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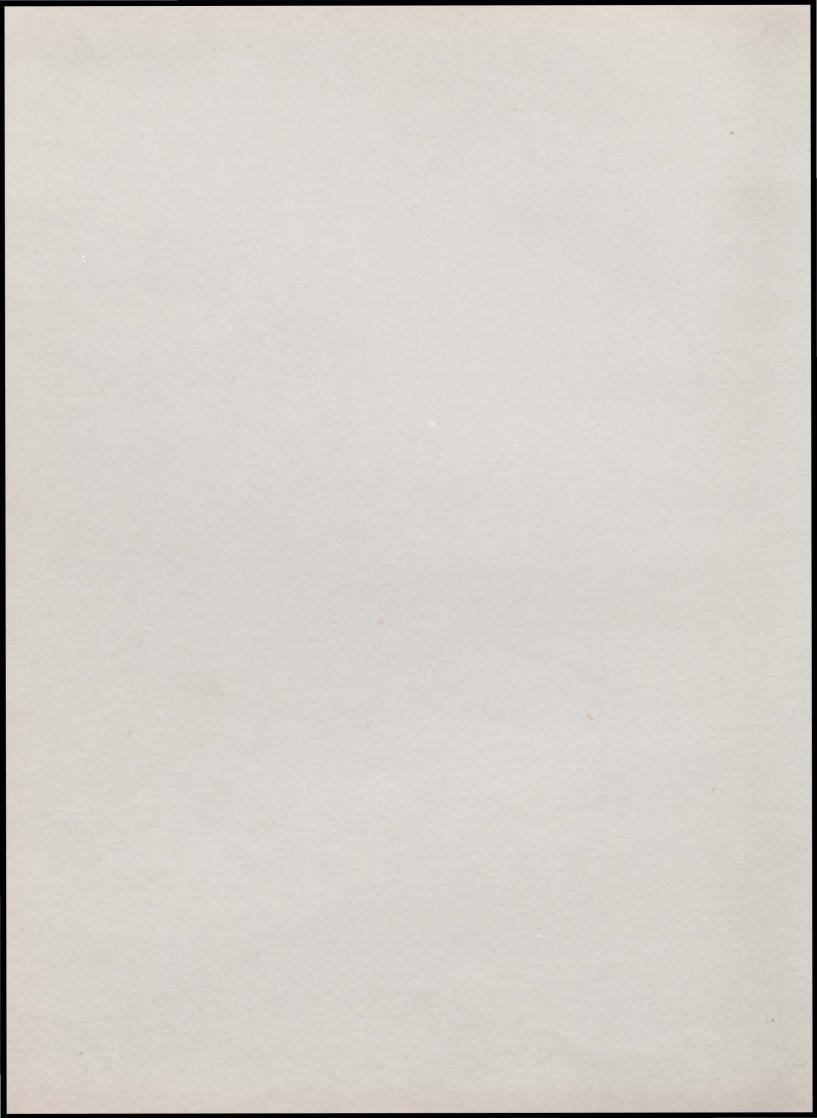
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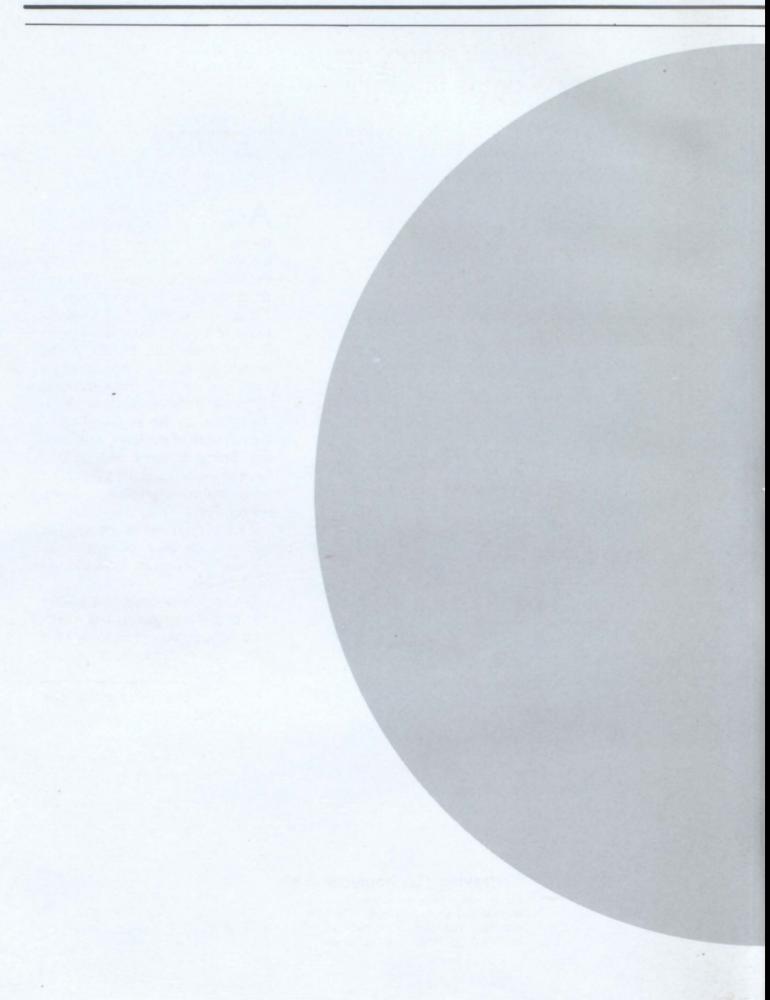
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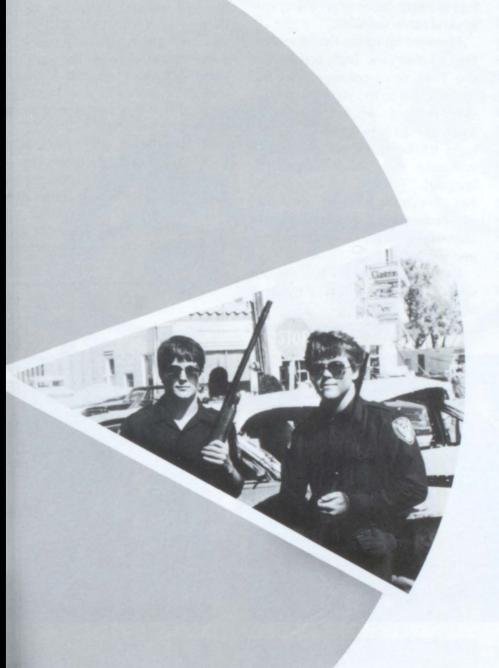
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A Slice of Life

1806 Monroe Ellis, Kansas



## High school not entire life, only a



### slice.

A slice of life. The 1985-86 Railroader staff chose this theme above many others. We believe that high school is but a slice of our entire lives and this was the best way to depict our year.

High school, though it is not our entire life, makes up a very important and busy part, or slice, of our lives together. The many activities such as sports, organizations, dances and class projects could be thought of as the so-called toppings on each of our lives, with each one being different and unique. Each of us, as a separate slice, add up to make a complete unit, our school, EHS.

It takes each and everyone of us to make this book what it is, for without one person, it would not be the same.

We hope you enjoy this collection of pictures and writing which reveals a portion of your and EHS's slice of life for 1985-86.

by Donna Schoenthaler

#### Portraying the homecoming

theme, Mike Sipes and Donnie Younger, srs., dressed up as policemen to lead their class float. The theme for homecoming was Panther Patrol. *Photo by Vic Balderson*.

### dedication.

The dedication of a yearbook is not an honor that is bestowed on just anyone. It takes a very special person to be worthy of this honor. The 1986 Railroader staff believed Rocky Rorabaugh, USD 388's superintendent, deserved such an honor in his final year at EHS. Upon his retirement June 1, Rorabaugh will have served as EHS superintendent for 18 years.

Rorabaugh mentioned that he enjoyed the freedom that came with being a superintendent as compared to being confined to a classroom everyday.

When asked what stands out most in his mind in his 18 years at EHS, he replied with a smile, "My hair is much more gray, along with several more wrinkles."

He went on to say that construction of the new high school and the 1976 cross-country team that he coached to the state championship would always be vivid memories to him.

As to the question of what he will miss most after leaving, he laughed, "The check every month. No, seriously, I will miss the association with the kids and the comradery with the employees and school district."

Rorabaugh believes everyone should retire eventually, if they can afford it.

As in everything, there are things

that are disliked also. One of the things that Rorabaugh did not enjoy as much about being a superintendent was the responsibility of being on call 24 hours that goes with the job. He commented that it is sometimes worse than being a doctor.

"But most of all," Rorabaugh said, "I disliked the inability of some school district patrons to realize that school administrators really do know more about the operation of a school district than those who have never known the responsibility."

by Donna Schoenthaler



- 1. **Planning the day,** Mr. Rorabaugh works in his office on his schedule. One of the many things Rorabaugh enjoys is making out his weekly newspaper, "The Rorabaugh Report." *Photo by Von Rupp*.
- 2. **Identifying players and** plays, Mr. Rorabaugh announces at a home football game. This was a duty Rorabaugh performed for many years. *Photo by Von Rupp*.
- 3. **Delivering the mail** each day, Mr. Rorabaugh places letters in the teachers' boxes. Rorabaugh delivered mail to the grade school and the high school. *Photo by Von Rupp*.





## Autumn



Football Cross-Country Volleyball Homecoming Stuco Band Jr. Play Freshmen Ads

#### FOOTBAL Team makes progress in goals

The 1985-86 football season ended with a varsity record of 2-7, and a jr. varsity record of 4-2. Kirk Maska, head coach, was assisted by Lonnie Irvin and Kevin Burr.

The team goals were to have a winning season and to develop an interest in the program, such as discipline and conditioning. The Railers seem to have made some progress.

"We had a good program in weights, and we got the younger grades interested," said Maska.

Not only do the coaches have to

- 1. **Tough defense.** Mike Sipes, sr., is ready to help Eddie Light, sr., tackle the quarterback. Sipes was a varsity linebacker. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster*.
- Be aggressive. Railers strive for perfection at the soap scrimmage. This is an annual event to showcase the Railers before season action. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

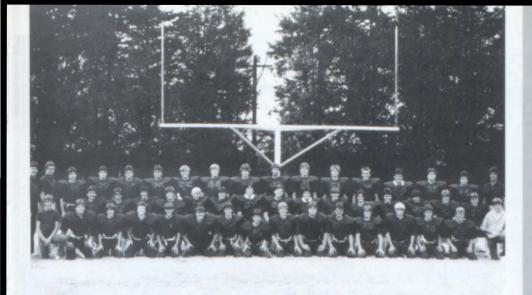
worry about goals, but they also have to prepare for the games. To prepare for the games, Maska calls league coaches to find out the opponent's weaknesses. Ellis coaches know that the opposing teams have scouted the Railroaders, so they prepare our athletes by strengthening their weaknesses.

"Maska usually had a sheet that listed the better players, and the defenses they ran. It helped our plays," said Tim Homburg, jr.

by Sonya Jayne













A-Team					
Ellis	Opponent	Them			
6	Victoria	20			
0	Norton	33			
14	Stockton	12			
6	P-Burg	10			
0	Wakeeney	20			
0	Osborne	6			
12	Hill City	7			
0	Plainville	42			
12	Smith Center	46			
B-Team					
Ellis	Opponent	Them			
6	Victoria	12			
8	LaCrosse	0			
26	Ness City	6			
41	Wakeeney	6			
23	Stockton	20			
12	Hill City	28			

- 1. 1985-86 Football Team. First Row: R. Newton, Br. Bittel, K. Augustine, A. Ditter, A. Flax, T. Patee, S. Graf, B. Shirk, K. Kruckenberg, B. Bittel, E. Shannon, T. Gerber, E. Armbrister, T. Begler, K. Eberle, M. Bollig. Second Row: C. Brull, J. Binder, C. Engle, M. Keller, J. Pfeifer, P. Geschwentner, M. Coleman, T. Homburg, J. Seibel, G. Flax, M. Ashbaugh, B. Armbruster, E. King, E. Dinkel, J. Wolf. Third Row: Mr. Burr, Mr. Irvin, L. Augustine, M. Sipes, B. Younger, D. Younger, T. Phillips, L. Gottschalk, B. Stewart, R. Honas, J. Augustine, S. Dinkel, E. Light, D. Henderson, K. Weber, D. Armbruster, Mr. Maska. Photo by Pioneer Photography.
- 2. **Push them back.** The defense uses their strategy against the offense as they try to stop them. Eddie Light, sr., said that the team is divided equally for the soap scrimmage to ensure fair competition. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster*.
- 3. We are rough. Railroader defense tries to stop their opponent. According to Tim Homburg, jr., the Railers ran many different defensive plays. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.
- 4. **Senior Football Players.**Front Row: D. Younger, M. Sipes, L. Augustine, D. Armbruster, T. Phillips, D. Henderson. Back Row: B. Stewart, E. Light, R. Honas, L. Gottschalk, S. Dinkel, K. Weber, J. Augustine, B. Younger. *Photo by Pioneer Photography*.

# ROSS-COUNTR One step ahead of the rest

he 1985 Cross-Country season season went better than I thought began with the team hoping they would have a chance to compete in state competition. This dream became a reality when the boys once again qualified for state.

The squad was composed mostly of underclassmen since there were only two seniors out. However, Mike Hulse, coach, commented that the kids worked very hard and that they showed a lot of improvement throughout the

Trent Halligan, sr., said, "The

it would. I was glad that we had a girls' team this year. That was really

This was the first year Ellis had a full girls' team. They competed in the same meets as the boys with the exception of Regionals and State.

"I was very pleased to have a full girls' team this year. It was just a shame they couldn't go to state," said Hulse. "But, overall, it was a good year."

by Mary Weber



- 1. We're almost there. Bonnie Schoenthaler and Christine Younger strive for the finish line. This was the first full girls' team at EHS. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.
- 2. Pondering over strategy. Coach Hulse gives last minute instructions while the team prepares for the race. Hulse also coaches girls' basketball and track. Photo by Donna Schoenthaler.
- 3. Stiving for success. Amy Keller participates in the Ellis Triangular. This was Keller's first race for the year. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.
- 4. Senior Cross-Country runners were Trent Halligan and Greg Younger. Both competed in state competition. Photo by Pioneer Photography.
- 5. I'm almost there. Mike Honas runs to beat his opponents to the finish line. Honas participated in every race throughout the year. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.
- 6. 1985 Cross-Country team consisted of: D. Fabrizius, R. Hazen, B. Schoenthaler, T. Kohl, M. Augustine, A. Keller, C. Younger, B. Arbrister, B. Deutscher, Coach M. Hulse, T. Younger, L. Brenner, T. Halligan, M. Honas, G. Younger, J. Rathbun. Photo by Pioneer Photography.







Meet	Boys	Girls
Ellis Triangular	3rd	1st
Hays Inv.	4th	9th
Hill City Inv.	4th	3rd
Plainville Inv.	4th	2nd
Osborne Inv.	4th	4th
Dighton Inv.	2nd	2nd
Russell Inv.	3rd	3rd
Regionals	3rd	
State	10th	





# LLEYBAL Girls work hard to improve season

The volleyball season ended great optimism so practices were with a varsity record of 1-19, a jr. varsity record of 3-6, and a freshmen record of 1-4.

Mrs. Henry, head coach, was assisted by Mrs. Hertel.

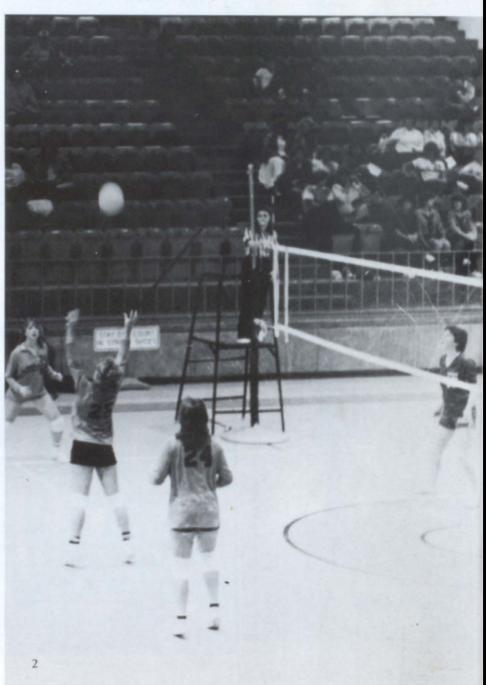
"We wanted to have at least a .500 season and to develop a winning attitude in practices and games," said coach Henry.

According to Henry, their goals were not really achieved. The players began the season with very enthusiastic and spirited. As the season continued, however, the enthusiasm dwindled and their level of play declined at both practices and games. However, they did gain valuable experience, Henry added.

"I thought we showed enthusiasm most of the time. Even though I only played one year, I enjoyed it," said Myrna Mc-Clelland, sr.

by Sonya Jayne

- 1. Determined to score, Sandi Blackwill, jr., serves the ball. Blackwill was a setter for junior varsity. Photo by Dale Edwards. 2. Setting the ball, Lisa Schafer, jr., goes to Melinda Simpson, soph., for a spike. Schafer received honorable mention all-league. Photo by Dale Edwards.







