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# FREEDOM RINGS!



AMID THE TRIBE of Elsberry Indians, Kevin Schriener led the Wildcats to victory. Steve Strick moved for the rebound (LEFT). SITTING IN HER favorite room, Barb Stanek used the artroom's books to research a mythology project. Jeanette Pauk observed (BELOW). THE "HOSTAGES" OF Mr. Lake's study hall were always kidding each other. Paul Phiropoulos commented, "When you get a few guys together the joking begins and the laughter follows." Other students (counter-clockwise) Joey Judd, Paul Phiropoulos, Steve Crump, Tony Menne, Kevin Chandler, Doug Dewey, Jim Jones and Sue Ferrell participate in the fun (RIGHT).

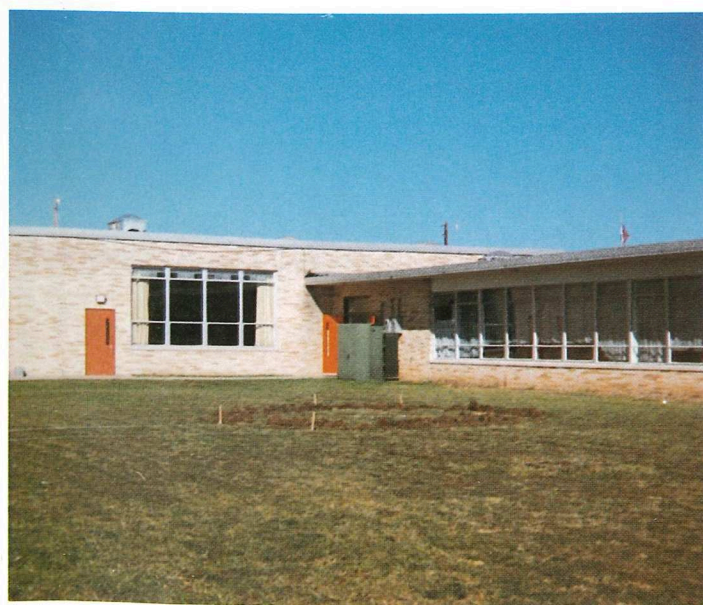
Freedom rang after 444 days in Iranian captivity for the fifty-two Americans held hostage. On January 20, the students of Wright City High School watched hopefully on television sets the final negotiations between the United States and Iran which would end the fourteen month ordeal. The hostages began their flight to freedom only twenty-five minutes after the inauguration of our fortieth President, Ronald Wilson Reagan. A twenty-one gun salute heralded the Reagan era, and the bells of freedom rang.

"I WAS SUPER-PSYCHED up at the homecoming; the juniors had just won the spirit trophy!" enthused Lisa Tribley (second from left). Other fans: Jennifer Kerr, Jim Johnson and Rita Sharp celebrate homecoming (BOTTOM RIGHT).





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# WILDCAT SPIRIT

an expression from you:

## TEARS, SHOUTS, LAUGHTER.

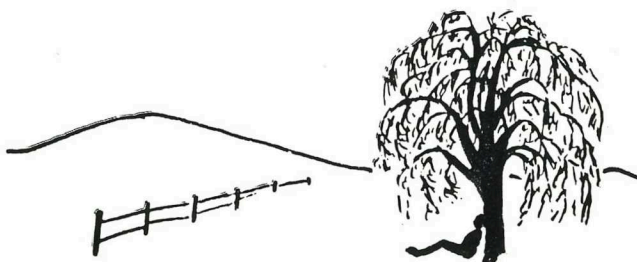
### TIME PASSES ON...

... he relaxes in the cool shade of an enormous weeping willow. On a warm summer day, he slowly drifts to sleep, and time passes on ...

... remembering the hilarious Friday nights when he was out with the gang watching, ***Cheech and Chong's Next Movie***, ***Stir Crazy***, and ***The Rose***, as time passes on ...

... pushing the doors open, he enters school on the first day, August 25, watching friends shuffle around in mass hysteria, and time passes on ...

... at the Barnwarming, he dances as he listens to the band, "Morgantown," and time passes on ...



... presidential elections arrive on November 4, and he marks his ballot with extreme carefulness because he realizes the choice he makes is a vote for his future, and time passes on ...

... practice begins early for basketball, as the Wildcat season opens, December second - time passes on ...

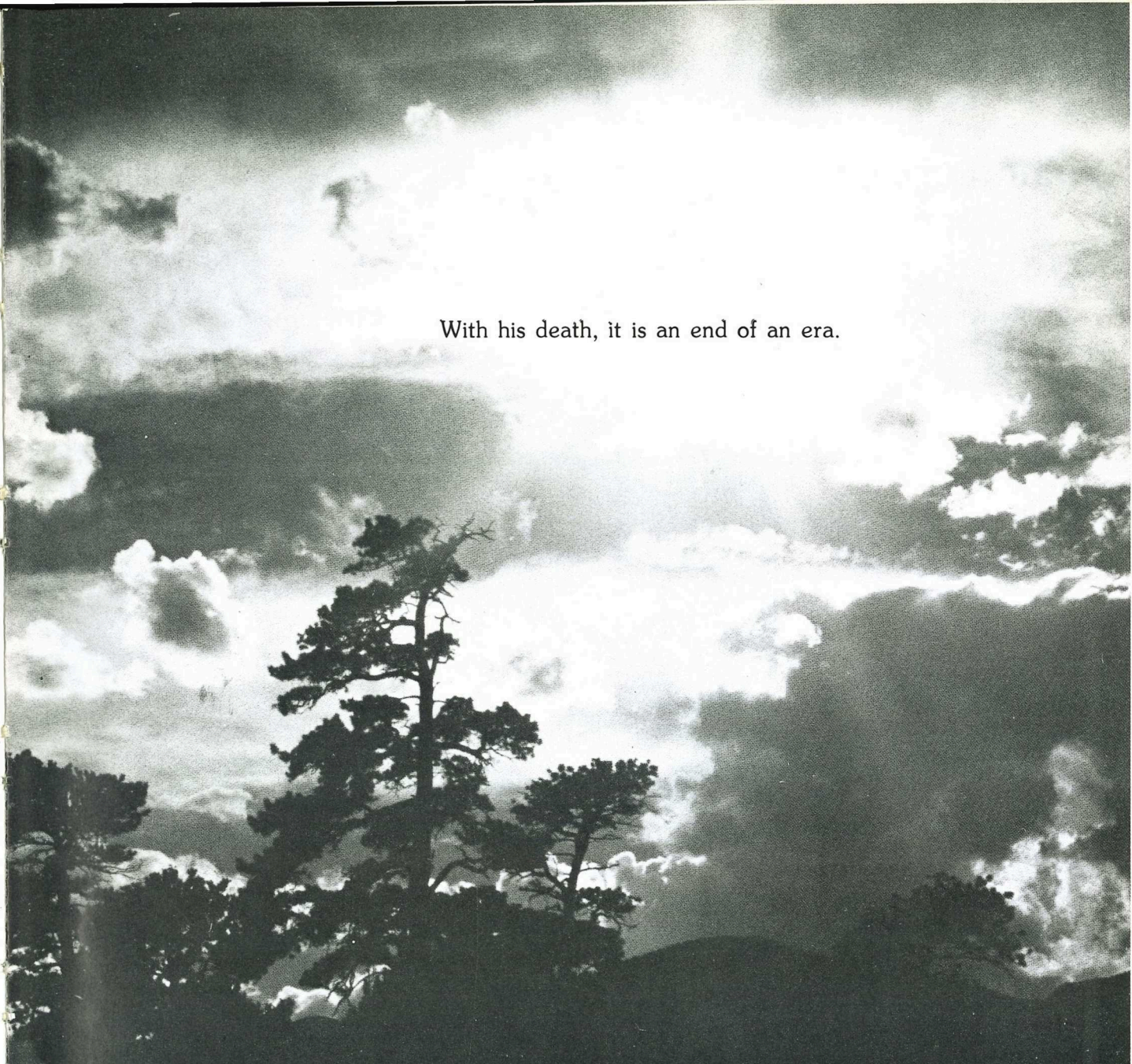
... midterm rolls around and he crams for final exams, hoping to pass so that he may graduate, and time passes on ...

... May second arrives and he goes to the prom with the girl of his choice, as time passes on ...

... the big day comes — Graduation! He has studied, attended dances, and laughed with friends throughout the year. He accepts his diploma with pride and gratitude, but time passes on ...

... he relaxes in the cool shade of an enormous weeping willow, on a warm summer day, slowly drifting to sleep, as time passes on ...





With his death, it is an end of an era.

# BLEEDING BEATLEMANIA

**-FORMER BEATLE JOHN LENNON-KILLED!**

"We always hoped that with all of them still alive, they would come back together for one final album. John Lennon was a philosopher in the '60's, more so than just a singer. It was Lennon who influenced their clothes, long hair, and group's philosophy as well. The Beatles were a symbol of the rebellion teenagers went through."

Philip Popejoy



# WE ARE THE SENIORS ---HERE FOR A BRIEF EXISTENCE.

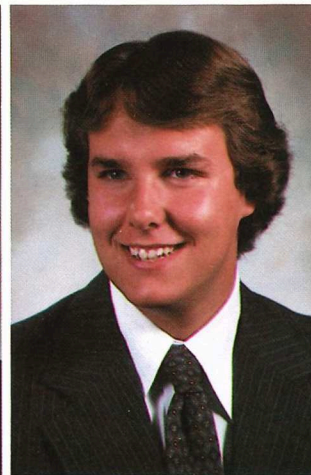
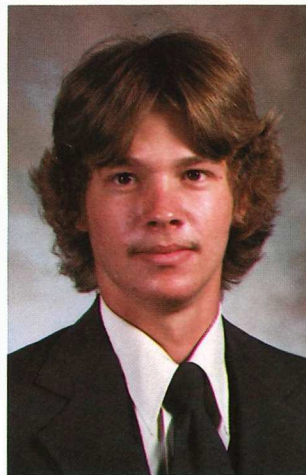
Kindergarten was a year of socializing and teaching us basic skills . . . Elementary years were the years of building on these essential skills . . . Junior High years were for growing up and learning what people expect from you . . . High school is what I appreciate the most. I feel Wright City school has helped me to gain knowledge and also helped me to get ready to face the world. If anyone feels that he or she is getting an inadequate education at Wright City, it is probably because they have not searched hard enough to find one.

Sandra Nailor

Mike Abrolat

Scott Ames

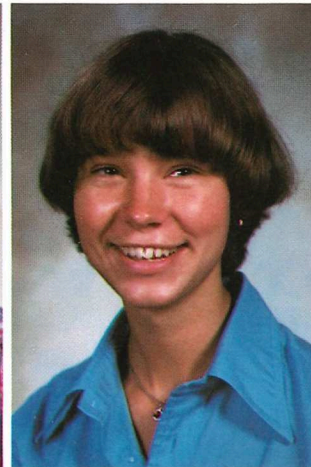
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Suzanne Bjorkholm

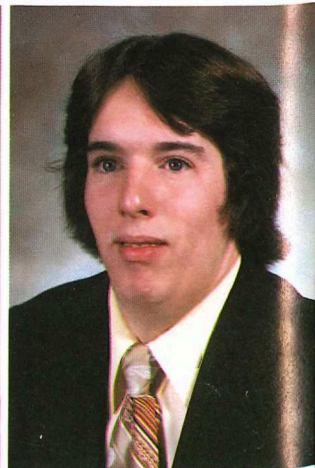
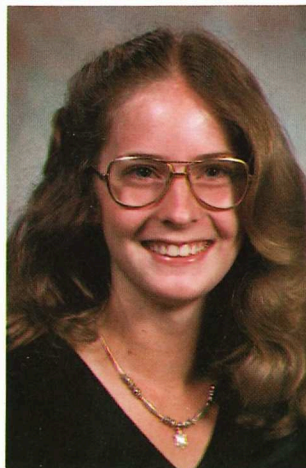
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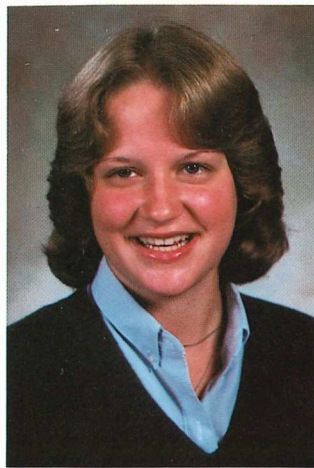
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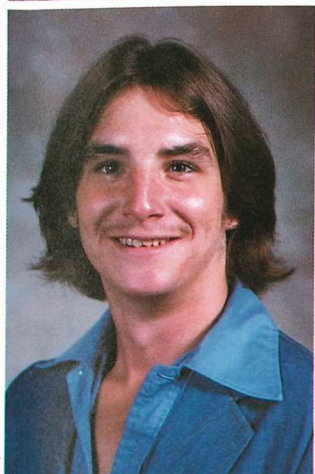




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Cheryl Eversmeyer

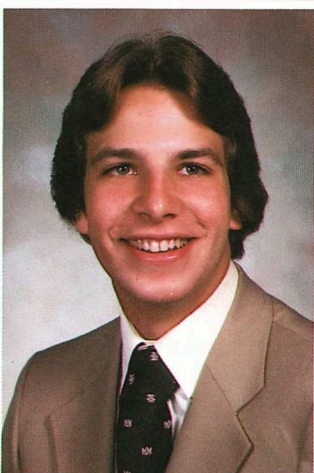
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Scott Hayden

Andrea Johnson

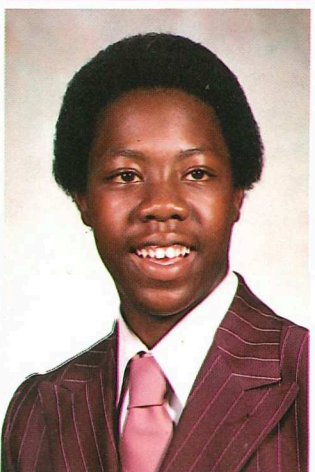
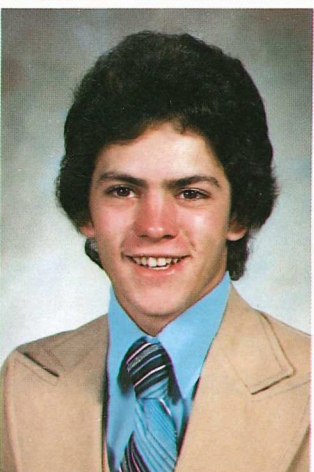
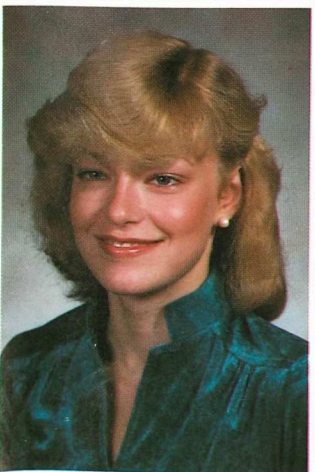
Rita Johnson



Verchell Johnson

Mark Jones

Mary Kallbrier



Jennifer Kerr

Dennis Key

Cedric Kiner



# SENIORS '81: THEIR LIFE ...

## THEIR INTERESTS, JOBS, AND THOUGHTS ... A CLOSER LOOK.

You see them everyday when passing through the halls. Perhaps they are in one of your classes, or participate in the same club, or play on your team. They may be your girlfriend, boyfriend, or just your friend. They are

the seniors ... there for just a brief existence.

Some you may know, some you may not, but as you leaf through the following pages, get a closer look at the seniors of '81. You, too, can share their feeling, their life, interests, jobs, and thoughts. Take your time and get to know them.

"I'm sure, as the school years grow to a close that we will all miss Wright City High. But as a new year begins to unfold we will all look forward to the new open doors of uncertainty."

Barb Stanek

**THE SHINING** WAS one of the many books Andrea Johnson read to keep occupied.

"It's really a bummer being laid up for fifteen weeks at a time because of three accidents," says Andrea Johnson. "It was nice having people to visit you but after a while, it gets kind of boring. The time drags on. But finally, you get to come home and then lay around some more. You really look forward to going to school because it is something to do!"

Andrea Johnson, senior, was involved in two major car accidents, suffering from two seizures, stitches, a crushed thigh, broken pelvis, four broken ribs, a punctured lung, and a broken right shoulder blade.

Nevertheless, Andrea continued to attend school, regardless of her crutches and casts.







"Since I've been in grade school I've been raising pigs, because that's what my family has always been in," commented Gerald Reckamp, when ask why he first got started in an occupation that is even too demanding for some adults.

Gerald rises at 5:45 each morning to feed and water his pigs, break ice, and do whatever other chores need to be done. When he's finished with that he goes to school taking a building trades class at Four Rivers Vocational Technical School, to help him prepare for his major career goal, carpentry. "Farming is a good side job with a good side income - if managed right," explained Gerald. "I plan to have animals only on the side and go to carpenter's apprentice school for four years. After that I will be a full time union carpenter which is what I've wanted ever since I can remember."

WORKING TOWARD HIS career goal of carpentry, Gerald Reckamp builds an eav of a house at the Four Rivers School.

## *You've closed the doors on twelve long years - What has it meant to you?*

You don't close the doors on twelve years, they are with you the rest of your life in the form of memories.

Kevin Schriener

After twelve long years of looking forward to graduating, the closer it gets the stranger it feels. Although I will miss my friends and all the crazy times we've shared over the years, I'll still have many crazy, hilarious memories to remember high school forever. But now it's time to take a different road.

Pam Clark

The years have been short and the friends have been scattered, but I am finally there and ready to make it on my own.

Paul Phiroopoulos

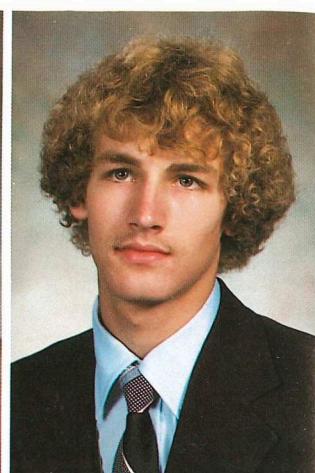
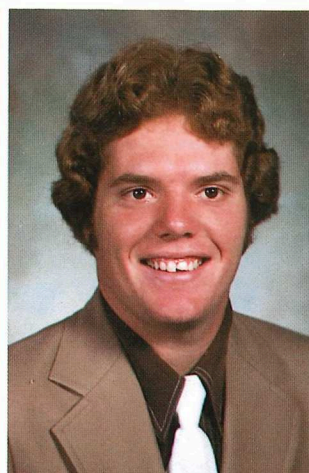
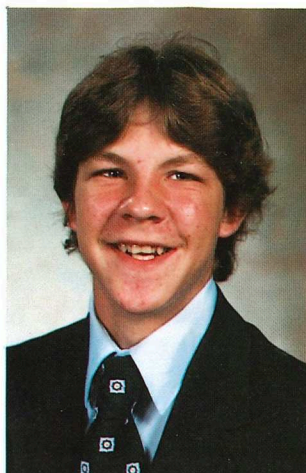


# SENIORS

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Mike Love

Doug Maestas



George Mozee

Sandra Nailor

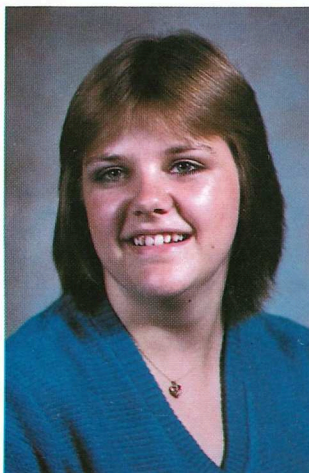
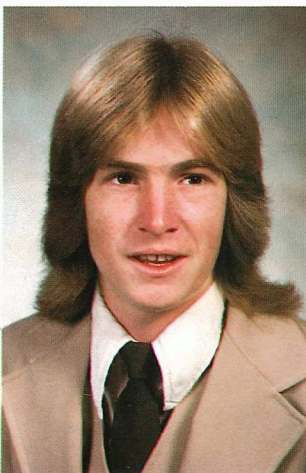
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John Nolting

Tina North

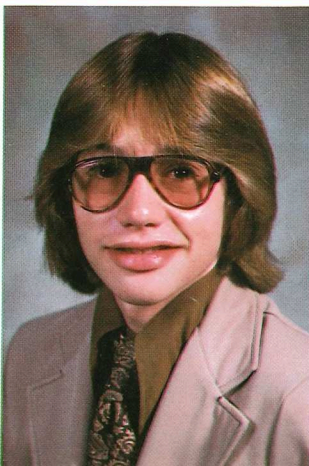
John Obenhaus



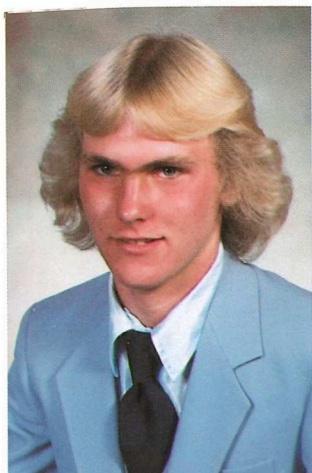
Lisa O'Donnell

Paul Phiroopoulos

Vickie Ramey



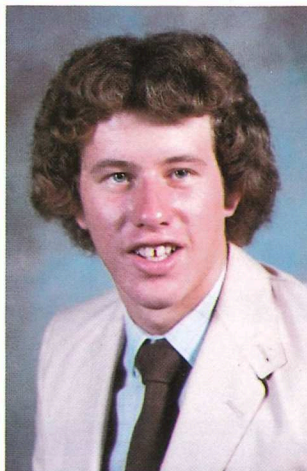
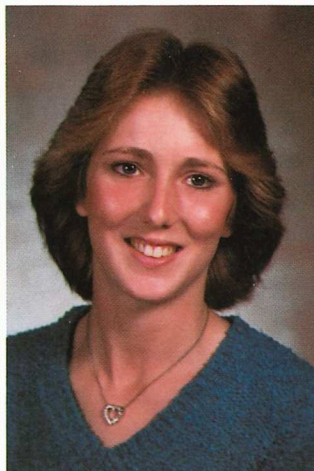
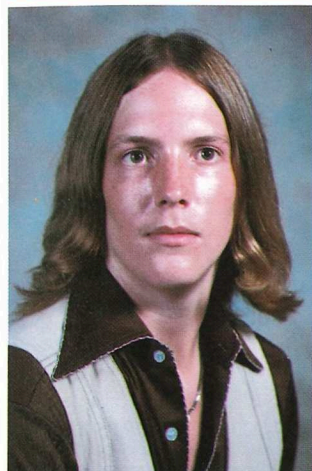




Gerald Reckamp

Doris Roberts

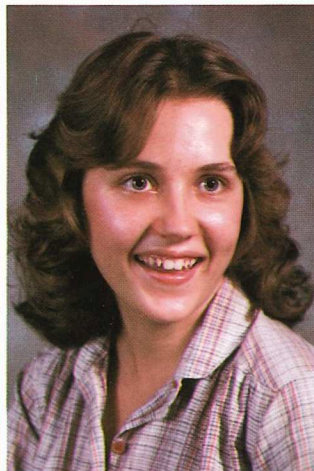
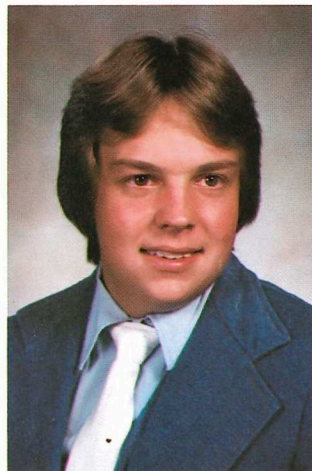
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Garry Schmitt

Lorie Schreckengast

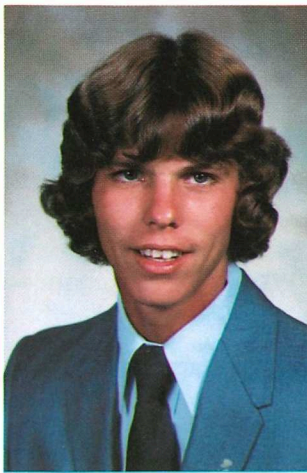
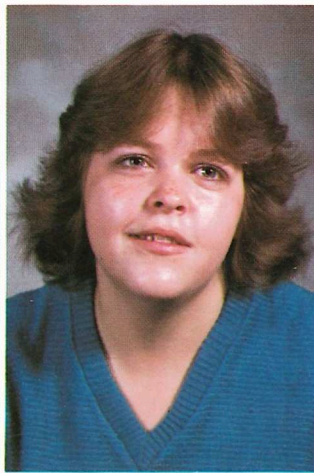
Kevin Schriener



Stuart Sida

Jeanne Sommers

Barbara Stanek



Leslie Stevens

Rita Stewart

Scott Stewart



"I think life is going out and making something of yourself, not just sitting at home," commented Jay Holladay. Jay feels this way since he began working when he was ten-years-old. He started by mowing lawns and doing odd jobs. When he was fourteen he got a job at Leo's Restaurant in Warrenton, Mo. "I began as a dishwasher and worked my way up to the position of a cook. After two years I got a job at Zephyr Junction in Wentzville, Mo. where I am presently a cook." Jay has been employed at Zephyr Junction for one-and-a-half years and works 30-40 hours a week in the summer and 25-30 hours in the winter.

Regarding work experience Jay said, "I think everyone should have experience to work that has the ability to. It makes one feel important to be able to accomplish a task assigned to them."

JAY HOLLADAY KEEPS BUSY at work frying hash browns.



## *New doors will open — What does the future hold in store for you?*

A closed door is like a secret. When it is opened the secret is unlocked. The secret of my future is locked behind a door. But many doors must be passed in life. I must close the door on high school and hope to unlock the secret that leads to my desired future.

Brad Wahle

I feel as though my future will present new challenges and new people. It will bring new aspects of life into focus and new goals to reach. I hope to meet all those new challenges to the best of my ability.

Sandy Nailor

A new life; finding out about the real world; a chance for fame and fortune.

Joe Zykan

A chance for life outside of Wright City, a chance to grow as my own person, a chance to live, a chance to be!

Jeanne Sommer





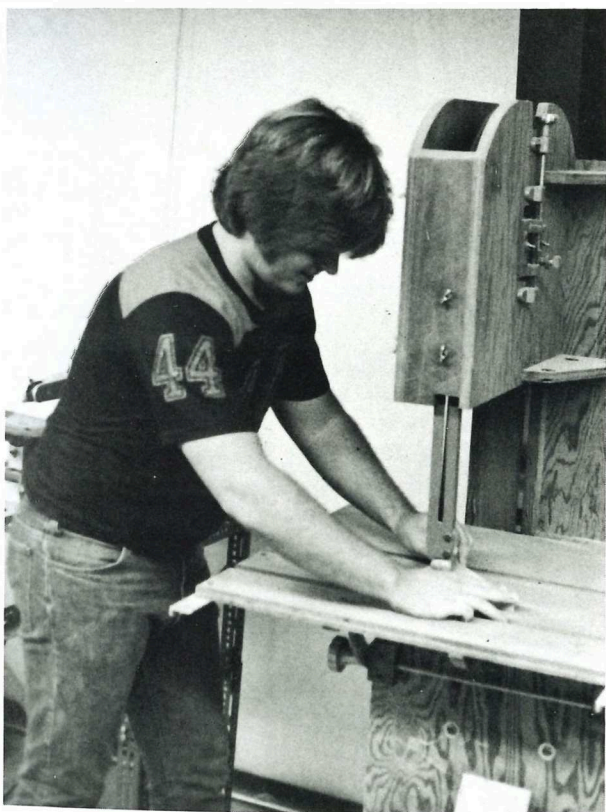
Many girls dream of graduation day so they can marry and raise a family. Lisa Schreckengast-O'Donnell made her dreams come true early by marrying Pat O'Donnell on November 15, 1980.

"I love it!" she exclaimed. "Ever since I was a little girl I've wanted to marry and have a family. My older sister always told my mother that I would never make it to college because I was a born homemaker and mother."

Lisa was planning her first child in mid-April and she hoped to have a boy. She would like to have two or three other children someday.

"Since being a wife and a mother are my first priorities, further education will have to wait," commented Lisa.

LISA AND PAT O'Donnell leaves the altar to receive their guests.



WORKING ON THE band saw, Brad Wahle saws pieces for furniture.

In the home, woodworking is not a common profession in contemporary society; however, eighteen-year-old Brad Wahle has been working with his father in their home since 1974.

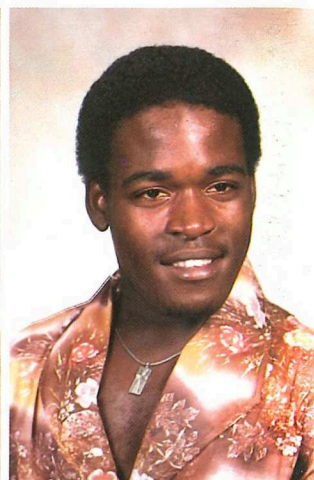
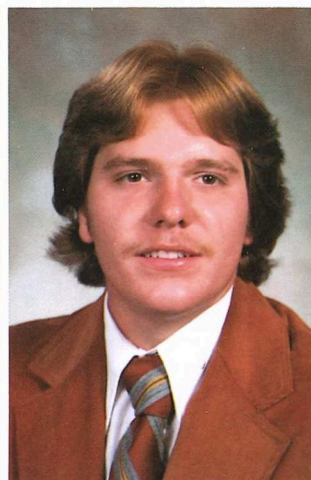
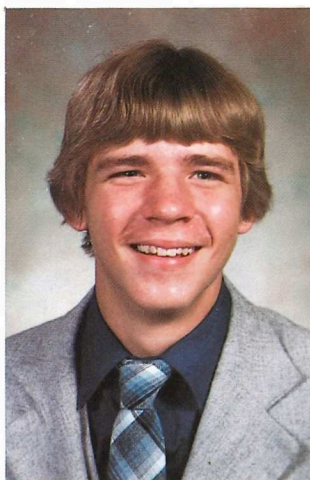
Brad often turns spindles on a wood lathe, and helps his father install their finished products. Making the framework for a niche, a place for urns, was Brad's largest project.

Brad's favorite task is taking old furniture which is ready to collapse, refinishing it, and making it look like new. He said, "It amazes me how Dad can take an old piece of furniture and make it like new. It's like making a silk purse out of a sow's ear."

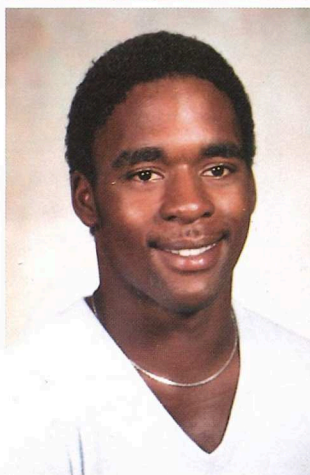


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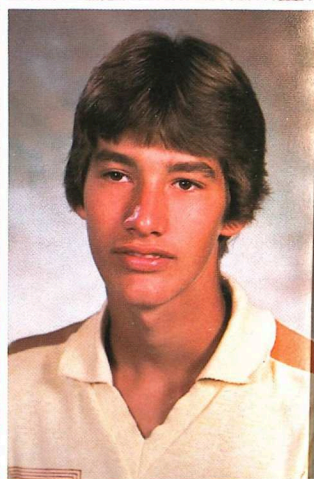
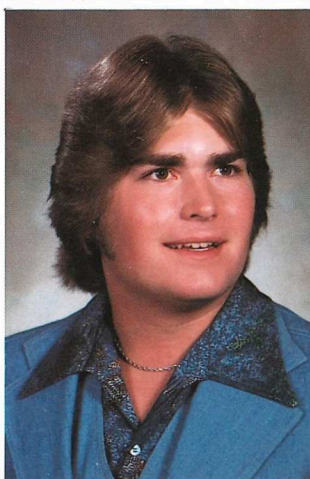
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Stanley Sydnor



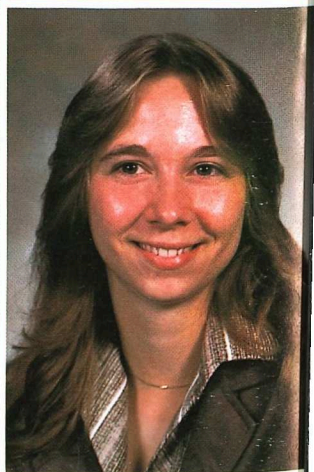
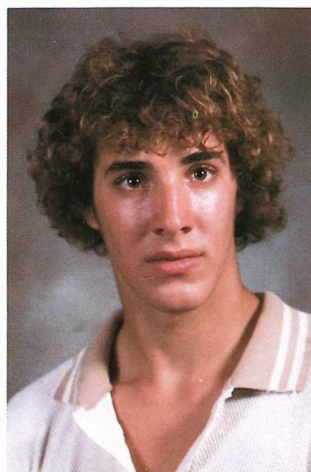
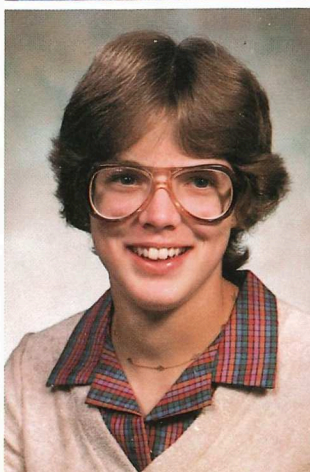
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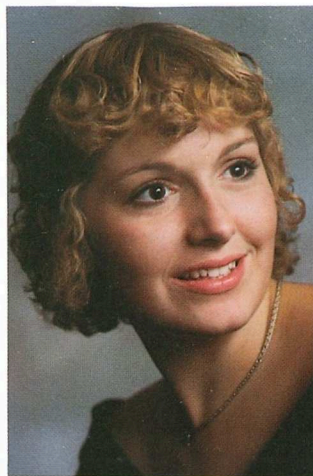
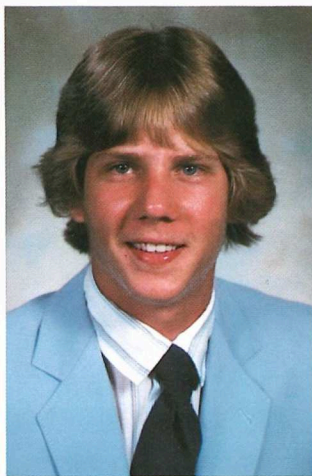
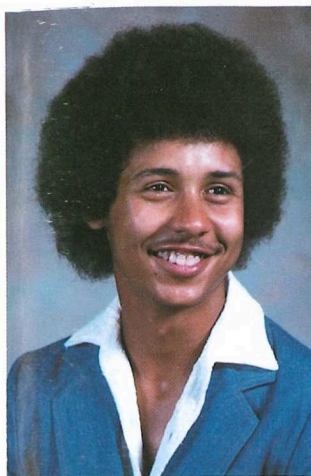
Brad Wahle  
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Jeff Welge



Debra Wilding  
Scott Wood  
Jane Wright



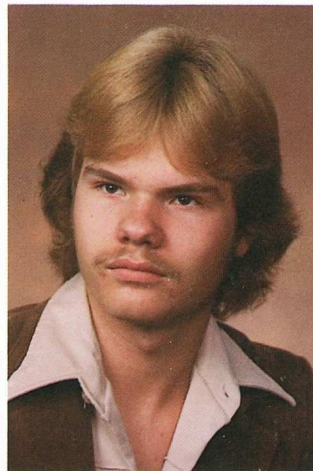
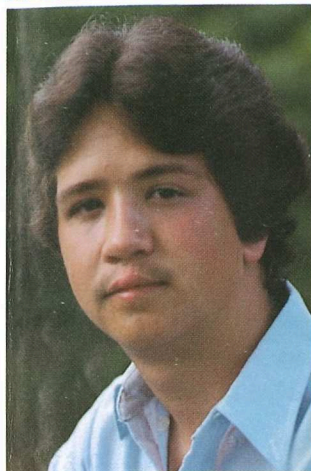




Monte Yount

Joe Zykan

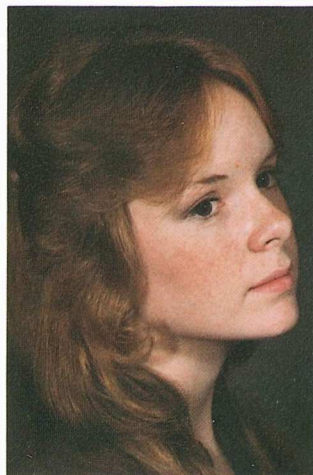
Sheila Gore



John Hankins

Cindy Hoeber

Jay Holladay



Jennifer Massey

Connie Pettig

Karen Rankin



Lorie Scarbrough

Not Pictured:

Rick Blanton

Sherri Summers



*Expressions...*



UNDERCLASSMEN



WCHS isn't very big but the people in the school are very nice. The teachers will help you if you really don't understand something. They also, that is, some of them, help you out if you have a personal problem.

Wayne Klenke

I have only been in Wright City for a few months, but I can tell you that I like it a lot. If you want to be popular all you have to do is be yourself, be friendly with everyone, and you will be treated as if you have been going here all your life.

Sue Ferrell

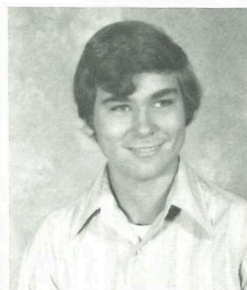
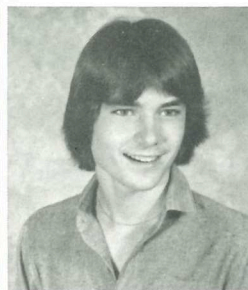
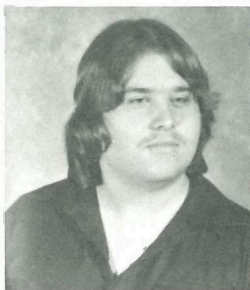
The principal, Mr. Dyer, is nice. He will give you a second chance when no one else will.

Raymond Lewis

# N AND FACULTY



Brian Aemisegger  
Tony Beeny  
Gary Beeson  
Chyresse Beste



# JUNIORS WORK FOR PROM

KEVIN KINER AMUSINGLY commented, "Mr. Gerdeman was joking with me during a volleyball game," (RIGHT).

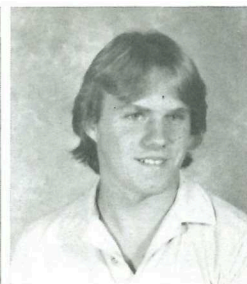
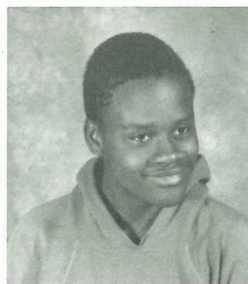
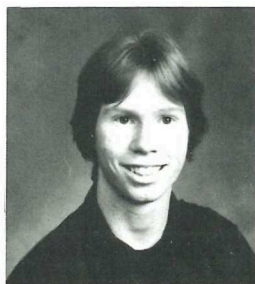
The junior class is a large class that strives for perfection. One of the largest responsibilities bestowed upon the class was the Junior-Senior Prom. A problem that plagues many classes is dividing into small groups that never seem to agree, and the junior class is no different. But this time a slight change took place. In the effort to put on one of the best and most memorable proms ever, they became united. Everybody worked and made decisions together. Even a special class was made in the art department to help with prom decorations.

Working on the prom really pulled the juniors together.

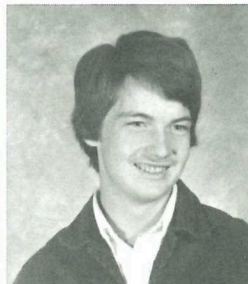
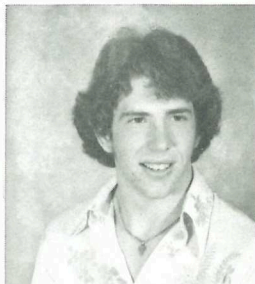
Laura Sydow



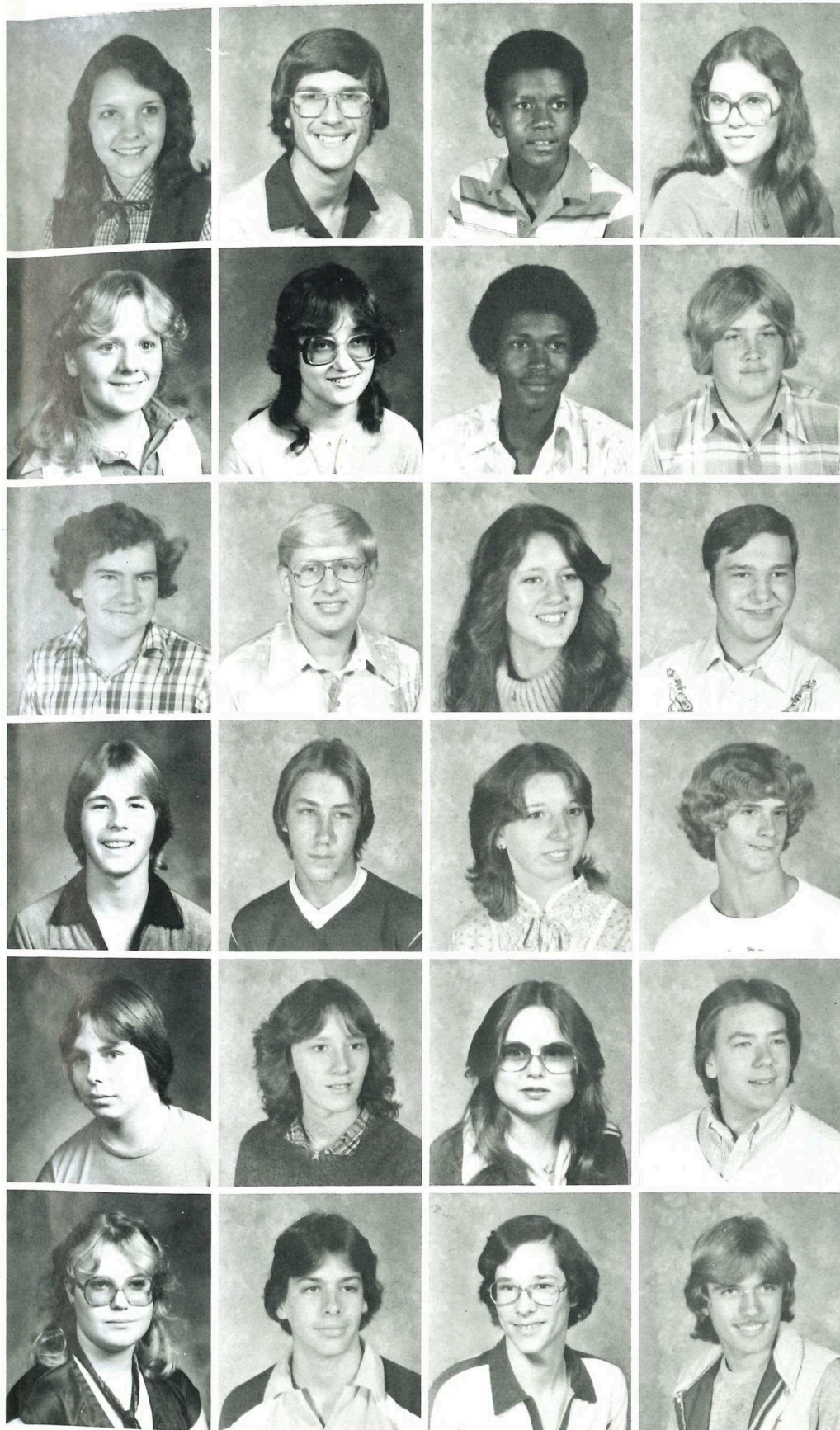
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Jerry Brittain  
Pam Brooks



Paul Bruning  
Quentin Burt  
Sheryl Chandler  
Nick Charles







Krista Chase  
Stanley Copling  
Donald Day  
Kem DeBoe

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David Helvey

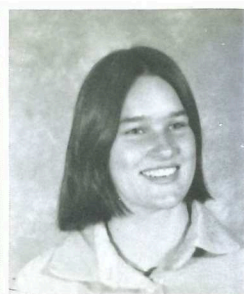
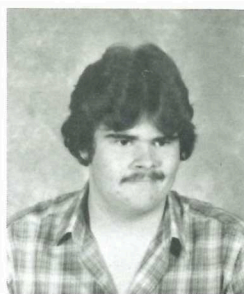
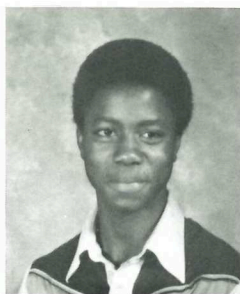
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Robert Hinrichs  
Lisa Hueffmeier  
Dawn Hunn  
Jim Johnson

Mary Johnson  
Lyle Jones  
Steve Jones  
John Judd



Patty Key  
Kevin Kiner  
Todd Kirchoff  
Lisa Kleinschmidt

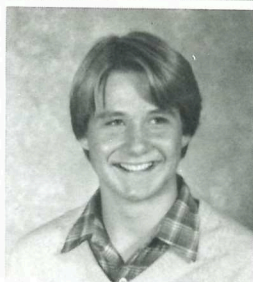


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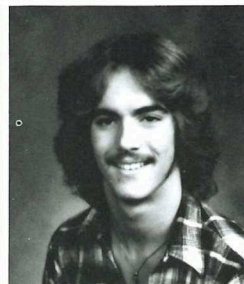
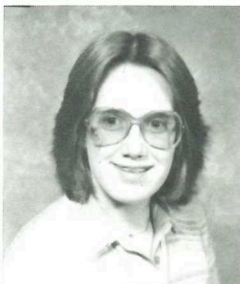
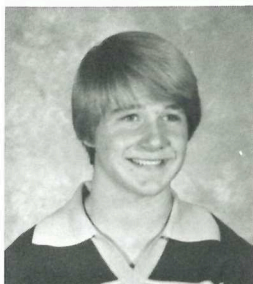


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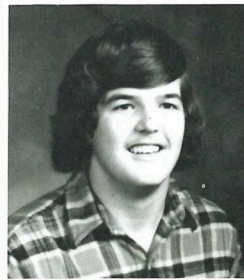
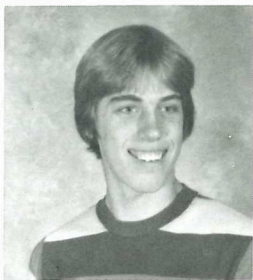
KEVIN SHOUGH  
EATS HIS lunch  
early before going  
to Vo-Tech. school.  
(RIGHT).



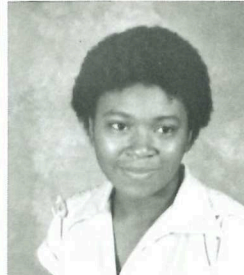
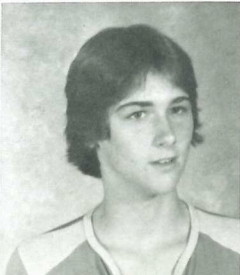
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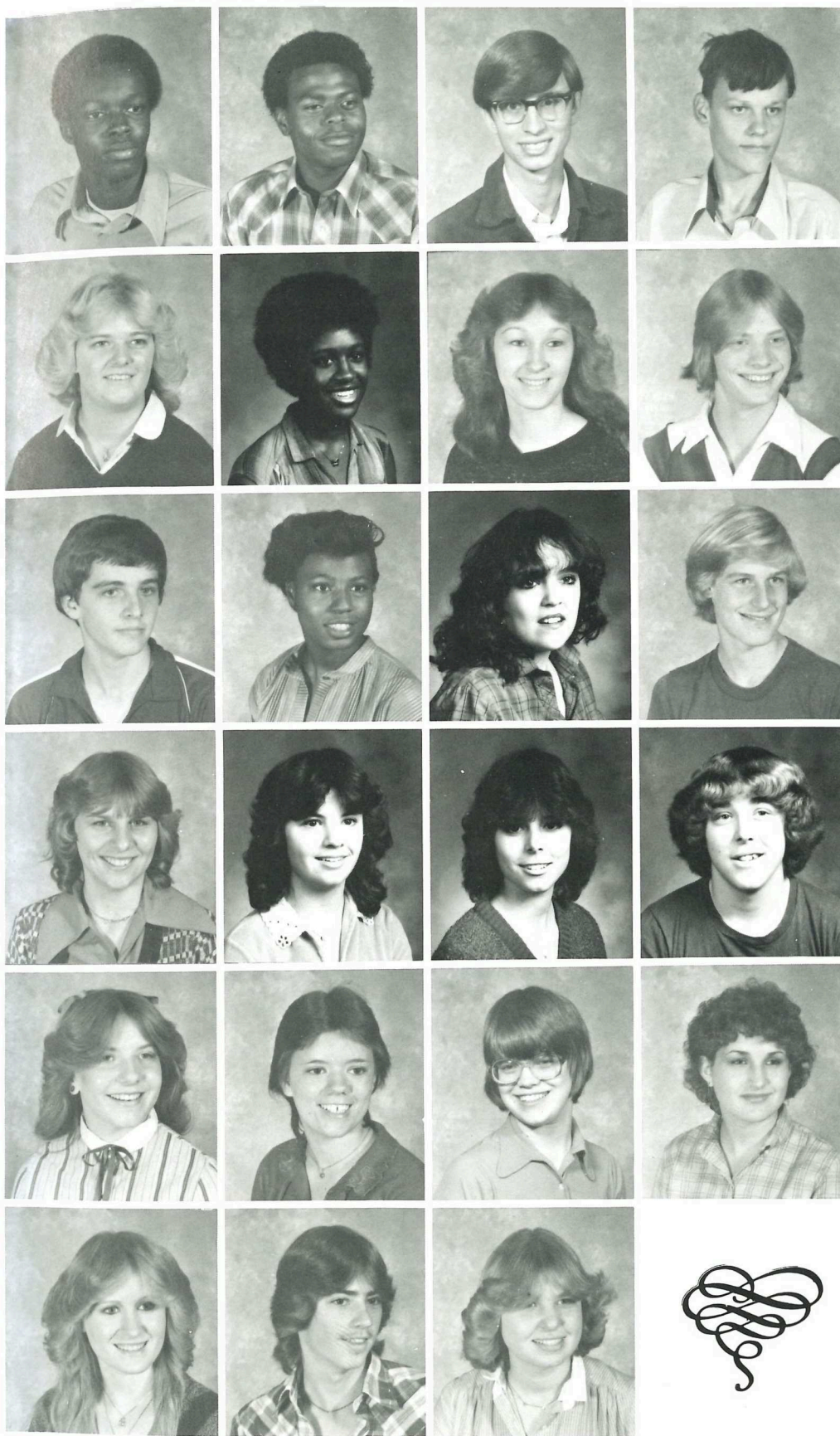
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Linda Meyer  
Steve Meyer



Beth Michael  
Rick Moffat  
Chandra Mozee  
Denise Mozee







Melvin Mozee  
Wilbur Mozee  
Tim Nadler  
August Obenhaus

Linda Ramey  
Jackie Rice  
Doris Rose  
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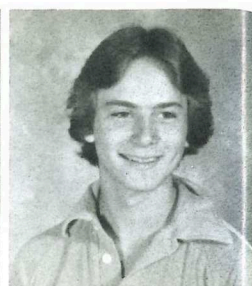
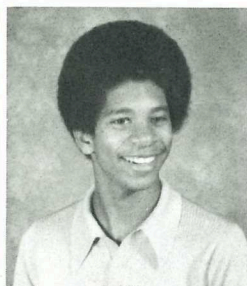
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Jackie Vehige  
Sandy Wilding  
Becky Wilson

Pam Zoeller  
Ronnie Zumwalt  
Karen Zykan





Terri Archer  
Steve Baldwin  
Donny Bates  
Bill Beauchamp



# SOPHOMORES

## PLAN AHEAD

Our school spirit is very high; we've won trophies for our spirit, and we support our school in most everything it does.

