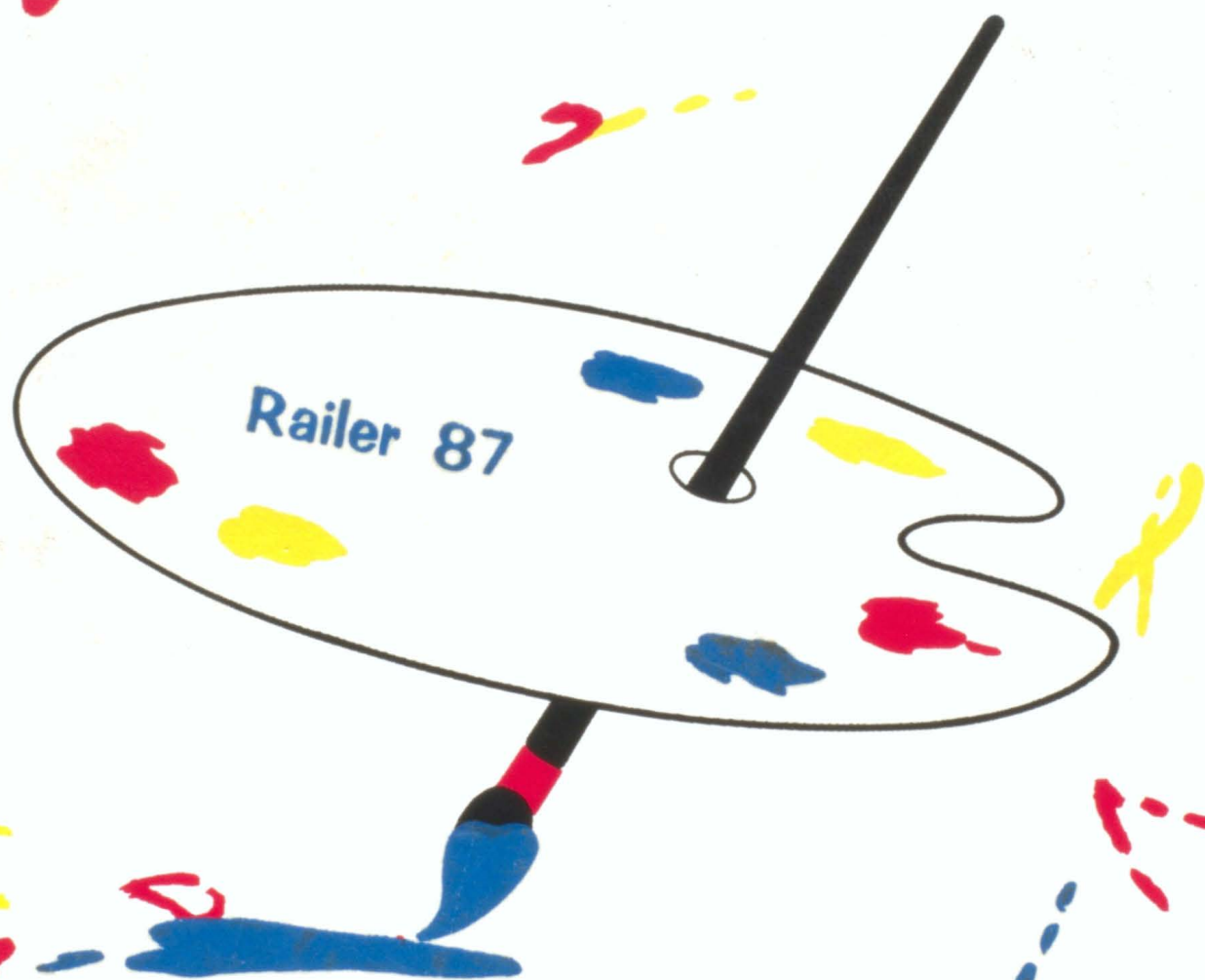


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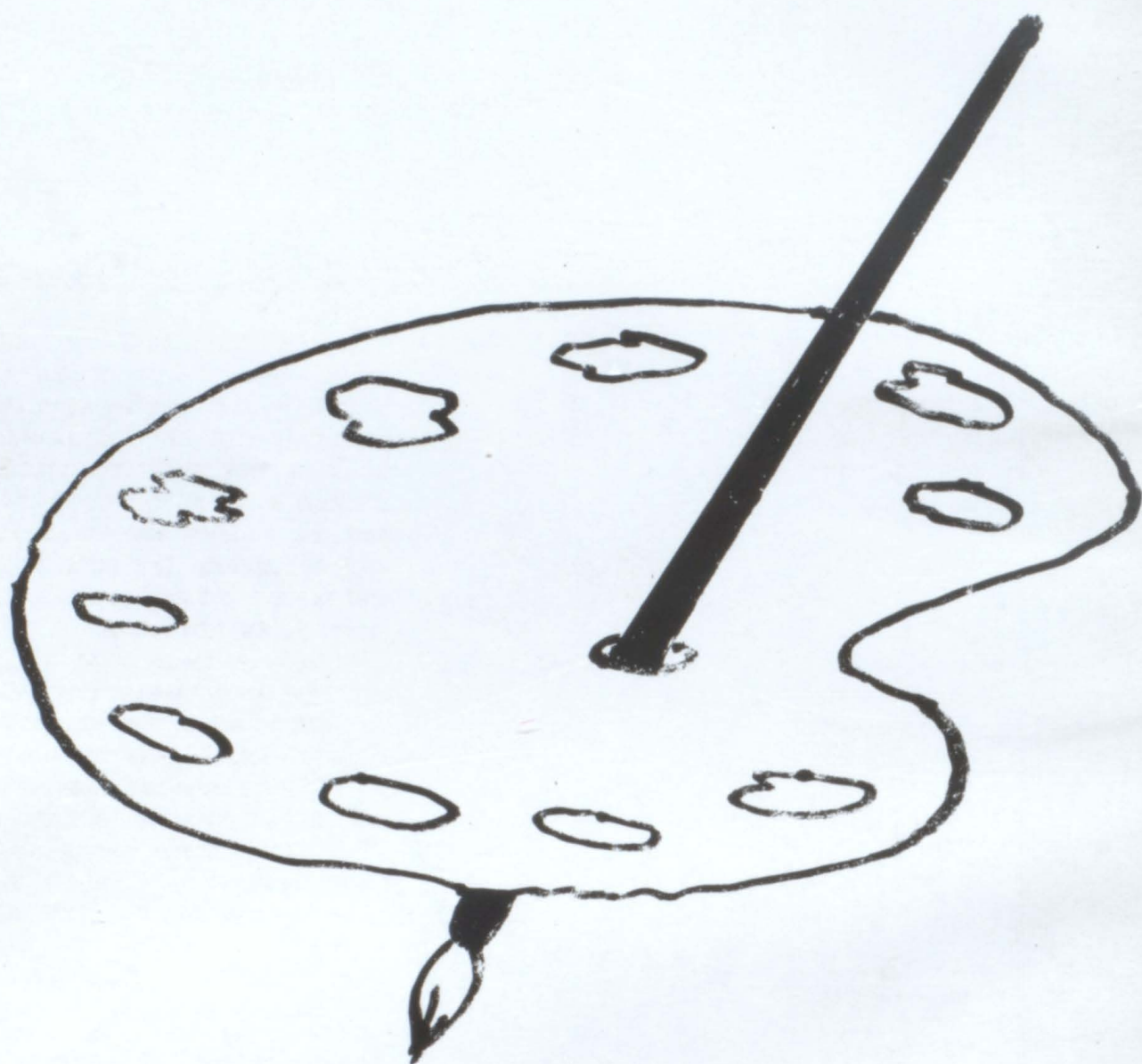
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Although times have been tough in Ellis, pride still shines at Ellis High School. We may not have teams that go to state each year or a school full of straight A students, but the students and the community support our athletes and scholars at each opportunity. This pride, spirit, and support are the qualities that make up Ellis High School.

When other towns come to Ellis High, they know they can expect the students to act in a sportsmanlike and respectable manner toward them. The hallways are always clean and all the facilities are in excellent shape. When these visiting towns leave Ellis High School, they can say, "Ellis High is a neat place." Our reply is — **"We Knew That!"**

— by *Debbie Dietz*

SCHOOL'S FINALLY OUT for the day. All of the students get ready to go home or to their various practices. The lockers are decorated by the pep club for each student. Special posters are made for athletes and cheerleaders. *Photo by Joel Rathbun.*

1. LET'S GET CRAZY! Kris Kruckenberg, so., Anne Keller, sr., and Holly Dinkel, so., show their excitement at the annual Barnwarmer Dance. The dance is put on by FFA and FHA. Photo by Linda Riedel.



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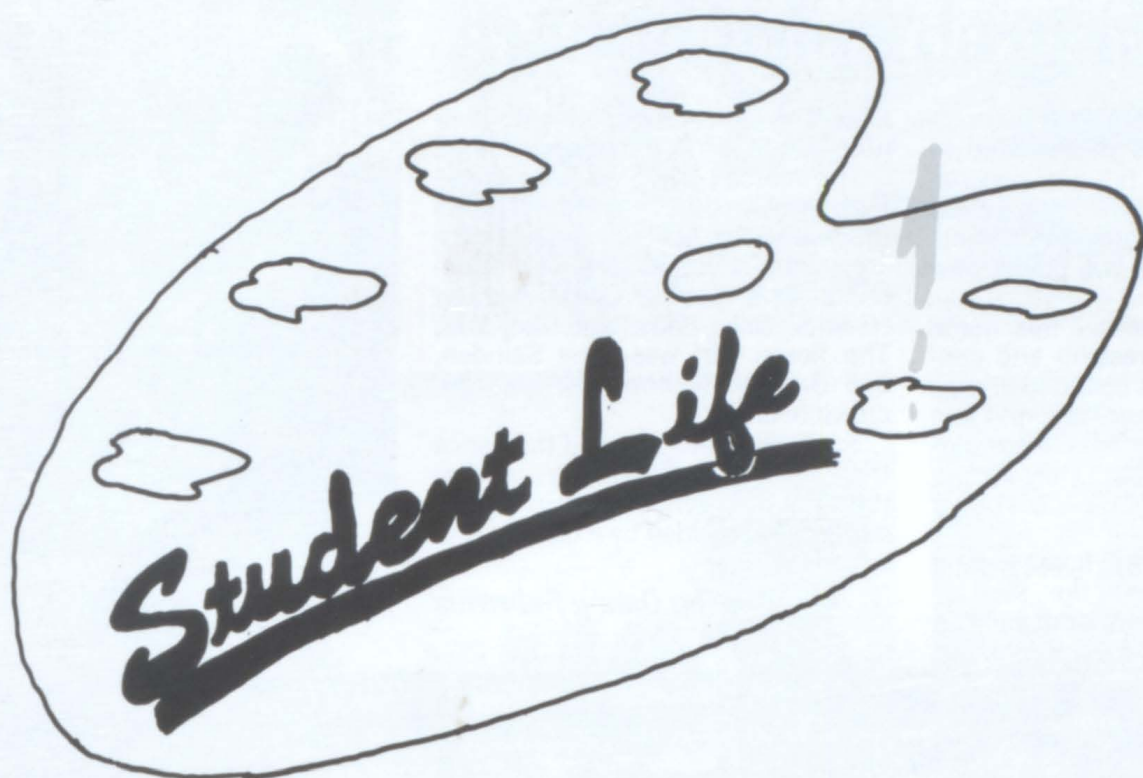
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3. THE ULTIMATE PYRAMID. Sandy Honas, sr., Terri Kohl, sr., Janice Honas, sr., Amy Schoenberger, sr., Michele Augustine, sr., Sonya Jayne, sr., Sandi Blackwill, sr., Christine Younger, sr., and Sharley McCoy, jr., build a stunt during psychology. Psychology is taught by Mrs. Riedel. Photo by Linda Riedel.

4. WHAT'S GOING ON? Brandon Armbruster, jr., watches Dane Fischer, sr., finish an assignment during lunch period. The students usually use this time to talk to friends. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.



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Homecoming

Seniors grab spirit honors

Homecoming was a time for competition. Each class participated in daily competitions, bonfire, pep rally, float competition, and overall spirit award. In the end the seniors won overall spirit by two points over the juniors.

The daily competition was made up of two parts, dress-up and contests. Dress-up days included orange and black day, college day, and jam day. The daily contests were different from those past. They included a Volkswagen push, a toilet paper pass and charades.

The theme for the homecoming parade was "Mangle the Mutts." Each class designed and built a

float. The juniors took first with their rendition of the Railroader engine.

The football game was the scene for the crowning of the royalty. Sandi Blackwill and Mark Coleman were crowned queen and king. The attendants were Debbie Dietz, Heather Harwick, Mike Honas and Gary Flax. The flower girl was Amy Saindon, and Bradley Schoenthaler was the crown bearer.

Everyone then attended the dance that, for the first time, was held at the new high school. Music for the dance was provided by a disc jockey.

— by Danny Fabrizio



1. THE SOPHOMORES STRUGGLE to place in the class competition of the chain pull. There were many restarts due to people releasing their grips for speed. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.

2. THE CANDIDATES FOR homecoming king and queen were Mike Honas, Gary Flax, Mark Coleman, Heather Harwick, Debbie Dietz and Sandi Blackwill. Candidates were picked from the senior class by the football and cross-country teams. Photo by Amy Huff.

3. MICHELE AUGUSTINE, SR., goes for the hot dog buns at the annual wienie roast. The wienie roast preceded the snake dance and the bon fire. Photo by Brenda Kinderknecht.





1. THE EVER POPULAR spirit sticks were sought by every class. The spirit sticks were awarded at pep rallies to the class with the most spirit. *Photo by Brenda Kinderknecht.*

2. THE JUNIOR CLASS float awaits its turn in the Homecoming parade. The juniors won first in the float competition with this train engine. *Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.*

3. DANNY FABRIZIUS, SR., reaches for a balloon that contains a name. Fabrizio had to act like this person to his class, hoping for them to identify him in the shortest time possible. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*

4. BRAD DEUTSCHER, JR., tries to think of how to act like Don Johnson. Duetscher was the selected individual for the junior class in the charades competition. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*

5. THE SENIORS TRY to catch the juniors in the Volkswagen push. This was the only event in which the seniors did not take first. *Photo by Brenda Kinderknecht.*

Ghost possesses major role in junior play

The three act play, "Great Caesar's Ghost" by William D. Fisher, was presented by this year's junior class. It was directed by Linda Riedel. Melinda Simpson served as her assistant director.

"The junior class play gave the somber students the opportunity to transform into humorous, fun-loving characters. The biggest surprise was to see the shy student 'come alive.' It was a rewarding experience," said Mrs. Riedel.

The comedy took place in the home of a wealthy family living in the present time. It was the amazing study of one, never-to-be-seen pet

ghost and his affect on the wacky household.

"I was really impressed with how well everyone got into their character. This, along with a great crew and set, made the play a success. It was a lot of work, but it was really a lot of fun," said Melinda Simpson, student director.

"It was a good experience getting together with the others. It was nice the way the class worked together," said Marty Helget, junior.

"After the way some of the practices went, I was really impressed with how well our performances went. The whole junior class worked

real hard and I feel that it was a success. I was just proud to be part of it," added Ernie King, junior.

The cast consisted of the following: Robyn Honas, Carl Engel, Diane Fritschen, Tonya Kuppetz, Mike Ashbaugh, Sherri Rupp, Shannon Martin, Ernie King, Lorrie McClelland, Eric Dinkel and Marty Helget.

"I was surprised how everyone worked so well together to make our junior play a success," commented Michelle Lang, junior.

by Tonya Kuppetz



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1. CAST AND CREW. Front Row: Lori Armbrister, Brenda Armbrister, Sheila Flax, Tammy Befort, Sharley McCoy, Laura Crawford, Amy Weber, and Sheri Rupp. Middle Row: Robyn Honas, Melinda Simpson, Diane Fritschen, Shannon Martin, Tonya Kuppetz, Tammy Gottschalk, and Michelle Windholz. Back Row: Michelle Lang, Randy Newton, David Metzler, Mike Ashbaugh, Eric Dinkel, Ernie King, Marty Helget, Thomas Huff, and Amy Huff. Not Pictured: Lorrie McClelland and Carl Engel. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

2. ERIC DINKEL ACTS like a lady as he waits patiently for his eyeliner to be applied. Dinkel played Uncle Phineas Farthingale in the play. Photo by Amy Huff.



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1. ESTHER (ROBYN HONAS) flirts with Johnson (Carl Engel) as Penelope Maxwell (Diane Fritschen) tries to remember her day's activities. Johnson was pursued by Esther throughout the play. *Photo by Joel Rathbun*

2. DEBBIE DEROSTER (TAMMY Befort) shyly follows her mother (Shannon Martin) into the Maxwell's living room. Debbie was transformed into a beautiful young lady during the play. *Photo by Joel Rathbun.*

3. DICK (MIKE ASHBAUGH), Tommy (Ernie King), Johnson (Carl Engel), Esther (Robyn Honas), Hattie (Sheri Rupp), Helen Maxwell (Tonya Kuppetz), and Uncle Phineas (Eric Dinkel) listen to Debbie (Tammy Befort) ask if Dick can stay for dinner. The play was performed three times for the public. *Photo by Brenda Kinderknecht.*

4. DEBBIE (TAMMY BEFORT) and Dick (Mike Ashbaugh) head downtown for a soda as Helen Maxwell (Tonya Kuppetz) gives them final instructions. Ashbaugh, Befort and Kuppetz were part of the 12-member cast. *Photo by Brenda Kinderknecht.*



Snoball

Lobby new site for formal

Starlit Nights was the theme of the 1986 Snoball, the biggest event of the year for Kayettes. Each Kayette needed ten points to attend the dance that was held in the high school lobby.

Holding the dance in the lobby was a first for the annual Kayette function. The lobby was decorated with Christmas lights and crepe paper. The colors were light blue, dark blue and silver.

"After a lot of hard work and worry about the success of Snoball, the 1986 Snoball turned out to be a great success," said Julia Schaus, Kayette president.

Gary Flax and Sandi Blackwill, srs., were crowned king and queen. The princesses were Melinda Simpson, jr., Jill Kippes, so, and Tina Stegman, fr. The princes were Eric Dinkel, jr., Blake Bittel, so., and Brad Honas, fr.

During intermission, a routine to "True Blue" by Madonna was performed by Snoball servers Natalie Seibel, Stacey Dinkel, Ann Pira and Carmen Werner.

Music for the dance was provided by Broken Promises, a band from Hays.

— by Tonya Kuppetz



1. MISS MAUK AND Mrs. Henry supervise the formal dance as Scott Weber, jr., flashes his smile. Henry has been Kayette sponsor for five years. Photo by Brenda Kinderknecht.

2. THE FRESHMEN CANDIDATES applaud as Tina Stegman and Brad Honas receive their gifts. Royalty was announced during the dance intermission. Photo by Joel Rathbun

3. 1986 SNO-BALL SERVERS were Stacey Dinkel, Natalie Seibel, Ann Pira and Carmen Werner. Photo by Joel Rathbun.





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1. 1986 SNOBALL ROYALTY. Back Row: Brad Honas, Tina Stegman, Jill Kippes, Blake Bittel, Melinda Simpson, Eric Dinkel, and Mike Honas. Front Row: Danny Fabrizio, Janice Honas, Sandi Blackwill, Gary Flax, and Sonya Jayne. Photo by Joel Rathbun.

2. DANCING A SLOW dance, Don Lieker, sr., looks into Diane Fritschen's eyes. The couple was taking advantage of one of the few slow dances that the band played. Photo by Brenda Kinderknecht.

3. IN THE SPOTLIGHT, seniors Janice Honas and Gary Flax walk in as their names are announced. Each year six people from each class are nominated for royalty. Photo by Joel Rathbun.

4. KAYETTES AND THEIR dates enjoy the last minutes of the Snoball dance. The dance lasted from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. Photo by Brenda Kinderknecht.



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Barnwarmer

Candidates perform chores

The annual Barnwarmer activities and dance, sponsored by the FFA and FHA, were held on March 6, 1987.

The FFA Sweetheart candidates were Lori Armbrister, Sheila Flax, Tammy Gottschalk and Michelle Lang. Brandon Armbruster, Brad Deutscher, Eric Dinkel and Mike Keller were the Mr. FHA candidates.

Activities were kicked off during the last hour of the day. The south parking lot was the site for the girls' chores, which pertained to farming. These chores included driving a motorcycle, chopping wood, identifying tools and setting an electric fence.

Meanwhile, the boys were confined to the kitchen where they performed various homemaking skills.

These included making an omelet, sewing, folding a sheet, sorting clothes and ironing a shirt.

After the chores were finished, the candidates and student body proceeded to the auditorium. The candidates gave a short speech and answered a question from the organization that nominated them.

The dance was held in the high school lobby. Members of the FFA and FHA served as student dj's. The top 40 records were raffled off at the dance to encourage participation. This was a first for the Barnwarmer dance.

In the end, Michelle Lang was crowned FFA Sweetheart and Brad Deutscher was chosen as Mr. FHA.

— by Tonya Kuppetz



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1. MICHELLE LANG POUNDS her head in dismay as she attempts to chop wood. The candidates were judged on how much wood they could chop in a given time. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.

2. DIDO FISHER GIVES Lori Armbrister a hand with the quad. A trailer was hooked onto the motorcycle to make the contest more exciting. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.

3. "CHECK IT OUT" says Tim Homburg, sr., as Danny Fabrizius, sr., and Ernie King, jr., search for another record to play. The three helped out by being student dj's at the dance. Photo by Linda Riedel.

4. MIKE KELLER TRIES his hand at sewing a hem. Teachers served as judges for the activities. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.



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1. 1987 BARNWARMER CANDIDATES. Front Row: Tammy Gottschalk, Sheila Flax, Michelle Lang, Lori Armbrister. Back Row: Mike Keller, Eric Dinkel, Brandon Armbruster, Brad Deutscher. Photo by Joel Rathbun.

2. BRADY BITTEL AND Tammy Befort take time out for a slow dance. Everyone could attend the annual dance. Photo by Linda Riedel.

3. TAMMY GOTTSCHALK CONCENTRATES on identifying tools. The girls had to name 10 different tools. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.

4. SETTING A FENCE isn't as easy as it looks as Sheila Flax finds out. The fence had to be set up straight, 10 steps long, and one post had to be exactly in the middle. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.

5. BRAD DEUTSCHER FOLDS a sheet as Eric Dinkel sorts clothes, and Brandon Armbruster checks out his hem. After he was done with each activity, each candidate placed his finished product on a table so the judges could look at them. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.

Sr. Play

Drama touches many

Drama or comedy? That was the question put before the seniors. Being the different class that they are, they chose the drama.

"Flowers for Algernon" was selected as the play. It is the story of Charlie Gordon, a retarded young man yearning to learn. Charlie's teacher hears of an operation that will increase intelligence, and she takes him to the center. He then receives his operation and begins the ascent to wisdom. However, throughout the play there is a constant chance of regression.

The only linking factor to knowing what might happen to Charlie is a mouse named Algernon, who also received the operation. During the play, the audience sees the intelligence growth and the emotional struggle of a man yearning to love and live in the "normal" world. In the end, they see signs of regression, and Charlie prepares for his life as a retardate once again.

The cast and crew contained almost all of the senior class. Mike Honas portrayed Charlie Gordon,

and Christine Younger portrayed his teacher, Alice. Joel Rathbun and Debbie Dietz played the doctors, Professor Nemur and Doctor Strauss. Terri Kohl and Pete Larghe, crew members, were an important part of the play. They were in charge of the lights which were vital to the success of the play as only certain parts of the stage were illuminated at a time.

Mrs. Cindy Hertel, first time director, was pleased with the production.

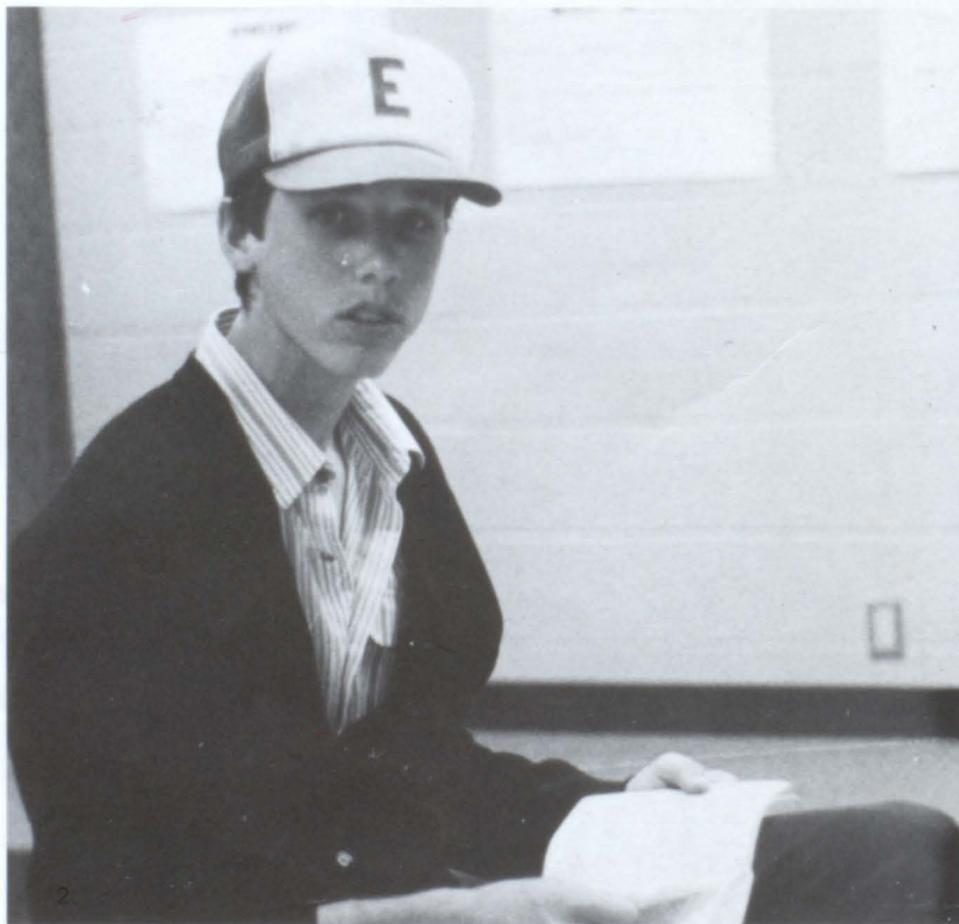
"My job was much easier because they were a very talented and energetic class. Not every class could have handled a drama like this," said Mrs. Hertel.

— by Danny Fabrizio



1. PETE LARGHE, SR., prepares the lights for the senior play. Pete worked the spotlight that was needed at strategic times. Photo by Linda Riedel.

2. CHARLIE GORDON BRUSHES up on his lines before a performance. Mike Honas played the older of the three Charlies in the play. Photo by Linda Riedel.





