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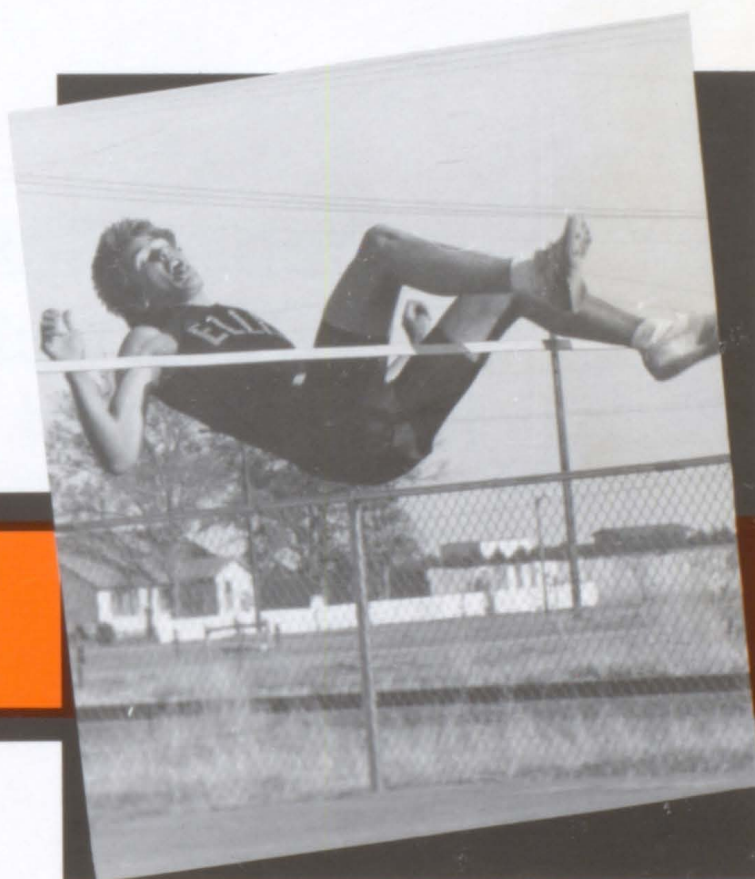
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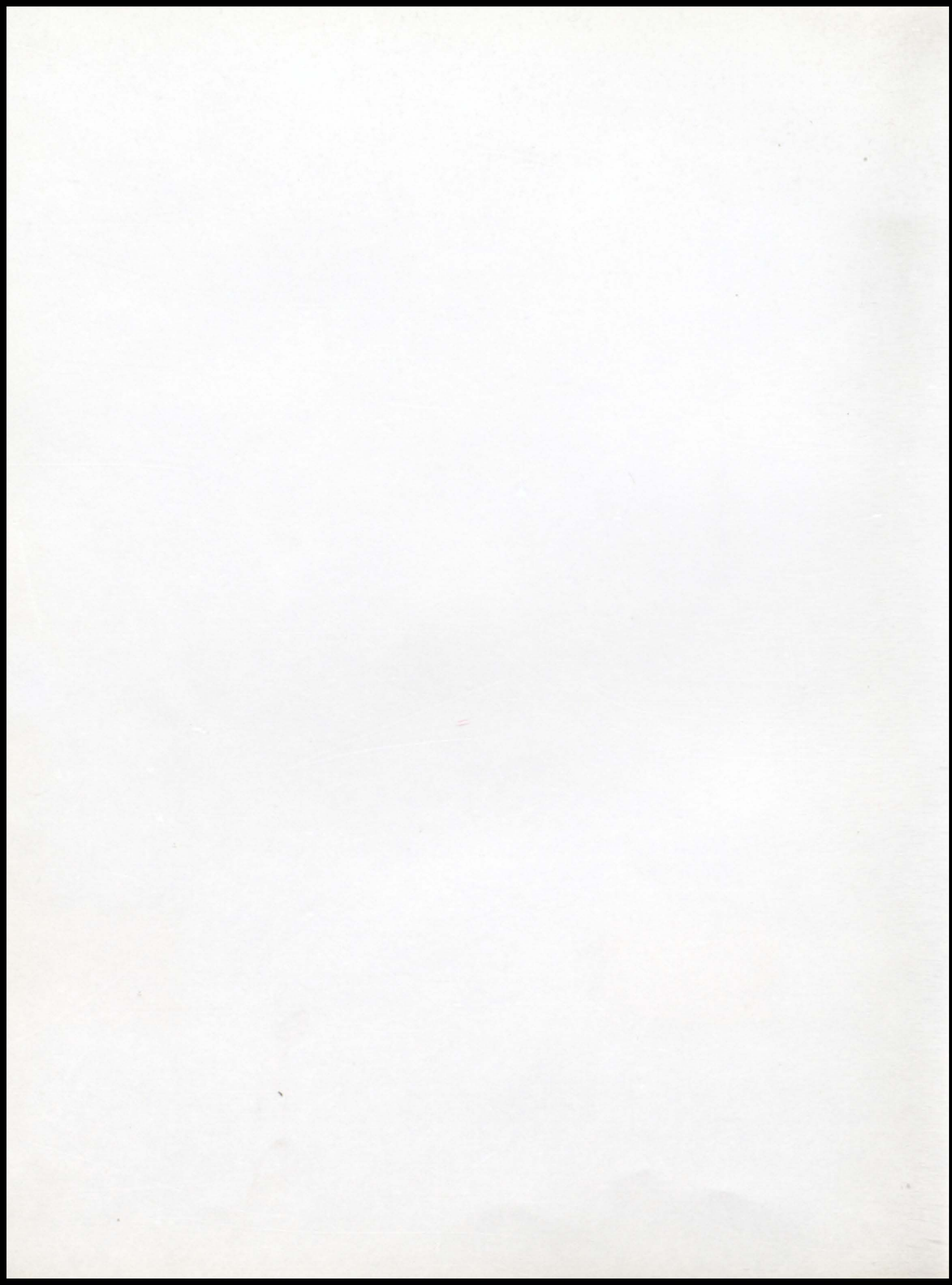
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"The road ahead is yet to be paved."

— Heather Zeigler, fr.

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ake a SecondLook

When we sometimes look at school, we don't stop to get a true picture of what we see. No matter what takes place inside the doors of EHS, things aren't always as black and white as they appear.

To keep the school in its great shape, people have to take pride in it to keep it that way. When visitors enter the doors of our school, the school appears as if it were built just a few years ago. Instead, the students, faculty, and administration have kept the 13-year-old school a colorful and clean building.

With small numbers passing through the halls, people with dedication keep all the activities alive. Since only 126 students attend EHS, many students find themselves very busy with numerous sports, clubs, and academics. Although the attendance has de-

creased over the years, students have managed to become as active as possible to keep everything going.

To get things done, people who can cooperate with one another get the job done. No matter what it is, students have to put forth a lot of effort behind the scenes before the curtain can rise.

One thing can definitely be found when searching EHS, individuality. Behind the clubs, sports, and activities, we find no two people who are alike. Each person puts forth his talent which is intermixed with those around him. This talent makes up the successful teams and organizations of EHS. For example, the forensics students all put forth their unique talents to succeed individually and as a team. Although the people are distinct in their personalities,

they can find a friend to lend a helping hand or just a needed smile in any one of the four classes in the small, friendly atmosphere. This trait is what pulls the individuals into a harmonious group. Each person has his uniqueness that adds up with the rest to paint a colorful picture of EHS.

To sum it all up, pride, dedication, cooperation, and uniqueness keep our school alive. The students don't settle for being placed in two categories. Instead, they show their true colors in all their work and play, because they know "It's Not All Black and White."

By Sharnelle Shannon

Isn't he cute? Brenda Beecher, jr., and Amy Bartlett, jr., pet a salamander during Biology II class. Dissecting animals was a part of the course. (Photo by Loretta Augustine)





Smile pretty! Lesley Bartlett, fr., D. J. Fischer, so., Stana Bittel, fr., Lonnie Matteson, sr., Lance Kohl, jr., Heather Zeigler, fr., Tina Stegman, sr., Shannon McCoy, sr., take time out for a picture. Barnwarmer was held in the high school lobby. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

Ugh! Brandi Rush, fr., takes her turn at the triple jump. She also participated in the long jump. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

What did you say? Jason Edmonds takes time for a picture during a football game. Edmonds was involved in football for three years. (Photo by Carman Werner)



Will it be us? Shannon McCoy, sr., and Sam Herman, sr., walk out on the field before the crowning. Heath North, sr., and Shannon McCoy, sr., were crowned king and queen. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek.)

Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to march we go! Misty Rathbun, jr., and Jennifer Keller, jr., go onto the field for the pregame show. Both were involved in band for three years. (Photo by Carman Werner)



Who will take the lead? Tim Kroeger, so., and Casey Dinkel, so., race for the finish line. There were enough boys out to make a full team. (Photo by Krista Weber)



Are we having fun yet? Jeff Kohl, so., waits for the pep rally at the stuco barbeque. The annual picnic was held at the Firestation Park with a hot dog roast. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)

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"I like the idea of being in high school, but I don't like the idea of being called a 'Freshman.'"

— Travis Kohlrus, fr.

reshmen

As the doors of EHS opened, the 28 new faces of the class of '93 appeared with the usual "Freshman" expression.

Although they were the most under of the classmen, the class of '93 adapted to their new life quite well.

When it came to club initiations, the class responded well to being dressed like pigs, beach bums, and various other characters.

Moving on in the freshman limelight, the freshmen did as well as can be expected. Capturing fourth in float competition and third in

volleyball brought the class to an overall placing of third during Homecoming Spirit Week competition.

With most of the action in the past and seeing the end of the freshman year ending, the overall outcome could be summed up by a couple of loyal freshmen.

"We freshmen walked into the building with excitement and fear. But as the year progressed, we knew that we belonged here. Whether that is luck or fate, I guess we'll never know. We are proud to be freshmen, but we'll be

glad to go," said Heather Luea.

Jenney Baugher had this to say about her year as a freshman. "As a freshman girl, I know that I speak for the rest of my class when I say that the upperclassmen have made our first year at EHS more enjoyable than we thought it would be. Each day brings us something new and exciting. With the help of the rest of the student body, we've all learned a great deal."

By Sharnelle Shannon



Stove Top Stuffing. The freshman float awaits its turn in the Homecoming parade. The theme for this year was Pluck 'Em and Stuff 'Em. (Photo by Carman Werner)

Relaxation time. Dan Shoemaker, fr., and Chris Hardman, fr., take a break during class. Both took general math. (Photo by Loretta Augustine)

Study hard boys. T.A. Hays, fr., Marty Hernandez, soph., and Zach McDonald, fr., do last minute studying before school. Many people could be found studying in the halls before school. (Photo by Loretta Augustine)





Well, I think I can do that. Lesley Bartlett, fr., and Denni Barton, fr., watch one of the games at the Kayette freshman initiation. Seniors were given a freshman to dress up for a whole day. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt.)



Hey Babe! Stana Bittel, fr., and Heather Luea look pretty for the camera. Bittel and Luea were both cheerleaders. (Photot by Loretta Augustine.)

PEEK a boo! Freshman class officers Renee Fisher, Michelle Flax, Duane Massier, and Brian Harp pose for a picture. The freshmen voted on their class officers at the beginning of the year. (Photo by Kathy Burngardt.)



Hey, let's go walking. Becki Scheck, fr., and Heather Huff, fr., walk the halls before school. Most students arrived at 8 o'clock. (Photo by Loretta Augustine.)

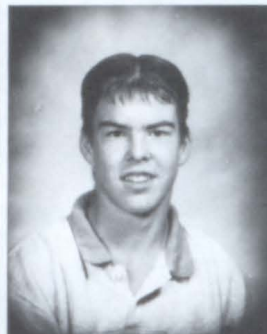
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It's Him! Isn't He Great!

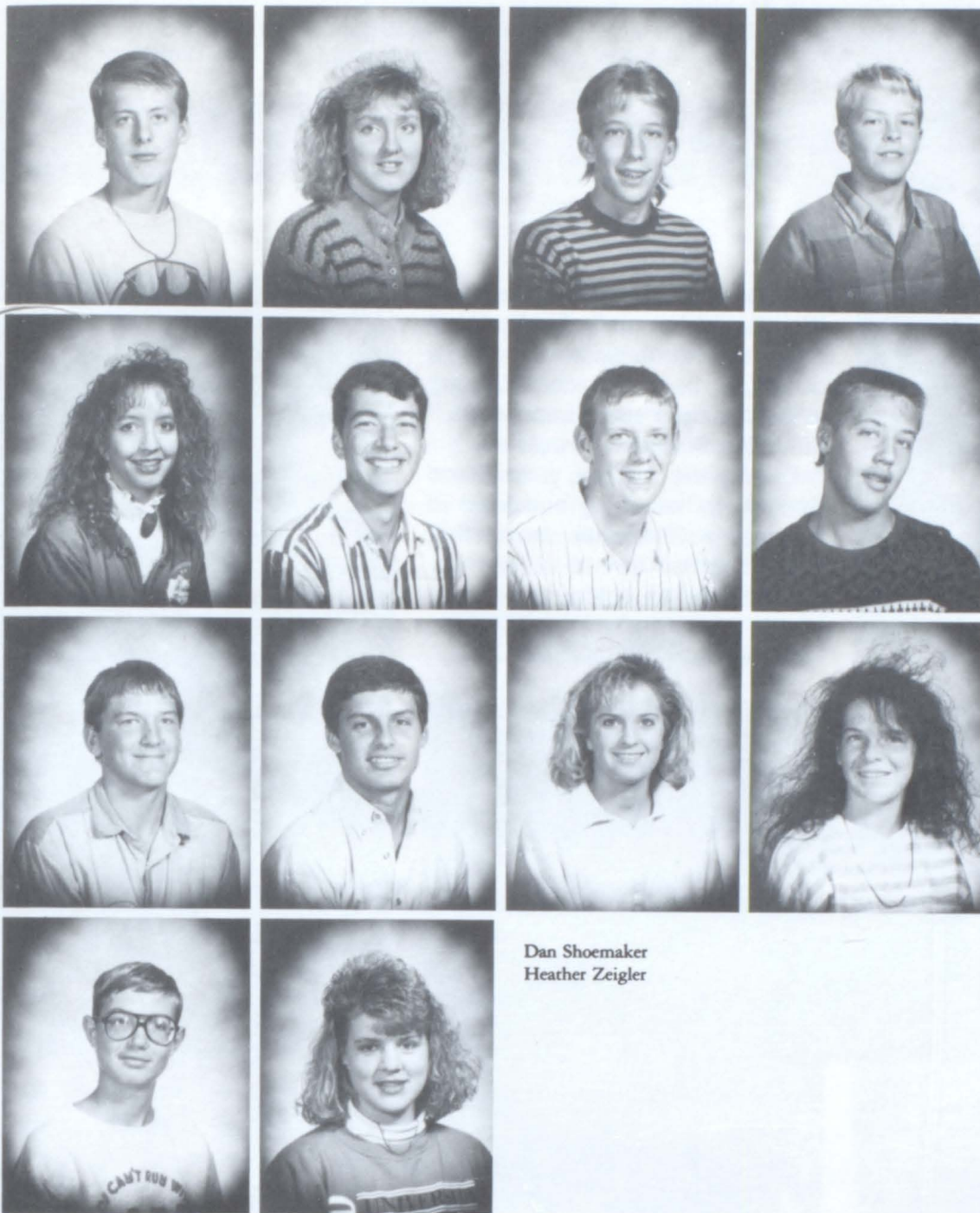
When reminiscing about childhood, many things pop into a person's mind. Of all the memories that stick out, a person can usually recall a certain someone who, to him, could leap over tall buildings in a single bound. Adults, and fictional characters, play a large part of

a child's world and have a large impact on his life. To a small child an idol is the greatest person alive, and nobody is better. But when the time arrives for high school students to actually admit having an idol like superman, people seem to turn a little red. This is especially true when under the in-

fluence of peers. So finding students at EHS who had childhood idols was difficult, but not entirely impossible.

After going on somewhat of an idol hunt, a few brave souls revealed their childhood idol.

"Henry Ford was my idol, because he invented Ford Motors,"



Ryan Keller
Rachel Kinderknecht
Travis Kohlrus
Brian Leiker

Heather Luca
Duane Massier
Zach McDonald
Jake McMillin

Ted North
Jason Pfeifer
Brandi Rush
Becki Scheck

Dan Shoemaker
Heather Zeigler

They Call Him the "HULK"

said Chris Hardman, fr.

Nicole Martin, so., said, "I liked Shaun Cassidy, and I always wrote letters to his fan club. I also listened to his records all of the time."

After finally catching up with Lance Kohl, jr., he let us in on who his idol was. "I liked Superman

because he could fly faster than a speeding bullet and leap tall buildings in a single bound." Then he flew off down the hallway.

"Daisy Duke was my idol, because I always wanted to look just like her," short, little Shannon McCoy said with a smile.

Some people may feel revealing

their idol is embarrassing, but those who revealed their idol now know they are not alone.

By Sharnelle Shannon

S

tuco

"I think that Stuco is a fun organization that lets me know what is going on in the school." — Toni Dinkel, sr.

Stuco is a student based organization. It contains 23 members that are elected in the spring for the following year. Each class has three representatives, and each of the other organizations has one representative.

The students are supposed to have the power in this club, but it is felt that more support is needed. When they are trying to make changes, some students feel they are fighting an uphill battle.

"So far, the year has gone well. We started out really fired up, but since the students have no real power, it becomes discouraging when changes seem impossible," said Tina Stegman, president.

During the school year Stuco hosted Homecoming and tried to sponsor a Christmas movie that was cancelled due to school dismissal from the cold weather.

