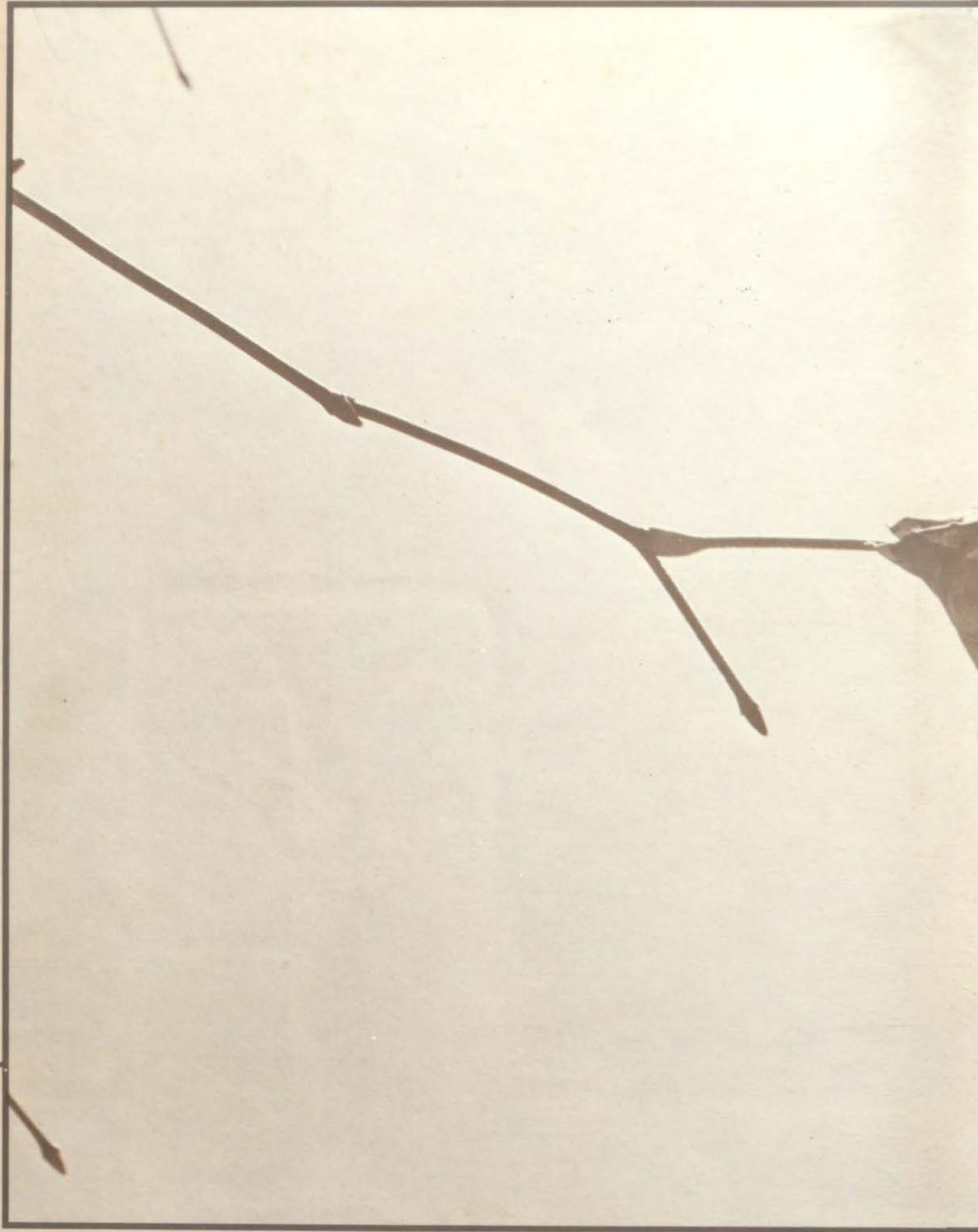


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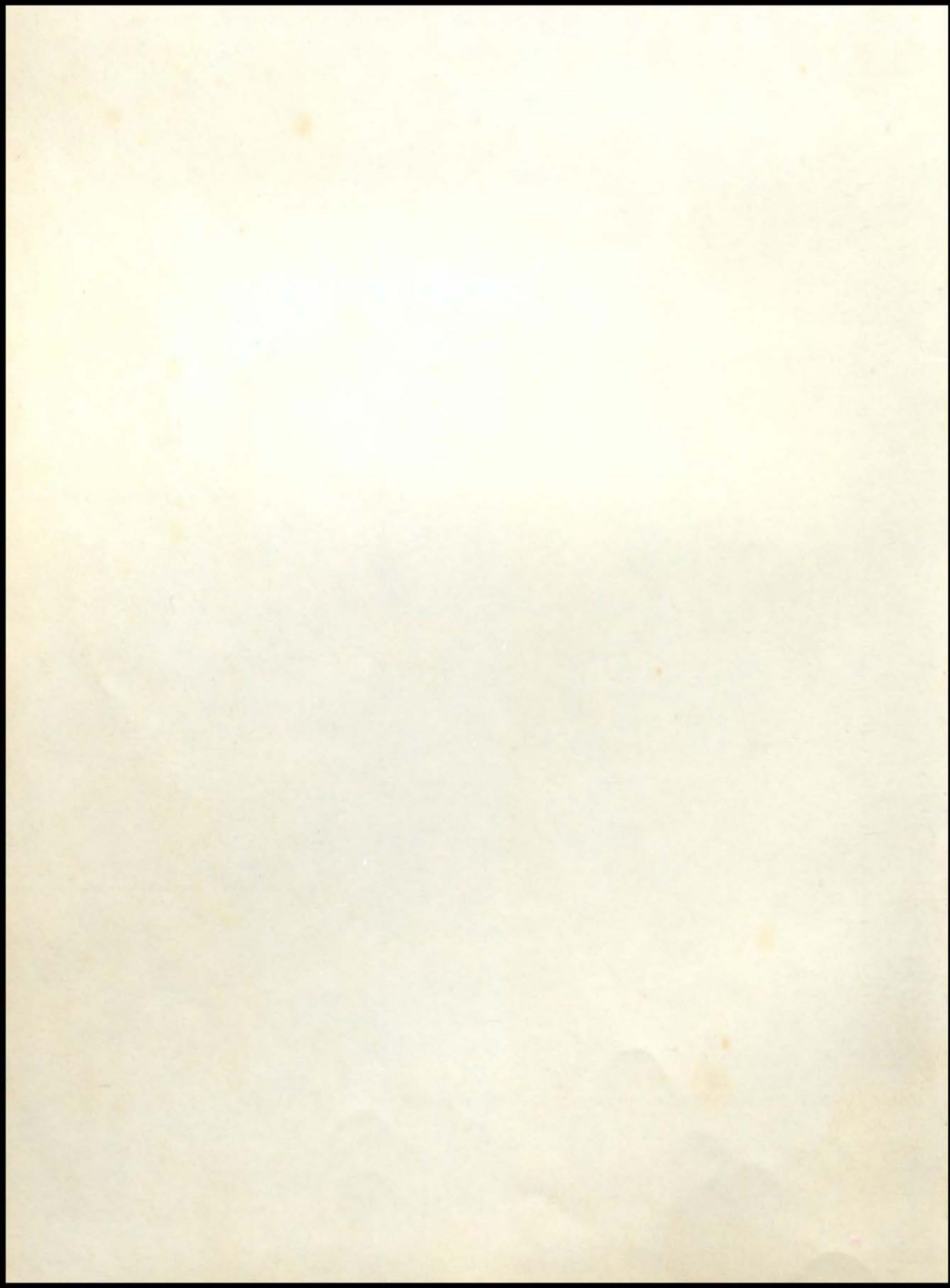
Throughout the past thirteen years, Oak Park has evolved from a modern shiny-new school building to a mellow tradition in the Northland area. The physical growth of the building is far reaching. From the original installation of the big OP, to the sign on 79th Terrace, to the new broadcasting equipment, Oak Park has adapted to constantly changing needs of the students, faculty and administration. Yet, the physical changes are only visible reminders of more intricate, pervasive changes in the philosophy and attitudes governing Oak Park.

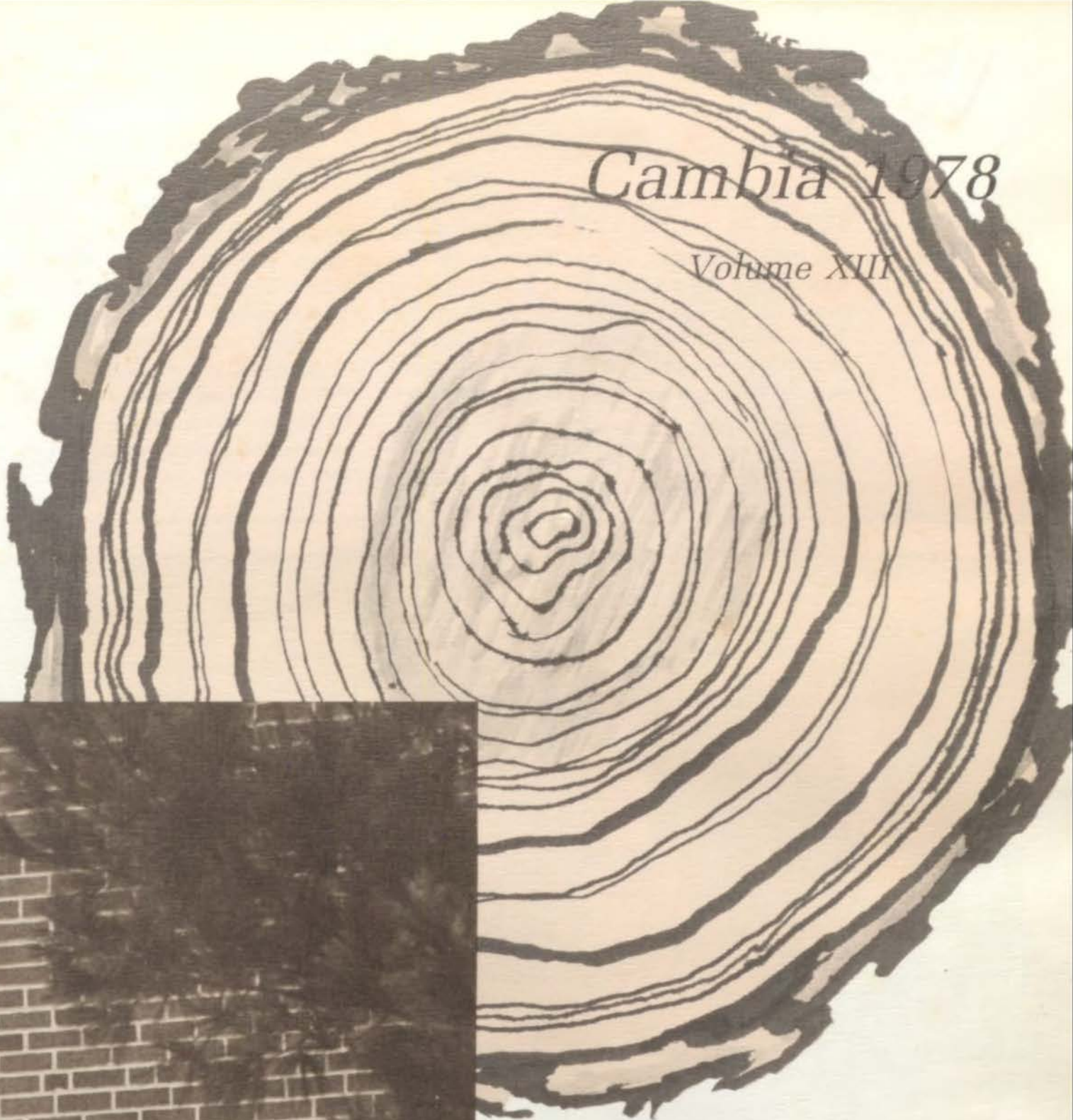
From the beginning, Oak Park has been referred to as a liberal, modern institution. The curriculum, student-teacher relationships, and administrative policies frequently serve to substantiate this.

Regenerating

Yet, Dr. Dan Kahler, the school board, teachers and students have all worked to strike a balance between various facets of policy-making. Obviously, the adaptations have not perfected the system. Flaws still persist, but the flexibility illustrated shows that Oak Park is not stagnant — it is a growing, changing institution.

Throughout the years, CAMBIA has attempted to record this growth. By definition, cambium, from which CAMBIA is derived, denotes the rings formed around a tree recording the tree's annual growth. The history of the seasons is captured in the rings of the tree. Like the cambium, the CAMBIA is a history of growth. As you turn the page, a history of the 1977-78 school year at Oak Park will unfold.





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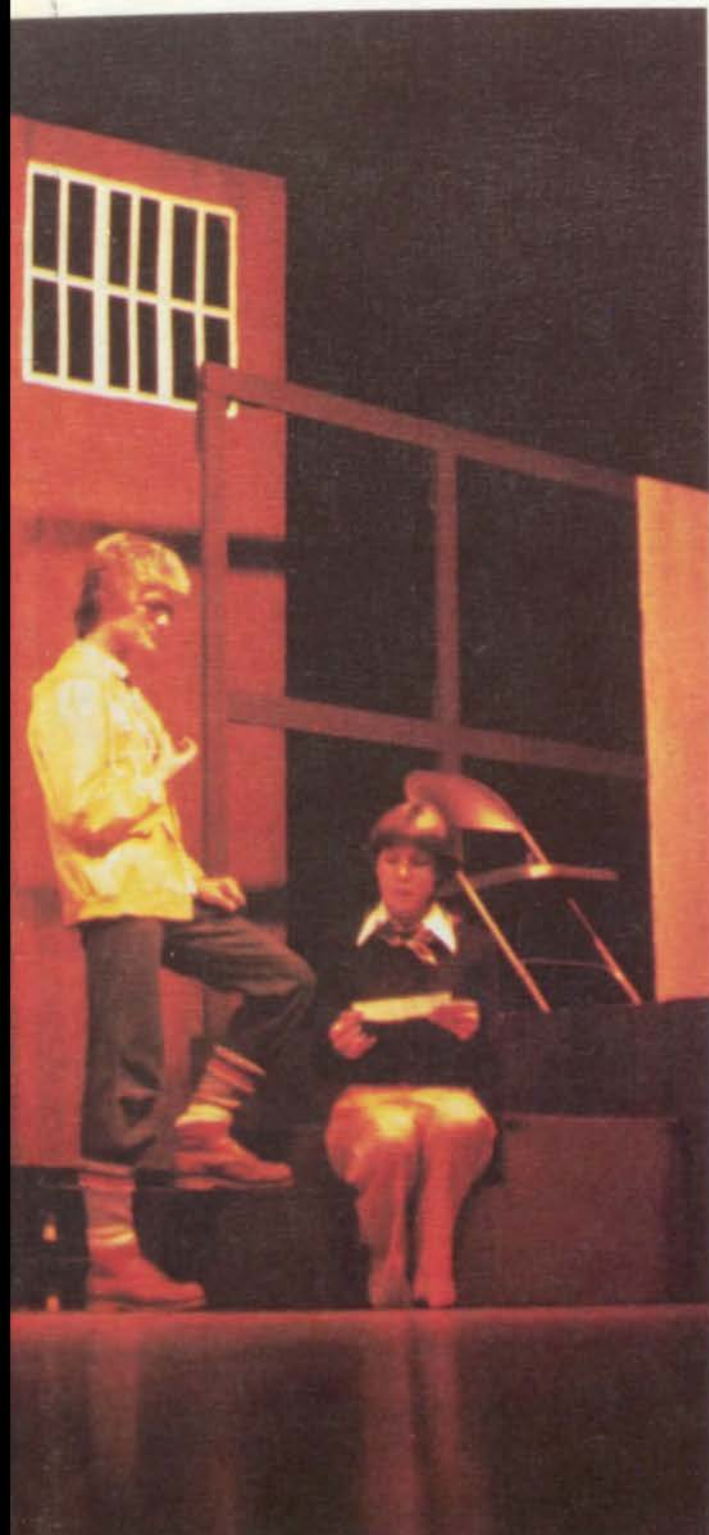
Pep Club, Student Council, American Field Service — PARTICIPATION. From the initial moment a sophomore steps into Oak Park's main lobby, he is encouraged to participate in many aspects of Oak Park life. The Pep Club membership drive, intramural sports sign-ups, Honor Society Membership Meeting entice students to branch out

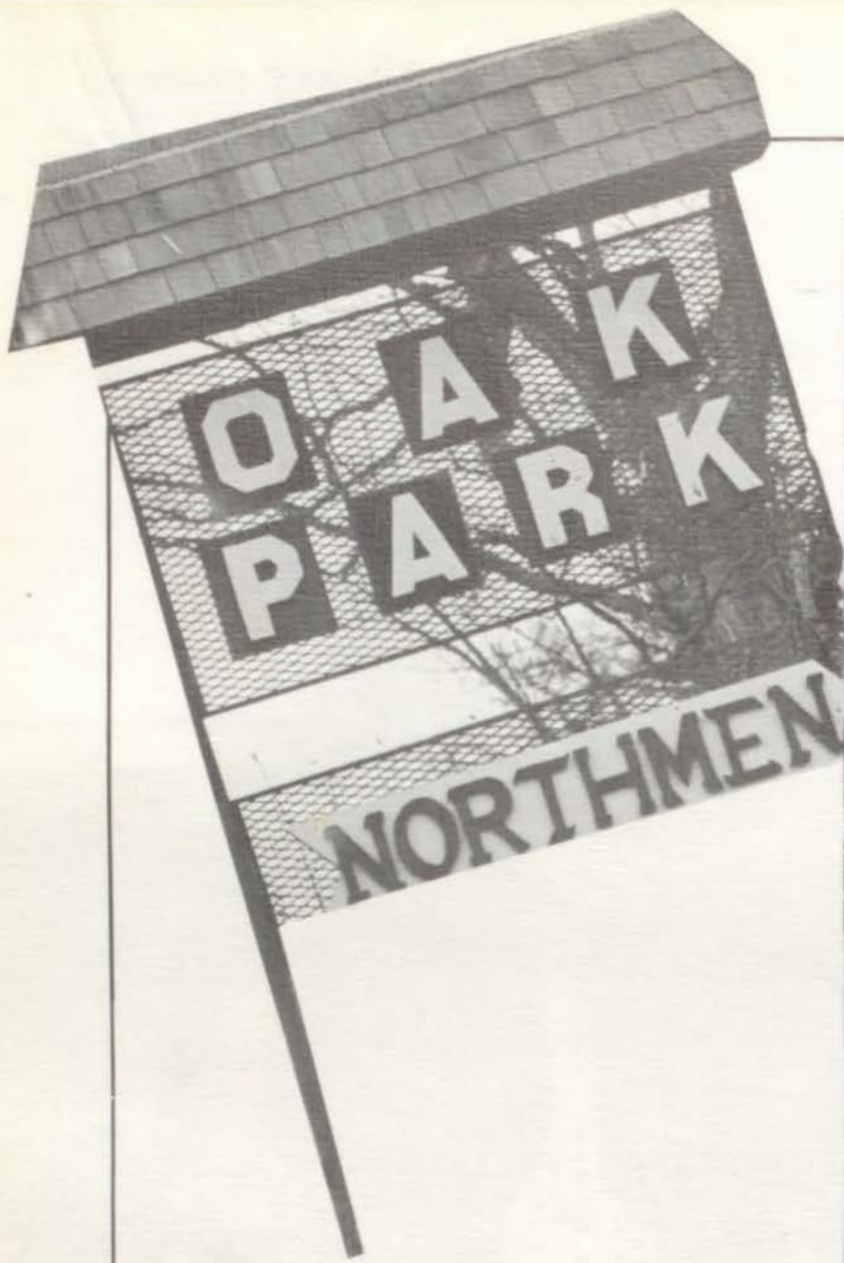
into many directions. Stuco representative elections, Lettermen's Club, play tryouts allow students to delve into specialized activities with the intent of perfecting skills and talents.

Each activity helps the student mature — mentally, emotionally, and socially. From the Oak Street Singers to the football team to the Pom Pon squad, Oakies display this process of growth through the enthusiasm and drive directed toward activities.

Participation





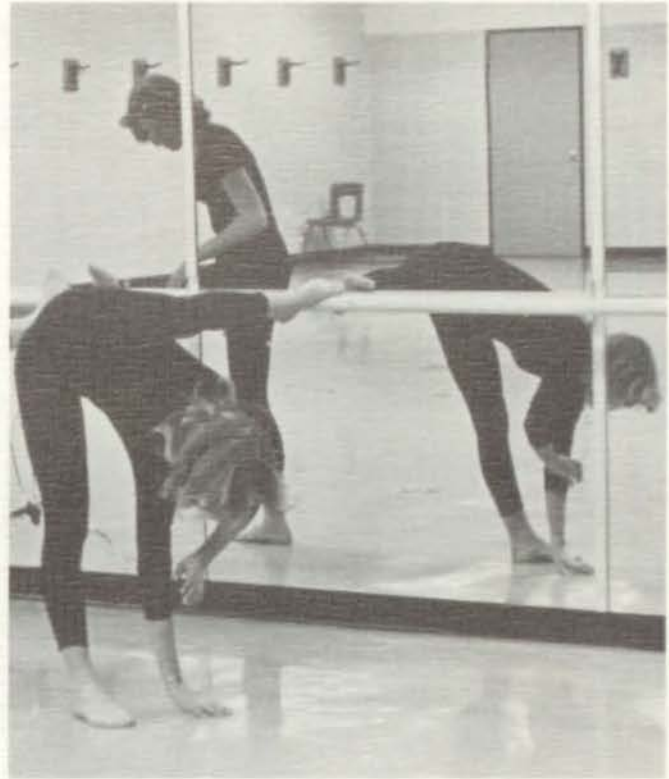


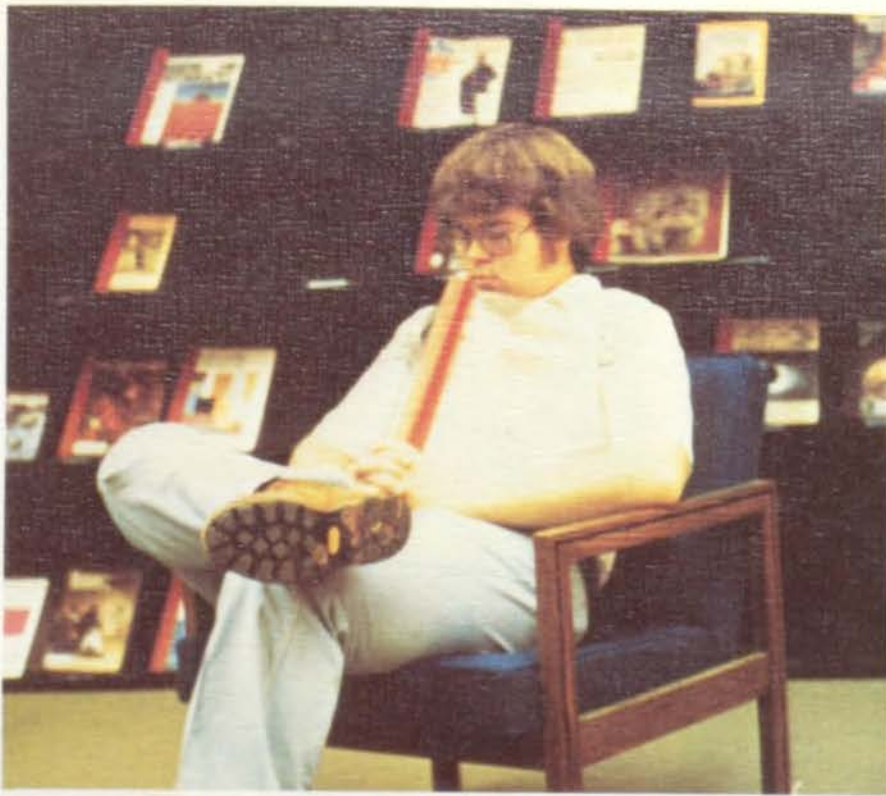
The courtyard, unpredictable thermostats, metal lockers—ENVIRONMENT. No building can withstand thirteen years of rough, persistent use without showing some sign of wear. As a result, Oak Park no longer projects its original freshly painted, polished image. Yet the architects' original accommodations to modular scheduling and a widely varying curriculum are still evident.

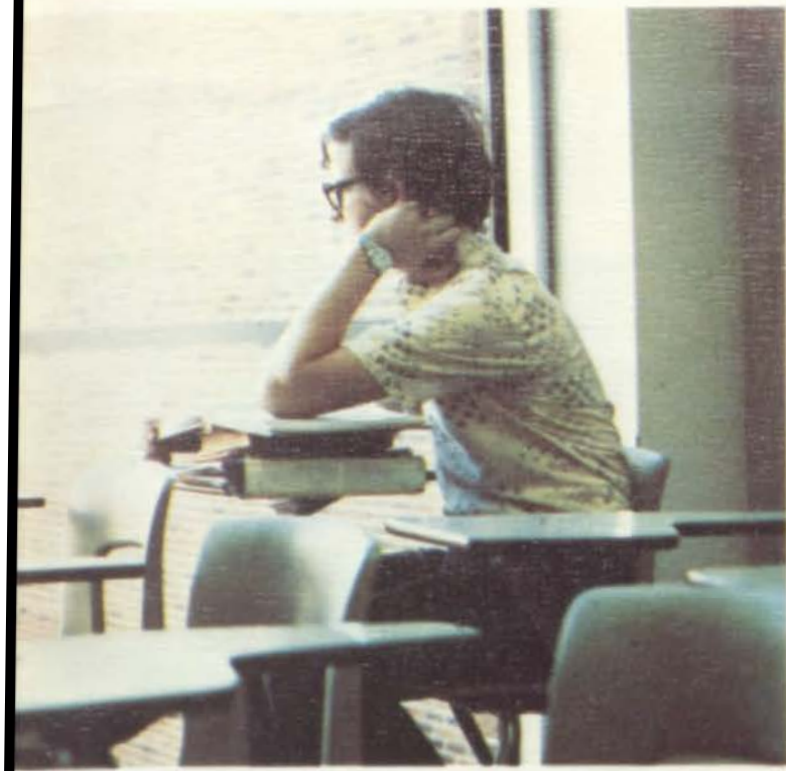
Environment

The lack of doors on many rooms, the use of lights instead of bells to separate time blocks, and specialized equipment scattered throughout the school are conducive to the varied approaches of teaching and learning at Oak Park.







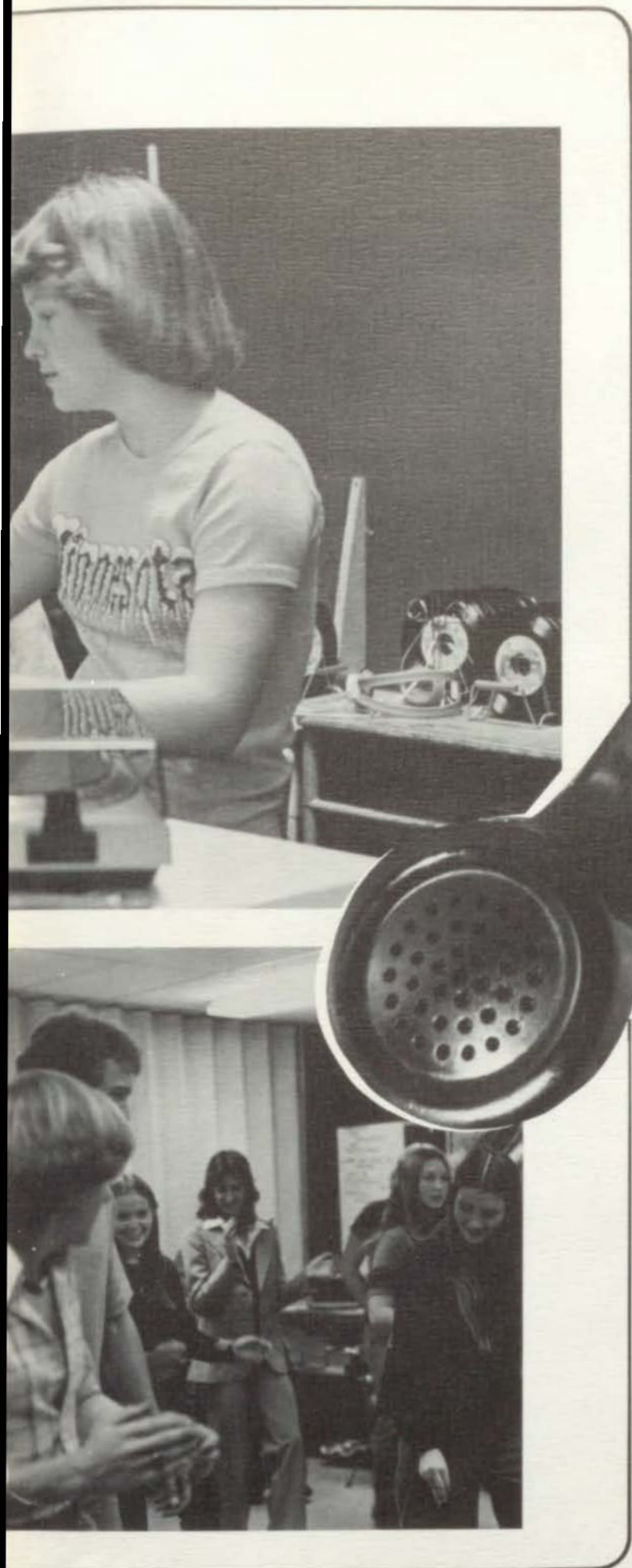


An open window, the lounge, a distracting thought — **DIVERSIONS**. Although learning takes undisputed priority at Oak Park, diversions appear in all directions to test each student's concentration and initiative. The individual responsibility required of Oakies within modular scheduling means that students make their own choices about studying and working. The areas available during off-mods allow students to study diligently or visit with friends.

Diversions

Most students arrive at a workable balance. But those that do not, have the option of a dual system of education. In 1978, Assigned Time to Study (ATS) and Mini-School succeeded in isolating their students from many diversions. Of course, these programs can't alleviate distracting influences, but they do enable certain students to cope with them better.





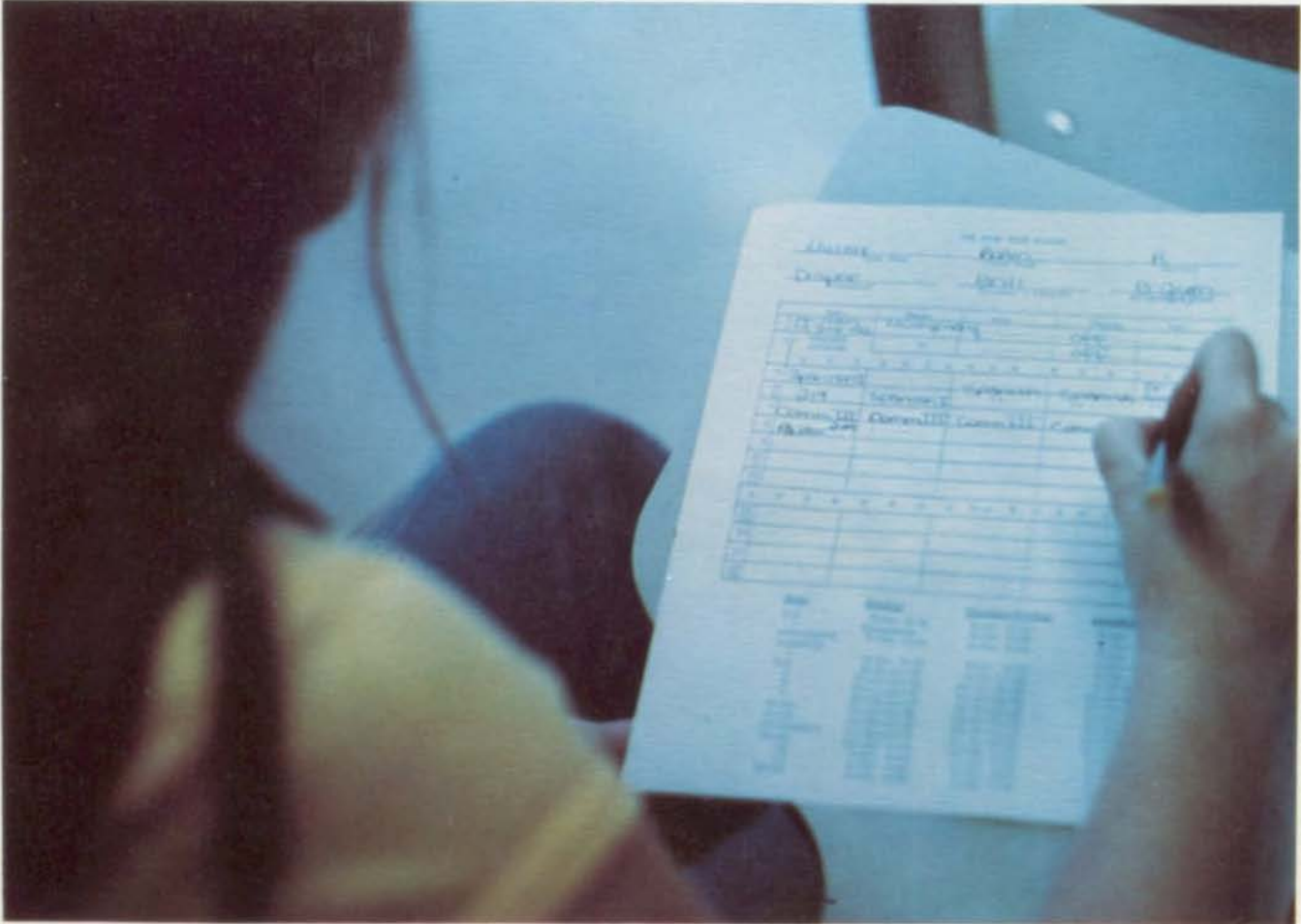
Morning announcements, graffiti on the gym doors, two people quietly talking-COMMUNICATION. A large part of Oak Park's curriculum deals with communication arts. These classes make up much more than simply Communications II or Advanced Composition. From Intimate Communications, a class designed to help students interpret unspoken messages, to dramatic plays, which focus on extending a message to the entire audience, many kinds of communication are taught and learned.

Communication

Despite criticism, Oak Park's modular scheduling is especially conducive to one-to-one communication between teachers and students. In 1978, freedom to discuss problems with teachers during off-mods, continued to play an important role in an Oak Park education.

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Modular scheduling, open lunch, curriculum — ISSUES. Controversy surrounding many aspects of Oak Park confronts everyone involved with the school. An inflated grading system, a sorely inadequate student parking lot, have evoked sharp criticism from members of the community as well as those at Oak Park.

Issues

Students seldom allow inadequacies to go unnoticed. School board meetings, LOG, and Student Council meetings are open forums for serious complaints. In spite of a long chain of policy changes, flaws still persist. Yet, questions and controversy are the initial tool we need to work with.



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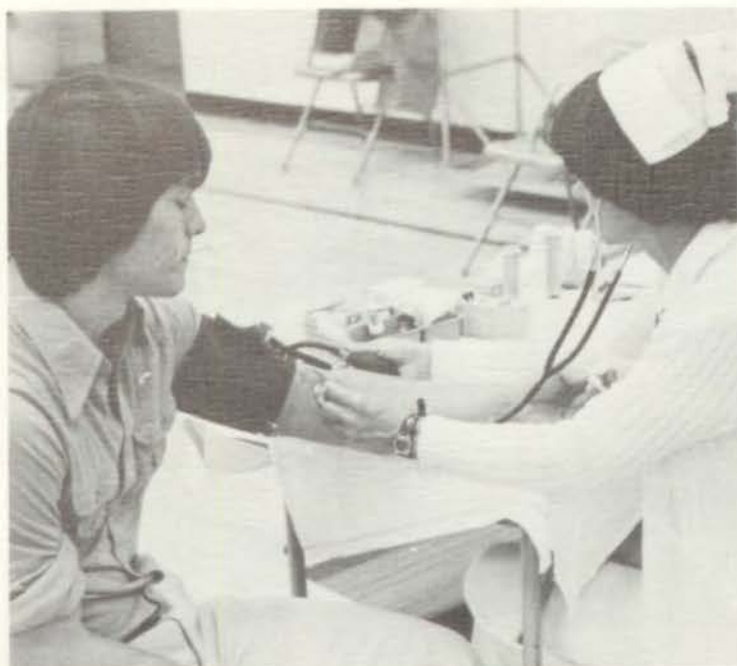
United Fund, canned food drive, AFS—EXTENDING. Oak Park students do not restrict their activities to the inside of a school building. In 1977-78, student council organized activities encouraging students to direct energy into the community. Continued support of the United Fund was initiated by Stuco representatives collecting donations in attendance classes. Class competition and compe-

Extending

tition between the sexes, spurred on even more participation.

Contributions, community involvement and student-held positions on local government boards illustrated that in 1978, more than ever, Oak Park was a definite asset to the community.







Tall leather boots, after-school jobs, driving around — LIFESTYLE. When students board busses or pile into cars, the varied directions they travel are indicative of their lifestyles. Some students leave school and go home, others travel directly to work. From McDonald's to department stores to offices, students work to earn extra money. Since coping with a full-length school day and a job can present problems that seem insurmountable, some students are eligible for OCI or

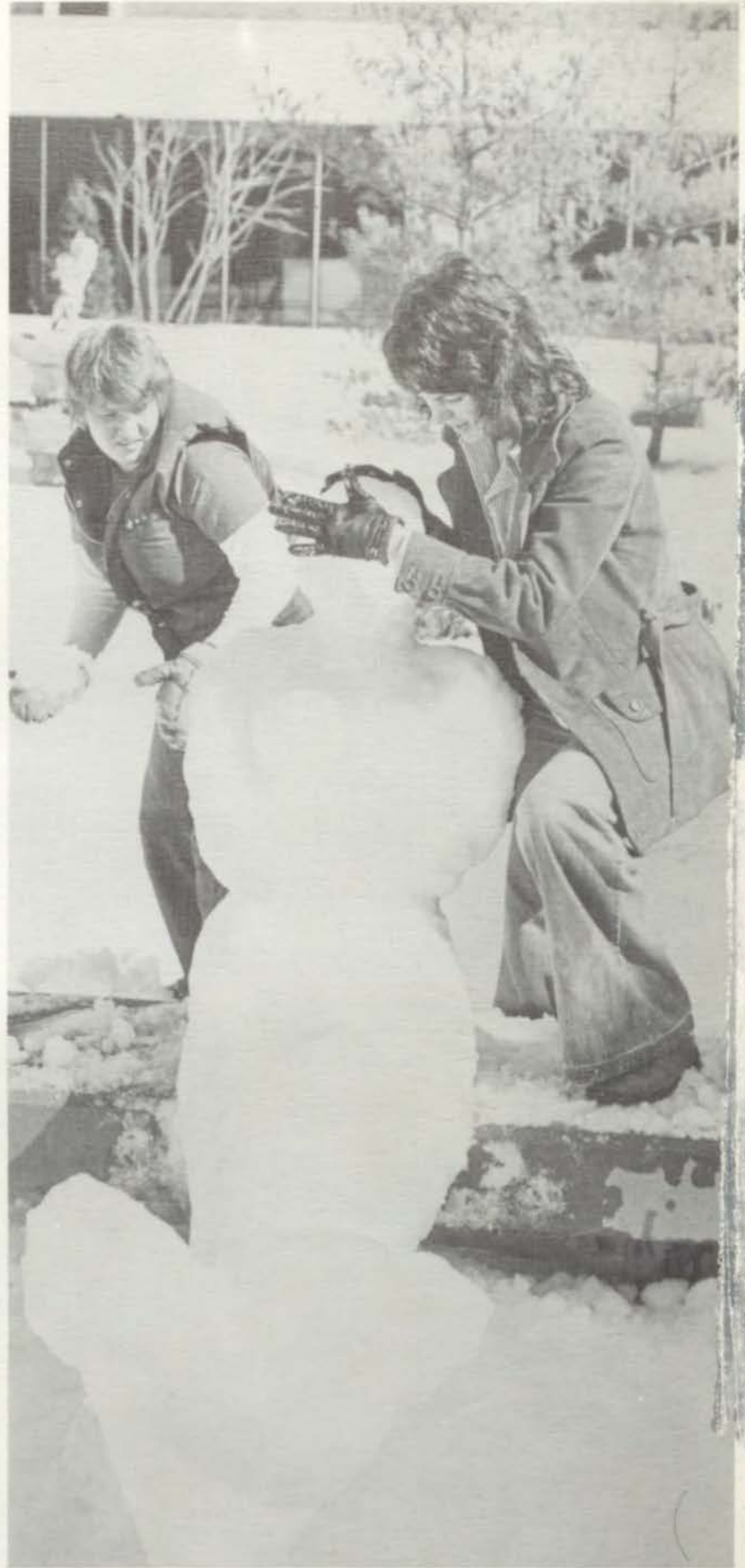
Lifestyles

COE, programs which allow juniors and seniors to work during the school day for credit toward graduation.

Whether a student receives an allowance or works part-time, the way his money is spent is reflective of the way he lives. In 1977-78, lunches, school supplies, keeping up with fads, and car expenses consume money as fast as most students seem to get it.









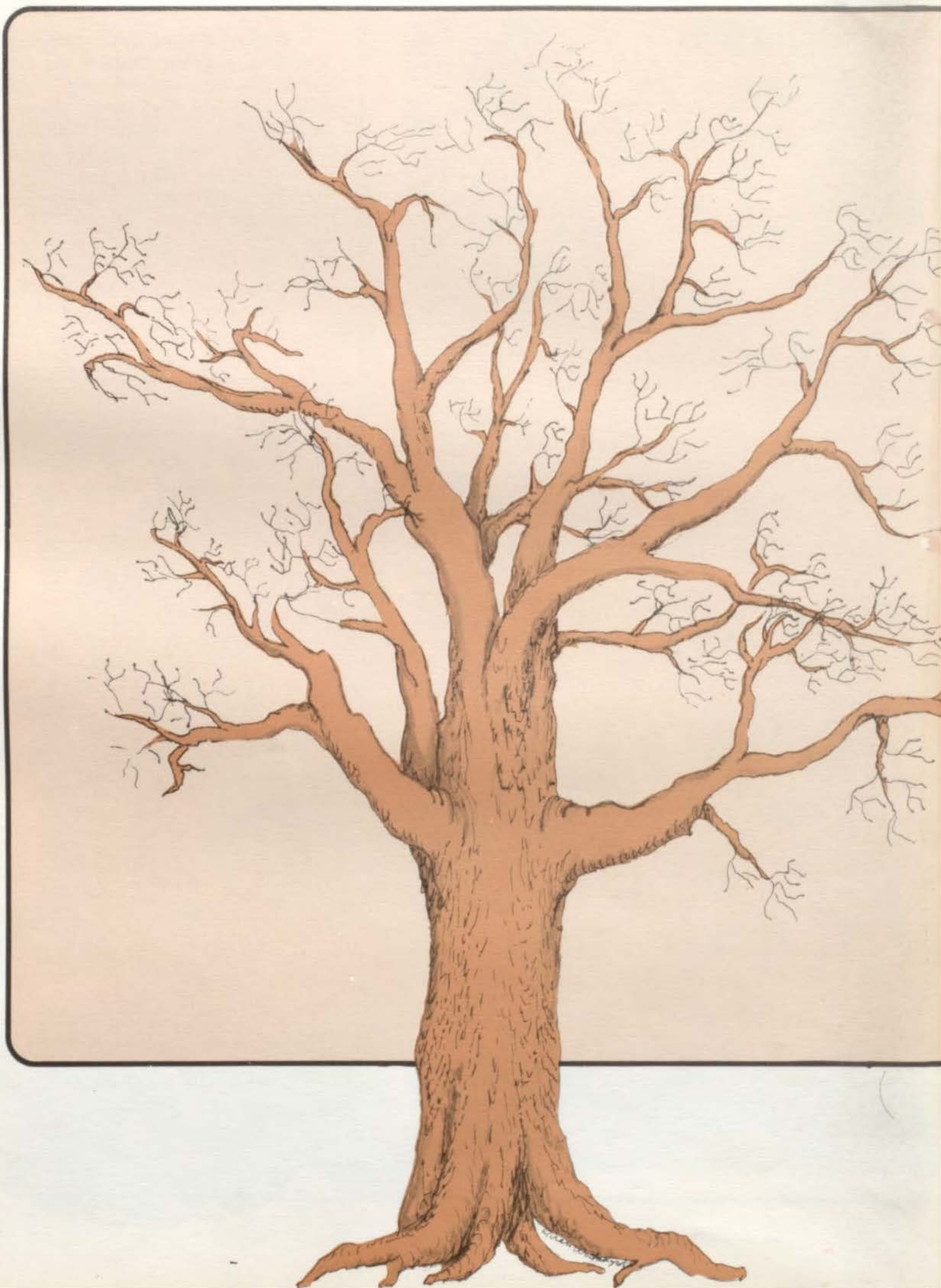
Walls covered with paintings and sketches, original designs for a dress, innovation on a static concept — CREATING. Evidence of creative talents being developed are illustrated in every facet of Oak Park. Whether a student is carefully carving an intricate sculpture, composing a term paper or devising a precise scientific

Creating

experiment has little bearing on whether or not each is creating. The end result of a concrete, tangible item is not a determining factor.

There is more creation taking place here than is initially visible. In every department, students develop the ability to think in new and varied terms. A great deal of emphasis is placed on innovating and improving past creations, not just in repeating them.



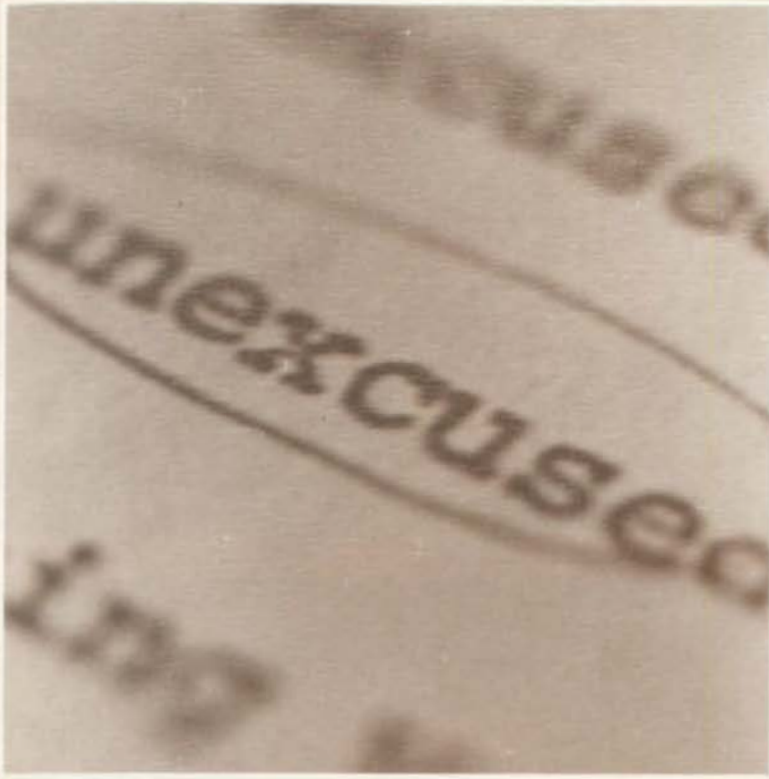


The Basics—English, Math, History—are explored and elaborated on. Classroom activities include a varied course of discussion, studying, testing. New modes of teaching involve adaptation and innovation on traditional concepts. Modular scheduling, independent study, and the option of pass-fail grades in many classes allow students and teachers to utilize resources to their best advantage. Increased participa-

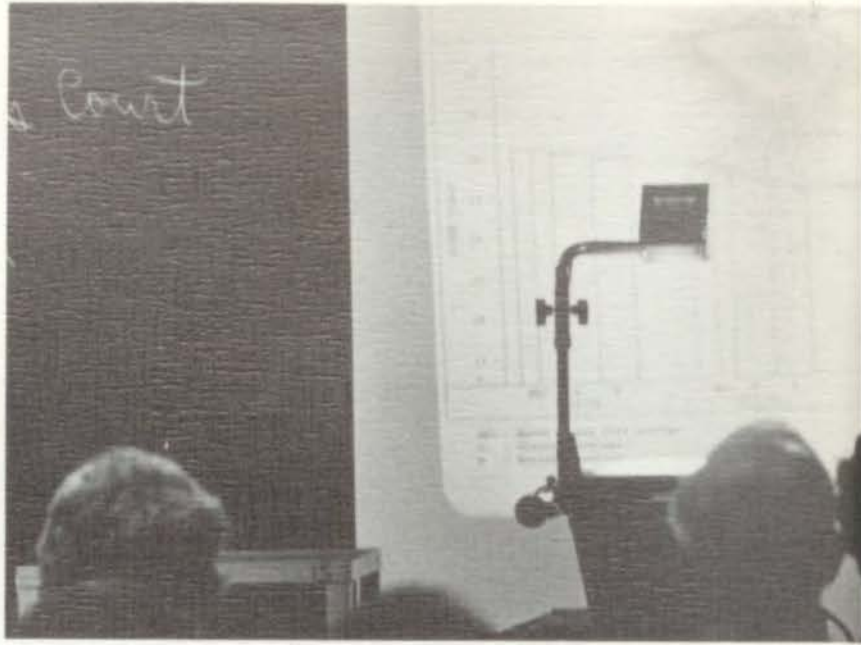
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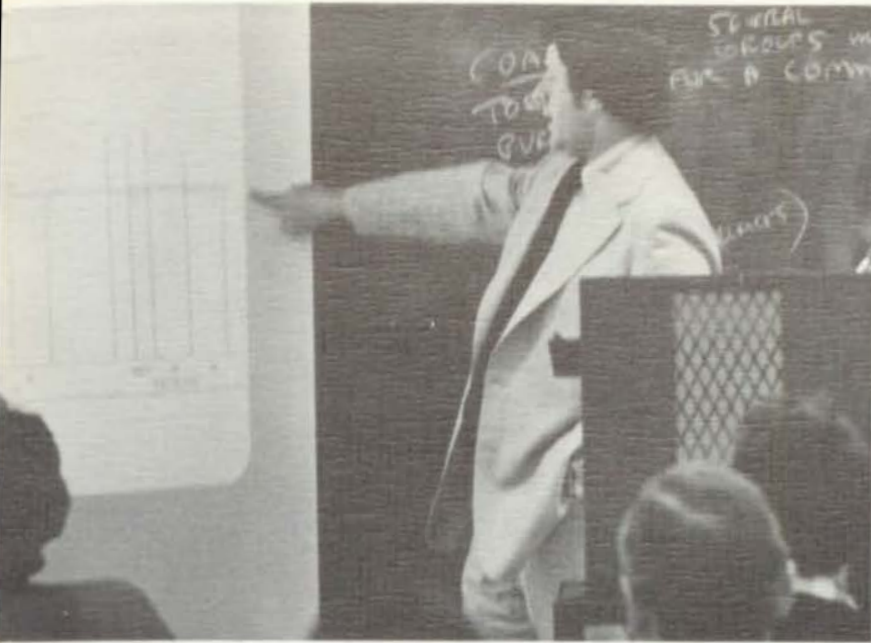
tion in these specialized programs creates new incentives to work within Oak Park's educational system.

2001, Selling, Consumer Awareness, American Military History specialize and expand on conventional themes in education. From traditional to unusual, Oak Park's curriculum in 1977-78 offered a variety of classes. From these, students chose the courses suited to their educational goals.



Top left, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Welsh greet Dr. Ray Waier at his reception. Top center, Dr. John DeArmond talks to the Oak Park faculty about the new basic essentials test. Top right, Dr. Waier speaks to Miss Vicki Baker and Dr. Dan Kahler at the pre-school faculty meeting. Bottom center, Dr. Waier faces his first year as superintendent of the North Kansas City school district. Bottom right, Teacher proposals were of district and citywide interest at the concluding school board meeting. Bottom left, board president Mr. Bob Raines presides over a meeting.





The 1977-78 North Kansas City school board completed its first year working with Superintendent Dr. Ray Waier. Replacing Dr. R. B. Doolin, Dr. Waier is now the chief executive officer hired by the school board.

The board has the responsibility of approving curriculum and distributing school funds. These powers make the North Kansas City school board a strong lever in

Policymakers

the improvement and modernization of the school district.

School board members are: President, Mr. Bob Raines, Mrs. Sandra Reeves, Mr. Victor Howard, Mr. Eddie Carter, Mrs. Frances Foerschler, Mr. Robert Johanson, and Dr. Charles Sackett.

Dr. Waier strengthens district

Administrators share their ideas

Faced with conflicting ideas surrounding innumerable policies and regulations, Oak Park's administrators daily attempted to balance conflicts at Oak Park. Keeping up with students and faculty is obviously a very demanding responsibility.

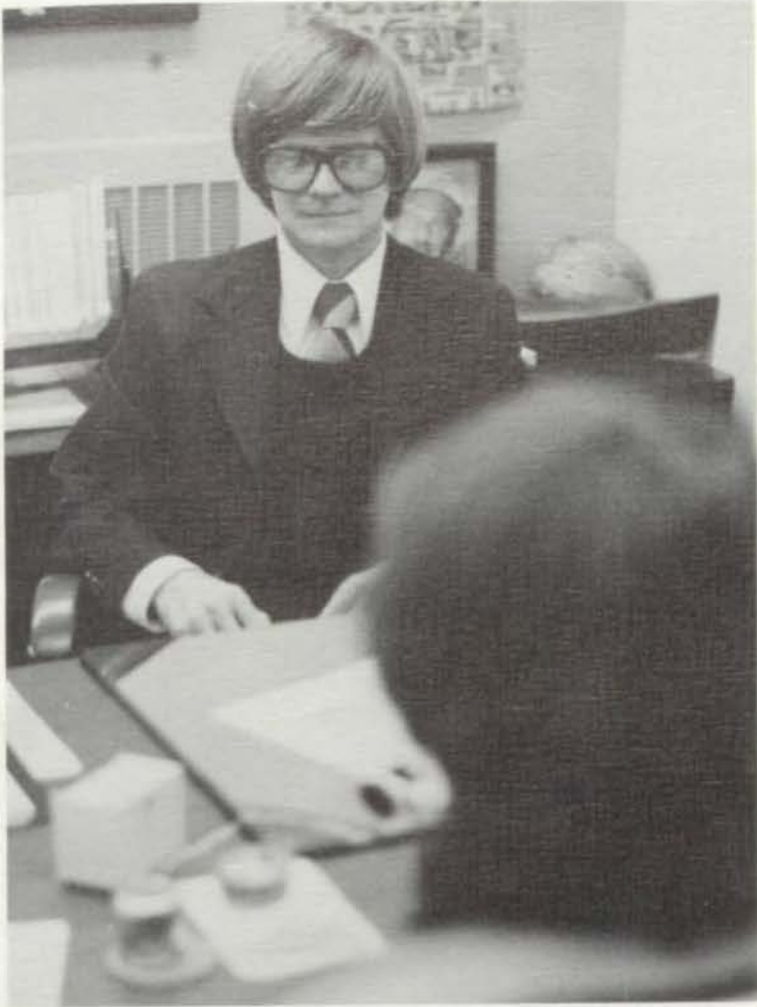
Dr. Dan Kahler established several goals for the 1977-78 school year. He made it a point to spend at least one mod per day in the student lounge, to visit each resource center weekly, and to personally evaluate each of the 84 teachers at Oak Park. Dr. Kahler along with Mr. Larry Cornine,

Administrators

encouraged the use of new district-wide competency guides in math and science. Mr. Dick Powers assumed responsibility for the Booster Club. Miss Vickie Baker kept an eagle-eye on attendance. Devising new ways to keep modular scheduling running smoothly, was Mr. Bob West. In short, Oak Park's administrators reacted to new problems and situations with action designed to resolve the conflicts.



Top left, Dr. Dan Kahler autographs a student's CAMBIA at the 1977 signing party. Top right, Mr. Cirbube discusses a student's problem. Bottom left, Mr. West explains the Oak Park system on Parent's Visitation Day. Bottom right, Mr. West, Mr. Cornine, Miss Baker, Mr. Draper, Mr. Powers, and Dr. Kahler at their Tuesday breakfast.



Dr. Dan Kahler
Principal



Mr. Bob West
Vice-Principal



Mr. Larry Cornine
Assistant Principal



Mr. Dick Powers
Activity Coordinator



Miss Vicki Baker
Student Personnel Coordinator



Serving approximately 750-900 lunches per day kept Louise Koerber and her cafeteria staff of fourteen women busy throughout the school year.

Pizza and taco crunch were the favorite lunches of the Northmen and chili, spaghetti, and meatloaf the least liked. The staff served about 3,000 cookies a day plus 112 gallons of milk.

In preparing one of the favorite lunches, pizza, it took 40 15X30 inch crusts, topped with 110 pounds of hamburger and 55 pounds of cheese.

Maintaining

March was nutrition month, and the cooks participated by serving nutritious food such as yogurt and peanuts. They also displayed numerous posters in the scramble area.

Jim Lawrence headed the custodial staff as they kept Oak Park in top shape. He estimated that they swept out about eight square yards of paper per day, or, 1,432 square yards per year. Sweeping the halls an average of three times each day, and just keeping up with the maintenance of the school were among the daily duties of the staff.

Although performing behind the scenes, Oak Park's cafeteria and custodial staff helped Oak Park operate smoothly throughout the school year.



Services performed by staff





Top center, Jim Lawrence drains the boiler. Top right, Joann Harmon and Joyce Pike prepare for the lunch rush. Bottom left, The 1977-78 cooks are: back row, June Fink, Janice Sutton, Lou Cooper, Ann Obrst, Louise Koerber, Bernice Turley, Leota Waddell; front row, Mildred Sluter, Joyce Pike, Bonnie Lafferty, Joann Harmon, Sue Swentor, Talhou Wilcox, and Louise Schultz. Bottom right, C.W. Julian cleans a deserted hall.





Linda Alverson
English

Lon Amick
Parking Lot
Attendant

Gerald Amorosa
Biology

Esther Anderson
Teacher Clerk,
Soc. Studies

Marjorie Atkins
Office Secretary

Ronald Atkins
COE

John Bahnmaier
Business
Education

Merlin Baker
Mathematics



Ronald Beckham
Mathematics

Mary Beethe
Home Economics

Mike Bennett
English

Larry Blackwell
Social Studies

Darrel Bland
Driver
Education

Linda Blocker
Business
Education

Gerald Brasel,
Jr.
Social Studies

Richard Brill
Physical
Education



Jerry Crews
Physical
Education

Shirley Cromer
Business
Education

Sallie Daniel
Bookstore

Joe DeGrado
English

JoAnne Denney
Office Secretary

Jim Derry
Physical
Education

Karen Dixon
IA-ERC

Shirley Donnelson
IA-Media Center



Donnie Duke
IA - Media Center

Linda Espeer
Business
Education

Lois Fann
Business
Education

Bill Farrell
English

Sue Finch
IA-ATS

Pam Godfrey
IA-ERC

Sue Gonzalez
IA-Art

Richard Good
Social Studies



Mary Grun
Audio Visual

John Hagan
Social Studies

Rose Hall
Spanish

Bill Hankins
CAMBIA, LOG,
Photo

Dave Hensel
COE

Risa Hille
Drama

Nancy Hudson
Physical Ed
& Drama

Jim Hughes
Health-
Mini School



Linda Jones
Physical
Education

Debbie Justus
IA-Vocal Music

Nancy Kahn
Business
Education

Barry Kennedy
Art

Tom Kincaid
Learning Dis

Floyd Klang
Industrial Arts

Delbert Lampson
Driver Education

Charlene Law
Reading

Teachers search for answers



Linda Banes
Teacher Clerk-
Office Secretary

Corine Banks
IA-PARC



Bobby Bryant
Industrial Arts

Bob Busby
Mathematics



Jane Dougherty
IA-Art

Dan Duane
Industrial Arts



Bill Grace
Vocal Music

Joe Grace
COE (Office
Education)



Marcie Hunter
Home Economics

Carroll Iorg
Business
Education



Jeanne Lawing
Art

Don Lea
Science



Above, Mrs. Helen Pastor takes advantage of a faculty book exhibit and breakfast hosted by the Media Center librarians.

Byron Moats and Jim Derry take part in the interdepartmental breakfast.



