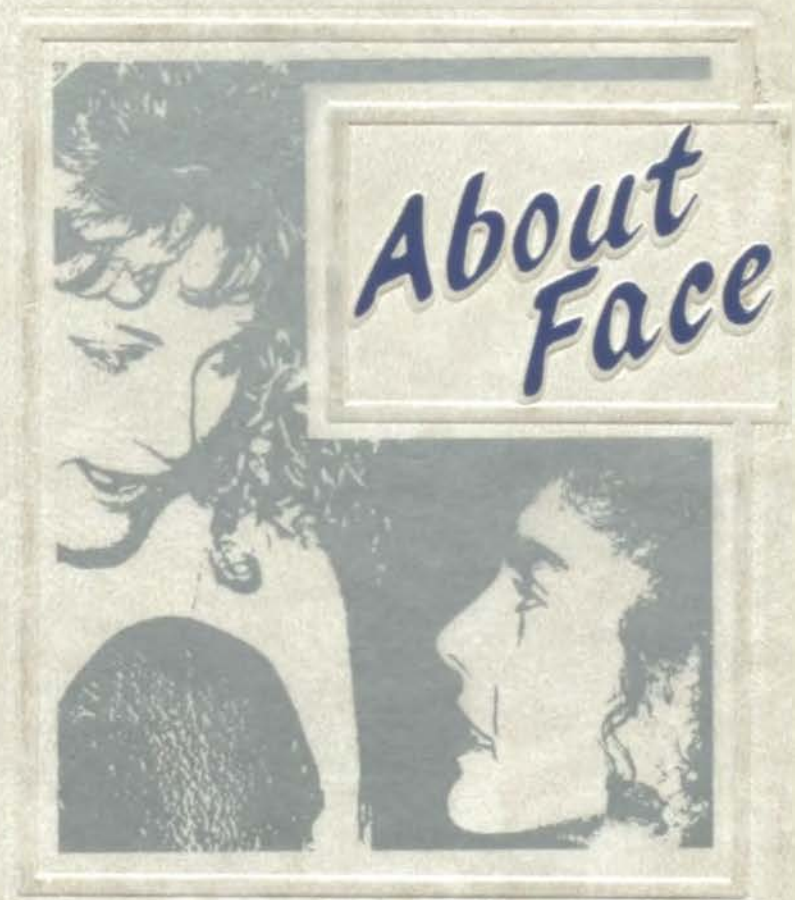
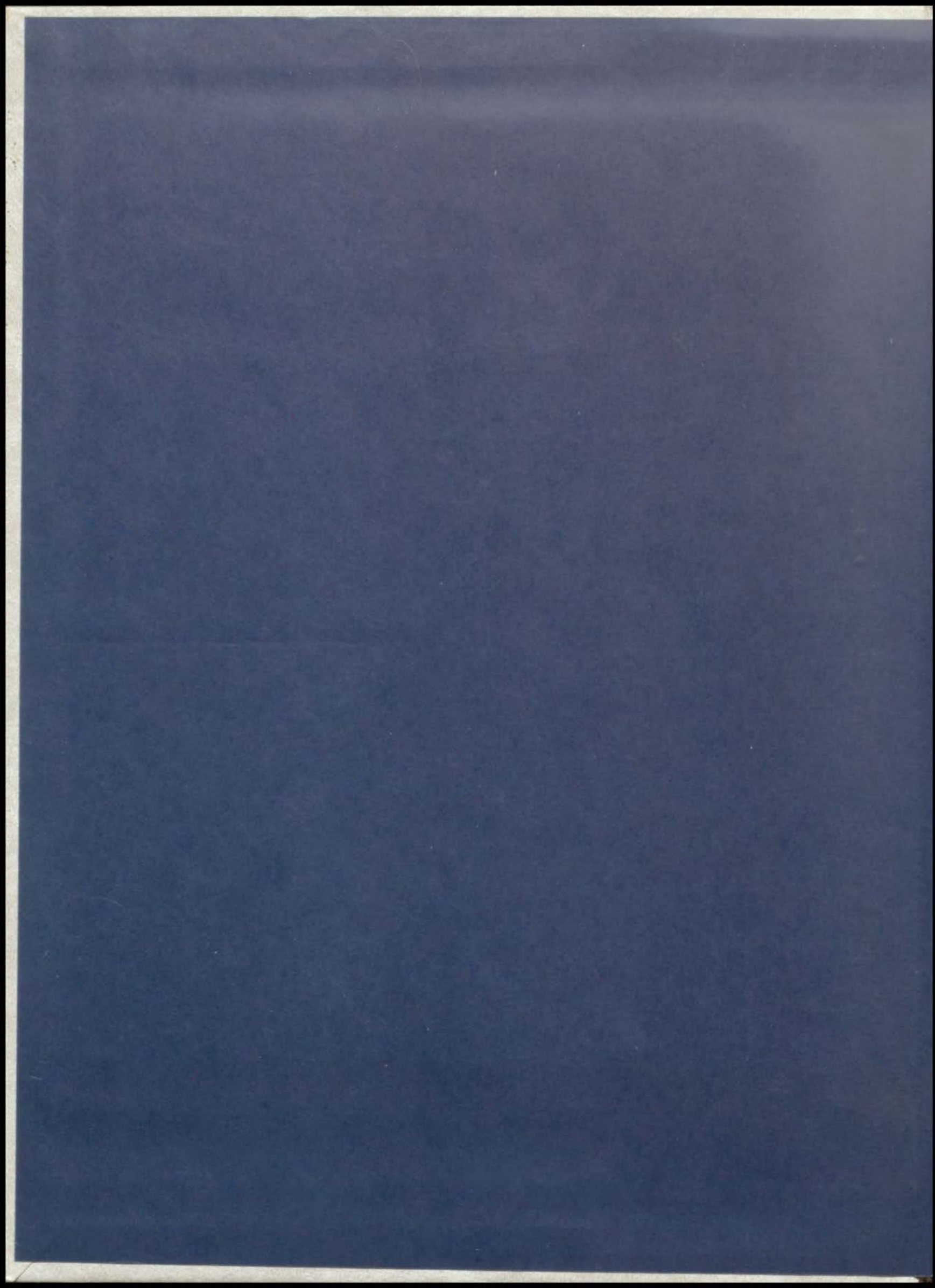


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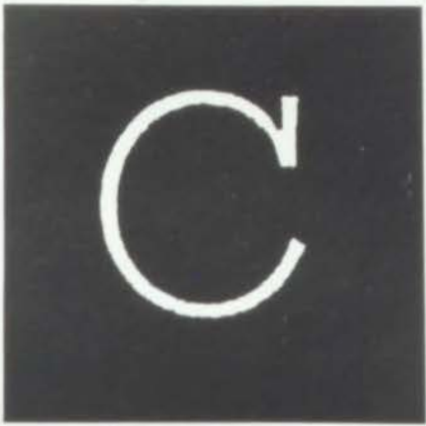
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During their lunch period Kim Cariddi, senior, and Rosie Torres, junior, sit on the main stairs and talk about their spring break (photo by Barrie Fisher).

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About Face

by Adrienne Corn

As the beginning of the year approached, Oak Park faced a turn around as they hit the books instead of the beach. Oakies faced new classes, new people, old friends and familiar hallways. Football season started and the team faced the challenge of top rated teams such as Blue Springs only to come out ahead.

Homecoming did an "about face" in many ways as the football team defeated Grandview 24-9 and the dance had a record 625 people attend.

A surprise turn around occurred as the Broadway musical

"Oklahoma" was announced after two years of doing off-Broadway musicals, and students involved learned what dedication was all about.

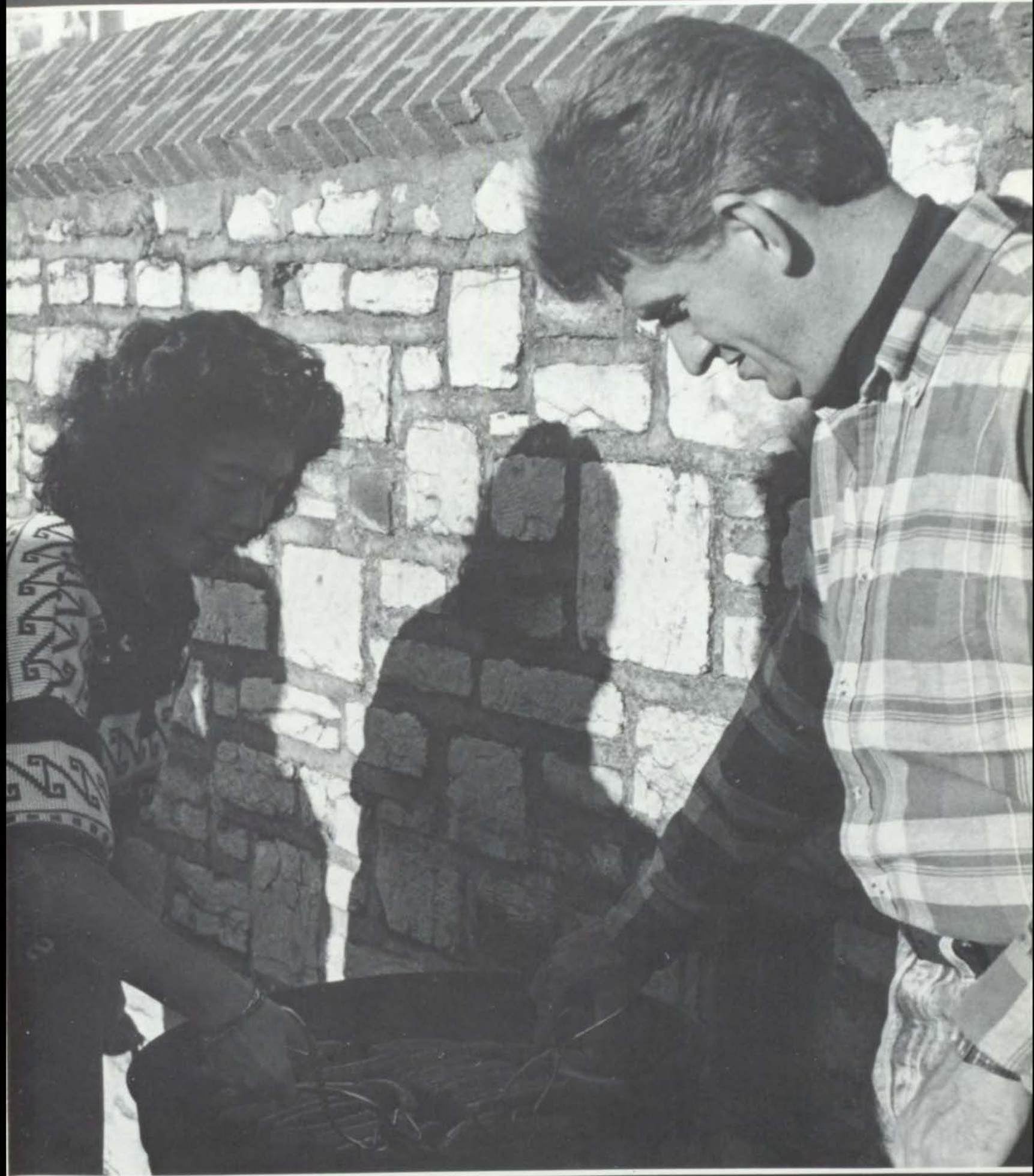
Christmas approached and students were seen about town as they searched for Christmas gifts. When vacation arrived, they were faced with eleven days of freedom.

The pressure was felt by all as Oak Park faced North Central Evaluation and hoped that the committee would see what Oak Park was all about.

KICKING OFF THE beginning of the Homecoming game, the Oak Street Singers perform the national anthem (photo by Bryce Lausch).

COOKING HOT DOGS at the Homecoming pep rally, Tijen Ertuna, senior, and Mr. Richard Rice, prepare to feed all who attend the rally (photo by Scott Neal).





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About Face

by Adrienne Corn

Change was seen in every aspect of the year. Summer brought change with uncomfortable, dry weather that students felt affected them.

As summer changed to Autumn, many Oakies were faced with the first time decision of voting for president.

Scott Phelps, senior, felt that "it was a good time to start making decisions like that because the leadership of the future would be us."

Many students found they had to get up an hour earlier because they had a zero hour that started at 7 a.m. instead of 8 a.m.

DURING THE FALL and winter months, taking carriage rides on the Plaza was a popular event (photo by Jason Rincker).

Structural changes were seen as benches were added to the outside of the building, the artboards on the walls of the main hallway were changed, an aquarium was added to the library, and the North Central Evaluation committee awarded Oak Park an AAA rating

Students faces were seen all about school as they filled the halls with new attitudes and a new Oakie Pride. A turn around took place as Oak Park did an about face!

SPARKING EXCITEMENT FOR Prom, Kim Cariddi, senior, models an all new fashion at the fashion show held by the Home Economics department (photo by Darin Overstreet).





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About last night

by Mark Troxel

"I liked to go out with my friends on weekends to get away from the school atmosphere and to have a good time."

-Jeanne Gannaway, senior

It was the longest heat wave to hit Kansas City since the summer of 1980 that sent many students scrambling.

It was also a long bitter winter that started as early as the first week of October.

But as the seasons changed, so did the students and their activities. Seasonal activities such as horse-drawn carriage rides on the plaza came and went, but traditional activities such as movies and concert were always there for students in their spare time.

Weekends seemed to fly by, but as students socialized in the halls Monday morning about the latest movie or the Def Leppard

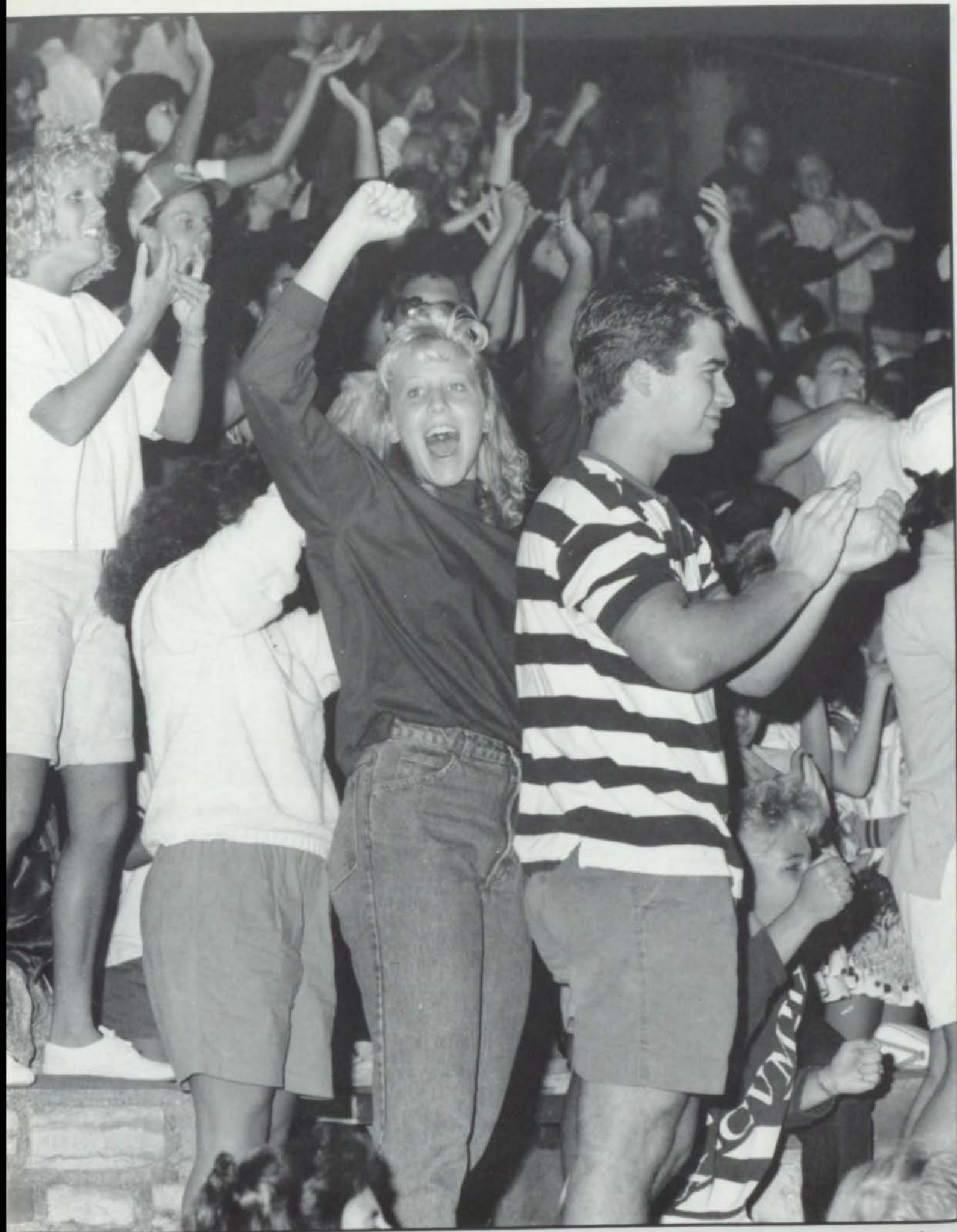
concert, everyone wanted to hear about last night.



HELPING TO POSSIBLY save a life, Beth Stinard, junior, donates blood in the "Give to Live" blood drive sponsored by StuCo (photo by Dina Guarino).

WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM, Megan Lary, junior, cheers as the football team scores another touchdown (photo by Shauna Clevenger).

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Service

Students helping community gain experience of lifetime



"It really gave me some insight into the field."

— Sherri Dawson, senior

by Melanie Heinen

Honor Society and Student Council have been known for the work they do for the community and are well awarded for it. But what of the individuals that make the effort to serve? Their work was sometimes overlooked, but never taken for granted by the people they helped providing vital services to the community.

Steve McNulty, senior, worked at New Mark Care Center as a requirement for his confirmation class. He worked the bingo and bowling and passed out mail.

"It was a little scary at first, but it was just like working with any other big group, everyone had different personalities. Helping others made me feel good about myself," said Steve.

Along with the good aspects of the care center, Steve also ran into difficulties.

"When I would pass out mail, I never liked to go into a room with an unattentive person because I would wonder how they could understand their mail."

Sara Mosbacher, senior, worked for the Special Olympics and helped out with some of the handicapped students in school.

According to Sara, doing this kind of work made her appreciate the things she could do.

"I was thankful I could do things like throwing a ball and walking normally," said Sara.

Sara plans to be a physical therapist and this experience helped.

"I liked the fact that I could help people, but sometimes I got frustrated when the peo-

ple I worked with could not accomplish a task."

"The main purpose was to be a friend to them so they could learn to be more sociable," Sara added.

A teen group formed in the community, Explorers, attracted Sherri Dawson and David Krupka, seniors.

According to Sherri, Explorers was for the Gladstone Public Safety Department. Included in this were the fire department, the police department, and Emergency Medical System (EMS). Anyone interested in public safety could join.

"We learned the things that real officers did in the field. We got to ride around on patrol and go on role call with them," said David.

Working for Explorers provided a real community service.

"We provided crowd control at community events, directed traffic, helped file reports, and provided a service to the department whenever they needed it," said Sherri.

"It really gave me some insight into the field," she added.

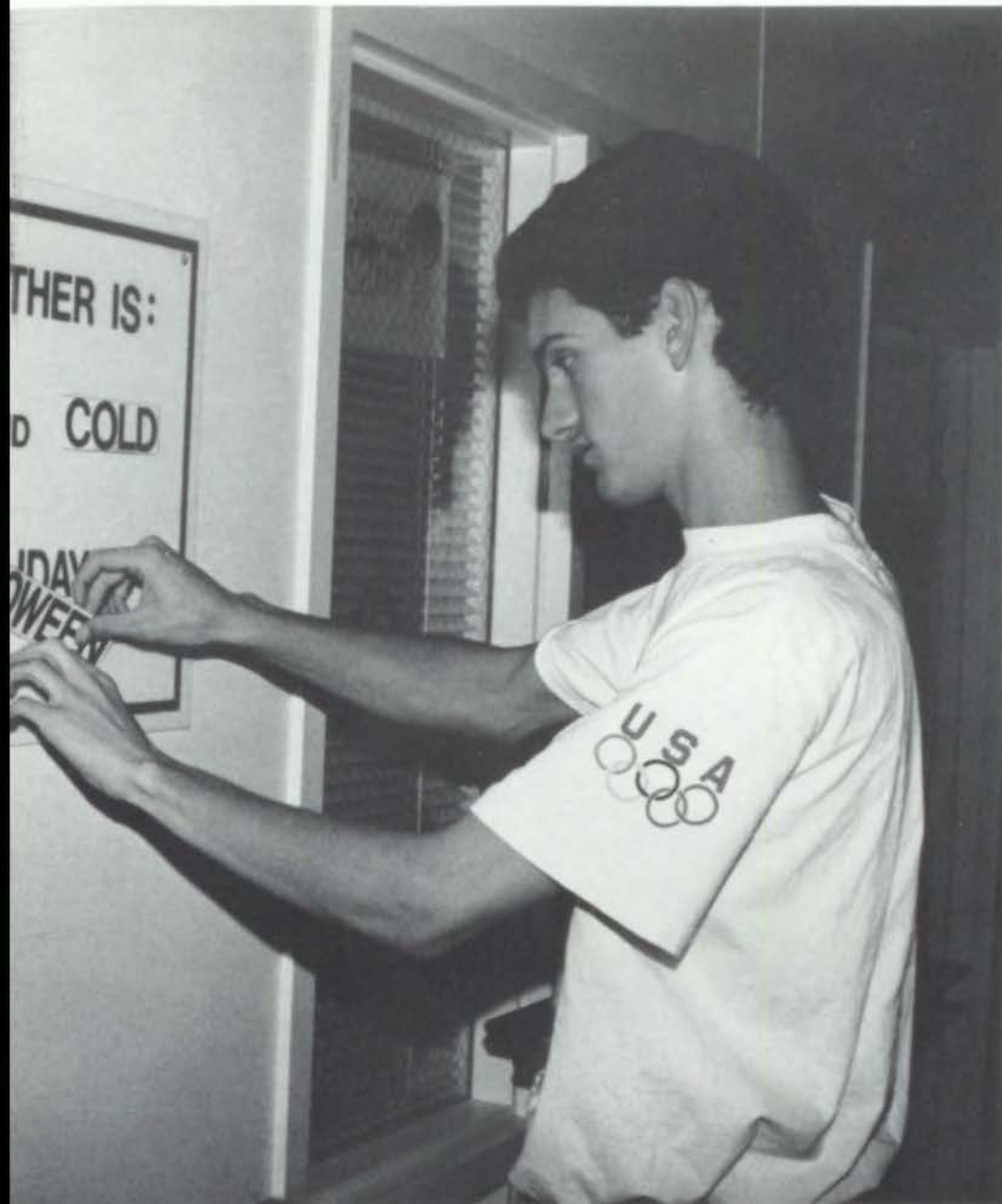
"It made me think twice about doing something wrong after I saw the consequences first hand," said David.

One thing all of these students agreed on was the fact that they all enjoyed the experience, learned from it, and wanted to continue to go on with service work to build up to other opportunities.

"It (the job) affected me in a positive way," said Sherri. "When I enter the field, I will not go in with my eyes closed."



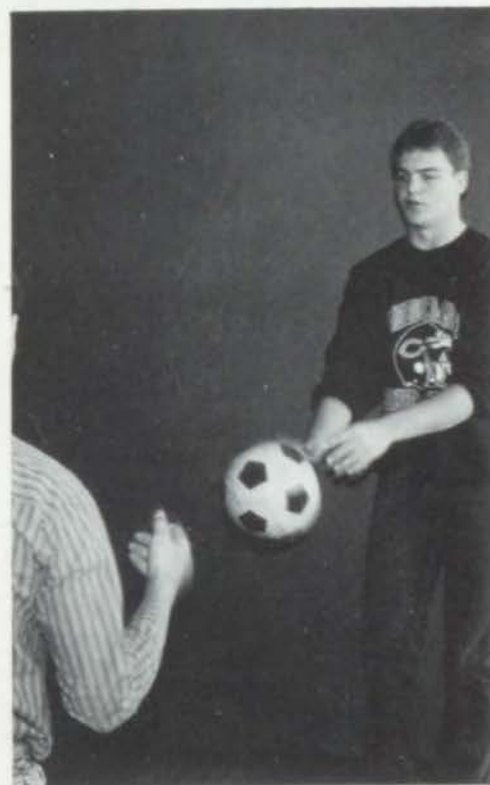
TO CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN, Amy Smith, Shannon Umsheid, juniors, and Cheryl Doak, senior, decorate pumpkins for nursing home residents (photo by Scott Neal).



LENDING HIS SERVICES at a nearby nursing home, Steve McNulty, senior, changes helpful information on a sign-board (photo by Scott Neal).



WORKING AT THE Gladstone safety department, Sherrl Dawson, senior, helps a fireman put on his gear (photo by Jeff O'Dell).



JEFF NEIMIER, SENIOR, plays catch with a member of the Adaptive P.E. class (photo by Scott Neal).



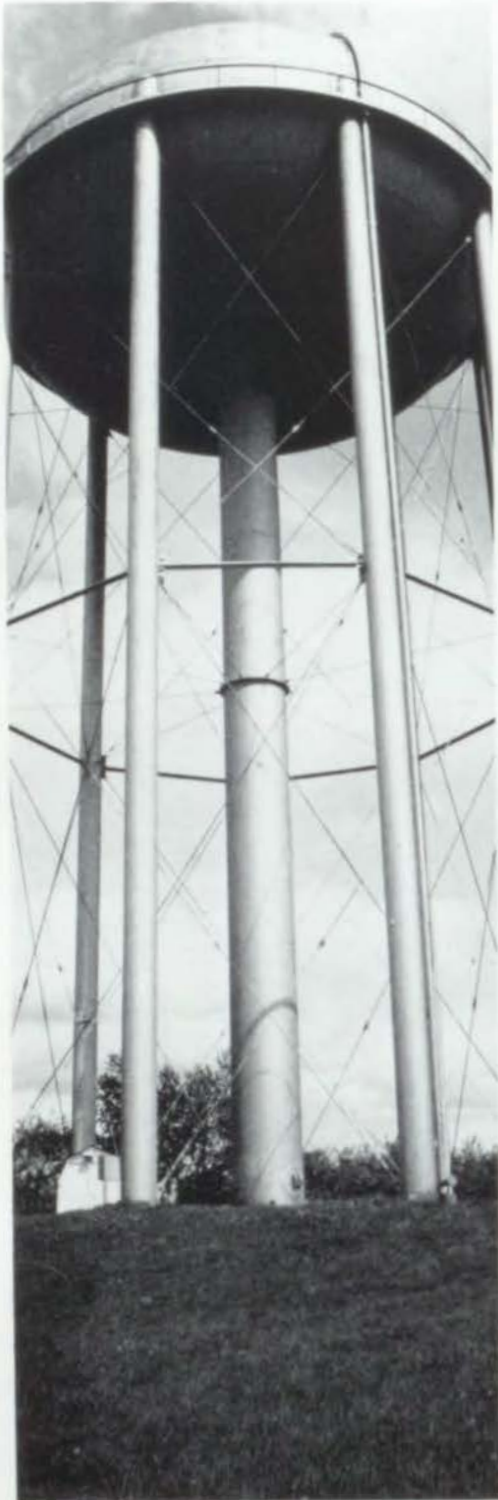
KEEPING A MEMBER of a nursing home company, Julie Norton, senior, gives the member a card to put cheer in her day (photo by Scott Neal).



WATERING HIS LAWN, James Bates, senior, tried to keep it healthy (photo by David Siebert).

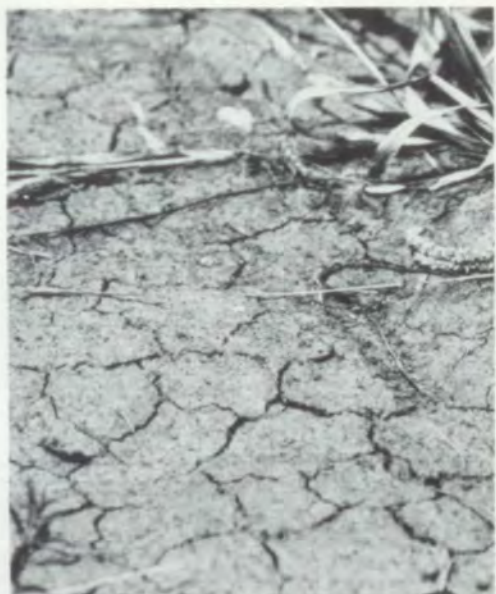


AN EMPTY GLADSTONE water tower, due to losses from main breaks, caused concern among many residents (photo by David Siebert).



OVERHEATED CARS CAUSED many problems for motorists (photo by David Siebert).





LIFELESS SHRUBBS AND cracking earth were a common sight due to the drought (photo by Scott Melton).

Scorched

Desert-like drought created thirsty lawns and headaches



“It was probably the worst drought.”

—Mr. Lou Oesterle, Gladstone Water Department

by Kristina Martin

Morning broke at a pleasant eighty degrees yet steadily rose to over a scorching one hundred by days end. The piercing rays of sun captured all moisture left by any living thing it touched. The wind, thick and heavy, blew the dust from the pale, cracking earth and left what was once green vegetation, limp and lifeless. Walking through the area brought beads of perspiration to the brow and the crunch of weeds underfoot.

A description such as this might have been found in the desert Southwest, but marking one of the hottest and driest summers since 1980, this unpopular scenario hit home.

Thinking of the summer of 1988 may bring unpleasant memories for some. Especially those who were most involved in the drought.

“We looked at the situation day to day,” said Mr. Lou Oesterle with the Gladstone Community Services Department. “Due to the length of heat conditions, it was probably the worst drought. We were on it 24 hours a day,” he said.

Gladstone itself suffered approximately 30 water main breaks due to the dry conditions. Of those 30, 95 percent did not create any appreciable water losses, according to Mr. Oesterle.

“We didn’t go dry because of the breaks,” he said.

In conjunction with the dryness, high temperatures took the toll on those with outdoor summer jobs.

“I usually worked in the morning to avoid the heat,” said Greg Glass, junior, who did

lawn work and mowing jobs.

Working as a lifeguard, Lee Yates, senior, tried to beat the heat. “The heat drained us. We were so tired by the end of the day,” he said.

“We had to be really understanding with people,” said Deedra Stoneking, senior, who worked at Oceans of Fun. “We were packed. We had the highest count in the park in three years.”

To withstand the heat, frequent breaks were necessary.

“I drank a lot of water,” said Greg.

“The heat also made August pre-season training for fall sports more strenuous on players and coaches.

“They got hot and tired faster,” said Mr. Tom Reynolds, football coach. “The later the practice went, things were not as productive as they were in the beginning.”

Despite the obstacles, the heat did provide some benefits for the athletes.

“It was good conditioning for their stamina. They were able to play harder,” said Coach Reynolds.

The water department continued to work so that future drought problems might be solved.

“We looked into a lot of things and upgraded more water pipes,” said Mr. Oesterle.

With water rationing systems such as odd-even days and watering quadrants, many residents felt the seriousness of the drought.

Seeing and feeling the effects of the long-lasting summer made one simple thing more appreciable. It made the sound and smell of a steady rain even sweeter.

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As they spend spare time shopping students show an expression of style



“It was some thing to do to get out of the house.”

-Cathy Mills, junior

by Adrienne Corn

Shopping. It is a necessity. It is a national pasttime, and it was a way for many students to spend their time outside of school.

One of the favorite shopping places was Metro North Mall because it was close.

“I liked to shop at Metro because everything was right there together,” said Chip Chandler, senior.

Others felt differently.

“I liked Westport. It was the only real place to shop. The stores up north didn’t carry as much stuff,” said Gary Pierson, senior.

“Malls like Bannister or Crown Center had a lot more variety because they had more stores and the stores carried newer merchandise,” said Micah Hobbs, senior.

Whatever the store, most students found they went shopping frequently.

“I usually went about once a week with my friends. It was something to do to get out of the house,” said Cathy Mills, junior.

“I went shopping a lot, but I usually went to look more than to buy,” said Jennifer Kirke, senior.

Price played a large role in what students bought...or didn’t buy.

“If it was too much, I didn’t buy it; especially if I could get it cheaper someplace else,” said Doug Beason, junior.

“I liked to spend money but I usually shopped the sales,” said Donna Addis, ju-

nior.

If price was not the problem, sometimes the amount of pocket was.

“I didn’t shop just for certain priced things, I just shopped until I ran out of money,” said Cathy.

The way students payed for things varied also.

“If I’m lucky I got the credit card. Otherwise, it was usually cash,” said Jennifer.

“I always paid cash for everything I bought,” said Chip.

What students bought depended mainly on their tastes.

“I shopped mainly for fun because I didn’t need a lot of things, and I usually bought clothes when I went,” said Micah.

Clothes, tapes, shoes...whatever the item, when it came to buying labels there were definite winners. Among the top names were Espirit, Nike, Union Bay, Guess, and Liz Claiborne.

“Levi’s and Reebok’s are two of my favorites,” added Chip.

However much fun, many students had a limit in how long they could shop.

“I could shop for about two or three hours, then I got bored,” said Cathy.

“Three hours is the average amount of time to shop because I’ve got to eat first. I can’t shop on an empty stomach,” said Micah.

Whatever the store, whatever the price, most found shopping to be a necessary event.



IT'S LIGHTS SPARKLING like diamonds. Metro North beckoned Oakle shoppers (photo by David Selbert).



AFTER FIGHTING THE crowds at Metro North Mall, Tracy Chrisman and Jennifer Taylor, seniors, and Krista Terry, sophomore, take a break (photo by Dina Guarino).



SHOPPING FOR GIFTS for her friends, Wendi Steele, senior, looks at sweaters (photo by David Selbert).



STOCKING UP ON munchies. Lori Paden, senior, buys food before school (photo by Dina Guarino).



GLANCING AT THE perfume counter, Kim Carter, junior, contemplates buying a bottle (photo by David Selbert).





A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT group was created for those students who have felt the pain of a parent's death (photo illustration by Scott Neal).



EATING DISORDERS IS just one of the many teen problems that Impact deals with (photo illustration by Scott Neal).



GAINING COMFORT FROM Mr. Larry Blackwell. David Lucas, junior, attends the death support group (photo by Sherri Dawson).



Helping hand

Impact gives students an opportunity to share and to care with friends



“Students shared a common pain.”

-Impact bulletin

by Lisa Livingston

Impact, for some it could mean the collision of football players or the effects of the latest rock album. However, for students whose lives have been filled with turbulence, the word brings hope of smoother rides in the future.

Impact is a large student support group. Last year it consisted of about 30 teachers and advisors trained by Baptist Medical Center. These advisors headed nine smaller groups which met during the day. A bulletin explained the advisors' goals for these groups.

“We represent a group of people who are caring listeners, willing to help you help yourself. We aren't your parents, an administrator, or your conscience, just a friend wanting to help in any area we can,” read the bulletin put out by Mr. Dennis Krohne, the Oak Park coordinator of Impact. According to Mr. Krohne, the nine support groups confront a wide variety of student troubles. They consisted of two bereavement groups, two teenage parenting groups, two family groups, an after care group, an eating disorder group, and a newcomer group for new students.

“A misconception of Impact last year was that it was only for drugs and alcohol. I would say that over half of it wasn't. It consisted of anything from family divorces, grades, suicide, and sexual and physical abuse. Basically, it was a catch-all,” Mr. Krohne said.

One topic that Impact covered was the death of a parent. Friends, one of two bereavement groups, was started two years ago when Mr. Larry Blackwell, counselor, saw the growing need for it.

“The death of a parent is tragic for any-

one regardless of age but especially for teenagers,” Mr. Blackwell said.

Mr. Blackwell tried to use a flexible setting that the students could feel comfortable in.

“When a student came into the group, I tried to tell them that it is not like a club where you have to pay dues. The group and its hours were for them. If they felt like not coming for a while it was OK,” he said.

Like Friends, most of the support groups consisted of teenagers who shared a common problem.

“Although people will try to understand how the students feel, there is no one who understands how they feel like someone who has been through the same experience. The reason the support groups was because the the students shared a common pain,” he said.

Not only was Impact a group where teachers and advisors helped students, it also consisted of groups such as Students Who Care, Sadd, Natural Helpers, and High Step where students helped other students.

High Step is a group of students that use their counseling skills on grade school children. Last year, their goal was to teach youngsters about drugs, alcohol, family, and self esteem.

“I know that the kids looked up to me and saw me as a role model. They need to see that all high schoolers do not believe in using drugs and alcohol,” said Sara Mosbacher, senior, who organized High Step along with Dana Flournoy, senior.

Impact may not have been able to prevent tragedies such as a parent's death from occurring, but it helped soften the blow. It also gave the students a chance to express their caring sides by helping fellow students.

NEEDING HELP WITH a problem, Patrick Schlosser, freshman, turns to Mr. Dennis Krohne who is always willing to help (photo by Sherri Dawson).



College days

Seniors search for ideal school hoping to meet needs, future goals



“When I visited T.U., I got to see more than just what was in the brochures.

—Tracy Chrisman, senior

by Adrienne Corn

Entering school for the first time at the age of five or six was a new, exciting, and scary prospect for most all kindergarteners and, at the time, twelve more years of school seemed an eternity away. But for some seniors, who finished up their twelfth year, four more years of schooling loomed in front of them. Again they faced a new, exciting, and scary prospect as colleges were considered and chosen. One way that helped seniors chose a college was college days.

But with only one excused college day given to each senior, students had a hard time deciding how to spend it.

“I applied to three colleges and I would have liked to visit all three,” said Tracy McCarty, senior, “but my visit to Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg helped me to finalize my decision.”

“I benefitted from visiting the University of Missouri (in Columbia) by finding out how large the campus was, the different rules the students live by, and the many sororities I could pledge,” said Sheri Miller, senior.

Many agreed that visiting the campus of a prospective school was worthwhile.

“When I visited T.U., (Tulsa University in Tulsa, Oklahoma) I got to see more than just what was in the brochures in the mail. I got to see what the people were like,” said Tracy Chrisman, senior.

Juniors who felt like getting a head start, began narrowing college choices and visiting

prospective colleges.

“I thought about four different colleges and I visited all of them to see what they were like, especially the campuses and the living conditions,” said Chris Burroughs, junior.

But for seniors and juniors alike who could not find the time for even one college day visit, the colleges came to them.

On Thursday, October 20th, many representatives from various colleges and universities came to Oak Park for College Night to give students a chance to see what type of school a certain college actually was.

Most students found it a helpful way to decide on a school.

Although not always knowing exactly where they were going to attend, many students had certain qualities that they were looking for in a college.

“I was looking for a school that had Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice,” said Mike Hanes, senior.

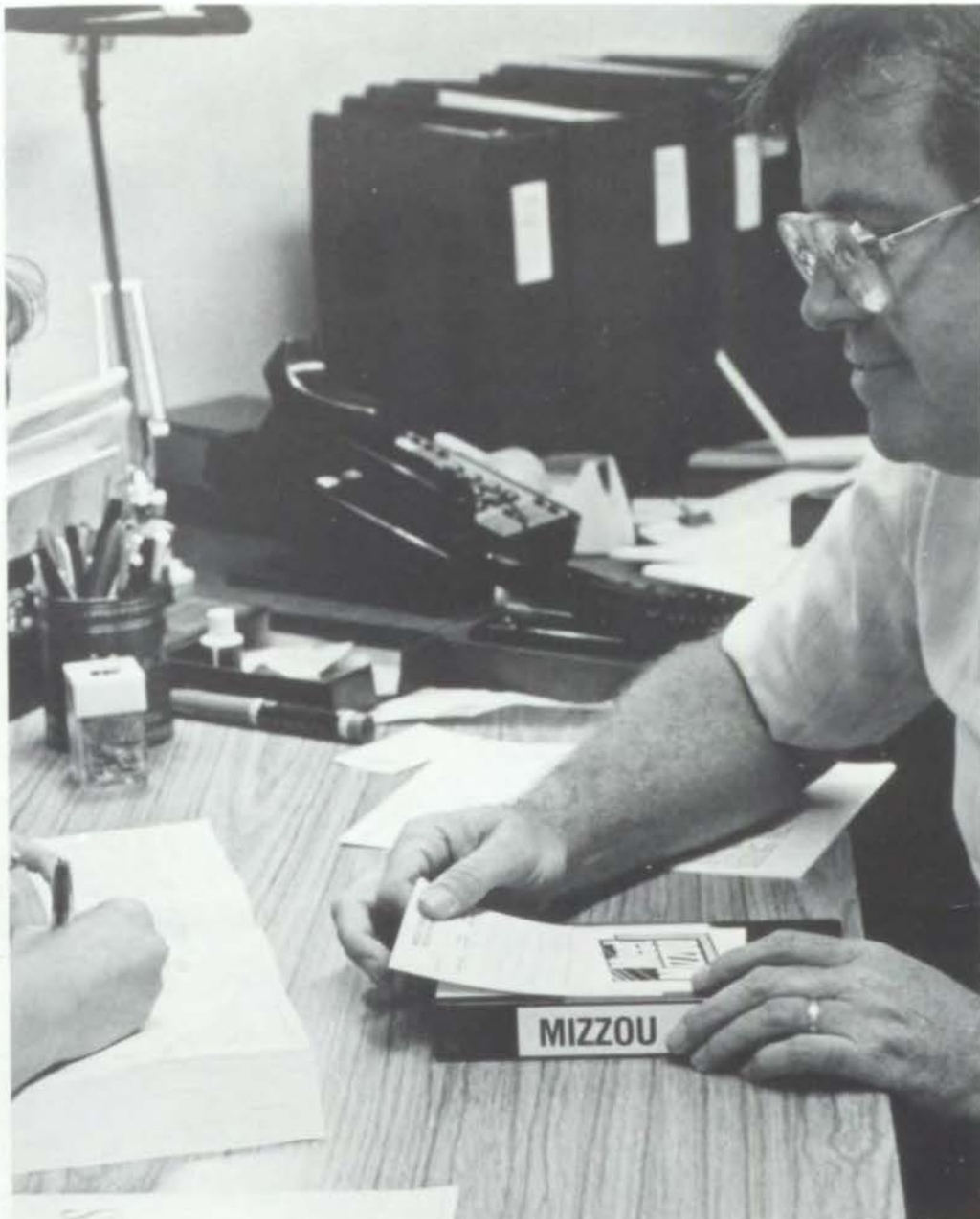
If not influenced by either college night or characteristics of a school, maybe there were other reasons students chose a certain college.

“I was really urged to go to CMSU because my mother went there and loved it,” said Tracy.

No matter what the influence as final colleges were decided upon, seniors faced much more than a kindergarten room and new playtoys. They faced a new phase of life.



FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED in M.U., *Meet Mizzou* proved to be a very helpful source (photo by Barrie Fisher).



CHECKING OUT THE newest videotape, Robin Dunn, senior, gets assistance from Mr. Larry Blackwell (photo by Barrie Fisher).



MAKING HIS POINT, Mr. Lane Ramey from Rockhurst College talks during a financial seminar at college night (photo by Barrie Fisher).



TAKING A WALK through William Jewell. Ann Lohman, senior, uses a college day to help make the decision of which college to attend (photo by Barrie Fisher).



DISCUSSING COLLEGE PROSPECTS at College Night. Terri Nelson, senior, talks with representatives from nearby colleges (photo by Barrie Fisher).



GETTING SOME HELPFUL hints about her artwork from Mrs. Jeanne Lawing is Tehra Boyers, Junior (photo by Darln Overstreet).



WITH A LOOK of sheer intensity, Shannon Armstrong, senior, prepares to help her teammates achieve a victory (photo by Dina Guarino).



WHILE DESIGNING A layout for Log, Heather Reed, senior, whose father graduated in 1971 and mother in 1972, concentrates on her work (photo by Darln Overstreet).



Generations

Second generation students
rekindle Oak Park history



“He told me that I should get involved in school.”

—Tina Pitts, senior

by Mark Troxel

As sands through the hour glass, so are the days of our lives

As the sands have slipped slowly through the rhetorical hour glass of Oak Park, society has changed a great deal during the past 24 years. When Oak Park first opened in 1965, students were still in the short hair and blue jean phase. But that gave way to bell-bottom jeans and psychedelic shirts. As the years slipped by the Viet Nam conflict escalated into a full-scale war, and music groups such as “The Eagles” hit the music scene with their #1 smash, “Hotel California”.

Popular fashion statements, such as penny loafers and fast cars, in the 1970’s were still popular. “I had a ‘57 Chevy, need you ask more,” said Mr. Jim Pitts, a 1973 graduate. “I spent all my time and money on that car.”

With Oak Park about to celebrate its 25th anniversary, a wave of second generation students hit the school. Some students had some relation to school for many years. Mr. Bill Grace, choir director, knew members of senior Heather Reed’s family for as long as two generations.

“Mr. Grace knew my grandparents for a long time because he used to sing in a barber shop quartet with my grandpa,” said Heather. “Then he was the choir director at school for my aunt and for my mom. One day during my sophomore year, he made a big deal about how he had taught previous generations of my family.”

Having been a second generation Oakie

had its advantages according to Tina Pitts, senior.

“He (her father) told me that I should get involved, and yet I shouldn’t get so involved that I became a person I didn’t want to be,” said Tina. “If I came home from school upset, he was able to understand what was wrong because he was able to relate. He still remembered everything about high school, and he was able to help me through a lot of my high school problems.”

Heather also felt that having been a second generation student had its good points.

“I thought it was neat because they (her parents) used to tell me about all the things they used to have that they don’t anymore like the bookstore they used to have, and all the neat clubs, organizations, and activities that they don’t have anymore,” said Heather.

Even though society changed over the years, Oak Park did not, according to Mr. Pitts, and though the administration and faculty have changed slightly, the goals and philosophies did not.

Most of the second generation students felt that they wanted their children to attend Oak Park or a school similar to it.

“I think the teachers and the quality of the education that you receive there is something that everyone should have the chance to receive,” Tina said.

According to Mr. Pitts, attending Oak Park was one of the better events of his life.

“When you first got there you felt grown up,” said Mr. Pitts. “You suddenly realized that you weren’t a little kid anymore.”

PRACTICING HER BASS in orchestra. Junior Heather Colbert, whose mom was a 1968 graduate, prepares for an upcoming performance (photo by Shauna Clevenger).

School break

Students take advantage of challenges that the classrooms could not offer



“I learned about teamwork.”

—Tracy Chrisman, senior

by Lisa Livingston

When the lights pop on for the final time of the year, the lights in students' heads seem to pop off. However, some students left the lights on and spent their summer learning and improving themselves through hands-on experience.

One example was senior Tracy Chrisman who chose to conquer the Rocky Mountains when she visited Wilderness Camp in Creed, Colorado. She and 12 others spent six days hiking to a 13,560 foot peak strapped to a 40 pound backpack.

“I learned I could do more than I thought I could. It challenged me mentally and physically like nothing at home could,” Tracy said.

The physical challenges consisted of rock climbing, tricky river crossings, and setting up a tent every night. Tracy met the challenges head on.

“One day when I was leading the group on the hike, I didn't have to stop and rest. I was suprised because some good athletes were huffing and puffing in the back,” Tracy said.

The group was denied luxuries such as showers or water to wash dishes. According to Tracy, they used pine cones to wash their eating utensils. However, these obstacles taught Tracy an important lesson in teamwork.

“I learned about teamwork to the point of survival. We shared toothpaste, water, jackets, and gloves. Everyone would help if you were in trouble,” Tracy explained.

The pay off to all this “huffing and puffing” was the view from this 13,560 foot peak.

“It was so exciting because it was the highest I had ever been, and I climbed it myself,” Tracy said.

Another student who tested his physical and mental strength during the summer was Ryan Gardner, junior. Instead of the Rockies, Greco Roman Wrestling was his challenge.

“It [Greco Roman Wrestling] is all upper body. You can't use your legs. It also uses faster motions and is more fascinating to watch than high school wrestling,” Ryan explained.

Ryan became involved in the GRFSA (Greco Roman Freestyle Association) through the encouragement of Mr. Gary Mayab, wrestling coach.

The team practiced twice a week and attended two camps to ready themselves for the South Plains Regionals in Pueblo, Colorado and Nationals at Central Missouri State University where Ryan placed fifth in the cadet category. Several factors led to his success.

“I had to learn to have self control and determination. I also had to make a lot of sacrifices like not being able to eat and not going out in order to rest up for tournaments. Sometimes I just wanted to give up,” Ryan said.

However the sacrifices paid off in the end.

“I think it added a year to my wrestling. This year I came back as a senior instead of a junior when it comes to wrestling skills,” he said.

Even though summer, the Rockies, and wrestling are quite different from each other, they now share one common bond. They allowed students to experience what school books could not teach them.



BEING A WORKING girl did not stop Barrie Fisher, senior, from getting a tan at her Oceans of Fun Job (photo by Darin Overstreet).



PLAYING MINATURE GOLF. Tracy Christman, senior, and Grechen Shinkles, sophomore, bend the rules a little in their favor (photo by Dina Guarino).



EARNING A LITTLE extra money. Heather McKenzie, senior, and Gail Brolls, junior, spend their summer working at The Cooke Factory (photo by Dina Guarino).



SUNSHINE AND THE beach were put on the back burner for David Ohnesorge, senior, who spent his time working at One Hour Photo (photo by Darin Overstreet).



ESCAPING THE SUMMER heat, Nathan Thomas, David Perry, seniors, and Scott Robeson, junior, retreat to the air conditioning (photo by Scott Neal).





PULLING OVER SPEEDERS is a normal routine for these officers patrolling Antloch Road (photo by David Brown).



AVOIDING SHADY LANE is a major concern on weekends due to radar control (photo by David Brown).



SITTING AT A speed trap, an officer clocks the passing cars (photo by Darin Overstreet).



STUDENTS WAITING TO leave the school parking lot must wait while an officer allows the buses to leave first (photo by Darin Overstreet).



Busted

Teens out on the streets for fun,
but police officers on patrol



“I saw the lights
and I panicked.”

Darla French, senior

by Melanie Heinen

It was finally the weekend, a Friday night. All that was on a teen's young mind was getting out and partying. So getting into the car and driving anywhere was the only solution.

All was well until the driver of the party wagon made an illegal u-turn on North Oak.

Suddenly, out of nowhere, came flashing red lights and the sound of sirens. They were definitely busted.

Two minutes later, a man with a badge stood by the car door asking for a license and registration. There was only one flaw, the driver was only 15.

The next thing that happened was a trip to the station and a phone call to some unsuspecting parents.

Many students have heard the horror stories, many came close to being one, a few were unfortunate enough to live one out.

When a teenager saw a police officer while they were cruising along, the reaction was usually the same.

“I checked to see how fast I was going, or I would step on the brake,” said Amy Bunnell, senior.

This became almost a reflex at the sight of a police car.

Stacy Hoover, junior, felt something more.

“When a cop would drive by, I felt like he was watching me as I passed,” she said.

These reactions and fears were caused mainly from the stories that floated around about the police. Even when people are careful, sometimes things got out of hand, and getting busted was the result.

Darla French, senior, was one of the unlucky ones to experience this.

“I saw the lights, and I panicked. He asked me if I realized that I was speeding, and I tried to say I was sorry.

“Then, he told me a long story about how I would not have had enough time to slow down if a child had been crossing the street. It was my first offense, and he was really strict,” she said.

Darin Batchelor, senior, was caught going 40 m.p.h. in a 25 m.p.h. zone.

“He asked me for my license and insurance card, went back to his car and sat for about 15 minutes. He then came back to my car, I signed the ticket, and he left,” he said.

However, cop stories were not always the threatening, awful events that teens connected to police officers.

“When our security system on our house has been activated accidentally, the police have always been helpful,” said Amy.

Darla felt differently.

“They were never around when you needed them,” she said.

Darin thought they did their job almost too well at times.

“Unfortunately, they do a good job,” added Stacy.

According to one officer, the places to watch out for most were 72nd street and North Oak.

The fact still remained, whether they thought they needed them or not, cops were always around to help out teenagers or to get them in trouble.

“They have a tough job, and I usually think they try to do their best,” said Amy.



Keeping the traffic moving is no easy task for this officer (photo by Darin Overstreet).

Recess time

While underclassmen take MMAT, upperclassmen receive a break



"I was surprised by the amount (of students) using the time to work."

Ms. Linda Alverson,
English Teacher

by Jason Rincker

The only sound was that of 1000 number two pencils darkening in circles.

Each puzzled face stared unblinkingly at a barage of questions on piles and piles of pages. Not more than one hundred feet away 1000 bodies talked, vollied, bowled and slept.

During the two hours that the freshman and sophomores took the second annual Missouri Mastery Achievement Test in mid-April, the upperclassmen had time on their hands to spend as they chose. The way they spent their time varied from playing volleyball and tennis to talking and sleeping and from studying to bowling. Though the time made up for some of the recess that students had been denied from since fifth grade, some still did not take it easy.

"With two hours off I had time to do my homework so I didn't work, said Mrs. Linda Alverson, English teacher. "It gave the upperclassmen time to get things done, have fun, and break the routine."

Many students also had the chance to catch up on late homework or to just get ahead. "During the MMAT, I attempted to get all of my homework completed," said Scott Robeson, junior. "Also, I had several

tests, and the two hour break gave me the opportunity to study more and achieve a higher grade on my tests."

Although, many used and appreciated the break, others felt that the time off should have been given another way.

"It was just a waste of time," said Scott Hensley, senior, "they should have let us go home two hours early or at least given us an open lunch."

Though the MMAT had some advantages for upperclassmen, it did bring with it the decreased amount of teaching time .

"The only disadvantage I could think of was having short morning classes," said Mrs. Alverson. "Most teachers wanted to keep them even so some classes didn't get behind."

With the time off upperclassmen were able to do their homework, the problem was with short classes came more homework to do, this became an even heavier burden the underclassmen who had no "free time".

"By the time you got into your classroom you had less than twenty-five minutes to do classwork," said Leslie Parkhurst, senior."

Though the four days of two hour "recesses" were hard on students, not many complained, that is except for the underclassmen.



THE FRESHMAN AND sophomore's taking the MMAT were the cause of upperclassmen's "free time" (photo by Jeff O'Dell).



WORKING ON A ceramic bowl, Danny Soles, Junior, takes advantage of free time in the art room (photo by Jeff O'Dell).



SOME PEOPLE CHOSE to socialize in the cafeteria such as Christie Smith, senior, and Kim Carter, Junior (photo by Jeff O'Dell).



LIFTING WEIGHTS WAS one way which Jason Grey, senior, spent his free period (photo by Jeff O'Dell).



MAKING USE OF his extra time, Jason Stevens, senior, receives help from Mr. McPike in the library (photo by Jeff O'Dell).



T

o the wire

it was all

About time

by Mark Troxel

It was all about time. Students and fans packed North Kansas City stadium just in time to see the Homecoming Game in which Oak Park defeated Grandview 24-9.

All athletes felt the tension mount as they competed in a given amount of time or tried to score the most points in time. It all took hard work and hours of practice everyday to become number one. It all came down to one important factor, time.

Athletes knew that most important was the spirit of competition and strived to accomplish the most possible. Packing the bleachers at a home basketball or volleyball game, everyone knew that when it came down to the wire, it was all about time.

"I liked to be involved in sports because it made school more enjoyable."

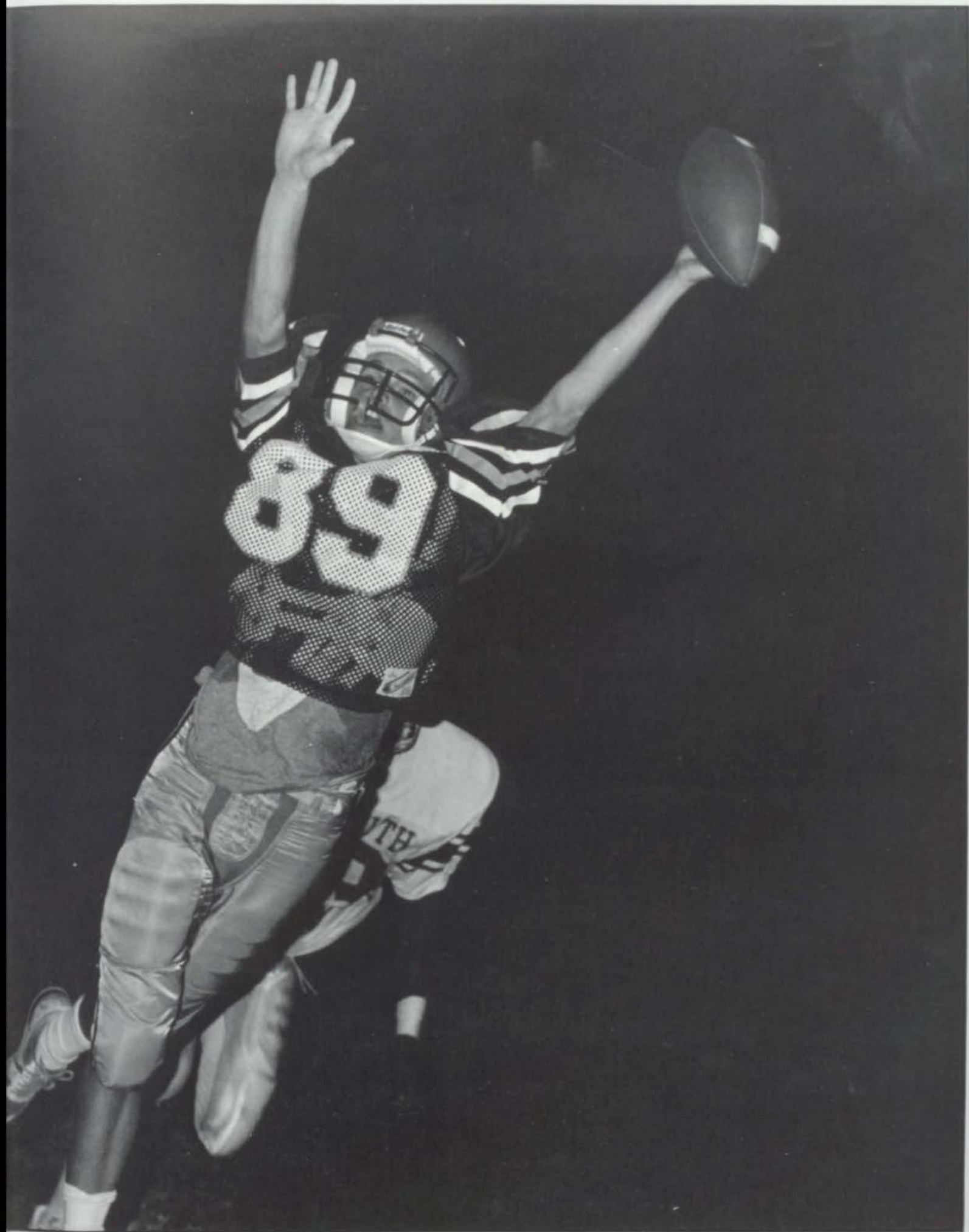
*-Micah Hobbs,
senior*



TRYING TO GAIN control of his opponent, Ryan Gardner, junior, attempts to flip his opponent over his shoulder to score a reversal (photo by David Siebert).

