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Yes, I'm cool. Misty Rathbun, soph., models the new style in sunglasses. Rathbun has participated in volleyball for two years. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)

Balancing act. Jill Kippes, sr., does her impersonation of the "Karate Kid" in law class. Kippes has been a wrestling cheerleader for two years. (Photo by Holly Kroeger)

Don't mess with us. Kelly Geschwentner, jr., and Brenda Shirk, jr., show that they mean business as they model their Arabian style during Spirit Week. On this particular day, students dressed as partner look-alikes. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)


## Began

Approximately 18 years ago there was a major boom in the baby industry. Nationwide, badies were born with a distinctive characteristic about them. As those certain few grew into adolescents and then to young adults, this distinctive characteristic began to appear. At this
point in time, it was known by all that the students of EHS were BORN TO BE ORANGE.

Through the years of happiness and tears, the friendships grew stronger. The following pages of the ' 89 Railroader capture only a small portion of the memorable experiences of the
students of EHS. But until the day that we must part, the averlasting memories which were created by each and every student will forever live in our hearts.

12 by Jodi Gotschalk


Here we come a truckin' in. The majority of the senior class piled in a wheat truck on the first day of school. The seniors went dragging Main Street until it was time to go to school. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

The EHS band had another good year. From half-time shows in September to the Memorial Day appearances in May, it was a full season. Mr. Dietz commented on why it was a special year for him.
"This has been an unusual year for me because all of the students this year have been in-
structed by me since the fifth grade. They are all exceptionally good players.'

The band received a I rating at the State Fair. They entertained the Ellis crowds at football and basketball games, wrestling matches, and at the Christmas and spring concerts.

1 by Robb Hazen


Marking time. Sharnelle Shannon, jr., led the band throughout the marching season. This is Shannon's second year as drum majorette. (Photo by Brad Tebo)

Keeping in step, the EHS band marches in the Ellis Homecoming Parade. They also marched in the Fort Hays Homecoming Parade. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)

Entertaining the crowd, the EHS pep band provides half-time entertainment. They received many compliments on their performances. (Photo by Toni Dinkel)



Ellis marching band. Front to back: S. Shannon, T. Dinkel, J. Gottschalk, M. Schoenberger, S. Dinkel, C. Kohl, O. Fondoble, D. Faulkender, S. Hewett, M. Schoenberger, J. Hillman, R. Ptaschek, J. Dinkel, A. Werner, A. Scott, A. Smith, J. Keller, C. Collins, T. Stegman, N. Hewett, D. Armbrister, T. North, M. Amrein, T. Kroeger, K. Kinderknecht, K. Geschwentner, J. Kippes, J. Gager, B. Bittel, N. Phillips, L. Kohl, N. Seibel, A. Bartlett, C. Schoenthaler, S. O'Rourke, J. Locker, L. Fisher, M. Rathbun, D. Vine, D. Graber, T. Patee, E. Armbrister, B. Kruckenburg, B. Kohl, J. Kohl, R. Hazen, J. Kolacny, L. Smith, C. Scott, B. Beecher, T. Begler. (Photo by Brad Tebo)
EHS band officers. Natalie Seibel, librarian; Robb Hazen, vice-president; Jill Kippes, stuco representative; Elton Armbrister, president; Nikki Phillips, secretary. (Photo by Toni Dinkel)
All in a row, Sean O'Rourke, John Locker, Lynn Fisher, and Chad Schoenthaler, fr., do their part. This is their first year in the EHS band. (Photo by Toni Dinkel)

Size was not a major concern for Mrs. Maggie McKain, vocal instructor at EHS.
"The equal balance of voices made up for the small number of students," said McKain.

The choir students began the school year with daily rehearsals for the MCL vocal clinic at Victoria. The annual clinic is one in which Ellis has always participated. Other performances included the Christmas and spring concerts. All choir students were also required to participate in an ensemble for contest, which took place in April.
When asked how he thought the choir year had gone, Cory

H old that note! Mrs. Maggie McKain, vocal instructor at EHS, conducts the class as they rehearse for the upcoming concert. McKain has taught at EHS for four years. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

E HS choir members. Front row: A. Smith, M. Kreutzer, D. Massier, H. Scheck, T. Kreutzer, B. McDonald. Second row: M. Schoenberger, J. Meyers, D. Dinkel, A. Scott, K. Kinderknecht, M. Schoenberger. Third row: T. Augustine, C. Eberle, N. Martin, W. Ditter, D. Oraber, M. Hernandez, S. Simpkins. Fourth row: J. Metzler, M. Brungardt, D. Augustine, B. Kohl, C. McCoy, M. Werth. Fifth row: T. Begler, N. Phillips, R. Mazen. (Photo by Brad Tebo)

Eberle, a freshman choir member, replied, "Choir went pretty good except the Christmas concert wasn't as successful as we had wished. We tried hard and that's what counts.
When asked what she would have changed about the choir program, McKain replied, "Many people comment on how important it is to have the same teachers year after year. It works the same way in a music program. When the students continue to take choir year after year, they improve both individually and as a group.

## 1 by Nikki Phillips




H it that low note, Dave! Dave Augustine strives to hit a low note. Augustine is only one of the seven senior leaders in choir. (Photo by Linda Riedel)
$\mathbf{Z}$ ingaZingaZoo. Mona Werth and Casey McCoy sing a warm up that was an every day occurrence to prepare for the real work. This was Werth's and McCoy's first year in high school choir. (Photo by Linda Riedel)


C ome and celebrate today ... Casey McCoy, Amy Scott, Bonnie McDonald, Dave Graber, Cory Eberle, Jackie Meyers and Nikki Phillips rehearse for the Christmas concert. A mixed choir was used throughout the year for concerts. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

## Complete

## Picture

Photography is always filled with surprises, and this year was no different. This year's wettest surprise occurred when a water pipe busted in the dark room over the weekend. On Sunday afternoon Mr. Eldon Pfeifer happened to be walking down the hall when he discovered water seeping out from under the photography door. He called Mrs. Linda Riedel and they discovered that the water was three inches deep, flowing into the adjacent rooms and running across the hall heading toward Mr. John Kolanny's room. Mr. Gilbert Augustine, custodian, and Mr. Clair Beecher, superintendent, were called to help clean up. It was still a little damp on Monday, but class resumed.

This year's class had a good size, but they realized early in the year that more people does not mean less work.
"This year we have the biggest photography staff ever, which means we have taken lots and lots of pictures but still never the right ones," said Mrs. Riedel, photography teacher.

The class, consisting of two seniors and five juniors, took piclures for the yearbook and other various organizations. They also took group portraits at Homecoming, Snoball and Prom. They supported themselves by selling the dance portraits and black and white photos to students, as well as receiving a yearly payment from journalism.

- by Kob Hazan


Looking for the right one, Brad Tebo checks out the negatives. Photography class is offered to Juniors and seniors. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

1988-89 photography staff. Left to right: Cassie Schmidt, jr.; Toni Dinker, jr.; Shannon McCoy, Jr.; Rhonda Ptaschek, jr.; Holly Kroeger, sr.; and Kathy Braungardt, jr. Not pictured: Brad Tebo. (Photo by Brad Nebo)



Hard at work, Rhonda Ptaschek, jr., makes letterheads, while Brad Tebo, sr., cuts negatlves. Ptaschek and Tebo were both first year students. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

What a smile. Holly Kroeger takes a break while waiting to get into the dark room. Kroeger was the only second year photography student this year. (Photo by Brad Tebo)

Ready, aim, fire. Kathy Brungardt is caught preparing to take a picture. This was Brungardt's first year at EHS. (Photo by Brad Tebo)

## Write <br> Idea

For the second time in three years, an EHS journalist placed first at state contest.
Jodi Gottschalk, sr., received first place in double page spread and design.
Gottschalk, Jill Kipper, sr., Sharnelle Shannon, jr., and Toni Dinkel, jr., competed at State at Kansas University in April.
The journalism staff, consisting of six seniors and three junirs, chose the theme, "Born to Be Orange," for the 1988-89 yearbook.

Due to adviser Mrs. Donna Henry's extended maternity
leave, the staff concentrated on completing the yearbook and did not distribute a regular newspaper throughout the year.

Two of the returning seniors started the year in the summer by attending a three-day workshop in Hays.
Jill Kipper and Wendy Waldschmidt took fourth place in the workshop's design contest. The graphics ideas that they used were incorporated into this yearbook.



Say what? Robb Hazen, sr., takes a break from working on the computer to listen to the latest gossip in journalism. This was Hazen's first year in journalism. (Photo by Toni Dinkel)

Oops, I forgot my cropper Although Jodi Gottschalk, sr., had to borrow a cropper from a neighbor at state journalism, she still managed to come home with first place. This was Gottschalk's second year of state competition. (Photo by Toni Dinker)


1988-89 Journalism staff. Front row: Angle Wemer, Jr., Jill Kippes, sr., Wendy Waildschmidt, sr., Nilkkl Phillips, sr., Jodl Gottschalk, sr. Back row: Robb Hazen, sr., Tonl Dinkel, Jr., Shawn Oraf, sr., and Shamelle Shannon, Jr. (Photo by Brad Tebo)
Mother to 'be; to be. Donna Henry, yearbook adviser, poses on her last day before her matemity leave: Henry gave birth to twin girls in November. (Photo by Jodi Gottschalk)


Concentration is the key. Shamelle Shannon, Jr., who went to state Joumalism in advertising, checks over her work. Thls was Shannon's first year in Journalism. (Photo by Toni Dinkel)

Party! Party! Party! The Journallsm staff surprised Mrs. Henry with a party before she left for maternity leave. (Photo by Jodi Gottschalk)

## Freshmen

On the first day of school, there were many frightened faces in the halls of EHS. They belonged to the 45 freshmen. The freshmen had the biggest class at EHS, consisting of 14 girls and 31 boys.

As freshmen, the class of ' 92 experienced choosing the classes they wanted throughout the year.

During Homecoming the fresh-
men demonstrated enthusiasm and spirit as they placed second in spirit competition and third in the float competition.
"There was not much work done on the float, but fun was had by all. We participated with a lot of enthusiasm in the events throughout the week," said class president Zach Zerfas.