Angelle Lidderdale
IA-SSRC

Annette Luyben
American History



Byron Moats
English-
Mini School

Alan Moon
Instrumental
Music



Joy Padley
IA-Art

Helen Pastor
English



Kent Roberts
Industrial Arts

Cecelia Robinson
English



Rita Vonn
English

Debbie Walker
Atten. Off.
Secretary



Karon Wheat
Home Economics

Ton Wheaton
Science

Faculty shares new ideas



Rosa Lee Mathis Office Secretary Steve McArthur Social Studies-Mini School John McEniry Mathematics LaVern McKinzie Business Education Kay Melewski German Dave Miller Science-Math Mary Mitchell Physical Education Priscilla Mitchell French



Marcia Moore Special Education Gary Morgan English Ina Morris IA - Audio Visual Jennifer Morris IA - Mini School Marvin Nurenberger Industrial Arts Gary O'Dell Social Studies Bill Overbey Counseling Jackie Overstreet Teacher Clerk-Art



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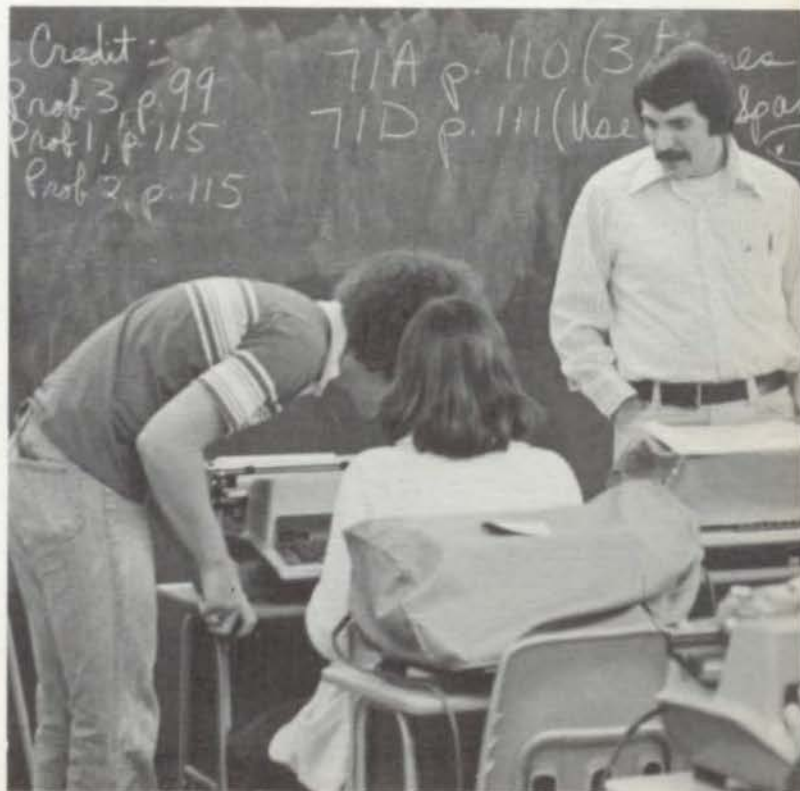
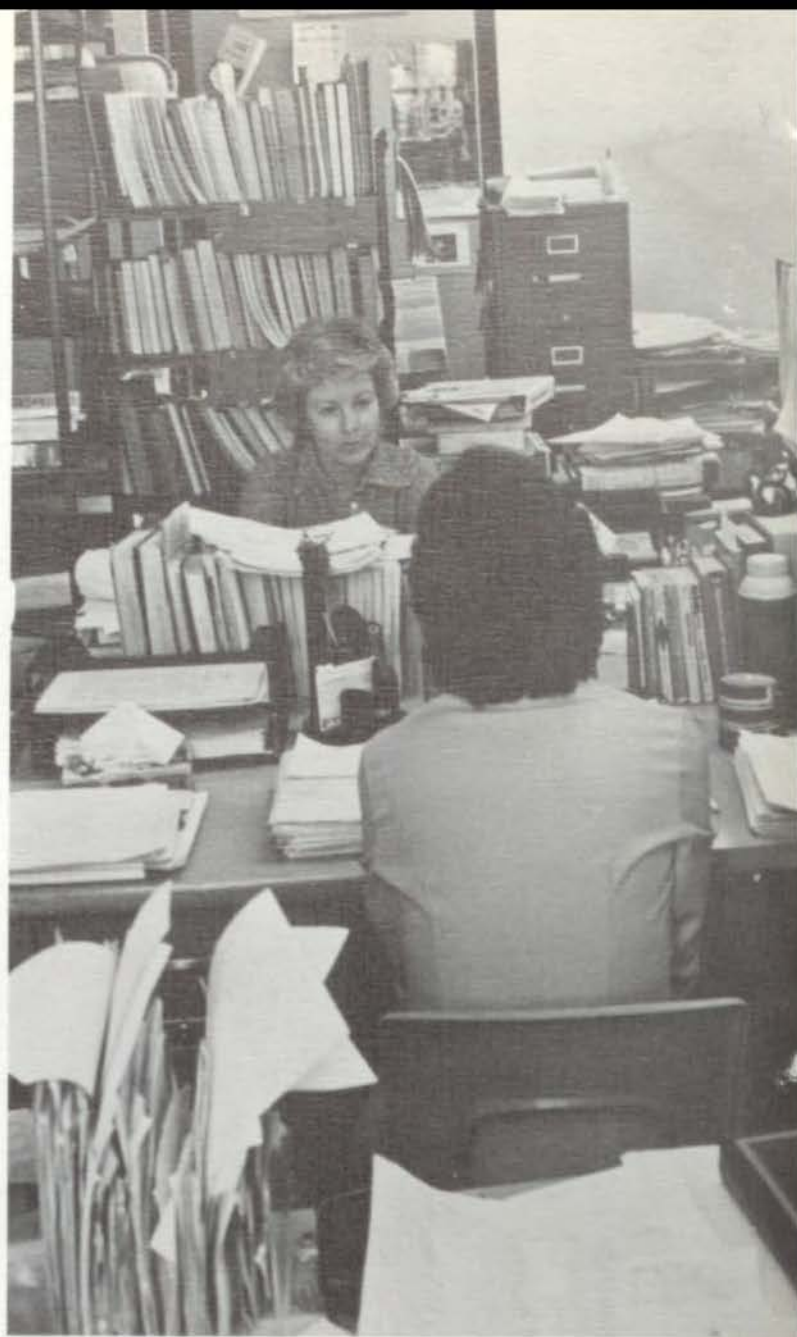
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Roy Williams Social Studies Jeff Wolverton Driver Education Cora Wright Business Education Donna Zieger Nurse



Top left, Mr. Gary O'Dell mixes business with pleasure. Top center, Mrs. Pam Pettitt converses with Mrs. Sondra Pryor. Top right, Mr. Gerald Brasel carefully explains an answer to a puzzled student. Bottom left, Mrs. Cecelia Robinson makes use of her spare time. Bottom center, Mr. Carroll Iorg watches the progress of a typing student. Bottom right, Mr. John McEniry refers to his lecture notes.

Teachers share knowledge



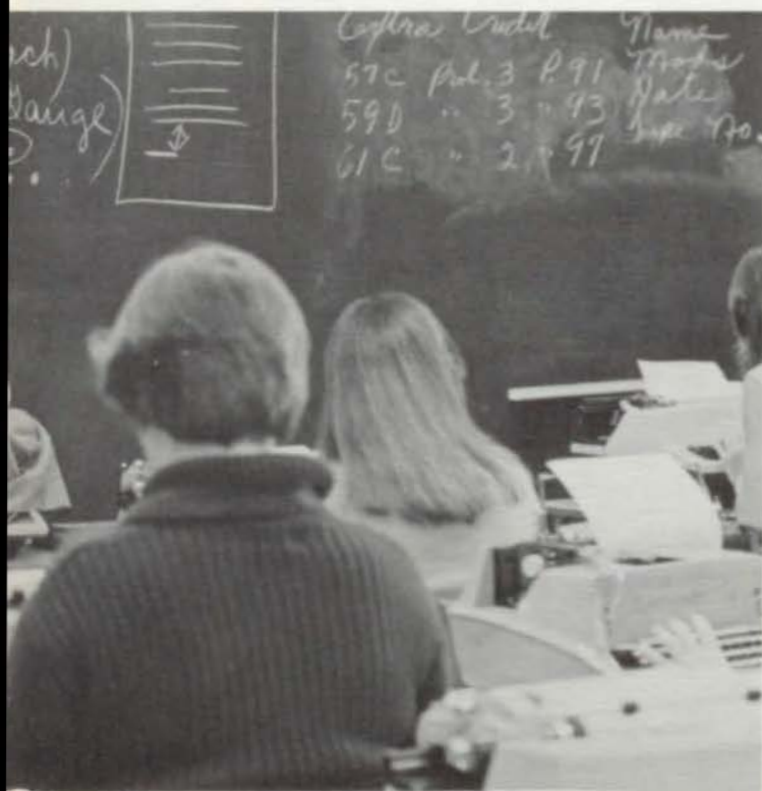
Oak Park's classroom teachers numbered 82 this year. These teachers took their pedagogy seriously for 70% of them have degrees beyond their bachelor's. Fifty-four teachers have achieved a master's degree and three have earned a specialist's degree.

CMSU seemed to be the most popular alma mater, with 38% of the teachers holding degrees from this institution. Other Missouri schools strongly represented were UMKC, UMC and NWMSU. A few

Teaching

teachers managed to find their way to Oak Park from such remote places as Southern Methodist University, Colorado State, and Johns Hopkins.

Many teachers felt that the teaching profession presented them with many challenging opportunities. Bringing subjects across in different ways proved to be a challenge for one teacher, while trying to get the most out of students was challenging for another. One teacher believed that his biggest challenge was trying to pay his bills with a teacher's salary.



Oakies develop skills

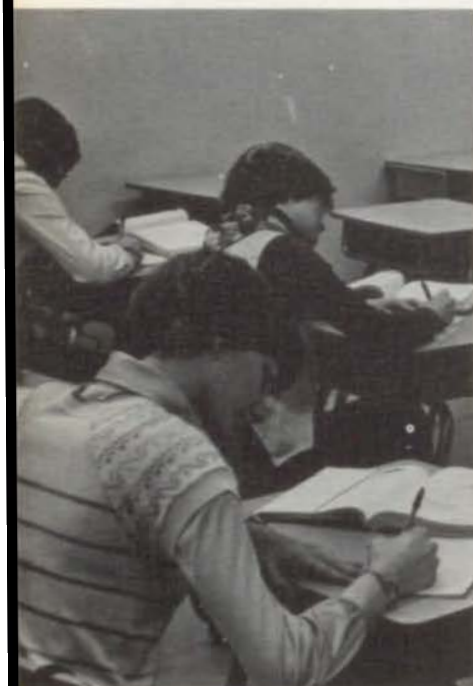
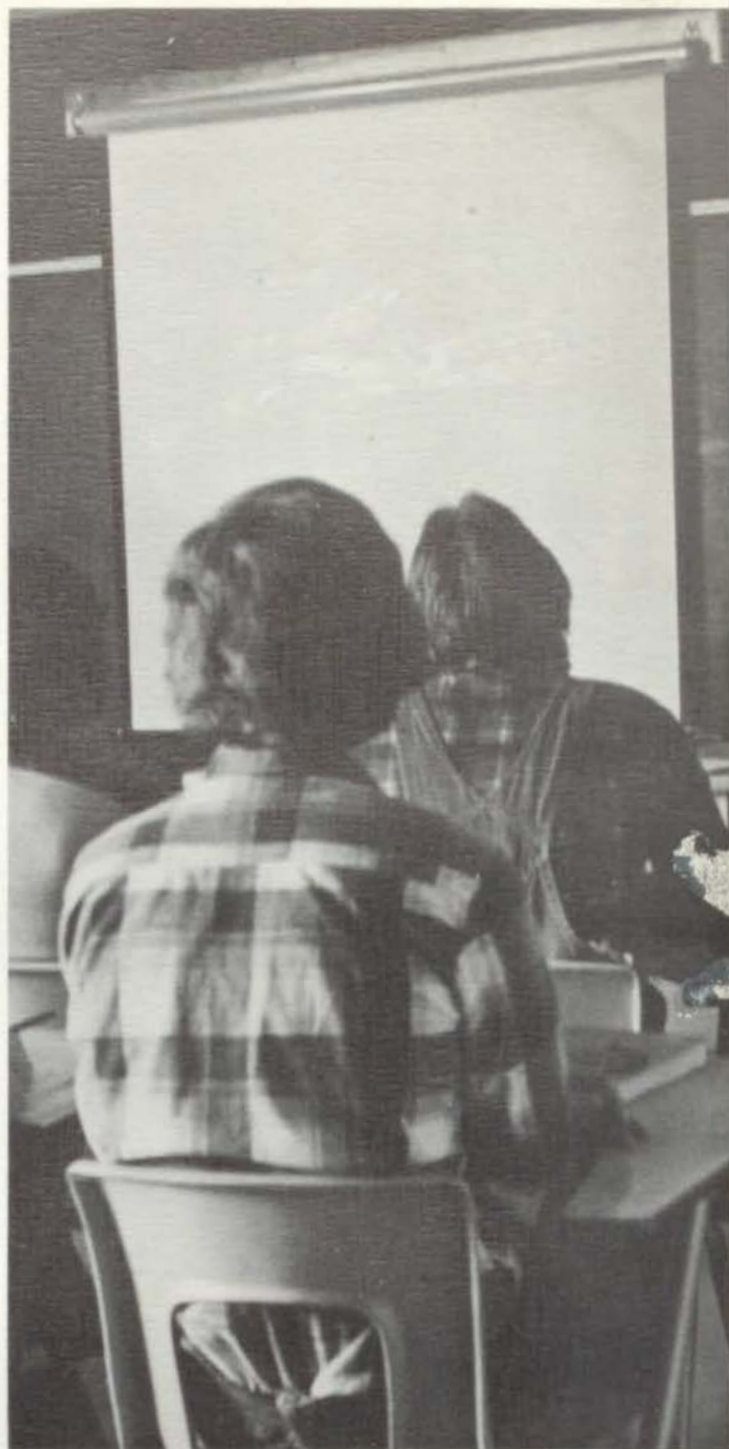
Modular scheduling was well liked among the students because it allowed them to complete homework assignments at school. It also gave students more freedom, and it was not as monotonous as traditional scheduling. Some felt that the modular system would better prepare them for college because it made them establish their priorities.

The Oakies seemed to use most of their unscheduled mods well. If assignments needed to be completed, then most students spent their free mods studying. When they did not have any homework, students used their unscheduled mods for socializing.

Learning

The students overall views of Oak Park were favorable. Modular scheduling became so familiar to the students that its advantages were often taken for granted. Traditional scheduling at the junior high schools has been long forgotten.

The style of teaching that students liked best varied quite a bit. Some students favored independent study while others liked lectures.





Far left, Shelly Williams practices shorthand skills. Top center, Students learn proper driving techniques while watching a film. Top right, Veto Enna shows his enthusiasm in Geometry class. Bottom left, Kathy Hutcherson gives on oral report to fellow students. Bottom right, Visual aid equipment comes in handy for Sam Rogers



Ideas communicated by Oakies

Whether it was teacher to student or student to student, discussion was essential in learning, planning, and communicating at Oak Park. It allowed students to develop and express their ideas and to learn from other students' points of view. Most students believed that they learned more in discussion classes than in the lecture-type situations.

Classes such as Psychology, Child Development, Sociology, and You and the Law were examples of discussion classes that were offered this year. In Psychology, students had to discuss solutions to

Discussing

problems in hypothetical situations. A few of the topics that were talked about in Child Development were child abuse, pregnancy, and methods of discipline. Deviant behavior and death were among the subjects discussed in the Sociology classes. You and the Law dealt with the trial process and marriage and divorce as part of its studies.

Several ways to make discussions more interesting were used in 77-78. For example, students in Advanced Composition were allowed to lead discussions themselves on subjects like biorhythms, bootcamps and nuclear warfare.

Another method of leading an interesting discussion was teaching from a desk top, at least in Psychology department.





Top left, Shelly Williams expresses herself at the blackboard. Top center, Stacy Rogers confers with Miss Rita Vonn. Top right, Mr. Leonard Thompson enjoys newfound heights. Bottom left, Joe Payne directs questions to Representative Tom Coleman. Bottom center, Ex-convict, Curtis Shoop, leads a class discussion. Bottom right, Mike Boxler discusses debate strategy with Alan Miller.

Thinking is the action of using one's mind to produce thoughts. It is an essential part in education because it is the starting point to understanding. At Oak Park, thinking is especially necessary because modular scheduling is founded on the concept that students do and will think when given the opportunity

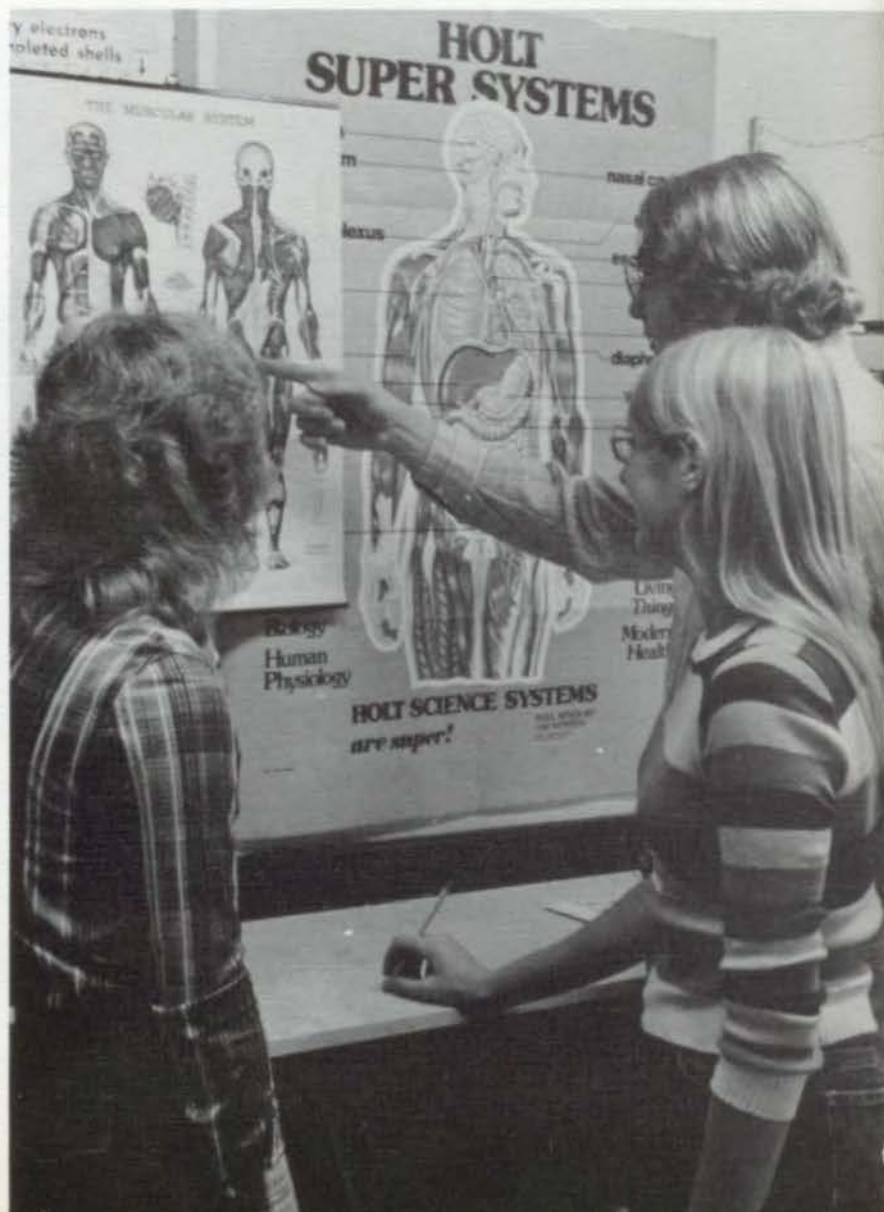
However, built into the system is the means of escaping from thought. For instance, during their unscheduled mods, some students went to the lounge to talk and eat, and to avoid any thinking they might have had to do elsewhere.

Thinking

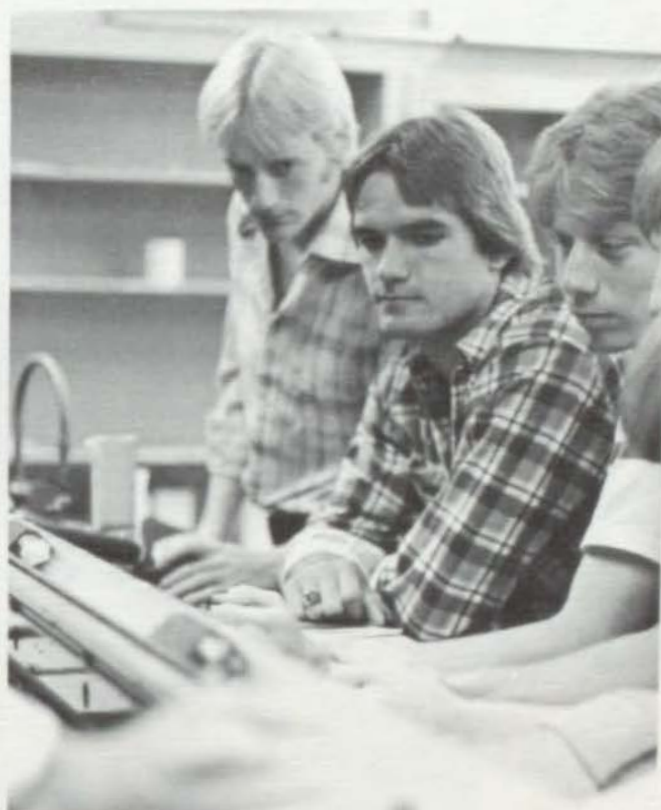
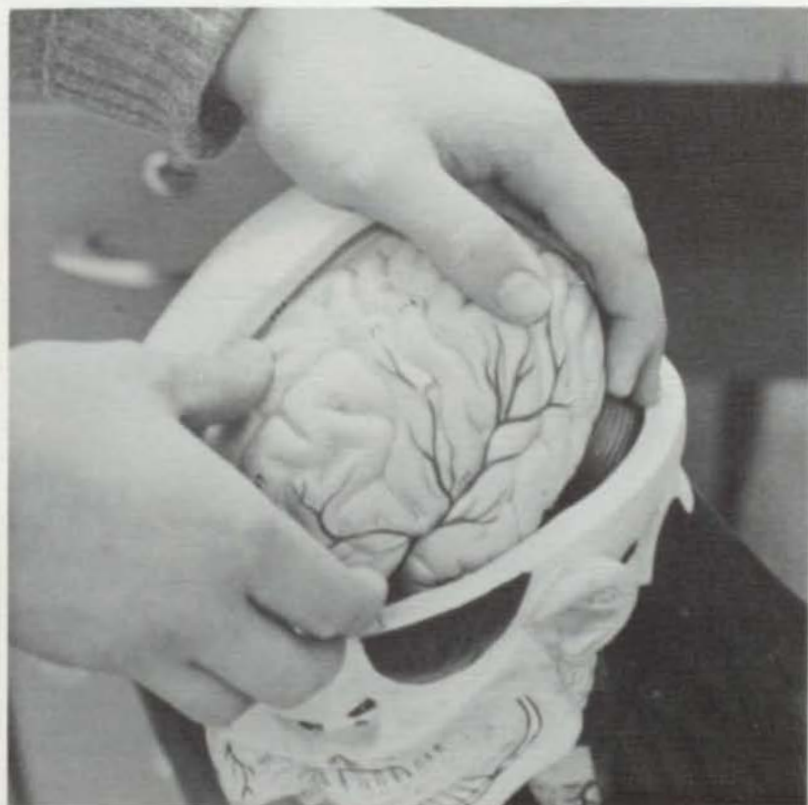
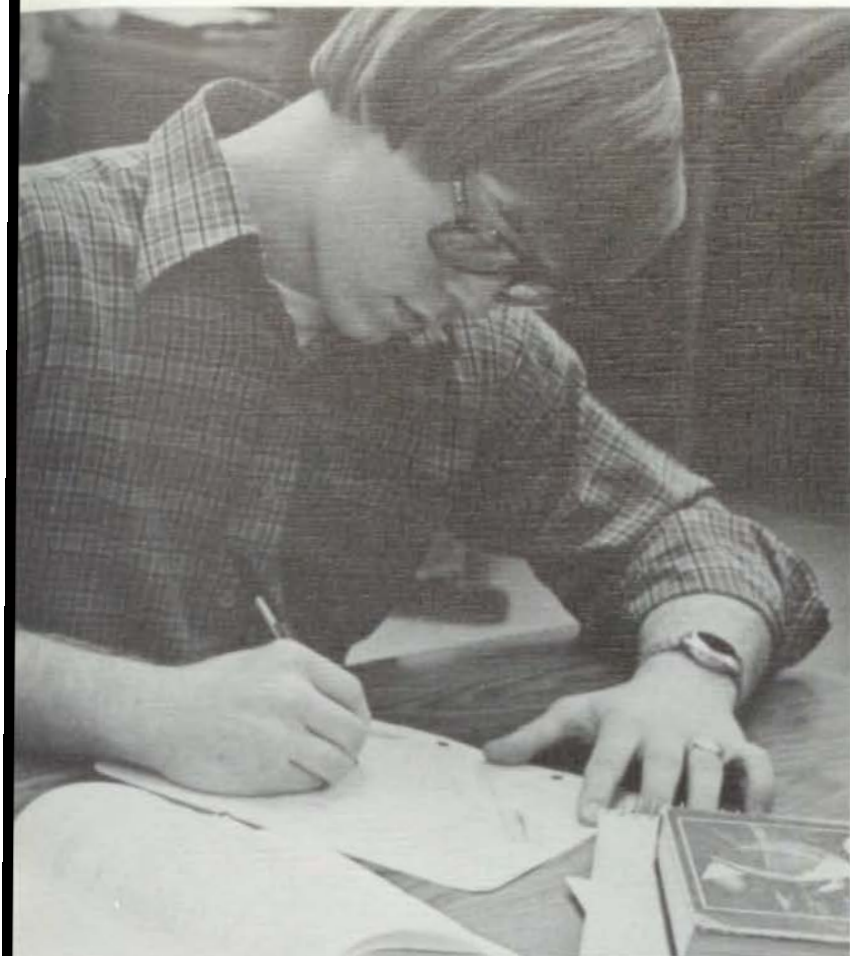
Several classes demanded students to think more than other classes did. Foreign language students had to go through the baffling process of conjugating verbs. Binary, ternary, rondeau, ricercar, and passacaglia forms in music were among the many difficult terms that theory students learned.

Those students who wished to think a lot solved their trigonometry and chemistry problems with pure brain power. But the majority of the students used calculators to eliminate the hassles in problem solving. Then too, a few could relate to this saying found on a poster:

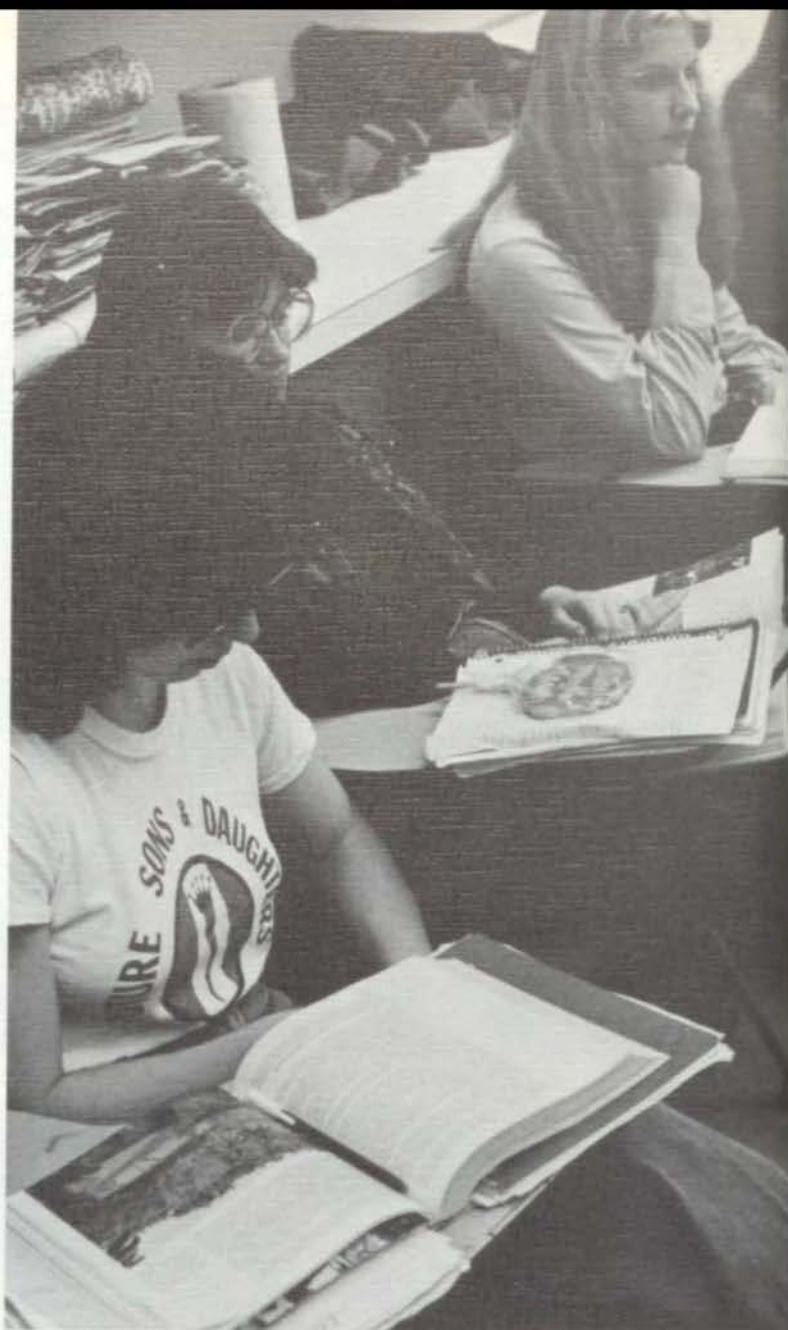
When I works,/I works
hard;/When I sits,/ I sits
loose;/and
When I thinks,/I falls asleep.



Top left, Greg Ellis and his mathematical ability challenge Chris Lancaster and his calculator. Top right, David Norris composes a song. Bottom left, Robin Mulnix and Maureen Connolly practice conjugating verbs in Spanish class. Bottom center left, Tom Wheaton gives an anatomy lesson. Bottom center right, Oakies work toward understanding the human brain. Bottom right, Brian Whittall, Pat Guevel, and Keith Sanders take part in a Physics experiment.



Thought process consumes energy



Top left, Martha Trester leads an activity in Child Development. Top center, Debbie Donelson, Sarah Reddock, and Lisa Giddings study different cultures. Top right, Rob Harmon experiments with a baby chick. Bottom left, Jim Perry and Mark Lee experience blindness. Bottom center, Chris O'Bannon, Nancy Kanabel, and Sherri Kesler learn about early Americans. Bottom right, Brenda Marstall and Kathy Gabbert explore the inside of a shark.

Oakies venture across new horizons



In many areas of Oak Park, students look beyond the obvious, and search for answers. Exploring is a process of inquiry and discovery. Granted, it is easier when teachers supply all of the answers, but in some Oak Park classes students learned more when they discovered the answers for themselves.

Field trips were used in American Heritage to explore past history. Students looked at old houses on one field trip, learned how cloth was made on another, and saw how wool was spun on yet another field trip.

Exploring

Chemistry students explored the endless world of molecules. They were able to discover for themselves, why sodium chloride reacts with silver nitrate.

In World Cultures, students learned about countries such as the Soviet Union, China, India and the Mid-East. By exploring these countries' current trends, politics, history, religion, and geography, students were able to understand the influence that these countries have on the rest of the world.



Oakies look to future

Training students for life in a practical world was the objective of classes such as Home Economics, Industrial Arts, Driver's Ed., and Art. These classes built skills for hobbies or skills that could be valuable in everyday life.

Boys taking Home Economics and girls taking Industrial Arts would have never been seen several years ago. But now at OP, it is a fairly common sight. With the exception of Clothing, boys were enrolled in every home economic class this year. Girls were in every I.A. class, with Crafts being the most popular.

Training

Small group, large group, and simulators were all a part of Driver's Education. Students were suppose to drive a car once every other week, but, as Mr. Delbert Lampson said, "Students at OP were not capable of following driving schedules."

Oakies were proud of the art department because it is the **only** one of its kind in the area. A unique aspect is that instead of having Art I, II, III, IV, students chose from four main project areas: drawing; color; 2-D design and 3-D design. Students, on individualized instruction, were given credit and an evaluation of their progress rather than letter grades.

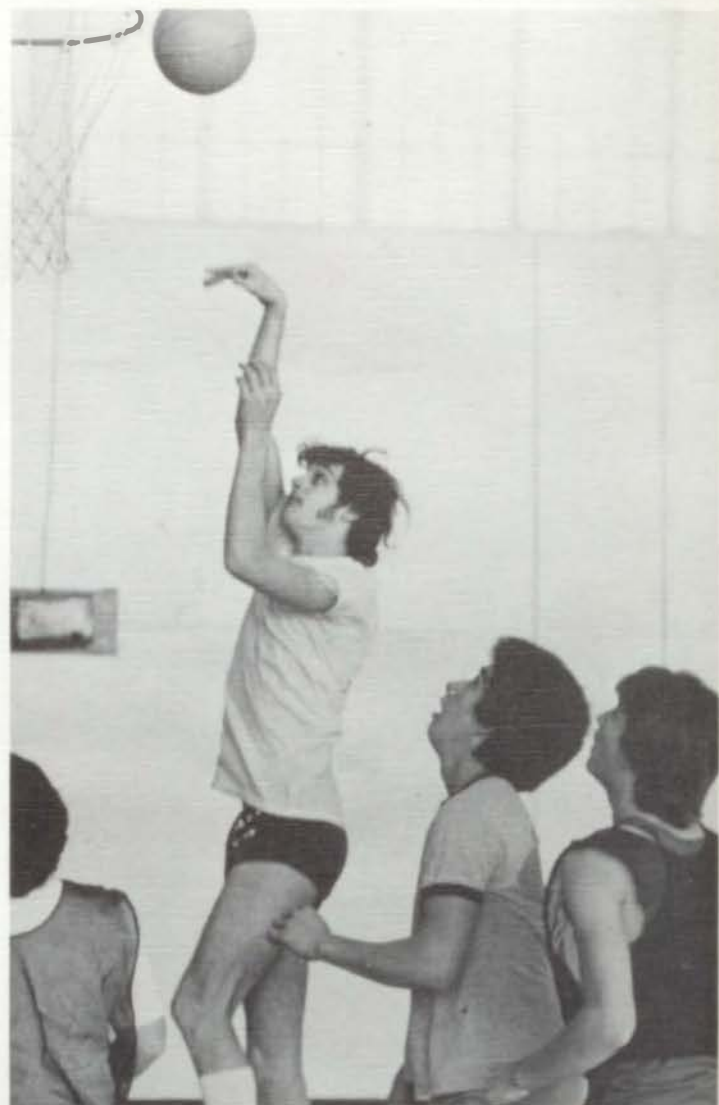




Top left, Bill Kress and David Niemann develop film in Photography. Top right, Mike Fisher and Mary Scott prepare a dish in Co-ed Foods. Bottom left, Chris Rosenthal jigsaws a block of wood. Bottom center, Toni Barbosa shapes clay on a potter's wheel. Bottom right, Mr. Darrel Bland teaches his Driver's Ed class to change a tire.



P.E. classes encompass many sports



Being physically and mentally sound was a goal that many Oakies tried to reach. While academic classes required mental exercise, gym classes gave students a break from monotonous note taking and lecturing by offering physical exercise. Not only did the students receive good exercise, but they learned to work with other people in team situations and to be good sports in winning and losing. They also achieved self-discipline and gained respect for themselves and others.

Recreation

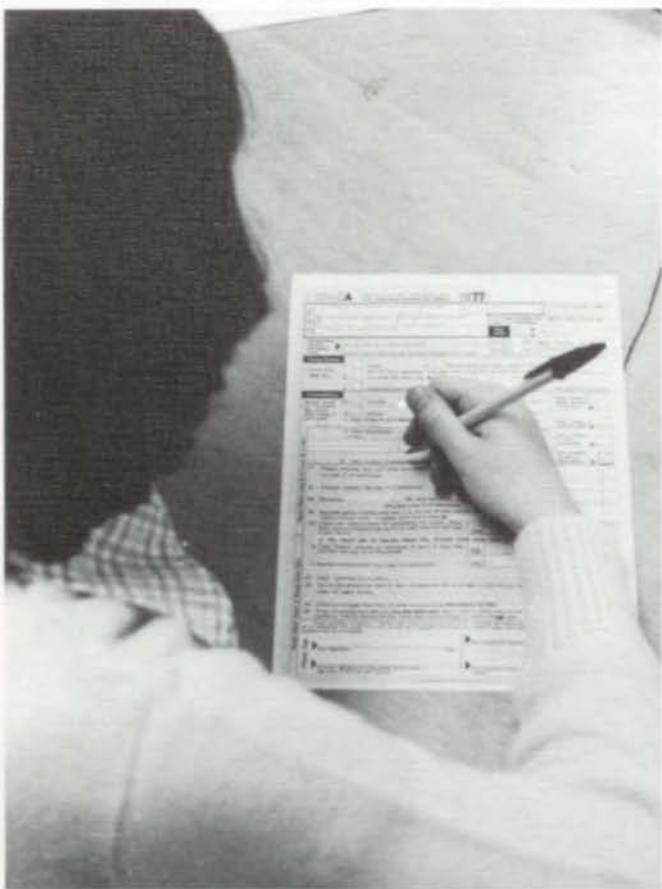
Gymnastics proved to be the most popular class with approximately one hundred Oakies enrolled. A total of two hundred and seven boys participated in seven classes of Physical Fitness and another two hundred guys took part in six sections of Recreational Sports.

Other classes included in gym curriculum were Co-ed Recreation, Dance I and II, General Physical Education, Power Volleyball, Tennis and Trampoline, and Team Sports.



Top left, Connie O'Neill prepares to return the birdie. Top center, Scott Jesse adds more points to his team's score. Top right, Opposing volleyball teams meet face to face. Bottom left, Jill Pfeiffer practices a modern dance routine. Bottom right, Michelle Miller prepares for a strike. Bottom center, Joe Macken exerts energy, lifting 160 lbs.

Top left, Students learn how to fill out their income tax forms. Top center, Alexis Wonder encounters the duties of a keypunch operator. Top right, Practice sets are used to improve accounting skills. Bottom left, Typing students increase their speed with timed writings. Bottom center, Scott Roesener demonstrates the worldwide effects of different energy sources. Bottom right, Penny Brooks operates Metro North Bank in office simulation.





Whether it was preparing students for college or for a job in the business world, the business department proved to be profitable for a vast number of students.

One of the most beneficial classes was Secretarial Practice, which was taught by Miss Shirley Cromer. One and a half credits of typing was one of the prerequisites for this class. All 21 girls enrolled were honor students and soon quite capable of handling any secretarial job.

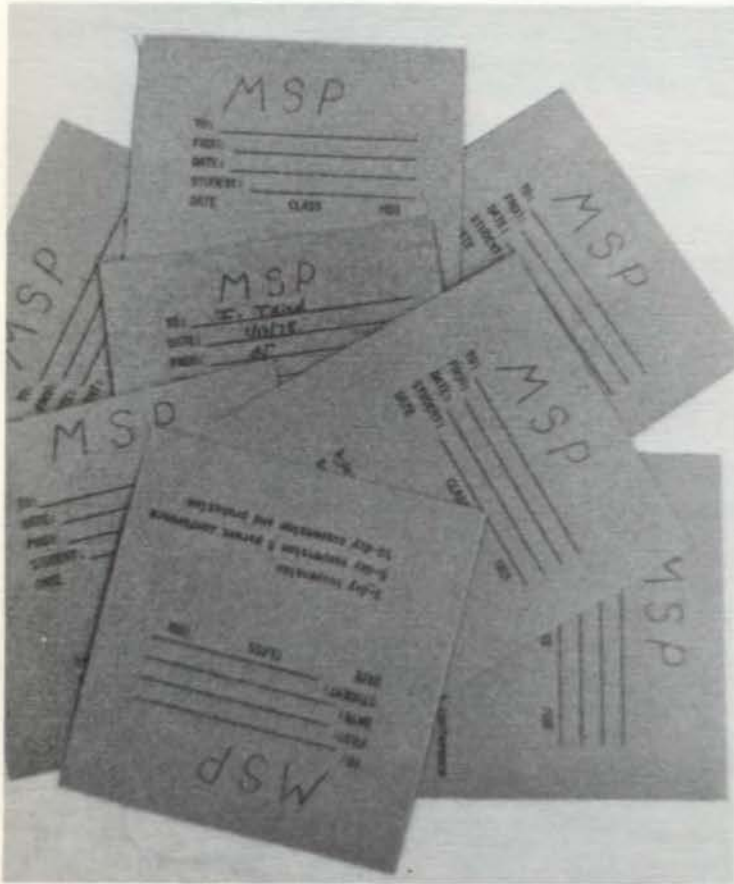
Preparing

Approximately 270 sophomores took Basic Business, which is essentially an introduction to the other business classes. Students learned about the economy, insurance, and money management.

The business department offered twenty different classes, more than any other department at Oak Park. All of the classes provided students with a substantial background in essential business skills.



Students exposed to business reality



Top left, Mr. Tom Kincaid confers with Cory Phillips. Top center, Ed Cunningham takes advantage of ATS under the watchful eye of Beverly Nair. Top right, Mini School students work together on a class assignment. Bottom left, Many dreaded orange cards were sent out under the Mod Skippers Program. Bottom center, Mini School learns to become better consumers by taking part in a taste-testing experiment. Bottom right, ATS provides students with the opportunity to study.



Counter-techniques employed

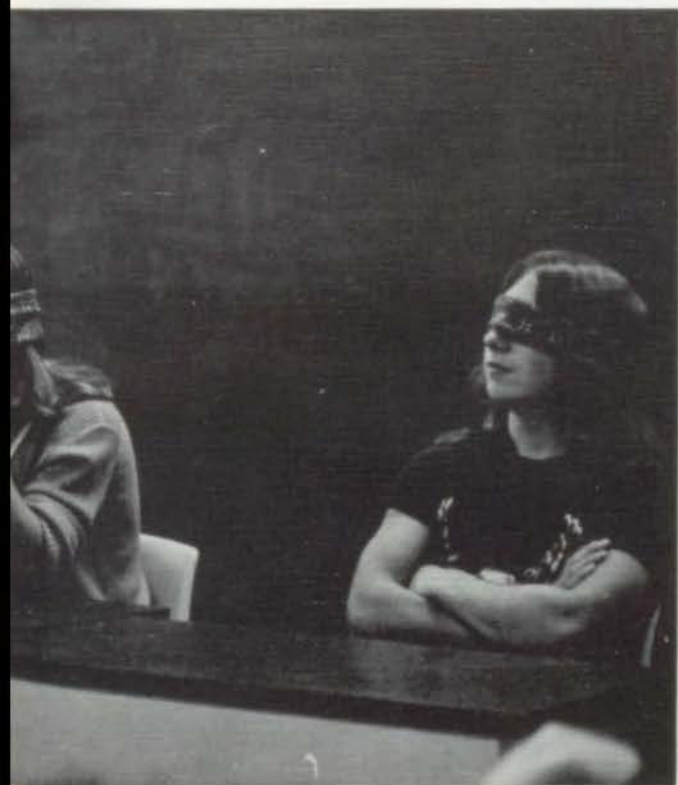
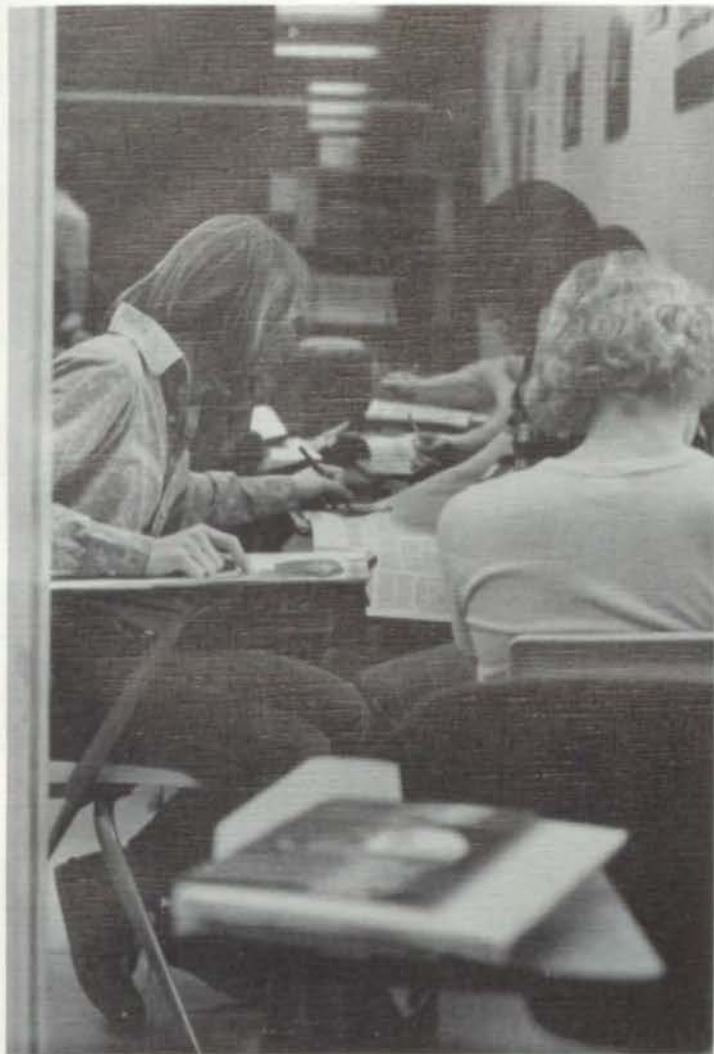
Alternatives are often needed in any approach to teaching. At Oak Park, alternatives were needed for those students who could not function in the modular scheduling system.

Mini School, which completed its fifth year, was designed to help failing students progress in their studies and graduate from high school. Students followed a traditional schedule and were required to take classes in business, health, science, social studies, math, and English during the morning hours. In the afternoon, Mini School students could either take elective courses or Off-Campus Instruction.

Alternatives

The Mod Skipper Program (M.S.P.) was designed to overcome the ever-present temptation to skip class. Over three skips resulted in three, five, and ten day suspensions and finally, a withdrawal from school. The number of mod skippers jumped to 200 this year compared with 157 in 76-77.

Students who failed classes for the quarter or semester were placed on the Assigned Time for Study (A.T.S.) program. Part or all of a student's unscheduled mods were assigned to a supervised study area. Approximately 180 students were on the program each quarter.



Study-habits reflect learning

Though studying is hated by most, without it, all of the discussing, thinking, and experimenting would be a waste of time.

Oak Park is well-equipped with study areas which were put to good use in the 77-78 school year. The Media Center was the most popular retreat for the study-conscious Oakies. Including the Audio-Visual room, the Media Center seats 190 people. Approximately 2,000 students were in and out of the Media Center each day.

Studying

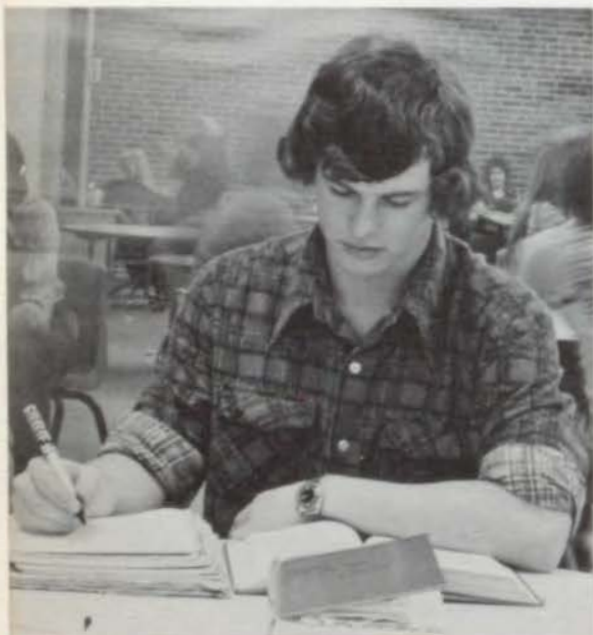
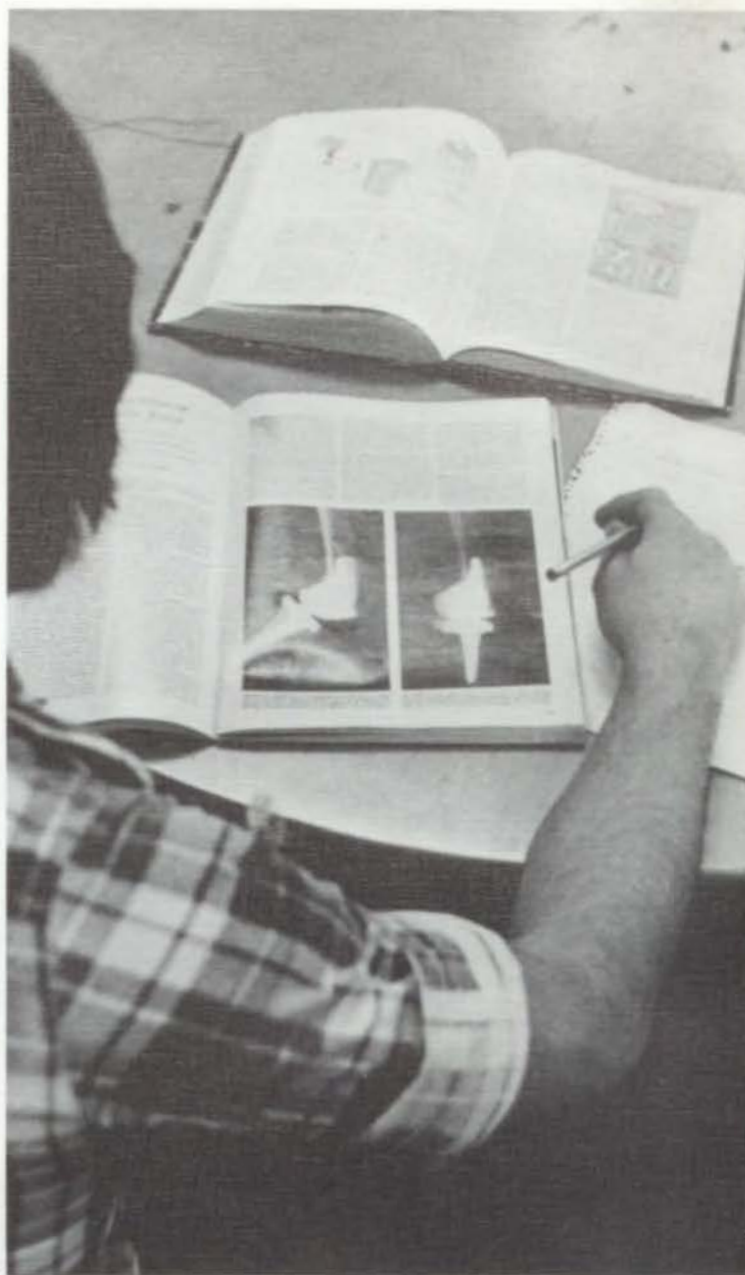
Another favorite study area was the English Resource Center in which 250-300 students studied every day. A variety of 1100 paperback books, along with reference and text books were available to all students.

Nineteen assigned time students and around thirty other students inhabited the Social Studies Resource Center on most days.

The Practical Arts Resource Center had 125 students take advantage of its facilities.

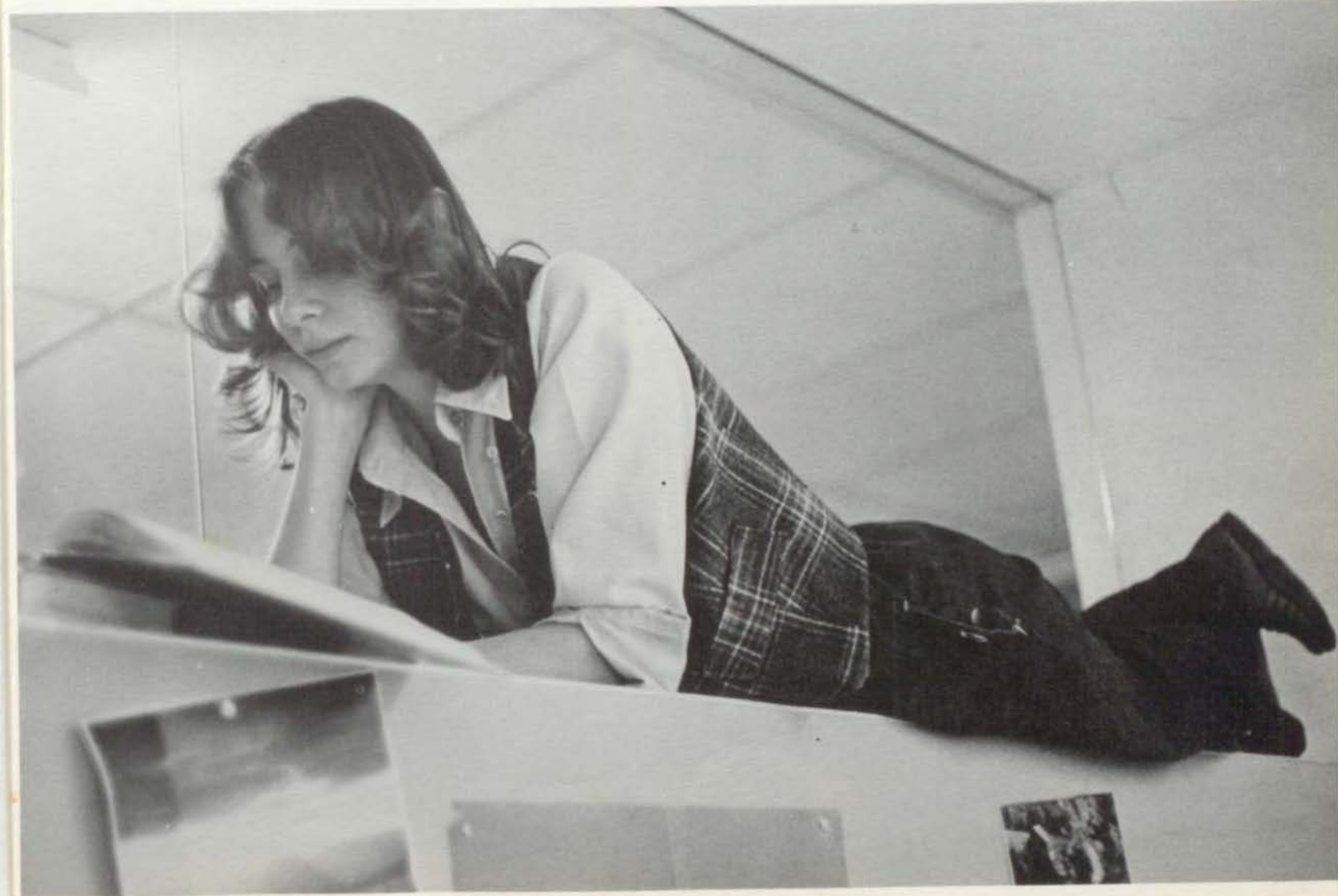
Some students did not wish to use these centers, however. Even with all of the noise and confusion, the lounge was preferred by a few as their study habitat.

Secret unmarked areas proved to be the best places for some students to do their homework. But, others found that when studying needed to be done, there was no place like home.





Top left, Social Studies Resource Center provides atmosphere conducive to study. Top right, Students devote time to study in the Quiet-Study section of the Media Center. Bottom left, Bill Fredericks manages to keep his mind on his studies amid confusion. Bottom center, Business is combined with pleasure as Shari Carnes does her homework in front of the T.V. Bottom right, Tenley Albright assumes an unusual position to help her concentration.



Northmen struggle through tests

A test is usually thought of as a way to measure a student's specific knowledge. But, high school is actually one three-year exam, testing students mainly on their intellectual skills in class, their social life among peers, and their talents in extra-curricular activities.

The typical tests at Oak Park were written ones given in nearly every class at the end of a chapter or maybe at the end of every week. Each of these exams required tedious hours of study.

Juniors discovered, however, that they could not prepare for all tests.

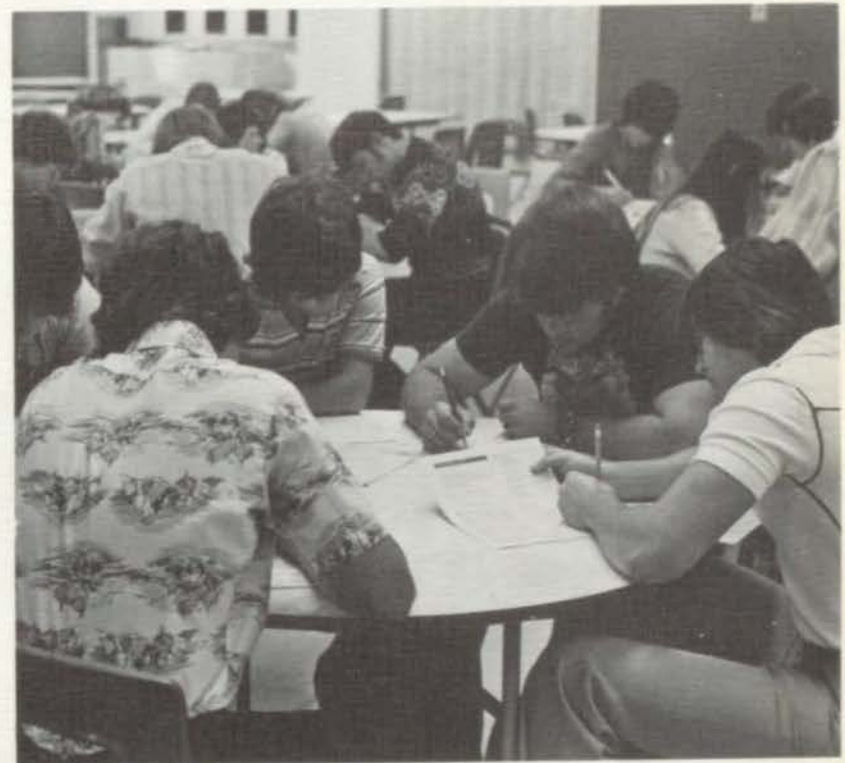
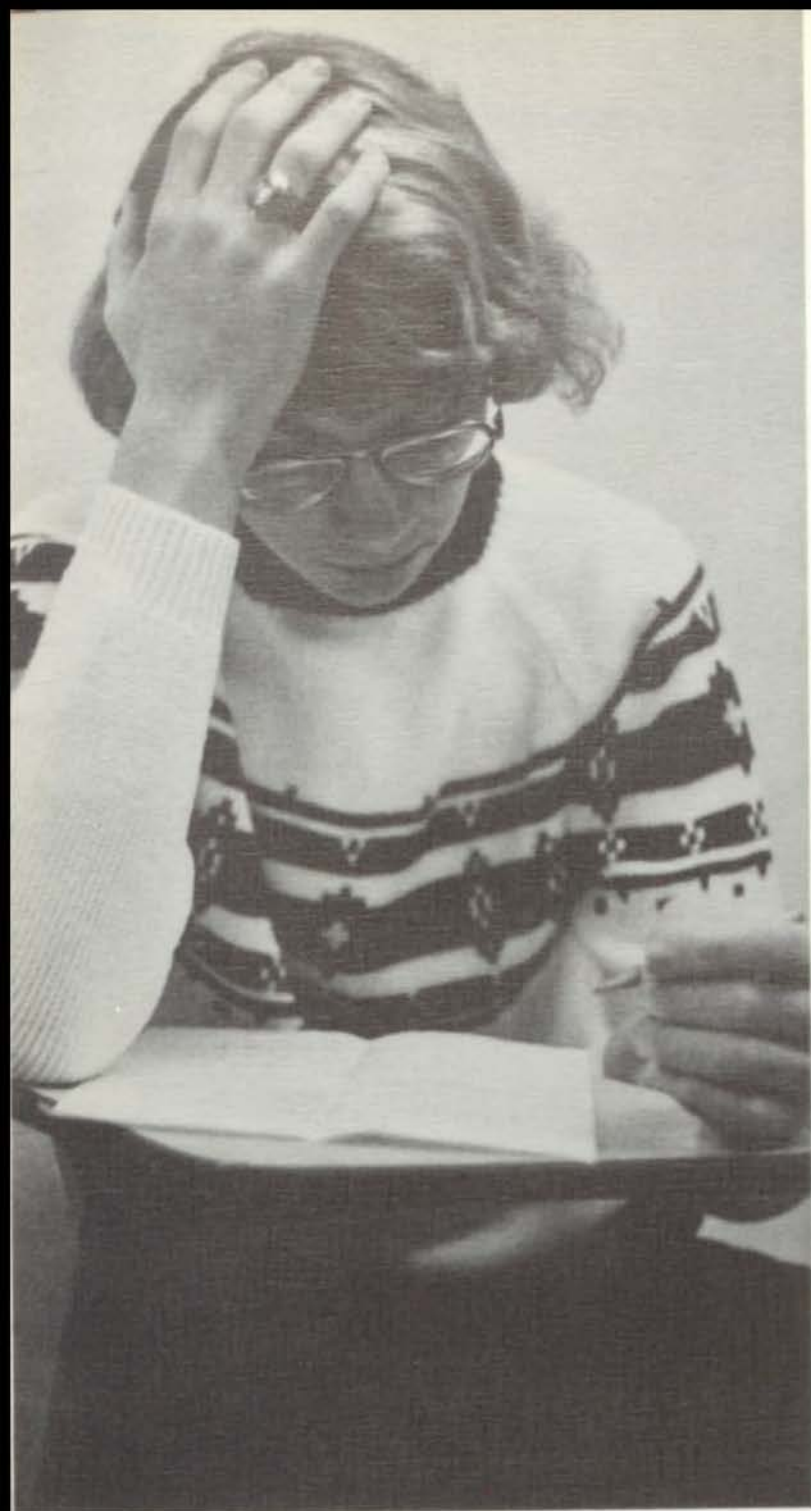
Testing

For example, tests such as the PSAT, TASK, and the SCAT, could not be studied for, and took several hours to complete.

