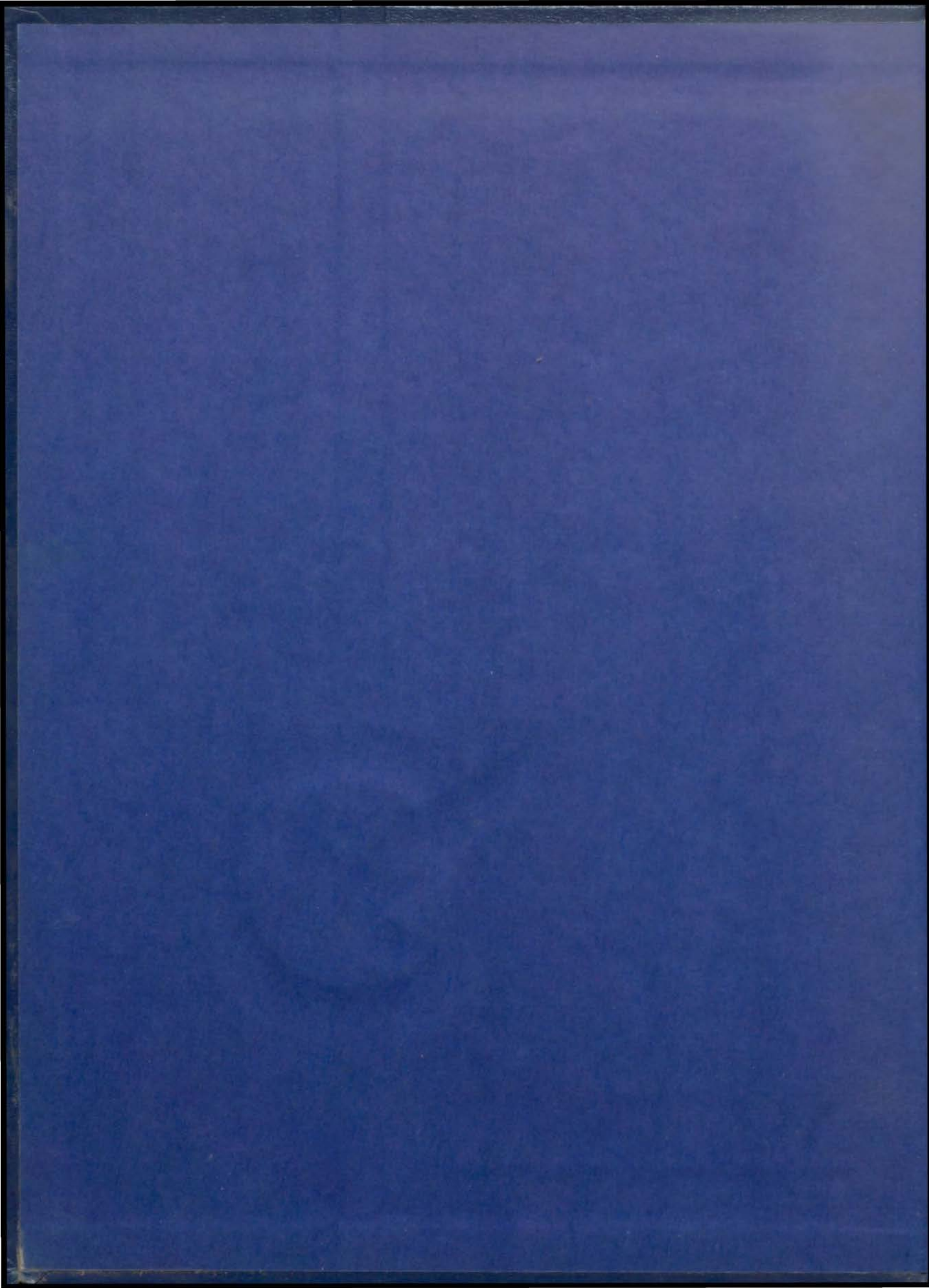
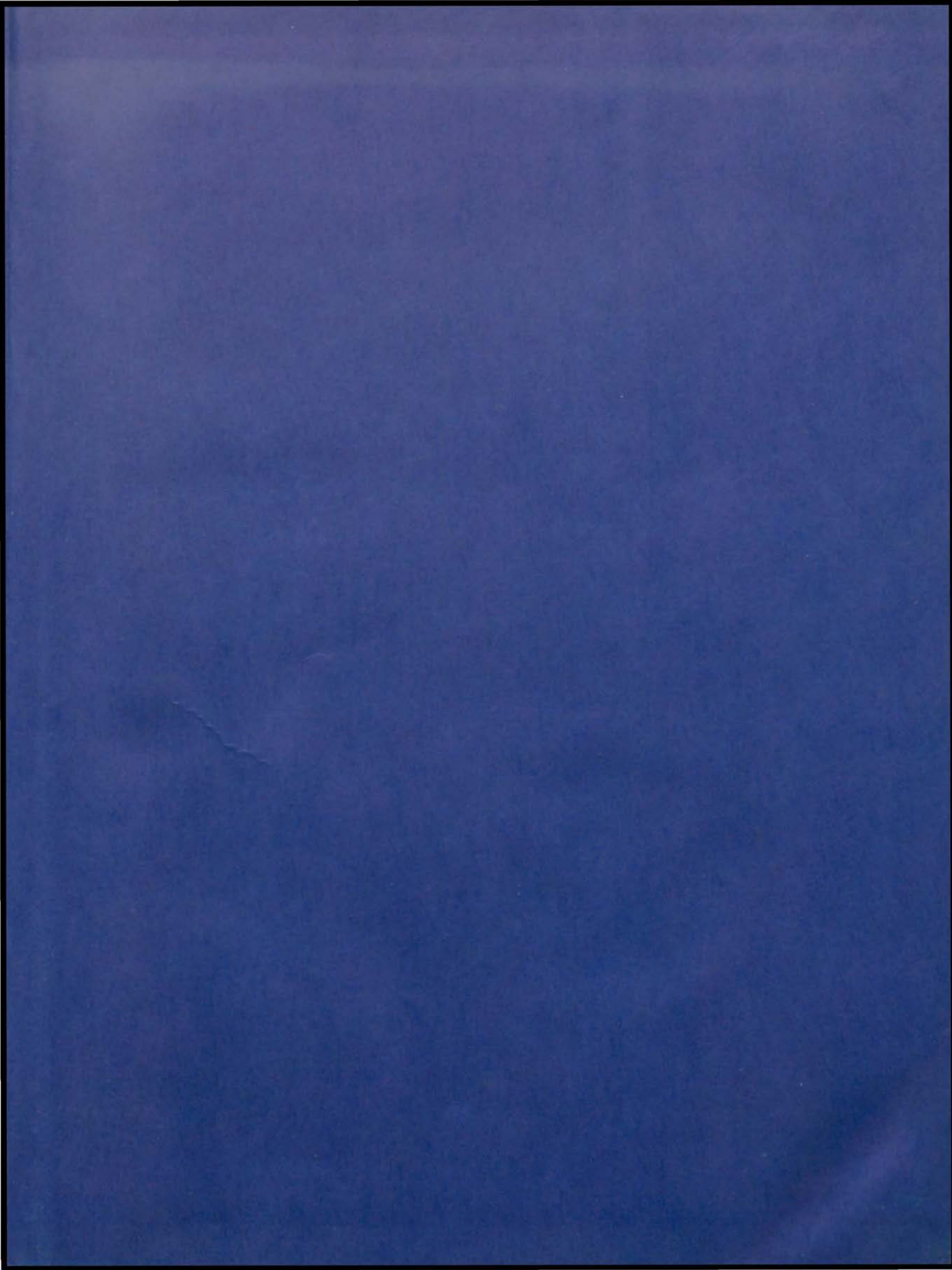
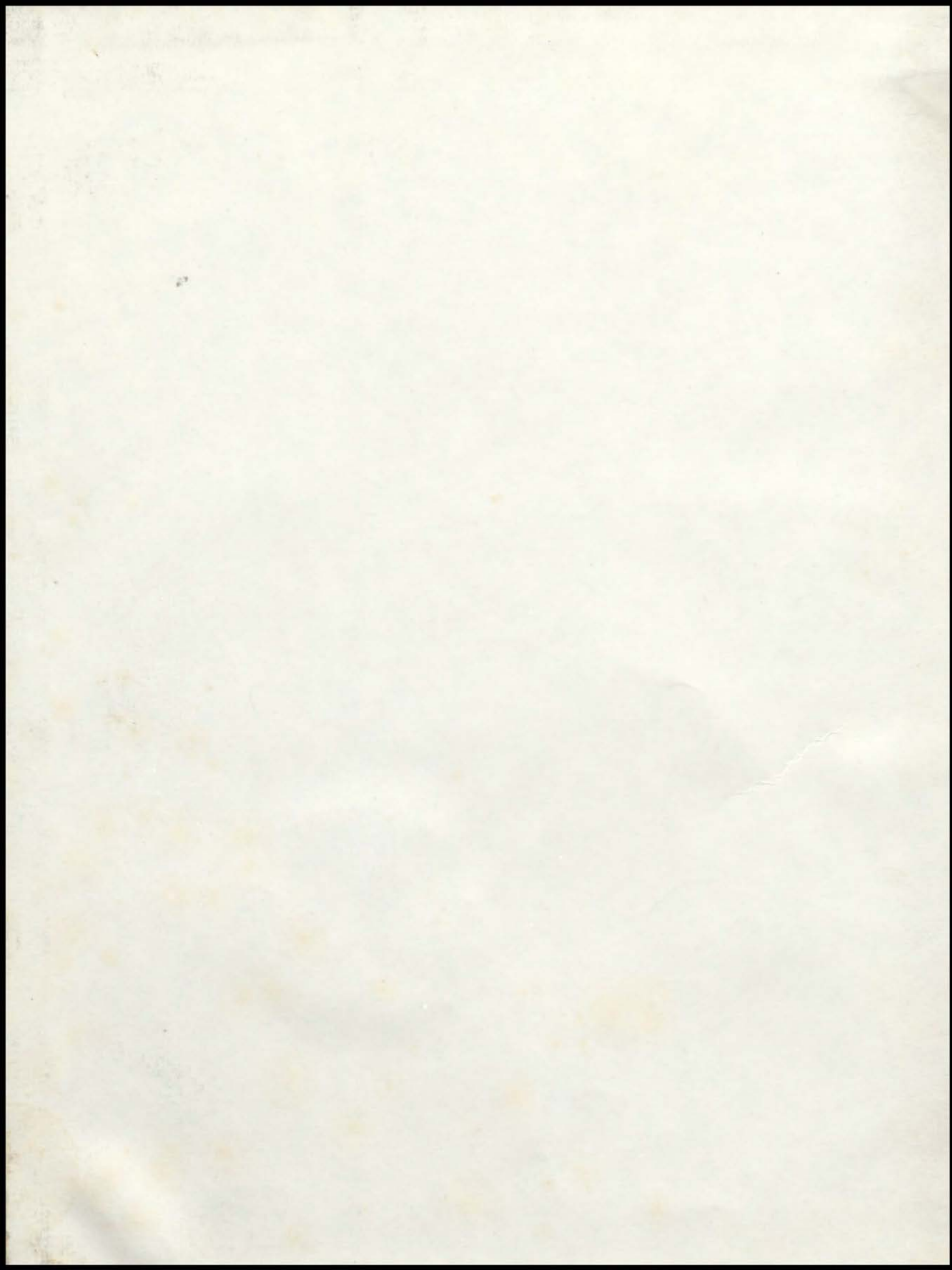


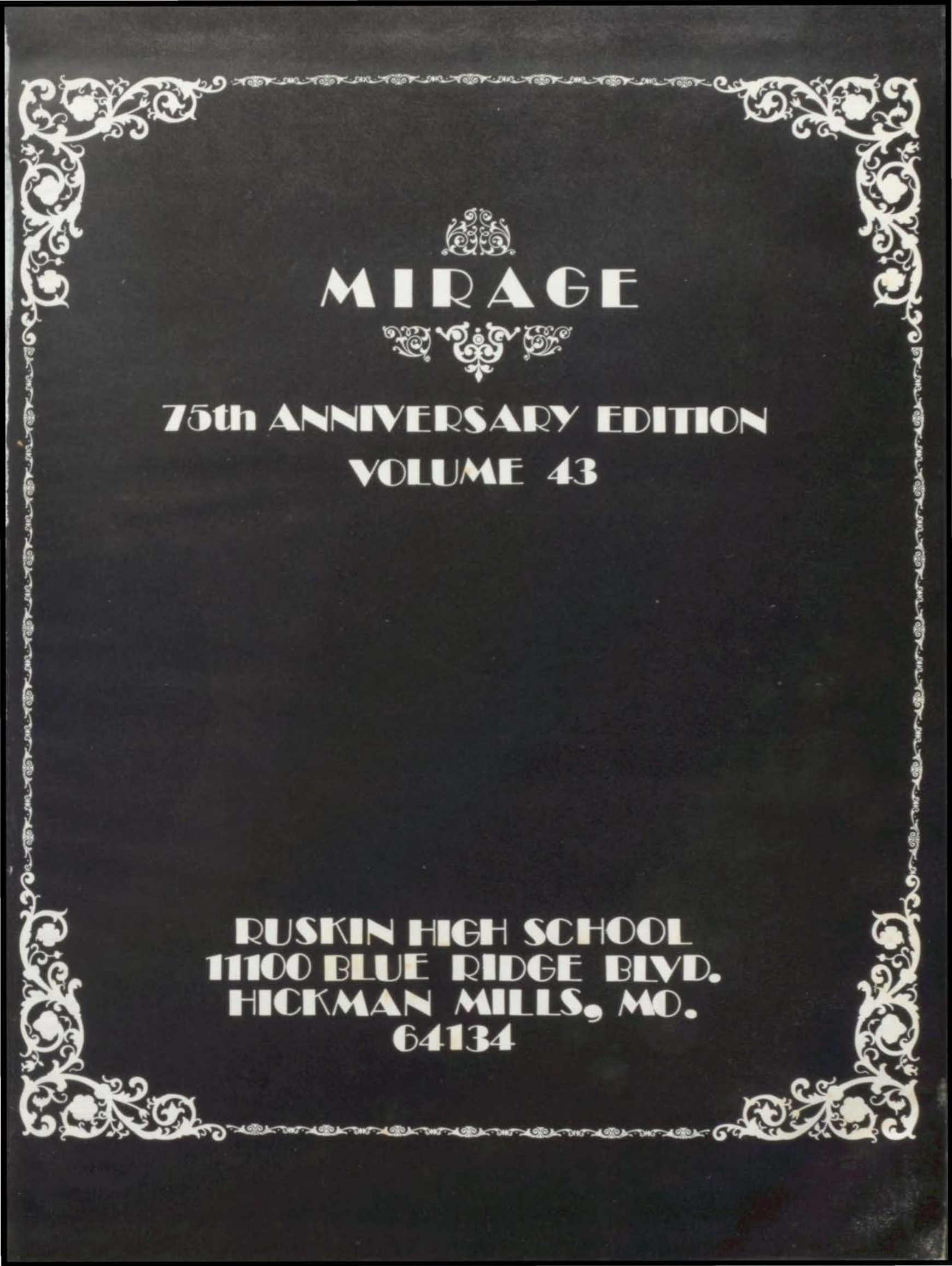


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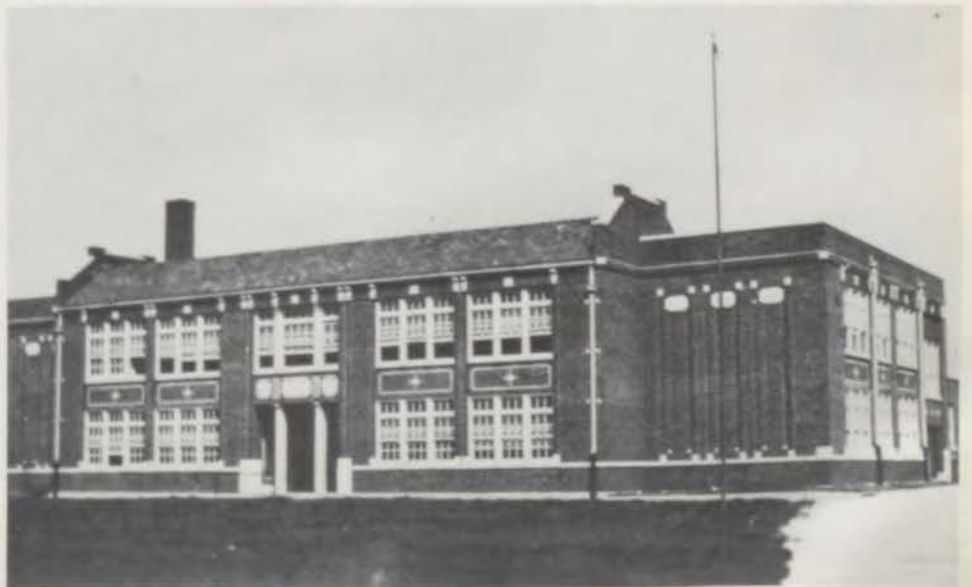




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... HORSE AND BUGGY
... VAUDEVILLE
... A LAZY AUTUMN
NIGHT**





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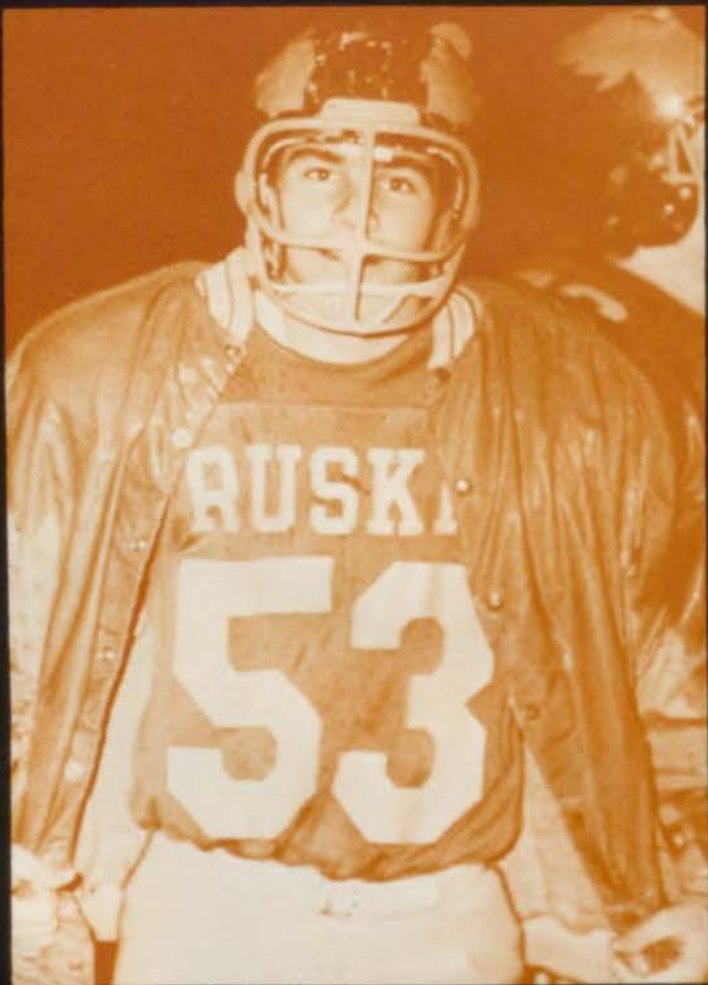


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WE'D SING AND DANCE

FOREVER AND A DAY





AUTUMN

School Board Proposes New Auditorium

The school board elected a new superintendent due to the death of Tom Foraker. The new superintendent is Joseph Nesbit. The assistant superintendent is David DeHelms.

The school board meets the first and third Thursday of each month. The president of the school board is Bill Wall. He is assisted by Vice-President, Bruce Buie. Other assistance is provided by Paul Province, treasurer and Mildred Harness, secretary. Other board members are Robert Blaylock, Jeanne Freeman, Paul Kamitsuka and Richard Schultz.

The beginning of our auditorium may not have happened without the efforts of the school board. We owe much appreciation to the school board of Hickman Mills.



President, Bill Wall and board member, Jeanne Freeman.



Board members ponder over a difficult decision.



The Board reviews the plans for the new auditorium.



The 1976-77 School Board.

In Loving Memory Of Tom Foraker

Tom Foraker 1912-1976

Tom Foraker was born on a farm in Lamar, Mo. He graduated from the high school there. He received his B.S. in Ed. from UMC in 1940. His first teaching assignment was at the Hickman Mills School on Grandview Road. After four and a half months there, he became principal at Center High School until 1959. Before becoming principal, he was an off-campus instructor at CMSU for three years. In 1959, he became the superintendent of the Hickman Mills School District. He belonged to the Missouri State Teacher Association of School Administrators. Few people knew that the gentle, happy educator, who led the school district through so many of its most difficult years, was a hero of WW II. Mr. Tom Foraker died on May 29, 1976 after suffering a severe heart attack. His accomplishments and devotion to the education of students will be long remembered.



Mr. Foraker makes his speech at graduation.



Mr. Foraker and Mr. Nesbit discuss plans for the construction of new schools.



Steck Honored by Friends

Mr. Blaine Steck is one of a kind. If he is not tangling with morning announcements, he is helping with school activities or a troubled student. After serving as principal for 22 years, Mr. Steck has proved to be a fine colleague, a respected administrator and an involved, proud Ruskinite.

Over four hundred friends, relatives and students gathered to honor Mr. Steck on September 25, 1976. Telephone calls, telegrams and words of congratulations came from admirers who wished to commend him for his 21st year of service. Mr. David Cattle, assistant principal and Mr. Kenneth Burkhart, vice-principal, were on hand in the gymnasium to present Mr. Steck with his newly painted Volkswagon, appropriately dubbed "Eagle I." He also received several mementoes, a brightly painted portrait of himself, along with a chandelier which will be hung, in his honor, in the new auditorium. To make "Blaine Steck Night" even more special, friends arranged to place a diamond in the setting of Mr. Steck's Ruskin ring.

Along with more festive duties, Mr. Cattle and Mr. Burkhart advise Mr. Steck on everything from football predictions to Saturday detentions. They, along with our secretaries, help keep the course of a Ruskin schoolday, from admit slips to cafeteria conduct, in working order.



Mr. Steck, overcome with joy, at Blaine Steck Night.

"This is the very last time, Mr. Burkhart," warns Rita Chun



... and you may now kiss the bride.



Mr. Steck addresses the senior class and parents on graduation night.



Mrs. Lee Flippin Mrs. Dorothea Gfeller Mrs. Pat Prouty



Going my way?



The portrait of Mr. Steck that will be hung in the new auditorium.

Mr. Cattle and Mr. Burkhart prepare to make a speech.



Mr. Steck announces Steve Buie '76-'77 STUCO President.



Mr. Blaine Steck
Principal



Mr. David Cattle
Assistant Principal



Mr. Kenneth Burkhart
Vice Principal



An Eye for the Future

Last year, Marjorie Langford completed thirty-two years of service at Ruskin. She has the longest tenure of any employee in CSD #1 and has worked in four of the five Ruskin buildings. Before becoming a counselor in 1959, she was a social studies teacher and librarian. Mrs. Langford believes a change she's seen is "the students are more liberal in thinking and are more independent." Her happiest moments are whenever we "win" whether it's a football game, or the receipt of a scholarship.

Mr. Hoskins, counselor since 1962, has seen a change in the administration. "They have become more modernized in their attitudes. They recognize the needs of the students more by giving them activity periods and selection of most classes."

College night, October 19, provided college-bound students and their parents with information concerning over sixty United States Colleges and Universities. Students were able to attend three fifteen-minute sessions of their choice, all of which provided information on college curriculum and procedure.

Nurse Wright, a Ruskin veteran of fourteen years, finds the current Ruskin student to be more honest with himself and with others. Mrs. Wright complements the rest of her counseling colleagues.



Mr. Crawford contemplates a day's work.



Another day, another dollar, for Mrs. Booth.



Mrs. Lavanda Booth



Mr. Calvin Crawford



Mr. Charles Hoskins



"I'll change your schedule only if you vote for Carter," bargains Mr. Hoskins.



"This is how it's supposed to be!" exclaims Mrs. Langford to Denise Degenhardt.



"Don't mind me, I'm just waiting for the nurse," says Rita Chun.



Mrs. Marjorie Langford



Mr. William Nicholson



Mrs. Dorothy Wright

"You have a sore throat, a headache AND an earache?"



Making last minute adjustments, Mr. Nicholson rushes off to Hickman.



Pens and thumbs are an aid to Mrs. Chism as she works in the textbook office.



"These teachers that check out four filmstrips at a time really puzzle me," says Mrs. Jacobczak.



Library workers combine beauty and intelligence in their work.

Library Personnel Add Life to Academics

Credit should be given where credit is due. For instance, to presidents and actors and to our library ladies too. The reason behind this is those wonderful women who deserve recognition for what they do. These librarians were always there to aid in any way that they could. Even if they didn't have the information there, which was a rare occurrence, they would give you a place to go to get the information.

These women spent many hours before and after school preparing bulletin boards and materials for the students. They were not forced to do this, but did this because they wanted to help. The librarians have built up the library as an excellent resource center, and they will continue to perform their essential daily tasks.

Because of Ruskin's 75th anniversary, the library made the most of the celebration by picking days of the year at random to give students and teachers birthdays presents. The presents included candy, cookies, cupcakes, fruit and paperback books. The library has a lot more to offer than books; it also offers fun and spirit.



Miss Sue Travis



Mrs. Maxine Ackerson

Either the days are getting shorter or the work is getting harder!



Ms. Travis displays the xerox machine given to the library by the Booster Club.

Perry Hunter and Abbie Melton and just two of the many students who use the library's resources.



Mrs. Paula Neale



Mrs. Carol Jacobczak



Mrs. Vicky Chism



Mrs. Ackerson's humor carries us through another day.



Mr. Gary Abram Miss Priscilla Belden Mrs. Mary Ann Crawford

From Pros to Prose . . .

Landmark restorers, volleyball coaches, ex-baseball pros, and former cheerleaders hardly fit the stereotype of the straight-laced schoolmarm with severely backcombed hair and ankle-length dresses. But '76-'77 lent itself more to candidness, short hobs, and calf-length skirts. American English teachers have become no longer teachers of English, threatening a crack across the knuckles, but teachers of "American," whose lifestyles are as varied as the subjects they teach.

Miss Priscilla Belden, a Ruskin veteran of thirteen years, has exemplified this trend in teaching. Although her interests range from playing tennis to reading the classics, her biggest project has been the rebuilding of her grandfather's Michigan home originally built in 1912.

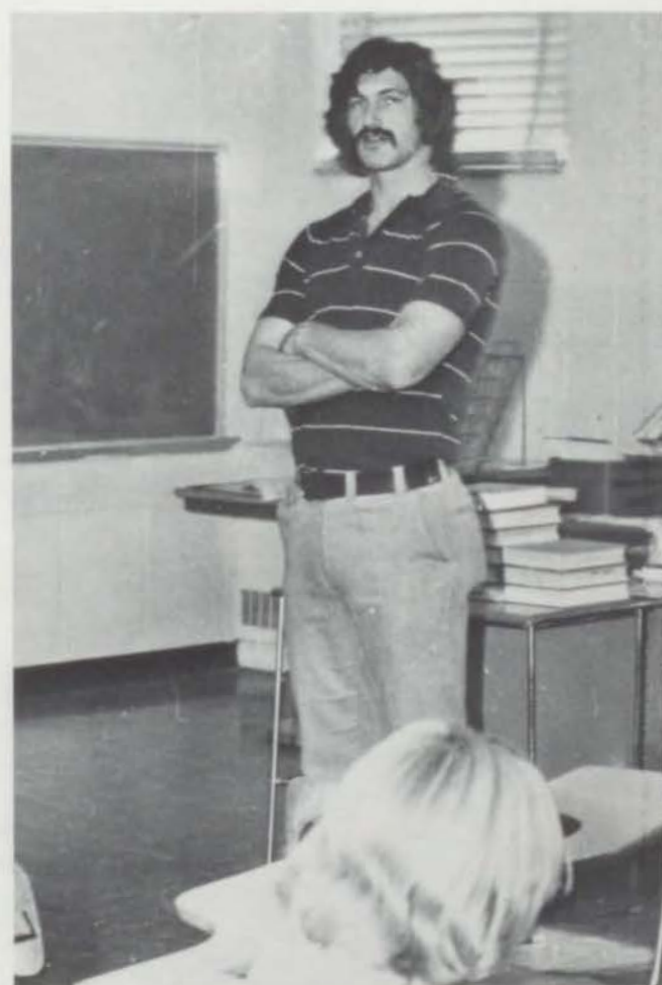
Several of her colleagues are great lovers of the arts. Mrs. Mary Ann Crawford is a faithful patron of the Kansas City Lyric Theatre and Miss Benny Searcy enjoys relaxing to Beethoven, while Miss Susan Rose is fond of old movies, especially the musicals.

Other members of the department share athletic interests. Mr. Gary Abram was a Pittsburgh Pirate before coaching the volleyball team with Mrs. Jean Gelsinger. And cheering them on to victory might well be our former spirit leaders, Miss Lesley Easterday and Miss Mary Haney.



Mrs. Gelsinger: from reel to reel.

"You're not going to believe what's on this cassette."



Mr. Abram, this is your life.

...the ...
...the ...
...the ...



Miss Searcy reflects on a day of Chaucer and Milton.



Miss Lesley Easterday



Mrs. Jean Gelsinger



Miss Mary Haney



Miss Haney participates in Homecoming festivities.

"What do you mean you're moving in?"



Miss Susan Rose



Miss Benny Searcy



Even Miss Belden is humfuzzled by this one.

Teachers Educate the Geniuses of Tomorrow

Math

Seven math courses make up the small, but dynamic mathematics department. Classes ranged from Introduction to Algebra, taught by Mr. James Lloyd, to Mr. Ernest Hester's incomparable and competitive Math Analysis class. Mr. Hester doubled as a physics instructor as well. The department was rounded out by Mr. Madison Hayman, Mr. Larry Gunther, and Mr. Max Hoskin. The math department will continue to offer challenging curricula for the competitive student.

Science

Congratulations to Mr. Maupin for completing his twenty-first year of teaching. Mr. Maupin felt that during his first year of teaching at Ruskin, "the students knew each other better and were friendlier towards one another." Mr. Allen, Mr. Chism and Mr. Clark completed the science department. The science classes were constantly busy collecting bugs, dissecting, and examining microbiologies. Excitement occurred in the science department when, overnight, Mr. Chism's seven foot boa constrictor wriggled its way out of his cage, into the middle of the classroom.



Mr. Max Hoskin

Mr. James Lloyd

"504 tests to grade tonight," sighs Mr. Allen.



"What do you mean, you forgot your homework?" asks Mr. Hayman.

Mr. Larry Gunther

Mr. Madison Hayman

Mr. Ernest Hester



Tammy Coyazo pleads with a tired Mr. Hoskin for homework help.

"Does Mr. Lloyd expect us to believe that?" asks Christine Otis.



One of Mr. Clark's "deerest" friends.

"I swallowed my pencil, Mr. Gunther," says Rick Justesen.



"Looking good" is Mr. Chism's hobby.



Mr. Maupin is the reason why Gwen Gunnells and Barb Moore enjoy Chemistry.

Mr. Rick Alford

Mr. Ken Chism

Mr. Charles Maupin





Mr. Reynolds practices new teaching techniques.



Yes, dear, you definitely do have a problem.



Mrs. Bonita Utley



Mr. Larry Wild



Mr. Kennedy—Alias Cowboy Karl.

The many faces of a history class.



Mr. James Clark



Mr. Doug Taylor



History Department Changes with Times

In the past few years, no department has had as many additions as the history department. Five years ago there were only the basic history courses offered, such as American History and World History. Now there are more than twenty-five different history courses each with its own purpose towards a complete history curriculum.

Mr. Boothe, department coordinator, planned the Social Studies curriculum and made the needed improvements in the department. Mr. Boothe stated, "My main objective is to improve the Social Studies classes by improving the teaching methods." Mr. Boothe was also responsible for arranging the visit of Mrs. Christopher Bond, who visited the school in September and spoke to the various Social Studies classes.

Joining the Social Studies department, was Mrs. Utley, previously teaching at West High School. She explained the differences between the two schools, "Here at Ruskin there is less absenteeism and assignments are turned in more frequently."

In the spring, an exhibit was held to help the students become aware of the variety of available Social Studies classes and what each had to offer the individual student.

Although the history department has made many changes, Mr. Boothe hopes with the quality of classes offered, it will give History-oriented students a wider outlook on the purpose of their lives and the world around them.



Monica Johannismeyer waits in anticipation as Ms. Brown passes out the tests.



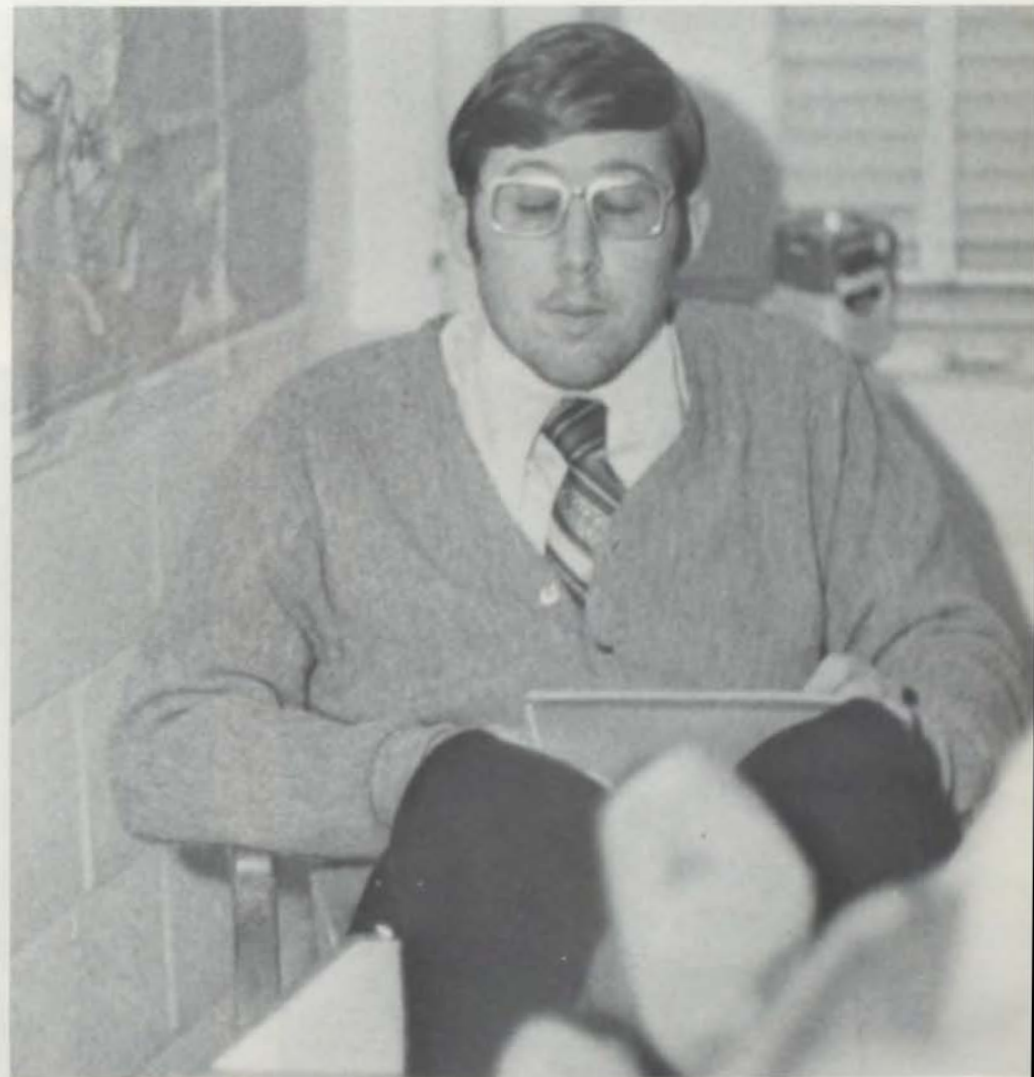
Mr. Wild makes his escape through the back door.



Mr. Gerald Partridge



Mr. Larry Frazier



Mr. Boothe uses his free hour constructively.



Mr. George Yocum



Miss Madalyne Brown



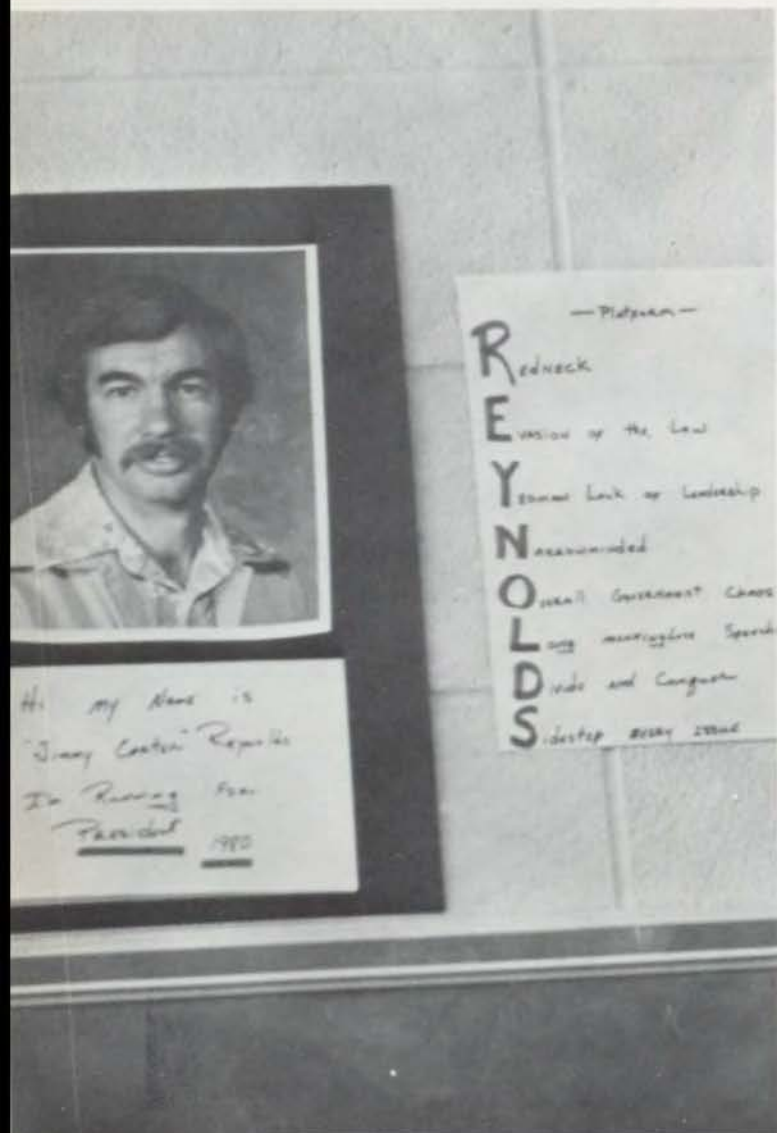
Mr. Mike Boothe



Mr. Mike Reynolds



Jimmy Carter expresses his campaign platform.



Mr. Reynolds begins his campaign for the election of 1980.



Mrs. Bond outlines Governor Bond's viewpoints.

President Ford Wins Vote in Mock Election

During the election year of '76, Ruskin took its place alongside the nation with its own mock election, sponsored by the Social Studies Department. It may be possible that during the seventy five years of Ruskin's history, the students have never shown such enthusiasm or interest in an national election. "This election has not only been supported by the Social Studies Department, but also the other departments as well. Many teachers have become involved in the election and encouraged their students to do the same," commented Mr. Boothe, supervisor of the election. The purpose of the election was to give students a chance to participate and become involved in voter registration, debates, and the actual voting. Results of Ruskin's election were compared with the national results.

President Ford was elected to the office of President with fifty-five per cent of the vote and Christopher Bond won the gubernatorial race with fifty-eight per cent of the vote in the mock election. In comparison to these results were the national results in which Jimmy Carter won the presidential race and Joe Teasdale won the gubernatorial race. Although the results of Ruskin's election differed with those of the national and local results, both elections showed the closeness of the races.



Mr. Ken Quest



Mr. Karl Kennedy



Mr. Wayne Bias



One of many posters appearing during the mock election.

Carter Wins National Election



PRESIDENT GERALD FORD, Republican nominee, was defeated after serving two years in the White House. Mr. Ford was the first president to obtain the position as a result of the President and Vice-President resigning.

JIMMY CARTER, the Democratic nominee from Plains, Georgia, was elected President of the United States. Carter was one of the few presidents who have received less than fifty per cent of the popular vote.



Minding Our Business

Despite the lack of experience, business was booming for the 1976-77 beginners in business at RHS. There is little comfort, however, to be had from the old cliché "Practice makes perfect." Even the second and third year business students experienced some difficulties.

As in the past, the business department offered a wide selection of courses. Among them were the following: Bookkeeping, Recordkeeping, Accounting I and II, Typing I, Personal Typing, Clerical Practice I and II which include the operation of office machines and office simulation,

or their equivalent Senior Clerical Practice which is a two-hour block of the concentrated study of office procedures, Shorthand I, Secretarial Practice which concentrates on advanced dictation speeds and transcription accuracy, Business Law which probed into the role of the student as an active citizen of the community, and Office Occupations which provided a work-study program.

Since its humble beginning in 1948, Ruskin's business department has grown and changed considerably. Mr. Wrisinger, the head of the business department, "WAS" the department. He was the originator of the present interworking unit, which now contains seven teachers with up-to-date knowledge and modern machinery to accommodate the demands of the business world today.

Mr. Oren Bates

Mr. Richard Boone

Mrs. Karen Capron



Mrs. Dorothy Maupin

Mrs. Aleta Mullins

Mrs. Bess Skinner



"If I have to erase this one more time, I'll scream!" says Barbara Gabel.



"Hey, can I borrow another index card?" asks Michelle Smith.

Adjusting her typewriter; Teresa Cerniglia seeks perfection.





Mr. Wrisinger in 1948, and after 28 years of teaching in 1977.

Assignments receive hair pulling reaction by Becky Redman.



"Three copies to type and the typewriter isn't even plugged in!" exclaimed Bobbi Taylor.

"That couldn't be the answer!" says Beth O'Connor.



"One moment please and I'll connect you," says Marie Brown, operator #404.



Liberated Females Invade Industrial Arts Classes

"Sparks flew" last year, when the female enrollment in Industrial Arts hit a new high. 1977 brought about a two-fold increase in the class enrollment of females.

It wasn't until the 1972-73 school year that girls dared to break sex stereotypes, established at the origination of the department, and enroll in Industrial Arts classes.

In the near future, "knock on wood", the female enrollment should equal that of the males and it will be closer to being a liberated department. Who can tell what will come from these hold and brave trend starters; maybe some of the best engineers and architects the world has ever known (female of course)?



Mr. John Beeson

Mr. Jim R. Bodenhamer

Mr. Paul Hall



"You just wouldn't believe the kind of day I've had, simply the pits," says Mr. Beeson.



"If anyone wants me, I'll be in my office," says Mr. Moore.



Woodworking class takes all of Toby Ruch's concentration.



Mr. Wayne Moore

Mr. Michael Noland

Mr. J. D. Swaffar



"They always told me, 'When all else fails read the directions'," says Cindy Courier.



Mr. Bodenhamer returns architectural drawings.



Sparks fly as metal takes on a different shape.

"I can't help it if I feel this way about your project!" says Mr. Noland.





Miss Tisell demonstrates that teachers have homework too.



Marianne Giambalvo, Linda Habel, and Terrie Giambalvo check to see if it's done.



Study is also part of Foods I.



Miss Judy Washem, a student teacher last year, explains a point to the class.



Too much candy at the Halloween party makes for an upset stomach.

Change with Tradition, A Challenge

Home Economics was no more than cooking and sewing in 1959. But since then, historical things have been accomplished, including the creation of a few new classes: Contemporary Living, Child Development and the most recent, Marriage and the Family. These classes have helped us realize the value of Home Economics and has attracted the interest of more male students and teachers.

Miss Cheryl Tisell, who had been a student teacher in 1975, joined Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Callen and Miss Taylor last fall. She taught Child Development and Contemporary Living.

In the past few years Home Economics has become more than something women practice in the home; it has been developed into an exciting frontier for everyone.



Mrs. Lucile Horton



Mrs. Glenna Callen



Miss Elaine Taylor



Miss Cheryl Tisell



"I know that recipe was in here somewhere," says Mrs. Callen.

"It's good to have all the work done," sighs Mrs. Horton.

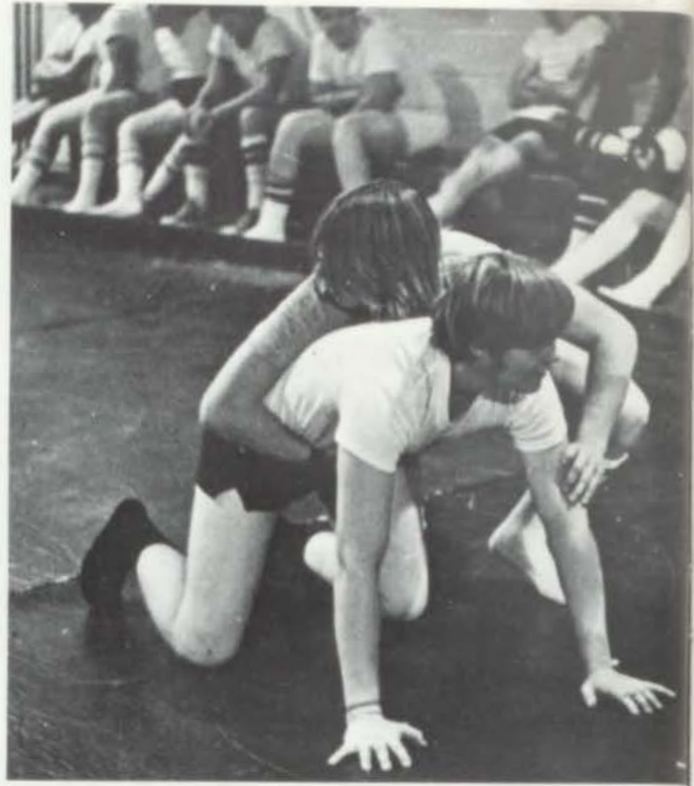


Miss Taylor is full of smiles after sixth hour.