1 by Wendy Waldschmidt


Squeeze a little tighter. Olivia Fondoble and Amy Scott, fr., try to pop a balloon between them for Kayette initlation. All freshman girls who want to join Kayettes are required to be initiated. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

Leading the way. Olivia Fondoble, secretary; Cory Eberle, treasurer; Zach Zerfas, president; Dallas Faulkender, vi-ce-president. (Photo by Brad Tebo)


Go Freshmen go. Michael Armbrister, Dustin Vine, Dean Hays, Casey McCoy, Jeff Kohl, Tim Kroeger and Michael Binder, fr., do chants as they ride in the Homecoming parade. The freshman football players participated in the parade by riding in the back of Stacy Schaus' pick-up. (Photo by Linda Riedel)



Go Railers! The freshman float parades down Main during Homecoming. The freshmen built their float at Trio Lumber. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)

We're bad. Mona Werth and Bonnie McDonald, fr., wait in line for the Homecoming parade. Werth and McDonald participated in FHA. (Photo by Toni Dinkel)

Pay close attention. Cory Eberle, Marty Hemandez and Nicole Martin, fr., take a break from studying in health class. Health is a required class. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)


Michael Amrein
Michael Armbrister
Michael Augustine
Tracy Augustine


Michael Binder Ben Deutscher Casey Dinkel Tim Dinkel

Wade Ditter Cory Eberle Dallas Faulkender D. J. Fischer

Lynn Fisher Olivia Fondoble Dean Hays Marty Hernandez

Shaundell Hewett Lyle Johnston Justin Keeler Jason Klitzke

Bob Kohl Jeff Kohl Tava Kreutzer Tim Kroeger



Bonnie McDonald
Jackie Meyers
Sean O'Rourke
Clint Pfannenstiel

Stacy Schaus
Heather Scheck
Marlisa Schoenberger
Chad Schoenthaler

Amy Scott
Sonya Simpkins
Lee Smith
Chad Sproul

Libby Spurgeon
Chris Stegman Dustin Vine
Mona Werth

## Sophomores

When asked to describe the sophomore class, Jarrett Kolacny, so., said, "We're the most competitive class in high school.

Sophomores Natalie Seibel and Stacy Dinkel agreed with Kolacny's assessment. Both mentioned "closeness" and "a competitive spirit" as the ingredients for a successful year.

The class's competitive spirit led them to place first for spirit and for their float entry during Homecoming week.

Besides competing for class honors, the sophomores worked the concession stand at all home games to make money for Prom and graduation.
by Toni Dinkel


S ophomore officers STOP to pose. The of ficers were Misty Rathbun, pres,; Jeff williams, vice-pres.; Carman Wemer, treas.; and Jason Edmonds, sec. (Photo by Brad Tebo)
G o, Go, Gol Sophomore volleyball players Krista Weber, Jennifer Keller, Misty Rathbun and Carman Wemer take the time out from practice to cheer on the EHS cross-country members. Coach Hertel let them out of practice to root for the Ellis team at the home meet.

M aking the last touches, sophomores Chris Scott, Rick Peterson and Jarrett Kolacny get ready to enter their float in the parade. The sophomores took fourth place on their float. (Photo by Linda Riedel)



W hile checking out the scoreboard, Melissa Kreutzer, Krista Weber, Jim Metzler and Trevor Mallagin present a big smile at the winning score. The varsity basketball boys beat Osborne 69-62. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

B oy, isn't this excitingl Rick Peterson, so., looks on at a pep rally. This is Peterson's second year in Ellis. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)


W hat a nutritious meal. Carman Wemer snacks on a candy bar during class. Werner was the only student in Adv. Home Economics. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

Amy Bartlett Brenda Beecher Stacey Dinkel Jason Edmonds

Tony Englert Jason Gager Jason Gerstner Trevor Hallagin


Evan Henderson Jennifer Keller Karla Kinderknecht Jeff Kippes


Lance Kohl Jarrett Kolacny Melissa Kreutzer


## Survey reveals dating game

D ating is something every high school student gets to experience at one time or another. The EHS sophomores were surveyed in order to find out how they viewed the dating game.

When asked the ideal age to begin dating, many ages were listed, but the majority of sophomores listed 14 years as the best age.

Places listed as the site of
the first date were many. The Dairy Kreme and a basketball game were only two of the common places mentioned.

When the sophomores were asked if they could change anything about dating if they had the chance, there were many responses.
'I wouldn't have dated so young. I would have spent more time getting to know girls," said Brenda Beecher.

I would take a girl to a fancy restaurant and then go dancing," said Jeff Kippes.
"I would not act so silly and act more like myself," said Karla Kinderknecht.

Although the survey was a simple one, it revealed that the sophomores hold diverse views about dating.

- by Tont Dinkel



## Junions

W hen it comes to people having to pull together, the junior class of 1990 could be counted on throughout the year.

Although the small class of 28 people didn't quite rack up enough points during Spirit Week, they pulled together to take first place on their float.

Trying to outdo the junior play of the year before required hard work from everyone. With the help of Mrs. Linda Riedel, speech and drama teacher, the juniors worked together to have 100\%
participation. Although not everyone had a speaking part, everyone played a big part in putting the show on.

Once again the juniors pulled together to show their unity for one of the biggest events of the year, the Jr-Sr Prom. The juniors were quick to come up with a theme and neat ideas.
"It was really great to see everyone working together and putting in ideas and helping out a lot," said Brad Honas, president.

- by Sharnelle Shannon


J unior class officers. Top: Heath North treas. Middle: Angie Wemer, sec.; Toni Dinkel, vice-pres. Bottom: Brad Honas, pres. (Photo by Brad Tebo)

H ey nowl Angie Wemer has a little fun with a shower cap before the Kayette initiation. This was Wemer's third year in Kayettes. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)
w e's bad manl George Crawford, Jr. waits for the parade to start. Crawford and Brad Honas, Jr., pulled their class float. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)




This bird's for you. The junior class float awaits the start of the parade. The juniors took first place with their float. (Photo by Holly Kroeger)


Hey, heyl Robert Huff, jr., stands in the hall before class starts. Huff was active in wrestling. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)

I t won't hurt, little piggyl Kelly Geschwentner, jr., dissects a pig for Biology II. It was Geschwentner's second year of biology under Mr. Max Klitzke. (Photo by Toni Dinkel)

Mark Armbrister Loretta Augustine Kathy Brungardt Christy Collins

George Crawford Janelle Dinkel Toni Dinkel Amy Fitzwater

Kelly Geschwentner
Sam Herman Nicole Hewett Jenny Hillman


Brad Honas Robert Huff


## Excitement hits Ellis during

"W e interrupt this program to bring to you a special news bulletin. The police are now searching for two adult negro males involved in a gas skip. The suspects have abandoned their car two miles south of Yocemento. They seem to be heading west and are suspected to be unarmed. If you see anything suspicious, please notify the police immediately. We return now to
our regular program.
An unusual bit of excitement hit Ellis High School in January 1989. Although some students found it no big deal, others saw it as a chance to skip the books and make the news.
The event was made known to most students by their car radio. Ag students who were watering the trees were the first to become involved. They saw the two
men crossing the school grounds. Eric Shannon, sr., said that he didn't think it was the fugitives at first because he thought that there was only one man being chased.
The two men were next seen walking past the art room. Mr. Stan Faulkender, art teacher, reported the sighting to the office and went outside to approach the men who seemed to be look-


## the big manhunt

ing for a car. When asked how he felt as he approached the men, Faulkender said, "I felt like Clint Eastwood, 'Dirty Stanley'.'

The students counted how many highway patrol cars were outside, and at one time there were nine patrol cars in the parking lot. In addition to the land search, an airplane was seen swooping so low that at times it barely missed the water tower.

There was definitely a search taking place.

The smaller of the two men was arrested walking toward the grade school. Three hours later, the other man was spotted and apprehended on E. 14th Street.

Meanwhile, at 12:30 the students, some upset that the excitement was over, answered to the call of the fifth hour bell. The outcome of the day could have
been summed up in many different ways. The men were caught, and the students of Ellis High were linked to two stories. The first story, told by the papers and media, brought a sense of publicity to EHS. The other story is one that the present students of Ellis High School could tell many years down the road of the irony of two negroes passing through Ellis on foot.

## Leaders on the

## MOVE

A tentative code of conduct was brought before Stu-Co to consider for adoption this year. If adopted, the code of conduct, a part of the Target program, would prohibit the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Those students breaking the code would be prohibited from participating in extra-curricular activities.

Stu-Co representatives had
many questions conceming the enactment and enforcement of the conduct code. They found out that the code, if passed, would not be put into effect until the 1989-90 school year.

In addition, during the school year Stu-Co sponsored a car wash, hosted Homecoming and sponsored a Christmas movie for the student body.


88-89 Stu-Co officers. Connie Kohl, secretary; Kevin Augustine, vice-president; Kyle Eberle, president; Tina Stegman, treasurer. (Photo by Brad Tebo)

Stuffing it in. Juniors Mark Armbrister, Shamelle Shannon, Jenny Hillman and Adell Smith enjoy their hot dogs. Stu-Co provided the food at the homecoming picnic. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)



1988-89 Stu-Co members. Front row: J. Gottschalk, B. Shirk, C. Kohl, J. Kippes, S. McCoy, T. Dinkel. Second row: K. Augustine, K. Eberle, W. Ditter, N. Martin, J. Williams, O. Crawford, C. Werner, M. Rathbun. Back row: J. Riedel, T. Stegman, S. Shannon, C. Schoenthaler, R. Hazen, A. Flax, A. Ditter, B. Kruckenberg. (Photo by Brad Tebo)

Whatchya need? Connie Kohl, sr., and Tina Stegman, jr. work in the concession stand at the Christmas movie. This was Stu-Co's third year to sponsor the Christmas movie. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)

The Future Farmers of America had another busy year. The annual events included a faculty breakfast, fruit sales, Barnwarmer and the end-of-theyear banquet.

When asked about fruit sales, Mr. Eldon Pfeifer, adviser, said, "Fruit sales had a successful year even though the number of boxes sold was less."
Top fruit sellers were: Terry Patee, sr., first; Jason Gager, soph., second; Jeff Kohl, fr., third; and Sheldon Pfeifer soph., fourth.

One egg or two? Mr. Pfeifer, George Crawford, jr., Sheldon Pfeifer, soph., Brian Kruckenberg, soph., and Jim Metzler, soph. had quite an assembly line going at the FFA breakfast. The breakfast is for all teachers and new students. (Photo by Holly Kroeger)

FFA Week was February 18-25. Activities consisted of Dress Up Day, a faculty breakfast, a round bale rolling contest and a chicken chase.
When asked how he felt about FFA as a whole, Brian Kruckenburg, soph., said, "I feel the FFA as an organization has a great deal to offer, but as in anything, you must put into it what you expect to get out of it.'

Other events throughout the year included dairy and poultry juding, an Ag mechanics contest and a Greenhand conference.