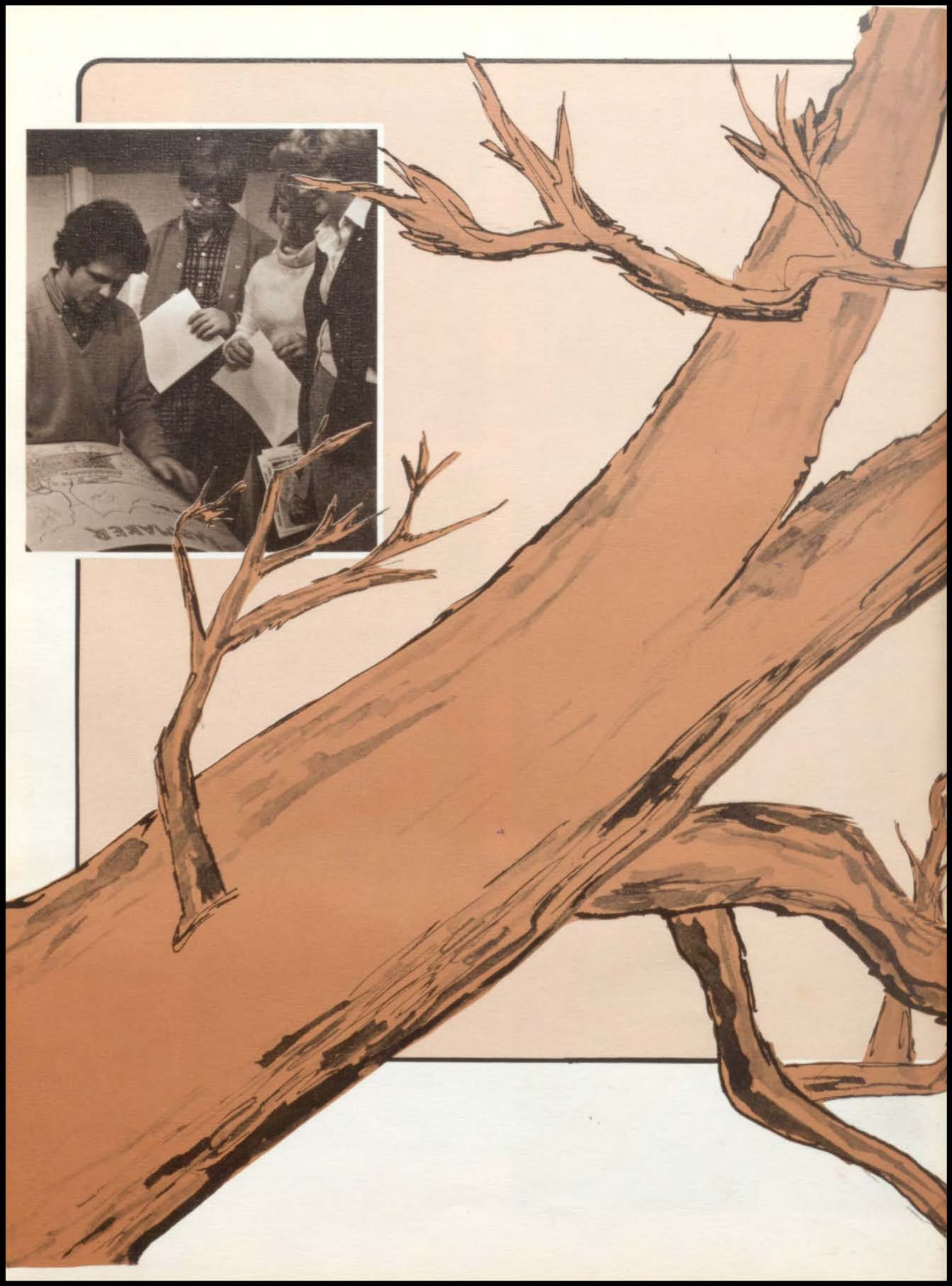
Juniors were not alone in their struggle with standardized tests. Approximately 150 seniors were challenged with the ACT test and another 20 took the SAT. Both exams are used for college placement.

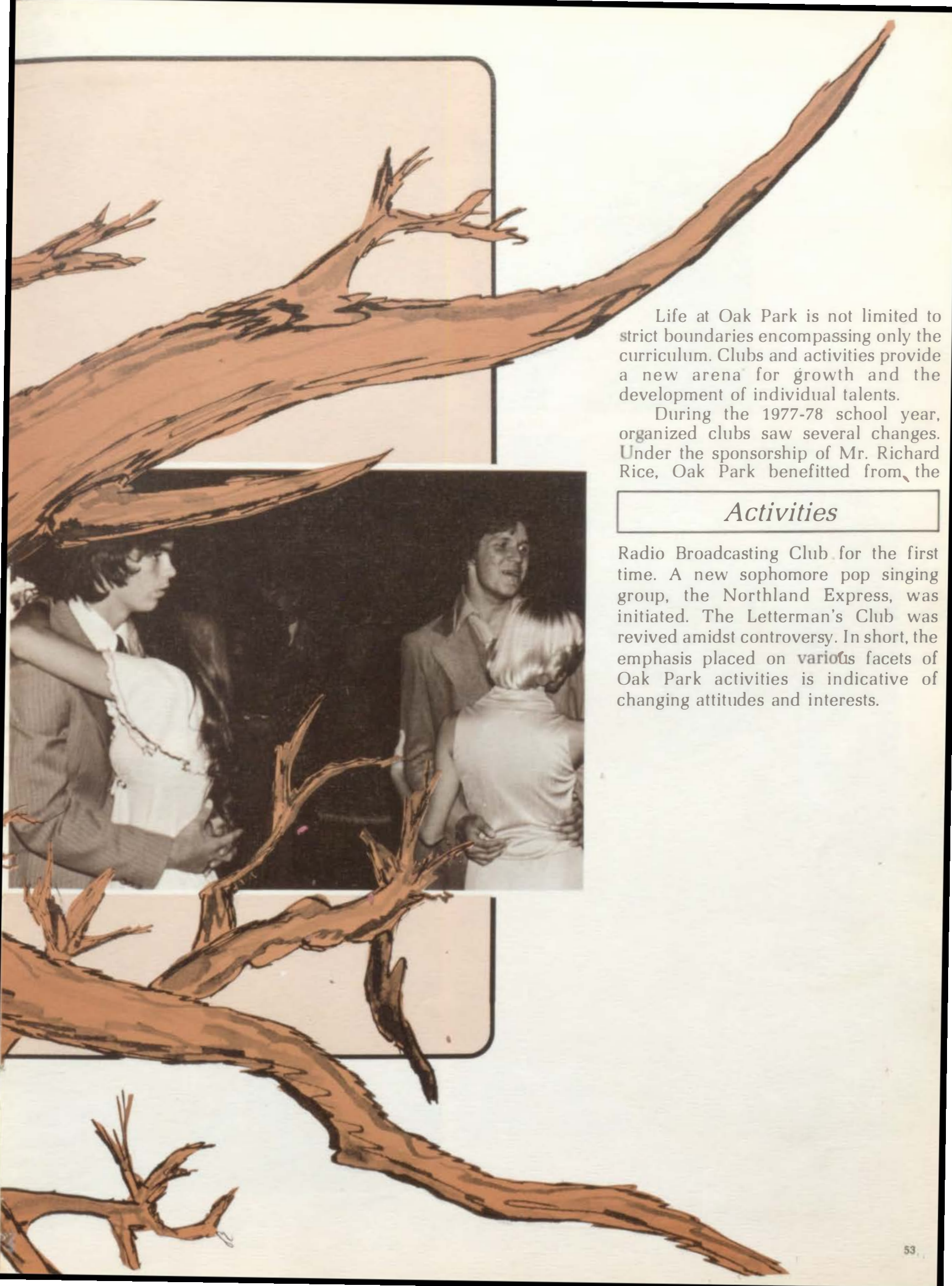
Generally, Oak Park students seemed to do well on tests in 1977-78. Over 110 Oakies were on the 4.0 honor roll, while nearly 600 achieved the 3.0 honor roll.





Top left, Terrie Kersiek demonstrates a DNA model to Mr. Jim Pulley. Top center, Pat Van Ryckegham ponders a test question. Top right, Kim Naylor prepares for her Driver's Ed test. Bottom left, Students take part in the military test. Bottom center, Kurt Kavanaugh simplifies in more ways than one. Bottom right, Juniors struggle through one of their many days of testing.





Life at Oak Park is not limited to strict boundaries encompassing only the curriculum. Clubs and activities provide a new arena for growth and the development of individual talents.

During the 1977-78 school year, organized clubs saw several changes. Under the sponsorship of Mr. Richard Rice, Oak Park benefitted from the

Activities

Radio Broadcasting Club for the first time. A new sophomore pop singing group, the Northland Express, was initiated. The Letterman's Club was revived amidst controversy. In short, the emphasis placed on various facets of Oak Park activities is indicative of changing attitudes and interests.





Top left, Mr. Bill Grace poses as a makeshift Christmas tree. Top center, Queen candidates are introduced at the Homecoming assembly. Top right, David Stoneking forces himself to eat another banana. Bottom left, Todd Rowden is surprised by his mother's kiss during a pep assembly. Bottom center Dan Phillips, Jeff Holeman, Steve Phillips, and Joe Payne perform during a free mod assembly. Bottom right, The cast of Swan Lake conclude their performance.

Assemblies provide pleasant break



Assemblies at Oak Park were to recognize, entertain, and educate those who watched.

At the first of the year, as a spoof of the "Gong Show" the Stuco sponsored "Bong Show" treated its audience with a wide variety of performances from serious to comic.

Both entertaining and educational was the Energy assembly. Don Stanton from the Oakridge Association of Universities demonstrated the uses of coal and nuclear power to the captivated audience through specially designed equipment.

Gathering

He also asked that everyone be conscious of their over-use of our natural resources.

The Christmas assembly brought us the continuing saga of the Bopshawop family along with the announcement of this year's musical, "Oliver," in a skit prepared by Mr. Bill Grace.

The sports assemblies helped to recognize athletes and promote school spirit. Skits performed by the cheerleaders and routines by the Pom Pon and Bannerette squads highlighted many assemblies.



Dances highlight weekends

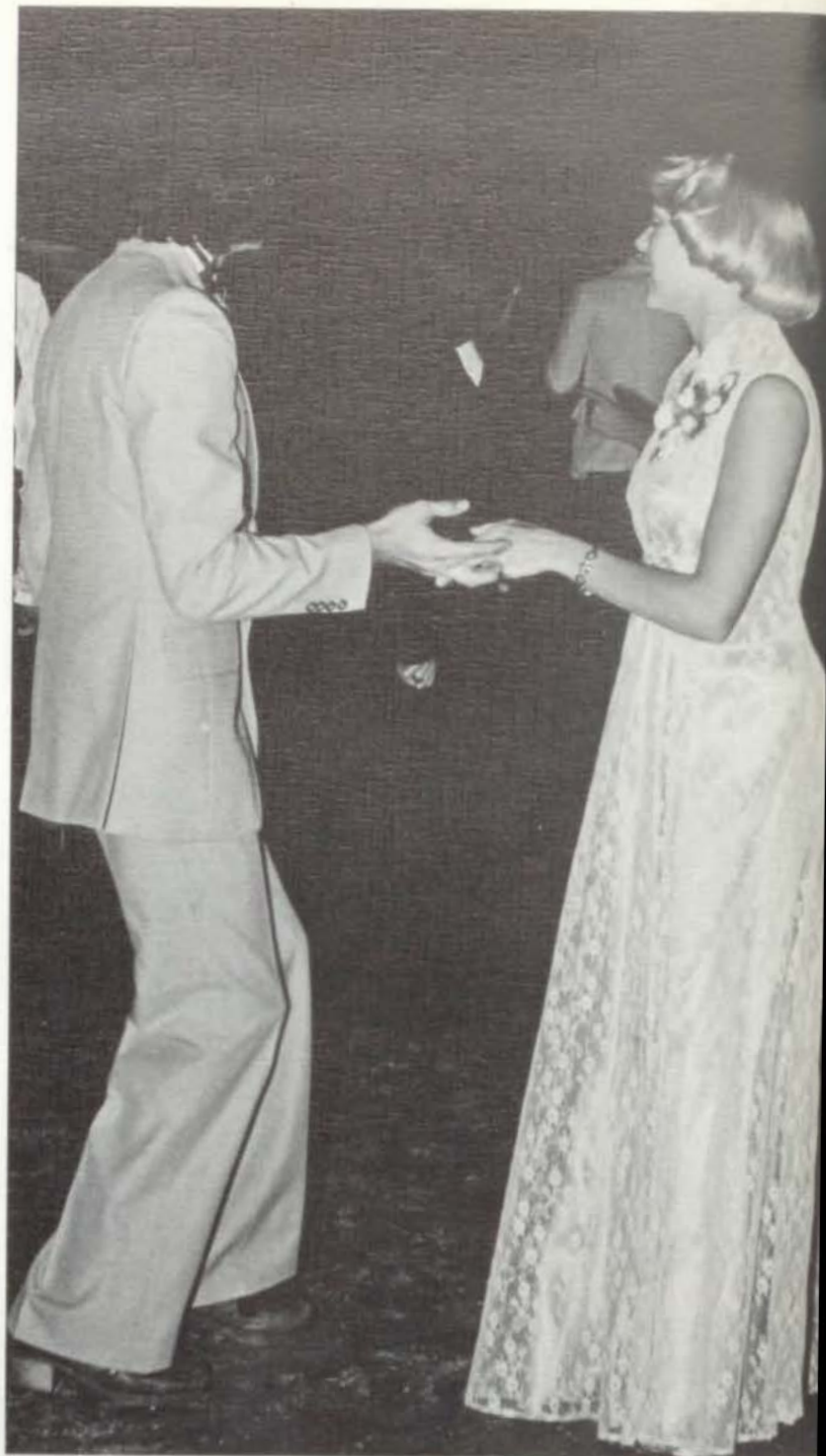
The various dances were enjoyed by many this year. The dance that started off the year was the annual Homecoming Dance. The traditional queen dance began the evening at a slow pace. The Butch Silver's Band provided an evening of enjoyable entertainment.

Disco dancing was the rage this year, as evidenced by the tremendous popularity of the disco dances. As current records revolved, Oakies hustled and pretzeled to the music.

Socializing

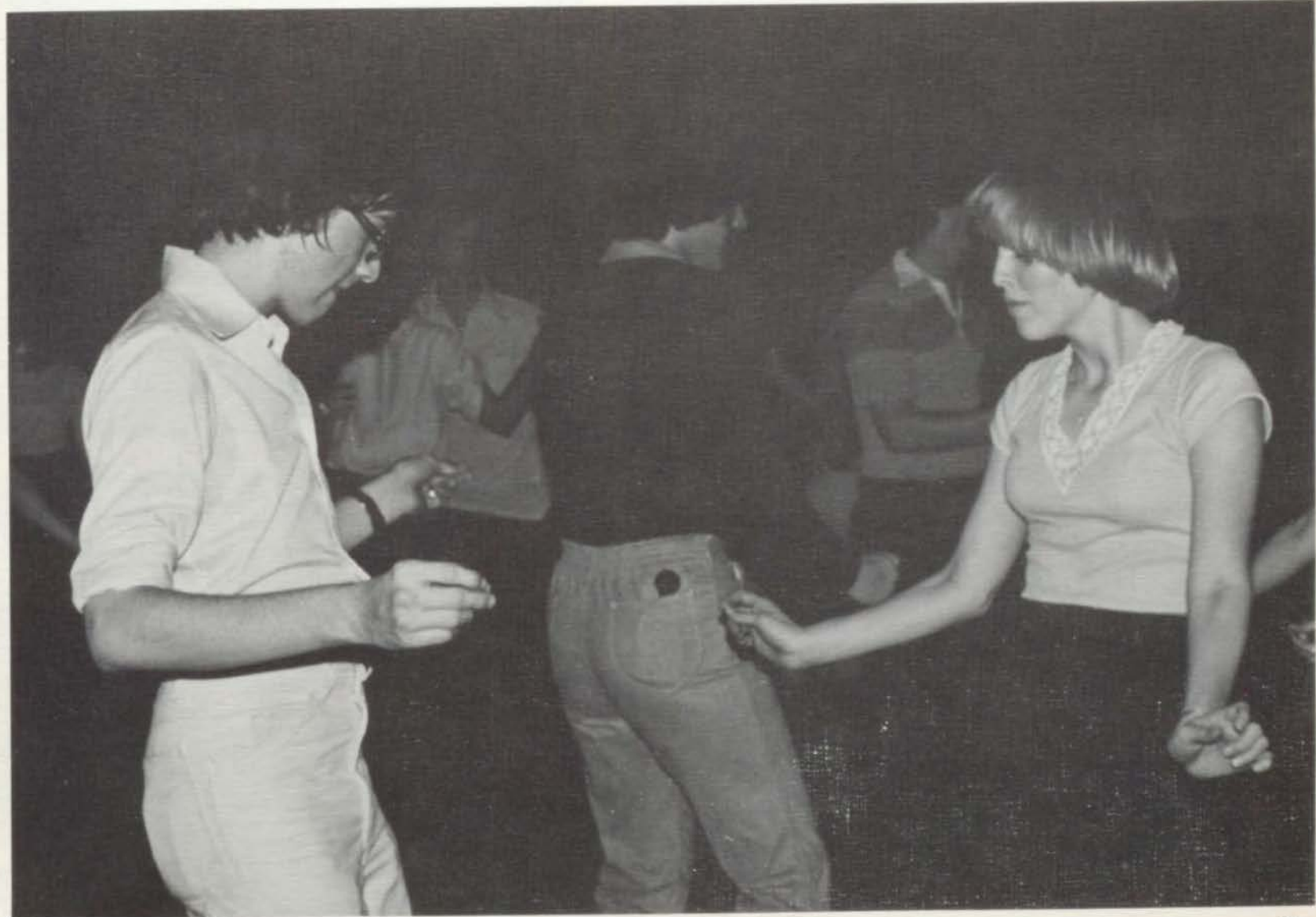
At the December Cambia Dance, Oak Park graduate Jim Douglas performed as disc jockey. Music for the St. Pat's dance was supplied by Oak Park senior Jeff Reese. The disco dance enjoyed most was the Sound Dynamics Disco.

The Winter Sports Dance provided square dancing which added to the theme, "Country Roads." The final dance of the year was sponsored by the Booster Club and involved parents and students. Tunes for all ages provided an enjoyable evening.





Top left, Vicki Cone and Mike Yardley dance to the sound of The Butch Silvers Band. Top center, Eldon Pfaffly and Wanda Jones attend the Homecoming Dance. Top right, Couples capture Homecoming in a picture. Bottom left, The Cambia dance provides an evening of entertainment. Bottom right, Reese Chaney and Chris Treat show their style at the StuCo disco.



Involvement is StuCo's key aim

Leading the 77-78 Student Council to one of its most successful years was Oak Park's first female team of Debbie Rich and Barb Raines.

Many money making projects helped StuCo to profit over \$2,000. The most successful of these projects was the Haunted House which netted close to \$2,000 alone. Bumper stickers, a car wash and a Christmas post office also helped to raise money.

StuCo also headed several charity drives. Among these were the United Fund

Leading

Campaign, a Thanksgiving canned food drive, two blood drives, and Christmas stockings for Children's Mercy Hospital.

Free mod assemblies, including one with the rock group Morning Star, and dances were additional activities that were sponsored by Student Council.

Two awards were voted on by StuCo. Receiving the Outstanding Representative award was Susan Moon. Kurt Kavanaugh was voted Outstanding Committee Member.

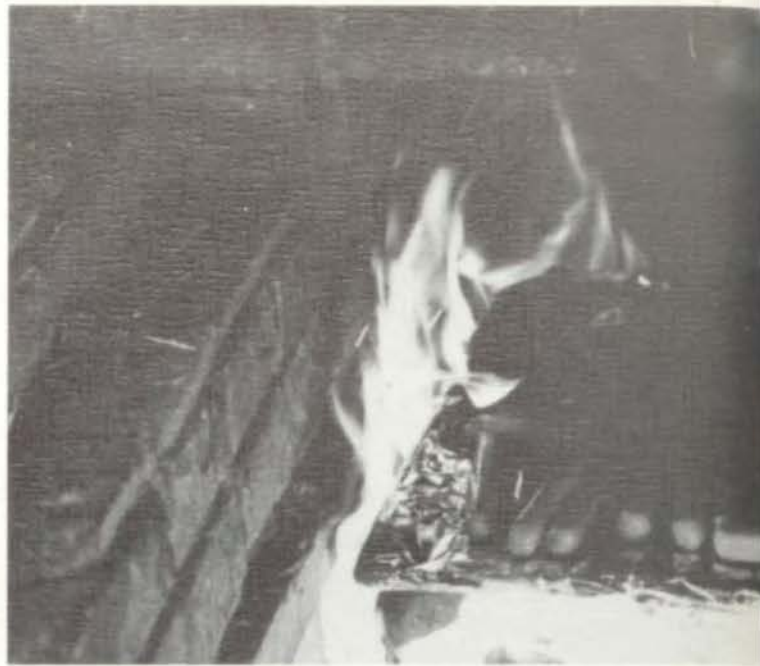
Debbie and Barb turned the Student Council leadership over to two more capable leaders, Kurt Kavanaugh and Lori Townsend, president and vice president of the 78-79 StuCo.





Top left, Debbie Rich receives the victory helmet from Winnetonka's StuCo president, Jeff McCall. Top center, Mark Greer and Rosse Chaney add some Christmas spirit to Oak Park's halls. Top right, Leading Student Council in 1977-78 were: Tom Audley, sergeant-at-arms, Jill Bentley, secretary-treasurer, Debbie Rich, president, and Barb Raines, vice-president. Bottom left, Miss Vicki Baker, Mrs. Violet Kahler, and Dr. Dan Kahler listen to Debbie Rich at the StuCo banquet. Bottom center, The StuCo carwash added over \$200.00 to their treasury. Bottom right, Bong Show participants await the announcement of the winner.





Top left, Club members and guests pose for a picture at the Honor Society Halloween Party for retarded children. Top center, Honor Society opens the year with a weinie roast. Top right, Clay Brown and Kendra Reif provide entertainment at the initiation banquet. Bottom left, Sherri Kesler and Mark Pylypczuk award trophies to outstanding members. Bottom center, Congressman Tom Coleman addresses Honor Society members and their families. Bottom right, Sherri Kesler, treasurer, Mark Pylypczuk, parliamentarian, Melinda Mulnix, vice-president, Tammie Maharg, president, and Linda Jones, secretary, take a break between initiation banquet plans.





Through Honor Society many students recieved academic recognition. The only requirement to be in Honor Society was to maintain a 3.0 grade average with no semester I's. In past years, all students in Honor Society were recommended for Who's Who Among American High School Students, but this year Who's Who became even more selective. Approximately 80 students were selected in comparison to 150 students.

Activities this year included a Halloween party for mentally retarded youth, a Christmas ice-skating party at King Louie, and the formal banquet at the Alameda Plaza.

Scholarship

Awards given to students at the Banquet were: Best Salesperson, Ronda Thompson; Outstanding Sophomore, Cathi Lowrey; Outstanding Junior, Jan Dawson; Outstanding Senior, Mike Weakley.

The only fund-raising project this year was the Tom Watt Showcase sales which earned over \$1,500 for Honor Society. The Society was sponsored by Mrs. Cecelia Robinson and Mrs. Nancy Richards.

Scholars flourish in Honor Society

Foreign contacts bring world closer

The American Field Service fulfilled its objectives by sponsoring two AFS students this year. The two foreign students were Theodoros "Ted" Tsipis from Greece and Margareta "Maggan" Thunberg from Sweden. Ted stayed with Rhonda Sands and her family and Maggan spent the year with Susanne Brown and her sisters.

The 60 members of AFS kept busy with activities and money-making projects. Holly was sold prior to the Christmas vacation, and the club profited \$350.00. Their main money project, however, was the carnation sales during the week of Valentine's Day. Even though the sale was interrupted by a snow day, the club still

International

managed to make \$800.00.

Mrs. Charlene Law, who had sponsored AFS for the last five years, felt a change was needed, so she resigned from the sponsorship. Mr. Tom Kincaid will be in charge next year.

Also resigning was Mrs. Helen Pastor who sponsored the Americans Abroad program, which will be headed by Mrs. Sondra Pryor next year.





Top left, Margareta Thunberg, from Sweden, shares many experiences with her AFS sister, Susanne Brown. Top right, Greek exchange student, Ted Tsipis, reflects upon life in America with his AFS sister, Rhonda Sands. Bottom left, AFS officers are: Jan Dawson, historian, Mary Koppe, treasurer, Una Butler, president, Stacy Rogers, vice-president, Marilyn Mast, secretary, and Mrs. Charlene Law, sponsor. Bottom center, The AFS carnation sales exchange brought in enough profit to sponsor four foreign exchange students for next year. Bottom right, Susanne Brown and Marilyn Mast discuss AFS plans during the AFS banquet.



Clubs extend foreign interest

One of Oak Park's most active clubs was German club sponsored by Mrs. Kay Melewski. German Club had a membership high of 88. The best money-making project for the club was the imported advent calendars from Germany. Their service project in November provided a Thanksgiving dinner for a needy family. An authentic German dinner was served to the club at the Altenhof Bavarian Inn, an activity that is enjoyed every year.

The 35 members of Spanish Club sponsored a Fiesta party given to clubs from Winnetonka, North Kansas City, New Mark and Antioch. At the club banquet, a locket

Interpreting

was given to sponsor Mrs. Rose Hall in appreciation of her work.

Although no French Club exists, the French classes along with Mrs. Priscilla Mitchell went on various field trips to the Nelson Art Gallery to see famous paintings from France. A movie spoken in French was also attended. The most exciting event was the Bon Voyage party given to French students who were leaving for France.





Top left, Heidi DeVore and Shelli Wheeler present an award to Jeanne Davenport at the Spanish Club banquet. Top center, Pat Ridder, Kathy Mielkus, Lisa Reil, John Jezak, and Chris Tarwater dress appropriately for the German Club Halloween party. Top right, German Club officers are: Dan Stariwat, vice-president, Karen Minor, historian, Susan Jezak, sergeant-at-arms, Tom Beck, treasurer, Kerry Wobh, secretary, and Tom Burke, president. Bottom left, Spanish Club officers Don Ramsey, treasurer, Kathy Poppa, historian, Karen Woitasczyk, secretary, Heidi DeVore, president, and Shelli Wheeler, vice-president, study Spanish culture. Bottom right, German Club members relax on a hayride.



Activities stress opportunity

Providing career opportunities and educating for the future, FTA, COE, OCI, and Home-Ec Club were active parts of the Oak Park curriculum.

Future Teachers of America is a state organization sponsored by Miss Lois Fann and Mrs. Cora Wright. FTA gives a chance for the student to experience the teaching profession. The class meets three mods one day a week and then the students cadet teach one and one half hours each week.

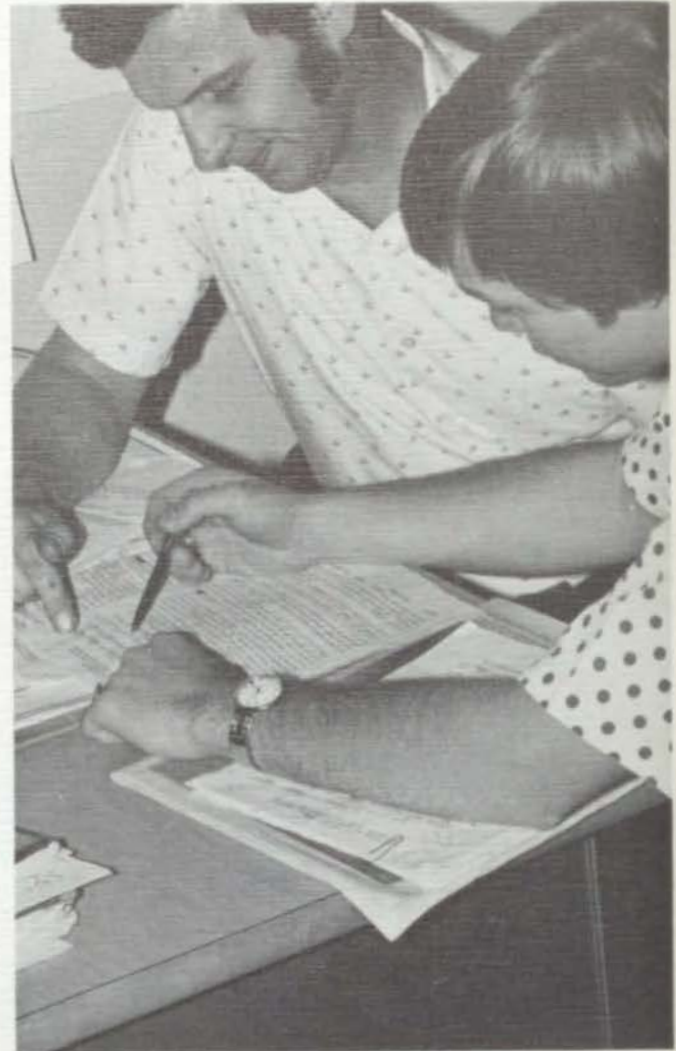
Cooperative Occupational Education, better known as COE, is taught by Mr. Ron Atkins, Mr. Joe Grace, Mr. David Hensel, and Mr. Carl West. The COE students have an opportunity to get on-the-job training during

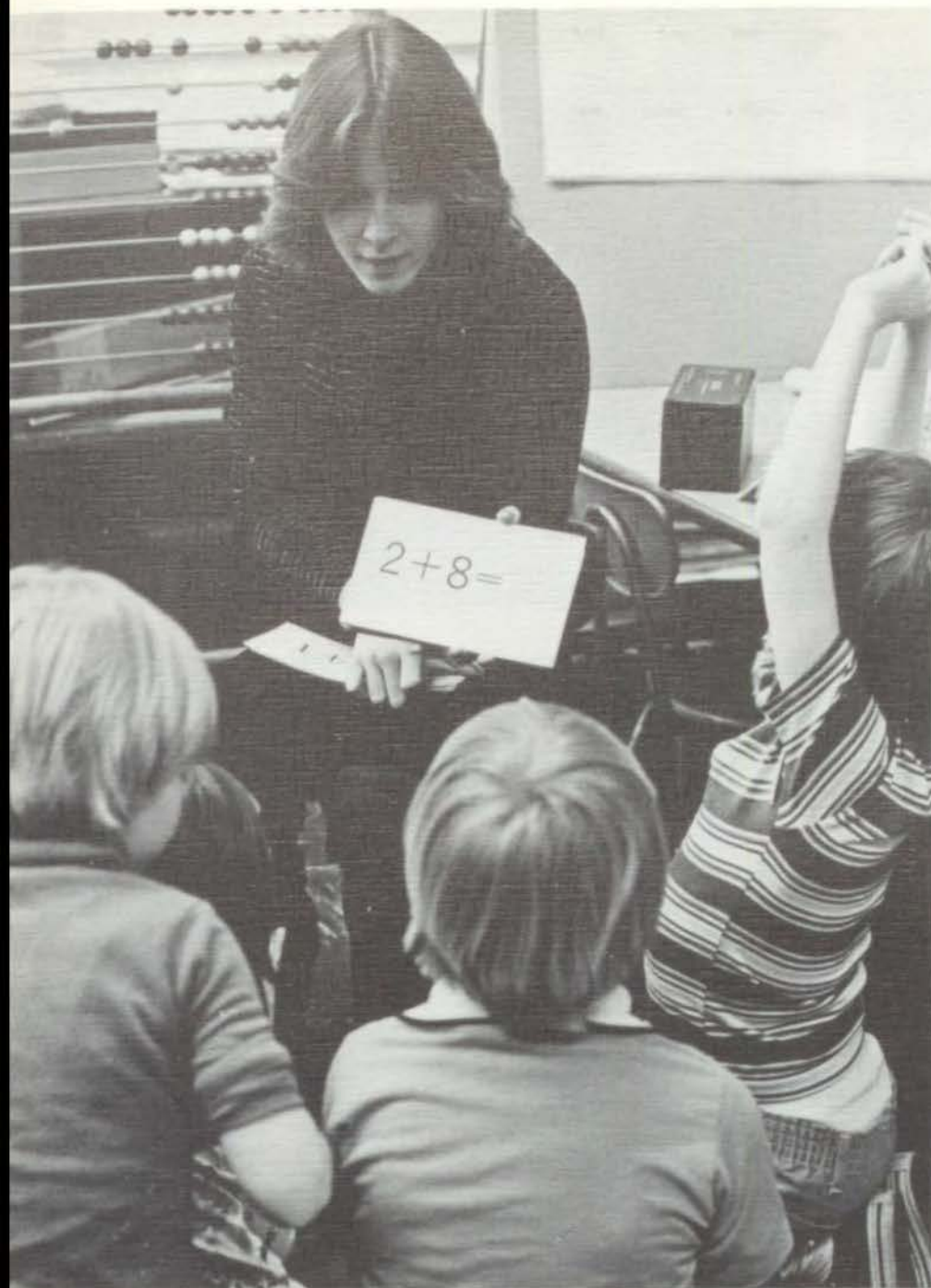
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school and earn money while they learn. The Gold Buffet was the place for the annual COE banquet.

Off Campus Instruction (OCI), under the guidance of Mr. Larry Cornine, is also a way for the student to expand his educational background in the job field. For any student to receive credit he must submit a Two-Week Report Sheet, pass all classes, and attend a three week mini-course each semester.

With Mrs. Karon Wheat sponsoring Home-Ec Club, President Mickey Martin and other club members developed their home economic skills to perfection. This year's service project was to answer children's letters to Santa Claus.





Top left, COE instructor, Mr. Dave Hensel, goes over plans with a COE student. Top center, Tina Sappenfield gains teaching experience at Gashland elementary. Top right, Serving as FTA officers are: Cherie Lightfoot, Vicki Braton, Julie Lynn, and Debbie Butler. Bottom left, Belinda Hager, historian, Karla Smith, Joyce Luper, treasurer, Robin Cocks, secretary, Cathy Hinds, vice-president, and Mickey Martin, president, are the Home-Ec Club officers. Bottom right, COE student, Julie Hobbs, assists Dr. Bob Bono, DDS.

Five-man basketball, three-man basketball, co-ed volleyball, gymnastics, table tennis, bowling, and flag football were all intramural sports sponsored by Mr. Floyd Klang and Mr. Bob Bryant.

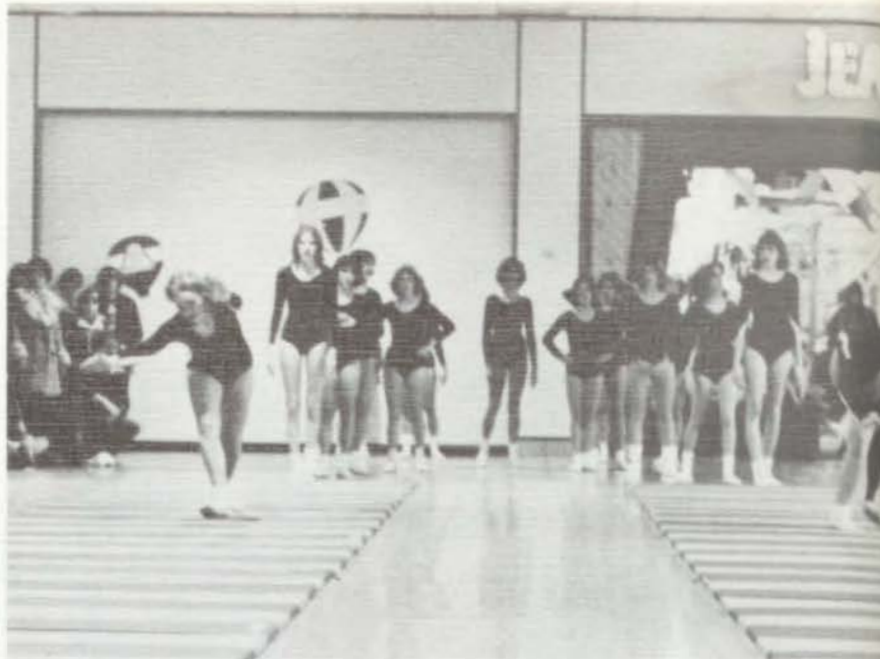
Intramurals provided a sports activity for persons not involved in varsity sports. The number of participants was up this year from the last two years. The intramural program had regularly scheduled games once a week, a play-off game, and then a championship.

Gymnastics Club, under the leadership of Mr. Floyd King, performed in sophomore orientation, halftime at varsity basketball games, Booster Club, and competed in the

Variety

Turner Gymnastic Meet. The club gives the girls a chance to get in some extra work and also a chance to perform. "Membership has doubled in the past few years," said Mr. Klang.

Gymnastics class is open to all students. The class combined beginners and advanced students, so the more advanced gymnast can help the beginning student. Gymnastics class performed at half time for basketball, at Metro North, and at area junior high and elementary schools. "Elementary schools were the favorite audience for the girls," concluded Miss Linda Jones.

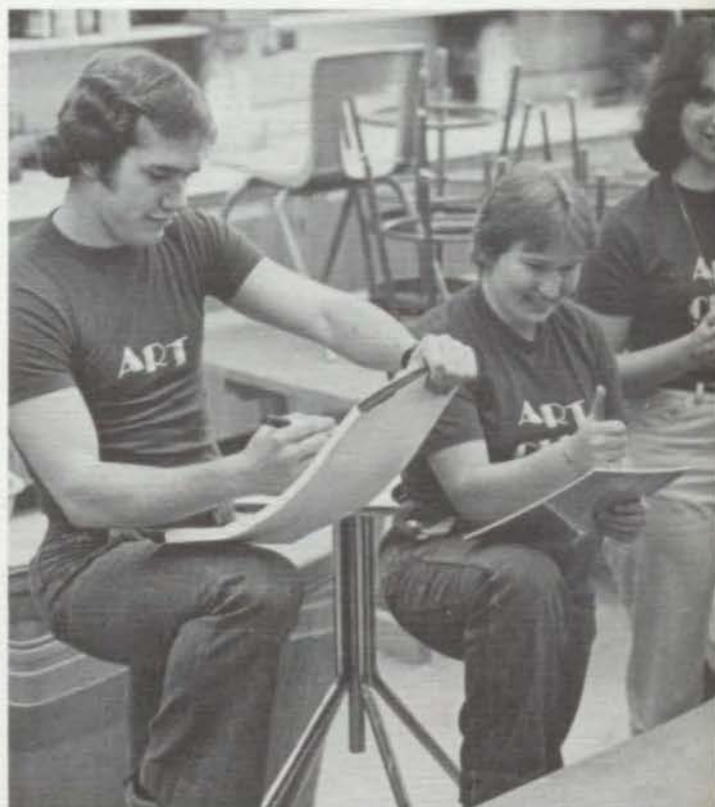
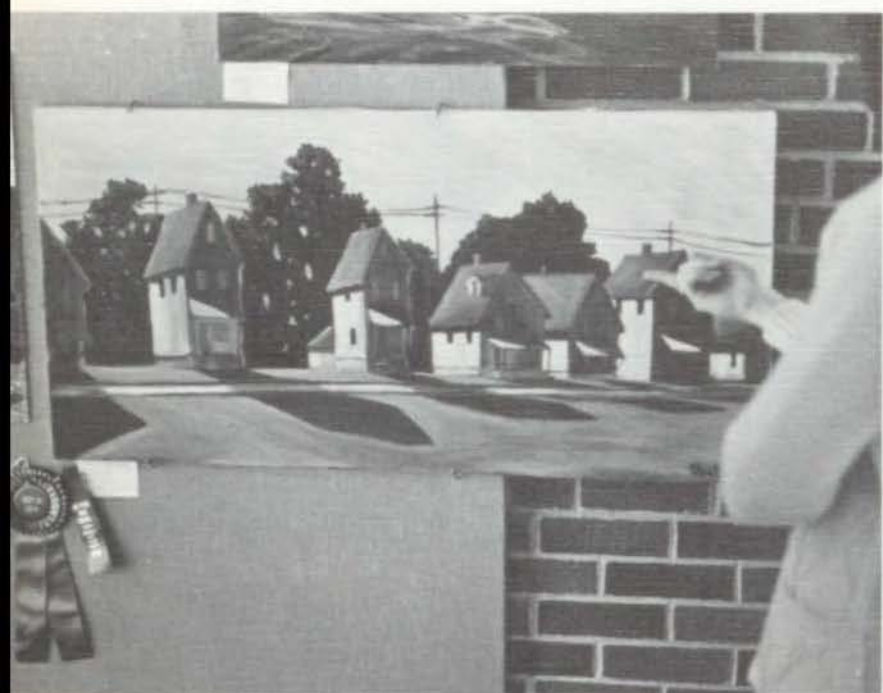




Top left, Gymnastics club performs at Metro North. Top center, Champions of intramural volleyball are Mike Wohlgemuth, Cheryl Brown, Joe Macken, Jeff Cindrich, Jo Petty, and Craig Wansing. Top right, Ron Cory keeps score during intramural bowling. Bottom left, Janet Houghton practices a balance beam routine. Bottom center left, Returning the ball to his opponents court is Kelly Phillips. Bottom center right, Robin Reed performs a back walkover during a basketball halftime. Bottom right, Gymnastic club members are: back row, Diana

Baynham, Janine Wyatt, Janet Houghton, Kim Goodson, Susan Kelley, Mary Dodson, Lisa Campbell, Kathy Craig, Karen Harmon, Mary Ann Shafer, Coach Floyd Klang; front row, Loretta Palmisano, Cindy Hummel, Debbie Seatz, Jill Crowley, Linda Jones, Laurie Kerr, Lisa Cowan, Cindy McDaniel, and Laura Cravens.

Inter-school sports stress fun



Top left, Junny Carsten creates a pot on the potter's wheel. Top center, Broadcasting officers are Steve Petry, vice-president, and Kathy Dolano, president. Top right, Art Club's flea market attracts much attention. Bottom left, Chuck Davis' painting wins Best of Show at the Annual Spring Art Show. Bottom center, Art Club officers Steve Phillips, historian, Dee Carver, co-president, Karon Woitaszyk, vice-president, Jenny Shinn, co-president, and Jenny Carsten, treasurer, duplicate the sculpture on paper. Bottom right, Steve Petry broadcasts live on OPLA.

Creativity assumes varied forms



Allowing Oak Park students the opportunity to express themselves through mind, mouth, and materials has always received high priority. In its thirteenth year of existence, Art Club provided its members with this opportunity. Under the sponsoring of Mrs. Jeanne Lawing and Mr. Barry Kennedy, Art Club's activities included visits to art galleries, group paint-ins,

Conveying

bazaars, and a float in the OP-Norhtown game parade.

Broadcasting Club was established in the fall of '77 and was open to any Oak Park student who was interested in broadcasting. Its members organized a free mod assembly, giving three area disc jockeys a chance to talk about their radio stations. Mr. Richard L. Rice was their sponsor.



CAMBIAVILLE residents record Oakie history

Meanwhile . . . back at the Cambia room, Brother Bill Hankins completed his first full year as the CAMBIA advisor. Seventeen senior citizens and one junior inhabited the metropolis of CAMBIAVILLE.

Despite several pizza parties, the citizens were able to meet the deadlines and managed to get the yearbook lay-outs on the first pony express to Walsworth Publishing Company.

Preserving

A joint effort by Kendra Reif and Melinda Mulnix was needed to preside over this township. They were in charge of headlines and cutlines and decided when Cambia T-shirts should be worn.

Cambiaville was in charge of the Cambia sales and the assembly in which the queen was crowned. That evening, they sponsored a dance after a basketball game.

A trip to Walsworth Publishing Company in Marceline, Mo. was taken by all but one citizen of Cambiaville. The ones who did make the journey, however, learned how yearbooks are printed and put together. The most enjoyable part of the trip was riding the big, bumpy yellow stagecoach and playing chocolate cow.



Top left, Mr. Bill Hankins catches the last train to deadline. Top center, Tonia Loftin and Debbie Logan learn how the yearbook is put together at Walsworth. Top right, Once again, the CAMBIA staff confesses its superiority to the Log staff. Bottom left, David Stoneking, Karen Witaszczyk, and Jeff Salmon pose as Log Queen candidates at the CAMBIA assembly. Bottom right, The citizens of "CAMBIAVILLE" pose for a family portrait. Back row, Bob Lumby, Matt Burns, Jeff Salmon, Kendra Reif, co-editor, David Stoneking, Brenda Marstell, middle row, Mr. Bill Hankins, Cheryl Moor, Bill Horton, Tonia Loftin, Janice Harvey, Melinda Mulnix, co-editor, Pam Douglas; front row, Susan Moon, Barb Evans, Karen Witaszczyk, Debbie Logan, and Vicki Briton.





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Log receives first class rating

The twelve members of the LOG staff worked diligently to meet the bi-weekly deadlines for the publication of the school's newspaper. Besides an average of ten classtime hours spent on each LOG, the staff also spent an average of eight hours at the Dispatch finishing up each issue. There, they spent the evening proofreading and finalizing layout pages to prepare them for printing.

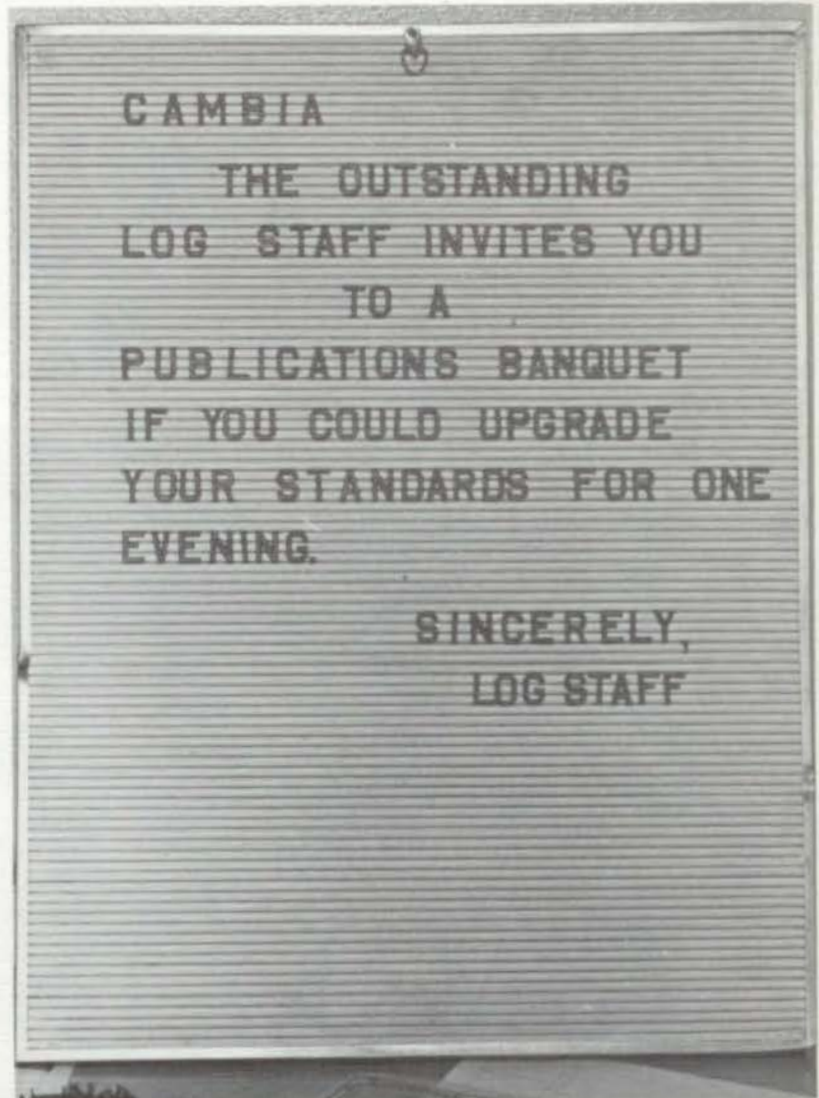
Hard work by each member resulted in a first semester First Class rating by the

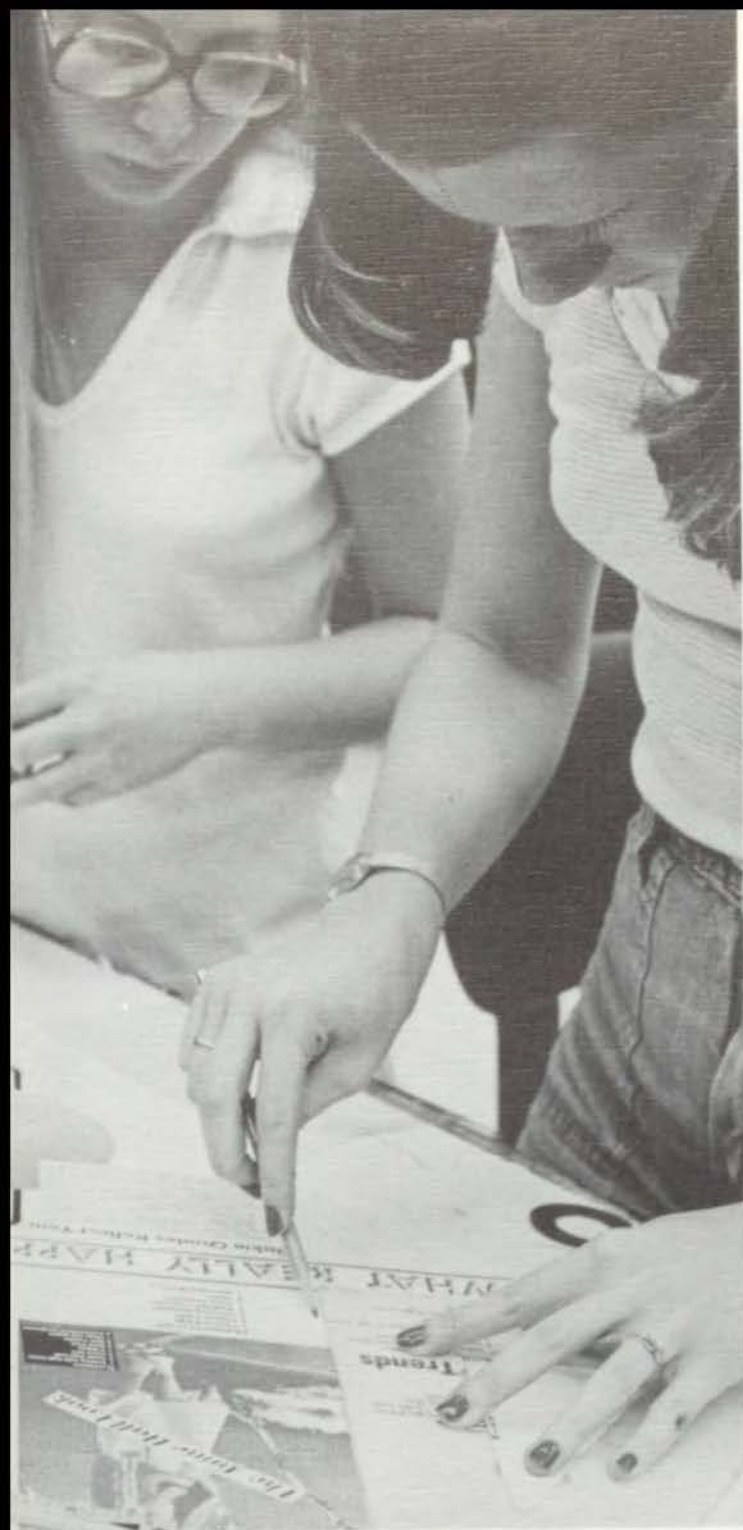
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National Scholastic Press Association. Marks of distinction were given to the coverage and content of the paper.

During 77-78, readers of the LOG had the chance to visit with Tony Dew and Jerry Mathers of "Leave it to Beaver" fame and Cookie Rojas of the Royals. This year's editor, Christie Tucker, held a special interview with the new superintendent of the North Kansas City School District, Dr. Raymond Waier.

Completing his first full year as staff advisor was Mr. Bill Hankins.





Top left, The Log and Cambia staffs communicate by their own lettering boards throughout the year. Top center, Cindy McCuiston and Christie Tucker put the finishing touches on a layout at the DISPATCH. Top right, Kay Fisher interviews Ookie graduate, D. J. Catfish Kelly. Bottom left, Mark Ballard proofreads copy. Bottom center, A major job of the Log staff is to edit copy, before it goes to press. Bottom right, Log members, backrow, Mr. Bill Mankins, Shelli Wheeler, Jim Korsten, Christie Tucker, editor, Mary Knapp, Mark Ballard, Colleen Logan, Kay Fisher, Cheryl Westlund; front row, Joannine Noland, Shari Bell, Cindy McCuiston, and Theresa Hoffron, smile between deadlines.



The International Thespians Society troupe #2758, a select group of drama students, was sponsored by Mrs. Risa Hille. The main purpose for Thespians is to promote Theatrical Arts in secondary schools. Although the Thespians didn't have many activities outside of the school plays, they did go to see "Harvey" at Waldo Astoria.

The last night of every play production new pledges were selected to be initiated. The pledges went through a pledging period during which they were asked to do numerous tasks.

Dramatizing

The National Forensic League stands for many hard working students who compete in Tournaments throughout the state. Kendra Reif achieved the highest points for any NFL member at Oak Park this year, over 690 points. NFL sponsored their first tournament since 1972 this year. An NFL Christmas party was enjoyed by many members, and in the spring the annual Initiation-Banquet was held at the Holiday Inn International. Mr. Richard Rice, sponsor, had a very rewarding first year at Oak Park with approximately 30 trophies finding homes in the Oak Park trophy case.



Oakies express ideas on stage, tournaments



Top left, The Bopshawops arrive in a chauffeur-driven limousine. Top center, Oak Park awaits the arrival of the Bopshawops. Top right, NFL officers, Chris Treat, secretary, Susan Jezak, historian, Reese Chaney, vice-president, and Kendra Reif, president, anticipate up-coming tournaments. Bottom left, Thespian Club officers, Art Kent, president, Tim Flum, sergeant-at-arms, Karen Carlson, treasurer, Rob Harmon, historian, Lisa Andrews, secretary, and Paul Wyman, vice-president, act well their part. Bottom center, NFL trophy winners are: back row, Hurley Mahan, Steven McIntyre, Randy Crook, Steve Petry, Bruce Haubein, Kerry Brins, Mr. Richard Rice; middle row, Michelle Bolinger, Kendra Reif, Reese Chaney, Polly Channel; front row, Connie Ninninger, Liz Palermo, Chris Carnes, Nancy Lappin, Paul Clark, Cindy Prestil, and Rita Gomez. Bottom right, Reese Chaney, Cindy Kent, and David Chambers enjoy themselves at the drama dock party.





Top left, Mark Wood thanks Debbie Logan and David Chambers for attending his revival. Top center, Jimmy Spair and Paul Wyman attentively listen to the prosecutors. Top right, K.C. Lucas amazes over the monkey. Bottom left, David Chambers dramatically tries to convince the others that there is a God. Bottom center, Paul Wyman narrates his case to the courtroom. Bottom right, Paul Wyman and Jimmy Spair plead with Karen Carlson not to testify against Jimmy.

'Inherit the Wind' stirs controversy



The Junior Class Play, "Inherit the Wind," written by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee, premiered on November 3/4/5. In 1925, Hillsboro Tennessee saw a significant test of morals. A school teacher, Bertram Cates, played by senior Jim Spair, was charged with the teaching of the evolutionary theory. Two well-known attorneys, Mathew Harrison Brady (Dave Chambers) for the prosecution and Henry Drummond (Paul Wyman) for the defense, battled it out in the courtroom for their own

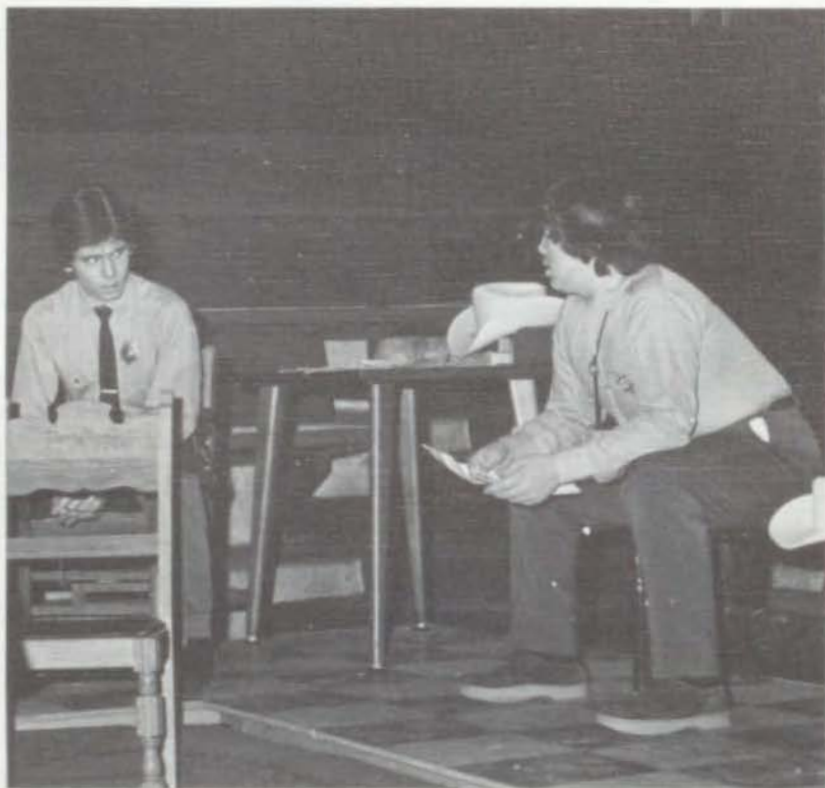
Evolution

concepts of justice. E.K. Hornbeck (K.C. Lucas), a well-known reporter from the Baltimore Herald, brought the story to the public, lending tremendous support to Cates.

Although the three performances were seen by only 509 attendents the cast still performed to their utmost. Under the direction of Mrs. Hille and stage managers Lisa Andrews and Gloria Evola, this play follows the Oak Park tradition of successful plays, backed by hardworking crews.



*Dramatic scene
created by
'Rainmaker'*



Top left, Rob Granquist and Tom Collins converse in the county jail. Top center, Shari Bell and K.C. Lucas perform their love scene. Top right, David Chambers and Paul Wyman angrily discuss their differences. Bottom left, Shari Bell demonstrates her flirting techniques with Art Kent. Bottom right, As the play opens, K.C. Lucas tries to convince the cast that he can produce rain.



"The smaller cast was more cooperative and had a greater sense of responsibility," said Mrs. Risa Hille, drama teacher about the Oak Park production of "The Rainmaker," by N. Richard Nash, presented on January 25, 26, 27, 28.

The play was set on the Curry Ranch. This region was going through a terrible drought. Their hopes for rain were growing dim. H.C. (Dave Chambers), Noah (Paul Wyman), Lizzie (Shari Bell), Jimmy (Art Kent), received an unexpected visitor. Bill

Rainmaker

Starbck (K.C. Lucas), who told them he would bring them rain in 24 hours for one hundred dollars.

As time passes, Starbuck infatuates Lizzie with his dreams. When she opens her eyes to reality, she finds love is more important to her than a roaming dreamer. The rainmaker succeeded in bringing rain to the Curry ranch, and netting \$400 for the Senior Class.



*Pop groups
harmonize
in full voice*

Throughout the halls of Oak Park, melodies were often heard coming from the Vocal Music Room. Over 360 students a day walked into this room and practiced various songs. Getting students involved and maintaining control were the two main responsibilities of Vocal Music Director, Mr. Bill Grace. This year the music departments were blessed with assistant, Miss Debbie Justus.