By Jennifer Keller



89-90 Stuco members, Back row: J. Williams, B. Kruckenberg, J. Kippes, T. North, J. Riedel, N. Seibel, T. Dinkel, S. McCoy, S. Hewett, S. Bittel, D. J. Fischer, and G. Crawford. Front row: W. Ditter, Mr. Romine, R. Keller, M. Rathbun, K. Weber, C. Werner, S. Shannon, T. Stegman, C. Schmidt, S. Dinkel, D. Faulkender, and H. Luea. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)

Punking out! Mrs. Howard shows her spirit on Punk Day. Howard taught typing, computers and bookkeeping this year. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

89-90 Stuco officers: Jeff Williams, vice-president; Tina Stegman, president; Toni Dinkel, secretary; John Riedel, treasurer. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)



N

"It's an accomplishment that anyone should be proud of, and it will help me in the long run." — Tricia North, jr.

National Honor Society

National Honor Society is a national organization formed to reward the student who earns good grades, shows leadership, and demonstrates community involvement.

At EHS a junior or senior must have at least a 3.5 grade point average to be considered for NHS. All the students who have a 3.5 gpa are given an application on which to indicate leadership qualities and community service.

Another form is given to the student's teachers to rate the person on his character, leadership and

service. The forms and applications are given to the faculty selection committee which makes the final decision.

Five juniors were inducted during ceremonies on November 16. They were Jennifer Keller, Brian Kruckenberg, Natalie Seibel, Tricia North and Melissa Kreutzer.

"I feel it's one of the best things that a high school student can accomplish. It requires many good qualities not just those of academics," said Brian Kruckenberg, jr.

By Jennifer Keller



Light it. Mr. Burr lights the candle of scholarship. June Howard, Max Klitzke and Linda Riedel wait their turn. All four played a part in the induction ceremony this year. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

8 9-90 NHS members: Jennifer Keller, Brian Kruckenberg, Natalie Seibel, Tricia North and Melissa Kreutzer. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

Congratulations! Mr. Romine hands Brian Kruckenberg his NHS certificate. Kruckenberg was inducted as a junior. Kruckenberg has participated in basketball all three years. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

H

"T his Homecoming week was the best in my four years of high school." — Rhonda Ptaschek, sr.

omecoming

H omecoming week was filled with excitement because of the many activities that went on during the week. Each class participated in the daily competitions, bonfire, pep rally, float competition, and overall spirit. In the end the seniors accomplished their goal of taking first instead of fourth as they had in their first three years.

The daily competition consisted of two parts, dress-up and volleyball. Dress-up days included punk day, dress-up day, orange and black day, wood stock day and famous person day. The daily contest was a volleyball tournament.

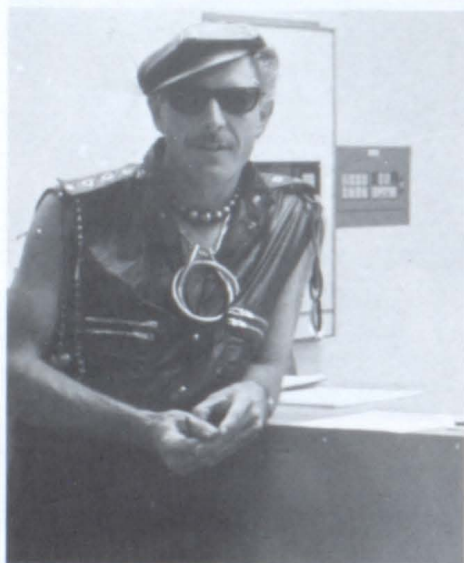
On Friday the parade featured each class float designed around the theme, "Pluck 'em and Stuff

'em." The junior float, a bird hanging on a goal post, and the senior float, a conveyor belt, tied for first.

The football game was the scene for the crowning. The anticipation grew as the candidates were escorted onto the football field. The band played "Glory of Love" after Shannon McCoy and Heath North were crowned queen and king. Attendants included Toni Dinkel, Sammy Herman, Kelly Geschwentner and Lonnie Matteson. The flower girl and crown bearer were Amanda Hernandez and Dustin Duntz.

Once again the dance was a success as a DJ provided the music.

By Toni Dinkel



Y a, I'm cool. Reggie Romine poses to show off his outfit for punk-day. Romine has been the Stuco sponsor for six years. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)



S mile pretty. Heath North, sr., and Toni Dinkel, sr., get ready to ride in the Homecoming parade. North was crowned king. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

L ookin' good. Toni Dinkel, Sammy Herman, Shannon McCoy, Heath North, Kelly Geschwentner and Lonnie Matteson were the 1989-90 Homecoming candidates. Amanda Hernandez and Dustin Duntz were the flower girl and crown bearer. The queen is chosen by the student body, and the king is chosen by the football players. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)



We're hungry. Lance Kohl, jr., Jeff Kohl, soph., Jeff Kippes, jr., Jason Edmonds, jr., Timmy Kroeger, soph., and Marty Hernandez, soph., wait in line for their food. Stuco once again held the annual barbecue. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)



What's going on? Lonnie Matteson, sr., waits for the football game to start. Due to an earlier injury, Matteson had to sit out for a few games. Matteson had been involved in football for four years. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

Yum, yum, yum. Robert Huff, sr., tries to snarf down his pudding faster than any other class can, while George Crawford, sr., holds the bowl for him during class competition at the Homecoming pep-rally. Huff and Crawford were involved in FFA for four years. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

M

usic

"C hoir is my favorite class. We have lots of fun." — Rachel Kinderknecht, fr.

The 89-90 Choir and Band enjoyed a very exciting season this year. Both classes were busy with performances ranging from concerts to contests. Band and choir performed at the Christmas concert, the spring concert and at graduation. Both attended contests in March and April. Unfortunately, the band did not travel to the Hutchinson State Fair this year

because of bad weather. Although both classes weren't large, the quality of the students made up for the small number. Mr. Bill Dietz, band director, and Ms. Janice Enloe, first year choir director, had much to say about their students. At the beginning of 1990, Mr. Dietz said, "I think we had the best marching season. I anticipate the concert season to be as good

as it has been in the past."

Ms. Enloe was very impressed by her students. She said, "I was very pleased with the Christmas concert because we're doing very well considering that we have a lot of freshmen."

By Karla Kinderknecht

Choir members, First row: J. Baugher, B. McDonald, R. Kinderknecht, B. Rush, H. Huff, M. Werth. Second row: A. Smith, M. Schoenberger, B. Scheck, S. Bittel, H. Zeigler, H. Luea, J. Enloe. Last row: R. Fisher, D. Barton, S. Schaus, B. Kohl, C. Collins, T. Augustine, S. Bouslaugh. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt.)

Band officers: Nicole Hewett, pres.; Jennifer Keller, vice-pres.; Ted North, stuco rep.; Misty Rathbun, librarian.; Jenny Hillman, secretary. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt.)





Making music, Amy Scott, so., plays her flute during halftime at a basketball game. Scott has been a band member for two years. (Photo by John Riedel)

Amy Bartlett, jr., toots her horn during pep band at the halftime of a basketball game. Bartlett has been a band member for three years. (Photo by John Riedel)



Rhonda Ptaschek, sr., Olivia Fondoble, so., Sharnelle Shannon, sr., and Toni Dindel, sr., perform their flag routine at halftime of a home football game. The flag team performed with the band at every halftime and marched in the parades. (Photo by John Riedel)

Blake Bittel, EHS graduate, and Stana Bittel, fr., keep the beat at the boys' pregame. Stana has participated in band for one year. (Photo by John Riedel)



S

taff

"The point systems for pep assemblies is a great idea. The classes are really working well together." — Mrs. Howard, teacher.

Administrators for Ellis High School do more than set policies. School board members must know what's going on at Ellis High, and that is not always easy. Fortunately, Mr. Reggie Romine, principal, helps in that area. Mr. Romine keeps Mr. Clair Beecher, superintendent, informed on the activities at the high school. Then, Mr. Beecher relays the information to the school board. School board members this year were Melvin Augustine, Adolf Kuhn, Art

Honas, Janice Leiker, Leon Staab, Linda Smith, Art Schoenthaler, and Clair Beecher. Board members attend many school activities to show their support and involvement.

Although the administrators do help keep the school running smoothly, the faculty and staff help too. Teachers, librarians, cooks, janitors, bus drivers, and secretary, Dorothy Waldschmidt, and her helpers donate much of their time to keeping Ellis high

school on the right track. Some teachers, such as Mr. Max Klitzke, taught a different class this year. Mr. Klitzke, who has been a science and Biology I and II teacher for three years, said, "The class required more time for preparation; however it progressed satisfactorily because of the quality of the students involved."

By Karla Kinderknecht



1 1989-90 faculty. Seated: S. Faulkender, J. Howard, L. Riedel, V. Duell, C. Hertel, S. Harwick, B. Mauk. Standing: A. Mills, B. Erikson, S. Faulkender, K. Burr, M. Klitzke, B. Dietz, T. Zervas, J. Kolacny, T. Harp, E. Pfeifer. (Photo by Krista Weber.)



Bus drivers for the 1989-90 school year: A. Kuhn, H. Daily, R. Hurt, M. Riedel, R. Kroeger, J. Locker, P. Patee, F. Augustine, J. Patten, R. Kingsley and B. Armbrister. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)



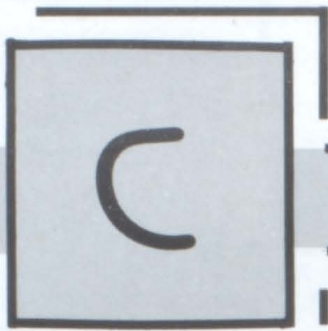
Dorothy Waldschmidt, secretary, points Mr. Reggie Romine, principal in the right direction. Romine and Waldschmidt kept the school running smoothly. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)



The janitors, G. Augustine and C. Waldschmidt do the lawn work. The janitors did repairs and kept the school clean. (Photo by Brad Tebo)



Pat Bieker and Lois Schartz, the school cooks, clean up after lunch. Both have made lunches daily at the high school for three years. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)



"Cross-Country is a sport that takes a lot of will power." — Adell Smith, sr.

Cross-Country

Under the leadership of three seniors, the cross-country team brought home two firsts, one third, three fourths, one sixth, and one ninth. The proudest moment was when Jenny Hillman, sr., took fourth at state.

"Toward the middle and end of the season, our spirits were high, and we fought hard for state, but it slipped through our fingers," said Hillman.

This year the team was under the new direction of Coach Mike Hadden. His coaching techniques were based on his motto:

"Whatever you put into it is what you get out of it."

"At first it was difficult, but after a couple of weeks practice got easier and I got to know him better," said Chris Stegman, so.

Overall the year went well for the team, especially for Hillman.

"At the beginning of the year our times weren't as good as we had hoped, but the placings were among the top ones. It was a great year for me, especially as a junior. It was definitely very memorable and a lot of fun," said Hillman.

by Rhonda Ptaschek



The three Amigos Jenny Hillman, Loretta Augustine, and Adell Smith were the seniors leading the group. Augustine and Smith were out for cross-country for all four years. Hillman participated for three years. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)

On your mark! Get set! Go! The girls' team takes off the line to take a first at Ellis Invitational. (Photo by Rhonda Ptaschek)

Striding at a good pace, Jenny Hillman, sr., takes first at the Ellis Invitational. Hillman qualified for state and took fourth. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)





As they push a little harder and shock the Wheatland Shockers, Tim Kroeger, so., and Casey Dinkel, so., near the finish line. This was Kroeger and Dinkel's second year in cross-country. (Photo by Rhonda Ptasehek)

I know I can! I know I can! Clint Pfannenstiel, so., and John Riedel, jr., come up from behind. Pfannenstiel has participated for two years while Riedel has participated for three years. (Photo by Krista Weber)



She's coming from behind. Adell Smith, sr., speeds up her pace in the race. Smith placed ninth at the meet. This was Smith's fourth year that she competed at Ellis. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)

V

"We are looking forward to next year and hope to reach our high expectations." — Misty Rathbun, jr.

olleyball

The 1989-90 volleyball season ended with a record of 7-13 which improved last year's record.

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

According to Hertel, to heighten enthusiasm for volleyball at EHS and to improve on the overall record were the goals for the season.

Hertel said, "We had more students participate in volleyball than ever before, and we won more matches, so we succeeded in reaching both goals."

The girls started to play well together.

"I felt we played like a team which helped our enthusiasm and season record," said Angie Werner, sr.

Some of the underclassmen

are looking forward to next year as the team only lost two seniors.

"There will be a lot of experienced, returning players that will work to our advantage," said Jennifer Keller, jr.

When asked about the upcoming season, Hertel said, "A strong group of seniors will provide good leadership next fall. However, to succeed the whole team must realize the potential they have and be dedicated in reaching it."

The team ended their season on a good note. They upset the second seeded team, Quinter, at sub-state which enabled them to play in the semifinals.

by Nicole Hewett



Spike it! Carman Werner, jr. goes up for a spike. Werner has participated in volleyball for three years. (Photo by John Riedel)

Here you go! Nicole Hewett, sr., passes the ball to Stana Bittle, fr. The ball is passed before it is set to a hitter. This was Hewett's last volleyball season. (Photo by Loretta Augustine)

I think they can! Coach Cindy Hertel thinks after a time out to settle the team down. Hertel was head coach for four years. (Photo by John Reidel)



Ellis	Varsity	Opp.
10, 2	Hill City	15, 15
0, 12	Palco	15, 15
10, 8	Plainville	15, 15
8, 6	TMP	15, 15
8, 15, 6	LaCrosse	15, 9, 15
15, 15	Ellinwood	5, 7
8, 10	Natoma	15, 15
11, 8	Victoria	15, 15
15, 15	Utica	13, 4
5, 15, 13	Wakeeney	15, 9, 15
4, 9	Osborne	15, 15
14, 18, 16	Phillipsburg	16, 16, 14
12, 7	Quinter	15, 15
15, 15	Utica	6, 12
15, 15	Ransom	9, 5
11, 11	LaCrosse	15, 15
16, 16	Smith Center	14, 14
5, 14	Plainville	15, 16
	Sub-state	
4, 15, 15	Quinter	15, 10, 8
3, 13	Hill City	15, 15

I have to get it over! Brenda Beecher, jr., concentrates on serving the ball. A serve is necessary to score points. Beecher has played volleyball for three years. (Photo by John Riedel)



Two of a kind! Nicole Hewett, sr., and Angela Werner, sr., The seniors led the team in leadership and enthusiasm. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

F

ootball

"It was a long season, and we gained a lot of experience."
— Jeff Kohl, so.

The 1989-90 football season proved to be an interesting one as the Railers were led by new head coach, Ken Zeigler, assisted by Kevin Burr and Bruce Erikson.

With the team returning only five seniors, it proved to be an inexperienced team which led to a rebuilding season.

There were several goals set. Learning good fundamental football, being competitive in the perennially tough MCL, and having some fun in practicing and playing football were some of these goals.

The team achieved some of these goals even though their record, 0-9, doesn't show it.

"Our improvement was most noticeable on offense. Even though we didn't move the ball real well, we did get better both running and passing the football," said Coach Zeigler.

According to Zeigler, the team felt both disappointment and relief when the season ended. Now, the coaches will be able to make the necessary changes to make next year's season a successful one.

by Nicole Hewett



Practice makes perfect! Micheal Armbrister, so., and Marty Hernandez, so., push each other in practice. Both of these players saw valuable playing time during the season. (Photo by Ellis Review.)

We are rough! Trevor Halligan, jr., Mark Armbrister, sr., Lance Kohl, jr., and D. J. Fischer, so., gang up on their opponent during the Smith Center game. Both Halligan and Kohl have been in football for three years. (Photo by John Riedel)

Listen to me! Coach Ken Ziegler explains a play to the boys. This was Ziegler's first year at Ellis. (Photo by Ellis Review)





Ellis	Varsity	Opp.
0	Phillipsburg	24
0	Smith Center	55
0	Hill City	34
6	Plainville	38
0	Trego	20
8	Osborne	31
8	Stockton	41
0	Victoria	34
0	LaCrosse	34



I got him! Heath North, sr., tackles his opponent in a Smith Center game. This was the Railer's opener. North participated in football for four years. (Photo by Ellis Review)

Just hangin' around! Lonnie Matteson, sr., Sam Herman, sr., Clint McElroy, sr., Mark Armbrister, sr., and Heath North, sr., led the team this year. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)

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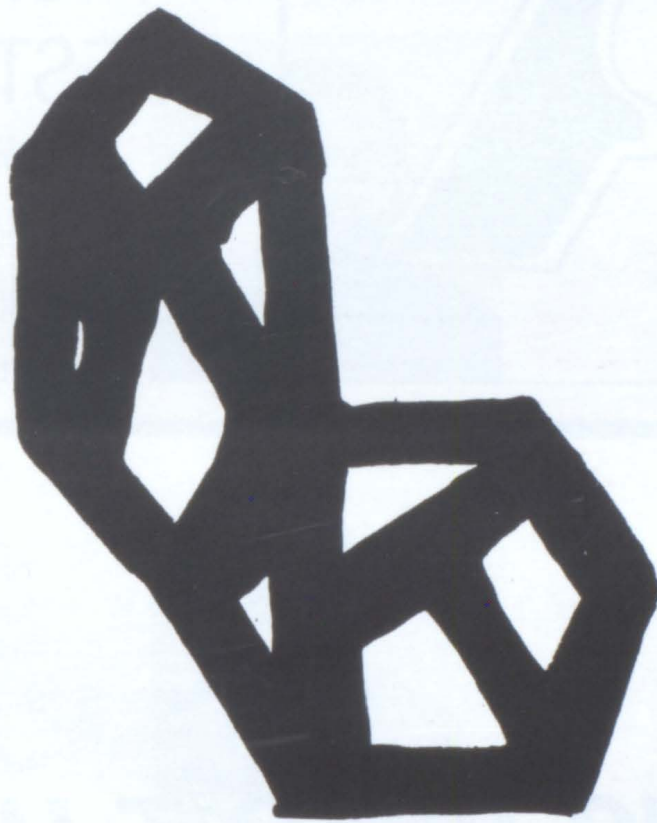
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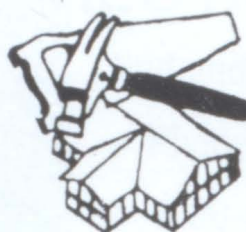
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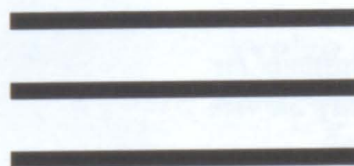
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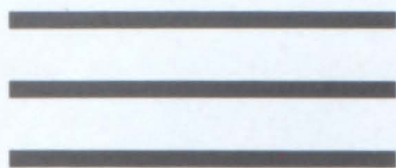
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Up, up and away. Nicole Hewett, sr., takes the ball to the hole as Karla Kinderknecht, jr., waits for a rebound. The Lady Railers were defeated by the Trego Eagles. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt.)