Dy Mikki Phillips

MMMM . . . Kyle Eberle, sr., waits for his turn in line at the FFA breakfast. Eberle has been a member of FFA four years. (Photo by Holly Kroeger)



Who's the judge? Ben Deutscher, fr.; Chad Sproul, fr.; Micheal Armbrister, fr.; Chr's Stegman, fr.; D. J. Fischer, fr.; Stacy Schaus, fr.; Clint Pfannenstiel, fr.; and Jeff Kohl, fr., competed in the dairy contest in Hays. The team took ninth. (Photo by Linda Riedel)


Ooooh . . . Mr. Eldon Pfeifer, FFA adviser, takes time to yawn. Pfeifer has been teaching at EHS for twelve years. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

1988-89 FFA officers. George Crawford, jr., pres.; Brian Kruckenberg, soph., reporter; Brady Bittel, sr., vice-pres.; Connie Kohl, sr., District Sweetheart; Robert Huff, jr., treas.; Sheldon Pfeifer, soph., sec.; Jeff Wolf, sr., sentinel; and Eldon Pfeifer, adviser. (Photo by Brad Tebo)


88-89 FFA members. First row: L. Johnston, W. Ditter, M. Hernandez, C. McCoy, D. J. Fischer, J. Kohl, A. Younger, D. Hays. Second row: S. Schaus, C. Sproul, R. Lahrge, C. Schoenthaler, M. Arbrister, J. Gager, C. Pfannenstiel, C. Stegman, J. Williams, M. Augustine. Third row: C. Kohi, L. Locker, C. Patten, J. Timmons, M. Armbrister, C. McElroy, B. Honas, E. Armbrister, B. Kruckenberg, J. Wolf, S. Graf, R. Huff, B. Bittel, S. Pfeifer, L. Kohi, O. Crawford, A. Ditter, H. North, Z. Zerfas, C. Eberle, S. Herman, J. Klitzke, C. Dinkel, B. Deutscher. Back row: E. Shannon, K. Eberle, B. Shirk, A. Flax, L. Matteson, T. Patee, K. Kruckenberg, and J. Metzler. (Photo by Brad Tebo)

## $\underset{\text { Mission }}{\text { POSSIBLE }}$

FHA had another busy sheduse this year. They had seven entries of oral presentation in the district contest on February 15, two of which qualified for state on March 30. The oral presentations allow students to participate in events which help to demonstrate their knowledge of various phases of home economics.
The two qualifying entries were Dallas Faulkender and a group entry including Amy Bartlett, Jennifer Keller, Misty Rathbun and Carman Werner. The state contest and the state meeting the following day (March 31) were held in Topeka.
Besides the qualifiers, the members who had accumulated the most points over the year were allowed to attend the state meeting.
Career Day was one of this

FHA officers. Left to right: Abby Milton, soph., Carman Werner, soph., Angela Werner, jr., Cassie Schmidt, jr., Rhonda Ptaschek, jr., Tina Stegman, jr., Jennifer Keller, soph., Mrs. Virginia Duell, sponsor, and Loretta Augustine, jr. (Photo by Brad Tebo)
year's biggest projects. People that were qualified to speak on specific careers came to EHS to speak and to try to answer the questions of the students. Every student was allowed to visit with three different speakers. Overall, there was a positive student reaction toward the Career Day.
As always, FHA did many things for others. On a hayrack ride in December, the girls went Christmas carolling and visited the Good Samaritan Home. They also held a raffle on the night of the last home basketball game with the proceeds going to the Arthritis Foundation.
On the whole, there seemed to be more energy within the club.
"I felt that the students have been enthusiastic about their projects this year," said sponsor Mrs. Virginia Duell.
by Kob Hazen

Which was is up? Sam Herman, Jr., participates in the Barnwarmer activities. Herman's hard work helped him win the title of Mr. FHA. (Photo by Kathy Braungardt)



Looking good. These five girls were presented with sashes on how they reacted to being woken up at 2:30 A.M. at the freshman initiation. Top row: Amy Scott, "grouchiest," Tava Kreutzer, "sexiest," Heather Scheck, "easiest." Bottom row: Dallas Faulkender, "ugliest," and Bonnie McDonald, "comfortablest." (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)

Good stuff. Bonnie McDonald, fr., and Marlisa Schoenberger, fr., enjoy their breakfast at the freshman initiation. They considered the donuts the best part of the initiation. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)


FHA members. Sitting: H. Kroeger, M. Schoenberger, $S$. Hewett, M. Schoenberger, N . Hewett. Kneeling: T. Dinkel, C. Werner, R. Ptaschek, K. Weber, L. Augustine, J. Hillman, J. Dinkel. Standing: D. Faulkender, J. Keller, H. Dinkel, S. Dinkel, D. Dinkel, N. Seibel, A. Fitzwater, A. Milhon, E. Armbrister, A. Scott, A. Bartlett, C. Collins, M. Rathbun, J. Meyers, D. Massier, L. Spurgeon, D. Armbrister, A. Werner, T. Stegman, K. Brungardt, C. Schmidt. (Photo by Brad Tebo)

## Control

Although the population of students at EHS slightly rose, control for teachers, is still right down their alley.

Smaller classes have several advantages. The teachers can get to know the students and can focus on giving each student more personal attention. This gives the teacher a better idea of
each student's capabilities.
According to Mrs. Marla Deines, psychology and foreign language teacher, "A smaller number of students in classes allows individualized teaching and an opportunity for me to get to know my students better.'



1988-89 Faculty. Seated: S. Faulkender, L. Riedel, J. Howard, C. Hertel, D. Henry, L. Walker, V. Duell, B. Mauk. Standing: A. Mills, B. Erikson, S. Faulkender, T. Zerfas, M. Klitzke, B. Dietz, E. Pfeifer, J. Kolacny, (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)

Puttin' them in their place. Ginger Fabrizius and Marabeth Scott check out the new arrivals. The librarians encourage students to take advantage of the library material. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)

On the road again. R. Hurt, B. Armbrister, F. Augustine, P. Patee, J. Locker, J. Patten, R. Kroeger, M. Riedel, H. Daily, and R. Kingsley bus the school children to school and back. (Photo by Brad Tebo)

Doin' the dirty work. The cooks, Pat Bieker and Lois Schartz, clean up after serving the students and teachers. (Photo by Brad Tebo)




Lettin' off some steam. Dorothy Waldschmidt, secretary, and Reg Romine, principal, take an unusual break outside the school building. Romine and Waldschmidt help keep the school system running smoothly. (Photo by Brad Tebo)

Who's out there? Sherry Faulkender is interrupted from her busy librarian schedule. Faulkender is in the library throughout the moming. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)


Keepin' the school clean. The Janitors, Qilbert Augustine and Charlie Waldschmidt, take a ride on the lawn mower. The janitors do repairs and keep the school clean. (Photo by Brad Tebo)

Just like Santa's elves, Holly Dinkel, Wendy Waldschmidt, and Holly Kroeger have the role of office aides. Office aides run errands and do numerous jobs in the office. (Photo by Brad Tebo)

## Administration

Many students don't realize that the future of our school lies within the administration. The administration consists of the superintendent, principal, secretaries, and the school board who all keep our school running smoothly.

Keeping the school running and working is the role of the superintendent, Mr. Clair Beecher. Judy Tway, Mr. Beecher's right-hand woman, keeps the district office under control. This is Mr. Beecher's third year here

Clair Beecher, superintendent, takes his turn in front of the camera. Mr. Beecher helps take care of the district's finances. (Photo by Toni Dinkel)

at Ellis.
Keeping in touch with the students isn't quite as hard for the principal, Mr. Reggie Romine. His office is located in the school along with his secretary, Dorothy Waldschmidt.
Along with Mr. Romine and Mr. Beecher is the school board. They are just as important in keeping the school functioning. They all attend games, plays and assemblies to help support Ellis High as well as set district policies.



School Board members: Clair Beecher, Adolf Kuhn, Carol Armbrister, Art Honas, Janice Leiker, Linda Smith, Leon Staab. Not pictured: Mel Augustine (Photo by Brad Tebo)

Mr. Romine, principal, works tediously at his computer. Students' class choices are entered into the computer to help with the scheduling. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)

## Seniots



Known as a group with style, the class of 1989 began the year in a unique way. Approaching the school year with something different in mind, the seniors borrowed a wheat truck from Brady and Blake Bittel. The seniors met before classes the first day and began to travel around Ellis, showing everyone how eager they were to finally be seniors.

Actively participating in many sports and organizations, the seniors demonstrated true leadership throughout the year. During homecoming week, they
placed second in the float competition and third in the spirit week competition.

Knowing that money was in short supply, they held the annual chili soup supper and sold candy bars to raise funds. They also began preparations for a successful Project Graduation.

When asked how he felt about this year, Blake Bittel, class president, said, "I think this year went great, and if the other classes follow in our footsteps, this high school will remain at its best.
by Jill Kippes


N o food in the hall! Davon Armbrister, sr., enjoys her lunch while reading "The Scarlet Letter" before advanced composition class. Armbruster has participated in basketball and volleyball four years. (Photo by Holly Kroeger)

H ey, I'm cool! Denise Massier, sr., demonstrates her enthusiasm during lunch hour. Massier has actively participated in choir for four years. (Photo by Holly Kroeger)

S enior class officers. Kevin Augustine, vice-pres.; Blake Bittel, pres.; Eric Hays, treas.; and Connie Kohl, sec. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

Congratulations Dave! We're Proud of You Love, Mom \& Dad


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Love, Mom, Dad, Twila \& Jeff
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Congratulations!
Good luck in the future and thanks for everything you've done for us. Love,
Mom, Dad,
Michael \& Darin


Don't Worry, Be Happy Dad, Mom, Stana \& Seth


Riding Off Into the Future Love and Best Wishes Always

Juliet
Jackie
John
Alex


Momªnd Don


## Davon Armbrister

Stuco 2; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2; FHA Stuco Rep. 2; SADD 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA Sweetheart Candidate; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2; Junior Play; Fort Hays Math Relays 1, 2, 3; Perfect Attendance; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3.


## Kevin Augustine

Stuco 1, 2, 4, Vice-President 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3; Forensics 1; Mr. FHA Candidate 3; Snoball Candidate 1, 4, Prince 1; Class Vice-President 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2; Choir 1; Railairres 1; Junior Play; Prom Server 2; Honor Roll 3.


## Elton Armbrister

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4 ; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2; Junior Play; Honor Roll 3.


## Tom Begler

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Forensics 1; Snoball Candidate 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 3; Cross-Country 2; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 3, 4; Railairres 1; Junior Play; Prom Server 2; Fort Hays Math Relays 1, 2.


## David Augustine

Pep Club 1, 2; Basketball 1; Golf 1; Track Choir 3, 4; Fort Hays Math Relays 1, 2, 3.


## Blake Bittle

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 3, 4; Journalism 3, Newspaper Page Edito 3; Forensics 1, 2, 3, 4, Grand State 1, 2, Mr. FHA Candidate; Class President 1, 2, Class Treasurer 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Trac 1, 2; Choir 1; Railairres 1; Junior Play; Se nior Play; All-School Play 3; Prom Server 2 Fort Hays Math Relays 2.