STRETCHING TO FULL body length, Steve Foote, junior, pulls in the ball to help in the 13-12 narrow defeat over Raytown South High School (photo by Shauna Clevenger).

S•P•O•R•T•S



Cross Country

BOYS

Truman Invitational	8th
Park Hill Invitational	16th
Leavenworth Invitational	4th
Liberty Invitational	13th
St. Joe Central Invitational	6th
S.M. Northwest Invitational	6th
S.M. West Invitational	No Score
Conference	5th
Districts	9th

GIRLS

Truman Invitational	8th
Park Hill Invitational	12th
Leavenworth Invitational	4th
Liberty Invitational	4th
St. Joe Central Invitational	4th
S.M. Northwest Invitational	4th
S.M. West Invitational	No Score
Conference	6th
Districts	8th

Tennis

SCOREBOARD - BOYS

Varsity Record: 9-6

Opponent	Us/Them
Truman	5-0
Lee's Summit	3-2
W. Chrisman	4-1
Blue Springs	3-2
Rockhurst	2-3
Park Hill	1-4
Truman	5-0
Pembroke Hill	3-6
Lee's Summit	4-1
Winnetonka	7-2
W. Chrisman	5-0
St. Joe Central	1-8
Blue Springs	3-2
Park Hill	2-3
NKC	3-7

SCOREBOARD - GIRLS

Varsity Record: 10-3

Opponent	Us/Them
NKC	5-4
Ex. Springs	9-0
Liberty	5-0
Truman	5-0
St. Joe	4-5
W. Chrisman	5-0
Lee's Summit	3-2
Winnetonka	9-0
Blue Springs	2-3
Park Hill	5-0
Pembroke Hill	3-6
Lee's Summit	7-2
Center	9-0

Softball

SCOREBOARD

STATISTICS

Varsity Record: 14-7

Opponent	Us/Them	Team Leaders
Winnetonka	15-16	Hits Karie Kearns 26
W. Chrisman	11-2	Stolen Bases Christi Criscione 12
NKC	8-7	Batting Average Christi Criscione .387
Hickman Mills	49-2	Runs Batted In Shannon Armstrong 23
Blue Springs	4-11	Earned Run Average Karie Kearns 1.81
Lee's Summit	4-3	No Hitter Heidi Brenner
Truman	14-7	
Truman	7-4	
W. Chrisman	18-0	
Ruskin	17-3	
Belton	5-3	
Fort Osage	6-3	
Center	17-0	
Park Hill	5-1	
Park Hill	5-0	
Lee's Summit	8-5	
Blue Springs	2-12	
Liberty	5-1	
Raytown	15-5	
Park Hill	2-10	
Blue Springs	2-8	

Baseball

SCOREBOARD

STATISTICS

Varsity Record: 7-14

Opponent	Us/Them	Team Leaders
Rockhurst	1-0	Hits Paul Burkhalter 26
Rockhurst	4-6	Stolen Bases Paul Burkhalter 12
Truman	9-14	Batting Average Paul Burkhalter .356
Raytown	5-6	Run Batted In Jamie Bethke 13
NKC	5-9	Strike Outs Brian Boydston 29
Blue Springs	9-2	
W. Chrisman	5-4	
St. Joe	4-9	
Lee's Summit	3-7	
Maryville	13-3	
Winnetonka	1-2	
Raytown South	5-2	
Hickman Mills	0-7	
Truman	0-2	
Park Hill	1-12	
Winnetonka	6-4	
Blue Springs	1-10	
Park Hill	3-11	
W. Chrisman	8-3	
Lee's Summit	9-4	
Ex. Springs	5-9	

Outdoor Sports

at a glance

Football

SCOREBOARD

Varsity Record: 8-2

STATISTICS

Team Leaders

Opponent	Us/Them
Winnetonka	37-13
Raytown South	13-12
NKC	46-0
S.M. North	28-3
Lee's Sumit	22-35
Grandview	24-9
Blue Springs	34-13
Truman	42-21
W. Chrisman	65-0
Park Hill	14-19

Rushing

Paul Burkhalter 1131 yds.

Passing

Jamie Bethke 47.7%

Receptions

Jeff Niemeier 27

Touch Downs

Paul Burkhalter 16

Golf

SCOREBOARD

Varsity Record: 5-7

Opponents	Us/Them
W. Chrisman	177-234
Blue Springs	179-160
Winnetonka	160-172
Truman	183-169
W. Chrisman	189-194
Park Hill	186-168
Lee's Summit	181-177
W. Chrisman	189-204
Blue Springs	177-152
Truman	178-183
Lee's Summit	165-160
Park Hill	173-172

Tournaments	
William Jewel	16th
Hodge Park	4th

Track

Boys Track

Girls Track

Opponent	Us/Them
Lee's Summit	64-87
Truman	75-31
W. Chrisman	66-89
Park Hill	69-72
Blue Springs	22-123

Tournaments	
W. Chrisman	4th
Rockhurst	8th
Blue Springs	10th
Lee's Summit	12th
Conference	6th

Opponent	Us/Them
W. Chrisman	53-82
Park Hill	45-77
Blue Springs	44-90
Truman	93-41
Lee's Summit	22-115

Tournaments	
S.M. South	No Score
St. Joe Central	3rd
Blue Springs Relays	15th
Ruskin Relays	12th
Wyandotte Relays	No Score
Conference	6th



SHOWING HIS FINE form, Brandon Scott, sophomore, strives for the finish (photo by Jeff O'Dell).



VARSITY FOOTBALL: Front row-Jeff Wescott, Chris Swetnam, Matt Barr, Derek Spradlin, Kevin Greer, Mauricio Uribe, Bill Kirk, Greg Scheetz; Second row-Chris DeGhelder, Mike Roos, John Sanstra, Lance Beach, Justin Toms, Mark Ingels, Toby Long, Jeff Witteborg, Jamie Bethke; Third row-Paul Williams, Jason Allwood, Noland Huff, Paul Burkhalter, Bill Turnage, Sam Carter, John Stathopoulos, Phil Lanio, Adam Ashcroft; Fourth row-Chris Fowler, Mike Hanes, Chad Brooke, Charlie Walberg, Doug Noble, Steve Foote, Jason Richter; Fifth row-Doug Beason, Mike Nagy, Jason Young, Shawn Williams, Darin Overstreet, Gary Blackwell, Steve Denisar, John Baltzell; Sixth row-David Gately, Jeff Neimeier, Kelly Kavanaugh, Bretton Peart, Jim Turney, Don Beck, Brett Nugent; Back row-Coach Keith Ross, Coach Mike Newman, Coach Mark Mundell, Coach Tom Reynolds (photo by Scott Neal).



JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL: Front row-Jeff Arnold, Jason Allwood, Shawn Williams, Jeff Witteborg, Phil Lanio, Sam Carter, Jeff Wescott, Chris Swetnam; Second row-Anthony Luscri, Travis George, David Bosse, Greg Scheetz, Derek Spradlin, John Sanstra, Toby Long, Matt Barr; Third row-Jason Murtha, Chris Hiebert, Josh Kinslow, Erik Nedblake, Doug Noble, Brett Nugent, Justin Toms, Bretton Peart, Chris Fowler, Kevin Greer; Back row-Neil Kish (photo by David Brown).



WITH PLENTY OF time to throw, Jamie Bethke, sophomore, gets off the pass (photo by Shauna Clevenger).

Pride of 1968 Former player remembers season

by Tracey Byers

In 1968, Oak Park's football team had a dream season which enabled them to go to Columbia to play at the University of Missouri Memorial Stadium in the first state championship. Exactly 20 years later, Mr. Joe Briley, a coach and a teacher, can recall exact moments from that season and the last game, a 17-13 loss to McCluer High School.

Mr. Briley was a senior in 1968 and was actively involved in football. He played all season as a running back and continued in the state championship against McCluer.

New rules

Final games of season prove to be critical

by Dana Golden

A 4-6 football team could never have had a chance for districts. They could just pack up their equipment and forget it. That was not so this year.

Missouri changed the play-off system, and the new rule kept 8-2 Oak Park out of the playoffs, while 2-8 Park Hill got in.

In the first two district games, Oak Park had easy victories beating Truman 42-21 and William Chrisman 65-0, which many of the players thought was an easy win.

"I think, by far, William Chrisman was the easiest victory," said DeGhelder, senior.

But the chance for a state playoffs all came down to the district deciding game against Park Hill ending with a 19-14 victory in favor of the opposing team.

The attitude of the team going into the game, according to team members, was a very important factor as the

way they played. "We went into the game with too much of a cocky attitude. We thought we had it won before we played," said DeGhelder.

Chad Brooke, senior, agreed. "We were going into the game looking toward the future and we weren't concentrating on the game."

The feelings of the team were also factors. "I think it was an emotional game and you can throw the records out when we play. Records have nothing to do with it. I think they were worried about the game, it was a new playoff situation, they really didn't know what to expect," said Mr. Keith Ross, head football coach.

Despite how the new rule affected Oak Park, many players were in favor of it. "I like it. It's a good system. It gives everybody a chance to go to the playoffs," said Mike Hanes, senior.

Coach Ross agreed. "I think it's good. You control your own destiny."

STRIVING FOR YARDS, Paul Burkhalter, senior, is stopped by two Grandview players (photo by Barrie Fisher).

AFTER A TOUCHDOWN, Jason Richter, junior, kicks for an extra point (photo by Bryce Lausch).



"I like it. It's a good system. It gives everybody a chance to go to playoffs."

-Mike Hanes, senior

Going to state was scary, considering McCluer was twice the size of Oak Park, he explained.

Mr. Briley recalled ranking number one in the city, and number three in the state most of the year as a team. He also remembered the team having been really skilled at football.

"The 1968 football team was the most talented I've ever played with," said Mr. Briley.

At Columbia the Oakies fell to the Comets, but Mr. Briley remembered many close plays.

"I remember lots of calls that could have gone either way and it was a close score," said Mr. Briley.

Mr. Briley did recall his clearest memory of the whole season before playing McCluer.

"My most memorable part was beating Jefferson City 28-23, who was number one at the time. To most of us, beating Jefferson was the championship for us," said Mr. Briley.

Victorious end

A winning tradition continues for team

by Dana Golden

Successful seasons are a result of team members who take risks and work hard. This successful season was a reality for the Oak Park football team who ended their season with a 8-2 record.

Some of the highlights of the season were winning the Homecoming game against Grandview and according to Coach Keith Ross, "defeating the Blue Springs Wildcats."

The feelings before the Blue Springs game began were unsure. "At first I was real nervous because we were going to play the number two ranked team in the city," said Mike Hanes, senior.

Team members insisted that teamwork enabled them to win. "I don't think there was one person, it was more of a team effort," said Chad Brooke, senior.

It was a very up-and-down game, but Oak Park came back in the second half.

"The turning point of the game was when we were in

the locker room at half-time, everybody was pumped up and we knew we could play Blue Springs and beat them," said Hanes. That was what they did with a victory in favor of Oak Park 34-13. It seemed as though it was helpful to play them at home.

"I thought it was an advantage playing at our home field because we had our fans to support us," said Hanes.

As for the easiest victory, many agreed on William Chrisman, the team who had its first victory this year over Raytown South after having a several year losing streak.

"I think, by far, William Chrisman had the edge over North Kanasa City in being the easiest victory," said Chris DeGhelder, senior.

The most emotional game, according to Coach Ross, was playing Park Hill, a 19-14 victory over the Northmen.

Through wins and losses the team stuck together. "The season was more than a win-loss record, it gave us a chance to get to know each other as a whole group," said Brooke.

AS BOTH TEAMS scramble to recover the ball, Mike Roos, junior, piles on top (photo by Barrie Fisher).

ENDANGERING THE OPPONENT, Paul Burkhalter, senior, and Mark Ingels, junior, try to stop the play (photo by Shauna Clevenger).

"I felt so good knowing that we accomplished a goal of beating Blue Springs our senior year."

Chad Brooke, senior



AFTER RUNNING FOR a touchdown, Noland Huff, senior, rejoices in endzone (photo by Bryce Lausch).



Tradition and rivalry Spirit since first game in 1965

by Kim Carter

Tradition—the handing down of beliefs and customs through generations. A tradition is exactly what started in 1965 when Oak Park played its first football game against North Kansas City High School.

The football that lies in the trophy cases in the south hall at Oak Park is the symbol of this 24 year tradition. It contains the scores of all the games ever played by the two rivals.

The rivalry that existed between the two schools was intense in the early years.

“We were the second high school in the district so we were natural rivals. We played the last game of the year which was ‘the’ game. As a symbol of that game,” said Mr. Jerry Crews, sports coordinator and former football coach, “we decided to present a football to the winning team.”

Competition and rivalry brought many people to the events. “If you didn’t get there early, you didn’t get a seat because we had such great crowds,” said Mr. Crews.

Occasionally, when rivalry existed there were conflicting opinions. “I thought it was a real good tradition because we were brand new and Northtown had always been the main school North of the river,” said Mr. Joe Briley, American History teacher and former football player.

In this case, there were no conflicts.

“It was very important for all the schools to have some sort of tradition,” said Mr. Crews.

Oak Park has had the ball 20 out of the 24 games played between the two teams.

Now, 24 years later, the rivalry has been put on a side burner to simmer.

“I don’t think the rivalry is so intense now. Northtown and Wintonka had a greater rivalry because they were in the same conference and they played the last game of the year. I think it was a little more intense,” said Mr. Crews.



SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL: Front row—Mike Lowry, Rusty Laverentz, Rich McDonald, Pat Black, Shawn Wolfe, Jeff Arnold, Brian Freeman, Jamie Boling, Gary Maier, Matt Cornicorn, Chris Noel; Second row—Ed Palmerton, Doug Wisely, Greg Terwilliger, Jason Julin, Jason Long, Jeff Sosna, Jim Buck, Robert Gay, Bob Dolce, Joe Lutgen, Eric Nedblake, Travis George, Chris Helbert; Back row—Coach Jury, Matt Anselmo, Jay Binkley, Alan Hill, Matt Woods, Chris Walls, Spencer Beck, Doug Marr, Josh Kinsland, David Bosse, Benny Carson, Joe Swenson, Anthony Luscri, Richie Issacs, Coach Glinn (photo by David Siebert).



FRESHMAN FOOTBALL: Front row—Mike Pittsenbarger, Bryan Britten, Jason Whitfield, Shannon Vincent, Tim Shaw, Vincent Atchison, Geoff Heater; Second row—Cliff Grindel, Bryan Carter, George Algozzini, Craig Fjellman, Jerry Holmes, Matt Wheeler, Andy Christopher, Brad Gaik; Third row—Brett Stephenson, Scott Golden, Brock McNeil, Burt Rich, Tony Gowin, Pat Gaines, Bart Weddle, Jim Ruckman; Fourth row—Garrett Vandenberg, Darryl Howard, Kirk Green, John Ralston, Blaine Mathews, Rob Waterfield, Roger Geary, Jesse Baxter; Fifth row—David Casey, Walt Willis, Danny Hensel, Matt Miller, Mark Brookings, Bin Walters, Chris Holmes, Tim Young; Back row—Matt Gardner, Matt Schulz, Shawn Stevens, Matt Tremain, Greg King, Roy Hellums, Jason Johnson, Brett Holder (photo by Barrie Fisher).

Personal best

Runners accomplish improvement in times

by Scott Robeson

Aching legs, hard breathing and exhaustion. A pain to some, but a way of life to Cross Country runners.

Although the team did not have as succesful a season as they would have liked, many individual goals were reached.

"One of our goals was to improve our individual times over the previous year. This was accomplished; we saw a lot of improvement in times from one year to the next and also from the start of the season to the end of the season," said Mr. Fred Kester, cross country coach.

There were also individual goals accomplished that runners had set for themselves.

"My goal for each meet was to better my time from the last meet," said Tom Meyer senior, who improved from good to better over the season.

STACI RANES, FRESMAN, paces herself to insure a good time.

Cross Country was not just sweat and hard work.

"I think everybody accomplished their goals, and we all had a lot of fun," said Meyer.

The team did several fun things. Some of these included having ice cream sundaes on Mondays, and progressive dinners where team members would travel to different homes to eat. There were also "power packs" which were favorite foods given to each athlete by their fellow team members.

Practices and activities built a close and supportive team.

"They were always encouraging each other by congratulating each other after a good run," said Coach Kester.

Coach Kester felt it was a succesful season.

"It was succesful simply because they developed a sense of self fulfillment, and they could see their times improving."

TOM SCHUERMAN, JUNIOR, pushes to his limit on the last stretch of the course (photo by Jeff O'Dell).



"I think everybody accomplished their goals, and we all had a lot of fun."

Tom Meyer, senior



Cross Country proves to be battle of stamina not sexes

by Dustyn Stoneking

Jack and Jill went up the hill in a fairy tale. In Cross Country they ran. This difference was what made cross country unique from all the other sports. According to the team members, both boys and girls co-ed was not a problem, it was more of a benefit.

"The benefits to me were that you became friens with everyone. If anyone had a problem you could go to anyone on the team for advice. It gave you a great feeling of accomplishment," said Brandon Scott, sophomore.

There were also advantages in team support.



CROSS COUNTRY: First row-Ed Rapstine, Skip Whitt, Jason Rincker, Jeff Kirk; Second row-Amy Quinn, Carrie Cessor, Angie Paden, Staci Ranes, Matt Hensly, John Arns; Third row- Coach Reed Black, Robin Halloran, Stephanie Black, Missy Bates, Kevin Perkins, Raelene Sparks, Lori Gunter, Stephanie Lambert, Renee Leverich, Coach Fred Kester; Fourth row- Matt Barnes, Tom Meyer; Back row- Brandon Scott, Sean Murphy, Wendi Steele, Jerry Steele, Tom Sherman, Tracy Hostetler, Richard Reedy



SEAN MURPHY, JUNIOR. sprints up the hill as Coach Black shouts out his time (photo by Jeff O'Dell).

"One advantage was that the girls seemed to support you more than the guys. I believed this because they were not competing against you for a team spot like the guys were," said Jason Rincker, senior.

"The guys had to run farther in the workouts because I thought they were more capable" said Scott.

Having guys and girls on the same team did not bother some. They just kept their minds on running.

"It didn't bother me when people said things about the guys. You always had fun no matter if it was just girls with you or if there were guys there to. I really respect everyone I had on the team," said Amy Quinn, senior.

"The girls had their tough competition and we had ours. We didn't need to compare to each other." said Rincker.

Through benefits, advantages and comparing, members said they always stuck together.



AS THE STARTING gun goes off, the runners try to gain an early lead in the race (photo by Jeff O'Dell).

Foreign exchange students

give a little extra to soccer team

by Karen Knepper

A taste of international competition added flavor to the soccer team, with the addition of A.F.S. players Tom Westermaier from Germany, and Alfonso Camerlingo, from Venezuela.

The two played competitively, giving it their best shot, according to Mr. Gary Mayabb, soccer coach, "I always tried to do my best," said Tom.

The experience of using their soccer talents on an American playing field was one not likely to be forgotten, according to Tom

and Alfonso.

Different languages and unusual customs may have separated the players and added an extra challenge to the game. "You had to be careful with your terminology," Coach Mayabb said.

"I enjoyed everything, and the team was a big help," said Tom. He played indoor soccer for a period of 2 years before playing with the Northmen.

Alfonso, who has played soccer since age 10, believed that it took a lot of preparation. It was important to play his best, especially for the Northmen. "The better the team was, the better you wanted to play," he said.

According to both boys, soccer was much more popular at home. "It's like football here," said Tom. "You appreciate working around young kids who are positive and easy to work with."

According to Tom, it was the love of soccer that pulled the team together for a successful season.



STRETCHING FOR THE save, Jason Gregory, senior, makes the play against Blue Springs (photo by Barrie Fisher).



VARSIY/JV SOCCER-First Row: Gretchen Shikles, Stephanie Shinkle, Shannon Coffey, Carole Dobney, Jonna Gregory; **Second Row:** Eddie Phillips, Justin Tillman, Patrik Schlosser, Mike Spenser, Coach Mayabb, Brian Murch, Carl Anderson, Daryl Cobble, Andy Glass, Bill Leavel, John Dillow, Sean Walden; **Third Row:** Brian Dorsey, Chris Spinola, Carl Jiala, John Wotten, Marc Brandberg, Ryan Denny, Dave Steffens, Binnie Cannon, Matt Manning, Ernie Pither, Danny Flournoy, Mike Sargusa, Brad Fisher, Ryan Mast; **Fourth Row:** Brian Bavaro, John Park, Sean Quinn, Tony Torres, Tariq Abdullah, Dan Pate, Fabian Benito, Bart Bates, John Campbell, Mike Stuvnn; **Fifth Row:** Dave Resch, Doug Bretz, Stephen Greer, Mark Peterson, Jeff Sutton, Ryan Bargfrede, Jay Hilly, Corey McCammon, Rick Judy; **Sixth Row:** Todd Krey, Mark Hopper, Dave Krupka, Keith Bennett, Mike Gaines, Alfonso Camerlingo; **Back Row:** Kevin Brill, Jason Gregory, Joey Soltis, Coach Huckins, Matt Sanders, Chris Shultz, Jim Kantola



BLOCKING THE OPPONENT. Mark Peterson, junior, steals the ball away from Lee's Summit (photo by David Brown).

Spirit high

Team rivals clash in district finals

by Melanie Heinen

Time was up, the game was over. The final score: 1-0. The districts had been lost, but the rain did not dampen the spirit of the soccer team.

"We worked to improve every day based on the will to prepare to win and to look good doing it," said Mr. Gary Mayabb, soccer coach.

Kevin Brill, senior, agreed. "Togetherness was a definite factor. We worked on execution down the field."

Conditioning was a major part of the practices.

"We were in great shape," said Doug Bretz, senior, "but I thought we should have polished up our technique work sooner." Overall, the team was together.

"In a few games, we had trouble playing a complete game, getting the goals we needed, but we had a well-rounded team with no stars," said Jim Kantola, senior.

One of those games was the last one of the season that decided districts.

"It was a great game," said

Brill "Park Hill came out and got a goal early, and because of their tough defense, it was hard to come back."

"It could have gone either way," added Coach Mayabb, "Both teams played hard."

Part of the strength of the team was the leadership that the seniors provided.

"They worked with the coaching staff as well as the underclassmen. They made the team gel," said Coach Mayabb.

"Jim and Kevin came through on some tough plays, but we all worked together. Our second string was as good as the first," said Bretz.

"There was no star," said David Resch, senior, "We needed and used everyone."

The next step the team wanted was to move on.

"We have won the Northland Tournament twice and have been districts champs. Our goal must be higher. We have the dedication to win state," said Coach Mayabb.

"It was a good season and a good start for next year," said Resch.

WITH INTENSE CONCENTRATION, Todd Krey, senior, maneuvers the ball away from the opponent (photo by Barrie Fisher).

PREPARING FOR THE kick, Joey Soltis, junior, takes aim in the Lee's Summit game (photo by David Brown).



"There was no star, we needed and used everyone."

-David Resch, senior



ANTICIPATING THE NEXT shot, Jill Russell, senior, and Larissa McDonald, junior, stand poised for action against Pembroke Hill (photo by Bryce Lausch).



GIRL'S TENNIS: Front row-Julie Price, Renee Reynaud, Alex McCoy, Larissa McDonald, Allison Sakata, Carol Cross, Amy Rigg; Second row-Katie Cullen, Cherlyn Wilhelm, Annie Swob, Duffy Linville, Cindy Moore, Lori Hougham, Tracy McCarter, Allison Stone, Laurie Ohnesorge; Third row-Christie Townsend, Coach Tana Stock, Jenni Dumalski, Antoinette Pittala, Katherine Groom, Amy Buck, Amanda Crawford, Candi Crabb, Jacque Dufoe, Cathy Hougham; Back row-Leslie Parkhurst, Jill Russell, Kristin Kelco (photo by Barrie Fisher).



FINISHING TOUCHES ARE added to the resurfaced tennis courts that had developed dangerous three inch cracks (photo by Dina Guarino).

Benefit of new courts shows in team play

by Carrie Jurgens

Compared to hang gliding or sumo wrestling, tennis is probably not considered a dangerous sport. Up until August 1988, the Oak Park tennis team did.

In August the North Kansas City School District allocated the money to have the tennis courts resurfaced, filling in the dangerous three to four inch cracks that can be credited to time and weather.

Besides improving the team's play, the new courts also provided more practice time for the team.

"We could use all eight courts; before we could only use six. That,

Predestination

Post-season play over after 3rd in districts

by Jason Rinck

Soft. Bouyant. Fuzzy.
Yellow. Round.
Sticky. A tennis ball!

But, what is sticky doing in there? It's the thing that held thirty girls together for three months with a single goal in mind. That goal was to win a game called tennis. The Oak Park Girl's Tennis Team reached that goal quite often during the fall of 1988.

Unity (stickiness) seemed to be the key according to team members.

"We were strong as a team because we were like a family," said Larissa McDonald, junior.

By hanging together and playing tough, they were able to pose a threat to most of the area teams. The girls finished the 1988 season with a varsity record of 10-3, a conference record of 5-1, and a second place in the Big Six conference.

Heading towards season's end the team thought they had what it took, but they were not destined to go all the way. In a nerve wrecking district tournament Oak

Park's season ended. With a loss in the final round the girls came home with a third place.

"It was upsetting because we expected to do better than we did," said Kristin Kelco, senior. "I think it (the loss) might be because we were too overconfident."

"We had the potential to do better at districts, but it just didn't happen," said Coach Tana Stock.

One member was not destined to stop though, Julie Price, junior, fought her way to state and came back with a sixth place. Titles went to the doubles teams of Leslie Parkhurst, senior, and Allison Sakata, junior and the team of Jill Russell, senior, and Larissa McDonald, junior, who finished first and second team All-Conference, respectively. Price made first team All-Metro, first team All-Conference, and All-Metro team captain.

"Going to and placing at State capped off what I thought was a great season for me and the team," said Price.

WITH AN AIR of determination, Julie Price, junior, returns a serve (photo by David Siebert).

WITH A WATCHFUL eye Jill Russell, senior, concentrates on whether her return is good (photo by David Siebert).

plus the safety reasons, were bound to help the team," said Mrs. Tana Stock, tennis coach.

The impression left by the old courts on visiting schools was an embarrassment to many. "I was really embarrassed when other tennis teams would come and play on our old courts because they had gotten so bad," said Allison Sakata, junior.

The North Kansas City School District had been talking about resurfacing the tennis courts for two years. "It was something that had been needed for a very long time," said Coach Stock.

It came as a surprise to most of the team. "They have always talked about resurfacing the courts; I just never thought they would get it done," said Sakata. "We were all really surprised and impressed. They really did a great job. I think we have taken even more pride in our school and tennis team, said Sakata.



"We were strong as a team because we were like a family."

*Larissa McDonald,
junior*

Bad luck

Lost innings reflect in record

by Scott Robeson

When it comes to the delicate game of baseball a mere fraction can mean the difference between a winning season and a losing season.

"Most teams will win a third of their games and will lose a third. So its the middle third you HAVE to win," said Coach Cam Jury, boys head baseball coach. "We won about a third and lost two thirds."

Even though the Northmen finished with a 6 and 15 record they began the season with high expectations.

"We all had high expecatations. I felt the players worked hard in preseason and it just seemed we had one bad inning per game that cost the game," said Jury.

A major contribution to one inning losses was the amount of unearned runs, given up by the Oakies defense.

"I think the thing that hurt

PREPARING TO CATCH the ball Chris Shultz, senior, rushes towards the base (photo by Sherrl Dawson).

"I think the thing that hurt us the most was unearned runs, because they made us lose confidence."

- Bryan Boydston, senior

us the most was unearned runs, because they made us lose confidence," said Bryan Boydston, senior.

The season was a very frustrating one for some of the team members.

"We had a big slump and it was aggravating and frustrating," said Paul Burkhalter, senior.

With a losing season there was still hope among the players before every game.

"Before every game we thought we were going to win, then things didn't turn out right or just went wrong," said Paul Williams, senior.

The team learned that even with hard work and confidence things didn't always turn out in their favor.

"Baseball is a very frustrating game. Sometimes things don't go your way, even when you work hard," said Jury.

The 1989 seasons Mr. Baseball was awarded to Bryan Boydston.

PITCHING AT A home game John Walter, senior, strles out his opponent (photo by Sherrl Dawson).



STRENGTHING HIS ARM Jeff Niemeir, senior, lifts weights (photo by Sherrl Dawson).



Working Past Pain

Niemeier Down But Not Out

by Melanie Heinen

It was coming to the end of basketball season and nearing the beginning of baseball when what seemed to be a tragedy hit one of the star players of the baseball team.

In February, doctors found a split in the socket of senior Jeff Niemeier's arm and told him he would not be able to play. However, this did not end his spirit nor did it end the interest of others for him to continue playing.

"I had a split in the socket of my shoulder that was causing the ball to almost separate everytime I threw," said Niemeier, "The doctor went in and scraped away the scar tissue and put in a screw so the bones would grow back together."

Although Niemeier could not play his final season of high school ball, word of his talent was out, and schools wanted to recruit him.

According to Niemeier, KU, Wichita State, MU, Texas A and M, and Arkansas were interested, but he had to narrow down his decision because of his arm.

"Texas and Arkansas needed to see me play, but KU and MU had seen me play before; I liked KU's program better so I chose them," he said.

To build up his arm, he went to physical therapy two times a week and exercised everyday. He worked hard to get back in the "swing" of things.

"I felt terrible because this was supposed to be my big year, but I knew I was going to get better," he said.

In the meantime, Niemeier could be seen playing summer ball for The Train to prepare for college.

"The Train plays the best," he said, "I think I will be ready for KU."



FALLING DOWN AFTER missing the ball Paul Burkhalter, senior, looks on as the opponent runs to second base (photo by Sherri Dawson).



VARSITY BASEBALL: First row Milan Timotljevic, Krista Terry, manager, Tony Gowln, manager, Noland Huff. Second row Coach Cam Jury, Chris Schultz, Paul Burkhalter, Mike Hanes, Bill Kirk, Matt Heelan. Third row John Walter, Jamie Bethke, Paul Williams, Don Beck, Matt Kiser, Benny Alcanter, Bryan Boydston. (photo by Scott Neal)

Big win

Team takes tourney fifth year in a row

by Scott Robeson

The dust on the field was lifting and the players on the bench were standing, as the second Oak Park run crossed the plate.

The score in the Pony Express Tournament now stood: Oak Park 2 Winnetonka 0.

"When we got the second run we all gave a big sigh of relief," said Paul Burkhalter, senior who scored the second run on an err comitted by Winnetonkas second baseman.

This was the second consecutive year that the Northman and the Griffins met at the tournaments championship round. The previous year Oak Park prevailed beating Winnetonka 5 to 2.

Even with a two run lead the fate of the game was still unsure as it was only the third inning.

In the fifth inning Winnetonka scored their first run.

STRIVING FOR CONTACT Paul Williams, senior, concentrates on hitting the ball (photo by Scott Neal).

"After they scored I felt a little nervous, but I was confident we could win," said Bryan Boydston, senior who pitched the entire game.

Winnetonka then found themselves in a position to win the game.

"With bases loaded in the fifth inning the batter hit a deep fly to Paul Williams for the final out in the inning," said Coach Cam Jury, head boys baseball coach. "Boydston then got the next six batters in a row to win the game."

The final score (Oak Park 2 Winnetonka 0) came during a rough season.

"It felt good to win playing a solid game without any mistakes," said Paul Williams senior. "Bryan pitched us out of some tough jams."

Pitching was a main reason contributed to the win.

"Everything seemed to work for me. It was the best game I pitched all year," said Boydston.

AS HIS OPPONET slides into the plate Chris Schultz, senior, makes the out to end the Inning (photo by Scott Neal).



Rainouts a problem

Drought ends at wrong time

by Michelle Leverich

Despite the drought which kept the Midwest in a desert-like state the rain from Spain fell mainly on the baseball fields just in time to make rainouts an unpleasant part of the baseball season.

The baseball team had five rainouts at the beginning of the season. The rainouts affected the moral of the team.

"When a baseball player prepared for a game they daydreamed about the perfect swing or that game saving catch, then to have it destroyed by one phone call was really disappointing," explained Matt Heelan, senior.

The hardest part about rescheduling the games for makeup times

"It felt good to win playing a solid game without any mistakes."

- Paul Williams, senior





JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL - Front row Jeff Sosna, Mike Murphy, Anothy Luscri, Chad Brown, Raelene Sparks, manager. Second row Greg Scheetz, Chris Spinola, Benny Carson, Jason Chester, Russel Laverentz. Third row Phil Lanio, Richie Isaacs, Don Beck, Coach Kleth Ross, Jerry Steele, Mike Thornton, Alan Hill (photo by Darin Overstreet).



FRESHMAN BASEBALL - Front row Carla Jiabia, Don Flournoy, Brian Hartzell, Andy Christopher, Pat Schlosser, manager. Second row Kirk Green, Matt Miller, Jeff Cox, Carl Anderson, John Digiovanni, Marc Brookings, Jesse Baxter, Luis Perez. Third row Brian Peterson, David Theyssen, Mitch Straight, Coach Ken Steeples, Jason Johnson, Dan Hensel, Justin Tilman (photo by Darin Overstreet).

was that it affected the normal routine of the team's games.

"Normally we played on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, so the times when we had to play four and five games in a row made it difficult on the players," said Coach Cam Jury.

Playing games in a row also had a positive effect on the players when they faced up to the challenge.

"If a player can go out and do his job everyday then their confidence rose, so all the games in a row were a challenge to improve ourselves not only as an individual player, but as a team," said Matt.

When the games were rained out the team had an inside circuit which they would do in the gym, but they tried to go outside as much as possible.

"Even if the infield was too wet, but the outfield was dry enough we would go out and practice because it was a chance to go out," said Jury.



Practicing inside due to a rainout, Jamie Bethke, sophomore, warms up in the gym (photo by Sherrle Dawson).



VARSITY SOFTBALL: Front row- Cindy Sneed, Shelly Armstrong, Beth Brooks, Mary Meier, Wendy Steele. Second row- Kristina Mitchell, Kelly Anderson. Back row- Christl Criscione, Cheryl Doak, Shannon Armstrong, Karle Kearns, Nancy Sims, Megan Lary, Heidi Brenner, Amy Meier (photo by Barrie Fisher).



CONCENTRATING ON THE ball, Kristina Mitchell, junior, receives the throw out at first (photo by Darin Overstreet).



PLAYING SUMMER SOFTBALL, Christl Criscione, senior, practices her throw (photo by Scott Neal).

Softball extends into summer Players benefit from 'extra' season

by Deedra Stoneking

Softball-this was one sport that Christi Criscione, senior, just could not get enough of.

Not only did Christi played on the girls softball team for four years, but she also played on a summer league since the fifth grade.

"I started by just signing up for a league and I got on a team. I have played every summer since then," said Criscione.

Last summer was Criscione's first summer to play on a Johnson County league.

"Johnson County teams are more advanced because they are on a collegiate, more competitive level," said Criscione.

According to Christi, playing summer ball had advantages and disadvantages.

Success

Winning season posted without goal pressure

by Jason Rincker

One hundred and ten percent.

It sounds like a guarantee for a bad deodorant commercial. But, in fact, that 110 percent goal was a key factor in the 1989 softball season. Add to that a percentage of fun and, for many of the players, the season was complete.

Going into the season many players had different individual goals, but they all shared the goal of giving it all they had.

"We had only two objectives," said Coach Linda Jones, "give 110% and have fun, we didn't want to get bogged down with goals."

With each practice they worked for the all out effort, the fun part came easy.

"We've all played sports together for a long time," said Shannon Armstrong, senior, "that helped a lot."

With their equation, the team formulated a winning season with a record of 14-7. Their losses seemed to be inflicted by two teams. Oak Park was defeated by Blue Springs and Park Hill three times during the season.

"Our losses were kind of a let down being my senior year," said Armstrong, "we knew we could beat them it just didn't happen."

Their other loss was the first game against Winnetonka. Coach Jones did not really feel that it really counted because they used it to get their bearings.

Other than the few losses the season went without many surprises.

"We had lots of depth and few injuries," said Coach Jones, "it was a smooth season."

The depth the team had could be contributed to the five starting seniors on the team.

"I was pretty optimistic because we had a lot of seniors," said Kristina Mitchell, junior, "they provided really good leadership."

With that leadership the team finished with a conference record of and .

On the way to the winning record the wins they achieved seemed to be addictive some felt.

"It's like a feeling of accomplishment," said Armstrong, "all we worked for come through."

IN THE MOMENT before impact teammates watch as Kristina Mitchell, junior, makes contact (photo by Darin Overstreet).

FOCUSING ON THE catcher's glove, Heidi Brenner, junior, releases her pitch (photo by Darin Overstreet).



"I think summer ball was good because it gave a different coaches' view, and you certainly got more experience," she said. "The only disadvantage was it took up your summer and you had to revolve around a set schedule."

Although Christi played summer ball for fun it took a lot of work and practice.

"We only had practice one night a week, but we were expected to go to the batting cages and work on our hitting, too," Criscione said. "We also had double headers every Thursday and tournaments on the weekends."

However, Christi felt her playing was better during the high school season because of the pressure to do well.

"I guess I needed the pushing. I think it improved my playing and made me try harder," she said.

Whether during school or on her summer league, Christi was happy playing ball wherever she may be. And, with summer around the corner, and her summer league practice underway, Christi Criscione was ready to hit the field and play ball.



"We had lots of depth and few injuries, it was a smooth season."

—Coach Linda Jones

Four year softball letterman Kearns attains rare accomplishment

by Scott Robeson

A high school letter recognizes the best of a group, whether that group be in sports, drama, or music.

Different organizations had different requirements to letter.

"In order to letter in softball a player must have played in eighty percent of varsity games or have made a significant contribution to the team," said Coach Linda Jones.

A four year letterman is a rare occurrence in softball.

"It (four year letterman) doesn't happen very often in my sport,"

said Coach Jones.

Karie Kearns was an exception to the usual. Kearns started learning the ropes of softball at an early age.

"I'd played softball since I was eight. I played with friends and during the summer," said Kearns.

Kearns felt her best year was her sophomore year.

"I enjoyed my sophomore year the most because we seemed more as a team and played well together. We also tied for conference," said Kearns.

Although Kearns is happy for herself, she doesn't feel she should be praised.

"I'm happy about being a four year letterman, but I don't feel I should be praised for it. I'm not happy for the recognition, I'm just happy for myself."



JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL:Front row-DeAnn Kelly, Missy Ibarra. Back row-Michelle Lindeman, Jennifer McCann, Tracy Ilderton, Caroline Peuker, Shannon Dooley, Tracy Schultz, Heather Hughes (photo by Barrie Fisher).



FRESHMAN SOFTBALL:Front row-Kelly Pralwater, Courtney Dowden. Second row-Stacy Johnson, Michelle Kimbrel, Tonya Fisher. Third row-Melissa Crawford, Amy Stroden, Patty Ilderton, Ann Roos. Fourth row-Kim Dyer, Jessica Prather, Amy Anderson, Natalie George, Becky Dean. Back row-Jane Keeling, Coach Mike Newman, Michelle Lindeman (photo by Barrie Fisher).



Come from behind First in tournament highlight of '89

by Jason Rincker

The fighters stood toe to toe ready for the start. One warrior glared and pounded her fist. The other looked intently ahead contemplating. The fight scheduled for 7 innings?

The highlight of the 1989 girl's softball season was a battle in mid-April at the Belton Tournament. The girls were playing there for the first time ever and were not going to leave without making their presence felt. They did that by defeating three teams to win the tournament.

On their way to the finals they defeated Ruskin 17-3, and Belton 5-3.

"They were good teams, but they weren't as tough of competition as Fort Osage," said Karie Kearns, senior.

Fort Osage was who Oak Park faced in the finals.

"Our biggest game of the season was at the Belton Tournament against Fort Osage," said Kristina Mitchell,

ell, junior. "They were intimidating."

That intimidation got to the girls who let Fort Osage get up on them by three runs.

"Things weren't executed," said Mitchell, "little things killed us, it seemed as if they got three runs on us and we lost hope."

The girls then did find what it took. They came back with good defense to stop the Indians scoring drive.

In the next few innings they scored six runs to defeat them 6-3, and take the tournament.

"Fort Osage was a good team, that's what made the win even better," said Kearns.

Another factor that made the win over the Indians so big was that they had beaten one of the girl's toughest opponents previously.

"Fort Osage had beaten Blue Springs earlier in the tournament," said Jones. "That made it more of an accomplishment when we won."

ATTEMPTING TO BEAT the runner, Amy Meier, junior, throws the ball to awaiting first baseman, Kristina Mitchell, junior (photo by Scott Neal).

WITH PRE-GAME INSTRUCTIONS from Coach Linda Jones, the team awaits the start of the game (photo by Darin Overstreet).



"Fort Osage was a good team, that's what made the win even better."

-Karie Kearns, senior



DRIVING INTO A pitch Karie Kearns, senior, exerts all of her energy into the swing of her bat (photo by Darin Overstreet).



Sport devotion

Practice pays off as two advance to state

by Dustyn Stoneking

Going to state was like a dream come true instead of just playing tennis with any normal team.

"After all of that hard work, time, and effort, the past year really paid off in my mind," said Tom Westermaier, senior.

The doubles team of Mark Hopper, sophomore, and Westermaier, were given the opportunity to compete among the top tennis players in the state.

The team beat Sedalia 5-7, 6-4, 6-1; Rockhurst 6-4, 6-2; Parkway North 6-2, 6-3; Glendale 6-4, 6-0, but they lost to Jefferson City 4-6, 6-7.

"The teams were tough. Jefferson City was the hardest team to play against, not just because they beat us, but because they really knew tennis and had their minds set on it well," said Hopper.

The dedication meant devoting time not only to the players, but to the team. This was not for just the state competition, but also during

the season for the entire team.

"I didn't have as much dedication as I could have. It was although, enough to get me through the important points. It took work, but that dedication was needed," said Brian Johnston, junior.

"You had to have a lot of self discipline, it made you give effort and take time to practice," said Hopper.

There were many highlights during the regular season that will be remembered in different ways.

"I liked the way I played in districts, and also in my single match against Lee's Summit," said Chris Inghram, junior.

"Winning against Penbroke Hill in singles 6-2, 6-0, is something I will always remember," said Brian.

Through dedication, determination, and accomplishments, the team had worked together as a family. As some passed on as seniors, the rest looked forward to team spirit and returning in the years to come.

SERVING WITH ALL his might. Thomas Westermaier, senior, stretches to gain a perfect ace (photo by Barrie Fisher).

WITH A POWERFUL backhand. Thomas Westermaier, senior, receives his opponent's serve (photo by Barrie Fisher).

"After all of that hard work, time, and effort, the past year really paid off in my mind."

-Tom Westermaier, senior



KEEPING HIS EYE on the ball, Mark Hopper, sophomore, makes the play (photo by Barrie Fisher).



Sport in common Same results, not same style

by Nicole Payne

Most brothers shared many common interests like enjoying the same sport. For example, tennis.

For Mark Hopper, sophomore, and David Hopper, 1987 graduate, the only similarity about their tennis game was using a racket and a ball. Sure, they both enjoy the game, have been number one players, and have qualified for state competition, but the motives behind their games were very different.

"We're totally different people and we each go our own way," said Mark. "Our playing style is even opposite. I play the net and he plays the baseline."

David ended his high school career being the number one player all four years and winning the state championship in singles his

senior year. At the University of Tulsa, he won first place at conference in singles.

Did Mark ever feel like he was being compared to those credentials?

"Last year a lot of people asked me how I compared myself to Dave when he was a freshman," said Mark. "But I went out and made my own accomplishments and now everybody knows me for myself and not Dave's little brother."

Even though Mark may seem to be following in his big brother's footsteps by qualifying for state the past two years, he has no desire to compete with David's success.

"He doesn't want to do anything more with his tennis but have fun with it," said David. "He doesn't want to become my shadow."

Sometimes brotherly love can turn into brotherly competition, but Mark and David agreed that this was not true in their case.

"We've hardly ever played against each other so there's never been any competition," said Mark. "I just go out there and do my thing when I need to."



BOYS TENNIS: Front row- Spencer Langley, Ryan Barnett, Jeff Randolph, Brian Johnston, Mark Hopper, Alfonso Camerlingo, Tom Westermaier, Coach Mike Bennett; Second row- Chad Kelco, Jason Glover, Stuart Muehl, Dan Pate, Mike Roos, Jon Campbell, Mark McCreary, Sean Schickendance, Dwayne Bargfrede, David Rogers. Matt Vandemark (photo by Jeff O'Dell).



CHARGING THE NET, Alfonso Carmelingo, senior, tries to achieve a victory (photo by Barrie Fisher).

Improvement

Harder practices make sectional meet a reality

by Michelle Leverich

All the hard work eventually pays off in the end." To some it may sound like an old cliché. However, the old cliché held true for the girls track team as they sent five people to the sectional meet.

The 3200 meter relay consisting of Allison Sakata, Missy Atkins, Kim Heins, juniors, as well as Joy Jolley, freshman, in the 400 meter dash, qualified for sectionals.

The team ran harder workouts than they had before but the work prepared them for the tough competition.

"The hard practices paid off and as a whole made the team a lot better," said Sakata. "If there were no hard practices there would have been no chance for sectionals."

Although no one qualified for the state track meet the girls and their coach were not disappointed.

"It was a real achievement getting into sectionals," said Fred Kester. "At that point they were in with the top eight in the Kansas City area."

The underclassmen contributed much to the success of the track team.

"We've always had strong freshmen teams but it was exceptionally so this year," said Kester. "Six freshmen school records were broken."

The team had no one standout superstar, so everyone had to contribute something to each meet.

"Everyone had to rely on everyone else and pull their own weight for the team-it helped pull the team together," said Kester.

Team support was evident on the team, especially at the meets.

"People who had already run their races stayed around the track and cheered on the people still running and it helped a lot," said Wahl.

The efforts of all of the girls pulling together made a grueling sport more tolerable and enjoyable.

At the annual Sports Deserta awards were handed out to some of the girls. Most Promising Newcomer was awarded to Jolley, Most Improved, Sakata, Miss Track, Carrie Cessor, and Most Dedicated, Larissa McDonald.

After receiving the baton, Kim Heins, junior, takes off for her relay team (photo by Jeff O'Dell).

Trying to overtake her opponents, Allison Sakata, junior, pushes herself to the limit (photo by Darin Overstreet).



Seniors are scarce

Leadership placed on three

by Michelle Leverich

The freshmen always make up for the biggest portion of the track team. The only problem was that once those freshmen reached "senior status", many seemed to pan out. That was the case on the girls track team when only three seniors returned for one last season of high school running.

The reason why so many people did not make it to their senior year of track was not easy to pin down.

"Seniors had a lot more things going on, they changed a lot, and many lost interest in track," said Carrie Cessor, senior.

The new responsibilities of being a team leader were not looked at as a burden by the seniors.

"If there were no hard practices there would have been no chance for sectionals."

Allison Sakata, junior





TRYING TO EQUAL their strides, Suzanne Breitenstein, and Meredith Wills, sophomores, prepare for a smooth handoff (photo by Jeff O'Dell).



GIRLS TRACK TEAM: Front row-Stephanie Black, Lauren O'Hara, Stephanie Shinkle, Missy Bates, Theresa Leverich, Faith Wahl, Carlie Cessor, Suzanne Breitenstein, Becky Boley; Second row-Jennifer Smithmeir, Michelle Bond, Coach Fred Kester, Lisa West, Diane Morgison, Cindy Moore, Cheryl Wilhelm, Stacy Dettro, Jennifer Brebm, Missie Reece, Katie Cullen, Jennifer St. John, Jill Dicavolo, Meredith Wills, Christine Wagner, Heather Schlegel, Jenny Munroe, Lori Gunter, Marla Plush, Angie Paden, Patty Kaske, Coach Tana Stock, Tracy Horstetter, Coach Terry Misenhelter; Third row-Melissa Van Osdol, Amy Buck, Julie Reinke, Amy Swanson, Kara Costelow, Audra Danwoody, Almee Asbury, Joy Jolley, Deana Lowery, Michelle Amos, Heather Blackburn; Fourth row-Tara Turner, Melanie Heinen, Larissa McDonald, Kim Heins, Katherine Seelye, Allison Sakata, Missy Atkins, Amy Weighill, Latasha Love, Theresa Robins, Michelle Yates, Tracy Brandenburg, Vicki Riley, Allison Latcham, Jennifer Corbett, Hollie Guglielmino, Tina Taylor, Dauphine Sisk, Catherine Lee, Antoinette Pittala (photo by Scott Neal).

"I liked having people look up to me because I can be a good person to look up to if I'm given the chance," said Cessor.

Leadership and responsibility should be expected to come with the territory as a senior.

"Seniors should expect leadership abilities and people's expectations of them to be higher-it comes with the territory," said Coach Fred Kester.

Hanging on and giving 100% was an even more important senior responsibility.

"Sometimes it was hard to come out with a cheery smile all of the time and to get excited about the practices, but the juniors helped," said Stephanie Shinkle, senior.

The biggest disappointment was that so much talent was no used to the best extent, and it affected the team.

"I felt hurt because some of the runners were not there and I wish they would have been," said Shinkle. "There was such great talent that didn't come out."



PREPARING FOR PRACTICE, the three senior track members, Carlie Cessor, Melanie Heinen, and Stephanie Shinkle, share their ideas (photo by Jeff O'Dell).

Good news turned bad

New track rapidly deteriorates

by Lisa Livingston

After the runners passed the finish line, a sense of victory was not the only thing they took with them. Their shoes brought along pieces of the new track as well.

The first signs that the track was deteriorating were "the crumbling edges, and the wearing off of the top layer" in addition to clumps sticking to the track shoes, according to Coach Darrell Cotter.

"We had the track painted last summer, and it had to be repainted again in the spring," Coach Cotter explained.

Fortunately the deterioration did not effect the performance or threaten injuries for the runners.

"It did not effect the running surface, but it made it difficult to see where the inside lines were," Coach Cotter said.

The reasons for the decay were unknown.

"They put down about three inches of rubber overlay which did not appear to be holding. The overlay, for reasons we don't know about, came loose. We thought it probably needed to be sealed," Coach Cotter said.

Even though the new track was crumbling, it had many advantages over the old.

"The new track we have is a big improvement from before. The new track allowed us to compete right after a rain where as the old track we were forced to wait," Coach Cotter explained.

The track team was equally impressed with the modern track but was also disappointed in its condition.

"The new track was much softer, but it was also less stable than the old track," Charlie Walberg, senior, said.



KEEPING HIS LEAD, Charlie Walberg, senior, heads toward the finish line (photo by Dina Guarino).



BOYS TRACK FRONT row-Zac Cherrington, John Dillow, Rafael Fillio, Brian Murch, Rick Reedy, David Steffens, Matt Wheeler, Bart Weddle, Vince Morin; second row-Tina Douglas, Chris Griffin, Brad Fisher, John Arns, Grant Olson, David Smith, Bill Leavel, Matt Bonsignore, Keith Woolery, Darrell Cobble, Jason Harris, Jay Hunt, Tom McPike, Dann Stinnard, Eric Wooden, Garry Maler; third row-Dawn Marks, Matt Schulz, Jason Long, Chris Wann, Correy McCammon, David Joho, Scott Robeson, Joe Ross, Rick Judy, Van Maier, Charlie Walberg, David Swob, Greg Terwilleger, Brian Overturf, Scott Olson, Dina Guarino; fourth row-Terry Chevallier, Joe Swenson, Mike Browning, Toby Long, Kelly Kavanaugh, Corey Strothers, Sean Murphy, Kevin Jumps, Brian Norris, David Gately, Jason Jullin, Brett Peart, Ed Palmerton, Alex Benito, Ken Ratliff, Chris Riley, Vic Ferrera, Jason Bainter, Corey Powers, Steve King, Michael Pearson (photo by Jeff O'Dell).





NOTICING THE DECAY of the new track, Charlie Walberg, senior, removes chunks of the surface off his spikes (photo by Dina Guarino).



Computer age

Training updated with new technology

by Lisa Livingston

As the world enters the computer age, it is not surprising that the track team followed suit. With the help of the computer, as well as a little muscle power, a couple of track members tasted victory.

In order to plan out practices and generally make things easier, the track team adopted a computer to do the work for them.

"The computer planned out each person's workout according to their ability," Coach Darrell Cotter said. "It [the computer program] consisted of a series of progressions on an index [or scale] of 400 (used for freshmen) to 800 (used for varsity competition)."

According to Coach Cotter, the computer gave him the ability to work on each person's individual level.

"I kept track of everyone's time and their progression through the index so I could know at what level they could compete and at what level

HOPING TO FINISH first, Van Maier, senior, runs his hardest (photo by Dina Guarino).

they could practice so that every evening there was a personal goal to be met," Coach Cotter explained.

The computer was also used to record previous scores.

"Coach Cotter also used the computer to compare our times from last year in order to see the results from workouts in the past and the present," Charlie Walberg, senior, said.

Either through the help of the computer or through personal talent, two student out shown their competitors.

Chris Riley, junior, advanced to state after placing fourth in the pole vault at sectionals.

"In my 25 years of coaching, he was the biggest surprise I've had," Coach Cotter said of Riley.

Kelly Kavanaugh, senior, achieved his goal in field events. He received first in shot put and fourth in discus at districts. This allowed him to advance to sectionals where he placed fifth in the shot put.

MASTERING THE POLE vault, Joe Roos, senior, strives for a personal record (photo by Dina Guarino).



"In my 25 years of coaching, he was the biggest surprise I've had."

-Coach Darrell Cotter



CONCENTRATING ON HIS swing, Doug Beason, junior, attempts to hit the ball out of the trees (photo by Jeff O'Dell).



GOLF: Front row-Mike Dorsey, Travis Lafever, David Relford; Back row-Troy Willman, Fred Jones, Scott Wall, Coach Gus Baker (photo by Jeff O'Dell).



COACH GUS BAKER also practices his techniques for swinging during his free time (photo by Jeff O'Dell).

Twenty year coaching ends Baker steps down as golf coach

by Mike Murphy

Most high school students can not imagine staying with something for nearly 20 years, but this was how long Mr. Gus Baker had been the head coach at Oak Park.

After becoming a teachers in 1965, Baker took over the job as golf coach in 1970, he said. He never really played golf that much in his youth.

"I was an every-other-weekend golfer," said Baker.

Baker turned his weekend hobby into a job when the first coach

Confidence

Slow start improves by end of season

by Shannon Holloway

Golf is a game of concentration, skill, and according to this year's team members, consistency.

"We had a slow start, but once we got settled and comfortable, we became more consistent with our scoring throughout the season and we began to play better," said Scott Wall, sophomore.

While inconsistency may have been a problem, Doug Beason, junior, said that inexperience may have contributed to some of the team's losses.

"We didn't have a lot of returning lettermen and everyone else on the team was not very experienced," said Beason.

There were five varsity players this year, Mike Dorsey, senior; Mike Pence, Dave Relford, Doug Beason, juniors; and Scott Wall, sophomore. This was Dave's first year on the team and he was the only team member to qualify for state.

"I was very excited when I

found out I was going to state. I knew I'd been playing well the day of districts, and state was definitely on my mind," Relford said.

"Sending one person to state proves it all worthwhile. The team had higher expectations. We just didn't come through," said Wall. "Making a good showing at conference and district shed a new light onto the season."

Coach Gus Baker said that many of the matches were close enough to have been won.

"We lost some matches by less than five strokes. If some people had greater confidence and belief in themselves, they could have turned the game around," he said.

Although the team may not have done as well as they would have liked, Coach Baker was pleased by the team's support of each other.

"The spirit improved throughout the year. Some of the guys found out they could play and were no longer intimidated by their opponents," added Baker.

ALTHOUGH THE DAY was scalding hot, Dave Relford, junior, put everything he has into his club as he tees off (photo by Jeff O'Dell).

WITH SHEER CONCENTRATION, Mike Pence, junior, drives the ball toward the green (photo by Jeff O'Dell).



left.

"They (administration) knew I played a little golf and when the other coach left, they asked me to take over," said Baker.

Baker has never had the really great teams, due to a lack of superior players. For him, great players are made through a lot of practice. "Golf is not a game you can just go out and play," said Baker. "The good players practice a lot and start at a young age."

Even though most of his teams have not been great, he will miss being head golf coach. "I'll miss the excitement and expectations every spring, the new hopes and aspirations," Baker said.

Baker is retiring after 24 years at Oak Park. He saw many golfers come and go through the golfing ranks and sent quite a few of those golfers to compete at the state tournament. Baker had many good memories from his career at Oak Park, but his fondest memory was the 1983 team which won the first conference title in school history.



"We had a slow start, but once we got settled and comfortable, we became consistent with our scoring."

Scott Wall,
sophomore

Exercise

Sports outside school keep students in shape

by Scott Robeson

Exercise. To many this brings to mind hours and hours of strenuous activity, sweat on the brows, and just an all around bad time. But some found ways to exercise and enjoy themselves while getting into shape.

People have found that non-curricular sports (sports not related to school) were fun and enjoyable, yet provided a means to get into shape.

"I enjoy bicycle riding," said Sean Murphy, junior. "It kept me in good shape."

Keeping in good shape for school sports was a prevailing reason to participate in another sport. Others were looking for different things.

"I played softball during the summer. I liked the people and the competition," said Rebecca Thompson, junior.