Cast and Crew

Charlie Gordon Mike Honas
 Alice Kinnian Christine Younger
 Dr. Strauss Debbie Dietz
 Professor Nemur Joel Rathbun
 Burt Seldon Danny Fabrizio
 Doris Terri Kohl
 Frank Gary Flax
 Joe Don Leiker
 Mrs. Donner Michele Augustine
 Gina Amy Keller
 Mrs. Feldman Brenda Kinderknecht
 Ellen Lynn Gottschalk
 Mother Doreen Stadelman
 Father Tim Homburg
 Teenage Charlie Todd Dinkel
 Young Charlie Sam Herman
 Jackie Welberg Bonnie Schoenthaler
 Anne Welberg Julia Schaus
 Bernice Amy Schoenberger
 Connie Laura Dietrich
 Heather Harwick
 Mrs. Mooney Sonja Armbruster
 Chairlady Sonya Jayne
 Mrs. Mooney Connie Fischer
 Mr. Harvey Mark Coleman
 Voices from audience Pete Larghe
 Twila Armbrister
 Lights Pete Larghe
 Terri Kohl
 Make-up Amy Keller
 Sonya Jayne
 Amy Schoenberger
 Publicity Sandy Honas
 Lori Keeler
 Beth Deutscher
 Twila Armbrister
 Properties Lynn Gottschalk
 Connie Fischer
 Sonya Jayne
 Sound Darrin Wolf
 Tickets Mark Augustine
 Jim Pfeifer
 Stage Crew Todd Dinkel
 Pat Geschwenter
 Stage Manager Sandi Blackwill
 Student Director Janice Honas

1. THE 1987 PLAY CAST AND CREW. Front Row: Gary Flax, Danny Fabrizio, Michele Augustine, Debbie Dietz, Lynn Gottschalk, Brenda Kinderknecht, Christine Younger, Joel Rathbun, Janice Honas. Second Row: Pat Geschwentner, Laura Dietrich, Heather Harwick, Connie Fischer, Amy Schoenberger, Sonya Jayne, Doreen Stadelman, Sandy Honas, Twila Armbrister. Third Row: Scott Borger, Tim Homburg, Amy Keller, Bonnie Schoenthaler, Mike Honas, Mark Augustine, Anne Keller, Mike Bollig, Don Leiker, Sandi Blackwill, Terri Kohl, Pete Larghe, Sandy Honas, Jim Pfeifer, Beth Deutscher, Darrin Wolf, Mark Coleman, Todd Dinkel. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

2. SONYA JAYNE, SR., applies base to Debbie Dietz, Sr. Jayne, Amy Schoenberger, and Amy Keller were the make-up technicians. Photo by Linda Riedel.

3. FIXING THE GREEN lamp, Mrs. Hertel shows off her technical abilities. Mrs. Hertel was assisted by Al Danler, an art student teacher. Photo by Linda Riedel.

Jr.-Sr. Prom

And they partied underground

Palm trees and pyramids were the setting for the 1986-87 Jr.-Sr. Prom. The theme for this year's prom was "Sunset Deserts."

As usual, the dance and banquet were held in the gymnasium in the Washington Grade School. The banquet meal consisted of chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, hot rolls and cake.

The juniors decorated the gym in an Egyptian fashion. There were three pyramids interlocked to form a dining area and a dance floor. White palm trees accented the area within the pyramid. The walls of the entry hall and dance floor were decorated with ancient hieroglyphics that told of a great feast and much celebration. The colors for this prom were purple, pink, and lavender.

Again the retiring prom servers selected new servers and designed a new routine. The prom servers were Holly Dinkel, Jodi Gottschalk, Jill

Kippes, Michelle Schoenberger, Wendy Waldschmidt, Connie Kohl, Tom Begler, Shawn Graf, Brady Bittel, Blake Bittel, Kyle Eberle and Kevin Augustine. The servers performed their routine to the song, "Walk Like an Egyptian," by the Bangles.

According to Anne Keller, sr., "It was the most fun I had during my senior year."

Once again, music for the dance was provided by the popular band, "The Heat." The band performed various numbers including those they had written.

Underneath the make-up, dresses and tuxedos, many seniors felt a touch of sorrow because it was the last social function of their senior year. In a way, it was the juniors' farewell to the class of '87.

— by Danny Fabrizius

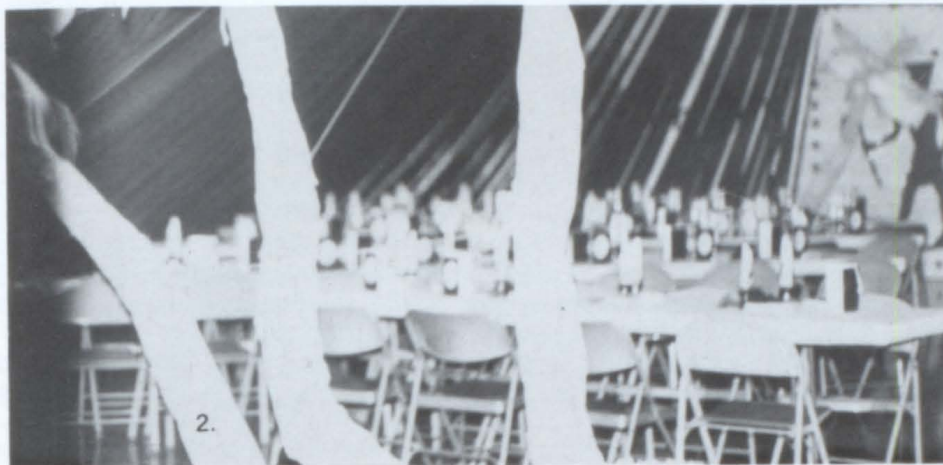
1. RELAXING IN THE palm trees, the juniors wait until they can see something they have to complete. The juniors were assisted by Stan Faulkendar, the art teacher. Photo by Brenda Kinderknecht.

2. TAMMY GOTTSCHALK AND Michelle Windholz, jrs., check the supply of napkins used to decorate the palm trees. The trees were made with chicken wire and paper napkins. Photo by Brenda Kinderknecht.





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1. TIM HOMBURG, PETE Larghe, Mike Honas, and Danny Fabrizius, srs., pose for a picture at Mike's home before prom. The four have been best friends throughout high school. *Photo by Shirley Honas.*

2. WHITE PALM TREES head the foreground of the dining area in the pyramid. Each person received a glass, name card, and prom program as memorabilia. *Photo by Amy Huff.*

3. THE 1987 PROM servers were Michele Schoenberger, Jodi Gottschalk, Wendy Waldschmidt, Jill Kippes, Connie Kohl, Holly Dinkel, Shawn Graf, Blake Bittel, Brady Bittel, Kyle Eberle, and Kevin Augustine. Not Pictured: Tom Begler. *Photo by Linda Riedel.*



3.

Current Events

Hays native taken hostage in Iran

The end of 1986 and the beginning of 1987 brought to our attention various new developments, new problems and new fads.

After eighteen years of service to U.S.D. 388, Rocky Rorabaugh retired. Mr. Clair Beecher took over as the new superintendent of the Ellis school system.

Two Ellis High School students, Brad Deutscher and Marty Helget, took over The Depot on Oct. 1, 1986. The boys closed the establishment on Feb. 1, 1987, due to lack of time.

The city started a PRIDE organization to help local organizations coordinate group activities. Some of these included a fire hydrant painting contest and yard improvement projects.

Students from Ellis High School established a S.A.D.D. (Students Against Driving Drunk) chapter. Its purpose was to encourage students to not drink and drive.

On Sept. 12, the Ellis Public Library moved its books from one location to another with the help of the people of Ellis. The library was moved from the basement of City Hall to the old post office building, which is located next door to City

Hall. Approximately 60 people stood in line for the book pass. In all, each person handled about 12,000 books.

The bridge over Big Creek on Washington Street is going to be reconstructed this summer. This work will cause a detour to be used in order to cross the water.

Two very strong blizzards hit the area in March immediately after spring break. Power and telephone lines were knocked out and roads were impassable for several days. Students got out of six days of classes because of blizzards.

On the medical front, AIDS became the most feared disease in the United States. This really hit close to home when a Smith Center High School student contracted the disease from a contaminated blood transfusion used in an operation.

In the sports scene, The New York Giants beat the Denver Broncos to win the Super Bowl. The New York Mets beat the Boston Red Sox to win the World Series.

Also in 1987, terrorism hit closer to home. Gerald Seib, a Hays native and Wall Street Journal reporter was taken hostage in Iran. Seib, along with other reporters, had been in-

vited to Iran by the Iranian government. While doing routine reporting, Seib was detained and accused of being a spy. He was finally released after five days.

In the biggest scandal since Watergate, President Ronald Reagan was involved in the Iranian arms controversy. Reagan arranged to sell defensive weapons to Iran for, what many perceived, exchange of American hostages. The scandal escalated when it was disclosed that Reagan's aides had secretly channeled the profits from the weapons to the Contras in Nicaragua. This controversy caused Reagan some public relations problems with the American public.

In a landmark case, surrogate mother, Mary Beth Whitehead, lost the fight to keep Baby M. The baby, now known as Melissa Stern, was given to her natural father, William Stern, after a controversial court battle.

Finally, the fashion fads included bleached jeans, bows in the hair, and the ever-popular jams.

— by *Tonya Kuppetz*



Photos by U.S. News & World Report

Awards Banquet

Students honored for achievements

A Honor Roll — **Stright A's**: Brad Deutscher
Band — **Outstanding Musician**: Janice Honas; **Outstanding Leader**: Mike Honas
Boys' Basketball — **First League Team**: Lance Brenner
Computer Science — **Emporia State Scholarship Tests (ESST)** — **Honorable Mention State Awards: Computer Literacy**: Danny Fabrizio, Tim Homburg.
English — **ESST** — **Honorable Mention State and 3A**: Brenda Shirk, Michele Augustine, Christine Younger, Debbie Dietz, Amy Weber, Sheila Flax; **Second Place in State, First Place in Class 3A**: Brad Deutscher
Forensics — **Outstanding Actor**: Joel Rathbun; **Outstanding Forensics Student**: Michele Augustine
Girls' Basketball — **First League Team**: Amy Schoenberger
Health — **ESST** — **Second Place in 3A, Third Place in State**: Brenda Shirk
Home Economics — **ESST** — **Honorable Mention State and 3A**: Brenda Shirk
Journalism — **Outstanding Journalist**: Lorrie McClelland; **Most Valuable Journalist**: Lorrie McClelland
Language — **Wichita State Foreign Language Contest** — **German Poetry**: Lorrie McClelland — 1st, Doreen Stadelman — 1st; **Salina Humanities Festival**: Janelle Dinkel — Overall 2nd.
Math and Science — **ESST** — **Honorable Mention State**: Eric Hays; **Honorable Mention State and 3A**: Tom Huff; **Math Relay Team 4th placing, Calculations with Calculators**: Troy Augustine, Mike Ashbaugh, Ernie King; **Outstanding Seniors in Science and Math**: Danny Fabrizio, Mike Honas, Pete Larghe
Music — **Outstanding Music Student**: Heather Harwick
National Honor Society — **Seniors**: Michele Augustine, Christine Younger, Laura Dietrich, Debbie Dietz; **Juniors** — Brad Deutscher, Brandon Armbruster, Amy Weber, Melinda Simpson, Diane Fritschen, Sheila Flax, Robyn Honas, Michelle Lang
Office Machines — **Commendations**: Brenda Armbrister, Lori Armbrister, Michele Augustine, Sandi Blackwill, Craig Deutscher, Laura Dietrich, Lynn Gottschalk, Tammy Gottschalk, Robyn Honas, Michelle Lang, Sharley McCoy, Sheri Rupp, Amy Schoenberger, Doreen Stadelman, Amy Weber, Christine Younger; **Gold**: Roy Aschenbrenner, Tammy Befort, Diane Fritschen, Thomas Huff, Amy Keller, Tonya Kuppetz, Shannon Martin, Michelle Windholz; **Silver**: Pat Geschwentner, Anne Keller.
Perfect Attendance — **All Four Years**: Mark Augustine
R.D. Rorabaugh — **Most Outstanding Senior Athlete: Girls** — Debbie Dietz; **Boys** — Mike Honas
Volleyball — **All-League Selection**: Brenda Kinderknecht



1. DANNY FABRIZIUS, MIKE Honas and Pete Larghe, srs., relax and enjoy the conversation with their parents. The parents also attend the banquet to honor their children. Photo by Linda Riedel.

2. ARLIN MILLS TAKES his turn at the podium to present his awards. Mills is the head of the mathematics and science department. Photo by Linda Riedel.

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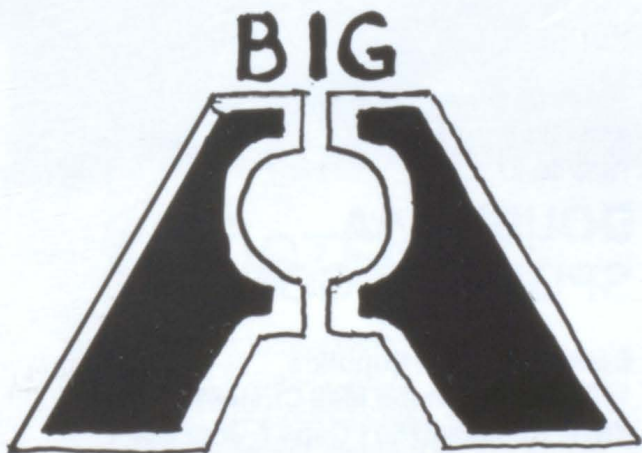
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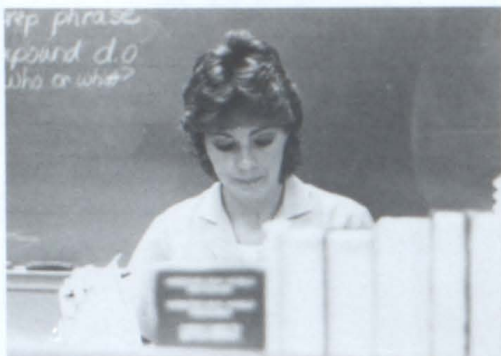
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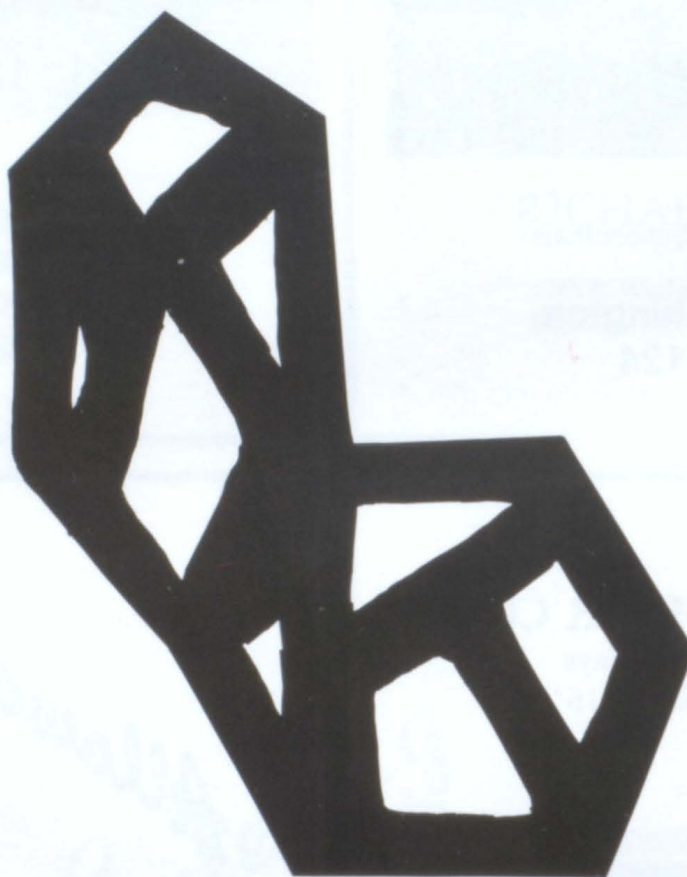
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Administration

Group of people form tree

The administration of Ellis High School is, in a sense, a bit like a tree. The school board acts as environmentalists who nurture and raise the tree.

At the root of the tree, there is Mr. Clair Beecher, superintendent, who steers the tree in its direction. With the help of the trunk, Mr. Reggie Romine, Beecher has steered the administration in a new direction. This was the first year Beecher was the superintendent for USD 388.

Beecher was not the only new member of the administration. Ms.

Bev Mauk, school counselor, joined the tree as a branch. With her help, students can discover the different directions they can branch out to after high school.

Dorothy Waldschmidt, secretary, is the limb which students depend on as leaves of this educational tree. Along with the help of office aides, Waldschmidt carries out various duties for Mr. Romine, principal.

This educational tree is what the school system depends on to function well.

— by Joel Rathbun



1. MR. REGGIE ROMINE, principal and Miss Bev Mauk, counselor, work on class schedules for the next school year. Students' class choices are entered into the computer to help with the scheduling. *Photo by Linda Riedel.*

2. HELLO, ELLIS HIGH School! Dorothy Waldschmidt, sec., takes a call from a parent excusing his child from school. Waldschmidt's duties include taking care of lunch tickets and absentees. *Photo by Amy Huff.*

3. AREN'T WE IMPORTANT? Judy Tway, sec., and Clair Beecher, superintendent, work long hours to computerize the district's finances. *Photo by Mrs. Riedel.*

4. OFFICE AIDES, TWILA Armbrister, sr., Janice Honas, sr., Connie Fischer, sr., and Lynn Gottschalk, sr., each help out in the office one hour a day. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*

5. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS. Carol Armbrister, Clair Beecher, Leonard Day, Leon Staab, Linda Smith, Janice Leiker. Not Pictured: Adolph Kuhn, Art Honas. *Photo by Joel Rathbun.*



Staff

Staff's support recognized

The unnoticed people who really deserve recognition at Ellis High School are the staff. The EHS staff is made up of the cooks, librarians, custodians and bus drivers.

Providing students and faculty with a nutritional, well-balanced meal is the job of the cooks: Caroline Schumm, Barbara King and Sheila Fischer. This was Schumm's last year as head cook at EHS. She is now retiring.

Keeping the school clean and presentable is the janitor's job. Gilbert Augustine and Charlie Waldschmidt clean up the many messes that students make. They are responsible for our school look-

ing so impressive to visitors.

The two librarians, Sherri Faulkender and Ginger Fabrizius, are the reason the library is always in order. They always try to keep up-to-date material and help students in gathering different information.

Although many students have vehicles, they are not allowed to drive to every school event. Therefore, bus drivers are needed for high school students as well as grade school students. The bus drivers drive students to many different school functions throughout the school year.

— by Joel Rathbun



1. WE HATE DIRT! Gilbert Augustine and Charlie Waldschmidt, janitors, take a break from work. Both are responsible for keeping the school in tiptop shape. Photo by Brenda Kinderknecht.

2. MAGAZINES, BOOKS, ETC. Sheri Faulkender and Ginger Fabrizius, librarians, break away from the regular routine. The librarians organize the library so that everything is easy to find. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

3. ALL ABOARD! PAUL Powell, Roberta Powell, Ted Gerber, Patty Patee, Bob Armbrister, Gilbert Augustine, Ray Hurt, Harold Daily, Jodi Patten, Raymond Kroeger, Joe Locker and Frank Augustine, bus drivers, transport students to and from school and to various activities throughout the year. Photo by Jodi Patten and Brenda Kinderknecht.

4. FOOD, FOOD, FOOD. Pat Bieker, Caroline Schumm and Sheila Fischer, cooks, prepare lunch for many hungry students. Schumm was in charge of keeping the books and planning the menus. Photo by Joel Rathbun.

Faculty

Faculty teaches 51 classes

EHS had a variety of classes to choose from this year. Students had a choice from 51 different offerings to fill up their seven hour day.

With the state requirement for science and math increasing, more students enrolled in these classes to be able to graduate.

Some teachers like teaching a variety of classes. It didn't seem to bother them to teach three or four different classes.

"I like teaching a variety of classes. If I only taught one, it would be boring," said Linda Riedel, speech teacher.

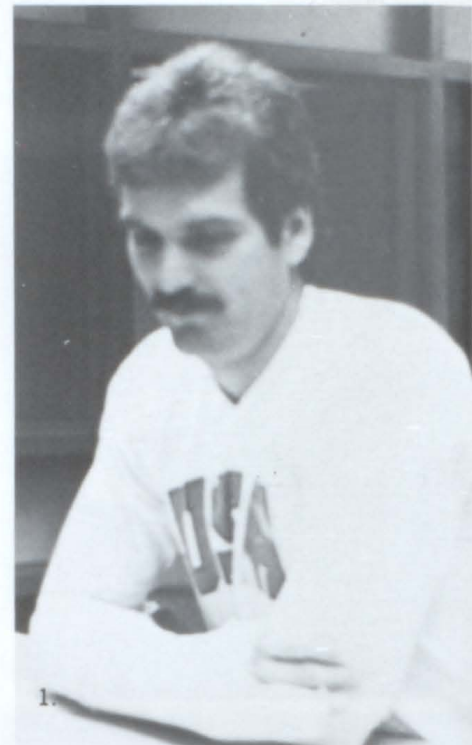
There were a couple of new

teachers at EHS. Marla Deines taught German I and II, while Linda Riedel taught photography, speech, forensics and psychology.

"I really like it here. It's a great experience for a first year," said Deines.

This year EHS had a full-time counselor who had no teaching duties. Miss Bev Mauk was available all day to help the students. Mauk's main jobs were testing for students, counselling for college choices, and creating the class schedule for 1987-88.

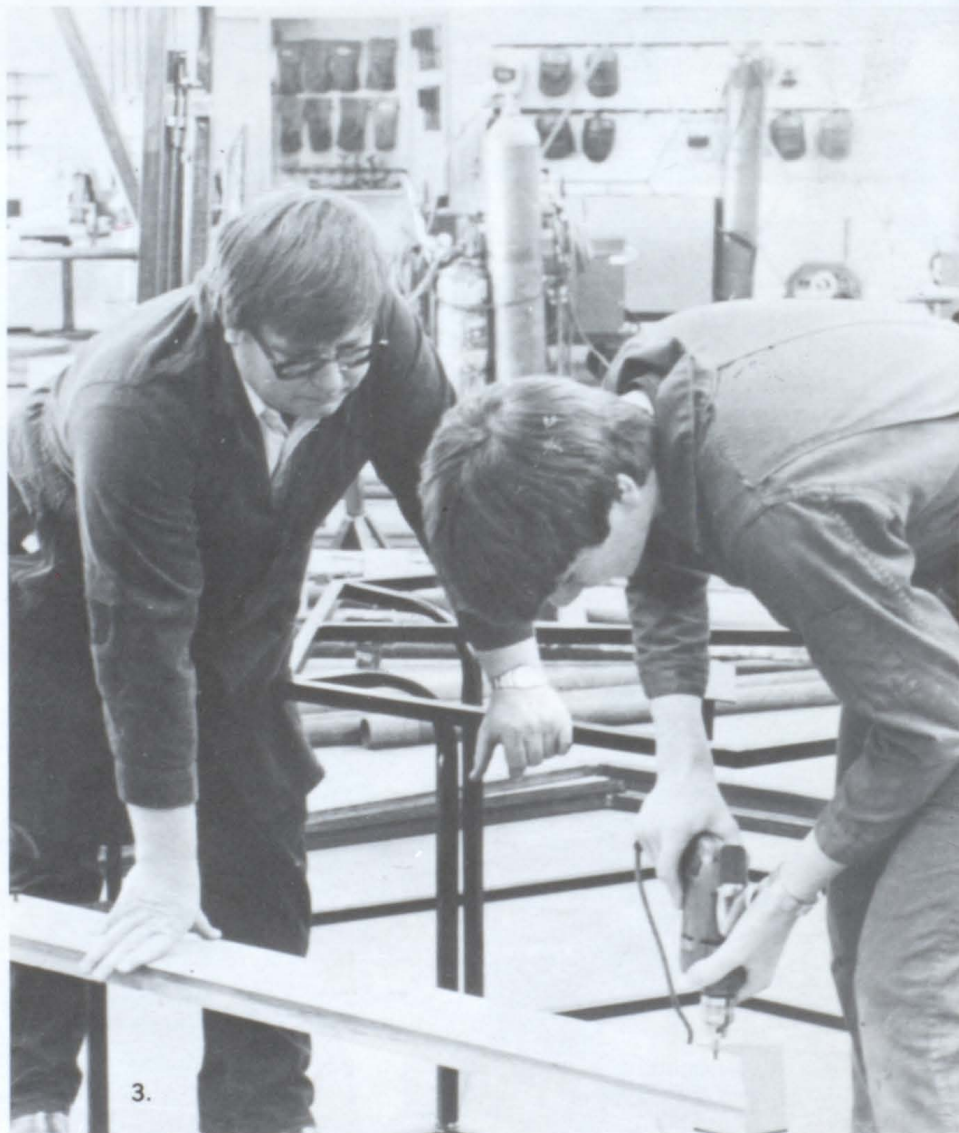
— by Brenda Kinderknecht



1. CAUGHT IN HIS usual stance, Mr. Mike Mathes, physical education teacher, leans over the counter to talk to Mrs. Dorothy Waldschmidt, secretary. Mathes is the new S.A.D.D. chapter sponsor. Photo by Linda Riedel.

2. MR. ARLIN MILLS, teacher, points out a correct answer to the class. Mills teaches algebra, chemistry, geometry and advanced math. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.

3. ALWAYS HELPING OUT! Mr. Eldon Pfeifer, vocational agricultural teacher, lends a helping hand to Mike Bollig, sr. Besides being a teacher, Pfeifer is a local farmer. Photo by Amy Huff.





1. MRS. CINDY HERTEL, teacher, grits her teeth as she fills out a bus pass for yet another student. This is Hertel's second year of teaching junior and senior English along with advanced composition at EHS. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.

2. DEMONSTRATING HIS KNOWLEDGE, Mr. Terry Zerfas, teacher shows Mike Keller, jr., how to hand plane a board. Zerfas teaches mechanical drawing and woodworking. Photo by Amy Huff.

3. MRS. LINDA RIEDEL, photography teacher, signs a completed print work order for a student. This is Riedel's first year of teaching at E.H.S. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.

4. THE 1986-87 FACULTY. Seated: V. Duell, M. Mathes, C. Hertel, M. Deines, L. Riedel, B. Mauk, D. Henry. Standing: S. Faulkender, A. Mills, E. Pfeifer, J. Glantz, B. Dietz, S. Faulkender, T. Zerfas, I. Kroeger, J. Kolacny, M. Hulse. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.



Stu-Co rewrites constitution

Making changes is what Stu-co tried to do this year. Some changes were having the Homecoming dance in the high school lobby, trying to get snack machines approved, and changing the constitution.

Homecoming was the first big event of Stu-co. This year, the dance was held in the high school lobby. In the past, the dances were usually held in the old high school gymnasium. Also, cross-country participants were given the opportunity to vote for king or queen.

Stu-co tried to have a snack

machine or pop machine installed at EHS to give students an option to the school lunch program. However, if installed, the machines would have to be locked up during the day except for the last ten minutes of the lunch hour. So, Stu-co tabled the topic for further discussion.

Also among the changes, Stu-co decided to rewrite the constitution for next year. Each Stu-co member wrote up provisions to the constitution and submitted them to Sandi Blackwill, Stu-co president.