## Brady Bittel

Stuco 3; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 4; Band 1, 2; Forensics 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Snoball Candidate 1; Homecoming King 4; Track 1, 2; Choir 2; Junior Play; Prom Server 2.


## Mike Brungardt

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2; Football 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2; Track 1; Choir 2, 3, 4.


Shane Buchholz
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Fort Hays Math Relays 1 , $2,3$.


Holly Dinkel
Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4, Board 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3 , 4; Treasurer 2, 3, President 4; SADD 2; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4, Points Chairman 2; Forensics 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1; Junior Play; Senior Play; AllSchool Play; Prom Server; Snoball Candidate 2; Perfect Attendance 1, 3; Honor Roll 1.

Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD 2; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; President 3; Band 2, 3; Forensics 2, 3, 4; Basketball 4; Volleyball 1; Choir 4; Junior Play; Senior Play.

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Dana Dinkel -

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We are
Proud
of you

Love,
Mom \&
Sheila


Congratulations,

## Arlen! <br> We Love You!



Love, Dad, Mom, Mark \& Gary



Thanks for the memories, Kyle


Mom,
Dad,
Ryan,
Cory


We're so
proud of you!

- Love -

Mow, Dad
and Cory


Best of luck to you in the Future!



## Kyle Eberle

Stuco 2, 3, 4, President 4; SADD 2; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Forensics 1; Snoball Candidate 1, 2, 3; Homecoming Candidate; Class Vice-President 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2; Junior Play; Prom Server 2; Fort Hays Math Relays 2, 3, 4.


## Jodi Gottschalk

Stuco 4; Keyettes 1, 2, 3, 4, Board 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2; SADD 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism 3, 4; Typeset Editor 3, Copy Editor 4, News Writing State Contest 3; Forensics 1, 2; FFA Sweetheart Candidate 3; Snoball Candidate 1, 4; Homecoming Queen; Drill Team 2; Flag Team Captain 4; Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4, IV Captain 2, Varsity Co-Captain 4; Junior Play; Prom Server 2.


## Arlen Flax

Stuco 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Períect Attendance 2.


## David Graber

Pep Club 3, 4; Band 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Football Manager 1, 2; Cross-Country 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Railairres 3; Junior Play; Senior Play.


## Ted Gerber

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


## Shawn Graf

Stuco 1; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism 4; SADD 2; Basketball 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, All-League Honorable Mention 3, Salina All-Area Team 3; Track 2, 3, 4; Prom Server 2; Mr. FHA 3; Snoball Candidate 1, 4.


## Eric Hays

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Fort Hays Math Relays 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.


## Connie Kohl

Stuco 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4, Board 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3; FFA 4; FFA Chapter and District Sweetheart; Snoball Candidate 4; SADD 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Forensics 2, 3, 4, Grand State 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, Manager 3; Homecoming Candidate; Class Secretary $2,3,4$; Flag Team 4; Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Prom Server 2.


## Robb Hazen

Stuco 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism 4; Mr. FHA Candidate 3; CrossCountry 1; Track 1; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Railairres 1; Senior Play; Honor Roll 2.


## Jill Kippes

Stuco 4; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4, Board 2, 3, Secretary 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2 , Historian 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Librarian 3; Stuco Rep. 4; Journalism 3, 4, Page Editor 3, Layout Editor 4, Headline Writing State Contest 3; SADD 2; Forensics 2, 3, 4, Grand State 2, 3; Volleyball Manager 1; Track 2; Snoball Princess 2; Snoball Queen 4; Class Treasurer 2; Cheerleading 3, 4, Wrestling Captain 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; AllSchool Play; Prom Server 2.


## Holly Kroeger

Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Photography 3, 4; SADD 2; Forensics 2; FFA Sweetheart Candidate 3; Snoball Candidate 2, 3; Junior Play; Senior Play.


## Kris Kruckenberg

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3; Forensics 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, Manager 4; Track 1; Choir 2, 3; Junior Play; Senior Play; AllSchool Play 3.

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Congratulations ERIC

We Are Very Proud of You

Congratulations
Robb

May You Find as Much Joy in Life, as you Have Given Us

Love,
Mom \& Dad


Dad, Mom, \& Dean



Congratulations Jill

Always be内lappy!


Mom, Dad, Randy, David, Martha, Keith, Marsha, Jeff and Kevin.


Congratulations
Connie!


Love,
Dad, Mom
Terri, Jeff,
E Tricia



Neal Luea
Pep Club 1, 2, 3; FFA 1, 2, 3; Forensics 1; Honor Roll 1.


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


## Terry Patee

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3; Fort Hays Math Relay 1, 2; Perfect Attendance 3.


## Nikki Phillips

Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, Greenhand 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; Journalism 4, Typeset Editor 4; Forensics 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3, President 4; Railairres 3; DADD 2; Junior Play; FFA Sweetheart Candidate 3; Snoball Candidate 3, 4, Princess 3.


## Michelle Schoenberger

Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4, Board 3; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD 2; Drill Team 2; Flag Team 4; Cheerleading 3, 4; Choir 2, 3, 4, Secretary/Treasurer 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Prom Server 2; Perfect Attendance 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3.


## Bob Shirk

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3; Forensics 3; Snoball Candidate 3, 4, Prince 3; Basketball 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; All-School 3.


## Brad Tebo

Photography 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1; Cross-Country 2, 3; Golf 3, 4; Senior Play; Mr. FHA Candidate.

## Jeff Wolf

Pep Club 1, 2; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, MCL All-League Honorable Mention Kicker 2; MCL All-League Kicker 4.



## Wendy Waldschmidt

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Poster Committee 3; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4, Board 2, 3, Points 4; FFA 1, 2, Vice Pres. of Recreation 2; Journalism 3, 4, Page Editor 3, Graphics Editor 4; Forensics 2, 3, 4, State Festival 3; Snoball Candidate 1, 3, Princess 1; Homecoming Candidate; Drill Team 2; Class Secretary 1; Class President 3; Cross-Country 2, 3, Staté 2; Track 1, 2, 3; Cheerleading 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Prom Server 2; Perfect Attendance 1 .


Eric Shannon
Stuco 2; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; All-School Play 3.


Best of Luck! Love, Mom, Dad, Brian E Casey

Congratulations, Denise, for a Job Well Done!
We are proud of you Love, Mom, Dad \& Duane

No parents could be prouder of a son than we are of you.


Congratulations Terry!


Love, Mom $\mathcal{E}$ Dad


May your life be filled with few tears but many smiles and much happiness


If you get the things you deserve, you will have everything!


Love,
Mom, Dad,
Marisa,
Marlene \&
Marlaina


Love, Dad, Mom, Sharnelle, Stacy \& Steven

Congratulations!
Thanks for
17 Years of
Entertainment
and for
Being Our
Daughter Love,
Mow, Dad, and Travis


Music makes the man. Robb Hazen shows off his musical talents during a home basketball game. Hazen also enjoys playing the guitar. (Photo by Linda Riedel)


T hink hard, guys! Kevin Augustine and Kyle Eberle rack their brains while working on their study guides in law class. Augustine and Eberle were both student council officers. (Photo by Holly Kroeger)

G et to workl Blake Bittel. Eric Shannon, Jill Kippes and Wendy Waldschmidt take time out of law class to catch up on the latest news. Law/Constitution is required of all seniors. (Photo by Holly Kroeger)


## Congrats

 andGood Luck Love,
Mow, Dad and Lee

Congratulations Brad
On a job well done!


We love you lots!
Mom, Dad, Bonnie, Brad \& Brenda. Luv ya Sue Ann!



Congratulations Wendy!

You are very special, and we wish you the very best.

Love - Mom, Dad, Denise, Mike,
Andrea and Jack

To: B. B.
Someday you will leam that TNT does explode.

From: Shawn Graf
To: Dit
The time at Martin's when we ate the ham and you ate all the raw eggs.

From: Kyle Eberle To: J. K., B. S., A. F., K. A., and B. B. Remember the soap scrimmage when we ate at McDonald's and then piled in my car? We did Chinese fire drills at every stoplight on Hays' Main Street when it was packed. B. S. kept getting out, slamming the door, and yelling "It's a Subaru?" We told every car on main to meet us at the Varsity, and we never stopped to talk to theml

From: Connie Kohl
To: K. K.
Hope there's not a dent in the car. What a tripl

To: E. A.
We went shoe shopping and tried renting some rated ' R ' movies.

From: Terry Patee
To: The 1987 Football Team
Remember Engel calling time-out with two seconds left in the half with Wakeeney ready to score? I have never seen Coach so madl

From: Eric Hays
To: R. H. and E. H.
Remember the experience with the bomb?

From: Tom Begler
To: N. P.
Remember that one Saturday night you picked up that giant tumbleweed on Main? You saved its life by setting it free in the country, and you named it Nellie.

From: Holly Kroeger
To: C.K., W. W., J. Q., E. H., B. B., K. A., and B. S.
l'll never forget the night we all piled in "Godzilla," We chased rabbits in the old high school parking lot, had Chinese fire drills, and B. S. caused a wreck while coasting down the street. J. G. and I started to push the car to the Stop 2 Shop until the truck behind us crashed. We ducked in the back seat while B. B. and K. A. made everyone else open the hood to make it look like we knew what we were doingl

To: S. G.
From: Jill Kippes
How about when we took your car down the flooded street? Pretty fun, wasn't it?

To: J. G., J. K., and T. D.
Remember the time I drove J. G.'s car and J. Q. and T. D. got in the trunk? Then, we hit that big dip.

From: Wendy Waldschmidt To: B. B. or otherwise known as TNT Heyl If I'm such a wild lady driver, how come I've never been stopped by a cop? From: Denise Massier

## To: Donut

You had to take care of some business, but so did the dog on the other side of the wall.

From: Kris Kruckenberg
To: Karla
I enjoyed discussing things with you on the Hutchinson softball trip. I really started to get to know you.

From: Elton Armbrister
To: M. B.
I don't think you were cut out to be Slash, but I guess I didn't make a very good AxI. How about J. M. on the drums?

From: David Augustine

## To: J. K., W. W., C. K., and T. D.

We were bored so we waited for J. K. to get off work and decided to go bowling. After that we were bored of dragging main so we parked my station wagon at the park and all five of us laid across the top and watched people go by. I never did get the dents out of my roof. Then we decided to head to the football field and sat on the 50 yard line and - well, you know the restl

From: Jodi Gottschalk

## To: Brady

When the boys from McPherson stopped in Ness City and explained we were going to visit your little brother in Dodge.

From: Bob Shirk
To: J. K. and '87-88 Choir
Remember when you blacked out during the Christmas concert? Well, next time don't lock your knees.

From: David Graber
To: D. A.
Remember our freshman year at Stockton?

From: Dana Dinkel
To: D. D.
The times in a town about an hour away and how cold the water was in the lake.