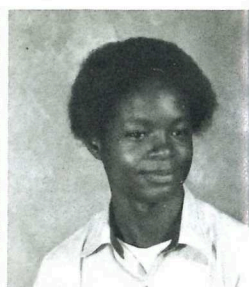
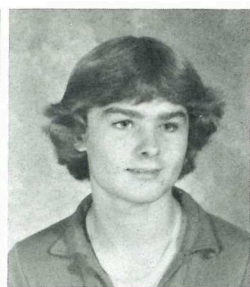
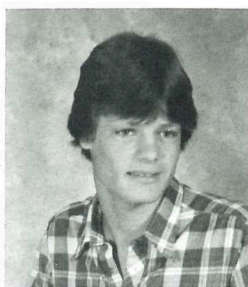
Laura Gregory

The sophomore class has kept busy throughout the year. They participated in the Student Council Carnival by setting up a basketball throw and a jail house. They raised more money than any other organization participating: approximately \$50.00.

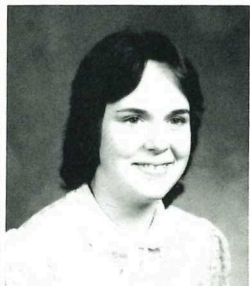
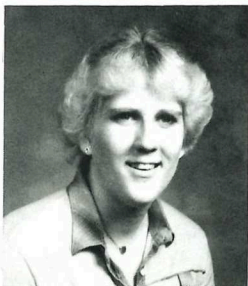
"I HAD DONE all my office work and was doing my homework," commented office aide Denise Smith (RIGHT).



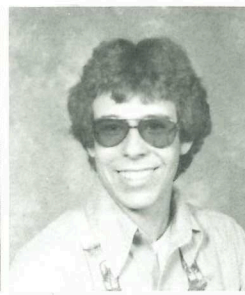
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Ronald Bradshaw  
Roland Bradshaw



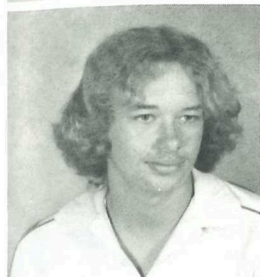
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Angela Carter



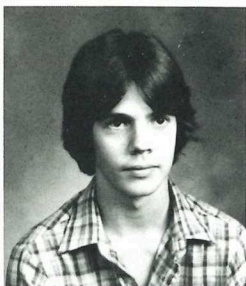




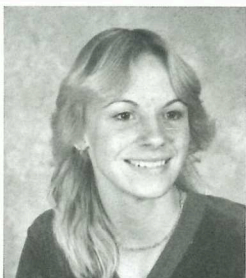
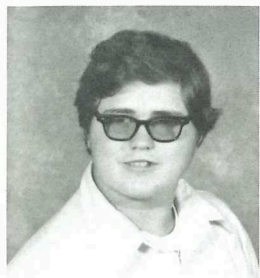
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Doug Dewey  
Deborah Dobsch  
Tim Dunakey



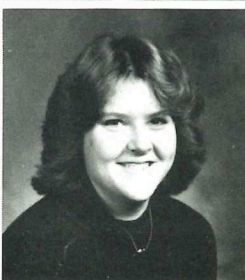
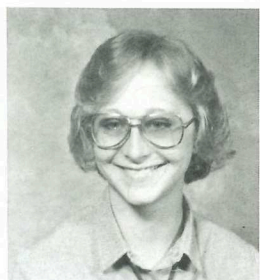
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Tammy Eads  
Sue Ferrell  
Terri Figura



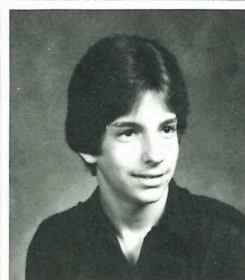
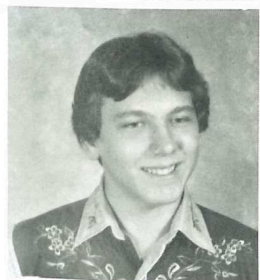
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James Goldsmith  
Laura Gregory  
Joyce Harris



Greg Harrison  
Pam Heiliger  
Karen Helvey  
Patricia Hill



Cheryl Hollenbeck  
Treesa Hueffmeier  
Sandra Hunt  
Joyce Jackson



James Jaeger  
Elaine Jaspering  
James Jones  
Greg Klemp



# SOPHOMORES

AS BRIAN BOTE  
and Debbie Dobsch  
wait to walk down  
the aisle Brian  
remarks, "Which  
foot first right or  
left?" (FAR  
RIGHT).

Darrell Lawson

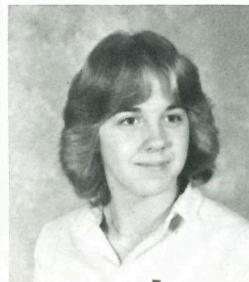
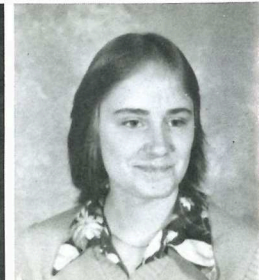
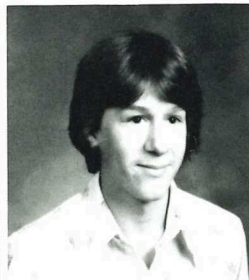
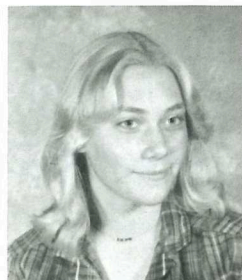
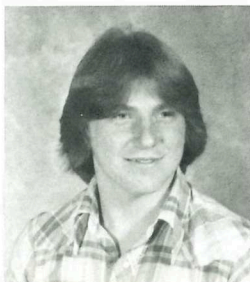
Donald Marty

Dawn Meyers

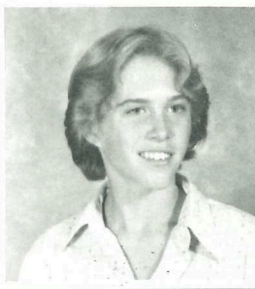
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Michelle Nalty  
Keith Newton  
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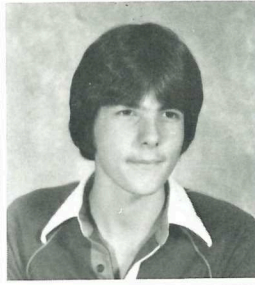
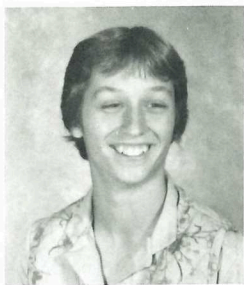
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Jeanette Pauk  
Andrea Piatt  
Barbara Requat



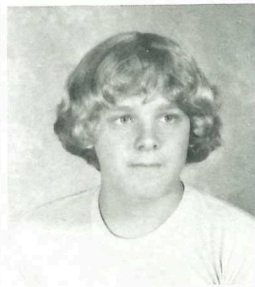




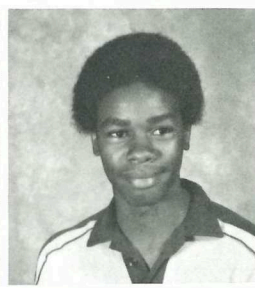
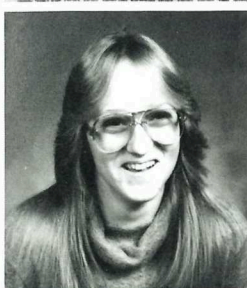
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Darren Stone



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Kim Twiehaus  
Dean Unnerstall

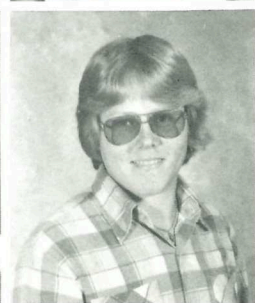


Gail Vance  
Mark Wilding  
Beth Wilson  
Guy Wilson



WHILE WAITING  
AT the water  
fountain Jim Jones  
thinks privately,  
"Let me at it"  
(FAR RIGHT).

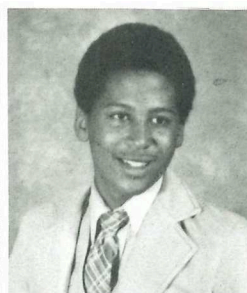
Susan Wright  
Gloria Wyatt



Ricky Zumwalt  
Mark Zykan



Theresa  
Aemisegger  
Mike Arnett  
Bobby Baldwin  
Sherry Bates



# FRESHMEN CAPTURE SPIRIT

When I become a senior, I hope I will know what my plans and goals will be. Right now I have a lot of questions I have to find answers for. But, I am sure by the year 1984, I will have most of my questions answered and my future as a citizen, instead of as a student.

Les Martin

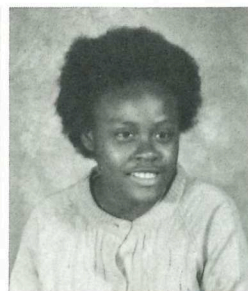
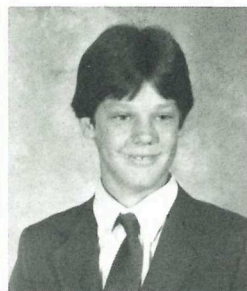
Both freshmen advisors Ms. Priscilla Wobbe and Ms. Carol Hollander agree that the freshmen class has what it takes to be successful. "The students are very friendly and helpful," commented Ms. Wobbe.

Although this is their first year as high school students, they have already become a part of WCHS. The enthusiasm described by their sponsors went farther than just freshmen projects. It extended into almost every club, team and organization in the school.

GERARD WASHINGTON AND Les Martin watch the girls first home basketball game. "It was exciting because some of the girls can play better than the boys," commented Gerard (MIDDLE RIGHT).



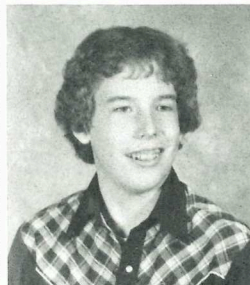
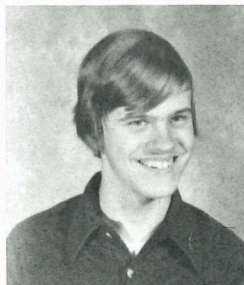
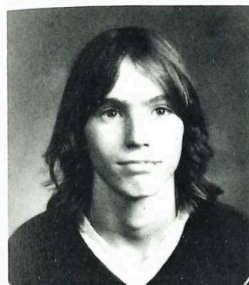
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Mike Bertke  
Chris Blanchard  
Gloria Bledsoe



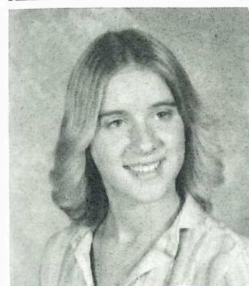




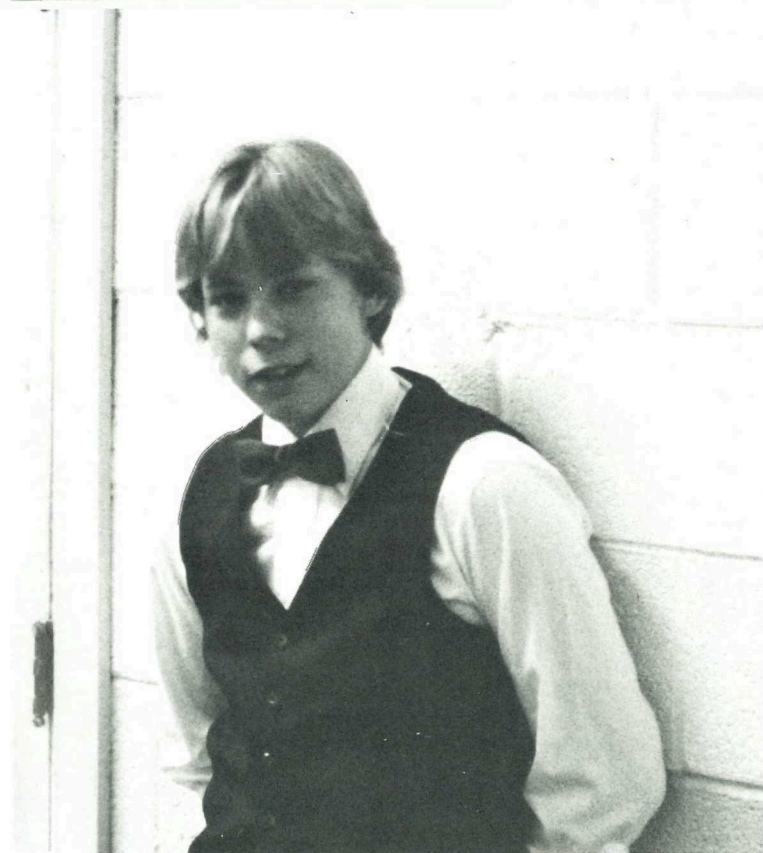
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 Andy Burt  
 Lisa Butler  
 Donna Charlton



Steve Crump  
 Steven Dotson  
 Gary Dunakey  
 Jimmy Fliehm



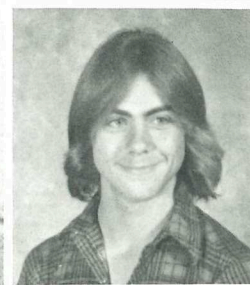
Rhonda Gordon  
 Greg Hill  
 Susan Hinrichs  
 John Hoeft



Randy Johnson



Wayne Klenke



Rick Kohr  
 RANDY  
 JOHNSON AFTER  
 his music  
 performance said,  
 "It was a good  
 performance and  
 everyone did well"  
 (FAR LEFT).



JUST BEFORE  
ENTERING stage  
for a concert,  
Theresa Simpson  
commented, "I had  
just noticed that I  
had a run in my  
hose. Everything  
went fine though"  
(FAR RIGHT).

Scott Kohrs

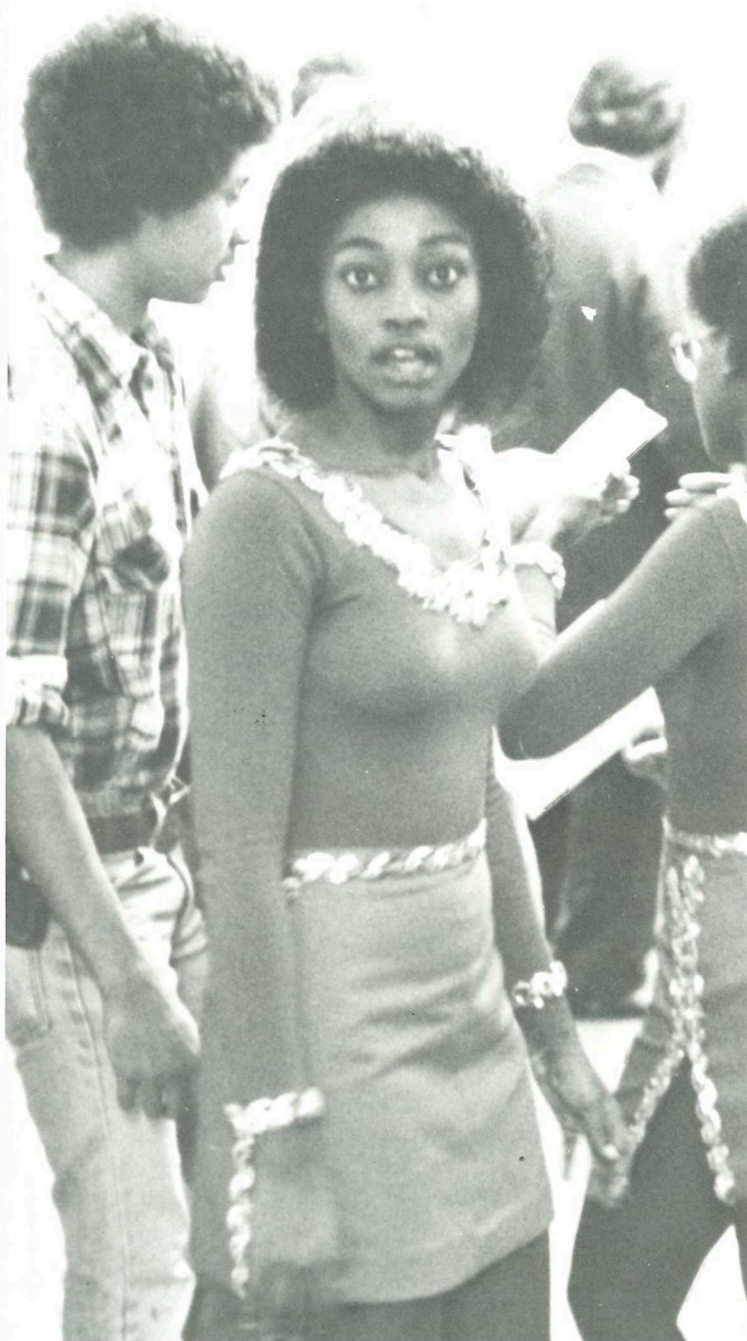
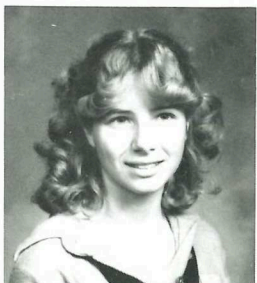
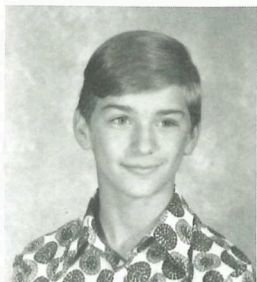
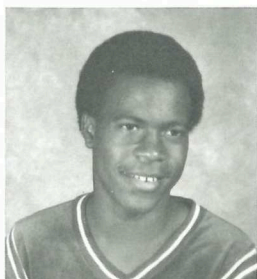
Gloria Lashley

Raymond Lewis

Darren Lockhart

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Cheryl Marty  
Karlann Massey  
Tony Menne







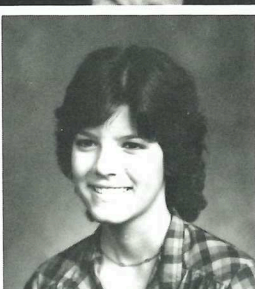
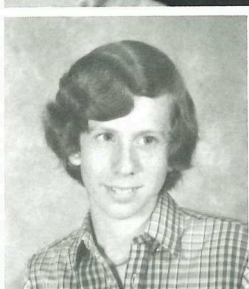
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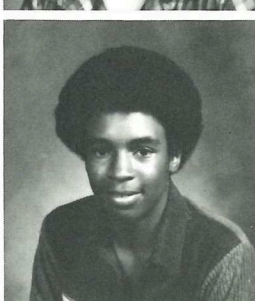
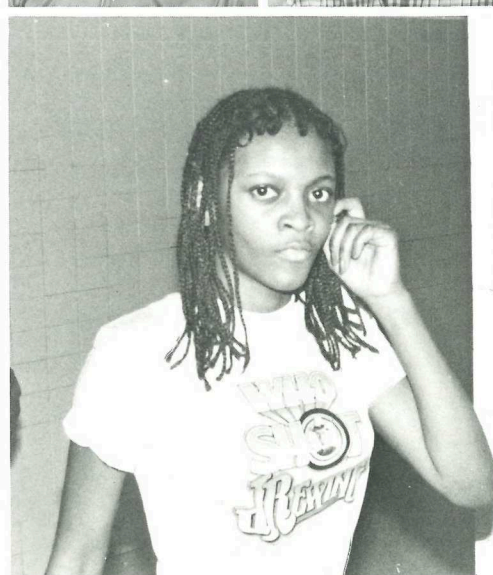
Kevin Rodriguez  
DURING SPIRIT WEEK Mike Bertke and Wayne Klenke commented, "Homecoming week was exciting and we were looking forward to the dance" (LEFT).



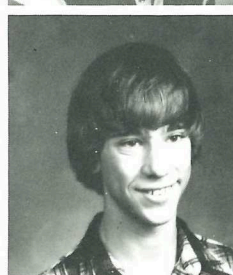
Cathy Russell



Theresa Simpson  
Perry Stewart  
Lisa Sydow  
Steve Tomschin



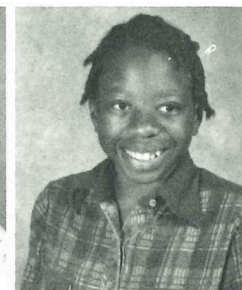
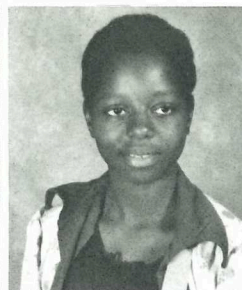
AT THE SPIRIT dance Melissa Mozee commented, "I just came out of the bathroom and I was thinking about our routine" (FAR LEFT.)  
Gerard Washington  
Rick Watson



Danny Wilding  
Mike Wright



Kimberly Abrolat  
Steve Alberternst  
Delores Anderson  
Romania Anderson



## EIGHTH GRADE UNITES

Mark Graviett, far right, in Home Economics said, "That day we were sewing and I was making a vest." Edgar Wilding looks on. (RIGHT).

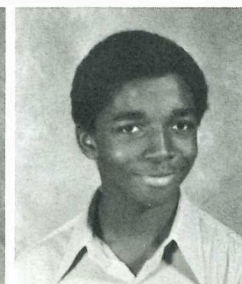
The eighth grade is a large class of 85 people. They are a spirited group of young people with big hopes and dreams. The thing that the eighth graders believe makes them so special is that they're close. Rick Kauble says, "We are like one big happy family." Edgar Wilding offered, "I think that we're different from the others because we all care for our classmates in some way." Expressing a similar view, Doug Maynard said, "Some of us are troublemakers and some of us are fighters and some of us are brains but we all have one thing in common, we are the eighth grade."



Andrea Avery  
Penny Barber  
Shanon Bartold  
Angela Benney



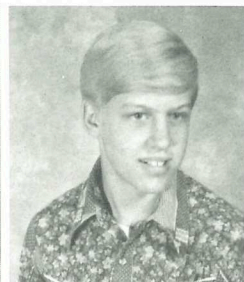
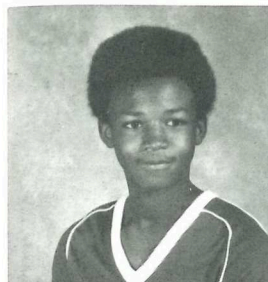
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Helen Bunton  
Rodney Chambliss  
Rodney Cohen



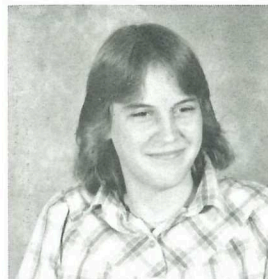




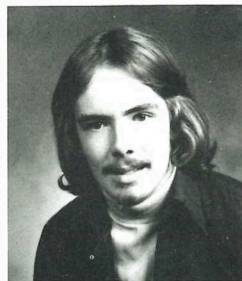
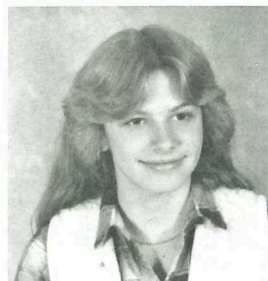
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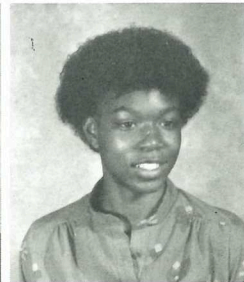
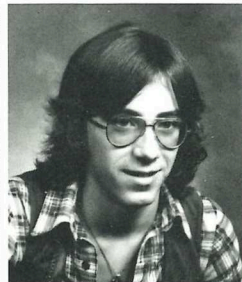
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Rita Gage  
Denise Goldsmith  
Mark Graviett



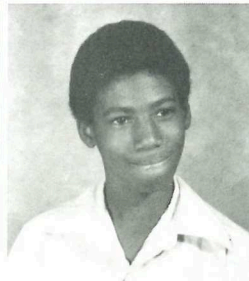
Barbara Gray  
Michelle Grooms  
Kendall Harrison  
David Heiliger



Lorie Heiliger  
James Heinen  
Deborah Hinderliter  
Danny Hoeber



Tina Hunt  
Mark James  
Mitchell Johnson  
Rhonda Johnson



Shelly Johnson  
Anita Jones  
Donald Jones  
Salina Jones



# EIGHTH GRADE

BELINDA BOYLE  
in the library said,  
"Erin and I go in  
study hall and write  
letters to each  
other, but that day  
I was writing a love  
letter." (FAR  
RIGHT)

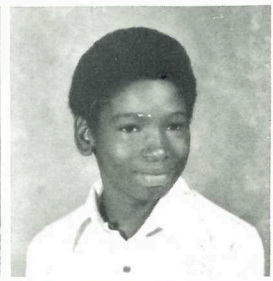
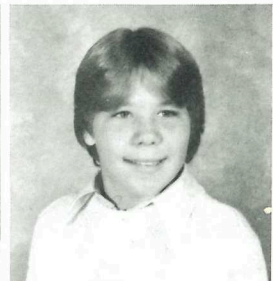
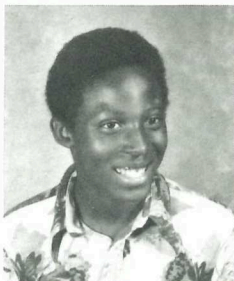
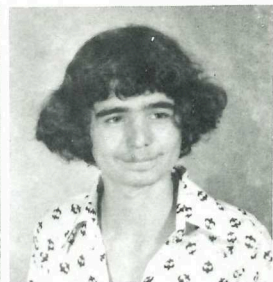
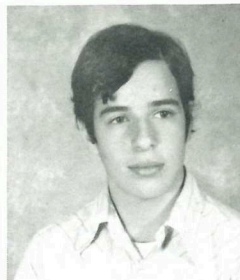
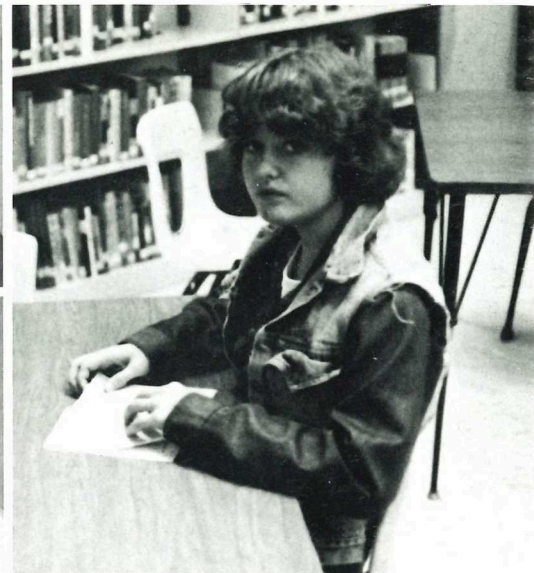
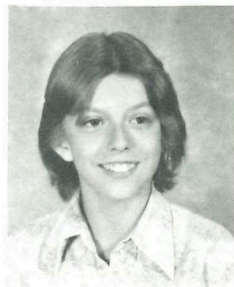
Richard Kauble  
Fred Klemp  
Sandra Koster  
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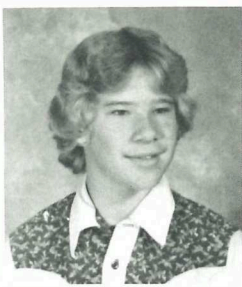
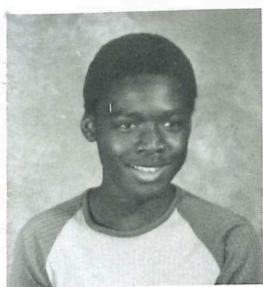
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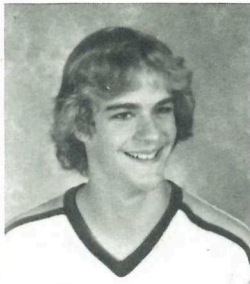
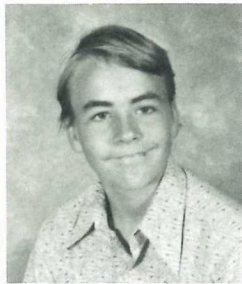
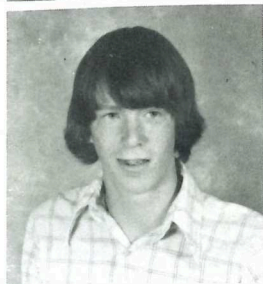
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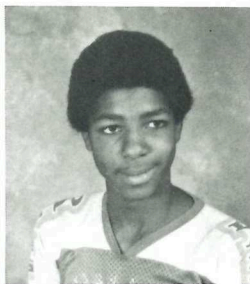
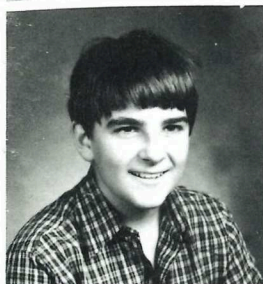




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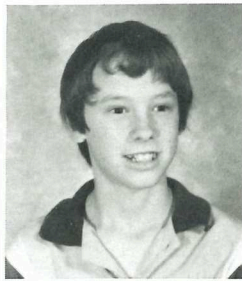
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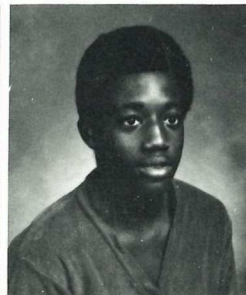
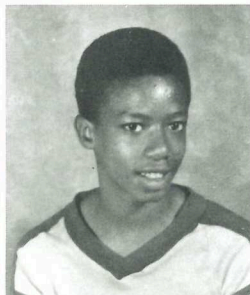
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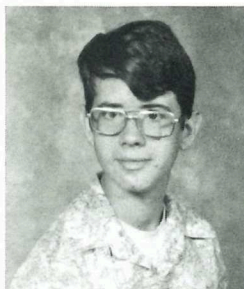
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Patty Beck  
Melissa Boyd



# SEVENTH GRADE BITES OFF A BIT OF SPIRIT

Junior High is a lot harder than everyone thinks.

Kristin Ruge

"The first day of junior high was completely different from sixth grade, because there were so many people in the halls at the same time. It was also different because you had to change classes and teachers. I don't think that it was really scary-it was kind of confusing," says class members Tonia Brakensiek.

In spite of all the changes and the confusion, spirit seemed to be up and running. Many seventh graders were involved in such spirit boosters as cheerleading, basketball, and pom-pom. The rest of the class supported the active members by attending pep rallies and basketball games, showered in blue and white.

One student summed up the entire year by saying, "Homework, homework, homework!"

"IT WAS ONE of the best routines we ever did, and we were winning the game," said enthusiastic Melissa Boyd (RIGHT).



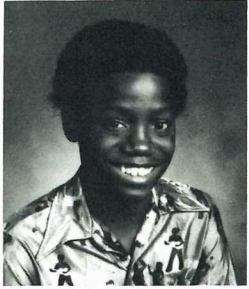
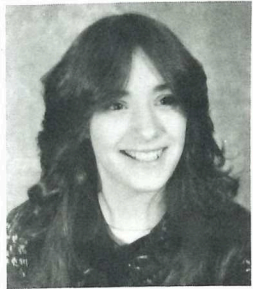
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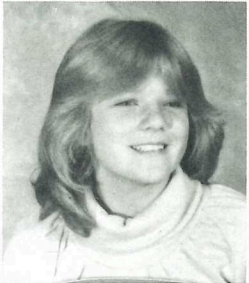




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Curt Burt  
Carma Carter



Sheila Chandler  
Eric Cosby  
Alicia Culpepper  
Paula Day



Marshall Diehl  
Jill Dunlap  
Malinda Eads  
Gary Edwards



Sherry Eskew  
Karen Everman  
Sharon Fincher  
Donna Fuchs



Bryan Gardner



Johnathan Godt

"BAND IS BETTER. In sixth grade we played out of a book. Now we get to play sheet music," said Tonia Brakensiek, right, practicing with Amy Williams and Delaine Gore (FAR LEFT).





# SEVENTH GRADE

Yvonne Gordon

LEE ANN SCARBROUGH and Bridget Wilson vocalize in junior high chorus. Lee Ann said, "Chorus is my favorite class because I like to sing" (FAR RIGHT).

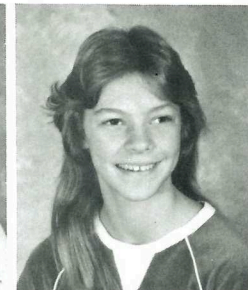
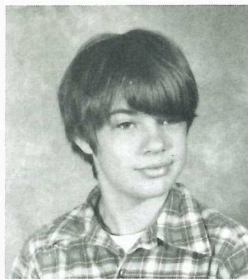
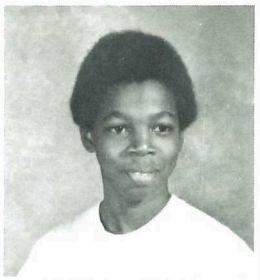
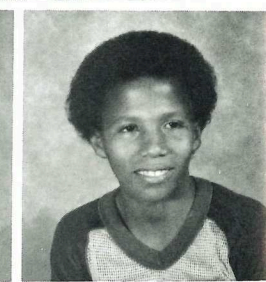
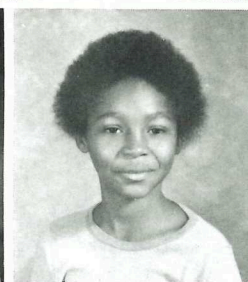
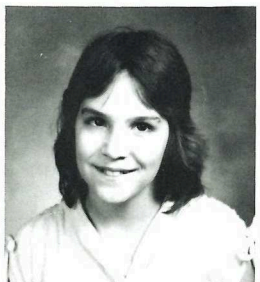
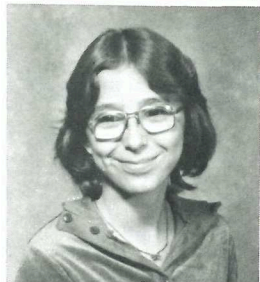
Delaine Gore

Greg Guthrie

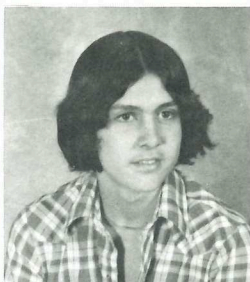
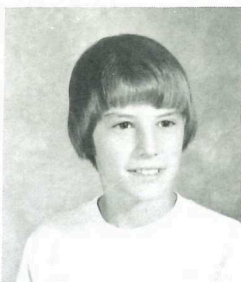
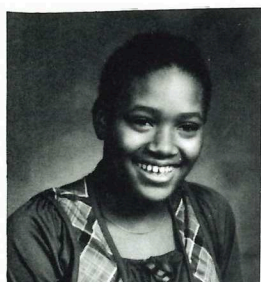
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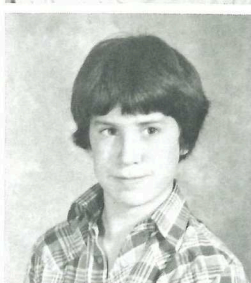
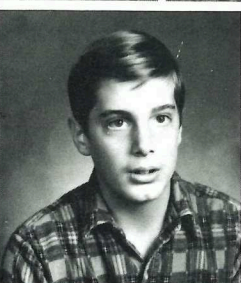




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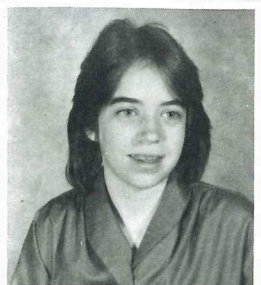
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Julie Shelton  
Wesley Trimborn  
Denise Vester  
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**STUDENT GREG GUTHRIE** (center) is busily working to complete a Social Studies test, but pauses for a moment to get his picture taken. Also pictured are row one: Melinda Eads, row two: Jonathan Godt, Greg Guthrie, Randy Gardner, row three: Tom Nailor, Donal Sears, Bruce McLaughlin, Sheila Chandler, Jill Dunlap, row four: Elizabeth Dougherty, Tonia Brakensiek, Delaine Gore, Bryan Gardner (LEFT).



Amy Williams  
Bridget Wilson  
Tina Young  
Brenda Yount



# "... You Came A Long Way Buster"

This is an autobiography by Mr. Frazier that was found among his belongings. It expresses his own thoughts about himself.

Born in Skulleyville, Oklahoma, June 16, 1914, my life was typical of the youngsters of the time. My father, a white man, divided his time between working as a town marshall, barber, deputy-sheriff, and justice-of-the-peace. My mother of Choctaw and French descent, occupied her time as a good mother and housewife until her death in 1940 at age forty-three.

Being large for my age, 5'10", 195 pounds, in 1928, I went out for the high school football team, our school was very small and the football coach was my seventh grade teacher. My father had always been interested in boxing and wrestling so my high school career was channeled along athletic lines. At S.H.S I had the dubious distinction of playing sixty-five games on offense and defense, not that I was any better than I had to be, but we only had four substitutes available.

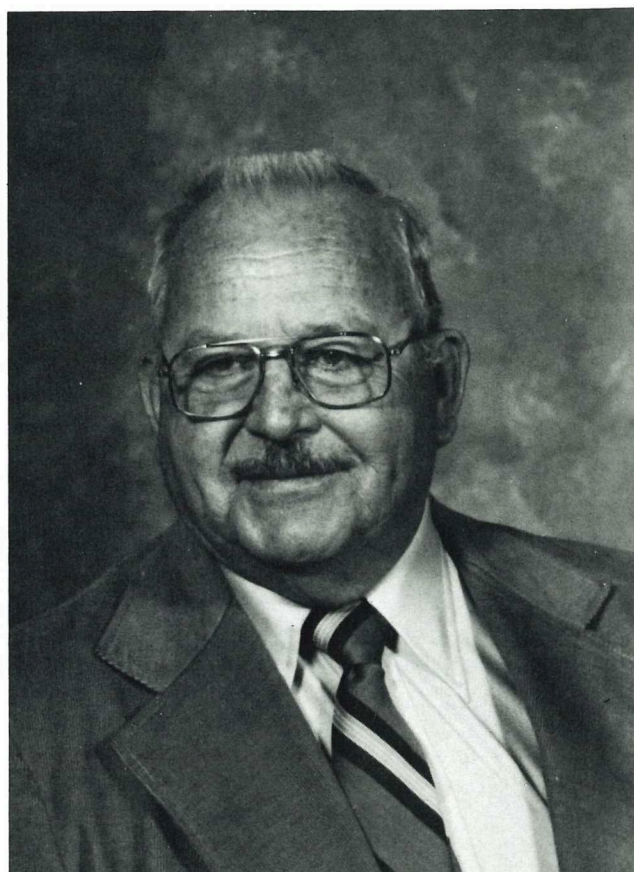
I had been a loner all my life and in high school even to the present time, I've preferred watching people's reactions to the idle social chitchat that people for some unknown reason think is necessary.

Some would say that being an only child caused me to become a typical loner but I would rather think it was because a serious case of typhoid fever left me crippled when I was ten years old. During the next three years, with a routine of exercise I learned to walk again; during this time I read everything we owned and could buy and borrow. Novels, classics, encyclopedias, travelbooks, anything that was at hand I read, forming a background to later years that I could return to school.

In high school I had parts in the school productions and the occasional community play and was elected the first president of the Student Council. I graduated from high school almost a month before my twentieth birthday and immediately started to school at Southeastern State Teachers College in Durant, Oklahoma. After football season I dropped because of financial reasons and for the next two years worked on W.P.A. and other such depression products and boxed and wrestled a number of times to make a living.

In 1936 I had an offer from Conners State Agriculture College, Warner, Oklahoma to play football and box. There I developed a stronger interest in writing and newspaper work.

At the end of the 1936-37 term I had an opportunity to go back to Spiro and get a summer job, good pay for the period, eleven cents per hour and all the hours I wanted. No overtime either. In the fall I returned to CSAC, after breaking an ankle and my nose playing



Francis "Buster" Frazier

Born: June 16, 1914  
Died: November 8, 1980

football I stayed there until midterm of the 1938-39 term doing more work on the school newspaper, setting type, running the old press, and writing.

My grades were good enough; I usually was exempt from finals so I didn't lose any credits when I dropped out again, this time to return to Spiro and take care of my mother who needed constant attention the last six months she lived.

After mother died in January of 1940, I transferred to Northeastern State Teachers College, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, capital of the Cherokee Nation. Now six years from the time I was a freshman in college, I hoped I would be able to get my degree, I still played another year of football but I was more interested in getting an education than some fleeting glory.





OLD NEWSPAPER REPRINTS saved by Mr. Frazier hang on the wall of his classroom (LEFT).



MR. DAVID COOK and Mr. Frazier selling tickets at the 1979 Homecoming dance (BELOW LEFT).

MR. FRAZIER'S FAMILIAR collection of books and references that comprised the back corner of his classroom (BELOW).



## EULOGY

By: Pamela Zutter Brock

Although we were colleagues, we all felt we were his students because we obtained much knowledge from his experiences and stories. We truly admired him for he was sincerely dedicated to the field of teaching. We are all stunned and greatly feel this loss. Many of us took it for granted that he would always be here. We won't forget your smile, your wisdom, or your ambling gait down the hall. So, good morning, Mr. Frazier.

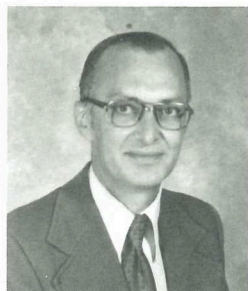
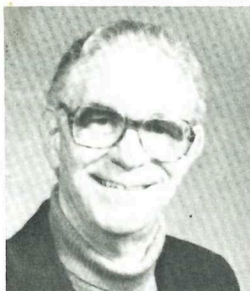
Graduating in May 1951 marked the end of a seventeen year period from the time I had enrolled as a freshman at S.T.C. until I got a B.A. in Education; however during a few odd minutes in the Sea Bees Navy Construction Battalion, seen thirty-four different islands in the Pacific, four continents, gone broke in the transportation business and now I am entering my fifteenth year as a teacher in the Wright City system, in the field of social studies.

As a school teacher I have taught and coached in Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, and Missouri with time out for a hitch as a peace officer in Kansas for five years.

The older I get, the more I want to write, after all my experiences, and the people I've met I truly feel there's a lot of interesting things I could tell about, if I knew how.



Fraser Small  
Superintendent  
Donald Jones  
Principal  
Jerry Dyer  
Asst. Principal  
Kay Jastrem  
Counselor



## SINCERELY INTERESTED FACULTY

"Both the faculty and administration are sincerely interested in the welfare of the students," commented Mrs. Carol Green. "The administration is willing to consider all possibilities in achieving what's best for the students. This is why they seem to respond to the individualism they get here."

"A large percentage of the students and faculty have a good understanding," commented Phil Popejoy, who believes it is a "give and take" situation to work so well together.

Students feel they receive a lot of personal attention from the teachers because of the small class size which makes for a better atmosphere for learning.

Most of the teachers show care and respect for each student.

Sheila Gore

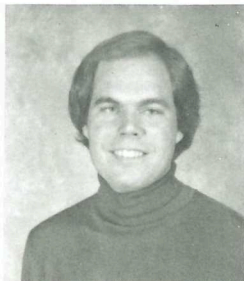
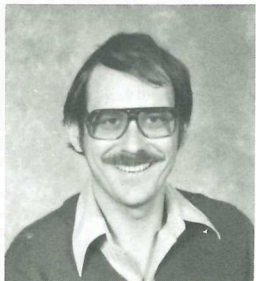


SINCERELY INTERESTED SUE Pilla offers individual help to Randy Bledsoe (ABOVE).

Lila Brandes  
Secretary  
Billie Arnett  
Secretary  
Nancee Mikel  
Nurse  
Lucille Ball  
Teacher's Aide



Mike Barnicle  
Math  
Gary Brandes  
Band  
Linda Breuer  
Art  
Pam Brock  
English, French,  
Spanish



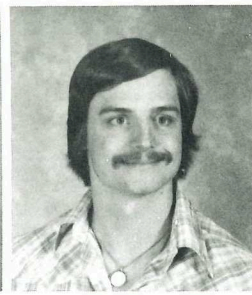




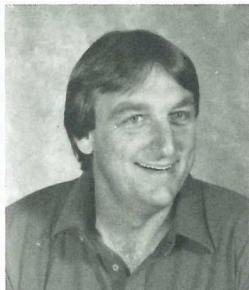
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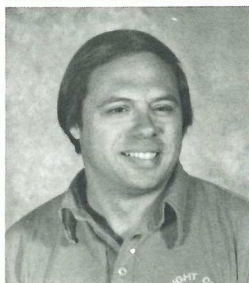
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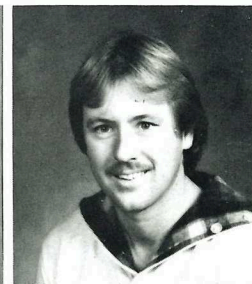
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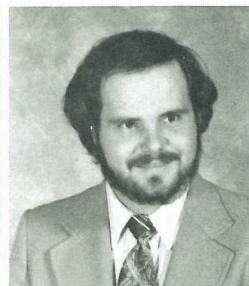
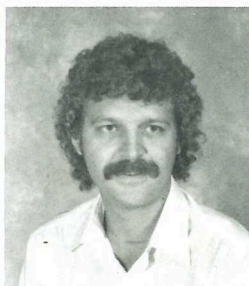
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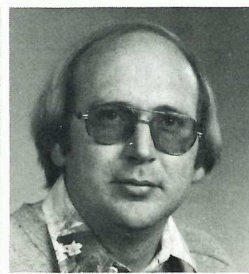
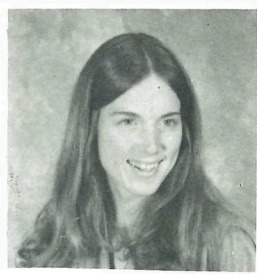
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Carol Hollander  
English  
Laura Jones  
Teacher's Aide  
Dale Kelly  
Science



Wendy Krueger  
Music  
Frank Lake  
History  
John Leykamp  
Industrial Arts  
Janice Lile  
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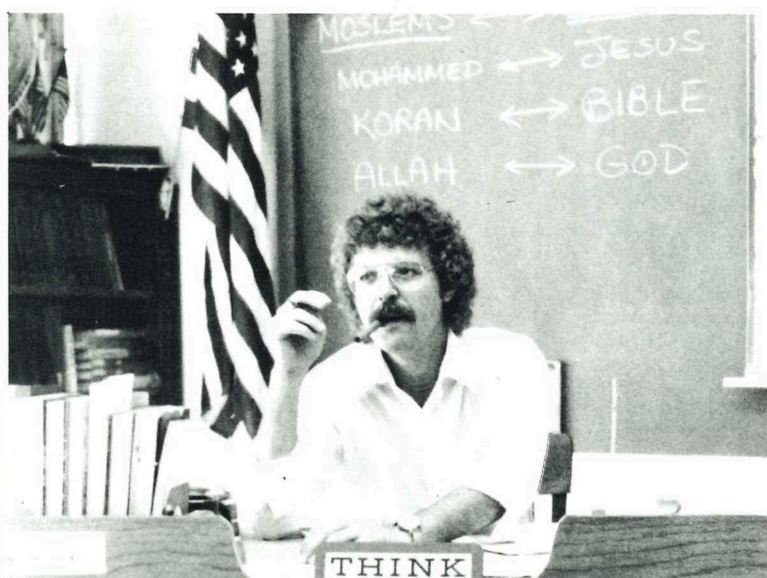
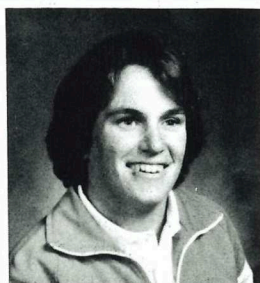
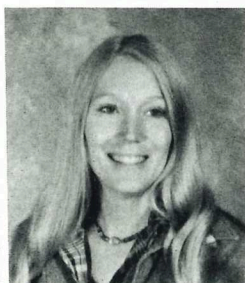
## FACULTY CONTINUED

"NOPE, THIS ISN'T a pen, it's a congratulations-I'm-a-father cigar given to me by Mr. Cook," said Mr. Lake who received it upon the arrival of Mr. Dave Cook's first child (RIGHT).

Sue Roeffer  
Junior High  
Educationally Mentally  
Handicapped



June Terrell  
Math  
Janie Walker  
Librarian  
Priscilla Wobbe  
Math  
Sue Wright  
Science and  
Physical Education



## ON THE ROAD AGAIN...

On the road again were eleven bus drivers that transported students to and from school, to athletic and other school related events. Of the eleven drivers, five were teachers employed by the school.



Bus Drivers: Sue Trimborn, Dorothy Key, Lee Jaeger, Pat Brockmeier, Dan Charlton, Dave Cook, Raymond Requat, Cliff Hains, John Leykamp, and John Krueger; not pictured, Dale Kelly (ABOVE).



## HERE TO SERVE

Five women composed the cafeteria staff. They prepared over 300 lunches a day to serve the students.