During the year Stu-co sponsored

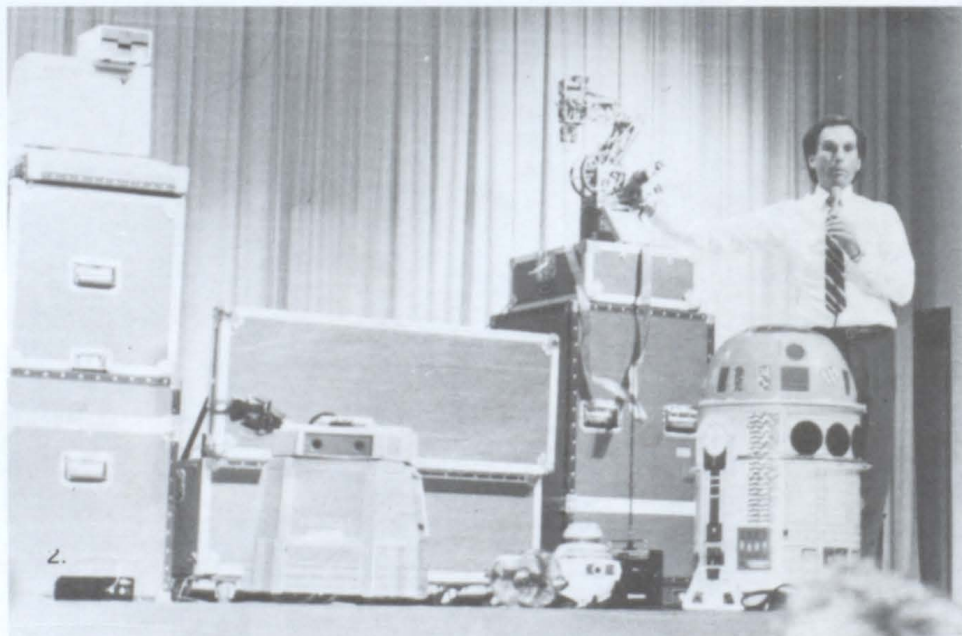
lyceums that were both educational and entertaining. Toward the end of the year, the Colby Community College singers performed for the student body. This lyceum was particularly enjoyable because Eddie Light, an EHS alumnus, was one of the performers. Light was the Stu-co president for two years prior to this year.

— by Joel Rathbun



1. 1986-87 STU-CO OFFICERS. Sandi Blackwill, president; Brandon Armbruster, vice president; Laura Dietrich, secretary; Mike Honas, treasurer. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

2. WORLD OF ROBOTICS was taught to the Ellis students. This was one of the lyceums that Stu-Co sponsored this year. Photo by Joel Rathbun.





1. THE COLBY COMMUNITY College singers presented a program in April. They sang a variety of songs including gospel and pop. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.



2. PLAYING HIS GUITAR, Tony Pfeifer, a member of The Heat, shows his music talent to the student body. The Hays band appeared on "Star Search" in the fall. Photo by Joel Rathbun.



3. EDDIE LIGHT, A past student at Ellis High School, sings a solo, while being backed up by his fellow singers. Light is a member of the Colby Community College Sunflower Singers. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.



4. 1986-87 STU-CO MEMBERS. Front Row: D. Armbrister, Br. Bittel, G. Crawford, B. Shirk, K. Augustine, S. Flax. Second Row: M. Bollig, M. Honas, S. Blackwill, L. Dietrich, K. Eberle, D. Dietz. Third Row: J. Honas, M. Simpson, R. Honas, T. Befort, A. Weber, T. Stegman, C. Kohl. Back Row: B. Armbruster, E. Shannon, E. Dinkel. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

Kayettes

Starting something new

The Kayettes have been very creative this year.

"I think Kayettes have been very resourceful this year in coming up with new project ideas. It gets a little boring doing the same things every year but this group was willing to try new ideas," said Mrs. Donna Henry, sponsor.

New ideas were making league banners for the school gym and an

Easter-egg hunt for the Kindergarten classes.

"The Easter-egg hunt turned out to be quite an exciting event for the Kindergarten classes," said Julia Schaus, president.

Other activities for the year were freshman initiation, football field clean-up, Memorial Park clean-up, janitors' day off and Kayette week.

— by Brenda Kinderknecht



1. BRENDA SHIRK, FR., stuffs her face with marshmallows during Kayette initiation. Shirk was able to fit 13 big marshmallows in her mouth. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

2. KAYETTE OFFICERS-BOARD. Back Row: J. Kippes, so., W. Waldschmidt, so., J. Gottschalk, so., C. Kohl, so., R. Honas, jr. (sec.); D. Fritschen, jr., S. Flax, jr., M. Lang, jr., A. Weber, jr., (treas.); M. Simpson, jr. Middle Row: S. Blackwill, sr.; C. Fischer, sr., (points); L. Dietrich, sr., L. Gottschalk, sr., M. Augustine, sr., H. Harwick, sr. Front Row: J. Honas, sr., (v. pres.); J. Schaus, sr., (pres.). Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

3. DON'T SWALLOW IT! Rhonda Ptasek, fr., guides Tina Stegman, fr., around an obstacle course. Ptasek and Stegman successfully finished the course without breaking the raw egg. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.





1. SENIOR KAYETTES. Back Row: S. Honas, S. Blackwill, B. Kinderknecht, C. Younger, M. Augustine, T. Armbrister, J. Schaus, T. Kohl, Amy Keller, B. Schoenthaler. Front Row: J. Honas, L. Dietrich, H. Harwick, A. Keller, D. Dietz, C. Fischer, L. Gottschalk, S. Jayne. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*



2. JUNIOR KAYETTES. Back Row: A. Huff, L. Armbrister, M. Simpson, A. Weber, T. Kupetz, M. Lang, D. Fritschen, B. Armbrister, S. McCoy. Front Row: S. Rupp, R. Honas, S. Martin, M. Windholz, T. Befort, S. Flax, T. Gottschalk. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*



3. SOPHOMORE KAYETTES. Back Row: N. Phillips, J. Gottschalk, J. Kippes, H. Dinkel, D. Dinkel, D. Massier. Front Row: W. Waldschmidt, C. Kohl, M. Schoenberger, D. Armbrister, H. Kroeger. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster*



4. FRESHMAN KAYETTES. Back Row: A. Mills, J. Dinkel, A. Werner, R. Ptaschek, C. Collins, K. Geschwentner, C. Schmidt, T. Dinkel, N. Hewett, S. Shannon. Front Row: T. Stegman, L. Augustine, B. Shirk, S. McCoy, J. Hillman, A. Smith, A. Fitzwater. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*

7.F.A.

Twelve chapter members go to state

Success is what Future Farmers of America strived for this year. FFA succeeded in taking twelve different people to state in six different areas. Three teams took first place on the district level, and one took second. Dairy livestock, dairy products, and poultry teams took first place at contest, and the crops team took second place.

In district dairy livestock judging, Marty Helget took fourth place, followed by Mark Augustine at fifth place. Lorrie McClelland also took seventh in the same event.

Helget also took first place in district dairy products followed by Ernie King at fifth place. Brad Deutscher placed eighth in dairy products.

Deutscher, and King also took honors in district poultry judging. They placed first and second. Blake Bittel added to the team score by taking seventh in the same event.

The crops team of Brad

Deutscher, Laura Crawford and George Crawford placed second in the district as a team. Individually, Deutscher placed second, Laura Crawford placed fifth while her brother, George Crawford, placed fourteenth.

Senior members of the district livestock judging team were Lorrie McClelland, Todd Dinkel, Jim Pfeifer and Laura Crawford. They took tenth place overall. Greenhand team members were Mark Armbrister, Robert Huff, George Crawford and Jeff Timmons.

Everyone, with the exception of the Greenhand livestock judging team, competed on the state level, April 26, 27 and 28. Tonya Kuppetz also competed in Ag-newswriting at state.

Although contests were very important to the FFA chapter, they did enjoy other activities. This year, new members had to wear skirts as part of the initiation process.

The Ellis chapter also received honors in other areas this year. Ernie King, junior, received the degree of State Farmer. Junior Lorrie McClelland was also elected to serve as the Northwest District secretary for the next year.

The FFA chapter, together with the FHA chapter, sponsored their annual Barnwarmer in March. This year, members of both chapters were disc jockeys. At the end of the dance, they raffled off the hit singles that were played during the dance. This was the first year Barnwarmer was held in the high school lobby.

— by Joel Rathbun



1. JIM PFEIFER, CONNIE Fischer, Danny Fabrizius, and Mark Augustine prepare breakfast for the members and faculty. The officers cook the breakfast to celebrate national FFA week. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.

2. NIKKI PHILLIPS, SOPHOMORE, mixes orange juice for the FFA breakfast. The breakfast is put on annually for the members and faculty. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.

3. 1986-87 FFA OFFICERS: Mr. Pfeifer, adviser; M. Augustine, reporter; E. King, vice president; B. Armbruster, president; C. Fischer, treasurer; D. Fabrizius, secretary; J. Pfeifer, sentinel. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.



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1. FRESHMAN FFA MEMBERS. Standing: L. Matteson, J. Timmons, H. North, W. Braun, R. Huff, C. McElroy. Seated: L. Locker, B. Honas, S. Herman, G. Crawford, M. Armbrister. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.



2. SOPHOMORE FFA MEMBERS. Standing: K. Eberle, B. Shirk, E. Armbrister, B. Bittel, S. Graf, K. Kruckenberg, A. Flax, K. Augustine, E. Hays. Seated: J. Wolf, B. Bittel, T. Gerber, E. Shannon, N. Phillips, A. Ditter, T. Patee. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.



3. JUNIOR FFA MEMBERS. Standing: L. Brenner, E. King, B. Armbruster, B. Deutscher, E. Dinkel. Seated: S. Weber, T. Kuppetz, L. Crawford, B. Fischer, M. Helget, M. Keller. Not Pictured: L. McClelland. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.



4. SENIOR FFA MEMBERS. Standing: M. Bollig, T. Dinkel, P. Geschwentner, D. Fischer, S. Borger, W. Montgomery. Seated: C. Fischer, D. Fabrizio, J. Pfeifer, M. Augustine, G. Flax. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

F.H.A.

F.H.A. holds career day

FHA sponsored career day for the first time this year. All students were able to pick careers they were interested in and attend three sessions of guest speakers discussing those careers.

Along with career day, FHA also participated in freshman kidnap, magazine sales, FHA week, cookie sales and Barnwarmer.

"The year was a success. Everybody had a lot of fun at the cookie bake, freshman kidnap, Beacon Hill slumber party, Barnwarmer and state meeting. I am pleased with all of the hard work the members put in it, especially for Career Day," said Sheila Flax, president.

president.

The par-law, in-depth and student body teams placed at district contests.

At state meeting, the Ellis chapter place first in In-depth Project and Student Body Project. A second place rating was given to the Par-Law Team.

"I feel that members have accomplished many new projects, and the Star Events people at state meeting worked very hard for their contests," said Mrs. Virginia Duell, sponsor.

Newly elected officers were installed at the parent appreciation banquet to conclude the year.

— by Brenda Kinderknecht



1. RHONDA PTASCHEK, FR., snarfs a donut at the freshman kidnap. The kidnap was to show freshman girls what FHA is like. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

2. 1986-87 OFFICERS. Back Row: D. Dinkel, so.; H. Dinkel, so. Front Row: D. Armbruster, so.; T. Armbruster, sr.; W. Waldschmidt, so.; J. Kippes, so.; B. Kinderknecht, sr.; S. Flax, jr.; M. Schoenberger, so. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

3. Davon Armbruster, so., Brenda Kinderknecht, sr., and Twila Armbruster, sr., take time out from the kidnap for refreshments. They all served as FHA officers this year. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.





1. FRESHMAN FHA MEMBERS. Back Row: T. Stegman, L. Augustine, C. Schmidt, N. Hewett. Middle Row: B. Shirk, J. Dinkel, A. Werner, S. Shannon, R. Ptaschek, A. Fitzwater. Front Row: A. Mills, S. McCoy, J. Hillman, C. Collins, T. Dinkel, T. Bieker, K. Geschwentner. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

2. DONT'T DROP IT! Toni Dinkel, fr., and Kelly Geschwenter, fr., pass a lifesaver on a toothpick to win the game. This was one activity at the freshman kidnap. Photo by Sonya Armbruster.



3. SOPHOMORE FHA MEMBERS. Back Row: M. Schoenberger, W. Waldschmidt, H. Dinkel, J. Gottschalk, H. Kroeger. Front Row: D. Massier, C. Kohl, J. Kippes, D. Dinkel, D. Armbrister. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

4. JUNIOR FHA MEMBERS. A. Huff, S. Flax. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

5. SENIOR FHA MEMBERS. B. Kinderknecht, S. Blackwill, T. Kohl, D. Stadelman, B. Schoenthaler, T. Armbrister. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.



Pep Club

Pep club sells items

Pep Club is an organization of students that tries to keep both the students' and community's spirits up and supportive of the EHS athletic department.

The pep club drew secret fans once again this year, and they had a party for all of the members who were good secret fans during the season. At the end of the season, seniors presented their mothers with flowers at the club's expense. In addition, all athletes and pep club members were presented gifts by the Ellis Booster Club in recognition of their support.

Pep club was successful in selling products that students bought to show their support of the school. Through basketball, pep club sold EHS license plates. Later in the year, when they sold enough license plates, pep club ordered a variety of sunglasses that read "I ♥ Railers." The shades were ordered just in time to wear them in support of track and golf.

Pep club was once again sponsored by Ms. June Glantz, who was assisted by Mrs. Sandy Harwick.

— by Joel Rathbun



1. 3, 2, 1. Mike Honas, sr. starts timing Danny Fabrizius, sr., as he grabs a balloon for the charades contest during spirit week. Fabrizius was the Pep Club president this year. Photo by Linda Riedel.

2. GO ELLIS GO! There was much community support at the MCL tournament that was held at Gross Memorial Coliseum. Photo by Joel Rathbun.

3. PEP CLUB OFFICERS. Front Row: S. Armbruster, poster committee; A. Keller, poster committee; T. Armbrister, poster committee. Middle Row: D. Fabrizius, president. Back Row: H. Dinkel, treasurer; H. Harwick, vice president; S. Rupp, secretary; S. Flax, Stu-co representative. Photo by Linda Riedel.





1. FRESHMAN PEP CLUB. Front Row: J. Hillman, R. Ptaschek, K. Geschwentner, T. Dinkel, S. McCoy. Middle Row: J. Dinkel, C. Collins, T. Stegman, H. North, S. Shannon, C. Schmidt. Back Row: A. Fitzwater, L. Augustine, A. Smith, A. Werner, N. Hewett, B. Shirk. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.



2. SOPHOMORE PEP CLUB. Front Row: K. Eberle, D. Dinkel, H. Dinkel, H. Kroeger, D. Armbruster, M. Schoenberger, D. Massier. Second Row: M. Brungardt, K. Kruckenberg, T. Gerber, J. Kippes, W. Waldschmidt, N. Luea. Third Row: J. Wolf, B. Bittel, J. Gottschalk, E. Hays. Fourth Row: E. Shannon, S. Graf, A. Flax, N. Phillips, C. Kohl, B. Shirk, K. Augustine. Back Row: T. Begler, E. Armbruster, T. Patee, S. Buchholz. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.



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4. SENIOR PEP CLUB. Front Row: B. Kinderknecht, M. Augustine, C. Younger, T. Homburg, Amy Keller, L. Dietrich, L. Gottschalk. Second Row: D. Stadelman, S. Blackwill, T. Kohl. Third Row: M. Bollig, D. Leiker, P. Larghe, J. Honas, T. Armbruster. Back Row: D. Fabrizio, M. Honas, M. Augustine, J. Rathbun, C. Fischer, S. Jayne, H. Harwick, An Keller. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

Nat'l Honor Society

Group inducts second slate of members

National Honor Society is an organization that Ellis High started last year. To be selected, one must be either a junior or senior with a cumulative 3.5 grade point average. The applicant must also meet certain standards in service, leadership and character.

Benefits students get from this organization are opportunities for scholarships, solid credential

references, and recognition during graduation ceremonies.

According to Mr. Romine, sponsor, this organization is different from others. It is a scholastic recognition for people who excel academically. It is also a very limited service organization.

Romine says National Honor Society was started at Ellis High through a faculty group effort. The

categories were set by the national organization with the local point system being established by the EHS faculty.

Nine new members were inducted on May 18, which brought the current membership to 13.

— by Brenda Kinderknecht



1. PASSING THE TORCH! Laura Dietrich, sr., lights the candle of knowledge as Christine Younger, sr., Debbie Dietz, sr., and Michele Augustine, sr., watch her. Younger, Dietrich, Dietz, and Augustine were inducted into the society last year. Photo by Linda Riedel.



2. NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR PARENTS. Front Row: Diane Fritschen, jr.; Brad Deutscher, jr.; Melinda Simpson, jr.; Michelle Lang, jr.; Brandon Armbruster, jr.; Amy Weber, jr.; Robyn Honas, jr.; and Sheila Flax, jr. Back Row: Mr. and Mrs. Fritschen, Mrs. Deutscher, Billie Webber, Mrs. Lang, Mr. and Mrs. Armbruster, Mr. Weber, Mr. and Mrs. Honas, and Mrs. Flax. The parents were asked secretly to attend the induction. Photo by Linda Riedel.



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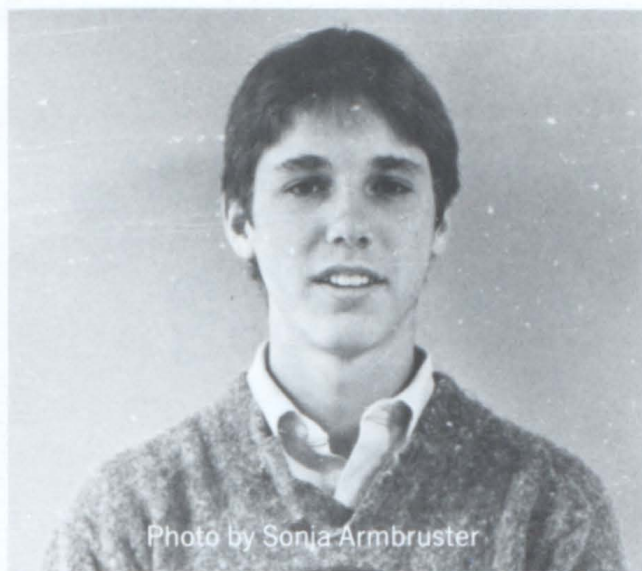


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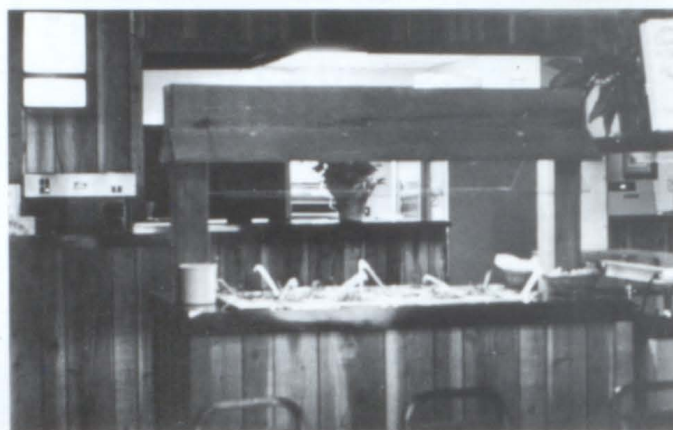


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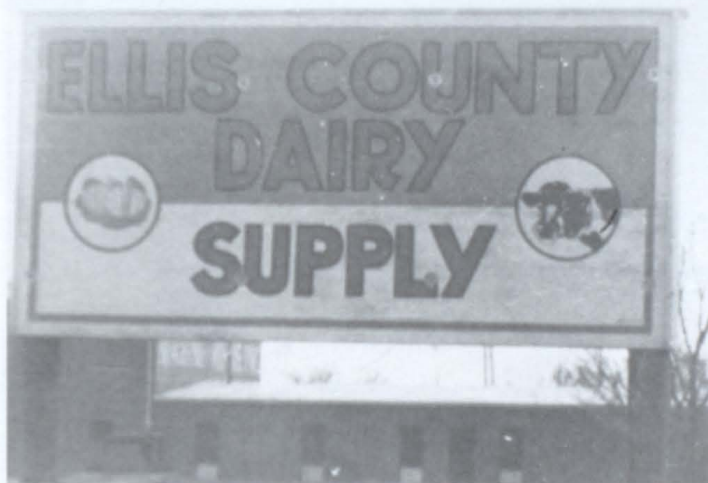
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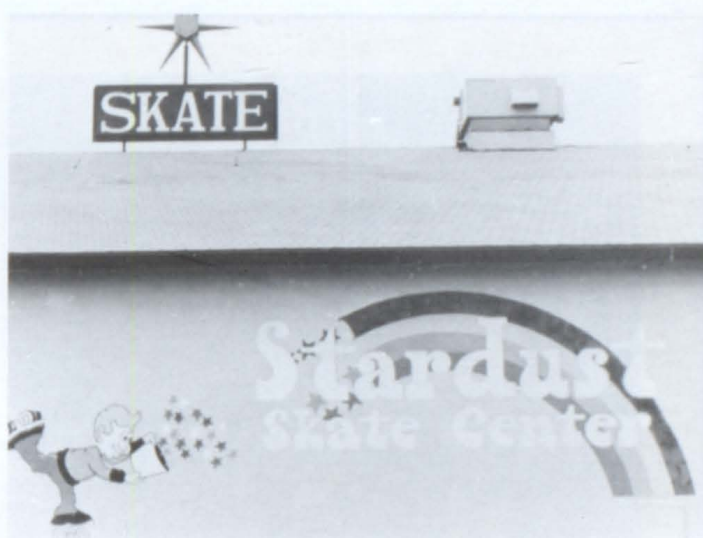


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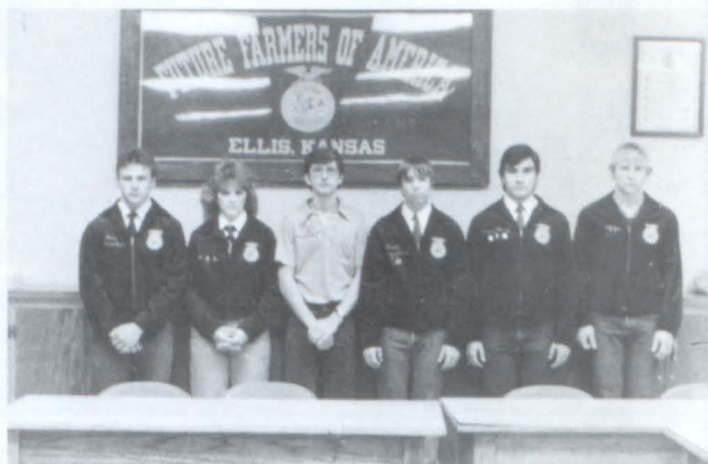
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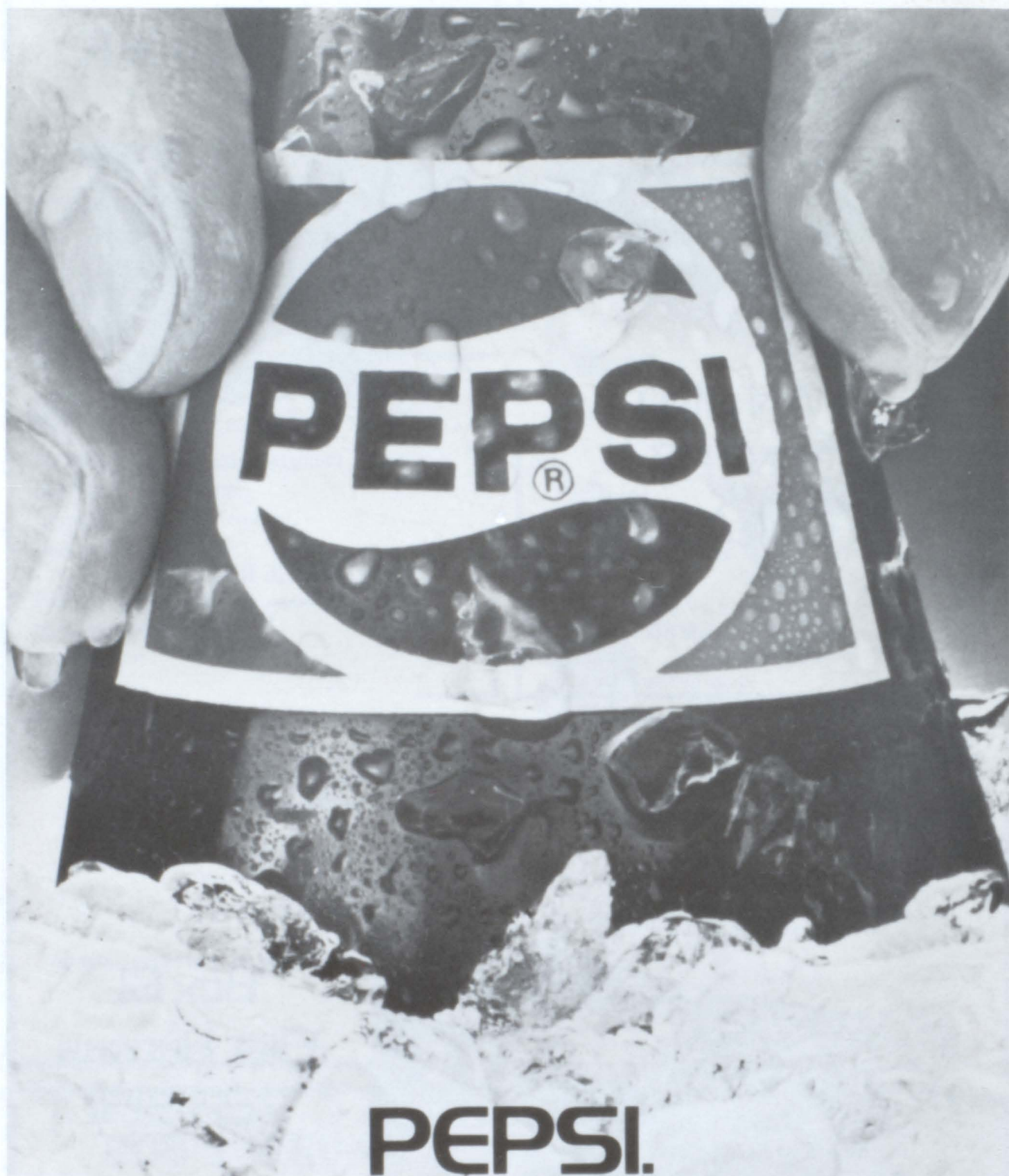
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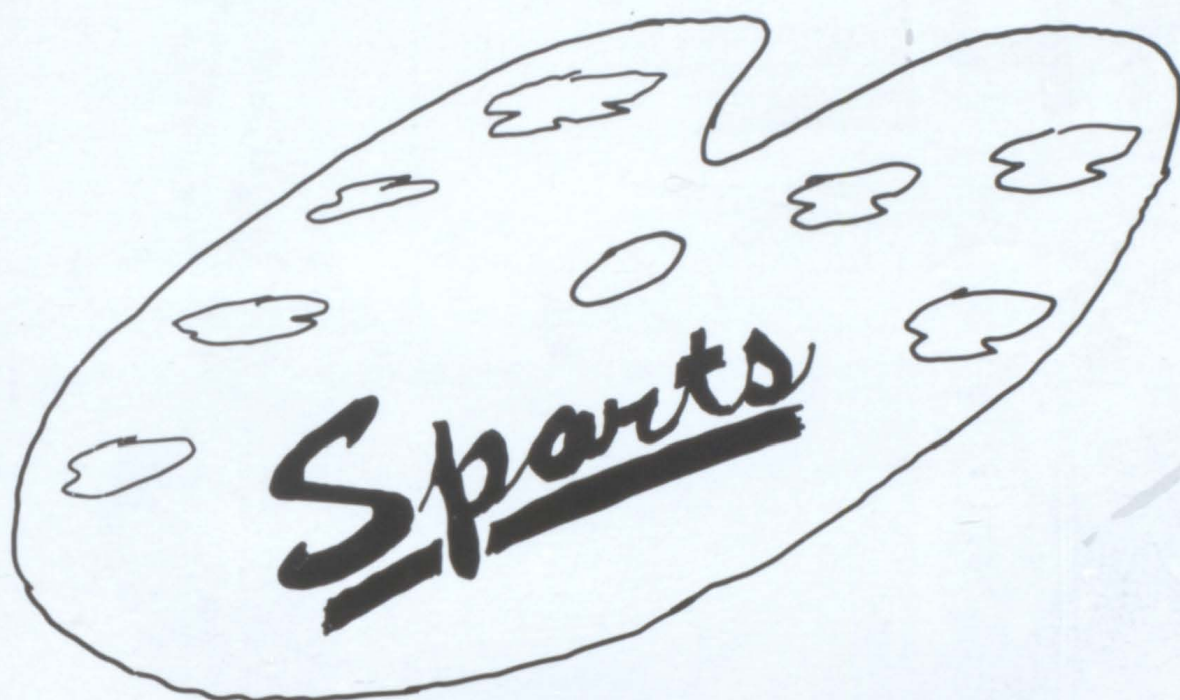
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Football

Team gains experience

The 1986-87 football season ended with a varsity record of 0-9 and a junior varsity record of 3-4. Head coach, Kirk Maska, was assisted by Lonnie Irvin and Kevin Burr.

