

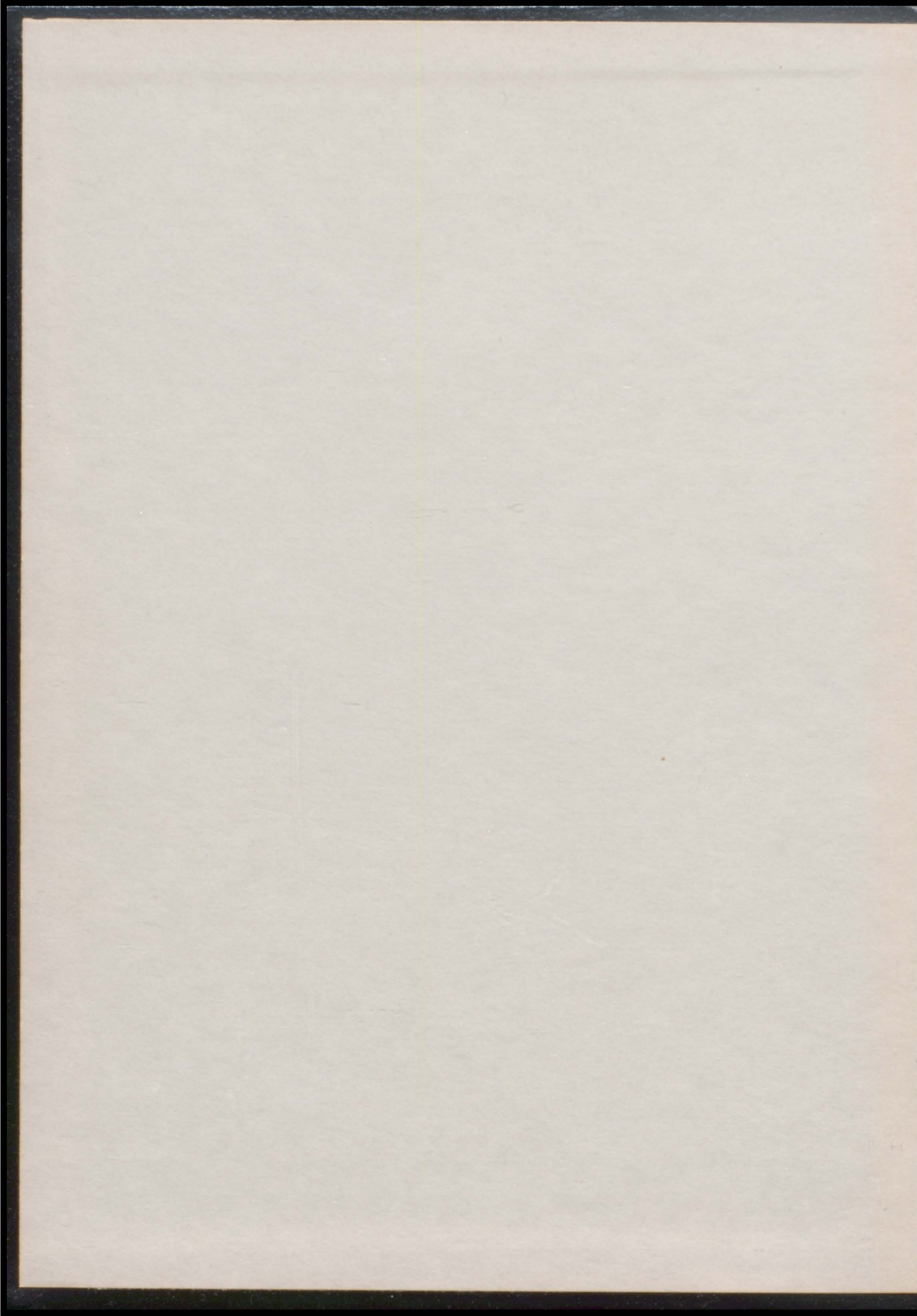


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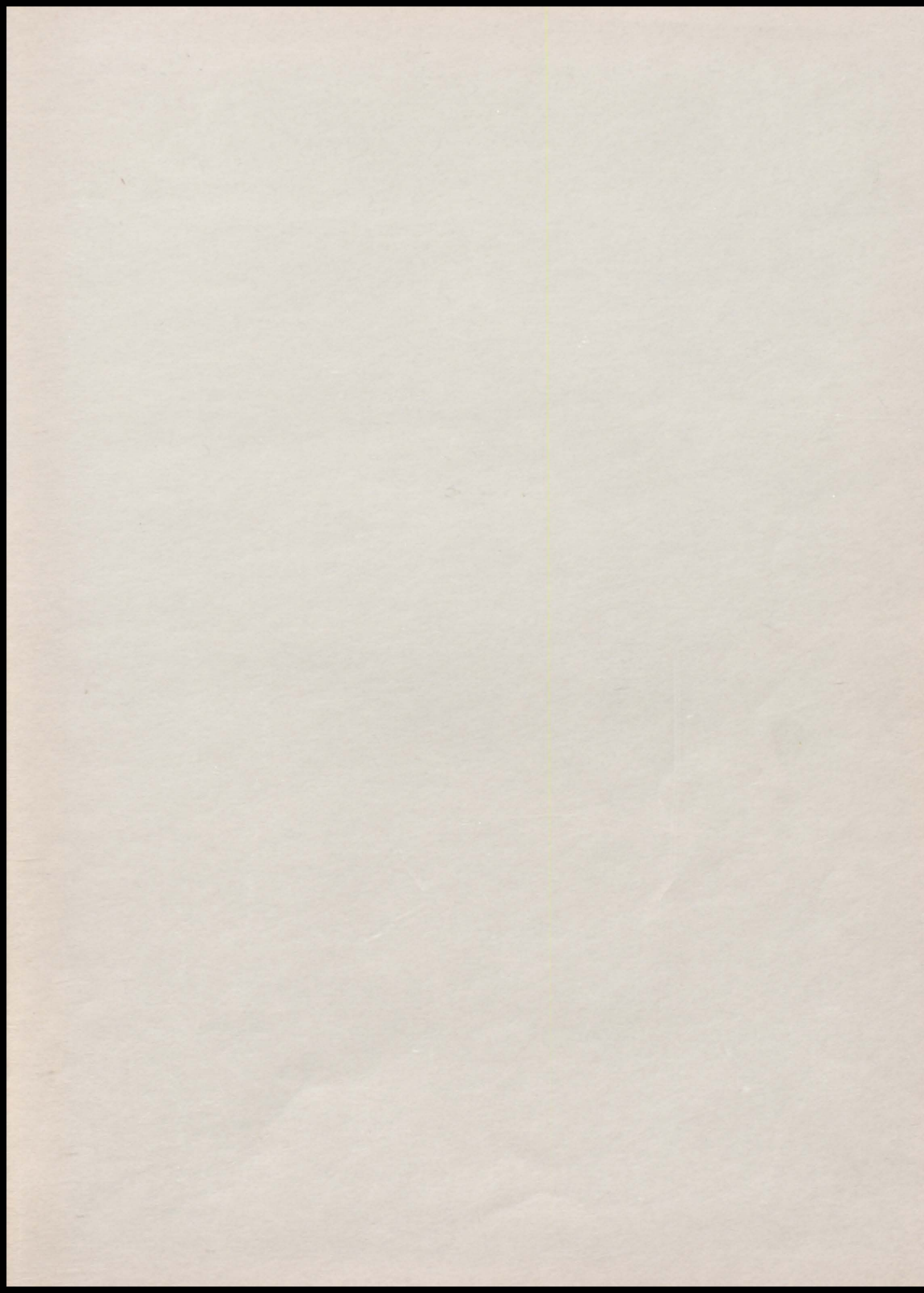
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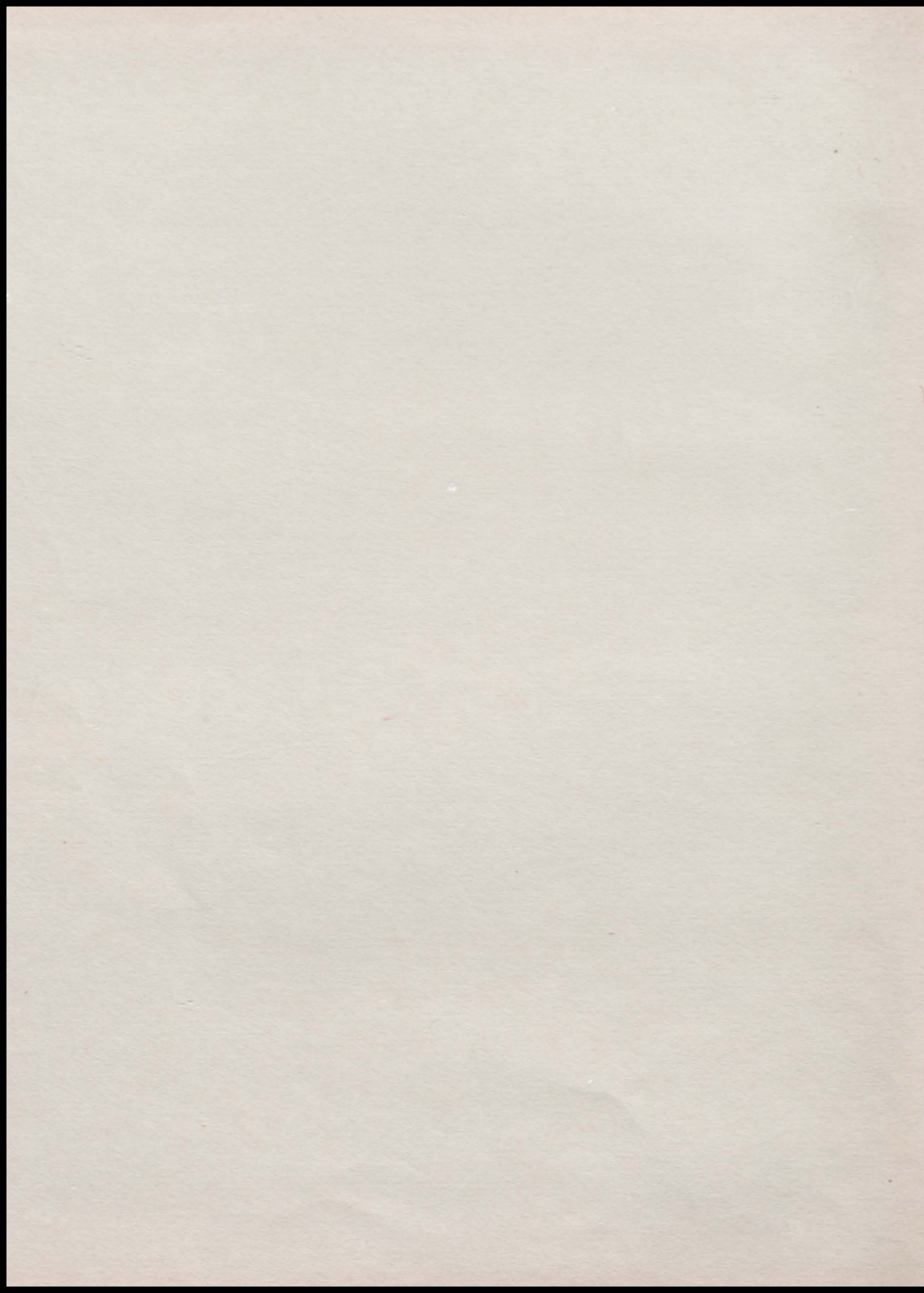






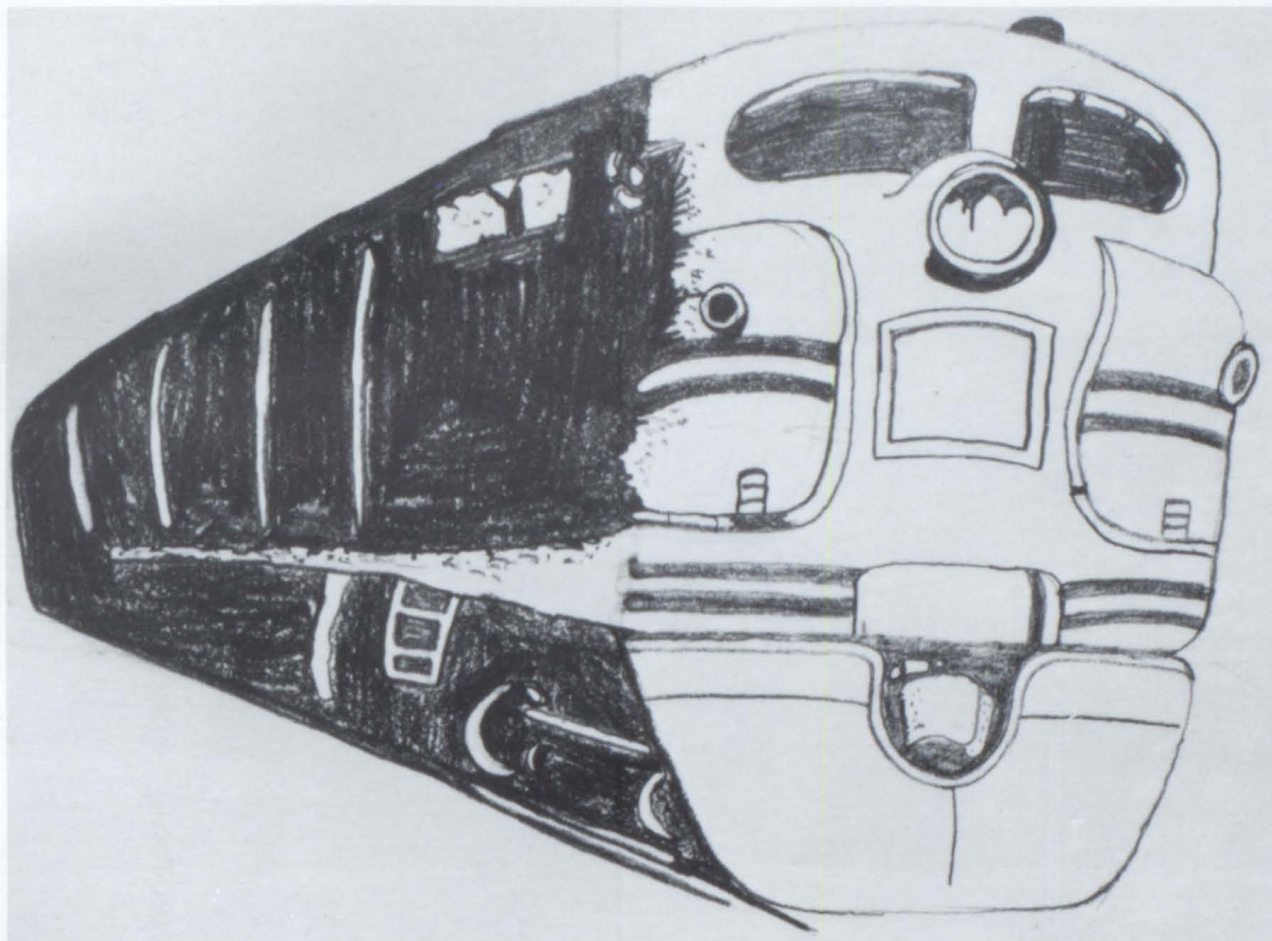








# RAILROADER 1983



**ELLIS HIGH SCHOOL  
1706 MONROE  
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Timothy Allen Augustine



John Paul Begler



Francois Arthur Boutin Jr.

Tim — FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Sentinal — 3; Wrestling — 2; Pep Club — 3, 4

John — Football — 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball — 1, 2, 3, 4; Track — 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Forensics — 4; Prom Server — 2; Snoball Prince — 2; Homecoming King — 4; Stuco Rep — 1; Class Treasurer — 2; Class President — 3; Barnwarmer Candidate — 3; Railairres — 3, 4; Junior Play — 3; Journalism — 4

John — Football — 3, 4; Wrestling — 1, 2, 3, 4; Track — 1, 2, 3, 4; Railairres — 1, 2, 3, 4; District Music Festival Solo — 3, 4; Concert Band — 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band — 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' State — 3; Journalism — 4

Wayne — Cross Country — 1, 2, 3, 4, State — 4; Basketball — 2, 3; Golf — 1, 4; FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary — 3, 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Stuco Rep — 2, 3, 4; Class Secretary — 4

Frank — Wrestling — 2; Cross Country — 1, 2, 3, 4; Track — 1, 2, 3; Forensics — 3; Intro to Acting — 3; Railairres — 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play — 3; Chorus — 3; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4

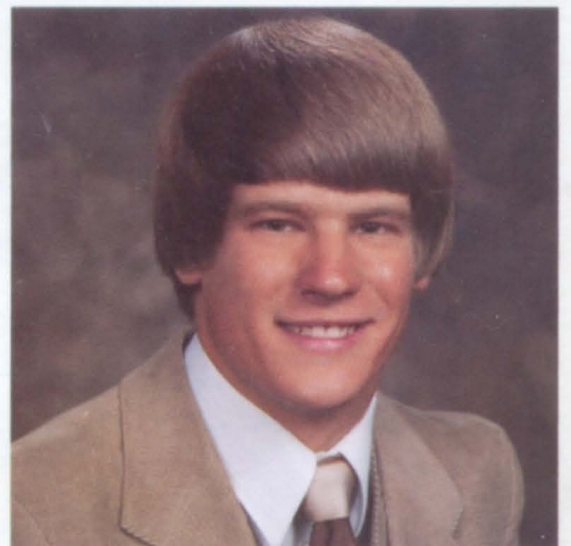
Steve — Football — 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball — 1, 2, 3, 4; Track — 1, 2; Snoball Candidate — 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Band — 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus — 1, 3; Railairres — 3, 4; Stuco — 1



John Dean Befort



Wayne George Bongartz



Steven Dean Dietz





Edward Allen Dinkel

Eddie — Basketball — 1, 2, 3, 4; Golf — 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play — 3

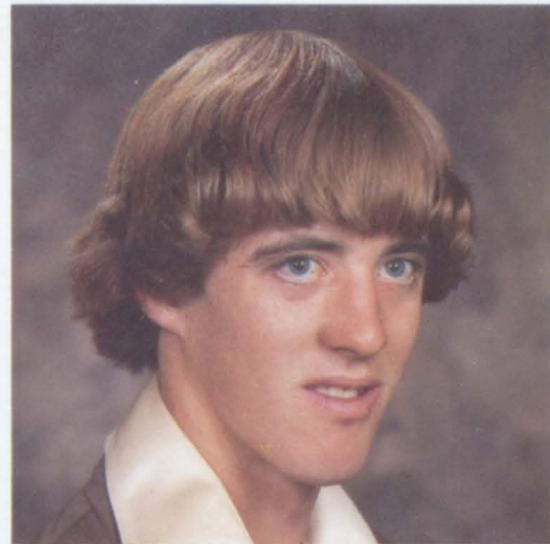
Mark — Cross Country — 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling — 2, 3; FFA — 1, 2, 3; Forensics — 3, 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play — 3; Intro to Acting — 3, 4; Math Relays — 3, 4; Senior Play — 4; State FFA Convention — 1

Kelli — Cheerleader — 1, 2, 3, 4, Head — 2, Captain — 4; Forensics — 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Kayettes — 1, 2, 3, 4; Railalres — 1, 2, 3, 4, Girls 1 at State — 3; Band — 1, 2, 4, Band President — 4, Drum Ensemble 1 at State — 2; Volleyball — 1; FHA — 1; Stuco — 3; FFA — 2, 3, 4, Record Keeping Award 1st — 2, 3rd — 1; FFA Sweetheart Queen — 3; Homecoming Candidate — 4; Track — 1, 2; Manager — 3; Junior Play — 3; Girls State — 3; Class Vice President — 2; Chorus — 1

Stan — Football — 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling — 1, 2, 3, 4; Track — 1, 3, 4; Junior Play — 3; Senior Play — 4; FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Intro to Acting — 1, 2, 3, 4; Forensics — 1, 2; Railalres — 2, 3, 4; Perfect Attendance — 2, 3, 4; Pep Club — 3, 4; Chorus — 3, 4, State Music Festival — 3, 4

Kris — Wrestling — 1, 2, 3, 4; Football — 1; Cross Country — 1; Forensics — 1, 2, 3, 4; Intro to Acting — 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play — 3; Senior Play — 4

Linda — Kayettes — 1, 2, 3, 4, Board — 2, 3, 4; Stuco Class Rep — 3, Treasurer — 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Queen Candidate — 4; FFA Sweetheart Candidate — 3; Class Secretary — 1, 3; Prom Server — 2; Forensics — 1; Perfect Attendance — 1; Accommodation Award — 3; Office Help — 3, 4; Chorus — 1; Journalism — 4; Business Manager — 4; Basketball — 1, 2; School Play — 1; Junior Play Crew — 3; Senior Play — 4



Mark William Dinkel



Stanley Raymond Flinn



Kelli Rae Fabrizius



Kris Shane Fox



Linda Sue Fox





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# Final Destination

## SENIORS

The Senior Class was led by; from top to bottom, Brent Stegman, President; Wanda King, Vice-President; Travis Groff, Treasurer; and Wayne Bongartz, Secretary.

After much discussion, they decided on black and light blue for the colors of their caps and gowns. The boys wore black while the girls wore light blue. The announcements were easily decided on.

In order for the class to pay for the caps and gowns and colored pictures in the yearbook, they needed a couple of money-making projects.

The money-making projects consisted of a chili supper on February fourth. They cleared approximately \$280.00. They also had the annual senior play, "Off With His Head" by Frank V. Priore.

For the past four years, the seniors moved up one step each year with their float. As freshmen, they had a few problems and received fourth place. As seniors they worked their way up to number one.

As always, the Senior Class pulled together to achieve many accomplishments. The one that will be remembered by all is the victory of Ellis over Trego in three boys' sports.



Amy Leiker, Shawn Ray, Eddie Dinkel and Gary Seibel have varying degrees of interest in Love and Marriage.

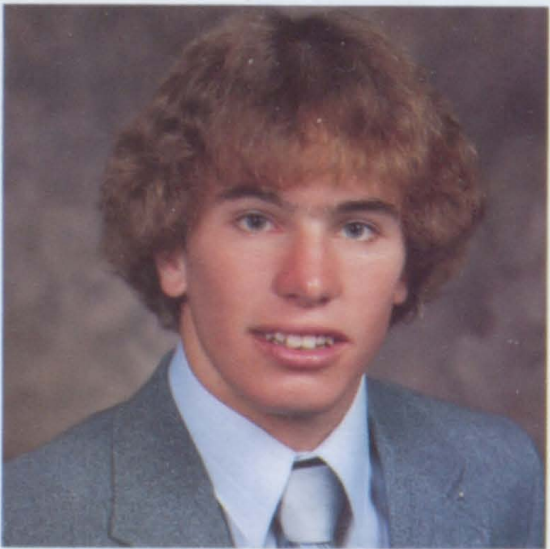




Angela Renee Gabel



Kathleen Marie Gnad



Travis Joe Groff

Angela — FHA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Historian Reporter — 4; Kayettes — 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play — 3; Forensics — 3, 4; Prom Servier — 2; Journalism — 4; Office Help — 3

Shelly — Basketball — 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball — 1, 2, 3, 4; Track — 1, 2; FHA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Kayettes — 1, 2, 3, 4; Board — 1, 2, Vice President — 3, 4; Railairres — 3, 4; Forensics — 1, 2, 3, 4; Grand State — 3; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; President — 3, 4; Class Stuco Rep — 1; Class Secretary — 2; Cheerleader — 2; Prom Server — 2; Snoball Candidate — 1, Snoball Princess — 2; Junior Play — 3; Senior Play — 4; School Play — 1; Intro to Acting — 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism — 4, Art Editor — 4; Chorus — 2; Honor Roll — 1, 2; Office Help — 4

Kathie — Kayettes — 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club — 2, 3, 4; Class President — 2, Treasurer — 3; Forensics — 1, 2, 3; Junior Play — 3; School Play — 1; FFA Sweetheart Candidate — 3; Typing Award — 1, 2

Dean — Wrestling — 3, 4; Football — 1, 3, 4; FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Reporter — 3, State Convention — 2, 3; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Server — 2; Snoball Candidate — 3; Barnwarmer Candidate — 3

Travis — Basketball — 1, 2, 3, 4; Football — 1, 2, 3, 4; Track — 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Server — 2; FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer — 4; Senior Play — 4; Homecoming King Candidate — 4

Troy — Cross Country — 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling — 1, 2; Track — 1, 2, 3; Junior Play — 3; Senior Play — 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Forensics — 1, 4; Railairres — 1, 2, 3, 4; Band — 1, 2, 4; Stuco — 2; Intro to Acting — 1, 4



Michaelle Ann Gilliland



Dean Richard Gottschalk



Troy David Hallagin



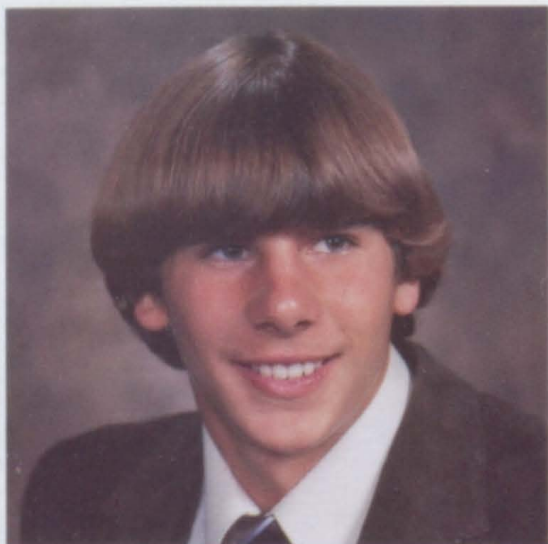


Beth René Henrickson

Beth — Kayettes — 1, 2, 3, 4, Board — 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice President — 4; Perfect Attendance — 1, 2, 3, 4; Railaires — 1, 2, 3, 4, Girls 1 at State — 3; Cheerleader — 2, 3, 4; Wrestling Head — 2, 3, Co-Captain — 4; FHA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball — 1, 2; Track — 1, 2, 4; School Play — 1, 2; Junior Play — 3; Prom Server — 2; Snoball Princess — 3; Queen — 4; Girls State Delegate — 3; Who's Who Among American High School Students — 3; Forensics — 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism — 4, Newspaper Editor — 4, Yearbook Assistant Editor — 4; Band — 1, 2; U.S. Achievement Academy of Typing — 3; U.S. Achievement Academy of Cheerleading — 4; Senior Play — 4; Miss Kansas/USA Teen Pageant Delegate — 4



Galen Wayne Herman



Randall Lee Herman

Galen — Basketball — 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Server — 2; Football — 4; Golf — 1, 2, 3, 4; Snoball Candidate — 2; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4

Randy — FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Football — 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball — 1, 2, 3, 4; Golf — 1, 2; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus — 1; Prom Server — 2; Snoball Candidate — 2, 3, 4; Barnwarmer Candidate — 3

Jeff — Cross Country — 1, 2, 3, 4, All State Cross Country — 3, 4; Basketball — 1, 2, 3, 4; Track — 1; FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club — 2, 3, 4; Treasurer — 4; Stuco — 4; Snoball Prince — 3; Junior Play — 3; Senior Play — 4



Jeffrey Allen Honas



Bryon Keith Houghton

Bryon — FFA — 1, 2, 3; Pep Club — 2, 3; Track — 1, 2, 3; Wrestling — 1, 2; Forensics — 4; School Play — 4

Lesli — Kayettes — 1, 2, 3, 4, Board — 3, Secretary — 4; Snoball Candidate — 4; FHA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader — 4; Treasurer — 4; Stuco Class Rep — 4; Chorus — 1; Journalism — 4, Editor of Yearbook — 4, Assistant-Editor for Newspaper — 4; Photography — 4; Work Coordinator — 4; Railaires — 1, 2, 3, 4, State Ensemble — 3; Volleyball — 1, 2, 3; Basketball — 1, 2, 3; Track — 1, 2; Junior Play — 3; Senior Play — 4; Forensics — 2, 3, 4; State Festival — 3; Honor Roll — 1, 2, 3, 4; Perfect Attendance — 2; Outstanding Basic Science Student — 1; Typing Award — 2, 3; Accommodation Award — 3



Lesli Annette Howerton



# That's The Way It Was

## February 1, 1983

### Price List

Gas .....	Regular: \$1.06	Records .....	Albums: \$8.00
	Unleaded: \$1.13		45's: \$1.69
¼ lbs. hamburger .....	\$1.15	cassettes .....	\$9.00
French Fries .....	small: .50	8-tracks .....	\$8.00
	large: .65	Designer jeans .....	\$35.00
Pop .....	Medium: .55	Sweaters .....	\$30.00
Pizza .....	Medium delux: \$8.85	T-shirts .....	\$12.00
	Medium pepporoni: \$7.15	Sweatsuits .....	\$30.00
Tacos .....	.55	Nikes .....	\$30.00
Enchiladas .....	\$1.30	Atari .....	machine: \$150.00
Beer .....	Single Cans: .80		games: \$30.00
	Six-pack: \$2.90	Class rings .....	girls: \$130.00
Movies .....	\$3.00		boys: 160.00
Skating .....	\$3.00		

### Highlights

Valley Girl talk ... NFL Football strike ... Smurfs ... "Eye of the Tiger" ... Computers ... Totally Awesome ... Mr. Hulse ... Homecoming ... Snake Dance ... John Cougar Concert ... E.T. ... Birth of the Royal Baby ... Princess Grace's death ... Leg warmers ... Nikes ... Rocky III ... "Hard to say I'm Sorry" ... Pep Buses taken away ... "The Night of January 16th" ... Fer shur ... Pat Benatar Concert ... Snoball ... Carte Blanche ... Miss Schramm ... Beating Wakeeney in Football, Basketball, and Wrestling ... Pac Man ... Garfield ... "Jack and Diane" ... Mrs. Henry ... "Off with his Head" ... Art's latchhook rug ... Like Totally Fabulous ... Prom ... Timothy James and the Rivals ... Atari's ... The front door being smashed ... Grody to the Max ... Miss Wetzel ... Barnwarmer ... "Down Under" ... No, No, A Million Times No!!! ... Graduation ... First Permanent Artificial Heart ... Awards Banquet ... Frogger ... "Mickey" ... Tylenol Murders ...



# Forecast

Tim Augustine: President of Augustine's International Milk Company.

John Befort: Magazine centerfold of the 20th century.

John Begler: Photographer for Time magazine."

Wayne Bongartz: "6' 4" and full of muscles."

Frank Boutin: Famous singer due to his hit song "Never too Late" being #1 for 6 weeks.