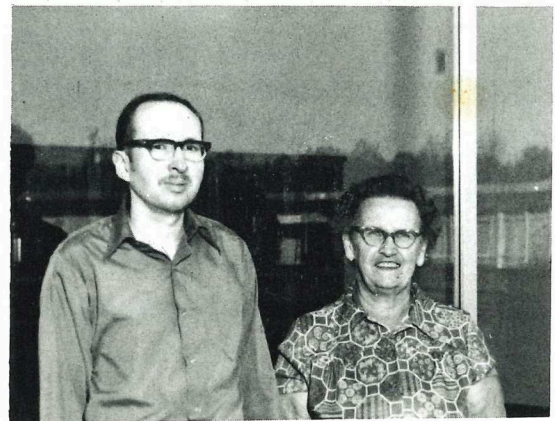
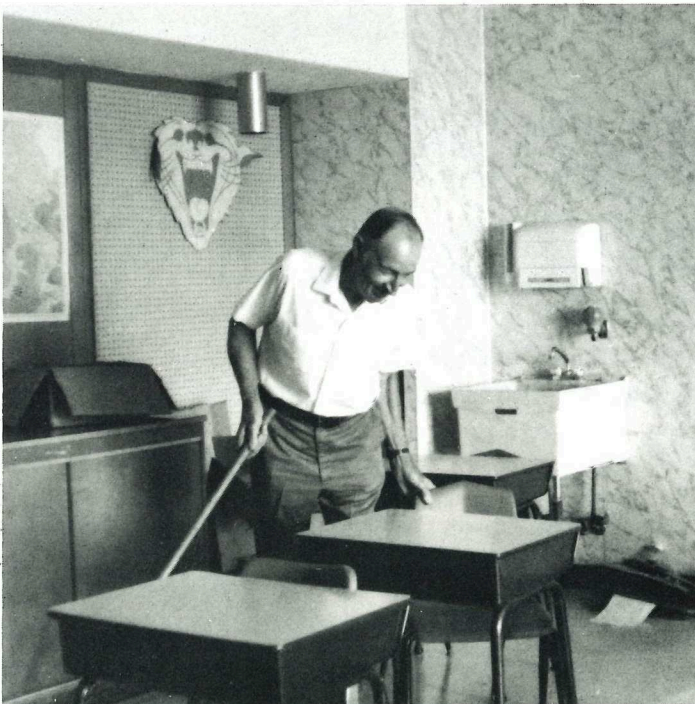
"THIS IS WITCHY POO for real, kids," commented Garnet Zuhone who dressed up for Halloween. Garnet made change for Greg Guthrie (LEFT).

Cafeteria Staff: Gladys Eversmeyer, Garnet Zuhone, Opal Twiehaus, Agnes Martin, and Roselie Schubert (BELOW).



## WORKING TO SERVE

The custodians arrived at school in different shifts to sweep, dust, mop, and over-all clean the school, the gymnasium and ag building.



JOE STEVENSON SWEEP, on the evening shift, the classrooms (LEFT).

Custodians: Dave Stevenson and Ada Tjenstrom (ABOVE).



*Expressions ...*



ORGANIZATIONS



I think our basketball team is terrific! I'm proud to say that I'm in Drill Team and the Pep Club. I feel like both of these help the basketball players keep up their spirit as do the fine cheerleaders we have. The Wildcats are so good that I count it a privilege to say that they are from our school. Keep it up Wildcats!

Julie Bruning

I think the music program at WCHS is one of the best in the area.

Chris Millikan

Characteristics that you must have when belonging to an organization are a sense of responsibility, participation, and the determination to serve. Others are spirit, leadership, citizenship, and the willingness to sacrifice your own time. There is no apathy at our school — the organizations here prove it.

Kenny Koster

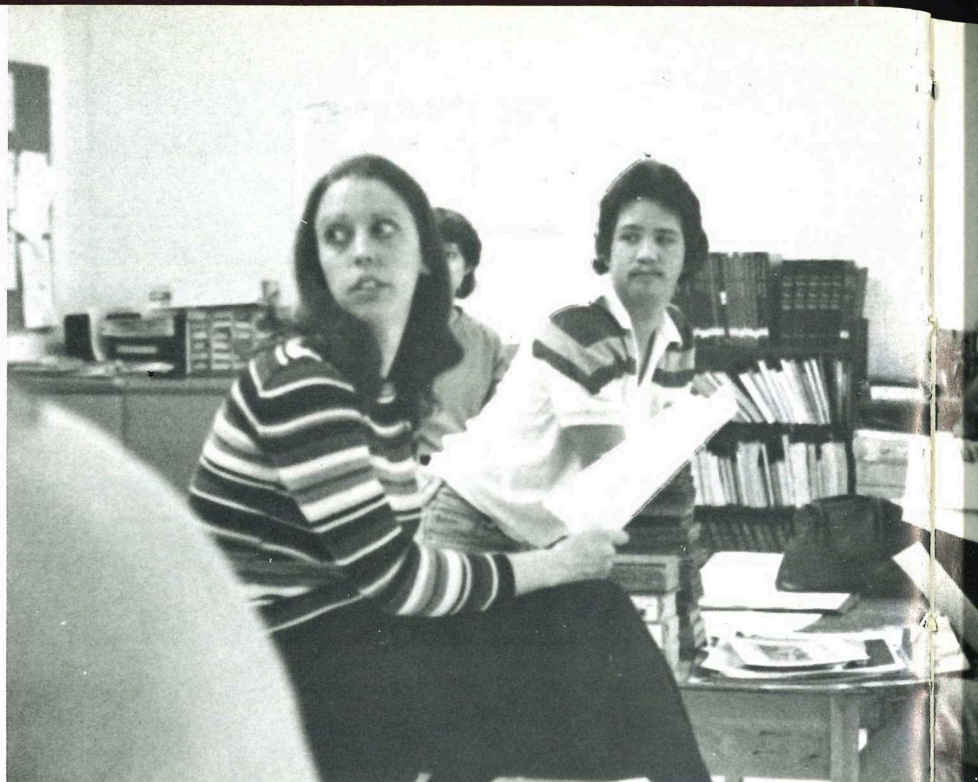


JOHN HANKINS, KAREN Zykan, and Michelle Nalty listen as Mrs. Breuer conducts class (RIGHT).

"THE BUS WAS having trouble so we were checking and tightening the power-steering and fan belts," remarked Gerald Reckamp who is helping Scott Stewart and Mark Sutter (LOWER RIGHT).

It is a lot of fun and keeps you occupied, I enjoy raising money and going on the trip at the end of the year.

Pam Zoeller



# ARTCLUB DRAWS THE ACTION

W.C.H.S. has a very active Art Club which has approximately thirty-six members. All of these members take part in fund raising activities, such as selling different types of candy bars and selling W.C. Wildcat hats which will be worn by the softball team.

Each year Art Club students go to Union to attend East Central College where in the past some have received scholarships. They also attend each year an art conference at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Their club trip consisted of going to Hallmark Museum, Nelson Art Gallery and World's of Fun all in Kansas City.

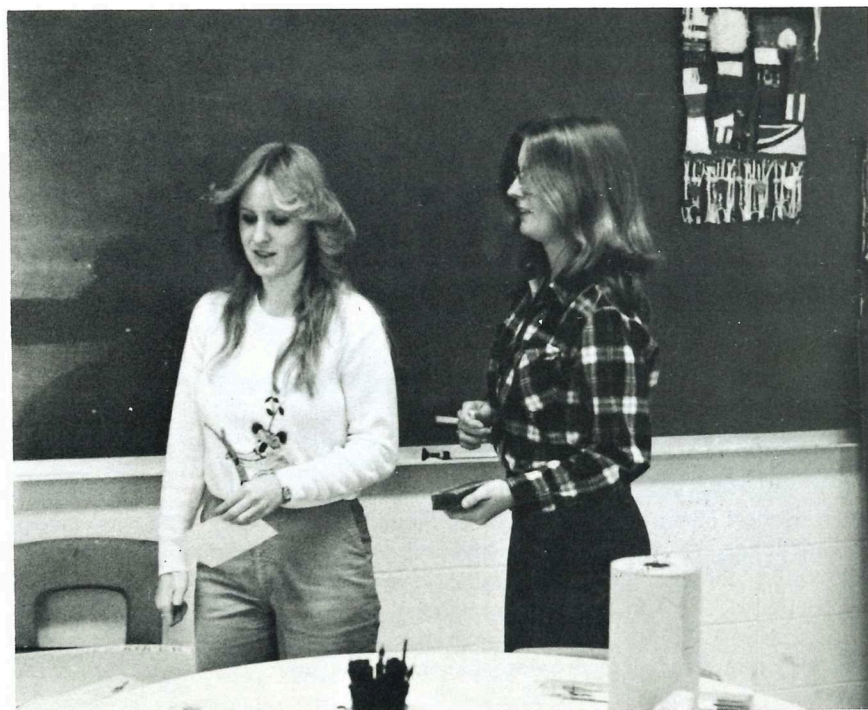
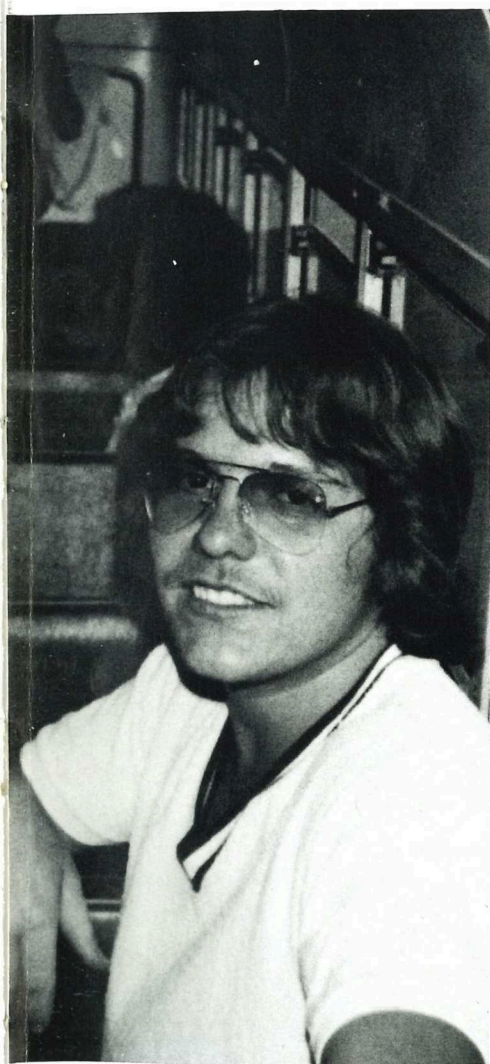
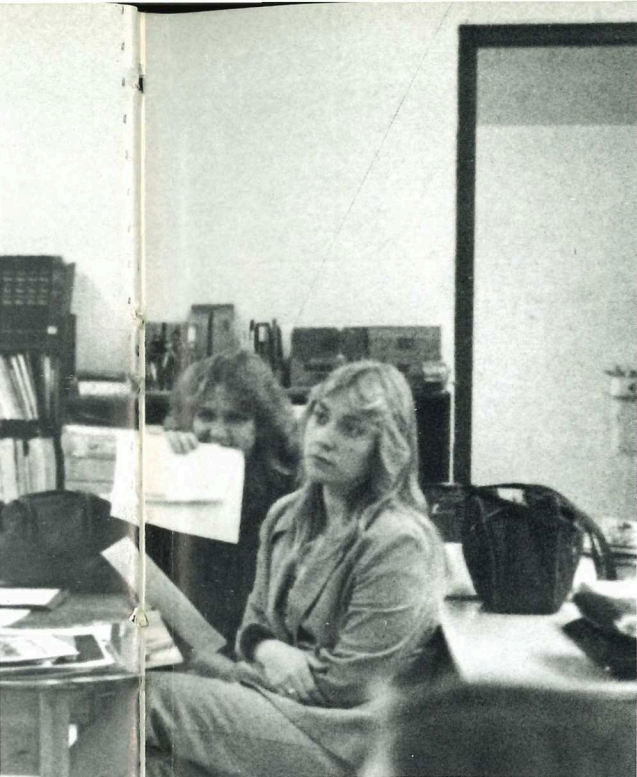
The Art Club officers who have contributed their time to this club are Jackie Vehige-president; John Hankins, vice-president; Lisa Hueffmeier, Secretary; and Pam Zoeller, treasurer.

"It's more important than being in art; we participate in services for the school, have a



chance to get out into the community, to serve refreshments at teacher's meetings, expose our artist's work, and we get to do things as a group," commented Mrs. Breuer, Art Club's sponsor.





**ART CLUB MEMBERS:** Row one: Mrs. Linda Breuer, Rita Johnson, John Hankins, Pam Zoeller, Lisa Hueffmeier, Mark Sutter, Cindy Hoeber; Row two: Norma Simpson, Debbie Dobsch, Chyresse Beste, Tony Beeny, Jennifer Massey, Margie Boyd, Ronnie Zumwalt, Angie Carter, JoAnn Johnson; Row three: Carla Bailey, Melissa Bailey, Theresa Aemisegger, Kim Twiehaus, Maribeth Sutter, Wendell Herndon, Andrea Piatt; Row Four: Jim Fliehman, Mike Wright, Barb Requat, Jeanette Pauk, Mark Jones, Mike Abrolat, Treesa Hueffmeier; Row five: Patty Key, Dave McCullen, Beth Michaels, Tammy Eads, Michelle Nalty, Lesa Mathews, Leslie Stevens, Gerald Reckampp, John Nolting (UPPER RIGHT).

"I COULDN'T WAIT to get off of the bus," remarked Mark Sutter (LEFT). PAM ZOELLER AND Margie Boyd organize things for the Prom (ABOVE).



# Jazz Band Wins!

When a group of people get together, and the goal is to perform the best they possibly can, it's fun.

Mr. Gary Brandes

Under the new direction of Mr. Gary Brandes, the Jazz Band attempted high goals and achieved them.

Victory bound, and headed for the Central Methodist College campus in Fayette, on March 7, the Jazz Band participated in the annual Phi Mu Alpha Jazz Festival with hopes of "just playing a good performance." They did, capturing the first place trophy. But that wasn't all, Brad Wahle and Steve Strick both received outstanding musicianship awards.

The band also participated in the Drury College Jazz Festival, the Flat River Jazz Festival, and the Union Jazz Festival.

The Jazz Band will be saying good-bye to four seniors, Mark Jones, Brad Wahle, Steve Strick, and Doug Maestes.



THE JAZZ BAND (BELOW). Row one, Cheryl Hollenbeck, Cheryl Marty, Brad Wahle, Lisa Sydow, Brian Bote. Row two: Mr. Gary Brandes, Curt McLaughlin, Brian Aemisegger, Robert Hinrichs. Row three, Tim Mound, Kevin Kiner, Mark Jones, Steve Strick, Bill Beauchamp, Andy Burt. Row four, Jim Johnson, Linda Nadler. Row six, Doug Maestes, Lyle Jones, Chris Milliken, Darren Stone.

"IT'S AN HONOR to play for Mr. Brandes," quoted Brian Bote. Brian awaits a cue before playing in the first band concert of the year. (ABOVE RIGHT).

CHERYL HOLLENBECK LIKES playing lead parts; she plays a solo at the Christmas music concert (RIGHT).







THE JAZZ BAND at the Christmas concert, (LEFT). Row one, Cheryl Hollenbeck, Cheryl Marty. Row two, Robert Hinrichs, Curt McLaughlin, Brian Aemisegger. Row three, Kevin Kiner, Mark Jones, Steve Strick, Bill Beauchamp, Andy Burt.

# Pep Band has Pep

"Hot Stuff", "Catch That Pepsi Spirit", and "Soul Man", were just a few of the many tunes that basketball fans listened to while attending the WCHS home basketball games.

The Pep Band was doubly enthusiastic, both cheering on the team and playing their spirit songs. Mr. Gary Brandes commented, "They yelled as loud as they played!"

Conducting rehearsals before school and before home games, the band had good attendance.

Pep Band member Denise Smith commented, "I thought that Mr. Brandes did a great job; he added a lot of spirit to the music department."



THE PEP BAND, (LEFT). Row one, Lisa Luckett, Deanna Linker, Amy Williams, Pam Lindsey, Angie Benney, Rita Gage, Paula Day. Row two, Andrew Marley, Scott Hensiek, Randy Garrett, Darrell Mozee, John Nadler, Donal Sears. Row three, Sandy Koster, Rodney Cohen, Andy Ordelleide, Steve Alberternst, John Godt, Bruce McLaughlin. Row four, Dennis Unnerstall, Greg Lucas, Trae Ruge, Tim Mound, Andy Burt, Bill Beauchamp. Row five, Mr. Gary Brandes, Linda Nadler, Chris Milliken, Tony Milliken, Paul Brunning. (Not pictured), Pat Hill, Denise Smith, Kenny Koster, Keith Koster, Brian Aemisegger, Theresa Aemisegger.

PLAYING THE TUNE of "Hot Stuff", are from left to right, Randy Garrett, Darrell Mozee, Kenny and Keith Koster, and Theresa Aemisegger (ABOVE).





RECEIVE I RATING-The clarinet trio A received I ratings at district and state competition. Shown here are Lisa Sydow, Kenny and Keith Koster, and director Mr. Gary Brandes (RIGHT).

Finding out about the new band director, I was pessimistic about signing up for a music class. But the way Mr. Brandes brought music to us and his patience and dedication to the job, this year has meant more to me musically than any other.

Keith Koster



# Brandes accepts baton

One of the many new faces here at WCHS was our new instrumental music director, Mr. Gary Brandes. A graduate of WCHS in 1973, Mr. Brandes attended the University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL). He then instructed at the University City school district before coming back to WCHS.

"This year has really flown by; I've had a good year and I've really enjoyed working at WCHS. I liked it here as a student and now that I'm on the other side of the desk it's still a good place to be. Here at WCHS, there are more opportunities for band and music activities," Mr. Brandes remarked.

Because of his interest in others, many students felt that he was the main contributor for the many awards and honors brought to WCHS. A member of both Concert and Jazz Band, Robert Hinrichs commented, "I like performing in my band classes with a director who knows what he is doing." Kenny Koster also stated, "Mr. Brandes was very enthusiastic and interested in many of the musical events."

By reviving tradition, the band performed on stage at each concert rather than in the new gymnasium. Mr. Brandes thought that the band should all dress alike to maintain a more professional look.

The Concert Band competed at one major

contest: Mexico. Despite the hard work and effort, the band received a II rating.

The flute quartet received a III rating. Groups receiving II ratings were the clarinet trio B, flute soloist-Jane Wright, bassoon soloist-Keith Koster, and clarinet soloists-Lisa Sydow and Cheryl Hollenbeck.

Five music groups received I ratings at district. The mixed woodwind trio featuring flute-Jane Wright, bassoon-Keith Koster, and clarinet-Kenny Koster received a II rating at state. The clarinet trio A featuring Keith Koster, Lisa Sydow, and Kenny Koster received a I rating at state. Clarinet soloist Kenny Koster received a II rating at state. Two other soloists-vocalist Jennifer Kerr and trumpeter Steve Strick went to state. Jenny received a I rating and Steve a II. At state, WCHS received nine medals. More medals were received at state under Mr. Brandes' direction than ever before.

Musicians were selected for the Northeast Missouri State-Kirksville (NEMO) All District Band. Keith Koster, Lisa Sydow, and Kenny Koster performed up at Kirksville in concert.

Several members were named to the United States Band Achievement Academy (USNBA) and a society for outstanding musicians in Who's Who in Music.





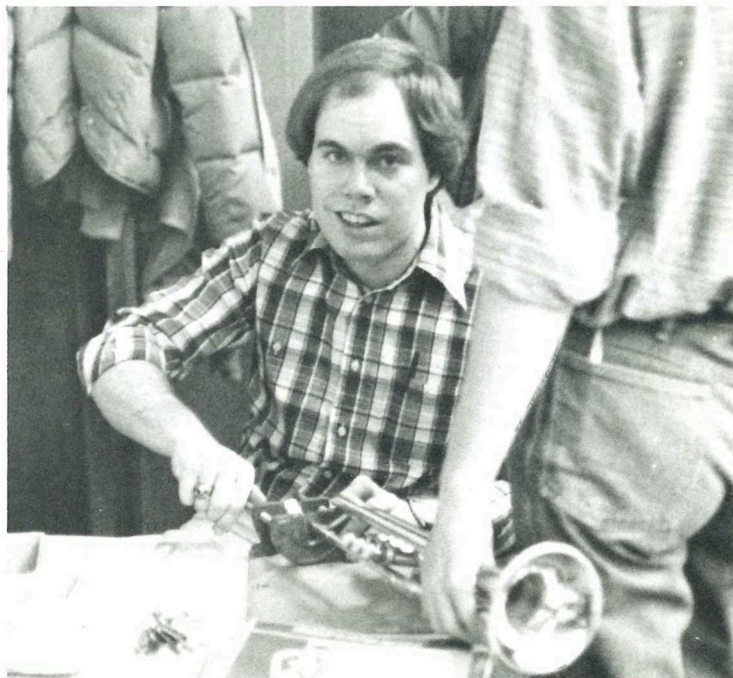
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FRESHMAN CHERYL MARTY executes one of the more complicated selections at the concert (TOP LEFT).

MEMBERS OF THE concert band include: front row-Kenny Koster, Lisa Sydow, Steve Dotson, Debbie Butler, and Julie Bruning; row two-Cheryl Marty, Beth Wilson, Elaine Jaspering, Keith Koster, Theresa Aemisegger, Brian Bote, Wayne Klenke, Michelle Nalty, and Denise Smith; row three-Cheryl Hollenbeck, Bill Beauchamp, Rick Watson, Steve Tomschin, Jim Jaeger, Curt McLaughlin, Gerard Washington, Brian Aemisegger, and Pat Hill; back row-Jerry Brittain, Doug Maestas, Paul Bruning, Jim Jones, Donald Marty, Chris Millikan, and director, Mr. Gary Brandes. Not pictured-Jane Wright, Robert Hinrichs, Andrea Johnson, and Kevin Kiner (TOP RIGHT). TAKING OVER AS head of the instrumental music department, Mr. Gary Brandes ran into a few "sticky" situations (ABOVE).

LISA SYDOW PRACTICES on her solo for the annual district contest (MIDDLE LEFT).

THE MIXED WOODWIND trio featuring Keith Koster, Jane Wright, and Kenny Koster was one of five groups receiving a I rating at Mexico (BOTTOM LEFT).



"Being a Noteful gave me the opportunity to learn to coordinate choreography and singing."

Karen Arnett

PRESENTING THE NEW 1980-81 Notefuls: Front row: Laura Gregory, Tammy Brittain, Rhonda Gordon, Laura Phiroopoulos; Back row: Karlan Massey, Karen Arnett, Debbie Lanham, and Karen Rankin-(BELOW).



# Notefuls

## sing to a new tune



The Notefuls began their 1980-81 season singing "Hey Look Me Over" and everyone did just that at the fall concert.

The group practices during sixth hour along with the chorus. The hour was divided in half so that both groups would have to spend less time after school.

The members auditioned by singing and dancing. They were selected by Penny Seigal and Linda Hilgert, who directed the group. Thirteen girls were originally chosen, but due to a change in schedule at first semester, the group was left with eight members.

At mid-term, the Notefuls had a change in directors, and Mrs. Wendy Kreuger took charge of the group with Penny Seigal choreographing dances.



HELPING PAINT is just one of Karen Arnett's talents along with acting as the student coordinator for the Notefuls (UPPER LEFT).

LAURA PHIROPOULOS, RHONDA Gordon, Laura Gregory, Karen Rankin, Mary Kallbrier, Tammy Brittain opened the season with smiles (ABOVE).



# Chorus learns harmony



"SINCE WE'RE working mainly for the Fine Arts Festival, we're singing more theory written songs."

Mrs. Wendy Kreuger

The high school chorus, after a number of changes, is still harmonizing. They performed at the fall concert. Lorna Bote sang a verse from "Longer," while the chorus sang backup.

At the Christmas concert, the chorus joined all the town choirs, accompanied by the high school band, and sang "Hallelujah Chorus" as the grand finale.

The choir had a slight set-back at the end of first semester when they had a change of teachers, causing some students to transfer into other classes. Mrs. Wendy Kreuger began reforming and harmonizing the group.

LAURA SYDOW, GLENA Guthrie, and Chyreese Beste performed "Winter Wonderland" at the Christmas concert. (LEFT).



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KRIS CHASE COMMENTED, "Debbie Diehl and I were arguing over whose legs were sexier" (LEFT).

THE 1980-81 CHORUS members: Sitting: Chyreese Beste, Krista Chase, Becky Wilson, Dawn Meyers, and Cheryl Mozee; Kneeling: Malissa Bailey, Lori Scarbrough, Debbie Diehl, Jeanne Sommers; Standing: Mrs. Penny Seigal, Karlan Massey, Sandy Wilding, Terri Figura, Rhonda Gordon, Tammy Brittain, Laura Phipopoulos Back row: Debbie Lanham, Kim Brooks, Gloria Wyatt, Sandi Hunt, Karen Rankin, Laura Gregory, and Mrs. Wendy Kreuger (ABOVE).



Even though we performed very little this year the experience in the past helped a lot. It has taught us to entertain people and not fear the crowds and we have learned to work well together to make the performance a success.

Cheryl Eversmeyer



## SINGERS jazz it up

Dressed in red silk and black bow ties, the Wright City Singers performed only two shows during the course of the year.

"Because of certain adversities, the Wright City Singers have not been able to perform as much as they have in the past," commented singer Todd Kirchoff.

But in spite of the problems, the group worked hard on singing with feelings and dancing with heart.

On December 15, the Wright City Singers accompanied the entire music department, producing a spectacular Christmas concert, aired on K-WRE radio, Christmas day.

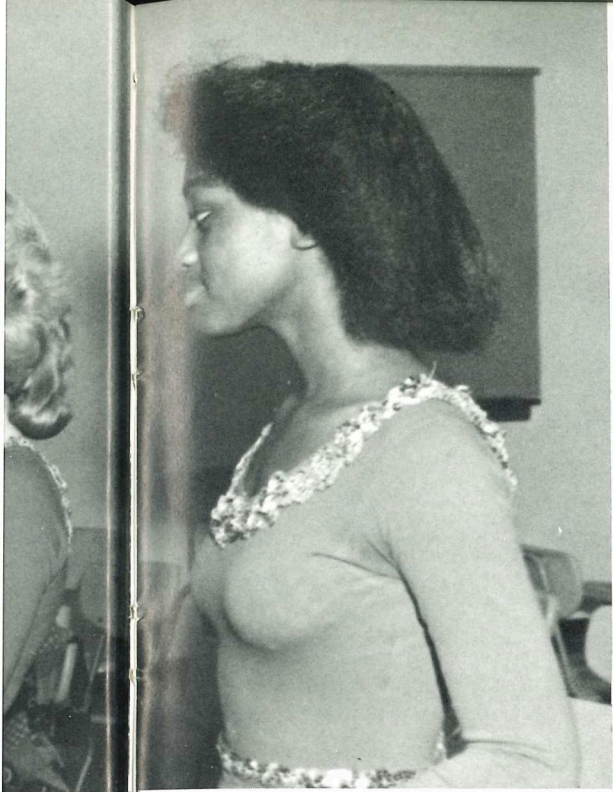
During the spring, they worked on jazz and tap choreography with a touch of aerobatics.

JENNIFER KERR HAS to place Randy Johnson's tie on correctly as Theresa Simpson, right, comments, "Gosh Randy, can't you do it yourself!" (ABOVE RIGHT).

CHERYL EVERSMEYER, commented, "I was wondering if we were every going to get it together" (RIGHT).







THE WRIGHT CITY SINGERS include: Randy Johnson; Maribeth Sutter; Anthony Edwards; Jackie Rice; Doug Maestes; Cheryl Eversmeyer; Theresa Simpson; Todd Kirchoff; Jennifer Kerr; and Jim Johnson (TOP).

TODD KIRCHOFF COMMENTED, "Jimmy Johnson and I were holding Jennifer (Kerr) in the stance used for "Lullaby of Broadway" (LEFT).

"THIS FORMATION WAS used for a newspaper picture and it took so long to agree upon, that I was just glad to get it done," commented Todd Kirchoff. Jennifer Kerr, Jim Johnson, Cheryl Eversmeyer, Todd Kirchoff, Theresa Simpson, Jackie Rice, Randy Johnson, and Maribeth Sutter form a V on the Vo-Ag stairs. (ABOVE).



It's fun; it's great and you can sing all your troubles out.

Shanan Bartold

"I THINK CHORUS is really fun and I enjoy it because I like to sing," said Judy Rankin, left. Singing with her: Anita Jones and Kim Abrolat.(BELOW).

JUNIOR HIGH CHORUS MEMBERS: Kneeling: Bob Michael, Robert Brown, Ivan Wyatt, Kendall Harrison, Fred Klemp; Row one: Lorie Heiliger, Kristen Ruge, Judy Rankin, Sherri Hayden, Kim Abrolat, Trisha Burgess, Shanan Bartold, Cathy Stevenson; Row two: Anita Jones, Tina Hunt, Denise Goldsmith, Rhonda Johnson, Bridget Wilson(BELOW).



# Junior High Chorus Comes Along

The Junior High Chorus has come along quite well since the arrival of Mrs. Wendy Krueger.

The class consists of eighteen students. They spend two days a week studying notes, learning to read music and three days a week singing.

"This group gets better all the time. It was a little rough at first, but they are coming round." commented Mrs. Krueger

"ONE REASON I like chorus is it helps me decide what I want to do, and singing is one thing I want to do," stated Betty White, left. With her is Rhonda Johnson (RIGHT).





# Junior High Band Gets the Rhythm



I took band because I want to play the saxophone professionally.

Gwendolyn Sharp

The Junior High Band spent a year working on good sound and technique. They prepared for a contest May 8 at Six Flags.

The thirty-five member band worked on sectional rehearsals and pieces practiced included "Rhythm of the Winds" and "Fiddler on the Roof."

"I LIKE TO LEARN to play the flute during band class," remarked Tonia Brakensiek, left. Accompanying her is Lisa Luckett (LEFT).

"I LIKE PLAYING in band and enjoy playing the saxophone," said Gwendolyn Sharp, left. Practicing with her is John Nadler and Andrew Marley (BOTTOM LEFT).



JUNIOR HIGH BAND MEMBERS: Row one: Angela Benney, Amy McBride, Pam Lindsey, Deanna Linker; Row two: Delaine Gore, Rita Gage, Paula Day, Lisa Luckett, Tonia Brakensiek, Amy Williams; Row three: Shantel Montgomery, Donald Sears, Jill Dunlap, Renee Nalty, Randy Garrett, Darrell Mozee, Gwendolyn Sharp, John Nadler, Andrew Marley; Row four: Steve Albertstern, Rodney Cohen, Sandy Koster, Bruce McLaughlin, Johnathan Godt, Mark Tremear, Andy Ordellstall, Greg Lucas, Trae Ruge, Scott Hensiek, Dale Unnerstall; Row five: Doug Rowan, Thatcher Redmon, Anthony Millikan, Joe Judd, Donald Beck, Director Gary Brandes (ABOVE).



# RAH! RAH!

Cheerleading had it's ups and downs, but despite some of the problems, we, as a squad, tried to make the most out of cheerleading.

Cheryl Eversmeyer (RIGHT CENTER)

We worked hard at being our best. I think the effort we gave really paid off.

Chyresse Best, right (BOTTOM LEFT)

All in all, the season turned out pretty good. We had a little bad luck, but everyone tried a little harder and everything turned out alright.

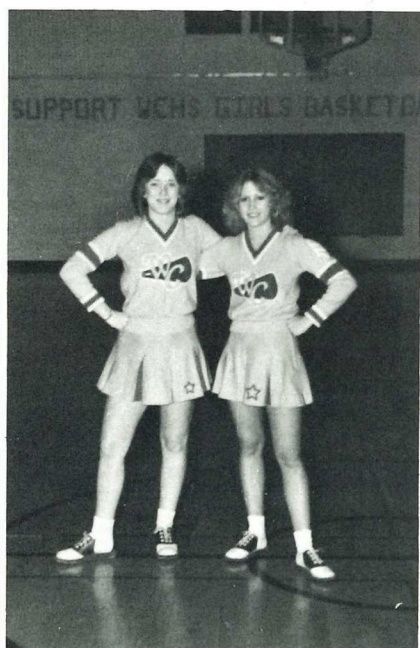
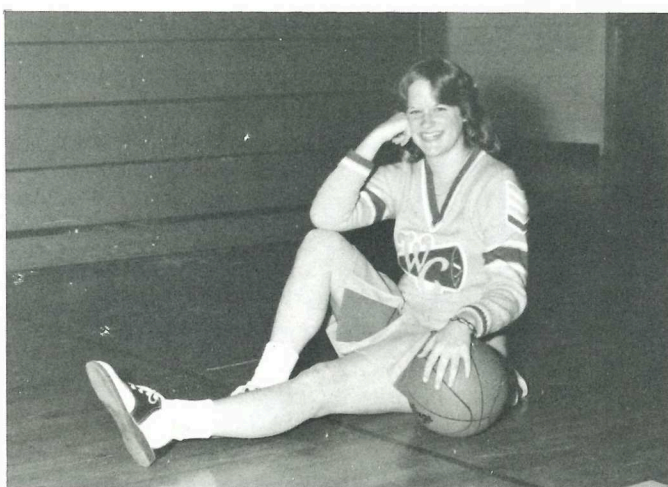
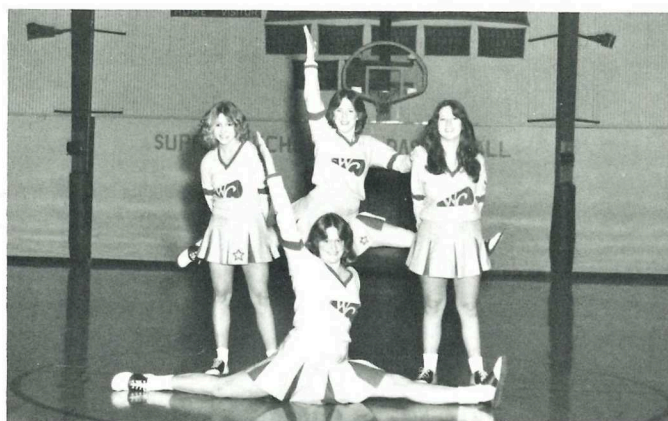
Lorie Schreckengast, left (BOTTOM LEFT)

I'm really glad I decided to try out. Even though cheerleading has its trying days, the fun and excitement make up for everything else.

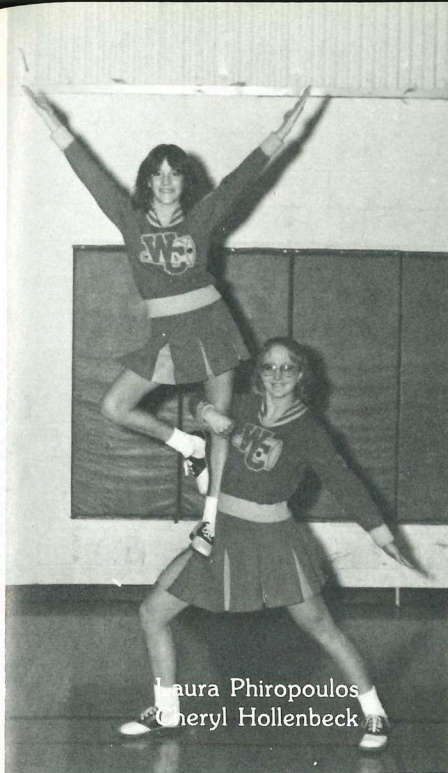
Glena Guthrie (BOTTOM RIGHT)

Susan Jones (BOTTOM CENTER)

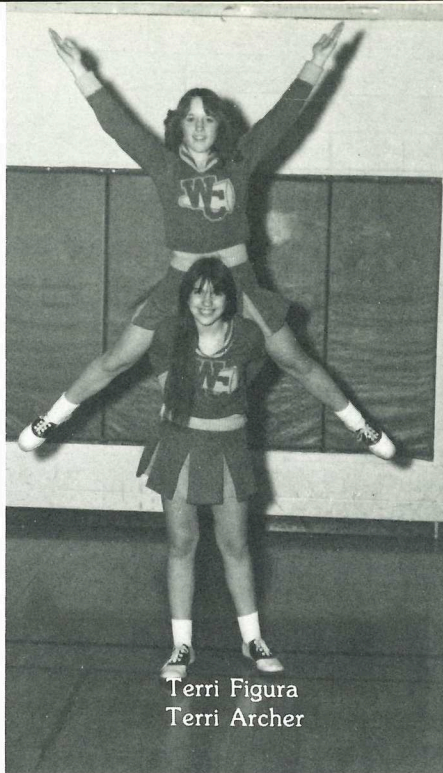
VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: Floor: Cheryl Eversmeyer; Standing: Chyresse Beste, Lorie Schreckengast, Glenna Guthrie (BELOW).



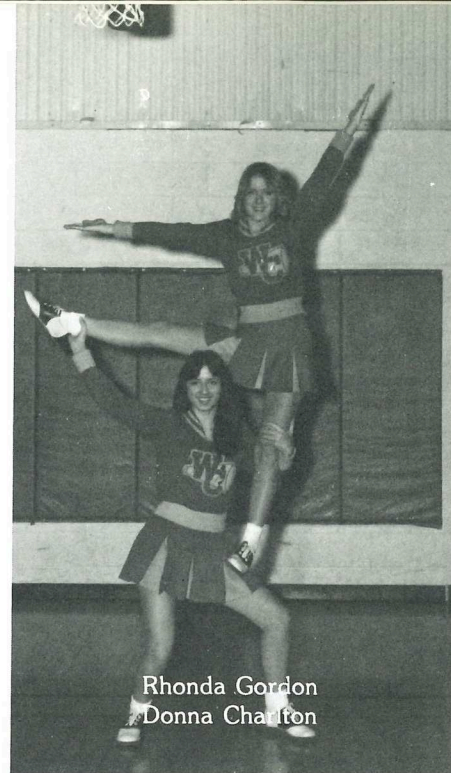




Laura Phiropoulos  
Cheryl Hollenbeck



Terri Figura  
Terri Archer



Rhonda Gordon  
Donna Charlton

# POWER, PEP, PRIDE

We really had a super squad and great things to cheer for. We put on some super pep rallies that were a lot of fun.

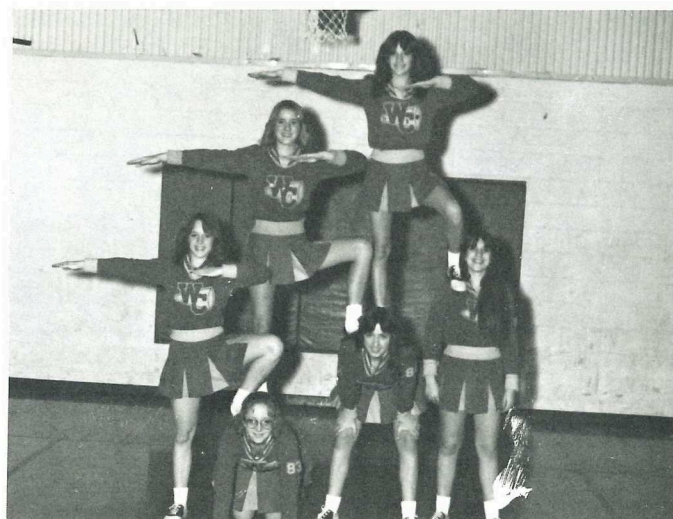
Terri Archer

Cheerleading was a lot of fun. You got to meet a lot of people and got a good feeling because you were getting to represent your school.

Donna Charlton

We had a great squad and all got along really great! There were a few problems but after a while they all worked out.

Rhonda Gordon



J.V. CHEERLEADERS: floor: Cheryl Hollenbeck; standing: Terri Figura, Donna Charlton, Terri Archer; top: Rhonda Gordon, Laura Phiropoulos (ABOVE). BOOSTING THE SPIRIT at the pep rally, the J.V. Cheerleaders performed. (Clockwise at 7:00) Terri Figura, Donna Charlton, Laura Phiropoulos, Rhonda Gordon, Cheryl Hollenbeck, and Terri Archer (LEFT).





Drill Team was super this year. There were many inspiring comments made by the crowds that watched us perform that really boosted our spirit as a team.

Lisa Tribley

THE 1980-81 DRILL Team: Floor: Gloria Wyatt, Elaine Jaspering, Brenda Dotson; Kneeling: Julie Bruning, Melissa Mozee, Becky Beauchamp; Back row: Lisa Tribley, Rita Johnson, Theresa Simpson, Jackie Rice, and Denise Mozee (BELOW).



# Drill Team Is Here

Lights! Music! Action! Here comes the 1980-81 Wright City Wildcat Drill Team!

Dancing to the tune of the disco beat, the Drill Team kept the fans full of enthusiasm during half time at the home games.

The Drill Team was a mixture of spirit, talent, and imagination of every girl on the squad, for every girl had her part in the making of the dance routines.

With the new sponsors, Mrs. Linda Breuer, and Ms. Laura Googe, the 1980-81 Drill Team set out to accomplish their goals — a successful squad and enough money for new uniforms.

The Squad held several fund raising activities such as the Spirit Dance which was held on November 21, at 8:00, with the special attraction being the televised solution to the

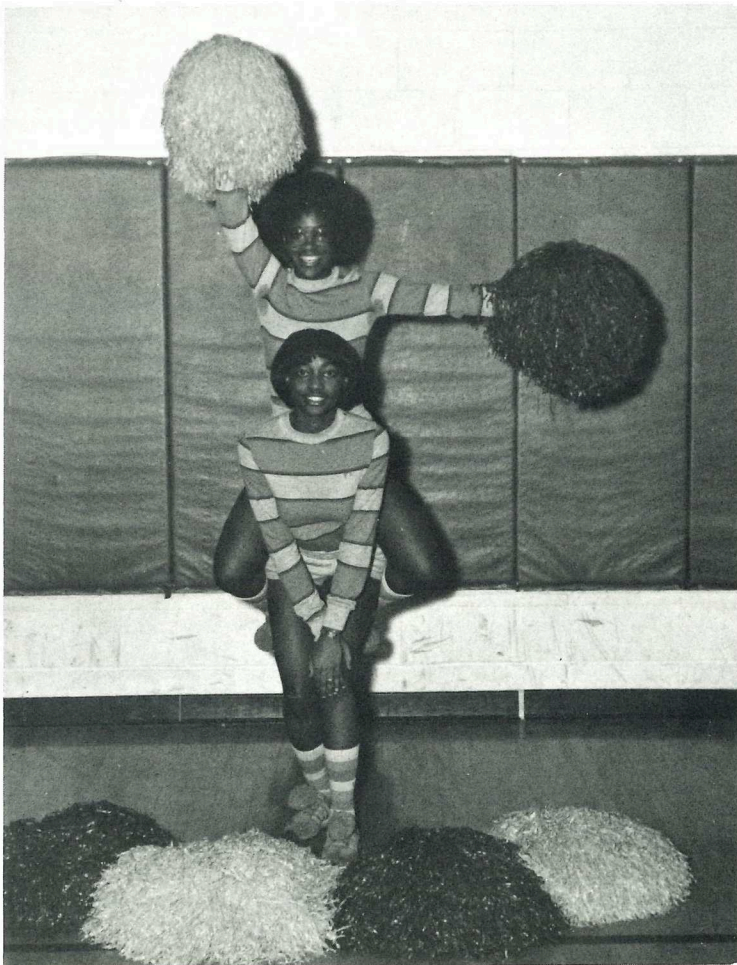
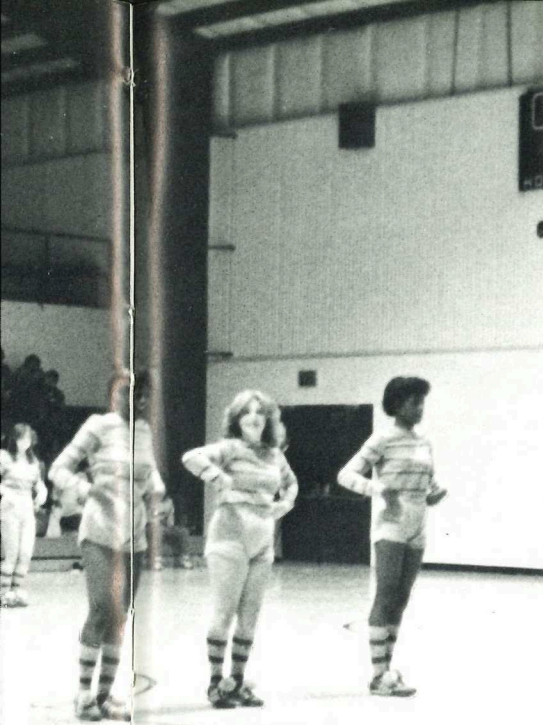
mystery "Who Shot J.R." from the television show **Dallas**. With the success of their fund raising activities, the Drill Team accomplished their goal: new uniforms.



JULIE BRUNING AND Elaine Jaspering, sophomore members of the 1980-81 Drill Team (ABOVE).



JACKIE RICE, Elaine Jaspering, Theresa Simpson, Lisa Tribley and Melissa Mozee anxiously await the start of their new routine (LEFT).



BECKY BEAUCHAMP, freshman and Denise Mozee, junior, wear their Ultrabright smiles during picture day. (UPPER RIGHT).

DANCING TO THE tune of the disco beat are Gloria Wyatt, Julie Bruning, Rita Johnson (captain) and Brenda Dotson (ABOVE).

JACKIE RICE, above, and Theresa Simpson, below, show their poise as Drill Team members (LEFT).

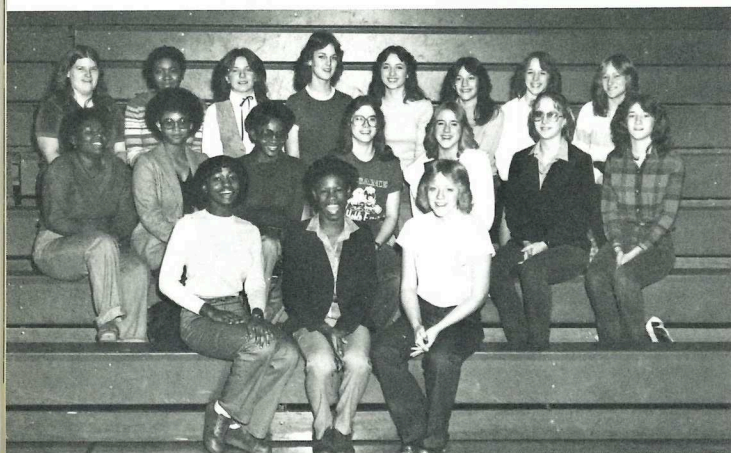




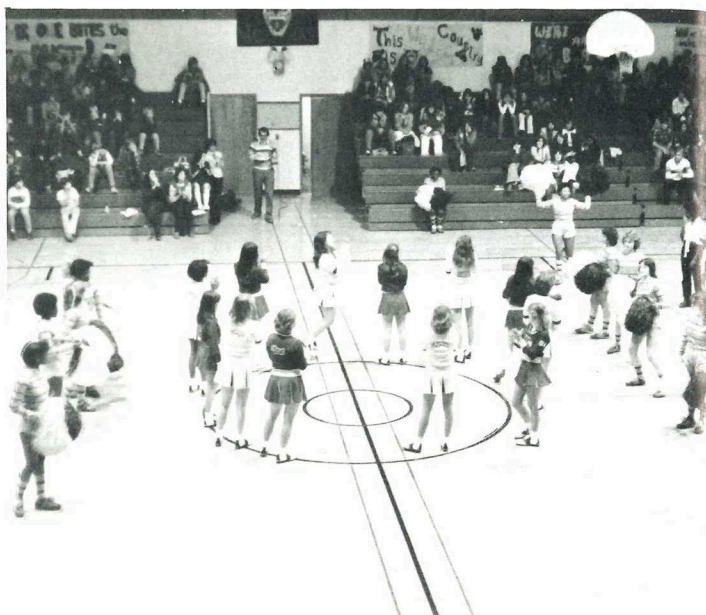
Those who participated in Pep Club had a lot of spirit. There were not many but some effort was put forth.

Lisa Tribley

MEMBERS OF PEP CLUB: Row one: Theresa Simpson, Gloria Wyatt, Jeanette Pauk; Row two: Cheryl Mozee, Rita Johnson, Melissa Mozee, Kem Deboe, Rhonda Gordon, Cheryl Hollenbeck, Karlan Massey; Row three: Theresa Aemisegger, Denise Mozee, Lisa Tribley, Becky Beauchamp, Donna Charlton, Laura Phiropoulos, Terri Figura, Gail Vance (BELOW).



DRILL TEAM MEMBERS: Theresa Simpson, Jackie Rice, Lisa Tribley, Gloria Wyatt; Varsity and JV Cheerleaders (clockwise at 7:00) Cheryl Hollenbeck, Cheryl Eversmeyer, Laura Phiropoulos, Chandra Mozee, Donna Charlton, Glena Guthrie, Terri Figura, Jenny Massey, Terri Archer, Lori Schreckengast, Rhonda Gordon, Chyresse Beste; Drill Team: Denise Mozee, Elaine Jaspering, Becky Beauchamp, Julie Bruning, Brenda Dotson. These squads kept the spirit high during basketball season (BELOW).



## Where's the Pep Club?

High School Pep Club faced problems. There are a variety of opinions on the cause, but no matter what the cause the problem remained a severe lack of participation. Mrs. Linda Bruer felt one major problem was that the cheerleaders were not required to be members of pep club. Also she thought that uniforms would have helped the pep club spirit. But there were positive aspects: Mrs. Bruer stated, "The girls that showed up did a good job."

Many feel that the only effective pep club was the drill team. "If it hadn't been for the drill team and band the cheerleaders would have been the only ones out there," remarked Denise Mozee.

Both club sponsors, Miss Laura Googe and Mrs. Linda Bruer hope for a much improved pep club next year.



JEANETTE PAUK, pep club president, participates in Homecoming by selling soda (ABOVE).



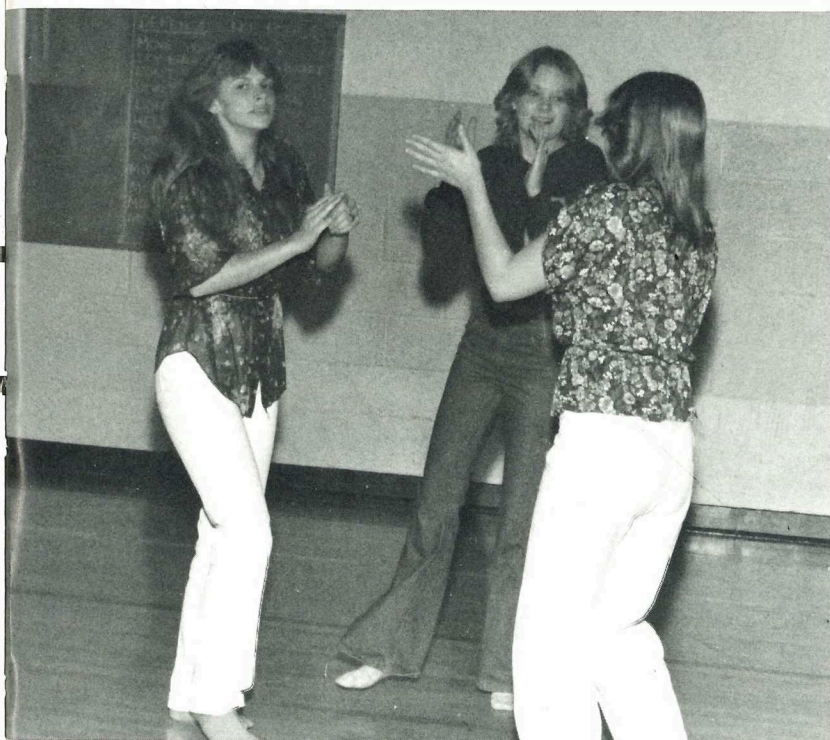
# Junior High Pep Club Shows Pep

When they showed up they showed a lot of spirit.