From: Davon Armbrister
To: Junior girls
The water balloon fight during homecoming week and how we took care of you with a special balloon.

From: Eric Shannon

To: K. A.
On the last day of our sophomore year we got lost going to the lake, got the bug stuck, lost your shoe, wrecked a pickup, and took showers at the carwash all in one day!

From: Blake Bittel
To: H. K. and H. D.
Sonya's wedding rehearsal and on the way to Hays my car broke down.

From: Michelle Schoenberger To: Air-man
Kooll Moe Dee is the key!
From: Brad Tebo
To: C. K. and W. W.
You know why you two are cool? Because you both have wonderful tanks like my car. Those people with those little sports cars don't know what they're missing, huh?

From: Nikki Phillips
To: S. B.
Destination Wichita, I hope we live through it!

From: Neal Luea
To: E. A.
Excellent driving on the way home from Colby! I really enjoyed waking up and finding you sleeping and still cruising 65, heading for the median.

From: Robb Hazen
To: B. T.
Stay off the rims. They come down pretty easy when you think you're Michael Jordan.

From: Aaron Ditter
To: Dit
lift at Concertland, The time you got a lift at Concertland,
and the time we stopped to fill up gas at Hays.

From: Arlen Flax
To: K. E.
I didn't let you in the Doughnut Shop that one year.

From: Kevin Augustine
To: H. K.
I'll always remember the sophomore homecoming with D. G., one late moming with R. H. and T. P., late nights with D. F., this last year's street dance, filling someone's house with perfume, hazardous three-wheeling, burnt bodies, and horseback riding (not necessarily all in that order.)

From: Holly Dinkel
To: K. E.
Remember the time when we were chasing rabbits, and you drove off that cliff, landing between two big rocks.

From: Ted Gerber

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## FINAL Step

The final step of the class of '89's high school career was daken on the evening of May 23.

Their last appearance as a class was in gowns of generic color, black and white. To complete the finishing touch, the class chose the red rose as the class flower.
After valedictorian, Eric Hays,


Crossing the threshold. Mike Brungardt receives his diploma from Art Hones, president of the school board. Brungardt plans to get married in the near future. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)

Thank you, sir. Eric Hays watches as Davon Armbrister receives a plaque. Hays was valedictorian and Armbrister was salutatorian. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)
and salutatorian, Davon Armbrister, gave their farewell speeches, Dr. Edward Hammong, president of Fort Hays State University, gave the seniors a bit of advice to guide them in their futures. The evening ended as Mr. Clair Beecher, superintendent, presented the class of 34 graduates with their diplo-
mas.
Project Graduation was held after commencement to give the seniors one last evening together before they journeyed on their separate ways.
by Sharnelle Shannon



It's our turn next! Kris Kruckenburg, Neal Luea and Denise Massier wait to receive their diplomas. All attended project graduation and won prizes. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

A word of advice. Dr. Edward Hammond speaks to the graduating class. Hammond is president of Fort Hays State University. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)


Congratulations, Brady. Mr. Romine, principal, wishes Brady Bittel, sr., good luck. Bittel will attend Colby Community College in the fall. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

Making a grand entrance. Aaron Ditter escorts Jill Kippes to their seats. Ditter and Kippes attended all four years of high school together. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)

## Shout It

Once again organized spirit at EHS slowly diminished. The year started out in full swing, but as time went on students no longer got involved.
"People want things done, but nobody wants to get involved,' said President Holly Dinkel.

Despite the lack of pep, pep club held their annual good secret fan party and skating party. At one of the club meetings, the

Rahl Rahl Freshman Dean Hays jumps for joy after the freshman football players finished their routine at the homecoming pep assembly. The routine done to the fight song is done each year by freshman football players. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

Shout it outl The jr. section at the Osbome pep assembly participate in the yelling contest. Pep assemblies are held regularly throughout the year. (Photo by Brad Tebo)
members voted to sell signs which say, "Railer Pride Rides Inside.'

The suggestion of a Valentine's dance was brought up at which the students would be matched up with the person that they are most compatible with by a computer. An open date on the calendar will determine the outcome of the dance.
$\$$ by Shawn Graf.



Get fired upl Jill Kippes, sr., Jodi Gottschalk, sr., and Michelle Schoenberger, sr., do a routine during the first pep assembly. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)

88-89 Officers. S. Shannon, Stuco rep.; H. Dinkel, president; H. Kroeger, treasurer; M. Schoenberger, secretary; T. Stegman, poster committee; B. Shirk, vi-ce-president. (Photo by Brad Tebo)

88-89 Members. Front row: D. Armbrister, A. Scott, N. Martin, L. Spurgeon, O. Fondoble, B. McDonald, C. Kohl. Second row: A. Milhon, B. Beecher, C. Werner, K. Weber, M. Kreutzer, A. Smith, M. Werth, S. Simpkins, T. Augustine, J. Meyers, D. Faulkender, S. Hewett. Third row: T. North, K. Kinderknecht, N. Seibal, M. Schoenberger, H. Sheck, A. Wemer, C. Schoenthaler, B. Bittel, J. Johnston. Fourth row: C. Dinkel, R. Larghe, J. Gager, D. Graber, J. Kolcny, A. Bartlett, S. Dinkel, K. Augustine, K. Eberle, S. Oraf. Fifth row: J. Williams, J. Edmonds, C. Scott, L. Kohl, M. Rathburn, J. Keller, N. Hewett, S. McCoy, T. Dinkel. Sixth row: J. Metzler, B. Kruckenberg, J. Kohl, S. Pfeifer, T. Stegman, L. Augustine, J. Hillman, K. Brungardt. Seventh row: J. Timmons, T. Halligan, M. Werth, B. Honas, C. Collins, S. Shannon, J. Dinkel, A. Fitzwater, C. Schmidt, B. Shirk. Eighth row: D. Vine, S. Schaus, C. Stegman, C. Eberle, D. Fischer, W. Ditter, C. McCoy, C. Pfannenstiel, L. Smith, S. O'Rourke, L. Fisher. Ninth row: T. Patee, C. Patten, T. Begler, E. Armbrister, R. Hazen, A. Ditter, B. Shirk, D. Massier, J. Kippes, W. Waldschmidt, J. Gottschalk. Back row: M. Brungardt, D. Augustine, E. Hays, E. Shannon, K. Kruckenberg, B. Bittle, A. Flax, H. Dinkel, D. Dinkel, M. Schoenberger, H.Kroeger, N. Phillips. (Photo by Brad Tebo)

## Girls <br> Girls

The photographers were sent out and the search for the bestlooking male legs was on. Pictyres were taken of a pair of legs from each class to be entered in the "Best Legs" contest. Included in the contest was Wade Ditter, fr., John Riedel, soph., Brad Hones, jr., and Brad Tebo, sr. Hons took the title of "Best Legs." The money contributed to the contest by students went to Project Hope.
Additional services done by Kayettes were Alumni invitatons, Kleenex boxes for teachers and faculty, clowns at the football game, spirit posters for Pac the Place, Valentine's cards and candy for the Good Samaritan Center, money on tape class competition, auction, and a pagrant donation.

According to Nikki Phillips, sr., president, "I thought that our Valentine's project for the Good Samaritan Center was our best project because no one realizes how important the older generaton is.
While Mrs. Donna Henry was on a four-month maternity leave, Mrs. Doris Collins took the position of sponsor.
Henry commented on the performance of the Kayette president, "I thought that Nikki did a very nice job of organizing all the projects during my leave. She had to really stay on top of things.'


F eed your face. Kelly Ceschwentner, Jr., Shamelle Shannon, jr., Rhonda Ptascheek, Jr., and Christy Collins, Jr., enjoy the potluck during freshman initiation. Initiation took place at the Firestation Park. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

Don't you dare. Jill Kipped, sr., is caught in the act while dancing with her date, Eric Shannon, sr. Kippes was crowned 1988-89 Snoball Queen. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

L ook at those legs! The winner of the "Best Legs" contest went to Brad Monas, jr. A male from each class participated in the Kayette fund raiser. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)



1988-89 Kayette members. Front row: J. Hillman, jr., N. Seibel, soph., S. McCoy, Jr., A. Milhon, soph., B. Beecher, soph., K. Geschwentner, jr. Next row: C. Schmidt jr., O. Fondoble, fr., M. Rathbun, soph., T. Augustine, fr., A. Wamer, fr., R. Werth, fr. S. Simpkins, fr., J. Meyers, fr., S. Shannon, fr. Next row: M. Kreutzer, soph., K. Weber, soph., S. Dinkel, soph, A. Scott, fr., D. Faulkender, fr., J. Dinkel, jr., N. Hewett, jr., C. Kohl, sr., T. Stegman, jr., A. Smith, jr. Next row: R. Ptaschek, Jr., L. Spurgeon, fr., N. Martin, fr., N. Phillips, sr., H. Kroeger, sr., M. Schoenberger, sr., D. Dinkel, sr., H. Dinkel, sr., J. Kippes, sr., W. Waldschmidt, sr., D. Massier, sr., D. Armbruster, sr., J. Keller, soph., C. Warner, so. Next row: S. Hewett, fr., A. Bartlett, soph., C. Collins, Jr., A. Fitzwater, jr., J. Gottschalk, sr., B. Shirk, jr., H. Scheck, fr., T. Kreutzer, fr. Next row: K. Kinderknecht, soph., T. Dinkel, jr., T. North, soph., L. Augustine, jr., K. Brungardt, jr., M. Schoenberger, fr., B. McDonald, fr. (Photo by Brad Tebo)
1988-89 Kayette board members. Front row: M. Rathbun, soph.. K. Geschwentner, jr., J. Keller, soph., S. Dinkel, soph. Next row: A. Bartlett, soph. S. McCoy, jr., A. Warner, jr., T. Dinkel, jr. N. Hewett, jr., C. Kohl, sr. Next row: T Stegman, jr., N. Phillips, sr., H. Dinkel, sr. J. Gottschalk, sr., J. Kippes, sr., W. Waldschmidt, sr., D. Armbruster, sr. (Photo by Brad Tebo)


Ready, Aim, Roll. Sonya Simpkins, fr. rolls a penny down her nose into a can for one of the competitions for freshman inltiation. Simpiins was dressed as Stew Stone.
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## Standards

The volleyball court was the place to be as the volleyball team jammed to finish out a season of five wins and 18 losses.

Coach Cindy Hertel's goals for the year were for improvements in team attitude, record and squad number. The team went from a squad of 16 to 22 members, and a larger squad meant there were more players vying for positions, resulting in more effort.
According to Hertel, since there were only two seniors, the underclassmen got the opportunity to see an ample amount of playing time. Hertel hopes that

D is itt Carman Werner, so., digs up the ball before it hits the ground. It was Werner's second year of volleyball. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)
W atch itl Nicole Hewett, jr., comes down from an unsuccessful block as Stacey Dinkel, so., watches. Both were members of the varsity squad. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)
this will pay off in the future.
"I'm especially optimistic after sub-state. The team showed a lot of potential and character when they came back to beat Sharon Springs after being down in both games.