Mr. Rex Perry Mr. Gerald Harper Mr. Russell Dowell

"Don't fall now," exclaims Mrs. Wiley.



Doug Heslip displays his wrestling skills.



After the applause dies down, I'll get up and wrestle.



Physical education students expand their talents with wrestling.



Mrs. Mary Wiley Mrs. Shirley France



Experience and Youth Enlighten P.E. Students

1953 was a memorable year for Mr. Dowell. It marked the beginning of a rewarding 24-year teaching career.

1974 brought a new addition to the Physical Education Department, Mr. Rex Perry, a 1968 graduate of Ruskin.

Together, Mr. Dowell and Mr. Perry add experience and youth to a very fine Physical Education department.

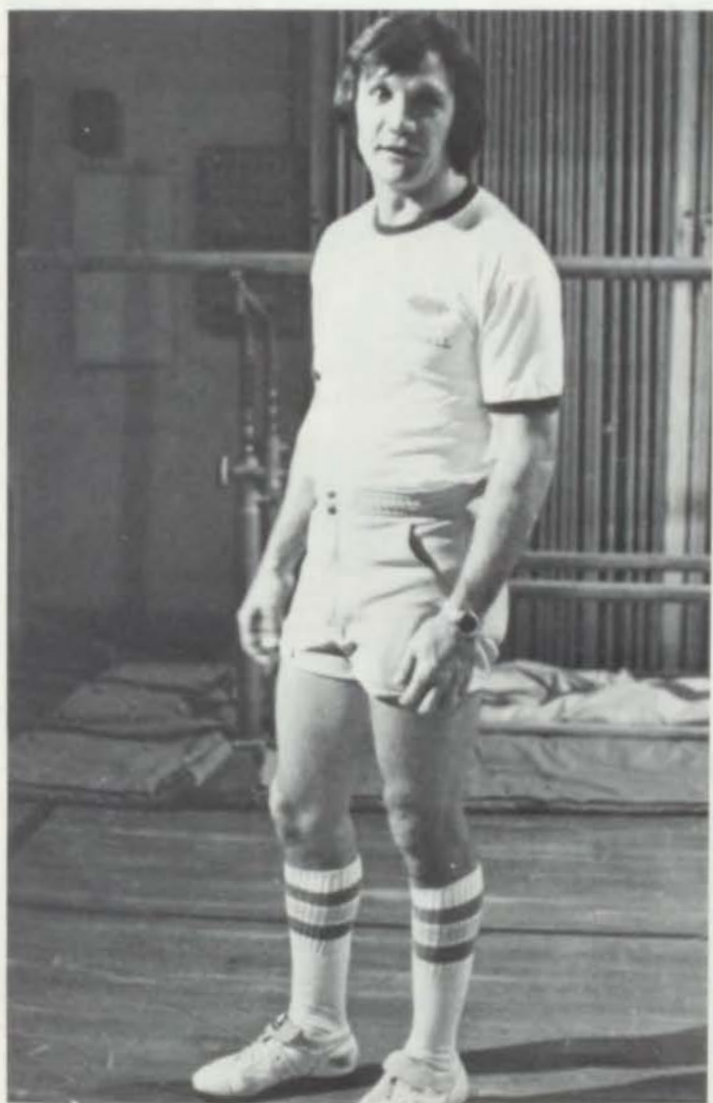
Department members Mrs. Mary Wiley and Mrs. Shirley France head some very unusual activities, including cage ball, volleyball, weight training and modern dance.

Mr. Harper, Ruskin's athletic director, tells of the faculty's role in athletic events. "Without the rest of the faculty, we couldn't have an athletic program." Teachers and administrators participated as ticketsellers, scorekeepers and supporters at all events.

To be completed next year is a new auditorium and multi-purpose building which will benefit all Physical Education classes.



"Mr. Dowell yelled at me," cries Gary Martin.



"Just you try it," says Mr. Perry.



Mrs. Wiley can't believe that last shot.

Novice, Experienced Teachers Aid Musicians

A wonderful musical montage exists right beneath the very noses of students at Ruskin. The music world has been challenged by the zithering strings of the orchestra under the direction of Mrs. Marlene Tingler, the warbling voices of the many choirs, and the windiness of the Golden Eagle Band, directed by instructors William Hamble, Jim Snodgrass, and Jeffrey Schult. Each of those tuneful groups has made great great contributions to a number of causes for which they have been justly rewarded with a great number of awards, ribbons, and honors they have received throughout the school year.



"Would you like to step outside?" inquires Mr. Schult.



Mr. William Hamble



Mr. Jeffrey Schult



Mrs. Marlene Tingler



Mr. James Snodgrass

"The new instruments they come up with these days!" exclaims Mr. Snodgrass.



"They call this music?"



How will the choir students take to their new uniforms?



"Another example of teacher abuse," exclaims Miss Gaines.

Photography Added To Fine Arts Department

The fine arts have many modes of expression. Whether it's the click of a camera, the stroke of a brush, the tone of a voice or the gesture of a hand, specified artists can create a mood appealing to all viewers. Mr. Michael Ferman, Miss Germaine Gaines and Mr. Irshel Hocker lead their students through the aesthetic studies of painting, Sculpture and Commercial Art, while the Photography, Speech and Drama fields are headed by Mr. Chris Williams, Miss Verna Page and Mrs. Joyce Briggs. These instructors teach age-old techniques as well as modern methods.



Mr. Irshel Hocker



Mrs. Joyce Briggs



Miss Germaine Gaines



"There are no curves in a straight line," instructs Mr. Ferman.



Mr. Michael Ferman



Miss Verna Page



Mr. Chris Williams

Miss Page is always surrounded by loving fans.



Buddies in and away from school, Miss Travis and Mrs. Briggs enjoy an impromptu lunch.



Language Links Student To Learning

Here at Ruskin, three foreign languages are offered: German, Spanish and French. Each department offers courses that can be taken for three to four consecutive years where the basics learned are applied to the conversation, reading and composition of that language. For the student who wishes to have a knowledge of a language for the purpose of travel, semester classes are provided.

German was first introduced by Mrs. Gretchen Janis four years ago. Through those years, she has taught German in a manner that appealed to the students, by making the learning of German fun and interesting.

French has been taught by Miss Kathryn Shoot since 1972. By using media forms such as videotapes and cassettes, her "etudiants" acquired a better understanding of French. Conversation was strongly stressed in all of her classes, forcing the student to think in French before speaking it.

Mrs. Mary Dowell has taught Spanish for the past twenty-four years. Through those years, she has taught for the purpose of giving her students knowledge that they could put to future use. The major change she noted in her department was where Spanish, which was once offered as only a two-year course is now being given for four years. This gives a student the chance to be more fluent in Spanish.



Miss Kathryn Shoot



Mrs. Mary Dowell



Mrs. Gretchen Janis



Mrs. Janis gives some friendly advice.

Rita Chun assists Miss Shoot in burping Rachel Ruskin.



Mrs. Dowell speaks of current events in Spain.



COE Helps Bridge Gap Into Working World

Leave each day after attending only three or four hours of class? For the senior students who were members of the Cooperative Occupational Education (COE) program, they were able to do just that. The Distributive Education (D.E.) and Trade and Industry (T & I) classes were what COE was all about. D.E. was taught by both Mr. Ricono and Mr. Crane, who familiarized their students of the work situations in areas that included wholesale, retail, and service establishments. Students of Mr. Willis' T & I classes learned of the many skills that dealt with trades and industry. Seniors of COE took either a D.E. or T & I class as part of their schedule. After attending school for at least half a day, they would then be required to work at their part-time job for a minimum of three hours per day, averaging fifteen hours a week. The program, directed mainly to those not going on to college or training schools, gave them the job experience needed for employment after graduation. COE proved to be a worthwhile course that bridged the gap for a student who wanted to pursue a career in the working world without a college education or a degree.



Mr. James Crane



Mr. Richard Willis



Mr. Martin Ricono



Mr. Crane extends a helping hand to Mike Skinner.



Naomi James swears in John Juulich as new DECA President.

"It can't be THAT funny," says Mr. Ricono to Denise Degenhardt.

The Sky's the Limit

Ten years and two hundred thirty-eight cadets ago, Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Corp was called an organization and consisted of all males. The construction of Hickman Mills High School in 1973, and the subsequent division of the district resulted in Ruskin's losing a majority of its cadets.

The first instructor, Lieutenant Colonel Keith R. Pollock, set up the basic class procedures. The class dealt with aerospace knowledge in general. In addition to general class room work, different clubs have been in-

itiated into the program. Such clubs included drill team, color guard and rocket club.

Over the past ten years, the organization has decreased in size but increased in enthusiasm. The classes, now known as "flights," have competition between each other for best flight.

Lieutenant Colonel Moise has upheld these traditions with the help of a new instructor, Senior Master Sergeant Cooper.



Car trouble, Ms. Neale? Let the Colonel help.



Senior Master Sergeant Cooper



Lieutenant Colonel Moise

Color Guard formations have changed since 1967.



"Got collar problems Col. Moise?" asks Sgt. Cooper.

New Methods of Teaching Help in Many Ways

The learning center, a new class this year, was taught by Mr. Jerome Yount. It's a place for students to help themselves with any kind of disability they might have.

The student might be referred to the center by his counselor or teacher or he may refer himself. Tests are taken and if the student does have a disability he drops one of his classes from his regular schedule and goes to the learning center instead. He may then study on a one-to-one basis with Mr. Yount.

Functional Education was five classes combined into one: Math, American History, Language Arts, Practical Arts.

Each class, taught by Mr. Beers or Mrs. DuVal, was unique in itself. "Math was functional in everyday living," stated Mr. Beers.

Much of the money for the arts and crafts and homemaking classes was provided by the Eagle's Nest, a concession stand set up in the cafeteria which sold breakfast items.



Mr. Jerry Yount



And he thinks HE'S a ladies' man.



Mrs. Lorraine DuVal



Mr. Roy Beers

Mr. Beers enjoys a breakfast prepared by his students.



Mrs. DuVal looks forward to another busy day.





"Surely I'll get more than that!" says Kevin Fugate.



Cafeteria ladies share a joke before the mad rush.



Mr. McMillian keeps Mr. Steck's office in tip-top shape.



Lots of time goes into cooking for 1500 students.



"Home cooks" aren't always found at home.



Fork and spoon duty is taken care of after lunch.



Mr. McMillian thinks picking up so much trash can be a problem.

Mr. Kidd, head custodian, fastest towel changer in the West.



Spoons and Brooms are Tools of Their Trade

Arriving at 6 a.m. for work every day and staying until all the work is finished showed the dedication of the cafeteria workers. These thirteen patient ladies provided delicious, nutritious meals to the seemingly endless line of hungry students. Planning and preparation of the appetizing courses required a considerable amount of time and thought. During the four lunch shifts, the staff provided the students with many choices of tasty meals; they picked from a regular hot lunch in which they could choose what they wanted on their plates: salad plates, chili plates, hamburger plates, milk, ice cream, or a single order of french fries.

Many necessary tasks were brought before the custodians as they were the ones who kept our school building in A-1 condition. This six-man staff performed such duties as: sweeping floors, washing windows, repairing broken windows and hanging up pencil sharpeners. Their jobs did not end with the students' last day of school. They worked continuously throughout the summer repairing broken desks, cutting the grass, and getting the school ready for the next year. They were not confined to fixing, sweeping, and cleaning, however; they did various jobs like setting up and taking down chairs for assemblies, concerts, and plays. Even though Mr. Steck was suspicious about the custodians moving the cafeteria tables to the auditorium on the evening of September 25, the hard-working men of our custodial staff were able to do their part in the preparation of Blaine Steck Night.



Mr. Snow takes a rest from his many duties.

Eagles Have Successful Season Despite Record

With a 3-7 overall record and a 1-4 conference record, the Golden Eagles finished in fifth place in the medium six conference.

Head coach, Gerald Partridge, comments on the season, "As the record goes, the season was not successful. However, I hope that years from now each of the participants can look back and view the season as a successful part of their lives."

Personal talent was abundant as the all-conference, first team honors went to: Kevin Granger, Brian Kurdi, Chuck Hafele, and Ralph Wilson.

Injuries played a major role in the season, but Partridge said it did not determine it. "Injuries always play a part in the record of a team, but they are also a part of the game and must be accepted."



Center Larry Alumbaugh snaps the ball to quarterback Brian Kurdi.



The 1976-77 Ruskin Eagle Varsity football team.

Adam Gordon smashes through the Hickman defense.



Ruskin Eagles show their spirit before the game.



Doug Johnson leaps high for a first down.



Left to right. First Row: Coach Perry, Coach Beeson, Coach Gunther, Coach Noland. Back Row: Coach Allen, Head Coach Partridge, Coach Harper.



Brian Kurdi and Mike Gutshall zoom in on Raytown ball carrier.



Steve Brittain attempts to tackle a Raytown back.

Unified Goal Adds to Powerful J.V. Drive

The Junior Varsity football team, grounded in a tradition of hard work and strenuous practice, played each game upholding a goal to do their best. The first J.V. team was initiated on the Ruskin gridiron in the fall of 1957. The 1976 team overcame their inexperience with aggressive plays and a refusal to give up until the final buzzer sounded. The 0-6-1 record, was a disheartenment to the players. Coach Beeson felt that there were a few games that they should have won, but lost.

The J.V. players and coaching staff can now reflect back upon humorous moments as well as hard work and practice. Coach Noland and Coach Beeson recall an away game when Coach Perry forgot to bring the football. All in all, win or lose, this team has memories to last a lifetime.



Eagle escapes the grasping hands of an opposing player.

I've got you this time!



But it's my ball!



"Did you mean this 35 yard line?" questions Jenny Jones.



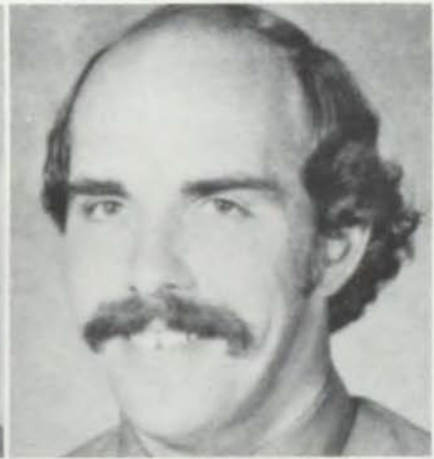
J.V. players double as Varsity linemen: Larry Alumbaugh, Pat Johnson, Frank Jackson, Robbie Hunt, Don Gossman, Mike Davis, Butch Mewmaw, Corey Morone, Rick Lane.



Coach John Beeson



Coach Rex Perry



Coach Michael Noland



Practices start in the heat of the summer.

Row One, left to right: Ken Rakestraw, David Brown, Keith Burt, Row two: Ed Westfall, John Worden, Steve Pruitt, Steve Gunther, Paul Klouse, David DeGerald. Row three: Bill Frazier, John Glukowsky, Bill Berberich, Chris DeMoss, Dean Allen, John Galloway.



Row One, from left to right: Mark Calcara, Mark Ricketts, Steve Gunther, Ken Rakestraw, Scott Macey, Gene Carpenter. Row two: Preston Young, John Worden, Chris DeMoss, Dean Allen, John Galloway.

Ruskin	0	Center	7
	0	Oak Park	6
	8	Belton	8
	12	Wm. Chrisman	14
	12	Raytown	20
	10	Parkhill	14
	0	N.K.C.	7
	0	Lee's Summit	8



Preston Young holds tight as Park Hill's defender looks on.

David Gaylord smashes the Blue Jay line.



There's More to Being Winners Than Winning

Since football originated in the mid-1800's, great advancements have been made. In the early days, football was known as soccer, played with a round ball that eventually changed into the egg shaped football we now have.

Just as great advancements were made in the mid-1800's, great advancements have been made in '76" for the sophomore football team. Even though they never won a game, they were not losers. Their record for the season was 0-7-1. The tie came from Belton, which proved to be the most exciting game of the season. All the games were exciting though with never more than a 10 point span between the teams. The 32 man team, averaging more players than in the past, resulted in many more skilled offensive and defensive players. "It's the best group we've had in the past three or four years. They had a lot to learn and it took one year to learn it," Said Coach Gunther. The leading players were Dean Allen (offensive quarterback), and David Brown (defensive nose back). The team as a whole thought the season was profitable. They learned many valuable points of football and feel that their playing experiences will help them in the years to come.



The outstanding players for offense and defense were Dean Allen and David Brown.



Row One, from left to right: Paul Klouse, John Glukowsky, Chris DeMoss, Bryan Chenault, Bill Frazier, Phillip Gloor, Bill Berberich, Jeff Bailey. Row two: Steve Harper, Mark Calcara, Steve Gunther, Rusty Holt, David Gaylord, Dean Allen, Darrell Hamilton, Louis Carter, Steve Eckert,

Preston, Steve Pruitt. Row three: Dale Shoemaker, Ken Rakestraw, Mark Ricketts, Keith Burt, Scott Macey, Jerry Jackson, Dwight Fitzwater, Joe Ryan, Gene Carpenter, John Worden, David Brown.



"Do we punt or run the ball, Coach Partridge?" asks Tina Moore and Terri Giambalvo.



Tim Buie and Ron Culver give Patti Johnson her boost for the day.



Patti Johnson, senior captain and Terri Giambalvo, junior co-captain.



Vicki Lynn, senior and Janet Trussell, junior.



"I can't believe I made the whole thing," exclaims Patti Johnson.

Varsity Cheerleaders Win Super Star Squad Award



Tim Buie and Patti Johnson demonstrate one of many formations used.

April is a time for picnics, budding flowers, warm weather, spring love, and cheerleading tryouts. After weeks of hard practice and preparation, six varsity cheerleaders were chosen to represent our school. The six girls chosen were Patti Johnson, captain; Terri Giambalvo, co-captain; Beth Bruce, Vicki Lynn, Tina Moore, and Janet Trussell.

Almost as soon as school was out, summer practice began. Every morning at 6:00 a.m. the cheerleaders met on Ruskin's East Lawn and worked on cheers, jumps, and formations. On the third week of July, the girls traveled to Missouri Valley College in Marshall, Missouri to participate in one of the many cheerleading camps held. After a week of competition, the girls were awarded five blue ribbons, the Super-Star Squad Award, and the Award of Excellence. During the summer the girls found they had much in common such as talking, eating suckers, shopping, and spending money.

Although our cheerleaders were supposed to be an example of "perfection," they had their little oddities, such as Terri who made up cheers in her dreams and then taught them at practice, Tina who loved to dance to "Tunnel Vision," Vicki who always had an idea for something . . . , Janet who bobbed her black curls, Beth who cheered spotted when she caught the chicken pox, and Patti who came to practice many times in hose and a dress because she was on her way to work.

By the time school was out, the girls had "shown their stuff" and left behind a part of themselves in the spirit and pride of Ruskin.



Tina Moore and Beth Bruce, juniors.



The 1976-1977 Varsity Cheerleaders: Janet Trussell; Vicki Lynn; Terri Giambalvo, co-captain; Patti Johnson, captain; Tina Moore; Beth Bruce.

Spirit Boosted by Guys

What comes in 2's is black and binky, it locks and could possibly scare you? . . . The male cheerleaders, of course. Lead by Don Culver, these seven guys got out there to help boost spirit at football games and meet-the-squad's. The squad consisted of Ron Culver, Ron Black, Mike Binkley, Craig Locke, and Tim Buie, with acrobats performed by Dennis Capra.

Ruskin was the first in the district to have male cheerleaders last year and again this year it was a success.

These young men along with their partners, the Varsity Cheerleaders, aided in keeping the Ruskin Eagle flying high.



Spirit is only the beginning of cheerleading.



Male cheerleaders in A-1 formation.

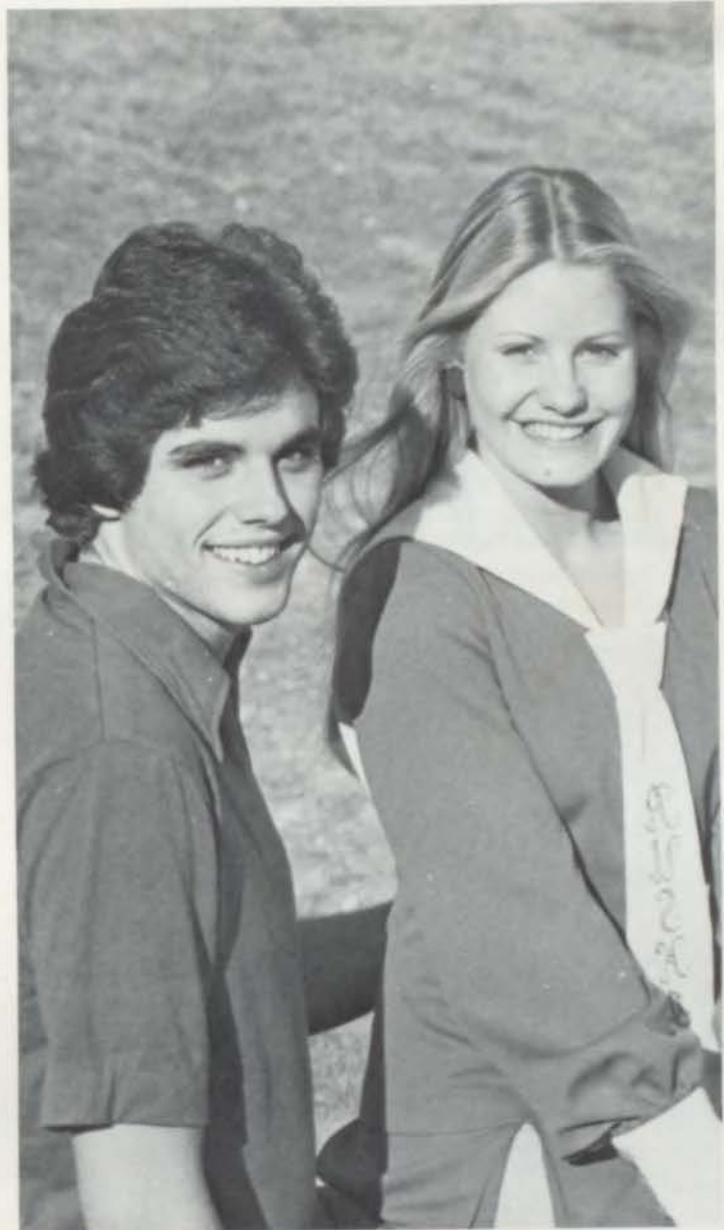


Don Culver
Mike Binkley
Tim Buie

Ron Culver
Ron Black
Craig Locke



"Tim, that's not part of the cheer!" says Terri Giambalvo.



Two smiles that help carry spirit through Ruskin.



One aspect of the male cheerleaders is supporting the girls' varsity squad. Their spirit shines through even on rainy days.



Hey, Hey we're the Monkees!

"Do you have something for a headache?" asks Lori Brown.



Back to back enthusiasm.



See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil.



Lori Brown, captain.



Fly like an Eagle?





"We've got legs!"

Claudia has an itch for this cheerleading business.



J.V. Cheerleaders— Smiles and Stamina

"We've got spirit, yes we do." The crowd roars back in response, as the J.V. cheerleaders bring enthusiasm to a peak. Lori Brown, captain; Teri Wilmot, co-captain; Kathy Lee, Rochelle Ryan, Gayle Allison, and Claudia Herbst combined stamina and determination as they smiled throughout the good and not so good games.

Long hours of practiced perfection and maintained cheerfulness were rewarded at camp in Marshall, Mo. The girls proudly returned to Ruskin with five blue ribbons and one red, plus the Super Squad Award. With these accomplishments behind them, they helped lead the school through a year of spirit, sportsmanship and fun.

Eagles fly in formation.



Homecoming Proves Diamonds are Forever

"And the 1950 Homecoming Queen is Miss Virginia Mathes.' The fans cheered and Virginia's eyes filled with tears as she was pronounced the winner."

Though the years may be different the reactions and excitement are the same. We've come from Virginia Mathes in 1950 to Tracy Coleman in 1976. As tradition has it, Tracy was crowned at halftime as her court: Miss Karen Denny and Miss Vicki Lynn, senior attendants; Miss Becky Peterson, junior attendant; Miss Diane Evans, sophomore attendant and football fans eagerly awaited the ceremony.

However, Homecoming didn't start at 6:00 on Friday night; it started the day school began with the assembly of the floats. The excitement was highlighted with Spirit Week. Activities such as Overall Spirit Day, Cream the Coaches and Team, Lick the Pirates and the Homecoming Assembly only added to the restlessness. Finally on Friday, the 24th, children, students, parents and teachers gathered together to participate in the annual parade. The culmination of the Diamond Jubilee celebration occurred with an Eagle triumph over the Pirates, 17-0.

Following the win was a true victory dance over which the royalty reigned. As the stars twinkled in the sky and the dance drew to a close, thoughts of the past, present and future filled the minds of the winners.



Students prepare Mr. Perry for a shave and haircut.



Student body elects Tracy Coleman as 1976 Homecoming Queen.



Previous queens prove that diamonds and beauty are forever.



Clowns may wear painted smiles, but Jon Merritt's is very real.



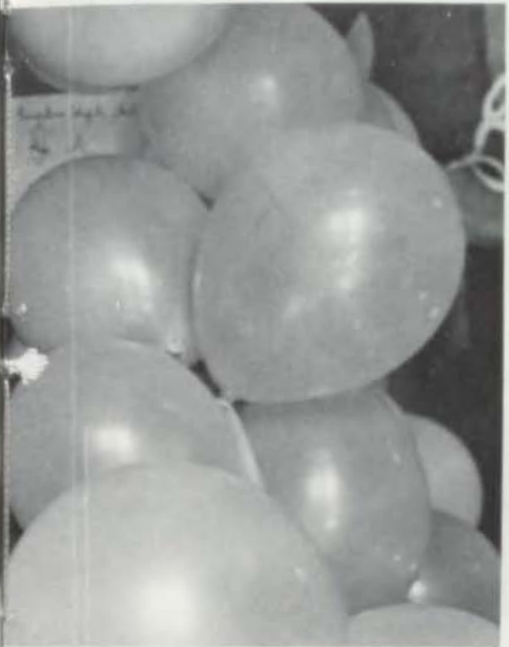
Prince Charming, alias Mr. Steck, rules over his subjects.



As in the past, the band announces the commencement of Homecoming parade.

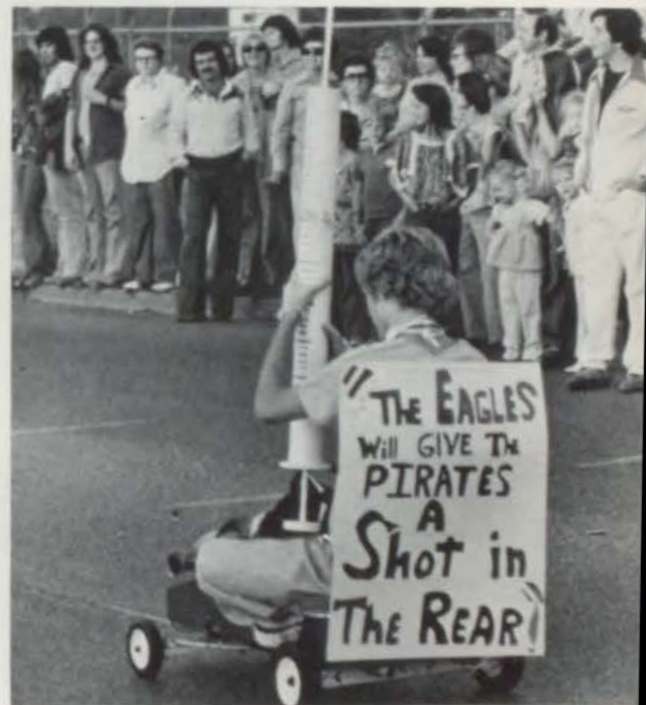


Classes, clubs, and parents all participate in the parade.



Balloons play a major role in the making of many floats.

Taking her final ride is Miss Chandra Barnhill, 1975 Homecoming Queen.



Prize for Best Walking Entry goes to Eldon Brown and his needle.



Miss Karen Denny
Senior Attendant



Miss Vicki Lynn
Senior Attendant



Miss Becky Peterson
Junior Attendant



Miss Diane Evans
Sophomore Attendant

*Twenty-Sixth Homecoming Queen,
Attendants Celebrate Diamond Jubilee*



Homecoming Queen, Miss Tracy Coleman

Cross Country: Conditioning to Competition



A familiar sight with Ruskin leading the pack.

Cross Country began at Ruskin and in the Kansas City area in 1962. It was developed as a conditioning program for the long distance runners in track to keep in shape during the off season. Gradually, it evolved into a competitive sport, with Ruskin being one of the first schools to compete in the Kansas City area.

There was much enthusiasm this season as seventeen runners finished under the coaching of Mr. Rick Alford. Coach Alford looks forward to the return of most of the athletes, with the exception of Tim DeBord, graduating captain. Recognition of individual effort was given to Eric Zugenbuhler who was designated number one sophomore in Kansas City, and to Frank Hood, junior, who was selected All-Conference, All-District, All-State, twentieth in the state meet, and All-American.

Running long distances, the runners prepare for meets, and still end smiling.



Cross Country Team—Back Row: Rich Clements, Eric Zugenbuhler, Jeff Clarke, Kirby Clark, Randy Rusk, Doug Strauss, Tim DeBord, Frank Hood, Coach Alford, Les Whittington. Front Row: Chris Gish, Steve Parshall, Ken Kraushaar, Dean Lewis, Kevin Clark, Gary Siwiec, Dan Hinton, David Gaylord (Manager), Not pictured: Lloyd Hood.

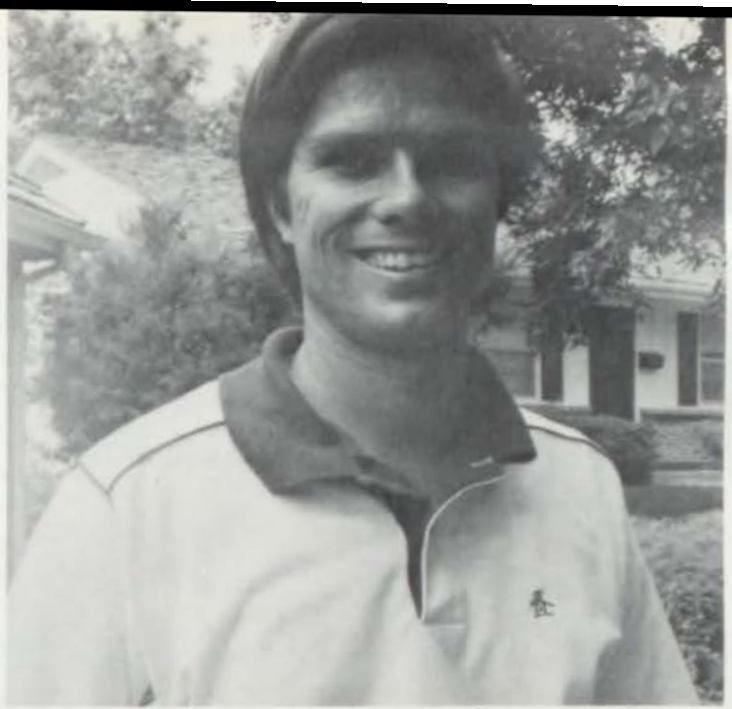
Frank Hood, All-American, coming in first place.



Girls Serve for Sixth

The third year proved to be a good one for the Girls Tennis team. They placed sixth in the District Tournament which was held at Barstow, with sixteen other schools competing. They finished second in Conference behind North Kansas City with a 4-1 record. In the Conference Tournament Shannon Luthy went to the finals losing to Julie Buckley of N.K.C. by a score of 6-1 and 6-1.

Nancy Eulitt also lost to Buckley in the semi-finals. In the doubles Kandy Simmons and Lisa Knuth, varsity team and Ginny Dahms and Teresa Montgomery, J.V. team both lost in the semi-finals to North Kansas City teams. Coach Chris Williams commented "I was pleased with this year's team and with a few changes, next year will be even better."



Tennis coach, Chris Williams



Playing tennis teaches one to reach for the sky.



Shannon Luthy, Nancy Eulitt, Tammy Fulte, Cindy Bergman, Lisa Knuth, Kandy Simmons, Linda Battle, Laura Gabel, Ginny Dahms, Barbara Gabel, Coach Williams.

Laura Gabel will get this one by hook or by crook.



Teresa Montgomery patiently awaits the serve.

Russell, Hagar Direct 'All My Sons'

Ruskin's Little Theater opened in November with the Arthur Miller drama, "All My Sons".

The story evolved around Joe Keller, his wife Kate, and his son Chris. A visit by old family friends, Ann and George Deever, renewed painful memories of the war years.

The Kellers and the Deevers had been neighbors and business partners for years before the war. Chris and George had been best friends all their lives. Chris's brother, Larry, and George's sister, Ann, had been childhood sweethearts. But the war changed things.

During the war, Keller's and Deever's company made airplane cylinder heads for the air force. The partner's business had been considered legitimate until twenty-one airplanes crashed and their pilots killed. The cause of the deaths was traced back to Keller's and Deever's business. The partners were arrested for knowingly passing defective cylinder heads to the government and they were consequently charged with the deaths of the twenty-one airmen. The result of the trial: Keller was exonerated. Deever was imprisoned.

In the meantime, American boys were becoming grown soldiers via Uncle Sam. After the trial, Chris, George and

Larry went to war. Chris and George returned with horrid memories of battle and death. Joe and Kate's older son, Larry, didn't return. Larry Keller was reported missing in action.

In the first months after the war, the "kids"—Chris, George, and Ann—felt bitter toward their fathers. Each family had had a special loss because of the war. It seemed paradoxical that they should grieve over Larry's death while causing the deaths of twenty-one airmen.

But as Chris and Ann put painful memories behind them and made plans to marry, long suppressed hurt was rekindled within Kate and George. They insisted that Larry's death would always come between Chris and Ann. Finally, Ann revealed that Larry had committed suicide out of shame for his father's part in the cylinder sales. Joe Keller finally admitted that he had driven his son to suicide. "I guess to him, they were all my sons."

For Mrs. Joyce Briggs, student directors Beth Russell and Teresa Hagar, Miss Sue Travis, and the cast and crew of "All My Sons", the theme of the play was captured by the character, Jim Blayliss. "Every man has a star, the star of one's honesty. Once it's out, it never lights again."



Joe and Kate realize their mistake.

Ron Culver and Barb Cackler portray Dr. and Mrs. Blayliss.



Cast and crew work together opening night.

43rd Edition of Mirage Untouched by Human Hands

There can be no one word to describe the Mirage Staff. You could try comparing it to a ZOO. In fact, that one room at the left end of the business hall, Room 225, was a zoo itself. We are probably the only school in the district, if not the whole state, that has its own animal farm. How a bunch of monkeys got out of the zoo is beyond anyone's knowledge; how they got on the yearbook staff proved to be a double mistake. But even mistakes can be corrected, and under the supervision of Miss Mary Haney and Don Culver, editor of the yearbook, they soon put the staff temporarily under control; long enough to tell them that their job was to have a yearbook completely finished, even if made of bananas. To that there was total enthusiasm. But it wasn't quite that easy. Don Culver proved his reputation of total dictator and showed who was master; he kept his monkeys busy, very busy.

Putting a yearbook together was far from being an easy job. When copy had to be written, layouts drawn, and pictures taken, developed and printed, there was little time to be found monkeying around, even less when deadline time was soon to come. To all staff members, deadline was an unspoken word: it brought panic, fear and hysteria to each and every heart. Deadline meant "finished work". And

finished work meant that all typed copy and layouts were sent to the plant to be processed on a certain day. None dared to look into Don's eyes if his work for the next deadline was not met. A deadline met was relief to the entire staff, at least until the next one.

Successor Abbie Melton, next year's editor, will surely have her hands full trying to keep the Zoo under control, that is, if she still has her mind under control from the previous year.

Well, the finished yearbook before you, we believe, is the best bunch of bananas you can find. And if a few banana peels have slipped between the pages, don't throw all the blame on the staff—even monkeys have to have their fun.

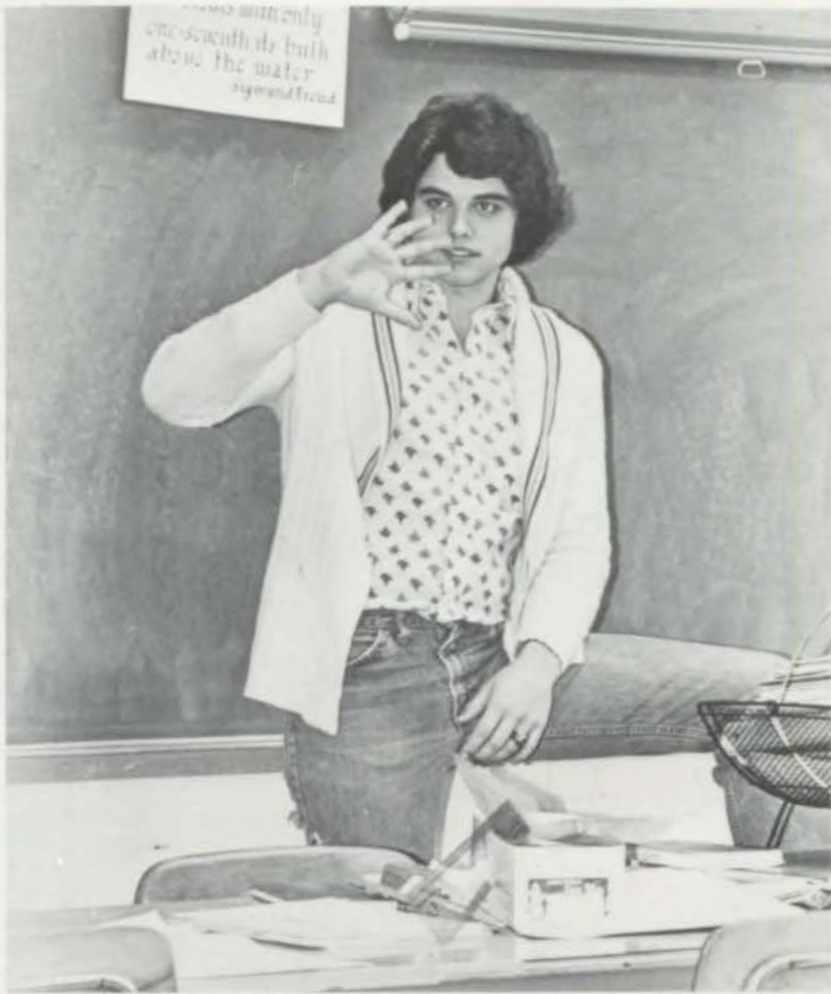
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Special thanks to photographers Curt Crawford, Kevin Granger, John Rice, Kelly VanVleck; Mr. Gadd of Inter-Collegiate Press, and Mr. Faut of Rolland Studios.

Donnie Culver falls back in amazement, "You LOST your copy?!"



Abbie's creativity for yearbook ideas makes up for what she lacks in size.



"Look into my eyes . . . You WILL have ALL work finished for the next deadline," were Donnie's hypnotizing words.

"Quick, send over another bunch of bananas. Our supply is getting low!" Nancy calls desperately.



Gary and Sherry, Romeo and Juliet of the Mirage Staff.



Michele concentrates on drawing the layout right the first time.



The HI-LIGHT staff: Nancy Eulitt, Perry Hunter, Ruth Fallen, Kathy Jones, Anita Thompson, Becki Redman, Bobbi Taylor, Christi Peter, Amy Hopkins, R.T. Steely, and Editor Glenda

Barber. Not pictured: Tony Gray, Amy Lacy, Jim Laughlin, Randal Stanley, and Mr. Arch Wrisinger.

Tempering work with pleasure renders a good paper.



Bobbi lends Anita a suggestion or two.

"What Glenda doesn't know won't hurt her."



Change, Expansion, Honors "Hilight" Wrisinger's Career

"Seniors Plan 1943 Annual," "Navy Motion Picture Enjoyed By Students," "New Records Add to Pleasure at Mixer". The RUSKIN HI-LIGHT has had a variety of headlines since the first issue rolled off the press in 1935. In the good ole days, the scoop might include a review of last week's sock hop, gossip of Emmy Lou's secret engagement, and an ad for the soda of the week at Murry's Malt Shop. The '76-'77 volume, edited by Glenda Barber, more typically featured a story on an upcoming play, freebee entertainment in Kansas City, or the nominees in a student election.

Since Mr. Arch Wrisinger began sponsoring the HI-LIGHT in 1960, the paper has been specially recognized by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, the Missouri Interscholastic Press Association, and the National Scholastic Press Association. The paper has thrice been dubbed "Medalist" by CSPA and has consistently won MIPA's "All-Missouri" award since it was instituted in 1968.



Ruth types the final copy of her story.

"Mr. Wrisinger will never know the difference."



Humor columnist, Christi Peter, is all smiles.



Glenda plans still another issue.

Mud Doesn't Tarnish The Gold

Like the people of the Morton Salt Company say, "When it rains it pours." That was the motto of the marching band. Their season started with a combined band half-time show. The bands included: Hickman Mills, Baptiste, Ervin, Smith-Hale and Ruskin.

With three big events in succession, the band had to practice in cold and rainy weather.

Homecoming was as successful as ever and a good "warm up" for contests. On their way to Warrensburg, thundering clouds towered overhead but subsided to let the sunshine through. Thus the band marched to victory receiving a "1" rating in street marching. Despite the cold and downpour plus a late bus, they received a third place plaque in field marching and a first place trophy in street marching at Fayette, Missouri. Though most band members agreed rain and mud were hard to march in, they did like it better than marching behind horses in the American Royal Parade.

With the checking in of marching music and scratchy wet marching uniforms, the checking out of gold blazers and changing instruments, the concert season started. Through music change and instrumental additions, the band moved to a more musical and colorful sound.

When basketball season started so did Pep Band. They provided spirit and enthusiasm for the team. With the aid of Mr. Schult, the name Screaming Eagles was adopted.

"Though the band is divided by seasons and groups, each member has something in common: his ability to play an instrument. They all had fun," stated Mr. Snodgrass.

Mr. Snodgrass directs the band while drum major Dave Kennedy salutes.



"Which way do I go?" wonders Martha Hayes.



Mark Berg checks out marching hats.

Banners Brighten Band

"These hoots were made for walkin' . . . not for marching in the mud," said Bev Root. The flag team added color and sophistication to the band's performances. Becky Epley, captain, choreographed most of the routines performed by the girls. Karen Kensinger stated, "I wasn't as worried about forgetting my positions as I was about my hoots getting stuck in the mud."

The flag team was formed in 1972 but didn't become a permanent part of the band until 1974. The only change in the four years of its existence is two girls have been added as substitutes.



Laura Gabel keeps warm with the help of her flag.



Ruskin Band participates in the Warrensburg Homecoming Parade.



Susie Schultz, Karen Lippert, Debbie Hooten, Bev Root, Karen Kensinger, Becky Epley, captain; Alicia Foy, co-captain; Rita Lightfoot, Deb-

bie Draper, Barbara Gabel, Donna Reyburn. Not pictured, Laura Gabel.

Band's Record Shines

The Ruskin Golden Eagle Band has accomplished a lot in the last seventy-five years. By attending several contests its name has become known by many. Highlights of its success are as follows:

1960—They were chosen to go to Pasadena, California to participate in the Tournament of Roses Parade.

1966—Mr. Scott led the band to a fourth place victory at a nation wide contest sponsored by Walt Disney.

1974—Hard work put into making money to go to Miami, Florida to participate in the Orange Bowl Parade.



Mr. Schult's usual morning greeting.



The trumpeters three, Greg Page, Greg Williams and Don Bollman.



Becky Epley gets a perfect fit with the aid of Mr. Snodgrass.



Drum majors need comfort too.

Mr. Snodgrass discovers mass confusion in the hand room during activity period.



"This bass gets heavier every time I pick it up," moans Owen Neff.

A good performance shows on the faces of Lisa Burton and Donna Reyburn.



Section rehearsals make better performances.

Golden Strings Carry Tradition

The RHS orchestra upheld its long standing tradition of excellence as did their predecessors since its very organization.

Even though the forty-piece group was composed of individuals with different playing techniques, abilities, and tones, their instruments harmonized to sound as one full, balanced unit.

The enthusiasm of these dedicated and talented musicians flourished with new vitality as the approbation of their audiences' applause crecended.

Ms. Tingler, orchestra directress, said, "I wish for all my students to continue with their musical endeavors throughout their entire lives."



A symphony duet by Cheryl Hodges and Karen Green.



Steve Carver plays while Jack Collier waits for his cue.



"What kind of a note was that?" says Dan Epley.

Karen Green plays with great concentration.



"Pianissimo," says Ms. Tingler.





"Which way does it go?" wonders Tim Peterman.



The Maestro, Ms. Tingler.



Stop the music! Stop the music!

Singing brightens assemblies.



Choir Brings Back Memories of Yesteryear

Melodius voices one and all, which resemble an old-fashioned parade from the songs of days gone by. Imagine yourself sipping tart lemonade as tantalizing tunes go wafting off on the warm summer's breeze; picture in your mind a multitude of even-timbered sopranos, altos, tenors, and a bevy of others singing to their hearts content under the direction of Mr. William Hamble.

The Gold Choir exceeds all others in volume, size, and most important, quality of sound. The Gold Choir has been singing throughout the year, attending many of the assemblies and separate concerts presented at Ruskin.

The sophomores are once again represented, a choir solely for the purpose of these songsters letting loose with those inner feelings and vocal talents. Singing along with the more experienced groups, these people sing at assemblies, the annual Christmas Vespers and other vocal events. Coinciding with the Sophomore Choir is the ever lively Girls Choir. Trilling throughout the year, these females represent the women of the school boosting many a bruised morale of this gender and tantalizing much of the student body with their "Sweet Melodies of Life."

Silence is sometimes needed too.



"Does lip gloss help you sing?" asks Bonita Turgeon.



"Singing makes me sleepy," says Pam Wells.



Choir Officers: President, Jack Collier; Vice President, Mike Gutshall; Treasurer, Don Culver; Secretary, Steve Hendrix.



Hidden faces of the choir.