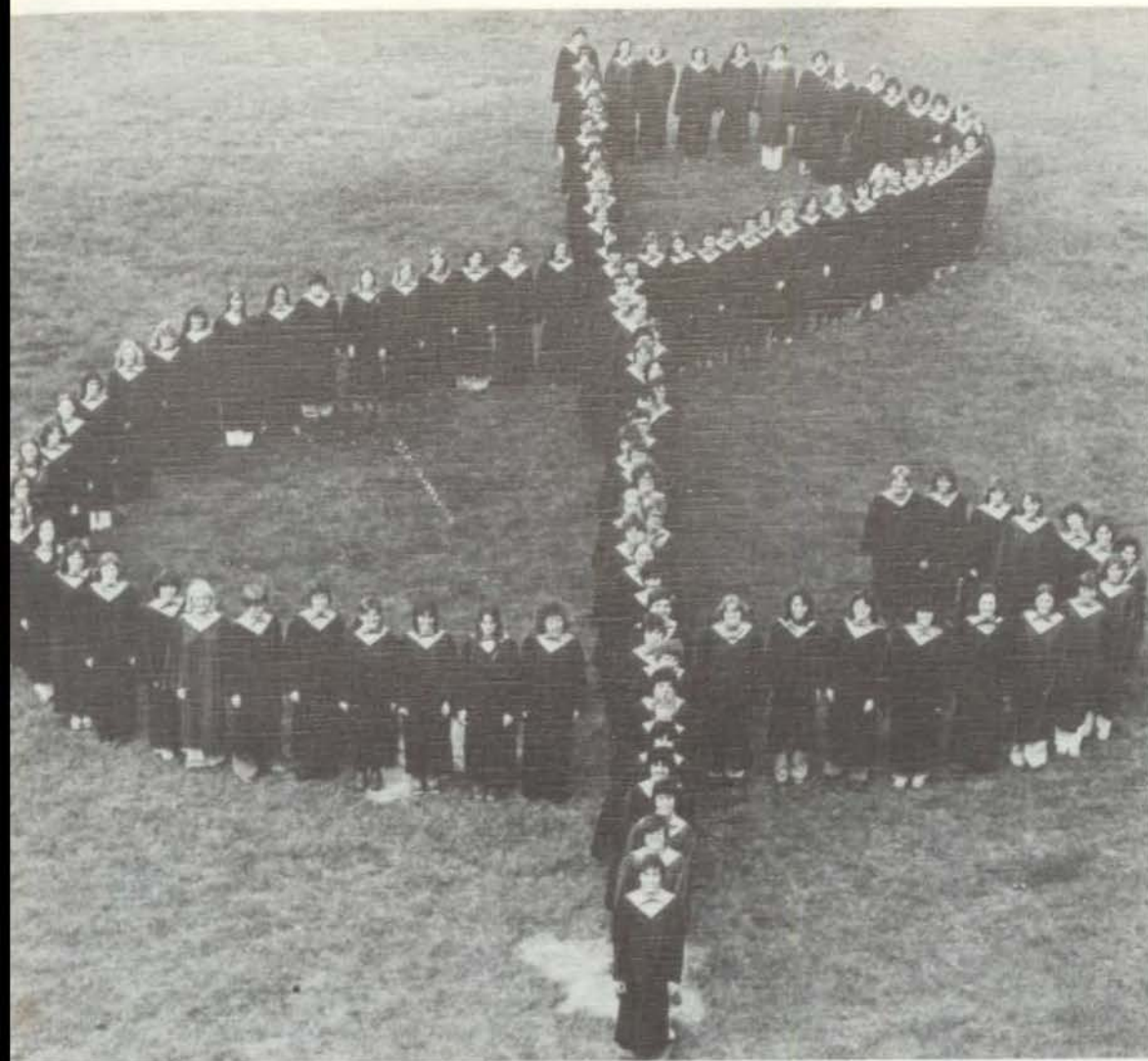
Almost all classes in vocal music have one requirement, auditioning. Those classes are Sophomore Choir, Girls' Choir, A Cappella, and the two pop groups, Northern Lights and Oak Street Singers. The class that is non-audition is Mixed Chorus. An extra pop group, The Northland Express was started this year, with students selected from

Performing

Sophomore Choir.

This year, Oak Park's choirs were joined with choirs from Winnetonka and North Kansas City to form the annual music festival. Dr. Eph Ehly from UMKC was the clinician. Seasonal concerts, along with the annual performance of "The Messiah" were also performed during the year.





Top left, The Northland Express is: back row, Doug Cross, John Thomas, Jeff Schol, Scott Smith, John Wagner, John Miller, David White; front row, Diane Orr, Janice Bausch, Jackie McCausland, Janee Nieweg, Robin Shireman, Julie Wyman, Kim McCann, Ronda Thompson, and Miss Debbie Justus. Top right, The A Cappella Choir forms a treble clef. Bottom left, Back row, Tammy Myers, Cheryl Westlund, Debbie Wooten, Heidi DeVore, Donna Pickert, Vicki Landes, Jensine Phillips, Linda Howe; middle row, Tenley Albright, Chris Treat, Chris Burnett, Leslie McCarty, Nancy Niemann, Susan Storm, Christy Gentry, Kelly Schowengeradt; front row, Brad Brown, Rick Patterson, Steve Spaw, Clint Cross, Mark Lee, Paul Clark, Richard Kurz, Mark Gash, David Chambers, Reese Chaney, Ronald Curry, Kirk Otto, and Greg Ferguson make up The Northern Lights. Bottom center, Todd Heshner, Kendra Reif, Cindy Seats, Jim Meyers, Brad Hale, Becky Madon, Bill Cox, and Karen Carlson sing the National Anthem at a Kings game. Bottom right, The Oak Street Singers are: back row, Dan Ruwe, Brian Whittal, Ernie Eitel, Jim Kersten, Jim Rogers, Todd Heshner, Clint Simmons; middle row, Barb Raines, Christie Rucker, Julie Pope, Denise Hartstack, Susan Doan, Debbie Perry, Kendra Reif, April Armstrong, Chris Hale; front row: Jim Meyers, Clay Brown, Vicki Cone, Cindy Seats, Debbie Logan, Lisa Andrews, Karen Carlson, Pam Douglas, Debbie Eckhart, Cheryl Moor, Denise Van Laar, Tom Collins; sitting, Bill Cox, Tim Flom, Becky Maden, K. C. Lucas, Jeff Holeman, Joe Payne, and Brad Hale.





Top left, John Jezak, Richard Kurz, and Becky Madon donate their talent to pit orchestra. Top center, Leslie Baker finds a friend in K. C. Lucas. Top right, Debbie Perry sings "As Long As He Needs Me." Bottom left, Tom Collins hushes April Armstrong's scream. Bottom center, The cast members raise their mugs in the "Oom-Pah-Pah" chorus. Bottom right, Leslie Baker and Tom Collins are confronted by Barb Raines and Clay Brown.



Cast, crews of 'Oliver' radiate talent



Oak Park's Fine Arts Department performed their annual musical, "Oliver," April 21,22,27,28,29. "Oliver" is derived from Charles Dickens' *Oliver Twist*, which takes place in London, 1850.

"Oliver" is the story of an orphan boy searching for happiness and his roots in the London sub-cultures.

Oliver was portrayed by Leslie Baker, Fagin, by Tim Flom and Nancy was played by Debbie Perry. Other supporting roles were The Artful Dodger (K. C. Lucas), Bet

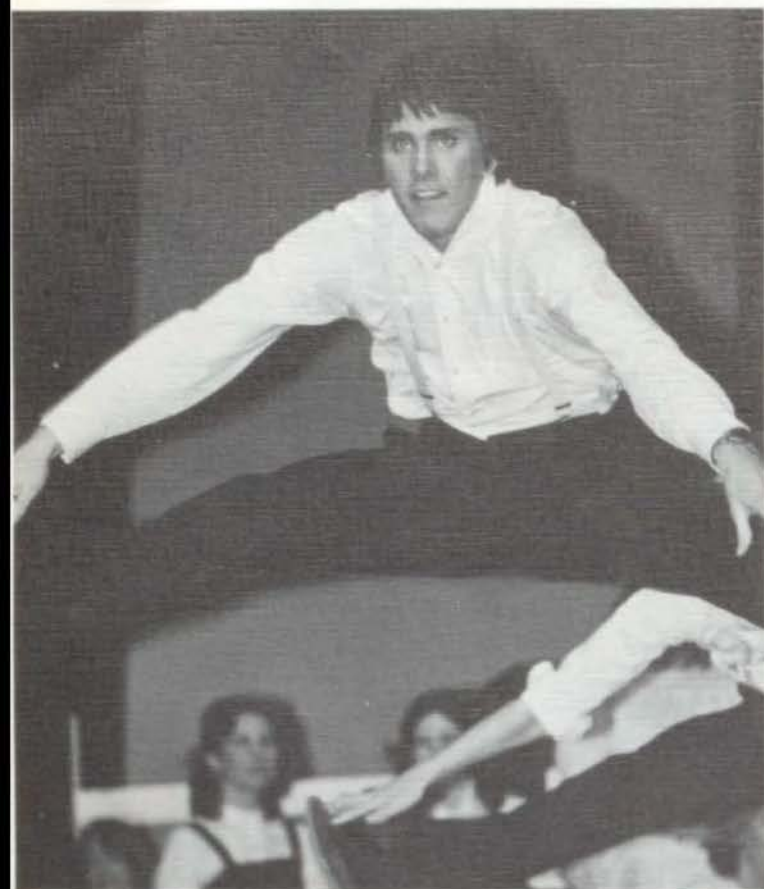
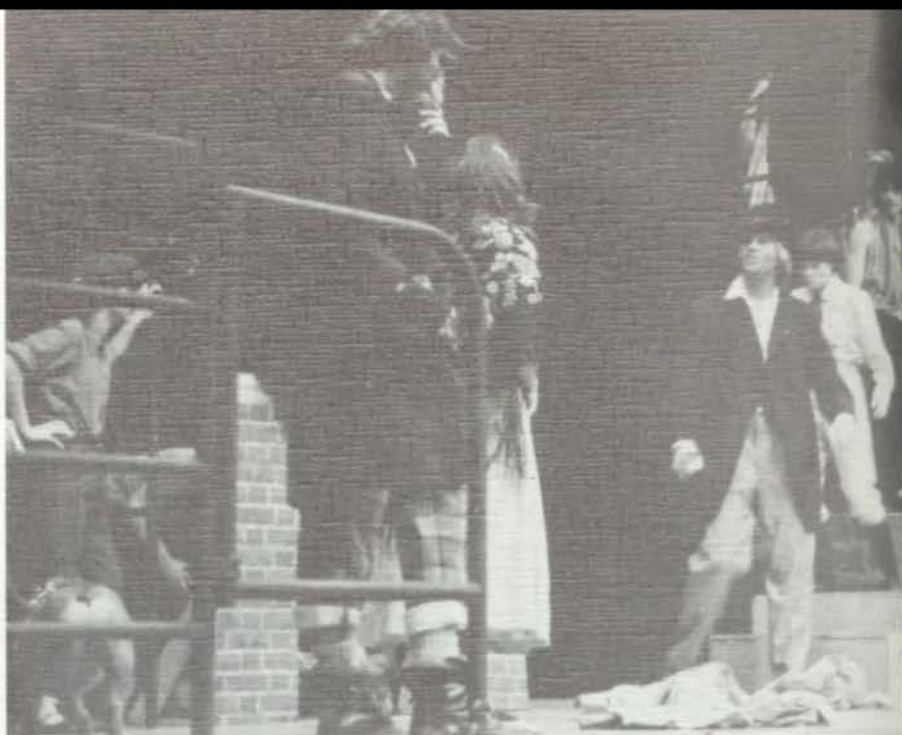
Portraying

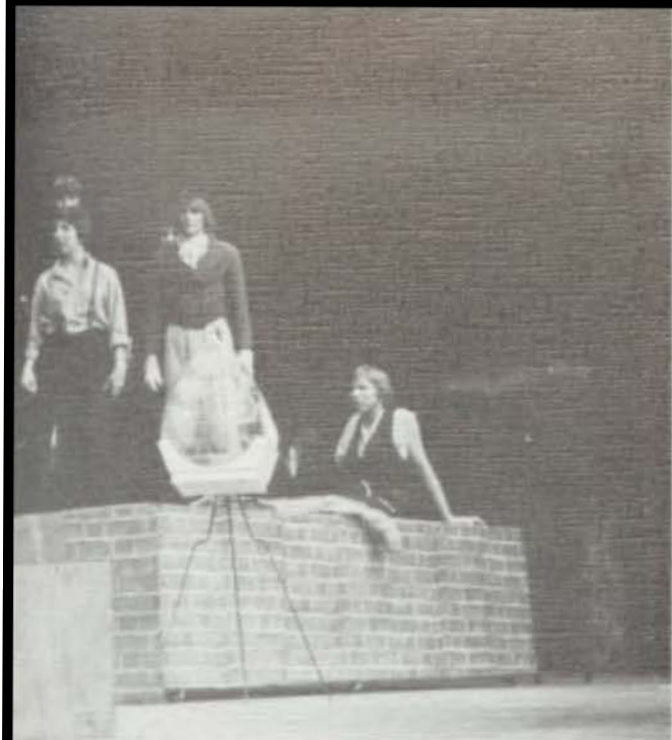
(Debbie Logan), Bill Sykes (Paul Wyman).

"All of the cast and crews worked to their utmost. I think we got everything out of the show that we could have," said Mr. Bill Grace, comparing "Oliver" to past musicals. The cast and crews continually showed strength, leadership, and cooperation in bringing the musical to Oak Park for five performances. Through this tremendous cooperation, ticket sales started off in a rush, with several capacity crowds.



Top left, Doug Mayfield leaps in his dance routine. Top center, Paul Wyman argues his point with Debbie Perry. Top right, Vicki Cone sings Leslie Baker to sleep with, "Where Is Love?" Bottom left, Paul Wyman threatens to kill Leslie Baker as she dangles from the scaffold. Bottom center, Tim Flom, by "Reviewing The Situation," explains survival tactics to the workhouse chorus. Bottom right, Debbie Logan mimics Debbie Perry.





This year's attendance at the musical averaged 700 people each performance. The audiences varied throughout the five performances, reacting to the comic and to the dramatic, but always becoming enveloped in the story of "Oliver."

The pit orchestra had a new director, Mr. Alan Moon. Along with the job of keeping the orchestra, chorus, and principals together was the job of being the sound technician. Microphones were set and dynamics arranged to give "Oliver" the best sound.

Directors that contributed to the production of the musical were: Mrs. Nancy

Oliver

Hudson, choreography; Mr. Alan Moon, orchestra; Mrs. Risa Hille, drama; Mr. Bill Grace, vocal music and overall production manager.

Though the musical was a different type, nearly all 200 participants enjoyed themselves. The cast's enjoyment was obvious with the crowd responding with five straight standing ovations.

Characters reveal hidden ancestry

In his first year as a director at Oak Park, Mr. Alan Moon led the instrumental music groups in an eventful year of music-making.

This year's 72 member orchestra was one of the largest in Oak Park history. Aside from the regular concert performances, orchestra was also involved in a yuletide appearance at Metro North Shopping Center and a cooperative effort with A Cappella for the "Messiah."

Any orchestra member could audition for a position in the pit orchestra. Those few selected played for this year's musical production "Oliver!"

Up beat

One of the more popular music groups was Jazz Band. They traveled to Fayetteville and Kirksville where they participated in jazz concerts. Their performances also included two appearances at the Gold Buffet restaurant.

Several students qualified for the state contest in Columbia, Missouri. Those receiving a "I" rating were: Dave McCalley, Lisa Reif, Cindy Seats, Susan Gutsch, and a percussion ensemble consisting of Bill Cox, Sean Cargile, Chuck Ford, Craig White, and Steve McLaughlin.



Musicians anticipate downbeat



Top left, Jazz Band attends the Jazz Festival in Kirksville, Mo. Top right, The Pit Orchestra makes a curtain call. Bottom left, Concert Band pauses for recognition. Bottom right, The Symphonic Orchestra performs at Metro North.



ORCHESTRA

Jeanine Higgins
 Marilyn Mast
 Jeanine Phillips
 Deanne Groer
 Lisa Seager
 April Armstrong
 Cathy Lowrey
 Cindy Hummel
 Leslie McCarty
 Jed Duer
 Pam Francis
 Sue Brown
 Karen Minor
 Dianne Hurd
 Tim Wilson
 Karen Olsen
 Cheryl Leuty
 Janine Elenz
 Laurie Moore
 Leah Wolf
 Debbie Roy
 Darwin Sissel
 Janet Holland
 Danny Rice
 Dan Pfitzner
 Kirk Cordray
 Jeff Schol
 Rhonda Thompson
 Julie Mallen
 Laurie Kerr

Terri McCarter
 Grog Ferguson
 Kelly Schowengerdt
 Lona Brinck
 Carrie Pflug
 Steve Curmack
 Shawn Arbuckle
 Brad Hale
 Joe Payne
 Alan Blowers
 Jeff Holeman
 Mary Kay Gaul
 Cindy Seats
 Janet Houghton
 Karen Carlson
 Linda Feagles
 Claudia Crump
 Shirley Wingo
 Teresa Stinnet
 Cindy Lawrence
 Janine Wyatt
 Dirk Soldan
 Nancy Lappin
 Lisa Reif
 Becky Maddon
 Dave McCalley
 Russ Heidebrecht
 Chris Molleson
 Carolyn Rowe
 Mark Fairlie

Richard Kurz
 John Jezak
 Doug Marx
 Bill Cox
 Sean Gargile
 Kevin Allen
 Chris Jenkins
 Scott Smith
 Linda Howe

BAND

Susan Gutsch
 Sharon Wheeler
 Jane Overbey
 Janet Houghton
 Linda Feagles
 Leslie Letkowski
 Jackie McCausland
 Donna Staale
 Kelly McCall
 Cheryl Myers
 Nan Reed
 Dirk Soldan
 Ben Hartstaeck
 Bev Hamby
 Nancy Howell
 David Fenton
 Bill Kress
 Jim Spoicer
 Buzz Barber
 Marty Beall
 Warren Thomas

John Moore
 Lisa Reif
 Dave McCalley
 Drew Henrickson
 Becky Madon
 Scott Smith
 Jim Myers
 Karen Faught
 Greg Gorman
 Rob Harmon
 Brad Harris
 Rick Beall
 Wendy White
 Mark Spoicer
 Dave Lane
 Jim Garmack
 Larry Penker
 Larry Youtman
 Jeff Ford
 Bryan Young
 Chris Marx
 Cindy Lawrence
 Claudia Crump
 Teresa Stinnet
 Shirley Wingo
 Jean Kear
 Shirley Henry
 Barbara Spaw
 Jamie Siglar
 Dawn Bridger

Scott Olson
 Leslie Hartke
 Coleen Logan
 Kathy Poppa
 Becky Myers
 Mark Cullen
 Shannon Roy
 Mary Dodson
 Karen Lombardo
 Linda Isenhour
 David Dobbins
 Janine Wyatt
 Donny Hamby
 Joe Payne
 Bill Cox
 Sean Gargile
 Chuck Ford
 Chris Jenkins
 Mike Pardon
 Steve McLaughlin
 Joe Chambers
 Jim Perry
 Danny Rice
 Jim Taylor
 Eric Vestal
 Ernie Eitel
 Chris Wallis
 Sheila Garrett
 Russ Heidebrecht

Rod Jackson
 Carolyn Rowe
 Ron Davis
 Chris Molleson
 Steve Parsons
 Mark Fairlie
 Richard Kurz
 John Jezak
 Rick Reddekopp
 Don Davis
 John Oyley
 Stuart Lane
 Mark Swift
 Dana Whitefield
 Steve Graham
 Wes McFerrin
 Scott Carmean
 Jerry Coons
 Roger Brown
 John Thomas
 Jeff Holeman
 John Lappin
 Steve Spaw
 Perry Taylor
 Dan Beech
 Doug Marx
 Bruce Milborn
 Doyle Branstetter
 Brad Hale
 Student Director
 Shirley Wingo
 Student Director

Crowds at Oak Park's home football games were entertained by the Marching Band, Bannerettes, and Majorettes.

The "Marching Northmen" had 106 instrumentalists involved in coordinating a musical program for halftime appearances and parades. Leading this effort were Drum Majors Kevin McPeck and Becky Madon. Marching Band was called upon two weeks before school began to prepare for the first home game. As school started, these groups practiced during the scheduled band mods.

Marching

The bannerettes thrilled their audiences

with routines involving the use of handflags and flares. In an attempt to become recognized as a drill team independent of the Marching Band, the group performed for indoor events accompanied by Pep Band.

Sheri Netherton and Jean Smyers were the Oak Park Majorettes. Performing jointly at football games with Marching Band and at basketball games with Pep Band kept the girls active.

The group participated in the American Royal Parade, the William Jewell Homecoming, and also competed in the Antioch Parade and the St. Joseph marching contest winning second place awards in both.



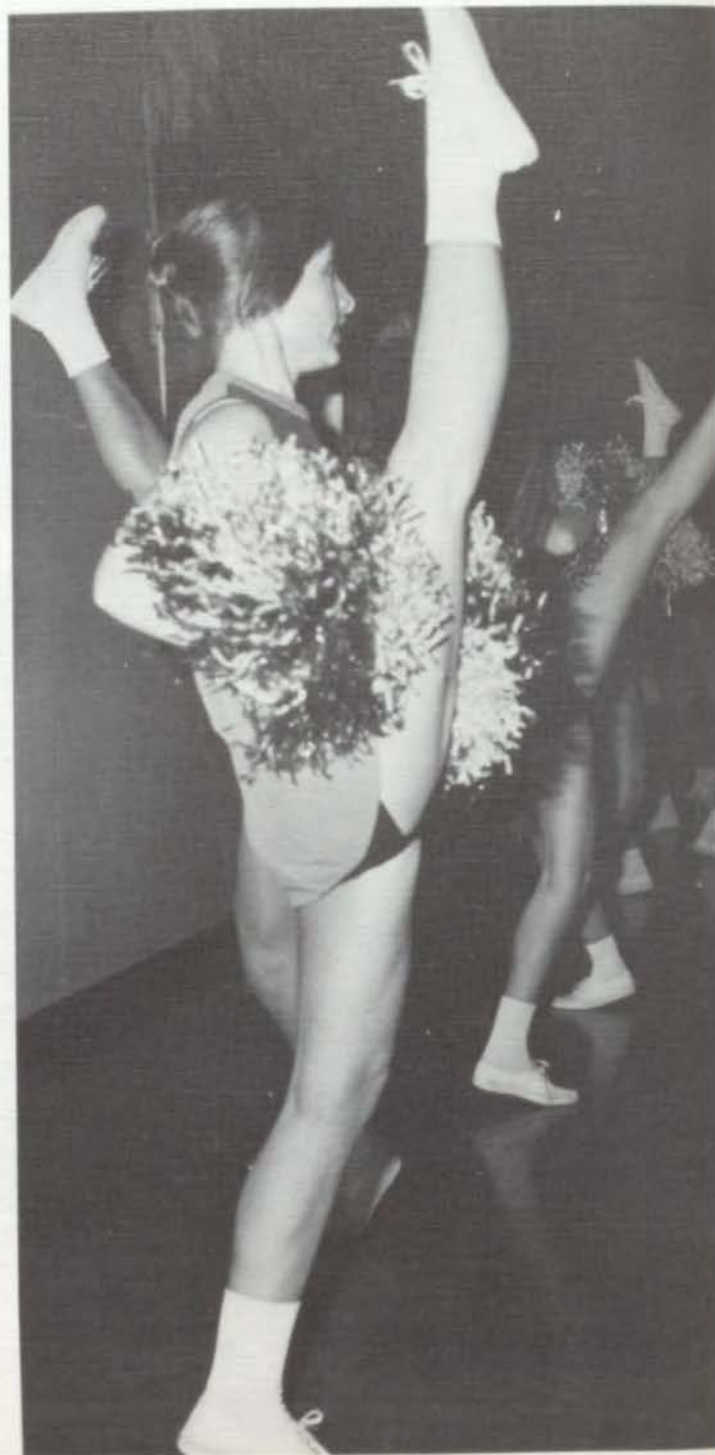
Crowds salute marching Northmen

Top left, The 1977-78 Bannerette Squad is: back row, Vicki Braton, Cathy Forbes, Mary Jury, Tonia Loftin, Lori Ronniu, captain, Linda Jones, co-captain, Sherri Kesler, Kerin Anderson; front row, Karen Moady, sergeant-at-arms, Karen DeMeyer, Sue Pupkes, Jill Maas, Sandy Ceplina, Mary Glenski, Brenda Marstall, secretary-treasurer, Wendy Worthey, and Nancy Cyetan. Top center, Marching Band provides extra entertainment during an Oakie football game. Top right, Majorettes Jean Smyers and Sheri Netherton conclude their baton routine. Bottom left, The Marching Northmen practice their halftime performance. Bottom right, Linda Pendland, Shaun Bresseite, Laura Hartley, and Laurie Gordon are the 1977 Drumettes.





Top left. Brad Hale leads Pop Band at an assembly. Top center. Members of the 1977-78 Pom Pon squad are: back row, Vicki Van Dever, Diana Baynham, captain, Tami Harlan, Liz Lyon, Karen Johnson; middle row, Pam Mackender, Penny Brooks, Debbie Irwin, Colleen Thompson, Donyse Van Laar; front row, Jill Pope, Laurie Kerr, Barb Raines, and Karen Carlson. Top right, Pom Pon anticipates their halftime performance at a football game. Bottom left, Pom Pon performs at Kemper Arena. Bottom center, Donyse VanLaar demonstrates excellent kicking form. Bottom right, Pop Band performs at the Winter Sports assembly.





Spirit rousers attract notice

Many hours of intense practice made the Pep Band and the Pom Pon squad excellent groups.

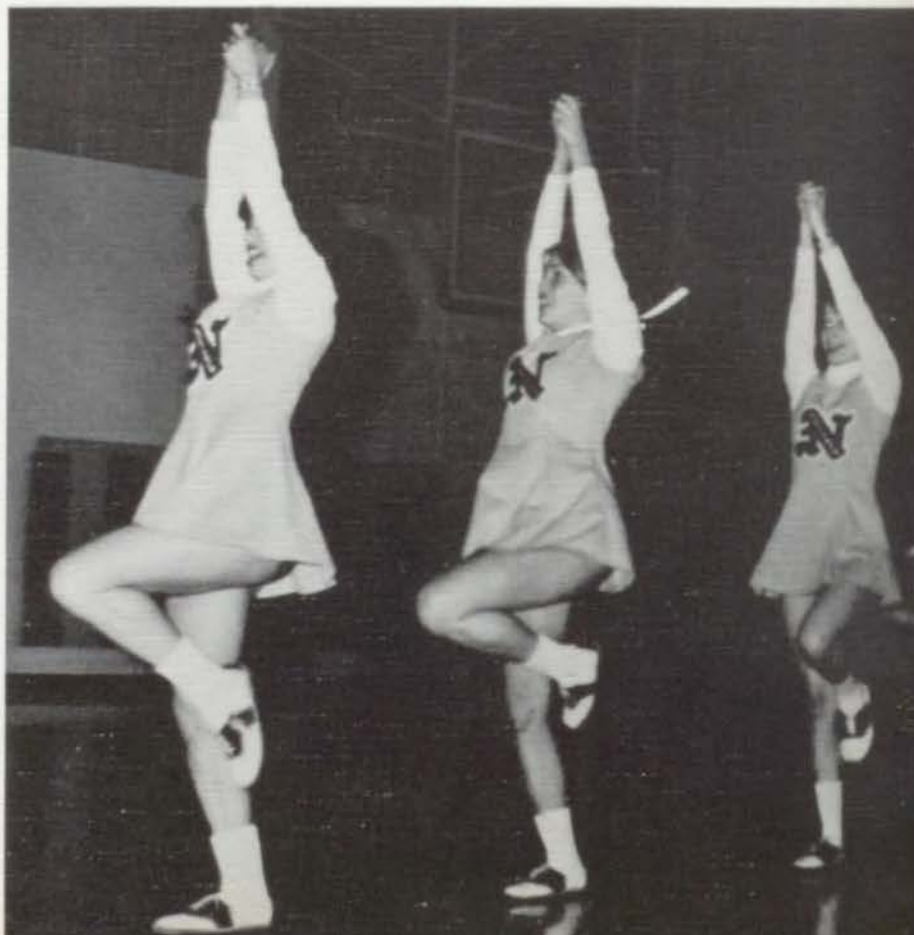
Student director Brad Hale, assisted by Shirley Wingo, conducted the 31 member Pep Band during home basketball games and assemblies.

Precision was the key word for the fourteen members of the Pom Pom squad. During daily practices, the girls created

Enthusiasm

dance routines to the accompaniment of Pep Band's music. Practices were initiated during the summer with a week long camp at Marshall, Missouri. They were awarded a superior rating for group performance and an excellent rating for individual performances.

The squad combined their talents with those of The Oak Street Singers at a King's game. They also entertained the crowd at a William Jewell football game along with the Oak Park Marching Band.



Top left, Francie Weber performs her "sink-it" cheer. Top center, The 1977-78 Varsity Cheerleaders are: back row, Jill Bentley, Lori Townsend, Vicki Cone; front row, Loretta Palmisano, Francie Weber, and Lisa Andrews. Top right, The varsity squad demonstrates winning form. Bottom left, Lisa, Vicki, and Francie lead Pep Club in an arousing cheer. Bottom center, Loretta, Lisa, Francie, Vicki, Lori, and Jill say "hello" to the visiting team. Bottom right, Loretta Palmisano shows her enthusiasm for an Oakie touchdown.

Enthusiasm aroused by cheerleaders



"I enjoy cheerleading because of the excitement and being able to contribute to school spirit," said varsity cheerleader Vicki Cone. The other cheerleaders, seniors Lisa Andrews, Jill Bentley, Loretta Palmisano, Francie Weber and junior Lori Townsend, would agree.

Every summer the cheerleaders go to camp to be evaluated on spirit and originality in cheers. Last summer the Oakie squad received six blue ribbons. The Oak Park squad earned the spirit stick twice during the evaluation and once again at the end of the week. the spirit stick represents

Spirit

a week of hard work, determination, enthusiasm, and spirit. The award of excellence was also awarded to the girls. The busiest time of the year was during the football season when they practiced everyday. The main purpose of the varsity cheerleaders was to try to keep school spirit going. With the help of Miss Linda Alverson, sponsor, all three cheerleading squads have helped promote spirit throughout Pep Club and the school.



Faces reflect supportive enthusiasm

Spirited Pep Club girls filled the Oak Park stands not only at football games but also basketball, wrestling, and other Varsity and JV sports events.

During the football season, every year, a Winnetonka wiener roast is given to promote spirit. Pep Club also sponsored Homecoming, St. Pat's, and Winter Sports festivities. The Pep Club girls were continually painting spirit posters and giving fruit and flowers to athletes. A picnic was also given later in the year to Oakie tracksters and the tennis team.

Supporting

Pep Club continued to sell fruit and cheese, which was a great success.

The Pep Club Banquet was held at Arrowhead Inn in 1978 where various positions were handed down to next years officers. Most of all, Pep Club kept spirit moving throughout the student body. Sponsors Miss Annette Luyben and Miss Linda Alverson helped Pep Club organize their many activities.

The enormous "Raahs" heard from the stands and the fight song, as the athletes received good luck charms, will forever be remembered by the 77-78 Oakies.





Top left, Marly Norris, Marcy Goodwin, and Sharon Wheeler lace up to their weekly spirit. Top center, Lisa Vette and Patty Conway express their emotion following a Northmen touchdown. Top right, Norma and Norman Northmen, Gayle Hayes and Paul Wyman, watch the game from the sidelines. Bottom left, Pep Club sectional officers are: back row, April Willhite, Karen DeMeyer, Kelly Nelson; middle row, Becky Claytor, Mary Glenaki, Mickey Martin; front row, Linda Pendland, Lisa Vette, and Linda Wolverton. Bottom center, Heading the 1977-78 Pep Club is: Patty Conway, president, Kim Sharp, sergeant-at-arms, Benja White, historian, Lisa Ham, secretary, Debbie Logan, vice-president, and Glo Evola, treasurer. Bottom right, The Dakie crowd confirms, "We're number one!"



Athletes congregate to serve community

The purpose of the Girl's Athletic Association is to join girls together who are interested in athletics. The club raised money through magazine and Dispatch newspaper sales to help pay for a float trip taken in May. The girls sold more Dispatch subscriptions per member than any other club at Oak Park and were rewarded with their picture in the Dispatch. The Outstanding Junior Athlete, an annual reward, was given to Debbie Cone.

Lettermen's Club was revived this year, by Mr. Tom Wheaton, with the purpose of forming a group of varsity letter people. This year, female lettermen were allowed to join the club. Difficulties faced the lettermen from the beginning when varsity cheerleaders were voted in, but music and debate letter people were not allowed to join. Even with this drawback, the club was still able to head a successful clothing and toy drive at Christmas.

Jocks





Top left, Letterman's Club officers are: Tom Lamb, president, Jim Kersten, vice-president, Joe Macken, secretary-treasurer, and Jeff Salmon, sergeant-at-arms. Top center, Mr. Tom Wheaton and Jeff Salmon discuss the success of the Letterman's toy drive. Top right, GAA members arrive home from their meeting. Bottom right, Debbie Cone, secretary, Maureen Mullins, sports manager, Kathy Ellis, vice-president, and Susan Moon, president, lead GAA.



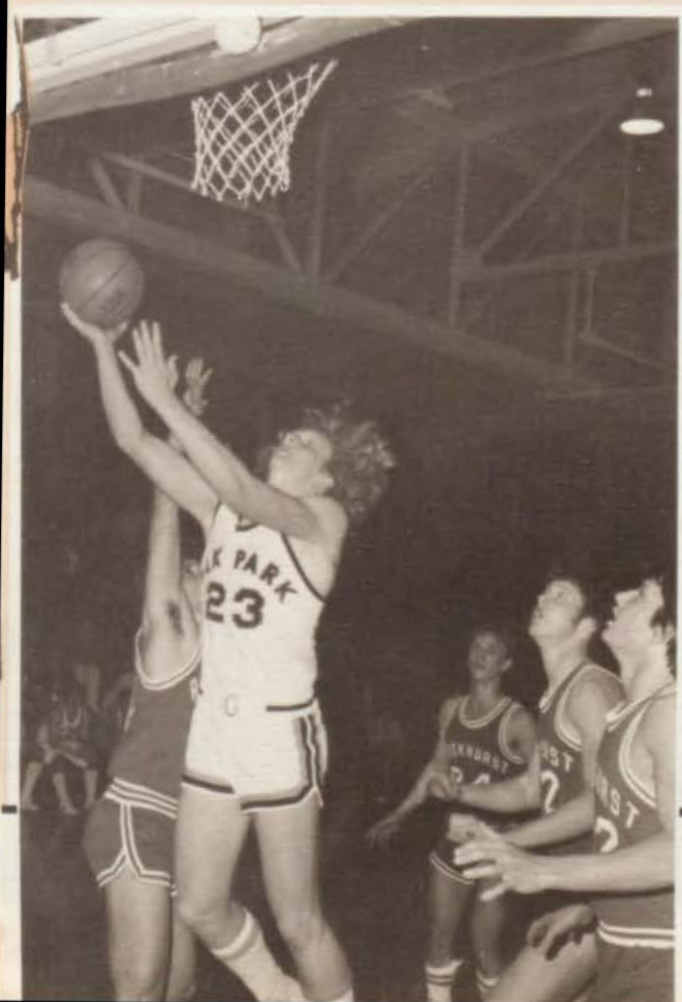


"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times . . . it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair." These lines from Dickens sum up the year's competitive athletic results. In 1977-78, Oak Park's athletic squads provided a sounding board for an infinite variety of emotions. In each sport, particular moments stand out. An outstanding football season, combined with innumerable individual accomplishments,

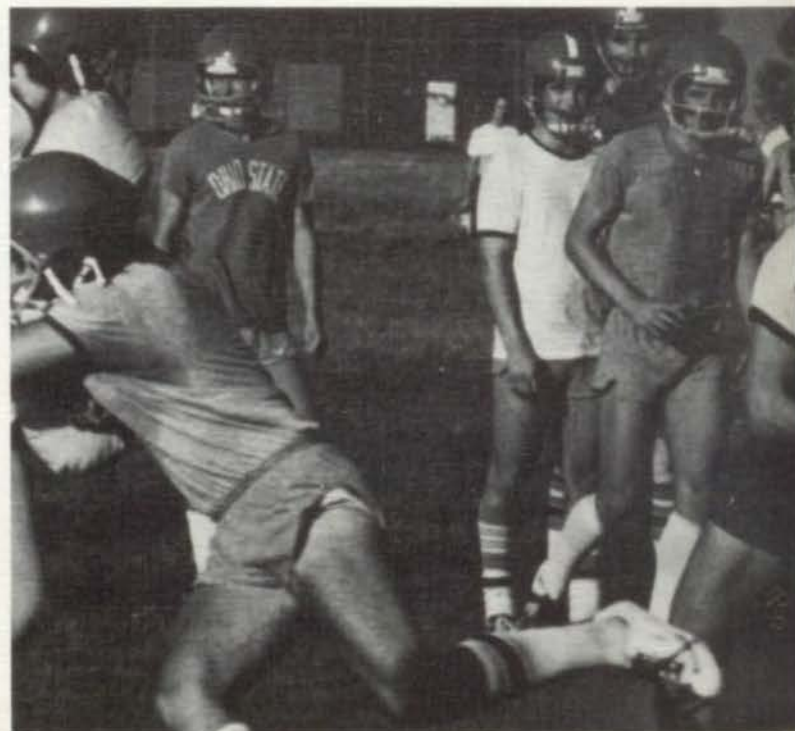
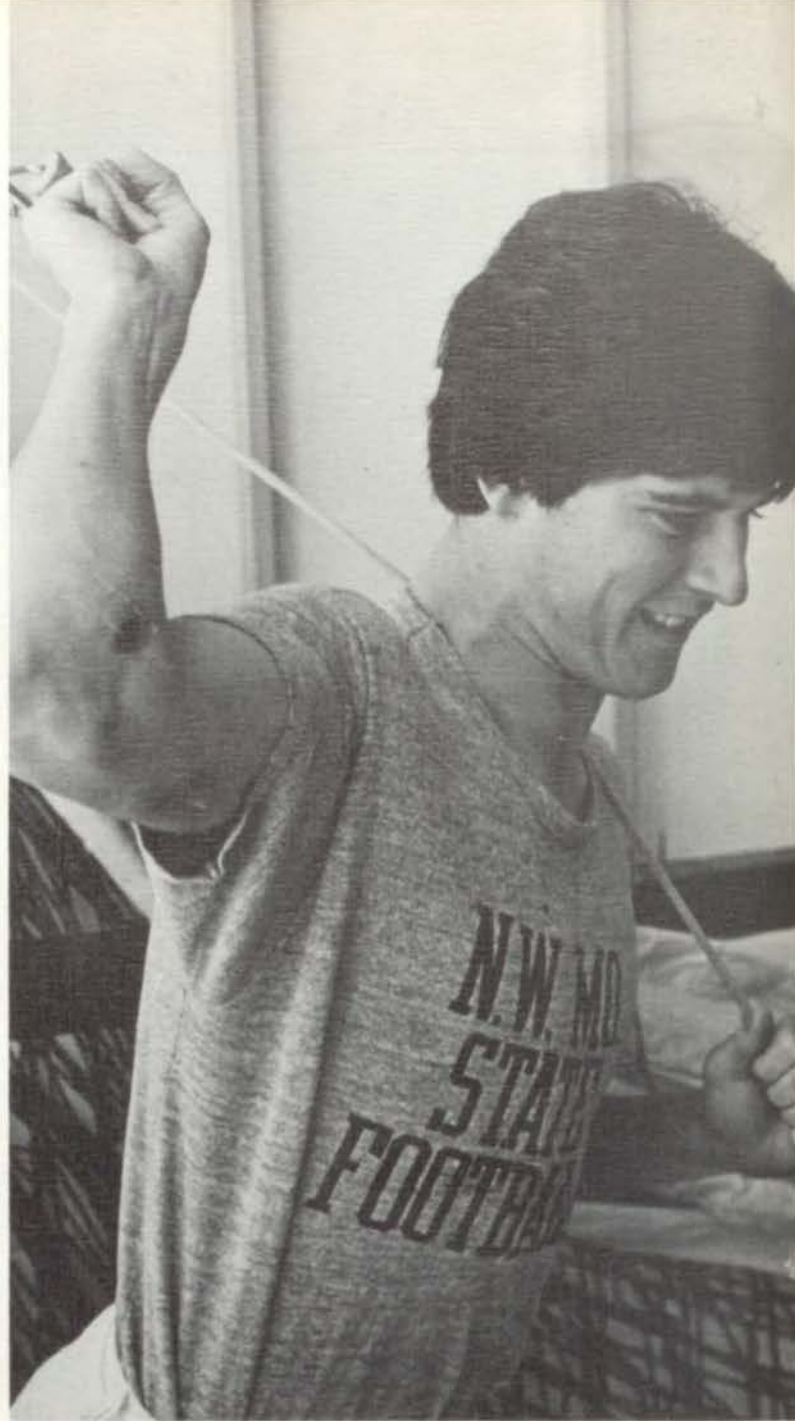
Sports

are evidence to this. Yet, unrequited visions of going to state in football, Steve Ritchey's defeat at the state wrestling meet, along with a disappointing basketball season, provided defeats as well.

During 1977-78, Oakies reached new heights, speeds, and extremes. Strict dieting, weight-lifting, unceasing practice enabled the Oakies to meet the goals and aspirations established by a long tradition of success at Oak Park.



Top left, Steve Sivigliano bridges on his neck during a wrestling workout. Top center, Kelly Anderson improves his pitching with the Exer-Genie. Top right, The boys' track team stretches during quad exercises. Bottom left, Tom Lamb runs through a dummy scrimmage at football camp. Bottom right, The girls' track team loosens up with stretch exercises.



Oakie practice, persistence coordinate effort

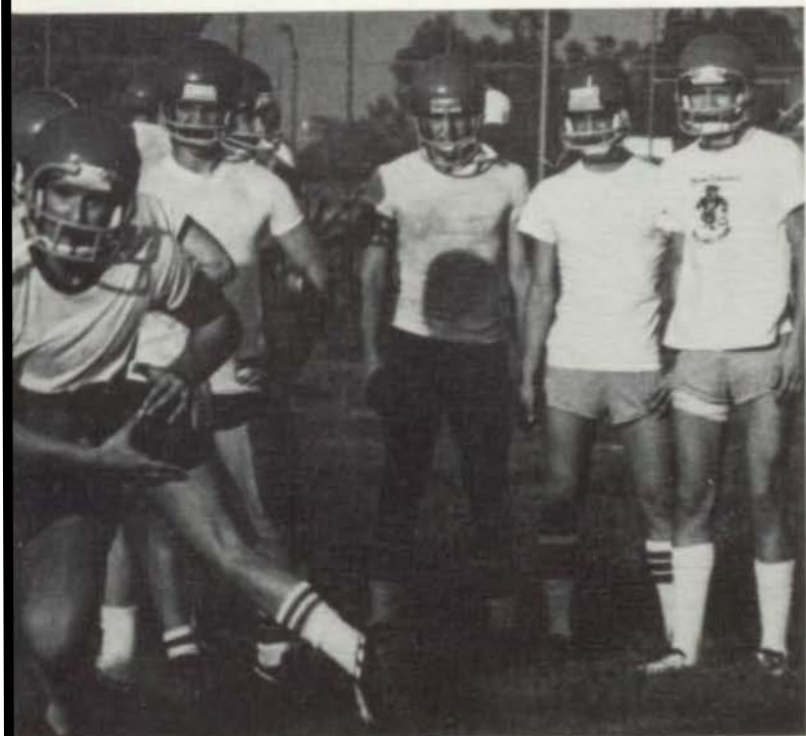


Two-a-days . . . Summer tryouts . . . Road running . . . Drills . . . Red dogs . . . Weightlifting. Before any sport's season started, Oak Park athletes began various training techniques during the pre-season. Although the straining, striving, achieving, and aching didn't always produce victories, the hard work made athletes get in good physical condition, developed in them a willingness to work with a team, and taught them to be more disciplined.

Self-training

During the practices athletes learned to compete against their team mates, which helped them to be better prepared for game situations. According to Coach Linda Jones, learning to compete is essential because "everybody competes in something in life. Sports competition prepares you that much more."

The hours of training were needed so that athletes could give their best in competition. When the actual season finally began, different sorts of preparation was needed by each individual and team before every competition.



Mental preparation precedes game

For most Oak Park athletes, the competition really began before the opening kick-off, the tip-off, or the starter's gun. Pre-game preparations usually consisted of mental psyching and physical exercising.

Mental preparation was the most important of the two. The volleyball team found that psyching collectively helped to relax them before each game, while the track teams felt individual mental preparation was best for them.

Psyching

Stretching muscles did not make athletes better, but loosened their muscles and prevented injuries. The football and basketball teams exercised together, but the track and wrestling teams were individualized in their warm-ups.

Taping, rubdowns, and the whirlpool were necessary for some athletes. Ace bandages and adhesive tape were vital for pulled muscles, weak joints, and jammed fingers. Rubdowns and the whirlpool helped to loosen tight muscles. Sometimes this type of preparation was psychological and was used as a crutch by a few athletes, but usually it was an essential part of an athlete's pregame preparation.





Top left, Volleyball team members psyche up before their game. Top right, Coach Jim Draper goes over last minute instructions to the boys' basketball team. Bottom left, Team trainer, Greg Ellis, wraps David Stoneking's leg. Bottom center, Kevin McPeck loosens up for track. Bottom right, The Northmen football team prepares for battle.



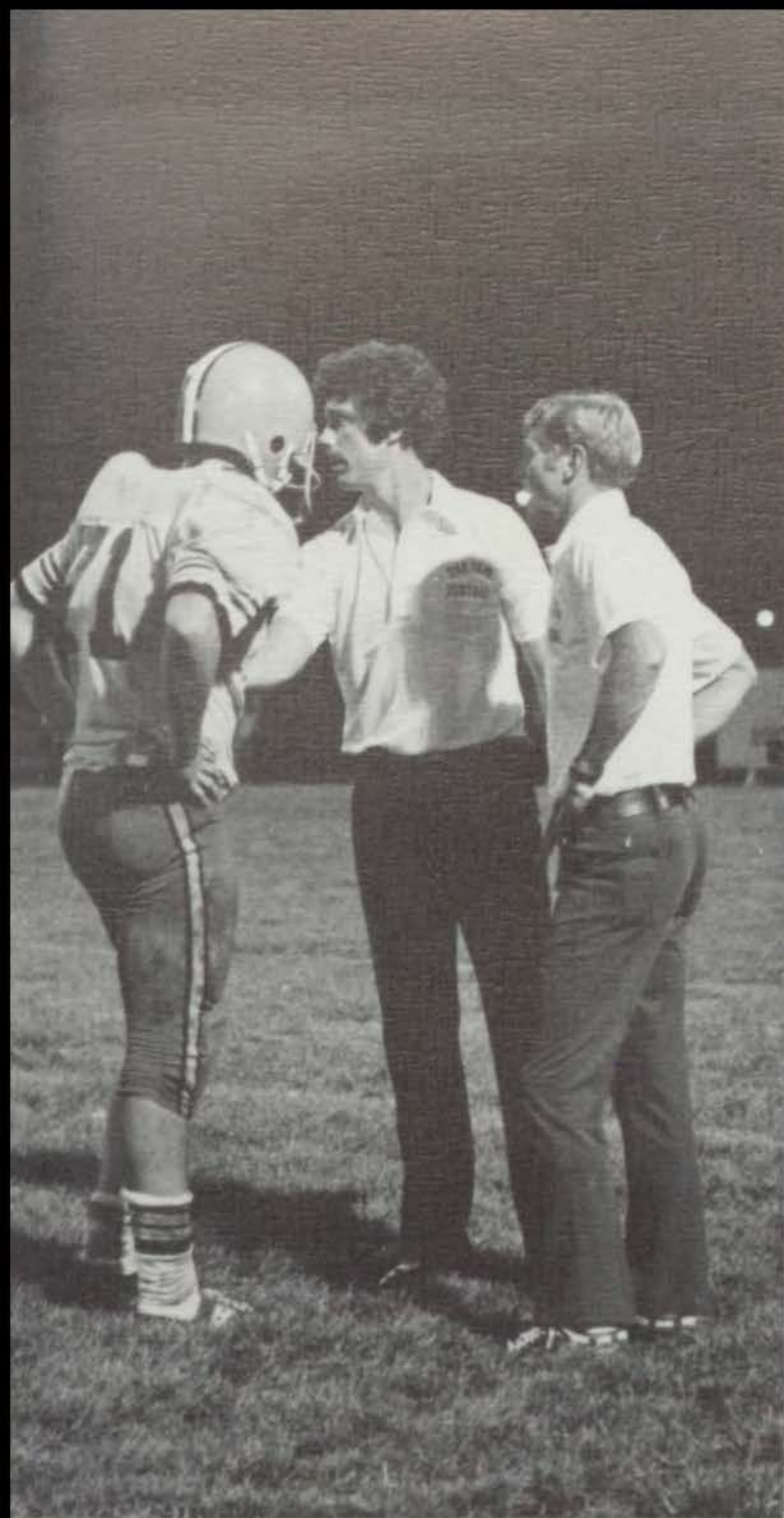
Victories, disappointments abound

The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat, an all too common saying, can be applied to the 1977 Oak Park football season. After losing their opening game to Grandview, the Northmen got on the right track, winning their next seven in a row. The streak of victories included the demolition of number one-ranked Raytown.

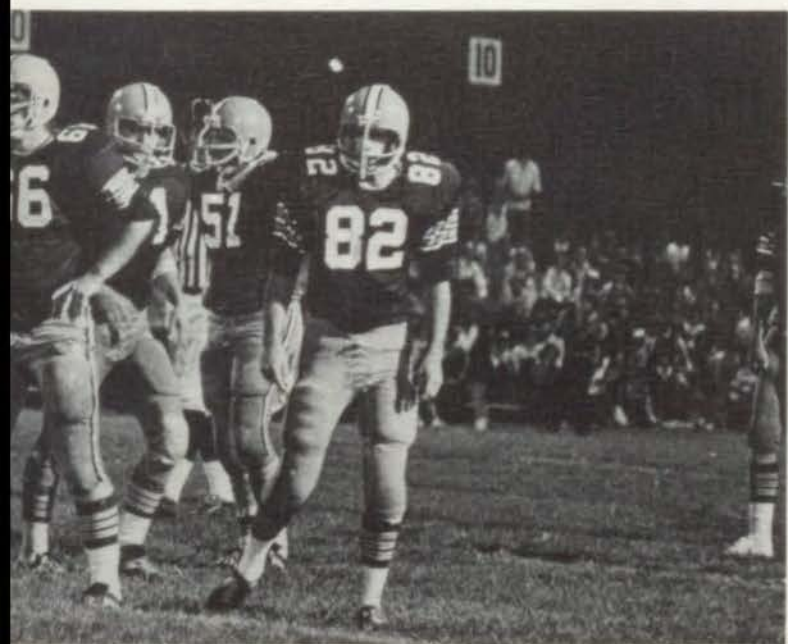
Champs

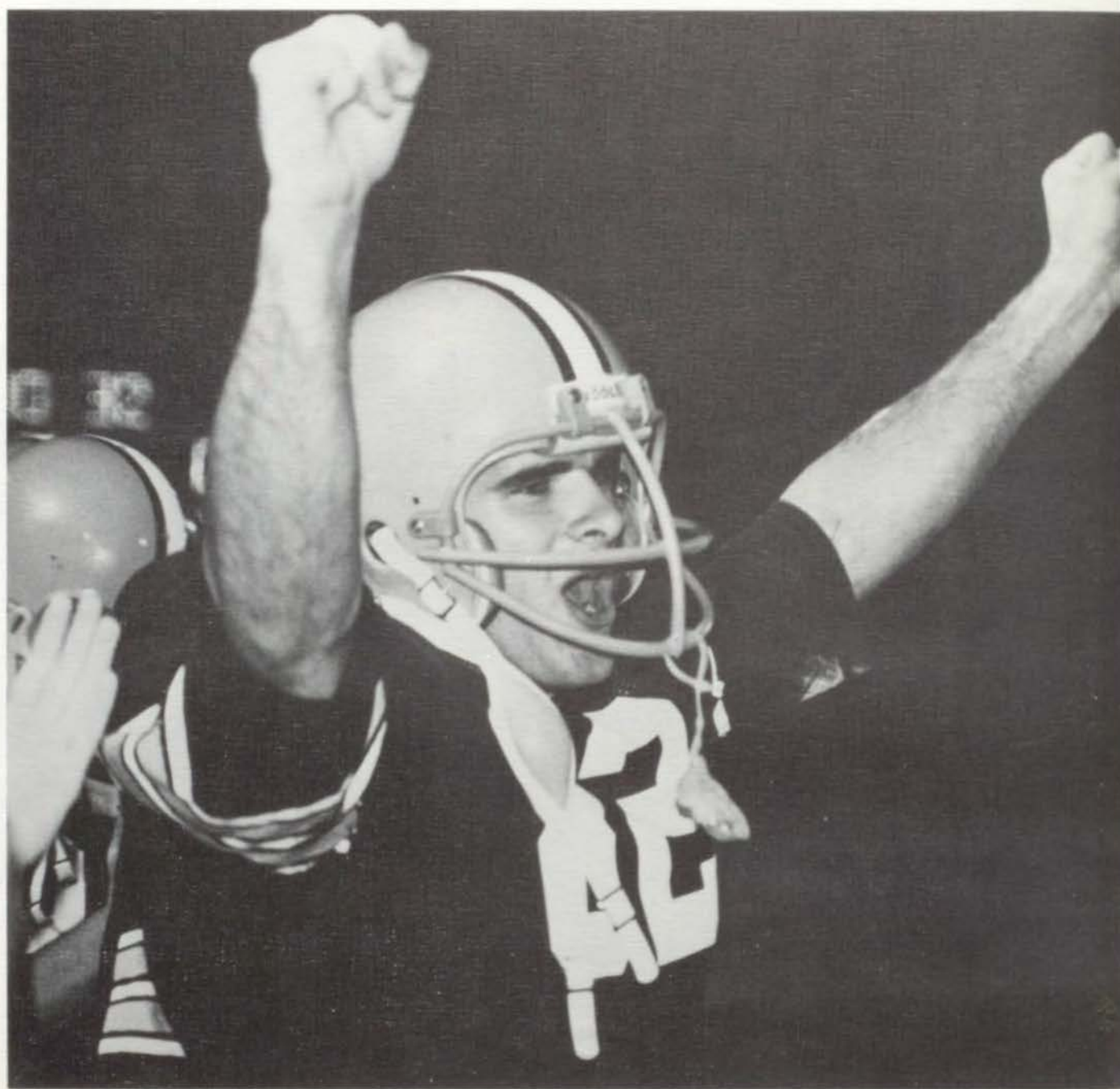
Hopes of a state play-off berth were thwarted as the Oakies fell to Truman. The team could only look forward to a three way tie for 1st place in the conference, until both Truman and Raytown lost to conference teams in the last week of the season. The Oak Park Mean Machine stomped Park Hill in their final game, propelling them into sole possession of the conference title.

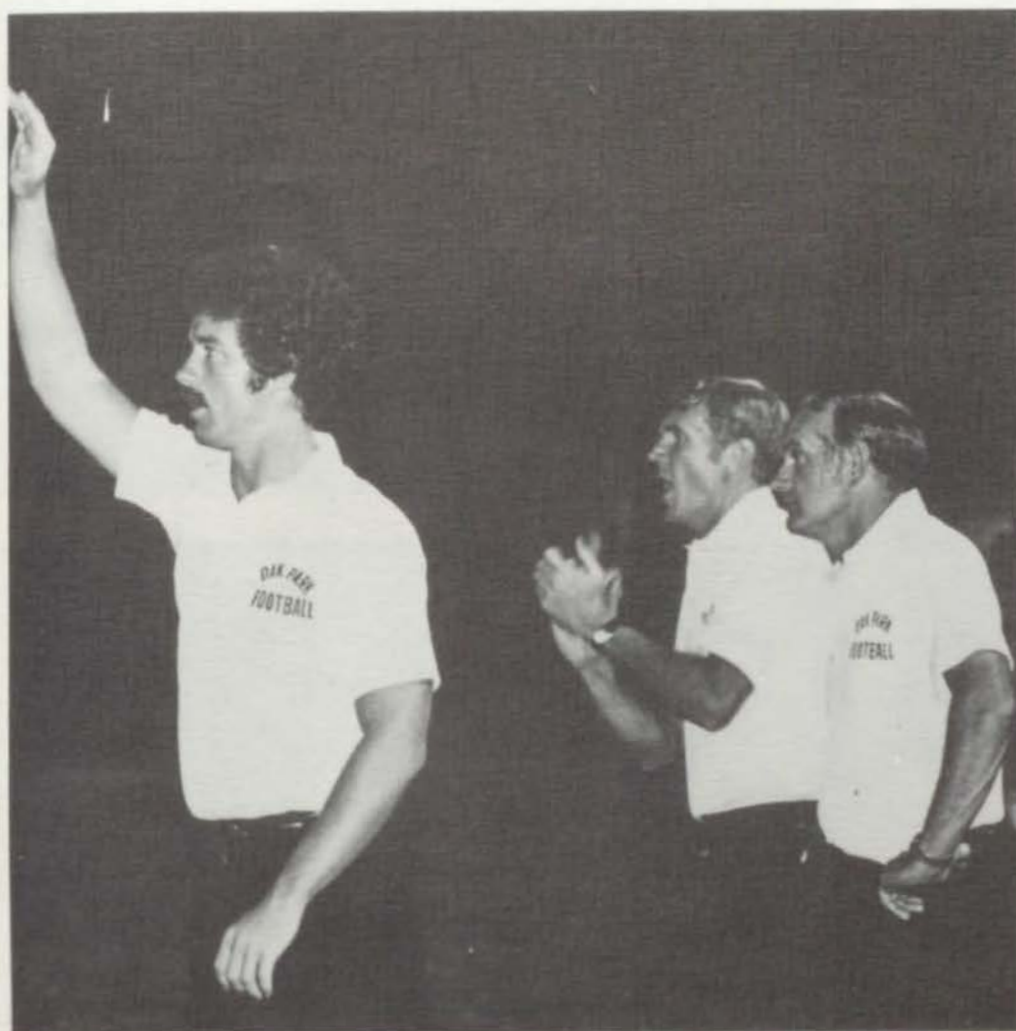




Top left, Alan Box halts Truman's offense in their tracks. Top center, Harold Reynolds receives instructions on defensive tactics. Top right, Jeff Salmon excitedly confirms the officials touchdown signal. Bottom left, Greg Lees hobbles off the field with the help of Mark Chaney and Don Gensler. Bottom center, The Doomaday Defense prepares for attack. Bottom right, Kevin Roberts contemplates the Northmen's loss to Grandview.







Top left, Pat Guevel powers through the Ray South defense. Top center, Tom Lamb attempts to evade Raytown's defensive line. Top right, Craig Wansing raises his hands in victory as he scores a decisive touchdown. Bottom left, Alan Box shouts encouragement to the Northmen offense. Bottom right, Coaches Wolverton, Crews, and Derry show their approval from the sidelines.

Starting out on the wrong foot, the Oak Park Gridders lost their first game to the Grandview Bulldogs. The heat and high humidity made it tough for the Oakies to get on track. Pat Guevel scored the only touchdown in the 12-7 defeat.

The Northmen pulled their act together against Shawnee Mission West. Solid offensive play was the main asset, with Pat Guevel and Tom Lamb each running for over one hundred yards. West went home with a 26-13 whipping.

Battling

Sister school Winnetonka was the next victim. The Oakies took a 22-0 lead at the half to coast to a 29-13 rout.

The Oakies traveled to Center to romp over the Yellowjackets 47-7. Igniting the Oakies' fire was Tom Lamb. Tackle Jeff Salmon had a defensive player's dream, returning a fumble for a touchdown.

Conference play opened against the Raytown South Cardinals. Bubba Kavanaugh returned a kick-off for 90 yards and a TD as the Cards were plucked 34-7.

Enthusiasm carries Oakies



Top left, Joe Macken looks upfield leaving the ball behind. Top center, Tom Lamb maneuvers around NKC's defense. Top right, Jeff Salmon pulls down a Trojan from behind. Bottom left, Jon Hadley cuts upfield following the blocking of Danny Baker and Cary Powell. Bottom center, Steve Henion options into line as Tom Lamb waits for the pitch.



Tactics prove successful

Due to bad weather, the Friday night game against Hickman Mills was postponed and played on the following Monday night. Playing on a cold, muddy field didn't slow the Oakies down as they beat the Cougars 18-0. The Northmen's charge was led by tailback Tom Lamb, who rushed for 144 yards on 24 carries.

Arch-rival North Kansas City came up against the Big Blue for the Homecoming game. The defensive unit held the Hornets to 123 total yards as the Oakies skunked them, 28-0.

Excitement filled the air as the number three ranked Oakies met number one ranked Raytown. The Northmen made the Bluejays bite the dust, as the Oakies had a 27-7 victory. The poster on the field simply read "The Northmen are 6-1 and we haven't done nothing yet!" As the final seconds ticked away, the Northmen eyed the number one spot in the city, and number one in conference.

Disappointing

North Kansas City Stadium was filled with tension as Oak Park met the Truman Patriots. Things looked bad from the start when the Patriots returned the opening kick-off for a touchdown. The Northmen bounced back, however, and took a 14-10 halftime lead. With a 21-16 edge late in the fourth quarter, it seemed to be an Oakie win, but victory wasn't meant for Oak Park. Truman gained possession of the ball and 2:15 left to play, the Patriots marched 46 yards down the field for a score and a 23-21 dethroning. Anticipation of a state play-off berth left the faces of the Oakie fans as they filed out of the stadium. The Northmen quickly learned the words of Vince Lombardi that, "it is more difficult to remain on top than to get there in the first place."



Top left. The junior varsity squad is: back row, Cary Powell, Charlie Brown, Kevin Shafer, Dean Vette, Chris Lancaster, Chris Davis, Mike Boyer, Vince Lee, Mark Gash, Todd Rowden; middle row, manager Greg Grill, Jon Baker, Scott Joslyn, Steve Danzo, Mitch Wohlgenuth, Smokey Curtis, Larry Pouker, Alec Blackwell, Brian Lee, Bubba Kavanaugh, Don Warren, manager John Odum; front row, Mark Templin, Lonie Roque, Mark Chaney, Mike Grauer, John Hadley, Scott Mendenhall, John Moore, and Don Gensler. Top right. The 1977 Varsity football team is: back row, Robert Wescott, Tom Lamb, Greg Lees, Jim Rosenthal, Craig Wansing, Steve Henion, Pat Guevel, Fred Stegall, Mark Swift; middle row, manager Jeff Cindrich, Jeff Salmon, Harold Reynolds, Kelly Anderson, Mike Wohlgenuth, Carl Dobney, Alan Box, Matt Burns, Daryl Osborn, Brett Porter, manager

Greg Ellis; front row, Mike Johnson, Tim Dailey, Joe Macken, Jeff Reuse, David Stoneking, Bob Bond and Brad Beustead. Bottom left. The sophomore squad is: back row, Coach Daryl Bland, Don Kisler, Donis Bahr, Steve Tinsley, Kevin Rhodes, Dan Beach, Scott Olson, Jerry Shapiro, Larry Gonner, Tom Walker, Vince Lee, Mark Lee, Duh Davis, Steve Carmack; Coach Steve McArthur, Coach Tom Wheaton; middle row, Doug Cross, David Pierson, Paul Hytenin, Jay Fohey, Dan Pfitzner, Tom Kozicki, Bob Smith, Mark Mahan, Eddie Norris, Shan Harward, James Gingrich; front row, Jim Kroger, Doug Payne, Craig Lemons, Pat Ibarra, Tom Santoni, Brad Frederick, Phil Brooke, Steve Harlan, David Branstetter, and Mike Reynolds. Bottom right. Mike Wohlgenuth, Craig Wansing, and Joe Macken look with anticipation toward a victory over Raytown.