Steve Dietz: A world-renowned used car lot dealer.

Eddie Dinkel: A famous magician still trying to perfect the trick of dunking a basketball.

Mark Dinkel: A professional student who assists Mr. Mills.

Stan Flinn: The new priest for Saint Mary's Catholic Church.

Kris Fox: The Guinness Book of World Record's "Fattest man."

Linda Fox: Owner of Henderson's Jewelers.

Angela Gabel: Manager of the Wendy's Company.

Kathie Gnad, LaVonne Kuhn, and Jeanette Pfeifer: Famous for their production of green apartments.

Dean Gottschalk: Top salesman for the Josten's Company.

Travis Groff: Water-boy for the Globe Trotters.

Troy Halligan: A "Cadillac" specialist.

Beth Henrickson: Head of the NASA committee on the study of "Extra Terrestials."

Galen and Randy Herman: Owners of Double H Sporting Goods.

Jeff Honas: Winner of the Boston Marathon and President of the National "Bird" Watchers of America.

Shelly Gilliland: Owner of a pet store which specializes in rare "Birds"

Bryon Houghton: General Bryon Houghton of the U.S. Marines.

Sheila Keeler: Working in the National

Library of Congress.

James Kinderknecht: Foreign diplomat to Siberia.

Rod King: Married to Coleen Fischer and farming in Ellis.

Wanda King: The starring actress in "The Young and The Restless".

Wayne Kohl: An All-Star Wrestler who's tag team partner with "Wild Man Wideman" — called "Crusher Kohl."

Jeff Wideman: All-Star Wrestler, Wild Man Wideman.

Karla Lang: The owner of the Famous French restaurant, "Skellá"

Jill Wickham: Top waitress at "Skella"

Amy Leiker: Mr. Mills successor.

Steve Light: A famous actor who has performed at the White House and at Madison Square Garden.

Dane McVey: The star of Rocky X.

Jerry Pfeifer: President of the United States with Lora Siebel as First Lady.

Kelley Picking: Founder of Keller's Bridal Studio.

Jennifer Pinney: Winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Jeff Ptaschek: Winner of the PGA with his own line of golf equipment.

Shawn Ray: Owner of Ray's Auto Body Shop.

Mary Redden: The world champion of the demolition derby for buses.

Gary Seibel: Owner of Seibel's Speedy Tow Truck Service.

Brent Stegman: Inventor of the perfect Cross Country shoe.

Kelli Fabrizio: President of the Dynamic Cheerleading Association.

Joe Waldschmidt: Owner of the "Choe Chow King" fast food restaurant.

Brian Weber: Running Back for the Dallas Cowboy's.

Lesli Howerton: A Dallas Cowboy Cheerleader.

Preston Wolf: Owner of Keller's Furniture.





Sheila Kay Keeler

Sheila — Library — 3, 4; Office Help — 4; Office Machines — Gold Award — 3

James — FFA — 1, 2; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball — 3; Senior Play — 4; Intro to Acting — 1, 4

Rod — Basketball — 1, 2, 3; Football — 3, 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Server — 2

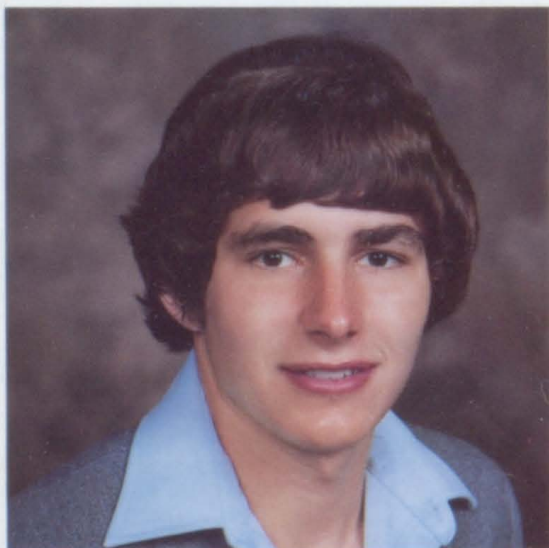
Wanda — Kayettes — 1, 2, 3, 4, Board — 2, 3, President — 4; FHA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball — 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball — 1, 2, 3, 4; Track — 1, 2; School Play — 1; Junior Play Crew — 3; Forensics — 1; Chorus — 1; Snoball Princess — 1, Candidate — 2, Snoball Queen Candidate — 4; Homecoming Queen — 4; Prom Server — 2; Class President — 1, Vice President — 4; Stuco Treasurer — 2; Journalism — 4; Layout Editor — 4; Office Help — 3, 4; Band — 1; Office Machines — Accommodation Award — 3; Senior Play — 4; Typing Award — 3

Wayne — Football — 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling — 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club — 3, 4; FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4, Sentinel — 4

LaVonne — Kayettes — 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA — 1, 2, 3, 4, Officer — 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Stuco — 2, 4; Snoball Princess Candidate — 1, 2; Basketball — 1; Track — 2; School Play — 1; Forensics — 1, 3, 4; Junior Play Crew — 3; Chorus — 1; Office Help — 4; Cheerleader — 4; Head Wrestling — 4; Intro to Acting — 1, 3, 4



James Arthur Kindernecht



Rodney Lee King



Wanda Marie King



Wayne Lee Kohl



LaVonne Ann Kuhn

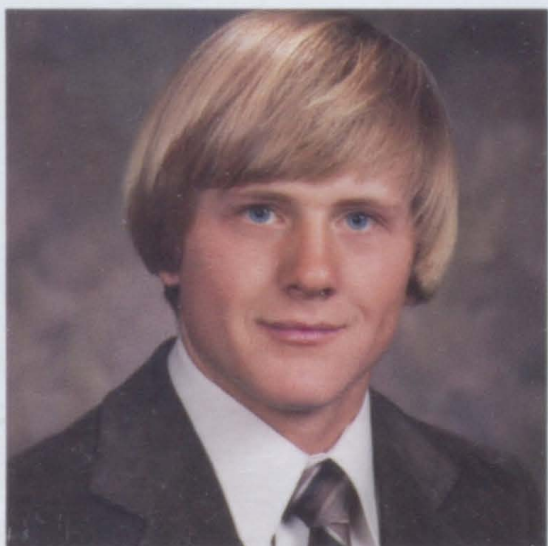




Karla Marie Lang



Steven John Light



Gerald Lee Pfeifer

Karla — Kayettes — 1, 2, 3, 4, Board — 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4, Officer — 4; FHA — 1, 2, 3, 4, Points Chairman — 4; Journalism — 4; Forensics — 2; Junior Play Crew — 3; Volleyball — 1; Office Help — 4; Basketball Manager — 3

Amy — Basketball — 1, 2, 3, 4; Track — 2; Kayettes — 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary — 3, Treasurer — 4; FHA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Server — 2; Class Vice President — 1, 3; Snoball Princess Candidate — 3; Junior Play — 3; Forensics — 2; Typing Award — 2, 3; Railaires — 3, 4; School Play — 2; Kansas State Scholar — 4; National Achievement Academy — 3

Steve — Forensics — 1, 2, 3, 4, Outstanding Student — 3; Junior Play — 3; Office Help — 4; Journalism — 4; Type Set Editor — 4; School Play — 1, 2, 3, 4; Golf — 2

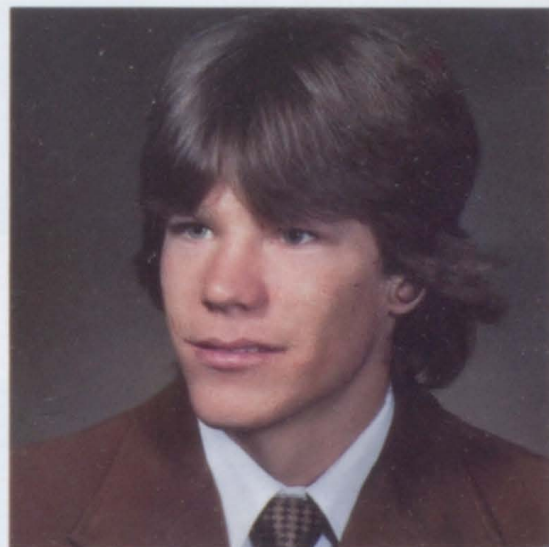
Dane — Senior Play — 4

Jerry — Football — 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling — 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4, President — 3, 4; Chorus — 2, 3; Junior Play — 3; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer — 1; Snoball Candidate — 3

Jeanette — Basketball — 1, 2, 3; Kayettes — 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA — 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA Sweetheart Candidate — 3; Forensics — 3; Snoball Candidate — 3; Junior Play Crew — 3



Amy Jo Leiker



Dane Eugene McVey



Jeanette Pfeifer





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1. Randy Herman getting ready for a night on the town.
2. Wanda King showing one of her many talents.
3. Amy Leiker wakes up after an interesting lecture in constitution.
4. Lesli Howerton and Beth Henrickson compare smiles.
5. Angela Gabel, Mary Redden, and Mark Dinkel take time out for a pose.

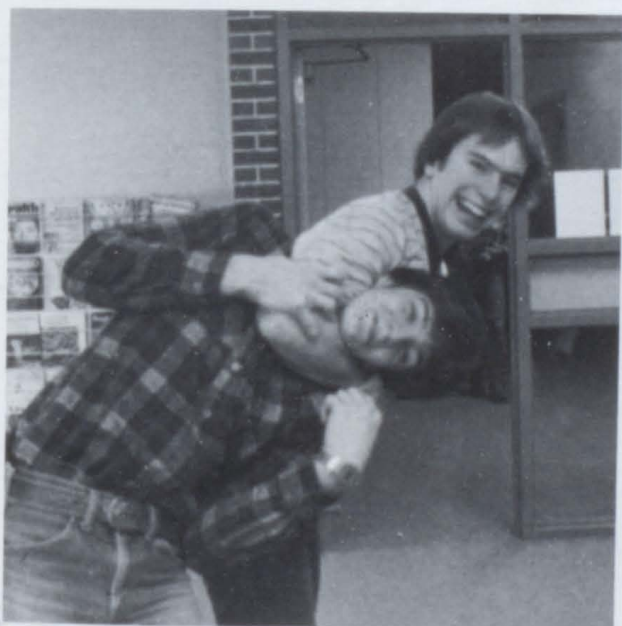


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1.  
The seniors finally have a winning float.



2.  
Travis Groff and Jeff Wideman try to decide who is stronger; basketball players or wrestler.



3.  
Linda Fox smiles after conquering the art of clapping.





Kelley Jean Picking



Jeffery Allen Ptaschek



Mary Christene Redden

Kelley — Kayettes — 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader (Mascot) — 3; FHA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll — 2, 3, 4; Volleyball — 1, 2; Office Help — 4; Forensics — 1; Junior Play Crew — 3; School Play — 1; Senior Play — 4; Accommodation Award — 3

Jennifer — FHA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Officer — 1; Kayettes — 2, 3, 4; Pep Club — 1, 3, 4; Junior Play Crew — 3; Office Machines Award — 3

Jeff — FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Cross Country — 4; Chorus — 2; Golf — 1, 2, 3, 4; Band — 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball — 1, 2, 3; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4

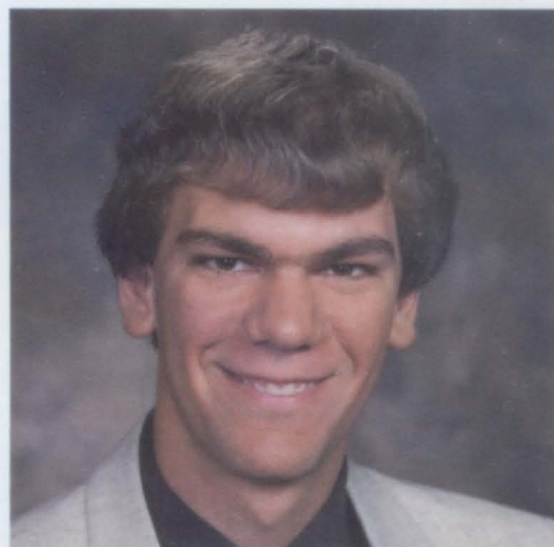
Shawn — Cross Country — 3, 4; Track — 1, 2, 3; Basketball — 1, 2, 3; Band — 1; Railairres — 1, 2, 3, 4; Stuco Rep — 1, 2; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Intro to Acting — 1; Math Relays — 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll — 1, 4; Perfect Attendance — 1, 2

Mary — Volleyball — 1, 2, 3; Track — 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA — 1; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Kayettes — 4; Band — 1, 3, 4; Chorus — 1, 2, 3; Forensics — 1, 2, 3; Intro to Acting — 2, 3

Gary — Football — 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling — 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer — 3, 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Candidate — 4; Mr. FHA — 3



Jennifer Rae Pinney

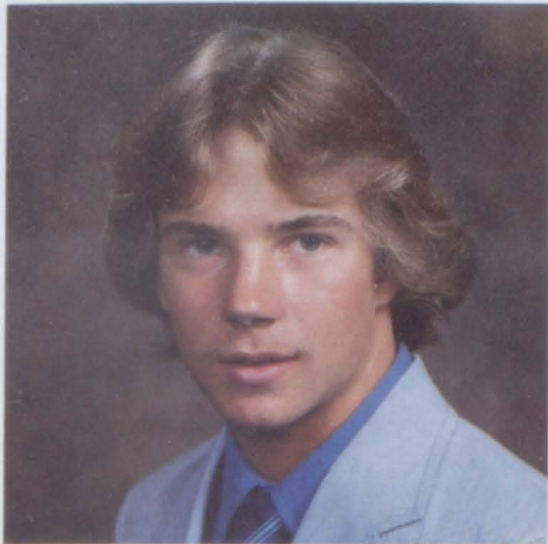


Shawn Price Ray

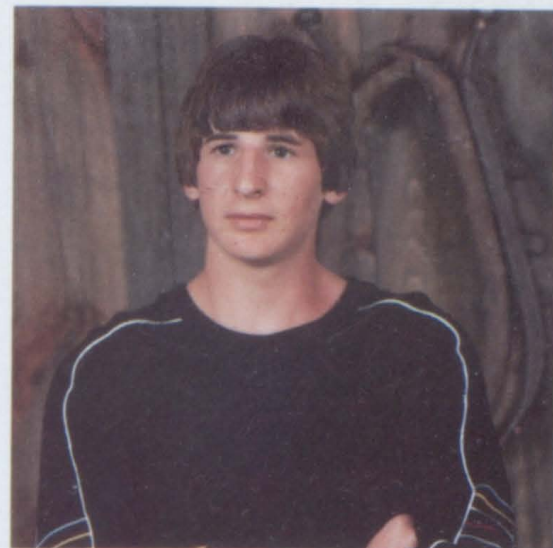


Gary Douglas Seibel





Brent Allen Stegman



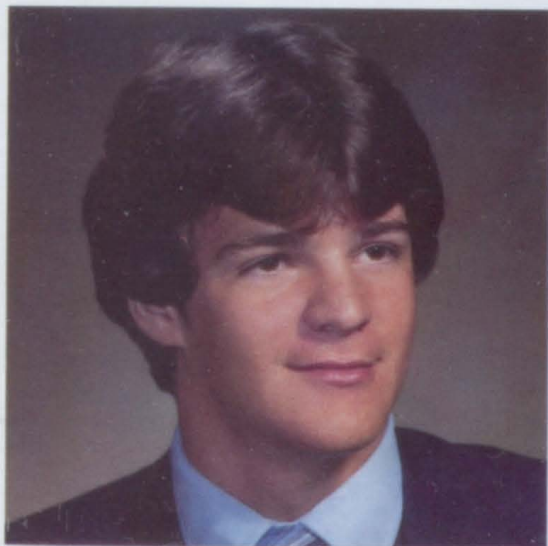
Joseph Lee Waldschmidt



Brian John Weber



Jill Marie Wickham



Jeffery Raymond Wideman

Brent — Cross Country — 1, 2, 3, 4; Track — 1, 2, 3; Forensics — 3, 4; Junior Play — 3; Stuco Rep — 2, Vice President — 4; Class President — 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Play — 4; Railairres — 4

Joe — Basketball — 1, 2, 3, 4; Football — 2; Cross Country — 1; Track — 1; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus — 3; FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Snoball King — 4

Brian — Football — 3, 4; Wrestling — 2; FFA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice President — 4; Senior Play — 4; Track — 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4

Jill — FHA — 1, 2, 3, 4; Kayettes — 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3; Chorus — 1, 2

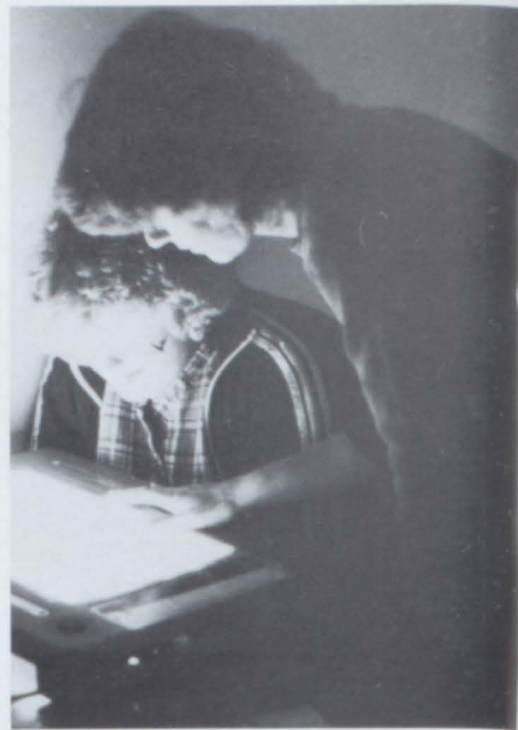
Jeff — Wrestling — 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3; Office Help — 3

Preston — Basketball — 1, 2, 3, 4; Golf — 1, 2, 3, 4; Football — 4; Pep Club — 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus — 1, 2; Office Machines — Gold Award — 3



Preston Allen Wolf





1. 4th hour law is interrupted from their favorite class.
2. Karla Lang and Angela Gabel blinded by the light.
3. Senior girls involved in head wrestling.
4. How big is it Johnny Befort?
5. 5th hour law gathers around Kolacny's desk hoping to get a glimpse of the test.





# One More Stop

## JUNIORS



The junior class officers this year were Rhonda Kuhn; president, Dee Dee Waldschmidt; vice president, Coleen Fisher; secretary and Troy Schoenthaler; treasurer.

The junior class play was thought a success by all. "The Night of January 16th," by Ayn Rand, was the play.

Director Miss Schramm said, "I thought the class was very cooperative and worked extremely hard. They worked well together. I was pleased with the production." Patty Honas felt that the play was a lot of fun and it was especially fun when everyone worked together.

Greg Martín said, "I thought it was a big success. It went really well and everyone did a superb job."

When asked what they liked best about 1982-1983 and what they would miss, several people had different reactions.

Bev Sipes said, "I'll miss some of the seniors and P.E. class. P.E. is one of my favorite classes because we like to give Mr. Woodruff a hard time."

Earl Mayes replied, "My freshmen and sophomore year was more exciting. I did some memorable things. Nothing memorable has happened this year."

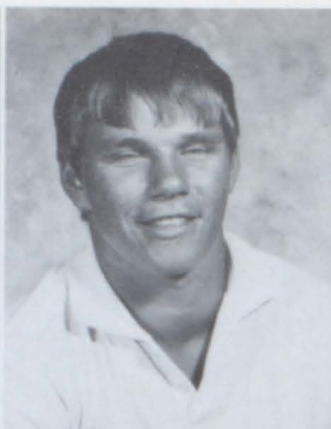
Brenda Weber said, "It's been exciting and I had a lot of good things happen. I am looking forward to Girls' State this summer."

Chonda Engel said, "My junior year gave me the opportunity to go to Atlanta and Washington D.C. because of my being F.H.A. district president and state officer."

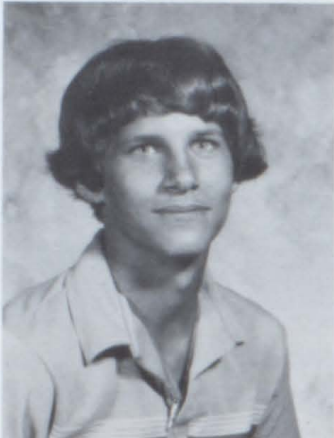




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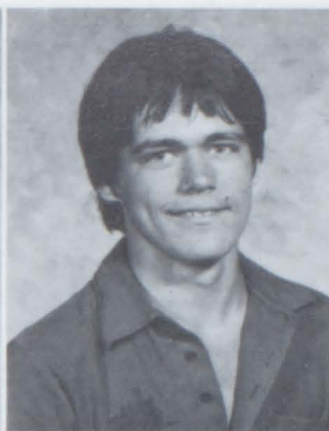
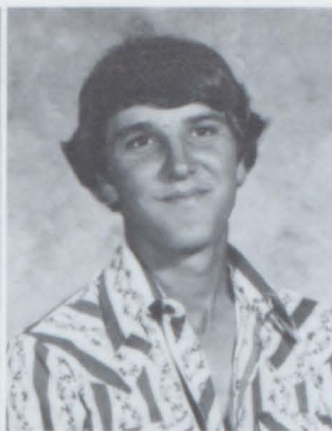
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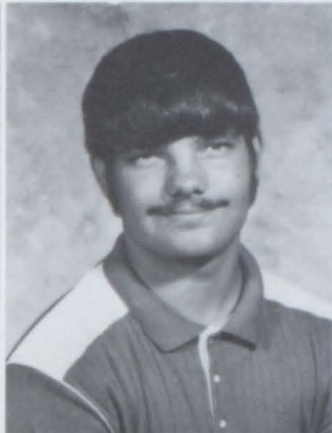
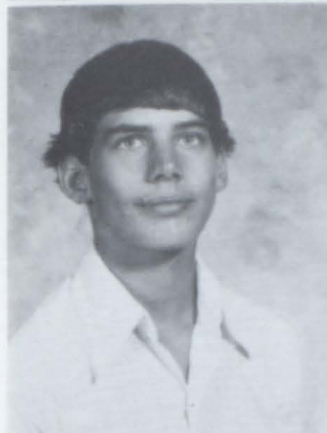
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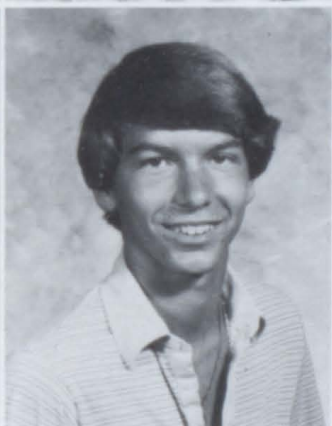
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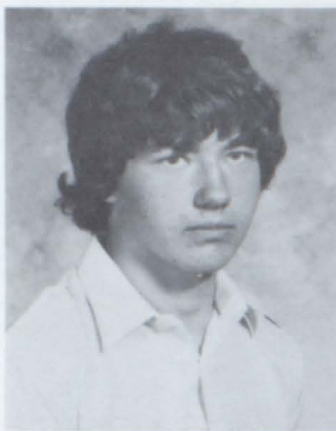
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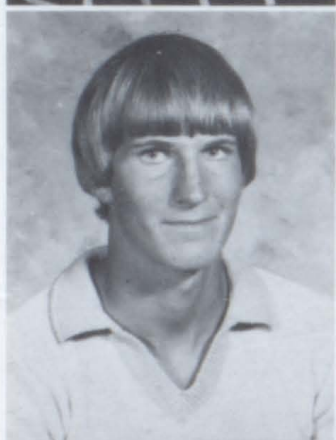
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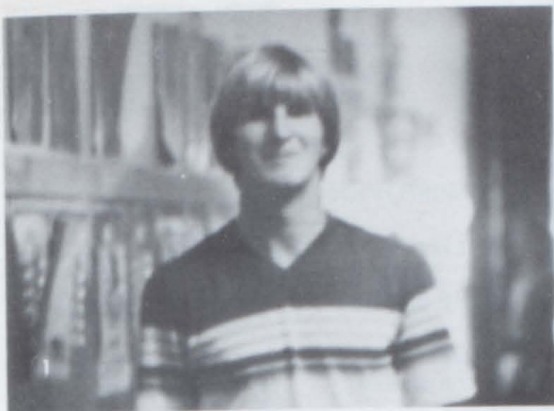
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Debbie  
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Kristel Weber







1. Troy Schoenthaler pauses at his locker between classes.

2. Juniors, Lesa Lang and Annette Erbert attempt to master the clarinet while Mr. Dietz and student teacher Mr. Bishop listen.

3. Socializing in the hall is a favorite pastime of Lisa Keller, Maryl Brack, Annette Erbert, Brenda Rupp, and Karla Ray.

4. Brenda Rupp practices for perfection.

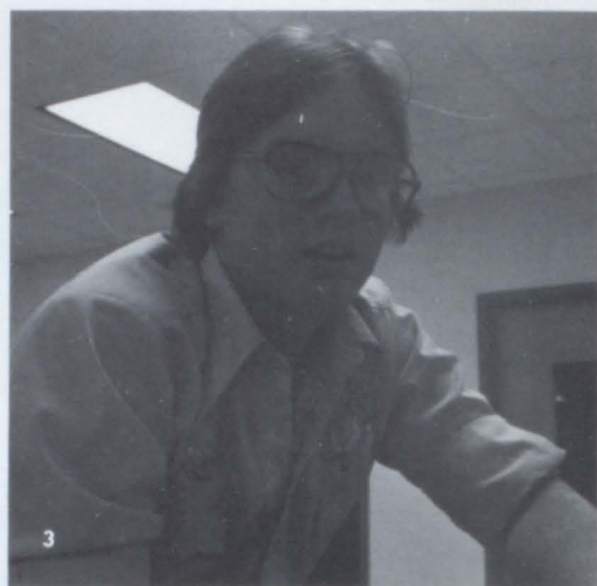
5. Maryl Brack and Deana Sproul keep busy in art.







1. Scottie Matteson proves she does have a cute smile.
2. Rex Befort is measured to see how much he has to pay.
3. Billy Desaire gives the camera something to shoot at.
4. Juniors, Diane Light and Karla Ray stop their work to pose for a picture.
5. Maryl Brack shows everyone in art how long her tongue is.





# SOPHOMORES

## Moving on up



The sophomore class this year was in charge of the concession stand. This is the major income for their class. They worked during basketball and football games, both high school and junior high. Mr. Kolacny, class sponsor, reported that they didn't make as much as they did the last couple of years. He felt this was due to smaller crowds at the games.

When asked what they liked best about 1982-1983 and what they would miss next year, Matt Armbruster replied, "I'll miss joking around with Johnny Befort. I'll also miss working in the concession stand and fighting about it with the girls."

Allison Clark said, "I liked this year a lot better than last year. I had a lot of fun being a cheerleader. I'll be glad to be out of P.E. next year."

"This year was really fun and exciting. I am glad I got to play varsity basketball," replied Brett Fuller.

Shannon Dinkel commented, "I'll miss partying with the seniors. I am looking forward to my junior year. I had a lot of fun bugging Mr. Kolacny in the concession stand. I enjoyed this year but I hope next year will be even better."

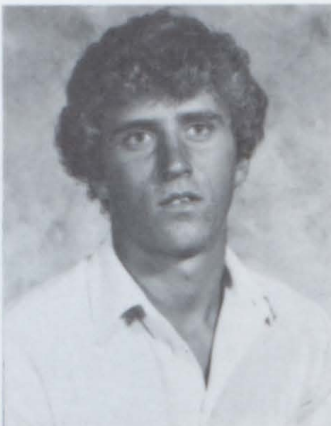
The sophomore float, pictured below, placed fourth place this year.

Pictured above are the 1982-1983 class officers: Matt Armbruster; class president, Julie Kroeger; vice president, Dee Armbruster; secretary and Darrell Ptaschek; treasurer.





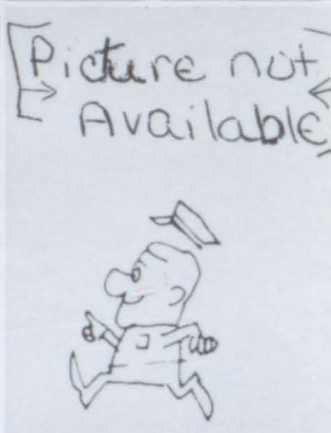
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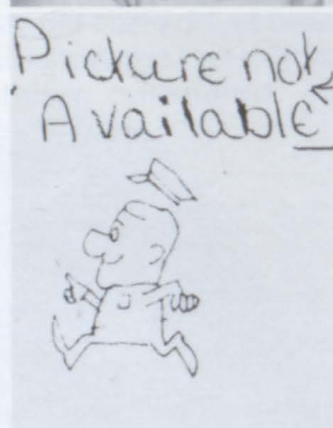
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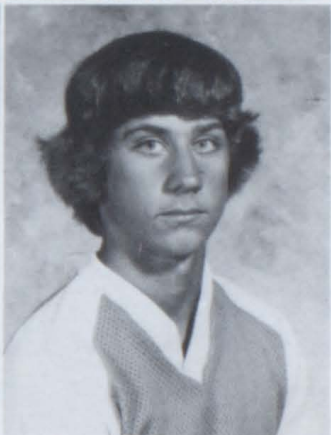




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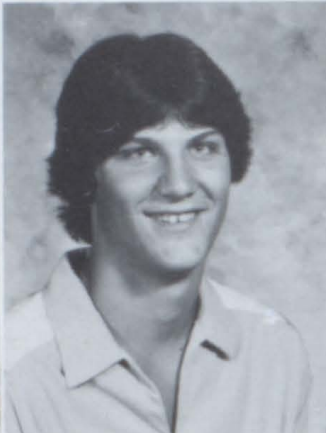
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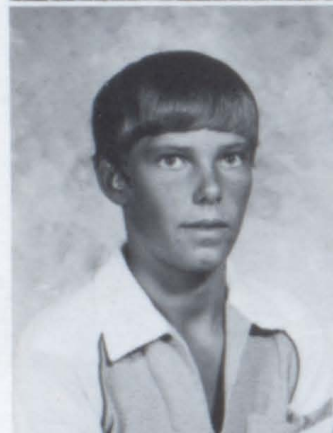
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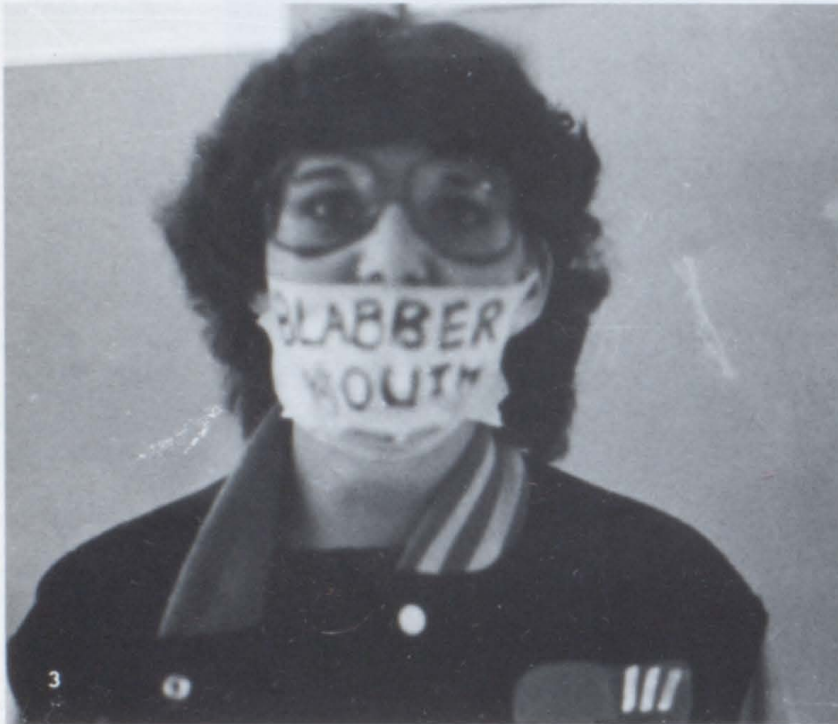
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Sue Wolf



1. Troy Reidel, Brad Stewart, Mike Sipes, and Donny Younger enjoy their lunch hour by sitting around and watching the others walk around.
2. Tammy Herman stops for a picture on her way to class.
3. Melissa Flax takes time out for a picture.







