager 4; Science Fair 3; FBLA Contest 3,4; Barnwarming Queen Candidate 2; Yearbook Queen Candidate 3.

MELANIE COFFMAN
FBLA 4; Art Fair 4; FBLA Contest 4.

NEAL CROSS
ESP 4; Track 4; Art Fair 4.

BENJIE DENNIS
FBLA 2; ESP 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3; Science Club 1,2,3,4; Math Club 2,3,4; and Officer 4; Class Officer 1; Publications Staff 3,4; and editor 3,4; Choir 1,2; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1, 2,3,4; Cross Country 1,2; Industrial Arts Fair 1,2; Music Contest 1,2; FBLA Contest 3; Journalism Contest 3,4; Army Reserve National Scholar-Athlete 4.

SHELLY DETHERAGE
FBLA 3,4; ESP 2; Pep Club 1,2,3; and Officer 2,3; Science Club 2 3,4; and Officer 4; Math Club 2,3,4; NHS 2,3,4; and Officer 4; Student Council 2,3; and Officer 3; Class Officer 1,2; Band 1; Pom Pon 1,2; Basketball 1,2,3,4; and All-Conference 1,2,3,4; and KKOZ Dream Team 3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; and All-Conference 2,3,4; and All-District 4; Track 1,2,3; and State Qualifier 2; Industrial Arts Fair 4; Art Fair 1,2,3; Science Fair 3; Math Contest 4; English Contest 3; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; Yearbook Queen Candidate 3; Junior Miss Mansfield 1; Miss Mansfield Runner-up 2.

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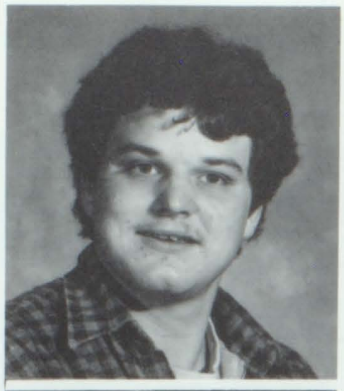
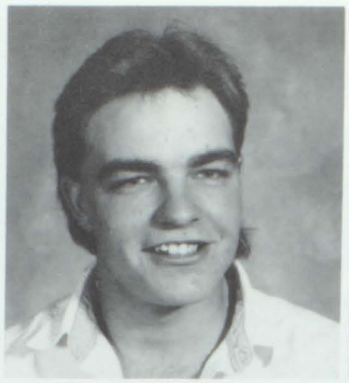
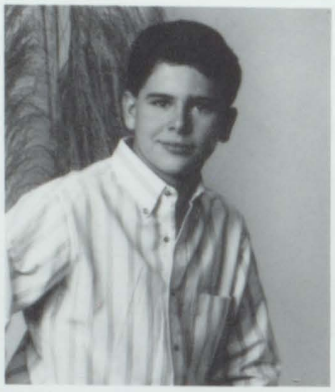
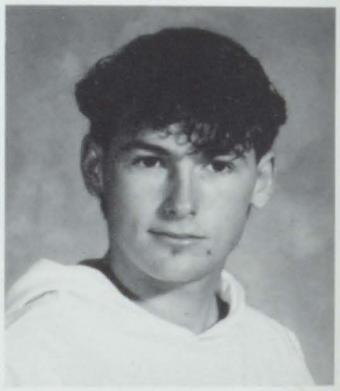
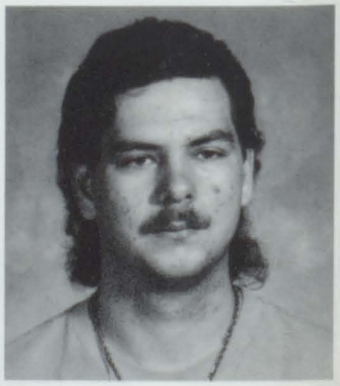









SENIOR MEMORIES *last* FOREVER

"On senior trip Mr. Wood got me, Robby Maxwell, Mike Helsley, and Billy Stofer to go with him to White Castle to get burgers at 2 in the morning. Mr. Wood ordered 40 burgers. They were great burgers, but I no longer have a desire to eat greasy burgers at 2 a.m." -- **Brent Napier**

"The most embarrassing moment of my senior year was when Benjie Dennis ripped an article of clothing off me at Glen Evans' house and threw it up to Waylan Johnson in a tree. Waylan then proceeded to tie it to a stick and parade around the yard." -- **Angie Miller**

"I'll never forget when someone put a country music tape in for our warm-ups at the last home basketball game." -- **Kris Gray**

"Senior trip was great because everyone was acting crazy and being stupid." -- **Carla Swopes**

"Chanda Davis and I went to get the baseball team shakes at Jack's. She had to take Reggie Roy's standard car which she didn't know how to drive. She killed it about 20 times, so we just kind of hopped into the parking place." -- **Kristin Calhoun**

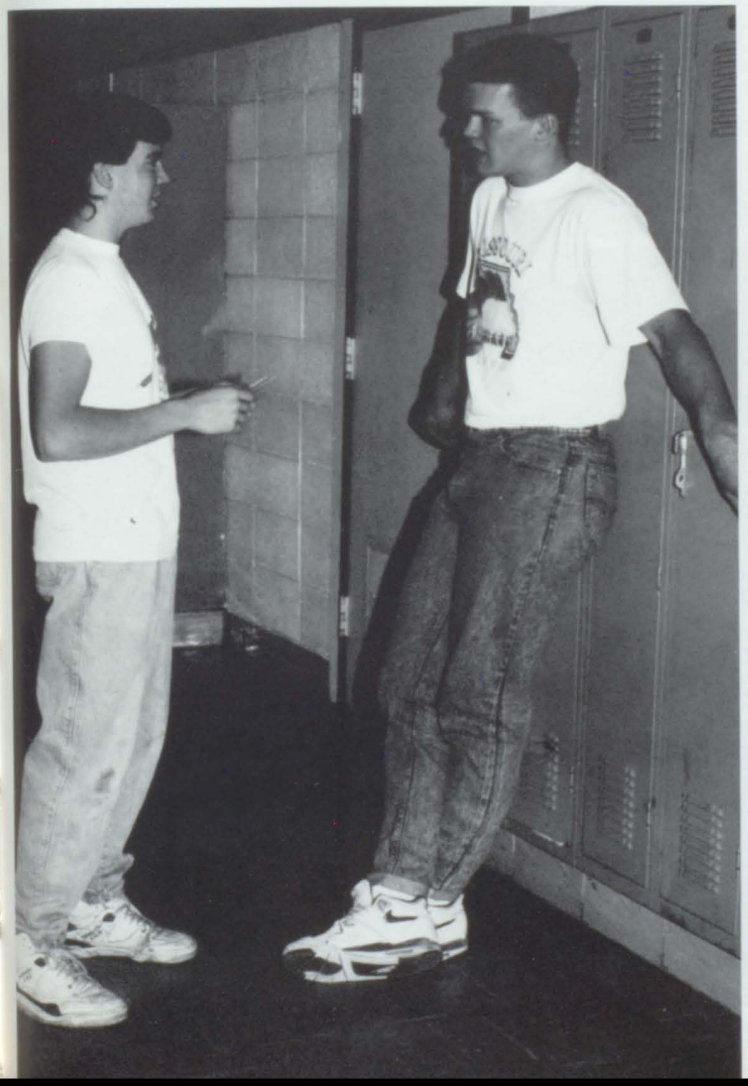
"When FFA went to Columbia for contest and Billy Stofer ate kippers in our room and made the room smell for the rest of the time we were there." -- **Richard Gallion**

"Dancing on the table with Waylan Johnson at my senior prom." -- **Shelly Detherage**

"I'll never forget when the girls basketball team was finally honored with a pep rally, but it was in the hall and we had to hunt for our candy. It was humiliating, everyone laughed at us. " -- **Christi Evans**

"When we beat Hartville in basketball at their place for the conference title. That was the greatest moment of my high school years." -- **Marc Brazeal**

"It was hilarious when Robert Gower undressed in a hotel room on our FFA trip and forgot to check if there were any girls in the room." -- **Kevin Hall**



VICKIE FRANKS AND Mike Helsley have a laid-back conversation in the business room.

WEEKEND PLANS ARE hot topics of discussion for Kevin Hall and Kris Gray.

S E N I O R S

TOMMY DUGGER
Industrial Arts Contest 1,2; FFA 1.

SHALAWN EMERICK
FFA 1,2,3; FHA 1,3,4; ESP 1; Choir 3,4; Industrial Arts Fair 3; Art Fair 1,2,3,4; Music Contest 3,4.

CHRISTI EVANS
FHA 1,2,3,4; and officer 3,4; FBLA 1,2,3; ESP 4; Pep Club 1, 2; Science Club 2; Math Club 2,3,4; and Officer 4; NHS 3,4; Student Council 1,3,4; and Officer 3; Class Officer 1,2,4; Publications Staff 3,4; and Editor 3,4; Band 1; Cheerleader 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; and All Conference 2 3,4; Softball 1,2; and All Conference 2; Cross Country 1,2; and All State 2; and All District 1,2; and All Conference 1,2; Art Fair 4; Math Contest 4; FBLA Contest 2; Business Contest 2; Star Events 1,2; Journalism Contest 3, 4; Homecoming Princess 1; Miss Mansfield Runner-up 4.

GLEN EVANS
FBLA 2,3; Pep Club 4; Science Club 2; Math Club 2,3,4; Class Officer 4; Publications Staff 3,4; and Business Manager 3, 4; Choir 1; Baseball 2,3,4; and Manager 1; Track 4; Cross Country 1; Art Fair 4; Science Fair 3; Music Contest 1; English Contest 2; FBLA Contest 2,4; Business Contest 2,3,4; Journalism Contest 3,4; Boys State 3; Citizen Bee Team 3; Geography Contest 3,4.

MELISSA FARRIS
FFA 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; ESP 2; Choir 3,4; Music Contest 3, 4.

VICKIE FRANKS
FHA 1,2,3,4; FBLA 2,3,4; and Officer 3,4; ESP 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,4; Science Club 2; Math Club 2,3,4; NHS 2,3,4; Choir 1,2; Track 1,2,3; Music Contest 1,2; Math Contest 3; English Contest 3; FBLA Contest 2,3,4; Business Contest 2,3,4; Star Events 2.

TINA GAGE
FFA 3; FHA 1 2,3,4; FBLA 2,3; ESP 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Science Club 2; Choir 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3; Pom Pon 2; Cross Country 1; Music Contest 1 2,3.

RICHARD GALLION
FFA 2, 4; Pep Club 1; Choir 3; Band 1,3; FFA Team 4; Art Fair 2; Music Contest 1,3.

KRIS GRAY
FHA 3,4; ESP 2,3; Pep Club 2,3; Science Club 1,2; Publications Staff 3,4; and Editor 3,4; Choir 3; Basketball 1,2, 3,4; and All Conference 3,4; and KKOZ Dream Team 3,4; and KKOZ Dream Team Player of the Year 3; and All District 4; and All Ozarks 4; and Lions Club All Star Team 4; Baseball 1,2 3,4; and All Conference 2,3,4; Industrial Arts Fair 1,2; Music Contest 3; Journalism Contest 3, 4; Barnwarming King Candidate 3; Carnival King Candidate 2; Yearbook King Candidate.

KEVIN HALL
FFA 1,2,3,4; ESP 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; and Officer 2; Science Club 2,4; NHS 4; Choir 4; Band 1,2,3; Basketball1; Track 1,4; Cross Country 4; and State Qualifier 4; and All-Conference 4; Industrial Arts Fair 1,2; FFA Team 1,2,3,4; Science Fair 4; Music Contest 1,2,3,4; Math Contest 4; Barnwarming King 4.

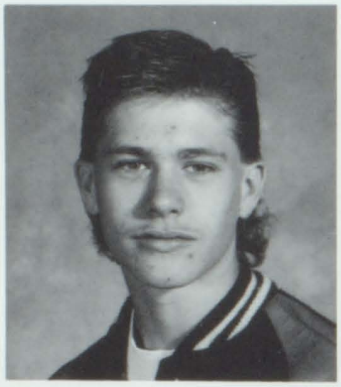
MIKE HELSLEY
FBLA 4; ESP 2,3; Science Club 2,3; Math Club 3,4; Foreign Language Club 1,2,3,4; Art Fair 4; FBLA Contest 4; Boys State 3.

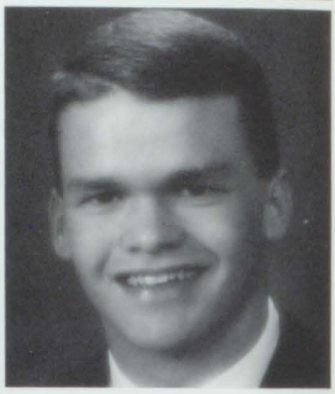
CHARLES HICKLE
Industrial Arts Fair 3.

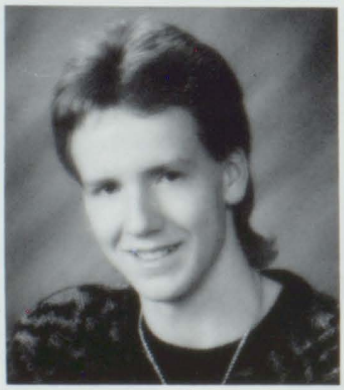
WAYLAN JOHNSON
FBLA 3,4; and Officer 4; ESP 2; Pep Club 1,3; Science Club 2,3,4; and Officer 4; Math Club 2,3,4; NHS 2,3,4; and Officer 4; Student Council 3; Class Officer 3,4; Choir 1,2,4; Basketball 1; Track 3; Industrial ARts Fair 1,4; Art Fair 3; Science Fair 2,3,4; Music Contest 1; English Contest 1,2; FBLA Contest 3,4; Business Contest 3,4.