1977 FOOTBALL SEASON

OAK PARK	7	GRANDVIEW	12
OAK PARK	26	SHAWNEE	
		MISSION WEST	13
OAK PARK	29	WINNETONKA	13
OAK PARK	47	CENTER	7
*OAK PARK	34	RAYTOWN SOUTH	7
*OAK PARK	18	HICKMAN MILLS	8
OAK PARK	28	NORTH KANSAS CITY	0
*OAK PARK	27	RAYTOWN	7
*OAK PARK	21	TRUMAN	23
*OAK PARK	28	PARK HILL	14

*denotes conference games

BIG 6 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	overall	conference
Oak Park	8-2	4-1
Hickman Mills	8-2	3-2
Raytown	8-2	3-2
Truman	7-3	3-2
Ray South	4-5-1	2-3
Park Hill	3-7	0-5

RUSHING

Tom Lamb	210 carries	1215 yards
Pat Guevel	111 carries	536 yards
Jon Hadley	44 carries	174 yards

SCORING

Tom Lamb	76 pts.
Pat Guevel	44 pts.
Kelly Anderson	36 pts.
Craig Wansing	24 pts.

DEFENSIVE POINTS

Greg Lees	7 interceptions	165 pts.
Mike Wohlgenuth	1 interception	158 pts.
Harold Reynolds	1 interception	126 pts.
Alan Box	1 interception	119 pts.



Top standings for OP



Coming off a disappointing loss the week before, the Northmen stepped onto a sloppy field to go out in style against the Park Hill Trojans. A victory would give the Oakies the conference title. Pat Guevel and Tom Lamb slid in for scores and Kelly Anderson grabbed two touchdown passes. The mud-caked Oakies left Trojan Country with a 28-14 win. The victory was the 100th win in Oak Park football history and the bragging rights to being conference champs.

Overcoming

The successful season was reflected in post-season honors, with All-District honors going to Kelly Anderson, Tom Lamb, Harold Reynolds, and Jeff Salmon. Jeff Salmon was also named to the All-State First Team, and selected to the Second Team were Kelly Anderson and Tom Lamb. Coaches awards were: Tom Lamb, **Offensive Player of the Year**; Greg Lees-, **Defensive Player of the Year**; Harold Reynolds, **Most Inspirational Player**, and Jeff Salmon, **Lineman of the Year**. Pep Club's Mr. Football Award went to Tom Lamb.



Cross-country consumes energy

Senior Steve Chesterton, the Northmen's top cross country runner, placed second in the district meet qualifying him to compete in the state meet. Unfortunately, Oak Park's hopes of a place at state were halted by a car accident which kept Steve out of competition in Jefferson City.

The Harriers, under the direction of new head coach Mr. Bob Busby, compiled a 2-0 record in triangular and 1-2 in quadrangular meets.

Perseverance

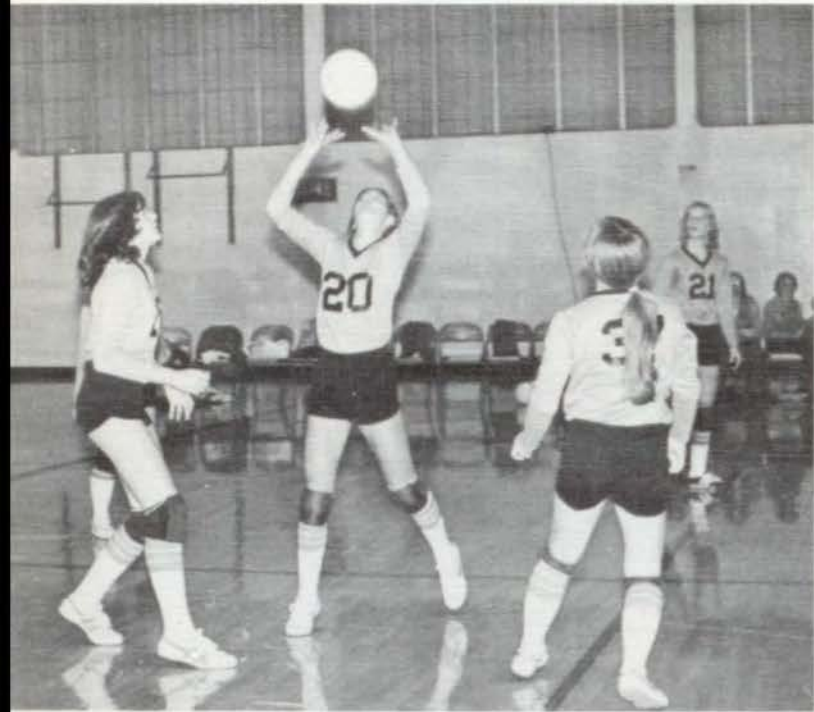
The Oakies placed fourth in conference and fourth out of thirteen teams in district. Consisting of seven seniors, two juniors, and five sophomores, the Northmen finished at the number 10 spot in the city.

NAME	YEAR	BEST TIME
Steve Chesterton	12	13.04
Mike Steele	12	13.26
Brian Whittall	12	14.00
Rich Miller	11	14.01
Bill Hayden	11	14.02
David Phillips	12	14.05

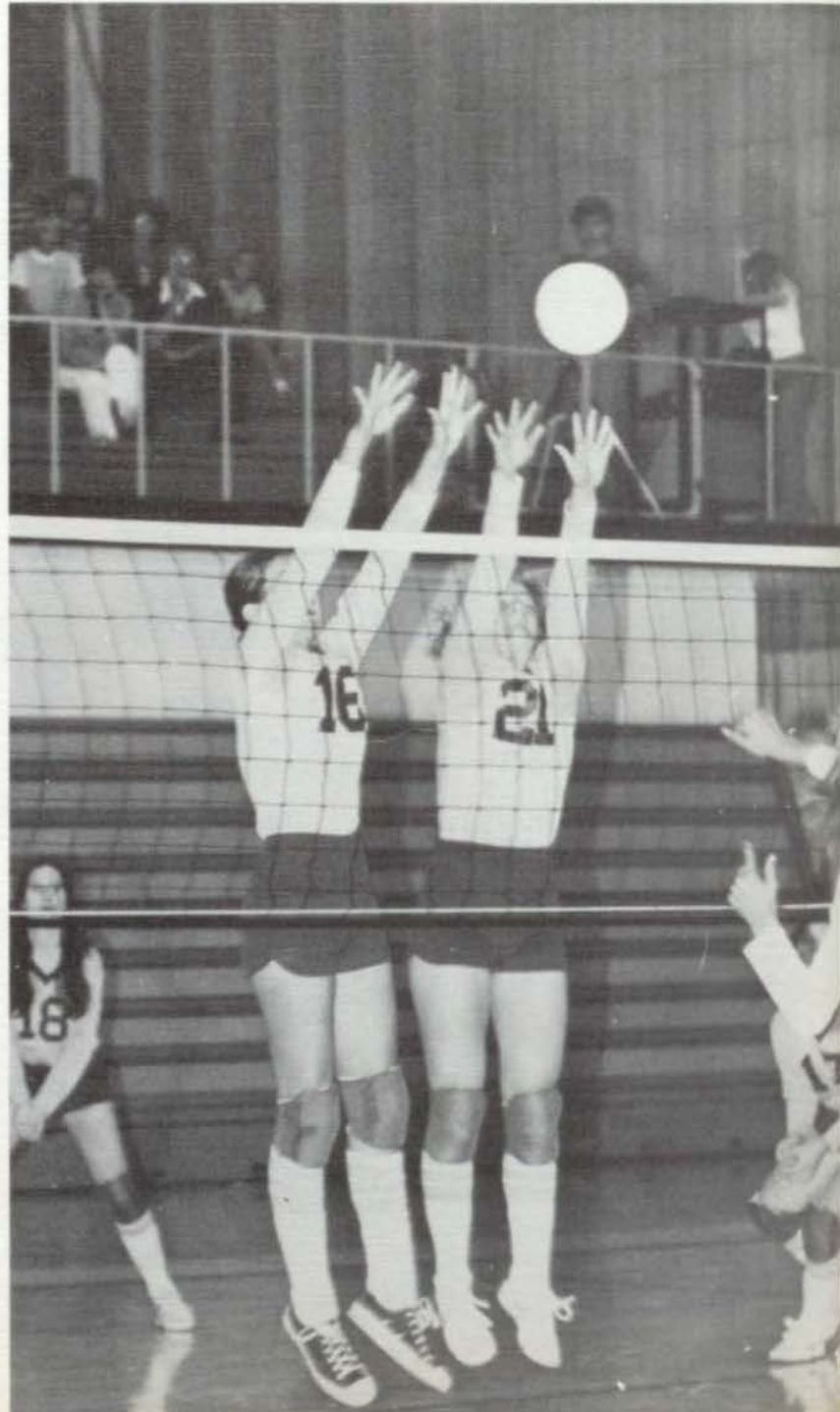




Top left, Bill Hayden fights back pain as he continues the two-mile run. Top center, State qualifier Steve Chesterton receives encouragement from a teammate. Top right, Rick Hays makes a pit-stop. Bottom left, Kevin Cooper, on the road to victory. Bottom center, the 1977 Harriers are: Rob Granquist, David Phillips, Mike Steele, Brian Whittal, Tim Meek, Kevin Cooper, Steve Chesterton, Richard Miller, Bill Hayden, Sam Rogers, Derek Gassen, Rick Hays, Chris Calvert, and Bob Busby. Bottom right, Bill Hayden, Steve Chesterton, and Brian Whittal get psyched up before the race.



Top left, Debbie Cone backssets the ball for an Oakie teammate. Top center, Stephanie Lees receives her letter certificate from Mrs. Jones at the volleyball banquet. Top right, Kerin Anderson moves the ball up to the front line while Maureen Mullins watches nearby. Bottom left, Maggie Root and Maureen Mullins work together to block the opponent's spike. Bottom right, JV player Stephanie Mullins shows varsity potential as she attempts to save the ball with a dig.





With three All-Conference players returning, the Oak Park Volleyball team set out to capture first in State in 1977. But their efforts proved futile as they lost in the first round of state against a psyched-up Ray South team. The Oakies, who ended the season with an outstanding 21-2 record, had beaten South twice before, but could not quite play up to their potential on their

Spiking

third meeting.

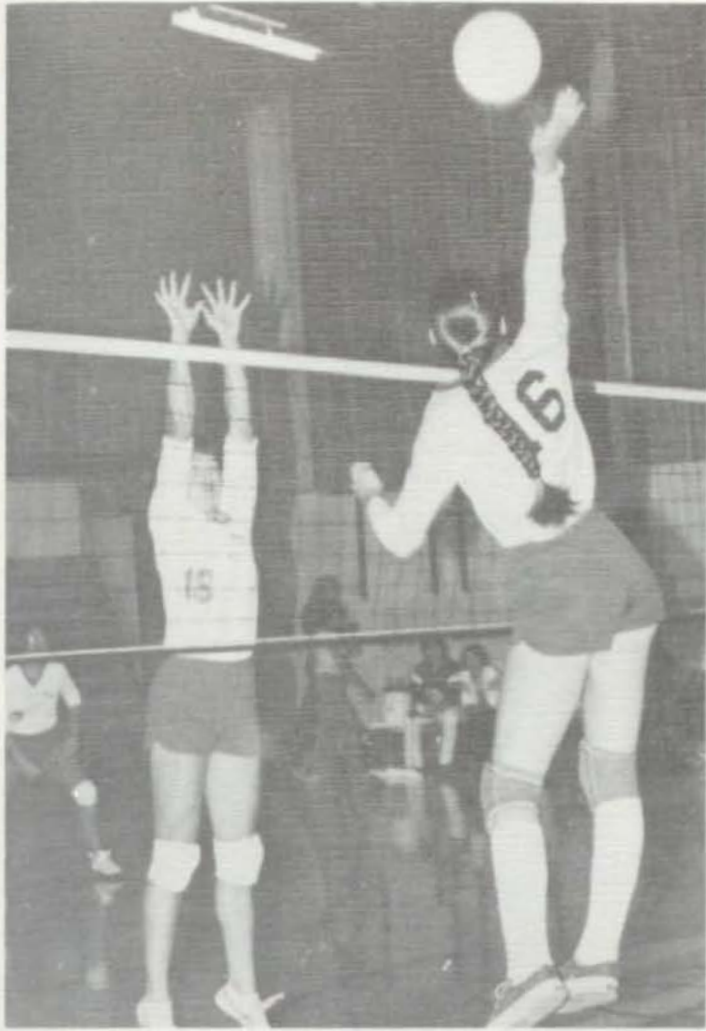
For the fourth straight year the volleyball team gained Conference and District titles. Their first victory this season against Raytown gave the Oakie J.V. and Varsity teams a combined 100 victories in just a little over three seasons.

Oakies set, dig their way to state

Volleyballers project enthusiasm



Top left, Maggie Root, Sue Duello, Kathy Ellis, Susan Moon, Debbie Cone, and Maureen Mullins after a victorious game. Top center, Sue Duello goes high to spike the ball over a Hickman Mills opponent. Top right, Maggie Root shows winning form as she spikes the ball. Bottom left, The 1977 Volleyball team is: back row, Shannon Roy, Sheri Netherton, Karen Faught, Maureen Mullins, Connie Henning, Cathy Evans, Sue Duello, Maggie Root, Stephanie Lees, Kathy Ellis, Cheryl Brown, Debbie Cone, Julie Johnson; front row, Jan Jenkins, Pam Thomas, Stephanie Mullins, Damian Valline, Kerin Anderson, Cary Mackender, Janice Bausch, Kathy Dawson, and Susan Moon. Bottom right, Kathy Ellis returns to the court after a well-placed return.



The "Northmen Bunch" proved to be powerful at the beginning of the season when they beat their first six opponents in two games a piece. They continued their court domination by winning their third straight championship at the Center Tournament.

Momentum was lost in the next four matches, but the Oakies were still able to win, including an exciting victory over Raytown South. However, the Oakies hit their season low at the Truman Tournament when they did not reach the finals.

Digging

The slump was short-lived as the Oakies bounced back to destroy Northtown, Winnetonka, and William Chrisman in their last three games.

In post season play, Oak Park breezed through the District Tournament beating each of their opponents in two games.

Five players received All-Conference honors. Chosen for the first team were Maureen Mullins and Sue Duello. Maggie Root and Kathy Ellis were picked for the second team and Kerin Anderson was voted as an honorable mention. Maureen was also awarded Miss Volleyball by the Pep Club and was selected as the Most Valuable Player by her teammates.

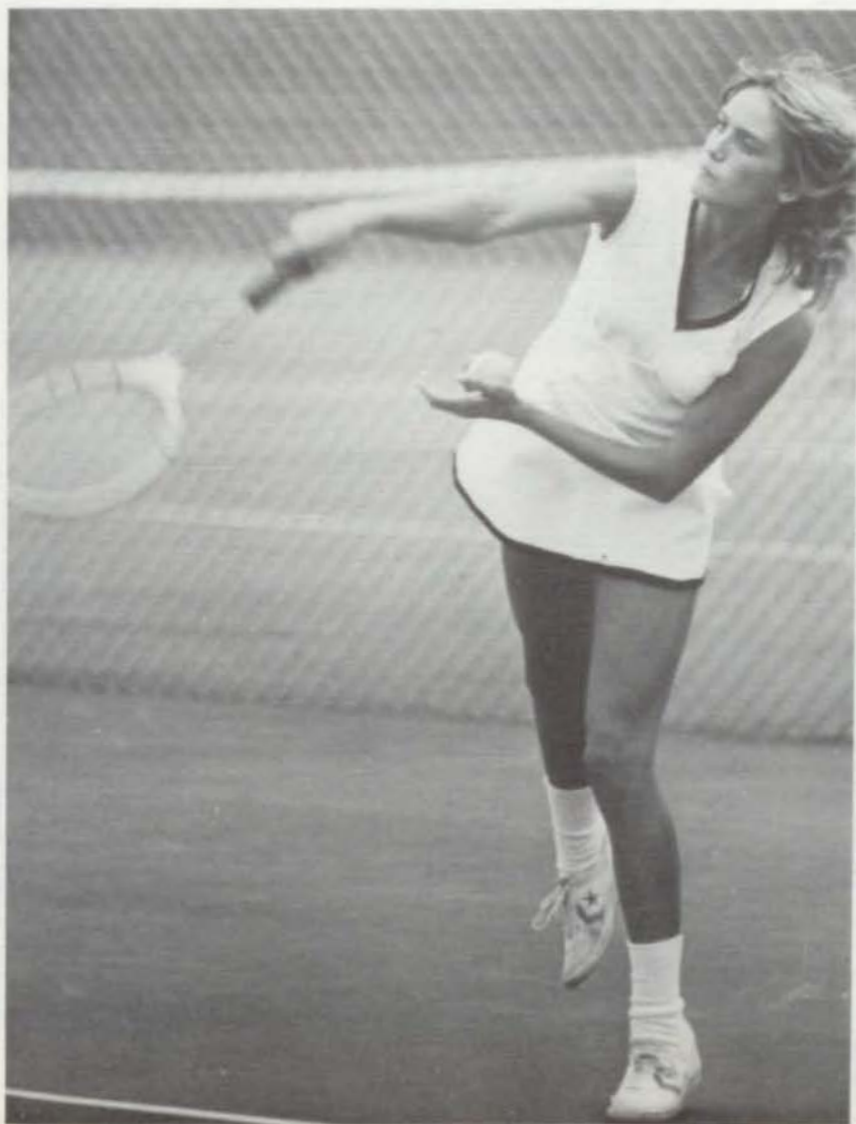




Top left, Linda Grun displays her backhand. Top center, Missy Barber forehands the ball back to her opponent. Top right, Members of the 1977 girls' tennis team are: Shirley Wingo, Coach Nancy Hudson, Dana Rogers, Missy Barber, Rhonda Garland, Linda Grun, Dee Anne Groer, Lisa Wade, Sherry Carnes, Teresa Dailey, Tammy Baynham, Inez Tinsley, Teresa Heffron, and Diane Dawson. Bottom left, Mrs. Nancy Hudson discusses strategy with Lisa Wade. Bottom right, Tami Baynham deeply concentrates on her serve.



Oakies rally to improve game



Oak Park's tennis team, under the guidance of Mrs. Nancy Hudson, played well above their expectations grabbing second place in Conference play and winning first in the Oak Park Invitational Tournament. Junior Varsity took first in Conference by finishing the season with an 11-1 record.

Mrs. Hudson was quite enthusiastic about her top players Missy Barber and Linda Grun, who out of 20 teams in District competition, captured a third place medal in doubles play. Individual pride was reflected in the faces of Missy Barber, Linda Grun, Tami Baynham, Lisa Wade, Dee Ann Greer, and Dana Rogers as they advanced into

Strokes

District competition in singles play at St. Joseph, Missouri.

Rain and darkness affected two of the scheduled games during mid-season, tightening the girls' playing schedule, but this did not hamper the spirits of the tennis team as they ended the season with an 8-4 record.

During the season, the players' concentration and confidence were stressed as each girl attempted to do her best in competition. Mrs. Hudson advised the players to "play each point at a time" and to "make the opponent play your game."

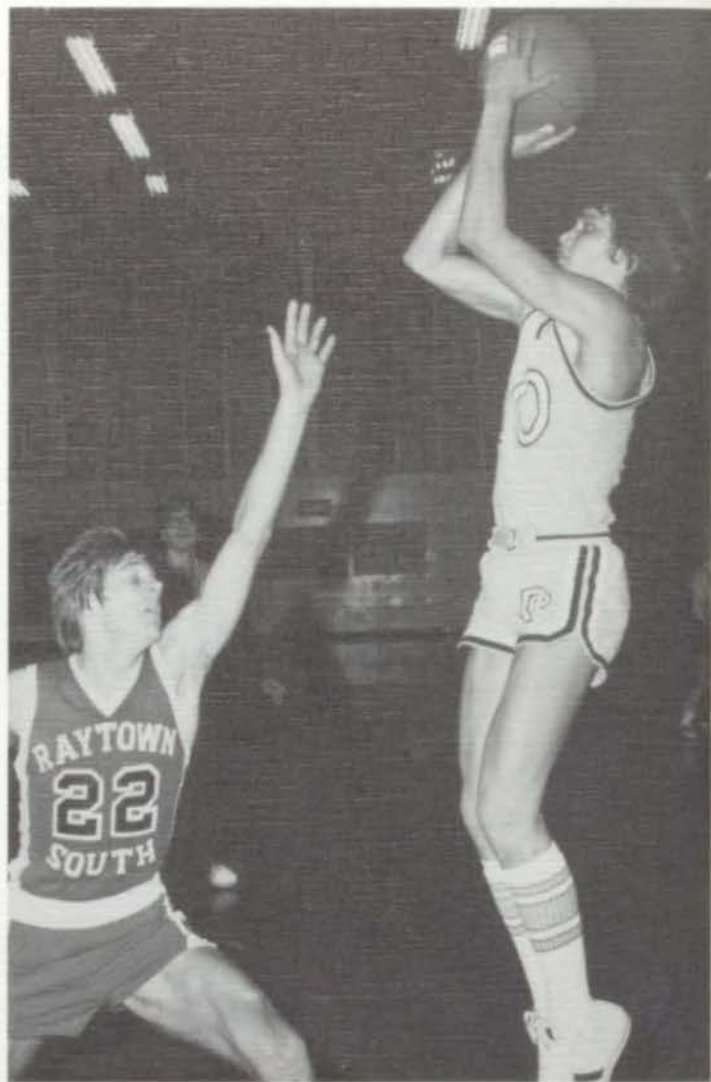
Oakies dribble, pass, shoot for points

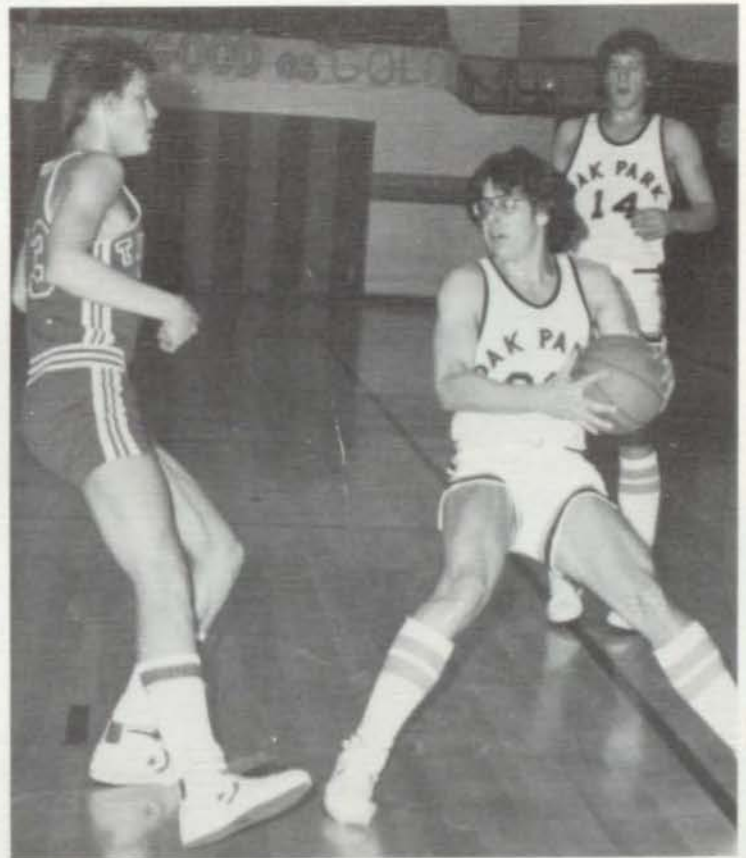
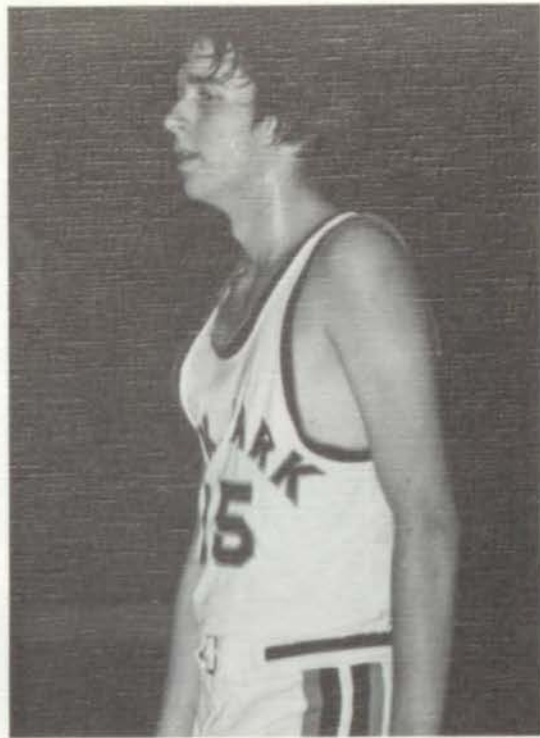
The 1977-1978 basketball season proved to be a disappointing one as the Northmen put together a 6-18 record. "From a coach's standpoint it was frustrating and enjoyable," said Coach Jim Draper. "Enjoyable because our team was hard working and very coachable. The team continued to improve in play technique despite a lack of success in the won-loss column."

Highlighting the season was the stunning upset of the No. 1 seeded team in the 28th Annual North Kansas City Tournament. Another high point was a come-from-behind overtime conference victory.

Underdog

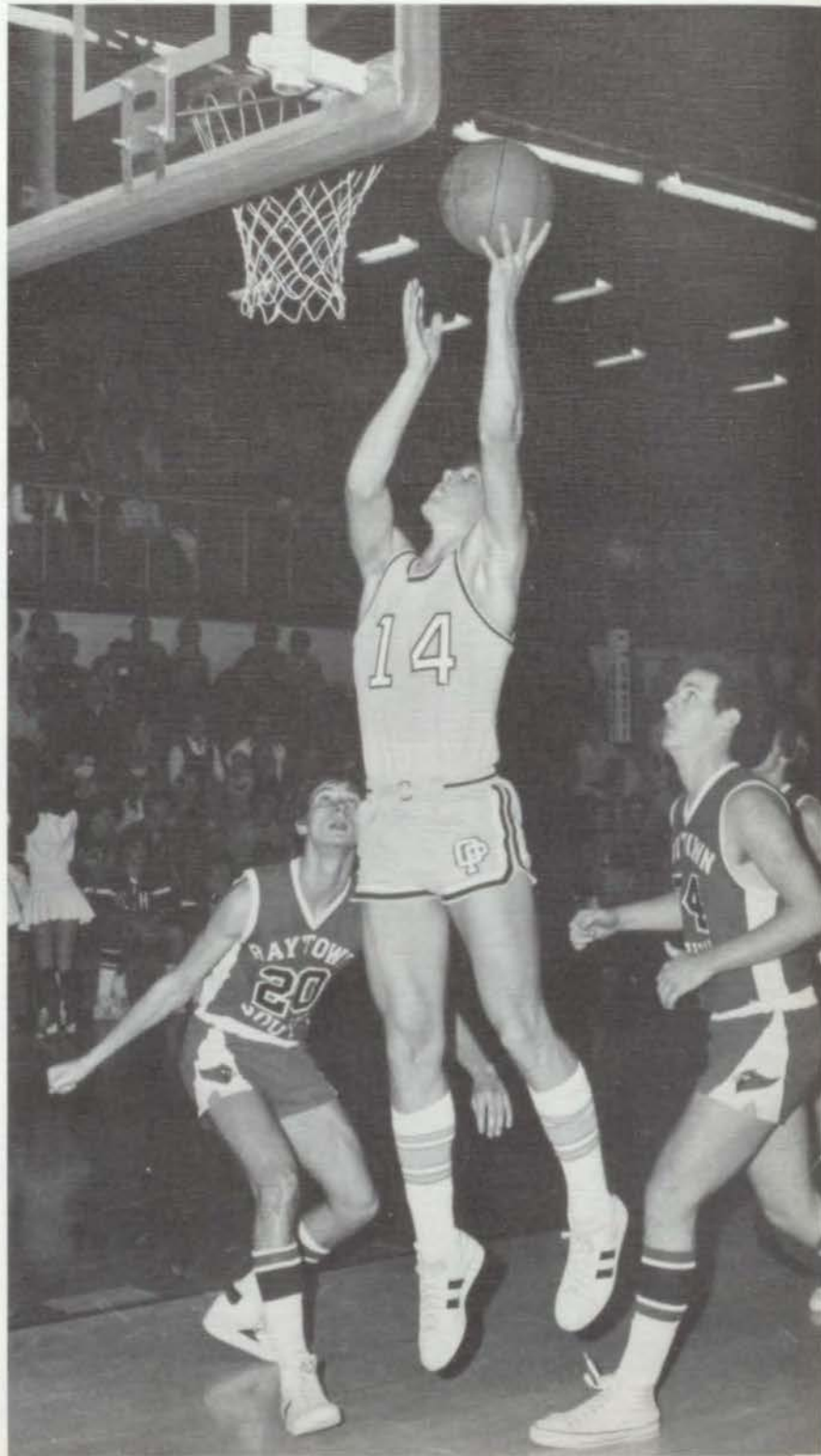
Hosting the Northland Invitational, Oak Park defeated St. Pius 65-50. Craig Wansing led the scoring for the Northmen with 19 points. Running into difficulties the following night against Winnetonka, the Oakies lost 47-66. Craig Wansing put in 28 points with Alan Chenoweth being the leading rebounder grabbing six.





Top left, John Cameron escapes a Cardinal's reach. Top center, Tom Audley and Dave DeMeyer work together to gain possession of the ball. Top right, Exhaustion overtakes David Crosswhite. Bottom left, Craig Wansing contemplates a shot. Bottom center, Dave DeMeyer evades his Raytown opponents. Bottom right, Jim Hake comes to an abrupt halt.

Top right. With a tip-off between Oak Park and St. Pius, the game begins. Top left. A disappointed Coach Jim Draper leaves the court. Bottom left. Dave DeMeyer keeps his eye on the basket as he dribbles down the court. Bottom center, Greg Loes carries the ball to the rim. Bottom right, Craig Wansing uses both hands in an effort to control the ball.





Oak Park opened the non-conference season against North Kansas City with the Hornets handing them a 50-66 loss.

The Northmen lost a close one in the opening round of the Raytown South Tournament, 38-40.

In December, the Oakies were again denied a victory losing to Grandview, 45-54, but followed with a conference victory over Park Hill, 69-54.

Fighting

But the Northmen could not put a winning streak together as they began a five game losing streak. Oak Park lost to S.M. West 52-56, Winnetonka 70-74, Lincoln 58-67, Raytown 44-49, Raytown South 27-48.

Ending their five game losing streak in the NKC Tournament, the Northmen upset the number one team in the tournament, Winnetonka, 45-42. Tom Audley starred for Oak Park with 17 points. Oak Park then defeated NKC, 47-43. But the streak was broken as they lost to Truman 47-70, for third place in the tournament.

Disappointment pervades court



Top left, Back row, Coach Jim Hughes, Craig Lemons, Gary Greer, John Maas, Chris Hayns, Greg Biery, Brant Mowry, Chris Wallis, Sam Rogers, Brad Harris, Gary Quador, Coach Richard Brill; front row, Tim Norton, Randall Allan, Steve Harlan, Tom Walker, Randy Draper, Jay Adams, Pat Ibarra, Cory Lundy, David Long, and Dub Davis make up the sophomore squad. Top right, Greg Lees maneuvers beneath a Patriot's exaggerated reach. Bottom left, The junior varsity squad is Kevin Brown, Mark Templin, Greg Biery, Chris Wallis, Dennis Seymore, Mike Sims, Kurt Kavanaugh, Jeff Loveall, Kevin Marks, and John Colner. Bottom center, Alan Chenoweth assures the Northmen another two points. Bottom right, The 1977-78 varsity Roundballers are: back row, Chris Wallis, Tom Audley, Craig Wansing, Greg Lees, Dennis Seymore, Alan Chenoweth; front row, John Colner, John Cameron, Greg Biery, David Cossawhite, Jim Hake, and Dave DeMeyer.

Accuracy, expertise improve

1977-78 BASKETBALL SEASON

Oak Park	65	St. Plus	50
Oak Park	47	Winnetonka	66
Oak Park	50	N.K.C.	40
Oak Park	38	Springfield Parkview	66
Oak Park	53	Raytown South	66
Oak Park	45	Grandview	54
Oak Park	69	Park Hill	54
Oak Park	52	S.M. West	56
Oak Park	70	Winnetonka	74
Oak Park	58	Lincoln	67
Oak Park	44	Raytown	49
Oak Park	27	Raytown South	48
Oak Park	45	Winnetonka	42
Oak Park	47	N.K.C.	43
Oak Park	47	Truman	70
Oak Park	55	Rockhurst	65
Oak Park	49	Truman	55
Oak Park	65	Hickman Mills	62
Oak Park	60	Park Hill	54
Oak Park	44	Raytown	54
Oak Park	48	Raytown South	72
Oak Park	45	Truman	47
Oak Park	45	Hickman Mills	43
Oak Park	58	St. Joe Central	66

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

TEAMS	WINS	LOSSES
Truman	9	1
Raytown South	7	3
Raytown	5	5
Hickman Mills	5	5
Oak Park	4	6
Park Hill	1	10

STATISTICS

PLAYERS	POINTS	REBOUNDS
Craig Wansing	369	174
David DeMeyer	161	48
Tom Audley	143	95
Greg Lees	132	68
David Crosswhite	108	36

Oak Park ended their January schedule by struggling against Rockhurst for a 55-65 loss and a 49-55 defeat to Truman.

Changing their losing ways, the Northmen defeated Hickman Mills in overtime, 65-62, and Park Hill, 60-54.

The Oakies then lost to Raytown 44-54, Raytown South 48-72, and Truman 45-47. The Oakies then defeated Hickman Mills 45-43 for their final victory of the year.

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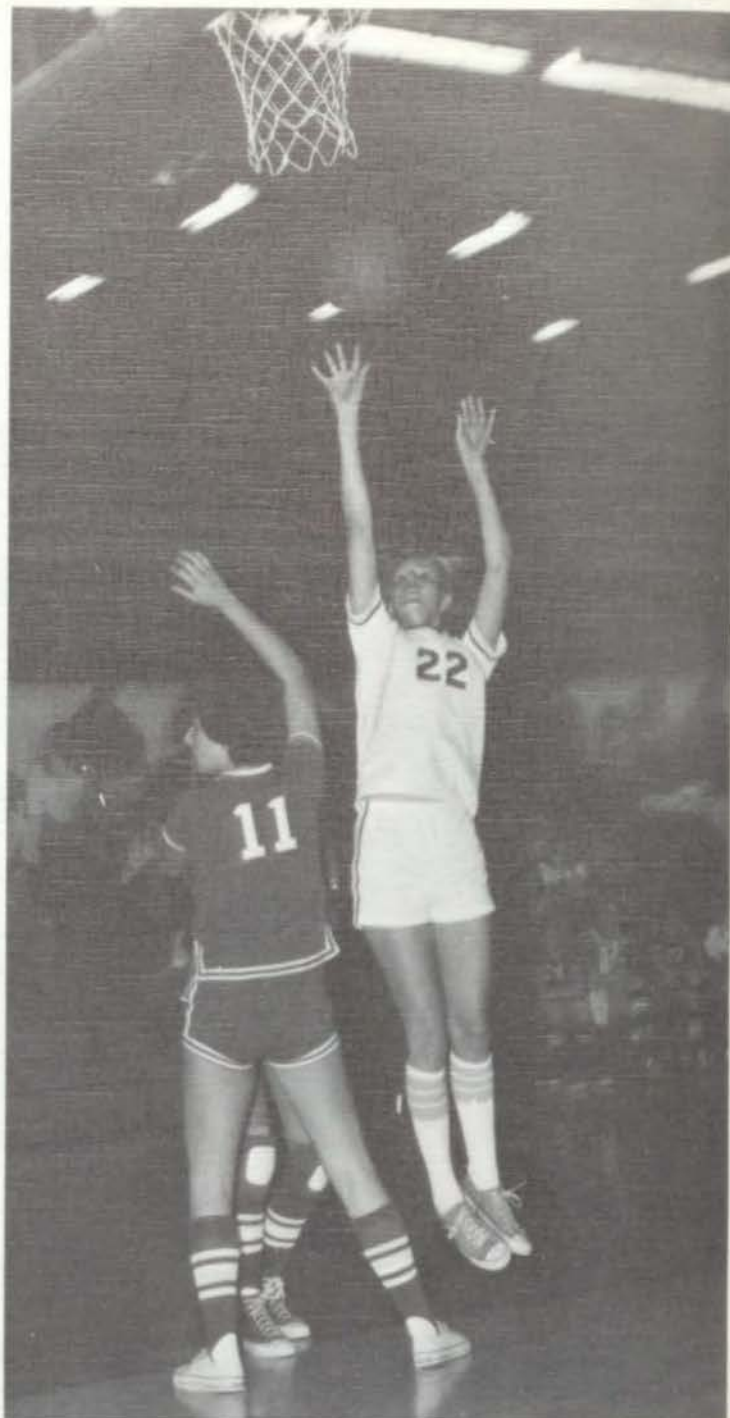
Despite a disappointing 6-18 record, two Oakies received conference honors. First team honors went to Craig Wansing while sophomore David DeMeyer was Honorable Mention.

Team awards went to Wansing, top rebounder, Most Valuable Player and Mr. Basketball. Top free throw shooter was awarded to DeMeyer. Tom Audley and Wansing were named this year's co-captains.

Jim Hake was the recipient of the first annual Dispatch Dedication Award which will be awarded annually to five Northland basketballers.

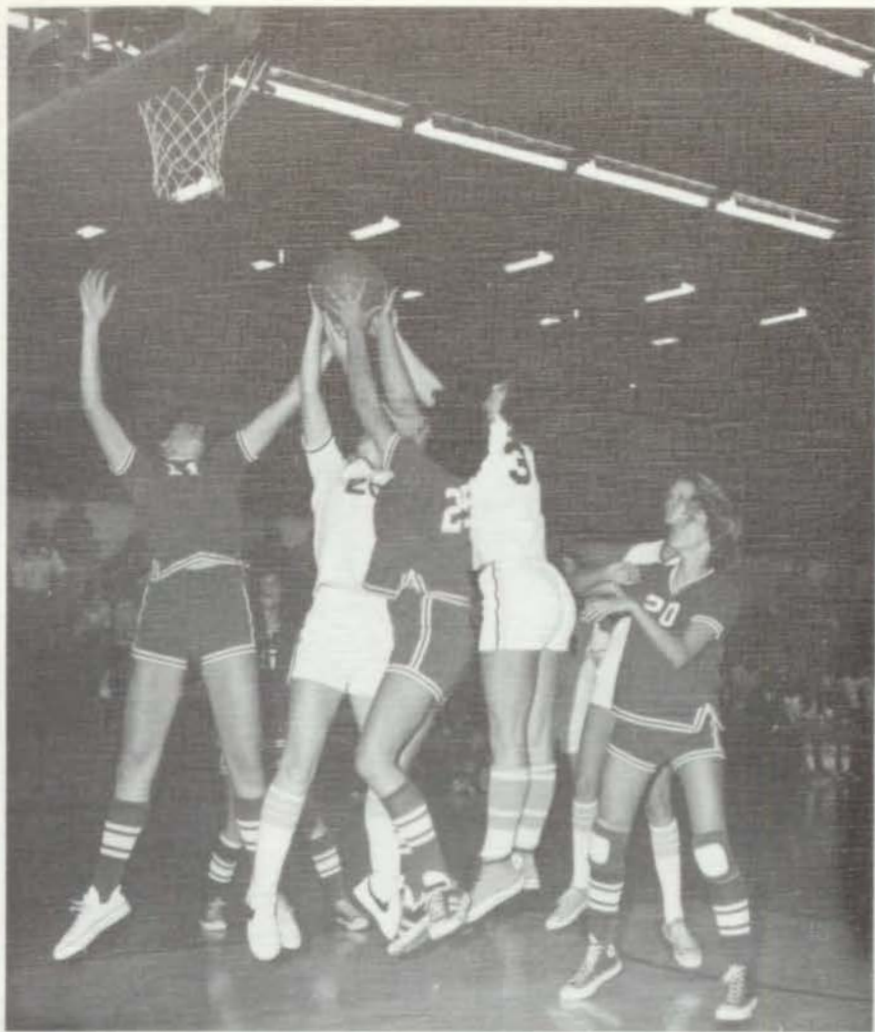


Spectators excited by roundballers



Top left, Jan Jenkins aims for the basket. Top center, Wendy Worthey jumps high for two points. Top right, Debbie Nixon and Dana Rogers struggle with Winnetonka for possession of the ball. Bottom left, Dana Rogers dribbles around her opponent. Bottom right, Wendy Worthey strains as she goes up to reach the ball.





Lack of experience seemed to be the main factor for the unsuccessful season encountered by the girls' basketball team. Oak Park ended their season with a 3-17 record overall and a 1-9 Conference record.

Mr. Bob Bryant, coach of this year's team, explained that the girls had been lax

Inexperience

in the first half of the season due to inexperience, but they surged onward in the second half of the season to advance into the regional tournament. The tide turned again, however, as the girls lost the first game against William Chrisman, 49-19.



Near-misses hamper scores

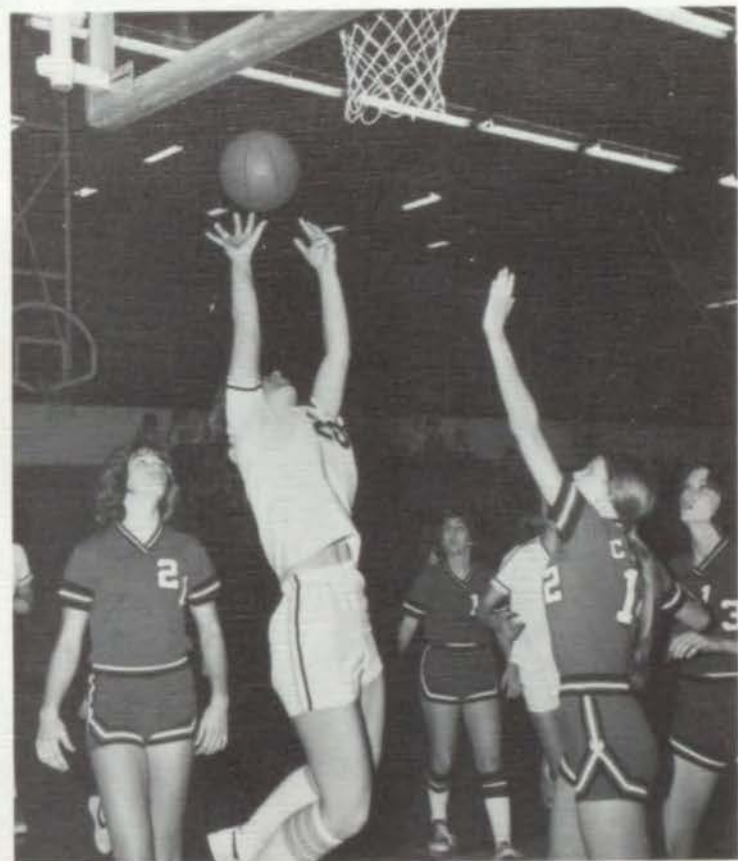
Although the season was a disappointment for the team, many old records were broken by a couple of outstanding players. Dana Rogers established new records in such categories as: high point total, 189; high point average, 9.9; most rebounds, 136; and most points in a single game, 30 pts. Kari Sullivan set a new record with 53 assists.

Rebounding

Dana Rogers was named to the second team All-Conference and Kari Sullivan received an honorable mention. Debbie Nixon was awarded Most Valuable Player and Jo Petty was honored with the title of Outstanding J.V. Player by their teammates.

The captains of this year's team were Wendy Worthey, senior, and Diane Van Beceleare junior.





Top left, Kari Sullivan dribbles around a Hickman Mills player. Top center, Debbie Nixon attempts to keep the ball away from Ray South. Top right, Jan Jenkins lunges for the ball. Bottom left, Kari Sullivan shoots over her opponent's head. Bottom center left, The 1977-78 varsity girls' basketball team is back row, Stephanie Mullins, Dana Rogers, Betty Chadwick, Karen Faught, Wendy Worthey; front row, Jan Jenkins, Diana VanBecelaere, and Kari Sullivan. Bottom center right, The junior varsity roundballers are: back row, Wendy White, Jane Overbey, Jan Hawk, Judy Howe, Teresa Dailey, Pamm Thomas; front row, Debbie Cone, Susan Gutsch, Connie Henning, Cheryl Brown, Jo Petty, and Mary Campabasso. Bottom right, Debbie Nixon puts the ball out of the Cardinals' reach.



Top left, David Churchman holds up against an aggressive wrestler. Top center, Eddie Norris attempts a reversal. Top right, Danny Dugan locks in a cradle in an effort to pin his opponent. Bottom left, Duane Brucker struggles for control. Bottom center, Steve Ritchey captures the championship at the Oak Park Invitational. Bottom right, Paul Ryan maneuvers into a difficult situation.



Wrestlers make impressive start



The 1977-1978 wrestling squad was directed by Coach Gary O'Dell, who moved up from his assistant coach position from a year ago. Teaming up with him was Coach Darrel Bland, also in his first season at Oak Park.

The coaching change didn't effect the successfulness of the squad as they put together a respectable 7-3 record, defeating Winnetonka 33-30, Raytown South 29-25, North Kansas City 31-24, Hickman Mills 50-3, Truman 35-18, Center 58-9, and

Starving

Grandview 34-22. Taking first in the North Kansas City Quadrangular, the Northmen were off to an impressive start. Carrying on in their winning style Oak Park placed third in the North Kansas City Tournament and the Winnetonka Take-Down Tournament, as Oak Park was strong throughout tournament play. The J.V. squad was also tough with a 6-4 record, brightening Oak Park's wrestling future.

Conference, District, and Regionals rounded out the 1977-1978 wrestling season. The conference title is determined at the end of the year by the team standings. However, Coach O'Dell said, "This probably isn't the fairest way because we didn't get to wrestle every conference opponent." The Oak Park Invitational, whose purpose is to prepare wrestlers for district, proved to be a tough match for the

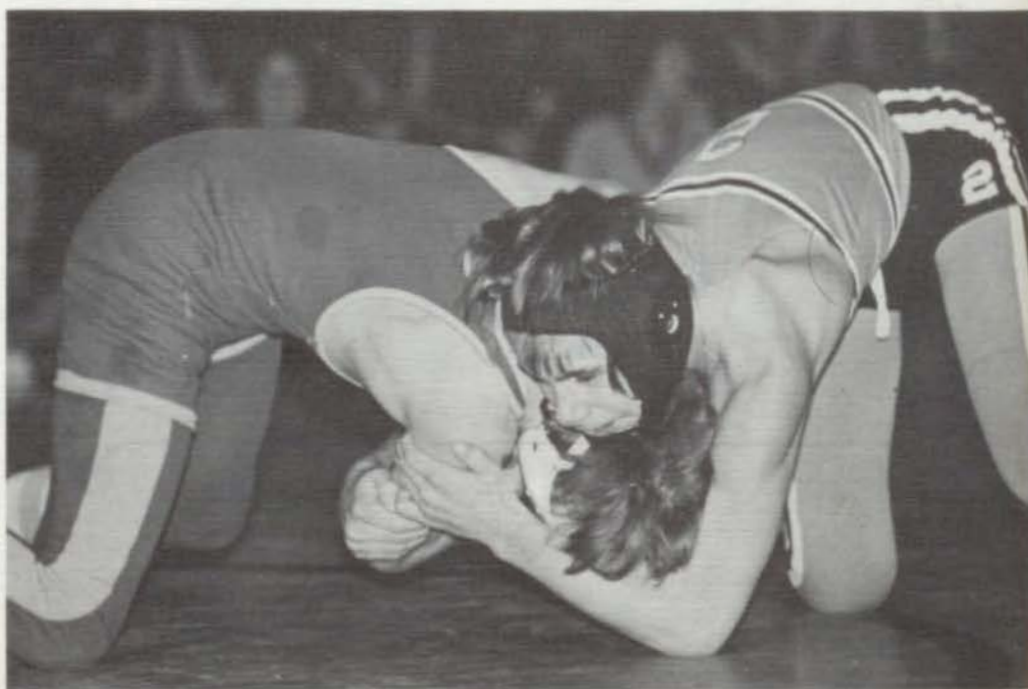
Determination

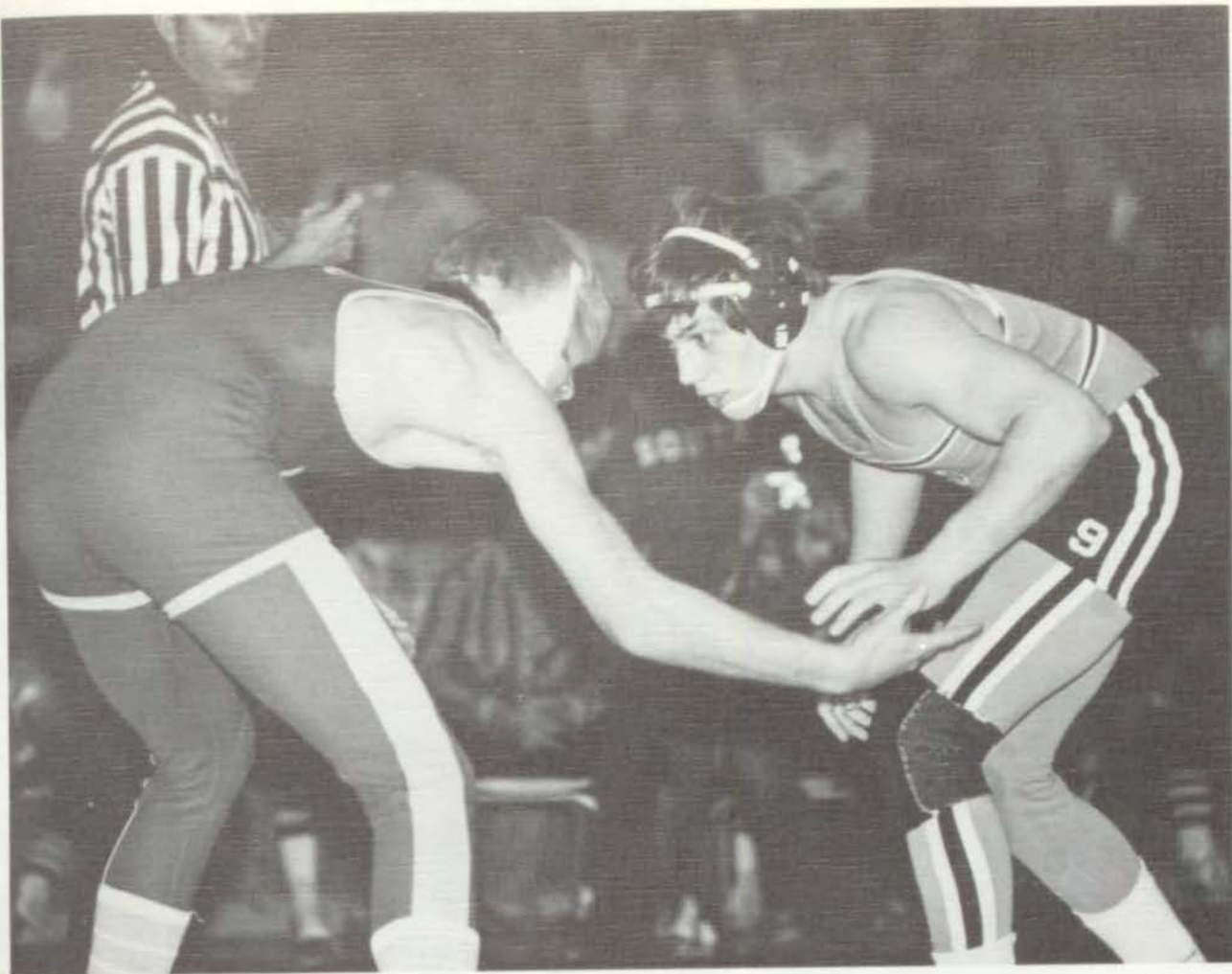
Northmen. Oak Park placed fifth out of eight teams. Raytown and Winnetonka placed first and second, respectively. Top individual performances came from Steve Ritchey placing first, Rick Patterson, Fred Stegall, Danny Dugan, second, and Paul Ryan, third.

The Northmen faltered in district, only advancing three grapplers to Regionals. In order for a wrestler to go on to Regionals, he must place in the top four in his weight class.

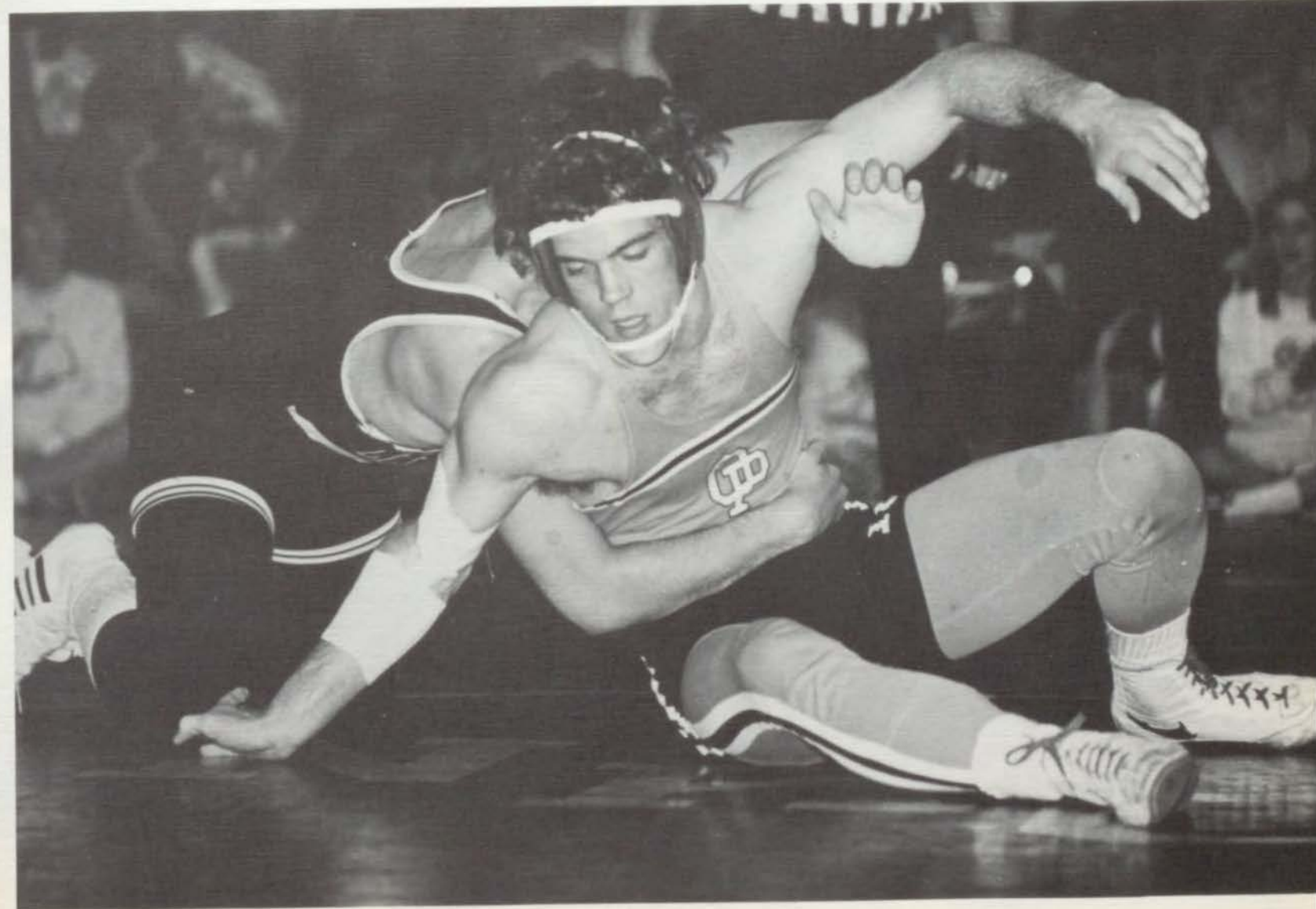


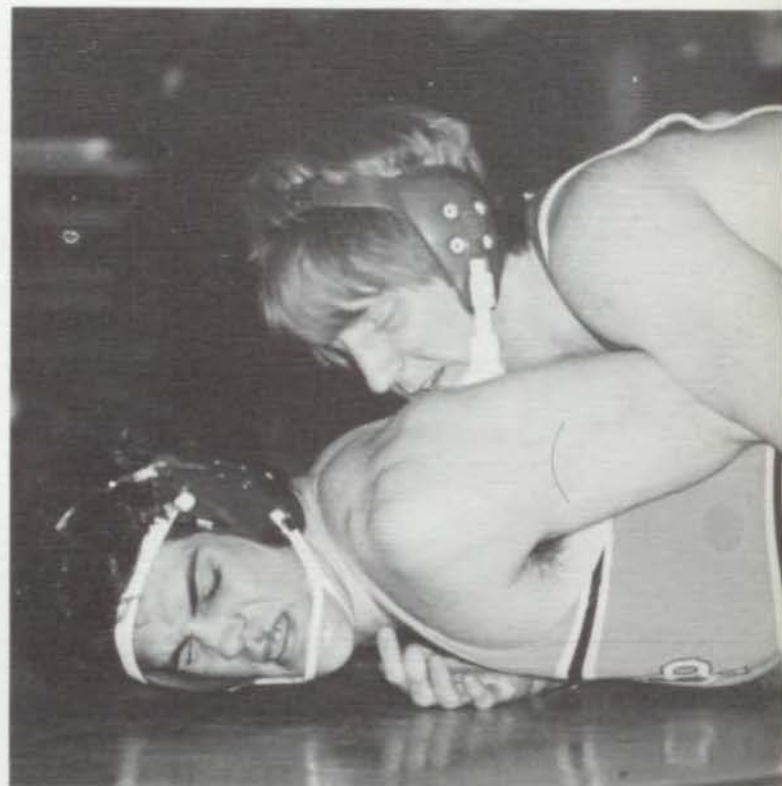
Oakies face opposition





Top left, Steve Ritchey works for a reverse. Top center, A victorious Paul Ryan. Top right, Danny Dugan prepares for a takedown. Bottom left, Dwayne Brucker tries to cross-face his opponent. Bottom right, sitting out, Fred Stegall eludes his Lee's Summit opponent.





Top left, Jim Douglass attempts to break his opponent down. Top center, Jim McKinney squeezes a Yellowjacket. Top right, Harold Reynolds drives into his opponent. Bottom left, Steve Ritchey applies pressure to roll his opponent over. Bottom center, Fred Stegall grimaces in an effort to escape. Bottom right, Coach Gary O'Dell and Mike Grauer pay close attention to an Oakie grappler.

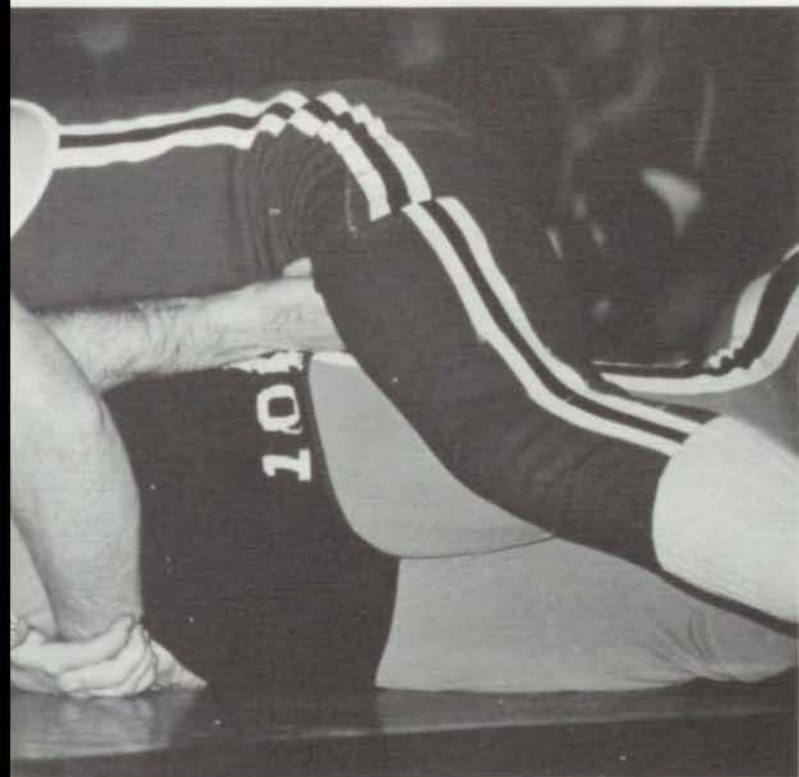
Stronghold sought by grapplers



Two Oakies met defeat in the Regional Tournament at Winnetonka, where Oak Park could only advance one Northman to the state championship. Steve Ritchey was the lone victor by pinning his opponent in the third round. Danny Dugan lost a close 4-3 decision and Fred Stegall lost 6-2 to Greg Dolence, who later placed second in state.