1. Karen Fox works hard trying to get her biology done.
2. Annette Augustine supervises lunch.
3. Stephanie Martin displays her talent in winning the Miss Blabbermouth contest.
4. Photographer catches Lucinda Armbruster at one of her unusual poses.
5. Kendra Mixer enjoys the last bite of her pickle.





# Making Tracks

## FRESHMEN



The first day of school is always looked forward to by the Freshmen. Although many were scared, they all got over their fear soon.

Randy Honas said, "I was a little scared the first day but I wasn't for long. I like it a lot better than junior high." Greg Younger and Dallas Armbruster also like high school a lot more than junior high.

Dallas commented "I like being able to pick my own classes."

Myrna McClelland said, "I felt like an outsider the first day. After lunch it began to get better. I like being able to watch all the good looking guys in the halls."

The class really pulled together and were able to organize their time to get their float built. They received third place. They all enjoyed the homecoming activities and are looking forward to next year.

This year the freshmen class was led by president; Lonny Augustine, vice president; Amanda Groff, secretary and treasurer; Randy Honas.





Dallas Armbruster  
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 Lonny Augustine  
 Patrick Augustine



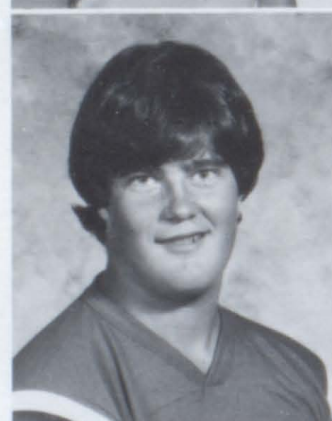
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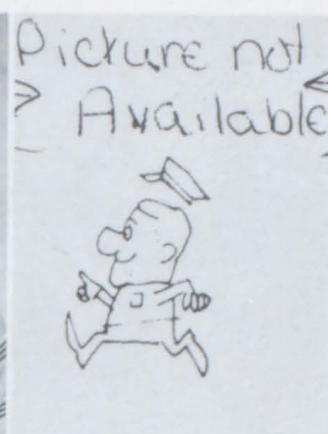
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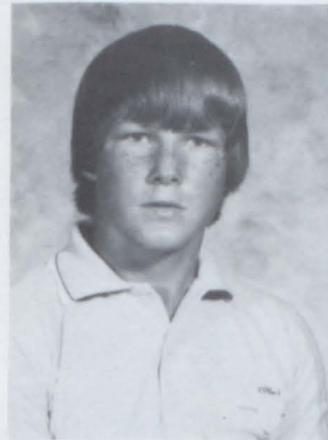
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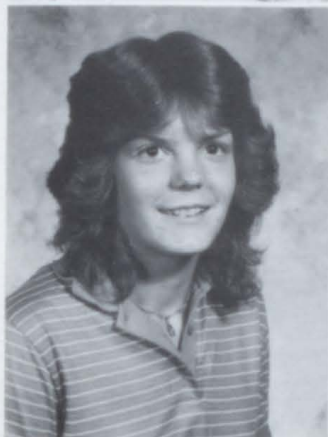




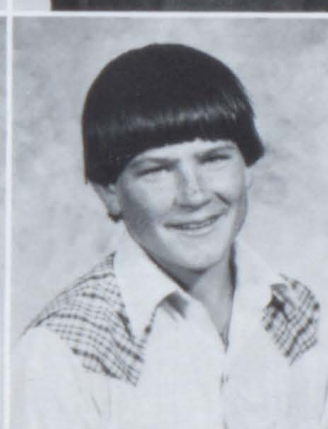
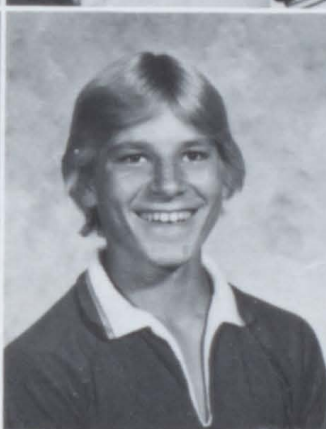
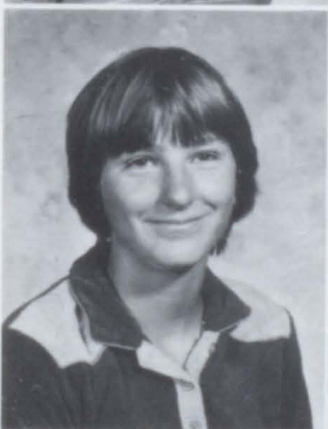
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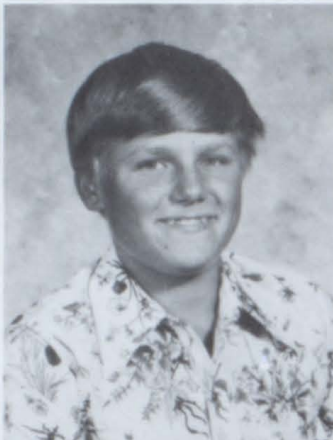
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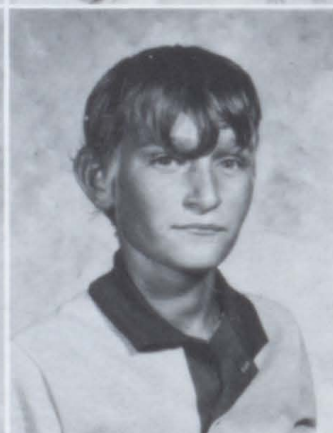
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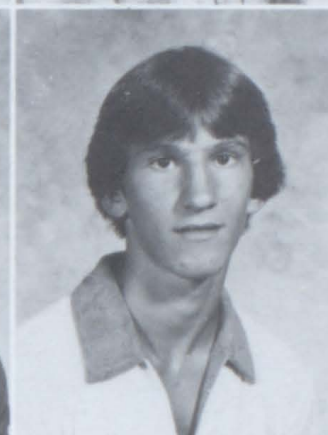
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Donnie Younger  
Greg Younger



1. Alex Begler, Randy Pfeifer, Stan Kinderknecht, and Kevin O'Rourke Discuss their typing assignment.
2. Wes King receives the kick-off and is ready to run it back.
3. Photographer Tim Huck takes time out for his own picture.







1. Debbie Barenburg and Myrna McClelland pause to smile for the camera.
2. Donna Schoenthaler is shocked by the camera.
3. Darlene Redden thinks she is camera shy.
4. Candra Engel is ready to say something to the photographer that's not printable.
5. Dallas Armbruster receives his 2nd place medal at the Osborne tournament.



# Conductors Keep Things On Track



R. D. Rorabaugh, superintendent, pauses to answer a question about the scheduling of activities.



Kathy Atkins, district secretary, totals expenditures of the school district.



George Bray, principal, pleased by the tranquility of the day, gives a smile.



Dorothy Waldschmidt, school secretary, is kept busy counting daily lunch tickets.





Mr. Bill Dietz, Band teacher, gives the band a five minute break after rehearsing all morning. The thing Mr. Dietz will always remember about this year is "receiving a one rating for the second year in a row at Hutchinson."



Mrs. Virginia Duell, Home Economics teacher, leads discussion in her family living class. She stated, "The thing I will remember most about this year is the Junior play and my students' involvement in the parliamentary procedure contest."



Mr. Stan Faulkender, art teacher, shows his imitation of a determined, furious wrestler after losing a match. The most memorable thing to Mr. Faulkender this year was "putting up the latch hook and having the boys' basketball team begin winning."



Mrs. June Glantz, math and business teacher, who is very camera shy smiles prettily for the camera. "The best part of this year was when I got all the neat senior boys and girls for my computer class," commented Mrs. Glantz.



Mrs. Donna Henry, English and journalism teacher, is caught off guard as she is helping students with the corrections in the school newspaper. The highlight of this year for Mrs. Henry was "getting married, moving to a new town and starting a new job all within three weeks."



Mr. Mike Hulse, science teacher, listens to an answer given in his Biology class. "Winning the cross country meet at Plainville and getting third at state" was the highlight of Mr. Hulse's year.

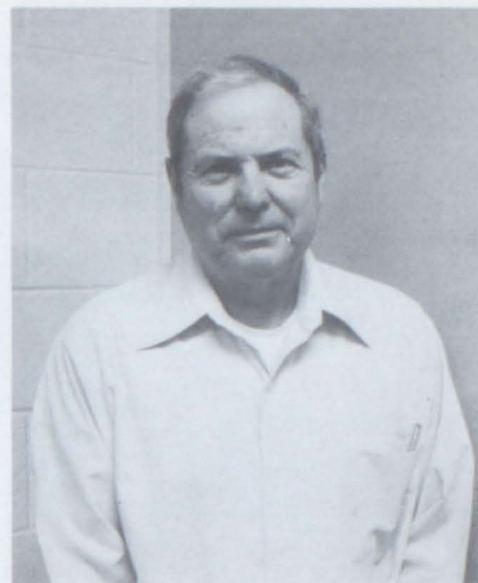




Mr. John Kolacny, history teacher, sits back and enjoys his fourth hour law class. He is looking forward to a good golf season.



Mrs. Irene Kroeger, business teacher, is surprised that one of her students would like to have a day off. This year Mrs. Kroeger used a different technique in typing by not letting her students use the eraser until the last nine weeks. "I've gotten a lot of good typists this way," she stated.



Mr. Arlen Mills, math teacher, looks forward to another day of exciting classes. He said, "I will always remember my classes. I enjoyed all of them."



Ms. Kathy Moyer, learning disability teacher, prepares for her classes. The most memorable experience for the year was when she went down an intermediate ski slope for the first time.



Mr. Eldon Pfeifer, vocational agriculture teacher, watches as his class works on their different projects. The highlight of his year was when "I brought the most at the slave auction." He brought \$110.00.



Ms. Norma Reichardt, foreign language teacher, answers her students' question about their new assignment. She enjoyed the foreign language week and the participation of the students.





Ms. Kathy Schramm, speech/drama and photography teacher, watches one of her photography student's slide show. The events she will remember most were "the ski trip and the junior play, although there were several others. It was a great year."



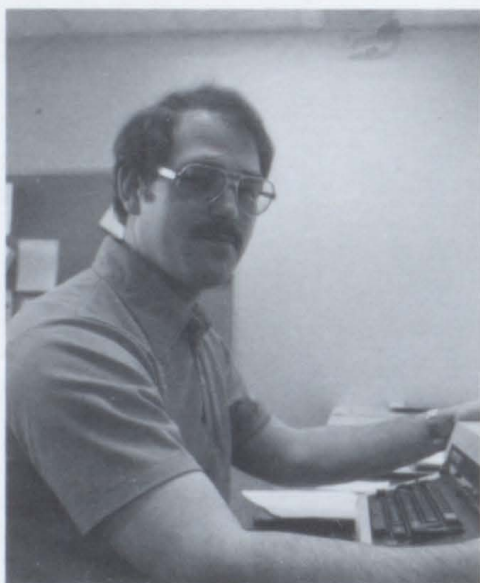
Ms. Elaine Skolaut, vocal music teacher, listens to see if her chorus class is on key. The highlight of this year was "Rail-airres" one during contest and the melodrama theater which went well."



Ms. Anna Wetzel, English teacher, gives her class an assignment and then sits back and watches them work. The highlight of her year was "when the Friday night senior play was over and everything went well."



Mrs. Virginia Woodruff, counselor and psychology/sociology teacher, helps the students decide what classes they need for the next year. "Winning first round at substate volleyball" is what she will always remember.



Mr. Steve Woodruff, physical education and drivers education teacher, types up a test for his Drivers' Ed. class. "The victory over Quinter after four overtimes and also the victory over Ness City was my highlight," replied Mr. Woodruff.



Mr. Terry Zervas, woodworking and mechanical drawing teacher, sits back and watches his students from his office. Mr. Zervas will always remember "the time the Ellis football team beat Trego at Wakeeney."



# Behind the Scenes Fuel



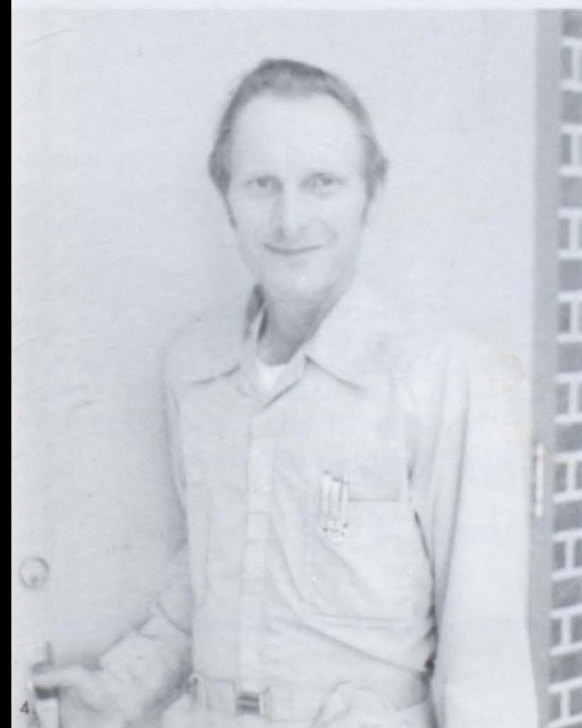
1. Mrs. Sherry Faulkender, school librarian, aids students in locating needed materials along with her other various responsibilities.

2. Mrs. Ginger Fabrizius, assistant librarian, is in charge of the library in the afternoon.

3. Cooks from L. to R.: Mrs. Margret Fondoble, Mrs. Barbara King and Mrs. Caroline Schumm prepare to bake the rolls for lunch.

4. Mr. Gilbert Augustine, school custodian, prepares to check auditorium for any trash following the junior play.

5. Mr. Charlie Waldschmidt, school custodian, takes a break after sweeping the floor.







1. School board members L. to R.: Leonard Day, Paul Armbruster, Ernest Pfeifer, R. D. Rorabaugh (superintendent), Eddie Waldschmidt, G. A. Surface, Art Honas and Rod Clark, take a few minutes out of their meeting for a picture.



2. Mr. Faulkender, the talented art teacher, shows off in the library by doing his famous back flip.

3. Ms. Reichart, Ms. Moyer, Roger Perkins and Mrs. Woodruff are all busy doing their different activities in the lounge.

4. Busdrivers L. to R.: Raymond Kroeger, Leonard Erbert, Joe Locker, (bus superintendent) Jody Patten, Ted Gerber, Bertie Powell, Art Kroeger, Patty Pattee, Bob Armbruster, and Bergis Beeler.



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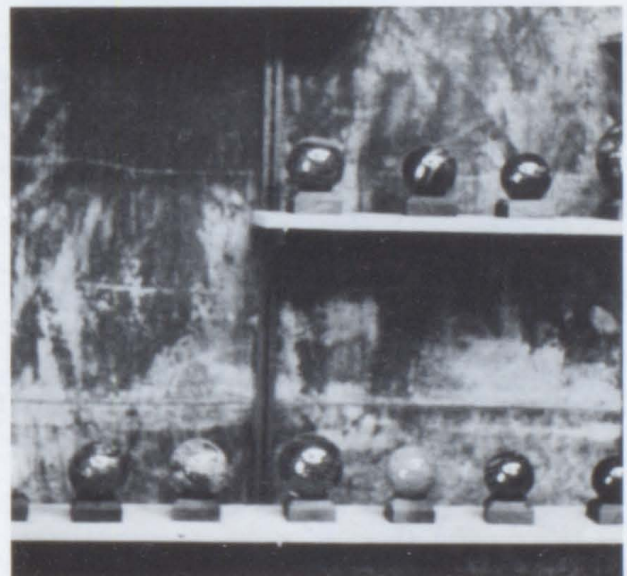
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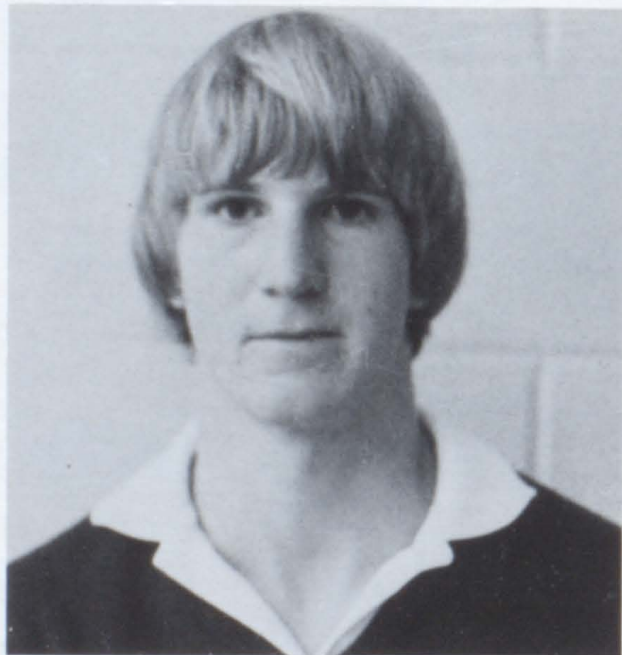
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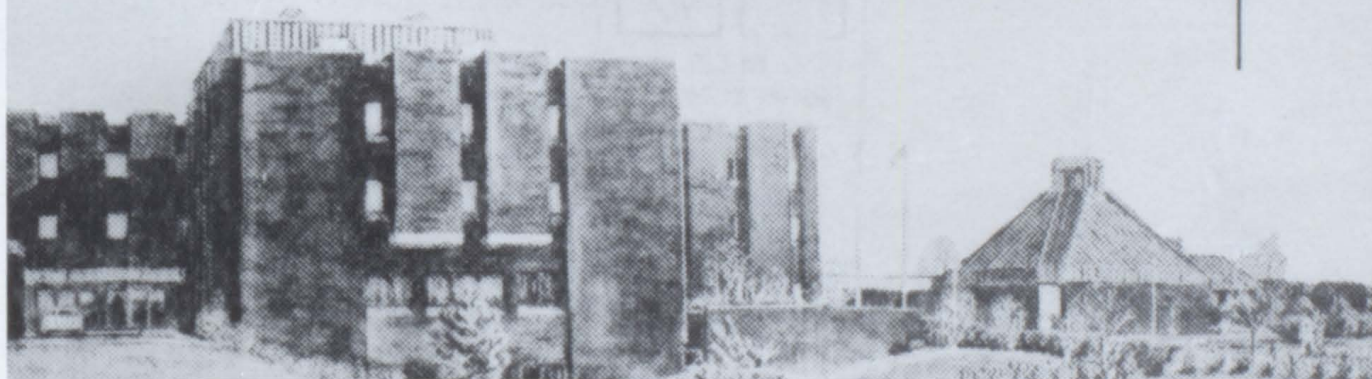
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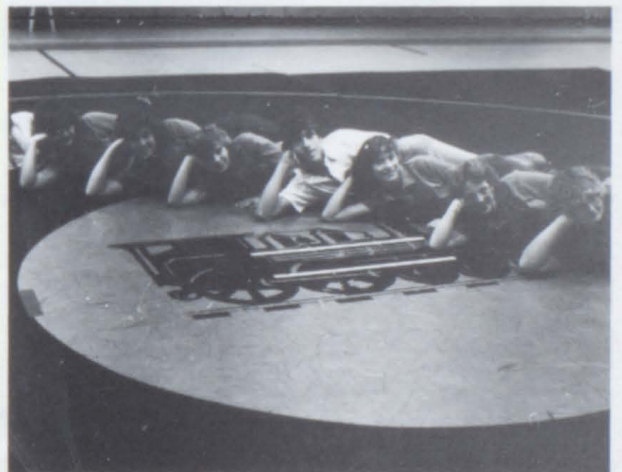
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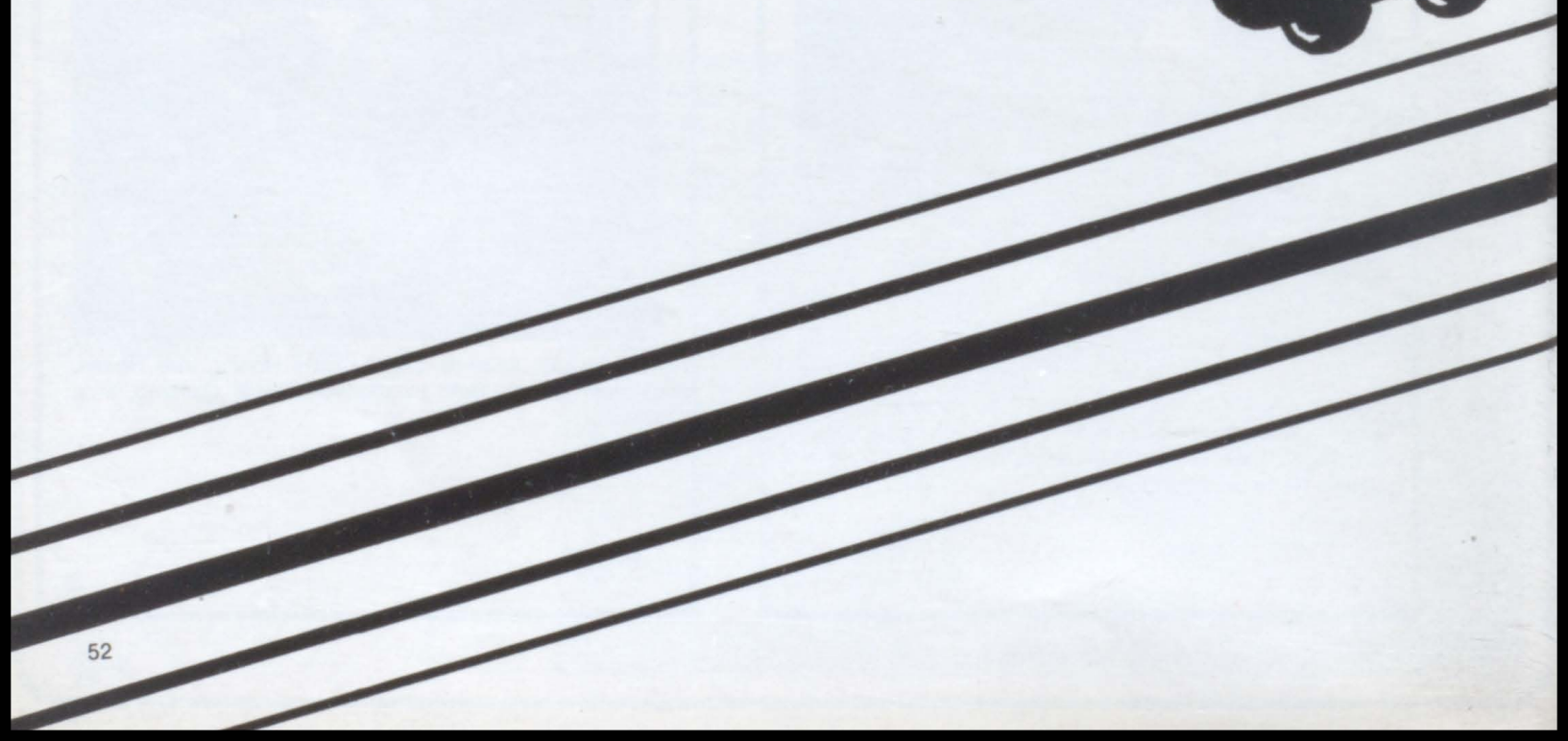
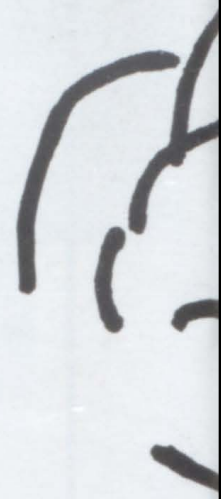
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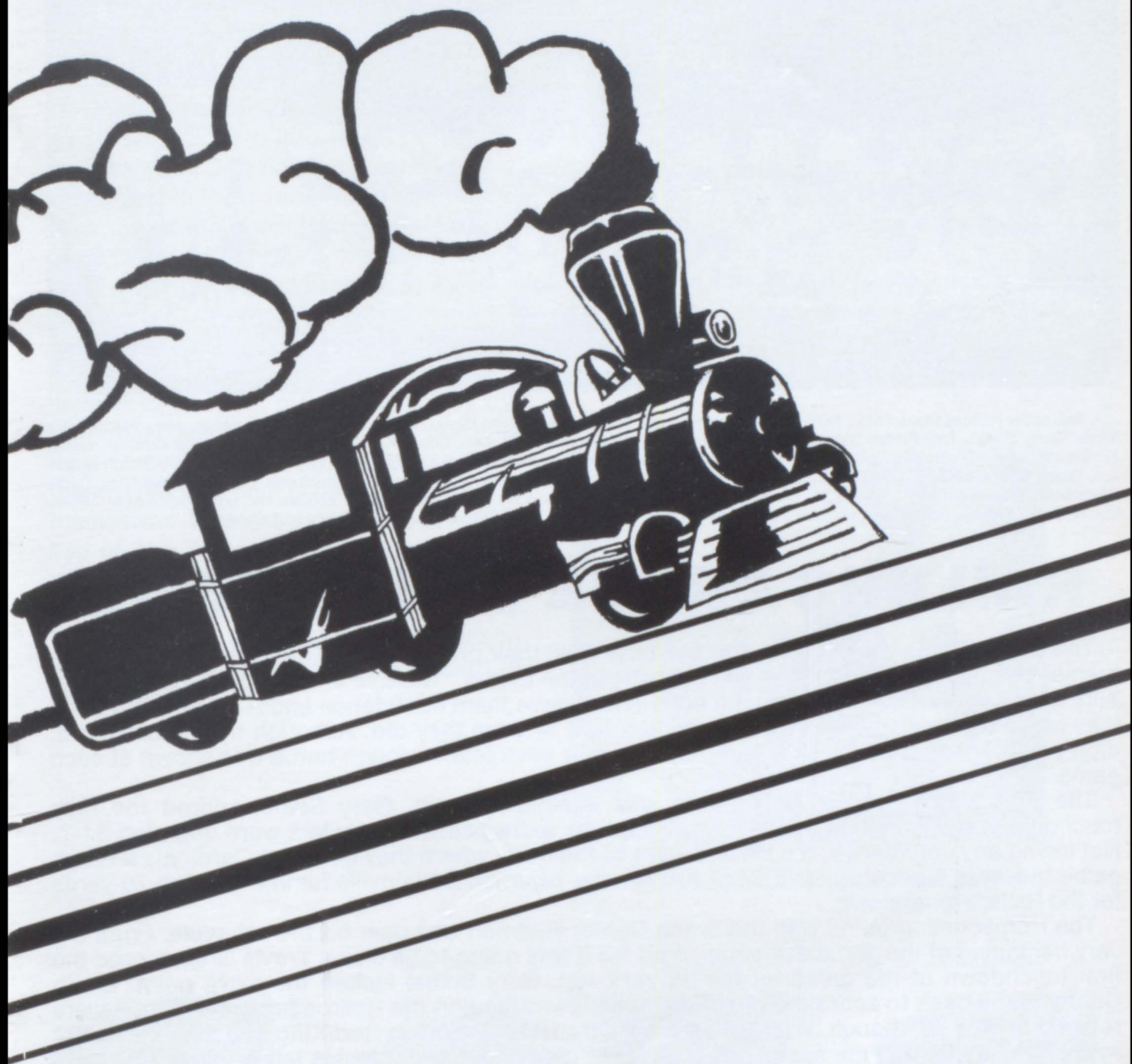


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1. Railroader football team: FIRST ROW L to R, Bob Younger, Brad Stewart, Sean Dinkel, Eddie Light, Lonny Augustine, Jerry Pfeifer, Mike Sipes, Randy Honas, Troy Reidel, Dana Hewett, and Chad Dinkel. SECOND ROW, Asst. Coach Kelly Cruise, Head Coach Bill Coffman, Dallas Armbruster, Loran Gottschalk, Jeff Augustine, Troy Schoenthaler, Rick Aschenbrenner, Stan Flinn, Alex Begler, Don Younger, David Henderson, Duane Schoenberger, THIRD ROW, Kevin O'Rourke, Wayne Kohl, Gary Seibel, Troy Kuppertz, Keith Honas, Rod King, Wes King, Curtis Gottschalk, Brian Weber, FOURTH ROW, Darren Riedel, Rex Befort, Preston Wolf, Earl Mayes, Matt Armbruster, Dean Gottschalk, Johnny Befort, Galen Herman, Randy Herman, Travis Groff, Steve Dietz, John Begler, Kevin Weber, and Bryon Houghton, manager.

## RAILERS PROVE THEME TRUE

This year was the year that the football boys built their pride and confidence back up. To give themselves the determination to win they chose the theme "The Eye of the Tiger" for the team. This theme was chosen because the boys said it gave them confidence and it made them think they could achieve anything they wanted to, and achieve they did. Although their record, 3-6, didn't say very much, the effort and desire to give each team a tough battle was shown at each game.