Summer softball varied a little from school-sponsored softball but still had the same principles of competition,

ROD WINKLE, SENIOR, proudly displays his catch of the day at Smithville Lake (photo by David Siebert).

"I liked to play golf because it gave me time to relax and think things over."

-John Rapp, senior

sportmanship, and friendly people.

During the summer the competition of softball was competitive and the people you played with were really devoted to playing a good game," said Thompson.

Getting in a good workout with a friend was always a thrill.

"I didn't enjoy riding with people who lag behind. I wanted to get something out of bicycle riding," said Murphy.

Non-curricular sports helped broaden students ability to meet and make new friends."

"I think sports are really good because you meet people outside of school. You meet people who go to different schools and live in other areas," said Thompson.

Some people would like to see their sport become accepted by the district as a curricular sport.

"It's a shame we don't have a wider selection of curricular sports like bicycling to choose from at Oak Park," said Murphy.

LEANING INTO A turn Bill Hankins, junior, shows off his ability at slalom skiing (photo by David Swob).



IN A BLUR motion Missy Bates, freshman, practices speed walking to keep in shape (photo by Barrie Fisher).



Track events

Speed walking keeps runner in shape

by Scott Robeson

Most people chose to walk to class unless the lights were about to go off. Some chose to run in extracurricular activities after school. Some even chose to combine the two.

To walk, yet in a sport, but not to just casually walk is called speedwalking.

"Speed walking was an event in Track and Field," said Missy Bates, freshman.

"I was on the Blazers and we practiced at Park College in Parkville," said Bates.

Practices built speedwalking capabilities.

"At practice we had one to three miles a night of speedwalking, sometimes easy, sometimes it was hard," said Bates.

People speedwalk for many different reasons.

"Speedwalking kept me in shape for track," said Bates

Missy competed at Nationals for two consecutive years. In 1987 Nationals were held at Los Angeles, California.

"In Los Angeles I placed second. It was a thrill for me because I got to visit all kinds of places and do fun things," said Bates.

Once again in 1988 Missy qualified for Nationals. This time held in Topeka, Kansas.

"I got to do all kinds of things at nationals and I placed third," said Bates.



SUSAN WHITED, SOPHOMORE, is giving it her all in the 50 meter breaststroke at a Northland Conference swim meet (photo by Tracy Fair).



GETTING OFF TO a good start bikers, participate in the Subaru Spirit Criterium that was held in the downtown area (photo by Jeff O'Dell).

STRETCHING TO FULL body length, *Shane Willman, senior, puts up the ball to help the Oakies to victory (photo by Scott Neal).*

Cheerleading

Honors

NCA Nationals - 15th

Award of Excellence-Camp

Spirit Award- Camp

Blue Ribbons-Camp



Girls Basketball

SCOREBOARD

STATISTICS

Varsity Record: 5-21

Opponent	Us/Them
Park Hill	41-47
Paseo	46-35
K C. Central	34-41
Kearney	44-59
Liberty	40-45
Ray-South	55-53
Winnertonka	62-42
W Chrisman	39-65
Lee's Summit	45-75
Park Hill	48-66
NKC	29-41
Ward	24-45
Paseo	39-43
S.M. North	49-40
Truman	28-53
Blue Springs	44-45
Liberty	45-52
Winnertonka	49-36
Ex. Springs	31-44
W Chrisman	52-67
Lee's Summit	50-75
St. Joe Central	38-75
Park Hill	39-53
Truman	47-55
Blue Springs	43-59
Liberty	35-43

Team Leaders

Total Points
Debbie Bishop 295

Free Throw %
Karie Kearns 65%

Field Goal %
Kelly Anderson 50%

Steals
Brenna Prather 37

Volleyball

SCOREBOARD

STATISTICS

Varsity Record:

Opponents	Us/Them
NKC	15-10,15-2
Ex. Springs	15-10,15-13
Fort Osage	12-15,8-15
Winnertonka	15-8,15-8
Blue Springs	16-18,15-4,15-10
Truman	16-14,15-12
Lee's Summit	15-3,15-4
Park Hill	9-15,7-15
W Chrisman	12-15,15-11,15-12
Blue Springs	15-8,10-15,15-7
Truman	10-15,5-15
Lee's Summit	15-7,15-4
Park Hill	0-15,10-15
W. Chrisman	15-11,4-15,15-13

Tournaments	
JCCC	2nd
Rockhurst	1st
Truman	2nd

Team Leaders

Passing
Christi Criscione 82%

Attacks
Kristina Mitchell 85%

Blocks
Kristina Mitchell 90

Serving
Christi Criscione 96%

Saves
Christi Criscione 50

Indoor Sports at a glance

Boys Basketball

SCOREBOARD

Varsity Record: 10-16

Opponent	Us/Them
NKC	46-56
Park Hill	44-59
Hickman Mills	58-60
St. Joe Central	74-70
W. Chrisman	56-58
Winnetonka	51-41
Ex Springs	61-58
Rockhurst	43-53
Lincoln S.E.	50-51
Raytown	49-52
Lee's Summit	60-63
Park Hill	63-64
NKC	52-66
Center	84-65
Winnetonka	51-46
Fort Osage	73-66
Truman	54-32
Raytown South	57-84
Blue Springs	88-87
W. Chrisman	68-67
Lee's Summit	66-71
Park Hill	45-47
Truman	67-91
Blue Springs	64-84
St. Joe Central	57-45
Park Hill	49-58

STATISTICS

Team Leaders

Total Points
Shane Willman 475

Free Throws
Kevin Brill 64%

2 Point Field Goals
Bob Kanatzer 49%

3 Point Field Goals
Jeff Niemeier 34%

Steals
Jeff Niemeier 35

Total Rebounds
Shane Willman 137

Pom Pon

Honors

NCA Nationals - 5th

NCA 1988 Home Routine
Award

NCA Superstar Presentation
Award

NCA Summer Camp
Sweepstakes Award

Award of Excellence at Camp

Wrestling

SCOREBOARD

Varsity Record: 6-4

Opponents	Us/Them
NKC	43-29
Ruskin	52-12
W. Chrisman	42-16
Truman	53-21
Lee's Summit	22-42
Park Hill	31-27
Blue Springs	15-45
Ex Springs	22-47
Winnetonka	28-36
Raytown	43-22

Tournaments	Us/Them
Lee's Summit	3rd
Raytown South	6th
NKC	4th
Winnetonka	4th
Oak Park	1st
Districts	1st
State	11th

1989 School Records

Take Downs
Rickey Williams 160

Escapes
Bryan Sapp 41

3 Pt. Near Falls
Ryan Gardner 48

Total Falls
Rickey Williams 27



AFTER A TOUGH match, Mike Vandenberg, Junior, offers a congratulatory hand shake to an opponent (photo by David Siebert).

Major defeat

Northmen upset number two seated team in city

by Scott Robeson

The clock read 17 seconds left in the second overtime. The score: Oak Park 86, Blue Springs 85.

As Matt Kiser, senior, stepped to the freethrow line, the crowd fell silent. Kiser sank both baskets and the score was now 88 to 85.

In an attempt to score before the buzzer, Blue Springs put up a controversial desperation shot. It was argued as a three point shot, but officially was scored a two point basket.

The final score, 88-87, came during a season full of ups and downs and close losses, but beating the number two team in the city came as a relief.

"It was a great game. We felt good because we beat them together," said Jeff Niemeier, senior.

The final outcome was a hard earned win for the players who never failed to quit.

"During the Blue Springs game we just didn't quit. We hit our freethrows, we hung in there and battled it through," said Coach Rich Brill.

GOING UP FOR a shot James Barry, junior, strives to help the team to a needed victory (photo by Scott Neal).

The game was thought by some to be the motivation needed to create a turning point.

"I thought it was going to be a turning point in our season, but it didn't turn out that way," said Shane Willmann, senior.

"The game boosted morale. It helped a lot going into the next game," said James Barry, junior.

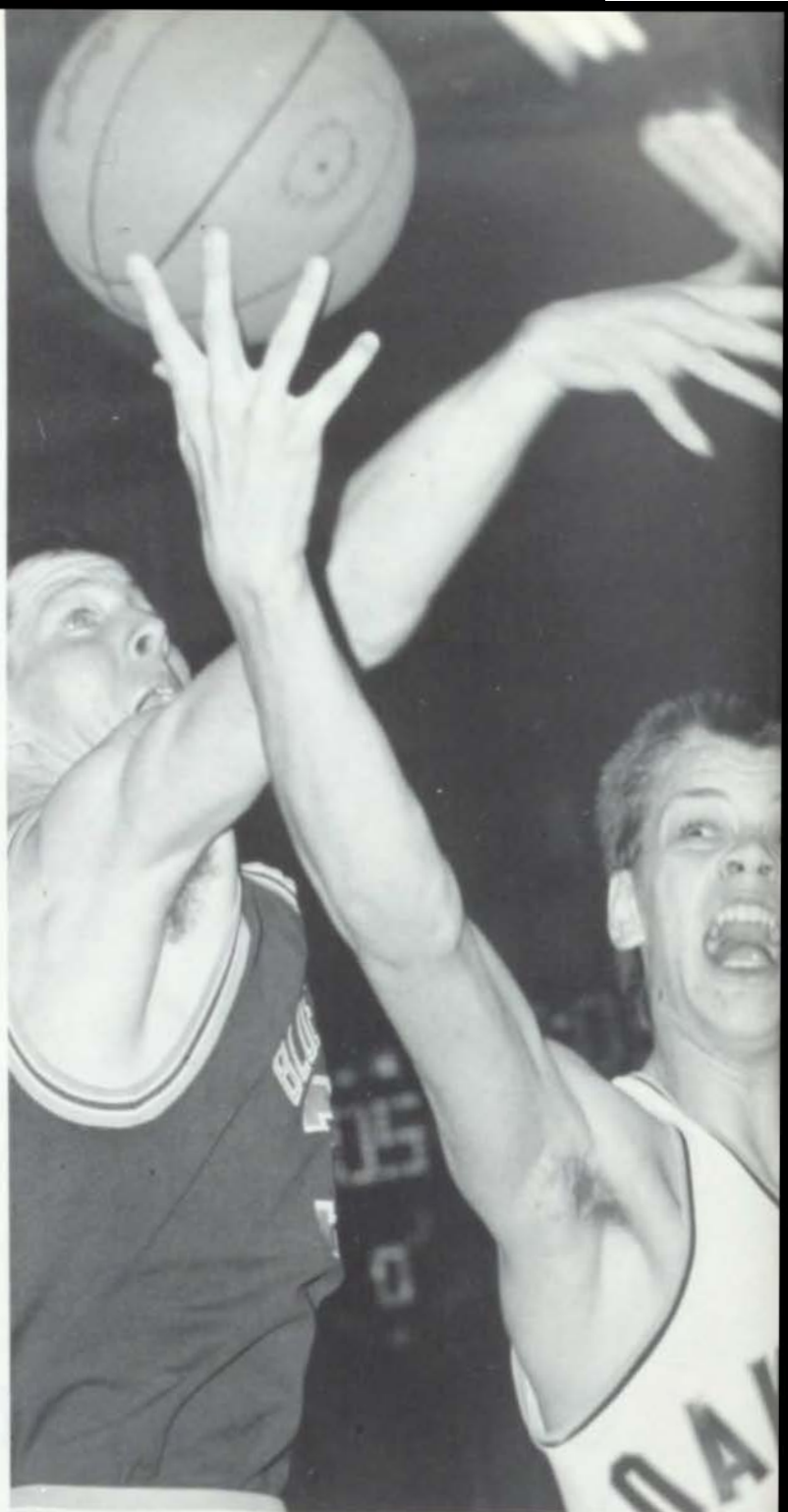
Although the season was a tough one, the players formed an unity among each other.

"Everybody liked each other. There were a lot of ups and downs but everybody managed to stay together," said Niemeier.

There were several awards given for the season: Shane Willmann was named All Conference Team, while Jeff Niemeier, Kevin Brill, and James Barry recieved honorable mention.

Most vauable player was Shane Willmann; Mr. Basketball, Jeff Niemeier; Al Chenoweth Award, Kevin Brill; Jeff Loveall Award, Bob Kanatzer.

OUTREACHING HIS BLUE Springs opponent, Matt Kiser, senior, takes control of the ball (photo by Barrie Fisher).



"The game boosted morale. It helped a lot going into the next game"

-James Barry, junior



College recruitment

Violations affect players

by Scott Robeson

Choosing a college was a tough decision to make, and required a lot of thought. Several factors were involved when deciding, such as cost and classes offered.

Beside those reasons the athlete had to be sure that the college was not on probation.

At the beginning of 1989 there were a total of 18 intercollegiate schools on probation for recruitment violations. Included in the 18 was the University of Kansas, and the University of Missouri was under investigation.

"I think its really sad that there were that many violations," said Jerry Crews, activities director.



VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL: Front row-David Joho, Brad McCory, Greg Scheetz, Mark Hopper, Back row-Greg Booth, Jeff Niemeier, Matt Kliser, Chris Burroughs, Brett Nugent, Chris O'Niel, Shane Willmann, James Barry, Bob Kanatzer, Kevin Brill (photo by David Brown)



JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS basketball: Front Row-Jeff Williams, Mike Murphy, Steve Foote, Mark Hopper, Greg Scheetz, Josh Farly, Back row-David Gatley, Chris Burroughs, Brett Nugent, Chris O'Niel, Chad Starr, David Joho, Jim Muttl, Matt Sanders (photo by David Brown).

Another common violation was allowing students to play with ineligible grades.

"One of the problems was people getting into college that were athletes first and students second. I think they shouldn't have gone to college if they couldn't make the academic work," said Coach Rich Brill, boys basketball coach.

Violations were a serious college problem, but not many people knew how to solve this problem.

"It seems like everybody was cheating, only some were getting caught. I think they needed to change the rules because it obviously had some problems and was getting out of hand," said Jeff Niemeier, senior.

Some did have an opinion of what kind of action should be taken against violaters.

"I thought the worst the infraction, the worst the penalty should be," said Dave Gatley, junior.



During a crucial point in a game Coach Rich Brill advises the team on a new strategy (photo by Scott Neal).

Shoes: quality for a price Players say safety comes first

by Lisa Livingston

Straining muscles, pouring sweat, and pounding feet were all parts of the basketball season. Fortunately, the pressure on the ankles could be remedied, but for a price.

The cure was high-tops, and the price was \$90.

According to James Barry, junior, if the players did not pay out of their pockets for quality shoes, then they paid on the court with injuries.

"If we didn't have ankle support, we could twist our ankles. We also needed air support so our feet didn't get worn out," Barry said.

The majority of the team chose to wear Nike Delta Air Force high-

tops because "they were the best shoe on the market," Barry said.

"The team wore Nike Delta Air Force." Matt Kiser, senior, explained, "It wasn't required. Everyone thought it was a good shoe."

The shoes guaranteed softer landings after a lay-up, but they also guaranteed a higher price. The players felt the shoe was worth the extra money.

"The shoe kept me from getting injured, and I'd rather be playing than sitting on the bench hurt," Barry said.

"It was worth it because the shoes last a long time, and you can wear them anywhere even after basketball season," Kiser agreed.

After dishing money out to the shoe companies every year, the team members still have hope of gaining it back. They might, some day, have their name on a basketball shoe as well as on the dotted line of a multi-million dollar contract. Just think- Air Willmann, Air Kiser, or Air Brill.



SOPHOMORE BOYS BASKETBALL: Front row-Greg Terwilleger, Troy Willmann, Scott Walls, Vern Combs, Tony Torez, Ashly Pyle, Back row-Jay Binkly, Todd Salmon, Jerry Steele, Fred O'Neil, Richle Isaacs, Rusty Laverentz, and Joey Knopf (photo by Sherri Dawson).



FRESHMEN BOYS BASKETBALL: Front Row-Jeff Cox, Fabian Benito, Adam George, Brian Dorsey, Ryan Halloran, Eddie Phillips, David Steffens, Bart Weddle, Back row-Danny Hensel, Jason Chester, Greg King, Mitch Straight, Jason Quigley, Jim Meyer, Jason Johnson, David Theyssen, John Digiovanni, Matt Duncan, and Brian Peterson (photo by Sherri Dawson).





Discussing basketball, Jeff Niemeier, senior, and Coach Rich Brill, converse in the hallway (photo by Barrie Fisher).

Close losses String of five point or less losses became habit

by Scott Robeson

There was a stench of sweat in the air and a feeling of frustration and disappointment all over the lockerroom as another close game was lost by less than three points.

This was a common scene during the varsity basketball season as eight games were lost by five points or less.

"If we could have won some close games our record would have been reversed," said Jeff Niemeier, senior.

The 10-16 record was not the only thing hurt by the string of losses. Team confidence was hurt and had to be rebuilt before tackling another game.

"Close games hurt our confidence and we had to build that back up again," said Niemeier.

There were several reasons for so many close losses by so few points.

"We missed free throws and had several costly mistakes throughout the season," said Coach Rich Brill.

Even with their record the

ATTEMPTING A LAY-UP James Barry, junior, reaches for the goal (photo by Scott Neal).



team was not taken lightly by competition.

"When a team walked on the floor they knew they had to play in order to beat us," said Shane Willmann, senior.

The overall season was full of high and low points.

"Our overall season was a tough one. It was a season full of ups and downs. We played very well at times," said Coach Brill.

A highpoint in the season was when the Northmen upset the Blue Springs Wildcats, the number two seeded team in the city.

A low point occurred during a game played at Oak Park against rival Park Hill. The final outcome was Oak Park 63 Park Hill 64.

"At one time we had a 17 point lead. It was the worst defeat I've ever had in any sport," said Niemeier.

The season was not a winning one but it was competitive.

"The season didn't end the way we wanted but I thought we were very competitive," concluded Coach Brill.

ATTEMPTING TO SCORE a field goal James Barry, junior, puts up a shot (photo by Darin Overstreet).

"If we could have won some close games our record would have been reversed"

-Jeff Niemeier, senior



OUTMANEUVERING HER OPPONENT, Megan Lary, junior, heads for the basket and two points (photo by David Brown).



VARSITY AND JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL: Front row-Wendi Steele, Beth Brooks, Heidi Brenner, Julie Swanson, Melissa Ibarra, Deana Lane, Shauna Haddix; Second row-Amy Weighill, Jenny Smith, Shelly Armstrong, Caroline Peuker, Larissa McDonald; Back Row-Amy Brooks, Karle Kearns, Megan Lary, Mary Meler, Kristina Mitchell, Debbie Bishop, Brenna Prather, Kelly Anderson, Amy Meler, Carol Cross, Coach Steve McArthur (photo by Shauna Clevenger).



GUARDED HEAVILY BY a Park Hill opponent, Megan Lary, junior, looks to pass the ball to Amy Meler, junior (photo by Jeff O'Dell).

Girls vs. Boys Sports no distinction

by Kristina Martin

"I thought girls basketball was just as aggressive as boys basketball in its own way. It was very physical and very tough," said Debbie Bishop, senior, as she explained her thoughts about the team. But how does a coach compare girls vs. boys?

"When it came to academics, grades, and citizenship, girls were easier to work with," said Steve McArthur, Girls Basketball coach. "They fell short when it came to competitive drills, one on one at



Close game

One point deficit equals another disappointing loss

by Michelle Leverich

Close, it only counts in horseshoes, not in basketball games. In a game where the score switched back and forth and opponents were kept on their toes, coming out on the losing end with a one point margin was tough to swallow.

That was the case when the girls basketball team lost to Blue Springs, 45-44, on home turf. Blue Springs was ranked in the Star/Times Top 10 at the time, which made the loss even harder to bear.

"Blue Springs ended up in quarterfinals and we played a good hard game against them," said Coach Steve McArthur. "We had good defense man to man."

During the game the girls held the Wildcats top scorer, who normally averaged about 20 points a game to 13 points.

"When we went out to play Blue Springs we played the whole game, we didn't quit and we only lost by one

point," said Amy Meier, junior.

The game could have had a different ending if not for the men in black and white.

"They (Blue Springs) should have had a technical foul called because they had an illegal substitution," said Coach McArthur.

Not making excuses for the loss, Coach McArthur added, the technical foul could have meant two free throws and the ball on the Oak Park sideline.

"If we could have gotten the technical foul then we might have changed the outcome of the game," said Debbie Bishop, senior.

The girls basketball team also had two big wins over Winnetonka. Winnetonka was usually thought of as an easy opponent, so there was little doubt that a win could be pulled out.

"We played better because it (a win) was mentally expected," said Coach McArthur. "We executed well and did the things we had to do."

WITH SPEED AND DETERMINATION Deana Lane, junior, dribbles down the court (photo by David Brown).

ATTEMPTING A TO MAKE A basket, Brenna Prather, senior, gets some support from Amy Meier, junior (photo by Sherril Dawson).

practice. But in a game situation where they didn't know their opponent, they were very competitive."

One obstacle coach McArthur had to face in the transition from boys to girls sports was physical limitations.

"In the beginning, I had to accept the fact that girls were not physically as strong or as quick. That took some time to adjust to," he said.

For Bishop, working hard was just part of the team.

"He wasn't any easier on us because we were girls. He demanded a lot to get results. We tried our hardest," she said.

According to coach McArthur, one thing was for sure. Girls were just as aggressive, involved, and enthusiastic.

"I wouldn't coach girls any differently. I didn't consider them boys or girls. I considered them basketball players."



"The competition was outstanding, we didn't play an easy schedule."

-Steve McArthur, basketball coach

Up and Down

Season disappointing but ends on a high note

by Michelle Leverich

Roller coaster rides are supposed to be fun and exciting, making stomachs flip and hearts beat faster. However, the roller coaster ride the girls basketball team rode on was not too fun or too exciting.

"We played 26 games, so we had to take one at a time knowing there would be highs and lows during the season," said Coach Steve McArthur. "The roller coaster rides built character and helped us learn to overcome the losses."

Although Oak Park had a 5-21 record, the losses helped build character, but it was disappointing to lose most of the games played.

"It got hard to be confident and mentally ready for the games," said Kristina Mitchell, junior. "We had to really psych ourselves up."

The team faced many obstacles while trying to be competitive. The skill level of the team was one problem.

"Our skill level was not as high as the other Big Six Conference teams," said Coach McArthur. "We had trouble

with our passing and shooting."

The girls worked on basic fundamentals for at least one hour a day trying to enhance their skills of passing, dribbling, and shooting.

"We worked hard," said Mitchell. "We just couldn't get to the level that we needed to be at."

The team tried to set their goals high, not wanting to sell themselves short, but that ended in disappointment.

"It was disappointing because we could have been better but we had too many underlying problems," said Debbie Bishop, senior.

The flu bug, traveling, and recruiting trips were just a few of the distractions from basketball, according to Coach McArthur.

The season ended on a high note at the basketball banquet where team awards were announced. Bishop was named Top Rebounder, as well as Most Valuable Player. The Sixth Player Award was given to Caroline Peuker, junior, and Brenna Prather, senior, was named Team Captain.

WITH INTENSE CONCENTRATION Megan Lary, junior, shoots her free throws after being fouled (photo by Jeff O' Dell).

JUMPING HIGH TO shoot a basket, Brenna Prather, senior, tries to avoid her opponents block (photo by Sherril Dawson).

"We worked hard, we just couldn't get to the level that we needed to be at."

-Kristina Mitchell, junior



TRAPPED BY A Park Hill opponent, Debbie Bishop, senior, looks for an open teammate (photo by David Brown).



A hairy situation Appearance still important

by Michelle Leverich

The scene was center court. The girl in blue had just stolen the ball from the opponent. She ran down the court, jumped for a layup-when all of a sudden a big lock of hair swept across her face and she missed the shot.

The look of the 80's brought long, curly hair along with the problem of keeping it out of the face, especially when playing sports such as basketball.

"French braids and ponytails were the most popular way to keep hair pulled back and out of the way," said Caroline Peuker, junior.

Styles to keep hair pulled back brought out the creativity in some girls because barrettes and combs were not allowed on the court.

"It was harder for people with short hair to keep their hair back since you couldn't use a barrette," said Kelly Praiswater, freshman.

The girls may have been playing a fast paced game where they were running around constantly, but that did not mean that they neglected their appearance.

"Just because I was running around on the court didn't mean that I didn't fix my hair or put on makeup," explained Praiswater.

Looking good on the court was important and sometimes physical looks were used as an intimidating tactic.

"Looking good was important to show other teams that you played better," said Peuker. "It told them (other players) that if you were concerned with your appearance you were concerned with your play."

Playing in front of a crowd of parents and friends was another reason for keeping up the appearance.

"I didn't want to look bad in front of the people that I knew," said Peuker.



GOING UP FOR a shot, Amy Meler, junior, receives some opposition from a Park Hill player (photo by David Brown).



FRESHMEN GIRLS BASKETBALL: Front row-Ann Roos, Staci Johnson; Second row-Staci Talbi, Yolanda Ramirez, Dianne Goldammer, Amy Stroder; Third row-Deanna Lowrey, Joy Jolley, Katie Newell, Rachel Drewno, Melissa Hoover, Barbie Griswold; Fourth row-Lori Lindgren, Hollie Guglielmino, Kelly Praiswater, Tracy Gray, Katherine Seelye, Allison Latchum, Becky Boley, Tonya Fisher, Jenny Dumalski, Jackie Dufoe, Melody Flinn; Back row- Coach Randy Glinn and Coach Ken Steeples (photo by Shauna Clevenger).

No luck

Tough competition keeps sectionals out of reach

by Michelle Leverich

Seven is supposed to be a lucky number. However, the association between luck and seven did not hold true for the 1988 volleyball team. The varsity girls lost only seven matches compared to winning 25, yet that did not matter because the girls lost in district playoffs to Park Hill for the second year in a row. Five of the seven losses the girls suffered were to state champs, Park Hill in Missouri and Shawnee Mission Northwest in Kansas. "They (Park Hill) were the best team in the area," said Mrs. Linda Jones, volleyball coach. "They were always up for Oak Park and played their best matches against us."

Although the volleyball team lost to the state champs in districts they did not use the fact as an excuse.

"It's no excuse to say that we lost to state champs," said Karie Kearns, senior. "But it does make it easier on yourself to say 'Yes we lost to state champs'; it makes us

ENTERING THE COURT is Christi Crisione, senior, as she runs through a line of cheering teammates at the Northtown game (photo by Scott Neal).

feel a little better."

The team knew what they were up against because they had lost to Park Hill three times before district playoffs.

"Park Hill was a very good team and we knew we would have to play our very best," said Christi Crisione, senior. "But we didn't play our best, so we lost."

Although they lost to Park Hill in districts, the volleyball team won some important matches, including two against Blue Springs who were undefeated before playing Oak Park.

"The Blue Springs game gave us more confidence in the fact that they were an undefeated team and we beat them," said Crisione.

The season was one of the best seasons without a doubt because of the stronger competition, according to Jones.

"Our district is so tough and it always has been, but there's no way to avoid it," said Karie.

"We had excellent individual talent, but we had tougher competition," said Coach Jones. "But I liked it that way."

SPIKING THE BALL is Kristina Mitchell, junior, while Christi Crisione, senior, gets ready to help (photo by Dina Guarino).



"We had excellent individual talent, but we had tougher competition."

*Mrs. Linda Jones,
volleyball coach*



Homecoming Tradition It runs in the volleyball family

by Candace Balkovec

Volleyball is just a sport to some students, but learning to spike, serve, or volley may have helped some playeres become an Oak Park Queen. The last three years at Oak Park the Homecoming Queen has been chosen from the volleyball team.

The team felt honored by the fact that their friends were chosen. "Everyone is like one big happy family and they are happy that a



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL: Front row-Mary Meier, Kristina Mitchell, Amy Meier, Shauna Haddix; Second row-Cheryl Doak, Christl Crislone, Brenna Prather, Brad Ricklefs, Sara Mosbacher; Third row-Jennifer Briggs, Shannon Armstrong; Back row-Karie Kearns (photo by Scott Neal).



GOING UP TO block a return is Jennifer Briggs, and Brenna Prather, seniors, as Amy Meier and Mary Meier, juniors, and Cheryl Doak, senior, look on (photo by Dina Guarino).

member was chosen," said Jennifer Briggs, 1988 Homecoming Queen.

The whole team celebrated together the honor of the award. Having been on the team together all of the girls became close friends.

That, and not just the desire to be popular, was perhaps the key to players/queens success.

"To join the team you must want to be a part of the team. You cannot just do it for popularity," said Briggs, "but sports are a good way to meet new people," she added.

The volleyball/homecoming queen tradition spilled over to Cambia queen also. Volleyball player Karie Kearns, senior was named the 1988 Cambia Queen.

There will be new candidates running next year, and the volleyball team wants to keep up the tradition.

"Maybe we will, it depends on who is up for it," said Briggs.



DIVING AFTER A cheer is the varsity volleyball team as they prepare for the Lee's Summit game (photo by Scott Neal).

Park Hill rivalry continues Effects players, coaches, crowd

by Julie Hopp

For years there has been an ongoing rivalry between Oak Park and Park Hill. It has taken place in school as well as out. Last year it became particularly evident on the volleyball court.

For the past two years Park Hill has defeated Oak Park and continued on to the state tournament.

"Park Hill games had to be the perfect. With the slightest mistake they would capitalize on it," said Shannon Armstrong, senior.

Players agreed that more preparation went into a Park Hill game. They conditioned harder and mentally psyched each other

up. Coaches also took a different objective.

"She thought every game was important, but deep down Mrs. [Linda] Jones wanted to beat Park Hill," said Amy Meier, junior. Players did not feel the rivalry was attributed to individual players, but to the team as a whole.

"Park Hill players were nice on and off the courts," said Meier. "They had good sportsmanship."

The student body did not have an effect on how the players performed, but they gave a lot of support and showed their interest by asking questions beforehand and by attending games, according to Armstrong.

Chanting between the crowds was commonly related to volleyball games. Even though the players were aware of the crowd, they tended to block out what they were saying and concentrated more on winning.

The rivalry will continue to grow, and each team will continue to strive for excellence.

"Next year we'll be on top," said Shelly Armstrong, sophomore.



JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL: Front row-Tara Turner, Lorraine Martin, Shelly Armstrong; Second row-Melissa Ibarra, Tracy Ilderton, Julie Swanson, Shannon Dooley; Back row-Caroline Peuker, Kelly Anderson, Megan Lary (photo by Scott Neal).



FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL: Front row-Ann Roos, Heather Hughes, Courtney Dowden, Jenny Monroe, Patti Ilderton, Kelli Evans, manager; Second row-Jerry Jolley, Julie Reinke, Vicki Riley, Lisa West, Tracey Schultz, Natalie George; Back row-Theresa Leverich, Jenny Castelluccio, Tracy Gray, Becky Boley, DeAnne Kelly, Amy Anderson (photo by Bryce Lausch).



GIVING INSTRUCTIONS TO the team is Coach Linda Jones as Cheryl Doak, senior, and the rest of the team listen (photo by Scott Neal).



Team Pride

Injuries no obstacles when Oakies' talents take over

by Michelle Leverich

In a season filled with ups and downs, strengths and weaknesses, and an eventual loss in districts, the 1988 volleyball team emerged proud of their performance.

"We had a fantastic year," said Coach Linda Jones, volleyball coach., "We ended up number two in the city."

Along with finishing second in the city, behind Park Hill, the team took at least second in all the tournaments they competed in, and they were in the Kansas City Star/Times Top Ten all season.

"We were in the best conference and all of the teams who beat us eventually went on to further playoffs," said Christi Crisone, senior.

Team strengths such as hitting and serving combined to help the team remain strong offensively.

"We always has a good offense which made us pretty dominant in most situations," said Karie Kearns, senior.

Injureis were something that affected the team in both

good and bad ways when Kearns, one of the team's best defensive players, was out for two weeks with an eye problem.

"I was very disappointed because I couldn't see, so I couldn't even go watch the team play," said Kearns.

Anytime there was an injury it affected the team play and every team has to face it, according to Jones.

"We depended on her and without Karie, we tried harder to play better and fill in for her," said Crisone.

Several team members were recognized individually for their talent.

Kearns was voted Miss Volleyball and Crisone was given the Pep Club Most Valuable Player award.

All Conference honors were given to Kristina Mitchell, junior, who was voted to the first team. Brenna Prather and Crisone were voted to the second team and Kearns to the Honorable Mention team.

Mitchell was voted to the All Metro Honorable Mention team.

TRYING TO BLOCK a hit from a Lee's Summit opponent is Mary Meler, junior (photo by Dina Guarino).

PREPARING TO SEND the ball to the opponents side is Cristi Crisone, senior (photo by Scott Neal).



"We always had a good offense which made us pretty dominant in most situations."

Karie Kearns, senior

Wrestlers take title

Oakies beat rival Trojans in district clash

by Melanie Heinen

It was the final round of districts. To take the title, Park Hill needed a mere two wrestlers to win. Although Oak Park had six wrestlers in the finals, it had to be six for six or the title would be lost for the second year in a row. Fighting those incredible odds, the wrestlers took districts right from the hands of the Trojans.

"I believe our team accomplished a major goal by winning districts, especially when we won all six of our final matches," said Ryan Gardner, junior.

The title was a definite goal because of their district loss last year.

"Districts measured how strong a team we were," said Asst. Coach Gary Mayabb.

The competition present at districts really pushed the wrestlers for a win. Especially with the rivalry of Park Hill.

"Park Hill has been our rivals in everything," said Paul Burkhalter, senior. "No matter what we did they always gave us a teeth-clinching match."

The season definitely had its strong points, but disadvantages had a great effect

SPIRIT WAS HIGH for one of Oak Park's most successful winter sports (photo by Shauna Clevenger).

"Park Hill has been our rivals in everything. No matter what we did, they always gave us a teeth-clinching match."

Paul Burkhalter, senior

on the team.

"It was tough to get our feet on the ground. Because of injuries and the loss of seniors, we had a different line up every time," said Coach Mayabb.

Even with these disadvantages, members of the team agreed that good coaching helped.

"We definitely had good coaches and work-out partners," said Rickey Williams, junior.

Wrestling is more of an individual sport, and keeping the team together was a struggle.

"There were many outstanding individuals," said Coach Mayabb, "but in districts, you have to have points as a team and a high number of people place to win."

According to Gardner, the injuries and losing four seniors was a blow.

"I think it taught me that a few people can't carry a team, and there has to be togetherness," he said.

"It was a back and forth year, but when the Oak Park Invitational and Districts came, everyone pulled together and it paid off for us," said Williams.

WRESTLING MOST OF his challengers into submission, Mike Roos, junior, continues his winning season (photo by David Siebert).



LIVING THE LONGEST three seconds of his life, Bryan Sapp, sophomore, waits for the referee to signal the pin (photo by David Siebert).



Roos overcomes small size Experience gives winning season

by Lisa Livingston

Roos! Roos! Roos! Roos! At first it seemed as though the crowd was booing the opponent, but a sharp ear caught the popular calling card of heavy weight, Mike Roos, junior. His smaller size made him the underdog, but his improved skills made him a winner.

During the wrestling season, Roos improved his previous record of 3-16 to 21-10. Why such an improvement?

"His strength improved, and just learning another year of moves helped him. Last year's experience paid off," Coach Mark Mundell said.

Learning to deal with his opponents' larger sizes was one obstacle that experience helped him deal with. According to Coach Mundell,

Roos only wrestled two or three opponents who were smaller than he was out of 30 matches. Roos used wrestling practice to take down this obstacle.

"Mr. Mundell and I worked on technique at practice and how not to get in a position where I was on bottom," Roos explained.

Not only was size a problem, Roos also had to deal with a large amount of pressure. During the Park Hill meet and districts, the team's victory rested on Roos' shoulders. Both times he was successful.

"He didn't know about needing to win at districts, but for his first year of full varsity, he handled the pressure pretty well," Coach Mundell said.

As seen in his tournament finishes, Roos was able to successfully overcome his obstacles. He took first at districts and Oak Park; second at Lee's Summit and North Kansas City; and third at the Winnetonka tournament.

Roos' record also showed that size is not everything, and that the underdog can come out on top.



VARSITY WRESTLING: Front Row-Stephanie Shinkle, manager, Kevin Greer, Adam VanPelt, Ryan Gardener, Rickey Williams, Bryan Sapp, Carrie Cessor, manager; Second Row- Stephanie Taylor, manager, Ernie Pither, Mark Peterson, Paul Burkhalter, Jamie Boling, Debbie Slonker, manager; Third Row- Mike Roos, Toby Long, Lance Beach, Steve Denisar, Darin Overstreet, Chris Dold, David Relford (photo by Scott Neal).



GIVING HIS ALL, Jamie Boling, sophomore, goes for the pin (photo by Shauna Clevenger).

Goals set at state

Teams' disappointments were a learning experience

by Melanie Heinen

"It was a mental game," said Ryan Gardner, junior. "It was the toughest competition of the season because you really had to believe in yourself."

What fans saw as a show of physical strength went past that point for the wrestlers at state.

"It was exciting," said Rickey Williams, junior, "But you really had to be in the game."

Goals were met for some, not met for others. The team placed 11th with two placing in finals—Ryan Gardner, 5th, and Rickey Williams, 1st.

"I had many goals, but state was definitely my first priority," said Williams. "It really was a relief to win."

Although the team had some strong placings, the team's goals at state were accomplished.

"We didn't feel good about our finish," said Coach Mark Mundell. "We wanted to be in the top three, but we just couldn't do that."

DRAINED AND RELIEVED, Mike Roos, junior, pulls through again (photo by Bryce Lausch).

Even though Gardner finished strong, he was not pleased with his finish.

"State was my goal for the season, and when I lost, I felt I had worked for nothing," said Gardner, "but overall I was pleased with the rest of my matches before state."

The competition for the team was tough. For Williams, the toughest part of state came in his semi-final match.

"Last year I wrestled Tim Harris for third, and I knew he really wanted to win this year," he said. "It was tough because he had been wrestling well all season."

For most of the wrestlers, State was a learning experience.

"I wouldn't change a thing about the season besides my performance at state," said Gardner, "It was a learning year, something we will grow on."

"All in all it was a successful year with a lot of preparation for next season," said Williams.

WITH INCREDIBLE LEVER-AGE, Nolan Huff, senior, uses his body to try to put his opponent on his back (photo by David Siebert).



THE CROWD ALWAYS responded with excitement to Oak Park's State Champion, Rickey Williams, junior (photo by Bryce Lausch).



"I had many goals, but state was definitely my first priority."

—Rickey Williams, junior



Crowd motivates wrestlers

Applause gives advantage

by Lisa Livingston

Wrestling. It is thought of as a one on one sport; man against man with no one but himself to count on. But is it? What about the people in the stands shouting words of encouragement? According to the wrestlers, they were not alone on the mats. The crowd was out there with them.

"The crowd helped a lot. When I heard them, it seemed like I had an advantage over the other guy. It made it a lot easier to wrestle," Mike Roos, junior, said.

Kevin Greer, junior agreed.

"It kind of pumped you up. You didn't want to lose because you knew everyone was watching you," he said.

According to Greer, crowds like at the Park Hill meet were larger than he expected. Fortunately, these crowds were not a problem. In fact, in the wrestlers' views, bigger was better.

"They [the team] seemed to give a 100% and wrestled to the best of their ability when there was a larger crowd," Greer said.

However, with the crowds came pressure situations. These situations were both helped and hindered by the cheering fans.

"The crowds helped and they didn't help the pressure. The crowd made you try your hardest, but it also didn't let you think, and you need to think," Greer said.

In spite of the pressure situations, the crowd was a welcomed companion on the mat.

"They liked the crowds. There's no doubt about that," Coach Mark Mundell said.



JV WRESTLING: Front Row- Matt Angelmo, Greg Wigely, Steve Neer, Eric Wooden, Shane Sandridge; Second Row- David Kennedy, Dave Relford, Chris Dold, Brian Bavaro; Third Row- Mike Vandenberg, Mike Donlu, Steve King, Doug Marr, Doug Noble.



FRESHMAN WRESTLING: Front Row- Mike Saragusa, Jason Whitfield, Corey Blair, Jason Westwood, Matt Wheeler, Andy Christopher, Mark McGrath, Clay Moore, Chris Bennett; Second Row- Kirk Green, Joe Auffert, Andy DeGelder, Josh Maher, Chris Tuvo, Brian O'dell, Tony Gowin, Brian Murch, Steve Smith, Hugh Malone, Jason Baumen, Dave McCall; Third Row- Brett Shannon, Pat Gaines, Matt Miller, Blaine Matthews, Brad Fisher, Jeff Ryan, Roy Hellum, David Smith, Marc Brookings, Gary Vandenberg, Brad Addy, Scott Mehagan.

Nationals

Persistence paid off in Dallas competition

by Kristina Martin

Early morning rehearsals, evening practices, team work, and going to nationals all stem from one group. That group and its efforts can be summed up in one phrase

"Oh, baby, that's what I like!"

Having adopted this theme, the 1988-89 Pom pon squad liked being a winning team.

"I'll never forget our trip to nationals in Dallas and being the first in the Mid-west to place in the finals," said Dana Cariddi, junior.

In order to have success in competition, it took everyone's willingness to cooperate, according to Ms. Annette Luyben, Pom pon instructor.

"We had to work as a group and not individualized. We were all working for a common goal," said Lori Henegar, junior.

An important factor for the 15 member squad's success was not giving up.

"There had been a lot of times everyone wanted to

throw in the towel. But then we felt what it would be like to win and it encouraged us to press on," said Lori.

Working together brought added advantages for the squad.

"Pom pon was togetherness-not just in performing, but it was a family. Everyone was so close," said Sherri Moore, senior and squad captain.

"It was a time to experience new things and build long lasting relationships," said Dana.

Enthusiasm and pride played large roles in motivating the squad to work, according to Ms. Luyben.

"The basic motivator was pride and knowing we had a tradition to follow. They realized what was necessary to be good," she said.

With dedication and discipline, Pom pon really "let it shine."

"Whenever you walked off the floor, there was a great feeling knowing you had made someone happy for a little while," said Lori.

ALL SMILES IS Kim Cariddi, senior as she performs at a basketball game (photo by Barrie Fisher).

FLASHING HER PEARLY whites, Leslie Parkhurst, senior gives it her all at a football game (photo by Bryce Lausch).



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—Lori Henegar, junior



Warm-ups Prevention is cure

by Kristina Martin

Is an ounce of prevention really worth a pound of cure? For the 1988-89 Pom pon squad, plenty of preventive warm-ups and stretching out helped to keep away unwanted injuries.

"For the first 15 minutes of practice, Ms. Luyben made sure we all stretched out so we won't pull a muscle," said Jill Arnold, junior. For conditioning, Pom pon was treated much like a sport accord-



***POLKA DOT FEVER** hit the Pom pon squad as they entertain at a football game (photo by Shauna Clevenger).*



***IN THE EARLY** morning hours, Pom pon is busy practicing for the upcoming Courtwarming assembly (photo by Barrie Fisher).*

ing to Rosie Torres, junior.

"I think we treated Pom pon like an aerobic sport, but we considered it more recreational than athletic," she said.

Preparing for performances differed slightly from practices.

"We always went through the routines before performing," said Dana Cariddi, junior.

In case of an emergency or sickness, one of three alternates: Kelly Newell, Kristina Dewald, or Shannon Umscheid, juniors, would fill in.

Even though practices would be strenuous, Pom pon really gave it their all on the floor.

"We put a lot more into it when we were actually performing," said Jill.



***HAVING FUN IS** a big part of Pom pon for Dana Cariddi and Kelly Newell, juniors, at an evening practice (photo by Scott Neal).*

Weight conscious trend Stunting causes squad to worry

by Lisa Livingston

Perfectly synchronized toe touches, precise arm motions, and lively facial expressions were all goals for the cheerleaders, and so was achieving the perfect weight.

The varsity co-ed squad was particularly weight conscious because of the yell leaders.

"When the guys were lifting us, we thought about how heavy we were and how difficult it was for them to lift us," Crystal Herbranson, senior, said.

In order to achieve the "perfect weight," the squad even tried a

group diet.

"Last November we went on a no sugar diet. The girls weren't suppose to eat any sugar or they had to pay a dollar," Crystal said. "We didn't have to end up paying though."

The yell leaders were not the only reason the squad watched their weight. They were also worried about their over all appearance.

"We were weight conscious because we were in front of a lot of people, and we didn't want the squad or Oak Park to look bad because we were over weight," Crystal explained.

Crystal personally cut down on what she was eating and tried the no sugar diet in order to be a better stunting partner and to feel better in front of a crowd.

Although weight-consciousness spread far and wide, the cheerleaders proved here that trim was still in and stout was out.



SUPPLYING EXTRA CHEER, students get involved through the pep club (photo by Bryce Lausch).



CHEERING THE BASKETBALL team on against Truman, the cheerleaders keep spirits raised (photo by Bryce Lausch).



Cheerleading

Squads go to Nationals making a year of firsts

by Lisa Livingston

The varsity soccer and co-ed cheerleading squads turned the tables when they became the performers, and the audience cheered for them. The two squads became the first in Oak Park history to compete in the cheerleading Nationals held in Dallas, Texas.

Before the squads could advance to Nationals competition, they first had to win the Award of Excellence at the NCA (National Cheerleading Association) summer workshop. This award, which is given to the top squad at camp, was also a first for Oak Park cheerleaders.

"It [the Award of Excellence] was the hardest thing. It was kind of a shock with no one winning it before. It was also scary because it meant we were going to Nationals," Donna Mackley, junior and varsity soccer cheerleader, said.

After perfecting their routine, the squads were ready to perform in front of the National's judges and a large

JUMPING. IN THIS case a side hurdler, was one way the cheerleaders cheered on the basketball team as shown by Gail Broils, junior (photo by Bryce Lausch).

crowd.

"I didn't feel nervous. It was exciting. After seeing the other squads, we wanted to go out there and show them what we could do," Donna said.

With so many squads competing, every arm motion and facial expression was critical.

"We had to be so together. The perfection had to be so correct. We learned that smiles aren't everything, and that the whole face has to be into it," Donna explained.

Neither squad made it into finals, but they took home experience that could not be obtained from a basketball game.

"I think they came home a different squad than when they left," said Mrs. Stone who has been involved with cheerleading for 33 years. "The first year you go to participate and the next to compete."

The year turned out to be one filled with firsts as well as memories. "If they are never cheerleaders again, I think Nationals gave them something they can use on down the road," Mrs. Stone said.

STUNTING CAUSED CHEERLEADERS to worry about their weight (photo by Bryce Lausch).



"We had to be so together. The perfection had to be so correct."

—Donna Mackley, junior



THE COURTWARMING ROUTINE was performed after hours of practice and hard work (photo by Bryce Lausch).



Dedication

Some strive for goals in personal sports

by Adrienne Corn

Drive. It is a force that helps to transport. It is even a feeling of control. But this kind of drive had nothing to do with the cars in the parking lot, the Kansas City truck and tractor pull, not even the Indy 500. For those involved in indoor sports outside of school, the word drive referred to their determined attitude and inner motivation.

Joe Williams, senior, was driven to succeed in swimming. Since age eleven, Joe had been swimming for the Clay-Platte YMCA.

Another popular indoor sport was soccer.

"I had played soccer for a long time and I really enjoyed it," said Mike Ball, junior.

Ed Anselmo, senior, had been bowling for nine years.

"When I was nine my parents put me on a league. I have been playing ever

since," said Ed.

Drive. It was a skill that had to be cultivated.

It was also a force that helped transport and to achieve attainable goals.

"At first I swam to keep in good shape, then I did it to reach certain goals. I practiced hoping someday I would make nationals," said Joe.

It was a feeling of control.

"I played because it relaxed me. I liked the competition more than anything else," said Mike.

But this inner drive had a monetary cost.

Fees for the sports ranged anywhere from \$200 to \$1500, but the players felt it was worth it.

Determined attitude played a large part in the players success.

"Swimming took self motivation, self esteem, and a lot of discipline. I had to want to do it," said Joe.

MAKING EVERY BALL count, Edward Anselmo, senior, tries to score 300 (photo by Bryce Lausch).

"Sometimes when I got hurt I would say I didn't want to play anymore, but the next week I was right back out there on the field."

Mike Ball, junior



PRACTICING FOR THE future, Joey Gentry, junior, squares up the pool balls (photo by Bryce Lausch).



Sharp shooter Joey Gentry: The next Cruise or Newman?

by Adrienne Corn

Tom Cruise, Paul Newman, *The Color of Money*, and Joey Gentry. All share one common factor. Pool. Although Tom, Paul, and their movie on the sport are probably more familiar than Joey Gentry, the last name is up and coming in the world of pool playing.

Joey Gentry, junior, had been playing pool for seven or eight years for fun, but had started playing seriously the past couple of years.

"I got interested a long time ago when my brother, my dad, and I used to go to "The Depot" in Avondale every Saturday to play pool. My brother played well and watching him made me want to

play also," said Joey.

But Joey did not start out playing pool.

"I used to bowl on a league and at the alley there were always pool tables. so I would practice," he said.

In fact, he practiced so much that he taught himself everything he knows.

"But then after eight years, about anyone could learn what I knew," said Joey.

"While other people went to parties or whatever on weekends, I played pool. That's all I did," said Joey.

Competition has not yet played a role in Joey's pool career, but he hopes it will in the future.

"I wasn't old enough to play because most tournaments are held in bars," said Joey, "but I would like to continue to practice and become a serious competitor one day."

Joey loves the sport, and never wants to stop playing - "I don't want to do anything but play pool," he said.



SHOWING TEAM SPIRIT, Joe Williams, senior, swims the breast stroke (photo by Bryce Lausch).



PREPARING FOR CONTEST, David Norris, senior, spars Ryan Van Winkel, junior (photo by Bryce Lausch).

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to know

About that test

by Mark Troxel

"I think that the tests were more directed toward what you learn in the book than in what you experienced in practical applications."

*-Bill Dietzschold,
junior*

In many classes, an about face was made. Students made an about face after seeing grades that were not pleasing. Teachers made an about face when activities cut their classes short.

Classroom environment was an ever-changing aspect in school. Little did Physics students know that during a "tug-of-war" demonstration showing laws of physics the rope would snap in two.

As always tests were to be avoided whenever possible. Everyone was always eager to see that sometimes infamous grade. Whether it was a program that took a week to write in Advanced Computer Programming or an edible exam, everyone wanted to know about that test.



PREPARING HER CLASS for the courses to be found in college, Ms. Linda Alverson, English teacher, discusses the rules of English grammar with her class (photo by Darin Overstreet).

UNDER CLOSE SCRUTINY of a military cook, Mike Nagy, senior, learns how to create the image of a shark from a cucumber in foods class (photo by Darin Overstreet).

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REHEARSING IN THE little theatre, members of the leadership class prepare for the opening presentation of the North Central visitation (photo by Dina Guarino).



INFORMING A MEMBER of the North Central committee, Mr. Joe Spruytte directs Mrs. Gall Williams to a meeting (photo by David Brown).

Oak Park gets AAA, highest rating given

by Mark Troxel

North Central Evaluation. Many people did not fully understand those three words. Nor did they realize the bearing it made upon their future when the committee brought back an AAA rating, the highest possible for school evaluation.

"The North Central Association is an accreditation program that actually goes in and evaluates schools, with certain standards that they feel that a high school should have," said Mr. Benny Cain, assistant principal. "It's a feather-in-the-cap when you look at it — a status symbol is one way of saying it."

The North Central Committee was a team of teachers, state officials, and administration that visited Oak Park beginning November 13. The visitation opened with a student presentation, performed by members of the leadership class, for the visiting committee and school faculty. Normally a member of the faculty gives a speech covering school policies, goals, and offerings, but the student presentation was a refreshing change to many.

"I think the North Central evaluators

have heard enough people get up there and give boring statistics about enough schools, so I think our live acting presentation was a refreshing and well appreciated surprise," said Debbie Bishop, senior.

Much time and preparation was put into getting ready for the school presentation, according to Mr. Cain. Preparation began in March of 1988 when a "steering committee" was formed that began preparing for the visitation. Subcommittees were formed to report on the conditions of their sections, and as a last step, the staff and faculty completed a self-evaluation.

With all the many improvements made, some people suggested that the school put up a facade for the committee and that many projects were rushed for the sake of the evaluation. However, many projects were in the planning stages, but could not be budgeted, according to Mr. Cain.

"When company is coming to your house, I think you'd clean up your house as well," said Mr. Cain. "Whenever you have an evaluation like that, you want to make the best impression that you can."



"The attitude I received from the visiting committee was very favorable."

*Mr. Benny Cain,
assistant principal*



◀ *DURING THE NORTH Central presentation, Amy Bunnell, senior, demonstrates the events that happened in October (photo by Dina Guarino).*

▲ *INTRODUCTIONS ARE IN order as Mr. Keith Smith, teacher, introduces Mr. Bob Fryer, North Central evaluator, to Shannon Umsheld, Junior (photo by David Brown).*

Teacher/Student Both needed respect

by Kristina Martin

R-E-S-P-E-C-T. Aretha Franklin sang about respect, but added to the tune and its popular Motown beat, the lyrics meant more. The meaning was showing and feeling esteem for someone — to honor. Respect was something needed in the classroom by students and teachers alike.

Having good teacher/student relations was where most teachers began.

"It was really important to have good relations because needs were being interchanged. The interaction has to be there for learning to take place," said Mr. Rich Brill, Physical Education teacher and Basketball coach.

Many students felt respect was a two way situation that extended outside of classtime.

"I think teachers respected you as long as you respected them," said Tom Meyer, senior. "Teachers needed to be more available. It was all in how dedicated they were."

"I only respected teachers when they respected their students — when they told them to come to them when they needed help, and meant it," said Stacey

Garrison, junior.

Having students enjoy their classes was important for teachers, too.

"It was rewarding when you thought you'd helped a person in their life. Coaches were a big part of my life when I was a kid, so if I can pass it on to someone else, it was a reward," said Mr. Brill.

Intimidation was a malevolent factor in the classroom for students.

"Some teachers thought they had a certain 'power' over students. It seemed like you had to be better than 100 percent to please them," said Stacey. "I had a teacher who was not afraid to show his true self and that it was O.K. to make mistakes."

Having respect for one another could benefit both students and teachers and have long-lasting effects.

"I have always appreciated my teachers. I respected them for what they tried to do for me," said Tom. "I admired their ability to teach with energy. I liked teachers that could be personal."

"School was a place to grow and the important thing was to become the best inside. Teachers helped by listening to what students said and caring about them," said Stacey.



"Respect is something you earn. You should demand it daily and give it to those who are with you."



▲ INVOLVED IN A group discussion is Julie Pennington and Diane Lincoln, seniors, listening intently to what Ms. Linda Alverson, English teacher, has to say (photo by Shauna Clevenger).



▼ **IN RESPONSE TO** a question, Mr. Roy Williams, Social Studies teacher, gets involved in his College class (photo by Shauna Clevenger).



▲ **TYPING ERRORS ARE** pointed out to Molly Hanner, sophomore, as Mrs. Linda Blocker, Typing teacher, checks over her work (photo by Shauna Clevenger).

◀ **EXPLAINING HER ASSIGNMENT** to Lisa Dalz, senior, is Mrs. Kay Melewski, German teacher (photo by Shauna Clevenger).



▲ **ENHANCING AN IMPORTANT lesson** for his class, Mr. Gary O'Dell, World Studies teacher, shows a videotape to students (photo by Eric Bachman).



▲ **AUDIO/VISUAL SPECIALIST Joyce Darr** previews all movies that pass through Central Office for approval or rejection (photo by Eric Bachman).

▲ **IN REVIEW FOR a test**, Ms. Risa Hille, Film Appreciation teacher, shows her class a clip from a videotaped movie (photo by Barrie Fisher).

New policy causes unclear implications

by Adrienne Corn

A television program may not be recorded at home from either a broadcast or cable transmission and used at school. Home taping must be for home use only."

This was one of many guidelines given for this year's new video policy. For students and teachers alike, the new district wide video policy was unexpected and brought about ambiguous feelings and implications.

"This was a questionable area all the way through where did the liability lie?" Mr. Bob West, principal, said, "My concern had been basically about the subject matter and not necessarily where it came from. Now it will be both."

Yet because of the policy, the origin of the material caused some teachers to feel they were at a loss.

"The class would watch videos or movies if they were appropriate or timely to what we were studying. It helped to accent what was being taught," said Mr. Jerry Brasel, Contemporary Issues teacher, "Now, because of this policy, the spontaneity of taping a good show that

Central Office might not catch and showing it to my class is lost."

Students felt the effects of the policy, too.

"We learned ideas and expressions through the taped material, not just facts. Without them, it won't be 'rounded' education anymore," said Stacey Leakey, senior.

"All the tapes shown in my class will have to be gotten from Central Office. This limits what I can show and ultimately, it lets the school districts determine what I show," said Ms. Risa Hille, Film Appreciation teacher.

"Using videos gave teachers an innovative way to show us a certain point. Now teachers don't have that outlet and will return to lectures and more established modes of teaching," said Christie Townsend, junior.

Although many students felt the policy in some way cheated them out of a possibly different perspective, much of the whole issue remained unclear.

"I thought that in many cases the intent and effects of the policy weren't aimed at the public school system," said Mr. West.



"Videos gave teachers an innovative way to show us a certain point. Now teachers can't do that."

Christie Townsend,
junior

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WITH THE APPLICATION of the new video policy, the school district is now in compliance with federal guidelines when showing videos in classrooms (photo illustration by Barrie Fisher).



▲ *CHANGING FROM C.O.E. to a six hour schedule, Pete Santulli, senior, receives advice from Mr. Jim Stone in preparation for the schedule change (photo by Sherri Dawson).*

▲ *CHECKING THE MAIL for their teachers, Marcie Cockrum and Karen Vanderhoorn, seniors, accomplish one of their daily duties as a teacher assistant after they dropped study hall (photo by David Brown).*

Dropping of classes makes easy way out

by Dana Golden

A student is sitting in a classroom full of 4.0 students who understand anything they are taught and the student is lost and does not understand anything. The first thought that comes to mind is for the student to try his hardest and make an effort. The second thought for the student is to drop the class and get into another. Many students chose the latter, and were very glad they did.

The counselors were faced with the actuality of changing the schedules. Though it was encouraged by the counselors to change schedules in the summer, some students did not.

Sheri Miller, senior, who dropped Accounting and took Problem Solving and Co-ed Foods, said, "I changed my class a week after school started because of the fact that I had too much homework. Who wants to have homework every night of your senior year?"