Agonizing

98	Rick Patterson	20- 6
105	Duane Brucker	2- 3
112	Chris Marx	6-16
119	Paul Ryan	14-11
126	Jim McKinney	15- 7- 2
132	David Chruchman	6-13
138	Mike Grauer	6-14
	Eddie Norris	3- 4
145	Steve Ritchey	28- 3
155	Danny Dugan	20- 8- 2
167	Fred Stegall	19- 7
185	Harold Reynolds	11-12- 1
Hwt	Chris Davis	5-14



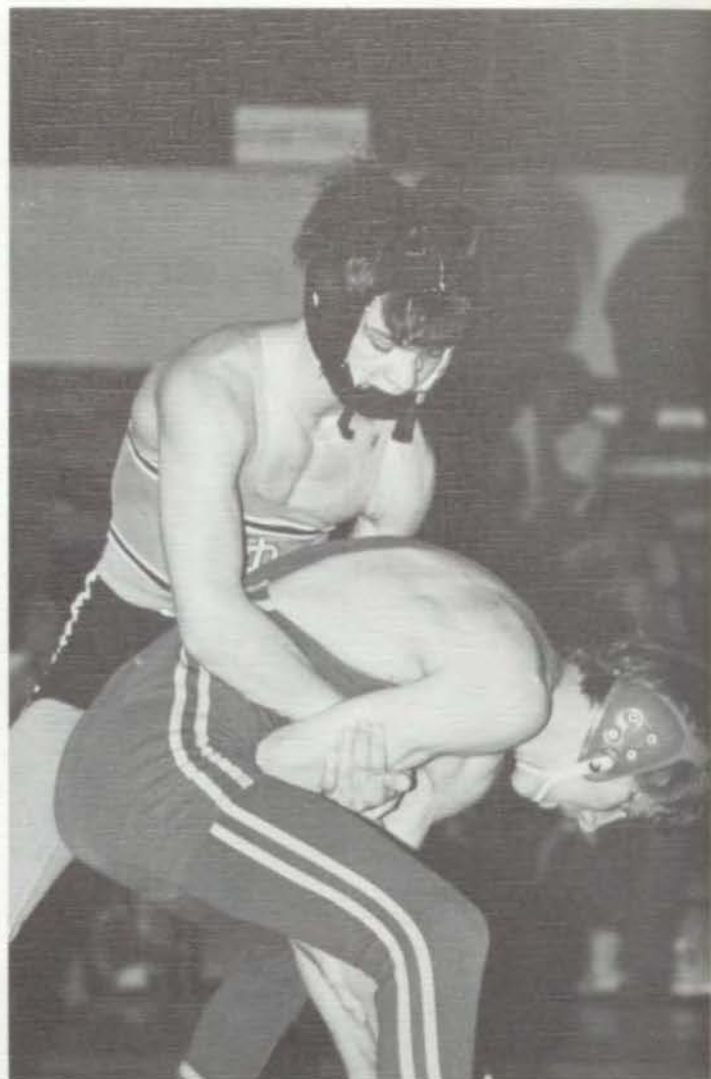
Wrestlers falter late in season

Steve Ritchey was the only Oakie in the State Tournament in Columbia. Although Steve lost in the first round, he felt going to the State Tournament was really a nice way to wrap up his season. It also gave Steve a chance to get to know the two coaches better. He offered high praise saying that, "Coach O'Dell and Coach Bland are a team in and out of practice, which will carry the future teams far."

Intensity

This year's team honors went to Steve Ritchey, "Best Wrestler." "Most Improved" went to Danny Dugan. "Best Sportsmanship" was awarded to David Chruchman. "Mr. Hustler" was Jim McKinney and Steve Ritchey was voted "Mr. Wrestler" by the student body. Tri-Captains were Danny Dugan, Harold Reynolds, and Steve Ritchey.

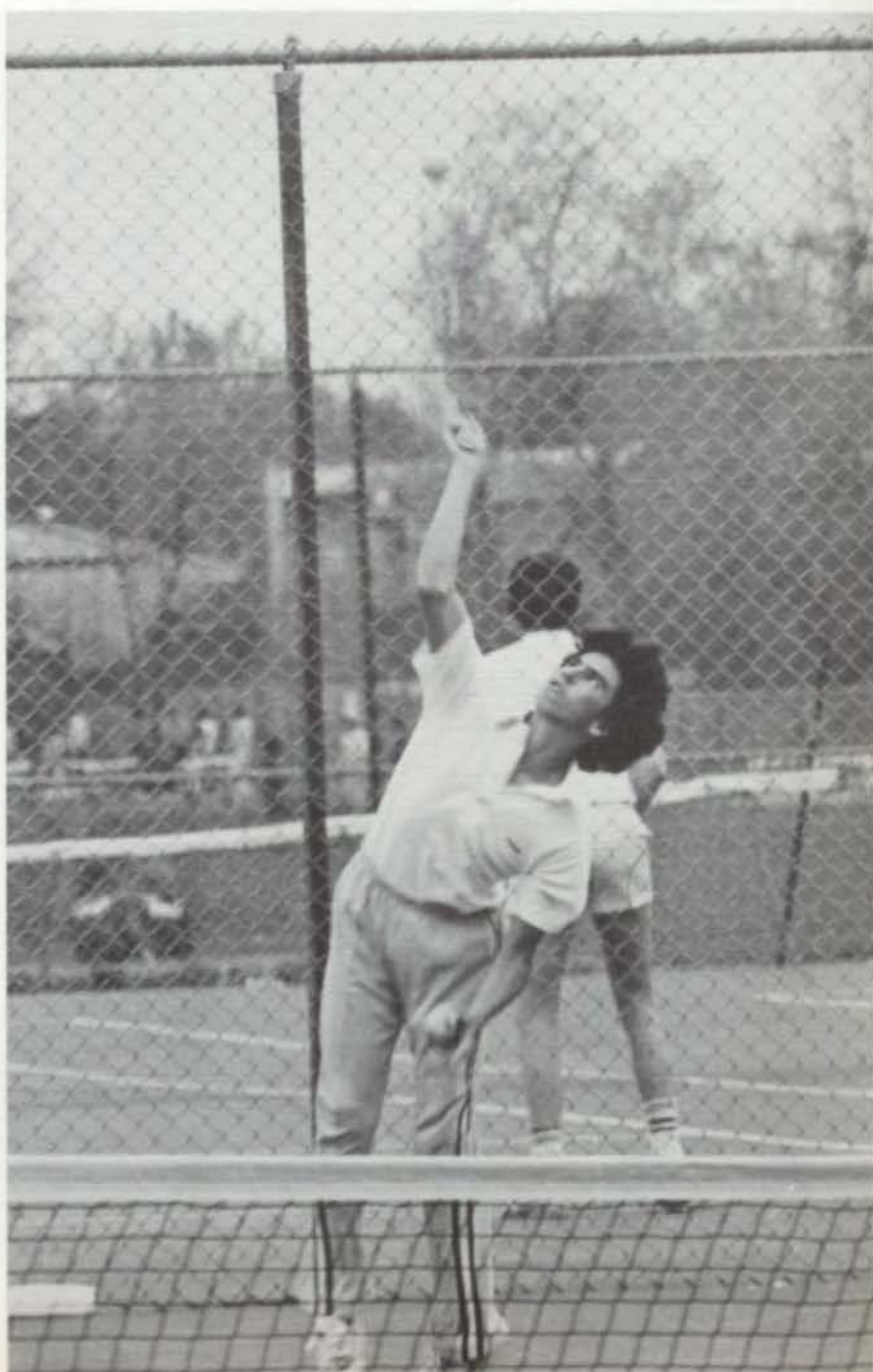
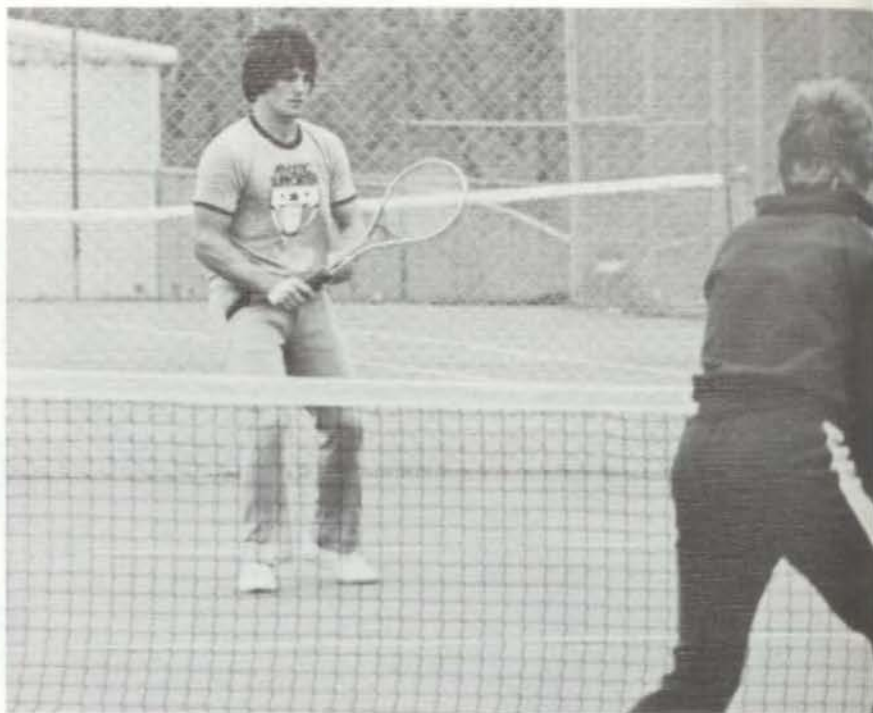
Conference honors were awarded to five Oak Park matmen. Danny Dugan and Steve Ritchey both received first team honors, while Rick Patterson, Harold Reynolds, and Paul Ryan received Honorable Mention.

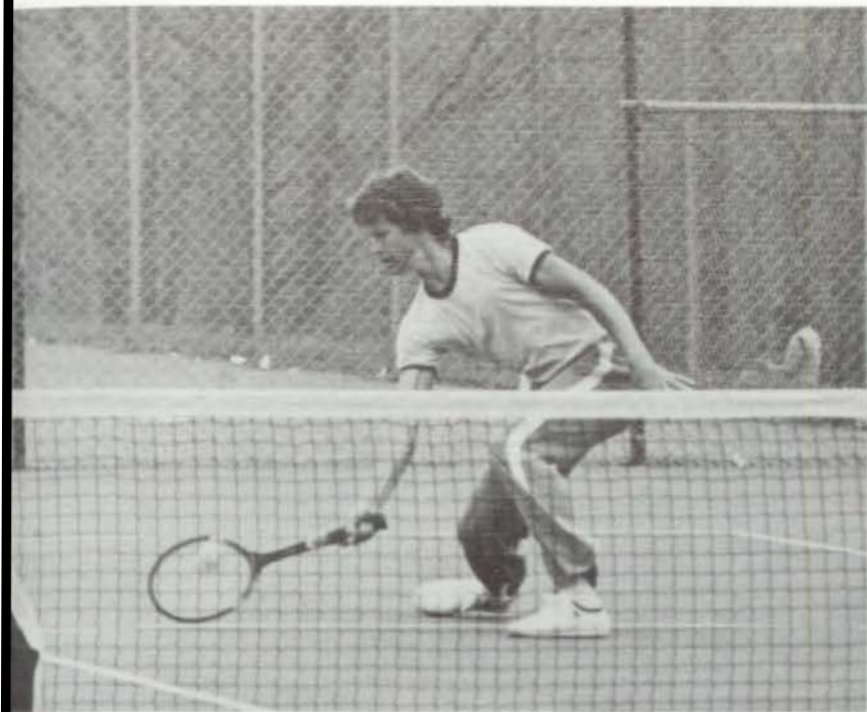




Top left, Chris Marx keeps a tight grip on his opponent. Top center, Steve Ritchey anticipates his match at the state wrestling tournament. Top right, Wrestling managers are: Sherry Carnes, Jackie Stead, and Rhonda Mulnix. Bottom left, The 1977-78 varsity grapplers are: back row, David Churchman, Eddie Norris, Steve Ritchey, Fred Stegall, Harold Reynolds; front row, Rick Patterson, Duane Brucker, Chris Marx, Paul Ryan, and Jim McKinney. Bottom center, The JV wrestlers are: Rick Parker, Dean Williams, Jim Douglass, Keith Gazaway, Warren Thomas, John Shackleford, Robert Taylor, Doug Cross, Dan Beech, and Mike Vaughn. Bottom right, Rick Patterson wizzers his opponent.

Top left, The 1978 boys' tennis team is: back row, Jeff Schol, Troy Comfort, Steve Evans, Dub Davis, Terry Bearly, Greg Lees, Mark Wood, Steve Petry; middle row, Mark Stomp, Craig White, Kevin Brown, Alec Blackwell, Jeff Swift, Scott Olson, Daryl Schott; front row, Randy Draper, Mark Evenson, Kathy Craigs, manager, Brad Fredrick, and Bill Horton. Top center, Mark Wood and Greg Lees work together during a doubles match. Top right, Bill Horton serves to his opposing team as Steve Evans waits for the return at the net. Bottom left, A tennis racket and ball take was given to the team by Diana and Tami Baynham. Bottom center, Mark Evenson serves for another victory. Bottom right, Daryl Schott prepares for his backhand shot.





Mr. Bill Farrell's tennis "Trojans" posted an impressive 13-2 record for the '78 season giving them a second place tie with Hickman Mills in the Conference standing.

Sophomore Mark Evenson won the Conference singles title by defeating Bill Grisby from Park Hill. Doubles team of Greg Lees and Mark Wood also did well by placing second.

Returning

Individual season records at the varsity level were Mark Evenson 15-1, Mark Wood 8-5, Greg Lees 4-3, and Daryl Schott 6-3.

Coach Farrell was very pleased with this year's team and will have a lot of talented players returning next year, including a J.V. squad that had an unblemished 15-0 record.

Oakies lob, serve for 13-2 season



Top left, Greg Carpenter concentrates on his up-coming race. Top center, Jeff Salmon exerts much strength to throw the shot put. Top right, Jim Kersten comes out of the blocks in perfect form. Bottom left, Rob Granquist shows his approval after an Oakie victory. Bottom center, Pat Guevel nears the finish line, neck and neck with his opponent. Bottom right, Mark Swift puts much effort in his discus throw.



Persistence, practice pay-off



Placing first in the Rockhurst Relays and in the Northland Classic for the first time in Oak Park history highlighted the 1978 season. Oak Park also sent 13 members of their track squad to the State Meet. Under the direction of Coach Jerry Crews who replaced Mr. Bill Newland, and with the assistance of coaches Bob Busby, Tom Wheaton, and Jeff Wolverton, the track team overall had a good season with high hopes of a victory at state.

Striving

In early May, placing fourth in Conference was disappointing for Coach Crews and his staff. Bubba Kavanaugh and Pat Guevel placed first in Conference Meet.

Late in May, finishing fourth in District enabled Oak Park to send 13 members of their track squad to the State Meet, in Jefferson City. Bubba Kavanaugh broke a school and a District Pole Vault Record of 15'1/2".



Season concludes with fine record

During the regular season, Oak Park captured first place finishes in the William Chrisman, Truman Triangular, Park Hill-Hickman Mills Triangular, N.K.C.-Winnetonka Triangular, and second place finish behind Raytown in the Raytown-Park Hill Triangular. Oak Park also placed second in the Chrisman Relays.

Team Captains for the '78 season were

Straining

Greg Carpenter and Pat Guevel. Carpenter and Guevel also tied for the "Mr. Track" award which is voted on by the student body. "Top Scorer" for the season went to Pat Guevel with 203 points.

Throughout the 78 season Oak Park constantly placed Greg Carpenter and Bubba Kavanaugh on the "K.C. Star Track Honor Roll."





Top left, Dave McCalley keeps the lead during his relay. Top right, Jim Kersten waits for the hand-off from Mark Speiser. Bottom left, Bubba Kavanaugh shows the winning form that won him the state championship. Bottom center, Distance runners, Smokey Curtis and Steve Chesterton, stay together. Bottom right, The 1978 boys' track team is: back row, Coach Jeff Wolverton, Mike Grauer, Jeff Maron, Jeff Salmon, Greg Carpenter, Bubba Kavanaugh, Fred Stegall, Chris Davis, Steve Carmack, Coach Jerry Crews; sixth row, Coach Tom Wheaton, Greg Harper, Vince Lee, Jay Fehey, Danny Baker, Don Warren, Don Gensler, Mike Neumann; fifth row, Tony Smith, Shan Harward, Paul Hytinen, Joe Barry, Kenny Kardell, Doug Cross, Ed Stegall, Chris Lancaster, Chris Wallis, Pat Baker, Larry Gonner, Andy Cravens, Greg Ellis, manager, Coach Bob Busby; fourth row, Scott Flynn, Jon McLaughlin, Brett Porter, Kelly Smith, Tom Kozicki, Allan Blowers, Ray Kozicki, Jeff Ford, Jim Janocsek; third row, Pat Ridder, Mark Swift, Jeff Holeman, Rich Miller, John Moore, Larry Peuker, Jon Hadley, Mike Steele, Dave McCalley; second row, Mark Speiser, Tim Meek, Brian Whittall, Jim Kersten, Smokey Curtis, Steve Chesterton; front row, Dave Aubrey, Rob Granquist, Pat Guevel, and Kevin McPeck.



Girls dash, sprint toward ribbon

Cold, rainy weather, resulting in several meet postponements, frustrated, but did not hinder the Oak Park girl tracksters' performances in '78. Not only did they win every dual meet, but they also placed first for the second straight time in the Chrisman Relays. They captured first place in the Conference meet for the third year in a row and became the District champs for the first time ever. Second places came to the team in the Triangular meet and the Northland Classic, missing the titles by two and two and one half points, respectively.

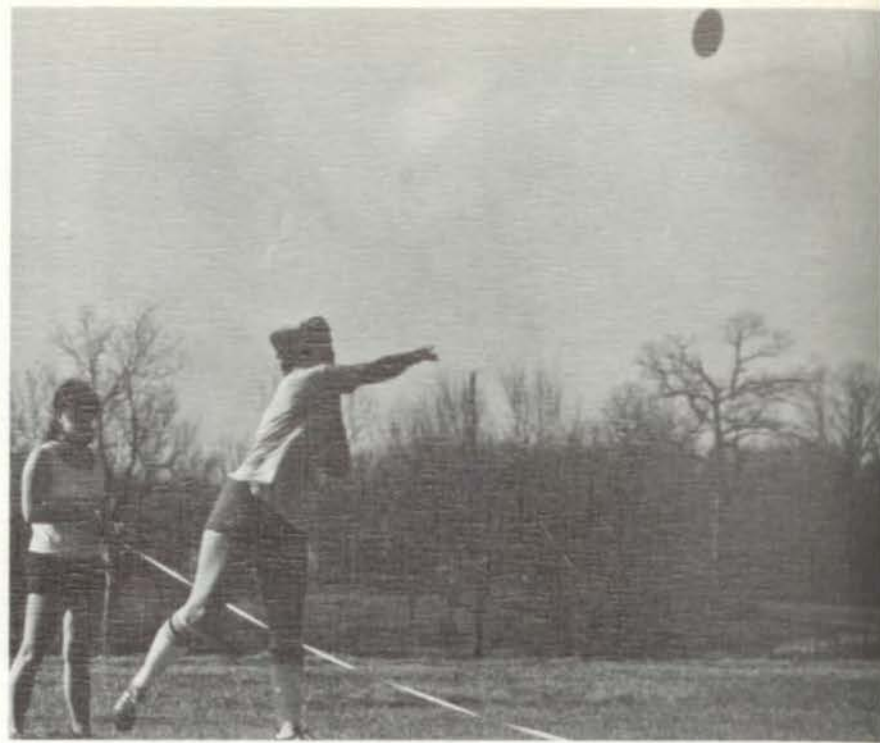
Finishing

The District title came as a pleasant surprise to the Oakies. At the end of the track meet, the girls were awarded second place, six points behind North Kansas City. But, two days later, when the final results were sent to each school, Coach Mary Mitchell recounted the points and found that Oak Park had won by two points. Several phone calls later gave the girls the District championship. The end result was the quiet swapping of trophies between Northtown and Oak Park.





Top left: Michelle Miller strains to clear the high jump. Top center, Maggie Root easily flies over the low hurdles. Top right, Becky Myers makes a smooth hand-off to Kari Sullivan in the 440 relay. Bottom left, Dana Rogers ends her IV 880 medley. Bottom center, Damian Valline begins her 220 dash at the Northland Classic prelims. Bottom right, Susan Moon finishes first in her heat of the 440 run.



Top left, Coach Richard Brill and others time at the Classic. Top center, Judy Howe puts her strength in her discus throw. Top right, The '78 girls' track team is back row, Coach Floyd Kiang, DeeAnne Greer, Candy Cane, Shannon Roy, Dawn Gregory, Judy Brown, Debbie Nixon, Mary Preston, Betty Chadwick, Debbie Cone, Maggie Root, Connie Henning, Kari Sullivan, Nancy Kanabel, Vickie Faherty, Judy Howe, Mary Camposbasso, Coach Mary Mitchell, Dana Rogers; third row, Mary Dodson, Julie Bates, Janet Houghton, Cynda Traw, T. J. Stinnett, Brenda Wutke, Colleen Logan, Cheryl Collins,

Cheryl Jenkins, Damian Valline, Janice Bausch, Diane Kear, Stephanie Lees, Diane Rhodes, Kim Sage; second row, Carrie Nance, Tammy Davis, Sue Harris, Marilyn Mast, Cindy Hummel, Cindy Lewis, Kerry Peterson, Susan Moon, Denise Pierce, Laura Cravens; front row, Daphne Carrol, Teresa Altenhofen, Julie Miller, Becky Myers, Jill Troxel, Diane Dawson, Susie Molder, and Sharon Hurd. Bottom left, Maggie Root stays in the lead at the Classic. Bottom center, Betty Chadwick breaks the string. Bottom right, Damian Valline hands off to Janice Bausch in the 880 medley at the state track meet.



Seven girls qualified in seven different events for the state track meet. Maggie Root, Damian Valline, Janice Bausch, Connie Henning, Becky Myers, Kari Sullivan, and Jan Hawk represented Oak Park in the three relays, 80 yd. hurdles, 100 yd. dash, high jump and triple jump. Root placed fourth in the hurdles and the medley relay team placed sixth.

Sprinting

Leading the Oakies during the 1978 season was senior Maggie Root, the high point scorer. She broke her own records in the 80 yd. low hurdles and 440 yd. dash, running 10.5 and 59.6 seconds, respectively. She also set a new long jump record with a 16'8" leap. Records set this year were: 100 yd. dash- Damian Valline- 11.3; 880 yd. relay- Valline, Connie Henning, Janice Bausch, Root- 1:47; 440 yd. relay- Kari Sullivan, Becky Myers, Root, Valline- 50.4; 880 medley relay- Valline, Bausch, Sullivan, Root- 1:52.2; high jump- Jan Hawk- 5'5"; triple jump- Sullivan- 34'2¹/₂".



Close finishes mark season



Top left, Brad Goddard prepares to remove a near-perfect shot from the cup. Top center, Dean Vette hits out of the rough, back onto the fairway. Top right, Joe Chambers concentrates as he swings in the fairway. Bottom left, Tom Audley tees off toward the par-4 twelfth. Bottom center, Coach Gus Baker instructs his squad before a golf match. Bottom right, Back row, Brad Goddard, Dean Vette, Tom Audley, Doug Rowe, Ed Reilly, Gary Groer; front row, Joe Chambers, Greg Grill, Coach Baker, Mark Warthey, and Kevin Long, make up the 1978 golf team.

Golfers improve, despite record



Despite a dismal one and ten season, the Northmen golf squad was able to fair well in district, placing fifth out of twenty-two teams.

Oak Park's lone victory of the '78 season was against Hickman Mills with Tom Audley and Ed Reilly leading the attack. In

Concentration

the district tournament held at Excelsior Springs, Tom Audley shot an 83 which placed him fourth in the tournament, two places away from qualifying for state.

Mr. Gus Baker's Varsity Golfers for the 1978 season were Tom Audley, Doug Rowe, Joe Chambers, and Ed Reilly.



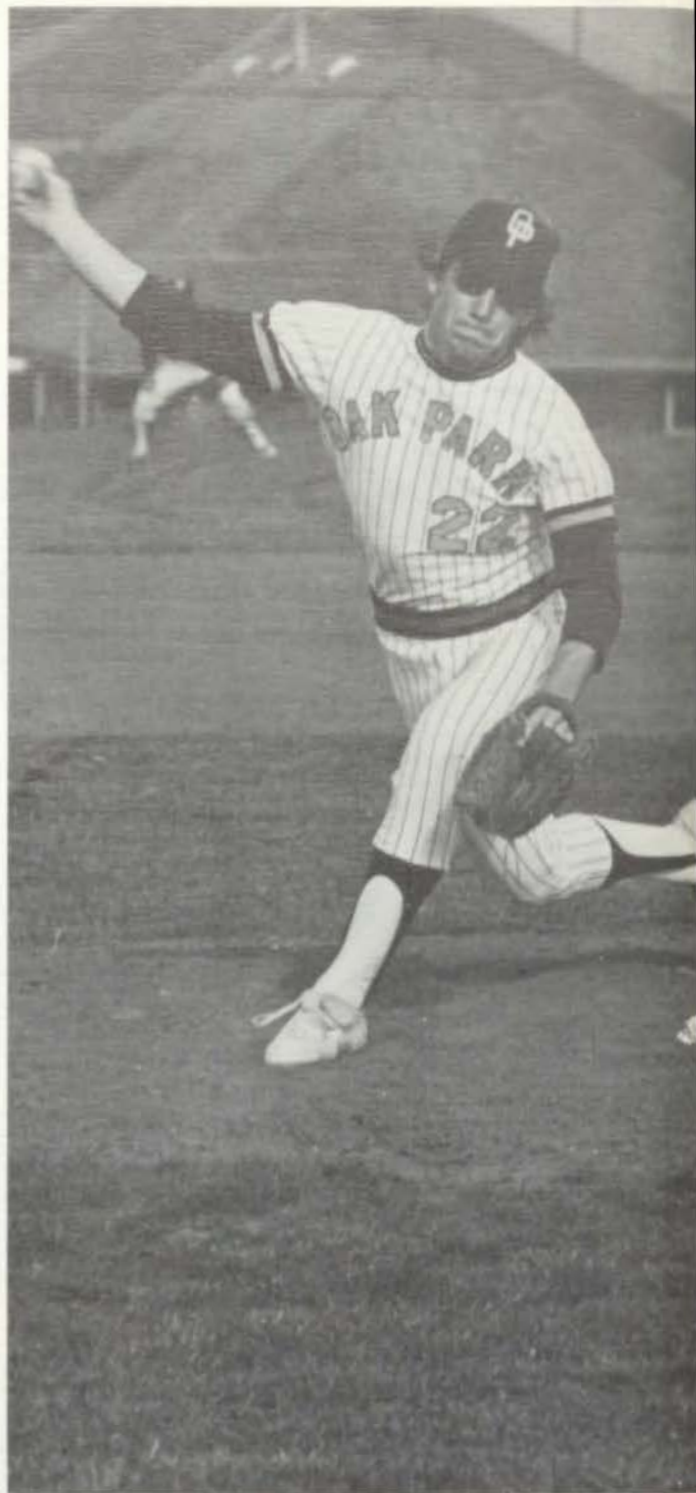
Conference champs sweep field

Despite a lack of depth and an abundance of make-up games, Coach Jim Derry's baseballers put together a 15-7 overall record and placed first in the Big Six Conference with a 12-3 Conference record.

Oak Park was able to place six Ookies on the All-Conference list. First team honors went to Kelly Anderson, Jack Bentley, Tom Lamb, and Russ Walthall. Steve Harlan received second team honors

Power-hitting

with Mike Sims acquiring Honorable Mention. All-District Awards went to Kelly Anderson, Tom Lamb, and Russ Walthall. Jack Bentley was named second team. Team Awards went to Kelly Anderson and Russ Walthall for "Most Valuable Player". Tri-Captains for the 1978 season were Kelly Anderson, Tom Lamb, and Jack Bentley. Mr. Baseball, which is voted on by the student body, went to Jack Bentley.





Top left, Gary Powell throws a pitch toward home. Top center, Nino Palermo digs out a low throw in an attempt to get the runner out. Top right, Oak Parkers congratulate Russ Wathall after his homerun. Bottom left, Phil Youtsey lays down a bunt. Bottom right, Coach Jim Derry instructs his players before a game.



Successful Oakies finish out season

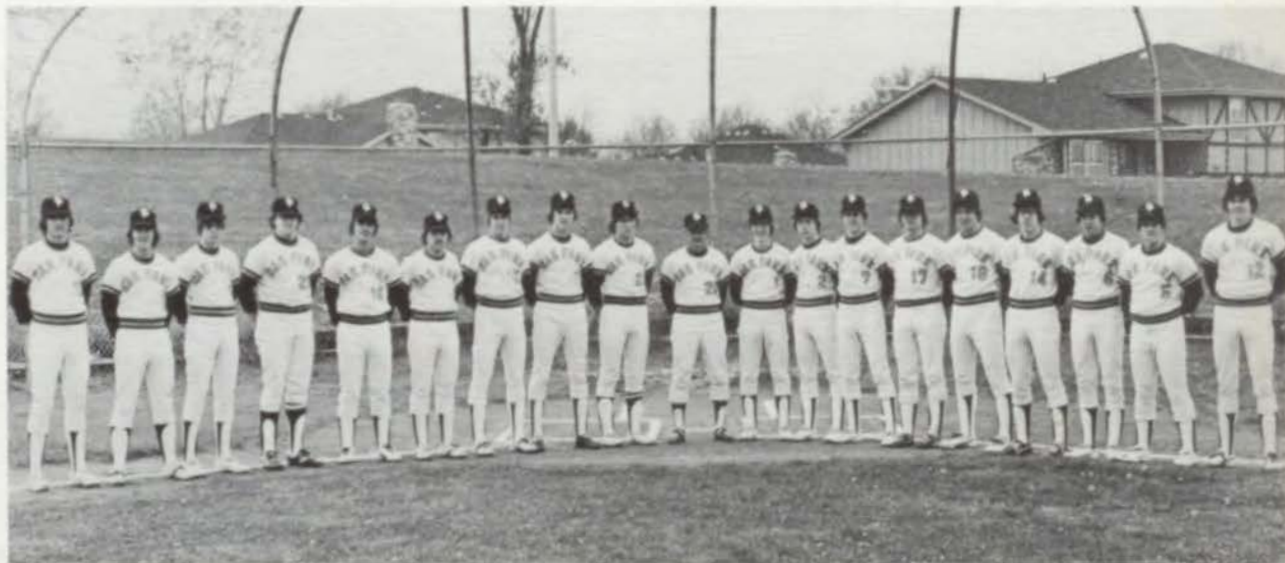
The 1978 season saw two well established records broken as Kelly Anderson broke Larry Jones' strike out record of 89 set in 1968 by throwing 93. Anderson also tied the best percentage wins with an 8 and 0 record. Tom Lamb tied the record for doubles by hitting 8.

Highlighting the season was the way the Northmen won the Conference championship. In order for the Northmen to win Conference, they had to defeat Truman,

Scoring

the defending state champ. Oak Park was ahead of Truman 5-3 in the bottom of the ninth when the game was called because of darkness. The following day the Oak Park squad defeated Hickman Mills and afterwards had to travel back to Truman to finish out the last three outs to be the sole Conference Champs.

The J.V. baseballers compiled a 6-7 record under the direction of Coach Jim Draper.



Conference Standing

Oak Park	12-3
Truman	11-4
Raytown South	9-6
Raytown	7-8
Hickman Mills	6-9
Park Hill	0-15

Scores

Oak Park	0-1	Shawnee Mission West
Oak Park	5-7	Shawnee Mission West
Oak Park	4-1	North Kansas City
Oak Park	5-10	Raytown
Oak Park	8-2	Park Hill
Oak Park	4-2	Truman
Oak Park	13-2	Hickman Mills
Oak Park	6-5	Raytown
Oak Park	6-5	Raytown South
Oak Park	20-6	Excelsior Springs
Oak Park	0-1	North Kansas City
Oak Park	6-1	Park Hill
Oak Park	5-4	Hickman Mills
Oak Park	6-5	Raytown
Oak Park	2-0	Park Hill
Oak Park	2-3	Benton
Oak Park	17-4	Raytown South
Oak Park	11-1	Le Blond
Oak Park	2-5	Raytown South
Oak Park	0-3	Truman
Oak Park	5-3	Truman
Oak Park	3-2	Hickman Mills

Starting Team Batting Averages

C Harold Reynolds	.183
1B Robert Smith	.259
2B Russ Walthall	.358
SS Phil Youtsey	.170
3B Tom Lamb	.356
OF Kelly Anderson	.224
OF Jim Hake	.289
OF Steve Harlan	.373
DH Cary Powell	.360



Top left, Russ Walthall takes a cut at a fast ball. Top right, Tom Lamb, Jack Bentley, Russ Walthall and Steve Harlan are the Oakies top hitters. Bottom left, The varsity baseball team is, Greg Biery, Steve Harlan, Dave DeMoyer, Clint Simmons, Jack Bentley, Nino Palermo, Mark Templin, Mike Boyer, Cary Powell, Coach Jim Derry, Phil Youtsey, Keith Sanders, Kelly Anderson, Harold Reynolds, Tom Lamb, Jim Hake, Russ Walthall, Robert Smith, and Mike Sims. Bottom center, Back row, Coach Jim Draper, Randy Allen, Dave DeMoyer, Brad Harris, Greg Biery, Terry Osborn; middle row, Troy Orlando, Steve Gray, Russell Henry, Danny Boech, Mark Colner; front row, Tom Sanford, Cory Lundy, Rick Parker, Duane Brucker, and Scott Mendenhall make up the junior varsity squad. Bottom right, Harold Reynolds races across homeplate with another run scored.



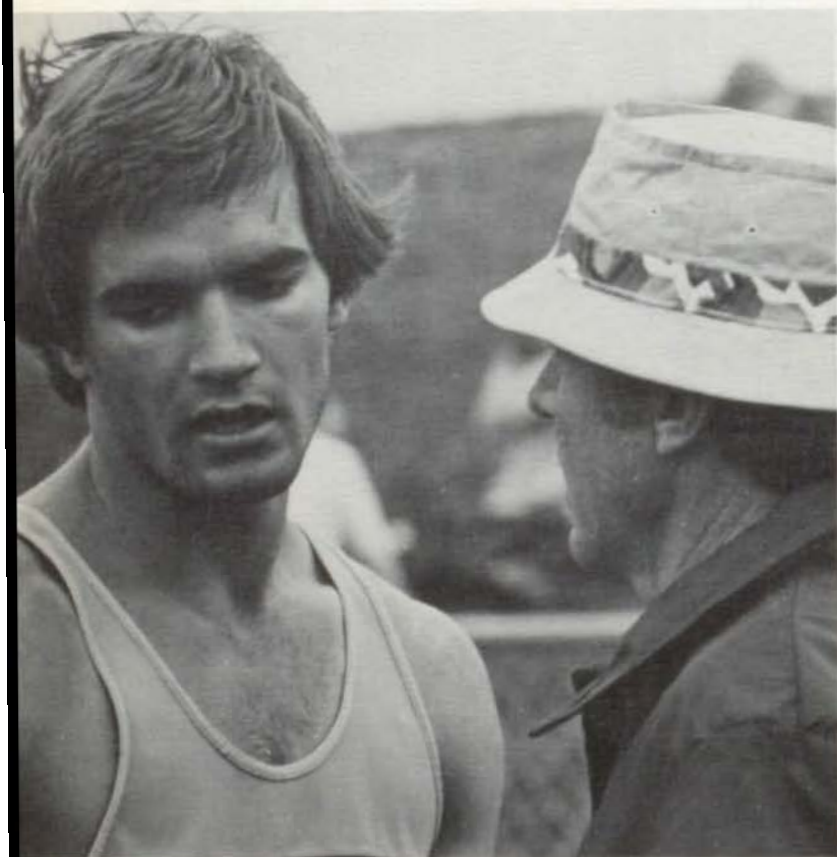
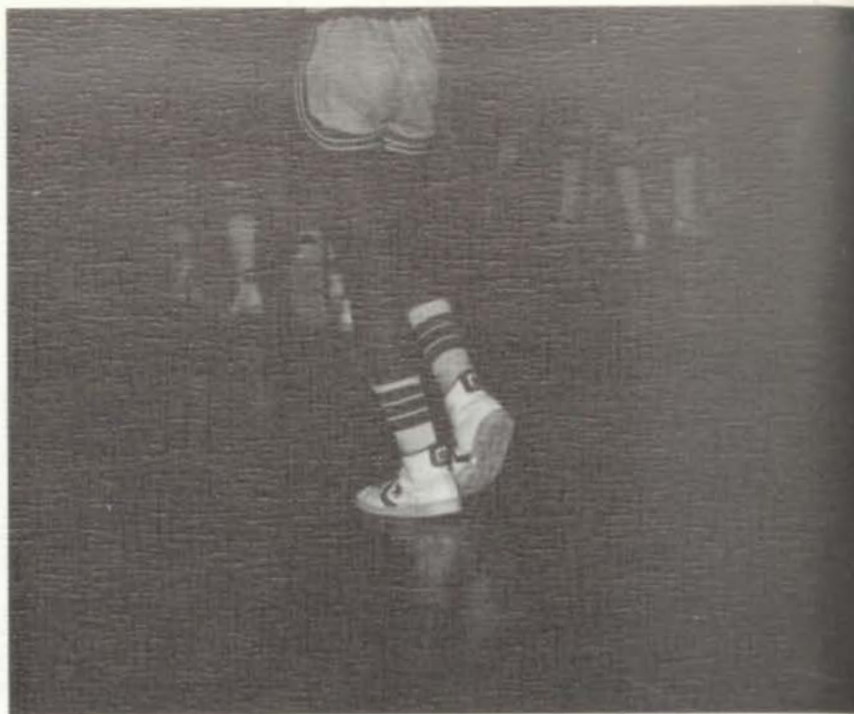
Emotions run high after competition

The aftermath. Crowds cheering, athletes hugging and lifting the coach to their shoulders . . . a general uproar. A hushed silence throughout the stands, a snuffle here and there, athletes with heads bowed low and a feeling of dejection . . . an overall disappointment. Tears in the players' eyes as the other team becomes delirious with their victory . . . criticism from the fans when the team loses again and again . . . a track team taking a victory lap . . . parents giving their children pats on the back no matter whether they won or lost.

Aftermath

The aftermath depends on the outcome of the competition. When the Oakies were victorious, then the fans were satisfied and happy. But when the Northmen met defeat, the crowd was disappointed, sometimes sympathetic, but often critical of the players and/or the coach.

One coach said, "As long as the players give their very best, then it shouldn't matter if they win or lose."



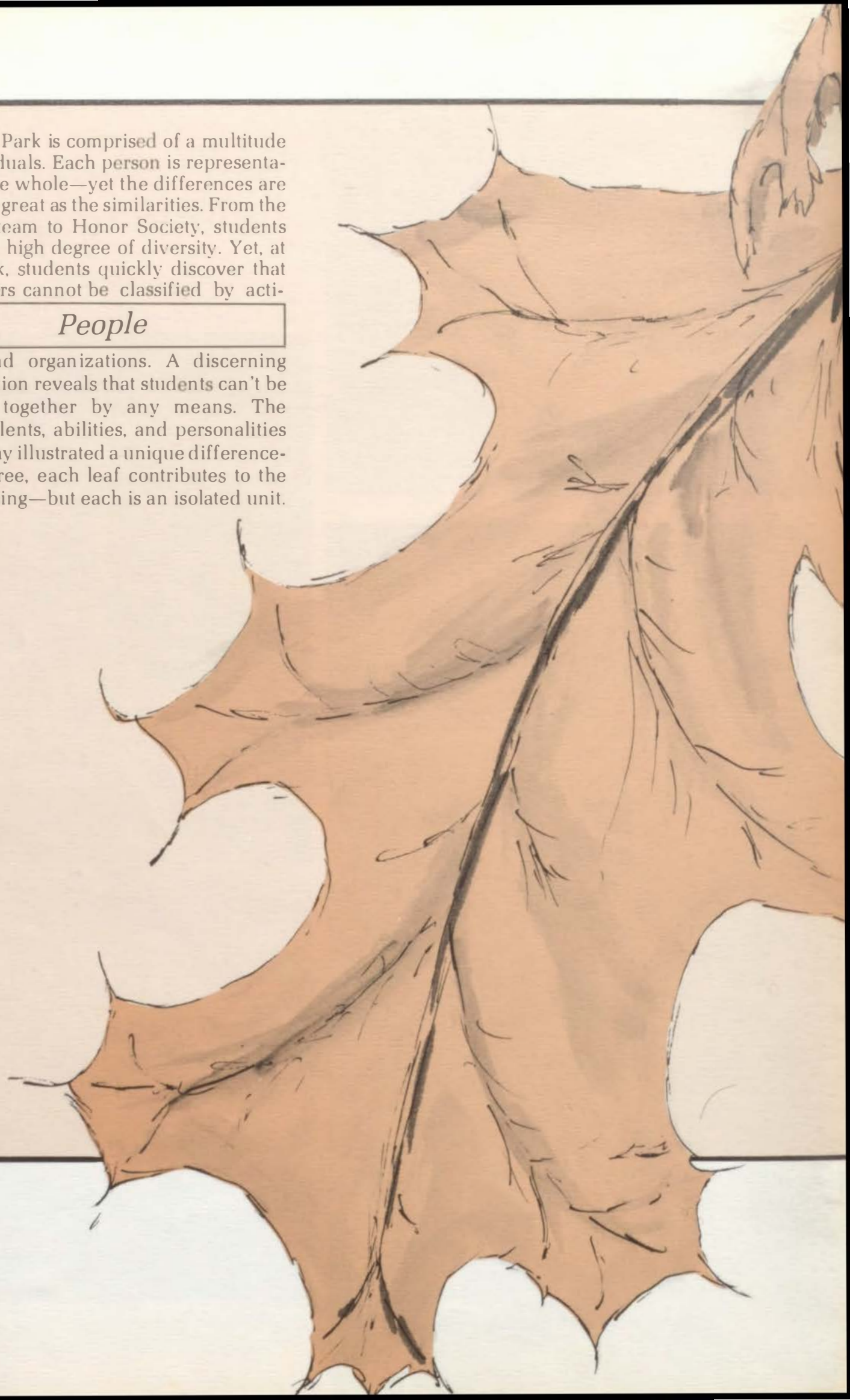


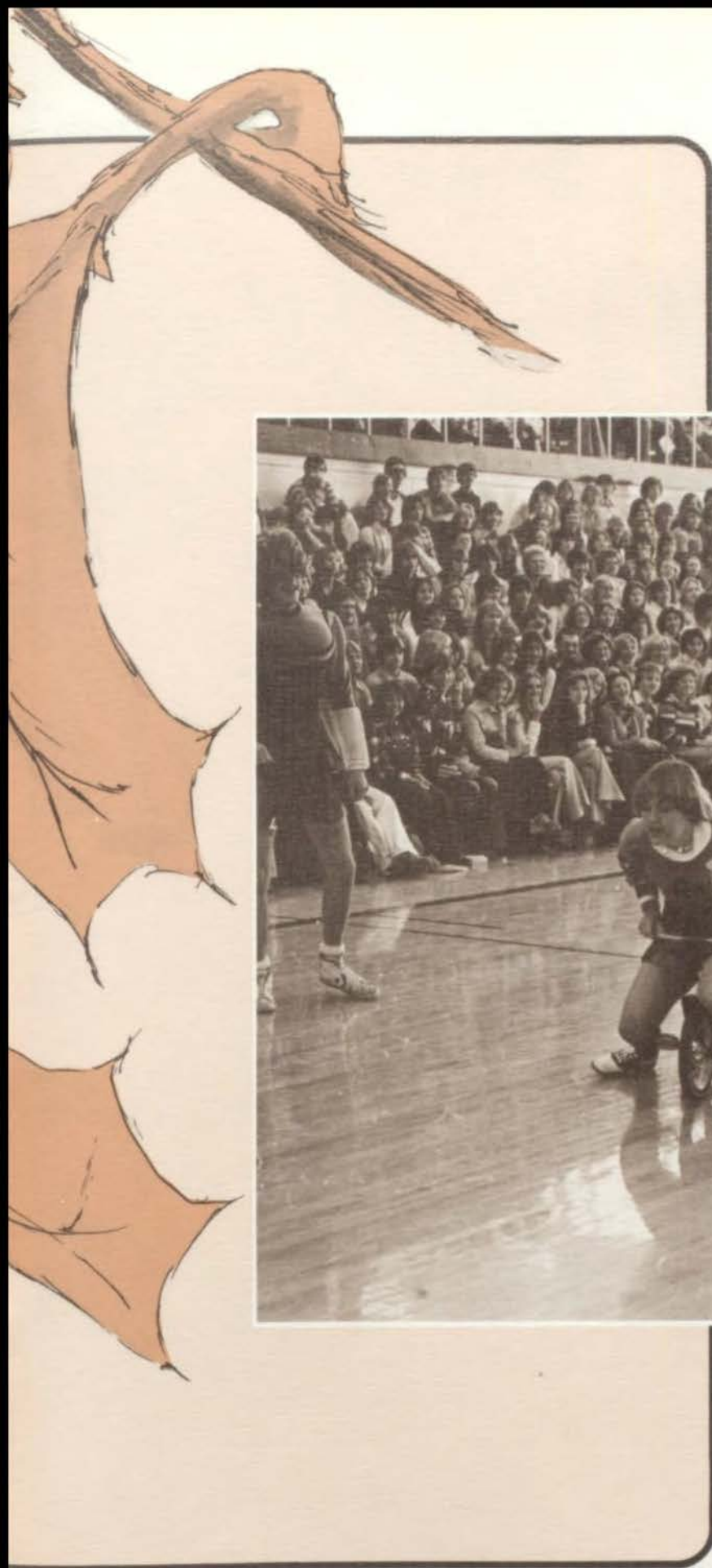
Top, Craig Wansing shows his disappointment after a losing basketball game. Bottom left, Pat Cuevel receives helpful advice from Coach Jerry Crews. Bottom center left, Mike Grater rides on the shoulders of Chris Davis after a victorious game. Bottom center right, Brad Brown receives encouragement from Coach Gary O'Dell. Bottom right, Pep Club responds to a close call.

Oak Park is comprised of a multitude of individuals. Each person is representative of the whole—yet the differences are nearly as great as the similarities. From the football team to Honor Society, students display a high degree of diversity. Yet, at Oak Park, students quickly discover that their peers cannot be classified by acti-

People

vities and organizations. A discerning examination reveals that students can't be lumped together by any means. The varied talents, abilities, and personalities we display illustrated a unique difference—as in a tree, each leaf contributes to the whole being—but each is an isolated unit.





Jay Adams
 Jill Alexander
 Randall Allen
 Traci Allen
 Cindy Allison
 Lisa Allman
 Joe Alonso



Teresa Altenhofen
 Melanie Anders
 Julie Anderson
 Kelly Arant
 Shawn Arbuckle
 Todd Baggs
 Donie Bahr
 David Bailey



Pat Baker
 Tina Baker
 Cindy Ballard
 Judy Ballard
 Barbie Banister
 Buzz Barber
 Vince Barletta
 Amanda Barmby



Brenda Barnes
 Mike Barnhart
 Joe Barry
 Diana Bartnett
 Julie Bates
 Stacy Bates
 Jamie Batres
 Janice Bausch



Steve Bayliss
 Tami Baynham
 Dan Beach
 Robert Beach
 Kelli Beam
 Norman Becker
 Bill Bedell
 Danny Bench



Warren Benigar
 Russell Benke
 Melissa Benson
 Joe Bergen
 Laurie Bertelsen
 Greg Biery
 Valerie Bingham
 Michele Bledsoe



Michele Bolinger
 Kevin Bolin
 Dennis Borkowski
 Renee Bousman
 Brenda Boustead
 Linda Boxler
 Jerry Boyle
 David Branstetter



Doyle Branstetter
 David Brassfield
 Lona Brinck
 Gary Brooke
 Phillip Brooke
 Martha Brooks
 Roger Brown
 Scott Brown



Susan Brown
 Duane Brucker
 Sherry Buck
 Adel Buckingham
 Melanie Buford
 Lucy Burton
 Craig Buterbaugh
 Andy Butler





Being a sophomore gives me a chance to make a lot of new friends, but I look forward to being a senior.

Cathy Scott

Sophomores demonstrate leadership

Going over their future plans are sophomore class officers Scott Olson, vice-president, Mark Evenson, president, Martha Trestler, sergeant-at-arms, Stephanie Lees, secretary, and Kim Naylor, treasurer.



Doug Cross rushes through a defensive line during a sophomore football game.



Underclassmen drive toward goals

The extra activities like sports help to make Oak Park fun as well as educational.

Jan Hawk





Gina Butler
 Ronnie Calhoun
 Chris Calvert
 Jerry Campbell
 Kenneth Campbell
 Ron Campbell
 Mary Campabasso
 Steve Carmack



Sherry Carnes
 Carrie Carpenter
 Dale Carpenter
 Darren Carr
 Daphne Carrel
 Karen Carswell
 Jeff Carter
 Jeffery Carter



Deriek Cavanah
 John Chartier
 Dina Cheek
 Donna Childress
 Lisa Chisam
 Rob Christopher
 Cathy Cobb
 Linda Cobb



Tom Cochran
 Richard Coffman
 Gary Colby
 Paul Colley
 Lynn Collins
 Troy Comfort
 Dorothy Conner
 Gary Cornelison



Bob Cornick
 Michelle Cottle
 Lisa Cowan
 Staci Cowan
 Colleen Cowper
 Cathy Craig
 Jeff Crandall
 Jeff Craun



Andrew Cravens
 Greg Crawford
 Mark Crawford
 Randy Crisler
 Doug Cross
 Jill Crowley
 Tammy Croy
 Vince Crump



Kathy Cuccia
 Mark Cullen
 Ed Cunningham
 Renee Curtis
 Rhonda Custer
 Paula Cutshall
 Teresa Dailey
 Tom Dalton



Don Davis
 Dub Davis
 John Davis
 Tammy Davis
 Walter Davis
 Kathy Dawson
 Lyle Decker
 Debbie DeCuyper



Joe DeCuyper
 Kris Detrickson
 David DeMeyer
 Carol DeWater
 Jeff Dickey
 Mary DiGerolamo
 Chris Divelbliss
 Phoebe Dixon

Eugene Doak
David Dobbins
Mary Dodson
Jeff Dorward
Yvonne Dowdy
Tim Doyle
Randy Draper
Brenda Duncan



David DuPaul
Linda Dye
James Eads
Tina Eads
Bryan Eastner
Julie Egner
Nolan Elenz
Dennis Elgin



Sherryl Ellis
Terri Ervin
Bob Espeland
Frank Etzenhouser
Kathy Evans
Mark Evenson
Scott Ewert
Kellie Faherty



Mark Fairlie
Steve Farris
Karen Faught
Gary Felkner
David Fenton
Shelly Ferguson
Mary Fisher
Mike Fisher



Stewart Fisk
Cindy Fitzgerald
Shay Flynn
James Fohey
Sonia Folsom
Mildred Foote
Beth Forbes
Jeff Ford



Tim Ford
Alex Forster
Pam Francis
Doug Frazier
Brad Frederick
David Frey
Kim Frizzell
Robert Fuller



Sharon Furman
Gale Gamber
David Gardner
Derek Gassen
Tim Gatten
Keith Gazaway
Valerie Gemmer
Lisa George



Sheryl Gilliland
Janet Gilpin
Jerry Gilpin
James Gingrich
Shawn Glasgow
John Glenski
Leanna Goad
Mark Goldman



Larry Gonner
Kim Goodson
Marcy Goodwin
Mary Gordon
Dana Gorman
Tami Grauer
Tammy Graves
Steve Greenhow





With over \$6,000 in magazine sales, the sophomore class earned \$2,400.

Salesmen add to sophomore treasury

John Davis, Teresa Altenhofen, Brenda Duncan and Kent Kavanaugh display their prizes from the magazine drive.



Mr. Bill Overbey assists Pat McCorkle in her class selection.



Sophomores receive valuable guidance

Oak Park has a lot of activities to get involved in and more freedom to choose classes that you like.

Sara Keiser



Gary Greer
Paul Greer
Scott Grogg
Steve Growney
Vickie Grubbs
Susan Gutsch
Belinda Hagar
Bruce Hale



John Hall
Linda Halstead
Donna Hamby
Debbie Hargrove
Steve Harlan
Jennifer Harris
Sue Harris
Debbie Hartman



Shan Harward
Bruce Haubein
Susan Havens
Jan Hawk
Cris Hays
Rick Hayes
David Hearn
Nancy Heathman



Jeff Hefley
Jeff Hefley
Connie Henning
Rita Henry
Stan Henry
Travis Henry
Brian Hensley
David Herman



Cheryl Heslop
Sheila Hevalow
Susie Hickerson
Cheon Hi Han
Sam Hill
Bill Hine
Tracy Hobbs
Diana Hogle



Sherry Holloway
Ronald Hood
Gary Hooton
Rick Hoover
Shelly Hord
Stan Hornaday
Judy Howe
Nancy Howell



Maryanne Huddleston
Mike Hull
Sharon Hurd
Kathy Hutcherson
Paul Hytinen
Pat Ibarra
John Ildza
Rod Jackson



Jim Janecek
Chris Jenkins
Rhonda Jenkins
Vicki Jenkins
Linda Jewett
John Jezak
Barry Johnson
Denise Johnson



Doug Johnson
Julie Johnson
Lori Johnson
Teresa Johnson
Tracy Johnson
Lance Johnston
Beth Jones
Janet Justus

Julie Kasparson
 Kent Kavanaugh
 Jean Kear
 Rosemary Keese
 Sara Keiser
 Sue Kenfield
 Brad Kern
 Cary Kiefer



Kevin Kiefer
 Peggy Kingore
 Jan Kirkman
 David Kitchell
 Frank Kigheart
 Mark Kline
 Mike Knight
 Kelly Koep



Lori Koep
 Jim Koger
 Tom Kozicki
 Jenny Kuehling
 Lee Kuhn
 Dave Lane
 Susan Lane
 Stu Lane



John Lappin
 Elizabeth Lawlor
 Cindy Lawrence
 Cathy Lawrey
 Mark Lee
 Vince Lee
 Sphanie Lees
 Kim Leigh



Craig Lemons
 Debbie Lenhart
 Jennifer Leonard
 Leslie Letkowski
 Cheryl Leuty
 Terry Lillge
 Robin Lindsay
 Jim Lineberry



Sue Littlejohn
 Rosie Littrell
 Brenna Loftin
 Dennis Lollar
 Karen Lombardo
 David Long
 Stacey Long
 Matt Longworth



Kevin Loveall
 Karen Lowary
 Teresa Lowrey
 Diana Lucas
 Kory Lundy
 Karen Luper
 Sharon Lynch
 Shelly Lynch



Shan Lynn
 John Mass
 Mary Ann Macken
 Cary Mackender
 Joyce Madsen
 Andy Magee
 Mark Mahan
 Larry Malam



Terri Mallen
 Greg Manahan
 Rick Mann
 Bryan Maples
 Melinda Maples
 Tony Marchetti
 Ron Marshall
 Jeanette Martin





I feel equal to the senior students. I respect them but I don't feel inferior to them.

Cheryl Heslop

Sophomores do dirty work



Sherry Carnes lends a helping hand at lunch.



Sophomore cheerleaders Marcie Tatum, Martha Trestler, Cheryl Heslop, and Leslie Palermo encourage spirit.

Cheerleaders perpetuate class spirit

Oak Park students have a lot of spirit, which makes the school more fun.

Brenna Loftin





Jeff Martin
Mike Martin
John Martinez
Chris Marx
Elaine Matney
Rick Mauzey
Rob McCafferty
Kelly McCall



Kim McCann
Terry McCarter
Kathy McCarthy
Rhonda McCarty
Jackie McCausland
Rhonda McCreery
Jane McCuiston
Cynthia McDaniel



Ruth McDonald
Carolyn McGatha
Kevin McGary
Stephen McIntyre
Kelly McKeeham
Paul McKnight
Rhonda McLaughlin
Steve McLaughlin



Kevin McNamara
Jeana Meyer
Martina Meyer
Kathy Mielkus
John Miller
Julia Miller
Susie Mince
Kelly Mitchell



Theresa Mitchell
Jayne Mixon
Keenan Moody
Laurie Moore
Stamie Morant
Karen Moss
Jackie Moulyn



Brant Mowry
Stephanie Mullins
Sondra Murphy
Denise Murray
Mark Murtha
Carrie Nance
Kim Naylor
Mary Newman



Andy Newborn
James Nicholson
Janne Nieweg
Connie Nininger
Mike Noeller
Eddie Norris
Marly Norris
Tim Norton



Craig Nuffer
Vonna Occhipinto
Rolf Odegard
Sheli O'Donnell
Karen Ohman
Scott Olson
Connie O'Neill
Michael O'Reilly



Troy Orlando
Dianne Orr
Richard Orr
Jeanette Ortery
Terry Osborn
Jane Overbey
John Olyer
Leslie Palermo

Rick Parker
 Brad Parkins
 Bruce Parkins
 Doug Payne
 Sheri Payne
 Teri Peterman
 Jo Petty
 Barb Pfaff



Jill Pfeiffer
 Dan Pfitzner
 Barb Pflug
 Kelli Phillips
 Kelly Phillips
 Darla Pierce
 Rhonda Pine
 Joann Platz



Robyn Plickenbaum
 Nancy Porter
 Kristy Potter
 Joe Powell
 Cindy Prestil
 Connie Price
 Jim Propp
 Virginia Pylypczuk



Gary Quador
 Roger Rains
 Brenda Ramsey
 Richard Reddekopp
 Sara Reddoch
 Ron Reed
 Chris Regas
 June Rehel



Ed Reilly
 Liz Reinert
 Jeff Reinsch
 Tom Revenaugh
 Dawn Reynolds
 Mike Reynolds
 Kevin Rhodes
 George Ricci



Danny Rice
 Carrie Richardson
 Shelly Richardson
 Sherry Richardson
 May Ritter
 Cheryl Rittermeyer
 Rowena Robbins
 Charlene Roberts



Mary Roberts
 Rhoda Roberts
 Mindy Robertson
 Cheryl Robinson
 Tami Rodriquez
 Keith Roe
 Dana Rogers
 Sam Rogers



Mike Rolan
 Brian Rorie
 Donald Roscoe
 Chris Rosenthal
 Sandy Ross
 Carolyn Rowe
 Shannon Roy
 Cathy Rucinski



Mary Ruona
 Donna Rupell
 Bob Ryan
 Greg Ryan
 Dana Saale
 Tom Sanford
 Debbie Santillan
 Karí Schoephoerster





Quiet moments soothe sophomores

At Oak Park you feel more independent and have more time for studying and relaxing.

Dub Davis



Valerie Gimmer and Mark Wood find a deserted place to talk.

Goals established by sophomores

The kids at Oak Park are more mature and have more opportunities to get ahead.

Leslie Letkowski



Mrs. Karen Sobba leads a sophomore class meeting.





Jeff Schol
 Gregg Schroder
 Tom Schroeder
 Cathy Scott
 Karen Scott
 Patricia Scott
 Lisa Seager
 Debbie Seats



Tom Sedgwick
 Marianne Shafer
 Bobby Shanks
 Jerry Shapiro
 Susan Sherbo
 Troy Sherman
 Robin Shireman
 Sherri Shirrell



James Shryack
 Bill Shy
 Steve Sievert
 Darwin Sissel
 Bob Slaughter
 Justin Sloan
 Becky Smith
 Lonnie Smith



Scott Smith
 Susan Smith
 George Smithy
 Tracy Snyder
 Terri Sparks
 Barbara Spaw
 James Spicer
 Adam Sprague



Steve Stark
 Donna Steele
 Ed Stegall
 Jeff Stevens
 Sandy Stevens
 Crystal Stevenson
 Randall Stewart
 Tina Stewart



Mark Stiefel
 Thomas Stockham
 Chris Stockton
 Lindy Studer
 Tena Sullivan
 Tina Suter
 Bambi Sweeten



Eric Swenson
 Kriss Tarwater
 Marcia Tatum
 Keith Taylor
 Perry Taylor
 Phil Taylor
 Teresa Teel



John Thomas
 Pamela Thomas
 Royce Thomas
 Chad Thompson
 Ronda Thompson
 Dave Thurston
 Steve Tinsley

Inez Tinsley
 Beth Trembley
 Mark Trekell
 Martha Trester
 John Turner
 Mona Turner
 Valerie Turner
 Dianna Uphoff



Damian Valline
 Pat Van Compernelle
 Mike Vaughn
 Chris Vaughn
 Mark Veraguth
 John Wagner
 Tom Walker
 Chris Wallis



Sandy Waldschmidt
 Terry Ward
 Mellissa Warner
 Mike Warner
 Pam Watson
 Olivia Webster
 Gina Wells
 Steve Westcott



Sharon Wheeler
 Mack Whitaker
 David White
 Kathy White
 Steve White
 Wendy White
 Dana Whitefield
 Marie Whiting



Dean Williams
 Robin Williams
 Tamera Williams
 Diana Willmann
 Tina Willmann
 Sue Wilsie
 Tim Wilson
 Troy Wilson



Greg Winkeljohn
 Mike Wirtz
 Dennis Witt
 Marie Wohlgemuth
 Leah Wolf
 Mark Wonderly
 Tom Woodin



Glenda Woodral
 Susie Woods
 Tina Woodside
 Bruce Woody
 Robin Worth
 Mark Worthey
 Chuck Wright



Lynn Wright
 Norma Wrinkles
 Julie Wyman
 Larry Yeatmen
 Danny Yount
 Rob Zuniga
 Lisa Zeller





Solitude permits concentration

Modular scheduling makes students take responsibilities for their own studying time.