The first match for the Railroaders was against Victoria. Gary Seibel scored the only touchdown for Ellis that night. He also kicked the extra point. The Rainers were defeated 31-7. Not losing any confidence, the Rainers went to Plainville where they gave the Cardinals a tough game but were outscored 12-6. Matt Armbruster returned a Plainville fumble and ran 70 yards for the Rainer's touchdown.

The Homecoming game with the Smith Center Redmen was next on the schedule. From the very beginning of the game everyone could tell it was going to be close. Travis Groff scored the first touchdown of the game on the 25 yard run. Gary Seibel kicked the extra point. Smith Center came back to score the next two touchdowns leading the Railroaders 14-7. The Rainers refused to give up, though. With a 4 yard pass from Rex Befort to Rod King and the extra point made by Gary Seibel, the score was tied 14-14 with about two minutes left to play. With both teams fighting hard against each other for the win, Smith Center advanced closer and closer to their goal.

With four seconds left on the clock the Redman scored the goal from their one foot line to win the game 21-14. With heads hung low and spirits dampened, the fans started to disperse. The Rainers, though, ran off the field with their heads high because they knew they had played a good game and had barely been beaten.

"We played a tough and physical game. It also made us feel good when the Smith Center coach said that his kids had never been physically beaten like the night when they played us," said Senior Johnny Befort.



Next, the Railroaders traveled to Osborne where they received a loss of 6-0. Returning home to meet Hill City proved to be rewarding as they defeated them 14-12. The winning TD was scored in the last ten seconds of the game by a 26 yard pass from Rex Befort to Wes King.

October 15th was a special day for the Rainers as it was the day they clobbered their arch rival, the Trego Golden Eagles. To make the victory even sweeter was the fact that it was their Homecoming. A 55 yard pass from Rex Befort to Randy Herman put the Rainers in the lead 6-0. When the final buzzer went off Travis Groff had scored yet another touchdown for the team, beating their opponents 14-6.

"It was the best game we ever had. We really kicked their rears," stated Travis Groff.

The Rainers went into district playoffs with a record of 2-4. They tried their hardest against Ness City but were defeated 7-12. When the Railroaders went to Kinsley they were looking for a win. Travis Groff scored the first TD on a one yard run. Gary Seibel then kicked a 30 yard field goal setting a new school record. A 25 yard pass from Travis Groff to Wes King made the score complete. Ellis won with a score of 16-0. "It was a good game but we didn't score as much as we should have," said Gary Seibel.

When Ellis returned to their own ground to meet Ellinwood, they knew they had a tough game ahead of them. The Rainers tried their hardest that night but lost 20-7.

The Rainers had a tough season this year. They may not have had the record they would have liked to have, but the wins they did have they were very proud of because they knew they had fought hard to get them. They not only proved to us, but to themselves that they could catch "The Eye of The Tiger." Coach Coffman said, "Coaches and players will be able to look back to all the hard work and emotions that went into this past football season and say with pride that they were a part of Ellis football in 1982."



Coach Coffman and Coach Cruise relax while posing for a picture.

Jerry Pfeifer



Travis Groff



Rod King



Brian Weber







1. Randy Herman is made to jump high to catch a pass thrown to him during the Smith Center-Ellis game.
2. The Railroader defense prepares to stop Plainville from scoring.

Johnny Befort

Dean Gottschalk



Stan Flinn

Steve Dietz

Wayne Kohl

John Begler



Gary Seibel

Galen Herman

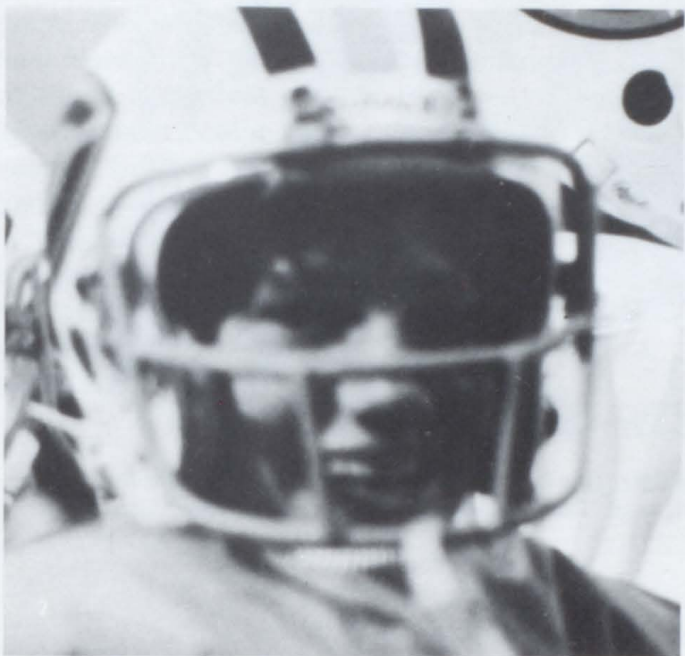
Randy Herman

Preston Wolf





# YOUNG RAILERS GAIN EXPERIENCE



1. An Ellis Player intercepts a pass from the Ringnecks as other players block.
2. Lonny Augustine, freshman, takes some time out of a game to pose for a picture.
3. Coach Coffman, Alex Begler and Troy Riedel watch intently as the Railroaders move closer toward their goal.
4. Coach Cruise watches closely as the Rainers start a play.

The B-team football team, although not winning a game, had a lot of confidence and determination.

Their first go around was with the Hill City Ringnecks. They put up a tough fight but lost the game 27-0.

Undaunted, the Rainers played Plainville in a close game but ended up losing 14-7. Duane Schoenberger scored the only touchdown.

Victoria was next on the list. Try as they did, they couldn't seem to stop the Knights from scoring. It was a heart-breaking 28-0 loss.

The Quinter bulldogs proved to have a tough team as they beat Ellis 42-7.

Although they didn't win any games, the Rainers gained quite a bit of experience and will be back next year for revenge.

## JV Football

	US	THEM
Hill City	0	27
Plainville	7	14
Victoria	0	28
Quinter	7	42

## Varsity Football

	US	THEM
Victoria	7	31
Plainville	6	12
Smith Center	14	21
Osborne	0	6
Hill City	14	12
Wakeeney	14	6
Ness City	7	12
Kinsley	16	0
Ellinwood	7	20





# CAN YOU DIG IT?



Front Row: Patty Honas, Second Row: Coach Ginny Woodruff, Helen Redden, Dee Dee Armbruster, Mindy Windholz, Chonda Engel, Third Row: Beverly Sipes, Amanda Groff, Annette Erbert, Asst. Coach Kathy Schramm, Fourth Row: Lisa Bongartz, Fifth Row: Sue Wolf, Shelly Gilliland, Wanda King.

## YEAH!

Shelly Gilliland

Wanda King





# Can You Dig it?

The 1982 volleyball team ended its season with a 6-12 overall record. The B-team ended its season with a 2-6 record. There were many exciting moments in the season that were not reflected in the win-loss record. One of the first highlights was the LaCrosse Tournament. At the end of the day the Ellis volleyball team found itself playing for first place against Plainville. This was the first time the girls had ever played for first place in a volleyball tournament. Although they lost, it will be a day not soon forgotten. Another highlight was when they played LaCrosse at LaCrosse and the varsity reached one of its season goals of shutting the other team out in one game. The girls then went on to win the match. The final highlight of the season was winning the first round at Sub-State against Plainville. They had already been beaten twice by them in the regular season, but the Ellis girls took the match in two games. In doing this, the team met its season goal.

"The team has come so far in two years it is hard to believe that they are the same girls. They have improved on their skills and their knowledge of the game which is reflected in our improving record," said Coach Ginny Woodruff.



Chonda Engel and Shelly Gilliland look on as their team fights for a victory.

ELLIS	OPPONENT	THEM	W or L
3-4	McCracken	15-15	L
9-14	Hill City	15-16	L
12-15-15	LaCrosse	15-6-9	W
16-15	Quivira Heights	14-11	W
3-14	Plainville	15-16	L
7-9	Plainville	15-15	L
15-10-13	TMP/Marian	11-15-15	L
15-15	Victoria	3-10	W
9-15-9	Lewis	15-8-15	L
13-8	Pawnee Heights	15-15	L
15-15	Bazine	8-1	W
4-16-7	Trego	15-14-15	L
15-8-8	Otis-Bison	17-15-15	L
4-2	Hill City	15-15	L
2-5	McCracken	15-15	L
15-15	LaCrosse	0-10	W
15-15	Plainville	10-13	W
1-6	Osborne	15-15	L

## B-Team

10-3	McCracken	15-15	L
15-15	Hill City	4-1	W
4-17	Plainville	15-15	L
8-6	TMP/Marian	15-15	L
15-15	Victoria	2-8	W
4-16-12	Trego	15-14-15	L
12-15-11-12	Otis-Bison	15-12-15-15	L
8-15-3	McCracken	15-12-15	L



Sue Wolf goes after the ball as her teammates look on.





Coaches Woodruff and Schramm watch their team warm up.



Beverly Sipes in action, returning the volleyball.



Wanda King spikes the ball as teammates Shelly Gilliland and Lisa Bongartz await the outcome.



Lisa Bongartz goes up to block the ball while her teammates back her up.



Helen Redden is awaiting the serve.



The team takes a timeout to pose for a picture.



# THE THRILL OF VICTORY



1. Jeff Honas crosses the finish line at MCL to take first place.
2. The team takes time out to pose for a picture after receiving their first place plaque at MCL.

The thrill of victory is exactly what the Ellis Cross County team experienced this year. Led by senior Jeff Honas, the "Running Railers" brought home three firsts, two seconds and four thirds. This included first at MCL, second at Regionals, and third at State.

"The Running Railers," as their coach Mike Hulse called them, were made up of eight seniors, one sophomore and two freshmen.

"For all the hard work and dedication they put into their season, the boys deserved what they achieved, plus a lot more," stated Coach Hulse.

This was the first time in the last three years that the entire team was able to attend the state meet. The boys brought home a third place trophy and memories they'd never forget. As senior Wayne Bongartz put it, "Being able to go to state made all the pain worth it."

Jeff Honas

Wayne Bongartz

Brent Stegman

Troy Hallagin







Back Row: Coach Mike Hulse, Paul Patten, Troy Hallagin, Shawn Ray, Brent Stegman, Frank Boutin. Front Row: Mark Dinkel, Jeff Honas, Wayne Bongartz, Trent Hallagin, Greg Younger



Wayne Bongartz sprints his way to a seventh place victory at MCL.



The state team make their last minute rounds before the race begins.



Troy Hallagin and Paul Patten stride out to keep their twelfth and fourteenth place positions as they head for the finish line.



Jeff Ptaschek concentrates on the mile and a half he still has to run.

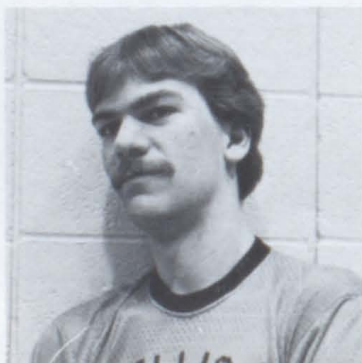


Brent Stegman gives it his all as he runs for the finish line.

Mark Dinkel



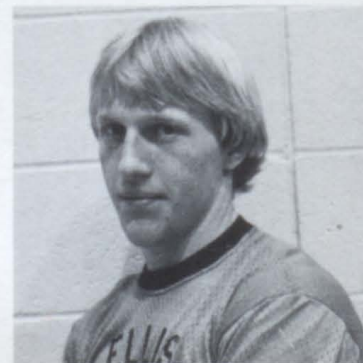
Shawn Ray



Frank Boutin



Jeff Ptaschek





### Ellis Triangular — 2nd

Jeff Honas — 3rd	11:07
Brent Stegman — 5th	11:27
Wayne Bongartz — 7th	11:32
Troy Hallagin — 8th	11:35
Paul Patten — 13th	12:13
Mark Dinkel — 14th	12:23
Greg Younger — 20th	13:13
Shawn Ray — 25th	14:13
Trent Hallagin — 32nd	16:54

### Plainville Invitational — 1st

Jeff Honas — 3rd	10:46
Brent Stegman — 7th	11:04
Troy Hallagin — 12th	11:19
Wayne Bongartz — 13th	11:20
Paul Patten — 25th	11:46
Mark Dinkel — 34th	12:06
Shawn Ray — 53rd	13:38

### JV

Greg Younger	13:21
Trent Hallagin	13:47

### Oakley Invitational — 2nd

Jeff Honas — 2nd	10:36
Brent Stegman — 4th	10:54
Wayne Bongartz — 6th	11:06
Paul Patten — 10th	11:13
Mark Dinkel — 23rd	11:52

### JV

Frank Boutin	12:30
Greg Younger	13:08
Trent Hallagin	13:15

### Hill City Invitational — 3rd

Jeff Honas — 1st	10:49
Brent Stegman — 8th	11:04
Wayne Bongartz — 13th	11:16
Paul Patten — 24th	11:39
Troy Hallagin — 30th	11:47
Mark Dinkel — 34th	11:55
Frank Boutin — 54th	12:36

### JV

Jeff Ptasehek — 9th	12:29
Shawn Ray — 24th	13:27
Greg Younger — 28th	13:32
Trent Hallagin — 30th	13:42

### Hays High Invitational — 3rd

Jeff Honas — 2nd	10:38
Brent Stegman — 7th	10:54
Wayne Bongartz — 14th	11:01
Troy Hallagin — 19th	11:08
Paul Patten — 21st	11:20
Jeff Ptasehek — 36th	12:08

### JV

Frank Boutin	12:22
Shawn Ray	13:29
Trent Hallagin	13:44

### Norton Invitational — 1st

Jeff Honas — 2nd	10:08
Brent Stegman — 5th	10:26
Paul Patten — 8th	10:36
Wayne Bongartz — 9th	10:42
Troy Hallagin — 16th	11:00
Jeff Ptasehek — 18th	11:08
Shawn Ray — 26th	12:37

### M.C.L. — 1st

Jeff Honas — 1st	10:14
Brent Stegman — 6th	10:46
Wayne Bongartz — 7th	10:47
Paul Patten — 12th	11:01
Troy Hallagin — 14th	11:04
Jeff Ptasehek — 19th	11:23
Shawn Ray — 31st	12:51

### Regional — 2nd

Jeff Honas — 1st	10:49
Brent Stegman — 15th	11:28
Wayne Bongartz — 17th	11:30
Paul Patten — 22nd	11:47
Troy Hallagin — 31st	12:04
Jeff Ptasehek — 32nd	12:06
Mark Dinkel — 37th	12:22

### State — 3rd

Jeff Honas — 7th	10:11
Wayne Bongartz — 20th	10:34
Brent Stegman — 22nd	10:35
Paul Patten — 44th	10:52
Jeff Ptasehek — 57th	11:12
Troy Hallagin — 68th	11:23
Mark Dinkel — 74th	11:31



# COULD IT BE MAGIC?

Could it be the magic of the girls new coach, Mike Hulse, that made the E.H.S. girls' basketball team take a step forward this year? Nobody really knows, but the girls learned how to play as a team, hustle on defense, and believe in themselves.

The girls started the season out with one purpose in mind; to get better each game. From the first game against Ness City to the fifth game (Osborne), they had accomplished that goal.

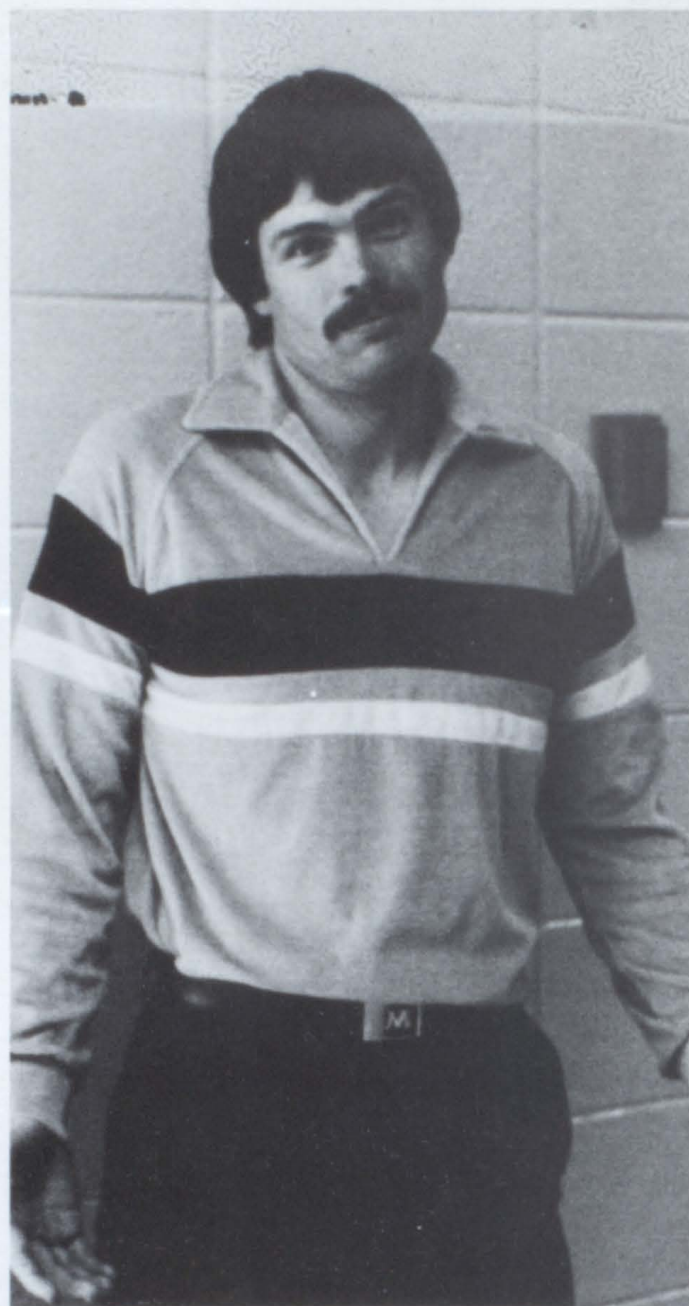
After Christmas the pieces started falling in place. The girls played hard and almost pulled out a win at LaCrosse, but lost 41-47.

Next came Victoria and the girls came away with a 31-25 victory.

The next action came at the MCL Tournament against Phillipsburg. The Railerettes were ready to play as they soundly defeated the Panthers 35-24, to advance into the next round. The team they faced was the number one seed, Norton. Although Norton won the game 57-34, the Railerettes showed much improvement from their earlier meeting. This improvement would be the symbol of the Railer gals.

Examples of this were evident in games against Hill City, ranked seventh in the state at the time, which led only 20-21 at the end of three quarters, and a 40-26 win over Victoria.

As coach Mike Hulse put it, "Throughout the year, improvements were made and progress noted. The girls worked hard and learned much about basketball this year. Hopefully, this year will serve as the foundation for a proud tradition in girls' basketball at Ellis."



Mr. Hulse shrugs his shoulders to the question, "Can he do magic?"

Amy Lieker



Shelly Gilliland



Wanda King  
All-League Honorable  
Mention







Front Row: L. Keller, B. Sipes, A. Erbert, P. Honas, R. Aschenbrenner, Middle Row: M. Brack, D. Armbrister, C. Wasinger, L. Bongartz, K. Ray, Back Row: S. Gilliland, W. King, A. Lieker.



Maryl in live action shooting the ball.



Shelly and Wanda watch Annette muscle through the Trego girls to put up her shot.



Patty jumps high to fight for the rebound.



Cheryl uses all she has to out jump her opponent.



Wanda takes time out to pose for the picture.





Cheryl and Lisa await Bev's next graceful move.



Bev shows all of the Phillipsburg girls how to shoot the ball the right way.



Annette concentrates on her freethrow as Shelly awaits the outcome.

US	A-Team	THEM
21	Ness City	38
17	Norton	42
21	Trego	32
23	Stockton	44
34	Osborne	42
41	LaCrosse	48
31	Victoria	25
MCL		
35	Phillipsburg	24
34	Norton	57
41	Phillipsburg	45
19	Trego	62
18	Plainville	40
20	Quinter	42
21	Hill City	38
40	Victoria	26
29	Smith Center	58
33	Oakley	64
33	Ness City	42
	Sub-State	
23	Osborne	45



Cheryl moves in for the power shot while Lisa looks on.



Lisa and Amy go for the fast break against Phillipsburg.





Front Row: M. McClelland, R. Aschenbrenner, S. Wolf, Middle Row: L. Siebel, D. Armbrister, T. Rupp, L. Metzler, L. Boos, Back Row: K. Ray, L. Keller, K. Wasinger, T. Fuller, K. Flax.

The Jr. Varsity girls' basketball team started and ended the season on a winning note. They learned many important lessons which will benefit them next year. Mr. Hulse commented, "These girls need to continue working on fundamentals and keep hustling. These girls have a lot of potential but it has to be used to make next year as successful as we would like."



Front Row: T. Rupp, L. Boos, Middle Row: M. McClelland, L. Metzler, T. Fuller, Back Row: K. Flax, K. Wasinger.

The 1982-83 Freshmen girls' basketball team showed much improvement and promise this year. The freshman team lost some close games but they never gave up and they never quit trying to improve. Mr. Hulse stated, "If they work hard to improve their fundamentals and as they gain experience the girls will make next year a very competitive one."

US	B-Team	THEM
36	Ness City	32
19	Norton	23
19	Trego	25
31	Stockton	11
24	Osborne	22
26	Victoria	17
16	Phillipsburg	44
20	Trego	50
13	Plainville	32
29	Quinter	35
15	Hill City	23
26	Smith Center	33
11	Oakley	45
28	Ness City	19



Dee Dee looks for help as she is becoming surrounded by Smith Center players.



Myrna goes up for the jump ball as Dee Dee and Rhonda await the outcome.

US	Freshman	THEM
13	TMP	46
8	Hays	33
13	Trego	18
29	Plainville	31
15	Phillipsburg	23
17	Victoria	19



# DON'T STOP BELIEVING



The A-team boys' show their excitement by doing a group high five after they defeated Victoria in Sub-State action.

The boys' 1982-83 basketball season will be one not soon forgotten.

The season's excitement started with the Norton game. Norton was ranked first in the MCL. When the half-time buzzer rang, the Railers found themselves behind by seven. But by the time regulation play had ended, the Ellis Railers had rallied, tying the score at 53-53. Through the overtime, the Railers continued to outplay the Bluejays and ended up with a victory. This was to have been the start of a victorious season.

The next opponent the Railers faced were their arch-rivals, the Trego Golden Eagles. As the game started, the Railers took command and jumped into the lead. By the end of the third quarter however, the Eagles had tied the game at 44-44. The game ended in a dead lock forcing the two teams into overtime. The Railers were out scored 9-4 and lost the game.

As the season continued, the Railers kept falling to the same fate, the big "L;" Stockton, Osborne, LaCrosse, Victoria, and Smith Center at MCL. No matter how hard the boys tried, they always fell just a little too short.

Then came the Phillipsburg game. Suddenly everything they did seemed to go the right way once again. The Railers found themselves back in the win column.

Then it was time to play Trego again. This time it was a completely different story. The Railers led 17-11 by the end of the first quarter. The longer they played, the bigger their lead became. They ended up winning the game by 17 points.

It was the same story as the Railers rolled right by the Plainville Cards 56-40.

Next came the Quinter game. Ellis jumped out to take an early lead and kept that lead until the third quarter when the Bulldogs rallied to tie the game by the end of regulation play. In the first overtime, neither team could score, sending the game into a second overtime. The second overtime ended in a deadlock score. It was the same story at the end of the third overtime. Then finally in the fourth overtime, the Railers took the game by one point.

Next, the Railers had no problem taking care of the Hill City Ringnecks.

Joe Waldschmidt  
All-League Honorable Mention



Steve Dietz  
All-League Honorable Mention



Eddie Dinkel  
All-League Honorable Mention





# DON'T STOP BELIEVING

Moving on, the Railers' next opponent was once again the Victoria Knights. The Railers were looking for revenge for their previous defeat. The boys took control from the first jump and by the end of the first quarter the score was 20-5. The Knights started to rally but the Railers remained poised and won the game.

Ellis rolled over Smith Center and proceeded to take on Oakley.

In the Oakley game, the boys could not get that last power surge that they needed, thus losing the game and ending their winning streak at seven.

The boys completed the regular season upsetting the Ness City Eagles who they had lost to in a previous meeting.

In the first round of Sub-State, the boys took on the Osborne Bulldogs. Ellis took control from the word go and advanced to meet the Victoria Knights. Victoria led throughout most of the game until the last minute when the Railers were able to tie the game. In the first overtime, the Railers kept control and won by one point, winning the right to move into the finals against Stockton.

From the first jumpball, Stockton had control, and led by as many as 14 points at half-time. Then, the Railers rallied back to come within one point, but just could not pull through and lost by two.

Even though that game ended their season, the Ellis boys had won the hearts of many and were the ones who quieted the "CREW" for good.



Randy does his famous fall away layup.



Mr. Woodruff plans his strategies.



Travis shows his stuff in the air.



Steve and Jeff box out their opponents for the rebound.

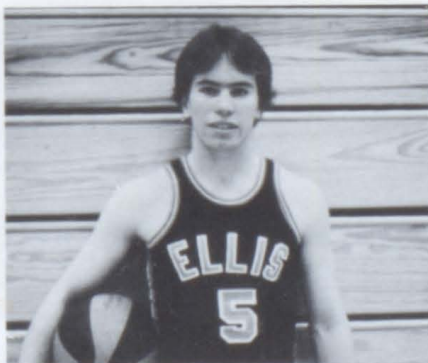


The team takes a timeout for a breather.

Randy Herman



Travis Groff



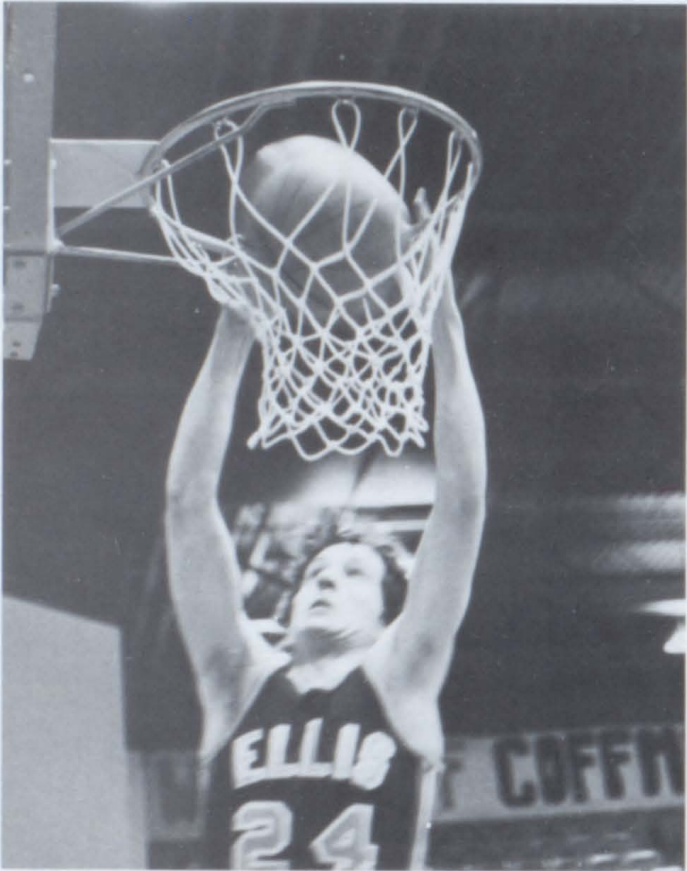
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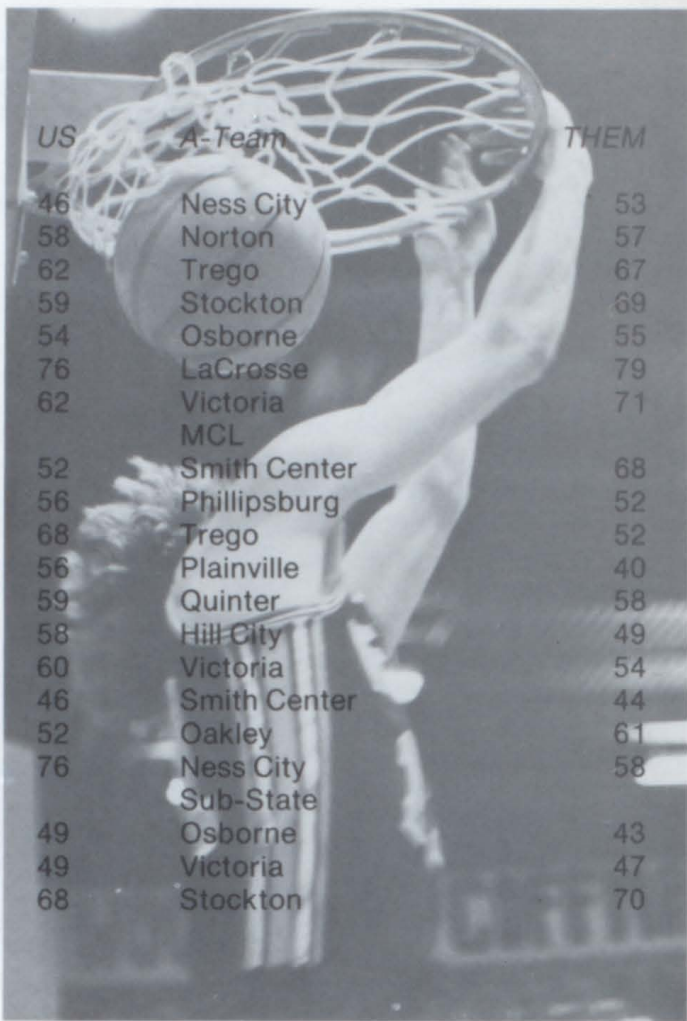




Front Row: S. Dietz, R. Aschenbrenner, R. Befort, P. Wolf,  
 Middle Row: J. Waldschmidt, B. Fuller, T. Groff, R. Her-  
 man, Back Row: G. Herman, E. Dinkel, J. Befort, J. Honas.



Jeff Honas with the look of determination on his face as he goes for the slam.