Angie Lykken, junior, dropped Chemistry and American Literature and, took Modern Chemistry and Problem Solving in place of them. "I changed during the summer because I didn't want to hassle

with it once school started," said Angie.

Denise Miller, senior, dropped German I to take College American History. "I changed my class because I realized I wasn't getting anything out of German I. I wrote to Missouri University and found out that, in actuality, you did not need two years of foreign language to be admitted to many major universities," said Denise.

The upper level math and English classes were the ones dropped most. "I dropped Chemistry and changed to Modern Chemistry and, I also dropped American Literature and changed to Problem Solving. I heard that Mr. Cotter was a really good teacher, and I really don't like doing as many labs as there are in Chemistry I. American Literature seemed like it would be too hard and, since I don't like English much anyway, I decided to take something else," said Angie.

For some people dropping classes was the easy way out to keep a good grade point average. For others the reason could have been as simple as an "unfair" teacher, but whatever the reason for change, whether because of the teacher or the class, most thought it was well worth it.



MODERN COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY makes life simple for the counselors when many students request schedule changes after the beginning of the year (photo by Sherri Dawson).



AFTER DROPPING ALGEBRA I, Angela Pittala, freshman, receives help from Mrs. Mary Lou Johnson, math teacher, in her Algebra A class (photo by David Brown).

PERFORMING THEIR "SKIT" in front of the class, Mike Baker and Shannon Dillow, seniors, show role playing is a popular activity in Problem Solving (photo by David Brown).

Class environment affects students

by Adrienne Corn

Imagine a classroom. Now picture cold, hard floors and empty walls. The professor enters and the students stand at attention. The students speak only when spoken to and as they speak, they stand to address the class. The setting is formal and harsh, and the rigidity of this classroom leaves little room for self-expression or open-minded ideas.

The environment of a classroom played a major role in the success of students. Unlike this situation, many classes at Oak Park were viewed as having relaxed environments conducive for good grades and learning experiences. Each class had different characteristics which made them stand out, but all had one thing in common, a teacher.

"I thought the teacher set the environment. If they made it where I wanted to work then it was fun and easy to make the grades. But if the teacher just said, 'Here's your assignment. Do it.' then I didn't respond very well," said Andrea White, senior.

In classes such as Psychology, Problem Solving, Power Volleyball, Biology II, RCG II, Choir, Art, Leadership, and American History, students described the

teachers as having a caring attitude.

"Mr. Reed Black did something to make the class enjoyable. He was friendly and talked to us," said Tara Barnes, junior.

"Mrs. Nancy Binkley was on our level and knew how to relate to us as people. So did Mr. Joe Degrado," commented Tammy George, senior.

Mr. David Huber, who taught RCG II, was another teacher that students felt made the class an easier one.

"It was an attitude toward teaching. I tried to have a sense of humor," said Mr. Huber. "I thought one of the things that helped was being a younger teacher so it was easier for students to associate with me.

Several students felt that if the environment in the classroom was relaxed they would make better grades.

"When I came into class I wasn't bored. Mr. Huber made it interesting. It wasn't like I was really in class because it was fun," said Beth Skinrood, sophomore.

Students also helped make the class fun by being involved.

Said Christie Townsend about her experience in Art class, "We did our own thing and enjoyed it."

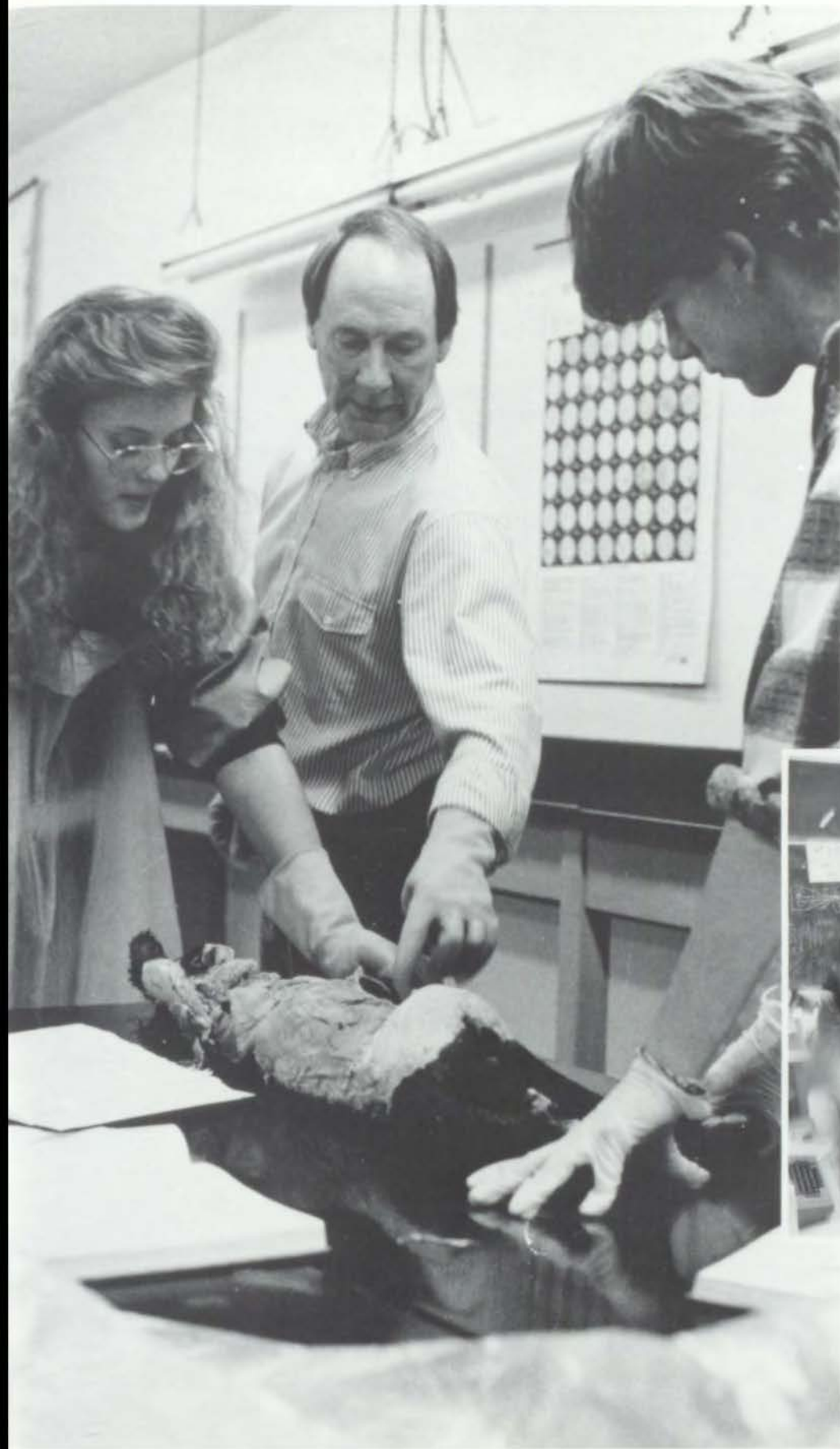


"Mr. Huber made class interesting and fun. I wasn't bored."

*Beth Skinrood,
sophomore*



RELAXING IN THE easy atmosphere of Mr. Dave Huber's RCG II class, a student props his feet up on a desk (photo by Bryce Lausch).



INTENT ON THE game, senior Kevin Jumps gets ready for a spike in Mrs. Linda Jones's 5th hour Power Volleyball class (photo by Bryce Lausch).



IN A RUSH of deadlines, Cindy Kirkland and Lori Elsberry, seniors, review a previous copy of the Northmen's Log in room 233 (photo by Bryce Lausch).

In an experiment in Biology II/ Health Science, Mr. Keith Smith helps Rebecca Thompson, junior, and Lars Nelson, senior, find parts of a cats anatomy (photo by Bryce Lausch).

Transcripts important for seniors' future

by Scott Robeson

What was the most important deciding factor in getting accepted into college?

It was not your extra curricular activities or your job it was your high school transcript.

"It [high school transcript] is the permanent record of classes taken, grades received, and appropriate standardized test scores that are accumulated in grades 9-12," said Mr. Larry Blackwell, counselor

Most people were concerned about how their transcripts looked to prospective colleges.

"I was concerned about how my transcript looked because it determined which colleges I could get into," said Alex McCoy, junior.

Colleges look for several things in transcripts. However, just because students had a high class rank and a high grade point average did not mean they had a good transcript.

"Grade point average and class rank does not tell the whole story," said Mr. Blackwell. "Colleges consider the difficulty in the class taken not just the final grade received."

"They [colleges] look at grade point average but with relation to the courses

taken. The student with the lower grade point average and advanced courses is ready for college," said Mr. Blackwell.

Many students tried to make their transcripts look better in the eyes of colleges and future employers by taking difficult classes.

"I've always tried to take tough classes and get the best grades that I could," said Alex.

Others said that taking hard classes not only made their transcript look good but also prepared them for what they would undertake in college.

"I'm taking hard classes, that my counselor recommends, so I'll be better prepared for the tougher college classes than the other students," said Steve Keepes, junior.

Some students did not have college plans. Even though some planned not to go to college, businesses take transcripts and school activities into consideration.

"It is common for a prospective employer to contact the school," said Mr. Blackwell.

Mr. Blackwell had a word of advice for college-bound students.

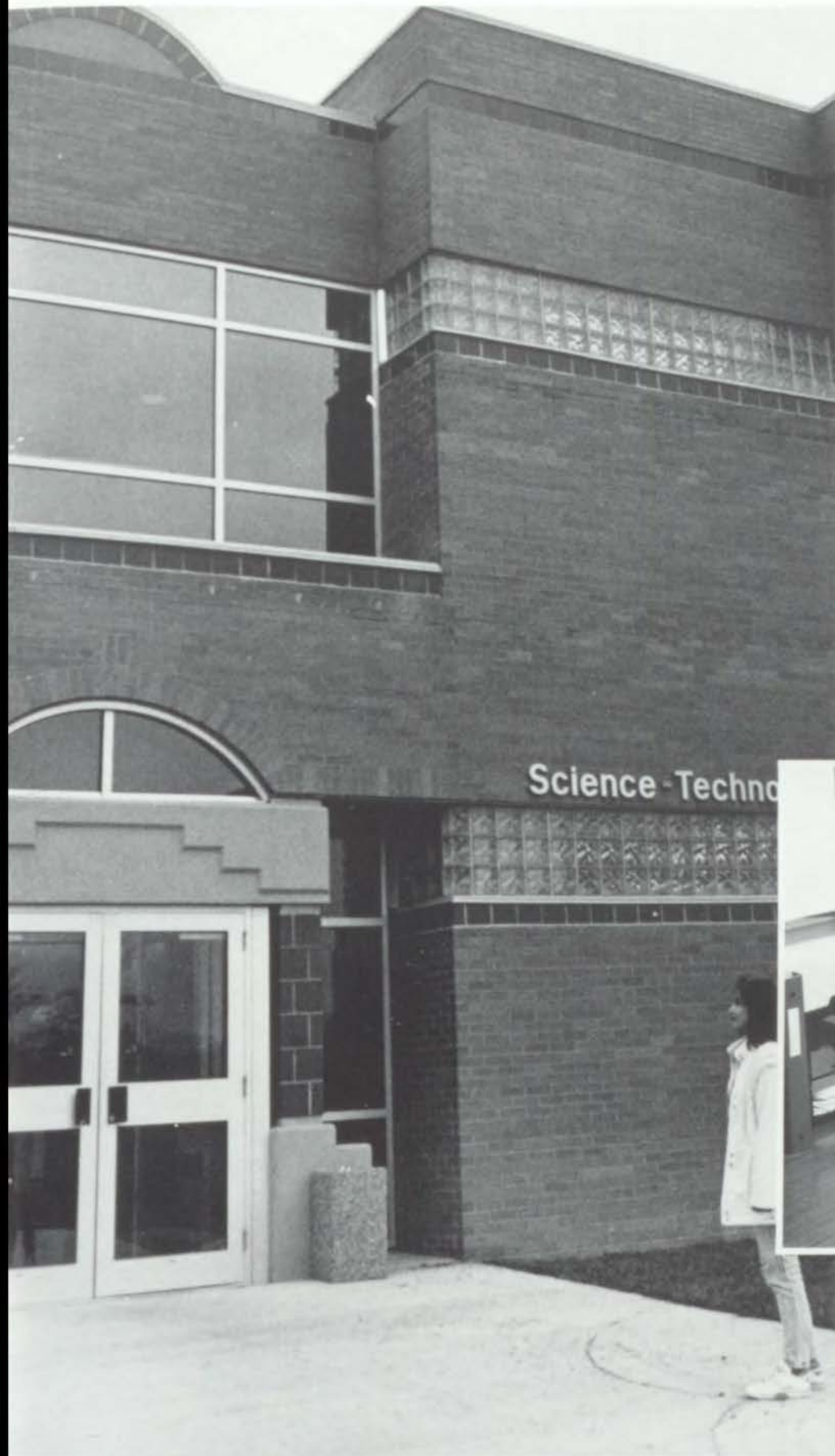
"Students should take as much math, science and social studies as feasible," he said. "This provides a good solid academic foundation upon which a student can go several different directions."



MRS. DORIS CETTO
Handles transcripts being sent off to a college (photo by David Brown).



BRAD RICKLEFS, SENIOR, and Jim Baker, junior, participate in a chemistry experiment (photo by David Brown).

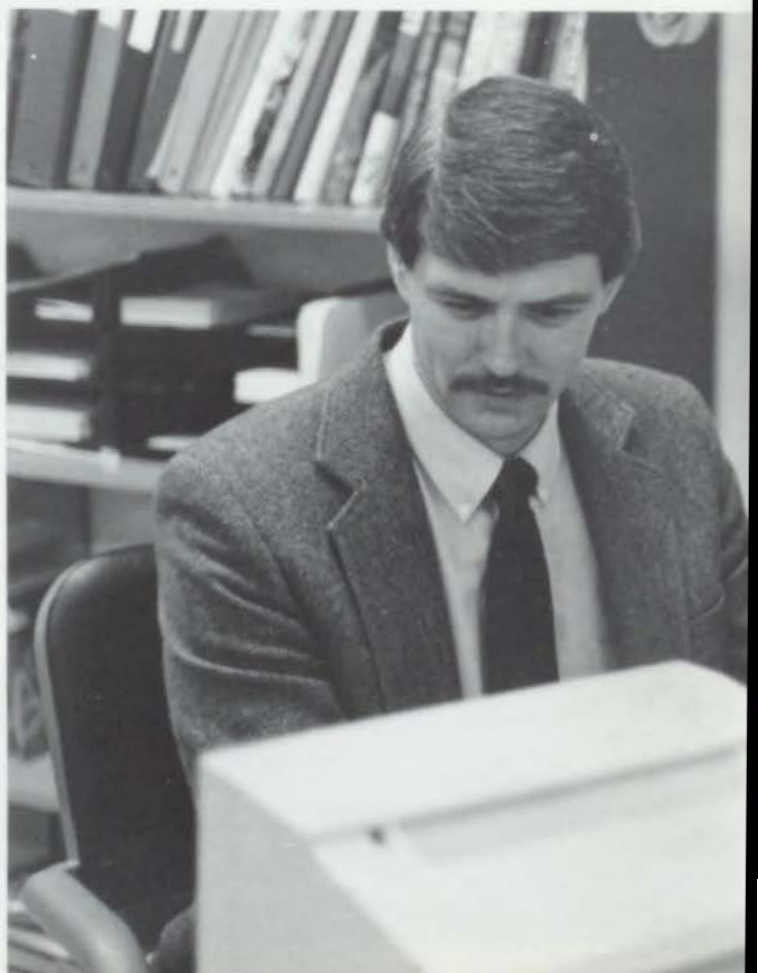
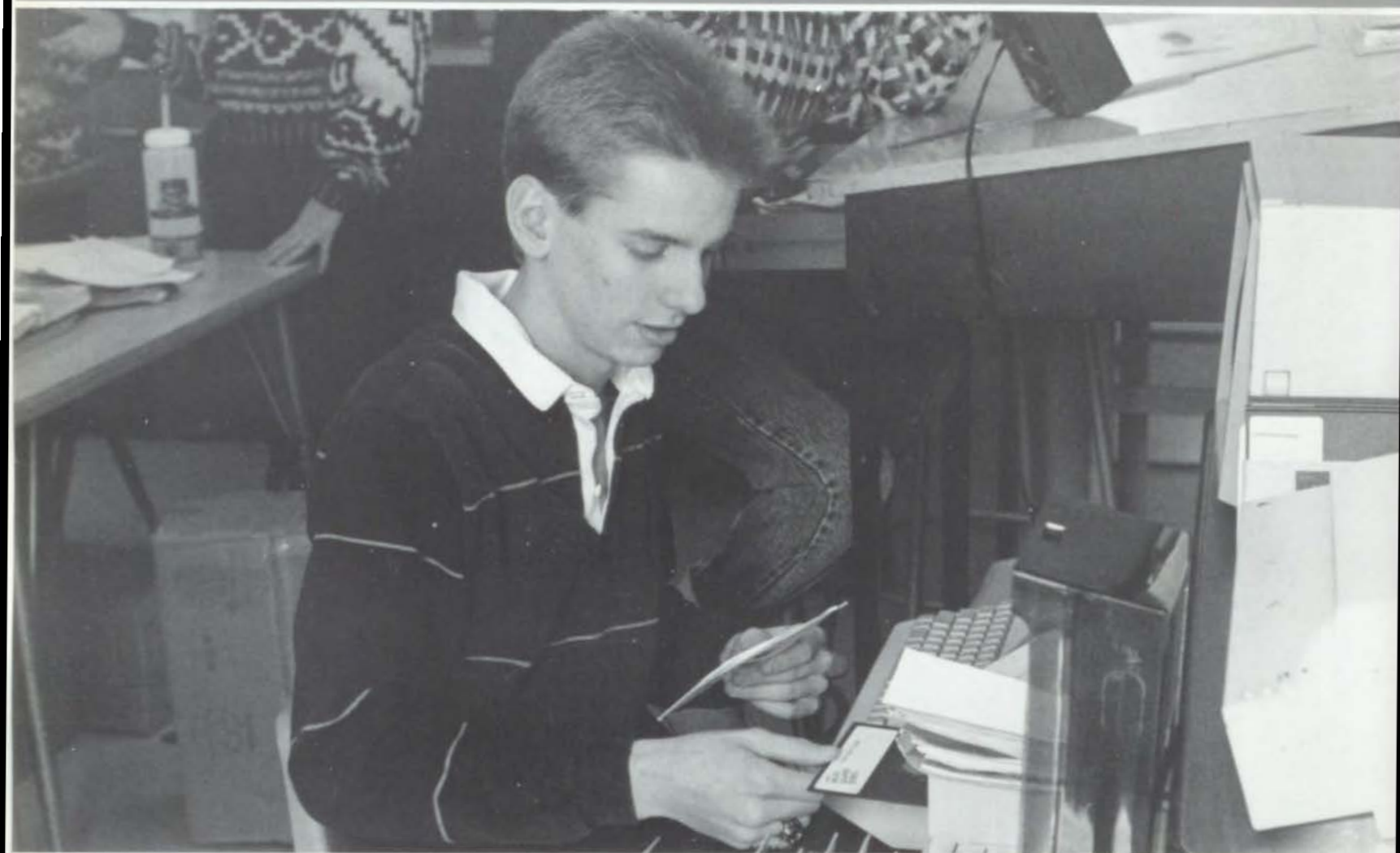


▼ **COLLEGE NIGHT ENCOURAGES** applications and transcripts to be sent to colleges for approval (photo by David Brown).



▲ **MRS. CAROL BURGESS** talks to a college dean about a transcript (photo by David Brown).

◀ **HEATHER HABERLE, SENIOR,** looks on at what she hopes will be her future college (photo by David Brown).



PUTTING A DISK in the disk drive, Scott Robeson, Junior, works on the computer in Cambia to meet his deadline (photo by Jeff O'Dell).



AFTER TYPING IN the necessary information on his computer, Mr. Joe Spruytte, assistant principal, makes a printout (photo by Bryce Lau ch).

New computers filled district's needs

by Kristina Martin

One of the most prominent changes came with the advancement of the computer which began a whole new era for technology. Having a day without hearing the words diskette, software, or print-out would be a rarity.

Luckily for the students, the North Kansas City School District decided to do something about this need for computers by making a change of its own.

Originally, the school district had outlined a five year plan in which to purchase computers for district-wide school use. But in August of 1988, some administrators felt the need was now.

"We were outlining and recommending to the Board of Education to implement the purchase of hardware important for educational progress. We wanted to do this quicker; from five years to two years," said Dr. Tom Cummings, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction.

Benefitting students and teachers, this transition brought the addition of 16 new IBM computers in November for a total of 31 in the lab.

"I could have more students getting 'hands on' applications," said Mrs. Laura

Sawin, computer teacher. "Computers are so widely used that everyone should be exposed to them."

The computers are also used to help get across to students the necessity for educational instruction.

"We are on a track to better prepare kids for the 21st century. They need to know how to use technology," said Dr. Cummings.

With this addition to the computer lab, the change gave advantages to students.

"It gave the chance for more students to develop their skills in the field of computer programming," said Dan Campbell, senior.

The district's goal was to appropriate the money for the set up of these labs and implement what the plan called for.

"Since changes come so fast we hope to re-evaluate every couple of years," said Dr. Cummings.

Not only did the computers give the students immediate advantages, but long lasting effects as well.

"I believe they (the district) are keeping up with the educational demand for computers and software to help me with my chosen career," said Dan.



"Computers are so widely used that everyone should be exposed to them."

Ms. Laura Sawin, computer teacher



PULLING DATA FROM his computer. Mr. Jim Hughes, assistant principal, works with the information given (photo by Jeff O'Dell).

SITTING IN THE updated lab. Mrs. Laura Sawin works with one of the 16 new IBM-compatible computers (photo by Bryce Lausch).

New system brings education to Oakies

by Deedra Stonaking

Aids — the most feared disease across the nation. Fears based on hysteria and ignorance. To fight that ignorance the North Kansas City School District designed and developed a unit which started this year.

According to Mr. Keith Smith, Biology Health Science teacher, the district initiated a good system.

"I followed the guidelines set up by them when covering the subject in my classroom," Mr. Smith said.

Teachers used the teaching guide using strategies to keep students away from high risk behaviors. Included in the guide were treatments, responsible decisions, and ways of protecting the body.

An AIDS unit was included in Biology Health Science, along with other classes at Oak Park.

Along with the unit, for those who taught, went an AIDS curriculum.

"Those who taught the unit received a whole packet which contained a manual

with specific guidelines to follow," said Mrs. Betty Himmelberg, nurse.

Mrs. Himmelberg also gave every teacher in the building, along with anyone else who wanted one, a book entitled, "AIDS: A GUIDE FOR SURVIVAL". The book was provided by the Missouri State Medical Association.

The book stressed the importance of understanding the risky behaviors which cause the spread of the disease.

Mr. Smith and Mrs. Himmelberg agreed.

"The most important aspect is the severity of the problem and changing the people's behavior because of it," Mr. Smith said.

Mrs. Himmelberg said, "The action of risky behavior is the only way of getting it, it doesn't come to you."

"We can never be too safe," said Crystal Herbranson, senior.

AIDS was an epidemic that shocked and changed people's lives. It also made them stop and think before sleeping around.



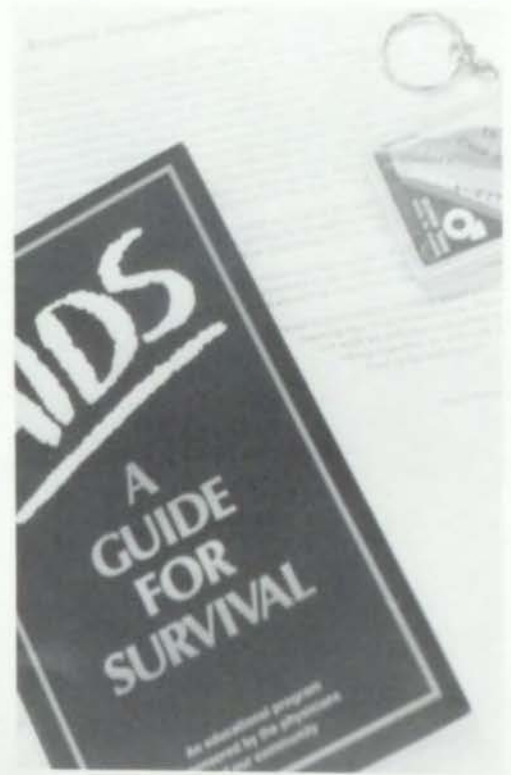
"I followed the guidelines when covering the subject in my classroom."

Mr. Keith Smith,
Biology teacher



▲ STUDENTS FROM MRS. Debbie Thompson's Self Development class discuss the subject of AIDS education (photo by Barrie Fisher).

IN ORDER TO make students more aware of the AIDS threat, information is easily obtained through the nurses office (photo by Barrie Fisher).



NURSES FROM THE Kansas City Blood Center informed students that AIDS can not be transferred by giving blood (photo by Barrie Fisher).

SPEAKING TO MARK Sweetland, an AIDS patient, Dave Relford, junior, gathered information for Timberline (photo by Barrie Fisher).



BEING A MEMBER of Oak Street meant the need for costly hand-made dresses, like the one Karen Kuhn, senior, is getting hemmed up (photo by David Brown).



PURCHASING SOME OF the necessities for debate is Gretchean Shikles, sophomore (photo by David Brown).



TRYING TO FINISH, Mike McPheeters, sophomore, works on his project in woodworking class (photo by David Brown).

Cost of education makes expenses high

by Jason Rincker

When in comparison to the nation's deficit of over a trillion dollars the amount of money spent throughout high school is minute. In comparison to the amount of money an average student made per week though, the cost of learning was just as high.

In a variety of school activities and classes students were hit with a barage of expenses. Costs ranged from fifty dollars for a choir dress to seventy dollars for photography fees to the multiple expenses of debate and forensic weekends.

"For an average debate weekend I spent ten to twenty dollars on food alone," said Gretchean Shikles, sophomore. "If you are a varsity debater then you also needed a briefcase, file cases, and other minor things that added up."

Many other classes and activities required money to be paid that students felt was too much.

"In the metals and woods classes I took, I paid about ninety dollars a year,"

said Ed Rapstine, senior.

Many activities and clubs had expenses that ranged from buying new uniforms to taking trips. They chose to pay for their bills by selling candy, pizza books, sunglasses, boxer shorts, and washing cars. But, sometimes the amount was not met and students had to make up the difference in order to have their luxuries.

"When pom pon went to nationals we had to pay a little over \$100," said Kelly Newell, junior.

Things other than money were paid by students for the activities they were involved in.

"You always seemed like you were at the library, I gave up a lot of time just researching," said Gretchean, "then came weekend competition."

Though going to school meant paying prices. Students paid the prices in order to learn what they wanted to and to participate in choice activities. It's unpredictable whether the high cost of learning will go up, because the time and money spent was dependent upon the individual.

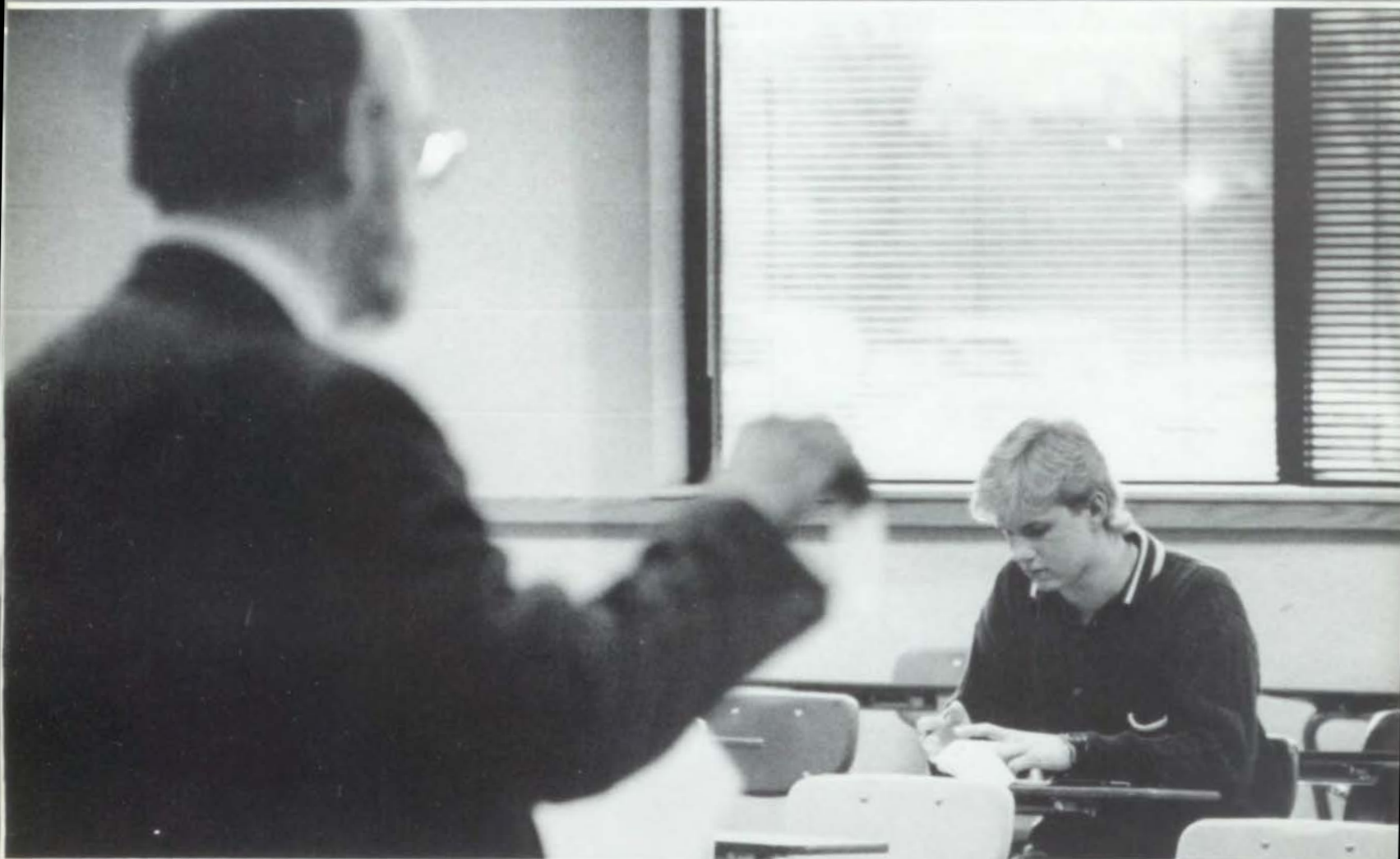


"Even though calculators are expensive, I could never make it through calculus and chemistry without one."

-Tracy Fair, senior



DESIGNING AND CREATING in Mr. Kennedy's art class. Jason Maher, junior, works to finish his jewelry (photo by David Brown).



GETTING LAST MINUTE instruction, Lennie Niernberger, senior, prepares for a test at The Long View Business Competition (photo by Darin Overstreet).



DURING THE SCIENCE Olympiad, Cathy Riley and Colleen Powell, seniors, compare information (photo by Jeff O'Dell).



Tough academic teams receive top honors

by Lisa Livingston

During competition, muscle fiber was usually the instrument which brought students to victory. However, the science and business departments found that brain fiber was the key to success in their academic competitions.

Similar to a sports team, only the top students were sent to represent the school. According to Mrs. Linda Espeer, who helped organize the Oak Park business team, "students who were doing well in class were chosen. We also had a test to see who would qualify."

Not only did teachers have to choose students, the students themselves had to want to compete. Senior, Matt Gasswint's interest in chemistry and physics got him involved.

"I was in some science classes, and I really enjoyed them. Then I started volunteering to go to competitions," Matt said.

After the students were chosen, they used practice to ready themselves for the competitions. Instead of shooting hoops or throwing passes, the students studied chemistry and accounting.

"The key to success was if the students would review what they have already learned as opposed to learning new things," said Dr. Ken Kramme, who head-

ed the chemistry and physics teams, the Academic Aces.

The Academic Aces put their practice to use in about ten competitions.

"Many of them (competitions) were simply tests, usually multiple choice and usually hard. The other type was face to face competition between schools. There were also specialized events where the team competed in 22 events," Dr. Kramme explained.

The business department's competition was similar to the Academic Aces'. There were six events ranging from business knowledge to shorthand and speed typing. Three students from every school represented each event.

The results in both the science and business competitions proved that the team selections and practice paid off.

The Academic Aces placed first at the KU scholastic tournament, the Olathe North Olympiad, the Northland Olympiad held at Oak Park, the TEAMS competition, the Regional Science Olympiad, the Northwest Missouri State Olympiad, and the Chemathon in advanced chemistry, and tied first in the State Olympiad.

At the business competition, the Business Knowledge team took first, The Computer Knowledge and speed typing teams took second, and the production typing team took third.



"I was in some science classes, and I really enjoyed them."

-Matt Gasswint, senior



◀ **CONCENTRATING ON TEXT, Deana Lane, junior, warms up for a speed typing competition (photo by Darin Overstreet).**

▲ **AT THE MIPA (Missouri Interscholastic Press Association) awards day, Adrienne Corn, senior, receives an Honorable Mention in academic copy (photo by Darin Overstreet).**

Extra help raises grades, confidence

by Michelle Leverich

With shoulders hunched, hands over eyes, and a headache pounding like a base drum, many students found it impossible to finish their homework. They had no idea how to work out the problems, so they decided to go in early the next morning for help.

"I would go into Physics early in the morning because there was always at least a couple of problems that I couldn't do," said Debbie Bishop, senior.

Many teachers found their classrooms filled with students before school even started.

"The numbers varied, but on the average there were about 10 people per morning looking for help," said Dr. Ken Kramme, Physics and Chemistry II teacher.

The extra time spent in the morning offered advantages that were not seen in regular class time.

"The early morning helped some quite a bit," said Dr. Kramme. "Sometimes I could give them a little extra insight than in class."

Types of problems caused students more problems in different classes.

"In Physics, problems that had trigo-

nometry in them gave me the most trouble because I've never had Trig," said Debbie.

Early morning help was more effective if the student had really tried to figure out most of the problems, but needed help because they were stuck on some of the harder ones.

"I understand it more if I have an idea about what I'm asking," explained Debbie.

"It's much more effective if they've done as much as they can do on their own," said Dr. Kramme. "If they've done the work up to where they found it difficult, then I can explain to them where to go, or what equation to use."

On test days, Dr. Kramme conducted an early morning review session. The extra review allowed him to go over explanations again and answer questions the students might have had.

"It helped since it was a quick summary, and he threw in some helpful hints," explained Debbie. "There were always a couple of questions I would have missed if I hadn't gone in."

Early morning help proved to be an extra help to students grades. The result was seen every six weeks when grade cards showed a passing grade.



"Sometimes I could give them a little extra insight than in class."

*Dr. Ken Kramme,
science teacher*



WORKING ON A project for woods class, Jim Helsman, junior, gets an early head start (photo by Barrie Fisher).

USING THE EARLY morning library hours, Heather Peterson, sophomore, finishes her homework (photo by Sherri Dawson).



DURING THE EARLY morning hours, Dr. Ken Kramme helps Howard Mason, senior, with his Chemistry (photo by Sherri Dawson).

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF early morning help, Missy Nagy, Junior, seeks out Mr. Darrell Cotter's help (photo by Sherri Dawson).



▲ **TAKING A TEST, Stephanie Colbert, freshman, concentrates in Mrs. Johnson's Algebra A class (photo by Darin Overstreet).**

▲ **STUDYING IN THE November ACT/SAT workshop, Ryan Barnett, junior, prepared for taking the tests (photo by Darin Overstreet).**

Workshops gave added boost

by Kristina Martin

Students could prepare for a test in many ways. Review sessions, study sheets, and looking over notes and hand outs were a few common methods. But how could a student prepare for a standardized test?

Attending the ACT, SAT, and PSAT workshop given in the fall and spring was a head start for many.

"They taught us how to time ourselves and what short cuts to take," said Amy Yardley, junior.

Many advantages were given through the workshop.

"They gave the students an opportunity to become familiarized with test taking strategies and time management," said Mr. Larry Blackwell, counselor, "They learned the test's construction and tech-

niques for each section."

The students attended the workshop for \$20 instead of a college's fee of \$55. The objective, according to Mrs. Francis Sanders, Coordinator of Credit Programs for the University of Missouri, Kansas City, was the same.

"The goal was to insure that the person taking the test was in control. The primary benefit was giving them an understanding of what they are going to encounter on the test," said Mrs. Sanders.

The workshop not only gave the students knowledgeable advice, but it helped rid them of some test taking insecurities.

"I think it was good for me. I got nervous with tests. This gave me a feel for what was going to be ahead," said Amy.

Testing methods with a common goal

by Kristina Martin

It was late on a Thursday night and John Q. Student stretched to get more comfortable in front of the television set. His ritualistic study habits had managed to let him slip into a relaxed state of laziness, a mode that once entered, brain power ceased functioning.

Startling himself awake, John realized that first hour would come much earlier than expected and forgetting to study for his upcoming test made his palms sweat.

From a teacher's perspective, however, tests were viewed not as a means of frightening students, but as evaluative measures of concepts vital to the classroom.

"Tests should show teachers and students the importance of grasping concepts; what they did know rather than what they didn't," said Mrs. Susie Tarwater, American History, RCG, and English teacher.

Challenging a student was also a factor teachers used for tests.

"I wanted every student to be challenged," said Mr. Gus Baker, calculus, trigonometry, and general math teacher, "Tests should be a learning situation."

In his classes, Mr. Baker based his grading only on tests.

"I was a firm believer that grades should put no value on homework. They needed to learn skills for college," he said.

For some of the elective classes, teachers said most students preferred the "hands-on" type of tests.

"In the computer classes, I think students preferred the applications right on the computer rather than written testings. Applying techniques was a challenge," said Mrs. Linda Espeer, computer and typing teacher.

Reviews before testing were important to both student and teacher alike.

"I never liked surprises on a test. I gave credit for review sheets of all things covered," said Mrs. Zeta Davidson, marriage and family, foods, and clothing teacher.

A major importance in doing well on a test was not just studying, but understanding.

"The teacher has to do the instructing, saying it in different ways and angles to get the students to understand the concepts," said Mrs. Tarwater.



"Tests should show what they did know, rather than what they didn't."

Mrs. Susie Tarwater,
English teacher



STUDENTS TAKE A test in Mr. Joe Degrado's problem solving class (photo by Darin Overstreet).



▲ *WORKING IN ADVANCED Jewelry, Pete Santull, junior, solders a ring (photo by Darin Overstreet).*

▲ *TURNING ON THE burner, Chris Mazza, senior, heats up some hamburger in Gourmet Foods class (photo by Barrie Fisher).*

Knowledge gained when the heat is on

by Adrienne Corn

It was not the heat created by the school's climate control during the winter months, nor the quick embraces of couples between classes. No, it was not even the heat created by the rivalry between Oak Park and Parkhill. The heat was created in normal, everyday classroom situations as students learned important concepts that involved the utilization of heat energy.

Fischer burners in chemistry, the kiln in ceramics, and blow torches in metals class were many of the heat elements used in the process of learning.

In many unrelated areas, heat made a difference in how much students learned. Although this energy was not visible, it was an important part of class.

"Fischer burners made it possible to do the experiments we wouldn't have otherwise been able to do," said Nancy Sirinek, senior.

"Without the ovens we used, what we did would have been very limited and the class wouldn't have been as enjoyable," said Kevin Brill, senior, about Foods class.

For the students who worked with the heat, it seemed to be a normal thing, but in classes where the heat was extreme at times, it was not quite so comfortable.

"In the arc weld area it got pretty hot," said Steve Denisar, about his metals class, "but we had fans to try and keep the heat down." Generating large amounts of energy brought about questions of safety for some.

"I thought about the danger of using Fischer burners in chemistry, like sticking my sleeve in the flame, but other than that, we just did our best to avoid accidents," said Stacey Zimmer, sophomore. To keep safety in check, precautions were taken.

"We wore masks, gloves, and arm coverings while using the tools," said Steve.

"I feel that high school students are old enough to handle working with flame," commented Ms. Deborah Pyle, chemistry teacher.

As most students found, heat proved to be a friend as long as it was used safely.

"We had to pay attention to what we were doing all the time," said Stacey.



"If we didn't check the boiler every morning, we wouldn't have any heat."

Jim Lawrence, head custodian, about the most obvious, but not only, source of Oak Park heat.



◀ **SAL BONSIGNORE, SENIOR**, with the help of Physics student Adam Barksdale, senior, works on a Chemistry III experiment (photo by Darin Overstreet).

▲ **TURNING ON THE heat**, Jennie Black, freshman, uses it to iron her sewing project in Contemporary Living (photo by Darin Overstreet).

Creativity not a thing of the past

by Michelle Leverich

In the age of computers and advanced technology, the human mind could soon become a Model T. However, teachers managed to find ways to insure that it would not happen.

In classes traditionally thought of as drill and skill, teachers tried to move beyond the drill and skill into more abstract and creative thinking, keeping students brains from becoming obsolete.

"I tried to stress the cause and effect relationships rather than the specific dates," said Mr. Reed Black, American History teacher. "Students are used to having facts, figures, and dates thrown at them, but they are not used to examining how and why these things happened."

Teachers faced the problem of trying to teach their students how to think through a problem, whether it was an event in American History or a word problem in Math.

"I tried to help students think through word problems by showing them how to organize the data given, and how to represent the missing quantities by algebraic expressions," said Mr. Dave Tarver, math teacher.

In Contemporary Issues, while analyzing current events and bringing them down to a level students could understand, Mr. Jerry Brasel took a different approach in his lesson plan; he did not give tests.

"I feel that the brain works more creatively in a non-threatening type of situation," said Mr. Brasel.

Instead of tests, students wrote a research paper over any topic they chose and made a presentation to the class.

"As each person expressed their ideas, the others had to become flexible," explained Mr. Brasel. "They got a wide range of issues, a wide range of opinions, and they added input about what someone else was talking about."

As this cycle took place, students found that there was more than one solution to any problem, according to Mr. Brasel.

"It (Contemporary Issues) made me look at things differently," said AnaMarie Rice, senior. "I never had watched the news before, but then I started to because I wanted to be able to participate in class."

Insuring that the mind does not become obsolete was a problem that teachers faced all year, but through their own creative thinking pulled away from just the drill and skill.



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American History
teacher*



DURING DRAMA IMPROVISATIONS Pam Minthorn, senior, reacts to an imaginary food poisoning (photo by Sherrl Dawson).

▼ **USING A SIMPLE** slinky to learn the laws of physics concerning waves, Brian Overturf, senior, runs into a kink (photo by Sherri Dawson).



▲ **PRESENTING HIS RESEARCH** paper, Paul Burkhalter, senior, informs Heidi Schallberg, junior, and other students about his topic (photo by Sherri Dawson).

◀ **USING TIMED EXPOSURES** and light, Beth Henson, junior, practices a creative photography technique (photo by Beth Henson).

FOCUS

on the world

America elects new leader Bush elected amidst controversy

by Mark Troxel

Politics. A thousand points of light. Sex. A kinder, gentler nation. Alcohol. Reduction of the federal deficit. Draft evasion.

Though not all of those seem to have a direct correlation to each other, they were all in some way, at least indirectly, to newly-elected President George Bush.

As the old saying goes, out with the old and in with the new. Former President Ronald Reagan retired to California to live on his ranch, President Reagan was said to have said that living on the ranch would not be that much different from the White House.

Campaign '88 was a rollercoaster of political issues and moral ethics. Many critics believed that Campaign '88 was the worst in terms of negative campaigning.

Just when the political furor seemed to die down another political issue popped up. President Bush chose Senator Dan Quayle as a running mate. Concerns were quickly voiced about Senator Quayle's alleged dodge of the Viet Nam draft and his lack of experience. The standing joke in Washington, D.C. was that if President Bush were to be assassinated, the Secret Service was under orders to shoot Vice President Quayle.

Moral ethics also played a large role in the 1988

campaign. President Bush nominated Senator John Tower to be the Secretary of Defense. However, before Senator Tower could be confirmed, the "axe" of Congress swept down upon Senator Tower. Longtime associates of Senator Tower raised questions concerning illegal advising he gave to military contractors, alcoholism, and his alleged sexual impropriety.

Immediately following the inauguration on January 20, President Bush experienced the standard "honeymoon" with Congress that lasted for approximately one month, according to experts. With Congress weighted more with Democrats the President's "honeymoon" was short lived. Testing "presidential waters", the Supreme Court heard very controversial issues, such as the abortion case of Roe v. Wade, soon after the inauguration.

Although President Bush experienced a rollercoaster of turmoil, many students were happy with the new President.

"I would have voted for (Michael) Dukakis," said Kris Flint, senior, "but I think (George) Bush will do a pretty good job."

After the first 100 days in office, Americans were happy with the new president although a majority of the people felt that he should have taken a stronger stand on controversial issues. First Lady Barbara Bush received a 66 percent favorable opinion from those surveyed.



SPEAKING AT A local fundraiser, former Lt. Col. Oliver North tells the guests of his experiences with the Iran/Contra scandal.

North shredded by prosecutor

by Mark Troxel

"You have heard a lot about courage at this trial. There's another kind of courage — courage to admit when you're wrong."

The closing argument presented by John Keker, prosecuting attorney for the trial of former Lt. Col. Oliver North, was a very emotional one. Oliver North was tried by the U.S. government on 60 charges including lying to Congress, misuse of government funds, and violation of a Congressional order banning shipment of supplies and funds to the Nicaraguan Contras fighting for democracy.

North became the scapegoat of the Reagan Administration in 1986 when they announced an arms-for-hostages trade that also included diverting funds to the Nicaraguan Contras. The charges centered around North, his secretary Fawn Hall, Vice-Admiral John Poindexter, National Security Council adviser, and several others.

"What's the difference between what Oliver North did and (what) the president did," asked Brendon Sullivan, North's defense attorney, in the closing arguments. "The President is happily retired in California. Oliver North has spent 2 1/2 years fighting for his reputation."

"Please don't take pictures of me swimming — my children are complaining all across the country."

-Barbara Bush, who admitted gaining 13 pounds on the campaign trail

Catastrophe

Armenian earthquake relief slowed by disorganization

by Mark Troxel

Coffins were lined up along the store fronts and corners in the city of Leninakan in the Soviet Union after a devastating earthquake rocked Armenia, leaving little more than a gigantic pile of ash and rubble. A factory that manufactured women's stockings lay in a heap of rubble that buried all of the factory's 200 workers.

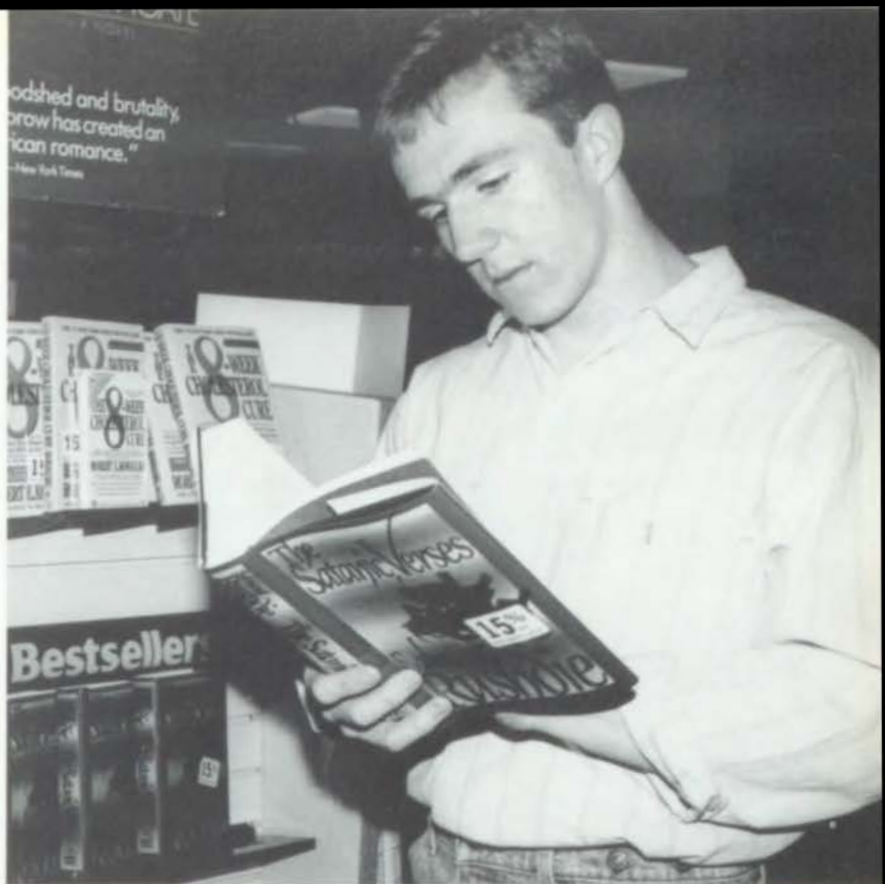
In an outpouring of human generosity, teams of medical relief units from around the world, 67 countries in all, helped the Soviets dig through the tons of cement. A lack of good decent help from the Soviets made many relief units furious.

"I have never seen a disaster-relief effort so poorly organized," said a doctor with Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders) in Newsweek. "When we arrived it took four hours just to find someone who would take responsibility."

Though the Soviet's lack of planning deterred the much need rescue effort, bad weather also contributed to the failure. Because of the bad weather, two rescue planes crashed, on a Soviet plane that killed all 78 people aboard, and the other a Yugoslav rescue plane that killed seven.

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FLIPPING THROUGH A copy of the controversial book "The Satanic Verses" by Salman Rushdie, Nathan Thomas, senior, considers buying the book (photo by Scott Neal).

Turmoil over book

Freedom of press tested

by Mark Troxel

A rollercoaster of turmoil and fury swept rapidly across the world with the controversial publication of "The Satanic Verses", by Salman Rushdie. Reviews hailed the book as Rushdie's best ever, and it was nominated for the Booker Prize and won the Whitbread Prize for fiction, two of England's greatest literary awards.

However, Muslim communities throughout the world were furious over the book's allegedly "blasphemous" references to the prophet Muhammad in a series of dreams. One of three dreams portrays the prophet as manipulative in seeking his allies. Five countries, India, Pakistan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and South Africa, banned the book because of the uproar. Ironically, Rush-

die was born a Muslim in India before moving to England.

The book was banned by many book stores and libraries across the world and was publicly nailed to stakes and burned near the City Hall of a large Pakistani community in England. The author, himself, was placed under a death threat by the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Iran's religious leader.

Council of Mosques in London spokesman, Selim Has, quoted in Insight on the News, said, "If this gentleman lived in a Muslim country, such as Turkey or Saudi Arabia or Pakistan, or in any Muslim country, he would have been liable to persecution or punishment."

Viking Penguin, Inc., the United States publisher of the book, said they "resisted every attempt to silence Mr. Rushdie's voice."

T•I•M•E•L•I•N•E

September 29,
1988

America reentered space exploration with the launch of the shuttle Discovery. The 32 month hold since the Challenger ended.

November 15,
1988

Launched successfully the Soviet Union's first reusable

spacecraft.

January 7,
1989

Japan's Emperor Hirohito died at the age of 87 of cancer.

January 20,
1989

George Bush inaugurated as the 41st president.



TRYING TO FIX a gasline that had a leak in it, two Kansas Power and Light company employees work to repair the damage (photo by Jeff O'Dell).

Gasline leaks

Old pipes cause problems

by Adrienne Corn

It's used in cars, in stoves, and for heating water. It's a major power source, and was a source for problems during March and April as gas leaks were being discovered around the city as well as in some public schools.

As the old steel pipes that were used to transport the gas corroded, the pipes were then unable to keep the gas from escaping. In some cases it caused houses to explode or catch fire.

Not wanting anymore accidents with the leaking gas lines, the power company pinpointed problem areas and fixed the lines. Tractors digging up the street and nearby yards as well as the orange "blinky's" that helped identify those areas

could be seen at regular intervals.

Still the gas leaks were a cause for concern to many.

"It was scary because I didn't know if something would happen in my own home or at my school because of the leaks," said Lydea Rapp, junior.

"It made me feel unsafe and wary because there is a danger and until someone got hurt, we usually didn't pay much attention to the problem," said Renee Reynaud, junior.

Yet it was agreed that more safety precautions should be taken to insure safety.

"There definitely should have been more safety checks when putting in the gas lines, especially near homes and in schools," said Lydea.

"They haven't gotten in touch with me personally and I hope they don't."

Rock star Bono Vox of U2, when asked about reports of threatened retaliation by the Irish Republican Army for his anti-IRA speech in the film "Rattle and Hum", which spotlighted the rock group.

Landfills

Increasing problem causes controversy

by Adrienne Corn

It's Friday morning and the weekly ritual of carrying the trash to the trashmen is finished. Finished and forgotten, the weekend continues, brushing away all thoughts of trash and the sanitary department.

Yet in early February, old garbage came back to haunt the city as a landfill was proposed by the city council to help eliminate some of the trash problem created in the past few years. The landfill was to be built on 1,360 acres just north of Hodge Park. Yet after a month of debating and conflicting opinions on the part of the citizens of Kansas City and the City Council, as meeting of the council on March 30 unanimously failed the proposal 12-0.

Students felt strongly about the issue as well.

"I disagree with putting them close to a community where it can be so damaging to the surrounding environment," said Jeff Sutton, junior.

"It's scary because I don't want a landfill in my backyard either, but I realize that they have to go somewhere so I think it would only be fair to put them here. Otherwise it's like putting our trash in someone's else's backyard and not facing the reality of the situation. The trash doesn't magically disappear when we take it out in the morning. We just never had to realize where it went before," said Cindy Kirkland, senior.

Although no landfill will be built right away, some feel the subject is not closed.

"I think that we will definitely face this problem again in the future," said Jeff.

T•I•M•E•L•I•N•E•

November 14, 1988

Picasso's painting, "Mater-nité", sold for a record \$24.7 million in New York.

November 29, 1988

Explosion killed six area fire-fighters.

March 31, 1989

The EXXON VALDEZ spilled 10 million gallons of oil off the coast of Alaska into the Prince William Sound.

May 12, 1989

President Bush ordered American troops into Panama to counter their leader, Noreiga.

FOCUS

on the nation

Baseball heroes

Tradition continues into the future

by Adrienne Corn

Babe Ruth, Satchel Paige, Lou Ger-
righ. All were baseball heroes of
the past.

Yet even amidst problems such as
nuclear waste, the homeless and AIDS,
baseball heroes still existed. Although
the players were different and the team
names had changed since long ago, the
game remained the same — an Ameri-
can tradition.

Baseball had created new heroes who
had become the best at what they did.
Wade Boggs, third baseman for the Bos-
ton Red Socks, was an example of that.

"Wade Boggs was the best hitter in
baseball and still one of the best third
baseman with a glove," said Brad Jack-
son, junior.

"I really liked Frank White (second
baseman for the Kansas City Royals).
He has had eight golden gloves and the

team really respected him," said Matt
Kiser, senior.

Another outstanding baseball player
was Dale Murphy, center fielder for the
Atlanta Braves.

"Dale Murphy had been a consistant
ball player on the field and off of the
field, he was a good person. He did
things to help his community, and I re-
spected that," said Russ Wright, senior.

Being some of the best at what they
did influenced some students.

"Seeing Wade Boggs became the best
at what he did through hard work and
practice made me want to do the best I
could and work harder, because it
would pay off in the long run," said
Christian Thompson, senior.

"There were baseball heroes then and
now — there will always be basebal
heroes. Baseball is the American sport,"
concluded Russ.

*SCANDALS INVOLVING MAJOR league heroes
such as Wade Boggs and Pete Rose rocked the
baseball world this season (photo by Jason
Rincker.*

Explosion causes loss

by Adrienne Corn

"When I grow up I'm gonna be
..."

This phrase was uttered
by most young children as they excitedly
hoped for what the future might hold. For
many children this phrase usually ended in
a well respected occupation such as police-
man, doctor, lawyer, or fireman. A few of
these children might have changed their
minds about becoming firemen after the
November 29 explosion that took place in
south Kansas City.

Apparently, too many explosives, which

had been unsafely stored at the site of a
construction company, made a volatile tar-
get for an arsonist. It killed six firemen.

Questions of safety were obvious to
some students.

"I thought it was really unfortunate that
it had to happen and that safety precau-
tions weren't taken in storing the explo-
sives," said Karen Kuhn, senior.

Although the accident was an unfortu-
nate one, a few students felt that it brought
the community closer together.

"It brought us together as we tried to
help the families of those who died," con-
cluded Heather.



*FLYING AT HALF mast, the flag symbolizes
the mourning felt by the whole community
for the loss of six firefighters who died on
November 29, 1988 (photo by Scott Neal).*

FOCUS

on entertainment

Talk Shows

T.V. Hosts Breed Interest

by Adrienne Corn

Skinheads. Satanism. Nudist camps. Autism, adopted children and their birth parents, sex for sale and weight loss.

All of these topics, no matter how diverse, had one thing in common. They were topics of interest on one of four nationally known television talk shows. Oprah, Geraldo, Donahue, and Morton Downey, Jr. drew many students to their T.V.'s as they discussed such controversial and educational topics. Although the talk shows seemed to be popular, students usually preferred one of these shows over all of the others.

"I liked Geraldo the best. His show was more "gritty". He talked about real life things, not just bizarre subjects," said Tracy Jones, junior.

"I thought Oprah tried to get a message across. She cared about the people she interviewed and didn't just rip them to shreds," said Jennifer Burdick, senior.

Yet no matter who was tuned in on any given day, most students admit that it was educational to a degree.

"Sometimes Geraldo just took the very extreme points that I never thought about. He made me realize how bad or extensive some subjects could be," said Tijen Ertuna, senior.



SPENDING LATE NIGHT with Morton Downey Jr., who appeared on the television at 10:30 p.m. on Channel 62 seemed a favorite of many students (photo by Sherrile Dawson).



PUTTING UP THE movie poster for "Rainman" outside the theater, an usher for AMC theaters displays one of the years most popular movies (photo by Darin Overstreet).