Mr. Hamble sets the mood for the music.

Ruskin has its own Liberace.



Proper posture is essential for good piano playing.

Singing requires opening your mouth.



This music is ridiculous!?



Outstanding Choir Student is Jack Collier



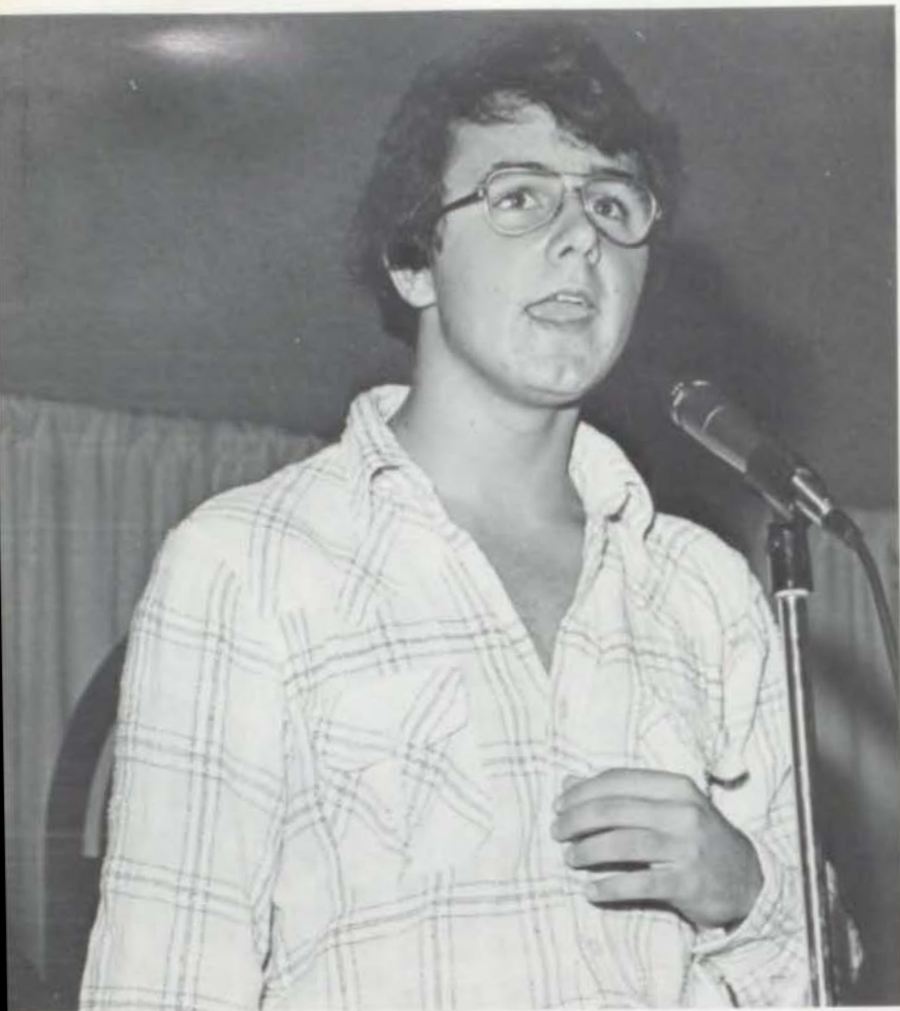
Gold Choir participates in District Contest at Warrensburg.

Rulos and Rulers compete at district contest.



"What are they singing?" wonders Pam Wells and Barb Hulett.





Tim Buie represents Ruskin at United Way.



Steve Buie asks for support from the council.



President—Steve Buie



Vice-President—Tim Buie



Secretary—Patti Johnson



Treasurer—Ruth Fallen



Steve passes out the Ruskin mugs for those who sold magazines.



Council members contemplate the issues.

"Oh . . . uh . . . good morning, Mr. Burkhart."



Buie Brothers and STUCO Impress R.H.S.

Student Council remains the most powerful organization in school, because it is an organization for all the students. STUCO, under the leadership of President Steve Buie, strived to get across this point.

Through the determination of the students and an abundance of money in the treasury, last year proved to be very successful.

As a result of its efforts during the United Fund campaign, STUCO collected a total of \$1050 from students and teachers. Various fund raising projects were used, one of which was to put a pie in the face of the Student Council member of your choice for a quarter.

The main money making project for STUCO was the magazine sale. A goal was set and surpassed. The students sold enough reading material and tapes to make a net profit of \$4,200. Top salesmen were Doug Brown, Brian Mills, and Jane Mead who received \$15, \$10, and \$5 respectively. A drawing was held for students who sold three magazine subscriptions and the grand prize winner was Pam Mills, who received a futuristic chair with a stereo contained inside. Those who sold three magazine subscriptions also had a choice of a mug or a poster. A pizza party was given to Drama II class which sold the most subscriptions.

Despite the students' hard labor, it was not all work and no play. As reward for their efforts the students were treated to a Monty Python film and a rock concert.

To aid Steve Buie in his many chores were Tim Buie, Vice-President; Patti Johnson, Secretary; and Ruth Fallen, Treasurer.



Ruskin sponsors exchange students from Winnetonka.

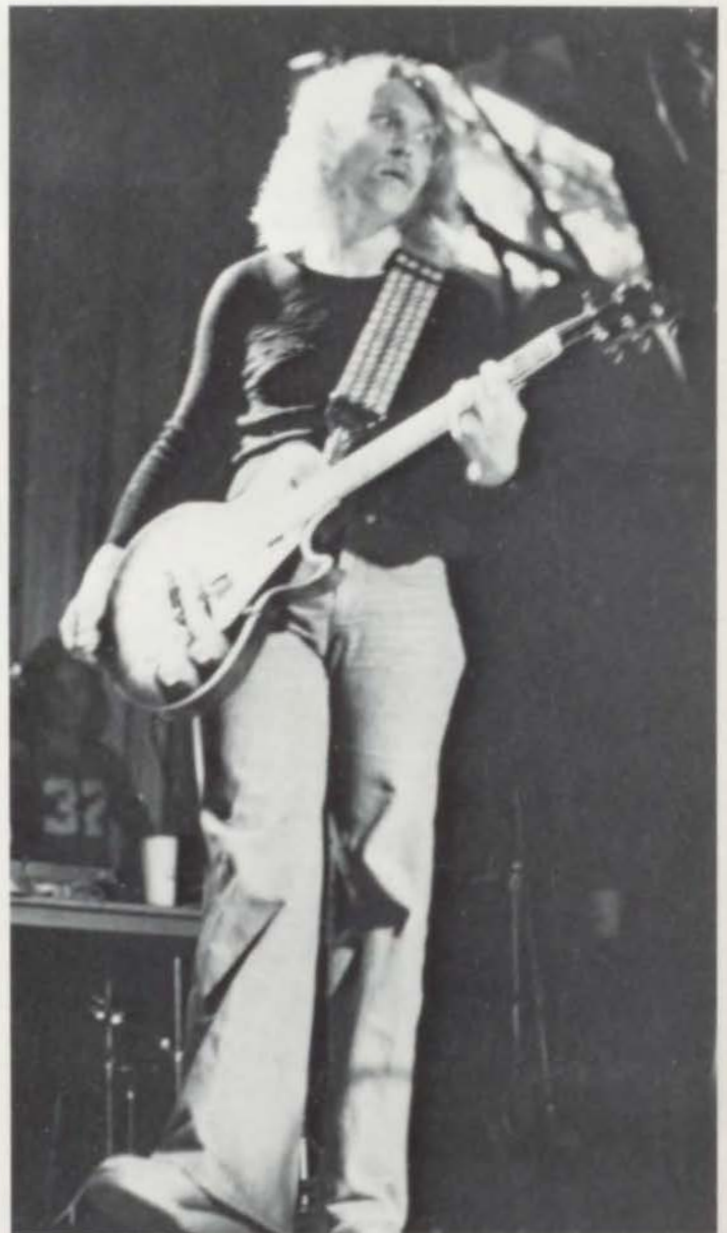
STUCO'S *Justus-Morning* Star Concert Cut Short

Does history repeat itself? On May 4, Ruskin's STUCO sponsored rock concert was cut short when tornado warnings were issued for Hickman Mills. Only twenty years before Ruskin's baccalaureate ceremonies were postponed because of equally threatening conditions.

After several months of planning, the student council hired Morning Star and Justus, two concert bands, at a cost of \$1000. Student council president, Steve Buie, was regretful that the tornado warnings brought the concert to a screeching halt. "This year's concert was a success. I believe what happened was fate. Student council fought bad agents, whimsical band members, scheduling problems, administrative hassles, and other forces which were opposing only to be opposing. Student council members spent many hours setting up and negotiating the project. The concert cost only sixty cents per student. Unfortunately, the bands had played a little over an hour when the tornado warning terminated the best part of the show."



Bill Bergman and Chuck Boyd perform with Justus.



Mike Edmonds plays guitar for Morning Star.



The technical aspects of a concert are complicated.



Jerry Chalmers plays with Morning Star.



Morning Star plays to a thinned-out audience.



Doug Autwater and Gary Heatwold play with Justus.

Honor Society Services Extend to Foreign Soil

National Honor Society has completed its thirty-first year at Ruskin and its growth has been tremendous. NHS was originated in 1946 with Elsie DeForest as its sponsor. The original membership was twenty-two members strong compared to the membership of over a hundred members today. Induction of the new members was accomplished over the intercom system, until 1964, when the formal ceremonies of today were initiated.

Although drastic changes have come about in NHS, the principles on which it is based are still there. Those criteria, in order of their importance are scholarship, character, service, and leadership.

NHS continues its support for Kim Myung Hee, a foster child in Korea, by sending money to help the orphaned boy. An extra sum of money was sent to Kim for Christmas with a letter explaining our interpretation of the holiday.

Members elected to the offices of NHS were Rick Justesen, President; Michelle Trillin, Vice-President; Sherri Brown, Treasurer; Nancy Eulitt, Secretary.



NHS officers end the year with a grand finale.



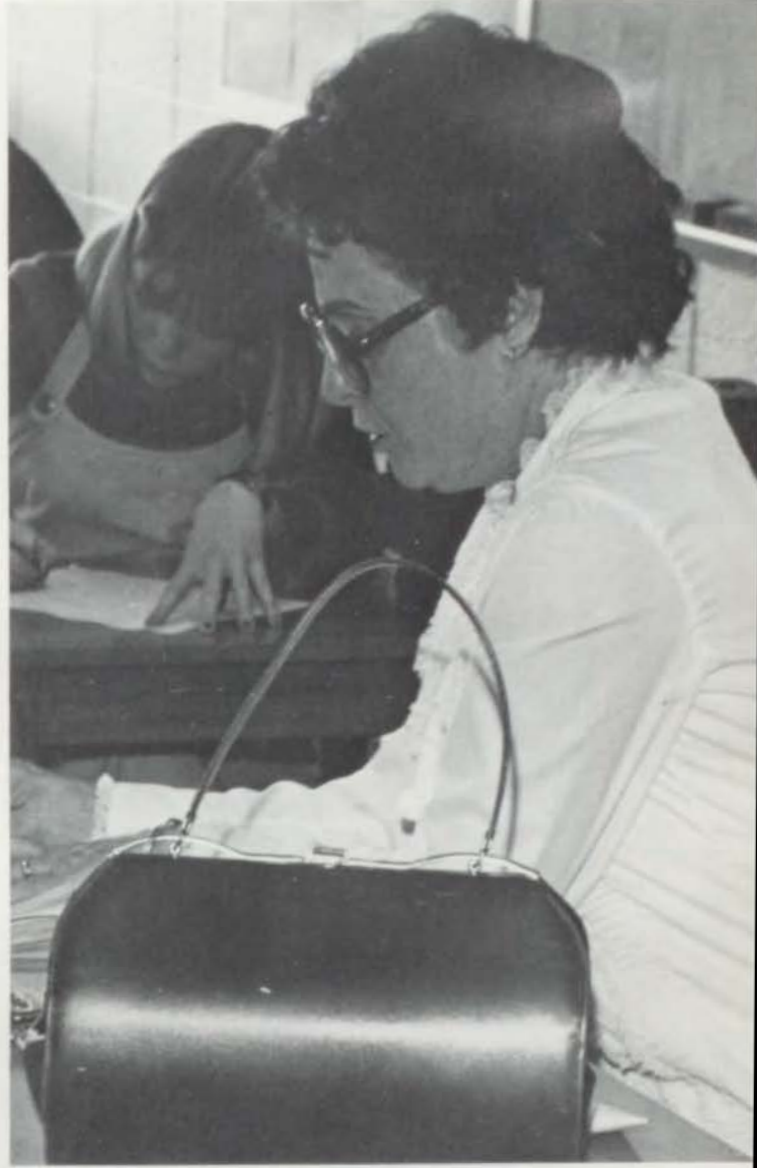
The National Honor Society emblem.



Laura Johannesmeyer grins and bears it.



The various expressions of Rick Justesen.



The sponsor of National Honor Society was Mrs. Maupin.

Quarter finals begin to have their effect.



The State Chairman of the National Honor Society was Mr. Steck.



"What I say goes!" Steve Hendrix tells fellow members of "Lefty."



With the help of Beth Russell, Jacque Rainey, Ms. Travis, Nancy Bradshaw, Janet Barrett, and Dan Epley "Lefty" is #1!



Tammy Hale—Best Actress



Ron Culver—Best Actor



Becky Peterson—Honorable Mention for Best Actress



Friends, family, and workers are all for a taxicab strike in finale of "Waiting for Lefty."



Pat Koury threatens to shoot rabble-rousers.



Mrs. Briggs finds Steve Hendrix's "Fonzie" pose amusing.

Rick Justesen puts humor in his serious speech.



Drama Stars Sparkle at State

Stars may sparkle in the sky but drama stars shine at State. After winning at District Contest in Warrensburg on March 25 drama winners traveled to Columbia on April 15 to participate at State.

Ron Culver and Ruth Fallen portrayed a scene from "A Streetcar Named Desire" and received excellent ratings at District and superior at State. Rick Justesen, who gave an Original Oratory on "Fetal Alcoholism" also received excellent ratings at District and superior at State.

The one-act play "Waiting for Lefty" placed first at District and again at State. This is the second year in a row Ruskin's one-act has won first at both contests. The director and supporter of the play was Mrs. Joyce Briggs. The mobile set was designed by Ms. Travis who is the set designer for all of Ruskin's plays. Also selected from the one-act were Best Actress and Best Actor. These honors went to Tammy Hale and Ron Culver. Becky Peterson received Honorable Mention for Best Actress. These people were selected from the casts of eleven other plays.

Something to remember—drama stars don't always stay home—they go to State!



Ron Culver refuses to give Ruth Fallen her "Streetcar Named Desire."

DECA Not All Noodles

While the majority of students are still sleeping soundly, members of the DECA Club are up and around at early morning meetings. John Juelich presides as head distributor and president of the club.

Initiation into DECA was itself an experience un-forgotten. Prospective members were subjected to meeting monsters, and getting their hands full of wet noodles as part of the informal initiation. Tradition, too, played its part during formal initiation; officers gave their oath of new leadership at a potluck dinner in which parents were cordially invited.

DECA members were involved by competing in areas of salesmanship, marketing, advertising and job interviews at local, district and state level contests. Their trips were paid for by the percentage of money received from donuts, candy, cheese, and Christmas candles sold, symbolic of salesmanship itself.



Mr. Willis, sponsor of VICA Club



John Juelich, DECA President



Dan Allen, District Vice-president



Jeri Roberts, State Secretary

1976-1977 DECA Officers



VICA Skilled in Trade

The going was slow before the VICA Club. (more uncommonly known as Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) really got going. And just where was VICA Club going? For those that wanted to demonstrate their skills while on the job, they were given the opportunity to do so by attending area contests. Whether that person pumped gas at a service station, served hamburgers at a fast food restaurant, or built parts in a factory, all of those types of trade and industry are first learned and then to each his own. For the perfectionists that are proud of their finished products or skills, they participated in these contests. Winners at district level would then advance on to state and nationals. Mike Erter, President of VICA, for example, showed his prowess in masonry. Expenses were paid for by VICA members that sold Bahy Ruth and Butterfinger candy bars.



You want another case of chocolate? BE SERIOUS!

Mike Erter, VICA President



And where do you think you're going? asks Mr. Crane.



Just initiated, members of Deca help themselves to the pot-luck dinner.



It's called Mix Out hut it looks like mix up.

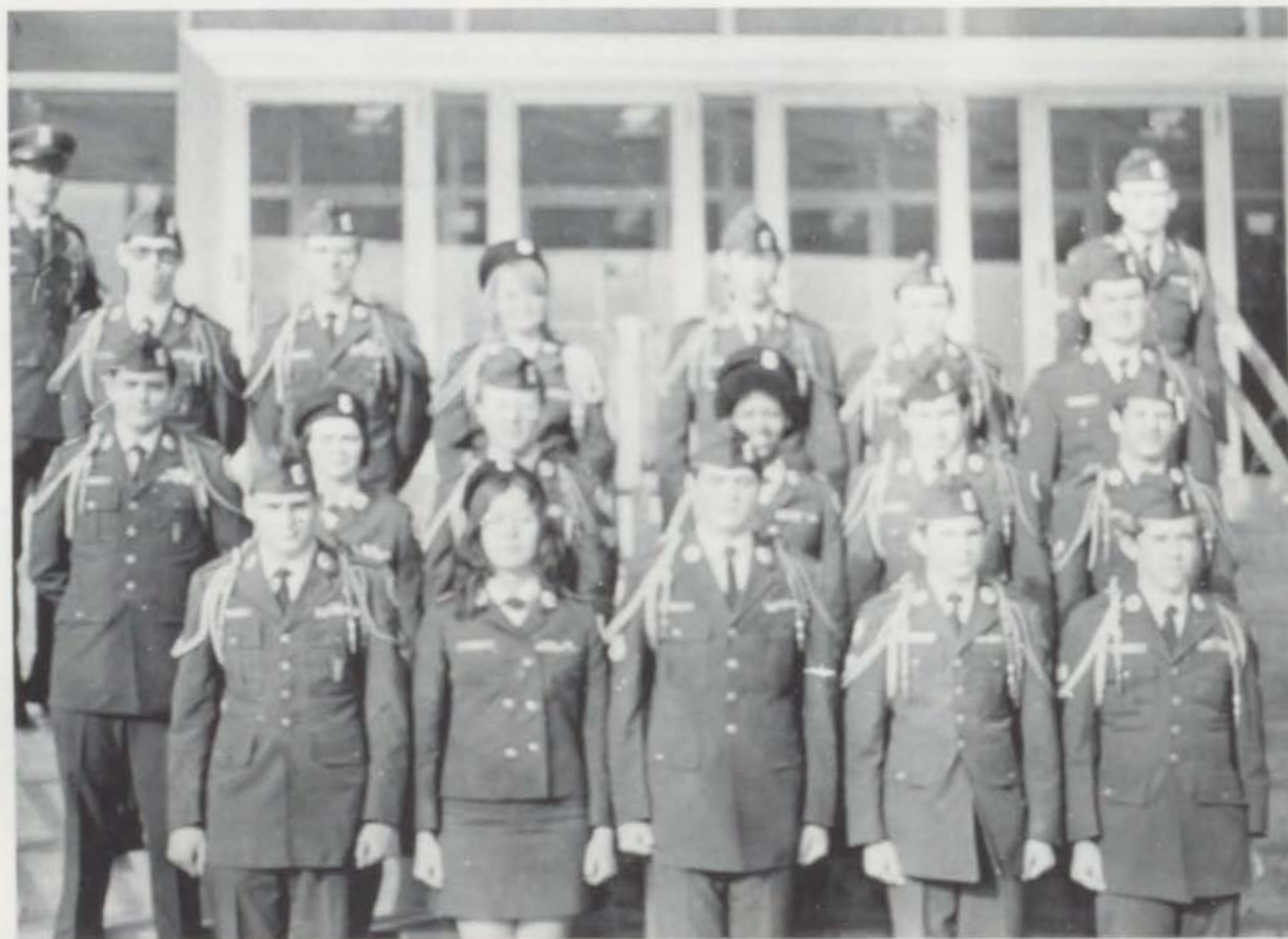


R.O.T.C. Makes Its Television Debut

Wipe Outs, Waves, Ripples; no it's not the ocean, it's the Blue Eagle R.O.T.C. Drill Team. The Drill Team originated in 1967 and has distinguished itself among the high school drill teams throughout the state.

Ruskin R.O.T.C. sponsored a Missouri-Kansas Color Guard and Rifle Team Competition. The first competition was held in 1973, in which Ruskin placed first in both divisions. The 1976-77 Color Guard placed second and the Rifle Team placed first.

The highlight of the year for the Color Guard was the performance at the opening and closing ceremonies of the Republican National Convention held at Kemper Arena. The Color Guard consisted of Scott Camp, Dean Edwards, Joe Garrick, Randy Jacobson, Mike Jaramillo, and Randall Stanley. "I was honored to represent this unit at one of the nation's highest events," stated Scott Camp.



First row, left to right: Jeff Thelander, Norma Gagne, Jim Luce, Eric Wardlow, Loren Province. Second row: Mike Jaramillo, Theresa Farr, Mike Moeller, Susan Giles, Rick Lane,

Kirk Combs. Third row: Scott Camp, Joe Garrick, Debbie McElroy, Randy Jacobson, Ron House, John Gibson. Top left: Commander, Dean Edwards. Top right: Blase Hornaday.



Trophies won throughout the R.O.T.C. history.



R.O.T.C. displays its educational devices.

The Blue Eagle Drill Team marches in the homecoming parade.



Members of the 1976-77 Color Guard.

Loree Arnone
 Mike Brady
 Scott Camp
 Dean Edwards
 Susan Froess
 Joe Garrick
 John Gibson
 Blase Hornaday
 Ron House
 Randy Jacobson
 Mike Jaramillo
 Rick Lane
 Jim Luce

Debbie McElroy
 Mike Moeller
 Loren Province
 Randal Stanley
 R.T. Steely
 Bob Stevens
 Diana Swafford
 Jeff Thelander
 Harland Titus
 Eric Wardlow
 Kelly Watkins
 Diana Lairson

Color Guard practices for its next performance.



Suckers Spell Success

Picture this: a sidewalk crammed to the brim with raucous Frenchmen anticipating the can-can girls as the upcoming entertainment. The erratic foreign language goes on and on as does the French Club, an active and fun-filled organization.

Among numerous fund raising projects was the prosperous cinnamon sucker sale. Contributing to the cavity-prone years of the student body, French clubbers sold over 2,500 suckers. The Homecoming Parade was another success for the club. The theme "French Fry the Pirates" won first place, outdoing all other club entries. The festive months were further highlighted by the painting of holiday scenes on the windows. Members also enjoyed French cuisine as they dined at a local French restaurant and satisfied their hunger pangs. A guest speaker gave his interpretation of his native city, Cannes, and was given a hearty welcome by Shannon Luthy (President), Eldon Brown (V. President), Cheryl Blosser (Sec.-Treas.) and all club members.



Shannon Luthy (Pres.) and Cheryl Blosser (Sec.-Treas.) provided the vitality needed for a successful year.



"Do I have something for a headache!" exclaims Ms. Shoot, sponsor.



"I refuse to sell another cinnamon sucker!" exclaims Eldon Brown (Vice Pres.)

The 1976-77 French Club, "active and ingenious."





"What's so funny?" wonders Kevin Hatch, one of the active Spanish Club members.



Mrs. Dowell, Spanish Club sponsor, and Tim Peterman, German Club member, explore different cultures with like enthusiasm.

Fewer Numbers, More Spirit

Plagued by the reputations of Hernando Cortez and the Third Reich, the Spanish and German clubs strove to recreate the aura of the countries after which they were named.

Members of the German Club relished sauerkraut and wienerschnitzel in their annual outing to a German restaurant where the environment let them believe for awhile that they were authentic "Deutschlanders."

Meetings were held twice monthly and common points of interest included films and pictures of "the old country." Proposed trips to Germany were offered through a program with which Mrs. Janis, the club's sponsor, was involved. Tim Bailey, President; T. R. Steely, V. President; and Jill Guthrie, Sec.-Treas; provided the spark needed to accomplish the club's goals.

Spanish Club's activities were limited but far from uneducational. Their sponsor, Mrs. Dowell, who had previously been to Spain, was able to give first hand information about the many aspects of Spanish culture. Mrs. Dowell's vivid descriptions of the adventures of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza, along with the slides she had, was enough to instill in the members the same spirit felt for Spain by the courageous conquistadors.



Mrs. Janis, German Club sponsor, and Tim Bailey, President, discuss plans for a future meeting.

Math, Chess Clubs Attract Competitive Scholars

Math Club

Math Club, under the sponsorship of Mr. Ernest Hester, presents itself as a fun-filled club, not one of supposed math problems. Its members are held together by a common interest in math, and a common friendship. Club members enjoyed listening to visiting engineers and participating in the Homecoming Parade. Math Club re-affiliated itself with Junior Engineering Technical Society, which was able to serve the club by setting up field trips and acquiring guest speakers. Officers were Tim Bailey, President; Don Ladwig, Vice-President; Joel Elmer, Secretary-Treasurer.



Left to right: Tim Peterman, Don Ladwig, Rick Justesen, Tim Bailey, Joel Elmer.



Tim Peterman, Rick Justesen, and Don Ladwig ponder the serious side of school.



"Have you heard the one about the farmer's daughter?" asks Rick Justesen.

Chess Club

Chess Club is not a club designed to develop leaders, nor a club to prepare students for life. It is a club organized to play chess. Devout chess players may be found playing the complicated game day in and day out; there are also those who drop in for an occasional game to keep their skills up. But no matter who the player, each knows well that chess is a game of intelligence, intense competition, patience, alertness, and enjoyment. Under the co-sponsorships of Mr. Clark and Mr. Alford, Chess Club members may not have bettered the world, but they did better the game of chess.



Coach Clark smiles knowingly as he executes a *coup de grace*.



Coaches Clark and Alford rest their bodies for a little mental exercise.



"It can't be that bad, Colleen."

A Shot in the Arm

Under the leadership of Eldon Brown (president) and Colleen Combs (vice-president), Medical Careers has surpassed their set goals of achieving more this year than in previous years. Members of the club combined their forces and constructed their version of an emergency room, which they entered in the Homecoming Parade.

After touring Children's Mercy Hospital, members were so impressed that they sponsored a Toy Drive at Christmas time. The toys were to be given to children coming out of surgery.

Members showed further interest in the medical field when they helped set up and run the Swine Flu Clinic. Their newly found skills ranged from passing out brochures to placing cottonballs on arms. They extended their knowledge and skill further in February when they took a course in first-aid.



Members left to right: Donna Reyburn, Colleen Combs, Eldon Brown, Teresa Elliott, Grant Robertson
Standing: Mary Brown, Debbie Neff, Tammy Wilson, Kevin Hartnick, Sherri Brown, Brenda Schlumberger, Roy Gladson, Gerry Gerry. Not pictured, Tamara Schaeffer.



Grant Robertson looks at the world through a rose-colored otoscope.



"Eldon, you know we'd love to ring your neck!"



"We don't have to worry about 'racking our brains', we donated them to Medical Careers!"

Future Homemakers of America Seek Out Beauty

The officers of FHA represent a group of concerned individuals who make it their business to search for beauty in everyday life. Their job is to promote a growing appreciation of the joys and satisfaction of homemaking, to emphasize the importance of family life and to promote international good will. Their symbol, the rose, stands for this search.

The primary goal this year was to arouse the students (male and female alike) and to encourage them to join the Future Homemakers of America. On February 2, 1977, Alateen speakers attended an open FHA meeting in the cafeteria. They discussed alcoholism and how to handle the various family problems that result. To further express their concern they answered phones for the Easter Seals in April on Channel 4 TV. By doing these projects they hope to show their neighbors and peers that FHA is not just another club; but rather one that every American citizen should be interested in. After all, it is their homes where the concern lies.



Trying to stay awake during a meeting is not always easy.



President Amy Hopkins discusses future plans.



Lisa Burton awaits results from the Disco Danceathon.



Treasurer Janet Fordemwalt reports a successful bake sale.



Members soak in the responsibilities of homemaking.

Ruskin Riders Ride High in the Saddle—and in Spirit

The Ruskin Riders, a horsemanship club, rode high in spirit once again. Their interesting, and different activities included listening to a jockey speak, going on a picnic, riding horses in the Homecoming Parade, and going on a hayride. The Riders is a club designed for the purpose of riding, caring, and simply learning about horses.

The Riders are rare, in that they were organized to meet a growing interest—horsemanship. Under the co-sponsorships of Mr. Hall and Mr. Noland, they did not ex-

tend further what they had learned in school, but what they didn't learn in any classroom. The racing jargon they learned from their guest speaker, the jockey, was definitely never covered in any English class. Individually, the members competed in tournaments in and around the area. They have the Ruskin Riders to thank for much of their horse knowledge, and their good old common horse sense.

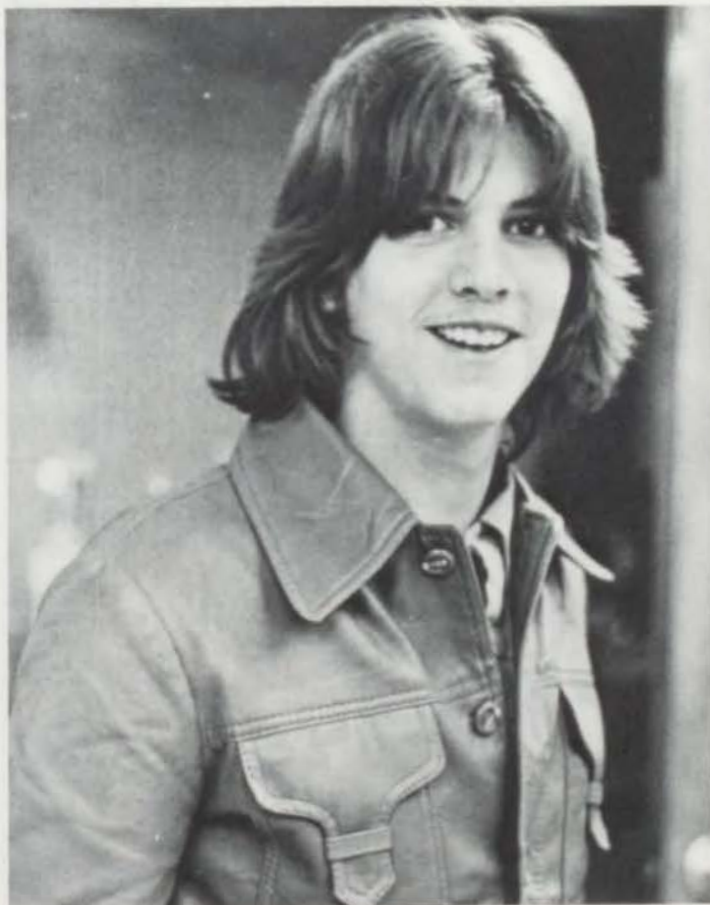


Steve Arnold tackles a serious problem.



Horsing around at a Ruskin Riders' meeting.

President Jim Chisholm enlightens the members.



Co-sponsor Mr. Hall steered the Riders to a successful year.

Never a Dull Moment

More often than not, at the start of the year, clubs jump right into their kettle full of bubbling ideas of fund-raising, group trips, and other what-have-you-nots. Then only to evaporate when lack of interest, participation and spirit prevail, left to die in a flickering simmer. But all brews don't go to pot; for a few do turn into a good stew. Such is the Key Club. Mix a hatch of over fifty strong-headed, roudy and untiring guys and your results are never a dull moment.

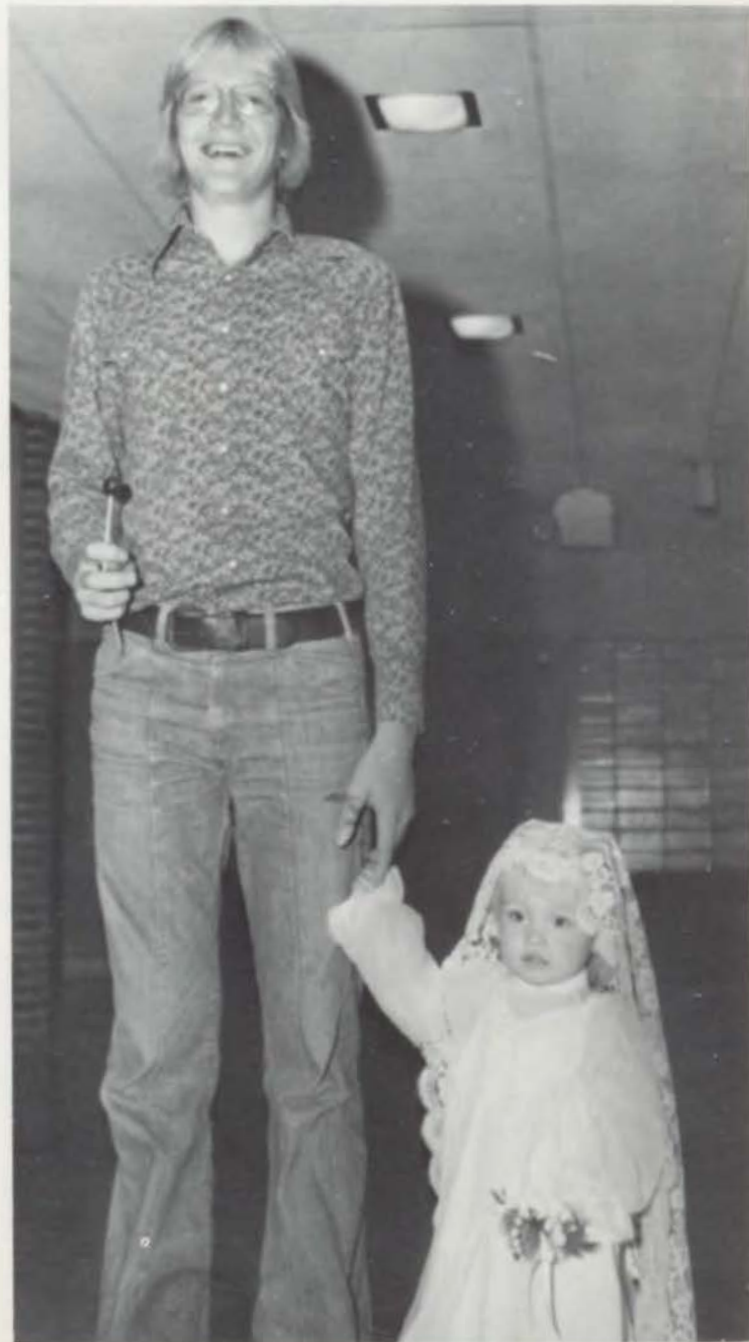
The purpose of Key Club is to serve the area community. Keeping that in mind, Key Club President Doug Brown, was kept busy by providing the ingredients of doing worthwhile work and spicing it up with fun at the same time. He kept the fire burning through various recipes. A volleyball match between Key Club members and the Keywanettes proved to be a success. Admission was one canned good to watch the hattle between sexes. The overall turnout of more than three large boxes filled with canned goods were donated to needy families during Christmas. The annual slave sale was again held where the Key Club members sold their services to the highest bidder. Quite a few slaves were subjected to carrying the purses of their female masters!

The Key Club proved that as a club, working together to help others can be far from dull, it only takes the members themselves to give the club the incentive to make working fun.



Claude Douglas gets the jump on the ball against a Hickman player.

Suckered into holy wedlock, Vice-president Joey Birchard takes the hand of his bride-to-be.



Bright ideas are not unusual for mastermind Doug Brown.

A Flowering Success

The Keywanettes, cohorts to the Key Club are serving the area community, and are still newcomers to their league. Though their roots are just starting to take grasp, the girls have sewn their seeds of accomplishments since being formed just two years ago. They have always given full support to Key Club activities such as partaking in a volleyball game against Key Club to collect canned goods that were donated to give to needy families. They proved to be great spirit boosters as cheerleaders too when the Key Club battled their way to victory at a volleyball tournament.

A project the Keywanettes accounted for on their own include a Christmas dinner that was prepared and cooked for an elderly woman, selling caramel apples during Halloween, helping the Kiwanis Club sell tickets to both the Pancake Breakfast and Chili Day.

Initiation for the Keywanette Club was held on November 1 with Monica Johannesmeyer as president.



The club decides on another fund-raising idea.



Monica Johannesmeyer discusses the minutes of the last meeting.



A clan of Keywanettes show their support as Key Club battled Hickman in a basketball game.



Standing in the background, co-sponsors Miss Page and Miss Brown listen to suggestions.

Intramural Basketball Invades Gym Once Again

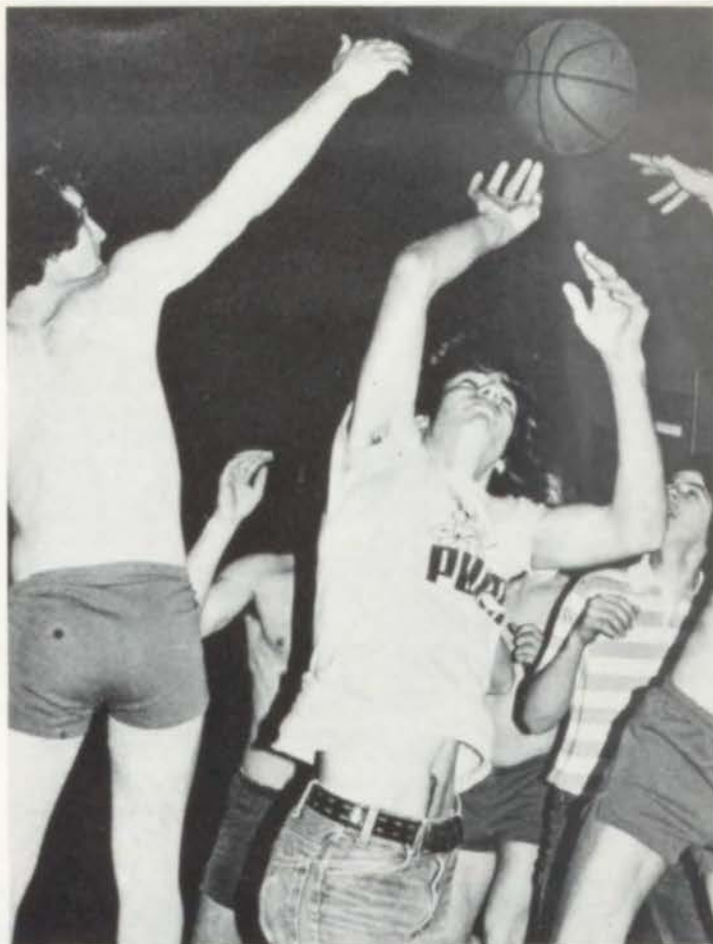
Intramural basketball, for the third consecutive year, found its way into the planned afterschool activities at Ruskin. Every afternoon, beginning January 24 and ending March 7, the sounds of dribbling basketballs could be heard. During the six week period, sixteen teams, consisting of two leagues, competed in a round robin tournament. Teams were formed throughout the school by all those wishing to participate. At the end of the third week, three teams remained undefeated. Those teams were: "Cindy's McGuires," "Lucky Seven," and "Ruffin's 76'ers".

On March 7, the number one team from each league entered the deciding championship game. Blue and red ribbons were presented to the championship team and the runner-up.

By refereeing and scheduling the games and doing other needed tasks, Mr. Boone, Mr. Dowell, Mrs. France, and Mrs. Wiley helped to make intramural basketball possible. Although the four teachers weren't awarded ribbons or trophies for their work, the students' show of enthusiasm indicated their appreciation for the time and effort given.



Steve Brittain adds a new twist to the bump.



A loose ball causes chaos.

The whistle-blowers of Ruskin show their stuff.



Intramural Volleyball Trophy Presented to "30-60's"

Since the beginning of Ruskin, sports have been a large part of student life. Yet, only the traditional sports have reigned except in recent years. Intramural volleyball offered a solution for those who wanted something different.

Teams were formed in home rooms and all were eligible to play. The games were played during the activity period and offered entertainment for those who preferred to watch. Mr. Dowell, Mr. Boone, Mrs. Wiley, and Mrs. France organized and refereed the games.

After weeks of stiff competition, it was decided which teams were to be in the play-offs held January third through the seventh. After the smoke cleared, the winners were found to be the "30-60's," Mr. Bodenhamer's home room. Ribbons were awarded and a trophy presented to the champions by Mr. Dowell. Members of the winning team were: Kevin Granger, David Wilkes, Warren West, Adele Earnsbarger, Lisa Gloor, Cindy Bergman, John Phelps, and Sheila Stevenson.



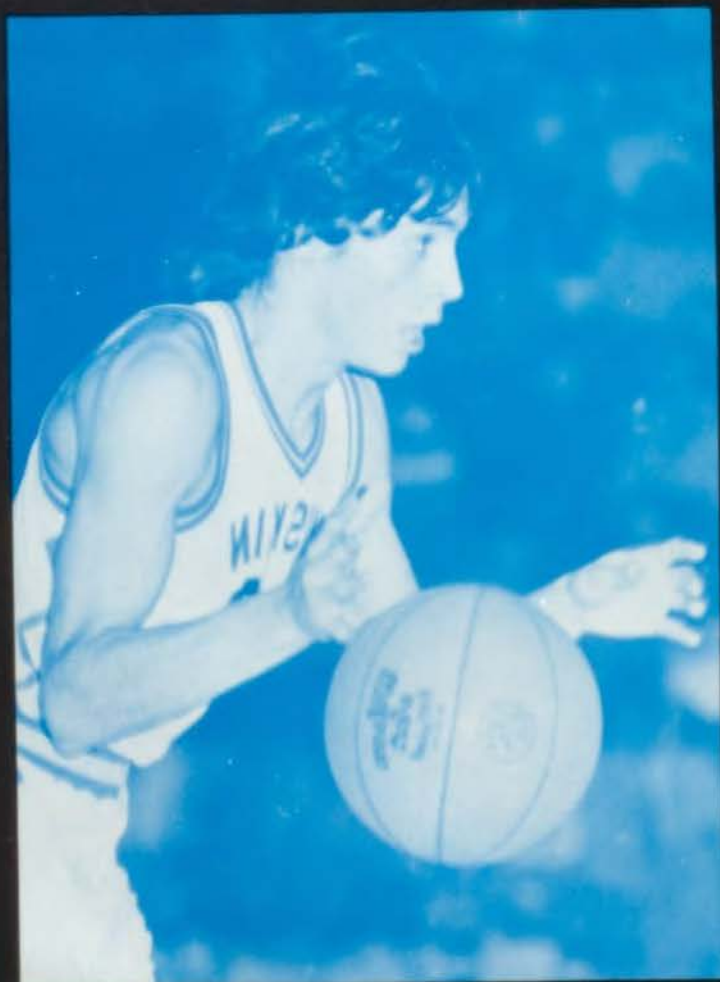
The 30-60's won the intramural volleyball championship.



The championship trophy was named for Mr. Russell Dowell.

WE'D LIVE

THE LIVES WE'D CHOOSE



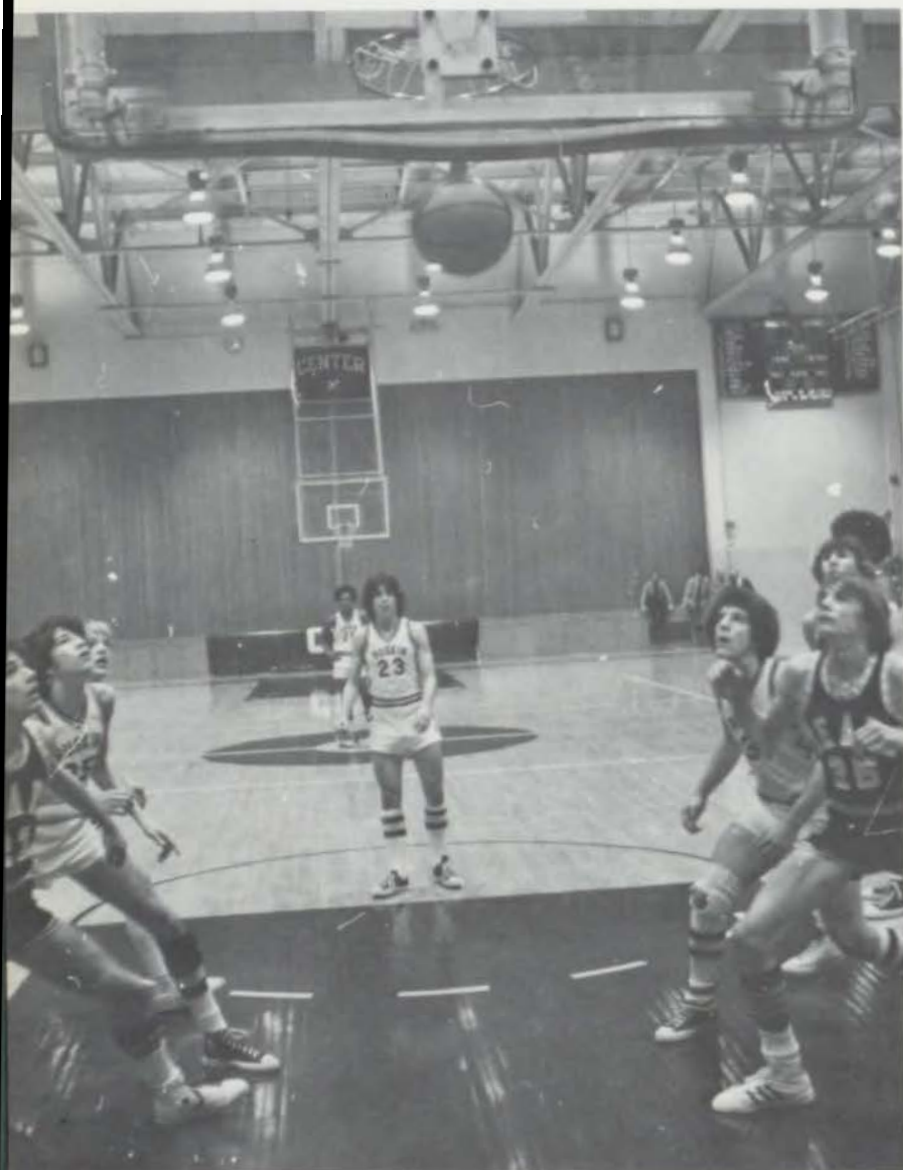


WINTER



Front Row, left to right: Coach Larry Frazier, Kelly Van Vleck, Steve Hendrix, Mike Binkley, Jeff Ralls, Russ Duncan, John Galloway. Back Row:

Manager Scott Jennings, Rodney King, Jack Knolley, Tony Talley, Roy Butts, Howard Smith. Not pictured: Leah Whittington, Manager.