	A-Team					
	Ellis	Opponent	Them			
	6-2	Hill City	15-15			
!	0-7	Logan	15-15			
	6-9	Macksville	15-15			
	8-9	Ellinwood	15-15			
	2-8	Otis-Bison	15-15			
	1-9	Plainville	15-15			
	15-15	Bucklin	4-10			
	5-14	Bazine	15-16			
	11-8	Pawnee Heights	15-15			
	4-9	Victoria .	15-15			
	6-7	Wakeeney	15-15			
	7-9	Utica	15-15			
	15-4-9	Stockton	13-15-15			
	10-9	Smith Center	15-15			
	2-2	Wheatland	15-15			
-	3-8	Ness City	15-15			
1	6-13	LaCrosse	15-15			
	2-2	Otis-Bison	15-15			
	6-11	Norton	15-15			
	ette	B-Team				
	Ellis	Opponent	Them			
	15-2-0	Hill City	7-15-15			
	16-15	Logan	14-11			
	2-15-15	Plainville	15-4-8			
	4-15-7	Victoria	15-12-15			
	9-7	Wakeeney	15-15			
	8-8	Smith Center	15-15			
	15-15	Wheatland	4-5			
	13-15-12	Ness City	15-12-15			
	1-15-10	LaCrosse	15-4-15			
		Freshmen				
	Ellis	Opponent	Them			
	3-1	Plainville	15-15			
	15-15	Stockton	13-12			
	6-2	Norton	15-15			
	10-13	TMP	15-15			
	8-15-8	Hays	15-13-15			
			13-13-13			





- 1. **Trying to make** a point, Debbie Dietz, jr., dinks the ball to the opposing team. Dietz was one of the two varsity setters. *Photo by Dale Edwards*.
- 2. Power packed. Sandi Blackwill, jr., spikes the ball as Amy Weber, soph., Myrna McClelland, sr., and Diane Fritschen, soph., watch. Blackwill was the captain for the junior varsity. Photo by Dale Edwards.
- The 1985-86 seniors, Myrna McClelland and Laura North, take time out to pose for a picture. McClelland has been in volleyball one year and North

has participated four years. Photo by Pioneer Photography.

#### 4. 1985-86 Volleyball Team.

First Row: J. Seibel, N. Phillips, H. Dinkel, D. Fritschen. Second Row: B. Light, A. Schoenberger, C. Fischer, B. Kinderknecht, J. Kippes, S. Miller, L. Schafer, D. Dinkel. Third Row: Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Hertel, A. Weber, M. Simpson, M. Lang, J. Honas, S. Blackwill, S. Martin, D. Dietz. Fourth Row: M. McClelland, L. North. *Photo by Pioneer Photography*.

# H OME COMIN G Juniors victorious in float competition

A week of planning was soon finished as the week's activities came to an end. The annual wienie roast and snake dance was a success. The pep assembly and the EHS bonfire made the evening complete. The seniors had a car at the bonfire which people could hit with a sledge hammer. This car was then used as part of the senior float. The seniors also won an award for the best spirit through the evening.

The dress up days for Homecoming week ranged from the traditional orange and black day to Hawaiian and 50's days.

On Friday, the parade featured the Homecoming royalty along with each class float designed around the theme "Panther Patrol." The junior class won first prize for their float.

At the football game, the excitement grew as Sandy Pfeifer and Dallas Armbruster were crowned queen and king. Shayla LaBarge and Josh Luea were the flower girl and crown bearer.

After the game everyone went to the Homecoming dance and danced to the music of Scotland Yard.

by Mary Weber

- Where's the smile? Dallas Armbruster and Sandy Pfeifer pose for the camera after the crowning. The Homecoming crowning is an annual event before the football game. Photo by Ellis Review.
- Look at us. 1985 royalty was Lisa Boos and Randy Honas, Sandy Pfeifer and Dallas Armbruster, Tracy Stegman and Jeff Augustine. The crown bearers were Shayla LaBarge and Josh Luea. Kindergartners are picked as the crown bearers. Photo by Ellis Review.











- Come on Melinda. Amy Weber, soph., holds the cotton ball with the straw while waiting to pass it to Melinda Simpson, soph. This was one of the games held during noon hour throughout the week. Photo by Donna Schoenthaler.
- Look at us. Amanda Groff and Randy Honas, srs., attempt to pull the string through their clothes. This was another game that was held during spirit week. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.
- 3. **Somebody's watching you.**Mike Sipes and Donnie Younger, srs., protect the senior float from outlaws. The senior float was at the bonfire where students could pay money to hit the car. *Photo by Vic Balderson*.
- 4. **Don't turn blue!** Laura Crawford, so., waits for her teammate to pass the cotton ball at the contest. The sophomore class took second in float competition during spirit week. *Photo by Donna Schoenthaler*.

# T U C Club holds Lyceums and sponsors Homecoming

S tuco hosted many successful events through the year. Homecoming was the first event that was undertaken and it went well, according to Eddie Light,

president.

Through the year Stuco also hosted several lyceums. One of these was Birds of Prey which featured different types of birds. Also, Clifford Guest and his dummies entertained the student body by using several different types of voices and sounds such as a helicopter.

At Christmas, there was a Christmas party for the entire student body which was hosted by Stuco. During the last home basketball game, a cake raffle proved to be a good money making project.

Eddie Light, Stuco president said, "I feel the year went very well. Homecoming was a big success and the entire organization worked very well together."

Stuco is sponsored by Mr.

Romine, principal.



by Mary Weber



- 1. Give a hoot. This lyceum, entitled Birds of Prey, featured an owl among other birds. One of the highlights showed a crow eating a chicken leg. Photo by Donna Schoenthaler
- 2. Shoot that ball. Thomas Huff, soph., thinks over his strategy to make a basket as he tries to win a gift certificate to the Brass Ear. This took place before the Thanksgiving break. Photo by Donna Schoenthaler.
- 3. **1985-86** Stuco Officers: Eddie Light, president; Mary Weber, secretary; Gary Luea, vice president; Sandi Blackwill, treasurer. Photo by Pioneer Photography.







- 1. Who's the girl? Clifford Guest teases Sandy Pfeifer before he exhibits his ventriloquist talents. This was one of the many lyceums during the year. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.
- Talk to me. Clifford Guest and his dummy were featured during his show. Guest has performed on the Johnny Carson show. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.



3. **1985-86 Stuco.** Front row: E. Dinkel, soph.; B. Bittel, fr.; S. Flax, soph.; M. Weber, sr.; S. Pfeifer, sr.; J. Schaus, jr.; S. Blackwill, jr.; J. Honas, jr.; G. Luea, sr. Back row: R. Romine, sponsor; D.

Fabrizius, jr.; B. Armbruster, soph.; D. Fischer, sr.; L. Dietrich, jr.; A. Groff, sr.; L. Boos, sr.; C. Engel, sr.; K. Augustine, fr.; T. Augustine, soph.; S. Graf, fr.; E. Light, sr. *Photo by Pioneer Photography*.

# B AND Class grows

The Ellis band consisted of forty-nine members. However, there were only two seniors, Amanda Groff and Laura North, to lead the way.

"Since we had only two seniors in our band this year, we depended on leadership from the younger kids," said Bill Dietz, band director.

When asked how the year went, Dietz thought that it went extremely well.

"We had an excellent concert band this year, even though it was a young band," Dietz said. He added that the kids worked very hard and were cooperative.

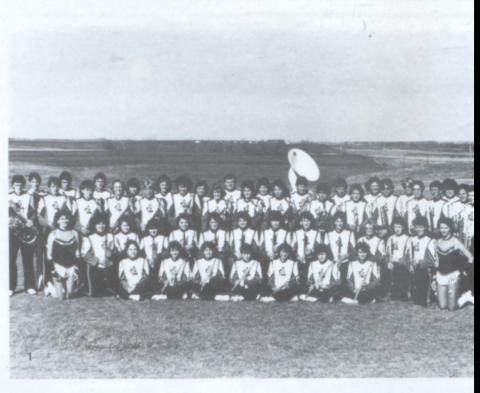
The regional and state contests were mixed this year and the band received a one at the contest. This was the first time in several years that the band received a one at state.

"It was a great year. It was really neat getting a one at state," said Melinda Simpson, soph.

The band was led by their officers, Amanda Groff, president; Janice Honas, vice-president; Melinda Simpson, secretarytreasurer; Connie Fischer, librarian; and Laura Dietrich, stuco.

#### by Mary Weber

1. Ellis Marching Band. Row 1: A. Groff, H. Harwick, D. Dietz, M. Windholz, L. Crawford, J. Gottschalk, S. Martin. Row 2: M. Augustine, B. Deutscher, L. Gottschalk, L. Dietrich, A. Keller, T. Gottschalk, R. Honas, D. Fritschen, S. Flax, J. Kippes, C. Wheeler, J. Seibel, C. Kohl, T. Kohl. Row 3: T. Begler, B. Deutscher, C. Fischer, J. Honas, D. Leiker, D. Armbrister, M. Schoenberger, S. Armbruster, M. Simpson, N. Phillips, L. Armbrister, R. Hazen, T. Augustine, D. Fabrizius, T. Patee, A. Smith. Row 4: M. Honas, E. Shannon, B. Bittel, T. Befort, M. Lang, A. Keller, T. Homburg, S. Rupp, B. Bittel, J. Seibel, L. North, E. Armbrister, D. Stadelman. Photo by Donna Schoenthaler.













- 1. Watch me play! The EHS band performed "A Christmas Festival" at the Christmas concert. This is an annual event. Photo by Von Rupp.
- 2. **Taking a break.** Tom Begler and Eric Shannon, fr., take a rest from playing. The band practices five days a week. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster*.
- 3. **Leading the band.** The 1985 twirlers and drum major were Michelle Augustine, Mike Honas and Terri Kohl. *Photo by Pioneer Photography.*
- 4. **Fa La La!** The brass choir performs in the lobby before the Christmas concert. This was the first time this was featured. *Photo by Von Rupp.*

# J R P L A Y Juniors perform Rest Assured for profit

**R** est Assured by Donald Payton, was presented by the junior class on November 14 and 15. It was directed by Miss Balderson who was assisted by Janice Honas.

"It was a real experience for me, and Miss Balderson made it fun. It gave me a better sense of responsibility. I'd do it again if I could. It was a lot of hard work in the beginning, but it paid off," said Janice Honas, jr.

It was an experience for everyone involved in the play. The cast and crew enjoyed working together and had fun presenting it.

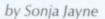
"After doing it so many times,

we were hoping it seemed funny to everyone else," said Joel Rathbun, jr.

"It was fun being a part of it, even if I had a small part. Towards the end we started having fun," added Lynn Gottschalk, jr.

The play went over well with the audience. Many people expressed their favorable reviews, according to Miss Balderson.

"I thought it was presented very well. I was surprised at their acting abilities," said Bonnie Schoenthaler, jr.







- Consoling her husband (D. Fabrizius), Mrs. Morlock (M. Augustine) tries to calm him down after his fight with Luige Lanconi. Photo by Donna Schoenthaler.
- Flirting with the secretary, the ghost of Luige Lanconi (M. Honas) takes a rest in Miss Aker's (S. Armbruster) lap. Photo by Donna Schoenthaler.
- 3. **Trying to persuade** Mr. Morlock (D. Fabrizius), Lucifer (P. Larghe) tells him that he must go with him and his two assistants. *Photo by Donna Schoenthaler*.
- While Jessica (D. Dietz) hits her father (D. Fabrizius) with a hammer, the ghost of Luige Lanconi (M. Honas) pushes him to the floor. Photo by Donna Schoenthaler.







As Jessica (D. Dietz) referees the fight between Luige Lanconi (M. Honas) and Mr. Morlock (D. Fabrizius), Joe Lanconi (M. Coleman) stares in amazement. *Photo by Donna Schoenthaler*.



Front row: M. Coleman, L. Ladish, M. Honas, D. Dietz, D. Fabrizius, J. Honas, A. Keller, A. Keller, S. Miller, L. Dietrich, L. Keeler, B. Deutscher, V. Balderson. Second

row: M. Augustine, J. Seibel, S. Blackwill, P. Larghe, C. Fischer, L. Gottschalk, J. Schaus, L. Schafer, T. Kohl, S. Armbruster. Third row: M. Bollig, P. Geschwentner, T. Hom-

burg, J. Rathbun, S. Borger, S. Jayne, H. Harwick, C. Younger, D. Stadelman, T. Armbrister, M. Augustine, D. Leiker. *Photo by Pioneer Photography*.

# RESHME Moving into a new phase

S pirit, enthusiasm, and competitiveness was a good way to describe the class of '89 throughout Homecoming week and the year, according to Irene Kroeger, class sponsor.

In the spirit competition during Homecoming, the freshmen placed third in the dress-up contest and also on their float.

Blake Bittel, freshmen president, said, "We all worked hard together

and had a lot of fun doing it, also."

The freshmen class had to adjust to coming to high school. Eric Shannon, Aaron Ditter, and Elton Armbrister said they were scared the first day of school but things were better at the end of the day. They added that they also enjoyed watching all the women up here.

The class sponsors were Mike Hulse and Irene Kroeger.



by Sandy Pfeifer



- Enjoying ag class, Eric Shannon and Ted Gerber fr., listen how to finish their projects. The boys have to complete three projects by the end of the year. Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht.
- Caught by the camera, Nikki Phillips, Blake Bittel and Kevin Augustine, fr., take a break from their work. Learning to weld was a first for many of the students. Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht.
- 3. Freshmen class officers.

  Wendy Waldschmidt secretarytreasurer, Jessie Seibel vice-president,
  Blake Bittel president. Photo by Vic
  Balderson.





Davon Armbrister Elton Armbrister David Augustine Kevin Augustine

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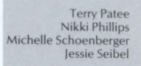
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Kris Kruckenberg Becky Light Neal Luea Denise Massier





**Brady Bittel and** Terry Patee fr. discuss their projects in vo. ag. class. Each student is required to complete a project of his own during the school year.

Photo by Vic Balderson









Eric Shannon **Bob Shirk** Tina Taylor Wendy Waldschmidt

Cassie Wheeler Jeff Wolf

#### Youngers enjoy some aspects of being twins, regret others

Identical twins average one pair in every 285 births. Ellis High School has three sets of twins. The oldest are Donnie and Bobby Younger, seniors.

Donnie and Bobby were born November 5, 1967, with Donnie arriving three minutes before Bobby.

One characteristic that twins are known for is dressing alike. According to Donnie, they dressed alike until third grade, when they finally

figured out what was going on.

When Donnie and Bobby were younger, they were often confused for each other. In fifth grade they tried to fool their teacher, Mrs. Brull, but she was only fooled for a half-a-day. Donnie said they are no longer confused for each other when they are together, but when they are apart, they are often mix-

Donnie and Bobby share some of the same interests such as sports and cars, but they don't agree on girls. They also share many material things such as their cars, a bedroom and ownership of Northside Trailer Court in Ellis.

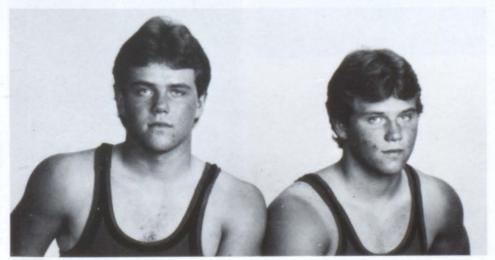
When it comes to their cars, they decide Wednesday who gets which car on Friday and then the other gets it on Saturday.

Many people think being a twin would be a lot of fun but according to Donnie, that isn't so.

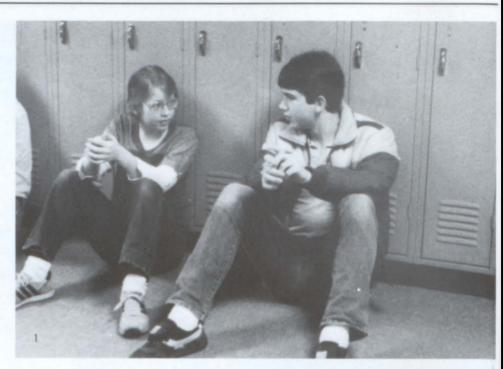
"You have to share everything. It really gets to be a pain," he said.

by Donna Schoenthaler

Though they disagree on many things, Donnie and Bobby Younger both enjoy wrestling. Donnie wrestles the 145 lbs. class and Bobby wrestles 155 lbs. Photo by Pioneer Photography.



- 1. **Discussing homework,**Neal Luea and Chris Brull, fr., relax
  during lunch hour. The amount of
  graduation requirements increased this
  year for underclassmen. Photo by
  Michelle Kinderknecht.
- 2. Catching some zzz's, Ted Gerber, fr., dozes while Mike Brungardt, fr., discusses the upcoming game. Attending activities kept most of the freshmen busy throughout the year. Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht.
- 3. **Cruising the halls,** Michelle Schoenberger and Holly Kroeger, fr., discuss the plans for the float during lunchtime. Their float was a first for most of the freshmen. *Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht*.











- Strutting their stuff, Jill Kippes and Connie Kohl, fr., cruise the halls at EHS. This was a favorite pasttime for most students. Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht.
- Catching up on yesterday's homework, freshmen boys hurry to get their assignments complete before the final bell. Sitting in the hall during lunch hour was a way to relax before class for most students. Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht.
- 3. **Acting like a** wild indian, Nikki Phillips, fr., shows off her outfit. Dressing as pilgrims and indians was a part of FFA initiation. *Photo by Donna Schoenthaler*.
- 4. **Heading for the** lunch line, Becky Light, Jodi Gottschalk and Jessie Seibel, fr., try to beat the crowd. Classes are dismissed three minutes apart to avoid long lunch lines. *Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht*.