The outlook for next year looks pretty good, according to Maska.

"Next year we have the best chance of a winning team because there are a high number of returning sophomores and juniors," said Maska.

Only four seniors were on the team. They were Pat Geschwentner, Gary Flax, Mark Coleman, and Jim Pfeifer. Flax was unable to play this season because of health problems.

Twenty lettermen will return next

season. Of those twenty, three players were outstanding this season. Brandon Armbruster, junior made second team all league as a linebacker; Jeff Wolf, sophomore, made all league honorable mention as a kicker; and Eric Dinkel, junior, made all league honorable mention as a defensive lineman.

The Railers will host five home games next season which include two district games. A couple of the weaker teams will be met on the road.

Many of the players have been lifting weights during the off-season to get ready for football '87.

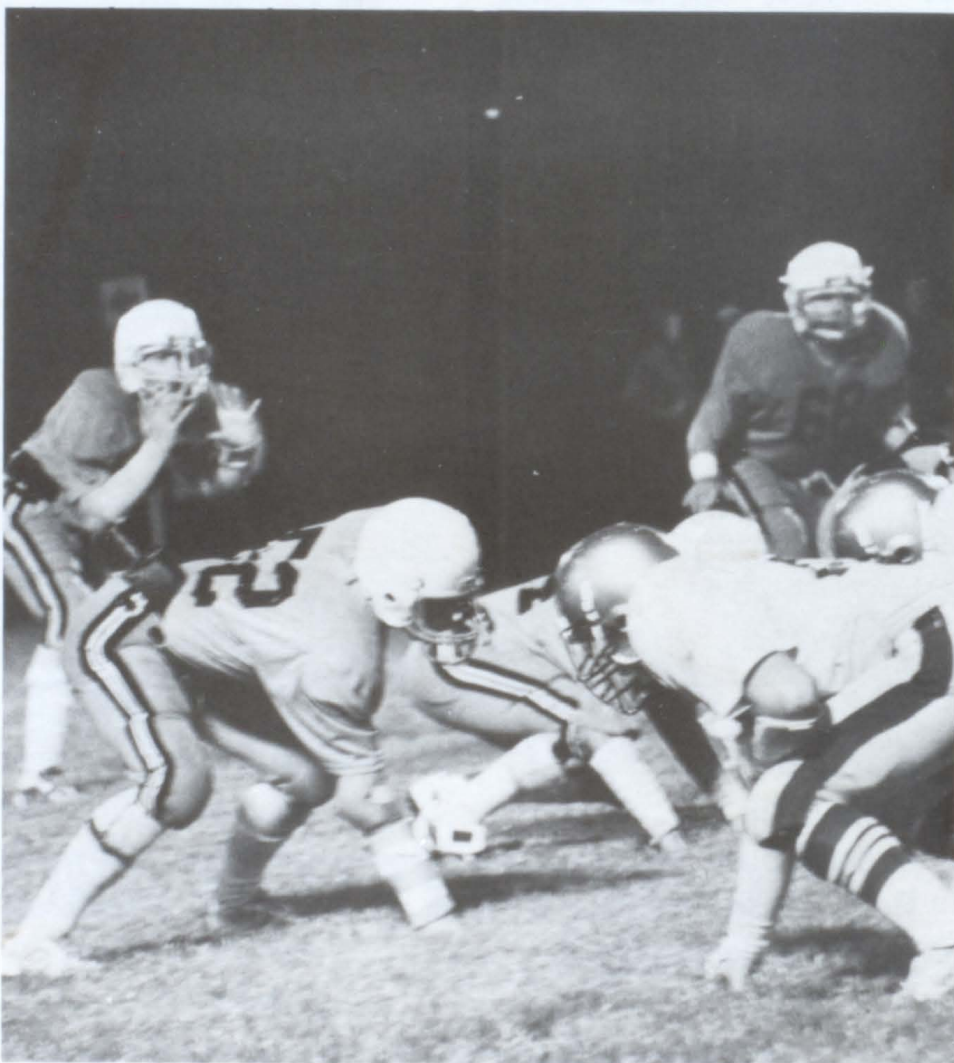
— by Debbie Dietz

A-Team		
Ellis	Opponent	Them
0	Victoria	20
0	Norton	52
8	Stockton	26
8	Phillipsburg	26
0	Wakeeney	26
3	Osborne	13
0	Hill City	6
0	Plainville	51
7	Smith Center	44
B-Team		
Ellis	Opponent	Them
0	Victoria	14
21	LaCrosse	0
0	Stockton	40
35	Ness City	20
6	Wakeeney	36
12	Hill City	18



1. THE INFAMOUS HUDDLE. The junior varsity football team takes time out from the game to discuss their plans against their opposing team. They were battling LaCrosse during a home game. Photo by Brenda Kinderknecht.

2. THE RAILERS WAIT anxiously for the opposing quarterback to snap the ball. Defense was one area the Railers concentrated on. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.





1. 1986-87 FOOTBALL TEAM. First Row: K. Kruckenberg, B. Shirk, R. Huff, K. Landauer, M. Armbrister, M. Brungardt, K. Augustine, S. Herman, B. Honas, C. McElroy. Second Row: Mr. Burr, S. Graf, J. Wolf, E. Shannon, A. Ditter, A. Flax, Bl. Bittel, K. Eberle, E. Hayes, Mr. Irvin. Third Row: Mr. Maska, M. Keller, M. Ashbaugh, B. Armbruster, E. King, T. Younger, P. Geschwentner, J. Pfeifer, M. Coleman, T. Homburg, E. Dinkel, G. Flax, J. Binder, C. Engel. Photo by Pioneer Photography.

2. FIVE SENIORS LED this season's football team. They were Pat Geschwentner, Jim Pfeifer, Mark Coleman, Tim Homburg, and Gary Flax. Geschwentner, Pfeifer, Homburg, and Flax played EHS football all four years. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.



3. SHAWN GRAF, SOPHOMORE, looks on as his teammate Bob Shirk, sophomore, is tackled by an opposing LaCrosse player. Junior varsity defeated LaCrosse 21-0. Photo by Brenda Kinderknecht.

4. AARON DITTER, SOPHOMORE, attempts a pass while Blake Bittel, sophomore, blocks a LaCrosse player. Ditter played varsity quarterback for the last part of the season. Photo by Brenda Kinderknecht.

Volleyball

Varsity improves record

The volleyball season ended with a varsity record of 7-15, and a jr. varsity record of 2-7.

According to Mrs. Cindy Hertel, head coach, the players improved greatly on their confidence and basic skills, but still needed to improve on their consistency.

Hertel thought the strong points this year were senior unity and the players' attitudes. Next year she looks forward to having four return-

ing seniors who have seen a great deal of varsity playing time.

"The girls don't have to be at the bottom of the league if they don't want to be," said Hertel.

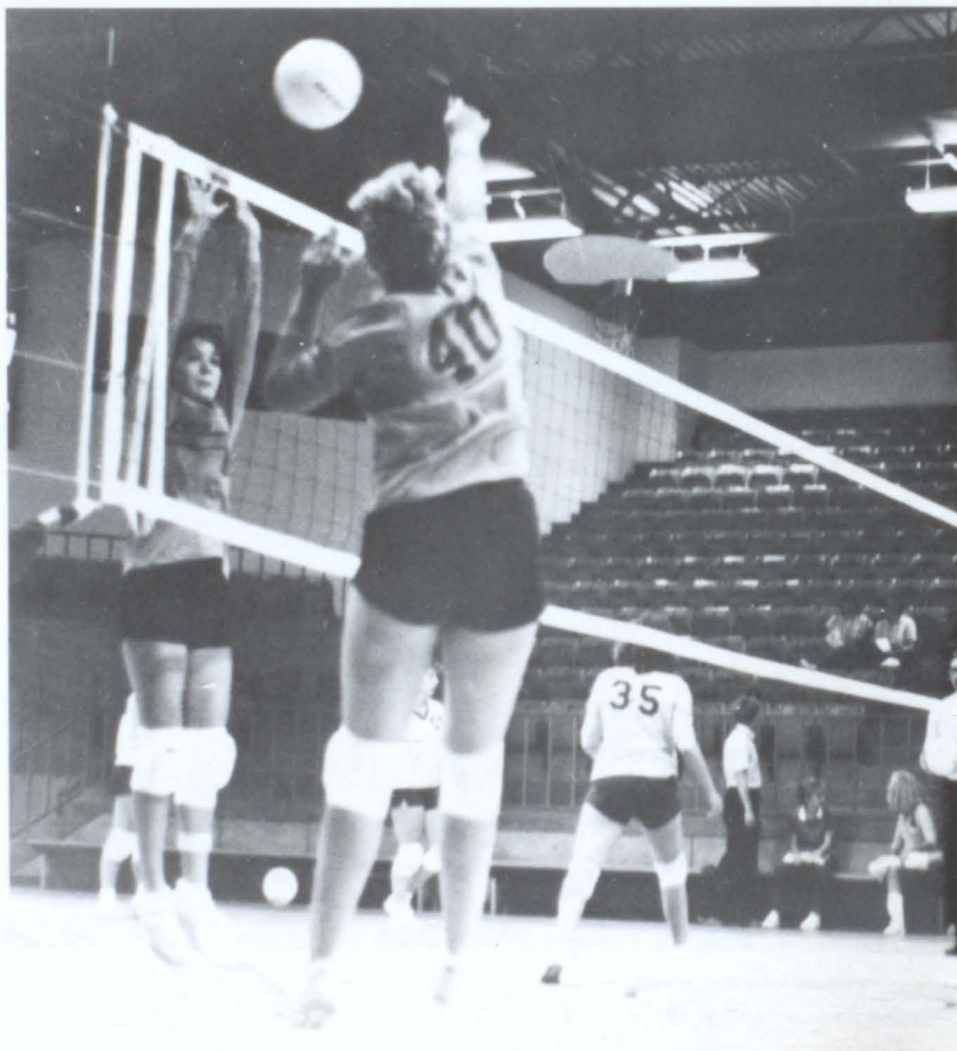
Hertel, who was assisted by Mike Mathes, added that she enjoyed coaching and getting to know students outside the classroom.

— by Brenda Kinderknecht



1. TAKING TIME OUT, Melinda Simpson, jr., checks the score of the game. Simpson was the only junior starting on varsity. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

2. WARMING UP, AMY Schoenberger, sr., spikes the ball, while Shannon Martin, jr., waits to block the ball. The team warmed up with spiking, blocking, and setting drills to intimidate Victoria. Victoria won after a hard battle of three games. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.



Varsity

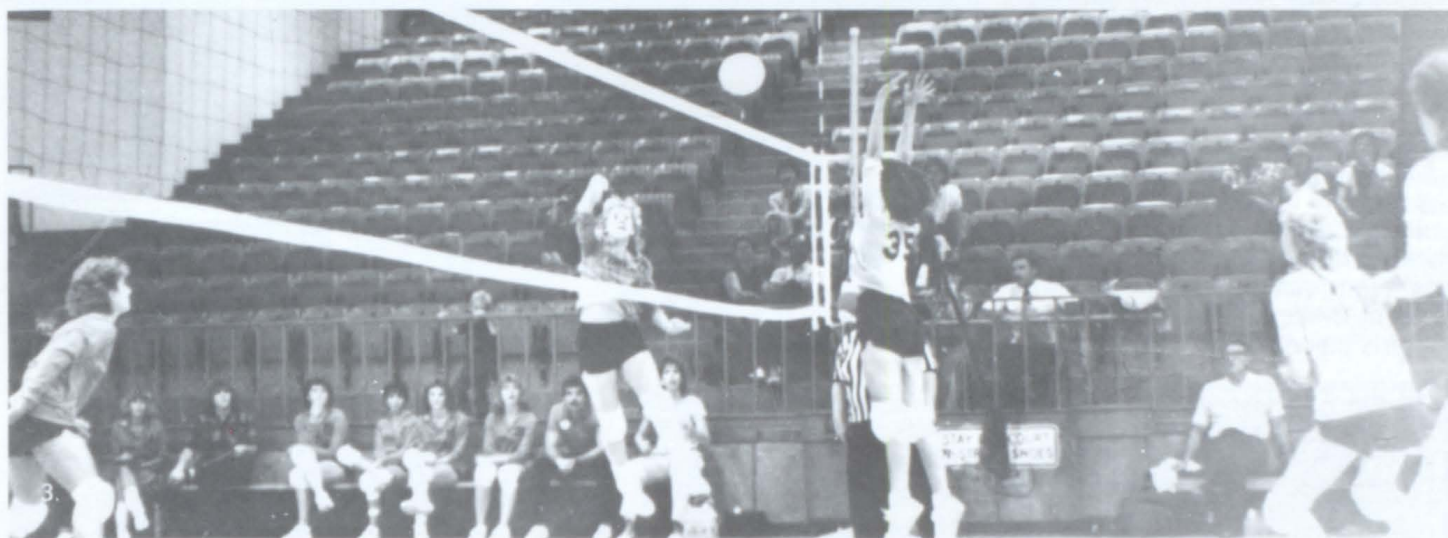
Hill City	10-15, 8-15
Plainville	11-15, 4-15
Ellinwood	11-15, 15-7, 15-7
Otis-Bison	9-15, 5-15
Plainville	3-15, 14-16
Natoma	9-15, 15-10, 0-15
Victoria	1-15, 17-15, 6-15
Utica	16-14, 15-6
Wakeeney	15-7, 8-15, 9-15
Phillipsburg	13-15, 5-15
Osborne	15-9, 15-9
Ness City	15-13, 15-11
Wheatland	13-15, 1-15
Phillipsburg	15-8, 8-15, 15-10
Stockton	13-15, 17-15, 11-15
Eastern Heights	17-15, 5-15, 15-13
Plainville	8-15, 12-15
Kensington	15-10, 13-15, 10-15
LaCrosse	11-15, 12-15
Wakeeney	7-15, 15-9, 20-18
Norton	2-15, 3-15
Oberlin	5-15, 10-15

Jr. Varsity

Hill City	2-15, 6-15
Plainville	8-15, 15-6, 2-15
Natoma	5-15, 12-15
Victoria	8-15, 2-15
Utica	12-21
Wakeeney	22-20
Ness City	15-3, 12-15, 16-14
Wheatland	7-15, 3-15
LaCrosse	6-15, 7-15



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1. LISTENING TO LAST minute instructions from Coach Hertel, Shannon Martin, jr. looks into the bleachers. The girls lost to WaKeeney at WaKeeney, but went on to beat them at the MCL tournament. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

2. 1986-87 SENIORS: Connie Fischer, Debbie Dietz, Brenda Kinderknecht, Sandi Blackwill. All four seniors have participated in volleyball for four years. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

3. JUMPING HIGH, BRENDA Kinderknecht, sr., spikes the ball as Debbie Dietz sr., watches for a block by Victoria. Kinderknecht was a third year varsity starter. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.

4. 1986-87 VOLLEYBALL TEAM. First Row: C. Schmidt, N. Hewett, S. Shannon. Second Row: D. Armbrister, Mr. Mathes, D. Fritschen, Mrs. Hertel, S. Martin, A. Weber, N. Phillips. Third Row: M. Simpson, S. Blackwill, M. Lang. Fourth Row: C. Fischer, D. Dietz, B. Kinderknecht. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

Cross-Country

Seniors lead way

As the 1986 cross-country season ended, it brought with it the end of high school cross-country running for seven Ellis High School seniors.

The seniors included Mike Honas, Joel Rathbun, Danny Fabrizio, Bonnie Schoenthaler, Amy Keller, Christine Younger and Terri Kohl.

The team consisted of these seven seniors, two juniors, one sophomore and four freshmen.

Coach Mike Hulse said, "We had a pretty consistent season. Injuries hampered us some."

In the end, Mike Honas and the girls' team qualified for state competition. Mike placed 17th, and the girls placed 14th. This was the

first year that the girls' team qualified for state.

Mike Honas, senior, said, "I will always remember the number of people cheering me on at the state meet. I felt I could fly."

"We had some good individual performances by Bonnie and Mike. I was pleased with their effort and leadership," said Hulse.

The junior team members were Brad Deutscher and Andy Smith. Sophomores were Tom Begler and Wendy Waldschmidt; freshmen were Adell Smith, Loretta Augustine and Brenda Shirk.

— by Tonya Kuppetz

1. MR. HULSE GIVES some last minute instructions before the girls' race. Hulse has been coaching the cross-country team for five years. Photo by Sonja Armbruster and Tonya Kuppetz.

2. BRENDA SHIRK, FRESHMEN, waits patiently for her race to begin. Her first race was at the Ellis Triangular. Photo by Sonja Armbruster and Tonya Kuppetz.

3. PUSHING IT TO the end, Christine Younger, senior, heads for the finish line. Christine helped the girls place 14th at state competition. Photo by Sonja Armbruster and Tonya Kuppetz.



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1. JOEL RATHBUN RUNS the last mile of his race. Joel has been out for cross-country for four years. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster and Tonya Kuppetz.*

2. IN COLD, NASTY weather, Danny Fabrizio, senior, finishes his regional race. The regional meet was held at Ellis this year. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster and Tonya Kuppetz.*



3. SENIOR CROSS-COUNTRY members were Terri Kohl, Amy Keller, Christine Younger, Bonnie Schoenthaler, Mike Honas, Danny Fabrizio and Joel Rathbun. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster and Tonya Kuppetz.*

4. THE 1986 CROSS-country team consisted of Adell Smith, Andy Smith, Tom Begler, Brad Deutscher, Danny Fabrizio, Joel Rathbun, Mike Honas, Coach Mike Hulse, Loretta Augustine, Wendy Waldschmidt, Amy Keller, Bonnie Schoenthaler, Christine Younger, Terri Kohl and Bonnie Schoenthaler. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster and Tonya Kuppetz.*



Meet	Boys	Girls
Ellis Triangular	3rd	1st
Plainville Inv.	6th	3rd
Russell Inv.	4th	4th
Hill City Inv.	6th	3rd
Hays High Inv.	6th	7th
Hoisington Inv.	NFT	NFT
Regionals	9th	—
State	—	14th

Basketball

Brenner grabs high scoring honors

At the beginning of the basketball season, the boys' basketball team wanted to win eight games and one sub-state game.

Although this didn't come true, a lot of younger kids got good experience playing varsity, and a lot of returning lettermen got valuable playing time.

The varsity team ended up with a record of 2-16. Junior varsity ended the season with a record of 3-13. The teams were coached by Kirk

Maska and Kevin Burr.

"The boys were plagued with injuries and the inability to win the close games. The small number of boys out for basketball also hurt the team," said Mr. Maska, head coach.

Lance Brenner, jr., led the team in scoring with 17.4 points per game. Brenner scored 314 by the end of the season. Mike Honas, sr., came in second with 13 points per game and 239 points on the year. Rounding out the leading scorers was Eric

Shannon, so. Shannon had an average of 12 points per game. He finished his sophomore year with 213 points.

Rebound leader was Shannon with 8.1 rebounds per game and 146 boards on the year. Brenner grabbed 7.9 rebounds a game and ended up with 143 on the year.

Brenner, a 6'6" center, was named to the first team All-League.

— by Tonya Kuppetz



1. ERIC SHANNON, SO., follows through on a shot during the Plainville game. Shannon started on varsity this year. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.



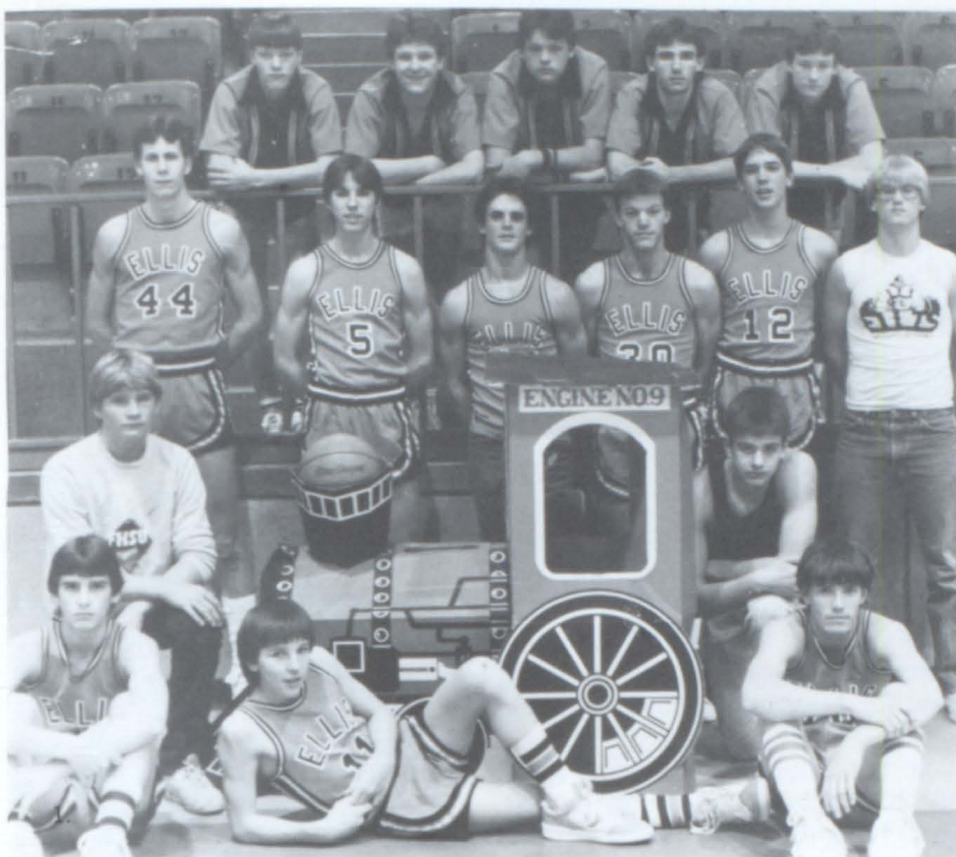
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2. CONTROLLING THE BALL, Mike Honas, sr., looks for the open man as he dribbles around an opponent. Honas has played Ellis basketball for four years. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.



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3. REACH FOR THE ball, Lance Brenner, jr., tries to tip the ball to a teammate at a Victoria game. The varsity boys lost the game 52-61. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.



Ellis	Varsity	Opp.
49	Osborne	51
51	Trego	73
52	Victoria	61
60	Phillipsburg	63
53	LaCrosse	69
55	Trego	83
63	Victoria	53
54	Plainville	60
43	Phillipsburg	67
60	Hill City	62
57	Quinter	58
52	Smith Center	67
50	Oakley	81
53	Norton	65
60	Ness City	54
58	Stockton	77
64	Plainville	83
50	Trego	77

Ellis	Junior Varsity	Opp.
42	Osborne	27
23	Trego	36
25	Victoria	34
34	Phillipsburg	33
34	LaCrosse	47
36	Trego	52
29	Victoria	38
30	Plainville	39
48	Hill City	50
47	Quinter	57
41	Smith Center	54
37	Oakley	59
35	Norton	45
44	Ness City	45
33	Stockton	40
36	Plainville	32



1. 1986-87 BOYS' BASKETBALL. Back Row: Arlen Flax, so., Brady Bittel, so., Eric Shannon, so., Shawn Graf, so., Aaron Ditter, so. Third Row: Lance Brenner, jr., Mike Honas, sr., Mike Ashbaugh, jr., Gary Flax, sr., Heath North, fr., Elton Armbrister, manager. Second Row: Lonnie Matteson, manager, Bob Shirk, manager. Front Row: Brian Fischer, jr., Scott Weber, jr., Roy Aschenbrenner, jr. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

2. SENIOR BASKETBALL PLAYERS. Top: Mike Honas. Bottom: Gary Flax. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

3. LANCE BRENNER, JR, puts the ball to the hoop as a Trego player tries to stop him. Brenner used his height to overpower short players. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.

Basketball

Girls keep same record

The Ellis girls' posted a combined record of 18-14 for the 1986-87 season. The varsity team ended the season with a record of 6-11, and the junior varsity ended the season with a 12-3 record.

According to Mr. Lonnie Irvin, head coach, the girls improved greatly on fundamentals and consistently improved on offense during the year.

Junior varsity did well at the beginning of the season. They lost a few in the middle but came back to finish the season strong.

At the varsity level, the momentum went back and forth. They won a couple, and then lost a couple. However, as the season progressed, they began to learn from mistakes and put together good games.

"Shooting did become a brighter

spot toward the end of the season, but we were still not as good as we should have been," said Irvin. "By the end of the year, things began to get together pretty well."

