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l Never Ends

The world evolves like a carousel. Birth is the ticket on and death is the only way off. Every second of the ride, history is being made and recorded. When things get tough, our leaders tighten the reigns and we suffer. Then things get better and life goes on.

In the past fifty years our country has made many technological advances. We have advanced from the Model T to the gas saving Chevy Citation; from Lindberg's first trans-Atlanic flight to the speeding Concord jet; from the first atomic fighting airplane, the Enola Gay, to the first man who landed on the moon, then to a reusable rocket, the Space Shuttle.

We have also seen many political changes; from Roosevelt's New Deal to Reaganomics; from the highest employment rate of the 50's to the present 50 year low; from the assassination of Kennedy to the scandle of Watergate, back to the attempted assassination of Reagan and the Pope; from a proud victory like World War II to the defeat of Vietnam and marshall law in Poland.

We have also witnessed a dramatic change in the entertainment world; from live, on-air radio with stars like Jack Benny, to prerecorded TV comedies with teen-idols as their stars; from movies like "Gone With the Wind" to "Star Wars"; from bleach blonde, 25 year old movie star, Marilyn Monroe, to young seductive Brooke Shields; from the era of Benny Goodman and the Big Band sound to Kenny Rogers with a faster country pace; and from the first rock and roller, Elvis Presley to present day punk rockers, DEVO.









O WEARS OF HISTORY



THE MODEL T car was built in 1926 by Henry Ford (TOP FAR LEFT).

A SOLDIER IN the Vietnam was hiding in the underbrush from

THE THIRTY-NINTH President of the U.S., Richard M. Nizon, resigned from office in August of 1974 because of a break-in at the Democratic headquarters in the Watergate Business District of Washington, D.C. (LOWER LEFT).

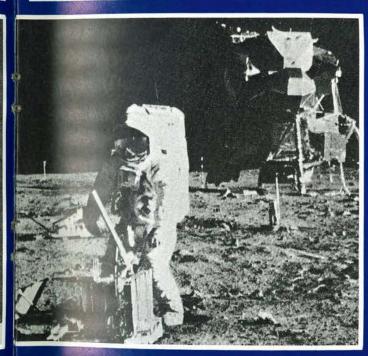
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, the President during the first years of WCHS, is known as one of our best President's since his administration overcome the Great Depression (MIDDLE LEFT).

THE FIRST MAN to walk on the moon, Neil Armstrong with the Spaceship Appollo behind him (MIDDLE RIGHT)

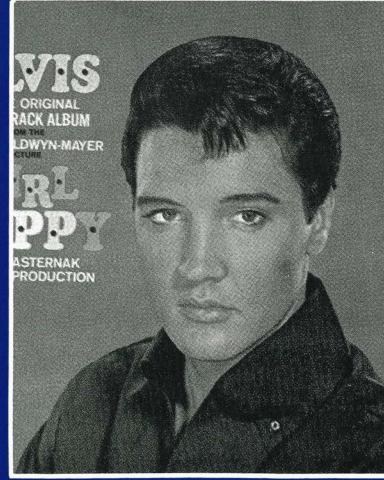
THE NATION'S YOUNGEST President, John F. Kennedy, was assasinated November 22, 1983. (LOWER MIDDLE).

ELVIS PRESLEY WAS the first singer to ever be sensored on TV because of his physical dancing movement (BELOW).

ON DECEMBER 7, 1941, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, to start American involvement in World War II (LOWER MID-DLE).







50 VEDRS OF HISTORY

AIR CONTROLLER SUPERVISORS at Duelles International Airport had to work long hours manning the controls to cover the air controllers out on a national strike (RIGHT).

TWO ASSASSINS STORM the reviewing stand where Egypt's President, Anwar Sadat, was shot and killed October 6, 1981 (TOP RIGHT).

PRINCE CHARLES OF England and Lady Dianna Spencer were married July 29, 1981 (BELOW).

THE FIRST WOMAN to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, Sandra O'Connel, was appointed July 7, 1981 (MIDDLE LEFT)

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PRESIDENT REAGAN SPEAKS to the nation to deliver his speech on Reagonomic's and how we can make it work (MIDDLE RIGHT).

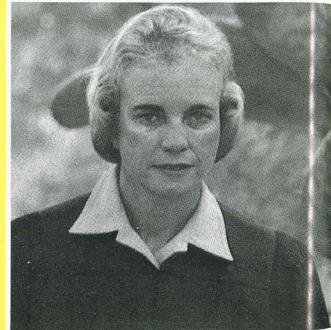
ANTI-MARSHALL LAW banners hung in Warsaw, Poland, as military tanks patrol the streets (FAR RIGHT).

THE SPACE SHUTTLE, America's first reusable missile returning from its second flight, in November 1981 (LOWER LEFT).

ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN people were killed in Kansas City, July 17, when the Hyatt Regency Hotel collapsed (LOWER MIDDLE RIGHT).



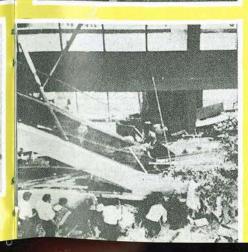














The Ride

As the school year began, our nation was facing the largest air controller's strike in history. The employees were boycotting the terminals, seeking higher wages, air safety, and job security; but President Reagan tightened the reigns by warning strikers that they would be fired. The problem was not solved. New persons were hired to do the job.

"Can anyone here say that if we can't do it, someone down the road can do it? And if no one does it, what happens to the country? All of us here know that the economy would face an eventual collapse. I know it's a hell of a challenge, but ask yourselves: If not us, who? If not now, when?"

With those stern words in September 1981, the President opened chapter two in the history of Raeganomics, a plan that was to reverse the course of inflation and put the U.S. back on its feet. In some cases it did tighten the reigns. The inflation rate was down the first quarter of 1980 and it kept falling. At the same time though, this bold and daring policy spurted the rate of unemployment considerably.

As the carousel continued to turn, a brief punic swept across the globe on October 5, "Blue Monday", when the bottom almost dropped out of the stock market.

The morning that followed the stock market slump was dry and sunny in Nasr City, Cairo, where President Anwar Sadat was spectating a parade. At 12:40 p.m. a truck stopped in front of the reviewing stand and four uniformed men opened fire into the crowd. Sadat was shot and killed and then buried at Egypt's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Tears were shed across the world, but the ride still wasn't over, as our life went on

Across from the Wright City park there stands a white-painted house with a stone fireplace. Mr. and Mrs. Hase reside there. Mrs. Hase has lived in Wright City seventy years, all her life, and was excited showing pictures and telling about the town. Sitting in the living room of her home, she began talking of the changes that have taken place and the events that were held so long ago.

Some fifty years ago, the population of Wright City was around 492 persons and it continued to grow. One might ask why if he had never visited the town, but once a traveler came upon Wright City, the evidence of a prosperous community gave him the answer.

At one time, this town was very well-known by persons who traveled or who worked with the railroad because the first railroad station in the area was built here.

Five decades ago a tobacco factory was the largest industry in Wright City. At one time, the town had two banks, a jewelry store, a flour and grit mill, two wagon shops, three stores, a couple of hat shops, butcher shops, livery stables, several churches, two saloons, three hotels, and much, much more.

One of the biggest annual events that Mrs. Hase could remember was the Warren County Fair which was held at the park across from her present home. There were horse races, livery contests, and plenty of rides during the five day event. Later, the fairgrounds were moved to Warrenton.

In 1903, Wright City established its first baseball team. It consisted of nine men who played other area teams for sport.

Looking back at the town in 1982, the population of the rural community has spurted just over the onethousand mark. Businesses have changed and there aren't many left.

In October 1981, the old Wright City bridge across highway 70 was torn down. Travelers weren't stopping over because of the detour until the new bridge was built.

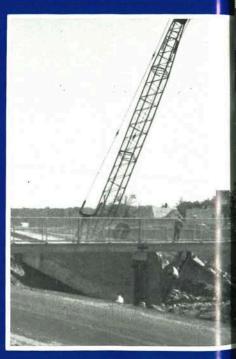
But in spite of all the changes, for better or for worse, this town will always have its proud heritage.

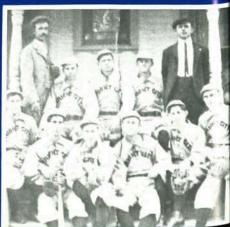
A Town



THE WARREN COUNTY FAIR, Wright City, Mo. SEPT. 5, 6, 7, 8, 91







WITH A PROUD HERITAGE



THE BRIDGE OVER highway 70, that was not tall enough, was

HORSE RACES GOING on during the Warren County Fair in Wright City September 5,6,7,8 of 1911 (FAR TOP LEFT).

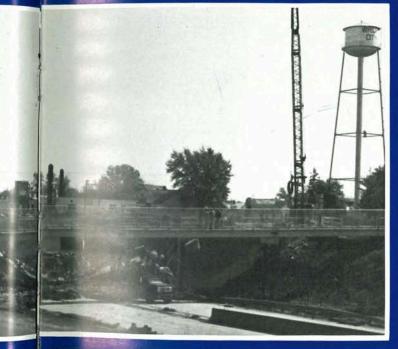
LOCATED IN THE middle of town was a blacksmith shop in order to fix wayon wheels and also shoe horses (LOWER LEFT).

THE FIRST BASEBALL team of Wright City was established in 1902 (BOTTOM LEFT MIDDLE)

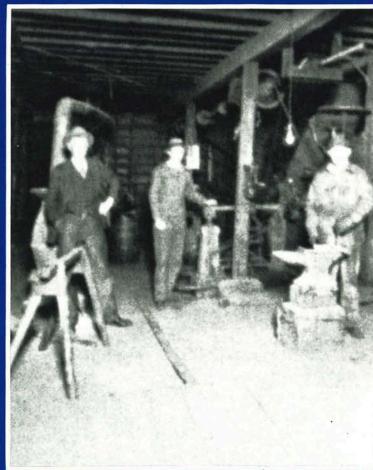
AN OUTSIDE LOOK at the building where some of the first Neiburg wagons were manufactured in Wright City (LEFT).

PEOPLE TRAVELED BY the first railroad station, the Wo

THE BUILDING IN which the first Neiburg wagons were manufactured in Wright City (BELOW).







WGHS HISTORY

GRADUATION DAY, JUNE 11, 1927, for all of the Warren County graduates (LEFT).

A SENIOR GRADUATING class from Central Weslyan Academy (FAR RIGHT).

ONE OF THE earlier school buildings (MIDDLE).

CENTRAL WESLEYAN ORPHAN Home was located in the heart of Warrenton (LOWER RIGHT).

WCHS RASKETBALL TEAM, who were the state champions in 1966 (LOWER LEFT).

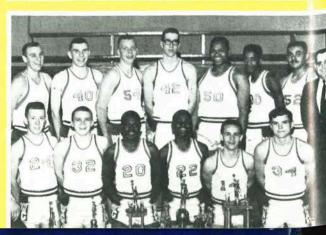
"WE WERE FINISHING up a last minute Algebra problem with the new HI-C Machine in the background," said Linda Nadler (LOW-ER MIDDLE).

LINDA RAMEY EXCLAIMED, "It was one of my proudest moments when I got to declare the grand opening of the commons" (BELOW).









Extra-curricular activities and competative sports have played a large part in the educational system of the late 1900's. It gave students the chance to excel in other areas aside from









academics and outside the classroom

What about students who attended school fifty years ago? Did they have the opportunity to excel outside the classroom, or not?

Wright City School has changed over the years. Around 1930 the educational system was set up where one building housed students in grades one through eight, and another building had grades nine and ten. Students who were interested in furthering their education after the tenth grade were given the choice to attend Central Wesleyan Academy, which was located in Warrenton. Students had to pay tuition to attend

In 1972, Wright City High School became grades seven through twelve and was moved to its present building location. Fifty years ago all of the area schools joined together to hold one large exercise at Kessler Hall, located on the campus of Central Wesleyan Academy. Now the ceremony is held in the high school gymnasium, and students from this school received their diplomas.

There were no extra-curricular organizations for students to participate in when the school system first developed. But after 1962, several groups were formed for students to excel in, such as: Student Council, Foreign Language Club, Future Farmers of America, Future Homemakers of America, and many others.

One sport that never died in the fifty year history of Wright City High School is basketball. In the early 1930's, basketball was played on an outside court. Then, as years passed, the game was played on an indoor court in the school gymnasium. In 1966, the Wildcats went to state and conquered the championship for the first time. The high school colors, blue and gold, and the Wildcat mascot has remained the same since Mr. Wood, one of Wright City High School's first principals, choose them in September of 1925.

Now and Then

Have you ever worked the Rubik's cube? Did you get all six sides? What was the greatest movie you ever saw? Is it better to go steady or date around? These were a few of the questions polled by the publication's staff to discover the traditions and pastimes of high school students in Wright City during the early eighties.

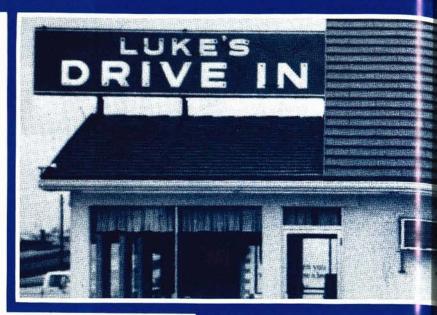
But what did kids fifty or sixty years ago do with their time? Have times changed? While students in 1982 are watching MASH, their favorite television show, and Cannonball Run at the cinema, students who lived in Wright City fifty and sixty years ago enjoyed silent movies one night a week, Friday or Saturday night, in the basement of the Evangelical Church, or plays that were held twice a year at school.

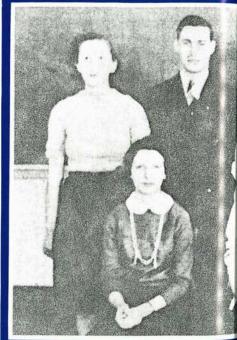
School dances were a popular trend in the 1981-82 school year. The most successful dances were the Back-to-School Dance and the Sweetheart Dance where students danced to the most popular songs, "Endless Love" and "Double Dutch Bus". However, turning back in time approximately 50 years ago, no school dances were held.

Through the years Wright City High School students have chosen several places as their "hangouts". It is a place to go before and after basketball games or to meet with friends. The earliest one remembered was Big Boy's Restaurant when it was located where Farmers and Merchants Bank is now located. Students would go there to eat sandwiches and enjoy the company of their friends.

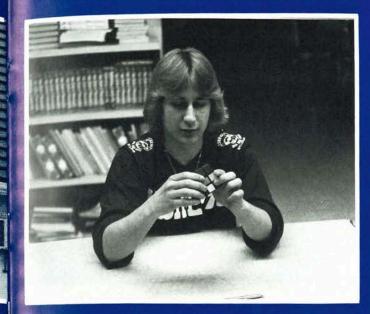
In the mid to late seventies, Lukes Drive In, formerly located on the north service road, was the place to be after school and anytime during basketball season. There, students enjoyed eating hamburgers, the most favorite food among Wright City High School students.

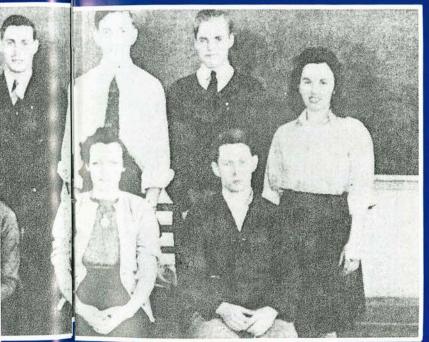
Finally, in 1981 and 1982 while many people across the states were obsessed with the determination to solve the Rubik's cube, people who lived in this town five or six decades ago enjoyed participating in pie socials. They were usually held in the evenings. Ladies would bring their home-baked pies in decorated boxes to be auctioned off. Once her pie was sold, the lady who had baked the pie would have to sit with the gentleman who had bought it and eat a slice with him. Both parties were always hoping they could enjoy eating the pie with someone they liked, but as luck had it, that wasn't always the way things went.

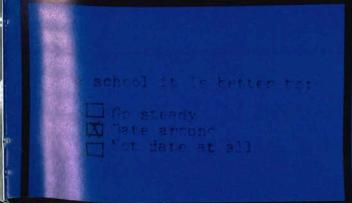












A COMMON HANG-OUT in the early '70's (UPPER LEFT) THE CAST OF the 1942 Senior play (MIDDLE).
THIS YEAR'S EVER popular Right's cube being worker.

(LOWER LEFT).

RIGHT).



BIG BOY'S RESTAURANT, WRIGHT CITY, MO.
shed 1924 at Wright City, Mo., on U. S. Highway 40, 50 miles west of St. L.
in CRICKEN DINNERS, served family style in a well lighted and ventilated of

A PAIR OF Calvin Klein jeans seen in WCHS, which sell for \$52.00 (right).

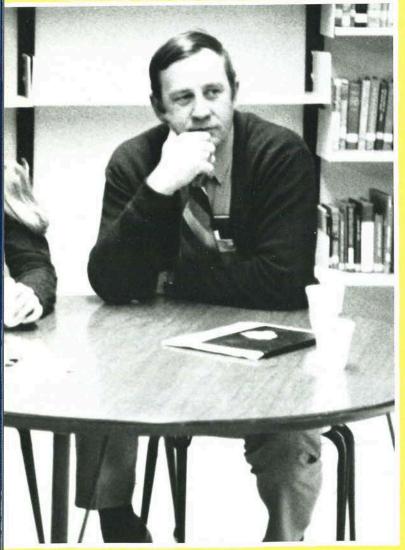
SOME OF THE clothes children wore to school in the early 1900's (far right).

NIKES HAVE become popular, that WCHS cheerleaders also wear them (middle).

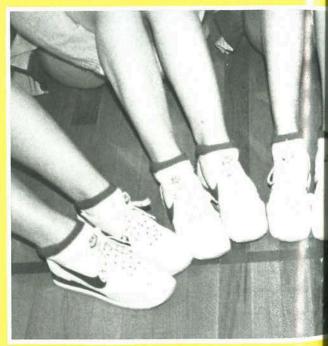
ONE OF OUR teachers, Mrs. Prior, wearing a very preppy oxford shirt (far lower right.)

SOME OF the men's styles in the early 1900's (lower left). A PAIR OF NIKES found in WCHS which cost \$32.00 (lower

MR. JERRY DYER was often seen wearing an Izod sweater (BE-LOW).

















Mere decades ago, high school lents didn't crave to own a pair livin Klein jeans or Nike tenhoes. Girls wore skirts, and black stockings, were usually hand-mehile young schoolmates eite gender would wear the farm, or if they they wore black or shirt, and an overasional tie.

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While most people suspected that video machines would be just another craze, an estimated 20 billion quarters poured into these arcade monsters last year, making it a billion dollar industry that thrives on the psychological workings of the human mind.

Toppling the universal lust for designer wardrobes and the daytime dramas of GENERAL HOSPITAL, the video game craze has invaded poolhalls and television sets all over the world.

Zeroeing in on the video craze closer to home, sources found that a large group of our high school colleagues have been taken over by the scuttling PAC-MAN, and the beeping sound of SPACE INVADERS. Instead of spending four dollars on a person to see a movie, students are shoving quarters into video machines.

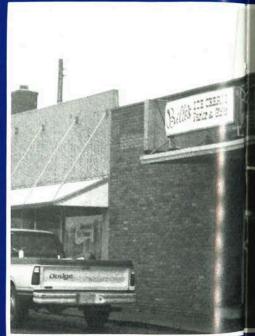
Belle's Ice Cream Parlor and Gifts, located in the business district of Wright City has ASTEROIDS in the game section of the shop. But another way to play the games is the popular in-home video display such as ATARI. These consoles cost about \$150 with cartridges priced anywhere from \$18 to \$38 a piece.

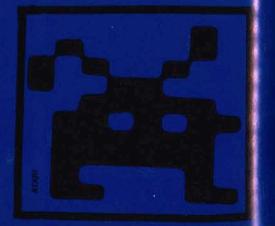
In 1981, it was estimated that \$1 billion alone was spent on home video machines. Several are found in our town. Their owners are almost always students who craved the electronic games for birthdays or Christmas gifts.



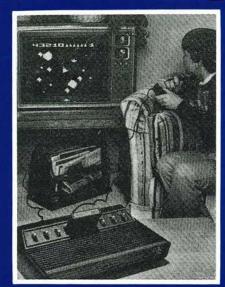








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MANY OF WCHS's students played Asteroids on their own home Atari (LEFT).

"I WAS SPACING out on the Asteroids" replied Kim Twislians (PAR LEFT)

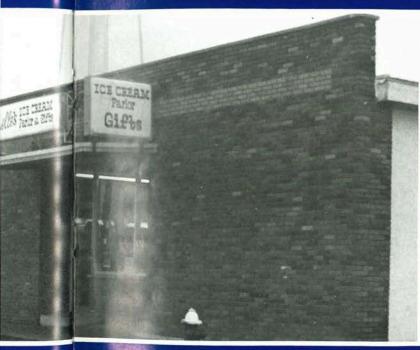
AN OUTSIDE LOOK at the new Rell's Ice Cream Parior and Gift Shop, where many video games have been played (MIDDLE).

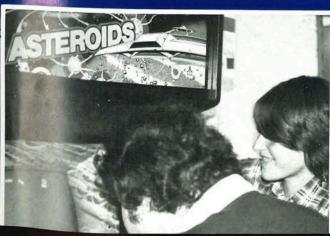
A VIEW OF the video game, Pas-Man, ready for a player

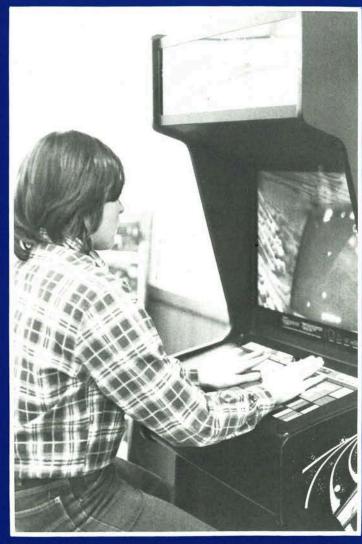
AN ALIEN FROM the Space Invaders video game (MIDDLE LEFT).

"I WAS TRYING to think of a way to beat John Hoeft," replied Todd Kirchoff (LOWER LEFT).

"I WAS TRYING to beat the high score already on the machine," capiled John Hoert (BELOW).



















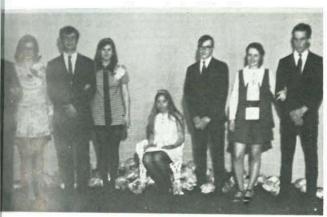








THE ECHO





ME'NE POME A LONG WMY

The Echo is 50 years old this year. WCHS was established as a four year high school in 1930, thus the first class to graduate was in 1932.

The Echo has seen many changes over the years. The publication's staff discovered that the first yearbook was nothing like the present day yearbook. The first yearbook was a little booklet with the names of all of that year's graduates. All of the students received a copy and then had one another autograph it.