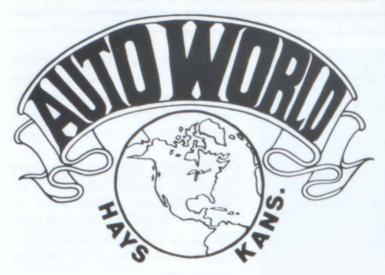




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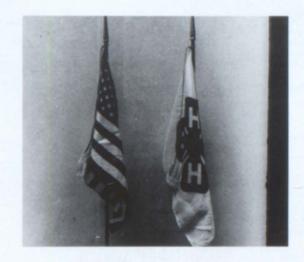
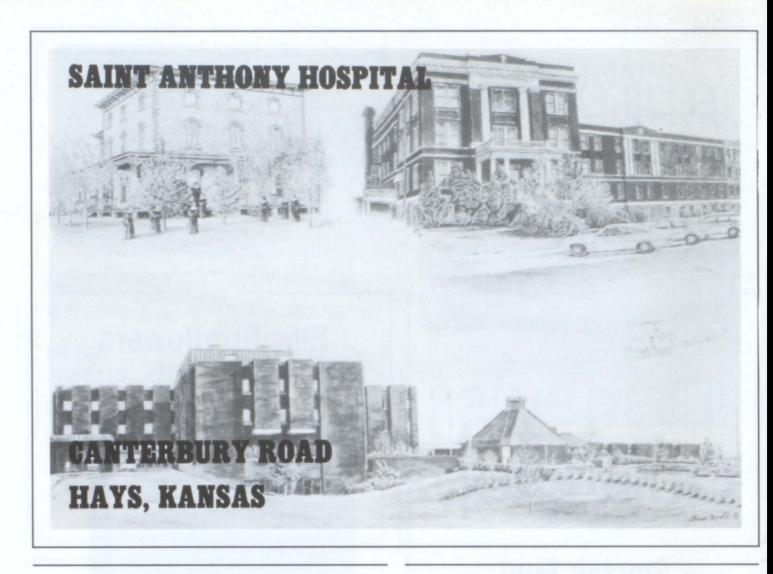


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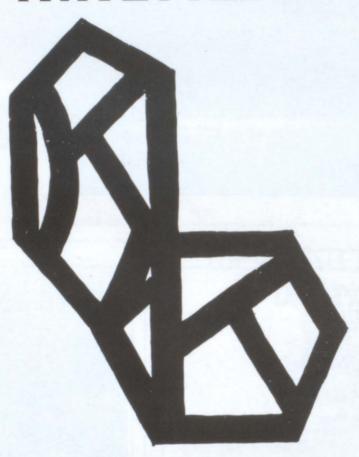
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Girls' B-Ball Wrestling Boys' B-Ball Snoball Kayettes FFA Barnwarmer FHA Pep Club Cheerleaders Sophomores Ads

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### B A S K E T B A L L Girls work hard; improve season record

The Ellis teams posted a combined record of 16-24 for the 1985-86 season. This is the best record Ellis has had in the last four years.

Due to the lack of freshmen, a C-team was organized. The team consisted of sophomores and freshmen. They had fewer games so they would be able to play on junior varsity as well.

"I thought that it was tough but pretty fun. It was worth going out for even though we didn't have a good season," said Nikki Phillips, fr.

Mr. Hulse, head coach, felt the girls on the C-team improved a

- 1. **Get it, Janice!** Amy Schoenberger, jr., attempts a pass to Janice Honas, jr., in the game against the Oakley Plainsmen. Ellis was defeated 55-40. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster*.
- I got her! Lori Armbrister, soph., applies defensive pressure to a Hays High freshman. The team lost 29-14. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

great deal plus gained valuable experience.

In addition, the junior varsity did very well at the beginning of the season. They hit a slump in the middle but regrouped and won their last two games.

At the varsity level, things started slowly. They lost their first two games but rallied back to win two in a row.

"Once we matured and played with consistent hustle, we did a much better job," replied Hulse. "If we would have shot 40%, we would have been a very good ball club. Defensively, this is the best

Summing up the year, Hulse said, "Our year went the way our shooting went. When we shot the ball well, we played well. We had adversity at times this year but we always seemed to respond to it which showed some of the character of the girls."

Hulse feels next year Ellis should have a more experienced team and that they will also be quick.

"If we can find three or four people who can shoot the ball, we should be an exciting team to watch," said Hulse.

by Myrna McClelland











1. **Girls' Basketball Team.** Back row: Coach Hulse, D. Armbrister, fr.; M. Lang, soph.; D. Fritschen, soph.; S. Flax, soph.; L. North, sr.; T. Kuppetz, soph.; T. Kohl, jr.; M. Kinderknecht, sr. Middle row: M. Simpson, soph.; J. Honas, jr.; B. Armbrister, soph.; W. Waldschmidt, fr.; A. Weber, soph.; B. Kinderknecht, jr.; S. Blackwill, jr. Front row: L. Armbrister, soph.; L. McClelland, soph.; N. Phillips, fr.; D. Dietz, jr.; M. McClelland, sr.; C. Fischer, jr. Not pictured: Mrs. Hertel, assistant coach and Amy Schoenberger jr.

Ellis	Varsity	Opp.
20	Stockton	54
24	Victoria	54
42	Phillipsburg	- 39
39	LaCrosse	33
23	Trego	38
40	Oakley	55
29	Plainville	50
23	Osborne	37
38	Trego	44
32	Hill City	27
41	Quinter	39
36	Smith Center	29
20	Plainville	37
43	Norton	58
27	Victoria	44
41	Osborne	39
31	Ness City	35
26	Fairfield	71
Ellis	Junior Varsity	Opp.
32	Stockton	16
29	Victoria	13
23	Phillipsburg	22
23	LaCrosse	10
32	Trego	10
20	Oakley	24
19	Plainville	32
23	Trego	22
34	Hill City	22
16	Quinter	10
25	Smith Center	29
18	Plainville	28
23	Norton	43
24	Victoria	25
26	Osborne	23
18	Ness City	14
Ellis	C-Team	Opp.
7	Hays High	26
8	Plainville	22
14	Hays High	29
12	Plainville	29
15	Norton	61
38	Russell	15

Photo by Donna Schoenthaler.

- There it is! Brenda Kinderknecht, jr., attempts a shot during a home game. Kinderknecht was a regular starter on the varsity team this year. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.
- 3. **Senior Girls' Basketball.**Laura North, Myrna McClelland and Michelle Kinderknecht. *Photo by Donna Schoenthaler*.

### RESTLIN Grapplers capture two tourney trophies

The 1985-86 wrestling team was one of firsts in many ways.

They were the first team to win a tournament, and to top it off, they did it twice.

The grapplers won the Osborne and Ellsworth Invitational tournaments. Both times they defeated the defending 1-2-3A state champions, Southeast of Saline.

They were also the first EHS wrestling team to be ranked in state. The boys were, at one time,

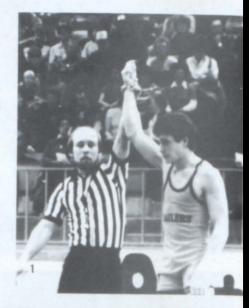
- Good job, Dallas! The referee raises the hand of Dallas Armbruster, sr., after he won his match. Armbruster wrestled in the 138 lbs. class. Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht.
- 2. **Use that tightwaist.** Kevin Weber, sr., tries to control his opponent from Osborne. Weber went on to win the match by a superior decision. *Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht*.
- 3. Let's wrestle, boys! The referee gives the signal for Bob Younger, sr., and his opponent to begin the match. Younger was one of eight seniors on the team. Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht.

the fourth ranked team in state.

The wrestlers had high hopes as they entered sub-state action. But unfortunately, only one wrestler managed to qualify for the state tournament. Dale Edwards, HWT., placed fourth in his weight class at sub-state.

"Even though the season didn't end as they had hoped, the boys should still be proud," said Coach Faulkender.

by Donna Schoenthaler





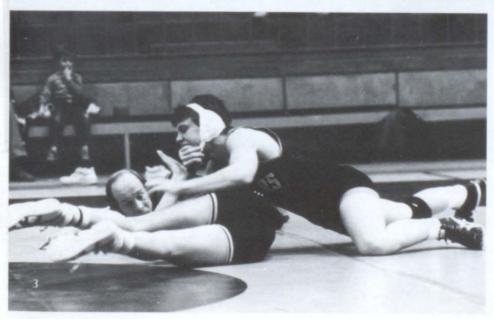




#### **Wrestling Scoreboard**

Osborne Inv.	1st
Ellsworth Inv.	1st
P-burg Inv.	4th
MCL	3rd
Dual record	7-3





- 1. **1985-86 Senior Wrestlers.** Front row: B. Younger, D. Armbruster, M. Sipes, G. Luea. Back row: K. Weber, D. Younger, D. Edwards, T. Phillips. *Photo by Donna Schoenthaler*.
- 2. 1985-86 Wrestling Team. First row: T. Augustine, soph.; D. Leiker, jr.; K. Augustine, fr.; A. Smith, soph. Second row: G. Luea, sr.; B. Deutscher, soph.; B. Armbruster, soph.; D. Younger, sr.; D. Armbruster, sr.; B. Younger, sr. Third row: E. Hays, fr.; J. Pfeifer, jr.; D. Edwards, sr.; T. Phillips, sr.; K. Weber, sr.; M. Sipes, sr.; Coach Faulkender. Photo by Donna Schoenthaler.
- 3. **Pin him flat.** Brandon Armbruster, soph., works to pin his opponent. Armbruster wrestled on jr. varsity most of the year. *Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht*.

### B A S K E T B A L Advantage includes suiting up and starting underclassmen on varsity.

The 1985-86 varsity boys' basketball team started the season off with victory in their eyes.

According to head coach Mike Mathes, the boys played very good defense, but had problems scoring.

The varsity ended its season with an 8-12 record. The varsity team consisted of six seniors, three juniors and three sophomores. When asked if there was an advantage to starting and working with underclassmen on the varsity team, Mathes commented that he feels it is important to have at least one junior starting varsity, and at least one sophomore suiting up for experience in later years.

The junior varsity and freshmen teams both came out on the short end of the winning record. However, many of the junior varsity players had to be saved for varsity play. The j.v. ended the season with a 4-12 record while the freshmen ended with a 1-7 season.

The varsity statistics were dominated by three players. The leader in field goal percentage was Trent Halligan, while Sean Dinkel led in assists. Jeff Augustine excelled in two categories; free throw percentage and rebounds.

by Kathy Homburg



- Shoot for two. Randy Honas, sr., shoots the ball in the game against Ness City. Honas has played on the varsity team for three years. Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht.
- Make my day! Bryan Patten and Trent Halligan, srs., guard the opponent from making a pass. This was the last game of the regular season. Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht.
- 3. **Just try it.** Mike Honas, jr., plays defense against his man during the junior varsity game. Honas also played on the varsity team this year. *Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht*.











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41	Stockton	36
44	Victoria	45
64	Phillipsburg	57
65	LaCrosse	53
51	Trego	46
62	Oakley	57
39	Plainville	56
52	Hill City	50
42	Norton	49
42	Stockton	45
56	Trego	46
44	Hill City	71
44	Quinter	70
61	Smith Center	56
65	Plainville	66
65	Norton	74
61	Victoria	75
60	Osborne	64
59	Ness City	67
39	Ellinwood	49
Ellis	Junior Varsity	Орр
50	Stockton	29
28	Victoria	27
28	Phillipsburg	35
32	LaCrosse	41
22	Trego	47
24	Oakley	35
15	Plainville	27
28	Trego	46
28	Hill City	32
25	Quinter	31
25	Smith Center	31
16	Plainville	31
20	Norton	49
34	Victoria	28
24	Osborne	26
42	Ness City	40
Ellis	Freshmen	Орр.
28	Plainville	56
33	Hays High	59
37	Hays High	36
23	Plainville	40
24	Trego	36
44	Trego	56
31	Victoria	51
48	Trego	57



- 1. Freshmen Boys' Basketball.
  Front row: A. Ditter, A. Flax, S. Graf. Back row:
  B. Bittle, D. Augustine, E. Shannon. Photo by
  Donna Schoenthaler.
- J.V. Boys' Basketball. Front row: B. Fischer, soph.; M. Ashbaugh, soph.; G. Flax, jr.;
   R. Ashenbrenner, soph. Back row: T. Huff,
- soph.; J. Seibel, jr.; L. Brenner, soph.; E. Dinkel, soph.; C. Engel, soph.; M. Honas, jr. *Photo by Donna Schoenthaler*.
- Senior Boys' Basketball. Front row: S. Dinkel, L. Augustine, R. Honas. Back row: T. Halligan, J. Augustine, B. Patten. Photo by Donna Schoenthaler.
- 4. Varsity Boys' Basketball. Front row: M. Ashbaugh, soph.; J. Seibel, jr.; S. Dinkel, sr.; M. Honas, jr.; G. Flax, jr.; L. Augustine, sr. Back row: R. Honas, sr.; E. Dinkel, soph.; L. Brenner, soph.; B. Patten, sr.; T. Halligan, sr.; J. Augustine, sr. Photo by Donna Schoenthaler.

### S NOBAL Kayettes and dates dance the night away

M isty Moonlight was the theme of the 1985 Sno-ball, the biggest event of the year for Kayettes. Each Kayette needed ten points to attend the dance that was held at the old high school gym.

Eddie Light and Tammy Rupp were crowned king and queen during intermission. A routine to "Burning Heart" by Survivor was performed by Sno-ball servers Toni Dinkel, Sarah Armbruster, Tina Stegman, and Shannon McCoy.

Music for the dance was provided by the band "Image" and color portraits were offered by the photography staff.

"Preparations were made ahead of time and everyone worked hard, which made Sno-ball a success," said Kayette president, Tracy Stegman, sr.

by Donna Schoenthaler







- Walking in as their names are announced, Dallas Armbruster and Candra Engel, srs., were candidates for king and queen. The crowning ceremony is held during intermission. Photo by Donna Schoenthaler.
- Dancing to the music, students enjoy the night. Only Kayettes are allow ed to attend Sno-ball. Photo by Via Balderson.
- 3. **Enjoying the night,** Rando Honas and Candra Engel, srs., share dance. The dance lasted from nine to twelve. *Photo by Vic Balderson*.







- 1. 1985 Sno-ball servers. Toni Dinkel, Sarah Armbruster, Shannon Mc-Coy and Tina Stegman. Photo by Donna Schoenthaler.
- 2. **1985 Sno-ball royalty.** Back row: W. Waldschmidt, fr., K. Augustine, fr., T. Gottschalk, soph., E. Dinkel, soph., E. Light, sr., A. Schoenberger, jr., M. Coleman, jr. Front row: D. Armbruster, sr., C. Engel, sr., T. Rupp, sr., D. Fischer, sr., G. Luea, sr. *Photo by Donna Schoenthaler*.
- 3. Feeling the beat, Danny Fabrizius and Debbie Dietz, jrs., dance to the music of "Image." Kayettes pay for the band as well as all the other expenses of Sno-ball. Photo by Vic Balderson.

### K A Y E T T E Sirls work to earn points

The Kayette year was unusually busy since they held unit conference, according to Kayette president, Tracy Stegman, sr.

Freshmen initiation was the first activity held by Kayettes this year. They also cleaned up the football field after Homecoming, cleaned Memorial Park and participated in the annual Kayette week held in

December.

This year the Kayettes also hosted the unit conference for our area. Five schools attended.

"As in any club, the majority of the work was done by a minority of the members. I was very pleased with the leadership of Tracy Stegman and the other senior girls," said Mrs. Henry, sponsor.

by Donna Schoenthaler





- Working hard, Tonya Kuppetz and Michelle Windholz, sophs., make baskets for the Good Samaritan Center. The baskets were distributed on Thanksgiving. Photo by Von Rupp.
- 2. 1985-86 Board Members. Front row: M. Simpson, soph.; C. Engel, sr.; H. Harwick, jr.; D. Fischer, sr. Middle row: L. Boos, sr.; J. Schaus, jr.; M. Flax, sr.; J. Honas, jr.; L. Gottschalk, jr.; M. Weber, sr. Back row: T. Herman, sr.; D. Fritschen, soph.; K. Wasinger, sr.; S. Blackwill, jr.; S. Miller, jr.; R. Honas, soph.; T. Befort, soph.; T. Stegman, sr. *Photo by Pioneer Photography*.
- Picking up leaves, Kim Wasinger, Sandy Pfeifer and Tammy Herman, srs., work at park clean-up. Kayettes earned one point for attending and working. Photo by Donna Schoenthaler.





Senior Kayettes. Front row: T. Wilson, K. Wasinger, T. Herman, L. Boos, M. Flax. Middle row: S. Pfeifer, D. Schoenthaler, M. Weber, T. Rupp, P. Schuster, K. Flax, M. McClelland. Back row: D. Fischer, A. Groff, T. Stegman, L. North, C. Engle, L. Metzler, K. Homburg. *Photo by Pioneer Photography*.



Junior Kayettes. Front row: S. Honas, A. Keller, B. Schoenthaler, L. Dietrich, A. Keller. Middle row: C. Younger, J. Schaus, L. Schafer, B. Kinderknecht, L. Gottschalk, H. Harwick, D. Dietz. Back row: T. Armbrister, M. Augustine, T. Kohl, C. Fischer, A. Schoenberger, S. Miller, S. Jayne, J. Honas, S. Blackwill. *Photo by Pioneer Photography*.



Sophomore Kayettes. Front row: S. Martin, S. McCoy, M. Windholz. Middle row: A. Huff, T. Befort, L. McClelland, S. Rupp, D. Fritschen, R. Honas, S. Flax. Back row: T. Gottschalk, B. Armbrister, L. Armbrister, T. Kuppetz, M. Lang, M. Simpson, A. Weber. Photo by Pioneer Photography.



Freshmen Kayettes. Front row: D. Massier, C. Wheeler, T. Carlson. Middle row: J. Seibel, B. Light, J. Gottschalk, W. Waldschmidt, C. Kohl. Back row: H. Dinkel, N. Phillips, D. Armbrister, D. Dinkel, J. Kippes, T. Taylor, M. Schoenberger. Photo by Pioneer Photography.

### Farmers of America

This past year contests played a major role for the FFA organization. In September, the dairy judging team began the fad by placing first.

In December, the public speaking contest was held. In the sophomore division, Ernie King placed eighth individually.

During January, both the poultry and dairy products teams placed first.

Crops contest was held in February with the team placing third.

- Hmmm, which one? Eric Shannon, fr., judges eggs at the poultry judging contest. The team placed first at the contest. Photo by Eldon Pfeifer.
- Just hangin' around. Blake Bittel, fr., judged chickens at the poultry judging contest. Bittel placed seventh individually. Photo by Eldon Pfeifer.
- 3. **FFA Officers-advisor.** M. Augustine, reporter; D. Younger, vice-president; D. Armbruster, president; E. Pfeifer, advisor; C. Fischer, secretary; D. Fabrizius, treasurer; B. Younger, sentinel. *Photo by Pioneer Photography*.