Oscars Predictable

by Adrienne Corn

Iwould like to thank my mother, my producers, the 'Big Guy' up above, and of course, my wife for all her unending support."

Yes, it was Oscar time again but this year the vote seemed unanimous. "Rainman" starring Dustin Hoffman and Tom Cruise won hands down for both Best Picture and Hoffman for Best Actor.

"If 'Rainman' hadn't gotten Best Picture, I would have been mad," said Debbie Bishop, senior.

"The relationship between the two

brothers was portrayed so well. It was very realistic," said Dave Perry, senior.

Jodie Foster won Best Actress for her portrayal of a rape victim in the movie "Actress".

"The movies were so diverse, I don't know how they even compared the two, much less choose the winners. A rape victim and an Autistic person — they were so different," said Cindy Kirkland, senior.

But pick them they did, and "Rainman" seemed to be a winner in most everyone's eyes.

"It was a well acted, very unique story that really touched me," said Debbie.

"I don't use foul language. And the way I've really toned myself down is that now I wear a tie and jacket."

-Morton Downey, Jr., who claimed he is not as radical on his show as he once was.

Timberwolf

New ride causes excitement and concern

by Adrienne Corn

What was old yet new, rickety and shaky yet safety guaranteed, and named after an animal?

It was the newest Worlds of Fun ride, the Timberwolf, a wooden roller coaster.

Based on an old idea of wooden roller coasters, the Timberwolf was a brand new idea for Worlds of Fun. Much different from the other roller coasters, the Timberwolf was shaky because it was made of wood, yet 100% safe.

"It was toally different from anything Worlds of Fun had ever had. Although it was wooden, it was one of the newest designs. It was

the most up to date and definitely the most thrilling coasters we had in the park," said Joe Roos, senior and manager at Worlds of Fun.

"It was a pretty good ride because it was fast, but it slowed down considerably at the end and made it kind of boring," said Tara Barnes, junior.

"It had a certain mysterious quality that made people want to ride it," said Joe.

"It scared me because it was wooden and the boards seemed like they could be unsafe," said Tara.

But Worlds of Fun insures the safety of the ride.

"Safety was the number one priority of the ride," concluded Joe.

T•I•M•E•L•I•N•E

June 14, 1988

The INXS concert took place in Kansas City. It was one of the biggest that year.

July 7, 1988

Oprah Winfrey started on her diet to lose 67 pounds.

February 14, 1989

Heavyweight champion boxer Mike Tyson and actress Robin Givens were divorced.

April 26, 1989

Actress Lucille Ball died at the age of 77.



RACING DOWNHILL AT top rate speed, the "Timberwolf", Worlds of Fun's newest roller coaster provides its passengers with a rush of excitement (photo by Scott Neal).

K.C. concerts Line-up a smash hit

by Adrienne Corn

Scream. Really loud. As loud as possible.

Now imagine that sound times 15,000 and you may have some idea as to what it sounds like to go to the beginning of a popular rock concert.

Now, compound the screaming with guitar, drums, and vocals pounding through a mountain of 30 speakers on each side.

The stage is now set for any of the concerts that came to Kansas City this year.

A few of the concerts included the following: Metallica, Def Leppard, Cinderella, INXS, Poison, Ratt, Kansas, U2, R.E.M., Bon Jovi, Chicago, Stryper, Bad Company, and Vixen.

"INXS was so good. Their music was really inspirational, not just danceable," said Heather McKenzie, senior.

"Bon Jovi seemed to be such a big concert. I went to get tickets and they were sold out. Everybody was talking about their concert," said Dana Cariddi, junior.

On an average students usually attended 2-3 concerts a year.

"I had to pick and choose the concerts I went to. If I had the funds to go, then I did. But if I didn't have the money, then I didn't go," said Heather.

How much did students usually spend?

"Usually around \$30 to \$50 depending on the price of the ticket and whether or not I bought a t-shirt," said Chad Starr, junior. Yet no matter what the concert, some were bigger hits than others.

"The more publicity and the bigger the name, the more people wanted to see them," said Lynn Wicks, junior.

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clubs show

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About involved

by Mark Troxel

It was a year to be remembered. A year when activities reached into the lives of the majority of the student body. For many it seemed as if Oak Park was their home, instead of a home-away-from-home, as activities and a variety of new clubs offered a chance to become involved in the spirit of school.

For many students, waking up and heading for school in darkness was an everyday occurrence. Oak Street singers were required to take a zero hour to practice for upcoming concerts and music competitions. Science students and club members met at 7:15 a.m. to prepare for a trip to the University of Kansas to compete in a math, chemistry, and physics competition.

Not only was going to school in complete darkness a regular habit, some students went home from school late at night. Orchestra and band combined to form a pit orchestra for the musical 'Oklahoma' that sometimes practiced late into the evening. Debate squad members researched late into the night preparing the perfect speech.

Whether clubs and activities took time out of a busy schedule in the morning or evening, everyone was about involved.

"Being involved in activities was a good way to meet new people and have fun."

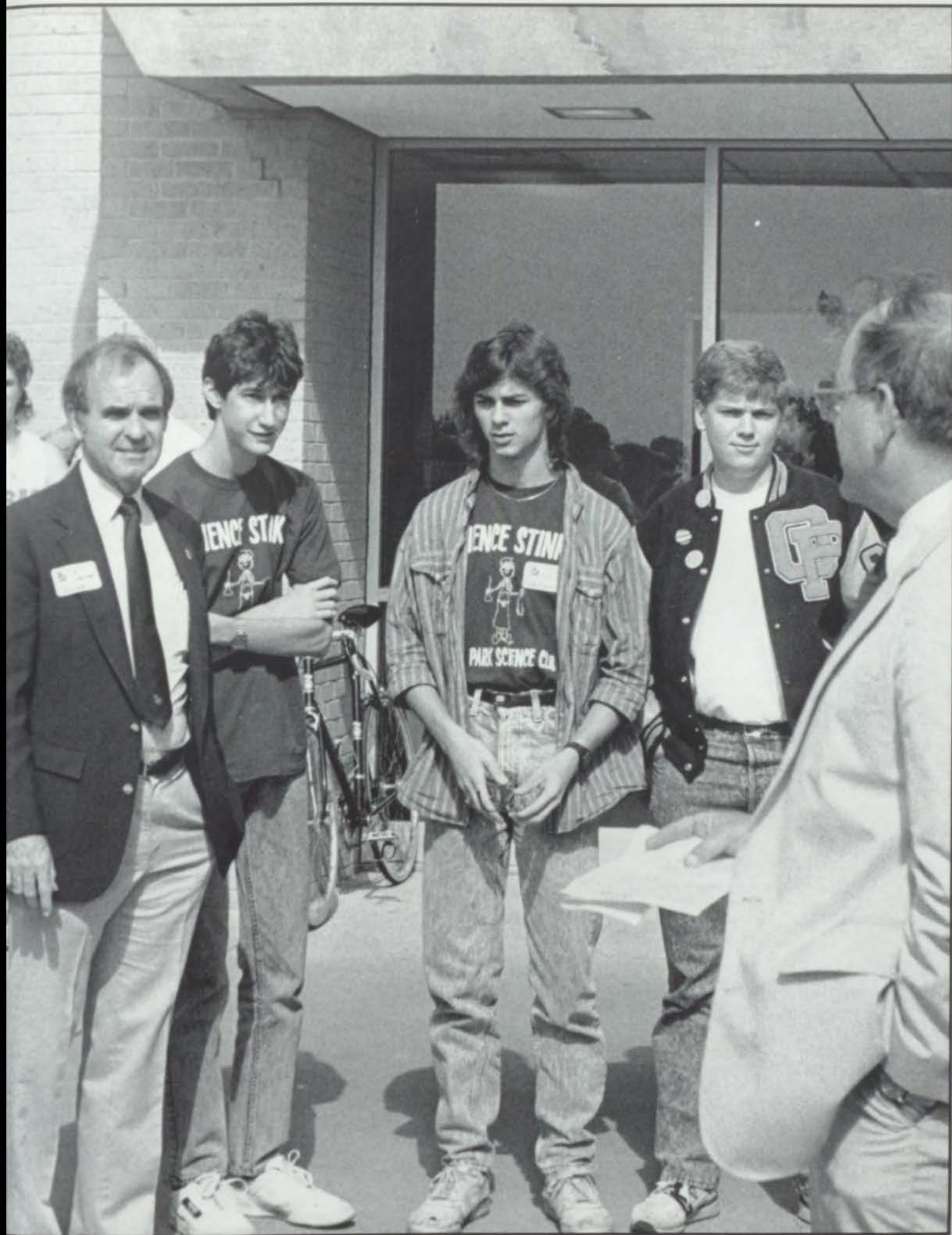
*Tammy Branham,
senior*



DRAGGING HIS OBSTINATE donkey, Jim Bowman, junior, strains to reach the ball in the donkey basketball game sponsored by the Booster Club (photo by Sherri Dawson).

THE ACADEMIC ACES showed their stuff when Chris Hawblitzel, Mark Stockmeyer and Adam Barksdale, seniors, took first, second, and third in physics at a K.U. science competition (photo by David Brown).

C•L•U•B•S & A•C•T•I•V•I•T•I•E•S



GULPING ROOT BEER at the root beer guzzle during the Spring Fever Blow-out, Jenny Plush, junior, goes for broke (photo by Barrie Fisher).

FLYING HER WAY through a StuCo retreat is Jill Russell, senior, supported by Lennie Niernberger and Joe Roos, seniors (photo by Jason Rinker).



SANTA CLAUS IMPOSTER or the StuCo president, Lennie Niernberger, senior, always knew how to lead a crowd (photo by David Brown).





PLANNING HIS STRATEGY, Doug Noble, junior, waits as Tijen Ertuna, senior, makes an important move (photo by Barrie Fisher).



Fever rises As spring nears StuCo offers remedy

by Melanie Heinen

Fever. According to the New World Dictionary, fever meant: a condition of nervousness or restless excitement.

At Oak Park, the "fever" hit in the spring. StuCo's remedy became what was known as the Spring Fever Blow-out. Returning for the second year, it was just one of the various projects of StuCo.

According to Debbie Bishop, senior, and StuCo treasurer, the preparation started a little over a month before.

"We had to assign chair-people, get publicity going, got prizes, found chaperones, and found people to sell food," she said.

Although the turn-out was not quite as good as last year, StuCo was still pleased with the results.

"Last year the blow-out was new and different," said Lennie Niernberger, senior and StuCo president. "We were hoping for a bigger turn-out, however, make-up sporting events rescheduled for

the same night interfered."

StuCo was responsible for many other activities during the year as well such as: United Way Week, the Christmas Charity Drive for the Stoffer Children's Home, Homecoming Week, and participated in and won the presidency of Missouri Student Councils.

StuCo's main goal was to focus more on the students. "We wanted to successfully involve the majority of the student body," said Debbie. "And I believe we accomplished that."

"We wanted to be more creative this year and a little less restrictive on how we did things," said Lennie.

According to Debbie, not all goals were met. "Nothing was possible all of the time, but I felt we did our best and worked hard to reach our goals whenever possible," she said.

"We had good, solid activities through-out the year, and some that could be the continuing traditions of the school," said Lennie.

DISGUISED IN SHADES, Oak Street Singers perform "I Can't Stop Loving You" at the Variety Show (photo by Darin Overstreet).

"THE FAT BOYS", a.k.a. Chris Swetnam, David Relford, and Mark Reiter, juniors, strut their stuff at the United Way Variety Show (photo by Darin Overstreet).



AUCTIONING OFF STUCO representative Mark Reiter, junior, Mr. Bill Grace urges students to bid higher (photo by Scott Neal).





REPRESENTING THEIR CLASS in the United Way Assembly, Rebecca Thompson, junior, and Kelly Boomer, senior, flex their muscles (photo by Barrie Fisher).

Time and money United Way helped to accomplish goals

by Michelle Leverich

Finding a place to spend the night with a warm bed and a hot meal may seem trivial to most people, however for some it is a way of life. Oakies tried to change that along with others through United Way.

Annually, from the first of September to the middle of November, the United Way holds its campaign. The goal is to raise money which is funded to 148 agencies and 400 different programs.

"Our mission is to increase and organize capabilities of people to help one another identify problems and bring the people and money together to solve problems," said Mrs. Carol Kuhn, Service Coordinator in North Kansas City.

Oak Park's United Way campaign brought students' ideas and loose change together and raised \$6,733.82, according to Mr. Benny Cain, Oak Park United Way Coordinator. Although the goal of \$8000 was not met, it was not disappointing.

"A goal is just something to shoot for, so we're never disappointed if it is not met," said Mr. Cain. "Oak Park is always one of the top institutions to give in this area, and with our total we will be again."

An auctioning of football

players, pom pon girls, cheerleaders, and student council representatives was held in the main courtyard. Students were auctioned off and sold to the highest bidder. The students who participated in the auction had similar reasons for donating their time and money.

"I volunteered because I thought it would be fun and United Way is a good cause," said Mark Reiter, StuCo Rep.

Antoinette Pittala, freshman, had a similar reason for donating \$30 to be escorted by Mark.

"I thought it was a good way to get to know him and it was my way of contributing to United Way," said Antoinette.

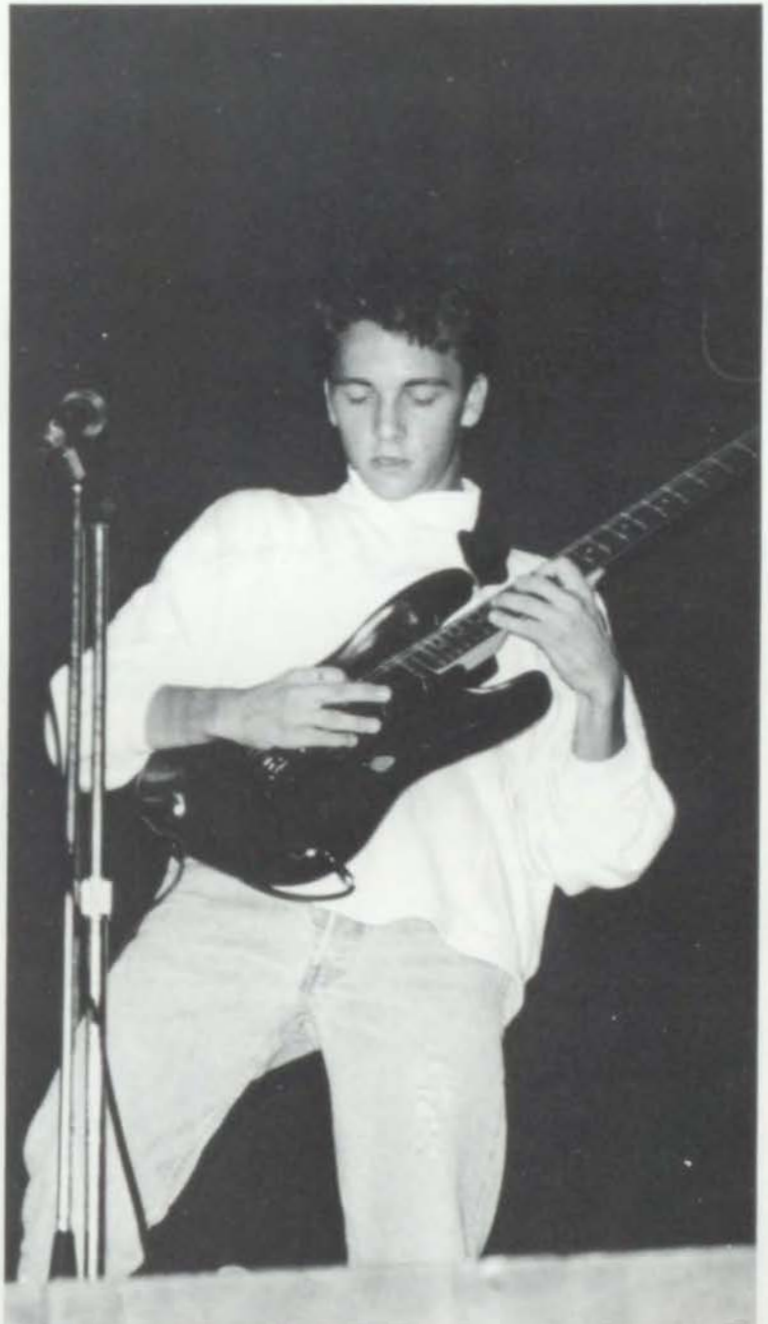
United Way is unique because all of the policies are made by a community of volunteers.

"People donate to the United Way because they can trust them and they operate in a business-like way," said Mrs. Kuhn.

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Mrs. Kuhn.

Although Oak Park did not meet its goal, Mrs. Kuhn was confident that the United Way's national goal of 2.85 million will be met.



PLAYING A SONG he wrote himself, Chris Garko, senior, concentrates on his music (photo by Darin Overstreet).

THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES for the evening, Joey Prate and Amy Bunnell, seniors, explain the rules to the audience (photo by Scott Neal).



Strange antics Contestants try anything to win

by Michelle Leverich

Contestant 10 turned himself into a bird and squished himself into a cage, contestant six walked across the stage while being swallowed by a shark, and contestant nine humorously put down women and relationships during a juggling routine. These were just a few of the antics candidates pulled while competing for the title of Mr. Oak Park.

After competing in five categories consisting of Club Costume, Swimwear, Talent, Formal Wear, and an interview, Joe Roos, senior, was named 2nd runner up, Lenny Niernberger, senior, 1st runner up and Mark Reiter, junior, was named Mr. Oak Park 1989.

"I was kind of surprised because I thought there was a higher probability of a senior winning than a junior since only three juniors competed," said Mark.

An added pizzazz to this year's pageant was the addition of an assembly to present the contestants.

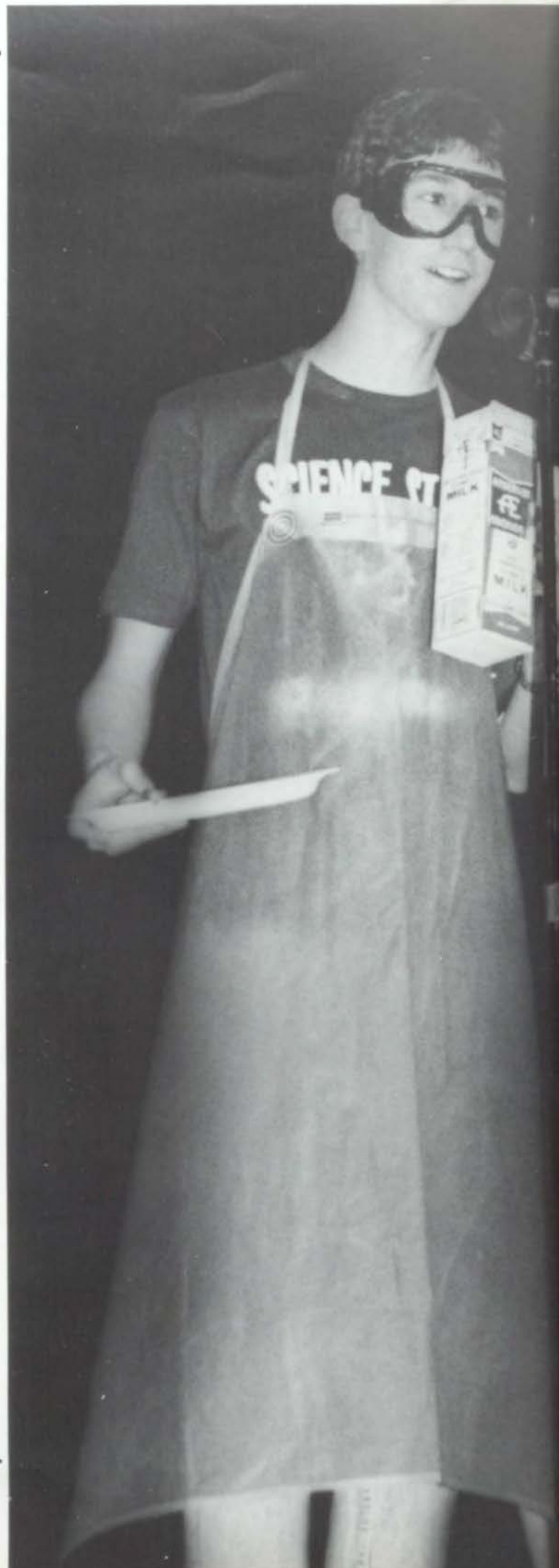
"The main purpose of the assembly was to introduce the contestants," said Skip Whitt, assembly chairman. "The assembly generated a lot of excitement about the pageant so more people attended."

The worst problem facing the contestants was preparing themselves mentally to perform and model in front of an audience.

"The only time I was really nervous was while I was waiting to go out on stage for the first time," said Joe. "Once I got out there and saw 600 people staring at me I forgot to be nervous."

Although the pageant format did not change from previous years, attendance to the presentation was still high. It was almost a sellout with close to 600 people attending, according to Adrienne Corn, chairman.

"It's still kind of a new idea and because it's successful it keeps people coming," said Adrienne. "With new contestants and new creativity, you never know what they will come up with."



REPRESENTING SCIENCE CLUB, Chris Hawblitzel, senior, shows off his club costume (photo by Scott Neal).

ANTICIPATING THE EXCITEMENT of the pageant, the restless crowd on hand prepares for the entertainment (photo by Scott Neal).



MR. OAK PARK candidates accept applause from the student body at the Mr. OP assembly (photo by Scott Neal).



WELCOMING EVERYONE TO the NFL banquet, Kristin Kelco, senior, gives a speech as Tariq Abdullah and Mark Reiter, juniors prepare for their speeches (photo by Scott Neal).



PERFORMING A SKIT at the NFL banquet are Joel Barnett, junior, and Tijen Ertuna, senior, as they each carry out their part (photo by Scott Neal).

Qualifying In tough competition NFL marks success

by Melanie Heinen

Success can be marked through different things; in the number of games a team won in a season, in grades received on a report card, or in living a full life.

To reach that goal of success, the requirements were always the same: hard work, practice, and motivation. For the members of the National Forensics League (NFL), success and its requirements were well known.

According to Mark Reiter, junior, Mr. Richard Rice was a big credit to the team's success.

"He was always there to motivate us," said Mark, "Sometimes, he wanted us to do well more than we did."

Because of the records set last year (17 people going to state and 7 for nationals) the team was striving to do just as well. The same records were not met, but the team saw their success by achieving other goals.

"The year started out a little slow," said Renee Reynaud, junior, "But the enthusiasm of the team built up, and we won conference for the seventh year in a row."

According to Mark, the pressure to do well after last year was not much of a factor.

"After the first three tournaments, we worked a lot harder and took first at the rest," said Mark, "We set a new record by having one more person qualify for state."

Throughout the year, school presentations, and debate and forensics classes gave the team practice and experience.

"In student congress, we prepared for mock congress for two weeks in class, by writing our own bills and resolutions," said Renee.

Another credit to NFL's success according to Renee was the support the members of the team offered one another.

"Even if someone did not place, everyone was still supportive and helpful," she said.

According to Mark, the team was more of a unit.

"Last year, debate and forensics did not mix and neither did novice and varsity. This year we all got to know each other better and were more unified as a team," said Mark.



DEBATING HER POINT on alcohol advertising at the student congress, Renee Reynaud, junior gives her side on the topic (photo by Scott Neal).

PRESIDING OVER A MOCK debate, Jill Russell, senior, and Renee Reynaud and Mike Ball juniors, yield questions from the audience (photo by Sherri Dawson).



REGISTERING THEMSELVES AT the Northland Classic debate tournament held here at Oak Park, several students talk to Ryan Denny, Mark McReary, and Chad Kershner, sophomores (photo by Sherri Dawson).



BEFORE ATTENDING THE Honor Society Banquet, Mrs. Sherry Fair pins a corsage on her daughter, Tracey Fair, senior, for the final touch (photo by Sherri Dawson).

MINGLING AT THE banquet, Honor Socley member, Robin Halloran, sophomore, and Mrs. Jennifer Yates, sponsor, enjoy their evening at Royal's Stadium (photo by Sherri Dawson).



IN PREPARATION FOR Tom Watt sales, Stacey Garrison and MI Ra Park, juniors, check out their kits (photo by Scott Neal).





TALKING TO HONOR Socety members, Brad Ricklefs and Tracy Fair, seniors, inform them about upcoming elections (photo by Sherrl Dawson).



Achievement Honor found in society from community service

by Kristina Martin

What did the military, a volleyball game, a good waitress, and the American flag all have in common? They all stem from service; a technique used to get things started and make a difference.

Service was what made one club different from the rest. Providing a service for the school and community, Honor Society reached out to others.

"We were a service organization. They (the members) realized that it was something to work towards or achieve, not for personal gain but giving to other people," said Mrs. Jennifer Yates, Honor Society sponsor.

Some service activities locally and at school included the giving of food and clothing to help the Christmas Bureau aid area needy families, a visit to Children's Mercy Hospital, free tudors to those who needed help, and participating in North Central Evaluation activities.

The members felt that

helping others was very rewarding.

"Visiting Children's Mercy on Valentine's Day was a neat experience. I liked seeing them smile and be surprised," said Tracey Fair, senior, Honor Society Historian.

For senior members, the club gave ten scholarships ranging from \$200-\$50 that were presented at the annual banquet.

"Honor Society gave over \$1200 in scholarships to recipients having had four year involvement in the group," said Brad Ricklefs, senior, Honor Society President.

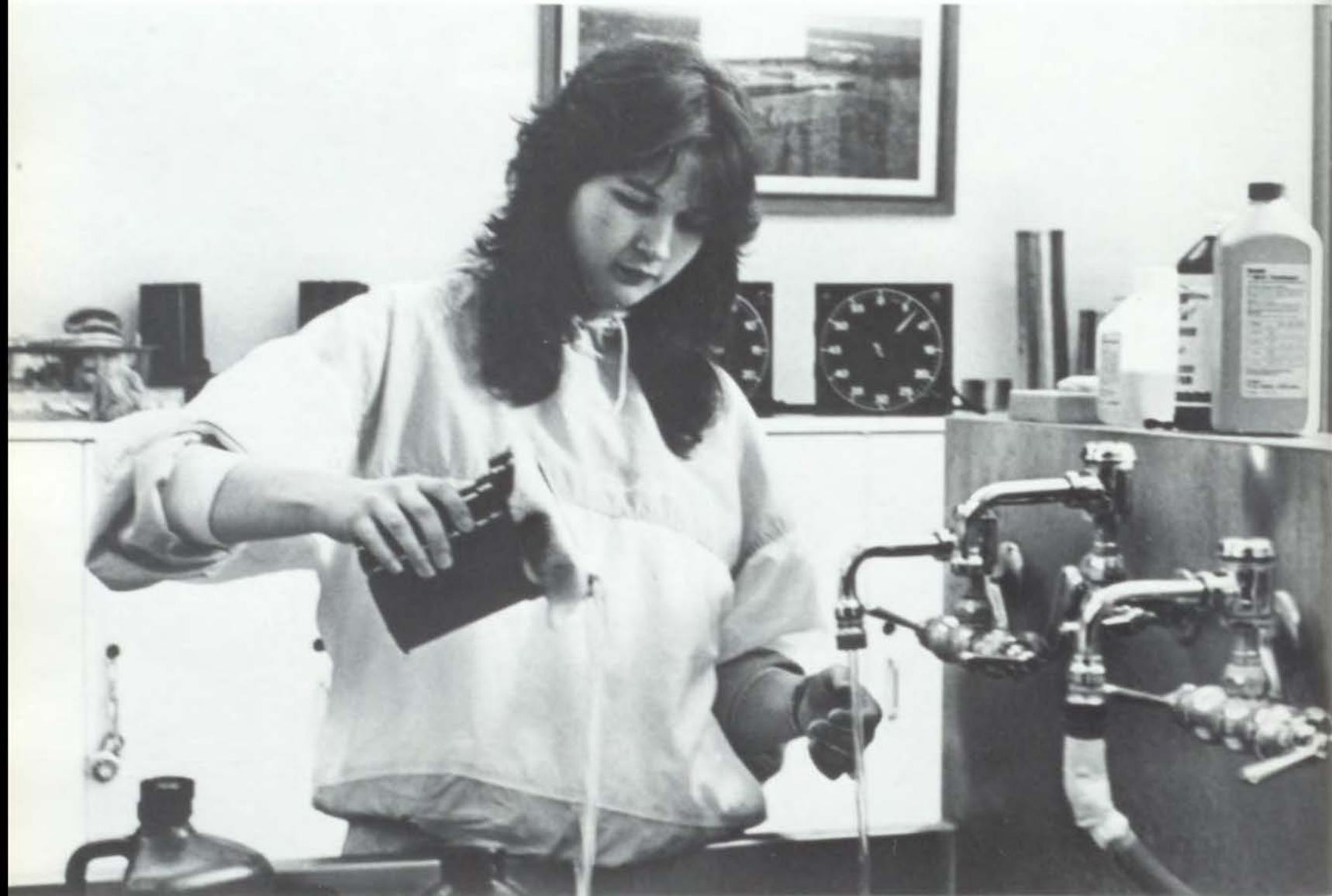
Being a member not only meant keeping up the grades but also fulfilling the principles of Honor Society: Character/Citizenship, Leadership, Service, and Scholarship.

"Even though there wasn't a lot you had to do to become a member, it was what you did as a member that counted. Honor Society brought the good students and caring people," said Brad.

CHECKING OVER A layout both photog and writer, Scott Neal, junior, and Michelle Leverich, senior, make sure copy and photos are where they belong (photo by Dina Guarino).



USING PRECISE TIME and measurements, Sherri Dawson, senior develops film for eventual "Cambia" photos (photo by Dina Guarino).



LOOKING AT NEGATIVES for a layout Jeff O'Dell and Barrie Fisher, seniors, make final decisions (photo by Dina Guarino).





AT THE UNIVERSITY of Missouri, Mark Troxel, senior, receives third in non-portrait layout (photo by Dina Guarino).

Adjustments Changes take time, pay off in end

by Michelle Leverich

Coming together to cover the school year in the most unique and interesting fashion was not always an easy job. However Cambians worked together with the common goal of making the best yearbook possible.

"I wanted to put forth the effort to put out the best yearbook we could-All American status-preferably five star status," said Mark Troxel, senior, co-editor.

While trying to accomplish the goal the "Cambia" staff met up with a few obstacles. The change to a new publishing company meant a new computer program which in turn meant many headaches. "At first the computer was a nightmare learning how to use, but after the first couple of deadlines it became much easier," said Scott Robeson, junior copy writer.

"The (new) computer program was an adjustment that the staff handled well," said Mr. Bill Hankins, advisor.

The staff had to learn to adjust to a smaller number of writers and photographers which had its good and bad points.

Besides getting experience from the summer media workshops some staff members took an extended field trip to Washington D. C. for the National Journalism Convention.

"It was an experience that inspired me to be a better photographer because of the professional people that were there," said Dina Guarino, senior photographer.

The hard work paid off for the staff at the Missouri Interscholastic Press Association where the staff received eight awards including first place by Lisa Livingston in Student Life copy and Darin Overstreet in News/Feature Photography.

"I was surprised to win because I wasn't even considering winning since there were so many good, dedicated, high school writers," said Lisa.

Other winners at the MIPA awards were: Third place: Mark Troxel, Non-portrait layout, Barrie Fisher, News/Feature photo; Honorable Mention: Adrienne Corn, Academic/Faculty copy, Michelle Leverich, Sports copy, and Deedra Stoneking, Portrait Section copy.



ENJOYING HIS ICE cream sundae, Scott Robeson, junior, takes a break from the ordinary "Cambia" routine.

AT THE MISSOURI Interscholastic Press Association awards, held at MU, Missy Nagy, junior, accepts an award for first place in Sports Column writing (photo by Darin Overstreet).



Controversy Hot topics not left in the cold

by Michelle Leverich

Controversy may send shivers of fright down the backs of some reporters. However, "The Northmen's Log" staff did not let controversy stand in the way of reporting timely and current news stories.

The "Log" handled hot topics such as date rape, satanism, teen drinking, and fake I. D.'s. The staff did not try to stir up controversy but they had expected more reaction and feedback than they received.

"A lot of our stories were controversial and we didn't receive any response," said Lori Elsberry, senior, editor-in-chief.

The staff was not afraid to report controversial topics but had to go about it in a professional and sensitive manner."

"I had to be sure to get points from both sides of an issue," said Tom Meyer, senior, feature editor. "I had to be sure to cover both the positive and negative sides of the story and not make some-

thing more controversial to attract attention."

Some changes on the staff made it different from previous staffs. One major difference was an editor-in-chief position as opposed to co-editors.

"The switch was made because of the makeup of the staff," said Mr. Bill Hankins, advisor. "The talents dictated spreading out to other editorships."

"I felt like I was making all decisions and it was a tremendous burden," said Lori. "There was no one to argue with me about things like style so I felt a lot of pressure."

At the Missouri Scholastic Press Association awards "Log" members were recognized for their writing and photography.

Missy Nagy, junior, was awarded first in Sports Column writing, as well as Craig Fears in Photography. Lori and Cindy Kirkland placed third in Feature Story and Rob Wibright and Scott Melton received Honorable Mentions in Photography.





PREPARING FOR THE proofreading chore, Heather Reed, and Lori Elsberry, seniors, make copies of "The Northmen's Log" (photo by Jeff O'Dell).

"CIRCLING UP THE WAGONS" members of "The Log" proofread copy for the upcoming deadline (photo by Jeff O'Dell).



COLLABORATING ON A layout, Missy Nagy, junior, and Tom Meyer, senior, discuss their creative ideas (photo by Jeff O'Dell).



SINGING AT THE Winter Concert all eyes of sophomore choir are following Mr. Bill Grace (photo by Shauna Clevenger).



PREPARATION IS A big part of performances for Pam Minthorn and Christy Stone, seniors at the Swing and Jazz Choir Festival (photo by Scott Neal).

Vocalists shine Recognition lacking despite state places

by Jason Rincker

With the command of a wand each mouth shut and waited. An upward stroke of the wand and every set of lungs filled with air. As the wand swooped down cutting through the air an eruption of multiple voices shattered the delicate moment of silence.

That sound was the thing that attracted so many students to the vocal music department. During the 1988-89 school year over 250 students participated in some way to their success.

The quest to improve in their singing ability seemed to hold the whole group together.

The feeling of being excluded was never felt according to students.

"We all had something in common, singing," said Jenny Kerr, senior.

The large number of talented singers were brought together by one man.

"Mr. Grace tried to bring the best out of students," said Jenny.

"I felt like sometimes he was cheated by our attitude," said Tammy Madel, junior, "he deserved more."

With the help of Mr. Grace and Mrs. Carol Noland many students gained the knowledge and skill they needed.

"Choir should provide creativity, a good knowledge of choral literature, and a source of relaxation," said Mrs. Noland, accompanist.

Though vocal music did include many students, some still felt it lacked in recognition.

"It's a fact of life," said Mrs. Noland, "professional musicians never receive much recognition, Americans are athletic nuts."

Though vocal music did not receive as much recognition as spectator activities, they did do their best to attract attention.

Thirteen soloists, three ensembles, and four choirs placed at state with Oak Street and Northern Lights placing at the Maryville Jazz Festival.

"I thought it really brought us together," said Tammy, "everyone came together for one purpose."

Many felt that what made it all worthwhile was the end product.

"Finally working together, it was exhilarating," said Tammy, "to do the best we could."

Honor Highlights

Choir Honors: I ratings at State

Individuals:

Kelly Scott, sophomore
Craig Taylor, sophomore
Kristina Martin, junior
Lee Yates, senior
Christian Thompson, senior
Amy Blanton, senior
Pam Minthorn, senior

Choirs & Ensembles:

Girl's Glee Club
Boy's Glee Club
Acappella Choir
Oak Street Chamber Choir
Stone Madrigal

LISTENING TO ONE another is an important part of singing to the Stone Madrigal which includes Brian Campbell, Pam Minthorn, Craig Lanlo, Christy Stone, Christian Thompson, and Amy Blanton, seniors (photo by Barrie Fisher).



BEFORE SINGING THE "National Anthem" at Royal's Stadium, Mr. Grace gives special instructions to Gary Pierson, senior, and Erica Minter and Nancy Ruehlig, Oak Park graduates.



TRYING TO TAKE Jennl Dumalaski, freshman, away Craig Taylor, sophomore, tries to persuade her to go (photo by Dina Guarino).

OBSERVING THE FINE details of a painting at the Fine Arts Festival are Amy Blanton, senior, and her mother (photo by Barrie Fisher).



FORENSICS MEMBERS Megan Crain, sophomore, and Mark Reiter, junior, were also a part of the Fine Arts Festival, here they act out "Scrambled Eggs" (photo by Dina Guarino).





DURING A SEANCE, Linda Polfus, junior, and Ross Woody, senior try to contact a ghost (photo by Barrie Fisher).



Good show Learning experience created by students

by Deedra Stoneking

Not the Nelson Art Gallery, the Folly Theatre, or a Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra performance, but the Spring Fine Arts Festival and One-Act plays. Both showcased student talents right in the halls, courtyard, and little theatre of Oak Park. Both also culminated a year of artist growth for Oak Park students.

One-Acts even experienced student actors as directors of the plays. That experience was useful in their directing.

"My acting experiences helped my directing immensely," said Shane Hagen, senior. "You have to be able to act to be able to direct."

Along with the One-Act plays at the Fine Arts Festival, there were other performances as well. Members of the band, orchestra, and choir represented the music department with solos and small ensembles.

Some soloists were overtaken with butterflies and sweaty palms, yet others felt

more comfortable having been viewed by audiences before.

"I always get nervous right before I sing, but most of the time it doesn't bother me after I have gone on for a while," said Amy Blanton, senior, choir member.

"I don't really mind playing solos in front of people. I've had to do it every year since I started in the fifth grade," said Andrea Newhouse, sophomore, oboe soloist.

Two students from the art department, T.J. Templeton and Chris Garko, seniors, painted murals which were exhibited for judging at the Art Show and during the festival.

The murals were meant to show the struggle and all the energy that goes into competition, according to Chris.

For the Fine Arts Festival, those involved had much hard work and practice to do. But, it was a time many enjoyed.

"I'm glad all the practicing paid off. It was well worth it," added Andrea.

Honor Highlights

Band

John Phillips Sousa Award -
Todd Beckum
Outstanding Seniors - Mark
Stockmeyer, John Van Assalt
State "1" - Stacy White, Andrea
Newhouse, Percussion
Ensemble, Sax Quartet

Orchestra

James Chandler Award - Sal
Bonsignore
Outstanding Seniors - Dwayne
Bargfrede, Todd Krey
State "1" - Symphonic
Orchestra, Danna Cooley,
Chris Holmes, Todd Krey,
Dwayne Bargfrede, Chris
Holmes, Tom Barton,
Elizabeth Conaway, Amy
Mecklenberg

TAKING A CRACK at conducting the orchestra, Ann Lohman, senior, gives it her best shot (photo by Scott Neal).



PRACTICING THEIR MUSICAL abilities, Susan Whitehead, sophomore, Mark Hanway, Shaun Hamilton, and Kirk Forlund, seniors, participate in band rehearsal (photo by Jeff O'Dell).



DIRECTING THE BAND In a first hour rehearsal, Mr. Pat White gives band members the downbeat (photo by Jeff O'Dell).

Group effort Music brings learning, time showed success

by Kristina Martin

Fifty-five minutes of learning in structured classes and carrying armfuls of books for homework was a common scenario at school for those who wanted success. But for Orchestra and Band students, something "extra" was received in and outside of the classroom realm. Success was found from a collaboration of their talents; a group effort.

"Playing was a cooperative effort. Academic classes were geared toward the individual, but with instrumental music, success depends on the group," said Mr. Pat White, Band teacher.

According to Mr. White, a great deal of time outside of class was necessary to the success of the group.

"We spent about one-third of our time in the classroom, twice as much outside between practices and performances," he said.

Instrumental music also provided a great exposure to music literature with a variety of pieces spanning over 300 years, according to Mrs. Bar-

bara Hale, Orchestra teacher.

"We tried to do standard orchestral literature that a fully professional orchestra would play," she said, "Their appreciation for good literature improved as they played it."

Students also felt a sense of accomplishment through their participation.

"While playing, I felt we were working together which gave me a good feeling inside like I was a part of something," said Julie Dake, junior, "It was a way for me to express myself."

Learning opportunities were a major factor in participating in a Fine Art.

"If you were involved in the Arts, either as a creator or an observer, some learning took place," said Mr. White. In learning music, students acquired other skills as well.

"They needed the skills of a mathematician, a linguist, and an historian to have an understanding of the development of music and to be stylistically accurate," said Mrs. Hale, "They already knew an incredible amount that they were not aware of."



PERFORMING WITH THE Orchestra at a concert, Lennie Nierenberger, senior, concentrates on playing the bass (photo by Darin Overstreet).

UP, UP, AND away go the buttons of twirlers Leann Kavan and Stacy Sharp, freshmen, during a halftime performance with the marching band (photo by Shauna Clevenger).



UNDERCLASSMEN Willing to work to make band success

by Deedra Stoneking

Despite the popular belief of upperclassmen, freshmen are not so bad after all, at least when it comes to the marching band and pep band.

With only nine seniors, eighteen juniors, and thirty sophomores this year's band was different. Different in that seven freshmen were added to the band.

"This year's band was very young, probably the youngest I've had in over twenty-five years," Mr. Pat White, band director, said.

According to Amber Hirsch, freshman, she was not too sure about being a freshman in a class with mostly sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

"Once I got to know everyone, I was comfortable," Amber said.

Although youth put a strain on the group's leadership, they were devoted and worked to be consistent contributors to the program.

"I always expected the band members to reach for perfection," said Mr. White. "Unless you constantly strive for perfection, you're not striving at all," he said.

"Almost everyone gave a good effort as a whole. We wanted to be our best, and together we tried our hardest to reach that goal," explained Nichole Jennings, sophomore.

Whether upperclassmen or underclassmen, the band's effort and dedication united them.

That effort brought out a certain magic about being a part of something really good.

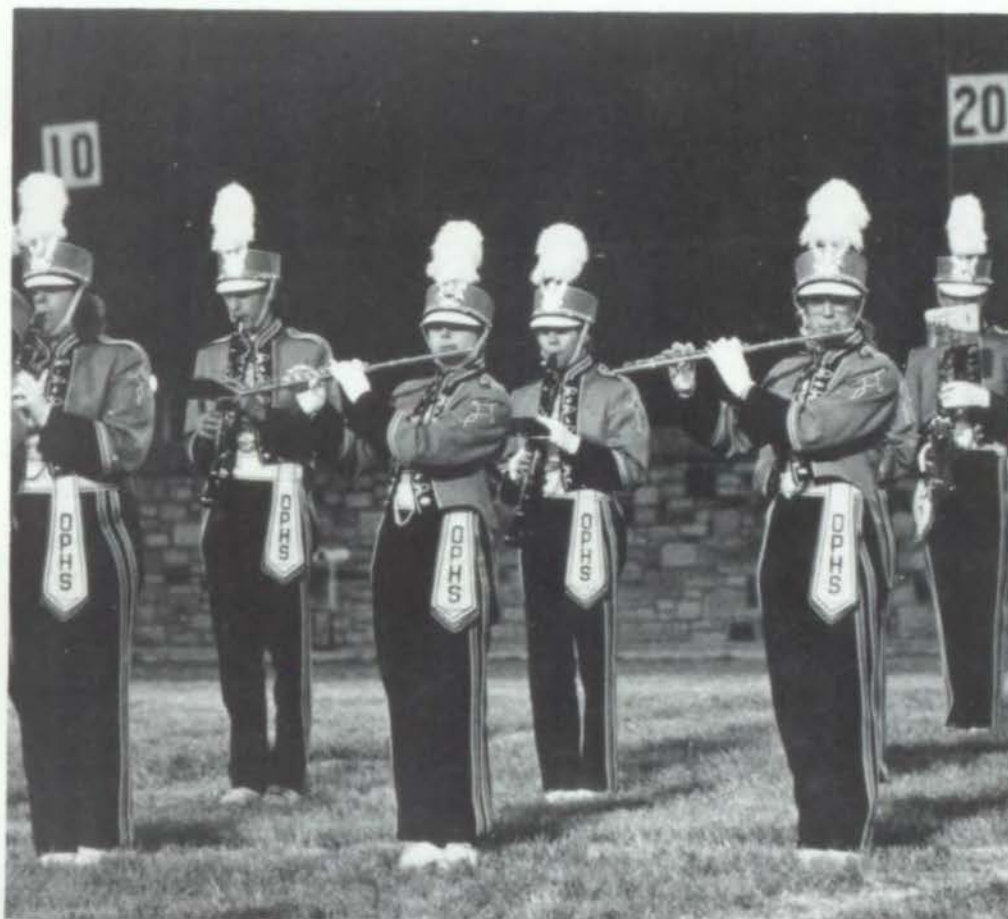
"I want for all of my students to succeed and know that magic," explained Mr. White. "It's there just waiting for them. Even with hard work it can't be bought and remains elusive. But consistent dedication toward achieving perfection opens the door, and the band has opened that door," he said.





DEVOTED EARLY MORNING members Matthew Bennett, freshman, Scott Liljegren, and Jason Wade, sophomores, play along with the pep band (photo by Barrie Fisher).

IN POSITION AND playing their tune are members of the marching bands woodwind section (photo by Bryce Lausch).



LEADERSHIP IS STRONGLY shown by drum major, Mike Sturm, Junior, as he conducts the marching band (photo by Bryce Lausch).



ARRIVING AT PROM, Larry Liebsch, junior, and Tammi Ham, sophomore, enter the dance floor (photo by Darin Overstreet).



ENJOYING THEMSELVES ON the dance floor, Rick Judy and Jennifer Johnson, juniors, spend their evening in Paradise (photo by Darin Overstreet).

PARADISE

Tropical fantasy found at 89 prom

by Melanie Heinen

Totem poles, grass huts, and a coconut for every senior added touches of a tropical island paradise. Jamaica maybe? Good guess but wrong. The setting for this scene took place in the school gym; the occasion, prom.

"The decorations were wonderful," said Sherri Moore, senior, "You did not feel like you were in the gymnasium."

A new remembrance for the seniors was introduced by filling the courtyard with coconuts, one for each senior, with their names painted on each one.

"I thought the idea of the coconuts was great because all of the seniors were recognized," said David Ohnesorge, senior, "It was something that you could keep for a long time."

"It was nice," said Sherri, "It made prom even more special to the seniors."

The cost of prom for most was not a major factor in deciding what to do.

"I thought prices were pretty reasonable," said Tra-

cy Schumer, senior.

"Cost really did not affect me that much," said David, "But it did make me think about whether to go or not."

After prom, there were many different things that the prom-goers did.

"We went to the Marott," said Diane Wathen, senior, "It was a really nice hotel, and we had a lot of fun."

Instead of the river boat, an after prom party was set up at the Apparel Mart in conjunction with Northtown.

This featured gambling for prizes and a DJ for dancing.

"It was very enjoyable," said David, "It gave us something fun to do after prom."

Everyone seemed to enjoy the prom and thought it was a great success. The tropical island setting mixed with the romance of prom was a huge success.

"The juniors did a great job with the gym," said Tracy, "The atmosphere was perfect."

"I thought everyone really enjoyed themselves and appreciated all the hard work put into making it an 'evening in paradise'," said Angela Lykken, junior.



SITTING AROUND A table, good friends make memories (photo by Darin Overstreet).

TAKING A BREAK from dancing, Gary Blackwell, senior, and date Jennifer Hall get some refreshments (photo by Darin Overstreet).



WHILE GUESTS TAKE a breather, members of the prom committee serve refreshments (photo by Darin Overstreet).

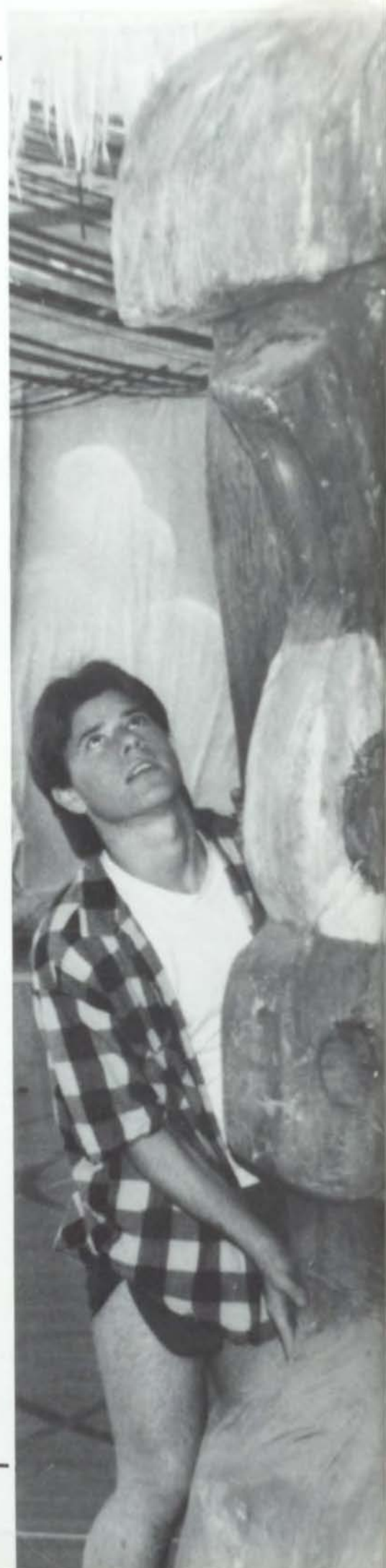


POSITIONING THE WELCOMING committee for prom, John McDonald, junior, makes sure the walkway into the gym would really be paradise (photo by Jeff O'Dell).

DECORATING THE CEILING of the gym was a difficult and dangerous task, but Mark Reiter, David Relford, and Mark Peterson, juniors, are able to handle the dangling heights (photo by Jeff O'Dell).



PUTTING UP AN exit from paradise, students from prom committee put a little muscle into it (photo by Scott Neal).





FINDING A PERFECT spot for the real waterfall was just one of the jobs done to decorate the gym (photo Scott Neal).



HARD WORK

Prom committee makes gym into a paradise

by Melanie Heinen

By day it was just an average high school gym: a basketball court, bleachers, and walls covered with pennants.

By night, especially prom night, this average gym was transformed into a Hawaiian tropical paradise with palm trees, goldfish, and a waterfall.

Thanks to the junior class officers and prom committee, prom was "An Evening in Paradise".

"We had to decide exactly what we wanted done as far as decorations and theme were concerned," said Angie Lykken, junior.

According to Mrs. Nancy Binkley, junior class sponsor and coordinator, coming up with a theme was difficult.

"Mrs. (Carolyn) Rosenkrans and I went to Kenmark Studios, Inc. to look at props and came back with three areas that showed promise," said Mrs. Binkley.

"The kids liked the Hawaiian theme so they went to Kenmark and finally decided on the tropical setting," she added.

Setting up the gym to look like an island was a long task for the committee.

"We spent three days in the gym to put up the ceiling, decorate the hallways, and arranging things where we wanted them," said Mrs. Binkley.

After prom was over, getting everything cleaned up and taken down was also difficult. Fortunately, help was available.

"Mr. (Gary) O'Dell and Amnesty International offered to do it for a small fee," said Mrs. Binkley.

"I felt it was definitely worth all the work," said Angie. "We were rewarded with many flattering comments even two weeks after prom," said Mrs. Binkley.

"The committee was one of the best crews ever, they got in the gym and really went to task," she added.

TELLING ABOUT THEIR countries and showing slides, AFS students are recognized during AFS day activities (photo by Jeff O'Dell).

PILING IT IN, AFS club members enjoy a night out at Godfather's Pizza (photo by Dina Guarino).



GETTING TO KNOW each other better was the purpose for David Joho, Miljan Timotijeric, and Alfonso Camerlingo, AFS students, at the AFS dinner (photo by David Siebert).





READY TO EAT, Miljan Timotljeric, AFS member helps himself (photo by David Siebert).

Exchange Learning took place by cultural exchange

by Kristina Martin

School brought people together to learn and grow academically. But beyond the books, school brought many opportunities to grow socially as well. With clubs like AFS, learning took place through culture and change.

"They (students) were exposed to culture and learning that there were other ways of doing things. The experience broadened their ideas," said Mrs. Bunnie Scott, AFS sponsor.

Originally, the American Field Service was started after World War I with the purpose that foreign student exchange would promote better international relations. With its successful history, a great tradition was established.

"Promoting better relations began with young people. Growing through the years, we really needed communication," said Mrs. Scott.

Adjusting was part of the experience in coming to a new country.

"I lived in a big city at home. When you move from a big city to a suburb so quickly, it was a big change."

said David Joho, senior, AFS student from Switzerland.

A major transition for AFS students was school. For most, the change was for the better.

"Studying was very strict. All of our classes like drama, or music were after school. I like being able to wear make-up and no uniforms. School here was fun," said Tijen Ertuna, senior, AFS student from Turkey.

"School at home is ten times harder," said David.

Through open culture, many AFS students learned to change a little to adapt.

"I was not the Tijen I was when I came here. I have learned so much from other people. I realized I didn't have to be in Turkey to feel at home. I had a great time and I am looking forward to coming back," said Tijen.

One of the things OP students learned was that you could meet teenagers throughout the world to find out how similar the differences really are, according to John VanAsselt, senior, AFS president.

"People are the same everywhere. There are cultural differences, but people are people."



SHARING A MOMENT together, Lynn Wicks, Junior, and Brian Campbell, senior, get close at the AFS dance (photo by Scott Neal).

WALKING DOWN THE streets of the Plaza, Stacy Garrison, junior, Linda Polfus, junior, Andrew Herbig, sophomore, and Tammy Madel, junior, skip happily along on the French Club trip (photo by Scott Neal).



Foreign Clubs

Activities brought language groups closer

by Deedra Stoneking and Scott Robeson

A cool breeze was blowing in from the north as a large red tractor and three wagons filled with hay and excited students made their way along the edge of the farmers field.

The tractor came to a stop, and that was when the fun began. At first just a single straw of hay was thrown from one friend to another, but then as one thing led to another a full scale hay battle broke out. Friend against friend, Oakie against Oakie.

After a few intense minutes the hay cleared and the tractor moved on to finish its trek around the field.

This scene resulted from the German Clubs hayride. A hayride was only one of the activities in which the French and German Clubs participated, although it was the only for the Spanish Club. All of these activities were made possible through different fundraisers.

Throughout the year Spanish Club had fundraisers to re-

plenish their dwindled funds.

"We ran concession stands at wrestling tournaments and all the basketball games," said Doug Noble, junior, and Spanish Club president.

German Club paid for their activities by selling items such as magazines, advent calendars and candy bars.

"As a side money maker we sold gummy bears to defray expenses for those kids who went to Germany," said Mrs. Kay Melewski, German teacher.

Being committed, dedicated, faithful and responsible were qualities found in the officers.

According to "Frau" Melewski the German Club officers were good ones. They would volunteer to go make purchases, and they were the ones who planned what activities were done.

"We tried to make sure the officers shared in the responsibilities so one person didn't get stuck doing everything," said Mrs. Melewski.

"Commitment to German Club, that was what made it nice and worthwhile.





AT THE FRENCH Club ice skating outing Mrs. Julie Halsey, sponser takes a lap around the rink with her son (photo by Joel Burnette).

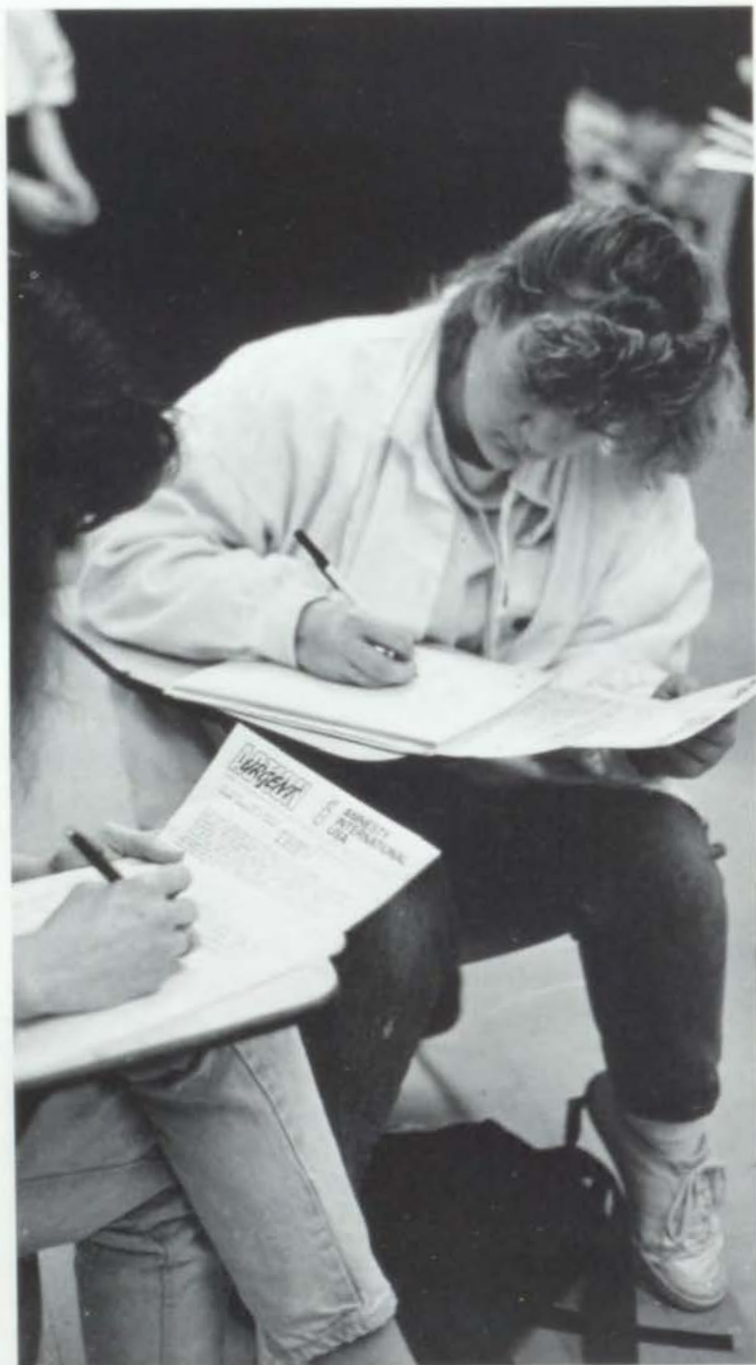
JOINING GERMAN CLUB in the ski trip to Snow Creek, Dave Relford, Junior, prepares to hit the slopes (photo by Bryce Lausch).