JULIE JUREWICZ
FFA 1; FHA 3,4; Science Club 3,4; Choir 4; Basketball 1; Volleyball 1,2; Softball 1,2,3,4; Art Fair 3; Science Fair 3; Music Contest 4.

MIKE KEYS
Industrial Arts Fair 3; French Club 1,2.







JUNIOR MEMORIES *last* FOREVER

"My craziest memory of my junior year is when me and a couple of other kids got into a wrestling match on the bus and broke two windows and got kicked off the bus for a week." -- **Shawn Moss**

"I was playing volleyball at Fordland. A ball came at me and when I tried to bump it I missed the ball and caught it between my knees." -- **Tiffany Watterson**

"My most embarrassing memory of my junior year is when I turned 16 and I went to take my driving test. During the parallel parking section of the test, my foot slipped off the brake and my car lurched backwards right into Judge John Moody's truck. Fortunately, the truck was not damaged, but I did fail the test that time." -- **Robby Maxwell**

"Scott Cantrell, Timmy Logan and I went out to pull a calf at Gene Cravens' and he forgot to tell us it was mean. It chased Timmy for an hour and we laughed about it the rest of the day." -- **Kevin Hall**

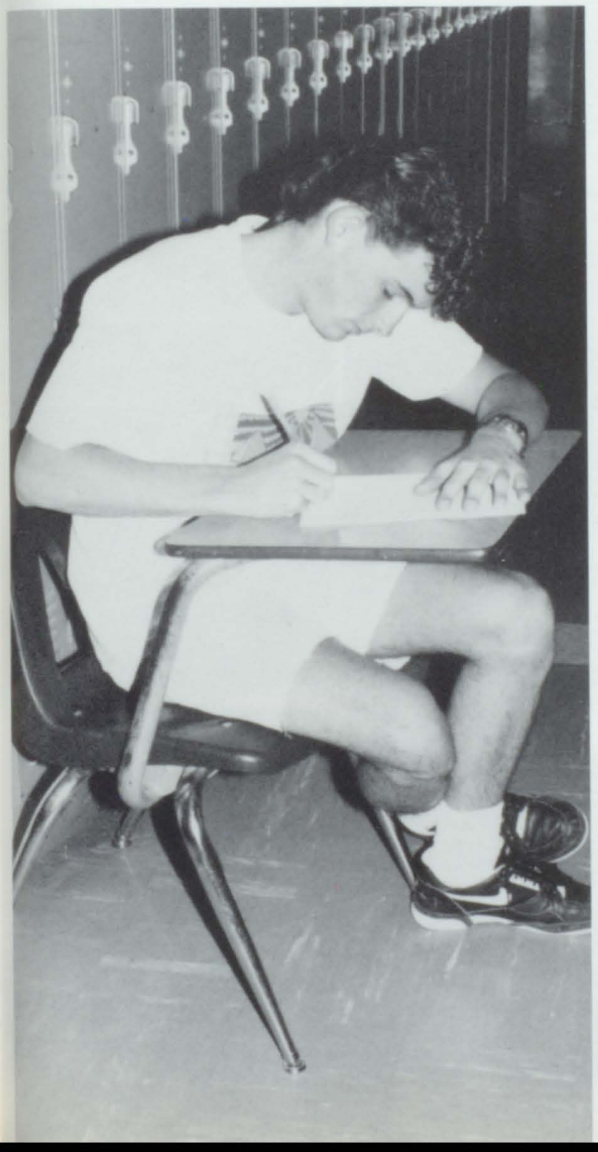
"Losing to Westran 3-1 in the state baseball semifinals. I've never been so sick in my life, because we had a 30-0 record going in." -- **Marc Brazeal**

"Getting my own car! I came home from Wal-Mart with my mom and stepdad and my car was in the garage. I was so surprised." -- **Carla Swopes**

"I'll never forget Barry Short hitting a three to put the game against Hartville into overtime." -- **Kris Gray**

"Dissecting fetal pigs in Biology II and watching Benjie Dennis, Paul Clark, and Aaron Proffitt do gross things with their pigs." -- **Kristy Burnett**

"At track districts when I got two medals, one in 200-meter and one in 400-meter relay. Both times I almost qualified for state." -- **Troy Hughes**



IN THE BEST of moods, friends Laura Rose, Missy Melton, and Melissa Farris enjoy their senior year together.

AFTER AN ABSENCE, Neal Cross takes a social studies make-up test out in the hall.

S E N I O R S

JEFF LADD
FFA 1; Science Club 1,2,4; Math Club 2,3,4; Baseball 2; Industrial Arts Fair 1; Art Fair 4; Math Contest 4.

RACHELLE LANSDOWN
FBLA 2,3,4; ESP 2; Pep Club 1,2,3; Science Club 2,3; Math Club 2,3,4; NHS 4; Class Officer 3; Band 1; Track 1,2; Cross Country 2; and State Qualifier 2; Music Contest 1; FBLA Contest 2,4; Business Contest 4; Barnwarming Queen Candidate 3.

ROBBY MAXWELL
FBLA 3,4; ESP 2,4; Pep Club 1; Science Club 2,4; Math Club 3,4; Foreign Language Club 3,4; Industrial Arts Fair 2; Art Fair 2; Math Contest 4; English Contest 3,4; FBLA Contest 4; Business Contest 4.

MISSY MELTON
FFA 2,3; FHA 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Choir 2,3; Pom Pon 1,2,3,4; and Captain 4; Track 3; Art Fair 2.

ANGIE MILLER
FHA 2,3,4; FBLA 2,3,4; ESP 1,2,3,4,; and officer 3; Pep Club 1,2,3; Science Club 2,3,4; and officer 4; Math Club 2,3,4; and officer 4; NHS 2,3,4; and officer 4; Student Council 3,4; Class Officer 1,2,3,4; Choir 1,2,4; and officer 2; Girls Basketball Manager 3; Track 1,2,3; Music Contest 1,2,4; Math Contest 1,2,3,4; English Contest 1,2,3; FBLA Contest 2,3; Business Contest 2,3; Homecoming Princess 2.

MATT MOODY
FHA 3,4; and officer 4; ESP 2,3,4; Pep Club 1;Choir 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Art Fair 2,3; Music Contest 3,4; Barnwarming King Candidate 3; Carnival King 1.

SHAWN MOSS
FFA 1,2,3,4; FHA 4; Science Club 3.

BRENT NAPIER
Science Club 2,4; Language Club 3,4; Math Club 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FBLA 4; NHS 3,4; ESP 4.

LAURA ROSE
FFA 2,3; FHA 2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3; Choir 3; Volleyball 2; Art Fair 3,4; Music Contest 3.

JOYCE SALKIL
ESP 4; Choir 4; Flag Corps 4.

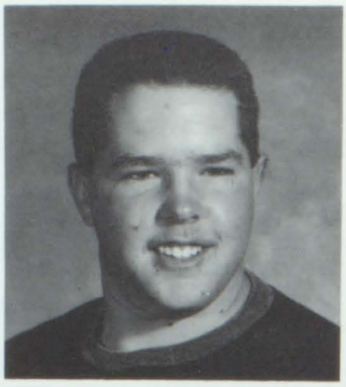
JAMES SMITH
FFA 3,4.

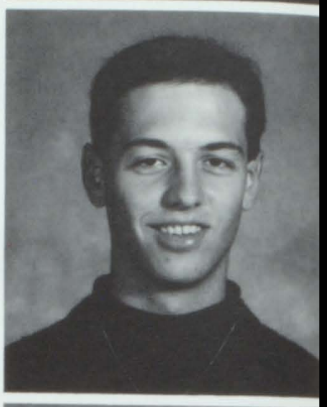
BILLY STOFER
FFA 3,4; and officer 3,4; ESP 3,4; Choir 2,3,4; Band 1,3; Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 2; Industrial Arts Fair 1; FFA Team 4; Art Fair 1,2; Music Contest 1,2,3,4.

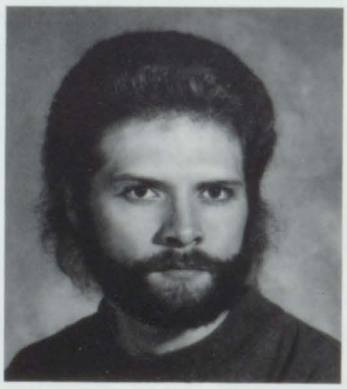
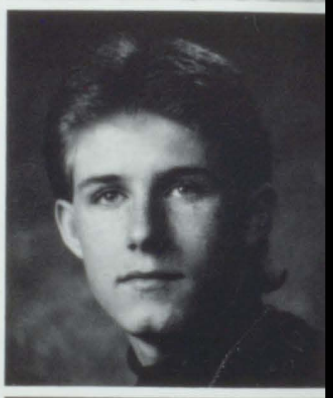
CARLA SWOPES
FFA 2,3; FHA 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3.

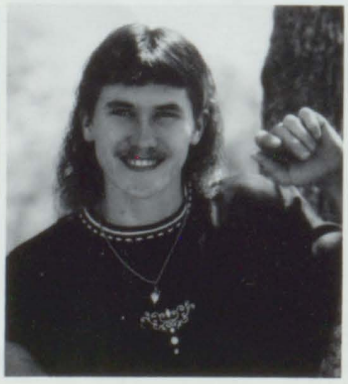
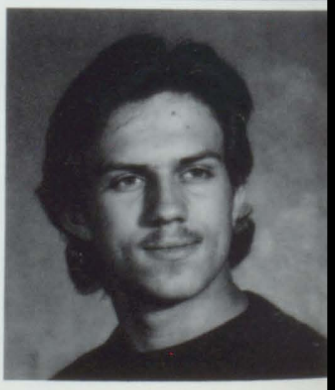
RANDY TAYLOR
Art Fair 3; FFA 2.

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





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MEMORIES *last* FOREVER

"When I was a freshman, three seniors tried to throw me into the locker room showers and I ran all the way to the bus barn only to have them catch me and carry me back to a wet shower." -- **Benjie Dennis**

"During track season all the baseball and track guys were lifting weights on the stage. I was jumping on the wood step boxes, tipped the last one over which made a loud boom and sent me face first on the stage floor with every good-looking guy in school laughing at me." -- **Shelly Detherage**

"When we were freshmen we all talked big to all our friends to try to impress them." -- **Mike Helsley**

"The most exciting was George Crisp finding the wanted criminals hiding under the stage in the gym. George said 'That's the men they're looking for! Let's get them.' The whole boys' gym class started running after them." -- **Brent Napier**

"Riding home from track meets and trying to avoid the seniors we were afraid of." -- **Kristy Burnett**

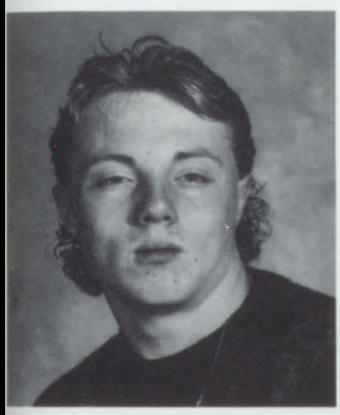
"We turned freshman initiation into junior-senior initiation. They prepared to get us all day, until we launched our attack. All they had was water; we had cans of shaving creme." -- **Christi Evans**

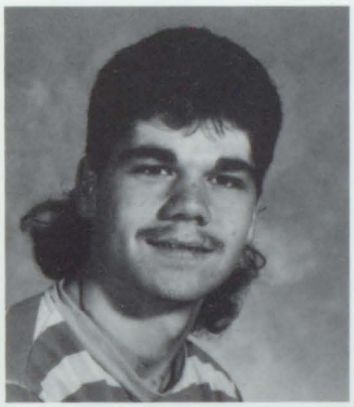
"We hung Danny Young up by his belt loop on the motor puller." -- **Clint Thompson**

"My saddest memory is when my cousin Lisa Hurst and friend Shannon Kirkland died in a car wreck." -- **Paul Clark**

"I was a cheerleader and at a pep rally we were buiding a pyramid. Gina Box was climbing on my shoulders and Christi Evans was climbing on Deidra Barnett's shoulders. I passed out and everyone fell." -- **Tiffany Watterson**

"Glen Evans, Waylan Johnson and I went to the SMSU library where Glen and I began Waylan on his conversion to the cool person he is." -- **Troy Hughes**





CLINT THOMPSON
FFA 1,2,3; FHA 3; Industrial Arts Fair 1,2; Art Fair 1.

TIFFANY WATTERSON
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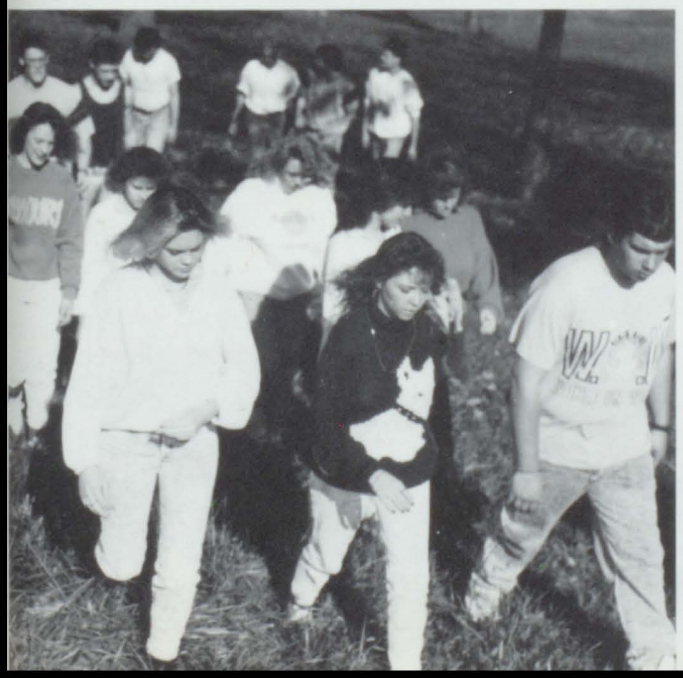
MIKE YOUNG
FFA 1,2,3,4; and Officer 1; Class Officer 1,3; Track 1; Cross Country 1; Art Fair 2,3.