Kim Abrolat



It seems that the high school's lack of participation in pep club was not contagious. Junior High Pep Club had a successful year with good attendance and lots of enthusiasm. They had the gym rockin' many nights with cheers and chants for the mighty blue and white. "The Junior High Pep Club was a very enthusiastic group," commented Miss Janice Lile, sponsor. "There were both boys and girls in pep club, not just girls like there usually is," remarked Kim Abrolat.



**JUNIOR HIGH PEP CLUB MEMBERS:** Row one: Belinda Boyle, Malinda Eads, Kim Abrolat, Tonia Brakensiek, Yvonne Gordon, Elizabeth Daugherty, Shanon Bartold; Row two: Miss Janice Lile, Jill Dunlap, Debbie Hinderliter, Amy McBride, Andrea Avery, Lorie Heiliger, Tina Hunt; Row three: Lisa Stevens, Rita Gage, Pam Lindsay, Angela Benney, Michelle Grooms, Kristen Ruge, Melissa Boyde, Denise Goldsmith. (TOP LEFT).

"AFTER WINNING THE Homecoming game we had to let our spirit out by dancing," said Tina Hunt, center. Joining in on the dancing is Lorie Heiliger and Shanon Bartold. (ABOVE LEFT). BELINDA BOYLE and Bob Michael show their spirit by participating in Homecoming carnival. (ABOVE RIGHT).



The junior high cheerleaders were an energetic group, they put a lot of work into their cheers.

Miss Janice Lile

BELINDA BOYLE AND Shannon Bartold perform their favorite cheer, "Starting With an H" (BELOW).



## Jr. High Cheerleaders fire up!

The junior high cheerleaders seemed to have so much enthusiasm that the whole gym sounded of spirit. The eight girls really kept the team fired up and ready to play ball.

Since the girls cheered for the junior high girls, the eighth grade boys, and the seventh grade boys' basketball teams, they had to be in tip-top shape. They were kept busy with practices trying to perfect their actions. Under the watchful eye of Miss Janice Lile, they developed a number of mounts and stunts that showed their agility.

The squad was selected by a panel of judges, who rated the girls on their smile, poise, appearance, coordination and gymnastic ability.



TONIA BRAKENSIEK AND Kim Abrolat take time to pose for the photographer (UPPER RIGHT).

THE CHEERLEADERS: Standing: Tonia Brakensiek, Kim Abrolat, Belinda Boyle, Shannon Bartold, Liz Dougherty; Top: Yvonne Gordon, Melinda Eads, Amy McBride (ABOVE).



# Jr. High Pom-Pon step it up



The Pom-Pon team came a long way by challenging themselves in the routines they performed.

Miss Janice Lile

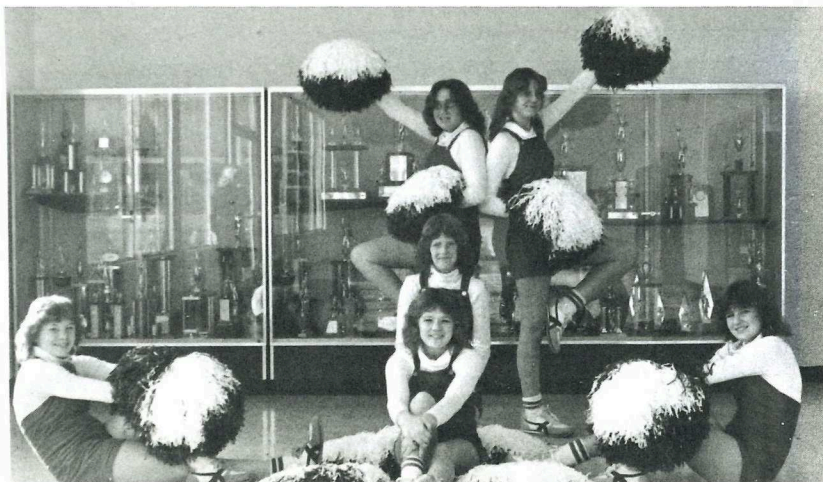
Eight girls dressed in blue jumpers and white sweaters made up the junior high Pom-Pon squad.

The Pom-Pon is designed to entertain the crowd by performing dance routines at home games during half time. They also helped the cheerleaders lead spirit chants.

Miss Janice Lile, their advisor, was really pleased with the group performance.

The squad held several fund raising activities to help pay for the new blue and white pom-poms. One activity was a dance held just for the junior high.

CAPTAIN SHANTEL Montgomery dances along with Michelle Grooms, Angie Benny, and Pam Lindsey- (LEFT).



ANGIE BENNY, PAM LINDSEY, and Rita Gage show their beaming Wildcat pride (LEFT).

THE POM-PON SQUAD consists of: Sitting: Angie Benny, Jill Dunlap, Kristen Ruge; Kneeling: Melissa Boyd; Standing: Pam Lindsey, Rita Gage (ABOVE).



FFA is a great organization for anyone interested in agriculture. Agriculture is changing style through testing and mass production.

Gerald Reckamp

GERALD RECKAMP (STANDING), president of FFA, speaks at a meeting as advisor Dave Cook, sentinel Dave Helvey, reporter Dave Graviett, vice-president Tony Edwards, treasurer Tim Nadler, and former vice-president Jackie Vehige listen attentively (RIGHT).

**FFA**



## Plants New Crop

FFA is an organization for young people to learn the skills of farming. It teaches them everything from planting and harvesting crops to welding and using a cutting torch. However, FFA is not all work. They hold many events to learn about farming and to make money for the organization. This year, the annual greenhand initiation was held on October 6. This is when all of the new members are officially brought into the organization.

One of the projects this year was the harvesting of the test crop. This was twelve varieties of corn planted in no-till soil. It was harvested by Richard Held and sold to Gene Reckamp.

On October 24, the annual barnwarming was held. The band Morgantown performed. Treesa Hueffmeier was crowned queen. She collected \$386.00, the most any candidate has ever collected.

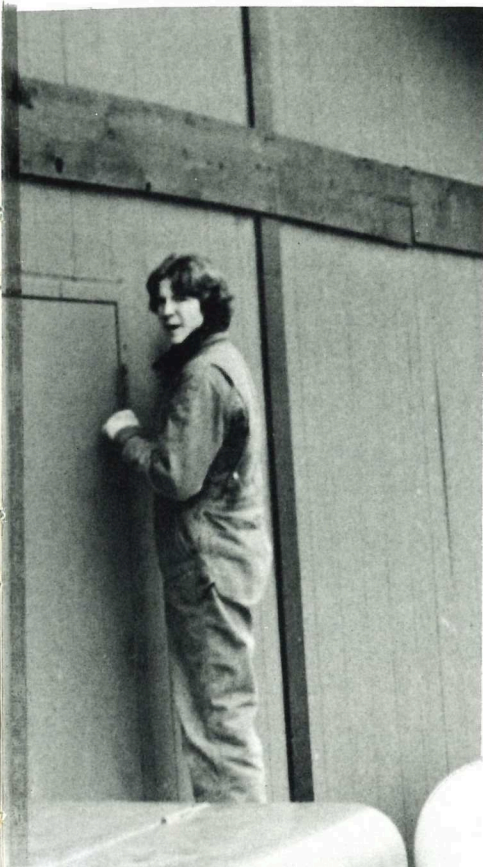
Wright City also entered a gun safety clinic in Rolla. They were represented by Mike Abrolat, Randy Lewis, Dennis Key,



BOBBY BALDWIN AND Perry Stewart talk as Jeff Welge and Mike Abrolat watch the harvesting of the test plot (ABOVE).

and Gerald Reckamp. fifteen schools attended and Wright City came home with first place.





RANDY LEWIS PAINTING the Lion's Building, one of this years FFA projects (UPPER LEFT).

FFA MEMBERS INCLUDE: Front row: Barnwarming Queen, Treesa Hueffmeier; President, Gerald Reckamp; Secretary, Krista Chase; Sentinel, Dave Helvey; Reporter, Dave Graviett; Treasurer, Tim Nadler; Quentin Burt; Advisor, Mr. David Cook; Row two: Mike Abrolat, Randy Lewis, Elaine Jaspering, Cheryl Hollenbeck, Karen Helvey, Tim Mound, Steve Tomschin, Tim Dunakey, George Mozee; Row three: Dennis Key, John Hoeft, Mike Arnett, Perry Stewart, Kevin Rodriguez, Andy Burt, Darren Lockhart, Gary Dunakey, Sue Ferrell, Sheila Gore; Row four: Keith Newton, Bobby Baldwin, Mike Bertke, Jeff Welge, Vice-President Tony Edwards, Chris Blanchard, Kenny Rodriguez; Row five: Jim Jaeger, Doug Dewey, Dean Unnerstall, Mike Tiffany, Gary Beeson, Scott Stuart, Greg Hill (UPPER RIGHT).

BARNWARMING KING AND queen, Robbie Bertke and Treesa Hueffmeier slow dance (LEFT).

FFA PRESIDENT, GERALD Reckamp, waits to get a moisture sample from the test plot corn (ABOVE).



THEIR FIRST MONEYMAKING project, Karen Zykan, Linda Ramey, Linda Meyer, Lorna Bote, and Cheryl Eversmeyer count stick candy before it is sold (RIGHT).

FHA MEMBERS INCLUDE: Row one: Junior High Student Council Representative, Kim Abrolat, Senior High Student Council Representative, Melissa Mozee, First Vice-President, Lorna Bote, Second Vice-President, Cheryl Eversmeyer, President, Karen Zykan, Reporter, Linda Meyer, Treasurer, Pat Hill, Secretary, Linda Ramey. Row two: Amy McBride, Andrea Avery, Karlan Massey, Kim Tweihaus, Margie Boyd, Melissa Boyd, Karen Mozee, Row three: Shelly Johnson, Theresa Aemisegger, Jeanette Pauk, Pam Lindsey, Debbie Hinderliter, Dawn Meyers. Row four: Lori Heileger, Dawn Meyers. Row four: Lori Heileger, Tina Hunt, Barbara Requat, Michelle Grooms, Angie Benney, Ms. Laura Googe (BELOW RIGHT).



# FHA Percolates New Ideas

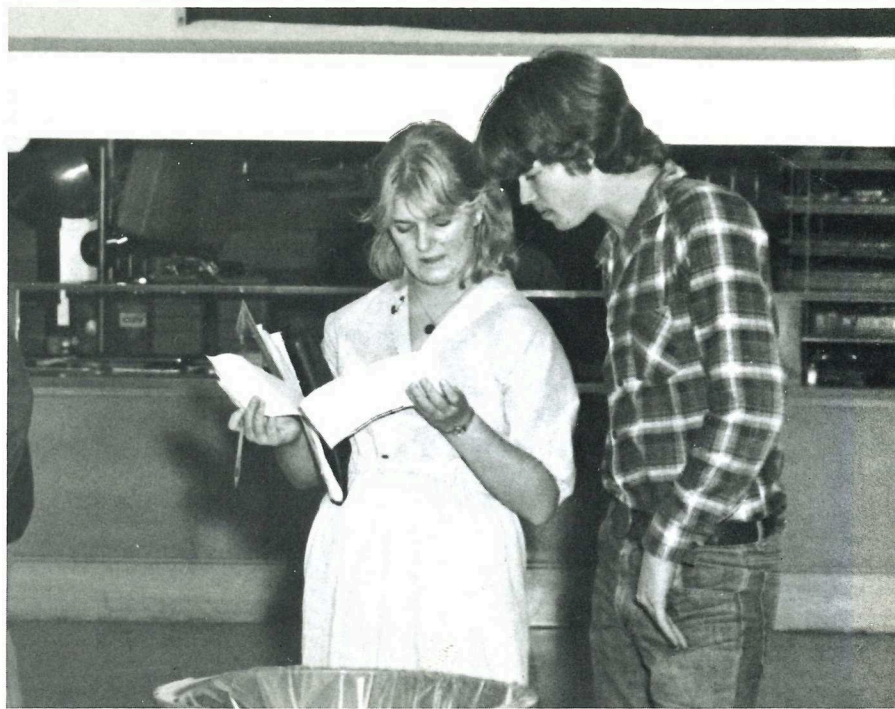
The Future Homemakers of America (FHA) is a club designed to introduce youths to the consumer world. To be a member, a person has to have had Home Economics, and to remain a member you have to accumulate a certain amount of points by helping and participating in their planned activities such as selling stick candy, Christmas ornaments, Valentine cookies, and candy at basketball games. They also had a carwash this summer and a bakesale in the fall. For entertainment, the FHA members participated in a watermelon feast, went to Red Lobster for dinner, rollerskated, and traveled to Silver Dollar City. To be helpful to the community, FHA served at many banquets. To further their education, they went to a regional meeting at the Mark Twin High School. Later, the officers of the upcoming year went to the state convention at the University of Missouri-Columbia.



We had a good group with excellent leadership; they really worked hard for the trip to Silver Dollar City.

Ms. Laura Googe





"I HAD TO attend the Regional Workshop that night so Mike Abrolat and I were looking at the program," stated Linda Ramey (TOP).

"I WAS ACTING like a ravishing model for a commercial in my Consumer Education class," explained Linda Ramey (LEFT).

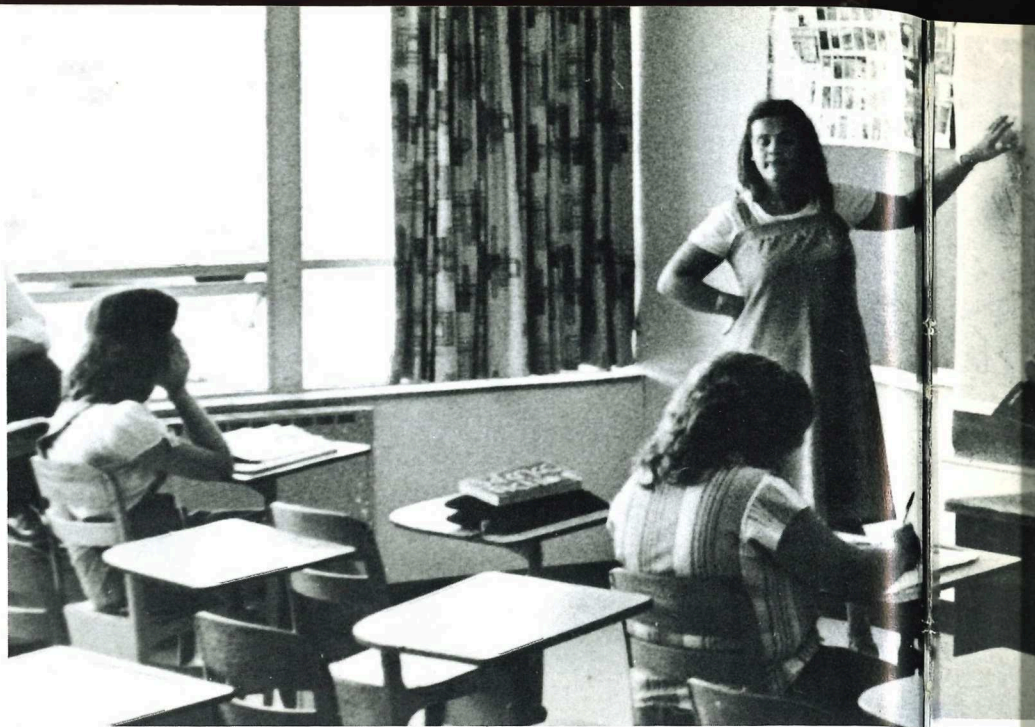
"I THINK THAT FHA is a very active group this year because we had members that are very willing to work, and we had something to work towards," remarked Karen Zykan (ABOVE).



MRS. ZUTTER-BROCK instructs her Spanish class which consists of Connie Pettig, Lori Tribley (aide), and Jim Goldsmith. She teaches both French and Spanish (RIGHT).

I enjoy our foreign language department immensely due to the Foreign Language Club and the advisor. Studying a course in foreign language at WCHS is a great learning experience.

Kenny Koster



# FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB: TRÉS ACTIF!

The Foreign Language Club, an active organization in which students who speak French, Spanish, or both, and learn about various cultures, is in its third year of existence.

Under the direction of Mrs. Pamela Zutter-Brock, the club enjoyed Spanish and French dinners, fund-raising activities, and learned about other cultures.

At the annual academic festival in Kirksville, the Spanish department did exceptionally well, exhibiting three visual displays, while the French department had to contend with tests. Both groups did positively well.

The '80-'81 officers were president, Kenny Koster; vice-president, Keith Koster; secretary-treasurer, Sheryl Chandler, and student council representative, Kem DeBoe.

Advisor Mrs. Zutter-Brock commented, "Le club de langues étrangers était très productif cet année. Les membres du club étaient enthousiastes et prêts d'essayer les projets divers qui étaient présentés. Ceux qui participaient dans ces projets et, les assembles, passaient du bon temps."

Loosely translated, Mrs. Zutter-Brock commented, "Foreign Language Club was quite productive this year. The members of the club were enthusiastic and willing to try the various projects presented. Those who participated in these projects and get together enjoyed themselves fully."

At the final awards assembly of the year, pins were passed out to all active members.





EXCHANGE STUDENT SUSIE Bjorkholm studies her lesson during an activity period (LEFT CENTER).

PRESIDENT KENNY KOSTER tries to finish his workbook. "This darn thing has too many pages," he remarked (BOTTOM LEFT).

AT KIRKSVILLE, FRENCH III student Karen Rankin tries to find the location of the building where she is to take her test (BOTTOM RIGHT).

MEMBERS OF THE Foreign Language Club include front row-Kenny Koster, Kem De Boe, Sheryl Chandler, and Keith Koster; middle row-Advisor Mrs. Zutter-Brock, Sandy Koster, Becky Wilson, and Karen Rankin; back row-Rick Watson, Pam Lindsey, Beth Wilson, and Rita Gage. Those not pictured are Steve Baldwin, Marshall Diehl, Susie Bjorkholm, Connie Pettig, and Karen Zykan (BELOW).

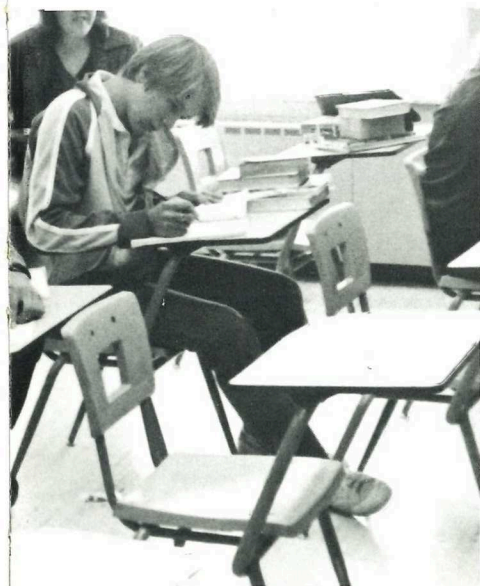
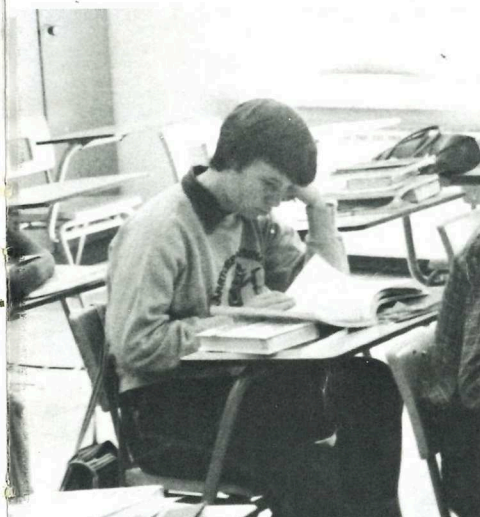
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# FTA Teachers for a Day

I feel that anyone interested in being a teacher should have the chance to attempt it for a day as we did during Education Week.

Debbie Wilding

The main activity of the Future Teachers of America (FTA) was education week. It took place November 24-26. Members chose a class they thought they would enjoy teaching. The first day they just observed the teacher and students. The second day they helped the teacher and made up a lesson plan for the next day. The third day they became a "teacher" for one hour. Using their own lesson plans they took over the class while the teacher observed and evaluated them using a Wright City teachers' evaluation form.



FTA MEMBERS: seated: Regina Hinderliter, StuCo representative; Sandi Hunt, secretary; Pam Brooks, president; Phil Popejoy, sponsor. Standing: Jackie Rice, Kenny Koster, Sandy Nailor, Keith Koster, Debbie Wilding and Brenda Dotson (TOP).

MR. POPEJOY explains BEST test worksheets as Sandy Nailor listens (MIDDLE). "OUR TASK of preparing worksheets on the BEST test for the 1982 eighth graders was very important because it involved the eighth grade as a whole," said Kenny Koster, right. With him are Sandi Hunt and Brenda Dotson (RIGHT).





# NHS SHINES THROUGH

Working with NHS this year, and in the past, has been one of the most pleasurable experiences I had at WCHS. There are not enough positive, descriptive words to define all the fine young people I have worked with. Whether it was a Rock-A-Thon, Bowl-A-Thon or induction, these people always came shining through. They have been, and continue to be, the cream of the crop.

Mr. Mike Barnicle

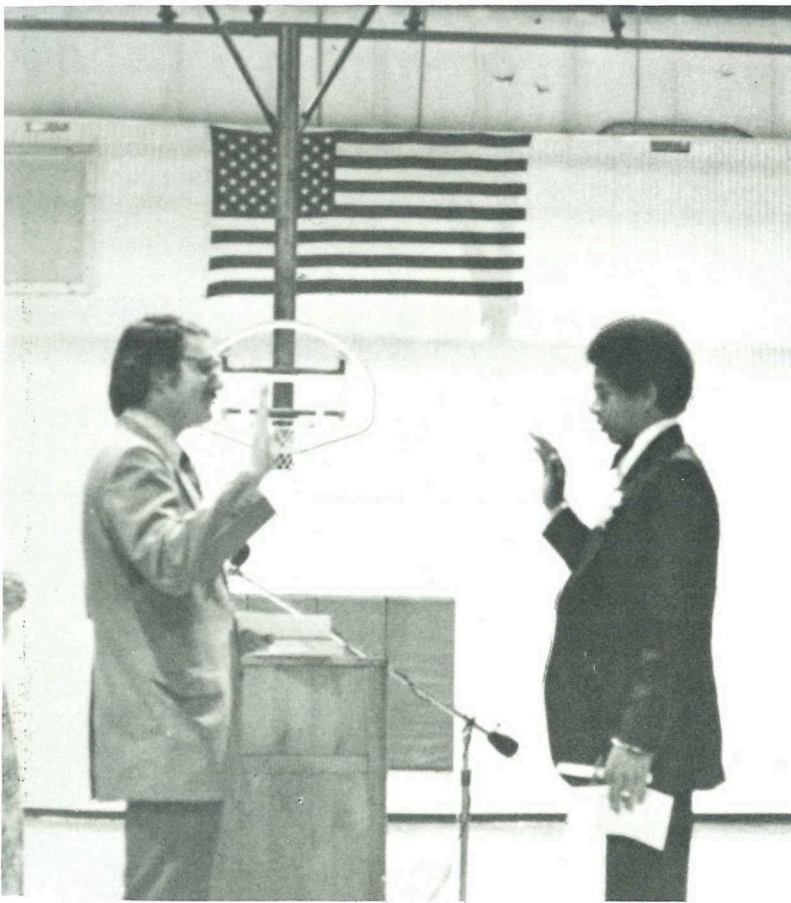
The National Honor Society (NHS) held a few regular meetings throughout the year with a Bowl-A-Thon for Cystic Fibrosis.

The spring hailed the annual induction of the new members but Mr. Barnicle commented, "This induction was the best I ever had." The induction was a little different from the past. All of the new members recited the NHS

pledge. Three seniors, Jennifer Massey, Lori Schreckengast, and Barb Stanek, seven juniors, Glenna Guthrie, Keith and Kenny Koster, Tim Nadler, Jackie Rice, Laura Sydow, and Lisa Tribley, and two sophomores, Steve Baldwin and Chris Millikan were inducted making a total of 20 with new and old members.

"IT WAS THE best experience a sophomore could have since there were only two of eighty picked," commented Steve Baldwin after reciting the NHS pledge to Mr. Barnicle (FAR LEFT).

NHS MEMBERS INCLUDED: advisor, Mr. Mike Barnicle; president, Sandy Nailor; vice-president, Debbie Wilding; secretary/treasurer, Cheryl Eversmeyer; StuCo representative, Jane Wright; Lisa Tribley, Linda Ramey, Kevin Kiner, Mark Jones, Barb Stanek, Jennifer Massey, Jackie Rice, Lori Schreckengast, Steve Baldwin, Laura Sydow, Glenna Guthrie, Chris Millikan, Keith Koster, Kenny Koster, and Tim Nadler (BELOW).



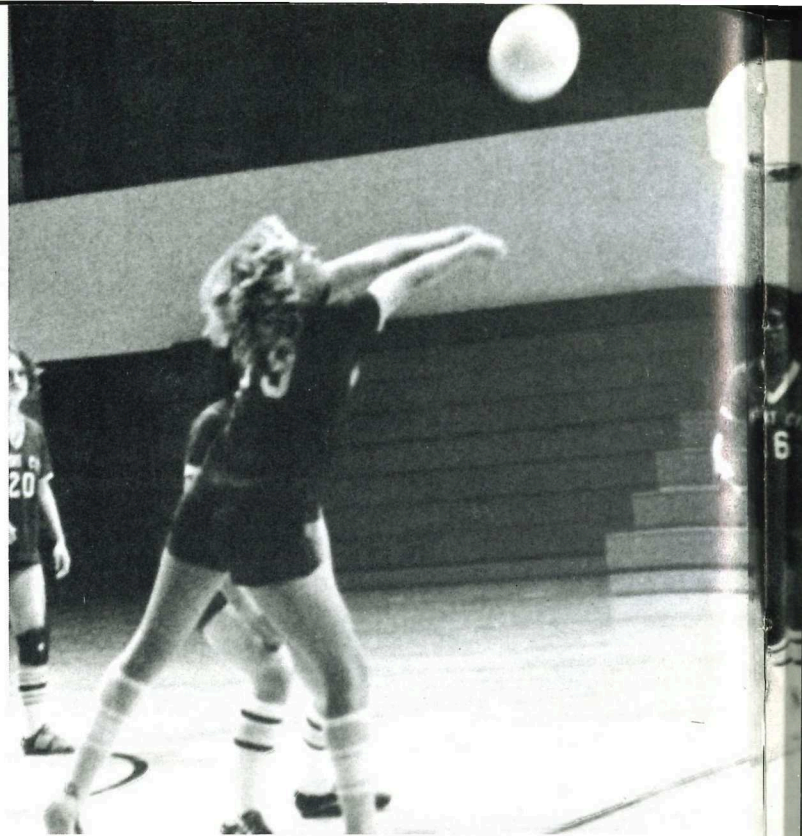


CHYRESSE BESTE COMPLETES a bump as Jackie Rice and Debbie Wilding take their positions to assist (RIGHT).

BECKY BEAUCHAMP WINDS up her energy for the long jump (LOWER RIGHT).

I enjoy sports and GAA because they give the girls something to do and they're a lot of fun.

Chyresse Beste



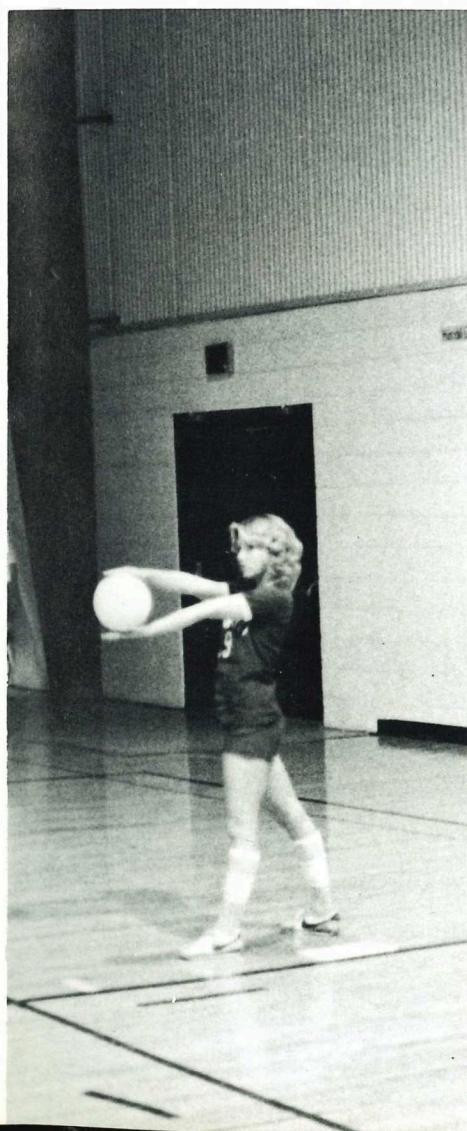
## GAA Increases Size

Although the Girls' Athletic Association (GAA) increased in size, due to a busy schedule involving other sports, activities were decreased for the organization. There were only three senior members, Jennifer Massey, Cheryl Eversmeyer, and Debbie Wilding in the group, but each held office in the organization for more than one year. Seniors to freshmen belong to the association.

Many members participated in practically all the sports offered while others chose only to join in one or two sports. This organization participated in a volleyball tournament in which teams gathered and competed in games for two days. Each member gained 50 points for each intramural they entered and 100 points to those people who desired to play on a team. Also there were points for other sports-related jobs over the seasons which members earned.







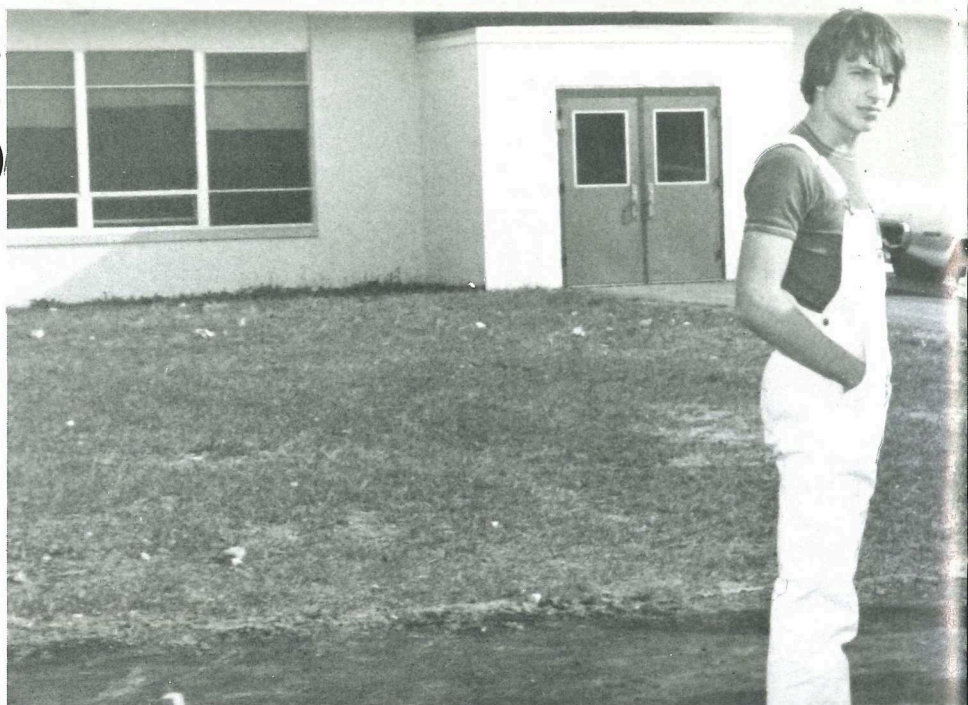
KNEELING: THERESA AEMISEGGER, Donna Charlton, Debbie Wilding, Linda Nadler, Jennifer Massey, Chyresse Beste, Treesa Hueffmeier, and Chandra Mozee. Standing: Sue Wright, Sherry Bates, Lisa Kleinschmidt, Norma Simpson, Becky Beauchamp, Theresa Simpson, Jackie Rice, Karlan Massey, Pam Zoeller, Cheryl Eversmeyer, Rita Sharp, and Cathy Russell (TOP RIGHT). "THE BALL HAS to go over the block," said Debbie Wilding (ABOVE). "ALL I COULD think of was that ball better go over that net," said Chyresse Beste (LEFT).



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# Moving

STUCO MEMBERS, Mark Jones, Jennifer Massey, Jeanette Pauk, and Linda Ramey, break in the student commons by walking on the newly paved sidewalk (RIGHT).



I think that the Student Council organization here at Wright City High is really working hard. You get to partake and learn more about leadership ability, which to me, will be the greatest asset in the future and by establishing a student commons, they make the home of the Wildcats a much more enjoyable place to earn an education.

Lisa Tribley,  
Student Council Secretary

"The only direction in which you coast is down, so you can't sit idle and expect things to get done," quoted President Mark Jones. "Moving Up" was Student Council's (StuCo) theme and they worked hard on various new ideas to get StuCo off the ground." Mark continued, "At the beginning of the year my main goals were to get the students, teachers, and administration excited about what StuCo could do for them and to get the organization rolling. I feel we accomplished both."

But there is another objective of StuCo. Treasurer, Todd Kirchoff, stated, "It mainly provides a higher standard of leadership." Leadership was taught through general meetings, a district meeting at Fulton, the Missouri Association of Student Councils (MASC) Con-

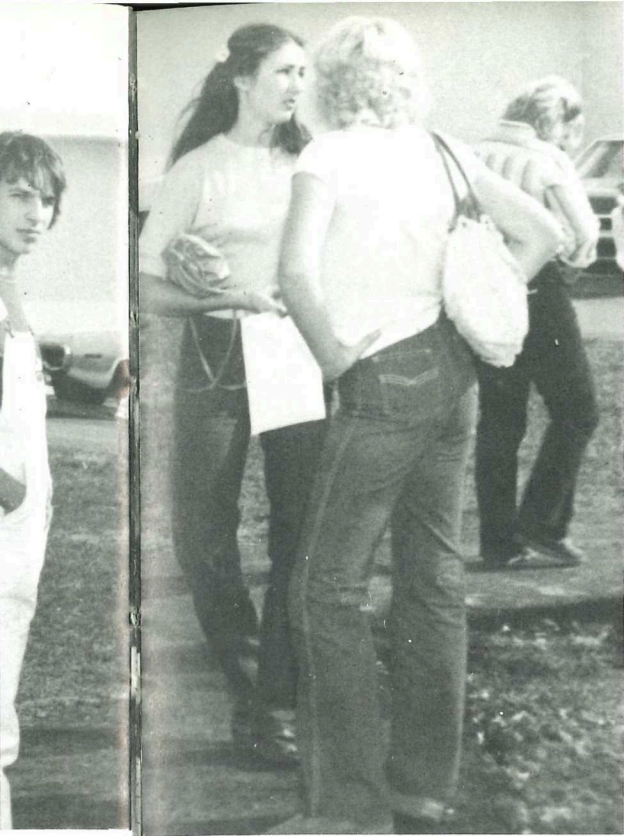
ference at Joplin, and the general procedures that it takes to successfully run a busy Student Council.

StuCo's activities included a number of new ideas. The major was the Frazier Memorial Friendship Circle, student commons. Students use the outside picnic area to eat, study, and socialize. They set up a memorial fund due to the death of Mr. Francis Frazier, their sponsor. The money went toward the landscaping, his monument, and park tables and benches located in the student commons.

Other projects consisted of the recognition of a Student of the Month. Others were the Turkey of the Year Award, a suggestion box in the office, rap session between students and the administration, and they revised their constitution which simplified procedures. Also they cleaned the trophy cases in the gym, collected food for the needy at Christmas, and hosted a costume party on Halloween.

They sponsored the annual Alumni Homecoming and a Sadie Hawkins Dance in May. They hosted a banquet and sold candy to finance this. They held a Bike-A-Thon for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation as their community project.



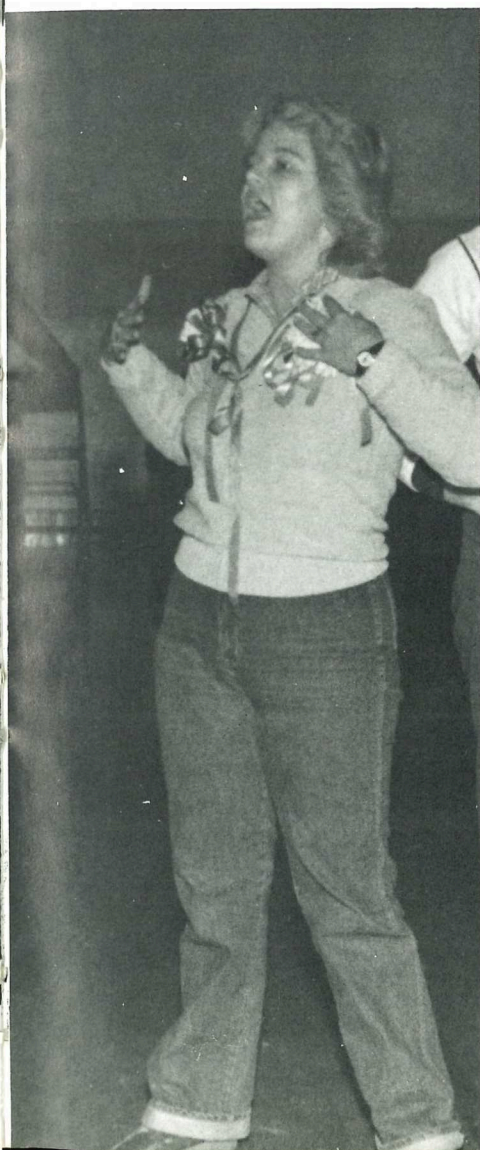


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STUCO VICE-PRESIDENT, Linda Ramey commented, "I had to organize the Homecoming queen crowning but no one would listen so I had to start hollering to get my instructions across to the candidates" (LEFT).

STUCO MEMBER INCLUDED: Kem Deboe, Theresa Simpson, Donna Charlton, Melissa Mozee, Jonathan Godt, Laura Sydow, Regina Hinderliter, Jennifer Massey, Barb Stanek. Sitting: Greg Lucas, Laura Phiropoulos, Chyresse Beste, Brad Wahle; Treasurer, Todd Kirchoff; Secretary, Lisa Tribley; Vice-President, Linda Ramey; President, Mark Jones; Jeanette Pauk, Andrea Piatt, Patsy Sommer, Susanne Bjorkholm (TOP RIGHT).

"THE KILLER from **Halloween**, Mark Jones, tried to stab me, Annie Oakley," commented Glean Guthrie (ABOVE).



I feel honored to be in this organization, it makes me feel great to know I was selected.

Theresa Simpson

It was a great privilege to be chosen as a member. Mrs. Green was a great help as a sponsor for our organization, without her help, we would not have gotten as far as we did.

Linda Nadler

"IT'S MOSTLY HONORARY; kids with good quality are recognized," commented Mrs Carol Green, sponsor of the N.J.H.S. (RIGHT).

MEMBERS OF THE N.J.H.S. include the following: Row one; left to right, Donal Sears, John Nadler, Jonathan Godt, Andy Ordelheide, Kim Abrolat. Row two; Bruce McLaughlin, Renee Nalty, Tonia Brackensiek, Trisa Burgess. Row three; Andrea Avery, Cheryl Marty, Karlan Massey, Tom Nailor, Melissa Mozee, Amy McBride, Linda Nadler (LOWER RIGHT).



# Learning Is Fun With NJHS

Mrs. Carol Green, has been a sponsor of the National Junior Honor Society for five years.

To become a member of NJHS you must have at least a B grade average, demonstrate character, leadership, service, and citizenship.

During the induction ceremony held on April 9, ten new members were introduced. They include Kim Abrolat, John Nadler, Tom Nailor, Renee Nalty, Andy Ordelheide, Donal Sears, Tonia Brakensiek, Trisa Burgess, Jonathan Godt, and Bruce McLaughlin. Members from previous years are Cheryl Marty, Karlan Massey, Melissa Mozee, Linda Nadler, Theresa Simpson, Lisa Sydow, Andrea Avery, and Amy McBride.





# JH StuCo Teaches Leadership



The Junior High Student Council (JH StuCo) is designed to teach students leadership abilities for the future.

JH StuCo planned spirit week activities for the junior high classmates in May, selling paper links for spirit chains to raise funds.

The JH StuCO also wore green ribbons to symbolize its support of the families and remembrance of the people who have recently been killed in Atlanta, Georgia. It encouraged others to do the same.

The officers of 1980-81 JH StuCo are president, Greg Lucas; vice-president, Jonathan Godt; secretary, Andrea Avery; parliamentarian, Andy Ordelheide.



WHILE ANDY ORDELHEIDE and Mr. Philip Popejoy give their ideas, Andrea Avery, Kim Abrolat, and Greg Lucas, listen attentively (UPPER LEFT).

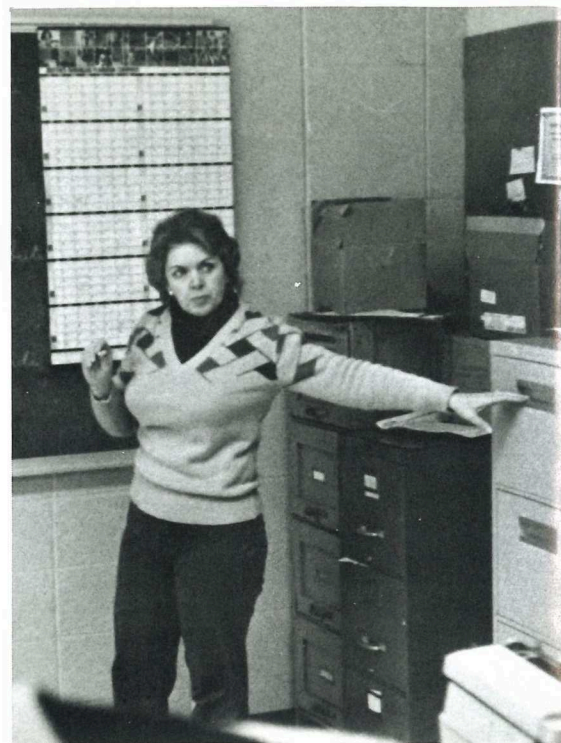
AS MR. POPEJOY gives suggestions for the schedule, Kristin Ruge and Pam Lindsey give their attention (LEFT).

JUNIOR HIGH STUCO- row one: Trae Ruge, Andrea Avery, Jonathan Godt, Greg Lucas, and Andy Ordelheide; row two: Rodney Cohen, Melinda Eads, Jeff North, Donal Sears, Amy McBride, and Scott Hensiek; row three: Tonya Brakensiek, Kim Abrolat, Kristin Ruge, Pam Lindsey, and Mr. Philip Popejoy (ABOVE).



MRS. BUSCHSCHORN MAKING one of her frequent checks on the picture file (RIGHT).

Publications staff: Advisor Sally Buschschorn; (front row) Jennifer Massey, Lori Scarbrough, Lisa Tribley, Linda Ramey, Laura Sydow, Glena Guthrie, Denise Mozee, Regina Hinderliter; (back row) Kenny Koster, Doris Rose, Steve Meyer, Pam Brooks, Lisa Kleinschmidt, Keith Koster; (not pictured) Lisa O'Donnell (BELOW).



# Brought to you by...

If you ever stopped to wonder who brings you the **Echo** yearbook and **Wildcat Tales**, well, it all starts here with the publications staff. From the first day of school they become aware of the news around them and begin work to relay it to you. The class doesn't stop after one hour, like most of the others, but is a class where the pressure doesn't let up till the last indexed name is typed and shipped to the publishers.

In October the staff attended the annual Sponsors of School Publications (SSP) Yearbook Conference at the University of Missouri, St. Louis. The staffers competed with others from the greater St. Louis area in various contests. Keith Koster and Lisa Kleinschmidt together received an excellent for layout design; Laura Sydow, earned a third place in the same division. Jennifer Massey received an excellent for cover design. Their scores combined won an Honorable Mention Participant Award in the best overall school division.

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# Quill and Scroll adds five

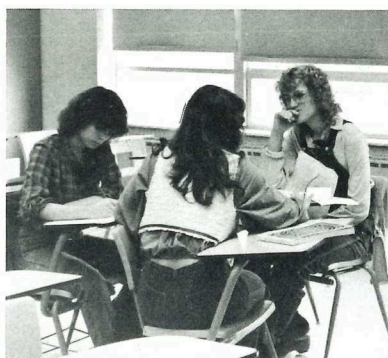


QUILL AND SCROLL members: Mrs. Sally Buschschorn, Lisa Kleinschmidt, Linda Ramey, Lisa Tribley, Jennifer Massey, Pam Brooks, and Keith Koster (ABOVE).

Quill and Scroll, an honorary society for high school journalists, added five new members to the organization. The qualifications to become a member involved being on the publications staff for at least two years, belonging to the upper third of their class in general scholastic

standing, and requires recommendation by the advisor.

This year five met the qualifications: Linda Ramey, Lisa Tribley, Pam Brooks, Keith Koster, and Lisa Kleinschmidt.



"I HAD COVERED the play **Grease** at Lindenwood the night before and I was really exhausted coming back from the SSP Yearbook Conference," said Lisa Tribley (ABOVE).

KENNY KOSTER ADMIRES his award for layout design while sitting among Linda Ramey, Lisa Tribley and Lisa Kleinschmidt at the SSP Yearbook Conference (FAR LEFT).

"I DON'T KNOW how we're going to meet the next deadline," Linda Ramey commented as she and Jennifer Massey worked diligently on a yearbook spread (LEFT).

LAURA SYDOW, Glenna Guthrie and Pam Brooks sit in their familiar circle working together on an assignment (MIDDLE).



*Expressions...*



SPORTS

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One of the most popular buildings of the school is the gymnasium. At this particular place many memorable events take place. Basketball season always brings the gym to life: whistles blowing, coaches yelling, ball players groaning, not to mention the smelly locker rooms at the end of each practice.

After all the hard work the season begins and the gym is once again filled with another kind of excitement; it is almost a feeling you can't describe. When you put on your uniform, and get your last minute instruction from the coach, you walk out on the court. The cheerleaders are yelling and the fans are clapping. It gives you a feeling of pride, the pride of knowing you've worked hard and knowing you will get to show how hard you have worked. And if you are good enough and your team wins, the pride of victory is indescribable.

Les Martin

# SPIRIT



# VARSITY DOES BEST EVER

The first time I played volleyball I was a sophomore on the Junior Varsity Team. When I started I wasn't that good, but I practiced and practiced and got better. And now I am a junior on Varsity.

Brenda Dotson

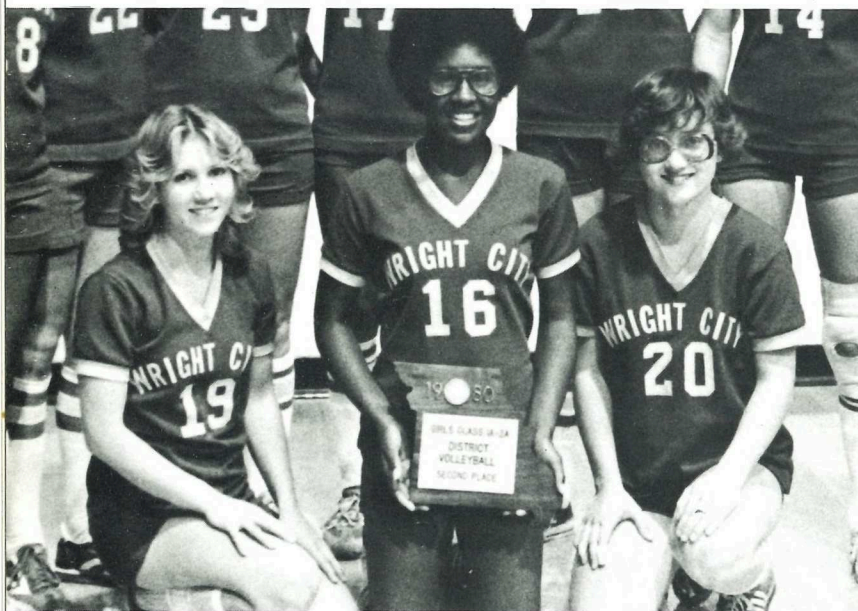
Brenda Dotson was the leading scorer on the Varsity volleyball team with a total of 100 points. Their coach, Mrs. Mulherin commented, "Brenda really improved a lot this year and I think she'll improve a lot more for next year."

Along with Brenda Dotson as their setter, was Debbie Wilding who also set. Cheryl Eversmeyer and Jackie Rice were the other two

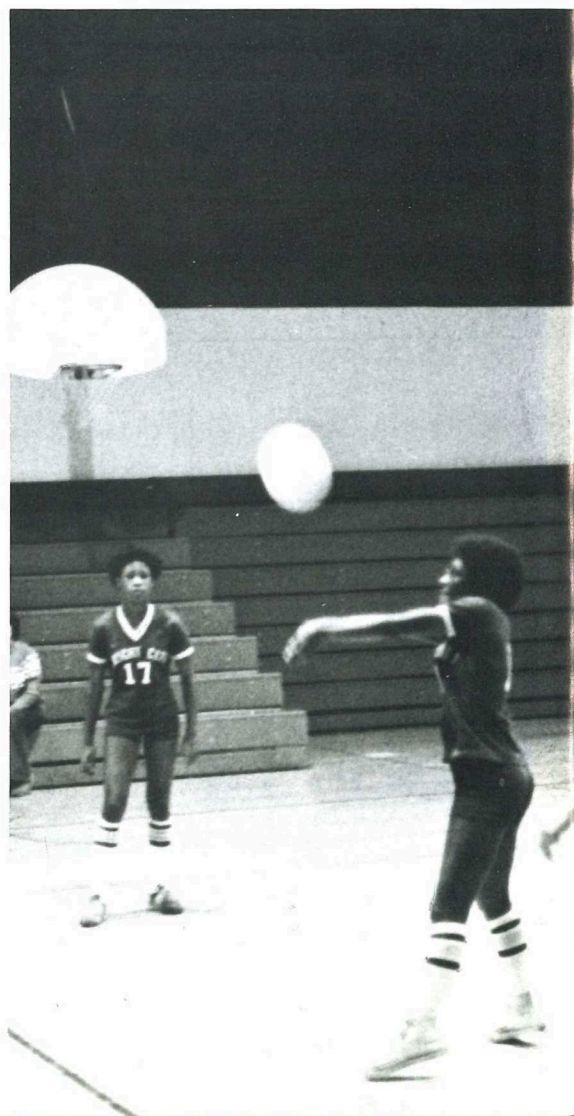
starters with Gloria Wyatt, Cheryl Hollenbeck, and Chandra Mozee rotating.