PLAYING A WORD guessing game, Dan Flournoy, freshman, participaties in the activities (photo by Sherrl Dawson).



TALKING TO THE children of Oakwood Manor about ways of dealing with peer pressure, Lynette Mackley, sophomore, gives examples of how to "say no" (photo by Jeff O'Dell).



WORKING TO FREE political prisoners, Kathleen Aschertrop, junior, writes letters protesting their imprisonment (photo by Sherrl Dawson).

CARING

Groups reach out to help others in need

by Adrienne Corn

Caring. The word has many connotations, yet it is one that is rarely used to describe clubs at school. It is one word that cannot be left out when describing some of the clubs at Oak Park. Students Who Care (SWC), Amnesty International, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) were three clubs that gave caring a good connotation.

Students Who Care, an "umbrella" organization for Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD), Natural Helpers, the Impact program, and Hi-Step had a great effect on many students lives.

"Through our programs we changed some attitudes and this helped to save lives," said Heather Williams, sophomore.

Hi-Step had a big impact on not only those involved as members, but with younger children within the community.

"We went to elementary schools and taught them about peer pressure and prevention for drug and alcohol abuse," said Dana Flournoy,

creator of this Hi-Step chapter.

As much as SWC helped people throughout the community, Amnesty International helped many on an international level. Amnesty International was designed to help free people throughout the world who were imprisoned for reasons of religion, race, beliefs, or gender.

"We sent letters and sometimes money as an effort to persuade the governments of the prisoners to free them," said Jason Blackard, junior, president of the club.

On a more personal level, FCA helped people within the group.

"I think it further the friendship and common interests of its members and taught many important religious values," said Jill Russell, senior.

Being a caring group gave most a good feeling.

"With the things we did with children, I know we were touching the future and it felt great," said Dana.

"Being in SWC made me feel good. Even if I saved only one life it made all the work worth it," said Heather.



DISCUSSING FUTURE ACTIVITIES for Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Mr. Mark Mundell, sponsor of the club, consults other members (photo by Jeff O'Dell).

EXPLAINING HOW TO deal with peer pressure, Dana Flournoy, senior, talks to a group of children at Oakwood Manor Elementary School participating in the Hi-Step program (photo by Jeff O'Dell).



SITTING IN ON a Students Who Care meeting, Mr. Dennis Krohne, club sponsor, tells of ways in which students can help other students. David Parker, sophomore, voices his views with others in the group (photo by Scott Neal).



NEW AWARDS LIKE Jennifer Johnson, Junior, best dancer award at the the drama banquet were used to spruce up the evening (photo by Sherrl Dawson).

SHAKING HANDS WITH her boss, Shalaine Kobby, senior, along with the other COE students, finish the year by thanking her employer (photo by Jeff O'Dell).



IN ORDER TO liven up the Cambia/Log banquet, held at Cascone's, Adrienne Corn and Mark Troxel, seniors, hand out gag awards (photo by Dina Guarino).





HANDING DOWN HER office at the student council banquet, Debbie Bishop senior, helps end the year by starting off next year's StuCo (photo by Barrie Fisher).



Bye bye boring New twists added to old banquets

by Lisa Livingston

Banquets are usually associated with food and with boredom. However, several clubs decided to spice up the banquet reputation by adding variety and seasoning to the course of the evening.

One way clubs spruced up the evening was by holding their banquets outside of school. Student Council decided to dine at Papa Nicks 21/21 while German Club chose the Embassy Suites to say their good-byes.

"Compared to other banquets I've been to, I thought this one (Student Council) was really nice because it was in a restaurant. Most of the other banquets I've been at were in the school cafeteria and everything was potluck," Angie Lykken, junior, said.

StuCo also livened up the evening by adding a little culture. Tijen Ertuna, a foreign exchange student, brought some of her homeland, Turkey, to the banquet through a belly dance.

"They had Tijen belly dance which was interesting because I've never seen it performed before," Skipp Whitt, senior, said.

The German Club tried to break the "banquet boredom" by adding a touch of class. Each student dressed semi-formally for the evening. They also gave out cash prizes.

"They honored the top sales people and rewarded them with cash prizes," Becky Dick, senior, said. One way the football team spruced up the evening was by allowing the seniors to give Coach Keith Ross the final hit of the season.

"It's a tradition. They usually do it at the last game of the season but since Ross hurt his hand they saved it for the banquet," Derek Spradlin, junior, said.

Whether the clubs chose interesting places, different food, or unusual awards to liven up the evening, the end result was the same. Everyone had the opportunity for one last good-bye.

AT THE FINAL Art Club activity, Mrs. Karen Cummings, Instructional aid, Marcia McIntyre, sophomore, and Leslie Kuhlman, senior, play Pictionary (photo by Jason Rincker).



OBSERVING SCULPTURES IN the courtyard of the Nelson Art Gallery are touring Art Club members, David Brown, senior, Jeff Baxter, sophomore, and Fred McAdams, freshman (photo by Barrie Fisher).



SERVING REFRESHMENTS to those who attended the Fine Arts Festival Shelly Cooney, senior, member of Art Club (photo by Barrie Fisher).





GETTING A CLOSER look at the details of a drawing, Kelly Scott, sophomore, observes the Art Show display (photo by Barrie Fisher).

Creativity

Art show brings out shining talent for all

by Deedra Stoneking

When people think of art, they think of great works by Picasso and Van Gogh shown in art galleries around the world. When Oakies think of art, they think of the annual Art Show, shown in their own museum, the halls of Oak Park.

Some entered the show to win, some just to share their talents with others.

First place ribbon winners of the Spring Art Show included: John Knepper, Black and White Drawing; Deedra Stoneking, Color Drawing; T.J. Templeton, Painting; Walt Willis, Printmaking-serigram; Doug Ruppel, Ceramics-wheel; Mike Pearson, Ceramics-handbuilt; Darin Overstreet, Metals and Combined Media; Jason Simanowitz, Cartoon; Mindy Miller, Fiber 2-Dimensional; Tracy Hostetter, Fiber 3-Dimensional, Michelle Laurenzana, Photography Mood/Theme; and Sara Mosbacher, Photography "Day in the Life".

Several students had entries, including five seniors with portfolios, in the Regional Scholastic Art Competition, which were also exhibit-

ed in the Spring Art Show. Some students who were Scholastic Award winners or ribbon winners may have kept their work.

According to Ms. Linny Carrier, art instructor, Stephanie Fugitt and Carol Thompson, sophomores, and Jennifer Wilson, junior received awards at the National level in the category of textile design and fiber arts.

Besides receiving a first place ribbon for his mural painting, T.J. Templeton, senior, was awarded Best of Show. Along with positive feelings, T.J. also felt negative ones.

"I had wanted that ribbon since my freshman year, but I saw so much work that deserved it," T.J. said, "I felt sorry for the judges who had to choose one out of all the excellent work."

Once again, with another Spring Art Show completed, all involved felt this show was a tremendous success.

"I think this was certainly a fantastic show. It was way up in the top ten percent and of as fine of quality as any," said Mrs. Jeanne Lawing, art instructor. "This one makes a teacher glad she is a teacher."



TRYING TO ALIGN the painting for the Art Show, Mrs. Jeanne Lawing assists David Brown, senior, with a display (photo by Barrie Fisher).

JUGGLING CLUB, LED by Mr. David Huber, showed their stuff, bringing smiles to the crowd. (photo by Jeff O'Dell)



GREEK IDEAS

Past brought good times to students

by Deedra Stoneking

Creativity... Perhaps the Greeks thought of this as a way of life.

Their lives evolved around Mythology, dealing with the Gods and heroes; drama, beginning with Thespis, a 6th century B.C. poet and reputed originator of tragedy; and juggling, dealing with the motion of objects in the air, done by jesters for casual entertainment.

Greek creativity has come a long way since 6th century B.C., bringing Mythology Club, Thespian Society, and Juggling Club to Oak Park. These clubs brought activities of another time to many students.

"It was a space to fill at school for those who didn't have anything to do with their spare time," Mr. David Huber, Juggling Club sponsor, said.

Juggling Club, led by Mr. Huber, did routines throughout the year in school assemblies.

"our best show was probably the Bob's IGA act. Every

day people seem to affiliate me with 'Do the Bob-Bob'. It is kind of my theme song," Mr. Huber said.

Juggling Club involved students who otherwise would not get involved.

Thespian Club was the reward of the countless hours of work that went into the drama department.

"Thespians supported all areas of the theater. It was as if we were one big family, no matter what part of the theater we were more associated with," Heather McKenzie, senior, said.

"Our activities surrounded the elements of acting itself, and seeing productions," Heather said.

Mythology Club took part in state exams and scholar bowl competitions with other schools.

"Mythology gives the students a chance to meet classical kids from all over Missouri and all over the nation," Mr. Bennett, said.

All of the clubs gave the students a chance to be creative in their own way, a chance to belong, and a chance to meet people.





AS A PART OF *Juggling Club's* out of school performances, was John VanAsselt, senior, entertaining at a Comets game. (photo by Scott Neal)

POSTING THE UPDATED *Mythology Club* news is president, Terri Nelson, senior, as she keeps up on things in the club. (photo by Scott Neal)



BEING A PART OF *Thespan Society* means extra hours of hard work, as shown by a few dedicated members (photo by Scott Neal).



GYRATING WITH THE music at the Christmas dance are Marty Snitker, Junior, and Chris Tusio, freshman (photo by David Brown).



DANCING HAND AND hand, Todd Beckum, senior, and Susan Whited, sophomore, enjoy the Cambia dance (photo by David Brown).

Dance fever? Low attendance meant fewer in '89

by Jason Rincker

Dances throughout the 1988-89 school year ranged from the crowded Homecoming and Cambia dances to the sparsely populated Sadie Hawkins and AFS dances. What caused the variation in attendance were things such as publicity, peer pressure, and just too many at one time.

Through lack of public exposure and short notices, many dances met their worst nightmare face to face. That nightmare was that of small, or in some cases, almost no attendance.

"The big factor in determining a dances success was in turnout," said Mark Reiter, junior.

"Many dances weren't publicized till a few days before," said Sara Welch, freshman.

The peer pressure of whether or not friends were going killed many of the smaller dances.

"I don't think it was really

the organizations fault, it was the kids. They didn't think it was the thing to do," said Mark, "The ones who did like to dance went somewhere else."

Competition from other dances and new local dance spots helped bring about the decline of school sponsored dances.

"During some of the fall and winter months, we had a dance every weekend and in the spring, there weren't any," said Dustyn Stoneking, sophomore.

"I didn't go to school dances that much because you could meet more people at the dance spot at Fantasyland or Excess," said Sara.

With the many causes to fail, the occurrences of dances decreased as the year went on. The most attended and popular dances were the traditional Homecoming and Prom.

"The best dance of the year was Homecoming because it had the biggest turnout," said Mark.



WITH GIRL ASK guy, the mood at the Sadie Hawkins dance was just right to "dance the night away" (photo by Sherl Dawson).

INTO THE FESTIVE spirit of the holidays are AFS student from Turkey, Tijen Ertuna, senior, Kim Fortner and Matt Anselmo, sophomores at the Christmas dance (photo by David Brown).



BEING WELCOMED TO Oak Park, freshman get the feel of being an Oakie at the Frosh dance (photo by Darin Overstreet).



DOUBLING AS A cheerleader, Mr. Bill Grace leads the homecoming assembly (photo by Dina Guarino).

AFTER BEING CROWNED queen during half-time, Jenny Briggs, senior, is congratulated by fellow candidate, Lisa Greer, senior (photo by Barrie Fisher).



THE CAR DECORATING contest at the pregame pep rally was just one of the many parts of homecoming week (photo by Scott Neal).





SHOWING OFF THEIR spirit, students model the different fashion of homecoming week (photo by Barrie Fisher).



HOMECOMING Spirit celebrated with participation

by Lisa Livingston

The week of Oct. 3 was not only a homecoming for students but a homecoming for spirit as well. That spirit helped lead the football team and student council to a victory.

The first evidence that it was no ordinary week for spirit was the success of the dress-up days. Stuco used class competition as an incentive to participate.

"I felt the competition between the classes really helped the spirit. The classes that did participate usually had almost the entire class dress up," said Anne Gonner, senior, who worked on the spirit week committee.

The highlights of the school spirit began during the match-up of Oak Park and Grandview. The players did not disappoint their screaming fans with the 39-9 score. During half-time the traditional title of homecoming queen was handed down to Jenny Briggs, senior, who also was in charge of the dance committee.

The dance topped off the week. The record crowd of 620 people attended compared to last year's 370.

"The dance by far was the most successful part of homecoming. When our football team wins there is a bigger attendance, and the dance being on Saturday allowed people more time to get ready," said senior Lennie Niernberger, stuco president.

The only event that did not go as planned was the parade which was later replaced by the car decorating contest.

"We wanted a parade because we thought it would be a good tradition to have at Oak Park, but we had problems getting a parade route. Police and insurance would have cost too much. We also didn't have enough time to get entries for floats," Lennie said.

With the exception of the parade, homecoming went exactly as stuco planned two weeks before school even started. The school spirit, which could not be planned, was an added bonus.

PAUSING FOR A moment, Chris Hawblitzel, senior, and Scott Robeson, junior, members of the "Oklahoma" lighting crew, wait for the next scene (photo by Bryce Lausch).



ADO ANNIE, PAM Minthorn, senior, tries to convince her father, Scott Phelps, senior, that All Hakim, Skip Whitt, senior, is the man for her (photo by Sherri Dawson).



"OKLAHOMA" DANCERS CATCH a breath after dancing to "Many a New Day" (photo by Sherri Dawson).



CHECKING TO SEE if Jud is dead, Lee Yates, senior as the crowd gathers around (photo by Bryce Lausch).

'OKLAHOMA' Musical opens on anniversary date

by Deedra Stoneking

Picture this: The rolling hills of Indian Territory just after the turn of the century, a smokehouse, and a ranch. The gathering place of singers and dancers for a box-lunch social.

This was the scene for the musical "Oklahoma", held November 17-19.

Many long hours of work went into preparing for the show.

"Including performance time, there were probably around 100 hours of practice per kid," said Mrs. Barbara Hale, musical director.

Along with the singers, dancers, musicians, and set painters, were several other crews.

"Everyone worked really well together. Everyone was willing to get to work and put a lot of time and effort into each crew," said Andrea White, senior, business crew manager.

T.J. Templeton, senior, set painter, agreed. "It took hours of hard work. We all helped each other and put ourselves into doing a good

job," he said.

The cast knew from the beginning that there were obstacles to be defeated, but that did not stop them.

"The show went smoothly, I felt," said Mrs. Hale. "I think that once the kids got through the nervousness and frustration, they got a lot out of doing the show and enjoyed it."

The actors and actresses on stage are not the only ones who deserved recognition for the "Oklahoma" success.

"The people who make the musical run are the one's who are the unsung heroes, so to speak," said Mrs. Hale. "If they don't do it, then it just doesn't happen."

The students and sponsors felt that the show was a success, both in the acting and behind the scenes.

"It went very well. It was the best musical I've been in," said Christian.

"I don't think there was a down side to the show," said Mrs. Hale. "I really thought that all of the kids did a brilliant job and they put on the best show they knew how, and I was pleased with that."



CURLEY, CHRISTIAN THOMPSON, senior, sings affectionately to Laury, Amy Blanton, senior, about his dream rig (photo by Sherri Dawson).

ON HER APPROACH during the Cambia assembly, Leslie Parkhurst and Chris Schultz, seniors stop to receive flowers from Sherri Dawson, senior (photo by Barrie Fisher).



'High-archy' Royalty means more than glitter and gold

by Jason Rincker

The glimmering from solid gold ornaments blinded the eyes. Silk and velvet of deep dark violet tantalized the touch. Weight of the ruby and emerald embedded crowns adorned the royalties' heads. Though this paints a realistic picture of medieval kings and queens, the paper banners, wicker chairs, and fake diamond crowns of high school high-archy was not any less elegant for those involved.

A big difference between actual royal subjects and high school kings and queens was how they received their crowns. High school crownings contained more honor for the recipients because they were chosen by their peers to represent them.

Courtwarding Queen Tracy Chrisman, thought that one way of serving her school was by helping it's students.

"I think by supporting sports and atheletes quest for victory, I was benefiting the school in the best way I could."

Through the pagentry and glamour that surrounded the assemblies and dances of crownings some thought that the happiest moment was not included there, but in another gesture.

"The best part of the whole thing was the honor of just being nominated," said Cambia Queen Karie Kearns, senior. "It was wonderful to know that people had the confidence in me."

Through the 1988-89 school year the royalty of Oak Park included: Homecoming Queen Jenny Briggs, senior, Cambia Queen Karie Kearns, senior, Wrestling Invitational Queen Carrie Cesor, senior, Courtwarding Queen Tracy Chrisman, senior, and St. Pat's King, Jeff Neimeier, senior.





ALL GRINS AFTER being crowned Courtwarming Queen is Tracy Chrisman, senior, being escorted by Greg Booth, senior (photo by Darin Overstreet).

AFTER BEING CROWNED Homecoming Queen, Jenny Briggs, senior, receives congratulations from friends (photo by David Seibert).



ASTONISHED Jeff Nelmeler, senior is announced as the 1989 St. Pat's King (photo by Barrie Fisher).



FIXING BREAKFAST FOR Noah (Skip Whitt, senior), H.C. Curry (Nathan Thomas, senior) turns back for a few more words with his son (photo by Shauna Clevenger).



PLEADING DESPERATELY WITH her father, Lizzy (Pam Minthorn, senior) tries to get her point across to H.C. (Nathan Thomas, senior) (photo by Dina Guarino).

‘Rainmaker’ Winter play brings rain to stage

by Kristina Martin

Red hats, white arrows, blue raindrops, yellow stars, and green umbrellas. No, all of these things did not come from a new version of Lucky Charms cereal. Instead, they stood as symbols meaning innocence, direction, truth, dreams, and protection. Symbols from the winter play, “The Rainmaker.”

The symbols served as publicity for the romantic comedy which took place Feb. 28, March 1, 2, and 3 in the Little Theater. The cast included: Nathan Thomas, Skip Whitt, Shane Hagen, Pam Minthorn, Ross Woody, Patrick MacDonald, seniors, and Andrew Standard, junior.

“I thought we all related well to each other. We performed as an ensemble and not as individuals,” said Pam.

According to the actors, rehearsals could not compare to the actual performances.

“In rehearsals, you didn’t have the feedback from the audience. The energy had to come from nowhere,” said Nathan. “I felt we worked hard and tried our best for a good performance. Doing scenes time and time again

was worth it for being a part of the final product.”

Audience response helped to keep energy built up for the actors.

“I never knew that the play had so many humorous parts. The audience was very responsive,” said Pam.

According to Mrs. Nancy Hudson, drama teacher, the play surpassed everyone’s expectations.

“I was very pleased with the way things went. Everyone worked well together,” she said.

The stage and lighting crews also applied some well planned setting effects for the play.

“All the sets had specific lighting effects. It added to the play not to interfere by changing sets,” said Mrs. Hudson. “It worked out well.”

For the cast and crew members, the tradition of a friendship circle carried on.

“It was a very sentimental time. We shared inside jokes and a lot of love,” said Nathan.

“The cast and crew had a good bond of strength as a whole. I think that was evident when we stepped out on stage,” said Pam.



LOOKING ONWARD AT the dispute between Jim and Noah (Shane Hagen and Skip Whitt, seniors) are Lizzie and H.C. (Pam Minthorn and Nathan Thomas, seniors) (photo by Barrie Fisher).

EXPRESSING HIS ANGER, Starbuck (Patrick MacDonald, senior) persuades Noah (Skip Whitt, senior) to believe him (photo by Barrie Fisher).



PUTTING ON THE final touches, Pam Minthorn, senior, gets into character (photo by Barrie Fisher).



MR. DAVE HUBER proudly introduces the Juggling Club at the Cambia assembly (photo by David Brown).

DURING THE FIRST pep assembly of the year the cheerleaders lead the crowd in a spirit cheer (photo by Scott Neal).



AFTER THE PEP assembly Steve Cordle, junior, and Stacey Crispell, sophomore anxiously head for the parking lot (photo by David Siebert).



MR. BILL GRACE conducts the orchestra during the Christmas assembly (photo by Darin Overstreet).



Assemblies Attendance was the big question

by Scott Robeson

Imagine loud music, the feeling of tension in the air, friends, fun, and laughter.

Also imagine being nervous, performing in front of a large audience and being taken off stage by your leader due to the rudeness of the audience.

Both of these descriptions have the same thing in common. They both were found at school assemblies.

Because people would rather do other things, and because of problems such as behavior and room, students were allowed more options during assemblies.

"We gave them (students) a choice between the Media Center and Cafeteria to help us with the number problem. Now we maintain that policy because its been successful for us," said Mr. Jerry Crews, activities director.

Students gave several reasons why they did not enjoy assemblies and chose not to attend.

"A lot of the stuff was kind of embarrassing because they

wanted you to shout. I don't think they showed enough of Art Clubs things, it was all sports," said T.J. Templeton, senior.

Some just were not entertained and felt assemblies were biased.

"I thought school assemblies were boring. I didn't enjoy watching 'jocks' get credit and nobody else," said Michelle Laurenzana, senior.

Some of those who opposed assemblies felt that assemblies had been improved.

"I think allowing Juggling Club to perform was a big improvement," said T.J.

There were a total of ten assemblies. They were: Cambia assembly, Pep Club, Homecoming, United Way, Wrestling Invitational, Christmas, Mr. OP, St. Pats and the Stuco assembly.

Unlike other schools and despite audience rudeness assemblies were not limited.

"We didn't have a specific number of assemblies that we could have like other schools did, our administration was very flexible," said Mr. Crews.

PARTICIPATING IN THE "Messiah" meant a reunion as '86 graduate, Mabelle Martin hugs a friend (photo by Shauna Cle-venger).

BEFORE PERFORMING THEIR solos at the Messiah, Karen Kuhn, and Jill Russell, seniors, take part in friendship circle (photo by Barrie Fisher).



GIVING EVERYTHING HE has got Mr. Bill Grace guides the choir through the performance (photo by Barrie Fisher).



LEADING THE A CAPPELLA choir and returning alumni through a pre-concert rehearsal, Mr. Bill Grace prepares the choir for the afternoon performance (photo by Barrie Fisher).

Religious? Conflict no threat to annual program

by Michelle Leverich

The religious conflict that occurred at one local school caused them to modify their religious ceremony. However, that conflict did not threaten the 24th annual Oak Park student/alumni performance of Handel's "Messiah" Dec. 18.

Lee's Summit High School gained publicity when it had to modify the religious ceremony they had planned to perform. The A Cappella Choir and Symphonic Orchestra did not fear any such problems occurring with "Messiah".

"I didn't think there would be any problems," said Karen Kuhn, senior. "It happens every year and there had been no controversy in the past."

The idea of doing sacred music in a public school is not a religious experience, but a piece of art, according to Mr. Bill Grace, director.

"Not doing 'Messiah' would be the same as going down to the Nelson Art Gallery and taking down all of the paintings which have a religious theme," explained Mr. Grace.

What makes "Messiah" so special that it has been performed for the past 24 years?

"The fact that it's a tradition and we've kept it up for so long," said Karen.

A major part of "Messiah" was the 13 soloists who performed throughout the program. Choosing the soloists was not an easy task, according to Mr. Grace, and those who were chosen felt privileged.

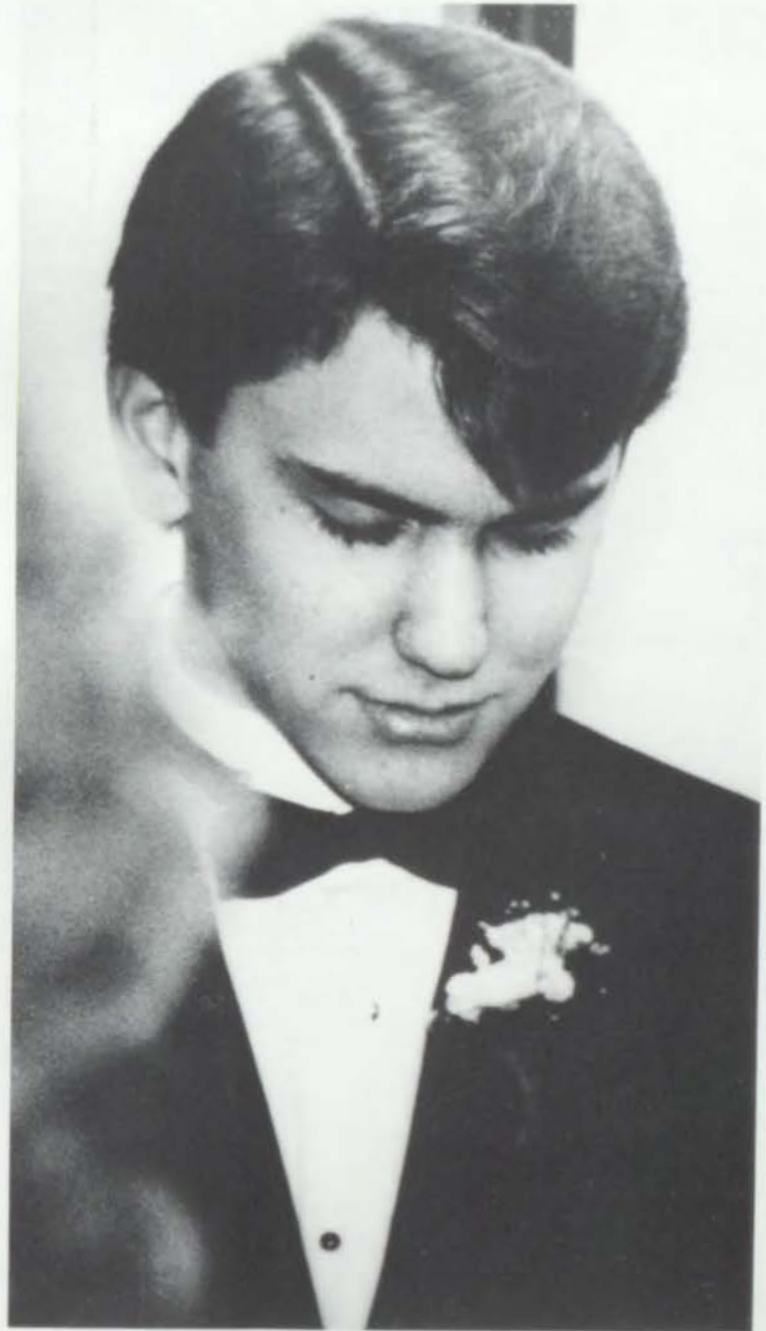
"It (being a soloist) was very enjoyable," said Holly Calandrino, junior. "It was a good experience."

Although the soloists were used to singing in front of large crowds, their nerves were not calmed.

"I was really nervous because I wanted to do my very best," explained Karen. "With all of the people there you don't want to let yourself or Mr. Grace down, and you want to show everyone you can do it."

After spending over one hour under oppressive heat from the lights, and singing under the pressure to perform the very best, it was a relief to get through "Messiah".

"The whole time I kept praying that we were going to stay together," explained Mr. Grace. "At the end I was emotionally wiped out."



BEFORE SINGING HIS solo at "Messiah" Brian Campbell, senior, concentrates in the main hall (photo by Barrie Fisher).

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About us

by Mark Troxel

An excitement filled the air as students filed into school for the first day of school. Long-lasting friendships were formed.

The school was made of a wide variety of lifestyles, but everyone made up the melting pot of school. Everyone was here for the same basic reason, to learn.

During the four years spent in high school, students matured emotionally and intellectually. Students were exposed to new concepts and ideas that would later influence their lives.

As bleachers were filled by the over 1800 students for a morning pep assembly, it became clear what high school is ... a little of this or a little of that, but all about us.

"I loved the students, but taking over in the middle of the year was a lot of work."

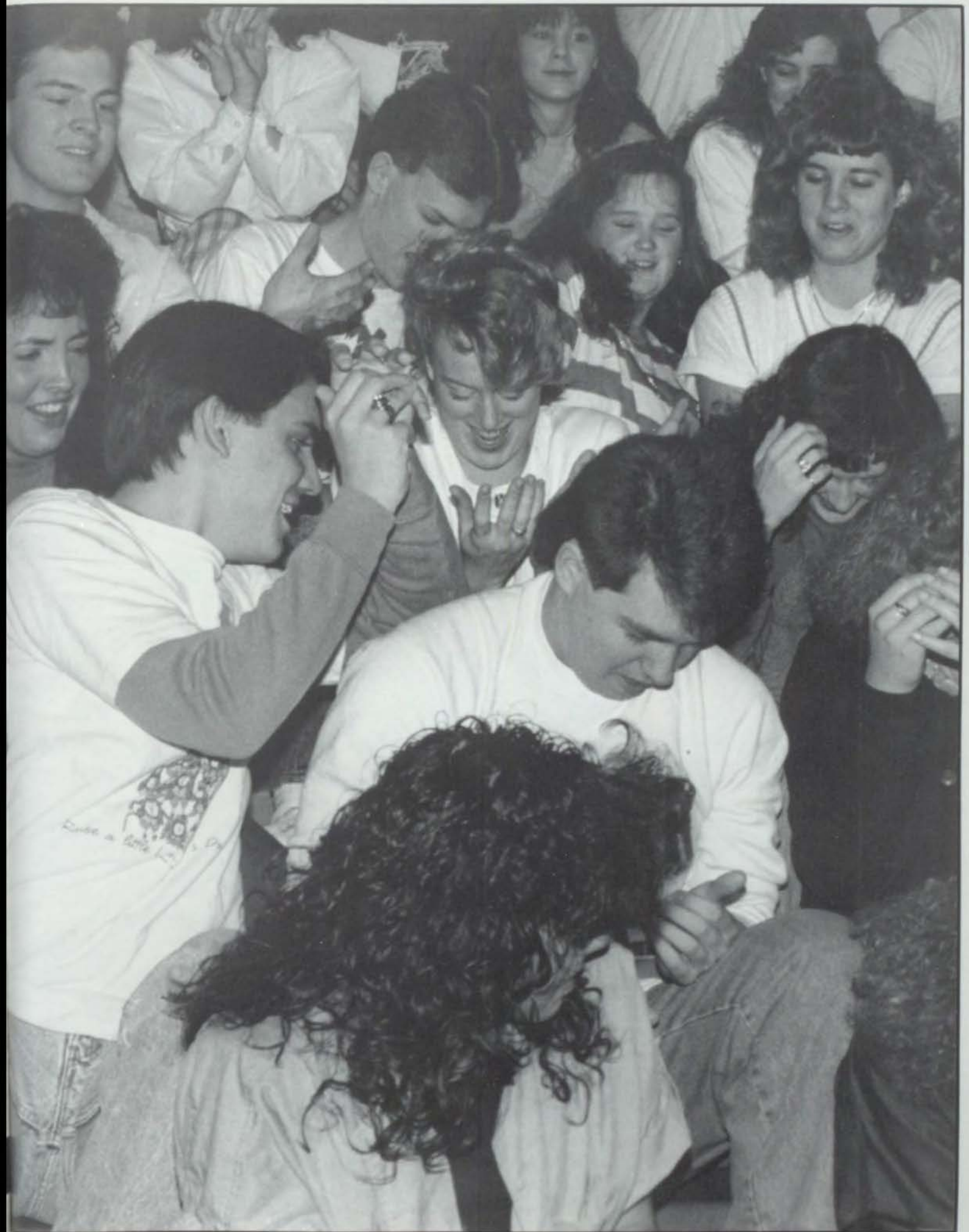
*-Ms. Laura Sawin,
teacher*



PLAYING HER KETTLE drums, Stacey Leakey, senior, performs in the Be-Drug-Free talent show to possibly help raise money for the school (photo by Scott Neal).

WITH A LOOK of sheer bewilderment, members of the senior class catch pieces of candy thrown at them from Mr. Sandman at the St. Patrick's Assembly (photo by Dina Guarino).

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AS THEY ARE applauded Ann Loham and Lisa Livingston graciously accept their award (photo by Beth Henson).

IN THE CAFETERIA after the ceremony Dave Brown is congratulated by Mr. Joe Spruytte (photo by Chris O'Neil).



LENNIE NIERNBERGER SPEAKS with Mrs. Jane Stone as she receives the Big Blue award (photo by Stacey Haether).



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Honors night

Seniors' hardwork rewarded

by Scott Robeson

The Orchestra played and the crowd mumbled as seniors and their parents sat anxiously awaiting the beginning of the ceremony. The ceremony that was the first of a series leading to graduation.

"Senior honors night was very special. I thought it was well planned and ran smoothly," said Craig Hufford, who was the sole member of the graduating class to receive the perfect attendance award.

Craig contributed his accomplishment to good health and his step mother.

"I didn't make it all those year on my own. My step mother kept me going and I was lucky never to get sick enough that I had to stay home."

Other awards were given throughout the evening were Male Athlete of the Year which went to Jeff Niemeier and Female Athlete of the Year received by Karie Kearns.

The highly sought after Air Force Academy scholarship went to Brian Overturf.

"I felt proud to receive the scholarship. I

had been dreaming about it ever since my sophomore year," said Brian.

Two teachers were also honored along with the students during the ceremony. Mr. Gus Baker was awarded with the prestigious Dan Kahler Excellence in Education award and Mrs. Jane Stone received the Big Blue award.

Students enjoyed receiving awards but also enjoyed seeing their peers get recognition for their hard work and dedication over the past four years.

"It was fantastic to be recognized in front of my peers. It was a feeling I'll never forget. It was also a pleasure to share in my classmates accomplishments," said Lennie Niernberger who received several business competition awards and a scholarship to the Student Leadership Institute at the University of Colorado.

All the effort and commitment finally paid off for the hard working seniors.

"I felt the hard work was well worth the effort it took to get the awards," said Lennie.



AT SENIOR HONORS night Bill Grace awards Christian Thompson for receiving a vocal music award (photo by Stacy Haerther).

SENIORS ARE PRESENTED Northwest Missouri State University scholarships by Larry Blackwell (photo by Beth Henson).

**“Can I love you
without losing
myself? Can I
leave you without
losing you?”**

-Rev. Dr. David E. Nelson

“ ... All the rest remains ... ”

Speaker inspires all

by Felicia Fernandez

In the sermon given by Rev. Dr. David E. Nelson, pastor at St. James Lutheran Church, lyrics from a song by Husker Du entitled, “These important years,” set the evenings theme and encouraged seniors to take life as a journey-

“When you get up every morning and you see its still the same, all the floors and all the walls and all the rest remains ... ”

Baccalaureate, held on May 31, was a part of those important years. As student conductor, directing the orchestra during the processional made Sal Bonsignore feel a part of the service.

“Directing made me feel, instead of just watching the ceremony, that I was part of it,” said Sal.

The invocation was given by Nancy Sirinek and A Cappella Choir sang “Ave

Verum Corpus” and “Non Nobis Domine.”

The point of overcoming struggles was stressed in the scripture read by Sara Mosbacher.

“I know that most of you considered the last four years a struggle and my prayer is that its been a blessing to all of you,” said Reverend Nelson.

Along with presenting the speaker, Julie Haralson carried memories away.

“My memories was being a part of Baccalaureate by speaking in front of the whole class and having the honor of introducing the speaker,” said Julie.

The benediction was given by Craig Hufford, followed by “Gaelic Blessing” sung by the A Cappella Choir, and as seniors walked out, the recessional, directed by Ann Lohman, was played.

“These are your important years,” said Reverend Nelson, “Your life.”



TAKING PICTURES WAS a good way for Geri Dawn Tingler and Lisa Greer to remember Baccalaureate (photo by Lori Bunning).

IN CLOSING THE Baccalaureate ceremony, Craig Hufford gives the benediction (photo by Jeannine Engle).





BEGINNING THE SERVICE. Nancy Sirinek leads the invocation (photo by Lori Bunning).

ADDING SPECIAL MUSIC to the service, A Cappella Choir members sing "Ave Verum Corpus" (photo by Jeannine Engle).

SINGING THE SONG. "Pray for Me," Jeanne Gannaway, Jill Russell, Tammy Branham, Karen Kuhn, and Andrea White help to make Baccalaureate special (photo by Lori Bunning).



PROCEEDING DOWN THE aisle together, Brian Overturf and Howard Mason take their seats for the ceremony (photo by David Swob).

AWAITING THE START of the ceremony, Jeanne Gannaway and Andrea White stand for the processional (photo by Scott Neal).



RECEIVING HER DIPLOMA, Debbie Bishop is congratulated by a board member (photo by Scott Neal).



Top Scholars

Valedictorians

- Tracy Fair
- Amy Quinn
- Christy Stone

Salutatorian

- Mark Troxel

Spirits and Beachballs

Both soar for new graduates

by Kristina Martin

Beachballs flying in the air matching the excitement of the cheering crowd set the scene for many Royals baseball games. But for those attending Commencement activities on June 2 at 8:00 p.m., seeing the traditional mortarboards clash with beachballs in the air marked the end of the 1989 Graduates tenure at OP, and the beginning of a future.

"Graduation is the transition from your teenage years to the adult world. It was the biggest turning point of our lives," said Karen Kuhn.

The Commencement program began with AFS students, Alfonso Camerlingo, Tijen Ertuna, David Joho, and Miljan Timotijevic, candlelighting before the traditional processional, "Pomp and Circumstance" by the Symphonic Band.

Encouraging words were given by Amy Nelson, who led the invocation followed by the singing of "The Way We Were" by senior members of A Cappella Choir.

PTSA representative, Ann Lohman, presented several class gifts to the school, one

being new OP letters to be painted on the gym floor.

Prior to the presentation of the graduating class, Mr. Robert West recognized the Valedictorians, Amy Quinn, Christy Stone, and Tracy Fair, and introduced Board members, Mrs. Sandra Clark, Mr. Joe Jacobs, and President of the Board, Mr. Richard Moore, who helped present diplomas.

"It seemed like Graduation wasn't really happening. I felt honored that all the people there came to honor the class of 1989," said Karen.

After all had walked across the stage, cheers began to rise and so did a few beachballs.

"It was a great tension breaker," said Stephanie Taliaferro.

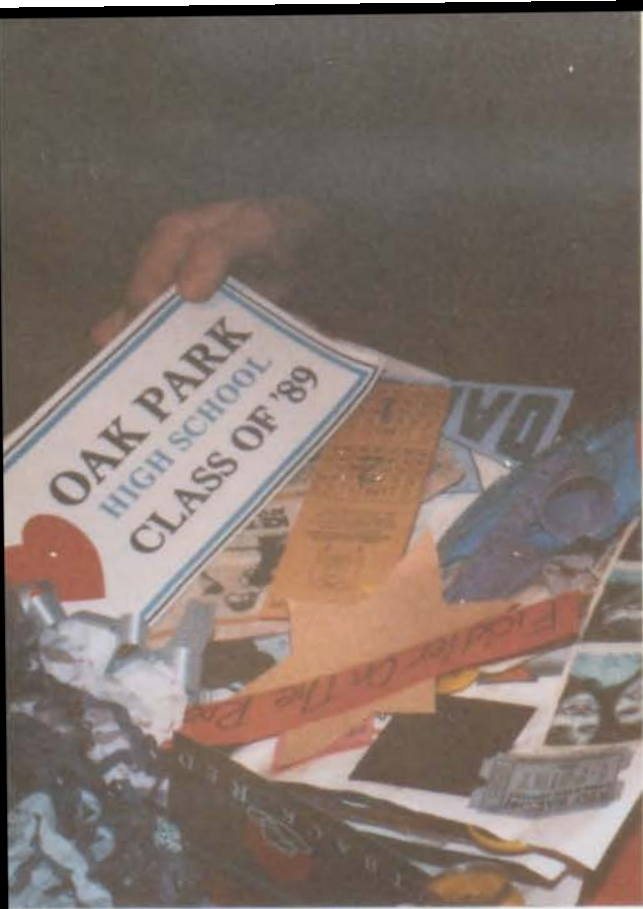
Following the ceremony, laughing and crying took place as graduates, families, and friends celebrated.

"I really enjoyed this last week. The seniors came together to celebrate the end of our four years," said Stephanie, "I met people who have influenced my life a lot. They have taught me things I will never forget."



CHECKING TO MAKE sure her tassel is still in tact, Rachele Camacho receives her diploma (photo by David Swob).

SENIORS FILE INTO their seats as the moment they have waited for is about to happen (photo by Rachel Estrada).



THE ACCUMULATION OF four years of high school memories fill the pages of a senior book (photo by Barrie Fisher).

Book of nostalgia Captures high school life

by Jason Rincker

One book, sold to almost all seniors, but written by just as many authors. Filled with movie tickets, buttons, pictures, gum wrappers, and maybe even the gum itself. Though they are not on the best seller's book list, they are to each individual, one of the best books they've ever read. Why? Because they are personal accounts of four years of high school joys, sorrows, loves, and memories.

Though seniors did not receive senior books until March, they started collecting long before that.

"I had a box I kept things in," said Lynette Pither, senior. "I had notes and things from sixth grade, I had school work from

third grade, and my parents had things from kindergarten."

With all of those different lives and memories, each book held the "stuff" that described the individual who it belonged to.

"I had all my schedules, my first parking sticker, tickets, dried flowers, and tardy passes," said Tanya Thomson, junior.

The senior book became a traditional thing for seniors. Some made theirs because they thought it was expected of them, others tried to save the memories of high school to look back on after they had broken out of adolescence and into middle age.

"Later on, I want to have something to look back on," said Tanya.

"It's a lot like a yearbook," said Lynette, "but more personalized."

**Benny Alcanter
Linda Alexaner
Jill Ament
Jeff Anderson**



**Kelly Anderson
Ed Anselmo
Christina Apel
Shannon Armstrong**



**Michelle Arnone
Robert Arrington
Jennifer Aschentrop
Cathy Auffert**



“It’s a lot like a yearbook, but more personalized.”

-Lynette Pither, senior



*Lisa Avery
Mike Baker
John Baltzell
Dwayne Bargfrede
Adam Barksdale*

*Jason Barney
Celeste Barrett
Deann Baska
Darln Batchelor
James Bates*

*Todd Beckum
Keith Bennett
Temple Bennett
Eugenia Bernauer
Debbie Bishop*

*Gary Blackwell
Michelle Blakely
Amy Blanton
Stephanie Boling
Sal Bonsignore*

*Greg Booth
Michael Botts
Bryan Boydston
Doug Bretz
Jenny Briggs*

“I gave up doing things for myself in time to do other schoolwork.”

-Chris Garko, senior

*Kevin Brill
David Brown
Chris Bryan
Chris Buchinger
Amy Bunnell*



*Jennifer Burdick
Paul Burkhalter
Kirk Burns
Shane Caldwell
Rachelle Camacho*



*Alfonso Camerlingo
Brian Campbell
Tina Campbell
Kim Cariddi
Rodney Carter*



*Sal Castelluccio
Carrie Cessor
Todd Chain
Jeremy Chambers
Charles Chandler*



*Lee Ann Chaney
Melissa Chavez
Tracy Chrisman
Shauna Clevenger
Marci Cockrum*



Seniors dedicated to skills Talents verses time

By Shannon Holloway

It's a typical Thursday evening. Scott Wagner, senior is sitting in a library preparing for a debate tournament. Because debate takes so much preparation, long evenings in the library are not unusual to Scott. But, this dedication takes Scott away from other school work such as physics and going to the movies with his friends.

Scott was involved in the Scholar Bowl for three years and debate for four years.

"When I had a tournament or when I was preparing for one, I had to give up going out with other people," Scott said.

"I gave up doing things for myself and time to do other school work."

Lee Yates, senior, who was in choir for

four years, agreed that in order to be dedicated to a skill you have to sacrifice certain things.

"When we had choir concerts or contests on weekends or when I had singing lessons in the afternoon, it would interfere with my free time," Lee said.

"I gave up some of my social life. I'd often spend weekends at home drawing," Chris said.

While dedication to a talent or skill may take time, Lee said you sometimes have to make time for other activities.

"Singing is not the only thing in my life, but it's what I do best.



TRACI FAIR, SENIOR, volunteers as a candy striper at North Kansas City hospital (photo by Bryce Lausch)



Mary Coe
Sheri Coffey
Shannon Collins
Vincent Combs

Melanie Conrad
Michelle Cooney
Adrienne Corn
Christi Criscione

Lisa Cundiff
Lisa Dais
Sheri Dawson
G.A. Dean



*Ann DeArvil
Deana Deen
Chris Deghelder
Steve Denisar*



*Michael Diaz
Becky Dick
Shannon Dillow
Cheryl Doak*



*Carole Dobney
Mike Dorsey
Theresa Dotson
Mike Dungan*



MCDONALDS WAS A favorite hangout for Oakies both on weekends and during the week. Photo by Jeff O'Dell.

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*Tijen Ertuna
Mike Ervin
Sherry Evans
Tracy Fair
Sonya Farmer*

*Stuart Fefel
Eduardo Fernandez
Mark Florino
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*Kris Flint
William Floberg
Dana Flourney
Gary Flowers
Paul Ford*

*Kirk Forslund
Susan Forson
Tracy Frederick
Darla French
Will Frost*



CHRISTIAN THOMPSON, senior, displays the evidence of his embarrassing experience (photo by Scott Neal).

Embarrassing Moments

They came unexpectedly

by Scott Robeson

You blush and your face turns five shades red. You want to sink back into your shoes or go find a rock to go crawl under.

By the time many seniors had gone through four years of high school they had many embarrassing moments they would like to have forgotten.

"Embarresment was doing something you normally wouldn't do but it just kind of happened," said David Perry, senior.

For Christian Thompson, senior, embarrassment came unexpectedly.

"The most embarrassing moment I ever had was when I ripped my pants at Maryville Contest. I had to be on stage right afterwards so I tried the best I could to hide it," said Christian,

Being embarrassed was an unpleasant experience for most.

"The problem with being embarrassed was that you weren't prepared for it to happen, it was totally unexpected," said Tracy Chrisman, senior.

There several factors involved when getting embarrassed. One of these was parents.

"My parents embarrassed me sometimes by treating me like a child in front of my friends," said Tracy.

Embarrassment was also found in school. Teachers sometimes accidentally embarrassed students in front of their peers.

"I think teachers contributed alot to embarrassment, like when you had a bad grade and they announced it in front of the whole class," said Scott Melton, senior.

Luckily, grads could not stuff those moments in a senior book.

**Tammy Fuller
Mike Gaines
Shae Gaines
Dana Gardner**



**Chris Garko
Matt Gasswint
Shawn Gastner
James Gentry**



**Tammy George
Nichole German
Steve Giltner
Scott Goetz**



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- Christian Thompson, senior



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Ann Gonner
Eric Gossey
Jason Gray
Stuart Gray*



*Lisa Greer
Jason Gregory
Katharine Groom
Dina Guarino
Heather Haberle*



*Russell Hadsell
Shane Hagen
Chris Halle
Matt Hall
Randy Hamilton*



*Scott Hamilton
Bryan Hammer
Mike Hanes
Mark Hanway
Julie Haralson*



*Jennifer Hassenpflug
Chris Hawblitzel
Rob Hawkins
Greta Hedrick
Matt Heelan*

DURING THE MOCK wedding reception, Sheri Miller and James Bates, seniors, practice a traditional ritual (photo by David Siebert).

“The wedding was a fun and interesting way for us to learn about the future.”

-James Bates, senior

Melanie Heinen
Scott Hensley
Crystal Herbranson
Robert Herman
Steve Herrington



Dan Heston
Jay Hill
Jay Hilty
Micah Hobbs
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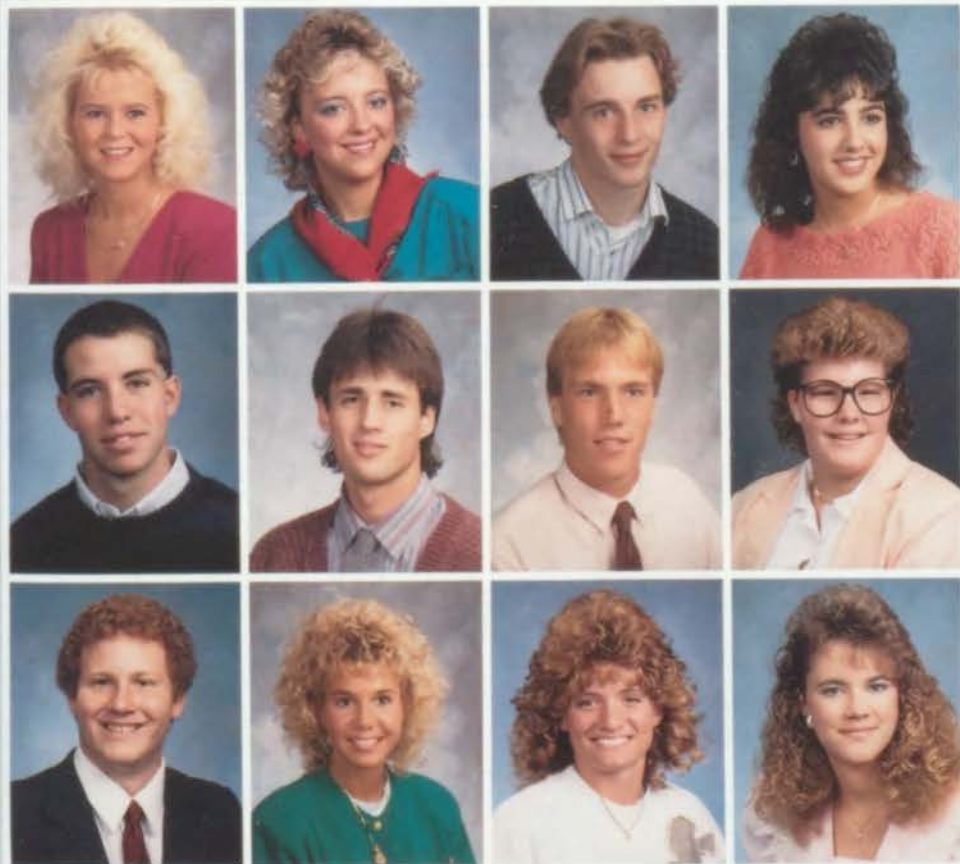


Craig Hufford
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Vickie Hummel
Jeff Hurst
Brian Hyder



Todd Ingrahm
Travis Irvin
William Ives
Jennifer Jacobs
Ed James





*Jana Jenkins
Missy Jensen
David Joho
Michelle Jordan*

*Kevin Jumps
Bob Kanatzar
Jim Kantola
Candace Kaster*

*Kelly Kavanaugh
Kristin Kaylor
Karle Kearns
Kristin Kelco*

“It gave us a chance to get away from school.”

-Shelly Lutte, senior

*Nancy Kenyon
Virginia Kerr
Young Kim
Jimmie Kinder
Steve King*



*Jennifer Kirke
Cindy Kirkland
Matt Kiser
Shalaine Kobby
Missy Kothe*



*Todd Krey
David Krupka
Leslie Kuhlman
Karen Kuhn
Travis LaFever*



*Andrea Lambert
Stacy Laner
Spencer Langley
Craig Lanio
Michelle Laurenzana*



*Bryce Lausch
Stacey Leakey
Vanessa Leavord
Charles Ledford
Stephanie LeMaitre*



Spring break brings change Plans start early in winter

by Lisa Livingston

For students, March has always meant more of the same: homework, tests, and schoolbooks. However, the new extended spring break brought opportunities of freedom and relaxation.

"I think the longer spring break was great because the last couple of years we only got one day. It gave us a chance to get away from school so we didn't get sick of it before it was over," Shelly Lutte, senior, said.

Last year the NKCNEA (North Kansas City National Education Association) and the central office administration decided to extend the spring break to six days including the weekend. This was a first for the school district.

"To my knowledge, the longest spring break Oak Park has had has been two days," Mr. Bob West, principal, said.

Even though the extra break brought approval from students, the extended school year did not. According to Mr. West, June 2 could have possibly marked the last day of school instead of June 8.

"I liked spring break because it gave us a chance to relax, but I didn't like the fact that we had to stay in school longer," Angie Lykken, junior, said. Even with the thought of a longer school year, students made the best of their spring break.

"Lisa Avery (senior) and I went to Dallas, Texas to go shopping and to visit the Hard Rock Cafe. Then we went to Odessa to see my boyfriend," Shelly said.



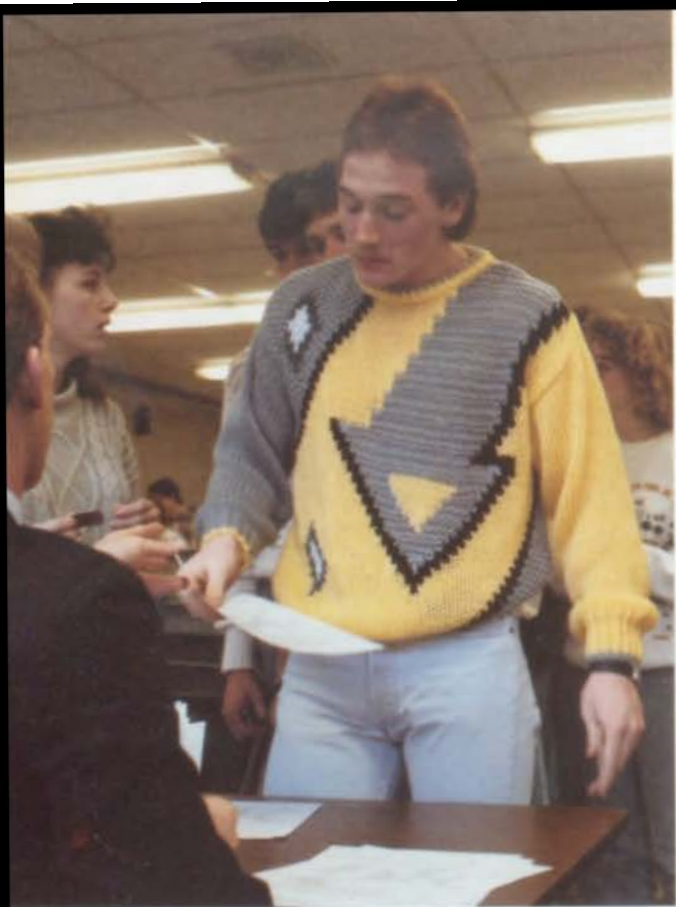
CLAD IN HER winter apparel, Terri Nelson, senior, prepares early for her spring break (photo by Shauna Clevenger).



*Theresa Leninger
Alex Leong
Missy Leuty
Michelle Leverich*

*Heidi Liggett
Diane Lincoln
Brandy Lindensmith
Lisa Livingston*

*Debbie Laboda
Mike Locke
Ann Lohman
Frank Lombardo*



PICKING UP HIS grade card, Noland Huff, senior, prepares to face the consequences, good or bad (photo by Darin Overstreet).

Students' grades influenced Parental attitudes differ

by Tracey Byers

You are grounded for a month, or no car for two weeks."

This was what some students heard from their parents on report card day. Were parents getting too strict or not strict enough when it came to grades?

Some parents thought trying your best was enough.

"My parents felt that if I did the best to my ability then that was good enough," said Jill Dickerson, junior.

On the other hand, some parents wanted more.

"My mom and dad wanted me to make A's and B's because they felt I was smarter than an average student," said Kim Pace, junior.

Grades are important to parents and some wanted their children to do as well as they did in school.

"My mom sometimes expected me to make straight A's like she did, but I don't," said Jennifer Hassenpflug, senior.

Mainly, punishment or reward for grades depended on the parents.

"I usually do not get chewed out as much because I had a brother that got worse grades than I did," said one student.

**Amy Lutgen
Shelly Lutte
Mike Lynch
Pat Lynch**



**Pat MacDonald
Stacey MacDonald
Mitch Magee
Van Maler**



**Mike Marquez
Scott Martenson
Laura Martin
Rick Martin**



“My mom sometimes expected me to make straight A’s like she did.”

-Jennifer Hasenpflug, senior



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Mark McCall
Traci McCarty*

*Anne McGrath
Heather Mckenzie
Steve McNulty
Nancy Meier
Scott Melton*

*Joe Messina
Tom Meyer
Chris Michels
Denise Miller
Sheri Miller*

*John Mills
Pam Minthorn
Angie Minton
Christy Mitchell
Sherrl Moore*

*John Moralee
Sara Mosbacher
Chris Mozza
Patricia Murphy
Mike Nagy*



TALKING WITH A possible recruit, Mr. Jack Hanson. Navy recruiter gives out enlistment information (photo by David Brown).

Future plans

Students seek military careers

by Kristina Martin

School days, school days- those dear old golden rule days. It was a time of meeting classes and fulfilling graduation requirements. But what happened after the structured "reading, writing, and 'rithmetic'?" For some, the fourth "R" meant recruiters.

"I went to the office just to see what they had to offer," said Jason Gray, senior, who had already enlisted in the Marine Corps, "I was not doing it for the help of money for college. I knew this would give me discipline and self reliance and I would become a better person."

According to Sergeant Mark Bullock, Army field recruiter, there were many options available for high school students want-

ing to enter into the military. The Navy also held many choices for those planning a future.

In these students eyes, the benefits outweighed the disadvantages.

"You had shelter, food, and all basic necessities provided," said Jason, "you could also travel overseas."

Paul Anderson, junior, who wanted to become a nuclear engineer, believed that giving up some freedoms were worth the payoffs.

"There's a good retirement pension and it paid for your travel and education. Most of all serving gave you a sense of accomplishment. You're working for your country and serving the flag. It's a great place to start," he said.