NOT SHOWN: TROY HUGHES, CAREE SIMMONS



LAURA ROSE, MELISSA Farris, and Shawn Moss lead the way back after the seniors had their group picture made at the park pavilion in the fall.

CAP AND GOWN delivery gets Kristy Burnett, Julie Jurewicz, Waylan Johnson, Rachelle Lansdown, Shelly Detherage, and Vickie Franks in the modeling mood.

Changes to this school should really include...

"More emphasis on academics than on sports. Academics help you go farther in life; you can't play sports forever." -- **Tish Goss**

"I wish people had more school spirit." -- **Barry Short**

"We should get to leave campus in our cars during lunch period, because a lot of places we want to go we don't have enough time to get there and get back." -- **Floyd Hutson**

"Time between bells to five minutes." -- **Shawn King**

"I would change the bathrooms, because they are so depressing and dingy. They should be bright and sunny, and a little more sanitary." -- **Brandy Wright**

"I would change the poorly organized scheduling." -- **Pat Williams**

"I would make sure that the teachers were doing their jobs to teach the students and not just giving them homework every single day of school." -- **Brian Williams**

"The way we treat basketball as the main reason we come to school." -- **Serena Dunsmuir**

"I would like to have more classes to choose from that would better prepare me for college." -- **Stacey Wilson**

"I would change the atittude of people so they would be positive, not negative, and do their best to never give up." -- **Tracy Coffman**

"Some of the people in this school don't want to play the sports that are available. I think we need football." -- **Ben Choate**

"I would change the school so we would have enough money to be able to buy paper and other things that teachers like to use." -- **Don Hanger**

"There should be less favoritism in classes. Jocks can get away with anything." -- **Doug Coffman**

11 Grade

James Barnett
Missy Carter
Ben Choate

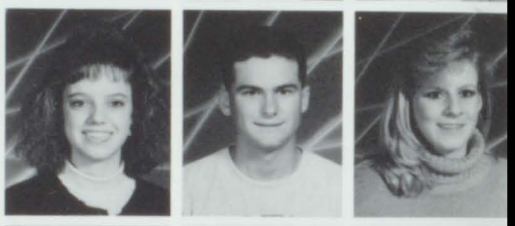
Marny Clark
Doug Coffman
Tracy Coffman

Chanda Davis
Jamie DeTavis
Bill Douglas

Chris Dunn
Serena Dunsmuir
Josh Fetter

Steven Garrison
Mary Ann Gatlin
Tish Goss

Jennifer Greene
Don Hanger
Shelby Hesterly



Floyd Hutson
Frank Jones
Angela Kingery

Tommy Kingery
Anjeanette Kjar
Heather Lansdown

Janie Linder
Kerrick Lindsey
Teresa Lowe

Shannon Matney
Serina Page
Mike Porter
Brandy Potts
Aaron Proffitt
Terry Robinson
Reggie Roy

Barry Short
Carl Splain
Johnny VanNess
Harvey Wedge
Brian Williams
Stacey Wilson
Brandy Wright

BRIAN WILLIAMS AND Steve Garrison check out the latest news magazines for research paper topics.

AN OPEN LUNCH hour lets Ben Choate and Heather Lansdown move their conversation to the student parking lot.

GETTING THE NUMBERS straight on an accounting assignment means a lunch study session for Angela Kingery, Jennifer Greene, Tracy Coffman and Missy Carter, top left.

RAIN, RAIN AND more rain keeps Don Hanger, Reggie Roy and Chanda Davis inside while waiting for fifth hour class to start.

Sitting around and waiting to be sixteen...

"I have a truck just sitting around in the garage and I can't drive it for five months. That really stinks because some of my friends already have their license." -- **Jamin Corder**

"It is very boring without my license, because if I had my license I would probably have a girlfriend." -- **Jeremy Jones**

"The most frustrating thing about waiting to get your license is seeing all your friends getting their licenses first and you having to walk everywhere you go." -- **Clint Berry**

10 Grade

"Some of us have to wait until summer to get our license and the tension is killing us. We want to drive so bad we can't hardly stand it!" -- **Amy Compton**

"If my parents don't take me where I want to go I have to walk. And I've done that a lot." -- **Christy Barber**

"Waiting makes me nervous. I get cold chills just thinking about my driver's test." -- **Shelley Adams**

"I can hardly wait for my license because I'm tired of my sister hauling me around everywhere. I'm also tired of paying my friends' gas money to go cruising and stuff." -- **Shannon Page**

"Here I am, no car, no license, and several long months of waiting. Then I also have to worry about all the people who already have their license that they just might run over me." -- **Evan Kinser**

"When you want to go to a ballgame or go hunting you always have to ask for a ride." -- **Kendall Keith**

"What's frustrating about waiting to turn 16 is having to ride the bus." -- **Jason Bennett**

"The worst thing is I should be in the grade behind me, so I'm younger than all my friends and have longer to wait." -- **Melissa Holt**

Shelley Adams
Tim Andante
Stacey Arnall

James Axsom
Christy Barber
Kevin Barr

Jason Bennett
Clint Berry
Matt Brown

Becky Bryson
Lucy Calhoun
Bryan Cannon

Matt Coffman
Amy Compton
Jamin Corder

Marty Decker
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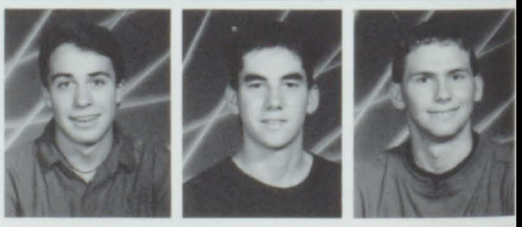

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Melissa Holt
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Shawnya Matney
David McDowell

Joe McNeil
Ryan Miller
Patricia Millsap
Jeri Moody
Michelle Moody
Veronica Noble
Shannon Page

Robert Pierson
Scott Smith
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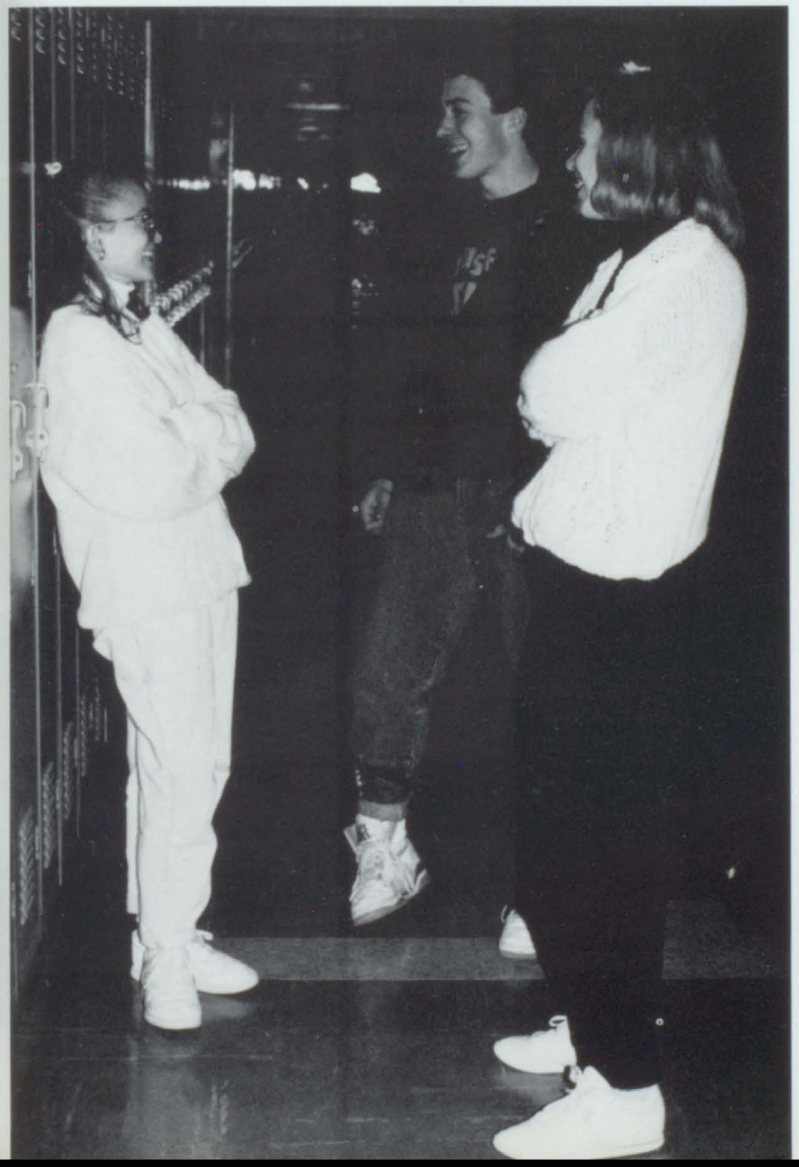
David Taylor
Tawna Watterson



STACY FRANTZ, MICHELLE Moody and Heather Fairbairn use lunch time to study for a history test.

SINCE THEY DON'T have many classes together, Carrie Gray, Scott Hall and Melissa Holt get caught up on each other before school begins in the morning.

Assignments can be fun, but these were not ...

"My worst assignment ever was my American History term paper. I didn't think I would ever get done." -- **April Lynch**

"The worst assignment I have ever had was the book report we did in English, because I hate to read."-- **Stephanie Kelly**

"My worst asssignment was in ag science. We had to memorize the FFA creed." -- **Matt Doyle.**

"Used to be every year we had to run 10 laps around the graveyard. The gym teacher would time us and give us a grade on what our time was. When I was through running, I would be all out of breath, very tired, and I would have a big headache." -- **Stephanie Joseph**

"My worst assignment would probably be making a project on the Civil War in American History." -- **Casey Mattix**.

"I think term papers are the worst assignment a teacher can give." -- **Stephanie Copeland**

"The worst assignment I have had is one of the assignments in our English class. It was eight pages long and took a long time to get done." -- **Jacque Lansdown**

"In American History we had this puzzle to do, but this was not your average puzzle. This puzzle was 64 answers and some were not found in the book." -- **Jennifer Shropshire**

"My worst assignment was the five page report we had in American History, because it seemed like it took forever. I was trying to find information about the Civil War and when I finally found it, I didn't know what to do with it." -- **Adam Brooke**

"The worst assignment of my life was a book report I had to do in front of the class. I completely forgot about what the book was about." --**Lisa Henry**

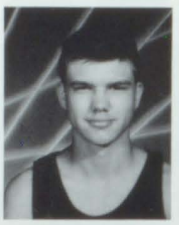
9 Grade

Bobbi Beck
Edna Brazeal
Adam Brooke

Andy Clark
Brad Collins
Debbie Cook

Stephanie Copeland
Clifford Crain
Nancy Davis

Marty Decker
Jennifer DeWeese
Matt Doyle


Jesse Evans
Carol Farris
Virginia Fulbright

Greg Henry
Kim Henry
Lisa Henry

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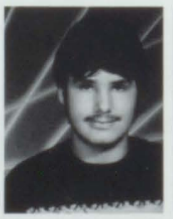
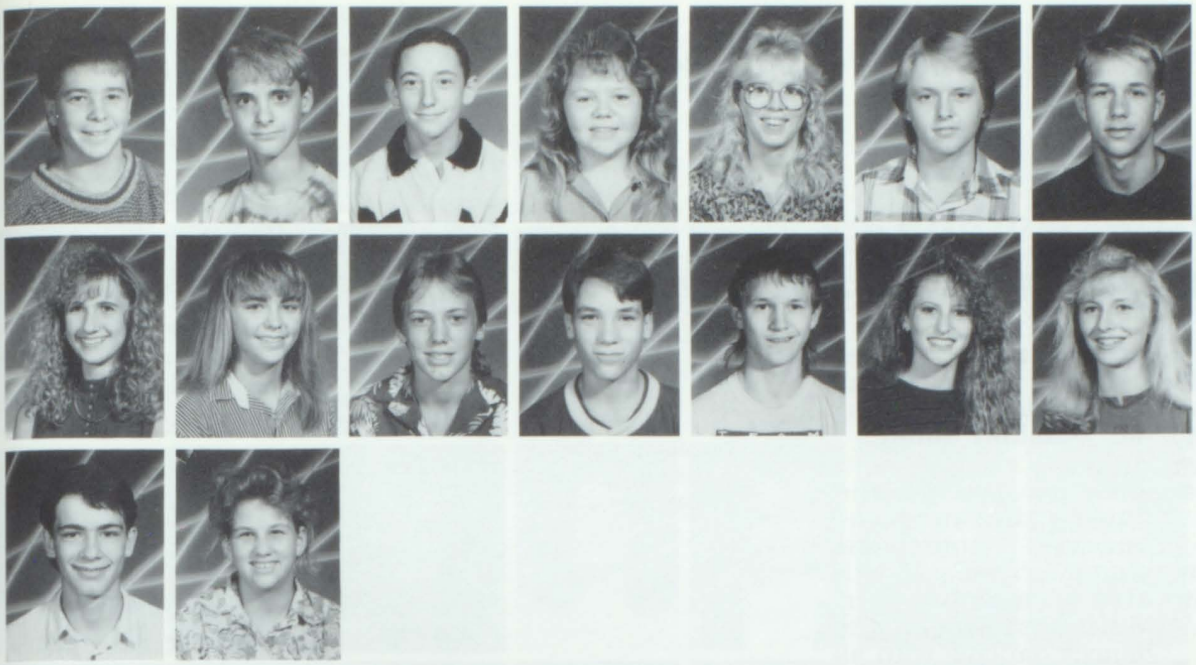


Justin Long
April Lynch
Beckie Lynn



Casey Mattix
Josh Micheli
Steven Pearson
Jody Philpott
Annette Ramsey
Brandon Reese
Randall Roy

Jennifer Shropshire
Aretha Sickels
Dusty Stout
Merle Strohm
Russell Wallace
Sunny Watterson
Shawn Williams

Steve Wilson
Brenda Winsor

AN OPEN TAILGATE gives Jacque Lansdown, Shawn Williams and Sunny Watterson a place to catch up on the latest gossip at lunch time.