Chris Regas

Susan Brown finds a remote place to study.



Monique Aborn
 Kendall Albright
 Tenley Adkins
 Narda Allen
 Mike Allgaier
 Stacy Allwood
 Lon Andersen
 Michelle Apley



Paula Arell
 Tim Armstrong
 Dennis Arnolt
 Ginger Ashlock
 David Aubrey
 Patti Aviles
 Candy Ayres
 Howard Bagly
 Robin Bahr



Roger Bailey
 Dani Baker
 Donna Baker
 Jon Baker
 Leslie Baker
 Lynn Baker
 Mark Ballard
 Tom Ballard
 Kim Banes



Brian Barber
 Skippi Barboza
 Marthi Barham
 Elizabeth Barnes
 Kerry Barnes
 Cathy Barry
 Marty Beall
 Jeff Bearyl
 Bruce Bell



Shari Bell
 Debbie Bench
 Donna Bernier
 Donna Bianchina
 Jane Blackburn
 Alec Blackwell
 Mark Blackwell
 Jeff Blair
 Alan Blowers



Jeff Bolek
 Patti Boling
 Mark Borkonski
 Jim Bothof
 Mike Boxler
 Mike Boyer
 Doug Breault
 Linda Brewer
 Dawn Bridger



Brad Brown
 Charlie Brown
 Cheryl Brown
 Judi Brown
 Kathy Brown
 Kevin Brown
 Lis Brown
 Trena Brubeck
 Bret Bucknaster



Tammy Buckner
 Connie Bush
 Rick Butler
 Mike Cabra
 Kelly Callahan
 Debra Callicoat
 John Cameron
 Lisa Campbell
 Pamela Campbell





Juniors' prom plans are promising



Junior class officers, Karen Johnson, David Chambers, Todd Rowden and Scott Mendenhall examine possible sound-equipment for prom.

We've come a long way in a short time. Besides organizing the Prom, we helped with the Jr. play by selling refreshments and tickets.

Scott Mendenhall

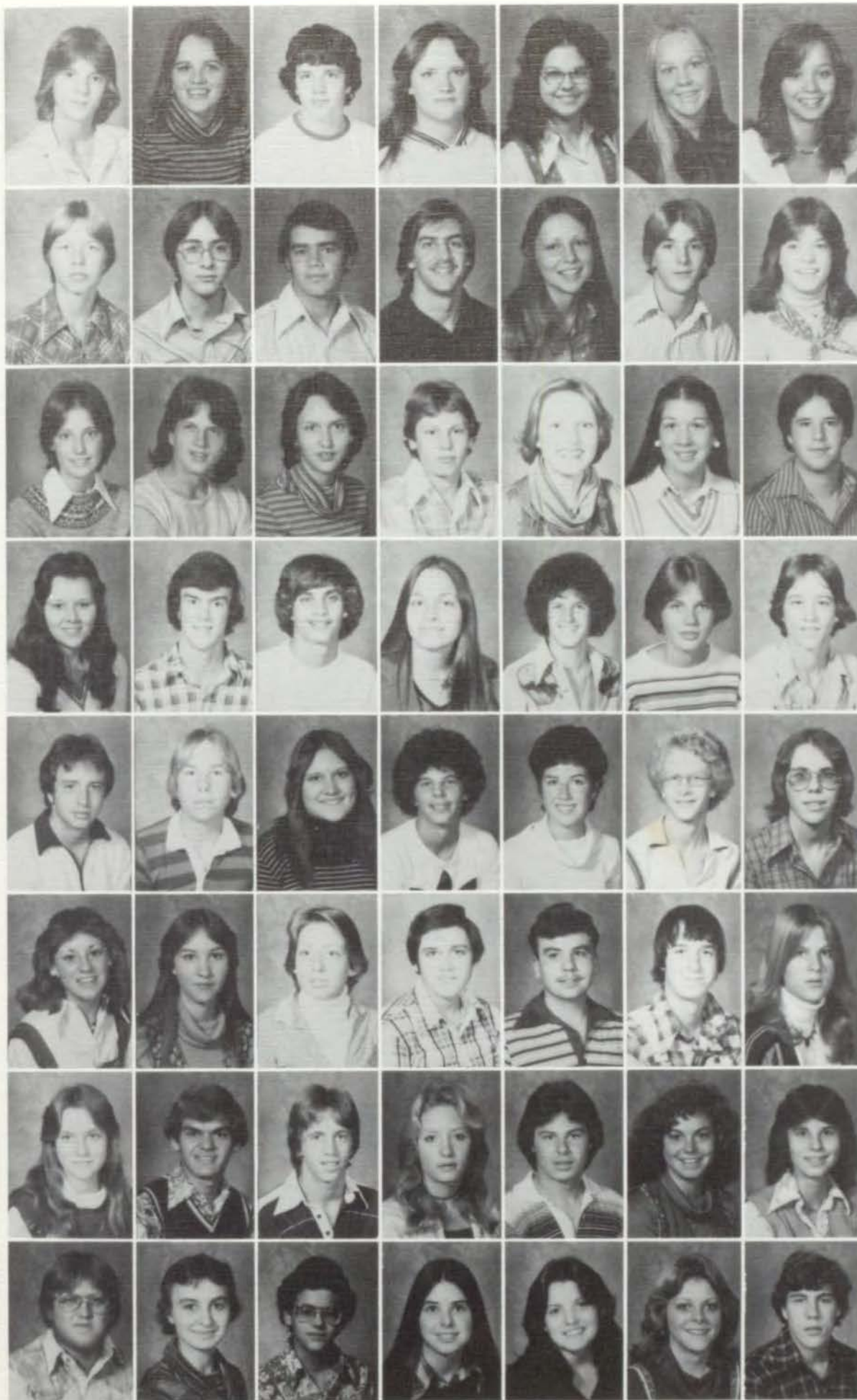
Tradition is carried on by juniors



Josten's rings were big business in 1977-78, with 354 members of the junior class purchasing rings.

Your school ring gives you a sense of belonging and gives you something to take pride in.

Chris Lancaster



Steven Cannon
 Scott Carmen
 Becky Carpenter
 Bruce Carpenter
 Doug Carver
 Jan Casselman
 Christine Cassity
 Barb Caster
 Kim Catchpole

Betty Chadwick
 David Chambers
 Joe Chambers
 Reese Chaney
 Mark Chaney
 Alan Chenoweth
 Charise Christian
 Mike Churchman
 Janee Cindrich

Paul Clark
 Marcy Claunch
 Nancy Clay
 Scott Clay
 Becky Clayter
 Brian Cleberg
 Kyme Clinton
 Kathleen Cobb
 Steve Cochran

Kevin Coffman
 Larry Coggins
 Kerry Cole
 Jack Collins
 John Colner
 Patrice Compnolle
 Jeff Compton
 Susan Conant
 Chuck Cone

Debbie Cone
 Maureen Connolly
 Mike Cooley
 Jerry Coons
 Debbie Cornelison
 Phil Cosper
 Mindy Couser
 Chris Cox
 Doug Cox

Kevin Crain
 Janet Cranfill
 Karen Cranfill
 Laura Cravens
 Jean Crawley
 Randy Creek
 Cinton Cross
 David Crosswhite
 Cheryl Crow

Julie Crump
 John Cullen
 Cris Curnett
 Ronald Currey
 Smokey Curtis
 Jamie Custer
 Steve Danzo
 Becky Darby
 Jeanne Davenport

Rob Davidson
 Dennis Davies
 Chris Davis
 Kim Davis
 Ron Davis
 Jan Dawson
 Debbie DeGerald
 Lisa Delisio
 Terry Delpha

Diane Denio
Heidi DeVore
Carolyn DiGirolamo
Sally Dinkmeyer
Patty Dinsmore
Ross Diviak
Keith Dome
James Douglas
Gary Duddy



Jed Duer
Melissa Dunc
Jacques Dupuy
Rick Dye
Matt Ebnst
Wendy Eisele
Mark Elholz
Janine Elenz
Mary Endsley



Cathy Evans
Stephanie Evola
Quinna Fenner
Greg Ferguson
Lana Ferguson
Ron Fitscheny
Robert Fleming
Ann Foote
Chuck Foote



Lori Forson
Cathy Fortner
Randy Fortuna
Myra Fox
Carl Freeman
Robert Funke
Sheryl Gartner
Mark Gash
Mary Kay Gaul



Don Gensler
Christi Gentry
Bob George
Charles Gercken
Connie Gilbert
Kim Gillenwater
Mark Gilpin
Lynn Glaeser
Laurinda Glathaar



Steve Glenski
Brad Goddard
Patty Golubski
Rita Gonner
Greg Goodwin
Brian Gordon
Greg Gorman
Pam Graham
Mike Grauer



Cathy Gravett
Steve Gray
Kent Greenway
Dee Anne Greer
Dawn Gregory
Greg Grill
Donna Gross
Don Grossman
Terry Gurney



Tim Gutsch
Jon Hadley
Rick Ham
Kathy Hamilton
Edie Handley
Tammie Harlan
Cass Harlow
Karen Harmon
David Harris





Junior spirit runs rampant

School spirit is being proud, interested, and enthusiastic about your school and the activities surrounding it.

Eddie Handley



Kelly Hook, Janet Wilson, Edie Handley, Cheryl Leutfen, Stephanie Evola, and Sharon Patterson make up the 1977-78 JV cheerleading squad.

Teresa Heffron and her family visit with Miss Annette Luyben during open house.



Juniors appreciate a good word

A parent playing the role of a student would probably be helpful in understanding modular scheduling.

David Chambers



Linda Harris
 Leslie Hartke
 Laura Hartke
 Brenda Hasty
 Vicki Hawkins
 Bill Hayden
 Christina Hazelwood
 Theresa Heffron
 Glenda Hein



Mary Hendrickson
 Drew Hendrickson
 Darla Henry
 Russ Henry
 Shirley Henry
 Jewel Heywood
 Patti Hickson
 Jeanine Higgins
 Debbie Hill



Paul Hoglen
 Jeff Holeman
 Janet Holland
 Mike Homer
 Kelly Hook
 Ed Hoover
 Bill Horton
 Janet Houghton
 Mike Howard



Russ Howard
 Linda Howe
 David Hughes
 Steve Hughes
 Cindy Hummel
 Dianne Hurd
 Terri Hyland
 Cindy Jackson
 Donna Jagger



Jan Jenkins
 Monica Jenkins
 Bill Jensen
 Scott Jesse
 Teresa Jewell
 Jacque Johnson
 Karen Johnson
 Karen Jones
 Scott Joslyn



Craig Kamphetner
 Ken Kardell
 Bubba Kavanaugh
 Kurt Kavanaugh
 Nick Kavanaugh
 Susan Kelly
 Michele Keim
 Jim Kesler
 Beth Kerksiek



Lauren Kerr
 Julia Kidd
 Brian King
 Keith Kisse
 Karen Klegseth
 Jeff Klein
 Todd Klein
 Kerrie Klint
 Mike Knight



Ed Koehler
 Annette Koppe
 Ray Kozicki
 Kari Kraft
 Bill Kress
 Richard Kurz
 Kent Lamanski
 Perry Lambert
 Chris Lancaster

Vickie Landes
 Jeff Landis
 Cristy Lapetina
 Nancy Lappin
 David Lasley
 Tami Lawler
 Terri Leach
 Brian Lee
 Mark Lee



Cheryl Leutjen
 Gerald Liberty
 Mary Jo Linard
 Vickie Lineberry
 April Lipscomb
 Jolene Locke
 Coleen Logan
 Kevin Long
 Ronald Long



Jeff Loveall
 Sandra Lowrey
 Steve Lushbaugh
 Julie Lynn
 Liz Lyon
 Kenny Lytle
 Jill Maas
 Pam Mackender
 Annette Magee



Hurley Mahan
 Janet Majors
 Ron Malan
 Laurie Maline
 Lynn Manley
 Jeff Manteufel
 Kevin Marks
 Doug Marshall
 Lesa Marshall



Debbie Martinez
 Kristi Marx
 Doug Marx
 Sandy Masten
 Chuck Matney
 Ann Maucelli
 Tom May
 Heidi Maysent
 Debbie McBrayer



David McCalley
 Kelly McCarthy
 Leslie McCarty
 Melissa McCord
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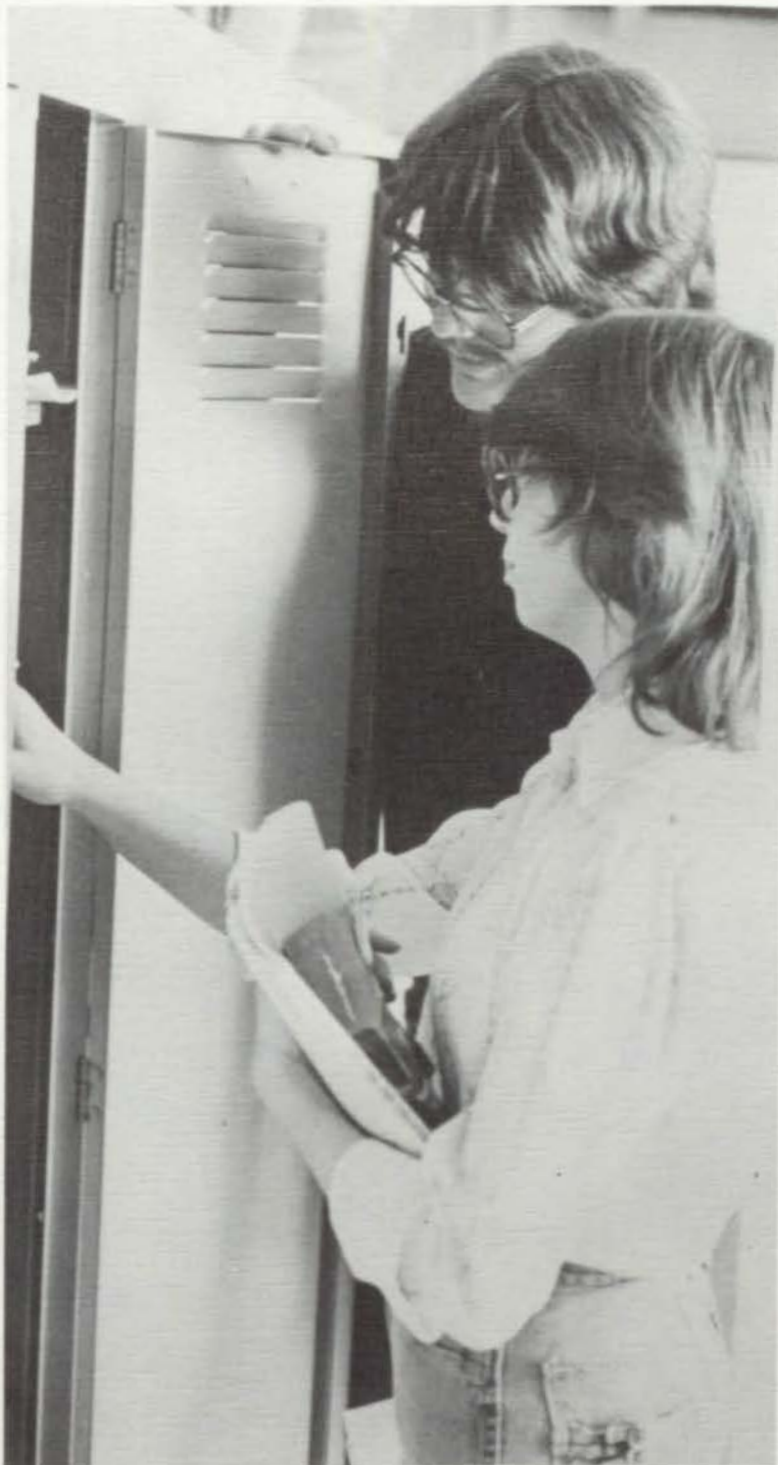
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 Lesa Mielkus
 Bruce Milboun
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 Julie Miriani
 Debbie Misner
 Lori Misner



Time between classes promotes friendly interest



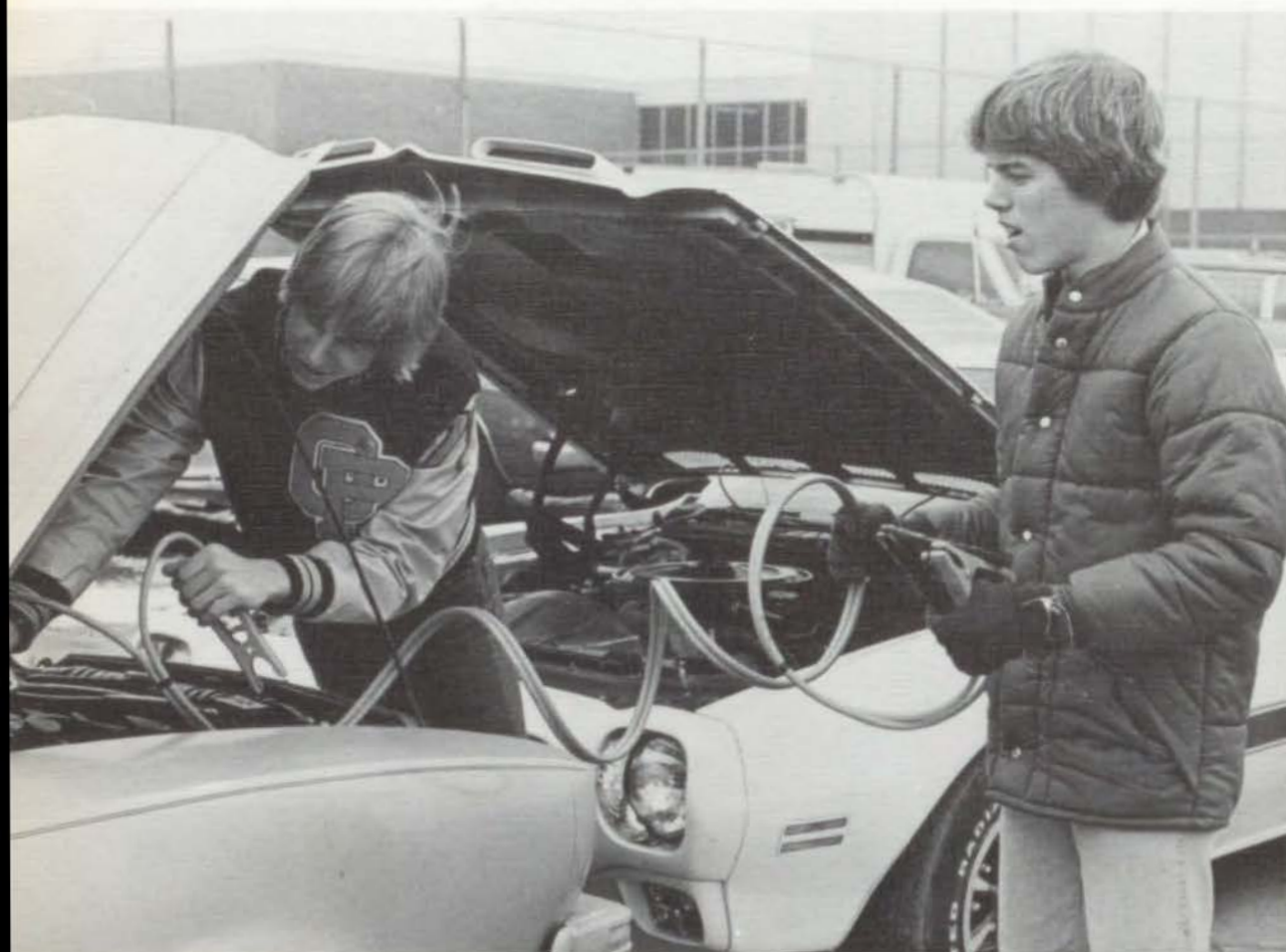
Steve Roberts, Terri Flemmons stop at their locker between classes.

Displaying affections in the hall, locker, or in class is rude and should only be allowed to a certain extent.

Sheila Sutton

Juniors overcome obstacles

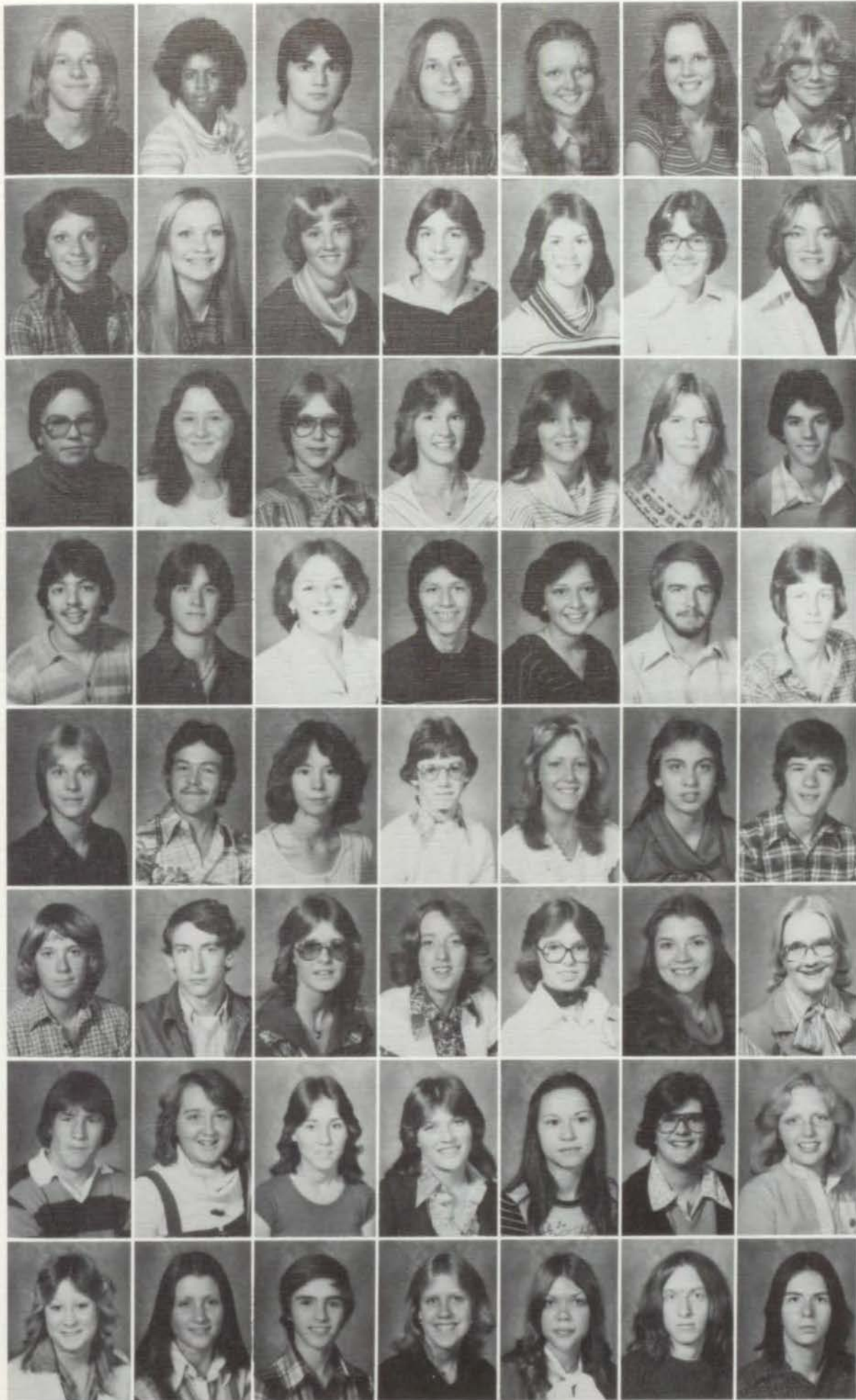
Dean Vette and Kelly Smith encounter difficulties in the student parking lot.



Having your license makes you feel more responsible for your actions.

Dawn Gregory





Suzanne Molder
 Chris Molleson
 Marc Montgomery
 Marie Montgomery
 John Moore
 Krista Morris
 Rhonda Mulnix
 Robin Mulnix
 Becky Myers

Tammy Myers
 Susan Neece
 Kelly Nelson
 Shari Nelson
 Sherri Netherton
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Patricia Oneth
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 Brenda Parton
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 Joe Payne
 Jim Perry

Steve Petry
 Larry Peuker
 Steve Pflug
 Dan Phillips
 Jensine Phillips
 Ron Phillips
 Donna Pickert
 Cindy Pickle
 Brian Pierce

Denise Pierce
 Marty Pierce
 Keith Piercy
 Mike Pierson
 Beverly Pike
 Estelle Pittman
 Terri Plemmons
 Jill Pope
 Kathy Poppa

Sandy Portwood
 Lee Ann Poteet
 Cary Powell
 Rita Powell
 Michelle Powers
 Chris Praiswater
 Joni Presto
 Mary Preson
 Julie Propp

Rebecca Pryor
 Dave Pulleye
 Linda Pulliam
 Sue Pupkes
 Don Ramsey
 Donna Rasco
 Hermione Ray
 Brian Rebel
 Phil Rebell

Nan Reed
Robin Reed
Lisa Reif
Diane Rhodes
Sandy Rice
Cindy Richardson
Amy Richmond
Kelvin Riley
Richard Riley



Danny Rinehart
Jan Roberts
Steve Roberts
Dale Robertson
Loren Robertson
Larry Robinson
Connie Rolan
Jeff Rooks
Louie Roque



Stacy Rousch
Todd Rowden
Debbie Roy
Paul Ryan
Daniel Saferite
Kim Sage
Nick Saladino
Ken Salyer
Phyllis Salyer



Steve Santoro
Tina Sappenfield
John Schmidt
Craig Schnell
Kurt Schoephoerster
Kelly Schowengert
Tom Schulze
Chris Sciolaro
Mary Scott



Scott Sell
Darla Sexton
Dennis Seymour
John Shackelford
Kevin Shafer
Jennifer Shaul
Sharon Shaw
Dana Sheets
Jan Shelton



Lewis Sherrill
Sandy Shryak
Jamie Siglar
Mike Sims
Rick Sinclair
Darrell Sissell
Steve Sivigliano
Steve Sloan
Karla Smith



Kelly Smith
Kenny Smith
Sally Smyers
Dirk Soldan
Bob Soligo
Nancy Sorenson
Angela Sorisso
Deanne Spaunhorst
Steve Spaw



Mark Speiser
Leanne Sport
Paul Stark
Jacqueline Stead
Monte Stephenson
Mary Stevens
Teresa Stinnet
Mark Stomp
Kim Storey

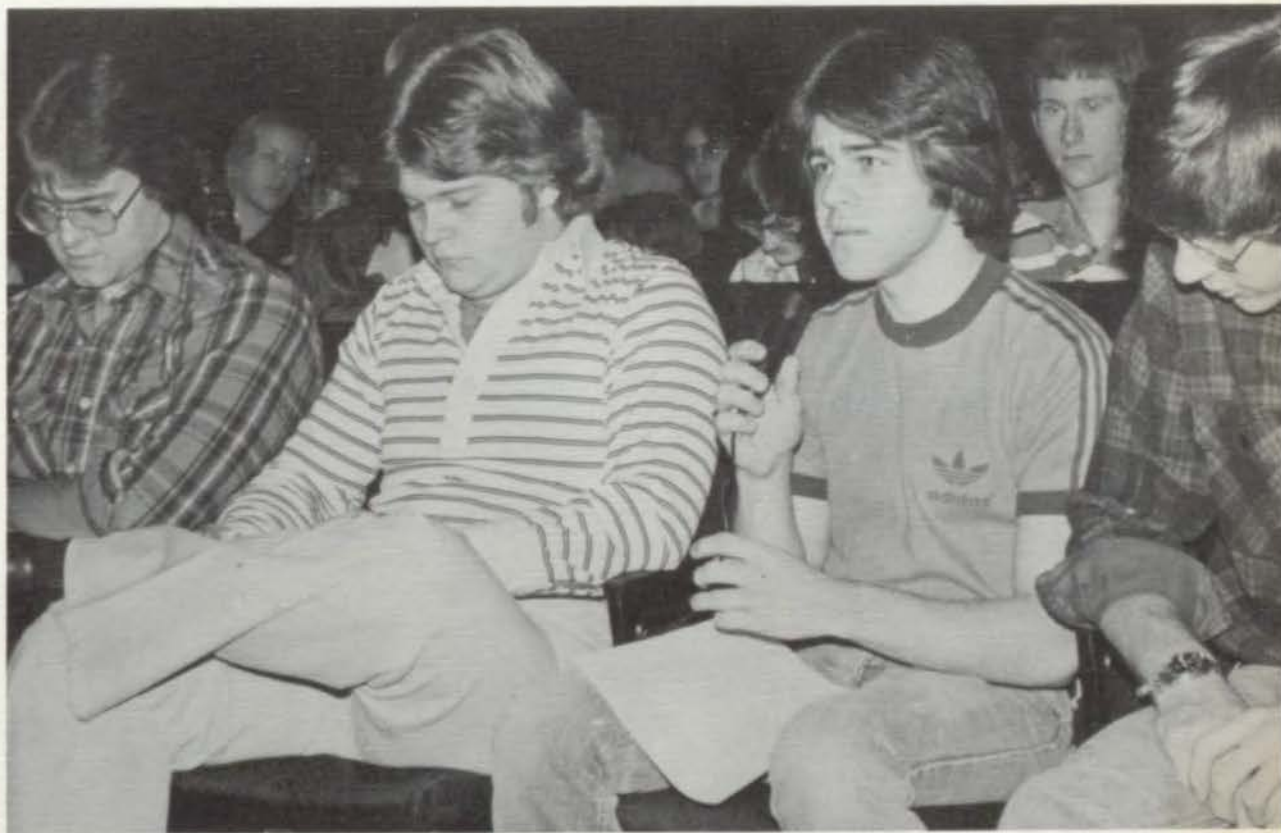




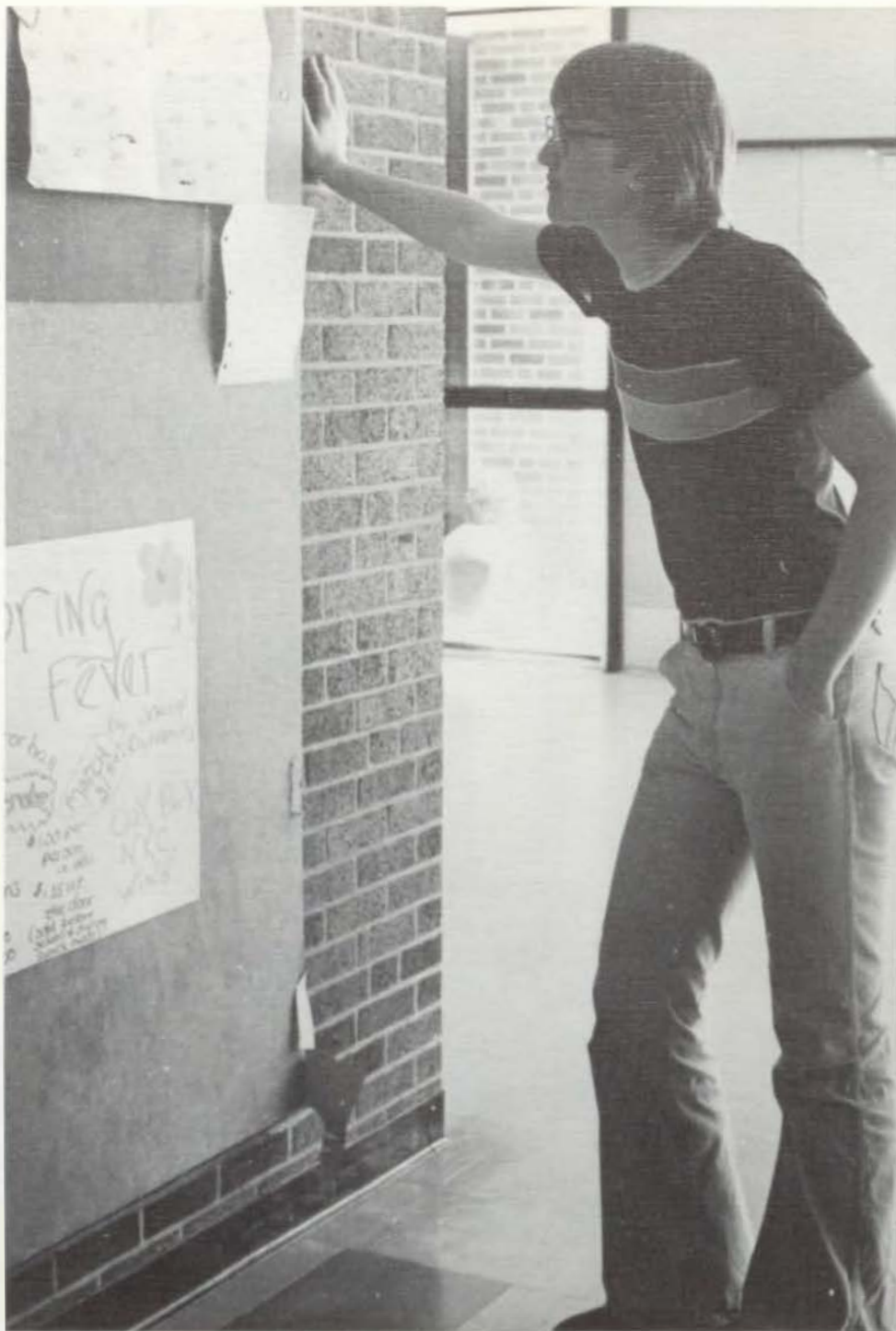
American History should be a class
required to be taken within the three years
at Oak Park.

Mike Homer

Opinions voiced by juniors



David McCalley expresses his opinion to
Representative Tom Coleman



Jeff Loveall examines the StuCo bulletin board for up-coming activities.

Juniors keep informed

Generally, juniors have been able to voice their opinions on most matters except those concerning the curricular period. Classes need to be more challenging.

Mike Boxler





Susan Storm
Cheryl Strub
Kary Sullivan
Sheila Sutton
Duanne Sweeten
Jeff Swift
Bill Taylor
Donna Taylor
James Taylor



Kim Taylor
Mike Taylor
Mark Templin
Paul Tepley
Kim Terry
Rod Thomas
Warren Thomas
Coleyn Thompson
Darren Thompson



Gary Thurston
Lori Townsend
Cynda Traw
Christine Treat
Christopher Treat
Mark Trembly
Lori Tucker
Chuck Tuggle
Chester Turner



Sheri Tygart
Cindy Uphoff
Bill Vaden
Ava VanBebber
Diana VanBecelaere
Sue Van DeMark
Gail Vanderwalker
Lanita VanMeter
Pat VanRyckeghem



Steve Verhulst
Dean Vette
Donnie Veulemans
Randy Vroom
Mary Waddell
Craig Walker
Greg Ward
Don Warren
Marilyn Wasser



Greg Weakley
Rick Weakley
Maribeth Weast
Janet Weaver
Mark Webb
Christi Welch
Russell Westbrook
Cheryl Westlund



Shelli Wheeler
Cathy White
Craig White
Norman White
Cory Whitmore
Gary Wiese
Karen Wilcox
Sheila Wiles



Kent Willard
April Willhite
Pam Willsie
Curtis Wilson
Janet Wilson
Kurtis Witte
Mitch Wohlgemuth
Linda Wolverton



Kathy Woods
Sandy Woods
Debbie Wooten
Sheryl Worth
Brenda Wuttke
Janine Wyatt
Bryan Young
Rick Zuniga

Matt Adams
 Terry Adams
 William Akers
 Marie Alexander
 Jerry Alexander
 Bea Allman
 Ana Allnutt
 Jon Anderson



Kelly Anderson
 Kerin Anderson
 Mary Anderson
 Lisa Andrews
 Joy Argabright
 April Armstrong
 Tom Audley
 Robert Bair



Janet Banister
 Melissa Barber
 Teri Barbosa
 Toni Barbosa
 Matt Barker
 Patricia Barmann
 Diana Baynham
 Dawna Beagley



Ricky Beall
 Terry Bearyl
 Thomas Beck
 Larry Bell
 Leah Benigar
 Jack Bentley
 Jill Bentley
 Ed Bernardic



Kim Billings
 Dana Birch
 Staci Bohlmeier
 Dennis Boles
 Brian Bolin
 Robert Bond
 Brad Boustead
 Allan Box



Eric Brackman
 Vicki Braton
 Emile Braun
 Christy Bray
 Greg Breault
 Shawn Bresette
 Debbie Brewer
 Penny Brooks



Chris Brown
 Clayton Brown
 Melvin Brown
 Susanne Brown
 Jerry Brucker
 Tom Burke
 Matthew Burns
 Thomas Burns





Senior class provides leadership

Leading the senior class are: Karen Carlson, secretary, Tom Audley, president, Greg Carpenter, sergeant-at-arms, and Mark Wood, vice-president.

As a class officer it's hard to do as much as you want because students have to want to participate.

Karen Carlson

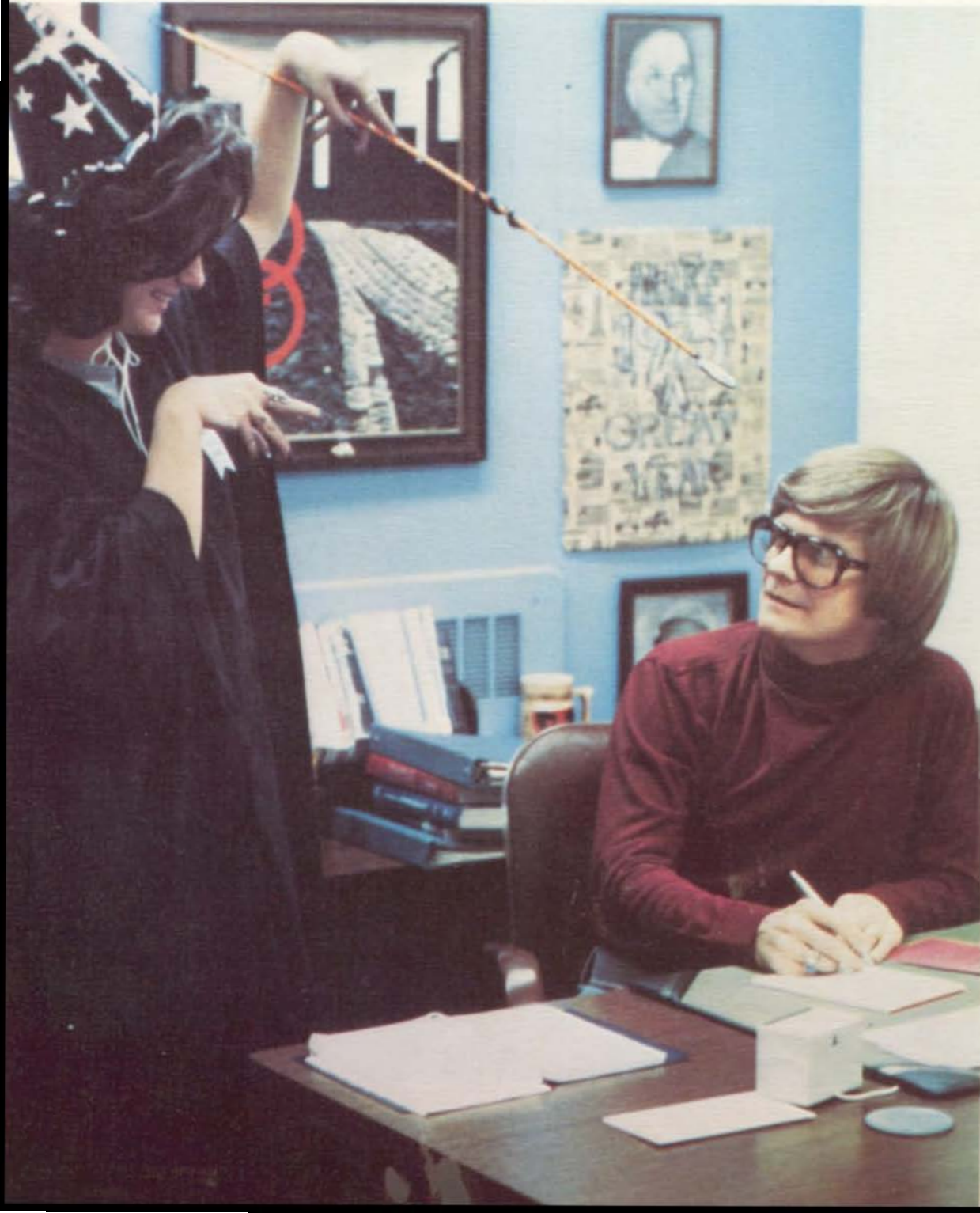


Seniors display bewitching talent

Personally I don't like some of the disciplinary measures taken, but I feel that they are necessary to keep the school in order.

David Churchman

Mary Glenski puts her curse on principal Larry Carnine.





Debbie Butler
 Una Butler
 John Butrick
 Rama Butts
 Kevin Buzan
 Danella Byers
 Denise Callicoat
 Donna Campbell
 Robert Carboneau



Karen Carlson
 Mike Carlson
 James Carmack
 Sandi Carmichael
 Chris Carnes
 Greg Carpenter
 Henry Carrø
 Jennifer Carsten
 Bill Carter



Dee Carver
 Ralph Casebolt
 Tim Casey
 Bill Casselman
 Craig Caycee
 Sandy Ceplina
 Mark Chaney
 Steve Chesterton
 Mary Childress



Denise Christian
 Marilyn Christy
 David Churchman
 Jeff Cindrich
 Karen Cliff
 Robin Cocke
 Cheryl Cole
 Cheryl Collins
 Merry Collins



Tom Collins
 Vicki Cone
 Patty Conway
 Kevin Cooper
 Kirk Cordray
 Ron Cory
 Patrick Cowper
 William Cowper
 Bill Cox



Melinda Cranfill
 Debbie Crouch
 Claudia Crump
 Karla Crump
 Nancy Cvetan
 Tim Dailey
 Russell Dameron
 Chuck Davis
 Kathy Davis



Diane Dawson
 Mark Deitrickson
 Kathy DeLano
 Kathy DeLisio
 Michelle DiGirolamo
 Lesa Dixon
 Russell Dixon
 Stanley Dixon

Susan Doan
 Carl Dobney
 Carole Donahue
 Debra Donelson
 Shiela Dorsey
 Debbie Douglas
 Pam Douglas
 Sue Duello
 Douglas Duensing



Danny Dugan
 Kevin Dunham
 Tom Duy
 Debbie Eckhart
 Ernie Eitel
 Debra Elder
 Jamie Ellis
 Greg Ellis
 Kathy Ellis



Pam Etzenhouser
 Barbara Evans
 Steve Evans
 Gloria Evola
 Vicki Faherty
 Brenda Fair
 Mary Farro
 Cindy Faught
 Linda Feagles



Cindy Fink
 Steve Firuccia
 Kay Fischer
 Douglas Fitzgerald
 Julie Flaughter
 Tim Flom
 Marisa Flores
 Christy Floyd
 Scott Flynn



Steve Foote
 Cathy Forbes
 Valencia Forbes
 Chuck Ford
 Karen Forson
 Andy Forster
 Ron Fowler
 Doug Frame
 Kevin Francis



Bill Fredrick
 Julie Freeman
 Jack Frisby
 Kathy Gabbert
 Peggy Gagnebin
 Kim Gaines
 Brenda Gall
 Rhonda Garland
 John Garnett



Sheila Garrett
 Judie Garzee
 Bret Gatten
 John Gault
 Kenny Gazaway
 Susan Gear
 Vickie George
 Melody Gibbs
 Lisa Giddings





New role assumed by upperclassmen

The Oak Park Drama Dept. gives quality performances consistently, performances on the same scale as many college productions.

Jimmy Spair



Paul Wyman prepares for his role in 'Inherit The Wind.'

Spirit led by seniors

Sports at school bring you close to friends and teach you respect and discipline.

Kelly Anderson



Top, Coach Jerry Crews instructs his line on game strategy. Bottom, Pep Club girls exhibit pre-game spirit and enthusiasm.





Richard Gilbert
 Rob Gingrich
 Mary Glenski
 Laurie Gordon
 Pat Gorman
 Steven Graham
 Blanca Granillo
 Rob Granquist
 Debbie Green



Danny Greenwood
 Mark Greer
 Dawn Grill
 Linda Grun
 Pat Guevel
 Martin Guter
 Gutsch Gutsch
 Mike Guyer
 Jim Hake



Chris Hale
 Brad Hale
 Lanna Hall
 Lisa Ham
 Beverly Hamby
 Robert Harmon
 Greg Harper
 Dana Harris
 Kathy Harris



Laurie Harris
 Scott Harris
 Larry Hartley
 Denise Hartstack
 Janice Harvey
 Judy Havens
 Tammy Hawks
 Pam Hayden
 Gayle Hays



Karen Hearn
 Russ Heidebrecht
 Steve Henion
 Todd Heshner
 Jody Highfill
 Cathy Hinds
 Steve Hines
 David Hladky
 Julie Hobbs



Mike Holbrook
 Frank Holmes
 Scott Horstmann
 Mystica Hull
 Dennis Hurd
 Debbie Irwin
 Linda Isenhour
 Cheryl Jenkins
 Steve Jewell



Susan Jezak
 Juanita Johnson
 Michael Johnson
 Alan Jones
 Barbara Jones
 Linda Jones
 Linda Jones
 Mary Jury
 Nancy Kanabel

Jeanine Kappler
 Teresa Karpierz
 Julie Kauer
 Diane Kear
 Dennis Keaton
 Annette Keim
 Jeff Keiser
 Arthur Kent
 Terrie Kerkstiek



Jim Kersten
 Sherri Kesler
 Kim Ketchum
 Laurie Kimbrough
 Craig King
 Jim Kitchens
 Denise Klobucar
 Eugena Knabe
 Nancy Koerber



Juanita Kooker
 Mary Koppe
 Lynn Kramer
 Wendy Kramer
 Jeff Kuhn
 Kim Kuhn
 Linda Kunde
 Tom Lamb
 Eddie Lane



Andra Lasley
 Virginia Laverty
 Ricky Lee
 Greg Lees
 Vicki Leggett
 Vickie Leonard
 Patti Lerner
 Denise Leuty
 Cynthia Lewis



Terri Lewis
 Tammie Liberty
 Cherie Lightfoot
 Tonia Loftin
 Debbie Logan
 Allison Loos
 Chris Loveall
 Bob Lumby
 Shari Lundy



Joyce Luper
 Debbie Lynch
 Scott McAtee
 Karen McCarthy
 Rebecca McCorkle
 Sharon McGatha
 David McKee
 Jim McKinney
 Lesa McKinzie



Michelle McLaughlin
 Kelly McNamara
 Kevin McPeck
 John Mabrey
 Joe Macken
 Becky Madon
 Kelly Madsen
 Teresa Magee
 Tammie Maharg





Favorite pastimes entertain seniors

Rat-batting is so appealing because it is fun to chase the little mongrels around and try to biff 'em.

Scott McAtee



Keith Sanders, Tom Shaul, and Phil Youtsey provide a community service by going rat-batting.



Seniors learn to deal with perplexing problems

Individualized study is good because it gives a student a chance to work and advance at his own pace.

Missy Barber



Bob Schoap contemplates his unfortunate position with Mr. Larry Blackwell's handcuffs



Lorie Malam
 Terry Marks
 Cindy Marshall
 Brenda Marstall
 Dave Martin
 Dona Martin
 Kevin Martin
 Mark Martin
 Richard Martin



Lori Marx
 Marilyn Mast
 Lori Masteller
 Michael Matusiak
 Doug Mayfield
 Brad Meadows
 Joseph Medina
 George Meek
 Tim Meek



Mary Merzman
 Mark Miles
 David Miller
 Michele Miller
 Paul Miller
 Karen Minor
 Ronna Mitchell
 Bitu Moghaddam
 Michelle Montgomery



Karen Moody
 Susan Moon
 Cheryl Moor
 Becky Morris
 Teresa Morris
 Joseph Morse
 Teri Morton
 Jerrrie Mossige
 Willie Mulford



Maureen Mullins
 Melinda Mulph
 Kim Murphy
 Linda Murray
 Robert Murray
 Cheryl Meyers
 Jim Meyers
 John Nance
 June Nance



Thomas Neth
 David Nieman
 David Norris
 Henry Norris
 Mike Norton
 Chris O'Banion
 Danny O'Dell
 David O'Dell
 Sonia Oneth



Darrell Osborn
 Ronald Osborn
 Julie Pajer
 Elizabeth Palermo
 Edward Palmero
 Loretta Palmisano
 David Parr
 Virginia Parrish
 Stephen Parsons

Denise Payne
Linda Penland
Deborah Perry
Kerry Peterson
Eldon Pfaffly
Maureen Pflannenstiel
Carrie Pflug
Patty Pflug
David Phillips



Stephen Phillips
Robin Pickle
Dan Pierce
Candy Pitts
Ronald Pitts
Julie Pitzer
Julie Pope
Brett Porter
Greg Poston



Sheryl Potter
Mike Powers
Denise Pegg
Mark Presko
Sheryl Price
Letha Proctor
Tamie Purtle
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Mark Pylypczuk



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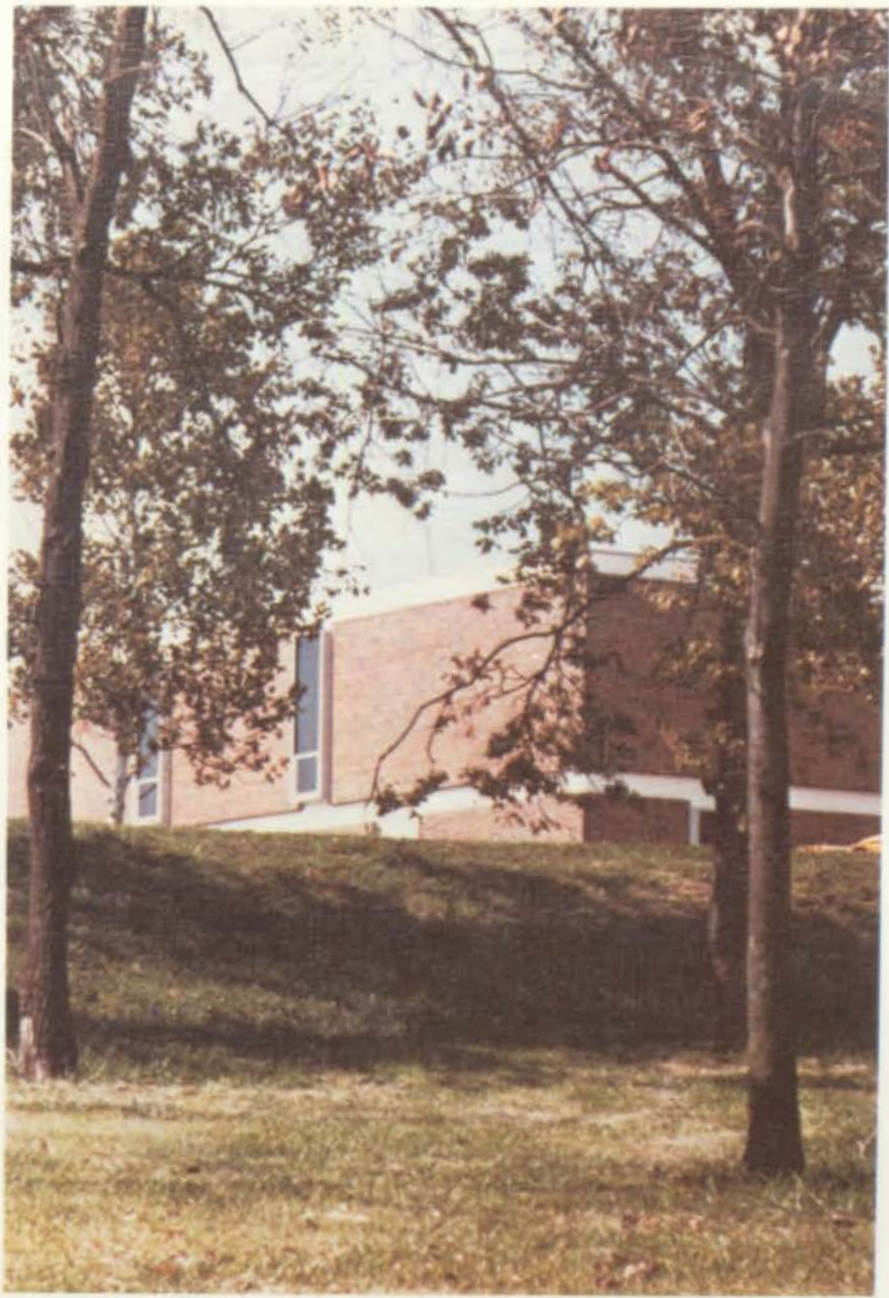


John Robinson
Richard Rodriguez
Tim Roe
James Rogers
Martha Rogers
Stacey Rogers
Lori Ronnau
Maggie Root
Becky Rorie



James Rosenthal
Patricia Ross
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David Rumley
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Keith Sanders
Rhonda Sands
Tom Sausser





A peaceful look at Oak Park High School.

View evokes peaceful feeling

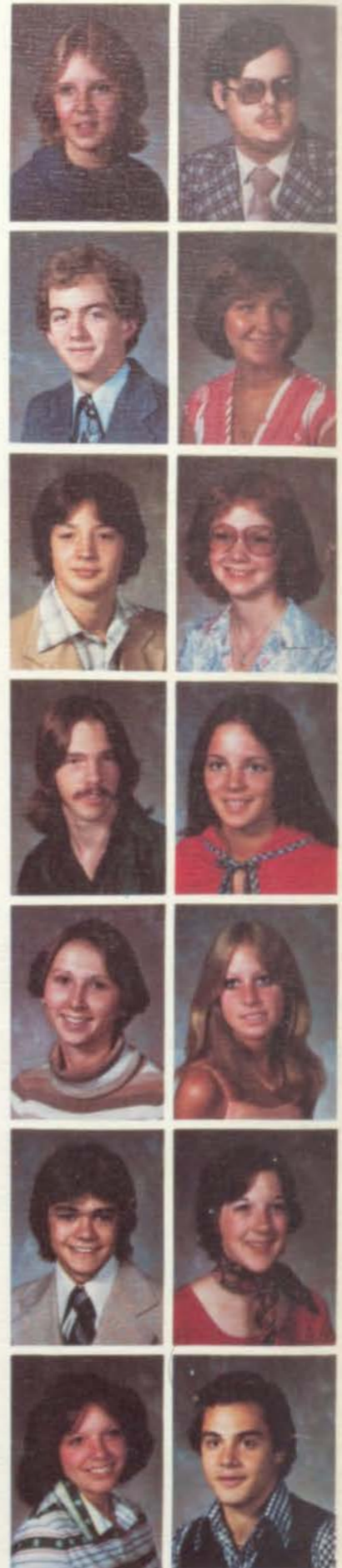
I think Oak Park has a lot to offer, but it's up to the individual what they get out of it.

Linda Williamson

Seniors search for answers

I plan to attend college to increase and expand my knowledge and education and to increase my chances for success both academically and socially.

Chris Loveall



Seniors attempt to find the answers to the questions of their future.



Fonda Schmidt
 Bob Schoap
 Daryl Schott
 Russ Schworer
 Cindy Seats
 Tim Sexton
 Lyla Shackelton
 Sherri Shafer
 Teresa Shanahan



Forest Sharp
 Kim Sharp
 Richard Shaul
 Jenny Shinn
 Mendy Short
 Karen Shuck
 Clinton Simmons
 Kenneth Slagle
 Dixie Smith



Jerry Smith
 Melanie Smith
 Mona Smith
 Shelle Smith
 Tony Smith
 Jean Smyers
 Shelli Snyder
 Jimmy Spair
 Tammi Speidel



Lance Spencer
 Sonia Spotts
 John Spottswood
 Carol Sprague
 Lori Stampfel
 Kay Stanton
 Dan Stariwat
 Mike Steele
 Fred Stegall



Beverly Steger
 Sandy Sten
 Joyce Stevens
 David Stoneking
 Charley Stow
 Lance Stracke
 Mark Swift
 Jeff Swoyer
 Jean Talbott



Steve Tatum
 Linda Taylor
 Brenda Templin
 David Thomas
 Randall Thomas
 Todd Thompson
 Margareta Thunberg
 Loretta Tierney
 Dennis Trotter



Jill Troxel
 Ted Tsupel
 Christie Tucker
 Dustion Tully
 David Twitty
 Belinda Tygart
 Shannon Vanbuskirk
 Vicki VanDever
 Linda VanFosson

Denyse VanLaar
 Cathy VanRyckeghem
 Dena Vaughan
 Eddie Vaughn
 Lynn Veatch
 Mike Veraguth
 Lesa Vette
 John Veulemans
 Mary Vochatzer



Terri Vroom
 Terry Waddell
 Robin Wagner
 Heidi Waier
 Sharon Walden
 Greg Walker
 Kathie Wallis
 Craig Wansing
 Glenn Ward



Eddie Wargo
 Randy Watson
 Mike Weakley
 Kerry Webb
 Francie Weber
 Kim Welty
 Sharon Wendland
 Robert Wescott



Dana West
 Joanna Whipple
 Benja White
 Dana White
 Holly White
 Kim White
 Michael Whiting
 Lori Whitmore



Brian Whittall
 Kathy Whittall
 Eric Wiesner
 Bryan Wiley
 Cindy Williams
 Denise Williams
 Shelly Williams
 Linda Williamson



Stacey Wilson
 Shirley Wingo
 Dan Wisdom
 Dennis Witt
 Michael Witt
 Michael Wohlgemuth
 Karen Woitasczyk
 Alexis Wonder



Mark Wood
 Crystal Woodin
 Wendy Worthey
 Susan Wright
 Paul Wyman
 Brett Young
 Joanna Yousey
 Phillip Youtsey





Seniors anxiously anticipate their arrival to the Ozarks for senior week.

The Ozarks are so appealing to seniors because its a nice place to be with friends and because its such a calm and relaxing atmosphere.

Michael Wohlgemuth

Upperclassmen look to senior week





Barb Raines



Karen Carlson



Jill Bentley anticipates the crowning.



Queen Jill Bentley



Kerin Anderson



Debbie Rich



Diana Baynham



Loretta Palmisano

The senior class selected seven candidates for Homecoming Queen. They were first introduced in the pep assembly where they were awarded charms. A silhouette designed backdrop, drawn by Dee Carver, illustrated the Homecoming theme, "Traces of Love."

Homecoming Queen hopefuls were filled with excitement and nervousness on October 14 awaiting the night ahead of them. The crowd was hoping for a successful evening. As the halftime festivities began, Pep Club and the Bannerette Squad formed a heart and an arrow representing this year's theme. The seven queen candidates were then driven around the field in Corvettes. Debbie Logan, Pep Club vice-president, began to introduce

Jill

the candidates as their fathers escorted them onto the field. The excitement mounted as Terri Sanford, 1976 Homecoming Queen, was introduced. Then silence overtook the stadium as the announcement began. Terri Sanford placed the crown on Jill Bentley, 1977 Homecoming Queen. The Northmen went on to a victorious game over the Northtown Hornets, 28-0.

Queen Jill reigned over her court at the traditional Homecoming Dance the next night in Oak Park's Gym. The Butch Silver's Band provided the entertainment for the dance. The traditional first dance was chosen by the queen. As the slow tempo started, 340 Oak Park students began to dance.

Jill makes Homecoming sparkle

The only queen that actually works for her crown is the annual CAMBIA Queen. Seven senior girls are picked to campaign for yearbook sales. This year's campaign began as the girls thought of catchy slogans and made original booths.

Lisa's Locker Room was used as a slogan for Lisa Andrews. Gloria Evola used a workshop decor for Glo's Garage. Glenski's General Store was used by Mary Glenski. An exotic machine with live robots was Logan's Run used by Debbie Logan. Karen's Korral was the hitching post for Karen Moody. Melinda Mulnix was often found in Melinda's Motorcycle Shed. Francie's Ferris Wheel turned as Francie

Glo

Weber sold CAMBIA'S.

After two weeks of sales competition the candidates awaited the final day. The booths were neatly arranged in the gym the day of the assembly. The girls were introduced and then sat in front of the CAMBIA fireplace. Donna Townsend, the 1977 Queen, announced the winner as CAMBIA business managers Bob Lumby and Matt Burns crowned Gloria Evola.