As the Echo grew older and WCHS grew larger and a real yearbook staff was established. Around 1940 the yearbook began to include photographs of students and school activities. From then on the yearbook grew and grew. It became a hardbound book with over a hundred pages filled with high school memories.

The publication's staff felt since this was the 50th volume, it was their duty to include past history of Wright City and the school. Some of the pictures they used are a little blurry, but remember the pictures they used are remakes of pictures originally taken between 1920 to 1960. If one reads the captions carefully they will fully explain what is going on in the picture. Take a close look and be proud of 50 years at Wright City High School.

THESE ARE SOME of the pictures that they have taken from past yearbooks. $\,$

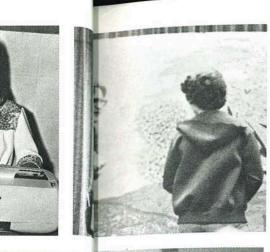
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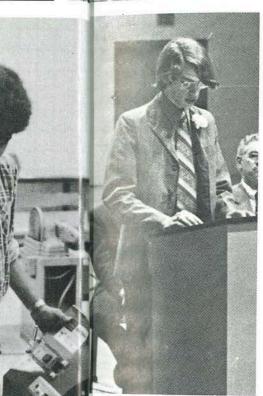






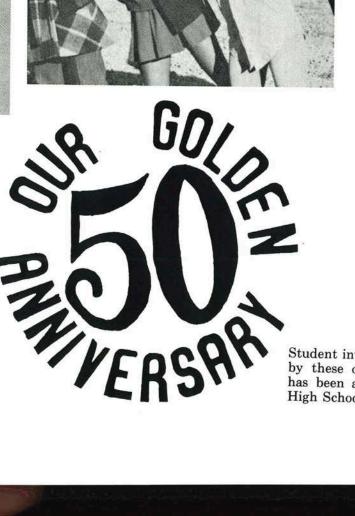












Student involvement, as depicted by these old yearbook pictures, has been a part of Wright City High School.

FOUR RIVERS TRADES TO LIVE BY

"Attending the Four Rivers Vocational Technical School in Washington is very intense study. It is designed for people who want to go into a trade and not an academic program. They advance into work without going on into college," explains high school counselor Kay Jastrem.

WCHS students have been attending tech-school for nine

consecutive years.

Junior classmen Dean Unnerstall, Bill Beauchamp, Angie Carter, Jeff Summers and Kenny Rodriguez were enrolled in

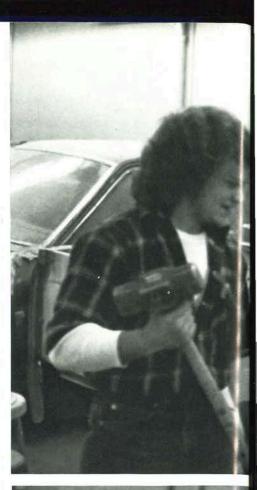
various tech-school programs.

Angie Carter commented, "I wanted to be an Interior Designer or an architect. I like to build things with wood and I thought that taking Building Trades would help. It's a fun course even though the guys tease me since I'm the only girl in there."

Eight senior also attended tech-school. Steve Jones and Kevin Shough were enrolled in Auto Mechanics II, Stanley Sydnor - Career Development, Beth Michael - Health Occupations, Brian Newman - Machine Shop II, and Scott Blackburn, Todd Gipson and Ronnie Zumwalt took Welding II.

1982 VO-TECH members include: Jimmy Jaeger, Ronny Zumwalt, Angie Carter, Scott Blackburn, Top Row; Kenny Rodriguez, Todd Gipson, Brian Newman, Steve Jones, Dean Unnerstall, and Beth Michael, Not pictured; Bill Beauchamp, Jeff Summers, Stanley Sydnor (BELOW). "I WAS TAKING a carburetor out of an old junker," commented Kevin Shough (RIGHT).











DEAN UNNERSTALL, A student at Four Rivers remarked, "Darrell and I were sanding down the car before giving it a new paint job" (LEFT). 1977 VO TECH members include: Sharon Reckamp, Patsey Lindsey, Kevin Buescher, Jim Zykan, Kevin Wilding, Jeff Redmon, Johnny Lawson, Keith Ball, Mike Simms, Leslie Kauble, Preston Love, Danny Granzow, Ralph Reckamp (BELOW).





THE LONG BUS ride to Tech-School everyday seems to relax senior Beth Michael before going to Health Occupations Class. (ABOVE). SENIOR STEVE JONES is working on an old car in Auto Mechanics Class at Vo-Tech School (LEFT).

Bus delays exams

It was early in the morning, about 4:50 a.m., and not even the sun was up as students boarded the schoolbus for a three hour ride to Kirksville. Forty-four students traveled to the Northeast Missouri State University (NMSU) campus ready to participate in the annual academic festival, Tuesday, March 23.

The bus was scheduled to arrive on the campus at 8:30, but because of an oil leak on the bus, the trip was delayed. Students sat in a gas station in Macon County patiently waiting for instructions on what to do. One student reflected, "It was unfortunate of the delay, but while we waited at the gas station, we had the opportunity to stock up on munchies and visit with friends since we had all slept on the way up."

Approximately 45 minutes later, students arrived at the university. Some of the students had missed their tests, but several were able to participate.

"I was upset that we had arrived late because it was too late to practice," commented Julie Bruning, junior, who took a speed accuracy test in typing.

These tests at Kirksville are a decade in existence. From that time on, many WCHS students have brought honors as well as recognition to our school. This year, Senior Tim Nadler, and brother, John received one (excellent) ratings in the area of Physics and Algebra I.

Mrs. Sharon Spoede, the advisor who attended the the festival, remarked, "I would expect physics to be the hardest test there and for someone to get a one rating on it well it's pretty special and it's nice to know that we have someone here who can do it."

Many students were disappointed with their scores on the exams. All in all, that didn't matter to many, it was the excitement of returning home to good ol' Wright City.



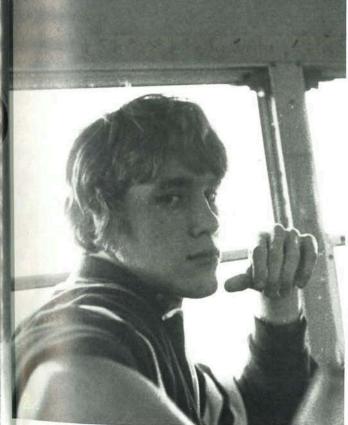
WITH A WORRIED look, bus driver Nancy Hensiek diagnoses the condition of the bus engine, (ABOVE).











ADVISOR SHARON SPOEDE briefs seniors Tim Nadler and Quentin Burt, on the day's activities, (LEFT).

Luann Wright, and Luisa Herrera take a break so that they may relax before their next tests, at the 1979 Kirksville Academic Festival, (BELOW).





FRENCH STUDENTS STEVE Baldwin and Kenny Koster head for the festival headquarters to find the location of their tests (ABOVE).

"I'M ALWAYS A grouch when I wake up," described freshman Tom Nailor, as he was surprised by the camera on the way up to Kirksville, (LEFT).

8th Year for Scholar Quiz

The Wright City Scholar Quiz team, which began in 1975, was first captained by Tim Wilding. That year, the team finished in second place among the 28 teams involved at the Blue Key Honor Fraternity Annual Scholar Quiz Tournament held on the campus of Northeast Missouri State University at Kirksville.

This year, the team had a new coach, Mrs. Sharon Speode. The double-elimination tourney was held on March 21st. This group raised enough money through a bake sale to spend the night at a motel the night before the tourney. The next day, the team was defeated by Macon and Moberly high school, and they left the match early.

Throughout the school year, the team played faculty mem-

bers in matches for preparation of the tourney.

Senior member Brian Aemisegger remarked, "I really enjoyed competing on the Scholar Quiz Team. The months of practice and preparation were both challenging and fun. I feel that I have learned a lot through the practices and the preparations.

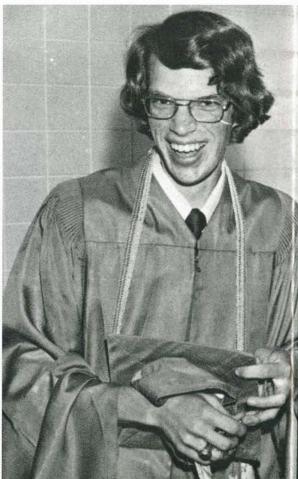
I will miss the team effort associated with the Scholar Quiz team, but I hope that next year's team will do well."





THE SCHOLAR QUIZ team Tim Nadler, Keith Koster, Rick Watson, Jim Fliehman, Mike Wright, coach Sharon Spoede, Linda Nadler, Cheryl Marty, Theresa Aemisegger, Lisa Sydow, Karlan Massey, Brian Aemisegger, Kenny Koster, captain; Sandi Hunt, Mark Wilding (ABOVE).

A GRADUATE IN 1975, Tim Wilding was the team captain (RIGHT).











STARTERS FOR THE match against Macon were from left, Keith Koster, Brian Aemisegger, Ken Koster, and Tim Nadler, (ABOVE LEFT).

SHARON SPEODE, COACH; who had just taken her chauffeurs test to take the crew up to Kirksville, is caught by the flash of a camera, (ABOVE RIGHT).

SENIOR, TIM NADLER explains to a member a disputed question concerning light waves, (LEFT).

MR. MIKE BARNICLE, who was the coach of the scholar quiz team last year, quizzes Kevin Schriener and Mark Jones, members of the class of 1981, (ABOVE).

Silver Dollar City or Bust

The WCHS concert and jazz bands, for the first time in school history, took a three day vacation to the southwestern part of Missouri, courtesy of Reeds Springs, MO. and Silver

Dollar City.

On a Wednesday morning two buses pulled out of WCHS and headed for the Reeds Springs Elementary School, where the bands and adult staff would stay for the entirety of the trip. Some seven hours away by bus, the trip progressed rather quickly and the whole group enjoyed various activities.

This trip, which has been one of the first trips of it's kind for the band was very well organized according to one band member. Senior Keith Koster explained, "Everything went so smoothly together. Our whole music department was just like one big family. In fact, no one was really homesick for we had so much fun! Our band boosters and especially our direc-

tor did a fantastic job!"

Since January, the band students had to save almost ten dollars to cover the cost of a day at Silver Dollar City. The purpose of the trip according to Mr. Gary Brandes, director of the instrumental music department, "was to be a reward for the good year of hard work," as well as a chance to play for judicators in a different atmosphere other than the competitions in the northeast district (Mexico, MO).

Thursday arrived and the day was spent at Silver Dollar City. The Jazz band performed a small concert at the park.

On Friday, the concert band performed at the School of the Ozarks in Branson for competition. Judges rated bands from several states on scales of one to five. Our concert band received a two rating and received a plaque for such an honorable rating. The judges discussed with the band various musical notations following their performance.

After the competition, time came for everyone to pack up

and head back to Wright City.

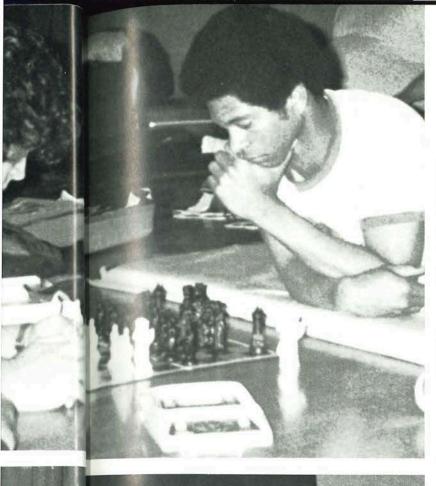
Mr. Gary Brandes remarked, "I enjoyed the trip very well and I think everyone else did also. I believe the thing that made it so enjoyable was that everyone was well behaved, acted like ladies and gentlemen, and were courteous to everyone they met. The band members proved to be excellent ambassadors of the school. I was proud of all of them."

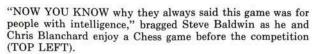




LYLE JONES AND BRIAN BOTE show the lighter side of "resting in a coffin" at Silver Dollar City (MIDDLE RIGHT).

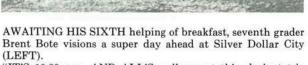
STEVE BALDWIN EXPLAINS, "Actually I play the trumpet but I'm always looking for ways to branch out my talents" (RIGHT).











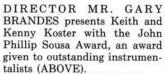
"IT'S 10:30 p.m. AND ALL'S well except this clarinet trio preparing for state compeition featuring Lisa Sydow, Keith

Koster, and Kenny Koster" (TOP RIGHT).
MEMBERS OF THE trip pose for a picture at one of the many sights including Table Rock Dam and power plant. "SAY CHEEEEEESE" (ABOVE).



talents and culture displayed





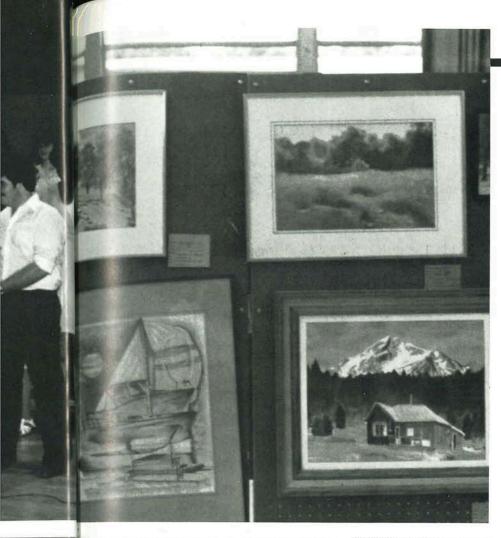
MICHELLE SMITH AND Todd Kirchoff hold their choral award which was presented to them by their director Mrs. Wendy Krueger (TOP RIGHT).

KRISTIN RUGE, SHARON FINCHER, Susanne Sears, Veronica Bartold, Denise Vester, and Ester Forrest patiently await their entrance into their musical selection (RIGHT).













outstanding artists & musicians awarded

The annual Fine Arts Festival, an event here at WCHS since 1979, took place on the school campus in May.

The Fine Arts Festival gives our talented students in the Fine Arts the ability to display their works and accomplishments, accumulated throughout the school year.

As a band member explained, "The Fine Arts Festival is something for me to look forward to. Events like these show our public all of the sides in obtaining a Wright City High School education. It's truly an honor to perform for our audience as a musician."

Departments entered in the Festival included the art department headed by Mr. George Cheeseman, the instrumental music department directed by Mr. Gary Brandes, the Foreign Language department instructed by Mrs. Pamela Zutter-Brock, and the vocal music department chairpersoned by Mrs. Wendy Krueger.

Ribbons and awards accompanied the best art displays and music performances. Many of the students entered art pieces ranging from oil paintings to macrame. The music department entertained the public with a concert.

As an art student concluded, "It's really great to have mine as well, as everyone's artwork displayed. It's easy to feel a sense of accomplishment."

ONE OF THE many sights at the art show included various oil paintings such as these (TOP LEFT)

JUNIOR MARK WILDING constructed this piece of work symbolizing the Wright City Cross Country Team (FAR LEFT).

AT THE 1979 Fine Arts Festival, Gerald Reckamp places his painting among the other paintings displayed (LEFT).

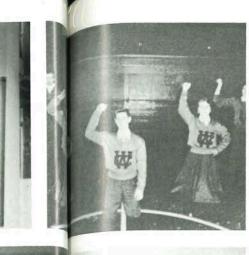
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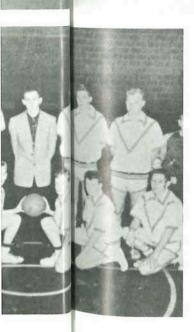












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The pictures featured on these pages are from past Echo year-books. The photos were taken from past sports pages.

BUMP, SET, SPIKE!

"The volleyball season wasn't as successful as I had hoped it would be in terms of our win-loss records but teams vary," commented third year coach Debbie Mulherin.

The very first volleyball team was established at WCHS in 1974, coached by Paula Zeller. The team tied for second place with St. Dominic in their conference the following season.

The 1981-82 varsity volleyball team consisted of two seniors: Brenda Dotson, and Lisa Kleinschmidt; one junior: Gloria Mozee; and four sophomores: Becky Beauchamp, Donna Charlton, Theresa Simpson, and There Theresa Aemisegger.

"Even though our record shows that we didn't gain anything and we didn't go anywhere in districts, it was still a fun season." added Brenda Dotson.

"It was an exciting experience for me," commented Lorie Heiliger.

The junior varsity consisted of one junior, Jackie Solt, and the rest were all freshmen: Lorie Heiliger, Tina Hunt, Amy McBride, Felicia Sommers, and Sandy Koster.

"Most important is that the girls gained experience and knowledge of the game. I am confident that next year will be a better season with the players being more experienced," added Coach Mulherin.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL MEMBERS include: Brena Dotson, Gloria Mozee, Lisa Kleinschmidt, Linda Nadler, Coach Debbie Mulherin, Donna Charlton, Theresa Simpson, Becky Beauchamp, and Theresa Aemisegger





"I WAS HOPING that the ball was going over," commented Donna Charlton (Above).

"HEY JOSPHINE SYDNOR" yelled someone from the crowd as she was blocking the ball. (Right).

LINDA NADLER COMMENTED, "I was striving for perfection." (Far Right).



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AMY MCBRIDE WAITING for Felicia Sommer to bump the volleyball back over the net (TOP LEFT).

JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL members include: Lorie Heiliger, Theresa Aemisegger, Denise Goldsmith, Felicia Sommers, Amy McBride, Coach Debbie Mulherin, and Sandy Koster (BELOW RIGHT).



Varsity Volleyball Stats

	VV C	Iney
Warrenton	0	2
St. Dominic	0	2
New Haven	0	2
St. Mary's	0	2
Elsberry	2	1
Warrenton		2
Silex	2	0
Winfield	1	2
Elsberry	2	0
St. Mary's	2	0
Silex	1	2
St. Dominic	0	2
Cardinal Ritter	0	2

Junior Varsity Stats

	We	They
Warrenton	2	0
St. Dominic	0	2
New Haven	0	2
St. Mary's	0	2
Elsberry	1	2
Warrenton	0	2
Silex	1	2
Winfield	0	2
Elsberry	2	0
St. Mary's	1	2
Silex	2	0
St. Dominic	2	0

A Vital Building Block

"The junior varsity (j.v.) girls basketball team is a vital building block toward the overall success of the entire girls basketball program. You couldn't have a varsity, if you didn't have the first years of basics,"

commented Sue Wright, coach.

Miss Wright continued, "J.V. basketball is basically a learning experience. They work hard at developing, and improving fundamentals, to gain experience for the future. Even though it might be difficult to work hard at drills and not receive great rewards, the girls managed to face each challenge and do their best."

The girls j.v. basketball team began in 1976. Sharon Neal coached the team the first two seasons, and Sue Wright took over in 1978. She has been the j.v. coach for five years.

The j.v. began their season with a victory against St. Mary's. Even though the girls gave their opponents competition, throughout the season, their first game was their only victory.

Gwen Sharp lead the team with a total of 75 points, and Barb Gray made a total of 51 points,

for the season.

In conclusion Coach Wright declared that the freshmen, and sophomores that made up the team had a lot of potential. They were enthusiastic, dedicated, and hard working. The girls season ended with a 1-12 record."

Marie Marie Salar	WE	THEY
St. Marys	20	15
Troy	16	45
Troy	21	38
Elsberry	22	25
Warrenton	8	22
Montgomery City	21	39
St. Dominic	21	40
Washington	14	38
Clopton	8	32
Warrenton	22	26
Silex	16	33
Montgomery City	17	41
Winfield	20	23
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THE 1977 TEAM was the second j.v. team, the team included the following girls, row one: Donna Wells, Sandy Hoeft, Kelly Collins, row two: Nancy Shelton, Kim Symes, Coach Sharon Neal, Linda Brandt, Margie Tremeear, row three: Theresa Brooks, Christine Bierer, Colleen Grobbe, Martha Doyle, and Jane Logan, (ABOVE).

"MUNCH TIME," COMMENTED Theresa Aemisegger, while decorat-

ing cookies during Homecoming week, (LEFT).

THE MEMBERS OF last years team included, row one: Penny Barber, Theresa Aemisegger, Erin Coleman, row two: Coach Sue Wright, Sandy Koster, Gwen Sharp, and Barb Gray, (BELOW).



Hard Working Team



The boys j.v. basketball program began in 1957.

This year Dale Kelly coached the 25th j.v. boys team. They took first place in the St. Dominic Tournament, and second place in the St. Francis Borgia Tourney. Their final record for the season was 18-2.

"I was very happy about the way the boys played. They worked very hard in every game, and even when it looked like they might face defeat they picked themselves up, and won a lot of games they were behind in," Coach Kelly expressed about the team.

He continued, "They are a good group to work with and I am expecting to see bigger, and better things from them in the future."



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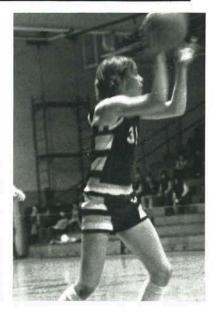
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	WE	THEY
Elsberry	61	51
Fort Zumwalt	47	38
Clopton	48	39
Warrenton	40	21
Washington	51	48
Sullivan	52	45
St. Dominic	52	46
St. Francis Borgia	39	_ 44
Warrenton	49	44
St. Dominic	57	31
Duchesne	47	46
Winfield	76	29
St. Francis Borgia	52	54
Francis Howell	53	52
New Haven	_ 61	48
Winfield	57 =	49
St. John	54	20
Troy	43	31
Montgomery City	75	41
18 Wins-2 Losses		





JV TEAM MEMBERS were, row one: Gerard Washington, Wayne Klenke, Randy Johnson, Les Martin, Bob Ballwin, row two: Dale Kelly, coach; Andrew Marley, Trae Ruge, Tom Nailor, Gregg Hill, and Chris Blanchard, manager; (TOP LEFT).

"WOW! WHAT A ball game," commented Coach Kelly, (MIDDLE LEFT).

RANDY JOHNSON GETTING ready to pass the ball, (MIDDLE RIGHT).

PAT WOOLFOLK (NO. 22) and Kelly Williams guard the Wentzville Indians from passing the ball. Pat and Kelly were 1974 j.v. team members, (LEFT).



Extremely Hard Working Team

The 1981 - 82 Boys Varsity Basketball team had a very successful year. It began with a six game winning streak during which they got first place in the Wright City Tournament. With each season there are losses too, and their first loss was to Clopton by a two point spread. They bounced out of that loss by winning against Warrenton, 71 - 38. The Varsity team also took first in the Herman Tournament and second in the Troy Tournament. At Brentwood Regionals the Varsity Team won to Math and Science 61 -56 and lost to Brentwood 57 - 68.

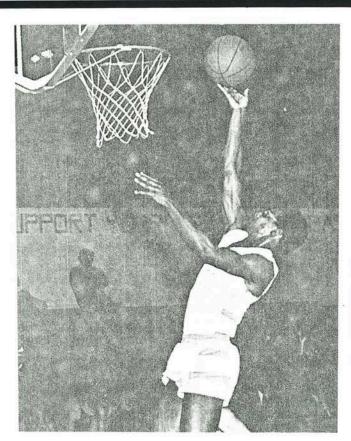
Coach Dave Gerdeman commented, "I think our team reached its full potential, they were an extremely hard working team, and I enjoyed working with them."