SPECIAL CENTERFOLD ARTICLES in the library pique the interest of Steve Wilson, Bobbi Beck, and Carol Farris.

PLENTY OF SUN and a warm breeze set the mood for Andy Clark, Adam Brooke, and Randall Roy to have a noon-time talk, top left.

ANNETTE RAMSEY, JODY Philpott and Misti Collins relax during the last few minutes of lunch hour.

Remembering middle school in many ways ...

"I'll remember the fun I had playing ball with my friends, playing as a team or just fooling around and shooting hoops." -- **James Hanger**

"I will remember all of the times my friends have embarrassed me." **Brent Freeman**

"Liking the same guy for almost three months and being best friends with Stephie Calhoun." -- **Mandy Jones**

"I'll always remember Coach Short and how he teases everyone ." -- **Lisa Hyde**

"I will remember all the basketball games and early morning practices." -- **Joey Allen**

"I'm going to remember being a cheerleader for the eighth grade boys team and all the fun times my friends and I have had." -- **Stephanie Calhoun**

"Hating the big assignments that we had in English class." -- **Joe Garrison**

"Becoming closer friends, cheerleading and the tons of goofing off." -- **Ashley Miller**

"All the parties and dances that made us become somewhat closer friends. I will also remember Mr. Miller last year at the dances dancing with all the girls." -- **Tara Moody**

"I will remember how much Coach Short embarrassed me all of the time, especially when we had a pucker contest." -- **Janie Carter**

"Being able to act as stupid as I wanted to act, and never caring what anyone else thought about it." -- **Emily Matlock**

"Our 12-2 record during basketball season, and the fact that they changed the junior high to middle school." -- **Shannon Cantrell**

"The very first day when I locked myself out of my locker three times and was late for every class." -- **Jennifer Top**

Grade 8

Joey Allen
Robert Axsom
Jennifer Brooke

Mark Brown
Erin Calhoun
Sharon Calhoun

Stephanie Calhoun
Charles Campbell
Shannon Cantrell

John Carnall
Janie Carter
Julie Clouse

Torrie Collins
Melissa Crain
Michael Davis

Mike Douglas
Jodi Edwards
Amanda Flinn

Brent Freeman
Jerry Garrison
Joe Garrison

Matt Gatlin
Carrie Gleason
John GreyOwl

James Hanger
Missy Honeycutt
Stephanie House

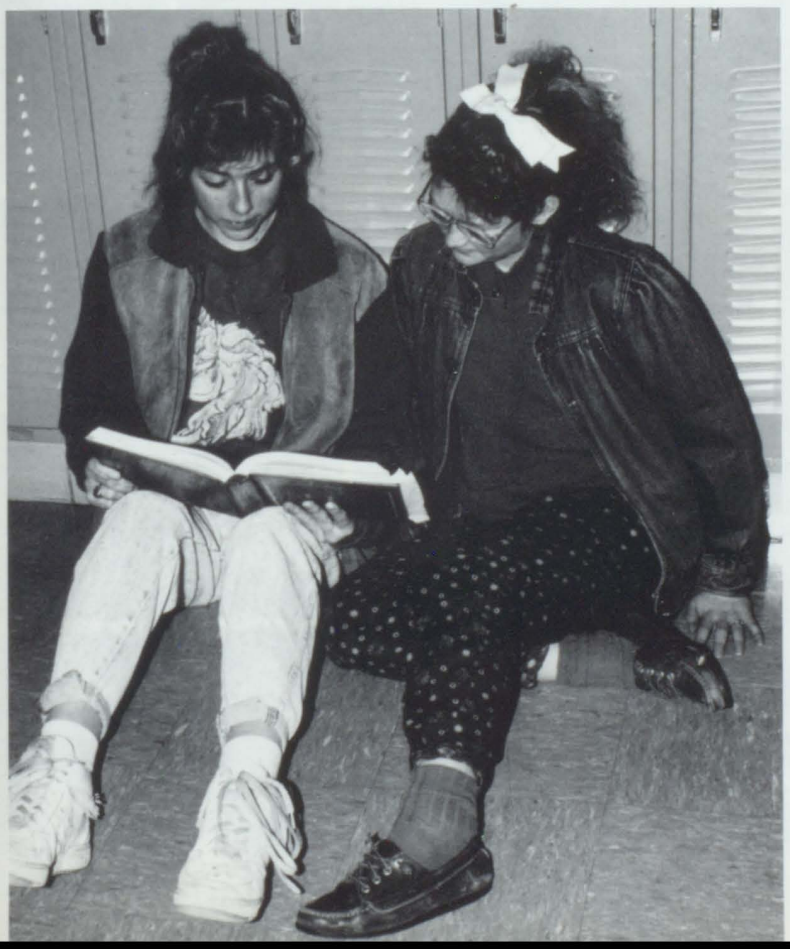
Lisa Hyde
Sarah Johns
Amanda Jones
Marissa Joseph
Sabrina Kelly
Billy Kennedy
Dustin Lansdown

Shannon Lemonds
Scott Macke
Emily Matlock
John Matney
Ashley Miller
Tara Moody
Tom Moody

Donnie Munden
Brooke Newton
Trisha Perry
Melissa Porter
Angela Ragsdale
Kenny Robinson
Kristi Rogers

Mike Scott
Laura Shannon
Deneane Sickels
Stephen Stepro
Mirrissa Stillwell
Noami Strohm
Crystal Sutton

Jennifer Top
Robbie VanOrden
Serena Walker
Barry Wedge
Shelly Williams
Johnny Wintjen
Vonnie Young



MUSIC AND TAPE players capture the interest of eighth graders Chuck Campbell and Joey Allen.

JENNIFER BROOKE AND Missy Honeycutt grab a little extra study time by finding a quiet place in the hall.

Let me be principal and things would change...

"First thing, I'd make all of the girls in our class who thought they were so smart teach in front of some class so they could embarrass themselves." -- **Sean Spyres**

"I would let all of the kids have a dance every month." -- **Brian Pollock**

"If I were principal I would let the students pass notes, and I would have a radio in each one of the classrooms." -- **Karen Farris**

"I would give us more than three minutes between classes so we can talk in the hall, to our friends that are in a different class." -- **Heather Gray**

"I would change the bathroom rule. They always tell us to go between classes, then when we do that we have to get a tardy." -- **Melanie Blankenship**

"If I were principal I would change the rule on passing notes." -- **Melanie McGaw**

"If I were in charge I would make a plan or a goal to have all of the students work for, in other words have them work for some kind of reward." -- **Anica Lofton**

"I would let the kids have more than three minutes between classes and have more dances." -- **Julie Williams**

"If I were principal, I would have one day off and you can pick a certain day of each week to stay at home." -- **Janet Van-Ness**

"Change the rules and send all of the trouble makers to a separate class so others won't get in trouble for what they do." -- **Crystal Cook**

"I would have more free time between classes because there is no time to check your hair." -- **Jennifer Kingery**

"Have more activities and not as many long, boring classes." -- **Tessa Bennett**

7 Grade

Niki Anderson
Lonnie Bell
Tessa Bennett

Melanie Blankenship
Stephanie Blankenship
Mica Brooke

Jason Bryson
Matt Calhoun
Aaron Cantrell

Rodney Cantrell
Nathan Carr
Jeff Chambers

Chad Clanton
David Climer
Misty Coffman

Crystal Cook
Trish Dalton
Angela Darr

Robbie Decker
Hayden Dennis
Faye Dollarhide

Stephanie Doyle
Eva Farmer
Karen Farris

Marc Farris
Tara Fetter
Stephanie Flinn

Bobbie Franks
Joanie Fulbright
Heather Gray
Jeff Hanger
Brent Heatherly
Jackie Honeycutt
Phillip Hull

Randon Ivy
Luke Johnson
Jennifer Jones
Kimberly Jones
Jason Kabage
Jennifer Kingery
Garan Kinser

Lisa Ladd
Deloris Lansdown
Brandon Lemonds
Anica Lofton
Christy Matney
Melanie McGaw
Amanda Mills

Kim Moody
Michael Moody
Sara Moody
Victor Murray
Heather Persinger
Brian Pollock
Adam Proffitt

Michelle Roberts
Matt Skyles
Dallas Smith
Sean Spyres
Angela Turley
Valerie Turley
Janet VanNess

Jim Wallace
Natasha Wallin
Jerry Ward
Betty Welch
Julie Williams

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF extra minutes, Kim Jones, Amanda Mills and Heather Gray share some stories.

SEVENTH GRADE JOURNALISM students look at the high school paper and plan articles for the Lion Times.

Being scared for me means thinking of ...

"I'm afraid of an earthquake because the buildings crumble and the ground cracks and swallows people." -- **Teddy Rose**

"I'm afraid of terrorism because it could happen in this town." -- **Rodney Franken**

"I am scared of my parents dying, because I don't know what I would do without them." -- **Marcus Scirocco**

"I'm most scared of spiders because they are really slimy and creepy." -- **Wendy Matlock**

"The thing that scares me most is wars, because you could lose family members or people that you love and you could lose the war." -- **Aimee Williams**

"When you get detention and you have to tell your parents." -- **Eric Grubbs**

"I am most scared of my future, because right now the war will affect my future and that scares me." -- **Stephanie Day**

"The thing I'm scared of most is my parents dying, because I love them." -- **David Henry**

"Snakes scare me, because if they bite you you die because some of the snakes are poisonous." -- **LaDonna Johnson**

"I am afraid to die, because I don't know what is going to happen." -- **Brian Jones**

"Fires scare me because they can kill you when you're asleep and you could not get out." -- **Chris Johnson**

"The thing that scares me is my brother driving. He makes me very nervous when he is driving." -- **Lauren Miller**

"I'm afraid of snakes because they can bite me." -- **Christy Hastings**

"Death is what is frightening to me, because it's a very scary thing to think about." -- **Tara Travis**

Grade 6

Jill Adamson
Lee Barber
Michael Baty

Dedra Bell
Leslie Bounds
Doyle Boyd

Michael Brame
Nick Brooke
Shane Bujarski

Steve Cannon
Christa Choate
Jarod Coday

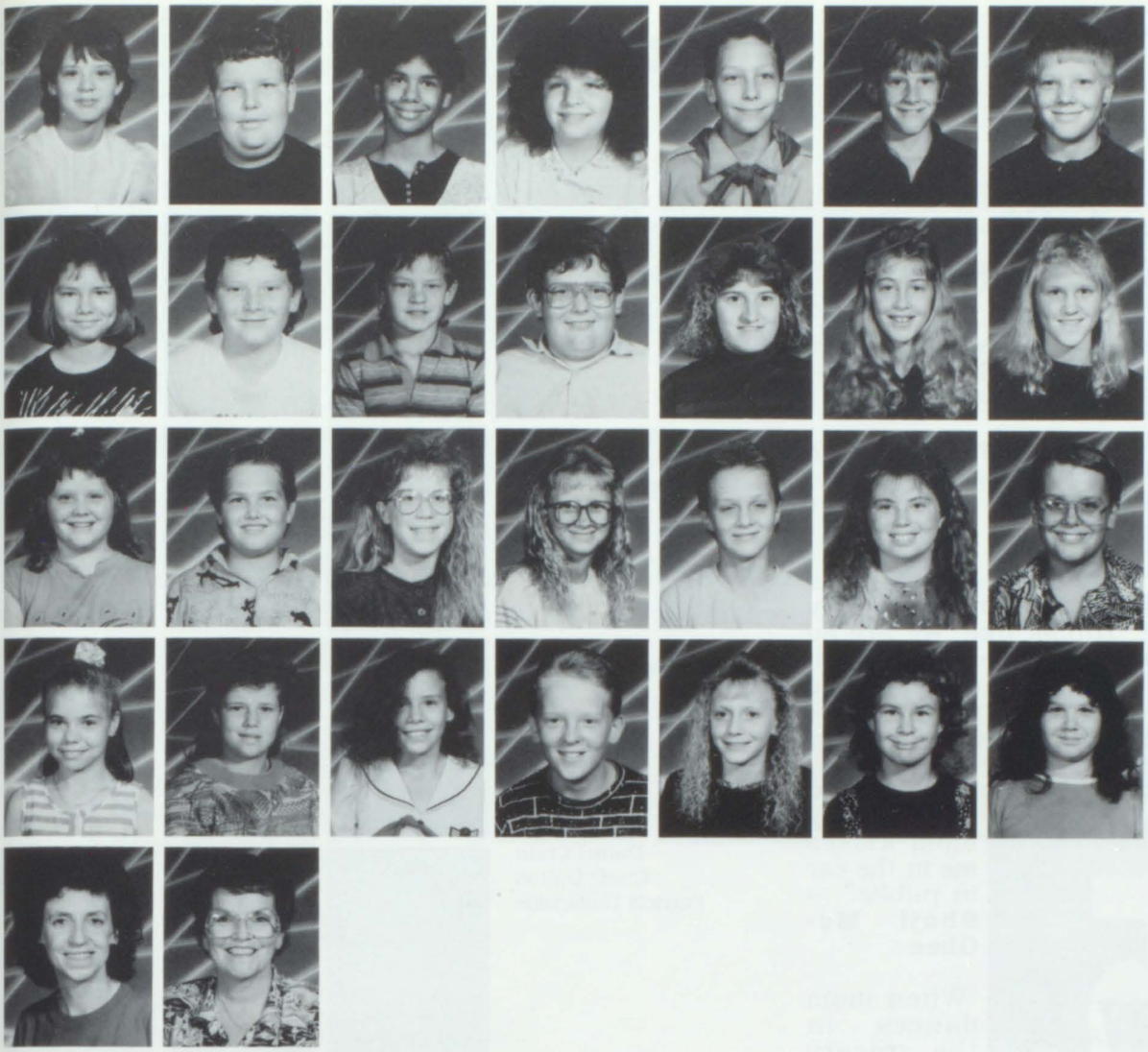
Amanda Harper
Michael Harris
Christy Hastings

Jeremy Corder
Jason Daniel
Jason Davis

Stephanie Day
Rodney Franken
Eric Grubbs

David Henry
Lisa Hodges
Eric Hunsucker

J.W. Hutson
Jason Johns
Chris Johnson



La Donna Johnson
Brian Jones
Kim Joseph
Janet King
Justin King
Travis King
Eric Kjar

Loretta Lansdown
Ronnie Lansdown
William Liles
John Lobdell
Wendy Matlock
Lauren Miller
Emily Moody

Sandy Nelson
Teddy Rose
Elizabeth Roth
Regina Roy
Marcus Scirocco
Summer Slade
Michael Spyres

Tara Travis
Sara Walker
Melissa Wedge
Steven Welch
Amy Williams
Jennifer Wright
Crystal Young

Vicki Box, teacher
Susie Graham, teacher

M-I-C, K-E-Y, M-O-U-S-E is a tuneful way to warm up for music class for J. W. Hutson, Michael Spyres and Jeremy Corder.