US	A-Team	THEM
46	Ness City	53
58	Norton	57
62	Trego	67
59	Stockton	69
54	Osborne	55
76	LaCrosse	79
62	Victoria	71
	MCL	
52	Smith Center	68
56	Phillipsburg	52
68	Trego	52
56	Plainville	40
59	Quinter	58
58	Hill City	49
60	Victoria	54
46	Smith Center	44
52	Oakley	61
76	Ness City	58
	Sub-State	
49	Osborne	43
49	Victoria	47
68	Stockton	70



Steve Dietz puts up a hook shot over the surprised Trego players.

Preston Wolf



Johnny Befort



Galen Herman







Front Row: K. Augustine, D. Ptasek, D. Schoenberger, T. Schoenthaler, C. Gottschalk, Middle Row: P. Patten, M. Weber, K. O'Rourke, R. Aschenbrenner, S. Kinderknecht, Back Row: W. King, B. Fuller, M. Armbruster, R. Befort, G. Martin.

The Ellis Jr. Varsity finished the 1982-83 season with a record of 10-6. The starters included junior Troy Schoenthaler, Rex Befort, Ricky Aschenbrenner, and Greg Martin, and sophomores Brett Fuller, Wes King and Matt Armbruster. These players supplied the Ellis fans with some exciting JV action and will move on to become the varsity main stay next season.



Front Row: L. Augustine, T. Hallagin, S. Dinkel, W. Parson, E. Light, T. Wiesner, Back Row: R. Honas, D. Desaire, B. Patten, J. Augustine, L. Gottschalk, G. Younger.

The Ellis Freshmen ended their season with a win over Victoria to raise their record to 4-8 and a third place finish in the Ellis Invitational Tournament. Lack of size hurt the Ellis effort, but the familiar hard work and determination were ever present.

## US

## B-Team

## THEM

50	Ness City
22	Norton
45	Trego
49	Stockton
51	Osborne
53	LaCrosse
23	Victoria
47	TMP
35	Hays
38	Phillipsburg
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Rex Befort looks for the right man to throw the ball to.



Loran Gottschalk concentrates as he gets ready to shoot a freethrow.

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# A Cheerleader's Work Is Never Done

The Varsity cheerleaders, who included Kelli Fabrizius, Captain, Beth Henrickson, Co-Captain, Lesli Howerton, Lesa Lang, Tina Boutin, Debbie Waldschmidt and Diane Light, worked on many new things this year including squad unity, new stunts and crowd involvement.

The cheerleaders attended DCA cheerleading camp on July 12-16 at Fort Hays. Some of the awards received included Best Routine, Outstanding Jumps and Stunts, Crowd Involvement and Super Squad.

Along with performing pep assemblies, working with money raising projects and building stunts the girls also appeared in the Fort Hays State parade and helped with the Special Olympics held at Hays.

Kelli Fabrizius said "It was the most fun year I have ever had in cheerleading. I thought our squad had a lot of fun cheering this year. But it was the closeness of the squad that made the year so much fun for me."

Four seniors graduated this year and helped with cheerleading tryouts. They were LaVonne Kuhn, Wrestling, Beth Henrickson, Lesli Howerton and Kelli Fabrizius, Varsity.

The Varsity cheerleaders have a lot to remember about their past year. Some things that stand out the most they all agreed on was all the fun they had at camp, staying at Kelli's house and trying to build the split stunt for the first time.



1. The Varsity cheerleaders get into the action at a pep assembly.

2. Lesa Lang practices one of her favorite jumps.



Kelli Fabrizius



Beth Henrickson



Lesli Howerton



# Wrestling Cheerleaders Lead In Spirit



1. The wrestling cheerleaders take time out to eat during one of their breaks at a tournament.
2. Sandy Pfeifer and Karen Fox cheer for Dean at the State Wrestling Tournament.
3. Karen Fox, Tina Armbruster and Sandy Pfeifer discuss a match that took place at home.



LaVonne Kuhn

LaVonne Kuhn, Tina Armbruster, Karen Fox and Sandy Pfeifer were the new wrestling cheerleaders chosen for the 1982-83 year. All new to the squad, they knew they had a lot of work ahead of them.

Camp was the first thing that they worked hard for. All the work sure paid off when from July 19 to 23 they attended WCC camp in Hays. The squad received one superior and two excellent awards.

The wrestling cheerleaders also helped with pep assemblies, stunts and fund raising projects. They helped out the Jr. Varsity cheerleaders when their schedules were really full. The cheerleaders attended all Saturday wrestling tournaments as well as all other games.

LaVonne Kuhn, commented "We had a lot of fun and I thought the guys did a great job."

The wrestling cheerleaders had a lot of fun this year working together and cheering on the wrestlers to their many victories. They all agreed they would remember all the fun they had at camp; Sandy running down the hall with nothing much on, Beth cheering with them at the tournaments and changing the words to the cheers and Sandy stepping on Karen's shoe and screaming during a routine, the most about this year.





# JV Cheerleaders Support Railers

As the names of the new Jr. Varsity cheerleaders were announced thoughts ran through their minds of all the hard work and sacrifices that lay ahead in the year to come.

They started the year out by working over the summer preparing to attend camp at Salina on June 27-30. They received many honors including the Sparkle and Shine award and third place of excellence award. When school started they cheered for all the Jr. Varsity and freshman squads in all sports. Not only did they cheer for their own sports but they also helped plan and perform all pep assemblies, build stunts and participate in fund raising projects. The B-team squad consisted of Kendra Mixer, head, Allison Clark, Donna Schoenthaler and Tammy Herman.

When asked about the overall year Kendra Mixer commented "It was real exciting to cheer for the B-team boys and girls because they did so good. But most of all it was a very special year because of the three close friends I made."

The girls did a fine job this year while working together to achieve many of the goals they set for themselves. When asked what they remembered most about the year they all agreed that it was when Tammy did her retarded chicken during a pep assembly, when Randy Herman landed on Donna and Kendra during a basketball game, and when Donna and Allison got locked in their room at camp.



1. The B-team cheerleaders show off one of their favorite chants at a freshman game.
2. Mrs. Glantz gets into the fun at a pep assembly as she chases Donna Schoenthaler around with a lawn mower.
3. Allison Clark and Kendra Mixer perform one of the many skits done at a pep assembly.
4. Kendra Mixer, Allison Clark and Tammy Herman cheer the B-team on to a victory.





The 1982-83 wrestling squad includes Back Row L to R, Donny Younger, Alex Begler, Delmar Wolf, Randy Pfeifer, Dale Edwards, Jeff Wideman, Jerry Pfeifer, Gary Seibel and Wayne Kohl. Front Row L to R, Chad Dinkel, Dallas Armbruster, Mike Schoech, Kevin Weber, Kris Fox, Stan Flinn, Dean Gottschalk, Darrin Fischer, Kenny Schmidt and Mike Sipes. Not Pictured Mark Flax, Gary Fischer, Gary Luea, Monty Groff, Bobby Younger and Jamie Gerstner.

## Railer Wrestlers Bring Home More Trophies

The wrestlers decided this year they were going to achieve the many goals they set for themselves which included bringing home more trophies and more individual medals.

November 30, 1982 was the first time the wrestlers got to show everyone what they were made of. They entered into a triangular where they were beaten by Phillipsburg but turned around to beat Smith Center.

The wrestlers then took on the Norton Bluejays only to lose to them.

Not losing hope, the Railers attended the Osborne tournament where the team placed second among eight teams. Individual medals were given to Dallas Armbruster, 2nd, Chad Dinkel, 1st, Gary Fischer, 3rd, Kris Fox, 4th, Jerry Pfeifer, 2nd, Dean Gottschalk, 2nd, and Wayne Kohl, 2nd.

Encouraged by their placings, the Railers took on the Stockton Tigers. Although they gave them a tough battle, they suffered a heartbreaking loss.

Not giving up, the Railers wrestled against Hill City. It was a close battle throughout the entire match. After the 185 pound match the score was 30-29 in favor of Ellis. As Wayne Kohl stepped up to the mat to meet his opponent he knew it was all up to him. If he lost the team would lose but if he won, Ellis would win the match. Wayne pinned his opponent in the first period with 43 seconds left. "I just knew I couldn't lose with all the guys backing me. I felt really great after I won."



Next, the wrestlers took on Osborne. Even though they fought hard, they could not get by the Bulldogs.

The Phillipsburg tournament was next on the schedule. The Railroaders again placed second. Individual medal finishers were Mark Flax, 1st, Mike Sipes, Kris Fox, Jerry Pfeifer, Gary Seibel, Dean Gottschalk and Wayne Kohl all placing second and Chad Dinkel, Stan Flinn and Randy Pfeifer all placing third.

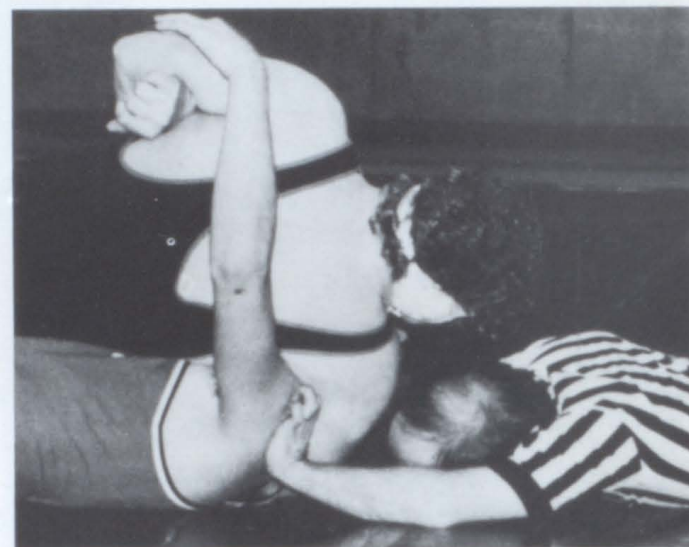
The WaKeeney Eagles were the next team to meet the Railers. The Railroaders were determined to beat their rivals. Although the Eagles tried their best, it just was not enough. The Ellis wrestlers had no trouble rolling over the Eagle wrestlers.

Moving on, the Railers entered into the MCL tournament held at Phillipsburg. Ellis had four wrestlers who placed in the top four. Mark Flax and Jerry Pfeifer both placed third while Wayne Kohl and Dean Gottschalk placed fourth.

Sub-State competition was held in Oberlin. The top four finishers of each weight class advanced to the state competition held in Hays. Dean Gottschalk was the only Railer who placed high enough to go.

The State tournament was held at Gross Memorial Coliseum for the class 1, 2, 3A teams. Dean's first match was to Adams of Beloit. He lost by a decision of 9-2. Adams went on to win the 167 state title. He lost his second match to Adams from Prairie View by a pin. When asked about the state tournament Dean commented, "It was fun getting there, it was exciting and something new. It was something the coach and I looked forward to all year. I wish I could have done a lot better."

All the Railer wrestlers did a good job this year. Even though they did not bring home all the medals they wished they could have, the wrestlers all had a very rewarding and learning year. When asked what he thought of the year, Coach Faulkender said "We had a fine season and I think the Senior boys will be successful in whatever they attempt because they are hard workers."



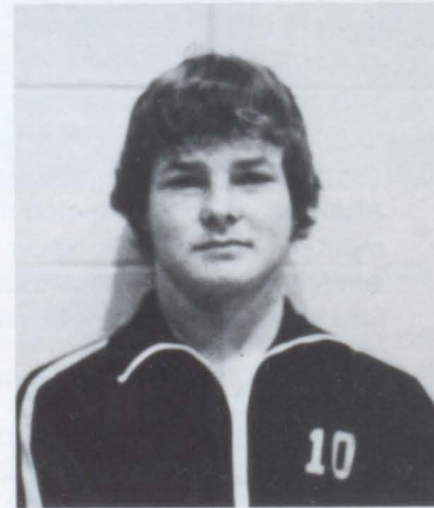
1. Coach Stan Faulkender gives Chad Dinkel some advice during a break in his match.
2. Wayne Kohl, HWT, awaits the slap of the referees hand signaling a pin.



Stan Flinn



Kris Fox



Dean Gottschalk





1. The Railer wrestlers find time to relax before their tournament matches.

2. Gary Fischer thinks fast as to how to get a reversal on his Plainville opponent.

3. Randy Pfeifer awaits the blow of the ref's whistle to take advantage of his top position.

4. A Railer wrestler looks to see how close he is to pinning his opponent.

5. Dean Gottschalk attempts to break free from his Beloit opponent during his first round at State competition.



Wayne Kohl



Jerry Pfeifer

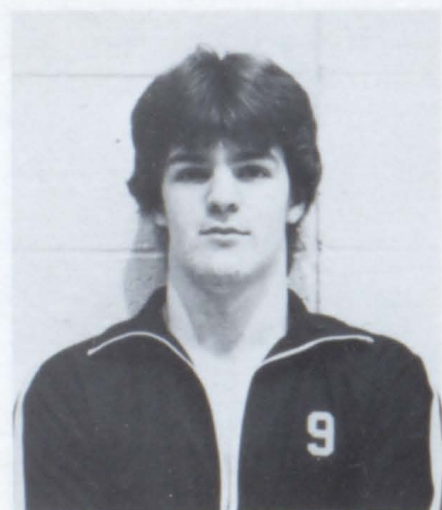


Gary Seibel





1. Coach Faulkender gives Dean Gottschalk a few words of encouragement before he wrestles his first round state match.
2. The wrestlers and cheerleaders take time out to pose with their second place trophy at the Osborne tournament.
3. Kris Fox watches anxiously as the referee signals him to get positioned.
4. Stan Flinn and Randy Pfeifer relax before entering second round of a
6. Dean Gottschalk looks to Coach Faulkender for advice during one of his tournament matches.



5. Jeff Wideman





# No One Can Stop Us Now!



Bottom Row: Lesli Howerton, Shelly Gilliland, Kendra Mixer, Terri Fuller, Myrna McClelland, Top Row: Tina Boutin, Bev Sipes, Wanda King, Coach Mike Hulse, Beth Henrickson, Michelle Kinderknecht.



Bottom Row: B. Stewart, W. King, R. Honas, K. O'Rourke, T. Hallagin, D. Schoenberger, M. Sipes. Middle Row: B. Fuller, K. Honas, L. Gottschalk, K. Sproul, J. Augustine, M. Weber, B. Patten, Coach Steve Woodruff. Top Row: B. Weber, T. Groff, J. Befort, J. Begler, S. Flinn, J. Honas, M. Armbruster, P. Patten.

The 1982-83 girl's and boy's track season opened on April 12 with the Stockton Invitational. It seemed like every time there was a track meet, it was either windy, cold or both. It would be nice the whole week before the day of the track meet, and then it would turn bad on track meet day. However, not even the weather stopped the Railer boys and girls from bringing home the gold.

The girls' team ran a little short this year, having eleven girls out, with only four seniors. Even though they were small in numbers, they were big in heart and gave it all they had.

The boys' team was made up of twenty-two boys, with six seniors. The highlight of the season for the boys was when they took first place at the Victoria track meet beating Wakeeney.

The boys had five members qualify at Regionals for State. Sophomore, Brett Fuller took third in the 440 yard dash. Senior, Johnny Befort took first in the discus, and the two mile relay team consisting of Wes King, Mike Weber, Troy Hallagin and Jeff Honas took first place. Jeff was unable to attend state in the relay so Brett ran in his place. At the State meet, Johnny was the only Railer who placed, taking seventh in the discus.

Jeff Honas



Shelly Gilliland



Travis Groff







Johnny Befort after letting go of the discus. Johnny took seventh place at the state track meet.



Freshman Myrna McClelland leaps as far as she can in the long jump.



Travis gives his last thrust of power to clear the pole vault bar.

Wanda King



Johnny Befort



Beth Henrickson







Kendra Mixer as she flies over the hurdles headed for the finish line for a victory.



Warming up at the shot put ring is sophomore Kenny Sproul.



Mr. Hulse watches his girls as they compete in their events.



Brian Weber gives it his all to win the 440 relay.



Wanda King flying through the air in her attempt to win the long jump.

Brian Weber



Lesli Howerton



Stan Flinn







Brian Weber helps Coach Woodruff by keeping his teammates' times.



Sophomore Brett Fuller with a photo finish in the 220 dash. Brett also ran the 440 dash in which he qualified for state.



Senior Beth Henrickson watches to see where her shot put has landed.



Jeff Honas starts to make his move for the lead in the 880 yard run.

John Begler



Wanda lunges forward to pass off to Kendra in the 220 relay.





The 1983 State Golf Champs: Back Row L to R, Seniors, Wayne Bongartz and Preston Wolf, Junior, Greg Martin and Coach Kolacny. Front Row L to R: Senior, Jeff Ptaschek, Junior, Troy Schoenthaler and Senior, Eddie Dinkel.

## Top Six Become State Champs

When 14 people reported for Golf practice they all had one thing in common, a dream. The dream was to be State Champions. Six people made that dream come true. Seniors, Eddie Dinkel, Jeff Ptaschek, Wayne Bongartz and Preston Wolf and Juniors, Greg Martin and Troy Schoenthaler were the golfers who fulfilled that dream, not only for themselves but for their team members and Coach John Kolacny. "We had a great time this year. Everyone wanted to win state so we all tried our hardest. But the real excitement didn't start until we had won. We were all excited when we received the trophy. This State Championship finished off a great season for us and a great four years for the seniors. But the most excited person on the team was Coach K. who nearly went nuts," commented Senior Eddie Dinkel.

The year started out perfectly for the Ellis golfers when they were able to bring home a 2nd place trophy. At the Hays High tournament the next day they didn't do quite as well but still were able to place 3rd.

On April 19th, the Railers competed in the Plainville tournament where they again brought home a 2nd place trophy. The Norton tournament turned out a lot better as the team put all their efforts together to bring home their first 1st place trophy. At the Russell tournament though, their hopes were crushed as they placed fourth. Determined not to let that get them down, the golfers fired back the next week at Trego to place 1st again.

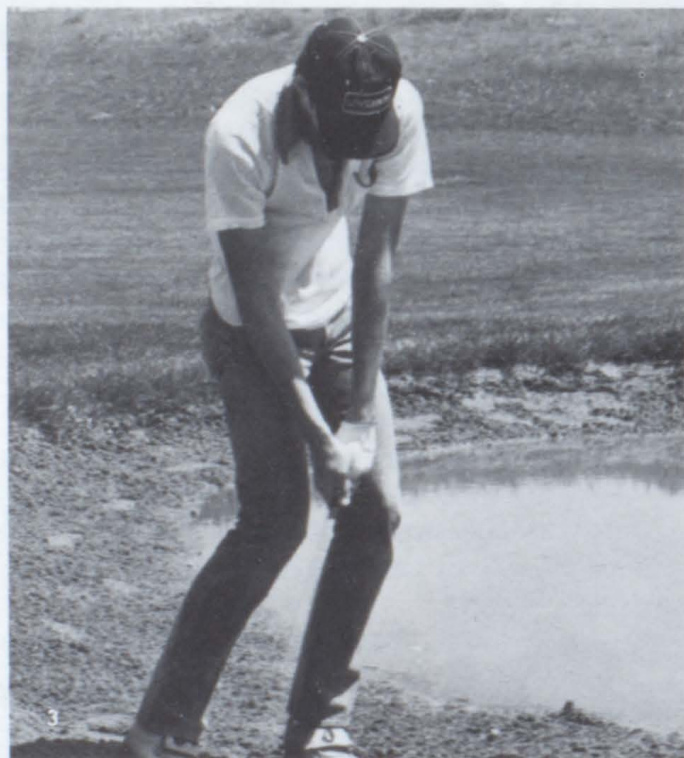
On May 2, the Railers were ready to compete at the P-burg tournament. There the group brought home their third second place trophy.



The Railer golfers were very proud of their last three tournaments. At MCL, which was held at WaKeeney, they received 1st place. Then at Regionals, which was also held at WaKeeney, they were the recipients of another first place honor.

On May 15, the top six golfers and their coach boarded a bus to travel to Hesston where they would compete in the two day State tournament. Little did they know that the next day they would be presented with the State Championship plaque.

The year went very well for the golfers. As the year came to a close, all of the golfers could look back and be proud of all their accomplishments.



1. Sophomore Lee Fisher uses all his strength to hit the ball out of the weeds.

2. Senior Preston Wolf shows his technique on how to hit a golf ball.

3. Senior Eddie Dinkel concentrates on how to get his golf ball over the puddle of water.



WAYNE BONGARTZ





The 1983 Railer Golf team, Back Row L to R: David Desaire, Rex Befort, Galen Herman, Eddie Dinkel, Troy Schoenthaler, Preston Wolf, Greg Martin and Jeff Ptaschek. Front Row L to R: Lee Fisher, Kenny Schmidt, Leland Kinderknecht, Darrel Ptaschek, Mark Flax, Cheryl Wasinger and Coach John Kolacny.



EDDIE DINKEL



GALEN HERMAN



JEFF PTASCHEK



PRESTON WOLF



# FORENSICS SHINE AGAIN



Jr.-Sr. Forensic members standing L to R: Johnny Befort, Earl Mayes, Jerry Dick, Brent Stegman, Darrin Fischer and Kris Fox. Kneeling: Lisa Keller, Kelli Fabrizius, Rhonda Kuhn, LaVonne Kuhn, Beth Henrickson, Steve Light, and Bryon Houghton. Sitting: Karla Ray, Diane Light, Annette Erbert, and Lesli Howerton.



Fr.-So. forensic members standing L to R: Mike Sipes, Lonny Augustine, Eddie Light, Trent Hallagin, Kevin Weber, Sandy Pfeifer, Mary Weber, Janelle McClelland and Darlene Redden. Kneeling: Shannon Dinkel, Kendra Mixer, Lisa Boos, Kathy Homburg, Lori Metzler, Amanda Groff, Dava Fischer and Donna Schoenthaler. Sitting: Mellisa Bollig, Debbie Barenburg, Myrna McCillend, Karen Fox, Candra Engel and Amy Wickham.

The 1983 forensic year started off with a bang as 57 people reported for the competitive season. Although not everyone had forensics as a class, everyone was able to participate in at least one or more of the 10 tournaments held.

The first tournament on the schedule was February 12 at Hays High. Everyone put forth their best effort to bring home a second place trophy. Norton was the next tournament held on March 5. Although the team didn't do quite as well as the week before, they still pulled together to place 3rd.

The MCL Tournament, which was held next, was what everyone had been waiting for. This tournament, which was held at Hill City, was a hard one to compete in. That didn't stop Ellis though, because they were determined to win. And that they did.

Hoxie was the next tournament they had. Everyone combined their efforts once again to bring home a 2nd place trophy.

March 26th started early as the kids piled on a bus to go to Garden City. For competing with larger schools, Ellis did a fine job getting 5th place.

Ransom was next and in this tournament Ellis placed high enough to get a 3rd place trophy.

The Hays High Novice, and the TMP Novice Tournaments were the only two tournaments Ellis competed in that no team scores were kept.

The Hoisington tournament was a different story, though. Even though they had a partial team entry, they still received 4th place. FHSU was the same, also. Even though not everyone went, they still received 3rd place.

Finally, it was time to compete in what everybody had worked hard for all year, Grand State and State Festival. To qualify for either of these, one must receive a 1st place at one of the tournaments.

When asked about the year Miss Schramm, the forensic coach, commented, "I was really disappointed that no one made it into the finals at Grand State, but I was really pleased with the number of students who turned out for forensics."

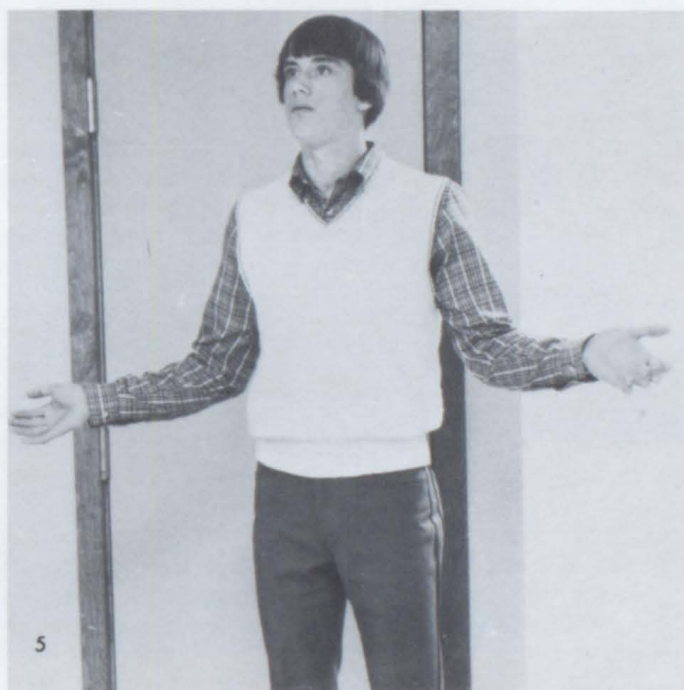
Even though everyone may not have received all of the medals they wanted to, they all did a fantastic job that they should be proud of.



Competing at Grand State, which was held at Emporia, were Kelli Fabrizius, Serious Solo Acting; LaVonne Kuhn, and Chonda Engel, Poetry; Lisa Keller, Oration; Karen Fox, Serious Solo Acting; and Donna Schoenthaler and Tracy Stegman, Duet. Although none of them advanced to finals, they knew it was an honor just to compete.

State Festival qualifiers and their ratings were Mary Weber, Serious Solo Acting — 3; Troy Hallagin, Humorous Solo Acting — 2; Diane Light and Karla Ray, IDA — 2; Shannon Dinkel, Prose — 2; Janelle McClelland, Informative — 2; Eddie Light and Lonny Augustine, Duet — 2; Debbie Barenburg, Humorous Solo Acting — 2; Lisa Boos, Prose — 2.

Those placing first and receiving medals were Johnny Befort and Kendra Mixer, Duet; Lesa Lang and Beth Henrickson, IDA; Lesli Howerton, Informative; Annette Erbert, Poetry; and Mary Matteson, Poetry.



1. Brent Stegman, Johnny Befort, Mary Matteson and Miss Schramm enjoy conversation during one of the many breaks during a tournament.
2. Juniors Diane Light and Karla Ray perform their IDA.
3. Hearing voices in the graveyard, Lonny Augustine jumps into Eddie Light's arms as they perform their duet, "Tom Sawyer."
4. Tracy Stegman, portraying Emma, raises an ax to kill her sister Lizzie Borden, portrayed by Donna Schoenthaler.
5. Senior Troy Hallagin talks to God in his Humorous Solo Act, "Noah."





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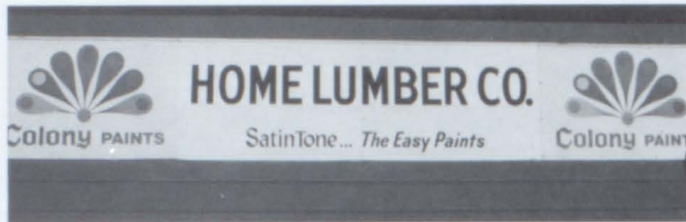
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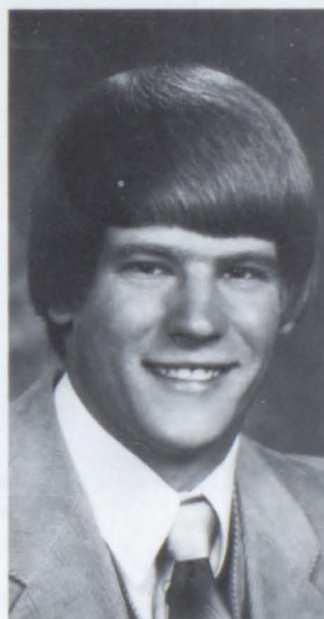
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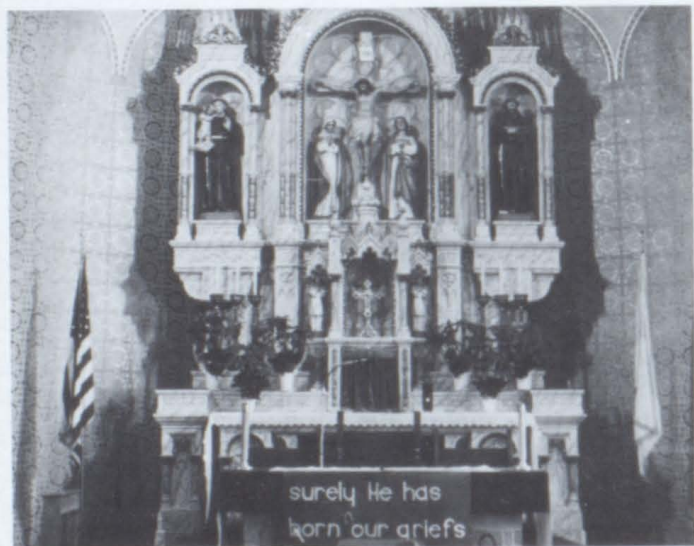
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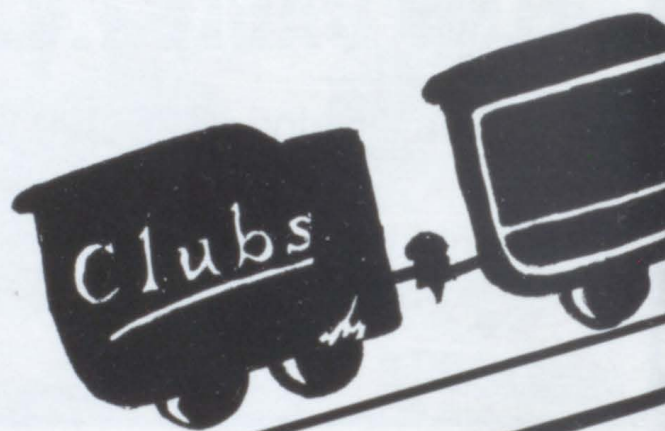


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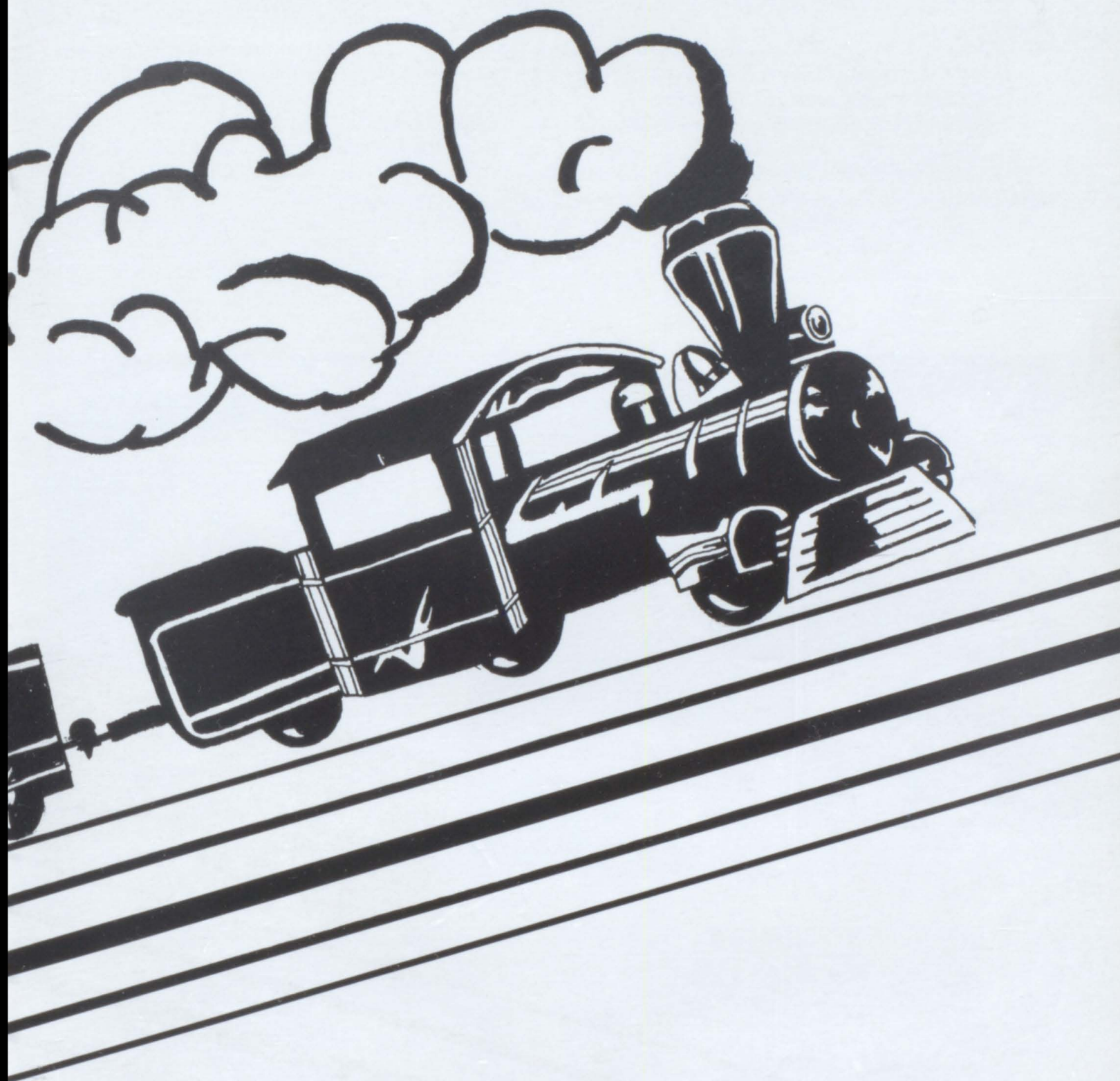


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# FFA Shows Talent

FFA had a very busy year with many judging contests. Ellis came home with several well-deserved plaques.