In 1929 - 30 Wright City started the first boys basketball team, and in the 1931 - 32 year they de-

feated our neighboring school, Warrenton for the first time. That year they also won their tournament placing the first trophy on WCHS's shelves.

Since 1963 Wright City has an average of 18 wins per year. In 1966 Wright City won the State 1-A. In 1971 the team was the state runner-up. From 1965 to 1976 Wright City appeared in the state tournament six times. The varsity team made it to Reginal Tournament Finals ten years since 1965. The two best seasons were in 1965 and 1971 keeping a record of 28-5. From 1965 to 1981 they had a 20 win season nine times.

WCHC has had eight All State Players from 1966 to 1982. Florence Blanks - 1966, Greg Nieman - 1967, Joe Bradshaw - 1971, Dale Martin - 1972, Max Mittler - 1974, 1975, Bill Hollenbeck - 1976, Jeff Cook - 1977 and Jim Simpson - 2nd team, 1982.



VIRGIL WYATT SHOWS what an easy two points like (ABOVE).

KEVIN KINER JUMPS full length to get the ball from his opponent (RIGHT).

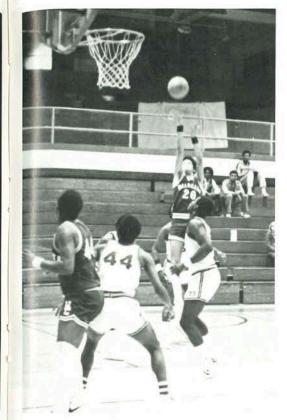


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THE SHOOT FELT comfortable as I released it. I was confident that it would find the bucket," commented Steve Baldwin.

THE 1981 - 82 Varsity Basketball Team: Coach Dave Gerdeman, Manager Stanley Copling, Kevin Czerniewski, Jimmy Simpson, Brian Bote, Charles Green, Chris Millikan, Steve Baldwin, Curt McLaughlin; Bottom Row; Wilbur Mozee, Lyle Jones, and Kevin Kiner (BELOW).



Varsity boys Basketball Stats

	We	They
Alumni	65	55
Elsberry	67	31
Ft. Zumwalt	57	46
W.C. Tourney First place		
Clopton	40	42
Warrenton	71	36
St. Dominic	58	69
Troy Tournament Second place	27	
Warrenton	74	59
Winfield	41	52
Borgia	56	59
New Haven	55	58
Herman Tournament First place		
Winfield	35	40
St. Johns	55	35
Troy	32	59
St. Dominic	59	40
Montgomery City	62	48
Brentwood Regional Fourth place		

Long Past, Strong Future

Dressed in blue bloomers, and middy's (sailor shirts) the first girls basketball was coached by Roi Wood, in 1927, which also played on an outdoor, dirt court. In 1929 basketball was moved indoors and L.F. Gooch became the coach. At that time a tenth grade education was all that could be received in Wright City, so therefore the ninth and tenth grade girls basketball team would have been considered Varsity.

"I loved playing basketball, and I still like it very much," commented Cissy Bruning, former player of the first girls team.

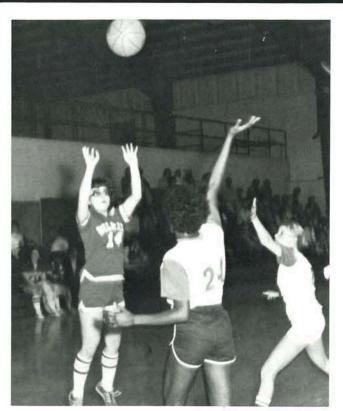
Today Miss Sue Wright coaches the girls team. She has been head coach for two years.

Coach Wright expressed, "With a hardworking group of girls the season was a success in many ways. The team set and achieved many of the goals they established for themselves. They were a very motivated group of girls and didn't get down when faced with difficult tasks. Without a lot of numbers, they had to work twice as hard to be successful. I fell that

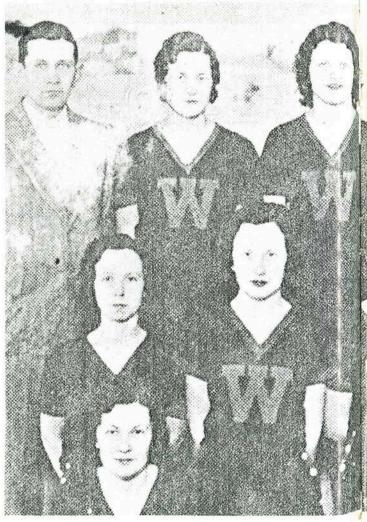
it was worth the extra effort that was put out by all of the girls.

I feel this past season was a great learning experience for the future. I always hate to see the seniors go and this year we fortunate to have three hardworking seniors but unfortunate to lose them. We must look ahead to the future, and believe that the basketball program will improve in the years to come. With the experienced Varsity players returning, and those that played Junior Varsity, I am sure we will have no problem."

The girls finished the season with a record of 6-9. Some of the outstanding performances achieved by the girls were as follows: Lisa Butler leading the highest total points with a grand total of 250, Debbie Butler 130, and Lisa Kleinschimdt trailing close behind with 123. Brenda Dotson held the highest free throw percentage of 64, and Lisa Butler with a 63%. Debbie Butler led the team in rebounds with a large sum of 89, and Lisa Butler trailed behind with 68.



BRENDA DOTSON JUMPING above Verchell Johnson for the basketball during the Alumni game (ABOVE). THE VERY SUCCESSFUL 1933 Varsity girls Basketball team, with a record of 12-1 (RIGHT).



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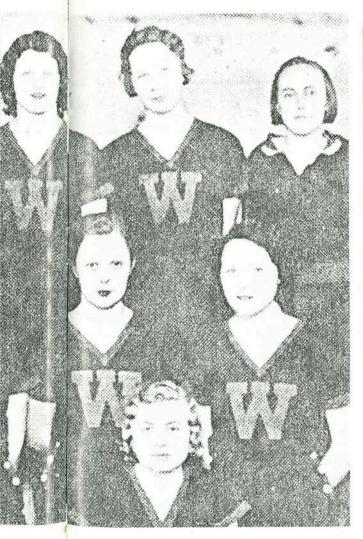
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MEMBERS OF THE Varsity team include, row one, Brenda Dotson, Debbie Butler, Theresa Aemisegger. Row two, Coach Sue Wright, Lisa Kleinschimdt, Lisa Butler, and Rita Sharp (BELOW).





Varsity	Girls Basketball Stats	
	We	They
Alumni	49	32
St. Marys	47	29
Troy	26	59
Elsberry	38	62
St. Dominic	36	55
Washington	34	48
Clopton	49	43
Warrenton	41	69
Silex	47	33
Wright City Tourney		
Montgomery	44	58
Wentzville	31	35
Montgomery	43	4
Districts		
Math & Science	73	15
Crystal City -	38	79

"I WAS PRAYING that it would go in so it would not mess my average up," commented Lisa Kleinschmidt (TOP LEFT).

BOYS

TRACK: WORK?

"We were a small team, but we worked well together," replied Steve Baldwin. "We lost a lot of people, but those of us who stayed really benefitted. Being on the team was an experience, and the workout, even though they were really hard at times, helped our bodies physically. All in all it was a pretty good year."

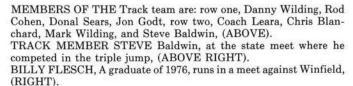
Mr. John Leara assumed leadership over the track team, he was previously a teacher and track coach in Illinois, and Arizona. Two of the previous coaches were Kurt Panhorst, and Dave Harrison.

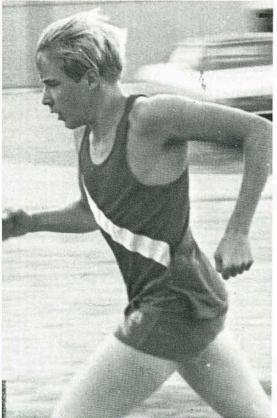
The team had one very successful moment, it was the moment when Steve Baldwin went to state for the triple jump, even though he didn't place he was still happy to go.

The team gained a lot of experience, and hopes to better themselves next year.









GIRLS

TRACK: EXCITING?





"Working with the girls track team was very exciting and enjoyable for me this eighty-one, eighty-two school year! The girls really worked hard and put a lot of effort into their practices. Having five of the girls quality for state was really terrific! I was very proud of all of my girls. I am hoping that next year will be even better than this year," shared Coach Wright.

The five girls that made it to state were, Lisa Klienschmidt for shot put; Deborah Butler, Rita Sharp,

Gloris Wyatt and Gwen Sharp for the eight-eighty relay team with Theresa Simpson, as an alternate.

"There was a lot of hard work involved, and sometimes I felt like giving up, but then I would remember I wanted to make it to the State Finals so I hung in there and I worked really hard," expressed Gloria Wyatt, a member of the track team.

Although the girls did not make it to the Finals at State, they were pleased with at least qualifying for the State Finals. Lots of hard work, committment, dedication togetherness, and determination were the words the girls on the track team chose to describe the things that they felt were needed to have a successful season.

DONNA CHARLTON GLIDES over a hurdle at a meet, (ABOVE

GLORIA WYATT, RITA Sharp, Deborah Butler, and Gwen Sharp competed in the eight-eighty relay at state, (BELOW LEFT). MEMBERS OF THE Track team were: Rhonda Johnson, manager; Lisa Butler, Deborah Butler, Theresa Aemisegger, Penny Barber, row two: Melissa Mozee, manager; Lisa Kleinschmidt, Sandy Koster, Liz Doughtery, Theresa Simpson, Denise Mozee, and Coach Sue Wright, row three: Rita Sharp, Barb Gray, Gloria Wyatt, Donna Charlton, and Gwen Sharp, (BELOW).



Girls Track - 41

The Old Ballgame

This baseball season marked the tenth season in the history of WCHS. The first team was formed in the 1972-73 school year. Sam Potter and Curt Panhorst coached the team the first two years, and then Coach Potter tackled them himself, until 1979's season came to an end. In 1980 Dan Reinitz took over, and is presently the coach.



THE 1977 TEAM consisted of, row one: Mike Larenson, Kenny Beard, Larry Pettig, David Behige, Mark Lowry, Preston Love, Eugene Mikus, row two: Rick Atterberry, Jeff Cook, Jay Waldo, Greg Czeriewski, Gary Biggs, and Craig Beste, and Coach Sam Potter, (ABOVE RIGHT). THIS YEAR'S TEAM consisted of: row one: Andy Ordelheide, David Heiliger, Les Martin, Brian Bote, Gerard Washington, Don Day, Tony Milikan, row two: Coach Dan Reinitz, Curt McLaughlin, Kevin Shough, Chris Milikan, Gregg Hill, C.O. Green, Kevin Kiner, Wayne Klenke, Jim Goldsmith, Mike Vohsen, and Jeff Wyatt (BELOW RIGHT).



Cross Country Came Back

Beginning with an introduction to the fundamentals of cross-country last August, a number of interested students began conditioning for the up-coming season, dormant since 1977.

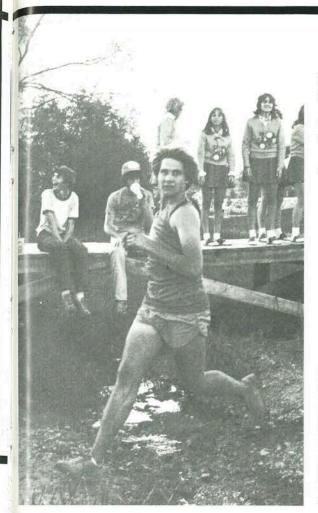
Coach of the cross-country team, Mr. Gary Brandes was a member of the University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL) cross-country team for several years.

The overall cross-country courses are different than those of 1977. Now, runners are expected to compete a course of 5000 meters, an equivalence of over three miles. Teams with the lowest times win the lowest amount of points thus winning the meet.

Meets took the troop to such places as Florissant, St. Dominic, Troy, and Warrenton.

At the district tournament in Potosi, the Wildcats outrun Warrenton's Warriors and happily received tenth place. Coach Brandes remarked, "Our goal was to improve our times and keep the team close as to score well. We did just



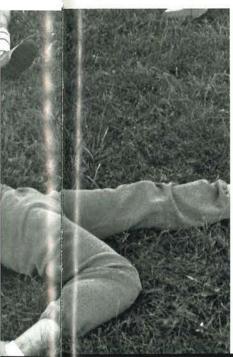


that, finishing tenth. That's an excellent showing for our first year."

Heading back to Wright City after districts, Mr. Brandes was presented a plaque recognizing him as truly "one remarkable coach" by members of the cross-country team.

Sorry to loose one senior, the future of the Wildcats crosscountry team can be nothing less than positive.









FRESHMAN JON GODT stretches his leg muscles and chats with teammates before the meet at Troy (FAR LEFT).

SENIOR KEITH KOSTER exhausted after 2½ miles of running strainfully gazes ahead to see what lies ahead (TOP LEFT).

MEMBER OF THE first cross-country team since 1977 included, Keith Koster, Liz Dougherty, Don Sears, Jon Godt, Coach Gary Brandes, Scott Kohrs, John Nadler, Steve Tomschin, and Mark Wilding (ABOVE). FRESHMAN LIZ DOUGHERTY (number 236) attempts to finish the course at Potosi. Liz, our only female competitor, represented herself extremely well at every meet (MIDDLE LEFT).

COACH GARY BRANDES attempts to brief Jennifer Godt, a Wright City cross-country fan, on the latest statistics of the district meet (BOTTOM LEFT).

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

"Grrrrreat!," commented Coach Lake when expressing his feelings about working with the junior high boys.

The seventh grade boys basketball team ended their season 3-3, while the eighth grade boys struggled to

finish 3-8 overall.

Coach Lake told an ECHO staffer, "The boys worked very hard on 'fundamentals' which should make them good players in the future. They learned to work together as a team and gain valuable experience which should pay off in future years."

The eighth grade team took third place in the Warrenton tournament during the course of the season.

Frank Lake said that Bruce McLaughlin, team leader of the eighth grade boys, ran the offenses and was an outstanding player. "Tom Seigel, seventh grader, was a great asset to their team. He has great potential and should be a leader next year," he commented.



THE EIGHTH GRADE team consisted of, (left to right), Frank Lake, coach; Eric Cosby, George Boyle, Gene Rugh, Greg Guthrie, Jeff Archer, Bruce McLaughlin, and Jeff North, (ABOVE RIGHT). TEAM MEMBERS OF the seventh grade basketball team were as follows: row one: Jimmy Beauchamp, Jeff Avery, Dan Hepperman, Curt Dierker, Brent Bote, row two: Coach Lake, Loren Stevens, Joe Pauk, Dan Halcomb, Casey Cohen, Tom Seigel, and Darrell Blanks, (ABOVE).



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Warrenton	W	L
New Haven	W	L
Wentzville	L	L
Silex	-	W
Elsberry		L
Warrenton		W
Troy	L	L
Warrenton	THE R P.	L
Silex		W
Winfield	CANADA STATE	L
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GIRLS JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL TEAM





"Coaching the Junior High girls basketball team was a real challenge for me. A lot of the girls had never played basketball before so I was working with beginners. I really enjoyed coaching them. I thought highly of the girls because they had great potential and they worked hard," commented Coach Dan Reinitz.

Malinda Eads and Tina Young tied for most valuable

Malinda Eads and Tina Young tied for most valuable players. Dawn Brandt was the seventh grade team's highest scorer, and Melissa Boyd was the leading scorer for the eighth grade team.

"The team had a super bench depth which was a great factor in their success," stated Coach Reinitz.

The junior high girl's basketball team has come a long way over the years. This was coach Reinitz's second year as coach and under his leadership their record for the 1981-82 year was 8-2.

Dawn Brandt dribbles in towards the basket, while Roby Massey keeps a close eye on the opposite team, (ABOVE LEFT). TAMMY JOHNSON SHOOTS a freethrow shot, in a game against

Wentzville, (BELOW LEFT).

TEAM MEMBERS CONSISTED of, row one: Robyn Massey, Sondra Boschert, Melissa Boyd, Tammy Johnson, Suzanne Sears, Dawn Brandt, row two: Tina Young, Rita Parker, Malinda Eads, Lorie Welge, Amy Hill, Jennifer Godt, and Lisa Kleinschmidt, student coach (BELOW).



EVENTS





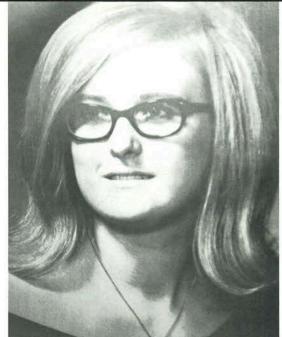












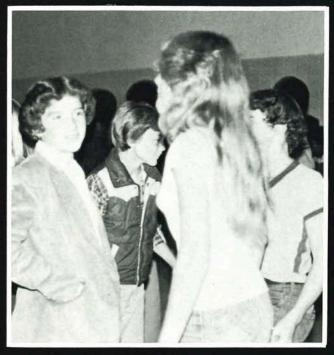






Through the years at WCHS, tradition has been kept alive as shown in these past ECHO pictures.

BACK-to-SCHOOL DANCE

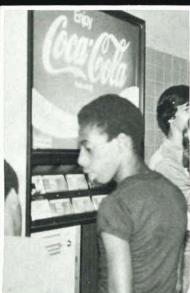




"THIS WAS THE first dance I attended and I was having a great time," exclaims Wendy Zuhone who danced with friend Lorie Welge (ABOVE).

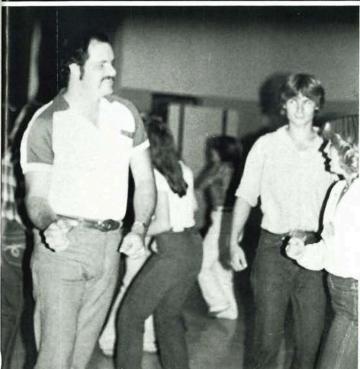
"AFTER ONE OF those fast songs I needed a nice, cold Hi-C," declarede Arnold Jones (RIGHT).

"I REALLY GET into dancing with younger guys," joked Glena Guthrie while dancing with Bill Beauchamp (FAR RIGHT).









A TIME FOR TRADITIONAL CONVERJATION

After the long, summer separation from schoolmates, many students yearned to find time for mixing and mingling among friends. Student Council (StuCo) set out to find the ideal time, and came up with the Back-to-School Dance held on September 18 in the high school cafeteria. As the crowd danced to the popular sounds that D.J. David Bradshaw played, a gentle fog filled the air and a recollection of time began.

"The Back-to-School Dance is a tradition that StuCo has carried on for seven years. The Basement Band, records on a stereo, and various D.J.'s were forms of entertainment that were chosen. It has been transformed into Sock-Hops in the gymnasium to polka's in the cafeteria. Pizza, soda, and Hi-C remedied the hunger pangs as the dance drew to a close. Friendly farewells were expressed, and the fog of recollection was lifted.

"The dance was very refreshing after a week of heavy studying. I feel that the Student Council definitely cares for the welfare of the students." commented Kenny Koster, senior.

"CHECK OUT THIS step," bragged Terri Figura as she danced to the music with Mary Kohrs (TOP MIDDLE).

"WHAT AM I doing out here," exclaimed Mr. Leykamp while dancing with Chyresse Beste and Brian Bote (LEFT).

Highlights of FFA Barnwarmin





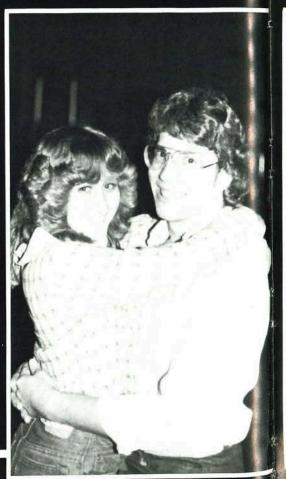
FFA BARNWARMING CANDIDATES and escorts include: Kim Abrolat, Cheryl Marty, Sandi Hunt, Lisa Tribley, retiring queen Treesa, Hueffmeier, Mary Kohrs, Sue Ferrell, Karlan Massey, Lisa Stevens escorts were respectively: Steve Alberternst, Chris Blanchard, Tim Nadler, Tony Edwards, Vernon Reckamp, Quentin Burt, Mike Tiffany, Dennis Edwards, Mark Graviett (ABOVE).

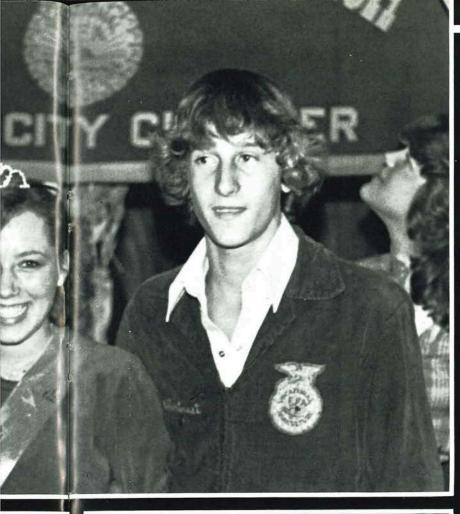
"I THOUGHT IT was really

"I THOUGHT IT was really great being crowned Barnwarming Queen as a Freshmen." commented Kim Albrolat and escort Steve Alberternst (TOP MID-

DLE).









An ole tradition

The annual Barnwarming broke a tradition and revived an old one. The Future Farmers of America (FFA) decided to replace the bales of hay with, fresh from the field, cornstalks. And they decided to hold the Barnwarming in its original place, the elementary gym. The danced was held October 16, 1981 from 8:00pm to 12:00 pm. Entertainment for the night was provided by Quickdraw, a modern rock group.

The magic moment of the night was the crowning of the new Barnwarming Queen, Kim Abrolat. Other candidates included: Freshmen Lisa Stevens, and Kim Abrolat, Sophomores, Cheryl Marty, Karlan Massey, Juniors, Sue Ferrell, Sandi Hunt, Seniors, Lisa Tribley Mary Kohrs. Escorts respectively were: Steve Alberternst, Chris Blanchard, Tim Nadler, Tony Edwards, Vernon Reckamp, Quentin Burt, Mike Tiffany, Dennis Edwards, Mark Graviett.

"It didn't really seem like a Barnwarming.

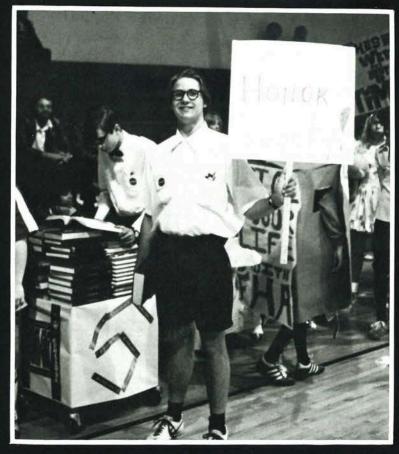
The band was fairly good, "commented Melissa Mozee. "I thought the barnwarming was pretty good, even though there weren't many people there," commented Treesa Hueffmeier.