National FFA week was observed February 17-21. Activities during the week included faculty/member breakfast, official dress day and farm clothes day.

Donnie Younger received both the Star Agra Businessman award and the State Farmer Degree.

Ag mechanics contests was held in March at Goodland.

State contest were held April 27, 28, and 29 in Manhattan.

On May 6, the year was concluded with a banquet for both members and parents.

by Kathy Homburg









1. **FFA Senior Members.** Front row: R. Gabel, C. Dinkel, W. Parson, T. Reidel, L. Gottschalk. Back row: B. Stewart, T. Phillips, D. Armbruster, D. Younger, B. Younger, B. Patten. *Photo by Pioneer Photography*.



2.**FFA Junior Members.** Front row: D. Fischer, M. Bollig, S. Borger, P. Geschwentner, D. Fabrizius. Back row: W. Montgomery, M. Augustine, G. Flax, T. Dinkel, C. Fischer, J. Pfeifer. *Photo by Pioneer Photography*.



3. **FFA Sophomore Members.**Front row: M. Keller, E. Dinkel, E. King, L.
Brenner, B. Armbruster, C. Engel. Back
row: S. Weber, B. Fischer, L, Crawford, L.
McClelland, T. Kuppetz, M. Helget, B.
Deutscher. *Photo by Pioneer Photography*.



4. **FFA Freshmen Members.**Front row: B. Shirk, T. Gerber, E. Hays, Br. Bittel, T. Patee, A. Flax, J. Wolf. Back row: T. Carlson, N. Phillips, E. Armbrister, Bl. Bittel, K. Augustine, K. Kruckenberg, A. Ditter, E. Shannon, S. Graf, N. Luea. *Photo by Pioneer Photography*.

### BARNWARME R Judges select royalty

Once again, the FFA and FHA sponsored the annual Barnwarmer activities and dance which were held on March 21, 1986.

The FFA Sweetheart candidates were Connie Fischer, Amy Keller, Lynn Gottschalk and Laura Dietrich. The candidates had to show their skills in such activities as changing oil, throwing a cow chip, roping a goat and sawing wood with the correct tool.

The Mr. FHA candidates were Danny Fabrizius, Mark Coleman, Mike Honas and Joel Seibel. While the girls showed their skills outside, the guys had the opportunity

- Hold on tight. Connie Fischer, jr., saws a 2x4 during the FFA Sweetheart contest. The contestants had to use the proper tool to saw the wood. Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht.
- Don't look, Joe. Mike Honas, Mr. FHA, and Connie Fischer, FFA Sweetheart, prepare for the traditional kiss. Barnwarmer is a dance that the FFA and FHA sponsor annually. Photo by Von Rupp.

to show theirs inside. They had to perform such acts as changing a diaper, folding clothes and identifying kitchen utensils.

After the chores were completed, everyone moved into the auditorium for the speeches regarding the nominating clubs.

The dance was held at the old high school gym. The music was provided by Scotland Yard, a D.J. out of Hays.

Sandy Pfeifer and Gary Luea, last year's royalty, crowned Connie Fischer as FFA Sweetheart and Mike Honas as Mr. FHA.



by Kathy Homburg











- This is boring. Lynn Gottschalk, jr., drains the oil out of a motor during barnwarmer activities. This was only one of the four tasks the contestants had to perform. Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht.
- 2. **Oh no, oil.** Laura Deitrich, jr., holds a paint can while oil is draining into it while Dane Fischer, jr., and Troy Reidel, sr., watch. A lawnmower motor was used for the contest. *Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht*.
- 3. **Is this right?** Joel Seibel, jr., folds a towel during the contests. The contestants had four minutes to fold a pile of laundry. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster*.
- 4. **Hold still, baby.** Danny Fabrizius, jr., works at putting a diaper on a doll. This was the first time this task was performed during the contests. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster*.

### F U T U R Homemakers of America

The Future Homemakers of America chose the state theme "Link Up" as their main emphasis

this past year.

The Ellis chapter tried a variety of new and different activities throughout the year. Those activities included a MORP dance, a school assembly held during FHA week to pay tribute to Kevin Rixon's memory and secret valentines drawn for the entire school.

However, the traditional activities such as magazine sales, freshmen kidnap, cookie sales, powder puff football, banana split party and barnwarmer were also held.

Fall conference was held in Smith Center on October 16, 1985, and district elections were in Downs on February 26, 1986.

Laura North and Eddie Light placed first on their families and futures project at district elections and also placed at state meeting.

Newly elected officers were installed at the Parent Appreciation Banquet on May 1, 1986, to conclude the year.



by Kathy Homburg



- 1. Members working hard.

  Dana Dinkel, fr., helps with the wrapping of gifts for the Good Samaritan Center. This was the first year the FHA wrapped gifts for the center. Photo by Twila Armbrister.
- Don't peek, Lori! Twila Armbrister, jr. holds jar with secret Valentine names while Lori Metzler, sr., draws a name. Secret Valentines were drawn by the students during FHA week. Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht.
- 3. Watch out, Candra! Candra Engel, sr., Kim Wasinger, sr., Mary Weber, sr., Trish Carlson, fr., and Holly Kroeger, fr., ride on the FHA float. Engel, Wasinger and Weber are FHA officers. Photo by Vic Balderson.













- Creative work shown. This display shows some of Kevin Rixon's art work and photographs. Laura North set up the display for FHA week. Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht.
- In loving memory. The FHA presented a plaque in memory of Kevin Rixon to the school. The plaque was presented at an all-school assembly during FHA week. Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht.
- 3. **FHA Officers-advisor.** Front row: C. Engel, recreational leader; K. Wasinger, historian; S. Blackwill, degree chairman. Back row: Mrs. Duell, advisor; D. Fischer, Stuco; M. McClelland, treasurer; M. Weber, points chairman; K. Homburg, president; T. Armbrister, vice-president; L. Metzler, secretary. *Photo by Pioneer Photography*.
- 4. Freshmen and Sophomore
  FHA Members. Front row: H. Dinkel, C.
  Kohl, J. Seibel, B. Light, S. Flax. Back row:
  D. Dinkel, H. Kroeger, C. Wheeler, M.
  Schoenberger, D. Armbrister, J. Kippes, J.
  Gottschalk, A. Huff, W. Waldschmidt.
  Photo by Pioneer Photography.
- 5. Junior and Senior FHA
  Members. Front row: D. Hewett, D.
  Fischer, L. Metzler, T. Herman, M.
  Weber, S. Pfeifer, T. Wilson, S. Honas.
  Middle row: A. Groff, K. Wasinger, T.
  Rupp, L. Boos, C. Engel, K. Homburg, D.
  Brungardt, P. Augustine. Back row: B.
  Patten, P. Schuster, M. McClelland, K.
  Flax, S. Blackwill, S. Miller, J. Schaus, T.
  Stegman, T. Armbrister, L. North, B.
  Kinderknecht, D. Stadleman, M.
  Kinderknect, E. Light. Photo by Pioneer
  Photography.

### P E P C L U Encourage involvement

P ep club involvement was very poor this year, according to Candra Engel, Pep club president.

To encourage involvement and prepare the gym for the winter sports season, a poster and pizza party was held in November.

Pep club also tried to encourage involvement in the secret fan project by rewarding good secret fans with a party.

"The party turned out well. We're going to make it a tradition," said June Glantz, sponsor.

Lack of involvement was also shown at the games. Very few pep buses were taken and few people

- Taking a break. Pep club members and cheerleaders relax during the halftime of the Osborne basketball game. The pep band plays during this time. Photo by Von Rupp.
- 1985-86 Pep Club Officers. Front row: M. McClelland, vice-president; J. Honas, H. Harwick, S. Blackwill, poster committee. Second row: A. Groff, Stuco; L. Dietrich, poster committee; M. Weber, treasurer; T. Rupp, secretary; C. Engle, president. Photo by Pioneer Photography.

showed up at the home games to sit in the designated section and cheer.

"The cheering section at the games was pretty thin," said Sandy Pfeifer, head cheerleader.

According to Engel, a point system may be set up for next year.

"Members will be able to earn points by cheering at games," said Engel. "A certain number of points will be required before members will be allowed to attend the skating party and the swimming party," added Engel.



by Donna Schoenthaler











- 1. **Senior Pep Club.** Members Front row: S. Dinkel, L. Gottschalk, K. Weber, D. Armbruster, B. Younger. Second row: T. Halligan, P. Augustine, T. Phillips, D. Hewett, L. North. Third row: D. Fischer, K. Flax, T. Wilson, L. Metzler, K. Homburg. Fourth row: J. Augustine, T. Stegman, T. Herman, D. Schoenthaler, S. Pfeifer. Fifth row: D. Brungardt, L. Boos, K. Wasinger, M. Flax, P. Schuster. Sixth row: M. Kinderknecht, A. Groff, C. Engel, M. Weber, T. Rupp. Seventh row: W. Parsons, B. Stewart, D. Younger, M. Sipes, R. Gabel. Eighth row: Kate Moyer, sponsor, June Glantz, sponsor, G. Luea, L. Billinger, M. McClelland. *Photo by Pioneer Photography*.
- 2. Junior Pep Club. Members Front row: T. Homburg, M. Honas, P. Larghe, D. Fabrizius, D. Dietz. Second row: B. Kinderknecht, D. Stadelman, T. Armbriste, J. Schaus, C. Fischer. Third row: A. Schoenberger, S. Blackwill, S. Jayne, S. Miller, J. Honas. Fourth row: J. Pfeifer, M. Bollig, P. Geschwentner, G. Flax, M. Augustine. Fifth row: J. Seibel, D. Leiker, T. Dinkel, L. Keeler, L. Dietrich. Sixth row: L. Ladish, M. Augustine, C. Younger, T. Kohl, J. Rathbun. Seventh row: S. Honas, Am. Keller, An. Keller, L. Schafer, S. Armbruster. Eighth row: B. Deutscher, B. Schoenthaler, L. Gottschalk, H. Harwick. Ninth row: S. Borger, W. Montgomery. *Photo by Pioneer Photography*.
- 2. Sophomore Pep Club. Members Front row: T. Gottschalk, W. Windholz, S. Martin, L. McClelland, S. McCoy. Second row: T. Befort, A. Huff, L. Crawford, B. Fischer, S. Weber. Third row: R. Aschenbrenner, K. LaBarge, M. Helget, C. Deutscher, M. Ashbaugh. Fourth row: M. Simpson, R. Honas, A. Weber, M. Lang, S. Rupp. Fifth row: D. Fritschen, S. Flax, L. Armbrister, T. Kuppetz, B. Armbrister. Sixth row: H. Shirk, D. Metzler, T. Huff, J. Binder, R. Newton. Seventh row: B. Armbruster, K. Dick, T. Younger, T. Augustine, B. Deutscher. Eighth row: J. Gnad, E. Dinkel, L. Brenner, C. Engel, M. Keller. Photo by Pioneer Photography.
- 4. Freshmen Pep Club Members. Front row: E. Shannon, E. Armbrister, K. Kruckenberg, K. Augustine, Bl. Bittel, Second row: S. Graf, A. Ditter, T. Patee, A. Flax, T. Gerber. Third row: Br. Bittel, N. Luea, J. Wolf, D. Augustine, M. Brungardt. Fourth row: D. Massier, H. Kroeger, T. Taylor, C. Wheeler, M. Schoenberger. Fifth row: J. Kippes, D. Armbrister, N. Phillips, H. Dinkel, T. Carlson. Sixth row: C. Kohl, W. Waldschmidt, B. Light, J. Gottschalk, J. Seibel. Seventh row: D. Dinkel, C. Brull, E. Hays, T. Begler, R. Hazen. Photo by Pioneer Photography.

### C HEERLEADER Yell leaders added to enhance squad

The entire cheerleading squad once again attended DCA cheer camp at Fort Hays in July to learn new cheers and chants.

Sandy Pfeifer, Donna Schoenthaler, Heather Harwick and Sonya Jayne also attended DCA drill camp to learn the routines that are performed at the games. They placed third overall.

The varsity squad added yell leaders to their squad as a new feature at EHS. They boys cheered at all varsity basketball games and also worked with the entire squad on stunts, routines and pep assemblies.







- 1. 1985-86 Yell Leaders. Front row: E. Light, D. Fabrizius. Back row: S. Borger, G. Younger, K. Kruckenberg. Photo by Von Rupp.
- 2. **1985-86 Senior Cheerleaders.** Front row: S.
  Pfeifer, T. Rupp. Back row: A. Groff, T.
  Herman, D. Schoenthaler. *Photo by Pioneer Photography*.



**1985-86 Varsity Squad.** Heather Harwick, jr., Sandy Pfeifer, capt. sr., Tammy Rupp, co-capt., sr., Sonya Jayne, jr., Tammy Herman, sr. *Photo by Pioneer Photography*.



**1985-86 Wrestling Squad.**Sharley McCoy, soph., Sheri Rupp, soph.,
Donna Schoenthaler, capt., sr., Amanda
Groff, sr. *Photo by Pioneer Photography*.



**1985-86 Jr. Varsity Squad.** Jodi Gottschalk, fr., Connie Kohl, fr., Tammy Befort, soph., Robyn Honas, capt., soph. *Photo by Pioneer Photography*.

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The sophomore class placed third on their float in the homecoming parade and second in the overall spirit competition.

"They worked well on their float. It just took them time to get the materials and ideas together," commented Mr. Kolacny, class sponsor.

The other class sponsor was Miss Reichert,

According to class president,

Brandon Armbruster, the class worked well together and got things done.

"Everybody helped work in the concession stand," said Armbruster.

The concession stand was the traditional sophomore money-making project for the year.

"Brandon organized things very well," said Scott Weber.



by Myrna McClelland



- The ultimate bubble. Shannon Martin, soph., blows a bubble while working on her psychology assignment. Psychology is offered two hours a day. Photo by Von Rupp.
- 2. Discussing their assignment, Randy Newton and Marty Helget, sophs., compare notes in World History. World History was added to the curriculum due to the increase in graduation requirements. Photo by Vic Balderson.
- 3. **Sophomore Class Officers.**Back row: Robyn Honas, sec., Melinda Simpson, vice-pres. Front row: Brandon Armbruster, pres., Brad Deutscher, treas. *Photo by Dale Edwards*.





Brenda Armbrister Lori Armbrister Brandon Armbruster Roy Aschenbrenner

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Kelley Dick Eric Dinkel Carl Engel Brian Fischer

Sheila Flax Diane Fritschen John Gnad Tammy Gottschalk

Marty Helget Robyn Honas Amy Huff Thomas Huff

Mike Keller Ernie King Tonya Kuppetz Kevin LaBarge

Michelle Lang Shannon Martin Lorrie McClelland Sharley McCoy

David Metzler Randy Newton Sheri Rupp Von Rupp

Henry Shirk Melinda Simpson Andy Smith Bruce Timmons











Amy Weber Scott Weber Michelle Windholz Terry Younger

Not pictured: Cherry Deyoe Chad Sauvage

#### Phillips values horses, land; can't imagine living elsewhere

Travis Phillips is one of the many students from Ellis High who lives on the farm, and is one of the few who really enjoys it. He was born in Mullen, Neb. and has lived on a farm for approximately sixteen years.

On school days, he gets up at six-thirty a.m. so he can feed the dog, chickens, and horses.

Although he has to be an early riser, he said living on the farm really doesn't conflict with his school activities. His only conflict is that he lives eight miles north of town which limits some social time.

On the weekends, he helps his dad with farm work. They take care of five hundred head of steers and nine horses.

One of the things that Phillips enjoys most about farm life is breaking horses.

"I don't go to town and get drunk or run guys out of town, I break horses," stated Phillips. He started out breaking Shetland ponies and has progressed to breaking full-size horses. He said the ponies were a shorter fall to the ground. He breaks all kinds, whether they are slow and hardly move, or jumpy and buck hard.

"I would say, I would rather

break the wild ones, just for the challenge," said Phillips. He has his own horse named Jess and he really enjoys riding him. He says farm life just wouldn't be the same if it weren't for horses.

According to Phillips, living on the farm is beautiful. He said it is quiet and he enjoys being able to walk or ride wherever he wants to. He thinks that the land is very pretty and that the atmosphere is always pleasant.

"I couldn't imagine living anywhere else," said Phillips.

by Lisa Boos



**Branding steers is** one of the many chores Phillips enjoys doing. When steers are lost, it is easier to find them once they have been branded. *Photo by Judy Phillips*.





- Put me down! Aaron Ditter, fr., is being attacked by Ernie King and Eric Dinkel, sophs. Lunch hour is when the students can have fun. Photo by Dale Edwards.
- 2. **Watch out Lori!** Lori Armbrister, soph., attempts to pass the cotton ball to a classmate. This was a game played during spirit week. *Photo by Donna Schoenthaler*.
- 3. **Hold your breath.** David Metzler, soph., holds the cotton ball with a straw. Eric Dinkel, soph., watches as he waits his turn. *Photo by Donna Schoenthaler*.











- What's up Doc? Cherry Deyoe, soph., pauses in the hall for a picture. Deyoe transferred back to Ellis this fall. Photo by Dale Edwards.
- 2. What's going on? Craig Deutscher and Bruce Timmons, sophs., watch as Melinda Simpson and Amy Weber, sophs., make their way down the hall. There are only three minutes allowed to make it from class to class. Photo by Dale Edwards.
- 3. Where is everybody? Diane Fritschen, soph., cruises around the corner after lunch. Most students walk around during lunch hour. Photo by Dale Edwards.
- 4. Looking for trouble. Brenda Armbrister and Shannon Martin, sophs., use lunch hour to get their exercise. Lunch hour is the only free time students have. Photo by Dale Edwards.