When Hertel was asked how she felt about the overall turnout, she replied, "Our record isn't indicative of the improvememts shown. Our serving, movement and communication were all much better. Most importantly, the attitude was much more positive.'




Olivia Fondoble, fr., bumps the ball as Shaundell Hewett watches the play. Both were part of the JV squad. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)


A senior duo. Nikki Phillips and Davon Ambrister were the only two seniors out for volleyball. Both have been in volleyball for four years. (Photo by Brad Tebo)

Dink itt Brenda Beecher, so., dinks the ball over the net as Angie Werner, jr., and Sharnelle Shannon, jr., await the return. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)


Although the Railroader football team faced many obstacles throughout the season, the heart of the team carried them through.
'Though we had a decent season, I think the number of injuries caused us not to have a winning record. However, character led us to win our final ballgame because the kids never gave up," said Kirk Maska, head coach.

When asked what was his season highlight, Kyle Eberle, sr., said, "Winning Trego big time!" It was the Eagles' Homecoming, and the Railroaders soundly beat their long-time rivals, $12-0$. Not
$\mathbf{S}$ enior football players. Front: Brady Bittel. Second row: J. Wolf, S. Graf, E. Hays, K. Eberte. Third Row: B. Bittel, A. Ditter, E. Shannon. Fourth row: B. Shirk, E. Armbrister, K. Augustine, A. Flax. (Photo by Brad Tebo) ing win in eight years. the year," said Eric Hays, sr. get hurt during the season; illgames. Railroaders went on to end the season with a 3-6 record.
only did the Railroaders successfully take the Trego game, but the team also beat the Hill City Ringnecks, their first Homecom-

Throughout the season, injuries plagued the Ellis team. "Breaking my ankle was one of the most memorable things of Hays was not the only player to nesses and injuries also kept seniors Brady Bittel, Bob Shirk and Shawn Graf out of some

Despite their injuries, the
$>$ by Angie Werner




E ric Shannon is crushed between two opponents as he blocks an opponent's pass. Shannon participated in football for four years. (Photo by the Ellis Review)

The Railroaders huddle as they listen to Coach Maska's words of direction and encouragement. Maska has coached the Railroaders for five years. (Photo by Brad Tebo)

In an intense moment, Assistant Coach Erickson gives Aaron Ditter defensive directions. It was Erickson's first year in the Ellis schools. (Photo by Brad Tebo)

A aron Ditter watches as a team member stops an opponent from gaining yardage. Ditter was a quarterback for the Railroaders. (Photo by the Ellis Review)

## Course

On your mark, get set, go. The Ellis cross-country team got off to a good start this year. Jenny Hillman, jr., finished third at the state meet while the girls' team, as a whole, finished seventh. Also, several runners did well at area meets.

The boys had a young team made up of one senior, one sophomore and five freshmen. Although the team was relatively

What a relief. Brenda Shirk, jr., finally gets to relax and drink a pop after her hot run. Shirk has been in cross-country all three years. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)

David Graber was the only senior out for cross-country. Graber has been involved in cross-country for two years. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

Let's see here, what was his time? Coach John Phelen and Wendy Waldschmidt, sr., work together to get times and places for the runners at regionals. The girls' team finished third. (Photo by Linda Riedel)
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young this year, they gained confidence and are looking forward to competing next year.

When asked how they thought the year went, Brenda Shirk, jr., said, "I thought we improved every meet, and we had a lot of fun.'

John Riedel, so., said, "I think
John Riedel, so., said, "I think
we were young, and in a few years we will do pretty good."



I know I can, I know I can. Clint Pfannenstiel, fr., tries to overtake his opponents. Pfannenstiel also participated in track and wrestling. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

What did you say? Jenny Hillman, jr., stretches before the Ellis Invitational. Hillman took first at this meet. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)


Don't jump the gun. The EHS crosscountry team gets ready to run at the Ellis Invitational. This was the first meet of the season. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)

Three months of weightwatching and tough practices finally paid off for three Ellis wrestlers as the team was represented at state competition by Kevin Augustine, Jeff Williams, and Jason Gager. Augustine placed 2nd, Williams placed 5th, and Gager placed 8th.

The wrestlers lived up to the expectations of Coach Stan Faulkender.
'The kids did exactly what I thought they would. They did what I knew they were capable of doing. As a matter of fact, we were even better than that," said Faulkender.

Although the wrestling team only had two home matches, their attitudes remained positive throughout the year.
"Even though we only had two home matches, our season remained positive because of the support we received on our away matches," said Jason Gager, so.

When asked what his thoughts were after the first day of high school wrestling practice, Lee Smith, fr., said, "The first thing I thought was 'We're not in the little leagues anymore.'

1 by Nikki Phillips


What leaders! Kyle Eberle and Kevin Augustine were the two senior wrestlers. Both Eberle and Augustine have been in wrestling four years. (Photo by Brad Tebo)

Reverse it! Kevin Augustine, sr., strives to switch positions in finals at state. This was Augustine's first year in state competition. (Photo by The Ellis Review)


Pin him, Sheldon! Sheldon Pfeifer, so., works to pin his man. Pfeifer also played football. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)

Roll him over, Jason. Jason Gager, so. strains to win his match. Gager competed in the 125 weight bracket this year. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)

What's the plan? The wrestlers relax before competition. The team placed 9th at regional competition. (Photo by Jill Kippes)


Calm down, coach. Kyle Eberle gives Coach Stan Faulkender support during a teammate's match. Faulkender has coached Ellis wrestling fifteen years. (Photo by The Ellis Review)

In high school sports the greatest achievement is making it to the state tournament. This year the Railroaders made it to the sub-state championship game, but came up short with a loss to the Hill City Ringnecks.
"It was great since we made it this far without any great athletes. It was just that we played more as a team this year," said Aaron Bitter, sr.

The team fell a little short with their goals. One of the main
goals was to place high in the MCL Tournament, but with a loss in the first round to Osborne, they had to concentrate on the rest of the season.

With only six upperclassmen, the outcome of many close games came down to the remainder of the varsity team, which consisted of one freshman and several sophomores.

D by Shawn Graf


Shoot for three. Aaron Biter, sr., takes a three-point shot against Osborne. Diter was a three year letter winner in basketball. (Photo by Rhonda Ptascheck) Whoal Brady Bittel, sr., shoots for two. Bittel has been out for basketball all four years. (Photo by Rhonda Ptascheck)



Hang time. Brad Tebo, sr., does a layup during pregame. Tebo was out for basketball two years. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)


Shoot for two. Trevor Hallagin, so., puts up a shot against Osborne during a j.v. game. Hallagin was also a member of the varsity team. (Photo by Rhonda Ptascheck)

Shoot it! Heath North, jr., goes for a layup against Trego. North was a member of the All-League team. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)

The 1988-89 basketball season for the girls proved to be art interesting one. Not only were they introduced to two new coaches, Mr. Bruce Erickson and Miss Lisa Walker, but they were also a very young and inexperienced team.

The varsity girls finished their season with a 5-13 record. However, one of those wins got them into the second round of MCL.

The team's only senior, Davon Armbrister, was chosen to the Mid-Continent League 1st team.

We were pretty young only having one player with varsity experience - and we were a little shaky. Hopefully,

we'll do the rest of our rebuilding in the off-season and be ready to play next year," said Brenda Shirk, jr.

A major goal of the team is to work in the off-season and improve their record 100\%.

We are going to lose some height, but we will have experience next year," said Nicole Hewett, jr.

Coach Bruce Erickson is very optimistic about next year's season.
"This year was a valuable season for the team. It gave them a lot of varsity experience, and if they work hard for next year, it all should pay off, and we should go far," he said.
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Easy basketl Brenda Beecher, soph., tries for two more points in the Victoria game. Beecher was a varsity starter for the Railers. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)

Shooting for two. Davon Armbrister, sr., screens a Victoria opponent while Brenda Shirk, jr., takes an open shot. Armbrister participated in basketball all four years. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)


Jump way upl Davon Armbrister, sr., and a Trego opponent jump for the ball during tip off. The Railers defeated Trego three times this year. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)

Brenda Shirk, jr., waits for a rebound from Davon Armbrister's shot. Shirk has participated in B-ball for three years. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)


Help! Nicole Hewett, jr., passes the ball to Brenda Shirk, jr., while in trouble during the first round of the MCL Toumament. The Railers defeated Trego and advanced to the second round. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)
Coaches, Mr. Bruce Erickson and Miss Lisa Walker, watch intently as the team execute their plays. This was both Erickson's and Walker's first year at EHS. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

This year's golf season went fairly well considering the young age of the team.
'The kids played real well for as young as they were," said Coach John Kolacny.

Since this year served as a rebuilding season for some, next season should come as a rewarding one. This is particularly true because they will lose only two seniors.


As the season went by, individual scores improved with each meet. This success happens to those who work in the off-season.
"It takes a lot of extra work during the summer to become a good golfer. You can't expect to just play during the season and be good," said Brad Honas, jr.


Nice and easy. Ben Deutscher, fr., putts the ball carefully into hole 2. Deutscher played Jr. varsity this year. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)

Where will it go? Brad Honas, jr., tees off on the 4th hole. Honas has participated in golf for three years. (Photo by Toni Dinkel)



What a swing! Dave Augustine, sr., watches his ball as it glides through the air. This was Augustine's first year in golf. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)

Takes a steady eye. Brad Tebo, sr., watches and hopes his ball will successfully drop into the hole. Tebo has been a student at EHS for two years. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)


1989 senior golfers: Dave Augustine and Brad Tebo. (Photo by Holly Kroeger)

Just a little further. Lynn Fisher, fr., concentrates on getting the ball in the hole. Fisher played varsity at the Ellis Invitational. (Photo by Toni Dinkel)

Could it be deja vu? This girls' track team once again placed second at state. The two lady athletes who made this possible for the second time in two years were Jenny Hillman, jr., who placed first in the 3200 meter run and Brenda Beecher, soph., who placed first in both the 100 meter and 200 meter dashes. Beecher also placed third in the 400 meter dash.
The girls' track season was just as unique as it was successful. One of the reasons it was unique was because the team members helped make the rules and goals to be upheld throughout the season. Another reason

Senior girl track members this year were Davon Armbrister and Nikki Phillips. Armbrister has been a track member for three years while Phillips has been a member four years. (Photo by Linda Riedel)
the season was unique was because the season marked Mr. Kirk Maska's last year as coach.