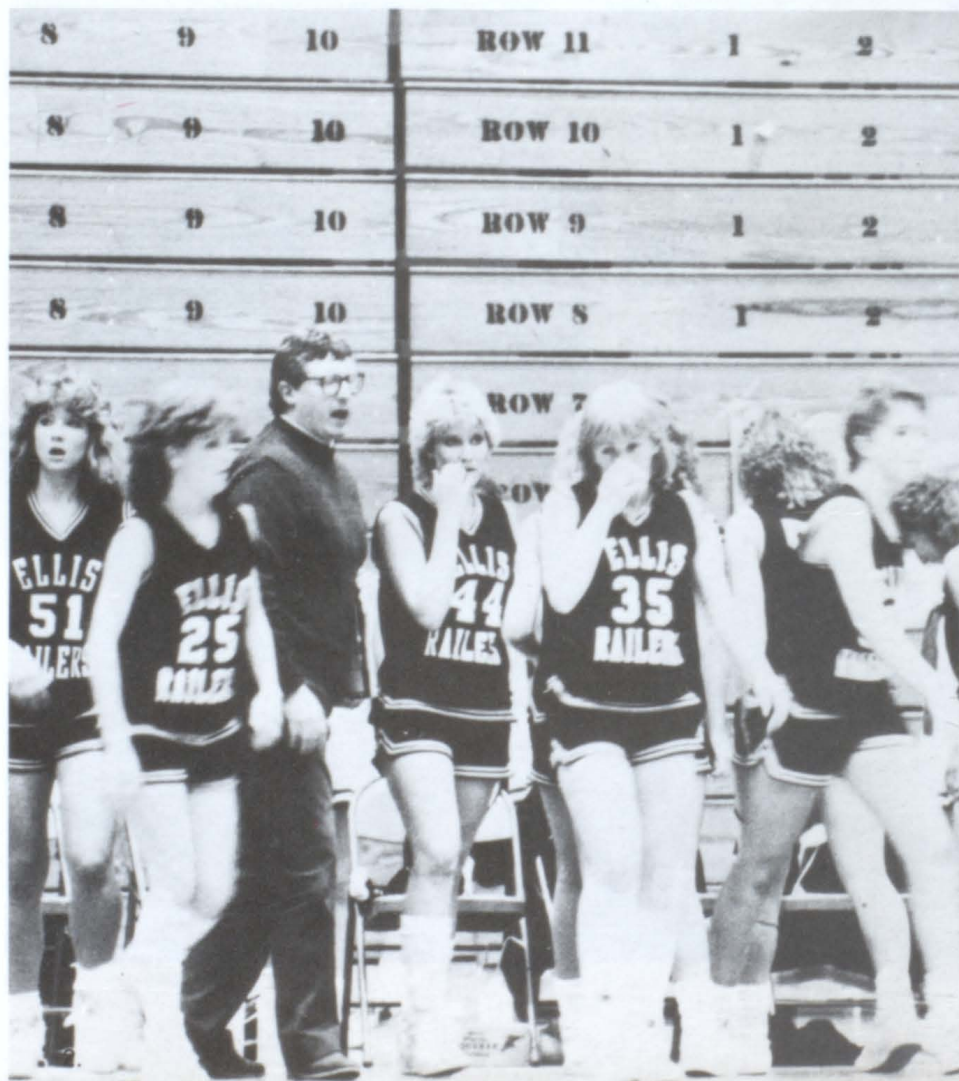
Irvin feels that strong points for next year are lots of returning lettermen, good size and good outside shooters. But along with the strong points are weak points such as being slow for pressure games and weak inside.

"I think we have a very good nucleus of players returning for next year. The girls will have to work hard in the off-season. Basketball players are made from April to November, not November to March," said Irvin.

— by Brenda Kinderknecht

1. SENIOR GIRLS. The senior girls' basketball team was made up of (top to bottom) Sandi Blackwill, Janice Honas, Brenda Kinderknecht, Connie Fischer, Debbie Dietz and Terri Kohl. These seniors were all in basketball four years. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

2. GO GET 'EM! Coach Lonnie Irvin sends the varsity team back out on the court at MCL. MCL was held at Gross Memorial Coliseum at FHSU. Photo by Joel Rathbun.





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Ellis	Varsity	Opp.
48	Osborne	29
45	Trego	30
34	Victoria	50
31	Phillipsburg	39
41	LaCrosse	44
37	Trego	30
28	Victoria	47
46	Plainville	67
32	Stockton (MCL Tourney)	41
59	Hill City	32
39	Quinter	42
56	Smith Center	70
36	Oakley	33
55	Norton	60
65	Ness City	36
46	Stockton	50
30	Plainville	63
Ellis	Junior Varsity	Opp.
28	Osborne	15
26	WaKeeney	22
33	Victoria	15
20	Phillipsburg	17
35	WaKeeney	19
39	Victoria	20
25	Plainville	38
18	Hill City	20
59	Quinter	48
42	Smith Center	23
66	Oakley	51
29	Norton	13
39	Ness City	24
43	Stockton	27
30	Plainville	48

1. MOVE THAT BALL. Sandi Blackwill, senior, dribbles the ball to Ellis' side of the court. Blackwill was a starter throughout the season. Photo by Joel Rathbun.

2. EHS GIRLS' TEAM. Back Row: R. Ptaschek, fr., manager; T. Kohl, sr.; J. Honas, sr.; M. Lang, jr.; T. Kuppetz, jr.; M. Simpson, jr.; C. Fischer, sr.; D. Armbrister, soph.; S. Flax, jr. Middle Row: C. Schmidt, fr., manager; A. Weber, jr.; B. Shirk, fr.; S. Blackwill, sr.; D. Fritschen, jr.; B. Kinderknecht, sr.; D. Dietz, sr.; J. Dinkel, fr.; manager. Front Row: L. Augustine, fr.; S. Shannon, fr.; B. Armbrister, jr.; S. McCoy, jr.; A. Werner, fr.; N. Hewett, fr. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

3. SHOOTING FOR TWO. Janice Honas, sr., puts the ball up as the Plainville players look for a rebound. Honas played the wing position this year. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.

Wrestling

Grapplers sacrifice food for singlets

A double chicken wing is not something one buys at Kentucky Fried Chicken. It is a wrestling move that no wrestler likes to be held in.

The 1986-'87 wrestling season ended with a positive outlook. With only three seniors leaving, there will be many members returning.

Two individuals sacrificed much for wrestling. Kevin Augustine,

soph., and Don Leiker, sr., had to lose over ten pounds to wrestle in their weight classes. Even though these two lost the most weight, other members had to work hard also to stay at their correct weights.

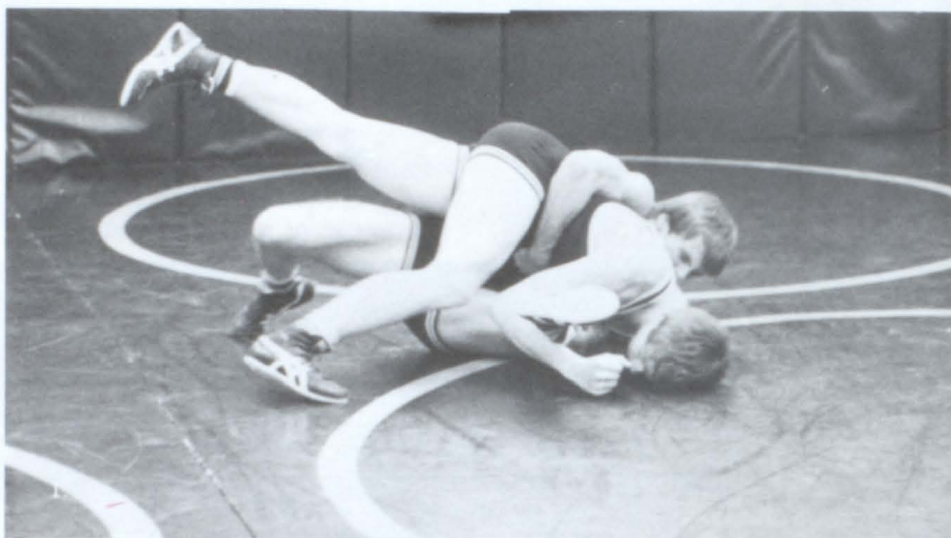
According to Todd Dinkel, sr., "Food and sugarless gum is all a wrestler needs to survive looking at Stan Faulkender every night."

Even though, as a team, the wrestlers didn't win any tournaments, one individual did well. Brandon Armbruster, jr., qualified for state in the 167 lbs. weight class. He won his first state match, but lost the last two.

— by Debbie Dietz

1. JUNIOR WRESTLER BRAD Deutscher (top) grapples with sophomore Eric Hays during wrestling practice. Deutscher wrestled 138 and Hays wrestled 185 this year. Photo by Amy Huff.

2. BRANDON ARMBRUSTER, (jr.) tries a wrestling hold on sophomore Kyle Eberle at practice. Armbruster was a state wrestler this year. Photo by Amy Huff.





Wrestling Scoreboard	
Osborne Inv.	8th
Ellsworth Inv.	8th
P-burg Classic	9th
MCL	5th
Regionals	11th



1. SENIOR WRESTLERS. Todd Dinkel, Jim Pfeifer and Don Leiker. The seniors led the squad in leadership and enthusiasm. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*

2. 1986-87 EHS WRESTLING. Front Row: R. Huff, B. Deutscher, T. Dinkel, T. Augustine, T. Huff. Back Row: Coach Stan Faulkendar, E. Hays, J. Pfeifer, S. Herman, K. Eberle, D. Leiker, B. Armbruster, G. Crawford, B. Honas. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*

3. JUNIOR TROY AUGUSTINE wrestles with a teammate during wrestling practice. Augustine wrestled in the 132 lb. weight class. *Photo by Amy Huff.*

Cheerleaders

Girls raise money for cheerleading camp

This year's cheerleading squad proved to be a hard working bunch as they raised enough money to pay for cheerleading camp.

In the past, the individual girls had to pay anywhere from \$40-80 to attend camp.

The girls helped serve the alumni banquet as well as had car washes, bake sales and yard sales. They also worked concession stands at baseball games and during harvest.

Long, hard hours were put in at the camp, which was held in July at Fort Hays State University. Even though no awards were won, the girls gained valuable experience along with learning new cheers.

The cheerleaders worked successfully to get more participation by making posters and having pep assemblies.

"Not only did the spirit of the school increase, but the

cheerleaders were more spirited and wanted to do different types of activities," said Sonya Jayne, head cheerleader.

Heather Harwick, a four year cheerleader, received a scholarship from Butler County Community College. Harwick had to compete against approximately 20 girls for the spot on the squad.

— by Tonya Kuppertz



1. 1986-87 VARSITY CHEERLEADERS. Front Row: Danny Fabrizius, sr., Sonya Jayne, capt., sr. Middle Row: Heather Harwick, sr., Tammy Gottschalk, jr. Back Row: Tammy Befort, jr., Robyn Honas, jr. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

2. 1986-87 SENIOR CHEERLEADERS. Anne Keller, Sonya Jayne, Heather Harwick, Danny Fabrizius. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.





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1. 1986-87 JR. VARSITY Cheerleaders. Jodi Gottschalk, capt., so., Connie Kohl, so., Kelly Geschwentner, fr., Toni Dinkel, fr. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

2. 1986-87 WRESTLING CHEERLEADERS. Shannon McCoy, fr., Sheri Rupp, capt., jr., Anne Keller, sr. Lori Armbrister, jr. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.



2.

Drill Team

First and last, drill team gets its kicks

For the first time ever in Ellis High School, a drill team was picked to do all the routines for football and basketball games. In years past, the cheerleaders did all of the routines.

Members of the drill team included some cheerleaders as well as some athletes. Girls in basketball

were allowed to also be on drill team. There were 14 members in all.

Many routines were performed throughout the football and basketball season including a performance at the MCL basketball tournament at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

With the many athletes and cheerleaders on drill team, practice was difficult to schedule. For this reason, there will be no drill team next year.

— by Debbie Dietz



1. NICE LEGS, GIRLS. Jodi Gottschalk, so., Anne Keller, sr., and Michelle Schoenberger, so., practice for their final routine. The girls wore jams and shades and used beach towels to spruce up their routine. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

2. GOTTSCHALK AND KELLER wax down their surfboards during their 'Surfin' routine. The girls performed five routines throughout the year. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.





1. 1986-87 DRILL TEAM. Left to Right: A. Werner, S. Rupp. R. Honas, S. Martin, M. Augustine, M. Schoenberger, T. Befort, C. Younger, W. Waldschmidt, J. Gottschalk, S. Honas, Am. Keller, H. Harwick, S. Jayne. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

AMY KELLER, SR., and Sonya Jayne, sr., play their guitars for the student body. The drill team performed for both the school and the community. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

2. ALL COMING TOGETHER, the drill team finishes up their routine. This was the first and last year for drill team. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

3. LET'S GO SURFIN'. Sheri Rupp, jr., and Anne Keller, sr., Support Jodi Gottschalk, so., as she shows the crowd how to surf Ellis style. The girls practiced before and after school to perfect their routine. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

Boys' Track

Two go to state

State competition proved to be a valuable experience for two boys' track members.

Mike Honas, sr., and Roy Aschenbrenner, jr., were the only two members to qualify for state at Wichita. Honas qualified in the 3200 meter run as well as the 1600 meter run. He placed third in the 3200 meter run and second in the 1600 meter run. Aschenbrenner qualified in the pole vault. At state, he vaulted 12 feet and placed eighth. Overall, their points totaled fourteen, and they tied for fourteenth.

Although 32 boys participated,

youth was a major weakness for the EHS boys' track team, according to Coach Mike Mathes.

Since only six seniors went out, the team consisted of mostly freshmen and sophomores.

When asked about the outlook for next year, Mathes said, "The boys should be one of the dominating teams in the area."

The team was coached by Mike Mathes, Mike Hulse, Lonnie Irvin and Kirk Maska.

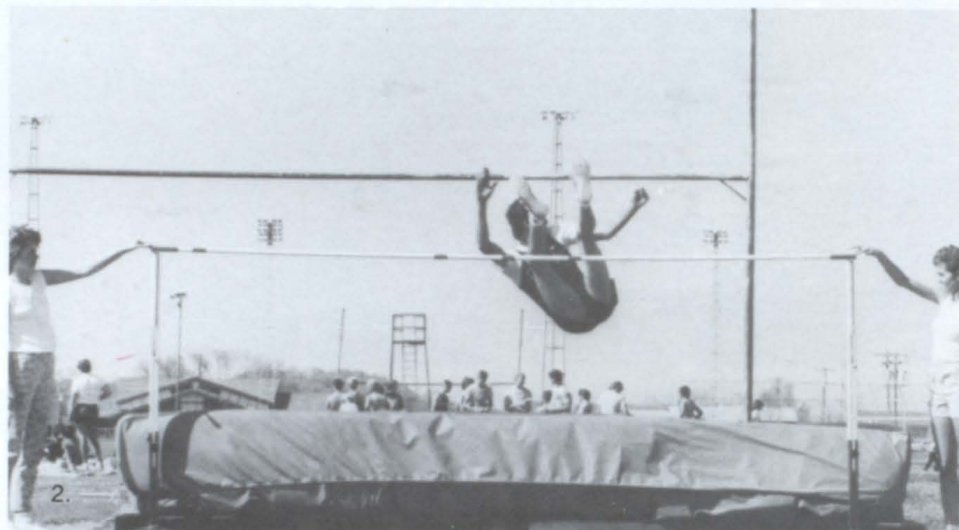
— by Debbie Dietz

Scoreboard

Meet	Placing
Stockton	3rd
LaCrosse	8th
P-burg	7th
Trego	10th
Victoria	4th
Hill City	10th
MCL	8th
Regionals	10th
State	Tied for 14th



1. MARK COLEMAN, SR. aims his javelin for a long throw. Coleman has been in track for three years. Photo by Joel Rathbun.



2. UP AND OVER! Heath North, Jr., easily clears the high jump bar. North also competed in the 1600 meter run. Photo by Joel Rathbun.

3. NICE HAND-OFF! Heath North, Jr., gives the baton to Danny Fabrizio, Sr., in the two mile relay. The relay also consisted of Pete Larghe, Sr., and Andy Smith, Jr. Photo by Joel Rathbun.





1. MIKE HONAS, SR., easily wins another race. Honas competed in the 1600 meter run, the 3200 meter run and the 800 meter run. Photo by Joel Rathbun.

2. BRADY BITTEL, SO., looks determined to win during the 300 meter hurdles. Bittel also ran the 110 meter high hurdles. Photo by Joel Rathbun.

3. 1986-'87 BOYS' TRACK TEAM. Front Row, Left to Right: L. Matteson, H. North, W. Braun, M. Bachar, K. Eberle, K. Augustine. Second Row: E. King, R. Aschenbrenner, J. Binder, A. Smith, D. Augustine, S. Graf, E. Hays, T. Younger. Third Row: Am. Keller (manager), T. Homburg, D. Fabrizio, B. Armbruster, B. Deutscher, J. Gnad, P. Larghe, A. Schoenberger (manager). Fourth Row: C. Engel (manager), J. Rathbun, M. Coleman, L. Brenner, Bl. Bittel, E. Shannon, T. Begler, C. McElroy, M. Honas. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

4. GO, TIM, GO! Tim Homburg, sr., fights Norton in the 100 meter dash. Homburg also threw shot put. Photo by Joel Rathbun.

5. 1986-'87 SENIOR SEXTET consisted of Joel Rathbun, Tim Homburg, Mark Coleman, Pete Larghe, Danny Fabrizio, and Mike Honas. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.



Girls' Track

Freshman wins state race

An Ellis freshman was the champion in the 3200 meter run at the 1987 state track meet.

Jenny Hillman, fr., placed first and also improved her best time by 20 seconds in going for the gold.

Hillman was the only girl who qualified for state out of the 28 member team.

Since she won the event as a freshman, Hillman feasibly could be a four-year champion by the time she graduates.

"If you're going to be a four-time state champion, you have to win the first one, so now she has a chance," said coach Mike Mathes.

The coaching staff for track was

combined this year. Mike Mathes coached the running events, Mike Hulse coached shot put and long jump, and Kirk Maska coached javelin and discus.

According to Mathes, the coaching change gave more of a chance for special help and individual coaching. He thought it had particularly helped the field events.

"The girls have showed continued improvement and have become a pretty good team. They should be tremendously strong in all events next year. Ellis should be the team to beat," said Mathes.

— by Brenda Kinderknecht

1. KEEP THAT POSE. Brenda Shirk, fr., watches the shot put land after she releases it. With three years left, Shirk hopes to improve in the shot put. Photo by Joel Rathbun.

2. EVERY LITTLE INCH. Melinda Simpson, jr., leans forward to gain more distance in the long jump. Simpson has competed in this event for three years. Photo by Joel Rathbun.





Scoreboard

Meet	Placing
Stockton	no score kept
LaCrosse	2nd
P-brug	4th
Trego	8th
Victoria	2nd
Hill City	15th
MCL	6th
Regionals	14th
State	22nd

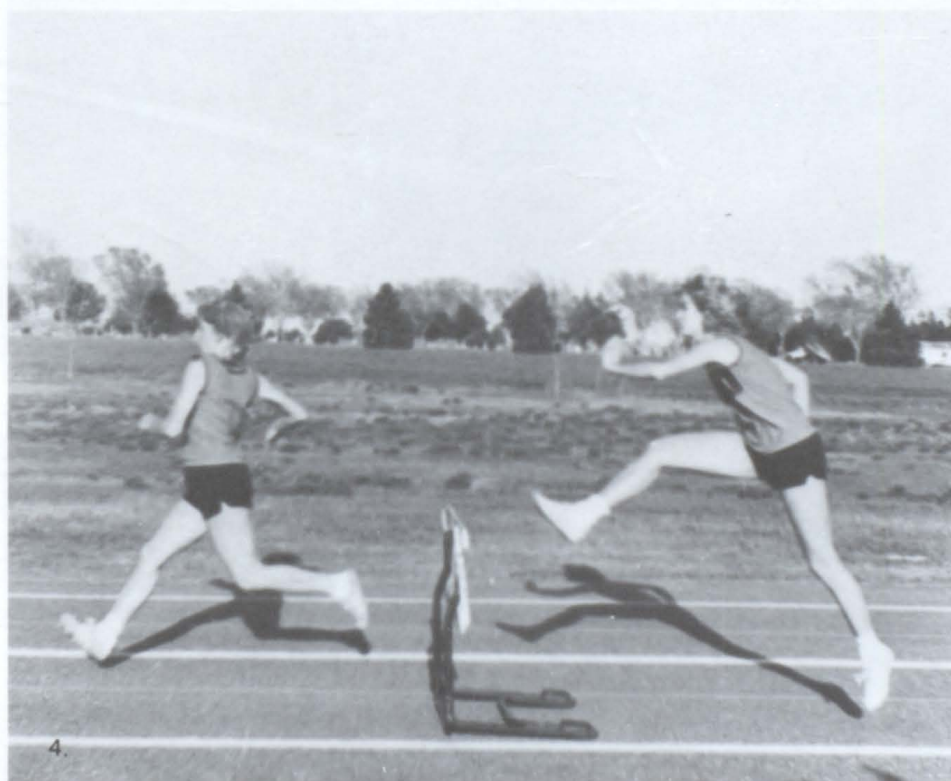


1. **GIRLS' TRACK TEAM.** Back Row: A. Keller, sr., manager; C. Younger, sr., B. Kinderknecht, sr., B. Schoenthaler, sr., H. Harwick, sr., D. Dietz, sr., T. Kohl, sr., C. Fischer, sr., M. Lang, jr., M. Simpson, jr., N. Phillips, soph., M. Augustine, sr., manager. Middle Row: S. McCoy, fr., W. Waldschmidt, so., J. Kippes, soph., C. Kohl, soph., J. Gottschalk, soph., J. Dinkel, fr., C. Schmidt, fr., J. Hillman, fr., A. Fitzwater, fr., D. Armbrister, soph. Front Row: A. Werner, fr., S. Shannon, fr., A. Smith, fr., L. Augustine, fr., B. Shirk, fr., T. Stegman, fr., N. Hewett, fr., T. Dinkel, fr. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*

2. **1987 TRACK SENIORS.** T. Kohl, C. Younger, B. Kinderknecht, B. Schoenthaler, H. Harwick, D. Dietz, C. Fischer. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*

3. **GETTING STRETCHED OUT.** Loretta Augustine, fr., starts to stretch for her upcoming event. Augustine was in approximately three events in each meet. *Photo by Joel Rathbun.*

4. **STEPPING OUT HARD,** Heather Harwick, sr., tries to catch Brenda Kinderknecht, sr., in the 300 intermediate low hurdles. Both Harwick and Kinderknecht were out for track for four years. *Photo by Joel Rathbun.*



Golf

Inconsistency plagues team

This year's golf season was summed up in three words, *up and down*. The team was inconsistent which caused them to play well one meet and not so well in another.

"The team didn't have the depth that was needed," said Coach John Kolacny.

Practice was slow at the beginning of the year due to the spring blizzards. Valuable practice time was

lost which hurt the team.

Next year will be a rebuilding year for the golf team as five seniors were lost through graduation. The seniors displayed good leadership qualities for the rest of the team.

"The year has gone fairly well, but we've been a little inconsistent," said Don Lieker, senior.

— by Tonya Kuppetz



1. WHERE DID IT go? Pat Geschwentner, sr., looks for his lost golf ball. Geschwentner, has played golf for three years. Photo by Linda Riedel.

2. BRAD HONAS, FR., concentrates on the ball as he prepares to tee off. Honas received a provisional letter in golf this year. Photo by Linda Riedel.

3. WHERE'S THE HOLE? Coach John Kolacny looks for help as he tries to figure the game of golf out. Kolacny, along with coaching golf, teaches history. Photo by Linda Riedel.



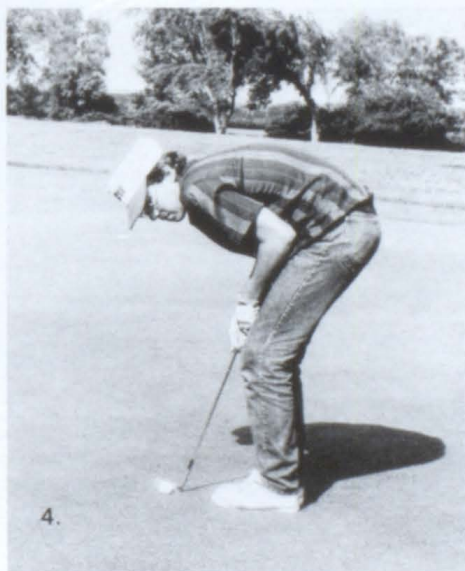


1. 1987 GOLF TEAM. Front Row: S. Weber, jr., P. Geschwentner, sr., Fischer, sr., D. Leiker, sr., B. Honas, fr., R. Ptaschek, fr. Back Row: D. Metzler, jr., M. Bollig, sr., S. Borger, sr., M. Helget, jr., K. LaBarge, jr., J. Timmons, fr., Coach John Kolacny. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

2. RHONDA PTASCHEK, FR., takes a swing at her golf ball. Ptaschek was the only girl out for golf this year. Photo by Linda Riedel.

3. 1987 SENIOR GOLFERS. Pat Geschwentner, Dane Fischer, Mike Bollig, Scott Borger, Don Leiker. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

4. PUTT THAT BALL. Robert Huff, fr., concentrates on his putt to the fifth hole at the Ellis Municipal Golf Course. This was Huff's first year out for golf. Photo by Linda Riedel.