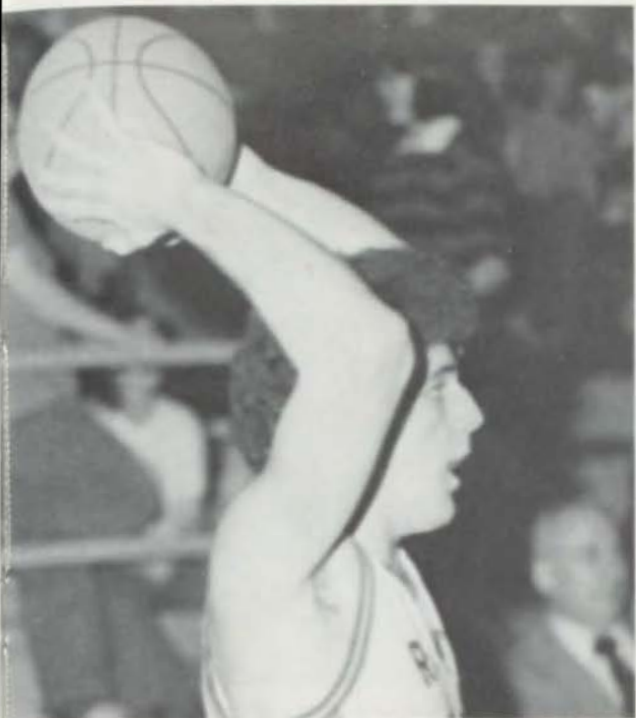
John Galloway lowers the boom on Center.



Jeff Ralls "feelin' froggy."

Center Roy Butts leaps high for a quick ten-footer.





Russ Duncan looks for an open man.

Eagles Fall Short of Goal

The Varsity Basketball team, made up of six sophomores, two juniors, and three seniors, got off to a rather sluggish start. Although all their games were close and exciting, the Eagles somehow fell short of victory, compiling a win-loss record of four and twenty.

Leading the eleven-man team in scoring were returning letterman Steve Hendrix and Sophomore Rodney King. Always on the rebound was Russ Duncan, junior. Hendrix and Junior Jeff Ralls led the squad in free throw percentages.

The roundballers' first victory came when the Eagles met Park Hill. Every second counted as the scoreboard revealed a halftime score of Ruskin 46, Park Hill 44. Within the last fifteen seconds, the Eagles managed to maneuver a 67 to 64 win.

Head Coach Larry Frazier had a great deal of help from student managers Tim Kirlin, Scott Jennings, and Leah Whittington. Leah broke tradition by being the first female manager of a male sport.

Coaches Frazier, John Beeson, and Doug Taylor are looking forward to next year, and will probably rely heavily on eight returning varsity players.

Don Carter gains control of the ball.



Roy Butts lays up an easy two points.



Ruskin	42	Center	68	L
	63	Rockhurst	76	L
	45	Raytown	76	L
	48	Rockhurst	64	L
	59	Lee's Summit	77	L
	60	Van Horn	65	L
	46	Hickman	59	L
	51	Oak Park	85	L
	48	Wm. Chrisman	79	L
	59	Belton	65	L
	67	Park Hill	64	W
	41	Southeast	70	L
	50	Wm. Chrisman	63	L
	57	NKC	79	L
	53	Grandview	81	L
	54	Lee's Summit	69	L
	40	Raytown	64	L
	44	Wm. Chrisman	58	L
	61	Park Hill	57	W
	64	NKC	94	L
	61	Hickman	55	W
	54	Grandview	65	L
	56	Belton	54	W
	58	Ray-South	80	L

New Attitude Needed to Spark J.V. Squad

Junior varsity basketball was not as successful this year as it was last year. The team ended with a record of 2-16. Coach John Beeson feels the poor record was due to lack of participation and the boys "only knew how to lose. We had to teach them how to win." He also feels the junior high system is poor so the team had to be taught basketball techniques all over. Members of the team were: David McNay, Dwight Bury, Don Carter, Rick Isreal, Gene Tutt, Mark Gruber, Jeff Gardner, Pat Roach, Kevin Cook, Robert Harvey, and Mark Ricketts.



Another jump ball tipped toward Ruskin goal.

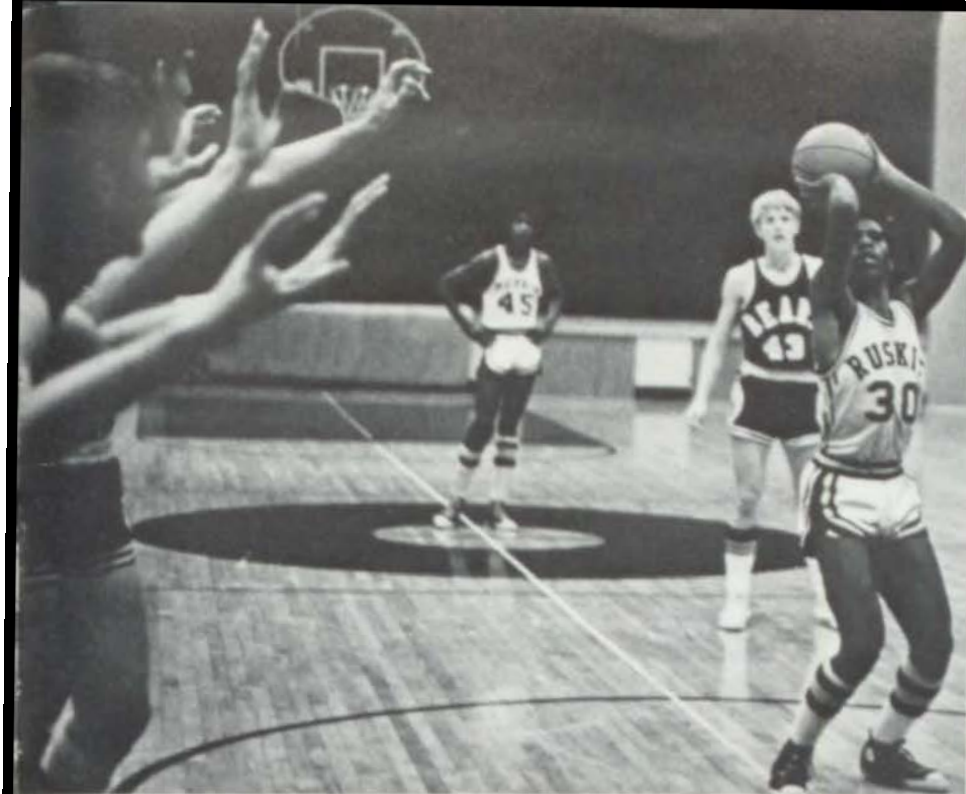


J.V. team puts opponents on guard.

Dwight Bury takes careful aim before gaining two more Ruskin points.



Robert Harvey demonstrates precision ball handling.

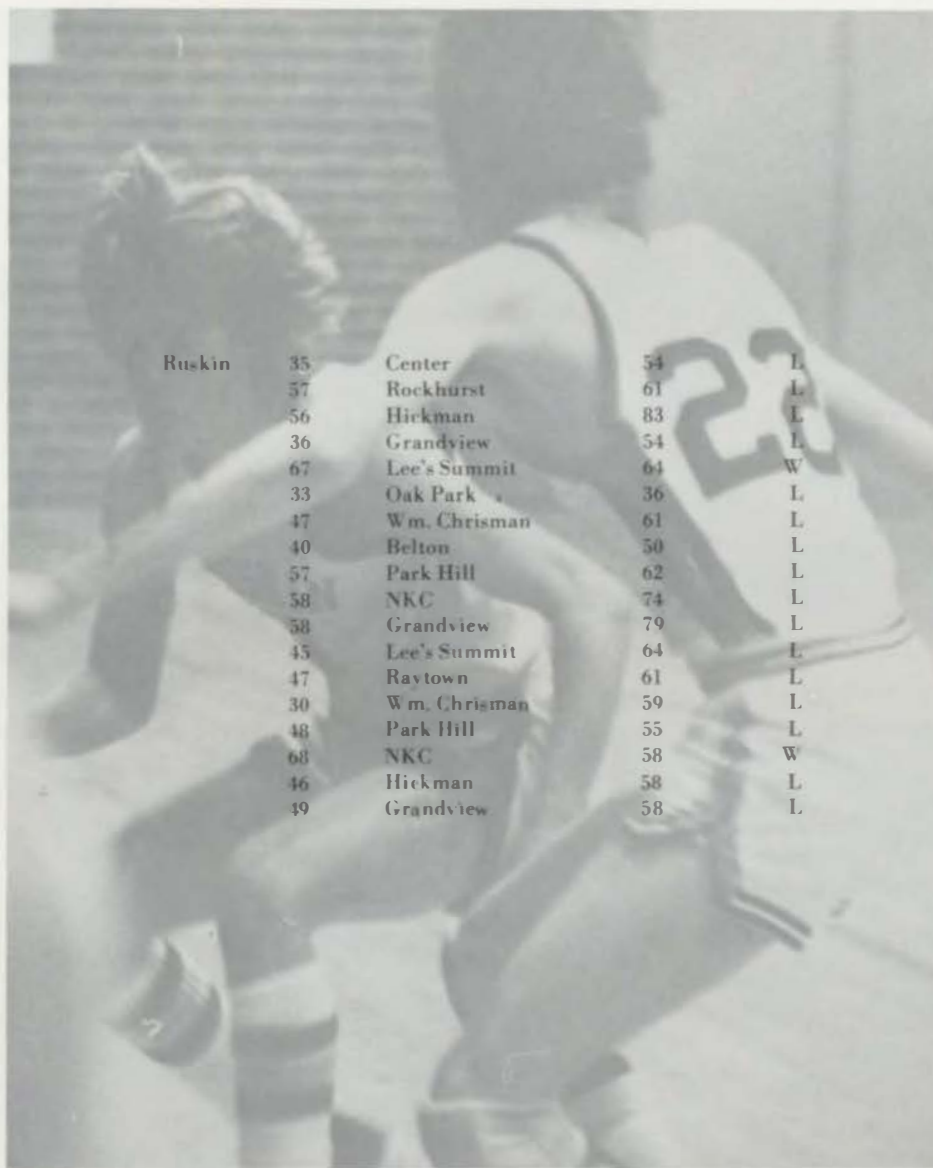


Chrisman anticipation builds as Don Carter shoots his free throw.



J. V. team members try for rebound.

Coach Beeson practices what he preaches.

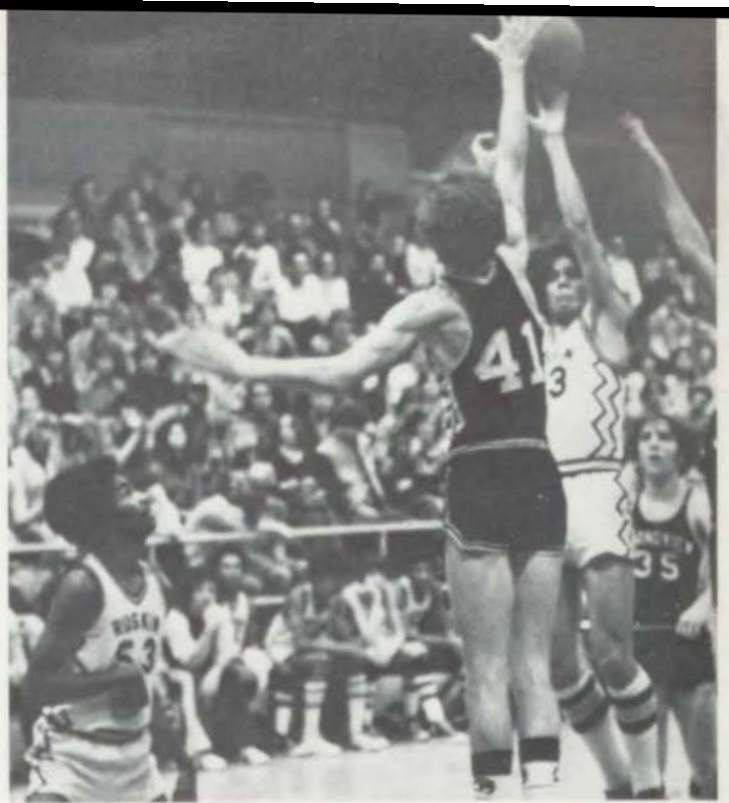


Ruskin	35	Center	54	L
	57	Rockhurst	61	L
	56	Hickman	83	L
	36	Grandview	54	L
	67	Lee's Summit	64	W
	33	Oak Park	36	L
	47	Wm. Chrisman	61	L
	40	Belton	50	L
	57	Park Hill	62	L
	58	NKC	74	L
	58	Grandview	79	L
	45	Lee's Summit	64	L
	47	Raytown	61	L
	30	Wm. Chrisman	59	L
	48	Park Hill	55	L
	68	NKC	58	W
	46	Hickman	58	L
	49	Grandview	58	L

Sophs Show Potential

The old philosophy that sophomore athletes act as "waterboys" for varsity players was definitely not practiced last season in Ruskin basketball. The sophomore basketball team consisted of twelve players, six of whom received their varsity letters: Howard K. Smith, Rodney King, Jack Knolley, John Galloway, Tony Tally and Roy Butts. The rest of the young but capable team members got their junior varsity letters. Coach Larry Frazier expects good seasons for the next two years, mainly because of a strong sophomore base. Although this season's record was a disappointing one win and five losses, Ruskinites can look ahead to next year. Potential is undoubtedly the greatest attribute of the sophomore squad.

Without the aid of sophomore players, the varsity squad would have had a difficult time acquiring its wins. It was this team effort that ultimately carried the sophomore players through a sophomore, junior varsity, and varsity season . . . all in one shot!



Grandview opponent blocks a ten footer.



Rodney King darts and dodges on his way to the goal.

Roy Butts strives for another two points.



A moment of confusion occurs when players scramble for the ball.



Galloway's fancy footwork warms the home court.



Jr. Stand Promotes Prom

Hard work and an ability to never stop smiling were the outstanding characteristics of the Junior Stand.

Delivering seemingly endless orders during many long basketball and football games, the club pulled in \$1692, which was contributed to the annual Junior-Senior Prom. Nearly \$700.00 alone was raised through the Faculty-KBEQ basketball game.

President Pam Wilder and Vice-President Brian Mills worked closely with sponsor Mr. Beers to make this one of the most successful years the club has had, in spite of two rained-out games. Other members of the club included Dan Hinton, David Norman, Amy Lacy, Tony Carr, Betty Dixon, Donna Glidewell, Kathy Settle, Debbie Knapp, Ronald Taylor, and Joey Piatt.

Junior Stand is one of the least recognized and most important of the clubs at Ruskin. It serves a vital function and besides: what would ravenous fans do during halftime without peanuts, popcorn, and coke?



Amy Lacy welcomes customers with a determination to serve.



Mark Hinton takes a break from his Junior Stand duties.



Mr. Beers supervises all Junior Stand activities.

Junior Stand members can give you a super welcome.

President Pam Wilder leads Junior Stand through another successful year.



Pep Club Membership, Not Spirit, Declines

A small but spirited Pep Club of ninety-six members cheered for Ruskin's matmen, roundballers, and spikers alike. Having lost many members since two hundred girls joined in 1974, Pep Club has had to compensate for a lack of members with added effort and activity.

The first Ruskin Pep Club was formed in 1944. Seventeen girls, clad in starched white blouses and V-neck wool sweaters, were led by four female cheerleaders. The organization allowed girls to become involved in male-oriented sports activities.

The modern Pep Club member may wear a Digger patch or a Ruskin letter on her uniform of blue and gold, but no matter what her affiliations are, she is part of a co-ed organization, an organization that houses male cheerleaders as well as female letterpersons.

The 1976 Pep Club raised money for busses and other necessities by selling light bulbs and Christmas ornaments. To give an added boost to the Christmas season, girls strung popcorn and cranberries on the trees surrounding the building.

Pep Club members attempted to prove that it wasn't uncool to show school spirit and pride. Whether painting banners, decorating lockers or baking cookies, the girls did their best to inspire all athletic teams.

"Are you winking at me?" asks Patty Johnson.



Carla Anderson and Barb Hulett concentrate on the match and the win.



Who has captured the eyes of Tammie Wilson?



Mr. Steck wishes upon a star for a victory.



The original Ruskin Pep Club of 1944.

Left to Right:
Kathy Jones—Spirit Leader
Teddy Griswold—Vice President

Cheryl Ellis—President
Judy Cheesman—Secretary
Patty Pape—Treasurer



The 1976-77 Pep Club



Marianne Giambalvo (co-captain), Karen Denny (captain), and Kim Perkins (co-captain).

Diggers ham it up before, during, and after performances.



Digger memories will linger on and on.



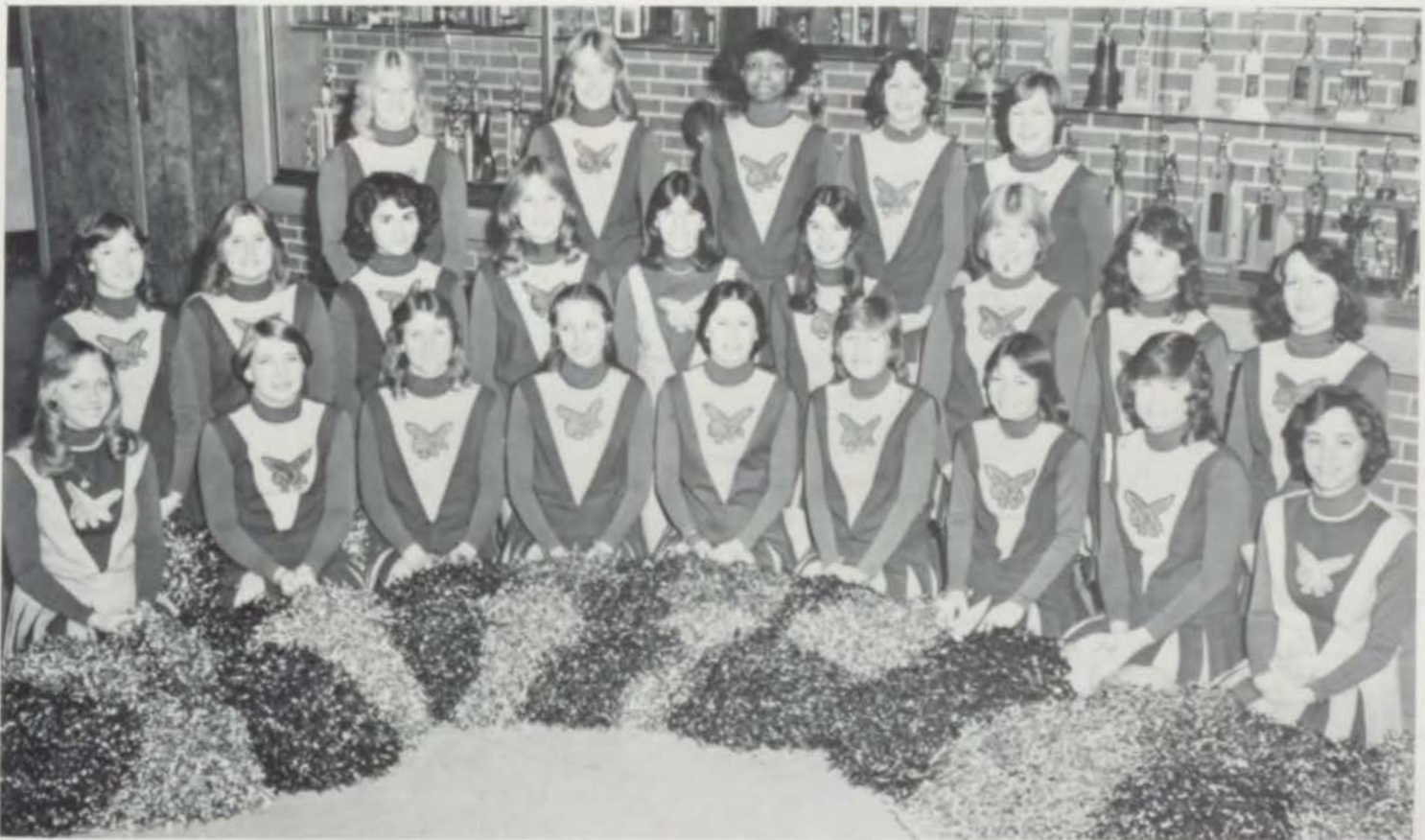
Not all Diggers wear the same expression during a performance.

Blue and Gold Diggers Bring Back Top Honors

Dances to "Free Ride," "Hello Dolly," "Joshua," "Jingle Bell Rock" and many others helped in raising the Blue and Gold Diggers to stardom. This group of twenty-four girls, under the direction of Karen Denny, captain, and Marianne Giambalvo and Kim Perkins, co-captains, went to camp at the University of Missouri-Columbia, and came back with three trophies. One of these trophies was awarded to the girls for first place as a result of their dance to "Free Ride". The second of the three trophies was awarded for the squad's overall camp spirit and the last trophy was awarded to Karen Denny, for showmanship. Along with these trophies the Diggers brought home the camp spirit stick and 104 ribbons. The squad has had only one co-captain in years past, but to make the load a little lighter this year they added one. This helped greatly in the sharing of responsibilities and the making up of new dances. Another first for the Blue and Gold Diggers was dancing at a girl's basketball game, which also turned out to be a great success. The combined talents of these twenty-four girls made the half-time performances something to remember.



Blue and Gold Diggers perform to "Free Ride".



Row 1: Karen Denny (captain), Michelle Trillin, Tammy Wilson, Monica Johannesmeyer, Pam Mills, Karen Moore, Carla Bridges, Cindy Keys, Marianne Giambalvo (co-captain); Row 2: Sandy Nicoll, Kelly Meier, Yvette Gonzales, Barb Hulett, Kim Perkins (co-captain), Debbie

VanHecke, Nancy Siercks, Lisa Brown, Janice Heffron; Row 3: Diane Evans, Karen Griffin, Gwen Gunnells, Helen Klopper, Tammy Moore. (Not pictured): Denise Whitfield.

Girls Inspire Wrestlers

The Grapettes were originated in the '73-74 season to boost the morale of the wrestlers, and sponsored by the wrestlers' coach, Mr. Jim Clark, they did just that.

Each girl became a wrestler's "little sister," decorated his locker and wished him luck, though kept her identity a secret. Grapettes also kept scores, timed matches, maintained a Hospitality Room, and attended the practices.

As in the past, Grapettes proved to be a helpful organization. Coach Clark said it all with, "The girls took a load of work off my hands and did a fine job."



The 1976-77 Grapettes.

Timekeepers and scorekeepers take a break.



Brenda Ralph takes careful aim as she tells the ref the match is over.



Cristie Hankins looks for the takedown.

Chanters Chant and Cheer

The Chanters were originated in 1969, as a cheerleading squad for the wrestling team upon the request of Coach Clark. Ms. Gaines, their sponsor, initiated weekly summer practices and they also attended a summer camp in preparation for the 1976-77 season.

The Chanters' cheers spur the wrestlers on throughout the season and accompany them to the state tournament in Columbia. They, as well as the Grapplettes, faithfully decorate their "big brother wrestlers" lockers with crepe paper, balloons and an occasional goody. They paint signs to boost the morale of the wrestlers. On the way home from the away meets songs can be heard from within the hus, in some cases to cheer the team up, but in most to share the joy of their victory.



Janet Fordemwalt and Donna Reyburn were co-captains of the Chanters.

The 1976-77 Chanters.



Sharon Corkran

Janet Fordemwalt

Dana George

Debbie Gladden



Janet Howard

Donna Reyburn

Sheila Taylor

Caren Watkins

Three Wrestlers Grapple Their Way to State

The Ruskin Wrestling team was originated in 1963, and has established wrestling as one of the most consistently victorious competitive sports. As in past seasons, spectators saw a grueling competition of mental and physical strength. Victory or defeat is completely in the hands of the wrestler. His mind and body are pitted against that of another of the same weight class.

Forty-two masters of the mat, not only battled with their opponents, but also their fatigue. Through determination they brought about a 2-3 conference record putting them into a tie for third place with the Lee's Summit team.

Varsity first place winners in the Ruskin Quadrangular were Dennis Capra 119 lbs., Steve Tindle 126 lbs., Doug Johnson 138 lbs., and Jeff Looney 145 lbs.

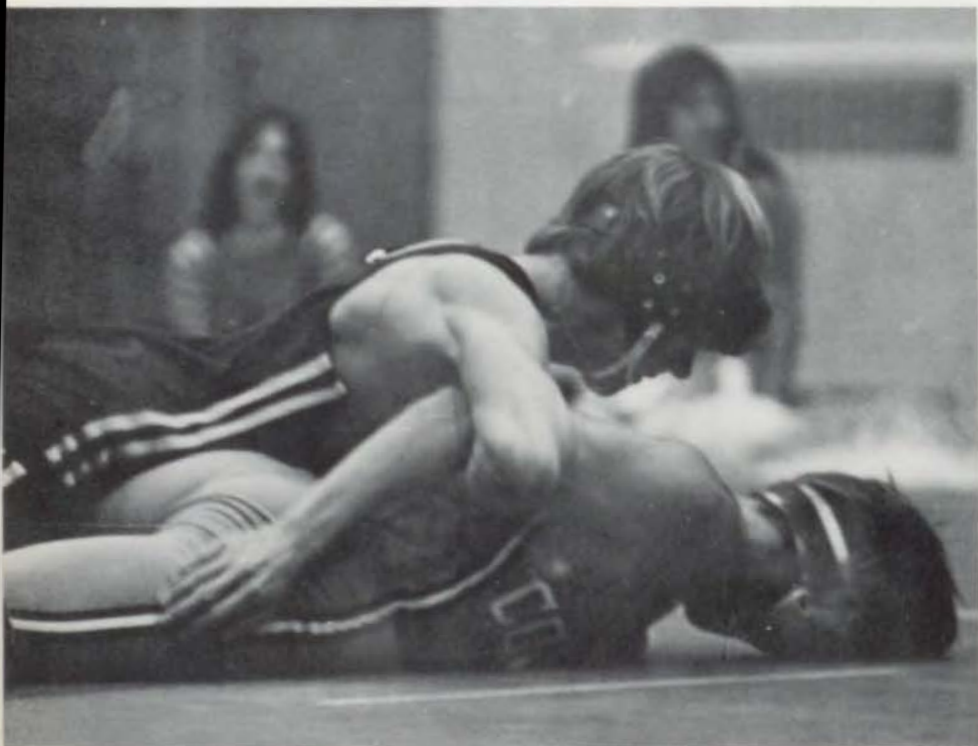
A first place gold medal was won in the Center Invitational by Dennis Capra. In the Ruskin Tournament, Dennis was also the only Ruskin wrestler to place first in his weight class.

At the Oak Park Tournament, held at Hickman Mills High School, there were three first place winners: Dennis Capra, Steve Tindle, and Doug Johnson.

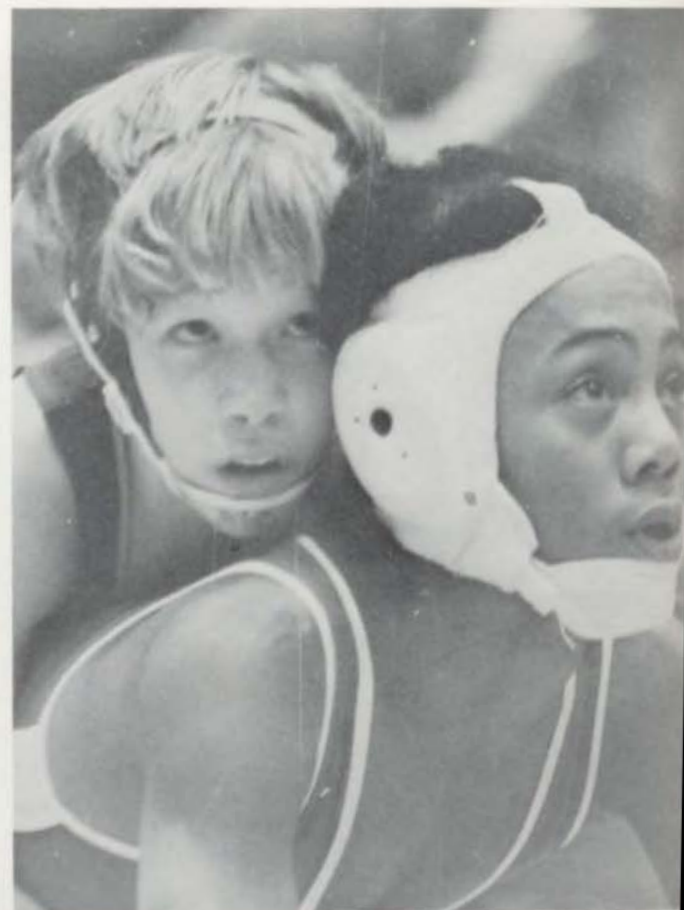
As the season progressed, the competition grew stiffer though the competitors grew fewer. The first four place winners from each weight category were advanced to the District Tournament, which was held at Ruskin. First place winners were Dennis Capra and Steve Tindle.

At the Regional Tournament, held at Lee's Summit, the number of wrestlers was narrowed down to the handful that would go on to compete on the state level. Three wrestlers survived the cut and represented Ruskin on the mats at Columbia, Missouri; all three placed in their respective categories with Dennis Capra 5th place, Doug Johnson 5th place, Scott Ratty 6th place.

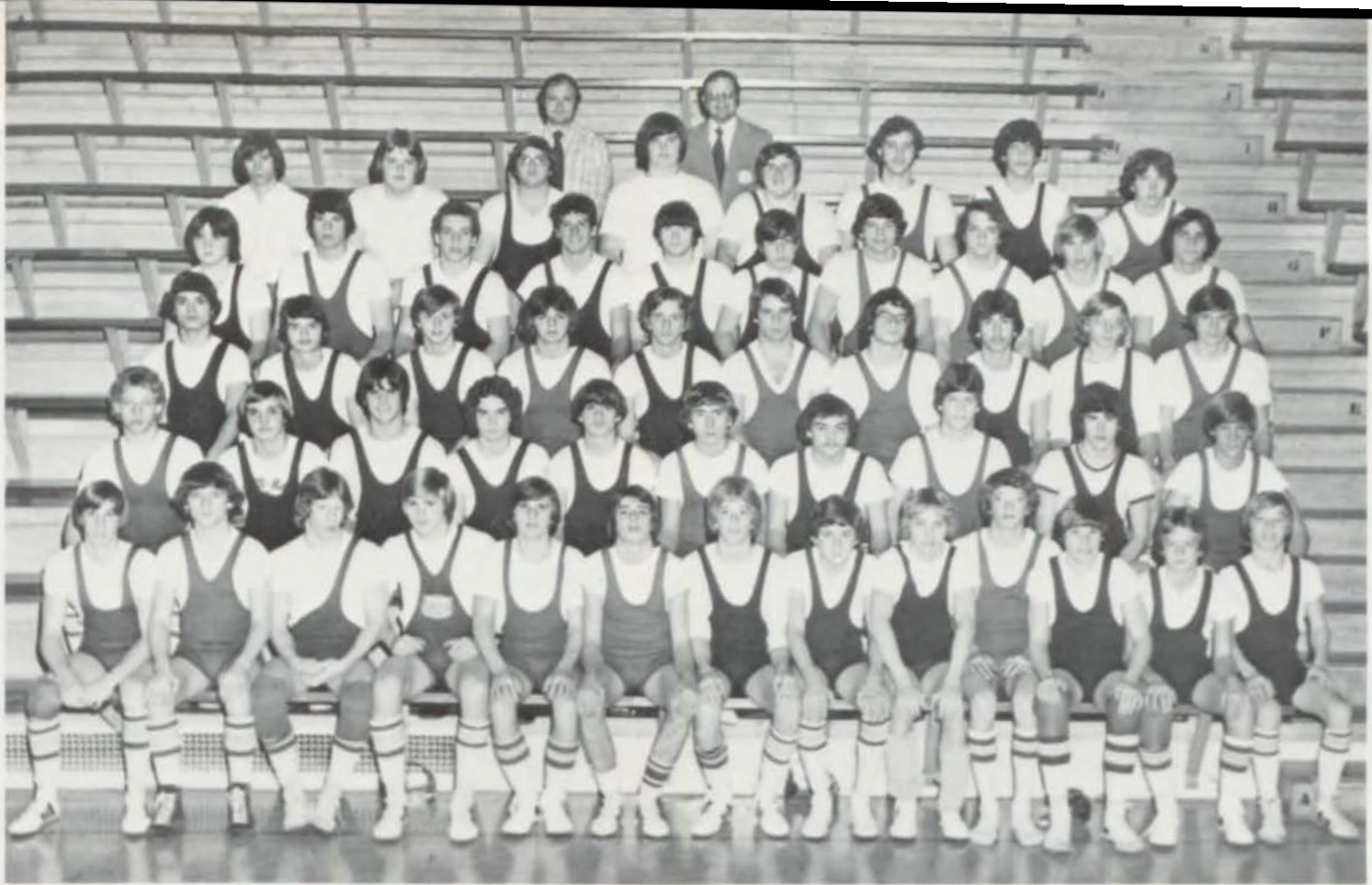
A Hickman wrestler lies victim to another Steve Tindle pin.



Scott Ratty wrests his man to the floor.



Dan Capra and his opponent await the sound of the whistle.

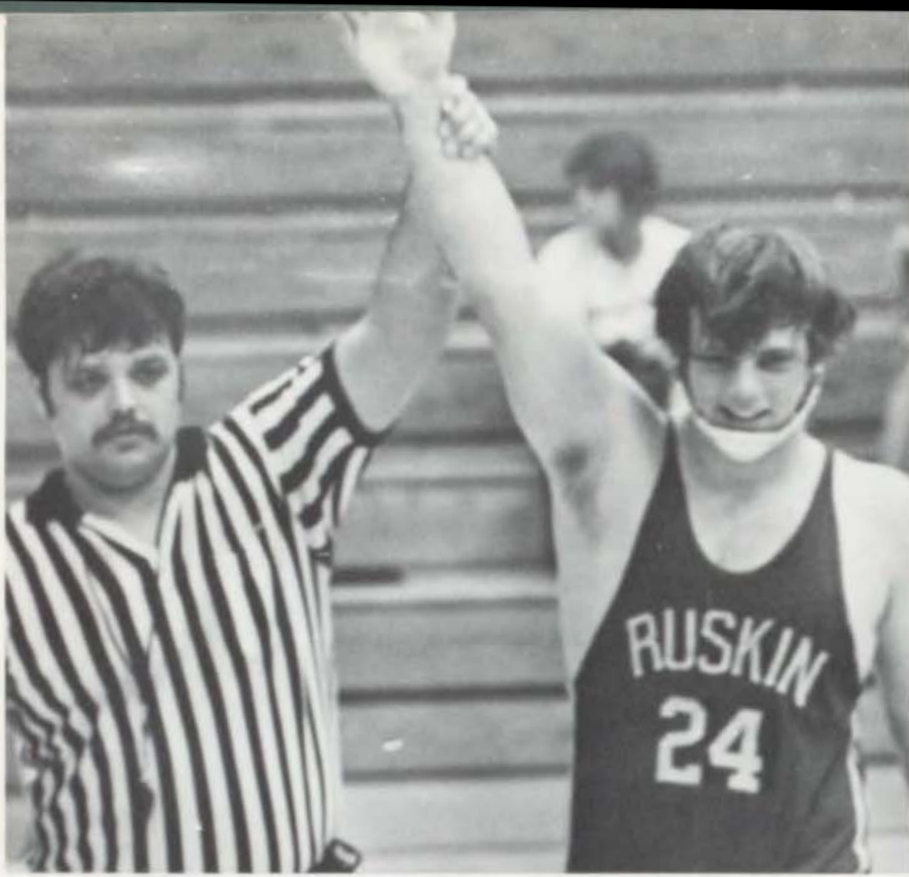


Front Row, left to right: J. Smith, T. Morrow, D. Capra, T. Ratty, P. Burns, M. Brewer, K. Schaffer, V. West, B. Teasley, J. McKeone, D. Brown, T. Prudden, D. Capra. Second Row: R. Allen, D. Berberich, K. Brown, T. Fatino, J. Tindle, J. Sparks, B. Frazier, M. Anthony, P. Clouse, S. Tindle. Third Row: P. Lucito, C. Pitts, J. Farr, C. Locke, B. Clements,

D. Johnson, M. Groh, W. Smith, D. Crockett, S. Schutz. Fourth Row: M. Davis, J. Schuester, D. Beach, D. Gaylord, D. Hamilton, P. Rogers, J. Roe, J. Looney, S. Ratty, D. Brown. Back Row: D. Kennedy manager, M. Puester, R. Houston, M. Price, D. Shoemaker, D. McKinney, T. Macey, T. Ziegler, Coaches Bill Allen and Jim Clark.

Dennis Capra 119 lbs. 5th place, Scott Ratty 155 lbs. 6th place, and Doug Johnson 138 lbs. 5th place; winners in the state tournament.





The referee holds up the arm of victorious Pat Johnson.



Jeff Looney demonstrates the way to tangle a guy up.

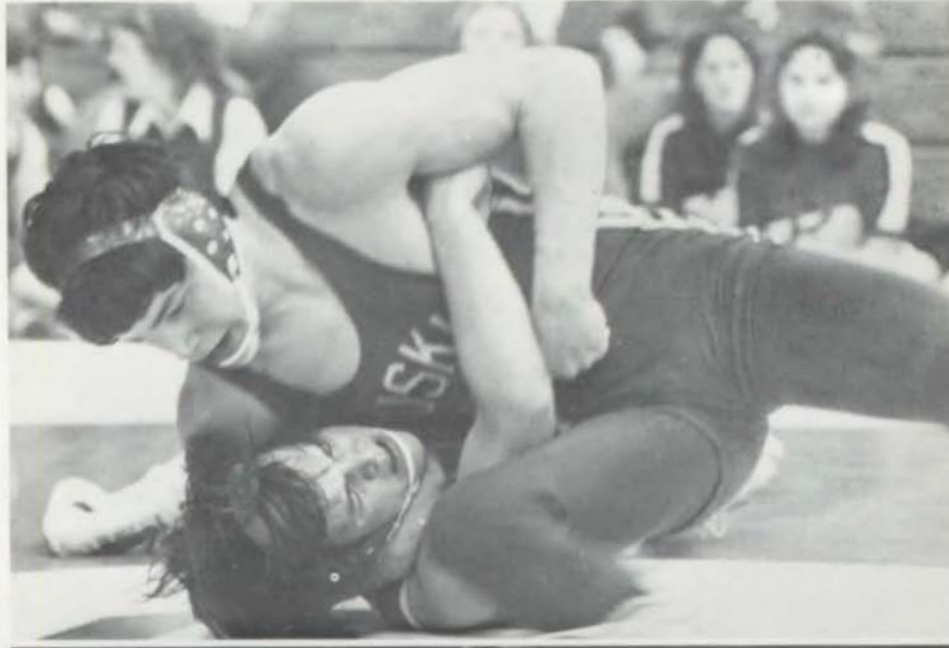


Rick Allen works for a take down.



Proudly, Dennis Capra displays the only Ruskin first place metal from the Center Invitational.

Jay Roe and Doug Johnson "put the hurt" on their opponents.



"Are you concentrating on your match Tim?" asks Coach Clark.

JV Season at a Glance

After a sluggish start, the JV team went on to a 1-4 conference record. Most of their victories came in the tournament, when they were needed.

First place winners in the Ruskin Quadrangular were: Mark Anthony 132 lbs., Matt Groh 138 lbs., and David Brown 145 lbs.

The first tournament, held at Raytown South, brought about three first place winners: Mark Anthony 132 lbs., Todd Ratty 138 lbs., and David Gaylord 155 lbs.

Gold metals were received by David Brown and David Gaylord at the Blue Springs Tournament.

At the Oak Park Tournament which was held at Hickman, Jeff Tindle 126 lbs., David Brown 145 lbs. and David Gaylord 155 lbs. won first places and each came home with a gold metal.

David Gaylord broke the standing record with nine JV pins and a total of 106 points at the close of the season.

The '78 season sees a lot of talent coming up from the ranks.

Coaches Allen and Clark await the referee's decision.



JV New, and Talented

Junior Varsity, one of the newest additions to the girls' athletic scene, did not exist when the girls' team was first originated. The JV team was originated last year under the leadership of Ms. Elaine Taylor.

Mrs. Karen Capron, coach of the JV Eaglettes this season, taught many new drills and special skills to the girls. She was well rewarded from the hard-working team who won 10 and lost 10. Mrs. Capron comments about the ending season and the upcoming season, "We need a lot of girls to try out next year. We need a lot of new talent, but we did very well with what we had this year, and we look forward to seeing these girls on the Varsity squad next year."



Marie Miller dribbles down the court, closely guarded by her Grandview opponent.



JV fights with Grandview over a loose ball.



Down to the locker room for a half-time pep talk.



Dana Dawson risks a foul to get the rebound.

Varsity Learns, Wins Many

In 1937, the first girls' basketball team was started at Ruskin. They won their conference championship losing only 6 out of their 22 games. One of the traditions in the past years was to elect captains of the team to lead them victorious through the season. Several years later, the lack of interest took the team out of the picture. Due to the idea of equality of men and women in sports, the team was put back into action last year. Ms. Elaine Taylor, head coach this season, helped the Varsity to execute many powerful plays to close the season with 10 wins and 10 losses. We look forward to seeing the girls back into action again next year and hope the interest in sports never ceases to exist for them.

Patty Daugherty and Joyce Smith warm up before the game.



In the huddle, the Eaglettes get the spirit going.



First Row, left to right: L. Whitefield, N. Williams, J. Hendricks, D. Jefferson, R. Centonze, J. Smith, B. Williams. Second Row: M. Miller, T. Fetters, K. Olcott, P. Daugherty, D. Giambolvo, M. Stanley, R. Hendricks.

Third Row: Mrs. Capron, M. Cummings, S. McDowell, K. White, J. Anders, D. Dawson, L. McCarthy, T. White, Ms. Taylor.



Girls Gain Despite Loss

Until recently, Girls' Volleyball was a sport that few spectators attended. In 1976-77, however, its attendance increased three-fold since it was originated in 1974.

Many a time Coach Gary Abram said, "Volleyball is not a game of chance, but rather a mental exercise as well as a game of strategies."

The Girls' Varsity Volleyball team ended its season with a 4-6 conference record. This record placed them in a tie for fourth place in the "Middle Six" with Park Hill High School. The overall record of the Varsity team was 4-8.

"Even though we didn't win a lot, I learned a great deal and enjoyed the spirit of competition volleyball offered," commented Michele Bustamante.

With only two Varsity starters graduated, Rose Centonze and Michele Bustamante, RHS looks forward to a better season next fall with four Varsity starters returning.

Despite the hard work and great effort the JV team put forth, they ended their season with a 1-9 conference record. The overall record of the JV was 1-11.

Due to the lack of experience both teams fell short of expectations. Now, with another year's experience under their belts, the teams have a promising future ahead of them, and should soar to new heights in both their conference standing and attendance next year. Also next year, the Girls' Volleyball team looks forward to the direction of Assistant Coach Jean Gelsing.

Opponents	Varsity	JV
Lee's Summit	0-2	2-0
Grandview	2-1	1-2
NKC	2-1	0-2
Wm. Chrisman	1-2	0-2
Park Hill	1-2	1-2
Lee's Summit	2-1	1-2
Grandview	2-1	1-2
NKC	1-2	1-2
Wm. Chrisman	0-2	0-2
Park Hill	1-2	1-2

Mr. Abram reviews the game plan with the JV team.



The 1976-77 Girls' Volleyball team.

Varsity
 Rose Centonze
 Dana Dawson
 Patty Daugherty
 Michele Bustamante
 Susan Sharp
 Yvette Gonzales
 Rhonda O'dell
 Cindy Blosser
 Cheryl Blosser
 Lisa Gloor
 Adele Ernsberger

Junior Varsity
 Nancy Masterson
 Laura Johannemeyer
 Sheryl McKinney
 Patty Taylor
 Kathleen Carroll
 Leah Whittington
 Sherri West
 Joslyn Quarrels
 Kenna Lawson
 Bonnie Brown
 Tina West
 Denise Whitfield
 Connie Juelich
 Diane Evans
 Debbie Draper
 Molly Stanley
 Julie Blinzer



"Bump it, spike it, that's the way we like it."

Dana Dawson spikes the ball with amazing accuracy.



Laura Johannesmeyer keeps her eye on the ball.



Yvette Gonzales sets the play.

Claude Douglas does a bit of last minute warmups before his race.



Claude Douglas, one of Ruskin's Indoor track stars.

Frank Hood races for the finish line at the State meet.



All determination and dedication pays off when you cross the finish line.

Indoor Tracksters Place Well In State Meet

Indoor track, a growing Ruskin sport, started early in February when dedicated athletes practiced in the deserted halls after school. The dedication of Frank Hood, Kirby Clark, Claude Douglas, David Gaylord, Jerome Forte, Rod Stinson, and John Stinson especially paid off in the State meet at Columbia. The Indoor tracksters were undefeated in the Triangular meet and took second place in the Conference meet.

During the season a total of 16 records were broken. The six school records broken are as follows: Two-mile run, Frank Hood—9:59.8; 60 yard dash, Rod Stinson—6.35; 440 yard dash, Jerome Forte—53.0; Shot put, Doug McKinney—49 ft. 7 ¼ in.; Mile medley relay, David Gaylord, Rod Stinson, John Stinson, Kirby Clark—3:42.1; and finally, the mile relay, David Gaylord, John Stinson, Claude Douglas,

Jerome Forte—3:33.09. The other ten records broken were class records.

In addition to breaking the old record, the mile medley relay was ranked No. 1 in the greater Kansas City area and placed third in the State meet.

The State meet at Columbia proved Forte, R. Stinson, J. Stinson, Gaylord, Hood, Douglas and Clark to be winners. All seven runners made the All-District team.