When asked how the season went, Maska said, '"The season went about as expected. Most of the girls improved on their performance throughout the year, which was one of our goals. This season was special because it was my last season as girls' track coach. I enjoyed working with all of the unique personalities on an individual basis. I will remember all of the lives I touched and how they all touched me."


Nobody's gonna break my stride. Loretta Augustine, jr., strives to finish her race. Augustine ran long distance all season. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)




I did it again! Brenda Beecher, soph. once again crosses the finish line first. This was Beecher's second year in track. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)

Up and over. Shaundell Hewett, fr. stretches over a hurdle in competition Hewett competed in both hurdle events. (Photo by Linda Riedel)



I'm almost there. Olivia Fondoble, fr. anchors the 800 meter relay. Fondoble ran sprints throughout the season. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)

# On the <br> <br> TRACK 

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With the low numbers out for track this year, John Phelan felt pleased with the outcome of the season.

With only five seniors and two juniors, the team worked very hard all year to be competitive.

Mr. Phelan, head boys' coach, said, "Everybody worked hard all year and did their best at all times.

The hard work paid off for some when the 3200 m relay
qualified for state. The relay team consisted of Kevin Augustine, sr., Heath North, jr., Jeff Willams, soph., and Brian Kruckenberg, soph. The 3200 m relay placed third at state.
Along with the 3200 m relay, North qualified for state in the 800 m run. North placed 10th at the state meet in Wichita.


Let it fly. Eric Hays, sr., completes a throw of the shotput. Hays has competed in track all four years. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

Hold him off. Brian Kruckenberg, soph., tries to keep the lead in the 3200 m relay. Kruckenberg has been out for track for two years. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)



I made it! Heath North, jr., clears the bar at the Trego Invitational. North went on to win the event. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

Don't stop now. Jeff Williams, soph., races for the finish in the 800 m run. Williams also competed in the 1600 m relay, 110 m high hurdles and the 3200 m relay. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)

Go Wade go! Wade Ditter, fr., receives the baton in the 3200 m relay. Ditter was a alternate for the relay. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)


## Something to <br> Cheer

For most students, activities end with the last day of classes, but not for cheerleaders. As soon as the summer starts, the cheerleaders start working on a routine and a cheer for camp by practicing two to three times a week. They are also involved in money raisers throughout the summer to cut down on the price of camp. All of the cheerleaders are required to work at concession stands, bake sales, and the golf course.
All of the hard work paid off when they received fourth place

Wake up. Wendy Waldschmidt, sr., tries to catch up on her sleep on the bus. This was Waldschmidt's first year as a cheerleader. (Photo by Jodi Gottschalk)

The '88-89 cheerleaders. Back row: Stacey Dinkel, soph., Natalie Seibel, soph., Jodi Gottschalk, sr., Toni Dinkel, jr., Dallas Faulkender, fr. Middle row: Michelle Schoenberger, sr., Jill Kippes, sr., Brenda Shirk, jr., Connie Kohl, sr., Wendy Waldschmidt, sr. Front row: Jackie Meyers, fr., Olivia Fondoble, fr. (Photo by FHSU Photography)
in their division at DCA camp.
The cheerleaders put on several pep assemblies throughout the year, but as spirit dwindled they decided to cut down on pep assemblies.

Connie Kohl, head cheerleader said, "We spend at least 45 minutes preparing for a pep assembly, and it was real disappointing when no one would participate. So we decided against having any more pep assemblies."

1 by Shawn Graf



The '88-89 varsity cheerleaders: Shannon McCoy, Jr., Brenda Shirk, jr., Connie Kohl, sr., capt., Jodi Gottschalk, sr., Toni Dinkel, jr. (Photo by Brad Tebo)

The '88-89 wrestling cheerleaders: Jill Kippes, sr., Michelle Schoenberger, sr., Wendy Waldschmidt, sr., Dallas Faulkender, fr. (Photo by Brad Tebo)

The ' $88-89$ senior cheerleaders: Wendy Waldschmidt, Michelle Schoenberger, Jill Kippes, Jodi Gottschalk, Connie Koht. (Photo by Brad Tebo)

The '88-89 jr. varsity cheerleaders. Back row: Stacey Dinkel, soph., Olivia Fondoble, fr. Front row: Natalie Selbel, soph., Jackie Meyers, fr. (Photo by Brad Tebo)

A "totally awesome foot stompin' forensic talkin' " motto led the forensics team to placing sixth at Grand State Championships.

Eleven students traveled on May 6 to Bethel College for championships. Six of the eleven events broke semi-finals. Four of the six events broke finals and medaled. In humorous solo, Kelly Geschwentner placed second, and Sean O'Rourke placed fourth. Blake Bittel and Shannon McCoy placed fourth in Impro-

Are we having fun yet? Sharnelle Shannon, jr., Tina Stegman, jr., and Melissa Kreutzer, so., relax in the hot tub at Grand State. The team was able to use the motel's pool facilities before performing the next day. (Photo by Linda Riedel)


This is special. Mrs. Riedel sits after receiving the first place plaque at MCL. Riedel has taught at Ellis High School for three years. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)

It's O.K., Benny. Nikki Phillips performs her solo at MCL. In her selection, Phillips tried to console her son who had AIDS. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)
vised Duet Acting, and Sharnelle Shannon placed fifth in prose.

Also on May 6, nine students traveled to Ransom for state festival. Nikki Phillips and John Locker received one's in their events.
"The eleven qualifiers for state excelled in their events. The outcome of our team placing showed the strength of the team. Their success meant not only capturing coveted state medals, but everyone competing at Bethel had one of the most enjoy-
able, yet tough, high-level competitions of the year," said Mrs. Linda Riedel, forensics coach.
"This was the best year we've had since I've been here. The season, because of fewer tournaments due to the bad weather, does not really reflect a true picture of our team's overall potential. Many more things could have been accomplished."




You must be what you are acting. Kelly Geschwentner, jr., performs her humorous solo at forensics night. Geschwentner portrayed a dramatic drama teacher. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)


He has lost a lot of water. Stacey Dinkel, soph., performs her poetry at forensics night. Her poem was about a man and his pet watermelon. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)

1988-89 Forensics team. Front row: L. Smith, M. Kreutzer, T. Dinkel, N. Hewett, K. Geschwentner, S. McCoy, S. Shannon, S. O'Rourke. Second row: L. Augustine, A. Scott, N. Martin, S. Simpkins, S. Hewett, J. Keller, J. Meyers, W. Waldschmidt. Third row: B. Bittel, T. Stegman, O. Fondoble, J. Kippes, C. Koht, N. Phillips, M. Werth, J. Locker, B. Shirk. Back row: B. Schafer, B. Kohl, D. Dinkel, L. Fisher. (Photo by Holly Kroeger)

## Class

The three act play, "Headin' for the Hills" was presented by the junior class this year. Mrs. Linda Riedel was the director, and Amy Fitzwater served as the assistant director.
"Because of the juniors' dedication and organization, rehearsals went well enough to cancel some early ones. The juniors were prepared in every di-


Jake Slasser (Clint McElroy) sleeps through the whole play. His one line at the end of the play adds the final touch of comedy. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)
Dorthea Wellinton Heister (Shannon McCoy) tries to persuade her sister, Comella Heister, (Shamelle Shannon) into staying in the hills. Comella and Dorthea were rich sisters from the city. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)
Slim Hawkenshaw (Heath North) disguises himself as Widow Squiggins to trick Cy Goolus (Robert Huff) into marrying the widow. These were two of the male leads in the play. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)
rection to stage a successful performance," said Riedel.

The successful performance was mainly due to the $100 \%$ participation from the junior class.
"If it wasn't for the whole class putting in their hard work, the play would not have been half the success it was," said Angie Wemer, jr.

Dy Toni Dinkel





Widow Squiggins (Brenda Shirk) sends her Squiggins children (Jenny Hillman, Sammy Herman) to capture Cy Goolus (Robert Huff) to be her future husband. At the end, Cy Goolus is tricked into marrying the widow. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)
Betty Belle Goolus (Tina Stegman) puts her hands up in shock at Horseface Dilly's (Mark Armbrister) presence. Because of Horseface's poverty, he is always looking for excitement no matter what he has to do to find It. (Photo by Kathy Brungart)
Emmy Jean (Janelle Dinkel) and Hank Goolus (Brad Honas) flirt during the Play. At the end of the play, Hank gets away from Emmy Jean by going to college. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)
Jr. class play cast and crew: Front row: B. Honas, M. Armbrister, A. Smith, T. Dinkel, T. Stegman, S. McCoy, S. Herman, $G$. Crawford. Second row: C. Collins, A. Fitzwater, K. Brungardt, A. Werner, L. Augustine, J. Hillman, R. Ptaschek, K. Geschwentner. Third row: C. Schmidt, S. Shannon, J. Dinkel, C. McElroy, H. North, R. Huff, J. Timmons, L. Matteson, L. Locker, B. Shirk, N. Hewett. (Photo by Brad Tebo)

## IDENTIFYING With Our Town

With the overabundance of comedies in the past, the senior class chose a more dramatic and classic play in Thorton Wilder's Our Town.
Since the play has basically no set, pantomime is a major factor in the impact and success of the play. Although the pantomime seemed awkward to some at first, with practice it was soon mastered.
"We could have presented one of those ordinary, humorous plays, but we were complimented so much more on the quality and difficulty of Our Town," said Jill Kippes (Emily Webb).

Elton Armbrister (Dr. Gibbs) said, "I thought that the play was not standing on steady ground at the beginning of rehearsals; however, the young ladies and gentlemen came around and made the play successful.
Director Mrs. Cindy Hertel helped the students act their

Smoking his pipe, Stage Manager Kyle Eberle fills the crowd in with facts of Grover's Comers. Grover's Comers represents all the small towns in America. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)
Senior play cast. Front row: Nikki Phillips, Holly Kroeger, Jill Kippes. Middle row: Denise Massier, Kevin Augustine, Kyle Eberle, Elton Armbrister, Connie Kohl, Jodi Gottschalk, Davon Armbrister, Holly Dinkel. Back row: Brad Tebo, Eric Hays, Tom Begler, Robb Hazen, Sean O'Rourke, Eric Shannon, Wendy Waldschmidt, David Graber, Lee Smith, John Locker, David Augustine, Brad Schafer. Not pictured: Shawn Graf. (Photo by Holly Kroeger)
parts, not just say their lines.
Wendy Waldschmidt was the student director who was responsible for sound effects such as trains and chickens.
Members of the Ellis High Choir were asked to play the part of a church choir, and Mrs. Maggie McKain helped with that. Mrs. Linda Riedel assisted with acting advice and suggestions to Aaron Ditter and Terry Patee on the lights, while Mr. Bill Dietz helped set up the lights.
The cast and crew had a total of four weeks to prepare for the play, and every bit of practice time they could find was used.
The play made $\$ 450$, giving the class $\$ 350$ after expenses.
The play was well received, especially by the adult audience who could see themselves in the characters.