Meet	Placing
Plainville	3rd
Hoxie	6th
TMP	9th
Phillipsburg	5th
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MCL	5th
Ellis	5th
Regionals	4th

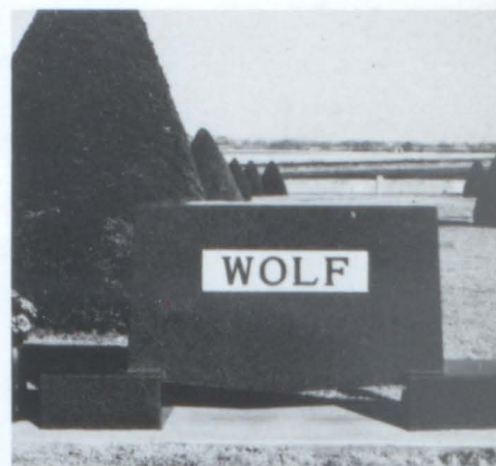
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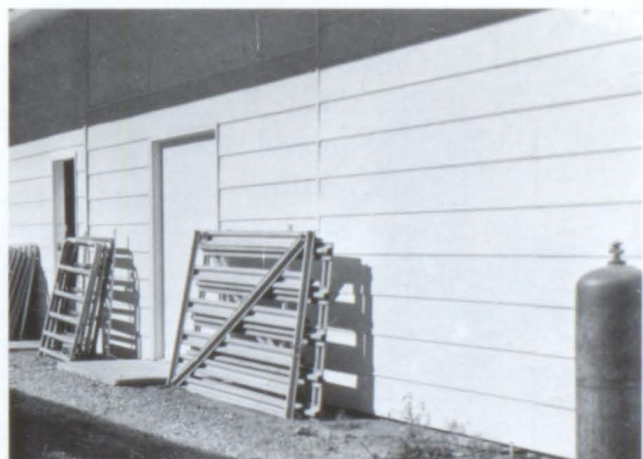
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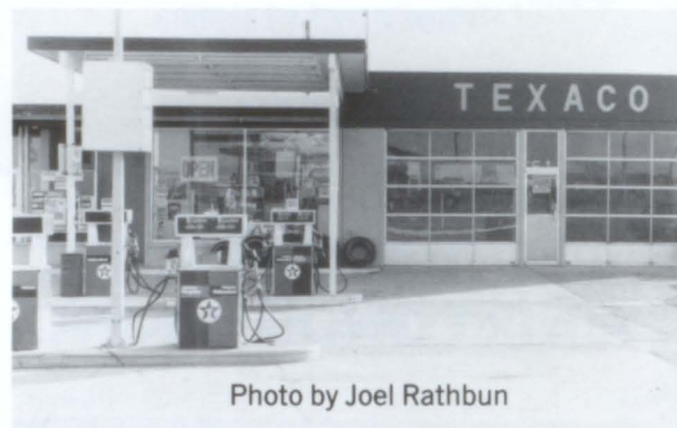


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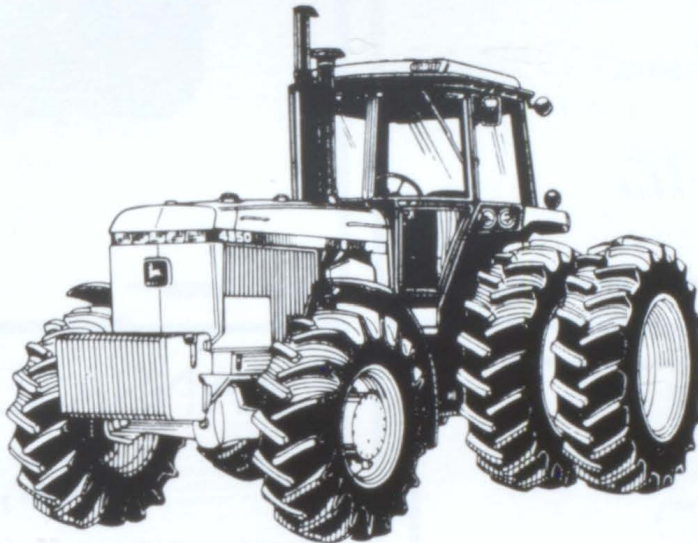
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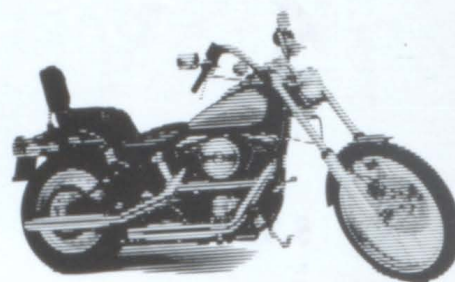
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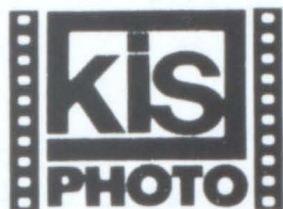


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1. FRESHMEN AMY MILLS, Christy Collins and Jenny Hillman display their art talent while working on visual aids in speech class. Speech, a required course, is offered second and sixth hours. *Photo by Brenda Kinderknecht.*

2. SOPHOMORE ERIC SHANNON (center) heads for yet another basketball practice at the end of the day. Shannon was a varsity starter. *Photo by Joel Rathbun.*

3. JOHN GNAD, ANDY Smith, Scott Weber and Sharley McCoy, juniors, prepare themselves for the human chain pull. This event was one of many that took place during spirit week. *Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.*

4. SHAWN GRAF, SOPHOMORE, concentrates on his art project during class. Art is offered first, second and third hours to all students. *Photo by Brenda Kinderknecht.*

5. SENIOR GIRLS, MICHELE Augustine and Janice Honas help themselves at the annual barbeque. Sponsored by Stu-Co, the picnic is a traditional part of Homecoming. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*





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Seniors

Seniors win spirit week

The senior class demonstrated enthusiasm and spirit as they placed first in the spirit week competition and third in the float competition.

The class showed independence as they chose to change the traditional chili supper. This year, the seniors decided to have their mothers cook the chili. Previously, the supper has been prepared by the school cooks. The supper proved to be a good money-maker for they made \$500.

The seniors were leaders this year

as they actively participated in sports and clubs as well as academic classes.

Senior class president, Michele Augustine, had this to say about the year, "Knowing that this was our last year, we all worked together in everything we did to make this the best year ever. We will never forget this almost family-like togetherness.

— by *Lorrie McClelland*



1. SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS, Top to Bottom: Michele Augustine, Lynn Gottschalk, Connie Fischer, and Laura Dietrich. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*

2. SENIORS SHOW ENTHUSIASM after trying with the juniors for the spirit stick at the annual bonfire. The spirit stick competition is a traditional part of the bonfire.

3. SENIOR JANICE HONAS enjoys food at the picnic. Each year, Stuco sponsors a picnic for spirit week. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*



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S. Blackwill



S. Borger



M. Coleman



D. Dietz



AFTERNOON CLASS. Back Row: B. Deutscher, A. Schoenberger, L. Schafer, D. Stadelman, M. Augustine, J. Honas, V. Rupp. Middle Row: Mrs. Weatherholt, B. Schoenthaler, J. Schoenthaler, T. Schoech, L. Keeler, L. Walz, M. Bollig, C. Younger, J. Seibel. Front Row: S. Honas, P. Taliferro, J. Moore, D. Leiker, Eugene (last name not available), M. Kendall, M. Honas, B. Timmons, T. Cook.



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Sonja Armbrister

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Poster Committee 4; Stuco 3, 4; Kayettes 1, 2, 4; Photography 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Forensics 1, 2, 4; Choir 1, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4.



Mark Augustine

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Reporter 3, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Perfect Attendance 1, 2, 3.



Michele Augustine

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; Kayette Board 4; Cross-Country 2, 3; Volleyball 1; Track 1 2; Basketball 1, 2; Class President 2, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Forensic 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 1; Perfect Attendance 1, 3; National Honor Society 3, 4; Drill Team 4; Twirler 2, 3.



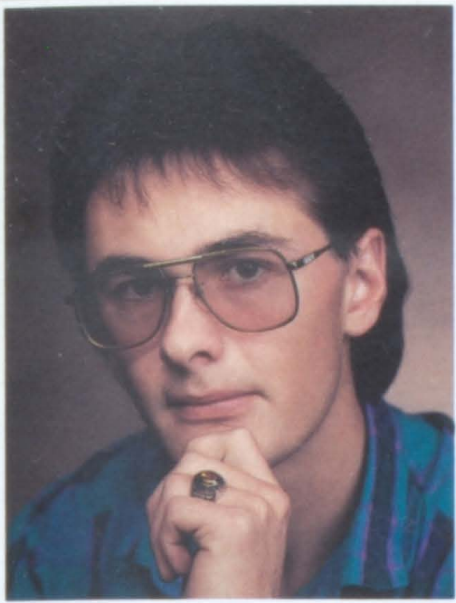
Sandi Blackwill

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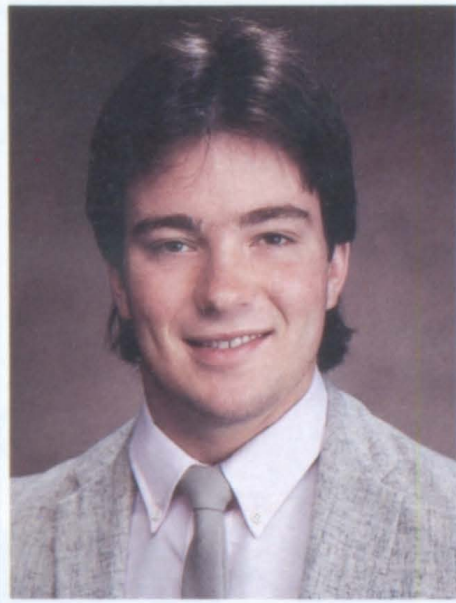
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Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Stuco 4; Football 1; Basketball 1; Golf 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play.



Scott Borger

Pep Club 1, 2, 3; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 2; Track 2; Basketball 1; Golf 1, 3, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Yell Leader 3; Band 1.



Mark Coleman

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming King 4; Snoball Prince 2, 3; Barnwarmer Candidate 3; Junior Play; Senior Play; Prom Server 10.



Beth Deutscher

Pep Club 1, 2, 3; FHA 1; Junior Play; Senior Play; Band 1, 2, 3, 4.



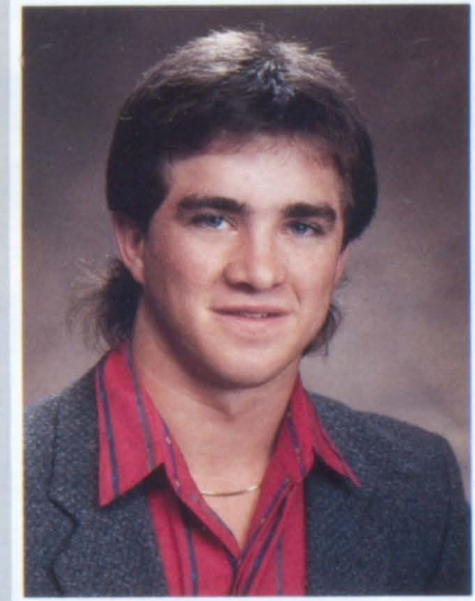
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Debbie Dietz

Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Poster Committee 2; Stuco 4; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism 4, Yearbook Editor, Newspaper Editor; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Candidate 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Choir 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4, Secretary-Treasurer.



Todd Dinkel

Pep Club 1, 2, 3; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Cross-Country 1, 2; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Play 4; Prom Server 2.

**Congratulations
Todd
and Good Luck!**



**CONGRATULATIONS
SCOTT
AND
GOOD LUCK!**



**Dad, Mom
and Family**



**Congratulations
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Mom**



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Danny!



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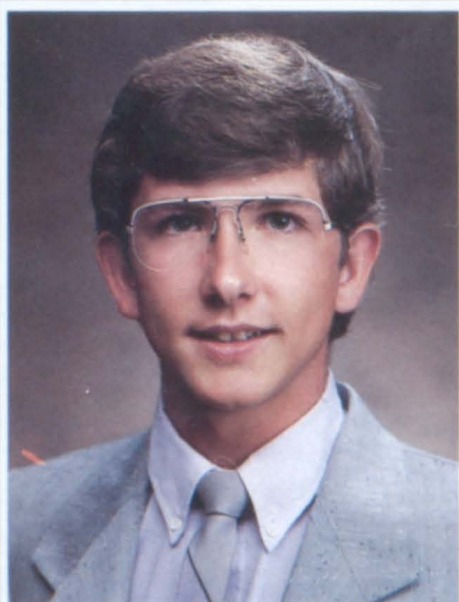
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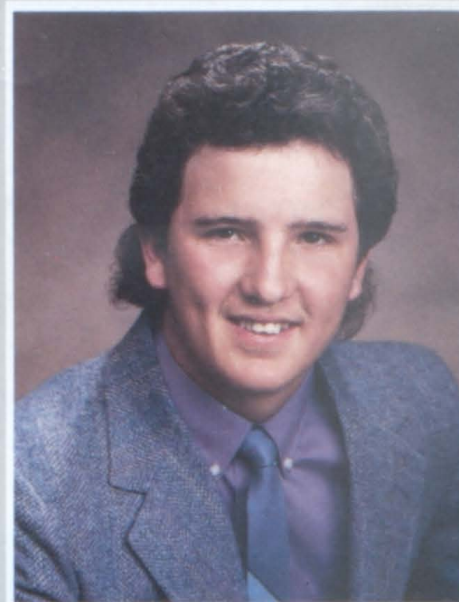
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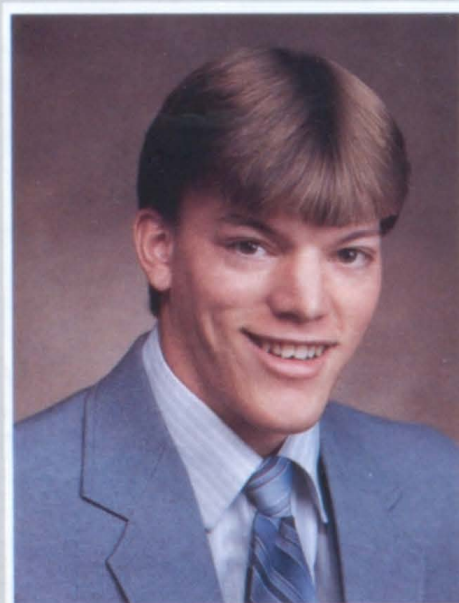
Connie Fischer

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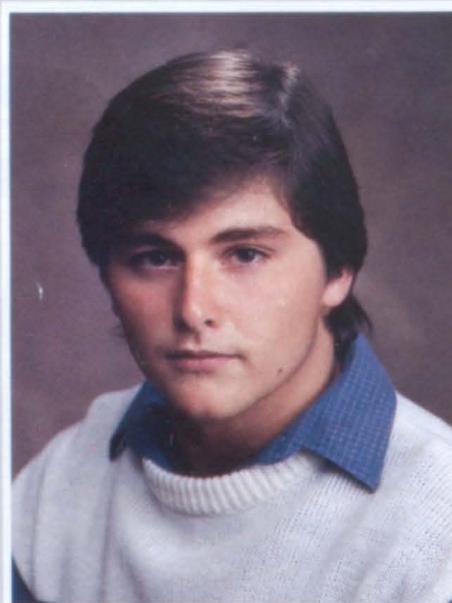
Dane Fischer

Pep Club 1; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 2; Golf 1; Senior Play.



Gary Flax

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2; Basketball 1, 3, 4; Homecoming Candidate 4; Snoball Candidate 1, 4, King 4; Senior Play; Perfect Attendance 1, 2.



Pat Geschwentner

Pep Club 1, 2, 3; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Golf 2, 3, 4; Snoball Candidate 3; Junior Play; Senior Play; Prom Server 2.



Lynn Gottschalk

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4, Board 3, 4; Track 2; Snoball Princess 1; Barnwarmer Candidate 3; Class Treasurer 2; Class Secretary 3, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Choir 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4.



Heather Harwick

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2; Stuco 1; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Candidate 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Railairres 2, 3; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Server 2; Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Drill Team 4.



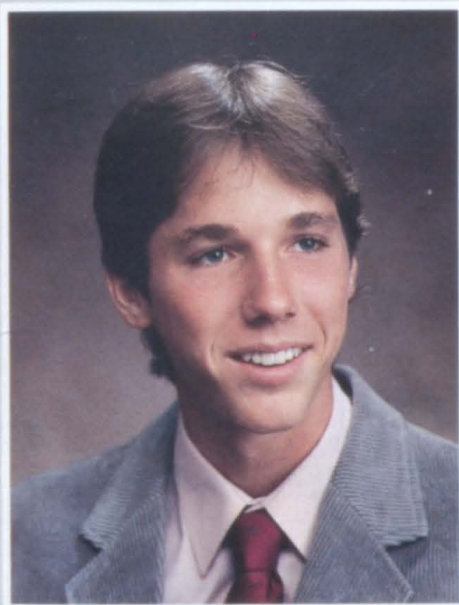
Tim Homburg

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Stuco 1; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Railairres 1; Bank 1, 2, 3.



Janice Honas

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Poster Committee 3; FHA 1, 2; Stuco 2, 3, 4; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4, Board 2, 3, Vice-President 4; Volleyball 3; Track 1, 2, 3; Manager 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Snoball Candidate 3, 4; Honor Roll 2; Junior Play Student Director; Senior Play; Railairres 3; Forensics 1; Choir 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Band Librarian 2, Band Vice-President 3.



Mike Honas

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Stuco 4, Treasurer; Football 1; Cross-Country 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Candidate 4; Snoball Candidate 4; Mr. FHA 3; Class President 1; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Railairres 1; Forensics 3; Prom Server 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Drum Major 2, 3; President 4; Boys' State 3; United States Business Education Award 4.



Sandy Honas

Pep Club 1, 2, 3; FHA 1, 2, 3; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Forensics 2; Choir 1; Drill Team 4.



Sonya Jayne

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Stuco 4; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism Page Editor 11; Snoball Candidate 2, 4; Princess 2; Junior Play; Senior Play; Choir 1, 3; Prom Server 2; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4, Captain 4; Drill Team Captain 4; Twirler 1.

*Congratulations,
Gary!
We
Love
You*



**Good
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Skeet!
Love
Mom, Dad
Daren,
Dava**



*Love
Dad,
Mom,
Mark
and
Arlen*



**Congratulations,
Connie**



**We are proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad, and Brian**



**Congratulations,
Lynn
Best of Luck!**



**Mom, Dad
Brothers and Sisters**



*We are proud
of you!*



*Love, Mom,
Sierra & Nathan*





Lori Keeler

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



Amy Keller

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 2; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; Cross-Country 3, 4; Basketball 1; Barn-warmer Candidate 3; Junior Play; Senior Play; Forensics 1; Golf 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Drill Team 4.



Anne Keller

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Poster Committee 4; FHA 2, 3; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, Junior Play; Senior Play; Forensics 1; Choir 1; Cheerleader 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4.



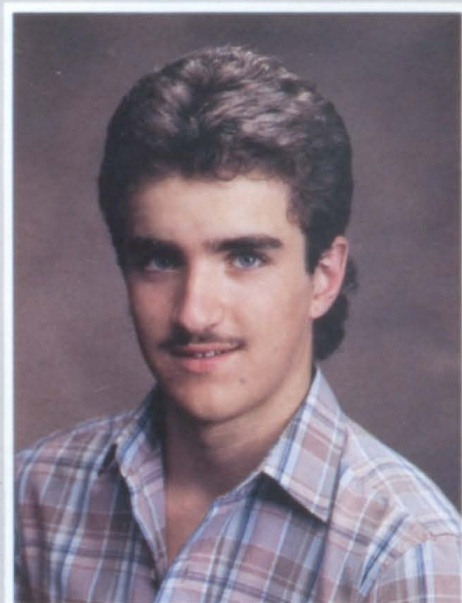
Brenda Kinderknecht

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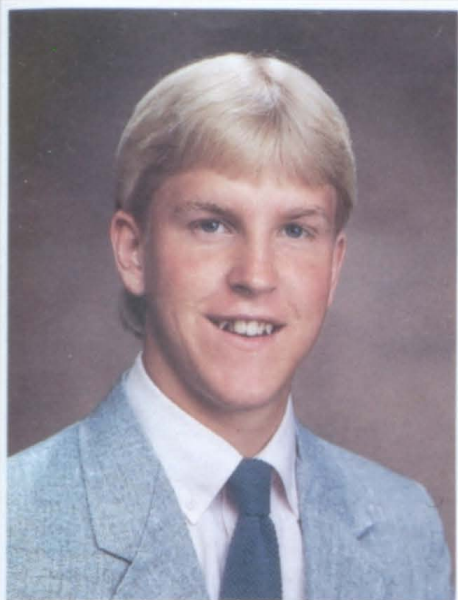
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Pete Larghe

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 2; Track 4; Class President 2; Honor Roll 2, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play.



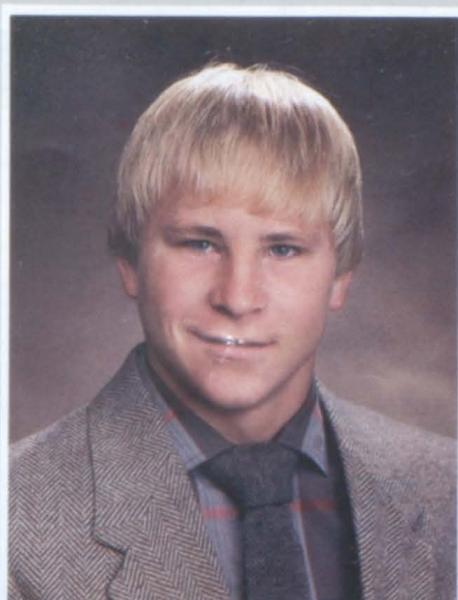
Don Leiker

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1; Cross-Country 3; Wrestling 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Golf 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Play; Railairres 1, 2; Forensics 1; Choir 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4.



Will Montgomery

Pep Club 1, 2, 3; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 4; Senior Play; Perfect Attendance 4.



Jim Pfeifer

Pep Club 1, 2, 3; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Sentinel 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Play; Prom Server 2.



Joel Rathbun

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism 3, 4; Newspaper Editor 4; Photography 4; Cross-Country 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2; Junior Play; Senior Play; Forensics 1, 2, 3, 4; State 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 4.



Julia Schaus

Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Stuco 3; FHA 3; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; Board 2, 3, President 4; Track Manager 2; Junior Play; Senior Play; Railairres 2, 3; Forensics 1; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4.



Amy Schoenberger

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 2; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Snoball Princess 3; Class Vice-President 3; Senior Play; Forensics 1; Choir 1, 3; Band 1.

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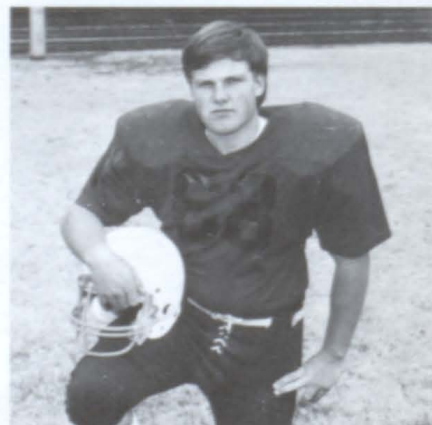
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Pumpkin Baby!
Love,
Mom, Dad
and family**



**Tim,
We are proud
of you!**



**Our love and best wishes
Love, Dad, Mom
Steve, Kathy**





Congratulations, Mike **Love,** **Dad, Mom and Family**



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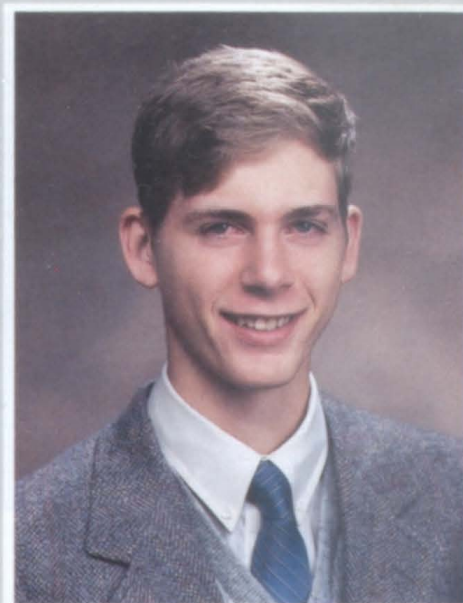
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Doreen Stadelman

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play, Senior Play; Forensics 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 1; Perfect Attendance 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4.



Darrin Wolf

Pep Club 1, 2; FFA 1; Basketball 1; Golf 3, 4; Senior Play.

To our absent classmates:

Ronnie Barenburg

Nikki Deyoe

David Fuller

Lanny Ladish

Shana Miller

Allen Scott

Lisa Schafer

Joel Seibel

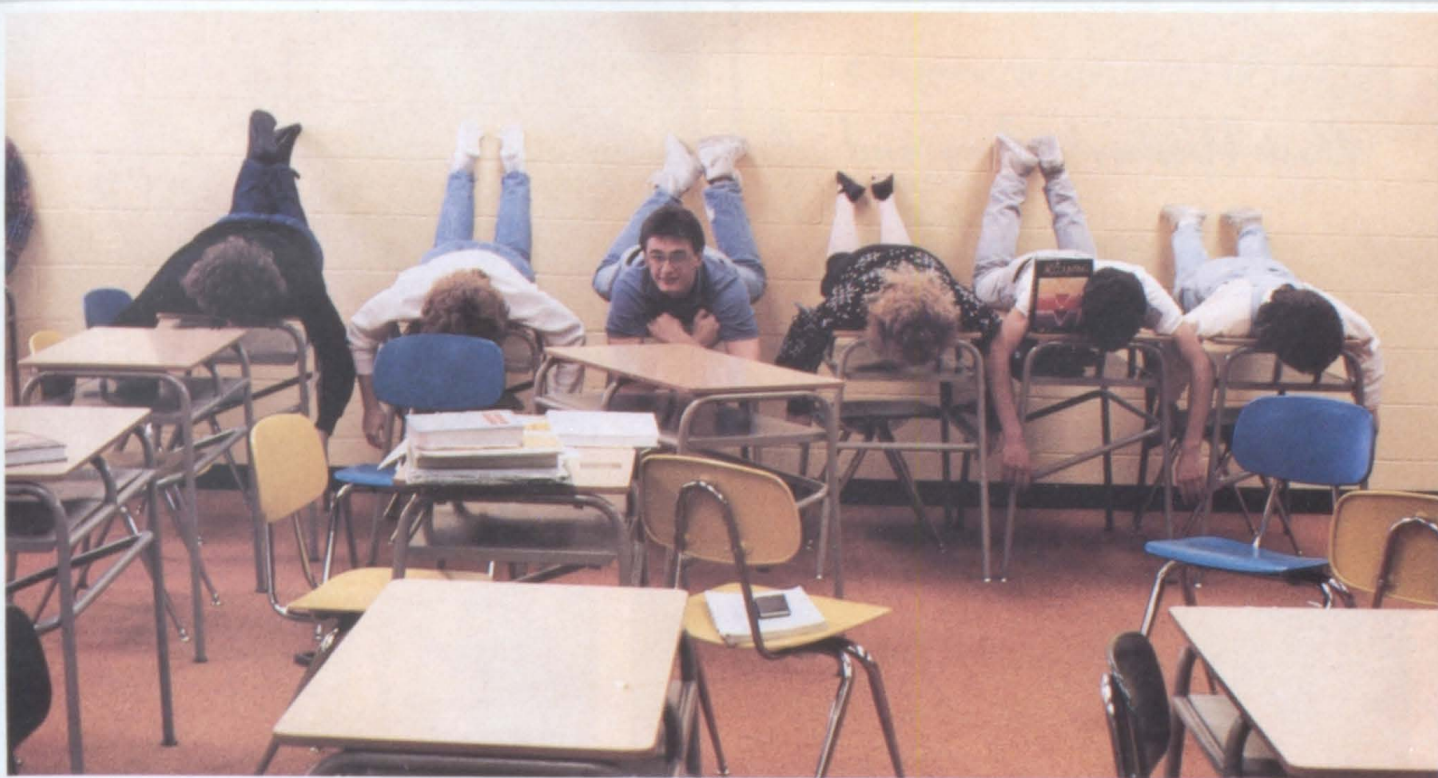
Kim Wiesner

We Miss You



Christine Younger

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1. SENIORS INTENSELY STUDY their accounting until they're forced to take a break. Accounting is a class that is only offered to seniors. *Photo by Joel Rathbun.*

2. ANNE KELLER, SENIOR, debates whether or not to do her assignment. She is one of the many seniors who enrolled in bookkeeping. *Photo by Joel Rathbun.*

3. SONJA JAYNE SOCIALIZES with classmates during 3rd hour. Jayne was captain of the cheerleading and drill team squads this year. *Photo by Joel Rathbun.*

4. PETE LARGHE, DON Leiker, and Tim Hom-burg try to con Mrs. Hertel into giving them an "A" in advanced composition. This was the second year advanced composition has been offered at Ellis. *Photo by Joel Rathbun.*

*Best Wishes! Amy and Anne,
We are proud of you!*

Love, Dad, Mom, Lisa,
Michael and Daniel



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Congratulations,
Brenda!
Good Luck
in the
Future



We are proud
of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad,
Debra, Leland,
Melvin, Mary,
Christy, Matt,
Gilbert and Cheryl



*Congratulations
Terri!*



Congratulations, Will!

You've worked hard to get where you are.