*West Nance
Amy Nelson
Lars Nelson
Terri Nelson*



*Bryan Nerich
Matt Ness
Doug Newton
Brad Nicholson*



*Jeff Niemeier
Lennie Niernberger
Christie Nixon
David Norris*



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Chris Ohsiek
Dan Oldehoeft*



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Lori Paden
Thomas Parker*



*Leslie Parkhurst
Julie Pennington
Joe Perniciaro
David Perry
Scott Phelps*



*Nanette Phillips
Sharla Pierce
Gary Pierson
Bridgett Pike
Martin Pike*



*Lynette Pither
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Amy Quinn
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*John Rapp
Edward Rapstine
Ramona Reddell
Heather Reed
Kristy Reedy*



*Jim Reeves
David Resch
Ana Rice
Brad Ricklefs
Angela Riley*



*Cathy Riley
Jason Rincker
Cathy Robertson
Allen Rolf
Joe Roos*



*Kendra Rose
Staci Ruckman
Jill Russell
Shannon Ryser
Pete Santulli*



Classes go past basics

to help students grow and mature

by Julie Hopp

Classes are usually chosen either because they are required or students choose what they feel to be "blow off" classes simply to fill the space. However many students felt the classes they chose were more than just fill-ins.

One of these classes was Self Development.

Self development was designed to help students relate better to other people and also to show how to cope with difficult situations such as alcoholism, drug and child abuse.

"It helped me to face the problems that I had and to see things further than what was in front of me," said Julie Norton, senior.

Child development was a hands on ex-

perience with children ranging from three to five years old.

"This class gave us different views of raising children other than our parents views," said Anne Hagan, junior.

Child expenses, pregnancy, child birth, and communication are just a few of the things taught.

Problem Solving is another of the many communication classes.

"It helped me understand what other people are thinking and their point of view. It helped me learn how to make the right decisions for myself," said Jason Pratt, junior.

Life will always bring unanswered questions and unexpected obstacles, but thanks to these classes, along with many others, the answers became a little bit easier.



PLAYING A GAME with the children in Child Development, Dana Gardner, senior, helps them to learn important lessons through simple techniques such as this (photo by Dina Guarino).



*Pete Schlosser
Brian Schmidt
Todd Schoonover
Tracy Schumer*

*Terry Sears
Tonya Sharp
Stephanie Shinkle
Eric Short*

*Chris Shultz
David Siebert
Staci Siener
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"I wrote and typed my paper in the same day."

-Charlie Walberg, senior

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Nancy Srinek
Kyle Smeltzer
Aaron Smith
Christie Smith*



*Christopher Smith
Marc Smith
Scott Smith
Rachel Spaw
John Stathopoulos*



*Wendi Steele
Mary Stephenson
Jason Stevens
Mark Stockmyer
Christy Stone*



*Deedra Stoneking
Hannah Sumerlin
Nevin Swofford
Stephanie Taliaferro
Jeff Taylor*



*Jennifer Taylor
T.J. Templeton
Shelly Terry
Nathan Thomas
Christian Thompson*



Stress factor runs high at mention of research

by Michelle Leverich

What is 10 pages long, takes about 4 weeks to complete and is a major cause of nervous stomachs and sleepless nights? It is an assignment that most students looked at with dread—the research paper.

“Most kids dreaded the research paper because of its length,” said Linda Alverson, Advanced Composition and College English teacher. “They dreaded all of the reading and putting thoughts together.”

Although most students did not look forward to writing a 10 page paper, they looked at it as a college prerequisite.

“I took Advanced Comp for college preparation because much of the writing done in college is term papers,” said Charlie Walberg, senior.

The research paper did more than simply

prepare students for college work.

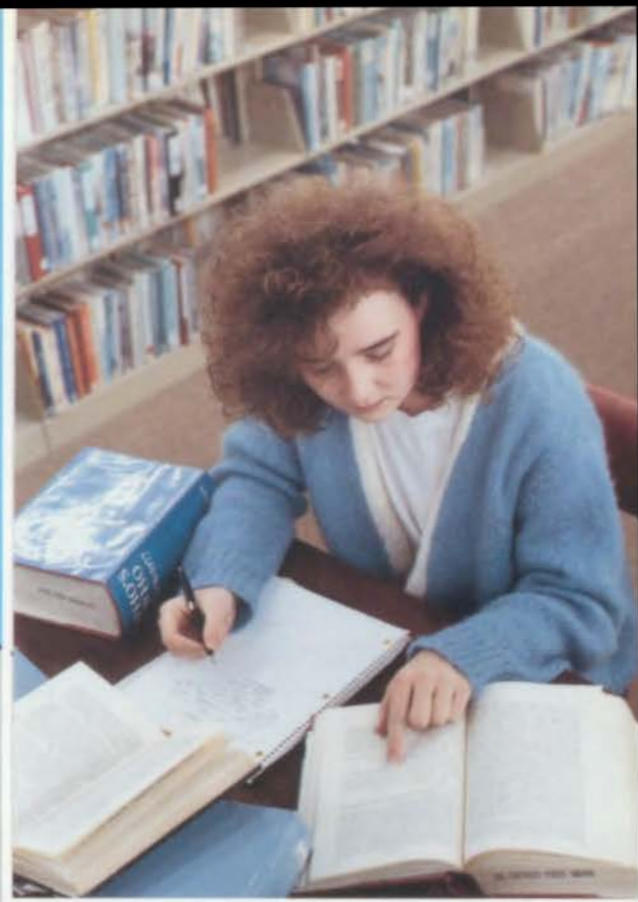
“The research paper gave kids the opportunity to do extensive reading, form opinions, and express their ideas based on what they read,” said Ms. Alverson.

Students took a different attitude toward writing the paper.

“A lot of work is involved like going to the library outside of school,” said Nancy Meier, senior. “It took up a lot of free time, but the part I really hated was having to actually sit down and write the paper.”

Some problems students faced included finding enough information on their topic, knowing when to footnote, and overcoming the art of procrastination.

“I learned a lesson about procrastination producing a lot of unwanted stress,” said Charlie. “I wrote and typed my paper in the same day.”



GATHERING THE SOURCES needed for a term paper, Ann DeArvil, senior, spends extra time in the library (photo by Jeff O'Dell).



Stacey Thompson
Miljan Timotijevic
Ron Tindall
Garl Dawn Tingler

Mark Troxel
Bill Turnage
James Turney
John Van Asselt

Karen Vanderhorn
Sabrina Vargus
Kevin Vieth
Eric Voorvart



*Scott Wagner
Charlie Walberg
Brittney Wallace
John Walter*



*Joanna Wardlow
Mark Warner
Shelley Watkins
Todd Weers*



“The cold weather made getting out of bed to go to school even more difficult.”

-Debbie Laboda, senior



*Jerry West
Tom Westermaier
Andrea White
David Whitehead
Shawn Whitehouse*



*Skip Whitt
Angela Wille
Autumn Williams
Joe Williams
Paul Williams*



*Ron Williams
Steve Williams
Shane Willmann
Shane Wilson
Rod Winkel*



*Angie Wishkeno
Tony Witcher
Ross Woody
Shane Worster
Russ Wright*



*Lee Yates
Devin York
Terri Yunger
Amy Zimmerman
Michelle Zink*



TRYING TO WIN the spirit competition gets the crowd involved in assemblies, but it has become tradition for the seniors to dominate (photo by David Siebert).

The outcome did not change

Senior spirit rigged

by Felicia Fernandez

Competition is a fact of life. Everybody wants to win, but the fact still remains that someone else might come out ahead.

The school spirit competition during assemblies was how rivalry between the classes was shown. The freshmen yelled, the sophomores yelled, the juniors yelled, then the seniors yelled. Like always, the seniors won.

"It's unfair. Just because they were seniors didn't mean they had to win," said Robin Halloran, sophomore.

"School spirit was felt by all the people

and it should not be for the seniors only," said Tammy Madel, junior.

Some felt that waiting your turn in line was part of the deal to winning.

"Seniors have been here four years. Everybody will get their turn. It is part of the totem pole," said Todd Krey, senior.

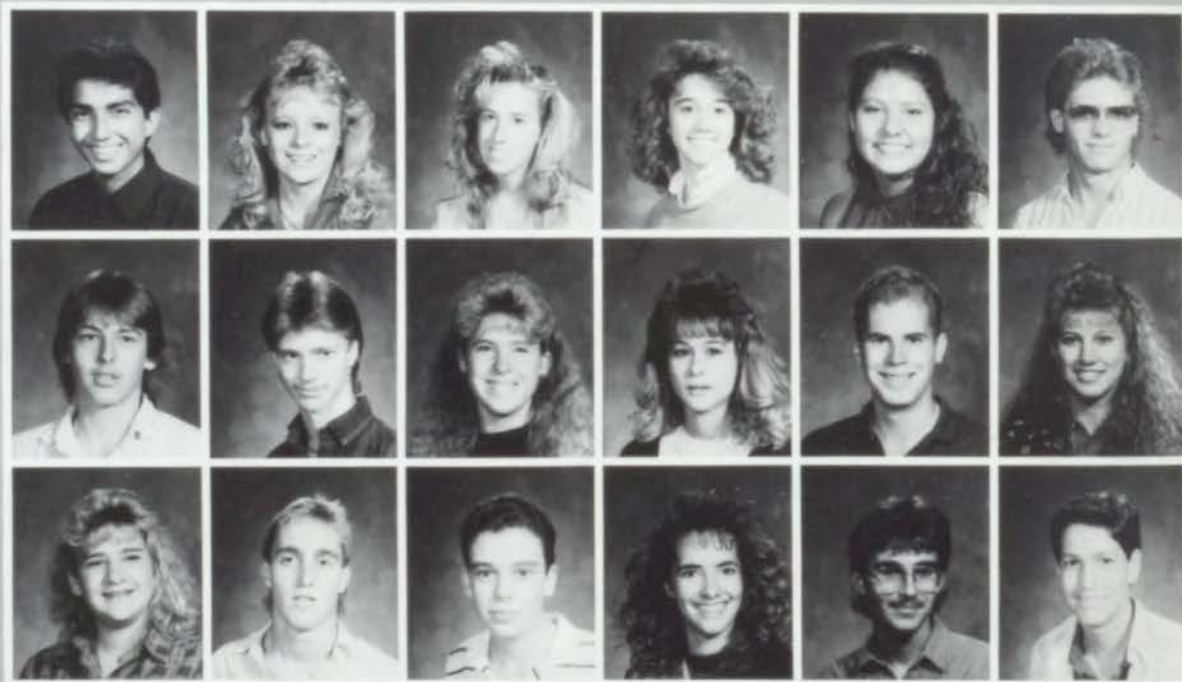
"I did not mind the seniors winning. When I am a senior it will happen to me," said Rob Waterfield, freshman.

Whether it was a tradition or just fun and games, the seniors continued to win, providing a reminder to underclassmen: it does not matter if you win or lose, it is how you play the game.

Tariq Abdullah
Shonla Adams
Coleen Adamson
Donna Addis
Michelle Affolter
Scott Allen

Sam Allison
Joel Anderson
Kelly Anderson
Kristie Anderson
Paul Anderson
Jill Arnold

Kathleen Aschentrop
Adam Ashcroft
Brian Atherton
Missey Atkins
Brian Axmann
Mike Azzaro



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Shawn Barclay*

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Tara Barnes
Ryan Barnett
Matt Barr
James Barry
Michelle Baysinger*

*Lance Beach
Jon Beard
Doug Beason
Don Beck
Andrew Beckett
Angie Bedgood*

*Dawn Behan
Annette Bennett
Paula Billings
Fred Bishop
Sonny Bivona
Stephanie Black*

*Jason Blackard
Misty Blankenship
Trey Boley
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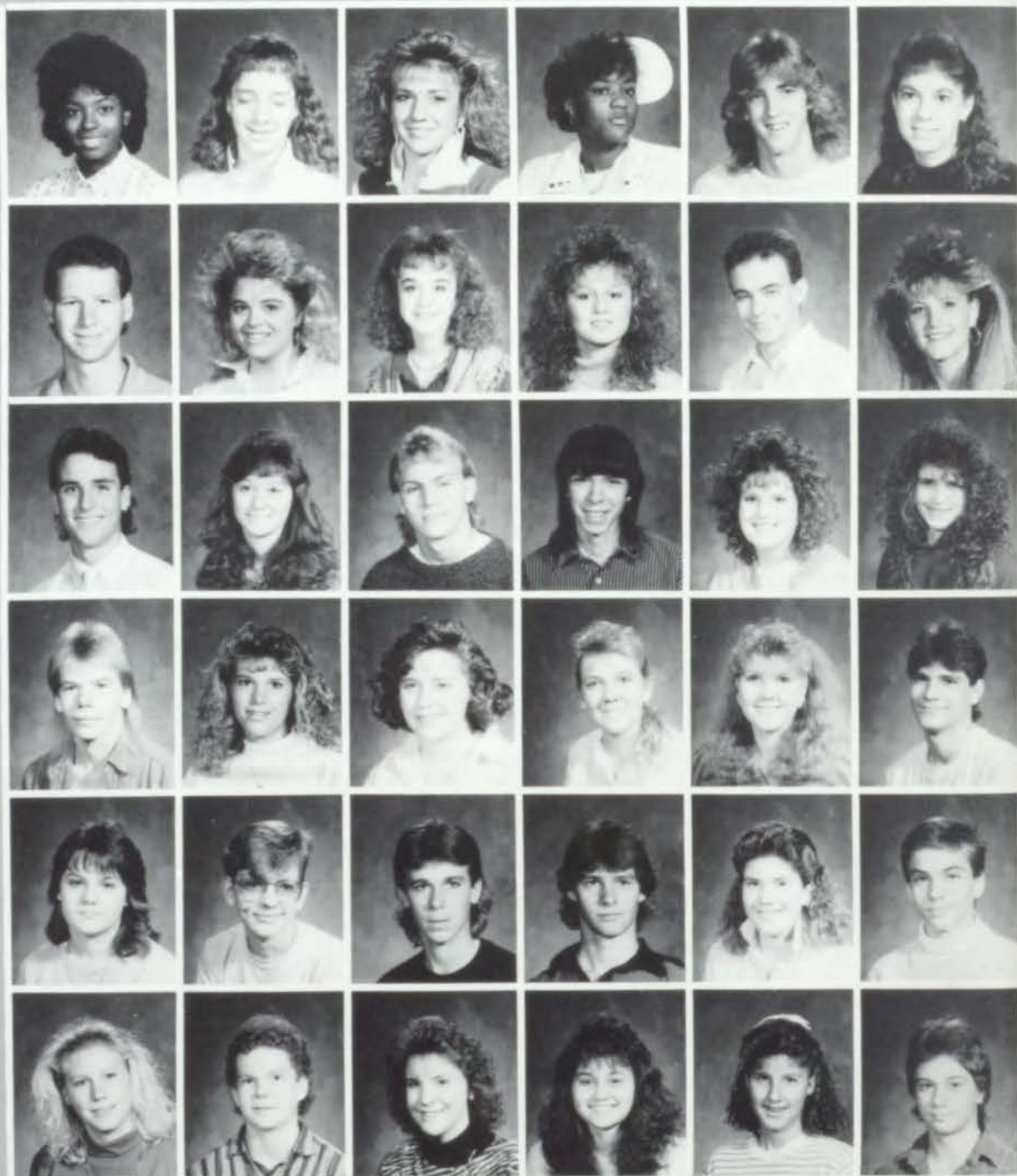
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Chonda Campbell
Jeff Cantu
Dana Cariddi

Charles Carolla
Kimberly Carter
Sammy Carter
Chad Cassel
Lori Chambers
Jennifer Cindrich

Don Clutter
Shannon Coffey
Heather Colbert
Candace Cook
Danna Cooley
Keith Coomer

Jenni Corbett
Craig Corda
Steve Cordle
Robert Cox
Stacey Crabtree
Todd Creel

Carol Cross
James Daft
Julie Dake
Dee Dee Davies
Tonya Davis
Charles Day





THE "GOLDEN ARCHES" proves to be a popular hangout for Juniors. Taking a break and enjoying each others company are Shonia Adams, Chris Riley, Rae Jean Sample, and Vic Ferrara, Juniors (photo by Beth Henson).



*Steve Day
Brian Delancy
Jane Devers
Kristina DeWald
Jill Dickerson*

*Bill Dietzschold
Brad Dillahunty
Steven Dulin
Ron Dyer
Jeff Eakin*

*Amy Eastland
Karri Eddy
Mike Edsall
Jeannine Engle
Rachel Estrada*

“It was easier than bookwork and you could also get a lot out of it,”

-Tariq Abdullah, junior

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 Aura Faxon
 Craig Fears
 Jennifer Feddersen
 Mike Ferguson
 Felicia Fernandez*



*Victor Ferrara
 John Fettera
 Melissa Finney
 Jim Fisher
 Aaron Fleenor
 Bonnie Fleming*



*Steve Foote
 Michelle Fox
 Brigette Fraizer
 Elizabeth Freeman
 Rodney Fry
 Melissa Galk*



*Stacey Garrison
 David Gately
 Karen Gilliam
 Greg Glass
 Dena Glathaar
 Kerri Gogan*



*Karen Goodman
 LeeAnn Grantham
 Kevin Greer
 Stephen Greer
 Karen Griesel
 Chris Griffin*



*Katie Grindstaff
 Lori Gunter
 Shauna Haddix
 Stacey Haerther
 Ann Hagan
 Kelly Hall*



Ratings in class

Movies get mixed reviews

by Nicole Payne

Like Siskel and Ebert, Oak Park students gave both thumbs up and thumbs down to watching movies in class.

For many students their rating depended on whether the movie was educational or interesting.

"I liked to watch movies if they were good but if they were boring I didn't watch them," said Jen Ando, sophomore.

The word "movie" in class meant a time of relaxation to some students.

"It was blow off time for me because nobody else listened either," said Heidi Brenner, junior.

According to Ana Rice, senior, watching movies was beneficial.

"I always watched them because sometimes you could learn something."

Some of the students favorite movies were the "Scarlet Pimpernel" and the "Jane Pittman Story."

Whether they watched the movies or not, most students agreed that they were a good

idea.

"It was easier than bookwork and you could also get a lot out of it," said Tariq Abdullah, junior.

There were different reasons for watching movies. Some teachers used it as a teaching aid. Others used it more loosely.

According to Mrs. Jenny Yates and Ms. Susie Tarwater, English teachers, the movies watched in their classes dealt with a novel they had been reading, such as "Of Mice and Men."

"If they studied what they saw first, they were more interested and they understood it better," said Ms. Tarwater.

Mr. Jerry Brasel, history teacher, felt movies were important because they helped break the monotony of listening to lectures. He used them to enlarge upon what his classes had been studying.

Overall, most teachers gave a thumbs up to watching movies in class.

"You could always get something out of it," said Mrs. Linda Salsbury, Biology teacher, "unless you slept."



BREAKING FROM THE routine of lectures, students in Mrs. Jane Mace's Sociology class watch a Geraldo tape on satini* (photo by Jason Rincker).



**Mary Hampton
Bill Hankins
Matt Harp
Pam Heinen
Kim Helms
Bryan Heinz**

**Jim Helman
Tom Helder
Lori Henegar
Matt Hendey
Beth Henon
Danny Hernandez**



PLANNING A MEAL is a standard task for Mrs. Zeta Davidson's Advanced Foods class. Discussing each other's ideas are Greta Hedrick, Chris Mazza and Lisa Dals, seniors (photo by Chris O'Neil).

*Jason Holzapfel
Stacey Hoover
Julie Hopp
Brian Huber
Daryl Huber*



*Rex Husted
Mark Ingels
Brad Jackson
Chris Jacobsmeyer
Jessica Jessee*



*Tammy Jester
Richard Jewell
Angela Johnson
Bonnie Johnson
David Johnson*



“Mrs. (Zeda) Davidson was very helpful during labs.”

-Lisa Dais, senior



*Jennifer Johnson
Brian Johnston
Tracy Jones
Rick Judy
Carrle Jurgens
Jason Jurgenson*



*Tammy Kaske
Steve Keepes
David Kelly
Chris Kemp
Bill Kirk
Jeff Kirk*



*Neil Kish
John Knepper
Karen Knepper
Kevin Kolka
Deana Lane
John Lane*



*Phil Lantio
Megan Lary
Tammy LeBoeuf
Jenny Lemaster
Jenny Lesnet
Angie Lethcoe*



*Renee Leverich
Becky Leuty
Trena Lewis
Larry Liebsch
Jon Lile
Steve Limpic*



*Sharla Lloyd
Christie Logston
Jennifer Lohr
Toby Long
Tasha Love
David Lucas*



JUNIORS HOPED TO avoid having to wear their senior shirts inside-out by planning early (photo by Joel Barnette).

Juniors work through problem Start sweatshirts early

by Mike Murphy

Senior sweatshirts have been a way for seniors to express themselves at the end of their high school years. The sweatshirts hold memories from the past.

Because there had been problems in the planning of the sweatshirts in the past, this year's juniors had already begun to plan their sweatshirts by January. The main problem was deciding on a slogan.

"The new senior class tried to be better than the class before," said Carrie Jurgens, junior.

The problem was having a sweatshirt that was acceptable to the school administration.

A group of juniors had started to plan their senior year early. This attempt was stopped by the administration who had ideas

to help the junior class plan the shirts. According to Mr. Bennie Cain, assistant principal, they wanted to form a committee to design the shirts as a money making project for the class.

"The idea of having a senior shirt was a neat idea because it would identify them as all being from Oak Park," said Mr. Jim Hughes, assistant principal. "I don't understand why people would want to be identified with alcohol or controlled substances."

David Gately, junior, thought people were testing the administration.

"They said they wanted to see if they could wear the sweatshirts and get away with it," he said.

Carrie agreed with Mr. Hughes and felt that "our shirt should be something we can wear to school and be proud of."

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Donna Mackley*

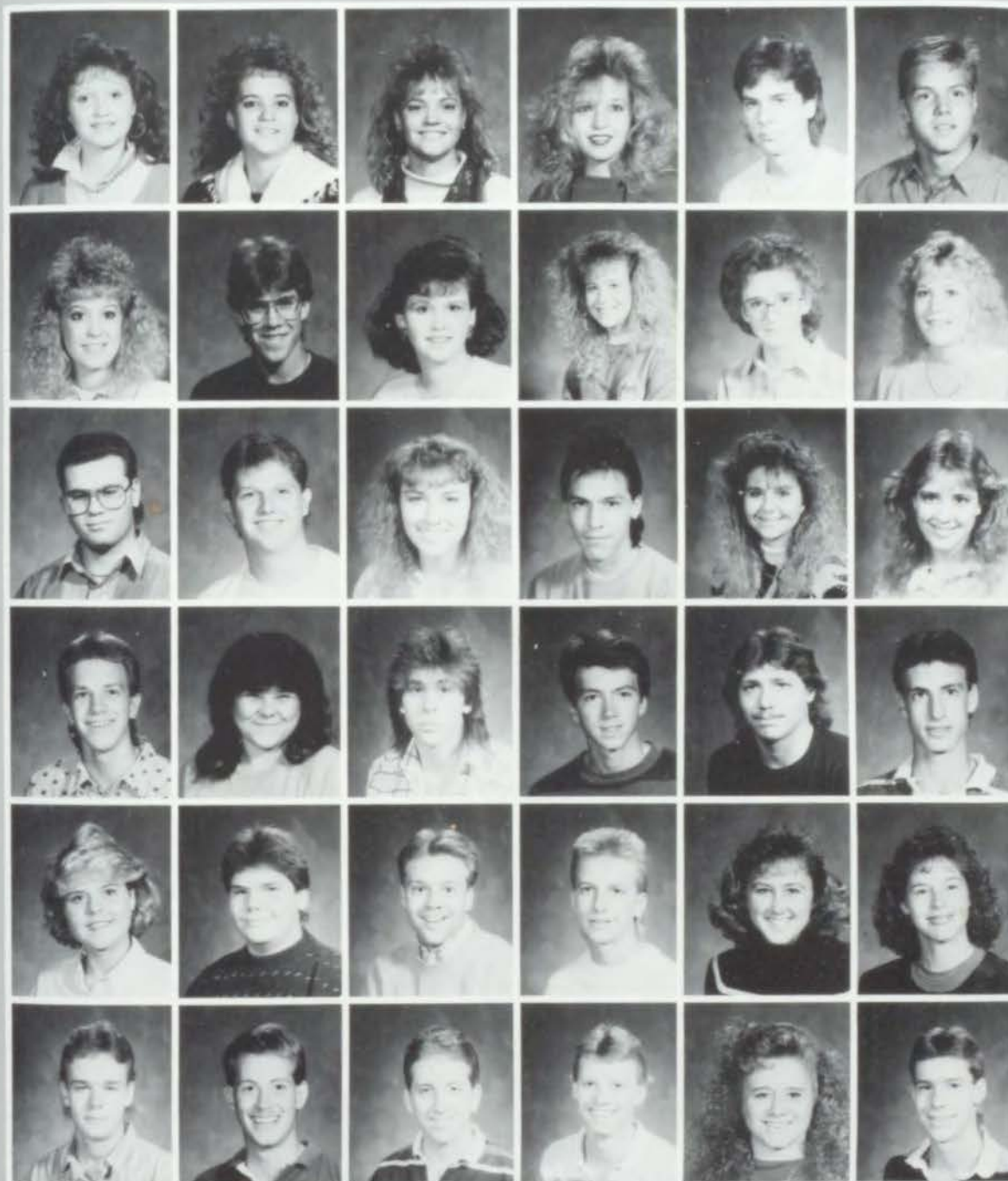
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“Our shirt should be something we can wear to school and be proud of.”

Carrie Jurgens, junior



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Angela Mesh
Eddie Messina
Kyle Meyer

Paula Michals
Dustin Miller
Jennifer Miller
Julie Miller
Rebecca Minter
Kristina Mitchell

John Moczulski
Chad Montgomery
Taira Moore
Nicholas Morales
Petra Morgan
Sharon Morris

Stuart Muehl
Sherry Muff
Aaron Mumma
Sean Murphy
Bill Mutch
James Muttl

Melissa Nagy
David Nance
Scott Neal
Steve Neer
Emily Nelles
Kelly Newell

Shane Nichols
Doug Noble
Douglas Noble
Brett Nugent
Michelle Oldham
Michael O'Roarke

“Although Snow Creek was fun, it didn’t compare to the Rockies.”

-Tom Meyer, senior

*Michael Otterman
Angela Paden
Chris Parkinson
Michael Pastor
Donald Patrick
Earl Patrick*



*Michael Pearson
Bretton Peart
John Peel
Michael Pence
Mark Peterson
Tricia Peterson*



*Bill Petry
Caroline Peuker
Annette Pittman
Jennifer Pittsenbarger
Jenny Plush
Linda Polfus*



*Lisa Pollard
Louis Pollina
Jason Pope
Jamie Praisewater
Jason Pratt
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*Lance Price
Michelle Primeaux
Chad Quasebarth
Amy Rathgeber
Tracy Rausch
Mark Reiter*



*David Relford
Renee Reynaud
Karrie Rhoad
Tammy Richardson
Renee Rickettes
Anna Marie Ricono*





OAKIES PLAYED IT cool on the slopes at Snow Creek again last winter. For the students, Weston was a welcome change to the winter warmth in K.C. (photo by Paula Michaels).



*Laura Ridge
Amy Riggs
Chris Riley
Tamra Riley
Alan Ringhausen
Susan Roberts*

*Scott Robeson
Dee Dee Robinson
Richard Rodgers
Mike Roos
Amy Roth
Doug Rupell*

*Allison Sakata
Dena Salisbury
Dawn Sample
Damon Samuel
John Santra
Diana Sauer*

“I didn’t think of the job as being a senior responsibility.”

-Jason Blackard, junior

*Teresa Sauer
Laurie Scallci
Heidi Schallberg
Tabbatha Schnoebelen
Tom Schuerman*



*Carleton Scofield
Scott Seyller
David Shackelford
Shelly Shaw
Beth Simpson*



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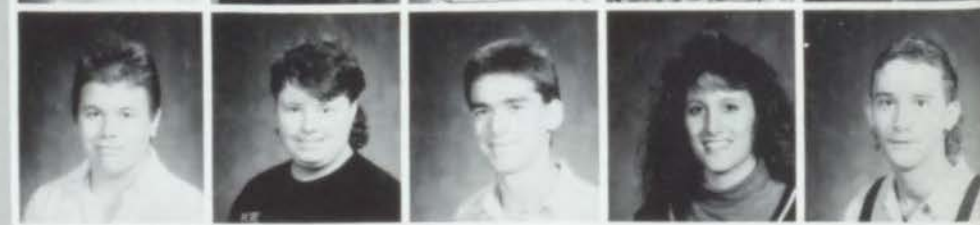
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Marty Snitker
Daniel Sole
Michael Solis*



*Joseph Soltis
Michelle Soules
Stephanie Speich
Chris Spinola
Derek Spradlin*



*Jeff St.John
Andrew Stanard
Chad Starr
Beth Stinard
Cory Strother*



Experience beats seniority Youth lead clubs

by Coleen Adamson

Experience, respect, and responsibility are three qualities found in leaders. Although age typically falls under experience, this year's club leaders may not have been the oldest but were still at the top.

Missy Nagy, junior, tackled the responsibility of sports editor of Log which is usually a senior task. She attributed her ability to work with seniors to experience.

"I was 'Timberline' editor last year so I think the experience and respect I gained helped a lot," she said.

For Jason Blackard, junior, the key to

being president of Amnesty International was equality.

"I didn't think of the job as being a senior responsibility. I just tried to tell everybody what to do equally."

Mark Reiter, junior, was secretary and treasurer of the National Forensic League. He dealt with the responsibility of leadership by gaining the respect of the seniors.

The French and the Spanish clubs were also led by junior officers.

Jeff Sutton, junior and vice-president of French club, said "It was not that big of a deal because in French club there were more underclassman."

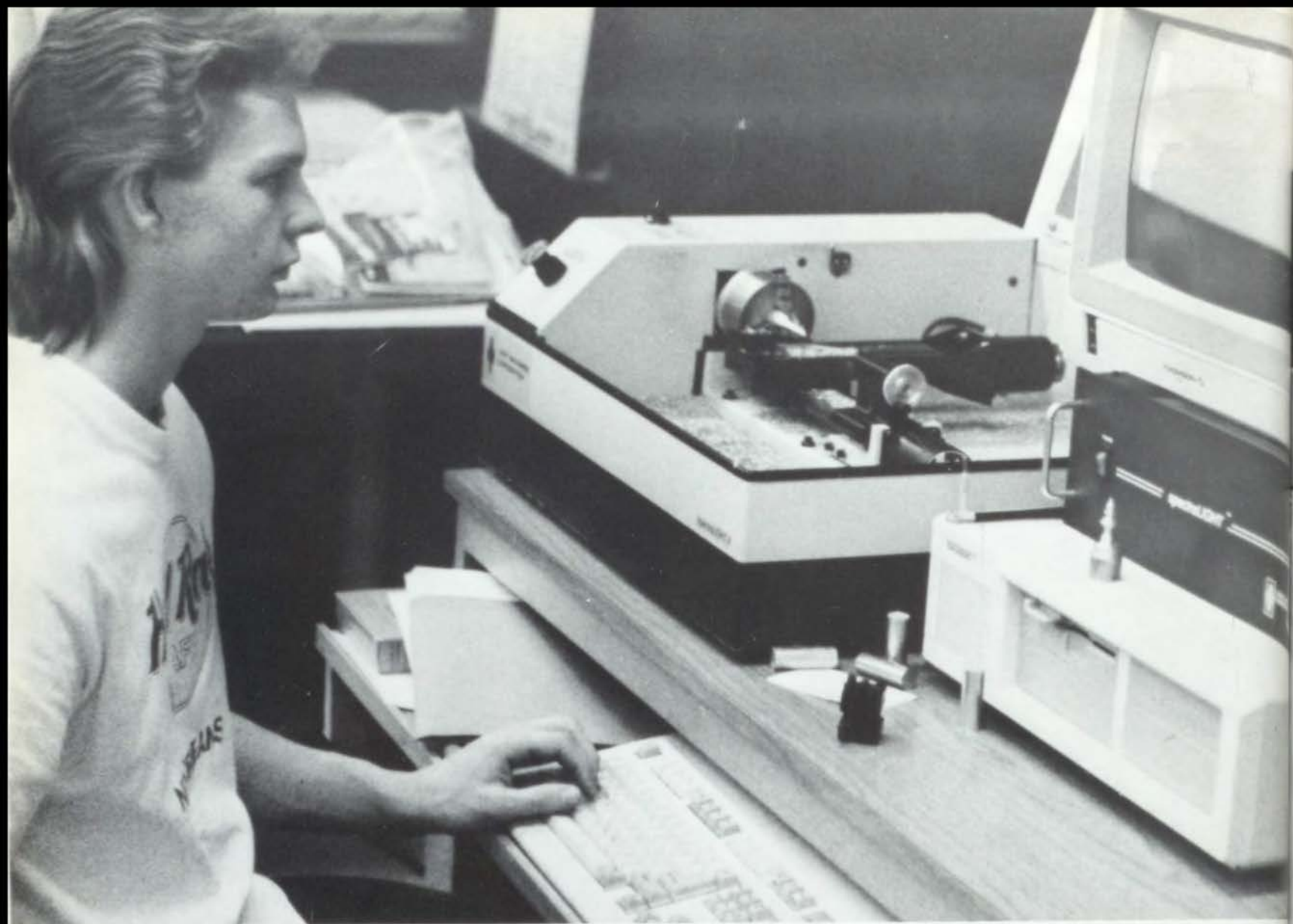
TAKING CHARGE OF Spanish club without senior influence is Paul Anderson, Gregg Glass, and Kristina Martin, Juniors. They learn how to tackle their responsibilities with ease (photo by Stacey Haerther).



Mike Sturm
Jeff Sutton
Matt Sweeny
Chris Swetnam
Susan Swiss

David Swob
Stephanie Taylor
Tiffany Taylor
Tina Taylor
Ceve Teague

Tara Teel
Lelf Terslin
June Thomas
Connie Thompson
Rebecca Thompson



INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS, like Chris Riley, junior, can now perform precise tasks with the new computer lathe showing technology at its best (photo by David Swob).

*Jennifer Tice
Tara Tlachinski
Scott Tolle
Justin Toms*



*Rose Torres
Christie Townsend
Rhonda Trekell
Ginni Troglin*



*Jennifer Trombly
Dana Tyhurst
Laura Tyhurst
Shannon Umscheid*



“This new technology will help students cope with what they will encounter.”

-Mr. Lonnie Stephenson, Drafting teacher



*Adolfo Uriarte
Mike Vandenburg
Nicole Vaughn
Eric Wagner
Jason Walker*



*Katherine Walsh
Todd Walters
Diane Wathen
Anne Watkins
Steve Welch*



*Casey Wentler
Jeff Wescott
Tina Westwood
David Whitcraft
Jeff Whitton*



*Robert Wibrigt
Jeffrey Williams
Rickey Williams
Kim Willis
Jennifer Wilson*



*Kimberly Winkel
Scott Wolverton
Angle Worrel
Travis Wrigley
Aaron Wyatt*



*Amy Yardley
James Yardley
Jason Young
Melissa Zeff
Jody Zollars*

“The bus is bigger than anything out there, so I felt pretty safe.”

-Charles Fredricks, freshman

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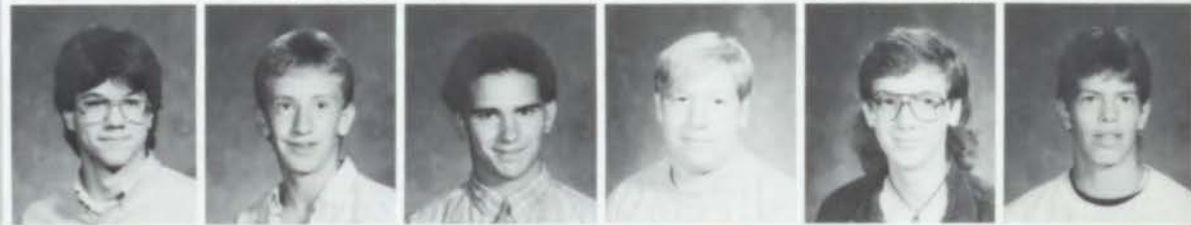
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Joe Arnone
John Arns
Mike Badami
Amanda Baker*



*Brian Baker
Bryan Baker
Jeremy Baker
Donald Balagna
Ryan Bargfrede
Ethan Barksdale*



*Wayne Bassett
Bart Bates
Brian Bavaro
Jeff Baxter
Scott Beatty
Spencer Beck*



*Jennifer Bell
Alexander Benito
Jamie Bethke
Jay Binkley
Katherine Black
Patrick Black*



*Shella Bleich
Matt Bogart
Jamie Boling
Jeff Bolton
Tracey Booth
David Bosse*



Bus wreck before school

Riders not fazed by accident

by Dave Relford

Bus accidents happen with such a rare occurrence that students often took for granted that it never happens. That was not the case on September 26, as bus number 84 was in route to school. It was involved in an accident with another car near the intersection of 75th Street and Troost.

"I didn't know what happened when we hit. I thought we just ran over a curb," said Charles Fredricks, freshman, who was on the bus.

Although the accident was not serious, it did put some ideas in the back of many

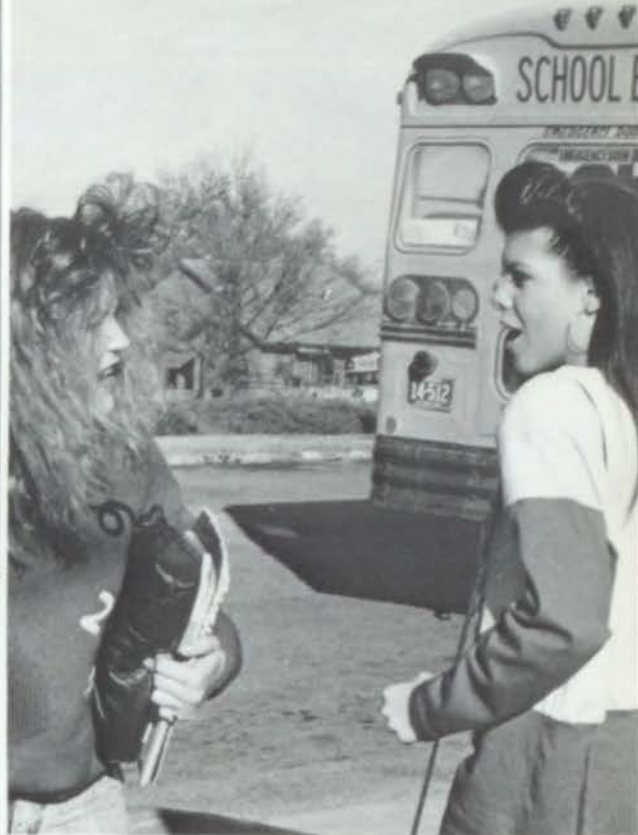
students' minds.

"Going past that same spot the next couple of days or so made me feel very nervous, but I got used to it," said Anne Goodell, freshman.

"I wasn't really afraid, although sometimes I got nervous," said Cheryl Pickett, freshman, "but I felt pretty safe."

"No one stopped riding the bus that I know of, so I guess everybody thought it was safe," said Charles. "The bus is bigger than anything else out there, so I felt pretty safe."

North Kansas City, as well as other area districts, were confronted with a rash of bus wrecks right after the school year began.



JUST BEFORE RIDING the bus home, Kelly Scott and Lisa Werle, sophomores, exchange a few last-minute words (photo by Stacey Haerther).



*Cynthia Bowen
Benny Boydston
Kristi Branca
Marc Brandenburg
Niki Bratcher
Jenny Brehm*

*Suzanne Breitenstein
Jason Brewer
Stacey Brewer
Tricia Brock
Beth Brooks
Chad Brown*

*Jason Brown
James Buck
Mandy Bumgarner
Karen Burec
Jennifer Burger
Joel Burnette*



WAITING WITH A smile for her popcorn Shelley Armstrong, sophomore, treats herself before the movie. (photo by Lori Bunning). Survey compiled by Karen Knepper, Angie Shepherd, Dustyn Stoneking, and Carrie Jurgens.

*Anthony Calcara
Jesse Camacho
Jon Campbell
Angie Cannell
Binnie Cannon
Jennifer Carnicom*

*Matt Carnicom
Kassandra Carpenter
Benjamin Carson
Lorena Castro
Jeffrey Chappell
Jill Charley*

*Jennifer Chen
Chris Cipolla
Vernon Circello
Cindy Closterman
Robert Cobianchi
Jason Cole*



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Party
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CLOTHING
Rolled Up Pants
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Sweaters

MOVIES
"Twins"
"Rainman"

SONGS
Guns-N-Roses-
"Sweet Child 'Of Mine"
Sam Kinnison-
"Wild Thing"



Nicole Compton
Katherine Conrad
Deanna Cook
Kelly Cook
Joel Cooley
Kenzle Cordray

John Corn
Jo Marie Corpora
Megan Crain
Stacey Crispell
Clinton Cross
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Ed Dulin
John Durone
John Dutro
Chris Eason

Mikki Eaton
Jennifer Engle
Terri Estes
Brian Eugenio
Melissa Evans
Lucy Fakhry



ALTHOUGH SUFFERING FROM asthma, Brandon Scott, sophomore, never gives up his determination to succeed (photo by Jeanine Engle).

Condition no obstacle

Sophomore proves to be winner

by Jason Rincker

Running and pain. They go together like sweat socks and a rank odor. After doing it for a while some people get a pleasure out of it, and those that do not, stop! That is all but one. Brandon Scott, sophomore, is one of those people who ran through the pain.

Since about five years ago when he went into the hospital with a case of pneumonia he has had asthma.

"When I have an attack it feels like my lungs are being squeezed by a vice," said Brandon.

Most average people become out of breath by running just one mile. Brandon dealt with oxygen debt that came with running 3.1 miles (a race) to 8 miles (a practice), plus the difficulty of running with asthma.

"Somedays are worse than others," said Brandon. "I've swam for five years and ran the last two. During or right after some races I've had attacks bad enough that they have taken me to the hospital."

Despite his condition, Brandon has run varsity cross country his freshman and sophomore years. With the help of his inhaler Brandon said he would continue to run even with the pain.

**Mary Faxon
Mike Feedback
Tom Ferrel
Felicia Ferrero
Tammy Fish
Kathy Fleming**



**Todd Flowers
Rowena Floyd
Kim Fortner
Heath Foster
Shane Foster
Chris Fowler**



**Keri Francisco
Mike Franklin
Brian Freeman
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Robert Gay
Sheri George



Travis George
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Chris Gould
Kathy Greer
Michael Gregory



Jerusha Grosby
Jason Grossman
Cherise Guadagnano
Kyle Gunion
Robin Halloran
Tammi Ham



Beth Hammer
Molly Hanner
Renee Harter
Chris Hassenflug
Seanna Haston
Troy Head



Anna Hebert
Maggie Henderson
Tommy Henderson
Andrew Herbig
Karlynn Herman
Paula Hibdon



Chris Hiebert
Alan Hill
Lawrence Hobbs
Lea Anne Hoke
Shawn Hollis
Shannon Holloway

“Lunch is more fun if you have someone to talk to.”

-Sheldon DeArvil, sophomore

*Mark Hopper
Anne Horton
Deborah Horton
Lorraine Hougham
Chad Huber
Jenny Humar*



*Brian Hurst
Melissa Ibarra
Tracey Ildertoni
Vincent Imbriani
Shannon Inghram
Richard Isaacs*



*Nicole Jennings
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Fred Jones
Jason Julin
Tina Kalin*



*Shannon Kaske
Deanne Keever
David Kennedy
Chad Kershner
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Guy Kirtley
Stephanie Kishie
Jamie Klein
Joe Knopf
Kami Kobby*



*Erica Kober
Melissa Laity
Angela Lambert
Kim Larson
Nicole Lavalley
Russell Laverentz*





WITH LUNCH TIME at hand, Bart Bates, Binnie Cannon, Mark Hopper, Chris Dold, Matt Sanders, and Mike Lowrey, sophomores, make sure they have plenty to drink (photo by Chris O'Neil).



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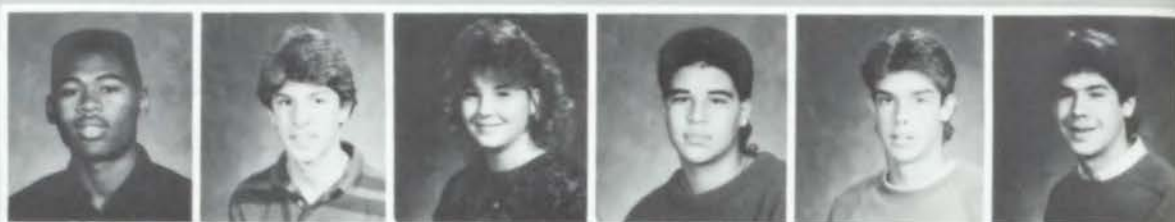
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“The computer grading system is set up for objective questions.”

-Mr. Keith Smith, teacher

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Ernesto Marquez
Danny Marr
Doug Marr*



*Lorraine Martin
Angela Martz
Rebecca Massa
Mara Mathis
Stephanie Mathis
Tom Mathis*



*Robert McAfee
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Corey McCammon
Tracy McCarter
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Shawn McLaughlin*



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Michael McPheeters
Brian Mehl
Melinda Mehl
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Laurie Milligan
Catherine Mills
Tom Mock
Kevin Montgomery*



Work load eased

Teachers aided by development

by Kim Carter

With the advancement of technology, the new computer grading system enabled some teachers to eliminate the endless hours of grading.

This device enabled the teachers to punch in the correct answers into the computer. They ran tests and quizzes through and it marked the incorrect problems.

The computer system brought up the question of whether or not computer graded tests really evaluate the student's true ability.

"I think in some ways, computer graded tests are better but essay tests your knowledge more," said Candace Balkovek, junior.

"According to a study that has been done over the last ten years, multiple choice is the

most accurate way of testing," said Mr. Keith Smith, Biology II teacher. "The computer grading system is set up for totally objective questions."

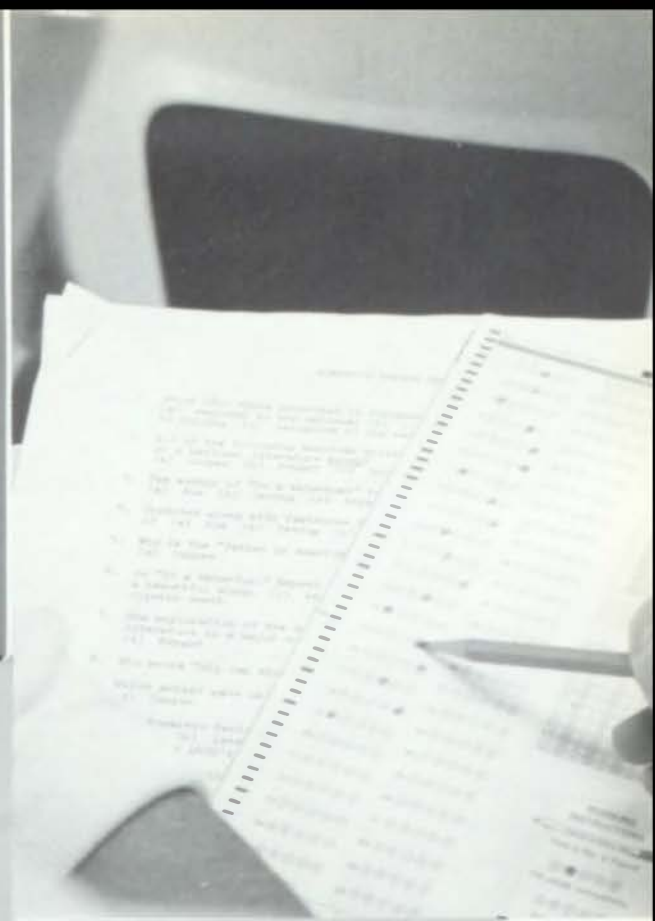
Some students had other opinions as to what testing form required more knowledge for them.

"I think short answer and essays make you think more," said Doug Rupell, junior.

The new system was a step ahead, but it was not cheap.

"If teachers wanted to use the grading machine, they had to buy the forms themselves. They cost a nickel a piece," said Mr. Gary O'Dell, World Geography teacher.

Saving time is a concept that people try to accomplish, and with the help of new machines, many teachers were able to conserve.



THE COST OF computer test grading did not stop its use by teachers (photo by Rachel Estrada).



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Erik Nedblake
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Laurence Neer
Deborah Nelson*

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Rustin Ness
Bryant Nobles
Kristopher Noel
Michael O'Brien
Brent O'Donnell*



DOWN WITH THE old and up with the new. Workers replace the EXT roller coaster with the long-awaited wooden Timberwolf at Worlds of Fun (photo by Scott Melton).

*Chris O'Neil
Frederick O'Neill
Beckett O'Reilly
Frederick Occhipinto
Zachary Odil
Michelle Odom*



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Lindy Ohrnell
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Katrina Oldham
Rodney Olmedo*



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Dan Pate*



“When a roller coaster squeeks and creaks, it adds more excitement.”

-Tammy LeBoeuf, junior



*Nicole Payne
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Douglas Phillips*

*Ernest Pither
Megan Poole
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Michelle Rodman*

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Kristina Roland
Jennifer Ross
Michael Rukavina
John Rupard*



SAY OOOUUUCH! Shannon Coffey, Junior, waits patiently while the orthodontist tightens her braces (photo by Rachel Estrada).

Orthodontics

Ridicule vs. Discomfort

by Deedra Stoneking

Jokingly- Metal mouth, tinsel teeth, and brace face. All are commonly used nicknames for those faces with braces.

Realistically-

An appliance for correcting position irregularities of the teeth.

Many students at some point in their lives will seek orthodontic treatment.

Most will wear braces during a portion of their high school years and encounter the frustration of every day discomfort, along with namecalling by their peers.

Braces wearers were full of mixed emotions. The majority would rather die than have a display of wire fixed to their teeth.

"I was glad that I got to have braces because I hated my crooked teeth," said Stacy Williams, sophomore.

"I was always ashamed to smile before,

but when the railroad tracks came off I could barely wait to flash my straight toothed grin," she said.

Braces made even the simplest tasks difficult and less enjoyable whether it be eating or singing in the choir, having braces made this a problem.

One braces wearer, Neil Watkins, senior, said, "Having braces was an obstacle. It made eating a struggle. You could only eat certain foods, and sometimes you had to chew with your tongue.

Although discomfort was a problem, so was dealing with the ridicule from siblings and friends.

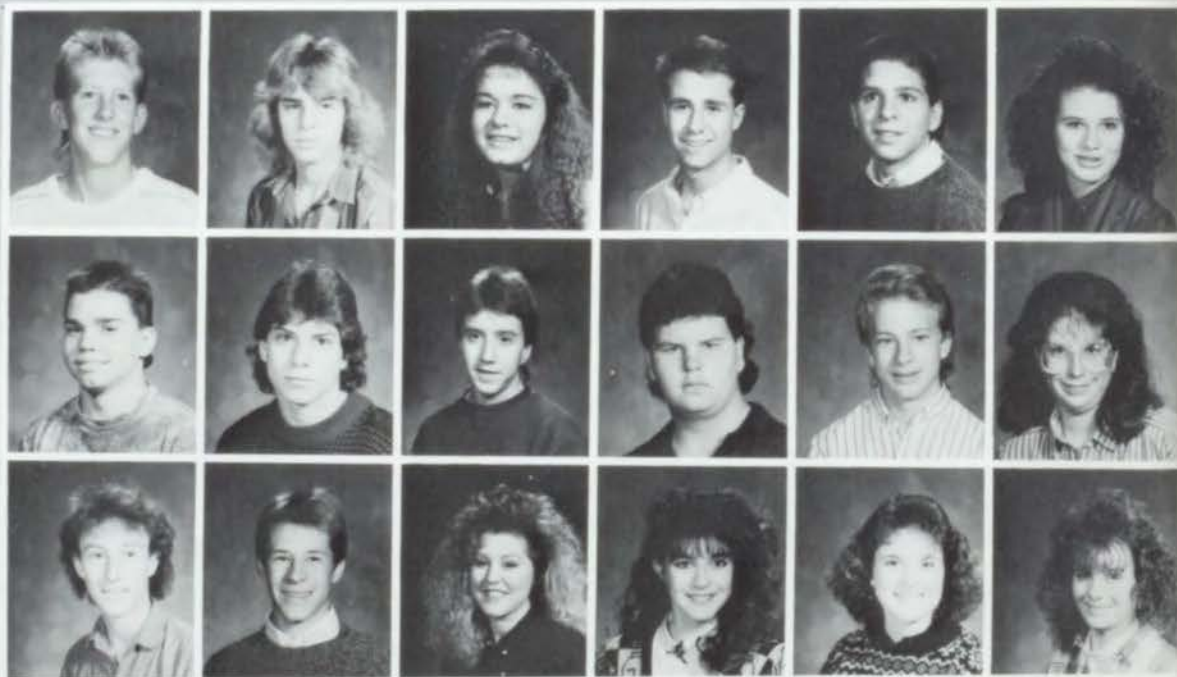
"My little brother would call me 'tin grin' when I first got my braces on, but after a while, I was used to it," said Stacy.

Despite the agony when they were on, wearing braces was well worth it when they were taken off, and straightened whites were left for all to see.

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Stephen Saluzzi
Dawna Sanders
Matt Sanders
Shane Sandridge
Shannon Sandstrom

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Christopher Smith*

*Elizabeth Smith
Jennifer Smith
Julie Snow
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Josephine Spinelli
Jennifer Spinola*

*Jerry Steele
Elaine Stegeman
Megan Stevens
Jennifer St. John
Scottl Stockwell
Allison Stone*

*Dustyn Stoneking
Julia Swanson
Joseph Swenson
Wayne Swift
Annie Swob
Rhonda Tanner*

*Jason Tenney
Krista Terry
Greg Terwilliger
Larry Test
Tessa Thomas
Carol Thompson*

“It’s fun and educational to be able to make something out of wood.”

-Brian Baker, sophomore

*Jenna Thompson
Michael Thornton
Randall Thornton
Andrea Thurston
Jeffrey Toates
James Tobeck*



*Adrian Torres
Tony Torres
Shanna Tucker
John Turnage
Tara Turner
Mauricio Uribe*



*Ryan VanWinkle
Allen Voorvart
Jason Wade
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Kristine Wagner
Faith Wahl*



*Scott Wall
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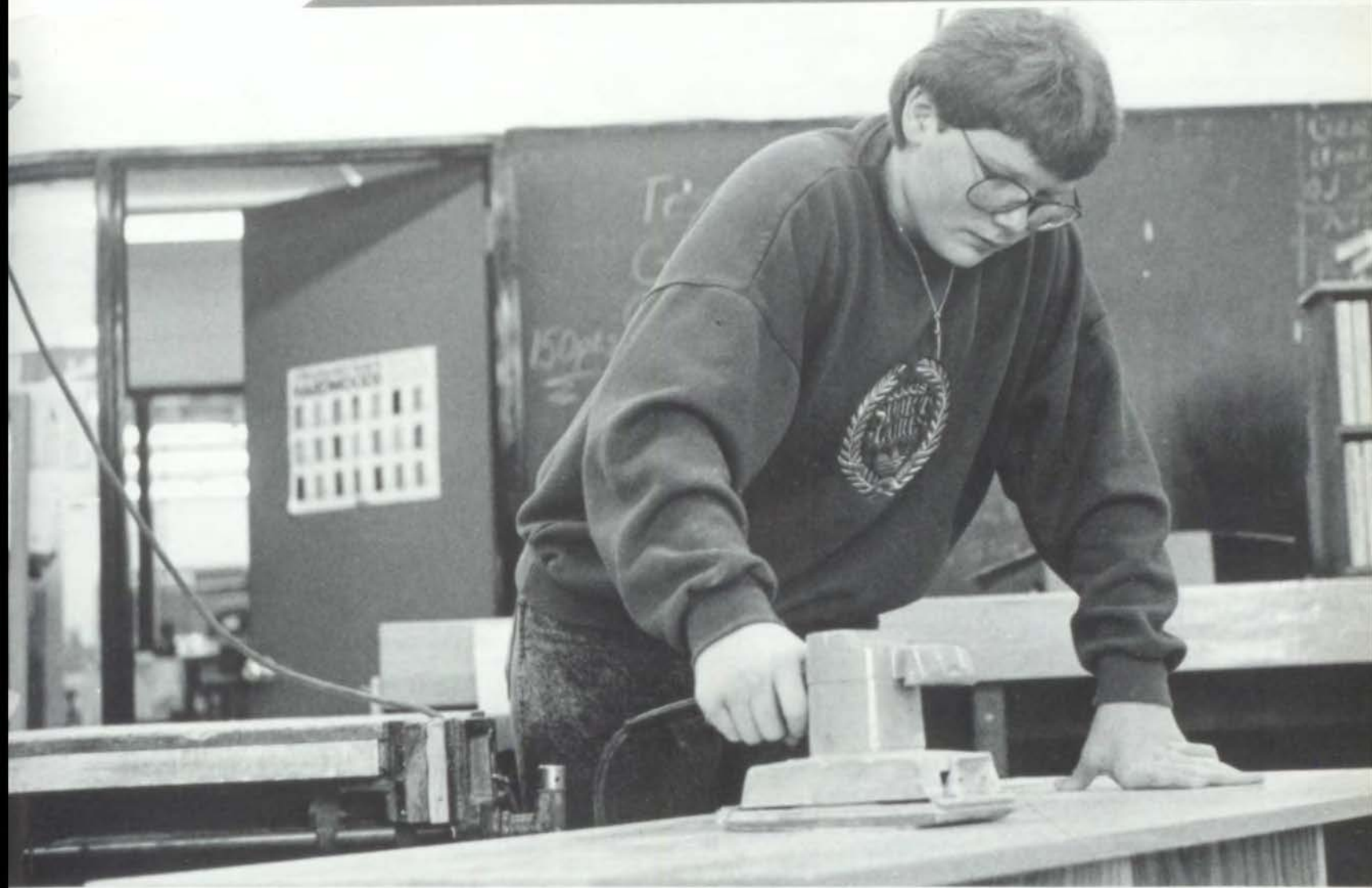


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Michael Wells
Lisa Werle
Patrick West
Jenny White
Marla White*



*Stacy White
Susan Whited
Cherlyn Wilhelm
Michelle Wilhelm
Edward Williams
Heather Williams*





SANDING A DESK with determination is Brian Baker, sophomore. He applies his skill to building a project for wood class (photo by David Swob).



*Mathew Williams
Stacy Williams
Troy Willmann
Meredith Wills
Greg Wisely
Jeff Witteborg*

*Michelle Wohlfarth
Shawn Wolfe
Eric Wooden
Matt Woods
John Wooten
Robert Wynn*

*Doug Yarrington
Christopher Youngers
Mohammed Zahabi
John Zeller
Jill Ziegler
Carrie Zimmer
Stacey Zimmer*

“It was like a recess, just a chance to get away from the books.”