The Varsity girls ended their season with a record of five wins and six losses. But their record doesn't show how much they improved throughout the season. They ended the season by taking second at District. They defeated Elsberry and Wellsville-Middleton in straight sets, losing only to St. Mary's Academy in the final set.

Last year they took third at district; this year second. Maybe next year they'll take first. They'll be losing two seniors, Debbie Wilding and Cheryl Eversmeyer but coach Mulherin commnted, "Next year we may be even stronger with some of the girls coming up from J.V. and a lot of hard work."



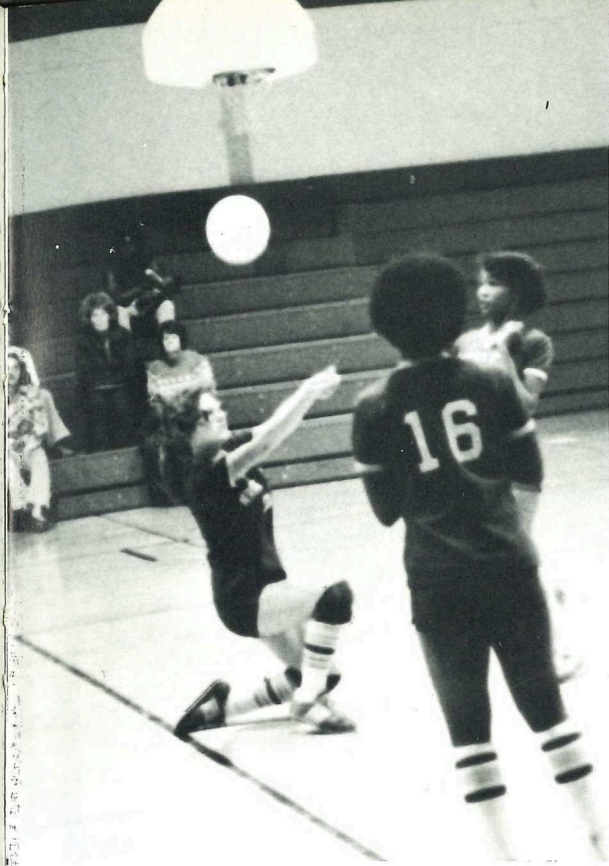
JACKIE RICE, center, said, "I was proud of the team because it is the farthest Wright City Volleyball ever went and I was the first to get to hold the District plaque." Chyresse Beste, Brenda Dotson, and Jackie Rice pose for a picture in the newspaper (ABOVE). GLORIA WYATT, left, said, "I hoped Jackie (Rice) hits it." (RIGHT).





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BRENDA DOTSON, (left): "I had practiced my setting all year and was hoping Jackie (Rice) would be able to spike this one." Chandra Mozee backs off. (LEFT). VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM, sitting: Chandra Mozee, Jackie Rice, Cheryl Hollenbeck. Kneeling: Chyresse Beste. Standing: Debbie Wilding, Lisa Kleinschmidt, Brenda Dotson, Cheryl Eversmeyer, Gloria Wyatt. Top: Debbie Mulherin (BELOW). DEBBIE WILDING: "OK, Jackie (Rice) this one is yours," as she sets up another spike for Jackie (BELOW LEFT).



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# J V Girls

# Gain Experience

The girls were nice and we had fun; they have potential.

Coach Debbie Mulherin

You gain knowledge as you go through the season.

Linda Nadler

I think that the season went along very well considering everyone on the team was a first-year player.

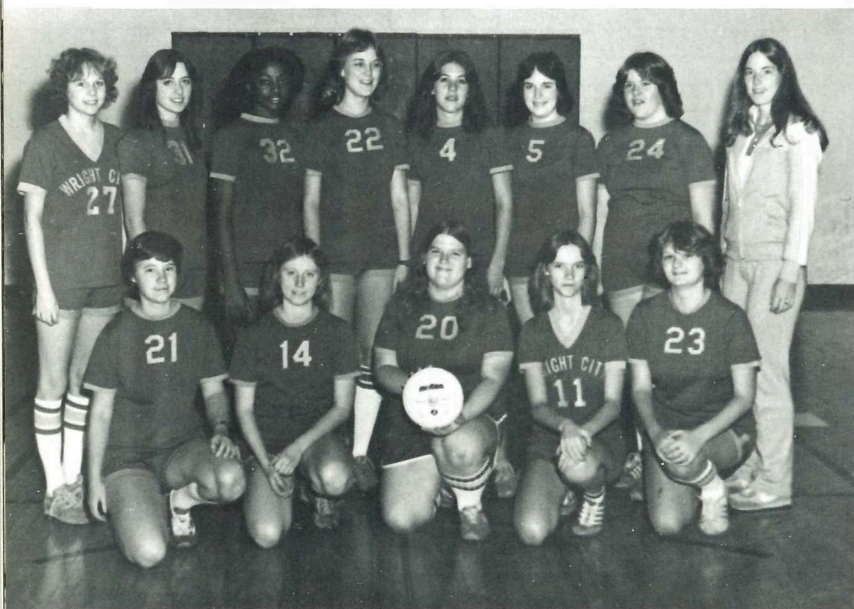
Sandi Hunt

The Junior Varsity girls' volleyball team ended their season with a total of one win and eight losses. The team, which consisted of six freshmen, five sophomores, and one senior,

were all first-year players. Coach Debbie Mulherin commented, "They used their Junior Varsity season exactly as they should have, to gain experience."

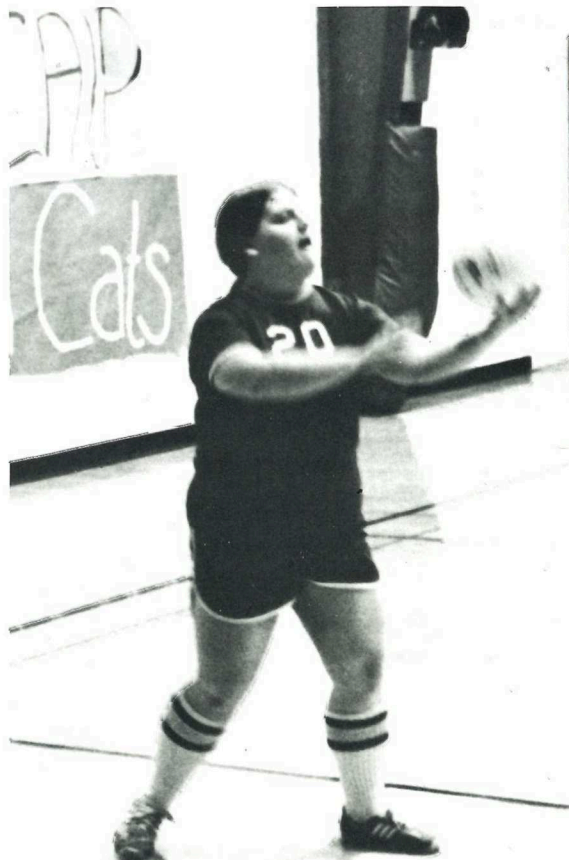
The only drawback for the team was not being consistent in their playing. Coach Mulherin feels that the lack of consistency was normal this season. She thinks that having the Junior Varsity team is good for the players, and future teams. "I only wish that the girls could get some kind of award like the Varsity teams, but their awards will come later through hardwork and practice," explained Coach Mulherin.

The team also enjoyed the year. Team member Patsy Sommer said, "We had a good time, that was important, to have a good time and play good."



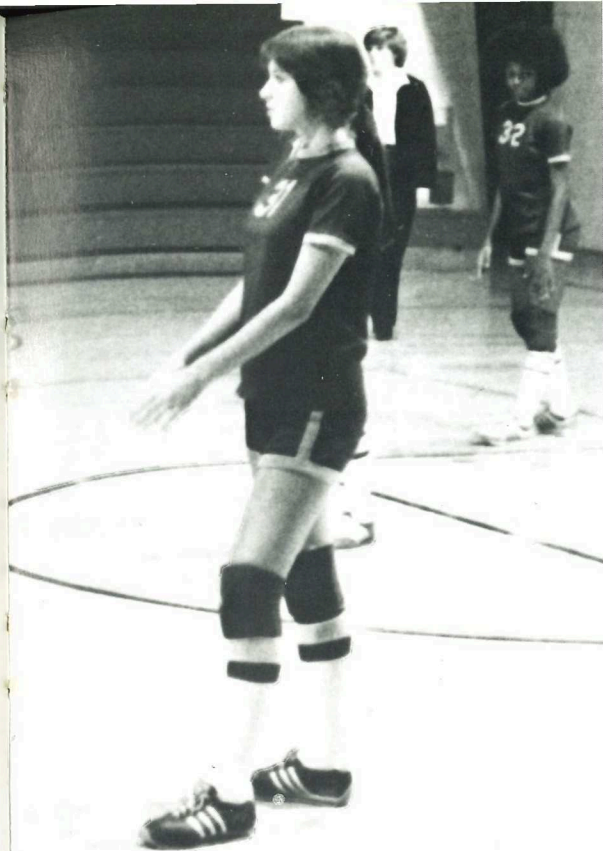
MEMBERS OF THE Junior Varsity squad include, row one, Susie Bjorkholm, Linda Nadler, Theresa Aemisegger, Susan Wright, Laura Gregory. Row two, Patsy Sommer, Donna Charlton, Theresa Simpson. Becky Beauchamp, Cathy Russell, Julie Bruning, Sandi Hunt, Coach Debbie Mulherin. (ABOVE).

"I LIKE TO score points for the team," said Theresa Aemisegger, as she serves for one of her points against Elsberry (RIGHT).

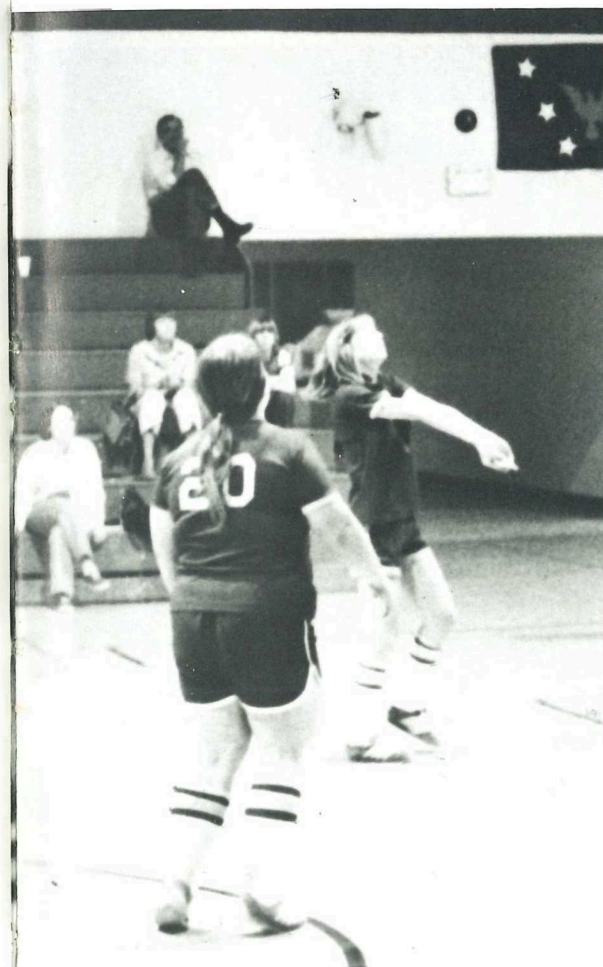




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"I LIKE PLAYING the back row better than the front, because in the front you can't judge the distance of the serve," quoted Donna Charlton. Donna and Theresa Simpson await a serve against New Haven (LEFT). SUSAN WRIGHT (right) likes setting the ball, and commented, "It gives me the opportunity to help out offensively." Theresa Aemisegger helps Susan set the ball during the game (BELOW LEFT). "I WAS NERVOUS, it was the first time I ever played," remarked Becky Beauchamp (right). Becky and Theresa Simpson prepare themselves for the next serve (BELOW).



	WE	THEY
New Haven	0	2
St. Mary's	0	2
Montgomery City	0	2
Winfield	0	2
Silex	1	2
Winfield	0	2
Elsberry	2	1
St. Mary's	0	2
Warrenton	1	2



# Season Ends, Memories Linger

I feel the season was very productive for the players and myself. Every person who played this season acquired a talent that can never be lost and that is experience. This team was a combination of hard workers who were dedicated to the sport, enthusiastic, and talented individuals.

Sue Wright

The basketball season left me with mixed feelings; feelings of good times and feelings of sad times just like anything else. We had a tremendous amount of talent on both teams but with many individual conflicts, that talent never really reached its peak. Our team had the ability to beat all the teams we played.

Jackie Rice

Successful! That was the wish of Coach Sue Wright in the opening of the season. Coach

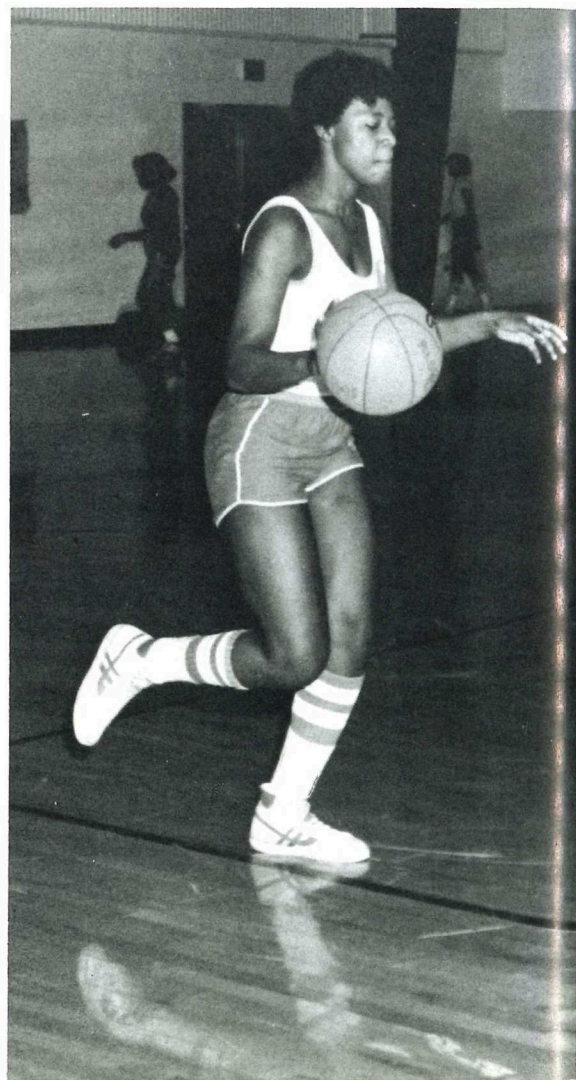
Wright is a fourth year veteran at Wright City High School but this was her first year of coaching the Varsity girls' team. Coach Wright stated, "This being my first year as a head coach, I had a lot to learn and the players had to adjust to my ideas."

The girls finished with a record of 4-15, "The win-loss record is not indicative of the performance this season. The teams in the area are much improved as is Wright City's team. The most important parts of any successful season are to give it your all, to encourage yourself and others, and to enjoy what you are doing," says Coach Wright. Junior member, Jackie Rice remarked, "All in all my most memorable thoughts go to Coach Sue Wright and Dan Reintiz who are good coaches, and to Sandy Nailor who is an outstanding athlete and person."



**GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL** team: Assistant Coach Dan Reintiz, Brenda Dotson, Jackie Rice, Verchell Johnson, Rita Sharp, Sandy Nailor, Lisa Kleinschmidt, Debbie Wilding, and Coach Sue Wright. Not Pictured: Norma Simpson (ABOVE).

**JUNIOR MEMBER, RITA Sharp** dedicates time to perfecting her dribbling technique (RIGHT).





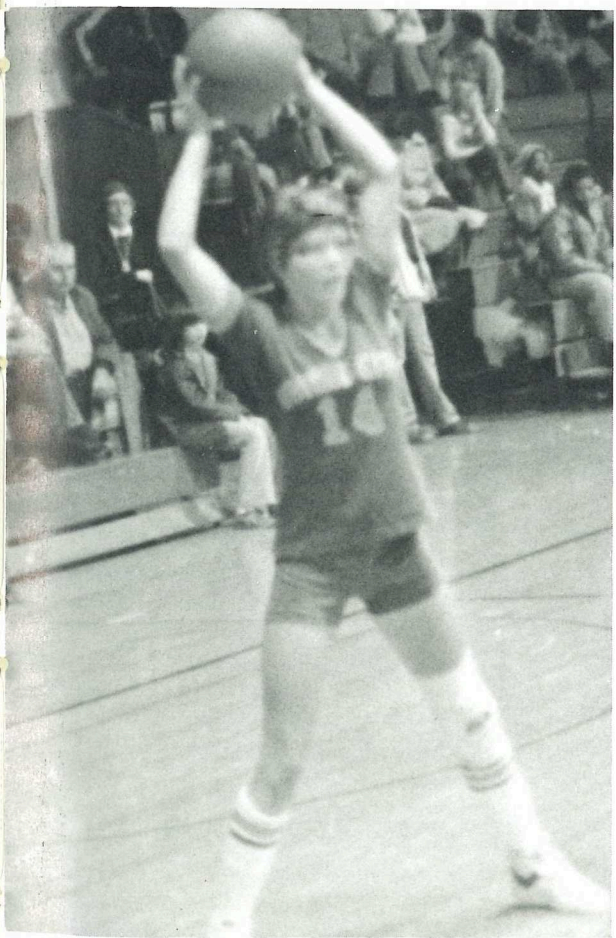
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JUNIOR MEMBER, JACKIE Rice brings the ball into enemy territory (LEFT).

SENIOR WILDCAT, SANDY Nailor (left) intently waits for the basketball to come into play while Alumna Pam Warren holds her defensive position (BELOW).



St. Dominic	WC	50-32
Clopton		31-61
St. Marys		36-37
Alumni/Homecoming		58-28
Montgomery		31-37
Elsberry		53-68
Silex		65-52
Troy		33-47
Washington		39-76
St. Dominic		44-46
Warrenton		39-47

Silex	61-63
Winfield	46-52
Francis Howell	45-64
Wright City Tourney	
Montgomery	36-38
St. Marys	58-36
St. Dominic	45-54
Winfield	61-57
2A District Tourney	
Valle	50-48
Brentwood	49-61

"I WAS LOOKING for an opening inside," remarked senior Wildcat, Debbie Wilding (LEFT).



# J V Girls' Basketball

## Learns New Skills

I think the girls had a very productive season of learning.

Ms. Sue Wright

I really learned a lot and I think we had a good season.

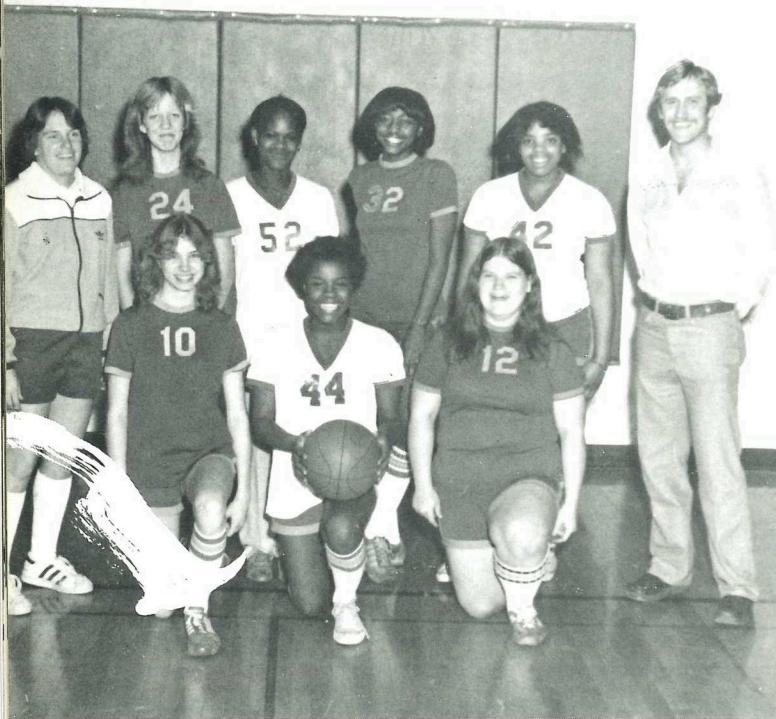
Lisa Butler

Playing basketball has been a good experience, and I learned a lot.

Pat Marshall

The Junior Varsity Girls' Team (JV Basketball) had a successful season considering the whole team was first year players. They had seven wins and six losses. Coach Sue Wright commented, "Next year, several of the girls will be able to play part-time on Junior Varsity and Varsity teams." She also remarked, "It is always difficult to learn new skills, but the team caught on to them quickly, which really helps."

Lisa Butler had the top amount of rebounds of 115 and an average of 9 per game. She also had the most free throws of 42 out of 78.



**JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM:** Kneeling; Pat Marshall, Debbie Butler, Theresa Aemisegger, Standing; Coach, Sue Wright, Sherry Bates, Carla Sydnor, Theresa Simpson, Lisa Butler, Assistant Coach, Dan Reinitz (ABOVE). "I THINK I am guard because I like to shoot baskets and I can control the ball well." remarked Lisa Butler (RIGHT).



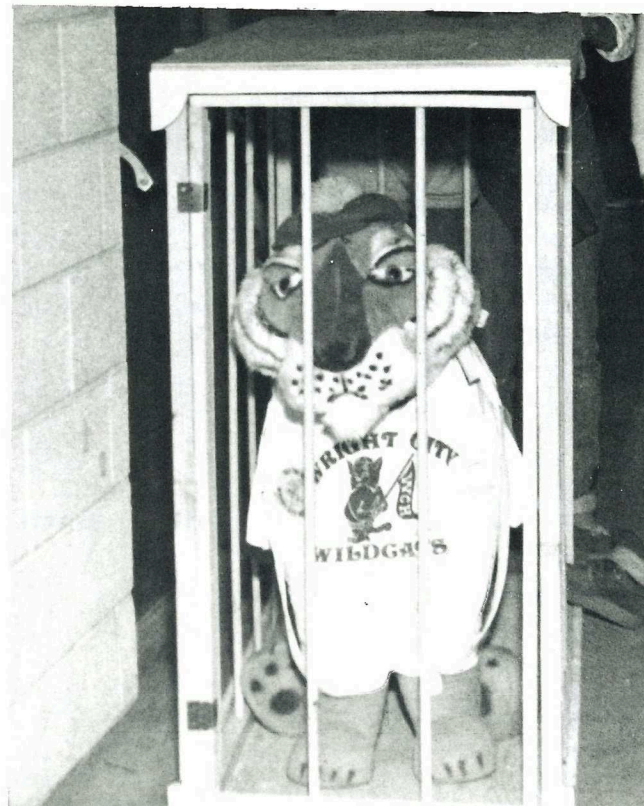


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"I BELIEVE I am guard because I like to dribble a lot and I do it well," stated Debbie Butler (LEFT). ROSCOE, THE Wright City High School's mascot, caged during a game (BELOW).



St. Dominic	(W.C.) 47-21
Clopton	46-40
St. Marys	18-32
Montgomery City	25-23
Elsberry	20-30
Silex	38-39
Troy	48-28
Washington	50-27
St. Dominic	42-50
Warrenton	31-39
Silex	23-19
Winfield	40-43
Francis Howell	41-42



# Take Me Out to the ol' Ball Game

It's no fun losing! But it's a lot of fun playing softball with a bunch of girls that like to have a good time. Although the records indicate a losing season, we certainly weren't a losing team. This year was the first time I had ever played on a team where everyone got along with each other as friends and not just as another team member.

Jennifer Massey

The 1981 Girls' Softball season began with almost an entirely new group of girls. Only six girls returned from the previous year, and the remainder of the team was basically composed of freshmen. With a young, inexperienced team, Coach Debbie Mulherin spent a large majority of the practice teaching the basic fundamentals, plays, and techniques of the game.

Most Valuable Player was voted by the team and was awarded to Lisa Butler who also held the highest batting average at .409. Debbie Butler held the second highest average at .375.



**GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM:** sitting: Chyresse Beste, Debbie Butler, Rita Johnson, Jackie Solt, Theresa Aemisegger, Gloria Mozee, Karlan Massey; standing: Linda Nadler, Lisa Butler, Theresa Simpson, Rita Sharp, Verchell Johnson, Jennifer Massey, Cathy Russell, Angie Carter, Coach Debbie Mulherin (ABOVE).

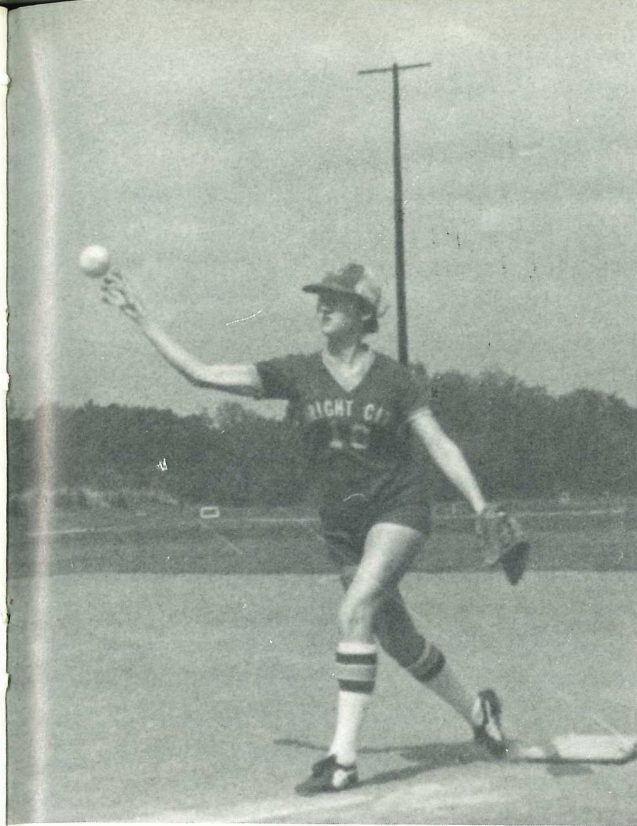
JACKIE SOLT, CENTER, caught against the St. Dominic team as one of their players took her stance (RIGHT).



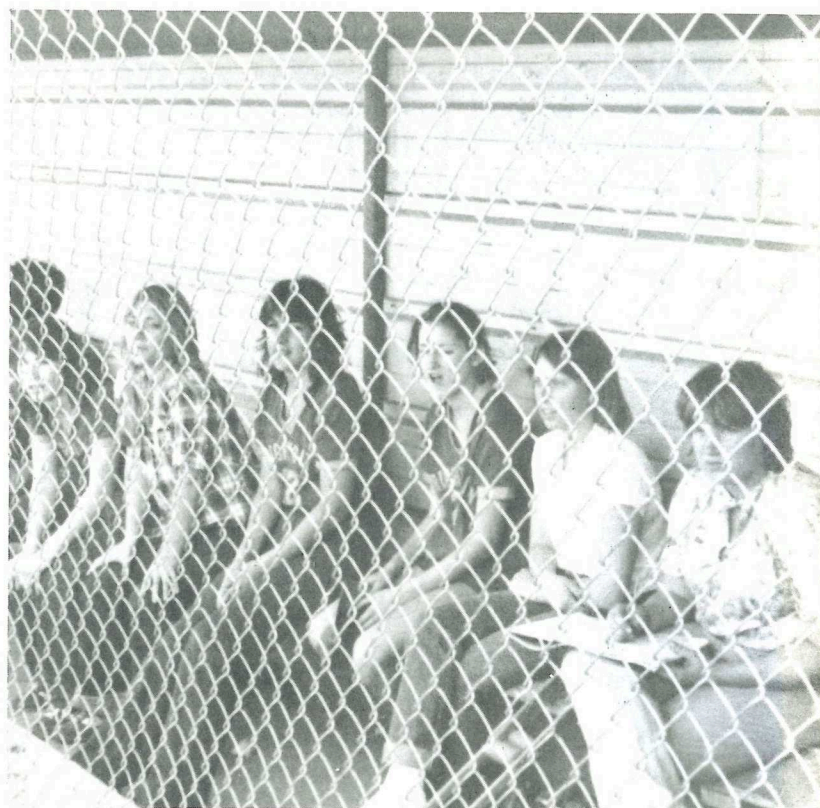


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FIRST BASEMAN, JENNIFER MASSEY, threw the ball to home plate during infield practice (LEFT). DUGOUT SUPPORT CAME from Angie Carter, Michelle Nalty, Cathy Russell, Karlan Massey, Linda Nadler, and scorekeeper, Charlotte Mace as their fellow team members played the field (BELOW).



	WE	THEY
Montgomery	13	10
Orchard Farm	2	13
New Haven	6	17
Winfield	3	0
St. Dominic	0	15
Troy	8	23
St. Dominic	20	2
Winfield	3	14
St. Francis Borgia	1	12
John Burroughs	4	14



# Productive Season, Experience Captured

"I felt the season was a lot of fun and worth the time we put into it. The team had several freshmen and I think they learned a great deal. I enjoyed myself during the season and that too is important for success.

Lisa Kleinschmidt

The Wildcat trackers rose to high victories in their opening two meets of the season defeating Winfield 78-48 and Orchard Farms 82-48. They attended six track meets including the District meet which was held at the Washington High School track on May 9. In that meet, two

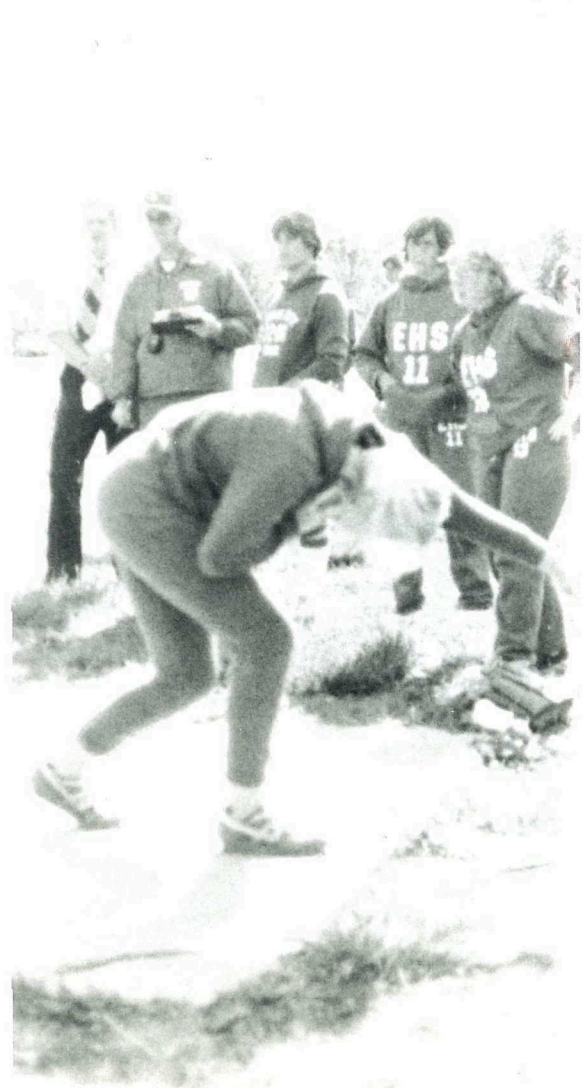
athletes qualified to go to the state meet, Lisa Kleinschmidt and Debbie Wilding.

The Wildcats placed third out of five schools while competing against Warrenton, Winfield, Clopton, and Elsberry on April 16. The shot put relay including Sandy Nailor, Theresa Aemisegger, and Lisa Kleinschmidt took fourth at Troy relays gaining those three girls' medals. Two athletes were awarded medals in Centralia on April 25 when Kleinschmidt placed fifth in the shot put and Wilding placed fifth in the half mile event.



DURING HER WARMUP, Becky Beauchamp tests her runway and takeoff board before her long jump (ABOVE).

'GATHERING ALL the strength for the best put,' thinks Sandy Nailor as she takes her position for the shot put (RIGHT).





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AFTER HER THROW, Theresa Aemisegger wonders, 'How far?' (LEFT)  
FRESHMAN TRACK MEMBER, Theresa Aemisegger prepares herself inside the shot put circle while Coach Gerdeman waits to measure the distance (BELOW).



Date	Opponents	Location	Points
March 31	Winfield	Home	WC 78-48
April 6	Orchard Farms	Home	82-48
April 16	Warrenton	Away	Not Given
April 24	Troy	Away	Not Given
April 25	Centralia	Away	Not Given
May 9	District meet	Away	Not Given
May 15-16	State Track meet	Away	Not Given

"HOW MUCH LONGER do we have before we run?" questioned Sandy Nailor as she stands with teammate Debbie Wilding. (LEFT).



# Varsity Cager's Compile

## 20-6 Mark

It was a very enjoyable season and we will lose some fine people, sometimes you don't want that to happen but it's time to go on.

Coach Dave Gerdeman

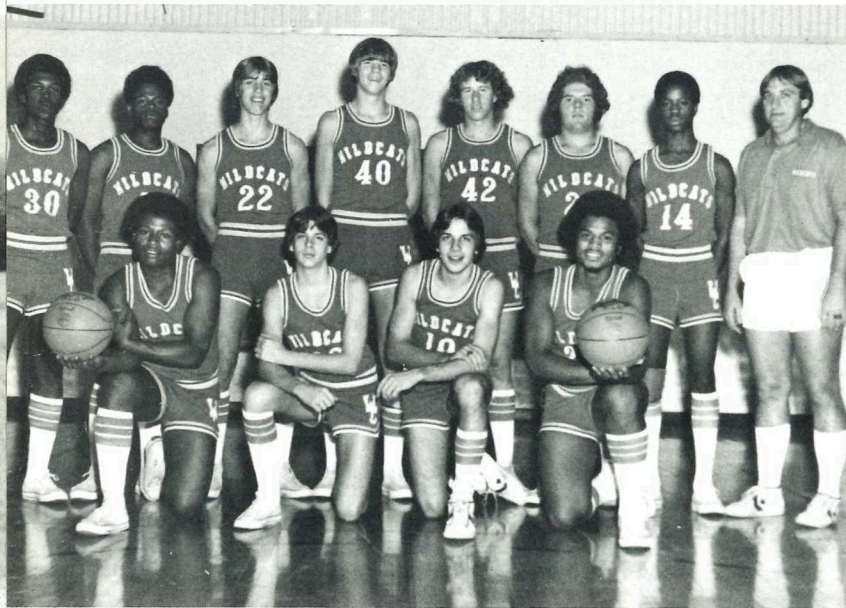
We played well, and worked hard. The spectators really gave us support. It made us get out there and get ready to play. The spirit made us stay in there and fight.

George Mozee

Success! Fight! Win! These key words describe the Boys Varsity Basketball team. They

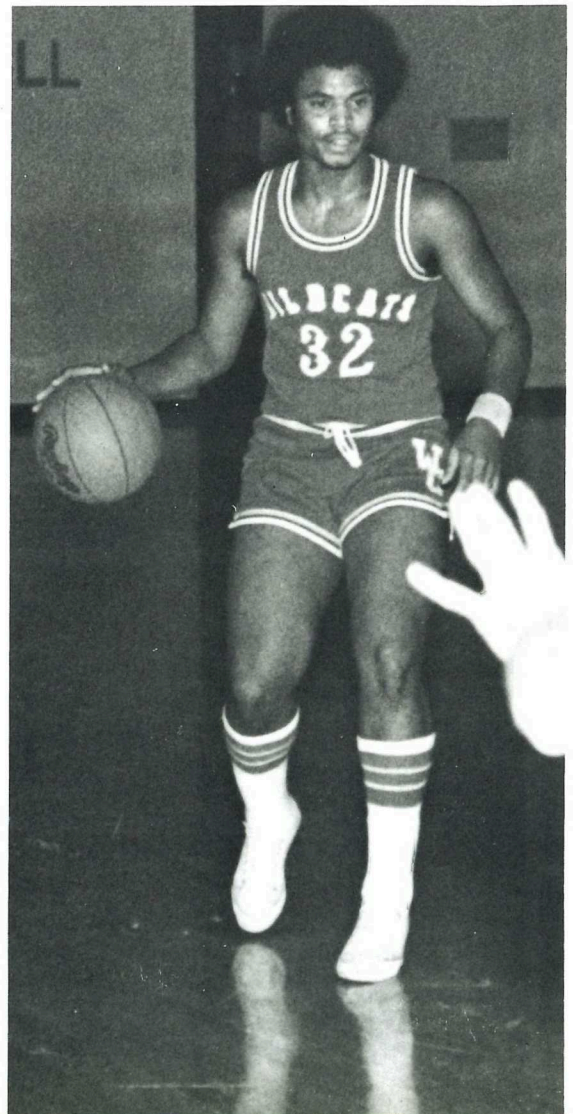
finished their season with a 20-6 record. "I think that when it came down to playing, we played well," remarked Mark Jones. Although they did not go far in their District tournament, some members said they did play well. In their own Wright City Tourney they took first, and in the Troy tourney they received third. The boys placed second in the Hermann Tourney.

Many players were successful in achieving high individual records. Jimmy Simpson completed 385 points this season, with a 14.8 percentage, while Kevin Schriener made top rebounder pulling 235 from the boards. Steve Strick gained the best field goal percentage, 54.8, while Mark Jones had the best free throw percentage 72.5.



FRONT ROW: George Mozee, Lyle Jones, Mark Jones, Jimmy Simpson, BACK ROW: Anthony Edwards, Wilbur Mozee, Curt McLaughlin, Steve Strick, Kevin Schriener, Mike Love, Kevin Kiner, and Coach Dave Gerdeman. (ABOVE).

JIMMY SIMPSON approaches defense during the Alumni game (RIGHT).





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COACH DAVE GERDEMAN and Steve Strick intently watch the Alumni game (LEFT). KEVIN SCHRIENER GOES up for a shot as Alumni: Greg Czerniewski, Dan Chandler, Joe Bradshaw, and Wildcats: Wilbur Mozee and Mike Love all watch the ball (BELOW).



Elsberry	(W.C.) 43-27	Wright City Tourney	
Ft. Zumwalt	56-41	Silex	91-47
Elsberry	60-38	Elsberry	76-36
Winfield	55-62	Clopton	64-46
Clopton	62-52	Troy Tourney	
St. Dominic	68-52	Montgomery City	61-41
Warrenton	47-46	Francis Howell	56-62
New Haven	65-47	Borgia	71-63
Silex	59-42	Hermann Tourney	
St. John	50-52	Montgomery City	60-43
Montgomery City	58-53	Chamois	52-37
Winfield	56-45	Hermann	44-64
Borgia	61-68	District Tourney	
Troy	58-49	Math & Science Academy	78-72
St. Dominic	71-53	Crystal City	60-62

MIKE LOVE TRIES for a block against Joe Bradshaw (LEFT).



# J.V. BOYS HAVE CLOSE TEAM

If we would have been mentally ready earlier during the season, we would have won many more games.

Randy Johnson

The season went pretty good. If we were older, we could have done better as a team because we would have had more experience.

Bobby Baldwin

With a great deal of motivation, but not much experience in the beginning, the Junior Varsity boys' basketball team faced a rather tough season, winning only ten games, and losing eleven.

"It isn't if they win or lose," commented

Coach Dale Kelly, "the important thing is that they gain the knowledge and experience of how to play the game."

Later in the season, the Junior Varsity players gained that much needed experience. Team member Steve Baldwin commented, "I think that we gained the experience we needed in the sense that when we played together, we added knowledge in our ability to play, and experience by playing the season out, as a team." They learned how to work together and function as a team, but it did not have a big enough impact on the team's record.

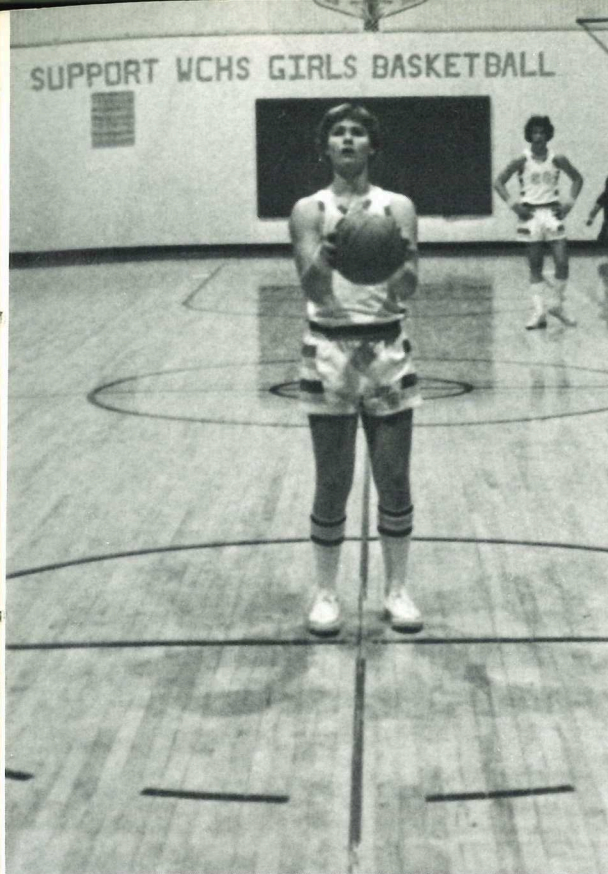
Still Coach Kelly was very optimistic about the season. He felt it was good, despite the upsetting record.



"I KNEW I had to get the rebound," said Steve Baldwin, center, as he watched the free throw (ABOVE). KEVIN CZERNIEWSKI, right, released the ball to put it back into play. Steve Baldwin is ready for action (RIGHT).

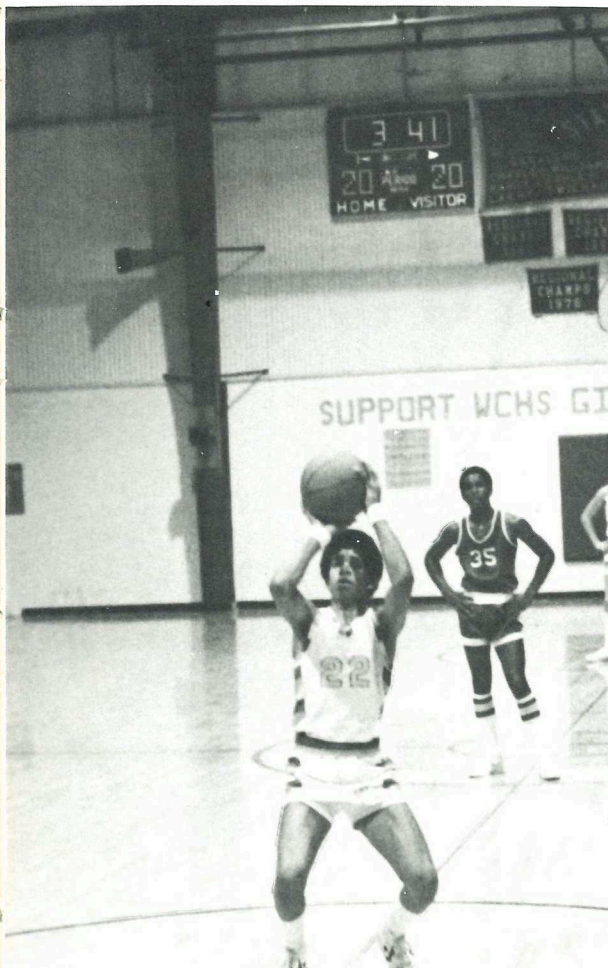






BRIAN BOTE CONCENTRATES as he prepares to make a difficult free throw shot after he was fouled upon by a member of the opposing team. Also pictured is Kevin Czerniewski (LEFT).

THE J.V. BASKETBALL TEAM: (Kneeling) Mike Bertke, Gerard Washington; (Standing) Coach Dale Kelly, Les Martin, Wayne Klenke, Brian Bote, Chris Millikan, Bobby Baldwin, Robert Bertke, Billy Beauchamp, Randy Johnson, Kevin Czerniewski (BELOW). Not pictured: Steve Baldwin.



	<b>WE</b>	<b>THEY</b>
Elsberry	48	28
Fort Zumwalt	44	50
Montgomery City	46	55
Elsberry	39	40
Winfield	65	57
Clopton	33	47
Francis Howell	42	44
St. Dominic	52	47
Montgomery City	48	57
Warrenton	51	31
New Haven	56	42
Troy	43	45
St. Dominic	33	45
Winfield	51	42
St. John's	57	43
Montgomery City	50	24
Winfield	54	36
St. Francis Borgia	31	34
Troy	34	49
St. Dominic	32	59
Winfield	63	51

10 wins - 11 losses

"I WAS VERY calm and felt real positive that I was going to make the free throw," said Steve Baldwin. His successful shot was what the J.V.'s needed to break their 20-20 tie with New Haven.

J.V. Boys' Basketball — 99



# Junior High Prove Victors

Wright City had one of the best teams around. I really enjoy playing for Wright City. Mr. Lake was a really good coach.

Pierre Parker

It's nice to play basketball representing Wright City Junior High and being a part of our most popular sport.

Sandy Koster

Experience in competition and the dedication of team members and coaches helped the junior high athletic department out considerably.

Though the seventh grade boys and the junior high girls didn't finish their season with positive records, they better understood the game and its strategies.

The seventh grade boys' basketball team finished the season with one victory and eight losses; Mr. Frank Lake was their coach.

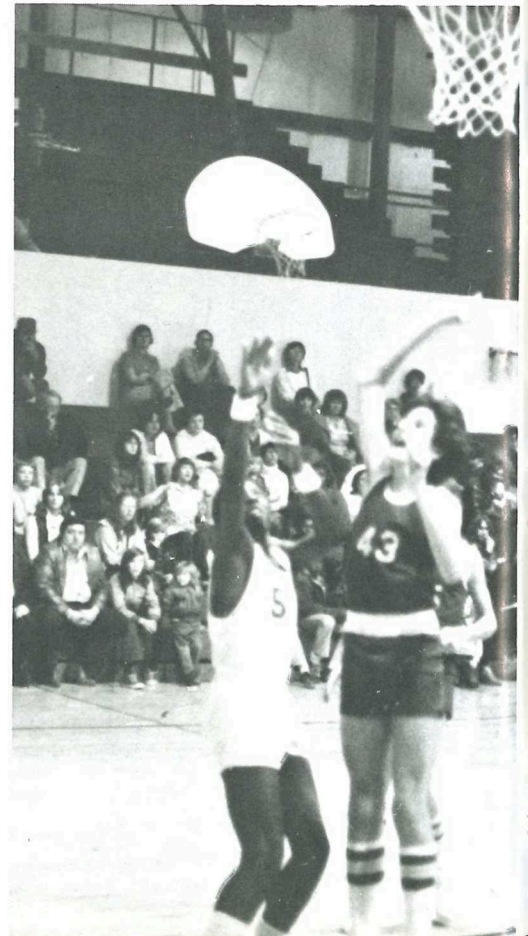
The junior high girls' team, coached by Mr. Dan Reinitz, was capable of picking up a second place finish in the Warrenton Tourney and a fourth place mark in the Elsberry Invitational. This young team posted a four win/nine loss mark.

The eighth grade boys' team finished their season with a ten and three mark. Coach, Frank Lake successfully led them to a first place finish in the Warrenton Tournament. Lake said, "If this group continues to improve, they should be a dynamite team in the future."

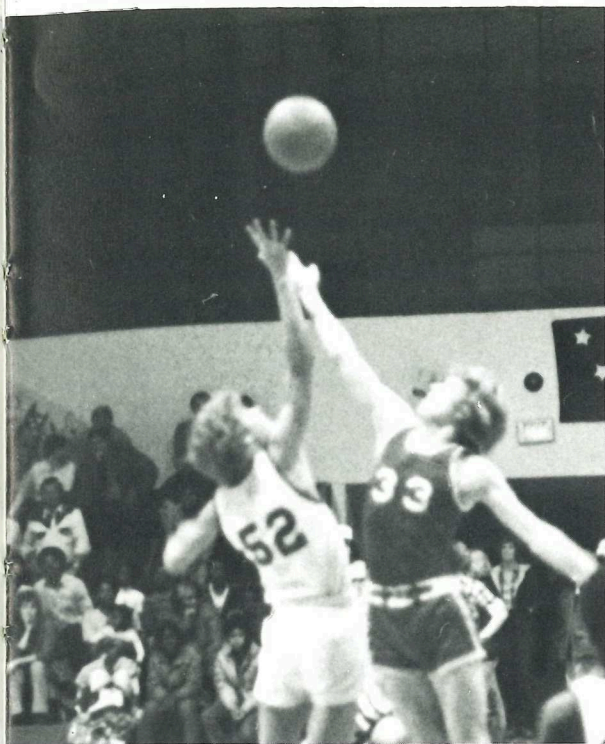


RITA PARKER AND Malinda Eads approach defense during their home game with Warrenton (ABOVE).

ANDREW MARLEY ATTEMPTS a two-point shot against the Wentzville Indians (RIGHT).

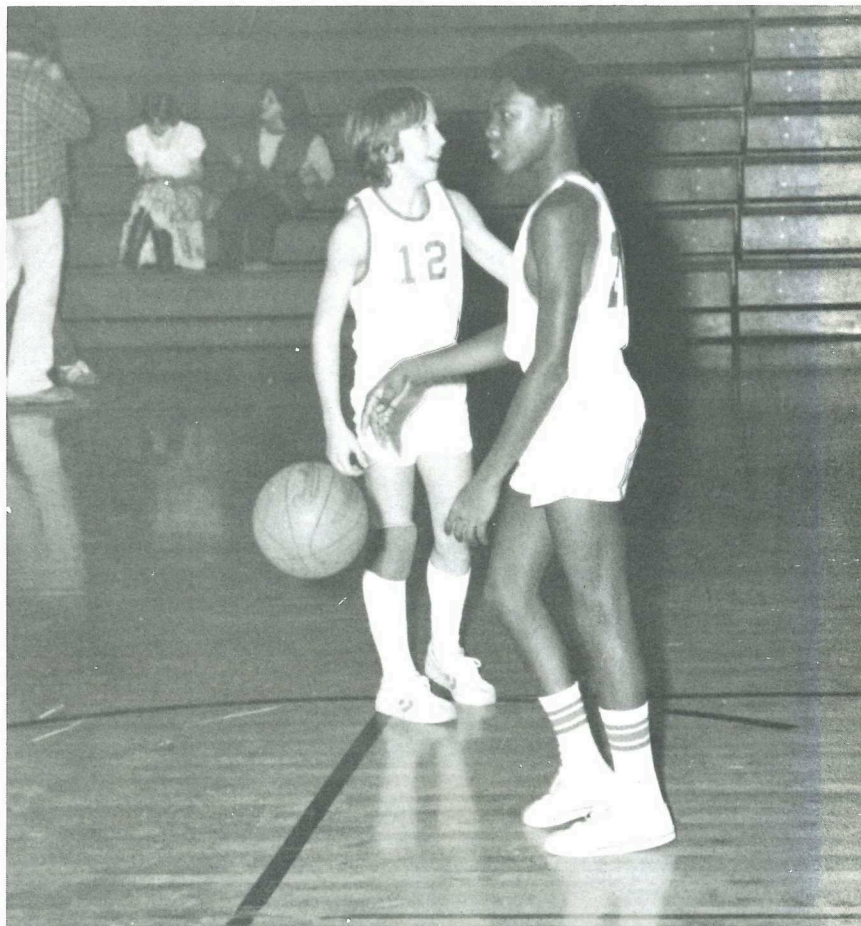






EIGHTH GRADER TRAE Ruge successfully outjumps his Wentzville opponent (LEFT).