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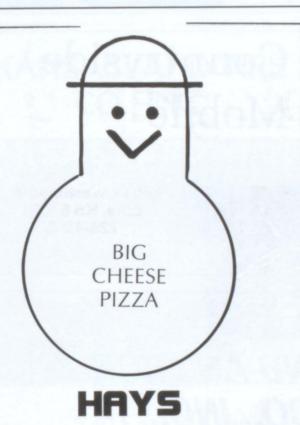
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# BOYS'TRAC Returning members prove competitive

The 1986 track boys finished off the season with all first places except for two second places.

After following the 1985 state championship team, the boys still completed many goals. Many of the boys returned from last year, so the team still did a great job, according to Jeff Augustine, sr.

Ellis came away from regionals with second place and six qualified events. Mike Honas, jr., qualified in the one mile and the two mile run. Mike Ashbaugh, soph., competed in the 100m dash and the 400m relay. At the state meet,

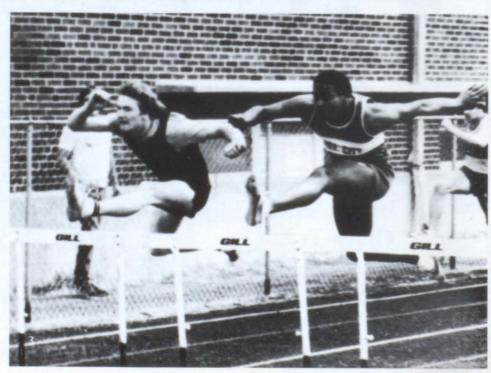
Ashbaugh received fourth in the 100m dash. Brad Stewart, sr., qualified in the 100m high hurdles. Loran Gottschalk, sr., came away with second place in the discus. The 400m relay team which consisted of Ashbaugh, Dallas Armbruster, sr., Greg Younger, sr., and Brad Stewart, sr., took third at state.

As the season ended, coach Mike Mathes felt pleased with the boys' performance.





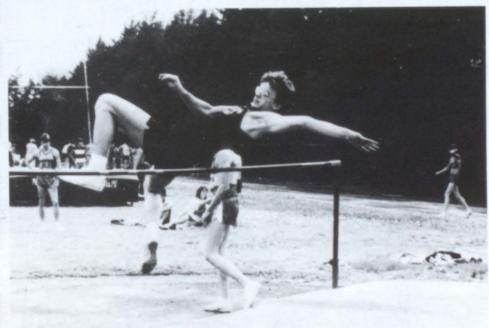
- That was tough. Loran Gottschalk, sr., completes a throw of the shotput. Gottschalk also broke the discus record at the Ellis Invitational with 153"/2". Photo by Von Rupp.
- 2. **Senior Boys' Track.** Jeff Augustine, Greg Younger, Randy Honas, Brad Stewart, Trent Hallagin, Dallas Armbruster, Kevin Weber, Eddie Light, Bryan Patten, Mike Sipes, Loran Gottschalk. *Photo by Vic Balderson*.
- Neck and neck. Brad Stewart, sr., pushes forward to outrun Mack from Hill City in the high hurdles. Stewart was one of the track members who qualified to compete at KU relays. Photo by Von Rupp.





Meet	Placing
Ellis	1st
LaCrosse	1st
Norton	2nd
P-burg	1st
Wakeeney	1st
Victoria	1st
MCL	1st
Regionals	2nd
State	Tie for 7th





- Straining to place. Mike Ashbaugh, soph., gives it all he has to pull in first place. Ashbaugh placed second at the Ellis Invitational in the long jump. Photo by Von Rupp.
- 2. **Boys' Track Team.** Back row: K. Maska, coach, D. Fritschen, manager, D. Armbruster, B. Stewart, M. Honas, G. Younger, J. Augustine, R. Honas, T. Hallagin, B. Patten, L. Branner, B. Deutscher, C. Engel, L. Gottschalk, M. Mathes, coach, S. Rupp, manager, E. King, J. Gnad, J. Binder, B. Fischer, R. Ashchenbrenner, M. Coleman, E. Light, K. Weber, D. Fabrizius. M. Ashbaugh, T. Younger, T. Taylor, manager, R. Hazen, T. Begler, B. Bittel, K. Augustine, K. Kruckenberg, B. Bittel, K. Eberle, E. Shannon, T. Huff. *Photo by Vick Balderson*.
- 3. Clearing the bar. Tom Begler, fr., works to make it over the high jump bar. Begler also competes in the 400m and the 200m run. Photo by Von Rupp.

# GIRLS'TRACK Team expands as well as improves

mprovement was seen on the girls' track team this year. Four-teen hardworking girls made up this team.

When asked about her feeling on the improved team, Debbie Dietz; jr., replied, "We have improved a lot, not only as a team, but also individually."

Although the girls weren't considered a full team, Mike Hulse, track coach, was pleased with the year. He said, "This year we are

- Eat my dust. Pulling ahead in the 200 m run is Debbie Dietz's, strategy. Dietz, jr., also competes in the 400 m relay team. Photo by Von Rupp.
- Senior Girls' Track. Michelle Kinderknecht, Myrna McClelland and Laura North were the three senior girls out for track. North and Kinderknecht, have been out for two years, while Mc-Clelland has been out for four years. Photo by Dona Schoenthaler.

scoring in more events than in the past. We need to have more people out so we can have more depth and competition within the team. We've made good progress in the last two years. Our times are improving at track meets. The improvement has led to better work and practice habits, which will carry over into other areas."







Meet	Placing
Ellis	10th
LaCrosse	5th
P-burg	5th
Wakeeney	15th
Victoria	5th
MCL	9th
Regionals	15th





- 1. **Boy, I'm tired.** Striving to stay in the lead, Wendy Waldschmidt, fr., finished strong. Waldschmidt races in the 800 m run. *Photo by Von Rupp*.
- 2. **Girls' Track Team.** J. Honas, manager, N. Phillips, fr., T. Kohl, jr., L. North, sr., M. Kinderknecht, sr., H. Harwick, jr., Mr. Hulse, coach, C. Kohl, fr., J. Seibel, fr., W. Waldschmidt, fr., J. Gottschalk, fr., C. Younger, jr., D. Dietz, jr., B. Schoenthaler, jr., B. Kinderknecht, jr., M. McClelland, sr. *Photo by Donna Schoenthaler*.
- 3. **You can win.** Connie Kohl, fr., silently gives herself a pep talk. Kohl ran in the 800 m race at the Ellis Invitational. *Photo by Von Rupp.*

# GOL Boys compete

The golf team was made up of thirteen boys. The season went well, according to Coach John Kolacny.

When Kolacny was asked how the boys did, he said, "I think we have done well all season considering the young team we have."

The team competed at seven meets including MCL and regionals. They placed in the top seven or better at every meet. The team finished the year by taking third at regionals.

The team is considered a young team due to the fact that only two seniors and six juniors participated in golf this year.

According to Travis Phillips, senior, the team needed more experience, but the season went well in spite of this.

- Look at that! Joel Seibel, jr., watches the ball as he follows through with his tee off. Seibel participates on the varsity squad. Photo by Dale Edwards.
- Oh, nice shot. David Desaire, sr., hopes for a good land. Desaire golfed a 43 at the Ellis Meet. Photo by Dale Edwards.
- Hold steady, Travis. Putting at the first hole, Travis Phillips, sr., concentrates on his swing. This was Phillip's first year in golf. Photo by Dale Edwards.









Meet	Placing
P-burg	5th
Plainville	7th
Trego	5th
TMP	7th
Hays	3rd
MCL	4th
Regionals	3rd





- Two senior golfers. David Desaire and Travis Phillips were the two seniors out for golf. Desaire had been out for golf three years, while Phillips was out for one. Photo by Donna Schoenthaler.
- 2. **Ellis Golf Team.** D. Desaire, Coach Kolacny, T. Phillips, D. Leiker, M. Helget, P. Geschwentner, M. Bollig, S. Weber, S. Borger, N. Luea, D. Augustine, J. Seibel, D. Wolf, K. LaBarge. *Photo by Donna Schoenthaler*.
- Tim to concentrate. Marty Helget, soph., starts his first putt. Helget was on his second round. Photo by Dale Edwards.

1. **The computer blues.** Kathy Homburg, senior, types her newspaper story on the computer. Each month the journalism students are assigned a story for the newspaper. *Photo by Vic Balderson.* 



- 2. Another exciting edition.

  Lori Metzler, senior, checks the paper for errors before handing it out to the student body. The paper goes through a long process of writing, editing, and layout before being printed. Photo by Vic Balderson.
- 3. **The main croppers.** The journalism staff consists of ten seniors and three juniors. Back row: Lisa Boos, Laura North, Joel Rathbun, Sonya Jayne, Tracy Stegman, kathy Homburg, Donna Henry. Front row: Amanda Groff, Donna Schoenthaler, Myrna McClelland, Sandy Pfeifer, Mary Weber, Lori Metzler, Bonnie Schoenthaler. *Photo by Pioneer Photography*.





### J OURNALIS Students compete at Hays doing assortment of skills



ach of the 13 students in journalism class must perform a variety of tasks including writing, creating layouts, selecting and cropping pictures, and organizing publications. They must also put out two publications, eight editions of the school newspaper, The Railer Express, and a 160 page yearbook, The Railroader.

"I think journalism is a valuable class because it teaches the importance of deadlines and getting things in on a schedule. These things will be faced by everyone after they graduate from high school," said Donna Henry, jour-

nalism teacher.

The journalism students competed at regional journalism at Hays, February 13. Sandy Pfeifer, senior, received first in copy writing, Amanda Groff, senior, received first in layout/double page spread, and Myrna McClelland, senior, received third in headline writing. These placings qualified them for the state journalism contest at Lawrence, March 22.

"Even though none of us came home with medals, we were glad that we made it to state," said McClelland.



- Good work, kids! Donna Henry, adviser, helps a student with yearbook deadlines. This is Henry's fourth year as journalism adviser. Photo by Vic Balderson.
- Meet the deadline. Amanda Groff, senior, designs a layout for the yearbook. Each yearbook page has to be ready by the time of its deadline. Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht.
- 3. What's the headline? Joel Rathbun, junior, finishes his page layout for the school newspaper, *The Railer Express*. The four page editors must arrange the layout for each of the eight volumes of the newspaper. *Photo by Vic Balderson*.





- 1. What a print! Sonja Armbruster, junior, studies a picture she made. The pictures must be checked for darkness, contrast, water spots, scratches, etc. Photo by Von Rupp:
- 2. **More pictures.** Dale Edwards, senior, checks out a proof sheet. Proof sheets are for the use of journalism students. *Photo by Von Rupp*.







### Photographers learn new technique during workshop

The photography class gained a new teacher, Vic Balderson. This is Balderson's first year teaching a photography class. She attended Flint Hills Workshop to learn skills for the darkroom.

"I enjoy teaching the class, but it's a more difficult class to grade," said Balderson.

Leon Staab of Pioneer Photography held a three hour workshop for the students February 5. This workshop was to teach the students how to take, develop, and process better pictures.

"The students and I learned a lot that day, probably more than we can remember," said Balderson.

The photography staff is responsible for taking all photo journalism pictures for the yearbook and newspaper. They also are responsible for taking pictures at all major dances such as Snoball and Prom.

- 1. **Clean it up.** Donna Schoenthaler, sr., cleans the lens for her camera. It is necessary to clean the lens to prevent getting spots on the pictures. *Photo by Von Rupp*.
- 2. **Say cheese!** The photography staff smiles for a picture. Back row: Von Rupp, soph., Michelle Kinderknecht, sr., Dale Edwards, sr. Front row: Donna Schoenthaler, sr., Sonja Armbruster, jr., Vic Balderson. *Photo by Pioneer Photography*.
- 3. **Are they okay?** Michelle Kinderknecht, sr., looks at some newly developed negatives. Negatives are the first step in picture production. *Photo by Von Rupp.*



#### V OCAL MUSI Choir adds new feature to classroom activities

E ven with the new seven hour day, there was a good-sized choir of 35 members. The male section was smaller than the female section, but this didn't affect the choir's sound, according to Maggie McKain, instructor.

This is McKain's first year at Ellis. Along with directing the choir, McKain accompanies the students during class.

"I enjoy teaching here because there's a lot of talent. I've expected a lot from everyone," said McKain.

McKain added a new feature to

- 1. **Boogie on down.** Denise Massier, fr., performs a self-made routine to the tune of "I'd Do It All Again" by Sam Harris for Jammin' Day. Her routine was just one of the acts performed on this fun day for choir. *Photo by Vic Balderson.*
- 2. Hold that note. Kathy Homburg, sr., Diane Fritschen, so., Heather Harwick, jr., and Julia Schaus, jr., practice "Road to Bethlehem" for the Christmas concert. Other pieces sang at the concert were "Christmas is Coming," "A Christmas Alleluia," and "Silent Night." Photo by Sonja Armbruster.
- 3. Fa la la. Railairre pop singers have 16 members this year. Back row: K. Augustine, fr., R. Hazen, fr., E. Light, sr., T. Hallagin, sr., T. Begler, fr., B. Bittel, fr., L. Augustine, sr. Middle row: J. Honas, jr., M. Simpson, so., J. Schaus, jr., H. Harwich, jr., A. Groff, sr. Front row: S. Rupp, so., K. Homburg, sr., M. McKain, D. Fritschen, so. Photo by Pioneer Photography.

the class called Jammin' Day. This is a day in class to do something other than the regular routine. The students can sing songs they normally wouldn't in class, perform in an airband, dance to music, etc.

The events of the year started with the Mid-Continent League Vocal Clinic October 29, at Ellis. A select group of students performed in the District Choir December 5, in Hays. The annual Christmas concert was held December 17, followed by regional contest April 5 and 17, in Hays. The performances ended with a spring concert May 13.











1. Rock n' roll. An airband was put together for Jammin' Day with Robb Hazen, freshman, on the bass guitar, Lonny Augustine, senior, on drums, and Brady Bittel, freshman, on the saxaphone. They performed to the song, "Be Cruel to Your School" by Twisted Sister. Photo by Vic Balderson.

2. **All together now.** Back row: D. Fritschen, so., R. Honas, so., L. North, sr., E. Light, sr., T. Hallagin, sr., R. Hazen, fr., L. Gottschalk, sr., T. Begler, sr., M. Lang, so., M. Simpson, so. Third row: M. McKain, N. Phillips, fr., K. Homburg, sr., B. Bittel, fr., K. Augustine, fr., M. Brungardt, fr., L. Augustine, sr., B. Bittel, fr., A. Schoenburger, jr., J. Honas, jr., L.

Metzler. sr. Second row: J. Schoenthaler, jr., J. Schaus, jr., T. Herman, sr., S. Rupp, so., K. Wasinger, sr., T. Befort, so., T. Taylor, fr., A. Weber, so. Front row: D. Massier, fr., S. McCoy, so., H. Hawick, jr., A. Groff, sr., S. Jayne, jr., C. Engel, sr., T. Stegman, sr. Photo by Pioneer Photography.



- 1. **I can't swim.** Gary Luea and Eddie Light, srs., present "Lifeguards," an off-the-wall humorous duet. Luea and Light received first place for this duet at the Wakeeney tournament. *Photo by Vic Balderson*.
- Zombies do exist. Blake Bittel, fr., informs the audience on zombies with his oration. Bittel was the only freshman to qualify for state championships. Photo by Twila Armbrister.



# Fourteen entries qualify to perform at state event

The Ellis forensics team had a new instructor, Vic Balderson, to help them through the 1986 season. The team consisted of 66 members, 43 of which participated out of class. The students in class had to follow certain guidelines that did not pertain to the out of class participants. The classroom students were required to sign a contract for their nine weeks' grades. They gained points by doing presentations, writing speeches and attending tournaments.

The forensics team placed high at each tournament it attended. It placed second out of 11 teams at Dighton, second out of ten teams at the Mid-Continent League tournament at Phillipsburg, third out of 19 teams at Wakeeney and third out of nine teams at Ransom.

"As a whole, I felt the year was average. We did above average at all meets, but we were capable of being exemplary. I'd have liked to have spent more time each week seeing every student. Closer

coaching is a goal of mine," said Balderson.

Nine entries qualified for state festival, May 10 at Hill City. Those receiving first division ratings were Joel Rathbun, jr., with a dramatic solo, Kathy Homburg, sr., with oral interpretation of prose and Brady Bittel, fr., with oral interpretation of poetry.

On the same date, five entries qualified for state championships at Salina. Blake Bittel, fr., presented an informative speech, Brad Deutscher, so., presented an oration, Mary Weber and Amanda Groff, srs., presented a duet, Tracy Stegman and Donna Schoenthaler, srs., presented a duet which broke semi-finals and Mary Weber, sr., presented a dramatic solo which broke finals and placed third in the state.

"We had a wonderful time. The students behaved well and learned a lot. I felt this experience was successful," said Balderson.





- In the graveyard. Lisa Boos, sr., performs her prose selection, "Was It a Dream," at forensics night. Boos was one of the few to qualify for state championships in Salina. Photo by Twila Armbrister.
- 2. Lights, camera, action. Top row: G. Luea, J. Gnad, K. Augustine, M. McClelland, L. Ladish, L. McClelland, E. Light, L. Crawford, D. Fabrizius, M. Honas, T. Taylor, B. Bittel, M. Augustine, B. Deutscher, D. Stadelman, J. Rathbun. Middle row: V. Balderson, A. Groff, L. Boos, M. Weber, T. Stegman, L. North, K. Homburg, D. Schoenthaler. Bottom row: K. Eberle, N. Luea, J. Gottschalk, J. Seibel, S. Flax, C. Younger, T. Begler, B. Bittel. *Photo by Vic Balderson*.