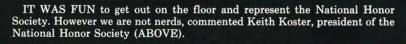
LEAD SINGER MIKE Trait and other band members entertain at the Barnwarming (FAR LEFT).

PAUL BRUNNING AND date Rhonda Palmer slow dance to music played by the band (LEFT).

to music played by the band (LEFT). TREESA HUEFF MEIR, RETIRING queen dances with escort Vernon Reckamp (LEFT).

HOMECOMING ignites spirit



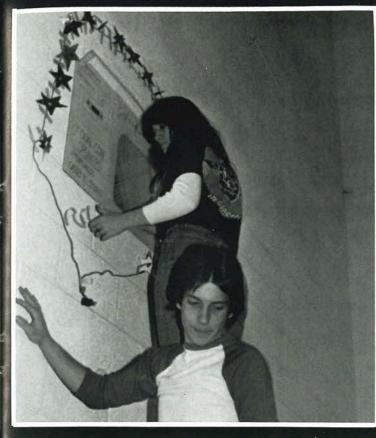


CHYRESSE BESTE, LEFT, and Cindy, represent the Wildcat Cheerleaders during the mini parade. The cheerleaders took third place in the judging (UPPER RIGHT).

WE CHOOSE TO use our childhood memories to best represent the theme "The Best of Times," for us they are timeless, commented Mr. Cheeseman, the sponsor fo the Junior class and winning float (RIGHT).









In 1963 a tradition began at Wright City High School that has grown and developed into one of the biggest events of the school year. Homecoming — crazy days of pep rallies, exciting games, queens, friends, fun and red-hot spirit.

Do you remember Homecoming 1981? The theme was "The Best of Times", and they truly were. Do you remember that first day, November twenty-third? Were you a preppy or a partier? Did you wear your IZOD shirts, Clavin Klein jeans and Nike shoes or did you wear your Levis, Busch or Jack Daniels shirt and hat.

The twenty-fourth was cowboys versus punk rockers, that was really somethin; wasn't it? Some people had on their chaps, vests, boots and hats. Some even had six shooters holstered to their hips. Those punk rockers were really wild. Were you one? Did you have glitter on your face, did you dye your hair green or purple or did you comb it straight up? What did you wear? Narrow ties, garbage bags or strange makeup.

Did you remember to wear blue and gold November twenty-fifth? That was a grand day, and such a great pep rally. Were you a member of the cheerleading squad or a member of the Blue Diamond Drill Team that led the school in the school song? Remember, "Hail to the Wright City High School." Or maybe you were a junior varsity or varsity boy or girl basketball player.

Do you remember the grand finale? The mini parade? Approximatly twelve floats were entered, even the Alumni entered a float. The floats were judged by facualty and the top three were awarded cash prizes.

Cheryl Marty and Karlan Massey said, "We liked punk rock day best." What did you like best about Homecoming '81'?

THERESA HUFFEMEIER AND Greg Klemp, juniors, decorate their portion of the elementary gym for the annual Homecoming Dance (TOP LEFT).

WILDCATS burn alumni

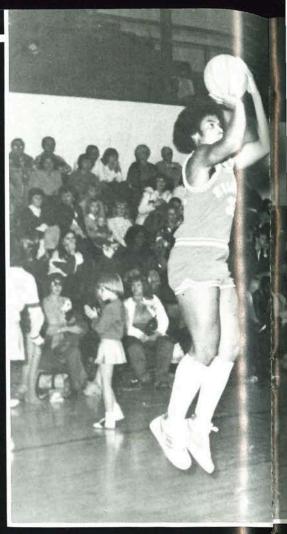


DEBBIE BUTLER, CENTER, makes a shot while Gwen Sharp, rear, helps guard against Alumni Verchel Johnson, left, and Diane Hollenbeck (ABOVE).

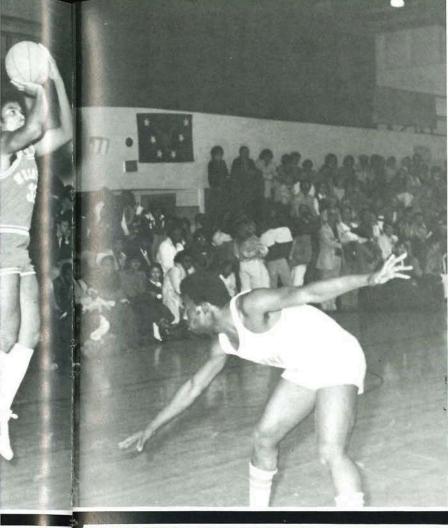
VIRGINIA MCCOY, WRIGHT City's first Homecoming Queen and Dennis Brakensiek her escort (LEFT).

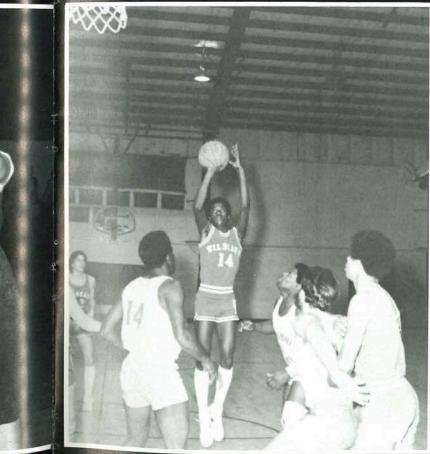
LISA TRIBLEY, THE 1981 Homecoming Queen receives her crown from the retiring queen Glena Guthrie (FAR LEFT).











Since 1978 the Alumni basketball players have been coming back to Wright City High School to challenge the varsity boy and girl players. With the growing popularity of the Alumni games the Alumni cheerleaders have also been included.

The Alumni girls which returned for Homecoming were: Theresa Brooks, Diane Hollenbeck, Becky Bueneman, Verchel Johnson, and Sandy Hoeft. Even with the Alumni girls wisdom and age, the girls varsity team won the game with a score of 49 to 32.

The Alumni which returned to play the boys varsity team included: Craig Beste, Ed Anderson, Donny Bishop, Larry Pettig, Bob Lewis, George Mozee, Mike Love, Ivan North, and Rick Attaberry. And once again the varsity team beat the Alumni with a score of 67 to 55.

Along with the game there is one more major event — the crowning of the Homecoming

In 1963, Virginia McCoy, the first Homecoming Queen, was awarded her honored crown, and nineteen years later the honor was bestowed upon senior, Lisa Tribley.

After the game came the Homecoming Dance which is held to celebrate either Alumni or the varsity basketball teams victory.

This year each class was assigned a corner of the elementary gym which was to be judged and winners awarded prizes. The Sophomore class was awarded first prize for the decorations in their corner.

Music was furnished by K-SHE and the StuCo supplied the refreshments.

JIMMY SIMPSON SHOOTS for a point against Donnie Bishop (ABOVE).

KEVIN KINER, NUMBER 14, makes a shot against many of his Alumni opponents (LEFT).

Sweetheart Dance...





THE QUEEN AND her court: Tom Swafford, Shannon Bartold, Doug Dewey, Barb Requat, retiring queen, Barb Stanek and escort Mike Abrolat, queen, Donna Charlton and escort C.O. Green, Stanely Copling and Michele Smith (ABOVE).

THE 1981 QUEEN and her escort, Barb Stanek and Mike Abrolat, prepare to give up the thrown to the 1982 queen (RIGHT).

THE NEW QUEEN, Donna Charlton, and her escort C.O. Green, dance to the traditional court dance (FAR RIGHT).









A Learning

Experience

The annual Sweetheart Dance, which was sponsored by the sophomore class was held February 19, 1982 in the elementary gym.

In the past the Sweetheart queen was decided by penny vote but this year it was decided by ballot voting. Because of the class size difference a percentage of the votes were taken instead of a straight vote.

Donna Charlton had the highest percentage. She was escorted by C.O. Green and crowned by retiring queen, Barb Stanek and escort, Mike Abrolat. Her court included seniors Michelle Smith escorted by Stanely Copling, juniors Barb Requat escorted by Doug Dewey and freshmen Shannon Bartold escorted by Tom Swafford.

Class sponsor, Billy Arnett, had this to say about the dance," The sophomore students who worked on decorations and preparations worked very hard and did a fantastic job. Even though they lost money on the dance, it was a good learning experience for the preparation of next years prom."

Music for the dance was supplied by Quadrasound. The sophomores also supplied free homemade cookies and punch.

ANITA JONES, Kim DeBoe, Andy Burt and Teresa Brewer make good memories at the Sweetheart Dance (UPPER LEFT). CHERYL MOZEE AND Raymond Lewis really show'em how to boogie (LEFT).

We're Walking Tall

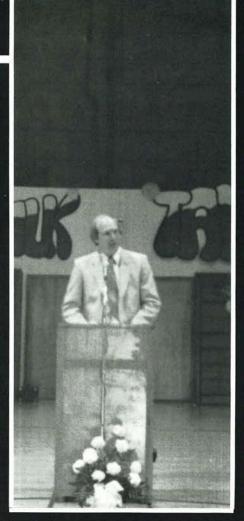


GREG GUTHRIE AND Tonia Brakensiek are presented awards for outstanding citizenship by Mr. Clarance Williams (ABOVE).

MR. PHILIP POPEJOY-our history teacher discussed patriotism in his promotional address (TOP RIGHT).

DAN CLANCY AND Carma Carter stare dazily until that time when they each get their diplomas (RIGHT).











Forty - Five Begin High Jchool Years

Forty-five somewhat apprehensive eighth graders approached the high school grounds on the morning of June 1 along with friends, family, and relatives; to begin the annual promotional exercises held in the high school gymnasium at 10:00 a.m. These exercises signify the leaving of elementary school and the beginning of the high school years. This event has been occurring at Wright City for a little under ten years.

Speakers that morning included the eighth grade sponsors-Mrs. June Terrell and Miss Sue Wright. Mr. Philip Popejoy presented the class with a promotional address dealing with patriotism and the United States. Principal Don Jones and Superintendent Fraser Small both presented the class with their diplomas. The Junior High School Choir sang "Walk Tall" thus coinciding with this year's theme. They were accompanied on piano by Mrs. Wendy Krueger.

Tonia Brakensiek and Greg Guthrie were both recognized as outstanding citizenship achievers. They both received awards from Mr. Clarence Williams of the VFW.

As one student summed up, "I was very proud to receive my diploma. NOW I'M FREE FOR THE SUMMER!!!"

JILL DUNLAP RECEIVES her diploma from Fraser Small. Jill was one of the forty-five students being promoted from elementary school to high school (TOP LEFT). SPONSORS AND SPEAKERS for the graduation excer-

SPONSORS AND SPEAKERS for the graduation excercise included Mr. Fraser Small, Mr. Phillip Popejoy, Mrs. June Terrell, Miss Sue Wright, Mr. Clarence Williams, and Mr. Donald Jones (LEFT).

SCHOLARSHIPS ACCOMPANY



OUTSTANDING SENIORS



The Wright City PTA led by president Jean Thompson sponsored the annual Senior Awards Night. Incidentally, scholarships as well as various other honors are presented to the students that night. Established in the Spring of 1981, this event also gives scholarship winners the chance to visit with their donors.

The Wright City Singers started the evening off with some musical selections and Kay Jastrem and PTA president June Thompson introduced scholarship donors and other awards. Mrs. Jastrem was presented a gift by Senior Class President Lisa Tribley for her help and aid throughout the year with senior classmates.

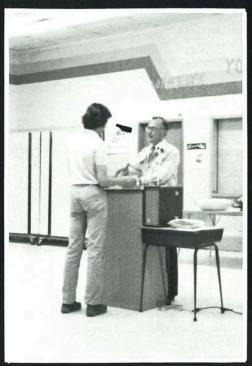
Mr. Jones and Mr. Small presented scholarship awards to the seniors as did Alumni President Alfredia Cohen.

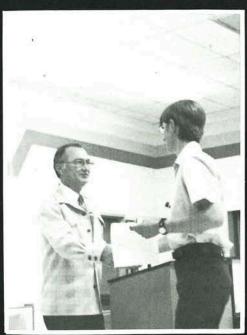
Some of the scholarship winners included: Alumni Scholarship-Kenny Koster, Wentzville Beauty College Scholarship-Dawn Hunn, Shelter Insurance Scholarship-Tim Nadler, PTA Scholarship-Curt McLaughlin, Big Boy's Restaurant Scholarship-Jim Johnson, and Wright City General Scholarship-Keith Koster.

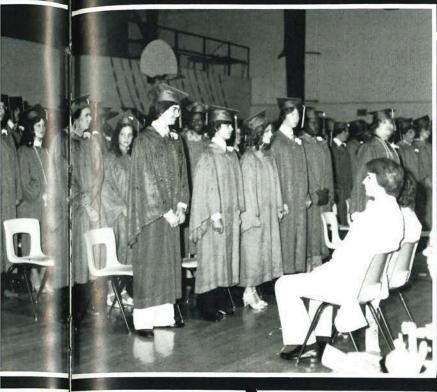
The evening finished off with a reception and visiting between students, parents, faculty, and scholarship donors.

LYLE JONES RECEIVES a certificate for being in the top fifteen percent in his class. Principal Mr. Don Jones presents the award to Lyle. Lyle plans to further his education at Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville (TOP RIGHT).

CLASS SALUTATORIAN TIM Nadler receives one of his several scholarships and honors from Mr. Don Jones. Tim plans to further his education at the University of Missouri-Columbia (RIGHT).











78 SENIORS ATTEND BACCALAUREATE

"Is my tassel on the correct way?" "I just know I'll trip and fall!!!" "Boy, I don't look a bit like everyone else!"

Seventy-eight seniors experienced the Baccalaureate services for the first time on May 30 in the high school gymnasium.

Looking just the right way was a major concern for the Seniors as they approached their seats during the processional.

The program was brief; some twenty-five minutes in length.

A musical selection was sang by Laura Phiropolous and senior Jim Johnson accompanied by Mrs. Wendy Krueger.

Eldon Kirks-pastor of the Church of the Nazarene presented the invocation and Werner Strick-pastor of the First Baptist Church presented the scripture reading.

Vangie Cannon-pastor of the United Methodist Church gave the address. Following her baccalaureate address, Jerry Snell-pastor of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, gave the benediction.

MEMBERS OF THE graduating class of 1982 anticipate a musical selection as they begin to "file-out" of the gymnasium following the baccalaureate services (TOP LEFT).

REGINA HINDERLITER AIDS a somewhat nervous Kenny Koster before they prepare for the processional (MIDDLE LEFT).

JUNIOR ATTENDANT ESCORT Jim Goldsmith distributes a pamphlet to a parent before the services begin (BOTTOM LEFT).

JERRY DUNLAP APPROACHES his seat that evening with his seventy eight fellow classmates (FAR LEFT).

As We Sail Away

Since 1975 the Senior Prom has been an annual event for Wright City High School students. This year's prom was held on Friday, April 23rd at the Lion's Club.

In past years the prom was sponsored by the Future Homemakers of America, but today the junior class works together all year to

prepare the dance for their upper classmen.

"We knew what we wanted, but putting it all together in time before everyone arrived was the difficult part," commented Pat Hill, one of the many juniors who helped with decorations. The elementary gym was decorated to depict the four seasons in 1975 as opposed to this year's theme "We're Sailing Away."

After the many hours of preparation at the Lion's Club Building, the dance began at 9:00 p.m. and lasted until 1:00 a.m. Entertainment was provided by Scarlet MaCaw, a rock band from St. Louis.

At the door each senior girl was given a flower and memory book. Big Boy's Restaurant offered a choice of two dinners at a discount to those attending the prom, and Hors d' oeuvres were served at the dance.

"The prom was very nice, the decorations were simple, but yet very effective," remarked Mr. Jones chaperone at prom.



LUCILLE BALL, REGINA HINDERLITER, VERNON Gordy, Lisa Tribley, and Jim Johnson dance to a slow song (ABOVE).

"WHAT A PROM," remarked Jeff Wyatt as he dances with Becky Beauchamp (RIGHT).













"WAYNE KLENKE AND I were admiring the women in their beautiful dresses," expressed Gerard Washington (UPPER LEFT).

SCARLET MACAW AND lead guitarist rock the prom (LEFT).

"THE EVENING WAS exceptionally nice, my date and I had a great time," remarked Keith Koster as he poses with Patsy Sommer, Linda Nadler, and Kenny Koster (ABOVE).

"WE WERE WATCHING others dance, while we were at the prom, quoted Linda Vehige, as she sits with her date, Rick Moffat (UPPER RIGHT).

King And Queen Are Appointed





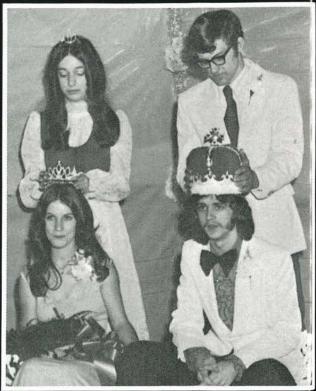


On the evening of April 23rd, many students were preparing for a very special night, the night of the Junior/Senior Prom. A few of the students were the king and queen candidates. The candidates were nominated and later voted on by the senior class.

Running for Prom queen were: Michelle Smith, Beth Michaels, Chyresse Beste, and Lisa Tribley. Candidates for king were: Wendell Herndon, Ron-nie Zumwalt, Lyle Jones, and Jim Johnson.

Attendants for the junior class were Angie Carter, Mike Voshen, Gloria Wyatt, and Steve Baldwin.

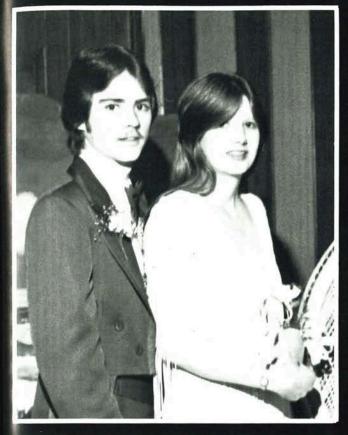
Giving up their crown to Lisa Tribley and Jim Johnson were the past king and queen, Pam Clark and Paul Phiropolous. "I was glad and thought it was really neat that my date won also. I enjoyed the dance very much, the decorations were nice and the band was the best I've heard," expressed Lisa Tribley.

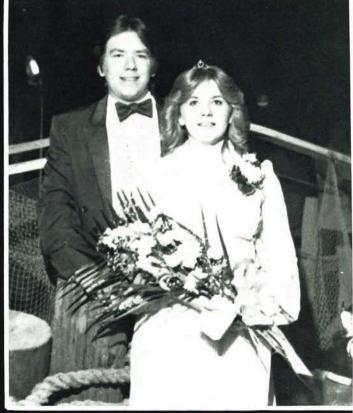


"NOTHING SEEMS TO go right when you're in a hurry," expressed Sandi Hunt was she and Julie Bruning decorate (UPPER LEFT). "I WAS CLEANING up before prom," replied Beth Wilson (UPPER RIGHT).
"AS WE WERE ENTERING PROM we knew it would be a

success after seeing all the people having a good time," quoted Jackie Solt as she and her date Pete Wharton observe the entrance sign, (MIDDLE LEFT).

CROWNING OF QUEEN and King of 1974-75 (above).









BETH MICHAELS AND Ronnie Zumwalt, first runner-ups pose for photo (UPPER LEFT).

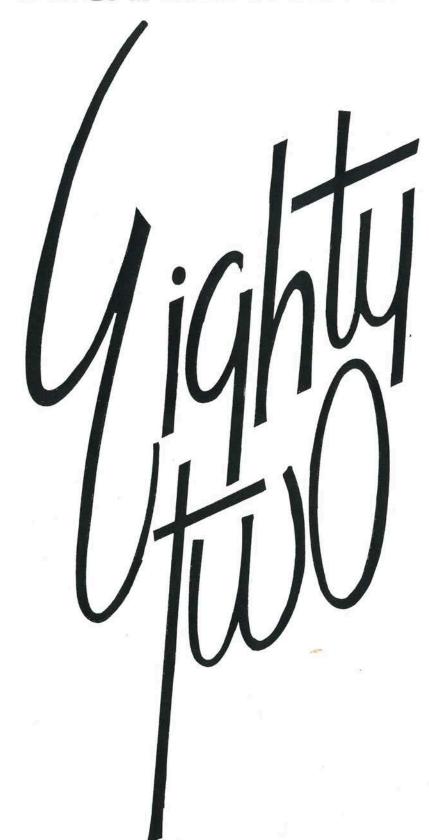
"I WONDER WHAT IT would be like to be Miss Universe," says Lisa Tribley jokingly before the photographer takes her and her date, Jim Johnson's picture (UPPER RIGHT).

"IT FEELS GREAT Lisa," expressed Jim Johnson after Lisa Tribley asked him, "What is it like to be king," (LEFT).

MIKE VOSHEN AND ANGIE Carter, attendants, Lyle Jones, Chyresse Beste, Ronnie Zumwalt and Beth Michaels, prom candidates; Lisa Tribley and Jim Johnson, queen and king; Michelle Smith and Wendell Herndon, prom candidates; Gloria Wyatt and Steve Baldwin, attendants; (ABOVE).

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ORGANIZATIONS



















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Some organizations no longer exist at WCHS, but new ones have taken their place.

Chorus Recieves A

Two Rating

The High School Chorus has been at WCHS since the 1930's. To become a member, a person can sign-up for Chorus. The Chorus was performed at four concerts, one of which was the Fine Arts Festival. The group has also gone to a district contest in Mexico, Missouri and received a two rating. As a fund raising event, Chorus sold popcorn and salt and pepper shakers which helped to buy a new stereo and robes. It presently has thirty members taught by Mrs. Wendy Krueger.

"I joined Chorus at the semester because I did not want to take Mythology. I was surprised because it has helped me overcome my shyness while singing. My only regret is that I should have taken Chorus earlier," confessed Kenny

Koster.



THE HIGH SCHOOL Chorus Members: Row three; Melvin Mozee, Arnold Jones, Clayton Sharp, Jim Park, Tom Swafford, Todd Kirchoff, Kevin Czerniewski, Stanley Copling, Kenny Koster. Row two: Regina Milliner, Shelly Johnson, Kim Lyles, Sue Heinrichs, Terri Archer, Debbie Lanham, Michelle Grooms, Judy Rankin, Penny Barber, Rhonda Johnson, Gwen Sharp, Row one: Andrea Avery, Kim Abrolat, Dawn Meyers, Terri Figura, Gail Vance, Cheryl Mozee, Michelle Smith, Betty White, Sandy Wilding, Liz Dougherty, Carla Sydnor, Mary Kohrs, and Mrs. Wendy Krueger (UPPER RIGHT).

THE HIGH SCHOOL Chorus during the 1962-1963 school year (ABOVE).