1 by Robb Hazen


"It is simply ridiculous to have the church choir director drunk regularly at rehearsals." Mrs. Oibbs (Connie Koht), Mrs. Soames (Holly Kroeger) and Mrs. Webb (Nikki Phillips) discuss a problem in their community. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)

"Let me look!" cries Rebecca Gibbs (Jodi Gottschalk). Rebecca pleads with her brother George Gibbs (Brad Tebo) to let her catch a glimpse of the moon. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)
"Why, you're marrying the best young fellow in the world. " Mr. Webb (Eric Hays) assures his daughter Emily (Jill Kippes) that she should go on with the wedding while she is having second thoughts. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)

Excitement filled the air while the Railer fans hurled onto the field to congratulate the victorious football team. The Railer team broke their eight year Homecoming losing streak, to proudly record their 1988 Homecoming victory against the Hill City Ringnecks, $16-14$.

A week filled with excitement and enthusiasm came to a memorable end for the students at EHS.

During Homecoming week daily competitions between the classes were set up in two parts, dressing up and playing volleyball. The sophomores captured the spirit throughout the week.

On Friday, the parade featured each class float designed around the theme, "This Bird's For You." The junior class won first prize with their float.
Friday night set the scene for the crowning of the royalty. The anticipation grew as Jodi Gottschalk and Brady Bittel were crowned queen and king. Attendants included Wendy Waldschmidt, Blake Bittel, Connie Kohl and Kyle Eberle. The flower girl and crown bearer were Emily Fischer and Seth Dinkel.
Once again the Homecoming dance was a success as a DJ provided music.
i) by Wendy Waldschmidt


Oops! I dropped it! During the crowning, king Brady Bittel accidentally drops the crown while Seth Dinkel, crownbearer looks on. Bittle, sr., went out for football all four years. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

L ook at us. 1988-89 royalty: Wendy Waldschmidt, Blake Bittel, Jodi Gottschalk, Brady Bittel, Connie Kohl and Kyle Eberle. Flower girl and crownbearer were Emily Fischer and Seth Dinkel. (Photo by Holly Kroeger)


Future Railroaders. The Ellis pre-school joined in the Homecoming activities by entering in the parade with a float. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

Come and get it! Sheldon Pfeifer, so. helps cook hot dogs at the annual Homecoming barbecue. Pfeifer was a member of the football and wrestling squads. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)


We're number one! EHS students celebrate the Homecoming victory over Hill City, 16-14. Front row: Jodi Gottschalk, Dallas Faulkender, Toni Dinkel, Wendy Waldschmidt and Connie Kohl. Back row: Olivia Fondoble, Brenda Shirk, Natalie Seibel, Stacey Dinkel, Shannon McCoy and Jackie Meyers. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

All smiles. Brady Bittel and Jodi Gottschalk smile nervously after being announced king and queen. Crowning took place during the pre-game. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

Go ye Railroaders. Freshmen Tim Dinkel, Chad Sproul, Casey McCoy, D. J. Fischer, Mike Armbrister, Cory Eberle, Zach Zerfas, Jeff Kohl, Mike Binder, Aaron Younger and Ben Deutscher perform the fight song at the Homecoming pep assembly. Their participation in the rally was part of their initiation as freshmen football players. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

## Points <br> to <br> Remember

"Winter Romance" was the theme for the 1988 Snoball. Snoball is the Kayettes' biggest event of the year. Each Kayette member had to earn six points by doing various world, national and community projects in order to attend the dance.

The dance was held in the high school lobby. It was filled with the colors of red, black and white. Helium balloons and metallic streamers transformed the high school lobby into an elite club.
"I think Snoball '88 was by far the best I have attended. The whole organization worked together to make it as enjoyable as it was. Mrs. Collins deserves an extra special thanks. She took
on the responsibility and made it a great success," said Nikki Phillips, Kayette president.

Tom Begler and Jill Kippes, srs., were crowned king and queen. The princesses were Cassie Schmidt, jr., Carman Werner, soph., and Nicole Martin, fr. The princes were Heath North, jr., Jason Edmonds, soph., and Wade Ditter, fr.

During intermission, a routine to "I Want You to Rock Me" by Vixen was performed by Snoball servers Michelle Flax, Lesley Bartlett, Stana Bittel and Jenny Baugher.

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

Dy Angela Werner


Doing a good job, the 1988 Snoball servers, Stana Bittel, Lesley Bartlett, Michelle Flax, and Jenny Baugher perform during intermission. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)


Singing with enthusiasm, lead singer for Submytion entertains Ellis High with his music. This was Submytion's first appearance here. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)


A job well done. Front row: Connie Kohl, sr., Nikki Phillips, sr., Jill Kippes, sr., Tom Begler, sr., and Jodi Gottschalk, sr. Back row: Wade Ditter, fr., Carman Wemer, soph., Nicole Martin, fr., Bob Shirk, sr., Heath North, jr., Shawn Graf, sr., Kevin Augustine, sr., Cassie Schmidt, jr., and Jason Edmonds, soph. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)

Loving every minute of it. Kyle Eberle, sr., and Jodi Gottschalk, sr., take advantage of the slow songs. Eberle participated in football and wrestling. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)

Dance the night away. Cassie Schmidt, Jr., shows true spirit during a fast dance. Schmidt has attended Snoball for three years. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)


Way to go. Janelle Dinkel, jr., applauds a winning candidate as Heath North, Jr., waits for the announcement of the prince. Dinkel has participated in Kayettes for three years. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)

This year's annual Barnwarmer, sponsored by FFA and FHA, was on March 10, 1989.

The FFA sweetheart candidates were Christy Collins, Tina Stegman, Shannon McCoy and Cassie Schmidt. The FHA candidates were Heath North, Sammy Herman and Clint McElroy.

The girls were judged on how fast they could chop wood, drive nails into a piece of wood, and tie a ribbon on a calf's tail.


At the same time, the boys were in the kitchen performing homemaking skills. These skills included making pancakes, ironing, and folding sheets.
After the candidates were finished with their activities, they gave a short speech to complete the competition.

The dance was in the high school lobby with music provided by Sweet Innocence.
$\Delta$ by Toni Dinkel


Keeping the beat is what I do best. Robb Hazen, sr., and his band Sweet Innocence played at Barnwarmer. This is the second band Hazen has been involved in. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)

How do you fold this thing, wondered Clint McElroy, jr. McElroy was in FFA all three years. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)


Watch out, Tina is on the loose. Tina Stegman, jr., chops wood for time in order to receive points. Stegman served as a FHA officer this year. (Photo by Holly Kroeger)


How sweet it is. Sammy Herman, jr. gives Cassie Schmidt, jr., the traditional kiss. Herman was named Mr. FHA, and Schmidt was crowned FFA sweetheart. (Photo by Toni Dinkel)

The Barnwarmer candidates were juniors Christy Collins, Heath North, Tina Stegman, Clint McElroy, Cassie Schmidt, Sammy Herman and Shannon McCoy (Photo by Toni Dinkel)


Stand still, you dumb cow. Christy Collins, jr., carefully ties a string around a calf's tail. Collins was a first year Vo. Ag student. (Photo by Holly Kroeger)

## Romance in <br> Orient

As the night dwindled away, another prom was soon over. For the seniors it meant their last prom, but it left the juniors andpiously waiting for their senior prom.

The theme for the 1989 Prom was "Romance in the Orient." To help portray the theme, the gym was decorated in red, black and gold. The music was presented by The Heat.

To complement the theme, almons chicken and sweet and sour pork were the entrees.

The sophomore servers were

Easy does it. Sam Herman, jr., helps in decorating the gym. The whole jr. class participated in the decorating. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

How is the food? Jeff Williams and Carman Werner serve the meal. There were twelve sophomore servers. (Photo by Brad Tebo)

Stacey Dinkel, Natalie Seibel, Carman Werner, Krista Weber, Karla Kinderknecht, Jennifer KelIer, Jason Cager, Jason Edmonds, Jeff Kippes, John Riedel, Jeff Williams and Sheldon Pfeifer. The servers did a routine to the song, "The Look," by Rexate.

Mr. Stan Faulkender, jr. class sponsor, said, "Everyone was cooperative, and the attitude of the prom was the best I've seen in years.'

1 by Shawn Graf



Talk, Talk, Talk! Blake Bittel, sr. class pres., reads in Chinese while Connie Kohl, sr., translates it into English. The name cards were also written in Chinese. (Photo by Brad Tebo)


Don't work too hard. Mr. Stan Faulkender, jr. class sponsor, helps out with the decorating. Faulkender has been jr. class sponsor for a number of years. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

Sharp dressed man! Davon Armbrister, sr., and Brenda Shirk, jr., point out how good Elton Armbrister, sr., looks. Only juniors and seniors are invited to the prom. (Photo by Brade Tebo)

I hate balloons! Nicole Hewett, Christy Collins, and Kathy Brungardt fill balloons for decorations. The juniors get out a half day of school to decorate. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)


Don't you darel Aaron Ditter, sr., waits for the class competition to end before heading back to class. Ditter was a member of the football and basketball team. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

Cook to the rescue. Mr. Mills and Mr. Romine take a break at the senior soup supper. Mr. Mills was a senior class sponsor. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

Hey, how's it going? Eric Shannon and Brady Bittel, sr., have fun druing the volleyball scrimmage. Both were members of the basketball team. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)


As the last bell rang, the students of Ellis High School raced to the doorway, anticipating the relaxing summer days ahead of them. Although swept up in the excitement of summer, many students couldn't help remembering their joys and sorrows as they completed the year. Because of pride in many of their school activities, everyone knew these Ellis students were "Born To Be Orange!'

The first glimpse of orange was seen during homecoming week. Work began on floats and activities at the start of the week and ended with a bang as the Railroader football team claimed
their first homecoming win in twelve years.

The next burst of excitement exploded when three Ellis wrestlers qualified for state competition. Because of Hays' proximity, Gross Memorial Coliseum was packed with roaring Ellis fans dressed in orange and black. The excitement grew during final competition, culminating when Kevin Augustine placed second in the 130 lb . weight class.

The next week, the excitement continued as, against all odds, the boys' basketball team made it to the finals at sub-state. Hoping for a tournament champion-
ship, many Ellis fans traveled to Hill City, dressed in orange and black attire, to support the Railer team. After fighting a tough battle, the team was still pleased to walk away with a second place trophy.

As the year continued, students of Ellis High School were constantly reminded of that orange pride through such activities as track, golf and forensics.

When asked why they were unique, an EHS student's response could simply be that "We were Born To Be Orange'!'
by Jill Kippes


One, big happy family. The freshman boys sing to the seniors during the homecoming pep assembly. Freshman initiation is a tradition during homecoming week. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)


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