WRITING SPELLING WORDS five times each gets Regina Roy prepared for her weekly spelling test.

Parents can really embarrass you when ...

"My parents embarrass me when they dance in the car to dorky music." -- **Amanda Skyles**

"It embarrasses me when my mom holds my hand in a store." -- **Shannon Reese**

"My mom embarrasses me when she calls me Junior." -- **Terry Smothers**

"My mom embarrasses me when she tells everyone that I want to join the Air Force after I get out of school." -- **Kathy Winsor**

"My parents mess up their hair when I have a friend over and they scare us, that is what embarrasses me." -- **Melony Reese**

"My parents hug and kiss in public and to me that's very embarrassing." -- **Ashley Blankenship**

"My parents embarrass me by taking my little brother when we go to the mall." -- **Chris Flageolle**

"When my mom tells my friends things that I did when I was little." -- **John Rhodes**

"When they call me 'baby' in front of people." -- **Heather Forbis**

"My parents embarrass me when they say things like 'We are so proud of our son because he acts like he is 11 going on 20.'" -- **Scott Corder**

"I get embarrassed when my mom kisses me in the car in public." -- **Shoji McGhee**

"When mom dances in the grocery store." --**Natasha Bailey**

"My mom and dad can really embarrass me when they tell people what boy I like." -- **Jenny Moody**

"My parents embarrass me when they start talking about when I was just a baby." -- **John T. Wall**

"It's embarrassing to me when my parents go to one of my ballgames and yell." -- **Ricky Dugger**

Grade 5

Allison Arnall
Natasha Bailey
Rachel Barber

Robby Baugh
Joe Bell
Ashley Blankenship

Kassy Calhoun
Mickey Calhoun
Eric Carampatan

Henry Cook
Jessica Copeland
Scott Corder

Daniel Crain
Cindy Dalton
Patricia Dollarhide

Ricky Dugger
Jennifer Dunn
Evelyn Elliott

Melissa Farris
Chris Flageolle
Heather Forbis

Trish Freeman
Alice Goldsberry
Adam Grubbs

Jerryl Henry
Jeanie Johnson
Sarah Johnson

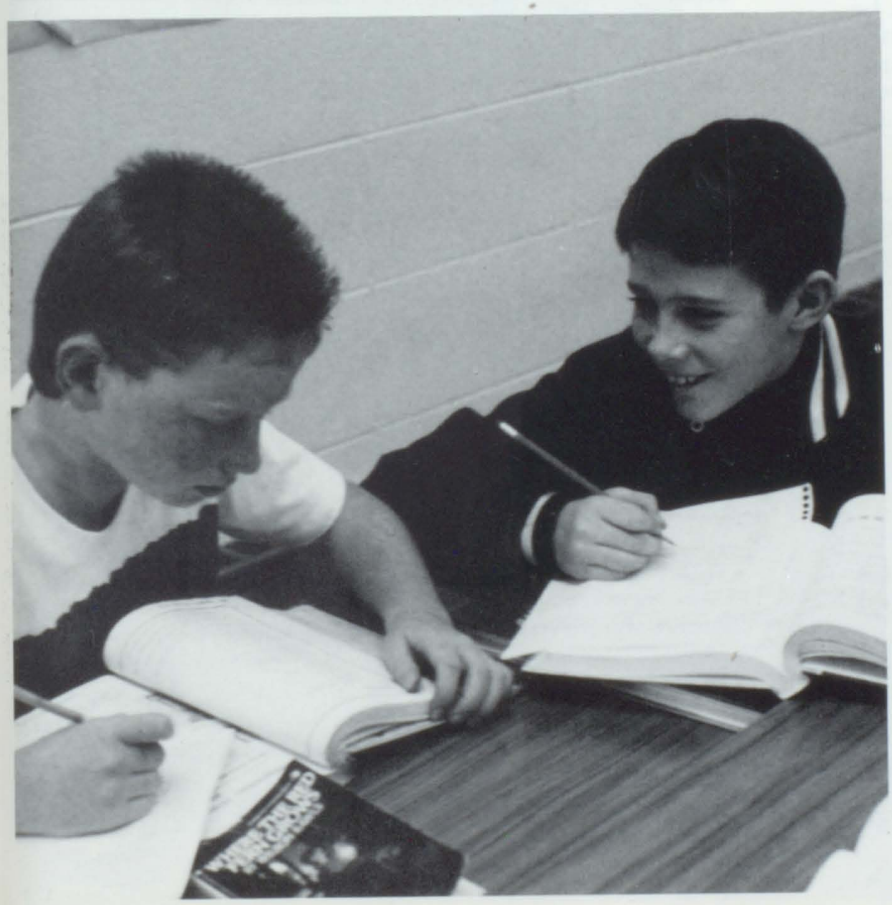
Chad Keeling
Jason Lansdown
Joey Long
Leslie Lynch
Shoji McGhee
Curtis Melton
Tessa Miller

Jenny Moody
Drew Proffitt
Melony Reese
Shannon Reese
John Rhodes
John Roberts
Melissa Scott

Armaghn Shirley
Courtney Short
Amanda Skyles
Gary Slate
Terry Smothers
Misty Stout
James Strunk

Johnny Sutton
Melvin Thompson
Christy Tucker
John T. Wall
Kati Williams
Don Wilson
Kathy Winsor

Donnie Young
Pat Brown, teacher
Frances Coday, teacher



GEOGRAPHY LESSONS INCLUDE checking out countries on the globe for Joey Long, James Strunk, and Allison Arnall.

PAIRING UP TO do a math assignment, Jerryl Henry and Drew Proffitt tackle fractions.

Make me famous, and I would want to be ...

"I would be Paula Abdul because she is pretty and she can sing real good." -- **Michelle Napier**

"I would be Michael-angelo because he is the master of art." -- **Terry Cain**

"The person I would be is Vanna White because she gets to be on TV." -- **Stephanie Merrifield**

"The person that I would like to be is Mr. Rogers. He is nice, smart and is good for little kids to learn from." -- **John Ward**

"I would like to be David Robinson because I want to play NBA basket ball someday." -- **Luke Anderson**

"The person I would be is Santa Claus so I can ride in a sleigh and give out presents." -- **Roy Liles**

"I would like to be Patrick Swazye's wife because she is pretty and he is good looking." -- **Crystal Steffe**

"The person I would be is Michael Jordan because he is a good ball player." -- **Jason Eagleston**

"If I could be any person in the world I would be Alissa Millano because she is pretty, smart, and I like 'Who's the Boss.'" -- **April Farris**

"I would be Ozzie Smith because he makes about a million dollars a year and because he is so awesome at baseball." -- **Curt Stuart**

"I want to be my dog Barney because he doesn't have to go to school." -- **Mandy Goss**

"I want to be Magic Johnson because he is the best basketball player in the world." -- **Jason Brooke**

"I would be Paula Abdul because she is pretty and she sings a lot of good songs and she is famous." -- **Amanda Piland**

"I would like to be Mike Tramp because he is lead singer for the group White Lion." -- **Shannon Wallin**

4 Grade

Matthew Adamson
Sarah Allen
Luke Anderson

Jason Barton
Crystal Beggs
Justin Borders

Jason Brazeal
Jason Brooke
Daniel Cain

Terry Cain
Jennifer Calhoun
Dionna Cody

Jason Coffman
Christin Cook
Erickia Cook

Patricia Crain
Jessica Curtman
Amber Davis

Dominick DeTavis
Jason Eagleston
Brandon Edmondson

April Farris
Jason Farris
Travis Furr

Mandy Goss
Nathan Hanger
Kevin Heatherly

Russell Hedrick
Gerri Hensley
Lorie Hodges
Stephen House
Rachel Hull
Tiffany Hurst
Mandy Hutson

Carol Kelley
Brandon Lansdown
James Lansdown
John Lansdown
Roy Liles
Jonathan Lynch
Brandon McNamer

Stephanie Merrifield
Michelle Napier
Tracy Oberbeck
Amanda Piland
Kinder Pollock
Nicholas Prell
April Quinn

Joey Rhodes
Robert Rippee
Rachelle Roy
Matthew Scott
Christina Shirley
Art Slade
Daniel Soares

Crystal Steffe
Jamie Stepro
Curtis Stuart
Erik Sutton
Amanda Tatum
Dusty Walker
Shannon Wallin

John Ward
Donna Young
Ann Kinser, teacher
Jana Schlesener, teacher

JUMPING ROPE ON a warm winter day makes recess fun for fourth graders Kinder Pollock, April Quinn, and Mandy Hutson.

My most exciting vacation has been ...

"My most exciting vacation was going to Silver Dollar City, because we rode the American Plunge." -- **Kacee Bujarski**

"Last summer, because we had no school for three months and I went to St. Louis to watch the Cardinals." -- **Josh Turner**

"Going to Mississippi was fun. I saw a babe on the beach in a bikini. It was fun being on the beach." -- **Dustin Clark**

"My most exciting vacation was in Branson. My uncle and I went under water. We got so soaked, but it was fun. I really loved that." -- **Sarena Baugh**

"It was when I went to Kansas and went to Christmas Card Lane. It was pretty and I went to one of their houses and asked how many lights there were, and they said 3,000. Your eyes would bug out if you saw it." -- **Cheryl Swopes**

"My best vacation was Christmas. We got to buy lots of new presents and didn't have to go to school. I think it is fun because I got to see my family." -- **Serina Van Ness**

"St. Louis is my most exciting vacation because we went to watch the Cardinals, looked at the Arch and went to the zoo." -- **Dustin McCleary**

"I don't know where I went because I was so little. But I do know it was fun because we rented a motel and we went swimming a lot." -- **Katrina Bailey**

"Last summer was a lot of fun. I went fishing and caught more fish than my dad did." -- **Rickey Ramsey**

"My most exciting vacation was at Florida. I went through many States to get there." -- **Zach Miller**

"At Tablerock, we listened to owls, bullfrogs, and bass jumping out of the water to catch a dragon fly." -- **Jonathan Walker**

3 Grade

Amanda Allen
Katrina Bailey
B.J. Batten

Sarena Baugh
Janisha Bennett
Ricky Boak

Kacee Bujarski
Joshua Campie
Tracy Cantrell

Sarah Carr
Dustin Clark
Amanda Clinton

Miranda Clinton
Steven Collins
Betty Conrad

Austin Corder
Anna Cross
Megan Dedmon

Brandi Dering
Karen Eagleston
Angela Fetter

Mitchell Hammond
Dawn Hastings
Christopher Hicks

Jason Hilliard
Afton Ivy
Scott Jackson

Jerry Johnson
Kandy Kabage
Jayme Keeling
Stephen Lansdown
Craig Letsinger
Scott Litz
Julie Lynch

Dustin McCleary
Destiny Millard
Austin Miller
Zach Miller
Ben Moody
Eric Moore
Rocky Morgan

Laura Pettit
Rickey Ramsey
Mellisa Rose
Jessica Roth
John Schofield
Medina Scirocco
Kristina Shropshire

Stephanie Strunk
Cheryl Swopes
Josh Turner
Serina VanNess
Jonathan Walker
Joey Wall
Rick Weaver

Melinda Weber
Sumer Welch
Elaine Crump, teacher
Linda Graham, teacher
Rita White, teacher

AUSTIN MILLER AND Mitchell Hammond volunteer to answer a question while high school students present an anti-drug program to the third graders.

TAKE OUT THE Trash is a gym game played enthusiastically by a group of third graders in physical education class.