DONAL SEARS AND Pierre Parker warm up during the half. "We went out there and played some good offense; defense was great, and that's why we won that night," commented Pierre (BELOW).



MEMBERS OF THE seventh grade team include Jeff North, Scott Hensiek, Bruce McLaughlin, Greg Guthrie, Jeff Bradshaw, Johnathon Godt, and Coach Frank Lake (UPPER LEFT).



MEMBERS OF THE junior high girls' team include Rita Parker, Barb Gray, Karen Mozee, Sandy Koster, standing-Coach Dan Reintiz, Tina Young, Malinda Eads, Melissa Boyd, and assistant coach-Debbie Wilding (CENTER LEFT).



MEMBERS OF THE eighth grade boys' team include Andy Ordelheide, Donal Sears, Darrell Mozee, Rodney Cohen, Pierre Parker, Ivan Wyatt, Mark Graviett, Andrew Marley, Tom Nailor, Trae Ruge, and Coach Frank Lake (BOTTOM LEFT).



We had a good defensive team, because we worked well both on and off the field.

David Shough

Coach Dan Reinitz is truly a man of remarkable talent in the field of athletics.

Brian Bote

I think this year we played more as a team than in the past. Last year, we had a lot of favoritism and a lot of playing around. This year, everybody from grade nine to twelve gave their full effort and played as a team, not as an individual. With this kind of attitude, our team should improve in the years to come.

Kevin Kiner

With a starting line-up consisting of four seniors, the Wright City Varsity boys' baseball team, led by new coach Mr. Dan Reinitz, finished their season with an average score of five runs a game.

With a fairly young team and many new ideas from Coach Reinitz, the team, as one player commented, "would hopefully have a better season next year."

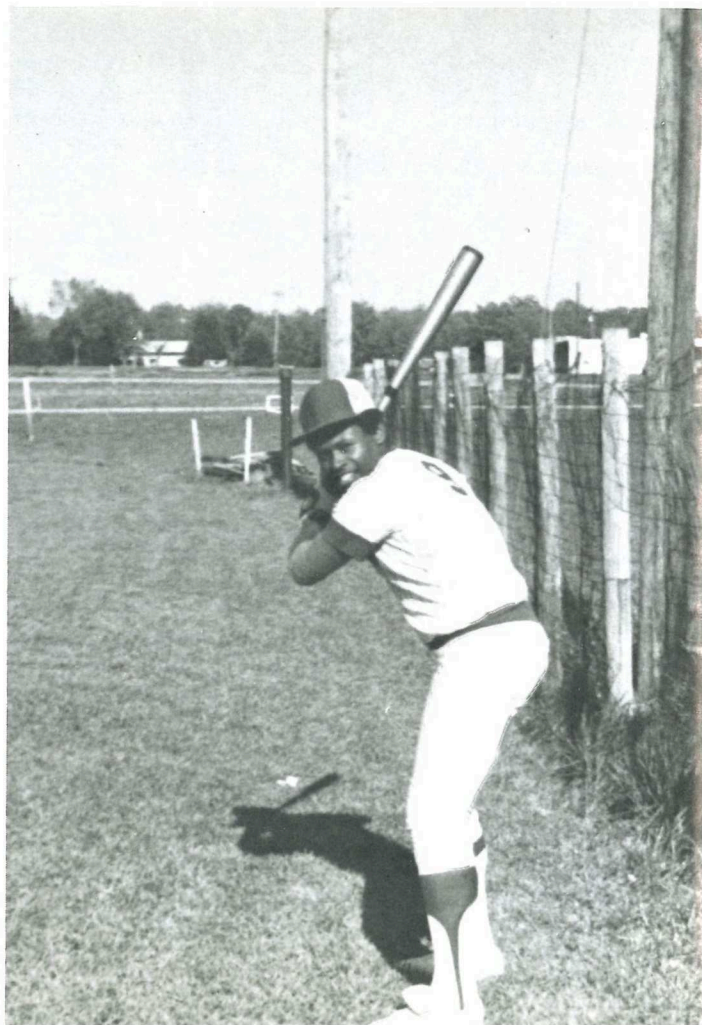
Going into the district tournament with a 4-5 mark, the Wildcats defeated Montgomery City quickly with a score of 10-0. But their next game against Pacific was just the opposite. Pacific eliminated the Wildcats 10-0.

The most valuable player of the year was chosen by the athletes. Senior Mark Jones won the award.

## Baseball CATS Set 5-7 Mark



THE BASEBALL TEAM includes front row-Chris Millikan, Wayne Klenke, David Shough, Mike Bertke, Kenny Koster. Middle row-Brian Bote, Les Martin, Cedric Kiner, George Mozee, Keith Koster. Back row-Gerard Washington, Kevin Kiner, Curt McLaughlin, Mike Love, Don Day. Not pictured-Coach Dan Reinitz, Kevin Shough, and Mark Jones (ABOVE). SENIOR GEORGE MOZEE readies himself for a brief session of pepper (RIGHT).





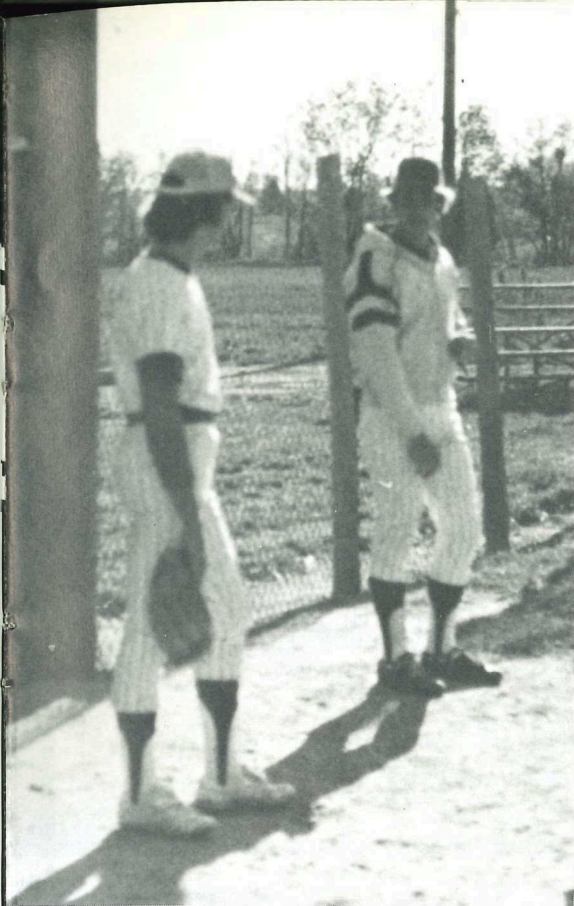
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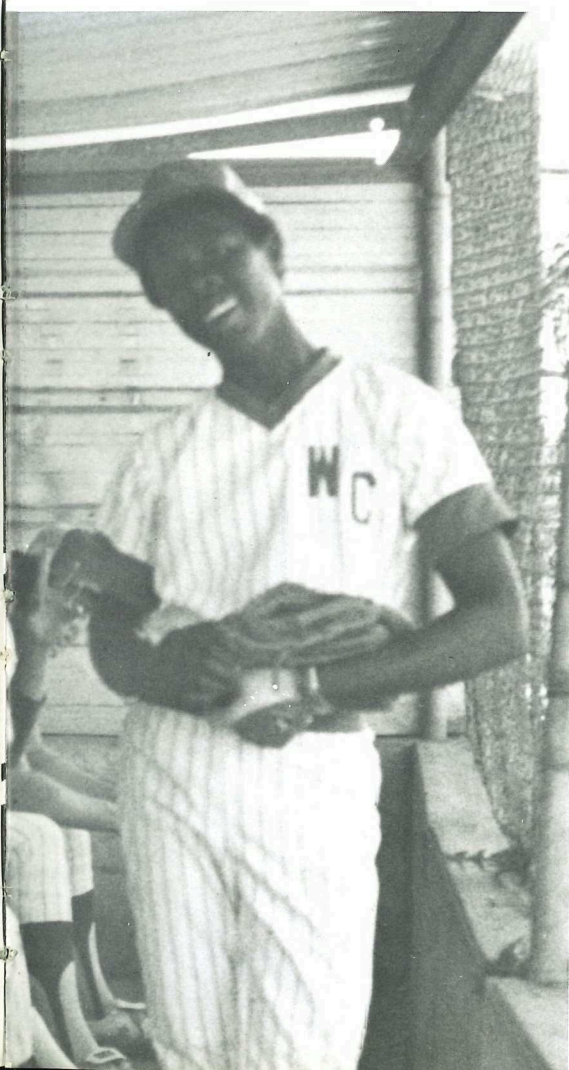
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COACH DAN REINITZ sends Mark Jones out to centerfield for practice (LEFT).

MIKE LOVE THROWS batting practice before a game against Wentzville (BELOW).

SENIOR CEDRIC KINER shows enthusiasm before he takes his position at second base (BELOW LEFT).



	They	We
Wentzville	8	4
New Haven	14	5
Winfield	6	2
Orchard Farm	7	8
Troy	6	3
Silex	2	3
Montgomery City	0	10
Winfield	2	6
Troy	6	5
Wellsville	10	0
- District Tournament -		
Montgomery Cit	0	10
Pacific	10	0



# Boys' Track Gains Experience

In the four years that I have been in track, I feel that I have had the opportunity to excel as an individual and have enjoyed it very much.

Brad Wahle

We had a good team, but as the season went on, the competition got stiff.

Guy Wilson

Our team was young and, overall, we had a season of growth.

Steve Baldwin

I think that the track team worked very hard and that Mr. Harrison deserves most of the credit.

Robbie Bertke

The Wright City track team ended up the season with ten members consisting of sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Eight of these got letters. Coach Harrison remarked, "We had a very good season considering our age. It will be one or two years before we have a really strong and experienced team." He added, "The sophomores this year should start to reach some of their potential next year." The co-captains of the team were Brad Wahle and Kevin Schriener. Kevin also broke the school high jump record and was voted Most Valuable Player.

I think that we have potential talent if we work hard enough.

Paul Bruning



THE WILDCAT TRACK team: Front row: Jim Park, Robbie Bertke; second row: Coach Dave Harrison, Lyle Jones, John Hankins, Paul Bruning, Kevin Czerniewski; back row: Rick Moffat, Brad Wahle, Kevin Schriener, Guy Wilson, and Steve Baldwin (ABOVE).

ROBBIE BERTKE AND Guy Wilson anxiously wait for their events to start (RIGHT).





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Track gives me the experience of competing against other schools and other people. It also keeps me in good physical shape.

Lyle Jones



PAUL BRUNING PREPARING to heave the shot put at one of their many track meets (UPPER LEFT).

"I WAS MEASURING the jumps and thinking about the events I would be competing in," commented John Hankins as Steve Alberternst, Rick Moffat, and he work at the long-jump pit (ABOVE).



*Expressions...*



ACADEMICS



This school has a good selection of courses for being such a small school. We can choose the courses we want and have the personal attention a small class can provide.

Jane Wright

As I chose my courses for the upcoming year, I was surprised at the variety of courses and fields sustained by the agenda. Along with this I received accurate counsel from the school counselor. I also learned that Wright City High School had many excellent features in the faculty aide areas for the benefit of the students.

Steve Baldwin



KNEELING; JOHN JUDD, Monte Yount, Mike Abrolat, Gerald Reckamp, Margie Boyd, Melissa Tilley Standing; Nick Charles, Todd Gipson, John Hill, Ron Zumwalt, Brian Newman, Scott Blackburn, Bill Tremear, Kevin Shough, Mark Dunlap, Mr. Bruning substitute bus driver, and Steve Jones (RIGHT).

"I WAS ACETYLENE welding at Vo-Tech," comments Todd Gipson (BELOW).

MELISSA TILLEY WORKS quickly to get her work done at Four-Rivers (LOWER RIGHT).



## LEARNING ACTIVE AT FOUR-RIVERS

School is more interesting; I am taking a class at the Four Rivers Area Vocational Technical School that I am very interested in.

Kevin Shough

Each day students from Wright City High board the bus to attend Vo-Tech School in Washington. The students attend three hours at the school and receive three credits throughout the year. Students must be at least a junior to attend.

Several classes are offered: a career development class, Auto Body I and II, Auto Mechanics I and II, Building Trades I and II, Graphics Arts I and II, Industrial Maintenance I and II, Industrial Welding I and II, Machine Shop I and II, Clerical Practice, Secretarial Practice, and Orientation to Health Occupations. All these classes are designed to help students in their planned careers. Some classes



give you enough training so you can get a job immediately out of school.

"I'm taking a two year welding class to become a certified welder, its a good program; they teach you a lot," remarked Ron Zumwalt student at Four Rivers.





**MONTE YOUNT** A student of Vo-Tech remarks, "I was trying to cut a piece of pipe for my project," (ABOVE LEFT).

**JOHN JUDD WORKS** enthusiastically at cutting a piece of wire at Vo-Tech (ABOVE).

"I WAS USING a milling maching," remarks Brian Newman (LEFT).

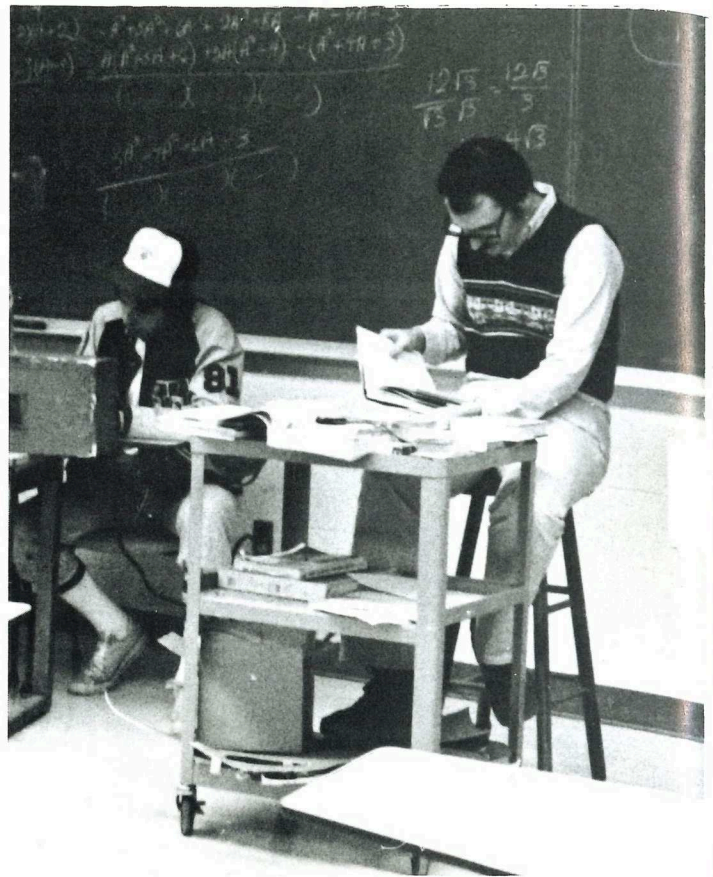


# EARLY START PROVES ..

THE SCHOLAR QUIZ team: Row one: Keith Koster, Debbie Lanham; Row two: Mark Jones, Sandi Hunt, Kenny Koster, Brian Aemisegger; Row three: Chris Milliken, Mr. Mike Barnicle, Kevin Schriener, Sandy Nailor, Mark Wilding (BELOW).

CAPTAIN MARK JONES, revises his answer, while Mr. Barnicle waits for his response (RIGHT).

FINGERS ON BUZZERS, Kenny Koster, Kevin Schriener and Mark Jones perpare themselves for the next toss-up question (BELOW RIGHT).



The WCHS Scholar Quiz team took a fifth place finish at the Annual Blue Key Scholar Quiz tournament in Kirksville. The tournament, which was held on March 27, consisted of thirty-two teams representing Missouri, Iowa, and Illinois.

Under the coaching of Mr. Mike Barnicle, the team started preparing for the tourney in October.

As the new year rolled in, team members became more involved in other activities, and practices became a little hard to schedule.

On November 17, the team took on the Alumni. The Scholar Quiz Team defeated them three matches to two.

In January and February, the team sold candy to pay for the cost of the trip and the motel at Kirksville.

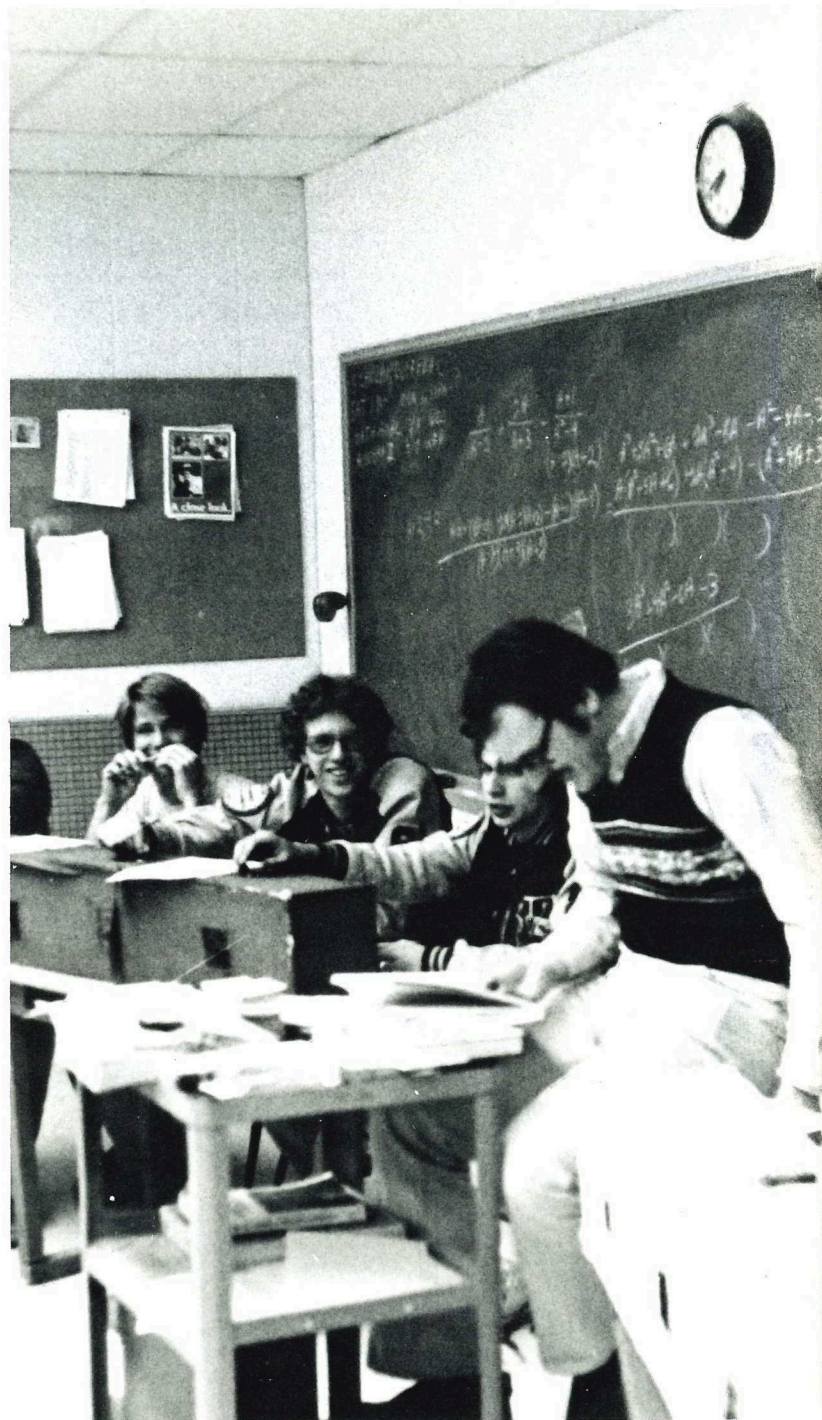
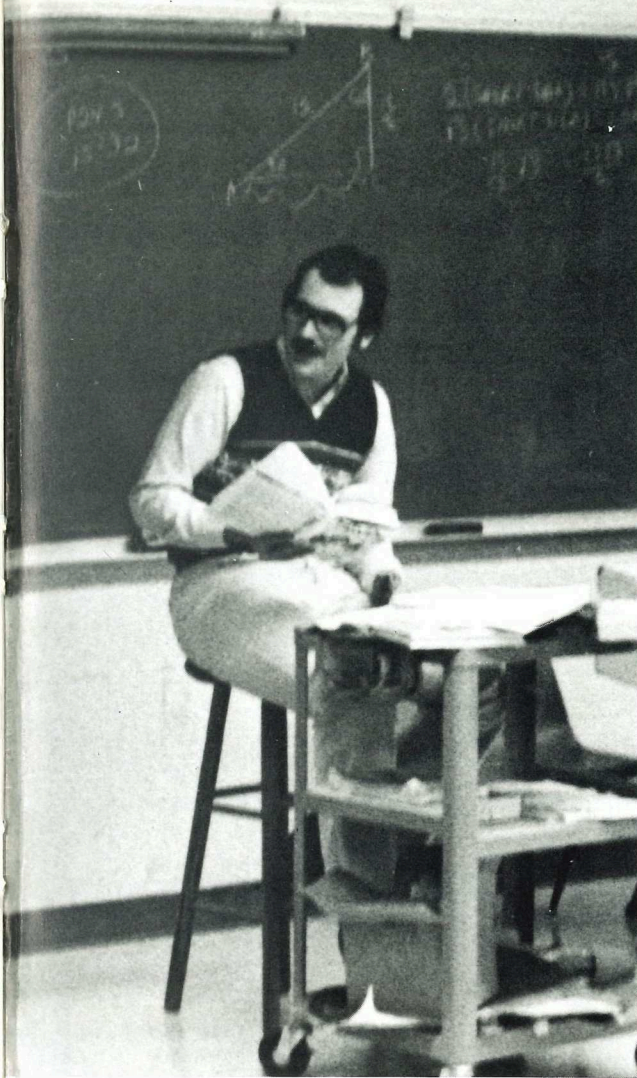
Before the tournament, the team played two games with the Faculty team which consisted of Mr. Philip Popejoy, Mrs. Carol Green, Mrs. Sally Buschschorf, and Mrs. Kay Jastrem. The team was defeated three matches to two.



At the tournament in Kirksville, the team beat Van Buren 180-165. In the winners bracket, Wright City defeated Princeton 215-190. The team then played and beat Meadville, 210-190. Now reaching the semifinal position, Wright City lost to number one ranked Quincy, Illinois, 315-165. Wright City, exhausted, ended their season, losing to Scotland County 250-140, but happily received fifth place.



# SUCCESS !!



"ALL RIGHT FOLKS, ten more minutes at your buzzers, and then you can hit the showers!" quoted Coach Mike Barnicle at one of the practices. (ABOVE LEFT).

"I WONDER WHAT the base ten is of 110?" asks Sandy Nailor, as she and Mark Wilding ponder over one of the various toss up questions asked at practice. (LEFT).

"THEY ARE NOTHING less than fantastic," quoted Coach Mike Barnicle. Here, he asks a toss up question to Kenny Koster, Kevin Schriener, and Mark Jones (ABOVE).



It was a long journey, but the events that occurred and the people that I met, compensated for the trip.

Keith Koster

It was my first time there, and even though it was a big college and very confusing, it was very interesting.

Karen Rankin

"WHAT A DAY," exclaims sophomore Chris Millikan while trying to sleep on the three hour bus ride home, after taking the geometry test at the Kirksville Festival (RIGHT).



## BUSSEIN' TO KIRKSVILLE

Equipped with pens, paper, erasers, speeches, and Algebra II books, forty-five upper classmen and business education teacher, Mr. Dan Charlton, begrudgingly boarded bus 31 at 5:15 in the morning, and set out for a three hour bus ride to Northeast Missouri State University, for the sixty-sixth annual Academic Festival, held March 24. The students participated in the seven basic areas of business education, drama, English, foreign language, home economics, math, and science.

They arrived on campus at 8:30 a.m., and the students tested or presented their talents anywhere from nine in the morning to twelve noon.

The bustling atmosphere of the student union building provided a stimulating retreat for those who were not testing. Many of the students bowled or played pool in the game room while some roamed the aisles of the campus bookstore. The student lounge was also the official festival headquarters, where

the results was posted.

Students were rated on a scale from one to five, and being the best, for individual academic quality in their subject area. In the category of newswriting on campus, Lisa Tribley and Kenny Koster received two ratings. Lisa Tribley received a two rating on her feature article entitled, "It's Grease Lightnin' Opening Night," and Kenny Koster received a two rating on his news story, "Scholar Quiz Competes at Kirksville." Our own *Wildcat Tales* received an outstanding one rating, ranking third over all the schools who publish in city newspapers.

Glena Guthrie and Laura Gregory both received three ratings on their poems.

Lisa Sydow received a two on her Algebra I test, and Tim Nadler received a two on the Algebra II test.

Brad Wahle and Kevin Schriener received two and three ratings on their chemistry exams.



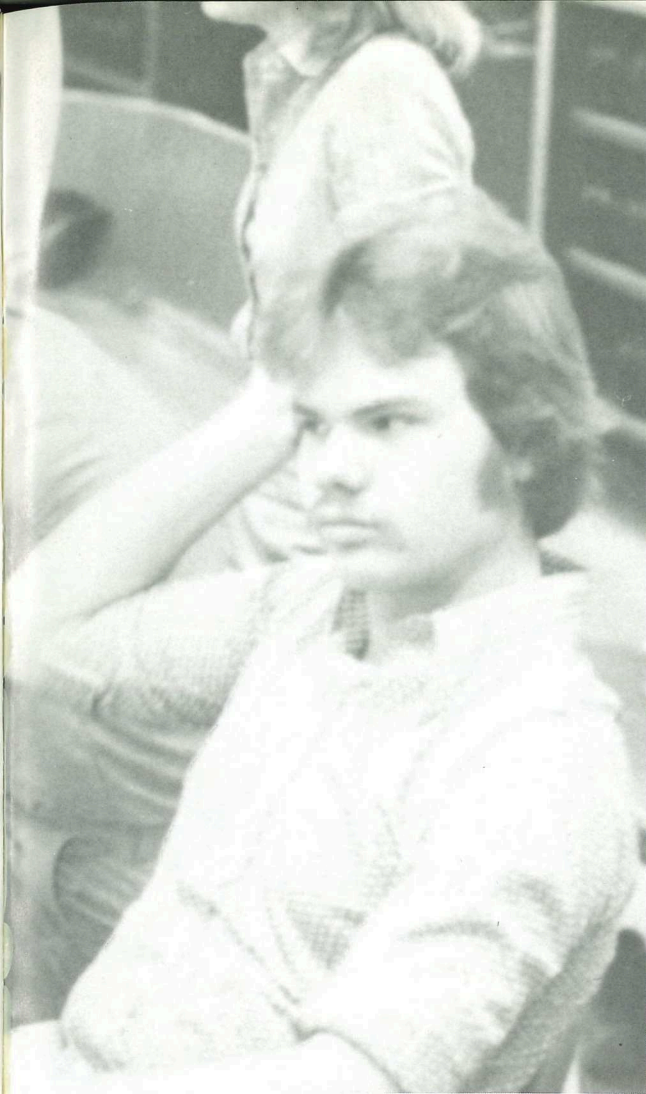
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"WE WERE BOWLING and I was keeping score," commented senior Jay Holliday, "I was aggravated because I was losing. It was the worst game I ever bowled. I bowled an 81," (TOP LEFT).

"I WAS TALKING to Karlan Massey about the results being posted. I kept wondering when they were gonna post the Algebra I ratings," commented Cheryl Marty (ABOVE). THE OFFICIAL HEADQUARTERS for the academic festival was the student union where this sign stood (LEFT).





## BUSSIN' HOME

After the stiff and tiring competition at the Academic Festival, several student slept during the three hour bus ride home. The rest sat silent playing Uno, or gazing out the small windows watching the towns roll by.

Several students faired well at the festival, while others wondered what their ratings were, since some were not posted before the departure.

As Highway 70 east and the bus driver, Mr. Charlton, guided us back to the familiar sites of Wright City, the ratings were no longer important — it was the excitement of home.

"I WAS PLEASED since the foreign language cloth banner received a 1 rating but I was also glad to be home and off the bus," commented Kem DeBoe (TOP).

"WE WERE TIRED of waiting for an alley to bowl on because we were running out of time," commented Leslie Stevens (RIGHT).

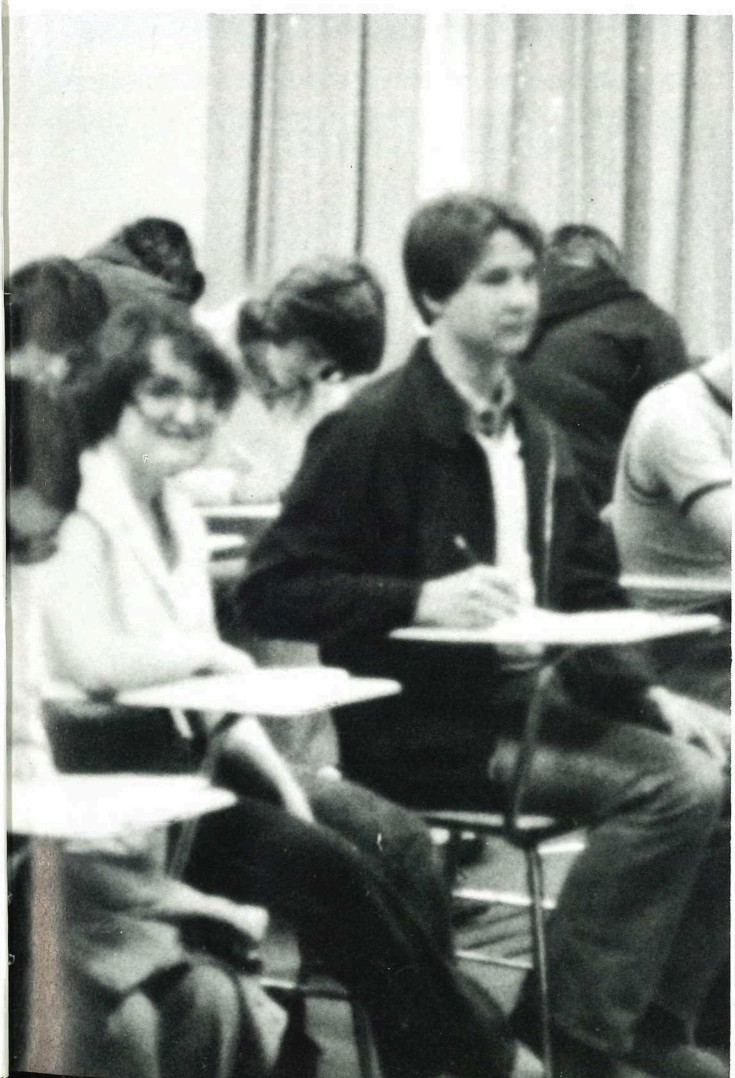






I went up there to take a Consumer Education test, which I thought was pretty easy, but after the long ride up there, I never do as well as I think I could if I took the test here.

Linda Ramey



"THERESA (AEMISEGGER) AND I were waiting for the Algebra I test results," commented Rick Watson (TOP LEFT).

"I'M HAPPY I went; I think I did well, but I was also happy to be getting off the bus for the second time, since we were home," commented Karen Rankin (TOP RIGHT).

"BECKY (WILSON) AND I didn't do well on the Algebra II test but we had a good time on the trip," commented Keith Koster (LEFT).

"WHAT A BREEZE," expressed Lisa Tribley after competing in the newswriting on campus contest (ABOVE).



# FIRE DRILL PREPARES STUDENTS

A surprise fire drill was sprung on the WCHS by the Wright City Fire Department Tuesday, February 17. The drill was sparked by a fire in Dublin, Ireland which killed forty-nine teenagers and injured an additional one hundred thirty.

After hearing of the Dublin tragedy the members of the fire department became worried about what would happen if a similar accident happened here. As a preventive measure, the fire department staged a surprise drill, at the school. The administration was informed only moments before and most of the teachers didn't know at all. In spite of this, according to Principal Donald Jones, "We did pretty well; got everyone out in less than a minute." Mr. Jones believes that fire drills are important, and by the fire department being present, it was taken more seriously by the students. "There wasn't as much laughing because some of the students didn't know it was a drill." He said that knowing the correct procedure makes it easier and safer in case of a real emergency.

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS waiting for the all clear bells. Mrs. Karen Griffon, Mr. Dan Charlton, Bryan Gardner, Miss Carol Held, Tony Edwards, Twyla Fuchs, Paul Wilson, Debbie Diehl, and Brenda Dotson (BELOW).

"AT FIRST WE weren't sure if it wasn't a real fire. The fire trucks were here and someone said they smelled smoke," observed Jeanette Pauk to Coach Dave Harrison (FAR LEFT).



"I WAS THINKING about what could happen if it was a real fire," said Lisa Butler. Waiting for the all-clear are Rita Sharp, Pam Brook, Andrea Piatt, and Denise Mozee (RIGHT).





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"WE LEARNED A lot of important things that we didn't know before," commented Regina Hinderliter, when entering the layout section (LEFT). THE PUBLICATIONS MEMBERS that went were Kenny Koster, Lisa Kleinschmidt, Pam Brooks, Glenna Guthrie, Denise Mozee, Regina Hinderliter, Laura Sydow, Doris Rose, Lori Scarbrough, Linda Ramey, Lisa Tribley, and Keith Koster (MIDDLE LEFT).

## LOOKING INSIDE THE POST-DISPATCH



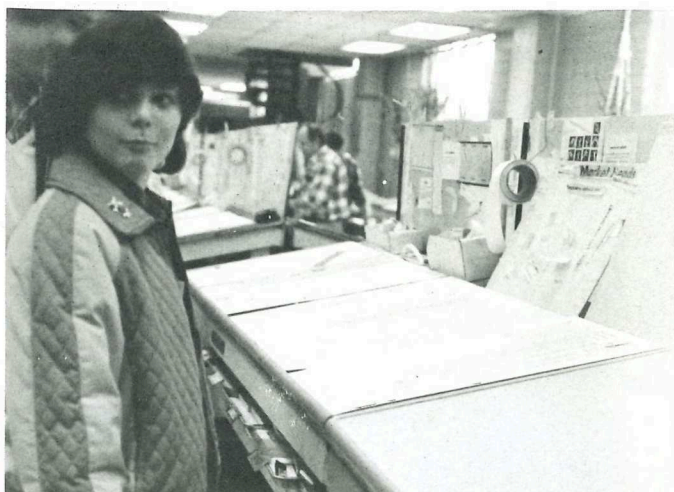
The WCHS publications class visited the St. Louis Post-Dispatch March 17, to learn about the internal workings of a professional newspaper.

The students and advisor were given a tour of the Post building which houses parts of the Globe Democrat also. The tour started on the fifth floor newsroom, where the reporters compose different parts of the paper. "I was surprised to see the reporters sitting down," remarked Doris Rose, "I thought everybody (reporters) would be up rushing around."

On the fourth floor the students were shown the area where the pages are laid out and designed. From there, the tour moved down stairs to the printing.

The paper rolls through the presses at a speed of 20 miles per hour, printing millions of paper for their readers. Each paper uses tons of newsprint everyday to reach their patrons.

"I WANTED TO look at the artwork in the shelves underneath the layout," commented Laura Sydow (LEFT).





WRIGHT CITY SINGERS Jim Johnson, Jenny Kerr, Todd Kirchoff, Theresa Simpson perform their musical routine (BELOW).

FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB displays items from other countries (RIGHT).

Painting done by Doris Rose exhibits art talent (LOWER RIGHT).



# FINE ARTS FESTIVAL DISPLAYS TALENT

The festival makes students feel like they have accomplished something, and it gives them the chance to display their abilities.

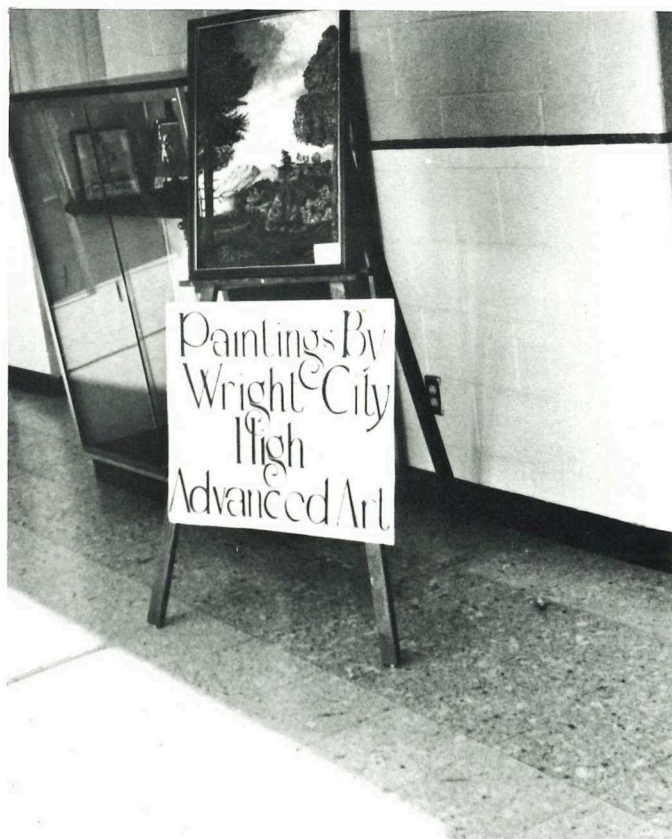
Mrs. Pam Zutter-Brock

The annual Fine Arts Festival took place on May 14. Student exhibits from several departments were entered: Linda Breuer's art, Gary Brandes' band, Janice Lile's drama, Pam Zutter-Brock's foreign language, John Leykamp's industrial arts, Phil Popejoy's social studies, and Wendy Krueger's vocal music students.

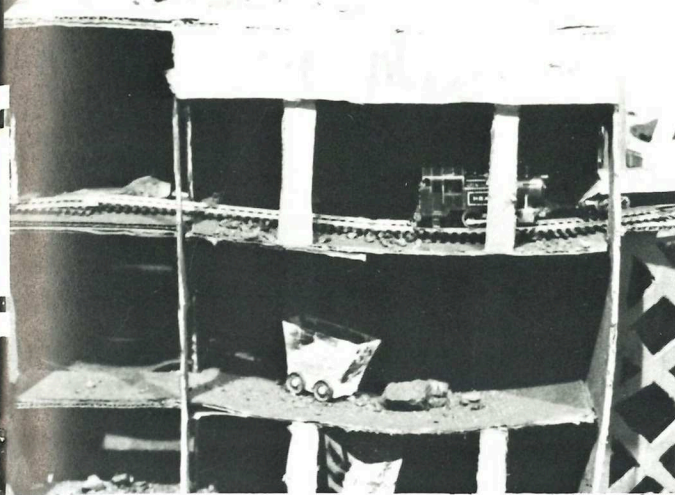
Preceding the festival, students and parents toured the art exhibitions.

Ribbon awards were given to best art displays and performances. Many of the students entered art pieces such as macrame, oil paintings, pencil drawings, wall hangings, hook rugs, tempera paintings, string art, pen, ink, and scratch boards. Others played in the bands or performed skits from plays.

"I was surprised to hear my collage was so good that I received a blue ribbon for it," remarked Mary Kohrs, one of the many winners at the festival.







PHIL POPEJOY'S SOCIAL studies exhibit from the coal-mining days (UPPER LEFT). WRIGHT CITY SINGERS Jackie Rice, Randy Johnson, Cheryl Eversmeyer and Todd Kirchoff sing and dance for the audience (MIDDLE LEFT). THIS TEEPEE CONSTRUCTED by Mr. Popejoy's social studies class marked the beginning of their exhibit (LEFT). PROVIDING RHYTHM FOR the evening, Darren Stone picks his guitar (ABOVE).



# STUDENTS

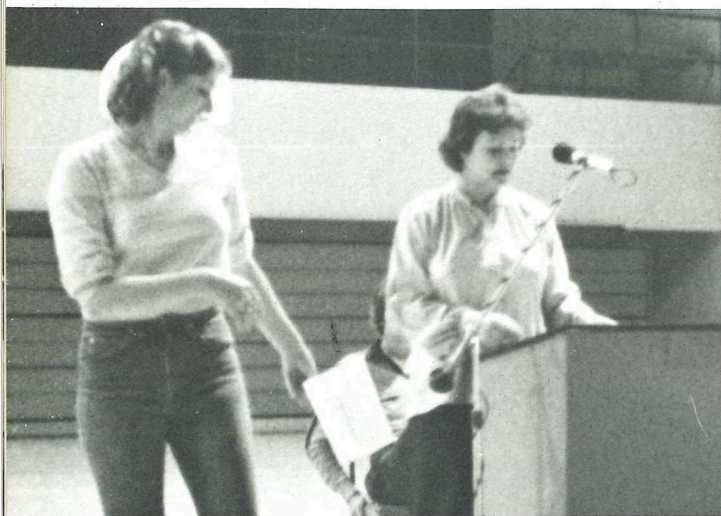
# RECEIVE

Assembling into the high school gymnasium on May 5, many high school students were anxious to receive awards for their achievements.

The assembly was held second period, during the school day. Many people preferred having the assembly at that time because this gave other students the opportunity to see exactly how students from our school excel in many different scholastic categories.

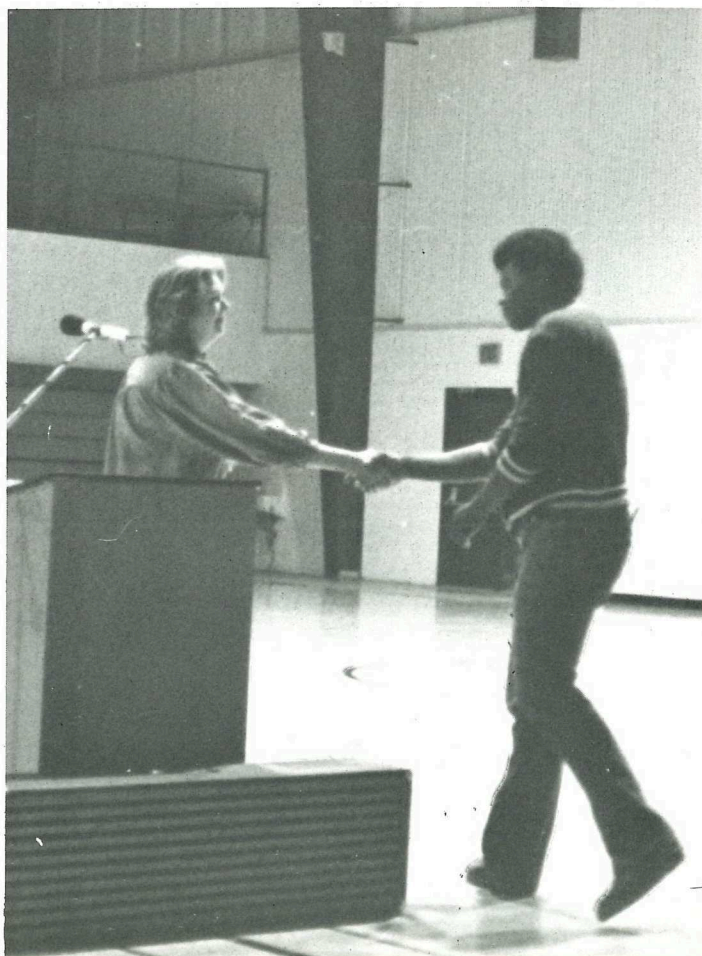
The junior high students presented their assembly on May 15 second hour in the cafeteria. Students received their awards on many scholastic achievements also.

Both Mr. Philip Popejoy and Mr. Jerry Dyer distributed the junior high awards.



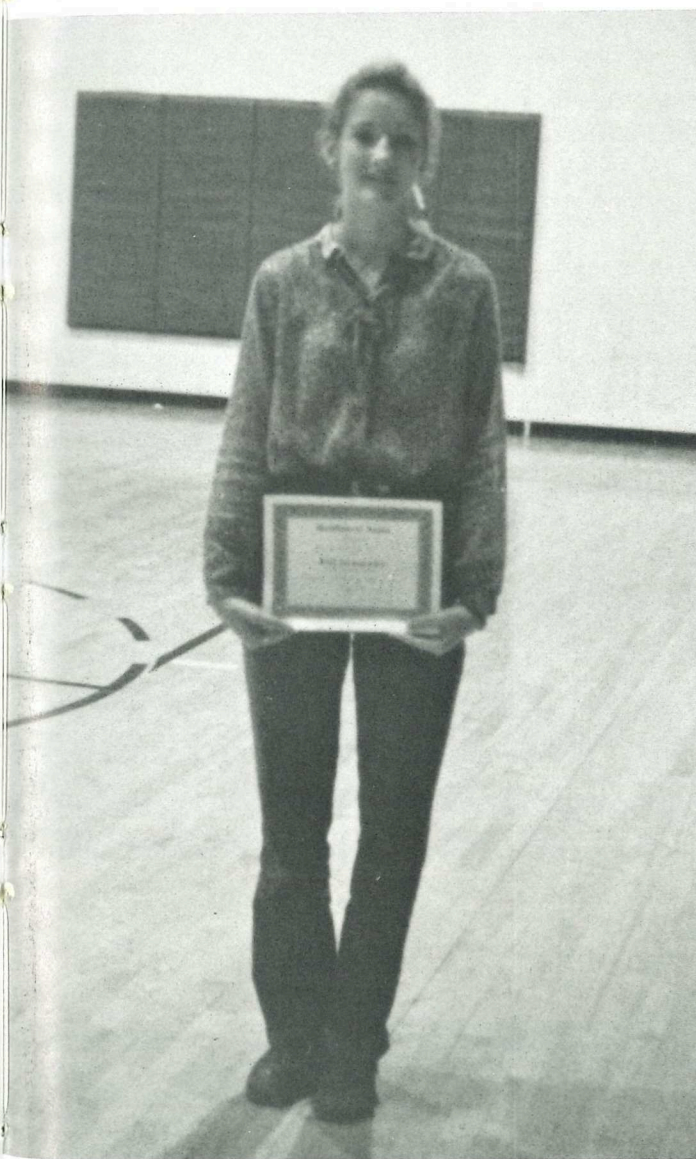
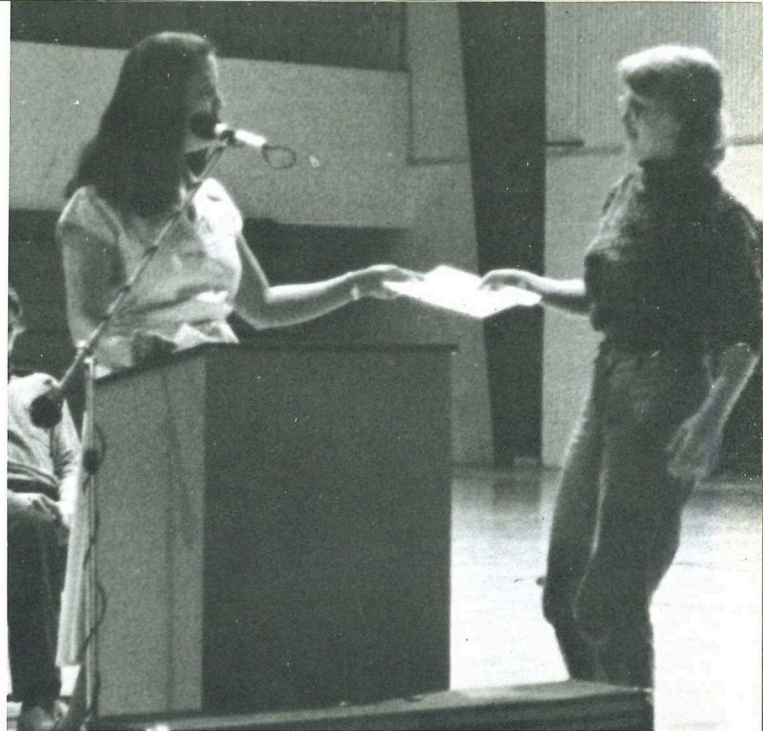
FRENCH STUDENT Sheila Gore receives a certificate presented to her by Mrs. Pam Zutter-Brock (ABOVE). OUTSTANDING INDUSTRIAL ART students were recognized. Shown here are Mike Love, Don Day, Brian Aemisegger, and Richard Schindler (TOP RIGHT). FOREIGN LANGUAGE STUDENTS selected for Who's Who were acknowledged. Front row-Kenny Koster, Lisa Tribley, Becky Wilson, Kem DeBoe, and Sheryl Chandler. Back row-Keith Koster, Sheila Gore, Steve Baldwin, Rick Watson, and Karen Rankin (MIDDLE RIGHT).

WILBUR MOZEE was the recipient of an outstanding citizenship award presented to him by Mrs. Sally Buschhorn (RIGHT).





# AWARDS



SOPHOMORE STEVE BALDWIN receives an award for outstanding citizenship presented by Mr. Don Jones (TOP LEFT).

ART STUDENT BETH Wilson receives an award presented by Ms. Linda Breuer (TOP RIGHT).

KARLAN MASSEY EXHIBITS an award for English (LEFT).

DRILL TEAM MEMBERS recognized at the assembly include front row-Theresa Simpson, Lisa Tribley, and Denise Mozee; middle row-Elaine Jaspering, Jackie Rice, and Brenda Dotson; back row-Becky Beauchamp, Melissa Mozee, and Julie Bruning (ABOVE). Awards Assembly — 121



*Expressions...*



EVENTS



The school spirit and dances have really jumped these past few years.

Barb Stanek

When you think about it, W.C.H.S. has a lot of things to do. We have dances, some of them are really great.