FFA held their annual fruit sale, in December, as a money-making project. As usual, they sold apples, oranges and grapefruit. As a new item, they added the assortment pack. For the third consecutive year, Leland Kinderknecht was top salesman.

Along with FFA, FFA members went to State Fair. Most had a good time.

As always, FFA helped sponsor Barnwarmer and Chore-Day February 25. Candidates for FFA Sweetheart were; Brenda Weber, Tina Armbruster, Coleen Fischer and Rhonda Kuhn. For Chore-Day, they were required to take a test over FFA, catch pigs, lasso a standing object, load bales onto a small trailer, milk a goat and feed a calf. They also had to recite a speech on why they wanted to be Sweetheart. That evening, Brenda Weber was crowned FFA Sweetheart.

Mr. Pfeifer said the highlight of being FFA sponsor this year was "Getting rid of the seniors and receiving many plaques."



1. Will Brenda and Rhonda succeed at catching the pig?
2. The emblem of Future Farmers of America.

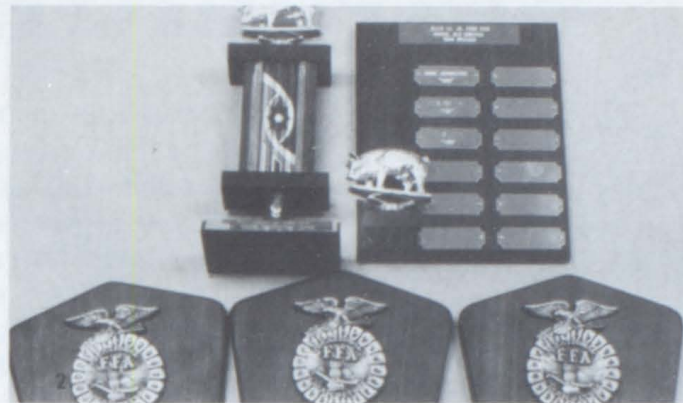


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1st row left to right: J. McClelland, S. Dinkel. 2nd row l to r: D. Wolf, M. Schoech, C. Gottschalk, W. King. 3rd row l to r: T. Kuppetz, K. Honas, M. Armbruster, B. Fuller, K. Sproul.





1. FFA Sweetheart Candidates from left to right were: Coleen Fisher, Brenda Weber, Rhonda Kuhn and Tina Armbruster.
2. FFA plaques prove talent.
3. FFA Officers for 1982-83: Mr. Pfeifer — Sponsor, W. Kohl — Sentinel, J. Pfeifer — President, B. Weber — Vice president, D. Fischer — Reporter, G. Seibel — Treasurer, J. Honas — Stuco Rep., W. Bongartz — Secretary.
4. Brad Stewart at work in the ag. shop.



Standing l to r: R. Aschenbrenner, J. Kinderknecht, B. Weber, T. Boutin. Sitting l to r: M. Groff, W. Augustine, D. Riedel, J. Dick, D. Fischer, S. Homburg.

Kneeling l to r: J. Honas, B. Weber, J. Ptaschek, P. King. Standing l to r: W. Bongartz, W. Kohl, K. Fabrizio, J. Pfeifer, S. Flinn, G. Herman. Sitting l to r: R. Herman, J. Waldschmidt, G. Seibel, D. Gottschalk, T. Groff.



# SPOTLIGHTING FHA



FHA added a few activities to their list. They had a babysitting clinic, competed in the Parliamentary Procedure Contest at District Elections and had an aerobics class which met twice a week during the month of April.

The officers began the year by giving some of the freshmen a little surprise when they kidnapped them one morning. Needless to say, that was quite interesting for both officers and freshmen.

Every year, our District holds a meeting called Fall Conference. This year's District-B President, Chonda Engel, presided over the meeting. The Ellis chapter had the largest club attendance.

Once every four years, FHA is able to attend State Fair and members had the pleasure of going for one fun-packed day in September.

Three more annual events for FHA are Barn-warmer, Parent-Appreciation Banquet and State Meeting.

On February 25, four guys woke up a little more nervous than usual. These four fellows were Rex Befort, Jerry Dick, Darren Riedel and, Daren Fischer. That day they had to do different activities to see who would be Mr. FHA for 1983. Jerry Dick was given the title Mr. FHA at the dance that evening.

On April 26, FHA members honored their parents at their annual banquet. That evening's program included installation of officers and an aerobics dance.

With buses and luggage packed 21 FHA members headed for Topeka on April 28, where their State Meeting was held. That evening all attending went wild at the shopping mall and swimming pool. Everyone was up bright and early the next day, believe it or not, all dressed up and ready to go to the meeting where Chonda Engel was installed as State Secretary and Mary Matteson as District-B Secretary.

Next year's new officers plan to have another year with many fun activities.



1. The roses symbolize beauty in everyday living.  
2. Kristel Weber making her point in the Parliamentary Procedure Contest.



Front row l-r: D. Brungardt, T. Wilson, D. Barenberg, K. Homburg.  
Middle row l-r: A. Groff, D. Fischer, L. Boos, T. Herman, C. Engel.  
Back row l-r: M. Weber, K. Wasinger, T. Rupp, K. Flax, S. Pfeifer, M. Flax.



Front row l-r: L. Armbruster, A. Waldschmidt, R. Aschenbrenner, A. Clark, M. Matteson, K. Mixer, S. Martin. Middle row l-r: T. Stutz, M. Windhoiz, C. Wasinger, N. Bullock, M. Billinger, A. Jayne, M. Bollig.  
Back row l-r: A. Augustine, J. Kinderknecht, L. Dinkel, S. Wolf, J. Kroeger, L. Hough, A.





1. Members getting into shape the aerobics way.
2. Mr. FHA candidates left to right: Rex Befort, Jerry Dick, Darren Reidel, Daren Fischer.
3. FHA officers left to right: B. Weber, Treasurer; M. Matteson, Vice Pres. of Recreation; S. Matteson, Secretary; C. Engel, District-B Pres.; T. Armbruster, Vice Pres.; Angela Gabel, Historian Reporter; Karla Lang, Point Chairman; Jeanie Rathbun, Pres.; Mrs. Duell, sponsor; Not pictured, LaVonne Kuhn, Stuco Rep.
4. Dava Fischer entertaining a little tot.



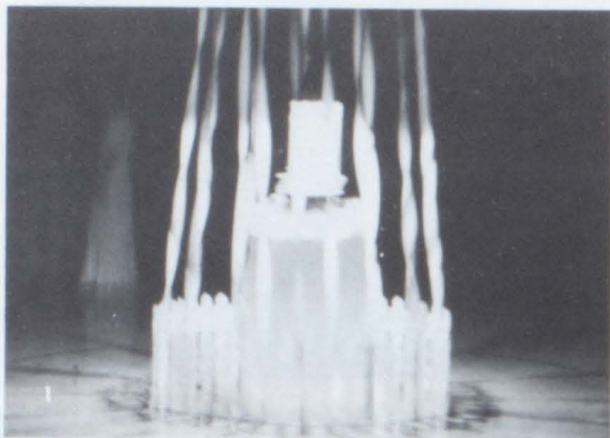
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Front row l-r: J. Pinney, B. Henrickson, W. King, K. Picking, A. Gabel. Back row l-r: K. Lang, J. Wickham, L. Fox, L. Kuhn, A. Leiker. Not pictured: S. Gilliland, L. Howerton, J. Pfeifer, K. Gnad.



# Kayette Magic



This year's freshman girls got a little taste of what it is like to be initiated into Kayettes. One day all the freshman girls dressed as video-game characters such as Pac-Man, Ms. Pac-Man, Frogger, etc. That evening there was a potluck picnic.

Along with their annual Snoball dance, Kayettes also sponsored several new events. One of these was a Blabbermouth Contest. Each Kayette bought paper lips and each time they talked to a guy, they had to give him a pair of lips. At the end of the day, Stephanie Martin was named Miss Blabbermouth and John Begler was named Mr. Irresistible. Kayettes also had a picnic at the end of the year. After the picnic there was a 3-D movie, "The Creature From the Black Lagoon." Other projects included a Cancer point-a-thon, clothing and toy drives, adopting a Central American child, Valentine flowers, babysitting and Kayette week which was stuffed full of activities.

For their money making projects, Kayettes had their annual holly sales plus a cheese and sausage sell which was a big hit.

Kayettes annual Mother-Daughter Tea was held May 4. Brass Buckle provided clothes for the program. Members modeled the clothes and could buy them at a discount if they wanted to.

Kayettes finished the year by helping with a Leukemia Drive.

Mrs. Henry, Kayette sponsor for her first year, did a fine job.



1. A beautiful lamp, furnished by Heims, set a romantic atmosphere for Snoball.

2. A. Groff, T. Wilson and M. McClelland enjoy themselves during Freshman Initiation.



3. Sitting l-r: B. Henrickson, A. Leiker, L. Kuhn, L. Fox, W. King, K. Lang. Standing l-r: J. Wickham, K. Fabrizio, L. Howerton, K. Picking, S. Gilliland, A. Gabel, J. Pinney. Not pictured: J. Pfeifer, K. Gnad.



4. Front row l-r: C. Fischer, L. Lang, R. Kuhn, L. Keller, C. Engel, P. Honas. Second row l-r: B. Sipes, M. Brack, B. Rupp, D. Light, D. Sproul, A. Erbert, S. Matteson. Third row l-r: T. Boutin, T. Armbruster, J. Rathbun, L. Metzler, B. Weber, C. Brungardt, H. Redden. Not pictured M. Azar.





1. Mrs. Henry, Kayette Sponsor.
2. Kayette officers from left to right: A. Leiker, Treasurer, S. Gilliland, Vice-President, L. Howerton, Secretary, W. King, President, B. Rupp, Pts. Chairman.
3. Miss Blabbermouth, S. Martin.
4. M. Groff gets his neck measured before the necking party.

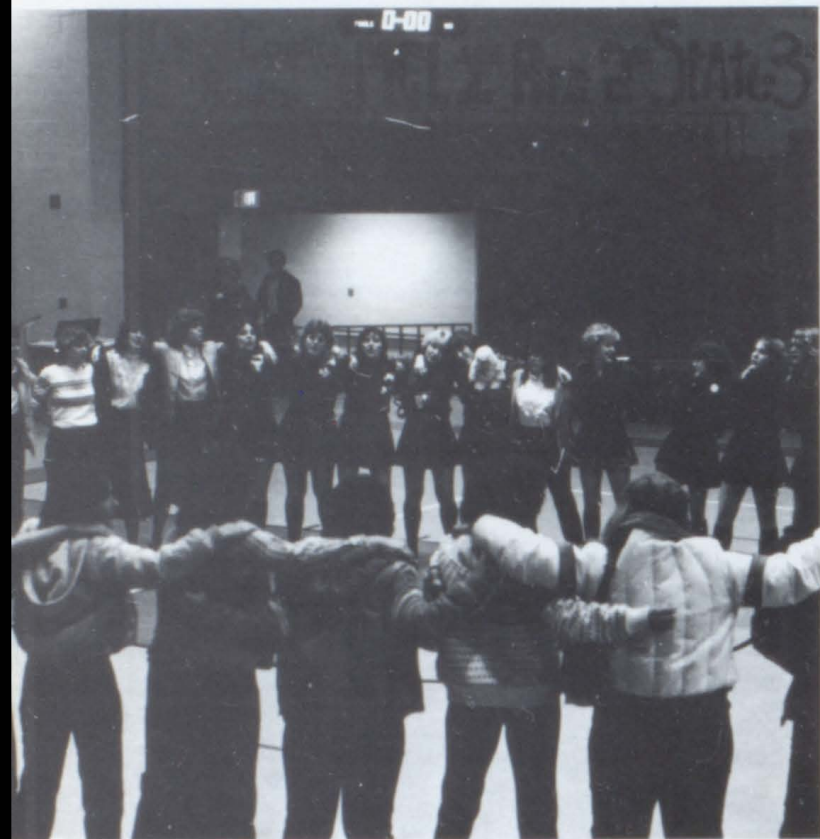


5. First row l-r: K. Fox, A. Waldschmidt, L. Seibel, A. Augustine, S. Dinkel, M. Winholz, M. Billinger, S. Martin, A. Jayne. Second row l-r: A. Clark, R. Aschenbrenner, C. Wasinger, L. Dinkel, N. Bullock, J. McClelland, J. Kroeger, A. Boschowitzki, S. Wolf. Third row l-r: P. Newton, M. Bollig, L. Hough, T. Stultz, P. White, K. Honas, L. Armbruster, K. Mixer, M. Matteson.

6. Standing l-r: A. Wickham, L. Metzler, T. Willson, M. Weber, T. Fuller, D. Barenberg, P. Schuster, M. McClelland, T. Stegman, K. Homburg. Sitting l-r: A. Groff, D. Schoenthaler, K. Wasinger, S. Pfeifer, C. Engel, L. Boos, M. Flax, T. Herman, T. Rupp, K. Flax.



# Fun-Packed Year For Pep Club



School Song was sung for the last time at home for the seniors.

Pep Club had quite a variety of events planned for this year.

Secret fans for fall sports started the year off with a bang.

Many members loaded the buses for the annual skating party ready for fun and excitement.

During the month of December, pep buses were discontinued due to too many late cancellations or people not showing up to ride. The buses were in full swing once again in January carrying many members to Fort Hays for the MCL tournament.

The club sold notebooks as a money making project this year. Each notebook was sold for \$1.75. The notebooks had our favorite mascot, the train, of course, on them. They also came in a variety of colors.

On April 8, Pep Club sponsored a swimming party for all members at Gross Memorial Coliseum. Everyone seemed to have a good time as they were diving, splashing and dunking people.

Due to foul weather, the Pep Club dance which was scheduled for March 25 had to be rescheduled to April 15. "Scotland Yard" was the band couples danced to that evening. Admission charge was the selling of 3 notebooks.

Upon being asked to identify the most memorable moment for her, Shelly Gilliland, president, replied, "At the Oakley game when the guys began cheering with the rest of the Pep Club, I felt that the year was really worth the effort."

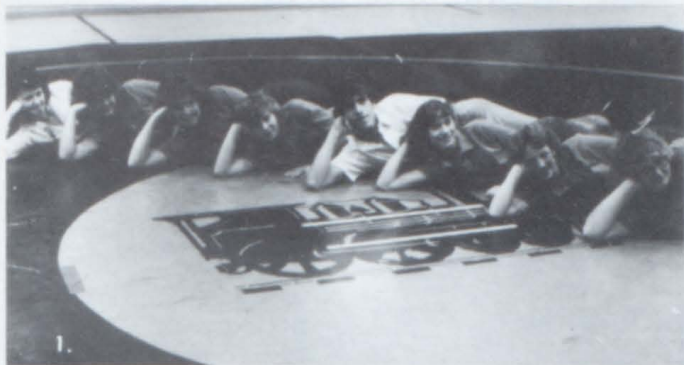


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1st row left to right: L. Armbruster, P. White, P. Newton, S. Martin, M. Billinger, M. Matteson, K. Fox. 2nd row l to r: J. Kinderknecht, K. Mixer, A. Augustine, S. Dinkel, M. Windholz, L. Seibel, A. Clark, S. Wolf. 3rd row l to r: K. Honas, L. Dinkel, A. Waldschmidt, A. Boschwitzki, J. Kroeger, J. McClelland, C. Wasinger, N. Bullock, L. Hough, A. Jayne, M. Bollig. 4th row l to r: L. Fisher, R. Aschenbrenner, D. Schoenberger, D. Ptaschek, M. Flax, S. Kinderknecht, K. O'Rourke, A. Begler, W. King. 5th row l to r: D. Wolf, M. Weber, M. Armbruster, R. Pfeifer, K. Sproul, T. Kupetz, K. Honas, M. Schoech, C. Gottschalk.





1. Left to right: Mrs. Glantz, Sponsor; Shelly Gilliland, President; Beth Henrickson, Vice-president; Brenda Weber, Secretary; Jeff Honas, Treasurer; Patty Honas, Chonda Engel, Karla Lang, 5th quarter.

2. Randy Herman shows his moves at playing limbo.

3. Art class's contribution to the club.



1st row left to right: C. Brungardt, H. Redden, C. Mask, S. Matteson, B. Weber, D. Sproul, B. Sipes, D. Waldschmidt, T. Boutin, C. Engel, C. Fischer. 2nd row l to r: D. Schuster, L. Lang, L. Metzler, J. Rathbun, T. Armbruster, B. Rupp, R. Kuhn, D. Light, L. Keller, DeeDee Waldschmidt, P. Honas, M. Brack, A. Erbert. 3rd row l to r: G. Martin, K. Augustine, E. Mayes, T. Schoenthaler, D. Riedel, M. Groff, J. Dick, K. Schmidt, D. Fisher, L. Kinderknecht, R. Aschenbrenner, L. Lebarge, T. Fuller. Not pictured Michelle Azar.



1st row left to right: K. Fabrizius, L. Kuhn, W. King, L. Fox, K. Picking, S. Gilliland. 2nd row l to r: A. Gabel, B. Henrickson, A. Leiker, K. Lang, J. Pinney, L. Howerton. 3rd row l to r: B. Stegman, J. Kinderknecht, T. Groff, S. Flinn, J. Pfeifer, W. Kohl, W. Bongartz, M. Dinkel. 4th row l to r: J. Wideman, D. Gottschalk, G. Herman, J. Befort, G. Seibel, J. Honas, J. Ptaschek, R. King, B. Weber, T. Hallagin. 5th row l to r: S. Dietz, E. Dinkel, S. Ray, R. Herman, J. Waldschmidt, P. Wolf.



# Uproar About Bonfire Clouds Homecoming

Stuco had another successful year beginning with the involvement of students in Spirit Week. Each day there were class competitions. These competitions included the Swinging Spud, Skin, the Snake, Toilet Paper Pass and the famous Jell-O Eating Contest. As usual, Stuco sponsored the Dress-up days that week. Also during Spirit Week was a competition between the cheerleaders. Throughout the week there were jars in the office with pictures of the cheerleaders. The two cheerleaders who had the most money in their jars were the lucky winners of a pie thrown in their face at the bonfire Thursday night. Of course, Stuco could not overlook the annual events of the Weanie Roast and the Bonfire. There was much controversy over the bonfire. Due to the fact that there were too many flammable substances, officials decided that it would be best not to light the bonfire. However, some people apparently were upset because after hours, the bonfire was lit.

This year Stuco also sponsored a soup-supper in order to raise extra cash for their treasury.

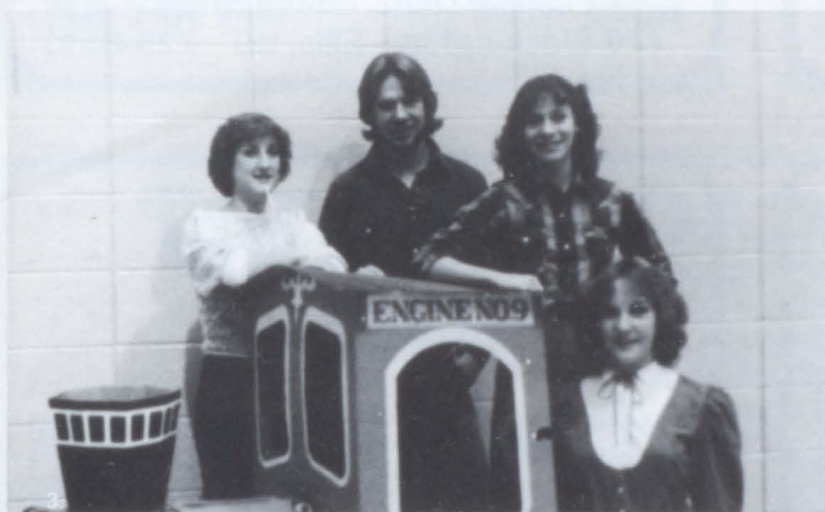
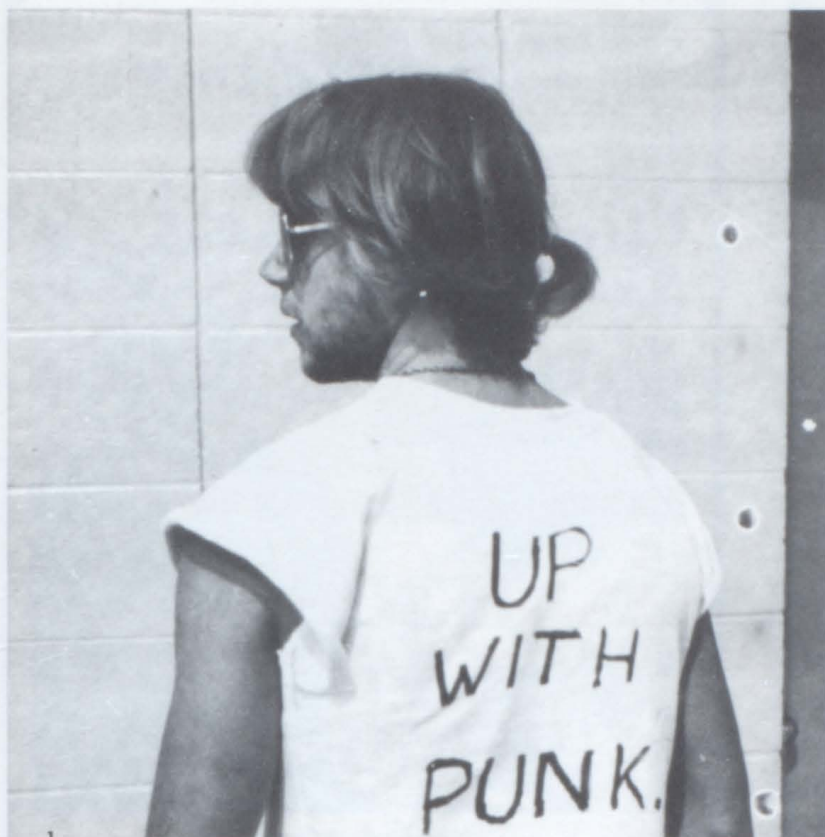
Thanks to this busy club there was a variety of lyceums. They ranged all the way from dogs to lizards.

When asked how she felt the year went for Stuco, Patty Honas, president stated, "Everybody really pitched in to make this year go well."



Back row, left to right: Bev Sipes, Diane Light, Brenda Rupp, Jeff Augustine, Curtis Gottschalk, Brent Stegman, Troy Schoenthaler, Eddie Light, Debbie Waldschmidt, Linda Fox, LaVonne Kuhn. Front row, left to right: DeeDee Armbrister, Lesli Howerton, Patty Honas, Lesa Lang.





1. Brent Stegman modeling the new look.
2. Mr. Bray, the Stuco sponsor, tests the chili at the chili supper.
3. Stuco officers: Linda Fox — Treasurer, Brent Stegman — Vice-president, Patty Honas — President, Debbie Waldschmidt — Secretary
4. Students attempt the Swinging Spud.
5. Teri Odegard displays his pet iguana.







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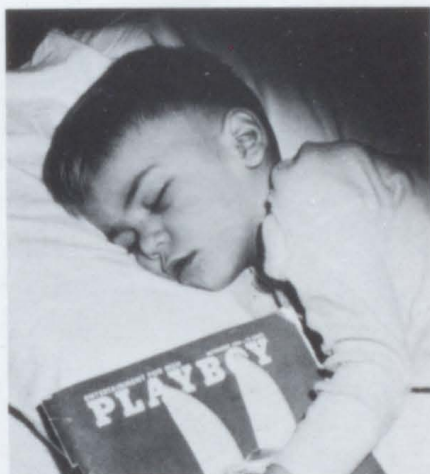
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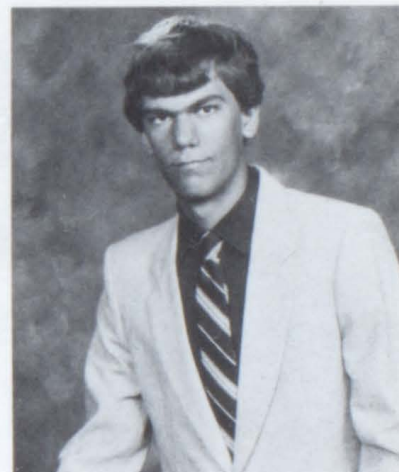


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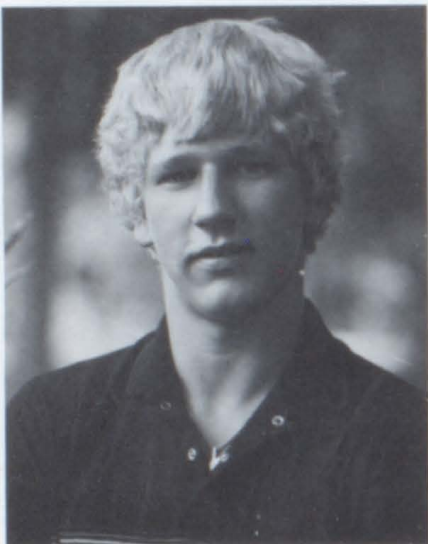
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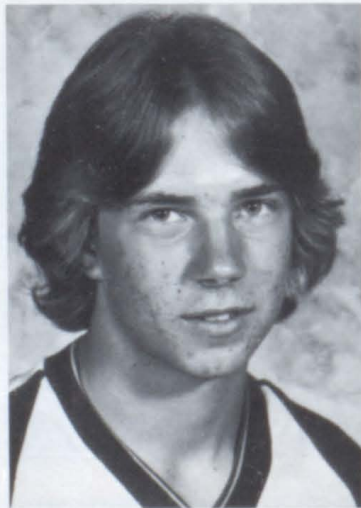
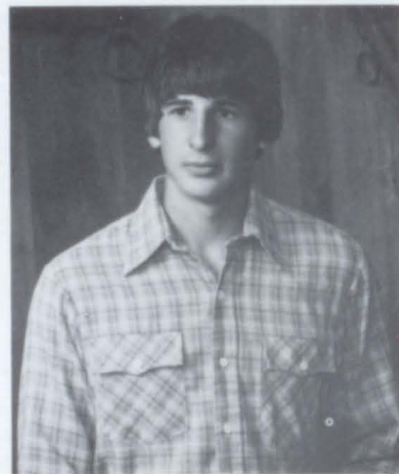
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**Good Luck Gary  
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Our love and congratulations

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**Congratulations  
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**From Mom, Dad  
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Tim Augustine, Senior, shows his ability not only at school work but also doing dairy work. Tim will spend most of his day at milking the cows and doing farm work.