Heros come in all shapes and sizes

"My hero is Joe in New Kids on the Block. He is cute, but he is too old to be a boyfriend." -- **Cassandra Smothers**

"Batman is my hero because he can fly." -- **Brandon Olive**

My heroes are my father and grandfather. They both are strong, and they help me and I help them." -- **Mindie Sullivan**

"The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles are my heroes because they fight crime." -- **Keith Jackson**

"My hero is my dad. He is a policeman and a fireman. He is strong and he is my hero because he saves people." -- **Dustin Grass**

"Jesus is my hero because he can protect me any time and he is my best friend in the whole wide world." -- **John Williams**

"My hero is my brother Clint. He rides bulls and is in college. We are best friends. He isn't my hero because he rides bulls, but because he loves me." -- **Tara Jackson**

"Dad is my hero because he is strong. My dad can pick up a tractor wheel." -- **Bryan Dugger**

"Mrs. Adamson is my hero. She teaches me to read and do my ABC's and math." -- **Shawna Kennedy**

"My hero is my dad. He is a jail guard and keeps the bad people in jail." -- **Alexandra Doyle**

"My hero is my little dog Jingles because she is always there for me. She never eats my food and the only time she gets in trouble is when she does something that is wrong." -- **Lindsay Hannaford**

"Batman is my hero. He is neat and fights a lot." -- **Jerry Elliott**

"My hero is Sarah Brown because she helps me with my work when I need it." -- **David Scrivner**

2 Grade

Rodney Bell
Matthew Bennett
Jamie Borders

Christina Bradley
Sarah Brown
Cody Bryson

Josh Bubeck
Danny Cain
Brian Cannon

Clark Choate
Joshua Cleaver
Dustin Coday

Colleen Cook
John Crain
Jessica Daniel

Kevin Day
Alexandra Doyle
Bryan Dugger

Matthew Dunbar
Jerry Elliott
Joseph Farris

Cassandra Franken
Joe Giffin
Bridget Gittings

Michael Gittings
Dustin Grass
Quentin Hammond

Lindsay Hannaford
Joey Harris
Joshua Hartzell
Heather Ingerson
Keith Jackson
Tara Jackson
Carrie Jarrett

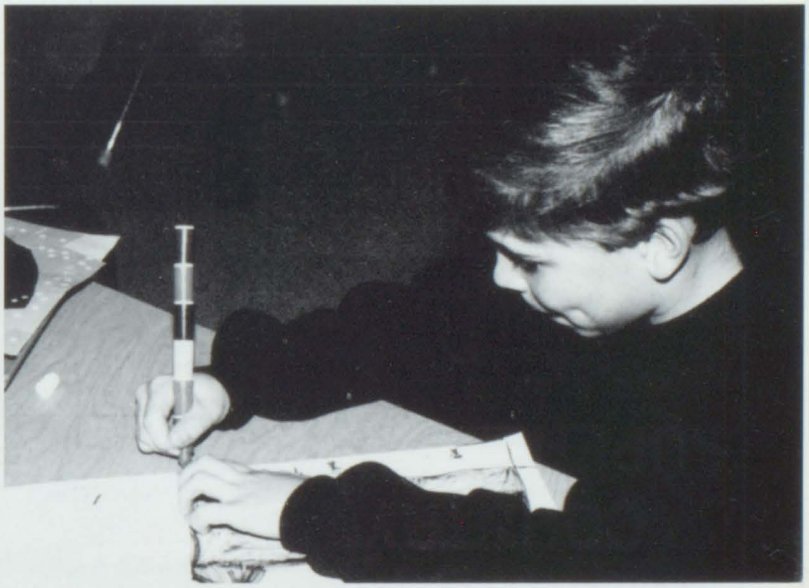
Chad Keith
Richard Kelley
Shawna Kennedy
Nicole Lee
Tommy Martin
Albert Matney
Garrett Norell

Brandon Olive
Randy Piland
Adam Rowles
Shawn Ryan
David Scrivner
Matthew Shevchuk
Dannette Sickles

Cassandra Smothers
Nicole Soares
Erica Spyres
Joshua Street
Mindie Sullivan
Mike Turley
Robert Ward

Melissa Whorton
John Williams
Kay Scrivner, teacher
Josie Adamson, teacher

REGULAR WORK DONE, Jamie Borders and Matthew Shevchuk look for more.



USING A BIG assortment of colors, Adam Rowles draws a house in art class.

Holidays are special times to me because ...

"My favorite holiday is Valentine's Day, because I like to send cards." -- **Brian Carampatan**

"My best holiday is Easter, because you get to find eggs." -- **Greg Washburn**

"Christmas is my favorite holiday because it is a time to celebrate. You give presents and you get presents. Christmas is a time to share." -- **Laura Furr**

"My favorite holiday is the Fourth of July, because you can shoot lots of fireworks." -- **Carl Martin**

"My favorite holiday is Easter, because you get to hunt for Easter eggs." -- **Eric Turner**

"Christmas is my favorite, because I like Christmas trees." -- **Lacie Vaverka**

"My favorite holiday is Christmas. It is fun and it is Jesus' birthday." -- **Michelle Jones**

"My favorite holiday is Fourth of July. I like it because we get to shoot off fireworks." -- **Nathan Cody**

"Easter is my favorite holiday, because you get to Easter egg hunt." -- **Crystal Wilson**

"My favorite holiday is Christmas because it is Jesus' birthday." -- **Angela Calhoun**

"Christmas is the best holiday, because I like to build snowmen." -- **Felicia Price**

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"My favorite holiday is Fourth of July, because you get to shoot firecrackers and they are really pretty." -- **Stefanie Blevins**

"Christmas is my favorite holiday, because you get presents." -- **Jessica Moore**

"I like Christmas because of the toys on the floor." -- **Jacob Magnin**

"Fourth of July is the best because you can set off fireworks like cobra snakes and noise rockets." -- **Nicholas Shelhamer**

Tara Allen
Stefanie Blevins
Jeffery Brooks

Ben Cain
Brian Carampatan
Jeff Carr

J.C. Clinton
Nathan Cody
Amber Collins

Heather Cooley
Tiffany Coonce
Jeffery Decker

Lindsey Dunbar
Sara Edmonds
Shawna Ellison

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ARMS OUTSTRETCHED TO steady himself, Jacob Magnin takes his turn on the balance beam during gym class.

CUDDLES THE BUNNY gets some friendly attention from Brian Carampatan and Tara Allen.

The food that I hate the absolute worst of all is ...

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"I don't like coleslaw because sometimes it has that bad dressing." -- **Rhett Schofield**

"There's yucky stuff inside of chicken and it's bloody. It hurts my teeth to eat it when it's hot." -- **Alishia Cook**

"Lasagna looks gross and is too runny. I don't like the red sauce or the cottage cheese in it." -- **Brett Bailey**

"I don't like tomatoes, because they always have juice in them or they have peeling on them." -- **Cody Corder**

"I don't like rice because my big sister doesn't like it." -- **Sharrell Frantz**

"Toast has butter on it, and it feels slimy going down my throat." -- **Brandon Lansdown**

"Plain hamburgers are yucky. With nothing on them all they are is beef and bread." -- **Amanda Walker**

"I hate spinach because it is a bunch of leaves." -- **Cory Letsinger**

"I don't like tuna fish because it smells bad." -- **Tim Brazeal**

"Spinach makes me sick to my stomach and it stinks really bad." -- **Jordan Cantrell**

"I hate pickles. They smell bad." -- **Tracy Hensley**

"I really hate spinach because of the juice." -- **Melissa Borders**

"I hate to eat broccoli, because it tastes gross and feels funny in my mouth." -- **Summer Taylor**

"Green beans are bad because they are gooey." -- **Jason Kennedy**

"I hate spinach because it is green and icky." -- **Dustin Dixon**

"Mashed potatoes taste real bad and they stink." -- **Travis Clouse**

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WRITING TO READ, a new computer method of learning to read, is practiced by Cody McCleary.

RHETT SCOFIELD AND Brent Jones make time for toys during a busy kindergarten afternoon.

CHOCOLATE MILK IS high on the list of snack time favorites for Tracy Hensley and Elizabeth Clouse.

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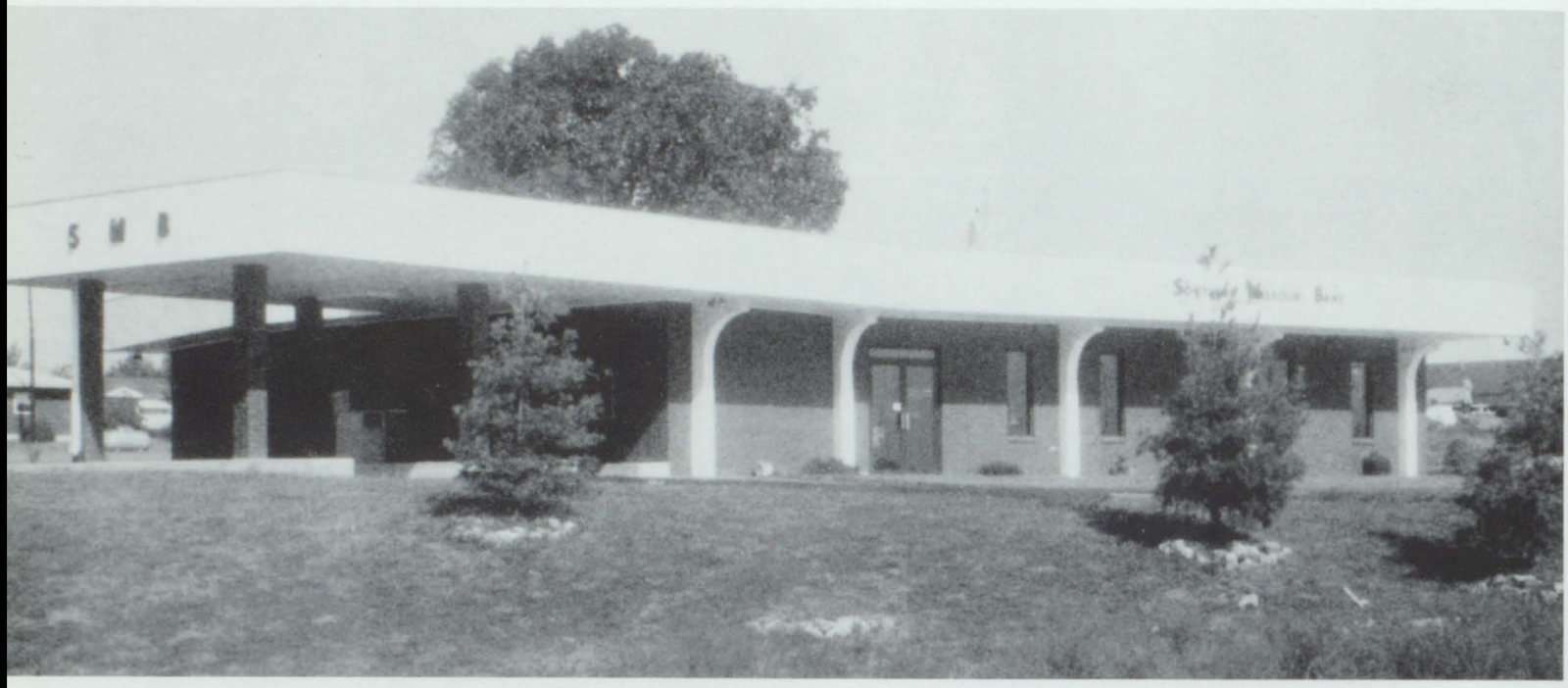

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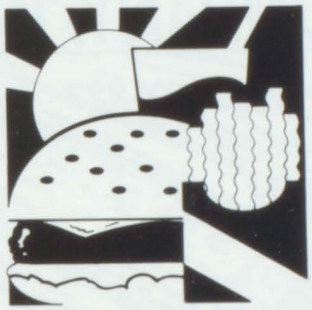

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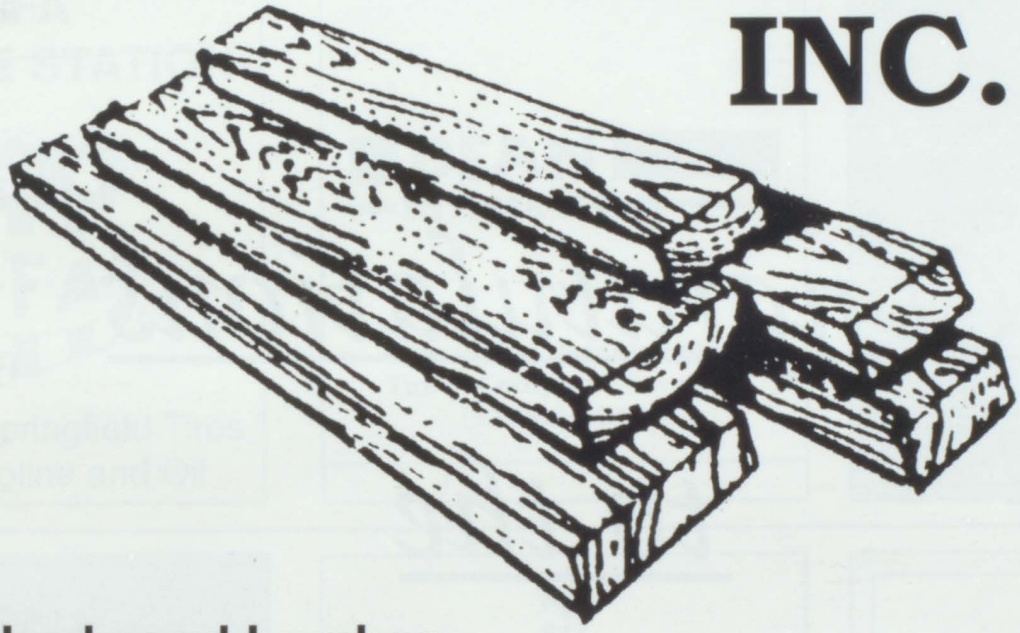

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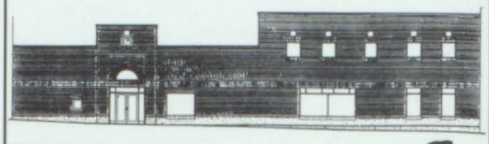