Melinda Mulnix



Karen Moody



Lisa Andrews



Mary Glenski

Candidates carry on Cambia tradition



Debbie Logan



Francie Weber



Queen Glo Evola



Glo Evola proudly accepts the title of the 1978 Cambia Queen.



Gayla Wolverton crowns the 1978 Winter Sports Queen, Patty Conway



Queen Patty Conway



Sandy Cepina



Cheryl Jenkins



Maureen Mullins



Karen DeMeyer



Wendy Worthey



Sue Duello

Patty Conway began her reign as 1978 Winter Sports Queen when Gayla Wolverton, 1977 Winter Sports Queen, placed the crown on her head. Patty was filled with surprise as the crowd came to congratulate her.

Looking back over the week of anticipation and excitement, all the girls would remember the theme "Country Roads," as sung by Vicki Cone, Jeff Holeman, and Joe Payne during the assembly. Nearing the end of another

Patty

season, the Winter Sports teams were awarded good luck charms from all seven candidates during the assembly. The girls were introduced by Debbie Logan, Pep Club vice-president.

The seven queen candidates were chosen by the Wrestling squad and the Boys' and Girls' Basketball Teams. The student body then voted for their choice of queen.

Once again, a beautiful backdrop was designed by Dee Carver. The drawing represented the theme, "Country Roads."

Winter athletes select candidates

Nine Irishmen Chosen

The week before St. Pat's, the tradition of Sadie Hawkins was again recaptured as the girls began to ask the guys to the annual St. Pat's dance.

Surrounded by the colors of green and white, the St. Pat's dance crowd awaited the introduction of candidates. This year's nine candidates were all dancing to disco music played by senior Jeff Reese. The large crowd of 275 Oakies were anxious for the crowning. The candidates were chosen by

Jack

the senior class, then students attending the dance voted for the candidate of their choice as they entered.

As the clock struck 10 pm, the Pep Club vice-president, Debbie Logan, introduced all nine candidates. A few minutes later, the Irish green derby sat on the head of Jack Bentley. Through the rest of the evening couples danced to disco music. An extra attraction was the Leprechaun hostesses that greeted people at the door.



Tom Lamb



Harold Reynolds



Chris Loveall



K.C. Lucas



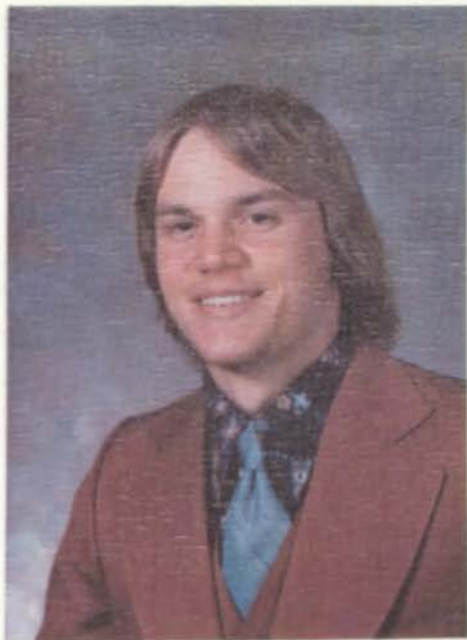
Mark Wood



Joe Macken



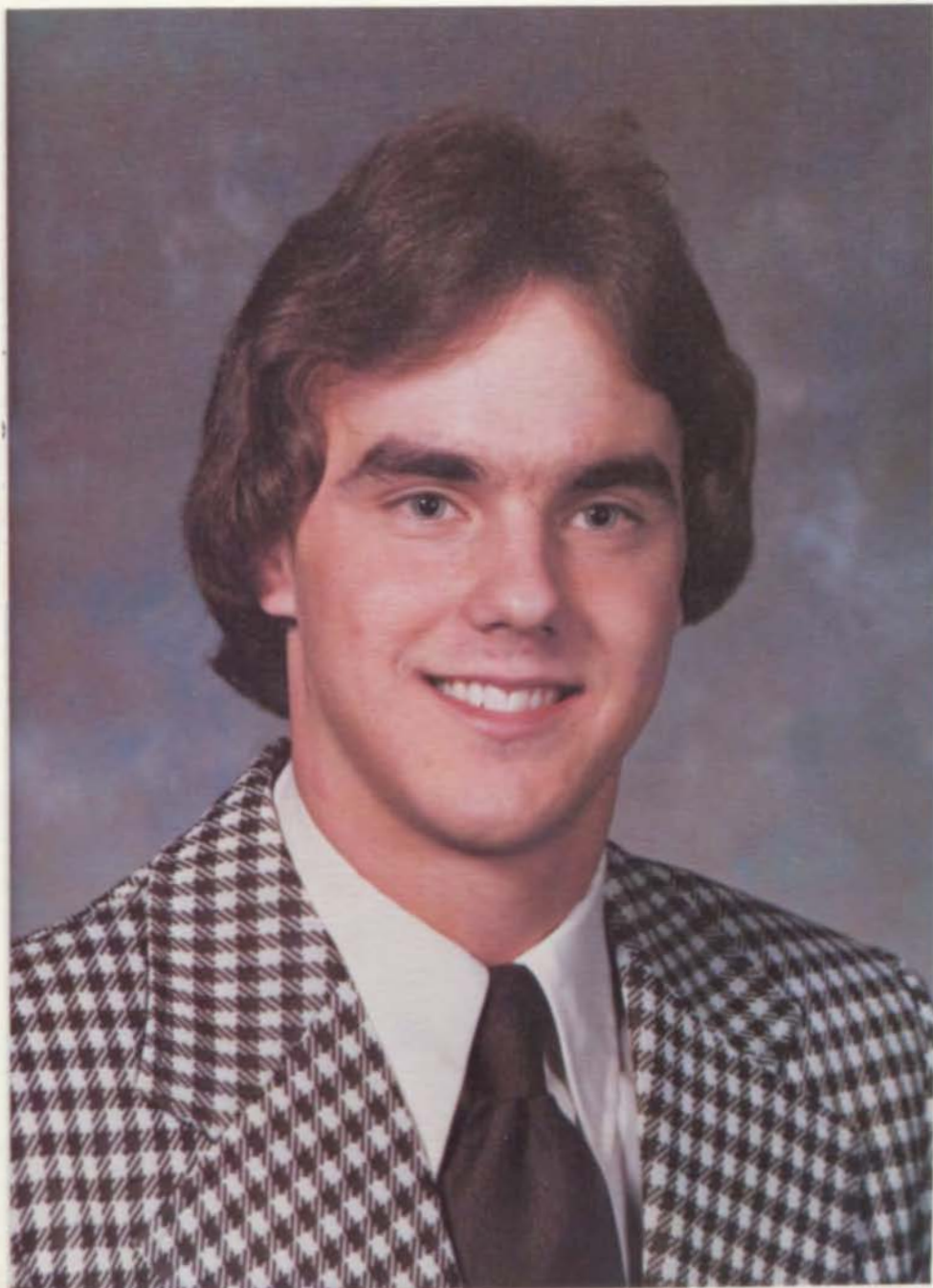
Mike Wohlgemuth



Paul Wyman



Debbie Logan crowns the 1978 St. Pat's King, Jack Bentley.



King Jack Bentley



Elms Hotel provides setting for prom

The annual Junior-Senior Prom became "Just an Old Fashioned Love Song" to many students as they arrived at the Elms Hotel with its old fashioned atmosphere.

Some students arrived in Volkswagens and a few others in a rented limousine, but it soon became apparent that the room would be inadequate in size for the 500 students attending. Most of the evening was filled with picture taking, talking to friends, and dancing to the music of Union Station.

Romanticism

After Prom, many students enjoyed early morning breakfasts or late night parties. Even though the rainy evening put a damper on some activities, the evening proved to be enjoyable.

Senior activities

Matt Adams-Tennis, Swimming
 Kelly Anderson-Baseball and Football Letterman, Basketball, STUCO Representative, Letterman's Club, Who's Who in High School Athletics
 Kerin Anderson-Volleyball Letterman, Captain, All Conference Honorable Mention, Bannerettes, LOG, GAA, Swimming, STUCO Representative, OGI, Pep Club, Intramurals
 Mary Anderson-"My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun"
 Joy Argabright-COE, "Annie Get Your Gun"
 April Armstrong-Sophomore Choir Charter Member, Northern Lights Charter Member, A Cappella, Oak Street, Pep Club, "Cuckoo's Nest," "Up the Down Staircase," "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver," Orchestra, String Quartet, Honor Roll
 Tom Audley-Sophomore Class Vice President, Junior Class Vice President, Senior Class President, STUCO Representative-Sgt. at Arms, Basketball and Golf Letterman, Letterman's Club
 Melissa Barber-Tennis Letterman, GAA, Pep Club, Intramurals
 Teri Barbosa-Basketball Letterman, All Conference
 Patricia Barmann-COE
 Terry Bearly-Tennis Letterman, Spanish Club
 Thomas Beck-German Club Treasurer
 Jack Bentley-Football, Baseball Letterman, Junior year Captain, Art Club
 Ed Bernardic-Football, Track, Baseball, Wrestling, Honor Roll, Honor Society
 Kim Billings-COE
 Dana Birch-Basketball, GAA, Track
 Staci Bohlmeyer-Pep Club, German Club, "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun"
 Bob Bond-Band, JV Baseball, Football Letterman, Honor Society, "Oliver"
 Brad Boustead-Football Letterman, Letterman's Club
 Vicki Braton-Basketball, Pep Club, Bannerettes, CAMBIA, FTA
 Christy Bray-A Cappella, Honor Society, Blood Drive, National Merit Letter of Commendation, "The Perfect Idiot," "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver," "Cuckoo's Nest," "Up the Down Staircase"
 Greg Breault-Football, Track
 Shaun Bresette-Pep Club, Bannerettes, Track
 Penny Brooks-Pep Club, Pom Pon, Dancer in "Annie Get Your Gun," and "Oliver"
 Clay Brown-Oak Street, A Cappella, International Thespians Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Honor Roll, Honor Society, Vocal Music Contest, Art Club, Art Assistant, Messiah Solo, Poster and Program design for "Inherit the Wind," and "Oliver" "Up the Down Staircase," "Inherit the Wind," "Rainmaker," "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver"-Mr. Sowerberry, Art Show-1st Place Abstract, Honorable Mention 3-D, Bong Show Winner
 Susanne Brown-Spanish Club, AFS, Pit Orchestra, Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Host Sister
 Tom Burke-German Club President, ISE Trip to Germany, Certificate of Excellence in German, Honor Society, AFS, Who's Who Among American High School Students, LOG, STUCO Alternate, Missouri High School-College Relations Commission Certificate of Recognition, Honor Roll
 Matthew Burns-Football Letterman, CAMBIA-photographer-Business Manager, Letterman's Club
 Debbie Butler-Pep Club, Track Assistant, FTA Historian
 Kevin Buzan-Track
 Danella Byers-OCI, COE, STUCO Alternate
 Karen Carlson-Sophomore Cheerleader, Pom Pon, Music Letterman, Pep Band, Oak Street, Orchestra, A Cappella, International Thespians Society Treasurer, "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail," "The Perfect Idiot," "Cuckoo's Nest," "Up the Down Staircase," "Inherit the Wind," "Rainmaker," "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver," STUCO Representative, Senior Class Secretary-Treasurer, Homecoming Queen Attendant, Baccalaureate Chairman, Who's Who Among American High School Students
 Mike Carlson-Football Letterman, COE
 Sondi Carmichael-Pep Club, Musical, Sophomore Choir, FTA, A Cappella
 Chris Carnes-NFL, Poetry and Duet Letterman, Lab Assistant, "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail," "Inherit the Wind," "Rainmaker," "Dancer in "Annie Get Your Gun" and "Oliver"
 Greg Carpenter-STUCO Representative, Senior Class Sgt. at Arms, Gift Committee Chairman, Track Letterman, Letterman's Club President, Basketball, Honor Society
 Jenny Carsten-Sophomore Choir, Pep Club, Art Club Treasurer, Baccalaureate Committee, A Cappella, "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver," "Inherit the Wind," "Rainmaker"
 Carletta Doe Carver-A Cappella, Art Club President, Art Assistant, Lab Assistant, STUCO Representative, Assembly Decorations, "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail," "My Fair Lady," "Cuckoo's Nest," "Up the Down Staircase," "Annie Get Your Gun"
 Sandy Ceplina-Pep Club, Bannerettes, STUCO Representative, Winter Sports Queen Attendant
 Steve Chesterton-Cross Country and Track Letterman, Letterman's Club
 Chris Chewning-COE
 Mary Childress-Art Club, Teacher Assistant, OCI
 David Churchman-Wrestling Letterman, Letterman's Club
 Robin Cocke-Home Ec Club Secretary, Art Club, Fund Raising Committee
 Cheryl Cole-Pep Club, Track, Basketball
 Merry Collin-FTA, A Cappella, Sophomore Choir Charter Member, COE, "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun"
 Tom Collins-Oak Street, Northern Lights Charter Member, A Cappella, International Thespians Society, "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver," "Inherit the Wind," "Rainmaker"
 Vicki Cone-Honor Society, Pep Club, JV Cheerleader, Varsity Cheerleader, Northern Lights Charter Member, Oak Street, A Cappella, District Business Contest, District Vocal Music Contest, State Vocal Music Contest, "Oliver"-Mrs. Bedwin "Inherit the Wind," Honor Roll
 Patty Conway-Pep Club President, JV Cheerleader, Honor Society, STUCO Representative, Winter Sports Queen
 Kirk Cordray-Orchestra, A Cappella, Student Conductor, Football, German Club Vice President, AFS, String Quartet, Baccalaureate Committee, Commencement



Top left. Moments of Prom reflect the theme, "Just An Old Fashioned Love Song." Top right. The Union Station Band keeps up the rhythm. Bottom left, Mike Homer gets into the mood of the music. Bottom center, Todd Thompson and his date enjoy themselves at the Prom. Bottom right, Dawn Gregory receives her Prom favors.

Committee, United Way Bong Show M.C., STUCO Representative, "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," Chess Club, Outstanding Junior in Orchestra 1977

Pat Cowper-Marching Band, FTA, COE

Bill Cox-Band, Orchestra, Pep Band, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, Drum Captain, A Cappella, Northern Lights Charter Member, Oak Street, Music Letterman, "My Fair Lady," "Oliver"

Missie Cranfill-Pep Club, Gymnastics Club, Intramural Bowling-1st Place '76, A Cappella, STUCO Representative, Home Ec Assistant, "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun"

Claudia Grump-Pep Club Letterman, Honor Society

Nancy Cvstan-Bannerettes, STUCO Representative, Pep Club, Band, Marching Band

DeaAnne Camico-NFL, Ruby, Degree of Distinction, Honor Society, Track, Debate, Gymnastics Letterman, "The Perfect Idiot," "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail," "Up the Down Staircase," "Cuckoo's Nest," "Inherit the Wind," "Rainmaker," "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver," Who's Who Among American High School Students, WHB Rappin', 1st Place Humorous Acting and Prose Reading

Kathy Davis-Gymnastics Club, Pep Club, AFS, Tennis Manager, Honor Roll, "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun"

Diane Dawson-Track, Basketball, Tennis, STUCO Representative, AFS, "Cuckoo's Nest," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver," Blood Drive, Teacher Assistant

Kathy Delano-LOG, COE, OPLA and Announcements Broadcaster, Broadcasting Club President, Spanish Club

Kathy DeLisio-Pep Club, COE

Karen DeMeyer-Pep Club Sectional President, Bannerettes, Track, Winter Sports Queen Attendant

Mark Dietrickson-COE

Russ Dixon-A Cappella

Susan Doan-Pep Club, Modern Dance Club, Teacher Assistant, FTA, A Cappella, Northern Lights Charter Member, Oak Street, "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Inherit the Wind," "Oliver," Honor Society, WWGA

Carl Dobney-Football Letterman, Baseball, Band, Honor Society

Sheila Dorsey-FTA Treasurer, Honor Society, Sophomore Choir Charter Member, COE

Pam Douglas-IV Volleyball Team, "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail," "The Perfect Idiot," "My Fair Lady," "Cuckoo's Nest," "Up the Down Staircase," "Alice," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Inherit the Wind," "Rainmaker," "Oliver," German Club, A Cappella, Northern Lights Charter Member, Oak Street Historian, Honor Society, International Thespian Society, NFL, STUCO Representative, CAMBIA, WWGA, Oak Park Youth for Christ Club Co-Captain

Sue Duello-Volleyball Letterman, GAA, Art Club, Winter Sports Queen Attendant, Basketball and Track Letterman

Dung Duensing-Spanish Club, Intramural Volleyball and Ping Pong, Chemistry Lab Assistant, 1977 Maryville Math Contest, Curators Scholarship to Rolla

Danny Dugon-Wrestling, Letterman, Football, Band

Tom Duy-International Thespian Society, "My Fair Lady," "Cuckoo's Nest," "Up the Down Staircase," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Inherit the Wind," "Oliver"

Debbie Eckhart-Pep Club, STUCO Representative, A Cappella, Sophomore Choir Charter Member, Northern Lights Charter Member, Oak Street, "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver," Honor rating '1' at Districts Contest

Ernie Eitel-Stage Band, Pep Band, Oak Street, Northern Lights Charter Member, Marching Band, A Cappella, "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun"

Greg Ellis-Lettered as Trainer in Track, Basketball, and Football, Honor Society, STUCO Representative, German Club, AFS, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Honor Roll

Kathy Ellis-Volleyball and Track Letterman, Basketball, GAA Sports Manager-Vice-President

Barb Evans-Pep Club, Honor Society, Sophomore Choir Charter Member, COE, CAMBIA, Honor Roll

Gloria Evola-STUCO Alternate, "Inherit the Wind," Pep Club Sectional Officer-Treasurer, CAMBIA Queen, "My Fair Lady"

Vickie Faherty-Pep Club, GAA, German Club, Track Letterman

Mary Farro-Pep Club, STUCO Representative, COE, French Club

Linda Feagles-Band Letterman, Orchestra, Marching Band, Pep Club, A Cappella

Kay Fischer-Honor Society, FTA, Teacher Assistant, LOG, Pep Club, A Cappella

Marisa Flores-Pep Club, Honor Society, COE

Cathy Forbes-Bannerettes, Honor Society

Valencia Forbes-Spanish Club, AFS

Kevin Francis-Track Letterman, Intramurals: Basketball, Volleyball and Football

Bill Fredrick-Baseball Letterman, STUCO Representative, NFL, Football, Basketball

Kim Gaines-Honor Society, Pep Club, District Business Contest, Honor Roll, Who's Who Among American High School Students

Rhonda Sue Garland-French Club, Spanish Club, German Club, Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Tennis Letterman, ISE Trip to France, Teacher Assistant, GAA, Honor Roll, William Jewell Scholarship, Valedictorian

Vicki George-German Club, A Cappella, Pep Club, COE, "My Fair Lady," "Oliver"

Richard Gilbert-Baseball, German Club

Mary Glenski-Pep Club Sectional Officer, Bannerettes, CAMBIA Queen Attendant

Rob Granquist-Track and Cross Country Letterman, International Thespian Society, Letterman's Club, "Cuckoo's Nest," "Up the Down Staircase," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Inherit the Wind," "Rainmaker," "Oliver"

Debbie Green-"My Fair Lady," COE

Mark Greer-"My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver," "Cuckoo's Nest," "Up the Down Staircase," "Inherit the Wind," NFL Letterman, STUCO Representative

Linda Grun-Tennis Letterman, Pep Club, GAA, NFL, Debate, STUCO Alternate, ISE

Jim Hake-Baseball and Basketball Letterman, STUCO Representative, Who's Who Among American High School Students

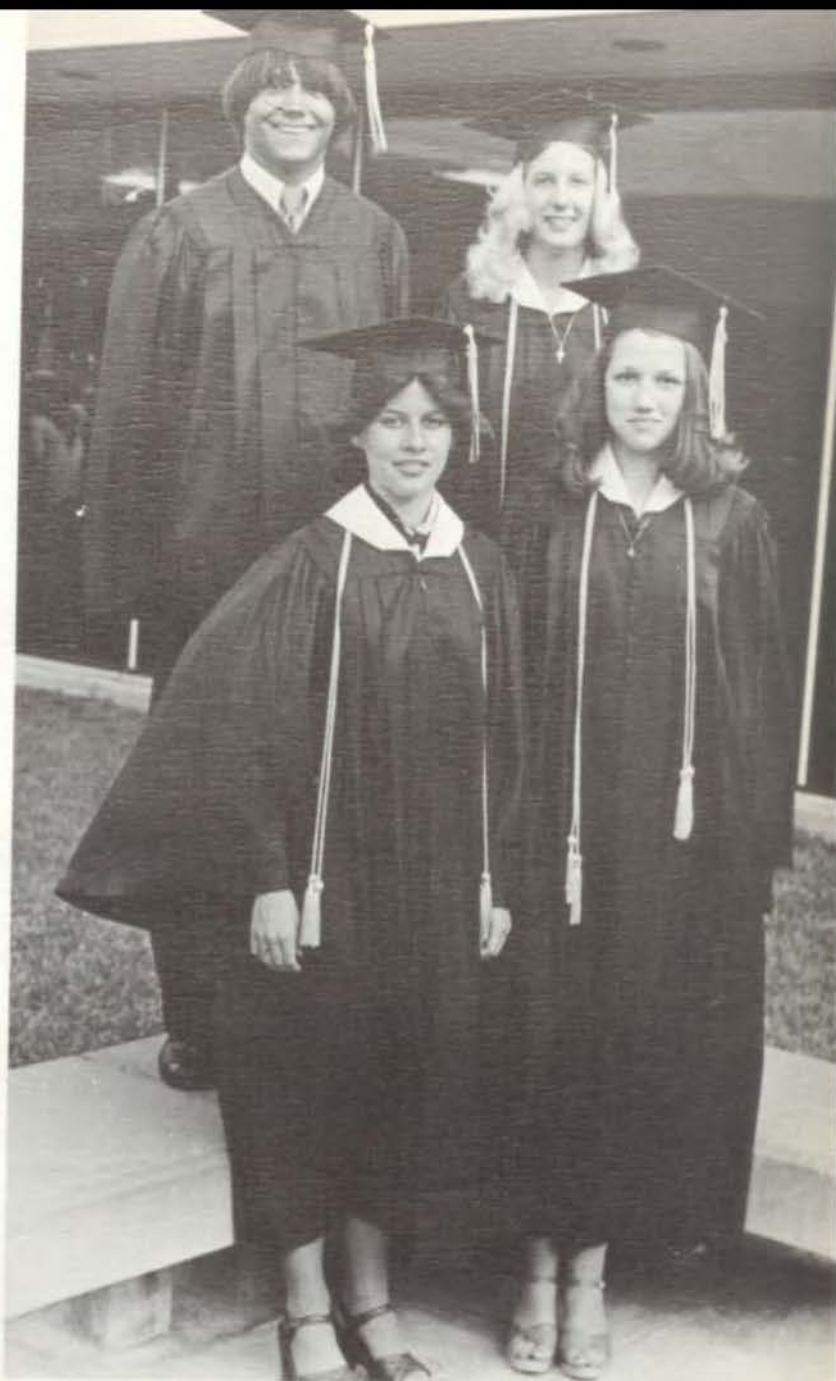
Chris Hale-Sophomore Choir and Northern Lights Charter Member, Oak Street, A Cappella, "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver"

James Bradley Hale-Band, Orchestra, "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver," Pii Orchestra, Jazz Band, Pep Band-Director, A Cappella, Northern Lights Charter Member, Oak Street, Marching Band

Lisa Ham-Pep Club Secretary, STUCO Representative, "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver," Honor Society, A Cappella

Beverly Hamby-Home Ec Club, Marching Band Letterman, Stage Band, Pep Band, Sophomore Choir Charter Member

Rob Harmon-International Thespian Society-Honor, NFL, Marching Band, "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail," "The Perfect Idiot," "Cuckoo's Nest," "Up the Down Staircase," "Inherit the Wind," "Rainmaker," "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver"



Outstanding Oakies recognized



The thirteenth annual awards assemblies once again honored outstanding students at Oak Park.

The Friday assembly started out with the NKC Kiwanis Club giving a money donation to the AFS Club and the debate squad. Chris Loveall was awarded the R.B. Doolin Scholarship for his academic excellence. The DAR award was given to Debbie Rich for her outstanding achievements. The I Dare You Awards for leadership, presented by the counselors, were received by Susan Moon and

Awarding

Greg Ellis. Joe Macken and Linda Taylor were named Mr. and Miss Business. The honor of being Valedictorian was shared between Rhonda Garland and David Miller with 3.979 grade point averages. Susan Moon and Christie Tucker were the Salutatorians. Other awards given were: Perfect four-year attendance - Lori Ronnau and Pam Hayden, AAUW award - Becky Rorie, Outstanding Vocal Musicians - Tim Flom and Debbie Perry, Best Actress - Shari Bell, Best Actor - Tim Flom, Benny Herrick Drama Scholarship - Debbie Perry, ADK Award - Karen Carlson.



Top left, David Miller and Rhonda Garland share the honor of Valedictorian, while Susan Moon and Christie Tucker are the Salutatorians. Top right, The recipients of the "I Dare You" award are Susan Moon and Greg Ellis. Bottom left, Mr. Bill Overbey congratulates the first R. B. Doolin award recipient, Chris Loveall. Bottom center, Art Kent presents Shari Bell with the Best Actress trophy. Bottom right, Miss Vicki Baker smiles at Pam Hayden's perfect attendance record.

Assembly honors award winners

The second assembly specifically for sports and competitive awards was held Wednesday, May 17. The Jon Berbert Award, given to the person who has excelled in athletics, achieved high academic standards, and has shown Christian leadership, was awarded to Harold Reynolds. Craig Wansing, who lettered in football and basketball, was named Athlete of the Year. Booster Club was given the Big Blue Award in appreciation for their many contributions to Oak Park. Being the seniors who contribute the most to the school, Debbie Rich and Tom Audley

Recognition

were voted Miss Norma and Mr. Norman by the senior class.

Additional awards were received by: Jack Bentley - Mr. Baseball, Greg Carpenter and Pat Guevel - Mr. Track, Bill Cox - John Phillip Sousa Award, Louie Armstrong Jazz Award, James Chandler Music Award, Kirk Cordray - National School Orchestra Award, Kendra Reif - Glenn Stout Debate Award.





Top left, Harold Reynolds received the Jon Berbert Award from Dr. David Berbert. Top right, Craig Wansting displays the Athlete of the Year plaque, which bears his name. Bottom left, Kent Kavanaugh hands the Glenn Stout Debate Award to Kendra Roif. Bottom center, Mr. Bill Grace congratulates Bill Cox for receiving the James Chandler Music Award. Bottom right, Tom Andley and Debbie Rich stand by the bookcase that will shelve their chosen books as Mr. Norman and Miss Norma.

- Larry Hartley-Wrestling, Honor Roll, Spanish Club
Denise Harlstack-Marching Band, Concert Band, Stage Band, Pep Band, A Cappella, Northern Lights Charter Member, Oak Street, Band Letterman, Society of Distinguished American High School Students, Achievement Award Scholarship, "Annie Get Your Gun," "Inherit the Wind," "Oliver," Honor Society, Spanish Club
Janice Harvey-Orchestra, "My Fair Lady," Pit Orchestra, CAMBIA, Honor Roll
Judy Havens-Honor Society, AFS, Pep Club, DCI
Pam Hayden-Pep Club, Commencement Committee, District Business Contest, Honor Roll, Teacher Assistant, Usher for 77 Commencement
Gayle Hayes-Gorman Club, "My Fair Lady," "Oliver," "Inherit the Wind," Art Club Historian, A Cappella, STUCO Representative, Norma Northman
Russell Heidebrecht-Marching Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, Stage Band, A Cappella, "Oliver," Pit Orchestra, Band Letterman
Todd Heshor-Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Oak Street, A Cappella, AFS, Senior Gift Committee, Teacher Assistant
Cathy Hinds-"Annie Get Your Gun," Home Ec Club Vice-President, Home Ec Assistant, A Cappella
Julie Hobbs-Pep Club, COE, Honor Society
Tamara Hughes-"Annie Get Your Gun," COE
Mysti Hull-Pep Club, Spanish Club, German Club
Debbie Irwin-Pep Club, Pom Pon, Who's Who Among American High School Students, STUCO Representative, Dancer in "Oliver"
Steve Jewell-Gorman Club, A Cappella, Track
Susan Jenak-Pep Club, STUCO Representative, Activity Chairman, Commencement Committee, Gorman Club Sgt. at Arms, ISE, Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, International Thespian Society, Drama Assistant, "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver," "The Night Througn Spent in Jail," "Cuckoo's Nest," "Up the Down Staircase," "Inherit the Wind," "Rainmaker," NFL-Chapter Historian, Degree of Distinction, 77-78 MSHSAA District Tournament Degree of Superiority, AFS
Juanita Johnson-JA Secretary-President, Cadet Teacher
Linda D. Jones-Gymnastics Club President, Bannorettes Co-Captain, Hor Society secretary, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Pep Club, STUCO Representative, Honor Roll
Linda M. Jones-Gymnastics, Track, COE
Mary Jury-Pep Club, Bannorettes, Honor Society
Nancy Kanohel-Pep Club, Track Letterman
Julianna Kauer-Volleyball Intramurals
Diane Kear-GAA, Track Letterman, Pep Club, "Oliver,"
Art Kent-Cross Country, Track, International Thespian Society, President, NFL, "Cuckoo's Nest," "The Night Througn Spent in Jail," "The Perfect Idiot," "Up the Down Staircase," "Inherit the Wind," "Rainmaker," "Jimmy," "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver"
Terrie Kerksick-Track Letterman, Tennis, Honor Society, Pep Club, Good Volleyball Intramurals, Who's Who Among American High School Students, High School All American track
Jim Kersten-Sophomore Class Sgt. At Arms, Sophomore Choir Charter Member, AFS, Northern Lights Vice-President, Honor Society, Letterman's Club Vice-President, Oak Street, LOG-Sports Editor, Commencement Committee, Senior Class Gift Committee, STUCO Representative, "Inherit the Wind," "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver"
Sherri Kessler-Pep Club, Honor Society Treasurer, Bannorettes, Intramural Bowling, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Honor Roll
Laurie Kimbrough-Pep Club, Bannorettes, COE
Denise Klouza-Pep Club, Spanish Club, Tennis Letterman, A Cappella, "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun"
Nancy Koether-Basketball
Mary Kopp-Honor Society, AV Assistant, Honor Roll, German Club, AFS Treasurer, STUCO Representative, Blood Drive Chairman, A Cappella, "Annie Get Your Gun," LOG Feature Editor, "Oliver," Teacher Assistant
Kim Kuhn-Pep Club, Art Club, COE
Eddie Lane-Baseball, COE, "Annie Get Your Gun," "My Fair Lady"
Greg Lees-Tennis, Basketball, and Football Letterman
Patti Lerner-Pep Club, STUCO Representative, Spanish Club, Baccalaureate Committee
Cindy Lewis-GAA, Honor Society, Marching Band, Track
Teresa Lewis-Office Assistant, Honor Society
Tonis Loftin-Pep Club, Bannorettes, CAMBIA, STUCO Representative, "Annie Get Your Gun"
Debbie Logan-Pep Club Vice-President, Sophomore Choir Charter Member, Northern Lights Charter Member, A Cappella, Oak Street, International Thespian Society, AFS, Honor Society, CAMBIA Layout Editor, STUCO Representative, CAMBIA Queen Attendant, Baccalaureate Committee, "The Night Througn Spent in Jail," "The Perfect Idiot," "Cuckoo's Nest," "Up the Down Staircase," "Inherit the Wind," "Mrs. Brady," "Rainmaker," "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver," Bet, WWGA, COE Assistant, Honor Roll, Who's Who Among American High School Students
Allison Louis-COE
Chris Lovell-STUCO Representative, St. Pat's King Candidate, Junior Class Sgt. at Arms, Honor Society, Commencement Committee, Senior Class Gift Committee, Football, "Cuckoo's Nest," "Up the Down Staircase," "Inherit the Wind," "Annie Get Your Gun,"
Bob Lumby-Track Manager Letterman, CAMBIA Business Manager, Honor Roll, Commencement Committee
Joyce Lupper-Pep Club, AFS, Home Ec Club, Honor Roll, Home Ec Assistant, "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver"
Debbie Lynch-GAA, Track Letterman, Intramural Basketball, A Cappella, "Oliver"
Tammie Maharg-Honor Society, Treasurer-President, Gymnastics Club, LOR
Lori MaGon-FTV
Cindy Marshall-COE
Brenda Marshall-Bannorettes Secretary-Treasurer, CAMBIA, Pep Club, Honor Society, Honor Roll, Track
Marilyn Mast-Spanish Club, AFS Secretary, Track, Intramurals, Pit Orchestra, "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver," Honor Society, Honor Roll, Office Assistant, Youth for Christ Club
Doug Mayfield-"My Fair Lady," Dancer in "Annie Get Your Gun," and "Oliver," Swimming, Cross Country, Vell Leader, A Cappella, "Inherit the Wind"
Lesa McKinnis-COE, Pep Club

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Mark Miles-Wrestling

Allen Miller-Debate Letterman, A Cappella, STUCO Alternate

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Karen Moody-Pep Club, Bannerettes Sgt. at Arms, Art Club, STUCO Representative, CAMBIA Queen Attendant

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Diane Perry-COE

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David Phillips-Cross Country Letterman, Track

Danny Pierce-A Cappella, Northern Lights Charter Member, Sports Videotape Man

Candace Pitts-Home Ec. Club, AFS, Sophomore Choir Charter Member

Ronald Pitts-Track, Cross Country, Football, Basketball

Julio Pope-Track Letterman, GAA, Intramural Basketball, Letterman's Club, Baccalaureate Committee, Senior Gift Committee, Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver," Northern Lights Charter Member, Sophomore Choir Charter Member, A Cappella, Oak Street, Teacher Assistant, Honor Roll, WWGA

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Jeff Reese-Football Letterman, STUCO Representative

Kendra Reif-A Cappella, Oak Street, "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver," CAMBIA Co-Editor, NFL President and Letterman, Oratory, Extemp. Debate, District Champion and State Qualifier, STUCO Representative, WWGA, Honor Society, WHB Rappin', National Merit Commended Student, Curators Scholarship to University of Missouri-Columbia

Doug Reinsch-A Cappella, STUCO Representative, "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail," "The Perfect Idiot," "Cuckoo's Nest," "Up the Down Staircase," "Inherit the Wind," "Rainmaker," Dancer in "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," and "Oliver"

Harold Reynolds-Football, Wrestling, and Baseball Letterman, Letterman's Club Sgt. at Arms

Debbie Rich-Spanish Club, AFS, Host Sister, Pep Club Section Officer, Bannerettes, STUCO President, Honor Roll

Shelly Rinchart-"Annie Get Your Gun"

Lori Ronnan-Pep Club, Bannerettes Captain, Honor Society

Becky Rorie-Pep Club, STUCO Representative, "My Fair Lady," "Cuckoo's Nest," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Up the Down Staircase," District Business Contest

Patty Ross-Pep Club, Intramural Bowling

Drug Rowe-Basketball, Golf Letterman, Intramurals

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Keith Sanders-Baseball Letterman, STUCO Representative, Bowling and Basketball Intramurals

Rhonda Sands-Sophomore Choir Charter Member, Marching Band, Home Ec Club, Pep Club, PTA Secretary, AFS, Host Sister, A Cappella

Bob Schoup-Art Club

Daryl Schott-Tennis Letterman

Cindy Scotts-A Cappella, Band, Orchestra, Pep Band, Northern Lights President, Oak Street President, Honor Society

Kim Sharp-Pep Club Sgt. at Arms, Bannerettes

Jenny Shinn-Art Club Secretary-President, Pep Club, STUCO Representative, Honor Society

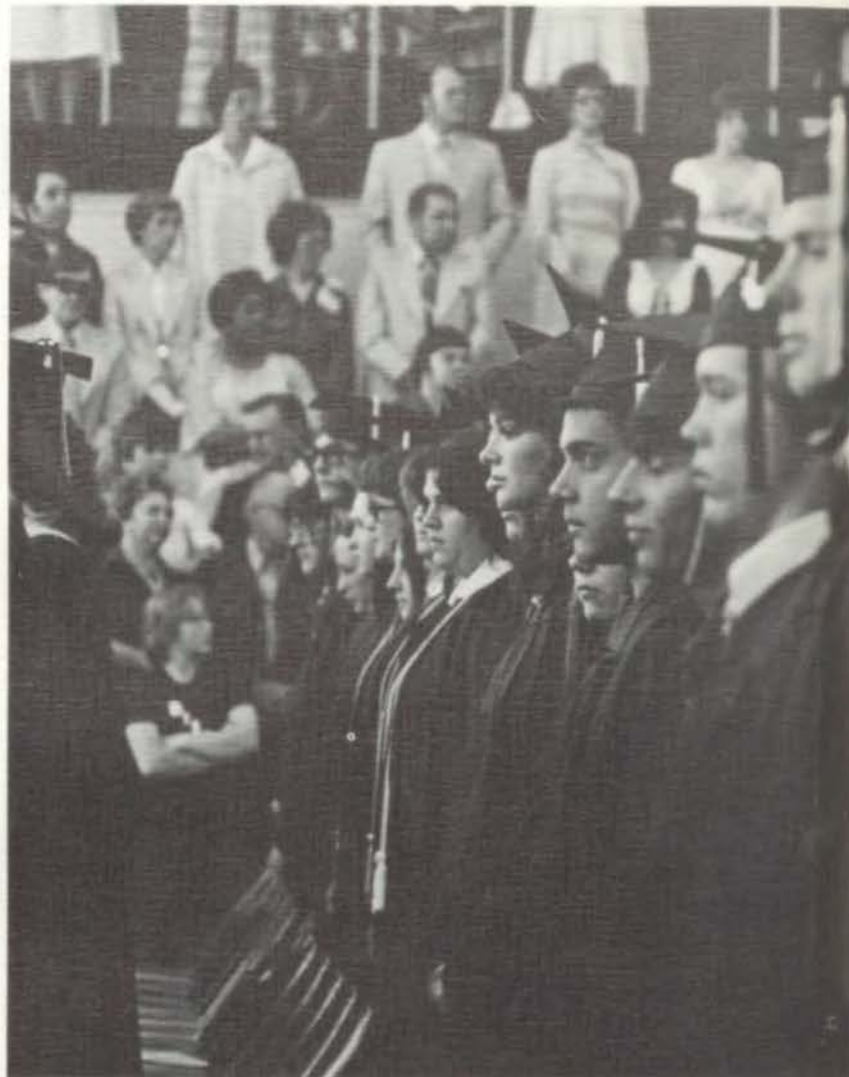
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Kay Stanton-STUCO Representative, Chairperson of Missouri Association of Student Councils, "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver," COE, OGI, Pep Club, A Cappella, "Inherit the Wind," "Up the Down Staircase," "Cuckoo's Nest," "Rainmaker"

Dan Starikov-German Club Vice-President, Honor Society, Cross Country, Wrestling, Honor Roll, Certificate of Excellence in German, Missouri College Relations

Top left, Seniors reflect upon baccalaureate. Top center, Lia Andrews gives the invocation. Top right, Pam Douglas provides music with "God Gave The Song." Bottom, After the processional, seniors remain standing for the invocation.





Rev. Carlson relates sermon

Baccalaureate was held on Sunday, May 14. Lisa Andrews opened the service with a short invocation and Dr. Kahler followed with some announcements. A solo, "Something Beautiful," was sung by Vicki Cone and Kathy Wallis read the scripture afterwards. Baccalaureate committee chairman, Karen Carlson, introduced her father, Rev. Arthur Carlson as the guest speaker.

Guiding

A Capella sang "God of Our Fathers" preceded by Pam Douglas who sang "God Gave the Song." The benediction was given by Julie Pajer. Filing out to the band's playing of "Symphonie Fantastique," the 253 seniors present looked forward to senior week and commencement.



Top left, AFS students, Ted Taipis and Margareta Thunberg, serve as candlelighters at Commencement. Top center, Senior class president, Tom Audley presents the senior class gift to Dr. Dan Kahler. Top right, The center courtyard provides parents the opportunity for picture-taking. Bottom left, Dr. Ray Waier addresses the Class of 1978. Bottom right, Jill Troxel exchanges her cap and gown for her diploma.





591 seniors receive diplomas

On the evening of May 25, 1978, the boy's gymnasium was filled to capacity with the families of graduating seniors. In the halls, 561 seniors eagerly awaited the beginning of the processional "Pomp and Circumstance."

After all the graduates entered, Paul Wyman gave the invocation. Debbie Perry and Debbie Eckhart sang "Be On Your Way." Next was the presentation of the senior class gift by Tom Audley. Mr. Bill Grace then led the Oak Street Singers in the song "Lonesome Road."

Graduating

The speaker for the evening was Dr. Raymond Waier, Superintendent of the North Kansas City Schools. His message to the seniors was that we learn from everyone, and that makes us all teachers.

Afterwards Clay Brown sang "The Times Of Your Life." Dr. Kahler presented the senior class, and Mr. Bob Busby and Miss Linda Alverson read the senior names. Mrs. Frances V. Foerschler and Mr. Bob R. Raines then gave the class of 1978 their diplomas.

Committee Certificate of Recognition, Nominated to Air Force Academy
David Stoneking-Football Letterman, STUCO Representative, LODG Queen, Honor Roll, CAMBIA
Jean Talbot-Honor Roll, "Oliver," Home Ec
Linda Taylor-German Club, District Business Contest
Brenda Templin-Honor Roll, Senior Class Gift Committee, GAA, STUCO Representative, Honor Society, Basketball, Volleyball Manager Letterman
Christie Tucker-LOD Editor-in-Chief, Northern Lights Charter Member, Oak Street, "My Fair Lady," "Oliver," A Cappella, Curators Scholarship to DMKC, Salutatorian
Vicki VanDever-Pep Club, JV Cheerleader, Pom Pon, STUCO Representative, A Cappella, Dancer in "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun,"
Linda VanFossen-"My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," Gymnastics, Track, Pep Club, COE
Denyse VanLaar-Pep Club, Pom Pon, Sophomore Cheerleader, Northern Lights Charter Member, Oak Street, "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver," Tumbling, "Inherit the Wind," CAMBIA, A Cappella
Dena Vaughan-Sophomore Choir Charter Member
Lynn Vnatch-Pep Club, Honor Society, A Cappella, Musicals
Lesa Vette-Pep Club Section President, STUCO Representative
Mary Vochatzer-COE
Robin Wagner-Pep Club, COE
Russ Walthall-Baseball
Craig Wansing-Football and Basketball Letterman, Intramural Volleyball, STUCO Representative
Randy Watson-Tennis Letterman
Mike Weakley-Honor Society, ERC Assistant, Who's Who Among American High School Students
Kerry Webb-STUCO Representative, German Club Secretary, Art Club
Francie Weber-Pep Club, JV and Varsity Cheerleader, CAMBIA Queen Attendant
Dana West-Pep Club, COE
Joanna Whipple-Pep Club, AFS, Honor Society, German Club, A Cappella
Benja White-"My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver," Pep Club Historian
Lari Whitmore-Pep Club, Home Ec Club, FTA, AFS
Brian Whittall-"My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver," Oak Street, Northern Lights Charter Member, Football Cross Country and Track Letterman, A Cappella
Cindy Williams-Marching Band, Track, Basketball Manager Letterman, STUCO Representative, GAA
Shelly Williams-Honor Society
Linda Williamson-Pep Club, German Club, Honor Society, A Cappella, "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun"
Stacey Wilson-Pep Club, COE
Shirley Wingo-A Cappella, "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Oliver," Honor Roll, Honor Society, French Club, Tennis Letterman, Marching Band, Pep Band Assistant Student Director, Concert Band, Orchestra, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Regents Scholarship to Southwest Mo. State
Mike Wohlgenuth-Football Letterman, Basketball, Track, STUCO Representative, Letterman's Club, Intramurals, St. Pat's King Candidate
Karen Woltaszyk-CAMBIA, Spanish Club Treasurer-Secretary, German Club, Art Club Vice-President, STUCO Representative, Pep Club, "Oliver," "Inherit the Wind," Honor Society, Art Assistant, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Honor Roll, Certificate of Excellence for Art and Spanish, Bronze Palette Award, Trip to Spain
Alexis Wonder-Pep Club, AFS, "Annie Get Your Gun," Usher for 77 Commencement, Commencement Committee, Honor Roll, Mo. High School and College Honor Certificate
Mark Wood-Tennis Letterman, "Inherit the Wind," Rev. Brown, "Rainmaker," STUCO Representative, Senior Class Vice-President, St. Pat's King Candidate
Wendy Worthey-Bannerettes, Winter Sports Queen Attendant, Basketball and Track Letterman, Basketball Captain, Pep Club
Susan Wright-Pep Club, COE
Phillip Youtsey, Baseball Letterman

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PIZZA FACTORY

The life of an Oak Park student isn't limited to school functions. Hours after 2:40 and weekends provide time to pursue other interests and enjoy friendships. Hot pizza and ice-cold Coke were the background for many evenings of entertainment,

Indulging

conversation and fun. As these snacks were consumed, Oak Park students discussed innumerable topics ranging from the outcome of the close loss to Truman, StuCo elections to ordinary gossip.

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Warm spring weather, along with a desire to practice physical fitness, prompted many Oakies to don their gym shorts, T-shirts and take off following the jogging fad. Unfortunately, a high volume of traffic

Jogging

on the streets surroundings Oak Park forced joggers to more pleasant surroundings. Oak Grove Park and school track facilities became havens for able-bodied runners.

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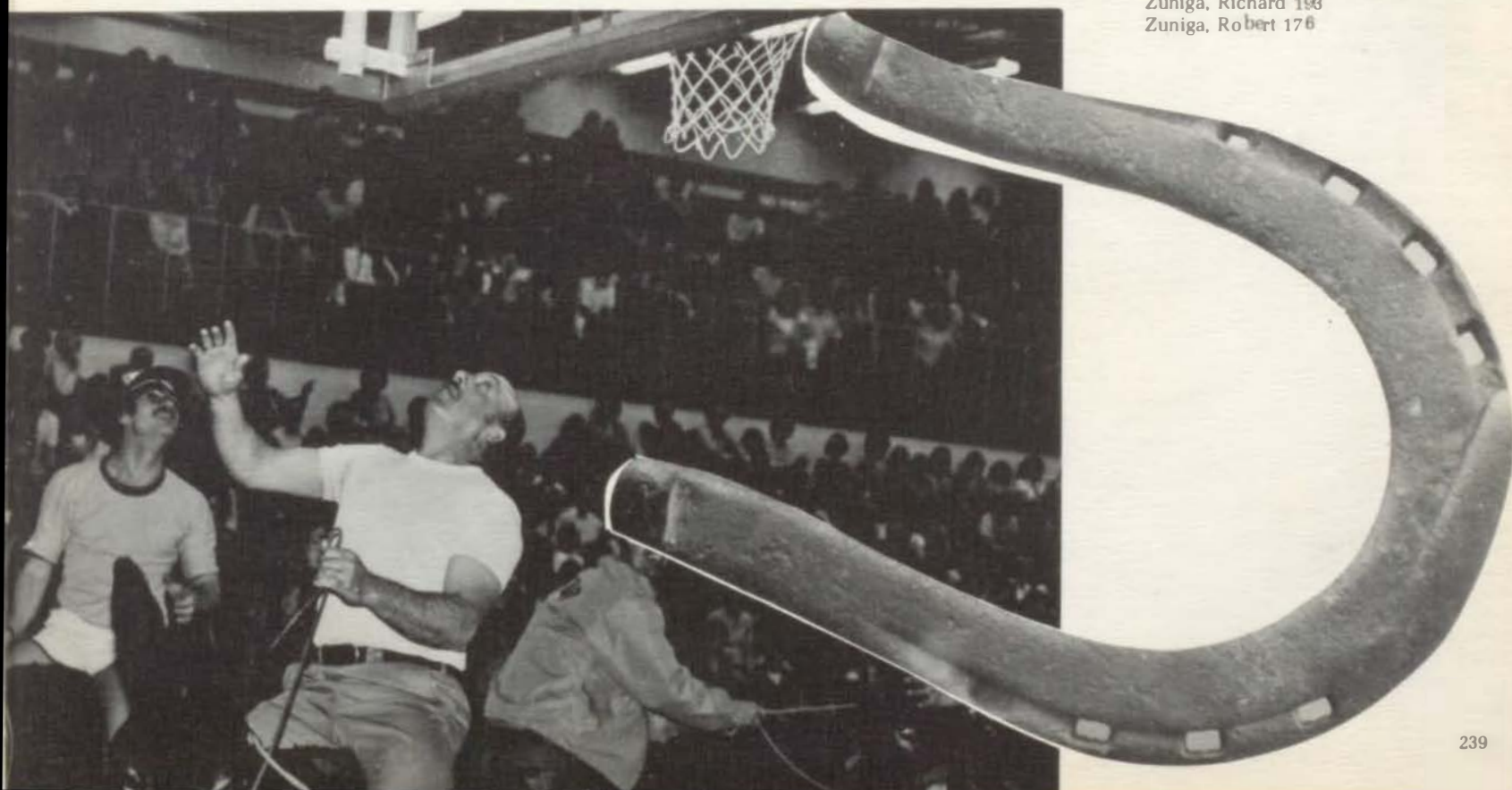
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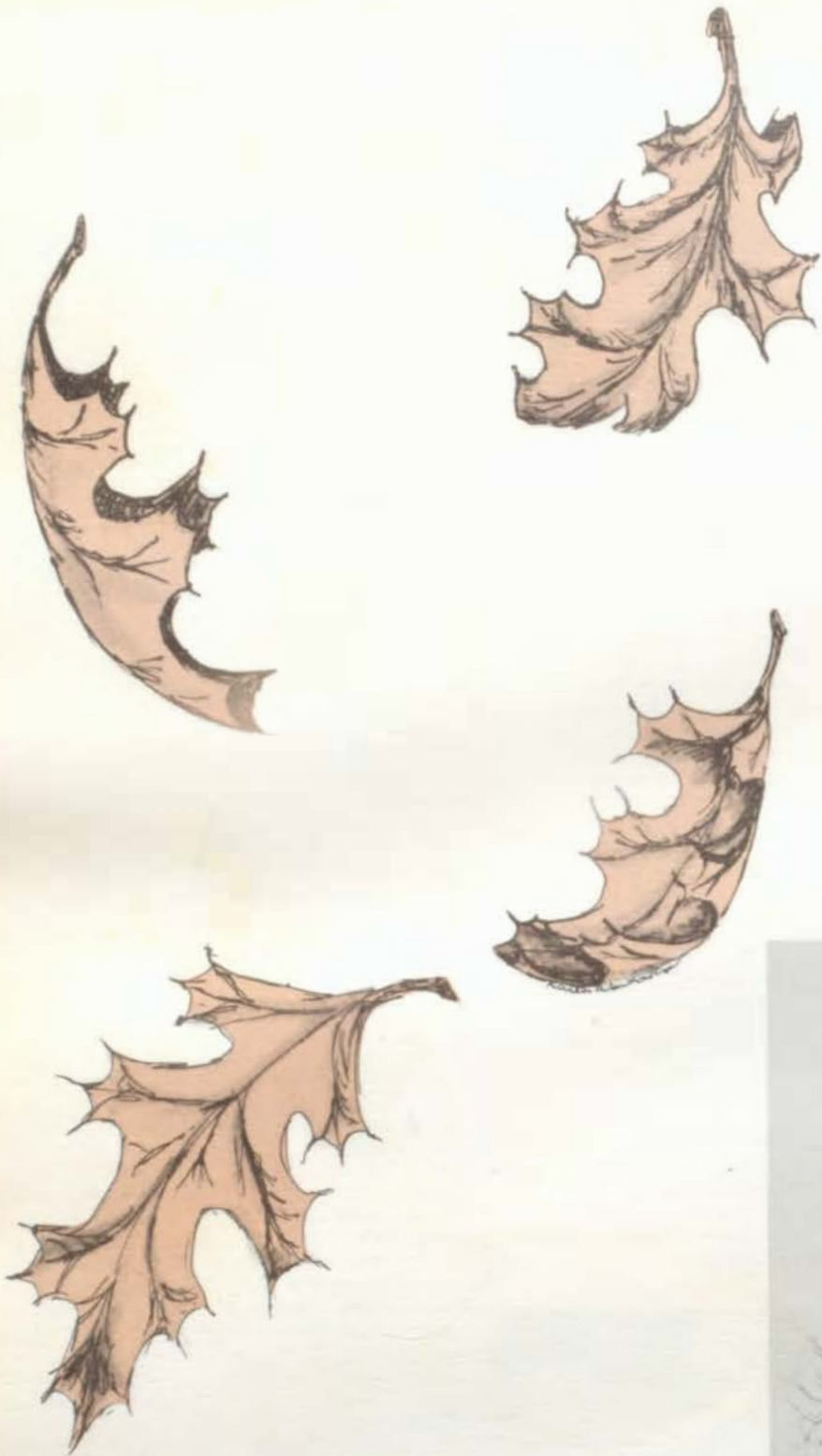


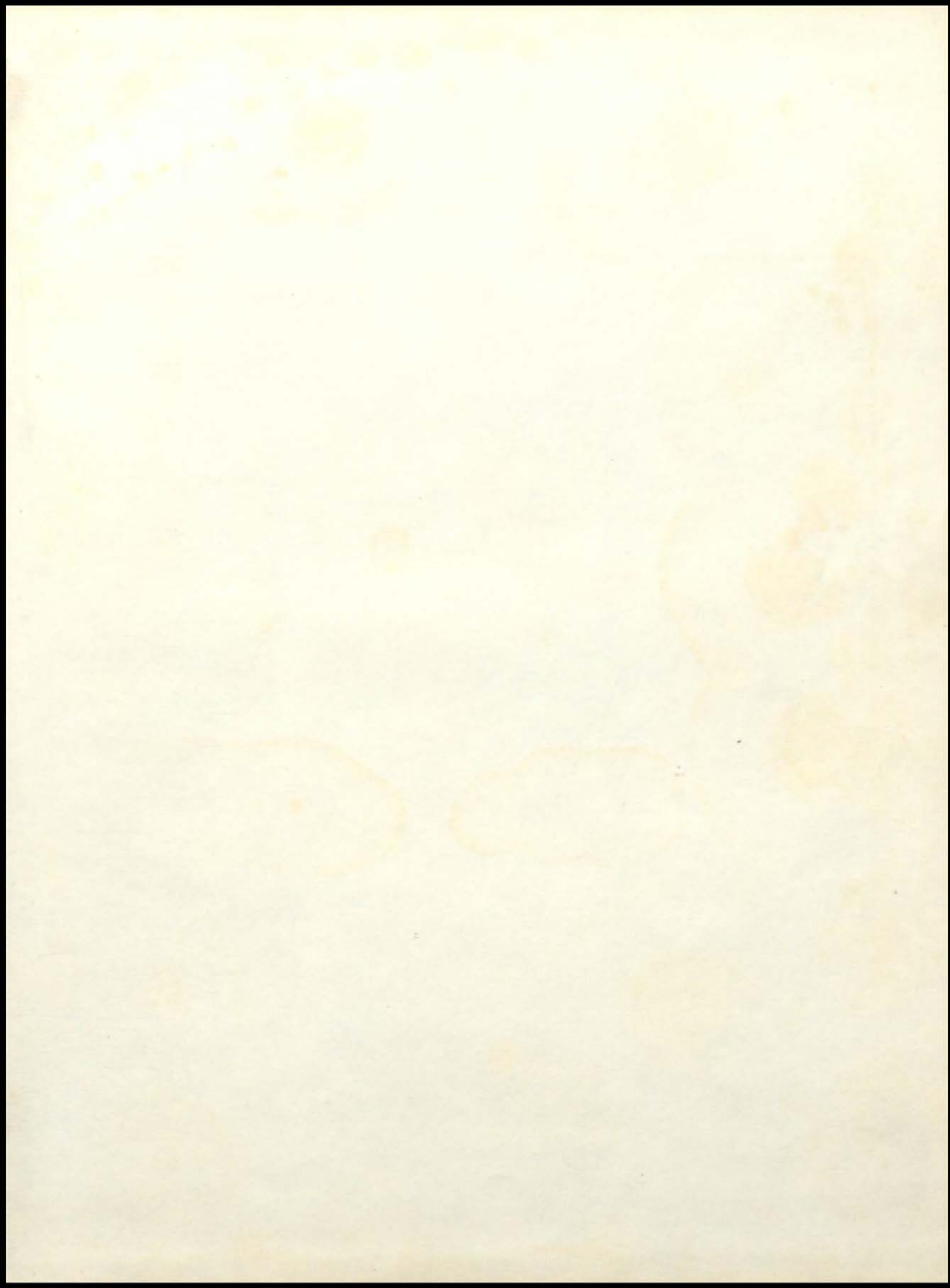
A point in time is intangible. Like leaves gracefully floating to the ground, students take a final glance at Oak Park High School as they leave the building. The 1977-78 school year is part of history. Sophomores, juniors eagerly anticipate a summer respite. Seniors confront job prospects, college admissions, future plans. Confusion pervades the minds of many. Yet, each student has grown and matured at Oak Park. And, in spite of sorrowful goodbyes,

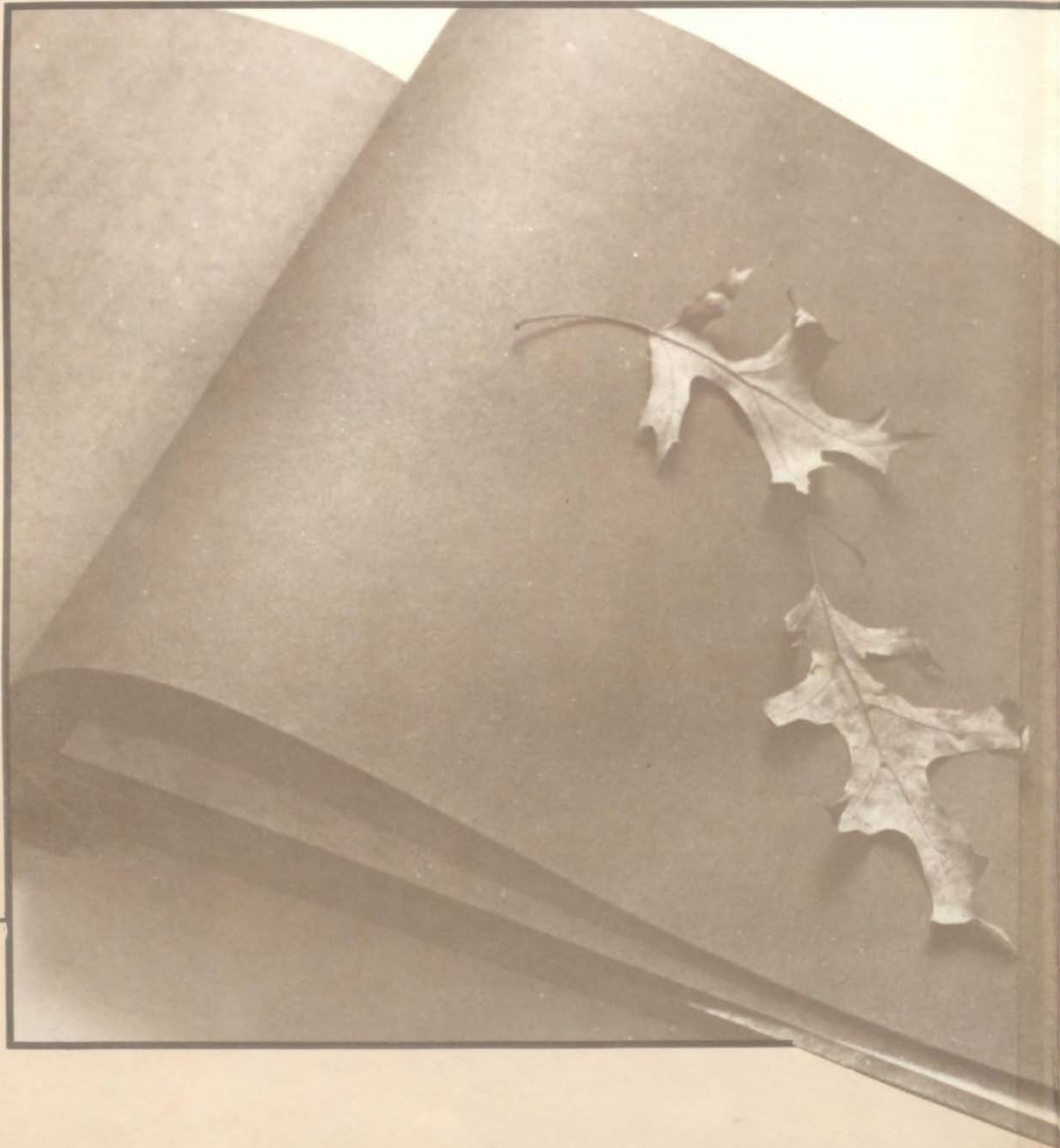
And so it goes

tear-filled eyes, we look to the future.

Dr. Kahler fairly summed it up when he said, "Like the great oak, it is important to have a sense of history so that the good times we've had will enhance better ones and the times of sorrow will make us more compassionate." Each class will fill the spot left by its predecessor. Oak Park will grow and change. It comprises a crucial factor in a perpetual cycle—a link to the past and to the future.









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