Let's go Railers. Natalie Seibel, jr., and Toni Dinkel, sr., cheer for a victory, and try to get the crowd involved. Both participated as varsity cheerleaders. (Photo by Carman Werner.)



What a performer! Wade Ditter, soph., jams to a song during a pep assembly before a basketball game. Points were rewarded to the class who showed the most enthusiasm during a pep assembly. (Photo by John Reidel.)



Come on Rainers! Trevor Hallagin, jr., puts up a two pointer as Brian Kruckenberg, jr., awaits the outcome. Both have been out for basketball 3 years. (Photo by Carman Werner.)

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S

ophomores

"We are a hard working class with lots of hidden talent that is just waiting to explode." — Cory Eberle, so.

When asked what he thought the most unique aspect of his class is, Jeff Kohl, so., said, "It's our great spirit. We never give up."

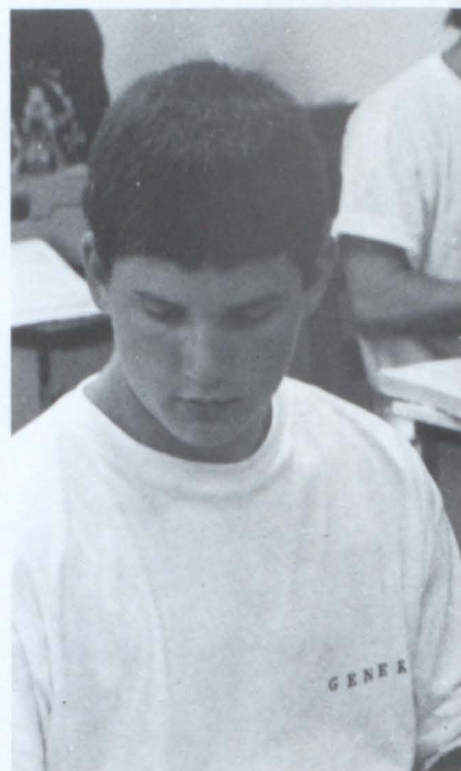
Although Kohl feels that "spirit" is their unique aspect, the sophomores placed last in all the spirit competition throughout the year.

Although most sophomores feel that the highlight of being a sophomore is going to be working the concession stand, they later find out that there is a lot of work and

responsibility involved. The sophomores worked the concession stand at all home games to raise money for prom and graduation. Each class member had to work his share to be able to attend prom his junior year.

"The sophomores have raised a lot of money and should be able to put on a good prom," said Miss Mauk, class sponsor.

By Toni Dinkel

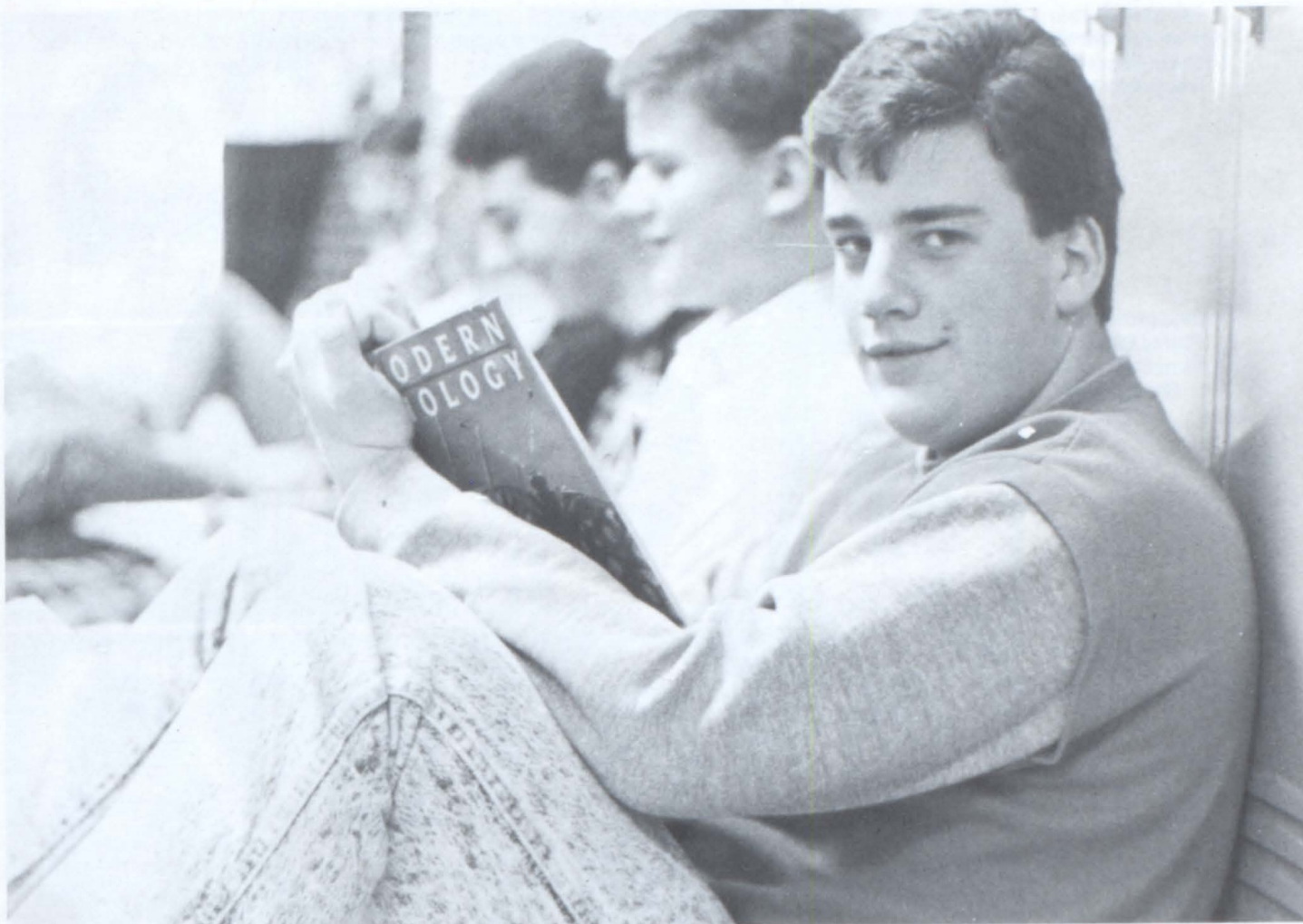


This is boring. Aaron Younger, so., practices his typing during class. Younger was involved in football and wrestling. (Photo by John Riedel)

Sophomore class officers: Cory Eberle, pres.; Casey Dinkel, vice-pres.; Bob Kohl, treas.; Olivia Fondoble, sec. (Photo by John Riedel)

I'm a Kiss fan. Tracy Augustine, so., dresses as one of the Kiss stars on look-alike day during Homecoming week. Augustine was on the Kayette board. (Photo by Krista Weber)

I'm getting it ready. Casey McCoy, so., makes the final touches on the sophomore float. McCoy was involved in basketball and ag. (Photo by Carman Werner)



Yeah, I'm studying. Mike Augustine, so., studies for Biology I before school. All sophomores were required to take Biology I. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

Boy this food is good. Sophomores Shaundell Hewett, Nicole Martin, Amy Scott, and Heather Scheck enjoy their meal during lunch. Lunch was rotated on an alternating schedule. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

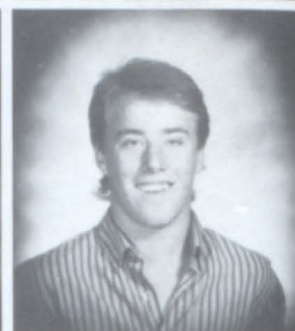


I want seconds. Justin Keeler, so., waits in line to receive seconds during lunch. Keeler's highlight of the day was lunch hour. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

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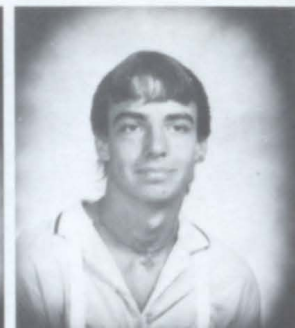
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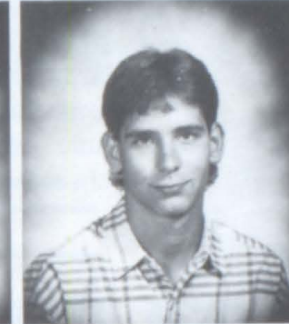




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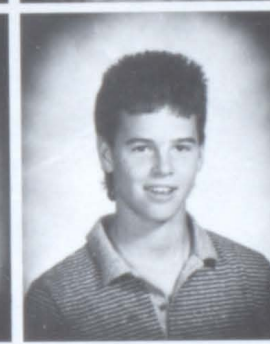
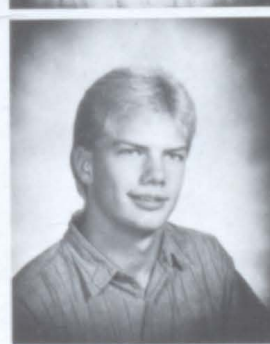
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Not Pictured:
John Locker

"I think we did reasonably well especially getting second at camp considering we had eight new members." — Olivia Fondoble, soph.

C

heerleaders

When the 1989-90 EHS cheerleaders were announced, one goal had already been set. Because of the lack of the Pep Club this year, it would be their responsibility to raise the level of spirit of the students.

One of the ideas to raise spirit was to award points to classes with the most spirit at each pep assembly. These points could be earned by making posters, designing pins and winning class competition. At the end of the year, the class with the highest number of points got out of school for a half a day and ate food provided by the cheerleaders.

Rhonda Ptaschek, senior cheerleader said, "The spirit the classes showed was more than I expected. I was glad to see so much spirit from the classes."

Once again, the cheerleaders proved to be one of the best squads in the area. During the summer the cheerleaders raised money to attend a DCA camp at Fort Hays State University. This year they placed second in the large squad division. This was an unexpected thrill as the squad only consisted of five returning cheerleaders.

By Nicole Hewett



Is it raining? Toni Dinkel, sr., cheers in rain, sleet or snow. Dinkel was in cheerleading for four years. (Photo by John Riedel)



Chugga-chugga choo-choo! Rhonda Ptaschek, Sharnelle Shannon, Toni Dinkel and Shannon McCoy were the senior cheerleaders this year. Dinkel was captain and McCoy was co-captain of the Varsity squad this year. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

Let's go Railers! Shannon McCoy cheers at a football game. McCoy was in cheerleading for four years. (Photo by Carman Werner)



B urrrr it's cold! Shannon McCoy, sr., Shaundell Hewett, so., Lesley Bartlett, fr., Toni Dinkel, sr., Natalie Seibel, jr., put on a skit at a pep assembly. Pep assemblies were held to up the spirit before a game. (Photo by Loretta Augustine)

H ey, check it out! Dallas Faulkender, so., Krista Weber, jr., and Jenny Baugher, fr. get ready to cheer on the cross-country team. This squad also cheered for the wrestlers. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

S mile for the crowd! Natalie Seibel, jr., and Rhonda Ptaschek, sr., prepare for a stunt. All the cheerleaders cheered for football games. (Photo by John Riedel)

T he 1989-90 cheerleaders. Back row: Shannon McCoy, sr., Dallas Faulkender, so., Sharnelle Shannon, sr., Stana Bittel, fr., Heather Luaa, fr., Lesley Bartlett, fr., Toni Dinkel, sr. Front row: Natalie Seibel, jr., Krista Weber, jr., Shaundell Hewett, so., Olivia Fondoble, so., Jenny Baugher, fr., Rhonda Ptaschek, sr. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

K

Kayettes

"Being a Kayette sponsor has been a real learning experience." — Mrs. Deines, Sponsor

As the new school year began, the organizations were getting off to a good start. Freshman initiations, dinners, and meetings were in progress for all but one organization.

Kayettes had no sponsor, for Mrs. Henry had moved to Colby, and so Mrs. Hertel and Mrs. Deines agreed to share the responsibility.

Fall brought the freshman initiation. Senior Kayettes dressed up the freshmen in various outfits, which were worn to school all day. That night there was a picnic and games held at the Firestation Park for all the Kayettes.

During December, the Kayettes sponsored the annual Snoball dance. With the theme "Illusions of the Night" and the colors purple, blue, and black, the night was a big success. The band Apollyon performed, which added the final touch.

As the band took a break and

everyone was catching his breath after dancing, the crowning ceremony was held. Lonnie Matteson and Nicole Hewett, srs., were crowned king and queen. Princes were John Riedel, jr., Casey Dinkel, so., and T. A. Hays, fr. Princesses were Amy Bartlett, jr., Tracy Augustine, so., and Heather Luea, fr.

After the crowning ceremony, the eight grade servers, Sierra Harwick, Lynn Mickelson, Lisa Mickelson, Molly Faulkender, and Marlaina Schoenberger, did a routine to "Pump up the Jam."

Spring activities included many service projects. Kayettes donated money to the Conenant House and Special Olympics Bowling. They also raised money to adopt a child. The last service project of the year was helping with Special Olympics Basketball.

By Amy Fitzwater



Did you know that . . . ? Christy Collins, sr., and Michelle Flax, fr., are enjoying themselves at initiation. Collins has been in Kayettes four years. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

1989-90 Kayette board members: N. Seibel, jr., A. Bartlett, jr., J. Keller, jr., S. Hewett, so., H. Scheck, so., T. Augustine, so., A. Scott, so., M. Rathbun, jr., C. Werner, jr., S. Dinkel, jr., C. Schmidt, sr., N. Hewett, sr., T. Dinkel, sr., R. Ptasehek, sr., K. Geschwentner, sr., S. McCoy, sr., A. Werner, sr. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)





Working hard to please our elders. Snoball servers Sierra Harwick, Lynn Mickelson and Lisa Mickelson are hard at work serving the guests. Servers were voted on by Kayette members. (Photo by Krista Weber)

How does this tape work? Tracy Augustine and Olivia Fondoble, so., concentrate hard on decorating for the Snoball dance. Augustine was crowned sophomore princess. (Photo by Carman Werner)



Smile pretty for the camera. Jenny Baugher, fr., gives a big smile as Michelle Flax, fr., enjoys the company of her date to Snoball. Snoball is a turnabout dance, which gives the girls a chance to ask the guys for a date. (Photo by Krista Weber)

F

FA

"I feel we did a pretty good job this year for the meager participation we encountered." — George Crawford, sr. president.

F FA had a year filled with many activities. The activities included fruit sales, faculty and member breakfast, barnwarmer, parent and member banquet, and the student work day (slave auction).

FFA week was February 19-23. The week's activities consisted of official dress day, a cow-chip-throwing contest, greenhand installation, and a scavenger hunt for the student body.

FFA members were very busy this year participating in contests. Contests which members participated in included dairy cattle, poultry, crops, livestock judging, and state contest.

Barnwarmer activities consisted of contests during the day for the Mr. FHA and the FFA sweetheart candidates.

Candidates for Mr. FHA were Jason Edmonds, John Riedel, Ryan Larghe, and Jeff Williams. Ryan Larghe was chosen as Mr. FHA.

Candidates for FFA sweetheart were Natalie Seibel, Carman Werner, Krista Weber, and Brenda Beecher. Carman Werner was crowned FFA sweetheart at the dance.

By Amy Fitzwater



1989-90 FFA officers: George Crawford, sr., Sheldon Pfeifer, jr., Ryan Larghe, jr., Jason Gager, jr., Robert Huff, sr., Brian Kruckenberg, jr., Mr. Pfeifer, sponsor. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)

89-90 members, First row: J. Williams, J. Metzler, L. Kohl, C. Dinkel, A. Younger, C. McCoy, B. Deutscher, S. Pfeifer, B. Kruckenberg, G. Crawford, J. Timmons, R. Huff, R. Larghe, Z. McDonald, J. Gager, B. Harp, Z. Zerfas, D. Massier, D. Keller, D. Dewitt, B. Leiker, Mr. Pfeifer. Second row: J. Kippes, T. North, D. Hays, C. Pfannenstiel, R. Keller, C. Stegman, W. Ditter, J. Pfeifer, C. Eberle, T. Hays, C. Schoenthaler, M. Augustine, D. Vine, L. Johnston. Third row: M. Armbrister, S. Schaus, M. Hernandez, D. Fischer, H. North, J. Kohl, M. Armbrister. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)

What a chef! Jim Metzler, jr., fries bacon for the member-faculty breakfast, as Wade Ditter, so., supervises his work. The breakfast was an annual event sponsored by FFA. (Photo by John Riedel)



F

HA

"F HA is fun, but it would be more fun if members would become more involved." — Rhonda Ptaschek, sr.

F HA had a busy year this year. There were some changes in the organization since last year.

This year FHA had a district officer. Cassie Schmidt was Vice President of Recreation as well as president of the chapter.

Males joined FHA this year, which has not been done in the last few years. The guys participated actively in the projects. Mike Mike Armbrister, so., was the top magazine seller and attended state convention.