-Jeff Cox, freshman

*Louis Accurso
Moranda Ackley
Bill Addis
Phillip Aidnik
George Algozzini
Kevin Amaro*



*Shelly Ambrose
Tamara Amos
Amy Anderson
Carl Anderson
Cheryl Anderson
Adam Araiza*



*James Arendt
Theresa Arnone
Aimee Asbury
Vincent Atchison
Joseph Auffert
Mark Axmann*



*Dawn Baker
Mindy Barnett
Ann Barry
Tom Barton
Tom Barzee
Melissa Bates*



*Jason Bauman
Jesse Baxter
Beth Beckum
Melody Beeker
Samantha Belcher
Kevin Bell*



*Fabian Benito
Chris Bennett
Matthew Bennett
Melissa Bertalan
Tiffany Beverlin
Clayton Bishop*



Gym brought foul odor

Frosh sweat it out

by Scott Wall

When freshmen reflected on their first year in high school one memory that stood out was trying to keep from smelling after gym class.

"I left a towel, couple cans of deoderant, and the cologne in my locker. No time to take a shower," Jeff Cox, freshman, said.

"I used a lot of deoderant and cologne. Put a lot of both on," Danny Hensel, freshman, said. "Sweating was kind of a problem."

Smelling was not the only problem, bringing clothes and making it on time to class were only two more.

"It was a pain to bring clothes and get dressed in time for class," Danny said.

Sliding by was a trick used by some frosh who would try to keep from perspiring too much.

"I would just kind of slack off sometimes," Jeff said.

After all the odor has cleared, most students enjoyed gym class. It became an easy way to take a break.

For some students gym was more than just a sweaty class; it was fun and a place to catch a break, according to Chad Kelco, freshman.

"Gym was like a recess, just a chance to get away from the books," Jeff said.



SWEATING IT OUT. Noah Elsner and Mike Pittsenbarger, freshmen, run laps to warm up before gym class (photo by David Swob).



Jennifer Black
Heather Blackburn
Corey Blair
Richard Bolek
Rebecca Boley
Michelle Bond

Matthew Bonsignore
Jeff Bontrager
Michelle Boswell
Tracie Brandenburg
Bryan Britton
Marcus Brookings

Chris Brotzman
Eric Browning
Janae Brozenic
Amy Buck
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Phaedra Burgess

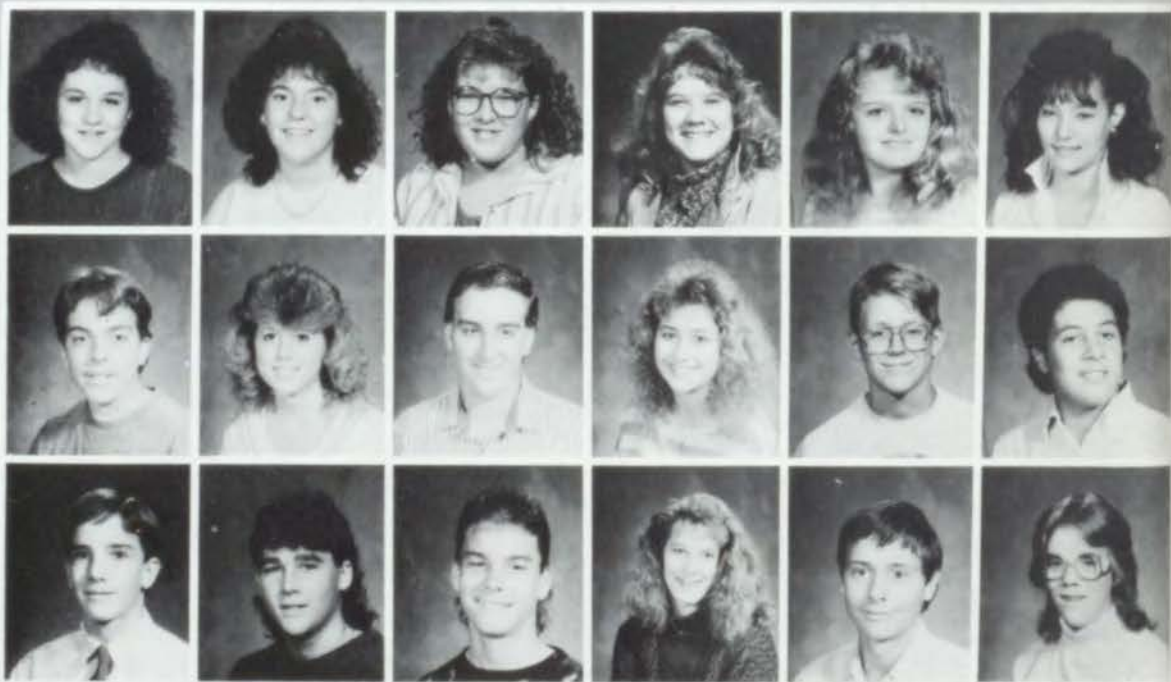


SEARCHING FOR THE correct class, Jesse Baxter, freshman, looks at room numbers while Iva-Lou Johnson and Missy Narr, freshmen, check their schedules (photo by Joel Burnette).

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Susan Campbell
Lisa Capra
Tiffany Carleton
Brela Carnes
Amy Carter*

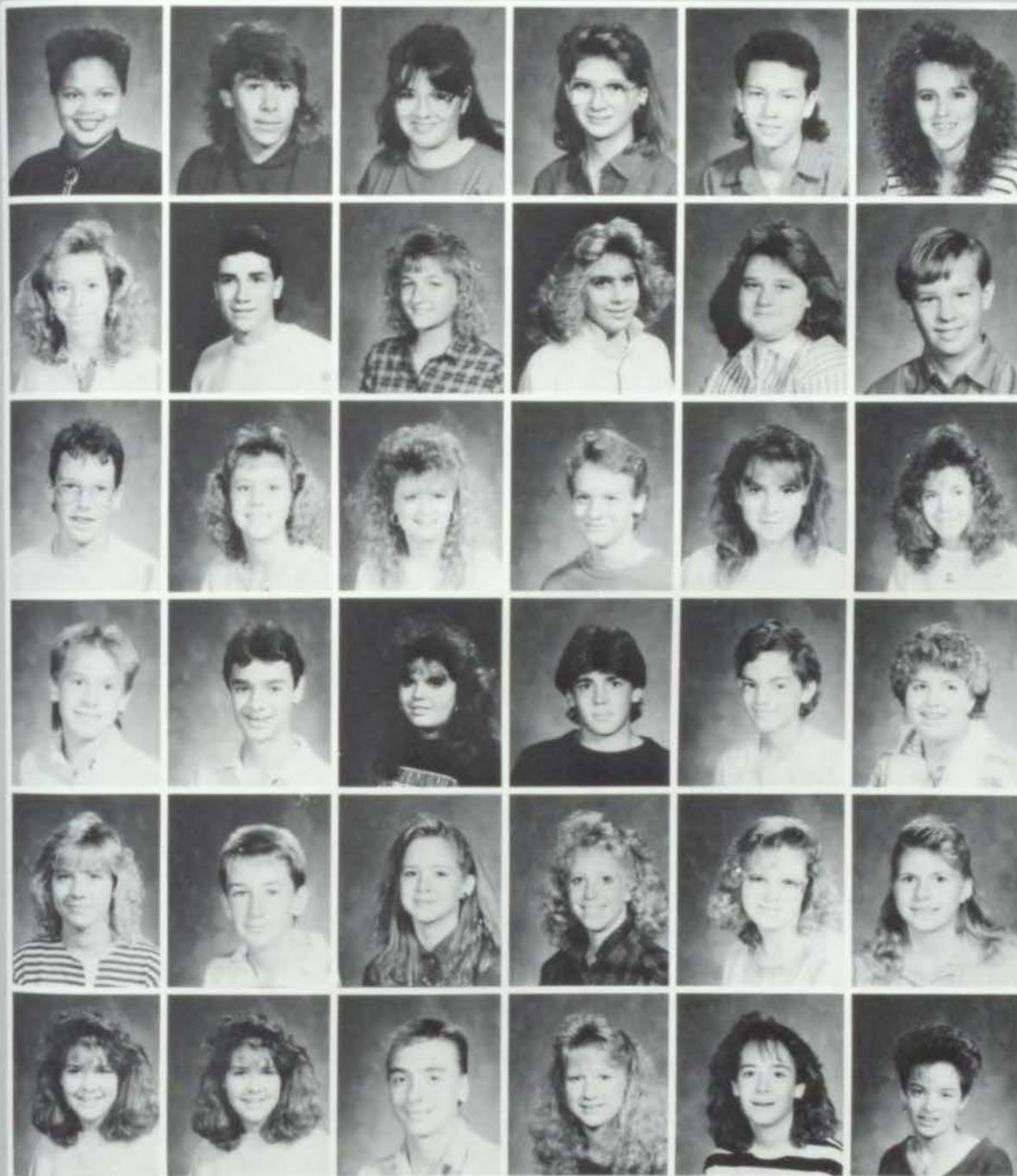
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Kelly Carter
David Casey
Jennifer Castelluccio
Eric Cathcart
Robert Chastain*

*Zac Cherrington
Jason Chester
Andrew Christopher
Call Clutter
Darrel Cobble
Louise Coberley*



“Finding my classes before school started helped me the first day.”

-Amy Anderson, freshman



*Stephanie Colbert
Ryan Cole
Elizabeth Conaway
Denise Coole
Chase Cooper
Tiffany Cornwell*

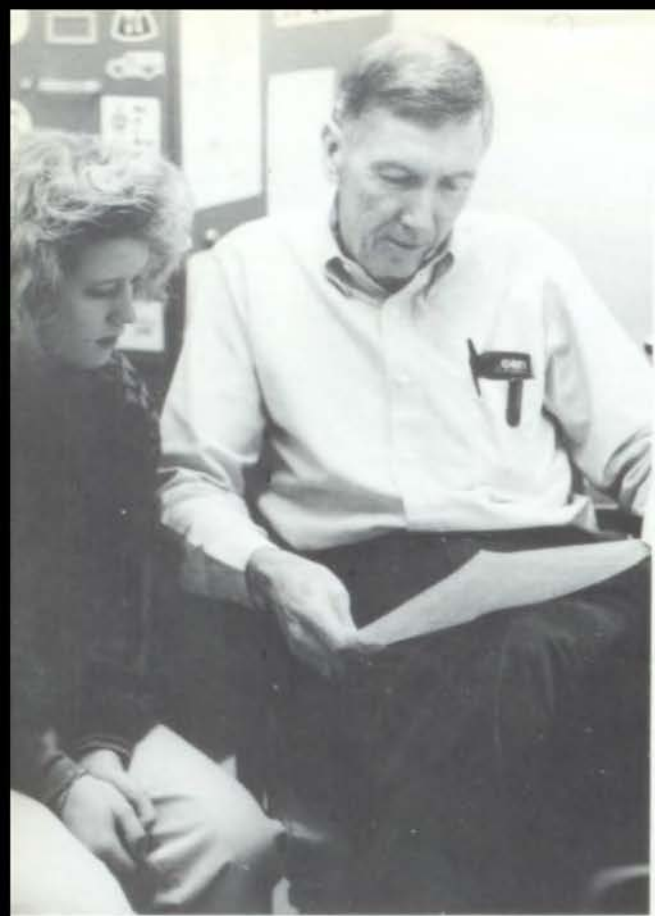
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Ken Crumpler*

*Daniel Curley
Dawn Dais
Rebecca Dean
Andrew Deghelder
Victoria Delgado
Sheila Denton*

*Daniel Dietzschold
John Digiovanni
Michelle Dill
John Dillow
Jason Dolde
Randi Donaldson*

*Melissa Dorman
Brian Dorsey
Amy Doss
Courtney Dowden
Rachel Drewno
Jacqueline Dufoe*

*Jennifer Dumalski
Matt Duncan
Audra Dunwoody
Amie Durbin
Kimberly Dyer*



A NEWCOMER TO high school. Julie Robey, freshman, discusses her schedule with her counselor, Mr. Jim Stone (photo by Rowena Floyd).

Frosh shared goals

Planned for future

by Sharla Lloyd

As seniors anticipated graduation, the future freshmen envisioned their high school careers at Oak Park.

Many wished to accomplish academic goals.

"I wanted to get all my credits out of the way so I (could) graduate," Peggy Folsom, freshman, said.

Phil Aidnik, freshman, wanted to make at least all B's while another freshman, Brad Addis, knew that he "was going to have a 4.0 average for four years."

Some frosh even looked beyond their high school years.

"I just wanted to get a scholarship to Notre Dame or some place like that," Mark McGrath, freshman, said.

Others had goals to fulfill in sports.

"I really wanted to be on track. There were a lot of people in my neighborhood

that were on track and my sister was on track. She said it was fun," Marla Plush, freshman, said.

"I think one of my main goals was to finish all four years being on the football team," John Ralston, freshman, said.

Brad Fisher, freshman, hoped "to be on varsity teams in soccer, wrestling, and track".

Many had hopes to join certain groups or develop certain skills by the time they graduated.

"I knew I was going to take Drama all four years," Sue Campbell, freshman, said.

Besides lettering in music, Sara Welch, freshman, planned to join everything pertaining to singing.

Whether it was academics, sports, or activities, there were goals to be attained, and the freshmen year, for many, was not too early to start.

**Shannon Edwards
Michael Elschen
Kerry Elliot
Noah Elsner
Daniel Engle
Kelli Evans**

**Cynthia Fedderson
Kenneth Ferguson
Rafael Fillion
Robin Finney
Brad Fisher
Tonya Fisher**

**Craig Fjellman
Melody Flinn
Daniel Flournoy
Amy Flowers
Bradley Foertsch
Peggy Folsom**



"I really wanted to be on track. My sister was on track and she said it was a lot of fun."

-Marla Plush, freshman



*Tessie Ford
Yvette Fortner
Charles Fredricks
Bradley Gaik
Patrick Gaines
Matthew Gardner*

*Gary Garoutte
Roger Geary
Adam George
Natalie George
Lisa Giltner
Crystal Giyer*

*Andrew Glass
Richard Glathaar
Jason Glover
Diane Goldammer
Scott Golden
Joshua Good*

*Anne Goodell
Tony Gowin
Matthew Gray
Tracy Gray
Kirk Green
Joanna Gregory*

*Melinda Griffin
Clifford Grindel
Barbara Griswold
Hollie Guglielmino
Bradley Gunter
Linda Hagan*

*Bobby Hagar
Angela Hall
Tara Hall
Wendy Hammen
Karey Hanway
Jason Harris*

“I liked not having to leave until it was absolutely necessary.”

-Amber Hyrst, freshman

*Brian Hartzell
Carley Hadan
Andree Hebert
Bryan Heller
Roy Hellums
Holly Henderson*



*John Henry
Kim Henry
Danny Hensel
Robert Hensley
Jennifer Hernandez
Alicia Herrera*



*Laura Hestand
Geoff Hester
Jennifer Hill
Amber Hirsch
Jason Hochstater
Brett Holder*



*Holly Hollingsworth
Chris Holmes
Jerry Holmes
Nancy Hook
Melissa Hoover
Rick Horton*



*Catherine Hougham
Christina Houtman
Daryl Howard
Kristen Huber
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Rebecca Hulber*



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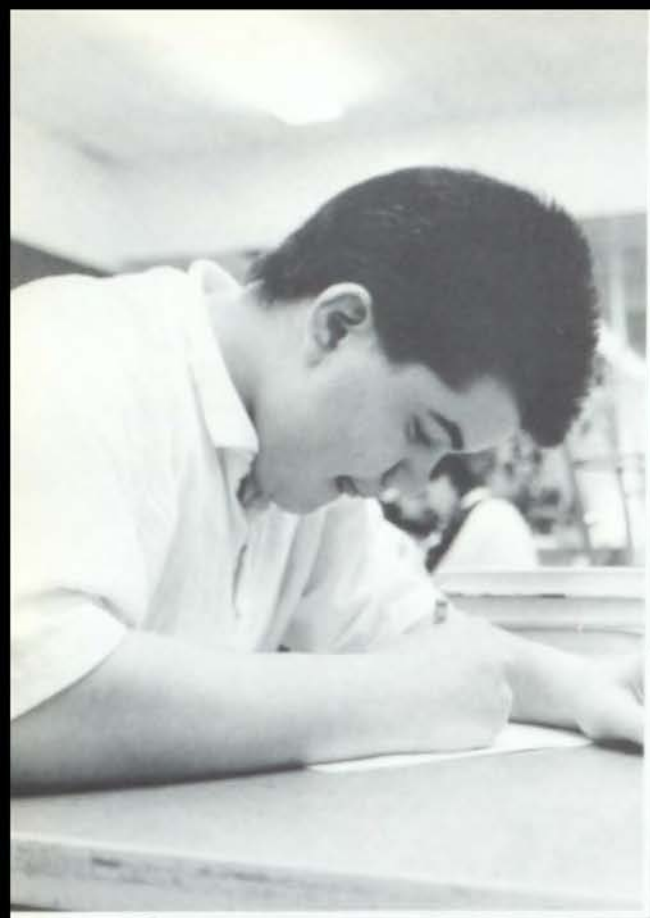
ESCAPING THE RIDE on the "freshman taxi." *Andrea Wisecup, Robin Finney, Missy Hoover, freshmen, enjoy a morning walk to school (photo by Beth Henson).*



*Brad Johnson
Christina Johnson
Iva Johnson
Jason Johnson
Staci Johnson
Joy Jolley*

*Shelley Joplin
Kim Joung
Jodi Jurgeson
Patti Kaske
Lea Kavan
Matthew Keeling*

*Paula Keil
Chad Kelco
Deanne Kelly
Michelle Kimbrell
Jeff Kirby
Arthur Knauff*



OAKIES WERE ENCOURAGED to step out and get involved. Doing just that, Brad Foertsch, freshman, puts his artistic talent to work (photo by Jeannine Engle).

Goldfish vs Barracudas

Freshman beat odds

by Kerry Riley

To freshmen, fitting into Oak Park seemed like putting a goldfish in a tank of barracudas. Here, the chances of survival were slim.

Alison Latcham, freshman, was such a goldfish. "Fitting in was a little harder than I thought. I found Oak Park to be a very preppy school," she said.

Some felt it was easier to belong when there was a familiar face. Having friends who had older siblings to show the way helped, said Katherine Seelye, freshman.

"I really didn't have to try (to fit in) because my friends have older brothers that

were like celebrities here," said Iva Lou Johnson, freshman.

Being observant and blending into the crowd made situations more comfortable, said Chris Nicholes, freshman.

For some, transitions of schools did not have too many differences.

"The only change was the school was bigger," said Jennifer Miller, freshman.

Once acquainted, things were not as bad as they seemed.

"Once I got here, I found that you really couldn't distinguish between the freshman and the others," said Allison.

In the end the goldfish took their chance, faced the barracudas, and made it big.

Stephanie Knigge
Max Lacasse
Stephanie Lambert
Alison Latcham
Matthew Law
Heather Leakey

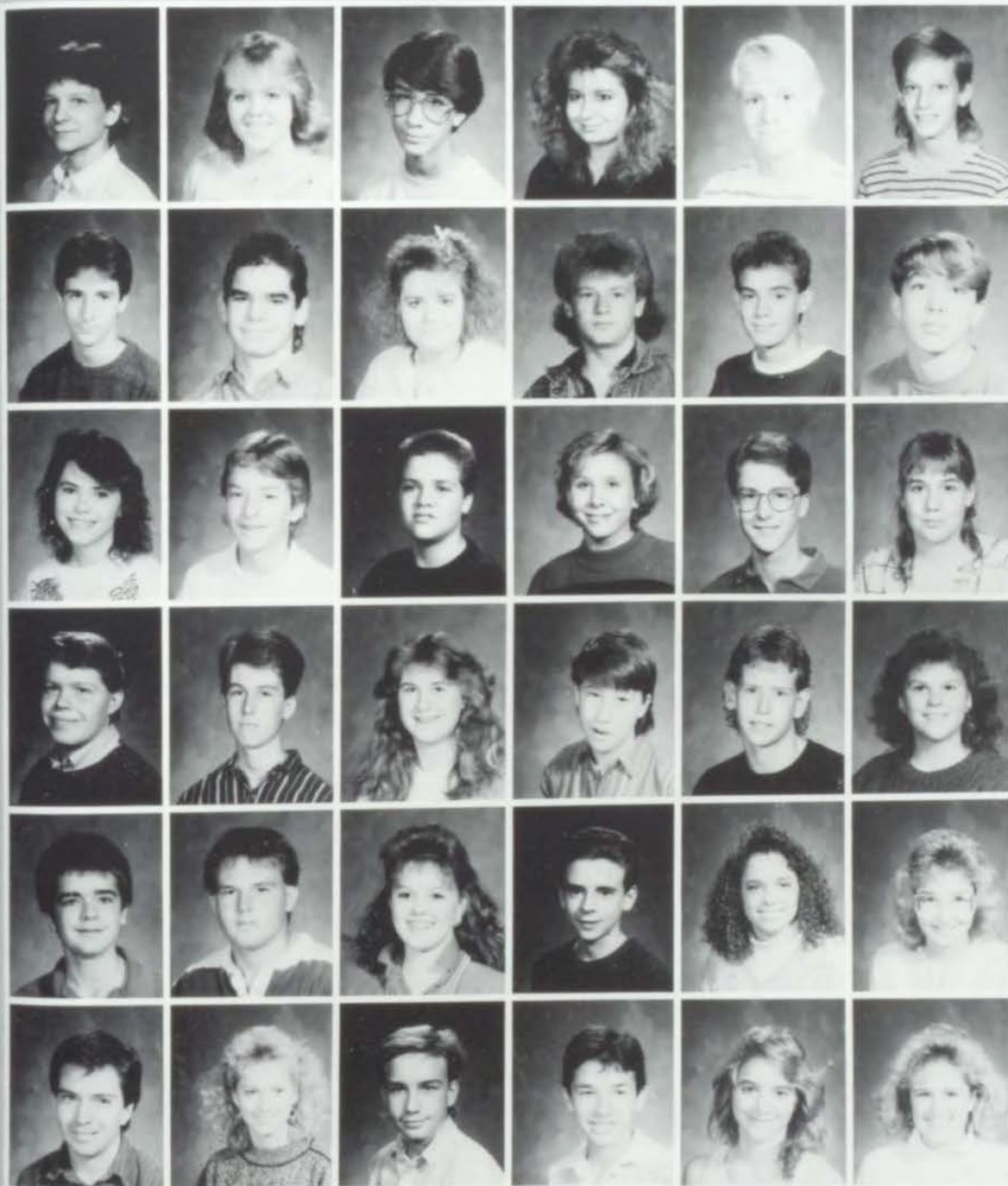
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Chandra Livingston
Tiffany Locke
Deanna Lowrey
Tricia Loyton
Shannon Lumsden
Jennifer Macke



“Fitting in was a little harder than I thought.”

-Alison Latcham, freshman



Joshua Maher
Stephanie Marshall
Marc Martinez
Jennifer Mason
Blaine Mathews
Chris Matthiesen

Frederick McAdams
Max McCool
Jessica McDonald
Joel McFarland
Mark McGrath
Micah McLaskey

Mary McLearn
Bren McMillen
Brock McNeil
Eryn McNeerney
Timothy McPike
Amy Meclenburg

David Mehagan
James Meyer
Jennifer Mikel
Chad Miller
Griff Miller
Jennifer Miller

John Miller
Matt Miller
Monda Minor
Clay Moore
Rose-Marie Moretina
Diana Morgison

Vincent Morin
Jennifer Munroe
Brian Murch
Steven Murphy
Robin Mvers
Melissa Narr



FADS, FADS, FADS. The returning 60's fad, rolled up jeans, is a favorite of many freshmen this year. These two in particular show off their cool look (photo by Rachel Estrada).

*Katie Newell
Julie Newton
Chris Nichols
Brian O'Dell
Lauren O'Hara
Brant Olson*



*Rachel O'Neill
Robin O'Rear
Joshua Otte
Evette Patrick
Jason Paxton
Michelle Pennington*



*Luis Perez
Brian Peterson
Pamela Phelps
Edward Phillips
Cheryl Pickett
Lisa Piet*



HOT! FADS

RADIO STATIONS

106.5
Q104

HANGOUTS

Party
Pizza Hut

MOVIES

"Twins"
"Rainman"

CLOTHING

Rolled Up Pants
Turtlenecks

SONGS

Guns-N-Roses-
"Sweet Child Of Mine"
Bobby Brown-
"My Perogative"



Angela Pittala
Antoinette Pitalla
Kell Pitalla
Robert Pittsenbarger
Eric Ploth
Maria Plush

Jennifer Pope
Robert Powell
Kell Pralwater
Jessica Prather
Erin Pratt
Joseph Preston

Lori Pylypczuk
Shana Quasebarth
Jason Quigley
John Raiston
Yolanda Ramirez
Richele Rand

Staci Ranes
Melissa Rector
Richard Reedy
James Regan
Julie Reinke
Burt Kich

Donna Riddle
John Riley
Larry Riley
Victoria Riley
Monte Rinkenbaugh
Angela Risker

Kenneth Roberts
Julie Robey
David Rogers
Anne Roos
Stacey Roo
Mellisa Rowell

“Things have changed a lot since Romeo and Juliet’s time.”

-Lindy Ohnell, sophomore

*Rachel Ruby
Jimmie Ruckman
Chandra Rudder
Jeff Ryan
Angela Sager
Stacey Sample
Mike Saragusa*



*Barbara Sauer
Jennifer Sayers
Heather Schlegel
Patrick Schlosser
Chris Schmitt
Todd Schnoebelen
Amy Schrader*



*Matthew Schulz
Jackie Scott
Jennifer Scott
Danial Seals
Kevin Seedorf
Katharine Seelye
Heather Sellars*



*Michael Seminara
Karl Shafer
Brett Shannon
Stacy Sharp
Kris Shaw
Timothy Shaw
Tiffanie Shinkle*



*Tracey Shultz
Carrie Sickles
Stacey Sims
Kimberly Small
Andy Smith
Brandon Smith
David Smith*



*Jennifer Smith
Kevin Smith
Steven Smith
Jennifer Smithmier
Maria Solls
Raelene Sparks
Michael Spencer*



"Romeo & Juliet"

Students do not relate

by Adrienne Corn

It has been called the greatest love story in history and one of the most tragic. Two star-crossed lovers destined never to live a life together, yet their short-lived romance was passionate.

But at the age of thirteen and fourteen, the age when Romeo and Juliet were planning their elopement, most freshman in RCG could not relate to Romeo and Juliet's romantic passion as a reflection of their own experience.

"When I read the story I couldn't relate it to my own life. Things have changed a lot since Romeo and Juliet's time and there was a different set of standards that applied to

them," said Lindy Ohrnell, sophomore.

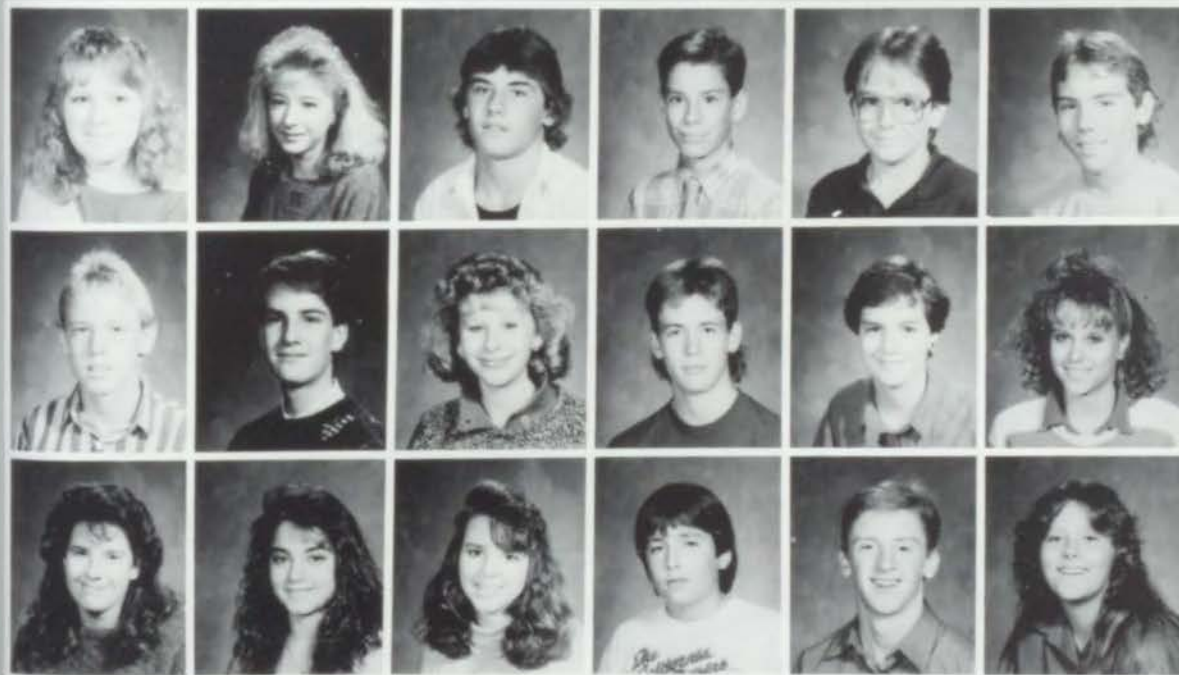
"I think anyone who has had a relationship can identify with how Romeo and Juliet felt, but at the age of fourteen, I don't know if anyone is able to handle that 'big of a love,'" commented Kim Fortner, sophomore.

But most students felt that times have changed and that much of Romeo and Juliet's story, although poignant, does not apply to life today.

"It doesn't seem like it could happen now. We are able to meet more people and there are more people to choose from before having a relationship like that," concluded Robert Cobianchi, sophomore.



TRADITION CONTINUES AS freshman study the romance of "Romeo and Juliet". Some freshman found the death of the lovers a little hard to identify with (photo by Lori Bunning).



Jennifer Sqvrs
Ginger Stanley
Paul Steffen
David Steffens
Craig Steinle
Brett Stephenson

Shawn Stevens
Dann Stinard
Dina Stonitsch
Mitchell Straight
Amy Stroder
Amy Swanson

Stacey Taibi
Maria Termini
Erin Terwilliger
Joseph Thacker
David Theyssen
Joy Thomas

“We were scared, and orientation helped us find our way around.”

-Tracey Shultz, freshman

*Duane Thornburg
Justin Tilman
Patricia Tipton
Raquel Trejo
Aaron Tremain
Matt Tremain*



*Jocelyn Turner
Chris Tusio
Dianna Tyser
Tony Uribe
Margarita Valdez
Bill VanAsselt*



*Matt Vandemark
Barrett Vandenburg
Kelna VanDiver
Melissa VanOsdol
Adam VanPelt
Michelle Vasquez*



*James Venable
Shannon Vincent
Patricia Wade
Miranda Wagner
Sean Walden
Bin Walters*



*Robert Waterfield
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Bart Weddle
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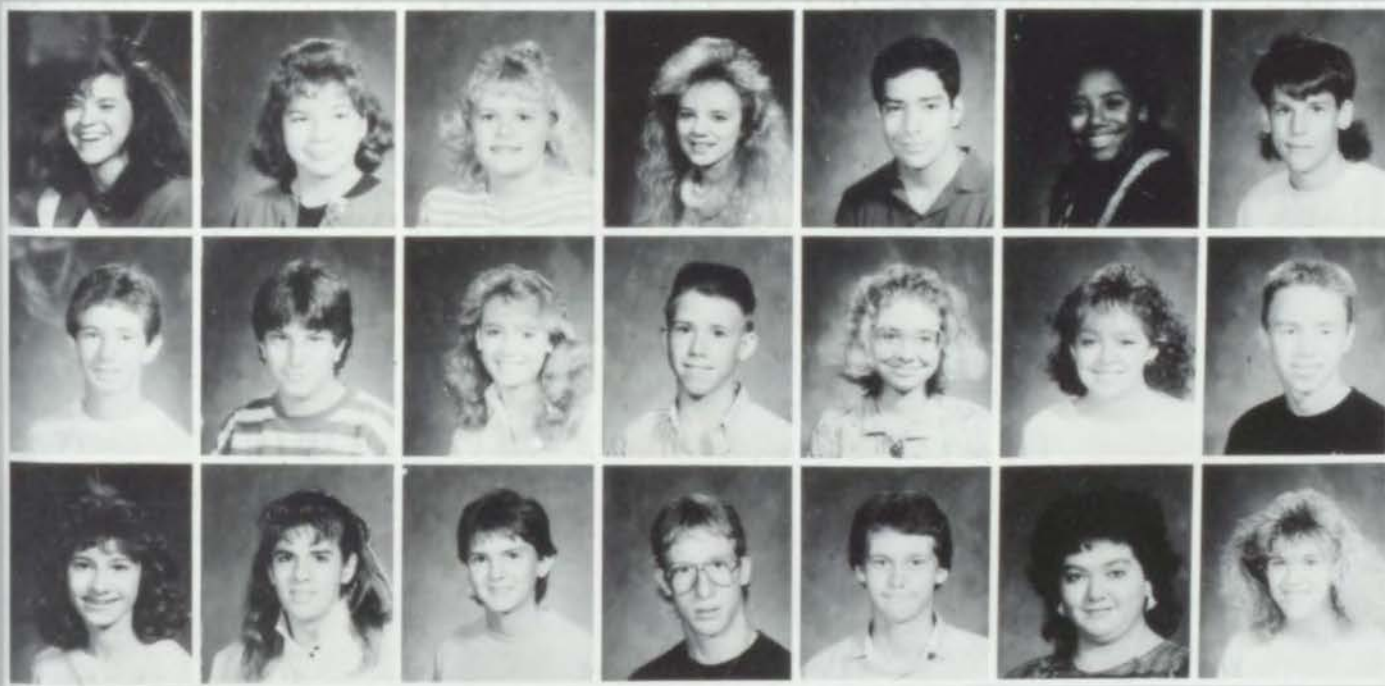


*Sara Wesner
Elizabeth West
Lindsey Westbay
Jason Westwood
Matt Wheeler
Jason Whitfield*





LIBRARY ORIENTATION HELPS freshmen become familiar with the school (photo by Barrie Fisher).



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Melissa Whitton
Holly Whorton
Cindy Wicks
John Wilkerson
Alicia Williams
Scott Williams*

*Walton Willis
Chris Wilson
Kim Wilson
Kevin Winkel
Andrea Wisecup
Windi Wong
Keith Woolery*

*Patricia Yantis
Michelle Yates
Lawrence Yeager
Tim Young
Tony Young
Holly Zimmerman
Holly Zurbuchen*

"I flashed Mrs. Sachs, the school's assistant principal."

-Mr. David Huber, teacher

Robert West
Principal
Joe Spruytte
Asst. Principal
Benny Cain
Asst. Principal
Jim Hughes
Asst. Principal
Jerry Crews
Activities Coordinator
Hazel Anders
Media Center Secretary

Laura Angell
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Gus Baker
Trig., Calc., Gen. Math, Alg. A
Ronald Beckham
Geom., Alg. A
Nancy Binkley
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Reed Black
Am. History

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Comp. Tech.
Jerry Brasel
Wid. Studies, Con. Issues
Rich Brill
Phys. Ed., Phys. Fit.
Bob Bryant
Gen. Met., Crafts, Pow. Mech.

Carol Burges
Counselor
Mary Carrier
Art
Rosemary Cascolt
Am. Lit., R.C.G. II
Doris Cetto
Registrar
Zeta Davidson
Marriage, Clothing, Adv. Foods
Daniel Duane
Adv. Wood, Gen. Wood

Judy Eden
Counselor
Margie Elliott
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Linda Espeer
Apple Ap., Bus. Man., Typ. I, Per.
Typ.
Debbie Fritson
Instructional Aide
Micky Gordon
Job Training Coordinator
Bill Grace
Vocal Music

Rita Greer
Teacher Clerk
Mary Grun
Media Specialist
Deb Hall
Attendance Secretary
Julie Halsey
French I, II, III, & IV
Bill Hankins
Photo, Journ., Cambia, Log
Marilyn Hawkins
Media Specialist



Teachers relive high school years

by Scott Robeson

As many teachers looked back on their experience in high school, they described it as the time for memories, the time for exploring freedom, and the time to learn about life. Most teachers felt that this was what it was all about as they recalled their most memorable high school moments.

"Wearing nothing more than boxer shorts and a trenchcoat I flashed Mrs. Sachs, the schools assistant principal. She had this look of pure panic on her face and before I got my coat all the way open, she closed her eyes and screamed in pure terror." -MR. DAVID HUBER

"My senior prom was probably my most memorable high school event. It was a very special night that began with a lovely dinner, the formal dance, and continued through the night with a post-prom party which ended with a buffet breakfast. It was the first time I had been allowed to stay out all night. Freedom!" -MRS. JENNIFER YATES

"A cold sweat breaks out as I remember those unapproving frowns from 'authority figures', abominable semester tests, polite feminine rejections and yes, those wonderful sports memories such as the broken nose, learning to breathe with broken ribs, learning to use crutches for the broken foot, boy it was fun going back to those wonderful days!" -MR. JERRY BRASEL



MR. BRASEL, TEACHER, gives his insight to one of his students (photo by Sherri Dawson).



Dave Hensel
C.O.E.
Janet Herdman
Adv. Prog., Str. Prog., IBM App.
Maureen Higgins
H.S. Math, Alg. I & II
Rina Hill
R.C.G. I, Film App.
Betty Himmelberg
Nurse
Martha Horton
R.C.G. I & II

Dave Huber
R.C.G. I & II
Nancy Hudson
Study Hall, Drama I, II, III, & IV
Linda Jones
Phys. Ed., Pow., Vol.
Cam Jury
Phys. Ed., BB Soc., Phys. Fit.
Nancy Kahn
Wd. Proc., Bus., Law, Adv. Bus.
Lee Kavan
Instructional Aide

Barry Kennedy
Art
Fred Kester
Ref. Alg., Bus., Math II, Alg. B, S.
Hall
Thomas Kincaid
Special Services, S. Hall
Ken Kramme
Physics I & II, Chem. II & III
Dennis Krohn
Citizenship, IMPACT
Delber Lampson
Drivers Ed., Am. History



MR. GUS BAKER, instructs students on how to work a problem by working it on the board (photo by Jeff O'dell).

Graduating class

has three extra members

by Scott Robeson

Retirement. For many people this brought to mind years of hard work finally paying off, rest and relaxation seven days a week, and setting ones own daily routine.

For Mr. Gus Baker, Math Teacher, Mrs. Jane Stone, Physical Education Teacher, and Mr. Jim Stone, Counselor this dream became reality.

Only three teachers decided to retire, but more were qualified to.

"Five other teachers could have retired and chose not to," said Mr. Jim Hughes, Assistant Principal.

With retirement came recollection of past teaching years.

"If I could do it all over again, I would have done the same thing," said Mr. Baker.

"I liked the topics and the concepts I

taught."

Many friends were made throughout a lifetime of teaching.

"The majority of my friends, that I did things with, I met through school work and coaching," said Mrs. Stone.

Some teachers anticipated the chance to retire.

After working 33 years I felt you should be able to sit back and decide your own leisure time," said Mr. Stone. "For a while I'm going to work very hard at doing nothing. How long I'll be able to do that I don't know."

Mrs. Stone thought of a couple things that she can do now that she has the time, "I've got a couple things I'd like to do. The first is to go on the wagon train out of Nebraska which follows the Oregon Trail. The second is to go to auctioneer school."

Charlene Law
Read. II, R.C.G. III, Rd. Skills
Jeanne Lawing
Art
Mel Langston
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Chuck Malan
Sp. Biol., Biol.
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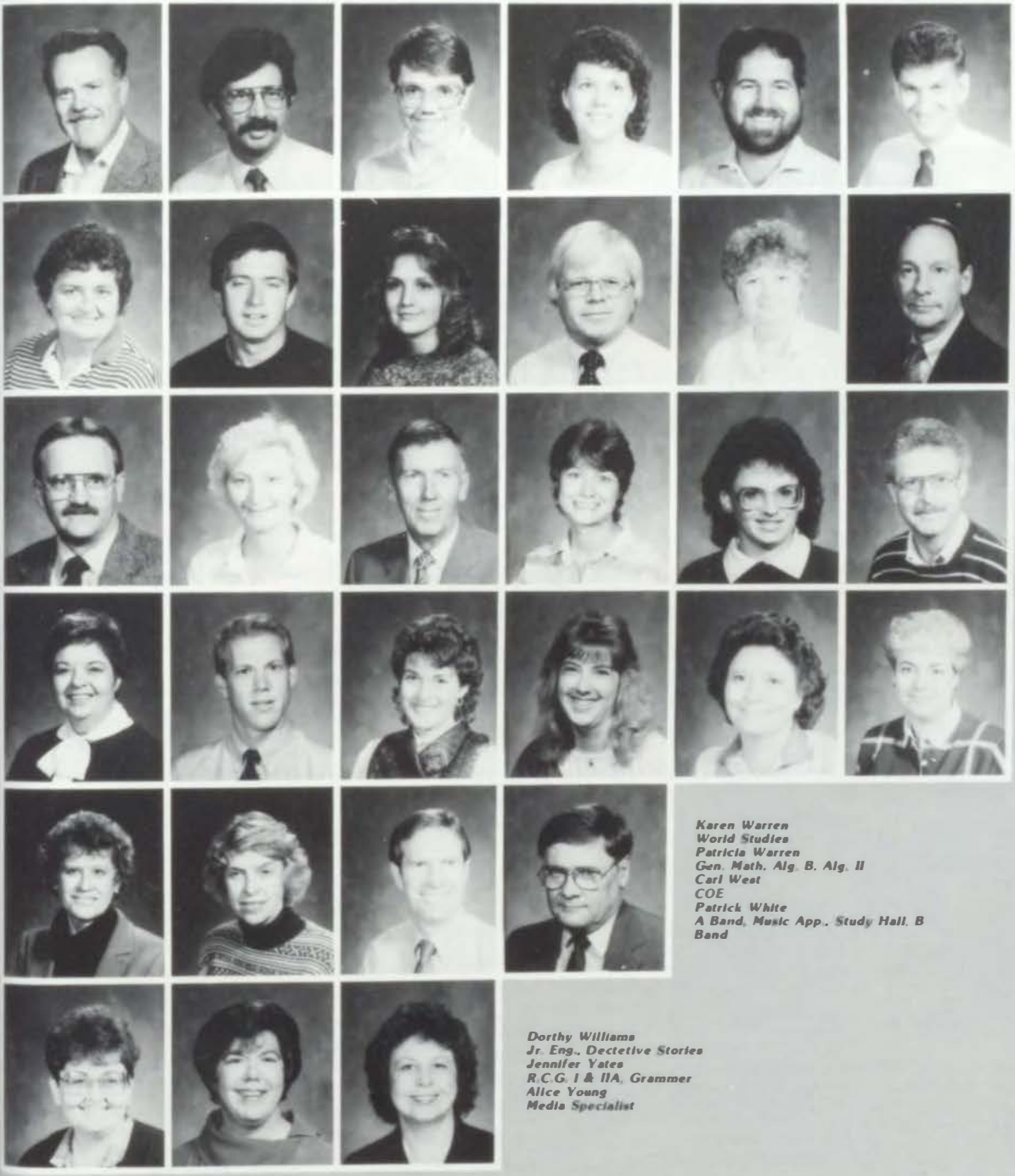
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Typ I & II, Shorthand
Jerry McLain
Instructional Aide
Randall McPike
Basic Math, Alg. A, Geom., Alg. II
Bryon Moats
Eng. R.C.G. II & III
Kay Melewski
German I & II
Gilda Misnor
Prob. solv., R.C.G. I, Amer. Lit.

Linda Moore
H.S. Math, Alg. I & II
Ralph Nite
Special Services
Gary O'dell
Wid. Stu., Geog.
Bill Overbey
Counselor
Mary Perkins
Special Services
Pam Pettitt
R.C.G. II, Am. Lit.



“If I had to do it all over again, I’d do the same thing.”

-Mr. Gus Baker, teacher



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 Biol. II, Coll. Biol.
 Mike Ramirez
 S. Hall, Span. I, German I, III & IV
 Pat Reed
 Instructional Aide
 Karol Relford
 Attendance Secretary
 Tom Reynolds
 Am. Hist., Citizenship
 Richard Rice
 Debate, Leadership, Forensics

Carolyn Rosencrans
 Citizenship
 Keith Russ
 Phys. Ed., Phys. Fit.
 Linda Salisbury
 Fr. Biol., Biol. I
 John Sanders
 Study Hall, Span I & II
 Bunnie Scott
 Special Services
 Keith Smith
 Biol. HSci.

Lonnie Stephenson
 Drafting I, II, III, & IV
 Tana Stock
 Aero., Life Sports, Phys. Ed.
 Jim Stone
 Counselor
 Maylou Swaim
 Am. Lit., R.C.G. I
 Lois Swartzland
 Instructional Aide
 Dave Tarver
 Basic Math II, Gen. Math. Alg. I & II

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 Jack Taylor
 Security
 Debbie Thompson
 Sell Dev., Ind. Liv.
 Donna Unterreiner
 Special Services
 Valdona Van Emmerik
 Instructional Aide
 Debbie Walker
 Media Specialist

Karen Warren
 World Studies
 Patricia Warren
 Gen. Math. Alg. B, Alg. II
 Carl West
 COE
 Patrick White
 A Band, Music App., Study Hall, B
 Band

Dorothy Williams
 Jr. Eng., Detective Stories
 Jennifer Yates
 R.C.G. I & IIA, Grammar
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Let us die young or let us live forever, we don't have the power but we never say never, sitting in the sand pit life is a short trip, the music's for the sad man Forever young, I want to be forever young "

- "Forever Young" by Alphaville

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About Face

by Adrienne Corn

Although many things changed as the year progressed there were things that remained the same.

At Homecoming a new queen, Jenny Briggs, senior, was crowned, but for the third year running the queen was a member of the volleyball squad.

Fall brought anxieties as students took college entrance exams such as the ACT, SAT, and PSAT.

The Messiah was sung by students and alumni alike as Christmas approached. Spring brought the incurable senioritis and many under-

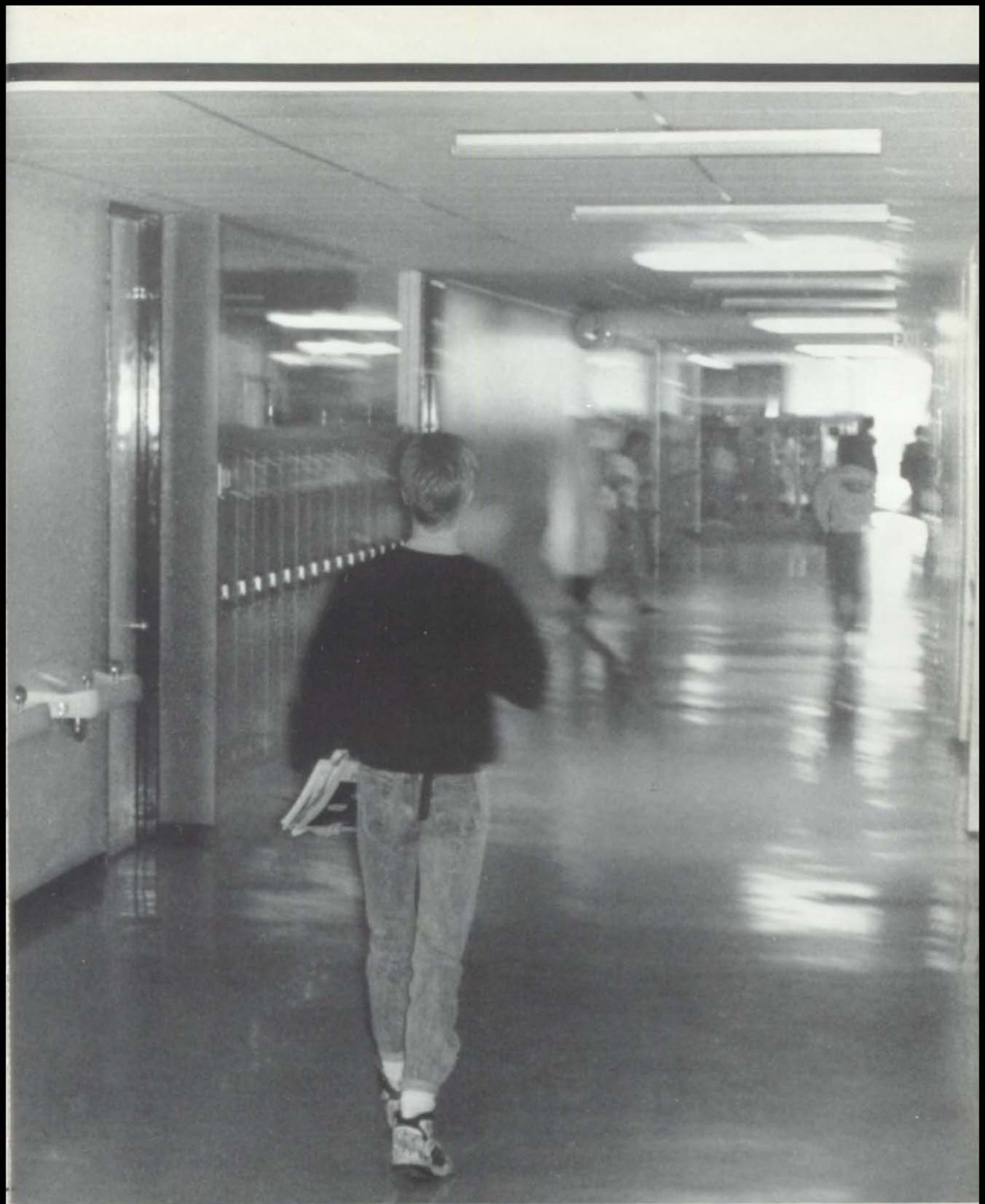
classmen pondered upon the following year. Seniors faced the future and made last minute college decisions. The year held a special twist as the class of 1989 was the first to graduate in June and underclassmen were held to the late date of June 8th.

In fact the whole year was a turn around. It was about the year, about the students, about the changes as they faced the challenge of another year and succeeded. It was about face.

EXPLAINING CLUBS AND activities that are associated with Oak Park, Debbie Blöhop, senior, talks to the North Central Evaluation Committee (photo by David Brown).

AS SIXTH HOUR begins, the hallways are clear except for a solitary straggler late to class every now and then (photo by Dina Guarino).







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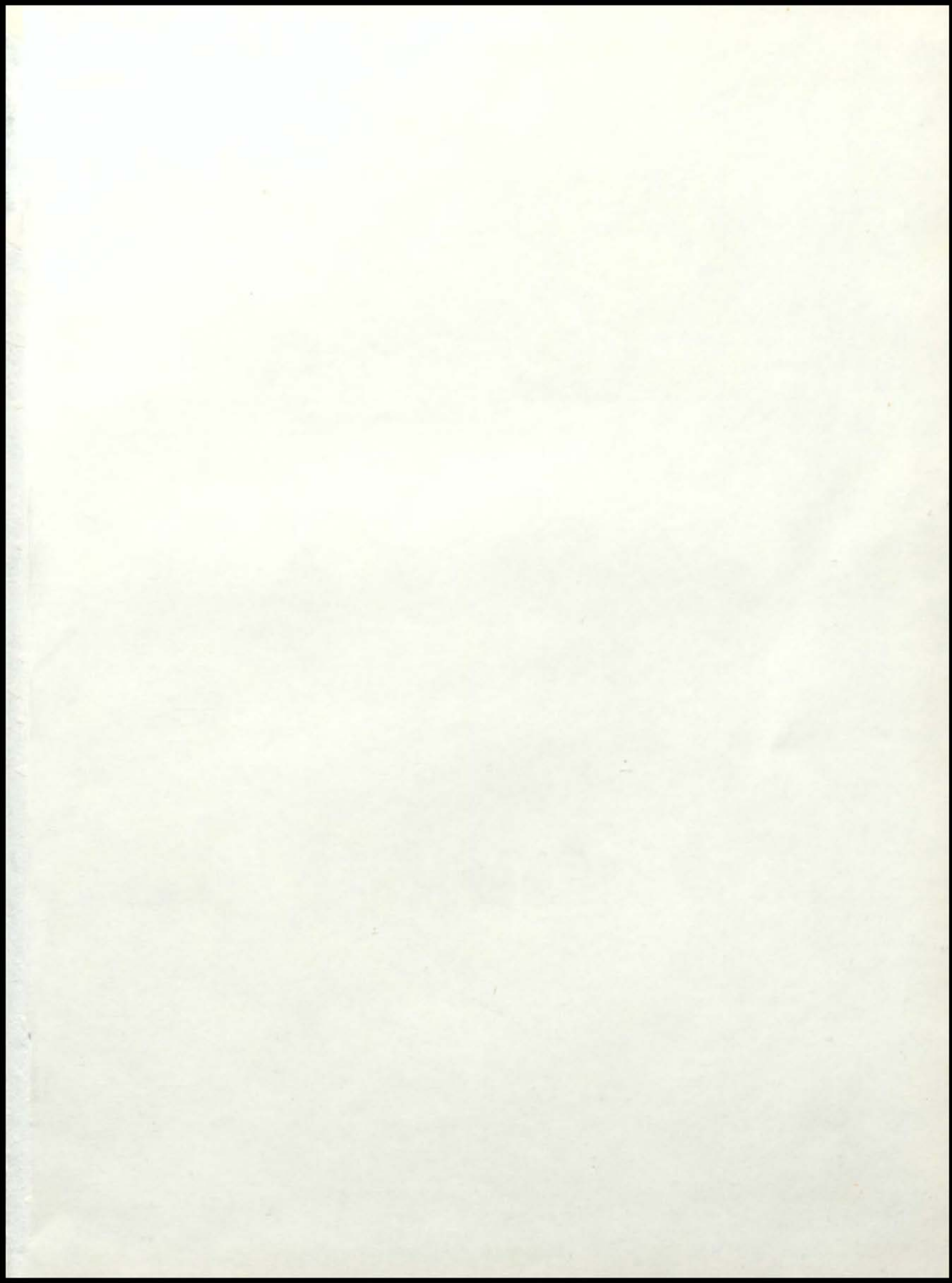
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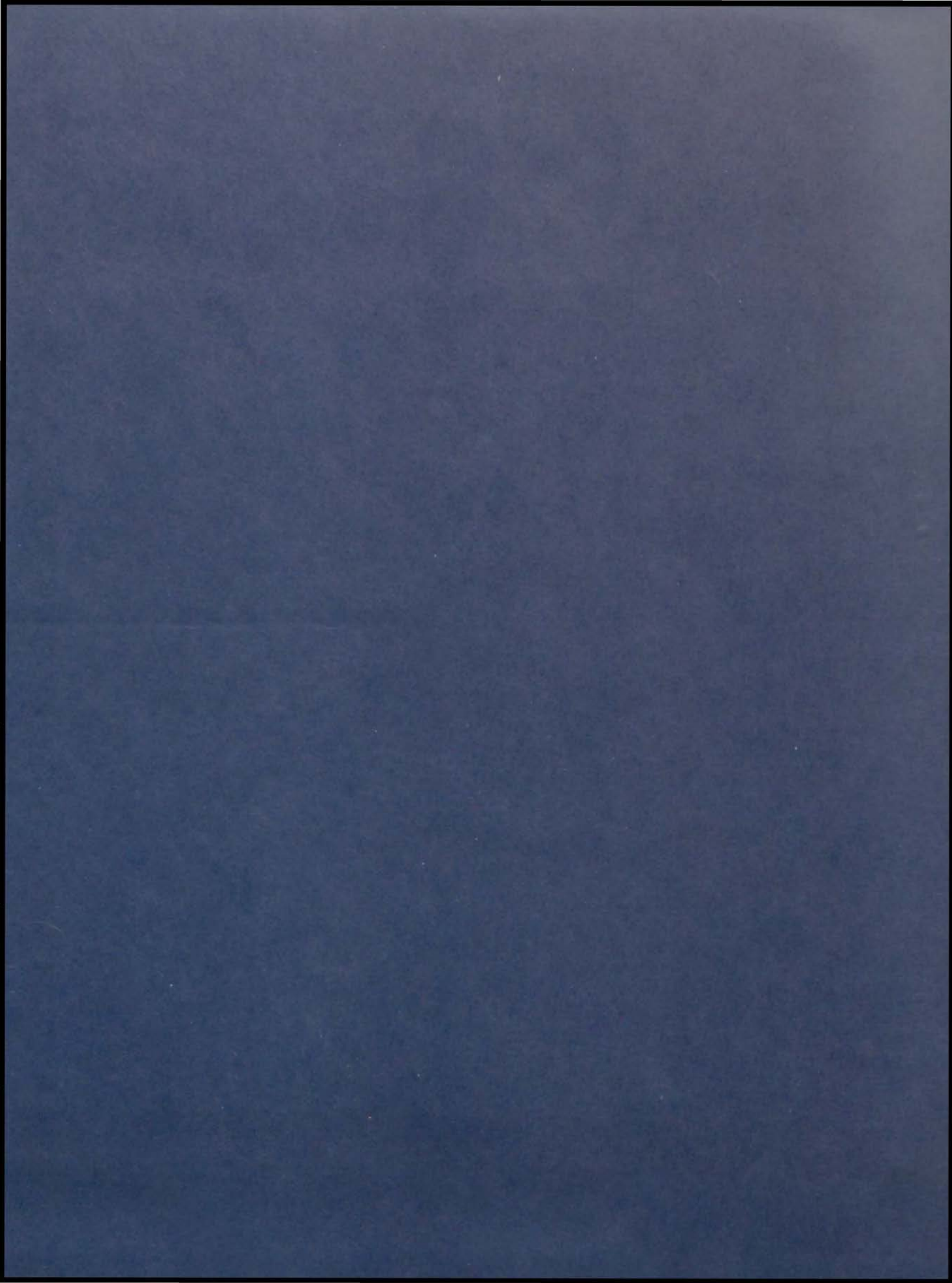
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"I think school is a good learning experience, but there is more to life than what they teach in school."

-Tammy George, senior

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