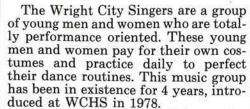




WC Singers Work Daily







Each April there are auditions to become a member. The new WC Singers for the year 1982-83 are Trae Ruge, Terry Archer, Liz Dougherty, Kristin Ruge, Terri Figura, Cheryl Mozee, Steve Baldwin, Bobby Baldwin, Tom Swafford, Brian Bote.

The annual spring show was held May 22, and the theme was "The Big Show." A few of the many routines performed were "On a Wonderful Day Like Today," "If My Friends Could See Me Now," "Fame," and "Swinging on a Star."

The WC Singers also performed at Fayette, Missouri, and received first place trophy under the musical direction of Mrs. Wendy Krueger, and choreographer, Ms. Penny Siegel.





THE MEMBERS OF the Wright City Singers consists of: Row two Gerard Washington, Randy Johnson, Todd Kirchoff, Jim Park. Row one: Shanon Bartold, Melissa Mozee, Cheryl Hollenbeck, Laura Phiorpoulos (UPPER LEFT).

THE MEMBERS OF the Wright City Singers in 1980 (MIDDLE LEFT).

TOM SWOFFORD AND Melissa Mozee entertain students at an assembly (ABOVE).

THERESA SIMPSON AND Todd Kirchoff perform "Five Foot Two" (LEFT).

"I enjoy being in WC Singers because I love to sing and dance, for it is a way of expressing my most inner feelings," declared Theresa Simpson.

JUNIOR HIGH BAND PREPARE FOR FUTURE

The Wright City Jr. High Band goes as far back as 1954. It has progressed tremendously with the growing of the school. The Wright City Junior High Band, made up of 7th and 8th grade students, has made excellent progress this year. Each section of the band is packed with loads of talent. They have given 3 evening concerts during the school year and have also participated in the Fort Zunwalt Junior High Band Festival. The emphasis is played on developing the individual as a good musician through the study of tone quality, technique drills, and rhythm studies. Most of the students in this band also participate in Pep Band which accounts for the superior quality of the Pep Band.

Junior High Band prepares the students for their future classes in music. "I am really proud of my students." expressed Gary Brandes, band director.



"I REALLY LIKE being in band, I plan on having a future in music and being in band is a great start, commented Robyn Massey a member in Jr. High Band, (Left).

JR. HIGH BAND members include, Row One: Paula Day, Michelle Howard, Tobi Arnett, Kelly McEwen, Jennifer Godt, Tonia Brakensiek, Amy Williams, Deanna Linker; Row Two: Julie Vance, Delaine Gore, Dawn Brandt, Terri Lane, Robyn Massey, Chris Figura, Lorie Welge, Kim Milliner; Row Three: Bruce McLaughlin, Dan Hepperman, Chuck Gray, Greg Moore, Casey Cohen, Scott Hensiek, Troy White, Darryl Blanks; Row Four: Devon Brandt, Jeff Mound, Timmy McDaniel, (Above Right).





SING ALONG WITH JUNIOR HIGH CHORUS





"CHORUS IS A fun class and I love to sing," stated Veronica Bartold, a student in Jr. High Chorus. (Right).

JR. HIGH CHORUS members include, Row One: Leanne Scarbrough, Sherry Eskew, Suzanne Sears, Angela White, Denise Vester, Mrs. Wendy Krueger, choir director; Row Two: Veronica Bartold, Kristin Ruge, Ester Foster, Michelle Abrolat, Sharon Fincher; Row Three: Linda Johnson, Samantha Davis, Alicia Culpepper, Alan Love, (Above).

The Junior High Chorus, under the leadership of Wendy Krueger, has had a good year. They performed three times at school concerts. They have gone to two nursing homes in the area to give a warm program for the residents there. They attended a clinic in Moberly in which they sang and received new information on singing skills.

The Junior High Chorus is comprised of sixteen sev-

enth and eighth grade students.

The choral department goes as far back as 1944. As the department and interests grew they divided into different choral groups, out of which the Junior High Chorus was formed.

"Teaching the Junior High Chorus has been a learning experience for me also," commended choral director

Mrs. Wendy Krueger.

The members of the Junior High School Chorus are Veronica Bartold, Sherry Eskew, Sharon Fincher, Alicia Culpepper, Kristin Ruge, Suzanne Sears, Denise Vester, Tammy Barber, Michelle Abrolat, Alan Love, Carla Neal, Leanne Scarbrough, and Samantha Davis.



JAZZ IT UP!

Spirited and hard working is one way to describe the jazz band, these students started practicing for performances the second day of school. During the first week, the band performed at the Wentzville McDonald's and at the Wright City Lion's Club Rodeo.

Each fall the music department holds a concert for all of the musical groups, but it was later decided that the jazz band would not participate in this concert. Instead the band would have a jazz concert. A few of the songs performed at the concert were: "Pressure Cooker", "Basin Street Blues", and "Corazone".

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The first jazz band was started in 1972, by Mr. Tom Forney. Since then the band has become well known for it's outstanding musicians and it's accomplishments at jazz festivals.

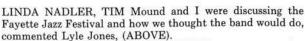
The band attended two jazz festivals, one at the Phi Mu Alpha Jazz Festival at Kirksville, where the band received no rating, but Lisa Sydow was given an outstanding soloist award. They also competed at the Fayette Jazz Festival, there they received second place in their division, and were given more awards than any other band. The saxaphone and trumpet sections received outstanding musicianship awards, and outstanding soloist awards were given to Lisa Sydow, and Tim Mound.

Each year the jazz band gives away an award to an inspiring jazz performer. This award was given to Kevin Kiner. The 1981 recipient was Brad Wahle.

MEMBERS OF THE jazz band include: front row- Lisa Sydow, Andrew Marley, Donald Day, Cheryl Marty, Brian Bote, Keith Koster, Mr. Gary Brandes, director; middle row- Lyle Jones, Chris Milikan, Brian Aemisegger, Curt McLaughlin, Paul Bruning, Greg Lucas; back row- Linda Nadler, Susan Wright, Jim Johnson, Steve Baldwin, Kevin Kiner, Trae Ruge (BELOW).







TROMBONIST, CURT MCLAUGHLIN, plays one of his many solos at the jazz concert, that was held in the fall, (RIGHT).



SOUNDS OF TALENT

THE MEMBERS OF the concert band are: first row-Kenny Koster, Beth Wilson, Lisa Sydow, Julie Bruning, Denise Smith, Angela Benny, Lisa Luckett; second row-Jill Dunlap, Donal Sears, Linda Nadler, Cheryl Marty, Jim Beauchamp, Keith Koster, Donald Day, Darrell Mozee, Randy Garret, Brent Bote, Curt McLaughlin; third row-Rodney Cohen, Greg Lucas, Andy Ordelheidae, Kevin Kiner, Bill Beauchamp, Trae Ruge, Mark Tremeear, Dale Unnerstall; fourth row-Chris Milikan, Tony Milikan, Andy Burt, Gerard Washington, Jerry Brittain; fifth row-Donald Marty, Paul Bruning, Joe Judd, Thatcher Redman, Brian Aemisegger, Steve Alberternst (BELOW).



Success can best describe the year for the concert band. Starting with the fall, four students represented WCHS in the Missouri All Dist rict Band, they were: Kenny Koster, Keith Koster, Lisa Sydow, and Brian Aemisegger.

For the first time in WCHS history a student from WCHS has been chosen for the Missouri All-State Band. To be able to join this band you must first become part of the All-District Band, then you must audition for the state band. It is an honor to become part of this band and the person achieving this honor was Keith Koster.

Next came the District Music Festival. The band received a II rating with very high remarks. There were approximately nine ensembles, which included: a bassoon solo, two clarinet solos, the clarinet trio I, and the percussion ensemble, which all received a 1 rating; the flute solo, the clarinet trio II, the brass choir, and the woodwind trip received 2 ratings; and the trumpet quartet received a 3 rating.

The first concert band began in the early 30's with a piano, a contrabass, a clarinet, and a few brass instruments.

Each year a person in the band receives the John Phillip Sousa Award, but for the first time in WCHS history two people received the award. They were Keith and Kenny Koster. Some of the past awards were given to Raymond Walters, 1978, Randy Biggs, 1979; Nick Brunstein, 1980; Steve Strick, 1981.







SEVENTH GRADER, JIM Beauchamp was considered fortunate to play in the high school concert band (ABOVE LEFT).

GREG LUCAS A very talented musician played the french horn at the 1st concert of the year (ABOVE).

THE WOODWIND TRIO consisting of Lisa Sydow, Keith Koster, and Kenny Koster received a II rating at district and state festivals (LEFT).

LEFT RIGHT LEFT

Left, left, left, right, left, these five words could be heard throughout the year coming from the gym parking lot, or the track. Accompanying the words were forty-two musicians. These musicians are all part of the new

marching band.

The band started practicing one week before school started and performed in the Lion's Club Rodeo Parade only one week after school started. Throughout the winter they got a break from practicing but not from marching band. They were trying to raise money to buy new uniforms, they sold cheese and sausage, held a band fun night, and sold rodeo ads. By the end of the year they almost had them payed for, and were already taking sizes.

On Memorial Day the band played at the Memorial Day Services in Warrenton. All of the Warrenton residents were pleased and gave the band a large amount of applause.

Each year the band will lose members, but it will also gain members, so watch out Marching Mizzou, HEAR WE COME!!! MEMBERS OF THE Marching Band are: row one Tonia Brakensiek, Lyle Jones, Keith Koster, Cheryl Marty, Jim Johnson, Tim McDaniel, Tony Milikan, Chris Milikan, John Nadler, row two Debbie Butler, Denise Smith, Julie Bruning, Amy Williams, Delaine Gore, Deanna Linker, Amy McBride, Andrew Marley, Kenny Koster, Lisa Sydow, Jill Dunlap, Donald Day, row three Greg Lucas, Bruce McLaughlin, Rodney Cohen, Andy Ordelheide, Jonathon Godt, Gerard Washington, Bill Beauchamp, Steve Baldwin, Kevin Kiner, Trae Ruge, Paul Bruning, Brian Aemisegger, Steve alberternst, Mark Tremeear, Donal Sears, Curt McLaughlin, Scott Hensiek, Brent Bote, Brian Bote, Darrell Mozee, and Randy Garrett (BELOW).



What is Jazz II? Jazz II is a group of musicians who love to jazz, and rock, but don't have the time for Jazz Band.

This is the first year for this band, and it had a rough time getting started. The students who participated had to use their own time after school and with each person on their own schedule it became quite complicated to meet. Well, they got on their

feet, and played at one of the school concerts. Most of the students received special honors at the concert by playing solos. At the end of their concert loud applause was heard for these new musicians.

The band is made up of students from sixth grade to seniors, but they all make up a hard working team.



MEMBERS OF JAZZ II are: first row Gary Brandes, director; Scott Hensiek, Andrew Marley, Kenny Koster, second row Donal Sears, Andy Ordelheide, Trae Ruge, Jonathon Godt, third row Tim McDaniel, and Tony Milikan (ABOVE).

ONE OF THE youngest members of Jazz II, Doug McLaughlin, awaits the end of Donal Sear's solo (RIGHT).

No Time for Jazz



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BIGGER & BETTER

SCOTT HENSIEK, AND Darrell Mozee take a break from the game and talk (ABOVE).

GREG LUCAS POINTS something funny at the basketball game and Tony Milikan, Donal Sears, and Trae Ruge have a good laugh

PAUL BRUNING, A senior member of the band stands on the bleachers so that he can be heard (ABOVE).





Most concert ans. rade king



Each year the Pep Band gets bigger, and better, and this year was no exception. The band added more players, more spirit, and a bass player.

The Pep Band was started in 1975 to provide entertainment for the Wildcat sports fans. The band also traveled to St. Dominic for one away basketball game. They also competed in the P.T.A. Talent Show, and came back with sec-

ond place.

The band has changed a little since then. They still play music for the fans, but now they've also become a cheering section. During the game the band can often be heard saying "Go, Wildcats, Go Wildcats, Wildcats, GO! GO! GO! If spirit and hard work add up to success this band is quite successful.



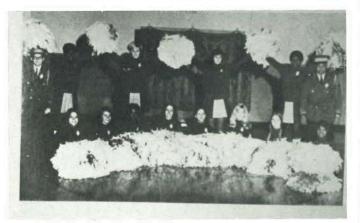
MEMBERS OF THE Pep Band are: row one Devon Brandt, Tim McDaniel, Tony Milikan, Chris Blanchard, Chris Figura, Jill Dunlap, Kim Milliner, Linda Nadler, Theresa Aemisegger, Beth Wilson, Jim Beauchamp, row two Susan Wright, Jennifer Goft, Keith Koster, Amy Williams, Deanna Linker, John Nadler, Kenny Koster, row three Andrew Marley, Darrell Blanks, Darrell Mozee, Scott Hensiek, Lisa Sydow, Trae Ruge, row four Chuck Gray, Greg Lucas, Andy Ordelheide, Jonathon Godt, Tim Mound, Bill Beauchamp, row five Jeff Mound, Bruce Mc Laughlin, Rodney Cohen, Paul Bruning, Donal Sears, Steve Alberternst, and Mark Trereear (BELOW).

Stepping Up

As far back as anyone knows there wasn't any Drill Team until 1970. Past members of this squad include: Linda Biggs, Linda Schamma, Wyvonnia Ball, Lynda Mohr, Sharlene Schell, JoAnn Heil, Patty Lorber, Valerie Wyatt; Randy Wright, Drummer; Alfredia Cohen, Jan Mittler, Joy Rand, Sandra Ball; Ben Corbett, Drummer. The drummers of their squad are well known by many today, Randy Wright plays with Barbara Mandrell's Band, the Do Rights, and Ben Corbett plays with the Temptations.

With Penny Seigal as sponsor of this year's 14 member Drill Team they accomplished cooperation and many good times. "I enjoyed being on the squad, it was a lot of fun performing," remarked

Judy Rankin.



FIRST DRILL TEAM 1970: Linda Biggs, Linda Schamma, Wyvonnia Ball, Lynda Mohr, Sharline Schell, JoAnn Heil, Patty Lorber, Valerie Wyatt. Randy Wright, Drummer, Alfredia Cohen, Jan Mittler, Joy Rand, Sondra Ball, Ben Corbett, Drummer (ABOVE).

RHONDA JOHNSON PERFORMS during a routine (UPPER RIGHT).

DRILL TEAM; Michelle Smith, Sue Ferrell, Dawn Smith, Judy Rankin, Rhonda Johnson, Michelle Grooms, Gloria Wyatt, Lisa Stevens, Melissa Mozee, Debbie Lanham, Gwen Sharp, Julie Bruning, Mary Kohrs, Rita Sharp, (RIGHT).







J.V. Prospers







"This years Junior Varsity (J.V.) team was one of the best I've seen yet, I enjoyed being captain of their cheerleading squad," mentioned Denise Mozee.

J.V. Cheerleaders first came about in the late 60's. The squad has four members presently: Denise Mozee, Dawn Meyers, Gail Vance, and Becky Beauchamp. Varsity and J.V. Cheerleaders attended the Dynamic Cheerleading Association in October where they learn two new cheers, "Wildcats on Top" and "GoGo Wildcats". They also participated in the annual pep rally on February 19th.

"I really liked it. I liked working with the other girls but it is more work than most think," responed Becky Beauchamp, cheerleader.

DAWN MEYERS AND Gail Vance cheer on the crowd at the game (UPPER LEFT).

J.V. GROUP PICTURE includes: Becky Beauchamp, Dawn Meyers, Denise Mozee, Gail Vance (LEFT).

CHEERLEADERS FROM 1970 include: Diane Groeper, Elaine Rose, Debbie Dixon, Brenda Martin, Sherry Flesch, Kathy Gerdeman (ABOVE).



The Cat's Meow

The Varsity Cheerleading Squad practiced many hours to make the season a roaring success. To improve their skills they attended the Dynamic Cheerleading Association (DCA) camp in June, at Maryville College, in St. Louis. They received third place among the Varsity squads, at the camp.

In October the cheerleaders sponsored and held a DCA clinic where they learned a dance

routine, and cheers.

In 1923 the first Varsity Cheerleading Squad was formed. At that time they did not have a uniform, they just wore what they had. In later years they did purchase ankle length pleated skirts, which everyone thought was the "cat's meow."

"I love it, I can't think of any other way I'd rather spend my time. It's great!" commented Carlene Beste, sponsor.

This was Mrs. Beste's third year as sponsor.

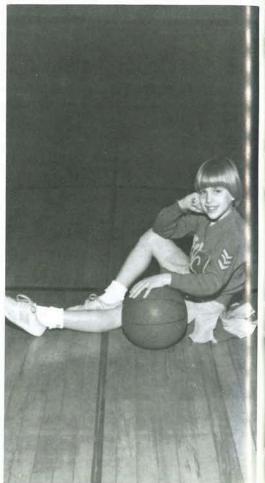




MEMBERS OF THE Varsity Cheerleading Squad include Cheryl Hollenbeck, Kim Abrolat, Terri Figura, Laura Phiropoulos, Susan Jones, and Chyresse Beste. Not pictured Theresa Simpson, (ABOVE RIGHT).

SUSAN JONES, THREE year mascot for the Wildcats, (RIGHT).

KELLY ZYKAN, CHANDRA Mozee, Chyresse Beste, Jennifer Massey, Michelle Massey, Karen Meyer, Cheryl Eversmeyer, and Lesa Stude prepare to do their next cheer. They were the cheerleaders in 1978-79, (ABOVE).











DAWN ISA, CHEERLEADER at the University of Indian, Evansville, and one of the instructors at the DCA Clinic, held in Wright City, in October, (TOP LEFT).

"CHEERLEADING MEANS A lot to me I can't think of a better way

to spend my senior year," commented Chyresse Beste, (TOP RIGHT).
"BEING CO-CAPTAIN of the Varsity was a great honor and I really enjoyed working with the captain Chyresse Beste," commented Theresa Simpson, (LEFT).

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MEMBERS OF THE Varsity Cheerleading Squad from 1963 include Sheila Vessels, Sandy Stamer, Belle Schamma, and Marilyn Schindler (ABOVE).

An Excellent **Group of Girls**

Having fun is the main reason the junior high girls are cheerleaders. Tammy Pauk commented, "It was fun and the best part about it was to watch the guys, to see if they were winning or losing." The junior high cheerleaders worked hard to cheer for the junior high boys basketball. They practiced three times a week, under the sponsorship of Brenda Bertke.

"I think they did great, I had an excellent group of girls," expressed Miss Bertke.

During the past summer the junior high cheerleaders attended a day-long clinic at Parkway South where they learned various cheers.

In late October the Varsity and Junior Varsity Wildcat cheerleading squads sponsored a Dynamic Cheerleader's Association (DCA) clinic and the junior high cheerleaders were among the squads to attend.

"I liked the DCA clinic very much. We had to get up in front of everyone and do a cheer which was okay, but I was scared," commented junior high cheerleader Michelle Abrolat.





JULIE VANCE AND Kelly McEwen demonstrate a mount used in the cheer intitled "Two Points More," (TOP RIGHT).
STANDING ON THE free-throw line Rhonda Boschert and Tammy Pauk show a

basic mount, (RIGHT).

JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS include Kelly McEwen, Kristin Ruge, Veronica Bartold, Rhonda Boschert, Tonia Brakensiek, Malinda Eads, Tammy Pauk, Amy Hill, Julie Vance, and Michelle Abrolat, (ABOVE).





The Bar-B-Q Became a Tradition

During the second semester of the 1977-78 school year, a new organization was formed for the junior high students. This new organization was named Junior High Student Council (JH Stu Co). It was established to help the junior high students get involved in their own student council activities.

"Student Council reflects the student body, and when the student body is enthusiastic and involved, the Student Council will be active. The current Junioir High Student Council is not very active and that reflects the general apathy of the student body," commented sponsor, Mr. Popejoy.

The first president was Jim Johnson and the vicepresident was Linda Ramey. During their reign they helped organize Spirit Week. During that week they held a bar-b-q at the Wright City Park for the junior high students. That event had become a tradition.





THE JUNIOR HIGH student council members include Bruce McLaughlin, Kent Adams, Jeff North, Windy Zuhone, Loren Stevens, Casey Cohen, Paula Day, Trisa Burgess, Malinda Eads, Mr. Popejoy, sponsor; Lorie Welge, and Tonia Brakensiek, (ABOVE).

"I WAS LISTENING to Linda Ramey make her speech during the grand opening," commented Tonia Brakensiek, (LEFT).

THE FIRST QUEEN of the Spirit Week, 1978 Krista Chase, (TOP LEFT).

CTA Serves Both ...

The Community Teachers Association (CTA) prepares contract proposals, each year, to improve the conditions of the faculty members. They also sponsor workshops to provide new ideas for teachers. CTA also acts as a collection group for grievances of the faculty members.

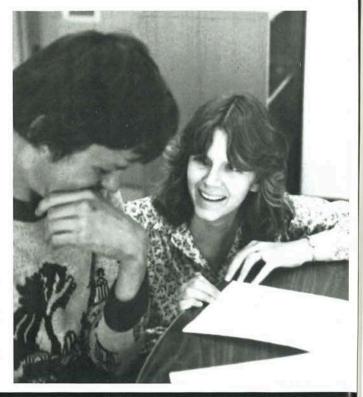
CTA holds a softball tournament in the fall of the year to raise money for a scholarship. The scholarship is granted to a student wanting to further his, or her, education, whether it be college, trade school, or

business school.

This year nine teams participated in the tournament. The teams included two junior high, one freshmen, one sophomore, two junior, two senior, and one faculty team. In the final game Les Martins sopho-

more team was defeated by the teachers.

The first CTA dates back many years ago, although the softball tournaments did not begin until 1978. The following spring, the scholarship was awarded to Bryant Buescher. In 1980 Donna Tomschin received the scholarship, and in 1981 Brad Wahle was the fortunate student. This year over \$200 dollars was raised to go toward the scholarship. The scholarship was awarded to the most deserving student in the spring.





"I WAS WORKING with August Obenhaus on a problem that he could not figure out," explained Mrs. Teresa Scott, (ABOVE RIGHT).

DAVE COOK, GEORGE Cheeseman, and Dave Gerdeman show their spirit at a pep rally, (ABOVE).

SHORT-LEGGED SPEEDY Gonzales, Sue Wright, really makes those bases smoke as she rounds them, heading for home. Brent Bote, catcher awaits the arrival of the ball as Mr. Lake coaches her on, (RIGHT).



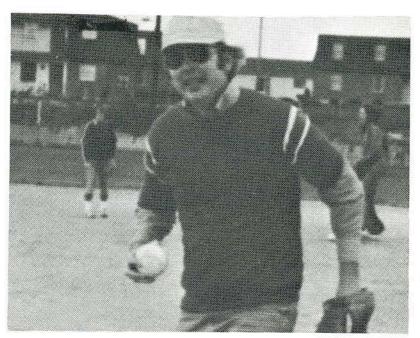
Teachers and Students



"IT WAS OUR first game, against the teachers, and even though I got to first base they beat us," said Aaron Stiers. (LEFT).