Your senior year has been a very busy one attending Ellis High in the morning, Northwestern Kansas Area Vocational Technical School at Hays in the afternoon and working too.

You've accomplished a lot already. Now it's on to be the best Diesel Mechanic you can be.



*We Love
You
Mom, Dad
Connie, Jeff
& Tricia*



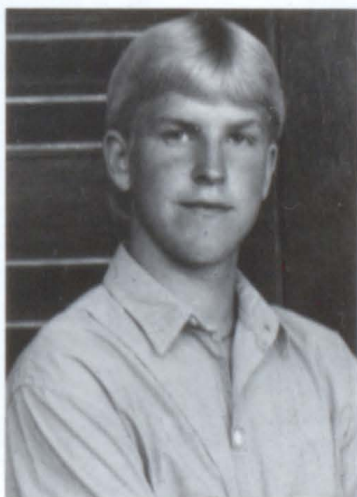
*And you
can do it.
Best Wishes
Your Family*



Congratulations
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Love
You

Congratulations!
**You had a
tough road to travel
From
the 3 Musketeers
and families.**

Dad, Mom,
Greg, Renee',
Amy, Tim,
Brad, Brian





Keep faith
in your
dreams,
Joel



Good Luck
Jim!
From
Mom and Dad



*The best
always*

Mom, Dad,
Jeanie &
Misty



**You've
come
a long
way,
Julia.
Good
Luck
in the
Future.
Mom, Dad
and Shacy**





*Happiness
always to
a special
young
lady!*



*All our love,
Mom, Dad,
Dave,
Darryl, Duane,
Dan & Julie*



**We're proud of your
cross-country achievements!
Wishing you happiness
in the future
Love, Mom, Dad, & Troy**



**Best of Luck
Love, Mom, Dad
Granny, Pa**

**Best of
Luck
in the
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Students face challenge, look for ultimate excuse

Each day, students' lives are filled with challenges. One of the biggest challenges, for some people, is finding a plausible excuse for why their homework isn't finished.

Most students try to get the teacher to believe that they really did do the homework. The most popular excuse is that they left it at home. It could also be in their locker or another notebook. The work is somewhere. It's just not where the teacher wants it.

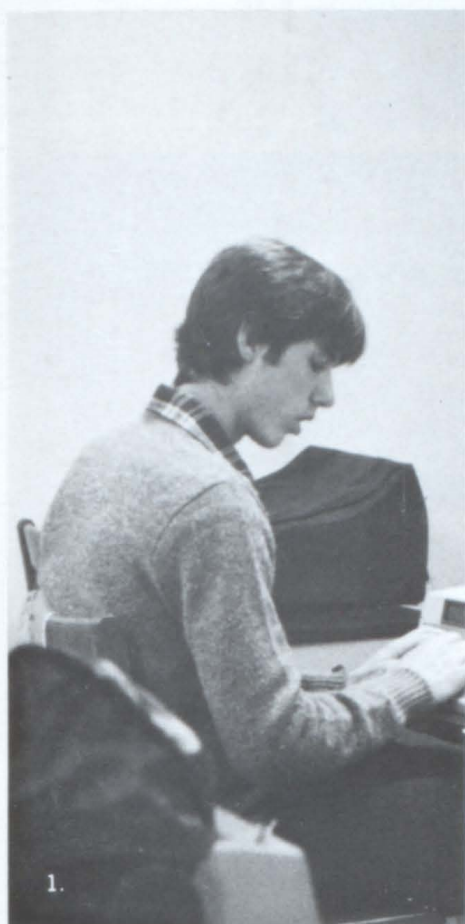
Others try to get the teacher to believe that they thought it never was meant to be homework. They say they didn't know it was an assignment, or else they thought they would have time to do it in class. Some try to weasel out of it by

saying they thought it was due next week.

Next, we have the excuses that could possibly have happened, but the teacher still doesn't believe them: "My mom washed it while it was in my jean pocket; I put my work on top of the car and forgot about it; the homework was in the car and my mother took the car." Some even try the old reliable excuse: "The dog ate it."

These are just a few of the excuses that have been used since education began. Teachers are anxiously awaiting the ultimate excuse of the twentieth century, "My computer ate it."

— by *Tonya Kuppetz*



1. MIKE HONAS, SENIOR, works diligently on his term paper for advanced composition. Advanced composition is offered as an alternative to English IV. *Photo by Joel Rathbun.*

2. KAYETTE SENIOR, MICHELE Augustine, watches freshmen participate in events at the annual picnic. The picnic is held each year in coordination with freshman initiation. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*

3. SENIOR DEBBIE DIETZ wonders about whether or not she will pass constitution and law. Constitution and law is a required course for seniors. *Photo by Joel Rathbun.*

Juniors

Juniors make winning float

Under the supervision of sponsors Mr. and Mrs. Faulkendar, the juniors united to build a winning float in the homecoming parade. The points from the float boosted them to second place in spirit week, two points behind first.

To raise money, they presented "Great Caesar's Ghost" in November under the direction of Mrs. Linda Riedel. The play was a good fund raiser as they cleared over

\$500.

Purple, pink and lavender colors, along with "The Heat," set the tone for this year's prom, Sunset Desert, on May 9.

Brad Deutscher, class president, and the sponsors were pleased with the way everyone helped out.

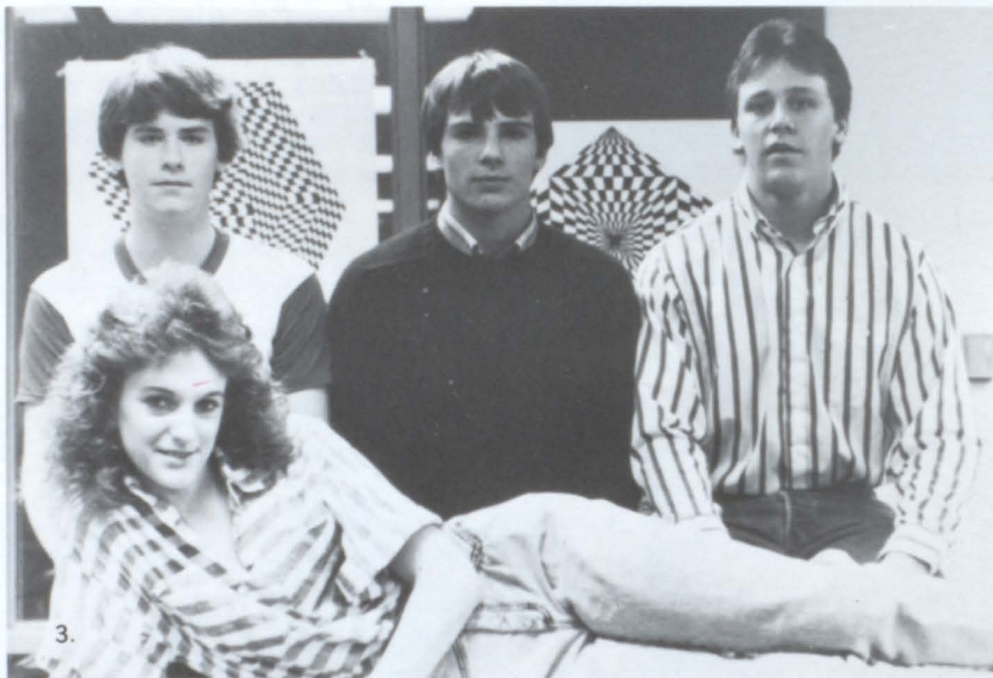
"They are a group that is willing to contribute to most any project," said Mrs. Faulkendar.

— by Lorrie McClelland



1. JUNIOR CLASS MEMBERS prepare themselves for the human chain pull. The pull took place during a lunch hour of spirit week. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.

2. SHANNON MARTIN, JR. waits eagerly for Typing II class to begin. Martin was enrolled in the second semester class. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.



3. JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS: Michelle Lang (secretary), Marty Helget (treasurer), Brad Deutscher (president) and Brandon Armbruster (vice-president). The officers led the class in building a float and organizing room. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

4. TAMMY BEFORT AND Tonya Kuppetz, jrs. listen with anticipation to hear how well the juniors are doing in class competition during spirit week. The class took second place overall. Photo by Sheri Rupp.





Brenda Armbrister
Lori Armbrister
Brandon Armbruster
Roy Aschenbrenner

Mike Ashbaugh
Troy Augustine
Tammy Befort
John Binder

Lance Brenner
Laura Crawford
Brad Deutscher
Craig Deutscher

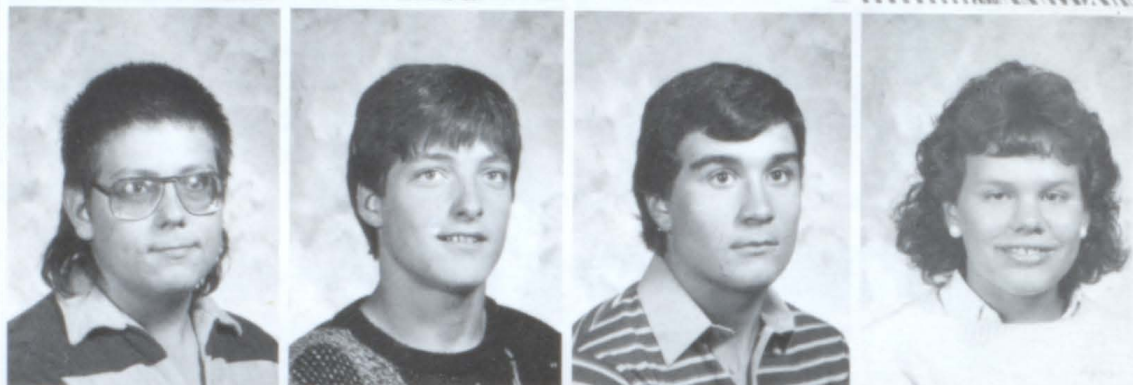
Kelley Dick
Eric Dinkel
Carl Engel
Brian Fischer

Kendal Fitzwater
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



Melinda Simpson
Andy Smith
Butch Thatcher
Bruce Timmons





Amy Weber
Scott Weber
Michelle Windholz
Terry Younger

12 inch hole, second home

Living out of a twelve inch hole in the wall has its drawbacks, but some people are trying to cope. These people could be considered interior locker decorators.

More and more people at EHS are decorating their lockers to help them feel right at home. Pictures, memories, posters and stuffed animals fill many of the bright orange lockers in our halls.

Not only do these lockers show the creativity of the people that decorate them, but also they are a mirror of their personalities.

A person's compassion is displayed in the many pictures that line the lockers. These pictures are of special dates with that special someone that can never be forgotten. There are those friends who don't live in Ellis any longer or those that never have. Connie Kohl has Jessie Siebel and Becky Light forever captured in photos to remember their

presence that is missed at EHS. Lora Gilliland is portrayed as the most memorable aspect of Stu-Co camp for Danny Fabrizius.

Spirit is displayed through the posters given by secret fans. Debbie Dietz has saved her posters from volleyball and basketball to remind her of her final year in sports.

The ability to dream is displayed in the many posters of famous guys and gals. Diane Fritschen is greeted every morning by the "gorgeous" Mitch Gaylor. Samantha Fox, the dream of most men, helps Pat Geschwentner through the day by giving him that "look" of encouragement.

Overall, almost everyone has something hanging in their locker. Some do it for the fun, and others do it just to be weird. But most of them do it just to be who they are.

— by *Danny Fabrizius*

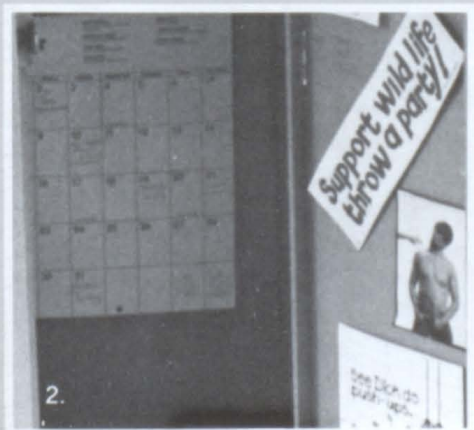


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1. SOPHOMORE JODI GOTTSCHALK'S locker shows quite a variety of novelty pieces. For all interested guys, Gottschalk's locker number is 219. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*

2. AMONG OTHER THINGS, Jill Kippes' locker proves her to be a loyal fan of the Kansas State Wildcats. Kippes is a sophomore involved in Pep Club, Kayettes, and FHA. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*

3. SENIOR SONJA ARMBRUSTER'S locker includes picture of friends and family. Memo boards were also a common thing in lockers this year. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*



2.



3.

1. JUNIOR BRAD DEUTSCHER takes his folded laundry to the judges during the Mr. FHA contest. Deutscher was one of four junior guys chosen as candidates. *Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.*



2. MIKE ASHBAUGH, JUNIOR, hobbles to American history class. Ashbaugh was one of many students who were on crutches this year. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*

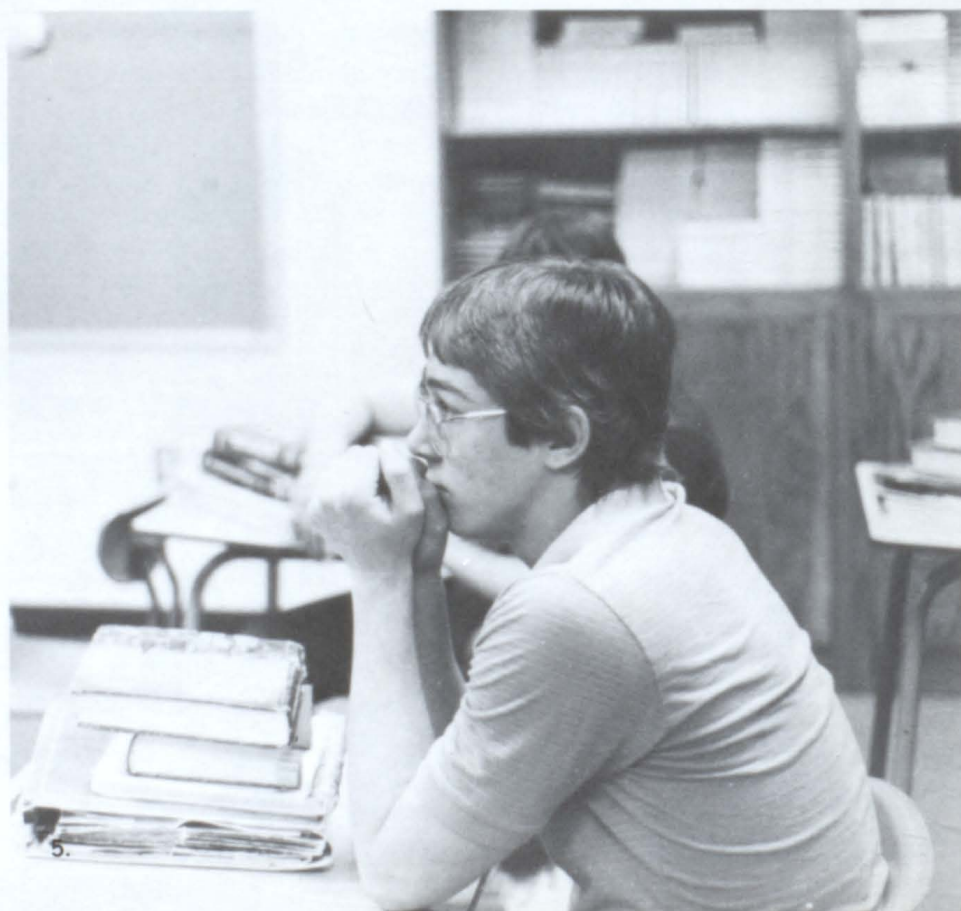


3. JUNIOR ERIC DINKEL tries his hand at folding laundry. Dinkel was one of the Mr. FHA candidates. The candidates had to perform four chores. *Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.*



4. FFA PRESIDENT BRANDON Armbruster fries eggs to serve at the annual breakfast. Armbruster was one of many juniors involved in activities this year. *Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.*

5. TROY AUGUSTINE, JUNIOR, listens intently to Mrs. Hertel during English III. Hertel taught all of the junior English courses this year. *Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.*



Sophomores

Sophomores express spirit

The sophomores showed enthusiasm throughout the 1986-87 year.

The class showed their spirit through posters and won the spirit stick several times during pep assemblies.

They also placed second on their float in the homecoming parade and third overall in spirit competition.

"They really pulled together to build their float," said Ms. Mauk, class sponsor.

The other class sponsor was Mrs. Deines.

According to class president, Blake Bittel, "As usual, the class of 89 did excellent in everything that we were involved in. Not only did we have a great float, but our class spirit and the will to compete excluded us from the lowerclass and the upperclass and put us in a class of our own, because 1989 is the class with class."

— by Lori Armbrister



1. ERIC SHANNON, SO., proclaims, "I love English *this* much." Shannon was also active in sports and clubs. Photo by Tonya Kupptez.

2. SOPHOMORE CLASS MEMBERS, Wendy Waldschmidt, Connie Kohl, Bob Shirk, Jeff Wolf and Kyle Eberle, take a peek at what journalism is all about. Journalism is offered to juniors and seniors. Photo by Tonya Kupptez.

3. SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS. Back Row: Jill Kippes, treas. Second Row: Kyle Eberle, vice pres.; Blake Bittel, pres. Front Row: Connie Kohl, sec. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

Davon Armbrister
Elton Armbrister
Kevin Augustine
Blake Bittel



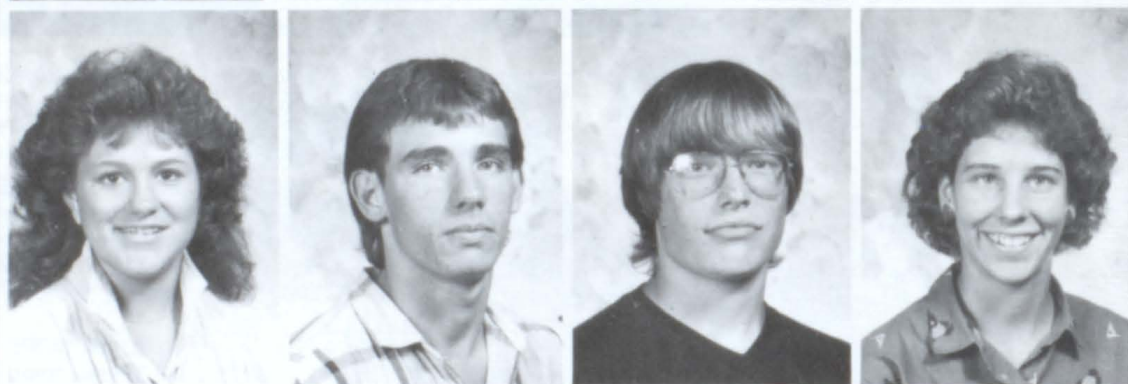
Brady Bittel
Shane Buchholz
Dana Dinkel
Holly Dinkel



Aaron Ditter
Kyle Eberle
Arlen Flax
Ted Gerber



Jodi Gottschalk
Shawn Graf
Eric Hays
Jill Kippes



Connie Kohl
Holly Kroeger
Kris Kruckenberg
Neal Luaa





Denise Massier
Terry Patee
Nikki Phillips
Michelle Schoenberger

Eric Shannon
Bob Shirk
Wendy Waldschmidt
Jeff Wolf

Not Pictured:
David Augustine
Tom Begler
Mike Brungardt

Jobs limit study time

With all of the activities school has to offer, who has time for a job? However, many students do find time to earn some extra money.

Among the jobs chosen are waitresses, auto part clerks, grocery store clerks and fast-food workers. Laura Dietrich, sr., works as a waitress at Skelly's Restaurant. She works after school and on weekends since she doesn't go out for sports.

Pete Larghe, sr., is another that works. During most of the school year, he works after school and on weekends at Ellis Big A Auto Parts. However, with track, he had to cut down his hours.

When asked how his job has affected his school work, Pete said, "When I worked more hours, the time I had to study was very slim, and I was always tired. Now I work fewer hours which gives me time for

track and studies."

Wendy's is a fast-food place where Bonnie Schoenthaler, sr., has worked for two years. Even with sports, Bonnie finds time to work in the evenings and on some weekends. Some nights she works as late as 12:00 a.m.

"I like having the money, but I don't have near the study time that I should," said Schoenthaler.

Another senior, Pat Geschwenter, works at his dad's grocery store, Rich's IGA. He earns money by being a carryout boy at the store after school and on weekends until 8:00 p.m.

Even though these students' time for studying is limited, they all keep their grades up; plus, they have the money to do whatever they desire.

— by Debbie Dietz



1. CHECKING A BILL. Pete Larghe, sr., works many hours at Ellis Auto Parts. Larghe has worked there for two years. Photo by Joel Rathbun.

1. READING THE PAPER, Arlen Flax and Shawn Graf, so., kill time before the bell rings in consumer economics. Consumer economics is offered for one semester. Photo by Amy Huff.

2. YEA, I'M COOL! Jodi Gottschalk, so., gets into her locker on Jam Day. To boost spirit all the students wore their favorite pair of jams to school on this day. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.



3. AREN'T WE CUTE? Arlen Flax and Kyle Eberle, so., show off their glasses during woodworking. Woodworking is taught by Terry Zervas. Photo by Amy Huff.

4. WASTING TIME, ELTON Armbrister, so., waits for the Homecoming pep assembly to begin. The assembly was followed by a bon fire. Photo by Brenda Kinderknecht.



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1. I MADE IT! Kevin Augustine, so, sails into the world history room as the bell rings. World history is taught by John Kolacny. *Photo by Amy Huff.*

2. TAKING HER TIME, Denise Massier, so, finishes her lunch. Lunch hour runs from 12:05-12:36. *Photo by Amy Huff.*

3. WHAT'S GOING ON? Shawn Graf and Kris Kruckenberg, so, are interrupted while reading the newspaper during consumer economics. Graf and Kruckenberg also participated in football. *Photo by Lorrie McClelland.*

4. WAKE UP, ARLEN! Arlen Flax, so, spaces off before sitting down for class. The students have three minutes between each class. *Photo by Amy Huff.*



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Freshmen

Making Changes

Exciting, unexpected, and a little tougher was a good description of Ellis High School in the eyes of the class of '90. As freshmen, they are allowed the new experience of choosing the classes they want.

"It wasn't what we expected, but it was much more exciting than grade school," said Adell Smith and Amy Mills.

"The classes were different but harder," said Jenny Hillman.

The freshman class unfortunately took fourth place overall during spirit week, but they have three years in which to improve.

Mike Hulse and Irene Kroeger were the class sponsors for the 1986-87 school year.

— by Joel Rathbun



1. FRESHMEN CLASS OFFICERS. Brad Honas — President, Toni Dinkel — Secretary-Treasurer, Kyle Landauer, — Vice-President. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

2. HURRY, HURRY, HURRY. Sharnelle Shannon and Loretta Augustine race at putting their overalls on during an FHA initiation game. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

3. THE FIRST FLOAT. Freshmen add the last minute touch on their float. The freshmen took fourth place in the float competition. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.





Mark Armbrister
Loretta Augustine
Mike Bachar
Tammy Bieker

Wayne Braun
Christy Collins
George Crawford
Janelle Dinkel

Toni Dinkel
Amy Fitzwater
Kelly Geghwentner
Sam Herman

Nicole Hewett
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Robert Huff

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Lawrence Locker
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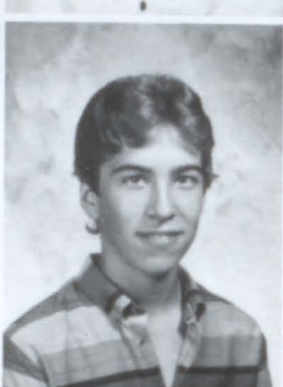
Clint McElroy
Amy Mills
Heath North
Rhonda Ptaschek



Cassie Schmidt
Sharnelle Shannon
Brenda Shirk
Adell Smith



Tina Stegman
Jeff Timmons
Angela Werner



High school girl tries luck with computer date

My name is Yvette Ambrosius, and I am a bachelorette. After being a failure in the single world for many years, I decided to seek help in finding a companion at a local computer dating service.

Once I filled out all the legal, routine forms at the dating service, I was ready to come into acquaintance with my beloved computer date, Pointdexter Abercrombie.

To my dismay, my first date with Pointdexter was a disaster in more ways than one.

As I eagerly awaited the arrival of my date, I heard a horrifying clatter in the street. When I reached the window, I found a huge jalopy sitting in my drive. In it sat Pointdexter, impatiently honking his obnoxious horn.

Greatly annoyed by his rudeness, I

made my way to the side of his car expecting to be greeted by a handful of roses as he kindly opened my door. When I realized Pointdexter was not budging from behind the wheel, I crawled in his piece of junk that he called a car. Just as I pulled my feet inside the door, he squealed out of the driveway determined to reach his destination as quickly as possible.

Finally, we came to a screeching halt at the local race track. Wasting no time, Pointdexter piled out of the car dressed in oily rags and greeted a gang of rowdy friends dressed in the same manner. From this point on, I knew that the date would be one to forget.

However, I soon found that I was the one that had been forgotten. After one of Pointdexter's racing

buddies broke his arm in a brutal fight, my date found himself driving a car in a race.

The race seemed to last forever, and I was extremely disgusted by Pointdexter's behavior. Acting on impulse, I gave my date a piece of my mind and took the first available taxi home.

Once home, I realized that I had just experienced the worst date of my life. Pointdexter and I were now a thing of the past, and I decided playing the field and failing was better than having a computer date like Pointdexter.