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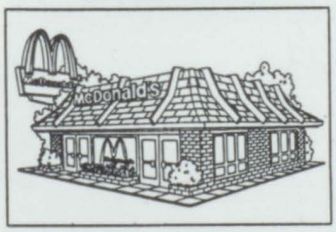

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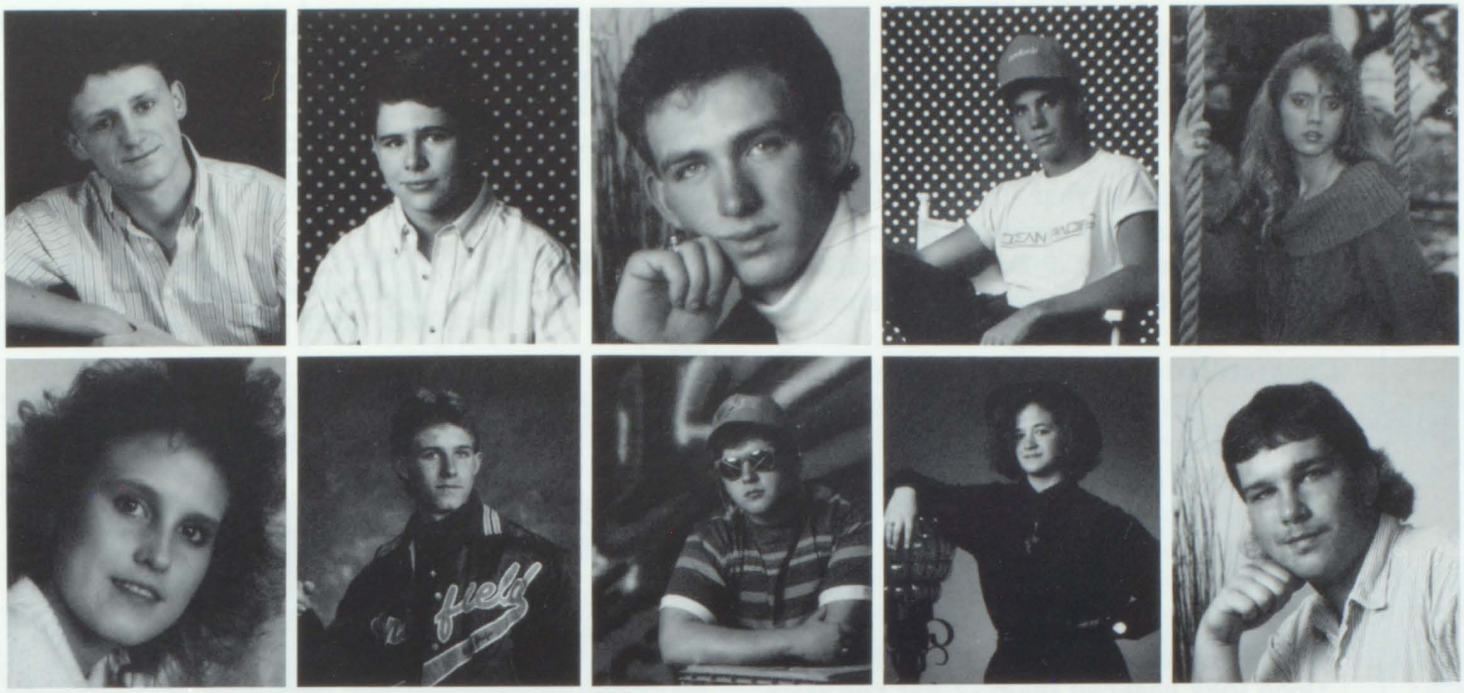

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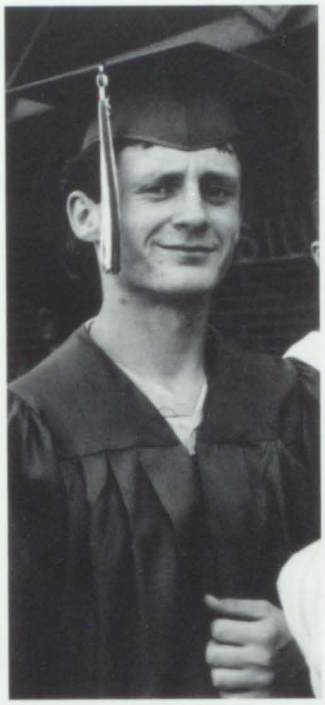

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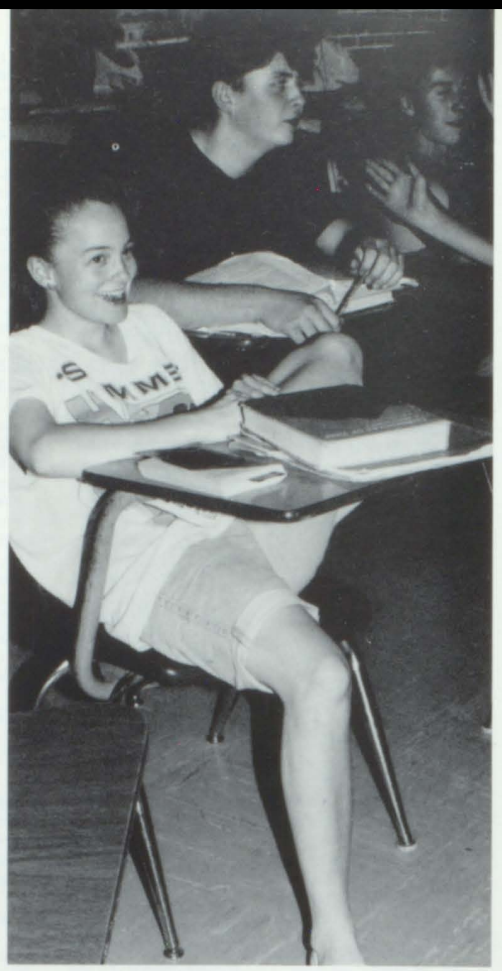
Marny Clark helps cousin Paul Clark get rid of his bow tie at Prom.

Evan Kinser, escorted by Angela Kingery and Angela Lansdown, wins the "legs" pep rally contest.

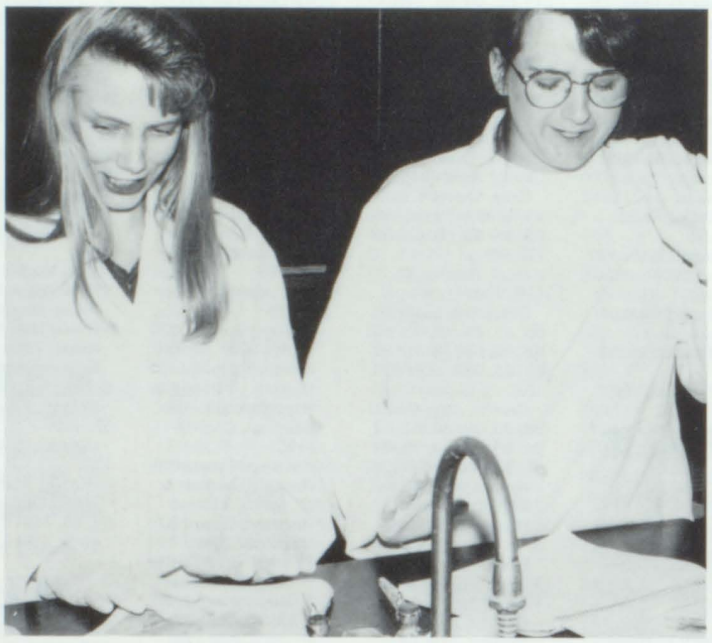
Work done on a report, Miles Keith, Brad Hanger, and Kevin Jones wait in the library for the bell to ring for their next class.

Carrie Gray gets comfortable in world history class, and so do James Axsom and Scott Hall.

Biology students Tish Goss and Stacey Wilson react with disgust while their lab partners start dissection of fetal pigs.



On the senior trip, Benjie Dennis makes a new friend at a wax museum.



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A SHAKY START,

But the year's finish was ever so strong

A WHOLE LOTTA SHAKIN' GOING ON. From earthquakes to wars to school system revisions, in 1991 world and area events shook up everyone's outlook on life.

Missouri earthquake predictions rattled lots of people, even though the absent earthquake didn't. It all started when Iben Browning, a New Mexico climatologist who had successfully predicted previous quakes, announced that in early December Missouri's New Madrid Fault stood a 50 percent chance of producing a large quake.

People bought earthquake insurance in droves and virtually every school in the state held earthquake drills. The national media descended on New Madrid, but the earthquake didn't.

The Kuwaiti invasion by Saddam Hussein and his Iraqi troops and later the allied Desert Shield and Desert Storm operations SHOOK up much of the free world.

In the United States parents worried about their sons and daughters serving their country in the Persian Gulf, and seniors worried about a possible draft.

While much in the country was SHAKY, including the economy, patriotism had never been more solid. At MHS, StuCo members showed their support for the troops in the Gulf by tying yellow ribbons around everything in sight, honoring the 15 former MHS students or graduates who were

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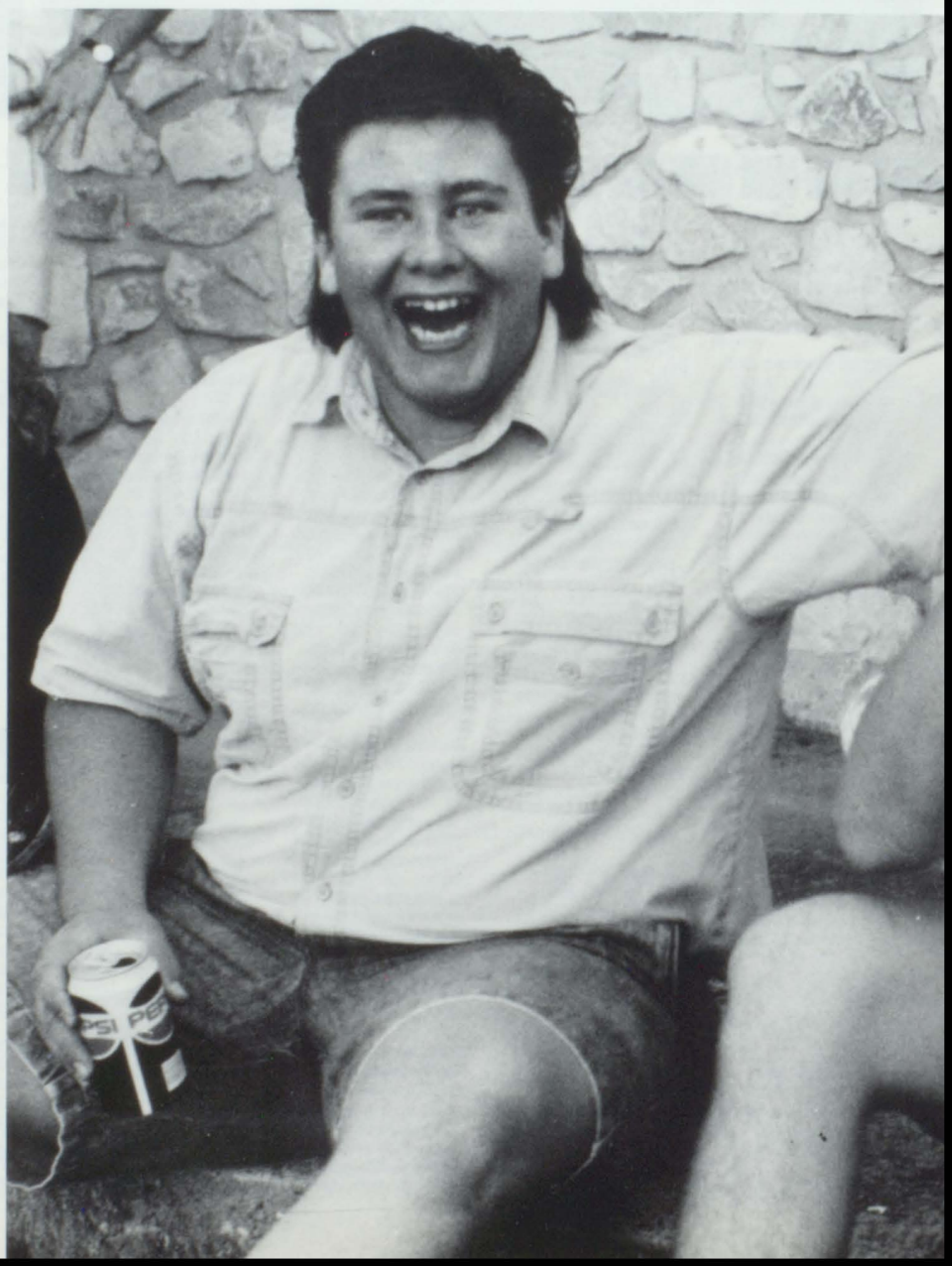
Senior sponsor Roger Wood relaxes in the water after a hectic day of the senior trip.