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"I CAUGHT THE last out of the game, to defeat the Senior team," commented Phillip Popejoy. This picture was taken in 1980, for the 48th volume of the ECHO yearbook (BELOW).







LISA KLIENSCHMIDT SLIDES into home plate, as catcher Michelle Grooms waits for the ball. Cedric Kiner was the umpire for that game, (ABOVE).

STUCO GLO'S

The Student Council is a major school organization, representing the entire student body. This organization, one of the most active, sponsors many school activities. Their intentions are to bring about involvement and unity among all of those that are part of WCHS.

They sponsored three dances, including Homecoming, they held a grand opening for the Student Commons, and held a walk-athon for Randy Johnson. These are among the many activities.

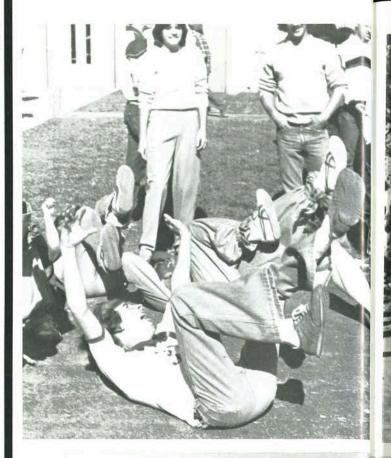
Seven students, and Mr. Jones, the Stu-Co sponsor, attended the annual Missouri Association of Student Councils conference, held in Cape Girardeau. They were able to share with other councils in Missouri.

In May elections were held for the offices of president, and vice president. The students campaigned for one week, and that Friday elections were held, and each student voted. That evening the annual Stu-Co banquet was held. At the banquet each member received an award, students and teachers of the month were given a medal, and the great mystery of Stu-Co Secret Pals were uncovered. The new officers were Chris Milikanpresident, and Becky Beauchamp-vice president. A slide show was produced for the banquet. The slides were of various events of the year, of the activities, and of the fun Stu-Co had.

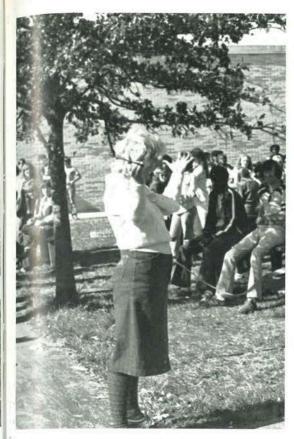
In June Becky Beauchamp, and Karlan Massey attended a week long camp, at William Woods College, in Fulton. They learned how to run a council, and many ideas to use for the year ahead of them. besides meeting a lot of new friends.

Stu-Co had a very successful year. Everything that they attempted, they achieved. They kept school unity, and provided a lot of activities for all to attend.

IS THAT A cock a roach, or is that Doug Dewey (ABOVE RIGHT)? MR. MULLEN, MRS. WALKER, and Mrs. Arnett enjoy the Grand Opening festivities (RIGHT).













LINDA RAMEY, STUCO president, officially opens the commons area by cutting the ribbon (ABOVE LEFT).

ON STUCO'S HALLOWEEN 'dress up' day the following Stu-Co members participated, Beth Wilson, Cheryl Marty, Keith Koster, Patsy Sommers, Becky Beauchamp, Linda Ramey, and Karlan Massey show off their costumes (ABOVE RIGHT).

STUCO MEMBERS WERE, row one: Tammy Brittain, Denise Smith, Karlan Massey (secretary), Cheryl Marty, Doug Dewey, Lisa Tribley, Laura Phiropoulos, row two: Andy Ordelheide, Lisa Sydow, Theresa Aemisegger, Linda Nadler, Theresa Simpson, Becky Beauchamp, Lisa Kleinschmidt, Tonia Brakensiek, Becky Wilson, Glena Guthrie, row three: Todd Kirchoff, Donal Sears, Patsy Sommers (vice president), Beth Wilson, Treesa Huffemier, Trae Ruge, Barb Requat, Jeanette Pauk, Laura Sydow, Karen Zykan, Linda Ramey, (president), row four: Keith Koster, Ken Koster, Jim Fliehman, Lyle Jones, Kevin Kiner, Tom Nailor, Melissa Mozee, Kim Twiehaus, Sandy Hunt, Tim Nadler (treasurer) and Don Jones (advisor), (ABOVE).

ART CLUB Paints Spirit

The Art Club has made its eighth year at WCHS a memorable one. One of the exciting projects was the mural painting on the cafeteria walls. The members felt it was a start to getting Art Club off the ground and into school spirit.

In their eighth year the faces have changed and one of their newest members is their sponsor, Mr. George Cheeseman. He has served at Wright City Schools for three years but this school year was his

first at the High School.

Mr. Cheeseman commented, "I feel that this year turned out to be a great success. We got off to a slow start but with the dedication that took place this year I feel that we can do anything we

put our minds to."

Art Club went on a trip to Silver Dollar City in May for their annual club trip and also as an educational experience. They attended the Silver Dollar City Art Festival. They were in Branson for three days and before coming home they visited the School of the Ozarks.

THE 1981 - 82 Art Club members; Debbie Hinderliter - Treasurer; Doris Rose, Beth Wilson - President; Lisa Sydow - Vice President; Michelle Smith - Secretary; Judy Rankin, Dawn Smith, Lisa Scarbough; Row two: Lisa Stevens - Student Council; Mark Wilding - Historian; Mr. George Cheeseman - sponsor; Treesa Hueffmeier, Barbara Requat.





PRESIDENT, BETH WILSON, works vigorously on a sign for the car wash in May (ABOVE). 1974 ART STUDENT, Kathy Frye makes a picture by silk screen (RIGHT).



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DRAMA CLUB Takes Five

With the beginning of the 1972 - 73 school year, there marked the birth of the Speech and Dramatic Arts Club. Now, ten years later the 1981 - 82 Drama Club celebrates its tenth year with a drama club that has grown in size and dramatic ability.

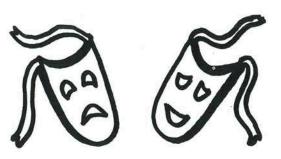
Their new sponsor Mr. Mullen has led them on to two contests. The first in Warrenton, receiving good ratings, the second in Kirksville, receiving excellent ratings.

Laura Gregory, president of Drama Club commented, "We were very proud of the ratings we received. I felt it showed our school that we have some talent in our Drama department."

LAURA GREGORY LEADS Drama Club in the Home Coming parade, "I was a little embarrassed at first because of the costume but I got over it when I saw everybody else", commented Laura Gregory (ABOVE LEFT).

PICTURED IN 1972 - 73: Miss Payne glues a mustache on Max Mittler, a Drama Club Student, before the performance of Curse of an Aching Heart, (LEFT).

1981 - 82 DRAMA CLUB: Row one; Susie Ferrell, Dawn Hunn - Treasurer; Row two; Marshall Deihl, Anita Jones - Secretary; Laura Gregory - President; Bridget Wilson - Vice President; Tina Hunt, Lorie Heileger; Row three; Denise Goldsmith, Thereasa Ameisegger, Joyce Jackson; Row four; Terri Figura, Carma Carter, Melissa Boyd, Melinda Eads; Row five; Jill Dunlap, Denise Vester (BELOW LEFT).



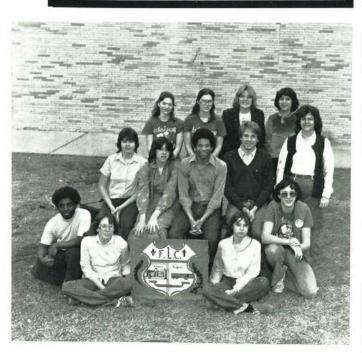
Foreign Language Club Stays Busy

The Foreign Language Club has been at WCHS since 1975; originally known as The Spanish Club. It was sponsored and started by Mrs. Pamela Zutter-Brock. The Foreign Language Club is for students who get together to discuss different cultures. To be a member, the student must be in a foreign language class for at least one semester.

The Foreign Language Club participates in

The Foreign Language Club participates in many events throughout the year, one of these events is the Academic Festival at Kirksville. Another, is the annual Fine Arts Festival each spring. During the inactive parts of the year the members, and Mrs. Zutter-Brock create French and Spanish dinners

"El club este año participaron en varios proyectos. Los miembros tuvieron una comida durante el otono donde cocinaron platos diversos de Latinoamerica. En la primavera cocinaron platos diversos de Francis. Todos se divertieron mucho haciendo los preparativos. Los miembros participaron tambiéen el Festival Academico en Kirksville," commented Mrs. Zutter-Brock.



MRS. ZUTTER-BROCK teaching one of her foreign language classes (UPPER RIGHT).

THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB: Rodney Cohen, Pam Lindsey, Debbie Hinderliter, Rick Watson, Sandy Koster, Trisa Burgess, Steve Baldwin, Kenny Koster, Mrs. Zutter-Brock, Sheryl Chandler, Kem DeBoe, Rita Gage, and Gabriela Sanchez (ABOVE).

TRIS BURGESS HELPS prepare the spanish meal (RIGHT).











RICK WATSON ENJOYS his spanish meal (UPPER LEFT). SHERYL CHANDLER, RITA Gage, Trisa Burgess, all work together to get the meal finished (UPPER RIGHT). GABRIELA SANCHEZ HELPS to prepare their spanish meal (LEFT). THE SPANISH CLUB of 1977 (ABOVE).

NHS are Self Motivators

The National Honor Society, which is one of America's most prestigious high school organization had it's beginnings at WCHS in 1971.

The society stipulates it's members on scholarship, leadership, citizenship, service and character. Members are inducted in a candlelit ceremony. This year's induction ceremony was held on Thursday, March 25th in the high school cafeteria. Marie Hollenbeck, class of "73" was the main speaker and she delivered a speech on responsibil-

This year's honor society had two sponsors our guidance counselor, Mrs. Kay Jastrem, and our history and social studies teacher, Mr. Phillip Po-

pejoy.
"Mrs. Jastrem commented, "I like working with this bunch of kids, and it's also nice to work with a group instead of on a single basis." Mr. Popejoy pointed out, "I truly enjoyed working with the honor society. These students are the type of young people to learn. They wanted to be challenged. Most of all the NHS students are self motivators. They do all the work and I advise. The NHS is an organization that operates the way it should and that is a pleasure.'

The Junior Honor Society began in the fall of 1977. Keith Koster was the first president of the NJHS. Kim Abrolat serves as this years NJHS president. Keith Koster is this years NHS presi-

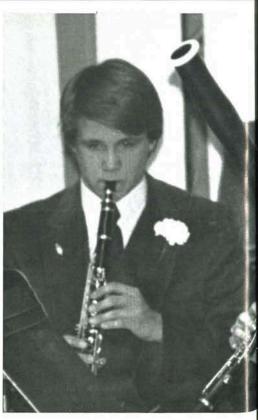
MEMBERS OF NHS INCLUDE: Cheryl Marty, Mark Wilding, Jim Fliehman, Rick Watson, Thersa Aemisegger, Jim Goldsmith, Barb Requat, Linda Nadler, Lisa Tribley, Kenny Koster, (ROW TWO) Karlan Massey, Lisa Sydow, Brian Aemisegger, Quentin Burt, Susan Wright, Chris Milikan, Mary Kohrs, Mrs. Jastrem, (ROW THREE) Mr. Popejoy, Kevin Kinner, Keith Koster, Steve Baldwin, Tim Nadler (BELOW)





"WHEN IS THIS program going to end?" stated Don Sears, Andy Ordelheide, and Tom Nailer (ABOVE).

KENNY KOSTER, LISA SYDOW, AND Keith Koster play for entertainment at the NHS and NJHS induction. (MIDDLE RIGHT)



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"I WAS EXPLAINING the characteristics of leadership, while Keith Koster was lighting the leadership candle," commented sponsor, Mr. Popejoy (LEFT).







MRS. JASTREM STATED, "I was introducing the guest and the alumni," (TOP RIGHT).

STEVE BALDWIN LISTENING during one of the NHS meeting (ABOVE).

A Small Group That Works Well

FHA (Future Homemakers of America) is a club to help the members better understand the consumer world. Linda Ramey commented, "It's a small group and everyone works real well together."

Some of their projects were baking and selling Homecoming cookies and Valentine cupcakes. During FHA week the group planned, prepared, and served the faculty breakfast, had dinner at Red Lobster, and chose one day to wear red and white to represent membership in FHA. In May, FHA took a trip to the St. Louis Zoo.

The officers are president, Linda Ramey; secretary, Linda Meyer; treasurer, Theresa Aemissagar; historian, Karlan Massey; sponsor, Ms. Laura Googe. Ms. Googe has been sponsor for five years.





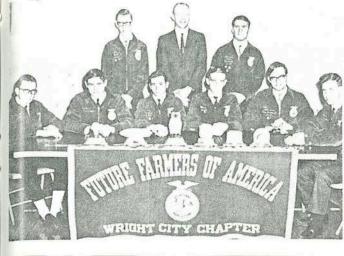
MS. GOOGE, SPONSOR of FHA, helping make Homecoming cookies remarks, "Just one of three hundred cookies; what a long day" (UPPER RIGHT).

FHA MEMBERS: ROW ONE, Linda Meyer, Karen Zykan, Linda Ramey, Denise Goldsmith, Row two, Joyce Jackson, Chris Crews, Theresa Aemissagar, Karlan Massey, Susan Hinrichs, Lori Heiliger. Row three, Rhonda Johnson, Amy McBride, Ms. Googe, Pam Lindsey, Melissa Mozee, Pat Hill (ABOVE).

FHA MEMBERS during the year of 1972 (RIGHT).



43 Years of FFA and Still Growing







Though FFA has been at our school since 1939, the fall of 1978 was the first year of teaching for Mr. David Cook. "The reason I enjoy being FFA's sponsor is because I enjoy seeing students leave and become something, I share accomplishments with them. The thing which makes me feel the best is if one of my students attend Missouri University in Columbia," responded Mr. Cook.

The annual green hand initiation took place in October. This is organized to welcome new members into the club. FFA presently has 52 members. Some of the projects the members organize are livestock, various crops, and agricultural business. The main project for them is the test crop where the members planted six acres of corn which has not been harvested yet.

Among a few of the fundraising events are concession stands at a basketball games, picking corn out of fields for the community, and the annual Barnwarming Dance which was held on October 16th.

Each year officers are elected in April, this year's officers are: president Tim Nadler, vice-president Quentin Burt, secretary Cheryl Hollenbeck, treasurer Elaine Jaspering, reporter Tony Edwards, and sentinel David Gravett.



FFA OFFICERS FROM the year 1968, ROW ONE: Robert Bote, Reporter: David Eversmeyer, secretary: George Eckhoff, sentinel: Allen Pauk, vice-president: Ted Schamma, president: Allen Wehrman, Chaplain: ROW TWO: Ivan Paul, treasurer: Mr. Ray Ridder, advisor: Richard Held, parliamnetarian (UPPER LEFT).

JIM TALLEY AND Russell Schneider on annitiation day (MIDDLE LEFT).

FFA MEMBERS INCLUDE: Row one: David Graviett, Cheryl Hollenbeck, Tony Edwards, Elaine Jaspering, Quentin Burt, Tim Nadler, Mr. Cook; Row two: Joey Judd, Russell Schneider, Steve Alberternst, Amy McBride, Tim Dunakey, Jim Talley, Steve Thompson, Keith Newton, Andy Burt; Row three: Sue Ferrell, Mike Tiffany, Dennise Edwards, Donny Meyers, Gary Dunakey, David Helvey, Karen Helvey; Row four: Kevin Heying, Tim Mound, Dale Unnerstall, Thatcher Redmon, Mark Graviett, Edgar Wilding, John Nadler, Mike Arnett, Scott Kohrs; Row five: Joyce Jackson, Gary Beeson, Chris Blanchard, Darren Lockhart, Kevin Adams, Danny Hoeber, Bobby Baldwin (ABOVE).

Established Since 1932

"Will somebody hand me a copykey?" "Linda, I need some help." These words are heard everyday during fourth hour, when the yearbook staff gets ready for a tough day. Throughout the year, everyday of the week, the staff works hard to give you a

great yearbook.

Each year the staff sends two members to Quincy, Illinois, to a yearbook workshop. Last summer the new publications advisor, Janie Walker, and the Echo editor, Linda Ramey were sent. For three days they larned new techniques for putting together a great yearbook. All staffers may receive new ideas by traveling to the annual Sponsors of School Publications (SSP) Yearbook Conference at the University of Missouri, St. Louis. "While I was there, I watched a slide show with great yearbooks in it, this taught me to put more creativity into our yearbook," commented Becky Beauchamp.

The first Echo edition was in 1932, each year since then there has always been a yearbook. Every year the Echo gets better and better. This year is the fiftieth volume of the Echo, and better than

it's predecessors.

Mrs. Janie Walker, Advisor; Linda Ramey, Editor; Cheryl Marty, Co-Editor; Karlan Massey, Layout Editor; Staffers: Becky Beauchamp, Tammy Brittain, Regina Hinderliter, Jim Johnson, Doris Rose, Theresa Simpson, Beth Wilson.



FRONT ROW: REGINA Hinderliter, Jim Johnson, Beth Wilson, Back Row: Becky Beauchamp, Karlan Massey, Cheryl Marty, Linda Ramey, Tammy Brittain, and Doris Rose. Not pictured Theresa Simpson, (ABOVE).



1963 Yearbook Staff members are, seated: Mary Lee Uthoff, Editor; Mrs. Self, Advisor; Bill Wood, Co-Editor; Standing: Janice Vessels, Shiela Vessels, Linga Rudd, Ann Kreuger, Virginia McCoy, photographer; Sandy Stamer, photographer; Irma Abrolat, Richard Kreuger, Martha Brinkman, Raymond Boehmer, Dennis Brakensiek, (ABOVE).

"DEADLINES, DEADLINES, GIVE me a break," commented Theresa

Simpson, (LEFT).

"I WAS FINISHING up a page of the senior section that was due in Topeka in three days," admitted Karlan Massey, "and we made the deadline, too," (FAR LEFT).





Cheryl : Becky ohnson,



QUILL AND SCROLL members: (front row) Keith Koster, Lisa Kleinschmidt, Kenny Koster; (back row) Linda Ramey, Lisa Tribley, Regina Hinderliter, Doris Rose. (ABOVE)

Have you ever wondered what Quill and Scroll is? Quill and Scroll is a honorary society for high school journalists. The qualifications for becoming a member are: 1) being on the publications staff for at least two years, 2) belonging to the upper third of their class in general scholastic standing, 3) recommendation by the advisor.

This society first began in 1977, and has seen many members. This year three journalists became members, they are: Kenny Koster, Regina Hinderliter, and Doris Rose.

Staffers Society

Preppy Journalists

"I thought that working on the staff was terrific! It taught me how to work with people under pressure," commented associate editor for Wildcat Tales, Laura Phiropoulos.

Laura and Patsy Sommer joined the newspaper staff in printing 18 issues of the Wildcat Tales during the course of the school year. The most unique edition was the March 19 edition entitled Preppy Tales. The entire page was filled with plenty of prep traditions and heritage, commented Lisa Tribley.





Mrs. Janie, Advisor; Lisa Tribley, Editor; Keith Koster, Co-Editor; Jim Johnson, Typist; Lisa Kleinschmidt Kenny Koster Laura Phiropoulos Patsy Sommers



FIRST ROW: KENNY "Bif" Koster, Keith "Cuffy" Koster, Larua "Bunny" Phiropoulos, Lisa "Muffy" Tribley, Back Row: Patsy "Bitsy" Sommers, Lisa "Buffy" Kleinschmidt, Jim "Win" Johnson, (ABOVE LEFT).

ROW ONE: GAIL Symes, Virginia Wilding, Peggy Jackson, Row Two: Barbara Timm, Advisor; Donna Hunt, John Gerhardt, Fawn Curtis, Kathy Phegley, Row Three: Joan Vehige, Wendy Lawson.

UNDERCLASSMEN and FACULTY





















PIO OF SAR

Featured on these pages are past faculty and underclassmen. Some faces can still be found here at WCHS.

Who makes an education



Discussing the minutes of the last meeting, sits a group of people who are interested in your welfare as a school, and as a person. This group of people is the schoolboard.

of these was to represent the people of the community inside of the school system. Another reason was to help shape good curriculums for the students.

I believe the main reason for having a schoolboard is to shape lives for future generations," commented Ken Wahle. In 1952, Bill Sands was elected schoolboard president, he was

one of the first. The board members for this year were: Earl Requat, president, Shirley Godt, vice president, Lynne Dutton, Emmons Jaspering, Dean Summers, and Ken Wahle.

EARL REQUAT, IRA SCHAPER, MR. SMALL, Lynne Dutton, Emmons Jaspering, and Shirley Godt all gathered to discuss school matters. (ABOVE) EARL REQUAT, PRESIDENT, taking break from the meeting at the coffee



Administration

The Administra-tion Staff consists of Fraser Small, Super-intendant, Don Jones, Principal, and Jerry Dyer, Vice Principal.

The first superin-tendant and Princi-pal was Mr. Roi S. Wood. He came to Wright City in 1925. I wish the most of

success and happi-ness for the members of this senior class and hope that each of you will look back on this year as an en-joyable and reward-ing experience.

Donald E. Jones







DEDICATION

To Miss Clough, our former class Windows Echoway

possible?...•



Counselors

Are you planning on going to college? Have a future career? If so you may need to make an appointment with the counselor, Mrs. Kay Jaestrem.

The first counselor was Mr. James Botts, who came to Wright City in 1972.

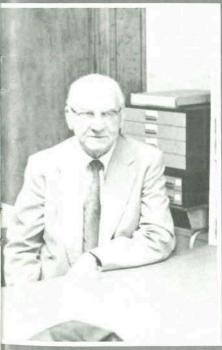
The new Junior High counselor is Mrs. Carol Hollander, who joined the force to relieve Mrs. Jaestrem

of some of the work.





In





MR. FRAZIER C. Small superintendent, since July of 1952. (OPPOSITE PAGE LEFT.)

MR. JERRY DYER, Assistant Principal. (OPPOSITE PAGE CENTER.)

cipal, and Senior Class Sponsor had the 1946 yearbook dedicated in her honor. (OPPOSITE PAGE RIGHT.)

"WE AT WRIGHT City High School are proud of our school and the accomplishments of many of our students. The 1981-82 school year particularly has been one with many good moments. May this yearbook capture some of these moments for future fond memories." Said Mr. Don Jones. (LEFT.)

MR. ROI S. Wood, superintendent in 1925 chose our school mascot and colors. (FAR LEFT.)

Teachers Guide **Students**

you and guide you. Without their guidance it would be impossible to recieve a diploma. They work overtime everynight. Their day doesn't end at 3:10 like that of a student's. Teachers must grade papers and plan a schedule for the following day.

made my job exciting and enjoyable," commented Mr. Popyjoy, a history teacher.

In 1856 the Missouri State Teachers Association was founded. It is not for sure when Wright City became a member. It is for sure that only one teacher taught the high school and later, in 1930, more teachers came and joined the staff

MR. CHEESEMAN IS a new member of the WCHS staff and a highly skilled artist. He is helping Jeff North with an art project (ABOVE RIGHT).