Melissa Mozee

If there is one thing that almost everyone at our school enjoys, it is probably the dances. Each dance is sponsored by a different organization. When there is a dance everyone gets together to unwind and have a good time.

Sandi Hunt



# FFA Puts Forth Effort for Barnwarming

"I thought FFA and the band did a great job!" remarked Treesa Hueffmeier.

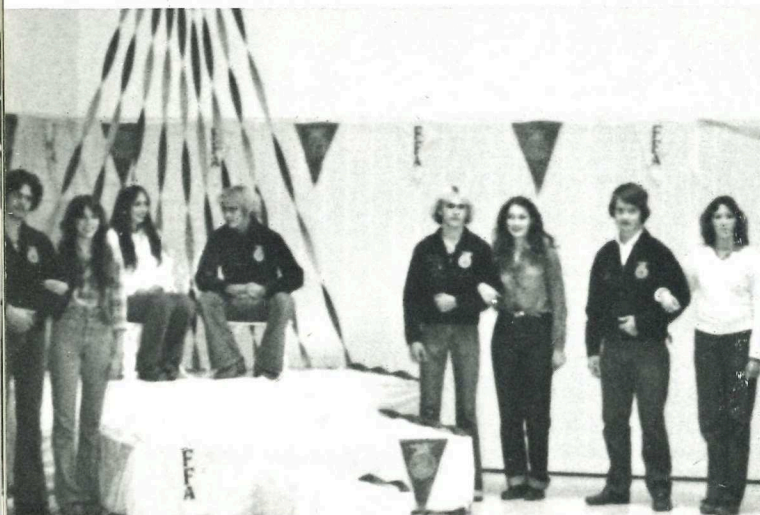
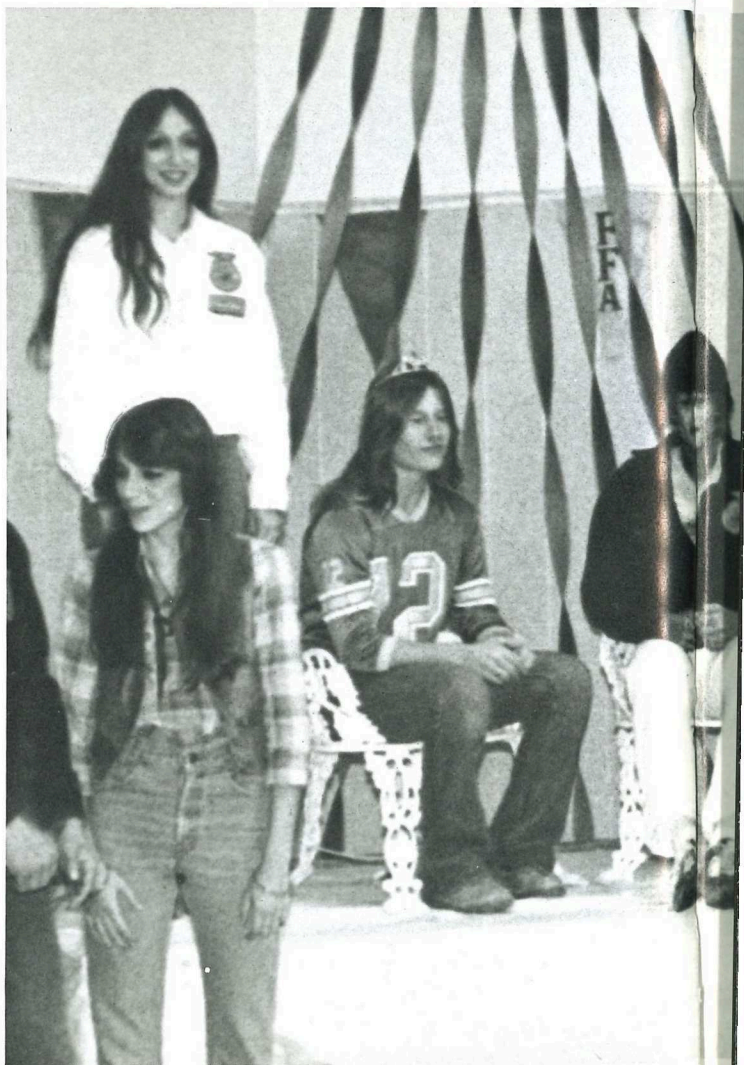
The Future Farmers of America (FFA) celebrated the beginning of fall by once again sponsoring the annual Barnwarming on October 24, 1980.

The decorations used consisted of hay, baled and loose. The band, "Morgantown," of St. Charles, played a mixture of Bluegrass and Country Rock from 7:30 till 11:30 p.m.

The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the 1980-81 Barnwarming queen, Treesa Hueffmeier, escorted by Robbie Bertke.

The candidates who competed for the crown were Barb Stanek, Jennifer Massey, Krista Chase, Lisa Hueffmeier, Jeanette Pauk, Cathy Russell, and Becky Beauchamp. Their escorts were respectively Dennis Key, Gerald Reckamp, David Graviett, Quentin Burt, Doug Dewey, Chris Blanchard, and Greg Hill.

AS MIKE LOVE and Chyresse Beste await the next dance Mike exclaimed, "I thought the Barnwarming was one of the best dances of the year; everyone had a good time," (BELOW).



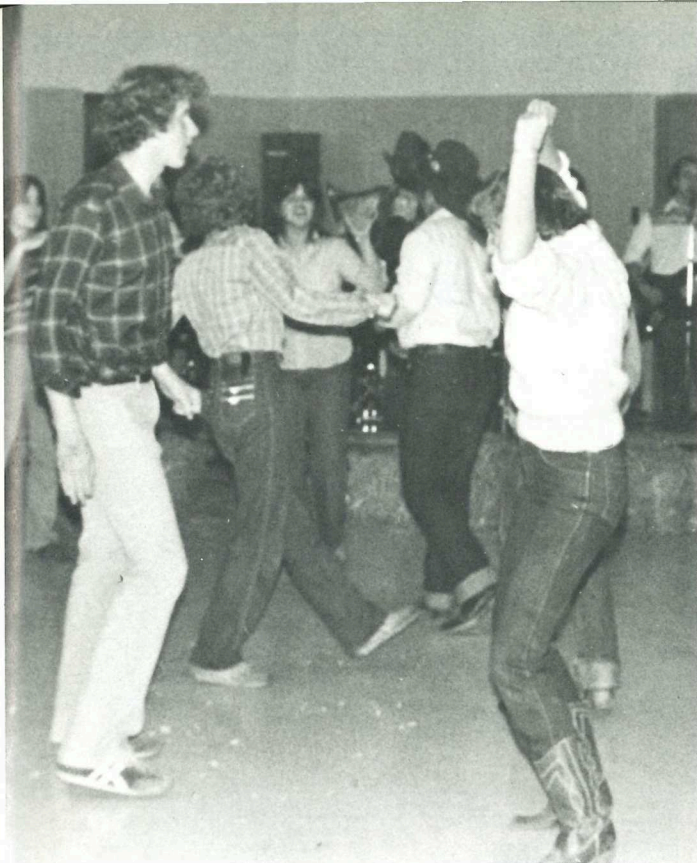
AWAITING THE CORONATION seniors Dennis Key and Barb Stanek, retiring queen and king, Dianne Stanek and Vernon Reckamp, seniors Gerald Reckamp and Jennifer Massey, and juniors Quentin Burt and Lisa Hueffmeier (ABOVE).

DIANNE STANEK, BARB STANEK, Robbie Bertke, and Vernon Reckamp, all share the joy with Treesa Hueffmeier as she later states, "I was really surprised when told I had won Barnwarming Queen," (RIGHT).

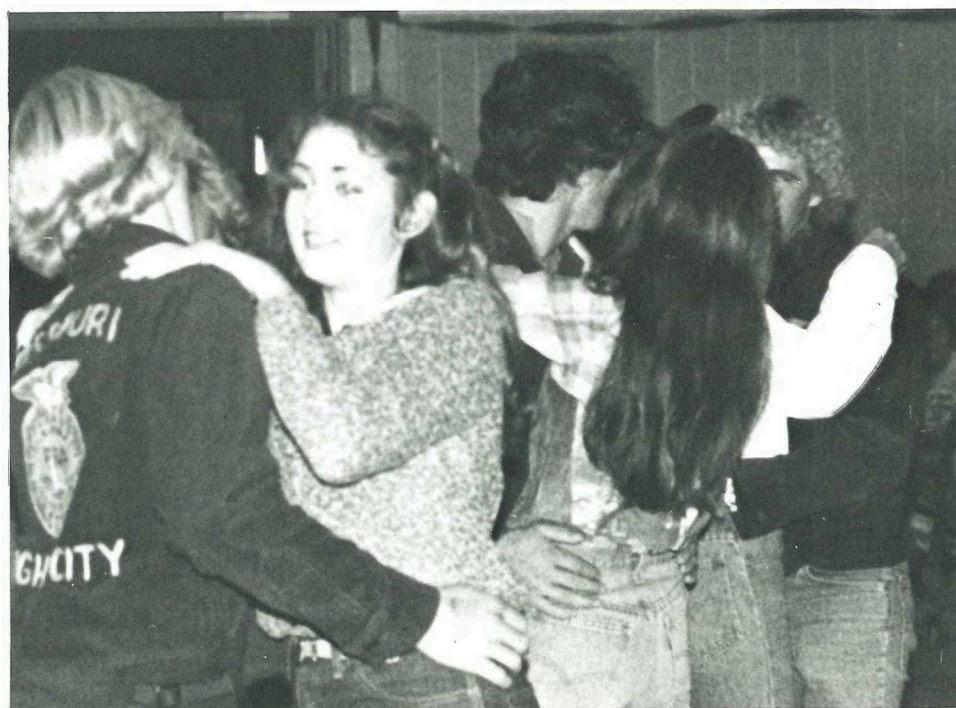
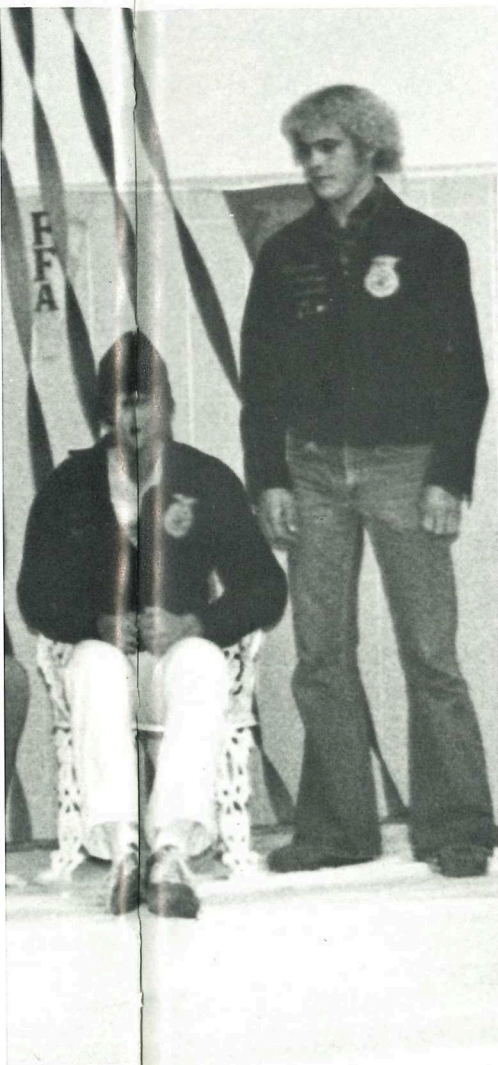


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PATSY SOMMER, David Helvey, Tim Dunakey, and Karen Helvey all get with the beat of the music (BELOW).



DANCING WITH DATE Corri Ruge, Kevin Schriener commented, "It was one of the better dances of the year; I felt the band was excellent," (UPPER LEFT).  
DANCING WITH ESCORT, Gerald Reckamp, Jennifer Massey commented, "With all our friends composing the court it didn't matter who won, we all had a good time," (ABOVE).



# Donkey Basketball – Ride 'Em, Cowboy!

Bumps and bruises are all a part of the game: Donkey Basketball. Here the members of Wright City High School showed their ability to hang on.

For the past three years the Donkey Basketball games have been an active part in the community, for it provides entertainment for the young and old alike and it also involves the people of the community.

The ball game consists of three rounds, two semi-finals and one final round.

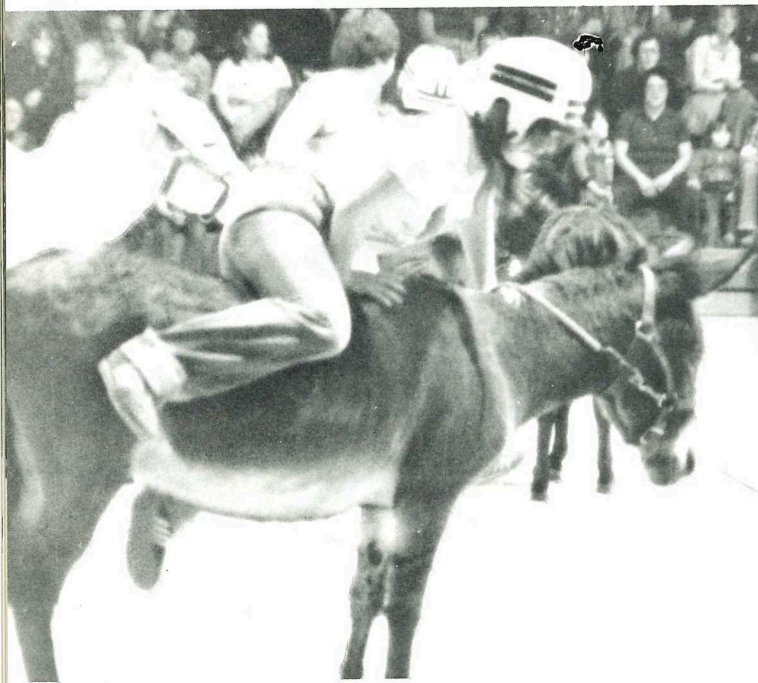
Participants of the 1980-81 Donkey Basketball game included members of the Girls' Athletic Association (GAA), and members of the band, the faculty, and "celebrities" of Wright City.

For the second year in a row the members of the band claimed the victory after beating the GAA in a sudden death tie-breaker.

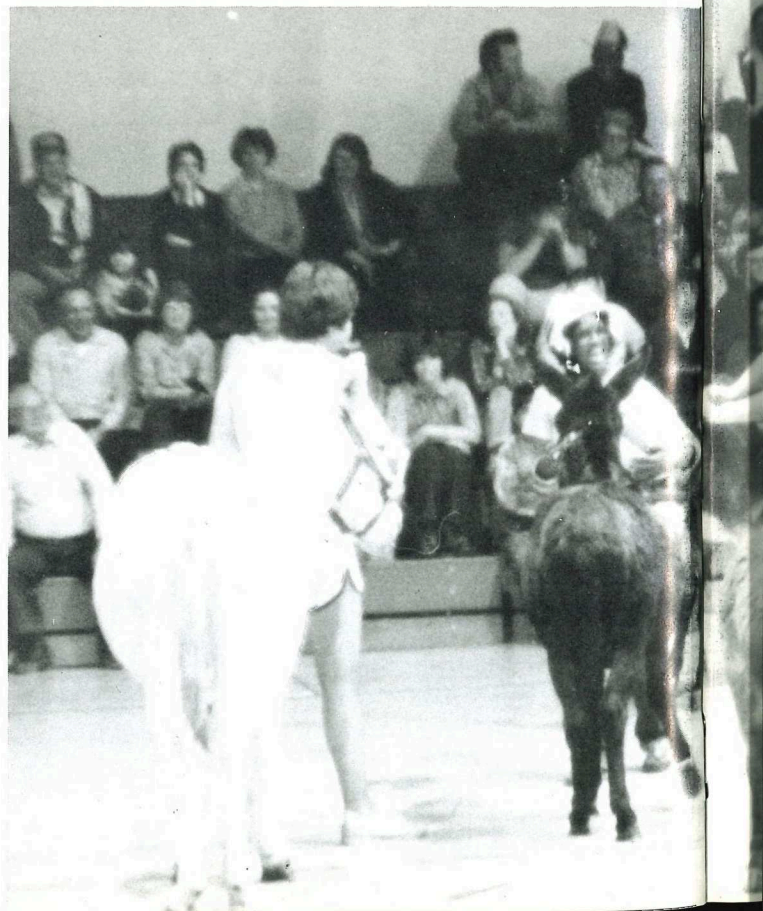
A word of caution to any team who dares to enter next year — Look out, the faculty will be back!

Gary Brandes

MEMBERS OF THE Wright City "celebrities" included Bradley North, Roger Brinkman, and Jack Tavis (BELOW).



"THAT SILLY DONKEY was so hard to get on, sometimes I didn't think I'd make it," said Brenda Dotson (ABOVE).



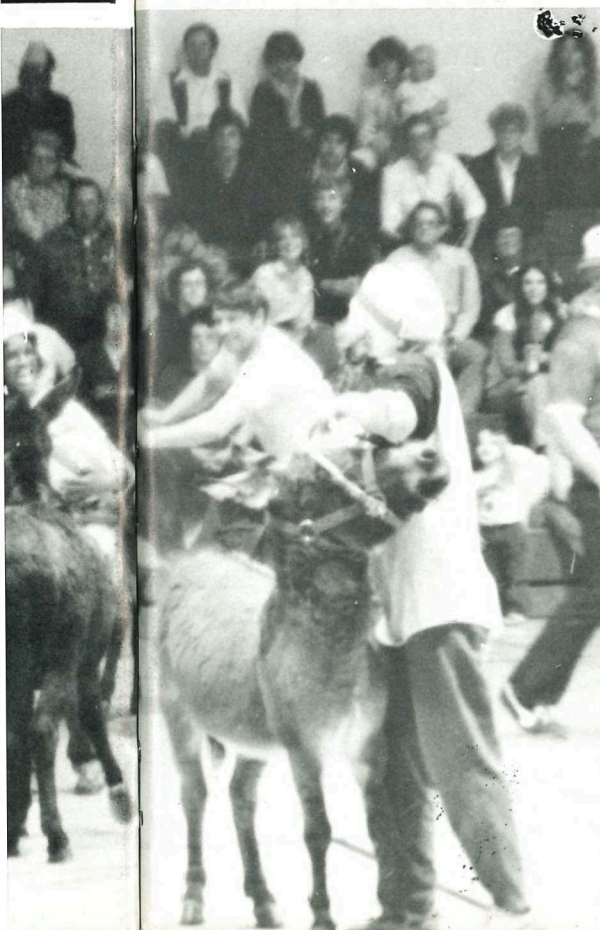


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"WE HAD SOME good competition this year playing against the faculty and GAA," commented Jim Johnson, a member of the the band (RIGHT). DOUG MAESTAS, senior member of the band looks for a team member (BELOW).



"EVEN THOUGH WE didn't win, the faculty was still the best dressed," said Gary Brandes, center, as Ms. Laura Googe, left and Mrs. Janie Walker patiently wait for the game to start (ABOVE).

"I REALLY HAD a nice time trying to drag that silly little thing around," said Jackie Rice, center, as Fred Mueller, Martin Runkles and Chyresse Beste struggle with their donkeys (LEFT).



# Homecoming Spirit Soars!

They really played well as a team; a real joint effort.

Miss Laura Googe

Spirit showered upon the crowd of a few hundred fans, as the 1980-81 Alumni Homecoming games were played on Friday, December 19. "The games were exciting and they seemed to keep everyone's spirit up," expressed Chyresse Beste.

Alumni cheers, shouts, and a new Homecoming Queen, inspired the Wildcats to jump for two victories over the Alumni, with our girls' Varsity team defeating the Alumni, 52-24, and our boys' Varsity defeating the Alumni, 72-58.

Between games, the new Homecoming Queen was announced. Junior, Glenna Guthrie received her crown from retiring queen Andrea Johnson. Queen candidates were seniors, Leslie Stevens and Rita Johnson, and juniors, Glenna Guthrie and Chyresse Beste. Attendants were sophomore Debbie Dobsch and freshman Cheryl Marty.

After the crowning, the juniors were awarded the Spirit trophy for overall spirit during Homecoming week.

## (Wildcats Beat Alumni)

### Men's 1981 Alumni Team

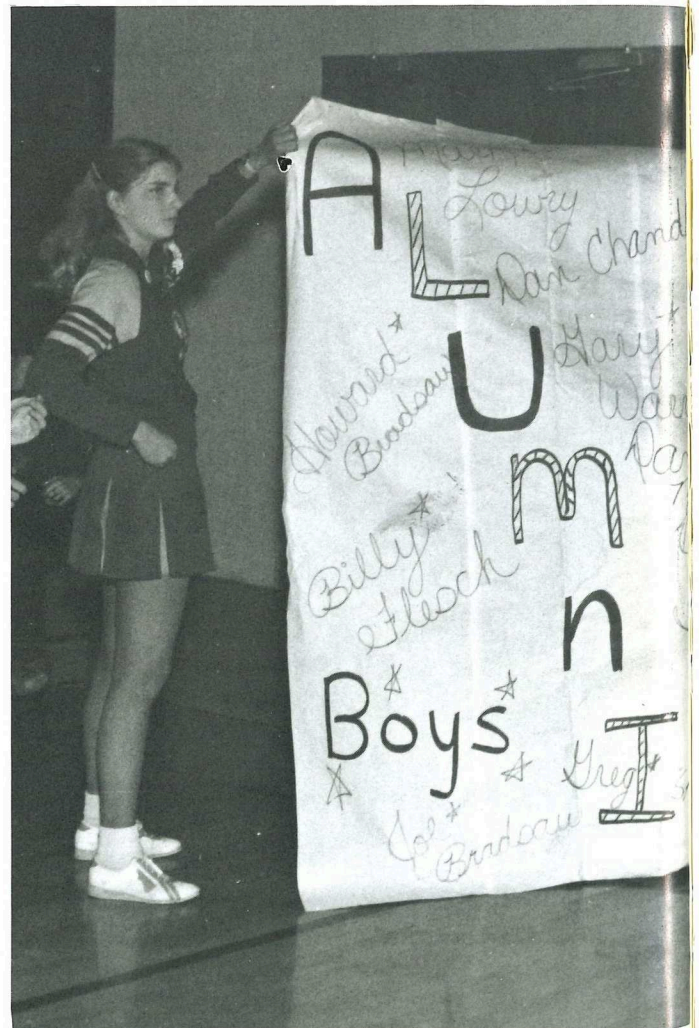
The 1980-81 men's Alumni team included: Gary Riggs, Mark Lowry, Danny Maestas, Gary Warren, Dan Chandler, Greg Czernieswki, Joe Bradshaw, Jeff Cook, and Darrell Schmidt.

### Women's 1981 Alumni Team

The 1980-81 women's Alumni team included: Margie Tremear, Karen Collins, Pam Koster, Jackie Farek, Pam Warren, Anita Lemke, Theresa Brooks, Cindy Redman, Nancy Shelton, and Becky Bueneman.



"IF I COULD have been any other queen, I wanted to be Homecoming Queen," said an excited Glenna Guthrie who was escorted by Curt McLaughlin, right. Andrea Johnson and George Mozee, left, watch (ABOVE).



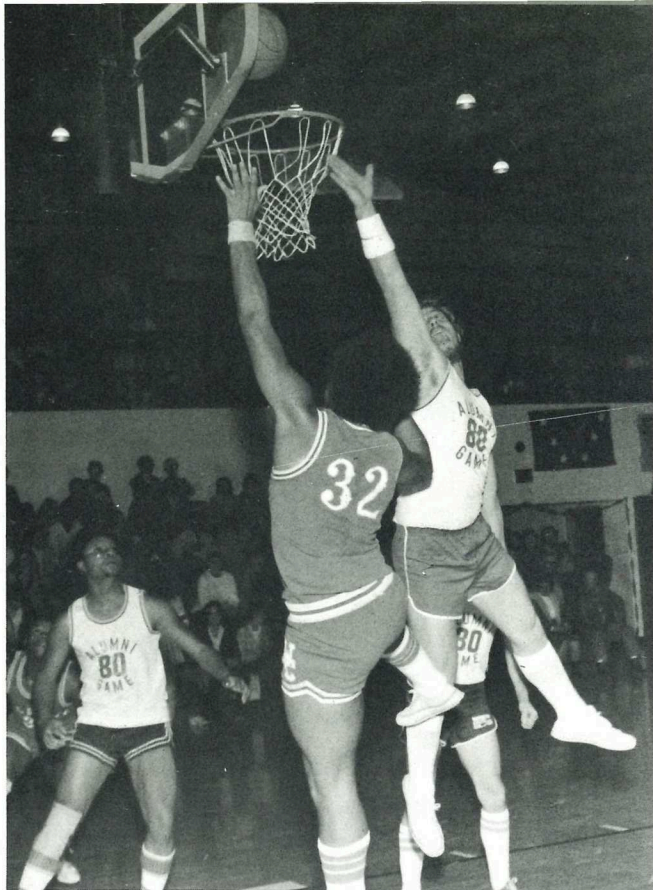


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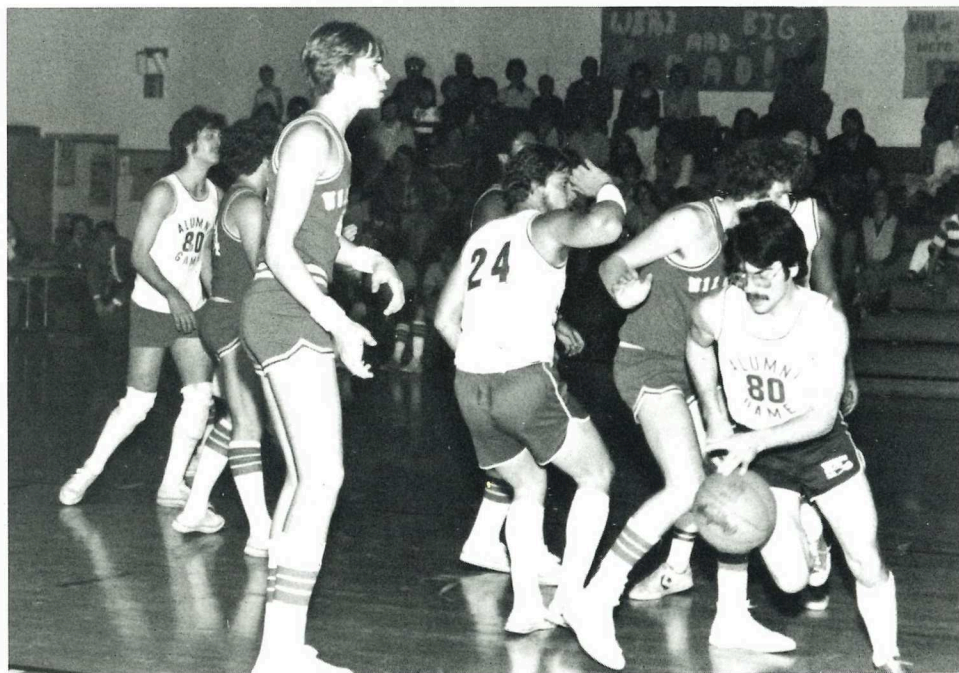
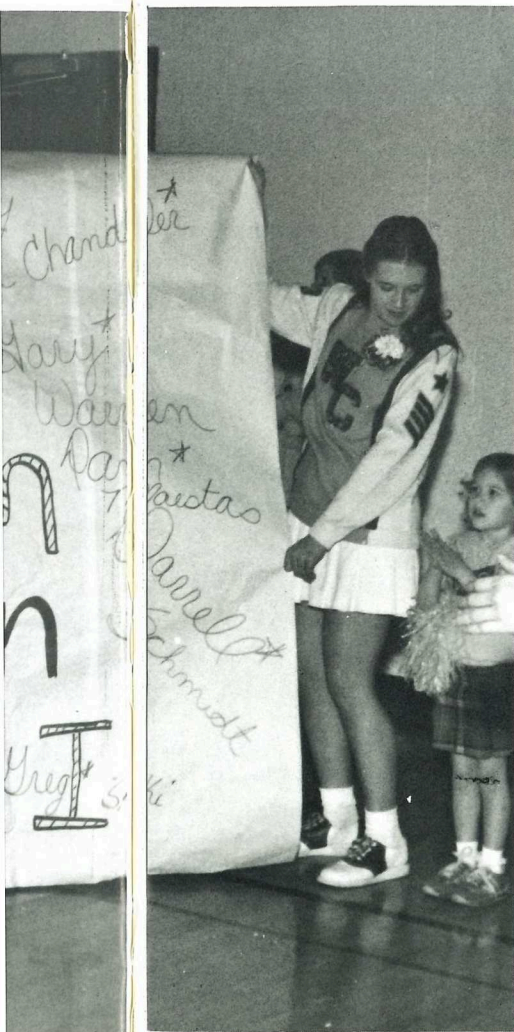
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"ALRIGHT! I THINK that it was the best Homecoming I've ever been to. The juniors really worked hard for the Spirit trophy," said Lisa Tribley, far right, as Denise Mozee, Glenna Guthrie and Chandra Mozee shout with excitement (BELOW).



"IT WAS ALL I could do to get that shot against Greg Czerniewski," said Jimmy Simpson, number 32, as Joe Bradshaw, left, waits for the rebound (UPPER LEFT). "IT WAS GOOD experience playing against the Alumni," said Steve Strick, left. Wildcat and Alumni players beginning at far left, Gary Riggs, Mike Love, Steve Strick, Greg Czerniewski, Kevin Schriener, and Mark Lowry. (ABOVE). ALUMNI CHEERLEADERS Lisa Stude and Sherry Bote, along with Shelly Bote welcome on the 1980-81 Alumni players (LEFT).



# Alumni Dance the Night Away

I thought it was a sincere success. It was Alumni Homecoming and the Alumni actually came.

Linda Ramey

Wildcat fever burned its way through to the core, leaving a brand of blue and gold in the hearts of many, as the memories of Homecoming set in.

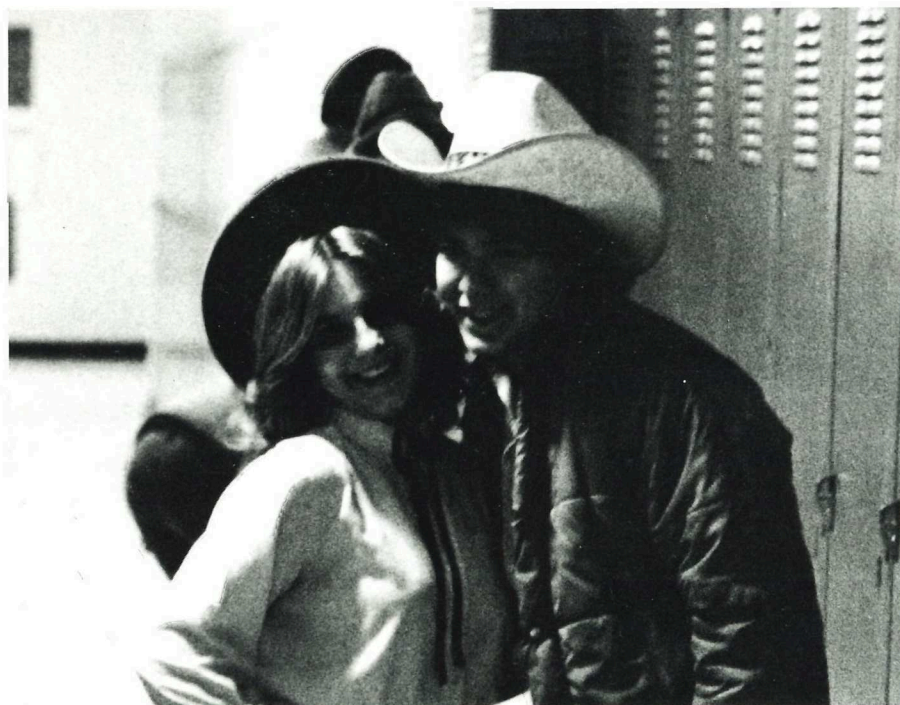
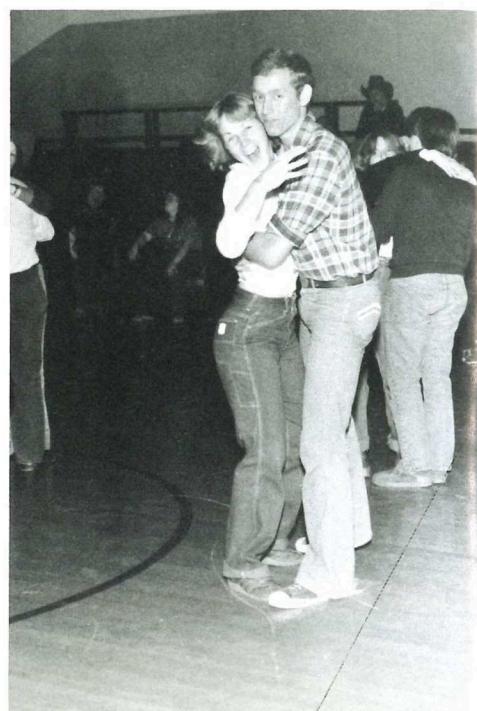
Streamers, cowboy hats, and the band Coyote electrified school spirit and filled the air during Homecoming Week, December 15-19.

A parading pep rally of miniature floats, balloons, and a crazy dance of the fun-filled fifties were all causes for a super-celebration as the week was nearing a close.

From nine in the evening to one in the morning, the Wildcats invited the Alumni to the Homecoming Dance, sharing a rockin' eve with the band Coyote from O'Fallon.

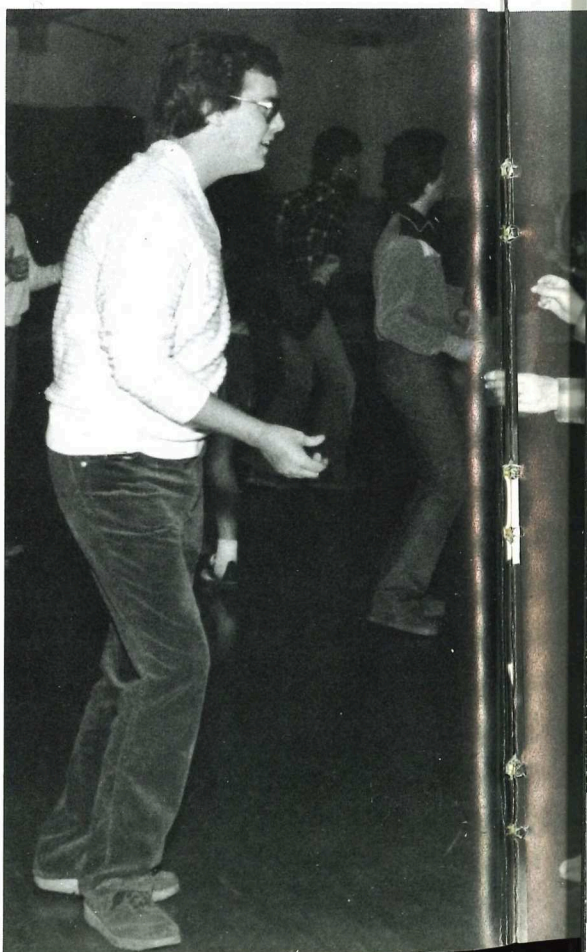
Looking back on the dance, Mr. Dyer expressed his feelings by commenting, "It was a very good dance because the students were well behaved. This type of dance is scary for faculty because they don't have much control over the Alumni but everyone was well behaved."

ALUMNI NICK BRUNSTEIN and Cindy Redmon dance to old times (BELOW).



"ROUNDING UP a good friend for a quick picture is my idea of spirit," said Lisa Tribley when she found Jim Johnson (ABOVE).

SCOTT AMES and Cathy Russell show their enthusiasm about winning by rockin' and rollin' (RIGHT).



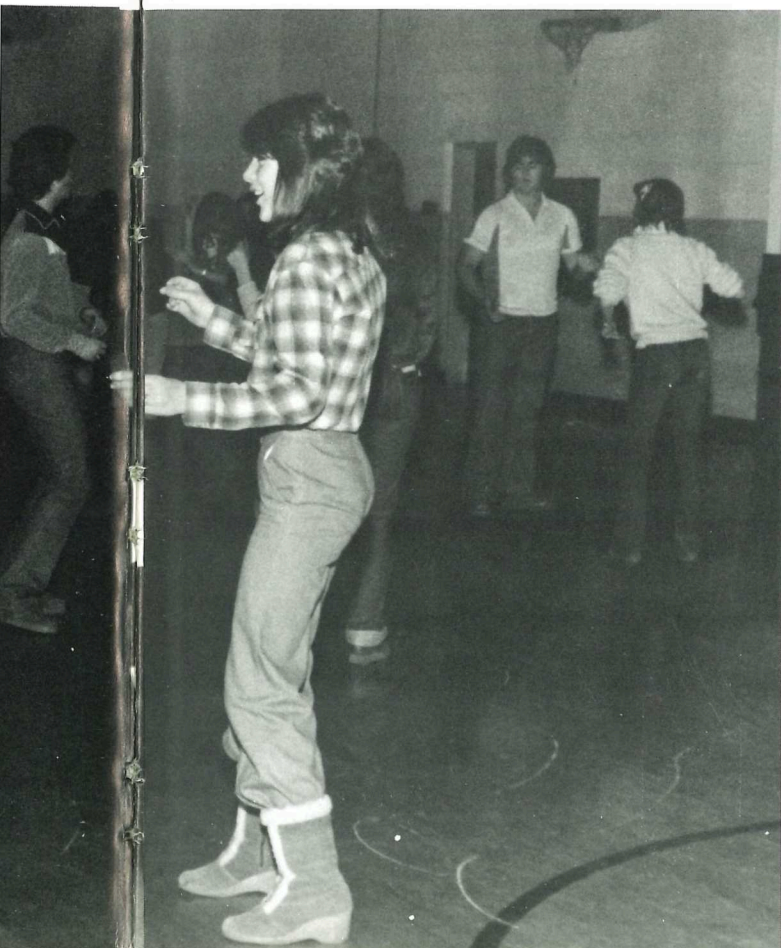
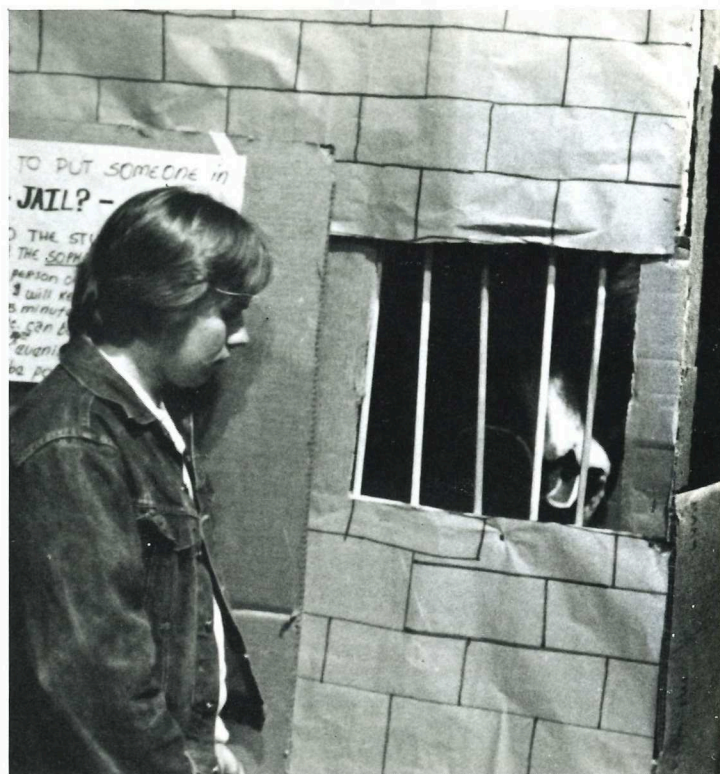


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"TO DANCE IN the Homecoming Court Dance was something I never dreamed of, especially as queen," remarked Glenna Guthrie dancing with Mike Love (LEFT).



JERRY BRITTAIN WATCHES a "prisoner" in the sophomore jail during the Homecoming carnival (TOP RIGHT).  
"WE WERE DOING the dosie-doe during the Homecoming Dance," said Jeff Welge, right. Included in the fun were Glenna Guthrie, Chryesse Beste, and Mike Love (ABOVE).



# Sweetheart Queen Crowned

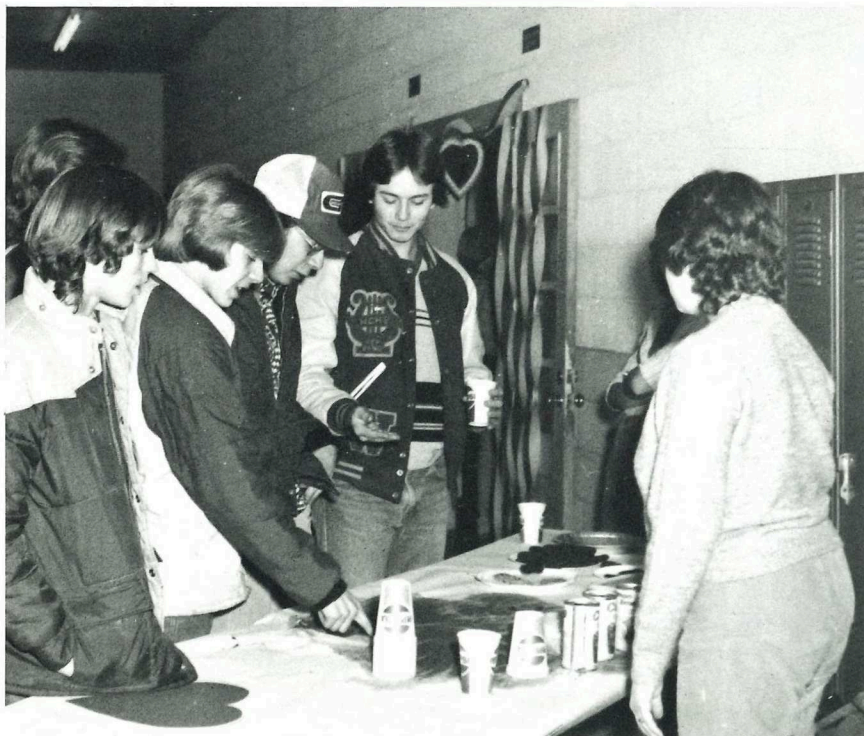
The Sweetheart Dance was a lot of work but it was worth it.

Treesa Hueffmeier

The annual Sweetheart Dance, sponsored by the Class of 1983, was held on January 30, 1981. The tickets ranged from \$2.50 per person to \$4.50 per couple. The music was provided by K-SHE disc jockey, John Yullet.

Halfway through the dance, the annual sweetheart king and queen were crowned. This year, the candidates were freshmen, Donna Charlton and Les Martin, sophomores Tammy Eads and Brian Bote, juniors Laura Sydow and Wendell Herndon, and the Sweetheart king and queen were seniors Mike Abrolat and Barb Stanek. They were crowned by retiring king and queen, Kevin Shough and Becky Wilson. The contest was decided by a penny a vote.

BECKY BEAUCHAMP AND Scott Ames whisper a few secrets as Lisa Tribley dances on (BELOW).



"I ASKED STEVE Crump what happened and he, Tim Ruppert, Kenny Rodriguez, and Billy Beauchamp all tried to tell me at once," commented Denise Smith (ABOVE).

BETH WILSON, center, shows Karen Helvey some new dance steps while Sue Farrell, left, does a few of her own (RIGHT).





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LES MARTIN, Donna Charlton, Brian Bote, Tammy Eads, retiring Queen and King, Becky Wilson and Kevin Shough, Wendell Herndon, Laura Sydow, Barb Stanek and Mike Abrolat make up the new 1980-81 Royal Court of Hearts (BELOW).



KEVIN SHOUGH and Becky Wilson both felt a little sad when taking their last walk while they still held the title (ABOVE). MIKE ABROLAT and Barb Stanek felt very happy; it was something they had never experienced before (ABOVE LEFT).



# Looks Like We Made It

It was a very enjoyable evening because I, as well as seventy-five fellow classmates, were being promoted from junior high to senior high school.

Sandy Koster

As the piano sounded and the clamor of the audience hushes, seventy-five anxious eighth graders began their processional for their promotion.

Mr. Philip Popejoy, one eighth grade sponsor, welcomed the guests.

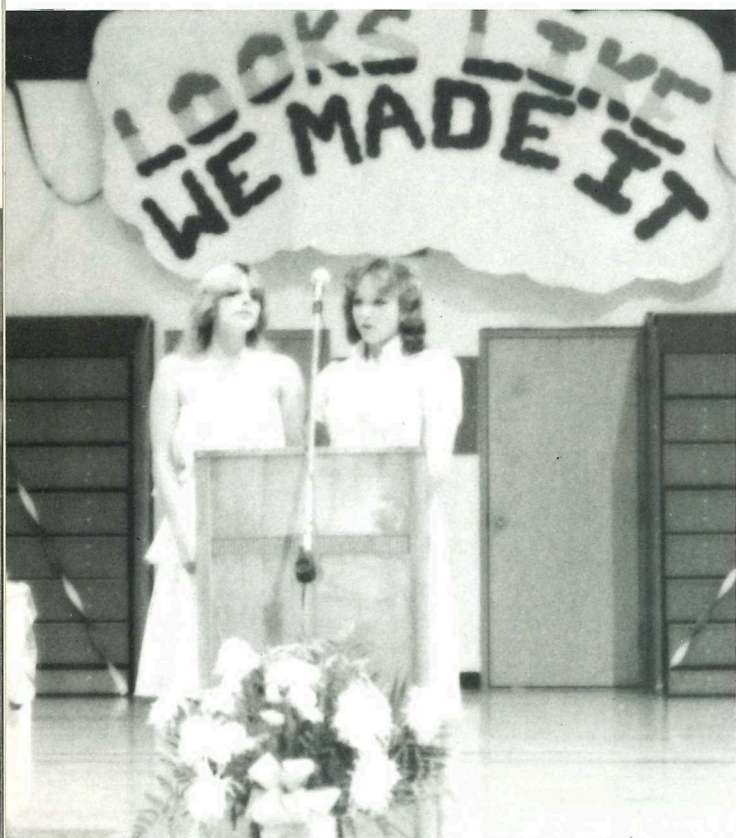
Lorie Heiliger and Shanan Bartold sang a musical selection entitled "If," which was in

accordance with the theme of the promotion exercise, "Looks Like We Made It." Ms. Wendy Krueger accompanied the soloists.

John Nadler and Kim Abrolat received outstanding citizenship awards which Mr. Clarence Williams presented to them.

Ms. Carol Hollander delivered the commencement address dealing with the importance of making and keeping promises to yourself. "I was really impressed with the ceremony; it was really good for the students," she stated.

As one student remarked, "Next step — senior high graduation."



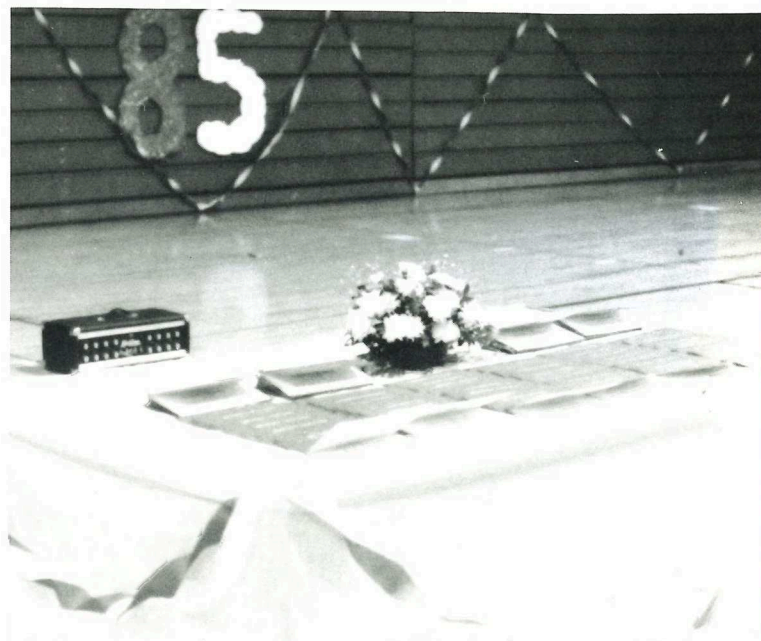
LORIE HEILIGER AND Shanon Bartold sing a musical selection entitled "If," (ABOVE).

KIM ABROLAT, ANTHONY Eads, and Tony Millikan walk out in the recessional with their certificates of promotion (RIGHT).





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THE CERTIFICATES OF promotion await the hands of their recipients of the class of '85 (TOP RIGHT).

SPEAKERS AT THE ceremony included Mr. Jerry Dyer, Mr. Fraser Small, Mr. Clarence Williams, Ms. June Terrell, Ms. Sue Wright, and Ms. Carol Hollander (ABOVE).

DEBBIE HINDERLITER RECEIVES HER certificate from Mr. Jerry Dyer as Mr. Fraser Small looks on (TOP LEFT).



# Juniors Prepare for Prom

The students who helped prepare the decor and those who sawed lumber and pounded nails for the gazebo tackled one of the most energetic prom projects WCHS has ever experienced. All their enthusiasm culminated in a memorable evening: their *Notte d'Amore*.

Mrs. Sally Buschschorf

What a busy, chaotic year it was as the juniors prepared for the 1980-81 Junior/Senior Prom.

The theme of the prom, *Notte d'Amore* (Night of Love) kept the juniors busy finding decorations to suit the theme. The idea of the theme came from the song "Scenes from an Italian Restaurant" by Billy Joel and a love scene from the Walt Disney movie "Lady and the Tramp."

The prom floor was divided into two separate scenes, an Italian restaurant which included everything from round tables to maitre d's, and a Victorian park scene, which included park benches and a gazebo.

With the help of a special art class, which gave the juniors the chance to work on the prom and get a grade for their efforts, and also with the help of Mr. John Leykamp and his shop class, which built the gazebo, the juniors were able to successfully finish their decorations.

GLENA GUTHRIE, FRONT, and Laura Sydow, vice-president of the junior class, rear, work on the back drop that was used for taking the 1980-81 Junior/Senior Prom pictures (BELOW).