Frank Hood, Kirby Clark, Jerome Forte, and Rod Stinson will be returning lettermen next year. Coach Alford comments on next year's track team, "Our strength lies mainly in our juniors so next year's should be a strong team if everybody keeps improving."

Determination is shown by one of Ruskin's tracksters, Frank Hood.



Kirby Clark's facial expression describes the pain and effort put into track.



These seven tracksters made the All-District team. Top: David Gaylord, Claude Douglas, John Stinson, Rod Stinson, Bottom: Jerome Forte, Frank Hood, and Kirby Clark.



"I'm the burglar, you're the victim."

Drama II Makes Crowd Roar with Three One-Acts

The 1977 Winter Festival of Drama started off with a bang. Drama II presented three one acts chocked full of fun and laughter February 24.

The mood was set, the lights went down and "Nobody Sleeps" commenced. Clarence, a hen-pecked, would-be, burglar decides to rob the rather eccentric Busby household. Its inhabitants aren't alarmed to see a stranger in their house; instead their main concern is making sure Clarence meets Mrs. Busby who is writing a mystery story. A surprise ending keeps the audience smiling until "Opening Night" begins.

A new wave of laughter prevailed as Cornelia Otis Skinner's semi-biographical play unraveled. Cornelia is faced with an opening night and well-meaning friends do everything but help her over her jitters. They are so wrapped up in themselves, they expect Cornelia to aid them.

Before the laughter died down, "City Slicker and Our Nell" started chuckles rolling anew. This melodrama, complete with villains and counterparts, hero and defenseless damsel, took place in the timeless Appalachian Mountains. A complex plot and many exaggerated actions all turned out "happily ever after" and left the audience anxiously anticipating Drama III's performance the following Saturday.



"You mean you're a real, live, honest to goodness, burglar?" asks Tina Moore.



"Pa, you can't do it!"



Oysters and opening night don't mix.





"I've revolutionized the Chinese firecracker industry!"



"I didn't do it, I didn't do it."

"May I remind you that it is my opening night?"



Drama III's You Can't Take It With You Is a Hit

The comedy "You can't Take It with You," rang with poignant reminder when performed by the senior or drama students as one of their last plays, February 24, and 26. Throughout the majority of the play, mass confusion reigned as the Sycamore family set about its most unusual life. The action centers on Alice Sycamore who has somehow escaped the hilarious madness of her family. She has fallen in love with the president of the company where she works. Alice invites Tony's family to dinner and is going to "put on the dog." But the Kirbys arrive a night early and catch the Sycamores in their normal state of pandemonium. The play ends happily, in spite of the many mishaps which occur, as Alice and Tony pledge their undying love, and the two families join together in common understanding.



"You will, I will, we will."





SOPHOMORES



Royals Western Champs

Kansas City had waited ages it seemed, since the Kansas City Athletics first arrived in town, for a first place baseball team. This season they got it with the Western-Division champions of the American League, the Kansas City Royals. In their eighth year the Royals gave something in return for the fans—devoted loyalty. Local citizens loved every bit of it, setting attendance records for the season, and selling out the house for the two play-off games held here.

Ruskin's students and faculty joined the pennant fever by forming their own Play-off pots. The faculty pot included most every teacher and offered a \$100 grand prize. The exciting season gave students and teachers alike something to talk about.

The Royal ran away from the pack most of the year, but in the end it was a bitter battle to dethrone the Oakland A's. They went into the league play-offs as an underdog, but they proved their two games at home, and missing a World Series birth only by a ninth inning, fifth game homerun.

Kansas Citians are proud of their team, and hope for an even brighter future. As George Brett said after the final loss, "The Royals could come home holding their heads high."



Adamski, Jim
Allen, Dean

Allen, Deanna
Allen, Debby

Anderson, Carla
Anderson, Janet



Diane Evans was the sophomore homecoming attendant.

Anderson, Karen
Ankrum, Vicki
Armstrong, Kendra
Autry, Greg
Bailey, Jeff



Baker, Bruce
Balcom, Dan
Barrera, Robert
Barkley, Terri
Bales, Howard

Bartels, Anna
Battle, Linda
Baxter, Robert
Beffel, John
Beniston, John
Bennett, Wanda
Berberich, Bill
Bergeron, Rochelle



Biagoli, Mike
Billings, Lynn
Bisacca, Donna
Bidens, Terry
Blake, Joey
Blanchard, Sheryl
Blaser, Robin
Bledsoe, Gary



"Sitting Pretty," is Barbara Knight, not a man in shining armor.



Bliss, Carol
Blinzler, Julie
Blom, Pam
Blount, Robin



Bodenhammer, Katie
Boehm, Jon
Bonavia, Kelly
Bonstill, Delilah



Boucher, Greg
Boyer, Mike
Bracken, Mike
Bradley, Mark



Bradley, Ron
Bradshaw, Dana
Bradshaw, Nancy
Braithwaite, Vicki



Breece, Alicia
Brennan, Carolyn
Brent, Jon
Brewer, Dina



Bright, Kim
Brock, Darrell
Brouse, Jeff
Brown, Colleen



Brown, David
Brown, Denise
Brown, Judy
Brown, Kathy

Brown, Lori
Brown, Marilyn
Brown, Mary
Brown, Vicki
Buckley, Richard
Buckner, Beth



Buhrman, Jim
Buhrman, Shawn
Burt, David
Burt, Keith
Burt, Kevin
Burton, Gayla



Bury, Dwight
Buzan, Becky
Calcar, Mark
Capra, Dan
Careswell, Sonya
Carpenter, Gene



Sophomores Are Given a Chance

John Phillip Sousa he's not.

Carpenter, Léne
Carey, Richard
Carr, Cathy



Carter, Louis
Cason, Cindy
Caudill, Max



Centonze, Vito
Chalfant, Linda
Chenault, Bryan



Cherry, Rick
Chick, Jodie
Chun, Judy





Clare, Christi
Clark, Craig



Clark, Kevin
Clarke, Jeff



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Close, Larry



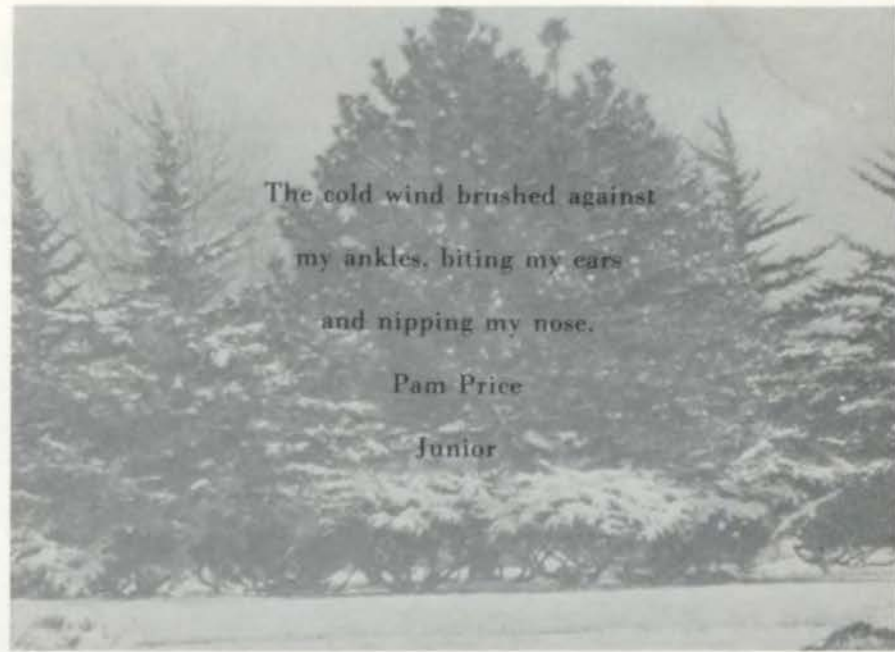
Clouse, Paul
Cobb, Carla



Cockran, Richard
Combs, Kurk



Cook, Greg
Cooke, Kenny



The cold wind brushed against
my ankles, biting my ears
and nipping my nose.

Pam Price

Junior

Cooper, Lori
Cowie, Steve



Cox, James
Cranmer, Sharon



Crisp, Kevin
Crockett, Davy



Crosby, Kendall
Crowe, Russell



Cummings, Marchelle
Cummings, Marjorie





Curry, Randy
Cutter, J'na



Daniels, Beeky
Daniels, Jeannette



Davenport, Leslie
Davidson, Jackie



Davidson, Janette
Davies, David



Davis, Kim
Davis, Marilyn



Dawson, Dana
Decker, Sandy



Deemie, Nancy
DeGerald, Deborah



DeGerald, David
Delatte, Keith



DeMoss, Chris
Denny, Sherri

Kelly Bonavia shows Cheryl Williams HIS point of view.



Detoro, Kathy
Dollar, Debbie



Donahue, Michelle
Douglas, Mike



Drummond, Jeff
Eckart, Steve

Lori Brown and Terri Wilmot stop for a "hallway chat."



Sophomores Make New Friends



Edwards, Peter
Eggers, Cathy
Eih, Mark



Eisenbeis, Kim
Engeman, Lisa
England, David



Enguig, Mitchal
Epley, Dan
Erichson, Diane



Ewert, Danette
Eulitt, Dan
Evans, Diane



Everly, Felicia
Fatino, Susan
Fennesy, Debbie
Fennesy, Steve
Fetters, Tammy
Fillpot, Peggy



Finely, Michelle
Fiser, Debbie
Fitzwater, Dwight
Flores, Micheal
Flowers, Debbie
Foster, David



Fowler, Aaron
Foy, Scott
Fraction, Scott
Fraction, Troy
Frazier, Bill
Friesen, Pam



Fritz, David
Fugate, Kevin
Fund, Doug



Furey, Robert
Galloway, John
Gambrill, Susan



Ganer, Sherry
Gardner, David
Gardner, Kathy



Gardonia, Gary
Gatewood, Rick
Gaylord, David



Jeff Phillips shows Mr. Burkhart his form of discipline.

Geivett, Larry
Gerschefske, Sherrill
Gevens, Roger



Gibson, Jerry
Gibson, John
Giudici, Marc



Gladden, Debbie
Gladson, Roy
Gloor, Phillip



Glukowsky, John
Gomez, Alex
Gomez, Dan
Goodwin, Darrel
Gordon, Alice
Gott, Kim
Gregg, Vince
Gregory, John



Grandon, Alec
Gregory, John
Grider, Tom
Griffin, Karen
Griffith, Suzanne
Grossnickle, Rebecca
Grotz, Norman
Gruner, David



Gruber, Mark
Guenther, Steve
Gust, Dewey



Gust, Tom
Habel, Jimmy
Hale, Tammy



Eagle Marks the Spot

Sophomore class officers: Secretary, Shela Taylor; President, Kelly Scheaffer; Vice President, Laura Ruechel. Not pictured: Treasurer Debra Flowers.

"With its walls of strength and beauty . . ." At last Ruskin will have an auditorium with its sides stretching towards the sky. The residents of Consolidated School District No. 1 okayed the passage of a \$1 million bond to finish repairs on the roof and construction of the auditorium/physical education facilities. The buildings are supposed to be completed in the spring of 1978 for the seniors' graduation.

The new auditorium will be equipped with 1,014 seats, an orchestra pit, and a stage for the drama department and musical activities. This will mean a lot of changes for the theatric classes. Unlike before, holding the spring play in the gym designed to seat more than 500, there will no longer be a limited seating capacity. The drama students will be able to put on larger scale productions and will experience the true feeling of being on stage. Who knows what "star"-ting occurrence may result?



Hamilton, Darrell
Hardin, Debbie
Hardy, Lois

Harman, Tom
Harmon, Brett
Harris, Terry



New Halls of Learning



Harper, Steve
Harris, Patty
Hartwig, Keith



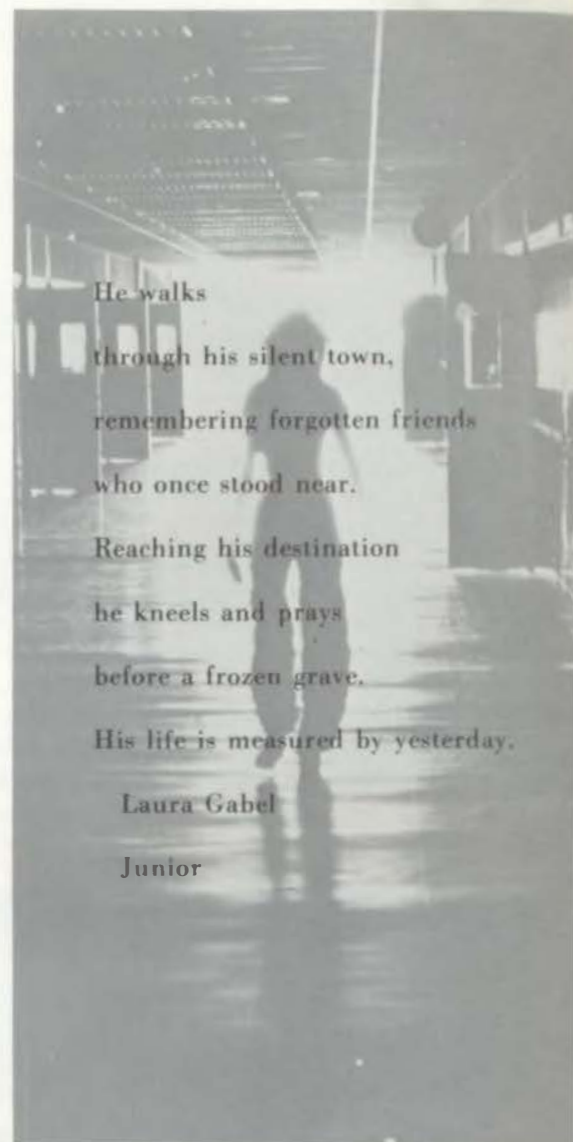
Harvey, Robert
Hash, Gwen
Hayes, John



Hayes, Dale
Hendricks, Jeanine
Hendrix, Larry



Hensley, Glenda
Herbst, Claudia
Herdliska, Regina



He walks
through his silent town,
remembering forgotten friends
who once stood near.
Reaching his destination
he kneels and prays
before a frozen grave.
His life is measured by yesterday.
Laura Gabel
Junior

Herzig, Shari
Heslip, Doug
Hestand, Tom
Hiebert, Debbie
Hiesberger, Chris
Highlander, Kathi



Hilton, James
Hinton, Dan
Hirtes, Candy
Hoedl, Joe
Holt, Rusty
Hon, Daniel



Hood, Lloyd
Hornadsy, Blaise
Horne, Dennis
Hoss, Denise
Howard, Janet
Houston, Rick





Hulen, Melissa
Hunter, Kendra



Hull, Gayle
Jackson, Ethel



Jackson, Jerry
Jackson, Mark



Jackson, Sharon
Jacobson, Vince

Jaramillo, Gerald
Jennings, Scott



Jensen, Shellie
Jesse, John



Johnson, Cathy
Johnson, Dan



Johnson, Greg
Johnson, Jim



Johnson, Kurt
Jones, Donna



Jones, Jenny
Jones, Jim



Jones, Mary
Jones, Ray



Juelich, Connie
Julo, Joe



Dana Dawson "digs" one for Ruskin.



Justesen, Joni
 Kaneaster, Rick
 Kassien, Keith
 Keck, Kent
 Kennedy, Beth
 Kennedy, Diane
 Kensingler, Keith
 Kestler, Debbie
 Kenton, Keith



Kilbane, Steve
 Kilgore, Donnie
 Kilgore, Mary
 Kinder, Pam
 King, Rodney
 Kinney, Carol
 Kisse, David
 Kissinger, Tony
 Klopper, Helen



Jim Chism displays his "ultra-bright" smile.



Knight, Barbara
 Knuth, Lisa
 Koury, Tony
 Kraushaar, Kenneth
 Krause, Diane
 Kudra, Roberta



Lasiter, Tim
 Lassiter, David
 Leal, Vickie
 Lecuyer, Steve
 Lee, Anita
 Lee, Kathy



Leflen, Patti
 Lewis, Dean
 Lewis, Michele
 Lewis, Ruby
 Lewis, Theodoria
 Lightfoot, Richard



Lines, Julie
 Lloyd, Mary
 Long, Randy
 Love, Charlie
 Lowe, Connie
 Louden, Edith



Lucito, Elizabeth
 Lucas, Todd
 Lusby, Kevin
 Lute, Barbara
 Lynch, Greg
 McCain, Keith



Sophomores Look to Origins



McClure, James
McCormick, Dennis
McCrary, Marty



McCullough, Tim
McDowell, George
McDowell, Terry



McDowell, Sheri
McFarland, Patricia
McGivire, Shelly



Would you like to dance Ms. France?



McKinley, Tom
McKinney, Rob
McLean, Ruth



Macey, Scott
Maddox, Valerie
Maisch, Don



Mann, Mike
Marshall, Alan
Marshall, Retoine



Martin, Barbara
Martin, Christine
Masterson, Nancy



Matteson, Teresa
Mattox, Kim
Mcharo, Kuvota



Meents, Paul
Meints, Barbara
Meuschke, Joe



Miller, Gerry
Miller, Marie
Minor, Diane



Minor, Robin
Mitchell, Lois
Mitchell, Lynn



Rusty Crowe and his trumpet are inseparable.



Mize, Linda
Moberly, Larry
Moeller, Mike



Mooneyham, James
Moore, Shirley
Moore, Tammy



Moorehouse, Charlene
Morgan, Kathy
Morgan, Scott



Morrill, Kathy
Morris, Robin



Morrow, Tom
Moshier, Kim



Mullenix, Cindy
Myers, Byron



Bell Tolls for Alumni

"Happy days are here again!" was the general theme when Ruskin's student body and faculty joined in celebrating Ruskin's 75th anniversary. They listened as Steve Buie rang the same bell that was used to call the classes to order in 1902, hopped to the hand's version of "Rock Around the Clock," and later enhanced their lunches with a birthday cake baked by the Booster Club especially for the occasion.

Many Ruskin alumni on hand for the event began reminiscing as the familiar bell tolled. Mrs. Jessie Blyholder shared her fond memories of Ruskin with an attentive audience. She and Mrs. Luella Campbell Truman are the only surviving members of the class of 1906. Although Mrs. Truman could not be present, she sent a letter expressing her love and pride for Ruskin as it has grown. Mrs. Helen Holmes Emery, whose class chose the school colors, and mascot, explained how she had made the school's first flag which was presented at Ruskin's 50th anniversary in 1957.

Mrs. Clara Bahcock Moore read an ad about Martha Washington that was on a tablet which she used when she went to school in 1911. Mrs. Mae White Ervin, the only girl in a class of four in 1913, married Ben Ervin of the same class. Mr. Ervin wished "that Ruskin would last forever as does the oak tree that is made by God." Mr. Harvey Kemper, class of 1926, and his wife, Mildred Holmes Kemper, class of 1929, represented their classes at the assembly.

Ron Goodwin, 1960 graduate, was Ruskin's last four year letterman. Mr. Goodwin told how "classy the cool guys looked cruising Allen's Drive in and rockin' to Little Richard."

At the closing of the assembly, the newspaper staff passed out a special edition of the HI-LIGHT and the entire school sang the school song.



nn
arie
Russel

Norman, David
O'Connor, Becky
Officer, Dana



Girls volleyball members talk over the game.



Osborne, Kelly
Otis, Chris
Paine, Terry
Paith, Karen
Pape, Kathi
Patterson, Debi

Peneron, Jody
Peterie, Karla
Peterman, Steve
Peuster, Jeff
Peuster, Shari
Phillips, Jeff

I'm fighting for my endless dream
 (Scurry, rush, only 25 minutes)
 expressing my feelings through colorful words
 (a metaphor, imagery, word choice)
 hunger suffocating my assonance and consonance

Spin the wheel, pick a weapon to write with
 (Iambic or trochaic)
 Searching inside for enlightening ideas
 (A Jug of Wine, a Loaf of Bread)
 They're getting harder to find.

Seconds sweat by . . .
 ("good idea but needs to be pruned")
 fully knowing it's not ready
 ("anyone can write good poetry")
 I laugh at that phrase.

Randy Rusk
 Junior



Province, Loren
 Pruitt, Steve



Pulver, Marlene
 Purnell, Steve



Purtle, Anthony
 Quarles, Jocelyn



Phillips, Jim
 Pisl, Cathy



Ping, Sandi
 Pinney, Brent



Pipher, Patty
 Pollard, Elizabeth



Poretti, Kathy
 Powers, Patty



Price, Bernadette
 Price, Mike



Rabinowitz, Candy
 Rainey, Jacque



Rains, Roy
 Rakestrew, Kenneth



Rambo, Terrie
 Ramsey, Raven



Rankin, Robert
 Rasco, Dennis

Ratty, Todd
 Records, Ken
 Rees, Chad
 Reid, Darrin
 Renaudin, Renee
 Reynolds, Jennifer



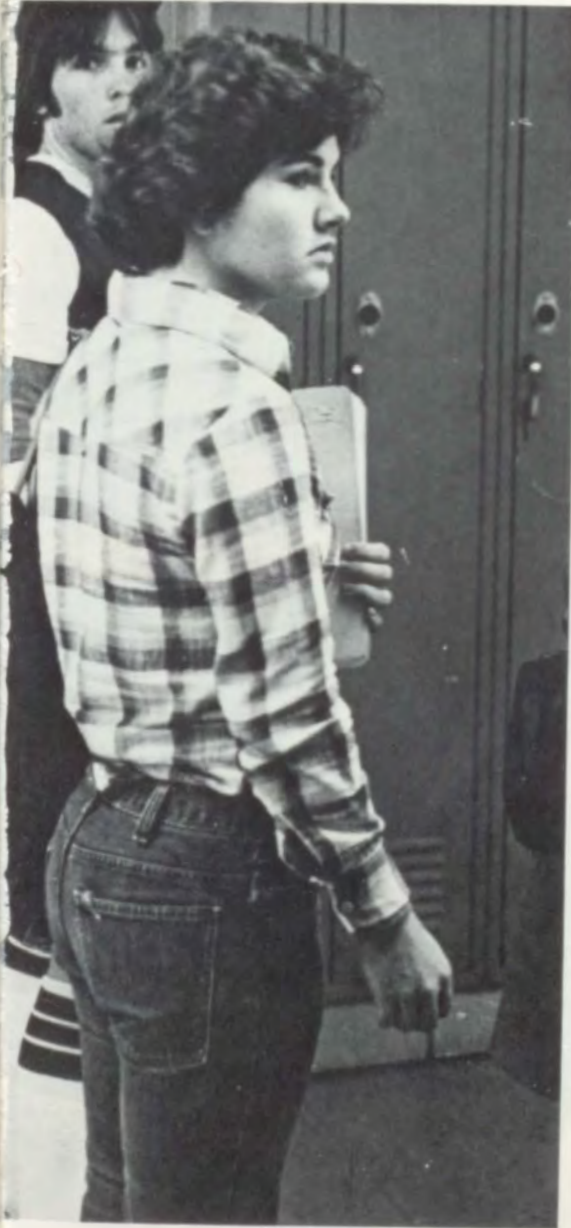
Rhoades, Robert
 Richey, Norman
 Rickette, Mark
 Rickwa, Steven
 Riggs, David
 Roach, Pat



Robinson, Sherri
 Rodgers, Linda
 Rodriguez, Francisca
 Roseman, Don
 Rowe, Jim
 Ruch, Toby



Shari Herzig takes a look around.



Sophomores Learn to Adapt

Ruechel, Laura
 Ruth, Robert
 Ryan, Ben



Ryan, Joe
 Ryan, Rochelle
 Sanders, David



Sands, Vicki
 Santerle, James
 Sapp, Matt



Saxton, James
 Schaeffer, Kelly
 Schilling, Peter



Sophomores Dream of Future

Schlumpberger, Brenda
Schutz, Steve
Schwartz, Kenny



Schworer, James
Scott, Recky
Seminario, Sharon



Senter, Marla
Settle, Shari
Sexton, Betty



Sheeley, Debbie
Sheldon, Donna
Shields, Dee Dee



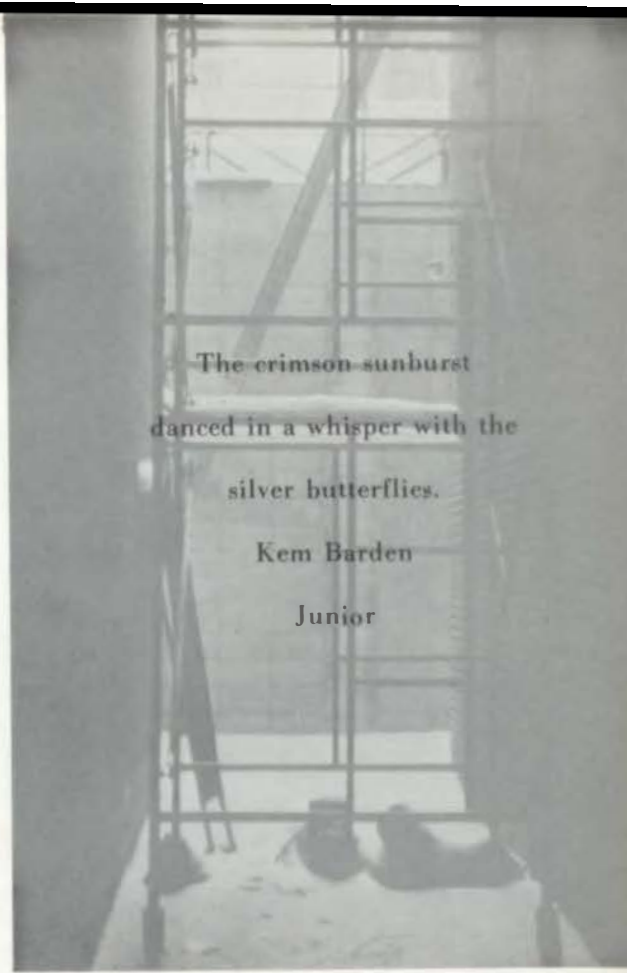
Shirley, Don
Shoemaker, Bill
Shoemaker, Dale



Simmons, Christina
Simmons, Kandy
Szwiec, Gale



Sixta, Michelle
Skivers, Bruce
Slaughter, Dean



The crimson-sunburst
danced in a whisper with the
silver butterflies.

Kem Barden

Junior



Smith, Bill
Smith, Cindy
Smith, Don
Smith, Diana
Smith, Dwayne
Smith, Howard



Smith, Karen
Smith, Keith
Smith, Lori
Smith, Ron
Smith, Ruth
Smith, Wayne



Snider, Roxanne
Souter, Ed
Spencer, Gary
Spivey, Mary
Stackhouse, John
Stafford, Danny



Stanley, Penny
Steinmeyer, Steven
Stenstrom, Karen
Stevens, Bob
Stevenson, Sheila
Stover, Lisa



Strauss, Kim
Stunkel, Janine
Sturgeon, Danny
Sullivan, Russell
Sutko, Tammy
Sutton, Marcu*



Sophomores show spirit at athletic events.



Sutton, Veronica
Taddicken, Lisa
Taylor, Bonita
Taylor, Bernard
Taylor, Sheila
Terry, Cindy
Terry, Rob
Thomas, Mark
Thomas, Mark



Thomas, Matt
Thraikill, Pam
Tosaho, Beth
Tripaldi, John
Turgeon, Bonita
Turnham, Rhonda
Upchurch, Lania
Vandeusth, Gina
Vaughn, Pam



Karin Stenstrom takes a break.

Viking I Lands on Mars

"Touchdown! We have touchdown!" On July 20, on the screens at Pasadena's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, scientists watched the long awaited landing. No, it wasn't a rerun of July 20, 1969 when Neil Armstrong spoke his immortal words from the moon; it was July 20, 1976; the Viking I touched down on Martian territory.

Beautiful pictures were transmitted back 212 million miles back to Earth—a red landscape, rocks scattered all about, and a remarkably bright sky; a very familiar scene to anyone living in Arizona. Though the Viking expedition found no signs of life, it did not rule out some form of life somewhere on the planet.

Possibly man's mind and imagination will be altered for eternity. But far more likely, man will have more to wonder about, more to look forward to.



Wente, Jack
West, Connie
West, David

West, Kelly
West, Shelly
West, Tina





Krista White changes names for girls' basketball.



Wachtel, Dianna
Wagester, Janice
Wagester, Julie
Wait, Kelly
Walker, LaDonna
Walker, Yvonne
Walsh, Margaret
Ward, Ann



Wardlow, Eric
Warner, Billy
Watkins, Glenn
Watkins, Pam
Weathers, Kenny
Weas, Elaine
Wells, Diana



West, Vernon
Westfall, Eddie
Wheats, Larry



White, Dehorah
White, Krista
Whitfield, Lisa

Wharton, Theresa
Wilbur, Sherry
Williams, Brad



Williams, Cheryl
Williams, Derek
Williams, Karen



Willig, Jon
Wilmot, Teri
Wilson, Barbara



Wilson, Cindy
Wilson, Gail
Winfield, James



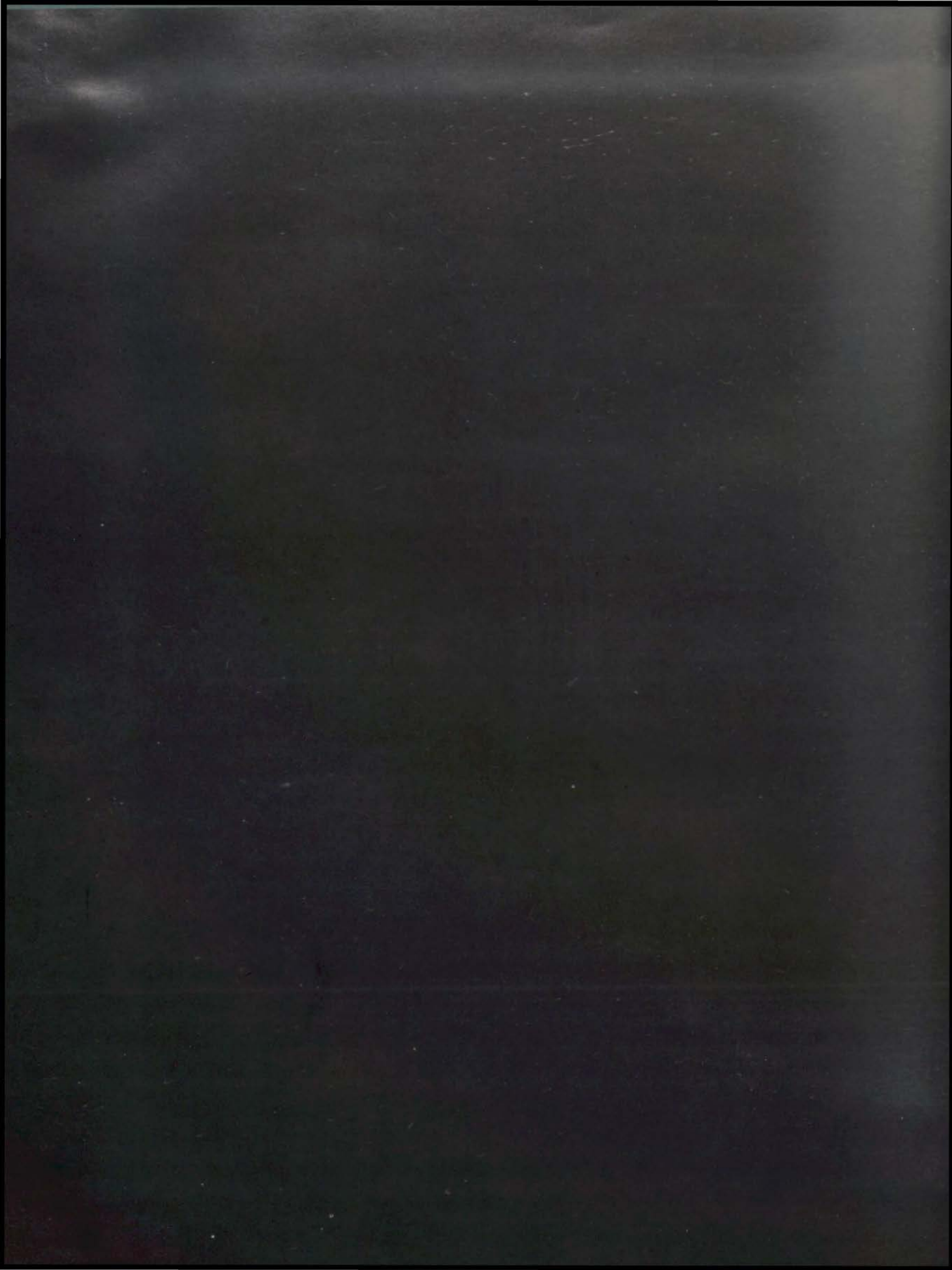
Woolridge, Yvonne
Worder, John
Wright, David



Wright, Denise
Wyland, Laura
Young, Preston



Zirkel, Terri
Zey, Diane





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"I've heard of prank phone calls before, but get a load of this one!" exclaims Nancy Siercks.



Anderson, Carole
Anderson, Kim



Anthony, Mark
Arehart, Leonard



"These parades get to you every time," sighs Bonnie Brown.



Ackerson, Kurt
Adams, Jeff



Adams, Vertie
Adkings, Wendell



Albert, Tammy
Allen, Rick



Alumbaugh, Larry
Amador, Maggie





Pat Koury and Ms. Travis lend great support to the Drama department.



Brashears, Paul
Brennan, John

Brooks, Katrina
Brown, Mike



Armstrong, Scott
Ashley, Kyle
Atterbury, Melissa
Austin, Athena
Bagby, Tim
Baker, Brian

Ballew, Gary
Barrett, Jane
Barnett, Darrell
Barnett, Shane
Beamer, Sandi
Beckett, John



Dana Wilson listens intently to her instructions for student exchange.



Begley, Christy
Bennett, Stan
Billings, Donna
Birchard, Joey
Bishop, Harvey
Bjorgo, Richard

Black, Terry
Blake, Sherri
Blankenship, Karen
Blinzler, Bob
Bliss, Mary
Bollman, David

Boone, Richard
Bough, Kathy
Bowers, Diane
Bowmar, Dorothy
Boyles, Anette
Bramble, Cindy



Winning in cross-country is just one of Frank Hood's many specialties.

Bullock, Kathy
Burgert, Brian
Burrow, Pat



Buster, Sherry
Byxbe, De
Callstrom, Randy



Calvin, Tammi
Caponetto, Danny
Carper, Richard



Carr, Charles
Carr, Louise
Carroll, Jim



Curtis Crawford participates in one of Ruskin's many extra-curricular activities.



Brown, Bonnie
Brown, Clifford
Brown, Kevin



Brown, Lisa
Brown, Liz
Brown, Marie



Bruce, Beth
Buie, Tim
Bullard, David



Stars Are Born in K.C.

Carroll, Kathleen
Carson, Howard



Carson, Jeff
Carter, Don



Carvell, Jane
Carver, Steve



Cassidy, Linda
Cerniglia, Theresa



Kansas City has been besieged with hundreds of popular movies. Many of these theatrical marvels have lured thousands from their warm houses into the cold dark night only to be greeted by a mile long line and a sign proclaiming . . . "Sold Out." What movie could better illustrate these stark realities than "A Star Is Born." This show now features Barbara Streisand and Kris Kristofferson. This dynamic couple has been drawing record breaking crowds for months.

Who could forge the original "oldie but goodie" "King Kong." This movie, taken from the old classic, was done at a cost of millions just for "Kong." The huge beast, constructed mainly from styrofoam, was electronically powered.

The people of the 70's must think that the theater would surely outdo all past tries, but the population of the 30's were the building blocks of filming today. Both of these movies are over 40 years new. You've got to admit that these movies were bred from good stock.

Cobb, Becki
Coker, Richard



Cole, Frank
Cole, Rachelle



Collins, Barney
Collins, Donna



Collins, Elizabeth
Cook, Kevin



Chapman, David
Cheesman, Judy



Chisholm, Jim
Clark, Gaye



Clark, Kirby
Clark, Robert





One of the rituals of a school year is standing in line for student pictures.

Courier, Chuck
Coyazo, Tammy



Crawford, Curtis
Curtis, Kelly



Cushing, Tom
Dahms, Ginny



Daugherty, Patty
Davenport, Patricia



Davis, Mike
Degenhardt, Denise
Delacruz, Irene
Dineny, Dennis
Dixon, Betty
Donnell, Eric



Donnely, Craig
Douglas, Claude
Duncan, Joel
Duncan, Russ
Eagleman, J.J.
Edwards, Wanda

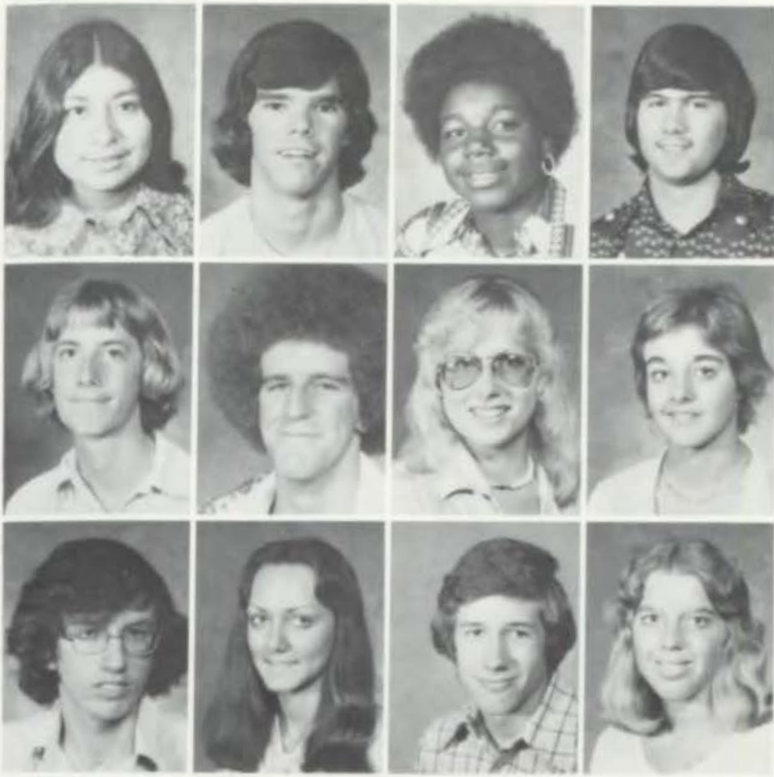


Eib, Terry
Elliott, Teresa
Elmer, Joel
Endecott, Lesa
Epperson, Mark
Estes, Susan



The Homecoming parade brought out many supporters.





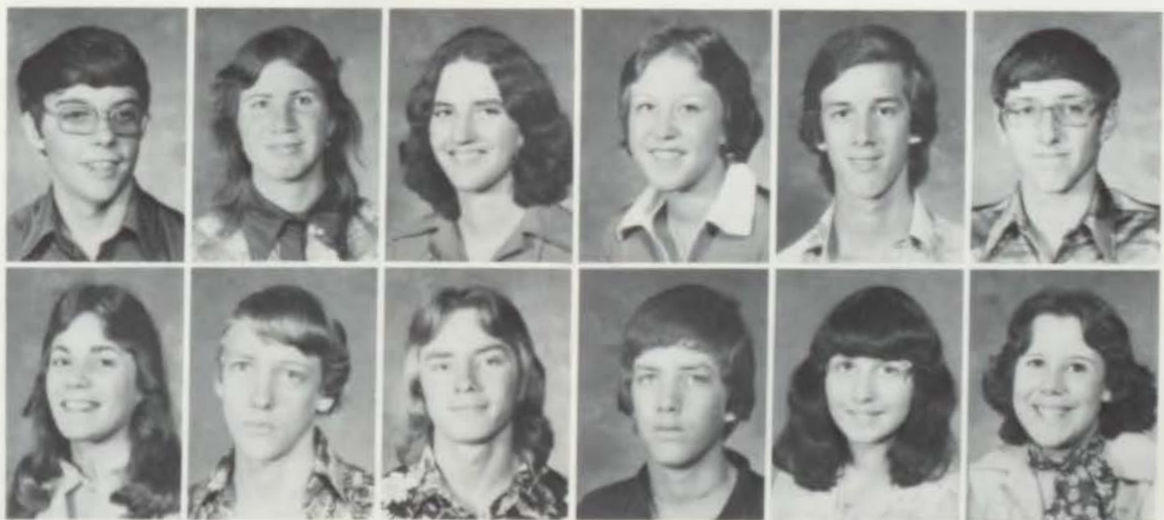
Kenna Lawson prepares for the upcoming volleyball game.



Eulitt, Nancy
 Fatino, Julie
 Favazza, Janet
 Flippen, Randy
 Forte, Jerome
 Forte, Mike
 Francis, Fred
 Franklin, Howard
 Frentrop, Tina

Friesen, Rick
 Froess, Susan
 Fuchs, Frank
 Fuerst, Don
 Fullhart, Brenda
 Funk, Dawn
 Furey, Cheryl
 Gabel, Laura
 Gambrill, Robert

Garton, Randy
 Gatewood, Tami
 Genrich, Carol
 George, Dana
 Gerry, Gerry
 Gerstner, Barry



Giambolvo, Terri
 Gilio, Mike
 Gill, Phil
 Gish, Dave
 Glidewell, Donna
 Golder, Marcia

Fast Food Fetish

A boisterous fellow bidding for a picnic basket prepared by his favorite gal—The quaint box supper of the 30's, "cool cats" with racey cars (and even racier girls), cruising Allen's Drive In—The typical Friday night of the 50's.

Pleasant memories remain from these by gone eras but what about us; what are the legacies of the 70's? We are living in the year of the food emporium.

McDonald's, the ritualistic place to come to mourn or rejoice after a game, has made it even easier to obtain those delectable treats. Not only can one "cruise the Mac's", they can get food in the process with the McDonald's new drive through addition.

The Sonic, with its 50's charm, has captured the hearts (and stomachs) of many hungry visitors. The automated order trays in the parking lot keep the car hops on their toes.

Speaking of automated devices, TUBE FOOD is upon us. Chutes, the newest renovation in quick cuisine, may alter the entire restaurant world.

Only you can determine which restaurants will survive and which will become memories upon which we can dwell.



Gonzales, Yvette
Good, John

Goode, Sherri
Gordon, Tannequie

Grossman, Don
Grantham, Mike

Gray, Tony
Gregg, Jerry

Guillory, Ellen
Gunnells, Gwen



Haefner, Tammi.
Hallquist, John



Hardenbrook, Mike
Harlacher, Mark

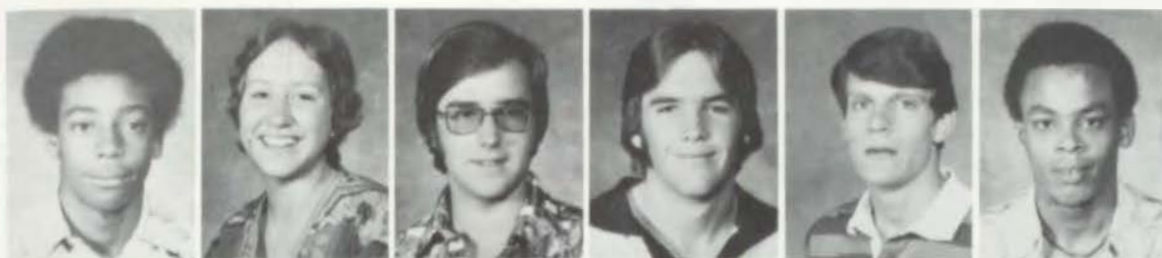


Harris, Donna
Harris, Tony



Child Development isn't only for girls, right Floyd Parker?





Harrison, Jack
Hart, Debbie
Hartig, Tim
Hartnett, Kevin
Haupt, Jeff
Hayes, Jeff



Hayes, Martha
Heffron, Janice
Hendricks, Robin
Hibdon, Janet
Hinkley, Mike
Hoberecht, Don



Hodges, Cheryl
Hollingsworth, Meagan
Hollstrom, Kirsten
Hood, Frank
Hood, Lafenu
Hook, Barry



Hooten, Debbie
Hoover, Barbara
Hope, Janet
Horne, Doreen
Horne, Randy
House, Ron

Hunter, Perry
Huser, Joe
Isreal, Rick



Iverson, Bob
Jackson, Frank
Jackson, Gloria



Jackson, Peggy
Jacobson, Randy
James, Bianca



Yvette Gonzales is in position for that oh-so important volley.



Kirby Clark, Randy Rusk, Doug Strauss, and Frank Hood lead the pack for Ruskin at the cross country meets.



James, Eric
Jefferson, Doreen
Jewel, David



Johnson, Barb
Johnson, Diana
Johnson, Pat



Johnson, Steve
Jones, Theresa
Jordan, Tom



Julo, Earl
Jungden, Brian
Kalwei, Debbie



Keck, Brad
Kelter, Tom
Kennedy, David



Kennedy, Kent
Kirby, Norman
Kirch, Jerry



"You haven't had french fries until you have had Ruskin's french fries," smiles Mitch Moshier.





Kinder, Pam
Kirlin, Tim
Knight, Gary
Kos, Jr.



Koury, Pat
Kresse, Leanna
Kunkel, Terri
Lacy, Rose



Lase, Rick
Lawson, Kenna
Layton, Kevin
Leap, Tim

Ms-ouri Wants Your Vote

The Equal Rights Amendment needs the ratification of two more states to become an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The liberal states immediately saw its importance and quickly gave their approval. The more conservative states are the ones that are putting a damper on the passage of the bill. They don't seem to agree with the liberals who believe that the ERA's acceptance would result in a more harmonious nation.

Missouri is one of the above mentioned conservative states. The "show me" state displays its persistence by shooting down the bill everytime it is up for consideration. Of course, Missouri also took its time ratifying the black suffrage bill and it was one of the last states to allow women to vote.

The future is in the hands of America's young people. They will determine whether or not the U.S. is the land of liberty and justice for all, regardless of sex.