The freshman kidnap was held in a park in Hays this year instead of the traditional location of Ellis High School. The games at the

park were followed by breakfast at McDonald's.

The Par Law team, consisting of seven members, won the district competition and went on to compete at state contest.

State convention was held in Wichita on March 29-30. The sixteen members with the most points were able to attend.

FHA sponsored barnwarmer along with FFA again this year. Music was provided by a D.J. People who attended felt it was a success and really enjoyed it.

By Amy Fitzwater



You are so funny! Toni Dinkel and Lonnie Matteson, srs., enjoy themselves at barnwarmer. Barnwarmer was an annual dance sponsored by FHA and FFA for the students. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

8 9-90 members, First row: M. Schoenberger, C. McCoy. Second row: M. Kreutzer, T. Dinkel, N. Hewett, K. Befort, B. Rush, D. Hays, M. Armbrister, J. Riedel. Third row: Mrs. Duell, R. Fischer, L. Bartlett, S. Dinkel, S. Hewett, L. Augustine, A. Fitzwater, R. Ptaschek, J. Hillman, D. Faulkender. Fourth row: T. North, M. Flax, J. Keller, C. Werner, A. Bartlett, B. Beecher, M. Rathbun, N. Seibel, J. Dinkel, C. Collins, T. Stegman, A. Werner, C. Schmidt. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)

1 989-90 Officers: Mrs. Duell, sponsor, Stacey Dinkel, jr., Shaundell Hewett, so., Loretta Augustine, sr., Cassie Schmidt, sr., Rhonda Ptaschek, sr., Amy Fitzwater, sr., Dallas Faulkender, so., Jenny Hillman, sr. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)



W

"This season went really well and our success came from our team spirit." — Sam Herman, sr.

restling

Once again preserving its winning tradition, the wrestling team won seven of nine matches and sent four wrestlers to state.

"Well, we had some ups and downs, but the boys really worked hard throughout the season. It's a good start and next year we hope to build on it and get a few more guys through regionals, because we're state contenders," said Coach Faulkender.

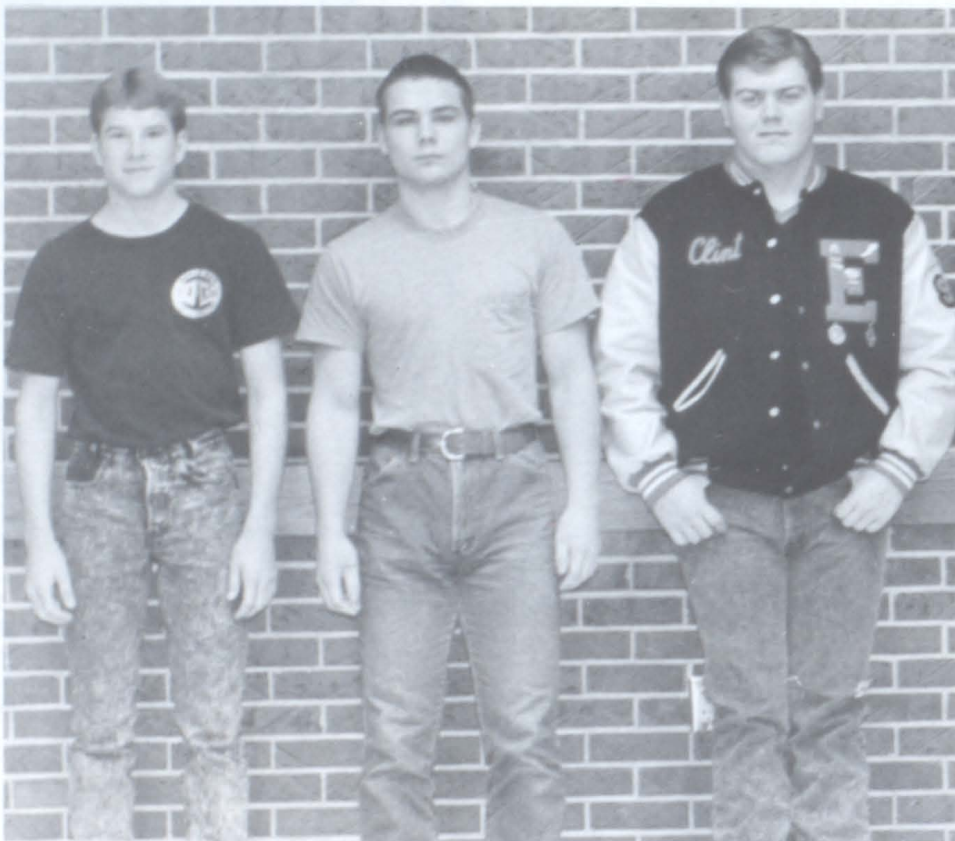
George Crawford, sr., Jason Gager, jr., Jeff Williams, jr., and Aaron Younger, so., were the four wrestlers who competed at state. Gager and Williams placed second overall.

"It is something that one looks forward to from the start of the season. I was glad I made it, and next year hopefully more team members will make it," said Gager.

Their appearance at state, however, did not surprise Faulkender.

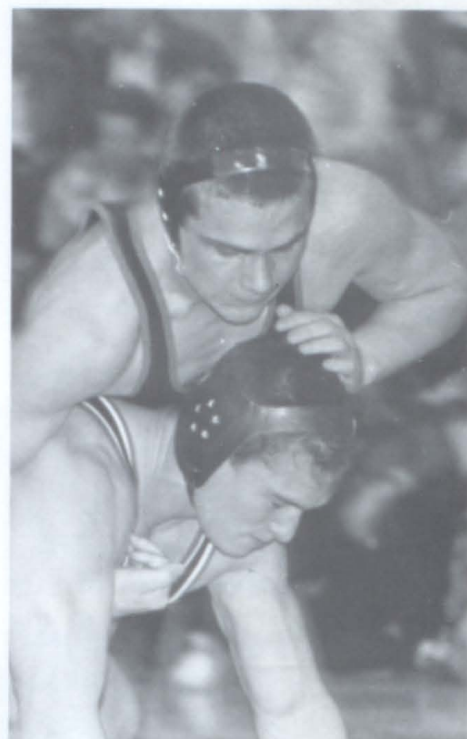
"It didn't surprise me at all. When you're a stud, you're a stud. I told them they could go to the show, and they went to the show. And next year they should be the kids to beat," said Coach Faulkender.

By Rhonda Ptaschek

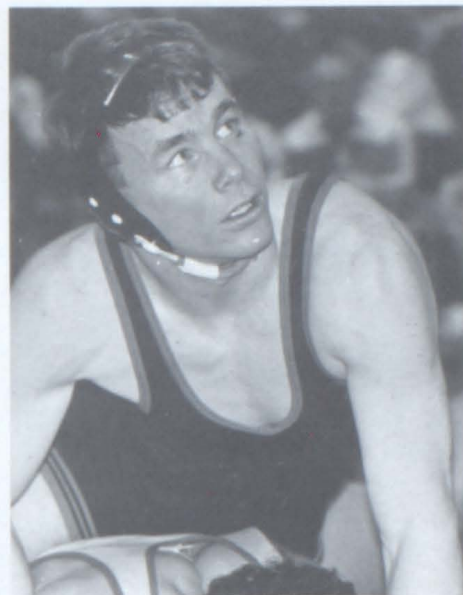
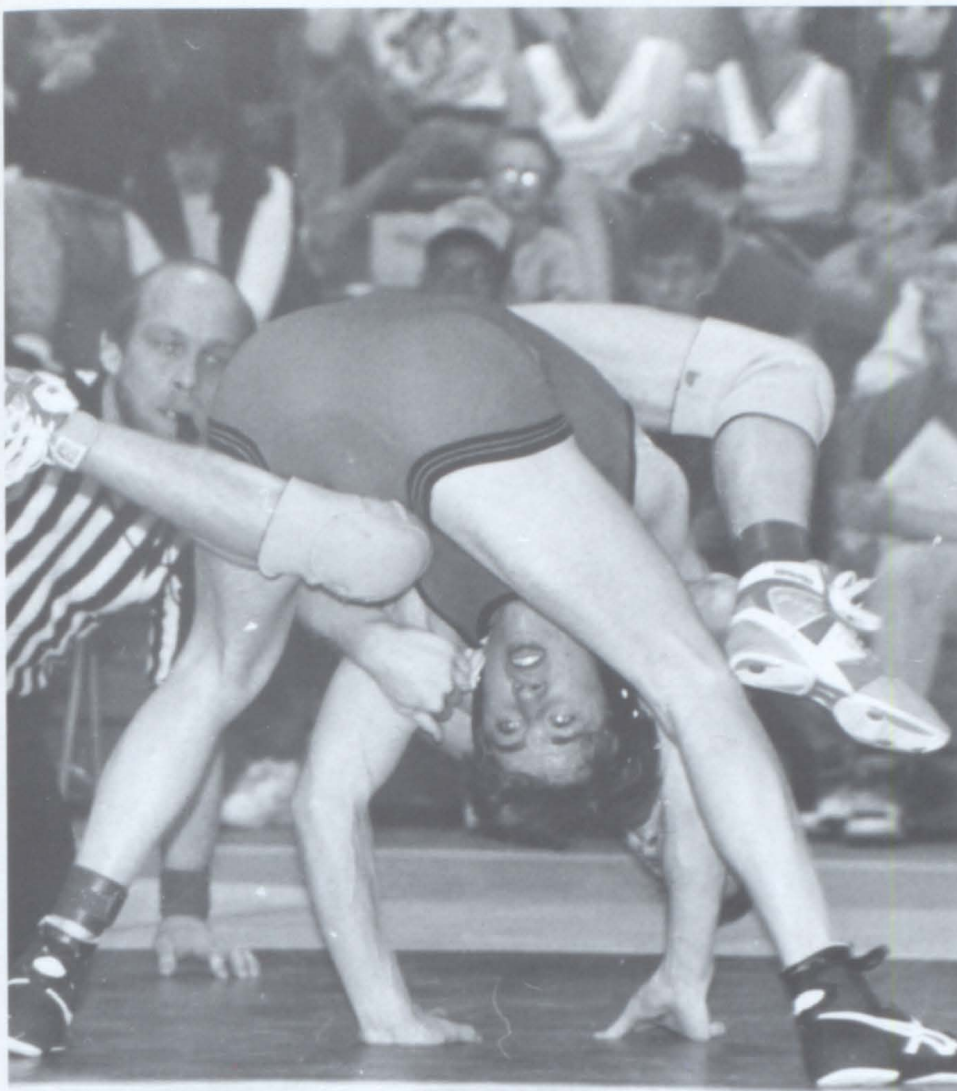


What a group! Sam Herman, George Crawford, sr., and Clint McElroy were the leading men of the team. All three participated in wrestling four years. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)

Hold him tight! George Crawford, sr., gets ready to take on his opponent. Crawford's record this year was 17-10. (Photo by John Riedel)



Pin him! Sheldon Pfeifer, jr., holds his opponent for a pin. Pfeifer's record this year was 19-8-1. (Photo by John Riedel)



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W	Smith Center
W	Hill City
L	Phillipsburg
W	Wakeeney
W	Plainville
W	Norton
W	Hill City

Ellis Varsity

3rd	Tournaments
1st	Osborne
5th	Ellsworth
4th	Phillipsburg
6th	MCL
11th	Regionals
	State



Flip him over! Casey Dinkel, so., flips over his opponent. Dinkel has been a wrestler for two years. (Photo by John Riedel)

It's about time! Jeff Williams looks up for the final score. Williams wrestled for three years. (Photo by John Riedel)

Just a little longer! Aaron Younger, so., attempts to pin his opponent. Younger had an exciting year by competing at state. (Photo by John Riedel)

G

"T his season was most memorable because even though we lost against some poor teams, our wins were won against tough ones," — Angie Werner, sr.

Girls' Basketball

When the 1989-90 girls' basketball roster was listed, there was one thing missing: height. The tallest girl on the team was only a mere 5'6".

Second year coach for the Lady Railers, Bruce Erickson, decided to use some of the team's speed to make up for the lack of height.

Even though the team's record, 4-14, did not improve from last year, the team lost only three seniors. The team did gain more experience and will be able to play many people next year.

Coach Erickson said, "We gained a lot of experience this year. The girls will be more relaxed on the court next year and will be able to have more fun."

The junior varsity did a very good job as they only lost a few games, 11-4.

Jennifer Keller, jr., said, "Since we had a lot of upperclassmen to play in the junior varsity games, we were able to pull off many wins."

Erickson's feelings on next year's season is toward a different direction. "Even though our record didn't show how good we were, the girls knew it. Next year we will get better breaks and the record will prove it."

By Nicole Hewett



Discussing game plans. The girls get psyched before a game in the locker room. (Photo by Loretta Augustine)

Follow through. Shaundell Hewett, so., shoots the ball for two. Hewett played on the junior varsity team this year. (Photo by Loretta Augustine).



Please go in. Coach Erickson watches the ball and hopes it goes in for points. Erickson was assisted by Tony Harp this year. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)



Ellis	Varsity	Opp.
43	Osborne	58
53	Wakeeney	63
54	Victoria	60
56	Palco	51
43	Phillipsburg	50
32	Wakeeney	54
35	Victoria	49
36	Plainville	52
	MCL	
32	Smith Center	42
30	Hill City	50
43	Quinter	52
55	Smith Center	52
58	Oakley	46
41	Norton	59
48	Ness City	40
49	Stockton	51
39	Plainville	53
	Sub-State	
25	Oberlin	60



Take it up strong. Jennifer Keller, jr., shoots the ball for two while Stana Bittle, fr., and Nicole Hewett, sr., get rebounding position. All three girls saw varsity action. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)

The three amigos. Seniors Angie Werner, Nicole Hewett and Loretta Augustine led the Railers this year. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)

Throw it to me. Marlisa Schoenberger, so., opens up and goes toward the ball. Heather Huff, fr., and Schoenberger both played on the junior varsity team this year. (Photo by Loretta Augustine)

B

"Even though our record was kind of disappointing, we hung tough in most of our games." — Jason Edmonds, jr.

Boys' Basketball

The 1989-90 basketball season for the boys might not have provided the most wins, but the underclassmen gained experience that will help them next year.

"We should be able to improve our record next year because we will have experienced players," said Lance Kohl, jr.

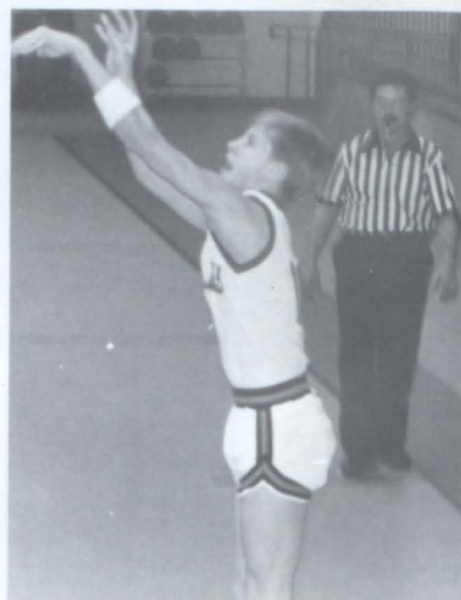
The varsity boys finished their season with a 3-15 record. Heath North, the team's only senior, was chosen to the Mid-Continent League 1st team.

"In regard to how the season went, it felt great to receive the honor," said North, sr.

The junior varsity completed their season with an 8-8 record while the freshmen boys finished with a perfect record.