MR. POPEJOY PAUSES a moment to listen to a students' question in Civics class, (ABOVE FAR RIGHT).

LAUGHTER IS MRS. Green's second nature as she demonstrates in physics, (MIDDLE).

MR. COOK, TAKES a moment to smile for the camera, (BOTTOM RIGHT).

















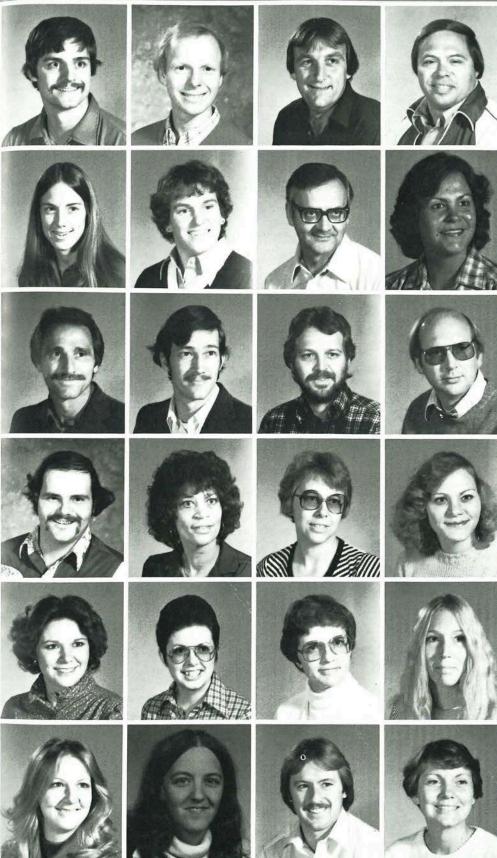






FACULTY





Agriculture
Mr. David Cook
Art
Mr. George Cheeseman
Athletics
Mr. Dave Gerdeman
Mr. Dave Harrison



Miss Michelle Brown Mr. John Leara Mr. Larry Mullen (Speech and Drama) History Mr. Frank Lake Mr. Phillip Popejoy

Miss Amy Smith Home Economics Miss Laura Googe Industrial Arts Mr. John Leykamp Learning Disabilities Mrs. Lucille Ball Mrs. Lora Jones Miss Diane Pilla

Mrs. Janot Prior Mrs. Teresa Scott Library Mrs. Janie Walker Math Mrs. Sharon Spoede Mrs. June Terrell Mrs. Priscilla Wobbe



What's Cooking...

Have you ever tried to prepare 420 meals a day? Well, the cooks do five days a week. All the cooks work toward a pleasant meal, but it is hard to please everyone so they settle on making nutritional meals.

One of our cooks that has been here since 1966 is Mrs. Garnett Zuhone, "Many years ago the lunches were prepared down at the present elementary school then brought up to the high school," she added.



Zuhone, Mrs. Eversmeyer. (BELOW) ROSLEE SCHUBURT CAUGHT off guard while doing dishes. (LEFT)



What a Dirty Job

What a dirty job it is being a school custodian. But even though the job may appear displeasing to others, custodian Ada Tjenstrom expresses, "I enjoy what I do. Living alone and being able to get out and go to school is great!"

out and go to school is great!"

Being a custodian is not just sweeping classrooms and washing all the blackboards. They also have other jobs such as fixing broken desks, changing burned out light bulbs, and keeping the school grounds clean. From eleven o'clock in the morning till two-thirty in the afternoon Ada works in the cafeteria picking up the trays, trash, and mopping the floor. She then cleans the girls bathrooms, the teachers lounge, nurses station, counselor's office and finally the administration's offices.

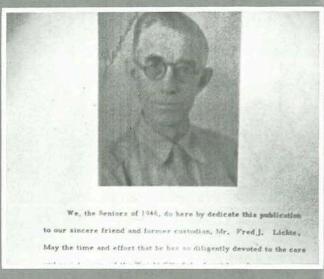
Even though you may not see them cleaning, they are here day after day staying after school hours picking up all our trash that was thrown in the halls. Yes, it is all done in a days work.

The graduating class 1946 dedicated their year-book to the former custodian, Mr. Fred J. Lichte,

whom they often called "Governor".

MEMBERS OF THE WCHS custodian staff are: Ada Tjenstrom and Dave Stevenson (MIDDLE RIGHT). (Not Pictured Jim Kerley, J.J.)

THE SENIORS OF 1946 dedicated their yearbook to the former custodian, Mr. Fred J. Lichte, whom they called "Governor". (BOTTOM RIGHT)





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Well, these are only two tasks the office staff manages

In 1979 the office was designed for high school. Lila Brandes was the secretary and Billie Arnett joined her in 1979. They presently make up the entire secretarial



enough to give anyone a headache of their own, but Nance Mikel keeps it all together (BELOW).

The first school nurse was Connie Brooks, who joined the staff in 1973 till 1974. Connie was fol-



On The Move

It takes alot to be a bus driver. You need a lot of patients to deal with 30 to 40 screaming kids on a bus five days a week. The bus drivers just do not drive in the morning before school and after school is let out. They also take classes on class trips and they drive to sport events. One of the longest bus driver's, who has been driving since 1954, is Raymond Requat. "It has been wonderful and also a great honor to be a driver for the same school and also the same boss for 27 years. It is wonderful to see all the kids you used to drive to kindergarden now in high school," he added kindergarden now in high school," he added.

Mr. Requat

CLASS OF

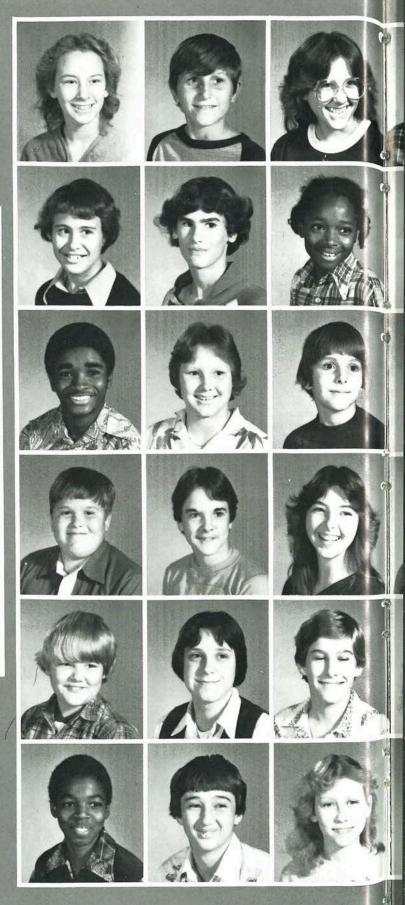
Seventh Graders Experience Junior High

"I like seventh grade because the day

goes by so much faster than grade school and it's not as boring," commented seventh grader, Chuck Gray.

Being in seventh grade is a whole new experience for people in Wright City Junior High because more things are expected of them than in elementary

Many seventh graders are involved in spirit lifting activities such as basketball, pom-pon, and cheerleading.



EIGHTY - SEVEN



Michelle Abrolat Mike Alberternst Tobi Arnett Jeff Avery Veronica Bartold Jim Beauchamp Darryl Blanks

Robin Bonn Brent Bote Dawn Brandt Devon Brandt Tommy Brittain Karl Chandler Sheila Chandler

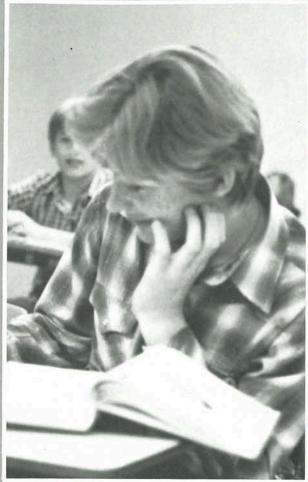
Casey Cohen Michelle Colemar Todd Cotner Richard Cramer Greg Dewey Marshall Diehl Kurt Dierker

Scott Duebbert Chris Figura Sharon Fincher Ester Forest Kenny Gaddis Jennifer Godt Chuck Gray

Marc Grooms
Danny Halcomb
Dan Hepperman
Amy Hill
Janis Holloway
Tammy Jaspering
Tamala Johnson

Rodney Jones George Knoch Terri Lane Rick Lang Gerri Logan Terri Logan

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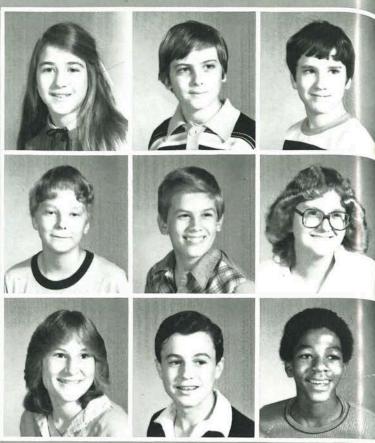


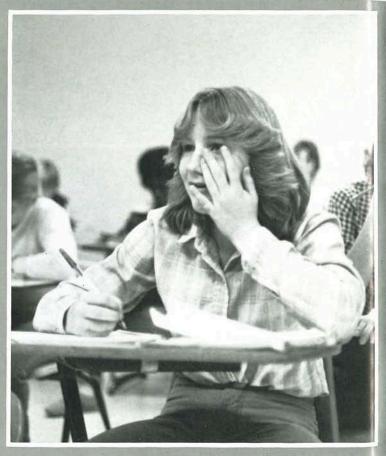


AS JEFF MOUND looks on, Randy Garrett does his work commenting, "I was trying to finish my assignment before the hell rang" (TOP)

THE SEVENTH GRADE class of 1958 (ABOVE).

"I FORGOT I had a test that day and I didn't study," explains Suzanne Sears while sitting in her Life Science class (RIGHT).





EIGHTY-SEVEN









Robyn Massey Mike Maynard Timmy McDaniel Clint McDonald Kelly McEwen Matt Middleton Danny Mikus









Greg Moore Jeff Mound Carla Neal Perry Odom Joe Pauk Tammy Pauk Kenny Robinett









Suzanne Sears Tommy Seigel Tim Sharp Loren Stevens Aaron Stiers Chloie Talley Dennis Unnerstall









Julie Vance Todd VanZuyen Brian Walsh Lori Welge









Angela White Troy White Andre Wyatt Wendy Zuhone

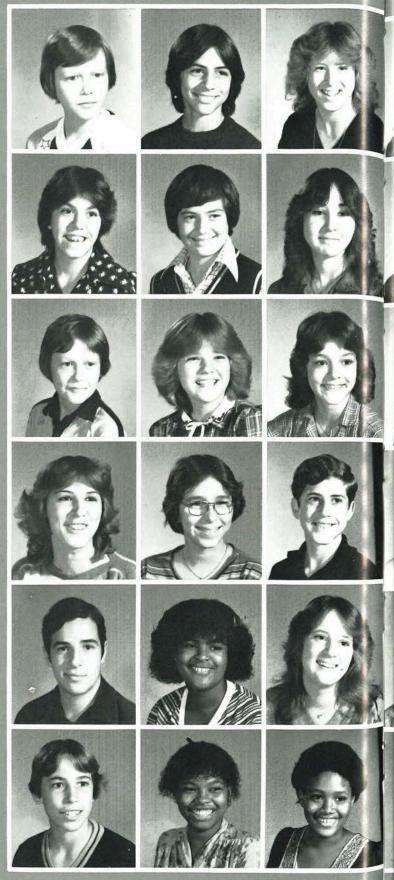
CLASS OF

A Move Into The Future

"I've been here for a long time and I like the school and everyone in it, I think it's great!" remarked Julanne Martin.

In 1973, the junior high students were moved from our present elementary school to the high school building, now housing grades seven through twelve

The eighth grade class consists of 51 students. Karen Everman, one of the eighth grade students, commented, "While in the eighth grade you have more responsibilities and you're on your own more."



EIGHTY-51X



Kent Adams Jeff Archer Rhonda Boschert Sondra Boschert Melissa Boyd George Boyle Tonia Brakensiek

Trisa Burgess Curt Burt Carma Carter Dan Clancy Eric Cosby Alicia Culpepper Paula Day

Jeff Davis Jill Dunlap Malinda Eads Gary Edwards Sherry Eskew Karen Everman Shaton Fincher

Donna Fuchs Delaine Gore Greg Guthrie Scott Hensiek Michelle Howard James Johnson

Steve Lang Ellen Lewis Deanna Linker Allen Love Lisa Luckett Cheryl Markum Julanne Martin

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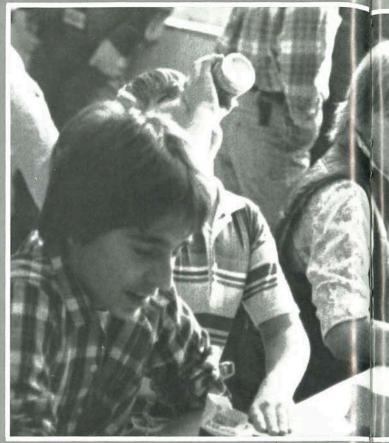
BELOW: 8TH GRADE from the year 1958, Row 1: Donna Poole, Carroll Phegley, Judy Forsee, Joyce Harr, Mary Knisley. Row 2: Alice Copeland, Carolyn Poole, Karen Kristofferson, Mary Ann Haller, Sandra Black. Row 3: James Lewis, George Davis, Billy Blockhorst, Roger Lynn, Mrs. Garnett. Row 4: Billy Lynn, Douglas Gerdeman, Paul Bruning, Sonny Buchanan, Jerry Good.

RIGHT: Russell Schindler & Allen Love enjoy a day's lunch.

LOWER RIGHT: GREG GUTHRIE, Karl Chandler, Windy Zuhone, and Amy Hill enjoy each other's company at lunch.

FAR RIGHT: Greg Guthrie, Malinda Eads, Jill Dunlap, and Rhonda Boschert anticipate the score at the CTA Softball Tournament.







EIGHTY-51X

















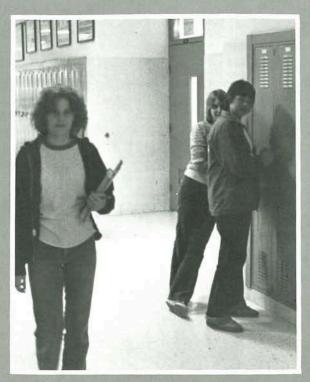








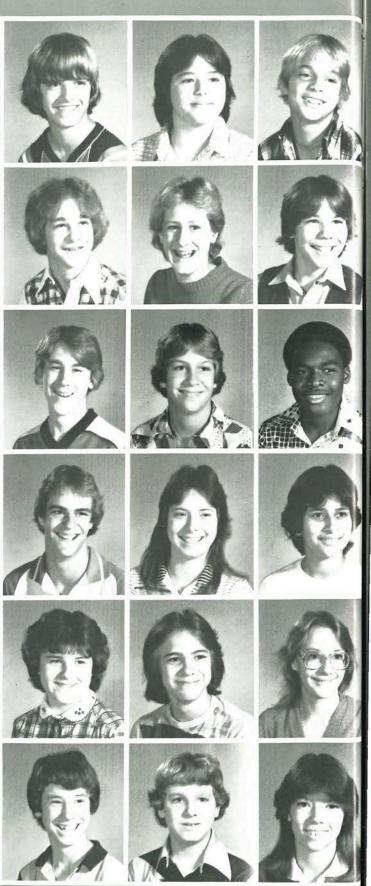
CLASS OF



FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS for the year 1970-1971 included president. Sam Park; vice-president, Randy Wright; reporter, Cindy Schamma; secretary, Barb Huff; treasurer, Blair Smith; and student council representative, Elaine Eckhoff (BELOW).

FRESHMAN LIZ DOUGHERTY, Barb Gray, and Sandy Koster find time to "burn the halls" after lunch period. "As a freshman there's a great deal of time for work, but also for play," remarked Sandy (ABOVE).





EIGHTY-FIVE





















































Dawn Smith Russell Snyder Felicia Sommer Lisa Stevens Thomas Swafford Jim Talley Diane Toothaker

Mark Tremeear Dale Unnerstall Linda Vehige Betty White Edgar Wilding Paul Wilson Ivan Wyatt

Sophomores Reaching Their Goal

What is a sophomore? One of the definitions found in the dictionary of a sopho-

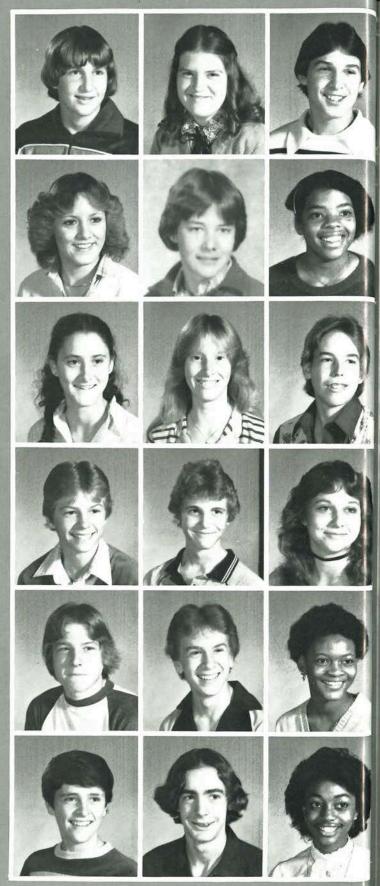
The sophomore's definition of this year is fun, excitement, and good times.

Although they've been at Wright City High School (WCHS) two years, they have

until fifty-years ago. At that time there were 16 students in the first graduating class.

class.
When asked, several students in the and crazy things, but we've matured since then. I hope to have a great year this year," commented Donna Charlton.

"Sixth grade was a great year. We had many fun times. The work was easier then, because you were in the same classroom all day. It was also great because it was my last year in grade school," commented Ge-



EIGHTY-FOUR











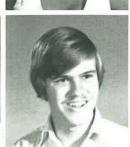


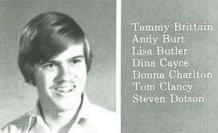
















Kevin Adams
Theresa Aemisegger
Mike Arnett
Robert Baldwin
Becky Beauchamp
Chris Blanchard
Gloria Bledsoe





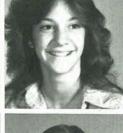






Tony Menne
Tim Mound
Melissa Mozee
Linda Nadler
Laura Phiropoulos
Kevin Rodriquez
Lisa Scarbrough

















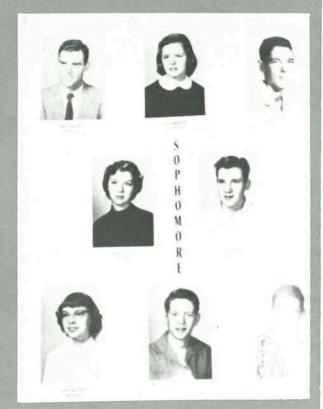
CLASS OF

DURING THE FIRST assembly of the year StuCo showed a film "Together" and Wayne Klenke was on his way up to the balcony in the gym to view it (TOP RIGHT).

DONNA CHARLTON AND Les Martin, now sophomores, were six years old when they were chosen to be in the 1971-72 Christmas Dance (TOP FAR RIGHT).

MIKE WRIGHT AND Lisa Scarbrough, sophomores, were at a bake sale sponsored by the sophomore class (RIGHT). BOBBY BALDWIN COMMENTED, "I was wondering how I was going to dance with my casts on" (FAR RIGHT). SEATED AT A table in the cafeteria during the Back-to-School dance. Les Martin, commented "I was waiting to get my chance to arm wrestle with a few other sophomores at the table" (BELOW).

SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS in 1956-57 were the following; Mr. Swift, sponsor; Judy Barnett, president; Jack Lee, vice-president; Elaine Welge, secretary; Joe Kerte, Treasurer; Sandra Tate, reporter; Dennis Shortae, student council; George Shipley, student council (BELOW MIDDLE).











EIGHTY-FOUR









Gerard Washington Rick Watson Danny Wilding Michael Wright









Regina Milliner Billie Koch Charles Green







RANDY JOHNSON GOT the job of holding all of the balloons for the grand opening of the StuCo commons (LEFT)

"ALL I COULD think was to start walking out on the right foot and hoping wouldn't fall down," som mented Laura Phiropoulas (TOP LEET)

"I WAS WORKING on the decorations for the sophomore wall at the Homecoming Dance. I was a little upset about spending my Saturday at school, but it was well worth it when we won the dance decoration contest," commented Karlan Massey

"I WAS WORKING on my page for the yearbook but I was having some difficulties," commented Tammy Brittain (LEFT).

Juniors Strive for Perfection

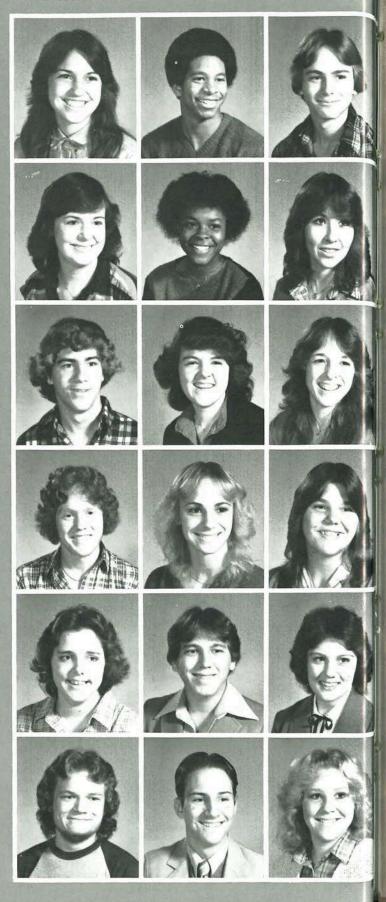
The junior class has a very busy agenda ahead of them. Under the leadership of their class president, Treesa Hueffmeier,

reach them!

"The spirit and participation of the junior class has grown tremendously within the last two years," stressed class president Treesa Hueffmeier.

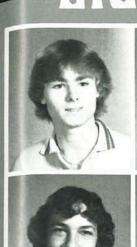
With a class of twenty-eight students.

junior class now has seventy-one students.



EIGHTY- THREE































Rick Feldman Sue Ferrell Terri Figura Twyla Fuchs James Goldsmith Laura Gregory Joyce Harris





























Darrell Lawson
Donald Marty
Dawn Meyers
Christopher Millikan
Cheryl Mozee
Keith Newton
James Park

CLASS of



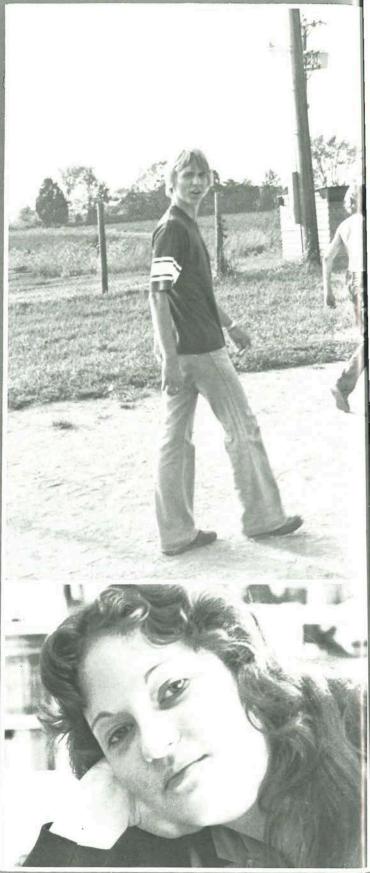


"HOLD ON! SHOW them that underdogs can become winners," exclaimed Chris Millikan, a junior, while coaching first base for the sophomore team during the C.T.A. softball tournament (RIGHT).