#### R. PLA Class presents a comedy farce

\\/ hat do a blizzard, three lost through the play. women, a feud, and a skunk named Gloria have in common? They're all a part of the senior class play, "Headin' for a Weddin'," written by Le Roma Greth. The setting is the Hollowbone place, a mountain cabin in Virginia. Homer Hollowbone, played by Lonny Augustine, falls in love with rich Melissa Dugan, played by Lisa Boos, after he sees her picture in a newspaper. He writes to her, telling Melissa he's rich and lives in the mansion. On a cold February day, Melissa shows up at the Hollowbone place. She got lost in a blizzard as she was looking for "her sweet Homer." Chaos follows

The seniors presented the play on Thursday and Friday, May 15 and 16 with the matinee at 8:45 a.m.

"It was a lot of fun," said Myrna McClelland, who played Sarah Jo. "Miss Moyer did an excellent job directing."

Moyer was asked to direct the play after Mrs. Hertel had to step down due to an illness. Moyer and the students rehearsed for six weeks prior to the performance.



by Lori Metzler





- 1. But it itches! Gracie May (M. Weber) scratches her critters. Mary, along with the other cast members, had several morning practices at 7 a.m. Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht.
- 2. Look at me! Myrna McClelland imitates Tracy Stegman's character, Bertha Blairhouse. After six weeks of practice, Bertha became well-known for her dancing. Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht.
- 3. Chow down, everybody! Maw Hallowbone (L. North) cooks up a downhome meal. The main course was fried cow brains. Photo by Vic Balderson.
- 4. It was terrible! Melissa Dugan (L. Boos) tells about getting stranded in the storm while Homer (L. Augustine) panics after Melissa introduces herself. Photo by Vic Balderson.





- 1. "Let's see, now." Paw Hollowbone (G. Luea) tries to decide how to cut Pepper's (J. Augustine) hair. Paw is said to be the best hair cutter in the Hollowbone clan. Photo by Vic Balderson.
- Where'd he go? Hortense Todd (D. Fischer) gets in on the feud. Melissa Dugan (L. Boos) is shot during the feud. Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht.





Cast and Crew. First row: L. Metzler, T. Herman, K. Wasinger, P. Schuster, T. Wilson, C. Engel. Second row: K. Moyer, L. Boos, K. Flax, D. Schoenthaler. Third row: K. Homburg, S. Pfeifer, T. Rupp, L. North, M. Weber, A. Groff, T. Stegman, D. Fischer, M. McClelland. Fourth row: D. Hewett, T. Phillips, L. Augustine, D. Henderson, D. Younger, E. Light, J. Augustine, G. Luea. Top row: C. Dinkel, R. Gabel. Photo by Donna Schoenthaler.

### M I N I S T R A T I A loyal group of people work hard to ensure that our school runs properly

he very center of the Ellis High School system lies within the administration. The administration does not only consist of our principal and superintendent, but also includes a small group of people who keep our school running smoothly.

Working behind the scenes is the school board. Rocky Rorabaugh, superintendent, and Judy Tway, USD 388 secretary, are two of the others who work to keep Ellis High School going.

Reggie Romine, principal, and Dorothy Waldschmidt, secretary, are two people whom our school depends upon a great deal. The counselor, Carolyn Kern, is an aid to everyone in the entire system by counseling students and helping the administration schedule classes.

Last of all, there are five students

who serve as office aides. They work very hard in order to minimize the secretary's work.

Working behind the scenes means not always getting due credit. However, the administration of Ellis High is indeed credited with keeping our school on top of the stack.



- 1. Say cheese, Judy. Judy Tway, USD 388 secretary, takes a break from her busy work. This is Tway's first year as district secretary. Photo by Dale Edwards.
- 2. Can I help you? Dorothy Waldschmidt, secretary, poses for a picture. This is Waldschmidt's 21st year at EHS. Photo by Dale Edwards.
- 3. Ellis School Board. Before a monthly meeting, the school board poses for a picture. The members are L. to R.: Leon Staab, Linda Smith, Janice Leiker, Leonard Day, Carol Armbrister, Art Honas, Adolph Kuhn, and Rocky Rorabaugh. Smith, Leiker, and Armbrister are serving in their first year. Photo by Dale Edwards.













- Office Aides. Debbie Brungardt, Sandy Pfeifer, Myrna McClelland, Lisa Boos, and Kim Wasinger serve as the office help. The office aides were chosen by their applications filled out last spring. Photo by Pioneer Photography.
- 2. This is interesting. Mrs. Kern, counselor, reads material concerning Kansas Careers. This was the first year Kansas Careers, a job searching program, was used at Ellis High. Photo by Dale Edwards.
- 3. The big cheese. Rocky Rorabaugh, superintendent, continues with his usual work. This is to be Rorabaugh's last year as superintendent. Photo by Dale Edwards.
- 4. The whiz kid. Reggie Romine, principal, looks away from his computer to pose for a picture. Mr. Romine uses his computer for class schedules along with other things. Photo by Dale Edwards.

# F A C U L T Y School year brings changes for teachers

This year brought many changes for EHS. Some of those changes were new teachers, including Cindy Hertel, English; Vic Balderson, speech and forensics; and Maggie McKain, vocal music.

The seven hour day meant more work for the teachers, also. Many taught an extra class, which meant more papers to grade. But there were many advantages according to Mrs. Glantz, teacher.

"The students can take classes that interest them along with those

that are required," said Glantz.

When teachers were asked what their most memorable experience was, the responses varied.

The trip to Washington D.C. was the highlight of Miss Reichert's

"When my choir got a II rating. They sang very well," said Mrs. McKain, vocal music teacher.

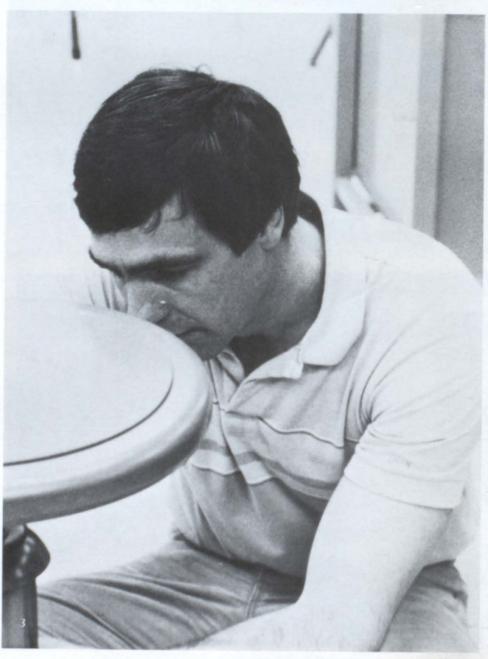
For Mrs. Hertel, it was getting caught up on her grading of compositions sometime in the last part of February.



by Lori Metzler



- These are delicious! Miss Moyer, teacher, enjoys her cookies and punch at the FHA Secret Valentine party. Moyer participated in the week's activities. Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht.
- Be quiet, class! Mrs. Henry, teacher, watches her class as they work on their assignment. Henry teaches freshman and sophomore English as well as journalism. Photo by Donna Schoenthaler.
- 3. What happened now? Mr. Faulkendar, teacher, fixes a broken stool. Faulkendar is the art instructor. Photo by Donna Schoenthaler.









- 1. **1985-86 EHS Faculty.** Standing, left to right: J. Glantz, K. Moyer, V. Balderson, S. Faulkender, A. Mills, T. Zerfas, E. Pfeifer, I. Kroeger, S. Faulkender, M. Hulse, M. Mathes. Sitting: D. Henry, B. Dietz, M. MacKain, C. Kern, N. Reichert, C. Hertel, J. Kolacny, V. Duell. *Photo by Pioneer Photography*.
- 2. **Not more worksheets!** Mr. Kolacny hands out assignments during law while Tammy Herman, sr., visits. Law is offered to seniors second semester. *Photo by Donna Schoenthaler*.
- 3. **Open your books.** Mrs. Kroeger gets ready to start a new chapter in book-keeping. The class is taught second hour to juniors and seniors. *Photo by Donna Schoenthaler*.

#### Check it out. Ginger Fabrizius and Sheri Faulkender, librarians, find a book for a student. This will be the fifth year Fabrizius and Faulkender have worked together. Photo by Donna Schoenthaler.





- Dish it up. Caroline Schumm, Barbara King, and Laura Schoenberger, cooks, prepare the bread for lunch. Schoenberger was a district cook until she moved in April and was replaced by Ellen Desaire. Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht.
- 3. **A clean sweep.** Gilbert Augustine and Charlie Waldschmidt, janitors, sweep the cafeteria after lunch. Keeping the school clean is a year round responsibility for the janitors. *Photo by Dale Edwards*.
- 4. **Here we go!** Bob Armbrister, Raymond Kroeger, Burgess Bieler, Roberta Powell, Jodi Patten, Ted Gerber, Paul Powell, Harold Daily, Ray Hurt, Patty Patee, Joe Locker, Gilbert Augustine, and Leonard Erbert, bus drivers, start their workday at 6:35 every school morning. *Photo by Pioneer Photography*.

# S UPPORT STAF F Ellis students unaware of staff responsibilities

The staff at EHS, including the cooks, janitors, librarians, and bus drivers, supports the school in many ways that students and faculty may not be aware of.

Caroline Schumm, head cook, arrives at the school at 6:00 every school morning, with Barbara King arriving at 7:00 and Ellen Desaire arriving at 10:00. The women prepare the menu for 115-130 students daily, usually making everything from scratch.

The required servings are two to three ounces of protein, threefourths cup of fruit or vegetable, a serving of bread, and a serving of milk. Our school has the Offer vs. Serve program in which students have the option of turning down an item.

"We all enjoy our job very much," commented Schumm.

The librarians have many responsibilities such as selecting material, providing space for material, and classifying and cataloging material. Visiting with the students and teachers to find what the library needs before it is needed and "selling" library, reading, etc. to students and teachers are also important.

"We also must assist finding quick answers for a variety of very interesting questions. Instructing how to use this and all libraries is the most valuable part!

"Of course, I'm here only about four hours a day, so some of these items are wishful thinking. It is, however, an interesting job!" said Sheri Faulkender, librarian.

The janitors start their workday at 7:00. The day is filled with such jobs as disinfecting the showers and bathrooms, cleaning lunch tables, and vacuuming the halls and rooms.

During the summer, the janitors spend much time mowing, thoroughly cleaning all the rooms, and shampooing the carpet.

"There is always plenty of work to do," said Charlie Waldschmidt, custodian.

Before the buses leave for their morning route, the lights, horns, lug nuts, etc. on the buses are checked. Joe Locker, transportation supervisor, will then repair any broken parts. The drivers are responsible for getting students to and from school and taking students to school events.

"We've got a good bunch of drivers and a real good bunch of students riding our buses," said Locker.







#### J UNIOR Class takes first during spirit week

The 85-86 school year proved to be a good one for the junior class. They took first place in overall spirit week competition. Their float also took first place.

The junior class put on their play, "Rest Assured," in November. Miss Balderson directed the play.

For prom, the juniors went with the theme, "Into the Night." The

banquet and dance were held at Washington Grade School. "The Heat" was the band for the evening.

"Everyone worked together to make prom a memorable night," said Connie Fischer, class president.

Carolyn Kern and Stan Faulkender were class sponsors.

by Lori Metzler







- I'm so bored. Michele Augustine, jr., sits in bookkeeping after completing her assignment. Bookkeeping is offered second hour, and it is taught by Mrs. Kroeger. Photo by Donna Schoenthaler.
- Look at this. Danny Fabrizius and Joel Rathbun, jrs., act out their parts in the junior class play, "Rest Assured." The play was the main money making project for the junior class. Photo by Donna Schoenthaler.
- 3. **Junior Class Officers.** From left to right: Connie Fischer, Laura Dietrich, Amy Schoenberger, Lynn Gottschalk. *Photo by Dale Edwards*.
- 4. **The winning float.** Panther Patrol was the theme for the 1985 homecoming. The junior class has taken first place in the float competition for the past two years. *Photo by Miss Balderson.*

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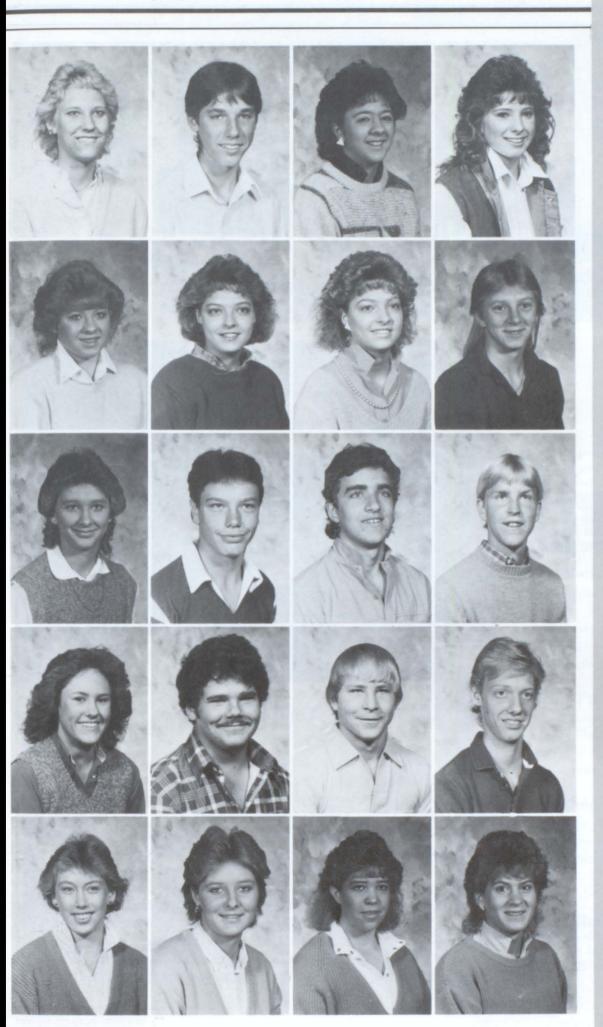
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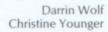
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### Never a dull moment

I f two's company and three is a crowd, what would you call nine? Such is the case for senior, Chad Dinkel. With five brothers and three sisters, plus mom and dad, life is never dull at the Dinkel farm. Though there are now only six children at home, it still gets loud, according to Chad. Everything must be shared, which accounts for some of the noise. Often, there is a fight, but nothing life-threatening.

Living on a farm fifteen miles from Ellis, everyone has chores to do. Chad gets to help feed cattle, harvest, work in fields, plant trees for the windbreak and do dishes when it's his turn.

The whole family gets together for holidays. Chad's grandparent's house is the location for the festive occasion. When asked if he liked living in a big family, Chad said, "Yes, it's adventurous and there's always something do do."

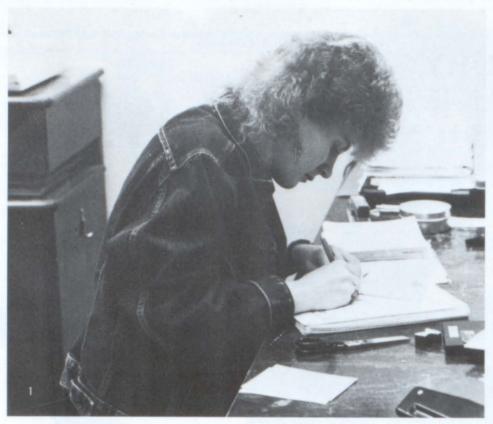
**The Dinkel family.** The six youngest children include (left to right): Chad, Casey, Stacy, Todd, Matt, Brandy. Not pictured are: Shannon, Kevin and Mark.







- 1. It's cool, baby. Sonya Jayne and Joel Rathbun, jrs., look up from their work for a quick picture. Jayne and Rathbun are page editors for the school newspaper. Photo by Donna Schoenthaler.
- 2. **Yea, I'm great.** Smug looking Amy Schoenberger, jr., poses for a picture on dress up day. Juniors won that portion of spirit week. *Photo by Donna Schoenthaler*.
- 3. **Another late night.** Terri Kohl, jr., snoozes during bookkeeping. Juniors are eligible to take this class. *Photo by Donna Schoenthaler*.





- Another hard worker. Bonnie Schoenthaler, jr., tries to look busy during journalism. Schoenthaler is one of the three juniors in the class this year. Photo by Donna Schoenthaler.
- 2. **My poor straw!** Heather Harwick, jr., checks the damage to her straw after participating in spirit week competition. Spirit week is an annual event. *Photo by Donna Schoenthaler*.
- 3. What's next, teach? Jim Pfeifer, jr., is given instructions during art. The class is taught by Mr. Faulkender. *Photo by Donna Schoenthaler*.
- 4. **Smile big, Tim!** Tim Homburg, jr., looks up for a picture during computers. Mrs. Glantz teaches the class which is open to juniors and seniors. *Photo by Donna Schoenthaler*.
- 5. Now, that's funny! Danny Fabrizius and Mike Honas, jrs., enjoy watching classmates practice during forensics. The two boys perform a humorous duet taken from the junior play, Rest Assured. Photo by Donna Schoenthaler.









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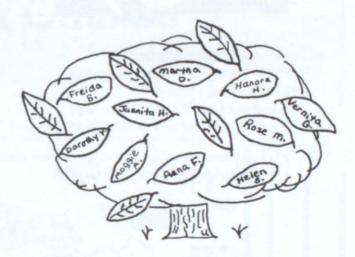


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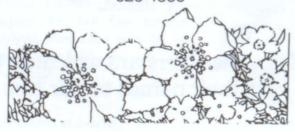


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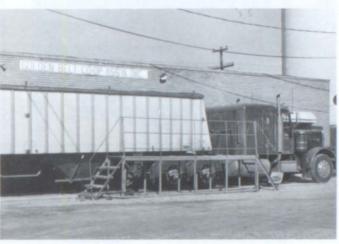
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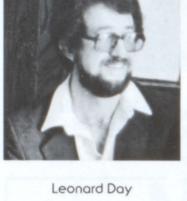
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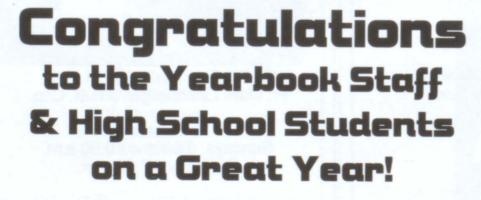
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# JR.SR.PRO "Into the Night" sets the mood for dance

nto the night went the juniors and seniors to the 1985-86 jr.-sr. prom. The banquet began at 7:30 p.m. in the Washington Grade School gym. Students were allowed to pruchase a \$5.00 meal ticket for their out of school dates.