Mr. Kevin Burr, the boys' coach, said, "Hopefully, these guys will come back with the same desire for competition, next year. We have a good foundation for the future with the number of returning players; the competition for spots on the roster will be very intense. I know most of these kids welcome the challenge."

by Jennifer Keller

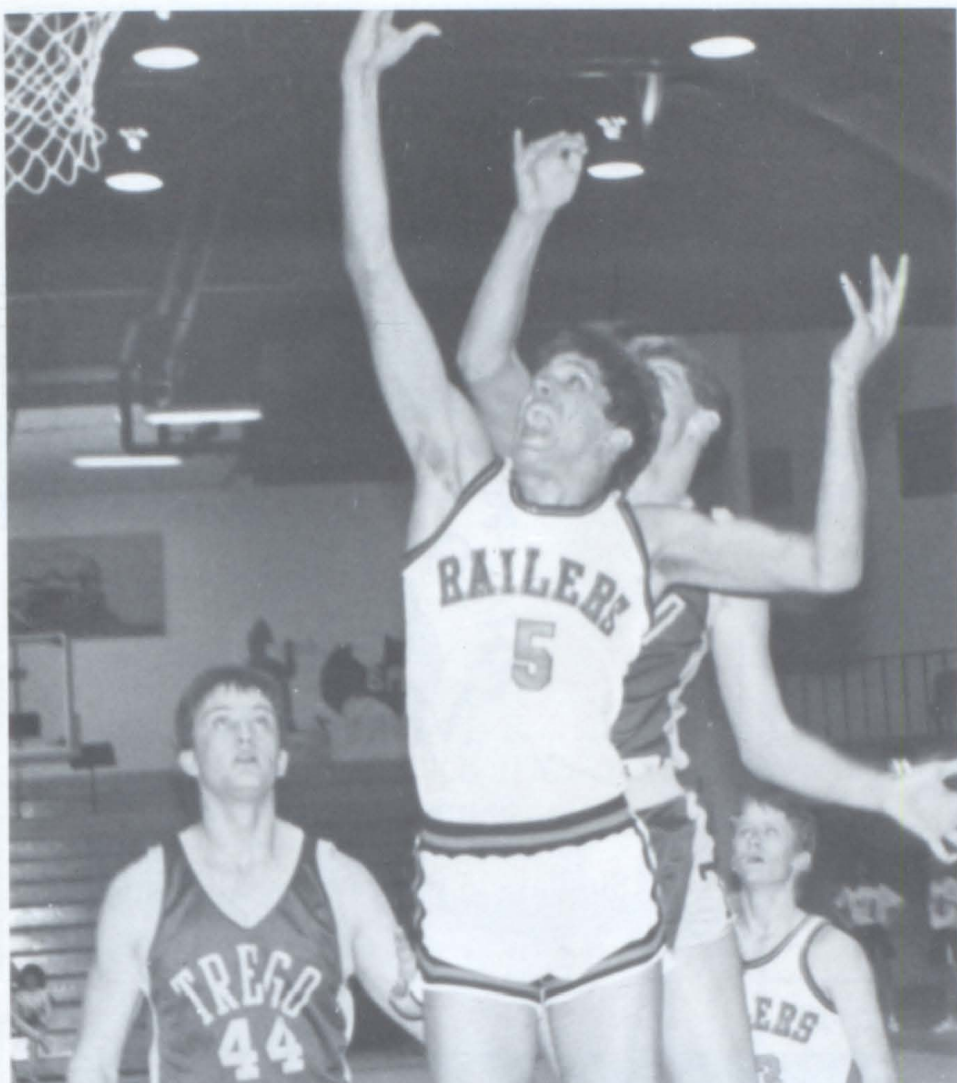


It's my shot. John Riedel, jr., prepares to shoot in a varsity game. Riedel has participated in basketball all three years. (Photo by Carman Werner)

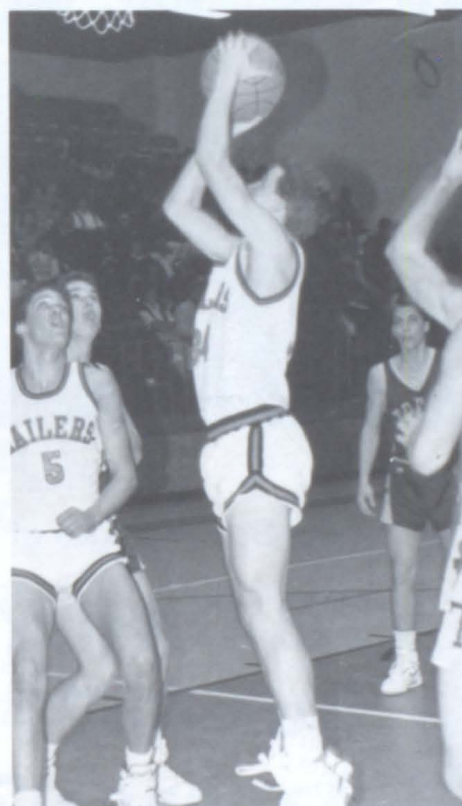
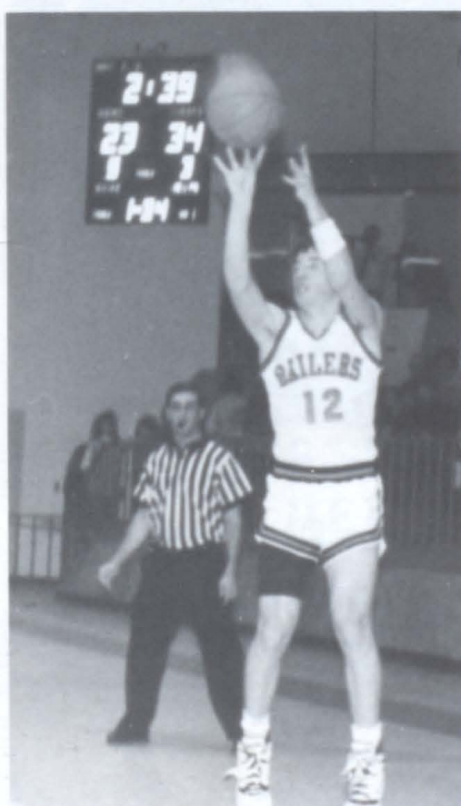
Look! I can follow through with correct form. Ryan Keller, fr., takes a shot. Keller was a member of the undefeated freshman team. (Photo by John Riedel)

Take it to the hoop! Jeff Kippes, jr., puts a shot up against Plainville while D. J. Fischer, soph., prepares to rebound. Kippes has participated in basketball all three years. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)





Ellis	Varsity	Opp.
69	Osborne	88
49	Trego	64
63	Victoria	59
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Off the glass it goes! Heath North, sr., puts up a shot against Trego while Wade Ditter, so., watches. North was the only senior member of the team. (Photo by Carman Werner)

I'll take the shot! Brian Kruckenberg, jr., shoots for three. Kruckenberg was a varsity starter for the season. (Photo by Carman Werner)

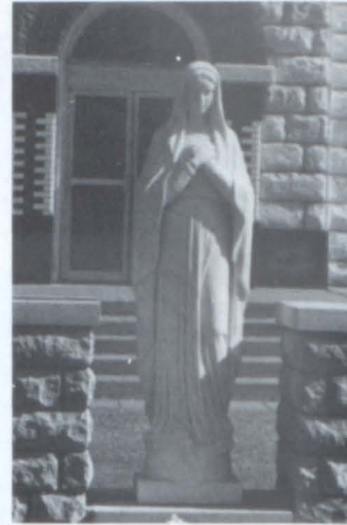
Up for two! Jarrett Kolacny, jr., shoots for two points while Heath North, sr., waits to rebound. Kolacny has participated in basketball all three years. (Photo by Carman Werner)



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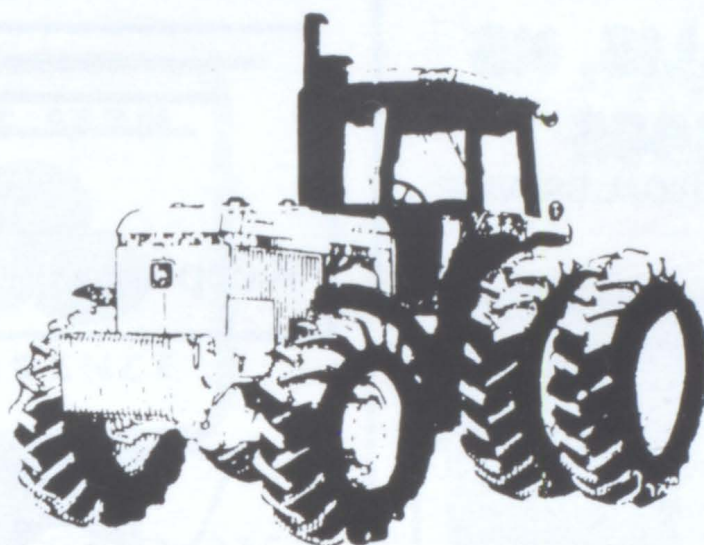


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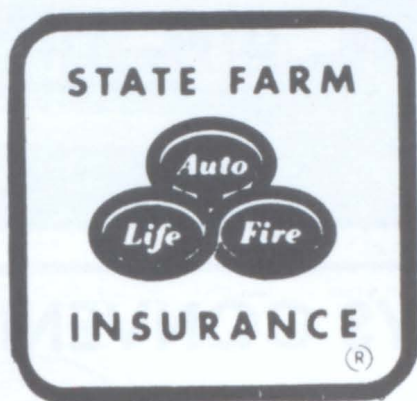


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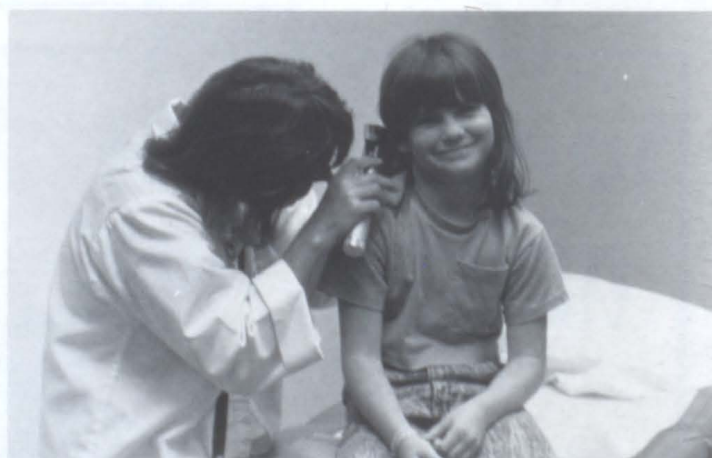
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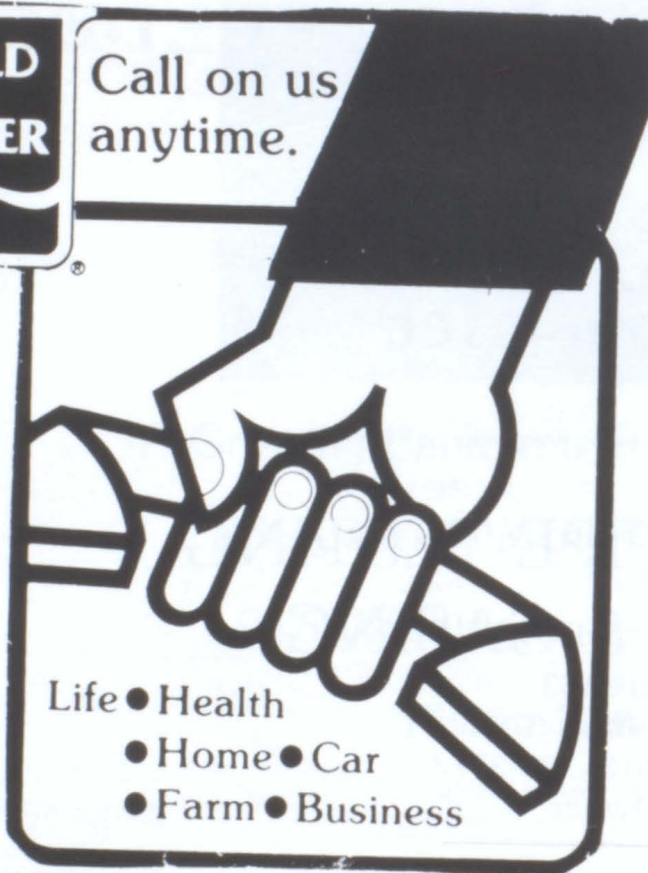
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Catching some rays. Michelle Flax, fr., Heather Zeigler, fr., and Lesley Bartlett, fr., enjoy the sun at the Ellis invitational trackmeet. The Ellis girls took first, and the boys took second. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

Mmm, Mmm good. Amy Bartlett, jr., enjoys her food during lunch hour. Bartlett served as the treasurer for Kayettes. (Photo by Krista Weber)



Fire, fire, fire. A blaze destroys Farmers Grain in late April. The cause of the fire was unknown and the investigation was closed. (Photo by John Riedel)



Keeping the beat. D. J. Fisher, so., and Stana Bittel, fr., dance the night away at Barnwarmer with the music provided by a D. J. Barnwarmer is an annual dance provided by FHA and FFA. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

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J

"We are a highly competitive and sophisticated group of individuals, who have the desire to have fun and win at the same time." — John Riedel, jr.

unions

"Our class has the drive to win, and we've always been competitive in everything we do," said Karla Kinderknecht, jr.

Competitive is the best word to describe the juniors. Their will to come out on the top in everything has helped them to excel in sports as well as academics.

The National Honor Society inducted five juniors this year. This shows their excellence in academics.

The juniors hosted prom this year. This took much cooperation

and closeness, which are other assets of this class.

Some new excitement was added for the juniors when Anders Brusch, a foreign exchange student from Denmark, began attending EHS as a junior.

The junior class strives to get what they want and let nothing stand in their way. Because of their strong will to win, success is in the future for these students.

By Amy Fitzwater



What a bird! This oversized bird is the juniors' Homecoming float entry. The juniors and the seniors tied for first. (photo by Krista Weber)

Hi there! Sheldon Pfeifer, jr., smiles pretty for the picture, as Jeff Kippes, jr., begins to realize he is getting his picture taken. Pfeifer and Kippes were active in sports. (photo by Krista Weber)





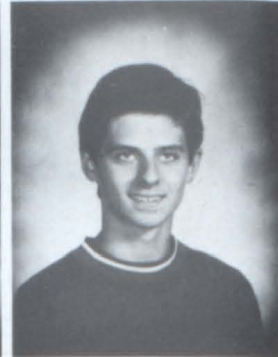
Have a great day! Amy Bartlett, jr., takes time out of her busy school day to give the camera a big smile. Bartlett has been active in sports and Kayettes. (photo by Loretta Augustine)



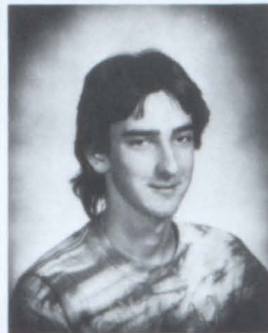
Help, let us out of here! Junior officers Tricia North, Sheldon Pfeifer, Carman Werner, and Jason Edmonds are imprisoned at Ellis High School. (photo by Cassie Schmidt)

Hey, we are happy! Jeff Williams, jr., and Brian Kruckenberg, jr., enjoy their day at school. Williams and Kruckenberg participated in many sports and organizations. (photo by Carman Werner)

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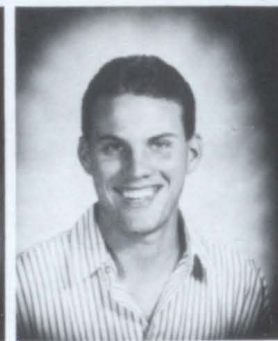
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I Wish I Were

"I can't wait 'till I am a senior!" These are words all underclassmen are heard saying at one time or another.

Senior authority and privileges are very intriguing to freshmen and sophomores.

"As a senior, you get to be the boss and can get by with a lot more," said T. A. Hays, fr.

Underclassmen also look forward to being a senior so they don't have to push pennies, get pushed around, shoved in lockers,

and stuffed in trash cans.

Juniors look forward to a year of relaxation and slacking off after working hard for three years to get the credits needed to graduate.

Then, it's finally here! You are a senior. Wow. Where are all the



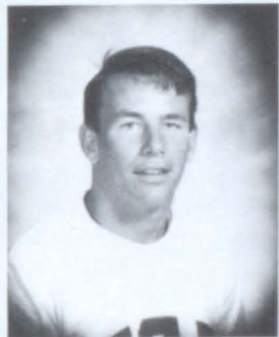
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 Natalie Seibel
 Krista Weber



Carman Werner
 Jeff Williams

a Senior!

privileges, all the authority? Why do you have all this homework when you should be relaxing this year? Nothing has changed. You still are bossed around and the extra privileges are as nonexistent as before.

Being a senior isn't much different than being a freshman, sophomore, or junior. Students are all on the same level, only labeled differently from tradition.

Toni Dinkel, sr., said "You think once you become a senior it's all

going to be so great, but really, nothing much changes."

By Amy Fitzwater

"Not only have I gained a lot of experience, but I've also had a lot of fun." — Karla Kinderknecht, jr.

J

ournalism

As soon as the rush is over, I'm going to have a nervous breakdown. I worked for it, I owe it to myself, and nobody is going to deprive me of it. That's the way it was in journalism class.

Due to Mrs. Henry's moving to Colby, the journalism class was under the new direction of Mrs. Hertel.

When asked about her first year jitters, Hertel said, "Learning about the field of journalism was intriguing, but the deadlines were definitely overwhelming."

Along with the deadlines the class had to meet, the Railer Ex-

press came back into publication. To put out the paper the students had to write stories, edit and re-write them to perfection. It also took much time to lay out the stories in columns to achieve an organized paper.

"The pasting up of the paper took much time, and it surprised me how many times we had to do it over," said Jennifer Keller, jr.

"It was a lot of hard work but when we finally got it out, the work paid off," said Nicole Hewett, sr.

By Rhonda Ptasehek



Oops! Just a little too far! Angie Werner, sr., checks a cropped picture to make sure no limbs are cut off. Werner was copy editor of the class. (Photo by John Riedel)

Just a little smaller! Toni Dinkel, sr., crops a picture for her page in the yearbook. Dinkel was in journalism class for two years. Nicole Hewett, sr., was a first time student in journalism. (Photo by John Riedel)



"I enjoyed participating in class, and I am looking forward to it next year." — Carman Werner, jr.

P

hotography

"Quick load the camera; the pep assembly is starting!"

"I can't! I don't know how to; this is only the first day of class and my first year in photography!"

These are just some of the many comments heard from the new photography students in class.

"At the beginning of the year, the only students prepared to begin photo assignments were those who took the class previously. Football games and early homecoming dates put pressure on the staff," said Linda Riedel.

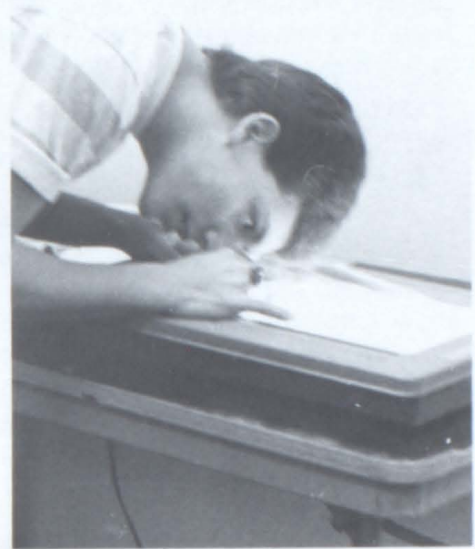
The photography staff not only supplied the journalism class with pictures for the yearbook, but they also took portraits at the dances held throughout the year. Taking portraits at the dances and selling

pictures to students were part of the income for the class.

The class consisted of four seniors and three juniors. Kathy Brungardt, sr.; Cassie Schmidt, sr.; and Shannon McCoy, sr. were three returning students that took most of the responsibility at the beginning of the year. The four new additions to the class were Loretta Augustine, sr.; John Riedel, jr.; Krista Weber, jr.; and Carman Werner, jr.

"I was really rushed at first because I didn't know too much about what was going on; then I got the hang of things," said Krista Weber, jr.