**Good Luck,  
Happiness and Love for  
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**Good  
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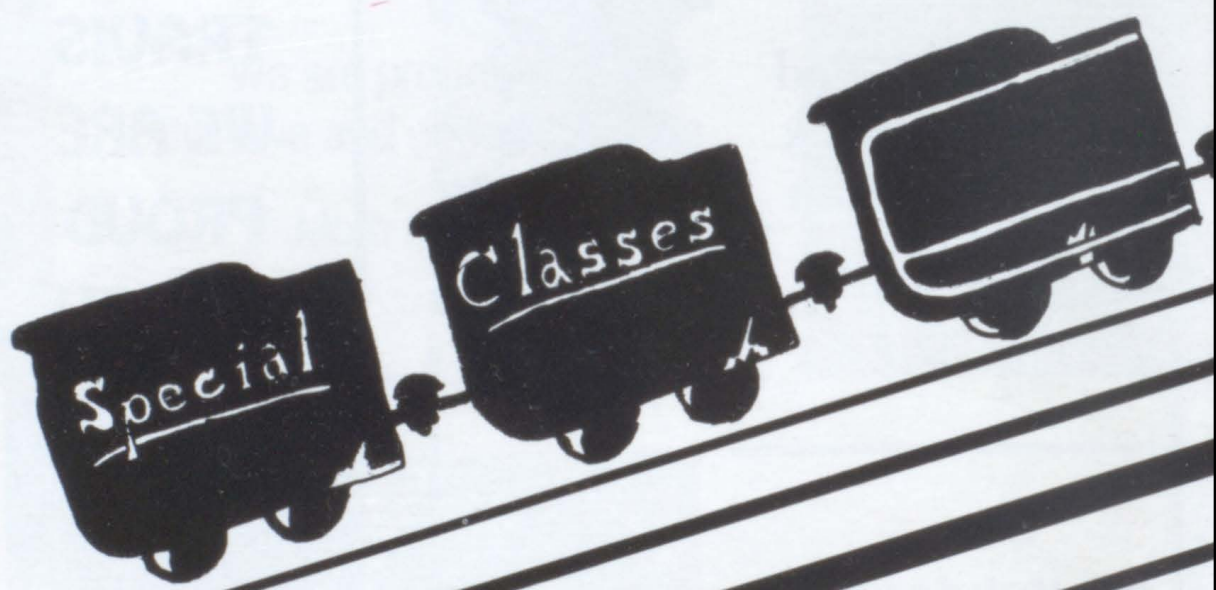
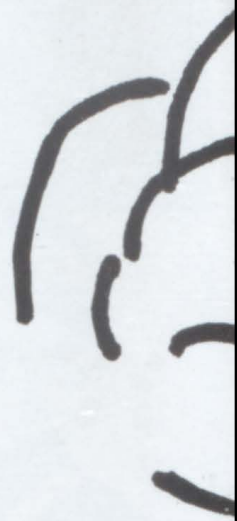


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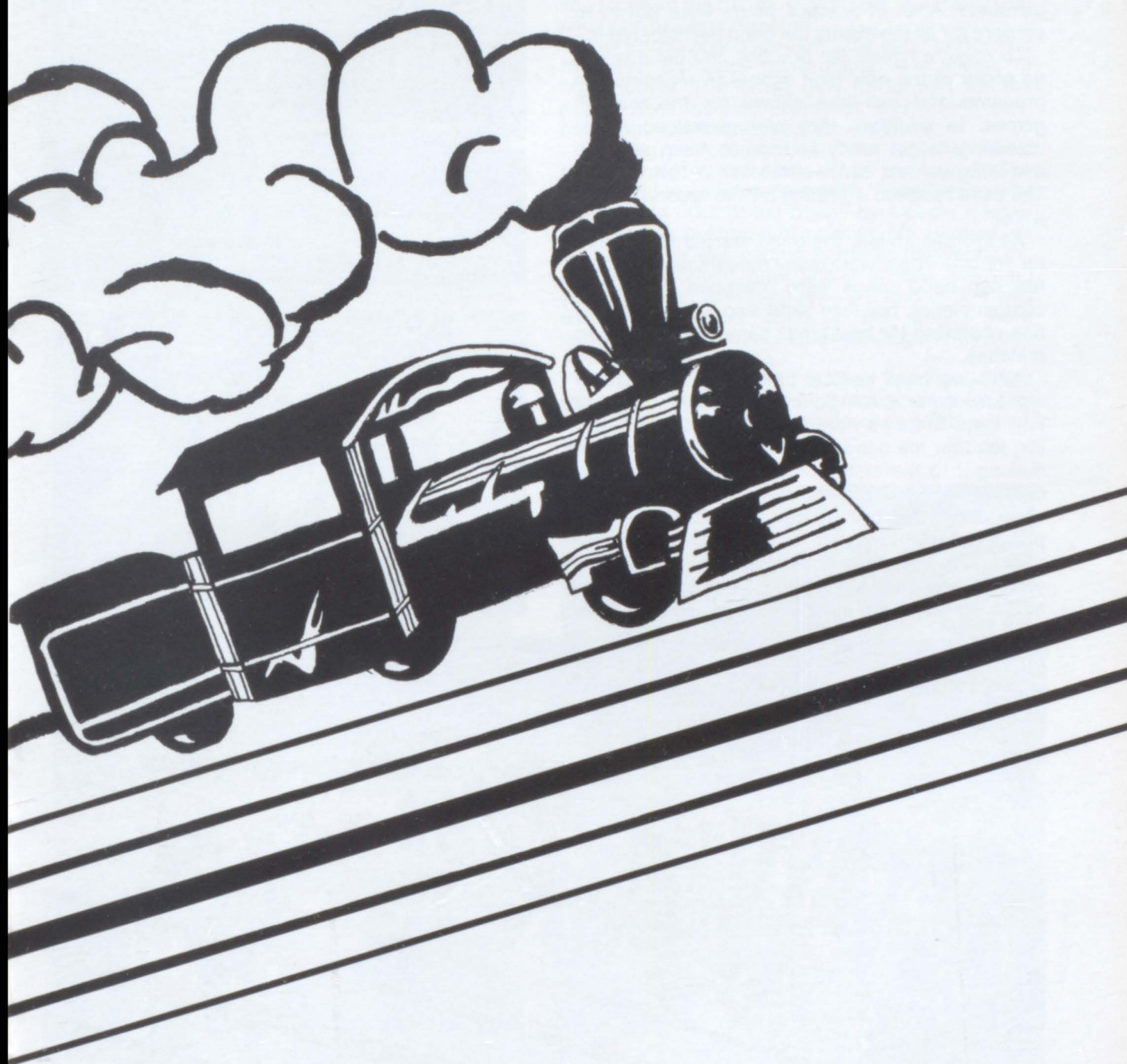


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# HARD WORK PAYS OFF

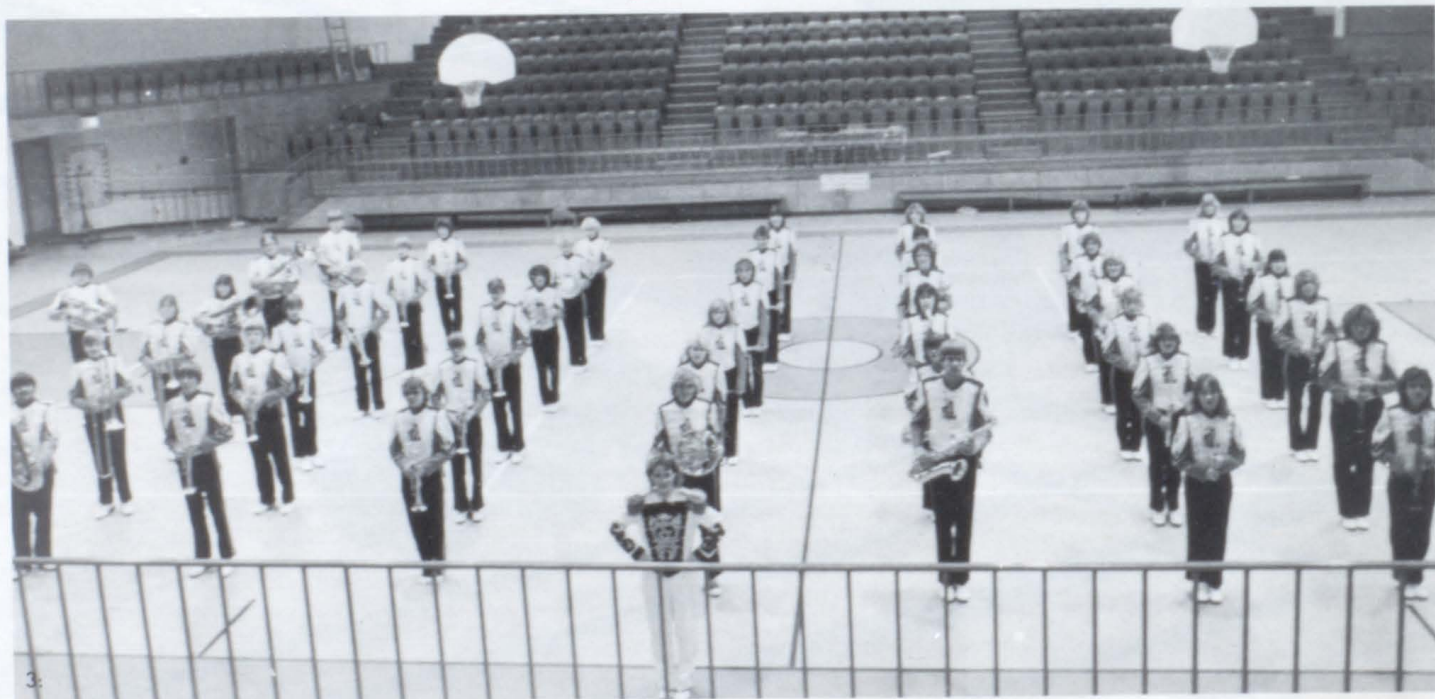
"Are we playing today?" This was a common question asked nearly every day by the band members. A lot of practice hours were put in to prepare for all the events the band participated in.

To begin a typical fall practice, the band would go south of the new high school to rehearse the pregame and half-time shows for the football games. In addition, they also practiced street marching to get ready for homecoming and the marching contest at the state fair in Hutchinson. The band received a 1 rating for the second year in a row.

As football ended, the band started to prepare for contest. There were many rehearsals in which a few pep band songs were practiced before the contest pieces, because band also had the obligation of playing for basketball games and wrestling matches.

After pep band was out of the way, all attention was focused on the regional music contest, held at Fort Hays State on April 7th. Mr. Dietz, the director, felt that the band had a fairly good chance of making it to the state contest. Even though they only received a 1, 2, and 2 on the songs "Pentland Hills" and "Chesford Portrait," Mr. Dietz was very proud of the entire band.

Although a lot of work was put in throughout the year, everyone still found time to enjoy themselves and make it the best band ever.



1. Bill Dietz, Director, conducts the band during practice.

2. The flag team poses before a performance.

3. Drum Majorette — Chonda Engel

Row 1, l to r: S. Homburg, R. Honas, L. Armbruster, D. Light, S. Dietz, A. Groff, C. Fisher. Row 2, T. Phillips, L. Gottschalk, M. Flax, A. Clark, S. Matteson, K. Homburg, B. Rupp. Row 3, M. Redden, L. Fisher, M. Weber, K. Honas, T. Armbruster, P. White, L. Bongartz. Row 4, J. Begler, D. Redden, J. Ptsachek, S. Martin, K. Mixer, J. Rathbun, D. Sproul, M. Matteson. Row 5, B. Desaire, D. Ptsachek, S. Pfeifer, M. Brack, T. Fuller, K. Fox, A. Erbert. Row 6, E. Mayes, C. Wasinger, D. Schoenthaler, K. Fabrizious, D. Armbrister, L. Seibel, L. Lang.



# OUT OF THE DEEP



1. Miss Skolaut works the choir to perfection.
2. The girls start to get bored.
3. The bass section sings out at a concert.



Fifty-eight; that's not a small-sized choir by any standard. It was Ms. Skolaut's main surprise when she received the roster for this year. It's the largest choir she has ever directed.

There were only a few times the choir performed this year, but each performance was always of high quality. The times they performed for the public were the fall, Christmas and spring concerts, but that wasn't the main event.

The big performance was the regional music contest held at Fort Hays State on April 7. The songs that were rehearsed were "Sing for Joy" by Purcell and "Out of the Deep" by Alcock. A lot of practice was put into these pieces. Ms. Skolaut felt that the choir was getting bored as time went on, but when contest time finally arrived, the long hours paid off with ratings of I, II and II. She was extremely pleased because the judges were especially tough. Most of the ratings given that day were three's and four's.

It might have involved a lot of hard work, and may have been boring as practice time lengthened, but Ms. Skolaut and the choir felt it was all worth it.



Row 1 l to r: K. Homburg, D. Schoenthaler, L. Boos, M. Billinger, K. Fox, E. Mayes, B. Desaire, A. Begler, R. Aschenbrenner, S. Flinn, S. Homburg, M. Groff, T. Hallagin, D. Redden, T. Boutin, L. Hough, A. Boschowitzki. Row 2: S. Pfeifer, M. Weber, J. Kroeger, N. Bullock, R. Kuhn, D. Riedel, G. Fischer, D. Wolf, E. Bleker, R. Gabel, K. Schmidt, L. LaBarge, W. Augustine, T. Wilson, M. McClelland, A. Clark, M. Matteson, M. Flax, T. Herman, D. Fischer, C. Engel. Row 3: L. Dinkel, K. Wasinger, R. Aschenbrenner, C. Wasinger, D. Light, B. Rupp, K. Sproul, S. Wolf, R. Pfeifer, L. Gottschalk, P. Patten, A. Wickham, D. Brungardt, A. Waldschmidt, D. Sproul, M. Brack, W. Augustine, T. Stegman, K. Flax, T. Rupp.



# Small In Numbers; Large In Talent

The Journalism staff consisted of only ten people and first year advisor, Mrs. Henry, this year so everyone had their hands full getting the yearbook out on time. They had three deadlines to meet for Balfour Taylor, the company that publishes the yearbook. March 1 was the first deadline and 44 pages had to be in the mail that day. On April 15, 60 pages had to be finished and 40 pages had to be turned in on May 26. The deadlines were not always easy to meet as the staff found out when they had to come to school at 7:30 some mornings. In order to publish this year's 160 page yearbook, the yearbooks were sold for \$15.00 with the name stamped on the cover and \$14.00 without names. The staff also sold advertising in Ellis and Hays. This year's yearbook staff worked extra hard to help make this the year to remember.

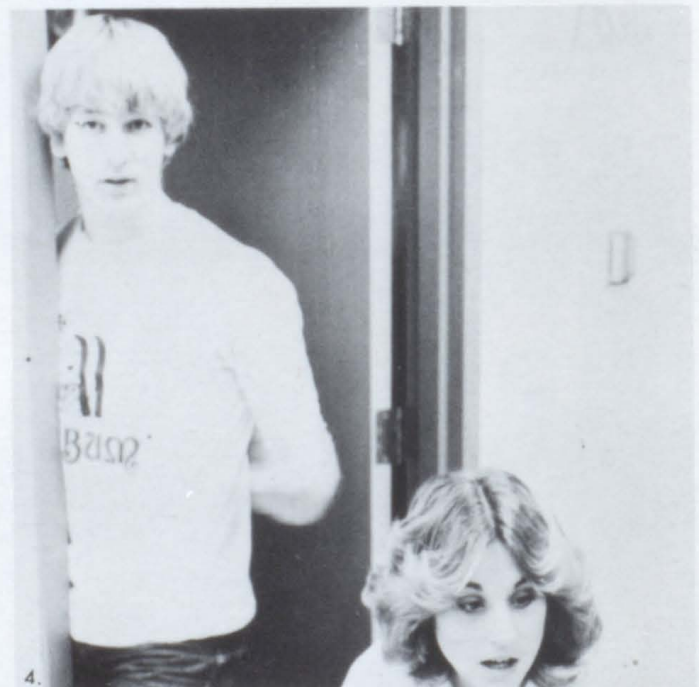


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1. Leslie gives the class a little excitement by showing how messy Journalism can be.
2. Beth shows how hard she works in Journalism.
3. Shelly laughs at a suggested cutline for a picture.
4. Wanda is being warned that she might cut her finger. Looks like she already got John's arm.



4.



1. The staff works hard on trying to meet the monthly paper's deadline.
2. The staff monkeys around on the monkey bars. The staff included Beth H., Leslie H., Advisor; Donna H., Wanda K., Shelly G., Angela G., John B., Linda F., Karla L., John B., and Steve L.
3. Steve Light takes time out from writing for a sexy pose.
4. Advisor Donna Henry, and staff members Angela G., Steve L., Karla L., Shelly G., Linda F., Wanda K., John B., John B., Leslie H., and Beth H., form a train on the slipper slide.





# Railairres Perform Many Times

The Ellis High Railairres consisted of 24 singers under the direction of Elaine Skolaut. Miss Skolaut also played the piano while Kelli Fabrizius was on the drums. The Railairres have performed on numerous occasions at different cities. They performed at the Ellis Good Samaritan Center and at the Ellis Rotary. In Hays they sang in the Mall, and they also were invited to entertain the Ellis County 4-H members. The Railairres appeared live on KAYS Television station presenting a Christmas concert. They also participated in the Fall, Christmas, and Spring concerts held at the high school.

The Railairres received a 2 rating at Regional competition. Both the boys and girls ensemble received a 1. Soloists receiving ones were Leslie Howerton, Tina Boutin, and Lonnie Augustine.

April 9 was the day for the Railairres' dinner theater. Supper was served at 6:30 with the Railairres performing the melodrama "No No a Million Times No." The Railairres' final performance was at the Senior graduation.

1. The altos help the group perform a song at the Grade School.
2. Elaine Skolaut gives the crowd a smile.
3. Annette, Steve, Tina and Lonnie sing together in harmony.







1. The bass section sings out as the Railairres entertain the Grade School.
2. A small section of the Railairres performing a concert at the High School.
3. Entertaining for the people at the Good Samaritan Center.
4. Miss Skolaut gives the group last minute details.



# THINGS DEVELOP IN PHOTOGRAPHY BUT, DON'T OPEN THE DOOR, WE'RE TRYING TO SAVE ALL THE DARKNESS WE CAN!

"I get the darkroom first." "Where are my negatives?" "Bad Toad." These are just a few of the sounds coming from the photography room on a typical day. Or, if you came in on a really slow day, you might be able to listen in on a joke session.

It may sound as though all that was done in the class was sit around and talk, but a lot of hours were put in after school and on weekends. Almost all of the sporting events were captured on film. Just a few of the other things covered were: music concerts, club activities and any other special event that might have occurred. Photography also did all the pictures requested by the journalism staff for the yearbook and newspaper.

Something new this year was color picture packets. Formal pictures were taken at Snoball and Barnwarmer, and the film was sent to a color lab for processing. The packets consisted of two 5x7's and 4 wallet size prints. All in all, it turned out to be quite successful.

Although things got off to a slow and rocky start with novice photographers and a new teacher, everything slowly got organized as the year progressed.



Above: Kendra Mixer gets a birthday treat.



Above: Lesli Howerton uses Darrel Ptsachek's hands to hold her mirror while she curls her hair.



Above: This year's photographers were front; John Begler, Lesli Howerton, back, Lee Fisher, Darrel Ptsachek, Tim Huck, Lu Armbruster and Kendra Mixer.





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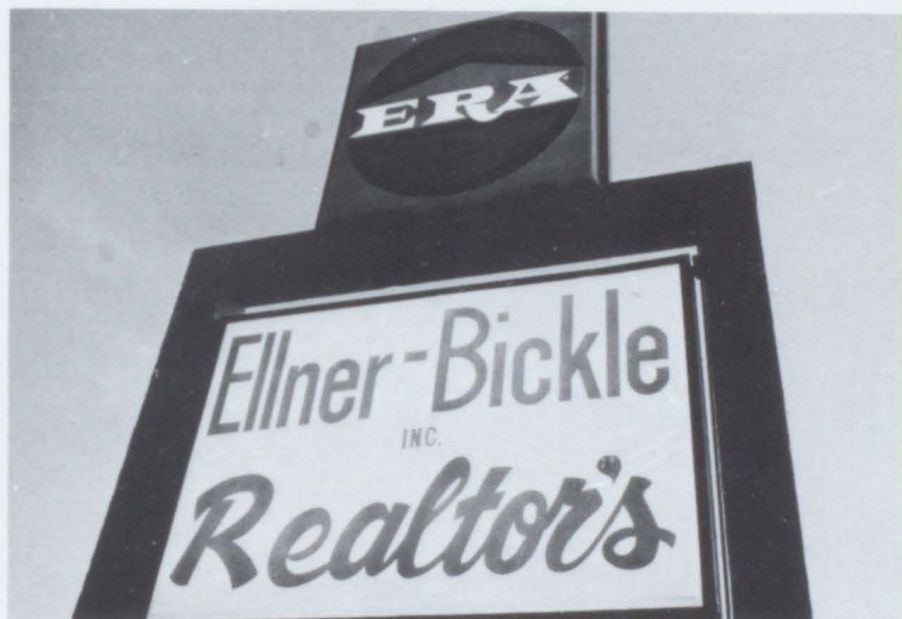




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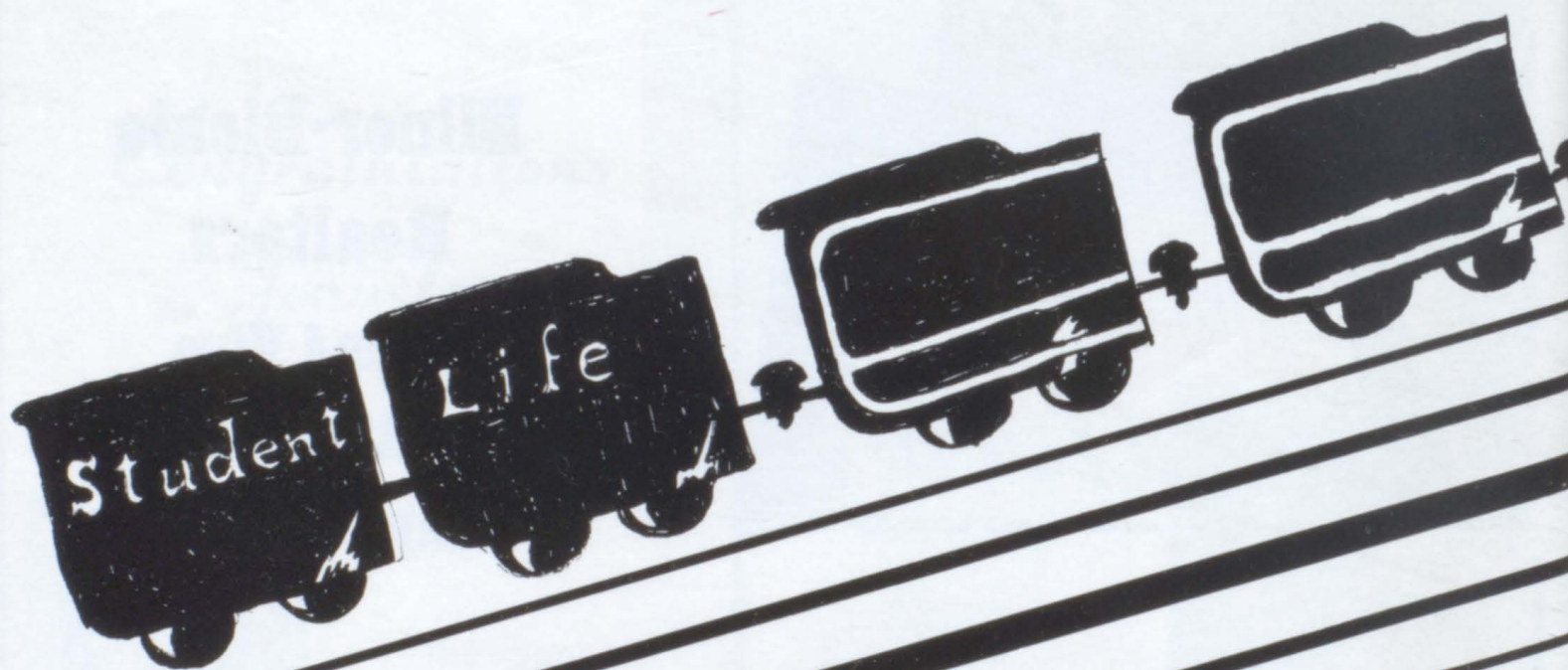
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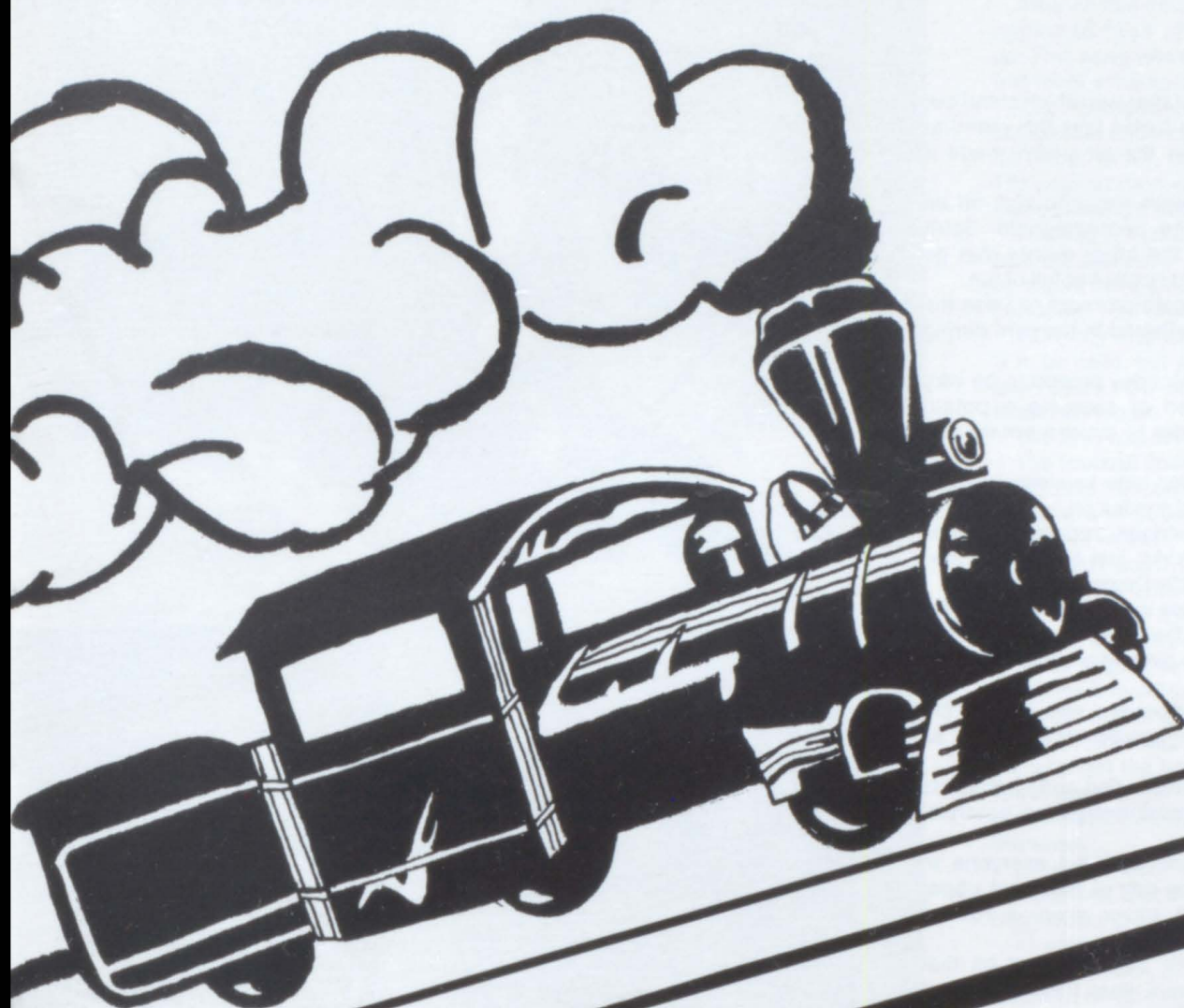
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# RIDING HIGH ON SPIRIT

There are certain moments of the year which stand out in everyone's minds. There was such a time this year that had a feeling of excitement in the air which made it special — Homecoming!

Ellis High School students were eager to kick-off an exciting Homecoming Week on September 20. Spirit week, building floats, and all the other events that go along with Homecoming made it hectic but full of fun.

Stucco sponsored class competition races to raise the spirit even higher. Everyone gathered in the gym during lunch to cheer their class on.

The swinging spud race on Monday proved to be very hilarious. This game consisted of swinging a potato suspended in nylon hose in order to move a potato that was located on the ground.

Monday was a great time for kids to sleep in class since they all had their hats and shades on.

Painted faces, plaids with stripes, red hair, formals with tennis shoes, and mini-skirts; just to name a few, filled the halls for Punk and Tacky Day on Tuesday.

Four snakes were turned loose in the gym Tuesday for the snake race. Five girls and five boys from each class joined hands to slip and slide over each other in a big tangled-up conglomeration.

On Wednesday the jello competition was held in the lobby. The bowls of jello disappeared very quickly as each class attempted to win.

This day was designated as Inside Out and Backwards Day. Jeans, shirts, shoes, almost everything possible, was turned around.

Thursday's class competition involved everyone in each grade level. That was the day of the toilet paper race. Passing a roll of toilet paper down a row of classmates sure looked funny.

Everyone dressed up in their Sunday finest on that day. People really looked different when they didn't have jeans and t-shirts on.

Thursday was a busy and exciting day. The weinie roast was held at the fire station park as in the past. Everyone "pigged-out" on hotdogs and potato chips.



1. The juniors and seniors work as fast as they can in order to win the snake race.
2. Steve Light, senior, models his favorite outfit.
3. Alex Begler gives Lesli Howerton a "taste" of the action.
4. The EHS burning hot with spirit.







The pep rally was a big success.

Seniors Brian Weber, Wayne Bongartz, and Shelly Gilliland "volunteered" to help the cheerleaders make Spirit Cookies. They were tied up in a tub and had ingredients such as honey, ketchup, and flour poured on them.

After all this excitement, the cheerleaders did a routine to "Eye of the Tiger" to psych everyone up. This song was chosen since this was the football team's theme song.

Then everyone joined hands for the Snake Dance that ended up at the Riverside park. Brenda Rupp, junior, commented, "It was 'Totally X'. The organization was superb. Next year I recommend slowing it down a little!"

The bon fire couldn't be lit because the railroad ties, the outhouse, and the stumps that it contained would have smouldered all night, said Vernice Fondoble, Fire Chief.

"The city ordinance states that only cardboard is to be used, but we have been letting it go in the past. From now on we are going to enforce it," stated Fondoble.

The EHS was lit however, and the spirit rose.

The football coaches were in for a big surprise after this because the football players got together and threw them in the stock tank which was full of water.

The next activity was throwing the pies at the two lucky(?) cheerleaders, LaVonne Kuhn and Lesli Howerton. They had accumulated the most money in their jars during Spirit Week.

"It is messy and sticky, and it's something everyone should experience at least once in their lifetime," stated LaVonne.

Dava Fisher and Alex Begler were the two people who got the honor of throwing the pies. They were chosen by having their ticket numbers drawn out of the many that were sold throughout the week.

Everyone went their separate ways then and put the final touches on the floats which they had been working on all week.

At approximately 11:00 p.m., someone, who is as yet unknown, lit the bon fire. The firemen were called in to control the blaze. A 5-gallon gasoline can was found on the site which would indicate arson, according to the Fire Chief.