Portraying the theme "Into the Night," light blue, dark blue, and silver decorations added a special look to the gym. "The Heat" was the band chosen.

The prom servers were a big part of the entertainment for the evening. Not only did they serve everyone's meal and refreshments, but they also performed a routine to "The Girls From Last Night's Dream" by Coney Hatch. The sophomore servers were Tammy Befort, Tammy Gottschalk, Robyn Honas, Michelle Lang, Sharley Mc-

- 1. **Around they go.** Brad Deutscher and Robyn Honas, sophs., perform the server routine at prom. The song used was "The Girl From Last Night's Dream" by Coney Hatch. *Photo by Von Rupp*.
- Good luck, seniors. Connie Fischer, jr., welcomes everyone to prom. Fischer thanked her classmates for alltheir help and wished the seniors good luck in the future. Photo by Von Rupp.

Coy, Melinda Simpson, Brandon Armbruster, Mike Ashbaugh, Brad Deutscher, Eric Dinkel, Mike Keller, and Terry Younger.

As the band began to wind down and the crowd began to thin, everyone knew that another prom was coming to an end. For many seniors it would be their last; however, the juniors could start looking forward to next year's.

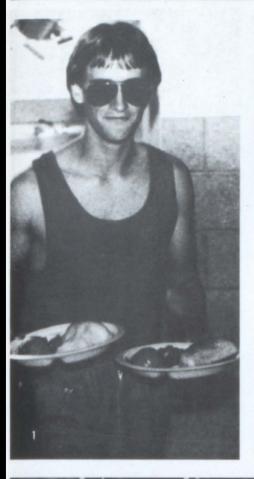
"I thought that it was nice, but it is sad because it is our last prom that we seniors get to spend together," said Mary Weber, sr.

"Everyone worked well together and it turned out great," said Connie Fischer, jr. class president.



by Lisa Boos









- 1. **Here's the beef.** Terry Younger, soph., serves the meal at prom. This is one of the many tasks the servers perform during the evening. *Photo by Von Rupp*.
- 2. **Flashing a smile.** Anne Keller, jr., and her date Randy McPhail show off their dancing skill. "The Heat" played a variety of music throughout the evening. *Photo by Von Rupp*.
- 3. **Giving the response.** "What more can I say?" said Donnie Younger, sr., as he thanked the juniors for the prom. The welcome and response were given after the meal. *Photo by Von Rupp*.

### URRENTEVENT

Four businesses open in Ellis; Shuttle explodes into fiery ball.

1985 brought many changes, tragedies, and success.

Superintendent R. D. Rorabaugh announced his retirement after serving the Ellis schools for eighteen years.

Wiesner's Department Store closed after eighty years of serving the Ellis community. The BO-KA Flower and Gift Shop changed owners. Ownership changed to Mary C. Gottschalk, Jeanette Gottschalk, and Sheila Fischer.

Four new businesses were added to the business district in Ellis

— Regal Audio Video, Stop 2
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Pizza.

The final lay-off of Travenol employees caused some friends to move away.

A little further away from home, the Kansas City Royals won the World Series.

Wiliam Perry, "The

Refrigerator," became the heaviest man in NFL history to score a touchdown off of a set play (He weighed 308 pounds, his neck measured 22 inches, his waist measured 48 inches, and his thighs measured 34 inches!).

Six foot Lynette "Leaping Lizard" Woodard became the first female Harlem Globetrotter.

Over \$81.78 million was raised for starving humans through Band Aid and Live Aid. Many dollars were raised through Farm Aid to help the American farmers.

On September 1, the Titanic was discovered two miles deep on the Atlantic floor, 500 miles south of Newfoundland.

More terrorists attacked in '85. Palestinians hijacked TWA Flight 847 in June. Four PLO men seized an Italian ship in October, and sixty people were killed in a November hijacking of an Egyptian

airliner.

On the evening of April 14, 1986, the United States dropped five bombs on Libya in an effort to curtail Khadafy's terrorist activities.

On January 28, 1986, the biggest American tragedy since Kennedy's death in 1963 occurred. The space shuttle, Challenger, exploded 74 seconds after lift-off. Six brave astronauts and one courageous teacher lost their lives. NASA had previously succeeded with 24 shuttle flights.

Coke "was" it! Coca-Cola Classic and Cherry Coke were added to the company's line, creating quite a controversy among longtime fans.

Gummy bears, stirrup pants, fake pearls, and VCR's were hot.

Finally, people wore anything that was red, white, and blue, as patriotism was a big item.

by Laura North





















All photos by Time and People Weekly magazines.



# G RADUATIO N Seniors finish four years together

A t 8:00 p.m. on May 28, high school became only a memory for many seniors as they proceeded in step with "Pomp and Circumstance" which was played by the EHS band.

Portraying their class colors, the boys wore black gowns and the girls wore silver. The class flower was the rose.

Some seniors wore the National Honor Society banner over the top of their gown. This was the first year that EHS has had a National Honor Society.

The ceremony was opened with the invocation by Fr. Paulinus Karlin. Then, Arthur Honas presented Lonny Augustine as the 1985-86 valedictorian and Donna Schoenthaler as the salutatorian. The Railairres performed two songs with four seniors singing one of them as a quartet.

The commencement address was given by Dr. Bill Jellison from Fort Hays State University. Leonard Day presented the seniors their diplomas.

Lastly, the benediction was given and the band began to play again. The seniors were now at the end of their high school trail and could begin another into their future.

by Lisa Boos





- 1. **Receiving his diploma.** Jeff Augustine extends his hand in gratitude as he receives his diploma. Leonard Day presented the seniors with their diplomas. *Photo by Von Rupp.*
- 2. **Directing the band.** Mr. Dietz directs the band as they play "Pomp and Circumstance." *Photo by Von Rupp*.
- 3. **Giving the invocation.** Fr. Paulinus Karlin gives a short prayer to begin the graduation ceremony. Fr. Paulinus presides over the St. Mary's Church in Ellis. *Photo by Von Rupp*.

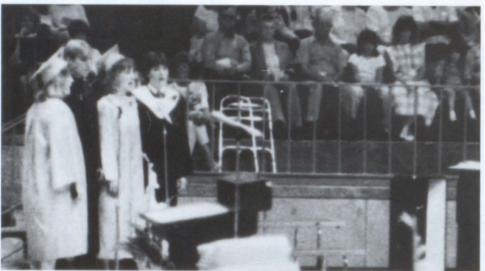


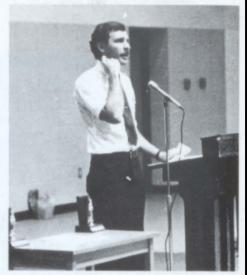




- 1. **Approaching the front.**Kaylene Flax, Lisa Boos, Bobby Younger, and Pat Augustine proceed together. The girls wore silver gowns and the boys wore black. *Photo by Von Rupp*.
- 2. **Receiving his award.** Lonny Augustine, the 1986 valedictorian, gives the seniors his words of wisdom. The valedictorian also has to give a speech at the jr. high graduation. *Photo by Von Rupp*.
- 3. **Giving her speech.** Donna Schoenthaler, the salutatorian, gives the seniors some of her thoughts on life. Both the valedictorian and salutatorian are required to give a speech at the ceremony. *Photo by Von Rupp*.
- Walking in step. Dallas Armbruster and Michelle Kinderknecht walk side by side to their chairs. All the seniors proceeded by pairs. Photo by Von Rupp.







- 1. **Waiting all together.** The senior class waits to be presented. The principal traditionally announces the graduating class. *Photo by Von Rupp.*
- Saying their goodbye. Lonny Augustine, Amanda Groff, Kathy Homburg, and Eddie Light sing for the seniors. These four were senior Railairres. Photo by Von Rupp.
- 3. **Giving seniors directions.** Reggie Romine gives the seniors last minute instructions. Mr. Romine is in charge of organizing the graduation ceremony. *Photo by Von Rupp.*
- 4. **Standing side by side.** The Railairres sang a song of goodbye to the seniors. It is traditional for the Railairres to perform at graduation. *Photo by Von Rupp.*



# W A R D S B A N Q U E Students obtain various awards for their achievements

A Honor Roll — Straight A's: Lonny Augustine, Donnie Younger

Band — Outstanding Musician: Amanda Groff; Outstanding Leader: Laura North

Computer Science — Emporia State Scholarship Tests (ESST) — Honorable Mention State Awards: Computer Literacy: Pete Larghe, Von Rupp

English — ESST — Honorable Mention State Awards: Brad Deutscher, Debbie Dietz, Sheila Flax, Eric Hays, Rob Hazen, Marty Helget, Ernie King, Bonnie Schoenthaler, Amy Weber, Christine Younger

Forensics — Outstanding Actress: Mary Weber; Outstanding Forensics Student: Donna Schoenthaler; Outstanding Public Speaker: Brad Deutscher

Girls' Basketball — Honorable Mention League Awards: Amy Schoenberger, Myrna McClelland

Home Economics — ESST — Honorable Mention: Davon Armbrister

Industrial Arts — ESST — Honorable Mention State Awards: Mechanical Drawing: Troy Augustine, Craig Deutscher, Thomas Huff; Woods: Lance Brenner, Randy Honas

Journalism — Outstanding Journalist: Donna Schoenthaler; Most Valuable Journalist: Myrna McClelland Language — Wichita State Foreign Language Contest — Poetry — French II: David Metzler — 1st, Sonya Jayne — 2nd, Thomas Huff — 3rd; German II: Michele Augustine — honors, Sandi Blackwill — 1st, Brenda Kinderknecht — 1st, Connie Fischer — 2nd

Math and Science — Outstanding Seniors in Science and Math: Lonny Augustine, Donnie Younger; ESST — Honorable Mention State Awards — Phyics: Lonny Augustine; Biology: Brad Deutscher

Music — Outstanding Senior Railairre: Lonny Augustine

National Honor Society — Seniors: Lonny Augustine, Lisa Boos, Myrna McClelland, Kevin Weber, Donnie Younger; Juniors: Michele Augustine, Laura Dietrich, Debbie Dietz, Christine Younger

Office Machines — Commendation Award: Twila Armbrister, Jeff Augustine, Julia Schaus, Mary Weber, Terri Wilson

Perfect Attendance — All Four Years: Myrna McClelland

Photography — Outstanding Photographer: Donna Schoenthaler

Physical Education — Outstanding Physical Fitness Students: David Augustine, Brad Deutscher, Jessie

Typing II — ESST — Honorable Mention State Award: Patty Schuster





- 1. What a stud. Rocky Rorabaugh shares memorable moments of EHS at the awards banquet. Rorabaugh was superintendent of the Ellis District for 18 years. Photo by Sonia Armbruster.
- 2. And the winner is . . . The audience waits for Bill Dietz to present the next award. Dietz directs both the concert and marching band. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

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# S E N I O R The last year is full of memories

The senior class began the school year as leaders setting examples for the underclassmen. They started the year off with homecoming and spirit week. The seniors had a very unique float this year. The car they painted to symbolize the panther was not only a good float, but it also brought a profit to the class. The seniors charged people to beat it with a sledge hammer at the annual EHS Homecoming bon fire.

Towards the end of the year, things got rushed for the seniors. Their play, "Headin' for a Weddin'," was presented later than planned, on May 15 and 16. In

barely a week, the seniors were already planning for graduation. Their last year of high school was coming to an end.

This year was also the first year for EHS to have a National Honor Society at Ellis. Five seniors were fortunate to be chosen to belong to this organization. These seniors were recognized at the 1986 EHS commencement.

"I could say that we have been the best senior class ever to go through Ellis High School," said Donnie Younger, senior class president. "... What more can I say?"



by Joel Rathbun





- Wild, wild, wild. Eddie Light, sr., is part of an air band in Railairres, during Halloween. Photo by Vic Balderson.
- 1985-86 Senior Officers. The senior class officers were: Kevin Weber, treasurer; Donnie Younger, president; Candra Engle, secretary; Dallas Armbruster, vicepresident. Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht.
- 3. **All spiffed up.** Tracy Stegman and Jeff Augustine pose for pictures during the Homecoming parade. They were Homecoming candidates. *Photo by Donna Schoenthaler*.

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**Afternoon Class.** Back row: K. Weber, J. Mermis, J. Gerstner, D. Edwards, J. Augustine, T. Halligan, T. Herman. Middle row: R. Gabel, P. Schuster, T. Rupp, G. Flax, S. Dinkel, L. Boos, L. Billinger, Mrs. Weatherholt. Front row: L. Metzler T. Wilson, D. Younger, B. Younger, D. Brungardt, J. Schoenthaler, A. Groff, R. Augustine.





P. Augustine



D. Desaire



M. Kinderknecht



E. Light



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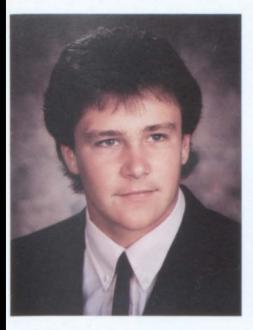
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G. Younger



**Dallas Landon Armbruster** 

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 3, President 4; Football 1, 2 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 4; Homecoming King 4; Snoball Candidate 1, 4; Barnwarmer Candidate 3; Class Secretary 3; Class Vice-President 4; Honor Roll 3, 4.



**Lonny Dean Augustine** 

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Class President 1; Railairres 1, 2, 3, 4; Forensics 1; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.



**Rodney James Augustine** 

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4.



**Jeffrey Scott Augustine** 

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Stuco 1, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, MCL All League Defense 2nd Team 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Candidate 4; Snoball Candidate 1, 3, Prince 1, 3; Junior Play; Senior Play; Class President 2; Perfect Attendance 3; Prom Server 2; Honor Roll 2, 3.



**Patrick Allen Augustine** 

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 4; Choir 1, 2; Photography 2.

#### Lisa Lea Boos

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, 5th Quarter 2, Vice-President 3; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4, Board 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Stuco 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Candidate 4; Snoball Candidate 2; Junior Play; Senior Play; Class President 3; Railairres 3; Forensics 1, 2, 4, Grand State 2, 6th Place State Informative 2, State Festival 1; Journalism Art/Photo Editor 4; Prom Server 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3,



Lee Francis Billinger
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 4; FFA 2, 3.



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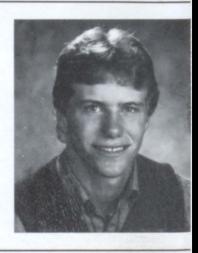


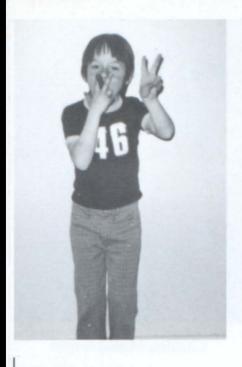
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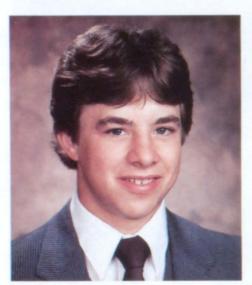






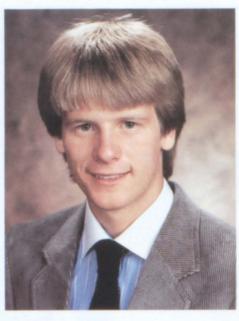
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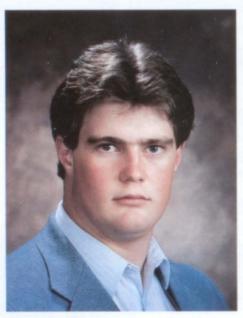
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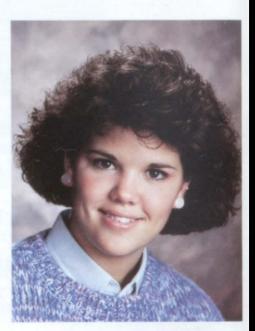
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Dale Burtis Edwards

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 2; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4.



**Dava Ann Fischer** 

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Poster Committee 2; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4, Points Chairman 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4, Stuco Rep. 4; Stuco 4; Snoball Candidate 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Forensics 1; Cheerleading 2, 3; Honor Roll 3; Choir 1, 2.

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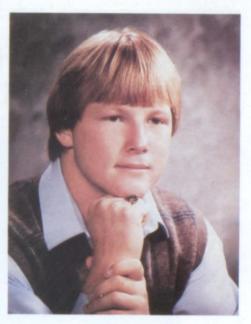
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Melissa Mae Flax

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**Jayme Kevin Gerstner** 

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 2.



**Amanda Ann Groff** 

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Stuco 4; Volleyball 1; Barnwarmer Candidate 3; Class Vice-President 1; Railairres 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Forensics 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism Page Editor 3, Copy Editor 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Server 2; Cheerleading 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

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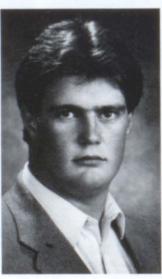
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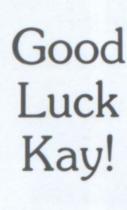




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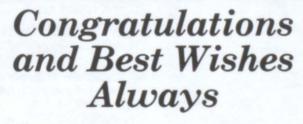




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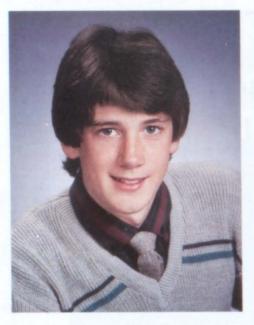
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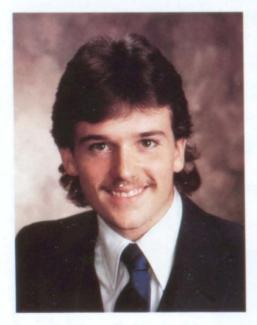
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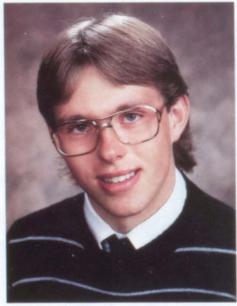
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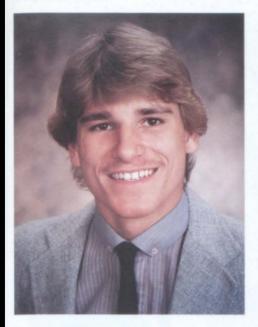
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Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Candidate 4; Junior Play; Class Sec/Treasurer 1, Treasurer 2; Band 1; Prom Server 2; Honor Roll 1, 3, 4.