— by Lori Armbrister



1. CHRISTY COLLINS WATCHES other members during band. Collins plays the flute. *Photo by Joel Rathbun.*

2. FRESHMAN CLASS MEMBERS actively participate in the chain pull during spirit week. Competitions were held each day after lunch. *Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.*

3. SHARNELLE SHANNON AND Toni Dinkel perfect the art of passing a lifesaver on toothpicks. The freshmen were kidnapped by the FHA officers. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*

4. SHANNON MCCOY AND Toni Dinkel help Heath North to his feet. The chain pull was held on the same day as college day. *Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.*

5. RHONDA PTASCHEK, JANELLE Dinkel and Christy Collins make the most of their lunch hour. All classes have a rotating time schedule for lunch. *Photo by Brenda Kinderknecht.*



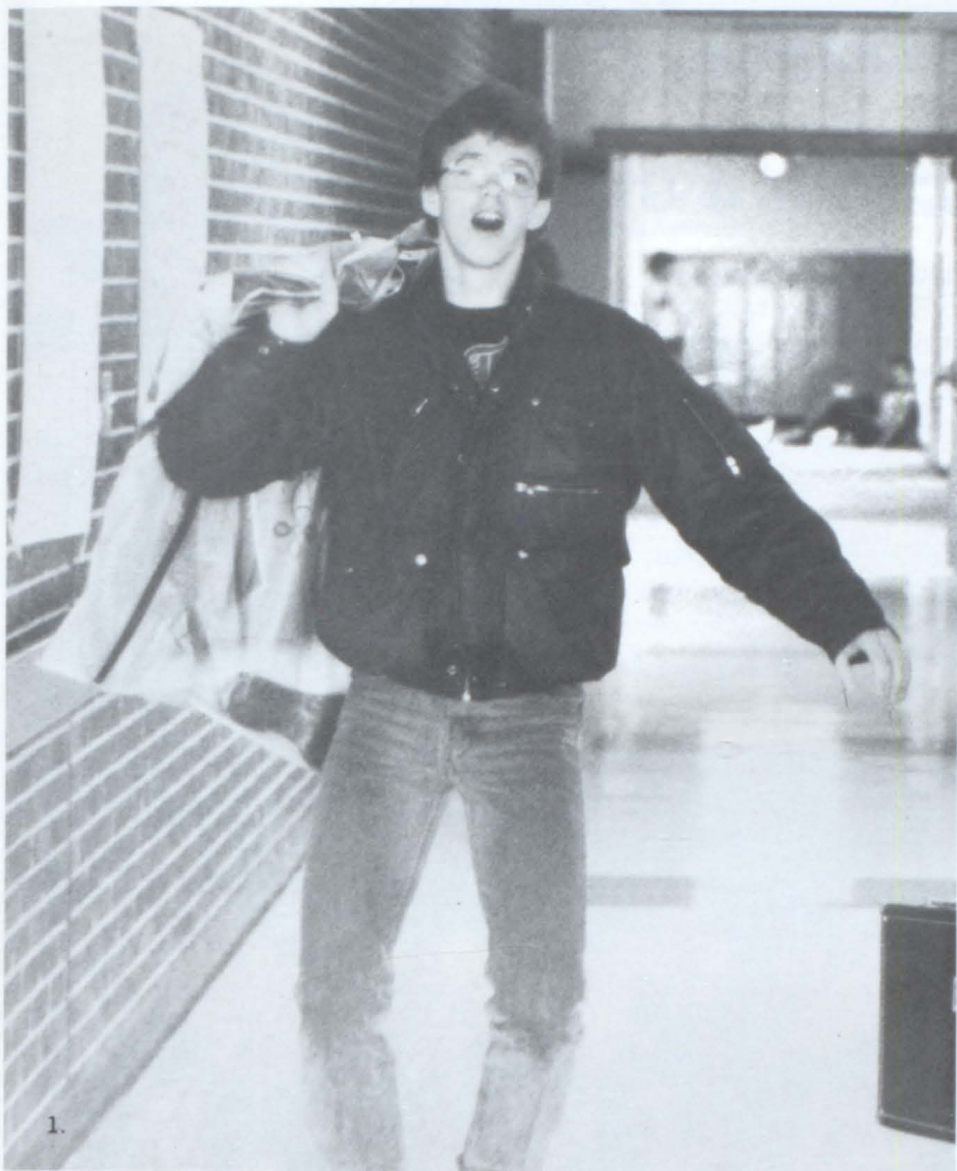
1. CHRISTY COLLINS, AMY Mills and Jenny Hillman work on posters for their secret fans. Secret fans are drawn each season through pep club. *Photo by Linda Riedel.*

2. CASSIE SCHMIDT MODELS her pajamas for the freshmen girls. All of the girls had to model their pajamas for prizes. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*

3. FRESHMEN GIRLS WANDER aimlessly in their pajamas early in the morning. They were involved in many activities and contests at the FHA kidnap. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*

4. FRESHMEN GIRLS ENJOY a bite of breakfast. The FHA provides breakfast for all the kidnapped girls. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*





1. I'M OFF. TOM Begler, so., trots down the hall on his way to a band contest. The contest was held in Hays. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.

2. TIME FOR CLASS. Holly Kroeger, so., reaches into her locker before class. Kroeger was an active member of FHA. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.

3. DRESSED TO KILL. Kelley Geschwentner, fr., gets ready for the music contest. Geschwentner took a solo to state. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.

4. MAKING HER WAY, Nicole Hewett, fr., walks through the parking lot. Hewett also played volleyball. Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.



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Vocal Music

Number drops; talent stays

Although the seven hour day was in effect, the choir class dropped to 24 members. However, the small quantity did not affect their quality.

"Even though they're small, they're very talented," said Maggie McKain, instructor.

During class, the members participated in Jammin' Day where one or more students act out a skit, organize an air band or dance for the class. They also watched musicals such as "Eddie and the Cruisers,"

and "A Chorus Line."

Kelley Geschwentner, fr., received a one on her solo at regionals and qualified for state on April 25.

The events of the year included the annual Christmas concert in December, followed by regional and state contests on April 4 and 9 and finally, ending the year, the spring concert held in May.

— by Lori Armbrister



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1. DO, RE, MI! Andy Smith, jr., gets ready to warm up during vocal music class. Smith was also a member of band. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

2. 1986-'87 VOCAL MUSIC. Back Row: Brady Bittel, so.; Eric Dinkel, jr.; Kris Kruckenberg, so.; Tammy Gottschalk, jr.; Sheri Rupp, jr.; Amy Weber, jr.; Michelle Schoenberger, so.; Nikki Phillips, so. Middle Row: Kevin LaBarge, jr.; Andy Smith, jr.; Tammy Befort, jr.; Robyn Honas, jr.; Adell Smith, fr.; Denise Massier, so.; Tammy Bieker, fr.; Stacy Hart, fr.; Deb Dietz, sr. Front Row: Cassie Schmidt, fr.; Kelly Geschwentner, fr.; Heather Harwick, sr. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.



1. SINGING ALONG, KELLY Geschwentner, fr. participates during choir. Choir was the only vocal music offering this year. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

2. TAKING IT EASY, Stacy Hart, fr., uses free time during choir to do homework. Hart transferred to EHS from Colorado this year. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.



3. FA LA LA. Adell Smith, fr., shows her talent by singing out in class. Smith also took a solo to regional contest. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

4. PLAYING AWAY, MRS. McKain, instructor, accompanies her students as they warm-up. This was McKain's second year. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

Band

Again, band makes Dietz proud

"Laura, let me hear the tuning note," is the way every band member starts his morning. At approximately 8:35 a.m., the band members are seated and ready to play. Every morning consists of a short warm-up period and tuning.

The band starts every year with pep band which they perform in at football games and they later carry it over into basketball games and wrestling matches. With the close of the winter sports comes the beginning of concert and contest band.

This is used to finish the year.

This year, the EHS concert band received a two rating at state competition. There were also five individuals and one ensemble that qualified for state at the regional level. Debbie Dietz, Janice Honas, Laura Dietrich, Mike Honas and Sonja Armbruster took their solos to state. The woodwind choir was the only ensemble to qualify.

Leadership was provided to the band through two different ways. The first was by the thirteen seniors

that were enrolled in the class. The other was by the band officers: Mike Honas, president; Laura Dietrich, vice-president; Danny Fabrizius, secretary-treasurer; Debbie Dietz, librarian; and Melinda Simpson, Stu-Co.

Mr. Dietz summed up the year in the following words: "I feel that this year's band has been the most talented band I have ever worked with."

— by Danny Fabrizius



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1. READY TO PLAY, the Ellis High School band waits for the sign to begin the next song. There were approximately 50 people in band. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

2. ELTON ARMBRISTER, SO., blows with all his might into his trumpet. Armbruster plays the first trumpet part. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

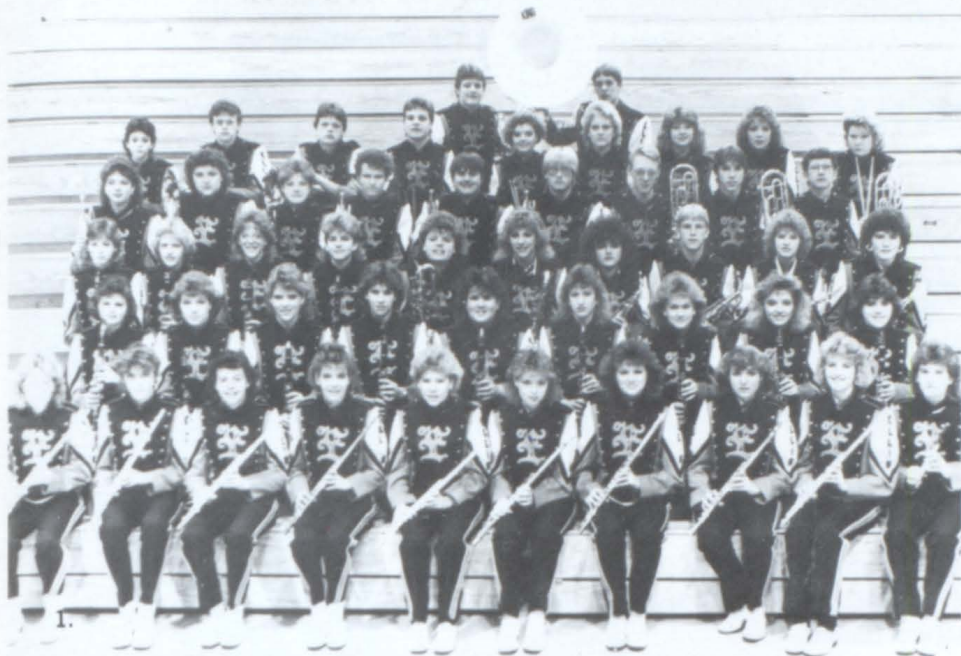
3. PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT, as Debbie Dietz finds out from her dad. Mr. Dietz has been teaching band for 'six years at Ellis. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.



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1. ELLIS HIGH BAND. Front Row: A. Smith, C. Collins, T. Stegman, S. Martin, M. Windholz, N. Hewett, J. Gottschalk, L. Crawford, H. Harwick, D. Dietz. Second Row: T. Dinkel, A. Werner, C. Kohl, J. Kippes, B. Deutscher, S. Flax, L. Gottschalk, An. Keller, L. Dietrich. Third Row: J. Hillman, R. Ptaschek, J. Dinkel, B. Shirk, N. Phillips, D. Dinkel, K. Geschwentner, D. Lieker, M. Schoenberger, D. Armbrister. Fourth Row: A. Mills, D. Stadelman, S. Shannon, A. Smith, T. Patee, E. Armbrister, J. Rathbun, M. Honas, D. Fabrizius. Fifth Row: L. Augustine, T. Begler, E. Shannon, Bl. Bittel, Am. Keller, J. Honas, D. Fritschen, M. Simpson, S. Rupp. Sixth Row: Br. Bittel, H. North. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

2. SONJA ARMBRUSTER WAS the drum major this year, and Terri Kohl was the twirler. Armbruster has been drum major for one year, and Kohl has twirled for four years. Photo by Linda Riedel.



3. WAITING TO START, Angie Werner, fr., consults with fellow band member about a special music passage. Werner plays the clarinet. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

Photography

Inexperience slows staff

The Ellis High School photography staff was a simulation of a foreign exchange student living in a country that is totally foreign to him. Not only were the students inexperienced, but this was also the first year that Mrs. Linda Riedel had ever taught photography.

However, an exchange student learns to adjust to his new surroundings, and these photographers also learned from their all too many mistakes.

"Photography has been a learning experience for all of us. 'Take and

retake, make and remake,' was the name of the game!" said Riedel, adviser.

According to Riedel, Sonja Armbruster was like an interpreter for the other students at the start of the year because she had been in photography for three years.

The photography staff took almost all of the pictures for this yearbook. In addition to yearbook assignments, the staff sold portraits at every school dance.

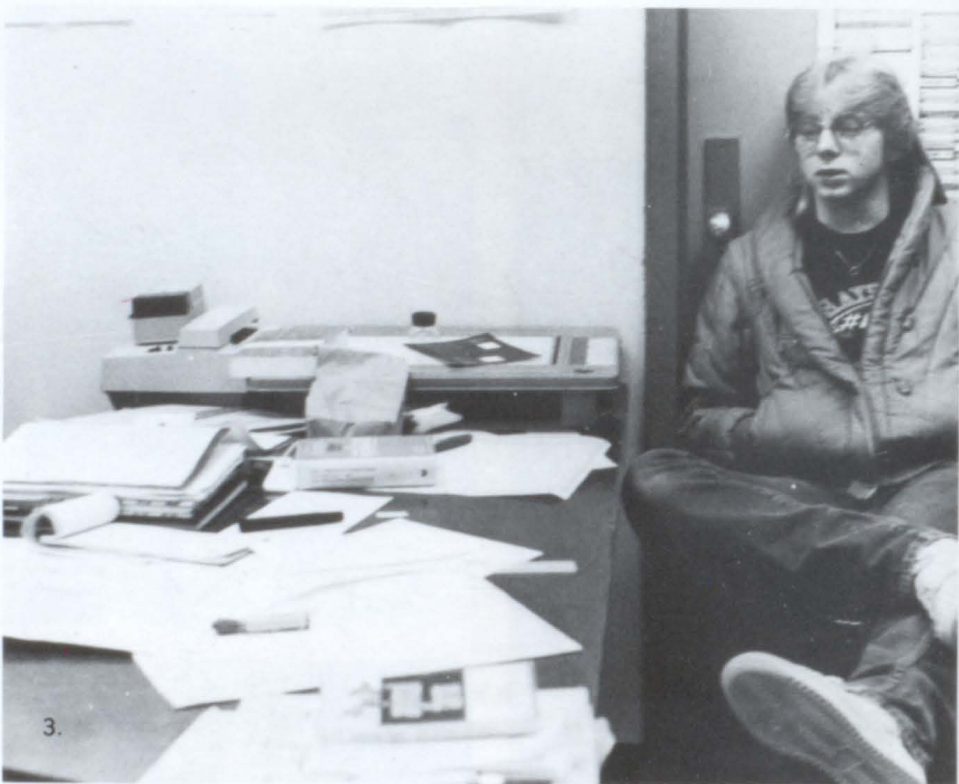
—by Joel Rathbun



1. DID THEY TURN out? Sonja Armbruster, sr., examines her film after developing it. This was Armbruster's third year in photography. Photo by Linda Riedel.

2. HOW DOES THIS work? Tonya Kuppetz, jr., attempts to set up a tripod. A tripod ensures that the camera can't be jiggled during a picture. Photo by Joel Rathbun.

3. WHAT A MESS! Brenda Kinderknecht, sr., considers cleaning up the table full of negatives and proof sheets. Proof sheets give journalists an idea of pictures to choose from. Photo by Joel Rathbun.





1. 120 DEGREES WATER. Mrs. Ridel, adviser, checks the temperature of water to be mixed with developing chemicals. This is the first time Riedel has taught photography. *Photo by Joel Rathbun.*

2. SAY CHEESE! THE 1986-87 photography staff was made up of Brenda Kinderknecht, sr., Sonja Armbruster, sr., Joel Rathbun, sr., Tonya Kuppetz, jr., Amy Huff, jr., and Mrs. Riedel, adviser. *Photo by Reggie Romine.*

3. THIS BETTER FIT. Joel Rathbun, sr., mounts a camera on a tripod for portraits. This is the first year Rathbun was enrolled in both journalism and photography. *Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.*



Journalism

Three stranded at contest

The journalism staff consisted of four seniors and three juniors. The unusually small class performed several tasks such as writing stories for the newspaper, **The Railer Express**, page layouts, and coming up with a theme for the 150 page yearbook, **The Railroader**.

"I thought it was a lot of fun working with the staff. It's really neat how the yearbook is put together," said Tonya Kuppetz, jr.

According to Lorrie McClelland, jr., "I really learned a lot in journalism, especially the importance of using your time wisely."

The staff participated in a regional journalism contest at Fort Hays on

Feb. 12. Lorrie McClelland placed first in cutline writing and went on to place first in state competition on March 28.

Donna Henry, adviser and Tonya Kuppetz, jr. accompanied McClelland to the state contest held in Lawrence. The trip, however, was longer than they expected. When winter's second blizzard hit Kansas and I-70 was closed, they were stuck in Lawrence for an additional two days. They spent the time shopping and exploring adventurous stunts with the Plainville journalism staff.

— by Lori Armbrister



1. I GOT IT! Lorrie McClelland, jr., makes a headline for the newspaper. McClelland was circulation manager for both publications. Photo by Joel Rathbun.

2. JOURNALISM STAFF. DANNY Fabrizio, sr., Deb Dietz, sr., Brenda Kinderknecht, sr., Tonya Kuppetz, jr. Donna Henry, adviser, Lori Armbrister, jr., and Joel Rathbun, sr. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.



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1. MEET THE DEADLINE! Danny Fabrizius, sr., and Deb Dietz, sr., work on quad-paks for the yearbook. Each staff member is assigned to do approximately 21 Railroader pages. Photo by Joel Rathbun.

2. USING THE COMPUTER, Lori Armbrister, jr., runs off stories for the newspaper. Armbrister was assistant copy editor and was required to approve all stories before print. Photo by Brenda Kinderknecht.

3. I DON'T UNDERSTAND! Tonya Kuppetz, jr., listens to Mrs. Henry's ideas during journalism. Kuppetz was typeset editor and had to complete the index for the Railroader. Photo By Joel Rathbun.

4. BUSY AT WORK, Donna Henry, adviser, edits a story. Henry also teaches freshman and sophomore English. Photo by Sonya Armbruster.



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Forensics

Forensics team qualifies 18 for state

Once again this year's forensics squad rallied to meet and surpass standards of excellence which they themselves had set.

One highlight was the regaining of the MCL championship crown which, after last year's loss, was brought back to Ellis.

"It felt great going into tournaments when you knew that you were the best and had the caliber of people to win!" said Kris Kruckenberg, soph.

The 37-member team consisted of fifteen freshmen, eleven sophomores, six juniors and five seniors.

They captured three fourth place honors, one third place and one second, along with the league championship.

The team succeeded in qualifying seven students for State Festival and eleven for Grand State. At Grand State three people broke finals and placed. They were Kelly Geschwentner, third in humorous solo acting; Sharnelle Shan-

non, sixth in informative speaking; and Joel Rathbun, fifth in dramatic solo acting.

Linda Riedel, forensics coach, said, "One highlight was qualifying a full slate of members to compete at Grand State. Next year should produce more success for the stability of the program which will be greatly enhanced. I'm looking forward to it."

— by Lorrie McClelland



1. HERE WE GO, Jill Kippes, so., tells herself as she prepares to give her presentation on forensics night. Kippes performed a humorous oral interpretation of a prose, "Alexander, Who Used To Be Rich Last Sunday." Photo by Sonja Armbruster.



2. THE DYNAMIC DUO! Blake Bittel and Connie Kohl smile after a swell second round at Grand State. Bittel and Kohl were sophomores that performed the humorous duet, "Prisoner on Second Avenue." Photo by Sonja Armbruster.

3. THE 1986-'87 FORENSICS TEAM. Front Row: N. Hewett, S. McCoy, B. Shirk, L. Augustine, J. Dinkel, T. Dinkel, A. Werner. Second Row: A. Smith, K. Geschwentner, N. Phillips, H. Dinkel, W. Waldschmidt, J. Kippes, J. Gottschalk, C. Kohl, H. Kroeger, C. Schmidt. Third Row: T. Stegman, S. Shannon, L. Crawford, L. McClelland, D. Dinkel, J. Rathbun, D. Stadelman, C. Younger, M. Augustine, Bl. Bittel. Back Row: B. Honas, H. North, K. Kruckenberg, E. King, L. Matteson, B. Deutscher, R. Huff, Br. Bittel. Photo by Sonja Armbruster.





1. GETTING INTO IT! Sophomore Brady Bittel shows emotion in his poetry. Bittel qualified for state festival. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*

2. "GOOD MORNING T.V. friends!" Kelly Geschwentner, fr., presents her humorous solo, "Plunkets' Pink Pills for Pale People" on forensics night. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*

3. WHERE ARE THE RESULTS? Michele Augustine, sr., and Laura Crawford, jr., wait to see who broke finals at the Dighton meet. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*

4. BUCKLE IT UP Lorrie McClelland, jr., pauses to make a point in her oration on "Why You Should Wear Your Seatbelt" McClelland was one of eleven to qualify for Grand State. *Photo by Sonja Armbruster.*

5. PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE! Senior Sonja Armbruster studies her prose for her prose presentation. Armbruster was preparing for the third round at Grand State. *Photo by Linda Riedel.*

Graduation

Seniors take final steps

Marching to the familiar strains of "Pomp and Circumstance," 40 seniors stepped forth on May 27 to receive their diplomas as high school became but a memory.

"Pomp and Circumstance" was played by the EHS band under the direction of Mr. Bill Dietz.

The commencement address was given by Greg Leiker, a former EHS graduate and captain in the United States Air Force.

A quartet of four seniors, Debbie Dietz, Heather Harwick, Mike Honas and Don Leiker sang "For The Beauty Of The Earth."

Michele Augustine and Christine

Younger were honored as valedictorian and salutatorian respectively.

Following commencement exercises, the class held Ellis High's first-ever Project Graduation.

The class wore royal blue and silver gowns, and their flower was the red rose.

The class motto was, "The road won't be lonely if we can say at the end, we walked together hand in hand with a friend."

— by *Lorrie McClelland*



1. HOLD ON TO the memories. Senior Heather Harwick takes a moment to reflect upon her high school years. Harwick was co-captain of the cheerleading squad this year. *Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.*

2. THIS IS IT! Tim Homburg steps into line to receive his diploma. Homburg was on the planning committee of Project Graduation. *Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.*

3. GRADUATING CLASS MEMBERS enthusiastically applaud the guest speaker, captain Greg Leiker. Leiker was the brother of a 1987 graduate, Don Leiker. *Photo by Linda Riedel.*

4. I DID IT! Laura Dietrich walks back to her seat as a high school graduate. Dietrich was one of four seniors in the National Honor Society. *Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.*





1. 1987 CLASS VALEDICTORIAN Michele Augustine stands while her scholarships are read. The reading of students' scholarships has been an added part of the ceremonies since last year. *Photo by Linda Riedel.*

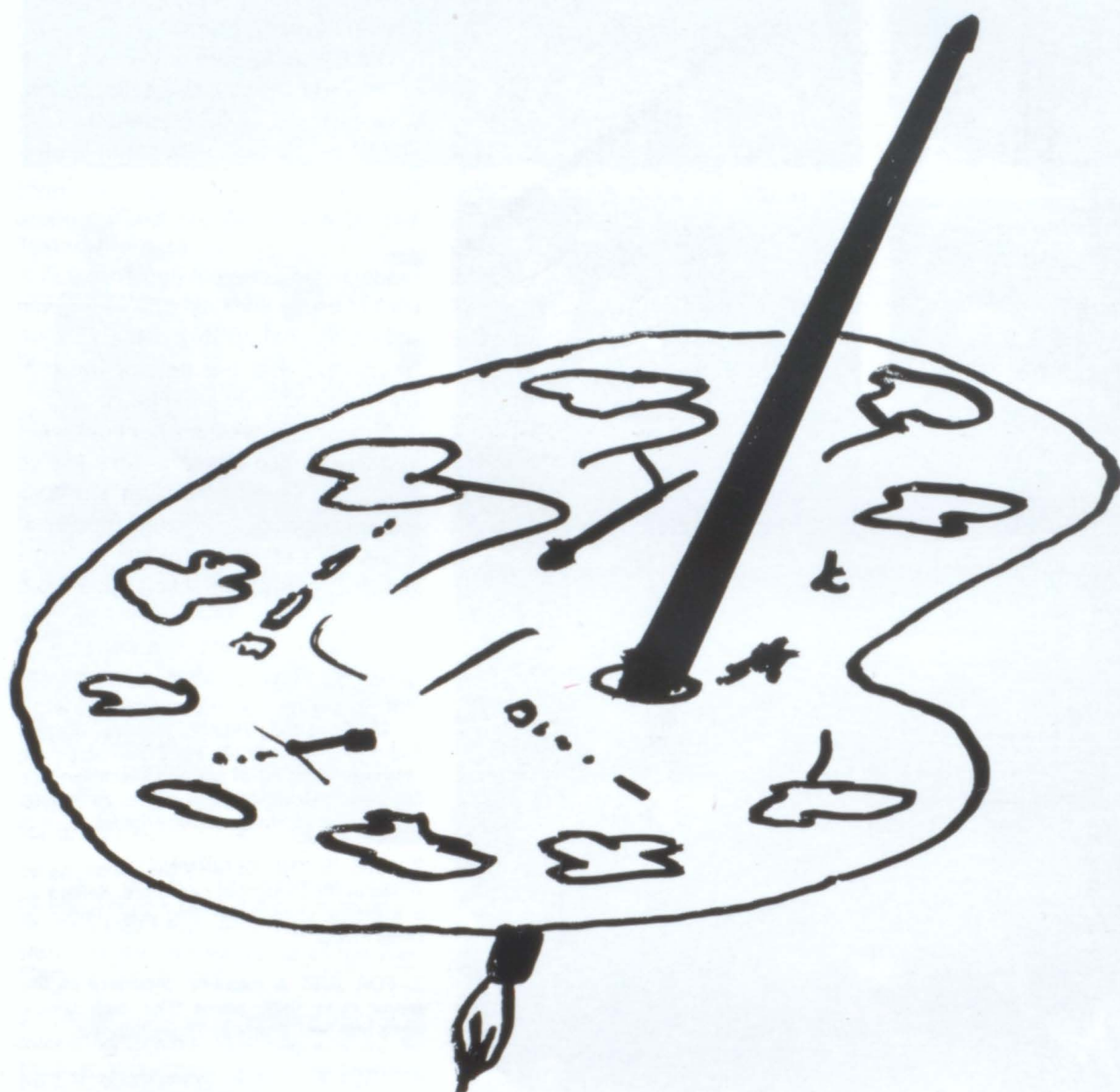
2. THIS IS THE BEGINNING. Anne Keller smiles at the thought of her future. Keller was a wrestling cheerleader this year. *Photo by Linda Riedel.*


3. FOR JUST A moment. Members of the senior class think about their high school years together. *Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.*

4. I GOT IT! Brenda Kinderknecht is congratulated by a USD 388 board member upon her graduation. Kinderknecht was active in volleyball, basketball and track. *Photo by Linda Riedel.*

5. DO RE MI! Debbie Dietz, Heather Harwick, Don Leiker and Mike Honas sing at graduation. The singers performed the same song they did at their graduation from eighth grade. *Photo by Tonya Kuppetz.*

6. TAKING ANOTHER STEP. Janice Honas and Mike Honas listen intently to the guest speaker. Janice and Mike are cousins and have gone to school together for twelve years. *Photo by Linda Riedel.*





Year Brings Tragedies, Triumphs

As the doors of Ellis High School close for another year, memories are forever closed inside.

The 1986-87 school year was full of tragedies as well as triumphs. With the loss of Gary Luea, an Ellis alumnus, came the beginning of a S.A.D.D. chapter. Luea died in an auto accident in November.

Even though enrollment went down, spirit in Ellis High rose to an even greater high. A drill team was started, but will be unable to continue next year because of the problem of scheduling practices.

Almost two weeks of school were lost due to two unseasonable March blizzards. Seven Ellis High students experienced one blizzard firsthand when stranded overnight in Ernie King's blazer about seven miles from town.

—However, fortune was not so kind when on May 17, King, a junior, was killed in a one-vehicle accident while on his way home. King's death prompted the seniors, along with the faculty and parents, to have a Project Graduation. This party turned out to be a great success.

Pete Larghe persevered through a late work session until 6:30 a.m. on his computer program, but triumphed with a second place medal at the computer contest.

Even though in 1987, Ellis High School had its moments of disappointment and sorrow, it was still a great place to be. But then, **WE KNEW THAT!**

— *by Debbie Dietz*

THE BARE HALLS of Ellis High show the end of the 1986-87 school year. Photo by Joel Rathbun.

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