Lecuyer, Mark
Lightfoot, Brian
Lindsay, Delores
Lippert, Karen
Livingston, Brian
Lochert, Susan
Locke, Craig
Logiudice, Theresa



Lomenick, Tammy
Long, Paul
Luce, James
Lucas, Pamela
Lueker, Margie
Lute, Monica
Luthy, Shannon
McAnally, Kim



McCain, Kevin
McCann, Chipper
McCarthy, Laura
McCord, Tami



McCormick, Margie
McCoy, Tim
McDonald, Harry
McDonald, Sidney



McHaro, Nimwindle
McKain, Julie
McKinney, Cheryl



McNatt, Kenny
McNay, David
McNeece, Brian



McNeiley, Laird
Manhken, Sherri
Marshall, Kevin



"They told me try-outs were open to everyone this year," says Mark Harlacker.

Martin, Pam
Mayberry, Margaret
Maze, Theresa



Mehok, Patti
Meier, Kelly
Meikle, Joy



Meinhardt, Kathy
Melenson, Steve
Meloy, Jennifer



Melton, Abbie
Mewmaw, Butch
Miles, Craig



Debbie Kalwai is sworn in as an officer of D.E.C.A. Club.





Miller, Edie
Miller, Judy
Miller, Rose
Miller, Ruth
Millet, Julie



Mills, Brian
Misner, Steve
Mitchell, Teresa
Montgomery, Theresa
Moore, Barb



Moore, Brian
Moore, Tina
Moorehouse, Randy
Morgan, Tom
Morrill, Kent



Morone, Corey
Mosby, Linda
Moshier, Mitch
Mullen, Philip
Murray, Jabe



Myers, Dana
Myers, Diane
Neese, Kim
Neilson, Kevin
Newcomer, Barry



Mary Fueborn stops for a moment of silent thinking.



Nichols, Mike
Nicoll, Sandy
O'Connor, Steve
O'Dell, Rhonda
Osborn, Jodie
Owens, John



Owens, Steve
Parker, Floyd
Payne, Cindy
Peak, Mark
Perkins, Kim
Perkins, Pam



Perkins, Steve
Perry, Lisa
Peters, Christi



Peterson, Becky
Pfister, Bob
Phelps, John



Phillips, Michelle
Piatt, Joe
Pierce, David



"Ham it up we always say," smiles Patti Taylor and Laura Johannesmeyer.



Gwen Gunnells smiles on as everyone wishes her a "Happy Birthday."



Pierson, Mike
Pippens, Brian
Poindexter, Greg



Price, Jan
Price, Pam
Price, Penny



Priddy, Jamie
Prock, Larry
Pruden, Pam



Ralls, Jeff
Rambo, Terri
Rankin, Lillian

Swine Flu Hits Midwest

Not only has the nostalgia craze affected our movies and songs, it has also returned in the form of a disease: Swine influenza.

Swine flu first appeared in epidemic proportions around the turn of the century. Many people contracted the disease and died before a cure could be found. In Chicago, so many were infected that strict quarantines were set up in an attempt to control the spread of this mysterious disease.

When a new case appeared, the frightening memory of the damage this disease once wrecked brought about quick action by the government. A massive inoculation program was undertaken with the hope of immunizing every adult citizen in the U.S. Ruskin was an inoculation center for its surrounding community. Some 2400 people flocked here for their injections.

Participation in the program was strong for a great while until reports came out about some people adversely affected by the shot. They had either died or became paralyzed after receiving the shot. This created a panic and the government discontinued the shots until further studies could be made.



Ratty, Scott
Ray, JoJo



Records, Gary
Reed, Brenda



Reeves, Sandy
Revburn, Donna

Through rain, hail, sleet, and snow people managed to get to Ruskin for their Swine flu shots.



Richter, Bob
Riley, Bill



Ripley, Brad
Robbins, Jon



Roberson, Lisa
Robertson, Grant



Robertson, John
Robinson, Pam



Rogers, Lynn
Rogge, Craig



Root, Bev
Roseman, Debbie



Rude, Kayleen
Rudolph, Carol



Ruechel, Craig
Ruffie, Walden



Runions, Janice
Rusk, Randy



Russell, Ken
Schultz, Suzie



Schuster, Jeff
Settle, Cathy



Seura, Melanie
Sharp, Susan



Shield, David
Shipp, Donna

Debbie Wiseman, office worker, relaxes at the end of the day.



Shoemaker, Julie
Sierck, Nancy



Simmons, Mike
Singleton, Jon



Siwiec, Gary
Skaggs, Judy

Mel Soychak tries to explain that high school isn't all that bad.



Slater, Waunita
Smith, Georgette
Smith, Jerry

Smith, Linda
Smith, Michelle
Smith, Sheryl

Soychak, Melody
Sparks, John
Spaw, Terri

Spearman, Bob
Stanley, Molly
Steely, R. T.



Steen, Paul
Stendebach, Randy
Stevenson, Robert
Stevens, Roxanne
Strauss, Doug
Tapp, Brent

Taylor, Patti
Taylor, Ron
Terry, Cindy
Terry, John
Terry, Randy
Thelander, Jeff

Thompson, Anita
Tiemeier, Kirsten
Titus, Harland
Trussell, Janet
Tucker, Brent
Tutt, Lorenzo

Ape Comes to Ruskin

Could it be we now have another "King Kong" in our midst? Maybe.

Mr. Chism, a natural ham, portrayed the hairy ape in the January Waldo Astoria production of the "Gorilla." Chism co-starred with local actor Dennis Allen and Al Lewis of "Munster" fame.

A contest was staged by the K.B.E.Q. radio station for the selection of the hairiest ape. These amateurs were selected for various assets that no other has yet attained such as, the most foul smelling breath, the longest neandrethal arms, and of course the hairiest chest. Who would be better suited for this key role than our own Mr. Chism?

The faculty and student body of Ruskin were given a special discount because of Chism's performance. The audience was pleased with the three acts and certainly quite content with the buffet dinner and the abundant non-alcoholic drinks, "Carrie Nations."

This performance was not unlike the old vaudville type shows and luckily for Chism he was thrown applause rather than tomatoes. Chism, the farce, and our resident actor, were a great success.



Vineyard, Dyanne
Voss, Joel



Walsh, Myles
Walters, Julie



Ward, Kathy
Wardell, Carl



Wardlow, Janice
Watkins, Kim



Valentine, Richard
VanDeVyvre, Barb



VanHecke, Debbie
VanVleck, Jeff



Vansickle, Janice
Vaslinda, Linda



Vest, Theresa
Vincent, Vickie



Watson, Cary
Weiss, Randy



Wells, Pam
West, Warren



White, Kim
White, Terry



Whitfield, Denise
Whitlow, Gary
Whittington, Leah



Wideman, Doug
Wiehurg, Gary
Wilbur, Pam



Williams, Betty
Williams, Debbie
Williams, Greg



Williams, Nancy
Wilson, Doug
Wilson, Neil



"If those margins don't stay this time!" warns Pam Perkins.

Earlene Wolf beckons a player from the court.



Wolf, Earlene
Wolfe, Kathy
Wood, Lori



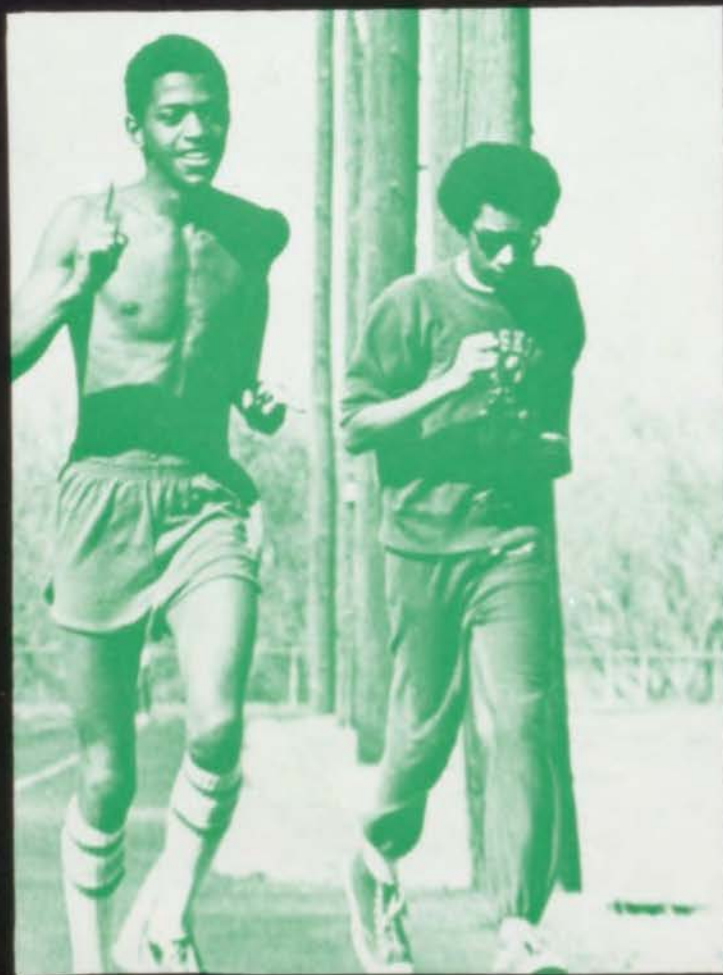
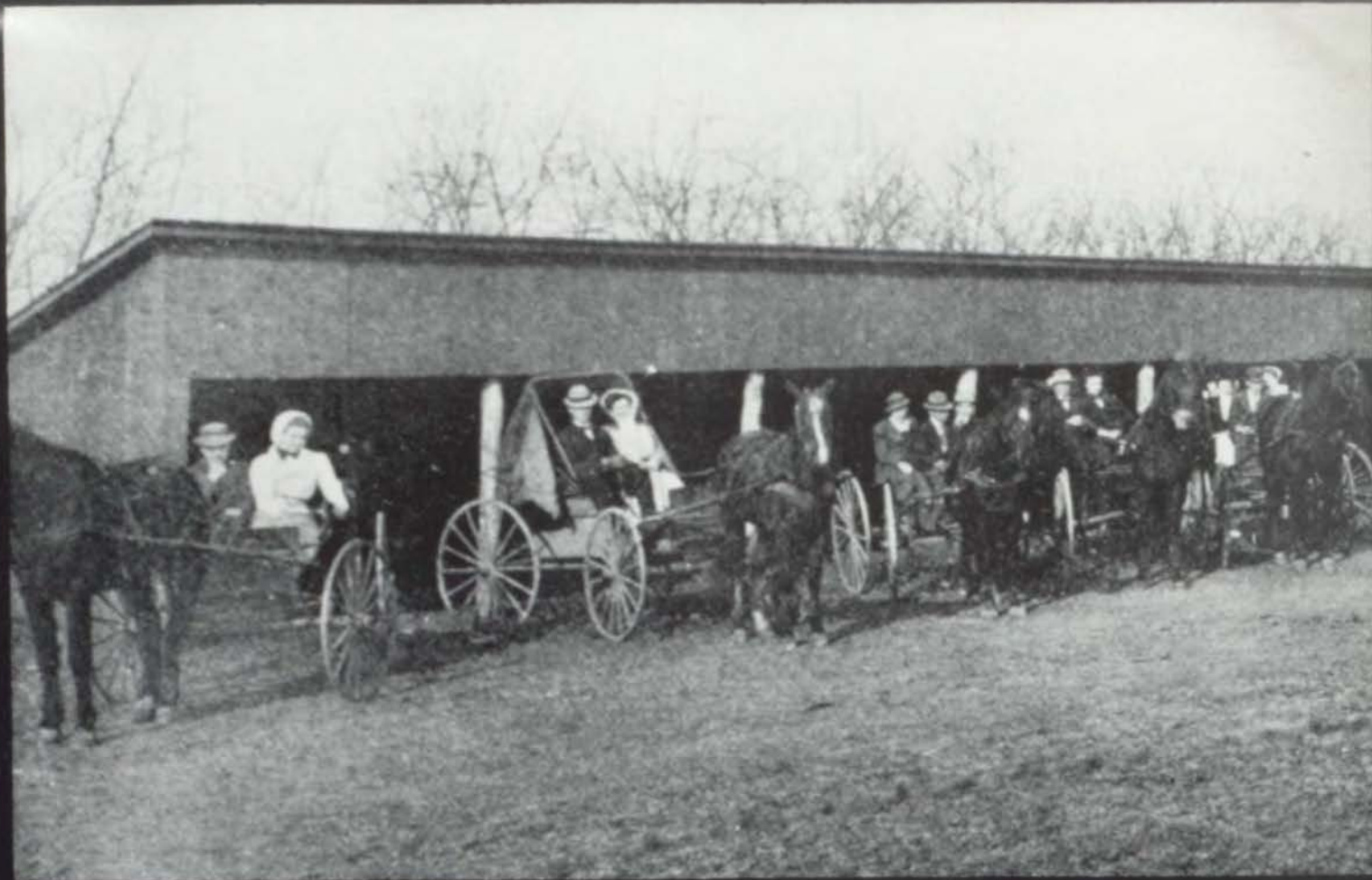
Woodcock, Barbara
Woodson, Wanda
Wulff, Paul



Young, Kim
Zalewski, Chris
Ziegler, Tim

WE'D FIGHT

AND NEVER LOSE





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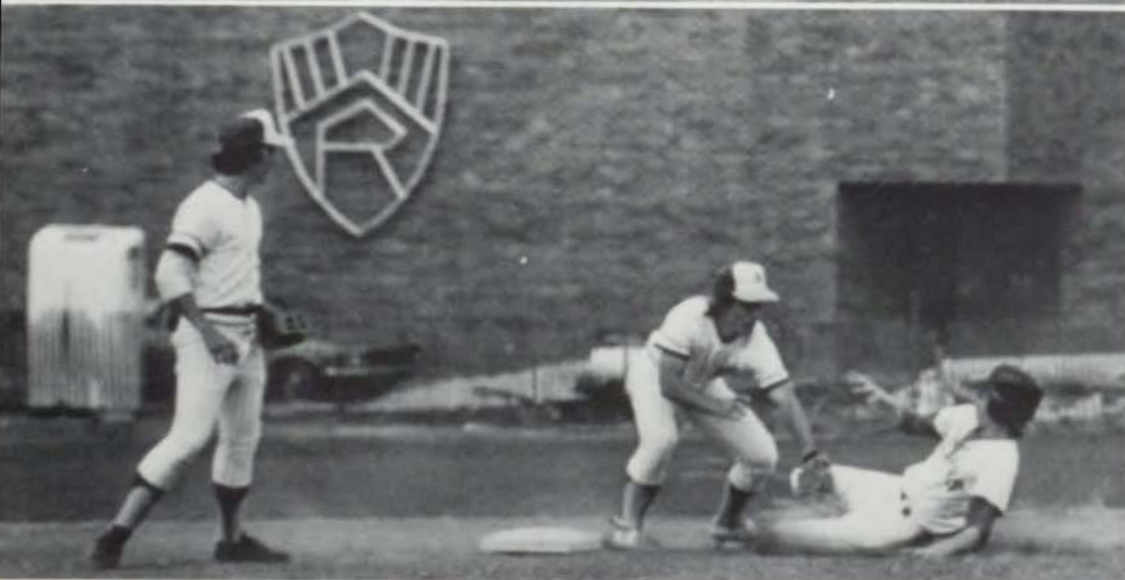
Rick Justesen's technique shows through while "burning it in there."



Excellent hitting and fielding brought about the team's conference championship.



Ruskin	Opponent	Opponent
8	Wyandotte	3
1	Lee's Summit	5
8	Grandview	0
5	Wm Chrisman	1
6	Park Hill	1
6	NKC	0
3	Park Hill	5
5	Belton	6
1	Wm Chrisman	3
1	Lee's Summit	5
5	NKC	2
3	Grandview	5
6	Hickman	5
3	Wm Chrisman	2
4	NKC	1
6	Grandview	0
1	Park Hill	4
3	Lee's Summit	0





Russ Duncan awaits another perfect Eagle pitch.

Rick Justesen steps up to the plate.



Baseball Eagles Take Conference Title

Baseball hopefuls met in early spring with Coach Wild to vie for spots on the varsity squad. Practice included calisthenics, defense and theory.

Those who survived the cuts for 15 available spots started practice early in the season. At that time, rain dampened the fields and postponed many games, but did little damage to the team's spirits and talent.

Though April snow tried to cool off the team, it grew hotter than ever. And with Lady Luck (the Baseball Cheerleaders) helping, the team set their sights for a conference championship.

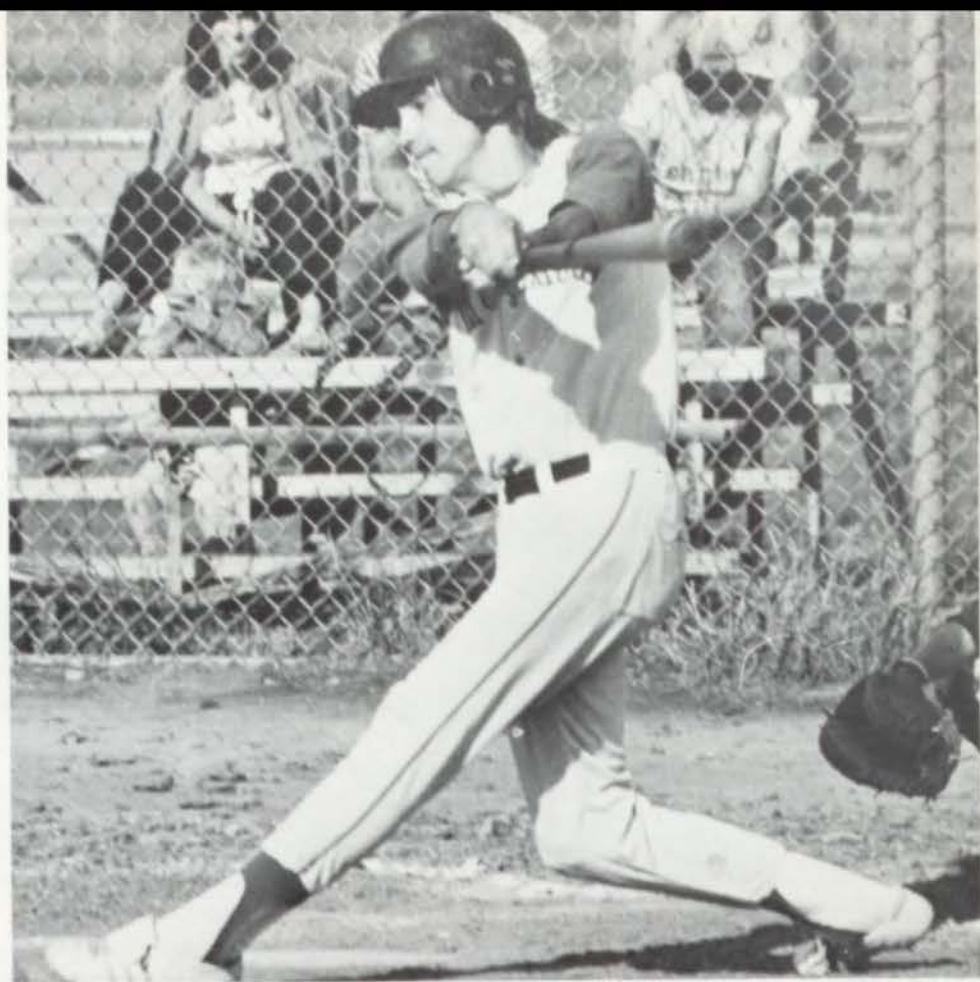
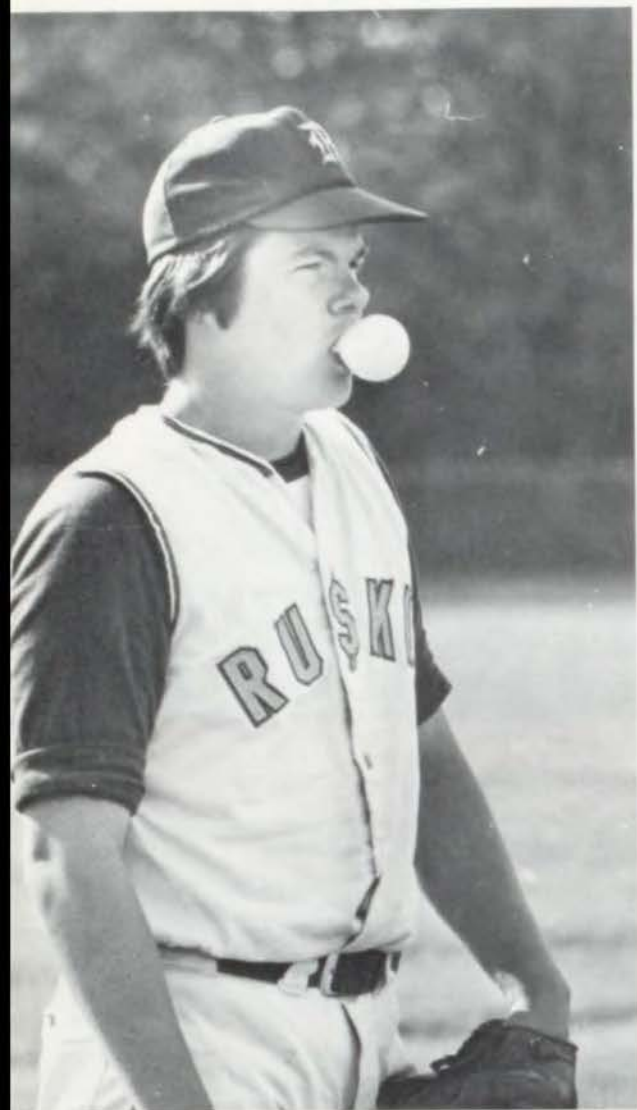
The team ended their season with an overall 11-7 record, and a 9-6 conference record.

Best of all, the team got its wish; late May brought a conference championship to the Eagle coaches and players.



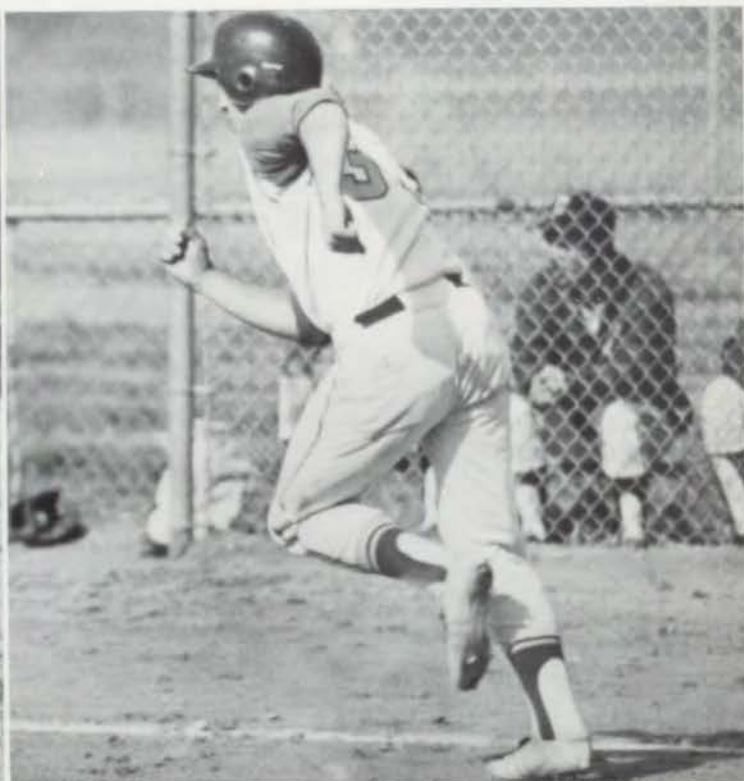
Bottom Row, left to right: Steve Hendrix, Rick Justesen, Greg Loteckie, Brent Begley, Dave Kennedy. Second Row: Frank Wirt, Mike Mitchell, Jay Roe, Dave McNay, Kevin Hartnett. Third Row: Glen Curtis, Doug Brown, Mike Binkley, Bruce Smith, Jeff Schuster. Top Row: Coach Rex Perry, Paul Wulff, Russ Duncan, Brian Kurdi, Coach Ken Chism, Coach Larry Wild.

Jeff Schuster displays his extraordinary Eagle power.



Don Gossman gives a powerful swing.

RUSKIN		THEM	RUSKIN		
1	Wyandotte	0	0	Wm. Chrisman	3
8	Raymore	1	1	Wm. Chrisman	6
2	Lee's Summit	3	10	Park Hill	0
8	Park Hill	1	5	NKC	6
6	NKC	2	6	Hickman Mills	11
4	Lee's Summit	3			
				TOTAL—6 wins 5 losses	



Fantastic plays + running power = a winning team.

"How sweet it is!" exclaims Paul Brashears.



"He was safe!" shouts Don Gossman.

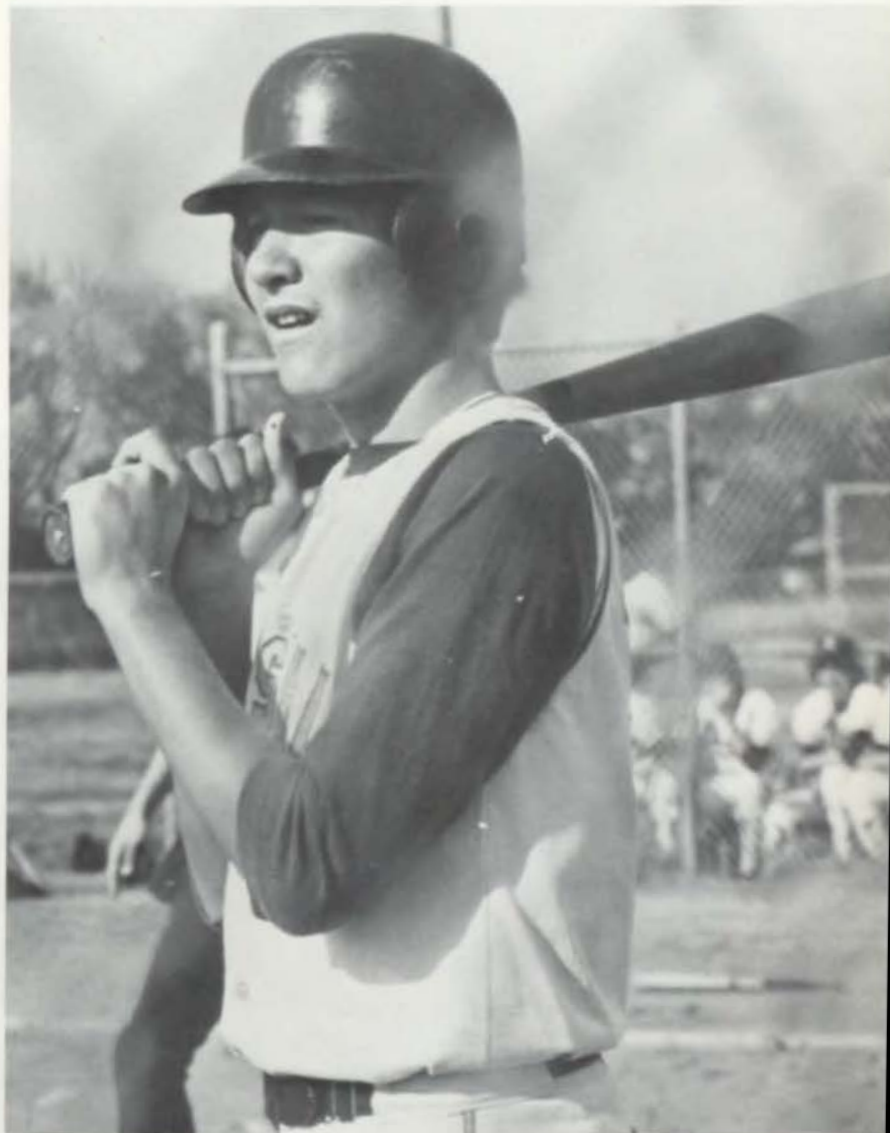


J.V. Displays Power, Supports Varsity

"Ruskin wins again!" This was a familiar outburst from an excited Ruskinite. This Junior Varsity team definitely took a short stop to pick up another victory. Fewer foul-ups on the field resulted in a winning team and a loyal crowd.

The Junior Varsity baseball team placed their homeplate on the Clark Ketterman diamond for a duration of many memorable innings. They were designated to hit the pitches, catch the pop-ups, and bring in numerous homeruns. This wasn't the result of every game, but the effort was behind their every play.

Baseball originated here in the year of 1967, coached by Mr. Ed Suddarth. A decade later, the team is coached by Mr. Rex Perry. Coach Perry feels that the drive and determination of the players gave them their 6-5 winning season. A great team in '76 means a super varsity team in '77.



"I can't believe I hit it that far," says Dwight Fitzwater.



Captain of the squad: Janet Favazza.



Debbie Elsasser's smile leads the team on to victory.



In between innings break for Tami, Carolyn, and Joy.



Debbie, Janet, and Jeannie provide smiles and spirit for the baseball team.



Debbie Elsasser, Joy Meikle, Janet Favazza, Carolyn Brennan, Tami Hale, and Jeanne Boursheskie.

B.C.'s Boost Spirit For Baseball

As winter came to an end, spring fever hit, and all that was on the students' minds was getting out of school and heading for the local swimming pool to compete for the best "tan" of the summer. However, in the midst of summer job planning and skipping, baseball season had begun. With this sport came many supporting fans and among these fans were smiling faces, those of the baseball cheerleaders.

The nine girls were chosen by Mr. Larry Wild, head baseball coach. Lead by Janet Favazza, junior, the squad consisted of Jeanne Boursheskie and Debbie Elsasser, seniors; Joy Meikle, Jennifer Meloy, Patti Taylor, and Cheryl Thyer, juniors; Carolyn Brennan and Tami Hale, sophomores.

With the support of these B.C. girls, how could the season have been anything but a winner?

Sittin' in style are the B.C.'s.



The 1976-77 Baseball Cheerleaders

Not exactly a pas de deux, Carolyn and Tami!

The "Swingers" Beat Hickman In Sudden Death

Are you familiar with the "swingers" of Ruskin? Well if you're not sure about it, they are the members of the golf team. Their familiar "fore" was sounded on March 30 as they started a brand new season. And what better way to start, than with a battle against the Hickman Mills Cougars. In a sudden death playoff the Eagles were pronounced winners, the first in two years against Hickman Mills.

Under the coaching of Mr. Ken Quest, the Eagle "swingers" could be seen many a day at Minor Park either practicing or playing a match against a tough opponent. Not much enthusiasm is shown towards the golf team but who knows, someday on the television, you might see one of the past "swingers" teeing off in the Bob Hope Classic.



Mr. Quest tells one of his many jokes during a practice session.



Terry Black shows determination in his swing.



David England attempts to tell Mr. Quest what happened to his golf club.



John Beniston guards his base bravely as he makes the out for the inning.

John Beniston and Davy Crockett help each other out in a crucial play of the game.



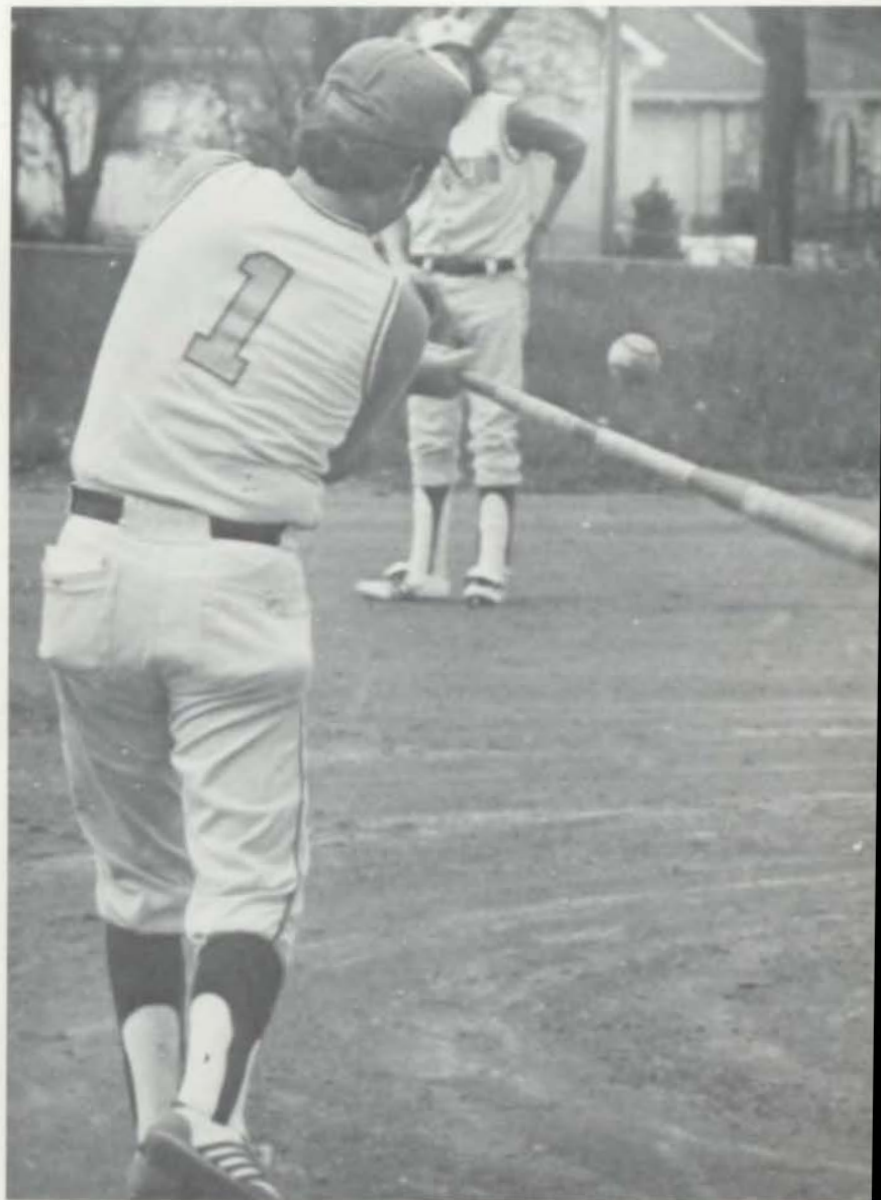
One of the sophomore sluggers attempts to tag a Belton opponent.



Sophomore Sluggers Tolerate The Rainy Season

Bubble gum, popcorn, and sunny days brings one of the favorite pastimes of many people, the All-American baseball game. Sophomores, just like the JV and Varsity, enjoy the game just as much. They opened their season at home on the Clark-Ketterman fields on April 5. Not too many people get out to see the games but this doesn't keep the spirit of the sophomores down. They still play with the competitive winning spirit no matter where the game is played or what the score is.

The coach of the sophomore sluggers is Mr. Ken Chism, whose brave coaching qualities helped the sophomores throughout the entire season. We hope to see many of these sophomores on the Junior Varsity team next year.



Mr. Chism pops up a few warm-ups to the infield players.

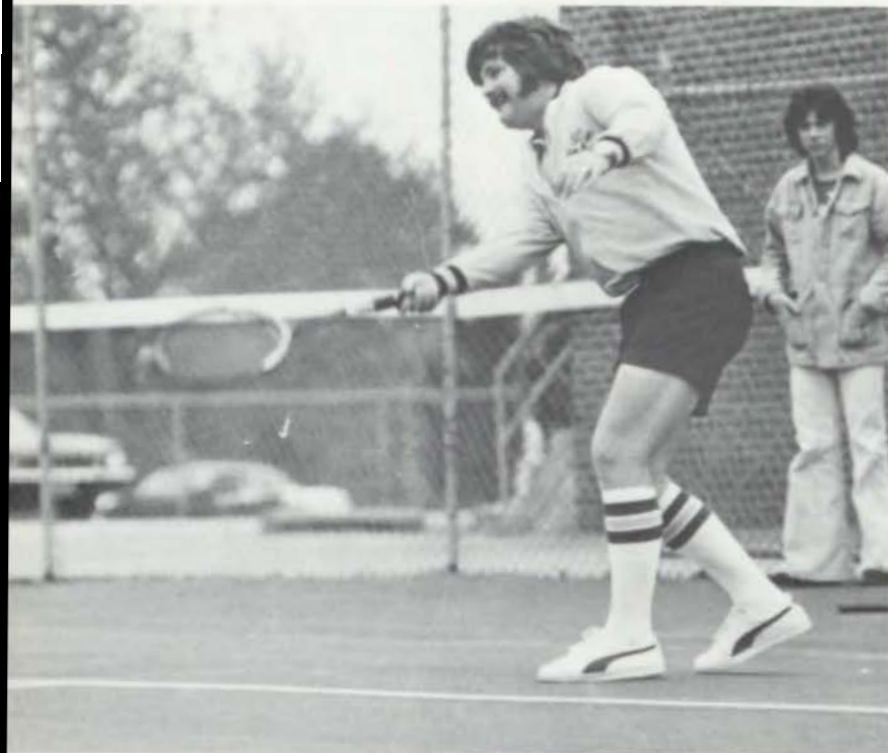
Experiences of the Past Bring New Future

For Coach Moore, this year was his best in four years of coaching tennis. But with such an unusual season it was far from successful. "Each year we improve our strategy by learning from the proceeding year's mistakes so we are very optimistic about next year's season," says Coach Moore.

There will be five returning letterman next season. These include; Curtis Crawford, Pat Burns, Tracy Fraction, R.T. Steely, and Dan Eulitt. This should set a substantial foundation for the 1977-1978 tennis season.

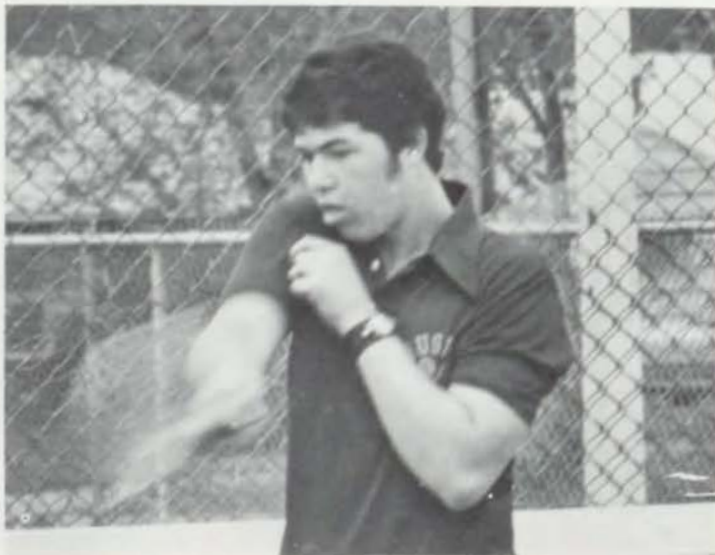


Tim Bailey seems to be flattering the audience, not playing tennis.



Coach Moore believes not only in coaching, but also in demonstrating all aspects of a tennis match.

Mark Wilmont exhibits his keen backhand.

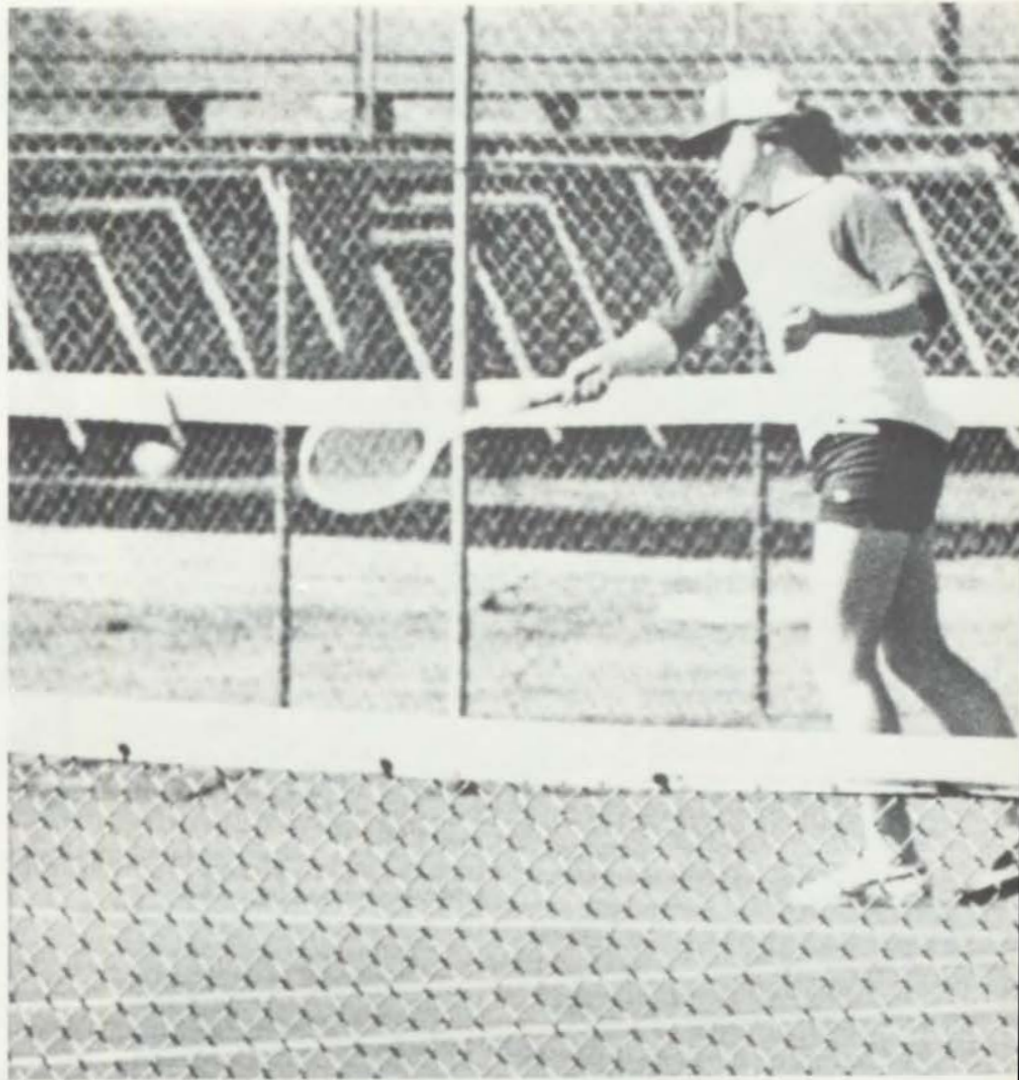


David Davies remembers to keep his eye on the ball.

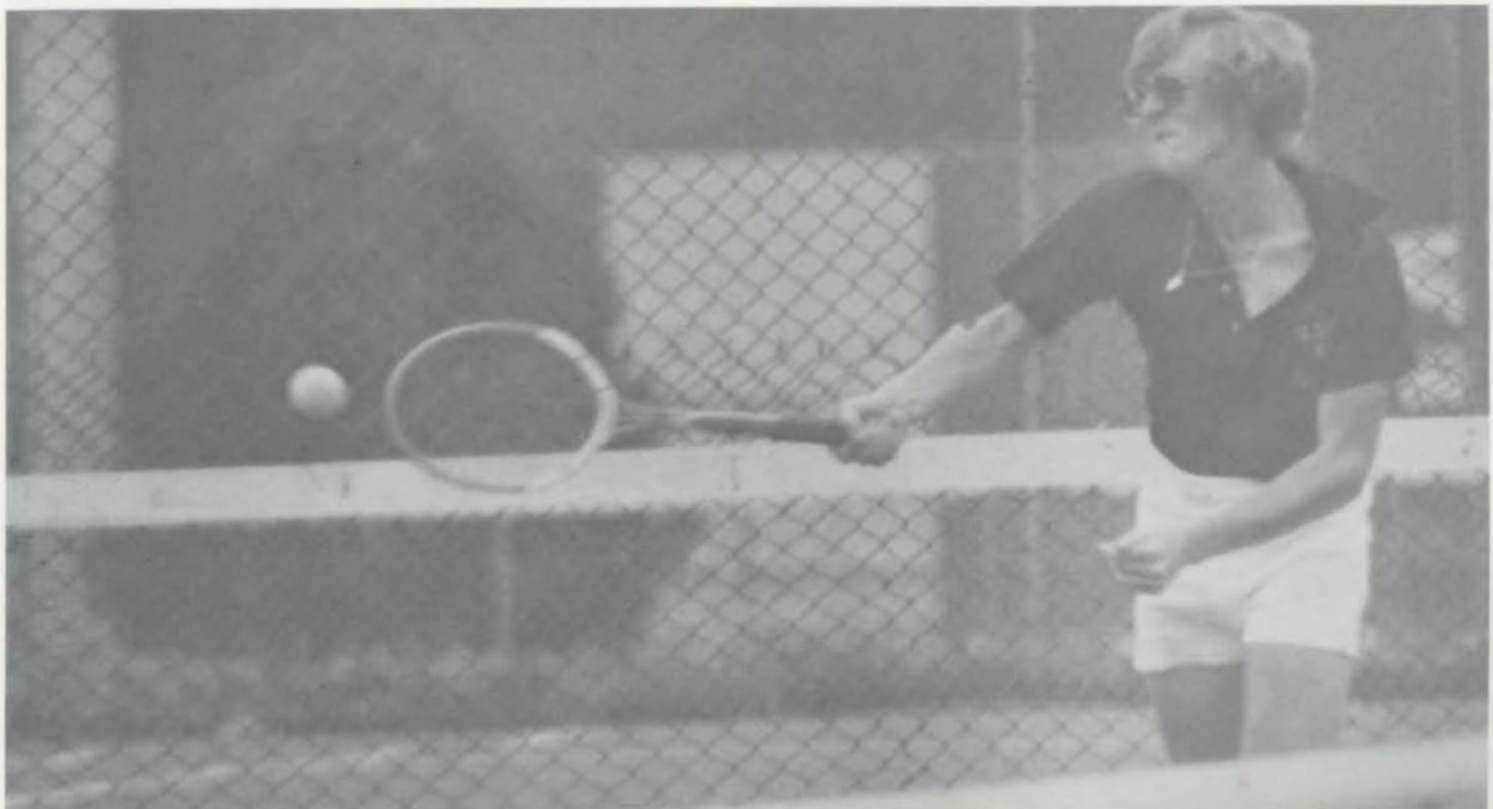




A moment of thought brings excellent results.



The question is, "Will it be a lob or will he smash it?"



It is a time of self-discipline, you must practice and practice before you are confident enough for that first match.

Outdoor Track Takes Conference and District

When the Ancient Greeks began track and field events, they must have had the 1976-77 track team in mind. For their sprinters, relay men, hurdlers and jumpers met their ancestors' high expectations. Whether running, jumping, throwing, or just watching, boys' track was a sport that kept people involved. Among Coach Rick Alford's talented athletes was Claude Douglas, who scored highest at the conference meet. Ruskin placed first in eight of the events and captured the championship trophy.