#### **Edward Alan Light**

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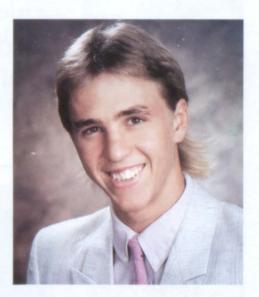
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#### Michelle Kinderknecht

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#### **Gary Lynn Luea**

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#### **Wayne Fredrick Parson**

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







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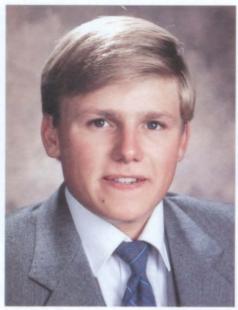






Bryan Edmond Patten

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4.



**Travis John Phillips** 

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4, Sentinal 3; Football 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Class Vice-President 2, 3; Forensics 2; Band 1; Honor Roll 1, 2, 4.



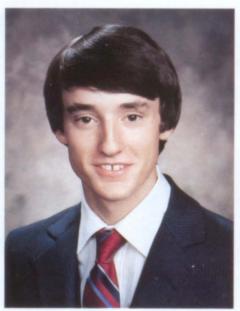
**Tammy Lynn Rupp** 

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Stuco 3; Basketball 1; Snoball Queen 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Railairres 3; Band 2; Prom Server 2; Choir 1, 2, 3; Flag Team 1; Cheerleading 2, 3, 4.



Sandra Pfeifer

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Stuco 3, 4; Homecoming Queen 4; Snoball Princess 3; FFA Sweetheart 3; Junior Play; Senior Play; Railairres 3; Forensics 1; Journalism Circulation Manager 4; Band 1, 2; Perfect Attendance 3; Prom Server 2; Choir 1, 2, 3; Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 3, 4; Honor Roll 2, 3.



**Troy Edward Riedel** 

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4, Officer 3; Football 1.



Donna Sue Schoenthaler

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 3; Stuco 2; Track 2; Senior Play; Class Stuco Rep. 2; Railairres 2, 3; Choir 1, 3; Forensics 1, 2, 4, Grand State 1, 2, 6th Place State Duet and Oration 2; Journalism Page Editor 3, Yearbook Editor 4, State Contest 3; Band 1; Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4, Head 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.



Patricia Lynn Schuster

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Honor Roll 1.



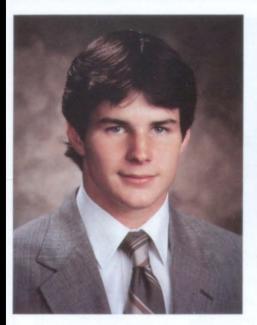
**Tracy Leann Stegman** 

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4, Board 2, Vice-President 3, President 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Stuco 1, 3; Basketball 2; Track Manager 2; Homecoming Candidate 4; Snoball Candidate 2, 3, Princess 2; Barnwarmer Candidate 3; Junior Play; Senior Play; Forensics 1, 2, 4, Grand State 1, 2, 6th Place State Duet 2; Journalism Circulation Manager 4; Choir 1, 2, 4; Prom Server 2; Cheerleading 3; Honor Roll 1, 2.



Kim Marie Wasinger

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4, Board 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4, Points 3, Historian 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Senior Play; Snoball Candidate 1; Flag Team 1, 2; Choir 1, 2, 4.



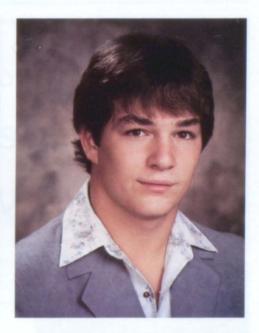
**Michael George Sipes** 

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play.



**Bradley Carl Stewart** 

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4.



Kevin Alan Weber

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, MCL All-League Defense 2nd Team, 4, Salina Journal All-Area Team Honorable Mention 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 4; Snoball Prince 2; Senior Play; Class Secretary 2, Treasurer 4; Railairres 2, 3; Forensics 1; Perfect Attendance 1, 3; Prom Server 2; Honor Roll 1, 3, 4.



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Love, Mom, Dad, Steve, and Tim







Congratulations,
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Love, Mom Dad Dennis Jackie



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of all that surrounds us.
Celebrate being alive.



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Love, Mom, Dad

Zach, & Josh



Lori,

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Best of Luck!



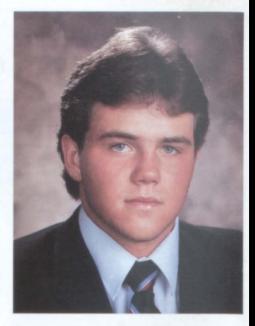
Mary Beth Weber

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4, Historian 2, 3, Points 4; Stuco Secretary 4; Snoball Candidate 1, 3, Princess 1; Junior Play; Senior Play; Railairres 3; Forensics 1, 2, 3, 4, State Festival 1, 2, Grand State 3; Journalism Typeset Editor 4; Perfect Attendance 1, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3.



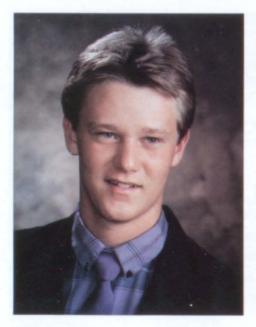
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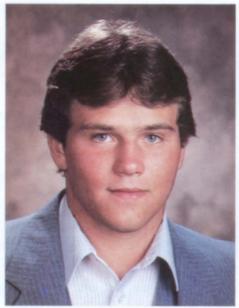
**Donald Raymond Younger** 

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4, Reporter 3, Vice-President 4; Stuco 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Play; Class President 4; Class Treasurer 3; Prom Server 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.



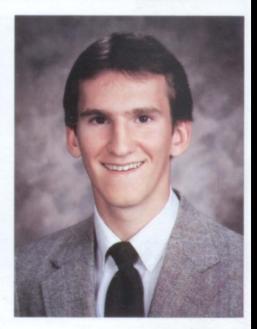
**Troy Anthony Wiesner** 

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 2, President 3; Basketball 1; Snoball Candidate 3; Junior Play.



**Robert Paul Younger** 

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 2, 3, Sentinal 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 4; Senior Play; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.



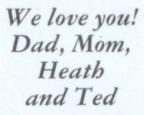
**Gregory John Younger** 

Pep Club 4; Basketball 2; Cross-Country 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Yell Leader 4; Honor Roll 4.



We wish you the best; now and always.

Good Luck, Wayne. Love, Dad, Mom, Ruth & Troy



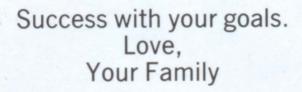




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Deena





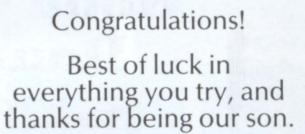
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Love, Dad, Mom, & Nikki









Congratulations Tammy! We Are Proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, Rick, Sheri, Brenda, Mike











Good Luck Donna!





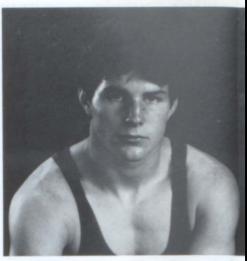






Congratulations Mike

Love Mom Debbie, & Beverly







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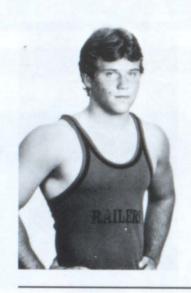
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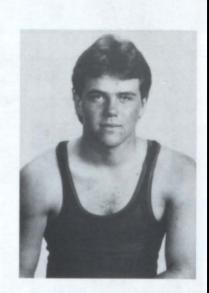
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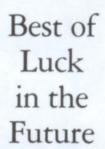




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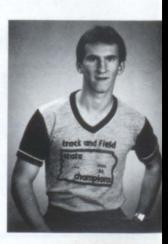
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Congratulations!

We Love You, Mom & Dad Christine & Terry











- Shooting the breeze. Sr. girls get together in the halls to sit and talk. They do this during lunch hour. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.
- Let's go crazy! Sr. girls, Sandy Pfeifer, Tammy Rupp, Melissa Flax, and Mary Weber get wild during spirit week. They were all dressed like nerds during nerd day. Photo by Michelle Kinderknect.



- 3. **Yes, it's me.** Sandy Pfeifer, sr., looks up from her studies in journalism, to pose for a picture. *Photo by Donna Schoenthaler*.
- 4. **Yes, Mrs. Henry?** Mary Weber, sr., is all ears while in journalism. She is getting ready to deliver papers. *Photo by Vic Balderson*.



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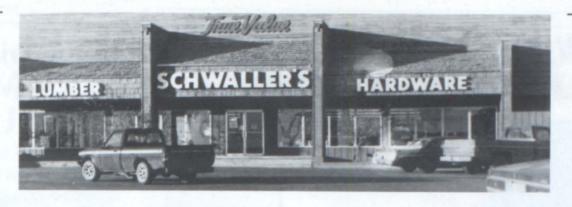
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# Year leaves us with memories of each part or

## Slice

A sanother year has come to an end, our time together quickly disappears. Each separate part, or slice, of this year has left us with many memories, both good and bad.

Ellis High School has undergone many changes this year and more are to come. A large senior class will leave, to be replaced with new faces, the incoming freshmen. Clair Beecher will replace Rocky Rorabaugh as superintendent. The staff and faculty will experience changes such as teachers leaving and coaching assignments being switched. Those teachers that are moving on to new places are Miss Reichart, Miss Balderson and Miss Moyer.

All of these changes will present new challenges to EHS as a whole.

We hope you have enjoyed this edition of the **Railroader** and you can look back on this year with happy memories.

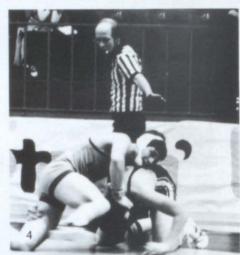
by Donna Schoenthaler

**Enjoying the parade.** Sonya Jayne, jr., Tammy Herman, sr., Donna Schoenthaler, sr., Sharley McCoy, soph., Tammy Rupp, sr. and Emmy Fischer ride in the Homecoming parade. The cheerleaders usually ride in a pickup. *Photo by Vic Balderson*.









- Go, Greg, go! Greg Younger, sr., races for the finish line. Younger participated in track four years. Photo by Von Rupp.
- 2. **Time for goodbyes.** A group of senior girls enjoy their last prom together. Front row: L. Boos, S. Pfeifer, M. Weber, P. Schuster. Back row: D. Fischer, C. Engel, T. Stegman, D. Schoenthaler, T. Rupp, A. Groff, K. Wasinger, T. Herman, M. Flax, *Photo by Von Rupp*.
- Raking in points. Shana Miller and Amy Schoenberger, jrs., work at Kayette park clean-up. This is an annual event. Photo by Donna Schoenthaler.
- Try your best. Kevin Weber, sr., tries to gain control of his opponent. Weber wrestled in the 167 lbs. class. Photo by Michelle Kinderknecht.
- 5. The wild ones. Dallas Armbruster, Greg Younger, Randy Honas, Jeff Augustine and Brad Stewart, srs., pose for a picture at prom. The photography staff offers pictures at most dances. Photo by Dale Edwards.



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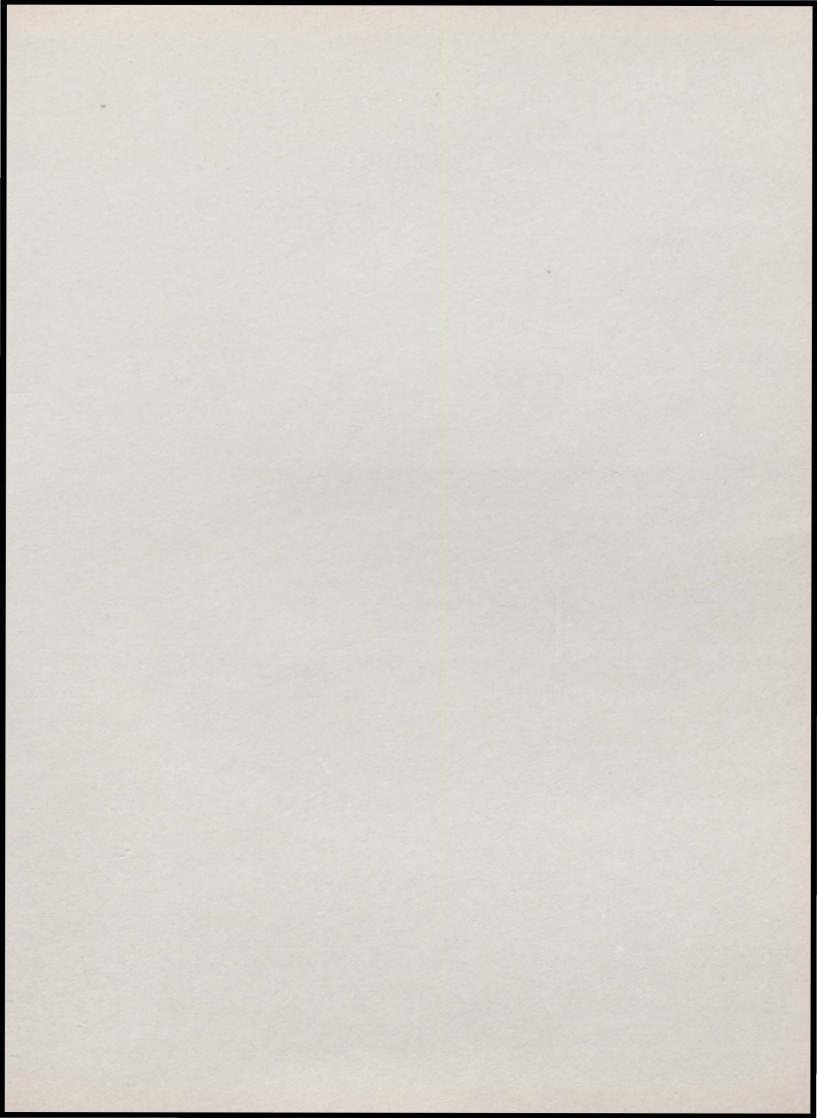
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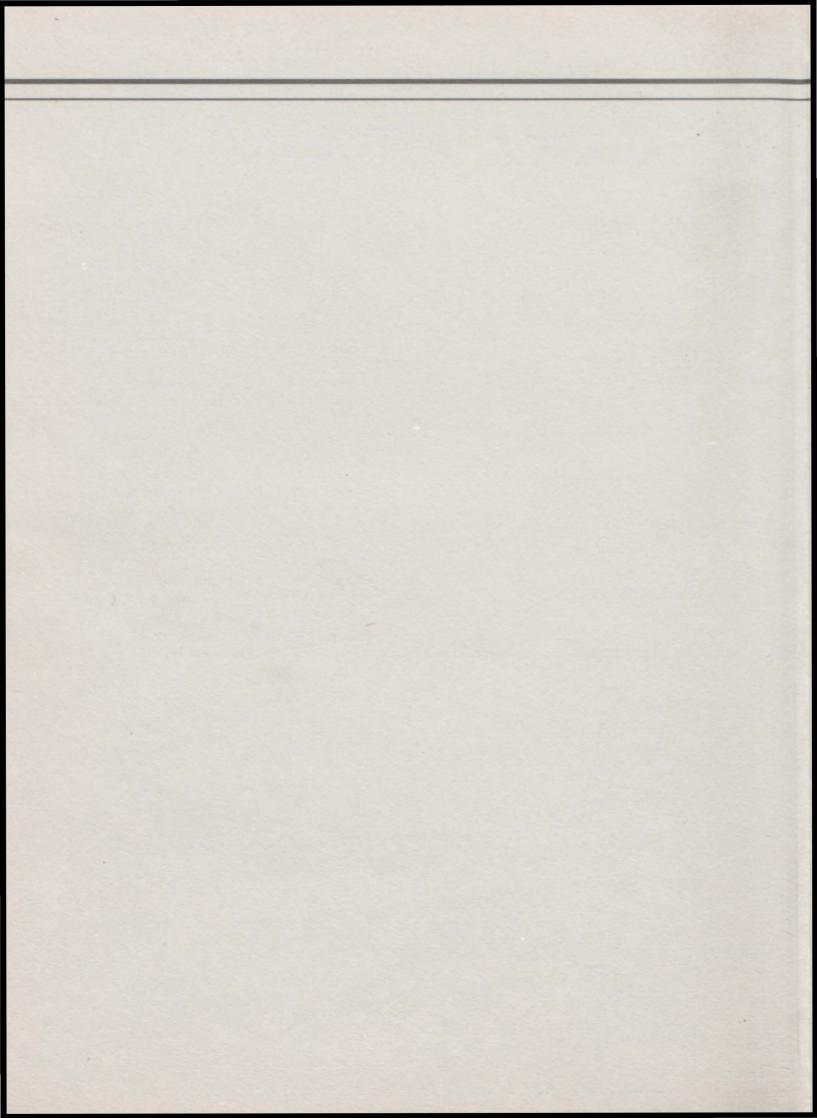
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