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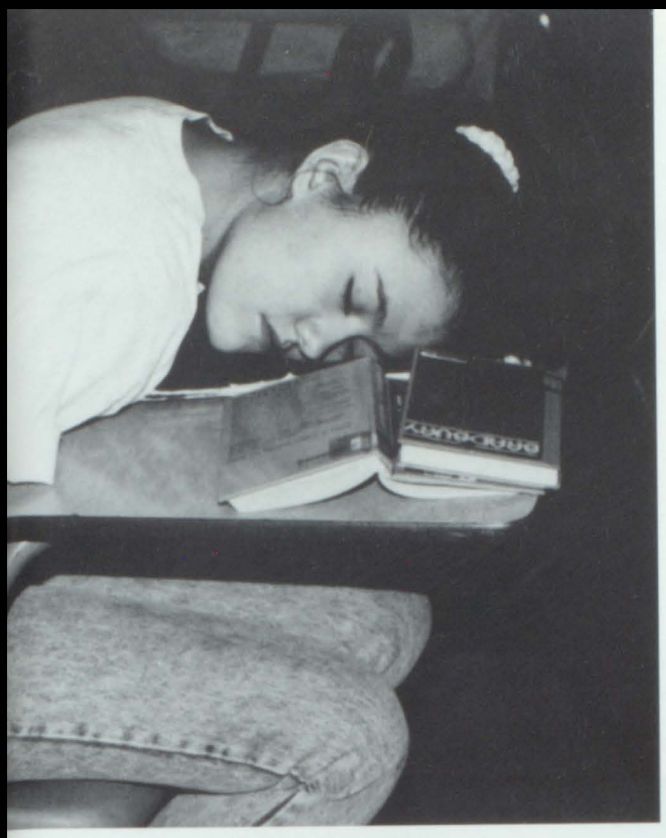

Taking a break from reading a senior English assignment, Shelly Detherage rests for a few minutes.

On a slow news day in school publications class, Christi Evans practices creative hair design on Tracy Coffman, who is wearing camouflage for Spirit Week.

A baseball game on a May afternoon gives Scott Hall, Shawn Williams, Jennifer Shropshire, and Stephanie Joseph a chance to get out of the classroom and into the sun.

Jared Jones and Scott Smith take a soda and silliness break after shooting baskets at a friend's house.

deployed to the Gulf.

Saddam Hussein had his bunker SHAKEN up by relentless bombings while allied forces pounded their Iraqi counterparts. Students' pocketbooks were wounded by high gasoline prices. But when peace came relatively quickly in late February, many were thankful that war casualties had remained light.

On a less serious note, a 2 Live Crew concert in Springfield in October SHOOK up a lot of concerned individuals, while censorship issues SHOOK up the country. A protest involving over 1500 people with flashlights and candles took place along the Springfield Kansas Expressway.

Locally! there was a SHAKE-UP in the school system when the junior high became the middle school. To aid in the separation from the high school, the library was divided and a wall and a pair of doors were installed between the high school and middle school.

Nationwide, Simpsons T-shirts SHOOK several schools up so much that they banned them. The shirts with the popular television cartoon characters displayed statements such as "Cool your jets, man!" and "Underachiever and proud of it." Many MHS kids found the shirts funny, and thought that some schools over-reacted.

At the beginning of the school year, a "Phoenix" class was added to the curriculum to help students at risk of dropping out. It was intended to help them with their other classes and to boost their self-esteem.

Journalism students were treated to the use of two new Apple Macintosh SE computers. The "Macs" were part of a new desktop publishing system. The system added ease, speed and flexibility to the production of the newspaper and yearbook.

Hoping for a SHAKE-UP in school funding, Mansfield schools joined 74 other schools in a

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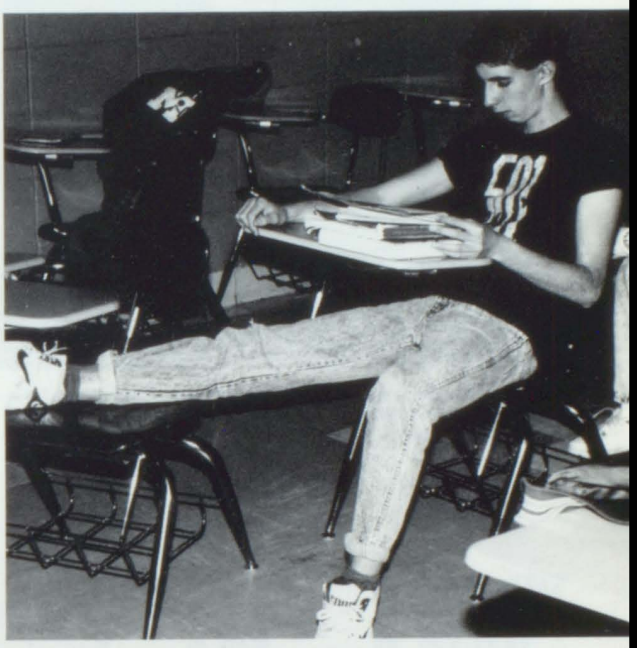
Ryan Miller and Jon Freeman check an English classroom for someone they need to talk to.

ESP clowns Bobbi Beck, Shawn Williams, Stacey Arnall, Adam Brooke, and Stephanie Joseph salute the national anthem during the Butter Day parade.

Catching some sun, Stephanie Copeland, Melissa Holt, Heather Fairbairn, Angela Lansdown, and Michelle McGilliard watch a spring baseball game.



After helping assemble 500 copies, Aaron Proffitt relaxes and reads the second issue of the Lions Gazette.

Journalism computers are reserved for yearbook editors Christi Evans and Kris Gray on a hectic deadline day, while Tish Goss waits for a turn.

Biology II student Ben Choate pretends to be chummy with a pig scheduled for the dissection knife.

lawsuit against the state for inadequate funding for education.

The weather kept everyone guessing. Sweating students were dismissed early six days in late August and early September when temperatures hit the upper 90's. Some lucky people got to SHAKE the heat off when the newly-rebuilt municipal pool was opened in early August for about four weeks.

Then a day before Christmas vacation started, warm temperatures became frigid as a snow and ice storm blanketed Missouri. Instead of heading back to school on January 2, students got an extra 11 days of vacation, compliments of several inches of ice and relentless cold.

After the thrill of sledding, sleeping, and family bonding had worn thin, many students were happy to go back to school just to SHAKE the cabin fever.

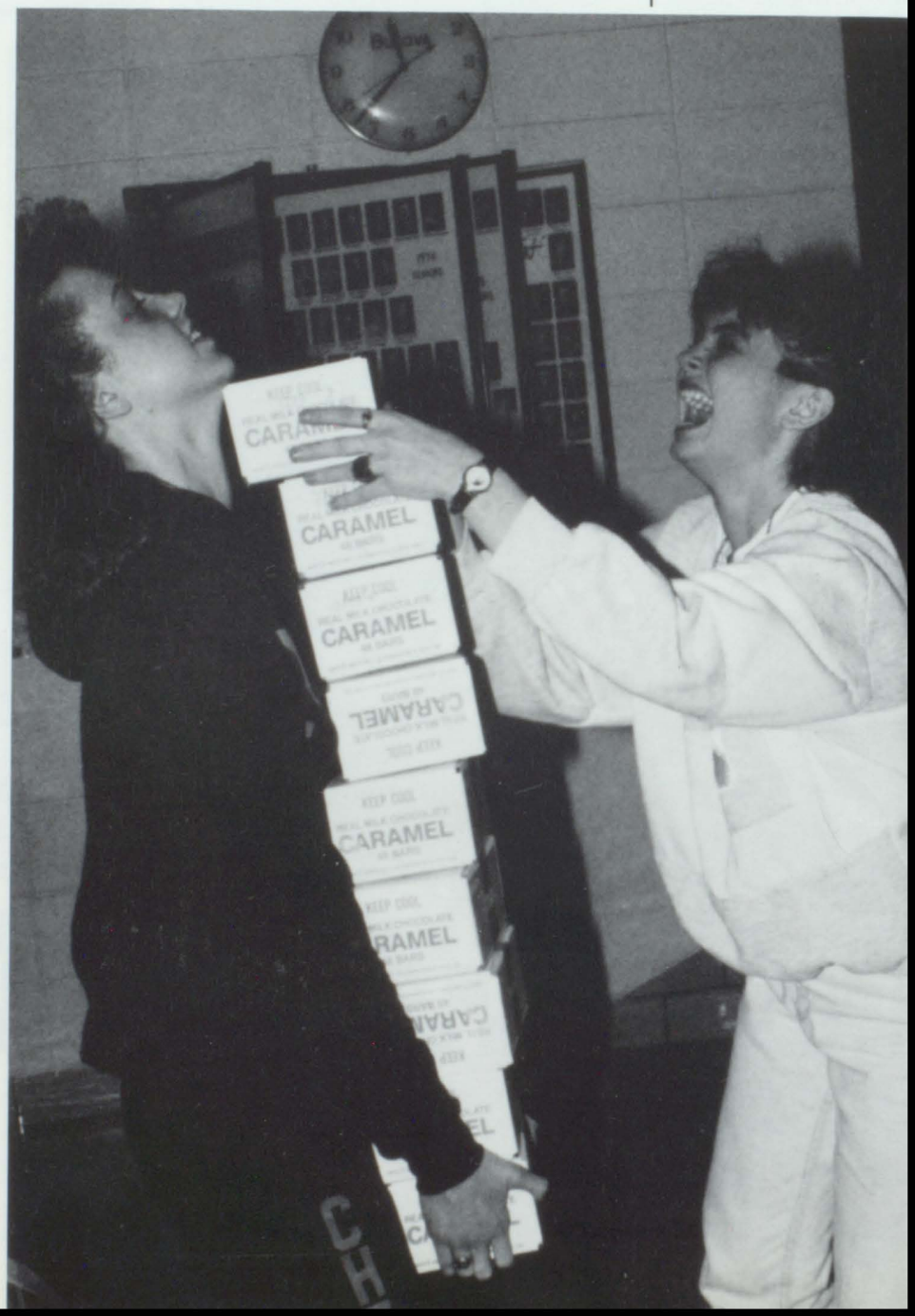
On the sports scene, the volleyball team had its best season ever with a record of 22-2. The cross country team, although mainly a young squad, went to state for the fourth consecutive time. The baseball team made its second straight trip to the state tournament, placing second.

The ailing Pep Club finally expired, even after changes in membership rules intended to revitalize the club. High school students avoided the Pep Club area in the gymnasium like the plague, and for the first time ever, the pep bus was not taken to several away boys' basketball games.

Dozens of "earth-SHAKING" events took place in 1991. It was a year that will be remembered for SHAKE-UPS, both big and small.

Without a doubt, there was a WHOLE LOTTA SHAKIN' GOING ON!

Julie Jurewicz tries on her graduation cap after their delivery at school, above, and Missy Carter gets a kick out of loading down Jennifer Greene with candy bars the juniors will sell.



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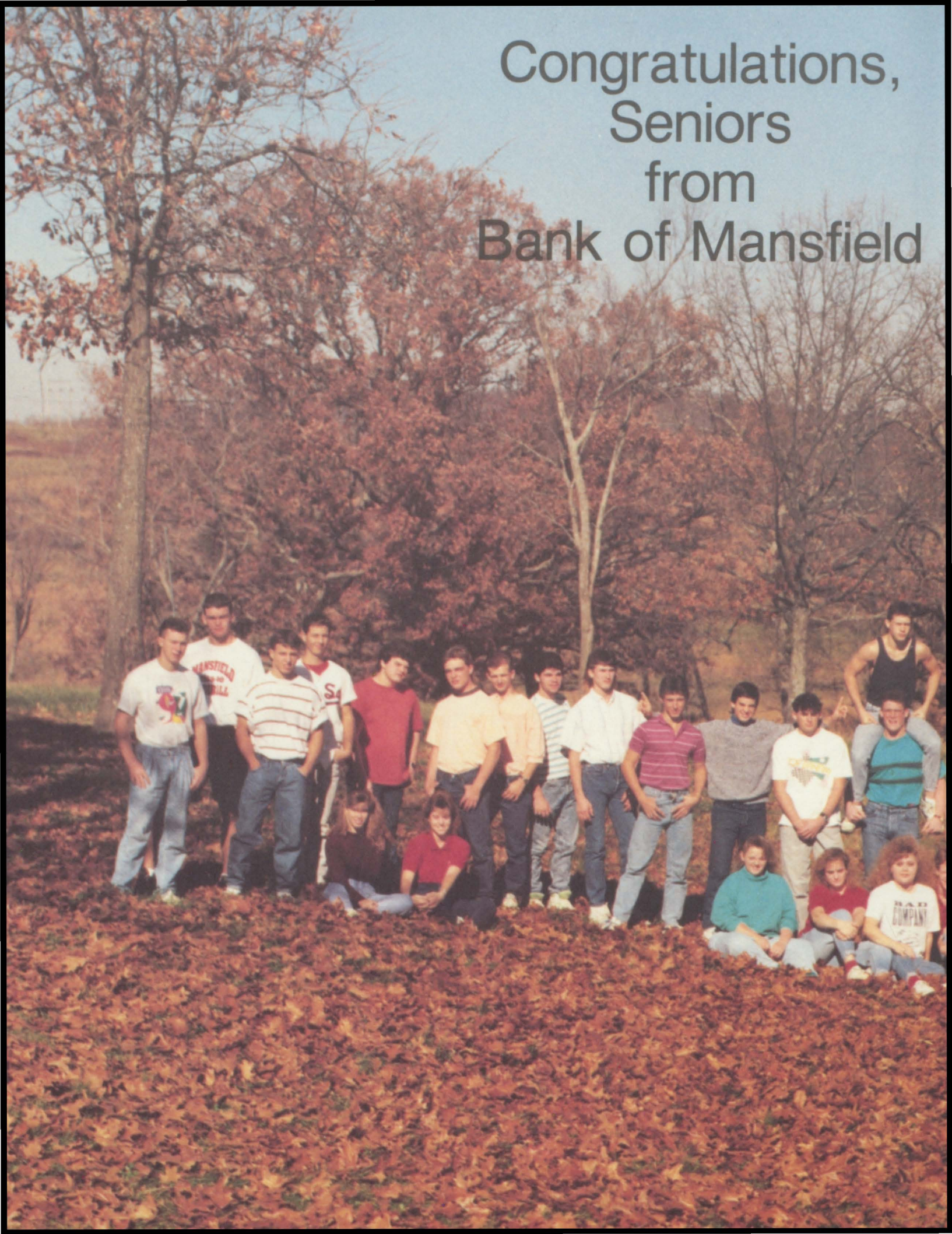
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