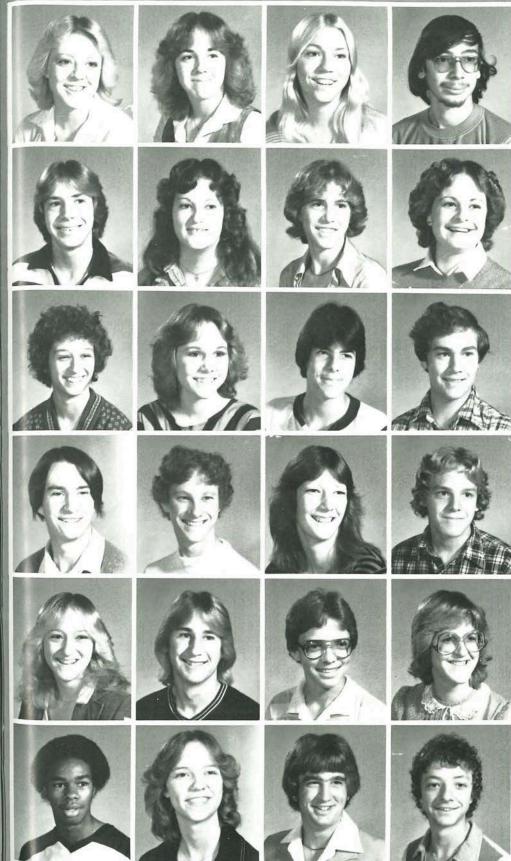
"I WILL NEVER finish this work," remarked Lisa Schmitt, as she takes a break from her books (BELOW RIGHT).

"I WISH THIS hour was over," remarked junior Kevin Czerniewski during his family living class (TOP LEFT).

"GET MY BEST side," remarked Steven Baldwin as his nicture was being taken (BOTTOM LEFT).



EIGHTY- THREE



Jeanette Pauk Andrea Piatt Barbara Requat Kenny Rodriquez

Tim Ruppert Lisa Schmitt David Shough Denise Smith

Jackie Solt Patsy Sommer Darren Stone Jeff Summera

Mike Tiffany David Tremecar Kim Twiehaus Dean Unnerstall

Gail Vance Rod Vohsen Mark Wilding

Guy Wilson Susan Wright Jeff Wyatt Ricky Zumwalt

SENIORS

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ROPE SAR

The faces have changed over the years but the excitement of being a Senior hasn't.

THE LONG AND



CAPTAIN FAYE
STONEBARGER Marks,
alumnist of WCHS,
speaks to the graduating
seniors and the audience
on her theme, "Success,
a Matter of Perspective"
(ABOVE).
SENIOR NORMA
SIMPSON SINGS her
vocal selection dedicated
to her classmates
(RIGHT).
MEMBERS OF THE
concert director Mr.
Gary Brandes, perform
the traditional "Pomp
and Circumstance" at the
processional (FAR
RIGHT).











WINDING ROAD»

As the seventy-eight seniors silently fell into their places for the processional, all awaiting their cue by the concert band, the thoughts of finally saying "good-bye" to WCHS were ones mixed with both happiness and sadness. For when the band began to play the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance," many realized the ceremony that lay ahead of them finally culminated some twelve years of study.

An event at WCHS for some fifty years, this graduation also marked the tenth annual commencement exercise to be held in the new gymnasium. It was also the second year in a row that the band accompanied the seniors.

As the seniors gathered in their seating arrangements, Werner Strick-Pastor of the First Baptist Church presented the Invocation.

Graduating vocalist-Norma Simpson dedicated an ovation winning spiritual to her fellow classmates.

Principal Mr. Don Jones recognized seniors who had received scholarships and were planning on college in the future.

Tim Nadler and Brian Aemisegger presented the Salutatorian and Valedictorian addresses after being introduced by Superintendent Mr. Fraser Small.

The seniors walked down the aisle for the last time with mixed feelings of joy and sighs of relief but all with the sense of achievement.

As the band finished; tears, hugs, and kisses could be seen besides the sounds of cameras, laughs, and cries.

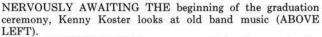
COMMENCEMENT '82 — Many parents, friends, and spectators enjoyed Captain Faye Marks' speech as one of the largest graduating classes in the history of WCHS anticipates the receiving of their diplomas (TOP LEFT).

REGINA HINDERLITER SHOWS a grin of delight as she receives her diploma from school board President Mr. Earl Requat and Superintendent Mr. Fraser Small while Principal Mr. Don Jones looks on (LEFT).

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WHILE DRESSING FOR the ceremony, Linda Ramey asks Karen Zykan for a little help adjusting her collar (ABOVE RIGHT). MEMBERS OF THE class of "82" await their turn to stand and hear all of the scholarships and awards they have received (ABOVE).

BRIAN AEMISEGGER IS ready to start his valedictorian speech for his classmates (MIDDLE RIGHT).

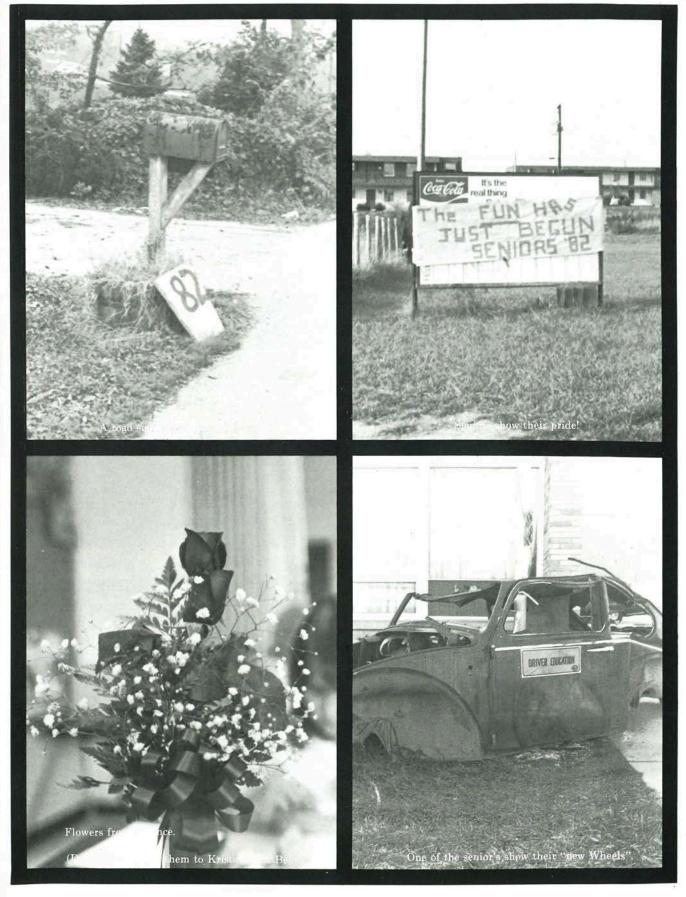
JUST ARRIVING FOR the ceremony, Tony Beeny, Robert Hinrichs, and Richard Schindler all have a talk before putting on their robes (RIGHT).







SENIOR MEMORABILIA



Being A SENIOR...

"There is an aura to being a senior and you worked 12 long years for it. You have finally reached your goal that you have been working toward since first grade and WOW what a high you get!" that is Linda Ramey's view of being a senior.

Being a senior means many different things to a variety of people. To Becky Wilson it means "freedom". The freedom to do more things. To Lisa Hueffmeir it means "privilages" but also "responsibility". To Chyresse Beste it means "achievement" and what an achievement, you spent 12 long years learning, beginning with the A,B,C's and working your way up to the economic system of America or maybe the works of Shakespeare.

To some it means the end of school and the joining of the work force. To others it means making a final decision on a college. To some it means worry and concern because they haven't decided what they want to do.

But your senior year is also a year of living it up. It's going to a party on "Senior Skip Day", visiting colleges for a weekend or buying a T-shirt that proclaims "Go To Hell World I'm A Senior!"

For some their senior year is becoming afflicted with a disease known as "Senioritis". The first sympton of is a feeling of being on top of the world. Then as it progresses you think there is no one who can stand in your way. In more severe cases not doing your homework and also cutting classes is possible. To some it can become very painful but for others it is cured quickly on the receiving of your report card.

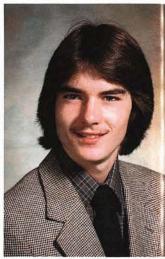
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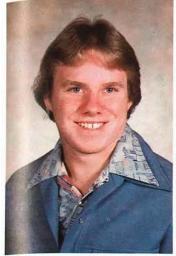
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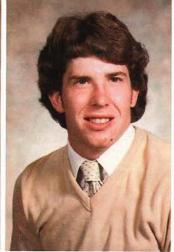
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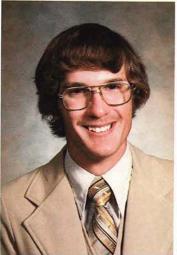
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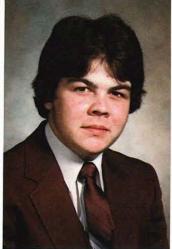
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HOW DO WE DE

How do we describe a senior? What makes them stand out?

When someone thinks of seniors, they visualize the seniors making all the decisions that could easily shape the rest of their lives. Questions they face include: Do I want to go to college or start a career? If he or she chooses college, he or she must read different university brochures and then visit several campuses. Once the senior has decided which university to attend, he or she must fill out an application and apply.

To apply the senior must go to a local college and take the ACT (standard college entrance exam) one early Saturday morning.

If one should choose an immediate career one must decide what type of training the senior needs and then begin brushing up on writing one's resumé.

Along with the major decisions there are other choices to be made: What senior ring should I get, what shall I have printed on the side of my ring? What classes should I take, Composition or easy speech? Or maybe I should just graduate at the end of first semester and get it over with. When is senior skip day? What senior pranks should I involve myself in? Who shall I take to the prom? What do I want for graduation? And most of all, when do I get out!

But there is more to being a senior than decisions, there is also the social life.



DESCRIBE A SENIOR?





When seniors ask their parents if they can stay out later or go out more, the parents first thought is no, but on second thought they realize "their baby" has grown up, and next year they will have total freedom; so why not give them a little extra now?

Once they receive more freedom, they go to parties and rock concerts. They skip Garnet Zuhone's "Nutricious" lunch and go up town for a bag of Doritos. They also perform various senior pranks. The most memorable occasion will always be the welding of the body of a green Volkswagon, with painted doors that read: "Herbie lover the class of '82, around the school flag pole.

Another decision seniors face is: Do I want to devote all my time to school and socializing or can I find the time to work a side job? A side job can help pay for seniors socializing, but it could also have plaguing effects on grades, since there is less time to study.

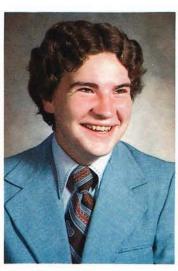
So the senior year is devoted to many different decisions and an array of socializing events. But that is what one's senior year is all about. One's maturity and life after graduation is shaped during high school, and one's senior year is designed to do that. That is why WCHS seniors stand out - they are the decision makers.

Being A SENIOR...

To Mary Kohrs being a senior means "graduation". I guess that is the bottom line. What you have been working for, the goal you have set and reached. Some face it head on with great determination, ready to take on any challenge the world has to offer.

But as the realization hits that you are going to be out on your own-you still face it with pride and joy but also with trepadation. You look back to all the times you said "Boy, I wish I were out of school," and begin to think — school wasn't so bad you know. It had its bad times but it also had its good times, and what good times they were! "Like the time in eighth grade we went on a class trip to a Cardinals baseball game and to Barnabeys to eat. It was great!" reminiced Laura Sydow. "Remember in our sophomore year when we played in the CTA softball tournament. We lost by only one lousy point!" commented Pam Brooks, Yeah, there were alot of good times. School wasn't so bad. But, it's great to be a senior!

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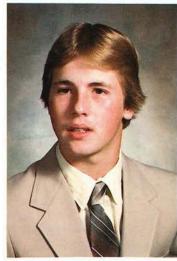




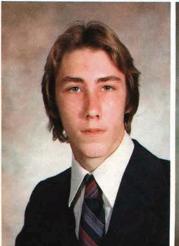
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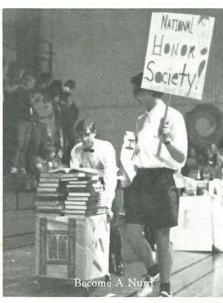
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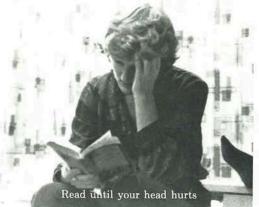
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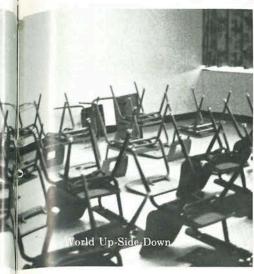


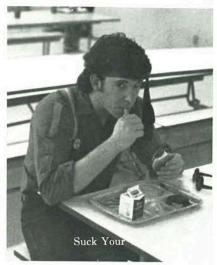


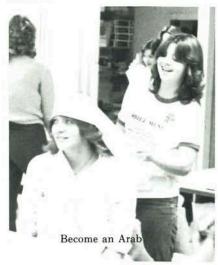






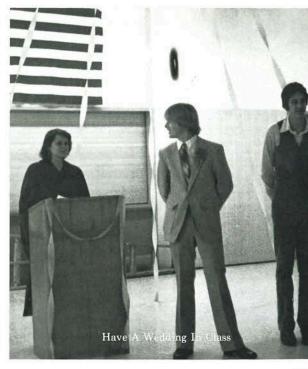






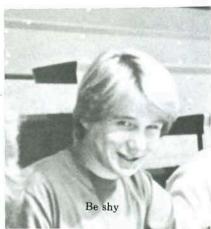








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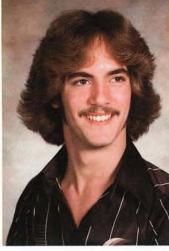


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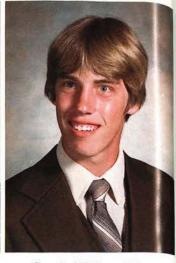
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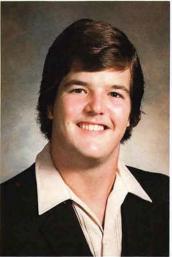
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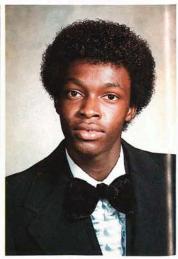
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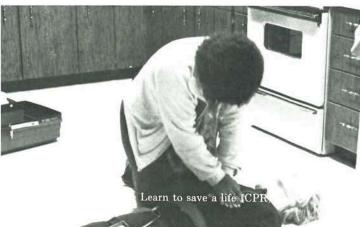
















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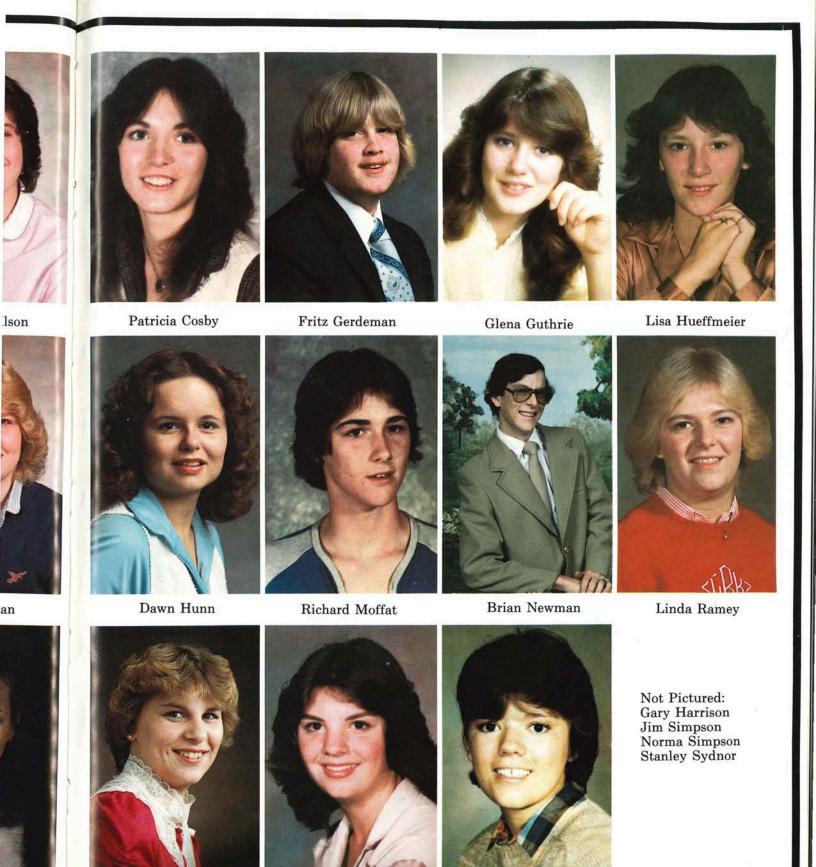
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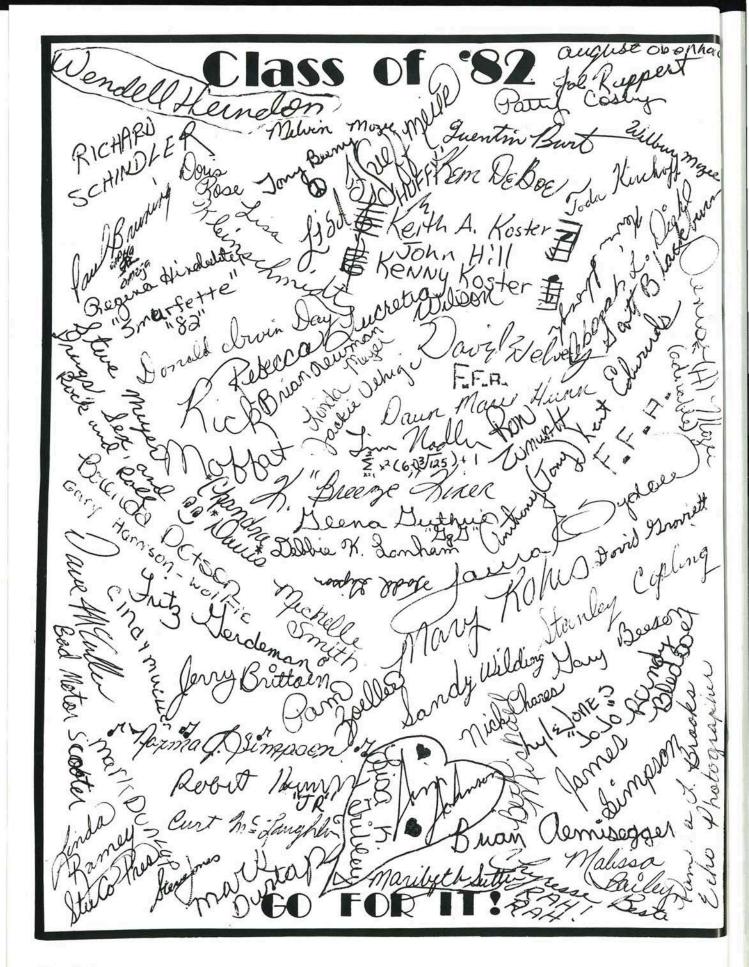


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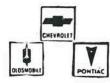
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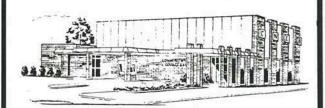


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On May 15, at 8:30, over one hundred people were slowly gathering on the high school parking lot. No, they didn't enjoy school that much that they would show up on Saturday's, too. They had come to begin a twenty mile journey for a very special student at WCHS. That special student was none other than Randy Johnson.

Randy was critically injured in a car accident on April 3. He was taken to St. John's Mercy Medical Center, in St. Louis, where he would unknowingly stay until July 2.

When Student Council found out about his accident they decided to hold their annual "a-thon" for Randy, instead of the Ronald McDonald House, in St. Louis, which was their original plan. McDonalds showed their gratitude by presenting each walker a free meal if they made it the ten miles to McDonald's in Wentzville. If the walker was up to it, after their lunch break, they could walk back to the high school.

The walk-a-thon turned out to be quite a success. Each walker was given a sponsor sheet prior to the fifteenth, and was asked to get as many sponsors as possible. Jim Johnson, Randy's older brother raised over one thousand dollars, and the grand total of day came out to a little over four thousand dollars.

After a long, hot day the walk-a-thon came to a close. Mark Wilding was the first participant to make it back to Wright City. By that time he was so energetic he went home for his bike, and started back toward McDonald's, but when he got to Foristell he turned, and came back.

Although it was a tiring day all of the participants felt it was worth it, because they were walking for their friend, Randy Johnson







Thank You for being a Friend









We've attempted it

Now it's up to YOU. WCHS posesses much advice and knowledge for you, the student. Will you choose to grasp and carry some with you when you pursue your future? Or will you choose to forget "this place?"

Afterall, it's up to YOU. WCHS and her history are truly places and events of success. Every individual who has ever studied here should be proud of what there is. Do you wish to take a little of her when you leave? Will you cherish the memories? Or will you forget the past, for the future is more important?

Remember, it's up to YOU. Do you remember the fun, the "pranks," the lunches, the lectures, the lunch-breaks at "Belle's," the tests, the freedays, the assemblies, the tardy's, those secret parties the administration wasn't supposed to know about, the elections, the dances, the thrills of WILDCAT competition, the chats, the happiness, and the sadness---all parts of our education at WCHS; each with a lesson to be learned and a story to be told. Will you take a little of WCHS when you say "good-bye?"

It's all up to YOU. Truly there's no place on Earth like WCHS. Our school life here is what WE make it. You're only here once. Will you be the one to take what WCHS has to offer and use what you've collected from her through the years?

All in all, it's up to YOU.







WE'VE ATTEMPTED IT







The year in publications was a long hard job, for the whole staff. We started off with seven old members and nine new members, all willing to give it their all. At times we achieved a lot, and at others a little. But all staffers agree, that this should be one of the best yearbooks ever made.

These last two pages, are filled with pictures of friends, teachers, and classmates. They have no captions because the pictures tell it all. We sincerely hope that you've enjoyed our fiftieth edition and will remember it forever.

Sincerely, The 1981-82 Yearbook Staff









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