By Rhonda Ptaschek



Bright Lights! Bright Lights! Krista Weber, jr., is blinded by the light as she exits the darkroom. The photography staff spent much time in the darkroom developing film and printing pictures. (Photo by John Riedel)

Oh geez what a picture! Cassie Schmidt, sr., takes a negative out to make a print. Schmidt was a photographer for two years. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)

Let's see here! John Riedel, jr., examines the negatives of pictures he has taken. Riedel was a first time photographer. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)

Just look at this picture! Mrs. Hertel and Mrs. Riedel talk about upcoming events which need photographers. Both teachers tried hard to keep the communication between the two classes open. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)

"If it had not been for everyone's hard work, we would not have made it as far." — Sharnell Shannon, sr.

F

orensics

"Get the Scoop on Forensics" is just what Ellis did this year. Ellis took 10 members to Grand State and three members to State Festival.

Three members took first at Grand State. They were Sean O'Rourke, so.; Lesley Bartlett, fr.; and Stana Bittel, fr. It was a great achievement to have Ellis receive three firsts for the first time. The most amazing factor was that Bittel and Bartlett were first time competitors. Ellis placed sixth out of 53 teams.

"It felt wonderful, and taking first was unbelievable," said Bartlett.

Adell Smith, sr., and Melissa

Kreutzer, jr., received a one rating in duet acting, and Nicole Hewett received a second rating in informative at State Festival, which was held in Ransom.

Over the course of the season and eight tournaments, the team brought home seven second place finishes and one first place finish.

"From the beginning of the season I set high standards for each tournament. The team performed well at each meet, and because of the strong showing at regular tournaments, they were ready for state. Their efforts were rewarded!" said Coach Riedel.

by Rhonda Ptaschek



"What a group!" Front row, left to right: T. Stegman, D. Fischer, L. Bartlett. Second row: A. Smith, M. Flax, J. Baugher, S. Bittel, S. Dinkel, M. Kreutzer, H. Luea, R. Fisher, D. Keller. Third row: J. Pfeifer, T. Kohlirus, S. O'Rourke, L. Fisher, S. Shannon, R. Ptaschek, S. McCoy, A. Scott, J. McMillin. Fourth row: D. Massier, T. North, Z. McDonald, J. Locker, B. Kohl, N. Martin, S. Bouslaugh. Not pictured: T. Dinkel, N. Hewett, and S. Hewett. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)

"Me?!" Sean O'Rourke, so., shows astonishment as he is announced winner of Grand State in humorous solo acting. O'Rourke has been in forensics two years. (Photo by Mr. Romine)





"Let me think!" Coach Riedel informs Tina Stegman, sr., how the meet is going. Stegman has competed in prose, poetry, duet, IDA, and humorous solo. (Photo by John Riedel)



"On the other hand . . ." Nicole Hewett, sr., presents her informative at forensics night. Hewett also competed in dramatic solo. (Photo by Carman Werner)



"I'll get you my pretty!" Kelly Geschwenter, sr., performs her humorous solo, The Wizard of Oz, at Forensics night. Geschwenter has been in forensics four years. (Photo by Carman Werner)

"I can't believe it!" Lesley Bartlett, fr. and Stana Bittel, fr., are astonished when they win first place in IDA at Grand State. Bittel and Bartlett were first year competitors. (Photo by Mr. Romine)

G

olf

"Hopefully, the experience that we gained this year will help us have a successful future." — Brian Leiker, fr.

The golf team may have been small in numbers, but they were big in might. The team placed first at six tournaments and second at one. At regionals they placed third and missed qualifying for state by one stroke.

The team was made up of ten members who had an impressive season. At regionals the team should have been able to go on to state, but luck was not on their side. They finished one stroke short of going to state.

Jarrett Kolacny, jr., earned the chance to play at the state tour-

nament. He placed 14th out of 88 golfers.

"I felt really lucky to go to state. I shot well the first round, but I shot terrible the second. I was proud of how well I shot," said Kolacny, jr.

Next year the golfers should even be better since they are only losing two seniors.

"Our season this year was great, and next year it should be awesome," said John Kolacny, coach.

by Jennifer Keller



It's going in! Jarrett Kolacny, jr., watches as his ball rolls towards the hole at the Ellis meet. Kolacny was the only individual to go to state this year. (Photo by Joleen Fisher)



Time to fly little ball. Jason Edmonds, jr., prepares to drive the ball down the runway. Edmonds was on the varsity golf team and helped the team win some tournaments. (Photo by Carman Werner)

Please make it to the hole! Lynn Fisher, so., says a little prayer hoping his putt will land successfully in the hole. Fisher placed at the Ellis meet. (Photo by Carman Werner)



Leadership at its best. Senior golfers Brad Honas and Jeff Timmons pose for a picture. They helped the team capture some big wins with their experience.
(Photo by Shannon McCoy)

Just a little way to go. Jeff Kippes, jr., prepares to putt the ball at the Ellis meet. Kippes placed 4th at the meet.
(Photo by Carman Werner)



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Smith Center	2nd
Ellis	1st
P-burg	1st
P-ville	1st
Trego	1st
Hill City	1st
MCL	1st
Regionals	3rd

G

"I enjoyed working with the girls, and it was a first for me to work with them." — Coach Zeigler

Girls' Track

Brenda Beecher, jr., once again shined at state to bring home two gold medals.

Beecher qualified in four events and came home with two firsts in the 100 and 200m dash. She brought home a fourth in the 400m and a third in the long jump.

"I was surprised I could place third as a team all by myself, because it seemed much easier to place the last two years with people to help me on my team," said

Beecher.

The team this year was a young, small team. It consisted of four freshmen, three sophomores, one junior and two seniors. Even though the team was small, they did very well in the meets.

"The girls' team has a tremendous future, and I look forward to better things next year," said Coach Zeigler.

by Rhonda Ptaschek



That was close! Brenda Beecher, jr., reaches forward to win the 100 yard dash. Beecher placed first overall at the Ellis meet. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)

Leaders of the pack! Adell Smith and Jenny Hillman were the two seniors who led the pack this year. Hillman competed in the mile and both members competed in the two mile. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)

"Just don't drop it!" Tricia North, jr., hands the baton to Sonya Simpkins, so., in the 440 relay. The relay placed fourth at the Ellis meet. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)





Dig in there! Shaundell Hewett, so., digs it in the long jump. Hewett placed first with a jump of 28'10" (Photo by Mrs. Riedel)

Keep it up! Olivia Fondoble, so., fights for first in the 100 yd. dash. Fondoble has competed in track for two years. (Photo by Loretta Augustine)

It's finally over! Stana Bittel, fr., runs in for a win in her heat in the 300 hurdles. Bittel placed second in the hurdles at the Ellis meet. (Photo by Mrs. Riedel)

B

The boys should have a strong team next year since they are only losing two of us. — Heath North, sr.

Boys' Track

To state, to state, it's off to state we go. This was a familiar tune that four young men sang after regionals. Heath North, sr., qualified at regionals in the high jump and went on to take first at state. Brian Kruckenberg, jr.; Jeff Williams, jr.; Jason Gager, jr.; and North also qualified in the 3200m relay. They came home with third place. Williams and Gager also qualified in the hurdles, but they did not place at state.

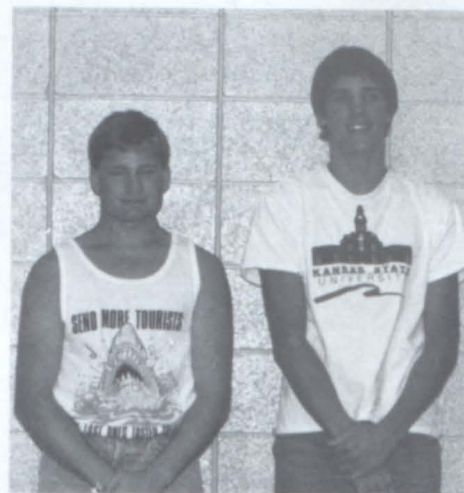
The boys' track team did not do as well this year with team stand-

ings as in the past, but they had a lot of new members. The only two members they are losing are North and Lonnie Matteson, sr.

"I look forward to competing next year. I feel that we will be a strong team and hard to beat," said Gager.

Coach Zeigler is also looking forward to next year because of the large returning number of members.

by Toni Dinkel



Yeah, we're studs. Lonnie Matteson and Heath North were the only two sr. boys out for track. Both lettered in track four years. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)

Runners to your mark, get set, go! Lance Kohl, jr., gets ready to run the 400m dash. Kohl also participated in football and basketball. (Photo by Linda Riedel)





Go Jeff go. Jeff Williams, jr., flies over a hurdle at the Ellis invitational track meet. Williams has participated in football, wrestling and track all three years. (Photo by Linda Riedel)



Here we go. Chris Stegman, so., and John Riedel, jr., get ready to run the two mile race. Riedel and Stegman also participated in cross-country. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)



Give it here. Heath North, sr., grabs the baton from Wade Ditter, so., during the 3200m relay. Brian Kruckenberg, jr., and Jeff Williams, jr., were the other two members of the relay team. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)

Up and Over. Jason Gager, jr., easily clears 12' at the Ellis invitational track meet. Gager participated in pole-vault three years. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

P

rom

"Prom took a lot of time and effort to prepare for, but as a team, we made it very successful." — Trisha Gondos, jr.

May 5, 1990, was a night to remember for anyone who attended Prom. The theme was "Neon Nights," and the juniors decorated the gym with many different shapes and used colors such as fluorescent orange, green and pink.

The juniors hired the band No Parking to provide music for the dance.

The dinner began with a salad,

chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy with green beans and a roll. The dinner ended with cherry pie or apple pie and a scoop of ice cream.

The sophomore servers were Olivia Fondoble, Tracy Augustine, Dallas Faulkender, Mona Werth, Marlisa Schoenberger, Amy Scott, Wade Ditter, Cory Eberle, Clint Pfannenstiel, D. J. Fischer, Casey Dinkel, and Zach Zerfas. The

servers performed a routine to the song "Opposites Attract," by Paula Abdul.

Impressed with the upperclassmen's cooperation, Mrs. Sherri Faulkender, junior sponsor, said, "Nearly everyone stayed and danced until the band quit playing. The enthusiastic crowd made the planning and work of the juniors worthwhile."

By Karla Kinderknecht



Trisha Gondos, jr., Brenda Beecher, jr., Krista Weber, jr., and Natalie Seibel, jr., trace and cut out decorations. The juniors were dismissed from school at noon on Friday to decorate. (Photo by Carman Werner)

Heath North, sr., and his date, Wendy Waldschmidt, dance to the music of No Parking. The dance ended at 11:30. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)

Dallas Faulkender, so., Clint Pfannenstiel, so., Tracy Augustine, so., and D. J. Fischer perform their routine. They practiced for the performance the week before Prom. (Photo by Kathy Brungardt)



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"What more can I say? We're awesome!" said Heath North.

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The class of 90 is one that has struggled in many ways to get to where it is now. During their freshman year, the class of 90 had to face the obstacles of a new atmosphere and class changes. Working their way up as sophomores, the class escaped the seniors' grasp, but they still had to contend with the mess and confusion of working the concession stands. Facing decisions of prom and working together was a new and difficult thing to experience

when the class of 90 became juniors. As the last year of high school came, the seniors became a united class and took advantage of the last year together.

"This year, the class of 90 worked together in unity and showed tremendous spirit. Many goals were accomplished, and the class didn't let its awesome potential go to waste," said Kelly Geschwentner, senior class president.

"Climbing over all the obstacles, we finally finished the last

barrier, graduation. Isn't it sweet?" said Lonnie Matteson.

The seniors accomplished many things their last year of high school. They won spirit week of Homecoming. They had a successful soup supper for Pack the Place night against Wakeeney, and the senior play turned out well. And the last but not least, graduation was a night to be remembered by all.

— by Angela Werner

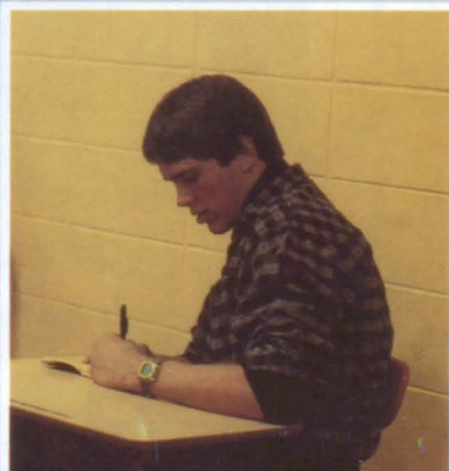


Hi there! Chugging on in to their senior year, the class officers, Amy Fitzwater, treasurer; Rhonda Ptaschek, vice-president; Cassie Schmidt, secretary; and Kelly Geschwentner, president welcome all the new arrivals. (Photo by Angie Werner)

A real musician. While Mr. Dietz plays the trombone, Tina conducts the pep band during a basketball game. Stegman was Student Council president her senior year. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)



Study hard. Heath North works hard in law. North was an active participant in football, basketball, and track. (Photo by Angie Werner)





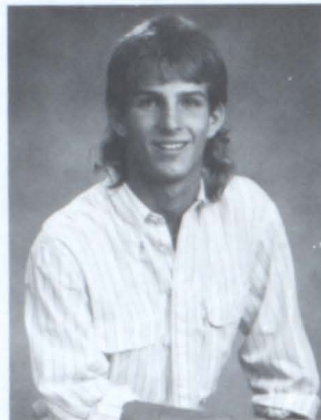
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Very Proud
of You

Good Luck
in the
Future



We're Proud
of You!
Love,
Mom, Brenda
Steve, Wanda
& Rodney

Love,
Dad, Mom,
and Brenda



Good Luck
Christy

Congratulations



Kathy

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Family

We
Love You!
Mom,
Dad,
Holly &
Jeff





Congratulations
George!
Love,
Mom, Dad,
Becky, Laura,
and Lance
We are Proud
of You!



*Congrats
We're Proud
of
You*



*Love
Mom, Dad,
Sean, Eric,
& Seth*

*Good
Luck
Amy!
We Love
You!
Mom, Dad
and Kendal*



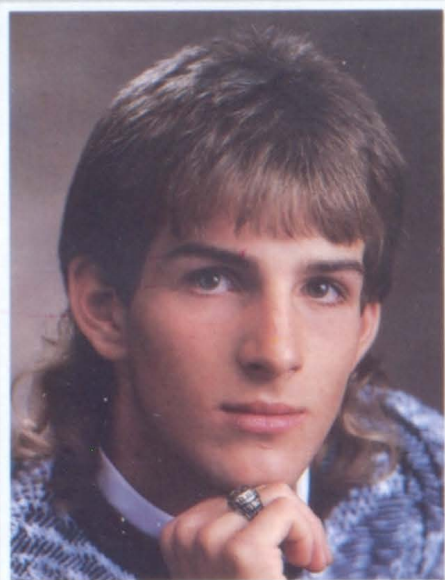
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*We are
Very Proud
of You!
Love,
Mom and
Dad*





Mark Edward Armbrister

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Snoball Candidate 1, 2, 4; Prince 2.



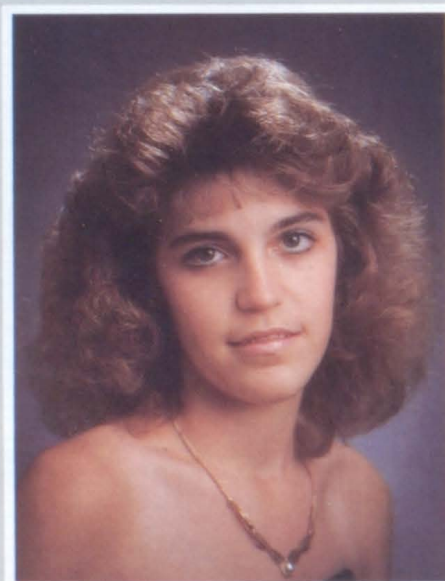
Loretta Frances Augustine

Basketball 1, 3, 4; Manager 2; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Cross-Country 1, 2, 3, 4; Forensics 1, 2, 3, 4; State Festival 1; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; Board 2; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3, Treasurer 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Perfect Attendance 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Band 1, 2; SADD 1; Class Treasurer 2; Photography 4.



Kathleen Margaret Brungardt

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



Christy Dawn Collins

Cross-Country 2; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; Board 2; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Junior Play; Senior Play; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 2, 4; SADD 1; Prom Server 2; FFA Sweetheart Candidate 3.



George Nelson Crawford III

Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; President 3, 4; Fort Hays Math Relays 1, 2, 3; Honor Roll 1, 2; Perfect Attendance 1; Junior Play; Senior Play; Stuco 1, 3, 4; SADD 1.



Janelle Jeanne Dinkel

Basketball Manager 1; Track 1; Forensics 1, 2; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Perfect Attendance 2; Junior Play; Senior Play; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Snoball Candidate 3.



Toni Lynette Dinkel

Basketball 2; Track 1, 2; Forensics 1, 2, 3, 4; State Festival 3; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; Board 2, 3; Vice-president 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Points Chairman 2; Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4; JV Captain 2; Varsity Captain 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Junior Play; Senior Play; Stuco 2, 3, 4; Secretary 4; SADD 1; Snoball Candidate 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Secretary/Treasurer 1; Class Secretary 2; Class Vice-President 4; Prom Server 2; Journalism 3, 4; Graphics Editor 4; Photography 3; Flag Team 3, 4; Co-captain 3; Captain 4; Homecoming Candidate 4.