1. Mr. Coffman devours his hot dog at the weinie roast.
2. "The worst part was waiting to see what was going to happen to me, and then after it was over, being all messy. It wasn't that bad though," commented Brian Weber, about his experience as a Spirit Cookie.
3. Brenda Weber, Lisa Metzler, Terry Wilson, Terri Fuller take a breather during the snake dance.
4. The seniors yelling their hearts out to win the yell contest.



# RIDING ON

The big day finally arrived — Homecoming! The students dressed in orange and black to show their spirit.

The contest at noon was the lifesaver race. This competition required passing a life saver on a toothpick from one class member to another.

People were busy all morning and early afternoon getting everything organized and the final details accomplished for the parade.

Somehow, some trash came in contact with the still smouldering bon fire area and once again started burning. The firemen were present to put out the fire for the final time.

School was dismissed at 1:30 for the parade. Kendra Mixer, sophomore, felt that this year's parade was better than last years.



The pre-game festivities included a performance by the band and flag team, and, of course, the crowning of the King and Queen.

The candidates were Linda Fox, Kelli Fabrizius, Wanda King, Johnny Befort, Travis Groff, and Gary Seibel.

Wanda King was chosen as Queen with Johnny Befort announced as King. Wanda said she was surprised and excited when her name was announced. "It is a night I will never forget," she said.

Johnny commented that he was really honored to be chosen. He felt that it (Homecoming) went very quickly.

The crown bearer was Jonathan Day the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Day. The flower girl was Sandra Kohl the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kohl. They were both in Kindergarden at Washington Grade School.



1. King Johnny Befort and Queen Wanda King smile as they think back on Homecoming night.
2. Travis Groff and Kelli Fabrizius talk over their experiences as candidates.
3. Gary Seibel and Linda Fox ponder their memories of Homecoming.





The football game turned out to be very exciting, but also disappointing, as the Smith Center Indians beat the Railers 21-14 in the final 4 seconds of the game.

Coffman, the head football coach, described the game as a fantastic effort that just fell a little short.

"It was a heart breaker, but it was a good game," commented Gary Seibel, Senior football player.

The Homecoming dance was held in the gym with The Source providing the music. Although many people felt that the music was too loud, it was a very enjoyable evening for almost everyone who attended.

When asked about his feelings concerning the entire Homecoming week, Mr. Bray, principal, said, "It was beautiful and wonderful and there was a lot of good participation. The only flaw was lighting the bon fire.

Homecoming is definitely a special time of the school year. The 1982 Homecoming was no exception.



1. Travis Groff, Kelli Fabrizius, Johnny Befort, Wanda King, Gary Seibel, Linda Fox, Jonathan Day, Sandra Kohl listen as the band plays "All the Things You Are."
2. Linda Fox, Sandra Kohl, Wanda King, Jonathan Day, and Kelli Fabrizius sit back and enjoy the football game.
3. Sandra Kohl and Jonathan Day prepare themselves to participate in the crowning ceremony.
4. The EHS Marching Band sets the beat of the Homecoming Parade.
5. Homecomers dance the night away.



# AUDIENCE DECIDES FATE

One the night of January 16th a murder was committed. By whom and for what reasons was what the play "The Night of January 16th," was all about. The play was presented by the junior class on November 11 and 12. Directed by Kathy Schramm.

The lay takes place in the courtroom of Judge William Heath played by Bill Desaire. Karen Andre, portrayed by Patty Honas, was accused of the murder of Bjorn Faulkner. Greg Martin, ad Defense Attorney Stevens, did his best to have Karen acquitted, while the District Attorney played by Chonda Engel fought to have her convicted.

Both attorneys did a terrific job of presenting their cases making it difficult to decide a verdict.

The deliberations took several twist and turns. One was the surprise appearance of Mrs. Faulkner, played by Brenda Rupp and Troy Schoenthaler as her father John Graham Whitfield.

The questioning continued and as Karen Andre took the stand, Larry Regan, played by Rex Befort, appeared. Larry implied that it was Mr. Whitfield who murdered Bjorn.

With Larry Regan came the truth of what happened on that night Everything, that is; but who killed Bjorn.

The questioning ended and the jury had to make a decision. The jury was chosen from the audience at every performance. Thursday afternoon and Friday evening ws found not guilty. On Thursday evening, Chonda Engel succeeded in swaying the jury her way when they found Karen Andre guilty.

Others included in the cast were, Beverly Sipes, Ty Fuller, DeeDee Waldschmidt, Lesa Lang, Kevin Augustine, Earl Mayes, Dianna Light, Annette Erbert, Maryl Brack, Tina Armbruster, Jerry Dick, Montgomery Groff, Karla Ray, Helen Redden, Deena Schuster, Steve Homburg, Daren Fischer, Wayne Augustine, and Leonard LaBarge.

Congratulations Juniors on a job well done!!!

And where were you on the night of January 16th?



1. Rex Befort, Larry Regan, is restrained by guards Steve Homburg and Ty Fuller.
2. Earl Mayes, Elmer Sweeney, swears to "tell the whole truth" as the Court clerk, Tina Armbruster swears him in.
3. Brenda Rupp, Nancy Lee Faulkner, and Troy Schoenthaler, John Graham Whitfield, watch as their case progresses.



1. The Cast of the junior play; FIRST ROW, L to R, Greg Martin, Chonda Engel, Patty Honas, Rex Befort; SECOND ROW, Bev Sipes, Deena Schuster, Maryl Brack, Tina Armbruster; THIRD ROW, Helen Redden, Lesa Lang, Annette Erbert, Dianna Light, Brenda Rupp, DeeDee Waldschmidt; FOURTH ROW, Troy Schoenthaler, Ty Fuller, Steve Homburg, Daren Fischer, Montgomery Groff, Jerry Dick, Bill Desaire, Kevin Augustine, and Earl Mayes.
2. Chonda Engel, District Attorney Flint cross-examines Jane Chandler, Annette Erbert.
3. Greg Martin, district attorney Stevens, interrogates Homer Van Fleet played by Kevin Augustine while Judge William Heath, Bill Desaire, listens.



4. The crew members of the junior play; FIRST ROW, L to R, Jeanie Rathbun, Lisa Bongartz, Maryl Brack, Deana Sproul, Carol Mask, Tina Armbruster; SECOND ROW, Patty Honas, Scottie Matteson, Lisa Keller, Rhonda Kuhn, Chonda Engel, Bev Sipes, Brenda Weber, DeeDee Waldschmidt; THIRD ROW, Annette Erbert, Helen Redden, Dianna Light, Brenda Rupp, Michelle Azar, Deena Schuster, Lisa Metzler, Wanda Augustine, Connie Brungart, Kristle Weber; FOURTH ROW, Ty Fuller, Steve Homburg, Daren Fischer, Rex Befort, Montgomery Groff, Jerry Dick, Kevin Augustine, Bill Desaire, and Earl Mayes.



5. Monty Groff, Karla Ray, Dianna Light and Lesa Lang take a bow after their great performance.



# Magical Moments

The night of December 18th was filled with magic — "Mistle Toe Magic." This was the theme chosen for Snoball 1982. Burgundy, Pink, and White were the colors which filled the gym.

On this night Joe Waldschmidt crowned Beth Henrickson as Snoball queen. Their senior attendants were Lesli Howerton and Randy Herman, and Wanda King and Steve Dietz. Diane Light and Rex Befort were honored as the junior princess and prince. Allison Clark and Brett Fuller were chosen from the sophomore class, and the freshmen chose Mary Weber and Jeff Augustine as their representatives.

Following the crowning, the Snoball servers entertained everyone with a routine to "You Can Do Magic." Heather Harwick, Sandy Honas, Kim Wiesner, and Sonya Jayne were the four servers chosen by the Kayettes.

The decorations consisted of crepe paper strung all around and featured a lamp in the center of the floor. It required work on Thursday night, all day Friday, and touch-ups on Saturday to complete the task of turning an ordinary gym into a beautiful room.

Carte Blanche out of Lawrence provided the music. Their songs were mainly top 40 hits.

The photography class set up a backdrop in the lobby. They chose to take color pictures this year which was a new occasion.

The magical night quickly grew to a close, and everyone went their separate ways with pleasant memories of Snoball 1982.



1. Joe Waldschmidt and Beth Henrickson were elected King and Queen of Snoball, an annual event sponsored by the Kayettes.

2. Mary Weber, Jeff Augustine, Randy Herman, Allison Clark, Brett Fuller, Steve Dietz, Dianna Light, Rex Befort, Lesli Howerton, Beth Henrickson, Joe Waldschmidt, and Wanda King formed the 1982 Snoball royal court.





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1. Carte Blanche rocks the night of December 18th.
2. Mrs. Henry, Kayette sponsor, receives a magical Snoball kiss from her husband.
3. Heather Harwick, Sanja Jayne, Sandy Honas, and Kim Wiesner were the 8th graders chosen to be the 1983 Snoball servers.
4. Karen Fox puts the final touches on the decorations that transformed the gym into a ballroom.
5. The most magical moments of the evening were spent dancing.
6. Maryl Brack, Jay Brack, Jerry Dick, Brian Weber, among others, adjourn to the lobby for a break from dancing.



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# Cold Weather

## Didn't Halt Activities

Brenda Weber, and Jerry Dick, could breathe a sigh of relief as they were announced FFA Sweetheart and Mr. FHA.

That day, February 25, 1983, was very hectic for Brenda and Jerry as well as for the other candidates; Tina Armbruster, Coleen Fischer, Rhonda Kuhn, Daren Fischer, Rex Befort and Darren Riedel.

Everyone gathered in the home ec. room, during homeroom period, to watch the Mr. FHA candidates perform various chores. The tasks of preparing french toast, setting a table, tying a tie, sewing, and taking a written test proved to be very interesting.

"They were challenging, but lots of fun," said Daren Fischer about his chores.

In their quest for FFA Sweetheart the girls were required to do several chores. The written test and tool identification were held in the Ag workshop. The other chores, however, were held outside in freezing weather. Rhonda Kuhn replied when asked about her chores, "I thought they were great. I thought that I'd be embarrassed, but I wasn't." Roping, milking a goat, feeding a calf, catching pigs, and loading and driving a small tractor were the tasks they were asked to perform.

With their chores behind them, the candidates moved to the auditorium to deliver their speeches expressing their feelings about the respective club which had chosen them as candidates.

The Barnwarmer dance was held in the old high school gym following the last regular season basketball game against Ness City.



The band Voices provided the music even though they had a few difficulties with wiring.

The time of the crowning finally arrived. Brenda Weber and Jerry Dick were announced as the winners and were awarded their gifts.

The dancing resumed as the 1983 Barnwarmer drew to a close.

Kim Wasinger said "It was fun. The band was all right when they played."

As they say; "Past Barnwarmer dances don't die, they just fade into a memory."

1. Tina Armbruster, Daren Fischer, Darren Reidel, Rhonda Kuhn, Jerry Dick, Brenda Weber, Rex Befort, and Coleen Fischer, were the juniors chosen as candidates for the 1983 Barnwarmer.

2. Miss FFA, Brenda Weber and Jerry Dick, Mr. FHA, finally have a chance to relax after an exciting day.





1. Coleen Fischer struggles through the task of feeding a calf.
2. Brenda Weber attempts to rope the stampeding steer.
3. Daren Fischer slaves over the stove in hopes of a perfect french toast.
4. The art of tying a tie was beyond the grasp of Darren Reidel, Jerry Dick, and Rex Befort.
5. Rhonda Kuhn hoists a bale into the tractor.





# OFF WITH HIS HEAD

"Everyone be seated and join hands" were the words that started the chaos that was the senior play, "Off With His Head," by Frank V. Priore. Miss Anna Wetzel was the director.

Harry and Carol Preston, played by Brent Stegman and Shelly Gilliland, were happily married. At least they were until Madam Bali (Beth Henrickson) came into their lives, opening Carol's eyes to the world of the supernatural. Since then their lives were not the same.

Not only did Carol spend a ton of money on a bunch of mumbo-jumbo paraphernalia, but she also had a seance in which two kings and three queens took over the bodies of their friends. To be specific: Carol became Queen Victoria, Bill Mullin (Kris Fox) became Henry the VIII, Sally Garrett (Lesli Howerton) turned into Marie Antoinette, Barbara Mullin (Angela Gabel) emerged as Cleopatra, and finally, Tony Garrett (Mark Dinkel) came to be King Solemn.

Of course they didn't get along all too well. Madam Bali just couldn't handle all the pressure and turned the whole mess over to her daughter, Tabitha (Kelli Fabrizio) who was impersonating a cat until now.

To make things even more complicated, Madam Bali couldn't send them back, no matter how hard she tried. A surprise visit by Carol's mother (Mary Redden) added to the confusion.

Soon after, Harry's district Manager and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jason (Jim Kinderknecht and Kelley Picking) stopped in for lunch. Carol was still not herself so Tabby stepped in for her. Everything was going good until Tabby's new boyfriend, Brain McFeild (Ed Dinkel) showed up.

Mrs. Jason found the mess appalling, and had her husband fire Harry.

A little too late, Madam Casandra (Wanda King) came to save the day. We then found out that Tabby and Brain were to blame for this mess.

The story did have a happy ending. All the spirits went back and everyone gave up the supernatural. Madam Bali closed her school. Harry got his job back with a raise and a promotion. Martha showed up with the men in the white coats (Jeff Honas and Stan Flinn) who thought she's crazy and took her away. To Harry's dismay, Madam Casandra fixed it so they would let her go.

Even though this may sound like a mixed up mess, the play was a success. Good going Seniors and Miss Wetzel on your first play production.



1. The senior cast included: Kris Fox, Eddie Dinkel, Jim Kinderknecht, Kelley Picking, Wanda King, Mark Dinkel, Mary Redden, Angie Gabel, Shelly Gilliland, Brent Stegman, Kelli Fabrizio, Beth Henrickson, Lesli Howerton, Stan Flinn, and Jeff Honas.



2. The crew members were: S. Flinn, T. Groff, B. Weber, B. Houghton, W. Bongartz, T. Hallagin, K. Fox, D. McVey, J. Kinderknecht, E. Dinkel, J. Pfeifer, G. Seibel, J. Wideman, W. Kohl, M. Dinkel, B. Stegman, L. Howerton, J. Pinney, K. Lang, M. Redden, A. Leiker, L. Kuhn, L. Fox, W. King, K. Picking, B. Henrickson, and K. Fabrizio, not shown S. Light.







1. Madam Bali (Beth H.) is insulted by Brain McFeild's (Eddie D.) statement of dislike of her sorcery classes.
2. Steve Light touches up Bill Mullin's (Kris F.) hair.
3. Martha (Mary R.) is escorted out of the door by the two doctors (Stan F., Jeff H.).
4. Carol Preston (Shelly G.) gets in some last minute concentration before her guests arrive for the seance.
5. Tempers flare as the identity transactions take place.
6. Harry Preston (Brent S.) cringes as the others yell, "Off with his head!"
7. Mr. and Mrs. Jason (Jim K., Kelley P.) are greeted at the door by Marie Antoinette (Lesli H.).





# The Hero Wins Again

The villain still persued Nellie Quackenbush in "No, No, A Million Times No!" even though she returned to the soil from which she sprang. The Railairred presented this melodrama on April 9th in the high school lobby.

"It was a lot of fun. The students in the show were the best I've worked with in that type of melodrama. I think everyone worked hard, had a lot of talent, and I'll miss everybody," commented Miss Elaine Skolaut, director of the show.

The Ellis High School cooks prepared the meal which was served before the presentation.

Nellie Quackenbush (Tina Boutin) was tricked by the arch villian Stafford Blackman (Troy Halligan) into going to the city to marry him. Nellie, however, soon realized Stafford Blackman was evil and returned home.

Nellie's father, Amos (Pappy) Quackenbush, played by John Begler, along with Nellie's friends noticed a change in Nellie when she returned. They had believed that Nellie had gone to the city to receive an education, not to marry Stafford.

Noble Hart (Eddie Light) had wanted to marry Nellie long before she met Stafford. When she returned from the city, he couldn't understand why she wouldn't marry him.

Along about then, Stafford showed up on the scene followed by Gwendolyn Finefeathers (Brenda Rupp) who was his lady friend. Together they constructed a plan to kidnap Nellie from her rural paradise. The reason for this action was because they knew of the valuable mineral deposits on Nellie's father's land.

In the process of the kidnapping, Iffy Cann (Brent Stegman) shot Stafford. Noble Hart rescued Nellie and returned her to her loving home. Nellie then told the truth of her reason for going away to the city. Noble forgave her and asked her hand in marriage. Pappy asked Birdie Seed (Beth Henrickson) to marry him, and Iffy Cann married Emmeline (Lesli Howerton). They all lived happily ever after.

Others in the cast were: Rhonda Kuhn — the prop (sign) girl; the milkmaids — Kelli Fabrizius (Della), Brenda Weber (Ella), Annette Erbert (Kate), Patty Honas (Duplikate), Amy Leiker, Lesa Lang, Lisa Keller, and Shelly Gilliland; The farm boys — Alex Begler, Shawn Ray, Johnny Befort, Steve Dietz, Steve Homburg, Bill Desaire, Stan Flinn, and Lonnie Augustine.

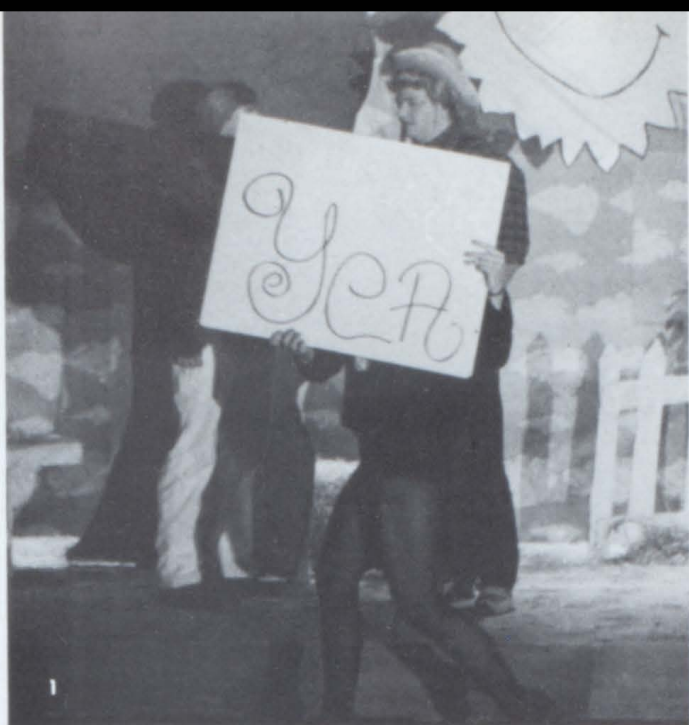
1. Nellie Quackenbush (Tina Boutin) tells Noble Hart (Eddie Light) that she can never marry him.

2. Kelli Fabrizius, Lisa Keller, Lesli Howerton, Amy Leiker, Lesa Lang, Shelly Gilliland, Brenda Weber, Annette Erbert, and Patty Honas sing about their lives as milkmaids on the farm.

3. Iffy Cann (Brent Stegman) sings to Emmeline (Lesli Howerton) about their lives together.







1. Rhonda Kuhn tells the audience to cheer as Noble Hart (Eddie Light) and Pappy Quackenbush (John Begler) discuss Nellie.

2. Birdie Seed (Beth Henrickson) sings to Pappy Quackenbush (John Begler) about her trip to see her aunt.

3. Stafford Blackman (Troy Halligan) persuades Gwendolyn Finefeathers (Brenda Rupp) to help him in kidnapping Nellie (Tina Boutin).

4. The cast included: John Begler, Beth Henrickson, Tina Boutin, Kelli Fabrizius, Lisa Keller, Eddie Light, Shelly Gilliland, John Befort, Amy Leiker, Lesli Howerton, Shawn Ray, Brenda Weber, Lesa Lang, Annette Erbert, Patty Honas, Bill Desaire and Brent Stegman.

5. Stafford Blackman (Troy Halligan) carries Nellie (Tina Boutin) away after using his knock-out-potion.





# Timothy James Rocks Ellis

The theme selected by the junior class for the Junior-Senior Prom said it all; May 14th was a "Heavenly Night." The Junior-Senior Prom is always a special time of the year which highlights the end of the year.

The juniors put in many hours of work and made many decisions to prepare for this event. Dark blue, light blue, and silver were chosen as the colors which would decorate the Knights of Columbus Hall, and "Heavenly Nights" was selected as the theme. The decorations were very pretty and consisted of crepe paper, stars, candles, and a spiral staircase. The juniors also bought wine glasses and booklets as favors for their guests.

The 1983 Junior-Senior Prom was begun by Mr. Terry Zerfas, toastmaster, introducing the junior class president, Rhonda Kuhn. Rhonda welcomed everyone and read the poem included in the booklets. Brent Stegman, senior class president, responded by thanking the juniors for a job well done and told everybody to have a safe and fun night. Following the speeches, Rev. Robert C. Hazen gave the invocation.

The prom servers selected by the junior class served the meal which consisted of smothered steak, coleslaw, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, a roll, and cake. The 12 sophomores chosen as servers were Matt Armbruster, Brett Fuller, Curtis Gottschalk, Wes King, Keith Honas, Kenny Sproul, Rhonda Aschenbrenner, Allison Clark, Shannon Dinkel, Karen Fox, Lora Seibel, and Amy Waldschmidt.

With the serving completed, the servers presented a routine to "Beat It" by Michael Jackson. The entire week prior to prom had been spent learning and practicing this routine.

After the routine there was a break until 9:00 so that the K of C Hall could be cleaned up and the band could get set up. Timothy James and the Rivals provided the music. They played rock and roll as well as some top 40 songs. Almost everybody present felt the band did a great job.

Many of the people attending prom stayed in town after the dance to party a little bit more before going home. Some people, however, found their way out to the lake to spend the rest of the evening.

As the night grew to a close, the 1983 Junior-Senior Prom became a part of history. However, it will live on as a very special memory in everybody's minds.



1. The juniors set a very pretty table including booklets, napkins, candles, and wine glasses. This spot was set for Cindy Zerfas.

2. The decorations took many hours of planning and constructing.





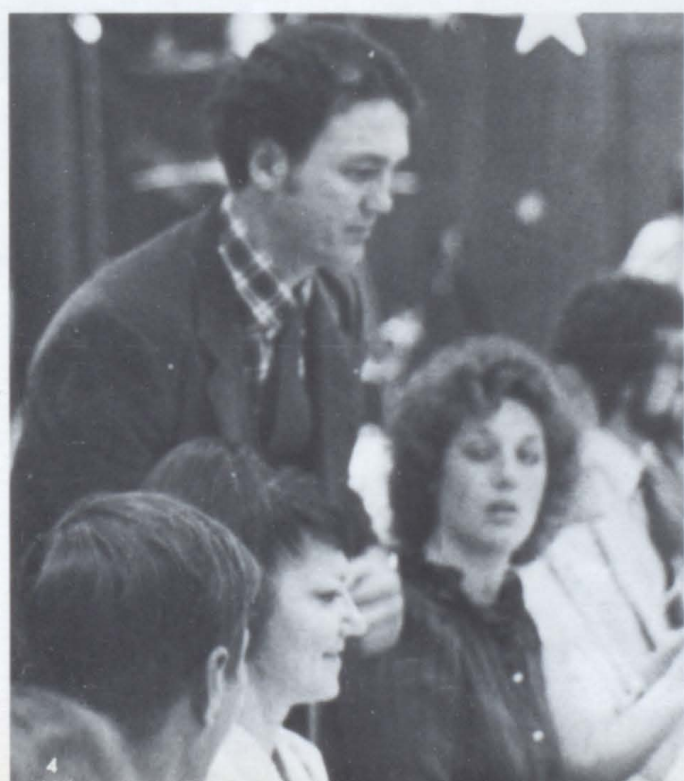
1. Jerry Pfeifer, Lesli Howerton, and Brian Weber look for their seats prior to the banquet.

2. Rhonda Kuhn, junior class president, reads the poem printed in the booklets to the guests.

3. Dean Gottschalk, John Befort, Galen Herman, and Randy Herman wait patiently for the night to get started.

4. Mr. Zerfes visits with Mr. Kolacny, Ms. Glantz, and Ms. Skolaut prior to the banquet.

5. Shannon Dinkel serves the meal to the guests.







1. The prom servers perform a routine to "Beat It" by Michael Jackson
2. Brett Fuller and Lora Seibel show one of the many stunts contained in the servers routine.
3. Jerry Dick and Chonda Engel move to the beat of Timothy James and the Rivals.
4. Many dancing "trains" were formed throughout the evening.
5. Frank Boutin looks forward to a good meal served at the junior-senior banquet.
6. Timothy James and the Rivals provided the music for those attending prom to dance to.





1. Rhonda Kuhn, Diane Light, Brenda Rupp, and Chonda Engel take some time out of their busy evening to visit.

2. Shawn Ray, Gary Seibel, and Jeff Wideman set out to ask their favorite girl to dance.

3. Kenny Schmidt looks away as John Begler helps Juanita Rupp tie her crepe paper tie.

4. Karla Ray departs from the K of C Hall following the banquet.

5. Brenda Weber, Deana Sproul, and Wanda Augustine dance together with their crepe paper and icicle ties.





# Endings And Beginnings

When the seniors met to decide on the class colors (light blue and black), the class flower (the rose), and the class motto ("If we cannot find a road to success, we will make one!"), graduation seemed so far away. The time, however, went very fast — too fast for some.

May 17th was a day which was looked forward to for 12 years, but was dreaded by many when it finally became a reality. Friends and family members were present to watch the Class of '83 spend it's last few minutes as students of Ellis High School.

The locker rooms were filled with nervous, excited seniors as they put on gowns, caps, courages, and boutonnieres. The girls worried about how their hair looked as the guys stood around and talked. When the time to line up arrived, everybody tried to hide just how many butterflies they had.

Tina Armbruster and Dee Dee Armbrister played the processional as the '83 graduates were ushered to their places by Lisa Metzler and Kevin Augustine. The girls wore light blue gowns and the guys wore black gowns with the tassels being the two colors combined.

Father Paulinus gave the invocation and everyone was seated as the Railairres sang "Memories" and "Flying Free." The senior Railairre members presented Ms. Elaine Skolaut, director, with a flower arrangement before singing "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother."

Paul Armbruster presented the special awards to the Valedictorian, Lesli Howerton, and to the Salutatorian, Steve Dietz. Mr. Bray then presented the guest speaker, Ronald Pflughoff. Mr. Pflughoff's commencement address was about the 5 aces — commitment, attitude, ambition, enthusiasm, and service.

The most important part of the evening had arrived. Mr. Bray presented the class of '83 and Dr. G. A. Surface presented the 47 graduating seniors with their diplomas.

The benediction was given, followed by the recessional, and graduation was over.

Many tears were shed as goodbyes and congratulations were shared. The graduates departed one by one to go home to be congratulated by family and friends. However, many of the graduates found their way to the Fire Station Park later that evening to spend a few more hours together.

There are so many memories of times the Class of '83 spent together — both good and bad. However, they will be remembered for a long time — some will never be forgotten.



1. The Class of '83 Valedictorian was Lesli Howerton, and the '83 Salutatorian was Steve Dietz.

2. Everybody listens attentively as Ronald Pflughoff delivers the commencement address.





## *Ellis High School Class of 1983*

[Valedictorian — Lesli Annette Howerton]

[Salutatorian — Steven Dean Dietz]

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Sheila Kay Keeler	*Preston Allan Wolf
*James Arthur Kinderknecht	

### *\*Honor Roll*

1. Dr. G. A. Surface presents Mark Dinkel with his diploma.
2. The graduates and the audience bow their heads as Father Paulinus delivers the Benediction.
3. Angie Gabel walks back to her seat as an alumna of Ellis High School.

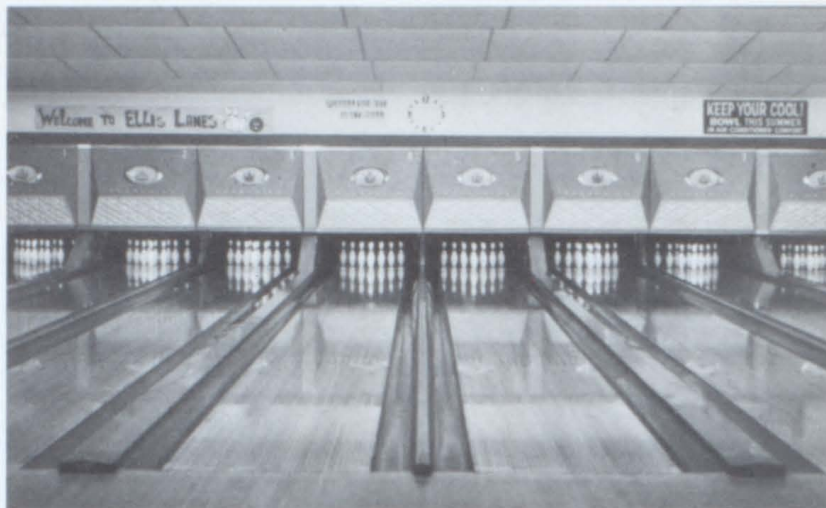
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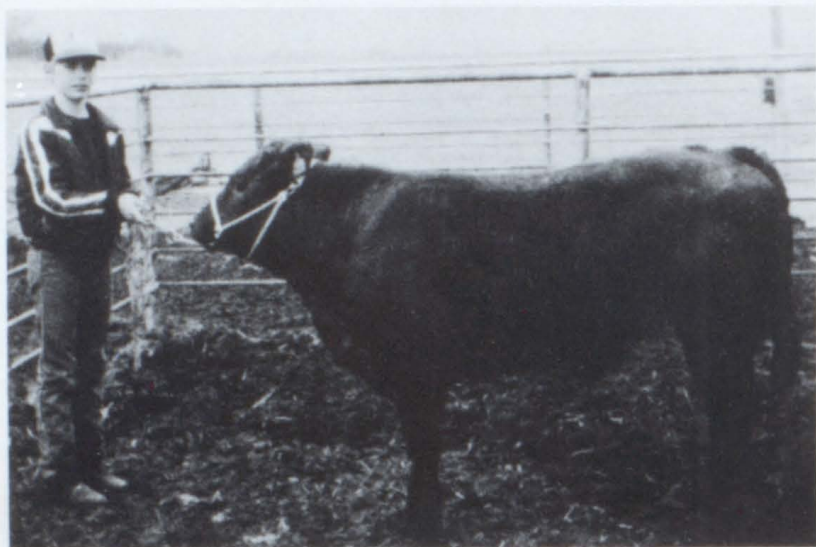
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