At district, the Eagles outran Hickman Mills and other schools to acquire the district crown and to qualify for state competition. A strong junior base makes for an encouraging 77-78 season.

The finish line wasn't too far away for Ruskin trackers.



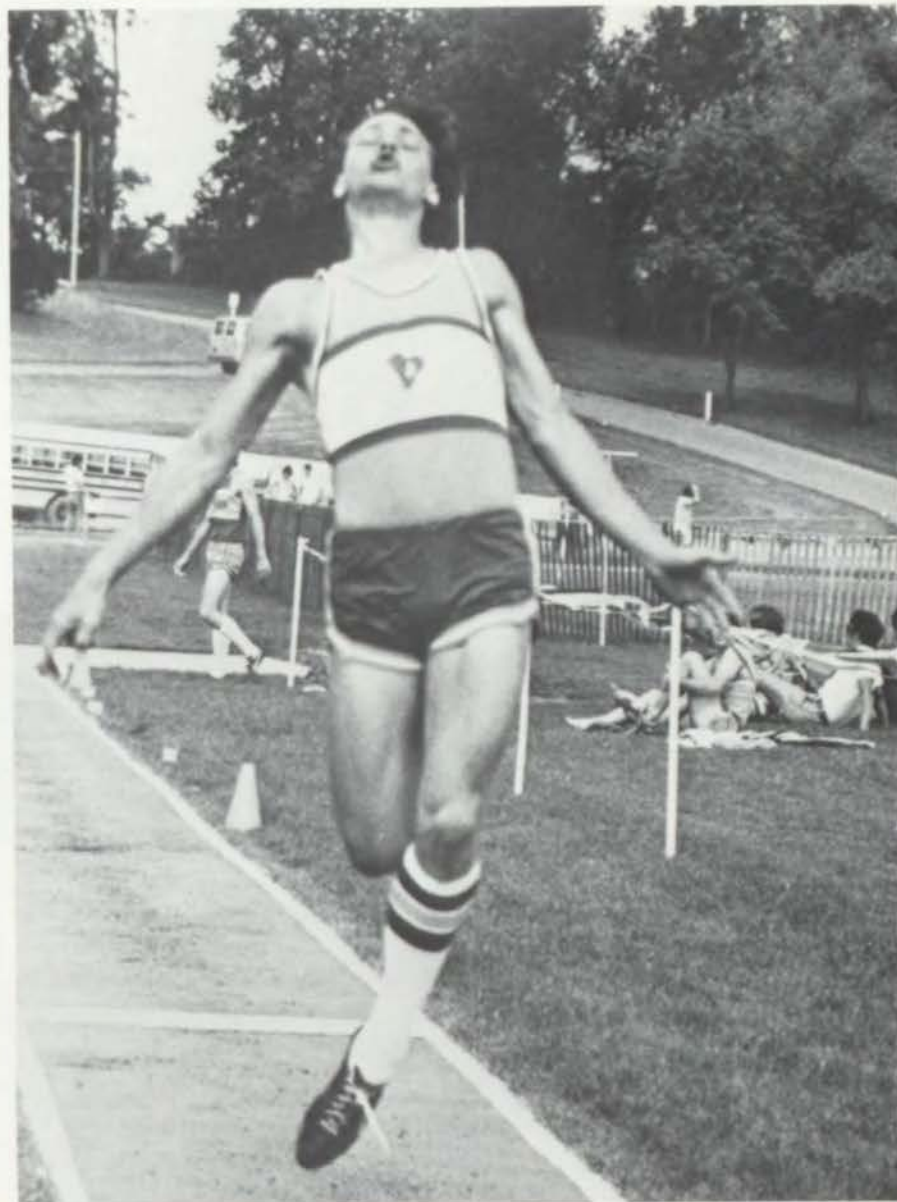
Claude Douglas brought new records to Ruskin.

Birdwatching helped to pass the tedious hours on the track.





Resting or in action, the team showed togetherness.



Claude Douglas captured third place at District.



Self determination brings hours of frustration, dreams, and hopes of victory.



Girls' track goes on, and on, and on, and on . . .

They won and they lost, but they all achieved a goal within themselves: discipline.

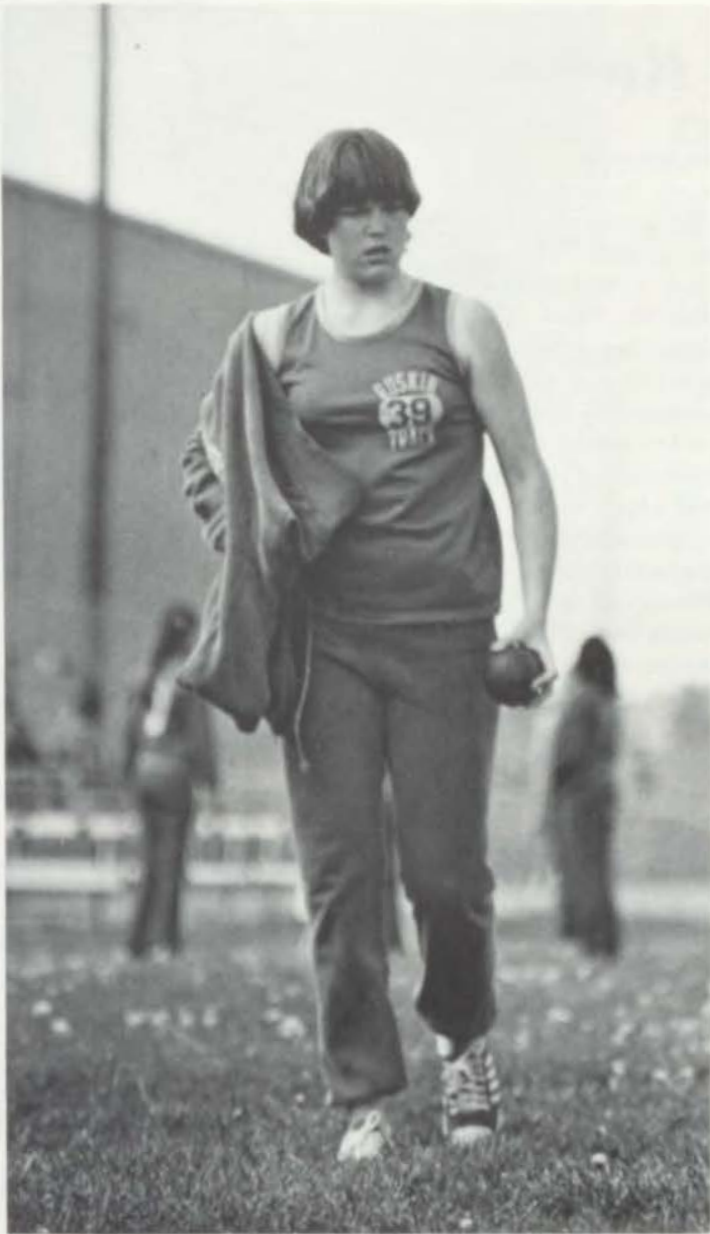


Girls Discipline Attitudes

Speedy track shoes glide over the finish line and bask in the deserved glory. Looking up from the happy feet, you see not the expected hairy legs and sinewy muscles of a Tarzan, but rather, the smooth, more subtly toned leg of a female. So goes the story of girls' track.

The feminine version of track has literally grown in leaps and bounds. Sophomore recruits dominate the composition of the team but there are plenty of willing-and-able juniors and seniors, too.

The team has had its share of wins and losses but is doing better than ever before. Almost every Ruskin record has been tied or broken during the season. This is an impressive accomplishment considering the girls had two first-time girls' track coaches. Mrs. Bonita Utley and Mr. Jim Clark have lead the girls to many rewarding endeavors with hopes for many more.



Deep concentration bring* Ruskin to number one.



Girls Track or Digger practice?



Throwing a softball takes a lot more than meets the eye.

RATAP—A United Ruskin

Nearly twenty years ago, in the fall of 1957, RATAP was organized in the auditorium of the Burke Elementary School where Ruskin was forced to conduct their classes after the May '57 tornado. The organization adopted the name of Ruskin Administrators, Teachers, and Parents.

The purpose of the club was to form a liaison between the parents, teachers, and administrators of the school to work together to promote the welfare of the students and to support them in their activities in the school and community. They have also extended their cooperation to other similar parent organizations in the school.

During 1976-1977, RATAP has enjoyed a membership of 388 members. It had an Executive Board composed of twenty persons led by this year's president, Jody Miller; 1st V.P., Virginia Johnson; 2nd V.P., Pat Johannesmeyer; 3rd V.P., Shirlene Terry;

Recording secretary, Mary Ann Neff; Corresponding secretary, Norma Anderson; Treasurer, Myra Ladwig, along with the help of its immediate past president of two years, Radean Mason, class representatives, committee chairmen, and Mr. Steck.

The organization participated in Homecoming by sponsoring and building a float for five past homecoming queens. They also joined the Ruskin Booster Club and Band Parents Club to host "Ruskin Salutes Blaine Steck" night. Other activities with which the club was involved were Open House, promotion of the bond election for Ruskin's new auditorium, serving birthday cake to the students after the 75th anniversary assembly, Blood Donor Day, and the sponsoring of the senior party which has been an annual event since 1971. RATAP has also donated funds to the Hickman Mills Community and Hazel Dobbs Scholarship.



The 1976-1977 RATAP supports Ruskin students.



Mrs. Mason, past president of RATAP, expresses her views on the graduation party.

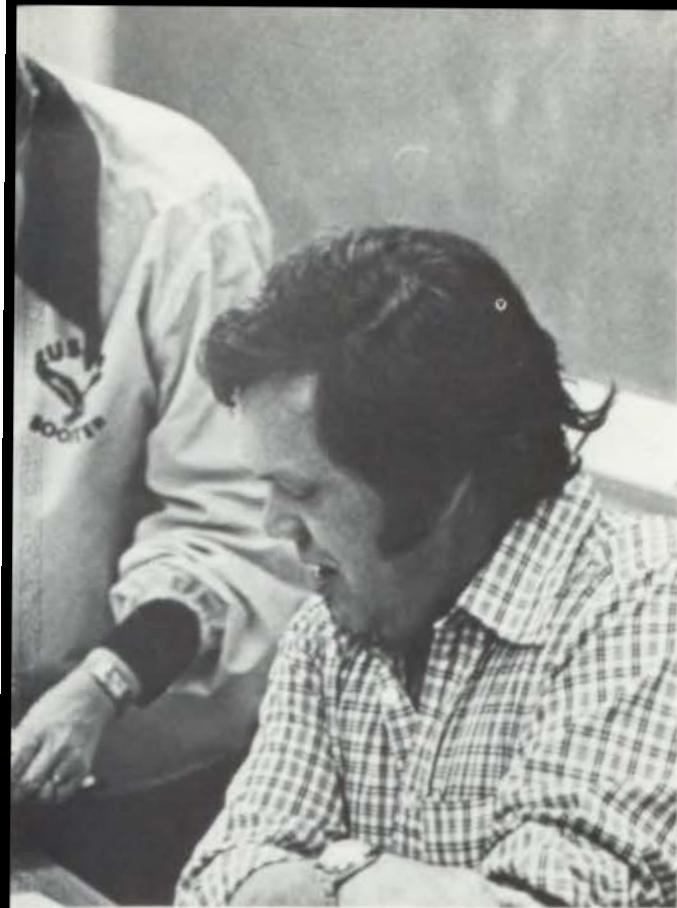


Booster Club In 15th Year Still Promoting Eagle Pride

During our 75 years, we have been supported by many outstanding clubs. Booster Club, whose membership includes parents who wish to further the educational needs of their children and assist all levels of sporting events for boys and girls, has been one of the most active clubs at Ruskin. Booster Club originated in 1961 at Baptiste Jr. High. The Steck family were the original members. When Booster Club first began, its support centered around the athletes. This support gradually grew until all student body activities were supported by the club.

Because of the enthusiasm of this club, it has always been very successful. In the last three years, \$61,000 has been raised through various activities. The two main money raising projects of Booster Club were the haunted house which was held in the fall and raised on third of the money collected and the garage sale which was held in the spring. The purpose of these two projects was to decrease the need for additional taxes and levies. Booster Club also participate in the Homecoming Parade, the Pep Rally, the Awards Banquet, and Meet the Squad night.

The officers of Booster Club were Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson, President; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blinzer, Secretaries; and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Eisenbeis, Treasurers. Their work and accomplishments were made possible by the support of over 150 ambitious, hardworking Boosters. The Mirage staff would like to pay a special tribute to the Booster Club for their work and support of our activities.



President Don Johnson reviews the agenda of the meeting.



Loiterers were a problem at Booster Club's haunted house.



The Booster Club of 1976-1977 enjoyed a prosperous year.

Seniors Bleed for Mankind

Courage, empathy, and concern were three feelings experienced by the seniors as they donated blood on Ruskin's fourth annual Blood Donor Day. Their actions could possibly have been motivated by the inimitable nurse, Florence Nightengale, who gave her nursing skills and essentially her life to the betterment of the medical profession.

The seniors aided in curbing the high costs of blood, \$38 a pint, by sponsoring the Blood Donor Day. The goal of 150 pints was exceeded by the daring upper classmen. The project's purpose was not only to help lower the extravagant cost of blood but also to keep the blood bank's supply at a safe level.

Seniors stood patiently in line amidst the bustle of activity in the usually quiet atmosphere of the library. Many other students walked closely by expecting to detect outcries of pain and remorse but none could be heard. No, aside from the few questions necessary to determine their physical eligibility, the seniors found the process to be swift and far from painful. Many of the students who were unable to donate had alternate ways of getting involved. They served as nurses' assistants, equipment loaders, and refreshment providers.

Ruskin was the first high school in Missouri to initiate the Senior Blood Donor Day. Because of our precedent other schools have begun blood donor programs of their own. The seniors' actions were not only educational and beneficial, but also exemplified the spirit and involvement usually associated with Ruskin. By sponsoring such a project the seniors could possibly have started an "origin" of their own.

Owen Neff mustered a smile between the anticipation and relief.



"They're drinking these Cokes faster than I can pour them!" exclaims Monica Johannesmeyer.

The preliminaries weren't nearly as pleasant as the rewards, as shown by the many Blood Donor smiles

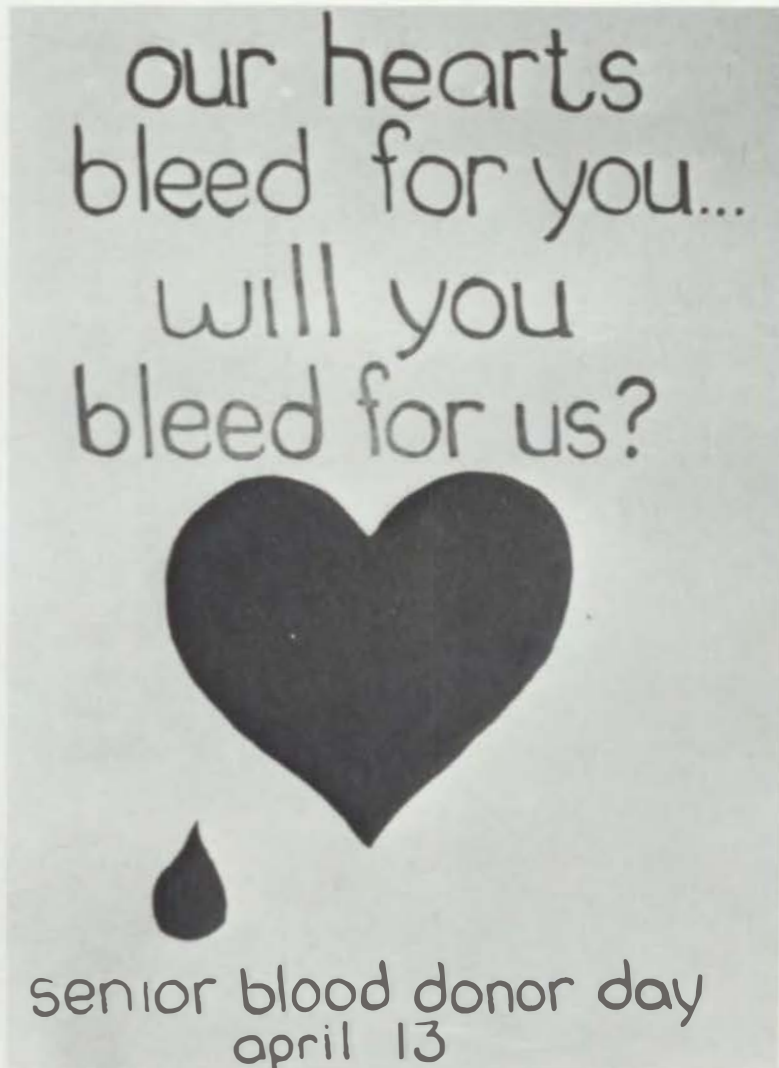




"I'm so comfortable I could take a nap," sighs Gary Damon, senior class president.



Nurse Wright consoles Carla Bridges; her spirit was high but her weight was too low.



Abbie Melton's first place poster beckons seniors to take part.



"Power to the Ruskin Blood Donors!" exclaims Karen Moore.

Awards '77

In tribute to those who in Ruskin's 75th year have earned special recognition . . .

Academic

VALEDICTORIAN

Kris Turpin

TOP RANKING JUNIOR

Frank Hood

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI CURATORS SCHOLARS

Steve Buie

Patricia Johnson

Kathryn Jones

Donald Ladwig

Michael Sexton

PHI BETA KAPPA AWARD

Kris Turpin

Don Ladwig

Patricia Johnson

Michael Sexton

Yung Lee

NATIONAL MERIT LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Patricia Johnson

Kathryn Jones

RUSKIN OUTSTANDING SPIRIT AWARD

Teddy Griswald

Kathy Jones

SALUTATORIAN

Don Ladwig

TOP RANKING SOPHOMORE

Michael Biagoli

Dianna Wachtel (tie)

RUSKIN GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Steve Buie

GIRLS STATE

Nancy Eulitt

BOYS STATE

Tim Buie

BETTY CROCKER FAMILY LEADER OF TOMORROW

Elizabeth Ann Davis

PERFECT ATTENDANCE— FOUR YEARS

Bob Berberich

Scott Camp

Colleen Combs

Tammy Fulte

Barbara Gabel

Karen Green

James Hestand

Michael Sexton

SCIENCE AND MATHEMATIC AWARDS

Bausch and Lomb Award
Michele Sexton

RENSSELAER AWARD

Mark Harlacher

INDUSTRIAL ARTS—District Contest

Grand Prize

Doug Johnson

"Paxton's Outstanding Woodworking Trophy"

For

Grandmother Clock

AEROSPACE EDUCATION AWARD

Teresa Farr

Randal Stanley

RUSKIN HI-LIGHT AWARDS

CSPA (National)
Medalist Rating

NSPA

All American Rating

MIPA (State)

All Missouri Rating

RUSKIN MIRAGE AWARDS

JEMKC

Amy Lacy—Reporting Copy

Sarah Ellen Campbell Scholarship

Abbie Melton

DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION CLUBS OF AMERICA

State Contest 1976-77

Marcia Golder

Elected

State Reporter

Jay Adams

1st

Food Service

Jolene Lawson

1st

Sales Demonstration

Jennifer Meloy

1st

Finance and Credit

John Juelich

2nd

Job Interview

Tammy Calvin

3rd

Sales Demonstration

STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Lynnette Renaudin

Fine Arts

SPEECH AND DEBATE AWARDS

OUTSTANDING EXPERIENCED

DEBATER
Yung Lee

OUTSTANDING NOVICE

DEBATER
Richard Valentine

MOST IMPROVED DEBATER

Dianna Swafford

DRAMA AWARDS

STATE CONTEST

Cast and Production Staff
of One-Act Play—

WAITING FOR LEFTY

Ron Culver
Ruth Fallen

Rick Justus

RUSKIN AWARDS

Don Culver
Ruth Fallen
Steve Buie
Becky Peterson
Jan Merrill
Tammy Hale
Ruth Fallen
Veresa Hager

CHOSEN BY THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Ron Culver—Best Actor
Tammy Hale—Best Actress

DUET ACTING

Rick Justus—BEST MEN'S ORATORY

Best Actor
Best Actress
Best Supporting Actor
Best Supporting Actress
Best Actor in a Cameo Role
Best Actress in a Cameo Role
Top Troupers

ART DEPARTMENT AWARDS

ART AWARD

Teresa Johnson—Metal, Acrylic

PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

Don Ladwig—Kodak Medallion of Excellence

RUSKIN ORCHESTRA AWARD

OUTSTANDING ORCHESTRA STUDENTS

Rebecca Epley
Don Ladwig

SPECIAL CHOIR AWARDS

MOST OUTSTANDING CHOIR AWARD

Jack Collier

GOLD CHOIR SCHOLARSHIP

Linda Moon

BAND AWARDS

JOHN PHILIP SOUSA NATIONAL

BAND AWARD

Kenneca Bailey

GOLDEN EAGLE BAND AWARDS

Alisa Fox
Bill Guthrie
Cindy Purnell
Greg Page

BAND SERVICE AWARD

David Kennedy

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Mark Berg
Kandi Purnell

SPORTS

**BOB SIMPSON TROPHY
OUTSTANDING SENIOR FOOTBALL PLAYER**

Brian Kurdy: Offense
Chuck Haeefe: Defense

**BANNISTER BANK TROPHY
OUTSTANDING SENIOR VOLLEYBALL PLAYER**

Rose Centonze

**CREST FOOD CENTER TROPHY
OUTSTANDING SENIOR WRESTLER**

Dennis Capra

**METROPOLITAN BANK TROPHY
OUTSTANDING FEMALE
BASKETBALL PLAYER**

Jodie Anders

**LYON DRUG TROPHY
OUTSTANDING MALE BASKETBALL PLAYER**

Steve Hendrix

**RED BRIDGE BANK TROPHY
OUTSTANDING FEMALE TENNIS PLAYER**

Cindy Bergman

**JERRY'S SPORT SHOP TROPHY
OUTSTANDING MALE TENNIS PLAYER**

Tim Bailey

**R.A.T.A.P. TROPHY
OUTSTANDING SENIOR FEMALE ATHLETE**

Rose Centonze

**BLUE RIDGE UNITED SUPER TROPHY
OUTSTANDING SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY AWARD**

Tim DeBord

JERRY SMITH CROSS COUNTRY AWARD

Dan Hinton

**DEAN'S TROPHY
OUTSTANDING MALE TRACK AWARD**

Doug McKinney

**UNITED MISSOURI BANK OF HICKMAN
MILLS TROPHY**

OUTSTANDING SENIOR BASEBALL PLAYER

Rick Justesen

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF KANSAS CITY:
LOMA VISTA BRANCH TROPHY**

OUTSTANDING FEMALE TRACK ATHLETE

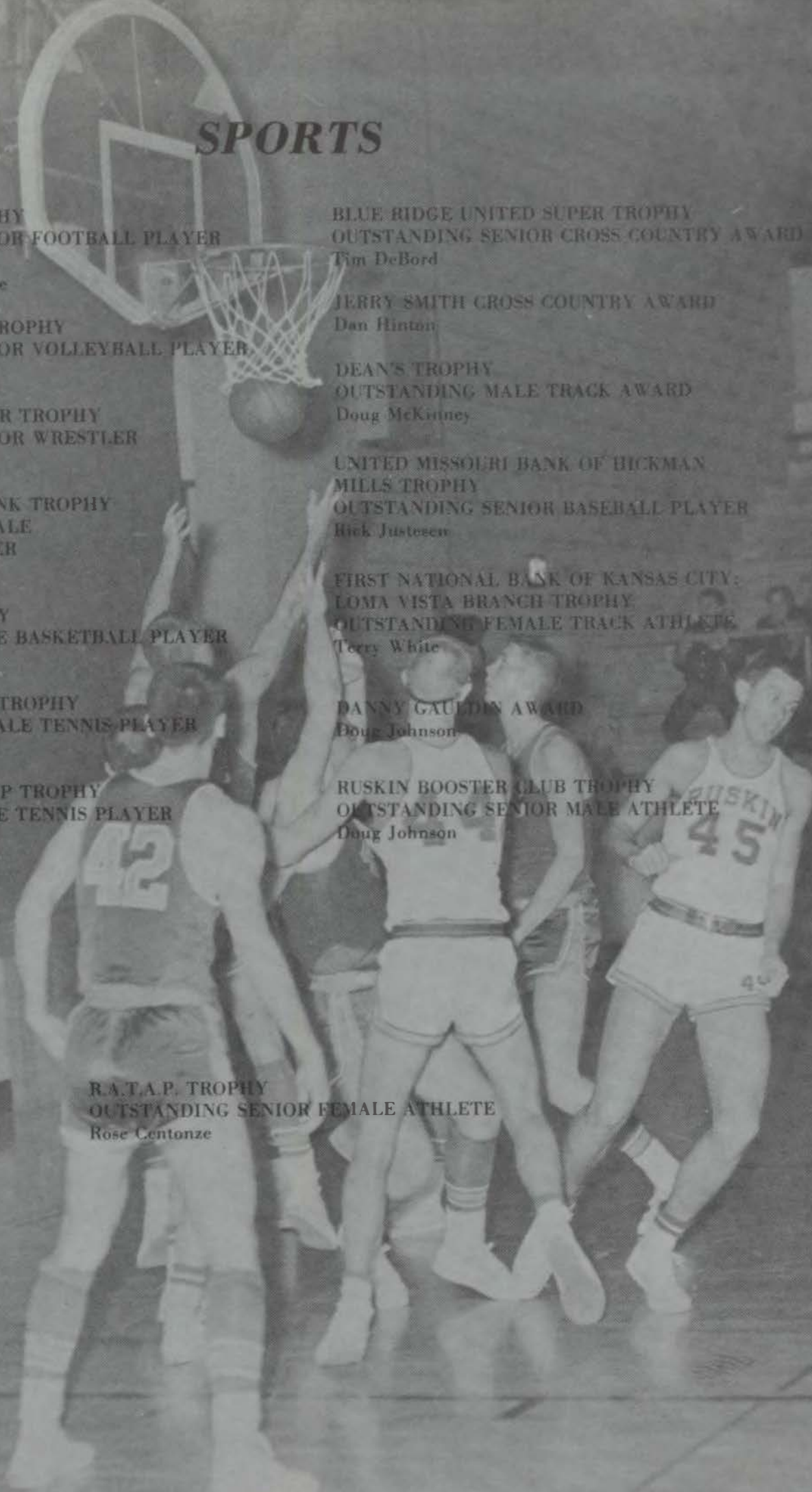
Terry White

DANNY GAULDIN AWARD

Doug Johnson

**RUSKIN BOOSTER CLUB TROPHY
OUTSTANDING SENIOR MALE ATHLETE**

Doug Johnson

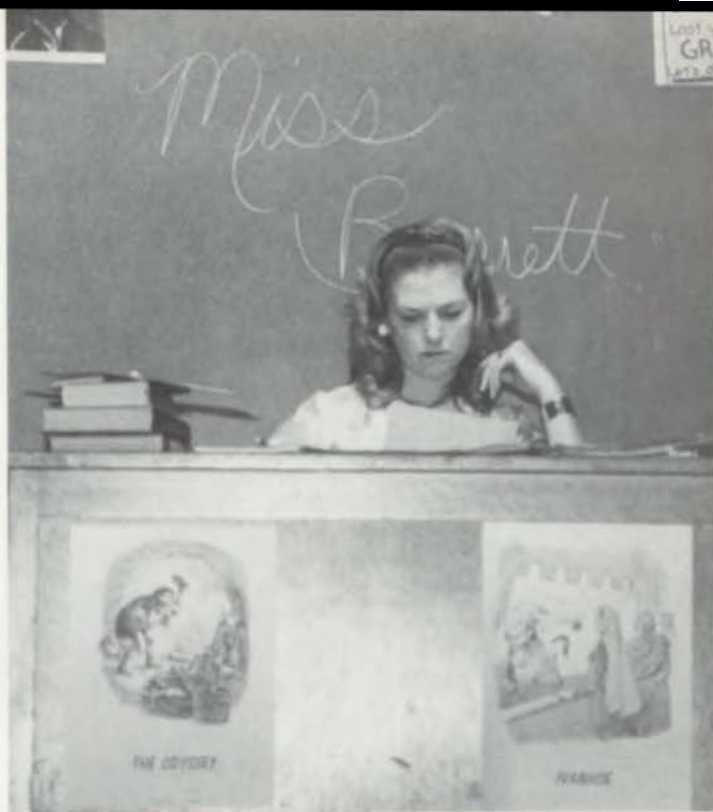


A Search for Identity

Sylvia Barrett, a fresh young teacher arrived at Calvin Coolidge High School prepared to teach everything from fundamentals of English to Chaucer. Much to her dismay, when she walked into her room she found a rowdy, rude hunch of young adults totally unprepared for the world around them. Sylvia sees her miscalculation, throws away her old lessons and begins a new plan—a plan to teach students about life. All Miss Barrett's hopes were accomplished in the 1977 Spring Play "Up the Down Staircase" presented April 29 and 30.

Miss Barrett's class consisted of the stereotyped hubbling cheerleader; a class clown; Joe Ferrone, a Fonzie type; played by Mike Biagoli; and Alice Blake, a shy girl with hidden problems portrayed by Becky Peterson. Not only did Sylvia have to overcome problems with students, but also with the administration. Tim Buie acted as the stubborn supply and discipline director and Paul Barringer, glamour boy of the English department was depicted by Ron Culver. The director and the glamour boy both caused her many problems of different natures.

Sylvia's lessons always revolved around the theme "A man's reach should exceed his grasp" and two full houses proved that the play exceeded its suspected grasp!



Miss Sylvia Barrett portrayed by Ruth Elaine Fallen.



School goes on.



"Kids sprawling in classrooms, pushing through halls."



The bell is your signal to come to order. Will you please— Will you please—



You're my teacher. So teach me. Help me.
I'm tired of going
Up the Down Staircase



Ron Culver as Paul Barringer, glamour boy of the English Department.
Love, Laughter, Labor, —“Up the Down Staircase.”





Senior attendant, Susan Giles.



The A.F.J.R.O.T.C. symbol adds the personal touch.



Senior attendant runners-up: Back row, left to right: Debbie McElroy, Cindy Pitts, Debbie Wait. Front row, left to right: Diane Lairson, Jane Young, Sandy Lewis.



Colonel Moise and his wife enjoy their kind of music.



Sophomore attendant, Kelly Watkins.



Freshman attendant, Mariam Woodham.



R.O.T.C. guys can "get down" too.



Colonel Moise reads the letter President Carter sent.

Queen, Teresa Farr and King, David Pritchett.



Colonel Moise proves his youth by dancing with Norma Gagne.

King Highlights Military Ball

Here she comes, "Miss America"! Well not exactly.

The suspense and excitement was that of a beauty contest at the 10th Annual Military Ball. As each attendant was announced the tension mounted as Teresa Farr was crowned Queen and David Pritchett King. The queen's attendants were: Senior, Susan Giles; Sophomore, Kelly Watkins; and Freshman, Mariam Woodham. Kathleen Gradwohl, the Junior attendant, was unable to attend.

The band, Shatter, provided entertainment for the cadets and their dates. The usual steak dinner was not served. Roast beef changed the pace.

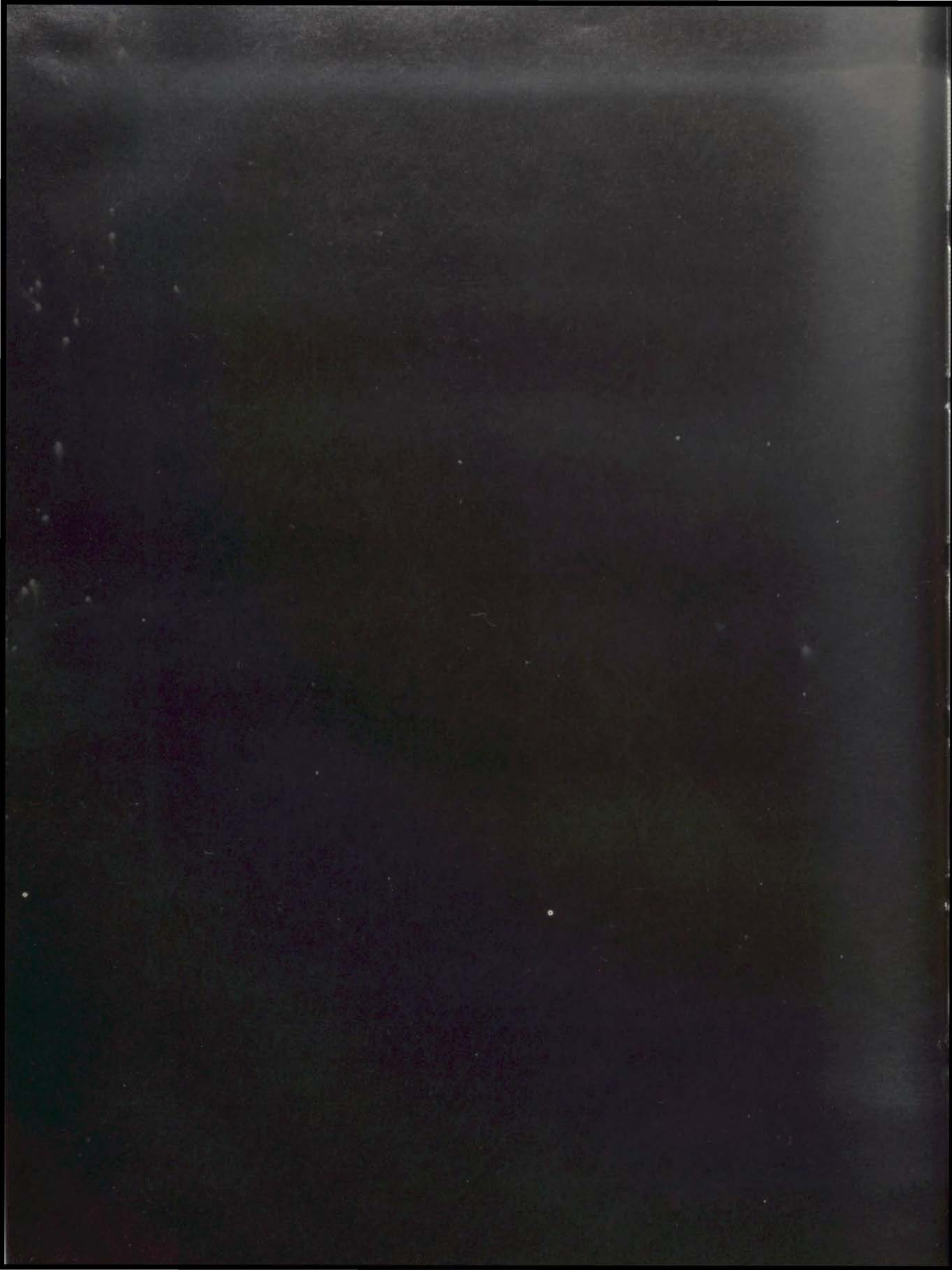
Among the guests that attended were: Colonel Moise and his wife, Mrs. Douglas, counselor at Smith-Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Arnone and several graduates of the corps: Keith Garton (1976), LeRoy Stevens (1974), Gary Blankenship (1975) and Brenda Steely (1976), also last year's senior attendant. President Carter sent a letter of regret stating that he was sorry he could not attend.

The Ball, which in past years was held at the Officers Club at Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base moved to the Granada Inn. Along with this change was the addition of a king to the queen's court.

This year's queen should be well remembered, not because of her evident popularity or beauty, but because she is the last queen until Ruskin resumes its R.O.T.C. program. Along with the glitter and glamour of the king, queen and her attendants ends a part of Ruskin with the discontinuation of its military program.



Keith Garton represents the junior attendant as David Pritchett tries to kiss the winner.





SENIORS





Adams, Jay

Adams, Teri

Adamson, Tamara



Adkins, Teresa

Allen, Brenda

Allen, Daniel



Allen, Debbie

Alumbaugh, Steve

Anders, Jodie



Anders, Julie

Anderson, Brian

Arnold, Steve



Arnone, Rose

Bagby, James

Bailey, Tim



David Birkes participates in afterschool activities.



Baker, Doug

Baker, Steve



"We are Senior girls . . ."

The Senior Year— A Year to Remember

We, the Senior Class of 1977, were like every senior class in the past, present, and future, ready and waiting for the end of the year to go out and face the world. Trying to make our senior year one to remember, we made activities available to everyone to participate in such as

On September 9, elections were held for Senior Class Officers. Elected were President, Gary Damon; Vice President, Chuck Haeefe; Secretary, Jeanne Boursheski; and Treasurer, Patty Watson. On September 24, the whole school was involved in Homecoming festivities. Tracy Coleman was crowned queen during the haltime with Vicki Lynn and Karen Denny as Senior Attendants. The Senior Class was awarded first place in the class competition event of the float contest.

October 2 was the date of our Senior class car wash, held at a local restaurant to raise money for our class. Because of our success we decided to celebrate on November 20 by having a hayride at Benjamin Stables.

On April 13, seniors held the annual Blood Donor Day which was a natural success.

For the special, unique times, we remember Friday, May 6, the day of the Junior-Senior Prom, held at the Royals Stadium Club. Sunday May 15, was Baccalaureate, and the day that all seniors wait for . . . May 21, GRADUATION.

No matter what the goals or accomplishments of each individual, WE ARE THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 1977.



Barber, Glenda

Begley, Brent

Berberich, Bob



Senior Class Officers: Vice-President, Chuck Haeefe; Treasurer, Patty Watson; Secretary, Jeanne Boursheski; President, Gary Damon.



Berg, Mark

Bergman, Cindy

Binkley, Mike

Birkes, Dave

Bjorgo, Jeri

Black, Ronnie



Blakey, Annette

Blazic, Ronald

Blosser, Cheryl

Blosser, Cynthia

Blue, Donald

Blue, John



Blundell, Debbie



Bockes, Sharon



Bonner, Eric



Bontrager, Leo



Boucher, Theresa



Boursheski, Jeanne



Bowles, James



Bradley, Loretta



Brady, Mike



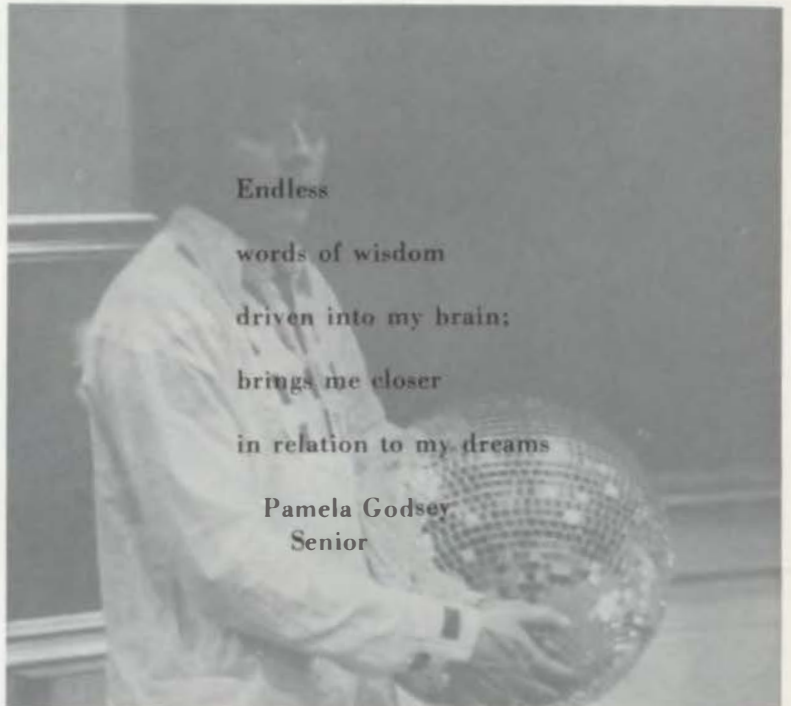
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Brewer, Mark



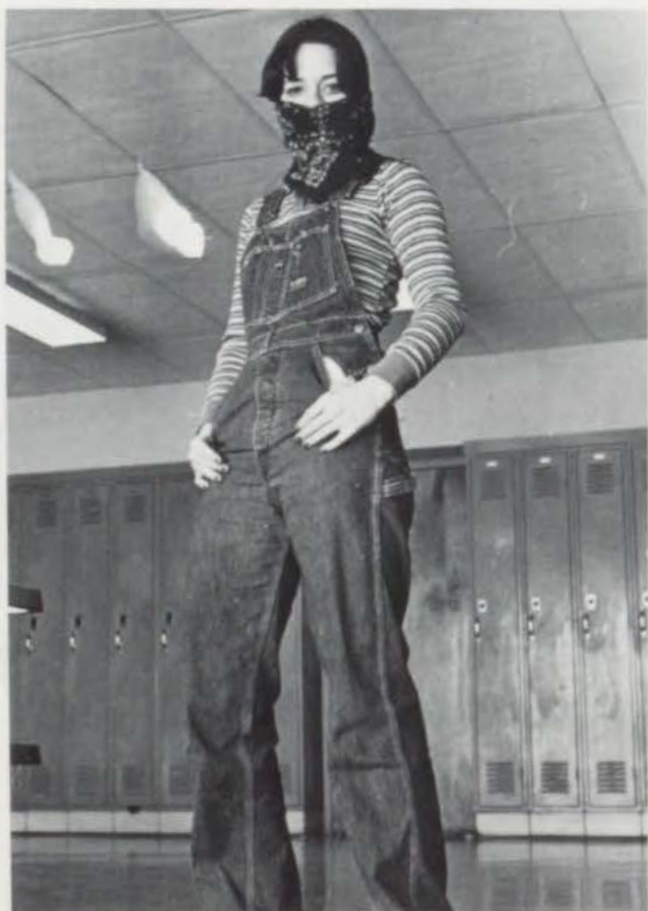
Bridges, Carla



Endless
words of wisdom
driven into my brain;
brings me closer
in relation to my dreams

Pamela Godsey
Senior

Vicki Lynn terrorizes the halls of Ruskin.



Brittain, Steve



Broadhurst, Rhonda



Brockhouse, Peggy



Bronson, Terry



Brown, Betsy



Brown, Douglas



Ron Culver and Ruth Fallen start their search for "A Streetcar Named Desire."



Brown, Eldon



Brown, Kelly



Brown, Sherri



Brucks, Peggy



Bruns, Dennis



Bryant, Rachel



Buie, Steve



"What do you think?" asks Steve Arnold.



Burge, Teri



Burnette, Paula



Burrough, Janet



Burton, Lisa



Bustamante
Michele



Buttner, Donna



Cackler, Barbara



Callagan, Linda



Camp, Scott

Million Dollar Baby

Harry Reasoner's Evening News was informative . . . period. No excitement, no oomph. ABC decided to change all that by adding a little pizzazz, a little spice to an otherwise nutritious, but bland, broth. Barbara Walters, a beautiful journalist and newscaster on the Today Show, was a touch ABC had in mind.

ABC offered her a deal she couldn't refuse: a contract guaranteeing one million dollars a year for five years. Much controversy resulted about her extravagant contract. ESQUIRE went as far as calling her "the million dollar baby in the five and ten cent store."

Oblivious to her widespread publicity, she has failed to bring up the ratings with that feminine touch. Perhaps she can find some way to make those ratings climb before her contract expires.



Barbara Gable accompanies Susan Giles.



Campbell, Tammy



Canterbury, Debbie



Capra, Dennis



Carr, Pam



Carter, Ethel



Cason, Jeff



Centonze, Rose



Chenault, Todd



Chisholm, Rick



Chun, Rita



Clark, Kent



Coleman, Tracy



Seniors count off the days to graduation.



Collier, Jake



Collins, Jim



Combs, Carmen



Combs, Colleen



Cook, Doug



Corkran, Sharon



Courier, Cindy



Coxe, Kim



Crawford, Kerrie



Cribbs, Debbie



Culver, Don



Culver, Ron



Curry, Bryce



Curtis, Glenn



Cushing, Laura



Damon, Gary



Best Couple—Sherry DeMoss and Gary Damon



Davis, Anne



Davis, Leslie



DeBrot, Buddy



DeBord, Timothy



DeMoss, Sherry



Denny, Karen



Denton, Valerie



Diehl, Susan



Dollar, Chris



Donnell, Cathy



Draper, Debbie



Best Dressed—Tracy Coleman and Steve Hendrix.



Seniors participate in choir for the last time.



Dugger, Robyn



Duncan, Alan



Duncan, Beverly



Durham, Dale



Dyer, Sharon



Edmunds, McKinley



Edwards, Dean



Edwards, Rachele



Edwards, Timothy



Elliott, Rick



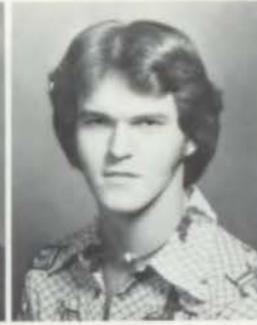
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Elliston, Gregory



Ellsworth, Paul



Elmore, Steven



Elsasser, Debra



Epley, Rebecca



Ernsbarger, Adele



Erter, Mike



Eshnaut, Tammy



Falke, Donna



Fallen, Ruth



Farr, Teresa



Fetters, Paula



Fitzwater, Anna



Fleck, Tammy



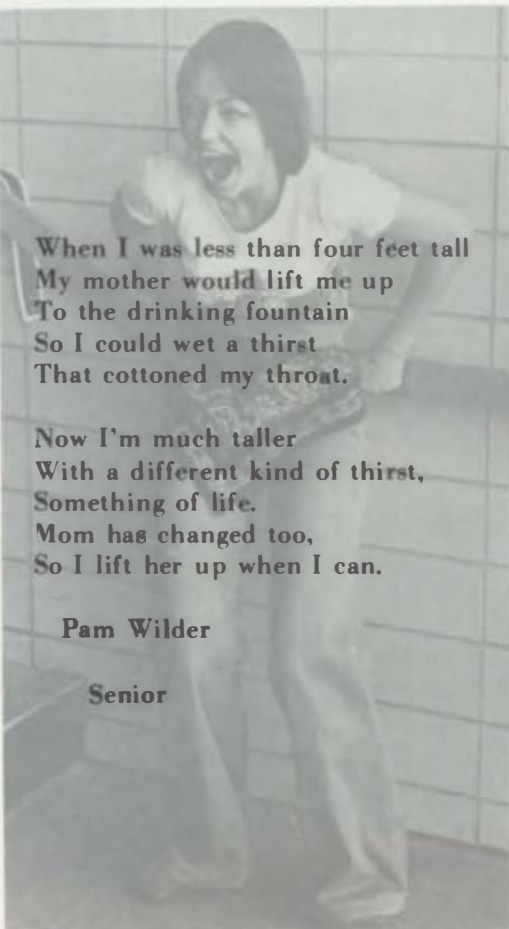
Fletcher, Walt



Flower, Joe



Flowers, Judy



When I was less than four feet tall
My mother would lift me up
To the drinking fountain
So I could wet a thirst
That cottoned my throat.