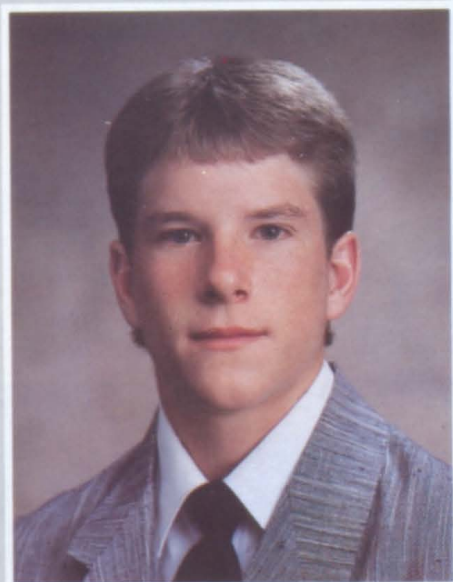
Amy Louise Fitzwater

Volleyball 2; Track 1, 2; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-president 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Junior Play; Senior Play; SADD 1; Class Treasurer 4; Journalism 4.



Kelly Jean Geschwentner

Forensics 1, 2, 3, 4; Grand State 1, 2, 3; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; Board 3, 4; FHA 1, 2; Cheerleading 1; Pep Club 1, 2; President 2; Junior Play; Senior Play; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2; Snoball Candidate 1, 2; Princess 2; Homecoming Candidate 4; Class President 4; Railaires 2; Prom Server 2; All School Play 2.



Samson Ray Herman

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Junior Play; Senior Play; SADD 1; Snoball Candidate 1, 4; Homecoming Candidate 4; Prom Server 2; Mr. FHA 3.



Nicole Lee Hewett

Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2; Forensics 1, 2, 3, 4; Grand State 1, 2; State Festival 3; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; Board 3; Secretary 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 2; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Fort Hays Math Relays 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; President 4; SADD 1; Snoball Candidate 3, 4; Queen 4; Class Vice-president 3; Journalism 4; Circulation Editor.



Jennifer Lynn Hillman

Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Cross-Country 2, 3, 4; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-president of Recreation and Public Relations 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Junior Play; Senior Play; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary/Treasurer 4; SADD 1.



*Congrats
SAM!
Dad
Mom
Peggy
&
Randy*

*Congratulations
Nicole!
We are
Proud
of You!*



*Love,
Mom, Dad,
Dana, and
Shaundell*



Congratulations!

*May your
future be
filled with
happiness,
sunshine,
and
smiles.*

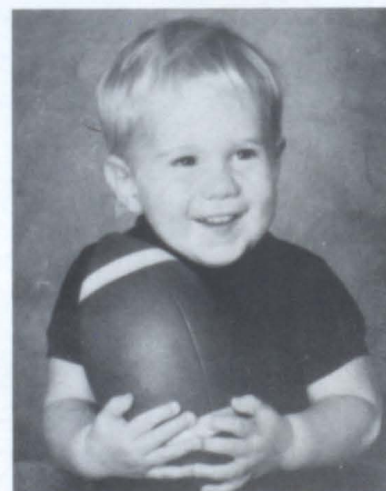


*Congratulations
Jenny!*

*We're proud of
all that you've
already accomplished
and the best
is yet to come!*

*Love Ya and
Good Luck
Always, Dad, Mom,
and Becky*

*Love
Dad •
Mom
Amy
and
Thomas*



***Congratulations
Kyle!***



*Congratulations
Best Wishes
for a wonderful
future!*

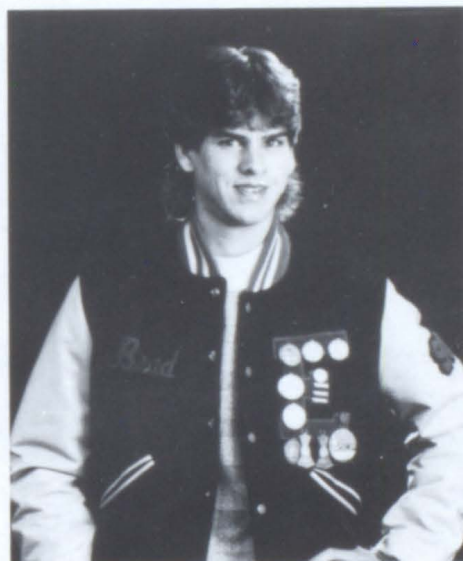


***Love,
Mom
and Dad***

***Love,
Dad, Mom,
John, Steve,
Jessica &
Tommy***

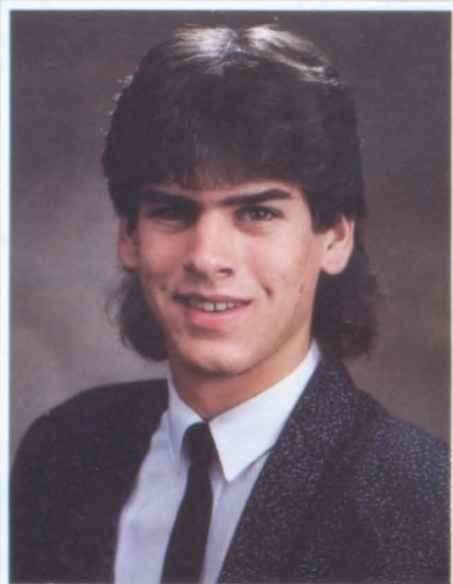


***Congratulations
Brad***



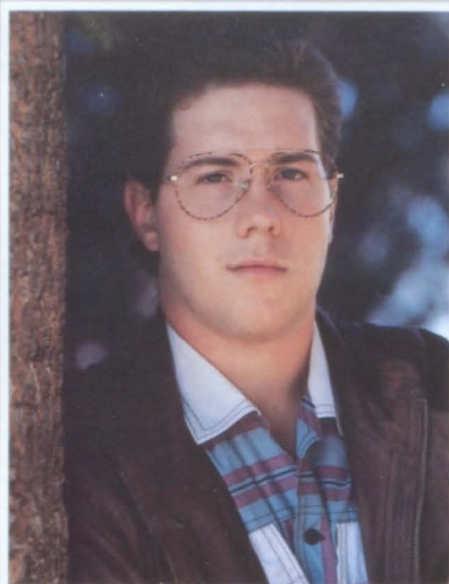
***Love,
Dad, Mom
and Robyn***





Bradley James Honas

Football 1; Basketball 1; Wrestling 2; Golf 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Fort Hays Math Relays 1, 2; Junior Play; Senior Play; Snoball Candidate 1, 2; Prince 1; Class President 1, 3.



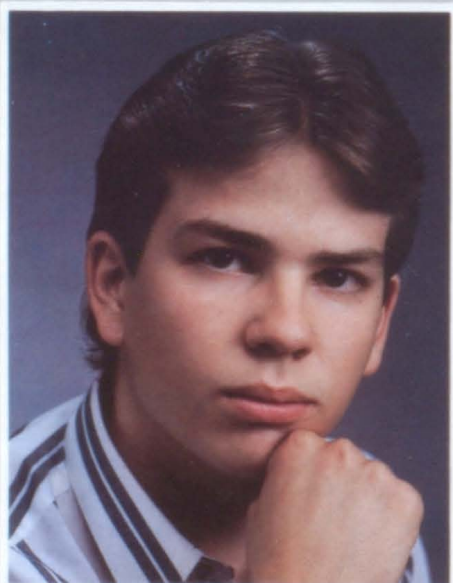
Robert Lee Huff

Football 1; Wrestling 1, 2, 3; Golf 1, 2, 3; Forensics 1, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 3, 4; Fort Hays Math Relays 1, 2, 3; Junior Play; Senior Play.



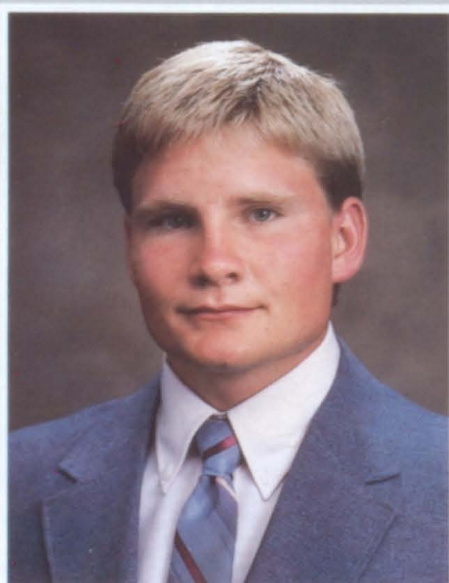
Kyle Francis Landauer

Football 1, 2; Prom Server 2.



Lawrence Locker, Jr.

Golf 2; FFA 1, 2, 3; Junior Play.



Lonnie Dean Matteson

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 4; Wrestling 2; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Forensics 1; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Fort Hays Math Relays 1; Junior Play; Senior Play; SADD 1; Snoball Candidate 4; King 4; Homecoming Candidate 4; Prom Server 2.



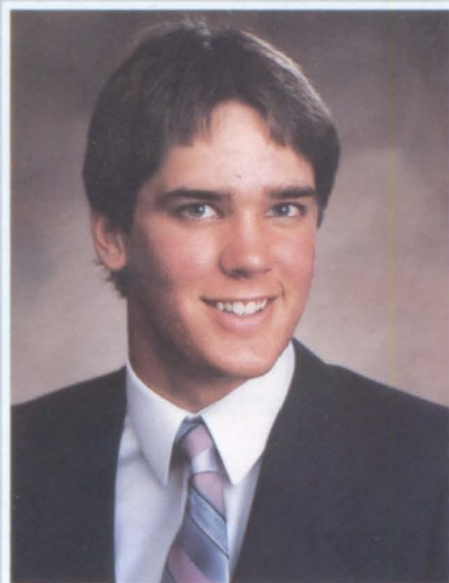
Shannon Kay McCoy

Basketball 2; Track 1; Forensics 1, 2, 3, 4; Grand State 2, 3; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; Board 2, 3; Point Chairman, 4; FHA 1, 2; Stuco Representative 2; Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4; Co-captain 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Poster Committee 2; Junior Play; Senior Play; Stuco 2, 3, 4; SADD 1; Snoball Candidate 4; Homecoming Queen 4; Prom Server 2; Photography 3, 4; All School Play 2; FFA Sweetheart Candidate 3.



Clint Wade McElroy

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2; Junior Play; Senior Play; Prom Server 2.



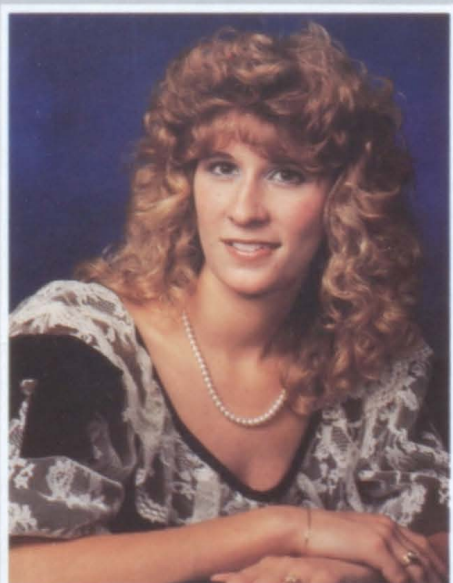
Heath Arlyn North

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Fort Hays Math Relays 2, 3; Junior Play; Senior Play; Band 1, 2; SADD 1; Snoball Candidate 3; Prince 3; Homecoming King 4; Class Treasurer 3; Prom Server 2; 1st Team All-League, Basketball 3; Mr. FHA Candidate 3.



Rhonda Kay Ptaschek

Volleyball Manager 3; Basketball Manager 1, 2; Cross-Country 2; Forensics 3, 4; State Festival 3; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; Board 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 2, 3; President 3; Cheerleading 4; Pep Club 1, 2; Fort Hays Math Relays 2; Junior Play; Senior Play; Class Vice-president 4; Prom Server 2; Journalism 4; Photography 3; Flag Team 4.



Cassandra Amber Schmidt

Volleyball 1; Basketball Manager 1; Track 1; Forensics 1, 2, 4; Grand State 1; State Festival 2; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; Board 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-president 3; President 4; District "B" Vice-president of Recreation 4; FFA Sweetheart 3; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Junior Play; Senior Play; Stuco 4; Choir 1; SADD 1; Snoball Candidate 3; Princess 3; Class Secretary 4; Raillaires 1; Photography 3, 4.



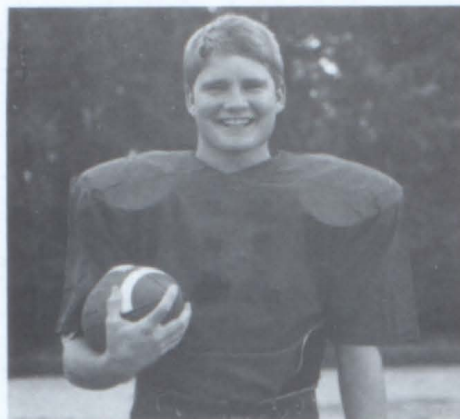
Sharnelle Kay Shannon

Volleyball 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Track 1; Forensics 1, 2, 3, 4; Grand State 1, 2, 3, 4; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2; Historian 2; Cheerleading 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Stuco Representative 3; Junior Play; Senior Play; Stuco 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Drum Majorette 2, 3; SADD 1; Journalism 3, 4; Business Manager 3; Editor-in-Chief 4; All School Play 2.



Adell Kirsten Smith

Basketball Manager 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Cross-Country 1, 2, 3, 4; Forensics 1, 2, 4; State Festival 1; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; President 4; SADD 1; Raillaires 2.



*We're Proud
of You
Lonnie*

*Good Luck.
Dad, Mom,
and Mark*



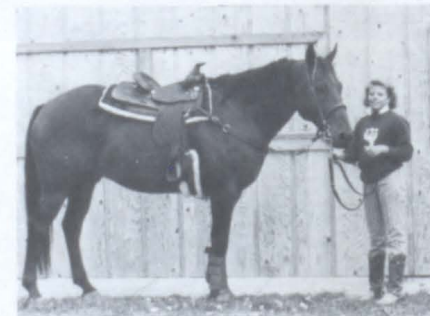
*Keep That
Smile*

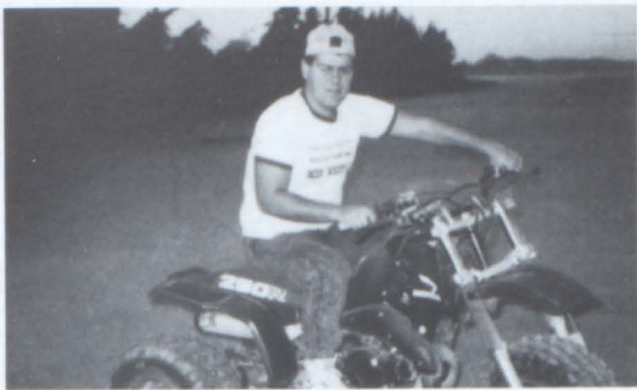


Shannon



*Love
Mom, Dad,
Sharley & Casey*





Some things never change, We
are very proud of you.
Love Dad & Mom

*Good Luck
Heath*

*Love,
Dad, Mom,
Laura, Ted*



*Good
Luck
in the
Future!*

Love, Gerald,
Mariah, Roxie,
Jeff, Darrell,
and Treva

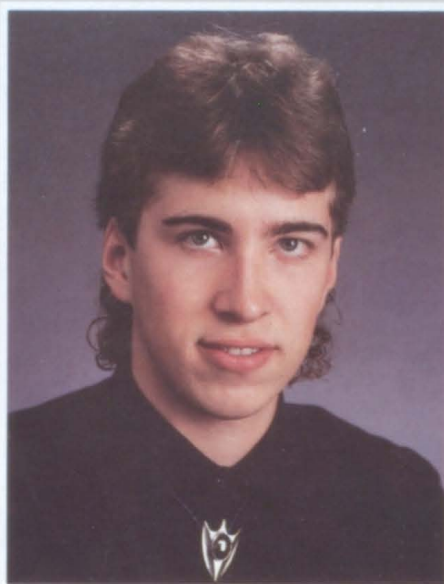


*Congratulations
Cassie!
May God
Bless You
and Keep You.
Love — Mom,
Dad, Andy,
Benjy, Paige,
Joe, Meagan,
and Joseph*



Tina Jo Stegman

Basketball Manager 2; Track 1; Forensics 1, 2, 3, 4; Grand State 3, 4; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; Board 3; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-president 2; Vice-president of Recreation 3; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Poster Committee 3; Perfect Attendance 3, 4; President 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD 1; Snoball Candidate 1; Princess 1; Prom Server 2; All School Play 2; FFA Sweetheart Candidate 3.



Jeffrey Scott Timmons

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



Angela Faye Werner

Volleyball 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1; Forensics 1; Kayettes 1, 2, 3, 4; Board 2, Vice-president 3; President 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Points Chairman 3; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Fort Hays Math Relays 1, 2, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2; Perfect Attendance 1; Junior Play; Senior Play; Stuco 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Kansas Musical Education Association 2, 4; SADD 1; Snoball Candidate 2, 4; Class President 2; Class Secretary 3; Journalism 3, 4; Circulation Editor 3; Copy Editor 4; Drill Team 1.