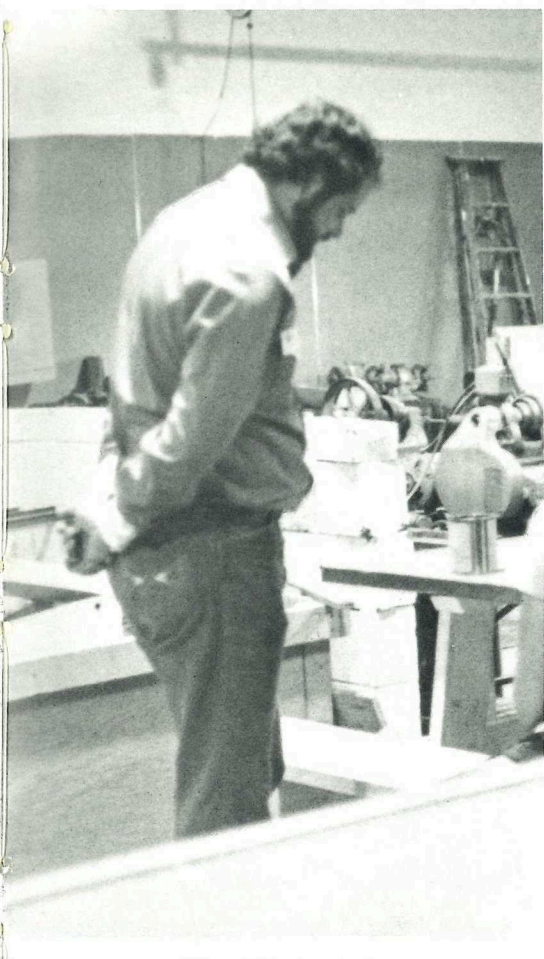


"THE GAZEBO PROJECT kept me and Ronnie extremely busy measuring and sawing lumber," commented Scott Stewart, right, as he and Ronnie Zumwalt, left, busily work on the gazebo for the prom (ABOVE). SCOTT STEWART, LEFT, and Ronnie Zumwalt, right, work on the 1980-81 prom gazebo (RIGHT).

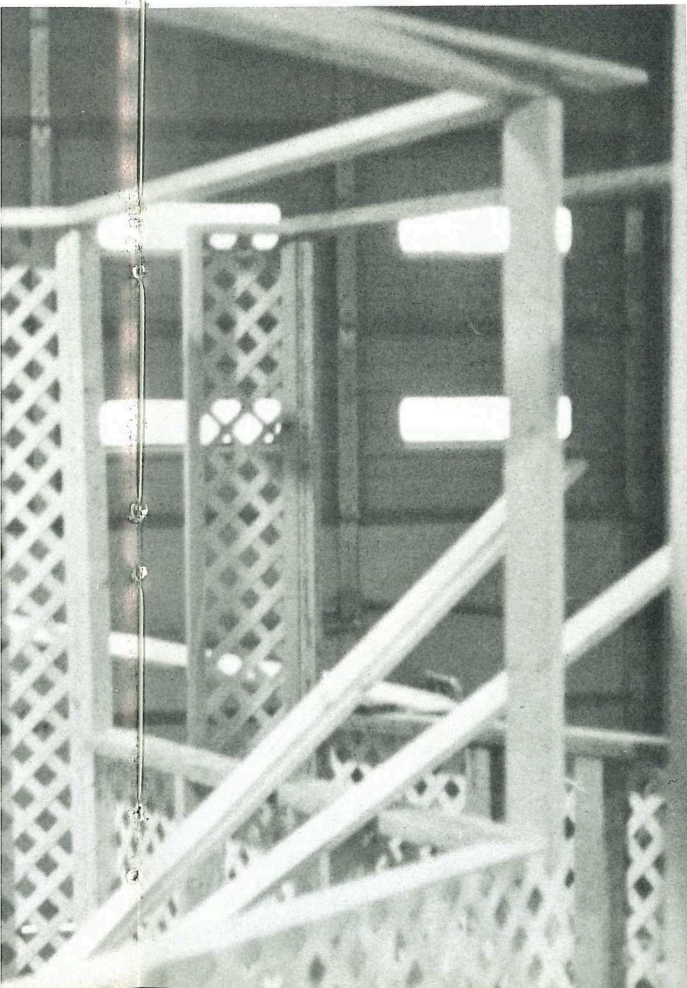




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"THEY ALWAYS said I was good at making a scene," remarked Mr. Mike Barnicle, as he painted on one of the four stained glass windows (BELOW).



MR. JOHN LEYKAMP commented, "I had my hands full supervising the construction of the park styled gazebo," (UPPER LEFT). THE RESTAURANT SIGN (ABOVE) was painted by Lori Schreckengast for the dining area.



# NOTE d'AMORE

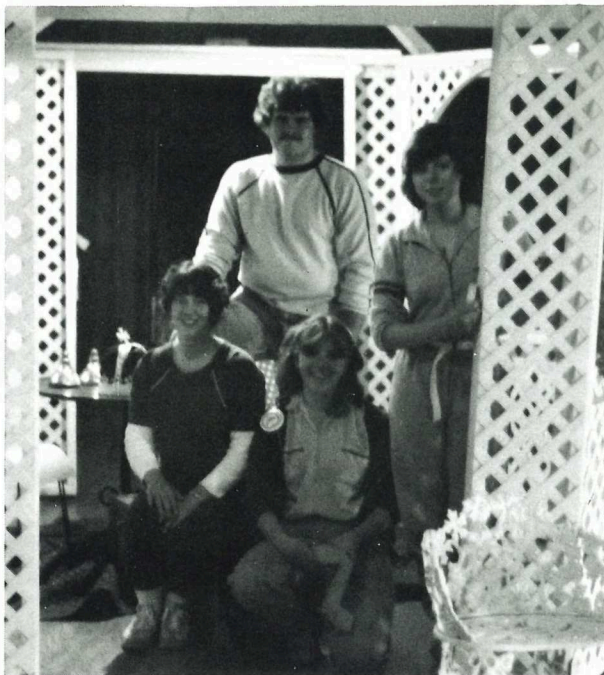
I did not have much to do with the prom preparation but I felt the layout of the Lions Club was exceptional.

Pam Brooks

It was a cool breezy night and all the work was behind you. Your dress was bought and your tuxedo rented. Parents were through taking pictures and the fun was about to begin. You arrived at the Notte d'Amore, an Italian restaurant for a dinner of lasagne and roast beef. There, a waiter stood patiently waiting to seat you. After eating, if you fancied, you took a quiet stroll through the park or had a romantic interlude in the moonlit gazebo. After the band was set up and ready to go, you danced the rest of the night away.

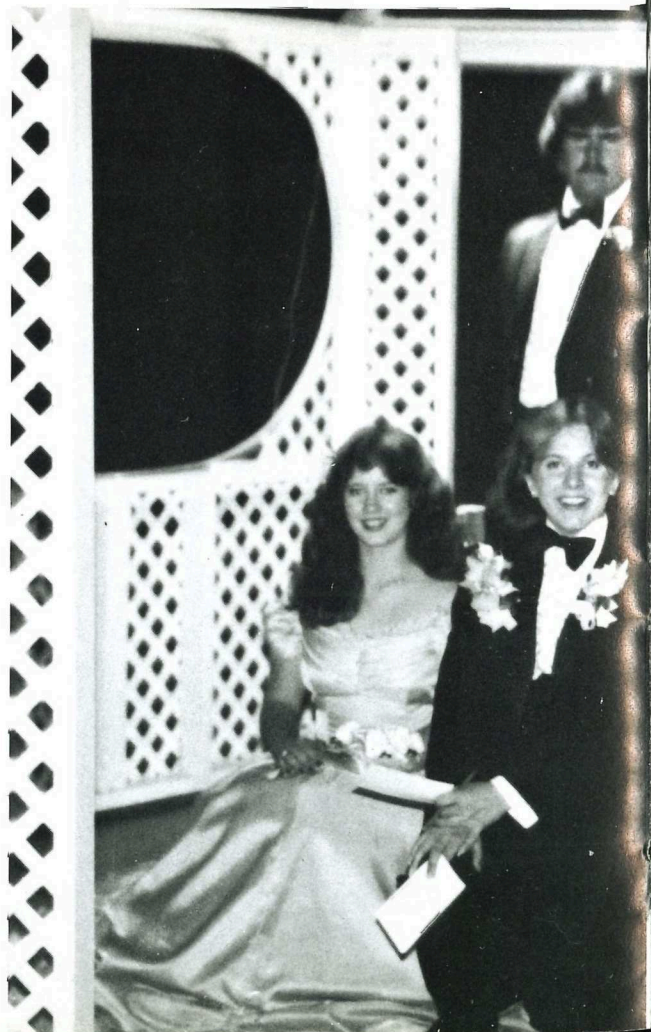
All of this took place May eighth at the 1981 Junior/Senior Prom held in the Wright City Lions Club building. Dinner was served from 6:30 to 8:00 by sophomore students. Dancing began at 8:00 to the sound of *Progress*.

BEFORE: "WE ALL felt like a bunch of bums that day," commented Glenna Guthrie, Todd Kirchoff, Lisa Tribley, and Laura Sydow (BELOW).



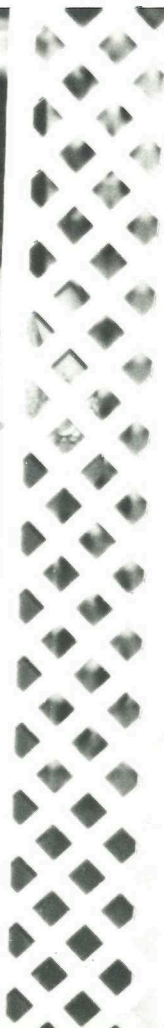
MR. MIKE BARNICLE AND Mrs. Sally Buschschorf, the 1980-81 junior class sponsors (ABOVE).

AFTER: "AND NOW LOOK at us!" Glenna Guthrie, Todd Kirchoff, Lisa Tribley and Laura Sydow after a quick change and clean up at home (RIGHT).





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ROBIN FLIEHMAN AND Lisa Kleinschmidt helped themselves to the Italian food (UPPER LEFT).

LORI TRIBLEY and Scott Ames share a quiet moment, while dancing in the park-styled room (UPPER RIGHT).

LISA SYDOW and Brad Wahle enjoy an after-dinner dessert of home-made cookies and ice cream (ABOVE).





# PROM Queens Are Special

Being prom queen was special because we were just getting out of high school and the prom is the biggest dance.

Pam Clark

There are many queens, sweetheart queens, spirit queen, homecoming queen, but probably the most honored queen is the prom queen. An old tradition was renewed, the prom coronation. Running for the honor of prom queen were seniors, Verchell Johnson, Cheryl Eversmeyer, Pam Clark, and Margie Boyd. In the running for king was Brad Wahle, Gerald Reckamp, Paul Phiroopoulos, and Stuart Sida. King and queen candidates were nominated by the junior class and they ran separately on the ballot which the juniors and seniors voted on.

Junior class attendants were Patty Key with Paul Bruning and Krista Chase with Ronnie Zumwalt. First runners-up were Brad Wahle and Cheryl Eversmeyer and the prom king and queen were Paul Phiroopoulos and Pam Clark.

"I THOUGHT IT was nice to be chosen to crown the queen, since this crowning was the first in a long time," commented Linda Ramey as she crowned Pam Clark prom queen, while Margie Boyd stands poised (BELOW).



BRAD WAHLE PULLS Cheryl Eversmeyer along and later commented, "I was hoping it would hurry up and get over with because I didn't know what my date was going to think." (BELOW)



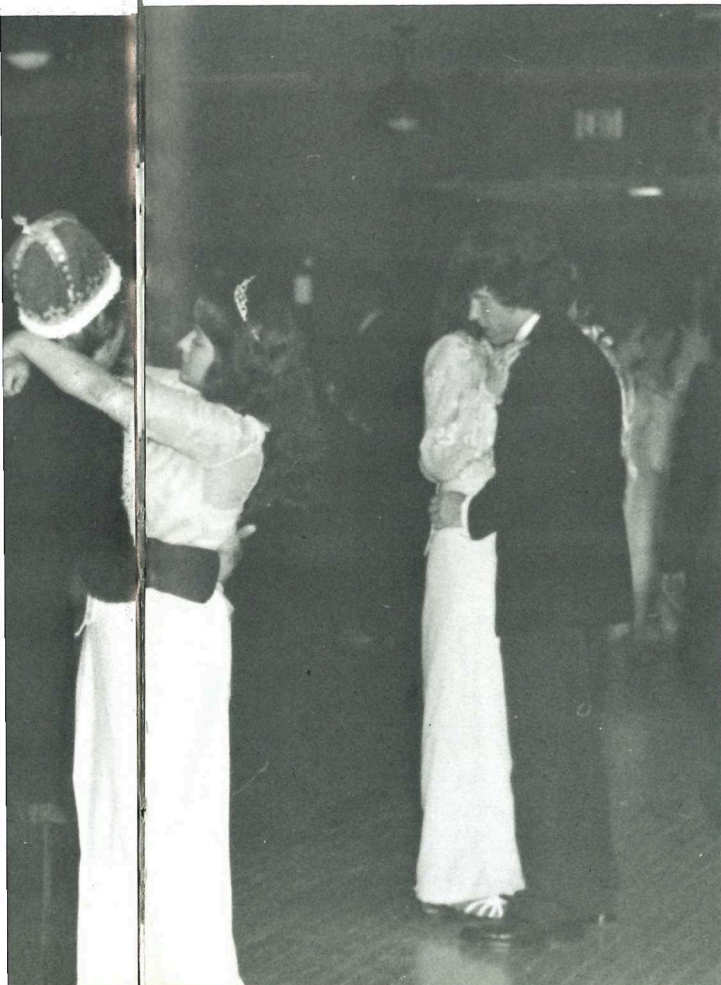
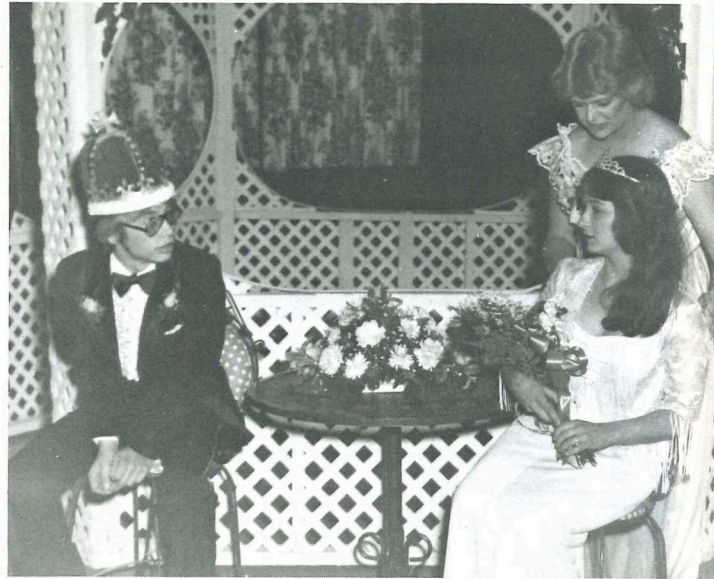


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"I THINK I was happy being chosen prom attendant. This was the first year in a long time that we've had a prom queen and king and I was glad to be a part of it," commented Kris Chase with escort Ronnie Zumwalt. (LEFT).

"WHAT A WAY to end our senior year, Pam — king and queen of our senior prom — IT'S GREAT," excitedly remarked Paul Phiroopoulos to Pam Clark (BE-LOW).



"ALTHOUGH I WAS glad to be queen I wished all the candidates could have been winners too," commented Pam Clark, center right, with King Paul Phiroopoulos. With them is their court, Kris Chase, Ronnie Zumwalt, Verchell Johnson, Gerald Reckamp, Cheryl Eversmeyer, Brad Wahle, Margie Boyd, Stuart Sida, Patty Key, and Paul Bruning (ABOVE).

"AS WE DANCED to "Babe" from **STYX** I told Paul to 'watch the toes,'" jokingly commented Pam Clark, center, about the court dance. Enjoying the dance with them is Verchell Johnson and Gerald Reckamp, Brad Wahle and Cheryl Eversmeyer, Patty Key and Paul Bruning (LEFT).



# Beginning A Tradition

A new tradition was started with the first annual Senior Awards Night. It was sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA). The PTA has sponsored a senior breakfast for the past three years during which the PTA scholarship was awarded to a deserving senior. The PTA changed plans this year. They held a dinner on May 15 in the evening so the parents could attend, and so that all the other scholarships could be awarded at that time. Another advantage to having a special night for the awards is that it considerably shortens commencement activities.

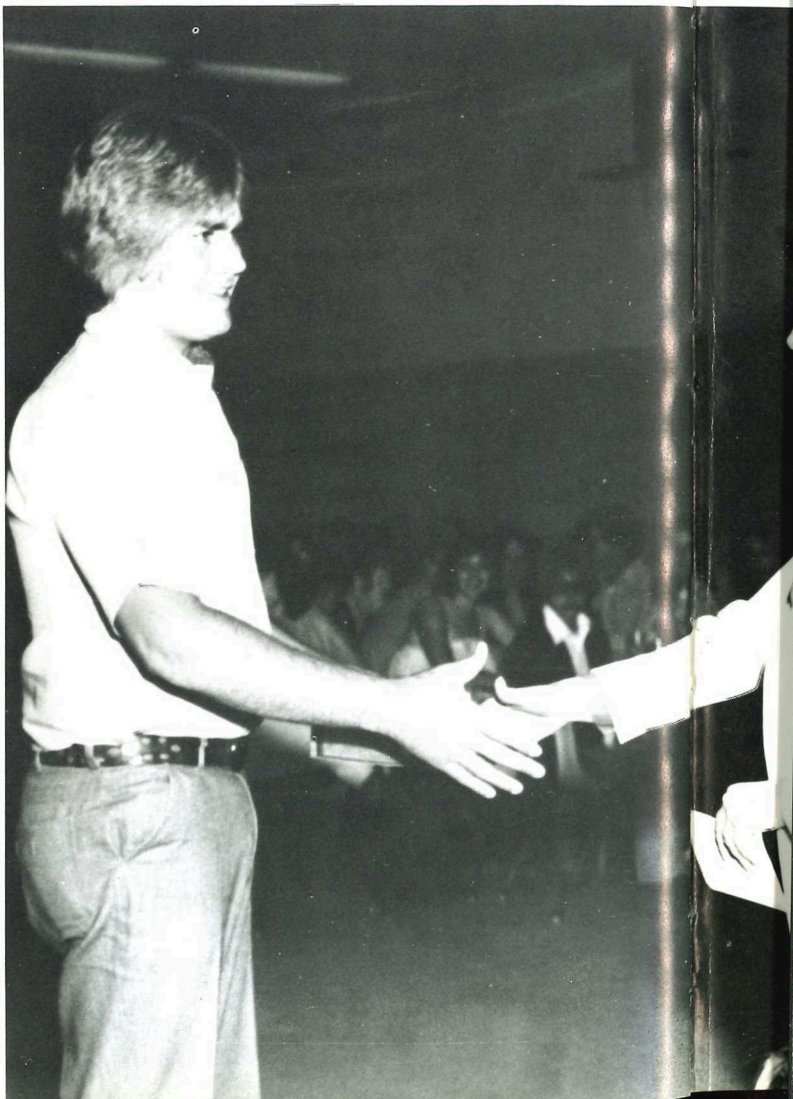
Several commented that they thought it was a very good idea. Mrs. Mulherin said, "It was an honor for them (the seniors) and I think that they deserve to be honored since they are so outstanding." Lila Brandes commented, "I think it is so much more personal when the awards are given at the Senior Awards Night. It is a warmer, more cordial atmosphere. It gives the seniors a chance to meet the donors and talk with them. The fellowship enjoyed during the evening was something we wouldn't have if awards and scholarships were given out the night of commencement." So with all the rave reviews Mr. Jones replied, "We plan to do it again next year and make it a tradition."

Everyone liked the program, but the seniors who received scholarships and awards liked it most. They were Margie Boyd, Cheryl Eversmeyer, Andrea Johnson, Mark Jones, Jennifer Massey, Sandy Nailor, Lori Schreckengast, Kevin Schriener, Jeanne Sommer, Steve Strick, Brad Wahle, Debbie Wilding, and Jane Wright.

After the Senior Awards Night program was over, a dance, the Sadie Hawkins-Senior Farewell-Eighth Grade Hello-Toga Dance, was held in their honor. The Student Council sponsored the dance with music provided by ProMeath-ean Sound and Lighting from Kansas City in the elementary school gym. Chyresse Beste commented, "For our first toga dance it went over very well, and it was fun dressing up in togas for our seniors."

The Senior Awards Night was a first, but I think it was one of the more rewarding experiences I had as a senior.

Kevin Schriener





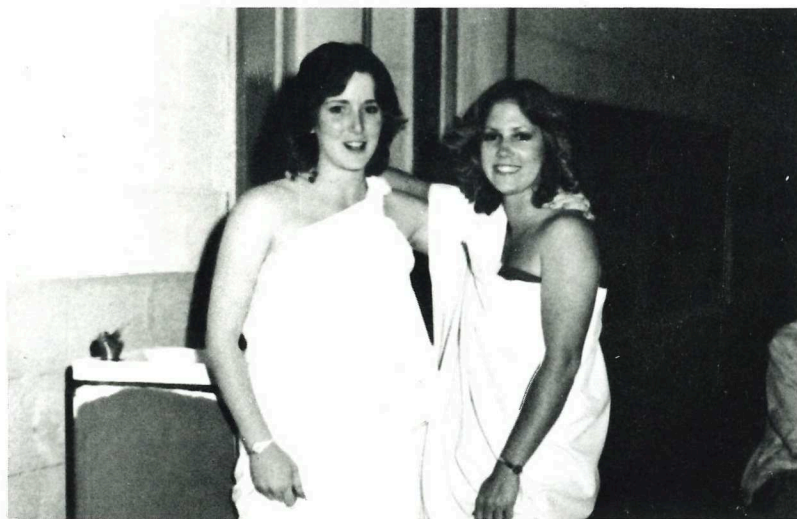
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MARGIE BOYD RECEIVED a scholarship from the Lion's Club, which Doug Brown, vice-president, awards her, with a firm hand shake (FAR LEFT).

"TWYLA (FUCHS) AND I were taking a break from the dance because those togas sure were hot," commented Pam Heiliger (LEFT).

"I THINK THAT the idea of a Senior Farewell-Toga Dance was a good idea and a lot of fun to boot," commented Lori Schreckengast, while modeling her toga with Chyresse Beste (BELOW).



BRAD WAHLE COMMENTED, "Success at last, after many years of hard work." Brad received the Community Teachers Association (CTA) scholarship from president, Mrs. Karen Trantham (LEFT).

KEVIN SCHRIENER RECEIVED a scholarship from the Innsbrook Corporation which Mr. Don Jones awarded. Kevin commented, "I was glad to get the scholarship. It sure will come in handy away at college," (ABOVE).



# BACCALAUREATE: *It's All Part of Graduating*

Baccalaureate was a chance for me to be with my classmates and friends one last time before commencement. After we have been out for a while the fellowship displayed during baccalaureate will mean a great deal.

Vicki Ramey

I need some bobby pins! Could I borrow your hair brush? Oh no, my zipper is stuck!

Sixty-three graduating seniors experienced Baccalaureate for the first time, Sunday, May 17.

As the girls searched frantically for bobby pins, the guys tossed on their hats, straightening their mortarboard and the dangling blue and

gold tassels.

The program lasted approximately one hour as Eldon Kirks, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, began the ceremony with the invocation.

A few of the senior girls sang a short musical selection before James H. Williams, pastor of the Immanuel United Church of Christ began the scripture reading.

Werner Strick, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Wright City gave the Baccalaureate address, then followed by the benediction, given by Kenneth Green, pastor of the United Methodist Church.



RITA JOHNSON WAITS impatiently for the processional to begin so she decided to fiddle with the extra programs (ABOVE).

PASTOR, WERNER STRICK delivers the benediction on a happy note while Pastor James Williams and Pastor Eldon Kirks wait patiently to speak (RIGHT).

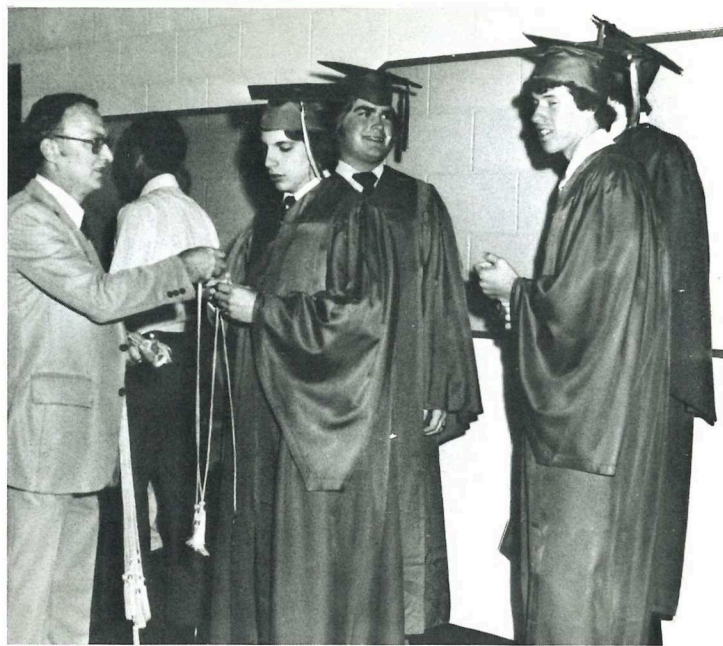




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LORNA BOTE COMMENTED, "I was hoping I wouldn't trip because I had almost tripped coming in," as she and Margie Boyd lead the processional (LEFT).



AN HONORABLE MOMENT for Mark Jones was when Mr. Don Jones handed Mark his National Honor Society tassel while Brad Wahle and Kevin Schriener looked on (TOP). ALL THE SENIOR girls, Mary Kallbrier, Jeanne Sommer, Karen Rankin, Karen Arnett, Cheryl Eversmeyer, Lorie Scarbrough and Andrea Johnson, who had chorus sang "I Believe" for the program's entertainment (ABOVE).



# *If I Could Save Time in a Bottle...*

The curtain now draws open

On the class of '81

The stage is set, the parts are cast

Applause is yet to come.

Kay Jastrem, Counselor

Invitations had been sent, caps and gowns fitted, decorations of the theme "If I Could Save Time in a Bottle" had been designed and hung; all that was yet to come - the diploma in hand.

The girls primped in Mr. Gerdeman's office, while the boys, trying to remain calm, smiled for "More pictures?" in the band room. Finally, the all important words: "All right, let's all get lined up!" A nervous hush fell over the seniors trying to remember their last name so they could get in alphabetical order.

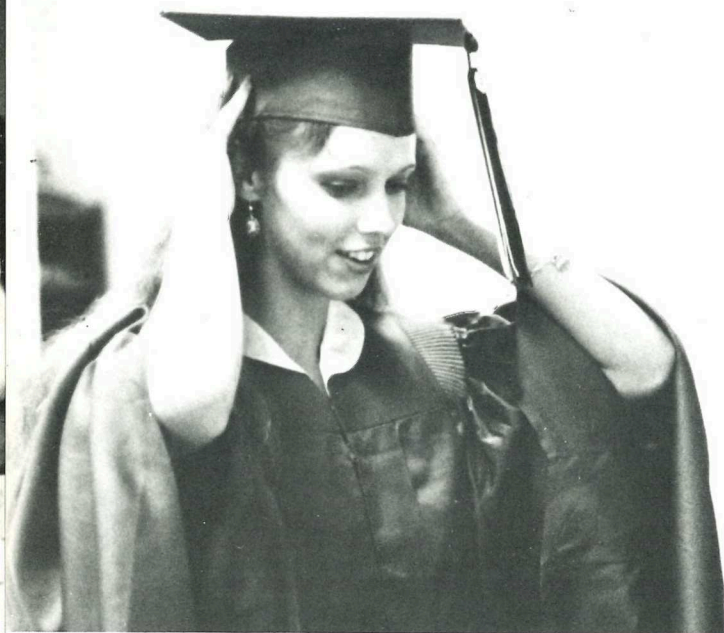
Once in line, the processional entered with a new feature: the band played "Pomp and Cir-

cumstance." Next the senior girls who were in chorus sang "If I Could Save Time in a Bottle" to reflect the past and speak of the future.

Mr. Fraser Small recognized those who received scholarships and awards. Jane Wright gave her salutatorian address and valedictorian Sandra Nailor's followed.

The guest speaker, a 1967 graduate from Wright City High School, Dr. Glenn Nierman, Assistant Professor of Education and Music spoke on the challenges of the future: change, ambition, responsibility and patience.

Then came what parents, relatives, and friends came to see, the awarding of diplomas. Sighs of relief, tassels placed from left to right all made it official: Commencement was over for the class of '81.

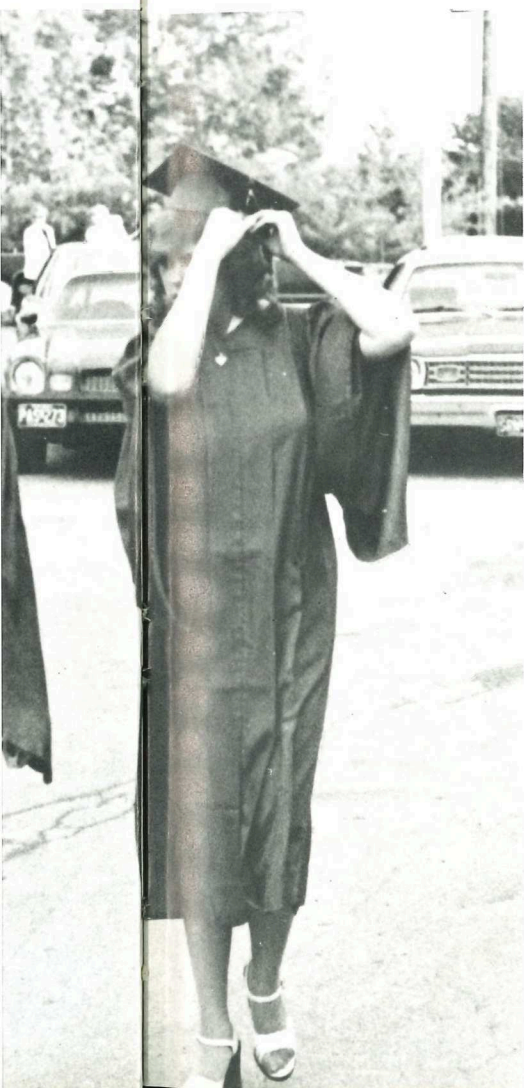
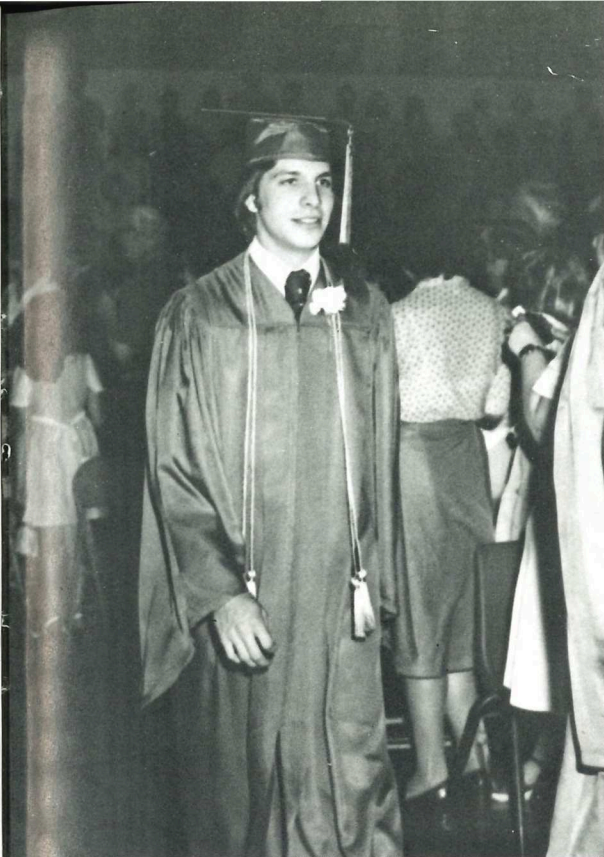


HAIRPINS ALMOST IN place, Rita Stewart and friend Tina North anticipate commencement (RIGHT). GETTING HER GRADUATION outfit on took time for Cindy Hoeber but trying to get the hat on "just right" took even more (ABOVE).





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A RECIPIENT OF several scholarships, Mark Jones advances to take his place with his fellow classmates for the last time (TOP LEFT).

A SOMEWHAT NERVOUS Cheryl Neagles reflects on life before entering to receive a diploma culminating twelve years of study. Behind Cheryl is her mother (TOP RIGHT). SEVEN SENIORS PONDER until that final moment when they say "thank you" and then turn their tassel. Shown here are Sue Walsh, Jeff Welge, Debbie Wilding, Scott Wood, Jane Wright, Monte Yount, and Joe Zykan (ABOVE).

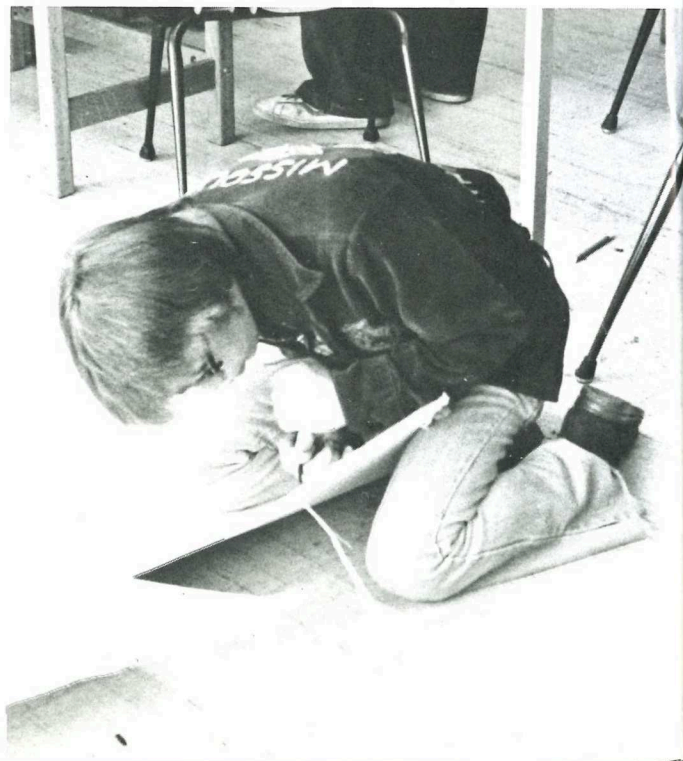
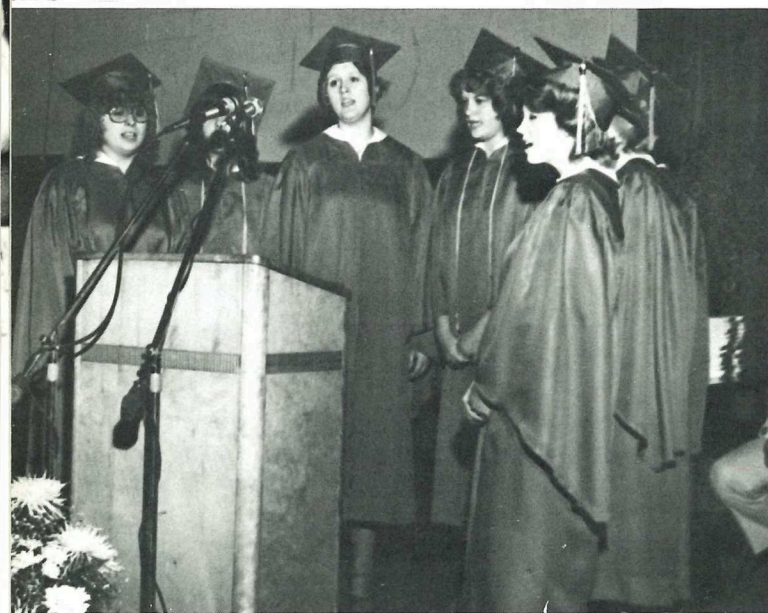
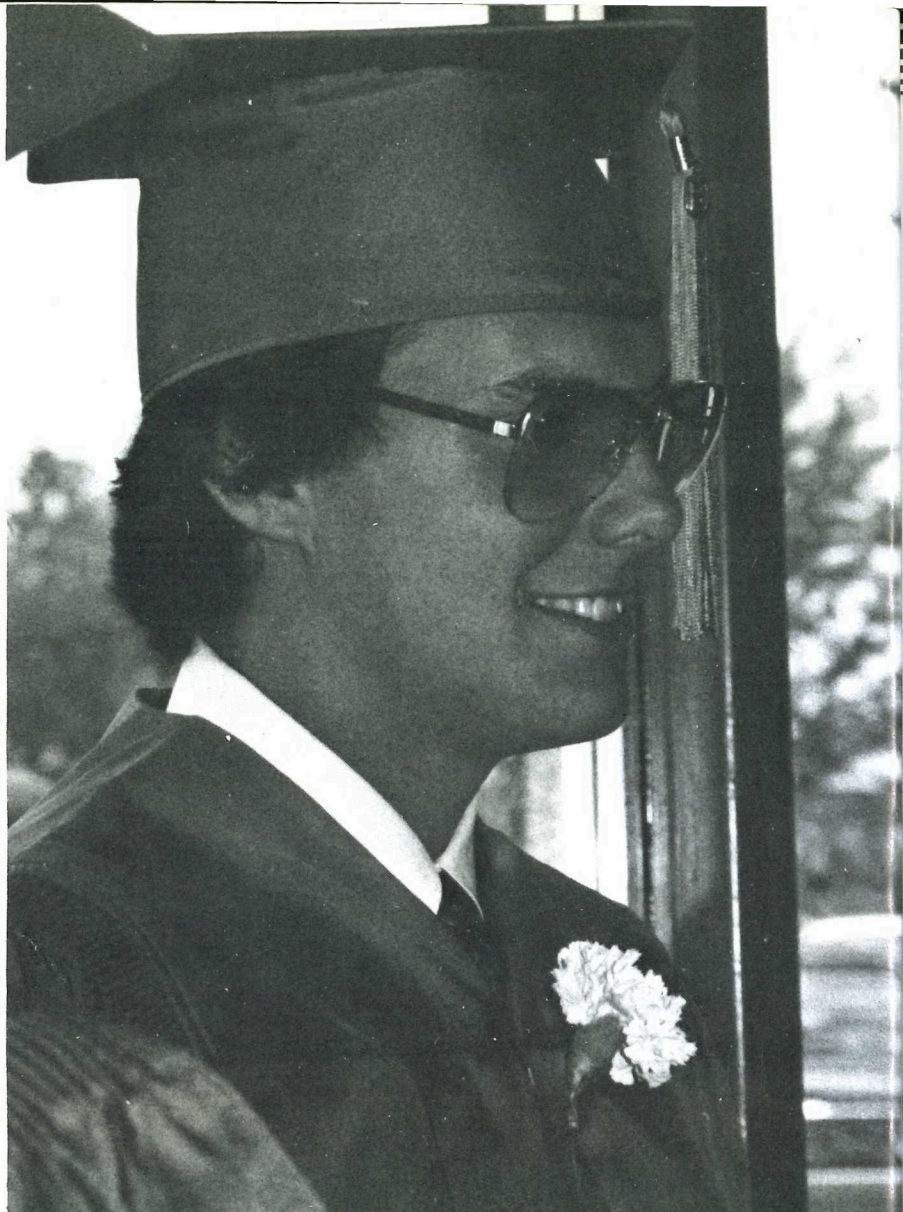


# The Curtain Now Draws Open

KNOWING HE IS about to receive his diploma, Scott Ames waits impatiently like many of the sixty-one other graduates that Friday night (RIGHT).

MARY KALLBRIER, JEANNE Sommer, Karen Arnett, Cheryl Eversmeyer, Jennifer Kerr, and Andrea Johnson performed a musical selection "If I Could Save Time in a Bottle" coinciding with their theme (BELOW).

MANY OF THE seniors including Paul Phiropoulos worked many long hours to decorate the gym with their theme (FAR RIGHT).





Steve Strick  
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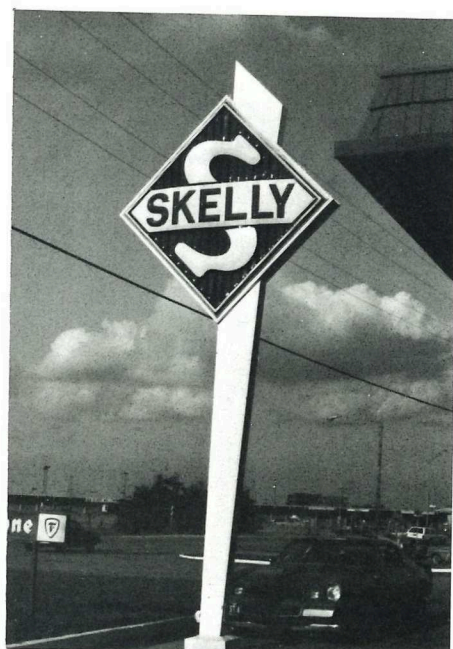


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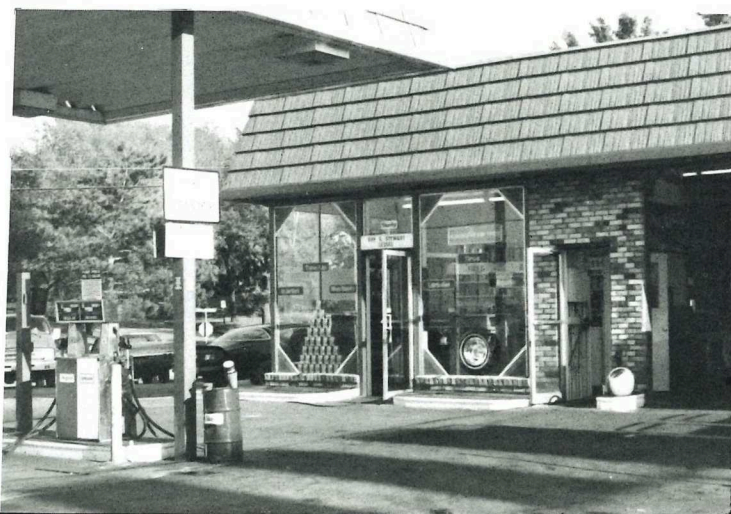
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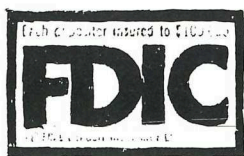




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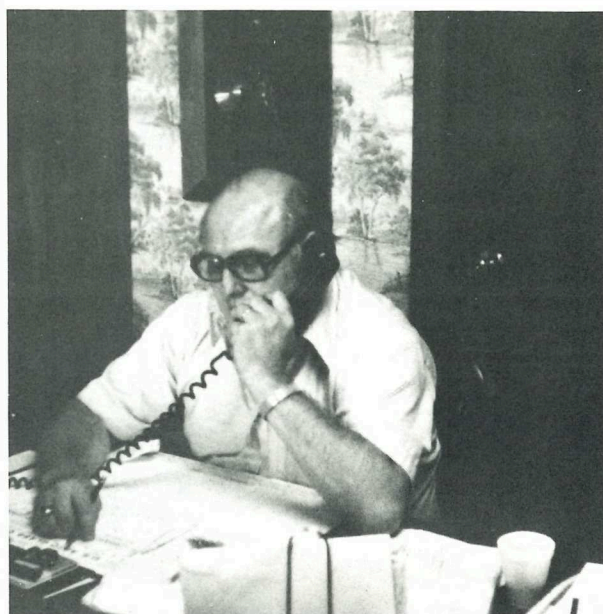




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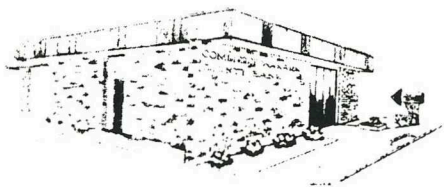
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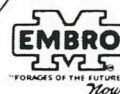
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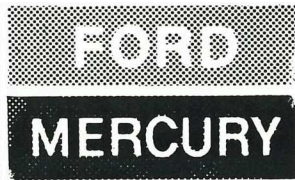
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 — Kim Twiehaus

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— Michelle Grooms

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 — Pam Brooks

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**Y**ears went fast with much excite-  
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— Curt McLaughlin

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# Expressions from You Reflect Time's Passage

Remember the time ...

Tuesday noon, January 20

"We all sat huddled in front of the television set in Miss Googe's second hour Child Development class awaiting the presidential inauguration of our fortieth president, Ronald Reagan."

— Linda Ramey

Time passed on ...

Monday afternoon, March 30

"I remember the day when President Reagan was shot by John Hinkley, Jr. The world stood silent."

— Scott Ames

Time seemed to pass slowly by ...

May 4 through 8

"What about the week Linda (Ramey) and I campaigned for Student Council president? It was truly an experience even though I didn't win."

— Todd Kirchoff

And time still passed on ...

Friday evening, May 8

"The best thing I remember was prom. There

were about fifteen people at the Lion's Club decorating from eight in the morning till three-thirty that afternoon, and Paul (Phiropoulos) was going to pick me up at four-thirty. I haven't met a girl yet who could get ready for prom in one hour and still be dressed to impress, but I did the best I could."

— Lisa Tribley

As time passed on ...

Sunday evening, May 17

"I remember when all the senior girls were a nervous wreck at Baccalaureate putting on our gowns for the first time and especially our caps. All you could hear was, 'Who has the bobby pins, and help me please'."

— Lori Tribley

As time passed on ...

Friday evening, May 22

"At graduation, I remember thinking, 'You miss it when you quit, hate it when you're back.' I'm glad I came back, but glad it's over."

— Tina North

While time passes on ...

LINDA RAMEY'S CAMPAIGN poster dominated the Student Council's Presidential campaign assembly, the school's first spirited campaign in twelve years (BELOW).





# Seniors' Feelings on Graduating



Looks like I made it!!!

— John Nolting

I feel great about graduating. I've never felt so good and proud of myself.

— Doris Fincher Roberts

I'm a little afraid to leave school and start something new, but even though I've enjoyed school - I'm glad it's over.

— Jennifer Kerr

It has been a real interesting time, but I sure don't think I'd want to do it again.

— Rita Stewart

I'm looking forward to the future with all the changes, but I'm going to miss all of the people I've been partying with for the last twelve years — so ROCK-AND-ROLL.

— Lisa Schrecken

gast O'Donnell

Getting out is GREAT-and-a-half!!!

— Brad Wahle

It's the end of a long time of learning and the beginning of a lifetime of experience - to use the learning.

— Sandra Nailor

I'm glad it's over. It's time to start a new beginning.

— Andrea Johnson



Mark Jones, above, was chosen Student of the Year by the faculty, administration, and student body for his outstanding leadership, high scholastic average and numerous activities, including student body president. Mark commented, "As Student Council president I was in the position to get something done and with the help of many others, we got it done, but there were a lot of others just as deserving of the award."

I've watched them grow up and become outstanding individuals. I'm really proud to have worked with every one of them. They are SUPER!

— senior class  
sponsor

Laura Googe

That's all they wrote; I'm ready to move on.

— Kevin Schriener

What a relief- but now it is on to four more years. I hope they're even better than the past four have been.

— Karen Arnett

Graduation means that I have come of age, my childhood is in the past, my adulthood ahead of me, life is beginning.

— Jeanne Sommer

I'm sure we will all look back at our years of high school with fond memories-we will miss it but we're excited that it's over so we may go on to climb even higher mountains.

— senior class  
president  
Barb Stanek



# It's All Part Of PUBLICATIONS

Croppers, mugshots, layouts, deadlines — it's all a part of publications.

Quiet and shy best described our first day in seventh hour publications class. Everyone sat at the desks and began discussing all the preparation and processing for the forty-ninth **Echo** year book.

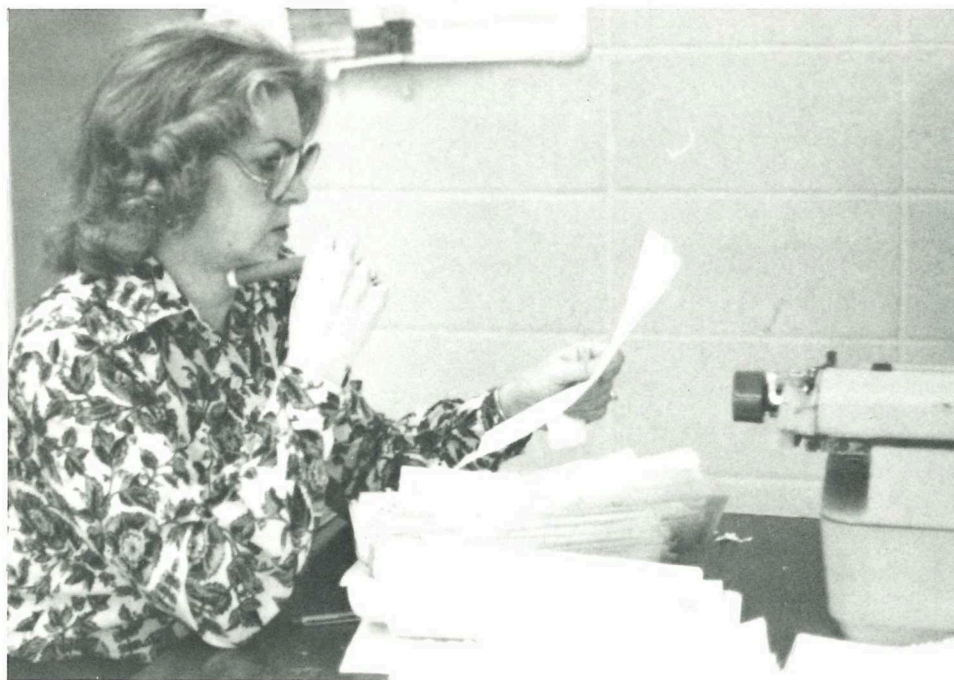
Yearbook ad sales were next. We traveled to Troy, Warrenton, Wentzville, and Wright City, collecting \$4,200 in ads. We sold yearbooks and began publishing our newspaper, **WILDCAT TALES**.

Our first yearbook deadline arrived in November. They were the opening pages and the senior spread — our first color pages. Deadlines began to flow with time and our first proofs came in February. We all felt so proud to see all our time and hard work finally in print. Spring break came in April with more deadlines to follow.

May arrived with a great deal of displeasure as we discovered that our sponsor, Mrs. Buschschorn was leaving. With sincere appreciation the Publications Staff would like to thank our advisor Mrs. Sally Buschschorn, for her guiding hand in putting all these memories on pages, for it honestly could not have been done without her. We would especially like to thank her for her advice, her dedication, her devoted time, and for her friendship.

Mrs. Buschschorn, thank you for everything. We all love you and wish you the best of luck wherever you go or whatever you pursue. We're going to miss you.

Sincerely yours,  
Jennifer Massey-EDITOR, **Echo**  
Lisa Tribley, EDITOR  
**Wildcat Tales**  
and the 1980-1981  
Publications Staff



MRS. SALLY BUSCHSCHORN scrutinized students' essays for the final index quotes. She commented, "The publication's staff and I spoke so often of how this **Echo** would indeed reflect the personal expressions of the students and faculty. It is they who made the yearbook unique." (LEFT).