Now I'm much taller
With a different kind of thirst,
Something of life.
Mom has changed too,
So I lift her up when I can.

Pam Wilder

Senior



Floyd, Stephen



Fontenot, Beverly



Ford, Pat



Fordemwalt, Janet



Foy, Alicia



Fulte, Tammy

Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow

Many have heard the cliche "I cried and cried because I had no shoes until I met a man who had no feet." This is a classic example of girls who are never satisfied with their hair. Much has been done to pacify girls with unruly hair.

Shampoos, creme rinses, conditioners, curling irons, and blow dryers make it easier to contend with old hair style fads and just plain ugly hair. An old shag that has grown out can be easily be turned into the glamorous Farrah Fawcett Majors cut, hair with bangs can become hair with feathered bangs for a much more chic look. The girl who attends school may not have the time it takes for the endless curling that goes into those locks, so for them there is the Dorothy Hamill cut, a short fly away cut that needs only a few minutes of blow drying, and looks short and sassy. Then for those who have wavy hair there is the curly afro, a smart look if kept in proportion.



Gabel, Barbara



Gagne, Norma



Gahagan, Robert



Gardisky, Debbie



Gardner, Rebecca



Garrick, Joe



Garton, Brenda



Gebauer, Pam



Geivett, Rick



Geske, Denise



"Things go better with Coke," proclaims Jane Mead.



Gevens, Robert



Giambalvo, Diane



Giambalvo, Mariane



Gibson, Thomas



Giles, Susan



Raven Ramsey does some voodoo work on Vicki Lynn.



Gloor, Lisa



Godsey, Pamela



Goldberg, Marc



Golder, Linda



Golubski, Cheryl



Gordon, Adam



Gorman, Timara



Gossage, Carole



Gott, David



Granger, Kevin

Patty Watson and Gary Damon discuss the format of the Birthday Assembly.



Green, Karen



Griswold, Teddy



Grossnickle, Greg



Gruner, Karen





Gulledge, Kyle



Gunnels, Sharon



Guthrie, Jill



Habel, Linda



Heafele, Chuck



Hagar, Teresa



Haggard, Monita



Hardwick, Mark



Hatch, Kevin



Hechinger, Mary

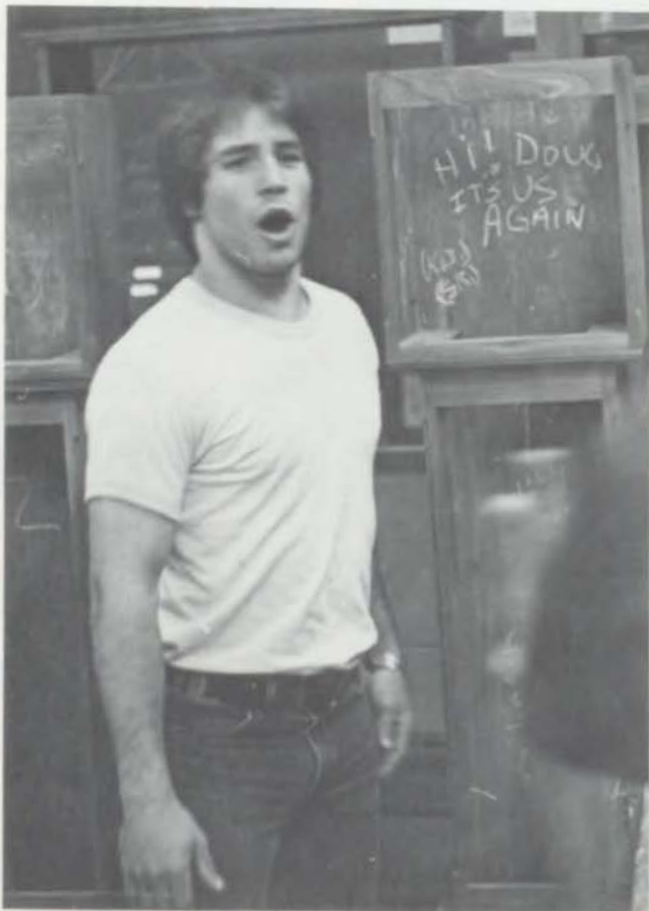


Hendrix, Steve



Herdliiska, Darrell

"All right, who's the wise guy," asks Doug Johnson.



Steve Buie prepares ice for a pizza party.



Herron, Danny



Hestand, James



Hinton, Mark



Hoedl, Ann



Hoelzel, Brenda



Hood, Andrew



Hopkins, Amy



Hoppe, David



Hoskins, Taylor



Howard, Dianne



Howery, Will



Jackson, Rick



Jaramillo, Mike



Jarrett, Richard



Johannesmeyer, Monica



Johnson, Belinda



Paul Ellsworth studies a termite in Woodworking.

Senior Committee members listen to Gary Damon's suggestions.



Johnson, Douglas



Johnson, Mark



Johnson, Patti



Johnson, Teri



Joiner, Terri



Jones, Amy



Jones, Kathy



Jones, Kim



Juelich, John



Justesen, Rick



Kaber, Gary



Best All Around—Ruth Fallen and Don Culver



Kalwei, Rick



Keene, Karen



Kennedy, David



Kennedy, Maureen



Kerr, Donna



Keys, Cindy



Kiehl, Cynthia



Kilbane, Donna



Kincade, Michael



King, Theresa



Kinsinger, Karen



Kisee, Linda



Knapp, Debra



Knuth, Steve



Koury, Pete



Kurdi, Brian

A Cowtown for Music No More

Kansas City, like Chicago, Detroit, and St. Louis, has become a fixed stop for rock groups. These groups are not small-fry names, just as Kansas City is a cowtown no more. Kemper Arena has received Paul McCartney and Wings, the Eagles and Kiss with more than open arms this past year—rather, with sellout audiences.

We are fortunate to have appropriate facilities: Kemper Arena, Municipal Auditorium and Memorial Hall. Kemper covers the big name groups but does not give the best acoustics. Memorial, considered the ideal setting for a concert, has a comfortable atmosphere where almost any seat in the house is good. The acoustics are excellent, and memorable Memorial performances have included Kansas, REO, and Styx. Municipal, by far the most "lived in" of the three arenas has housed Ted Nugent, Blue Oyster Cult, Bad Company, Genesis, ELO, Bob Seger, and Gary Wright. Also popular are the Uptown and Lyric Capri theatres. Although capacities are limited to two thousand people, these theatres are always packed to the max. Both the Royals and Arrowhead Stadiums have been put to use during the summer. Summerjam's I and II, featuring the Beach Boys, Peter Frampton, Doobie Brothers, Gary Wright, and Fleetwood Mac proved a great success.

Good music and good times can be found in Kansas City. Those concerts attended will keep music in our ears until the next one. Pink Floyd, where are you?



Kurzweil, Ken



Ladwig, Don



Lairson, Dianna



Mark Brewer helps himself to coke and pizza.



Susie Wilson won the title of Miss Teenage Kansas City.



Largent, Sandy



Laughlin, Jim



Lawson, Jolene



Leal, Tammie



Leap, Earnest



Lemmon, Cindy

Accept the things that are yours
 And all that fate will bring
 As you do the snow in winter
 And when it turns to spring.
 And only then is when you will find
 Yourself, your life, your peace of mind.

Anonymous



Leonard, Susan



Lewis, Cusandra



Lewis, Loretta



Lewis, Sheila



Liher, Joe



Lightfoot, Rita



Lloyd, Deirdra



Locke, Debbie



Looney, Jeff



Loteckie, Greg



"Mom, guess what, I got another Saturday detention!"



Lucas, Lorena



Lucito, James



Ludwick, Richard



Lynn, Vicki



McCain, George



McCullough, Maria



McDaniel, Tina



McDaniels, Bruce



McDonald, Carolyn



McDonald, John



McDowell, Tim



McElroy, Debbie



McFarland, Marvin



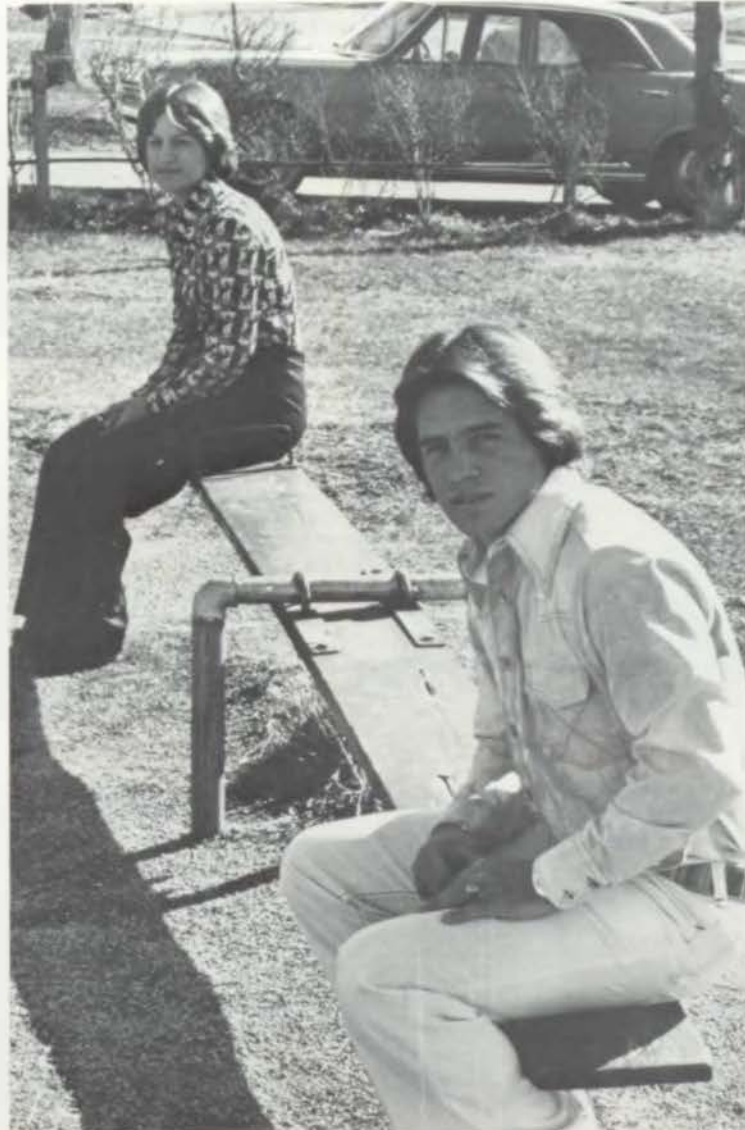
McKinney, Doug



McLean, Peter



McNay, Jon



Most Athletic—Rose Centonze and Doug Johnson



Magers, Wendy



Makadanz, Pam



Manker, Joyce



Marshall, Jan



Marshall, Keith



Martin, Gary



Mathis, LaGaye



Mattoy, Terrance



Mayfield, Daniel



Mead, Jane



Mendenhall, Nancy



Merritt, Jon



Metcalfe, Jeff



Meyer, Scott



Miller, Cindy



Miller, Dawn



Miller, Keith



Most Humorous—Carla Bridges and Rick Justesen



Mills, Lisa



Mills, Pamela



Mitchell, Michael



Mitchell, Sherry



Mizener, Pam



Moon, Linda



Moore, Adrian



Moore, Dan



Moore, Karen



Miss Brown explains the wonders of Anthropology to Karen Moore and Ron Black.

T.V. Ads are Influential

It's a fact that TV wouldn't be as educational without those "tell you all about it" commercials. We have possibly learned more in one day from what those thirty to sixty second commercials have to say than from full six hours of school. What could we do without them?

Children and grownups alike fashion their grooming habits, eating habits, and lifestyles from their commercial counterparts. Kids love Jello pudding because Bill Cosby does, eat only the cereal that Mikey likes, and want to own the latest Six Million Dollar Man doll. We learn that Dr. Pepper is the joy of every boy and girl, Chunky Soup shouldn't be eaten with a fork, and only with Avon will you ever look so good. Glued to that tube, over 50 million Americans just saw Morris have his din-din. Suddenly a new product is flashed before their eyes and a mad rush is on to be the first to try it. If you hurry, you might make it back in time—for the next commercial.



Jon Merrit hams it up at the Thanksgiving assembly.



Moorehouse, Vickie



Morea, Craig



Morris, Maria



Myers, Kim



Nail, Ken



Neely, Debbie



Neely, Ronald



Neese, Debbie



Neff Jr., Owen



Nichols, Sherril



Nissen, Deborah



Noone, Rick



Steve Williams finds Senior Class Committee meetings amusing.



Oberste, Mary

O'Bryan, Deana

O'Conner, Beth



O'Neale, Pamela

Ortiz, Diana

Osborne, Mark



Overton, Rodney

Page, Gregory

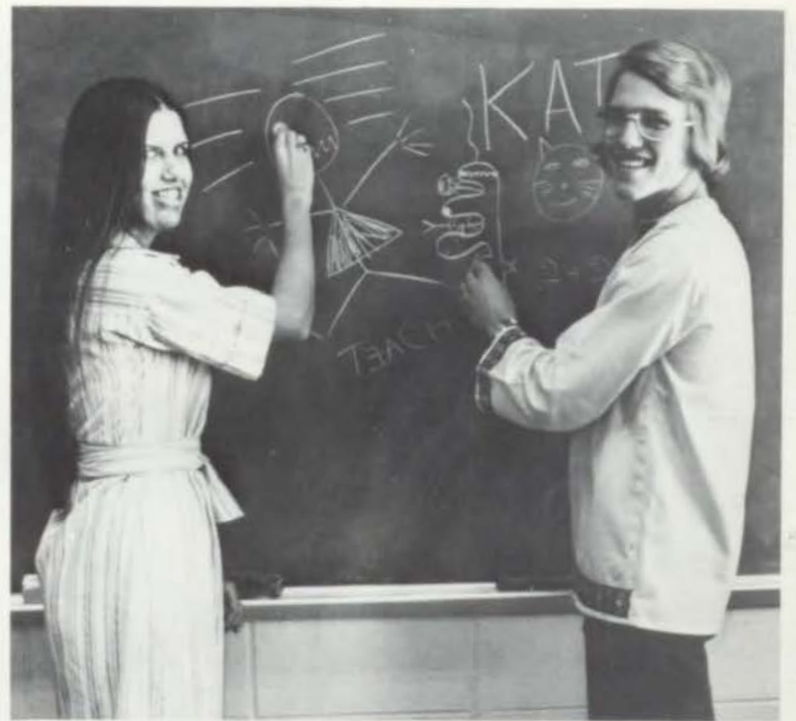
Paine, Lynn



Pape, Pattie

Parker, Debbie

Passonno, Kathy



Most Scholarly—Kathy Jones and Don Ladwig.



Pauley, Kevin

Payne, Albert

Payne, Toni



Peter, Karen

Peterman, Tim

Peterson, Van



Ping, Teresa



Pitz, Cindy



Porter, Julie



Prell, Kimberly



Postle, Mark



Pritchett, David



Purnell, Cindy



Ragusa, Chuck



Rainey, Rick



Redman, Becky



Reed, Tempie



Reidt, Candace



William Chrisman students visit Ruskin.

Senior Class President Gary Damon talks about upcoming activities.



Renaudin, Lynette



Rhodes, Stephen



Richardson, Pam



Riggins, Debbie



Riggs, Tom



Roberts, Charles

Capital Punishment: A Choice of When to Die?

This winter Ruskin faculty and students were busy discussing and arguing on the execution of Gary Gilmore. Did he have a right to die, to get his death wish? Teachers and students all saw it different: a murderer should be executed; if Gilmore wanted to die, let him die; execution is no longer punishment if it is favorable to the criminal; or government should not take part in murders, much less death wishes; capital punishment is wrong; no one should be killed when it can be avoided.

But Gary Gilmore got his wish, on January 17, two months after the originally scheduled November 15 execution. The two-time murderer, who had spent time in prison during eighteen of his last twenty one years, became the first person executed in the United States in ten years. In the months before his death, he insisted on dying "like a man," and "dying with dignity."

Ruskinites joined in the national debate not only of Gilmore: criminal or folk hero?, but of capital punishment in general. Three hundred fifty-eight others wait on death row and many Americans are asking themselves two questions: do we have the right to take one's life?, and do we have a right to die?



Roberts, Jeri



Roe, Jay



Roma, Joe



Ronsley, Sharon



Rowe, Peggy



Russell, Elizabeth



Ryan, Mary



Sapp, Mark



Sapp, Tracy



Schaeffer, Tamara



Schmittling, Tony



Schaffstall, Mark



Schwab, James



Sexton, Mike



Sharp, LuAnn



Shaw, Cindy



Sheperd, Susan



Shipley, William



Shirley, Laura



Sidebottom, Robin



Sieleman, Rick



Siercks, DeWayne

Silvers, Larry

Simrell, John



Skinner, Mike

Skivers, Susan

Smith, Adrian

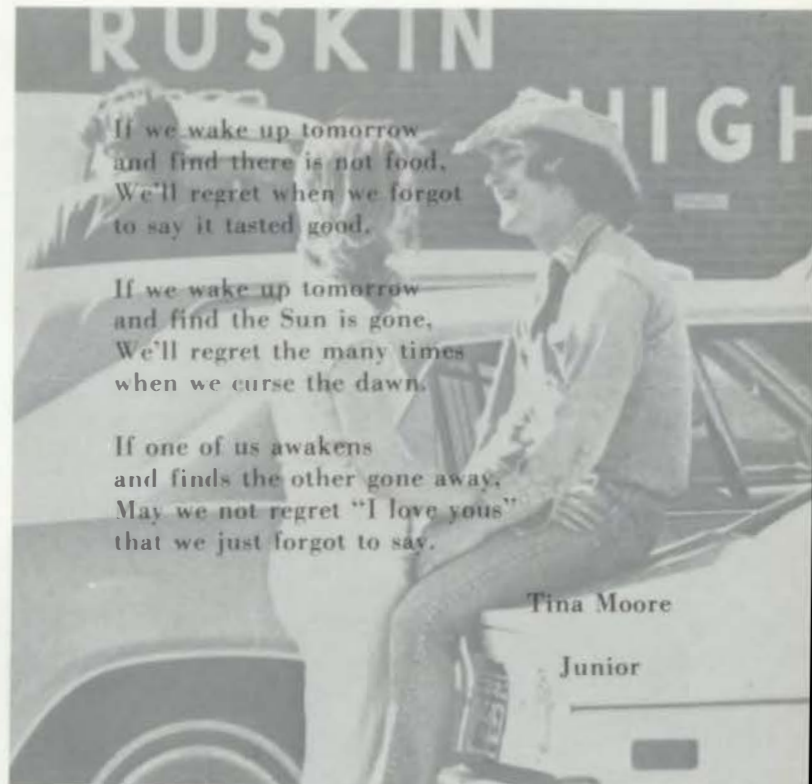


Smith, Bruce

Smith, Chuck

Smith, Don

Most Talented—Karen Denny and Ron Culver



If we wake up tomorrow
and find there is not food,
We'll regret when we forgot
to say it tasted good.

If we wake up tomorrow
and find the Sun is gone,
We'll regret the many times
when we curse the dawn.

If one of us awakens
and finds the other gone away,
May we not regret "I love you"
that we just forgot to say.

Tina Moore

Junior



Smith, Donald Ray

Smith, Gina

Smith, Jim



Smith, Joyce

Smith, Ken

Smith, Paul



Smith, Phyllis

Smith, Richard

Smith, Sherri



Sneed, Lisa

Spellman, Ann

Stanley, Randal

Best Sellers: From Book To Screen

In 1974 there was television. In 1976 and '77 there were the best sellers. ABC's twelve-part adaptation of Irwin Shaw's *RICHMAN, POOR MAN* was the first, then others followed: NBC's *ONCE AN EAGLE* and *CAPTAIN AND THE KINGS*, and of course, ABC's *ROOTS*. Television's approach to the best seller list seems to be working and more can be expected in the near future.

Alex Haley's *ROOTS* was a gamble; it was aired on eight consecutive nights for a total of twelve hours—a scheduling experiment matched only by ABC's showing of the 1976 Summer Olympics, but *ROOTS* hit home. The last episode drew an audience of eighty million, smashing the record set by *GONE WITH THE WIND*. In all, some 130 million Americans watched at least part of the series.

On racial impact, *ROOTS* may be rated second only to the civil rights movement of the '60's. A growing interest to search for one's own "roots" has hit America, and thus television market and television executives search for books to match *ROOTS* feat. Americans wait to see what's next. As the television industry goes, we are sure to see many more best sellers before it all cools off.



Seniors sponsor Disco dance for Ruskin.



Steck, Kevin

Stendebach, Rick

Stephenson, Karen

Stinson, Johnny

Stoecker, Carole

Stoecker, Cheryl



Suhr, Christal

Swafford, Diana

Tally, Desiree

Taylor, Roberta

Teasley, Val

Teetor, Le Anne



Thomas, Lisa

Thomas, Rhonda

Thomas, Steve



Tindle, Steven

Tompkins, Gail

Trillin, Michelle



Tripaldi, Kathy

Trout, Nanette

Turner, Melissa



Turpin, Kris

Valentine, Valerie

VanDeVyvere, Sharon



VanDyke, Carl

VanHoye, Sawn

VanVleck, Kelly

Most Likely to Succeed—Patti Johnson and Steve Buie



Pam Mills and Brian Anderson contemplate Senior issues.



Veach, Pam

Wagester, Tina

Wait, Debbie



Walker, Detra



Ward, Claudia



Ward, Gayle



Warren, Leona



Warren, Robby



Warren, Sherri



Warren, Terry



Warrick, Darrell



Watkins, Caren



Watson, Patty



West, Dale



West, David



Another snow day and the halls of Ruskin are once again empty.

Hectic years
of school—happy moments—
sifting through years of simplicity.

Solace
for the time ahead.

Bobbi Taylor
Senior



Westfall, Kathleen



Wheeler, Stacy



White, Dan



White, Terri



Wilder, Pam



Williams, Cammie



Wilkes, David



Williams, David



Williams, Steven



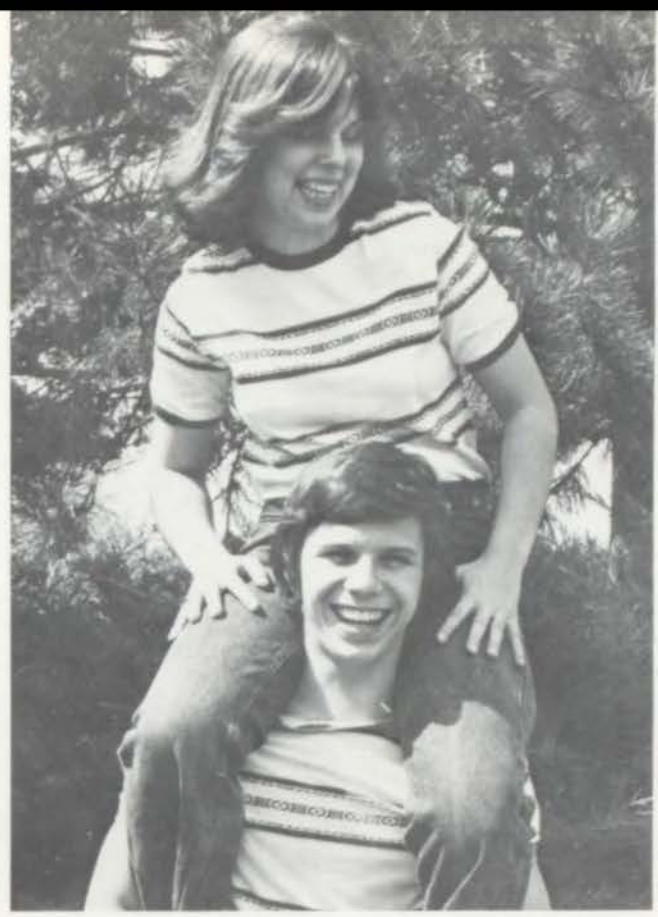
Willoughby, Becky



Wilmont, Mark



Wilson, Phyllis



Sherry shows Gary who's boss.



Karen Kensinger carries the flag of Ruskin with pride.



Wilson, Ralph



Wilson, Susie



Wilson, Tammy



Windmiller, La Donna



Wirt, Frank



Wise, Craig



Wolf, Judith



Worthley, Dan



Wulff, Steve



Yazel, Kerry



Yocum, Kim



Young, Elizabeth

Prom Committee Busy To Make May 6 a Memory

As in years past, tradition prevailed; the junior class was called upon to prepare the upcoming junior-senior prom. And that they did. Janet Favazza, committee chairwoman, and almost twenty other juniors worked diligently in hopes that Prom would outshine previous ones.

After much decision and confusion, Prom was set for May 6 at the Royals Stadium Club. Last year's prom had also been held there. A conference track meet, Uriah Heep concert and Grad Night at Worlds of Fun also fell upon the same date, providing conflict; yet a majority of students attended the Prom.

The committee went to great expense and effort choosing the band to play. More than ten bands were auditioned, and Sirius was decided upon for the musical background of the evening. A band fee of \$500 was added to the expense account of the committee while plans for choice of refreshments, decorations, invitations and other details were made. These plans kept the committee busy until the memorable spring night.

Committee members were Joey Birchard, Tim Buie, Gary Clark, Perry Hunter, Laura Johannesmeyer, Steve Johnson, Rose Lacy, Kenna Lawson, Kim MacNally, Jennifer Meloy, Abbie Melton, Steve Perkins, Pam Prudden, Randy Rusk, Patti Taylor, Cheryl Thyer and Chris Zalewski.



Tim Buie and Kenna Lawson debate on minor prom problems.



Shannon Luthy thinks the best choice would be to have Ted Nugent at Prom



"I don't think Janet will find a reputable band in her purse, do you Steve?" asks Abbie Melton.



Steve Brittain, alone with refreshments.

Jolene Lawson sweeps across the floor with her date at hand.



Debbie Patterson and Kevin Hatch share 'moments' on the dance floor.

Memories

The Junior Class of Ruskin High School

*requests the honour of your presence
at the*

Junior - Senior Prom

on Friday evening, May sixth

nineteen hundred and seventy-seven

from eight-thirty o'clock until twelve o'clock

Royal's Stadium Inn

I-70 and New 40 Highway

Kansas City, Missouri

"Memories"



Memories . . .

The night of Prom arrived, and for those attending, it proved to be a memorable evening. "Memories," the chosen theme, gave participants the incentive to look back upon the school year that was almost over; seniors realized Ruskin would soon be just a stepping stone of the past.

As the magic hour of eight o'clock came, couples began to drift in. The ladies, dressed in long, flowing dresses, were escorted by men in coordinating tuxedos. The candle-lit tables were soon filled by couples as was the dance floor. The room was filled with the music of Sirius, who played familiar songs. Refreshments of finger sandwiches, chips and dip were provided to the hungry guests while a punch-filled champagne fountain quenched the thirsts of the energetic dancers. The stadium fountains had been graciously turned on to provide a scenic water show.



Definitely enjoying themselves, Michele Bustamante and Steve Tindle spend time on the dance floor.



With her escort, Jolene Lawson signs the guest book as Dean Allen looks on.



Members of the Prom Committee dressed up for school to encourage Prom attendance.



Couples dance the night away.



Couples swing to the sounds of Sirius.



Faculty members enjoy themselves at Prom.

Laura Johannsmeyer and Steve Williams sample hors d' oeuvres from the table.



When not on the dance floor, couples rest up at the tables and take time to talk.





These early bird couples take choice seats before the others arrive.



Katrina Brooks, Toni Payne and Debbie Williams visit before the memories begin.

Chris Zalewski stops by to chat with friends.



Dan Fund and Diane O'Bryan boogie to the beat.





By the look of Tracy Coleman's eyes, was she spiked by the punch?

Steve Perkins, Perry Hunter, Joey Birchard, Randy Rusk and Tim Buie, members of Prom Committee.



Remembering . . .

Remember . . .
 the slam of a locker
 as someone hurried off,
 the pages that rustled
 as we opened our books,
 the pencils that clattered
 from a too restless hand,
 humming along in tune
 with our number one band;
 the trips to the nurse
 to relieve the aches and pains,
 whether imaginary or minor
 a headache or a sprain;
 the cheer from the stands
 when our team shot for two,
 the pride in our hearts
 when we sang the gold and blue;
 the moans and groans of class
 when we heard the word test
 and the pop quiz thrown in
 to help remember the rest;
 cajoling with close friends
 as we walked along the hall
 recalling events and incidents
 that happened to us all;
 the clatters of the kitchen
 as we waited in lines
 for that tasteless school lunch
 for a quarter and three dimes;
 taking notes, boring lectures
 roaming through the halls . . .
 Ruskin . . . an experience
 remembered by us all.

Rita Chun



Steve Brittain and Karen Moore see visual memories of their senior year.

Baccalaureate—Important Part of Senior Life

A person's senior year is one of the most important parts of his life. Along with last time high school finals, turning eighteen, not to mention Senior "Care Day" there is also Baccalaureate. Baccalaureate is a sermon to a graduating class and this year's sermon was given by Reverend Max Morris.

Friends and family of the graduates were invited to share in the hour long service which included songs by the gold choir, benediction by Father Wayne Walters, scripture readings, and an invocation. In explaining how it felt to walk up the aisle to "Pomp and Circumstance" to her younger sister one senior girl replied, "It makes you feel like you're in a beauty contest."

Every senior had a different idea of how it felt but one thing prevailed in the minds of every graduate—the thought that in less than a week they would no longer be seniors; they would be alumni of Ruskin High School.



The class of '77 looks forward to the end of the evening.



Even at Baccalaureate Rick Justesen cannot resist telling jokes.



Don Culver and David Wilkes look over the evening's program.

Only a handful of the 439 seniors.



Guest speakers tell of life's journey.

Cheryl Golubski, Linda Golder, Pam Godsey and Susan Giles dwell on the future.

One little Eagle sat alone . . . and then there were none.



Family and friends share memorable moments with seniors.



Steve Buie takes his final walk down a Ruskin aisle.



Only a few more days till the tassels are turned.

"No Bird Soars Too High, If He Soars With His Own Wings"

This was not my first graduation. No, I had seen them many times before: my older brother and sister, their friends. It was different though . . . as I glanced down the aisle I didn't just see rows of caps and gowns as I had before. I saw people, friends who I had spent the "good ole days" with, stumbling, learning, growing gradually paving our way to an ultimate goal. As the Pomp and Circumstance March began, memories of the past twelve years ran quickly through our minds. Although each particular remembrance had its own unique quality, all had one thing in common: we had reached the end, yet only the beginning. As we received our diplomas we wondered what the world really had to offer. What did we spend the last twelve years of our life preparing for?

We clasp hands and for a moment remember ourselves entering the doors of Ruskin as small birds, with few feathers, wobbling on our feet, seeking knowledge, discipline, guidance, and education. Maturing physically and mentally we shed our frivolous ways. BUT WAIT—tonight, with hearts pounding and tears flowing we know that we have reached the apex of our goal. We no longer wonder what the world has to offer, but what we have to offer the world. For we are no longer small birds; at last we are as strong as the "Golden Eagle."



The top students get their names called by Mr. Burkhart one final time.

As individuals and as a group, the graduating class of "77".



Janet Burrough and Steve Knuth have one last laugh before Commencement begins.





Don Ladwig brings a gentle tear to Ruth Fallen's eye.



Vicki Lynn receives her diploma from Dr. Bruce Buie.



Gary Damon, senior class president, introduces the speakers and says "farewell".



The hectic line-up of graduates seems to take forever.



Laura Cushing lends a helping hand to Pamela Carr.



The finishing touches are put on in the assembly room before graduation.



The graduates feel the sorrow of ending their days in high school.



Chuck Ragusa wonders if he'll see his friends again.

"The strength and power of a country depends absolutely on the quality of good men and women in it."
John Ruskin

In the midst of commencement exercises three speakers, Steve Buie, (Student Council President), Ruth Fallen, (Drama Club President), and Rick Justesen, (National Honor Society President) gave their interpretation of the individual and:

HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH HIMSELF We have learned we must believe in ourselves as individuals. We must be confident in our ideology-reality. Now more than ever we must not compromise what we are. We must do what makes us happiest, for we are living in the most exciting time mankind has ever known.

"If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue
or walk with kings nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you
If all men count with you, but none too much
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!"

Rudyard Kipling

HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS FELLOWMAN Try to imagine, I wonder if you can, how your life would be if no one existed but yourself, if you were the only being on earth . . . there would be loneliness, because people, fellow human beings, create "Magic" in our lives. Not the type of magic a magician displays with a hat and rabbit, but an innermost feeling, a spark, a reason for being.

"Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others
cannot keep it from themselves.
"The Lord is first, my friends are second,
And I am Third."

HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH SOCIETY There is virtue in Faith when there is reason not to trust. There is virtue in Hope when things are potentially hopeless. There is virtue in Love when there is reason to hate. There is virtue in having faith, in having hope, and in loving that great and unknown mass of mankind. That is the challenge we must meet as a class!

Remember—"We are the Class of '77, hear them all saying "OH THANK HEAVEN!"

The day begins as any other
 Except of the buzzing excitement
 Rippling thru the air
 And everybody's nice
 And for the first time
 In such a very long time
 Everyone seems close
 As if the classes are joined as one
 And it's nice
 and it feels good.

People are stopping today
 Taking the time to say hello
 And all the good things
 That should have been said a long time ago
 But it's nice
 and it feels good.

The day goes on as any other
 Except that I find myself noticing things
 That I'd never really seen before
 I guess I just never took a good look

It's scary
 Sitting here, the hour being sixth
 The school bell tolls
 The sound I've heard more than a million
 times before
 Piercing my ears for the final time.

There was so much more I wanted to say and do
 So many people I have yet to know . . .

The halls are filled
 Masses of people swarming towards open doors
 And I guess I can't blame them
 I'm ready for a vacation from school, too

But somehow, in the back of my mind
 I find myself wishing,
 It was just a three month vacation . . .
 Not a forever one.
 Ruth Fallen

Members of the School Board present the diplomas.



Shawn Van Hoyo suddenly realizes that she is graduating.



Does Debbie Parker know the p's and q's of life?



United we stand, divided we fall.



"Hey, Eagles really do fly high!" says Teddy Griswold.



"Don't worry Lynn, we'll see each other again," says Rhonda Thomas.

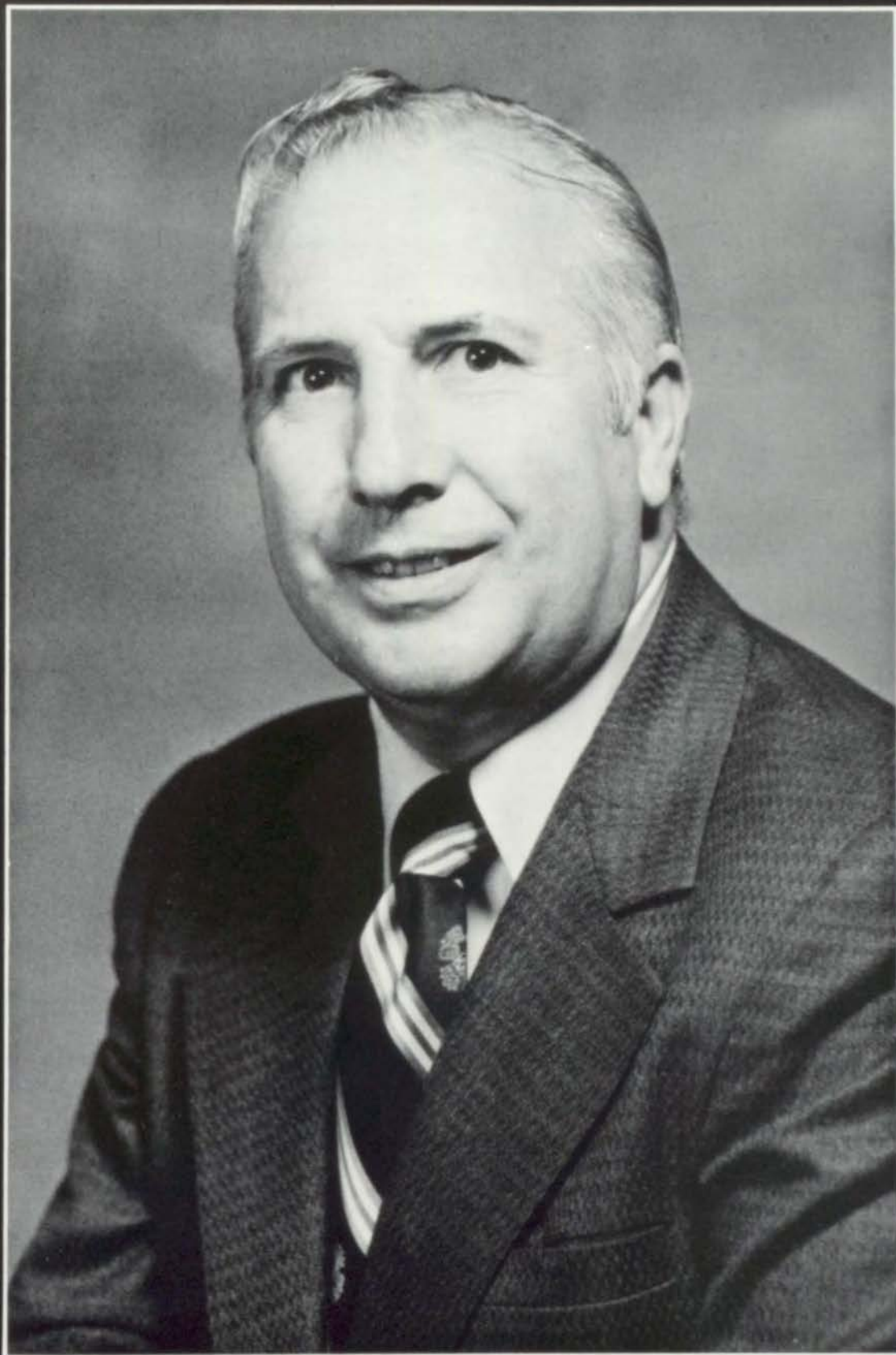
Dear Lord,

The line is formed
The march begins
Come walk close by my side
Your guidance brought me to this day
Now share my job, my pride
Bless teachers, parents, friends, and me
As each goes his own way
My name is called—I give thee thanks
I graduate today!

Rae Cross



We Salute You, Mr. Steck



*Blaine E. Steck
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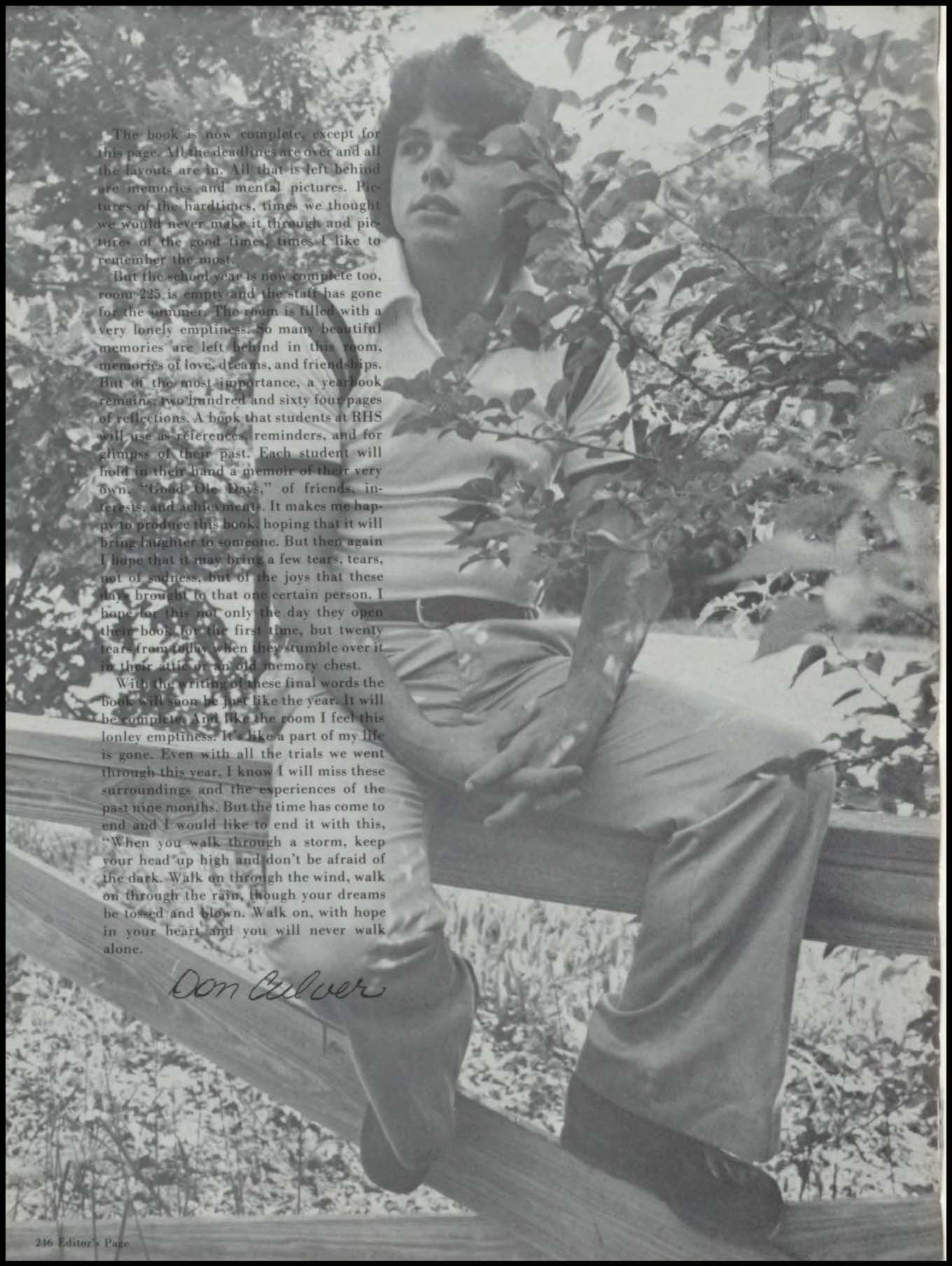
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The book is now complete, except for this page. All the deadlines are over and all the layouts are in. All that is left behind are memories and mental pictures. Pictures of the hardtimes, times we thought we would never make it through and pictures of the good times, times I like to remember the most.

But the school year is now complete too, room 225 is empty and the staff has gone for the summer. The room is filled with a very lonely emptiness. So many beautiful memories are left behind in this room, memories of love, dreams, and friendships. But of the most importance, a yearbook remains, two hundred and sixty four pages of reflections. A book that students at RHS will use as references, reminders, and for glimpses of their past. Each student will hold in their hand a memoir of their very own, "Good Ole Days," of friends, interests, and achievements. It makes me happy to produce this book, hoping that it will bring laughter to someone. But then again I hope that it may bring a few tears, tears, not of sadness, but of the joys that these days brought to that one certain person. I hope for this not only the day they open their book for the first time, but twenty years from today when they stumble over it in their attic or an old memory chest.

With the writing of these final words the book will soon be just like the year. It will be complete. And like the room I feel this lonely emptiness. It's like a part of my life is gone. Even with all the trials we went through this year, I know I will miss these surroundings and the experiences of the past nine months. But the time has come to end and I would like to end it with this, "When you walk through a storm, keep your head up high and don't be afraid of the dark. Walk on through the wind, walk on through the rain, though your dreams be tossed and blown. Walk on, with hope in your heart and you will never walk alone."

Don Culver

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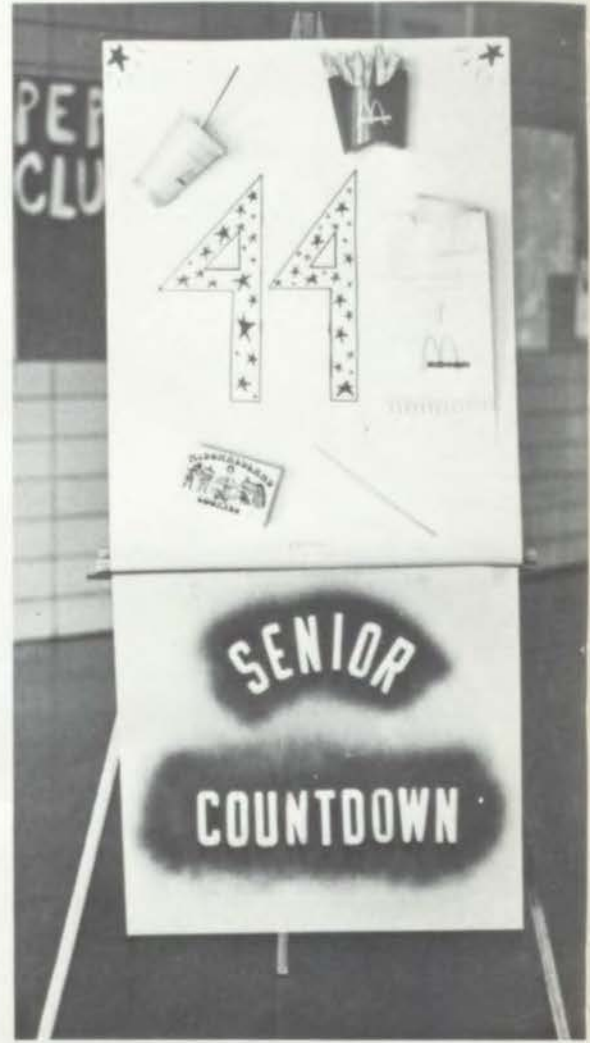


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