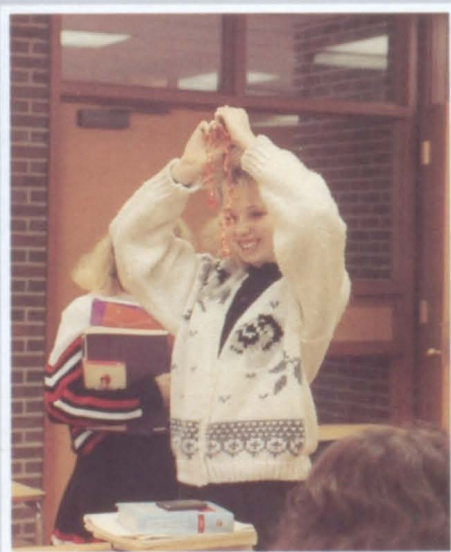


A winning float. The senior class float is demonstrating the Pluck 'em and Stuff 'em theme. The float tied for first with the juniors. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

I can't believe it! Smiling in shock, Shannon McCoy grabs Sam Herman after finding out her honors of Homecoming queen. Heath North received Homecoming king. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

Showing off. Loretta Augustine points at her new sunglasses she won for selling 20 Kayette items. Augustine was in Kayettes for four years. (Photo by Angie Werner)





Tie her up. Nicole Hewett gets into the Railer spirit by tying an orange ribbon around her head. Hewett was an active volleyball and basketball player. (Photo by Angie Werner)

Hey now! Surprised by the camera, Jeff Timmons takes time out of bookkeeping to smile. Timmons was in golf two years. (Photo by Angie Werner)

Taking it easy. Jenny Hillman, Janelle Dinkel and Rhonda Ptaschek take time out of band to have a little fun. All three were band members their four years of high school. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

Go team go. The senior cheerleaders lead the pack at one of the many pep assemblies. The pajamas represented "Nighty night to the Knights." (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)



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Sharnelle

*Congratulations
Tina!*



*Love,
Dad, Mom,
Eric, Stacy
and Steven*



*We
Love
You!*

*Success is Not
a destination
But a journey
May your
journey fulfill
all your dreams.*



*We Love
You
Dad, Mom,
Andy, Lee,
Maren, &
Jenna*

*Congratulations Jeff
We're proud of you.*

*Love
Dad, Mom, Bruce, and Josh*



Congratulations and Good Luck! Love, Mom, Dad, & Carman

To: K. W.
Remember being followed by S. M., J. B., & A. W. and getting in a big fight at P.P. Then going to the Ellis County Fair and accidentally hitting a dog.

Rhonda Ptaschek

To: T. S.
Stay away from my large crayon. I still haven't got it fixed.

Janelle Dinkel

To: J. L. H. and A. L. F.
Do you remember when we decided to take a dip in the Ellis Pool at about 12:30 one Saturday night. It happened to be A. F.'s 16th Birthday. J. H. and I successfully climbed over the fence, but Amy was only half way over when the cop drove by.

Cassie Schmidt

To: H. H. and M. A.
Remember cruising through the CRP after eight points.

Havin
fun,
Brad
Monas

To: St. Mary's 6th Graders
Thanks for the fruit roll-ups. Always watch your back.

Jenny Hillman

To: S. H.
Remember the cold shower at my house. Next time don't forget to take your clothes off. That was an all-nighter.

Christy Collins

To: D. F., T. D., and S. S.
Remember cheerleading camp; where's the tape?

Shannon McCoy

To: H. S.
Remember next time to come tree climbing in the pasture with B. S., D. W., J. G. and me instead of staying in the silver van.

Sharnelle Shanon

To: S. M.
Don't get the Burger King trash can mixed up with the place you order food.

Kelly Geschwentner

To: S. D., and S. M.
Remember the allnighter to Colby, and almost running out of gas

REMEMBER WHEN . . .

while we froze in the back seat.

Nicole Hewett

To: M. K.
Remember that time we went sunbathing my Sophomore year.

Adell Smith

To: R. H.
Remember how much smoke it takes to set off a smoke alarm, and A. W., take it easy on the door knobs.

George Crawford

To: "Scary"
Remember the trip to the lake and the steak marinated in lake water and "Mule."

Jeff Timmons

To: R. H., K. L., J. T., L. L., A. F., R. P., N. H., T. S., and C. S.
Remember the night we all went to A. F.'s basement and talked. Boy, I didn't know you were all so wierd.

Toni Dinkel

To: J. D.
Remember when I went to get a drink of water and you kind of disturbed me.

Tina Stegman

To: C. W.
The next time your car stalls on Main Street don't worry. I mean, I know what it feels like. Just hold your head high and smile. I would.

Lonnie Matteson

To: C. C.
Remember when you, your mom, and I got into that humongous fight on your porch. I bet the neighbors enjoyed it. Also, the time I cooked macaroni and cheese for a certain guy, and we played motorboats in it because I made it too runny.

Angie Werner

To: R. H., J. T., and C. P.
Remember the seven zeros.

Lawrence Locker

To: "Scary," "Up Chuck," and T. J.
Remember the half-day of teacher conferences.

Robert Huff

To: S. H.
ACT's go better if you are in by at least 12:00 the night before. Three a.m. is just a little bit late. It might save you from tossing cookies in the middle of a test.

Heath North

To: R. P., C. S., and J. D.
Remember the night we had a little accident with a car and a door in Wakeeney, and remember my favorite song, ha ha.

Loretta Augustine

To: A. F.
Live up to your name and eat your Stove Top Stuffing.

Kyle Landauer

To: H. L.
Losing bets can add up after a while. Next time don't bet so much.

Sam Herman

To: T. D., R. P., N. H., C. S., S. M., A. W., and L. A.
Remember playing Indian at the Hop? We were louder than the band.

Amy Fitzwater

To: B. H.
Watch out for those Nuclear Twinkies, and M. H., don't honk your horn behind underclassmen.

Mark Armbrister

To: B. H.
How about some taco casserole?

Clint McElroy

To: S. M.
Dark room sinks can be dangerous. Stay away, and to those who were in S. M.'s truck on Homecoming, stay away from the unknown water balloons.

Kathy Brungardt

To: The Class of 91
Remember Homecoming week? We do!

Love,
The Senior
Class



The bookkeeping cheaters. The senior girls gather around to compare bookkeeping notes. Bookkeeping is offered only to the senior class. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

Artists at their best. Shannon McCoy, Tina Stegman and Jenny Hillman work on senior buttons for a pep assembly. Points were rewarded for demonstrations of class spirit. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

A proud inventor. George Crawford studies his new invention with pride. Crawford was a four year wrestler. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

Al right Ellis. Seniors participate in a class competition by yelling their lungs out. They were judged by who yelled the loudest. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)

"I'm glad I've graduated, but I have some great memories." — Amy Fitzwater, sr.

G

raduation

The senior class of 1990 took their last steps as Ellis High students on May 22, 1990.

The faces of the 27 classmates showed their sadness in leaving and their happiness in starting anew as they received their diplomas.

Valedictorian, George Crawford III, and Salutatorian, Nicole Hewett, made hopeful speeches about what the class had accomplished, and the things they have yet to accomplish.

The class chose blue and silver for their gowns and the classic red

rose as their flower.

Claire Casselman, Director of Campus Ministries at Washburn University, spoke for the commencement address.

Project Graduation was held after the commencement exercises at the high school.

By Karla Kinderknecht



George Crawford shakes Mr. Beecher's hand and proudly receives his diploma. Crawford was named valedictorian. (Photo by John Riedel)

Seniors, Nicole Hewett and Kyle Landauer, wait to be congratulated, while seniors, Kathy Brungardt, Heath North, Cassie Schmidt, Rhonda Ptaschek, Clint McElroy and Sharnelle Shannon, show off their diplomas. Project Graduation started after the graduation commencement. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

Kathy Brungardt, sr., smiles as she receives her diploma. Brungardt attended Ellis High School for two years. (Photo by Linda Riedel)



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"It was great fun, and we worked well together" —
Amy Bartlett, jr.

unior Play

On Nov. 10, the junior class kept the audience laughing while they performed "Just For Kicks." "Just For Kicks," a comedy about a high school football team trying to break a very long losing streak, was directed by Mrs. Linda Riedel. John Riedel was assistant direc-

tor.

Cooperation was good, and the outcome showed it. The class made approximately \$650. Mrs. Riedel complimented the juniors on their good job and said, "Just For Kicks" was an ideal selection for the junior class play. It gave the

audience a rare opportunity to see some of our more serious minded students doing some very silly stunts! I had a very difficult time as director controlling my laughter during each and every rehearsal."

By Karla Kinderknecht



Giving a hand, Stacey Dinkel, jr., and Misty Rathbun, jr., put the finishing touches on the set. Dinkel and Rathbun both had major parts in the play.

Jr. class play cast and crew, Front row: M. Kreutzer, J. Williams, J. Edmonds, S. Dinkel, K. Weber. Second row: N. Seibel, C. Werner, M. Rathbun, J. Gager, B. Beecher, K. Kinderknecht, T. North. Third row: A. Bartlett, T. Gondos, A. Bruschi, T. Hallagin, S. Pfeifer, R. Larghe, L. Kohl, J. Keller. Fourth row: B. Kruckenburg, J. Kolacny, J. Kippes, J. Metzler, C. Scott, J. Reidel. (Photo by Cassie Schmidt)



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"We chose a melodrama because we wanted a comedy, but something unique." — Mrs. Hertel

enior Play

This year, the senior class decided to do something different, and a melodrama fit the slot. All worked hard in preparing the three act play, "Pure as the Driven Snow," for their performance on April 19. Time was a factor since they only had four weeks of practice.

play. Loretta Augustine was assistant director.

Nicole Hewett, sr., said, "Even though we had a short time to prepare, we still had a lot of fun and showed everyone a different kind of play."

By Karla Kinderknecht

Mrs. Cindy Hertel directed the



Zamah (Angela Werner, sr.), Leander Longfellow (Lonnie Matteson, sr.), and Jonathan Logan (Heath North, sr.) discuss the happenings of the little inn. Zamah and her husband, Jonathan, owned the inn. (Photo by Krista Weber)

Purity Dean (Sharnelle Shannon, sr.) tells her tormentor, Mortimer Frothingham, (Robert Huff, sr.) to leave her alone. Frothingham, the villain in the play, tried to capture Purity Dean, but he failed. (Photo by Krista Weber)

Sr. class play cast and crew, Front row: T. Dinkel, C. Collins, T. Stegman, K. Geschwentner, N. Hewett, C. Schmidt, A. Werner. Second row: L. Augustine, A. Smith, R. Ptaschek, S. Shannon, S. McCoy. Third row: A. Fitzwater, J. Timmons, H. North, B. Honas, L. Matteson, S. Herman. (Photo by Shannon McCoy)

"This year was great, but I can't wait until next year when I'll only have one class of seniors left to boss me around." — Nicole Martin, so.

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The final bell has rung, and we fight our way out for a summer of relaxation and new experiences. We experienced a full year of studies, sports and memories, but each one of us moves on to another year with the opportunity to

make many more accomplishments. Freshmen will no longer be underclassmen, and seniors will once again experience the beginning of a new environment. Though it is our last chance to look upon the 1989-90 school year, we need to live life looking

around the corner, and not dwell on past experiences but learn from them. As Marcus Tilius Cicero wrote, "Let us not go over the old ground; let us rather prepare for what is to come."

by Angie Werner



Chowing down. Lance Kohl, jr., and Marty Hernandez, so., eat before a football

game. Both were football members. (Photo by John Riedel)



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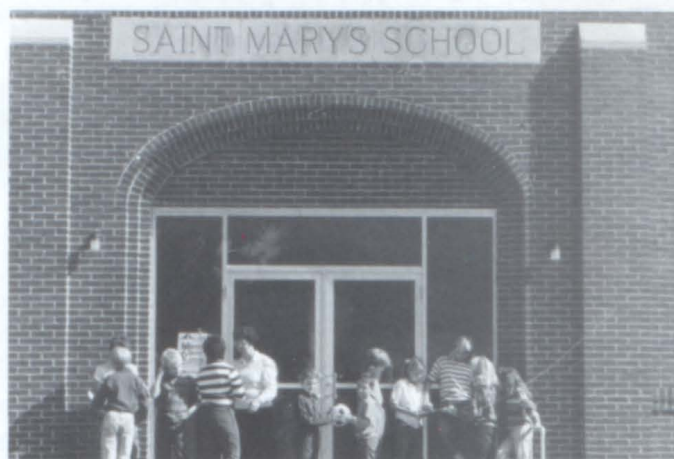
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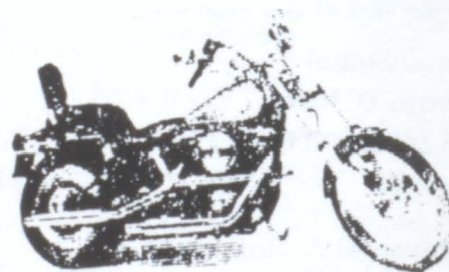
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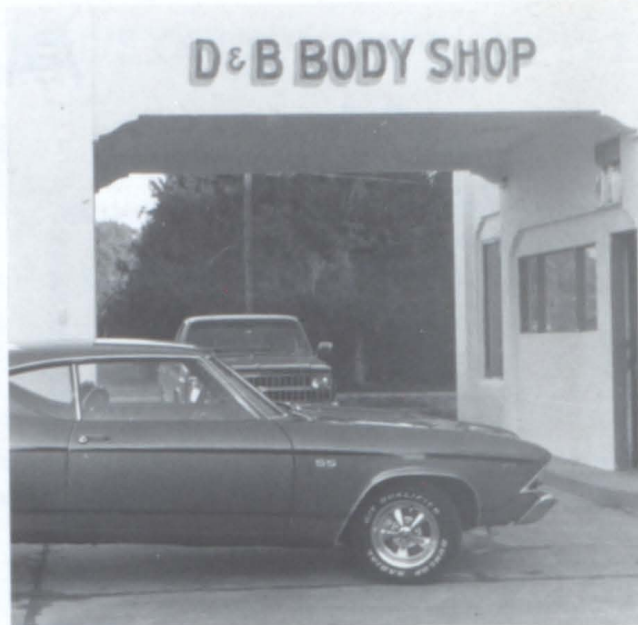
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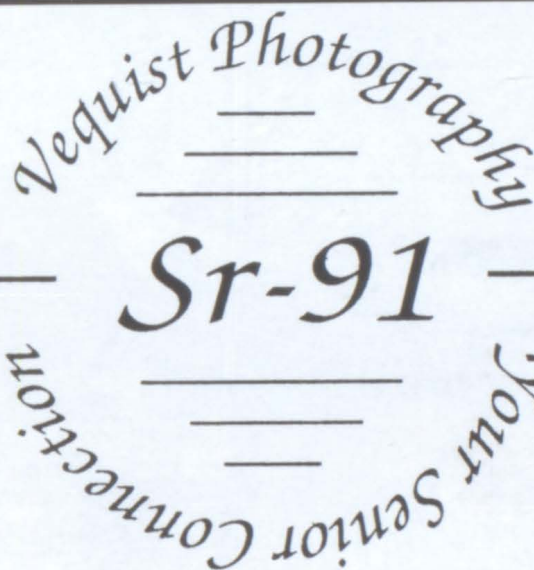
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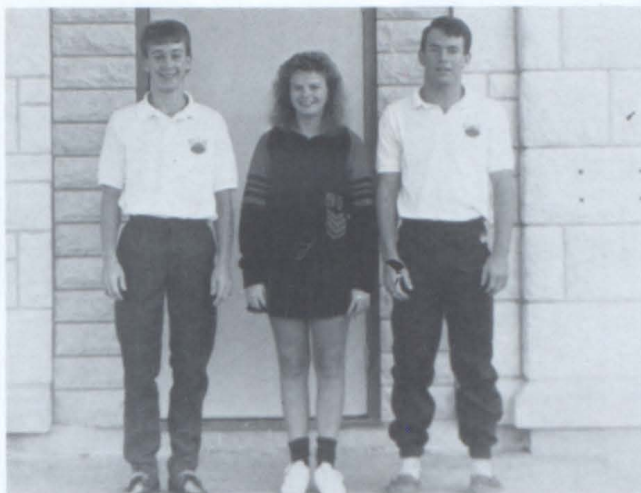
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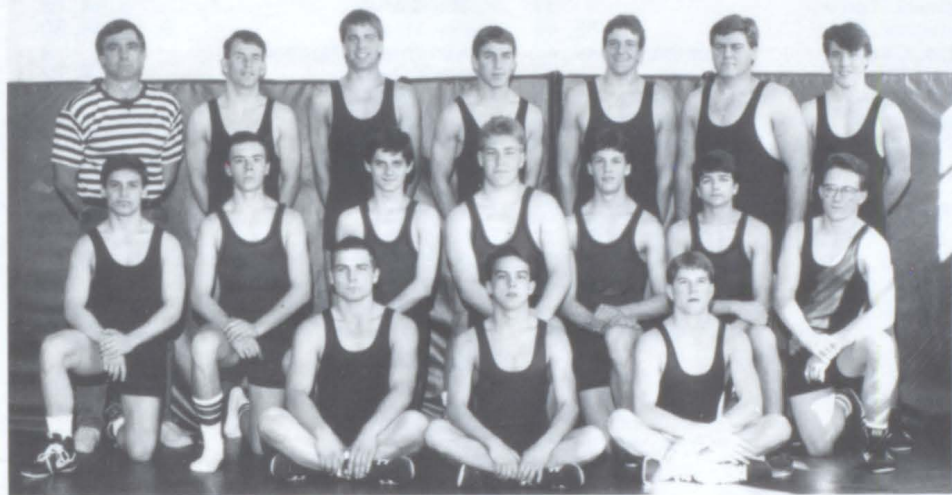
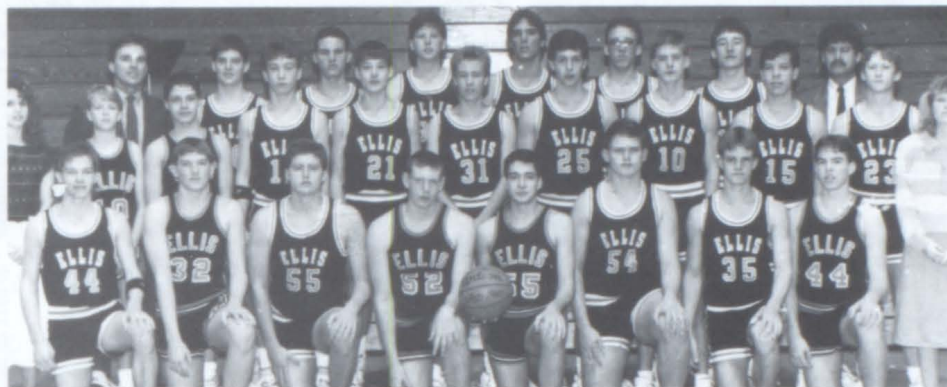
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